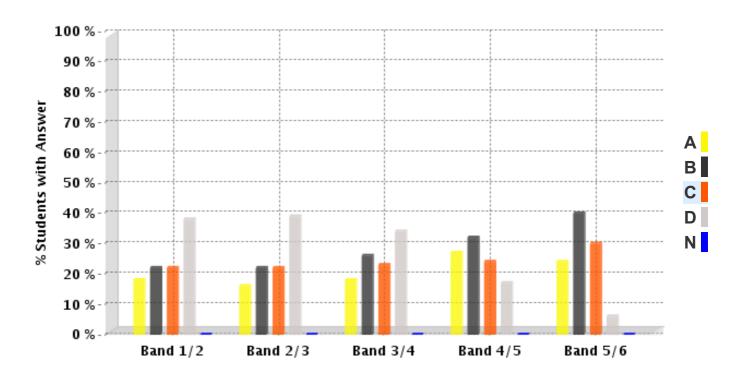
Question 17

What feature of prions distinguishes them from all other types of pathogens?

- **A** × Prions are not cells.
- **B** × Prions do not contain DNA.
- C ✓ Prions do not contain nucleic acids.
- **D** × Prions cannot reproduce outside a host cell.

HSC Statistics on this Question:



Band 1/2 Band 2/3 Band 3/4 Band 4/5 Band 5/6

A 18%	16%	18%	27%	24%	
B 22%	22%	26%	32%	40%	
C 22%	22%	23%	24%	30%	
D 38%	39%	34%	17%	6%	
N 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

The table and graph show, for the groups of students whose marks in the examination corresponded to the borderline between two bands, what percentages of each group selected the responses A, B, C and D. N is used to identify: No valid response.