



Lecture 4 Part-1

Bacterial taxonomy, Classification, and laboratory diagnosis



Objectives

Def. of Taxonomy

Nomenclature

Scheme of medical bacteria

Biochemical reactions





Bacterial Taxonomy

Taxon= group , Taxa= groups= classification

The science of biological classification





Bacterial Taxonomy

Classification



Taxonomy

Nomenclature

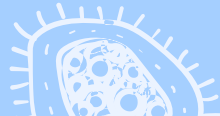
Identification





Bacterial Taxonomy Rank

- Kingdom or Domain
- Division or Phylum
- Class
- Order
- Family
- Genus
- Species
- Strains





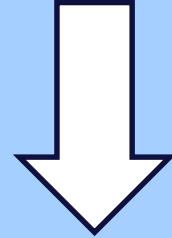
Bacterial Taxonomy

Strain

Individual member within a species

Staph. aureus

(Species)



MRSA

(Strain)





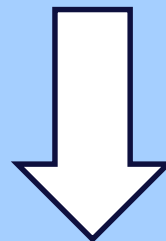
Bacterial Taxonomy

Species

A collection of strains that share many
stable properties

Staph. aureus

(Species)



MRSA

(Strain)

VRSA

(Strain)





Bacterial Taxonomy


Species

S. aureus (Species)

Same species

(DNA homology $\geq 70\%$)

(16S rRNA $>97\%$ identical)





Bacterial Taxonomy

Genus

Species

S. epidermidis


Staphylococci

Species

S. aureus

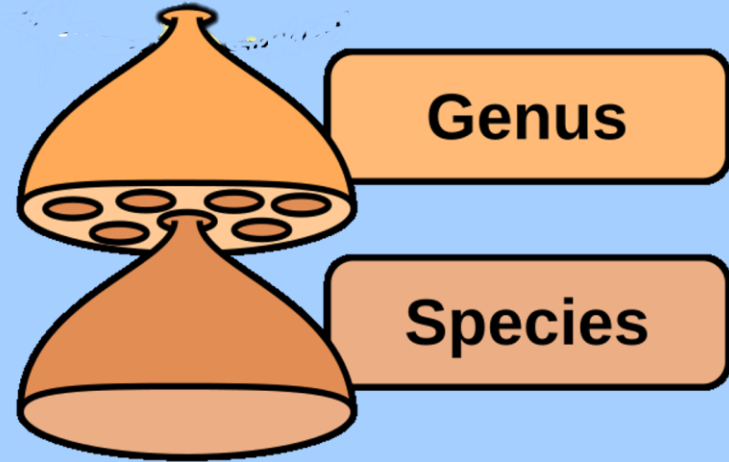
One or more species
that share common properties

DNA < 93% new genus



Nomenclature

Genus + species

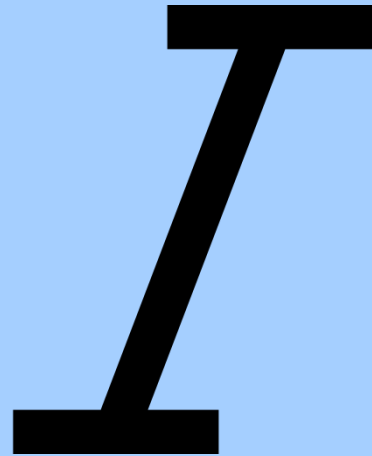





Nomenclature

Escherichia coli

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Nomenclature

Escherichia coli

(*E. coli*)

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Scheme of medical bacteria

Shape

Cocci

Bacilli

Spiral

Miscellaneous



Scheme of medical bacteria

Cocci

Gram stain

Positive

Negative

Cluster

Chain or Pairs

Pairs

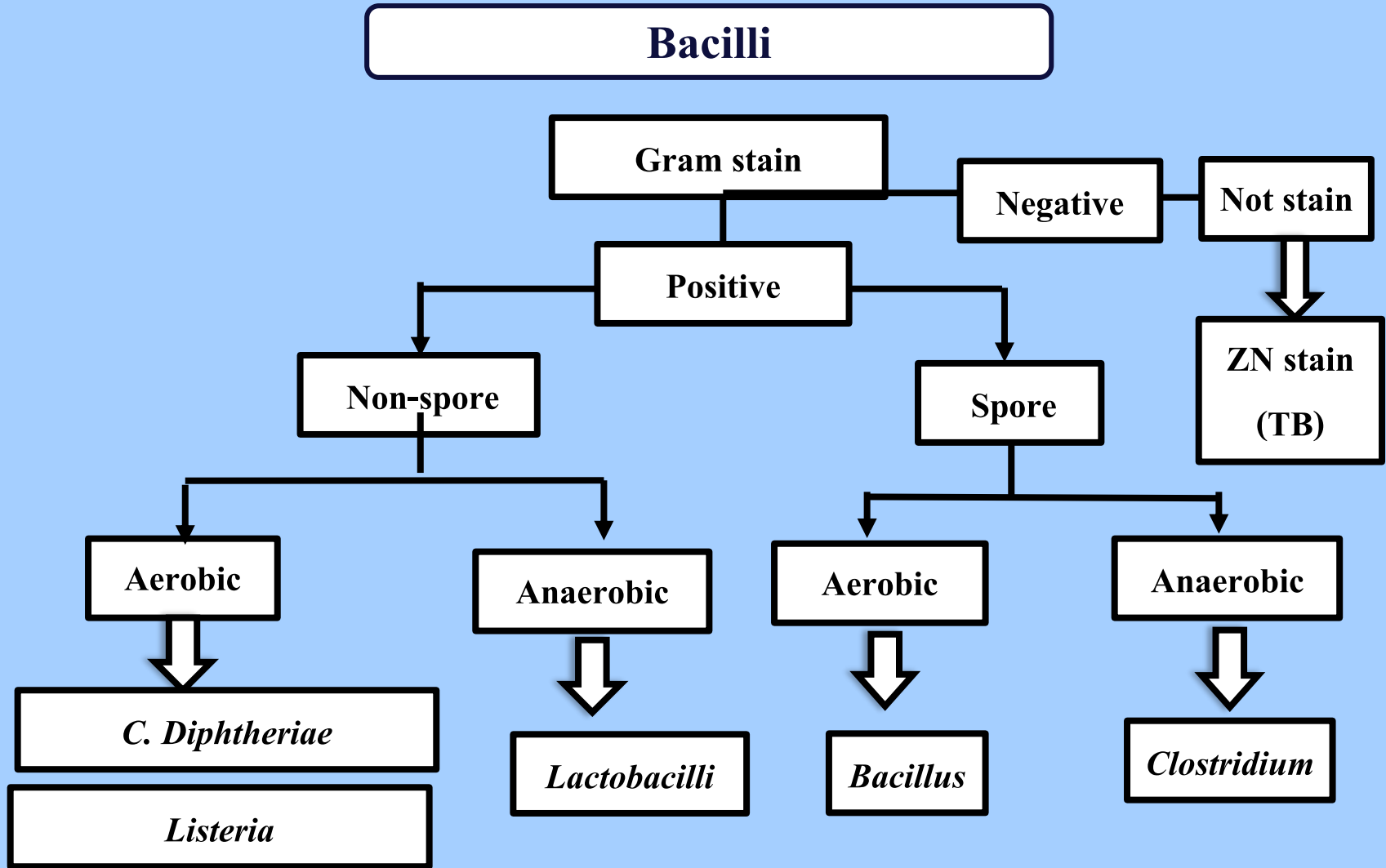
Staphylococci

Streptococci

Enterococcus

Neisseria

(Diplococci)



Gram negative bacilli

Enterobacteriaceae

Vibrio

Campylobacter

Helicobacter

Pseudomonas

Haemophilus

Bordetella

Brucella

Legionella

Gram -ve anaerobes

Spiral

Treponema

Borrelia

Leptospira



Miscellaneous group

- No cell wall
- Not stain by gram
- Obligate intracellular

- Mycoplasma
- Chlamydia
- Rickettsia
- Coxiella
- Actinomycetes

Systematic Bacteriology

Morphology & Culture

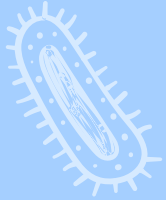
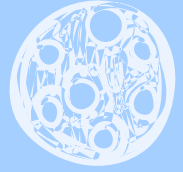
Virulence factor & Pathogenesis

Diseases

Lab. diagnosis

Treatment & Prevention

Biochemical reactions



1) Indole test

Bacteria

**Peptone
(TRYPTOPHAN)**

break down ↓ **(Tryptophanase)**

Indole



Kovac's R.

Red



2) Methyl red test

Organism



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graph TD; Organism[Organism] --> Glucose[Glucose]; Glucose --> Acid[Large amount of Mixed acid<br/>(Acetic, lactic, & succinic)]; Acid --> pH[Low pH]; Acid --> Indicator[Methyl red indicator]; Acid --> pH2[high pH]; pH --- pHBox[<4]; Indicator --- IndicatorBox[Methyl red indicator]; pH2 --- pHBox2[6]; style pHBox fill:#ff0000; style IndicatorBox fill:#ffffff; style pHBox2 fill:#ffff00;
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Glucose

Large amount of Mixed acid
(Acetic, lactic, & succinic)

Low pH

<4

Methyl red indicator

high pH

6

2) Methyl red test

Bacteria

**Peptone
(Glucose)**

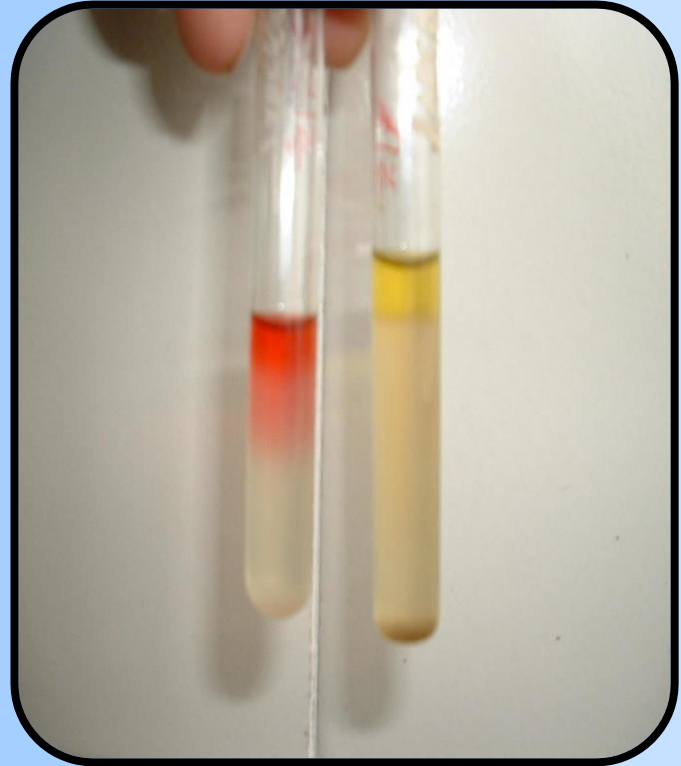
Incubate at 37° C for 48h

(Large Acid) Mixed

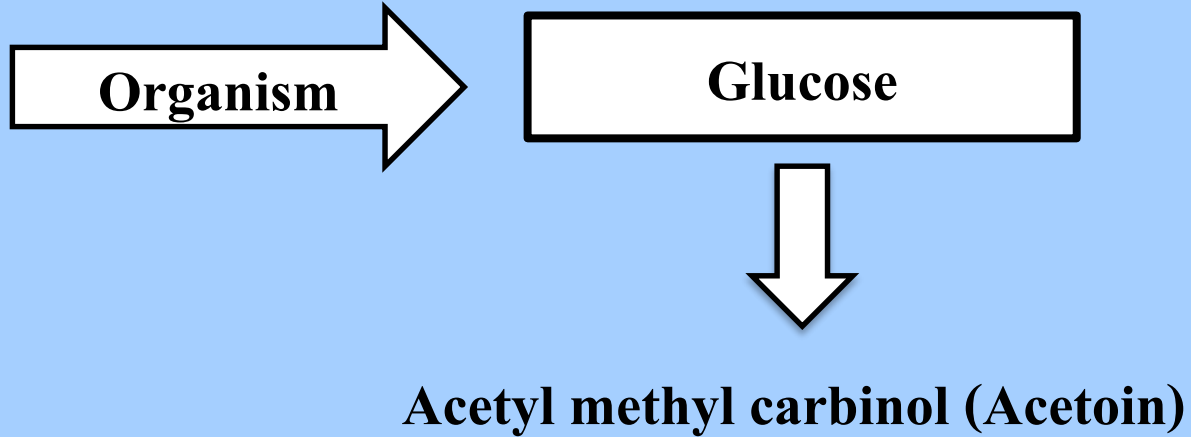
pH



MR indicator



3) Voges-Proskauer test (V.P)



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Bacteria

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(Glucose)

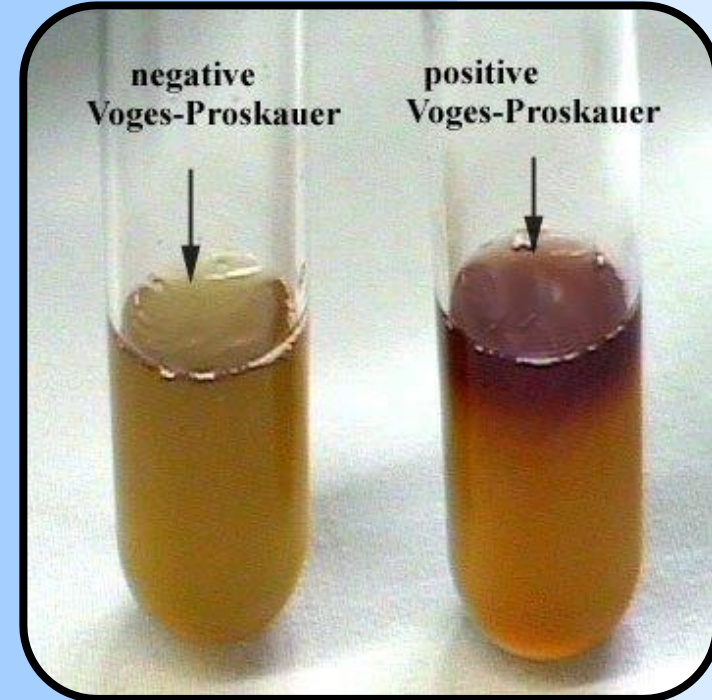
Incubate at 37°C for 48h

Ferment glucose (Acetyl methyl carbinol)

α -naphthol + 40% KOH

Diacetyl

Red

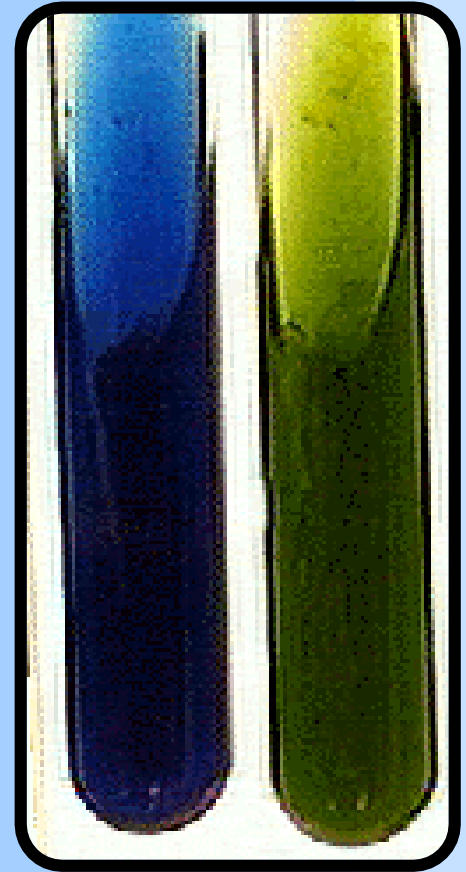


MR & VP

If methyl red is positive, the voges- proskauer should be negative and reverse is right.

4) Citrate utilization test

**Utilized citrate as only source of
carbon**



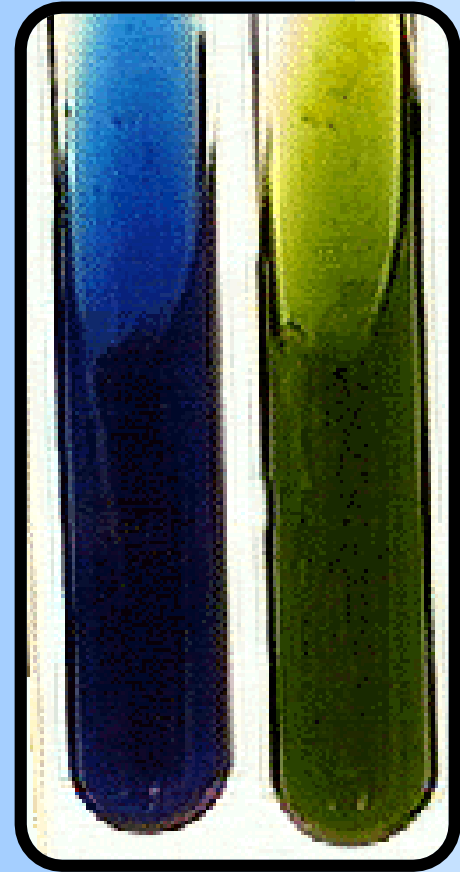
4) Citrate utilization test

The indicator is bromothymol blue.

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High pH

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4) Citrate utilization test

Bacteria

Citrate medium

Incubate at 37°C for 48h

Liberated CO_2

CO_2 + with sodium

sodium carbonate (Alkaline)

Indicator change to blue



5) Urease test

Phenol red indecator

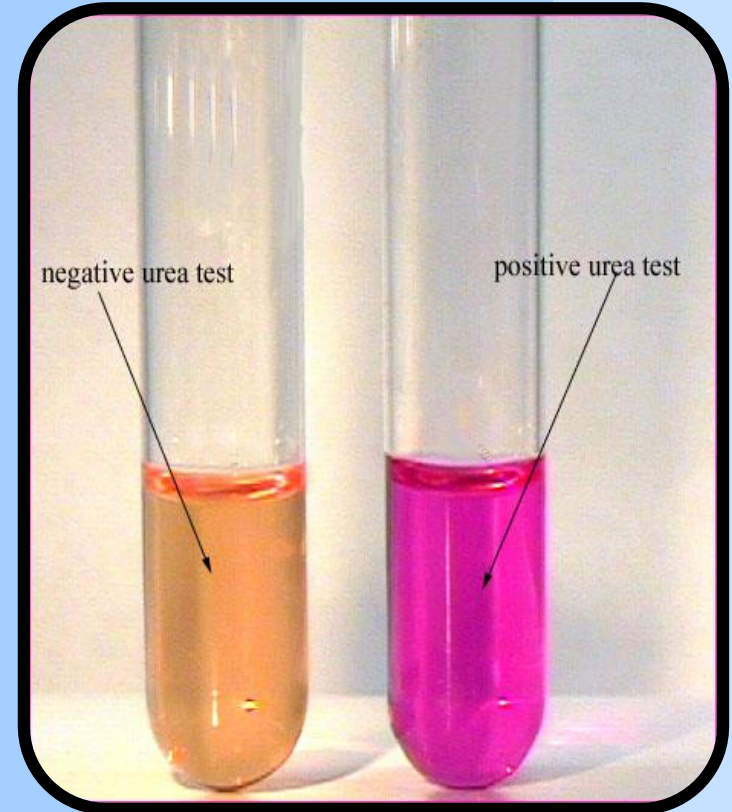
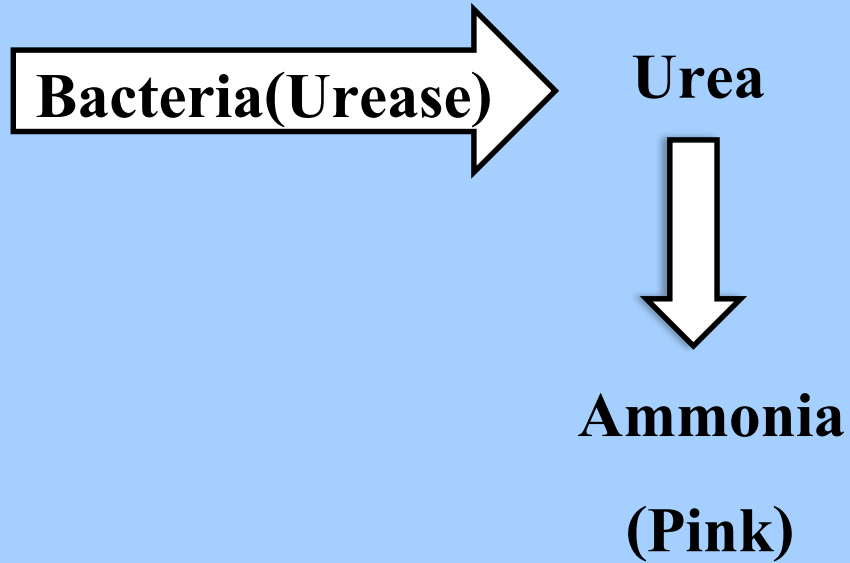
Acid

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Alkaline

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5) Urease test



6) TSI

0.1% glucose

1% lactose

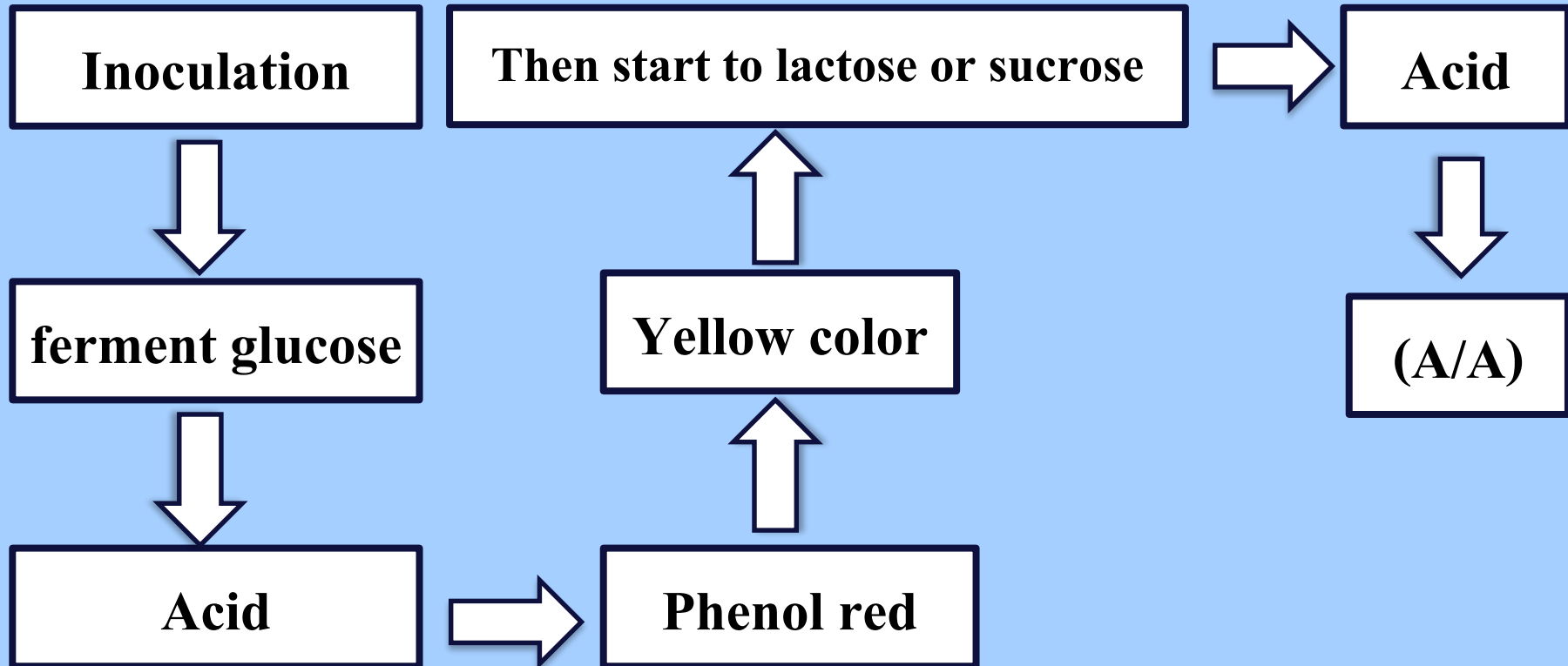
1% sucrose

Ferrous sulfate

pH indicator: Phenol red



6) TSI a) Acid over acid (A/A)



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a) Acid over acid (A/A)

**Detection of gas production by
break up the medium or
pushed up the tube.**

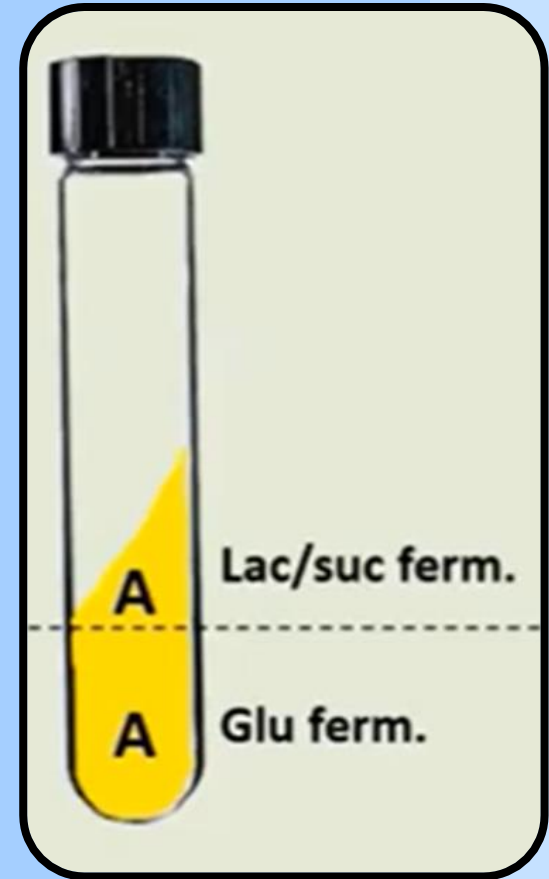


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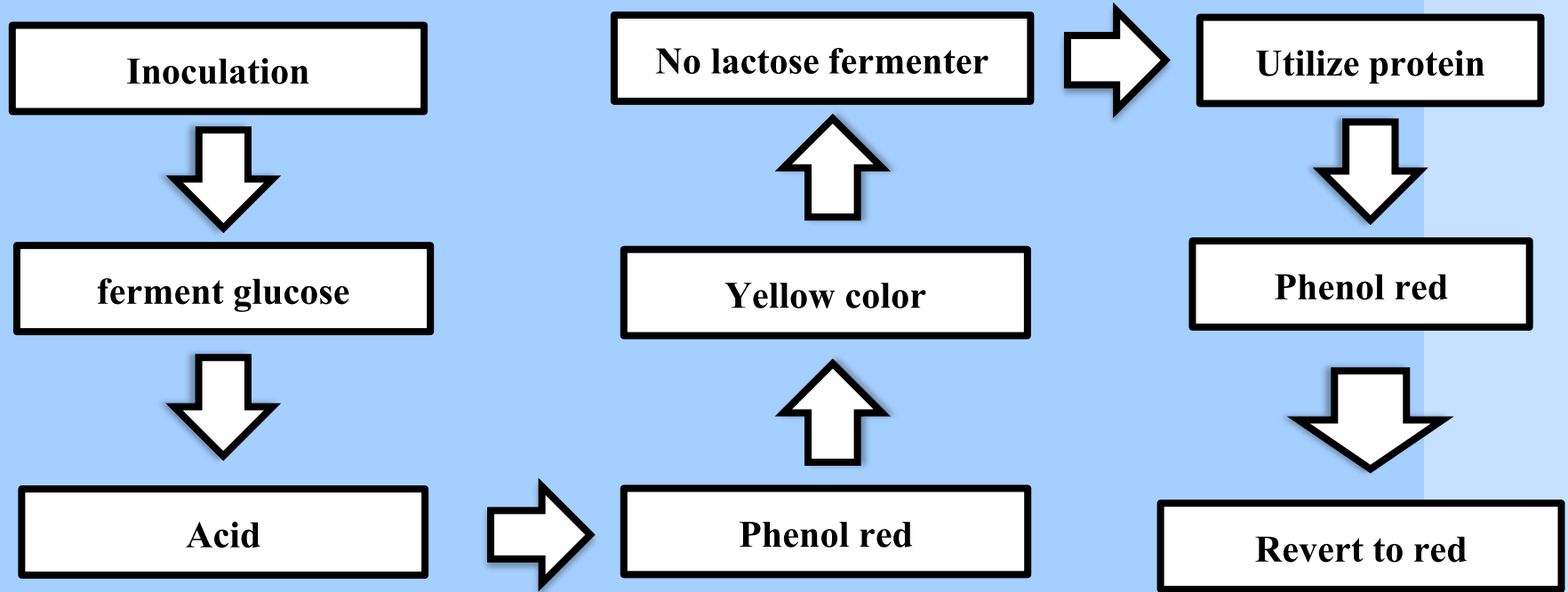
A/A

Glucose fermenter

Lactose fermenter



b) Alkaline over acid (K/A)



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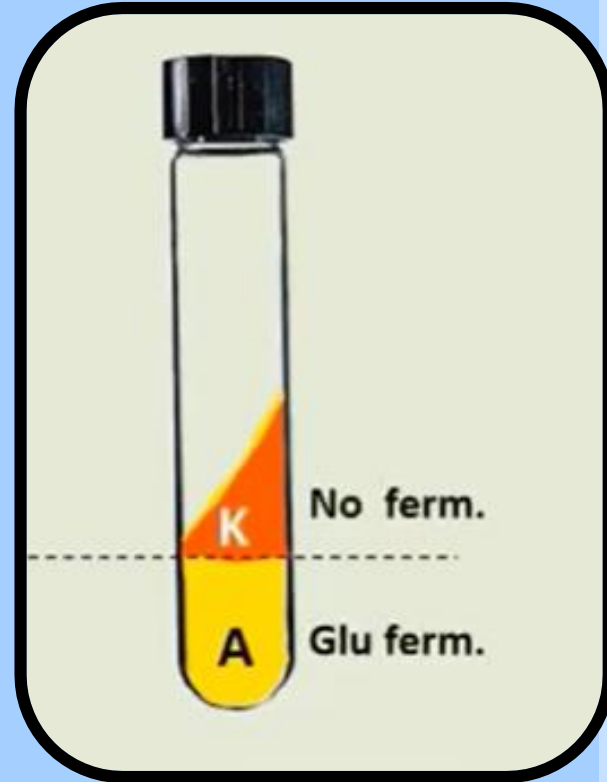


a) Alkaline over Alkaline (K/K)

K/A

Glucose fermenter

Non-lactose fermenter



a) Alkaline over Alkaline (K/K)

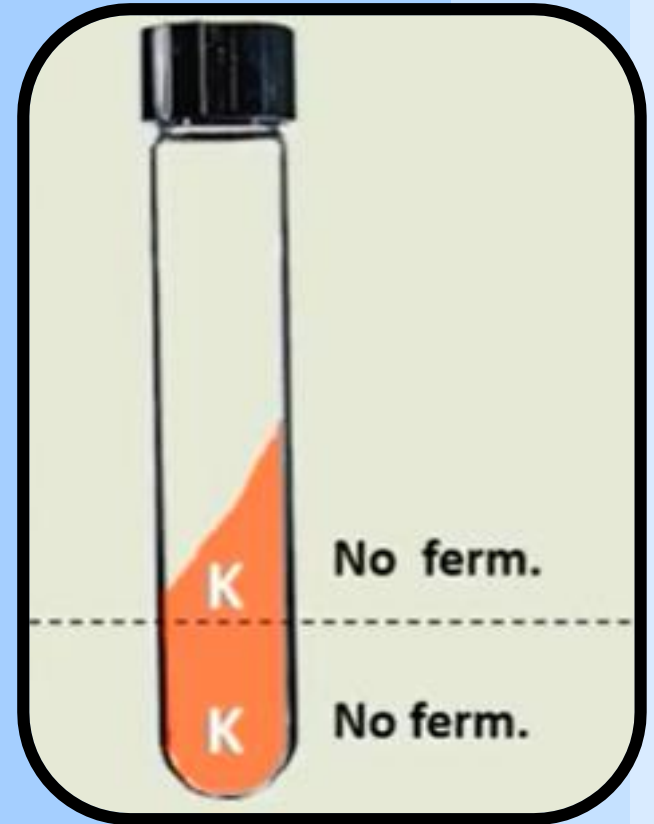
**If the organism can not use the glucose
in the medium. The color of the
medium remains red.**



a) Alkaline over Alkaline (K/K)

K/K

No sugar fermenter



H₂S production

Bacteria (Reduce)

Sulfur

Hydrogen sulfide

(H₂S)

iron

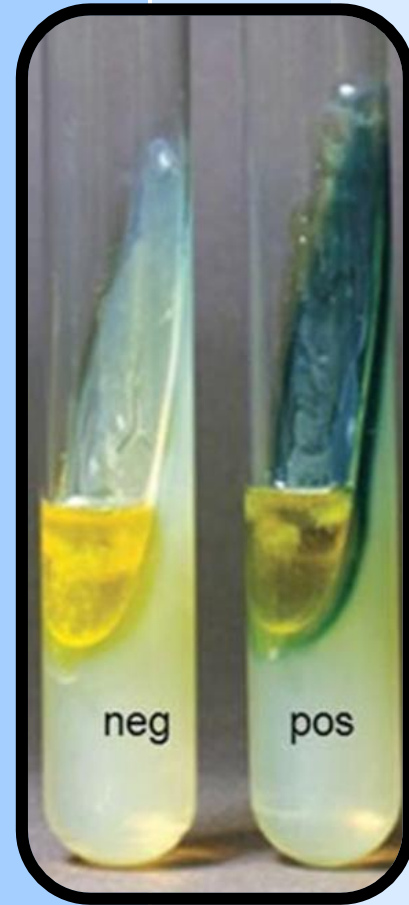
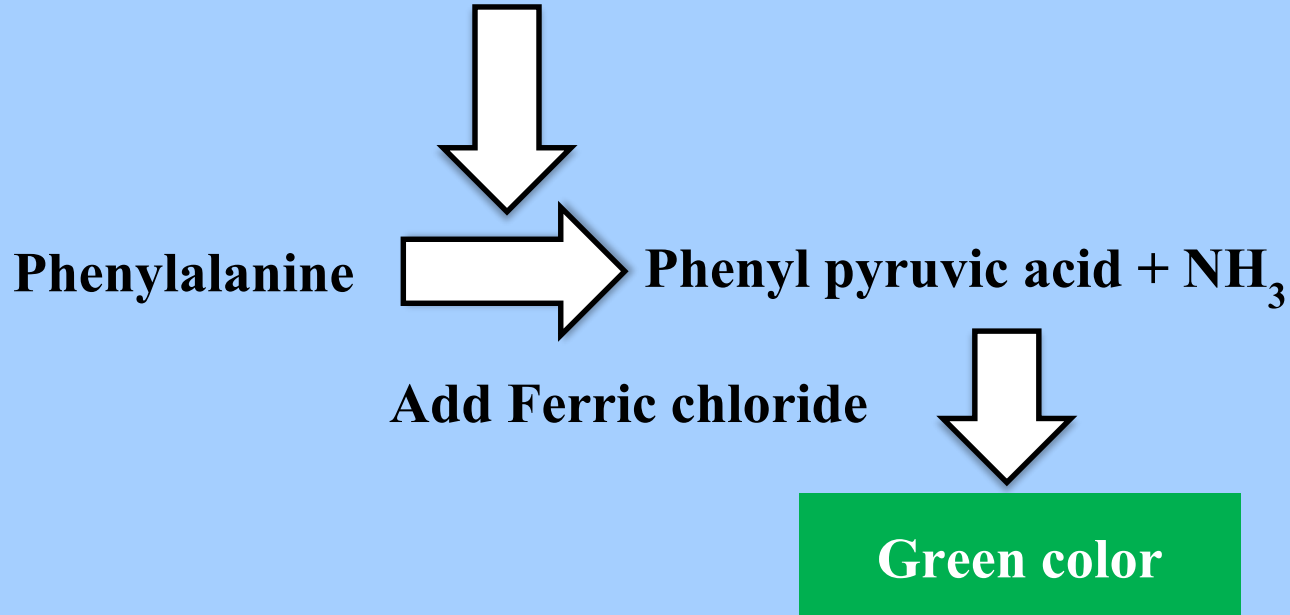
Ferric sulfide

(Black)



7) Phenylalanine deaminase

Phenylalanine deaminase



Distinguishes *Proteus* from *Salmonella* & *Shigella*

8) Ornithine decarboxylase

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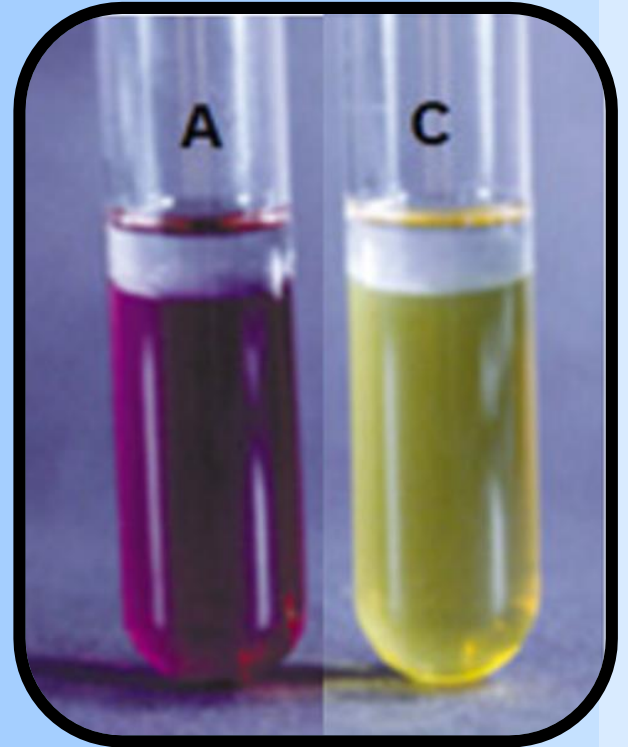


Ornithine

Source of carbon (energy for growth)

Providencia rettgeri & *Morganella morgani* (+ve)

P. rettgeri & *M. morgani*



8) Ornithine decarboxylase



ferment
glucose

Ornithine

Bromocresol purple (Indicator)

Yellow

Purple



Glucose
Ornithine

9) The analytical profile index (API)

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(Biochemical tests for identification)



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Several API systems for different groups of
organism

API 20E & API 20NE (Enterobacteria)

API 20 STREP (Streptococci) etc.



9) The analytical profile index (API)



Color change



Oxidase test

Some bacteria produce

Oxidase enzyme Detection by
adding few drops of colorless

Oxidase reagent Colonies turn
deep purple in color (positive)

Oxidase Test

- All Enterobacteriaceae are **oxidase-negative**.
- This test is used to differentiate enterobacteriaceae from *Pseudomonas* which is **oxidase positive**.



Catalase test

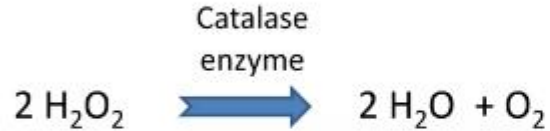
Some bacteria produce catalase enzyme

Addition of H₂O₂ lead to production of gas bubbles (O₂ production)

- Catalase test:

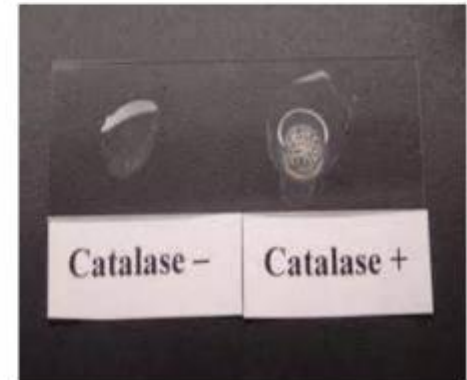
- Is used to differentiate between staphylococci(catalase +ve) and streptococci(catalase -ve).

- Principle:



- Procedure

- Smear a colony of the organism to a slide
- Drop H₂O₂ onto smear
- Observe



Coagulase test

Coagulase test:

Some bacteria produce
coagulase enzyme

Coagulase enzyme converts
fibrinogen to fibrin (plasma
clot)

Detected by slide or test tube
method

Coagulase test

is used to differentiate *Staphylococcus aureus* from
coagulase-negative staphylococci.

