



non-spore forming

Nocardia

intro-

- 1) Strict aerobic rod
- 2) form branched filaments
- 3) weakly acid fast & weak decolonizing of hydrochloric acid must be used to demonstrate the acid fast properly
- 4) weakly acid fast → distinguish it from Actinomyces
- 5) slow growth, 3-5 days for incubation
- 6) its infections are exogenous
- 7) ubiquitous, found in soil rich with organic matter
- 8) most affected ones are immunocompromised ppl

identification

- 1) presence of both of aerial hyphae and acid fastness
- 2) rapid test
- 3) unique feature

virulence factor

- 1) catalase
- 2) superoxide dismutase
- 3) prevent fusion of the phagosome-lysosome by cord factor
- 4) prevent acidification of phagosome

diseases

1) Bronchopulmonary disease

- A) initially in upper respiratory by inhalation
- B) then aspiration of oral secretion into lower airway
- C) always in immunocompromised patients

2) brain abscesses

A) single or multiple

- B) when infection dissemination to brain

3) cutaneous nocardiosis

traumatic induction into subcutaneous + can be present as Mycetoma

4) Mycetomas

A) Chronic suppurative disease of skin + subcutaneous

- B) symptoms: tumor + fistulas + grains

C) caused by fungi (eu.) + bacteria

D) slow progression, painless nature

E) late infection treatment → amputation



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Lactobacillus

intro.

- 1) facultatively anaerobic or strictly
- 2) ferment to yield lactic acid
- 3) part of normal flora in:
A) mouth B) stomach
C) intestine D) genitourinary
- 4) in about 70% of women →
dominant in female genital
- 5) rarely cause infection
- 6) found in probiotics
- 7) used as starter in industry for
controlled fermentation

diseases

- invasion into blood
- A) transient bacteremia from
genitourinary source
exs after childbirth OR
gynecologic procedure
- B) endocarditis
- C) opportunistic septicemia
in immunocompromised patient

Mobiluncus

- 1) anaerobic, gram +ve
- 2) curved rod with tapered ends
- 3) lack endotoxin
- 4) susceptible to vancomycin,
clindamycin + ampicillin but resistant
to colistin
- 5) M. curtisi?

A) healthy women → rarely

B) women with b. vaginosis → abundant

intro.

- 1) small, gram +ve
 - 2) rods → short chain or clumps
 - 3) found on skin, conjunctiva, external
ear, oropharynx, female genital
 - 4) most commonly isolated species
is propionibacterium acnes
- Cutibacterium acnes

disease

- 1) acne vulgaris in teenager
+ young adult
 - 2) opportunistic infection
in ppl with prosthetic device
OR intravascular lines
- Note 8
- p. acne only trigger the disease
→ necessary but not sufficient

Bifidobacterium + Eubacterium

- 1) gram +ve, anaerobic
- 2) commonly found in oropharynx, large intestine + vagina
- 3) represent clinically insignificant contaminants

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Listeria monocytogenes

intro.

- 1) short, Gram +ve
- 2) nonbranching, facultatively anaerobic
- 3) single, in pairs or short chains
- 4) motile at room Temp. but less at 37°
- 5) end over end tumbling motion
- 6) weak β -hemolysis on blood agar
- 7) widely distributed but uncommonly to cause disease
- 8) +ve, motility, β → useful for the preliminary identification
- 9) Cause disease in:

A) neonates

B) elderly

C) pregnant women

D) immunocompromised (cellular immunity)

virulence factor

- 1) internalin A:
protein on surface of Bact. which facilitate adhering to host cells via interacting with glycoprotein receptor on host cells (epithelial cadherin)
- 2) facultative intracellular pathogen
- 3) bacterial pore-forming cytotoxin (listeriolysin O)
- 4) 2 diff. phospholipase C
Note:
1) activated via acid pH of phagolysosome
2) lead to release of bacteria in cytosol
- 5) movement → ActA (B. protein) → assembly of Actin
- 6) replicate in Macrophages → avoid AB-mediated clearance

diseases

- 1) foodborne listeriosis:
contaminated food
- 2) neonatal disease:
mother → child in utero or at birth
A) early onset disease (transplacentally)
abortion, stillbirth, premature birth
B) late onset (at or after 2-3 weeks birth)
meningitis, meningococcalitis with septicemia

Notes

- 1) most infection in pregnant women during 3rd trimester
→ impaired cellular immunity
- 2) Healthy adult → self limited + asymptomatic or mild



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Corynebacterium diphtheriae

intro.

- 1) irregularly staining
- 2) pleomorphic rod
- 3) aerobic or facultatively anaerobic
- 4) nonmotile, catalase +ve
- 5) ubiquitous in plants, animal
- 6) normally colonize (skin, upper respiratory GIT, VGT) in humans.
- 7) humans are the only known reservoir
- 8) respiratory droplet or skin contact
→ person to person

toxin

1) diphtheria toxin

ex: A-B exotoxin

A subunit → catalytic region

B // → receptor-binding + translocation region

mechanism:

1) toxin bind to HB-EGF factor on epi. mem.

2) endocytosed into the cell

3) A subunit → translocated to the cytosol

4) A // → ADP-ribosylates host eEF-2

5) No protein synthesis then dies

Notes

eEF-2 is required for protein synthesis

respiratory diphtheria

- 1) sudden onset
- 2) malaise, sore throat
- 3) exudative pharyngitis
- 4) low grade fever
- 5) thick pseudomembrane

Composition:

- A) lymphocytes B) plasma cells
C) fibrin D) dead cells E) bacteria

location:

- A) tonsils B) uvula C) palate
D) nasopharynx E) larynx

6) uncommon in USA bcz of immunization

→ No cases since 2003



Anaerobic Gram +ve cocci

intro.

- 1) colonize in oral cavity, GIT
Skin, genitourinary tract
- 2) cause infection when spread
to sites that are normally sterile

peptostreptococcus

- 1) recovered more from:
 - A) subcutaneous
 - B) soft tissue abscess
 - C) diabetes-related foot ulcers
- 2) less from:
 - A) intra-abdominal infection
- 3) i/s infection → chronic infection (more often)
- 4) many infection → synergistic