

MICROBIOLOGY

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MID – Lecture 8

Bacterial Growth & Physiology

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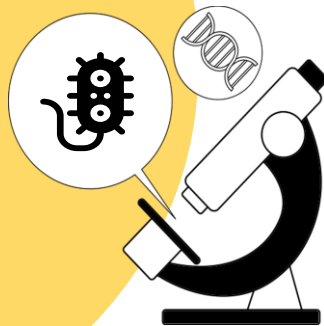
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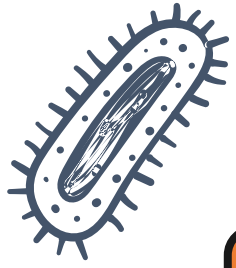
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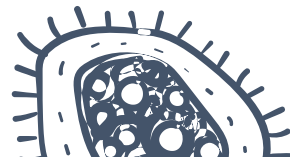
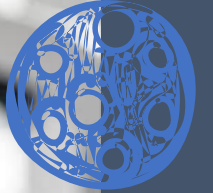
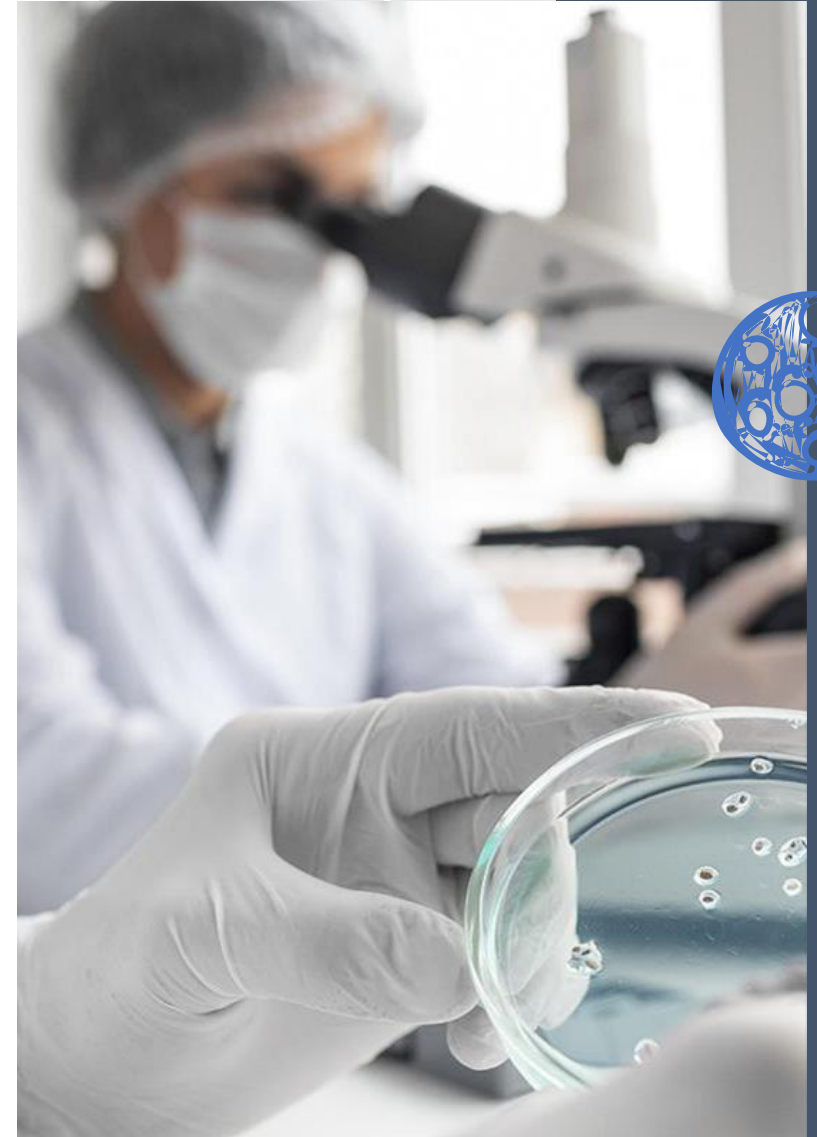
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Lecture 3

Bacterial Growth & physiology



Bacterial Growth

Definitions

B. Reproduction

culture media

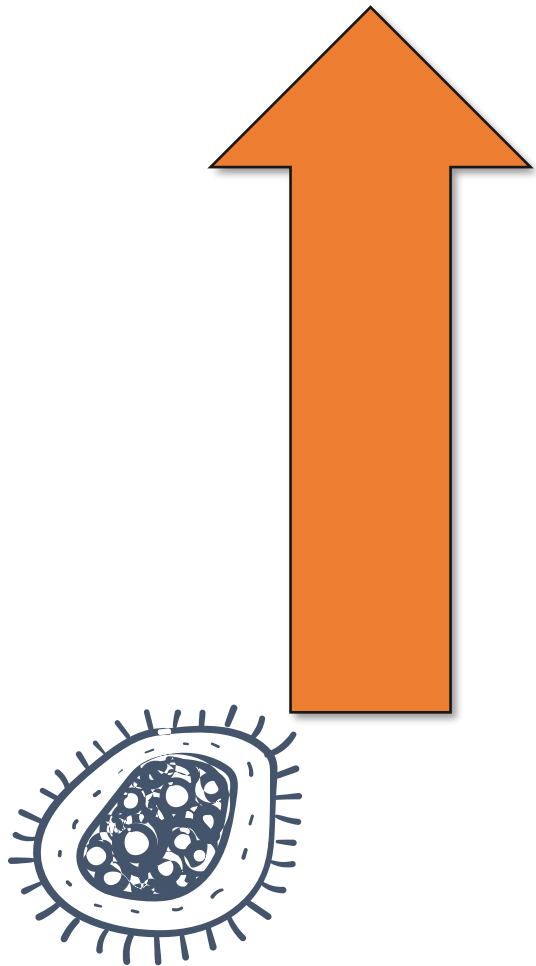
A) Definition

B) Classification

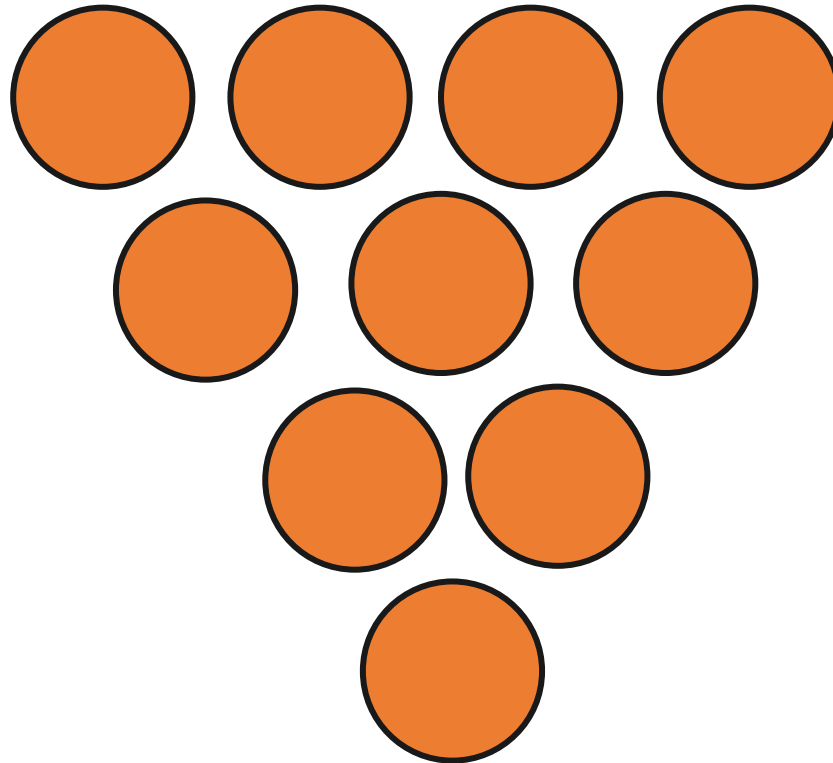
C) Types

Bacterial growth curve

Bacterial Growth: Definition



Increase in
Size
& Number of
organism

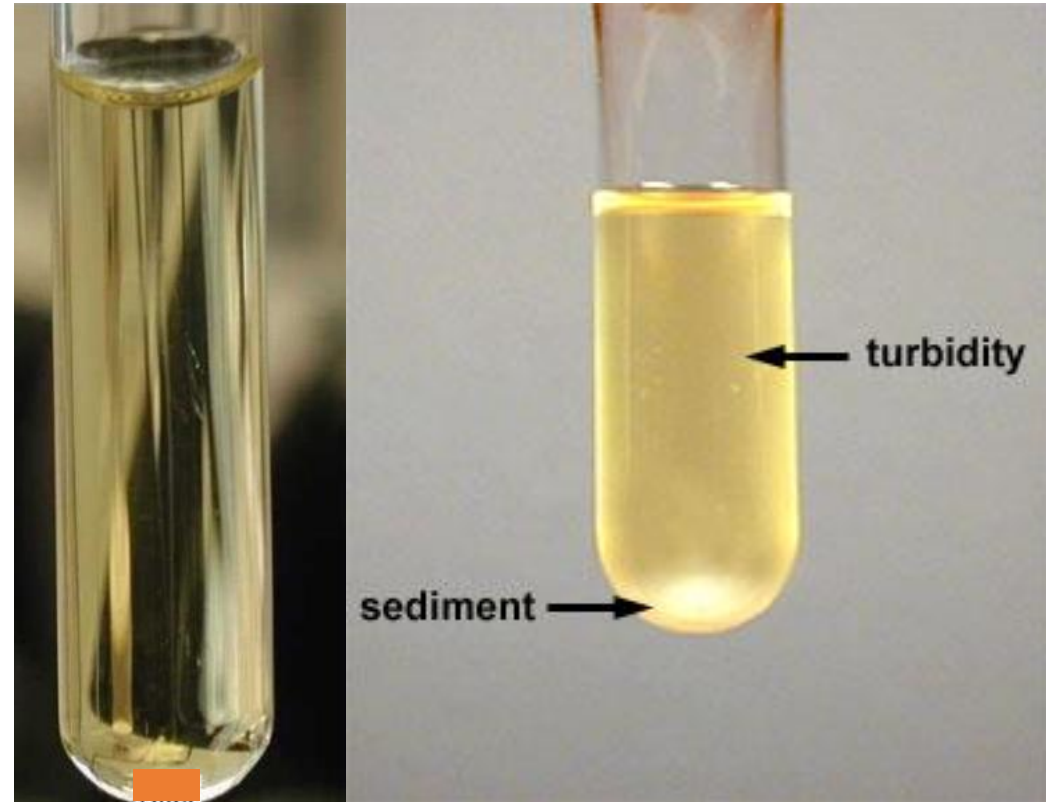
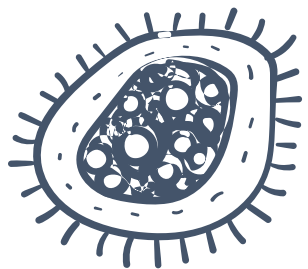


1) Bacterial Growth

We put the sample in a broth (fluid media) then leave it for hours. An increase in Turbidity (cloudiness) indicates bacterial growth.

Indicated by

**a) Turbidity of
the fluid media**

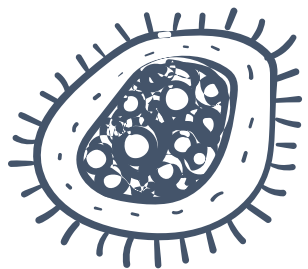


1) Bacterial Growth

Indicated by

b) Colonies on solid media

(Macroscopic product)



We place the sample on a solid medium, where colonies visible to the naked eye (macroscopic) indicate bacterial growth.

2) Colony (Macroscopic product)

Every yellow dot is a colony

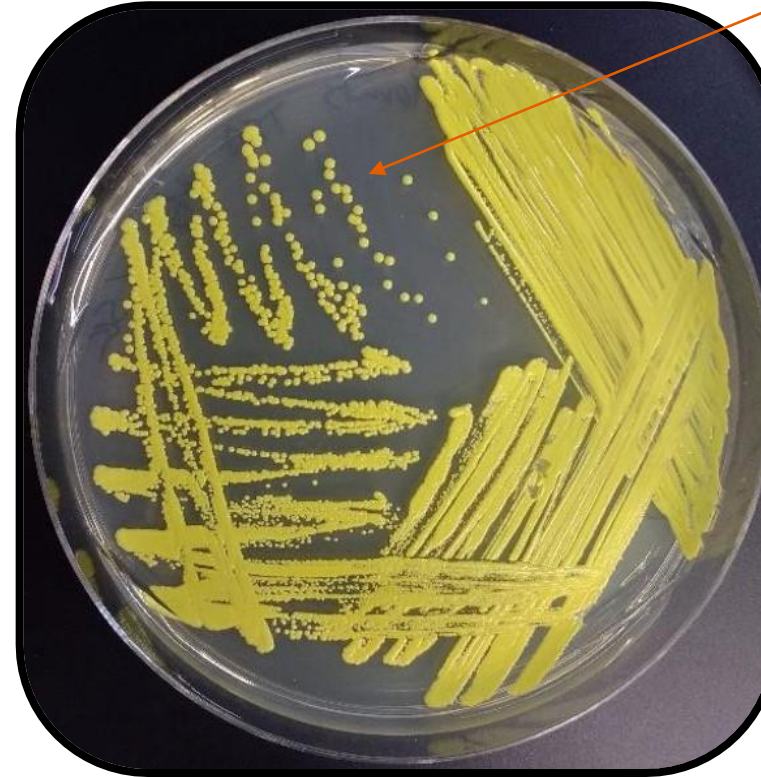
Single bacterium

On solid media

After 20-30 division

Binary fission

Colony



So, the appearance of colony will be after 20-30 division of single bacterium

A colony is a product of a single bacterium after it undergoes 20-30 binary fissions.

2) Colony

After 20-30 division

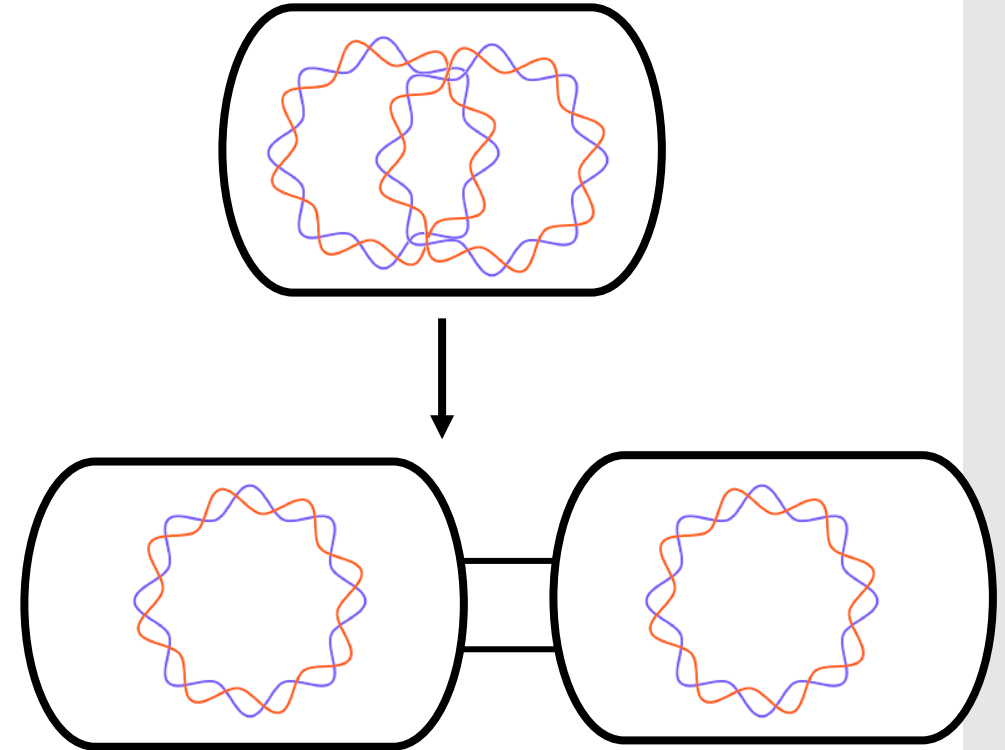
Binary fission

1 Million

1 million and 24
thousand bacteria
result

(2^{20}) 20 is the number of divisions

The first division results in 2
daughter cells, hence the base is 2

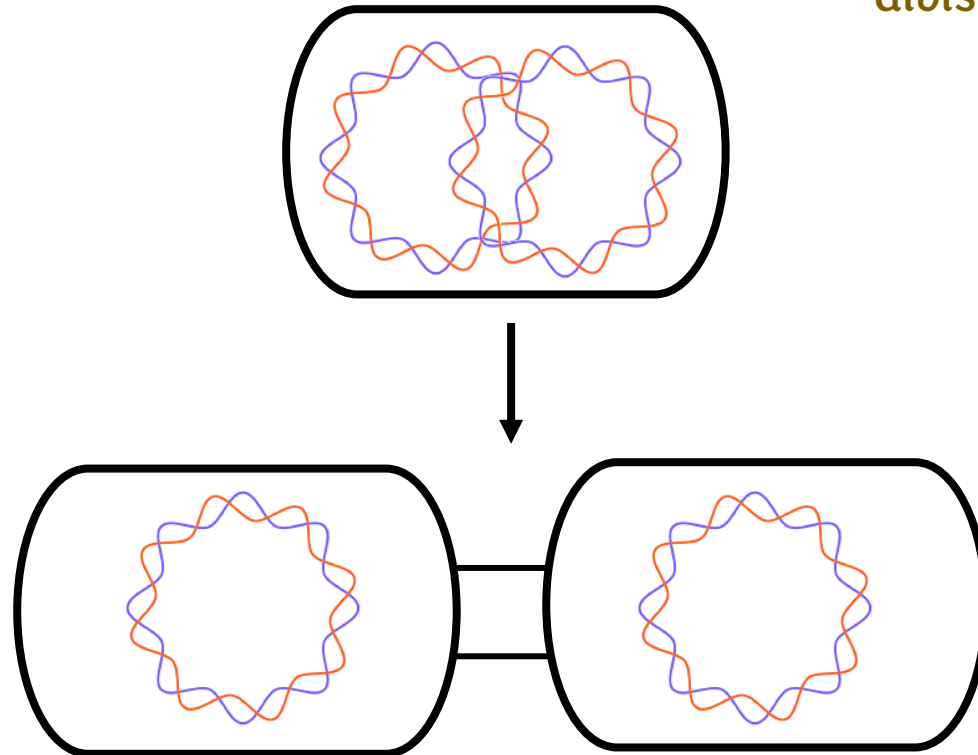


3) Generation time (doubling time)

Generation time = time it takes the bacteria to undergo division

13min (*V. cholerae*)

V. cholerae undergoes division every 13 minutes.



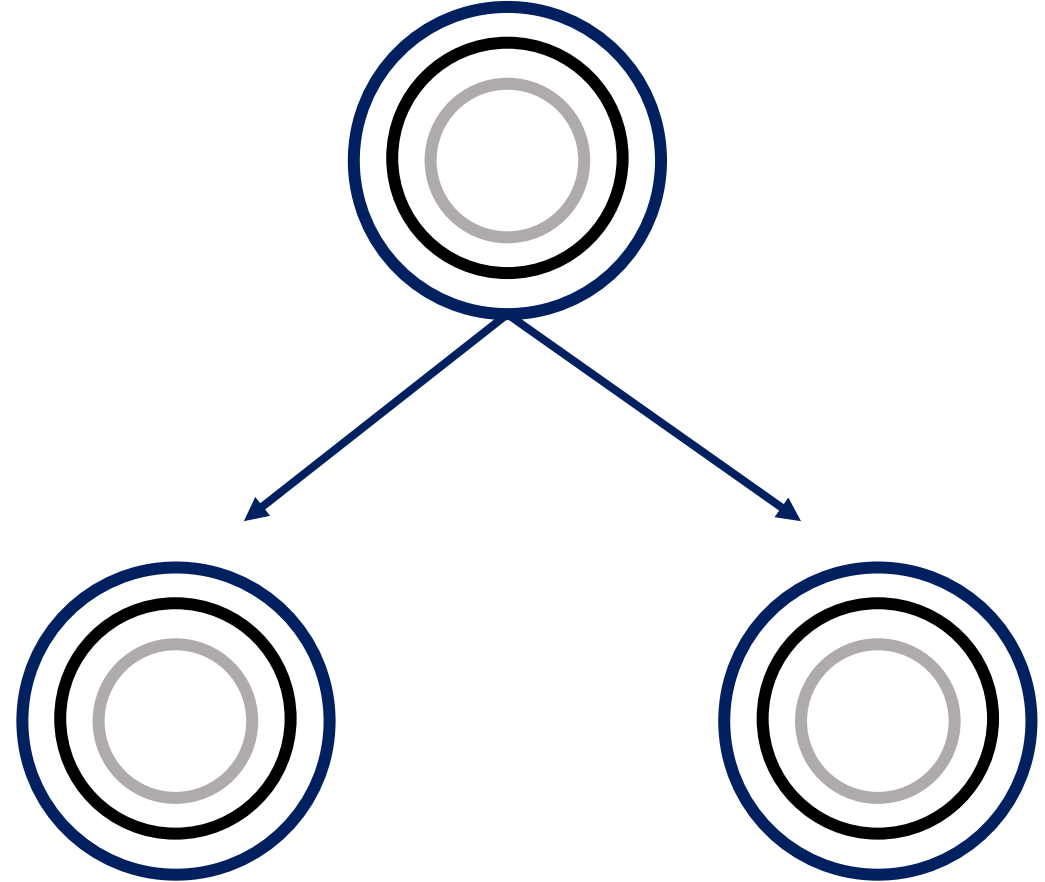
24 hrs (*M. tuberculosis*)

M. tuberculosis undergoes division every 24 hours

Bacterial Reproduction

Binary fission

One cell produces 2 genetically identical daughter cells.

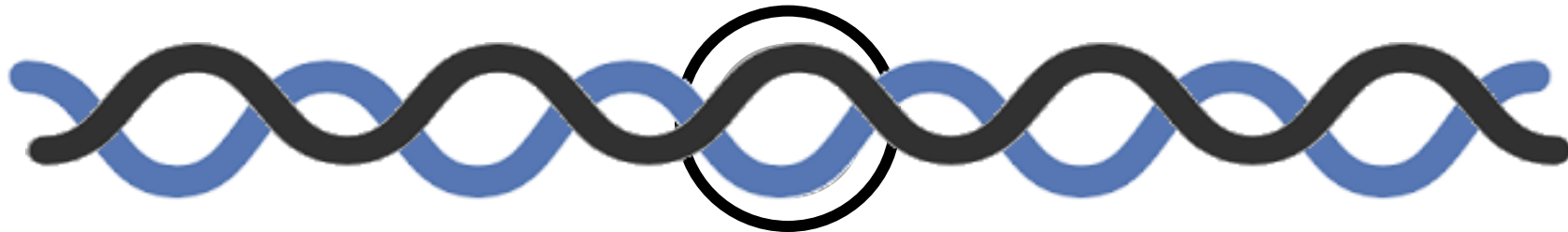


Bacterial Reproduction

1

Elongation Of the DNA

Elongation happens in single direction only.

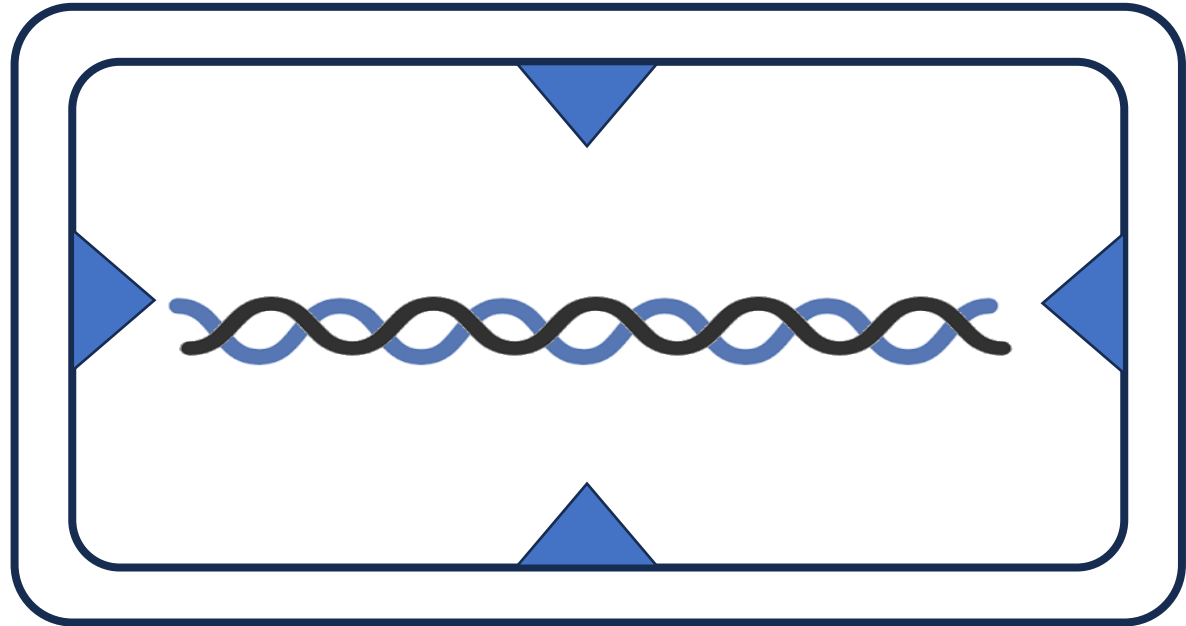


Bacterial Reproduction

2

**Separation of
2 strands**

**(ssDNA attached to
mesosome)**



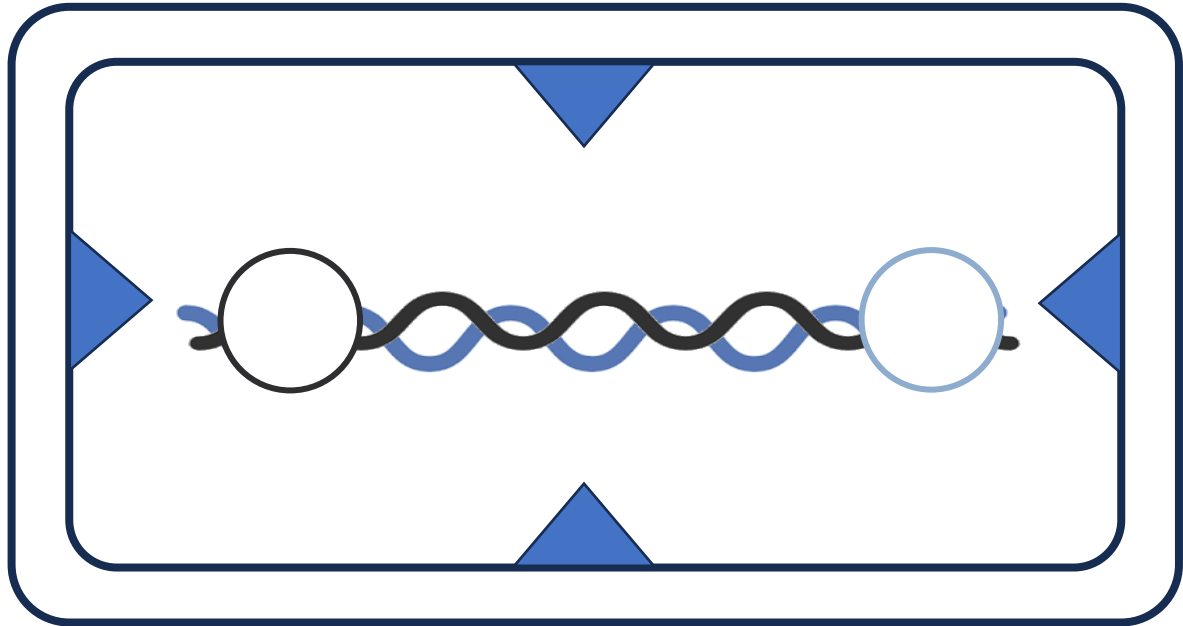
Every single strand will get attached to the mesosome
This occurs because enzymatic activity takes place there, where enzymes have the ability to separate the double-stranded DNA.

Bacterial Reproduction

2

Separation of
2 strands

Each strand returns to its original state (circular)

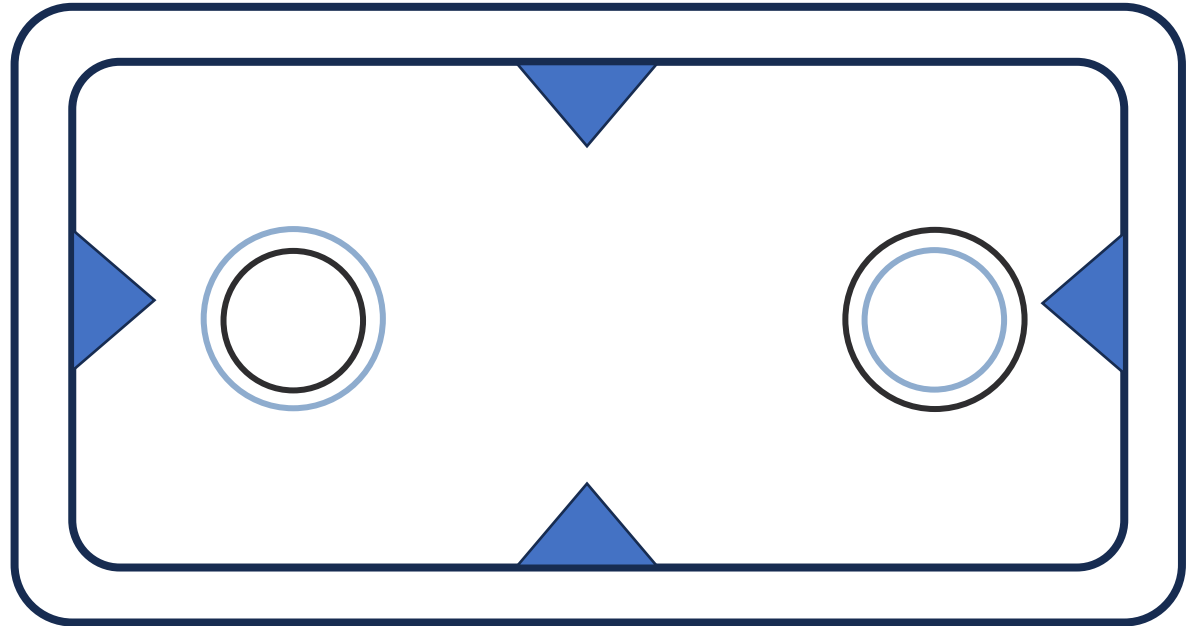


Bacterial Reproduction

3

**Separate ssDNA &
become dsDNA**

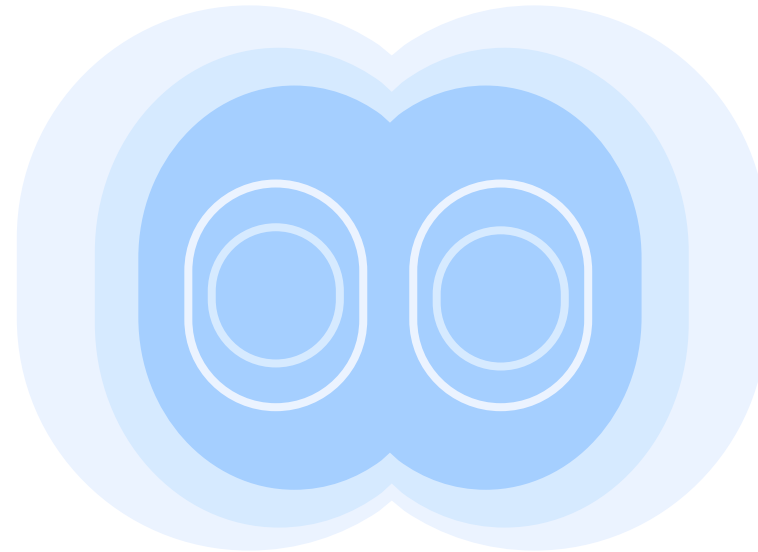
Each strand will act as a template, building a double strand



Bacterial Reproduction

4

Formation of division septum

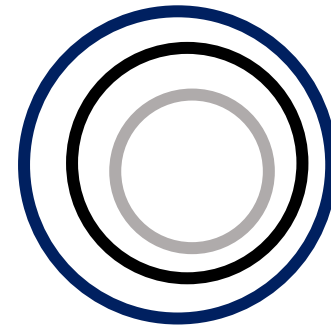
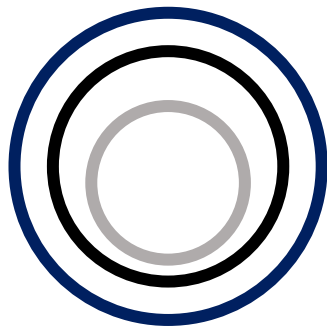


In bacteria, cell division occurs by the ingrowth of the envelope layers [membrane and peptidoglycan (PG) cell wall] to form a septum that. The septal PG is later hydrolyzed, and the daughter cells separate. [\[1\]](#)

Bacterial Reproduction

5

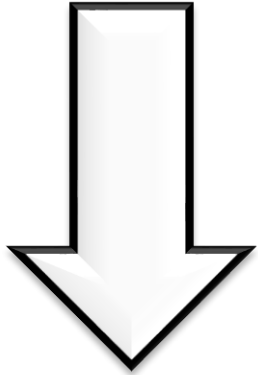
Cell separation



Finally, the cell separates, producing 2 daughter identical cells

Bacterial culture media

**Bacteria grow
(In vitro)**



In vitro means "in glass," referring to an artificial setting in which nutrients are provided.



Need nutrients for growth

Artificial

Purpose Of culture media

Is to ultimately determine whether the patient suffers from a bacterial infection or not.

1

Study Properties

Of the bacteria



Purpose

2

**Isolation &
diagnosis
(Causative agent)**



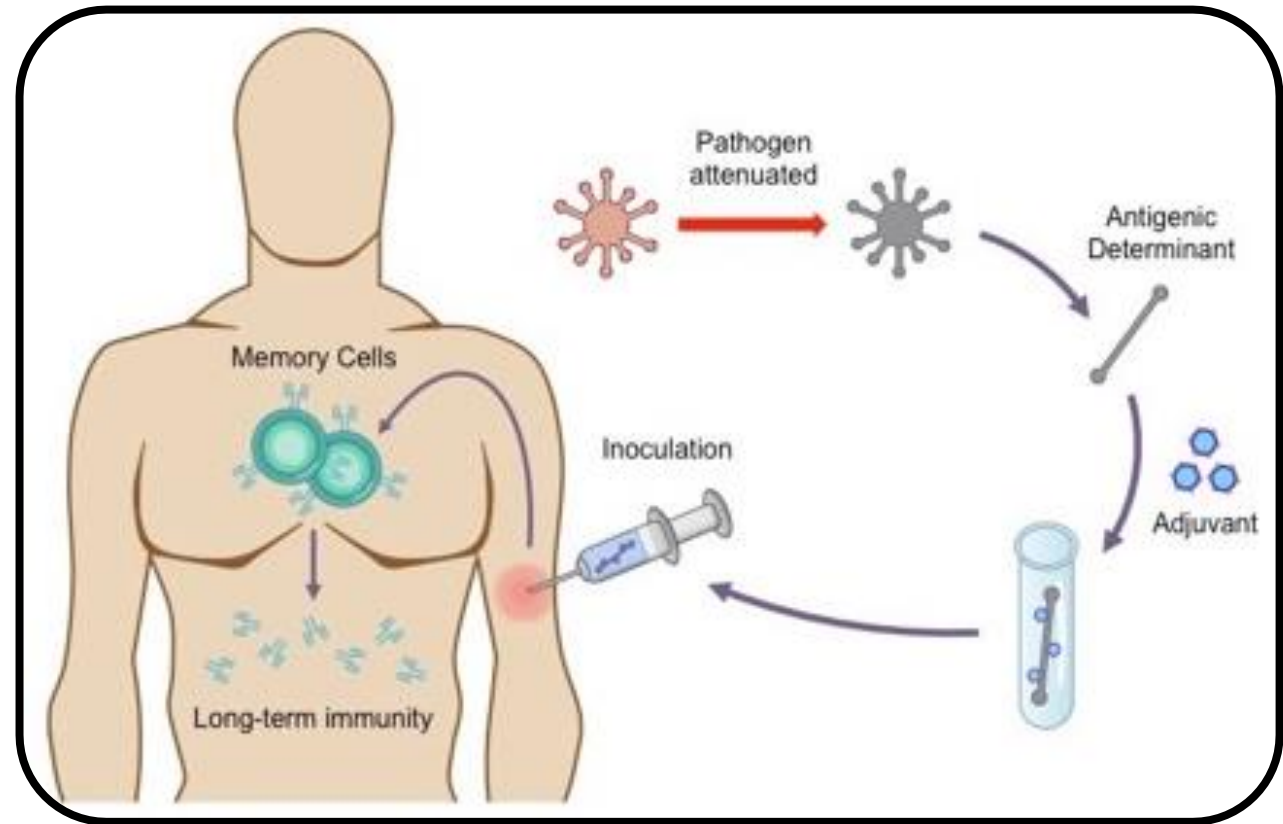
Determining the type of bacteria which caused the infection

Purpose

3

Prepare vaccine & Other products

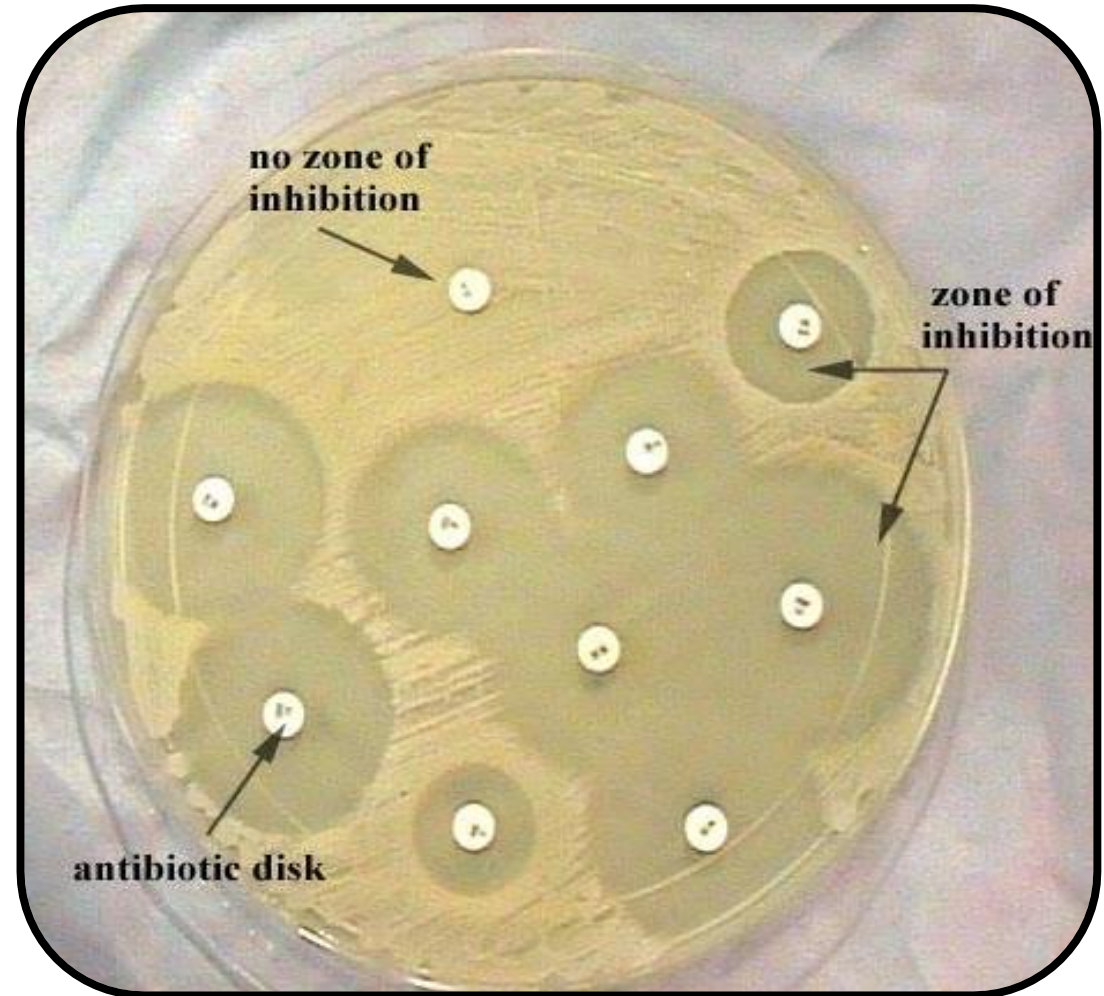
We use *S. Pyogenes* as an anticoagulant.



Purpose

4

**For selecting proper
antibiotics**



Classification of media

Liquid

We put the media in a tube if it's liquid and call it broth.



Solid

Is put in a petri dish



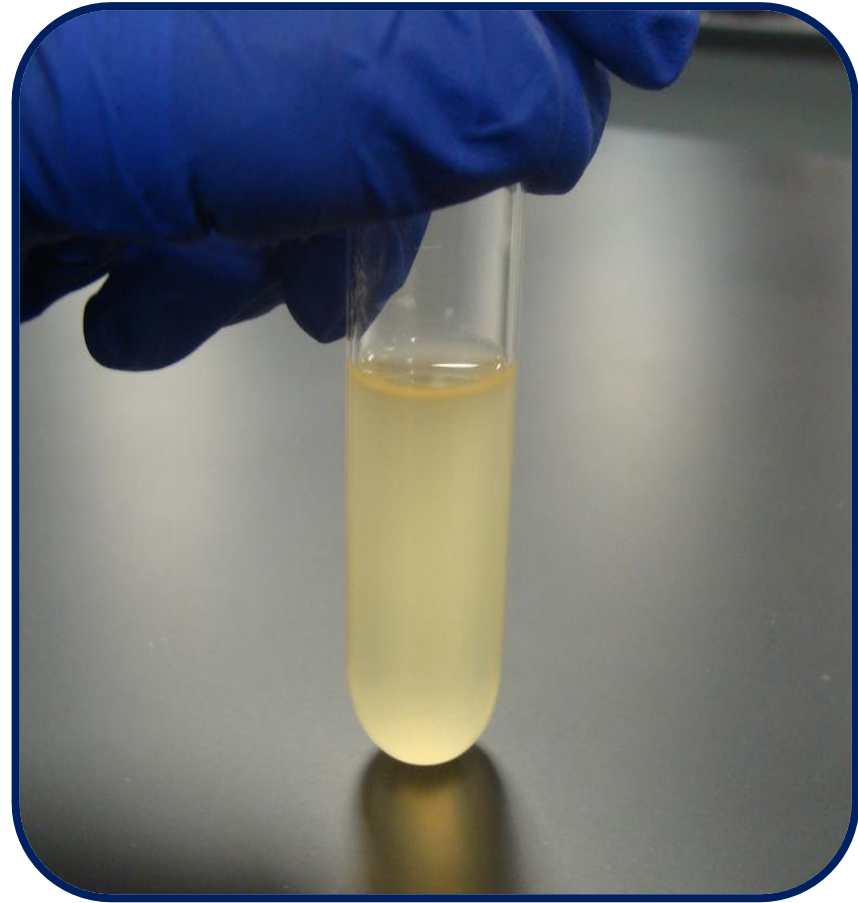
Types of media

- 1) Simple media
- 2) Enriched media
- 3) Selective media
- 4) Differential media



Simple media

**Basic requirement for
growth of most bacteria**



Simple media

A) Peptone water

Peptone + 0.5% NaCl

Enhancement Supports the growth

Sugar media



Simple media

B) Nutrient broth

Meat extract

Enhancement



Simple media

C) Nutrient agar plate

Nutrient broth + 2%

agar agar

(Seaweed)

Boiled together and left at room temperature till solidification.

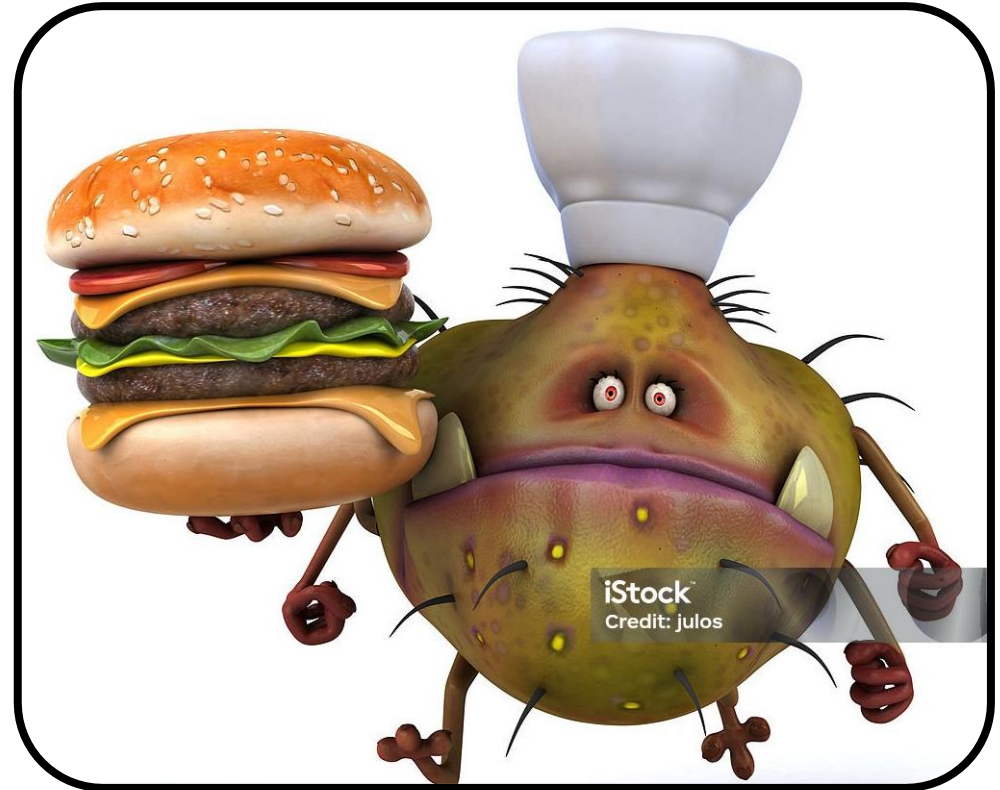


Suitable for *Staph. aureus*

Enriched media

Fastidious bacteria
Need blood, serum for
growth

Fastidious bacteria require more than just proteins; they require other nutrients, such as blood and serum.



Enriched media

A) Blood agar

**Nutrient agar heated at 45°C
(semisolid)
+ sheep blood**



Sheep blood doesn't contain antibodies that can affect the result

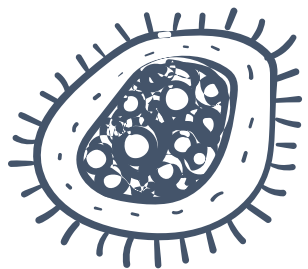
Enriched media

A) Blood agar

Streptococci

Strept. pyogenes

Streptococci mainly grows on this medium, some can exhibit hemolytic activity.



Hemolysis on blood agar:

A. Complete (beta) hemolysis:

1. *Staphylococcus aureus*
2. *Streptococcus pyogenes*

Complete and clear

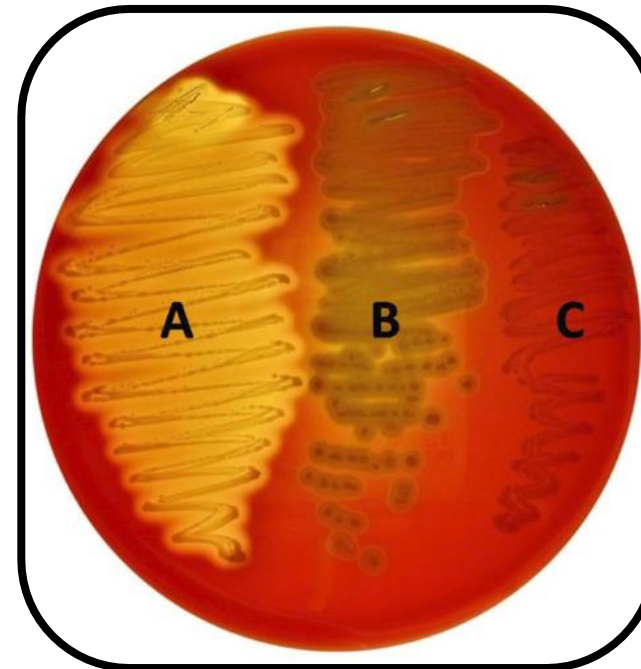
C. No (gamma) hemolysis:

- *Enterococci.*

B. Partial (alpha) hemolysis:

1. *Streptococcus viridans*
2. *pneumococci.*

Partial and greenish



Enriched media

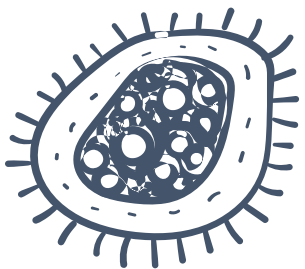
B) Chocolate agar

Nutrient agar heated
at 100°C, add blood

Hb  Haematin
(Chocolate)



Hemoglobin breaks down under heat, turning to haematin,
which is brownish or chocolate colored.



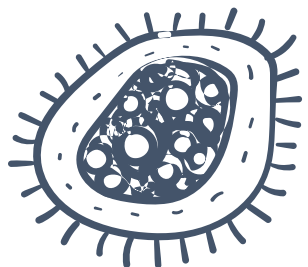
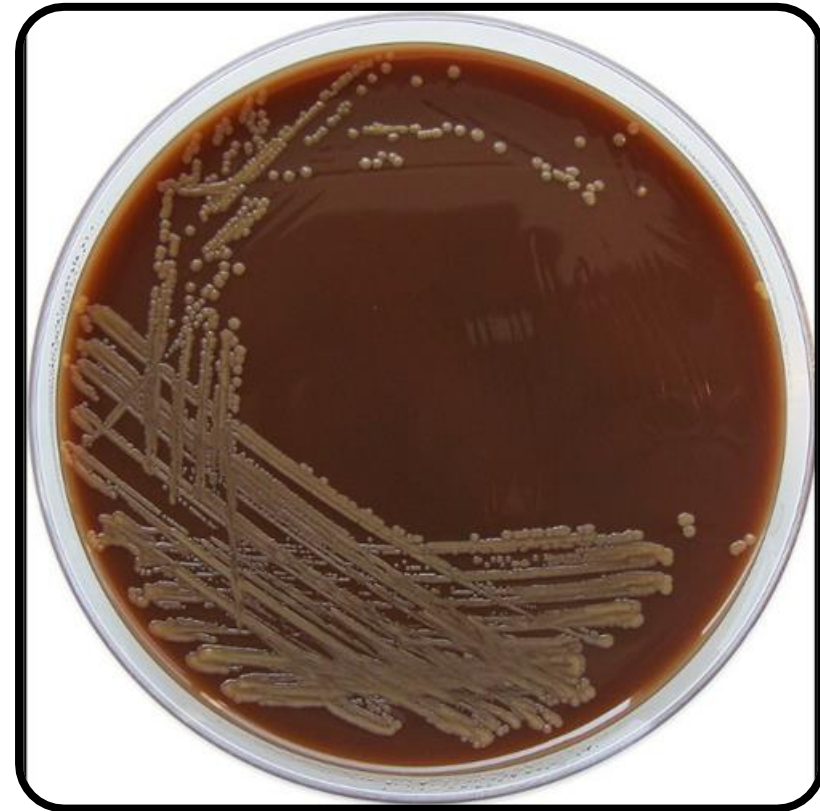
Enriched media

B) Chocolate agar

Haemophilus

Neisseria

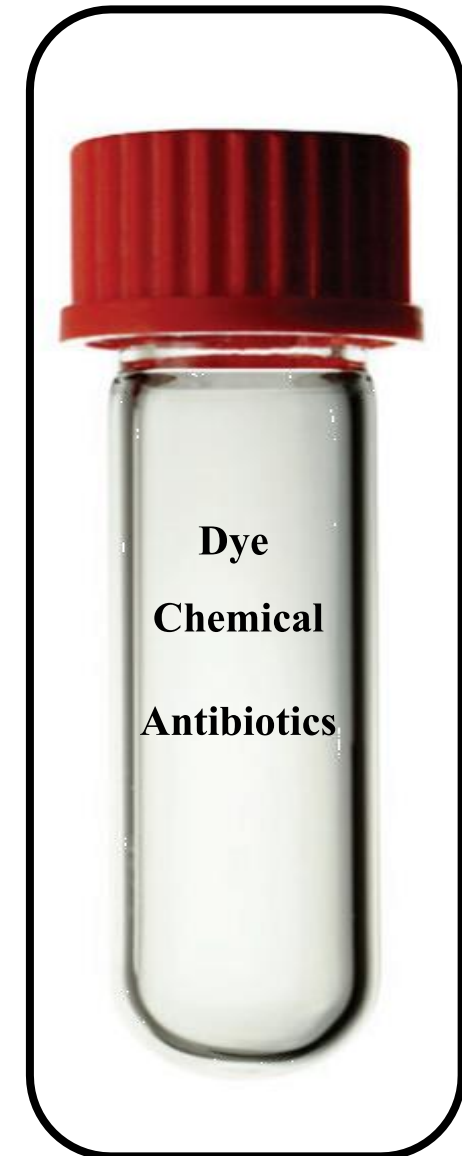
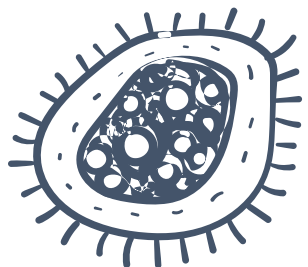
Both are fastidious bacteria grown on chocolate agar



Selective media

**Allow a certain organism to grow
(Selective) &
inhibits the growth of others**

Can support certain organisms and inhibit others, hence the name.



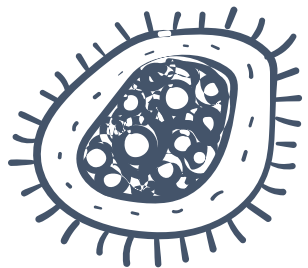
Selective media

Lowenstein Jensen medium

Malachite green The selective material

Mycobacterium tuberculosis

Is the bacteria grown in this medium



Selective media

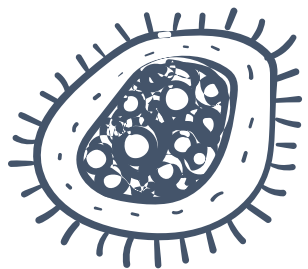
Blood tellurite agar

Potassium tellurite

The selective material

C. diphtheriae

The bacteria grown



Differential media

The only difference between selective and differential medias

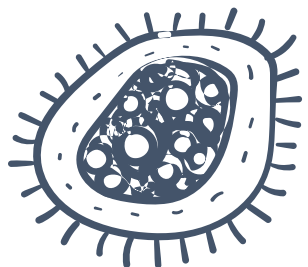
Selective

+

Indicator

**Allow a certain organism
to grow**

**Indicator to differentiate
(change in visibility)**



Purpose

Used to differentiate between bacteria that can ferment lactose and bacteria that can't

MacConkey's agar

- 1. Bile (Enterobacteria)**
Bile is selective for enterobacteria
- 2. Lactose = test sugar**
- 3. Peptone**
Peptone: Nitrogen source, also works as a carbon source for bacteria that can not metabolize sugars. [2]
- 4. Neutral red = pH indicator**

If the organism can ferment lactose → Pink
because fermentation of lactose produces acid

If not → pale “yellowish”



Pink

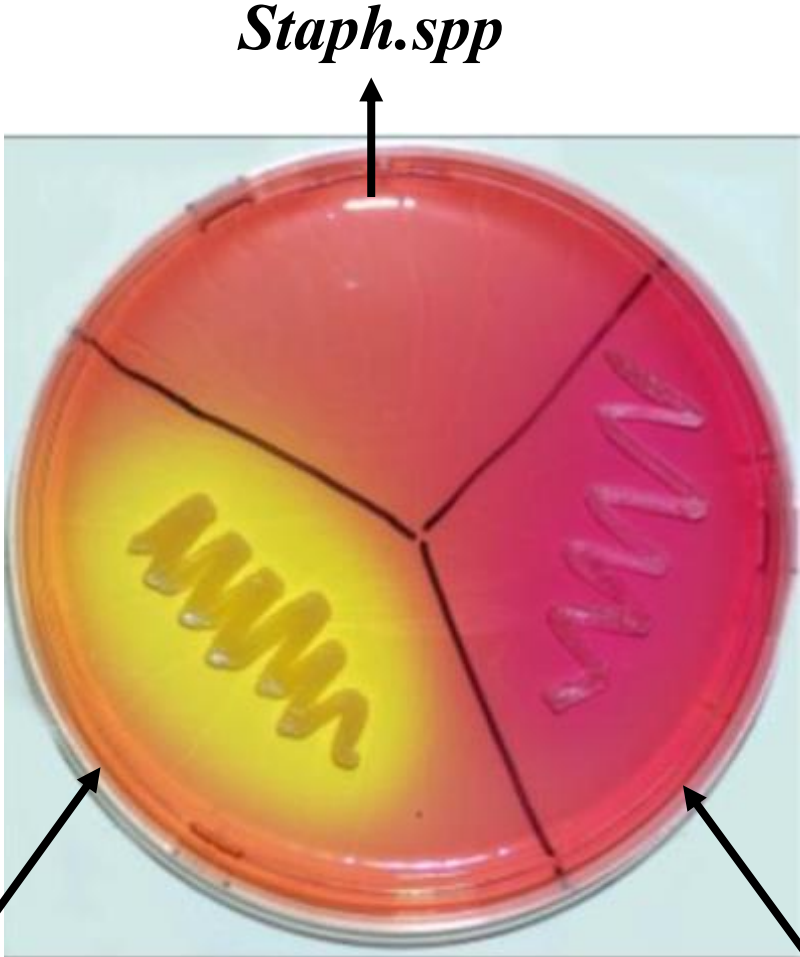
Pale

Differential media

Mannitol salt agar

(high salt 7.5% NaCl)

Phenol red = pH indicator



Staph. spp

Staphylococcus

Staphylococcus

Can ferment Mannitol → acid aureus

epidermidis

Differential media

Thiosulfate-Citrate-Bile-Sucrose Agar. (TCBS)

Thiosulphate

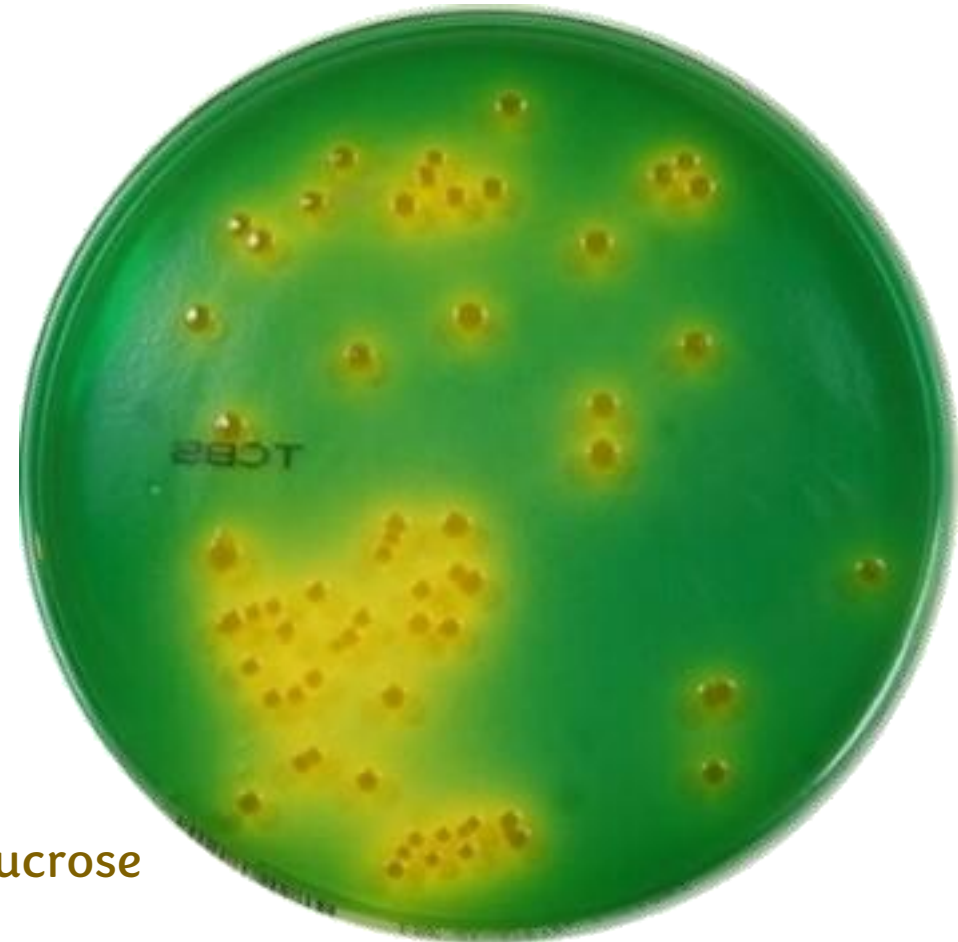
Bile

Citrate

Sucrose as test sugar

Bromothymol blue Indicator

Vibrio cholera appears yellow, because it can ferment sucrose
Vibrio parahaemolyticus can't ferment sucrose → green



Bacterial growth curve

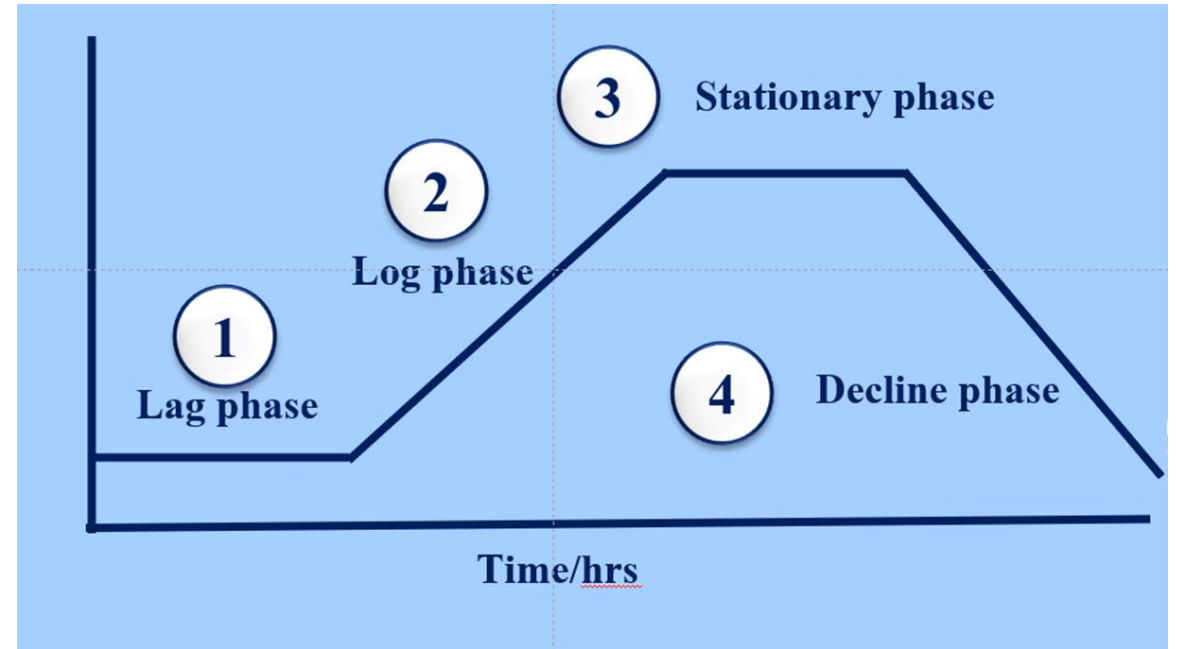
- 1) Lag phase**
- 2) Log phase**
- 3) Stationary phase**
- 4) Decline phase**

Bacterial growth curve

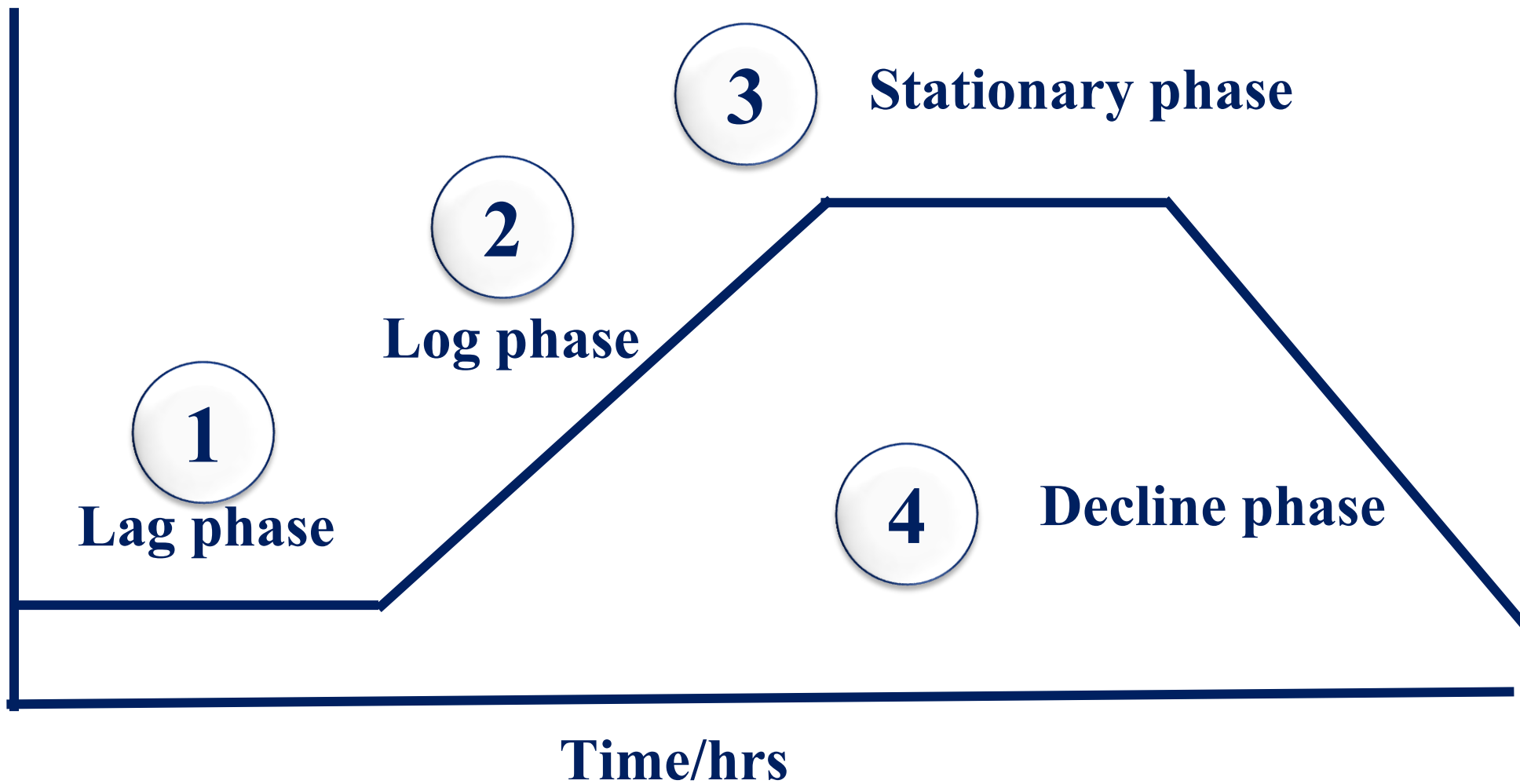
If a small number
of bacteria are inoculated
into a liquid nutrient
medium

They experience 4 phases

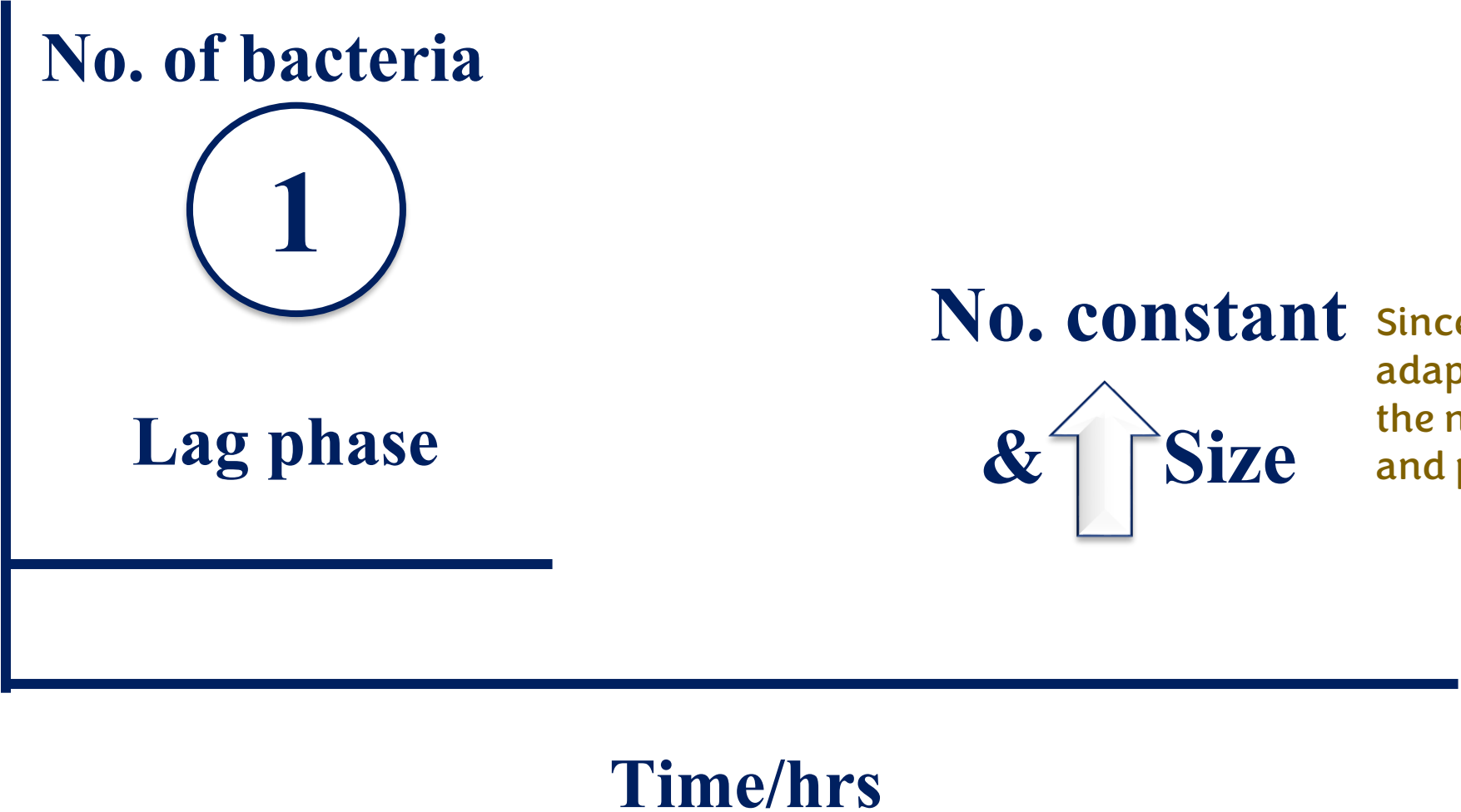
72h



Bacterial growth curve



Lag phase



Since the bacteria still adapt and synthesize the needed enzymes and proteins.

Log phase

No. of bacteria

2

Log phase

Number

Protein

Enzymes

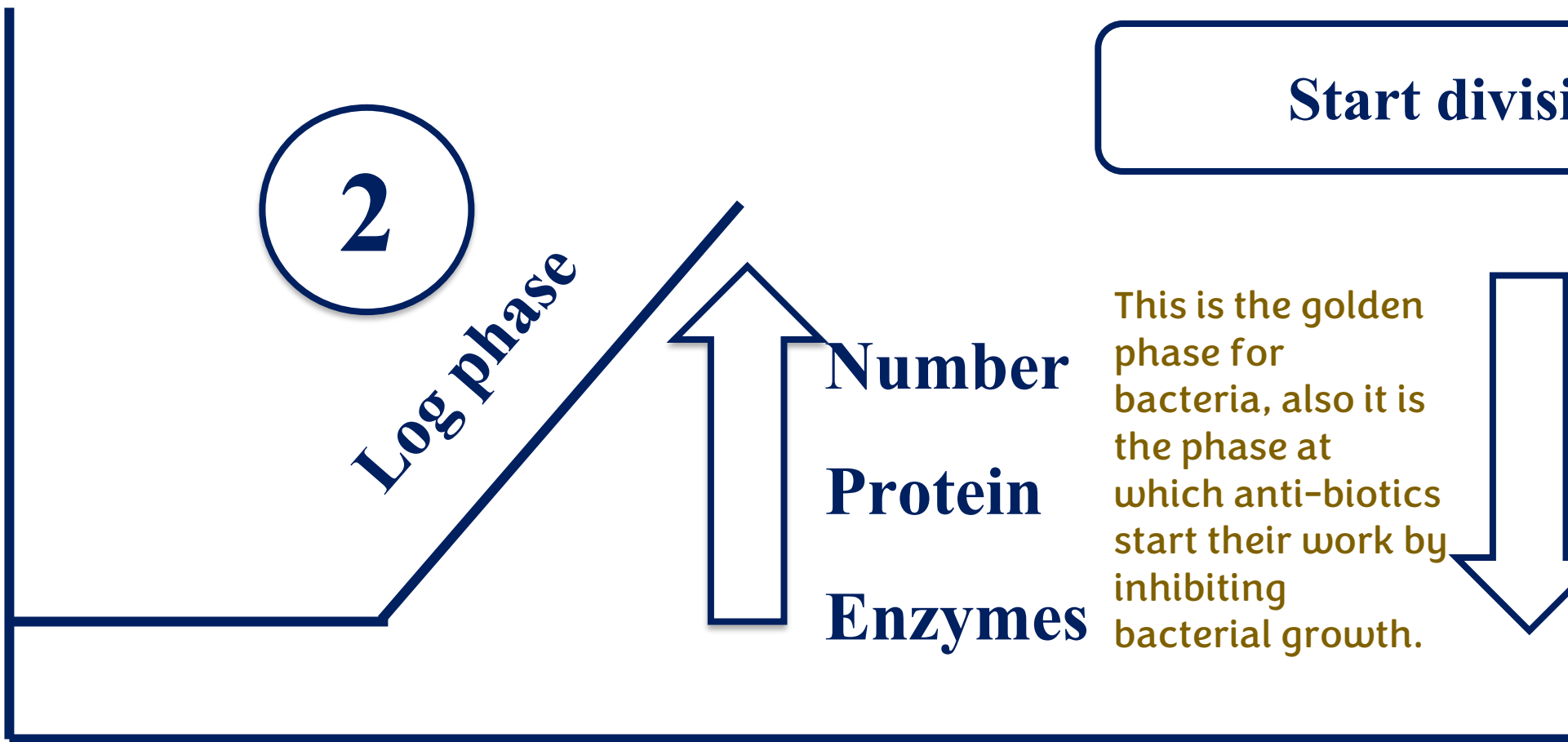
Start division

This is the golden phase for bacteria, also it is the phase at which anti-biotics start their work by inhibiting bacterial growth.

Size

The size is reduced due to division

Time/hrs



Stationary phase

No. of bacteria

3

At this stage nutrients start to deplete, and waste products start to accumulate.

Stationary phase

Constant number

No. of division = No. of death

(Waste product)

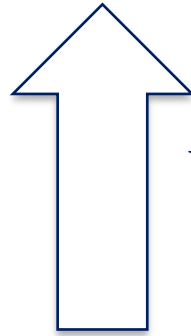
Time/hrs

Decline phase

Nutrient broth

4

Decline phase



Waste product



O₂

Nutrient depletion

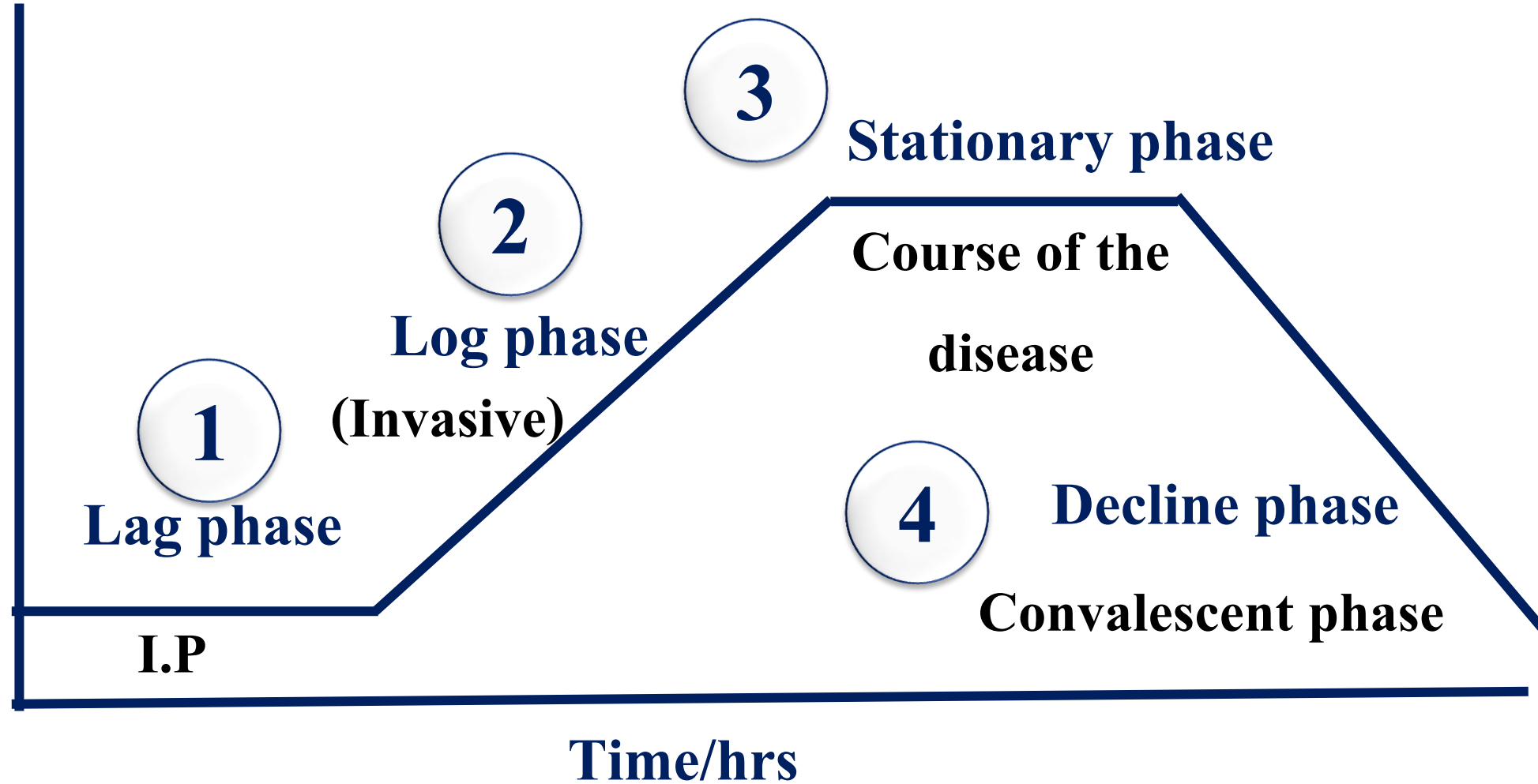
Due to depletion of nutrients and O₂, and accumulation of waste products, bacteria die.

Time/hrs

Bacterial growth curve

The analogues for these phases in human body are:

1. incubation period
2. Invasive period (where symptoms start to appear)
3. Course of the disease
4. Convalescent phase (curing)



Bacterial growth requirements

Growth Requirements

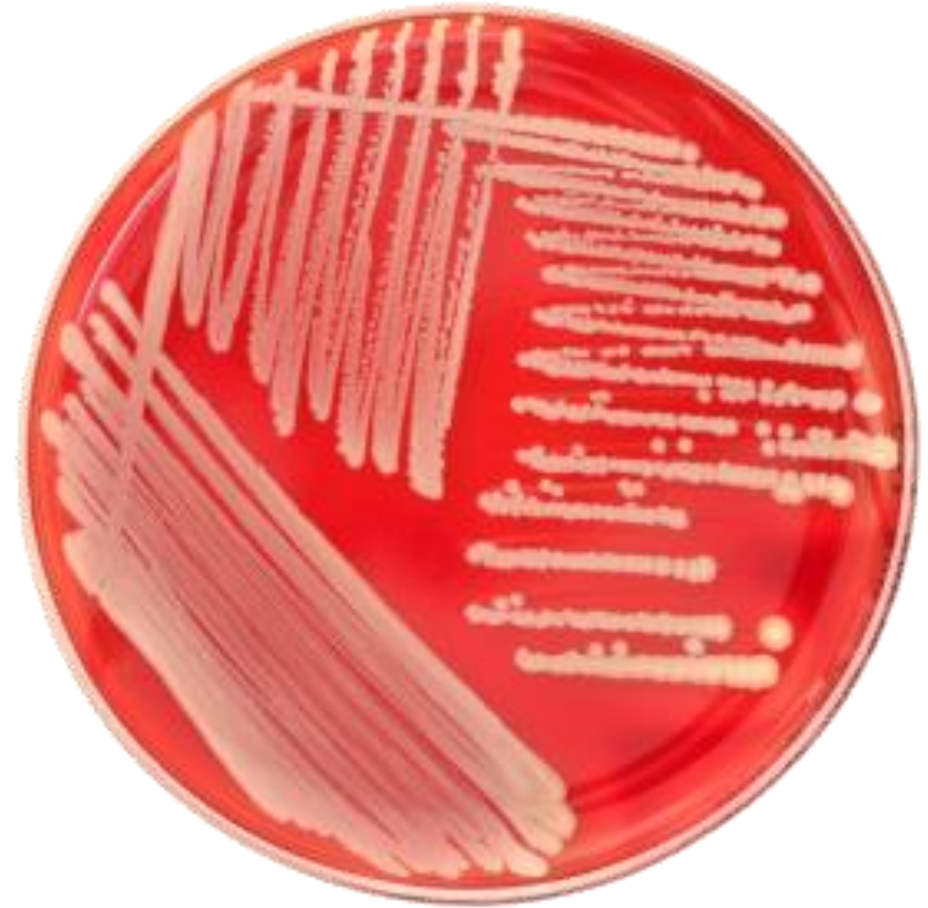
A) Nutrition

B) Gaseous

C) Temp. & pH

A) Nutrition

Maintenance of bacterial growth



A) Nutrition

1- Autotrophic

auto = self

Trophic=nutrition

2- Heterotrophic

hetero = different

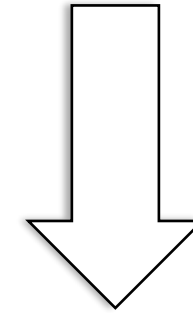
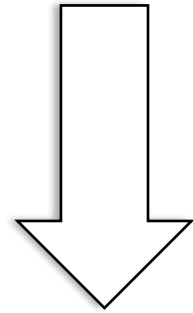
Trophic = nutrition

Autotrophic

CO₂

Ammonium

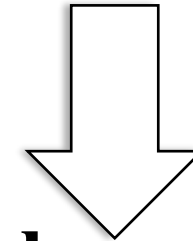
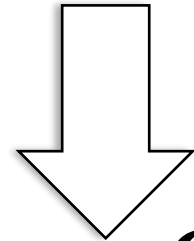
**Utilize simple
inorganic
substance**



Carbon

Nitrogen

Carry out anabolism



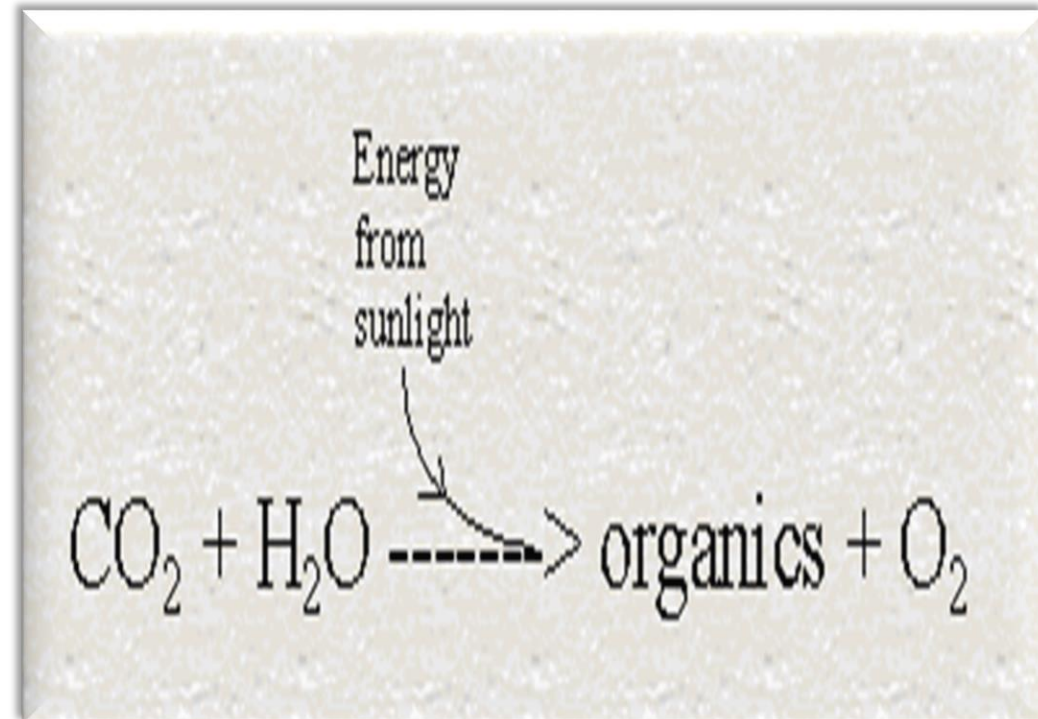
Complex organic materials

(Saprophytic)

Autotrophic

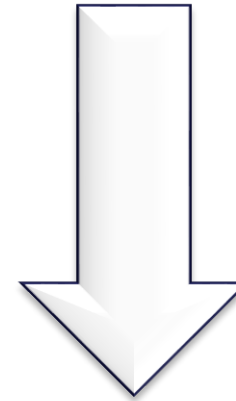
No medical importance

Since they are independent of other organisms in means of nutrition, they are not invasive, thus having no medical significance.



Heterotrophic

Parasitic



Living host

Medical important

These bacteria require complex preformed organic substances e.g. sugars, proteins etc.

Since they are dependent on other organisms in means of nutrition, they are invasive, thus having a medical significance.

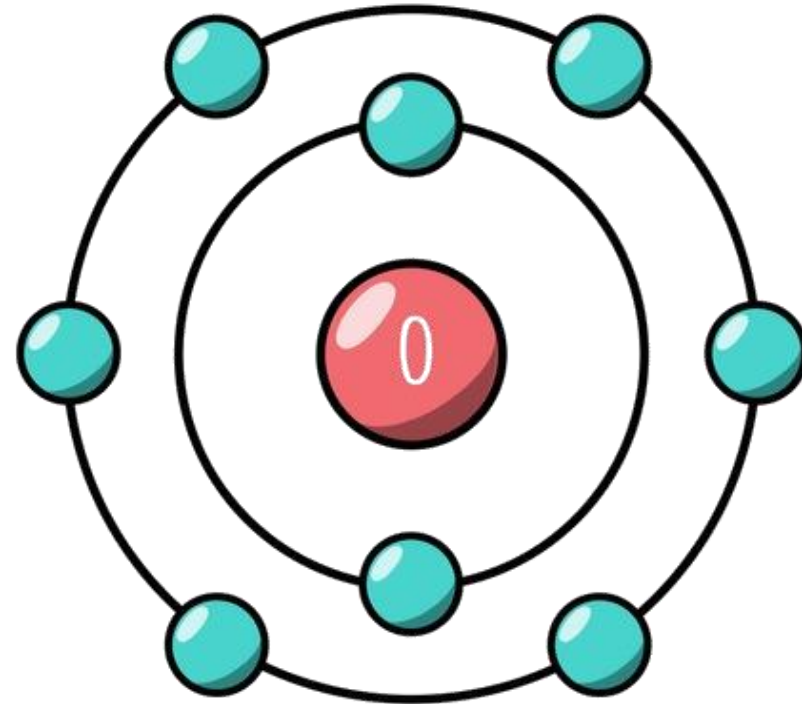
Growth Requirements

Gaseous requirements

O₂ requirement, bacteria are classified into 5 groups

O₂ requirement

- 1) **Obligate aerobes**
- 2) **Obligate anaerobes**
- 3) **Facultative anaerobes**
- 4) **Micro-aerophilic**
- 5) **Aero-tolerant**



OXYGEN

Respiration

Glucose catabolism

Bacterial respiration is the catabolism of, mainly, glucose for energy production and it could be in absence or presence of O_2

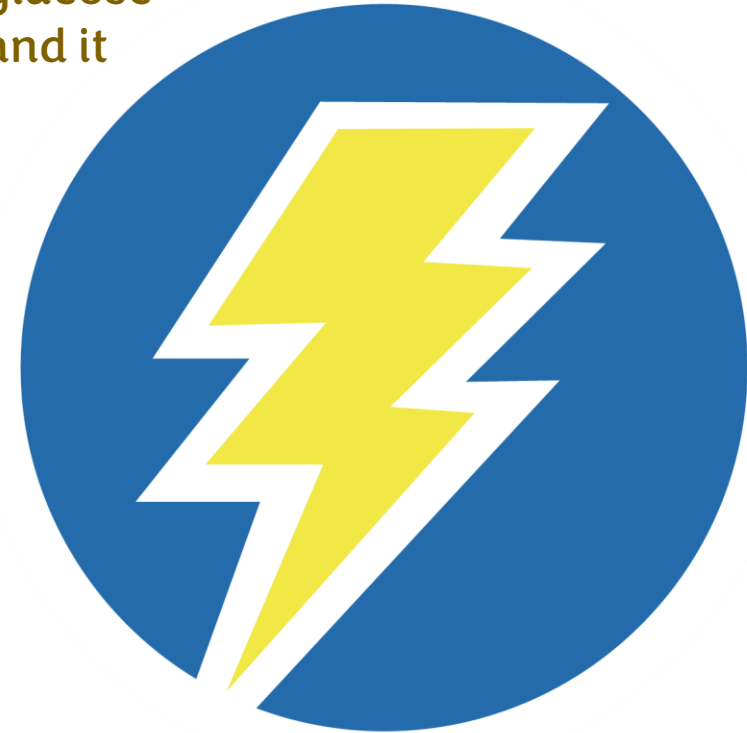
Energy production

Aerobic respiration

(O_2)

Anaerobic respiration

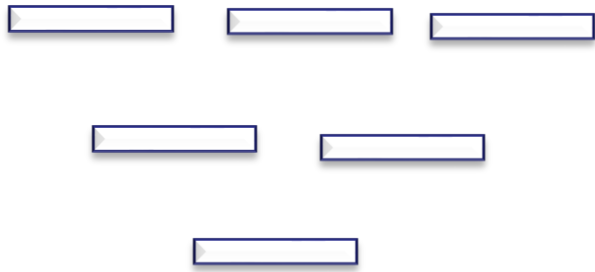
(No O_2)



energy

1- Obligate aerobes (Aerobic respiration)

Presence of O₂



Growth

Absence of O₂

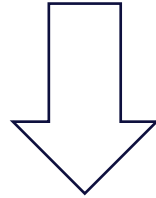
These bacteria cannot grow in the absence of O₂, since they cannot catabolize glucose without using O₂ as the final acceptor for electrons.

No growth

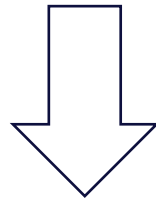
e.g. Pseudomonas aeruginosa

1- Obligate aerobes (Aerobic respiration)

Aerobic respiration

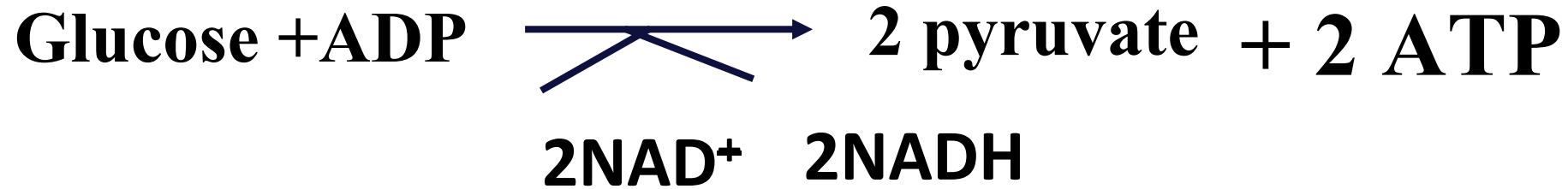


For production Energy (ATP)

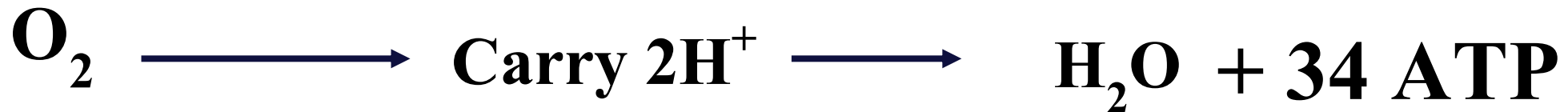


Glucose catabolism (glycolysis)

1- Obligate aerobes (Aerobic respiration)



Oxidative phosphorylation



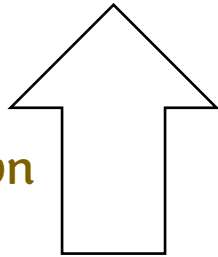
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1- Obligate aerobes

Highly toxic molecules

Superoxide (O_2^-)

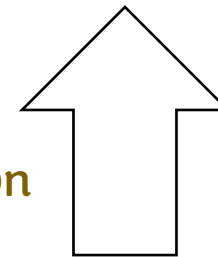
Break down



Superoxide dismutase

(H_2O_2)

Break down



Catalase

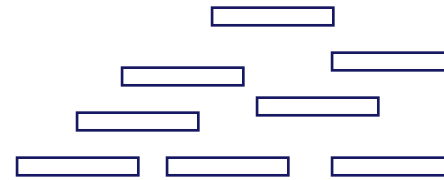
2- Obligate anaerobes

Presence of O₂

These bacteria cannot survive in the presence of O₂, as they have not adapted to use it as an electron acceptor.

No growth

Absence of O₂



Growth

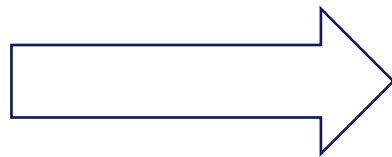
Instead, these bacteria use other inorganic molecules as final electron acceptors, such as sulfate.

Bacteroides fragilis

2- Obligate anaerobes(Anaerobic respiration)



O_2



Other pathway

4 ATP

Lack Superoxide dismutase & Catalase

So even if these bacteria used O_2 as an electron acceptor, toxic ROS would accumulate and cause their death

2- Obligate anaerobes (Anaerobic respiration)

The organism used inorganic molecules

Nitrate

Sulfate

Co2



Carry H⁺

From the ETC.

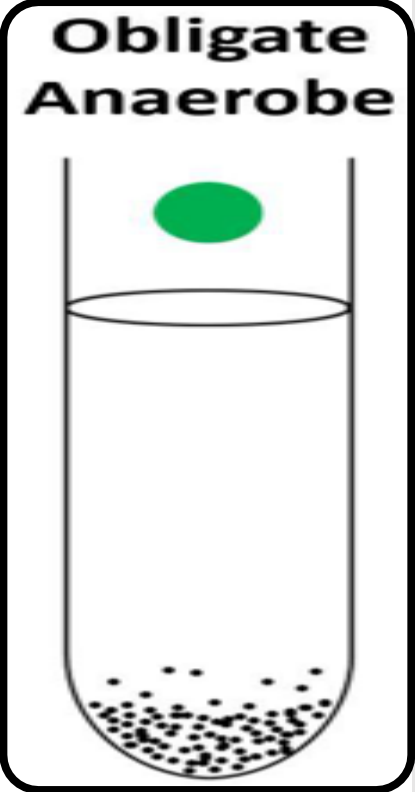
13 ATP + 4 ATP

17 ATP

From Kreb's cycle and glycolysis

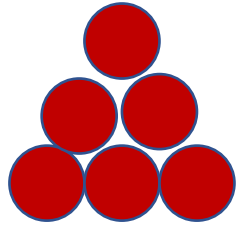
For more information regarding anaerobic respiration and alternative terminal electron acceptors in ETC refer to [this](#).

Lack
Superoxide dismutase
Catalase



3- Facultative anaerobes

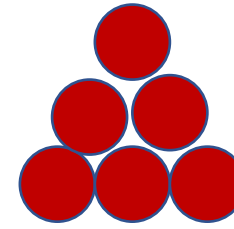
Presence of O_2



Growth

Rate of growth

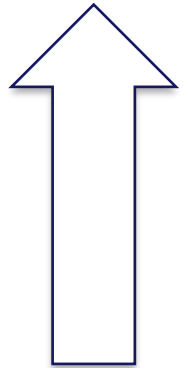
Absence of O_2



Growth

Originally, they live in the presence of O_2 exhibiting regular respiration where O_2 is the final electron acceptor, but they have adapted to live (less efficiently) in low O_2 levels or in its absence by using fermentation as a catabolic pathway.

Most bacteria



3- Facultative anaerobes

Anaerobes

Fermentation

Glucose

glycolysis

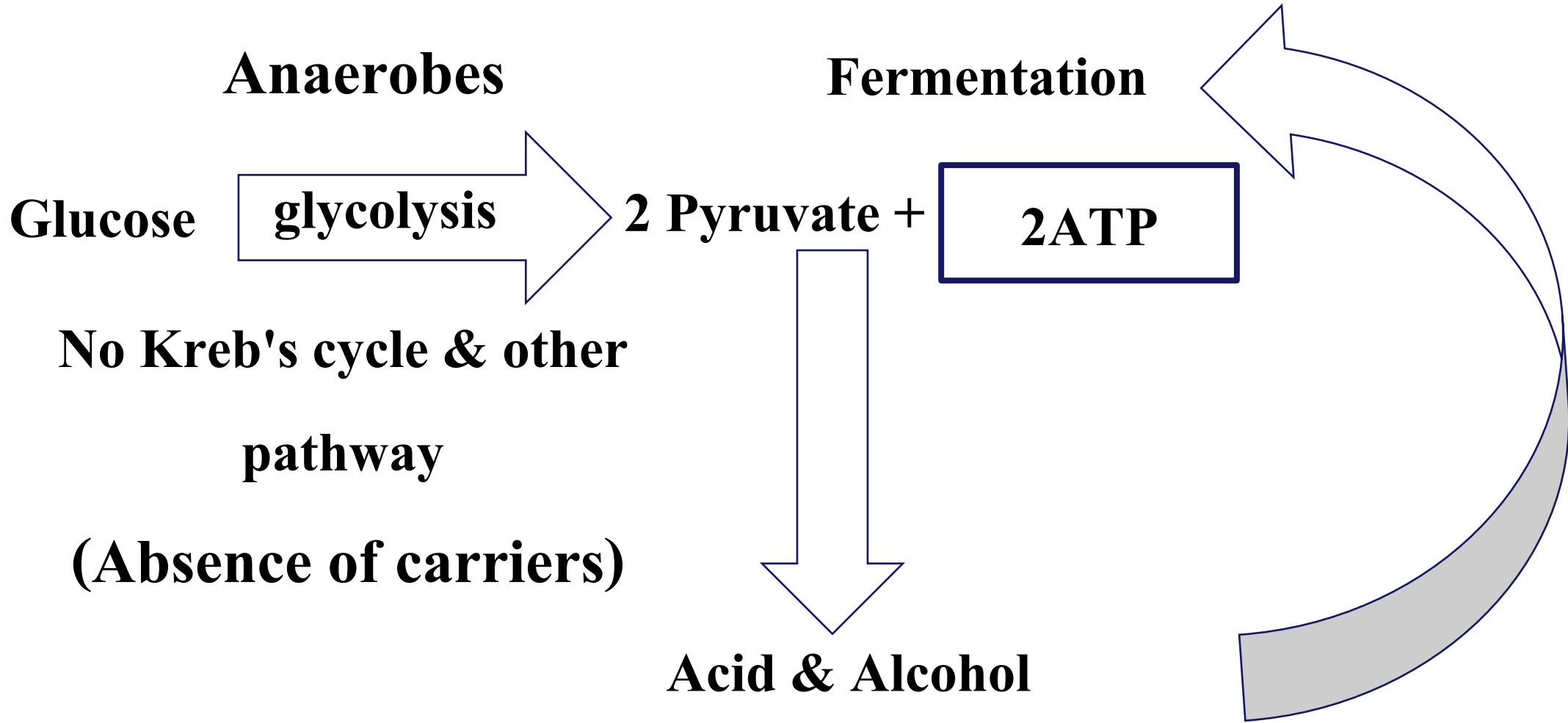
2 Pyruvate +

2ATP

**No Kreb's cycle & other
pathway**

(Absence of carriers)

Acid & Alcohol



4- Micro-aerophilic

Presence of O₂

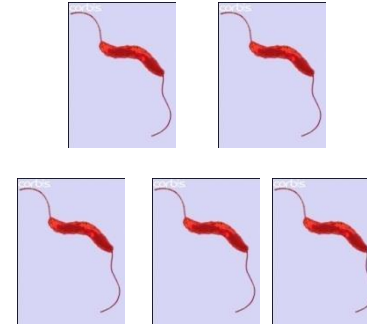


superoxide & H₂O₂

No growth

These bacteria can't live in normal levels of O₂ due to their decreased enzymatic activity of superoxide dismutase and catalase.

Low O₂



2-10% O₂

Growth

Low superoxide

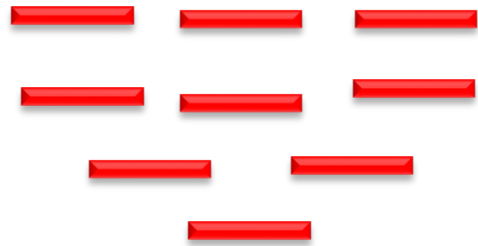
dismutase & catalase

Campylobacter

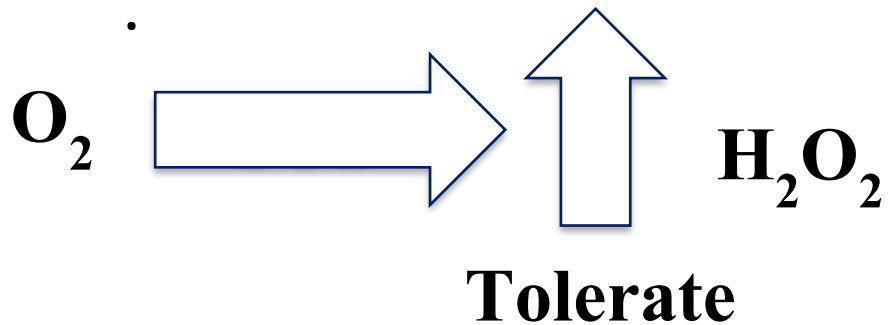
Helicobacter

5- Aero-tolerant anaerobes

Low O₂

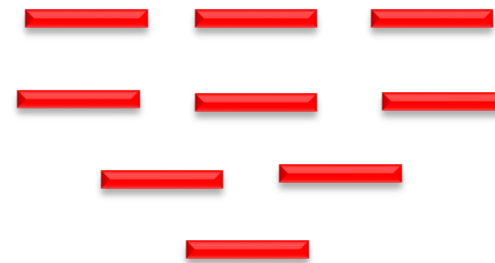


Superoxide dismutase



Cl. perfringens

Absence of O₂



Growth

Originally, they live in the absence of O₂ exhibiting respiration by using other inorganic molecules as final electrons acceptor, but they have adapted (tolerate) to live at low O₂ using it as the final acceptor of electrons for minutes before accumulation of ROS due to their decreased enzymatic activity.

Growth Requirement: CO₂ requirements

CO₂ (0.03%)

Present in air

is sufficient

For most of bacteria

CO₂ (5-10%)

(Capnophilic)

Neisseria

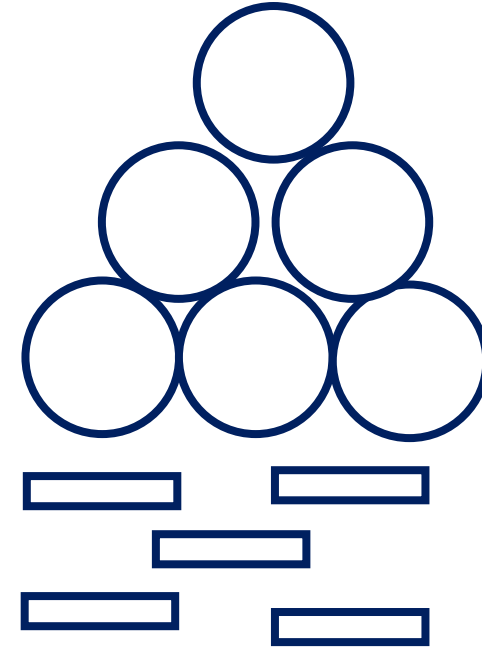
Brucella

Growth Requirement: Hydrogen ion (pH)

pH (7.2 – 7.4)

(Most bacteria)

And they are called Neutrophiles



Hydrogen ion (pH)

Alkaline (pH 9)



Vibrio cholerae

Alkaliphiles such as this prefer high pH levels.

Acidic (pH 4)



Lactobacilli

Acidophils such as this prefer low pH levels.

Growth Requirement: Temperature

Mesophilic

(20 – 45)

(Most bacteria)

psychrophilic

(0 – 15)

Thermophilic

(55– 65)

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Corrections from previous versions:

Versions	Slide # and Place of Error	Before Correction	After Correction
V0 → V1	70	pH (7.2 – 7.4) (Most bacteria) And they are called Neutrophils neutrophils	pH (7.2 – 7.4) (Most bacteria) And they are called Neutrophiles neutrophiles
V1 → V2			

Additional Resources:

رسالة من الفريق العلمي:

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1. [Science Direct](#)
2. [Share Biology](#)

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