

Microbiology

small life science

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* medical microbiology:-

is a science of studying micro-organisms (too small to be seen by naked eye) which associated with human disease, their activities and their influences on different aspects of life.

* Benefits :-

- [1] food industry : Fermentation of products (bread, wine, cheese, yogurt, vinegar)
- [2] industrial applications : for modern biotechnology such as genetic engineering, insulin, amino acids, vitamins, antibiotics, vaccines
- [3] sewage treatment, recycling water
- [4] recycling vital elements in the environment : N₂, C, O₂, S, P, ..

* harmful :-

- [1] food spoilage
- [2] diseases

* Pathogenic microorganisms : microorganisms that cause a disease.

* Portal of entry :-

- respiratory : inhalation
- alimentary (GIT) : ingestion
- Genital tract : sexual contract
- skin : abrasion, bites
- others : conjunctiva, blood transfusion, injections and organ transplants.
- congenital infections (vertical transmission).

Short history :-

① Antony van Leeuwenhoek :-

- microscopist
- father of microbiology
- the first to observe live microorganisms in water, muck and saliva

② John Hunter :-

- surgeon
- the leading authority on venereal disease
- he believed that syphilis and Gonorrhoea were caused by a single pathogen.

③ Edward Jenner :-

- physician and scientist
- pioneered the concept of vaccines
- creating the smallpox vaccine (the world's first vaccine)

④ John Snow :-

- physician
- known for locating source of cholera outbreak in London (establishing the disease as a water-borne)
- one of the founders of modern epidemiology.

⑤ Ignaz Semmelweis :-

- physician and scientist
- early pioneer of antiseptic procedures
- savior of mothers
- he discovered that the incidence of Puerperal sepsis can be prevented if the attending nurses apply hygienic measures.
- Hand washing stops infections.

6 Louis Pasteur :-

- biologist, microbiologist and chemist

- discovered the principle of fermentation of alcohol by microorganisms
- invent a technique of treating milk and wine to stop bacterial contamination, a process called pasteurization.
- Create the first vaccine of rabies, *Bacillus anthracis*

↳ Louis Pasteur and Germ theory

- he performed numerous experiments to discover why wine and dairy products became sour, and he found that it was the bacteria and he stirred scientists to think that if bacteria could make the wine "sick" then perhaps they could cause human illness. But his attempts to prove the germ theory were unsuccessful. Robert Koch provided the proof by cultivating anthrax bacteria apart from any other type of organism

7 Robert Koch :-

- developed microbiological media & streak plates for pure culture

↳ Germ theory (Koch's postulates)

- microorganisms must be present in every case of disease
- organisms must be grown in pure culture from the diseased host
- Inoculation of above into host must give same disease
- organism must be recovered from experimentally infected host

8 Alexander Fleming :-

- Physician and microbiologist

- discover the world's first broadly effective antibiotic (*Penicillin G*) from the mould *penicillium rubens*

9 Kary Mullis :-

- biochemist

- invent Polymerase Chain reaction (PCR).

10 Zur Hausen :-

- virologist

- he has done research on Cancer of the cervix, so he discovered the role of papilloma virus
- this research directly made the development of vaccine "HPV" possible.

*the classes of organisms that can cause disease :-

1. viruses

2. Bacteria

3. Fungi :-

a. yeast & unicellular

b. molds & large multicellular

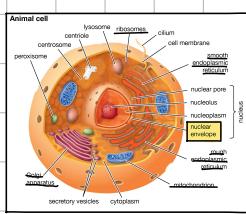
4. parasite :-

a. protozoa & unicellular, vary in size, very small → intercellular infection, large → extracellular infection

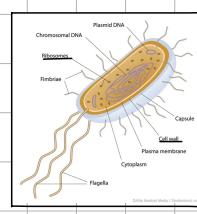
b. Helminthes & multicellular, can reach several meters in length

* the classification of microorganisms :-

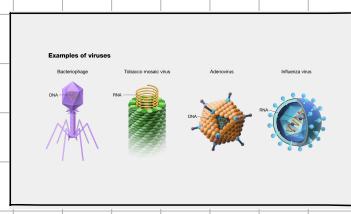
① Eukaryotic



② prokaryotic



③ viruses :- the next slide



Characteristic

eukaryotic

Prokaryotic

nucleus

Yes

No

size

10 - 100 μm

0.05 - 10 μm

nuclear membrane

Yes (nucleus)

No (nucleoid)

membrane-bound organelles

present

absent

chromosome membrane

multiple (linear)

1 (circular)

ribosomes

80s (40s - 60s)

70s (30s - 50s)

cell wall

absent except fungi (chitin)

present except mycoplasma

cell membrane

has sterols

no sterols except mycoplasma

division

mitosis

binary fission

* Viruses —

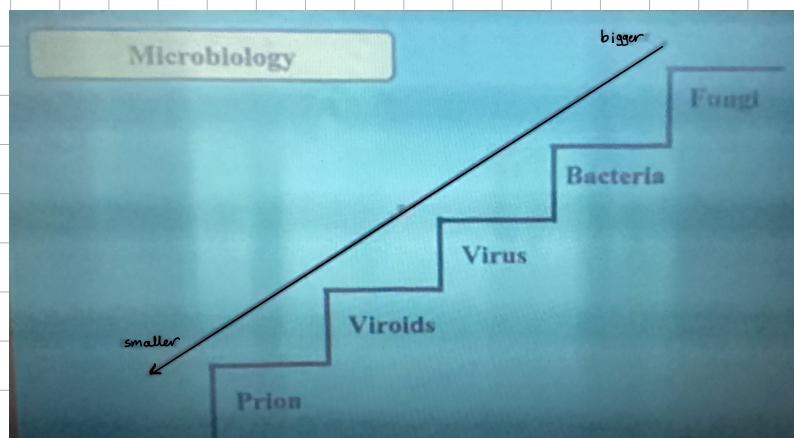
- acellular
- one of the smallest infectious agents
- no cell structure
- has DNA or RNA
- obligate intracellular
- directed host cell for replication

* Viroids —

- single stranded RNA without protein coat
- only infect the plants
- smaller than virus

* Prion —

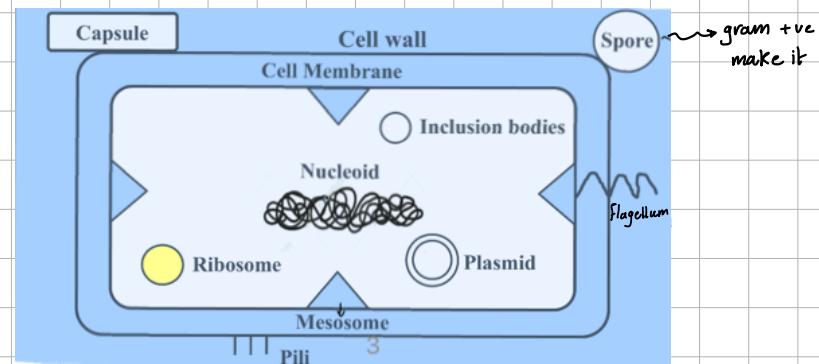
- protein without nucleic acid (infectious)
- the misfolded protein (from α -helix to β -sheet) will aggregate in the CNS \rightsquigarrow spongiform in the brain
 \rightsquigarrow Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in humans
- mad cow disease: bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) seen in cattle



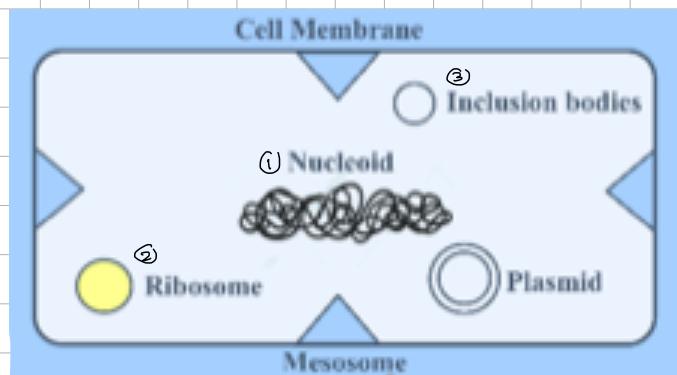
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Bacterial structure

* the Bacterial structures—



* Intracytoplasmic structure



① nucleoid

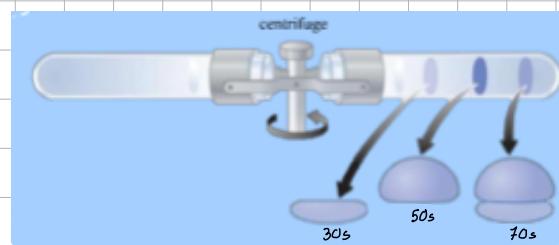
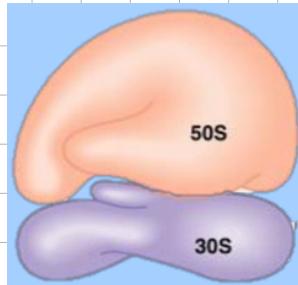
- essential
- single chromosome
- circular
- double stranded DNA
- 1mm in length
- super coiled
- carry genetic information for growth & survival

② ribosome :

- essential
- ribo + RNA , some + body
- site of protein synthesis
- bacterial ribosome : 70s → 50s large subunit
↳ 30s small subunit

$s \text{ s}$ svedberg unit .

* note : 70s, 50s, 30s refer to the densities



③ Inclusion granules (body) :

- store of nutrient ⇒ Glycogen , starch , phosphate .

* corynebacterium diphtheriae stores the phosphate in its granules that called volutin granule (Metachromatic granule)

④ Cell membrane :

* definition :-

- essential
- thin , fragile membrane
- located just under the cell wall

* composition :-

- phospholipid bilayer (head & tail) + Proteins
- no sterols (except mycoplasma : has a cell membrane with sterol)

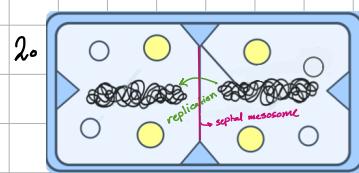
* Function :-

1 - selective transport :-

- ① passive : from high conc. to low conc .
- ② active : from low conc. to high con . → need energy .

2 - mesosome :-

- ① has a respiration enzyme that make energy (like the mitochondria)
- ② cell division : separate DNA , septal mesosome

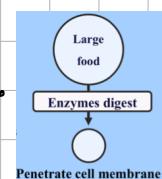


3 - biosynthesis of cell wall

4 - excretion of extracellular enzyme (hydrolytic enzyme)

5 - excretion of extracellular enzyme (penicillinase)

6 - chemotactic system (the substance bind to its receptor on the bacterial membrane if it is a good subs. the cell membrane send a signal to the flagella to go toward it, and if it is bad the membrane send a signal to the flagella to go away.)



⑤ Plasmid :-

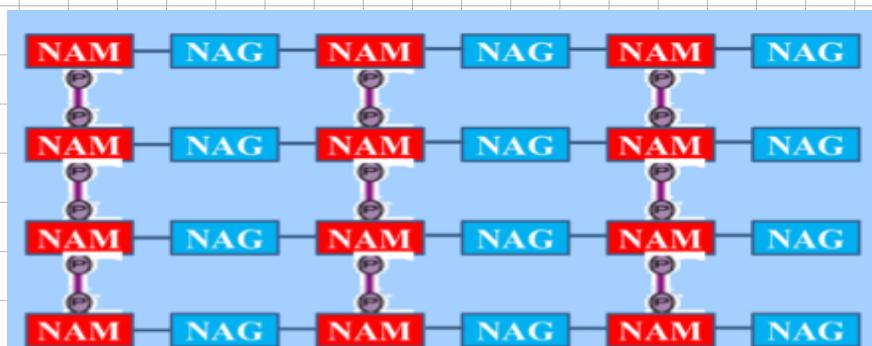
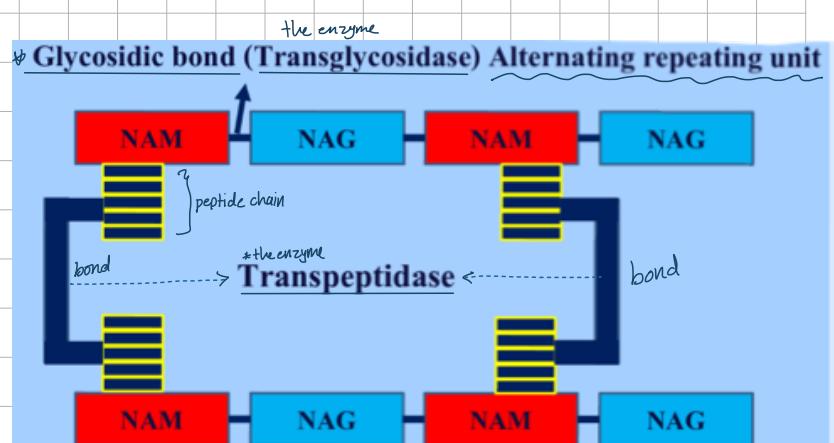
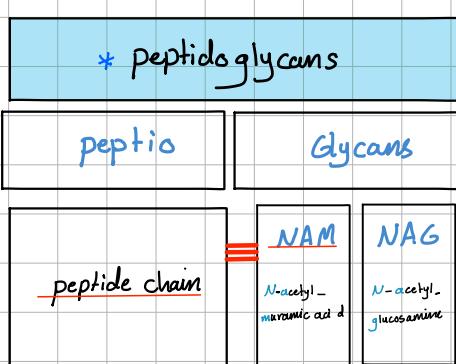
- not essential
- extra chromosomal dsDNA
- replicate autonomously (independent of bacterial chromosome)
- toxin production, drug resistance

~~~~~ + Cell wall ~~~~~

### \* definition :-

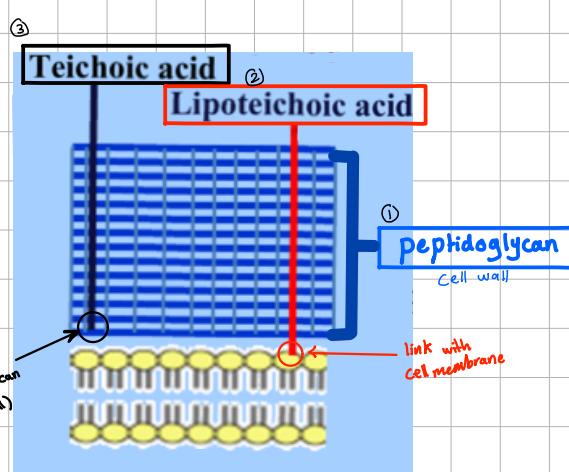
- surrounds the cell membrane (outermost layer)
- Rigid <sup>not always</sup> comes from peptidoglycans

### \* composition :-

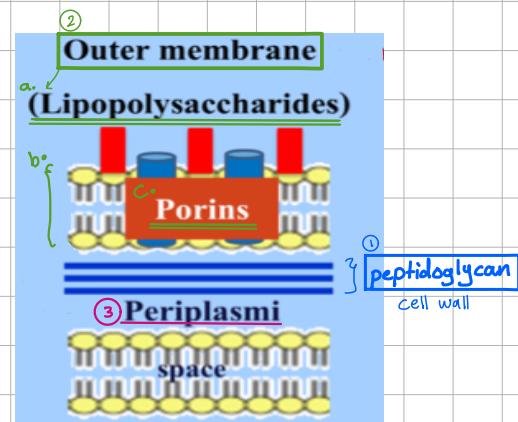


# \* Gram stain.

- There are 2 types of bacteria :- (depend on the differences of the cell wall)
  - gram positive bacteria
  - gram negative bacteria



**G +ve** ↗ no outer membrane



**G -ve** ↗ no teichoic acid & lipoteichoic acid.

① peptidoglycan :-

- (50%) thick
- (NAM - NAG)  
  └ peptide

② lipoteichoic acid :-

- link with the cell membrane

③ teichoic acid :-

- polymers of glycerol or Ribitol
- linked with the cell wall
- major surface Ag (antigen) of G+ve
- highly immunogenic (it cause the immune response and release):
  - ① - TNF-α
  - ② - IL-1
- responsible for Toxic shock

① peptidoglycan :-

- (5%) thin layer
- 2 sheets of (NAM - NAG)  
  └ peptide

② Outer membrane :-

a. bilayer phospholipid :-

b. lipopolysaccharides :

- ① lipid A (endotoxin)
- ② polysaccharides (somatic O Ag)

c. porins :-

- hydrophobic proteins
- in the outer membrane
- transportation .

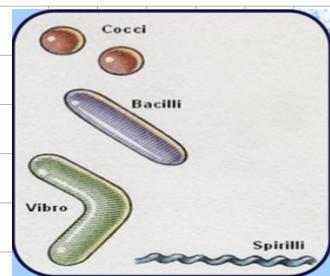
③ periplasmic space :-

- space between cytoplasmic & outer membrane
- composed of peptidoglycan layer & gel-like proteins

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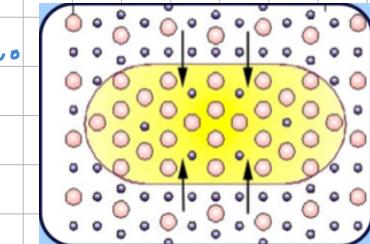
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↳ deficient of cell wall → polymorphic → e.g. mycoplasma.



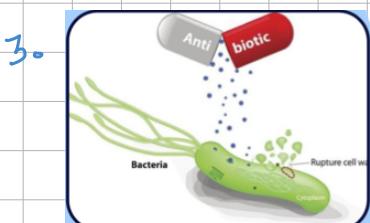
### 2 - protection & Osmosis insensitive.

↳ the cell membrane can't hold the osmotic pressure, so there is a cell wall.



### 3 - target site for antibiotics

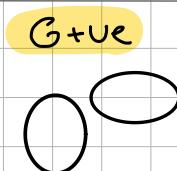
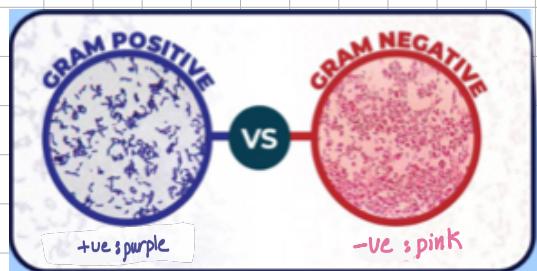
↳ Penicillin & Cephalosporines work on the cell wall.



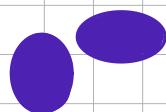
### 4 - role in cell division

### 5 - responsible for staining

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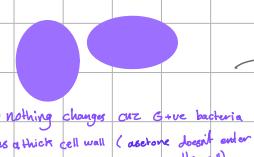
G+ve



①  
Crystal violet

②  
Iodine

\* For color fixation



\* Nothing changes cuz G+ve bacteria has a thick cell wall (acetone doesn't enter the cell)

③  
Asetone

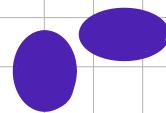
\* For decolorisation

④  
Counter stain

Safstranin is pink

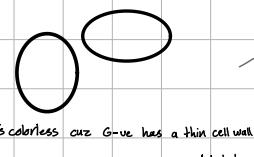


G-ve



①  
Crystal violet

\* For color fixation



\* it's colorless cuz G-ve has a thin cell wall and the outer membrane dissolves in alcohol

so the acetone enters the cell



## \* Bacteria without cell wall :-

① naturally :-

- mycoplasma  
(has sterol)

② Induced :-

- cell wall inhibitors  
- Lysozyme

completely

cell

+ve  $\rightarrow$  protoplast

-ve  $\rightarrow$  sphaeroplast

Partially

cell

L-form bacteria

Q. Do L-form & mycoplasma resist to penicillin & Cephalosporines ?

yes, because we use antibiotics work on the cell membrane and these bacteria don't have cell wall.



## \* structures outside the cell wall 8—

- capsule.
- Flagella.
- Pili.
- spore formation.

## \* Capsule 8—

### -definition—

#### - Glyco<sub>ly</sub>x

carbohydrates enveloped

- Gelatinous (viscous) layer covering cell wall of some bacteria

- extra layer

### - composition 8—

- usually polysaccharides → exception: *B. anthracis* its capsule made of poly peptide

- the variation of capsule → depend on "different arrangement of polysaccharides"

→ e.g. (*Str. pneumoniae*) → has 91 types

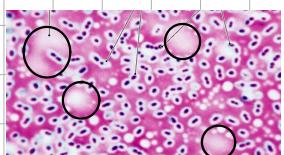
- don't stain by Gram stain

- Quellung reaction (swelling) → when an antibodies (specific to the capsule)

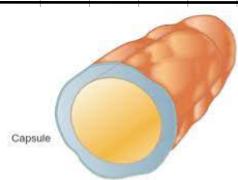
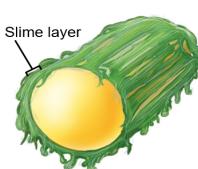
are added to the bacteria and bind with it, its capsule will swell.

this reaction is used for identification of bacteria that have a capsule.

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| sucrose - mannose - lactose |
| mannose - sucrose - lactose |
| mannose - sucrose - mannose |
| * the different arrangement |



\* unstained halo around the organisms

|             | the binding to the cell wall | the Adherence to surface organism |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Capsule     | tightly & organized          | firmly                            |  <p>Capsule</p> <p>Capsule is a glyco<sub>ly</sub>x layer, consisting of firmly associated polysaccharide molecules with the cell wall</p> <p>Composed of polysaccharides</p> <p>Thicker than the slime layer</p> <p>Tightly bound to the cell wall</p> <p>Well organized layer; difficult to be washed off</p> <p>Acts as a virulence factor that helps to evade phagocytosis</p> |
| Glycocalyx  | loosely & unorganized        | firmly                            | <p>* has fibrils extending, it adhere firmly to skin, heart. e.g. <i>Strept. mutans</i></p> <p>A thin glycocalyx layer</p> <p>Loosely bound to the cell wall</p> <p>Unorganized layer and can be easily washed off</p> <p>Mainly aids in the adherence; also protects the cell from dehydration and nutrient loss</p>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Slime layer | loosely & unorganized        | loosely                           |  <p>Slime layer</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## - Functions -

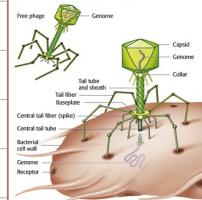
- protect cell wall from ① bacteriophage & virus can infect the bacteria and it has receptors on the bacterial cell wall

, but because of capsule, the virus won't be able to bind with the cell wall

② complement : complement components bind to the bacterial cell wall

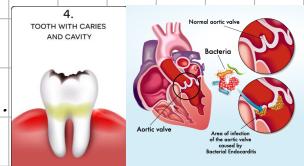
but because of capsule, they won't be able to bind with the cell wall

③ lysosomes : breakdown the bacterial cell wall but the capsule will protect it



- Prevent phagocytosis (virulence) *(هذا يفعل)*

- attachment of Glycocalyx by using its fibrils leads to fermentation of sugars to acids, like what happens in: ① dental caries ② prosthetic heart valve.



- development of vaccines

## \* Flagella &

### - definition &

- long thick threads like filamentous formed from protein (Flagellin : H antigen)

- seen by EM (20nm)

- distribution of flagella: ① <sup>polar</sup> → monotrichous / amphitrichous / lophotrichous  
 ② peritrichous (around) → e.g. salmonella typhi

the capsule is formed when the bacteria enters the host cell (vivo: living cells)

### - Function:-

- the organ of motility

- the "proton motive force" provides the rings energy to move, so flagella moves, leads to motility of the bacteria

- motility of G-ve more active than G+ve

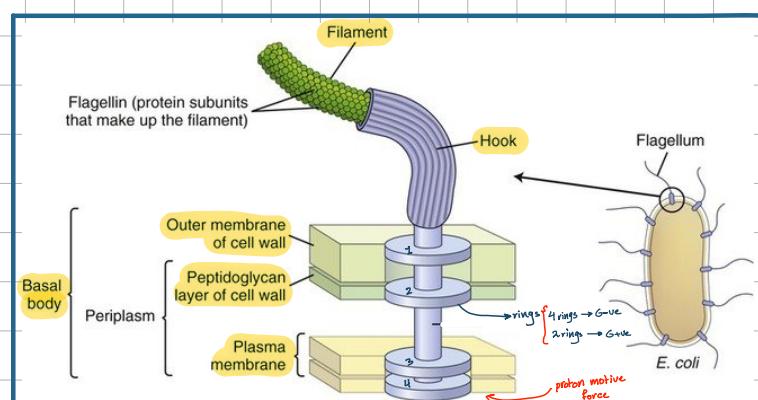
- tactic response (taxis)

the agents bind to its receptor on the bacteria, if it was good agent

the bacteria will send signals to the flagella to go toward it: (+ve) chemotactic response

, and if it was harmful agent the the bacteria will send signals to the flagella to go away from it (-ve) chemotactic response.

\* if the stimulating agent was chemical → the tactic response will be chemotaxis

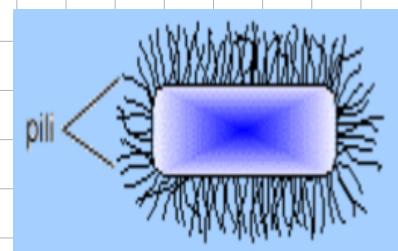


Endoflagella :-  
 some bacteria has flagella inside them (axial filament)  
 e.g. spirochaetes

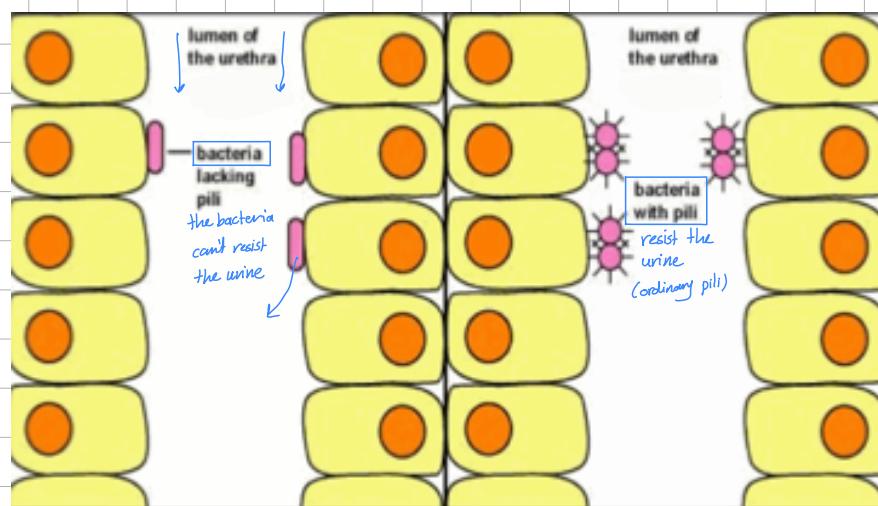
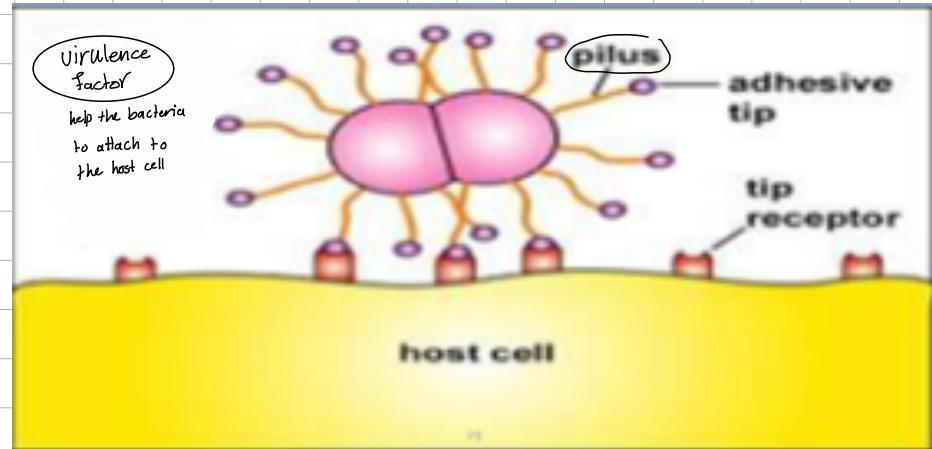
\* = = = = = light → = = = = = phototaxis)

## \* pili 8—

- short and thin
- hair like formed from protein (pilin)
- seen by EM
- 2 types ① ordinary pili (attachment)

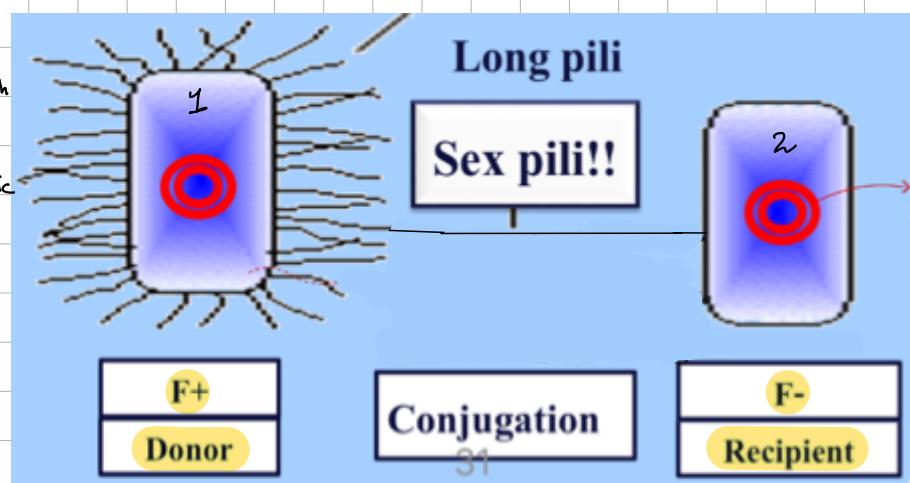


urine



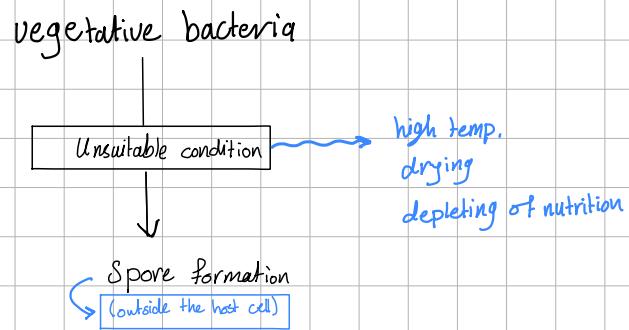
## ② Sex pili (conjugation)

- long pili
- bacteria number 1 has genetic material with a specific properties, make a copy of the genetic material and give it to bacteria number 2 by "sex pili"



## \* Spore Formation 8

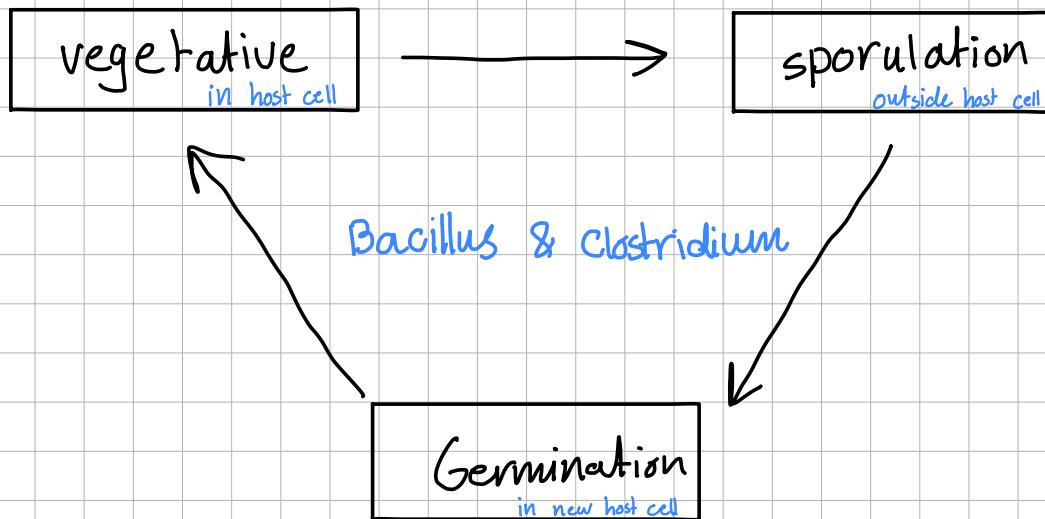
- when bacteria enters a host cell, it starts to divide, ... which called vegetative phase.



Spore 8 highly resistant resting phase (endospores) in VITRO (outside the host cell)  
no division, no reproduction, ...

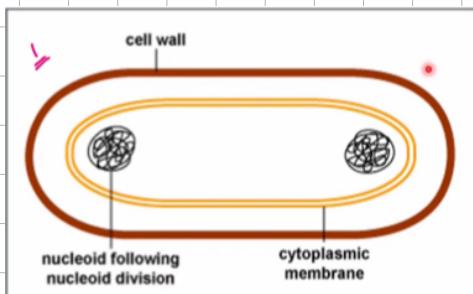
- highly resistant to dryness, heat & disinfectant-  
e.g. *Bacillus* & *Clostridium*

\* can't be stained by ordinary stain

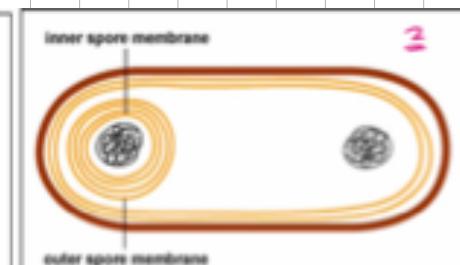
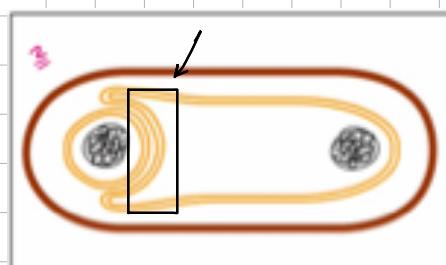


\* the steps :-

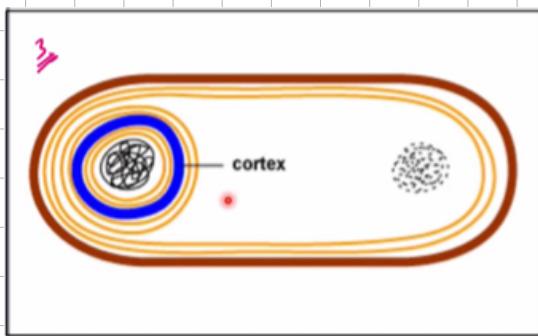
① DNA replication



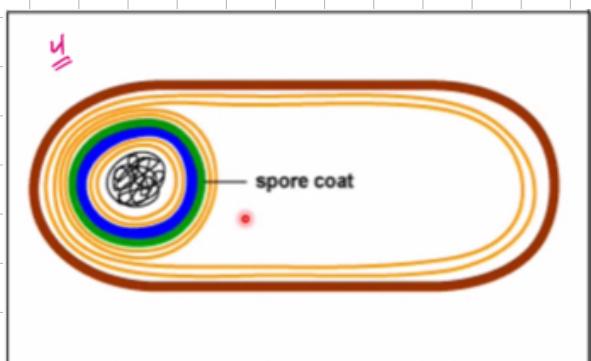
② Formation of multiple layers of cell membrane & peptidoglycans



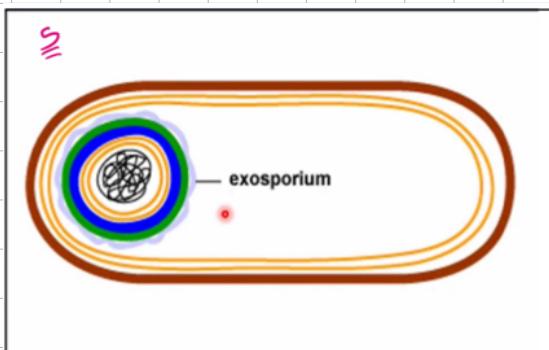
③ produce  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  & dipicolinic acid  
forming a hard layer called "cortex"



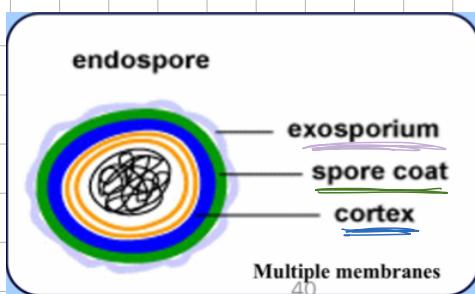
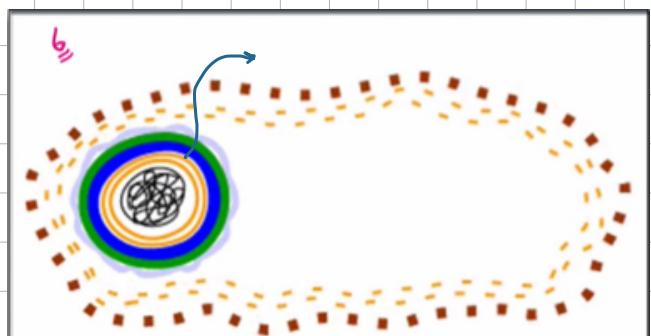
④ Formation of spore coat (from more than 80 types of proteins)



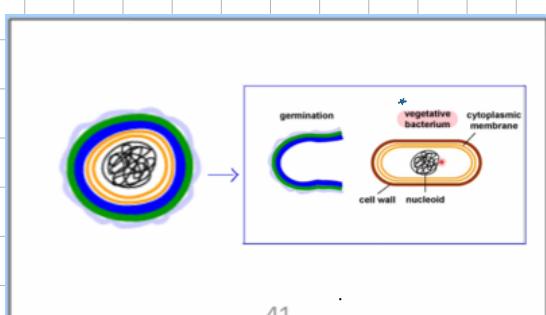
⑤ Formation exosporium  
(collagen-like glycoprotein)



⑥ get out of the cell and live for many years



when it  
enters a  
new host  
cell



X

## Position of spores



*B. anthracis*

Central & Oval



*Cl. perfringens*

Sub-terminal & Oval



*Cl. Tetani*

Terminal & Spherical

end of Lec2.

**TO BE  
CONTINUED**

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