Intro. to Vecica Viro ogy





Objectives:

• General characteristics of viruses.

- Structure & symmetry of viruses.
- Classification of viruses.
- Steps of virus replication.
- Laboratory diagnosis of viral infections.

PROPERTIES OF MICROORGANISMS:

| characteristic | Parasites | Fungi | Bacteria | <u>Viruses</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Cell | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Type of nucleus | Eukaryotic | Eukaryotic | Prokaryotic | |
| Nucleic acid | Both DNA & RNA | Both DNA & RNA | Both DNA & RNA | DNA or RNA |
| Ribosomes | Present | Present | Present | Absent |
| Mitochondria | Present | Present | Absent | Absent |
| Replication | Mitosis | Budding or mitosis | Binary fission | special |

CHARACTERISTICS OF VIRUSES

A cellular organisms
Tiny particles
Obligate intracellular organisms
Replicate in a manner diff from cells
Size ; 20-300 nm



VIRAL STRUCTURE 1-Viral genome 2-Capsid 3-Envelope **1-Viral genome: DN**Δ (Deoxyribonucleic acid) All DNA Vs have ds except Parvoviruses Single molecule Or **RNA** (Ribonucleic acid) All RNA Vs have ss except Reoviruses single / multiple (+) polarity (-) pol

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2-Capsid

a protein coat Subunits (capsomere) Genome (NA) + capsid = nucleocapsid Function: Protects NA Facilitates its entry into cell 3-Envelope
Lipoprotein mb (host lipid ,virus specific protein)
Budding
Envelope is derived from cell mb
except herpesviruses
from nuclear mb

VIRUS STRUCTURE



All Vs are haploid ,except retroviruses are diploid

SYMMETRY (shape of the virus): based on arrangement of capsomere

1-Cubic symmetry (Icosahedral):

- Herpes virus
- Adenovirus
- 2-Helical symmetry:
- Pleomorphic (influenza v)
- Elongated (filoviruses)
- 3- Complex symmetry:
- poxviruses







VIRAL PROTEINS:

The outer viral proteins:

- Mediate attachment to specific Rs.
- Induce neutralizing Abs.
- Target of Abs.

The internal viral proteins:

- Structural proteins (capsid proteins of enveloped Vs).
- Nonstructural proteins (enzymes):
- All ssRNA Vs (-) polarity have transcriptase(RNA dependent RNA polymerase) inside virions
- RetroVs & HBV contain reverse transcriptase



REPLICATION:

- 1. Adsorption (attachment)
- 2. Penetration
- 3. Uncoating
- 4. Synthesis of viral components
- mRNA
- Viral proteins
- NA
- 5. Assembly
- 6. release



ADSORPTION (ATTACHMENT SITE) :

some cells will have GLAYCOPROTIEN
 some will have SPECIAL FOLDING IN THE CAPSID PROTEINS.



WILL ATTACH TO A RESPTOIRER IN THE HOST CELL MEMBRAN .



SYNTHESIS OF VIRAL COMPONENTS :

3/ replication of viral Genome:

The mechanism will continue for the replication, as we side, one virus will produce in one cell millions of viruses

1/ mRNA :

Viral Genome (+) → mRNA Direct transcription of + single strand RNA

2/ Viral Protein :

mRNA→ Enzymes/ structural protein (Capsomere) Translated by the cells ribosomes



1-Budding

(enveloped Vs) -all Vs require their envelope from the cell mb* -expect (herpes Vs.) Require their envelope from the nuclear mb



2- Cell lysis or rupture for (no enveloped) Vs

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS OF VIRAL INFECTIONS:

- Microscopic examination.
- Cell culture.
- Serological tests .
- Detection of viral Ag.
- Molecular method .

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

Light microscopy:

to see the effect of the virus in the host cell "Histological appearance" **Ex.** Inclusion bodies *Owl's eye* (CMV)

Electron microscopy:

To detect and identify the virus based on Morphology& size of virions

Ex.

- Diagnosis of viral GE such as rota, adenoviruses.
- Diagnosis of skin lesion caused by herpes, poxviruses.

This micro scope has many disadvantages

Ex:

very expensive It is replaced by Ag detection & molecular tests



PROBLEMS WITH CELL CULTURE:

- 1. Long incubation
- 2. Sensitivity is variable
- 3. Susceptible to bacterial contamination
- 4. Some Vs do not grow in c/c ex. HCV

RAPID CULTURE TECHNIQUE :

Since the normal cell culture had to take a month to grow they came up with a new method :

Shell Vial Assay

Detect viral antigens 1-3 days



MOLECULAR TEST:

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) Amplification tech. Viral genome Uses of molecular test:

Diagnosis of viral disease
Monitoring response to treatment

Thank you

قال تعالى : (وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالإِيمَانَ مَنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلاَ يَجدُونَ في صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤثرُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوقَ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئَكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلَحُونَ

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MCQs:

- The genetic material in viruses is:
- a) DNA only b) Either DNA or RNA c) Both DNA & RNA d) RNA only
- Which one of the following is type of virus symmetry:
- a) Complex symmetry b) Columnar symmetry c) Simple symmetry
- Molecular test is used for:
- a) Prognosis b) Pathogenesis c) Diagnosis
- is an example of a virus that doesn't grow in cell culture :

a) HCV b) HIV c) CMV

• Viruses have organelles such as mitochondria.

a) T b) F

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