





Host Parasite Relationship



• Term

Extra explanation

Additional notes

Objectives

1-Define the terms:

-Host-parasite Relationship

- -Pathogenicity
- -Pathogen

-Disease

-Resistance

-Susceptibility

-Infection

-Virulence

-Transmissibility

2-Know the division of host resistance to parasite.
3-Know the division of pathogens.
4-Know the determinants of pathogenicity.
5-Differentiate between Exotoxin and Endotoxin
6-Know about Koch's Postulates





Host-Parasite Relationship

• Human host is normally in contact with many microorganisms (normal flora), only a small number of these microorganism (primary and opportunistic pathogens) can cause disease.

 Host-parasite relationships: is characterized by fighting the organism to invade the body and the body defending itself by protective measures.

Host-Parasite Relationship can be discussed under:

A-Pathogenecity

B- Normal flora



Pathogenicity

- The ability of a microorganism to cause disease (الامراضية)
- Host resistance to parasite invasion is divided into:

A. Non specific resistance.

It is part of natural constitution of the host. Ex:

- Skin mechanical barrier .
- Ciliated epithelium of respiratory tract .
- Competition by normal flora
- \checkmark Low PH in the stomach .
- ✓ Cough.
- Neutrophils .
- Peristalsis (1)
- Lysozymes (2)

B. Specific "Acquired" resistance: It is specific to a certain organism. Ex: ✓ Antibodies

(1)The progressive wave of contraction and relaxation of a tubular muscular system, especially the alimentary canal by which the contents are forced through the system.
(2)An enzyme that is destructive of bacteria and functions

as an antiseptic.

Pathogen : a microorganism having the capacity to cause disease in a particular host.

Can be divided according to **the degree of Pathogenecity** into:

a) Primary pathogens:

-When the organism is able to produce disease even in an apparently healthy host

-Cause disease in non- immune host to that organism.

- e.g. Bordetella species
 - Mycobacterium tuberculosis

b) Opportunistic pathogens:

-When the organism causes disease only when the host's defenses are impaired

-Having low pathogenecity and infect people with low immunity.

e.g. -Pseudomonas

Disease : is the end product of an infectious process



- **Resistance:** the ability of the host to prevent establishment of infection by using its defense mechanisms.
- Susceptibility: the lack of this resistance and establishment of disease
- Transmissibility: the ability to spread from one host to another. This enables microorganism to maintain continuity of its species in the event of death of original host.
- Infection: is simply invasion of cells and multiplication by microorganisms WITHOUT tissue destruction.
- Virulence: in an ability to invade and DESTROY tissue to produce disease.

It is measured by the Lethal Dose 50 "LD50" which is the number of organisms or mg. of toxins that will kill 50% of susceptible lab animal. If the LD50 is small the microorganism is considered highly virulent and when it is high the microorganism will be lowly virulent.



Determinants of Pathogenecity

Before causing disease, the microorganism should have the ability to:

- a) Adhere: the ability to attach firmly to host epithelial surface.
- **b)** Survive host natural defense mechanisms.
- c) Multiply to large numbers.
- d) Tissue Destruction: the ability to overcome host defense, invade the tissues and cause destruction to produce clinical disease.

Adhesion& Tissue Destruction



Adherence

By means of adhesions (attachment apparatus) on bacterial surfaces.

e.g. a) Pili b) Other protein surface structures

-Structures on host cells include:

- a) Fibronectin
- b) Proteins and glycopeptide parts

Tissue destruction is produced by:

a) Toxin production ,either:

- Exotoxin, or
- Endotoxin

b) Invasion by:

- Capsulated , or
- Non-capsulated organism



Capsulated organisms :

bacteria that have capsule. Bacterial capsules are all made of polysaccharide except that of **Bacillus** anthracis (made of polypeptide). -Capsule prevents phagocytosis. But such organisms are readily killed once they are phagocytosed. So called **extracellular** organisms

e.g. Pneumococcus

Non capsulated organisms

resist intracellular killing so called **intracellular organisms**.

e.g. Mycobacterium tuberculosis Salmonella typhi, Brucella species, etc.



Exotoxin vs Endotoxin

Exotoxin can be:

a) A – B exotoxins e.g.Cholera toxins A : Active unit B : Binding unit for attachment

b)Membrane active exotoxin

e.g. Haemolysin of group A Streptococci

Exotoxin	Endotoxin
protein	Lipopolysaccharide
Soluble	Part of cell wall
Heat Labile	Heat stable
Pharmacologically specific action	Non-Specific
High Immunogenicity	Low Immunogenicity
Inactivated by chemicals to toxoids	Do not form toxoids
No Fever	Induce Fever





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Koch's Postulates:

For a microorganism to be accepted as the cause of an infectious disease it must satisfy all or most of these criteria:



(1)Some organisms are yet to be cultured in the lab. Ex: Treponema pallidum, Mycobacterium leprae.







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