



# RRB PHARMACIST

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# 40 QUESTIONS

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## Acquired resistance

- **It is the development of resistance by an organism (which was sensitive before) due to the use of an AMA over a period of time.**
- **This can happen with any microbe and is a major clinical problem. However, development of resistance is dependent on the microorganism as well as on the drug.**
- **Some bacteria are notorious for rapid acquisition of resistance, e.g. staphylococci, coliforms, tubercle bacilli.**
- **Others like Strep. pyogenes and spirochetes have not developed significant resistance to penicillin despite its widespread use for > 50 years.**

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**Bovis bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, an attenuated strain of *M. bovis*, has been widely used for control of human tuberculosis despite controversy over its protective efficacy.**

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**Bacteria are the smallest living cells with a cell wall. The size of bacterial cells can range from 0.1 to 100 micrometers, and some bacteria, like Mycoplasma gallicepticum, are thought to be the smallest known organisms with a cell wall, measuring 0.2 to 0.3 micrometers.**

## 4. Streptococci are arranged in

- (a) Cluster
- (b) Chain
- (c) Circle
- (d) Half circle

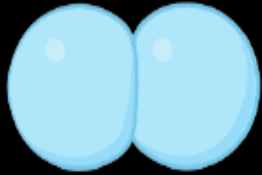
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Sarcinae  
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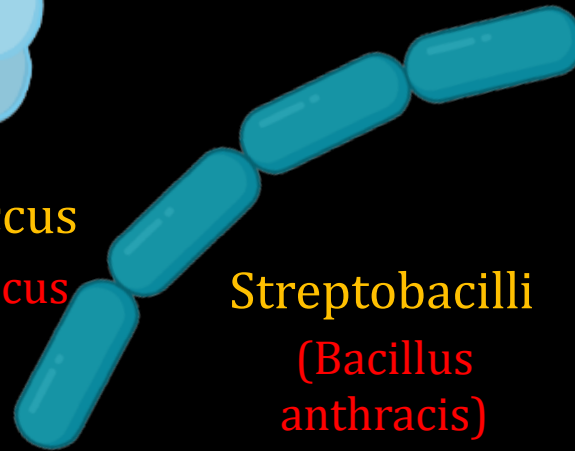
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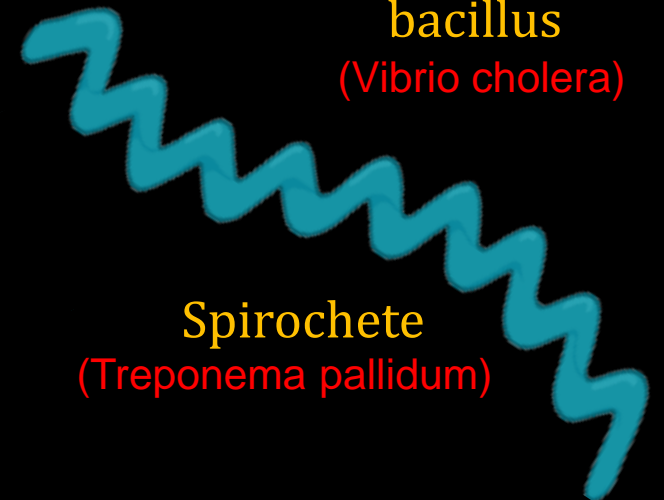
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(Vibrio cholera)



Streptobacilli  
(Bacillus anthracis)



Spirochete  
(Treponema pallidum)

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**Azotobacter spp. are Gram-negative, aerobic, and heterotrophic bacteria. They are nonsymbiotic nitrogen fixers capable of operating under normal atmospheric partial pressure of oxygen. Azotobacter spp. has the highest metabolic rate among other microbes.**

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# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRAM +VE & GRAM -VE BACTERIA

## Gram-positive bacteria

- Retains crystal violet dye and appear dark violet or purple
- Peptidoglycan layer is thick(multi layered)
- Teichoic acids are present in many
- Periplasmic space is absent
- Outer membrane is absent
- Lipid and lipoprotein content is low
- Primarily produce exotoxins
- Inhibited by basic dyes
- Resistance to physical disruption is high
- Resistance to sodium azide is high
- Resistance to drying is high
- Nutritional requirement is relatively complex
- Mesosomes present

## Gram-negative bacteria

- Do not retain crystal violet, take counter stain (safranin) and appear red/ pink.
- Peptidoglycan layer is thin (single layered).
- Absent
- Present
- Present
- High (due to presence of outer membrane).
- Primarily produce endotoxins
- Usually not inhibited
- Low
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Staining Techniques	Reagents/observation	Result/used
<b>Ziehl Neelsen/ Acid Fast Staining</b>	Reagents: (i) Primary dye (Carbol fuchsin) (ii) Decolorizer (20% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ) (iii) Counter stain (Methylene Blue) Acid fast bacteria give red to purple due to retain carbol fuchsin and give color. Acid fast: Bright red to intensive purple Non-acid fast: Blue color	Acid fast stains are used to differentiate acid fast bacteria (M. Tuberculosis and Leprae) due to presence of mycolic acid.



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**Viruses: Are made up of genetic material (RNA or DNA) and a protective protein coating (capsid). Sometimes have another layer called an envelope around the capsid. Viruses without an envelope are called “naked viruses.”**

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**The largest species of algae is the giant kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera*, which can grow up to 65 meters (215 feet) long. It's a brown algae that lives near rocky shores in the Pacific Ocean and can grow up to 60 centimeters per day, or almost 3 centimeters per hour.**

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**1590: Two Dutch spectacle-makers and father-and-son team, Hans and Zacharias Janssen, create the first microscope.**



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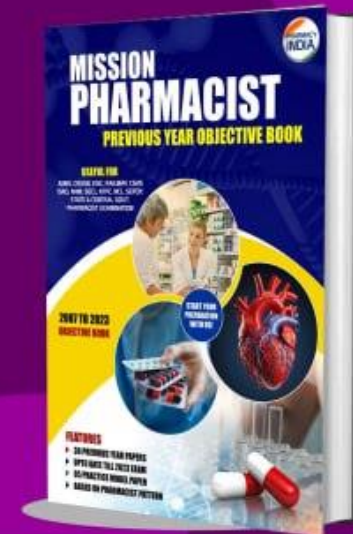
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**The yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* remains the preferred organism for ethanol production due to its high ethanol, osmo- and inhibitor tolerance in industrial processes, but it lacks starch degrading enzymes required for the efficient utilisation of starch.**

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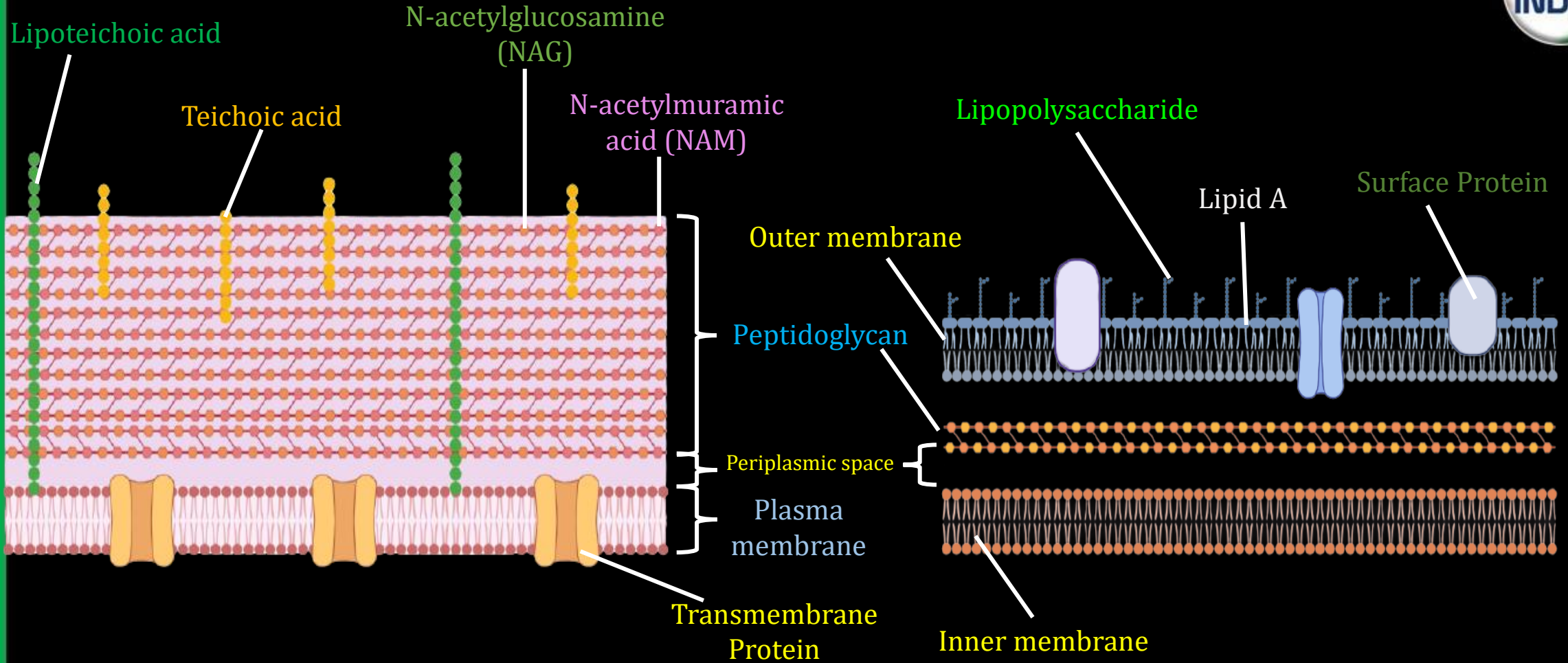
- **Pili** are involved in the process of bacterial conjugation where they are called conjugation pili or "**sex pili**".
- It is made up of **pilin protein**.
- Pili are absent in **gram-positive bacteria** and present in **gram-negative bacteria**.
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- Leptospirosis is an infectious disorder of animals and humans and is the most common zoonotic infection in the world.
- This infection is easily transmitted from infected animals through their urine, either directly or through infected soil or water.
- Also called as Weil's disease.



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## **Thermophilic Microorganisms**

- Thermophiles are organisms that can grow in temperatures above 40°C, with a minimum growth temperature of around 45°C.
- Their optimal growth temperature is typically between 50–65°C, though some can tolerate up to 80°C.

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## Coagulase Test

- The coagulase test is a biochemical test that identifies Gram-positive bacteria that are positive for the coagulase enzyme, which clots blood plasma.
- The test is commonly used to identify *Staphylococcus aureus*, a pathogenic, coagulase-positive bacteria that is small and round and appears in clusters under a microscope.

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**Sporangiospores are produced by fungi of the Chytridiomycetes and Zygomycetes groups, as well the Oomycetes, a group of fungi that is phylogenetically unrelated to the true fungi. The sexual propagation of the fungi that produce sporangiospores occurs via the zygospore.**

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**The presence of pathogenic bacteria in the blood is called bacteremia or septicemia, which is also known as blood poisoning.**

**Septicemia is an infection that occurs when bacteria enter the bloodstream and spread. It can lead to sepsis, the body's reaction to the infection, which can cause organ damage and even death.**

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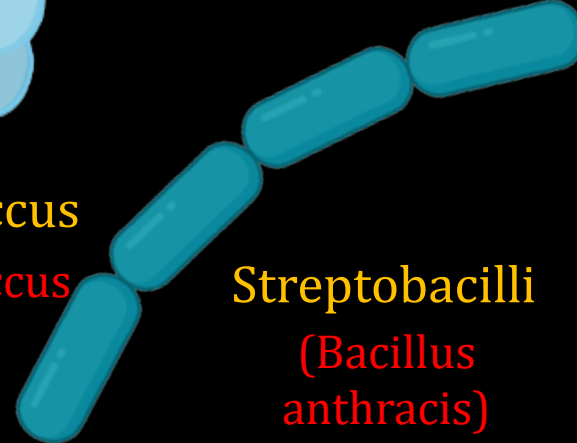
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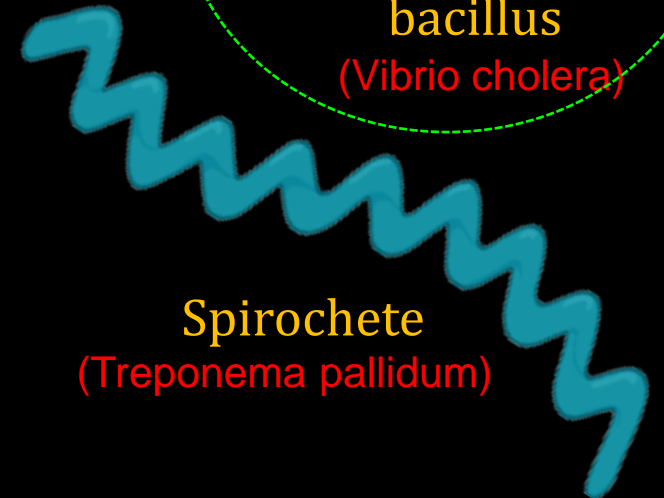
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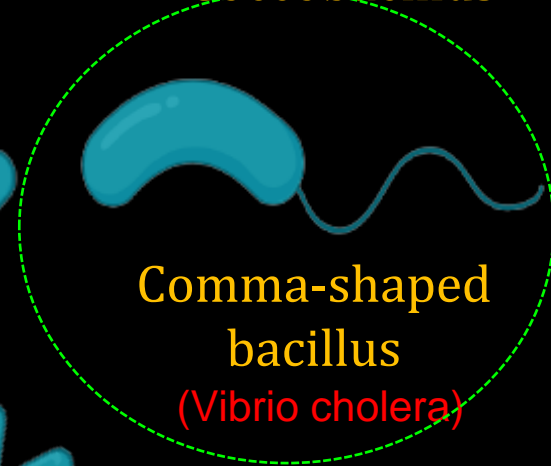
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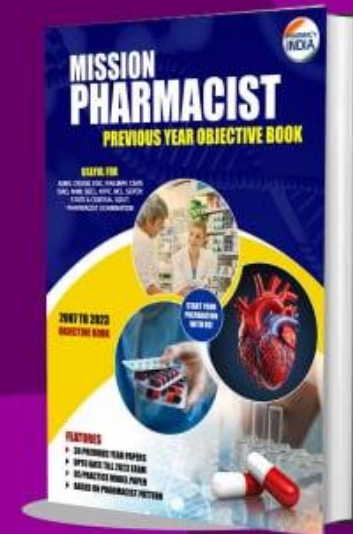
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**Janus Green B belongs to the phenazine group of dyes. It is a dark green/dark brown/dark black in color.**

**It is a basic cationic vital dye that is used to stain mitochondria in living cells without killing them. Janus Green B is chemically diethyl safranin-azo-dimethyl aniline.**



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**Spirochetes, which are members of a group of gram-negative bacteria with a spiral or flat-wave cell body, also show flagella-dependent motility, but their flagella are hidden within the periplasmic space and are thus called periplasmic flagella (PFs).**

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**It's bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal, and trichomonacidal, like iodine, but it doesn't stain natural fabrics.**

**Povidone iodine is also non-irritating and can be used as an antiseptic microbicide.**

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**According to the model of Helmstetter and Cooper (19), DNA replication (or the C period) of E. coli cells growing with doubling times of between 20 and 60 min takes about 40 min. After termination of DNA replication, the cell needs another 20 min (the D period) to divide into two daughter cells.**

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## Contributions of Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)

1. Pasteur disproved the theory of spontaneous generation by Swan-neck experiment.
2. He discovered Fermentation of solutions was caused by microorganisms & not by any spontaneous chemical reactions.
3. He discovered existence of life in absence of oxygen & thus used the terms anaerobic (in absence of oxygen) & aerobic (in presence of oxygen) for the organisms that can live in absence & presence of oxygen respectively.
4. He discovered process of Pasteurization (killing microorganism by mild heat).
5. He developed vaccines against chicken cholera, anthrax & rabies.
6. He introduced sterilization techniques & developed steam sterilization, hot air oven & autoclave for sterilization.
7. He isolated germs responsible for chickenpox, cholera & rabies.
8. He suggested methods to control cross infection in hospitals (nosocomial infections).
9. He introduced attenuated live vaccines for prophylactic use.
10. He discovered Staphylococcus, Streptococcus & Pneumococcus

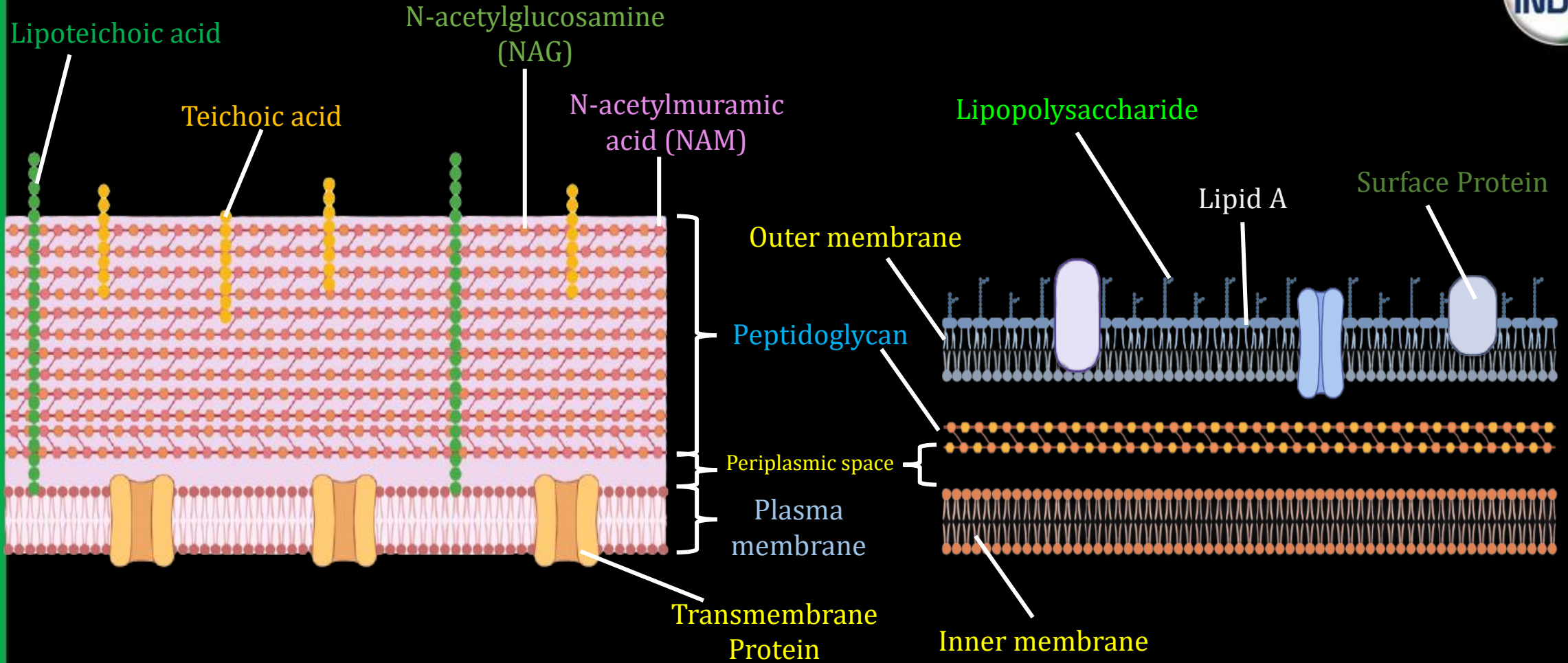
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**The fungi body except for unicellular yeast are produced by long, slender, filamentous thread-like structures known as hyphae. A group of hyphae is known as mycelium.**



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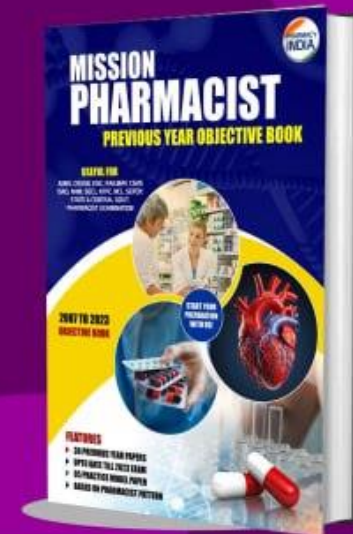
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## **Hanging Drop Method**

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Members of one family of RNA viruses, the retroviruses, cause cancer in a variety of animal species, including humans. One human retrovirus, human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I (HTLV-I), is the causative agent of adult T-cell leukemia, which is common in parts of Japan, the Caribbean, and Africa.

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## **Culture media used in sterility tests can include:**

1. Soybean-Casein Digest Medium (Trypticase Soy Broth, TSB)
2. Fluid Thioglycollate Medium (FTM)
3. Alternative Thioglycollate Medium

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- In 1834 a German chemist, Freidlieb Ferdinand Runge, discovered a carbolic acid.
- Lister felt that this substance had potential as a disinfectant and he started to experiment with it on his patients.
- Initially, Lister used the carbolic acid to clean compound fracture wounds, and the results were quite remarkable.
- He described his findings in a report in the Lancet in 1867.

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A toadstool is a type of fungus that is the fruiting body of a fungus that appears above ground and has an umbrella-shaped pileus. Toadstools are also known as tubers and can be poisonous or inedible.

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Vaccines can be either monovalent or multivalent depending on the number of antigenic targets present. Monovalent or univalent vaccines immunize against a single antigen or microorganism.

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Vaccines licensed for refrigerator storage should be stored at 2°C-8°C (36°F-46°F). Liquid vaccines containing an aluminum adjuvant permanently lose potency when exposed to freezing temperatures.

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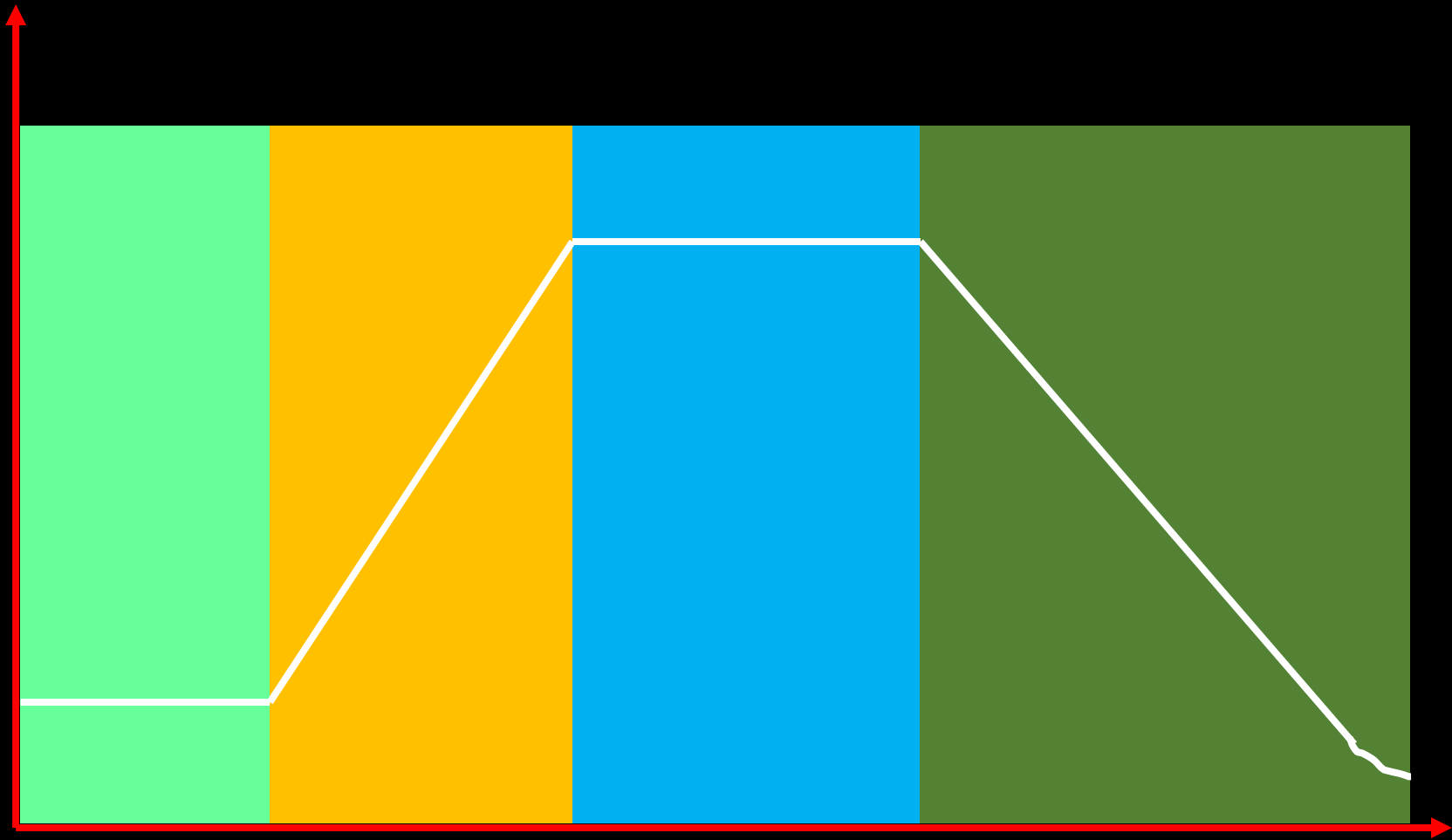
# Bacterial Growth Phases

## ➤ Lag phase:

- It is a phase of intense metabolic activity in which bacteria prepare for reproduction; synthesizing DNA, enzymes and other macromolecules needed for cell division.
- Therefore, during this phase there may be increase in size (volume) but no increase in cell number.

## ➤ Log phase or Exponential phase:

- This phase is characterized by cell doubling.
- During this phase the bacteria multiply at maximum rate and their number increases exponentially with time.



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**Septicemia is an infection that occurs when bacteria enter the bloodstream and spread. It can lead to sepsis, the body's reaction to the infection, which can cause organ damage and even death.**

**Pus formation also occurs in septicemia.**



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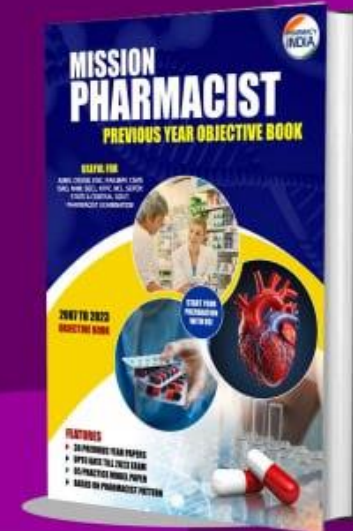
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