

Lab 2: Diagnostic Tests in Clinical Laboratories

450 MIC

PRACTICAL PART
SECTION (30397)

Diagnostic Virology

Virus Isolation and Cultivation

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Viral Antigen Detection

Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) detect either antigen (as a direct test)

Nasopharyngeal Aspirate = Influenza A and B
Skin = HSV
Blood = CMV (pp65 antigenaemia test)
Faeces = Adenoviruses

Serologic (Antibody Detection) Methods

Complement fixation test (CFT)

Hemagglutination Inhibition Test (HAI)

Immunofluorescence

Morphology of virus particles. Immune electron microscopy.

Mircoscopy:

Histological appearance of affected cells e.g: Inclusion bodies

Nucleic Acid Extraction

Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) detect AB

Real-Time PCR

Allows us to measure minute amounts of DNA sequences in a sample!

Nucleic Acid Amplification

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

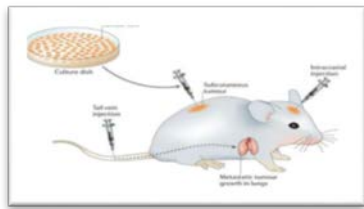
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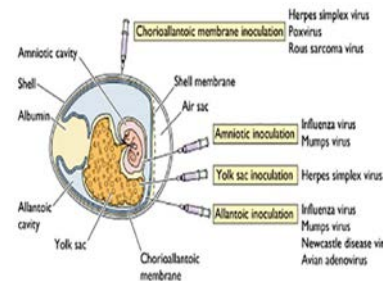
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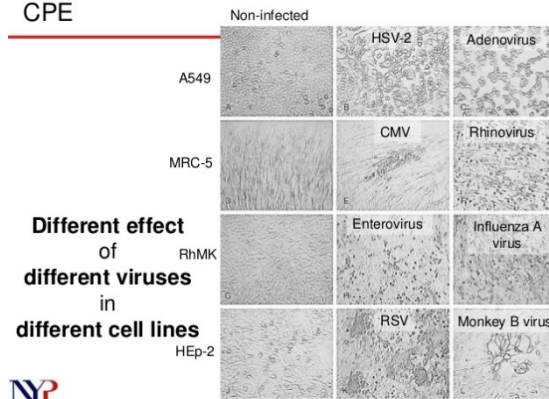
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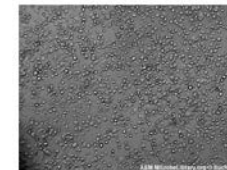
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Swelling and Clumping

Adenovirus infected cells greatly enlarge and clump together in "grape-like" clusters.



Cytomegalovirus infected cells swell and round up



2- Viral Antigen and Antibody Detection

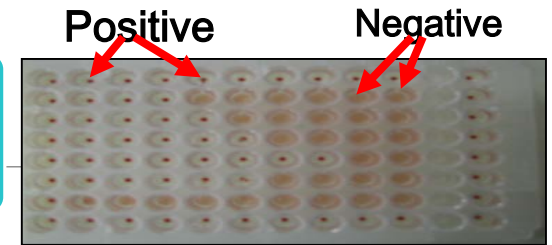
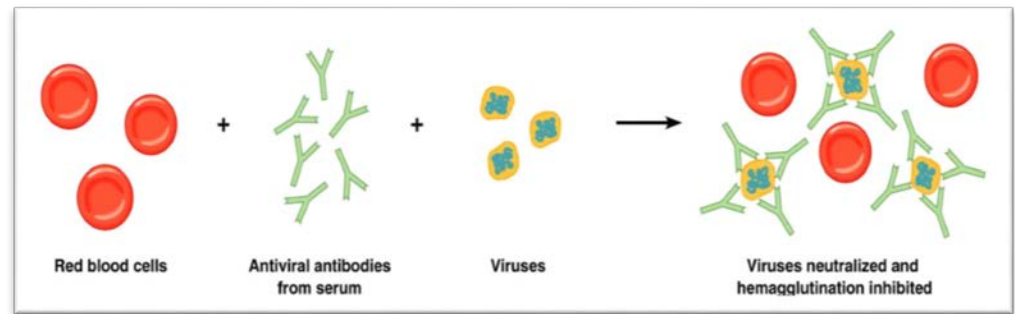
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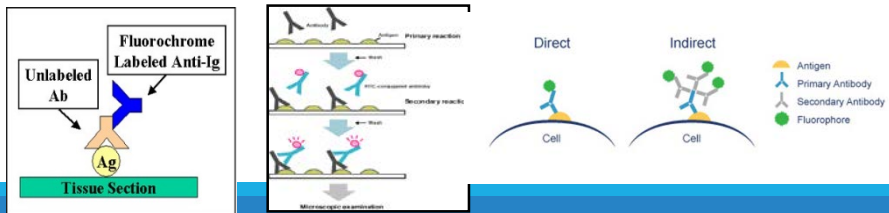
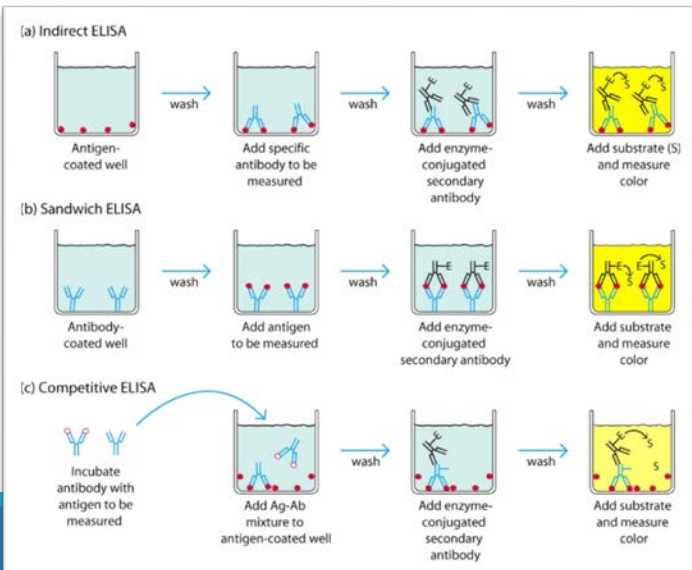
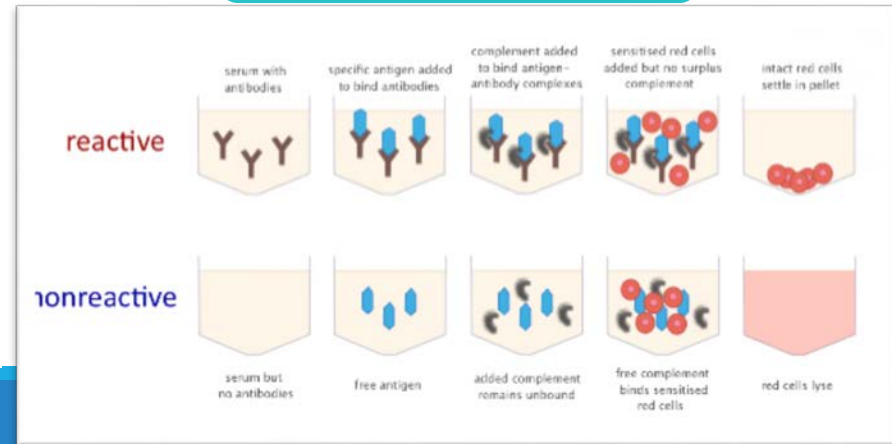
B-Immunofluorescence (IF)

utilizes fluorescent-labeled antibodies to detect specific target antigens. Fluorescein is a dye such as fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC) which emits greenish fluorescence under UV light. Immunofluorescent labeled tissue sections are studied using a fluorescence microscope

C-Complement fixation (CFT)



D-Hemagglutination Inhibition Test (HAI)



Direct IF Indirect IF

3- Microscopy:

A- Electron Microscopy:

Morphology of virus particles.

Immune electron microscopy:

There are two variants:

1- Classical Immune electron microscopy (IEM):

the sample is treated with specific anti-sera before being put up for EM. Viral particles present will be agglutinated and thus congregate together by the antibody.

2- Solid phase immune electron microscopy (SPIEM):

the grid is coated with specific anti-sera. Virus particles present in the sample will be absorbed onto the grid by the antibody.

B- Light Microscope:

Histological appearance of affected cells
e.g. Inclusion bodies

❖ Inclusion bodies:

- Inclusion bodies are virus-specific intracellular globular masses which are produced during replication of virus in host cells.

- They can be demonstrated in virus infected cells under light microscope after fixation & staining

e.g. Negri bodies in rabies .

4- Nucleic Acid Amplification

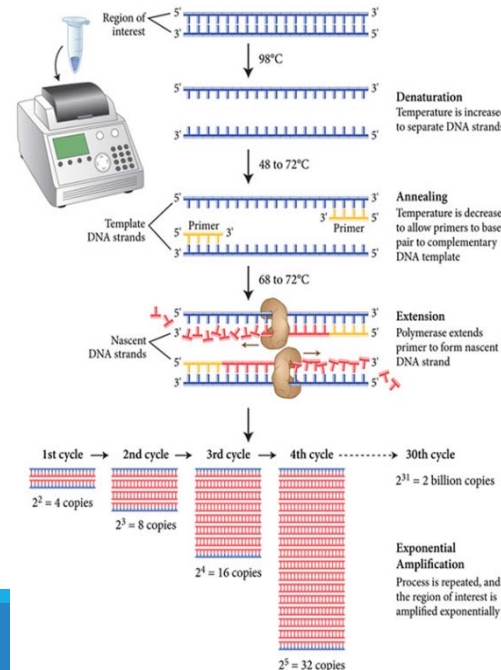
Detection of viral genome (molecular methods). Detection and identification of the PCR product is usually carried out by agarose gel electrophoresis, hybridization with a specific oligonucleotide probe, restriction enzyme analysis, or DNA sequencing.

Classical Molecular Techniques:

Southern blot, in-situ hybridization are examples of classical techniques. They depend on the use of specific DNA/RNA probes for hybridization.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

allows in vitro amplification of specific target DNA sequences by a factor of 10^6 and is thus an extremely sensitive technique.



Real-Time PCR

Allows a PCR reaction to be visualized “in real time” as the reaction progresses to measure minute amounts of DNA sequences in a sample!