MBIO140 Lecture-1

Microbiology

- Microbiology derived by Greek
- mikros (small)
- bios (life)
- logos (science)

- The study of organisms too small to be seen individually with the naked eye during part or all of their life cycle.
- This includes bacteria, archaea, viruses, fungi, prions, protozoa and algae, collectively known as 'microbes'.

Microbiology

It has different branches as follows:

1.	Bacteriology	Study of bacteria
2.	Virology	Study of viruses
3.	Protozoology	Study of protozoa
4.	Mycology	Study of fungi
5.	Phycology or Algology	Study of algae

Microorganisms

- A microorganism or microbe is an organism that is so small that it is microscopic (invisible to the naked eye).
- Microorganisms are often illustrated using single-celled, or unicellular

organisms and viruses, which are microscopic but not cellular.

Types of Microorganisms

Microorganisms include

- Bacteria,
- Viruses,
- Protozoa,
- Microscopic fungi and
- Algae.

Importance of Microorganisms



•Abu Bakr Al- Razi (250-311 H, 865-923 G).

• He was the first scientist to differentiate

between the "smallpox" and "measles", and

presented a detailed description of the two

diseases, and symptoms of each.



- Abu al- Qassim Al-Zahrawi (324-400 H, 936-1013 G).
- An Arabian scientist was known in the medicine field. Wrote in medical

encyclopedia and also books on open abscess and

treated warts.



- (Ibn Sina) (368- 424 H, 980-1037 G).
- His book *The Canon of Medicine* was one of the best references in medicine

and pharmacology know for describing

infectious diseases and quarantine them as

control procedures.

• In Pharmacology, he discussed how to

effectively test new medicines.



Antony Van Leeuwenhoek (1632 – 1723)

- Invented the first practical microscopes and used them to become the first person to see and describe bacteria.
- Descriptions of Protozoa, basic types of bacteria, yeasts and algae.
- Father of Bacteriology and protozoology.
- ✤ In 1676, he observed and described microorganisms such as bacteria and protozoa as "Animalcules".

The van Leeuwenhoek microscope



- Louis Pasteur, a chemist, scientist, and inventor (1822–1895).
- "A father of microbiology".

- Vaccines development- anthrax, cholera, TB, rabies.

- Infections caused by germs \rightarrow Healthcare awareness for surgeons.
- Food safety- "Pasteurization".

• Robert Koch (1843-1910).

- Discovery of the causative agent Anthrax, *Bacillus anthracis*.

- The causative agent of cholera, *Vibrio cholerae*.

- The causative agent of tuberculosis, the slow-growing bacterium,

Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

- Developing the technique of growing bacteria

- (Isolating pure culture on solid media).



• Robert Koch- Four postulates:

- The organism must always be present, in every case of the disease.

 The organism must be isolated from a host containing the disease and grown in pure culture.

- Samples of the organism taken from pure culture must cause the same disease when inoculated into a healthy, susceptible animal in the laboratory.

The organism must be isolated from the inoculated animal and must be identified as
the same original organism first isolated from the originally diseased host.

Koch's postulates



QUESTIONS??

