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#### Virological Tests

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#### Overview

- Clinical virology lab can provide significant benefit to patient care
- Traditionally epidemiologic and academic role
- Current rapid assays impact on therapeutic and public health decisions.
  - Change largely due to molecular methods

#### Why Expanding Role for Diagnostic Virology Lab

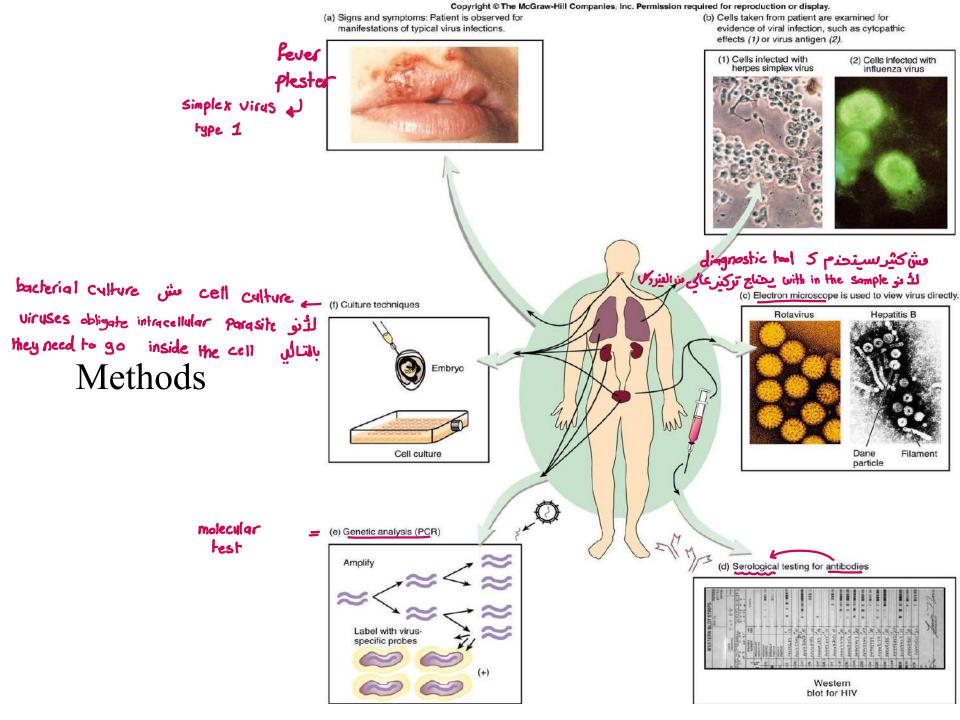
- Increased pool of immunocompromised
- Increasing antiviral agents
- Results in increasing demand for rapid methods, viral load testing, antiviral susceptibility, genotyping.

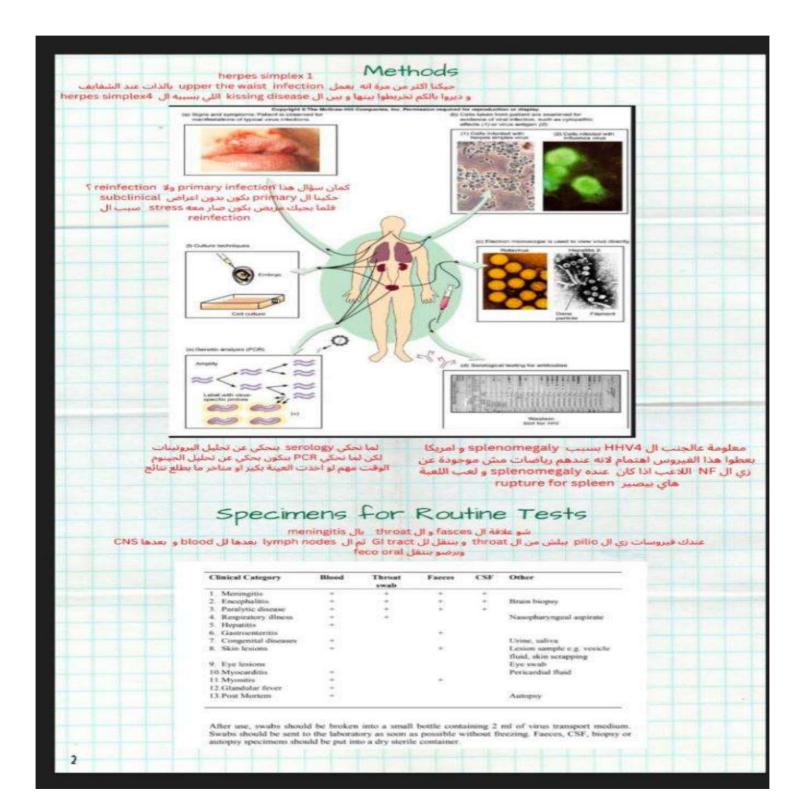
# Methods in use in virology.

- Detecting Active Infection:
  - Electron Microscopy
  - Viral culture
  - Detection of viral antigens
  - Detection of viral nucleic acid.
  - Histopathology
- Assessing virus-specific immune response
  - Serologic testing

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## Specimen choice and collection

- Specimen quality limits test quality
- Pathogen detection depends on:
  - Appropriate collection site.
  - Proper timing of specimen collection.
  - Effective and timely processing of sufficient specimen.

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#### Specimens for Routine Tests swap in ingities inferent cause cus inferent deals ause cus inferent deal

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Clinical Category	Blood	Throat swab	Faeces	CSF	Other
1. Meningitis	+	+	+	+	
2. Encephalitis	+	+	+	+	Brain biopsy
3. Paralytic disease	+	+	+	+	
4. Respiratory illness	+	+			Nasopharyngeal aspirate
5. Hepatitis	+				
6. Gastroenteritis			+		
7. Congenital diseases	+				Urine, saliva
8. Skin lesions	+		+		Lesion sample e.g. vesicle fluid, skin scrapping
9. Eye lesions					Eye swab
10.Myocarditis	+				Pericardial fluid
11.Myositis	+		+		
12.Glandular fever	+				
13.Post Mortem	+				Autopsy
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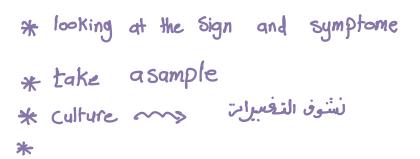
After use, swabs should be broken into a small bottle containing 2 ml of virus transport medium. Swabs should be sent to the laboratory as soon as possible without freezing. Faeces, CSF, biopsy or autopsy specimens should be put into a dry sterile container.

### Specimen storage and transport

- Keep specimens other than blood at 4°C
- If delay >24hrs, freeze at  $-70^{\circ}$ C or below.
- Avoid any storage at -20°C: greater loss in infectivity
- Nonenveloped viruses (adenovirus, enteroviruses) more stable than enveloped (e.g. RSV, VZV, CMV).

# Diagnosis of viral diseases

- More difficult than other agents
- Consider overall clinical picture
- Take appropriate sample
  - Infect cell culture- look for characteristic cytopathic effects
  - Screen for parts of the virus  $\rightarrow$  Anligen
  - Detect for antibodies using serological or molecular techniques



#### **BASIC DIAGNOSTIC METHODS**

Diagnostic tests can be grouped into 3 categories:

- 1. Direct detection
- 2. Indirect detection (virus isolation)
- 3. Serology

#### **Direct Examination**

1. Electron Microscopy

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2. Light Microscopy

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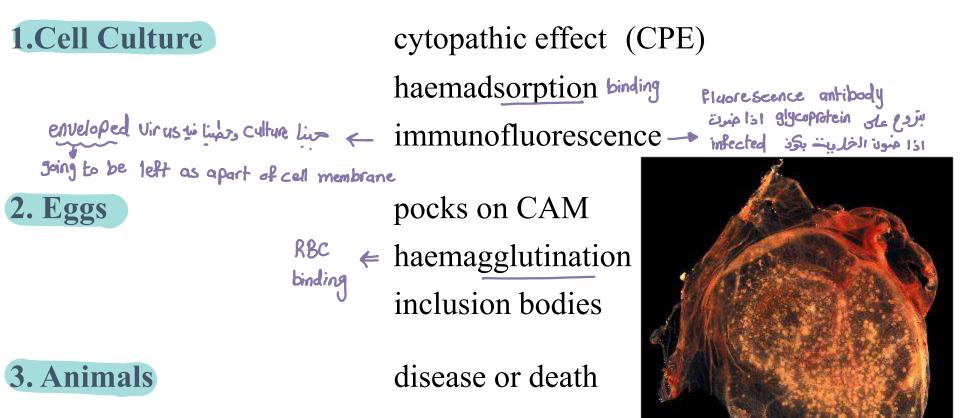
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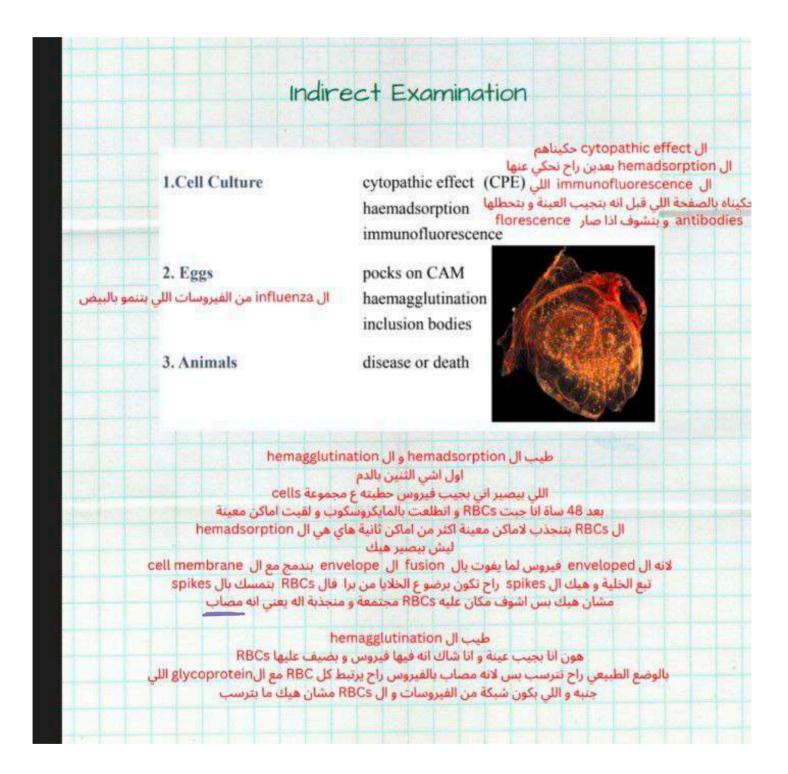
**3.** Viral Genome Detection

hybridization with specific nucleic acid probes polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

### Indirect Examination

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# Serology

first few day first few day Detection of rising titres of antibody between <u>acute</u> and <u>convalescent</u> stages of infection, or the detection of IgM in primary infection. \* IF I do asingle test (Ig6) is this going to be informating !! (مسب بج سو بترطلع) it is ainformative as a single teading ! convalescent eaute acute it is ainformative as a single teading ! convalescent eaute

**Classical Techniques** 

#### **Newer Techniques**

- 1. Complement fixation tests (CFT)
- 2. Haemagglutination inhibition tests
- 3. Immunofluorescence techniques (IF)
- 4. Neutralization tests
- 5. Counter-immunoelectrophoresis

- 1. Radioimmunoassay (RIA)
  - 2. Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (EIA)
- 3. Particle agglutination EIISA
- 4. Western Blot (WB)
- 5. RIBA, Line immunoassay

Why do yo need cell culture! progaration of the Virus (more copies of the Virus) Cell Culture certicn type of viruses that symp not success progarat in the lap.

- Viruses are obligate intracellular organisms require living cells for virus isolation
- Advantages:
  - Relatively sensitive and specific
  - Can detect many different viruses
  - Provides a viral isolate for further characterization (serotyping, genotyping, susceptibility)

#### Virus Isolation Primary is considered the best, the most expinsive, The least used. Cell Cultures are most widely used for virus isolation, there are 3 types of cell cultures: Similifaty العرد وتجبيب الكليت قامة ومقلاها الماي العرب الذي الزمي الترب للمانا الماي العرب الذي الذي الترب للمانا الماي العرب الذي الذي الذي الذي المانا (Monkey Kidney) (Plast المانا الماي العرب المانا الماي العرب المانا الماي العرب المانا الماي العرب المانا الم 2. Semi-continuous cells - 20-50 passages (Human embryonic kidney and skin fibroblasts) 3. Continuous cells - Indefinite passages (HeLa, Vero, Hep2, LLCmost used MK2 MDCK) Tumor cell line وأدنو عدي cell line providing them in the media capple of replecating and produce new cell hiquid Nitrogen

<u>Primary cell</u> culture are widely acknowledged as the best cell culture systems available since they support the widest range of viruses. However, they are very expensive and it is often difficult to obtain a reliable supply. <u>Continuous cells</u> are the most easy to handle but the range of viruses supported is often limited.

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### 1. Cell Cultures

Growing virus may produce

1. Cytopathic Effect (CPE) - such as the ballooning of cells or syncytia formation, may be specific or non-specific.

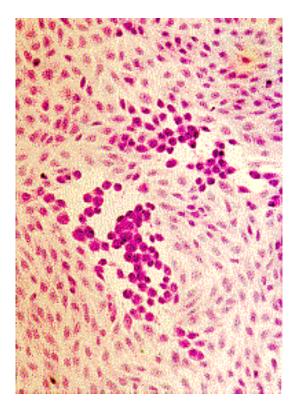
2. Haemadsorption - cells acquire the ability to stick to mammalian red blood cells.

Confirmation of the identity of the virus may be carried out using neutralization, haemadsorption-inhibition or immunofluorescence tests.

## Cytopathic Effect (1)



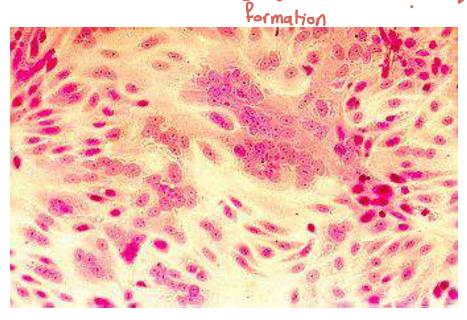
Fig. 1, Cytopathic effects of enterovirus 71 in rhesus monkey kidney cells

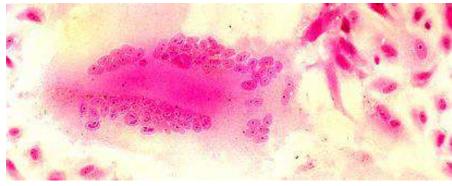


Cytopathic effect of enterovirus 71 and HSV in cell culture: note the ballooning of cells. (Virology Laboratory, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Linda Stannard, University of Cape Town)

# Cytopathic Effect (2)

Syncytium JI





1 HIV 2 herps virus

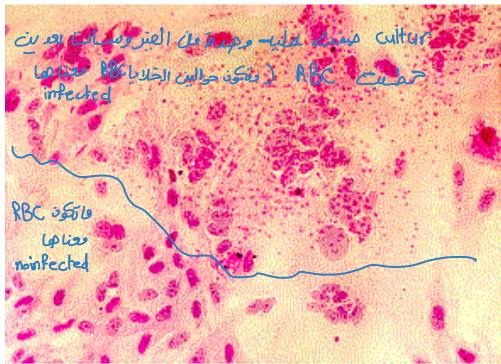
Syncytium formation in cell culture caused by<sup>3</sup> RSV (top), and measles virus (bottom).

(courtesy of Linda Stannard, University of Cape Town, S.A.)

which of the following is associated with syncytium formation ! مبيئ معكن السؤال يحبي : الدكتورط بعب هاي السئلة المباسترة بعطها بكيس وسشرح العالة وبعدية سيأل السؤال

### Haemadsorption

- Orthomyxoviruses (influenza) and some paramyxoviruses (parainfluenza, measles, mumps)
- Insert viral glycoproteins (haemaglutinin) into host cell membrane.
- Promotes attachment of RBC of certain species (e.g guinea pig) to cell membrane.



 Syncytial formation caused by mumps virus and haemadsorption of erythrocytes onto the surface of the cell sheet.
 (courtesy of Linda Stannard, University of Cape Town, S.A.)

#### Problems with cell culture

- Long period (up to 4 weeks) required for result.
- Often very poor sensitivity, sensitivity depends on a large extent on the condition of the specimen.
- Susceptible to bacterial contamination.
- Susceptible to toxic substances which may be present in the specimen.
- Many viruses will not grow in cell culture e.g., Hepatitis B, Diarrheal viruses, parvovirus, papillomavirus.

## × Viruses Isolated by Cell Culture

Viruses readily isolated by cell culture	Less frequently isolated viruses			
Herpes Simplex	Varicella-Zoster			
Cytomegalovirus	Measles			
Adenoviruses	Rubella			
Polioviruses	Rhinoviruses			
Coxsackie B viruses	Coxsackie A viruses			
Echoviruses				
Influenza				
Parainfluenza				
Mumps				
Respiratory Syncytial Virus				

## Egg culture

Eggs are used mainly for the isolation of influenza viruses. Ten to 12 day-old chick embryos are used.

- Routes of Inoculation
  - Viruses can be cultivated in embryonated hen's egg at different stages of development by the following routes:
- 1.Amniotic
- 2.Yolk sac
- 3.Allantoic
- 4. Chorioallantoic membrane

Direct Detection of Virus or Viral Antigen: Electron Microscopy

- · Quick
- · Looks for many viruses
- $\cdot \,$  Useful if unknown pathogen
- · Less prone to cross contamination vs molecular.
- Expensive equipment, need expertise to read
- Not well suited to screening large numbers of samples.
- Low sensitivity need 10<sup>5</sup>-10<sup>8</sup> viral particles/ml to detect.

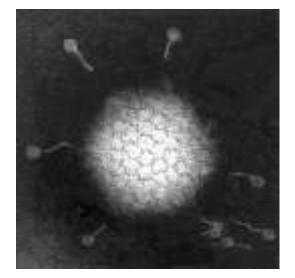
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## Electron Microscopy

 $10^6$  virus particles per ml required for visualization,  $\Box$  50,000 - 60,000 magnification normally used. Viruses may be detected in the following specimens.

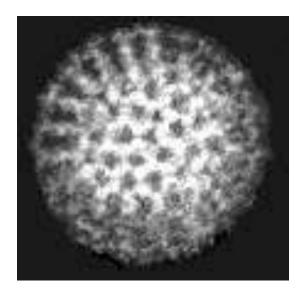
Faeces gastroenteritis	Rotavirus, Adenovirus Norwalk like viruses Astrovirus, Calicivirus		
Vesicle Fluid	HSV VZV		
Skin scrapings	papillomavirus, orf molluscum contagiosum		

### Electronmicrographs



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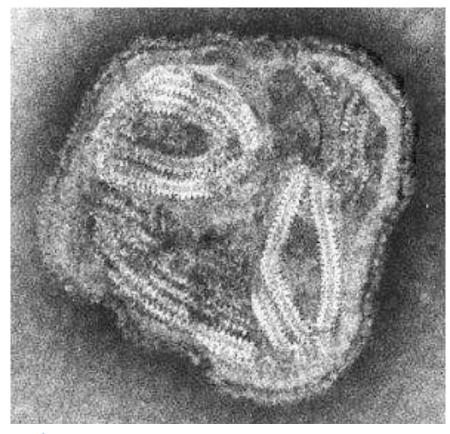
Adenovirus



#### Rotavirus

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#### Paramyxovirus (Parainfluenza)



helical capsid \_ enveloped

#### Problems with Electron Microscopy

- Expensive equipment
- Expensive maintenance
- Require experienced observer
- Sensitivity often low

#### **Light Microscopy**

Replicating virus often produce histological changes in infected cells. These changes may be characteristic or non-specific.

Viral inclusion bodies are basically collections of replicating virus particles either in the nucleus or cytoplasm. Examples of inclusion bodies include

- 1. the **<u>negri bodies</u>** found in <u>rabies</u> infection
- 2. <u>cytomegalic inclusion bodies</u> found in CMV infection Uirus (cytoplasmic intranuclear) found in CMV infection

Although not sensitive or specific, histology nevertheless serves as a useful adjunct in the diagnosis of certain viral infections.

#### Molecular Methods

- Methods based on the detection of viral genome are also commonly known as molecular methods. It is often said that molecular methods is the future direction of viral diagnosis.
- However in practice, although the use of these methods is indeed increasing, the role played by molecular methods in a routine diagnostic virus laboratory is still small compared to conventional methods.

Classical molecular techniques include

- 1. dot-blot and Southern-blot which depend on the use of specific DNA/RNA probes for hybridization.
- 2. the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and RT-PCR which depend on the use of specific primers
- 3. ligase chain reaction (LCR),
- 4. nucleic acid based amplification (NASBA), and
- 5. branched DNA (bDNA)

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#### Nucleic Acid Detection

- Short length of viral genome makes them ideal candidate for nucleic-acid based diagnosis
- PCR horizontal gel-UV light
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  - Real-time PCR- products detected using probes or intercalating dyes within the reaction.

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#### Polymerase Chain Reaction

- PCR allows the in vitro amplification of specific target DNA sequences by a factor of 10<sup>6</sup> and is thus an extremely sensitive technique.
- It is based on an enzymatic reaction involving the use of synthetic oligonucleotides flanking the target nucleic sequence of interest.
- These oligonucleotides act as primers for the thermostable Taq polymerase. Repeated cycles (usually 25 to 40) of denaturation of the template DNA (at 94°C), annealing of primers to their complementary sequences (50°C), and primer extension (72°C) result in the exponential production of the specific target fragment.
- Further sensitivity and specificity may be obtained by the nested PCR.
- 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.

## Polymerase Chain Reaction

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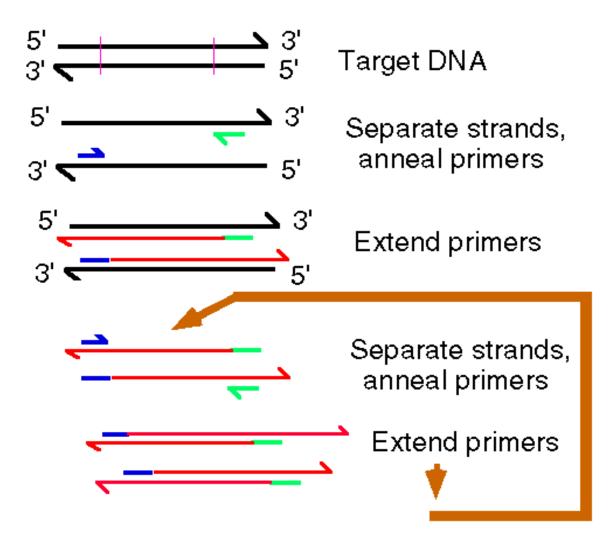
- · Advantages of PCR:
  - · Extremely high sensitivity, may detect down to one viral genome per sample volume
  - $\cdot$  Easy to set up
  - · Fast turnaround time
- · Disadvantages of PCR

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- Extremely liable to contamination
- High degree of operator skill required
- Not easy to set up a quantitative assay.
- A positive result may be difficult to interpret, especially with latent viruses such as CMV, where any seropositive person will have virus present in their blood irrespective whether they have disease or not.

These problems are being addressed by the arrival of commercial closed systems such as the Roche Cobas Amplicor which requires minimum handling. The use of synthetic internal competitive targets in these commercial assays has facilitated the accurate quantification of results. However, these assays are very expensive.

#### Schematic of PCR



Each cycle doubles the copy number of the target

جهاز PCR قديم ...



# Serology

Criteria for diagnosing Primary Infection

- 4 fold or more increase in titre of IgG or total antibody between acute and convalescent sera  $50 \rightarrow 250$
- Presence of IgM
- Seroconversion is the development of detectable specific antibodies to microorganisms in the blood serum as a result of infection or immunization.vaccine او یکون ماخد infected by the virus ممکن المریض یکون
- A single high titre of IgG (or total antibody) very unreliable

#### Criteria for diagnosing Reinfection

- fold or more increase in titre of IgG or total antibody between acute and convalescent sera |00-|70|
- Absence or slight increase in IgM

#### Serology

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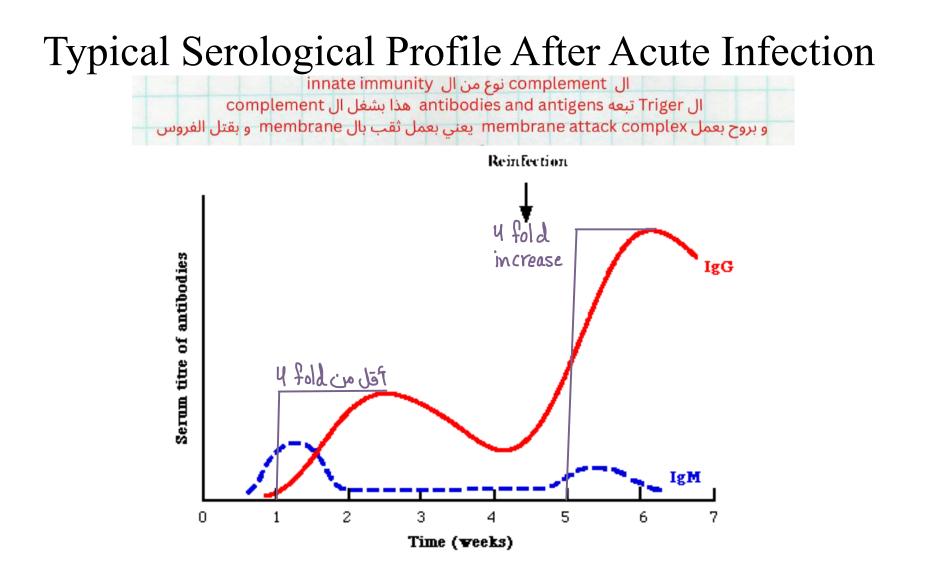
هسه اذا قسنا ال IgG للمريض بعد 3 ايام من ال acute and convalescent sera طلعوا 150 يعني صاروا 5 اضعاف هذا بعتبره Presence of IgM لو اقل من 4 اضعاف بكون reinfection

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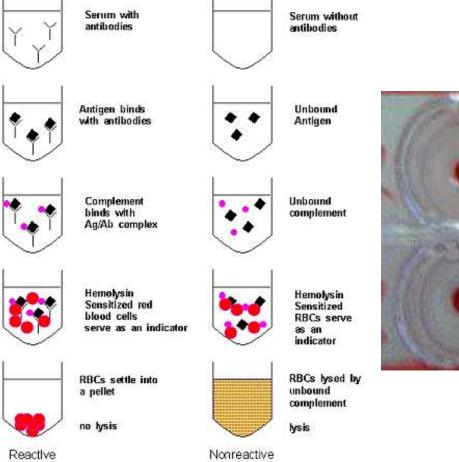
Note that during reinfection, IgM may be absent or present at a low level transiently

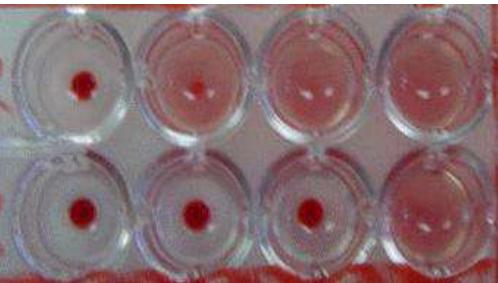
#### شوفو سلايد ٤٥ لتفهمو الفكرة Complement fixation test

- The complement fixation test is an *immunological medical* test looking for evidence of infection. It tests for the presence of either specific *antibody* or specific *antigen* in a patient's serum. It uses sheep *red blood cells* (sRBC), anti-sRBC antibody and complement, plus specific antigen (if looking for antibody in serum) or specific antibody (if looking for antigen in serum).
- If either the antibody or antigen is present in the patient's serum, then the complement is completely utilized, so the sRBCs are not lysed. But if the antibody (or antigen) is not present, then the complement is not used up, so it binds anti-sRBC antibody, and the sRBCs are lysed.
- The *Wassermann test* is one form of complement fixation test.

# Complement fixation test

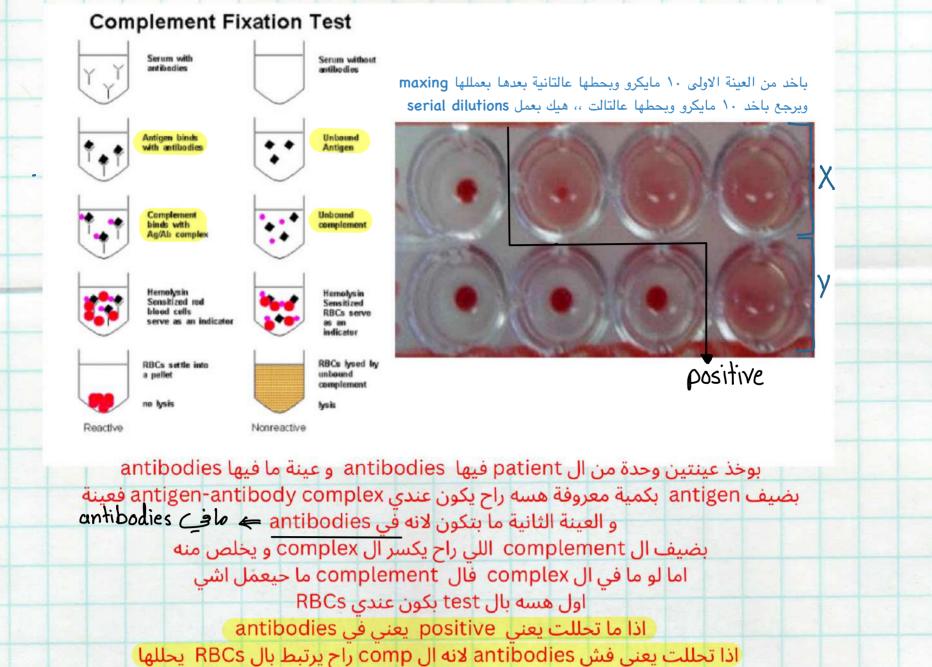
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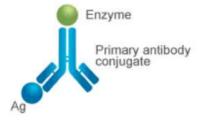
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## ELISA

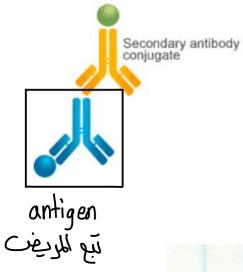
- Surface of solid phase (microtitre plate) coated with antibody
- Antigen of interest binds if present.
- Second enzyme-conjugated antibody added
- Substrate added and colour generated/read by spectrophotometer.

## ELISA types

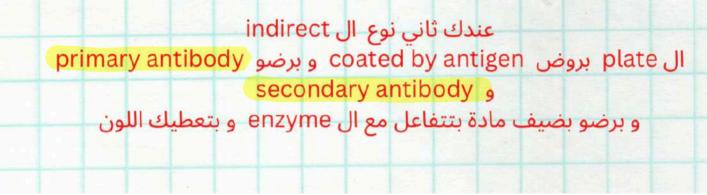


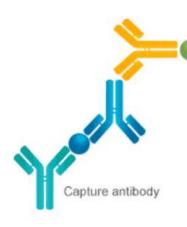
In direct ELISA, only an enzyme-labeled primary antibody is used, meaning that secondary antibodies are not needed. The enzyme-labeled primary antibody "directly" binds to the target (antigen) that is immobilized to the plate (solid surface). Next, the enzyme linked to the primary antibody reacts with its substrate to produce a visible signal that can be measured. In this way, the antigen of interest is detected.





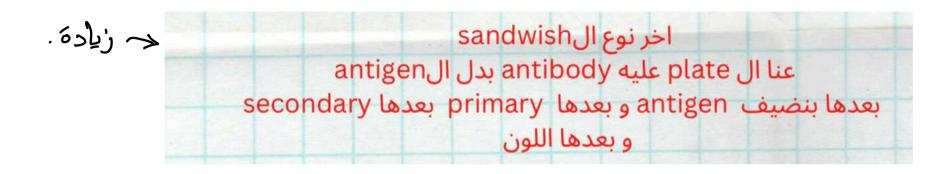
In indirect ELISA, both a primary antibody and a secondary antibody are used. But in this case, the primary antibody is not labeled with an enzyme. Instead, the secondary antibody is labeled with an enzyme. The primary antibody binds to the antigen immobilized to the plate, and then the enzyme-labeled secondary antibody binds to the primary antibody. Finally, the enzyme linked to the secondary antibody reacts with its substrate to produce a visible signal that can be measured.





In sandwich ELISA, however, it is the antibody that is immobilized to the plate, and this antibody is called capture antibody. In addition to capture antibody, sandwich ELISA also involves the use of detection antibodies, which generally include the unlabeled primary detection antibody and the enzyme-labeled secondary detection antibody.

Firstly, the antigen of interest binds to the capture antibody immobilized to the plate. Secondly, the primary detection antibody binds to the antigen. Thirdly, the secondary detection antibody binds to the primary detection antibody, and then the enzyme reacts with its substrate to produce a visible signal that can be measured.



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# ELISA for HIV antibody



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Microplate ELISA for HIV antibody: coloured wells indicate reactivity

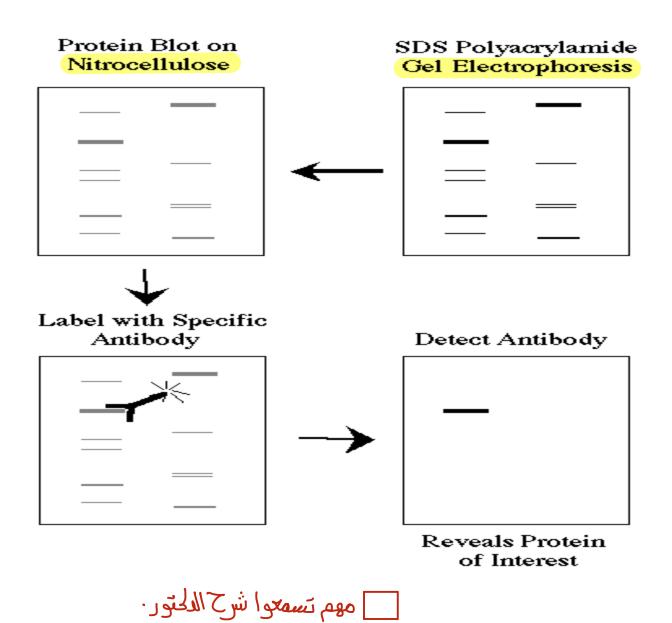
• Western blots allow investigators to determine the molecular weight of a protein and to measure relative amounts of the protein present in different samples.

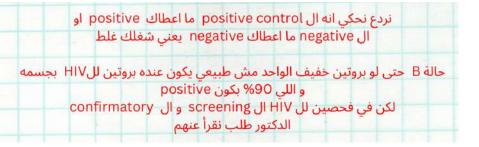
- Proteins are separated by gel electrophoresis, usually SDS-PAGE.Vertical gel
- The proteins are transferred to a sheet of special blotting paper called nitrocellulose.
- The proteins retain the same pattern of separation they had on the gel.

- The blot is incubated with a generic protein (such as milk proteins) to bind to any remaining sticky places on the nitrocellulose.
- An antibody is then added to the solution which is able to bind to its specific protein.
- The antibody has an enzyme (e.g., alkaline phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase) or dye attached to it which cannot be seen at this time.

• The location of the antibody is revealed by incubating it with a colorless substrate that the attached enzyme converts to a colored product that can be seen and photographed.

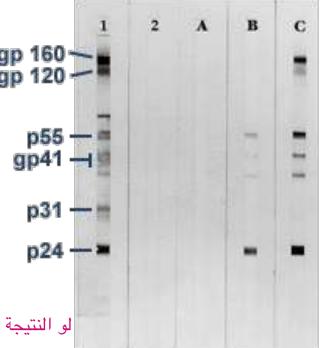
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• Western blots allow i	nvestigators to determine the molecular	
weight of a protein and	d to measure relative amounts of the protein	
present in different sa	احنا هون بنحكي عن البروتينات الفكرة انك بتدرس بروتين في بيئة فيها بروتينات ثانية البروتين اللي بندور عليه هو ال antigen	ت تفهموا م
• Proteins are separate	ed by gel electrophoresis, usually SDS-PAGE.	
هون ال gel electrophoresis بكون vertical فوق حكينا بال DNA بكون horizontal		
• The proteins are tran	sferred to a sheet of special blotting paper	
called nitrocellulose.		
gel.	he same pattern of separation they had on the بيصير في تقسيم للبروتين تبعا لل weight ال gel هون thin فهو عرضة انه يتكسر	
niti	مشان هيك بحط مقابله rocellulose membrane مشان انقل ترتيب البروتينات عليه	
The blot is incubated	with a generic protein (such as milk proteins)	
ن secondary antibody ع	ng sticky places on the nitrocellulose. هسه حتى بعد ما نقلتها لسا انا مش شايف البروتير بعدين بضيف primary antibody و بعدها ال antibody / بعدها بتجيب ال nitrocellulose و ممكن يعطيك اكثر من نوع dded to the solution which is able to bind to its	
specific protein.		
• The antibody has an e	enzyme (e.g., alkaline phosphatase or	
horseradish peroxidas	e) or dye attached to it which cannot be seen	





#### HIV-1 Western Blot

- Lane1: Positive Control
- Lane 2: Negative Control
- Sample A: Negative
- Sample B: Indeterminate
- Sample <u>C: Positive</u>
- $\rightarrow$  For different patients

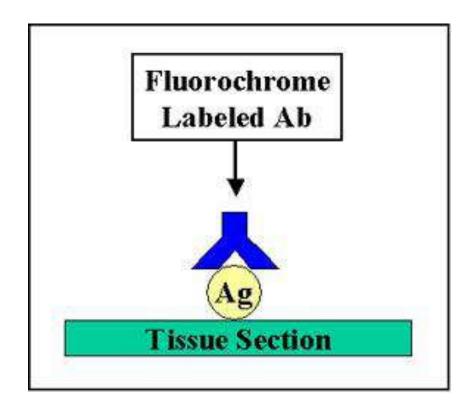


لو النتيجة كانت positive لازم أتأكد منها

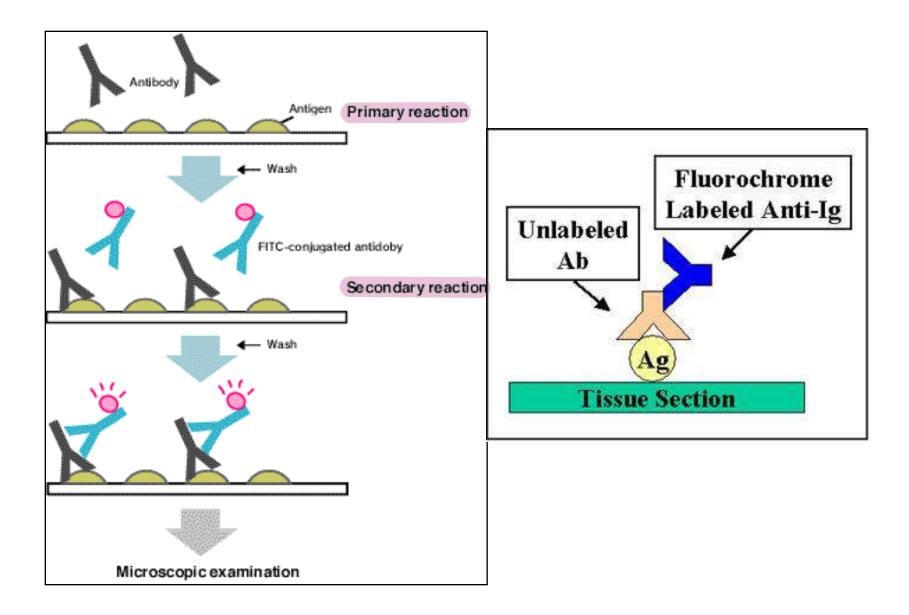
# Rapid Diagnosis Based on the Detection of Viral Antigens

Nasopharyngeal Aspirate	RSV
	Influenza A and B
	Parainfluenza
	Adenovirus
Faeces	Rotaviruses
	Adenoviruses
	Astrovirus
Skin	HSV
	VZV
Blood	CMV (pp65 antigenaemia test)

## Direct immunofluorescence



## Indirect immunofluorescence



## Immunofluorescence

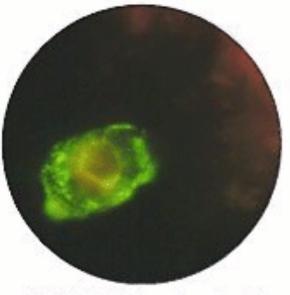
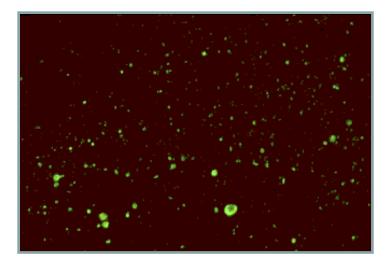


Fig. 3, HSV-infected epithelial cell from skin lesion (DFA)

(Virology Laboratory, Yale-New Haven Hospital)



Positive immunofluorescence test for rabies virus antigen. (Source: CDC)



### Advantages and Disadvantages

#### Advantages

• Result available quickly, usually within a few hours.

#### **Potential Problems**

- Often very much reduced sensitivity compared to cell culture, can be as low as 20%. Specificity often poor as well.
- Requires good specimens.
- The procedures involved are often tedious and timeconsuming and thus expensive in terms of laboratory time.

## Usefulness of Serological Results

- How useful a serological result is depends on the individual virus.
- For example, for viruses such as rubella, the onset of clinical symptoms coincide with the development of antibodies. The detection of IgM or rising titres of IgG in the serum of the patient would indicate active disease.
- However, many viruses often produce clinical disease before the appearance of antibodies such as respiratory and diarrhoeal viruses. So in this case, any serological diagnosis would be retrospective and therefore will not be that useful.
- There are also viruses which produce clinical disease months or years after seroconversion e.g. HIV and rabies. In the case of these viruses, the mere presence of antibody is sufficient to make a definitive diagnosis.

# Problems with Serology

- Long period of time required for diagnosis for paired acute and convalescent sera.
- Mild local infections such as HSV genitalis may not produce a detectable humoral immune response.
- Extensive antigenic cross-reactivity between related viruses e.g. HSV and VZV, Japanese B encephalitis and Dengue, may lead to false positive results.
- immunocompromised patients often give a reduced or absent humoral immune response.
- Patients with infectious mononucleosis and those with connective tissue diseases such as SLE may react non-specifically giving a false positive result.
- Patients given blood or blood products may give a false positive result due to the transfer of antibody.

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# CSF antibodies

- Used mainly for the diagnosis of herpes simplex and VZV encephalitis
- CSF normally contain little or no antibodies
- presence of antibodies suggest meningitis or meningoencephalitis

 $\frac{\text{CSF antibody titre}}{\text{Serum antibody titre}} > \underline{1} \text{ is indicative of meningitis}$ 

• Diagnosis depends on the presence of an intact blood-brain barrier

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