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## **Enterobacteriaceae**

- Family *Enterobacteriaceae* is often referred to as “enterics”.
- Enterics are ubiquitous in nature
- Except for a few, the majority are found as commensal flora in the intestinal tracts of animals and humans; thus, they are sometimes referred to as "fecal coliforms."
- Some live in water, soil and sewage

## **Major Genera**

Escherichia Klebsiella Salmonella Shigella Yersinia

Citrobacter Enterobacter Proteus

## **Major Features**

- Gram-negative rods
- Non-spore forming
- All except Klebsiella, Shigella and Yersinia are motile
- facultative anaerobes.
- All ferment glucose
- All reduce nitrates (NO<sub>3</sub>) to nitrites (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- All are oxidase negative.
- All are Catalase positive.

## ***Escherichia coli***

- E. Coli is a part of commensal flora of human GIT.
- The virulent strains of *Escherichia coli* predominantly cause gastroenteritis, urinary tract infections, and neonatal meningitis.
- Sporadically this bacterium may cause sepsis, secondary pneumoniae and nosocomial infections

### **strains of *Escherichia coli***

A-Common strains:

- 1-Enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (EPEC).
- 2-Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC).
- 3-Enterohaemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC)

B-Rare strains of pathogenic *Escherichia coli* have been isolated from infants and children with diarrhea, including:

- 1-Enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli* (EIEC).
- 2-Enteraggregative *Escherichia coli* (EAEC).

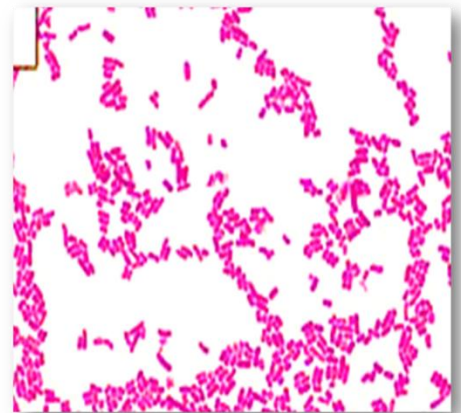
### **Specimens for isolation**

The source of culture material depends on the clinical symptoms.

- Feces:** when the patient is ill with gastroenteritis.
- Infected tissue:** when the bacteria are locally invasive.
- Blood:** invasive bacteria (i.e., those causing bacteremia and sepsis).
- Urine:** for investigation of urinary tract infection.

### **Microscopically appearance**

- Gram-negative relatively straight rods with rounded ends.
- Most strains are motile.
- Non-spore forming.
- May have capsule.



### Cultural characters

- ✓ Optimum temperature 37 °C.
- ✓ Aerobic and facultative anaerobes.
- ✓ Colonies on nutrient agar are 2-4 mm in diameter, opaque, smooth, convex with an entire edge.
- ✓ Colonies on eosin methylene blue (EMB) agars are metallic green sheen.
- ✓ Most grow on MacConkey agar, which contain lactose and pH indicator. If lactose is fermented, acid will be generated and the colonies will turn pink



### *Klebsiella spp.*

It causes a variety of opportunistic infections in debilitated patients.

Common *Klebsiella* infections in humans include: (1) pneumonia, (2) UTI, (3) nosocomial infection (4) septicemia, (5) soft tissue infection

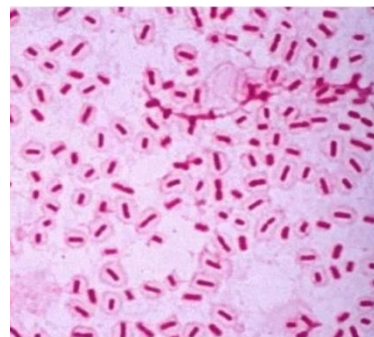
### Microscopically appearance

Gram negative bacilli.

Non-motile.

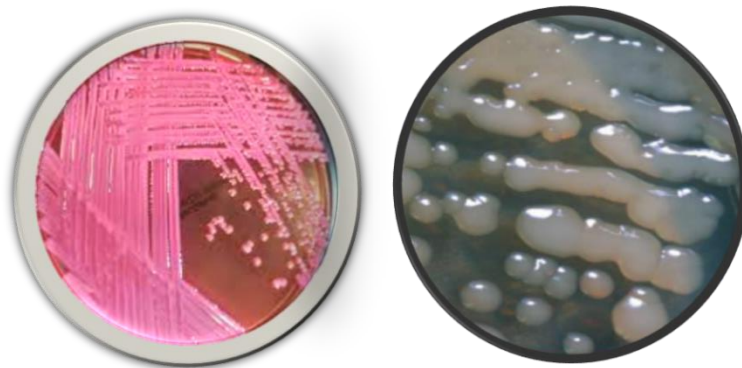
Non-spore forming.

Capsulated (polysaccharide capsule).



## Cultural characteristics

- Optimum temperature is 37°C.
- Aerobic and facultatively anaerobic.
- Colonies are large, high convex, mucoid and tend to coalesce.
- On MacConkey's agar the majority of strains give pink colonies due to lactose fermentation.



## Biochemical Tests

### 1. IMViC tests

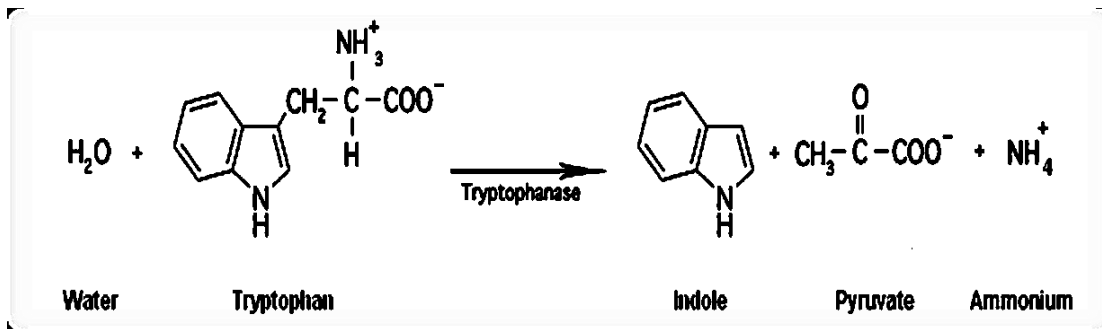
- Indole, Methyl Red, Voges-Proskauer, Citrate (IMVC) Tests.
- The IMViC series of reactions allows for the differentiation of the various members of Enterobacteriaceae.

#### a. Indole test

##### Principle

- Certain microorganisms can metabolize tryptophan by tryptophanase
- The enzymatic degradation leads to the formation of pyruvic acid, indole and ammonia
- The presence of indole is detected by addition of Kovac's reagent.

## Chemical equation

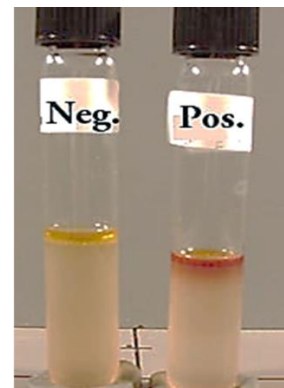


### Method:

- Inoculate tryptone water with the tested microorganism.
- Incubate at 37°C for 24 hours.
- After incubation interval, add 1 ml Kovacs reagent, shake the tube gently and read immediately.

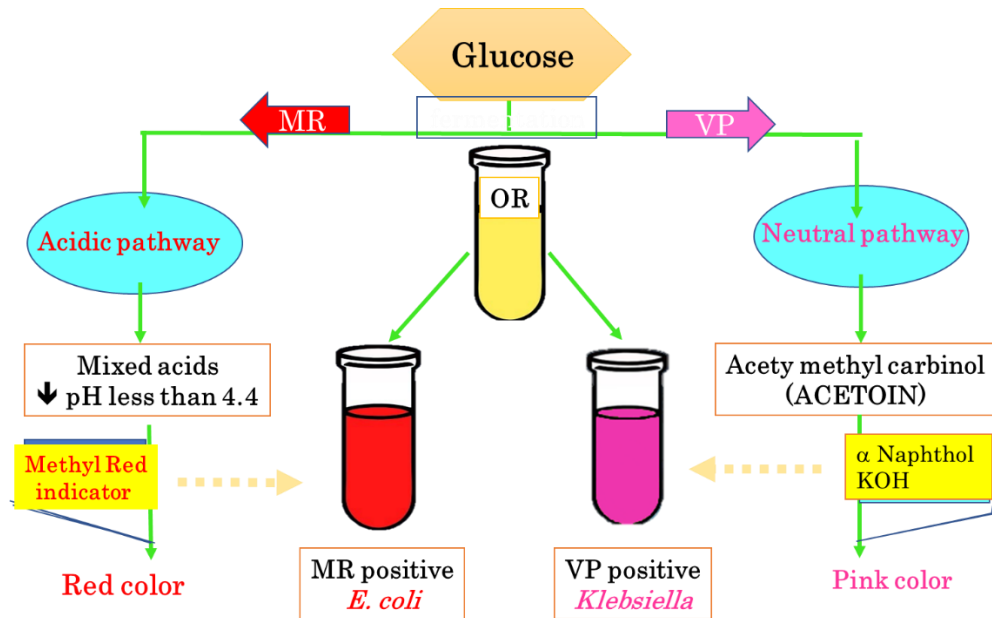
### Result

- A bright pink color in the top layer indicates the presence of indole
- The absence of color means that indole was not produced  
indole test is negative



**Negative test** e.g. *Klebsiella*    **Positive test** e.g. *E. coli*

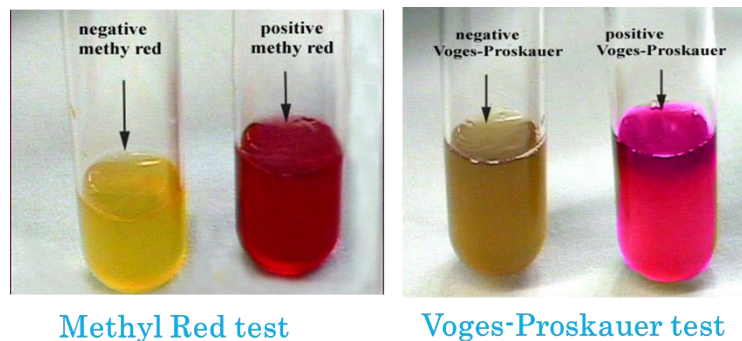
## b. Methyl Red-Voges Proskauer (MR-VP) Tests principle



### Method

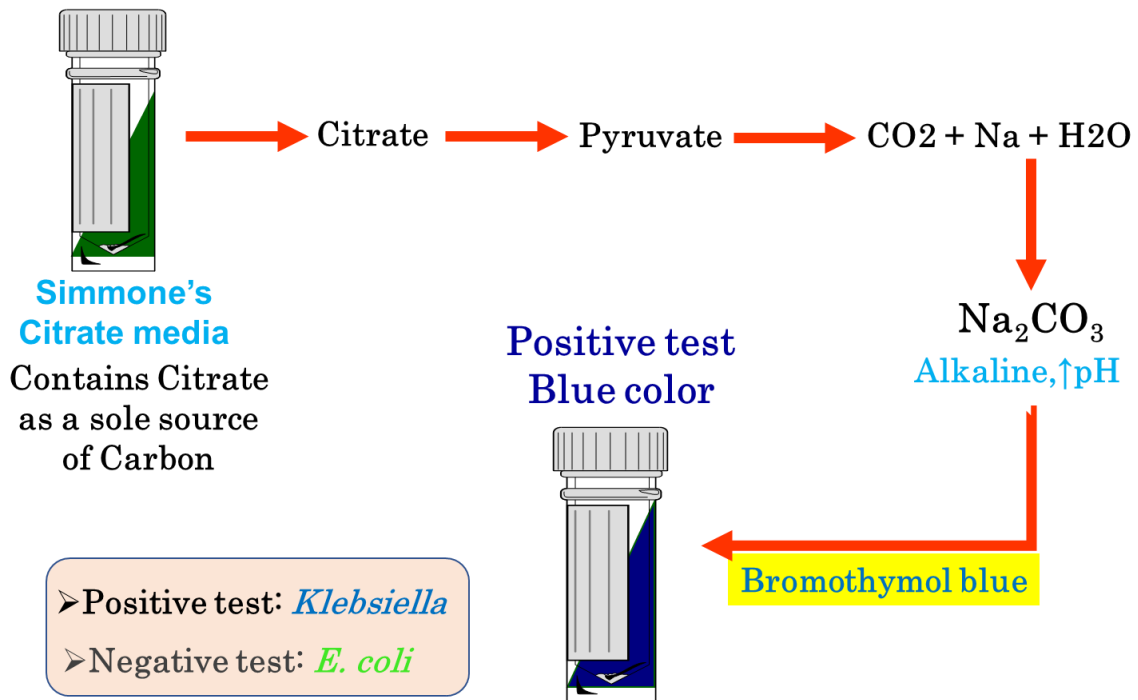
- Inoculate the tested organism into **two tubes** of MRVP broth
- Incubate the tubes at 37°C for 24 hours.
- For methyl red: Add 6-8 drops of methyl red reagent.
- For Voges-Proskauer: Add 12 drops of Barritt's A (α-naphthol), mix, 4 drops of Barritt's B (40% KOH), mix

### Results



### c. Citrate Utilization Test

#### Principle

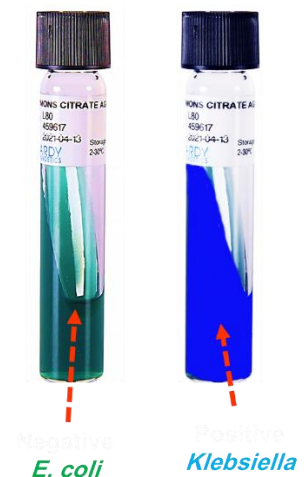


#### Method

- Streak a **Simmon's Citrate agar** with the organism
- Incubate at 37°C for 24 hours.

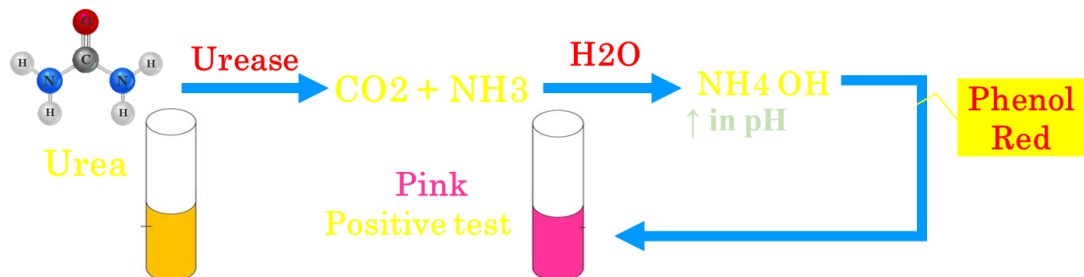
#### Result

Growth on the medium is accompanied by a rise in pH to change the medium from its initial green color to deep blue



## 2. Urease Test

- Christenson medium contains urea 40% and phenol red
- Urease is an enzyme that catalyzes urea to CO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>
- Ammonia combines with water to produce ammonium hydroxide, a strong base which ↑ pH of the medium.
- ↑ in the pH causes phenol red to turn a deep pink. This is indicative of a positive reaction for urease



### Method

- Streak a urea agar tube with the organism
- Incubate at 37°C for 24 h

### Result

- If color of medium turns from yellow to pink indicates positive test.
- *Kelebsiella* gave positive results after 24 hrs





Test	Media	Substrate	Reagent	positive	negative
Indole	Pepton water	Tryptophan	Kovacs	Red ring	No red ring
Methyl red	MR-VP	Glucose	Methyl red	Red color	No red color
Voges-Proskauer	MR-VP	Glucose	$\alpha$ -naphthol + KOH 40%	Pink color	No pink color
Citrate	Simmon's citrate	Citrate	Bromothymol blue	Blue	Green
Urease	Christenson medium	urea	phenol red	Pink color	yellow