METHODS OF VIRUS DETECTION

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Definition of a Virus

- Viruses : obligate intracellular parasite as they lack the machinery necessary for protein and nucleic acid synthesis.
- They depend on the host machinery for their growth and survival.
- They infect every form of living cells include human, animal, plant, insect, fungus, & bacteria.

How Do Viruses Differ From Living Organisms?

Viruses are not living organisms because they are incapable of carrying out all life processes.

Viruses

- *•* are not made of cells.
- *can not reproduce on their own.*
- *do not grow or undergo division.*
- *do not transform energy.*
- lack machinery for <u>protein</u> synthesis.

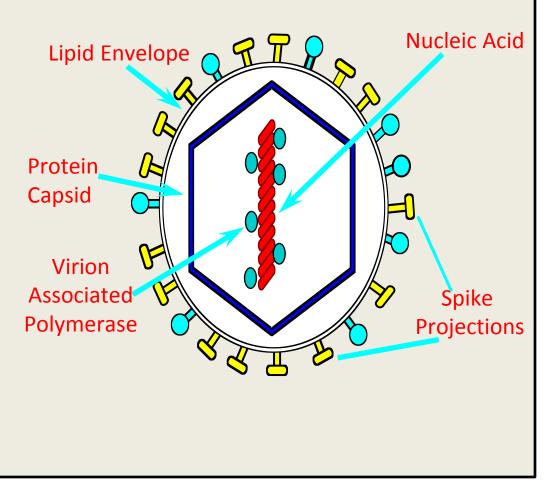
The difference between Viruses & bacteria included:

<u>Properties</u>	<u>Viruses</u>	<u>Bacteria</u>
Size	10-300nm	1000nm
Genome	DNA or RNA but not both of them	Both DNA and RNA
multiplication	Depend totally on host cell for multiplication	Binary fission
ribosome		+
Cell wall		
sensitivity to antibiotic		+
Growth in synthetic culture media		+

Virion Structure

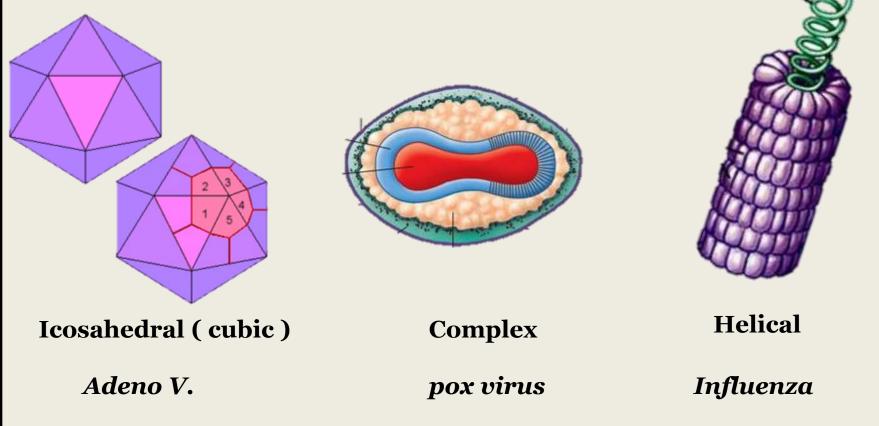
- Nucleic acid, can be _____ or ____; never both.
- Nucleic acid surrounded by a protective protein coat, called a

An outer membranous layer, called an _____, made of lipid and protein, surrounds the capsid in some viruses.

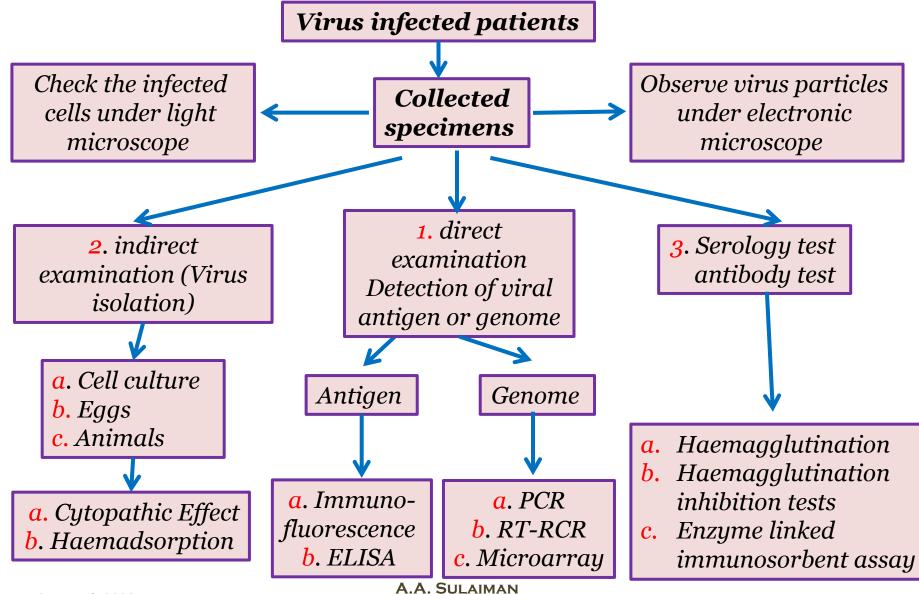


Types of symmetry of viruses

 There are three types of symmetry according to capsid shape:



Procedures for laboratory viral diagnosis

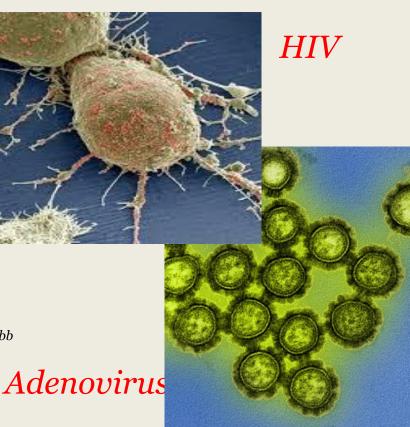


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Examination of Specimen

• virus particles

Electron Microscopy morphology



Pox virus

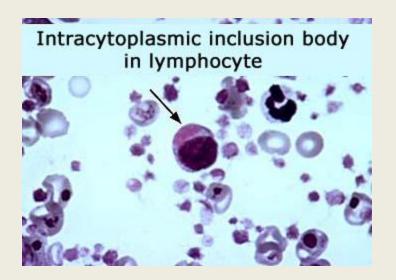
Influenza viruses

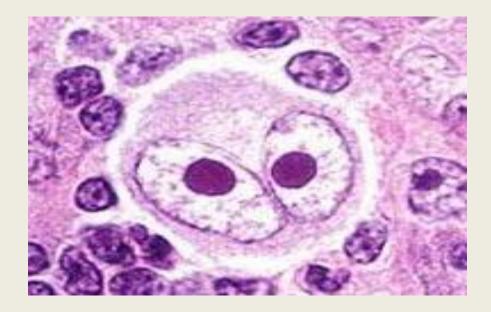
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Examination of Specimen

• Infected cells

Light microscopy histological appearance - e.g. inclusion bodies





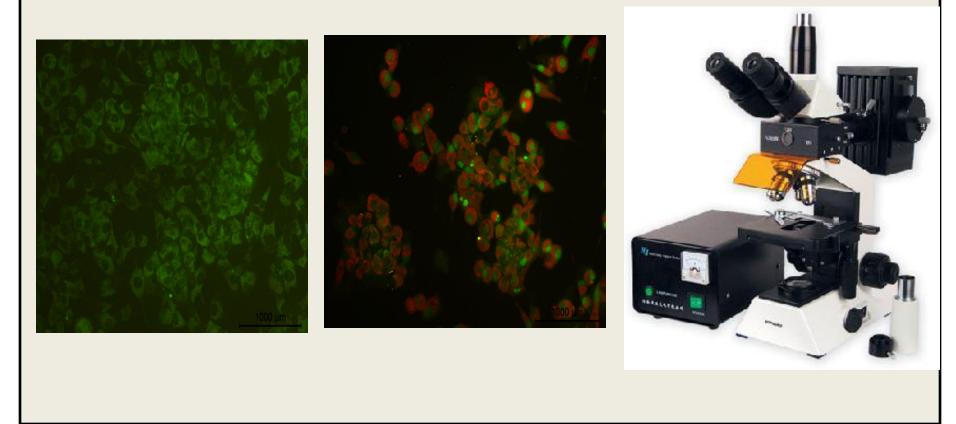
1. direct examination

a. Antigène détection ➢ immunofluorescence, ELISA etc. $^{\circ}$ 000 Primary antibody reaction Incubate and wash Antibody binds to virus-infected tissue Antiviral antibodies and sample tissue Incubate and wash Secondary antibody reaction Incubate and wash Fluorescence = virus-infected tissue Fluorescein antispecies globulin

1. direct examination

a. Antigène détection

➤ immunofluorescence microscopy.



1. direct examination

b. Viral nucleic acids

Molecular techniques (PCR, RT-PCR) for the direct detection of viral genomes

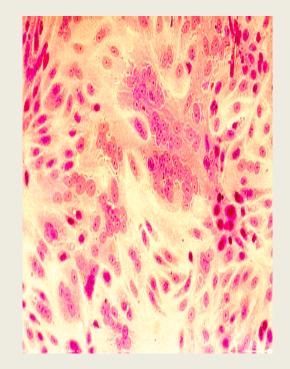


- Since the viruses are obligate intracellular parasites, they cannot be grown on any ordinary culture medium.
- Viruses can be cultivated within suitable hosts, such as a living cell.
- Viruses not only need living cells to grow in but also they are specific about the type of cell they infect and grow in.
- There is no universal cell that will support all viruses

a. Cell culture

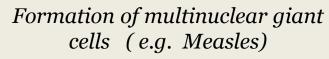


Cytopathic effect of viruses



Cell lyses

Adeno virus





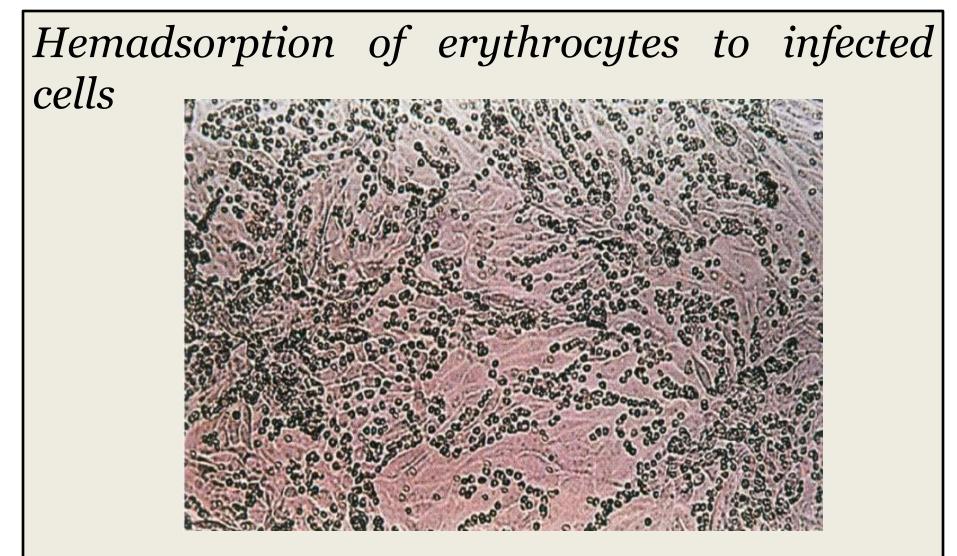
Inclusion bodies

Papova virus Reo virus

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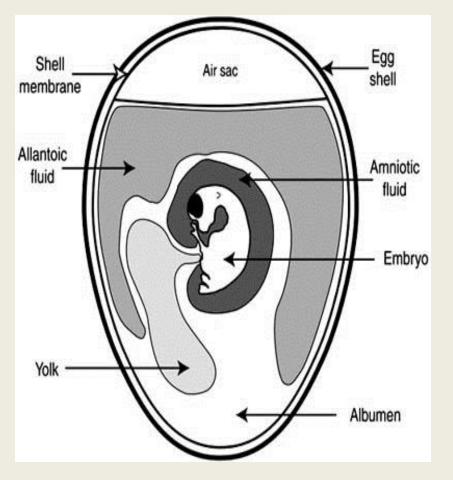
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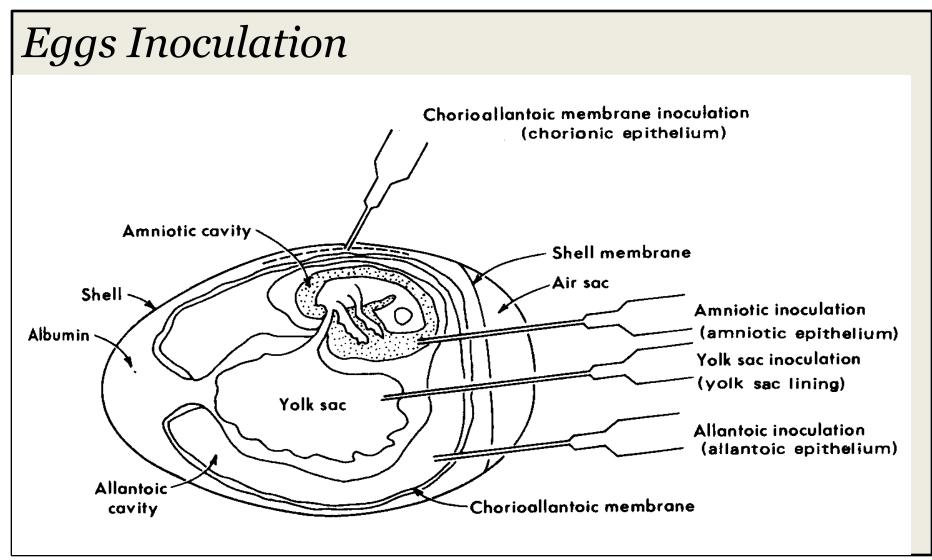
Cell fusion



b. Embryonated Hen's Egg







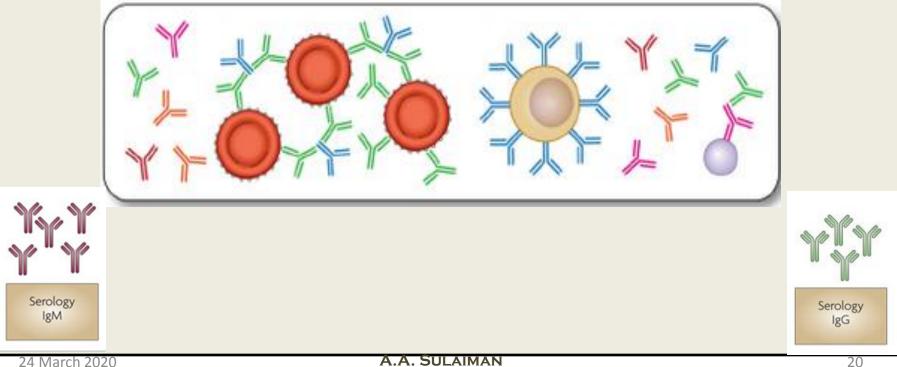
c. Animal Inoculation

Viral replication can be detect by animal dead or animal disease



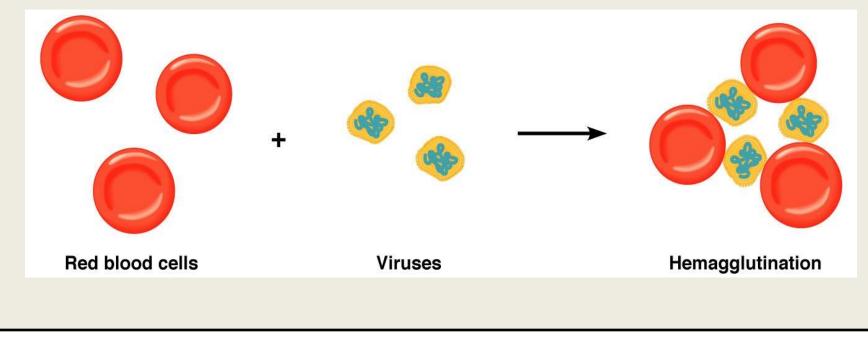


 Detection of rising titers of antibody between acute and convalescent stages of infection, or the detection of IgM in primary infection.



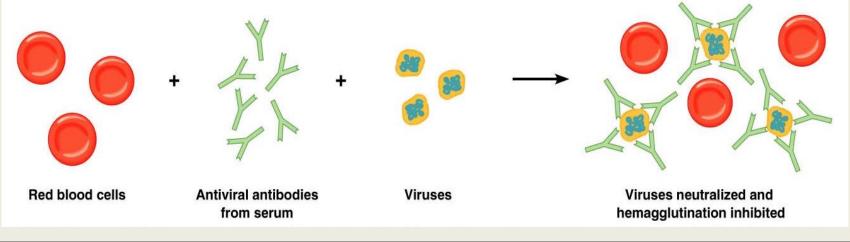
a. Haemagglutination tests

 Principle: Some HA-bearing viruses agglutinate RBCs in vitro.

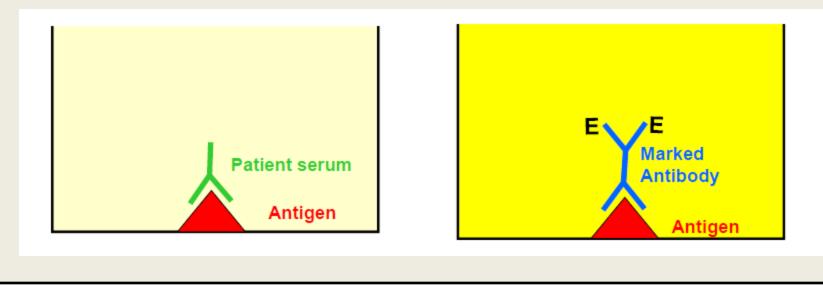


b. Haemagglutination inhibition tests

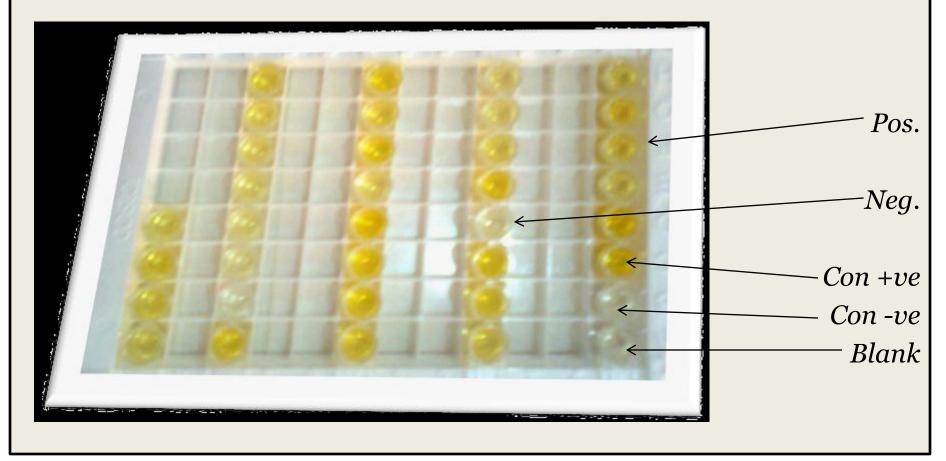
Principle: If a person is infected by HA-bearing virus, anti-HA Ab may appear in his serum. These antibodies can block Haemagglutination and lead to the Haemagglutination inhibition phenomenon.



- c. Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
- Enzyme reacts with substrate to produce colored product.
- Could detect viral antigens or antibodies against the virus.



Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay



questionary

• Is there any virus which can infect the RBC?



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