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Virology – Pathogenesis of viral infections

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Pathogenesis of viral infections

- Introduction
- Interaction between viruses and host cells
- Spread /shedding

Pathogenesis of viral infections



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 4.1 Differing manifestations of viral infections. (a) Child with measles. (b) Elderly patient with herpes zoster. (c) Seven-year-old boy with Burkitt's lymphoma involving the right mandible (by courtesy of Dr Joan Edwards).

Pathogenicity and Virulence

- Used interchangeably but not fully accurate
- Both compare severity of disease but:
 - Pathogenicity: compares disease severity between 2 different viruses (rabies more pathogenic than measles, influenza more than rhinovirus)
 - Virulence: compares severity caused by same microorganism but different species

Pathogenicity and Virulence

✓ For example:


- HSV A and B can cause skin lesions but 10 copies of A or 10000 copies of B needed to kill a mouse.
- So strain A is 1000 times more virulent than B
- Why?

Pathogenicity and Virulence

- Nucleotides difference in the DNA or RNA due to mutations
- **Poliovirus 3** virulent and avirulent strain (vaccine version) differ in 10 bases out of 7430 bases.
- One base of the 10 different bases was responsible for a new amino acid and avirulent strain

Pathogenicity and Virulence

- Avian Influenza B:

One base change near receptor binding site on the haemeagglutinin (HA) 

make the strain virulent and can allow the virus to bind to both avian and mammalian cells



leading to pandemics

Steps in the pathogenesis:

Invade → replicate locally at site of infection

→ escape immune system → spread from site of infection to other areas usually via blood stream

→ exit the host and start the infectious cycle again to ensure its survival

Incubation period

- Necessary for clinical diagnosis, outbreak tracing, infection control,
- Can be:
 - Short: less than a week (RESP, ARBOVIRUSES)
 - Medium: 1-3 weeks (MMR, polio, SARS)
 - Long: weeks-months (HEPATITIS, **RABIES**)
 - Very long: years (SSPE, PRIONS, PML)

Reproduction number, R_0

- How infectious is a virus
- The average number of secondary cases generated by one primary case
- R_0 smallpox = 2
- R_0 Influenza = 6-8
- R_0 measles = 10
- $R_0 < 1$
- Incubation period should be taken in consideration also

Interaction between viruses and host cells:

This will determine the infection site, type and outcome

1 . Cellular factors

- Presence of receptor
- Proper environment: e.g some respiratory viruses replicate at a temperature of 33°C in the nose (upper respiratory tract infection) and some at alveoli 37 °C (lower respiratory tract infection)

Interaction between viruses and host cells:

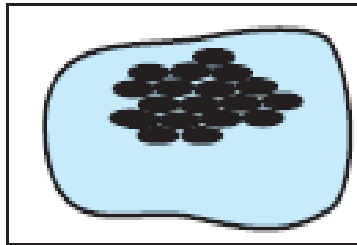
- 2 . Cytopathic effects (CPEs)
- The effect on the cell itself (kill, fuse, uncontrolled growth, inclusion bodies)
- **A . Cell lysis:**
- Viral early proteins will stop the cellular expression of macromolecules to enable viral proteins expression
- Accumulation of viral capsid proteins (e.g Adenovirus) will lead to stopping of viral and cellular proteins and the cell will be full – burst and die and the virus will be released (bursting)

Interaction between viruses and host cells:

B . cell fusion

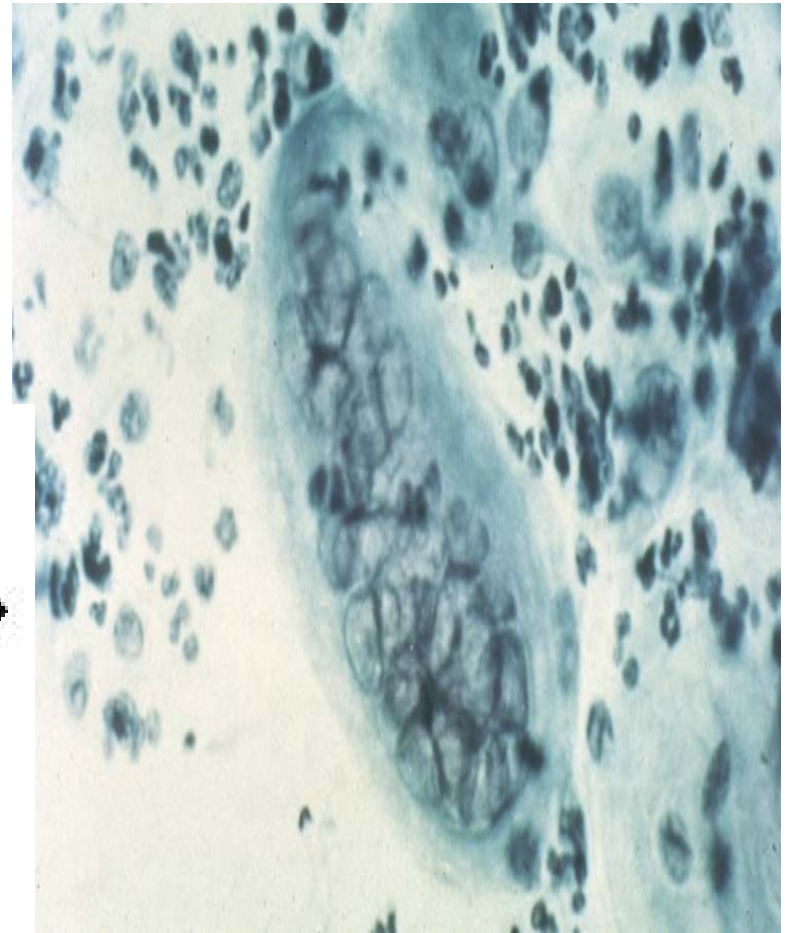
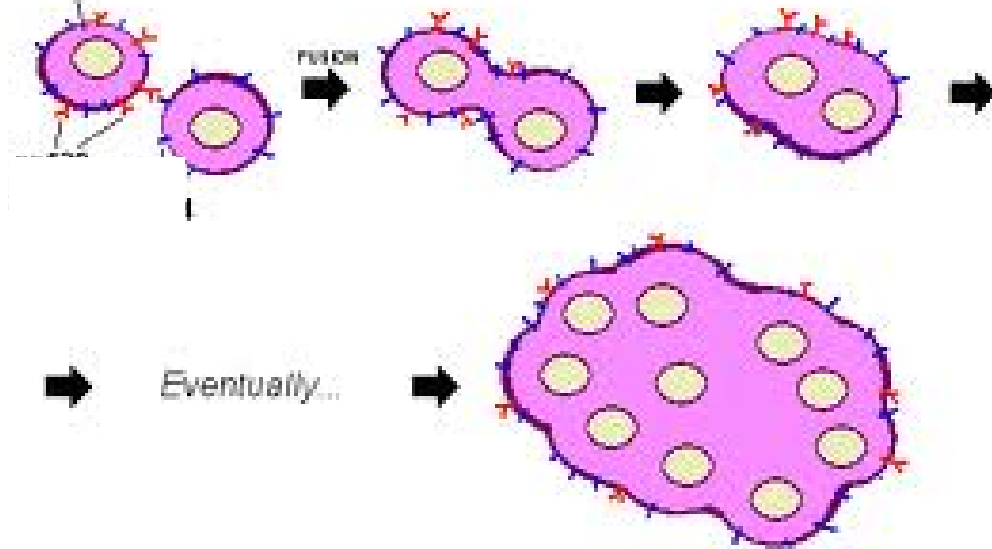
- Viral fusion proteins will facilitate entry and may result in cellular fusion and the formation of multinucleated giant cells (**syncytia**)
- Paramyxoviruses (measles, respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza), herpesviruses and some retroviruses
- Such viruses are described as creepers because they can spread from cell to cell without bursting the cell

Interaction between viruses and host cells:



Multinucleated syncytium

Infected cell producing gp120



Interaction between viruses and host cells:

C . Inclusion bodies IMAGE

- What are they:

Aggregates of the viruses (papovaviruses: papilloma and polyoma viruses)

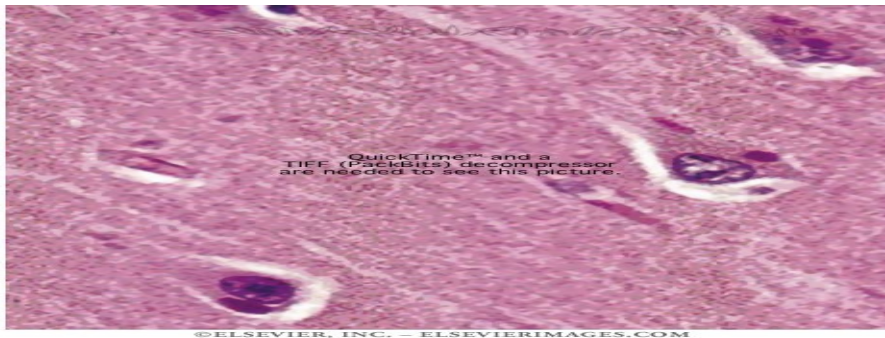
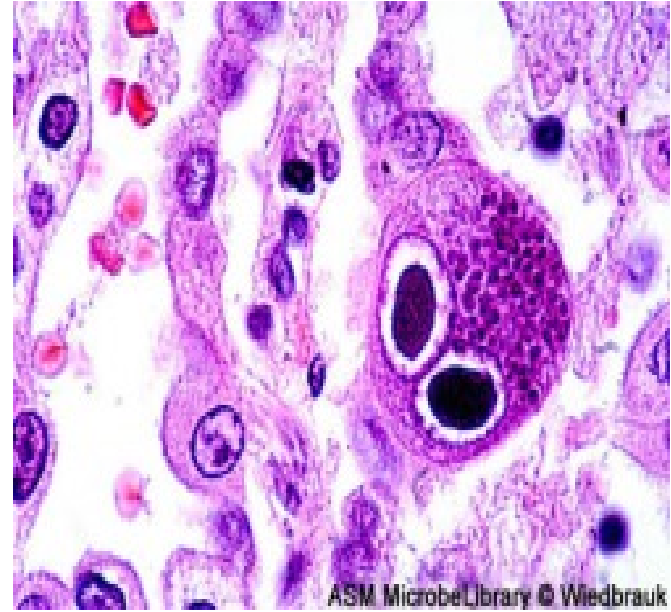
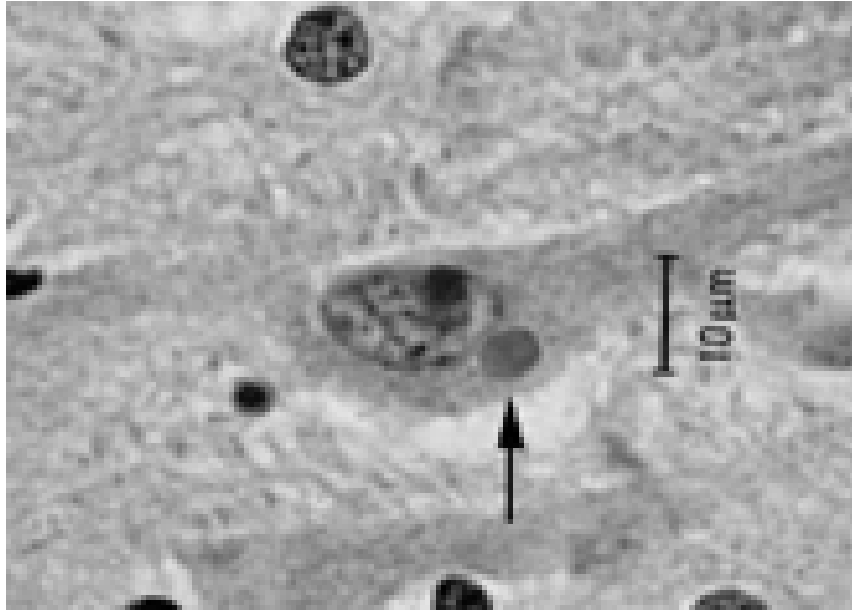
or altered staining of the viral synthesis sites (basophilic, eosinophilic)

- Site: intranuclear, intracytoplasmic or both
- Detection: by staining or molecular methods

Interaction between viruses and host cells:

- examples:
- Intracytoplasmic eosinophilic: rabies Negri bodies
- Intranuclear basophilic: owl eyes in cytomegalovirus

Interaction between viruses and host cells:



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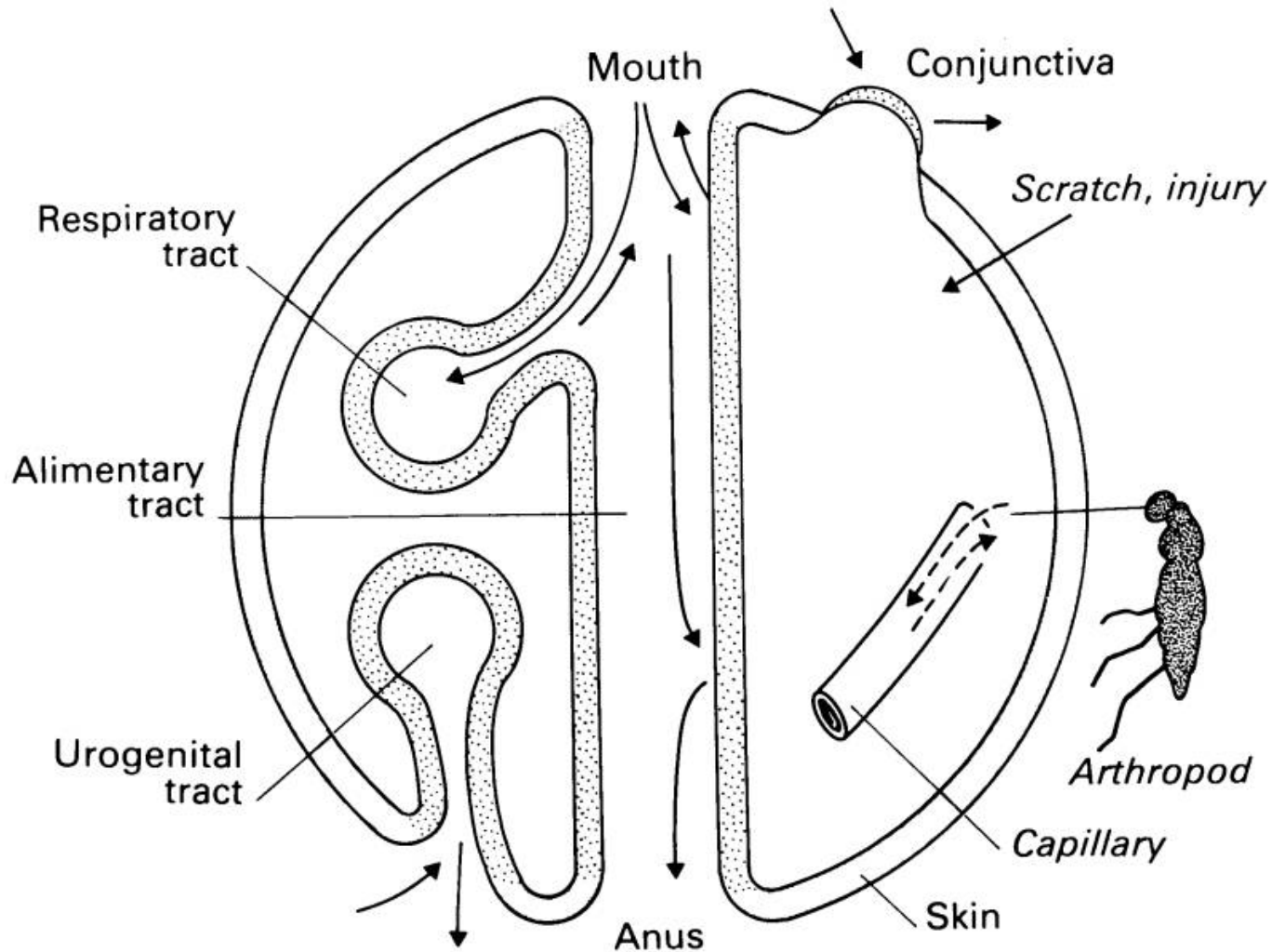
D. New cell surface antigens

- Enveloped viruses will leave antigens on cellular surface
- This stimulates attack by cytotoxic T cells
- Detection by IF staining

E . Malignant changes

Oncoviruses

Spread of viruses within the host: Portal of entry



Spread of viruses within the host

- **Skin:**
- Skin cells act a barrier so Minor trauma is necessary
- Localized effect and skin lesions e.g: poxvirus, herpesvirus, papillomaviruses
- Generalized effect that might affect body systems: e.g hepatitis B via skin abrasions

Spread of viruses within the host

- **Mucus membrane:**
- e.g respiratory mucosa might be affected but the effect is on another site e.g the skin
- enterovirus: via GIT but affect CNS and MUSCLES

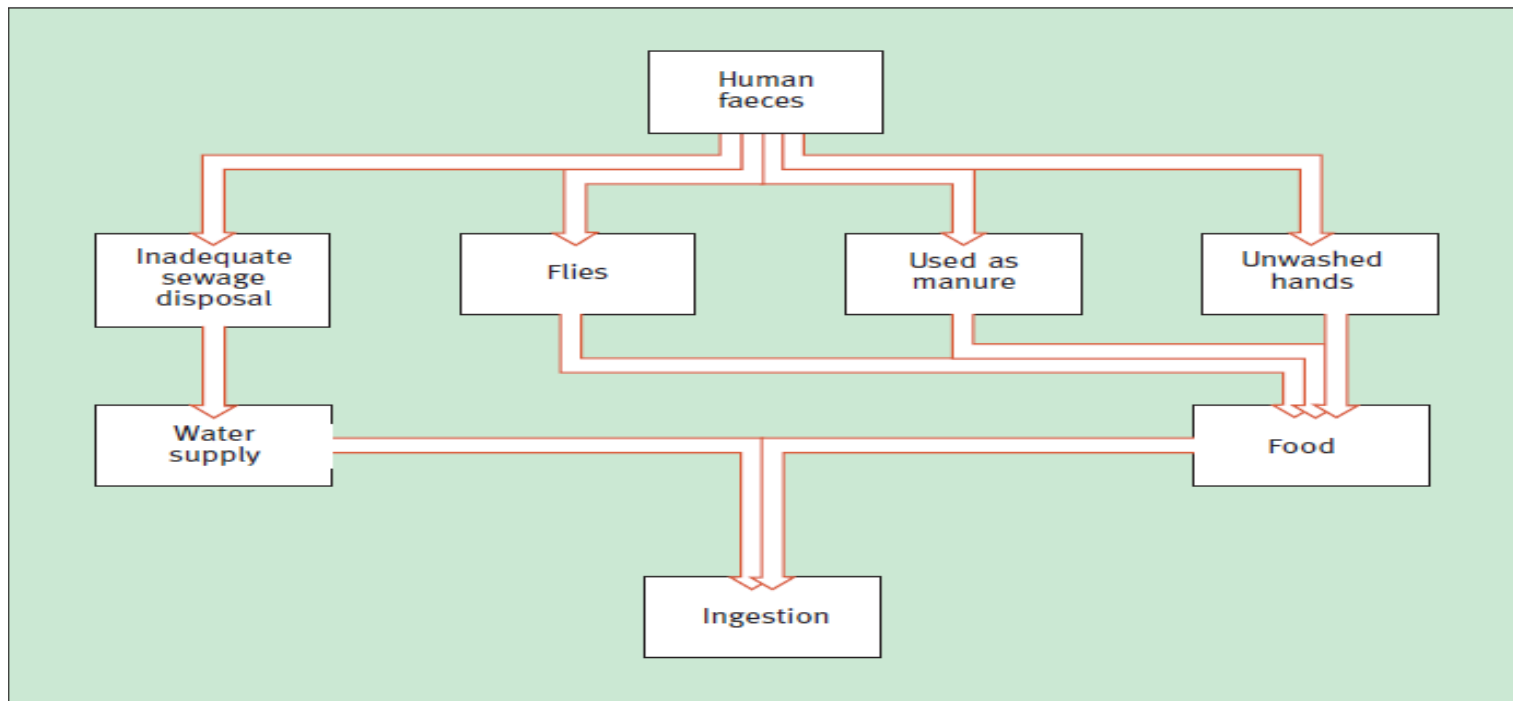
Spread of viruses within the host

- **Respiratory route:**
- Small droplets disseminate and penetrate better than large ones
- Crowdedness and humidity also help



Spread of viruses within the host

- **Gastrointestinal tract:**
- Fecal oral
- Usually resistant to acidity



Spread of viruses within the host

Sexually transmitted diseases:

- AIDS, Hepatitis
- Multiple partners, homosexuality...help

Organ transplants:

- CMV and EBV asymptomatic in donor
- Disastrous in immunocompromised recipient

Spread of viruses within the host

Surgical:

- CJD and rabies : instruments and corneal transplants

Mother to fetus:

- Specialized form of transmission

Shedding

From the primary site or from the target organ

Asymptomatics or carriers may shed and infect

e.g:

HSV: saliva

CMV from urine milk

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