# Haemophilus

Morphology: G- pleomorfous rods, facultative anaerobe



### **Cultivation:**

- •Is dependent on growth factors haemin (X) and NAD (V)
- •They are not able to grow on <u>BA</u>, growth factors must be released by *S. aureus* and haemophilus grows around *S. aureus* (satellite phenomenon)
- •Grows also on <u>Levinthal</u> <u>agar</u> in little transparent colonies or on <u>choccolate agar</u> (CHA)

### H. influenzae

**Biochemistry:** indol formation, urease, ornitindekarboxylase

<u>Factors of virulence:</u> capsule - 6 serotypes (a-f), the highest pathogenicity b Pathogenicity:

#### Capsuled strains:

serotype b: faryngitis, sinusitis, otitis, epiglotitis (children 2-5 years), meningitis other serotypes: faryngitis, pneumonia, sinusitis notcapsuled strains: light respiratory infections

**Therapy:** amoxycillin, co-amoxicillin, cotrimoxazol, macrolides, cefalosporins

In epiglotitis: sitting + wet cold air

Meningitis: cefalosporins 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

**Prevention:** vaccination of children

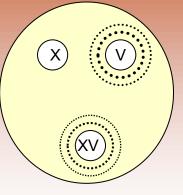
#### Cultivation and detection: CHA,

satellite phenomenon on BA in presence of *S. aureus*, depression of normal flora via bacitracin, Detection of a type due to growth factors (XV factor)/porfyrine test latex. agglutination (cerobrospinal fluid, serotype detection)

Other haemophili

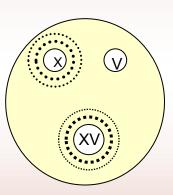
#### H. parainfluenzae

Light resp. infections, needs factor V



#### H. aphrophilus

Causes light resp. infections, needs factor X



#### H. ducreyi

Causes ulcus molle

Haemophilus parainfluenzae, h.aphrophilus, h. paraaphrophilus (+Actinobacilus+ Cardiobacterium+Eikenella+Kingela) can cause endocarditis - HACEK

## Pasteurella multocida

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<u>Cultivation:</u> on BA forms little transparent watery colonies, Levinthal agar, CHA

Pathogenicity: light respiratory infections, wound infections

Therapy: ampicillin,fluoroquinolons, tetracyclin

! Dg. sign: resistance to vancomycin, susceptibility to pnc

Cultivation and diagnosis: CHA, BA, biochemistry

**Epidemiology:** present in mouth of animals, often in wounds bitted by cat or dog.



### Pseudomonas

#### P. aeruginosa



Microscopy: G-rods with capsule

**<u>Cultivation:</u>** on BA pearled shine colonies with haemolysis, various pigments, smells

like yasmine

Biochemistry: oxidase +, catalase +

Factors of virulence: capsule, slime, enzymes, haemolysins

<u>Pathogenicity:</u> wound infections (in burns), urinary tract infections, nosocomial infections and sepsis in immunocompromised patients

<u>Therapy:</u> often multiresistant strains, antipseudomonade penicillins, cefalosporins of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation, carbapenems, aminoglycosides, fluoroquinolons

**<u>Lab. detection:</u>** direct - cultivation and microscopy, biochemistry

Other pseudomonades: biochemical detection, typical resistance to ATB

Burkholderia cepacia – colonisation of lungs in cystic fibrosis patients, urinary infections

Stenotrophomonas maltophilia – catheter sepsis, ventilatory pneumonias (VAP)

#### Other G-nonfermenting bacteria (biochemical identification)

Acinetobacter calcoaceticus/baumanii - oxidase negative, immobile, resistant, similar spectrum of diseases like *P. aeruginosa*