

Cytology and morphology of bacteria

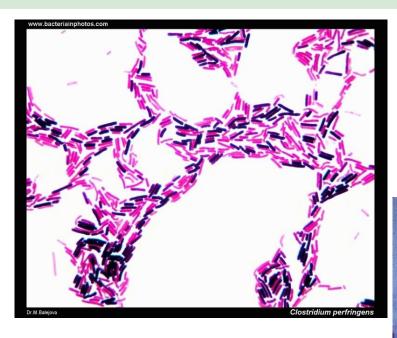
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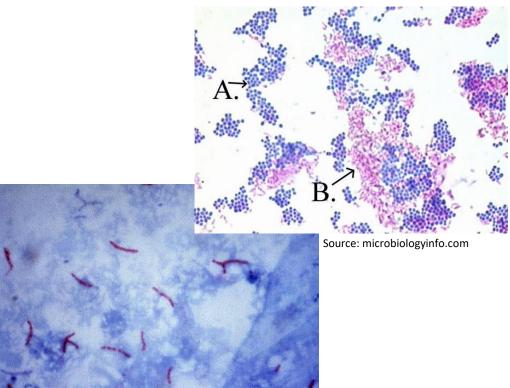
Acid-fast staining

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Gramvariable or gramlabile bacteria



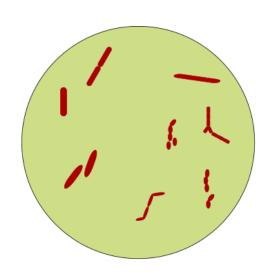




Acid-fast (Ziehl-Neelsen) stain



- 1. Prepare flame-fixed preparation
- 2. Cover it by concetrated carbolfuchsin, warm it to evaporation (it it is necessary, supply the dye)
 - Warm the preparation for about 5 minutes (<u>do not boil</u>)
- Wash by acidic alcohole 2 times for maximum 15 seconds
- 4. Stain by malachine green or methylene blue for 30 seconds
- 5. Rinse with water and observe at magnification 1000x



What to observe?



- 2 acid-fast staining
 - 1x acid-fast
 - 1x acid-fast + G+/G-

2 or 5 day cultures:

Mycobacterium phlei (G 0)

Nocardia carnea (G 0 "G+")

Rhodococcus erythropolis (G +, "G 0")

Corynebacterium glutamicum (G +)

Acinetobacter haemolyticus (G -)