Viruses

Biology

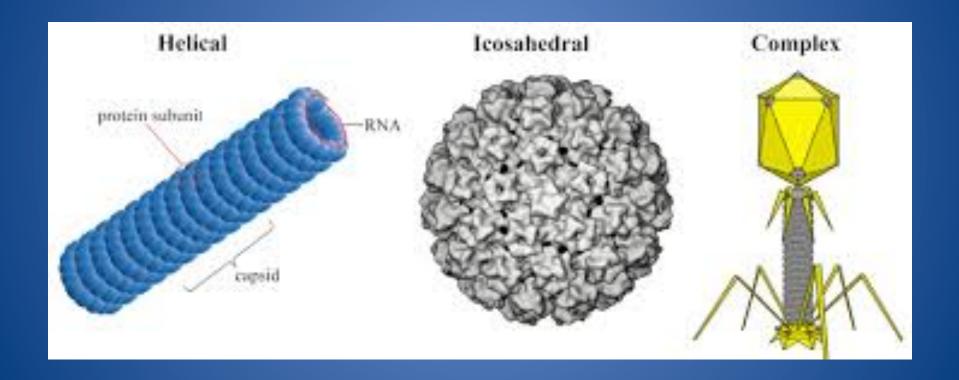
Viruses

- Nonliving particles
- Not cells
- Don't exhibit all the criteria for life:
- No respiration
- Don't grow
- Don't develop
- ONLY REPLICATE, with help from a living Host
- Smaller than Bacteria

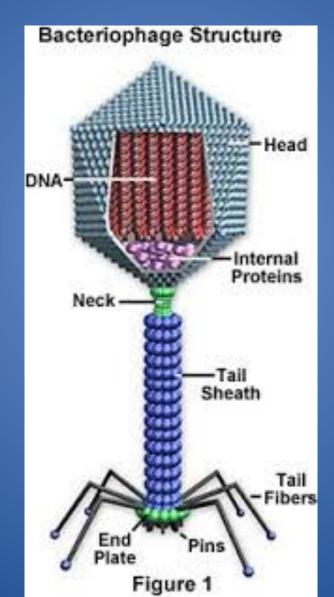
Viral Structure

- Inner core of nucleic acid (RNA or DNA), only 4 genes
- Outer coat of protein called a Capsid
 - Arrangement of proteins in capsid determines the viruses shape
 - 4 different Viral shapes:
 - 1. <u>Polyhedral Viruses</u> resemble small crystals (papilloma virus causes warts)
 - 2. Long, narrow helical shape (tobacco mosaiv virus)
 - 3. Envelope studded with projections (Influenza virus, HIV)
 - 4. Polyhedral-shaped head attached to a cylindrical tail with leg-like fibers (T₄ virus, which infects *E. coli*)

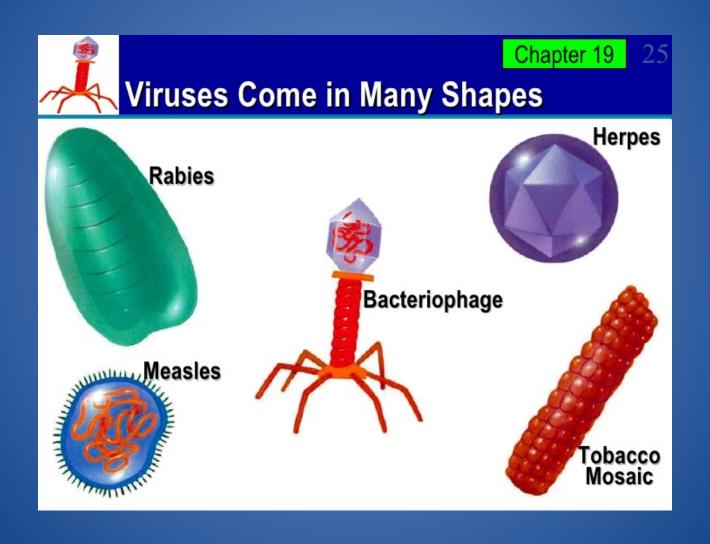
Viral Shapes



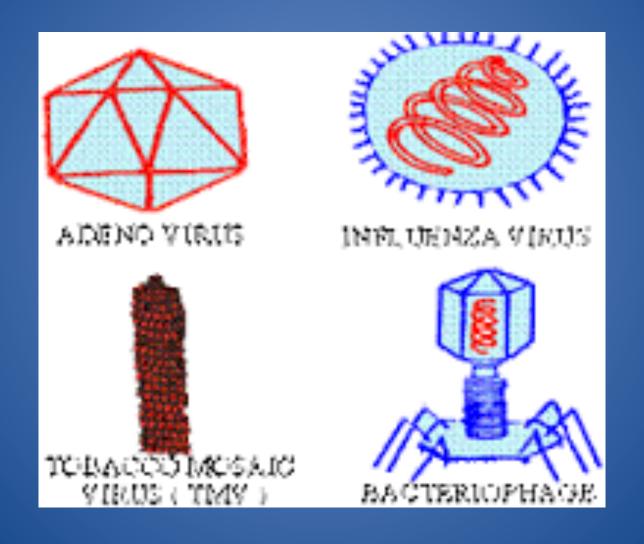
Bacteriophage



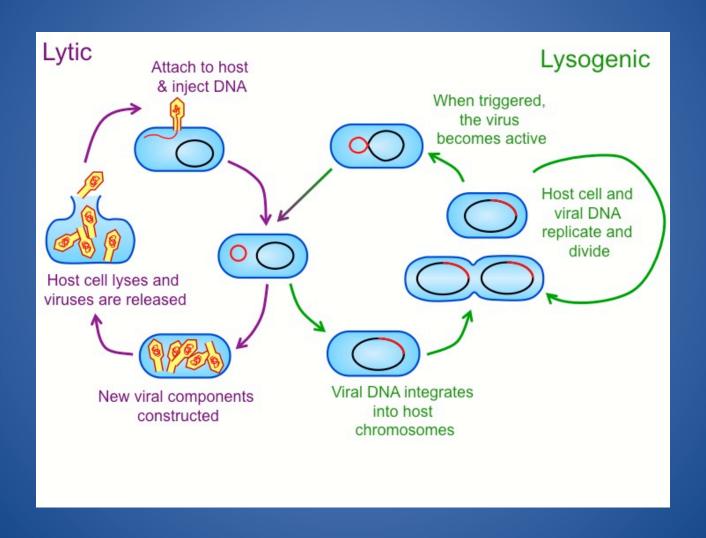
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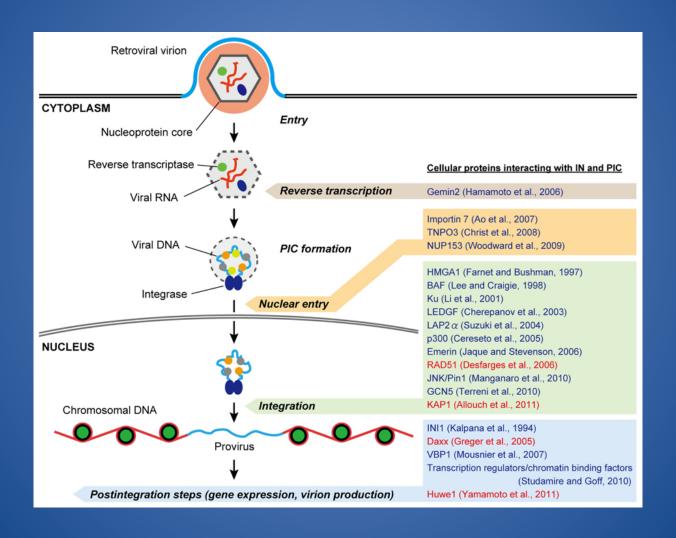
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Viral Replication



Retroviruses



Tumor Viruses cause Cancer

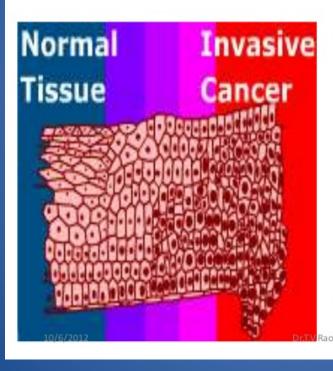
Retroviruses

Papilloma DNA virus (Warts) cause Cervical cancer in women

Hepatitis B virus (DNA) cause Liver cancer

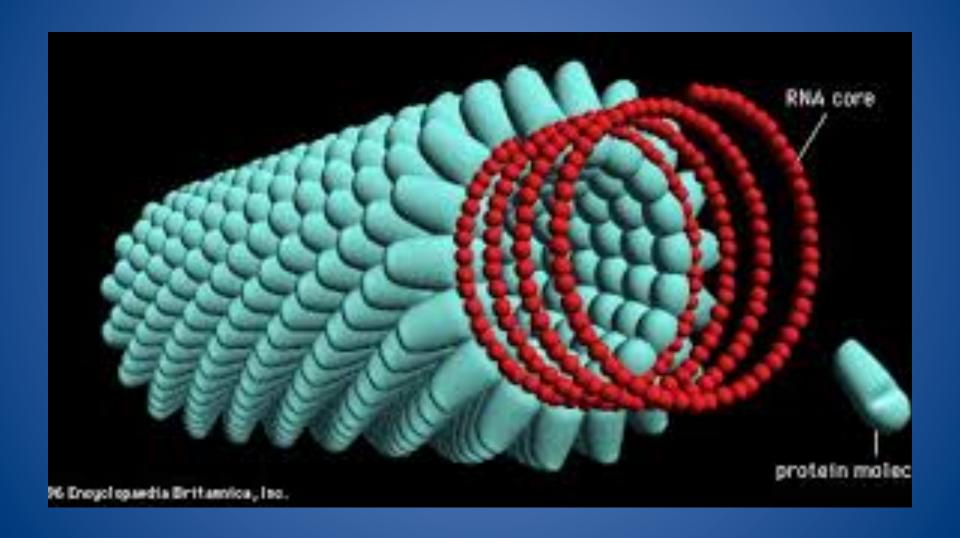
Cancer

Oncogenic viruses may be RNA or DNA



- 20% of human cancers believed to be of viral origin
- These include:
 - Cervical cancer
 - Burkitt's lymphoma
 - Hepatocarcinoma
 - Kaposi's sarcoma
- Virus is not only factor

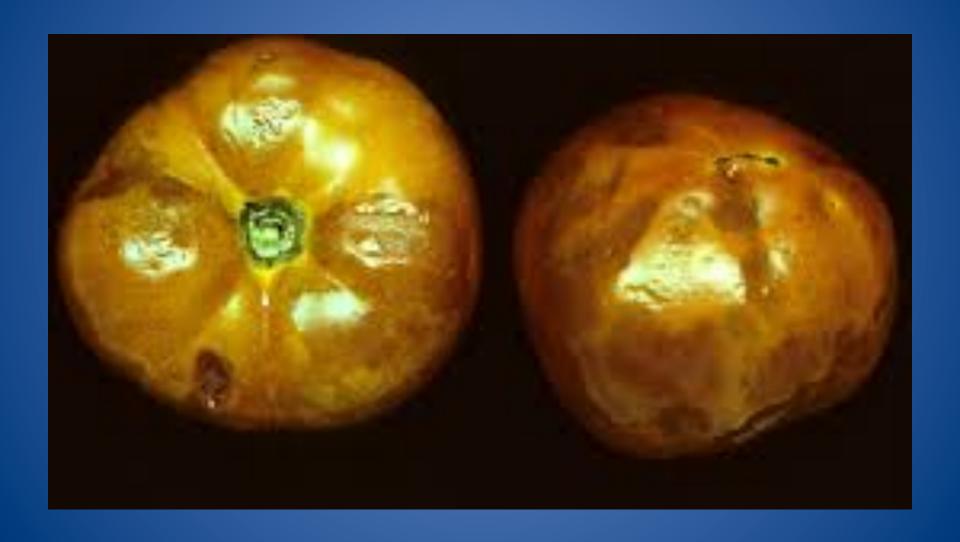
Plant Viruses



Tobacco Mosaic Virus



Tomatoes



Favorable Plant Viruses



Tulip



Plant Viruses producing striking color

