Eukaryotic Microorganisms and Parasites

Lecture# 4

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Introduction

• A parasite is an organism that lives at the expense of another organism, called the host.

Parasites may cause moderate to severe damage. Parasites that cause disease are called **pathogens**.

Parasitology is the study of parasites.

الطفيليات هي مخلوقات بتعيش على حساب غيرها (بتنفع حالها وبتضر غيرها) اغلبها بسببوا امراض وبسميهم pathogenes

Are divided to:

- **Ectoparasites:** such as ticks and lice, which live on the surface of other organisms.
- **Endoparasites:** as some protozoa and worms, which live within the bodies of other organisms.
- obligate parasites: They must spend at least some of their life cycle in or on a host as causes malaria (Plasmodium) must invade red blood cells
- facultative parasites: They normally are free-living, such as some soil fungi, but they can obtain nutrients from a host, as many fungi do when they cause

skin infections.

بنحتاج لجسم الهوست في مرحلة من مراحل حياتها وإلا ما بتعيش :obligate

متل اغلب الفطريات، بتقدر تعيش لحالها بدون ما تطفل على :facultative

اي مخلوق، بس في حال كان في فرصة تطفل بتستغلها دغري

According to the duration of their association with their hosts:

- **Permanent parasites:** remain in or on a host once they have invaded it as tape warms. هاد النوع متل الدودة الشريطية ، لو ما تعالجت رح تبقى داخل الجسم داائما
- **Temporary parasites**: feed on and then leave their hosts **such as many biting** insects. تطفلها مؤقت، بتروح لحالها
- Accidental parasites: invade an organism other than their normal host. Such as Ticks that ordinarily attach to dogs or to wild animals sometimes attach to humans.

حشرات القراد الهوست الطبيعي الها هو الحيوانات بس ممكن عن طريق الصدفة تنتقل للانسان، وهون الطفيلي ما بكون بحاجة لل host زي اول نوعين بهاد السلايد

Hyperparasitism refers to a parasite itself having parasites. Some mosquitoes, which are temporary parasites, harbor the malaria parasite or other parasites.

أحيانا الطفيلي بيكون نفسه حامل طفيلي آخر، زي الناموس اللي بيحمل الملاريا

- An organism that transfers a parasite to a new host is a vector.
- biological vector: A vector in which the parasite goes through part of its life cycle as The malaria mosquito is both a host and a biological vector.
- A **mechanical vector** is a vector in which the parasite does not go through any part of its life cycle during transit. E.g Flies that carry parasite eggs, bacteria, or viruses from feces to human food are mechanical vectors. ال vector هو الناقل ، لو كان هاد الناقل سواء حشرة او اي اشي بيحصل
- These insects serve as vectors of many human parasitic diseases

ولو كان مجرررد نافل بدون ما الطفيلي يستفيد منه

فيه جزء من حياة الطفيلي اللي حامله بسميه biological

Host classification

- **definitive hosts if they harbor a** parasite while it reproduces sexually. E.g The mosquito is the definitive host for the malaria parasite.
- intermediate hosts if they harbor the parasite during some other developmental stages
- E.g: The mosquito is the definitive host for the malaria parasite because that parasite reproduces sexually in the mosquito; the human is an intermediate host.

 biological والناموس بالنسبة النا
- Reservoir hosts are infected organisms that make parasites available for transmission to other hosts. e.g. wild or domestic animals acting as reservoir hosts for human parasitic diseases.

 reservior= accidantal: non of developmental life

 ^^ mechanical وهاد النوع بمثابة مخز او حافظة للطفيلي,

 occur in the host
- Host specificity: refers to the range of different hosts in which a parasite can infect mature. Some parasites are quite host specific-they mature in only one host

Harmful Effects of Parasites

- All parasites rob their hosts of nutrients...
- Many parasites cause significant trauma to host tissues as they cause open sores on the skin, destroy cells in tissues and organs.

 tissue العمل يسبب حكة بالراس ويخرب ال
- trigger severe inflammatory and immunological reactions.

Protists

Characteristics of Protists-they share:

- eukaryotic organisms and most are unicellular

Classification:

Animal-like protists (protozoa)

Plant like protists (algae)

Fungus like protists (slime molds and water molds)

Protozoa

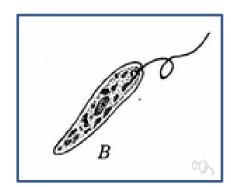
colonies: group of cells

- Mostly unicellular organisms, but a few form colonies.
- Some are commensals, which live in or on other organisms without harming them, other are parasites.

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Classified on the basis of their means of locomotion:

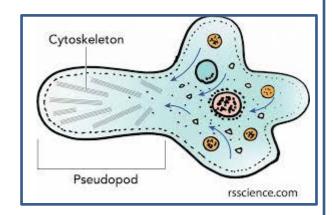
- 1. Mastigophorans have flagella
- Trypanosomes cause African sleeping sickness.
- leishmanias cause skin lesions or systemic disease with fever
- Giardias cause diarrhea.
- Trichomonads cause vaginal inflammation



Protozoa

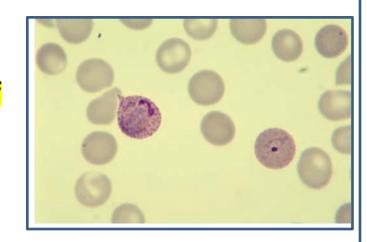
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- 2. **Amebozoa** move by means of pseudopodia. The more commonly observed genera:
- Entamoeba, Dientamoeba, and Iodamoeba— cause amoebic dysenteries of varying degrees of severity.
- Entamoeba gingivalis is found in the mouth



3. Apicomplexans.

- They are immobile parasites which have enzymes in groups or complexes of organelles at the tips (apices) of their cells to digest their way into host cells
- e.g; Plasmodium causes malaria
- e. g Toxoplasma gondii causes toxoplasmosis



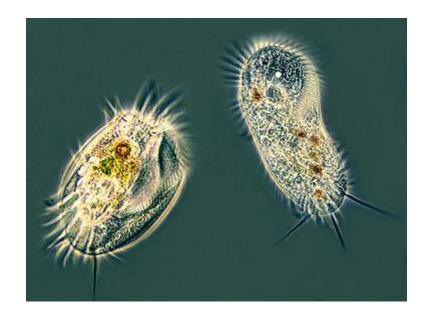
Protozoa

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4. Ciliates.

The largest group of protozoans

have cilia over most of their surfaces

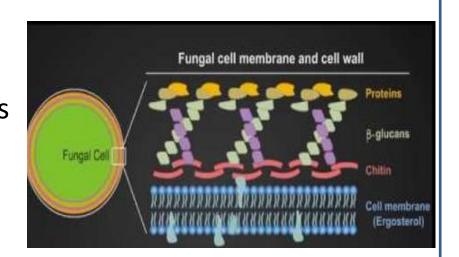


Fungi

fungi (yeasts and molds) are eukaryotic organism

- fungal cell structures are important medically:
- 1. The fungal cell wall consists primarily of chitin.
- 2. Chitin is a polysaccharide composed of long chains of N-acetylglucosamine. The fungal cell wall contains other polysaccharides as well, the most important of which is β -glucan, a long polymer of d-glucose.
- 3. The fungal cell membrane contains ergosterol, in contrast to the human cell membrane, which contains cholesterol.

antibiotic اللي بعطيه للبكتيريا هو مخصص فقط لتحطيم structure ال cell wall تبع البكتيريا، اما الفطريات فالمكونات وال



Fungi

Characteristics of fungi:

Fungi are heterotrophs

- بتعتمد على غيرها بالغذاء
- Many are saprophytes (digest dead organic matter and organic wastes)
- Some are parasites that obtain nutrients from the tissues of other organisms —Parasitic fungi can be destructive when they invade other organisms.

thallus: کل جسم الفطر mycelium: خیوط رفیعة بتعمل شبکة Fungi hyphae هاي الشبکة اسمها

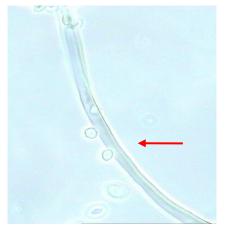
- The body of a fungus is called a thallus. The thallus of most multicellular fungi consists of a mycelium. A mycelium is a network of fungal threads or hyphae
- The mycelium can be embedded in decaying organic matter, soil, or tissues of a living organism.
- Mycelial cells release enzymes to digest the surfaces of invaded matter and absorb small nutrient molecules.
- Hyphal cells are separated by cross walls called septa

Fungi-Morphology

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1. Mold

- Multicellular, hyphae, septate & nonseptate, hyaline & dematiaceous, diameter 4-20 μm
- Sexual and asexual reproduction



asepta: متصلة

septa: متقطعة



Hyaline septate hyphae

Hyaline aseptate hyphae

Fungi-Morphology

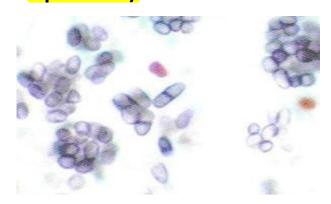
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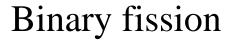
2. Yeast

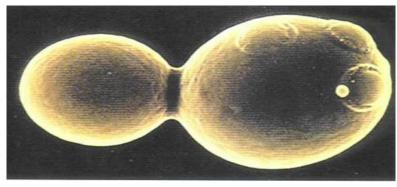
– Unicellular, round or oval, size 8-15 x 3-5 μm

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– Method of reproduction: budding, binary fission, sexual spores) بالابواغ

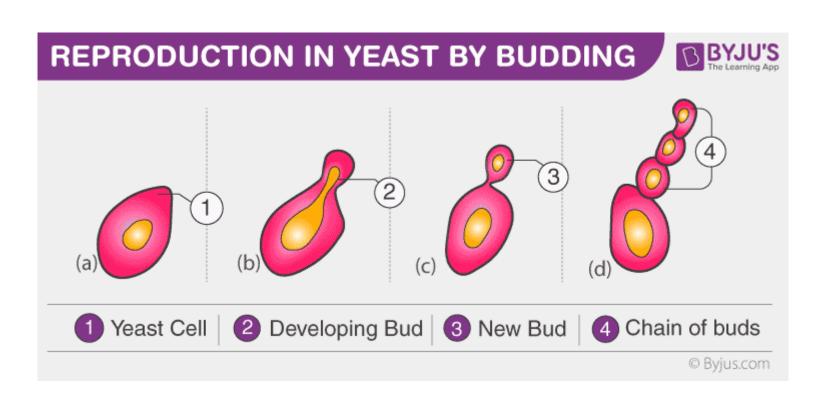






Budding yeasts

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Comparison of Fungi and Bacteria

| Feature | Fungi | Bacteria |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Diameter بر | Approximately 4 µm (Candida) | Approximately 1μm (Staphylococcus) |
| Nucleus | Eukaryotic | Prokaryotic |
| Cytoplasm | Mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum present | Mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum absent |
| Cell membrane | Sterols present | Sterols absent (except Mycoplasma) |
| Cell wall content | Chitin | Peptidoglycan |
| Spores | Sexual and asexual spores for reproduction | Endospores for survival, not for reproduction |
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