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## ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΔΙΑ ΒΙΟΥ ΜΑΘΗΣΗΣ ΑΕΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΙΚΑΙΡΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΓΝΩΣΕΩΝ ΑΠΟΦΟΙΤΩΝ ΑΕΙ (ΠΕΓΑ)

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# METHOD FOR THE MICROBIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOODS



# METHOD

## Traditional method

- Plate counts
- Membrane filtration
- Most probable number
- Direct microscopic count
- Dye reduction tests
- Indicator

## Rapid Method

Direct

epifluorescent  
filter technique  
(DEFT)

Electrical

impedance

Enzyme-linked

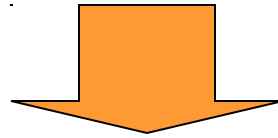
immunosorbent  
assay(ELISA)



# Plate count method

**Standard plate count (SPC)**

**Aerobic plate count (APC)**



**Total bacteria count (TBC)**

**Total viable count (TVC)**



**“Live”**

# Plate count method



- **Pour plate**
- **Spread plate**
- **Drop plate**

- **Diluent**

- 0.85% NaCl
- 0.1% peptone
- Phosphate buffer

- **Medium**

- Elective medium
- Selective medium
- General

- **Petri dish plate**

- **Replication**



# PLATE COUNT DEPENDS ON

- Diluent
- Food homogenate
- Dilution series
- Medium
- Plating method
- Incubate conditions

# BAIRD-PARKER AGAR

Selective agent

Sodium tellurite

Lithium chloride

Elective agent

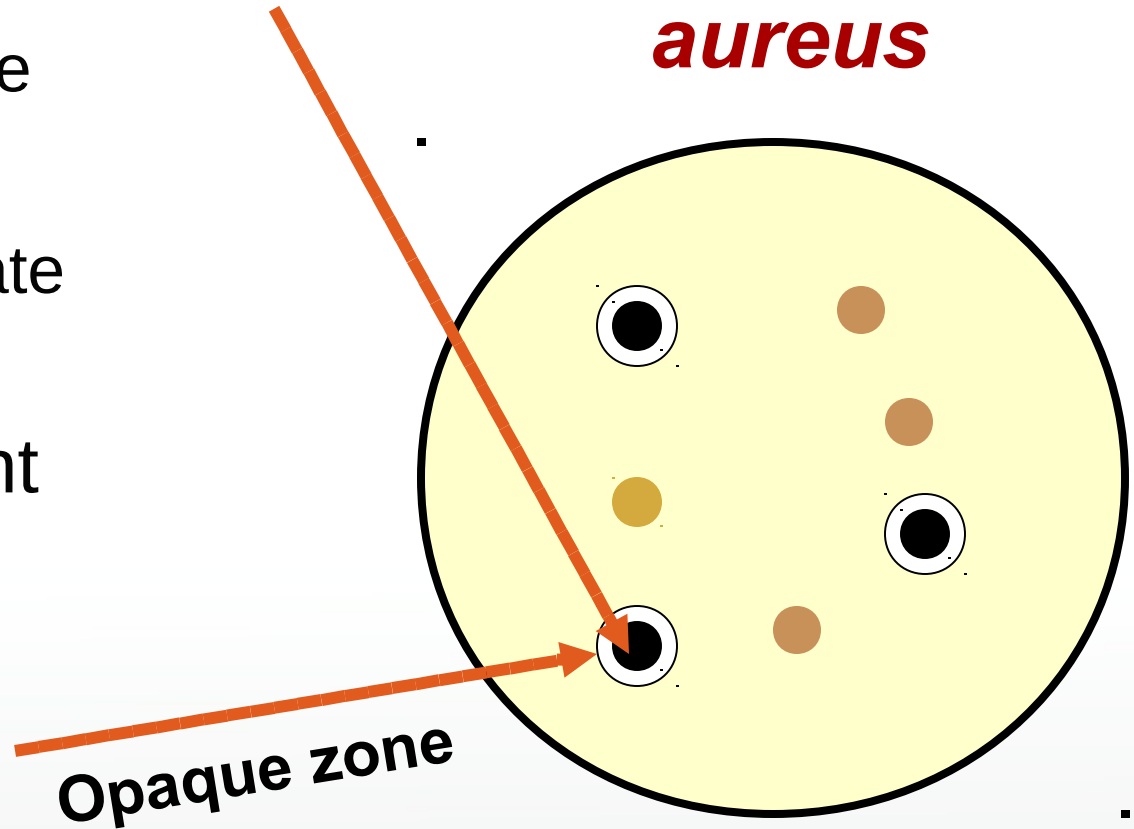
Sodium pyruvate

Glycine

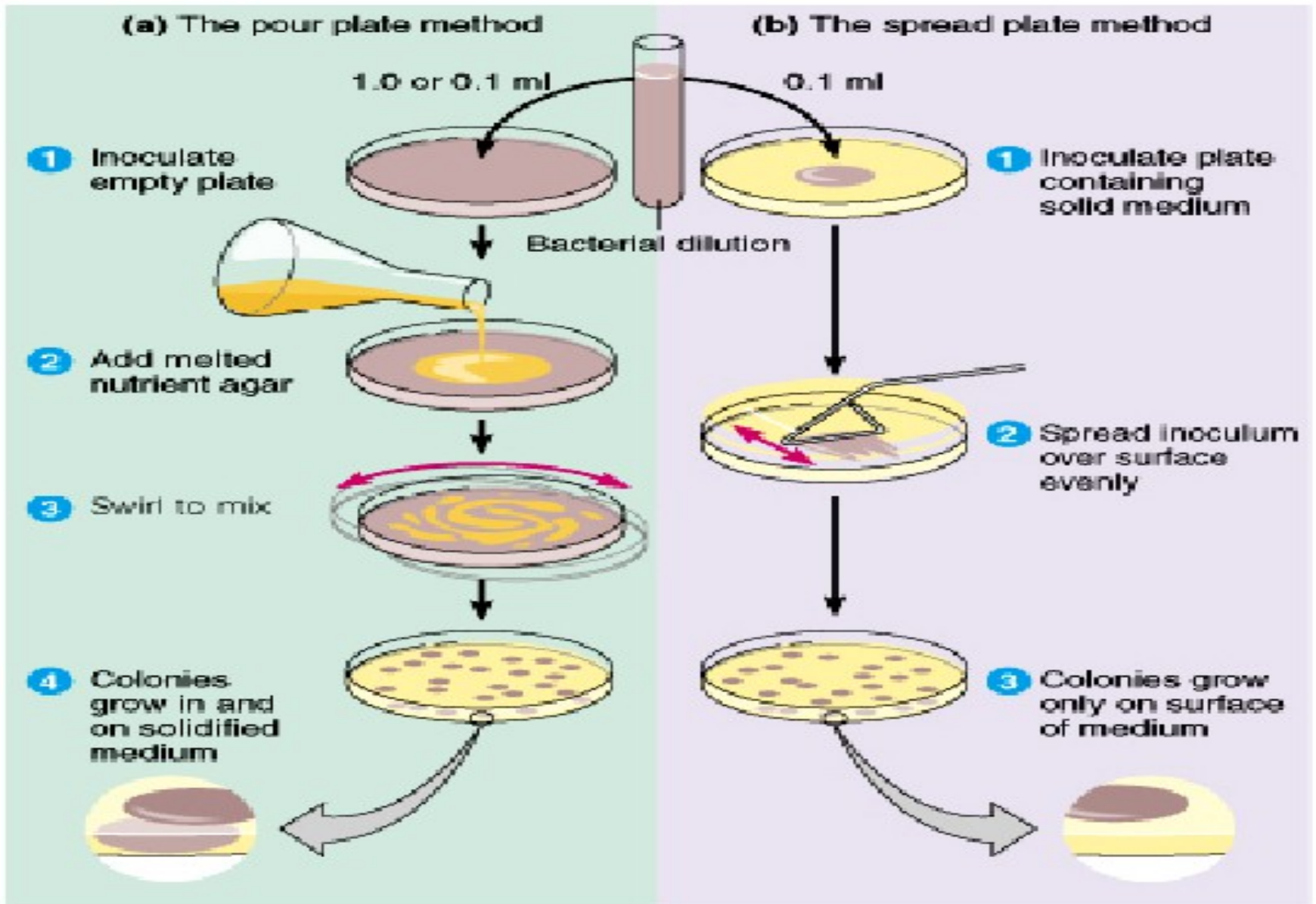
Diagnostic agent

Egg yolk

***Staphylococcus aureus***

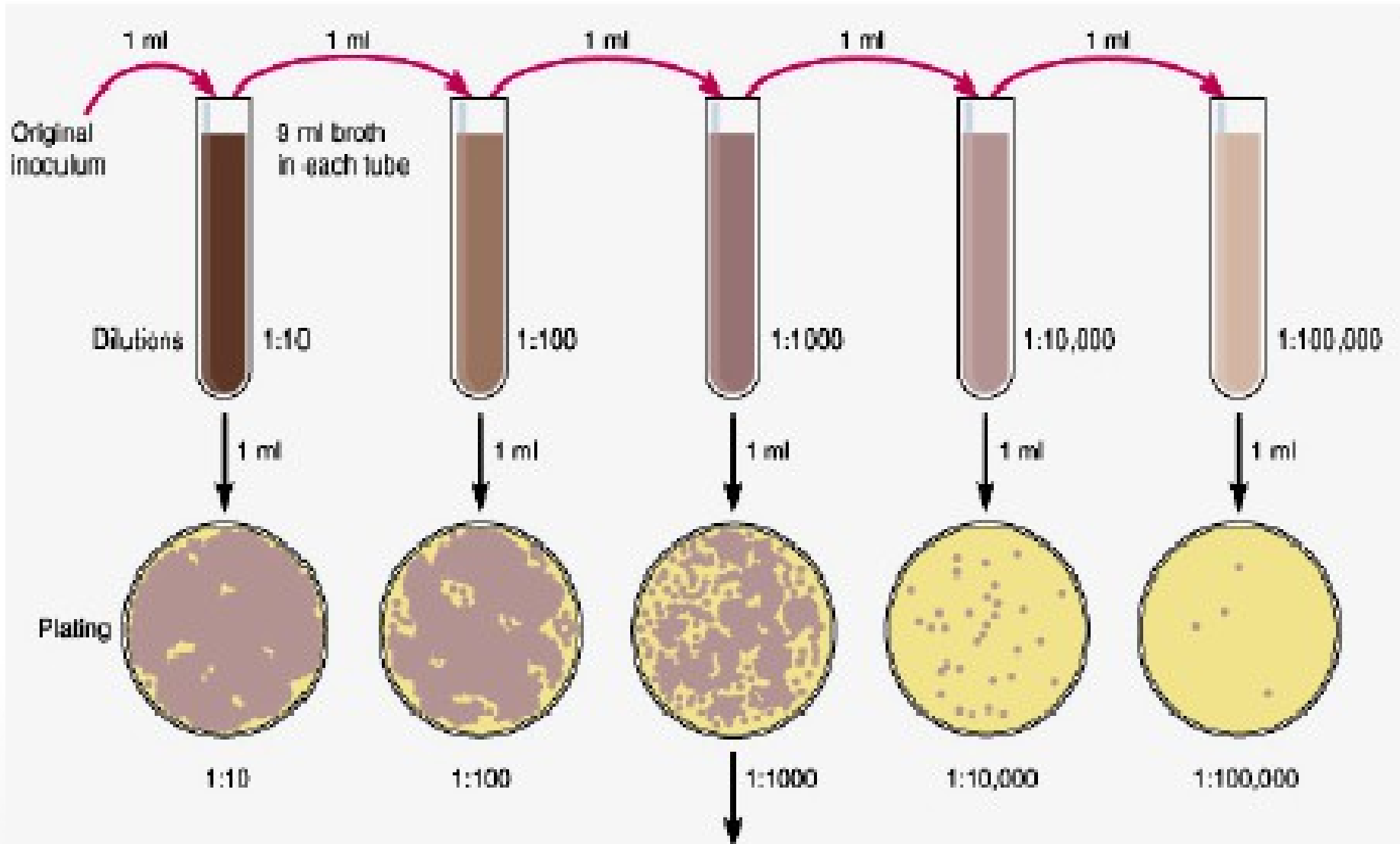


# Plate count method



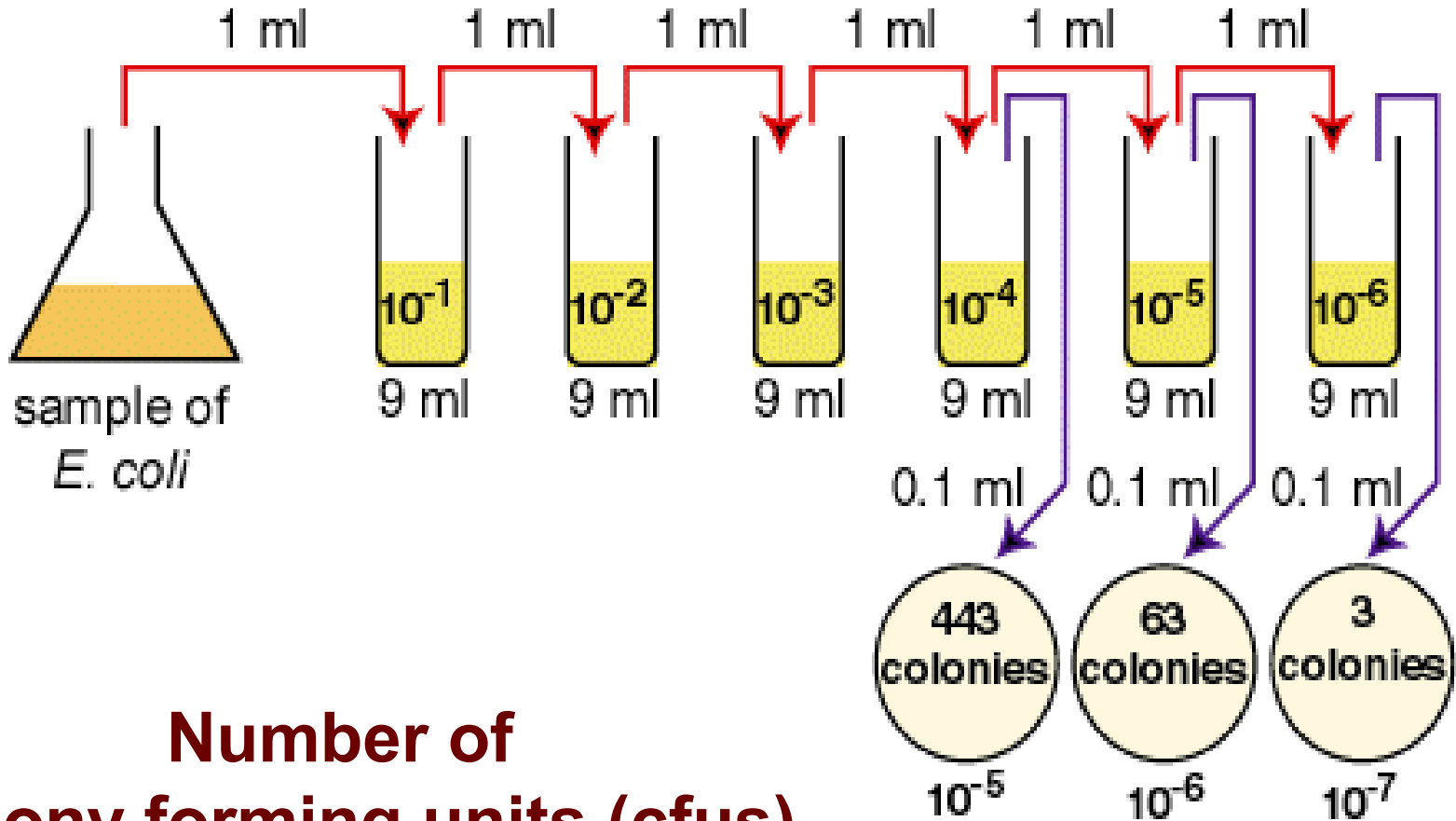


# Pour plate



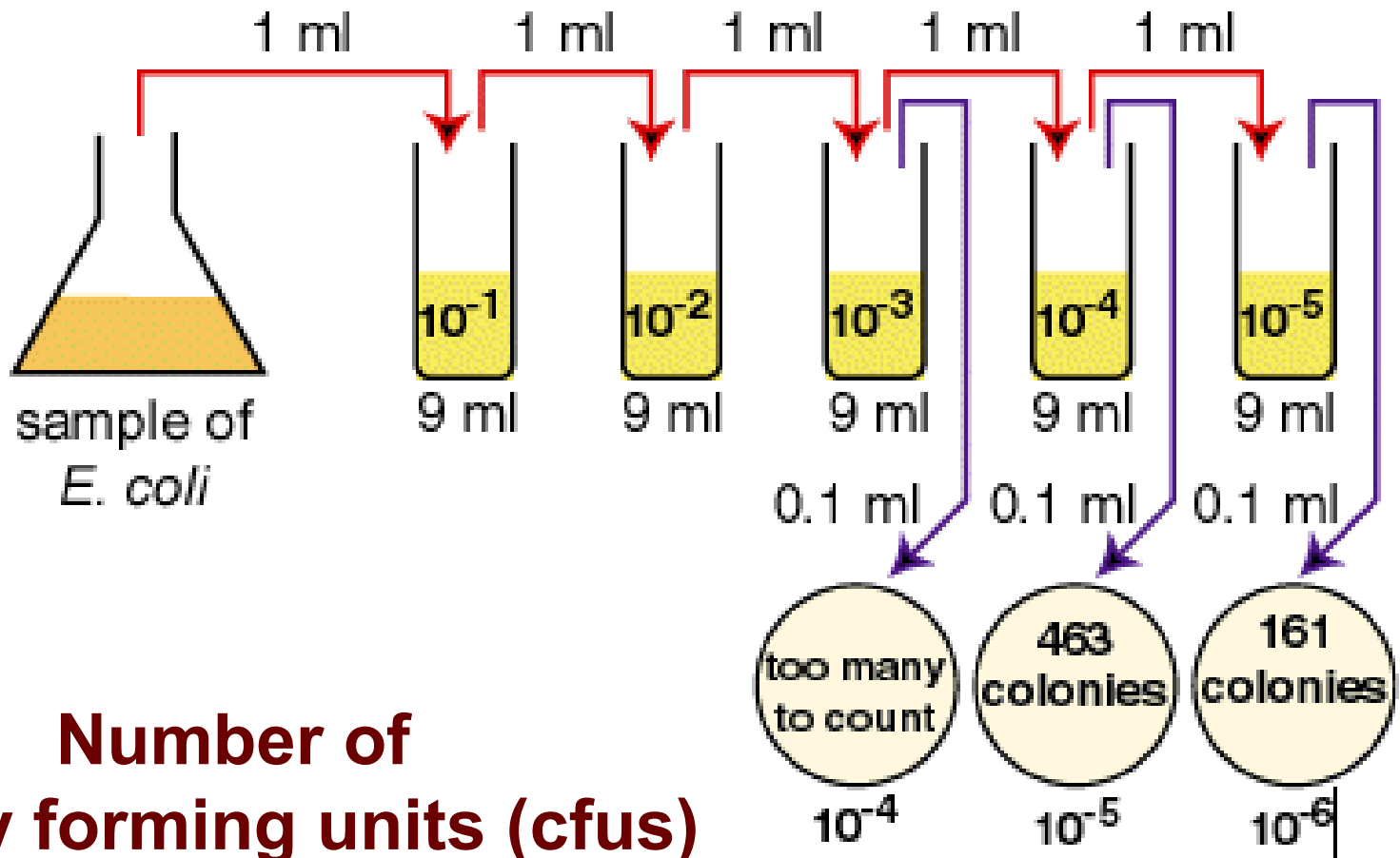
Calculation: Number of colonies on plate  $\times$  reciprocal of dilution of sample = number of bacteria/ml  
(For example, if 32 colonies are on a plate of  $1/10,000$  dilution, then the count is  $32 \times 10,000 = 320,000$ /ml in sample.)

# Spread plate



**Number of colony forming units (cfus)**  
**?????**

# Spread plate



**Number of colony forming units (cfus) ??????**



**DISADVANTAGE OF PLATE COUNT ???**

**???????**

# Drop plate

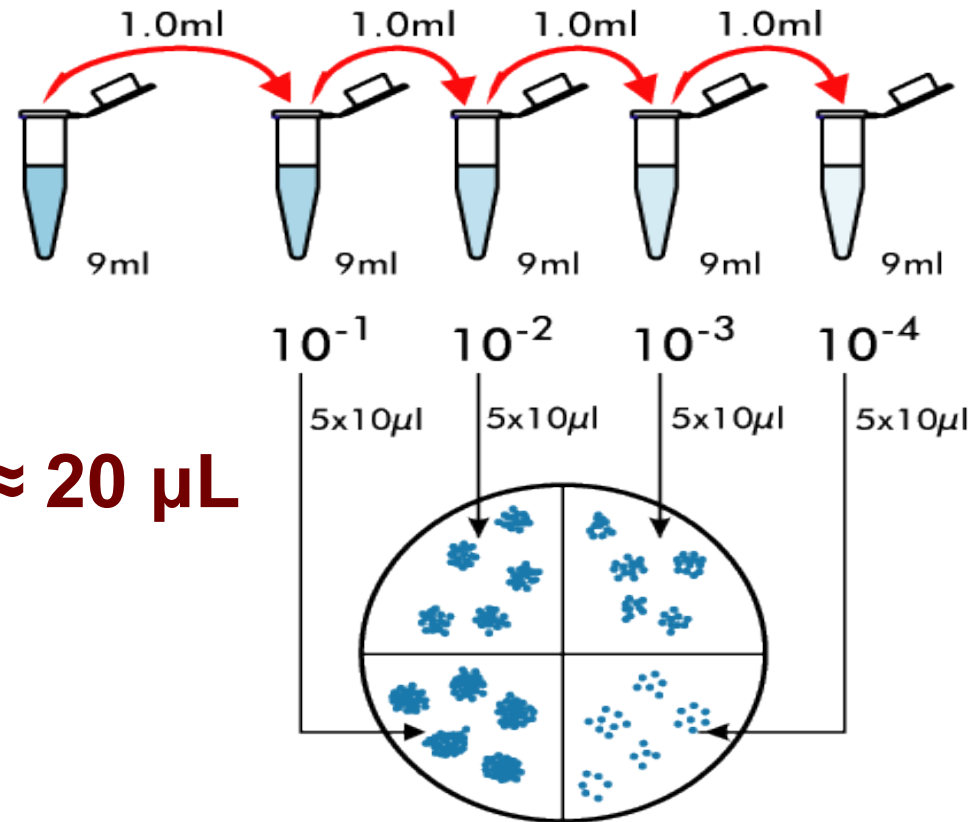


Figure 1. Dilution series followed by drop-plating techniques

- **Sample:**
- **Small vol.  $\approx 20 \mu\text{L}$**
- **Cost**

# Drop plate





# APPLICATION OF PLATE COUNT

- « Check quality of RM & final products
- « Check condition hygiene
- « Estimate storage life of products
- « Determine
  - ¢ Production
  - ¢ Transport
  - ¢ Storage
- « Determine pathogens



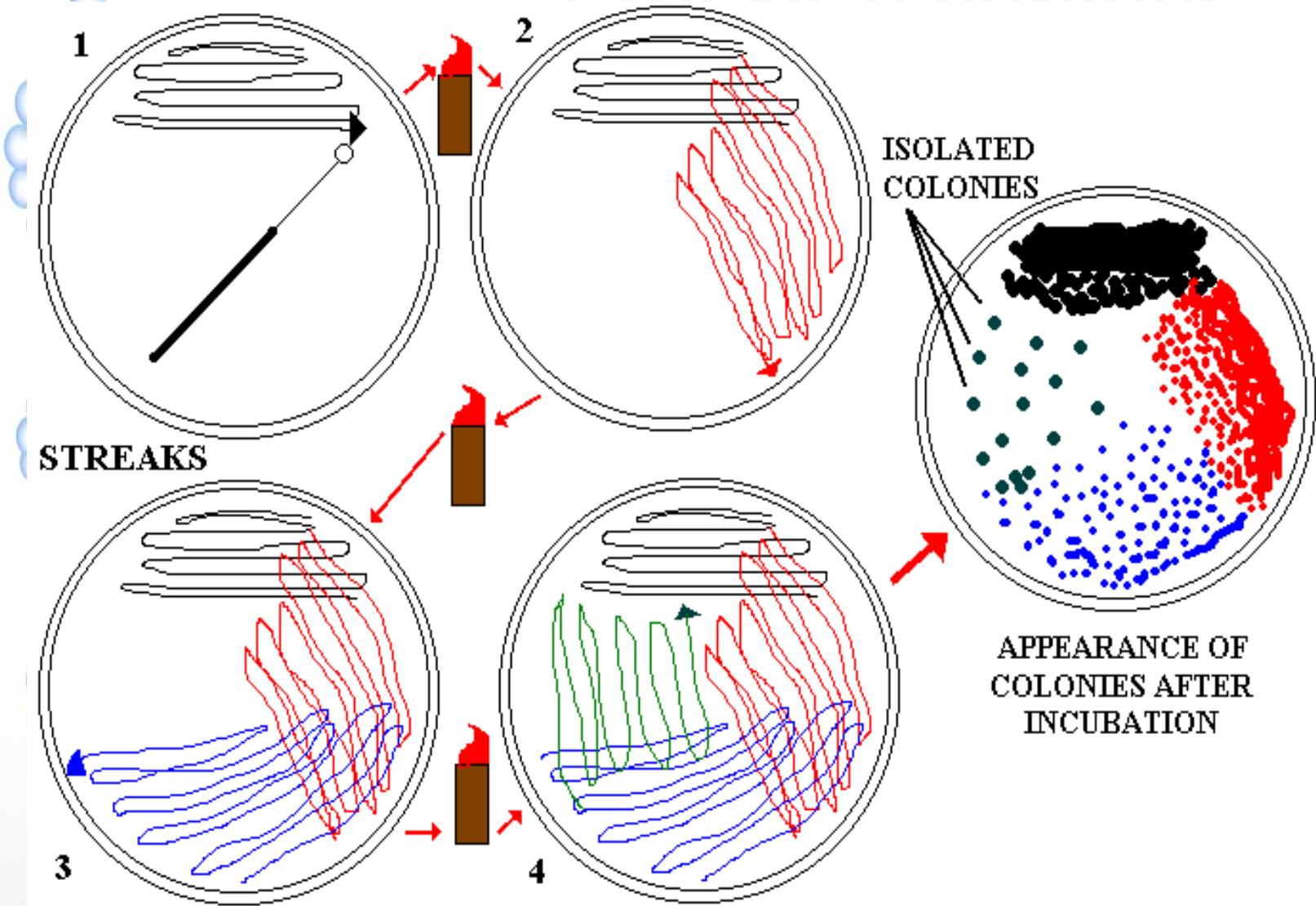
# SELECTION OF MEDIA IN FOOD MICROBIOLOGY

<b>Medium</b>	<b>Use</b>
<b>Plate count agar</b>	<b>Aerobic mesophilic count</b>
<b>MacConkey broth</b>	<b>MPN of coliforms in water</b>
<b>Brilliant green/Lactose/Bile broth</b>	<b>MPN of coliforms in food</b>
<b>Braid Parker agar</b>	<b><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></b>
<b>Thiosulfate/Bile/Citrate/agar</b>	<b><i>Vibrio sp.</i></b>

Adam and Moss (2003)



# STREAK TECHNIQUE



# Filtration

0.45  $\mu\text{m}$

## Liquid food

- Low number of MO.

Large volume of food

- Count
- Sterilize

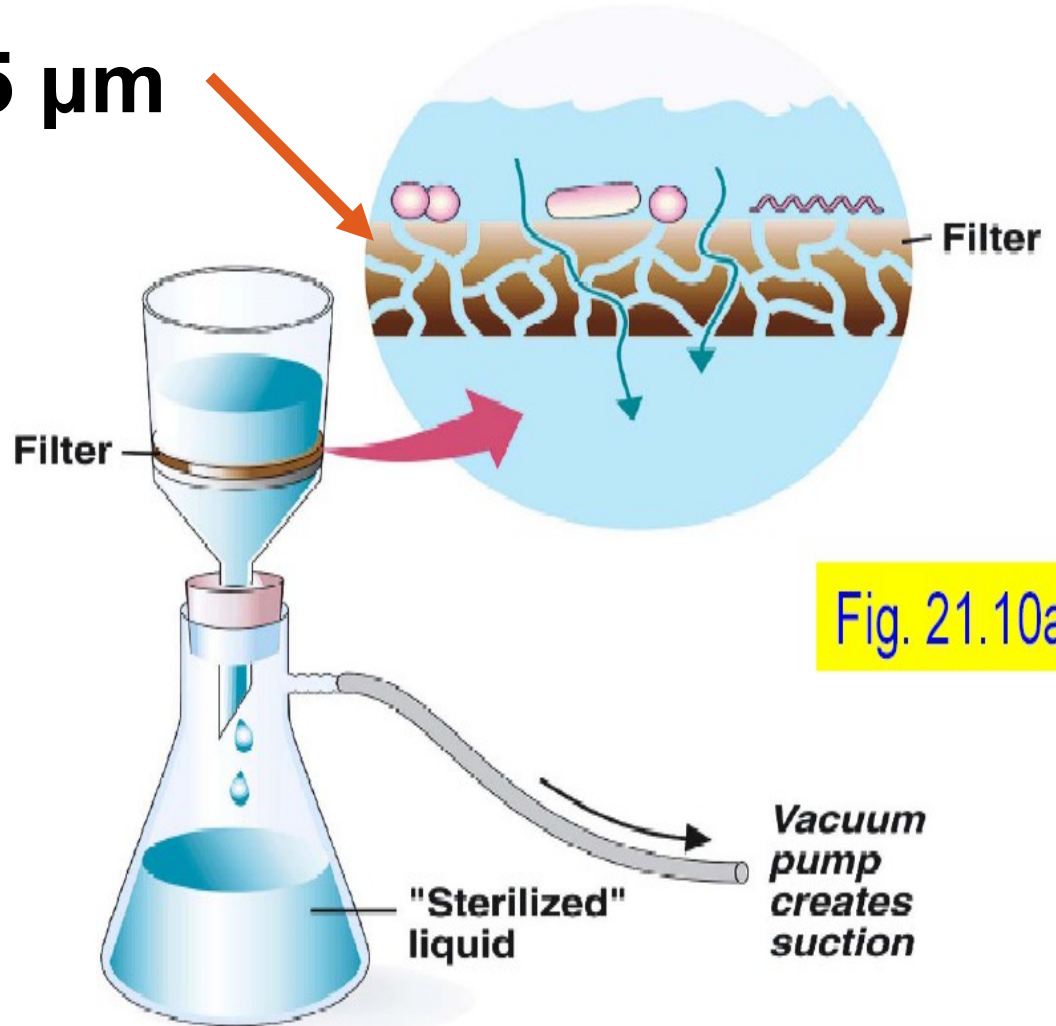


Fig. 21.10a



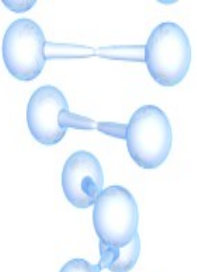
# MOST PROBABLE NUMBER

Most probable number (MPN)

Multiple tube techniques

- **Pathogen**
  - **Number too low**

- **Coliform**
- ***Escherichia coli***
- ***Staphylococcus aureus***
- **Feacal streptococci**



# MOST PROBABLE NUMBER

<b>Medium</b>	<b>Organisms assessed</b>
Lauryl sulfate tryptose broth	Coliforms
MacConkey purple broth	Coliforms
EC broth	Faecal coliform
Glucose azide	Faecal streptococci
Minerals modified glutamate medium	Coliforms
Baird-Parker broth	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>



# MICROSCOPIC COUNT

Direct microscopic count (DMCs)

Small sample (0.01 ml) & rapid

Optical light microscope

Total cell

living & dead cells

Foods

Liquid

Semi-solid

**Ex.**

• **Milk**

• **Wine**

• **Yogurt starter**

• **Tomato sauce**

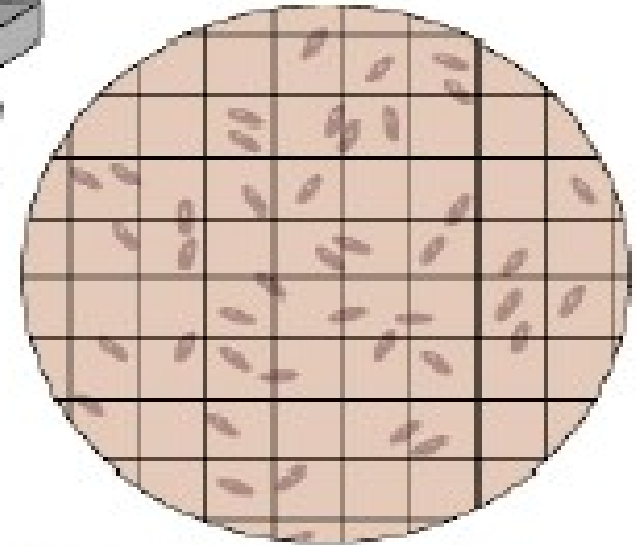
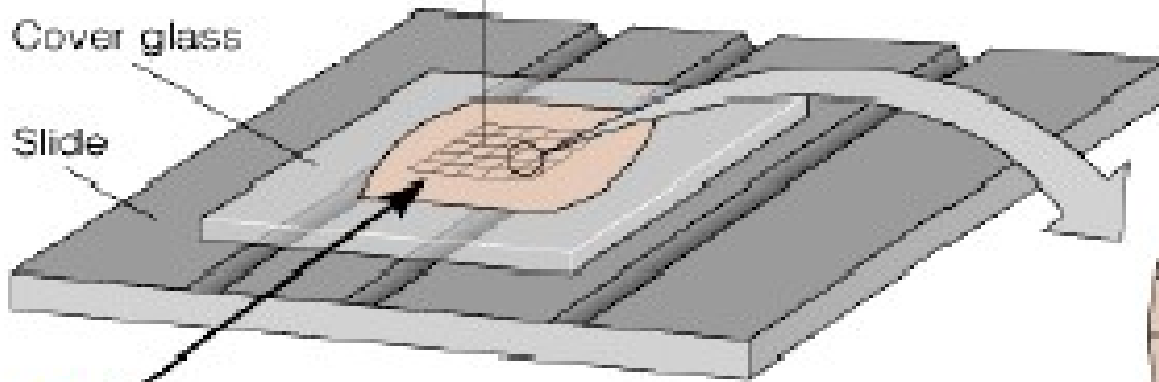
• **Howard mold**

# MICROSCOPIC COUNT

Grid with 25 large squares

Cover glass

Slide



- 1 Bacterial suspension is added here and fills the shallow volume over the squares by capillary action.

Bacterial suspension

Cover glass

Slide



Location of squares

- 3 Microscopic count.

- 2 Cross section of a cell counter.

- 4 The volume of fluid over the large square is  $1/1,250,000$  of a milliliter.

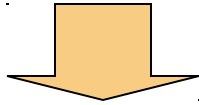


# COMPARISON OF SENSITIVITY OF METHOD

<b>Method</b>	<b>Vol. of sample (ml)</b>	<b>Count (cfu/g)</b>
<b>Direct microscopy</b>	<b><math>5 \times 10^{-6}</math></b>	<b><math>2 \times 10^6</math></b>
<b>Drop plate (Miles and Misra)</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b><math>5 \times 10^2</math></b>
<b>Spread plate</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b><math>10^2</math></b>
<b>Pour plate</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>MPN</b>	<b><math>3 \times 10</math> <b>+ <math>3 \times 1</math></b> <b>+ <math>3 \times 0.1</math></b></b>	<b>0.36</b>

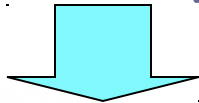
# DYE-REDUCTION TEST

Methylene blue



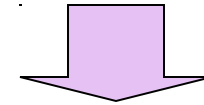
Leuco-methylene blue

Triphenyltetrazolium  
chloride (leuco)

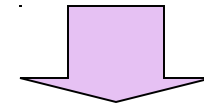


Formazan (red)

Resazurin (blue)



Resorufin (pink)



Dihydroresofin  
(leuco)





# INDICATORS

- Hygiene indicator
- Cross contamination

- Fresh meat
- Raw milk
- Pasteurized milk



# ATP PHOTOMETRY

## ATP : Adenosine triphosphate

Synthesis of new cell

Active transport (uptake of materials from environment)

Movement

Light production

# ATP PHOTOMETRY

Luciferin + luciferase + ATP + O<sub>2</sub>



Oxyluciferin + luciferase + AMP + **light**

**1 ATP** → **light 1**  
**photon**

# ATP PHOTOMETRY

**Bacteria cell**

1 fg of ATP

**Yeast cell**

100 fg of ATP

• **Limit of ATP  
photometry  
 $10^2$ - $10^3$  fg ATP/ml**

**fg = femto gram =  $10^{-15}$  g**



# ATP PHOTOMETRY

Break down the non-microbial cells in food

Remove non-microbial ATP using  
**ATPase**

Release ATP from bacteria cell

Addition of luciferin & luciferase

Record light emission (ATP photometry)

# ATP PHOTOMETRY

Application

Fresh meat

Milk

Starter culture

Test UHT milk

Surface contamination

# ATP PHOTOMETRY

## Disadvantage

Mixed bacteria & yeast cell

Dilution

Remove cell before ATP measured

Filtration

Centrifugation



# DIRECT EPIFLUORESCENT FILTER TECHNIQUE (DEFT)

Liquid food  
Filter through membrane  
Acridine orange :  
fluorescent dye  
(fluorochrome) pour  
through filter  
Epifluorescent  
microscopy  
Count: manual or  
automatic

- **Direct  
microscopy**
- **Membrane  
filtration**

- **Vol. of sample**
- **Filter area**
- **Area of  
microscope field**
- **Number of field**



# DIRECT EPIFLUORESCENT FILTER TECHNIQUE (DEFT)

Acridine orange binds to:

RNA --- fluorescent orange

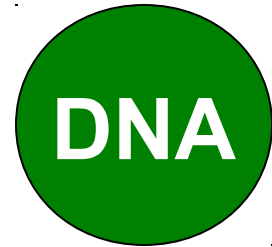
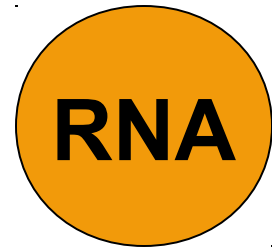
DNA --- fluorescent green

Viable cell

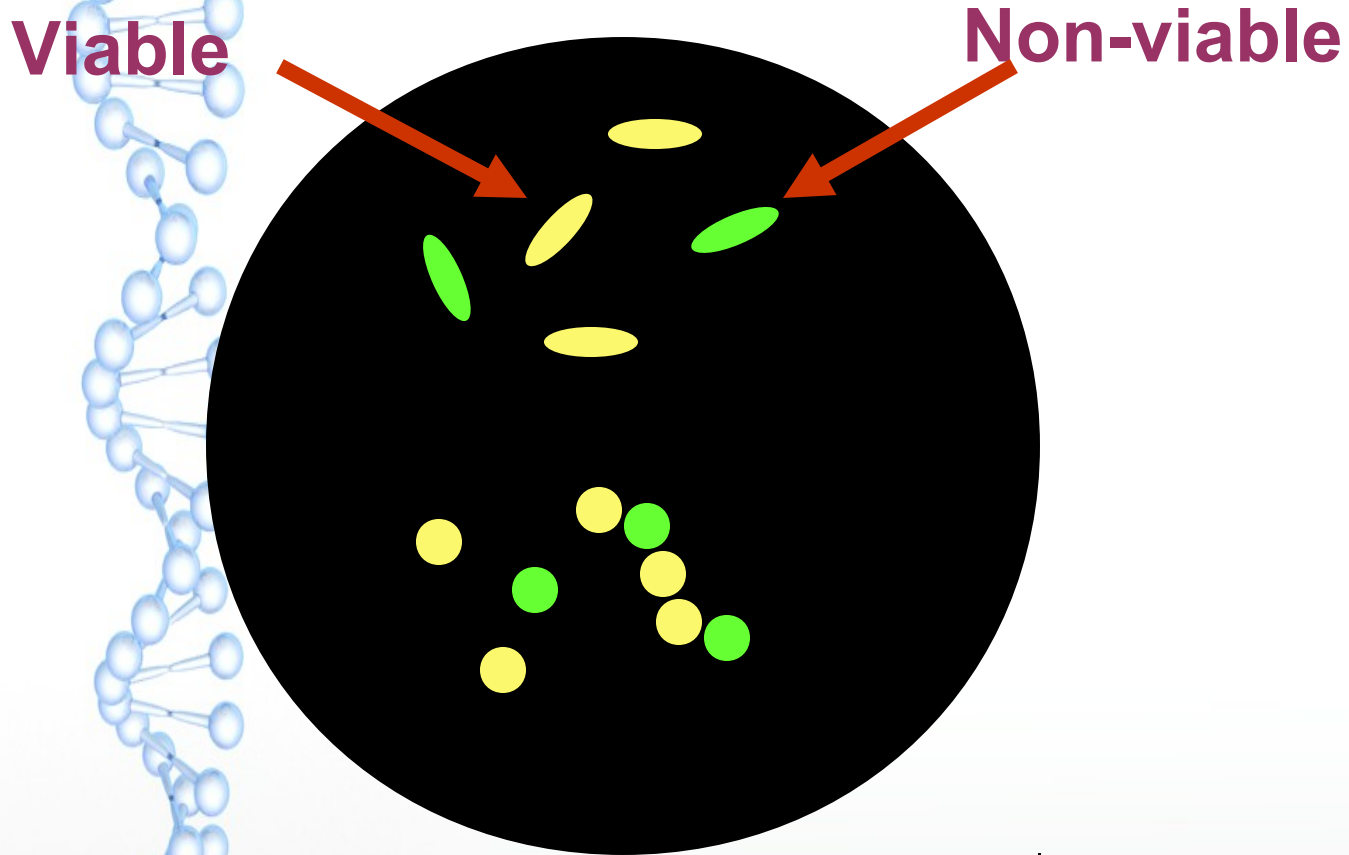
RNA > DNA --- orange

Non-viable cell

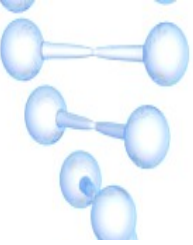
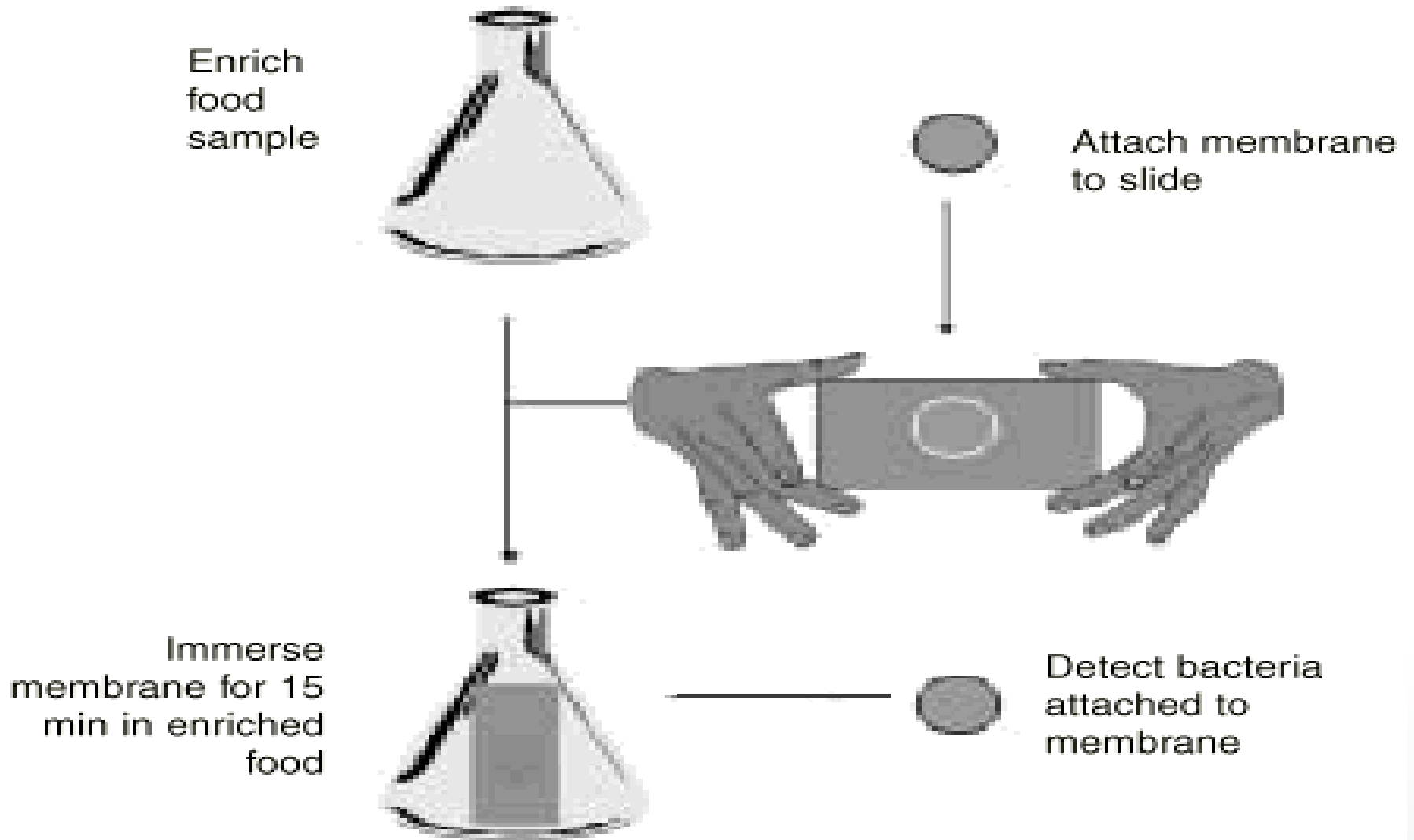
DNA > RNA --- green



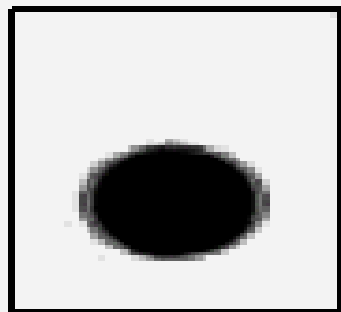
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# Membrane epifluorescent

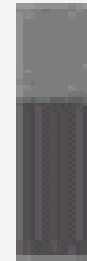


# Membrane epifluorescent

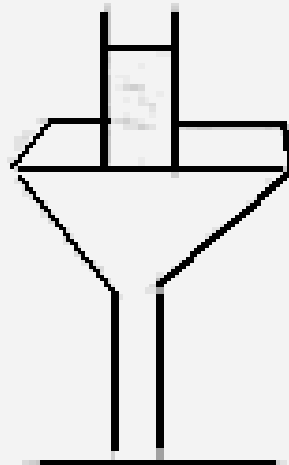


Sample and buffer

10 ml

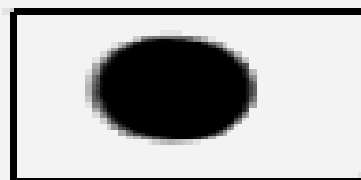


Centrifuge and  
add alcalase 2.4 L  
(0.5ml)



Filter 5.0ml through  
membrane (0.8  $\mu$ m)  
and stain cells with  
acridine Orange or  
*Badlight*

Slide



Count  
cells

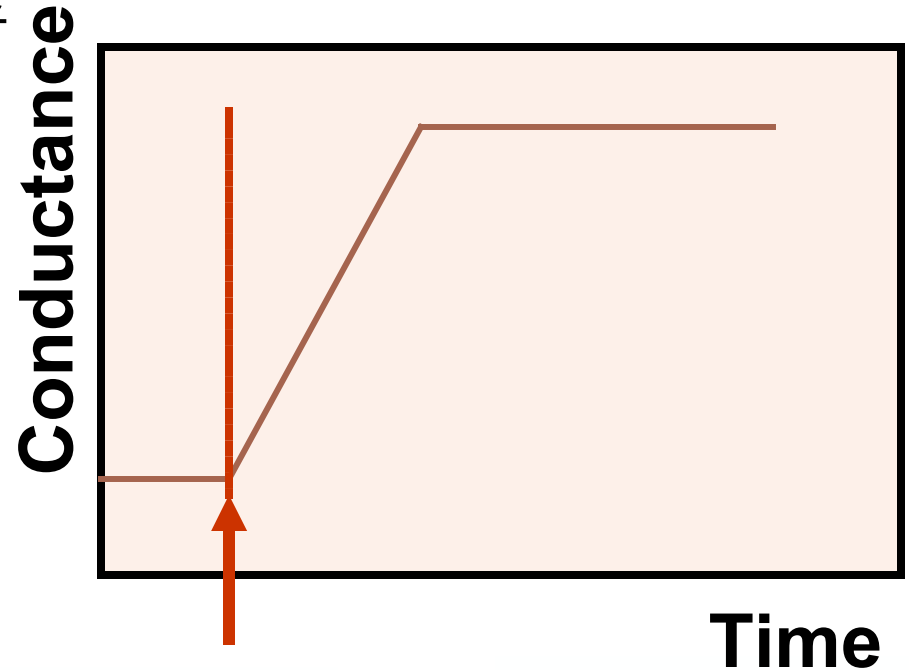
# ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE METHOD

Impedance : resistance

Bacteria growth

----decrease  
impedance

----increase  
conductivity



**DT**

**Detection time**

**$10^6$ - $10^7$  cells/ml**



# ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE METHOD

## Bacterometer

Vary temp

Small volume

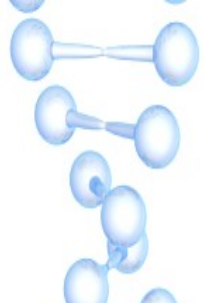
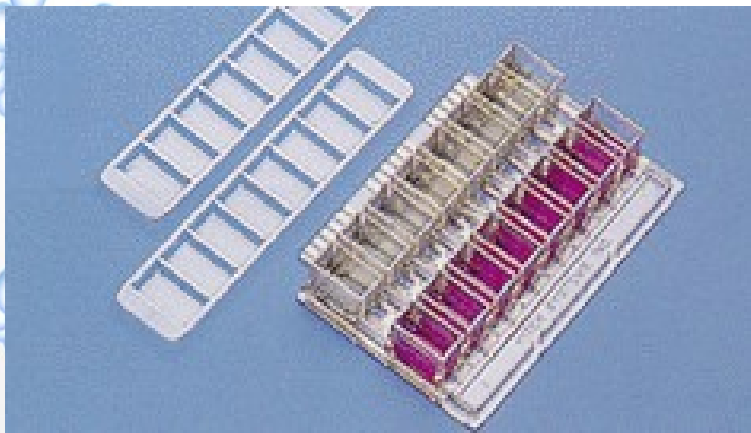
Many wells

Many samples

Automatic

- **Count**
- **Growth**

# Bactometer



Antigen – conjugate enzyme

Antibody – conjugate enzyme

## Pathogen

- *Salmonella*
- *Listeria*
- *S. aureus*

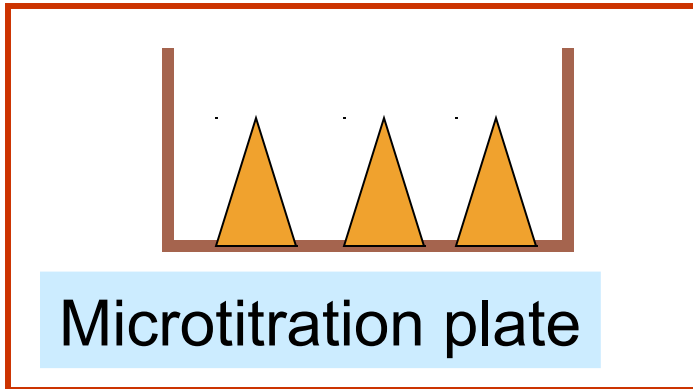
## Toxin

- Staphylococcal
- Botulinum toxin
- Mycotoxin



# ENZYME-LINKED IMMUNOSORBENT ASSAY

Antibody  
Antigen(toxin)  
Enzyme



Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)

Horse Radish Peroxidase (HRP)

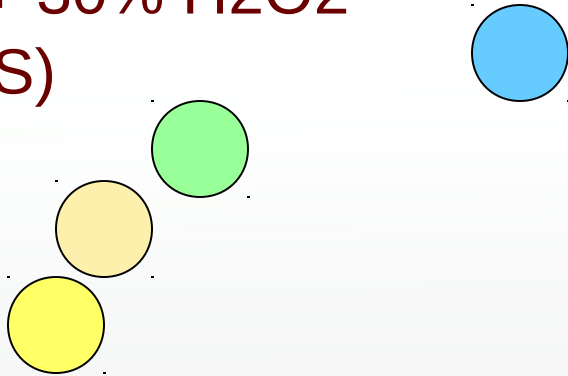
Substrate

Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) + 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

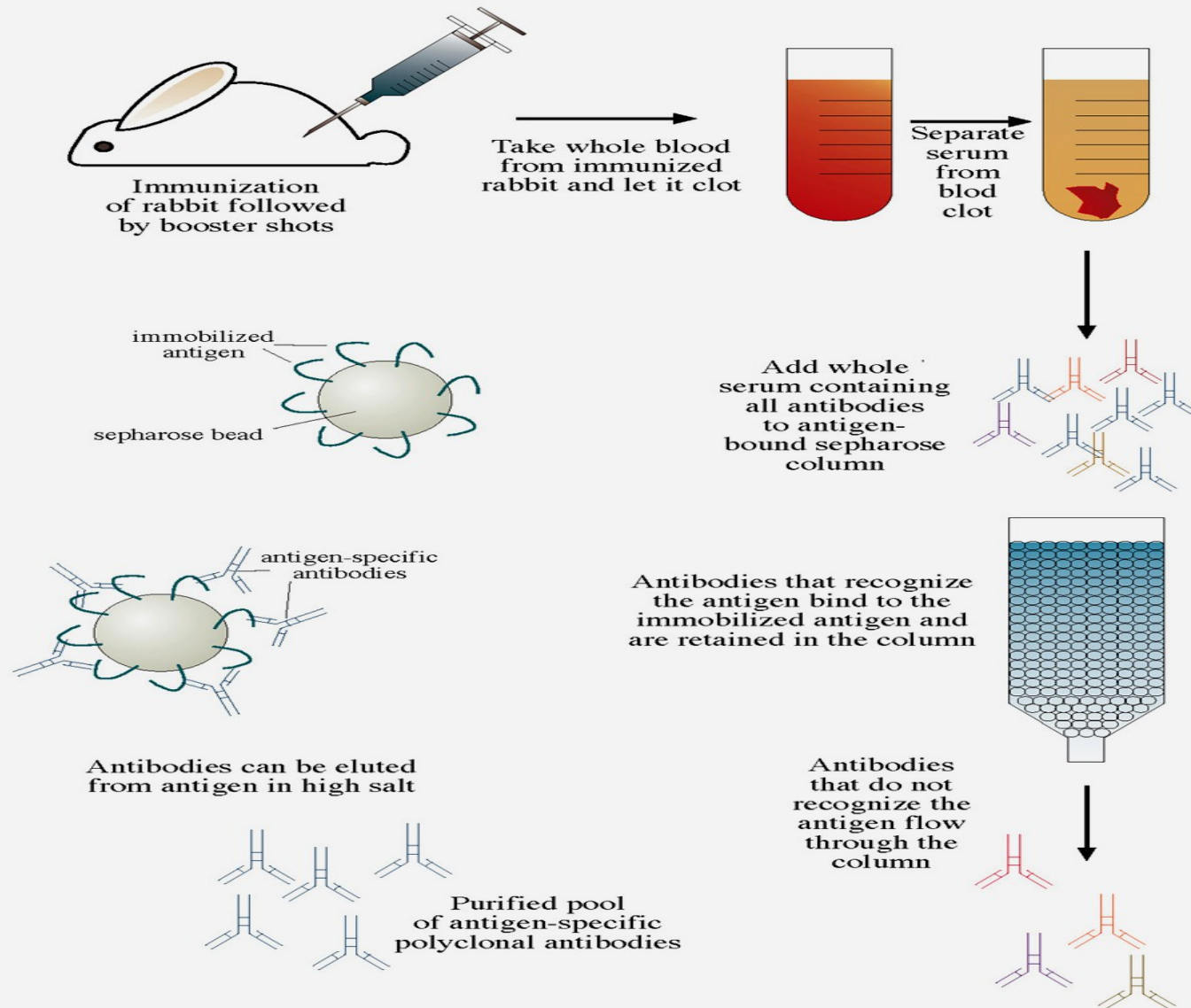
Azinobis sulphonic acid (ABTS)

o-phenylenediamine (OPD)

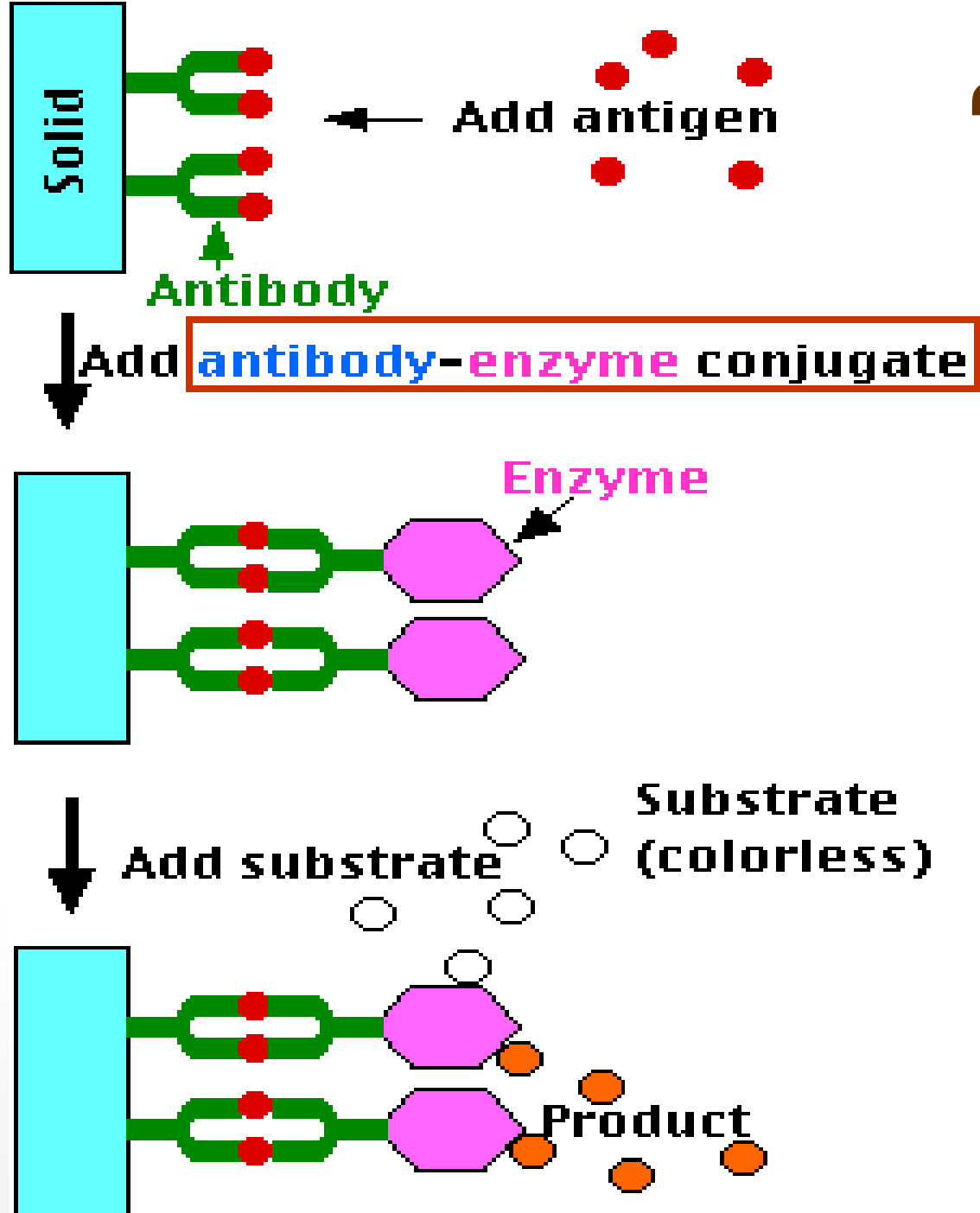
p-nitrophenyl phosphate



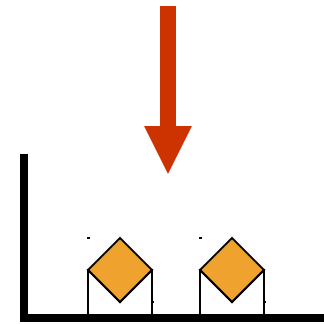
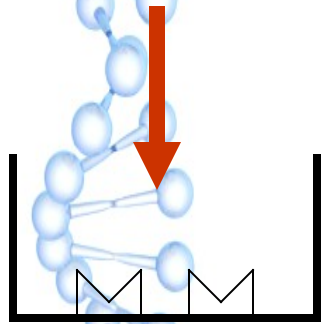
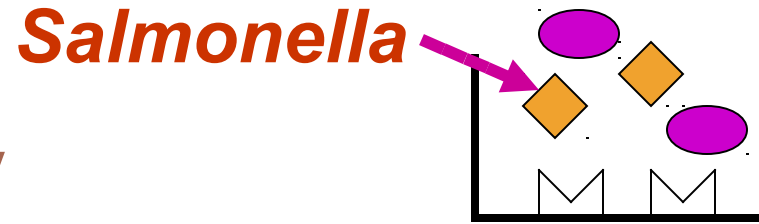
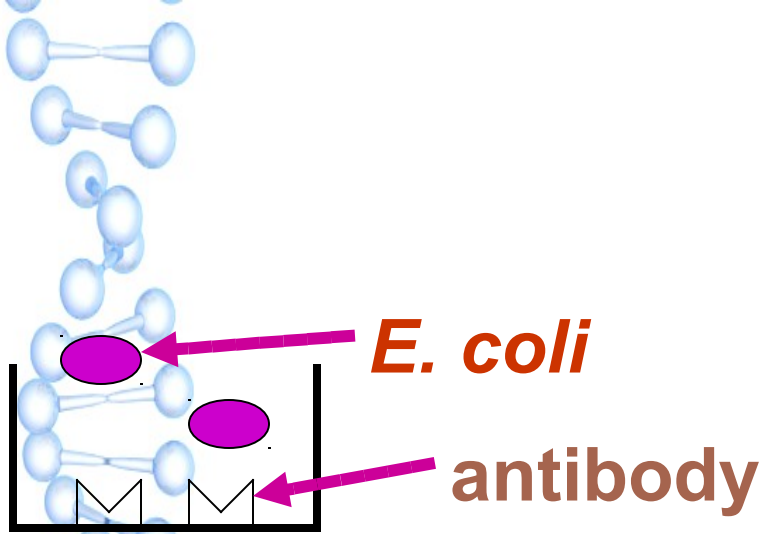
# Production and Purification of Polyclonal Antibodies



# “ELISA”



# SANDWICH-ELISA

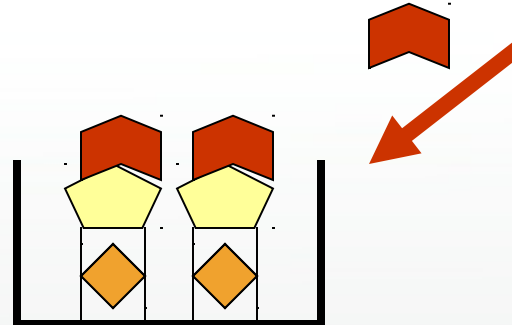


**Colorless**

Substrate

Antibody-conjugate  
enzyme

**Color**



# Aflatoxin

*A. flavus*  
*A. nomius*  
*A. tamarri*  
*A. parasiticus*

*flavus*

“Aflatoxin”

*Aspergillus*

toxin



*Aspergillus flavus*  
conidiophore



Walnut infected with  
*Aspergillus flavus*



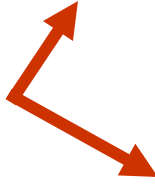
Atoxigenic *A. flavus*  
biocontrol strain growing  
on kernels of wheat



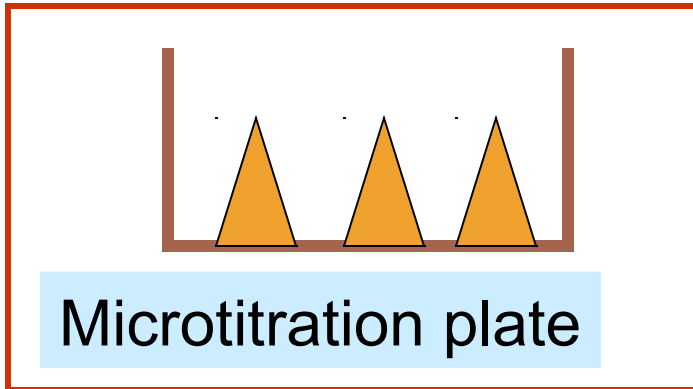
# ENZYME-LINKED IMMUNOSORBENT ASSAY

Antibody  
Antigen(toxin)  
Enzyme

Free toxin



Labeled toxin



Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)

Horse Radish Peroxidase (HRP)

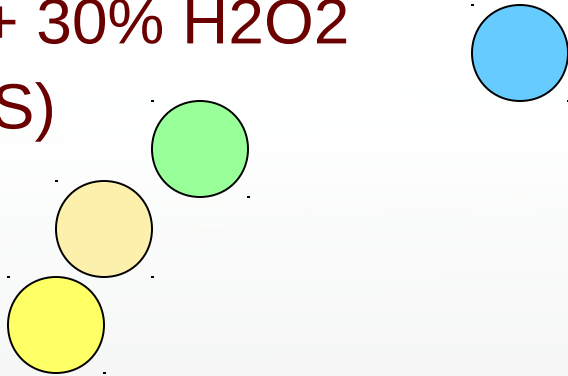
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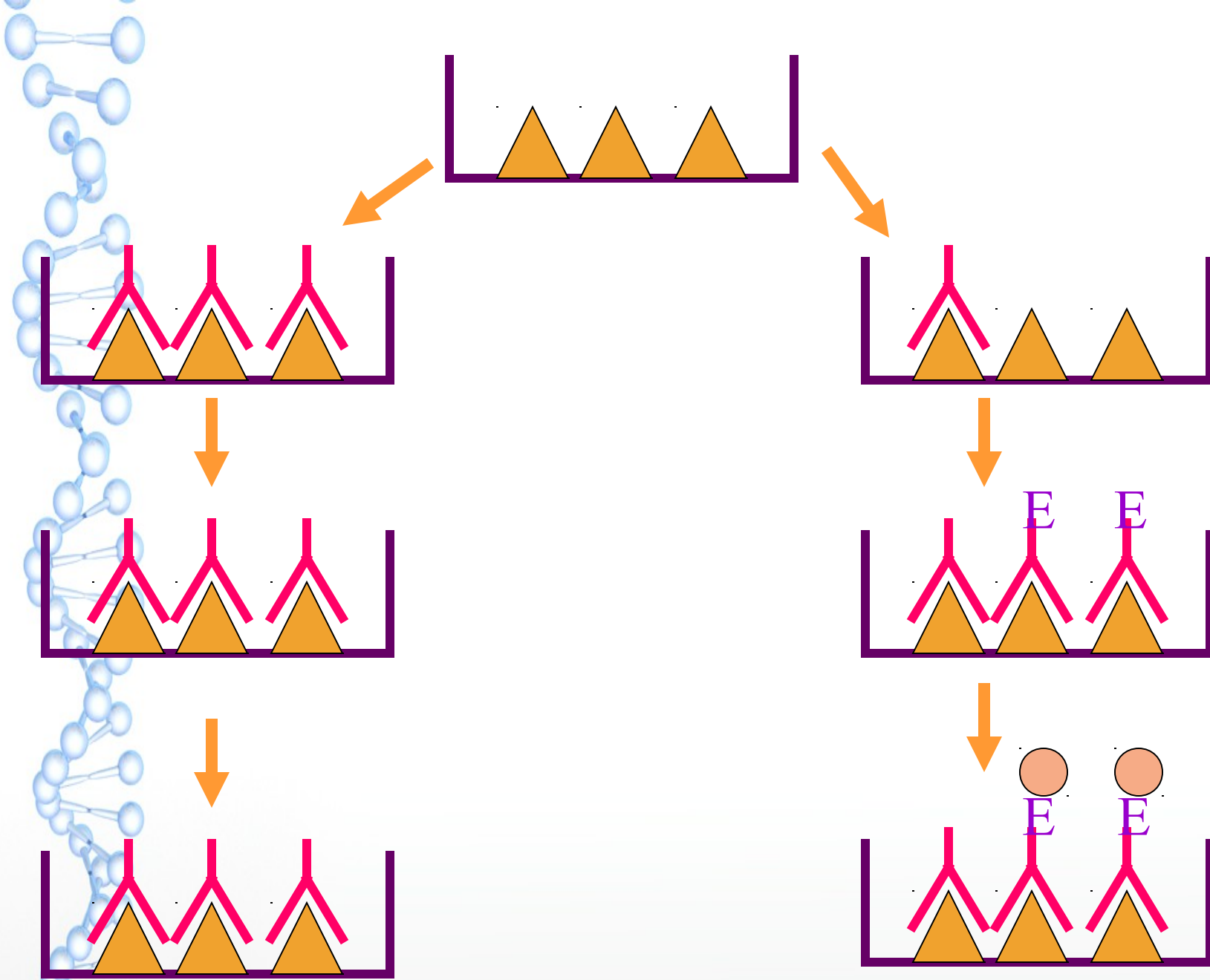
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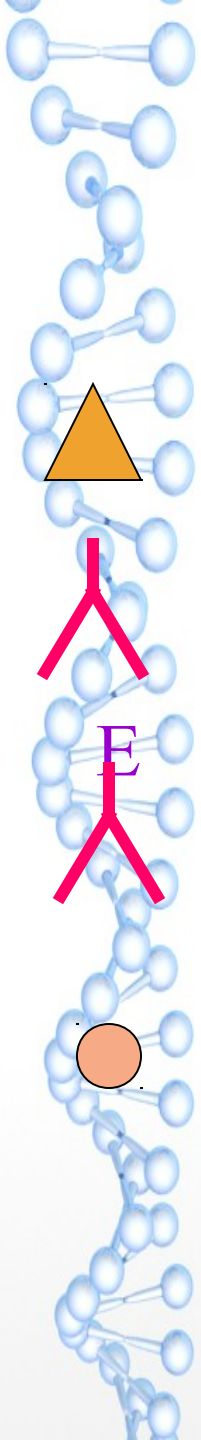


Aflatoxin: Colorless

Coloration



# “ELISA”



**Antibody**



**Aflatoxin (free toxin)**



**Aflatoxin-enzyme labeled (labeled toxin)**



**Substrate**

# Direct Competitive ELISA

Conc.  
(ppb)

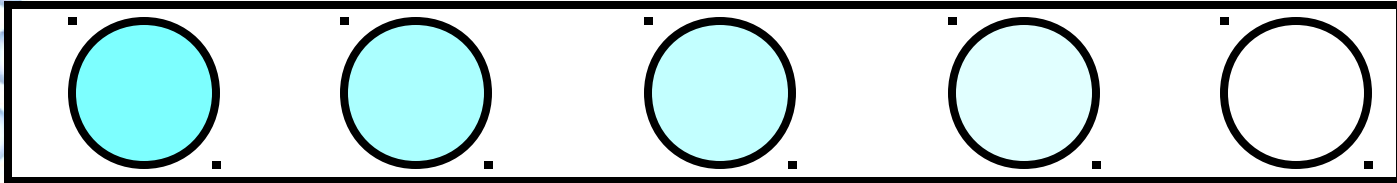
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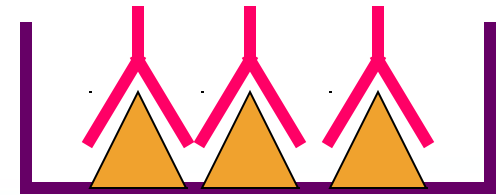
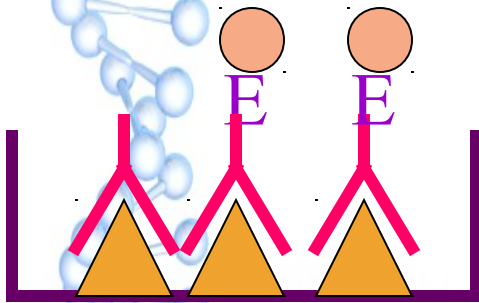
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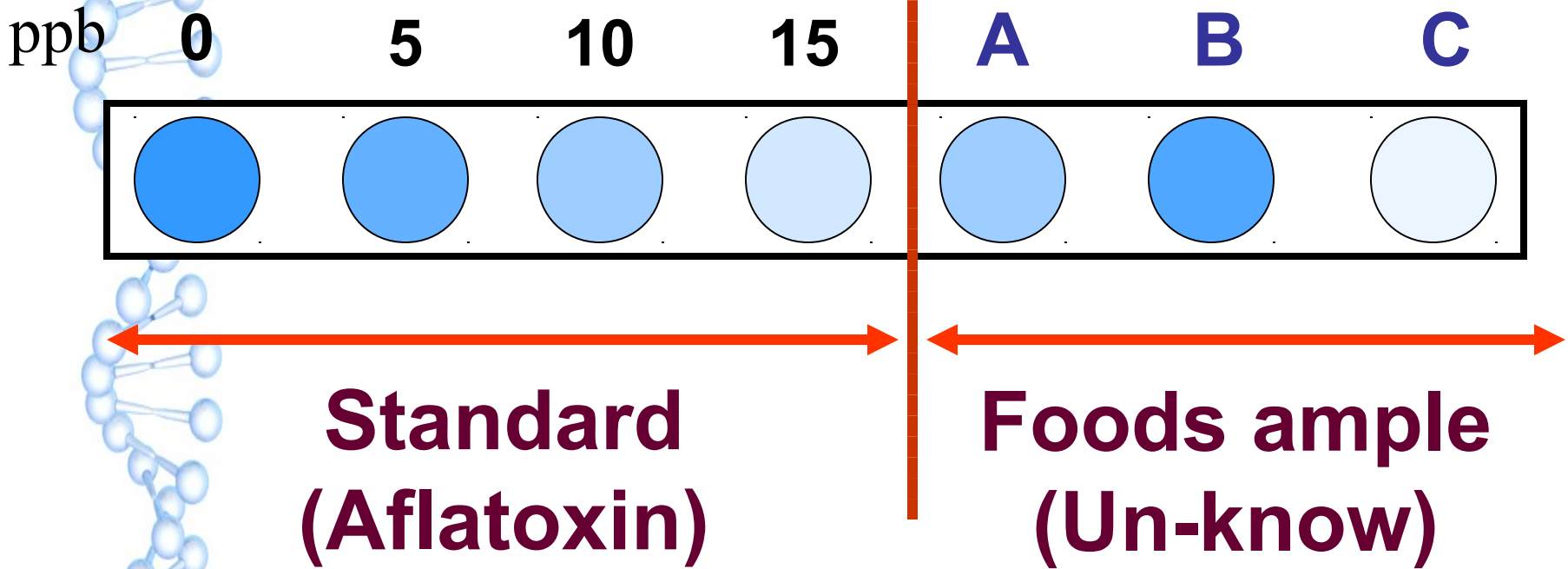
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Aflatoxin



# Direct Competitive ELISA



A= ?????? ppb

B= ??????

C= ??βββ? ppb

# ELISA

Qualitative result

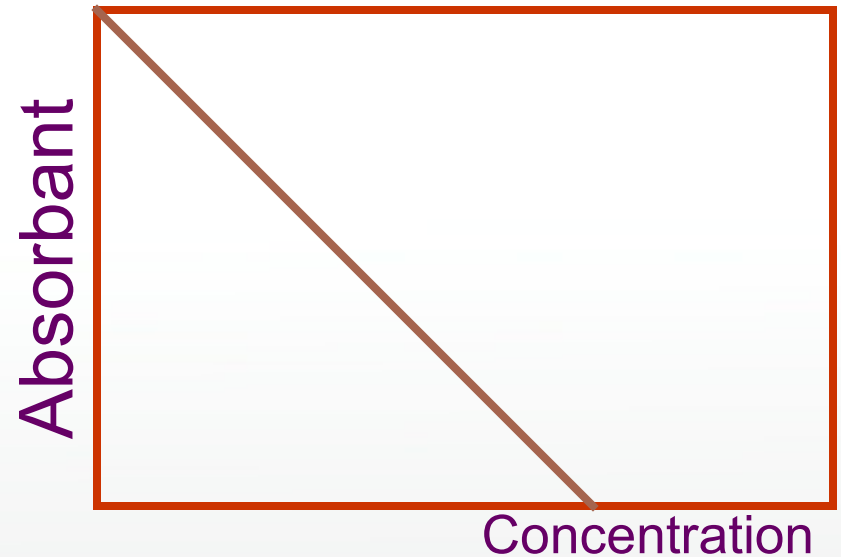
color →

Quantitative result

Micro ELISA reader

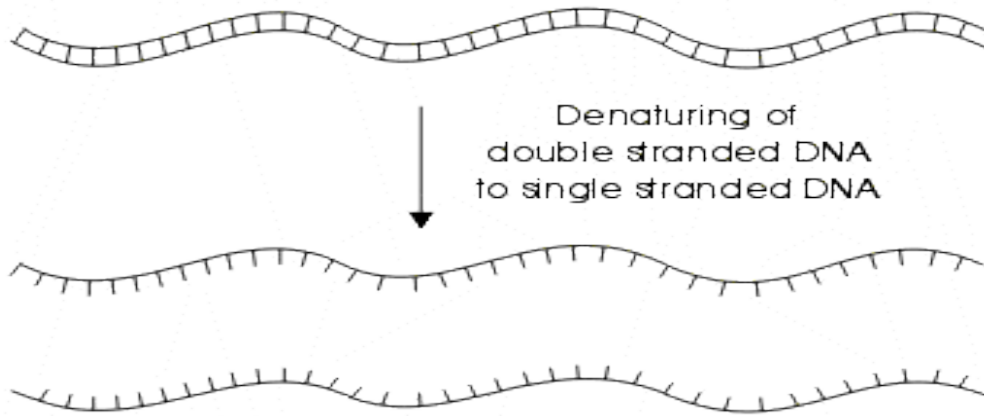
Spectrophotometer

Standard curve

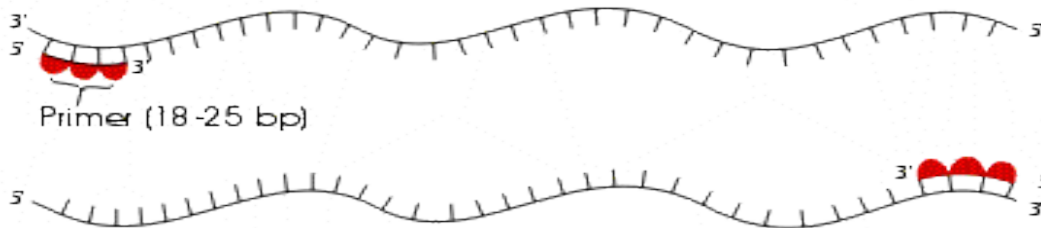


# PCR

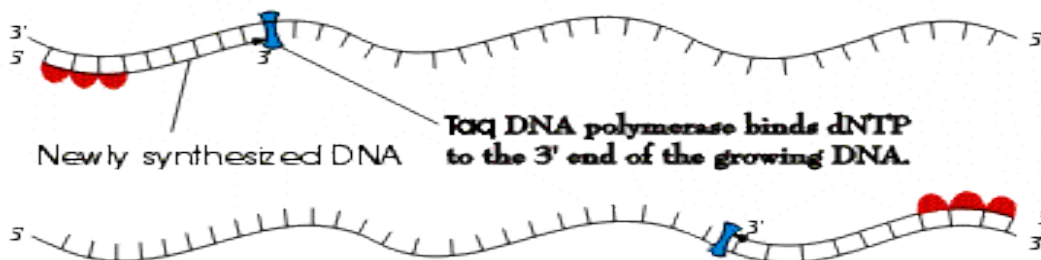
## Denaturing (95°C):



## Annealing (54-63°C):

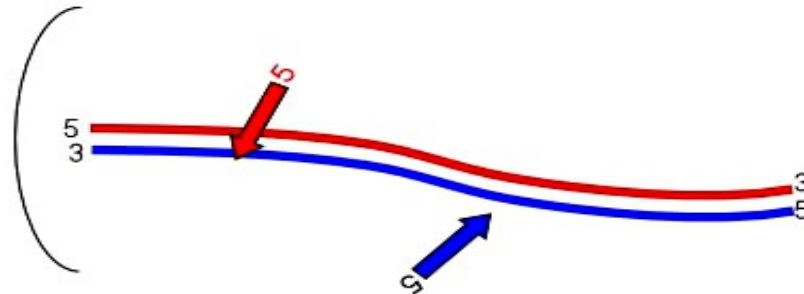


## Extension (72°C):



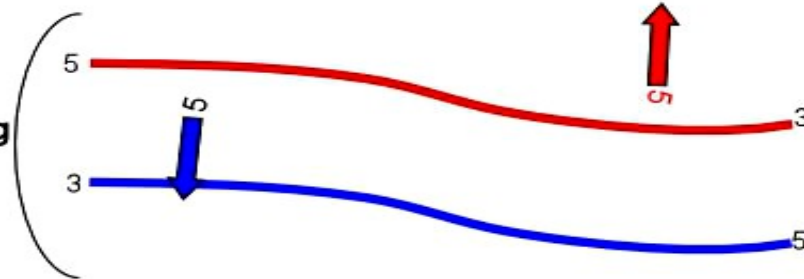
# Inside the PCR reaction tube...

0) 55 C Before Cycle

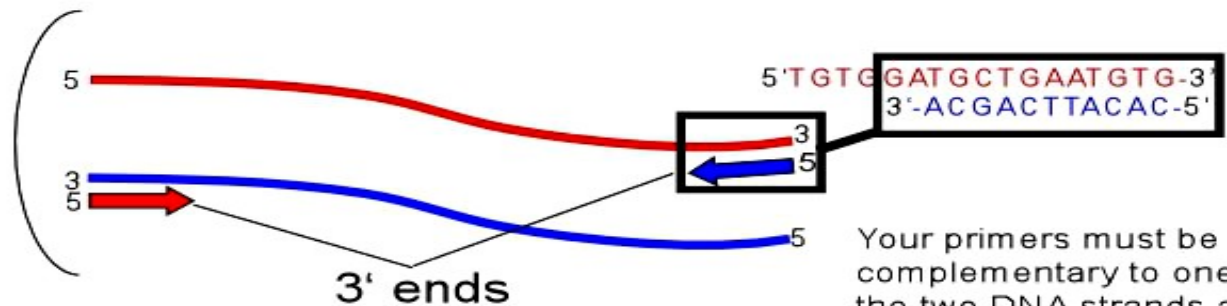


Hint  $\Rightarrow$  an arrow like this implies that the arrowhead is the 3' side of the primer. This is the direction that the polymerization will take place.

1) 90 C DNA Denaturing

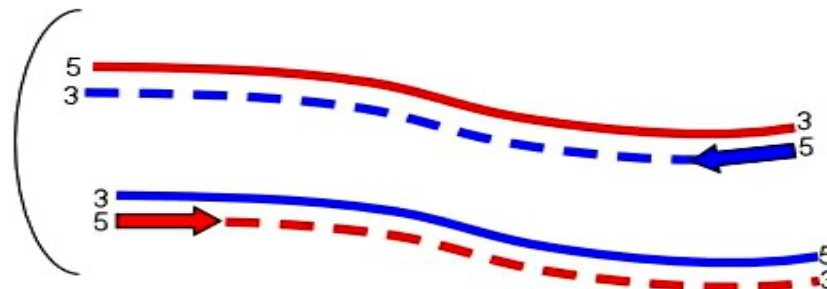


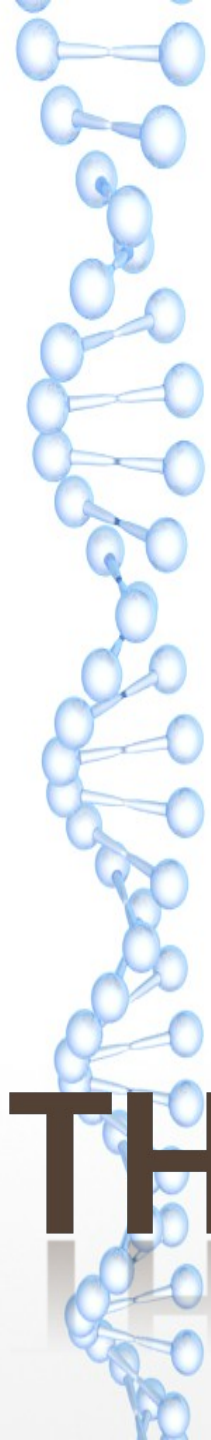
2) 55 C Primers anneal



Your primers must be complementary to one of the two DNA strands and the 3' sides must orient towards one another in order for the reaction to yield a two strand product.

3) 72 C Polymerization





**THE END**