

فسيولوجيا الأحياء الدقيقة Microbial Physiology

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مقدمة

Introduction-L2

The Importance of Microorganisms in Physiology:

- **Short generation time.**
- **Small Size.**
- **Small genome Size.**
- **Nutritional Diversity.**

The Composition of *Escherichia coli*

- **To get an understanding of the number and size of bacterial cells:**
 - One gram of *E. coli* cell = $\sim 10^{12}$ cells = one teaspoon.
 - Greater than the human population.
- **Atomic Composition:**
 - **Major Components:** 55% C, 20% O, 14% N, 8% H.
 - **Minor Components:** 3% P, 2% K, 1% S.
 - **Trace Elements:** 0.2% Fe, 0.05% each of Ca, Mg, and Cl, and 0.3% total of Mn, Co, Cu, and Zn.

Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• Cell Wall

- Surrounds the cytoplasmic membrane.
- It can directly reflect adaptive strategies involving:
 - ✓ Uptake (IN) and excretion (OUT).
 - ✓ Movement.
 - ✓ Protection.
 - ✓ Adhesion.
- In some organisms, more than 25% of the bacterial genome is devoted to cell wall synthesis, regulation, and maintenance.

Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• Gram + Cell Wall:

- ❖ Rigid Structure.
- ❖ Many-layered wall.
- ❖ Based on a cross-linked polymer-**Peptidoglycan**.
- ❖ Possess Teichoic acids within their cell wall:
 - Wall Teichoic Acids- Polymers made of Ribitol and phosphate. Also, it confer s antigenic specificity to the bacteria.
 - Membrane Teichoic Acids (Lipo-teichoic Acids)- polymers of glycerol and phosphate.

Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• Gram – membranes:

❖ Consists of outer and inner (cytoplasmic) membranes separated by the periplasm.

❖ **Outer membrane:**

- Flexible outer phospholipid bilayer with an inner thin peptidoglycan layer.
- Strong negative charge help in evading phagocytosis.
- Acting as a barrier for antibiotics.
- Contains hydrophobic lipo-polysaccharides and lipoproteins.

Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• Gram – membranes:

❖ Outer membrane:

- Porins: involved in the transport of materials.
- Peptidoglycan layer: attaches to the outer membrane by a murien lipoprotein.
- Lipopolysaccharides project outward from the outer membrane:
 - Comprised of three parts:
 - a. Lipid A.
 - b. Core sugar.
 - c. variable polysaccharide (known as the **O-antigen**).

❖ Periplasm:

- A solution between the outer membrane and inner membrane.
- Contains proteins that can be free/ attached to either membrane.
- Proteins usually involved hydrolysis, reception and material transport.

Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• **Cytoplasmic (inner) membrane:**

- Feature of both gram-positive and gram-negative cells.
- A phospholipid bilayer.
- A semi-solid fluid (GEL).
- Allows membrane-components to pass throughout.
- Peripheral or integral proteins associated with it.
- Important in translocation of materials.

• The prokaryotic membrane is involved in many metabolic activities:

- Selective permeability.
- Cell division.
- Sporulation.
- Electron transfer and ATP formation.
- DNA replication and many others.

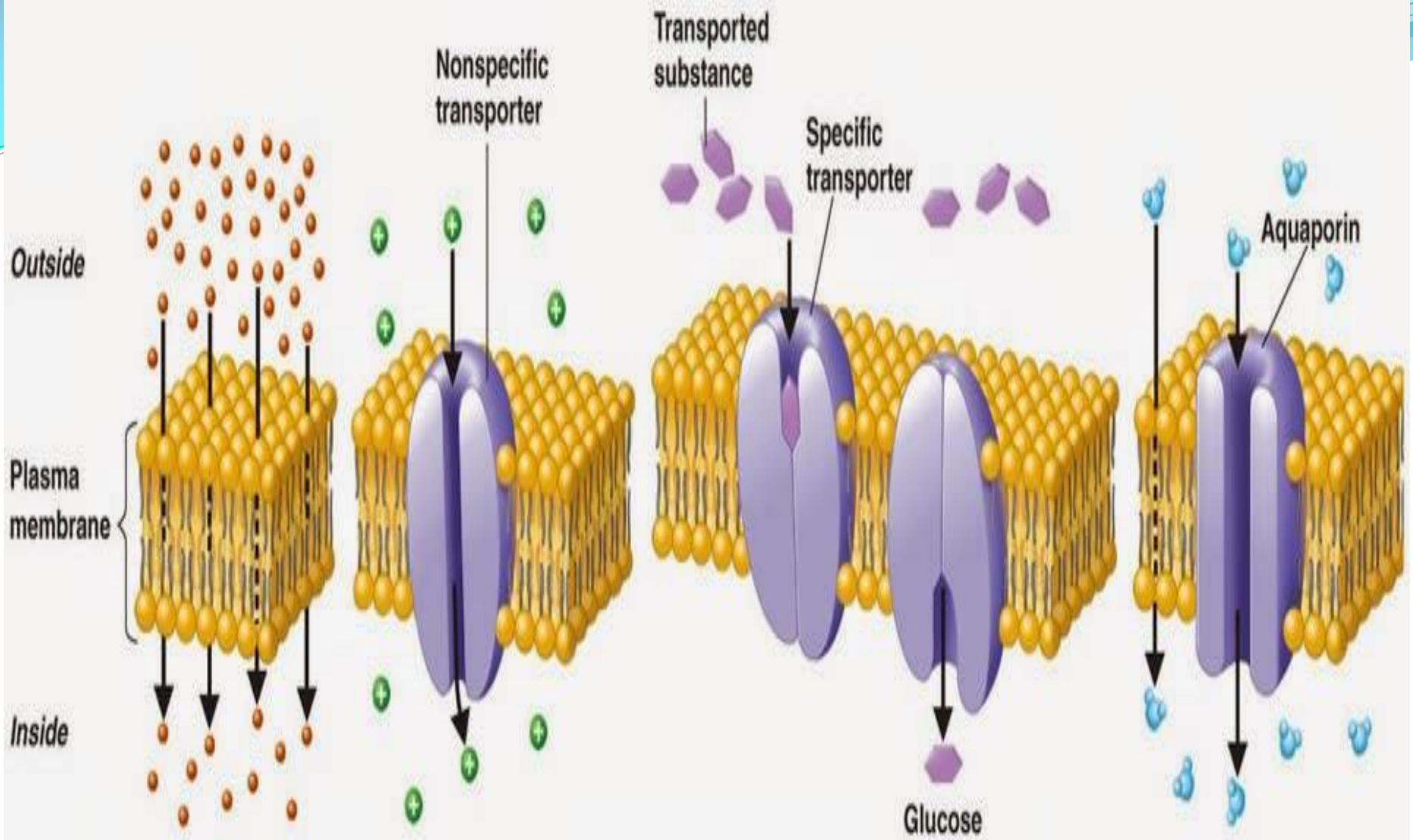
Cell Structure and Function

▪ Bacterial Cell Structure:

• Glycocalyx:

- Referred to as the capsule.
- A gelatinous material made of different material (proteins or polysaccharides) in both eukaryotes and prokaryotes.
- Depending of the attraction to the cell, it can be either
 - A capsule (discrete).
 - A slime layer (indiscrete).

• **Permeability and Transport: Passive Transport** (Simple diffusion, facilitated diffusion, osmosis), **Active Transport** (antiport, symport, and uniport).



(a) Simple diffusion through the lipid bilayer

(b) Facilitated diffusion through a nonspecific transporter

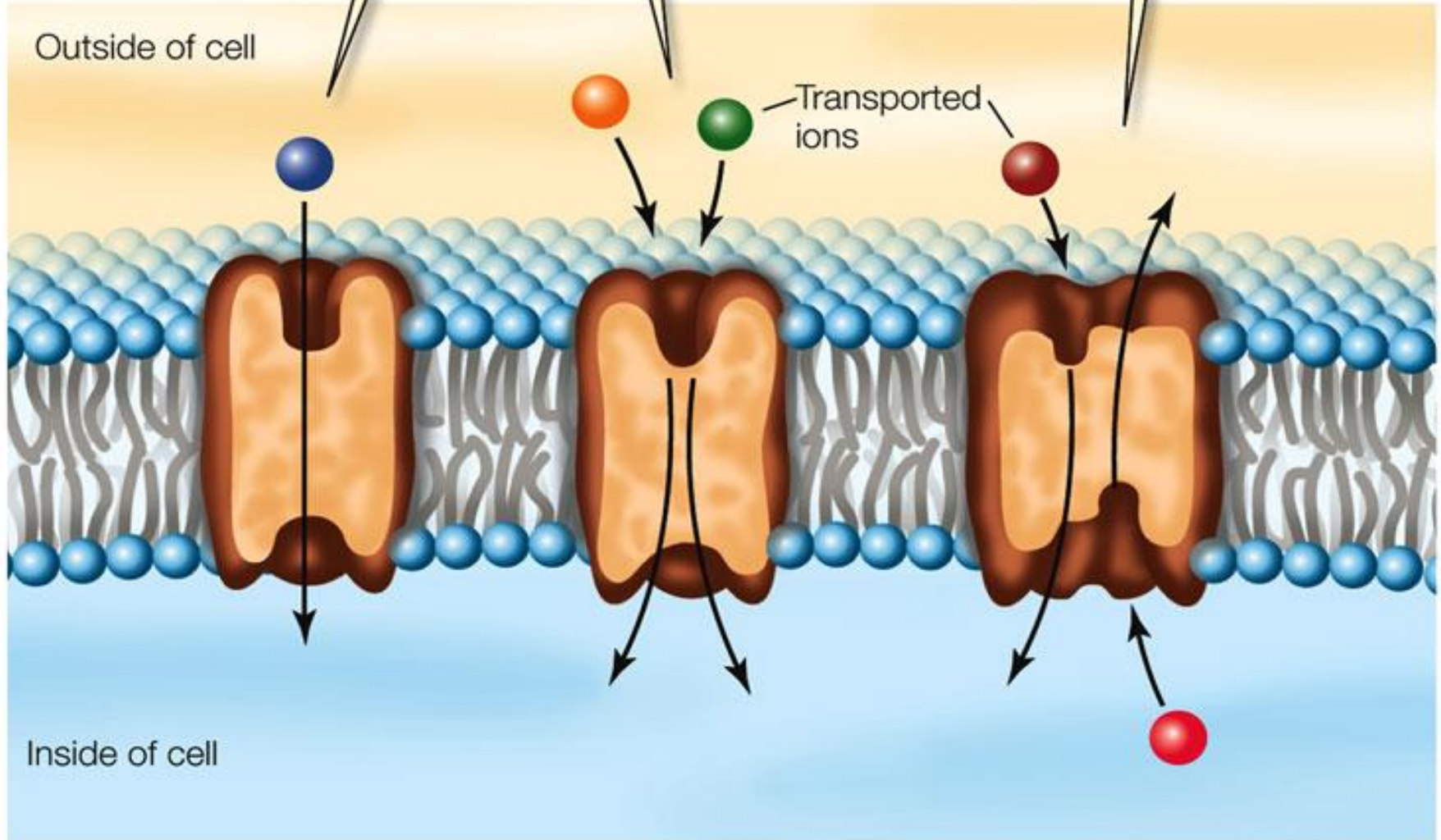
(c) Facilitated diffusion through a specific transporter

(d) Osmosis through the lipid bilayer (left) and an aquaporin (right)

Uniport transports one substance in one direction.

Symport transports two different substances in the same direction.

Antiport transports two different substances in opposite directions.



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Permeability and Transport

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QUESTIONS??

