ARCHAEBACTERIA AND EUBACTERIA

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INTRODUCTION

Archaebacteria and eubacteria both lie under the kingdom Monera (This kingdom contain least organized prokaryotic micro organism on earth).

- They are simple in structure but are complex in behavior.
- They show most extensive metabolic diversity.

ARCHAEBACTERIA



ARCHAEBACTERIA

CHARACTERS

- Archaebacteria are also known as ancient bacteria as they evolved just after the first life on earth.
- Archaebacteria are found in extreme environments where no other life can even exists.
- They contain unmutated DNA, so they are also called living fossils.

They play a vital role in nitrogen cycle.

Archaebacteria are further divided into - METHANOGENS , THERMOPHILES and HALOPHILES .

ULTRA STRUCTURE

- Individual archaebacteria is 0.1 to 1.5 in diameter .
- Different shapes that they posses is spherical, rod shape, spiral and some are of flat and square shape.
- CELL WALLS outermost layer
 - made up of pseudo peptidoglycans .
 - it contains N- talosamine uronic acid in place of NAM.
- CELL MEMBRANE Ether linked
 - branched chain lipids, containing D-glycerol phosphate.
 - structure of membrane decreases membrane fluidity.

Branched chain lipid in cell membrane of archaebacteria



NUTRITION

Archaebacteria uses different sources as a carbon source .

During metabolic reaction one act as electron acceptor and other as electron donor.

Redox reaction takes place in these steps

- Energy is released in these steps and release Adenosine Triphosphate.
- some archaebacteria under this are phototrophs.

REPRODUCTION

Archaebacteria reproduces asexually binary fission budding and fragmentation.

Archaebacteria do not make spores

Method of reproduction by BINARY FISSION



• archaebacteria such as methanobacterium are used in production of gobar gas.

•They are used in bioleaching of minerals.

• Archaebacteria such as thermus aquaticus is used to obtain Taq polymerase enzyme which is used in recombinant DNA technology.

• They are economically very important as they are helpful in biodegradation, bioremediation, and other environmental processes. They are also used for production of microbial fuel cells.

EUBACTERIA

Characters

- Also known as true bacteria.
- Eubacteria are more complex domain of kingdom monera.
- Found in most of the habitats on earth.
- All metabolic activities takes place in cytoplasm (as they do not have membrane bound organelles)
- Some eubacteria are also involved in nitrogen cycle.
- They also exhibits both parasitic and pathogenic effect.

ULTRASTRUCTURE

- Individual eubacterium is 0.5 to 5 micrometer in diameter.
- They exhibits a variety of shapes
 - Cocci and bacilli are the major shapes
 - vibrio, rods and filaments and spirochaetes are other shapes of eubacteria
- CELL WALL Outermost layer (inner to glycocalyx)
 - composed of peptidoglycan with Muramic acid.
- CELL MEMBRANE Ester linked
 - straight chain of fatty acids containing Lglycerol phosphate.

NUTRITION

- Eubactetia can be phototrophs, saprophytes, symbiosis.
- Of the heterotrophs, the majority are saprophytes.
- There are many autotrophic bacteria
 - (They may be photosynthetic or chemoautotrophs)
- Cyanobacteria are the largest group under eubacteria.



ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

- Eubacteria plays an integral role in human gut in digestion process.
- Helps in synthesis of Vit. K
- Helps in nitrogen fixation in living systems.
- ► It has major contribution in pharmaceutical industry.
- They help in decomposition of dead and organic matter.
- They Helps in maintaining ecological balance .
- Eubacteria changes forms of oxygen , phosphorus , nitrogen , carbon into absorbable forms.

REPRODUCTION

- Usually they reproduces by process of binary fission .
- Eubacteria irrespective of archaebacteria also forms spores.
- Spores do not reproduce directly but they are the method to overcome the unfavorable environment.

Sexual reproduction is absent.

GENETIC RECOMBINATION

- Due to the absence of sexual reproduction in bacteria , genetic recombination by this method is impossible
- Bacteria found a bypass for the genetic recombination apart from sexual reproduction.
- These methods for genetic recombination and to bring out variations are -
 - TRANSFORMATION
 - TRANSDUCTION
 - CONJUGATION

TRANSFORMATION

- ▶ In this process a bacterium takes DNA from its environment.
- In lab it may be introduced by scientists
- Bacteria undergoing transformation can take up gene and may or may not constitute the changes.



TRANSDUCTION

- In transduction, bacteriophage move short pieces of chromosomal DNA from one to another
- Bacteriophage like other viruses commands a cell resource and use them to make a new bacteriophage.
- So , here transfer of DNA takes place by the help of bacteriophages
- Some bacteria phage chop the DNA of their hosts into pieces, making transfer process more likely.
- Archaea and other groups are not infected by bacteria phage, they have their own viruses.



CONJUGATION

- In conjugation, DNA is transferred from one bacterium to another via conjugation tube (pilus)
- Here one bacteria act as a donor and other as a recipient.
- Donor cells typically have fertility factor (F factor) which make them act as donor i.e They act as male bacteria
- Via conjugation tune They transfer their DNA to another and passed their maleness to other
- ▶ If f factor get attached to genome , they are known as episome.

Their maleness increases by 1000 times as compared to other .



THANKING YOU