



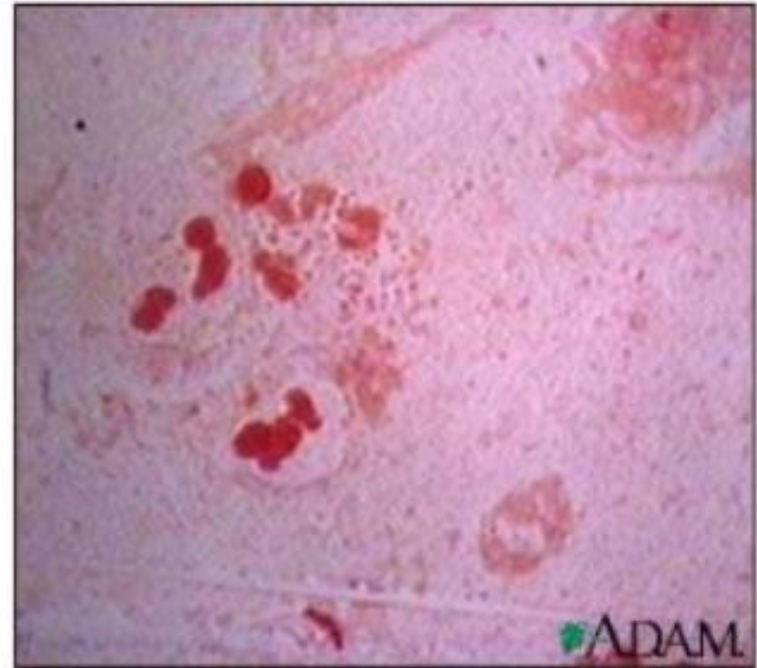
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بررسی خصوصیات ماکروسکوپی و میکروسکوپی و نحوه شناسایی هموفیلوس

# Haemophilus Influenza (Pfeiffer Bacillus )

- The size is 3 x 0.3 microns
- Gram negative
- Non Motile
- Non sporing
- Pleomorphic
- Appear as clusters or Coccobacillary forms in infected CSF
- When isolated capsulated
- Stained with Loeffler's methylene blue



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# Genus Haemophilus

- Small, Non motile, Non sporing
- Oxidase test positive
- Pleomorphic
- Gram Negative



# Overview- Haemophilus

- Small
- Non-motile
- Gram-negative rods
- Transmitted via respiratory droplets, or direct contact with contaminated secretions
- Normal flora of the human respiratory tract and oral cavity.

# Haemophilus species of clinical importance

## 1. *H. influenzae*

-type b is an important human pathogen

## 2. *H. ducreyi*

-sexually transmitted pathogen (chancroid)

## 3. Other *Haemophilus* are normal flora

- *H. parainfluenzae* – pneumonia & endocarditis

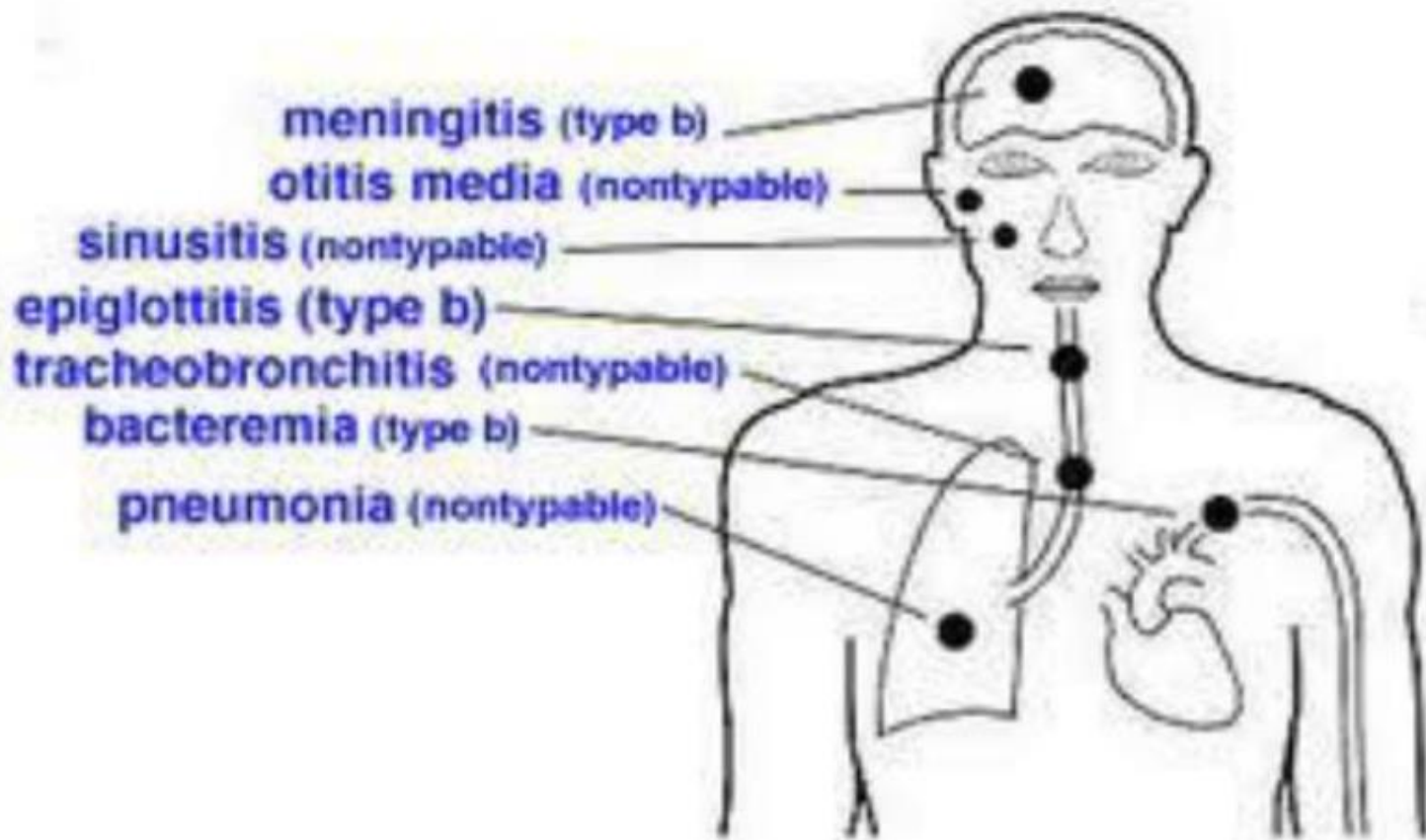
- *H. aphrophilus* – pneumonia & endocarditis

- *H. aegyptius* – pink eye (purulent conjunctivitis)

- Scientific classification
  - Kingdom: Bacteria
  - Phylum: Proteobacteria
  - Class: Gamma Proteobacteria
    - Order: Pasteurellales
    - Family: Pasteurellaceae
      - Genus: Haemophilus
      - Species: H. influenzae
- Binomial name Haemophilus influenzae



## *Haemophilus influenzae* infections



# Laboratory Diagnosis

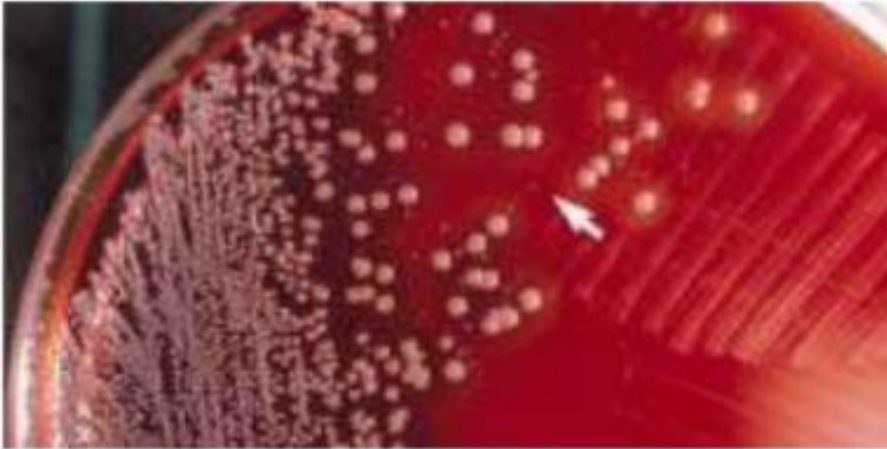
- On Microscopy Gram Negative Pleomorphic organisms are seen
- Capsulated with polysaccharide antigen in CSF
- Urine also detect Antigen



# Haemophilus Influenza

- Aerobic gram-negative bacteria
- Polysaccharide capsule
- Six different serotypes (a-f) of polysaccharide capsule
- 95% of invasive disease caused by type b (Hib)

# Haemophilus Species



*H. influenzae*  
satellitism around  
and between the  
large, white, hemo-  
lytic staphylococci

*Haemophilus* species require hemoglobin for growth:

X-factor ( hemin): Heat-stable substance

V-factor (NAD): Heat- labile, coenzyme I, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, found in blood or secreted by certain organisms

# Cultural Characteristics

- Fastidious growth requirements
- Factors X and V are essential for growth
- X is Hemin heat stable
- Porphyrins for synthesis of Cytochromes
- V factor Coenzyme Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide or NAD phosphate acts as hydrogen acceptor
- Aerobic 37<sup>0</sup>c
- **Grows in Blood agar**

# Resistance

- **Heating at 55<sup>0</sup>c for 30mt destroys**
- **Drying and Disinfectants destroy**

# Culturing and Isolation

- Can be grown on Blood agar and Chocolate agar
- Need 5 – 10 % carbon dioxide
- A streak of Staphylococcus should be streaked across the plate at 37<sup>0</sup>c
- Opaque colonies appear shows as Satellitism
- Iridescence Demonstrates on Leviathan medium
- Blood culture



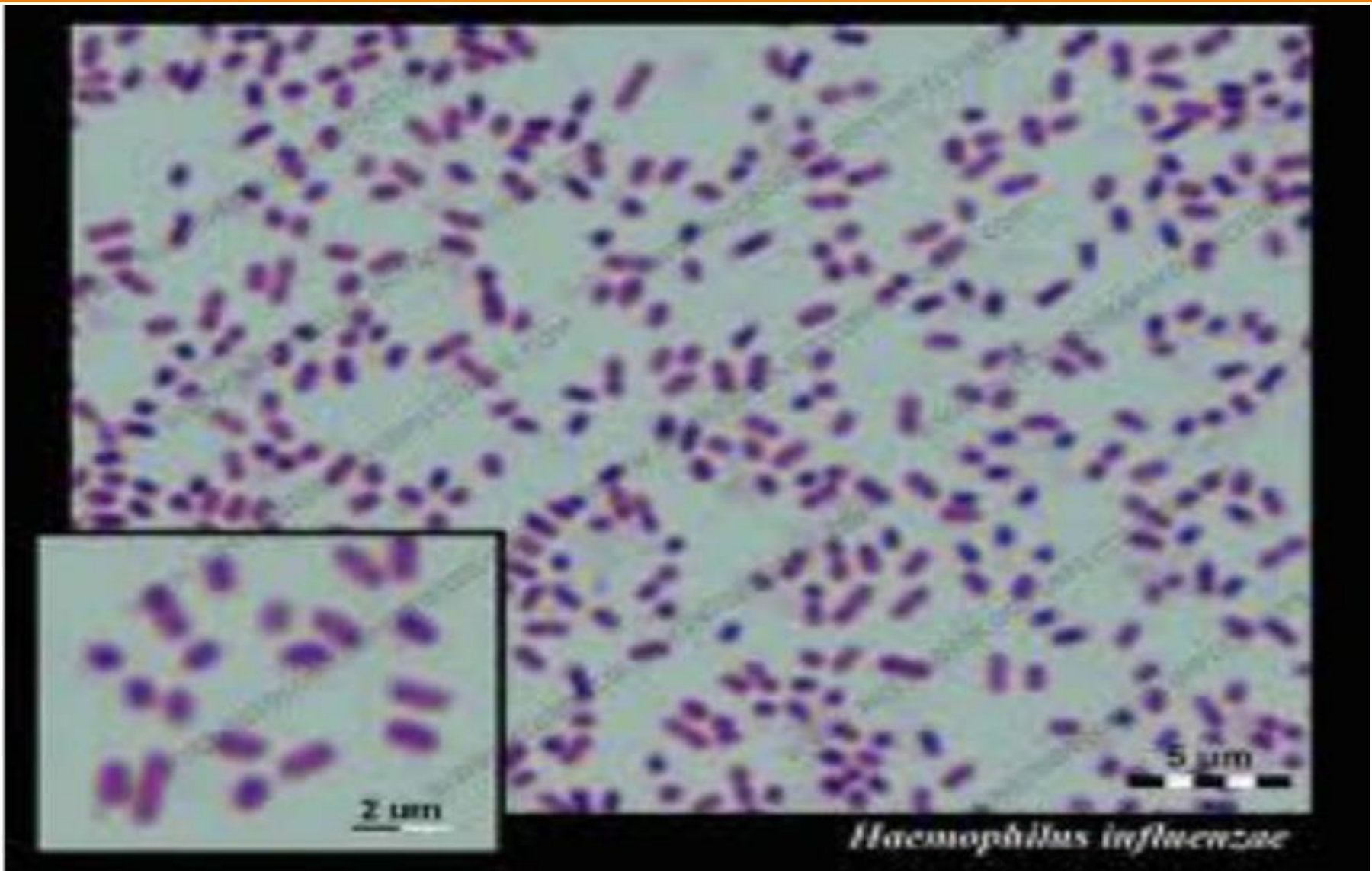
*Haemophilus influenzae*

Smooth  
Low convex  
grayish

Chocolate agar







*H. influenzae* is a small non-motile Gram negative coccobacillus or short rod



coccobacillus or short rod  
appearance of *H. influenzae*  
by Electron Microscope

# Biochemical Characters

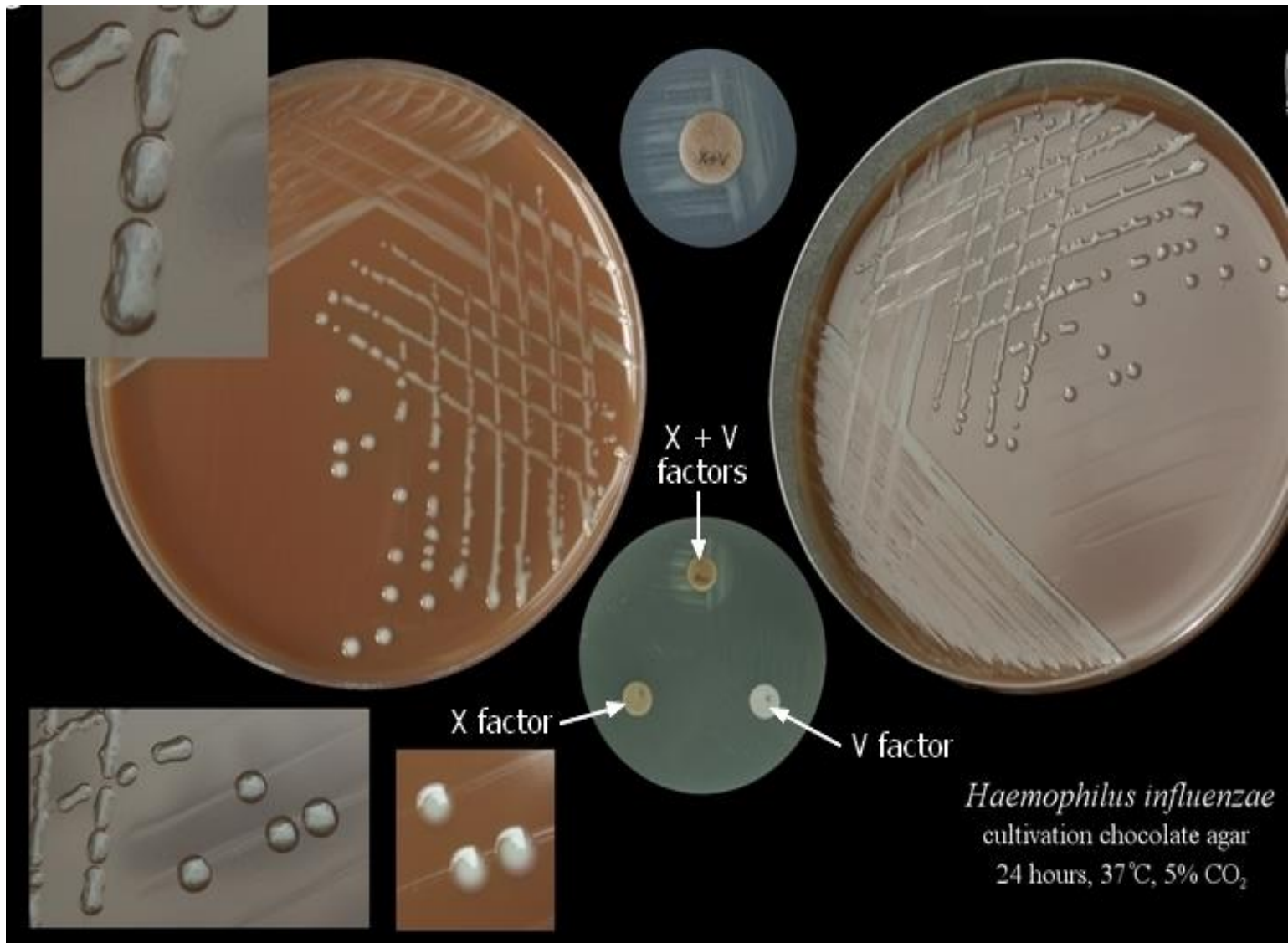
- Glucose +
- Xylose +
- Lactose –
- Sucrose –
- Mannitol –
- Nitrites reduced
- Indole differs on
- B type causes Meningitis





- Media used to grow *H. influenzae* must contain haemin or other iron-containing porphyrin and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) or its phosphate (NADP).
- The porphyrin requirement is referred to as growth factor X and the NAD or NADP requirement as growth factor V.

- **Factor X** is used by *H. influenzae* to produce essential respiratory enzymes such as cytochromes, catalase, and peroxidase.
  
- **Factor V** is used as an electron carrier in the organism's oxidation-reduction system..







in a **moist carbon dioxide** atmosphere, capsulated *H. influenzae* strains produce mucoid colonies, 1.5 mm or more in diameter. Cultures have a distinctive smell.



*H. influenzae* grows well on chocolate agar because it contains **factors X** and **V**. Heating blood agar to 75 °C inactivates serum **NADase** and releases extra **factor V** from the red cells.



Addition of bacitracin (300 mg/litre) provides a selective medium to recover *H. influenzae* from sputum. This is NOT needed when culturing c.s.f ?!?!?

*H. influenzae* produces very small colonies on horse or rabbit blood agar (colonies may appear *beta-haemolytic*).

There is usually no growth on sheep blood agar. If, however, *S. aureus* which produces **factor V** in excess of its own needs, is cultured on a blood agar plate with *H. influenzae*, the **factor V** and the **haemin** released by staphylococcal haemolysins help the growth of *H. influenzae*.

-This 'help' given by *S. aureus*, forms the basis of the satellitism test which is a simple way of recognizing *H. influenzae* .

- *S. pneumoniae* also produces factor V and causes *H. influenzae* to show satellitism



## How to perform satellitism test ??

1- Mix a loopful of suspect *Haemophilus* growth in about 2 ml of sterile physiological saline or sterile peptone water. Make sure none of the chocolate agar medium is transferred.

2- Using a sterile swab, inoculate the organism suspension on a plate of nutrient agar, and a plate of blood agar.



3- Streak a pure culture of *S. aureus* across each of the inoculated plates.

4- Incubate both plates in a carbon dioxide enriched atmosphere at 35-37 °C overnight.

5- The following morning examine the cultures for growth and satellite colonies.

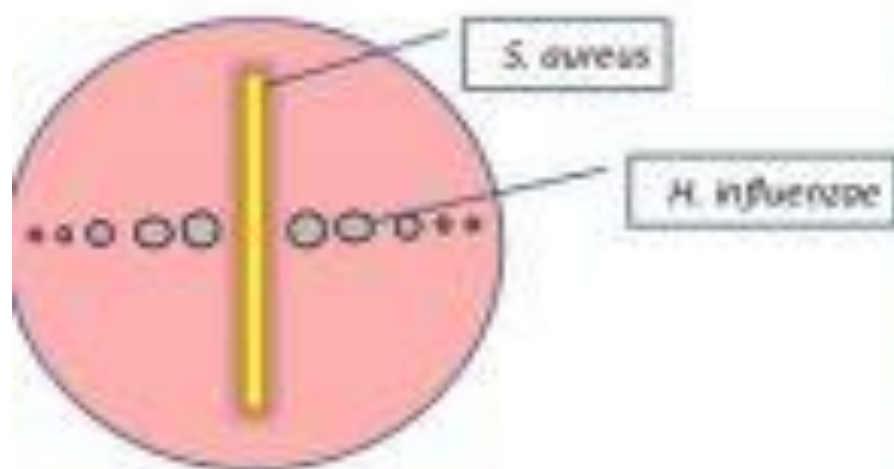
## *H. Influenzae*

shows growth on the blood agar plate but not on the nutrient agar plate,  
and the colonies near the column of *S. aureus* growth are larger than those furthest from it.



# Satellitism

- BA – only X is available – V inside RBCs – hence small colonies
- *S. aureus* streak – provides V – large colonies near the streak and smaller as we move farther



## Identification of *H. influenzae* using X, V, XV discs

1- Make a saline suspension (approx. 0.5 McFarland turbidity) of the test organism from a primary culture.

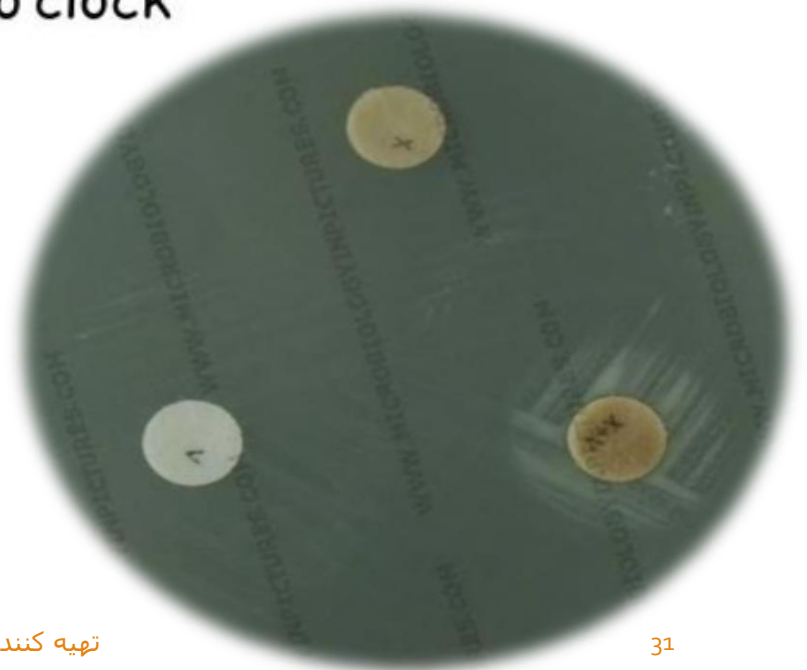
Using a swab, inoculate the suspension on a plate of nutrient agar.

2- Place the factor tablets or discs 10-20 mm in from the side of the plate, positioning each disc as follows:

Factor X..... at '12 o'clock'

Factor V..... at '4 o'clock'

Factor XV..... at '8 o'clock'



## Serology

- *H. influenzae* organisms are divided into six serogroups, a-f.
- The majority of strains that cause meningitis belong to invasive serogroup **b**. Very occasionally meningitis is caused by groups a, e, and f.
- Most of the strains that cause chronic bronchial disease are non-capsulated.



Slide coagglutination reagents are commercially available for the rapid immunological detection of specific polysaccharide *H. influenzae b* antigen in c.s.f.

rapid

Easy to perform

specific

sensitive



**با تشکر از توجه شما**

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