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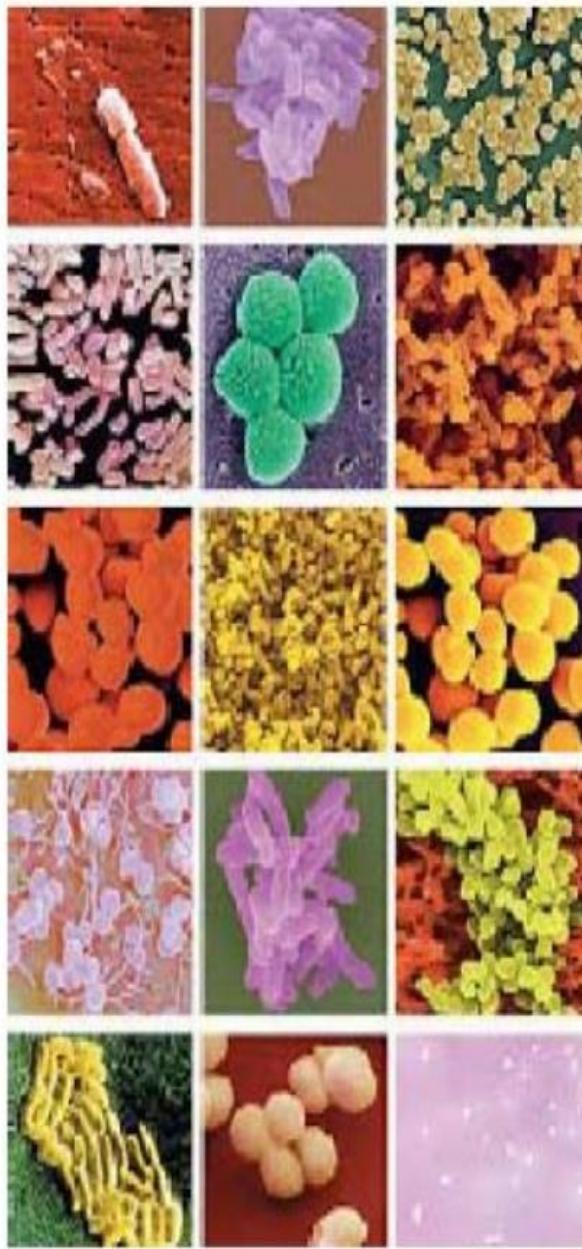


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"La ciencia encargada del estudio de los microorganismos tan pequeños cuya visualización requiere del microscopio"

aborda:
partículas no celulares como los virus, viroides y priones, hasta organismos celulares tan diferentes como las bacterias, los protozoos y parte de las algas y de los hongos.

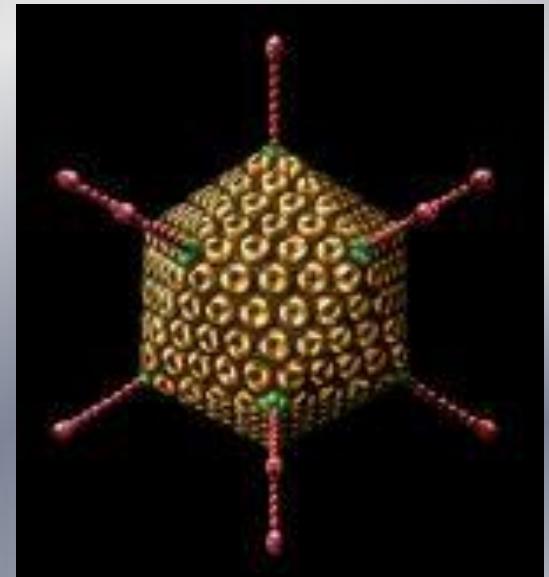
Viruses, Viroids, and Prions

Are Viruses Living or Non-living?

- Viruses are both and neither
- They have some properties of life but not others
- For example, viruses can be killed, even crystallized like table salt

What are Viruses?

- A virus is a non-cellular particle made up of genetic material and protein that can invade living cells.



Viral History

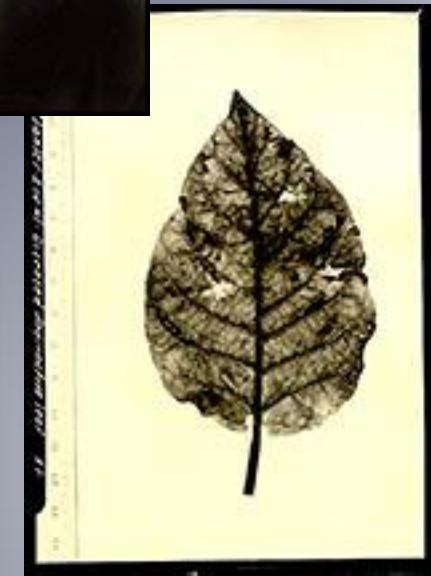
Discovery of Viruses

- Beijerinck (1897) coined the Latin name "virus" meaning poison
- He studied filtered plant juices & found they caused healthy plants to become sick



Tobacco Mosaic Virus

- Wendell Stanley
(1935) crystallized
sap from sick
tobacco plants
- He discovered
viruses were made of
nucleic acid and
protein



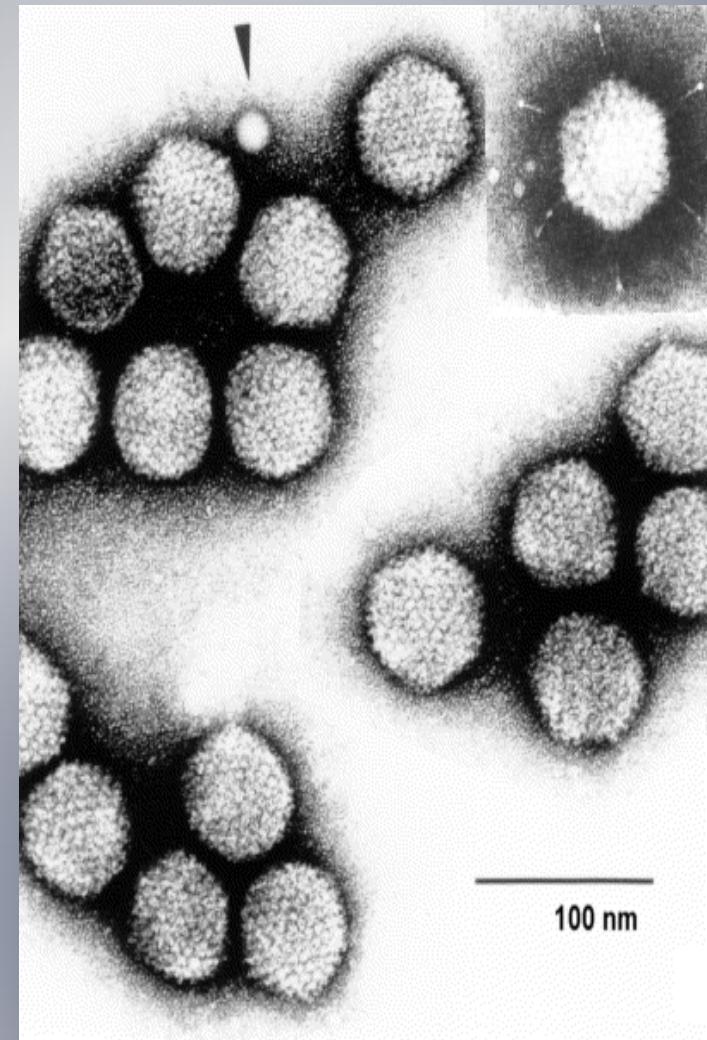
Smallpox

- Edward Jenner (1796) developed a smallpox vaccine using milder cowpox viruses
- Deadly viruses are said to be virulent
- Smallpox has been eradicated in the world today

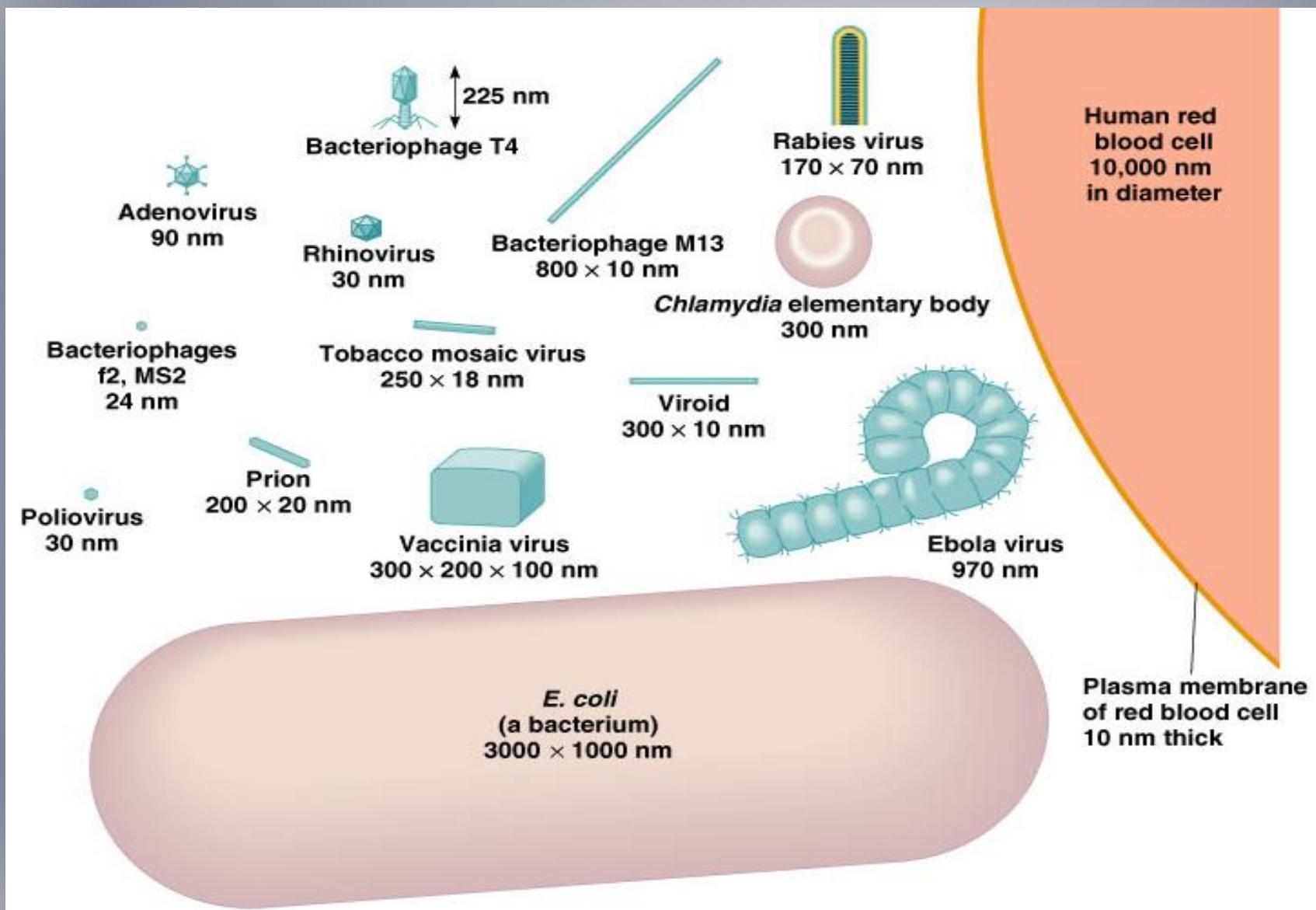


Viewing Viruses

- Viruses are smaller than the smallest cell
- Measured in nanometers
- Viruses couldn't be seen until the electron microscope was invented in the 20th century



Size of Viruses



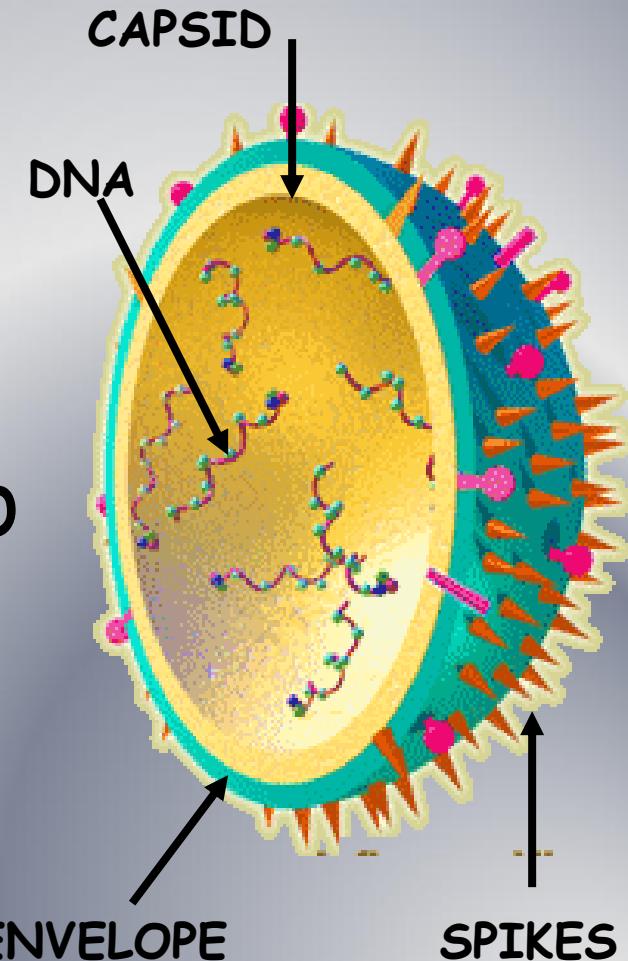
Viral Structure

Characteristics

- Non living structures
- Noncellular
- Contain a protein coat called the capsid
- Have a nucleic acid core containing DNA or RNA
- Capable of reproducing only when inside a HOST cell

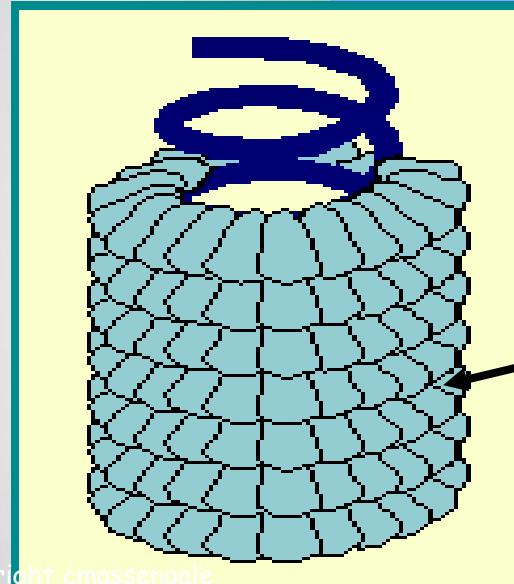
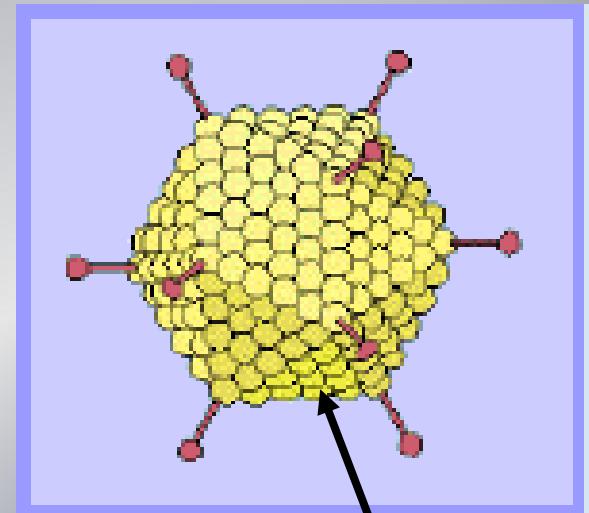
Characteristics

- Some viruses are enclosed in a protective **envelope**
- Some viruses may have **spikes** to help attach to the host cell
- Most viruses infect only **SPECIFIC host cells**



Characteristics

- Viral **capsids** (coats) are made of individual protein subunits
- Individual subunits are called **capsomeres**



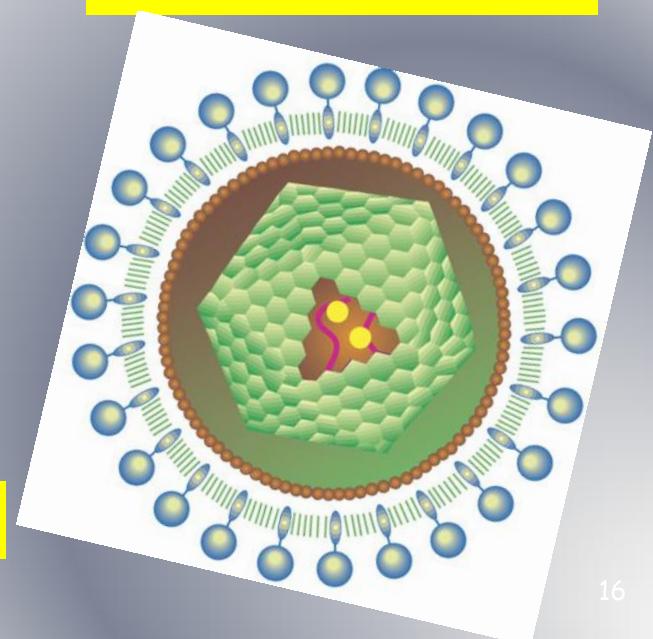
Characteristics

- Outside of host cells, viruses are **inactive**
- Lack **ribosomes** and **enzymes** needed for metabolism
- Use the **raw materials** and **enzymes** of the host cell to be able to **reproduce**



EBOLA VIRUS

HIV VIRUS



Characteristics

- Some viruses cause disease
- Smallpox, measles, mononucleosis, influenza, colds, warts, AIDS, Ebola
- Some viruses may cause some cancers like leukemia

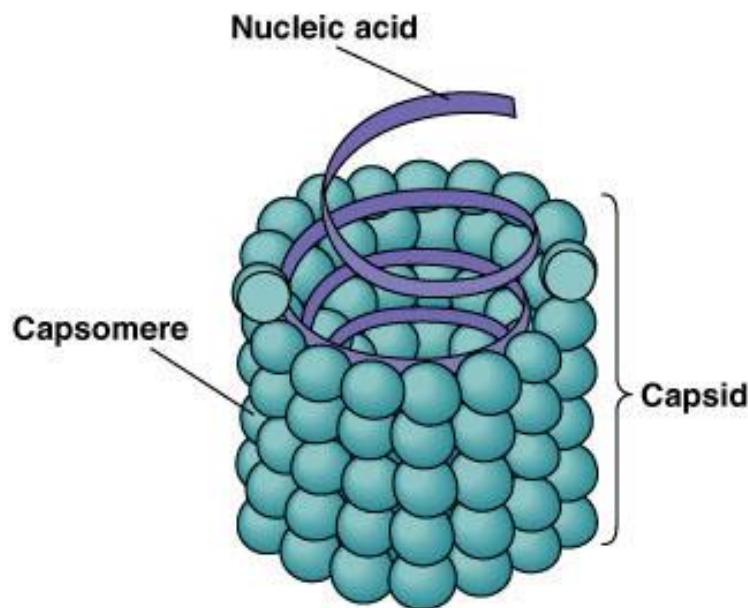


MEASLES

Viral Shapes

- Viruses come in a variety of shapes
- Some may be helical shape like the Ebola virus
- Some may be polyhedral shapes like the influenza virus
- Others have more complex shapes like bacteriophages

Helical Viruses

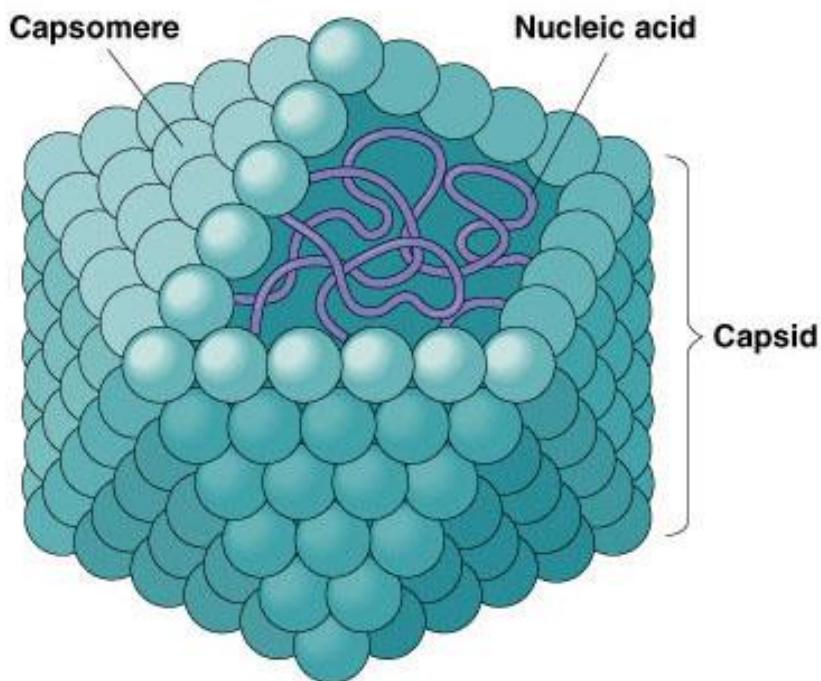


(a) A helical virus

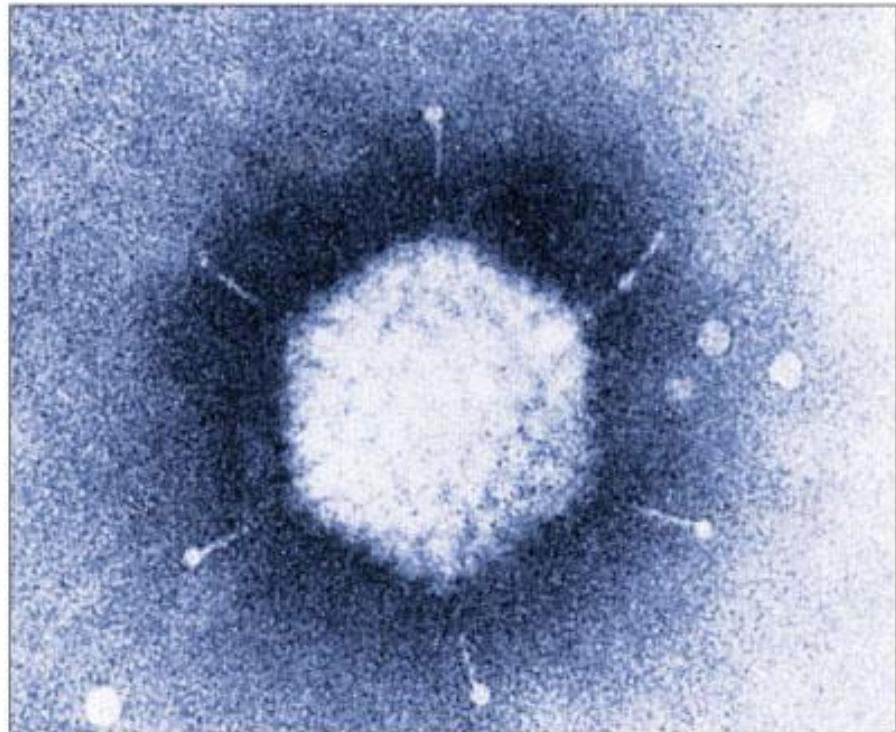


(b) Ebola virus

Polyhedral Viruses

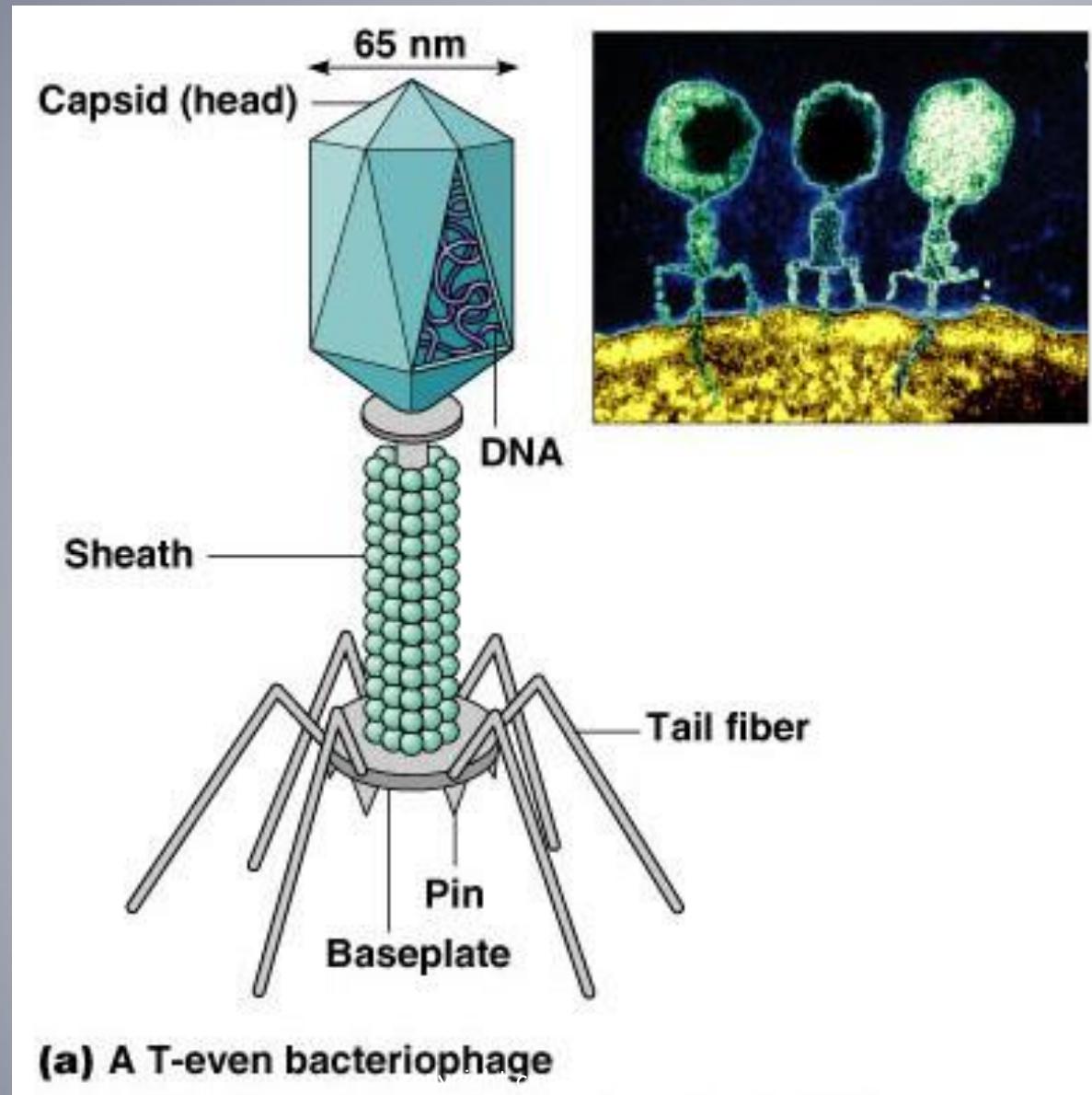


(a) A polyhedral virus



(b) A *Mastadenovirus*

Complex Viruses



Taxonomy of Viruses

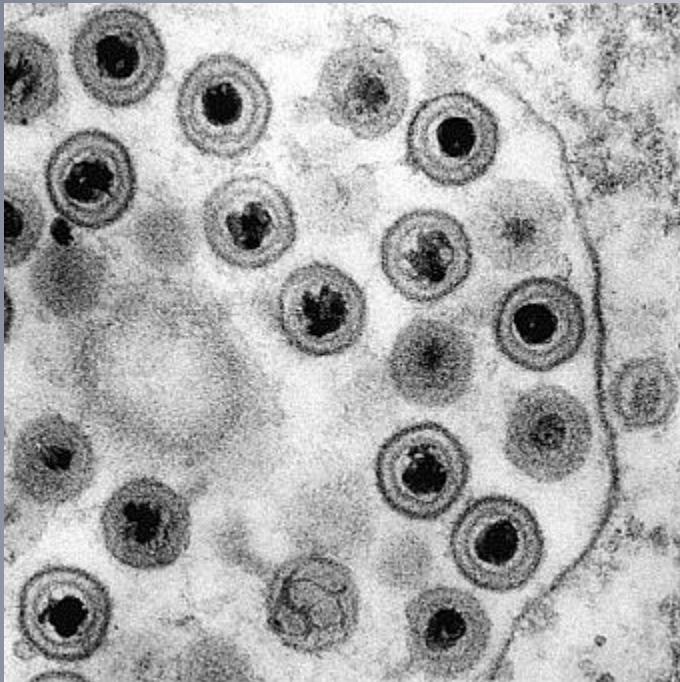
Viral Taxonomy

- Family names end in **-viridae**
- Genus names end in **-virus**
- **Viral species:** A group of viruses sharing the same genetic information and ecological niche (host).
- **Common names** are used for **species**
- **Subspecies** are designated by a number

Viral Taxonomy Examples

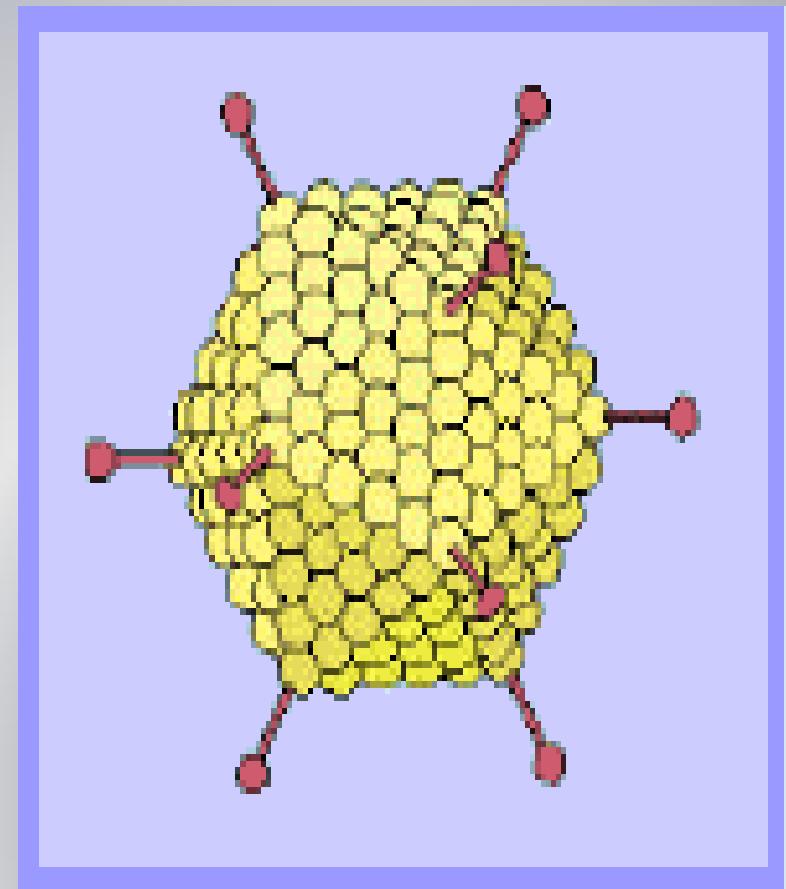
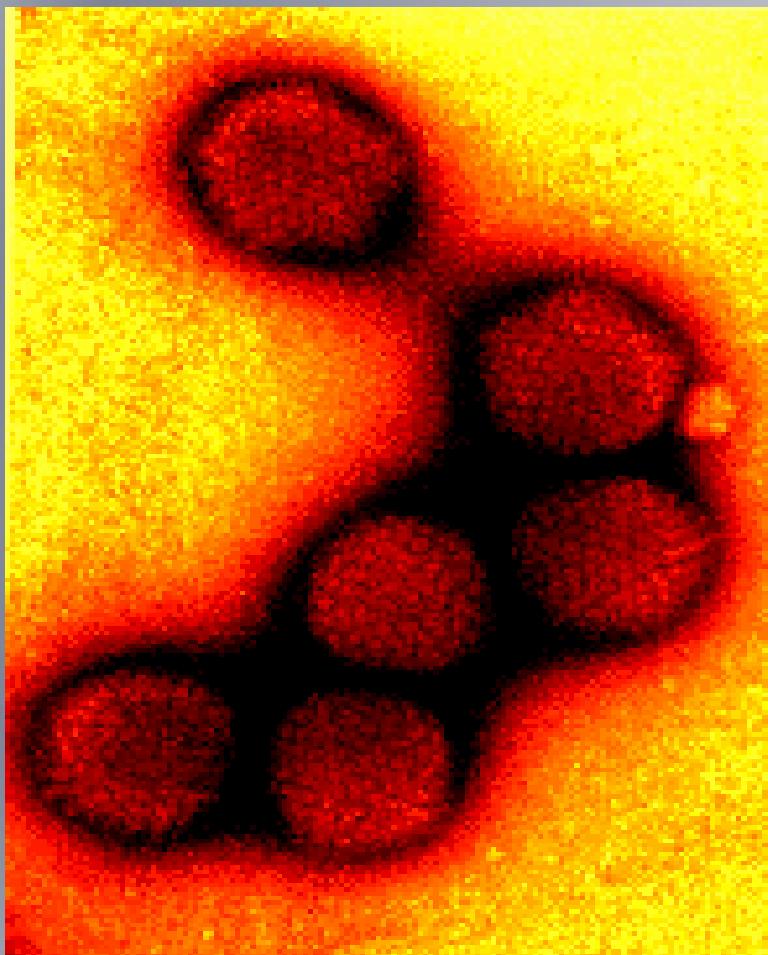
- Herpesviridae
- Herpesvirus
- Human herpes virus 1, HHV 2, HHV 3
- Retroviridae
- Lentivirus
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1, HIV 2

Herpes Virus



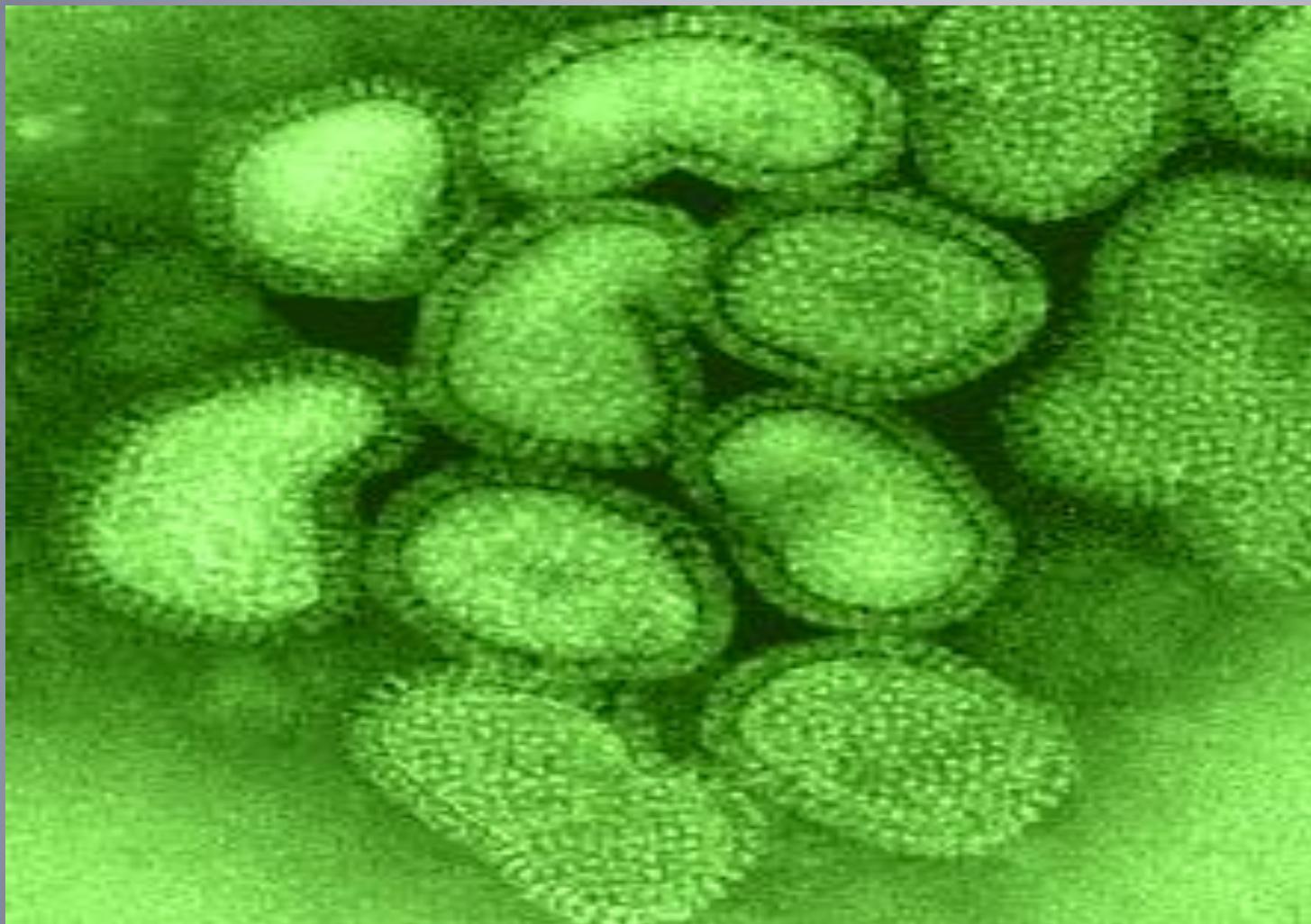
SIMPLEX I and II

Adenovirus



COMMON COLD

Influenza Virus



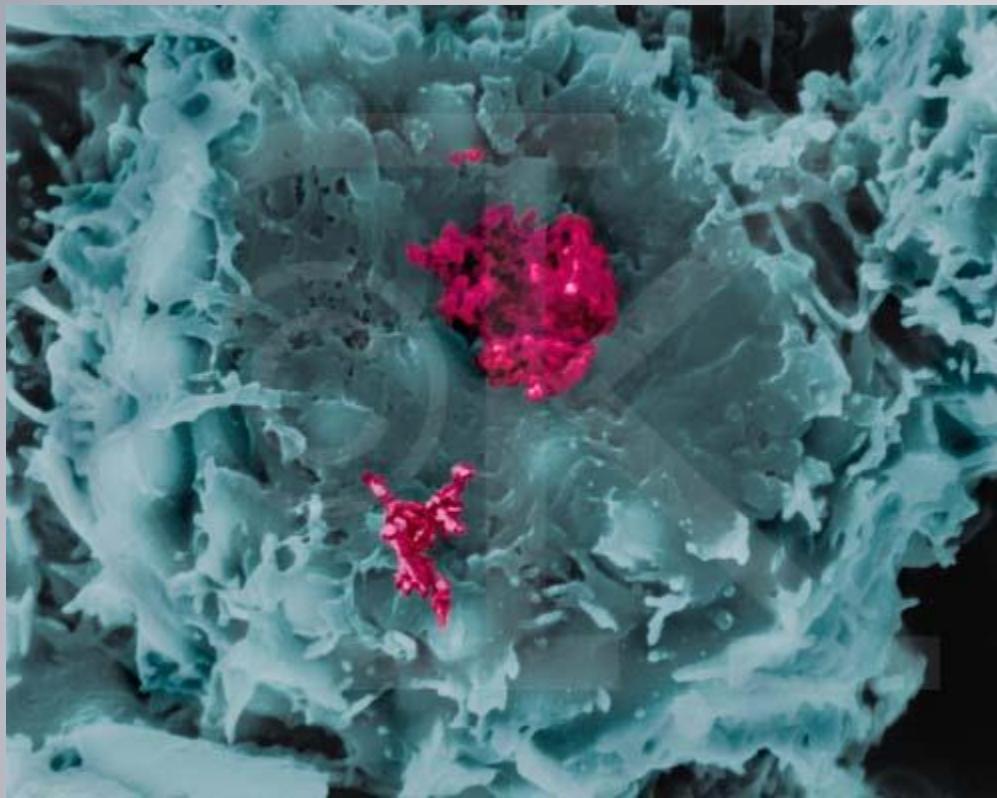
Chickenpox (Varicela) Virus



Papillomavirus - Warts!



Retroviruses



Characteristics of Retroviruses

- Contain RNA, not DNA
- Family Retroviridae
- Contain enzyme called Reverse Transcriptase
- When a retrovirus infects a cell, it injects its RNA and reverse transcriptase enzyme into the cytoplasm of that cell

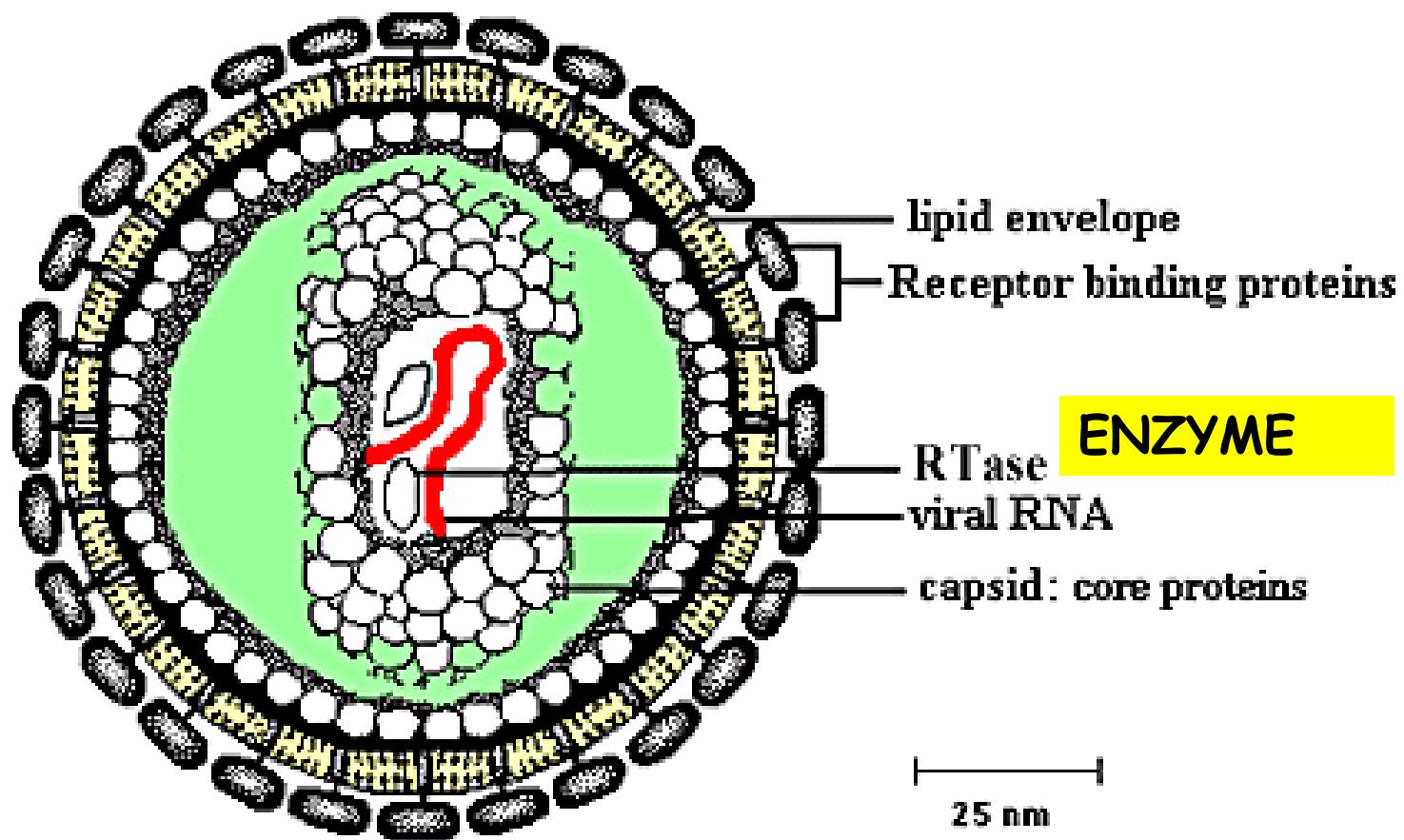
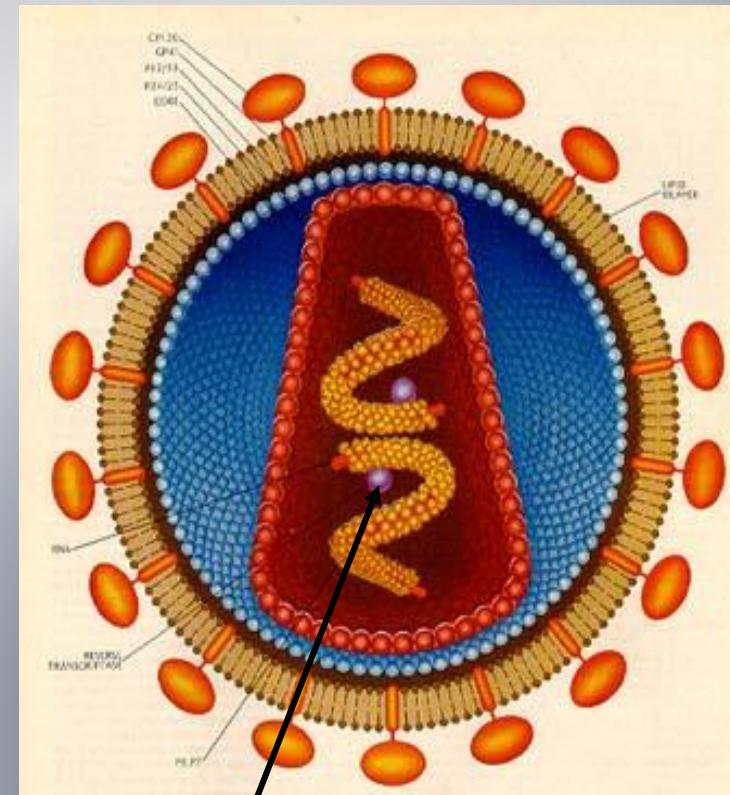


Diagram of a Retrovirus

Retroviruses

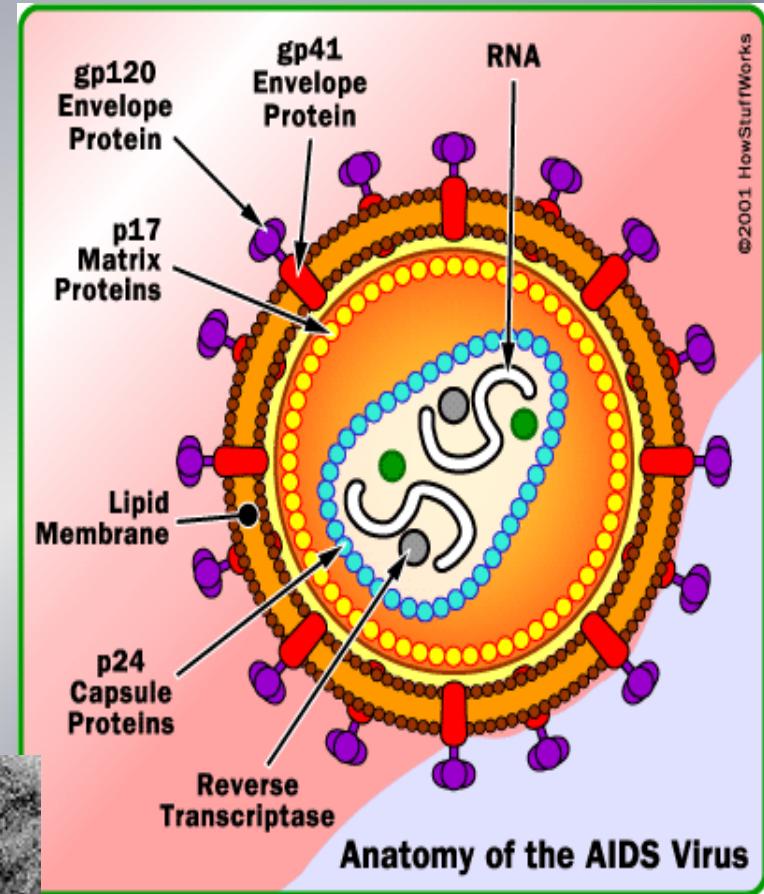
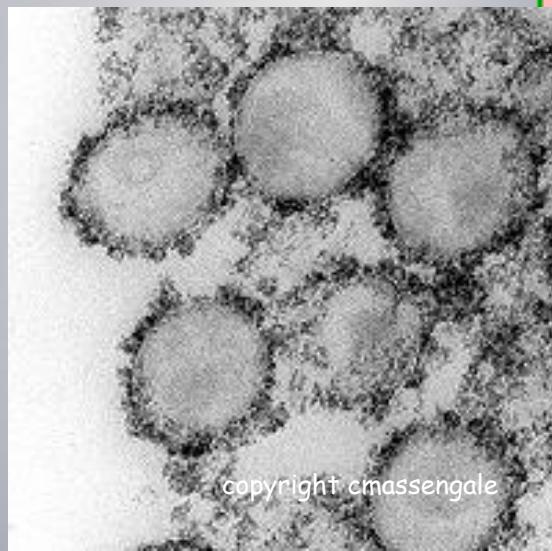
- The enzyme reverse transcriptase (or RTase), which causes synthesis of a complementary DNA molecule (cDNA) using virus RNA as a template



RTase

Retroviruses

- HIV, the AIDS virus, is a retrovirus
- Feline Leukemia Virus is also a retrovirus



Viroids

- Small, circular RNA molecules without a protein coat
- Infect plants
- Potato famine in Ireland



“VIRUS RESPIRATORIOS: CUÁNTOS HAY

- **Rinovirus: A, B y C; > 100 serotipos**
- **Coronavirus: Alfa: 229E, NL63 Beta: OC 43, HKU1, SARS; MERS**
- **VRS: grupos A y B; lineajes, genotipos.**
- **Metapneumovirus: A y B; subgrupos A1, A2, B1, B2**
- **Adenovirus: 55 serotipos; muchos genotipos**
- **Influenzas : subtipos A, B, C; cepas.**
- **Parainfluenza: 1- 4.**
- **Otros: bocavirus, enterovirus, CMV, sarampión, varicela, hantavirus.**

**VIRUS
RESPIRATORIOS**

RINOVIRUS

CORONAVIRUS

ADENOVIRUS

BOCAVIRUS

PARAINFLUENZA 1, 2 y 3

SINCICIAL RESPIRATORIO

METAPNEUMOVIRUS

INFLUENZA A y B

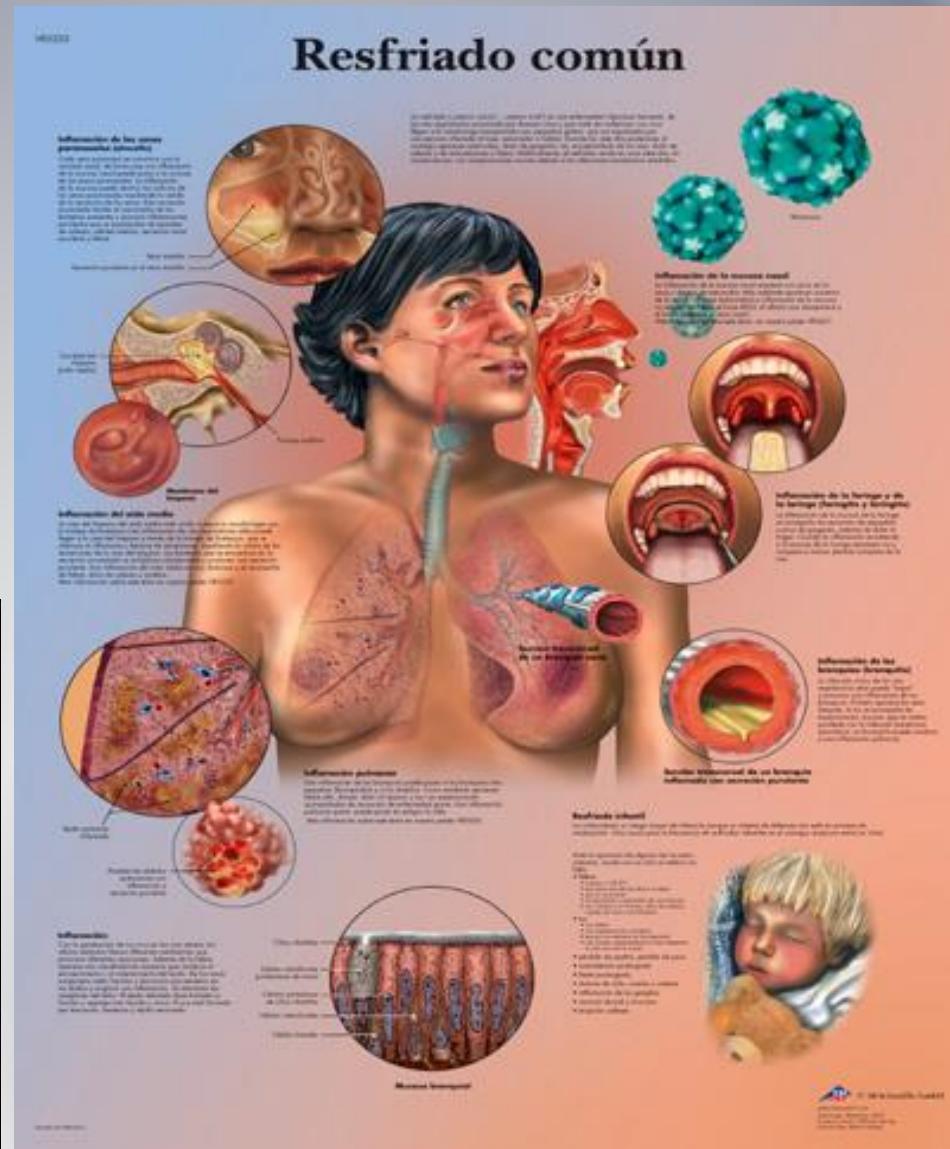
Infecciones respiratorias y agentes etiológicos virales.

Síndrome	Virus Más frecuentes	Menos frecuentes
Infección respiratoria alta	Rinovirus Coronavirus Adenovirus Parainfluenza 3	Influenza A o B Parainfluenza 1 o 2 V.R.S Enterovirus
Faringitis	Adenovirus V.Epstein-Barr Enterovirus V.Herpes Simplex	Influenza A o B V.R.S. Parainfluenza 1 y 2 Rinovirus Coronavirus
Croup	Parainfluenza 1,2,3	Influenza A V.R.S. Sarampión Coronavirus
Bronquiolitis	V.R.S.	Adenovirus Parainfluenza 1 y 2 Influenza A o B Rinovirus
Neumonia	V.R.S. Parainfluenza 3 Adenovirus Influenza A	Parainfluenza 1 y 2 Rinovirus V.Epstein-Barr

- **Resfrío común** representa un tercio o la mitad de infecciones respiratorias agudas en humanos.
- **Rinovirus** responsables del 30-50% de los resfríos comunes, y **coronavirus** 10-30%.
- El resto es debido a adenovirus, enterovirus, RSV, influenza, y parainfluenza, los que pueden dar síntomas indistinguibles a los que dan rino y coronavirus.

RINOVIRUS

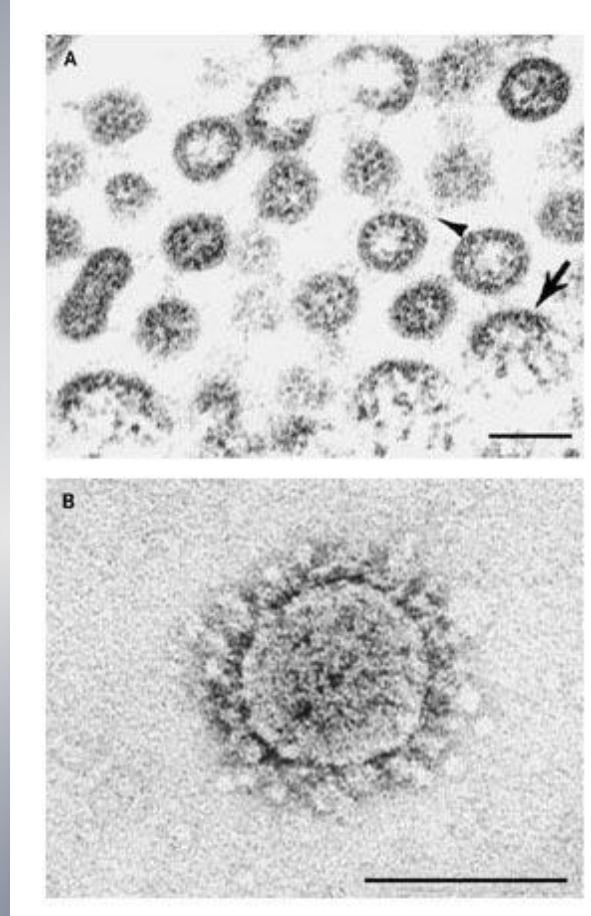
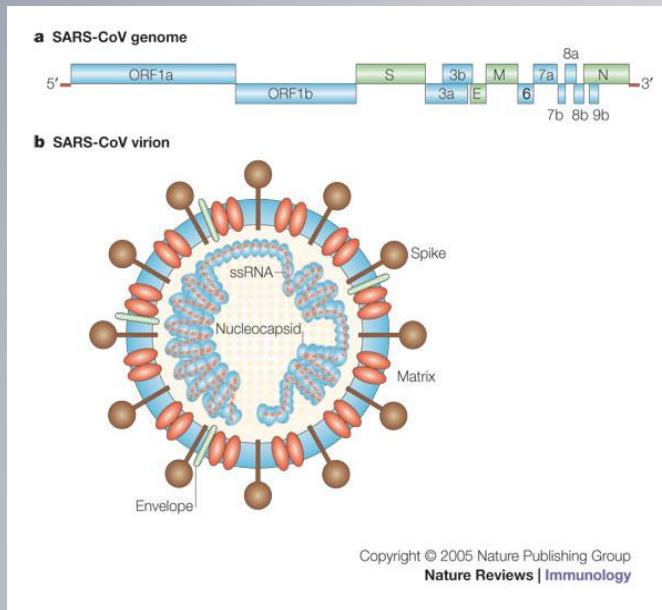
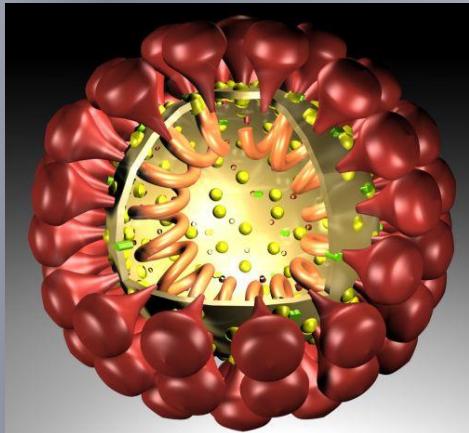
- Virus RNA ss
- Familia: picornaviridae
- ácido-lábil
- > de 100 serotipos.



CORONAVIRUS

Esféricos, Envueltos de 80 a 220 nm

Multiplicación: citoplasma, salida por gemación.



Proteínas: Matriz protéica (M), glicoproteína (S) – aspecto de corona solar, nucleocapside (N), hemaglutinina-esterasa (HE).

Heterogeneidad antigénica significativa.

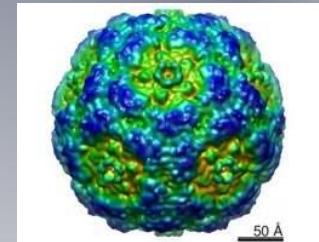
Reacciones cruzadas antigénica entre cepas humanas y animales.

BOCAVIRUS HUMANO HBoV

Los virus de la familia Parvoviridae son de pequeño tamaño (20-26 nm), de simetría icosaédrica y no poseen manto, su genoma está **formado por ADN de simple hebra** y es dependiente de células en división para la replicación.

Subfamily	Genus	Species
<i>Parvovirinae</i>	<i>Dependovirus</i>	Adeno-associated virus 2
	<i>Parvovirus</i>	Minute virus of mice Feline panleukopenia virus
	<i>Erythrovirus</i>	B 19 virus
	<i>Bocavirus</i>	Human bocavirus
<i>Densovirinae</i>	<i>Iteravirus</i>	<i>Bombyx mori densovirus</i>

BOCAVIRUS HUMANO HBoV



Descrito por primera vez en el año 2005 identificado por métodos moleculares en muestras de aspirado nasofaríngeo en niños con infecciones del tracto respiratorio inferior.

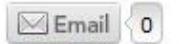
Las secuencias genéticas y el análisis filogenético **muestran una estrecha relación de HBoV con dos miembros de la familia Parvoviridae: parvovirus bovino (BPV) y virus minute canino (CMnV)**, por lo que recibió el nombre provisorio de bocavirus humano (HBoV), “bo” de bovino y “ca” de canino.

Se describe una **prevalencia de 2,7% a 19% (Suecia) principalmente en niños menores a dos años de edad**. Estas diferencias pueden explicarse por la estacionalidad, predominando en invierno, y por las distintas poblaciones de los estudios.

HBoV y B19V serían los dos únicos miembros de esta familia viral que causan enfermedades en humanos: **B19V responsable de eritema infeccioso en niños e hidrops fetal en infecciones intrauterinas y HBoV como agente viral de infecciones del tracto respiratorio, principalmente en niños bajo 5 años de edad.**

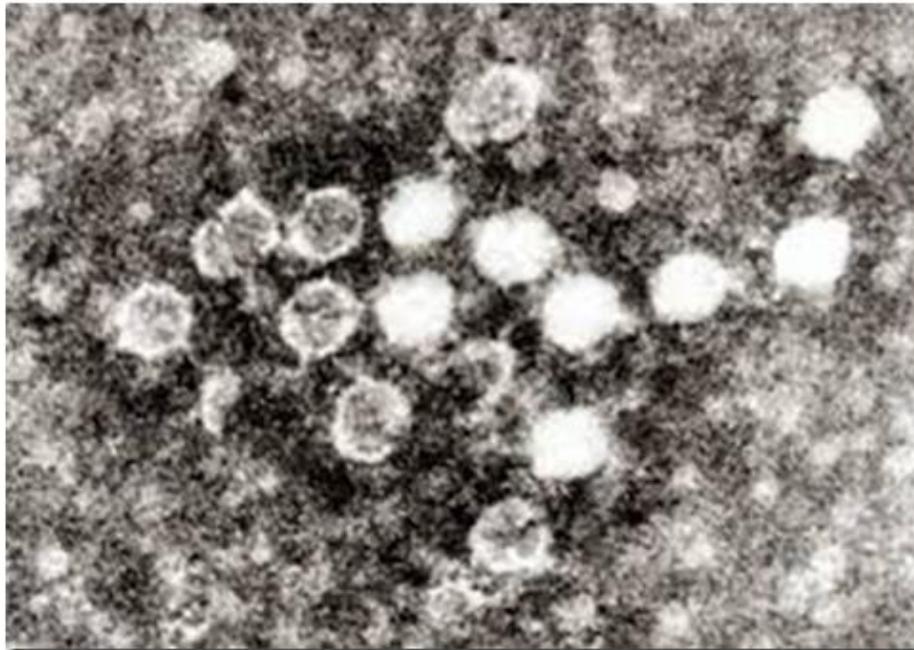
BOCAVIRUS HUMANO HBoV

Supuesto Bocavirus humano provoca dos primeras muertes en Bolivia

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El Bocavirus humano (HBoV) habría provocado la muerte de dos niños menores de un año, las primeras a causa del mal en Bolivia, informó este jueves una fuente médica del Ministerio de Salud.



"Se ha confirmado que el agente asociado a estas muertes es el Bocavirus. Son dos pacientes que están entre 7 y 8 meses de edad", dijo el médico Rubén Colque, director del servicio de Salud de esa repartición.

"Es la primera vez que se identifica este agente causal de muerte" en Bolivia, remarcó.

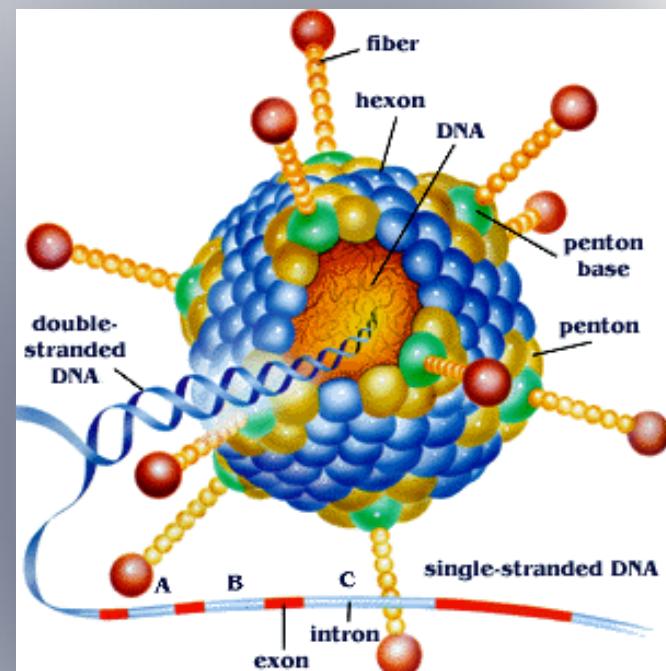
ADENOVIRUS

Adenoviridae: ADN doble cadena, lineal, asociado a polipéptidos V y VII formando un core.

Símetría icosaédrica. Sin envoltura

Partícula es estable a pH bajos y resiste secreciones gástricas y biliares.

Existen 6 subgéneros con distintos tipos.



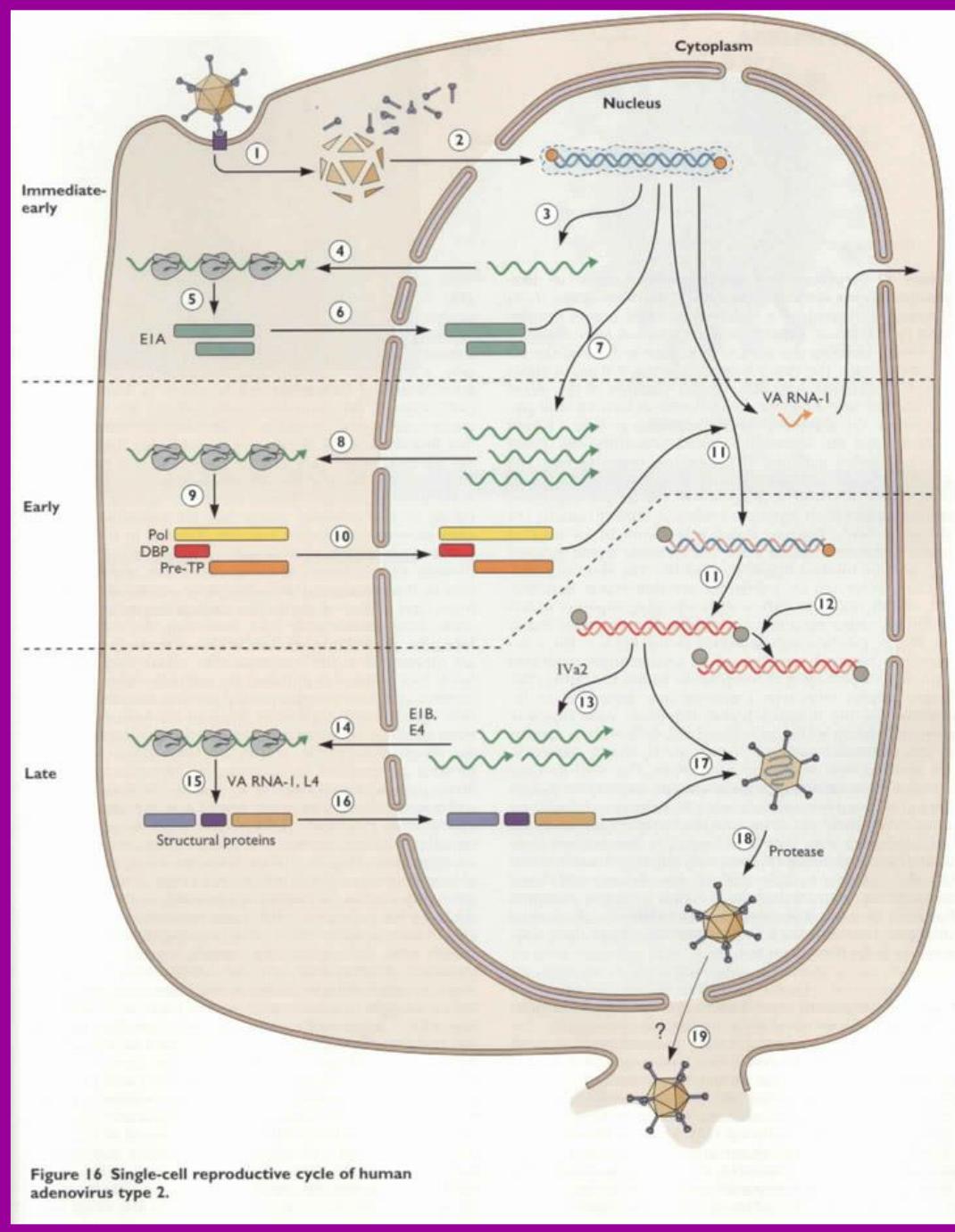
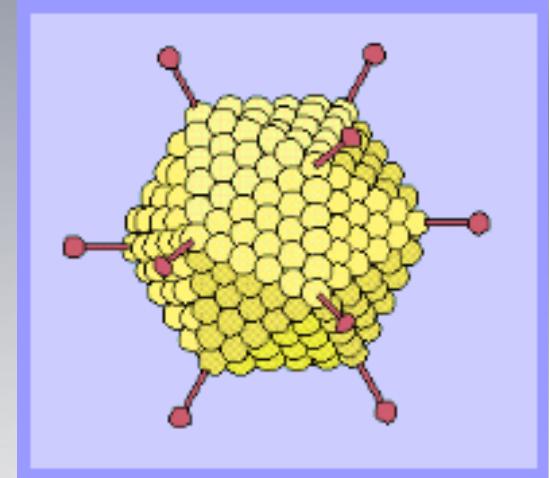


Figure 16 Single-cell reproductive cycle of human adenovirus type 2.

ADENOVIRUS



Transmisión por contacto directo

Incubación: 2 – 14 días

Síndromes de infección respiratoria alta y baja

Aislamiento a partir de secreciones respiratorias

Fiebre faringoconjuntival

Infecciones oculares: 3, 7 y 4.

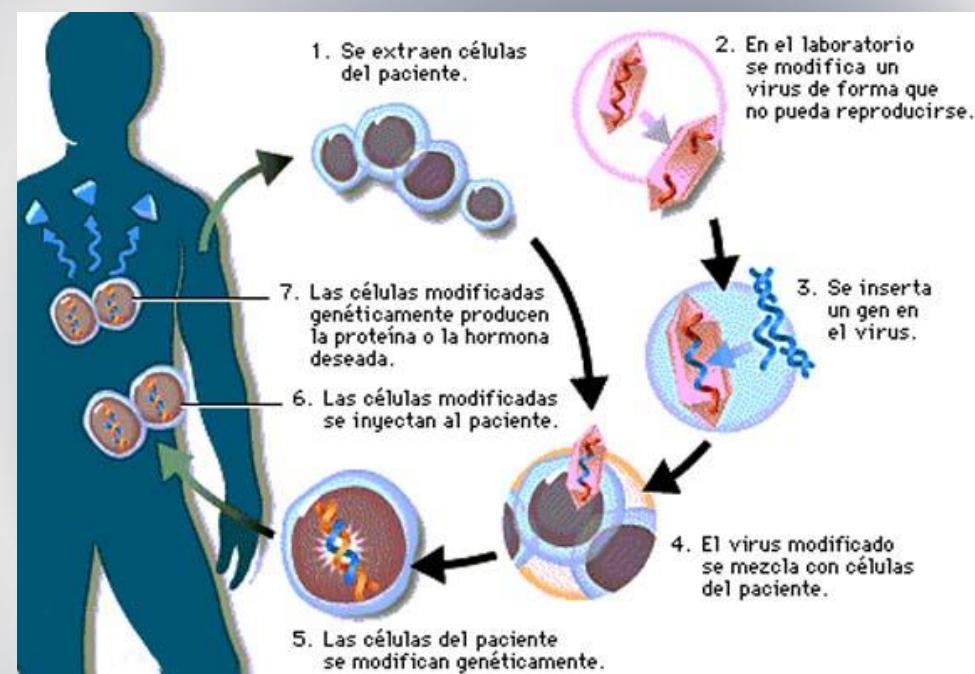
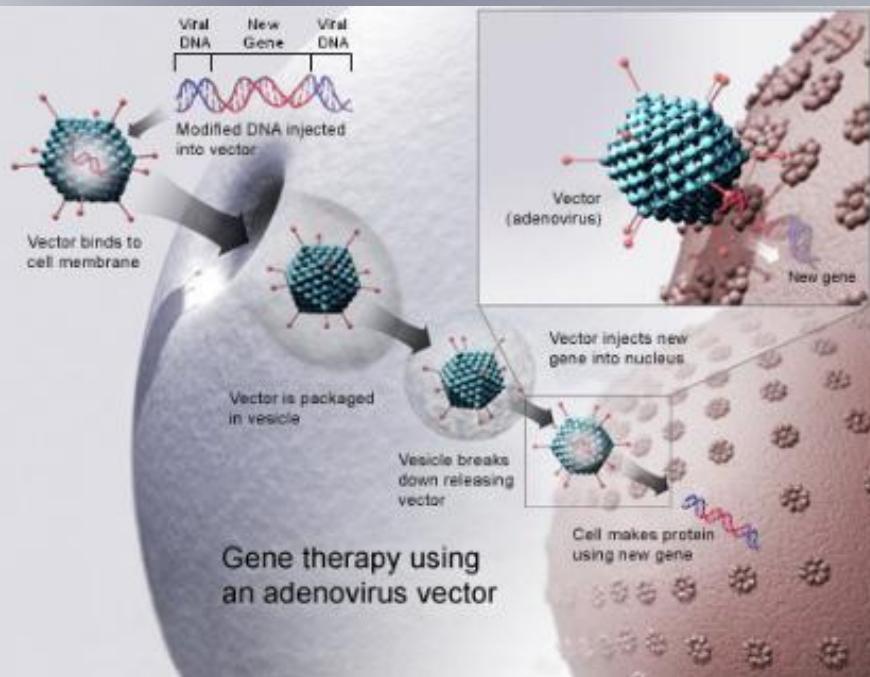
Infecciones intestinales: tipos 3 y 7.

Endémico en toda la población durante todo el año

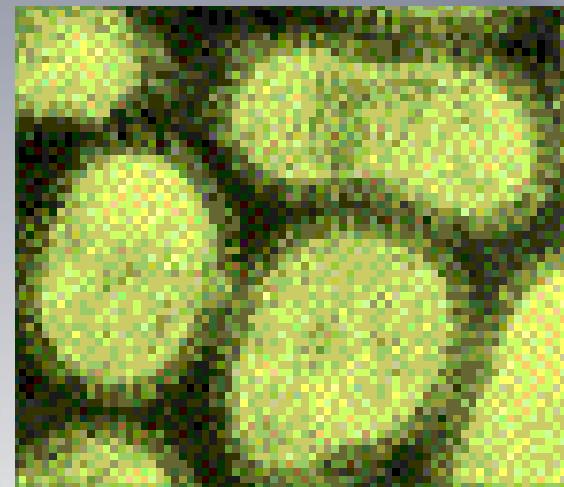
Causa epidemias invernales

Altamente recidivante

Terapia génica con ADV



PARAINFLUENZA



**RNA virus, Paramyxoviridae, Género: Paramixovirus
Esféricos, pleomórficos por envoltura laxa.**

Nucleocápside helicoidal con ARN polaridad (-)

Genoma no segmentado, Transmisión por contacto directo.

Principal causa de crup (laringo-traqueo-bronquitis) en niños, neumonia y bronquiolitis en menores 6 meses

Circulan todo el año

PROTEÍNAS:

-Glucoproteínas: ubicadas en espículas que contiene actividad de Neuraminidasa y Hemaglutinina.

-Proteína de fusión: permite penetración por fusión con la membrana celular

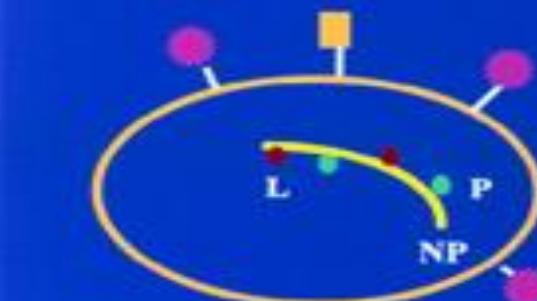
-Proteína M: en parte interna virión.

SINCICIAL RESPIRATORIO

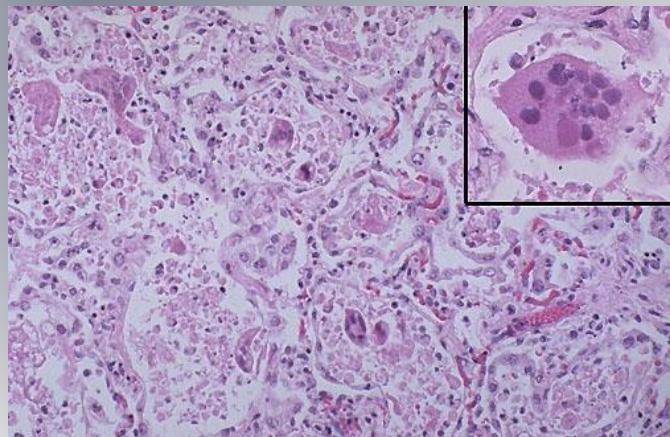
**RNA virus, Paramyxoviridae. Género: Pneumovirus
Solo afecta al hombre.**

**Provoca formación de sincícios en células.
Carece de Hemaglutinina.**

Virus Respiratorio Sincicial



- *Paramixoviridae*, género pneumovirus.
- ARN (-) envoltura lipídica.
- Dos tipos antigenicos: A y B
- Variantes genotípicas A (8) y B (5)



SINCICIAL RESPIRATORIO

Transmisión por contacto directo. Reinfecciones durante toda la vida
Principal causa de neumonía y bronquiolitis en niños menores de 2 años
Patógeno importante en inmunocomprometidos
Causa de epidemia de neumonías en ancianos hospitalizados.
Causa brotes estacionales todos los años.

Evitemos la BRONQUIOLITIS PARA QUE TODOS RESPIREMOS TRANQUILOS

DEBEN CONSIDERARSE SÍNTOMAS DE ALARMA
CUANDO LOS NIÑOS Y NIÑAS PRESENTAN:



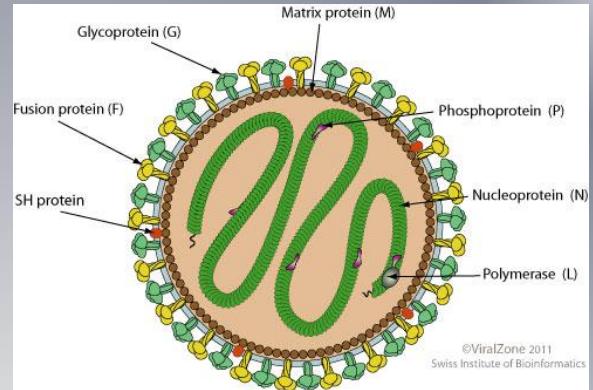
- Respiración rápida (agitación)
Hundimiento debajo de las costillas al respirar
- Silbido en el pecho.
- Fiebre sostenida.
- Rechazo al alimento o disminución de la ingesta
- Dificultad para el sueño o descanso

La bronquiolitis constituye una de las primeras causas de muerte reducible en chicos de entre un mes y un año.

CONSULTÁ DE INMEDIATO A UN MÉDICO O EN EL CENTRO DE SALUD MÁS CERCANO A TU DOMICILIO.

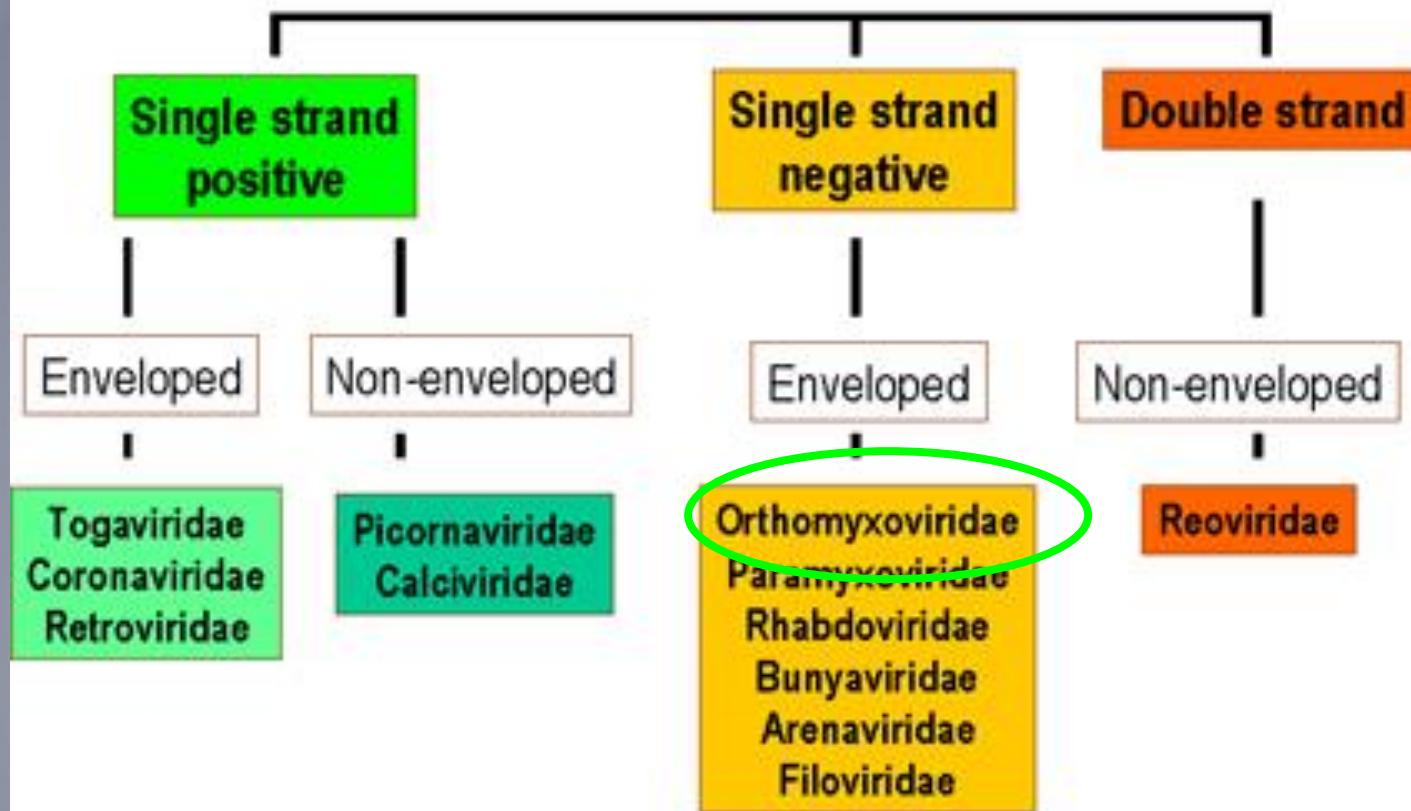
METAPNEUMOVIRUS hMPV

- Subfamilia: *Pneumovirinae*.
- Género: *Metapneumovirus*.
- Aislado por primera vez en 2001 en Holanda.
- Responsable de un 5% de las infecciones respiratorias en niños menores de 5 años.
- Es uno de los 1ros o 2dos microorganismos más frecuentemente aislados.
- Se presenta en coinfeción con RSV.
- Infecciones respiratorias altas
- Otitis media
- Laringotraqueobronquitis
- Bronquiolitis
- Neumonia
- Posibilidad de neumonias fatales en transplantados.



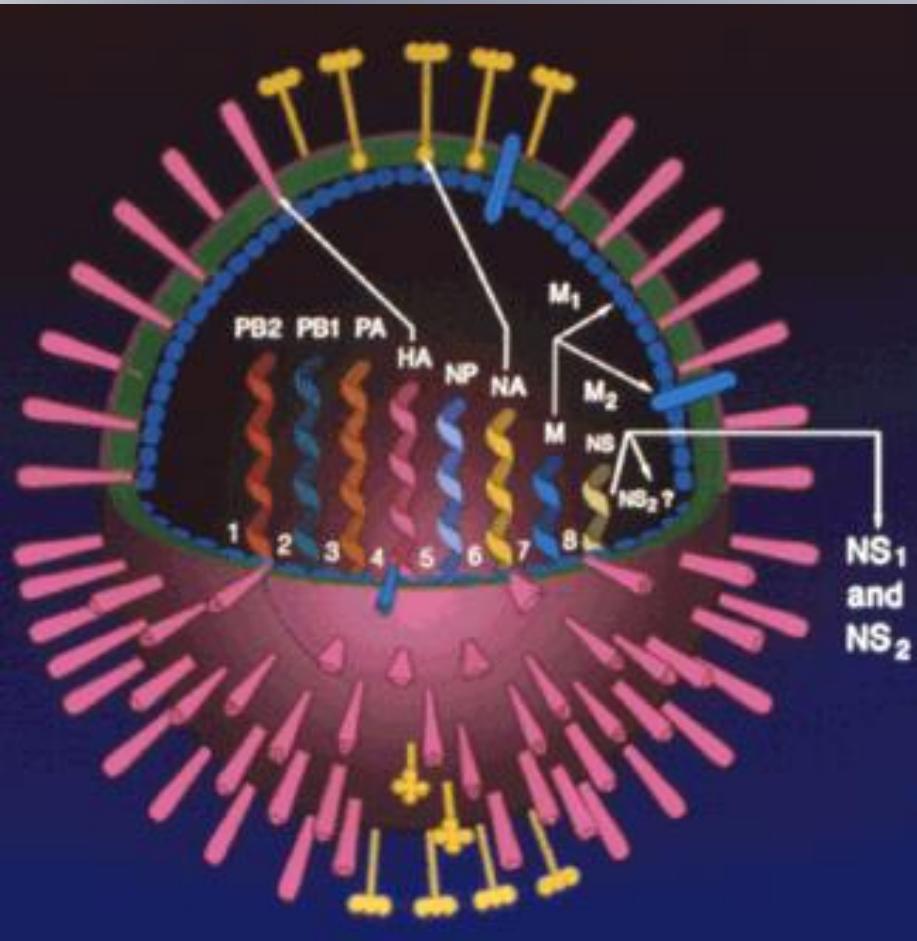
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RNA VIRUSES



ORTHOMYXOVIRIDAE

■ Virus Envuelto , 80-120 nm diámetro



■ Particulas morfológicamente variables

■ ARN simple cadena sentido negativo

■ Genoma segmentado
(8 seg en IA e IB)
(7 seg en IC)

■ Glicoproteínas de Superficie:

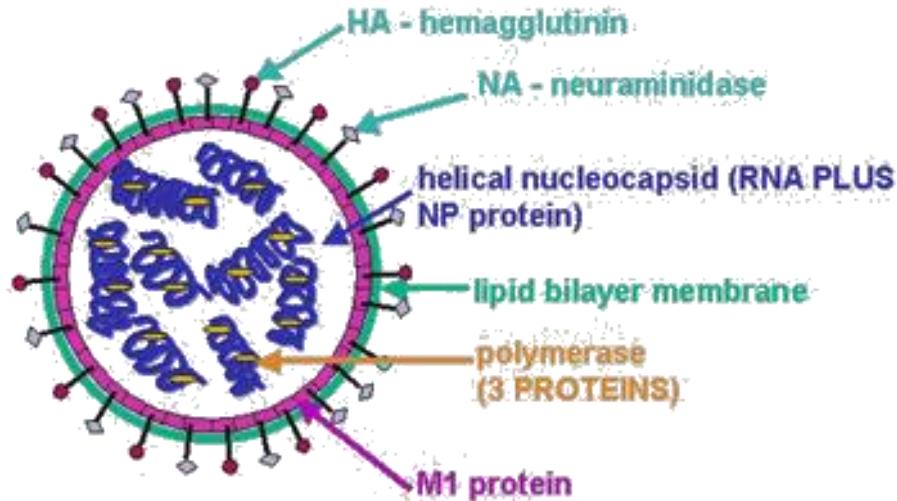
Hemaglutinina
Neuraminidasa

■ Proteinas Estructurales:

Nucleoproteinas (NP)
Matrix (M)

INFLUENZA

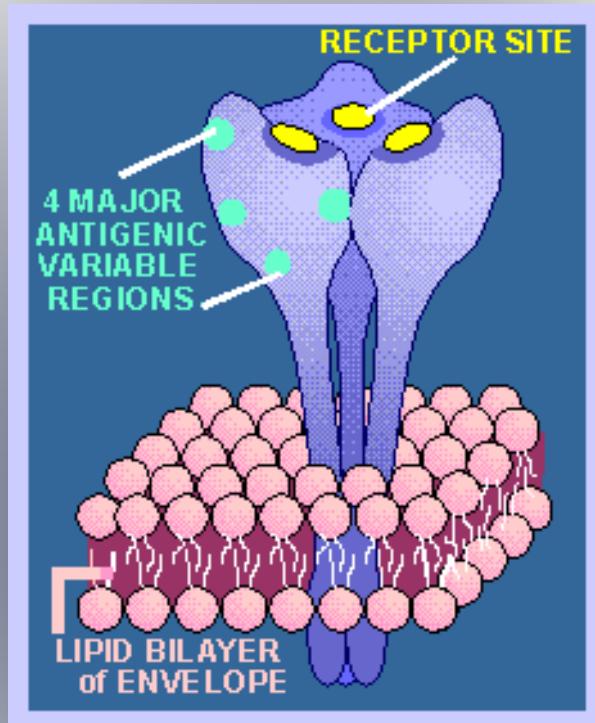
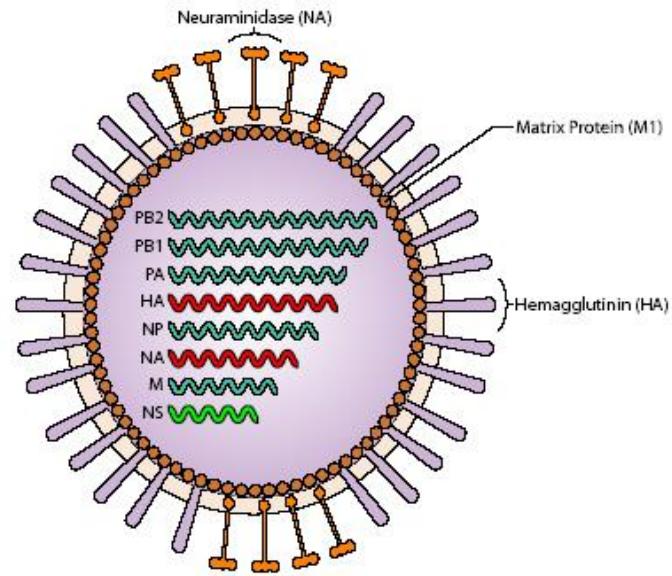
ORTHOVIRUSES



type A, B, C : NP, M protein
sub-types: HA or NA protein

RNA virus, Orthomyxoviridae.
Genoma segmentado en 8
cadena lineal y polaridad positiva

Influenza A virus



FAMILIA: *Orthomyxoviridae*

Genero	Especie/tipo	Hospedero
<i>Influenza virus A</i>	<i>Influenza A virus</i> HxNx	Vertebrados
<i>Influenza virus B</i>	<i>Influenza B virus</i>	Vertebrados
<i>Influenza virus C</i>	<i>Influenza C virus</i>	Vertebrados
<i>Thogotovirus</i>	<i>Thogoto virus</i> <i>Dhori virus</i>	Vertebrados
<i>Isavirus</i>	<i>Infectious salmon anemia virus</i>	Vertebrados

INFLUENZA

Tipo A:

Afecta hombre y equinos, porcinos, focas, aves domésticas y silvestres.

Enfermedad moderada a severa

Produce pandemias y epidemias

Existen dos subtipos circulantes H3N2 y H1N1

Tipo B:

Enfermedad más leve o similar

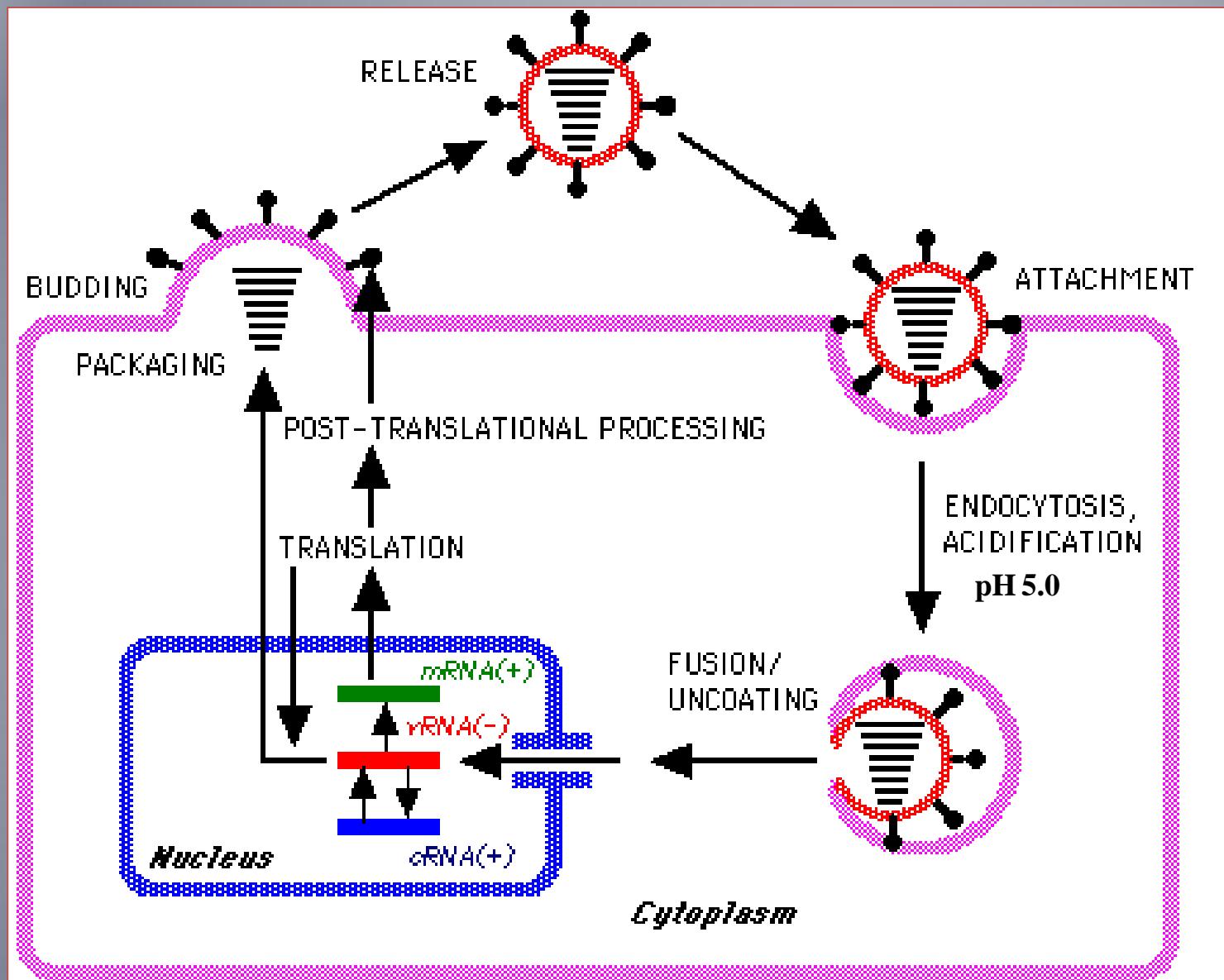
No tiene subtipos

Asociado a Sind de Reyé en niños

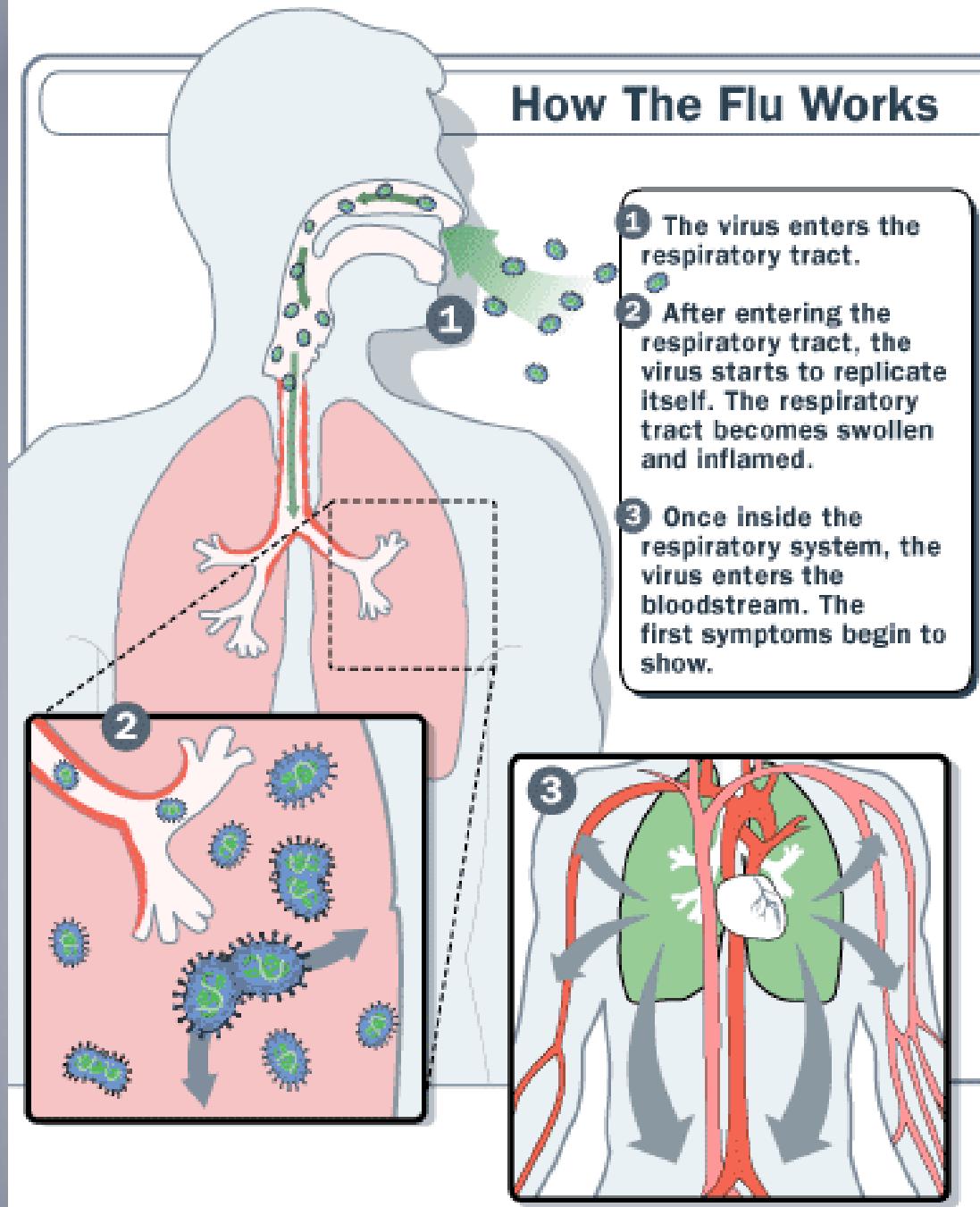
Tipo C:

Mayoría de casos subclínicos

CICLO REPLICATIVO DE INFLUENZA

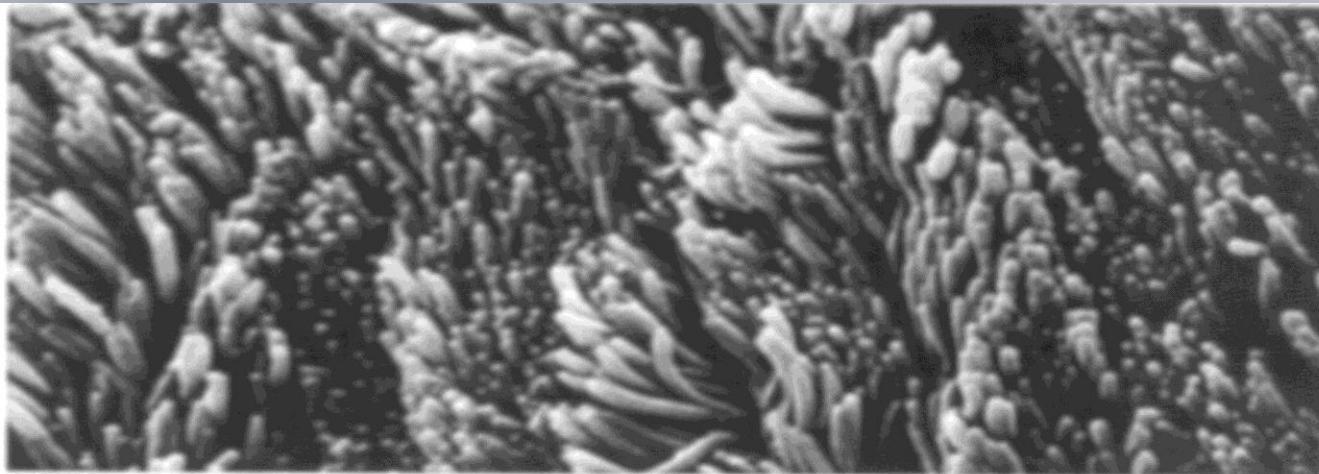


How The Flu Works

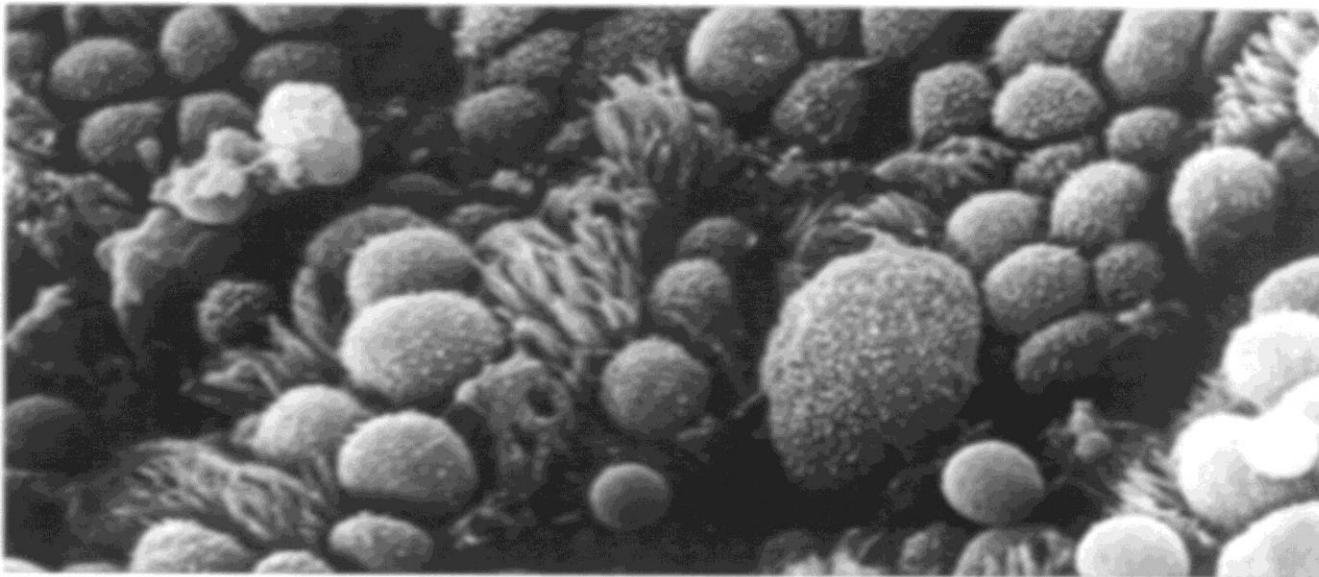


INFLUENZA

Patogenia



Mucosa epitelial sana



Mucosa epitelial infectada con Influenza A

INFLUENZA

COMPLICACIONES:

- **RESPIRATORIAS**: neumonía viral primaria, neumonía bacteriana secundaria y neumonía mixta.
- **NEUROLOGICAS**: encefalitis, polineuritis, Guillen Barré, síndrome de Reyé, convulsiones.
- **CARDIACAS**: alteraciones funcionales.

VARIACION ANTIGENICA

MAYORES: SHIFT

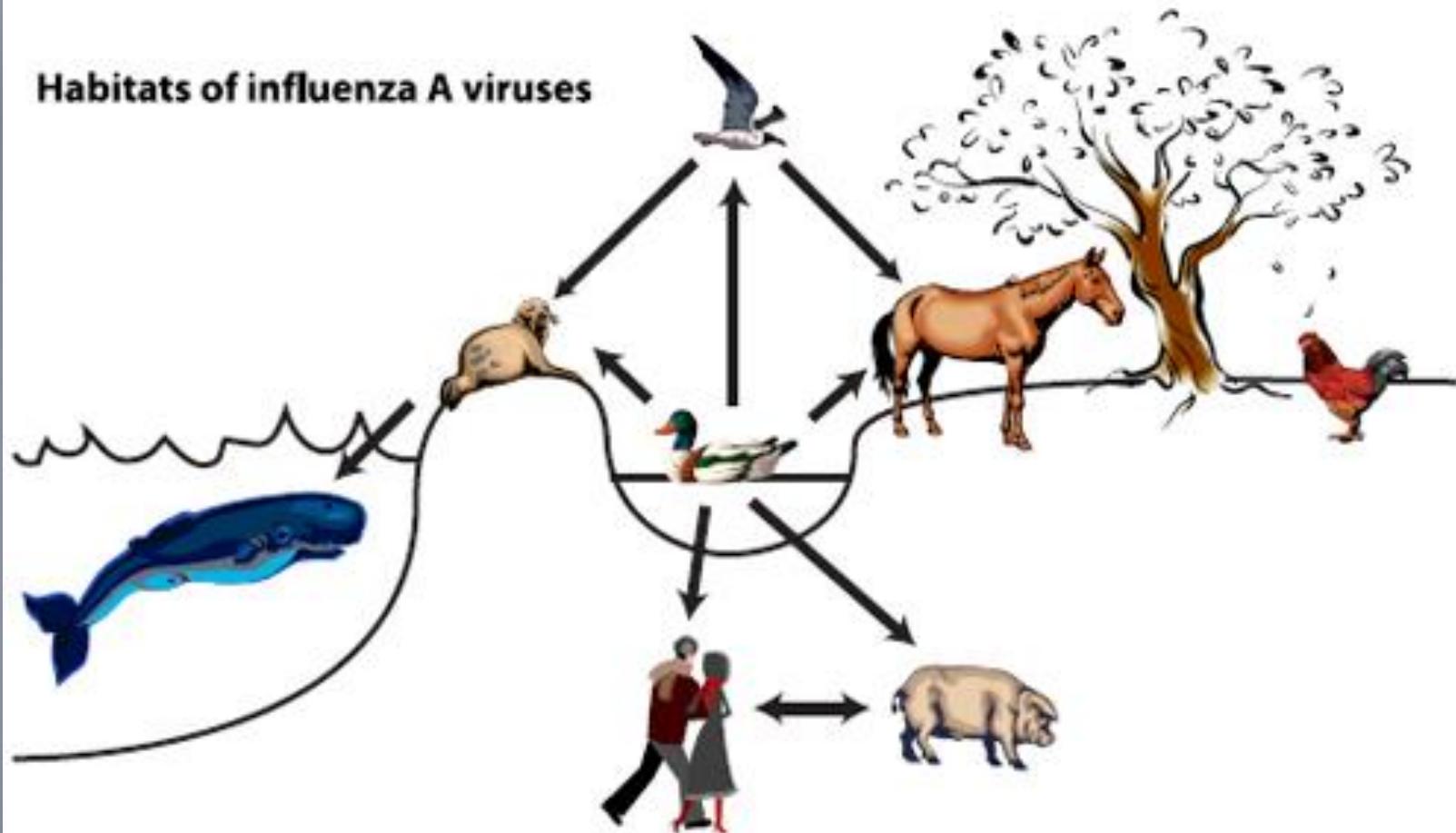
Solo descriptas para tipo A. Cambios en genes que codifican HA y NA. El virus aparece con HA y/o NA diferente al que circuló antes. Causan pandemias.

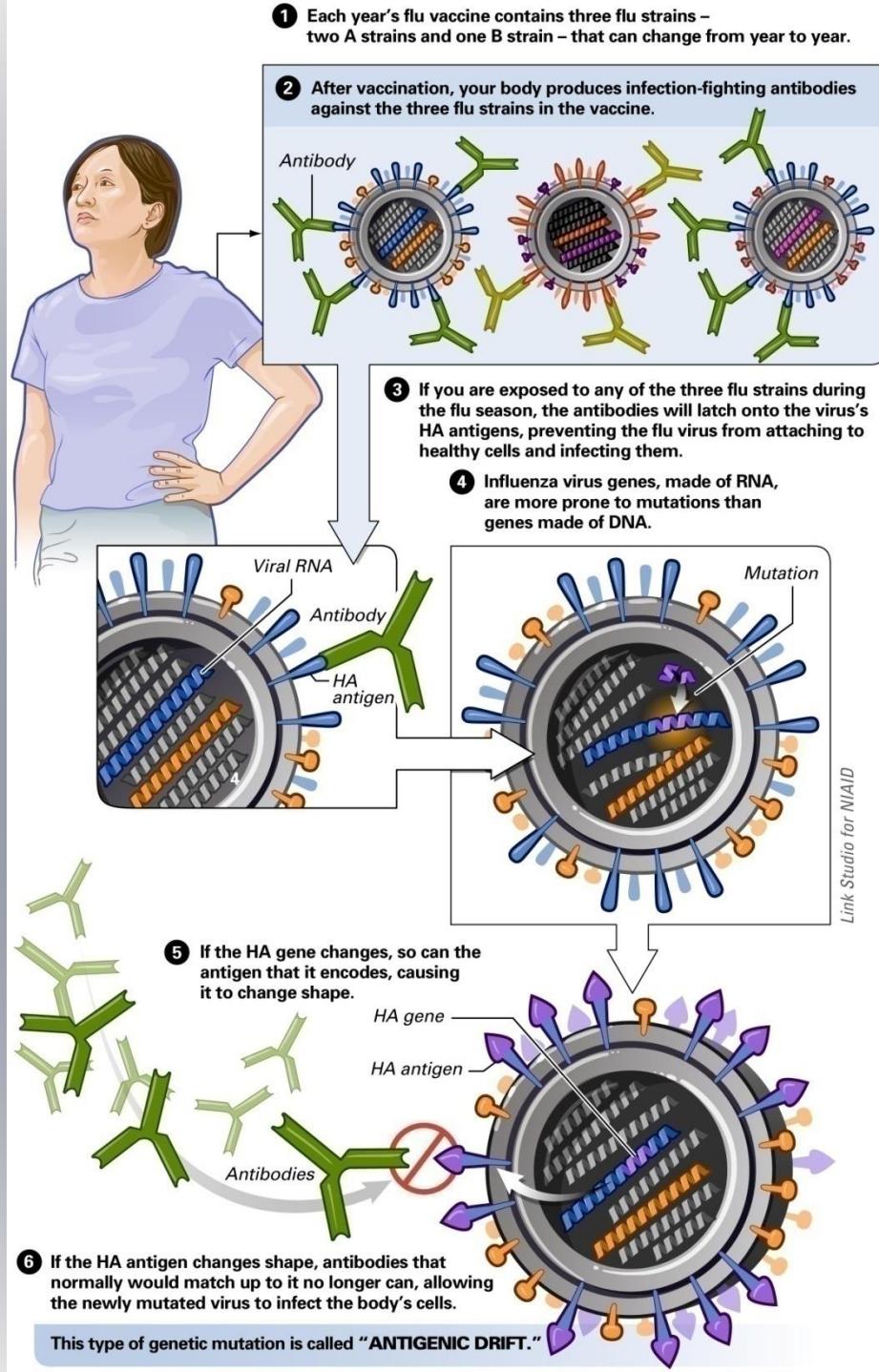
MENORES: DRIFT (Deriva)

Afecta a tipo A y B. Se producen de manera gradual cada 2 a 3 años dentro de un mismo tipo o de un subtípo. Mutaciones en el ARN viral que se traducen en cambios en AA en los polipéptidos.

INFLUENZA

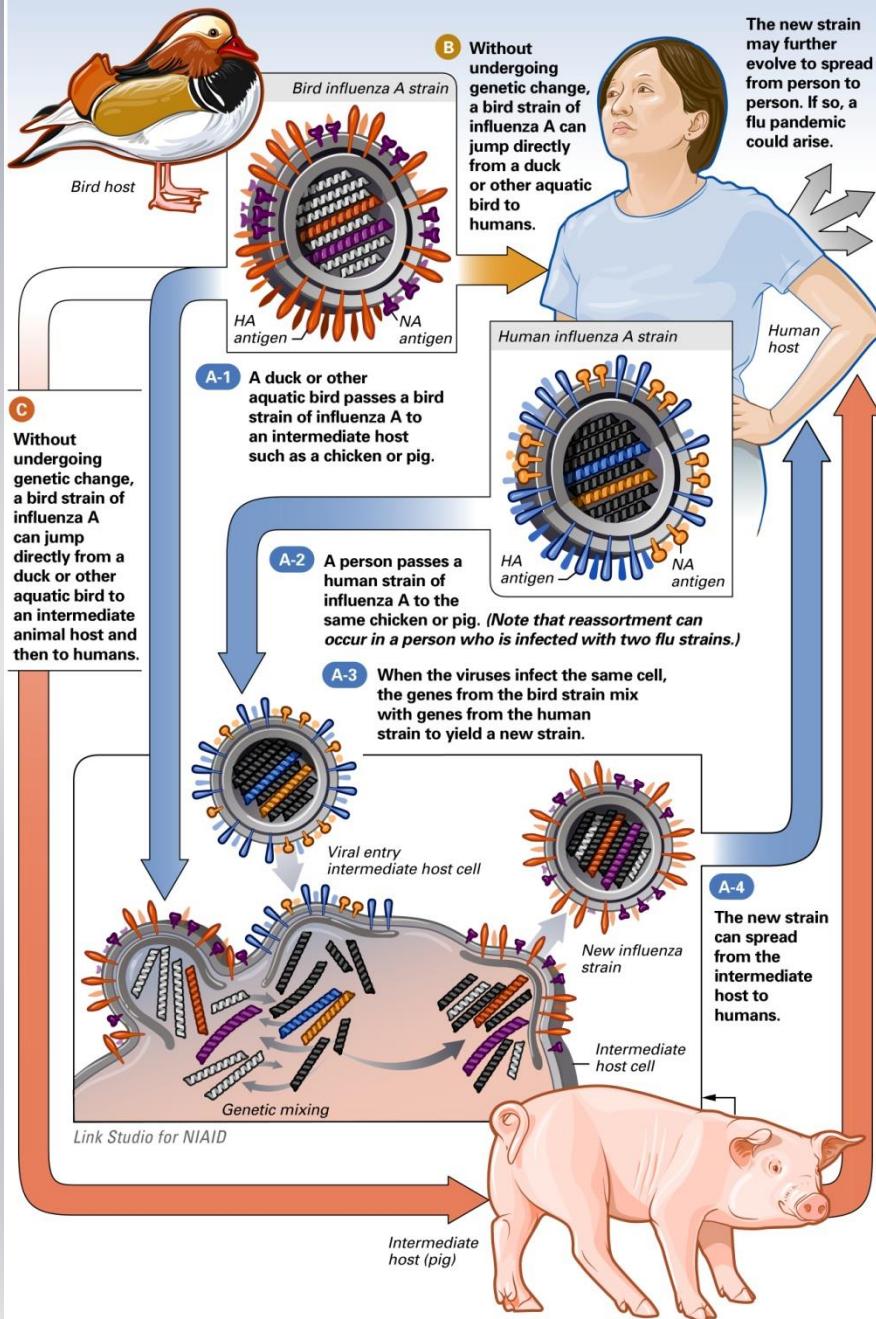
Habitats of influenza A viruses





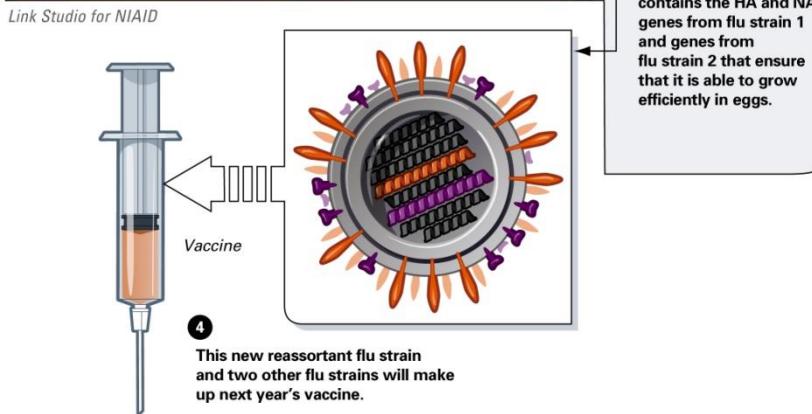
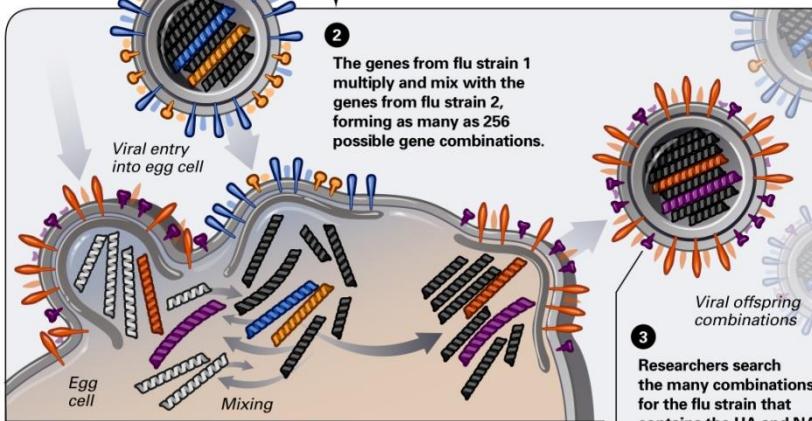
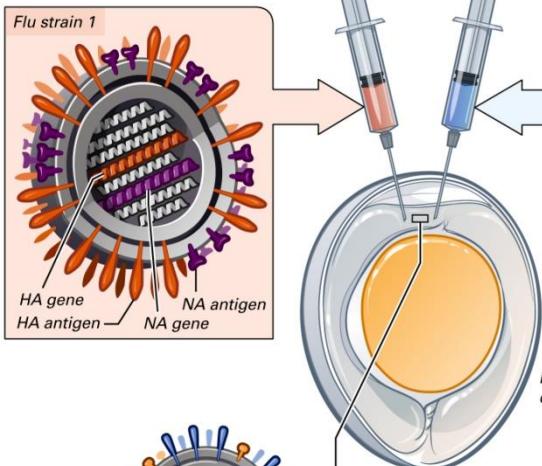
The genetic change that enables a flu strain to jump from one animal species to another, including humans, is called "**ANTIGENIC SHIFT**."

Antigenic shift can happen in three ways:



A flu virus contains eight gene segments. The goal is to combine the desired HA and NA genes from flu strain 1 with genes from flu strain 2, which grows well in eggs and is harmless in humans.

- Flu strains 1 and 2 are injected into a fertilized chicken egg.



- This new reassortant flu strain and two other flu strains will make up next year's vaccine.

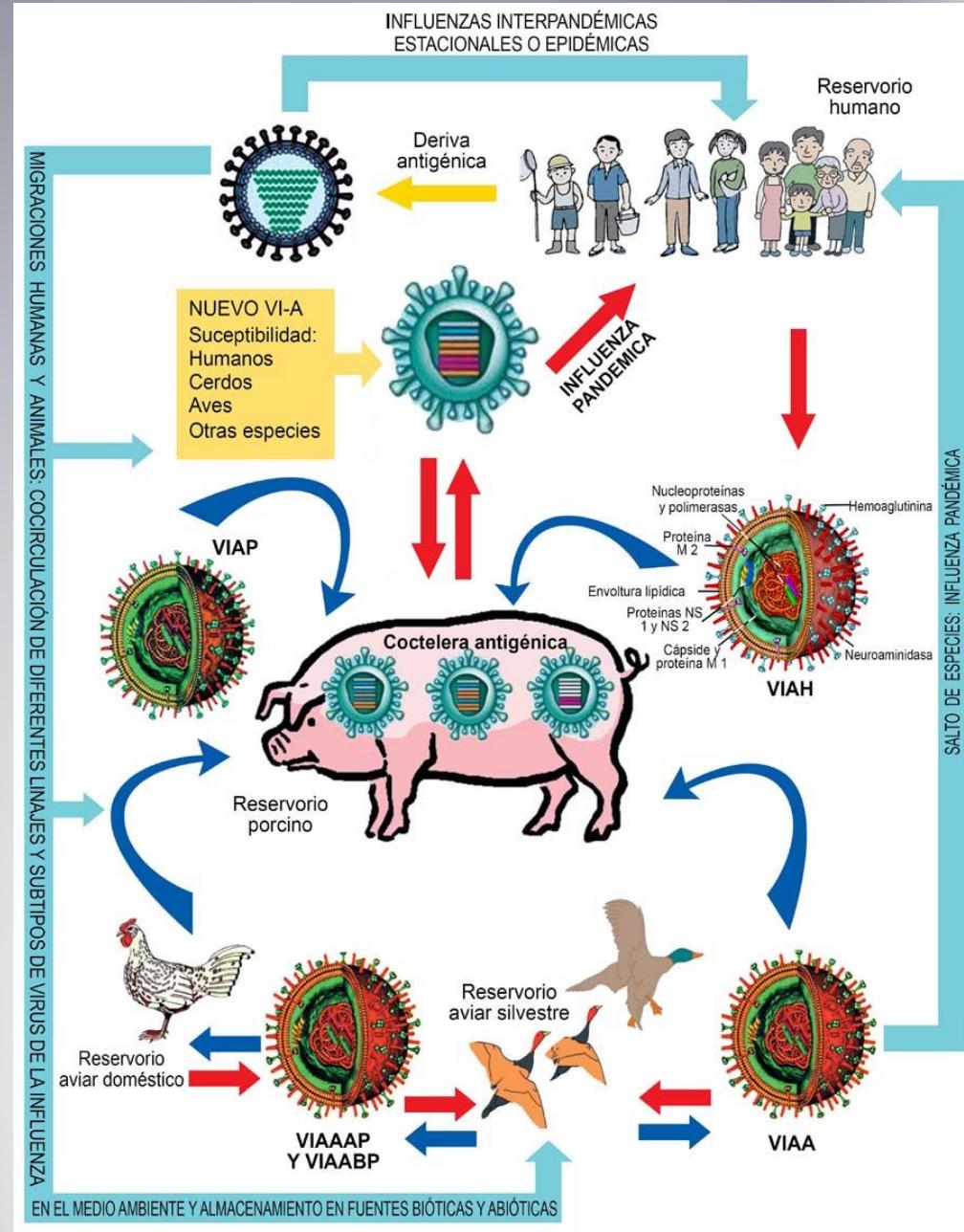


Figura 1. Los reservorios de los VI-A del linaje humano, aviar y porcino, interactúan en un ecosistema o medioambiente común. En estas condiciones los VI-A siguen caminos de derivas antigenicas o cambios antigenicos menores, así como de reordenamientos o cambios antigenicos mayores. En el caso de los reordenamientos de los VI-A, el cerdo posee receptores para los VIAA y VIAH, por consiguiente puede infectarse simultáneamente con ambos linajes y el suyo mismo sirviendo de una coctelera antigenica. En ciertas oportunidades los VI-A pueden saltar directamente de una especie a otra como lo observado con el VIAA H5N1.

Pandemias de Influenza del siglo XX



Credit: US National Museum of Health and Medicine

**1918: “Gripe Española”
A(H1N1)**

20-40 millones de muertos

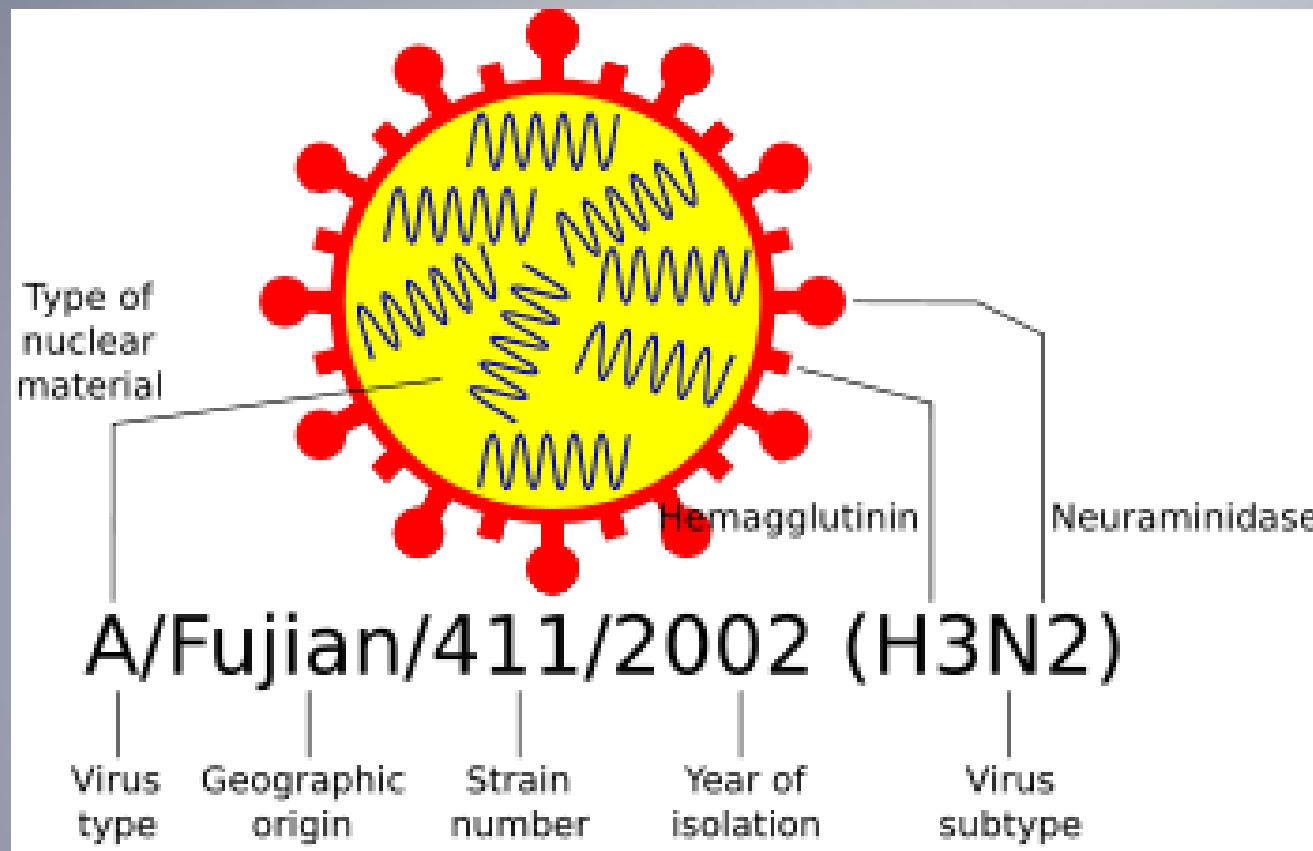
**1957: “Gripe Asiática”
A(H2N2)**

1-4 millones de muertos

**1968: “Gripe de Hong Kong”
A(H3N2)**

1-4 millones de muertos

Nomenclatura de Influenza A

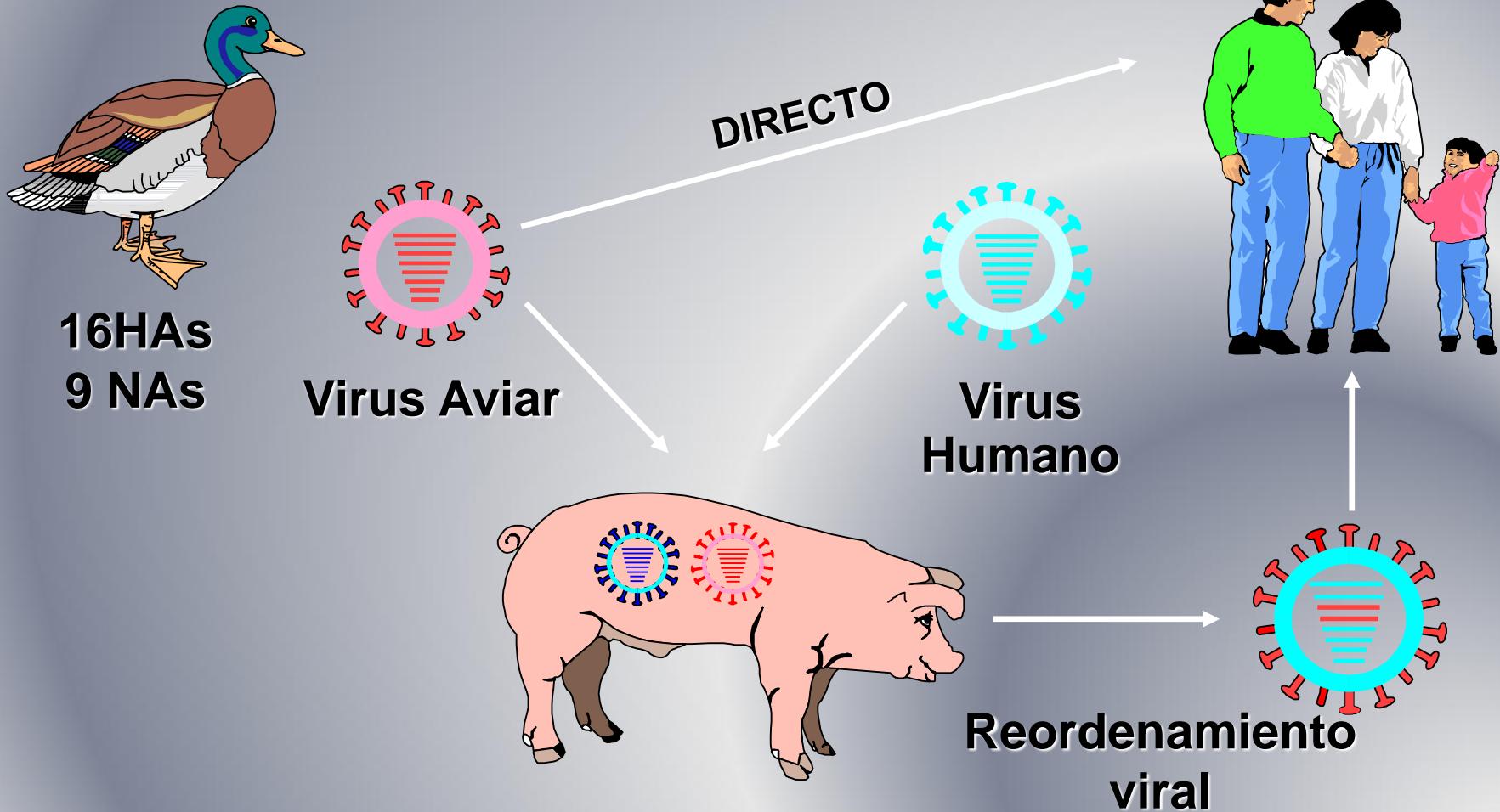


Subtipos HA y NA en virus Influenza A

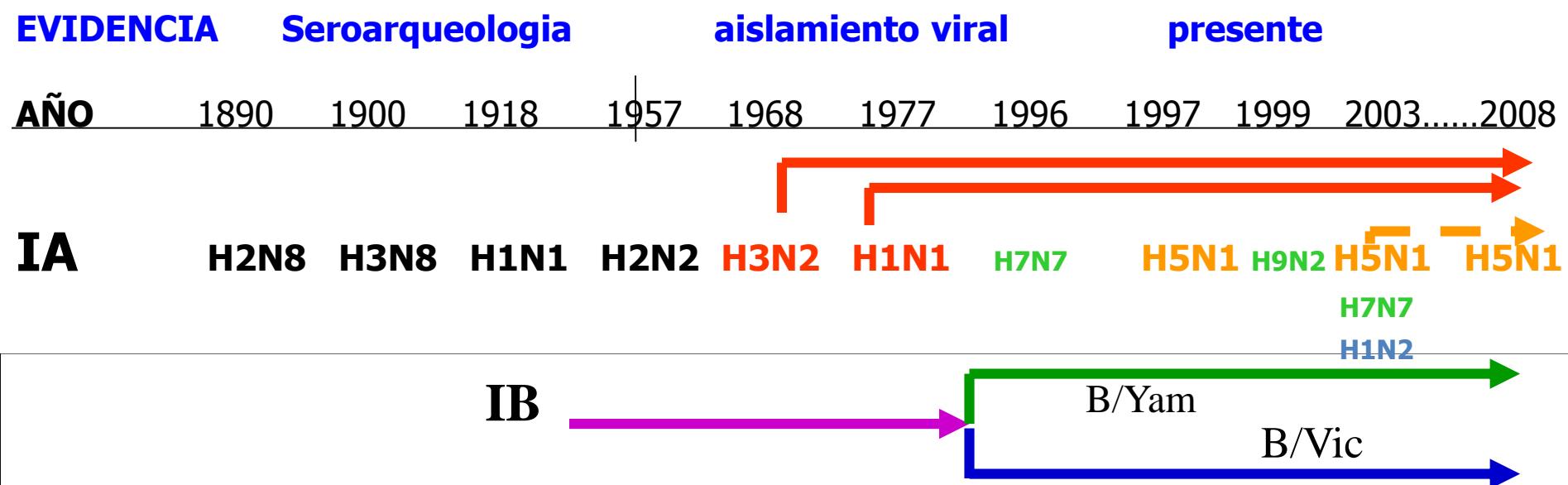
H1		N1
H2		N2
H3		
H4		
H5		N3
H6		N4
H7		
H8		N5
H9		N6
H10		N7
H11		N8
H12		
H13		
H14		
H15, 16		N9

Subtipos : HXNX

EMERGENCIA DE VIRUS PANDEMICO

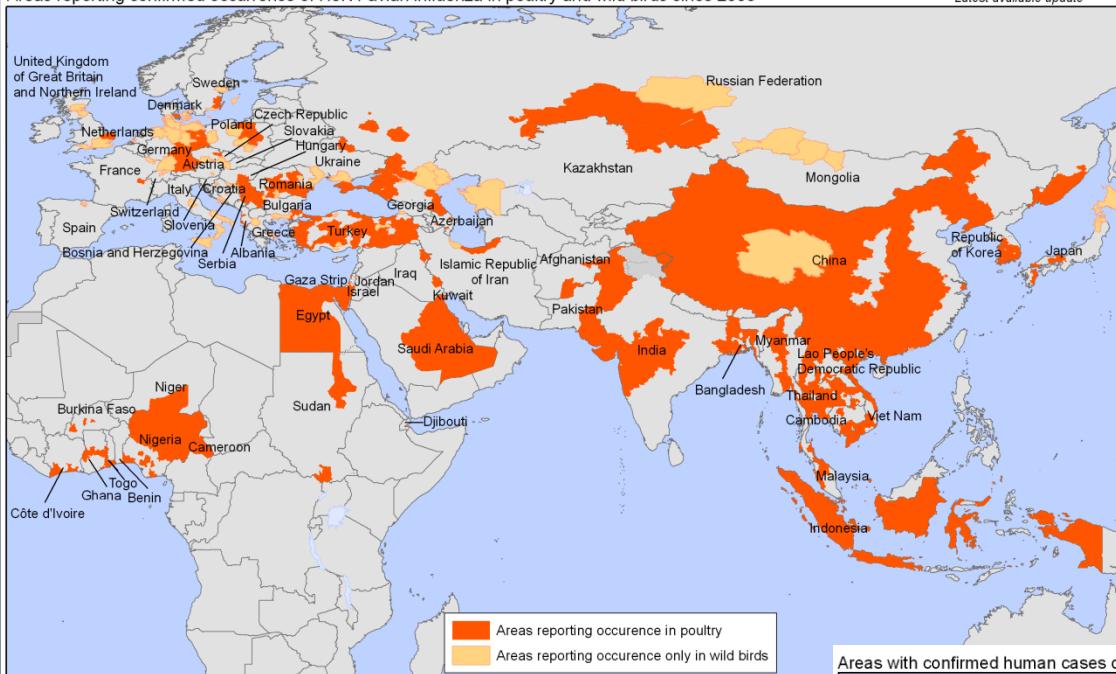


CIRCULACION VIRUS INFLUENZA



¿Porque el subtipo H5N1 es Preocupante?

- Muta rápidamente y de alta patogenicidad
- Causa enfermedad grave en humanos (casos Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Tailandia)
- Las aves que sobreviven a la infección excretan virus durante más de 10 días.
- La propagación de la infección entre las aves aumenta la probabilidad de una infección directa al hombre
- Si aumenta el nº de personas infectadas con H5N1, aumenta la probabilidad de reordenamientos con cepas gripales humanas, facilitando la transmisión persona-persona

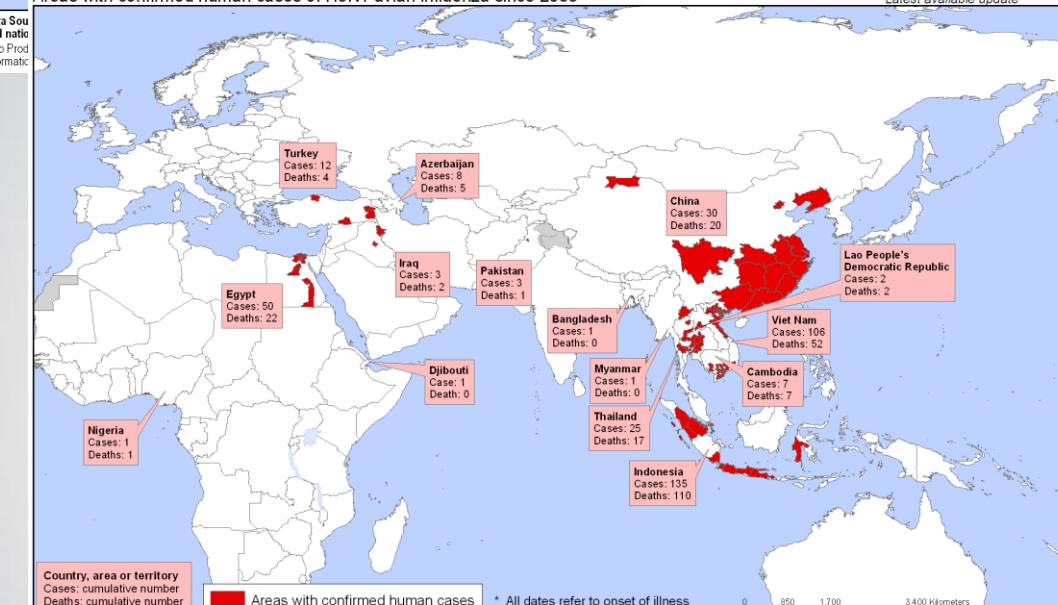


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Areas with confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza since 2003 *



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H5N1 EN HUMANOS

328 casos humanos

200 muertos

12 países afectados

OMS, 9/2007

Status as of 19 June 2008
Latest available update

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¿Pueden evitarse las pandemias de Gripe?

- Las pandemias de gripe aparecen 3 o 4 veces cada siglo
- La aparición de una Pandemia de Gripe es impredecible
- Según los últimos informes de la OMS la pandemia de gripe es inevitable y posiblemente inminente.

Medidas para reducir los riesgos:

- ✓ Detener la propagación de la epidemia en población de aves de corral y silvestre, reduciendo la exposición humana al virus
- ✓ Vacunación de las personas con alto riesgo de exposición a aves infectadas , reduciendo probables reordenamientos genéticos
- ✓ Indumentaria y material adecuados en el personal que participa en la matanza de aves
- ✓ Tratamiento con antivirales como medida profiláctica en población expuesta y/o en zona de brote (amantadina, rimantadina, oseltanavir, zanamavir)
- ✓ Vigilancia Epidemiológica de virus circulantes en animales y humanos a nivel mundial

RED DE VIGILANCIA MUNDIAL DE INFLUENZA



Y ADEMÀS....

Principales Virus Entéricos

Virus	Enfermedad
Adenovirus	Varias
Enterovirus	
Poliovirus	Poliomielitis Parálisis
Echovirus	Varias
Coxsackievirus	Varias
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis infecciosa
Reovirus	Varias
Rotavirus	Gastroenteritis

PATOLOGÍAS VÍRICAS

Virus	Enfermedad	Receptor
Adenovirus	Varias	Hombre
Poliovirus	Poliomelitis,	
Enterovirus	parálisis y otras	Hombre
Coxsackievirus	Varias	Hombre
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis infecc.	Hombre
Reovirus	Varias	Hombre
Rotavirus	Diarréa	Hombre/ animales
Agentes Norwalk	Gastroenteritis agudas e infecciones no bacterianas	Hombre



Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008

[Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008](#) [PDF - 948 KB]

Figure 1. Decreasing order of resistance of microorganisms to disinfection and sterilization and the level of disinfection or sterilization.

Resistant	Level
Prions (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease)	Prion reprocessing
Bacterial spores (<i>Bacillus atrophaeus</i>)	Sterilization
Coccidia (<i>Cryptosporidium</i>)	
Mycobacteria (<i>M. tuberculosis</i> , <i>M. terrae</i>)	High
Nonlipid or small viruses (polio, coxsackie)	Intermediate
Fungi (<i>Aspergillus</i> , <i>Candida</i>)	
Vegetative bacteria (<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i>)	Low
↓ Lipid or medium-sized viruses (HIV, herpes, hepatitis B)	

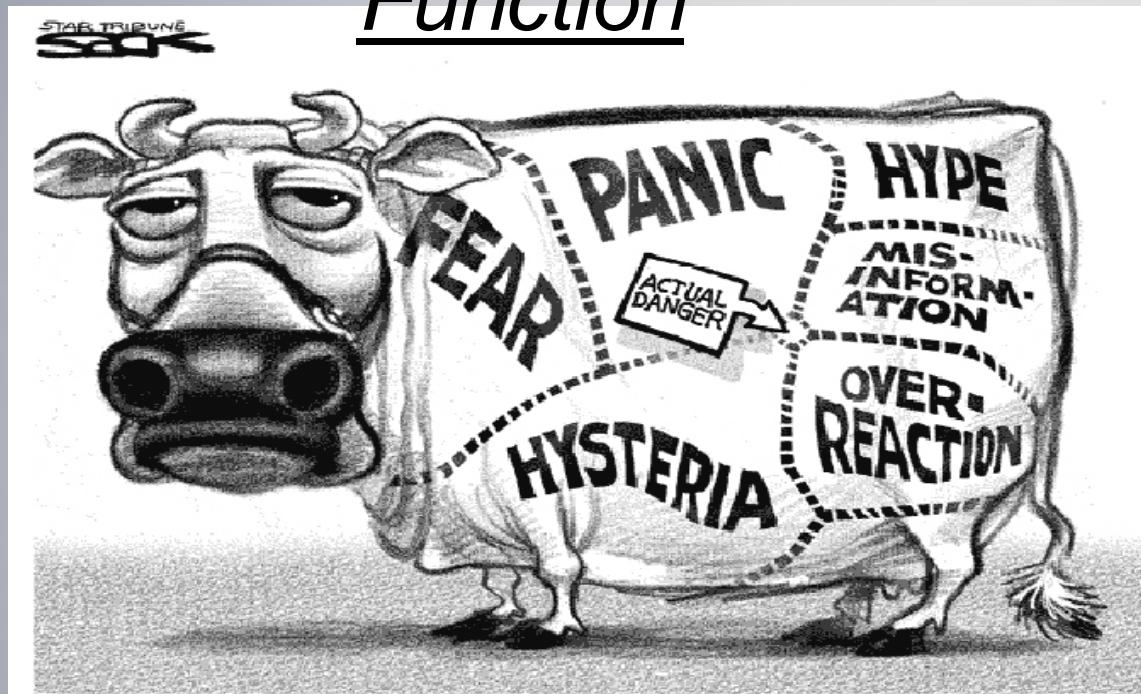
Susceptible

Modified from Russell and Favero 13, 344.

[Next Table](#)

How Now Mad Cow?

Introduction to Prion Disease and Function



SHP – Neurobiology of
Development and Disease

¿QUÉ ES UN PRIÓN?



Los priones son partículas infecciosas proteicas las cuales resisten la inactivación por medio de procedimientos a los cuales los ácidos nucleicos son sensibles.

La proteína priónica (PrPsc,) causante de la enfermedad es una forma modificada de una proteína normal llamada PrPc sensible a proteasas, por su parte la PrPsc es resistente a las proteasas.

La ingesta de PrPsc induce la conversión de PrPc en PrPsc, lo cual lleva a la propagación de la forma infecciosas y a la aparición de la enfermedad.

Progression of BSE

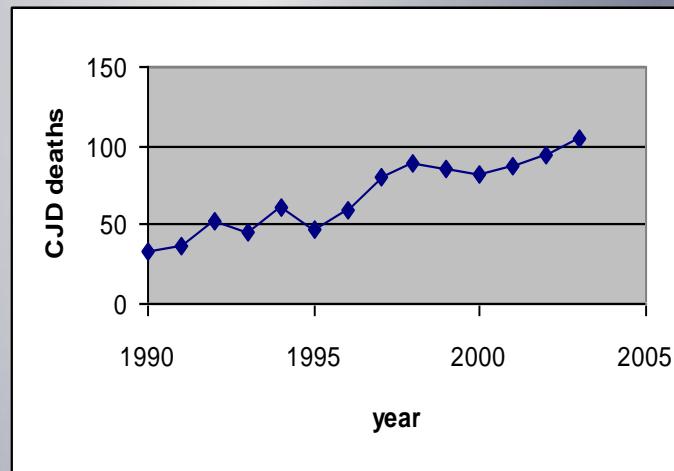
- 1986: First case of BSE discovered in a cow that was fed livestock feed produced from a sheep that died of scrapie.
- Dr. Richard Lacey announces that scrapie and BSE are the same disease and that “this beef was in the meat supply”.
- British government dismisses Lacey and cuts his research funding. They announce that scrapie renderings are still an acceptable form of livestock feed.

Progression of BSE (cont)

- 1987: 700 BSE infected cows are reported in Great Britain.
- 1988: 7,000 infected cows. Law is passed declaring sheep rendering illegal.
- 1992: 36,000 infected livestock reported.
- 1994: 150,000 infected livestock reported and is identified in half of British cattle herds.

Crossing the line.....

- In 1996, a new form of CJD is discovered in the UK, termed variant CJD (vCJD).
- Linked with consumption of BSE-contaminated beef.
- Shares the symptoms of classic CJD, except the median age of death is 28 (contrasting with 68) and feature psychiatric and sensory symptoms with neurologic effects occurring later.

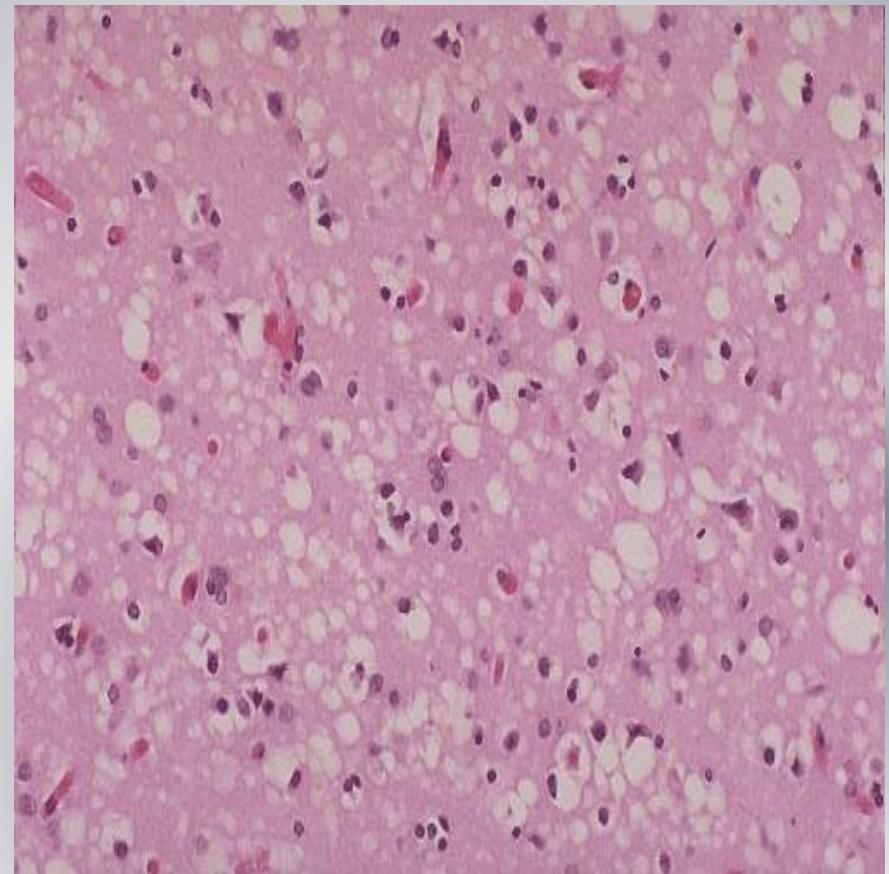


EET (TSE) EN HUMANOS

- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)
- Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD)
- Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker Syndrome
- Fatal Familial Insomnia
- Kuru

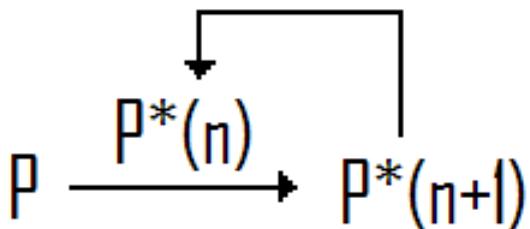
ENCEFALOPATÍAS ESPONGIFORMES TRANSMISIBLES (EET ó TSE)

- Constituyen una familia de enfermedades neurodegenerativas, de “baja incidencia”, que afectan tanto a los animales como a los humanos.
- Se caracterizan por su largo periodo de incubación, grandes cambios (pérdida) de la masa neuronal (aparición de agujeros, como esponjas) y la incapacidad del sistema inmunológico de producir una respuesta inflamatoria.

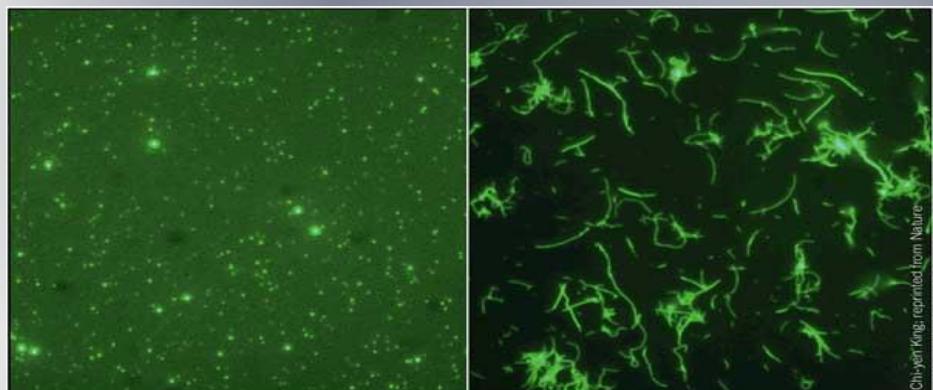
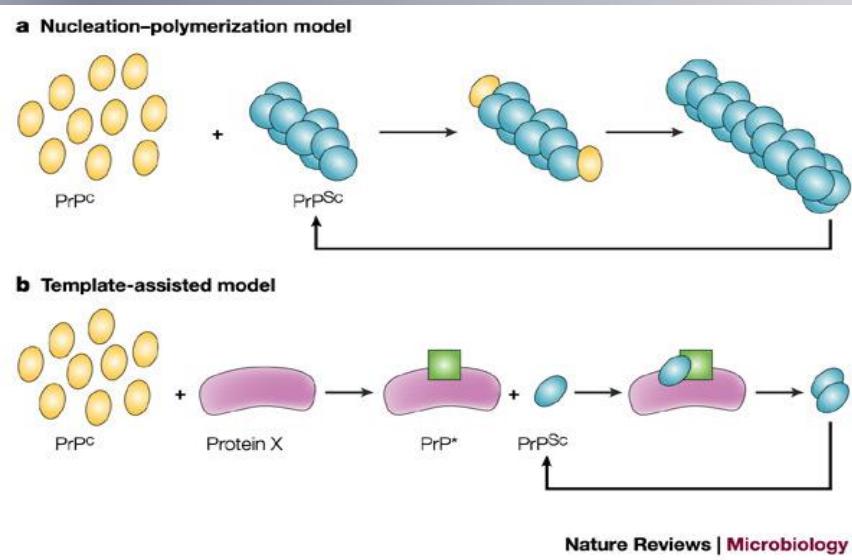


- **INFECCIOSO / CONTAGIO EXÓGENO**
 - Ejemplos en Kuru, BSE (enfermedad de la vaca loca), Scrapie
 - Diseminada por:
 - Consumo de carne infectada.
 - Transfusión
- **ESPORÁDICO**
- **FAMILIAR / HEREDITARIO**
 - Debido a una mutación autosómica dominante de *prP*?

Molecular Mechanism



- Protein can convert between two conformations (a benign form and pathogenic state) at a certain frequency.
- The second state can seed the formation of oligometric, insoluble aggregates that in turn form toxic amyloid plaques.
- During the oligomerization the prions corrupt the native form of the protein into a transmissible disease conformation.



Funciones de la proteína priónica normal

- **Antioxidante**

$\text{PrP}^C + \text{Cu (Cobre)}$



Actividad antioxidante



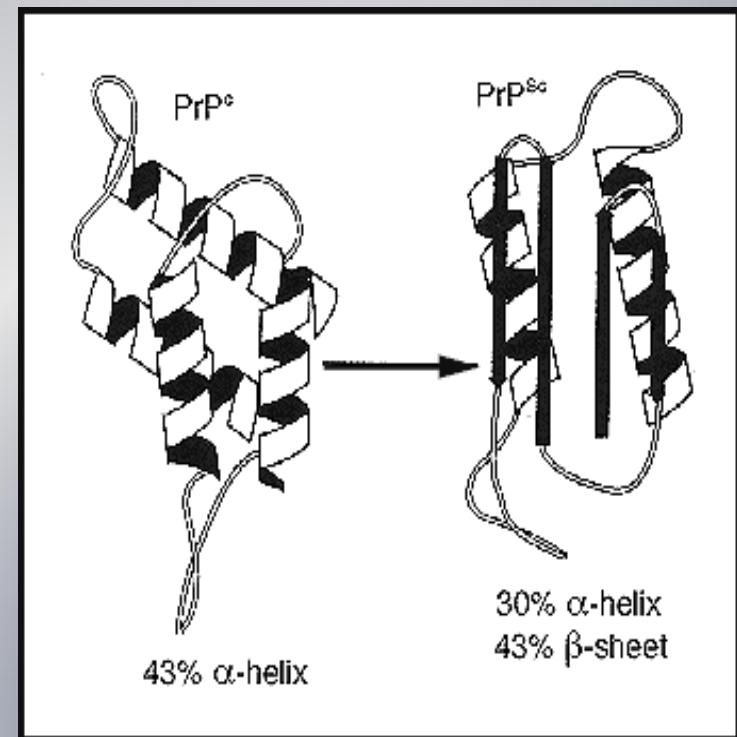
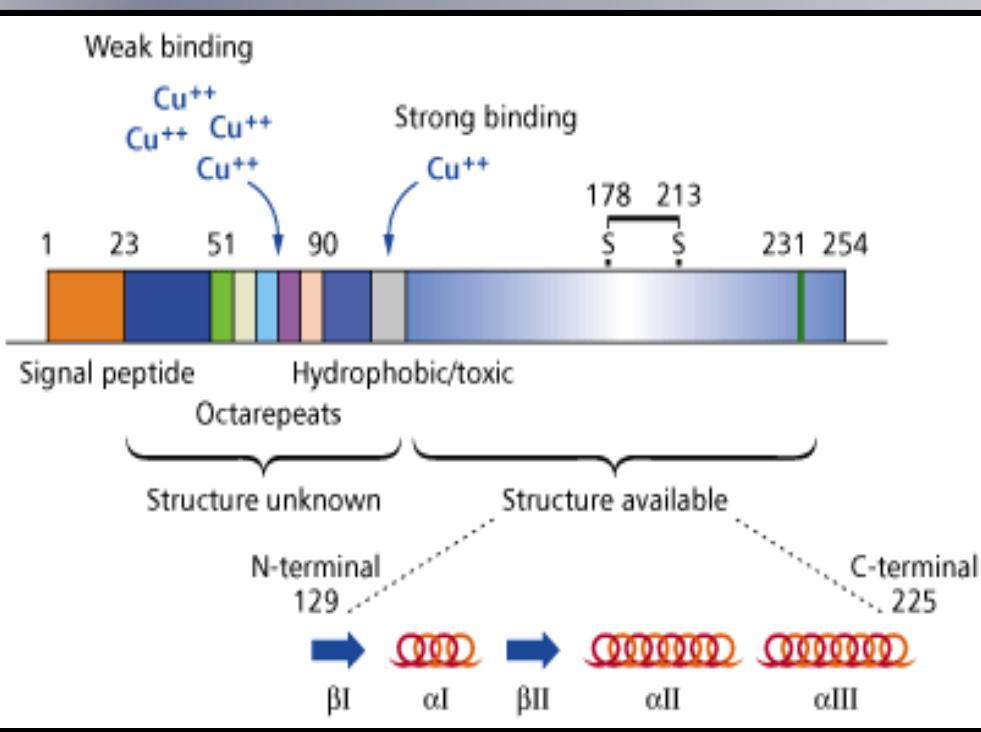
Resistencia al estrés oxidativo



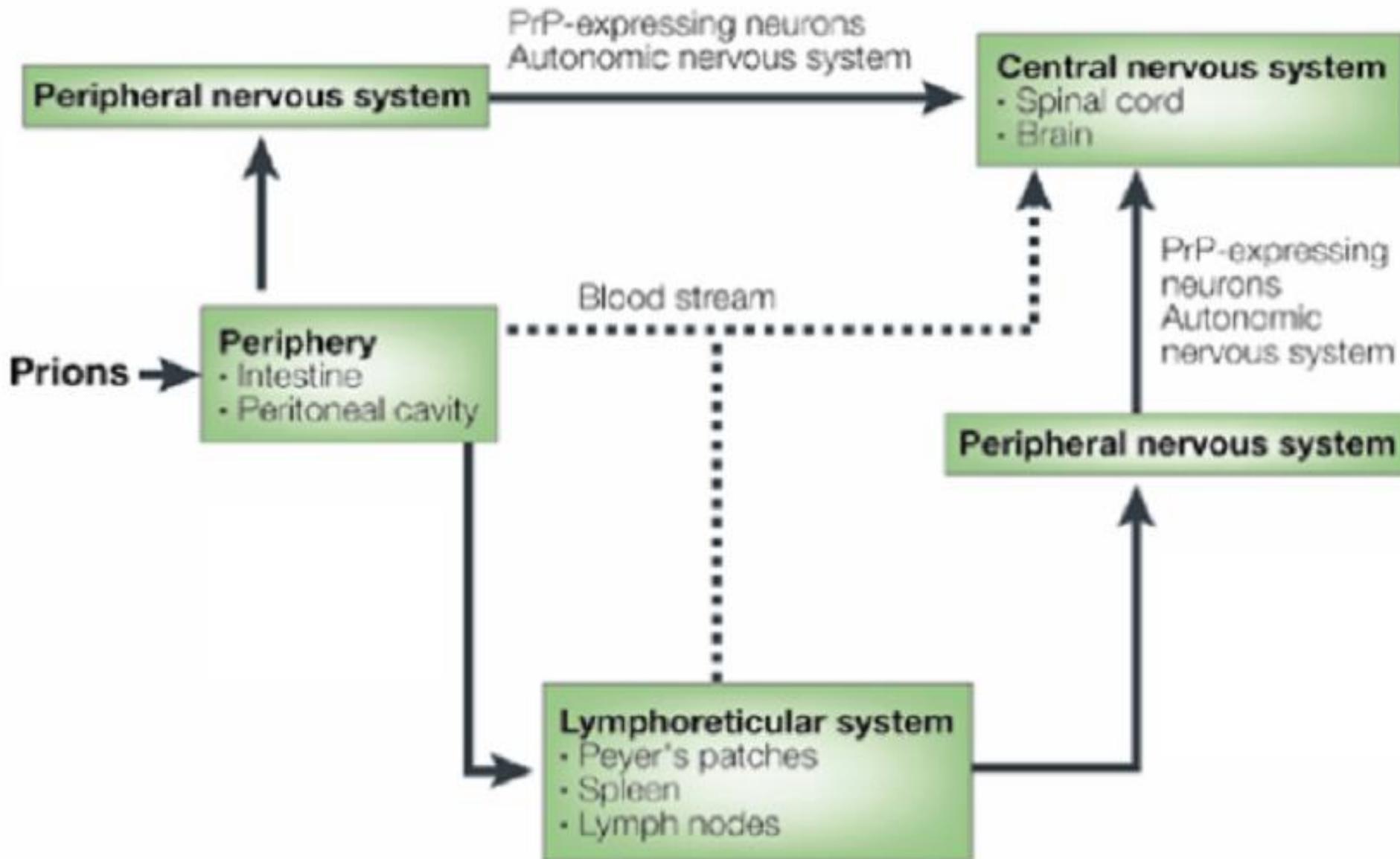
Prevención de la disfunción neuronal

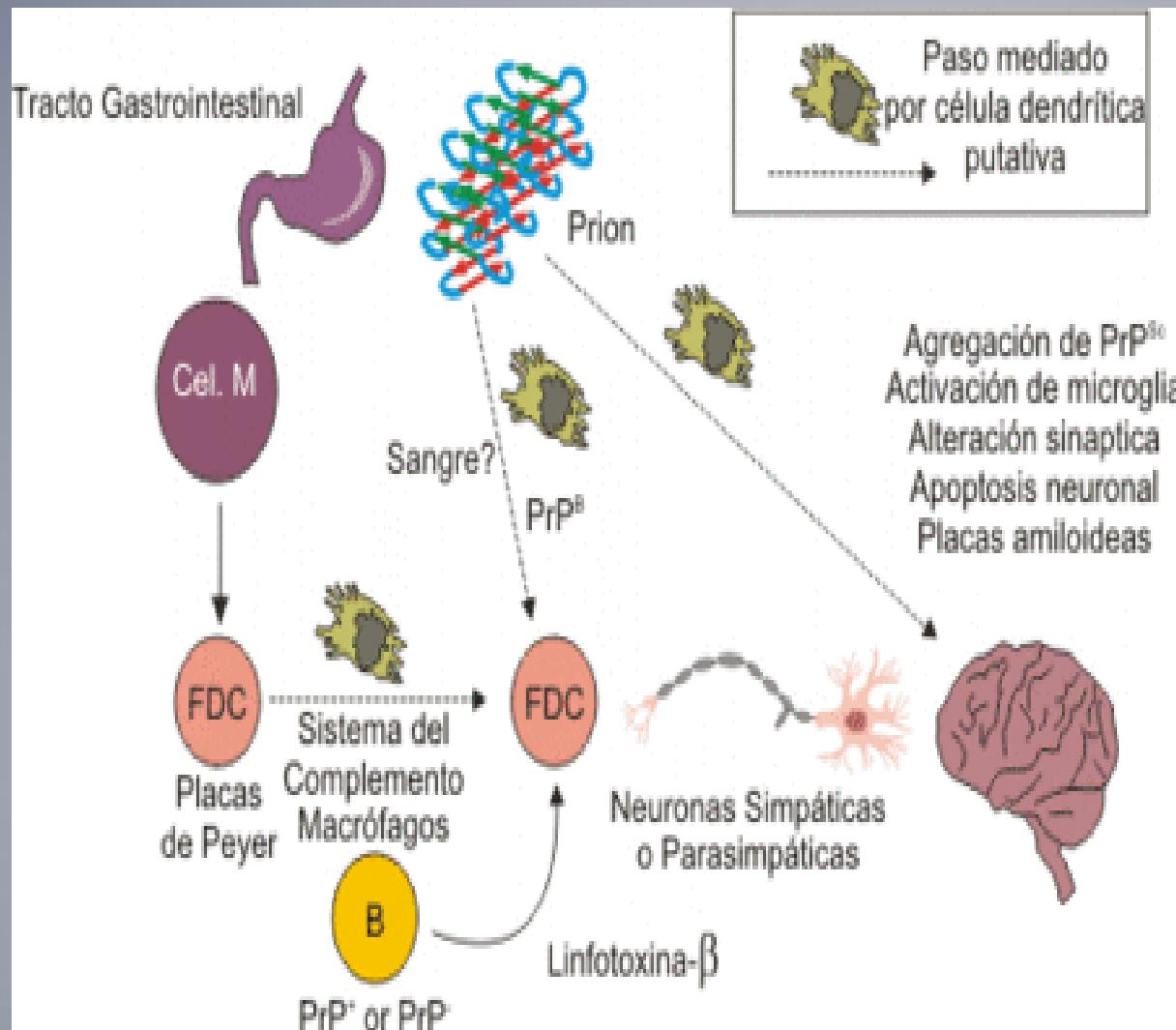
- **Otras funciones?**

Sequence of prion protein

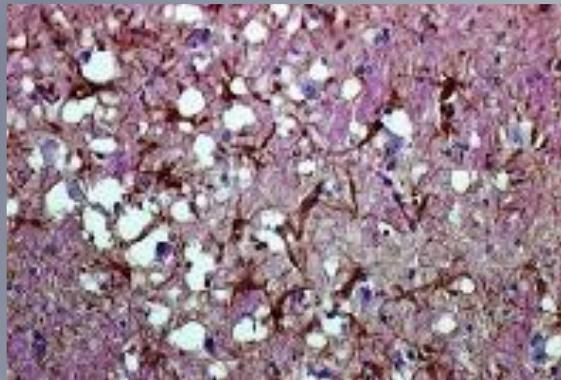


Pathogenesis

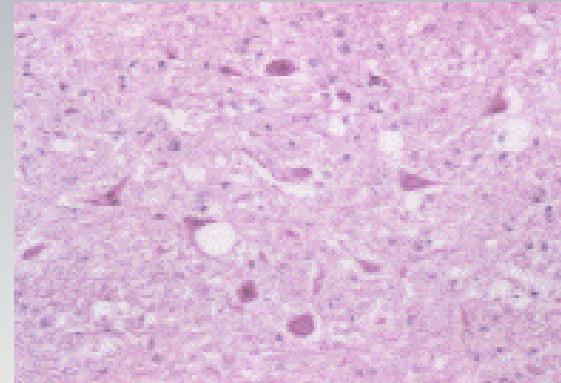




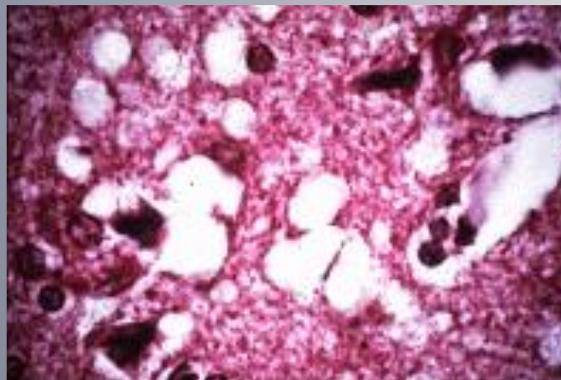
➤ Microscopic changes



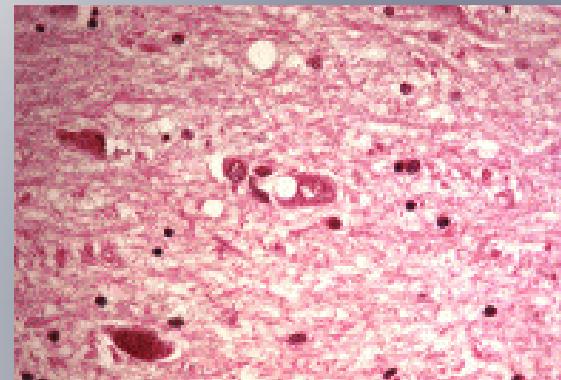
Scrapie



BSE



Kuru



CJD

La enfermedad de las vacas locas

La encefalopatía espongiforme bovina (EEB) es una enfermedad mortal que se puede contraer por el consumo de carne de animales enfermos.

¿Qué la origina?

La EEB es una alteración de unas proteínas situadas en el sistema nervioso central de los mamíferos llamadas proteínas priónicas.

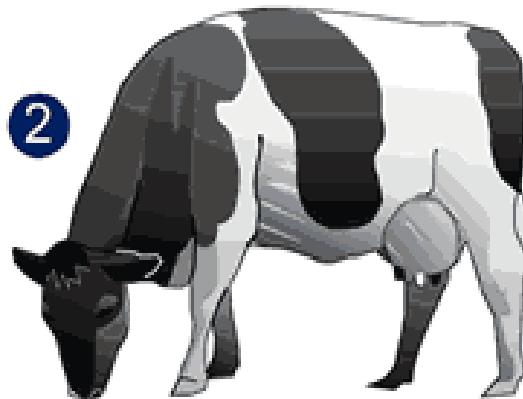
Cuando se convierten en priones, proteínas con capacidad de autogenerarse e infectar células, comienzan a destruir el cerebro hasta la muerte del animal .

EL CICLO DE CONTAGIO

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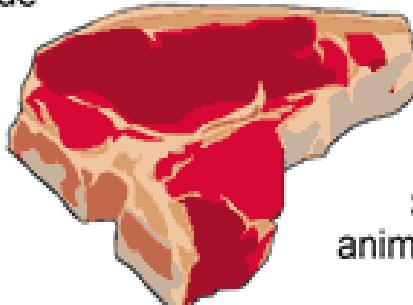


2



Se alimenta al ganado con harinas fabricadas con restos de animales que murieron a causa de la enfermedad.

Algunos de los animales se contagian.



3

Se vende la carne de esos animales para el consumo humano.

COMO SE TRANSMITE

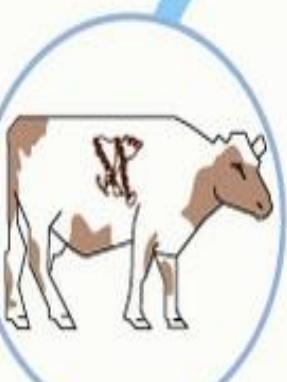
El prion es una proteína alterada causante de un grupo de enfermedades degenerativas transmitidas al hombre por la ingestión de carne contaminada.

PROCESO

Una vaca puede infectarse con un solo gramo de alimento con priones



Los animales Infectados sufren espasmos y calambres que los hacen comportarse como trastornados



Los priones degeneran y contagian a otras proteínas que las rodean produciendo agujeros en el cerebro



Pérdida del habla

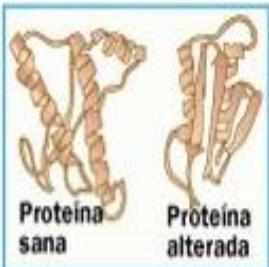


CONTAGIO

Destrucción del sistema nervioso



La carne y productos cárnicos de un animal contaminado lo transmite al hombre

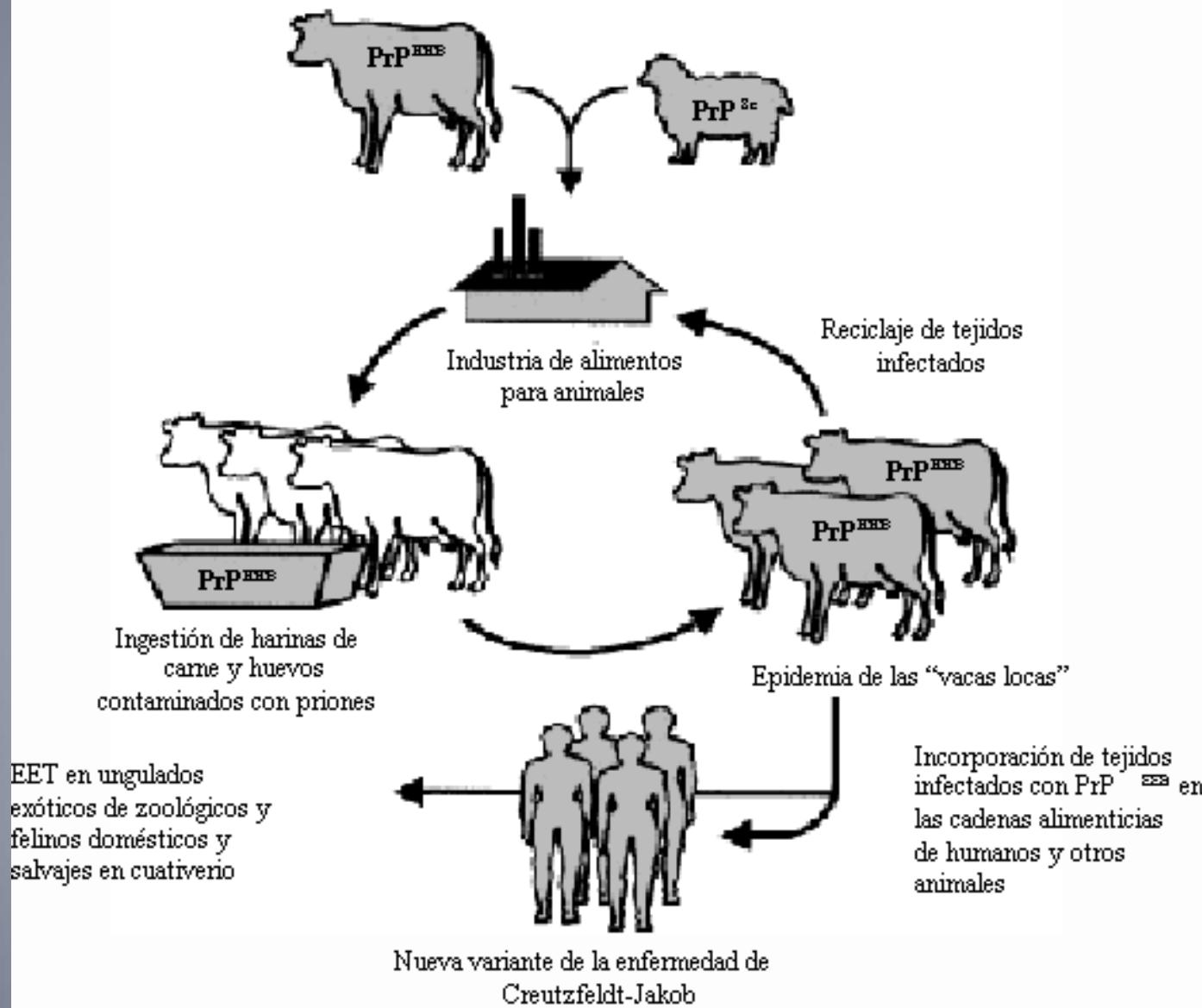


OTROS SINTOMAS

- Depresión y ansiedad
- Pérdida de la memoria, la visión, y el peso

Origen de la epidemia de EEB en el Reino Unido
HIPÓTESIS

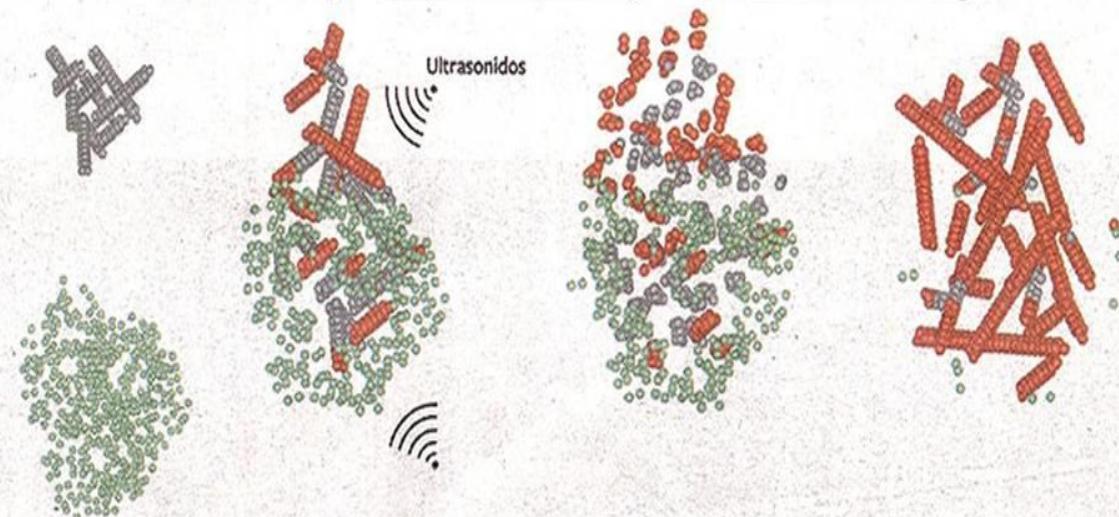
1. Existencia de **EEB** endémica previa a la epidemia
2. Mutación *de novo* en el gen de **PrP** de la vaca
3. Transmisión a partir del *scrapie* de las ovejas



Multiplicador de priones

● Priones (proteínas infecciosas) ● Proteínas sanas ● Priones multiplicados

Incubación → Multiplicación de los núcleos → Incubación



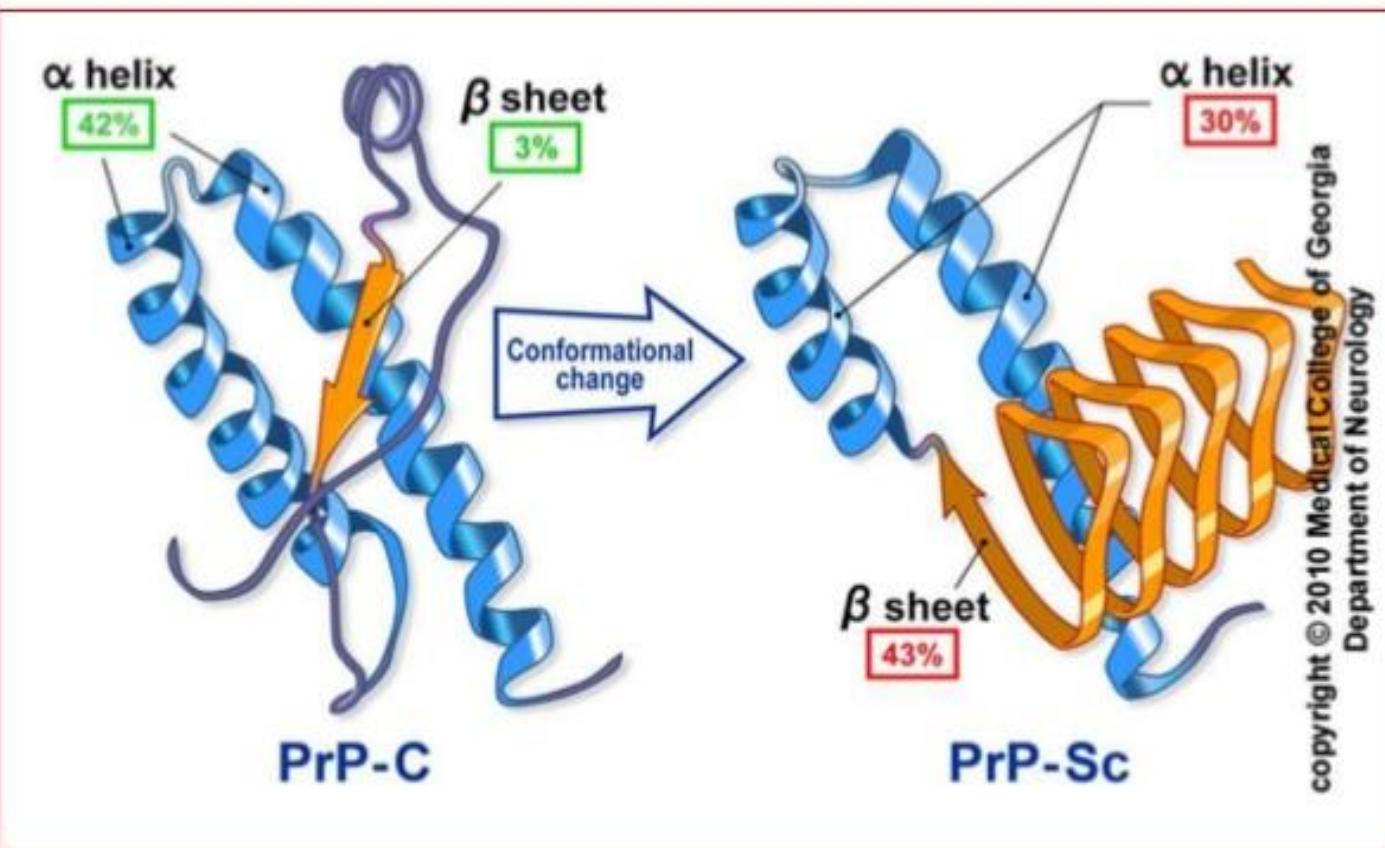
Se mezcla una gran cantidad de **proteínas sanas** con una cantidad pequeña de **priones** y se incuban a 37°C.

Se aplican **ondas de ultrasonidos** a la mezcla. La radiación se encarga de romper las fibras de priones en grupos más pequeños.

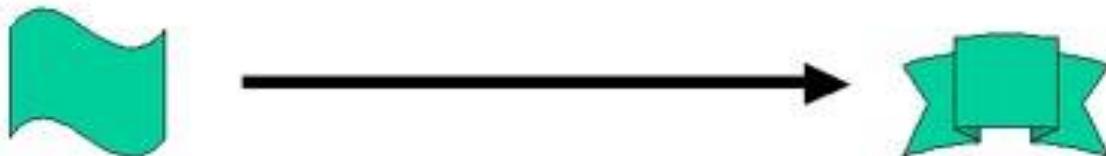
En el siguiente ciclo, los **grupos pequeños** se encargan de transformar las **proteínas sanas** en **proteínas infecciosas**.

Las **fibras de priones** vuelven a formarse tras una nueva fase de incubación.

ESTRUCTURA PrP_C y PrP_{Sc}



PRION PROTEIN (PrP)

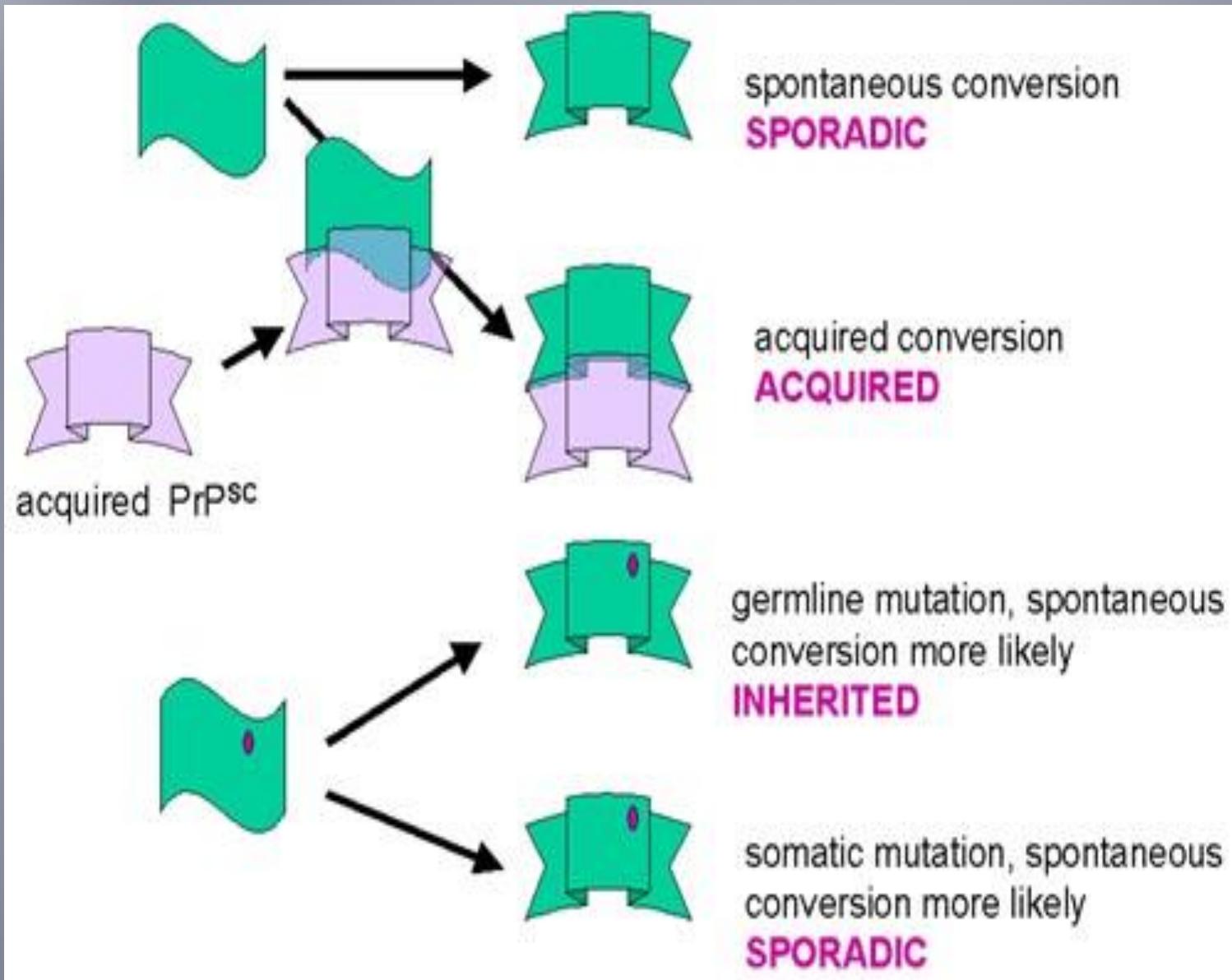


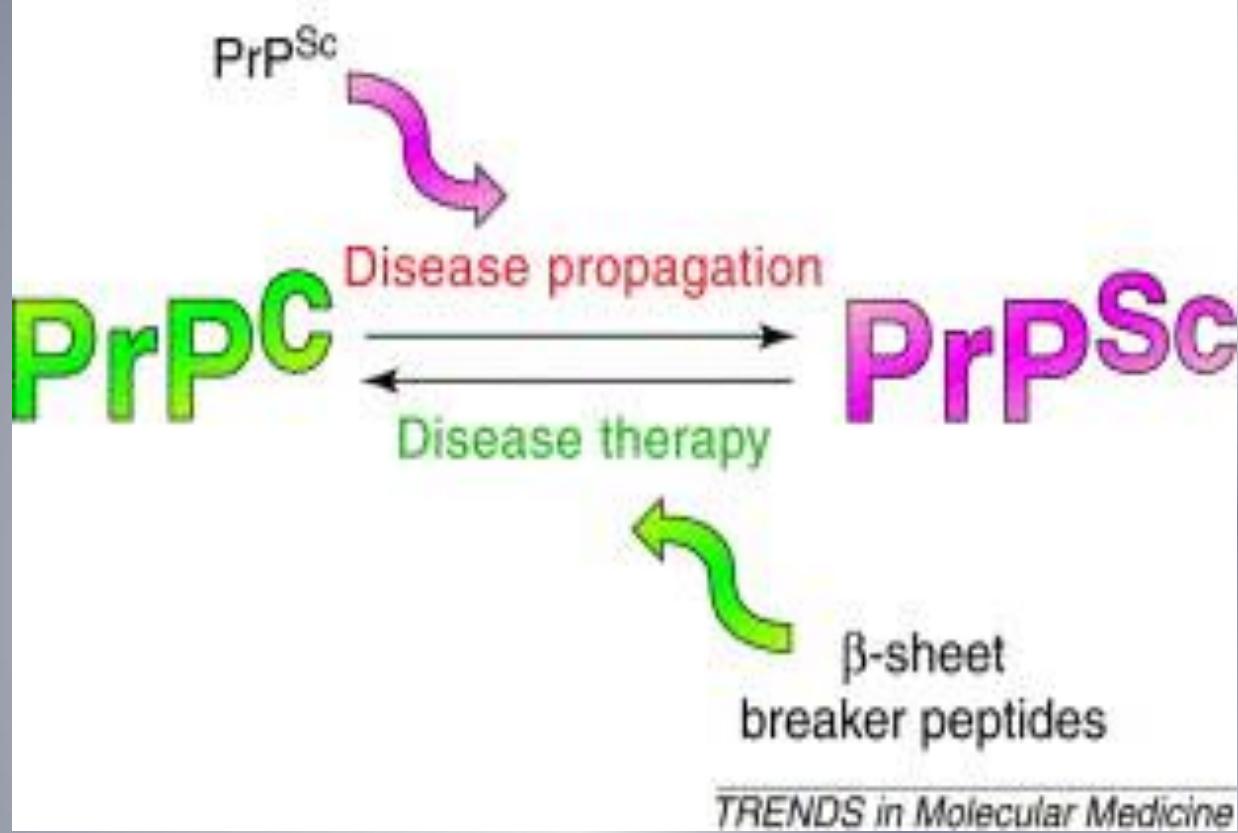
PrP
alpha-helical
protease sensitive

Helical - Happy

PrP^{RES} or PrP^{SC}
beta-pleated sheet
protease resistant

Beta-pleated sheet - Bad

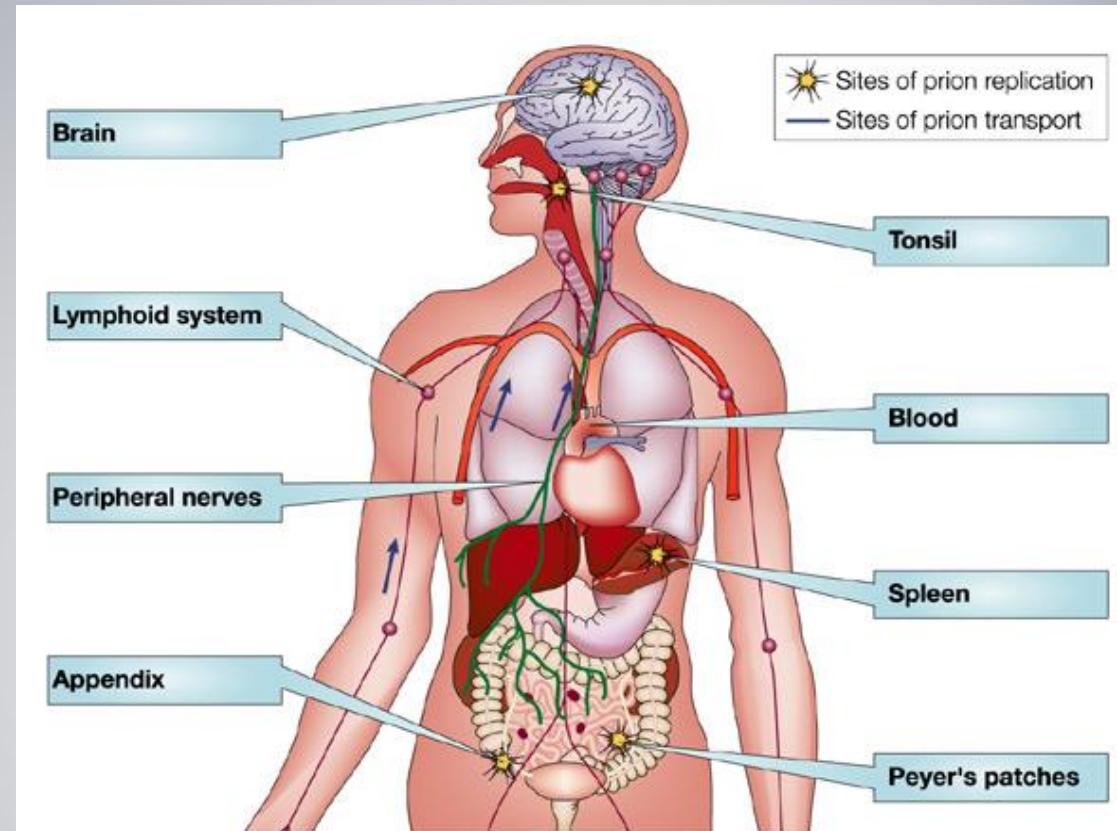




Iatrogenic diseases are disorders caused by the treatment of physician or surgeon (iatros from Greek "healer"). The disease develops by transmission of prion-infected material from the (clinically inapparent) donor to the recipient. First case significantly confirmed by animal bioassay was described in a corneal transplant 1974 and another following a neurosurgical procedure in 1977. Over one hundred of cases were detected in recipients of cadaveric, prion infected pituitary hormones (mostly growth hormone or, significantly less, gonadotrophins); the majority in France, UK and USA. Over one hundred of cases were detected following transplantation of prion-infected dura mater (mostly lyophilized commercial preparations) mostly in Japan. Some hormonal as well dura mater cases still occur because of an enormously prolonged incubation period. There are no fresh cases because cadaveric hormones were replaced by synthetic preparations and cadaveric dura mater by autologous tissue (fascia lata, fascia temporalis). Actual problems of iatrogenic prion infections are confined to surgery/neurosurgery, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology and dental surgery. Prions have also been detected outside the central nervous system, posterior eye, peripheral nerves, muscles, spleen, lymphoreticular system as tonsils and appendix, intestine, urine (?), olfactory cilia and central olfactory pathway representing a route of infection (nasal secretions). Medical devices in contact with infected tissues became contaminated within minutes. Iatrogenic infections may occur thereafter incubating for years or decades.

Secondary routes of transmission (iatrogenic CJD)

- Transplantes de córnea.
- Paciente operado con material quirúrgico usado en pacientes con CJD.
- Sondas de electroencefalogramas utilizadas en pacientes previos.
- Transfusiones de sangre?



Prions are extremely resistant to disinfection and sterilization methods used so far.

They are resistant to proteolytic enzymes and are filtrable.

They survive dry heat at 200 degrees C for 1-2 hours.

Prions are fixed to stainless steel within minutes and remain infectious for long periods. Fixed by desiccation or chemicals may retain infectivity for years.

Their pathogenetic properties depend on tertiary spatial structure (conformation) which is specific and transmissible in experiments.

The prion decontamination appears by far the most important area of the prion science because very little, or nothing, has been done in the majority of world hospitals to prevent iatrogenic transmission.

The number of potentially infectious patients is not known. Therefore, patients undergoing neurosurgery, laryngeal or ophthalmic operations, orthodontal treatments and even anaesthetic or endoscopic applications should be classified into risk groups, even if clinically prion disease inapparent.

We consider the high pathogen safety (HPS) autoclave from FEDEGARI as the best actual equipment for the effective decontamination of prions in the hospital practice. The investment costs are moderate and the handling is simple but must be careful. It appears practicable even in small specialized units.



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At present there is no routinely available decontamination procedure in washer-disinfectors to allow the reliable inactivation and/or elimination of prions present on reusable surgical instruments. This means that it is not possible to provide assurance for preventing iatrogenic transmission of prion diseases. We need effective procedures in prion decontamination that can be integrated into the usual routine of reprocessing surgical instruments. **This article reports on the evaluation of an automated process designed to decontaminate prions** in washer-disinfectors using a quantitative, highly sensitive in vivo assay for surface-adherent 22L prions. The automated process showed great advantages when compared with conventional alkaline cleaning. In contrast, **the new process was as effective as autoclaving at 134 °C for 2 h and left no detectable prion infectivity, even for heavily contaminated surfaces.** This indicates a reduction of surface-adherent prion infectivity of >7 log units. Due to its compatibility with even delicate surgical instruments, the process can be integrated into the large scale reprocessing of instruments in a central sterile supply department. The system could potentially make an important contribution to the prevention of iatrogenic transmission of prions. 2010 The Hospital Infection Society. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

Prions cause various transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. They are highly resistant to the chemical and physical decontamination and sterilization procedures routinely used in healthcare facilities. The decontamination procedures recommended for the inactivation of prions are often incompatible with the materials used in medical devices. In this study, we evaluated the use of low-temperature hydrogen peroxide gas plasma sterilization systems and other instrument-processing procedures for inactivating human and animal prions. We provide new data concerning the efficacy of hydrogen peroxide against prions from in vitro or in vivo tests, focusing on the following: the efficiency of hydrogen peroxide sterilization and possible interactions with enzymatic or alkaline detergents, differences in the efficiency of this treatment against different prion strains, and the influence of contaminating lipids. We found that gaseous hydrogen peroxide decreased the infectivity of prions and/or the level of the protease-resistant form of the prion protein on different surface materials. However, the efficiency of this treatment depended strongly on the concentration of hydrogen peroxide and the delivery system used in medical devices, because these effects were more pronounced for the new generation of Sterrad technology. The Sterrad NX sterilizer is 100% efficient (0% transmission and no protease-resistant form of the prion protein signal detected on the surface of the material for the mouse-adapted bovine spongiform encephalopathy 6PB1 strain and a variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease strain). Thus, gaseous or vaporized hydrogen peroxide efficiently inactivates prions on the surfaces of medical devices.

REVIEW ARTICLE

Prions in dentistry: A need to be concerned and known

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ABSTRACT

Prion diseases were first discovered by Stanley B. Prusiner who defined prions as infectious, transmissible proteinaceous particles that lack nucleic acid and are composed exclusively of a modified isoform of the noninfectious cellular prion protein (PrPC). These are incurable neurodegenerative conditions affecting both animals and humans. They may be sporadic, infectious or inherited in origin. Human prion diseases include Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD), Gerstmann– Straussler–Scheinker disease, Kuru and Fatal familial insomnia. Prions resist the conventional sterilization procedures and hence the dentists must be aware of such diseases so as to opt standard methods of infection control and decontamination for such infectious agents. This review article divulge the dentists with a brief overview of the characteristics of prions, the risk of transmission and the implications for infection control in dentist.

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Automated decontamination of surface-adherent prions

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Photocatalytic degradation of prions using the photo-Fenton reagent

Summary Prions are proteinaceous infectious agents postulated to be the causative agents of a group of fatal neurodegenerative diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). A known iatrogenic transmission route of TSEs to humans occurs via prion-contaminated surgical instruments or biological materials. Prions, unlike most common pathogens, exhibit an extraordinary resistance to conventional decontamination procedures. We have recently demonstrated that the application of TiO₂-based heterogeneous photocatalytic oxidation is able to significantly reduce prion infectivity. The present study investigates the potential of a homogeneous photocatalytic method, based on the photo-Fenton reagent, to degrade prion proteins. We show that the photo-Fenton reagent efficiently degrades not only recombinant prion proteins, but also the total protein amount from brain preparations of naturally or experimentally infected species and PrPSc (PrP scrapie) contained in sheep scrapie brain homogenates.

Enzymatic detergent treatment protocol that reduces protease-resistant prion protein load and infectivity from surgical-steel monofilaments contaminated with a human-derived prion strain

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The unconventional nature of the infectious agent of prion diseases poses a challenge to conventional infection control methodologies. The extraneurial tissue distribution of variant and sporadic Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease has increased concern regarding the risk of prion disease transmission via general surgical procedures and highlighted the need for decontamination procedures that can be incorporated into routine processing. In this study, the ability of preparations of enzymatic medical instrument cleaners to reduce the infectivity associated with a rodent-adapted strain of human prion disease, previously reported to be resistant to decontamination, was tested. Efficient degradation of the disease-associated prion protein by enzymatic cleaning preparations required high treatment temperatures (50–60 °C). Standard decontamination methods (1 M NaOH for 1 h or autoclaving at 134 °C for 18 min) reduced infectivity associated with the human-derived prion strain by less than 3 log₁₀ LD₅₀. In contrast, a 30 min treatment with the optimized enzymatic cleaning preparation protocols reduced infectivity by more than 3 log₁₀ LD₅₀ and when used in conjunction with autoclave cycles eliminated detectable levels of infectivity. The development of prion decontamination procedures that are compatible with routine cleaning and sterilization of medical and surgical instruments may reduce the risk of the transmission of prion disease in general surgery.



New hospital disinfection processes for both conventional and prion infectious agents compatible with thermosensitive medical equipment

Summary With the detection of prions in specific tissues in variant and sporadic Creutzfeldt–Jakob diseases, efficient decontamination for human transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) agents, that is compatible with medical equipment, has become a major issue. We previously described the cleavage of prions on exposure to copper (Cu) and hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) and have used this property to develop efficient prion decontamination processes. To validate this approach, in-vitro assays on genuine human and animal prions using both brain homogenates and steel wires to mimic contamination of medical equipment were conducted. In-vivo experiments using steel wire in the hamster 263 K model were then used to evaluate the effect on prion infectivity. Assays on classical pathogens following international norms completed these prion experiments. In-vitro data confirmed the full decontamination efficacy of H_2O_2/Cu on different TSE strains. Combination of Cu with peracetic acid, used for endoscope disinfection, also revealed improved prion decontamination. Animal assay demonstrated efficacy on TSE infectivity of H_2O_2/Cu alone

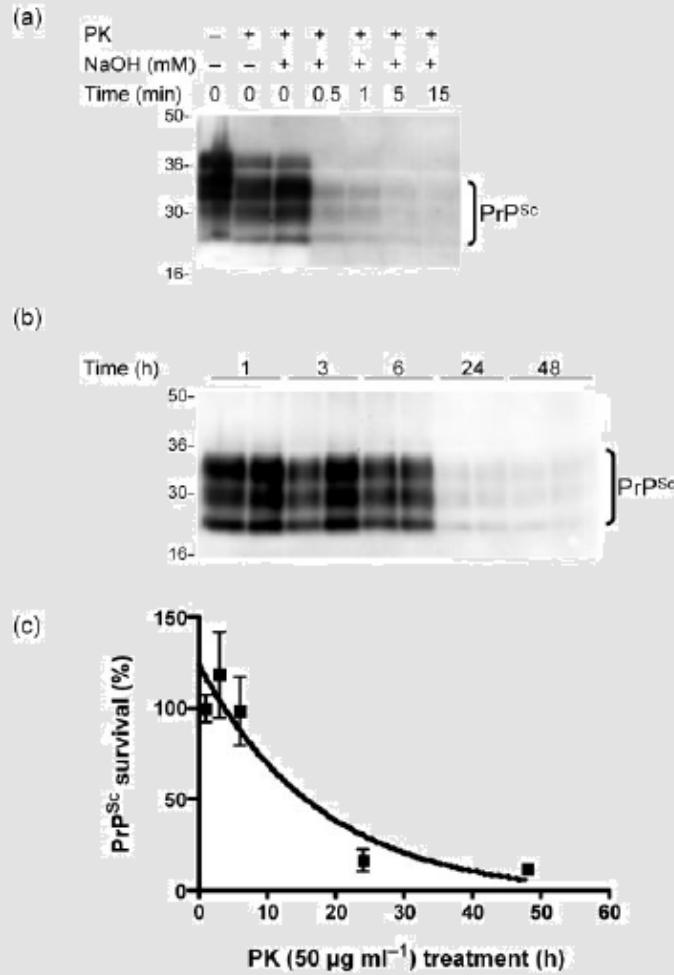


Fig. 1. Western blot analysis of M1000 PrP^{Sc}. M1000 IBH was diluted in distilled water (0.125%, w/v) and incubated in the presence of 25 mM freshly prepared NaOH at room temperature for the times indicated (a). The neutralized solution was treated with PK (100 µg ml⁻¹) and the sample concentrated by centrifugation. Each lane represents 1 mg brain tissue equivalents. Purified M1000 PrP^{Sc} was treated with PK (50 µg ml⁻¹) for the indicated times (b) and quantified relative to a 1 h treatment using a GeneGnome gel documentation system (Syngene) and NIH IMAGE (c). Quantification was based on two independent experiments performed in duplicate. Error bars represent the SEM ($n=4$).

Table 1. Effect of treatment time and temperature on PrP^{Sc} degradation

Results are shown as the amount of M1000 PrP^{Sc} (\log_{10}) detected by serial dilution and Western blot analysis of IBH treated with RMEC A or B at low (30 °C) and high (65 °C) treatment temperatures and with increasing treatment times. Total M1000 PrP^{Sc} present in an equivalent IBH after treatment with PK (100 µg ml⁻¹, 30 min, 37 °C) was 3 \log_{10} .

Treatment	5 min		30 min	
	30 °C	65 °C	30 °C	65 °C
RMEC A	<3	2.0	2.0	<2
RMEC B	<2.5	1.5	<2.5	<1.5