HEPATITIS VIRUSES

What is Viral Hepatitis?

 Viral hepatitis is a systemic disease with primary inflammation of the liver by any one of a heterogenous group of hepatotropic viruses

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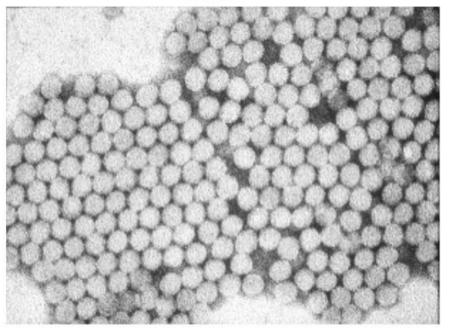
symptoms of Hepatitis

- flu-like symptoms:
- muscle and joint aches,
- fever,
- feeling sick or vomiting,
- diarrhea
- Headache
- loss of appetite
- dark urine
- yellowing of the eyes and skin i.e. jaundice

Type of Hepatitis

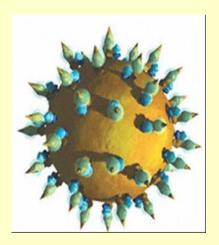
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Feco-oral	Percutaneous Permucosal	Percutaneous Permucosal	Percutaneous Permucosal	Feco- oral
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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Hepatitis A Virus





Hepatitis A

- is caused by a picornavirus.
- non-enveloped
- ssRNA virus with
- a single serotype (one surface antigens)



RESISTANCE (HAV)

- Resistant to inactivation by heat at 60° C for one hour, ether & acid at pH 3.
- Inactivated by boiling for one minute, 1: 4,000 formaldehyde at 37° C for 72 hours & chlorine 1 ppm for 30 minutes.
- Not affected by anionic detergents.
- Survives prolonged storage at 4° C or below.

Hepatitis A Virus Transmission

- Close personal contact (e.g., household contact, sex contact, child day care centers)
- Contaminated food, water (e.g., infected food handlers, raw shellfish)
- Blood exposure (rare) (e.g., injecting drug use, transfusion)

LAB.DIAGNOSIS

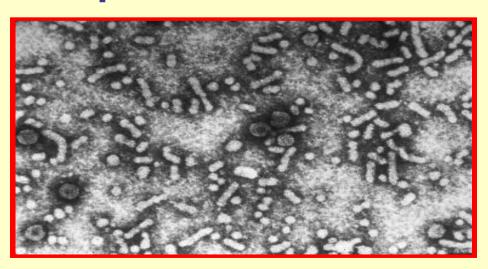
- Demonstration of Virus in feces:
 By: Immunoelectron microscopy
- 4. Virus Isolation:
- Detection of Antibody :By ELISA
- 4. Biochemical tests:
 - i) Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)
 - ii) Bilirubin
 - iii) Protein
- 5. Molecular Diagnosis: RT PCR of feces



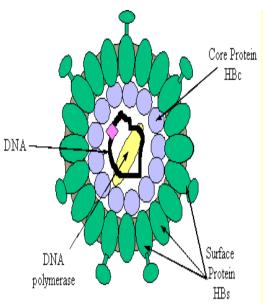
Hepatitis B

- a member of the Hepadnavirus family
- Symptoms of the acute illness: liver inflammation, vomiting, jaundice, and rarely, death.
- Chronic hepatitis B may cause liver cirrhosis which may then lead to liver cancer, a fatal disease with very poor response to current chemotherapy.
- Hepatitis B has an incubation period of about two months and will often last for as long as six months before symptoms diminish.

Hepatitis B Virus







- enveloped
- an icosahedral nucleocapsid,
- The outer envelope contains embedded proteins which are involved in viral binding of, and release into, susceptible cells.
- Virion shape is generally spherical with a diameter of 40 - 48 nanometers (nm) but other forms exist (These are not infectious).
- The DNA genome is not segmented
- partially double-stranded, forms an open circle.
- The virus can be divided into four major serotypes based on antigens present on its envelope

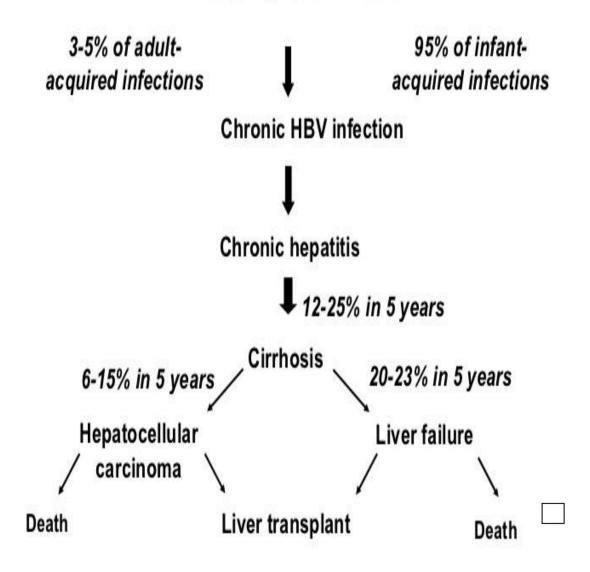
Concentration of Hepatitis B Virus in Various Body Fluids

High	Moderate	Low/Not Detectable
blood	semen 精液	urine
serum	vaginal fluid 関道	宜分泌液 feces
wound exudates	saliva 唾液	sweat
伤口渗		tears
出液		Breast milk

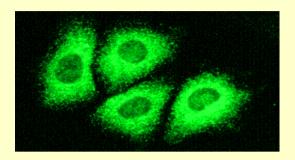


Possible Outcomes of HBV Infection

Acute hepatitis B infection







Transmission of Hepatitis C - "oldies"

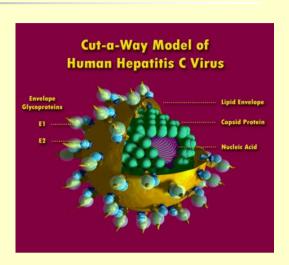


- The infection can cause liver inflammation that is often asymptomatic
- chronic hepatitis can result later in cirrhosis and liver cancer.
- Hepatitis C also spreads via body fluids. The most common routes of infection are sexual contact and using contaminated needles for intravenous drug abuse.
- Effective blood-screening procedures have greatly reduced the chances of hepatitis C infection from blood transfusions.
- Unlike hepatitis A and B, there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C infection.



The *Hepatitis C virus* (HCV)

- small (50 nm in size)
- enveloped,
- single-stranded, positive sense RNA
- family Flaviviridae





Hepatitis C - Clinical Features

Incubation period:

Clinical illness (jaundice):

Chronic hepatitis:

Persistent infection:

Immunity:

Average 6-7 wks

Range 2-26 wks

30-40% (20-30%)

70%

85-100%

No protective

antibody

response identified

Prevention of Hepatitis C

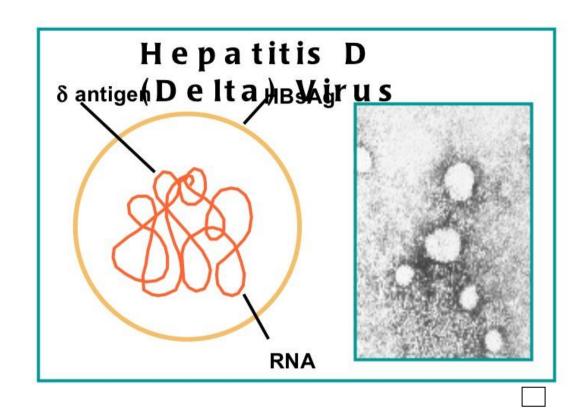


- Screening of blood, organ, tissue donors
- High-risk behavior modification
- Blood and body fluid precautions



Hepatitis D Virus - Transmission

- Percutanous exposures
 - injecting drug use
- Permucosal exposures
 - sex contact



Hepatitis E Virus

