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Microbial Genetics

Unit I – Nucleic acid as genetic material and mutagenesis

DNA as genetic material – concept of gene – allele, cistron, regilon – origin of mutation– mutagens – physical and chemical agents. Induced mutation types – mechanisms of mutation induction – suppression of mutations – Intergenic and intragenic suppression. Frame shift mutations – reversion – fine structure mapping – rII mutants of T4 – fluctuation test

Unit II – Transformation

Transformation – natural or artificial competence – transformation in *Bacillus*, *E. coli*, *Haemophilus* and *Streptococcus* – mechanism of recombination – genetic mapping.

Unit III - Conjugation

Bacterial conjugation – F plasmid – structure and functions. Origin of Conjugation – Hfr and f' strains. Interrupted and uninterrupted mating – time map and recombination map. Conjugation in *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas, Streptomyces*. Plasmids, F-factors description and their uses in genetic analysis. Colicins and col factors.

Unit IV – Transduction

Transduction – generalized and specialized transduction – □ phage and P1 phage – mechanism of gene transfer through □ and P1 phages. HFT and LFT lysate. contransduction – transduction mapping.

Unit V – Gene regulation

Regulation of bacterial gene expression – Operon model – lac, ara, trp and His operons, operon concept, catabolite repression, instability of bacterial RNA, positive and negative regulation, inducers and coprepressors. Negative regulation – *E.coli lac* operon; positive regulation – *E. coli ara* operon; regulation by attenuation – *his* and *trp* operons; antitermination – N protein and nut sites in I. Induction and repression mechanism in operons.

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