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## General Virology

**Benha University**

**Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

Program on which the course is given: **Bachelor of Veterinary Medical sciences**

Department offering the course: **Department of Virology**

Academic year / level: **Third year, 1st semester**

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### A- Basic Information

**Title: General Virology**

**Code: Vet 00633a**

**Lecture: 1 hours / week**

**Practical: 3 hours/week**

**Total: 4 hours/week**

### B- Professional Information

#### 1- Overall aims of course

- Help the students to understand the fundamental characters of viruses.
- Provide the students with an overview on physical and chemical properties of viruses.
- Study the biological properties of the viruses in relation to virus Haemagglutination, virus replication in the cell, pathogenesis of viral infection and interference phenomena.
- Provide the students with the required knowledge about host immune response to viral infection.
- Provide the students with strategies to protect against and combat viral infection through vaccination.
- Studying the effect of some physical and chemical agents on viruses.
- Experimental description and application of techniques used for preparation and isolation of suspected viral samples.

#### 2- Intended learning outcomes of the course (ILO<sub>s</sub>):

##### a- Knowledge and understanding

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- a.1- Mention the basics of the fundamental characters of viruses.
  - a.2- Describe the size, shape and Molecular weight of viruses.
  - a.3- Describe the chemical composition and chemical structure of viruses.
  - a.4- Define, classify and explain factors affecting Haemagglutination.
  - a.5- Explain the steps involved in virus replication at cellular level.
  - a.6- Realize the stages evolved and mechanism of pathogenesis of viral infection.
  - a.7- Describe the outcomes of infection of a single cell with two viruses.
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- a.8- Define and describe the types, biological character, mechanism of production and mode of action of interferon in addition to factors affecting their production.
  - a.9- Define and illustrate the cellular and humoral immune response to viral infection.
  - a.10- Recognize the basics of viral vaccines.
  - a.11- Explain the effect of physical and chemical agents on viruses and their mechanism.
  - a.12- Mention General scheme for viral isolation & identification

**b- Intellectual skills**

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- b.1- Distinguish viruses from other micro-organisms.
- b.2- Evaluate the viral size, shape and molecular weight and use it in viral classification.
- b.3- Analyze the chemical structure (nucleic acid, capsid, envelop) of viruses based on their chemical composition.
- b.4- Compare between RNA and DNA viruses.
- b.5- Interpret the haemagglutination properties of the viruses and their use in viral purification and concentration.
- b.6- Correlate the steps of viral multiplication at cellular level with the cytopathic effect for different viruses.
- b.7- Compare between different stages and mechanisms of viral pathogenesis.
- b.8- Differentiate between interferon and antibody with an explanation to mode of action of interferon.
- b.9- Link between the cellular and humoral immune response to viral infection.
- b.10- Suggest methods for preparation of different viral vaccines.
- b.11- Interpret the effect of some physical and chemical agents on viruses.
- b.12- Choose the suitable method for preparation and preservation of suspected viral sample.
- b.13- Choose the susceptible host system and route of inoculation during isolation of suspected viral sample.

**c- Professional and practical skills**

**c.1- Skills during sampling:**

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- c.1.1- Collect samples at right time, right site, right condition and complete right data.
  - c.1.2- Preserve suspected viral sample using suitable methods of preservation.
  - c.1.3- Prepare different forms of samples under complete aseptic conditions.
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**c.2- Skills during Lab. animal inoculation:**

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- c.2.1- Investigate Lab. animals before and after inoculation with suspected viral samples.
- c.2.2- Investigate Lab. animals with different routes of inoculation.
- c.2.3- Collect different samples from Lab. animals for virological purposes.

**c.3- Skills during fertile egg inoculation:**

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- c.3.1- Examine and select suitable SPF fertile egg used for virus isolation.
- c.3.2- Manipulate and inoculate fertile egg with different routes under complete aseptic conditions.
- c.3.3- Harvest and examine fertile egg to detect signs of viral growth.

**c.4- Skills during tissue culture inoculation:**

After successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- c.4.1- Manipulate different equipments used in tissue culture room.
- c.4.2- Prepare primary tissue culture under aseptic condition.
- c.4.3- Identify different types of primary tissue culture & cell line.
- c.4.4- Examine and detect the changes in tissue culture media.
- c.4.5- Provide cells with its basic requirements for growth.
- c.4.6- Prepare maintenance and growth media and dispersing solutions.
- c.4.7- Subculture and preserve tissue culture for short and long period.
- c.4.8- Inoculate tissue culture during confluency and in suspension.
- c.4.9- Recognize viral growth on tissue culture under inverted microscope.

**d- General and transferable skills**

After successful completion of the course the students should have fair

Experience in the following skills

- d.1- Biosafety.
  - d.2- Working under aseptic condition.
  - d.3- Cooperate and work in a team
  - d.4- Use the computer for searching
  - d.5- Mural and culture of virologist.
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**3- Contents :**

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	practical
(1)Introduction	1	1	
(2)Fundamental characters of viruses			
(3) General Properties of viruses	2	2	
A. Physical properties of viruses.	2	2	
B. Chemical properties of viruses.			
(4) Viral Haemagglutination	1	1	
(5) Virus cell relationships (virus multiplication)	2	2	
(6) Pathogenesis of viral infection	2	2	
(7) Interference phenomena	1	1	
(8) Viral immunity	1½	3	
(9) Viral vaccines	1½		
(10) Effect of physical & chemical agents on viruses	1	1	
(1) General scheme for viral isolation & identification	3		3
(2) lab safety	3		3
(3) sampling	6		6
• Collection			
• Preservation			
• preparation			
(4) lab animal	6		6
• advantage			
• disadvantage			
• route of inoculation			
• hyper immune serum			
• monoclonal antibodies			
(5) fertile egg	12		12
• advantage			
• disadvantage			
• specifications			
• structure			
• route of inoculation			
• harvestation			
• signs and factors affecting			

(6) tissue culture			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• advantage</li><li>• disadvantage</li><li>• equipments</li><li>• tissue culture media and solution</li><li>• types of cells</li><li>• basic requirements for growth of cells</li><li>• preparation of primary culture</li><li>• subculture of cells</li><li>• preservation of cell culture</li><li>• inoculation of cell culture</li><li>• CPE</li><li>• Harvestation of inoculated cell culture</li></ul>	15		15
<b>total</b>	60	15	45



4- content-ILOs matrix

topic	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	c	c	c	c	d	d	d	d	d	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5
Fundamental characters of viruses	√											√																				√	√
Physical properties of viruses		√											√																			√	√
Chemical properties of viruses.			√											√	√																	√	√
Viral Haemagglutination				√												√																√	√
Virus cell relationships (virus multiplication)					√												√															√	√
Pathogenesis of viral infection						√												√														√	√
Interference phenomena							√	√												√												√	√
Viral immunity									√												√											√	√
Viral vaccines										√												√										√	√



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Effect of physical & chemical agents on viruses											√												√									√	√	√
General scheme for viral isolation & identification											√																					√	√	√
lab safety																														√	√	√	√	√
sampling																							√			√						√	√	√
lab animal																								√		√						√	√	√
fertile egg																								√				√				√	√	√
tissue culture																								√					√			√	√	√



5- Assessment-ILOS matrix

assessment	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	c	c	c	c	d	d	d	d	d	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5
Assessment 1 Semester work	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Assessment 2 Practical exam											√												√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Assessment 3 Oral exam	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√									
Assessment 4 Written exam	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√									



## 6- Teaching and learning methods

- 4.1- Lectures using the White board and the Positive slide projector.
- 4.2- Demonstration of instruments used during preparation & isolation of suspected viral samples.
- 4.3- Using the laboratory to perform preparation, preservation, inoculation and other routine work of isolation of suspected viral sample.

## 7- Student assessment methods

- 5.1- Semester work including oral, quiz written exams and searches to assess Knowledge information & intellectual and transferable skills.
- 5.2- Practical exam (final term) to assess professional & practical skills and part from knowledge and transferrable skills.
- 5.3- Oral exam (final term) to assess knowledge & information & intellectual skills.
- 5.4- Written exam (final term) to assess knowledge & information and intellectual skills.

### *Assessment schedule*

Assessment 1 Semester work	week	4,8,12
Assessment 2 Practical exam	week	13
Assessment 3 Oral exam	week	15
Assessment 4 Written exam	week	15

### *Weighting of assessment*

Mid-term examination	
Semester work	5%
Practical work	30%
Oral examination	15%
Final exam (written)	50%
Total	100%

## 8- List of references

### 8.1- Course notes

- Veterinary virology (Part I: General virology)  
Gabr.F. El-Bagoury. Benha University
- A laboratory manual for diagnostic virology  
Gabr.F. El-Bagoury. Benha University

### 8.2- Essential books (text books)

- Methods and techniques in virology (1993) by Pierre payment and Michel Trudel. Marcel Dekker, INC/New York.
- A colour Atlas of virology (1985) by J. Versteeg. Wolfe Medical Puplications Ltd / Netherland.
- Virology (1994) by Jay. A. Levy, Heinz Frankel. Conrat and Robert. A. Owens. Paramount Communication Company / U.S.A.

- Basic virology (2004); By Edward K. Wagner and Martinez. J. Hewlett by Blackwell Science Inc/U.S.A.
- Veterinary Diagnostic virology (1992) by Anthony. E. Castro and Werner P. Heuschele. Mosby – year book, Inc / U.S.A.
- Principles of bacteriology, virology and immunity (Vol. 4) (1984) by w.w.c. Topley and Wilson;s. Edward Arnold Ltd / London.
- Vaccines for veterinary Applications (1993) by A.R. Peters. Butter worth-Heinemann Ltd / England.
- In vitro cultivation of Animals cell (1993) published on behalf of open universiteit and university of Green wich. Butter worth-Heinemann / England.
- Immunology (1992) by Janis kuby. W.H. Freeman and Company / U.S.A.

### **8.3- Recommended books**

- Course notes.
- A colour Atlas of virology (1985) by J. Versteeg. Wolfe Medical Publications Ltd. / Netherland.
- Methods and Techniques in Virology (1993) by Pierre payment and Michael Trudel. Marcel Dekker, INC / New York.
- Basic virology (2004) by Edward K. Wagner and Martinez. J. Helwlett- by black well science Inc / U.S.A.
- Immunology (1992) by Janis Kuby. W.H. Freeman and Company / U.S.A.

### **8.4- Periodicals, Web sites, . . . etc**

- [www.net.vet.mustle.edu/](http://www.net.vet.mustle.edu/)
- [www.net.vet.mustle.edu/vet.med.htm](http://www.net.vet.mustle.edu/vet.med.htm).
- [www.altvetmed.com/](http://www.altvetmed.com/).
- [www.wsvma.org/](http://www.wsvma.org/).
- foot and mouth disease bulletin

### **9- Facilities required for teaching and learning**

- 1- Laboratory.
- 2- Routine chemical kits for tissue culture.
- 3- Equipments such as T.C. incubators, T.C. filters, water baths a balance, refrigerators, deep freeze & centrifuges.
- 4- Power point data show & computer Lab.

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