

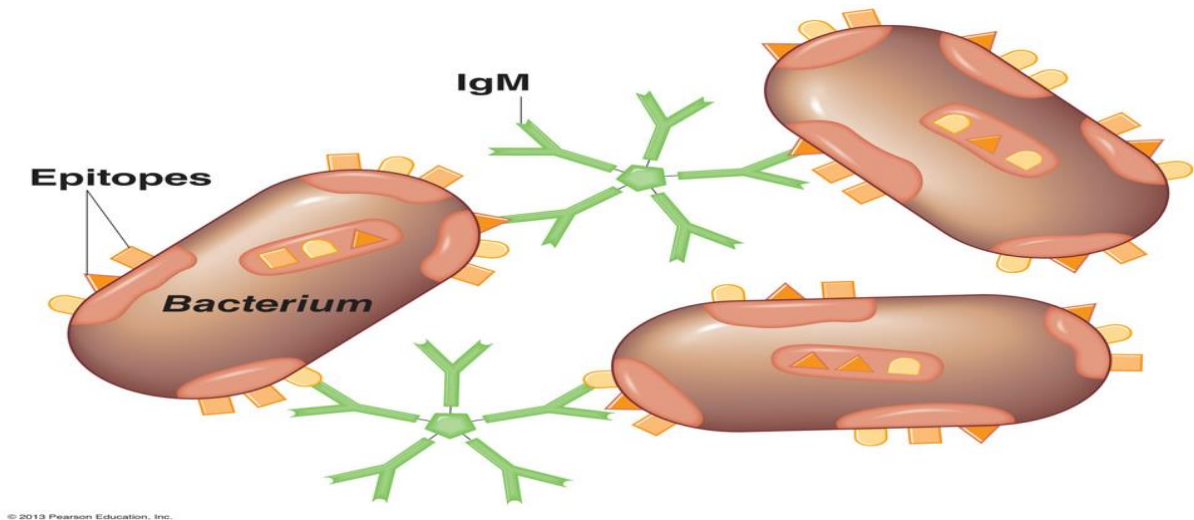
Immunological Reactions:

- 1. Agglutination Reactions.**
- 2. Precipitation Reactions.**
- 3. ELISA Reactions.**
- 4. Radio-Immuno Assay (RIA)**
- 5. Fluourescent Immune Reactions.**
- 6. Complement Fixation Tests.**
- 7. Flowcytometry.**
- 8. Immune Fixation Tests.**
- 9. Microarray Reactions.**
- 10. Bence-Jones Reaction (in Blood and Urine).**
- 11. HLA Typing.**
- 12. Immunoblotting Tests.**
- 13. Molecular Tests (PCR).**

Agglutination Reactions

Definition

The interaction of particulate antigens (cells that carry antigens) with antibodies leads to agglutination reactions (MEANS CLUMPING of the particles). **Figure (1)**



Agglutination Reactions Figure(1)

Principles of Agglutination Test

Agglutination occurs in two stages:

- 1- **First stage** (Primary Immunological reaction is the union between Antigen and Antibody).
- 2- **Second stage** (Secondary reaction is the formation of visible clumps).

Types of Agglutination:

1- Direct Agglutination

Direct agglutination reactions test patient serum for the presence of antibodies against large, cellular antigens.

2- Indirect Agglutination

Indirect Agglutination Include:

A - To test patient serum for the presence of **antibodies against soluble antigens** serum is mixed with latex spheres with the soluble antigens attached, Antibodies will then cause visible agglutination of the latex spheres with the soluble antigens attached. **Figure (2A)**

Alternatively, antibodies may be attached to the latex spheres to test for the presence of soluble antigens in patient serum. **Figure (2B)**

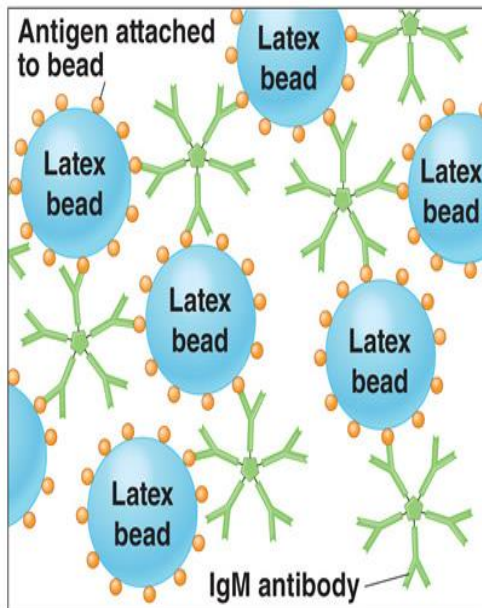
B - Hemagglutination reactions:

involve agglutination reactions using red blood cells.

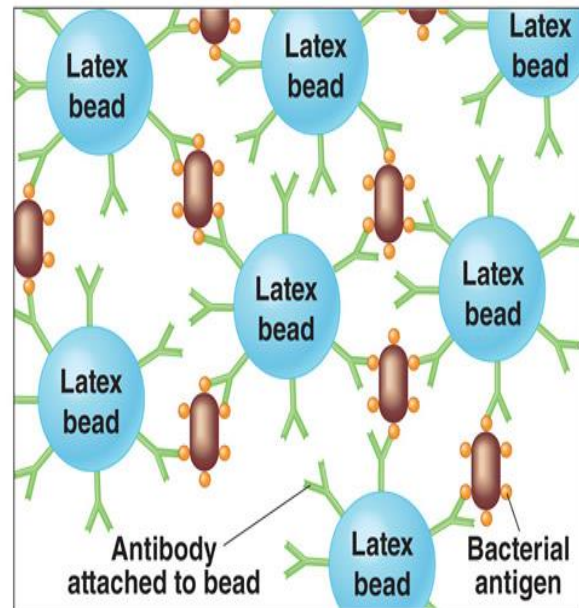
C - Viral hemagglutination:

Occurs when the virus cause agglutination of red blood cells - there is no antigen-antibody interaction. **Figure (3)**

3- Agglutination Inhibition Test



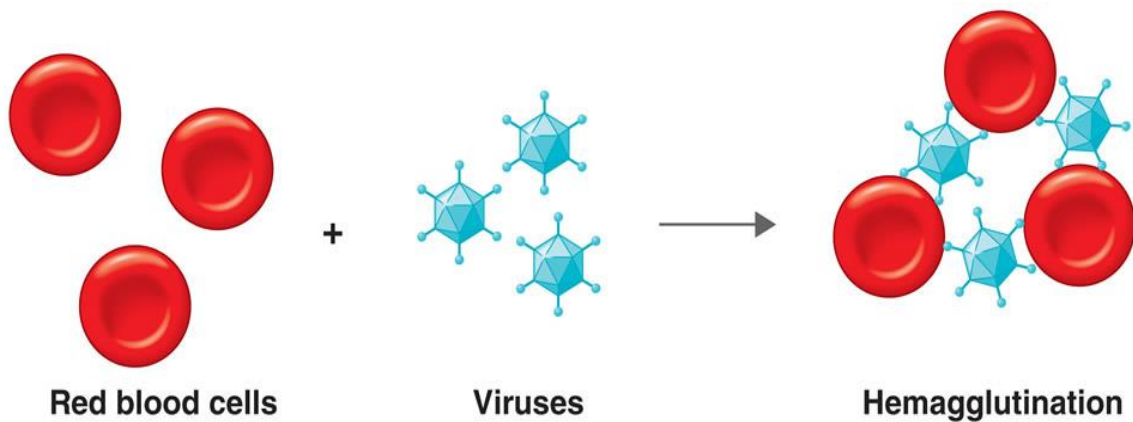
(a) Reaction in a positive indirect test for antibodies. When particles (latex beads here) are coated with antigens, agglutination indicates the presence of antibodies, such as the IgM shown here.



(b) Reaction in a positive indirect test for antigens. When particles are coated with monoclonal antibodies, agglutination indicates the presence of antigens.

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Figure (2)



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Figure (3)

Application Type of Agglutination Reactions:

- 1- Rose Bengal Test.**
- 2- widal Test.**
- 3- Blood Groop Test.**
- 4- Pregnancy Test.**
- 5- C- Reactive protien Test. (Acute phase protien)**
- 6- Rheumatoid Facter Test. (RF)**
- 7- Coomb,s Test.**
- 8- Anti-Streptolysin-Otiler. (ASO)**