

POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES

GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE - (GE-7) CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
| Cellular Communications (BCH-GE-7) | 04 | 02 | 0 | 02 | Class XII with Science and Biology | Basic course in cell biology |

Learning Objectives

- Explain the concept of Cell-cell communication.
- Describe the various types of receptors, signal transduction pathways, second messengers and effector molecules.
- To understand how signalling pathways, regulate cell motility, metabolism, growth, organogenesis, and cell death.
- Discuss the crosstalk between signal transduction pathways crosstalk and are auto-regulated.
- To know about various diseases associated with cellular communication pathway defects.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe various types of cell - cell communication.
2. Discuss the various types of receptors and signal transduction pathways in bacteria, plants and animal system.
3. Explain the importance of various signalling pathways in the regulation of metabolism, growth, organogenesis and cell death.
4. Discuss the cellular communication defects that lead to various types of diseases including cancers.

SYLLABUS OF GE-7

BCH-GE-7 : CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS SEMESTER - IV

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours : 30

Unit: 1 Introduction to cell- cell communication. (2 Hours)

Chemical signalling - endocrine, paracrine, autocrine, intracrine and neuroendocrine mechanisms. Cognate signalling.

Unit: 2 Receptors and Signal transduction pathways (16 Hours)

Hormone receptors - extracellular and intracellular. Receptor - hormone binding, Scatchard analysis. G-Protein-coupled Receptors: Heterotrimeric G proteins, Second messengers: cAMP, cGMP, Lipid-derived Second Messengers (IP₃, DAG) NO, Calcium Signalling. Effector systems - adenylyl cyclase, guanylyl cyclase, PDE, PLC. Protein kinases (PKA, PKB, PKC, PKG).

Enzyme linked receptors: Receptor Tyrosine Kinases: EGF, insulin and erythropoietin. Ras - MAP kinase cascade, and JAK - STAT pathway.

Ion-channel linked receptors; Neurotransmitter receptors (Acetylcholine receptor). Nerve transmission.

Intracellular receptors: Cytoplasmic and nuclear receptors. Steroid hormone, thyroid hormone receptors. Gene regulation.

Integrin receptors. Integrin signalling. Cell matrix communication Receptor Regulation. Cross talk.

Unit 3: Photoreceptors and signal transduction in plants (4 Hours)

Phytochromes, cryptochromes and phototropins signalling.

Unit 4: Cell death signalling (4 Hours)

Apoptosis, Autophagy

Unit 5: Bacterial signalling (4 Hours)

Quorum sensing, autoinducers, chemotaxis.

2.3 Practical

Credit: 2

Total Hours : 60

1. Yeast response to mating pheromones .
2. Study of Chemotaxis response in Tetrahymena/ paramecium/ dictostylium
3. Study change in heart rate (sympathetic response) on exposure to caffeine (cAMP mediated) in zebrafish larvae.
4. Chemotaxis/ motility assay in microbes.
5. Effect of plant hormones on plant growth or photomorphogenesis in response to light. (Phytochrome effects on lettuce germination/ Gibberellic acid effect on α -amylase secretion in barley seeds)

Essential readings:

1. Lodish, U. H. (2016) Molecular Cell Biology. W.H. Freeman, 2016.
2. Nelson, D. L., & Cox, M. M. (2021). Lehninger principles of biochemistry (8th ed.). W.H. Freeman. ISBN:9781319230906
3. Lim, W., Mayer, B., & Pawson, T. (2015). Cell signaling: principles and mechanisms. New York: Garland Science, Taylor & Francis Group.
4. Kocher, S. L., and Gujral, S. K. (2020). Plant Physiology Theory and Application. Cambridge University Press DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108486392.018>
5. Demuth, D., & Lamont, R. (Eds.). (2006). Bacterial Cell-to-Cell Communication: Role in Virulence and Pathogenesis (Advances in Molecular and Cellular Microbiology). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9780511541506

Suggested readings:

1. ZFIN protocols
2. Harris UM. A., McGee, S. A., and Batzi J. M. (2018). Uncooking Yeast: Cells Signalling a Rise to Inquiry. Tested Studies for Laboratory Teaching. Proceedings of the Association for Biology Laboratory Education. 38 (9) 1-48
3. Plant physiology and biotechnology laboratory manual. Compiled by: David Law, Lada Malek and JoAnne Henderson. 2006. <https://old.amu.ac.in/emp/studym/99997510.pdf>

3. Keywords

Chemical signaling, Receptors, signal transduction, GPCRs, RTKs, Photoreceptors, cell death signaling, bacterial signalling

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

GENERIC ELECTIVES COURSE - (GE-8)
BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES

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| BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES (BCH-GE-8) | 04 | 02 | 0 | 02 | Class XII with Science and Biology | XIIth pass in biology |

Learning Objectives

The course aims to provide students with knowledge and understanding of the spectrum of human diseases. It will introduce the concept of a well-balanced diet, healthy lifestyle, the biochemical mechanism of diseases, treatment strategies, mechanism of action of drugs and drug resistance against various antimicrobials. The course also aims to outline the various strategies that could be employed for prevention of infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercises and healthy lifestyle in leading a disease-free life.
2. Explain the functioning of the immune system and endocrine system and the basis of various autoimmune and hormonal disorders.
3. Correlate the genetic mutation and metabolic disorders.
4. Discuss the molecular mechanism of microbial pathogenicity, drug resistance and implications in public health management.

SYLLABUS OF GE-8

BCH-GE-8 : BIOCHEMICAL CORRELATION OF DISEASES SEMESTER - IV

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours: 30

Unit I: Inherited Metabolic diseases and Hormonal disorders (9 Hours)

Introduction to inherited Metabolic diseases. Alkaptonuria, Phenylketonuria; Glycogen storage diseases (Von Gierke disease, Cori disease); Lipid storage diseases: Gaucher's disease; SCID. Overview of the endocrine disorders: Cushing's disease, Diabetes insipidus.

Unit II: Nutritional deficiency and lifestyle-based diseases (7 Hours)

Concept of nutrition and balanced diet; Protein-energy malnutrition: Kwashiorkor and Marasmus; Vitamin deficiency diseases: Beri-Beri, Scurvy, Pellagra, Nutritional deficiency Anemia, Night blindness, Rickets. Lifestyle-based diseases: Atherosclerosis, Diabetes Mellitus-II.

Unit III: Autoimmune diseases (6 Hours)

Concepts in immune recognition-self and non-self-discrimination, organ specific autoimmune diseases- Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Graves' disease, Myasthenia Gravis, Diabetes Mellitus-I, Systemic diseases: Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), Rheumatoid arthritis.

Unit IV: Infectious diseases (8 Hours)

Classification of infectious diseases; Role of sanitation, drugs and vaccines in prevention, transmission and treatment of infectious diseases. Diseases caused by viruses: Polio, Influenza, HIV and COVID. Diseases caused by bacteria: Tetanus, Tuberculosis. Protozoan infections: Malaria; Parasitic infections: Kala Azar.

2.3 Practical:

Credits: 2

Total Hours : 60

1. Anthropometric measurements: BMI, Waist/Hip Ratio, Mid Arm Muscle Area (MAMA), Mid Arm Area (MAA).
2. Measurement of Blood pressure
3. Determination of blood Lipid Profile: Triglyceride, Cholesterol
4. Glucose tolerance test
5. Widal test
6. Permanent slides of malarial parasites/Leishmania
7. Case studies related to autoimmune diseases, life-style disorders and hormonal imbalance

2.4 Essential readings:

1. Berg, J.M., Tymoczko, J.L., Gatto, G.J., Stryer, L. (2019). Biochemistry (9th ed.). W.H Freeman and Company (New York). ISBN-13:9781319114671
2. Coico, R. (2021). Immunology: A Short Course (8th ed.). John Wiley & Sons, Inc (New Jersey). ISBN: 9781119551577.
3. Devlin, T. M., (2011). Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New York). ISBN: 978-0-4710-28173-4.
4. Willey, J., Sandman, K., Wood, D. (2019). Prescott's Microbiology (11th ed.). McGraw Hill International Edition (New York) ISBN: 9781260211887.

Suggested readings:

1. Sherwood, L. (2012). Introduction to Human Physiology (8th ed.). Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-1133104544 ISBN-10: 1133104541.
2. Hadley, M.E., Levine, J.E. (2007). Endocrinology (6th ed.). New Delhi, Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 978-81-317-2610-5.
3. Malik, D., Narayanasamy, N., Vavilala, P., Takur, J., Sinha, N., (2022). Textbook of Nutritional Biochemistry. Springer Singapore, ISBN978-981-19-4149-8.

3. Keywords

Lifestyle and metabolic disorders, nutritional deficiency, hormonal disorder, autoimmunity and infectious diseases.

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GENERIC ELECTIVES COURSE – (GE-9)
FUNDAMENTALS OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

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| Fundamentals of Molecular Biology (BCH-GE-9) | 04 | 02 | 0 | 02 | Class XII with Science and Biology | Basic courses allied to biological science |

Learning Objectives

This course is designed to introduce the concepts of how the genetic material is organized within genomes and the difference in the architecture of the genome in various organisms. It deals with the replication of the genetic material in prokaryotes and eukaryotes as well as the expression of genes into RNA as well as proteins; all being crucial life processes required for the perpetuity and successful functioning of living organisms. It also introduces the concept of regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Perform the isolation of bacterial genomic DNA and assess its purity
2. Evaluate the characteristic properties of DNA and RNA using biochemical assays like Dische test and Bial's test.
3. Identify the different nitrogenous bases present in Nucleic acids
4. Compare the DNA replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
5. Discern the processes of conversion of the information stored in the genetic code into mRNA as well as proteins.

SYLLABUS OF GE-9

BCH-GE-9 : FUNDAMENTALS OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY SEMESTER - IV

2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours: 30

Unit 1 Genome organization in organisms (3 Hours)

Definition of a gene, organization of genes in viruses, bacteria and eukaryotes. Supercoiling of DNA, linking number, topoisomerases.

Unit 2 Replication of genomes (9 Hours)

General features of DNA replication, properties of prokaryotic and eukaryotic DNA polymerases. Three stages of DNA replication, end replication problem, telomerase, Inhibitors of DNA replication and applications in medicine.

Unit 3 Transcription (10 Hours)

Transcription in prokaryotes, RNA polymerase, sigma factor, bacterial promoters, identification of DNA binding sites by DNA footprinting, various stages of RNA synthesis, initiation, elongation and termination, rho-dependent and rho-independent termination. Concept of operons (Lac operon). Eukaryotic RNA polymerases. Inhibitors of transcription and applications in medicine.

Unit 4 Translation (8 Hours)

Features of the genetic code, structure of ribosomes, charging of tRNAs, amino acyl tRNA synthetases; three stages of protein synthesis - initiation, elongation and termination. Inhibitors of protein synthesis.

2.3 Practicals

CREDITS: 2

Total Hours: 60

1. Quantitative determination of DNA and RNA by absorbance at 260 nm.
2. Estimation of DNA by Dische's reagent.
3. Estimation of RNA by Bial's reagent.
4. Separation of nitrogenous bases by paper chromatography.
5. Isolation of chromosomal DNA from *E. coli* and estimation of its purity by 260nm/280nm absorbance.

2.4 Suggested Readings

1. Nelson, D.L. and Cox, M.M. (2013). *Lehninger: Principles of Biochemistry* (6th ed.,) W.H. Freeman & Company (New York), ISBN-13; 978-1-4641-0962-1 / ISBN:10-14641-0962-1.

2. Berg, J.M., Tymoczko, J.L. and Stryer, L., (2012). *Biochemistry* (7th ed.,) W.H Freeman and Company (New York), ISBN: 13:978-1-4292-7635-1.
3. Watson, J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M. and Losick, R. (2008) *Watson: Molecular Biology of the Gene* (7th ed.), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold spring Harbor (New York), ISBN:0-321-50781 / ISBN-13: 9780321762436.

3. **Keywords**

Genes, Replication, Transcription, Translation, Genetic code, Protein synthesis.

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