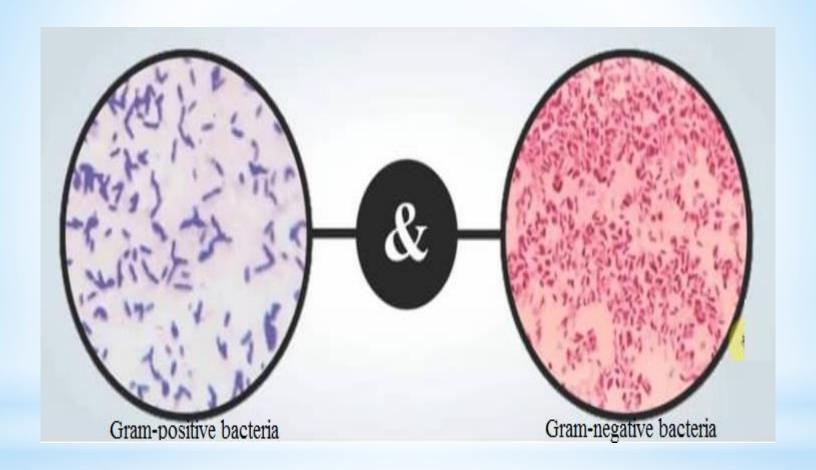
Biology تقنيات التخدير المرحلة الاولى

Lab 9 Gram stain

- Gram stain is one of the most important types of dye used in hospitals to identify bacteria.
- Discovery by Hans Christian Gram.
- The method helped to differentiate the types of bacteria.
- One type of bacteria giving red color is called (Gram-negative bacteria) and the other giving blue color is called (Gram-positive bacteria).
- The color of the bacteria in a Gram stain depends on the chemical composition of the wall of the bacteria cell.

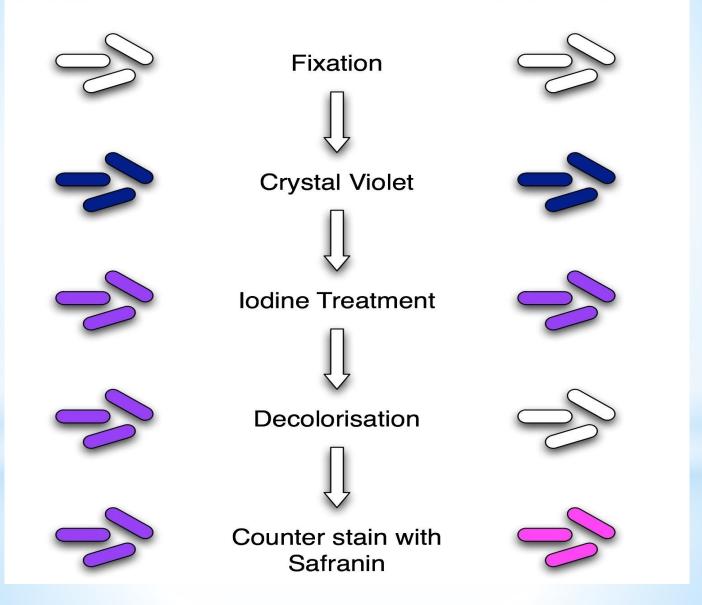


| Characteristics | Gram Positive | Gram Negative |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Gram Reaction | Retain crystal violet dye and stain blue or purple. Gram Positive Bacteria | Accept safranin and stain pink or red. Py Town Gram Negative Bacteria |
| Cell Wall Structure | Structure of Gram-Positive cell wall Peplidoglycan Cell wall | Outer membrane Cell wall Peptidoglycan |
| Cell Wall Thickness | Thick (20-80 nm) | Plasma |

Method

GRAM-POSITIVE

GRAM-NEGATIVE



Reacts when the dye is added

- When a crystal violet is added to the slide, the dye inter into the cell wall, and when the addition of iodine solution Iodine reacts with Crystal violet to form a compound called Crystal complex Iodine (violet).
- When alcohol is added, it enters the cell wall and If it is soluble in alcohol, it will dissolve and come out of the cell wall, thus emptying.
- when added safranin, which is red, will enter the cell wall and therefore the cell color become red, so the bacteria are Gramnegative
- but if the bacteria gram-positive the safranin dye will not find a place inside.

