

Shigella

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| <i>Shigella</i> | |
| Enterobacteriaceae | |
| Shigella | |
| Shigella - Gram stain. | |
| Morphology | Good bar |
| Relation to oxygen | facultatively anaerobic |
| Cultivation | blood agar , lactose agar |
| Antigens | 38 antigenic structures |
| Virulence factors | Shiga toxin |
| Source | human - an exclusively human pathogen |
| Transmission | alimentary, fecal-oral route |
| Incubation time | 1-4 days |
| Disease | bacterial dysentery, <i>shigellosis</i> |
| Diagnostics | stool cultivation |
| Therapy | diet, antiseptics, etc. (cotrimoxazole , azithromycin , ciprofloxacin) |
| MeSH ID | D012760 |

Shigels are divided into 4 subgroups:

- A with the subspecies *S. dysenteriae* ,
- B - *S. flexneri* ,
- C - *S. boydii* ,
- D - *S. sonnei* .

They are the least chemically active of all enterobacteria.

Antigenic structure

The above 4 species can be differentiated into 38 different antigenic structures (except *S. sonnei* , which occurs in only one serotype).

Pathogenicity

- ■ Entrance gate: oral cavity.
- Reproduction in the small intestine.
- Transition to the colon and the epithelium that destroys it. Shigel penetration into epithelial cells is encoded by a large plasmid, which has also been found in enteroinvasive *E. coli* . The plasmid encodes the structure of outer membrane proteins that allow the microorganism to bind to the microvilli and initiate microbe-induced phagocytosis .
- The virulent type of *S. dysenteriae* forms a Shiga toxin that causes paralysis in small animals. It interferes with the proteosynthesis of sensitive cells and kills them.

Epidemiology

- ■ The most affected are children from 6 months to 10 years .
- Adults get sick most often as a result of contact with sick children.
- Epidemics are affecting facilities where hygiene standards are difficult to maintain.
- The rapid spread is caused by the high infectivity of the germs and the fact that less than 200 bacteria can cause the disease.
- The current pandemic strain - resistant to sulfonamides , tetracyclines , chloramphenicol , ampicillin and trimethoprim - has very few treatment options.

Clinical picture

- ■ The incubation period is 1-4 days.

Shigella dysenteriae in the stool of a patient with shigellosis

- ■ Clinical signs of bacillary dysentery: fever, painful urge, high frequency of stools with mucus and blood.

The infection lasts 2-3 days.

Cultivation



Cultivation of *Shigella flexneri* on deoxycholate-citrate agar



Shigella flexneri - Blood agar



Cultivation of *Shigella flexneri* on Endo's soil

Laboratory diagnostics

- ▪ Cultivation of stool samples on Endo agar or DC agar . It is also possible to use chromogenic agars or XLD (xylose-lysine deoxycholate) agar , on which we detect lactose fermentation and H 2 S formation.
- Serotyping of suspect strains.

Therapy

- ▪ In the uncomplicated course, symptomatic treatment (adherence to diet and intestinal antiseptics).
- The use of ATB is unavoidable only for young children and the elderly. ATB prevents the spread to deeper layers of the mucosa.

Prevention

- ▪ Hygiene and hand washing.

Links

related articles

- ▪ Shigellosis
- intestinal infectious diseases : Cholera ■ Typhoid fever ■ Paratyphoid ■ Salmonella enteritis ■ Campylobacter enteritis ■ Cryptosporidiosis ■ Rotavirus enteritis ■ Adenovirus enteritis

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Bacteria

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| | aerobic | <i>Micrococcus</i> | <i>Micrococcus luteus</i> |
| | | <i>Rhodococcus</i> | <i>Rhodococcus equi</i> |
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| | facultatively anaerobic | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus durans</i> • <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> • <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> |
| coke | | <i>Streptococcus</i> | <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> • <i>Streptococcus mutans</i> • <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> • <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> • <i>Streptococcus suis</i> • <i>Oral streptococci</i> |
| | | <i>Staphylococcus</i> | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> • <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> • <i>Staphylococcus intermedius</i> • <i>Staphylococcus saprophyticus</i> |
| | | | |
| | anaerobic | <i>Peptococcus</i> | <i>Peptococcus niger</i> |
| | | <i>Peptostreptococcus</i> | <i>Peptostreptococcus anaerobius</i> • <i>Peptostreptococcus prevotii</i> • <i>Peptostreptococcus vaginalis</i> |
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| G + | | | |
| | aerobic + facultative anaerobic | <i>Arcanobacter</i> | <i>Arcanobacterium haemolyticum</i> |
| | | <i>Bacillus</i> | <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> • <i>Bacillus cereus</i> |
| | | <i>Corynebacterium</i> | <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> • <i>Corynebacterium jeikeium</i> • <i>Corynebacterium ulcerans</i> • <i>Corynebacterium urealyticum</i> |
| | | <i>Erysipelothrix</i> | <i>Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae</i> |
| | | <i>Listeria</i> | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> |
| | | <i>Nocardia</i> | <i>Nocardia asteroides</i> • <i>Nocardia brasiliensis</i> |
| | | <i>Rhodococcus</i> | <i>Rhodococcus equi</i> |
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| sticks | | <i>Actinomyces</i> | <i>Actinomyces israeli</i> • <i>Actinomyces naeslundi</i> |
| | | <i>Bifidobacterium</i> | <i>Bifidobacterium dentium</i> |
| | | <i>Clostridium</i> | <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> • <i>Clostridium difficile</i> • <i>Clostridium novyi</i> • <i>Clostridium tetani</i> • <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> • <i>Clostridium septicum</i> • <i>Clostridium ulcerans</i> |
| | | <i>Lactobacillus</i> | <i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> |
| | | <i>Propionibacterium</i> | <i>Propionibacterium acnes</i> • <i>Propionibacterium propionicus</i> |
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| coke | aerobic | <i>Acinetobacter</i> | <i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus</i> |
| | | <i>Moraxella</i> | <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i> • <i>Moraxella lacunata</i> |
| | | <i>Neisseria</i> | <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> • <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> • Non-pathogenic species of <i>Neisseria</i> |
| | anaerobic | <i>Veillonella</i> | <i>Veillonella alcalescens</i> • <i>Veillonella parvula</i> |

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| cocobacilli | aerobic | <i>Rickettsia</i> | <i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i> • <i>Rickettsia rickettsii</i> • <i>Rickettsia typhi</i> |
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| aerobic | <i>Alcaligenes</i> | <i>Alkaligenes feacalis</i> |
| | <i>Bartonella</i> | <i>Bartonella bacilliformis</i> • <i>Bartonella henselae</i> • <i>Bartonella quintana</i> |
| | <i>Bordetella</i> | <i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i> • <i>Bordetella parapertussis</i> • <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> |
| | <i>Brucella</i> | <i>Brucella abortus</i> • <i>Brucella canis</i> • <i>Brucella melitensis</i> • <i>Brucella suis</i> |
| | <i>Burkholderia</i> | <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> • <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> • <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> |
| | <i>Francisella</i> | <i>Francisella tularensis</i> |
| | <i>Legionella</i> | <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> |
| | <i>Kingella</i> | <i>Kingella denitrificans</i> • <i>Kingella kingae</i> • <i>Kingella oralis</i> |
| | <i>Pseudomonas</i> | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> • <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> |
| | <i>Stenotrophomonas</i> | <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> |

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| sticks | facultatively anaerobic | <i>Actinobacillus</i> | <i>Actinobacillus equuli</i> • <i>Actinobacillus lignieresii</i> |
| | | <i>Aeromonas</i> | <i>Aeromonas caviae</i> • <i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i> • <i>Aeromonas sobria</i> |
| | | <i>Afipia</i> | <i>Afipia felis</i> |
| | | <i>Citrobacter</i> | <i>Citrobacter freundii</i> • <i>Citrobacter koseri</i> |
| | | <i>Eikenella</i> | <i>Eikenella corrodens</i> |
| | | <i>Enterobacter</i> | <i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> • <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> |
| | | <i>Escherichia</i> | <i>Escherichia coli</i> |
| | | <i>Haemophilus</i> | <i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i> • <i>Haemophilus haemolyticus</i> • <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> • <i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i> |
| | | <i>Klebsiella</i> | <i>Klebsiella granulomatis</i> • <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> • <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> |
| | | <i>Pasteurella</i> | <i>Pasteurella haemolytica</i> • <i>Pasteurella multocida</i> • <i>Pasteurella ureae</i> |
| | | <i>Plesiomonas</i> | <i>Plesiomonas shigelloides</i> |
| | | <i>Proteus</i> | <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> • <i>Proteus vulgaris</i> |
| | | <i>Salmonella</i> | <i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> • <i>Salmonella Typhi</i> • <i>Salmonella Paratyphi</i> |
| | | <i>Serratia</i> | <i>Serratia marcescens</i> |
| | | <i>Shigella</i> | <i>Shigella boydii</i> • <i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> • <i>Shigella flexneri</i> • <i>Shigella sonnei</i> |
| | | <i>Vibrio</i> | <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> • <i>Vibrio parahemolyticus</i> |
| | | <i>Yersinia</i> | <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> • <i>Yersinia pestis</i> • <i>Yersinia pseudotuberculosis</i> |
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| | microaerophilic | <i>Campylobacter</i> | <i>Campylobacter coli</i> • <i>Campylobacter fetus</i> • <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> |
| | | <i>Helicobacter</i> | <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> |
| | anaerobic | <i>Bacteroides</i> | <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> • <i>Bacteroides vulgatus</i> |
| | | <i>Fusobacterium</i> | <i>Fusobacterium necrophorum</i> • <i>Fusobacterium nucleatum</i> • <i>Fusobacterium stabile</i> |
| | | <i>Leptotricha</i> | <i>Leptotricha buccalis</i> |
| | | <i>Mobiluncus</i> | <i>Mobiluncus curtisi</i> • <i>Mobiluncus mulieris</i> |
| | | <i>Prevotella</i> | <i>Prevotella melaninogenica</i> |
| | | <i>Porphyromonas</i> | <i>Porphyromonas gingivalis</i> |
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| sticks | aerobic | <i>Mycobacterium</i> | <i>Atypical mycobacteria</i> • <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> • <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> |
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| non-stainable G +/− | spiral | strictly aerobic | <i>Leptospira</i> <i>Leptospira biflexa</i> • <i>Leptospira interrogans</i> • <i>Leptospira parva</i> |
| | | microaerophilic | <i>Borrelia</i> <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> • <i>Borrelia hermsi</i> • <i>Borrelia recurrentis</i> • <i>Borrelia vincenti</i> |
| | | strictly anaerobic | <i>Treponema</i> <i>Non-pathogenic treponems</i> • <i>Treponema carateum</i> • <i>Treponema pallidum</i> • <i>Treponema phagedenis</i> • <i>Treponema pertenue</i> |

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