



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

**SCHEME AND SYLLABUS FOR M. Sc. BIOCHEMISTRY (CCSS)
COURSE OFFERED BY
DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES**

2017 Admission onwards

No	Code	Paper	Credit	Marks		
				Int	Ext	Total
Semester I						
1	BCH 1C01	Analytical Biochemistry	4	20	80	100
2	BCH 1C02	Biological Macromolecules and Structural Biology	4	20	80	100
3	BCH 1C03	Microbiology and Immunology	4	20	80	100
4	BCH 1C04	Practical I	2	20	80	100
5	BCH 1C05	Practical II	2	20	80	100
Semester II						
6	BCH 2C01	Enzymes : Kinetics, Mechanisms and Regulations	4	20	80	100
7	BCH 2C02	Cell Biology and cell Signaling	4	20	80	100
8	BCH 2C03	Biostatistics and Bioinformatics	4	20	80	100
9	BCH 2C04	Practical III	2	20	80	100
10	BCH 2C05	Practical IV	2	20	80	100
11	BCH 2C06	Practical V	2	20	80	100
Semester III						
12	BCH 3C01	Metabolism and regulation	4	20	80	100
13	BCH 3C02	Physiology and Developmental biology	4	20	80	100
14	BCH 3C03	Molecular Biology and Genetics	4	20	80	100
15	BCH 3C04	Practical VI	2	20	80	100
<u>(Any two of the following courses)</u>						
16	BCH 3E01	Neurobiochemistry	4	20	80	100
17	BCH 3E02	Cancer Biology	4	20	80	100
18	BCH 3E03	Plant secondary metabolites	4	20	80	100
19	BCH 3E04	Nutrition and nutrigenomics	4	20	80	100
Semester IV						
<u>(Any two of the following courses)</u>						
20	BCH 4E01	Nanobiology and Applications	4	20	80	100
21	BCH 4E02	Biochemical and environmental toxicology	4	20	80	100
22	BCH 4E03	Industrial enzymes	4	20	80	100
23	BCH 4E04	Clinical and diagnostic biochemistry	4	20	80	100
24	BCH 4C05	Project work / Dissertation and Viva voce	8		100	100
		Total	72			2000

SEMESTER I

BCH1C01 Analytical Biochemistry

Unit I: Basics of Analytical Biochemistry

Types of samples, Sample preparation for solid and semisolid samples, Extraction of solid samples, derivatization of samples. Quantitative measurement- limit of detection & quantification sensitivity. Calibration, Accuracy, precision and reliability. Managing laboratory information-properties of good information, management systems. Laboratory automation-planning, example, and validation.

Unit II: Hydrodynamic techniques (Advanced level)

Principle, Instrument Design, methods and Applications of all types of Adsorption and Partition Chromatography- Paper chromatography, Thin layer chromatography, Gel filtration chromatography, Affinity chromatography, Ion-exchange chromatography and HPLC. Centrifugation – Principle, methods and application, Ultra centrifugation, Viscometry, Osmosis, diffusion and surface tension.

Unit III: Electro analytical techniques(Advanced level)

Principle, Instrument Design, methods and Applications of Free and zone Electrophoresis – Paper electrophoresis, Gel electrophoresis, Poly Acrylamide gel electrophoresis, SDS PAGE, 2D - PAGE, native gels, gradient gels, Western, Southern and Northern blotting, Capillary electrophoresis, Isoelectric focusing, Electrophoresis of nucleic acids - agarose gel electrophoresis, DNA sequencing gels, pulsed field gel electrophoresis, Potentiometry, pH meter, conductometry.

Unit IV: Optical and Spectroscopic techniques

Principle, Instrument Design, methods and Applications of UV-Visible spectroscopy, Fluorescence spectra, IR spectra, Raman spectra, NMR, X ray diffraction, Polarimetry, ORD, CD, Light scattering, Refractometry, Flow cytometry, FISH, Cytometry, Mass spectrometry, MALDI TOF MS.

Unit V: Microscopic techniques

Principle and working of Compound microscope, Phase contrast microscope, Interference microscope, Fluorescence microscope, Polarizing microscope, Scanning and

Transmission Electron Microscopy, cell fixation - fluid fixatives, freezing and section drying, fixation for electron microscopy, CCD camera, Introduction to Atomic force microscopy, Confocal microscopy, Histopathological studies - organ specific morphohistological examination, identification of morphological changes related to pathology.

Unit VI: Analytical methods based on radioactivity

Detection and measurement of radioactivity - GM counter, solid and liquid scintillation counter, primary and secondary fluors, quenching - Cerenkov counting. Autoradiography. Applications of radioisotopes in the biology and medicine. Hazards of radioactivity and precautions to be taken

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4. Modern Experimental Biochemistry. Third edn, Rodney F Boyer. (Benjamin/ Cummings series in Life sciences and Chemistry), Prentice hall, New Jersey, U.S.A.
5. Chromatographic methods. A Braithwate and F J Smith. Chapman and Hall, London, UK.
6. Gel Electrophoresis of Nucleic acids- A Practical approach. Second edn, Rickwood D and BD Hames. IRL Press, New York.
7. Spectrophotometry and Spectrofluorimetry: A Practical Approach. Harris DA and CL Bashford (Ed.), Oxford Umiversity press, U.K.
8. Introduction to Spectroscopy. Fifth edn, Donald L. Pavia, Gary M Lipman, George S Kriz, James R. Vyvyan, Cengage Learning, U.S.A.
9. Hand book of Instrumental Techniques for Analytical Chemistry by Frank Settle (Editor), Prentice Hall, U.S.A.
10. Principles of Fluorescence Spectroscopy, Third edn, J.R. Lakowicz, Springer, U.S.A.

BCH 1C02. Biological macro molecules and structural Biology**Unit I: Complex Carbohydrates**

Oligosaccharides: Glycosidic bonds; Classification: glycoproteins (O- linked and N- linked), glycolipids; Nature of carbohydrate moiety attached; Functions: as cell recognition factors, in intracellular targeting; Purification and Characterization of oligosaccharides from cell membranes

Polysaccharides: Classification: Homopolysaccharides (Cellulose, Starch, Chitin, and Glycogen), Heteropolysaccharides (bacterial peptidoglycans, glycosaminoglycans, hyaluronic acid, and heparin); Structural characteristics and functions of above mentioned polysaccharides; Exopolysaccharides from bacterial systems and their uses; Purification and Characterization of polysaccharides from biological systems.

Unit II: Complex Lipids

Glycerophospholipids: Structure and function of (Phosphatic acid, cardiolipin, Phosphatidyl serine, Phosphatidyl ethanolamine, Phosphatidyl glycerol, Phosphatidyl choline, Phosphatidyl inositol), CDP-diacylglycerol, Lung surfactants.

Glycosphingolipids: Structure and function of (Sphingosine, ceramides & sphingomyelins, cerebrosides, globosides, gangliosides, sulfatides).

Eicosanoids: Prostaglandins, Leukotrienes and Thromboxanes: Chemistry, formation and physiological function.

Steroids: Steroids in animal system: Glucocorticoids, mineralocorticoids and Sex hormones (Site of biosynthesis, functions and mechanism of action; Sterols in Plant system: Phytohormones: Brassinosteroids (functions); Sterols in microbial system.

Unit III: Proteins & Nucleic Acids

Protein structure: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Quaternary structure of Proteins, Super secondary structures, Globular proteins (eg: Hemoglobin and Myoglobin), Fibrous proteins: (Collagen), Protein folding, Path ways and dynamics of protein folding, Molecular chaperons, Protein stability, Diseases associated to protein conformation.

Nucleic acid structure and function: Supercoiling of the DNA molecule; topoisomers and superhelixes; Higher orders of DNA Structure: Chromatin Structure: Histones and Nucleosomes; Conformation of Chromatin fibers, Organization of the DNA Sequence:

Genes, pseudogenes, extragenic regions (beta globin gene and gene family) duplicated genes; Repetitive DNA sequences: Tandem repeats (Satellites, mini satellites, and micro satellites), Interspersed repeats (LINE, SINEs) Single copy genes, Reassociation kinetics, DNA Cot curve, RNA Structure: Types of RNA; structure of mRNA, tRNA and rRNA, siRNA, micro RNA with emphasis on importance of structure to its function.

Unit IV: 3D-Structure Determination Methods and their Applications

X-ray diffraction, Space groups; crystal symmetry; Miller Indices, Bravais lattices, X-ray diffraction and Bragg's law, X-ray structure determination of biomolecules and accuracy/refinement of x-ray crystallographic structures.

Lasers in Biology and Medicine

Basic concepts of coherence and laser definition; types of lasers (Xe; Nd-YAG etc.); fiber optics technology; applications of lasers for biomolecular structure determination (e.g. LIF) and to medicine (surgery, ophthalmology).

Unit V: Microscopy Based on Single Molecule Methods

Use of single molecule methods: Introduction, Electron Optics, Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM), Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM) and Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM).

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3. Physical Biochemistry: Applications to Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, D.M. Freifelder, W.H. Freeman and company, U.S.A.
4. Fundamentals of Molecular Spectroscopy - C.N. Banwell, (Tata-McGraw Hill).
5. Biological Spectroscopy- I.D. Cambell & R.A. Durk, (Benjamin Cummings).
6. Proteins: Structure and Function: David Whitford: John Wiley & Sons.
7. Biochemistry, 5th edn, Lubert Stryer W.H. Freeman and company, U.S.A.

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12. Principles Of Biochemistry, 4/e (2006) by Robert Horton H , Laurence A Moran, Gray Scrimgeour K Publisher: Pearsarson ISBN: 0131977369, ISBN-13:9780131977365, 978-0131977365
13. Molecular Biology of the Cell by Bruce Alberts, Alexander Johnson, Julian Lewis
Visit Amazon's Julian Lewis Page search results Learn about Author Central, Martin Raff, Keith Roberts, Peter Walter Publisher: Garland Science; 5 edition ISBN-10: 0815341059 ISBN-13: 978-0815341055.
14. Genes XI by Benjamin Lewin (2008) Publisher: J&b ISBN:0763752223 ISBN-13: 9780763752224, 978-0763752224.
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BCH 1C03: Microbiology and Immunochemistry

Unit I: Basic microbiology

Brief History of microbiology. Classification of microorganisms. Viruses-structure, viral replication and cultivation, Various staining techniques for visualization and identification of microbes. Methods of sterilization and disinfection. Instructions for safe handling of microorganisms.

Unit II: Microbial growth and application of microbes in research and industry

Cultivation and growth of bacteria, pure culture techniques, Different types of bacteriological media, bacterial growth curve, and measurement of growth, control of growth,. Application of microbes in Biochemical research, industrial production of antibiotics and other organic substances. Microbiology of fermented foods, Food spoilage and preservation processes. Different types of microbial fermentation and Bioreactors.

Environmental microbiology- Microbes as components of the environment-nutrient cycles-carbon-nitrogen, sulphur and phosphorus cycles, Degradation of industrial wastes, petroleum hydrocarbons, pesticides, biofouling and corrosion. Bacterial photosynthesis, symbiotic and non-symbiotic nitrogen fixation.

Unit III: The immune system

Nonspecific host defences-Anatomic, physiologic, phagocytic, and inflammatory components of innate immunity, lysosomes, interferons and connectins, pattern recognition in innate immunity. Inflammatory responses- major events, chemical mediators: acute phase proteins, histamines and kinins, Adaptive immunity, Cooperation between lymphocytes and antigen-presenting cells in adaptive immune response, primary and secondary immune responses, collaboration of adaptive and innate immune responses, comparative immunity, , Antigen recognition and processing, MHCs. Cellular dynamics (recirculation, selective lodging). Systemic function of immune system, Lymphoid cells and organs-evolutionary comparisons. Complement activation and Regulation.

Unit IV: The antibodies-chemistry and diversity

Different molecular forms (isotypes) of antibodies; heterogeneity of antibodies with respect to affinity for a single hapten. Fragmentation of antibodies into functionally distinct 'domains'; multiple polypeptides comprising the different isotypes of antibodies; primary structural bases for specificities and diversity of antibodies. Fc-receptors (FcR) for antibodies: structure and function, Three dimensional structural bases for antibody specificity; the immunoglobulin fold. Genetics of Igs; allotypes; molecular genetic aspects of B cell differentiation; the generation of receptor diversity; affinity maturation; antibody

isotype switching. Antibody mediated effector functions: opsonisation, activation of complement system. Monoclonal antibodies and abzymes.

Unit V: Immunological reactions and related techniques

Immunogenicity and antigenicity, epitops, Antibody affinity and avidity, cross reactivity, Precipitation reactions and precipitin curves, Agglutination reactions: hemagglutination, bacterial and passive agglutinations, inhibition of agglutinations. Protocol, instrumentation and applications of: Immunoelectrophoresis, double immunodiffusion, rocket electrophoresis, radioimmunoassay, indirect, sandwich & competitive ELISA, ELISPOT assay, immunofluorescence, immuno histochemistry, Immuno blotting, immunoelectron microscopy, recombinant phage antibody system (RPAS), immunosensors.

Unit VI: Immune dysfunctions

Immunologically mediated allergies and hypersensitivities, Gell and Coombs classification of hypersensitivity: IgE-mediated, Antibody-mediated, Immune complex-mediated and Delayed-Type hypersensitivities. Immunopathologic changes: lymphocytic choriomeningitis, immune reactions in the eye. Genetically determined immunodeficiencies and their consequences, Protozoan and metazoan parasite infections; mechanisms of pathogenesis and host immune responses, Primary and acquired immunodeficiencies, Organ-Specific and systemic autoimmune Diseases, roles of CD4+ T Cell, MHC, and TCR in Autoimmunity, Proposed mechanisms for induction of autoimmunity, Emerging Infectious Diseases.

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3. Industrial Microbiology, Reed Gerald, Prescott and Dunn's, CBS Publications.
4. Microbiology, Pelezar Michael J, Mc Graw Hill.
5. Immunology, Janis Kuby, W. H. Freeman and Company Ltd, USA.
6. Immunology, Ivan Roitt, J. Brostoff and David Mole Mosby Times Mirror Int. Pub. Ltd.
7. Essential Immunology, Ivan Roitt Blackwell Science Ltd.

8. Immunology, Edwards S. Golub, Sinauer Associate, Sunderland.
9. Antibodies, Harlow & Lane, Cold Springs Harbor Press.
10. Cellular and molecular immunology 6th edition: Abbas KA and Lichtman AH.
11. Immunobiology, 7th edition, Janeway, et. al. Garland Science Publishing.
12. Monoclonal Antibody and Immunosensor Technology-The production and application of rodent and human monoclonal antibodies, Ailsa M. Campbell, Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam.

BCH 1C04 Practical I

1. Preparation of standard solutions, weighing, quantitative transfer.
2. Qualitative analysis of carbohydrates (monosaccharide, disaccharides and polysaccharides)
3. Qualitative analysis of proteins and amino acids
4. Preparation of buffers using pH meter
5. Detection of isoelectric pH of a protein
6. Quantitative estimation of proteins – Comparative evaluation by Lowry *et al* method, Bradford method, Biuret method and spectrophotometric method, to establish accuracy
7. Quantitative estimation of reducing sugar
8. Extraction & Quantitative estimation of cholesterol
9. Estimation of muscle and liver glycogen
10. Extraction and estimation of starch from different biological samples
11. Iodine value and saponification value of oils
12. Paper Chromatography of sugars, amino acids
13. TLC of amino acids
14. Column chromatography of plant pigments and analysis of the spectra of different fractions
15. Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of proteins

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16. Centrifugation: Organelle separation by differential centrifugation and density gradient centrifugation

BCH 1C05 Practical II

1. Gram's staining
2. Acid fast staining
3. IMVIC tests
4. Fermentation of carbohydrates
5. Antibiotic sensitivity test
6. Production of microbial enzymes- amylase, cellulase, lipase and pectinolytic enzymes
7. Widal test
8. VDRL test
9. Elisa
10. Immunodiffusion method
11. Immunoelectrophoresis
12. Complement fixation

SEMESTER II**BCH 2C01 Enzymes: Kinetics, Mechanism and Regulation****Unit I: Enzyme kinetics**

Importance of enzymes in biological systems, active site, substrate specificity, mechanism of action of different co enzymes in specific reaction types, derivation of Michaelis-Menten equation for uni- substrate reactions. Different plots for the determination of K_m & V_{max} and their physiological significance. Importance of K_{cat}/K_m . Kinetics of zero & first order reactions. Significance and evaluation of energy of activation. Collision & transition state theories. Michaelis – pH functions & their significance. Classification of multi substrate reactions with examples of each class. Derivation of the rate of expression for Ping Pong, random & ordered Bi-Bi mechanisms. Use of initial velocity, inhibition and exchange studies to differentiate between multi substrate reaction mechanism. Reversible and irreversible inhibition. Competitive, non-competitive, uncompetitive, Suicide inhibition, linear-mixed type inhibitions and their kinetics, determination of K_I .

Unit II: Mechanism of Enzyme Action

Acid-base catalysis, covalent catalysis, proximity, orientation effect. Strain & distortion theory. Chemical modification of active site groups. Mechanism of action of chymotrypsin, carbonic anhydrases, lysozyme, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, aldolase, carboxypeptidase, triose phosphate isomerase and alcohol dehydrogenase. Experimental approaches to the determination of enzyme mechanisms.

Unit III. Enzyme Regulation

General mechanisms of enzyme regulation, product inhibition. Reversible (glutamine synthase & phosphorylase) and irreversible (proteases) covalent modifications of enzymes. Mono cyclic and multicyclic cascade systems with specific examples. Feed back inhibition and feed forward stimulation. Allosteric enzymes, qualitative description of “concerted” & “sequential” models for allosteric enzymes. Half site reactivity, Flipflop mechanism, positive and negative co-operativity with special reference to aspartate transcarbamoylase & phosphofructokinase. Protein-ligand binding measurement, analysis of binding isotherms, Hill and Scatchard plots.

Unit IV : Multienzyme systems and application of enzymes

Multienzyme system – Occurrence, isolation & their properties: Mechanism of action and regulation of pyruvate dehydrogenase & fatty acid synthase complexes. Enzyme-enzyme interaction, multiple forms of enzymes with special reference to lactate dehydrogenase.

Application of enzymes-Therapeutic, enzymes as targets of drugs, clinical importance, diagnostics, immobilized enzymes, abzymes. Extraction and purification of enzymes from different sources.

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3. The Enzymes edited by David S Sigman volume XX Mechanisms of catalysis third edition academic press, inc. 1992
4. The Enzymes kinetics and mechanism volume II Third Edition Edited by Paul D. Boyer academic press, New York and London 1970
5. Allosteric regulatory enzymes by Thomas Traut © 2008 Springer Science+Business Media, LL 2007
6. Lubert Stryer : Biochemistry, 5th edn. (Freeman)

BCH 2C02 Cell Biology and cell Signaling**Unit I Cell cycle**

Cell cycle - Different stages, variations, checkpoints, regulations of cell cycle, maturation Promoting factor, cells, cyclins, ubiquitin, protein ligases, Anaphase Promoting complex, inhibitors of CdK, growth factors and D cyclins. Rb protein and E2F transcription factors

Unit II Cellular processes – Differentiation, Aging & Cell Death

Cell Differentiation-Stages of development, regulation of development, cascade control/ Differentiation in Drosophila, maternal, Segmentation and homeotic Genes, Genetic control of embryonic development, Bi thorax mutant, Antennapedia mutant, Hemeobox

Aging Process of aging, theories of aging, Arking's contribution Oxidative stress, Telomere problem, DNA repair defects.

Cell Death Necrosis and Apoptosis, Differences between necrosis and Apoptosis, stages in Apoptosis, mitochondrial damage DNA ladders, transglutaminase activity, programmed cell death in *Ceanorhabdtis elegans* CED 3, CED 4, CED 9 and their roles in Apoptosis. Bax, Bid, Bcl2 proteins.

Unit III Cell-cell communication and Transport across membranes

Cell-cell interactions, cell-matrix interactions, cell adhesion proteins, cell junctions, tight junctions, gap junctions, desmosomes, coated pits, Overview of membrane protein - peripheral and integral, molecular model of cell membrane - fluid mosaic model and membrane fluidity, solute transport across membrane, endocytosis, exocytosis, phagocytosis, pinocytosis, Thermodynamics, kinetics and mechanisms of transport, symport, antiport, uniport, passive transport, active transport by ATP powered pumps, gated channels, types of transport systems, neurotransmission

Unit IV Structure and Function of Signal Pathways

General function of signal pathways, Structure of signaling pathways, Mechanisms of intercellular communication, Principles of intracellular signal transduction, Components of intracellular signal transduction, Coupling of proteins in signaling chains, Coupling by specific protein-protein interactions, Coupling by protein modules, Coupling by reversible docking sites, Coupling by co localization, Linearity, Branching and crosstalk, Variability and specificity of receptors and signal responses,

Extracellular signaling molecules, Hormone receptors, Signal amplification, Regulation of inter- and intracellular signaling, Membrane anchoring and signal transduction, Signaling by nuclear receptors, G Protein-coupled signal transmission pathways, Intracellular messenger substances: second Messengers, Ser/Thr- specific protein kinases and protein phosphatases, Signal ransmission via transmembrane receptors with Tyrosine-specific protein kinase activity, Signal transmission via Ras proteins, Intracellular signal transduction: the Protein cascades of the MAP kinase, Membrane receptors with associated tyrosine kinase activity, Other receptor classes.

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5. Signaling Mechanisms of Oxygen and Nitrogen Free Radicals. Igor B. Afanas'ev, CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group, New York.
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BCH 2C03. Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

1. Biostatistics: Methods for collecting data, tabulation and representation of data, sampling and sample design, types of classification, tabulation, diagrammatic representation line diagram, bar diagram, pie diagram, histogram, frequency polygon, frequency curves and cumulative frequency curves. Measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode, range, mean deviation and standard error. Correlation analysis and regression analysis, probability analysis of variables. Tests of significance: t- test, Chi square test and goodness of fit; Analysis of variance: one way classification and two way classification.
2. Introduction to Bioinformatics: Definition and History of Bioinformatics, Internet and Bioinformatics, Introduction to Data Mining, Applications of Data Mining to Bioinformatics Problems.
3. Introduction to biological databases, classification of biological databases, Genbank, Protein Data Bank, Swiss-prot etc. Biological data formats, data retrieval - Entrez and SRS. ExPASSY,

4. Introduction to Sequence alignment, Local and Global alignment concepts, Multiple sequence alignment –Progressive alignment. Database searches for homologous sequences –Fasta and Blast versions. Bioinformatics Softwares: Clustal, RasMol, EMBOSS, Genetic Analysis Software, Phylip. Evolutionary analysis: distances - clustering methods – rooted and unrooted tree representation.
5. Fragment assembly-Genome sequence assembly. Gene finding method, Gene prediction - Analysis and prediction of regulatory regions. Structure prediction and protein modelling.

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BCH 2C04 Practical III

1. Assay of Alkaline and acid phosphatases in serum samples
2. Assay of serum amylase
3. Enzyme assays: Determination of optimum pH, optimum temperature, enzyme proportionality and time proportionality.
4. Ammonium sulfate fractionation of enzyme and desalting by dialysis/Sephadex G-25 filtration
5. Determination of total activity and specific activity of enzymes Trypsin, Pepsin etc
6. Determination of Michaelis-Menten constant (K_M) of an enzyme by Lineweaver-Burk method.
7. Determination of inhibitor constant (K_I) of an enzyme by Dixon's method.
8. Extraction of enzymes from animal tissues and isoenzyme analysis by PAGE
9. Purification of amylase from plant sources

BCH 2C05 Practical IV

1. Examination of onion root tip cells for different stages of cell division
2. Karyotype preparation
3. Blood smear preparation, differential WBC count, total WBC count and total RBC count
4. Isolation of lymphocytes from blood
5. Liver perfusion and isolation of hepatocytes
6. Separation of blood cells
7. Histology-tissue/cell staining techniques
8. Microscopic examination of specialised cells-cardiac, kidney, nerve and liver cells

BCH 2C06 Practical V

1. Data retrieval from Swiss-Prot, GenBank and PDB, Pubmed, GEO
2. Pairwise Sequence Alignment using BLAST and FASTA
3. Multiple Sequence Alignment with CLUSTAL W
4. Gene structure and function prediction (using GenScan, GeneMark)
5. Protein sequence analysis (ExPASy proteomics tools)
6. Finding ORF of a Given Sequence
7. Retrieving Motif Information of a Protein Using Prosite
8. Retrieving Gene Information from TAIR database
9. Primer Designing
10. Global alignment of two sequences
11. Local Alignment of Sequences
12. Phylogenetic Analysis using PHYLIP
13. Calculating the Distance between the Ligand and a Particular Amino acid
14. Finding the Active Site Pockets of a given Protein Molecule
15. Primary Structure Analysis of a Protein Using ProtParam

16. Secondary structure analysis of a protein using SOPMA
17. Surface Analysis of a Protein Using CASTp
18. Retrieving details of a drug molecule
19. Protein/Nucleotide Sequence Analysis using EMBOSS
20. Molecular Visualization tools
21. Homology modeling using SPDBV/Modeller
22. Model structure refinement using SPDBV
23. Model validation using What Check and Pro Check
24. Docking using AUTODOCK/ HEX

SEMESTER III**BCH3C01 : Metabolism and regulation****Unit I Biological Reactions and mechanisms**

Group transfer reactions, Oxidation reductions, elimination, isomerization, rearrangement reactions, reactions make or break carbon – carbon bonds. Thermodynamics of biological reactions.

Unit II Modern approaches to study metabolism

Metabolic inhibitors, growth studies, and Biochemical genetics, radio isotopic techniques isolated organs, cells, and sub-cellular organelles, system biology approach – Transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, applications of metabolic pathway data bases.

Unit III Carbohydrate metabolism, regulation and disorders

Regulation of glycolytic pathway, homeostasis and metabolic control, metabolic flux, metabolic control analysis, mechanism of flux control, supply demand analysis, regulation of glycolysis in muscle. Substrate cycling, Metabolism of minor sugars, Allosteric control of Glucogen Phosphorylase (GP) and Synthase(GS), cyclic cascades and Bicyclic cascades of GP and GS , Integration of Glycogen metabolism control mechanism, maintenance of blood glucose level, and its response to stress. Disorders associated with carbohydrate metabolism. Regulation of Gluconeogenesis, Cori cycle, Biosynthesis of oligosaccharides, glycoprotein synthesis, control of HMP shunt, deficiency of G 6P Dehydrogenase,

Unit IV Lipid, Aminoacid, protein, Nucleic acid metabolism, regulation and disorders

Regulation of fatty acid metabolism, cholesterol metabolism and regulation, Eicosanoid metabolism- Prostaglandins, prostacyclins, Thromboxans, Leukotrienes, and Lipoxins. Phospholipid and Glycolipid metabolism. Disorders of lipid metabolism.

Protein degradation in cells- Lysosomal events, role of ubiquitin & proteosome. Regulation of Urea cycle, catabolism of aminoacids and disorders, Biosynthesis of non essential aminoacids, one carbon metabolism associated with aminoacid and nucleotide metabolism, metabolism of heme, physiologically active amines, and Nitric oxide.

Unit V Mitochondrial metabolism, Energetics and regulation

Regulation of TCA cycle, Uses and replenishing of TCA intermediates, Regulation of ETC and Oxidative phosphorylation, chemiosmotic theory, Mechanism of ATP synthesis,

energy metabolism,. Bioenergetics , Mitochondrial Calcium Signalling: Role in Oxidative Phosphorylation Diseases, Role of Inorganic Polyphosphate in the Energy Metabolism,

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BCH 3C02: Physiology and developmental biology

Unit I: Plant Physiology

Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic pigments, Absorption and action spectra, light and dark reactions, Calvin cycle, photorespiration, C₄ and CAM pathways. Phytochromes, Cryptochromes, photomorphogenesis, Photoperiodism. Transport of nutrients across the primary root, transport through sieve element, transport of metabolites from the source to the sink, Mineral nutrition and assimilations of inorganic nutrients. Plant Hormones: Auxin, Gibberellins, Cytokinins, Ethylene, Abscisic acid.

Unit II: Animal Physiology

Tissue systems and their functions: Epithelial tissue, Connective tissue, muscular tissue and Nervous tissue. Endocrine system: Glands and Hormones, Secretory mechanisms, Circulatory systems: general plan, Heart cycle including electrocardiogram. Respiratory system: respiratory pigments, transport of gases in blood, regulation of body pH. Excretory system: Osmoregulation in water and terrestrial environment. Physiology of mammalian kidneys. Reproductive system: Asexual and sexual reproductive system, Gonads, gametes, Gametogenesis and hormonal control, Fertilization.

Unit III: Animal Developmental biology

Principles of Developmental Biology: Early embryonic development: Cleavage – types and mechanism, formation of blastula, gastrulation, neurulation, cell migration, organogenesis and growth. Cell specification, Progressive determination, Pattern formation, Regeneration, Signaling cascades involved in the control of developmental program, cAMP signaling during development.

Unit IV: Plant Developmental Biology

Male and female gametophyte development, pollination and fertilization. Seed formation, cotyledon, endosperm and seed coat development. Seed dormancy and germination, seedling development, Embryogenesis: Basic layout of dicot and monocot embryos, stages of embryo development, embryonic axis, cell division and pattern formation in embryo, Shoot development: Structure and function of shoot apical meristem (SAM), Leaf development: Emergence of leaf primordium from SAM, Root development: Root apical meristem structure and function, lateral root, Flower development: Transition from vegetative to reproductive stage, inflorescence meristem, development of monocot flowers.

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5. Essentials of Developmental Biology (3 rd edition): JMW Slack
6. Principles of Developmental Biology (2 nd , edition): Louis Wolpert
7. Ecological developmental Biology integrating epigenetics, medicine and evolution: Scott F Gilbert and Epel
8. Animal Physiology by Hill, Wyse & Anderson
9. Animal physiology by Randall Burggren & French
10. Guyton textbook of Medical physiology

BCH3C03 : Molecular biology and Genetics**Unit I DNA replication and transcription**

DNA replication - Energetics of DNA replication, replicon, prokaryotic DNA polymerases, functions of other replicating enzymes and proteins (primase, helicase, SSB protein, ligase, Rnase H, topoisomerases, sliding clamp, sliding clamp loader), simultaneous synthesis of leading and lagging strands, eukaryotic DNA polymerases, initiation of DNA replication (origin of replication, initiation from *oriC*, regulation of initiation of *E.coli*, eukaryotic initiation), termination of replication, problem of end completion of linear DNA, telomeres and telomerase. Transcription-Prokaryotic transcription, transcription cycle (initiation, elongation and termination), bacterial promoters, different σ factors, abortive initiation, processivity and editing functions of elongating polymerase, Rho-dependent and Rho-independent terminations. Eukaryotic transcription- RNA polymerases, transcription factors, processing of mRNA in eukaryotes.

Unit II Gene expression

Translation- Initiation, elongation and termination of translation (both pro- and eukaryotic).

Regulation of gene expression-Principles of transcriptional regulation, different operons and their regulation. Gene regulation at steps after transcription, Regulation in λ phage. Eukaryotic gene regulation, Control of transcriptional regulators, Gene silencing, RNA in gene regulation, translational control of gene expression.Recombination-Generalized homologous recombination, models (Holliday, Meselson-Radding, doublestranded break), proteins involved in homologous recombination in *E.coli*, homologous recombination of circular DNAs, site-specific recombination, transposition, IS and Tn elements, replicative and non-replicative transposition, composite transposons.

Unit III Genomic Instability

Gene Mutation- Concept on origin of mutations taking bacteria as an example-Classical experiments of Luria and Delbruck, Newcombe and Lederberg – Fluctuation test, Plate spreading, Replica plating and Sib selection; Spontaneous mutation, different types of mutants, induced mutation, physical and chemical mutagens, mutator gene, mutational hot spots, selection-screening-enrichment of mutants (auxotroph, ts etc.), reversion, Ames test, suppression, hyper-mutation and programmed mutation, Molecular mechanism of mutations.

DNA Repair-Different types of DNA damages, Repair processes- damage reversal –

photoreactivation, repair of alkylation damage, damage removal- nucleotide excision repair, base excision repair, mismatch repair, inducible repair pathways.

Unit IV Concepts of Genetics

Mendel's experiments as an example of good scientific technique, Chromosomal basis of inheritance, Linkage and crossing over- 2 point test cross, 3 point test cross, recombination as a basis for variation; Quantitative inheritance; Extra chromosomal inheritance. Genotype and phenotype; Genotype-environment interaction; Norm of reaction, Developmental Noise; Concept of Dominance; Penetrance and expressivity; Concept of alleles - Multiple alleles, Test for allelism, types of alleles, Benzer's rII alleles; Interaction between genes - Modified dihybrid ratios; Genetic basis of sex determination and dosage compensation in *Drosophila*, *C.elegans* and humans, sry gene; Sex linked inheritance. Cytoplasmic inheritance and maternal effects (snail coiling and kappa particle inheritance), cytoplasmic male sterility.

Unit-V Genes and evolutionary genetics

Evolutionary Genetics-Mechanisms like selection, migration and mutation, genetic drift, human evolution, origin of major human groups. Hardy - Weinberg theory; factors affecting Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, Punctuated equilibrium, Present status – functional and structural genomics; ; Modern concept of the gene- cistron, recon, and muton; Split gene; Overlapping genes, Assembled genes, Repeated genes, Polyprotein genes, Nested genes. Gene Mapping : Bacteria, *Neurospora*, *Drosophila*, pedigree analysis in human, concept of physical, cytological and genetic map; chromosome walking; chromosome jumping; brief outline of human genome project.

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4. Microbial Genetics by D. Freifelder, Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi
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BCH 3C04 Practical VI

1. Glucose Tolerance Test in rats
2. Determination of creatine clearance
3. Analysis of lipid profile after a high fat diet
4. Assay of cellulase activity by agar diffusion method
5. Estimation of ascorbic acid from plant tissues
6. Extraction and estimation of plant sterols
7. Embryo dissection
8. Acetolysis of pollen grains and study of pollen morphology
9. Estimation of RNA by colorimetric and spectrophotometric methods
10. Extraction of DNA and its estimation by colorimetric and spectrophotometric methods
11. Isolation of RNA from yeast
12. Agarose gel electrophoresis of DNA
13. Transformation

14. Hyperchromic shift on DNA melting
15. Isolation of plasmids
16. Bacterial conjugation
17. Determination of Erythrocyte sedimentation ratio (ESR)
18. Removal of chick blastoderm and preparation of stained whole mounts.
19. Vital staining experiments on chick embryo employing the window method and tracing the development of stained parts.
20. Collection identification and study of invertebrate larval forms.
21. Histological preparation of stained slide of chick amphibian embryos.

BCH3E01 Neurobiochemistry

Unit I Nervous system & Neurotransmission

Neuromorphology and Neurocellular Anatomy : Central Nervous system – General features of Neurons, Cellular organization of neurons Dendrites and Axons, neurotubules, neurofilaments, synapse, astrocytes, oligodendrocyte, ependymal cells, schwan cells. Peripheral nervous system (PNS): Muscle, nerve endings, sensory receptors and effector endings; peripheral nerves, spinal and cranial nerves; afferent pathways and sense organs. Spinal cord: Topographical anatomy, spinal nerves, spinal meninges, joint reflexes, gray and white matter of spinalcord. Neurotransmission: Membrane potential, Resting potential – Depolarization, repolarization and hyperpolarization, Action potential. Mechanism of axonal neurotransmission. Membrane channels – Types of channels, ion gated, voltage gated, chemically gated, mechanically gated and responsive to intracellular messengers.

Unit II Chemistry of Brain & neurotransmitters

Chemical composition of brain :Formation, structure and biochemistry of myelin, chemistry of major brain lipids, developmental changes, lipid composition, biosynthesis and catabolism of major lipids, characteristics of brain lipids, regional variations.

Neurotransmitters: Synthesis, storage, release, uptake, degradation and action of neurotransmitters. Acetyl choline, GABA, Serotonin, Dopamine, Glutamate, Aspartate, Nitrous oxide, etc. Neuropeptides. Synaptic transmission – Cholinergic receptors –

Nicotinic and Muscarinic receptors, Agonists and Antagonists – their mode of action and effects. Adrenergic receptors, serpentine receptors and intracellular signaling. Fast and slow receptors. Exocytosis of neurotransmitter – Role of synapsins, synaptogamins, SNAP, SNARE and other proteins in docking, exocytosis and recycling of vesicles.

Unit III Basis of Memory, Drug interactions and neurological disorders

Learning and memory: Mechanism of short term memory and Long Term Potentiation. NMDA and AMPA glutamate receptors. Retrograde messengers in synaptic transmission. Role of CAM kinase II, Calcium, protein kinases, cAMP, NO, Calpain and other proteins in memory and learning process. Synaptic plasticity.

Interaction of drugs with CNS :Mechanism of action of anesthetics, analgesics, hallucinogens, depressants, stimulants and toxins on the nervous system. Addiction and drug abuse.

Diseases of nervous system :Molecular basis of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Multiple sclerosis, Schizophrenia, Myasthenia Gravis, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease.

Unit IV Vision, movement & Developmental neurobiology

Biochemistry of vision and muscle contraction: Rod and cone cells, visual cycle, mechanism and regulation of vision, color vision. Thick and thin filaments, interaction of actin and myosin muscle contraction, role of calcium and regulation of muscle contraction. Smooth muscle contraction and its regulation.

Developmental neurobiology: Organogenesis and neuronal multiplication, axonal and dendritic growth, glial multiplication and myelination, growth in size, regeneration and repair mechanisms, plasticity.

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BCH 3E02. CANCER BIOLOGY**Unit I Cancer Biology**

Overview: Introduction, historical perspective. Carcinogenesis; Free radicals, antioxidants and cancer, Aberrant metabolism during cancer development, cancer initiation, promotion and progression. Cellular Differentiation, Malignant Behavior. Different forms of cancers, Phenotypic characteristics of cancer cells, Clinical features & pathology of cancer, Diet and cancer.

Unit II Cancer Related Genes**Oncogenes**

Overview: Retroviral oncogenes, Cellular proto-oncogenes, Oncogene Activation, Growth Factors and Receptors, Signal Transduction, Transcription Factors.

Tumor suppressor genes / cell cycle regulators

Tumor suppressor genes, DNA Viruses and human cancer. Telomerase and cell immortalization, Cell:cell interactions, DNA methylation; epigenetic silencing of suppressor genes, Apoptosis in cancer biology

Unit III Principles of Cancer Metastasis

Loss of cell adhesion; invasion and angiogenesis; clinical significances of invasion, heterogeneity of metastatic phenotype, Metastatic cascade, Basement Membrane disruption, Three step theory of Invasion, Proteinases and tumour cell invasion.

Unit IV Understanding Cancer as a Disease

Paraneoplastic syndromes; cancer endocrinology, Epidemiology of cancers, Gene rearrangements; detecting oncogene abnormalities in clinical specimens, prediction of aggressiveness of Cancer. Recent trends in cancer research.

Unit V Cancer Therapy

Different forms of therapy, Chemotherapy, radiation therapy. Translating therapies from the laboratory to the clinic, Strategies of anticancer drug therapy, Mechanisms of cytotoxic drug action, Strategies of anticancer immunotherapy. Recent trends in cancer therapy.

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BCH 3E03 Plant secondary metabolites**Unit I Biochemistry, physiology and functions of secondary metabolites**

Primary and secondary metabolism, Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites-basic pathways, synthesis from primary metabolites, transport, storage, turnover and degradation, energetics. Role of secondary metabolites in plant defense, microbes as pathogens, phytoalexins and microbial infection, Plant defense substances and risk for humans, prussic acid and wounding by animals, role of mustard oils and false amino acids, role of secondary metabolites in attraction of pollinators and protection against UV radiation, induced accumulation of secondary metabolites, evolution of secondary metabolism, Role of secondary metabolites as pharmaceuticals. Importance of secondary metabolites in medicine and agriculture.

Unit II Alkaloids, betalains, cyanogenic glycosides, glucosinolates and non-protein amino acids

Biosynthesis, Nicotine and tropane alkaloids, Pyrrolizidine alkaloids, Benzylisoquinoline alkaloids, Monoterpene indole alkaloids, Ergot alkaloids, Acridone

alkaloid, Purine alkaloids, Taxol, Betalains, cyanogenic glycosides, glucosinolates and non-protein amino acids, functions and applications of different alkaloids, Control mechanisms and manipulation of alkaloids and industrial enzymes.

Unit III Polyphenols and related compounds

General phenylpropanoid pathway and formation of hydroxycinnamate conjugates, shikimic acid pathway, involvement of mono oxygenases in biosynthesis of phenolics, Major classes of phenolics, Structure and functions of- flavonoids, anthocyanins, coumarins, lignans, tannins, gallotannins, ellagitannins, suberins and cutins, Pharmacological applications of different polyphenols.

Unit IV Terpenoids, sterols and cardiac glycosides

Nomenclature, classification and occurrence of terpenoids, Functions, biosynthesis and applications of terpenoids, phytohormones, carotenoids, sterols, cardiac glycosides, brassinosteroids, phytoecdysteroids, steroid saponins and steroid alkaloids, Essential oils-chemistry and applications.

Unit V Secondary plant products and Cell & Tissue differentiation

Organogenesis and accumulation of secondary compounds, Tissue and segment specific accumulation, Tissue specific control of enzymes in secondary metabolism, Integration of secondary metabolism into developmental program, lignifications, role of accumulation of secondary products in specialised cell and storage space differentiation

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BCH 3E04 Nutrition and nutrigenomics

Perspective on human nutrition, food groups and nutritive and energy value of foods, BMR. Nutritional aspects of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, vitamins and minerals. Essential amino acids, essential fatty acids, visible and invisible fat, Dietary fiber

Nutritional disorders. Protein- energy malnutrition- Kwashiorkor, marasmus. Diet related diseases- obesity. Eating disorders, . Regulation of food intake- psychological and physiological aspects. Neuroendocrine control of hunger and satiety. Dietary fat, cancer and atherosclerosis. Nutrition, inflammation and chronic disorders .

Molecular mechanisms of genetic variation linked to diet-: micronutrients and evolution of skin pigments., Evolution of taste as a survival mechanism. Natural food toxins in diet and evolution of xenobiotics metabolism in humans .

Nutrigenomics and Epigenetics: Gene polymorphism and dietary nutrients and cellular homeostasis. Micronutrient- gene interaction- Vitamin A and Vitamin D responsive genes, steroid responsive element binding protein, PPAR, Nuclear hormone receptor super family- Regulation of gene expression by nutrient regulated transcription factors. Genetic buffering mechanisms- gene duplication, phenotypic stability and health, phenotypic instability and disease- role of nutrients example- folate, carrier protein.

Importance of micronutrients, effect of gene interaction with reference to vitamins and minerals on genomic machinery and gene products, retinoic acid, vitamin C, vitamin B, vitamin D, vitamin K, calcium, selenium, zinc (calcium signaling, zinc finger protein, seleno proteins and superoxide dismutase), epigenetics.

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SEMESTER IV**BCH4E01 Nanobiology and Applications****Unit I Introduction to Nanotechnology**

The Emergence of Nanotechnology, Limitations of Micron Size, Significance and Key Features of Nano-Size, Advantages of Scaling Down to Nano-Size, Size of biological entities, Manipulating Molecules: The Scanning Probe Microscopes, Carbon Fullerene, Carbon Nanotubes, Non-Carbon Nanotubes and Fullerene-Like Material, Quantum Dots and Other Nano-Particles, Nanowires, Nanorods, Magnetic Nanoparticles and other nanomaterials, Interface Between Nanotechnology and Biotechnology: Supramolecular Biochemistry, Nanobionics and Bio-Inspired Nanotechnology.

Unit II Biosensors

Bioreceptors-Ligand-Receptor Systems, Immobilization Methods, Biosensors with Electrochemical Detection, Affinity Biosensors, Biosensors Based on chemiluminescent and Bioluminescent Detection, Biochips, DNA Microarrays, Protein and Other Microarrays.

Unit III Biofunctionalization, Bioconjugation & its applications

Fluorescent nanoparticles, polymeric nanoparticles, magnetic nanoparticles, carbon nanotubes, protein and peptide conjugation. Self-Assembly of Biological and Bio-Inspired Nano-Materials, Formation of DNA-Based Materials: Peptide-Based Nanomaterials, Conjugation of Peptides for Self-Assembly, Aromatic Interactions for the Formation of Nanostructures, The Formation of Aromatic Dipeptide Nanotubes (ADNT), The Formation of Spherical Nanostructures by short peptides, Peptide Nucleic Acid (PNA).

Unit IV Nano Drug Delivery

Conventional Drug Delivery, Targeted Drug Delivery, Chemistry of Drug Delivery Vehicles, Liposomal Vesicles, Microemulsions, Polymeric, magnetic, ceramic nanoparticles, dendrimers, nanotubes. Delivery Profiles, Methods of preparation of drug nanoparticles.

Unit V Applications of nanotechnology in life science

Nanostructures and Nanosystems, Nanopore Technology, Nano Self-Assembling Systems, Nanosomes and Polymersomes, In Vitro Diagnostics, Medical Application of

Nanosystems and Nanoparticles, Nanoparticles in Molecular Imaging - Quantum Dots, Ultrasound Contrast Agents, Magnetic Nanoparticles

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2. BioNanotechnology by Elisabeth S. Papazoglou, Aravind Parthasarathy, First edition.
3. Nanobiotechnology BioInspired Devices and Materials of the Future by Oded Shoseyov, Ilan Levy.
4. Nanoscience nanobiotechnology and nanobiology by P. Boisseau, P. Houdy , M. Lahmani.
5. Nanobiotechnology Concepts, Applications and Perspectives by Christof M. Niemeyer and Chad A. Mirkin.

BCH 4E02 Biochemical and Environmental Toxicology

Unit I Principles of Toxicology

Toxicants, therapeutic dose, dose-response curve, multiple toxicants response, serum enzymes behavior, hepatic and non-hepatic enzyme change during toxicity. Biotransformation of Toxicants : Toxicants entry and fate in living system, absorption, distribution, excretion and detoxification, phase I and phase II reactions and their interrelationships, components of mixed function oxidases, substrate - cytochrome P450 interactions, isoenzymes of cytochrome P450, inducers and inhibitors of microsomal metabolic transformation, lipoxygenase, lipid peroxidation, influence of various factors on the manifestation of toxicity. Extramicrosomal enzymes and their role in detoxification.

Unit II Mechanism of Action of Toxicants

Chemotherapy - Synergism and Antagonism, Determination of ED50 & LD50. Acute and Chronic exposures. Factors influencing Toxicity. Pharmacodynamics & Chemodynamics. relation of chemical structure and biological activity, drug receptor interactions, effect of toxicants on structure, biosynthesis and catabolism of proteins lipids, carbohydrates and nucleic acids, toxic response of different tissues and organelles, tissue specificity.

Unit III Toxicology

Genetic toxicology: Chemical mutagenesis, screening of mutagens, genetic diseases. Nature, mechanism and biological features of chemical carcinogenesis, carcinogens. Teratogenesis, teratogens and their action.

Pesticide toxicology: Insecticides: organochlorines, anticholinesterases-organophosphates and carbamates. Fungicides, herbicides. Environmental consequences of pesticide toxicity. Biopesticides.

Food toxicology: Toxicology of food additives, animal and plant toxins.

Metal toxicity: Heavy metals: arsenic, mercury, lead and cadmium. Environmental factors affecting metal toxicity.

UNIT IV Environmental Toxicology & Toxicity Testing

Environmental Toxicology: Air, water and soil pollution, environmental pollutants and their control. Pathogenic microorganisms, use of microorganisms in waste management, leaching of environmental pollutants. Industrial effluent toxicology.

Toxicity testing: Test protocol, genetic toxicity testing and mutagenesis assays: In vitro test system- bacterial mutation test, reversion test, Ames test, fluctuation tests and eukaryotic mutation test. In vivo mammalian mutation tests, host mediated assay and dominant lethal test. DNA repair assays. Chromosome damage test. Toxicological evaluation of recombinant DNA-derived proteins. An overview of regulatory agencies: Responsibilities of regulatory agencies. Management of Toxicological risk. Regulatory approaches.

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8. Molecular Biotechnology by Barnard R Glick & J J Pastmak.

BCH4E03 INDUSTRIAL ENZYMES

Module I

Prospects of enzyme technology, Industrial enzymes- carbohydrases, peptidases, nucleases and other technical enzymes, therapeutic enzymes. Novel enzymes from natural sources, Strain improvement for enzymes from microbial source, Physiological optimization.

Module II

Enzyme stabilization- immobilization- carriers, adsorption, covalent coupling, cross-linking and entrapment, Micro-environmental effects, Enzyme reactors- batch, membrane, solid-bed. Modified enzymes, Synzymes, Protein engineering of industrial enzymes. Biocatalytic applications- enzyme based biotransformations.

Module III

Enzyme inhibitors: types of inhibitors, global market, commercial enzyme inhibitors, Sources of enzyme inhibitors, Applications of enzyme inhibitors- food, biomedical and agriculture. Regulatory requirements and Economic considerations for industrial enzymes

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BCH 4E04 Clinical and Diagnostic Biochemistry**Unit I Basic understanding of clinical samples**

Blood, CSF, urine, bile; biopsy specimens. Methods for collection and preservation of samples. Instruments used in an automated Biochemistry laboratory. Management of clinical laboratory, Quality control in Biochemical analysis. Concepts of accuracy, precision, reliability reproducibility and other factors of quality control; normal values, therapeutic index. Auto-Analyzers, hematology counter, Blood gas analyzers, Application of micro analytical methods in diagnostic biochemistry.

Unit II Metabolic disorders of carbohydrates and lipids

Disorders of carbohydrate metabolism-glycogen storage diseases; Diabetes mellitus; Galactosemia and lactose intolerance. Disorders of protein metabolism- PEM; Phenylketonurea and alkaptonurea; Tyrosinaemia; MSUD; Cystienurea. Urea cycle disorders; albinism. Glucose tolerance tests. Disorders of lipid metabolism- Hyperlipidemia, Hyper cholesterolemia; disorders of ketone body metabolism, sphingolipidosis; diseases associated with lipoprotein metabolism-atherosclerosis and coronary artery diseases; fatty liver, and lipotrophic factors.

Unit III Disorders of nucleic acid metabolism and hormonal imbalance

Disorders of nucleic acid metabolism-Purine and pyrimidine metabolism; Uric acid and gout ; Gouty arthritis. Disorders of hormonal balance – Hyper and hypothyroidism, growth hormone imbalance, disorders of sex hormone imbalance, Organ functions and function tests- Liver functions and liver function test. Hepatitis, cirrhosis; jaundice, hepatic coma. Tests for the assessment of liver functions. Cardiac function tests. Gastric function test. Kidney function and kidney function tests- creatine clearance and inulin clearance.

Unit IV Disorders associated with vitamin deficiency, blood clotting and digestion & absorption of food

Disorders associated with vitamin deficiency. Disorders of mineral metabolism. Disorders of porphyrin and heme metabolism –Porphyrins – different types, Jaundice. Disorders of clotting mechanisms – Agranulocytosis; different types of anemias. Hypertension, Hematuria, thrombocytosis; Hemophilia; sickle cell anemia.. Muscular dystrophy; hemophilia. Disease related to digestion and absorption of food. Achlorohydria; ulcers gastritis; H.pylori - induced gastritis.

Unit V Diagnostic Enzymology

Principles of diagnostic enzymology. Clinical significance of cardiac, hepatic Gastrointestinal and renal enzymes, Enzyme tests in determination of myocardial infarction, enzymes of pancreatic origin and biliary tract.

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