Definition of Life: "Living beings are autonomous systems with open-ended evolutionary capacities"

- Semi-permeable active boundary: Keep in good, keep out bad (packaged into membrane-enclosed cells)
- 2 types of functionally interdependent macromolecular components; Records (DNA; Adaptive changes). Catalysts (Protein/Enzymes: activities mostly inside cell); Energy transduction apparatus: set currencies
- Evolutionary capacities: Able to change & adapt in response to environment (cells grow, reproduce)

Naming: Binomial Nomenclature (Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species) [Homo Sapiens] Classification: (Phylogenetic) tree of life (relation to other life) [cladograms], from appearance + physiology

3 domains of life forms (same basic unit 'cell') Prokarvotic (1st): Bacteria [oldest dom., ULCA], Archaea 1 organism = 1 cell (small, simple); No distinct nucleus: Lack "organelles" found in mammalian cells

(viruses: no cells, exist only as parasites of cells)

Eukarvotic: Eukarva (Animals, Plants, [Microbes]) Contain structures evolved from prokaryotic cells 1 organism = 1/many cells (10x larger, complex) Distinct nucleus: Contain hereditary material and multiple complex organelles for various functions

Probiotics and the microbiome: # bacterial cells living in our body outnumber human cells by 10x

• Some bacteria not inert: Make us sick, also keep us alive (nervous, immune, endocrine system comm.); Fat + gut bacteria consider as organ, active manage; Antibiotic side eff.: Change our biome → Yeast infection/stomach prbl

Key life molecules: Building block molecules [in water] (e.g. CO₂, ammonia, methane) contain CHONSP, + Energy (Lightning), favorable conditions → life molecules: Raw building blocks + energy → life molecules

Primitive Earth Simulator: Circulated boiling water vapor through atmosphere: (CH₄, NH₃, H₂) (CO CO₂ ok) \rightarrow Passed thr. electric spark, condensed back to liquid \rightarrow Red (1-10% C) developed in liquid (amino acid)

Earth life timeline: Earth Formation (unstable) $(4.5B) \rightarrow \text{Stable hydrosphere } (H_2O) \rightarrow \text{Prebiotic chem. } (4.2)$ (Miller-Urey exp.) → (4.0) Pre-RNA world, (3.8) RNA world (evolution), (3.6) 1st DNA/protein life, LUCA 1. RNA as self-replicator, viral genomes [fold to complex structures > DNA] 2. DNA takes over, more stable LUCA: Oldest fossils resemble modern day cyanobacteria, live off H2, CO2, N2 (anaerobic autotroph, no O2)

Water: Dissolve nutrients (deliver to cells), dissolution/exit waste products; Anomalous: Max density 4°C

- Linking up reaction involves loss of H2O molecule (condensation, peptide bond) / Hydrolysis (break up)
- Carbon: Basis of life (all life molecules contain C), essential for molecular structure/function

Lipid (fat): ≤3 fatty acid chain to glycerol → diff. fat; Energy storehouse: 2x calories protein/carbohydrates

- Saturated (full with H) (solid) [MUFA mono], Unsaturated (C=C bond) (liquid (oil) at r. temp) [PUFA poly]
- Saturated: Less healthy, increased risk of cardiovascular disease (atherosclerosis)

Carbohydrates (sugar): Ribose, Glucose (Starch, Cellulose), Glycogen; Monosaccharide (1), Polysaccharide (2+) DNA (string of nucleotide, nucleic acid): Double stranded; 2-Deoxyribose; Stable information storage template

Structure: Sugar-phosphate backbone + Base form H-bond with partner on opp. strand: A-T, G-C; (Re: BP)

- Nucleotide = Ribose sugar + Nitrogenous base (AGCT (U in RNA)) + Phosphate group: Read triplet code
- **RNA**: Single strand (hairpin), Ribose sugar; Info. carrier + catalyst; Intermediary molecule for protein translation

Protein (string of amino acids, polypeptide chain): Hormone (receptor), substance channel, signaling network,...

- Amino acids: Polar, Nonpolar, Electrically charged (Acidic/Basic); Chain: H-bond support structure
- Quaternary structure: Proteins can get tgt into multi-member functional units (hemoglobin in RBC O₂)
- Eg. Mongoose NAch receptors: Snake venom toxin insensitive; "Gene encodes protein enables function"

Replication: 5' phosphate 3' hydroxyl; Protein catalyst; Semi-conservative; DNA strands separate, filled in with complementary nucleotide pair

 Mitosis: Regenerate body cells (skin, stomach lining, blood cells, etc); Meiosis: Generate cells (sperm/egg) with half amount of DNA (somatic)

➤ DNA Transcription RNA Translation Protein Self repl.: RNA ok. Protein no

Transcription: Making RNA from DNA template:

Structure

info)

of hereditary

- Transcription factors + RNA polymerase assemble on DNA strand → Enable produce RNA from DNA
- RNA polymerase (protein): Enzyme, place to react
- Diff. cell in body with diff. function: Same DNA, Diff. transcriptional programs, RNA, Proteins

Genetics (Punnett Sq.): Organize hereditary info. Alleles (alt. form of gene); Dominant: override/mask Homo-: single type; Hetro-: Multiple type

Translation: Synthesis protein from mRNA template:

- transferRNA (tRNA) brings along amino acid, read codons (3B, a.acid) to growing polypeptide chain
- A site: Acceptor, where tRNA first comes in dock
- P site: Contains growing peptide chain
- Ribosome: Connect A site amino acids to P site amino acids to make chain (key molecular 'engine')
- RNA created by transcription and later used for translation: Messenger RNA (mRNA) (intermediary)

DNA will assume a helical secondary struct, and also a higher order structure – a chromosome (fork-like)

- Histone: Protein that DNA wraps itself around
- Nucleosome: 8 histones + associated DNA wrapped around genomes (entire DNA content present in a cell)

Genomics: Focus on struct. & func. of entire

- Chromatin: Collection of DNA + Histones, can further condense to chromosome
- Chromosome: Ultimate 3D structure of DNA, millions of base pairs + associated histones

Griffith exp.: Pneumococcus bacteria need protein coat → harmful (smooth strain). Heating SS denatures proteins → not harmful; Heat-killed SS + Rough strain = harmful, One type bacteria transforming the other; Avery, McLeod, McCardy: DNA discovery: Make x-ray pattern (x shape → helix, rungs (ladder, 2 strands)); Meselson-Stahl experiment: DNA replication: Label starting DNA with heavy N isotope, Heavy DNA single strand filled with normal weight nucleotides, 4 templates: 2 heavy, 2 normal → starting heavy is gone, Semi C; Conservative: Heavy band stay; Dispersive: Equal weight bands at early stage, no separation/unpredictable; Microscope: Hooke (no lens) → Light (ocular, condenser, objective lens) → Electron; Fluorescence microscopy: Lasers excite fluorophores attached to antibodies attached to various cell struct.

Cell theory: All life composed of 1+ cells (basic unit of struct.) (diff. function); No spontaneous generations Plant cell: Cell wall (stiffness/struct), chloroplast (Photosynthesis: CO2 + H2O → (light) Sugar + O2)

Animal +plant cell: Nucleus (DNA), Golgi apparatus (modify some proteins and marking them for secretion outside the cell), Rough endoplasmic reticulum (protein synthesis), smooth e.r. (site of lipid and steroid synthesis), mitochondrion (respiration, energy production)

Cell membrane: Phospholipid bilayer: [Polar head group (hydrophilic), nonpolar tails (hydrophobic)], Cytoskeleton (struct.), Cholesterol (membrane fluidity), glycolipids/glycoproteins (cell recognize/migrate), proteins (hormones/drug receptor, ion channels) Glucose transporter (food → inside cell); Transporters, receptors, channels: responsive to curr. conditions; **Receptor** (tissues/cells) chemicals/drugs: Chemical (agonist stimulator) vs antagonist (blocker), signal, effect Nerve cells: Excitable, pass ions to turn on/off; Receptor: Signal put glucose transporter on cell membrane

Negative feedback cycles (PID): Homeostasis (physiology): body's internal env. regulated around a set-pt.

- Blood pressure: (baroreceptors) [low bp -> increase cardiac output, decrease blood vessel diameter, prevent water loss]
- HPA axis (Hypothalamus, Pituitary, Adrenal + Hormones): H → (CRH) P → (ACTH) A → (Cortisol) bloodstream o Hormones: Chem, released by cell/gland in one part of body, send out message affect cells in other part Cortisol (how use fuel / metabolic effect): Breakdown of glycogen to glucose, Stimulate gluconeogenesis
- Too little: Addison's disease (not enough glucose, weakness, bp problem); Too much: Crushing syndrome

Positive feedback cycles: Blood clotting, ovulation, birth-muscle contradictions, Heat stroke, hypovolemic shock Brainbow: Combinatorial expression of several fluorescent proteins (XFPs) in neurons, color tagging of individual cells Optogenetics: control nerve/specific neurons using light, faster than drugs and more precise than electrical stimulation

Importance: Origin of humans, reveal species bio. connections with organisms (diff kinds), disease cure Darwin: All life was not created separately in their present forms, but evolved (common descent, tree) Natural selection ("survival of the fittest"): Individuals more suited to environment more likely reproduce → Diversification (diff variants (mutated DNA) advantageous ∝ situation), Design of organisms, Evolution **Evolution**: FeReSuValhDieAp (Mutation [random changes to DNA, heritable variation], Natural selection)

Species: Largest group of organisms in which two individuals can reproduce fertile offspring (interbreed) Speciation: Geographical separation: Isolated populations undergo genotypic/phenotypic divergence (env) Genes build bodies: Body patterned (pos. info. imparted to diff. region, follow appropriate dev. programs) Hox genes: Organism basic struct, and orientation (anterior vs posterior), structure placement, can mutate Homologous/vestigial structures: evidence for evolution: Whales/snakes small "vestigial" hip/leg bones Atavism: Gene that gets turned on that isn't supposed to be on (expression of feature from prev. ancestor)

Fossil record: Preserved remains of animal/plant from distant past (>10⁴y) → radioisotope dating, C14 Humans (2*10⁵ y, 0.1%) not evolve direct from chimp, LCA hominid (4-6M y); Multi-regional vs Single origin **Genetic diff.**: Diff # of chromosome with chimpanzee → X share DNA, but examining 2 genomes → share SNP (polymorphism): Variation in single nucleotide (ATGC) in specific pos. of genome \rightarrow breast cancer RFLP (r. fragment length p.): Paternity test: Restriction enzyme cut DNA seq. → diff size, Gel electrophoresis

Nature's 3 principles of sustainability: Reliance on solar energy, Biodiversity, Chemical/nutrient cycling **Solar energy** + carbon → Producer (plants) (autotrophs) → sugar → Consumers (organisms) (heterotrophs) Trophic level: Position organisms occupy in food chain; Decomposer vs Detritivore; 10% rule each level Primary consumer: herbivore (plant eater); Secondary: Consumer eat herbivore; Tertiary: Eat carnivore

Biodiversity: Variety and adaptability of natural systems and species: Ecosystem diverse → better function \uparrow resource capture/nutrient recycling/biomass production/decomposition: biodiversity $\downarrow \rightarrow$ efficiency \downarrow

Rivet hypothesis: 1-2 pieces of ecosystem could be altered without seeing considerable change, but with more rivets removed, the higher the danger of catastrophic collapse: Lyme disease (Possum kill tick > mice) Chemical cycling: Tracing carbon atoms in cells from food / water cycle / rock cycle

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