B.Sc., Biotechnology: Choice based credit system B.Sc., -III- Semester W.E.F. 2020-21

BT-301: Immunology and rDNA technology

Course Objectives: To acquaint students with concepts of immunology and recombinant DNA technology. This course is aimed to give an understanding of the basics of immunology dealing cells and organs of the immune system, types of immune responses, antigen-antibody interactions, vaccines and tools, techniques and strategies and applications of genetic engineering.

Unit- I - Concepts, Cells and Organs of the Immune System

Terminology, antigen, hapten, antibody (types), antigenicity, immunogenicity and types of immunity. Innate and adaptive immunity. Hematopoiesis, organs, tissues, cells and mediators of the immune system (primary and secondary lymphoid organs, lymphocytes and cytokines). Introduction to complement components, MHC. Basic concepts of humoraland cell-mediated immune response.

Unit-II-Vaccinology and Clinical Immunology

Live, killed, attenuated, subunit and recombinant vaccines. Role and properties of adjuvants. Hybridoma technology, monoclonal antibodies and their application in immunodiagnosis. Antigen and antibody interactions - precipitation, agglutination, immune diffusion and ELISA. Introduction to hypersensitivity and autoimmunity.

Unit-III -Introduction, Tools and Techniques of rDNA Technology

Introduction to rDNA technology, steps involved in cloning, tools of genetic engineering (Genes, Cloning vectors - plasmids and cosmids, Enzymes – restriction endonucleases and DNA Ligase, Hosts – bacteria and yeast). Principles and application of PCR. Southern, Northern and Western Blotting. Introduction to DNA sequencing (Sanger Sequencing) and Site-directed Mutagenesis.

Unit-IV-Cloning Strategies and Application of rDNA Technology

cDNA library, construction, methods of transformation, recombinant selection and screening methods. Applications of rDNA technology in agriculture (transgenic plants, edible vaccines and antibodies) and medicine (disease diagnosis and DNA fingerprinting).

Unit-V-Bioinformatics

Databases (PubMed, NCBI, EMBL and ExPASy), nucleotide and protein BLAST analysis, CLustal W and phylogenetic tree construction. Introduction to omics (proteomics, genomics and transcriptomics). Introduction to nanotechnology.

List of Practicals:-

- 1. Determination of Blood Groups
- 2. Pregnancy test
- 3. Widal test
- 4. Ocuteroloney immunodiffusion
- 5. Radial immune diffusion
- 6. ELISA
- 7. Production of antibodies (theory exercise)
- 8. Bleeding, separation of serum and storage
- 9. Lymphoid organs (theory exercise)
- 10. Isolation of plasmid DNA (alkaline lysis method)
- 11. Analysis of plasmid DNA by Agarose gel electrophoresis
- 12. Southern blotting (theory exercise)
- 13. PCR Amplification (theory exercise)

Textbooks for Immunology and rDNA technology

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- 23. Bioinformatics tools and Resources free online tools, software packages, Bioinformatics books and Journals, Bioinformatics web-portals