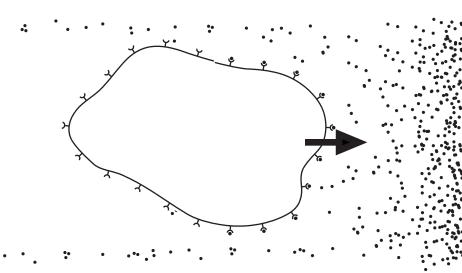


Leukocyte Activity

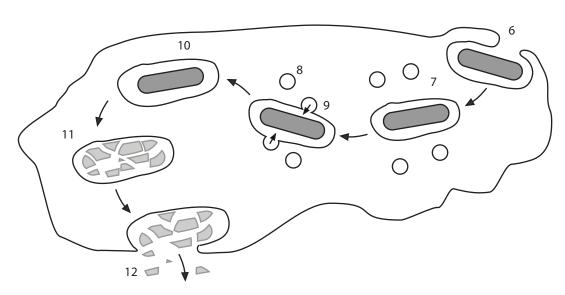
Leukocytes move by chemotaxis. Cell surface receptors (——) may bind to a chemo-attractant (…). When the complex forms (_____), the cell responds my moving. If the leukocyte moves towards the source of the chemo-attractant, the term positive chemotaxis is used. Negative chemotaxis would be moving aware from the chemical.



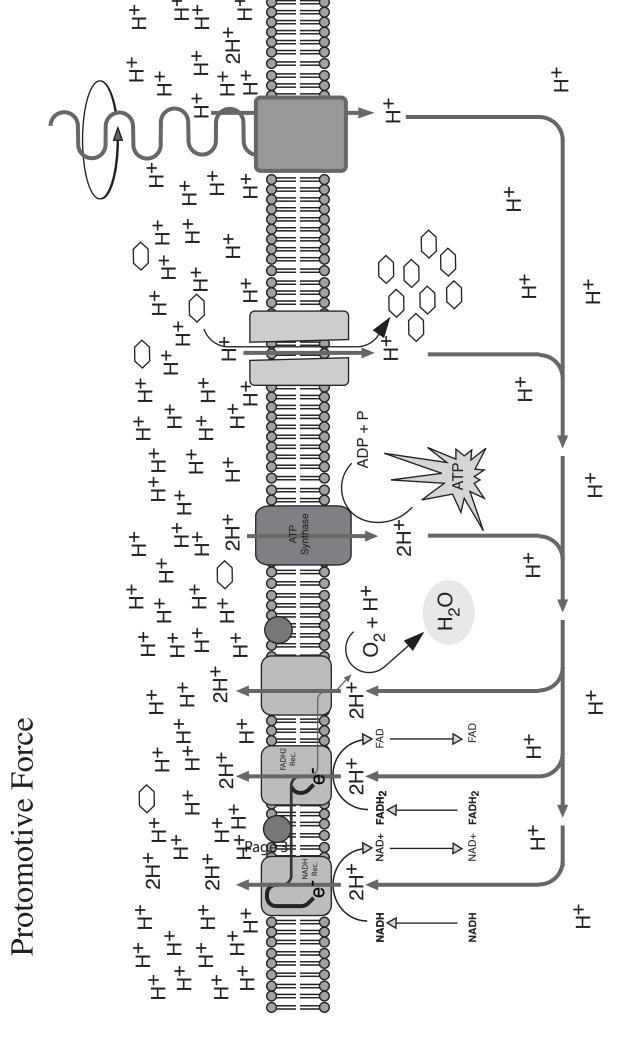
Damaged interstitial tissue and bacteria (-) release chemo-attractants (::). Leukocytes respond by positive chemotaxis (1), followed by margination (2), and diapedesis (3). Once within interstitium, leukocytes continue positive chemotaxis (4) and begin phagocytosis (5).

Phagocytosis

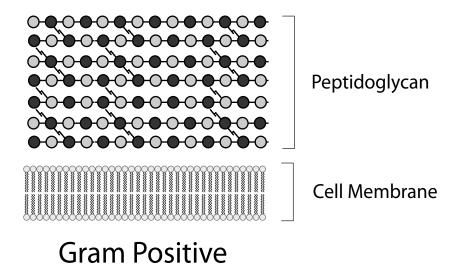
results in the fusion of pseudopods (6). The resultant phagosome is a phospholipid bilayer sac containing bacteria. The Phagosome migrates within the leukocyte and fuses with lysosomes (8, 9) resulting in a phagolysosome (10). Digestive enzymes

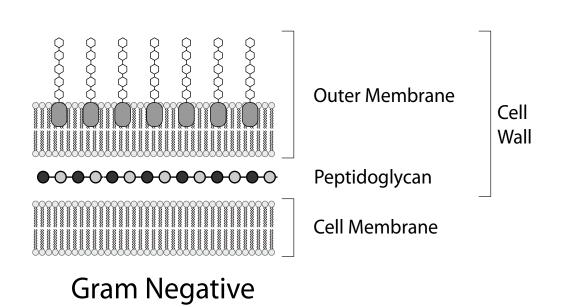


(such as lysozyme) digest bacteria (11), and this vesicle may now be considered a residual body. Elimination by exocytosis (12) of debris concludes the process.



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Plasmids and Pili

TRA genes (or transfer genes, transfer operon, etc.) code for necessary compounds for plasmid transfer from the F+ to the F- cell; as well as for the maintenance of the plasmid within a host cell.

All plasmids will, of necessity, have the TRA genes. Other genes may also be present that may or may not provide auxiliary functions for the cell, or substances toxic the bacteria host.

Because of their ability to transfer genetic material, they are particular interest and utility to the genetic engineer. Plasmids are used to transfer DNA from one bacteria to another for genetic engineering purposes.

