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Characteristics of this reaction

 Antibody molecules combine <u>reversibly</u> with antigens to form immune complexes.

- Specific
- Optimum temp. 37-56c.
- · High affinity
- Non- covalent interactions

C. Complement fixation test

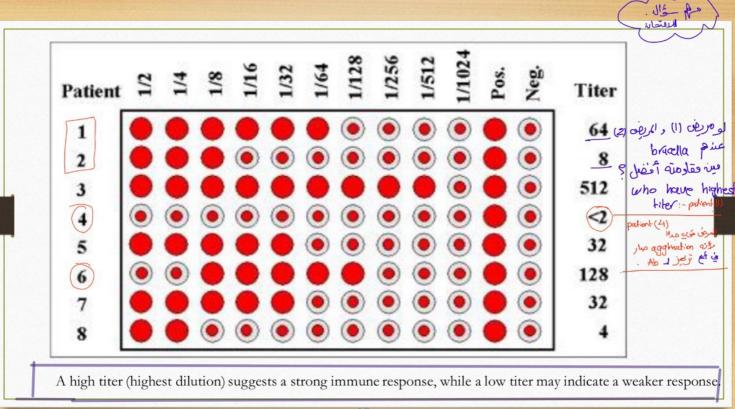
- The complement fixation test is an immunological medical test looking **for evidence of infection**. It tests for the presence of either specific antibody or specific antigen in a patient's serum.
- Complement is a group of proteins that are normally present in blood serum and play a role in immune defense.
- By used indicator system, sheep red blood cells (sRBC) coated with antibodies that specifically bind to complement proteins (hemolysin), anti-sRBC antibody and complement, plus specific antigen (if looking for antibody in serum) or specific antibody (if looking for antigen in serum).
- If either the antibody or antigen is present in the patient's serum, then the complement is completely utilized, so the sRBCs are not lysed. But if the antibody (or antigen) is not present, then the complement is not used up, so it binds anti-sRBC antibody, and the sRBCs are lysed.

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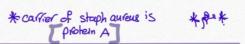
Secondary serological tests: Agglutinaction - one of Agor Ab may be insoluble before clumps.

- In Ag-Ab binding; <u>Precipitation</u>, Precipitation reactions are based on the interaction of antibodies and antigens. They are based on <u>two soluble antigen</u> and antibody that come together to make one insoluble product, the precipitate which appear as line between 2 solutions.
- In Ag-Ab binding, <u>Agglutination</u>; Agglutination is the visible expression of the aggregation of antigens and antibodies. Agglutination reactions apply to cell bound antigens (on RBC or artificially fixed on particles-<u>particulate</u>) bind to antibody. The endpoint of the test is the observation of clumps resulting from that antigen-antibody complex formation.

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5. Coagglutination



- <u>Coagglutination (CoA)</u> is similar to the Latex Agglutination technique for detecting antigen.
- Protein A, a uniformly distributed cell wall component of <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u> is able to bind to the <u>Fc</u> region of most IgG isotype antibodies leaving the <u>Fab</u> region free to interact with antigens present in the applied specimens.
- The visible agglutination of the *S. aureus* particles indicates the antigen-antibody reaction.