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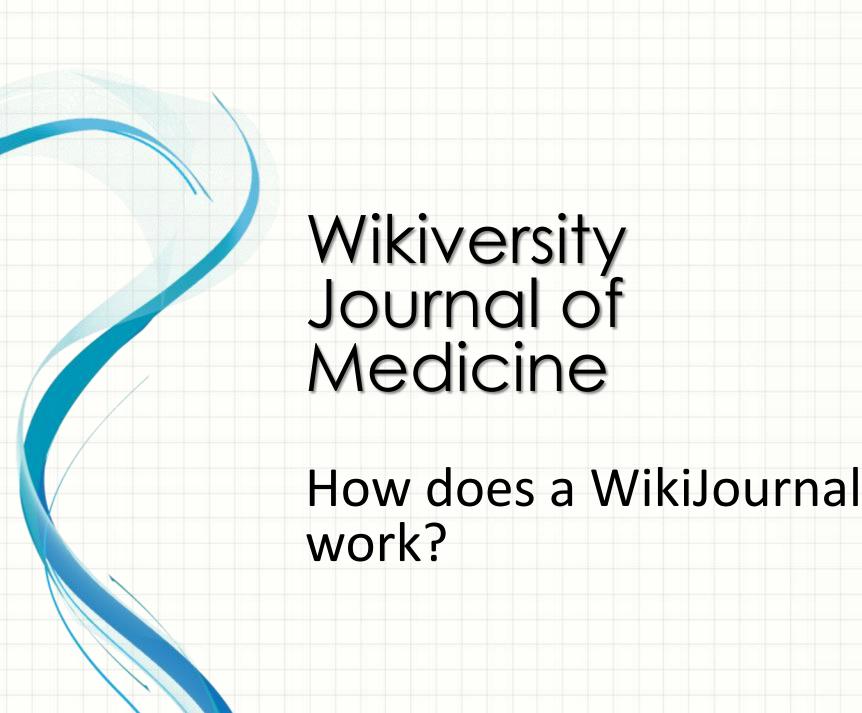
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# Insights into abdominal pregnancy

Gwinyai Masukume

### Editor's note

This article provided a great deal of valuable evidence that was not mentioned in the Wikipedia article on abdominal pregnancy, and the Wikipedia article has subsequently been expanded with text from this publication. However, because of this purpose, it has never been the aim of this article in itself to be a complete review of the subject, and many aspects of abdominal pregnancy are not included herein.

This article also provides an example of how to contribute to Wikimedia projects such as Wikipedia by means of academic publishing.

### Introduction

While rare, abdominal pregnancies have a higher chance of maternal mortality, perinatal mortality and morbidity compared to normal and ectopic pregnancies, but on occasion a healthy viable infant can be delivered.<sup>[3]</sup>

Because tubal, ovarian and broad ligament pregnancies are as difficult to diagnose and treat as abdominal pregnancies, their exclusion from the most common definition of abdominal pregnancy has been debated. [2]

Others - in the minority - are of the view that abdominal pregnancy should be defined by a placenta implanted into the peritoneum.<sup>[9]</sup>

### Symptoms and signs

Abdominal pregnancy does not have any specific symptoms and signs so much so that in about half of instances it is missed, only being discovered during surgery; because of the "vague" yet serious nature of the symptoms, signs and results of medical tests patients with abdominal pregnancy will generally have surgery at some point [4][S][8]

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### Risk factors

Risk factors are similar to tubal pregnancy with sexually transmitted disease playing a major role. [7] However, about half of those with ectopic pregnancy have no known risk factors - known risk factors include damage to the Fallopian tubes from previous surgery or from previous ectopic pregnancy and tobacco smoking. [8]

### Mechanism

Typically an abdominal pregnancy is a secondary implantation which means that it originated from a tubal (less common an ovarian) pregnancy and re-implanted. (P) Other mechanisms for secondary abdominal pregnancy include uterine rupture, rupture of a uterine rudimentary horn and fimbrial abortion. (1)

### Diagnosis

Suspicion of an abdominal pregnancy is raised when the baby's parts can be easily felt, or the lie is abnormal, the cervix is displaced, or there is failed induction of labor. [4] X-rays can be used to aid diagnosis. [9]

To diagnose the rare primary abdominal pregnancy, Studdiford's 1942 criteria need to be fulfilled: tubes and ovaries should be normal, there is no abnormal connection (fistula) between the uterus and the abdominal cavity, and the pregnancy is related solely to the peritoneal surface without signs that there was a tubal pregnancy first. [10] Studdiford's criteria were refined in 1968

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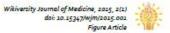
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# **Example:**

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# Images of Aerococcus urinae

Mikael Häggström<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Jonatan Mattila<sup>4,5</sup>

### Abstract

This is a description of an infection in 73 year old man with multiple comorbidities, with images of Aerococcus uringe from resultant blood cultures, showing their alpha hemolytic and Gram-positive properties.

Plain language summary: Aerococcus urinae is a type of bacteria that can lead to infections in the urinary system. This work describes a 73 year old man who had an infection with Aerococcus urinae. Samples of blood and urine were taken from the patient, and when put on blood cells the bacteria weakly changed the color of the blood cells around them. This result is called alpha hemolysis, and can be seen in Image 2. Adding Gram stain to the bacteria turned them violet, and therefore the bacteria were Gram-positive. This can be seen in microscopy in Image 2. The patient was treated with antibiotics.

### Aerococcus urinae

Aerococcus urinae is a relatively new species of bacteria in clinical and microbiological practice, first reported in 1989 and designated as a separate species in 1992. [3] It can cause urinary tract infections, bacteremia / septicemia and/or endocarditis. [3] As a urinary tract pathogen, it causes infections predominantly in elderly persons with local or general predisposing conditions. [3] Aerococcus urinae has been estimated to cause approximately 0.31 - 0.44% of urinary tract infections. [3]

### Patient case

A 73 year old man presented to the emergency department with two days of fatigue, fever and chills. He had a previous history of left arterial cerebral media infarction with expressive aphasia, right side hemiparesis and post-stroke seizures. He suffered from hypertension, atrial fibrillation and aortic stenosis with normal systolic left ventricular function as well as urinary incontinence and prostatic hyperplasia.

In the emergency department he was afebrile and the blood-samples showed a C-reactive protein level of 19

count of 13.7\*109/l (normally less than 9.0<sup>[6]</sup> or 10.0<sup>[7]</sup>). The patient was admitted to the hospital for observation, and after one day on the ward he developed chills and was subfebrile with a tympanic body temperature of 37.6°C (normally up to 37.5°C). [81] Blood and urine samples were taken for culture. Microscopy of the blood samples showed gram-positive cocci. The patient received intravenous cefotaxime. After three days all blood samples and urine samples showed growth of gram-positive catalase-negative cocci Aerococcus urinae (Figures 1 and 2).

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Figure 1 | Blood agar with alpha hemolytic colonies following culture from the patient's blood samples.

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## Aerococcus urinae

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Aerococcus urinae is a member of the bacterial genus Aerococcus. The bacterium is a Gram-positive, catalase-negative coccus growing in clusters. Isolates of this species were originally isolated from the urine of patients with urinary tract infections and were denoted Aerococcus-like organisms.[1] In 1992, A. urinae was assigned as distinct species.[2] Due to difficulties in the biochemical identification of A. urinae in clinical microbiological laboratories, the incidence of infections with this bacterium has likely been underestimated and secure identification relies on genetical or mass spectroscopic methods.[3] A. urinae may also cause invasive infections including urosepsis and infective endocarditis, especially in elderly men with underlying urinary tract diseases. [4][5] A. urinae is sensitive to

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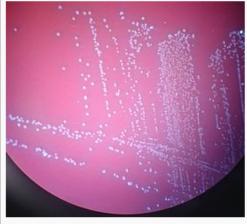
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### Aerococcus urinae



Aerococcus urinae on blood agar, showing alpha hemolytic colonies.



Microscopy of Aerococcus urinae with gram stain, showing gram positive cocci.

### Scientific classification

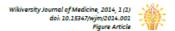
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Class: Bacilli







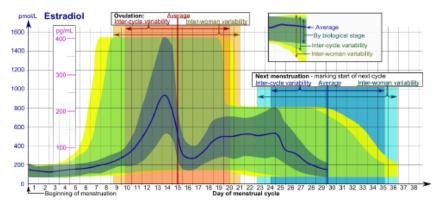


Figure 2 | Estradiol during menstrual cycle

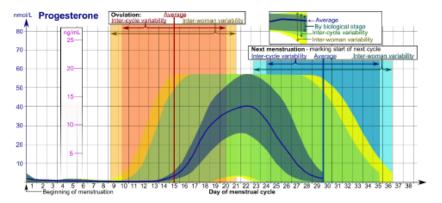


Figure 2 | Progesterone during the menstrual cycle

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### Derivation

### Average hormone values

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Mikael Häggström (discuss • contribs) 10:03, 19 May 2016 (UTC)

The article is very informational and is written in an encyclopedic voice. It is written at a scholarly level while still maintaining enough readability for lay readers. Though, I suggest a few changes (highlighted in the attached pdf).

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- Information on blood supply should be added (superior cerebellar artery, anterior inferior cerebellar artery, and posterior inferior cerebellar artery), perhaps with
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These issues are now been [amended #]. Thanks Marion! Mikael Häggström (discuss • contribs) 19:58,

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### The Cerebellum

Marion Wright, William Skaggs, Finn Årup Nielsen,\* et al.

### Abstract

The cerebellum (Latin for "little brain") is a region of the brain that plays an important role in motor control. It may also be involved in some cognitive functions such as attention and language, and in regulating fear and pleasure responses,(4) but its movement-related functions are the most solidly established. The cerebellum does not initiate movement, but contributes to coordination, precision, and accurate timing. It receives input from sensory systems of the spinal cord and from other parts of the brain, and integrates these inputs to fine tune motor activity. [2] Cerebellar damage produces disorders in fine movement, equilibrium, posture, and motor learning.[3]

Anatomically, the cerebellum has the appearance of a separate structure attached to the bottom of the brain, tucked underneath the cerebral hemispheres. Its cortical surface is covered with finely spaced parallel grooves in striking contrast to the broad irregular convolutions of the cerebral cortex. These parallel grooves conceal the fact that the cerebellar cortex is actually a continuous thin layer of tissue tightly folded in the style of an accordion. Within this thin layer are several types of neurons with a highly regular arrangement, the most important being Purkinje cells and granule cells. This complex neural organization gives rise to a massive signalprocessing capability, but almost all of the output from the cerebellar cortex passes through a set of small deep nuclei lying in the white matter interior of the cerebellum.[3]

In addition to its direct role in motor control, the cerebellum is necessary for several types of motor learning. most notably learning to adjust to changes in sensorimotor relationships. Several theoretical models have been developed to explain sensorimotor calibration in terms of synaptic plasticity within the cerebellum. Most of these models derive from those formulated by David Marr and James Albus, based on the observation that each cerebellar Purkinje cell receives two dramatically different types of input: one comprises thousands of weak inputs from the parallel fibers of the granule cells; the other is an extremely strong input from a single climbing fiber.[4] The basic concept of the Marr-Albus theory is that the climbing fiber serves as a "teaching signal", which induces a long-lasting change in the strength of parallel fiber inputs. Observations of long-term epression in parallel fiber inputs have provided support for theories of this type, but their validity remains controversial (s)

### Structure

At the level of gross anatomy, the cerebellum consists of a tightly folded layer of cortex, with white matter underneath and a fluid-filled ventricle at the base. At the microscopic level, there are four deep nuclei embedded in the white matter. Each part of the cortex consists of the same small set of neuronal elements, laid out in a highly stereotyped geometry. At an intermediate level, the cerebellum and its auxiliary structures can be separated into several hundred or thousand independently functioning modules called "microzones" or "micro compartments".

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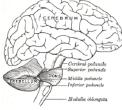
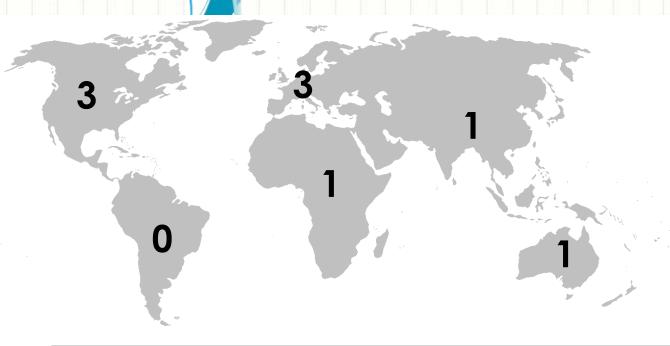


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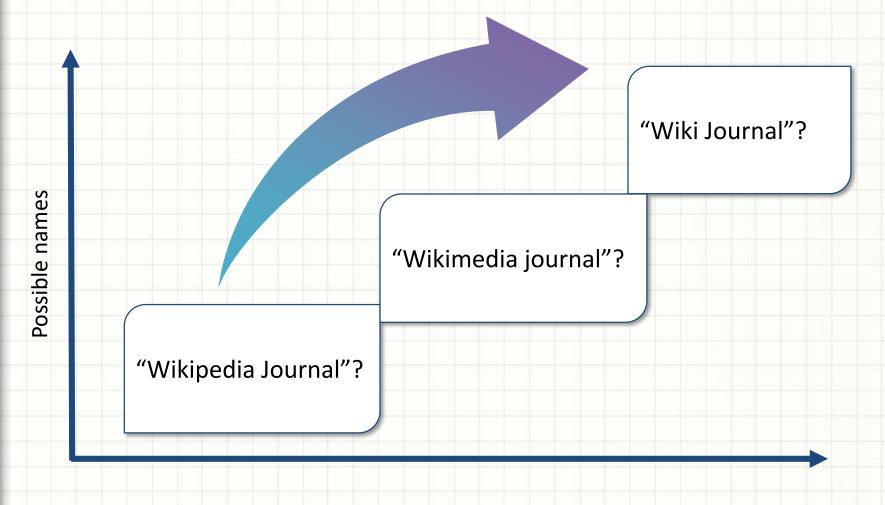
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