

Beginning
of a new one
model series of
micro organisms,
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BoS 1001 • Reconstruction of a (gram-positive) bacterial cell

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Design based on the illustration used in Ude & Koch (2002, page 27). Assessment of the model by Professor Dr Uwe Hoßfeld of the Biology Education Research Group, Beehouse, Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

The model cannot be disassembled but can be removed from the stand. Height 22 cm, width 39 cm (model width 31,5 cm), depth 26 cm, weight 2.2 kg.

Shown are:

Basal structure
Capsule
Flagellum
Storage granule
Lipoprotein layer
Cell membrane
Mesosome
Murein layer
Pilus
Polyphosphate granule
Polysomes
Periplasm
Thylakoids
Vacuole
DNA

Model Structure

On the outside, the cell wall of gram-positive bacteria has a 20 to 80 nm thick murein layer (peptidoglycan), which is separated from the cell membrane by the narrow periplasm. Gram-negative bacteria, on the other hand, only have a 2 to 3 nm thick murein layer, the outside of which is covered in a thin lipoprotein layer. However, both groups develop an outer mucus layer (capsule), which covers the cell in an even thickness.