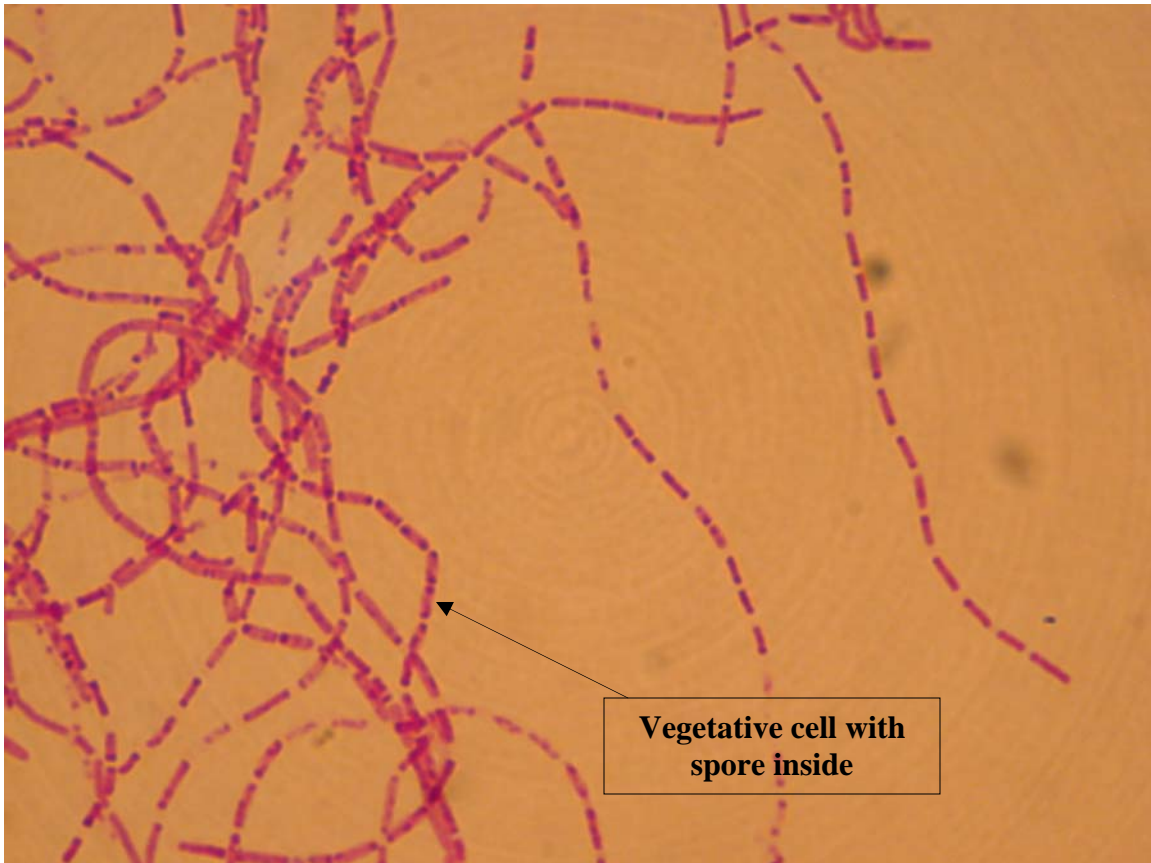


Bacillus anthracis



Vegetative cell with
spore inside

Bacillus endospores – These rod-shaped cells have centrally located endospores. Endospores are a resting structure formed inside the cell that allows the bacteria to survive harsh conditions for extended periods. Look for pink spores inside blue/purple rods.