CONCEPT: CELL INCLUSIONS

| cytoplasmic molecular aggregates that are diverse in structure & function. | | | |
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| Some are stored as ins | soluble granules while others are enveloped by | , a lipid membrane or both. | |
| □ Granules: | particles that are barely visible by a microscope |). | |

Types of Inclusions

| Inclusion Type | Function | |
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| Storage Granules | Aggregates of large polymers that are in excess inside the cell: a) Carbon Granules: Stores Carbon to be used later as an source. b) Polyphosphate Granules: Stores later used for biosynthesis. c) Sulfur Granules: Stores Sulfur in bacteria that use it to generate energy. | |
| Carboxysomes | CO ₂ -fixing enzymes enveloped by a shell. Location of fixation in the cell. | |
| Gas Vesicles | Gas particles enveloped by a <i>protein</i> shell. Controls the cell's in aquatic environments. Gas: group of <i>gas vesicles</i> in the cell. | Samon |
| somes | Intracellular chains of iron-containing molecules enclosed within a membrane. Used by cells to orient themselves with Earth's magnetic field. | |

PRACTICE: Which of the following statements about gas vesicles is TRUE?

- a) Bacteria use them to align with the Earth's magnetic field.
- b) They store phosphate molecules as granules.
- c) They are used to control the cell's buoyancy in aquatic environments.
- d) They are the site of Carbon fixation.
- e) None of the above are true.

PRACTICE: Which of the following inclusion bodies contain iron?

a) Gas vesicles.

c) Storage granules.

b) Magnetosome.

d) Carboxysomes.