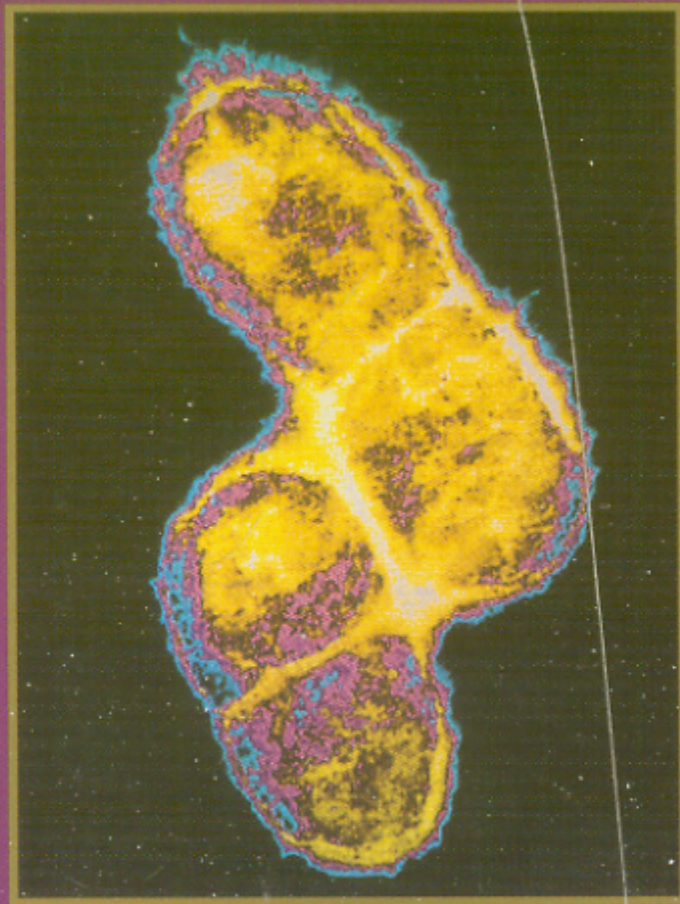




A colorized transmission electron micrograph of several *Escherichia coli* cells. This gram-negative bacterium is probably the most intensively studied of all microorganisms. Some strains are a cause of the traveler's diarrhea that afflicts tourists in foreign countries.