

Viroids :

- Infectious agent, free RNA (lack protein coat)
- RNA has low molecular weight.
- Causes potato spindle tuber disease.
- Discovered by **T. O. Diener** in **1971**

Lichens :

- Symbiotic association between algal component (**Phycobiont**) and fungal component (**Mycobiont**). Algae provide food. Fungi provide shelter and absorb nutrients for alga.
- Good pollution indicators as they do not grow in polluted areas.

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