

Histology; Microscopy and Ultrastructure of the Cell



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How to get the most from the revision slides

- Have a pen & paper ready
- Answer every question
- Attempt to label all slides
- Mark your answer after answering
- Elaborate on each answer
- Add relevant clinical content
- If you have trouble, ask - you know where

Calibration

Community of Truth

What is my answer?

What is the correct answer?

I am am wrong, what was my error?

THUS: Find the truth

Philosophy 1

What is the least amount of work I can do so I can get out of here.

Philosophy 2

Today and Now I will do something for my future self.

Calibration

Assess yourself on each question.

Label all unlabelled slides.

You want incremental improvements over time.



Assess yourself

Nailed it!

Not sure...



Nailed it!

You are
confident about
your answer.



Not sure...

You do not know or
are uncertain.

Histology

Why Histology?

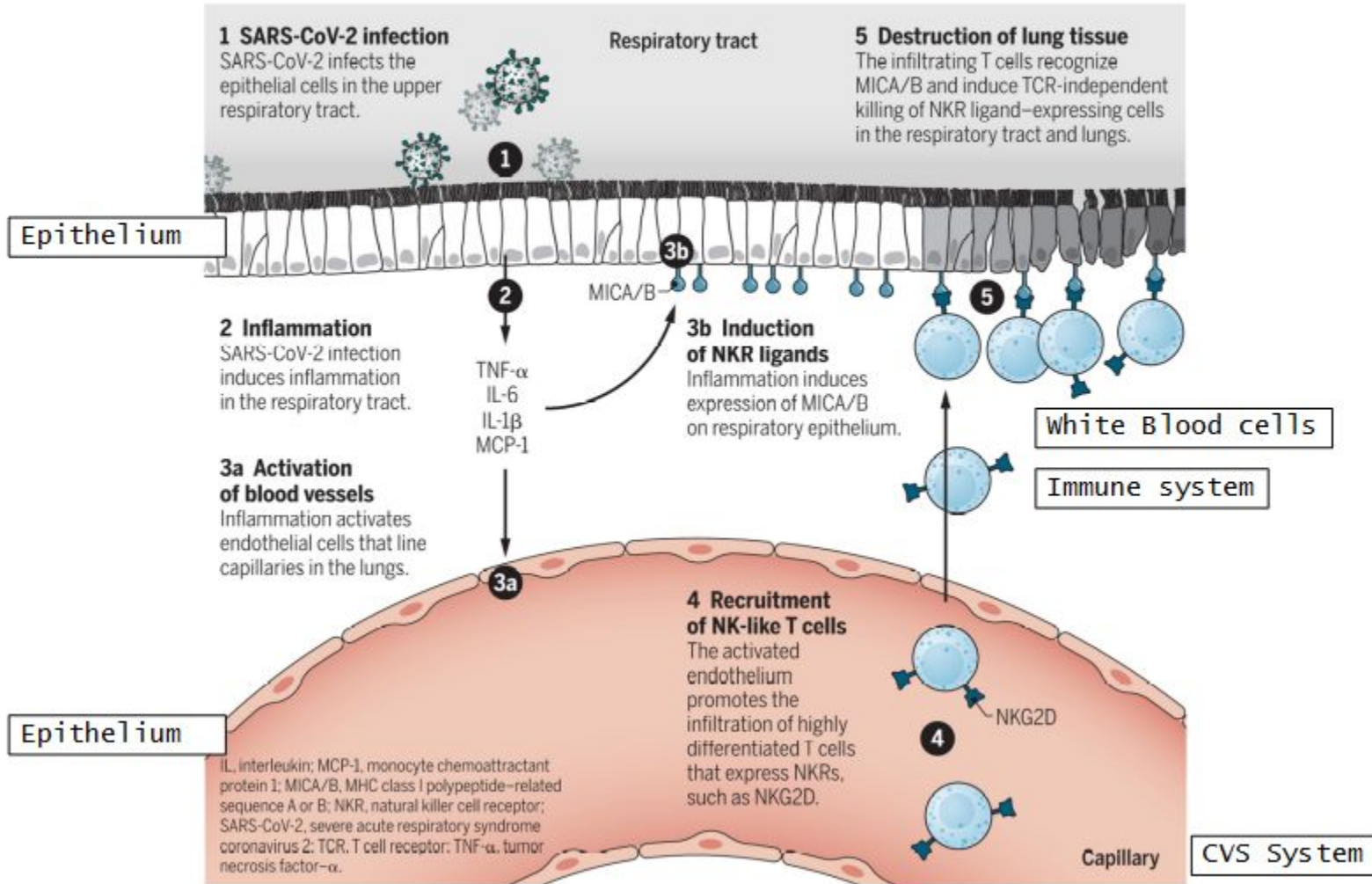
Where does Histology fit?

Endpoint?

- Clinical application
- VERY topical example
- [Aging immunity may exacerbate COVID-19](#)
 - Arne N. Akbar, Derek W. Gilroy
 - Science 17 Jul 2020:
 - Vol. 369, Issue 6501, pp. 256-257
 - DOI: 10.1126/science.abb0762

Aged immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 infection

Highly differentiated T cells in older individuals may induce damage in SARS-CoV-2-infected lungs, as hypothesized in the diagram.



Find the Histology:

- The chemistry of cats: Allergies, catnip and urine
- In the infographic, find the histology.
- The image is available on the next slide, but more readable on [web version available at the link.](#)

THE CHEMISTRY OF CATS: ALLERGIES, CATNIP, AND URINE

WHAT CAUSES ALLERGIES TO CATS?



10-30% OF PEOPLE ARE ALLERGIC TO CATS

Eight different cat allergens are currently recognised by the World Health Organisation. They're designated as Fel d 1-8. Of these, Fel d 1 is the primary cat allergen.

FEL D 1 MAIN ALLERGEN

A protein, the biological function of which is still unknown.

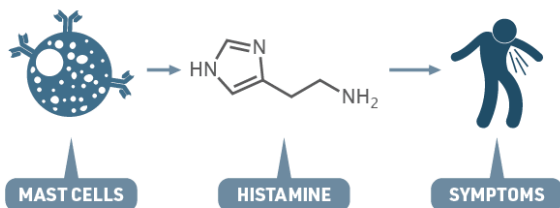
Found in over 99% of homes.



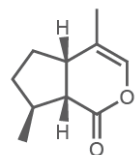
♂ FEL D 1 LEVELS > ♀ FEL D 1 LEVELS

(note: neutered males produce Fel d 1 levels similar to those of females)

Inhalation of Fel d 1 causes an immune response in people who are allergic. As a defence mechanism, the body produces antibodies. The antibodies trigger the release of histamine from mast cells. Histamine causes the symptoms of allergies.



WHY DO CATS GO CRAZY FOR CATNIP?



NEPETALACTONE

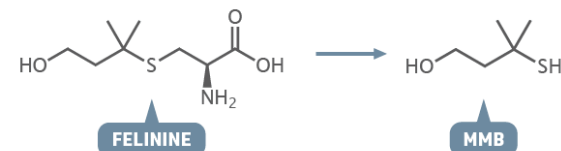


70% OF CATS ARE AFFECTED

The compound that causes catnip's effect on cats is nepetalactone. It binds to protein receptors in the cat's nasal passages. This triggers responses in the cat's brain that make the cat exhibit behaviour similar to that triggered by cat pheromones, including rolling, rubbing and salivating. The effects last for around ten minutes before wearing off.

WHY DOES CAT URINE SMELL SO BAD?

Fresh cat urine doesn't have a strong odour. However, over time, it develops a strong smell. Felinine, an amino acid in cat urine, gets broken down by enzymes into 3-methyl-3-sulfanylbutan-1-ol (MMB). This, along with the ammonia produced by the breakdown, gives cat urine its pungent smell.



♂ FELININE EXCRETION > ♀ FELININE EXCRETION

(note: neutered males excrete felinine at levels similar to that of females)



Cat ketone (4-methyl-4-sulfanylpentan-2-one) is another key cat urine odorant. It also occurs naturally in Sauvignon grapes, and is a key contributor to the odour of blackcurrants.



CAT LITTER COMPOSITION

Clay-based, e.g. calcium bentonite; biodegradable and silica gel litters are less commonly used.

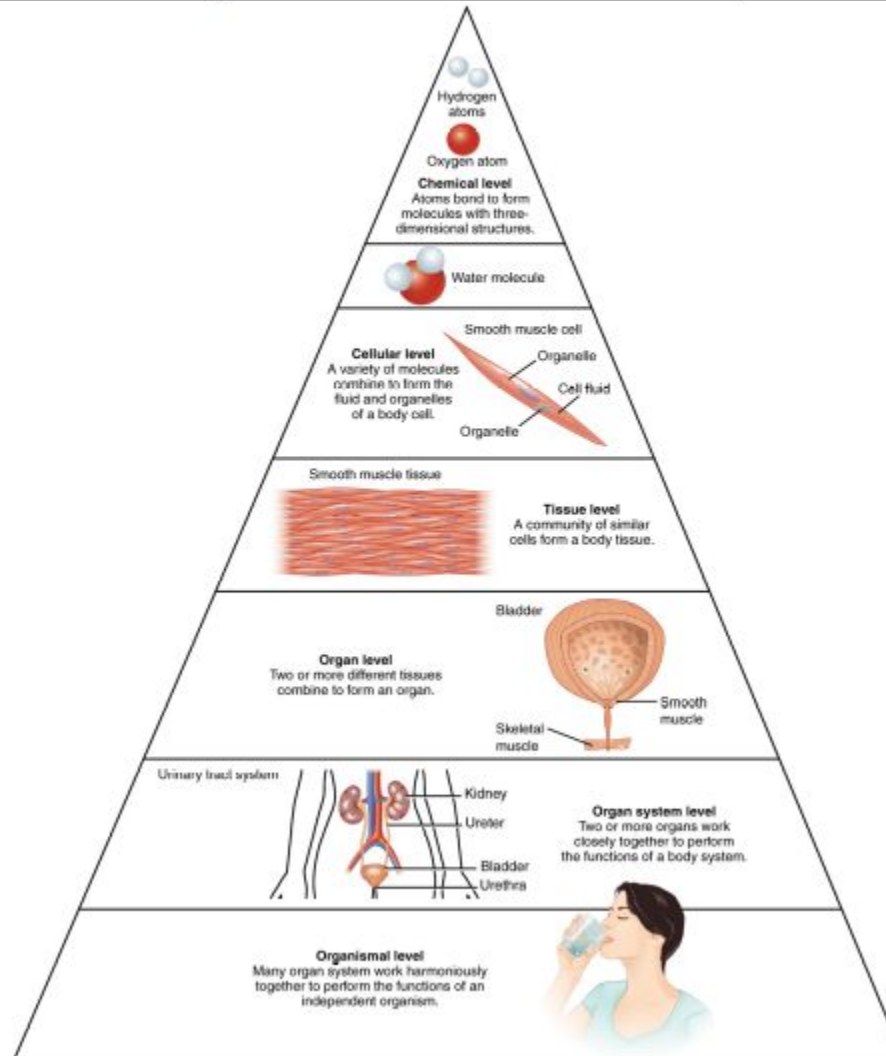
Cat litter absorbs urine and odours. In cases where cats urinate elsewhere around your house, enzymatic cleaners should be used. These break down odorous compounds.



Histology: Foundational Knowledge

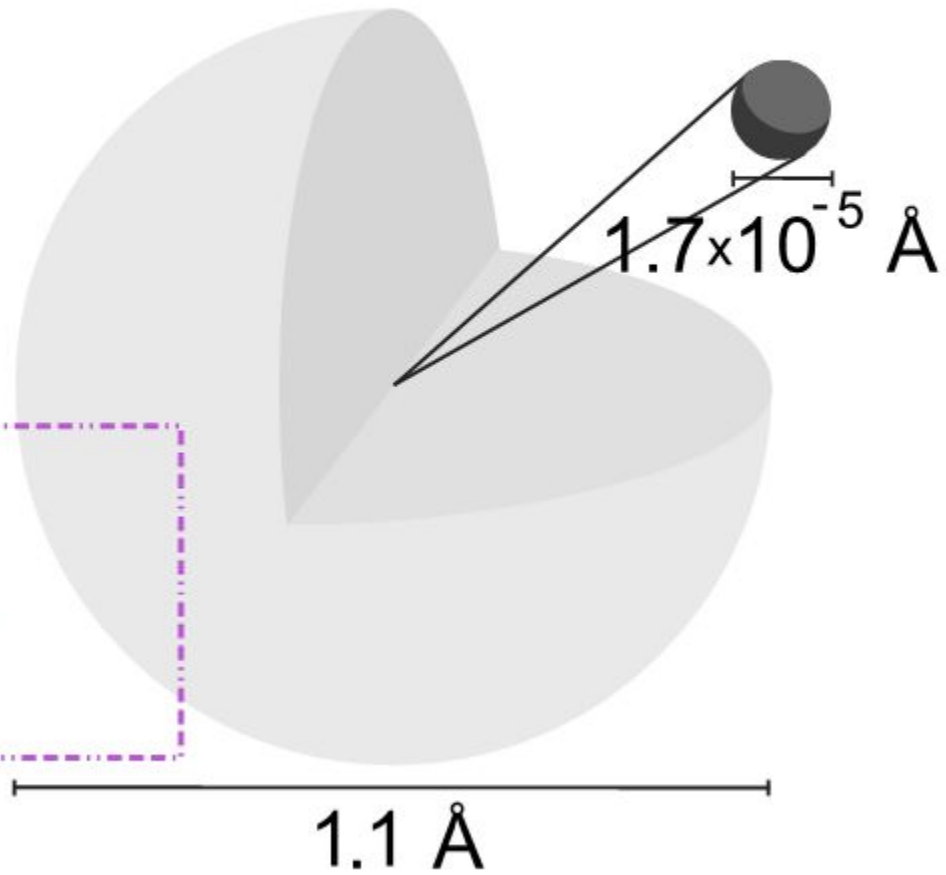
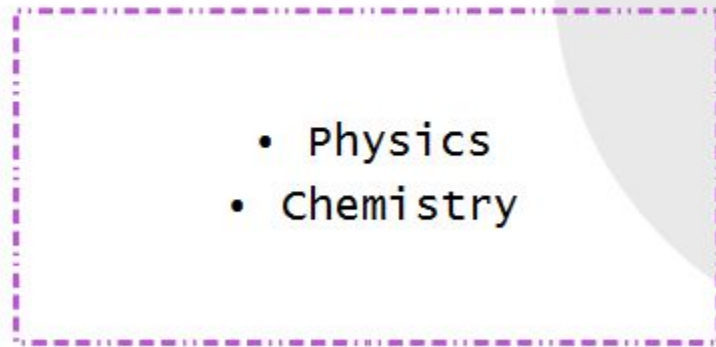
Levels of Organisation

Figure 1.3 Levels of Structural organisation of the Human Body; Anatomy and Physiology 25 April 2013; OpenStax; CC-BY 4.0;
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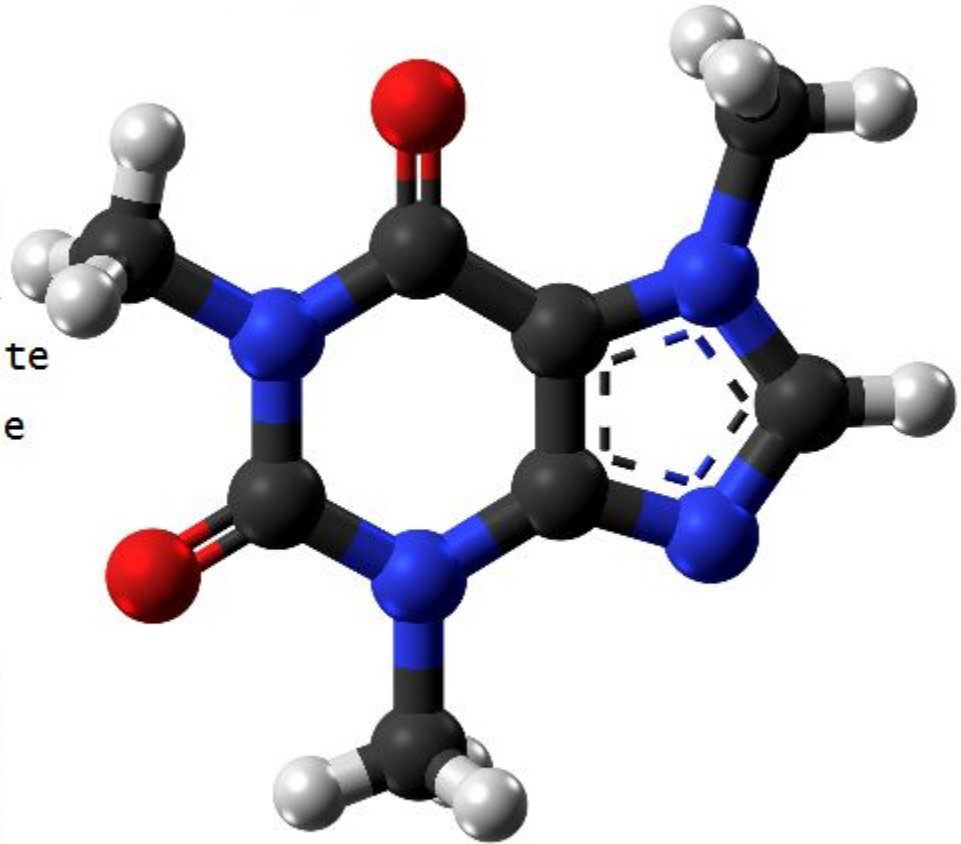
Atoms

- Hydrogen atom



Molecule

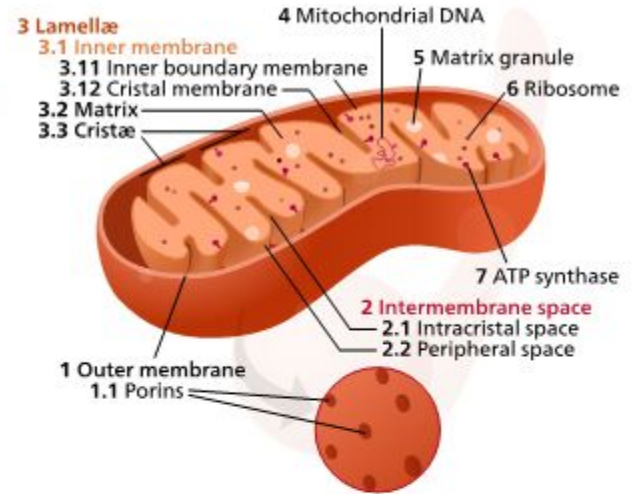
- Caffeine molecule
 - Carbon, C: Black
 - Hydrogen, H: White
 - Nitrogen, N: Blue
 - Oxygen, O: Red



- Chemistry

organelles

- Mitochondria

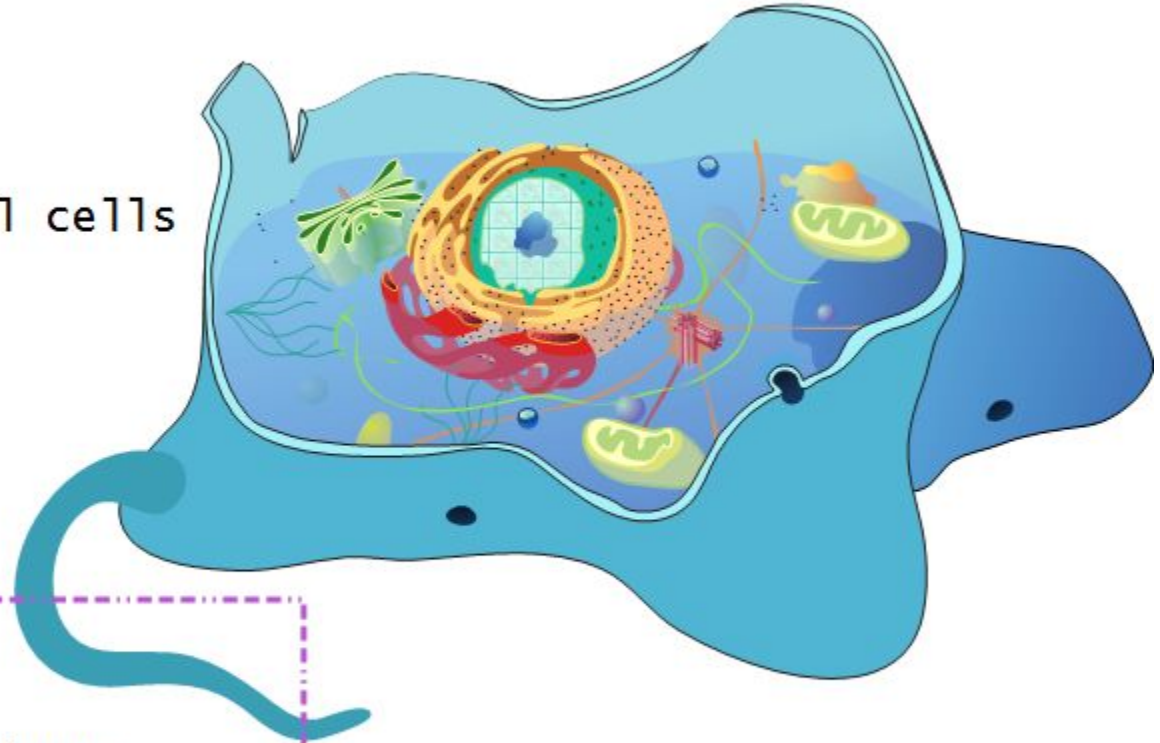


- Histology



cells

- Animal cells

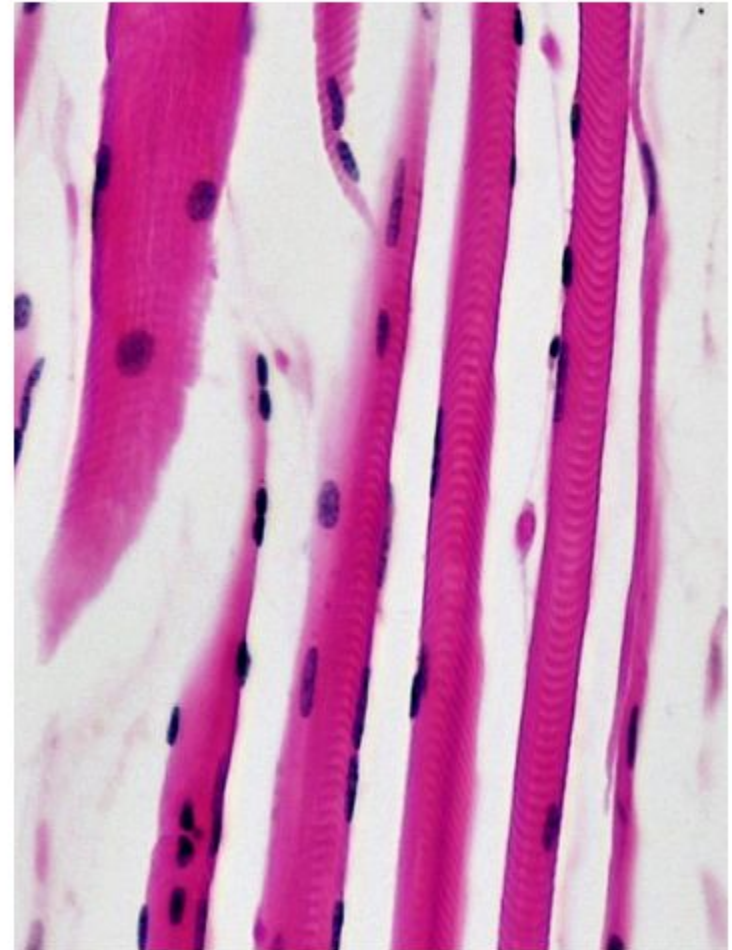


- Histology

Tissues

- skeletal muscle

- Histology



Organs

- Brain

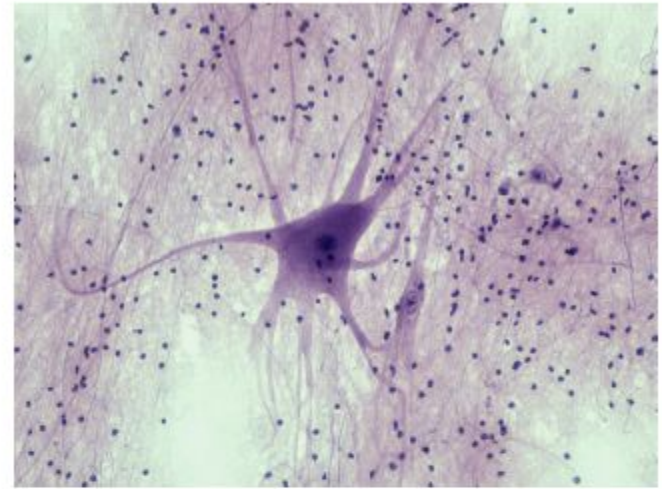


Plate X.

- Histology
- Anatomy

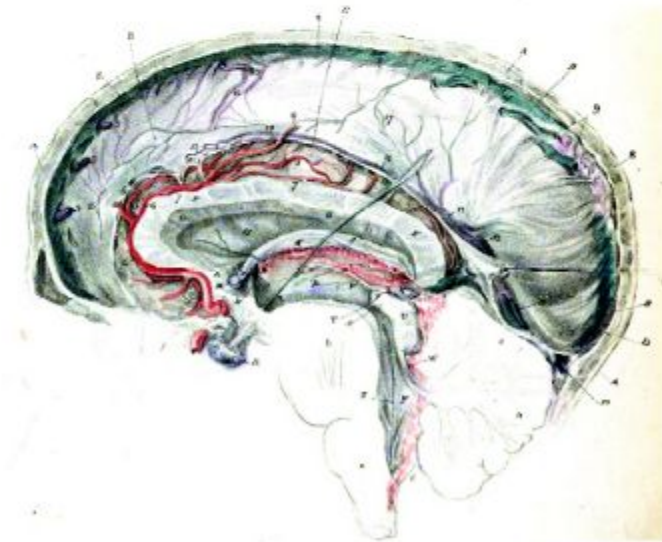


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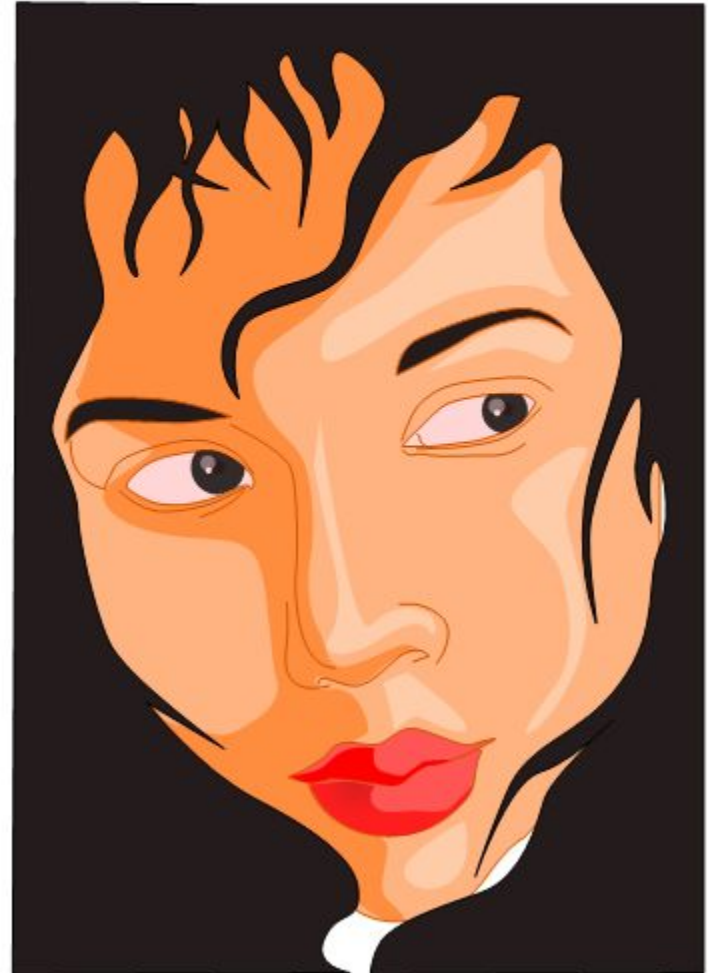
Dr. Hall's atlas.

Each of the following is a separate illustration.

organism

- Human

- Anatomy
- Physiology



Why histology?

- Knowledge
 - Because all knowledge is worthwhile
 - The more you know, the more you are able to know
- Know the normal to identify the abnormal
 - Pathology
- Functions of many organs
 - Lung, Kidney, Liver
 - Informed by cellular organisation
 - Physiology
- Structure of body informed by cellular organisation
 - Anatomy
- Inflammation, Repair & Treatment dependent on cellular organisation
 - Pharmacology

Anatomy

Physiology

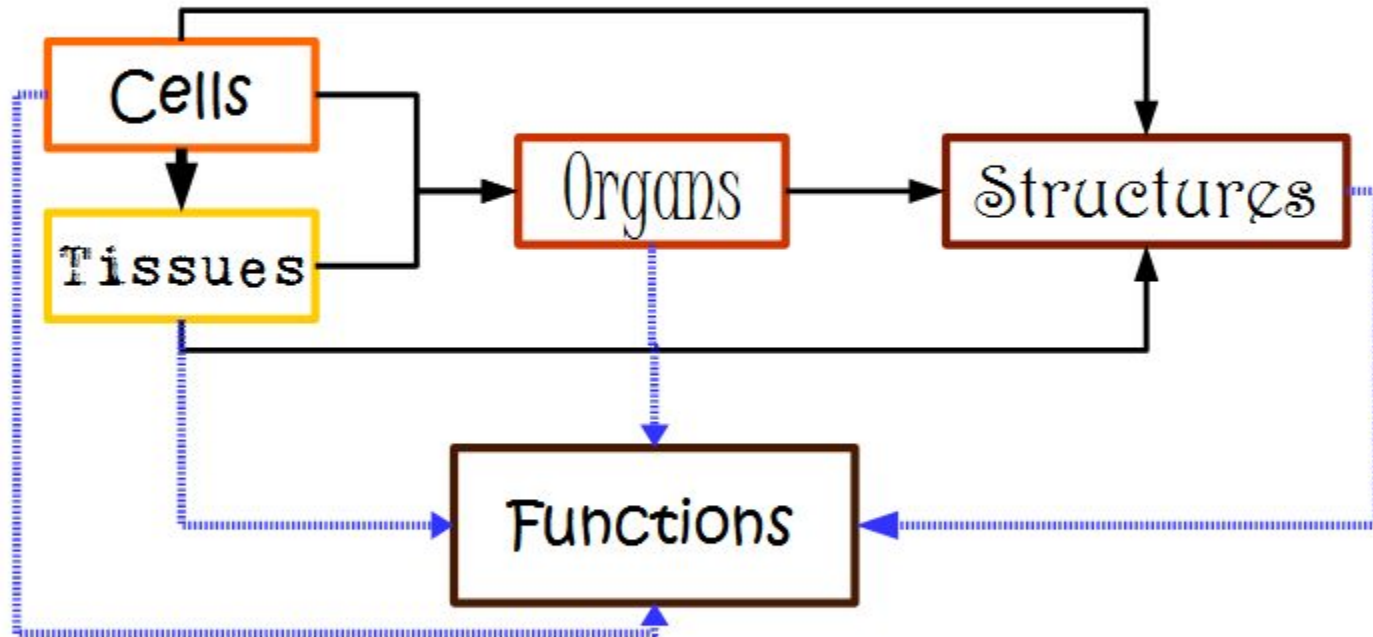
Histology

Pharmacology

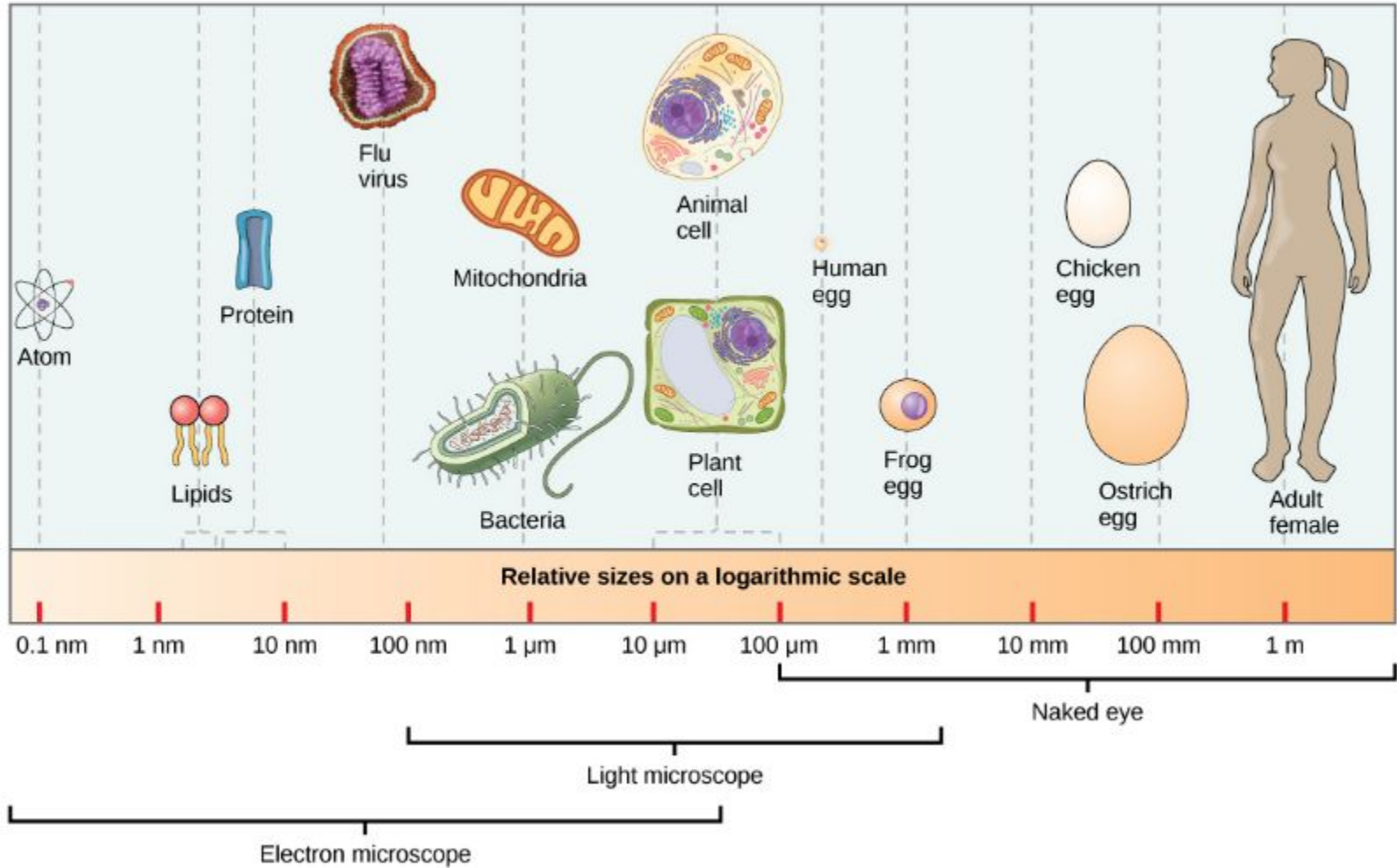
Pathology

What in Histology

Basic framework to work from



The relative sizes of different kinds of cells and cellular components.

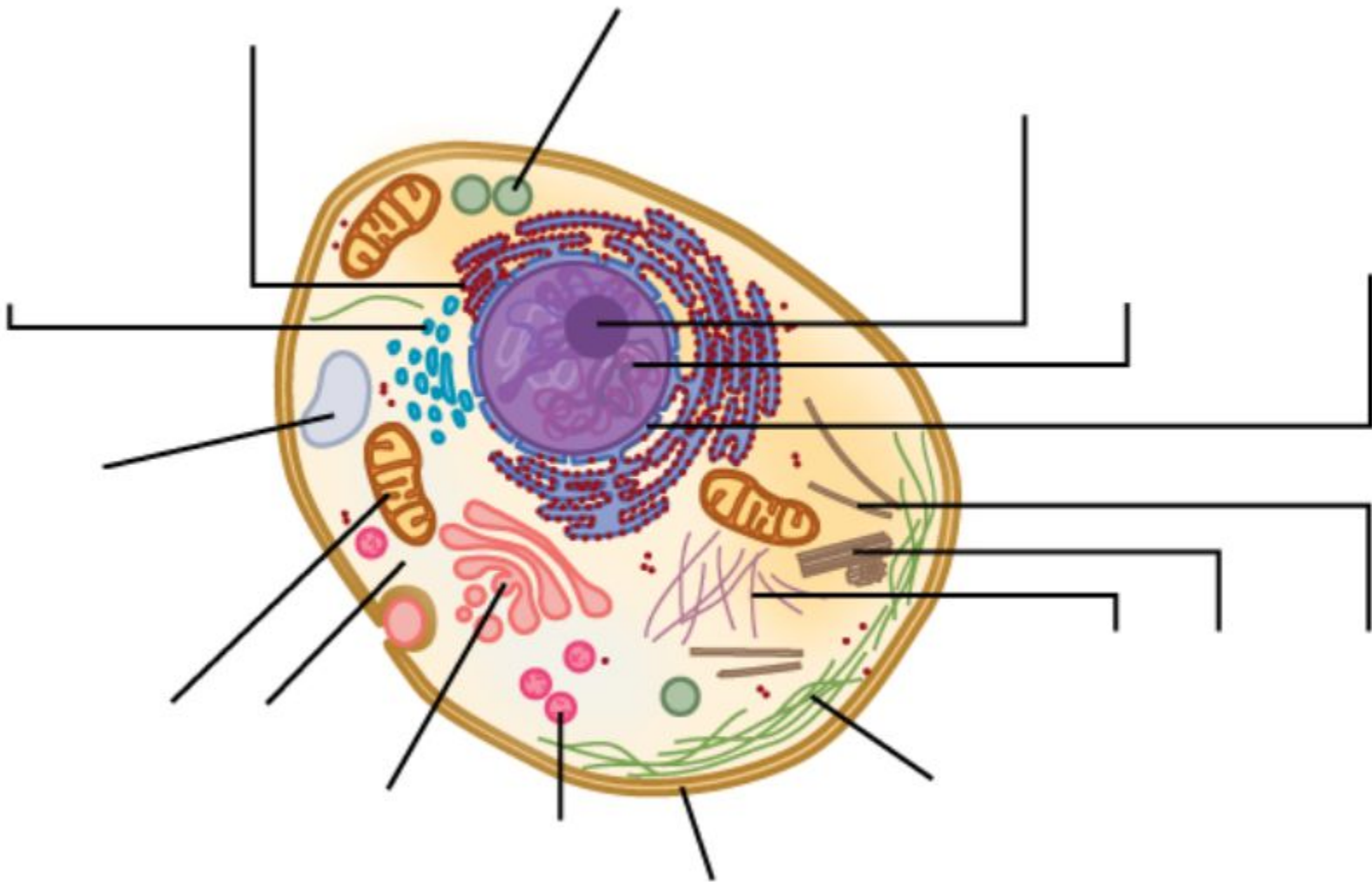


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Remember - incremental improvements



A typical animal cell.

Nucleus

Nuclear envelope: membrane enclosing the nucleus. Protein-lined pores allow material to move in and out.

Chromatin: DNA plus associated proteins.

Nucleolus: condensed region where ribosomes are formed.

Peroxisome: metabolizes waste

Endoplasmic reticulum

Rough: associated with ribosomes; makes secretory and membrane proteins.

Smooth: makes lipids.

Cytoskeleton

Microtubules: form the mitotic spindle and maintain cell shape.

Centrosome: microtubule-organizing center.

Intermediate filaments: fibrous proteins that hold organelles in place.

Microfilaments: fibrous proteins; form the cellular cortex.

Plasma membrane

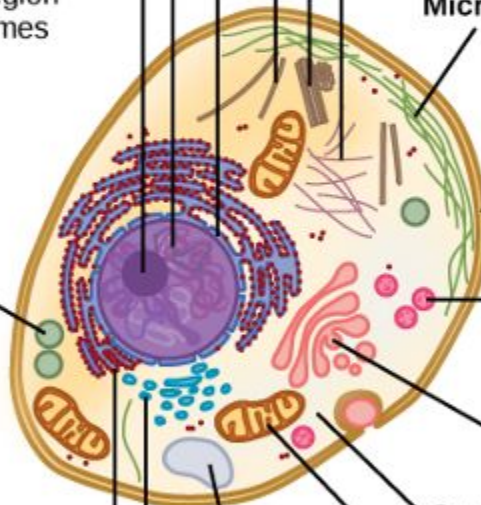
Lysosome: digests food and waste materials.

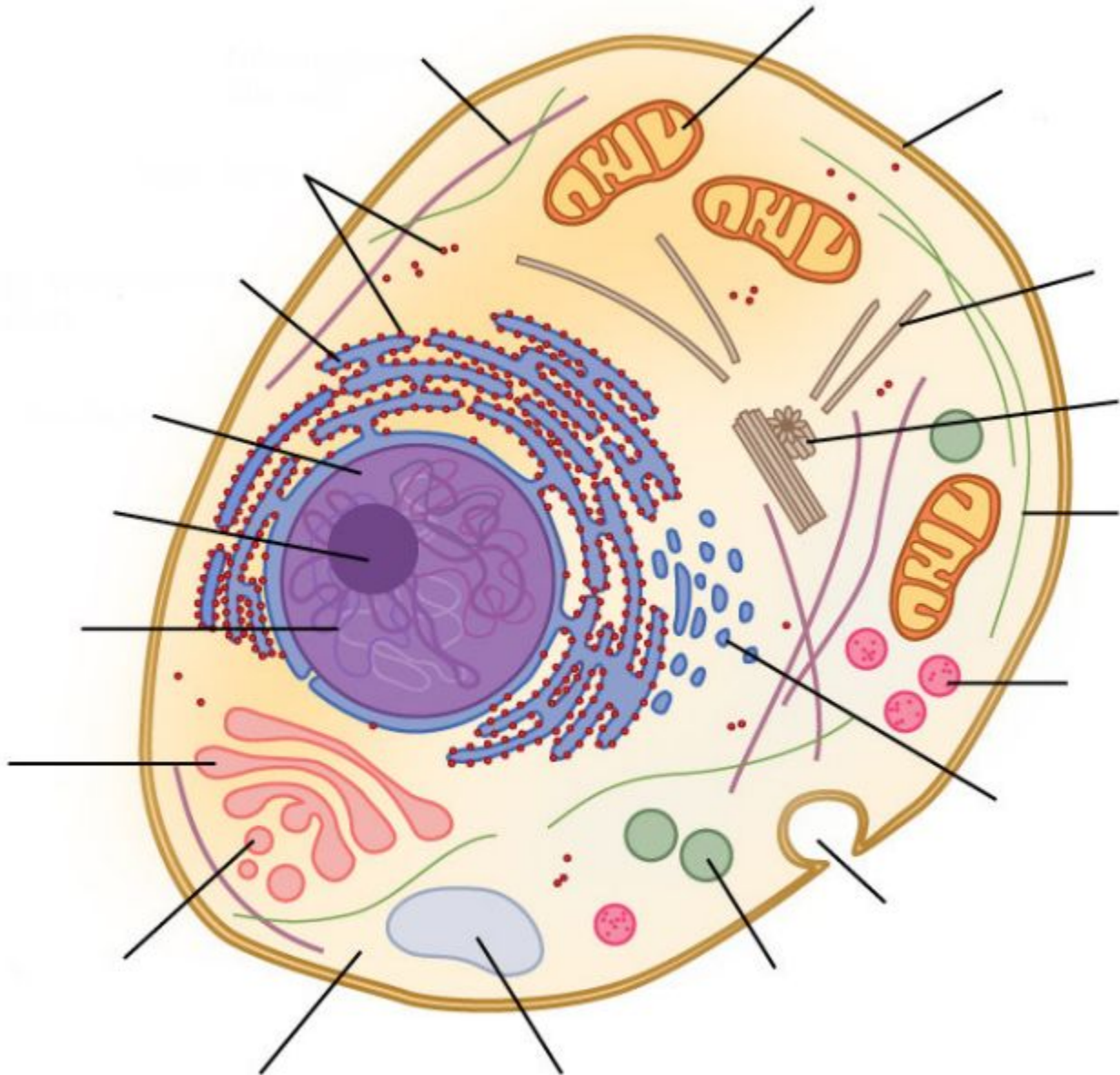
Golgi apparatus: modifies proteins.

Cytoplasm

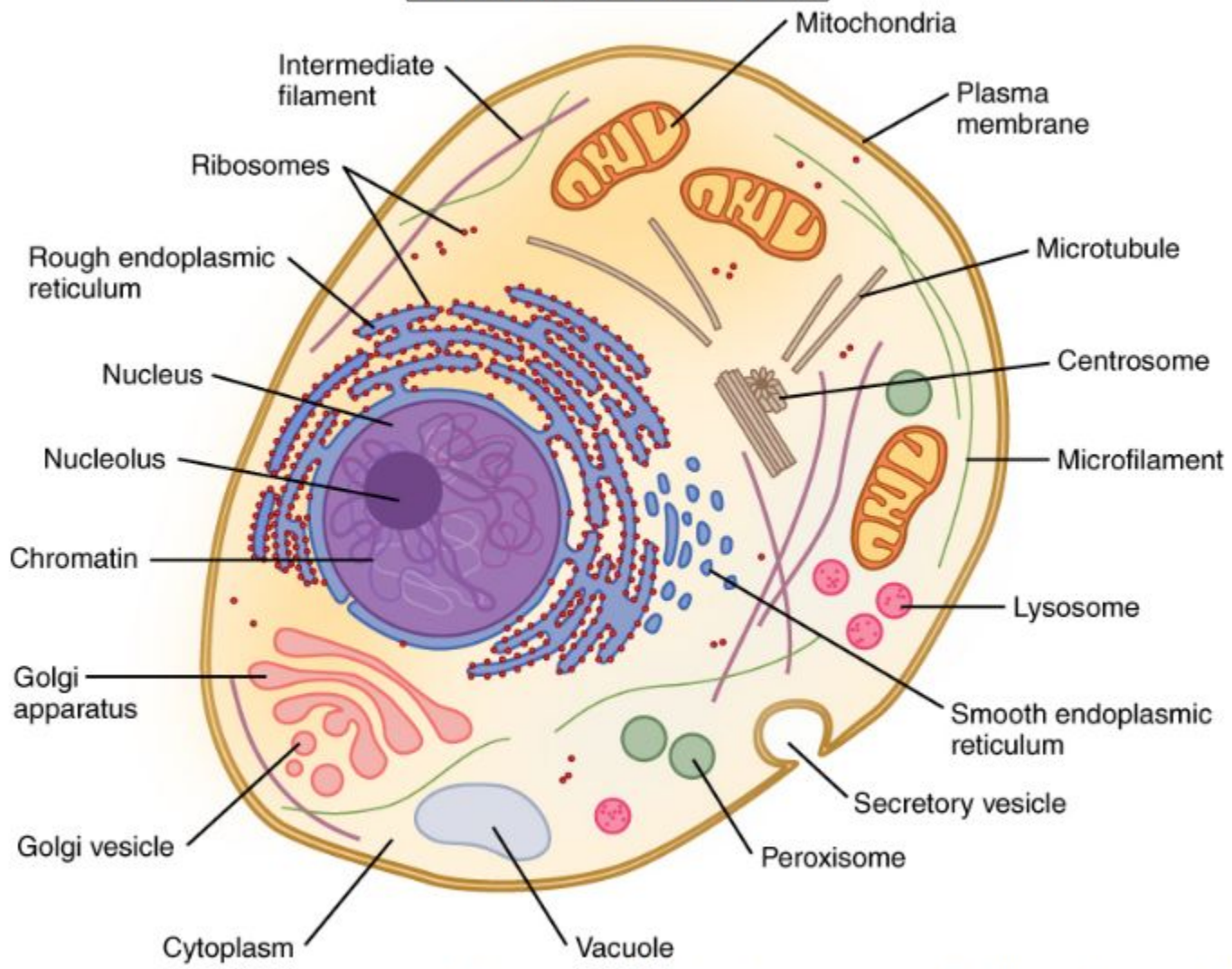
Mitochondria: produce energy.

Vacuole





Prototypical human cell.



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Histology How

Histology is a visual subject.

You have to look at, identify, draw.

Pictures, illustrations, diagrams.

The Cell

Ultrastructure of the cell

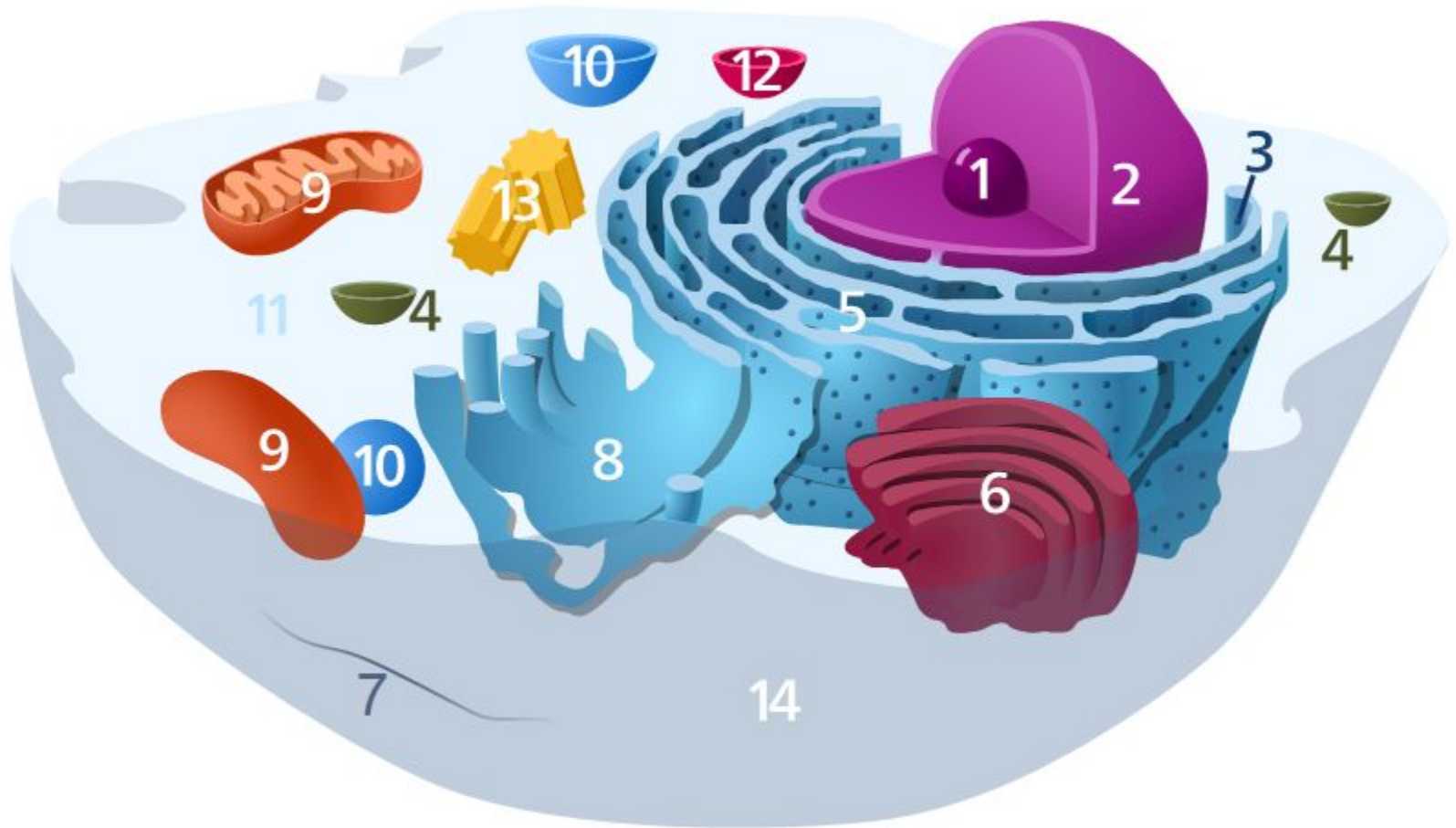
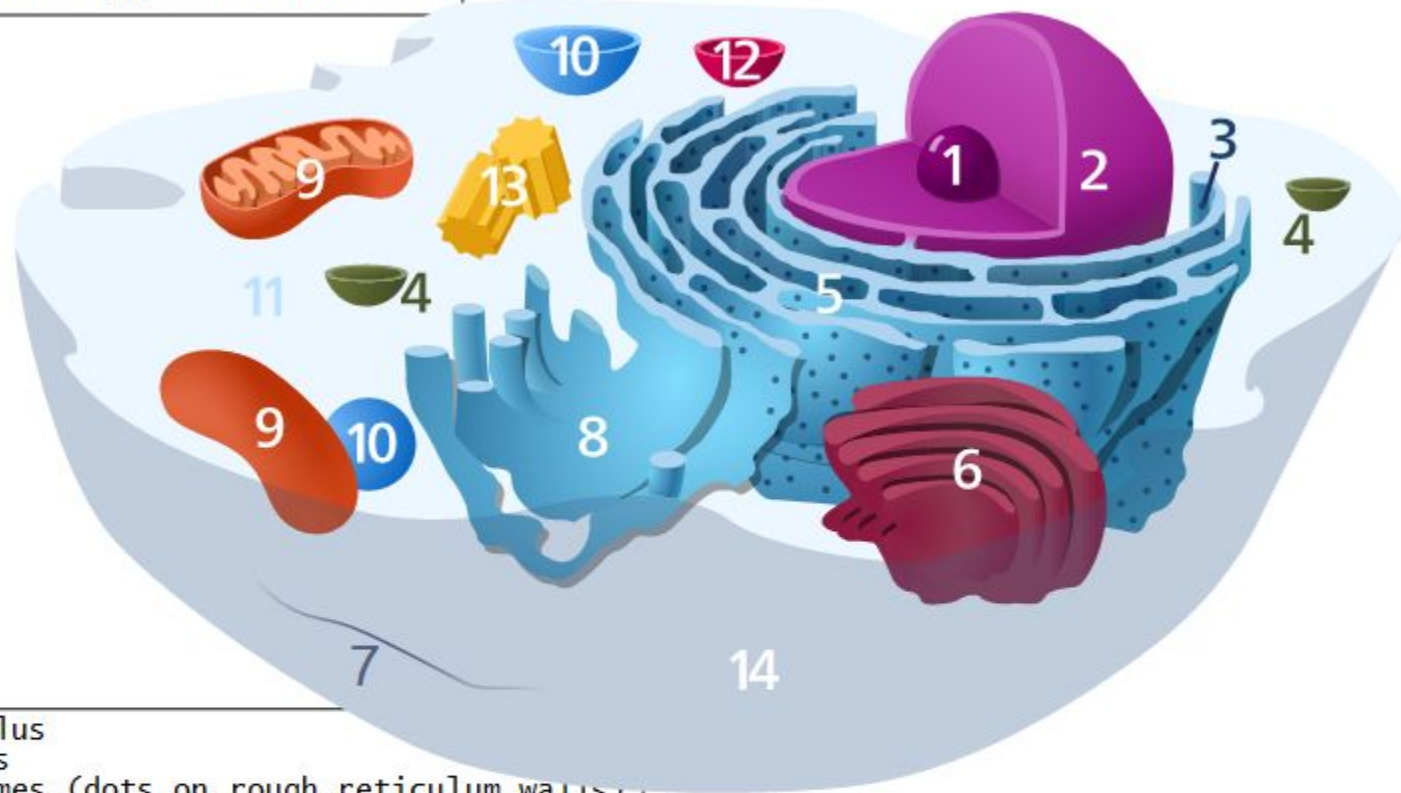
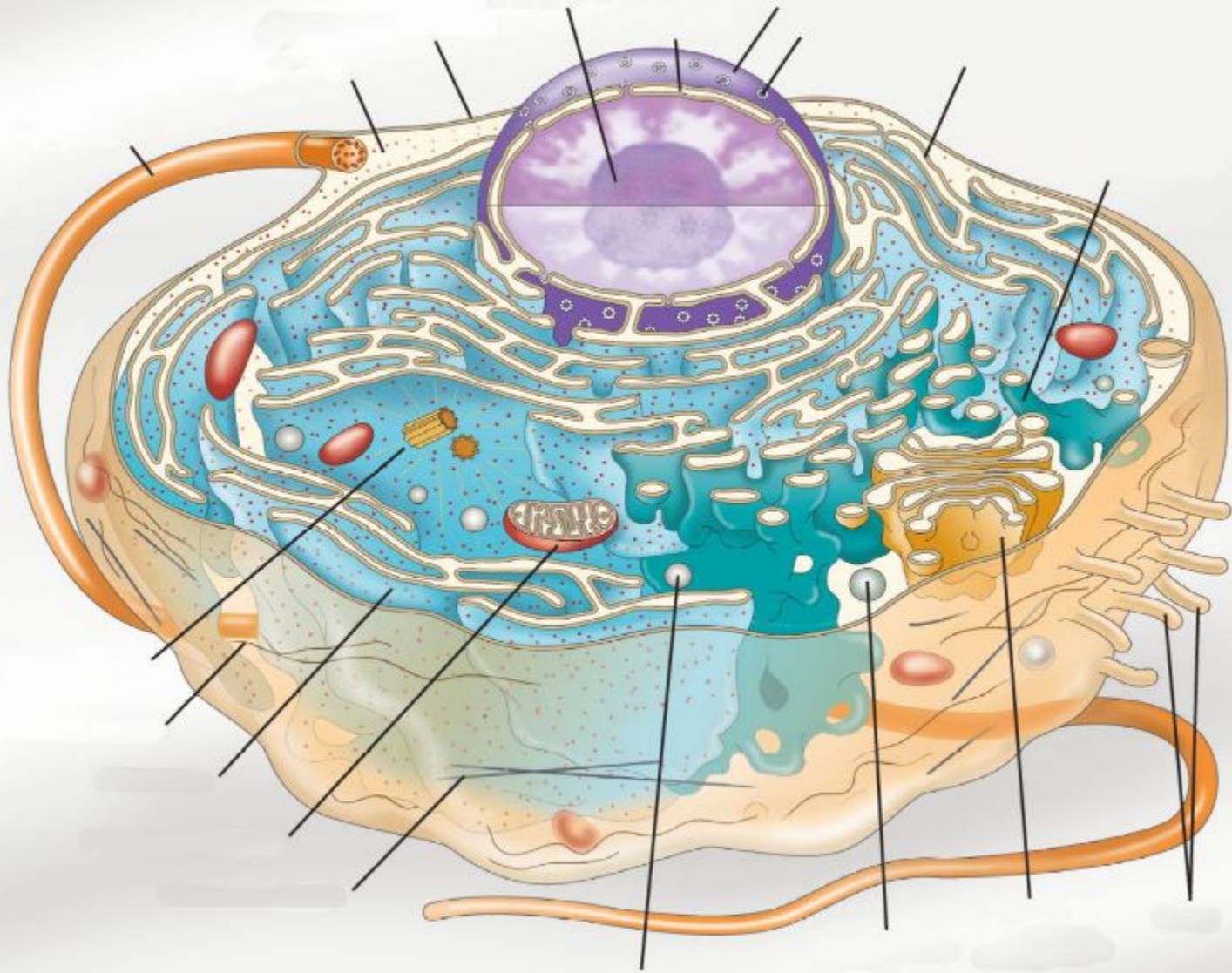


Diagram of a typical animal cell

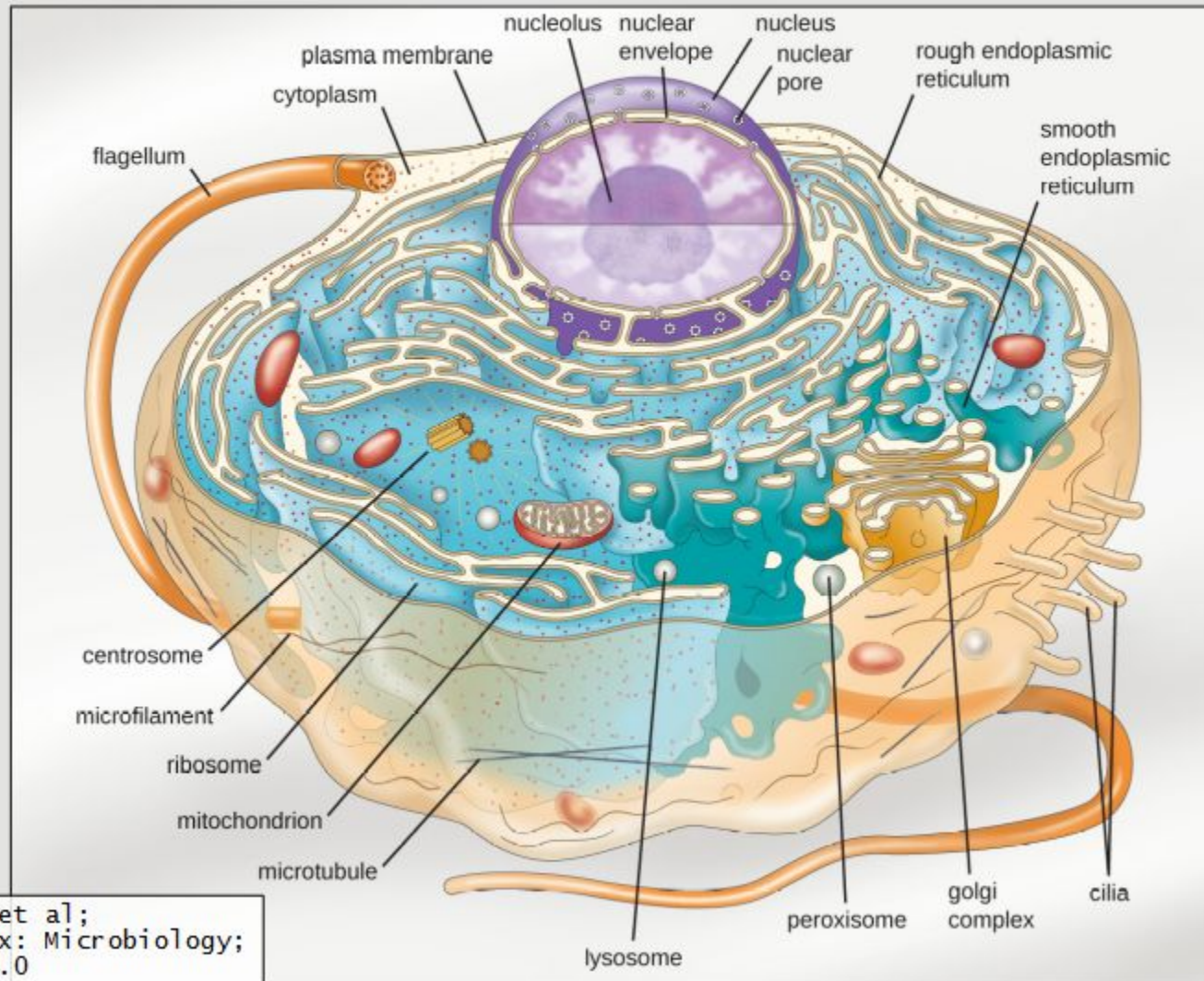


- 1 Nucleolus
- 2 Nucleus
- 3 Ribosomes (dots on rough reticulum walls)
- 4 Vesicle
- 5 Rough endoplasmic reticulum
- 6 Golgi apparatus (or "Golgi body")
- 7 Cytoskeleton
- 8 Smooth endoplasmic reticulum
- 9 Mitochondrion
- 10 Vacuole
- 11 Cytosol
- 12 Lysosome
- 13 Centriole
- 14 Cell membrane

Sketch; PD



An illustration of a generalized, single-celled eukaryotic organism. Note that cells of eukaryotic organisms vary greatly in terms of structure & function, & a particular cell may not have all of the structures shown here.



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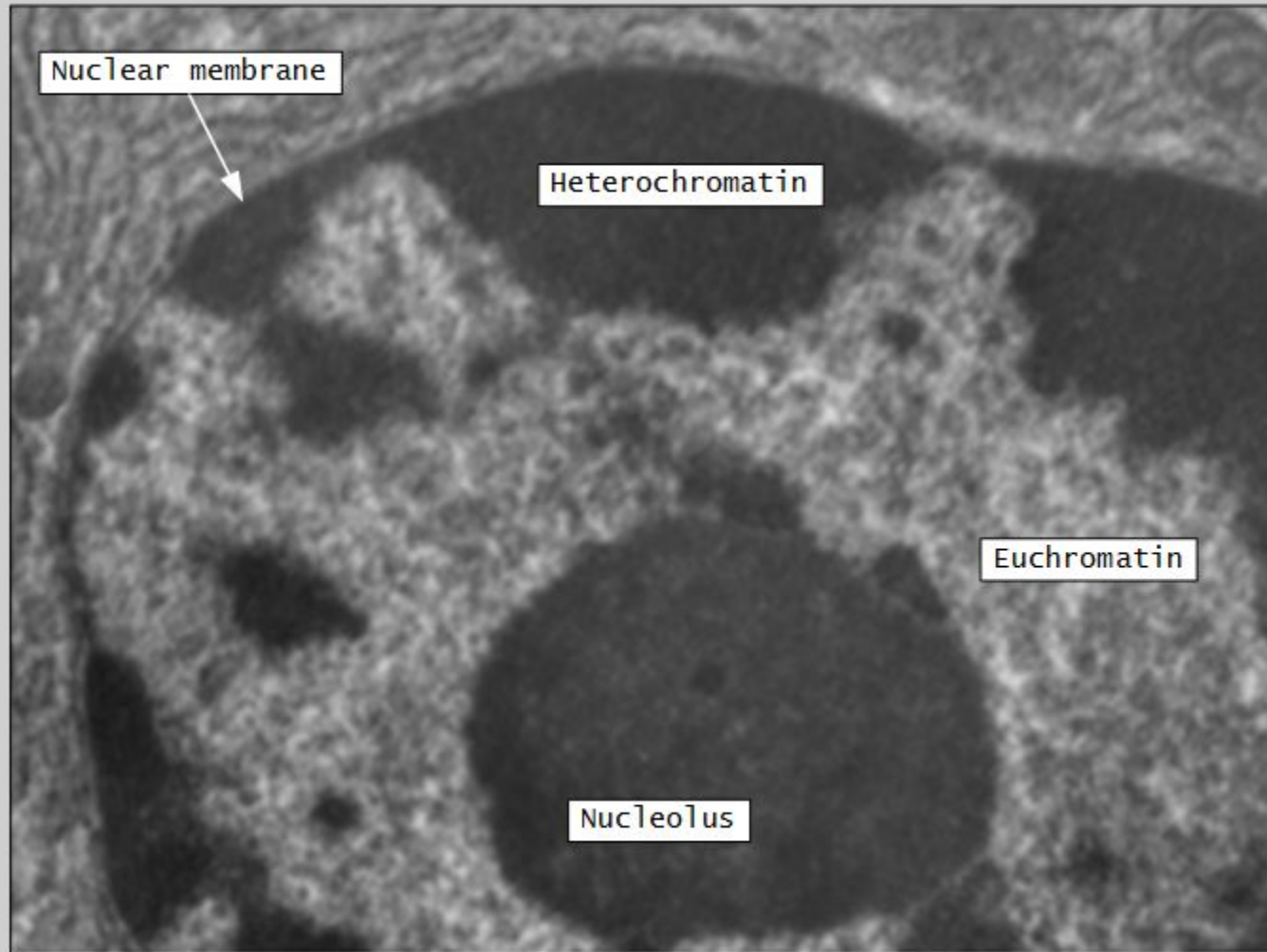
The cell

- Smallest unit living matter
- Two compartments
- Nucleus
 - Contains chromatin -> genetic material
- Cytoplasm
 - Organelles -> metabolically active units
 - Inclusions -> inert accumulations
 - Cytoskeleton

Nucleus

- Contains genetic material
- Encoded in DNA of chromosomes
- Euchromatin
 - lightly stained
 - dispersed chromatin
 - being transcribed
- Heterochromatin
 - densely stained
 - not being transcribed

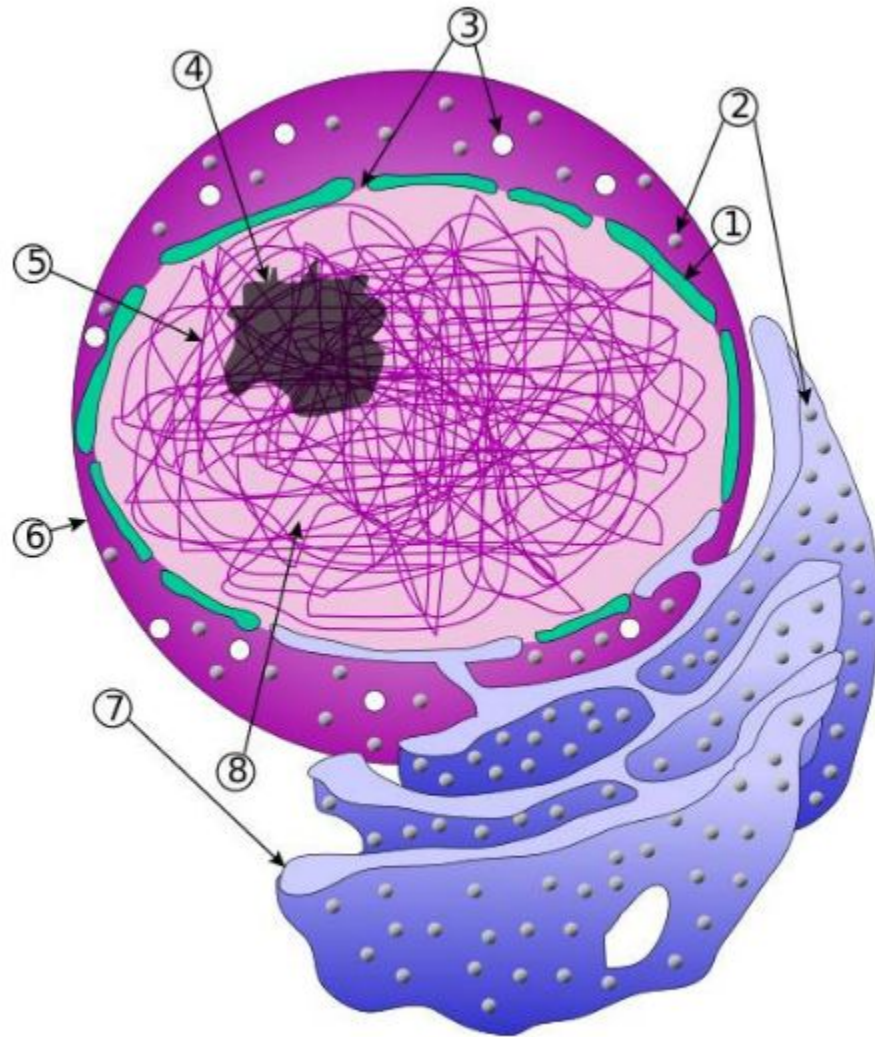
Eukaryotic cells have a well-defined nucleus surrounded by a nuclear membrane. The large, dark, oval-shaped structure within the nucleus is the nucleolus.



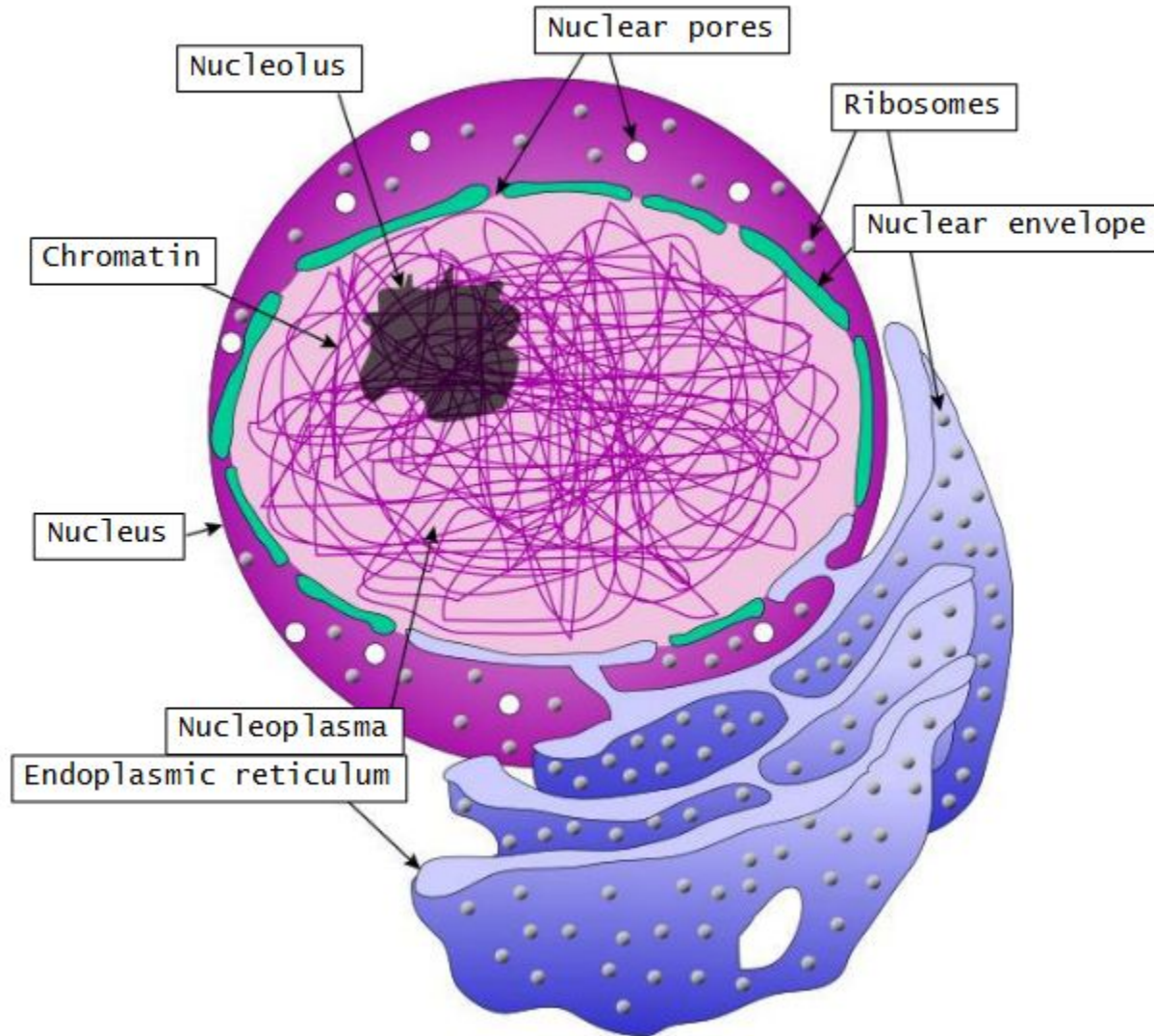
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Nuclear envelope

- Two parallel membranes
- Separated by peri-nuclear space
- Inner and outer continuous at nuclear pore
- Nuclear pore interrupt double membrane
- Outer nuclear membrane
- Ribosomes attached
- Continuous with endoplasmic reticulum
- Inner nuclear membrane
- Meshwork interwoven filaments
- Fibrous lamina (nuclear lamina)
- Anchoring site for interphase chromosomes



cell nucleus and endoplasmic reticulum



Sketch

Nuclear pore

- Membrane-bounded channel between nucleus and cytoplasm
- Outer and inner membrane continuous around pore
- Provide communication between nucleus and cytoplasm

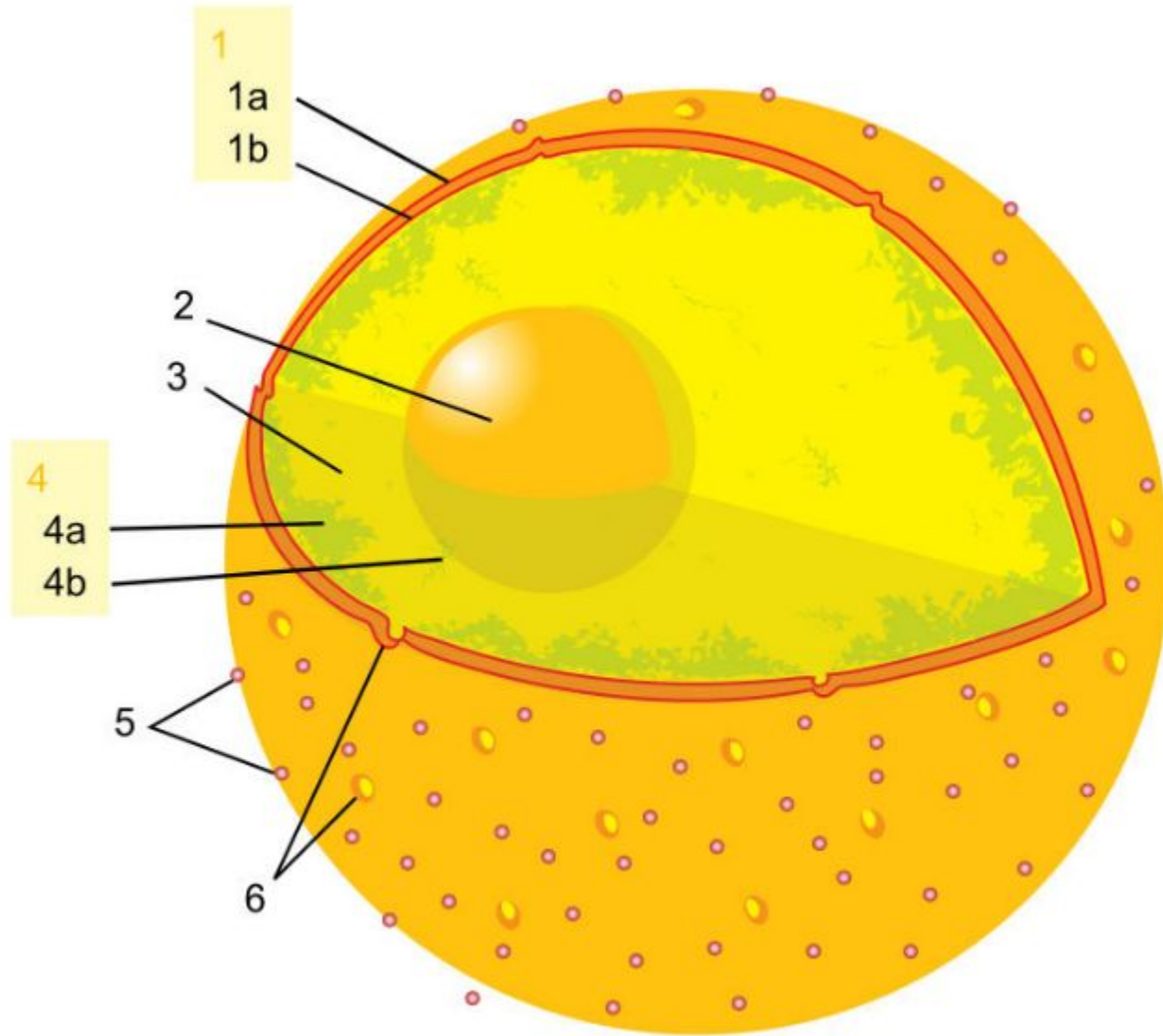
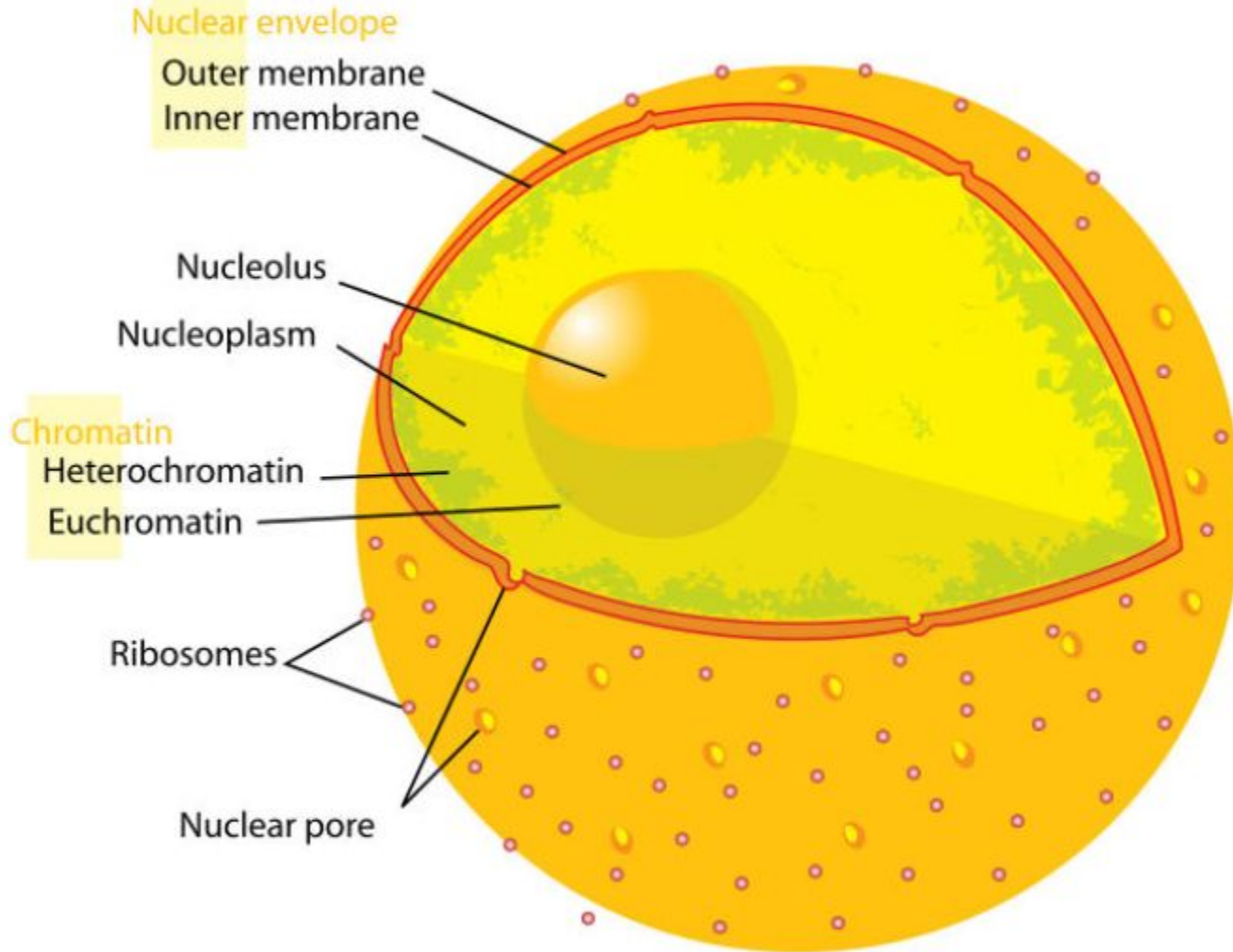


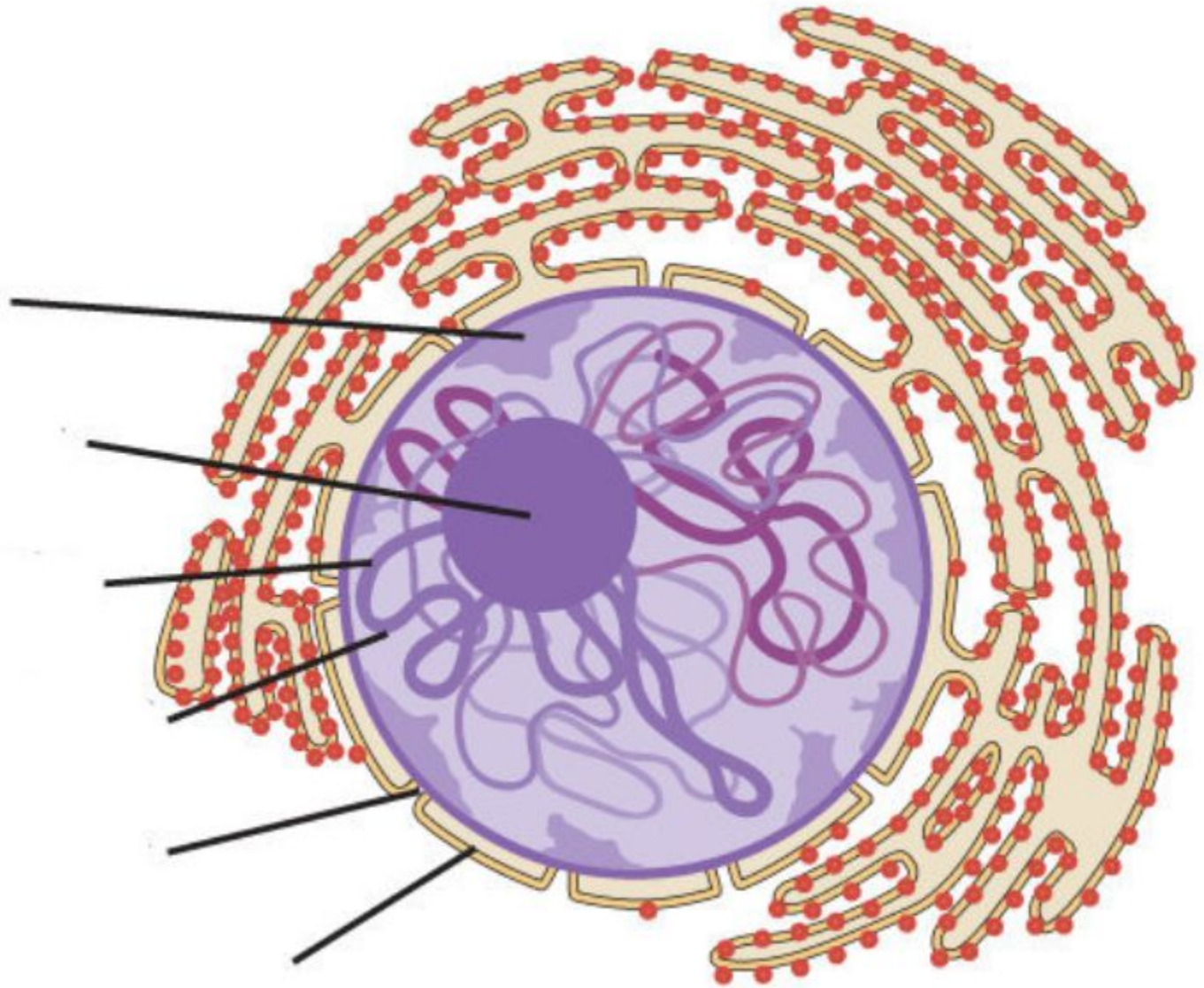
Diagram of cell nucleus



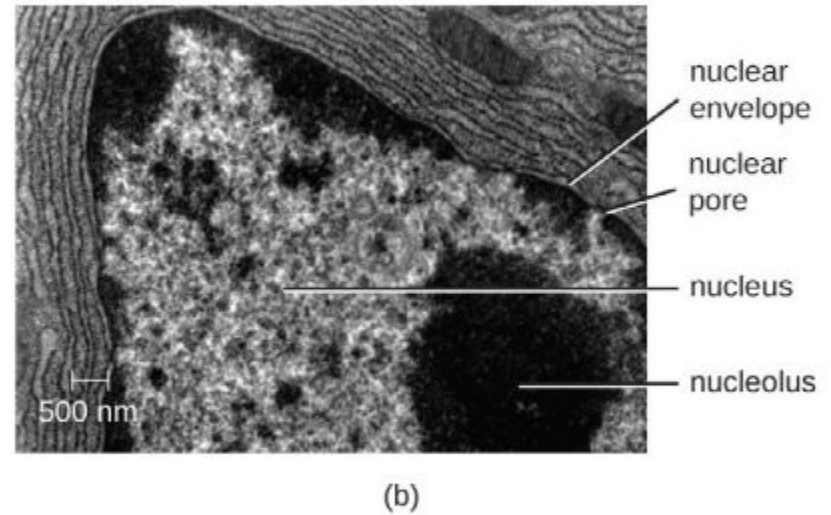
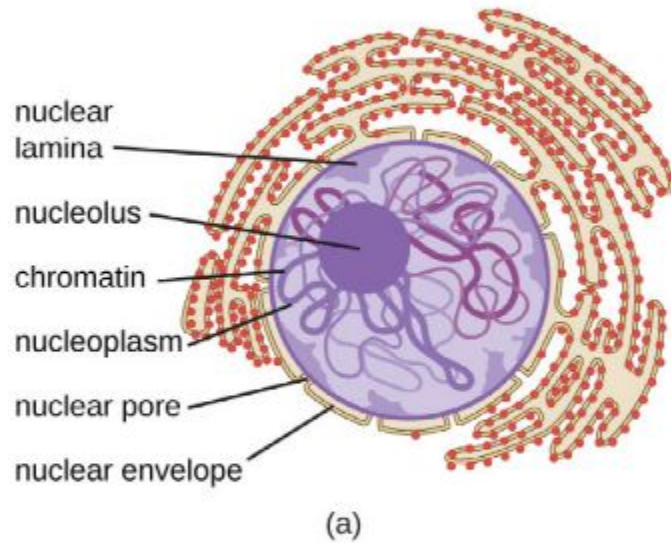
Sketch

Nucleolus

- Well-defined nuclear inclusion
- Seen in cells actively synthesizing protein
- Involved in
 - Synthesis rRNA
 - Packaging rRNA into precursors of ribosomes

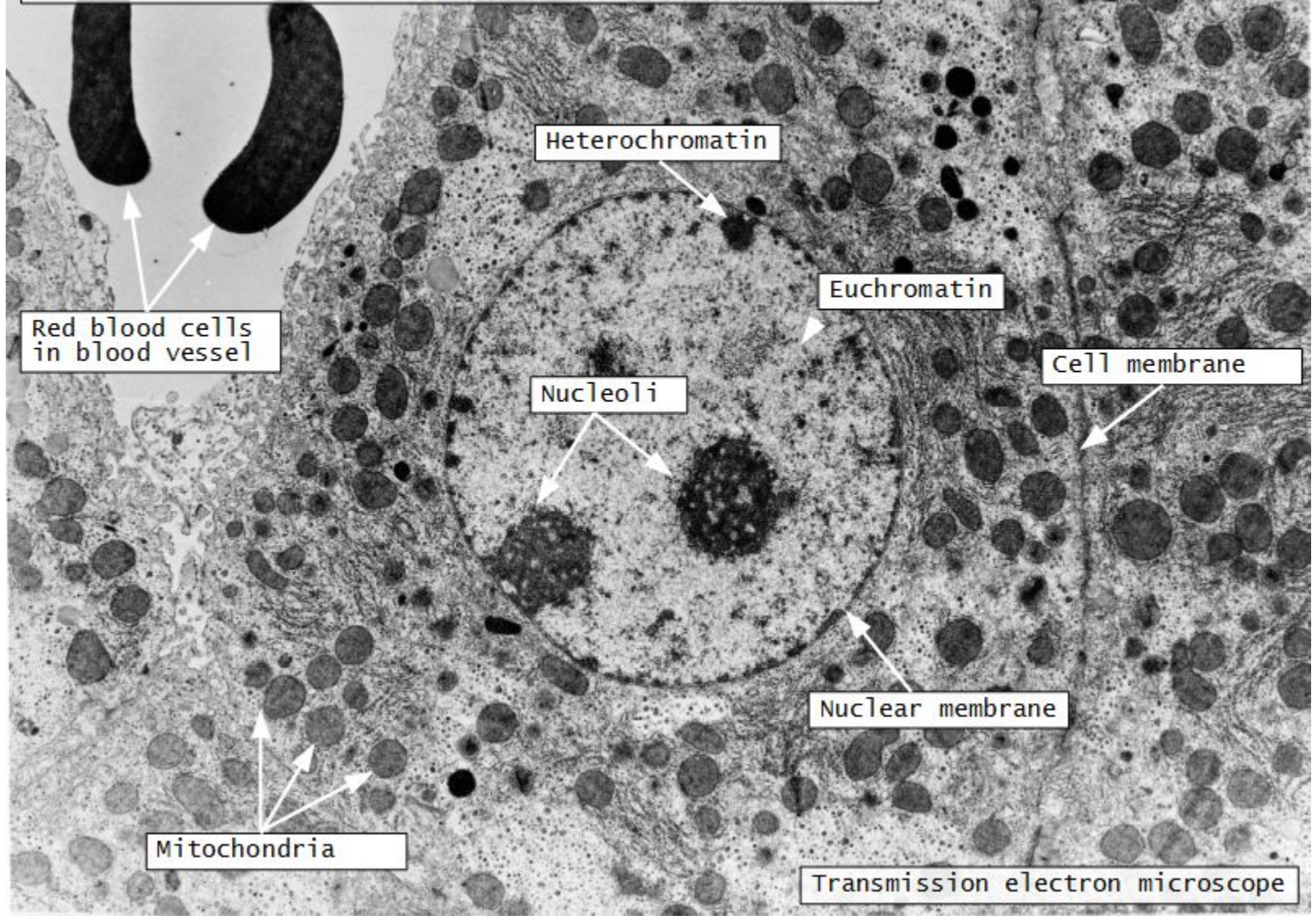


The endomembrane system is a series of membranous intracellular structures, facilitating movement of materials throughout the cell & the cell membrane.



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Electron micrograph of a liver cell



Red blood cells
in blood vessel

Heterochromatin

Euchromatin

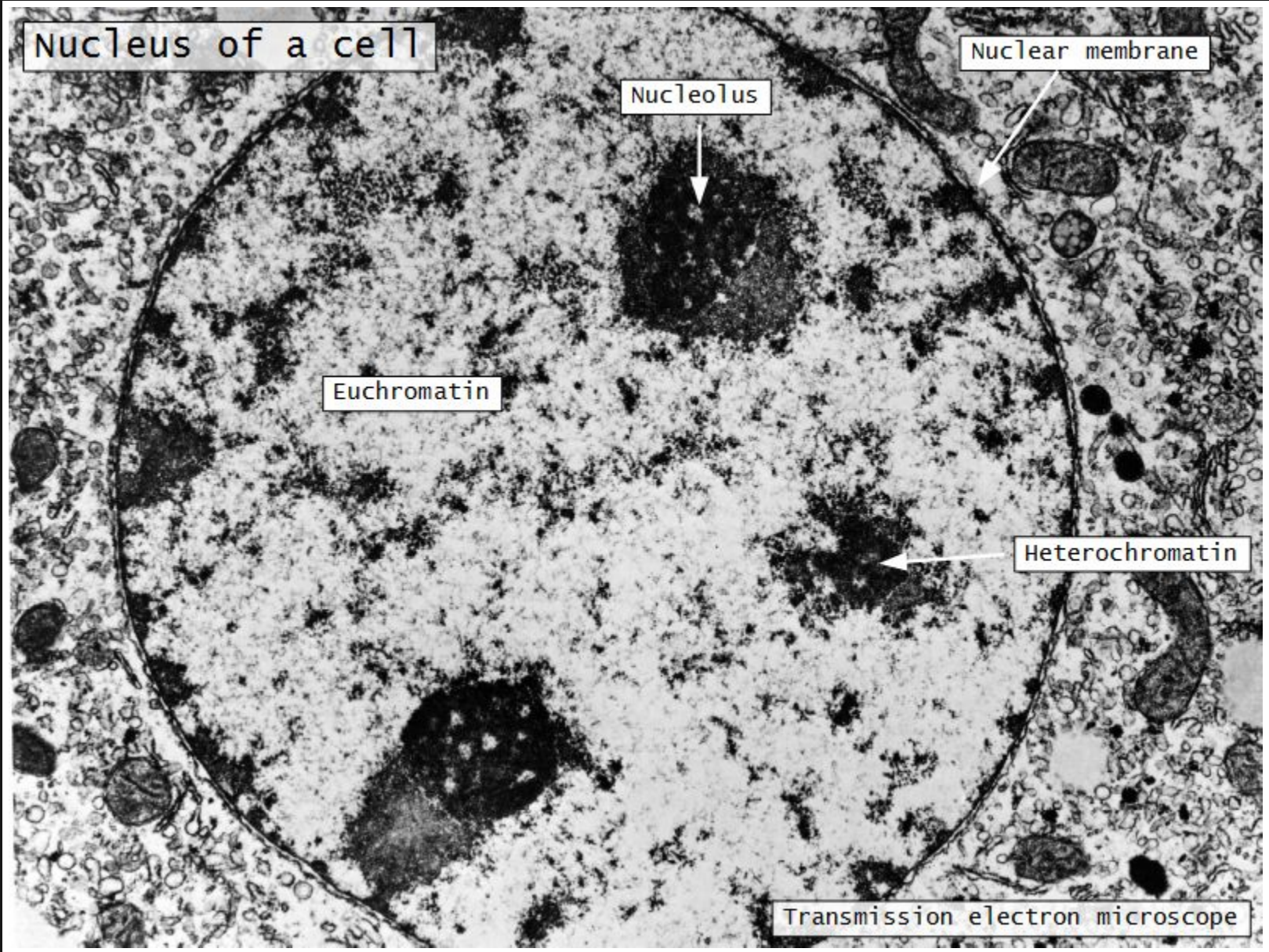
Nucleoli

Cell membrane

Nuclear membrane

Mitochondria

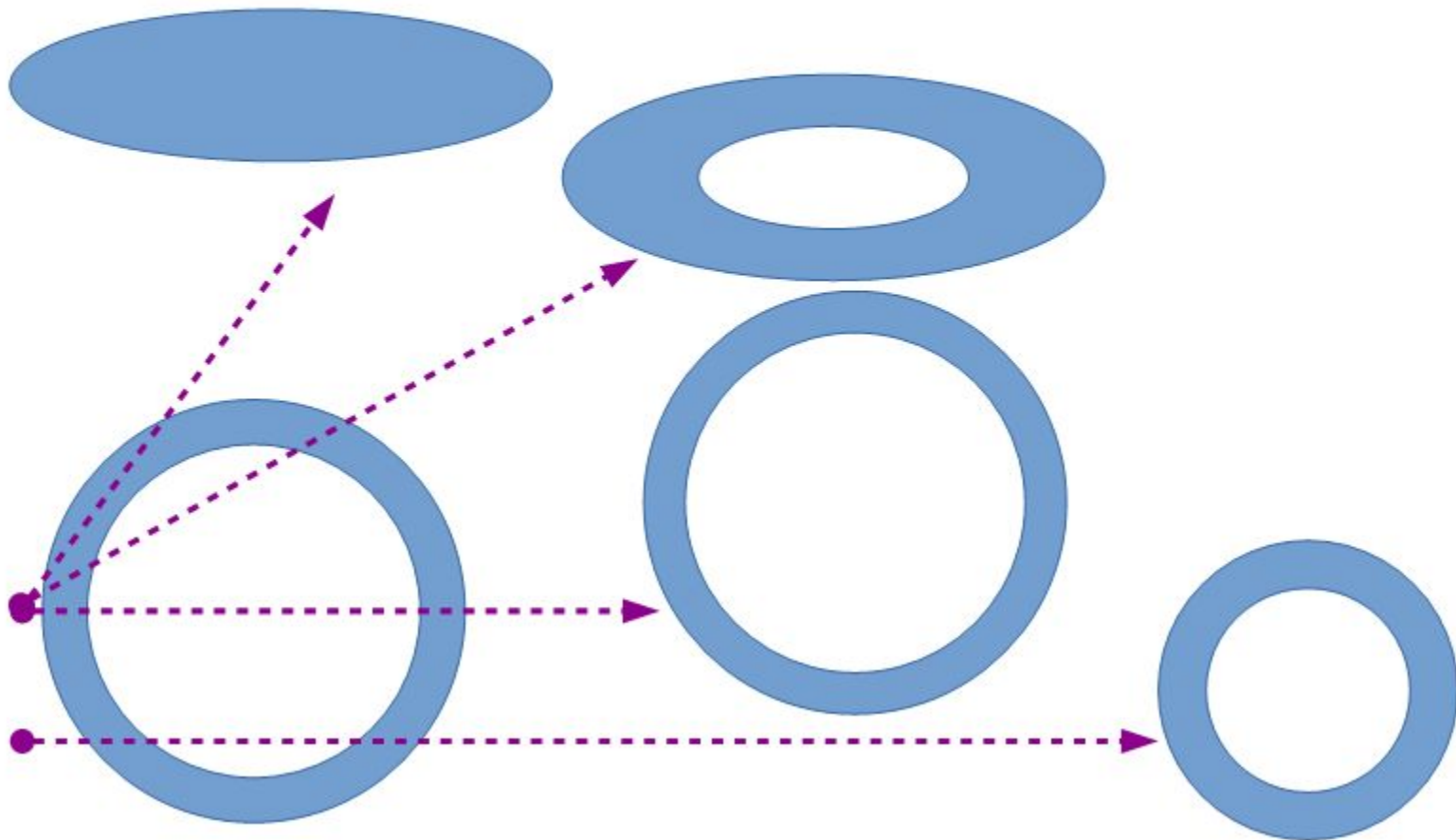
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Oblique sections:

Section does not always cut exactly through the center of a structure. This can reveal additional information about the morphology.

This diagram illustrates 4 sections through a sphere and the corresponding views.

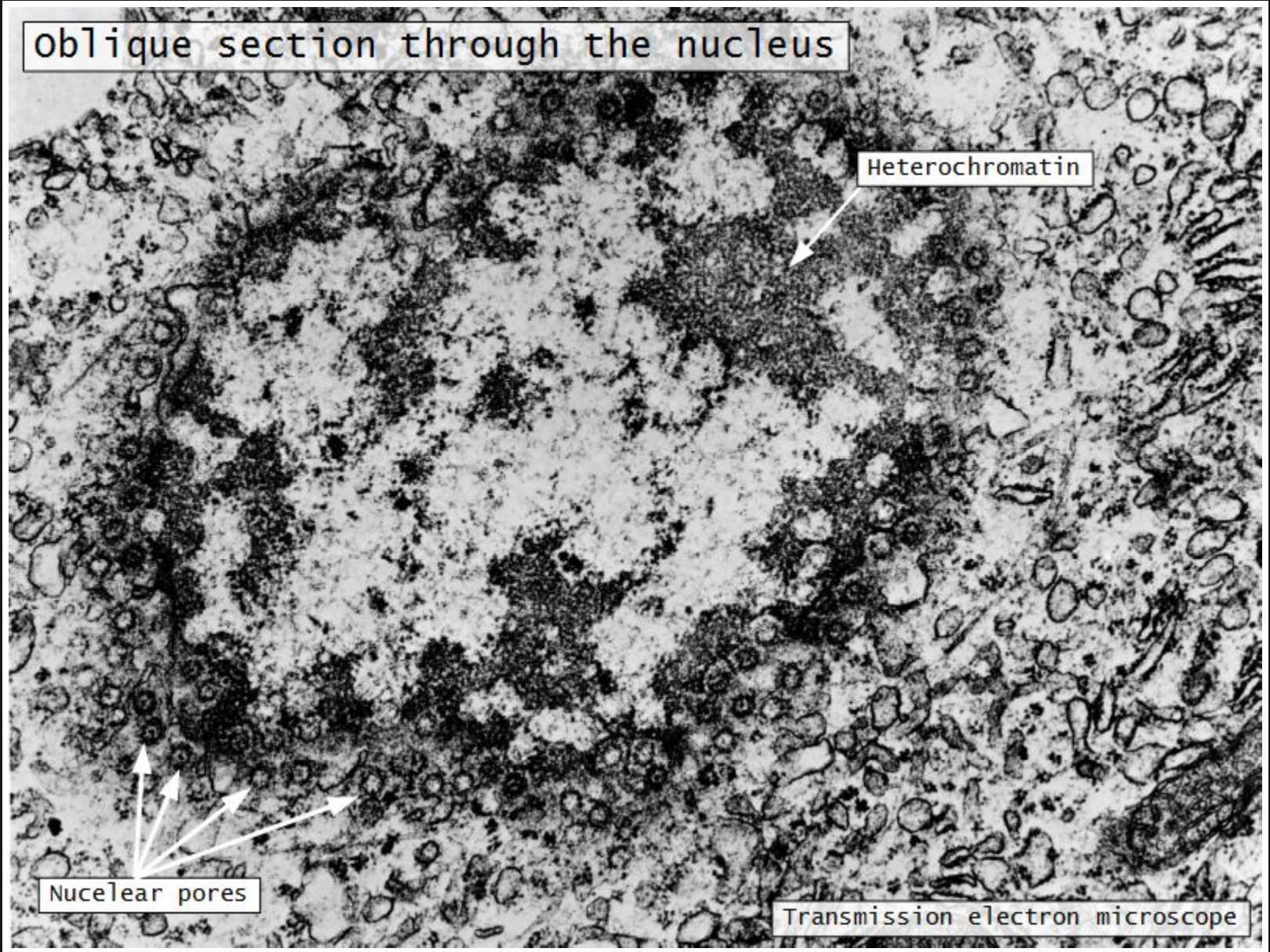


oblique section through the nucleus

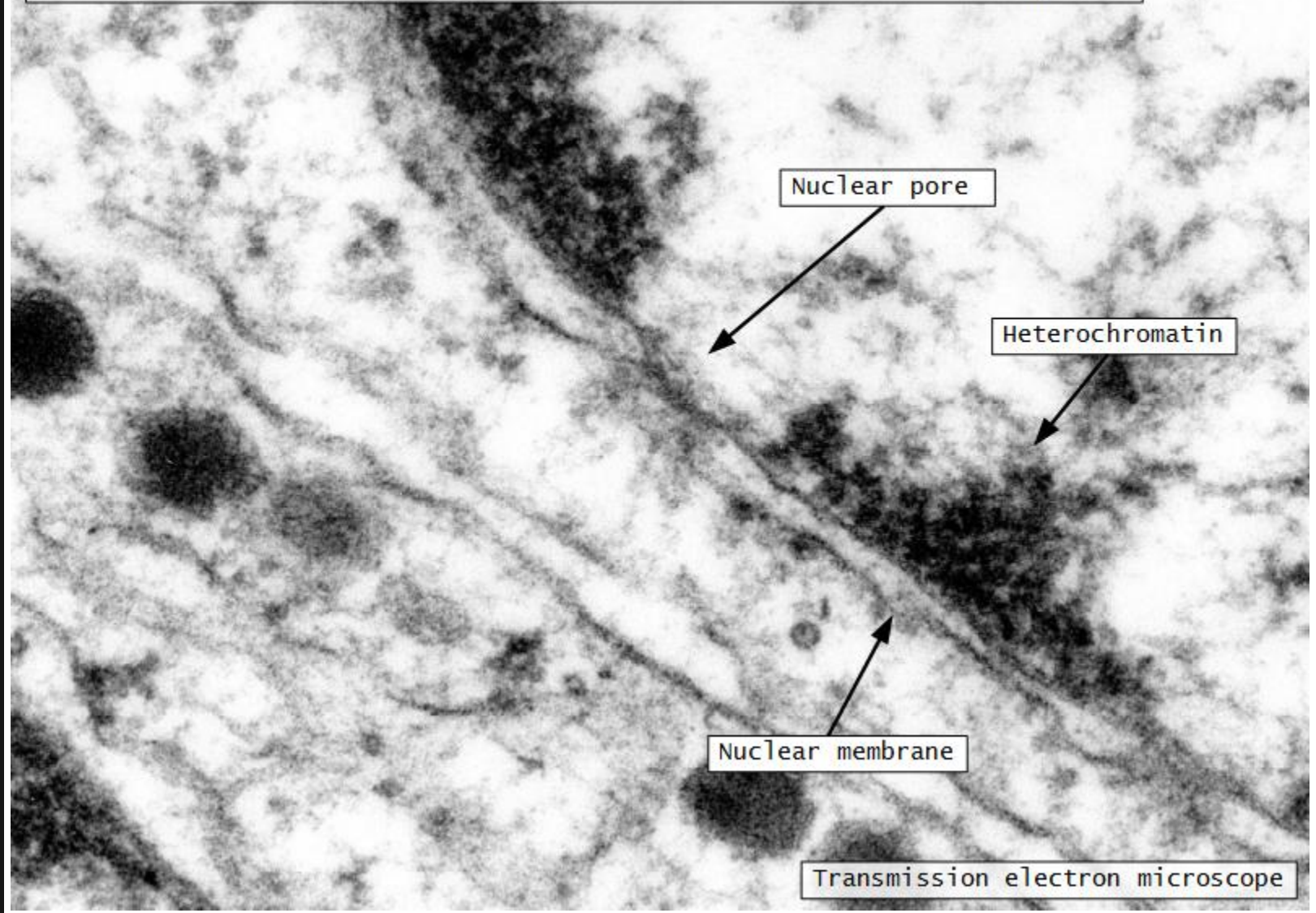
Heterochromatin

Nuclear pores

Transmission electron microscope



Cross section of the nuclear membrane and pore

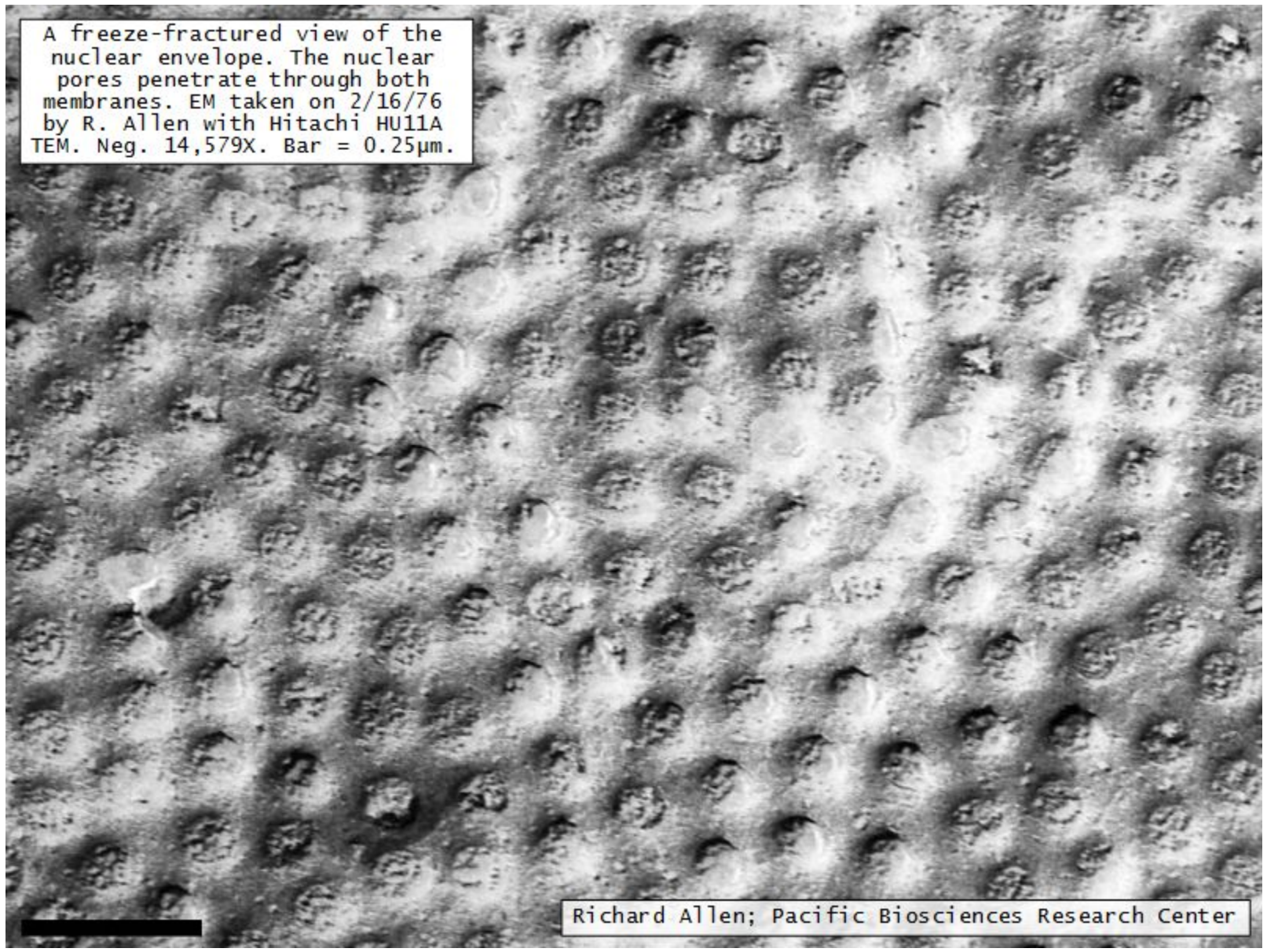


Grazing thin section through the nuclear envelope showing nuclear pores. The pores often have electron opaque dots (arrows) in their centers which indicate passage of ribonucleoprotein particles (RNP) between the nucleus and the cytoplasm. EM taken on 1/4/82 by R. Allen with Hitachi HU11A TEM. Neg. 17,500X. Bar = 0.2 μ m.



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A freeze-fractured view of the nuclear envelope. The nuclear pores penetrate through both membranes. EM taken on 2/16/76 by R. Allen with Hitachi HU11A TEM. Neg. 14,579X. Bar = 0.25 μ m.



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Cytoplasm organelles

- Cell membrane
- Glycocalyx
- Ribosomes
- Rough endoplasmic reticulum
- Smooth endoplasmic reticulum
- Mitochondria
- Golgi apparatus
- Lysosomes
- Residual body
- Peroxisome
- Centrioles

Cytoplasm Cytoskeleton

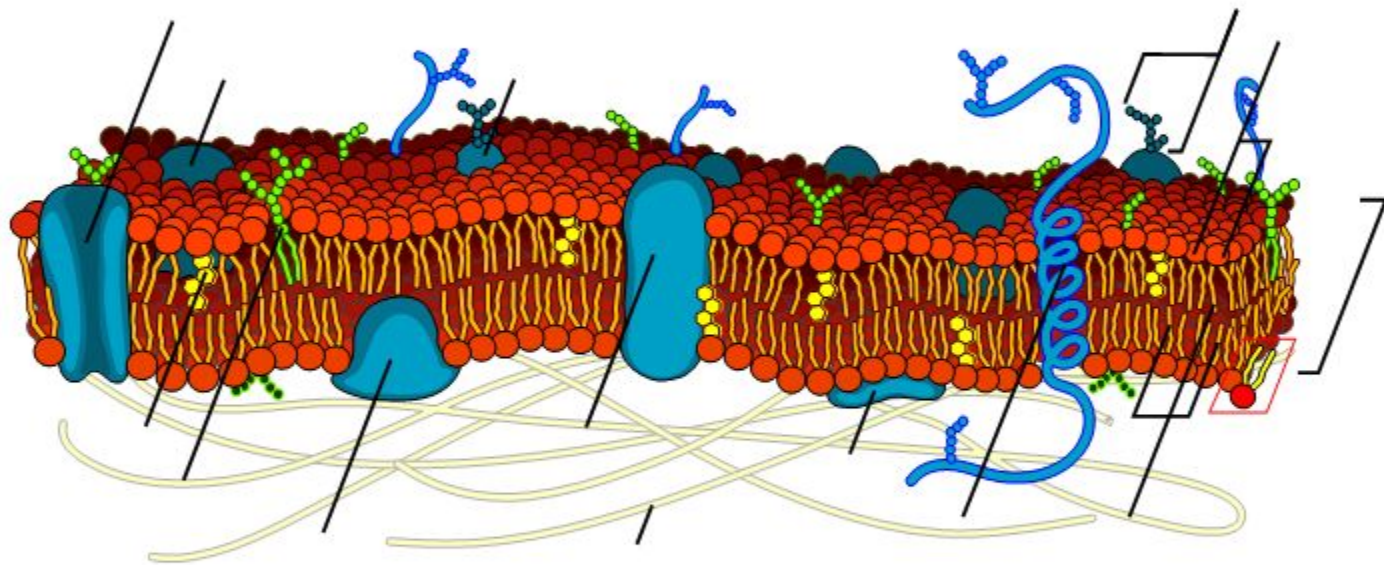
- Microtubules
- Actin microfilaments
- Myosin filaments
- Myosin
- Intermediate filaments
- Keratin filaments
- Desmin filaments
- Vimentin filaments
- Neurofilaments
- Glial filaments
- Microtrabecular lattice

Cytoplasm Inclusions

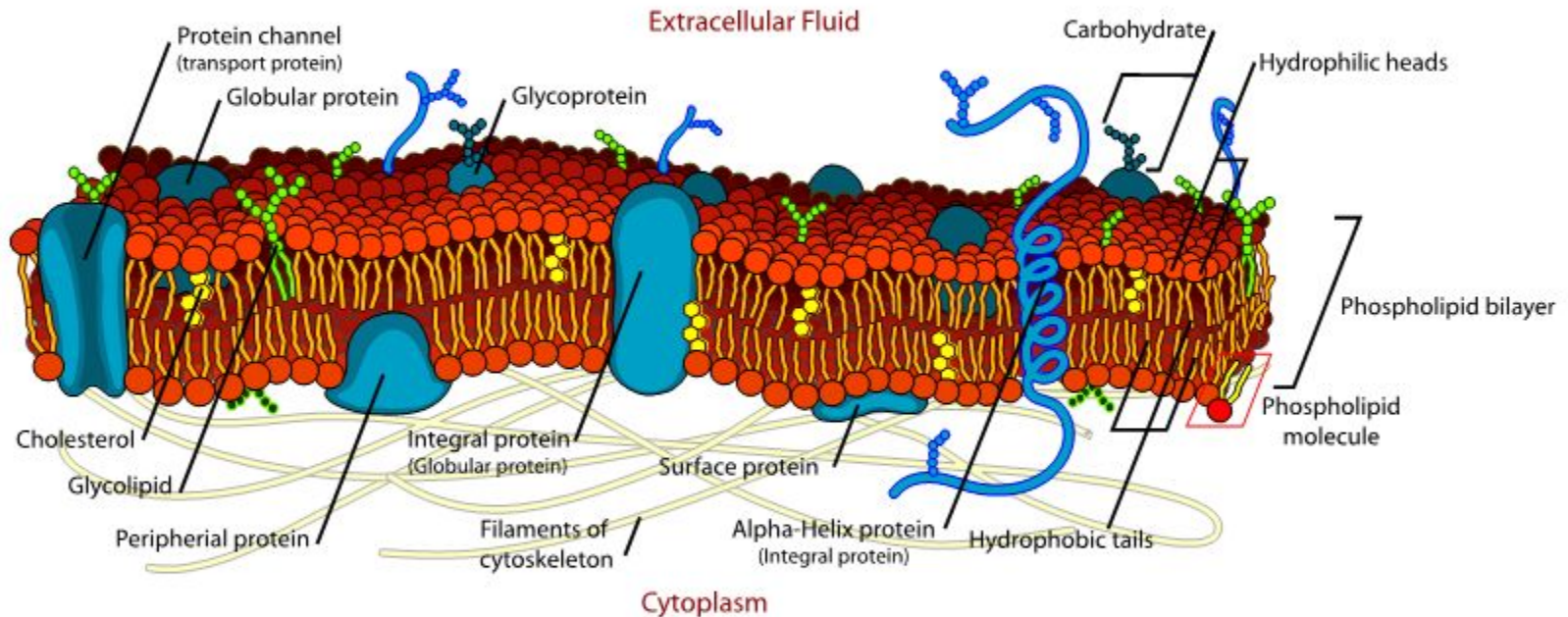
- Glycogen
- Lipid droplets
- Secretion granules

Cell membrane

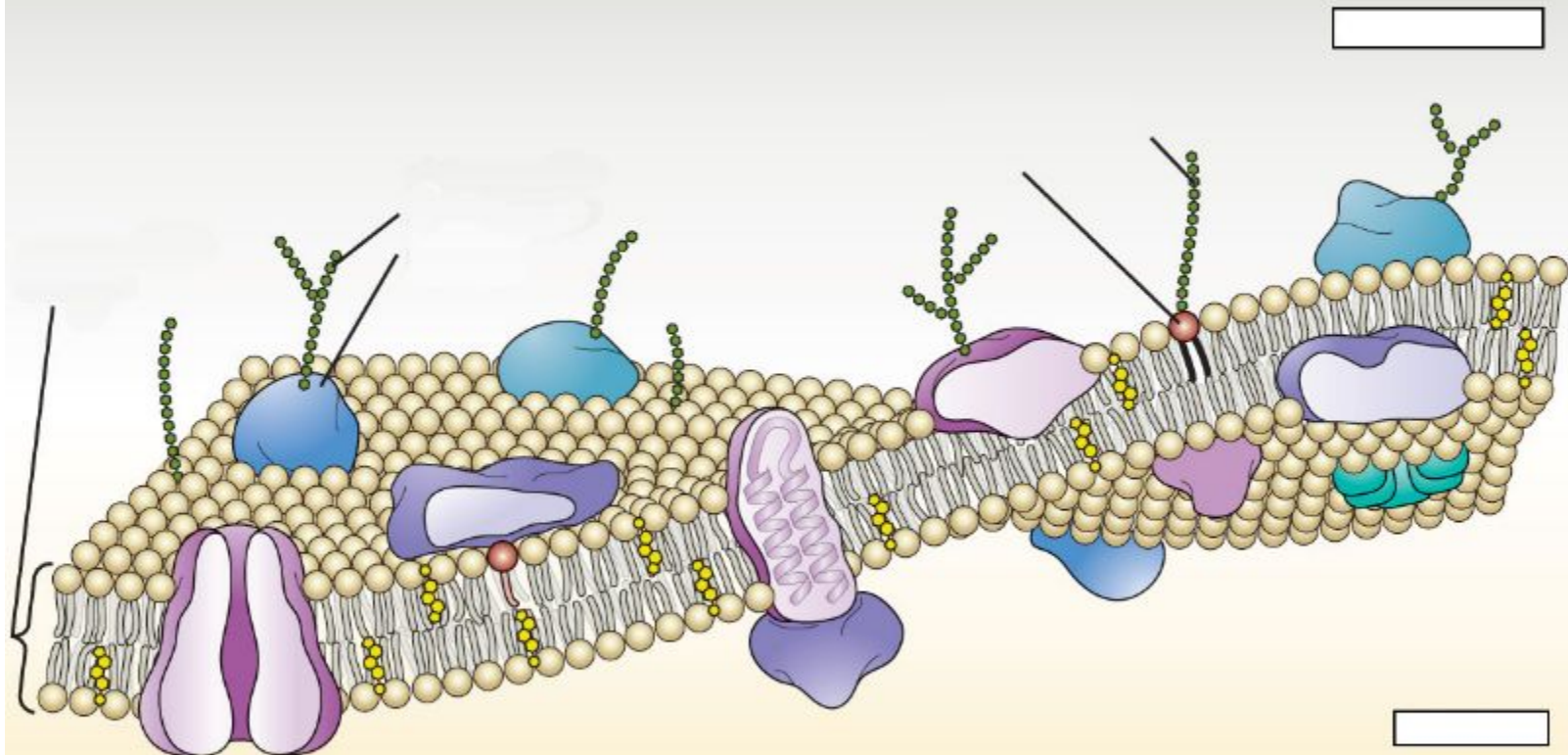
- Surrounds cell
- Boundary between cell & outside world
- Phospholipid bilayer with integral proteins
- Phospholipid
- Hydrophilic ends face outwards
- Hydrophobic chains project inwards
- Protein position varies



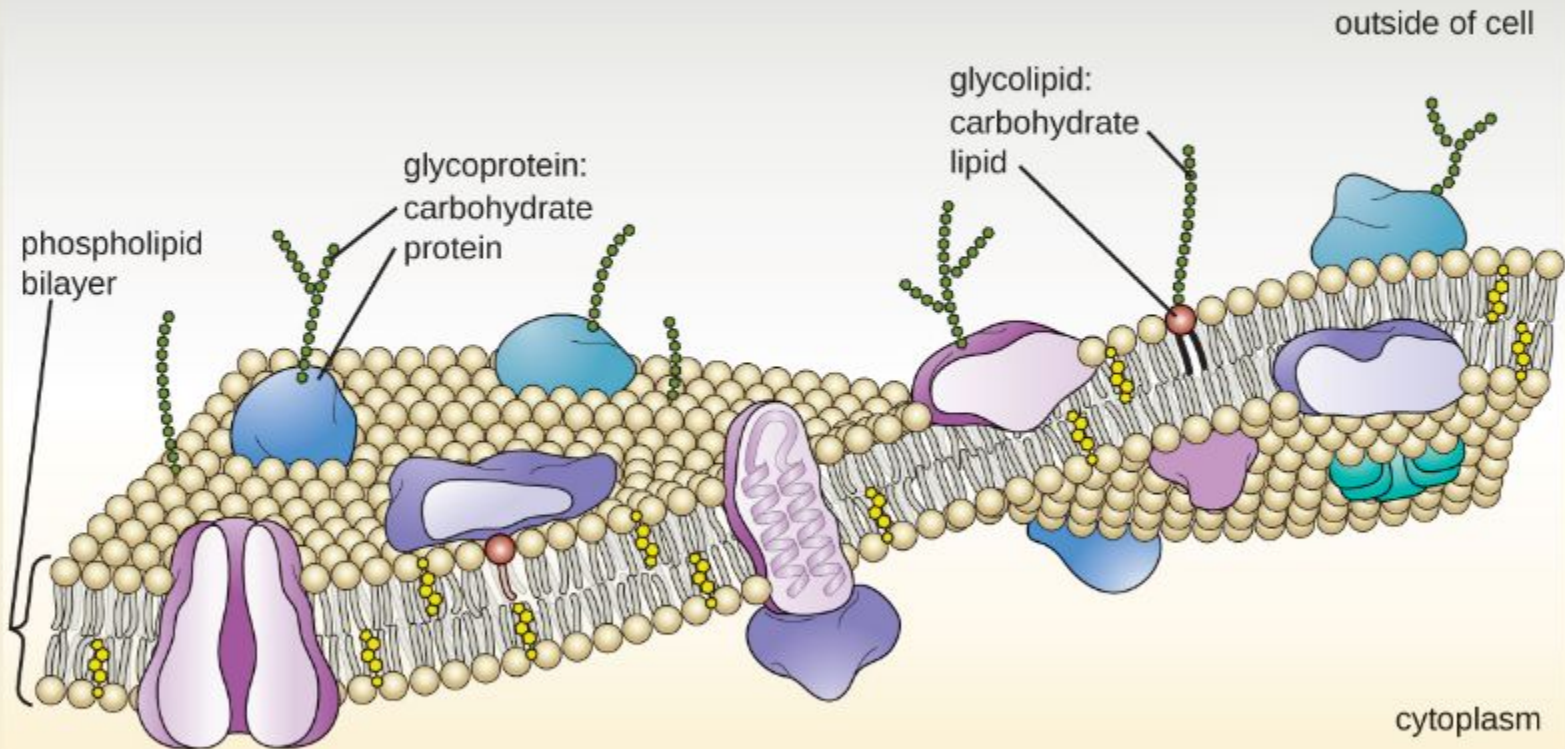
The cell membrane, also called the plasma membrane or plasmalemma, is a semipermeable lipid bilayer common to all living cells. It contains a variety of biological molecules, primarily proteins and lipids, which are involved in a vast array of cellular processes. It also serves as the attachment point for both the intracellular cytoskeleton and, if present, the cell wall.



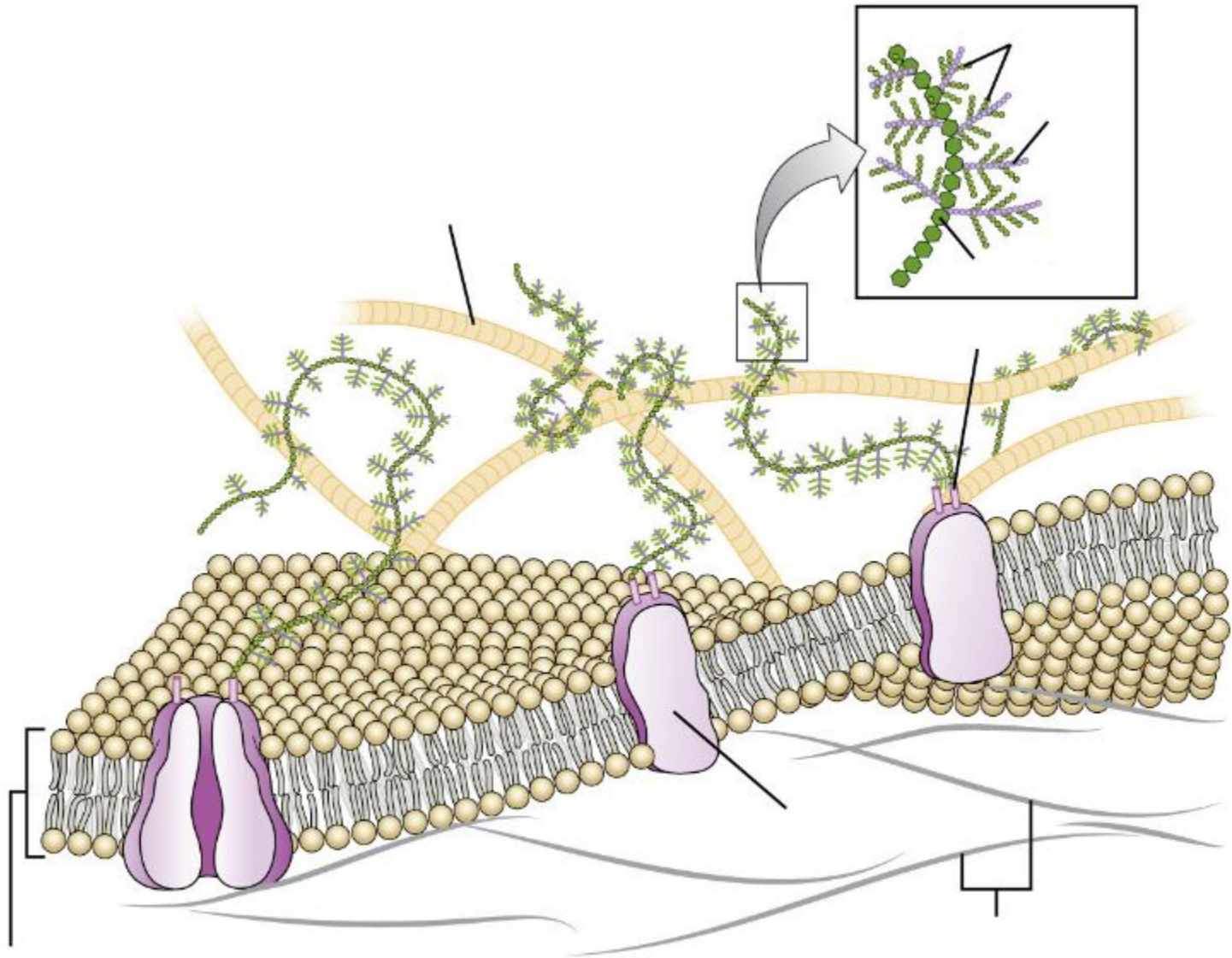
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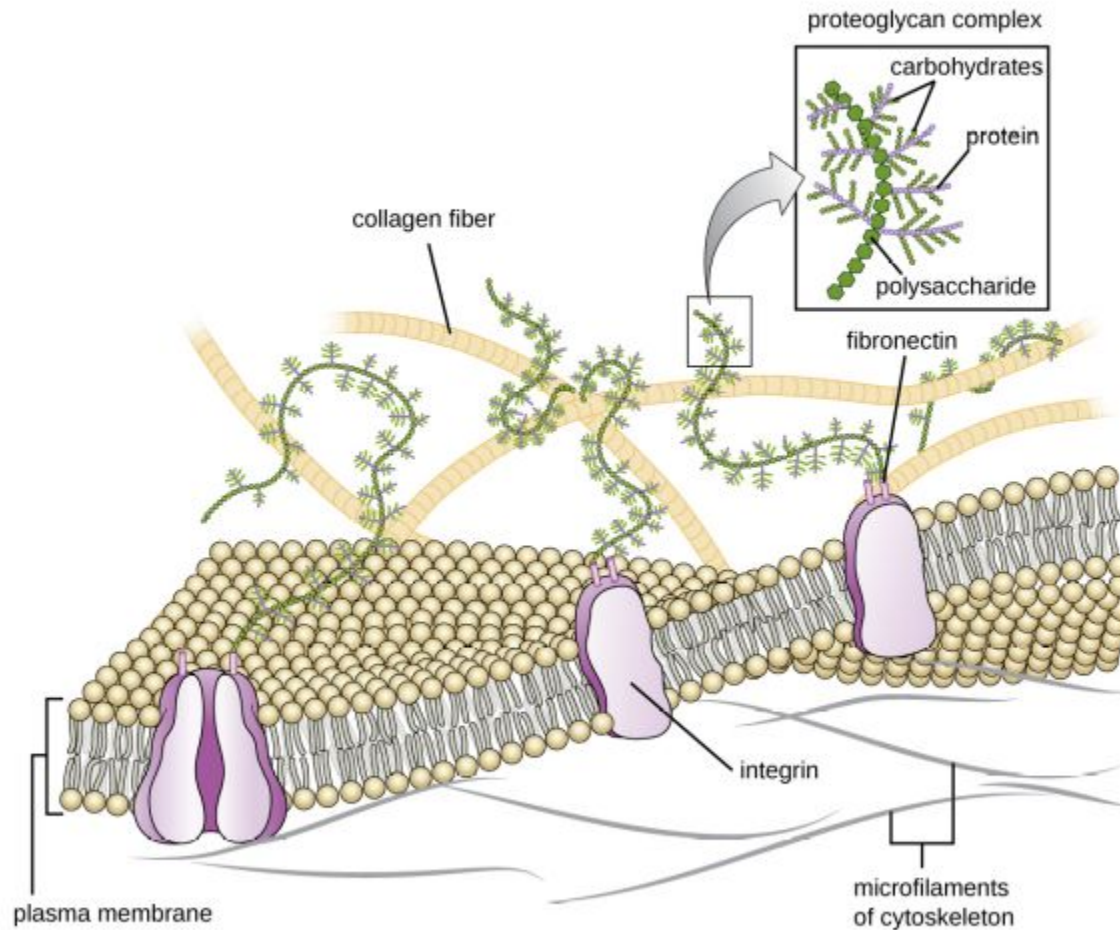
The eukaryotic plasma membrane is composed of a lipid bilayer with many embedded or associated proteins. It contains cholesterol for the maintenance of membrane, as well as glycoproteins and glycolipids that are important in the recognition other cells or pathogens.



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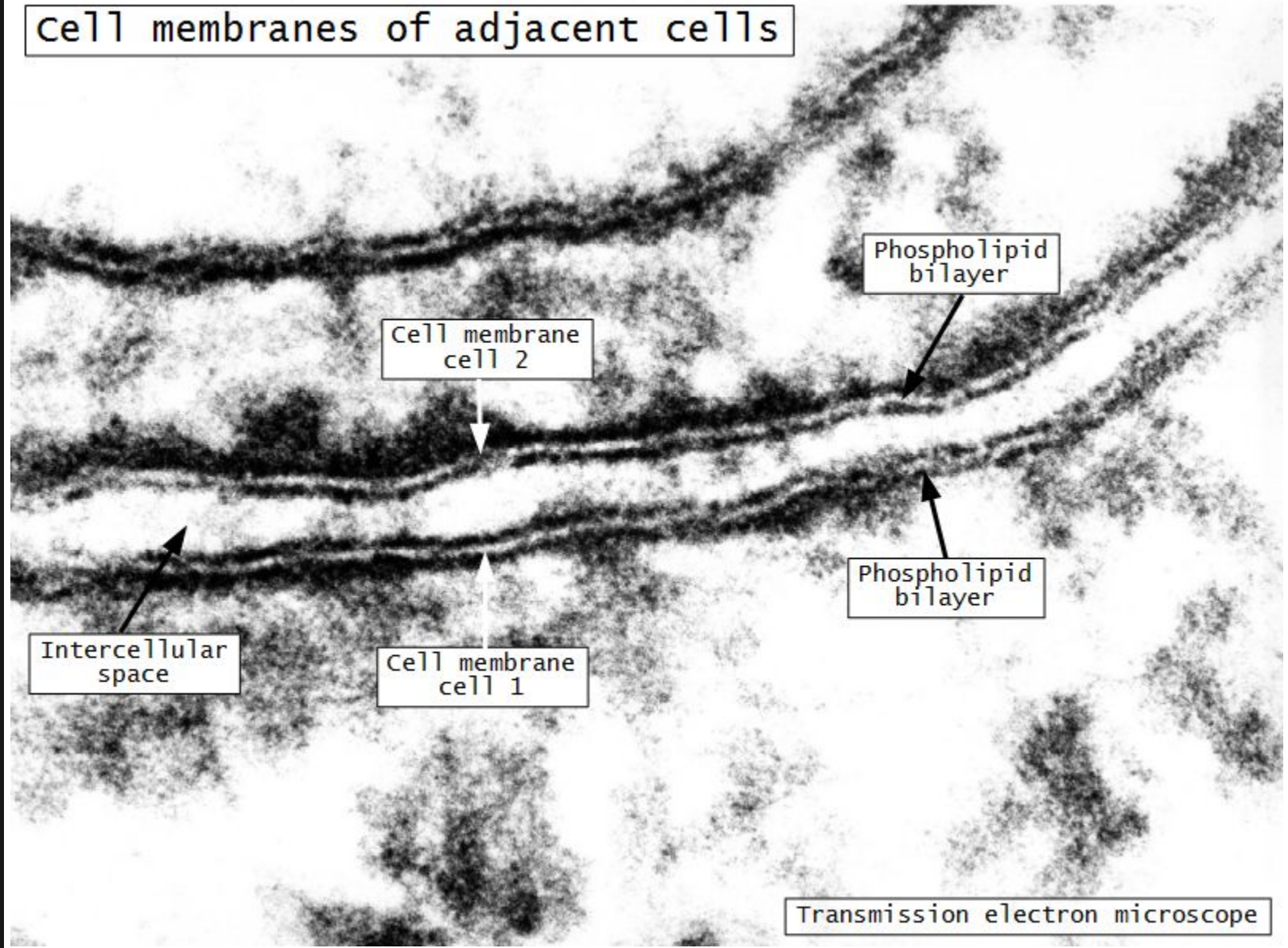


The extracellular matrix is composed of protein and carbohydrate components. It protects cells from physical stresses and transmits signals arriving at the outside edges of the tissue to cells deeper within the tissue.



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cell membranes of adjacent cells

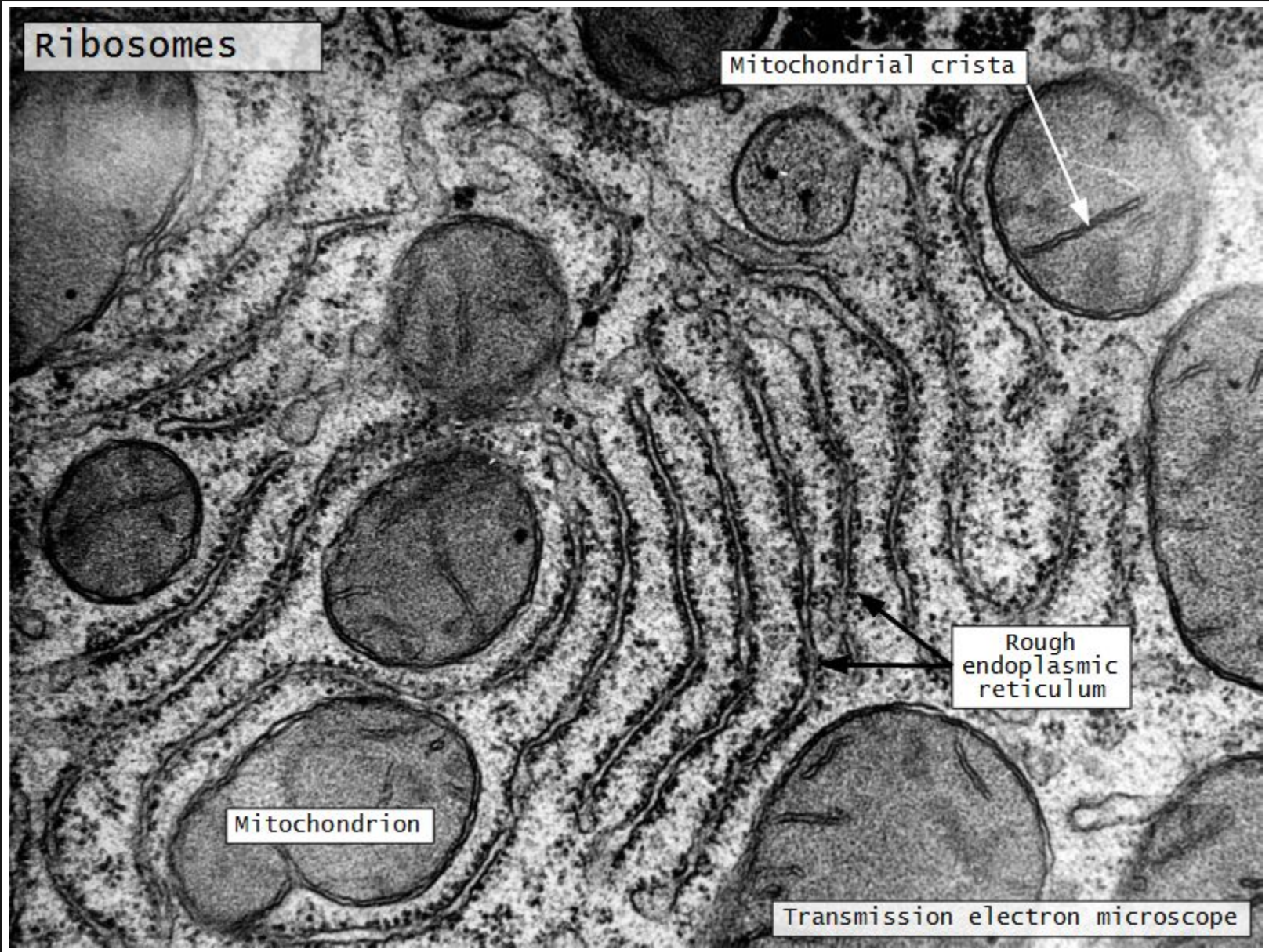


Glycocalyx

- On external surface of plasma membrane
- Plays role in immunological specificity
- Contains blood group antigens
- Has receptor sites
- Protective mechanical barrier
- Can contain enzymes

Ribosomes

- Composed of rRNA & proteins
- Cluster in groups along mRNA to form polyribosomes
- Synthesize proteins



Ribosomes

Mitochondrial crista

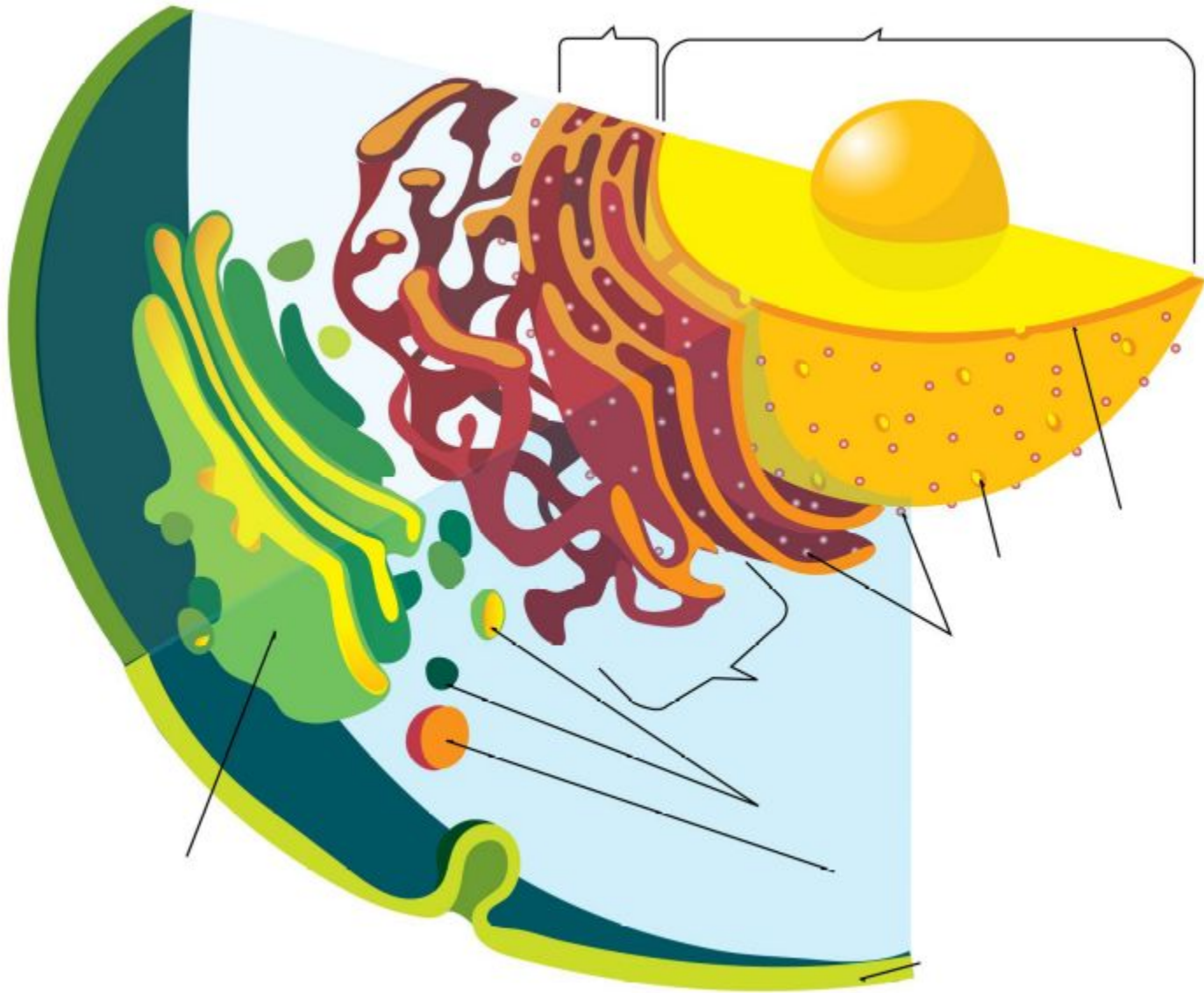
Rough endoplasmic reticulum

Mitochondrion

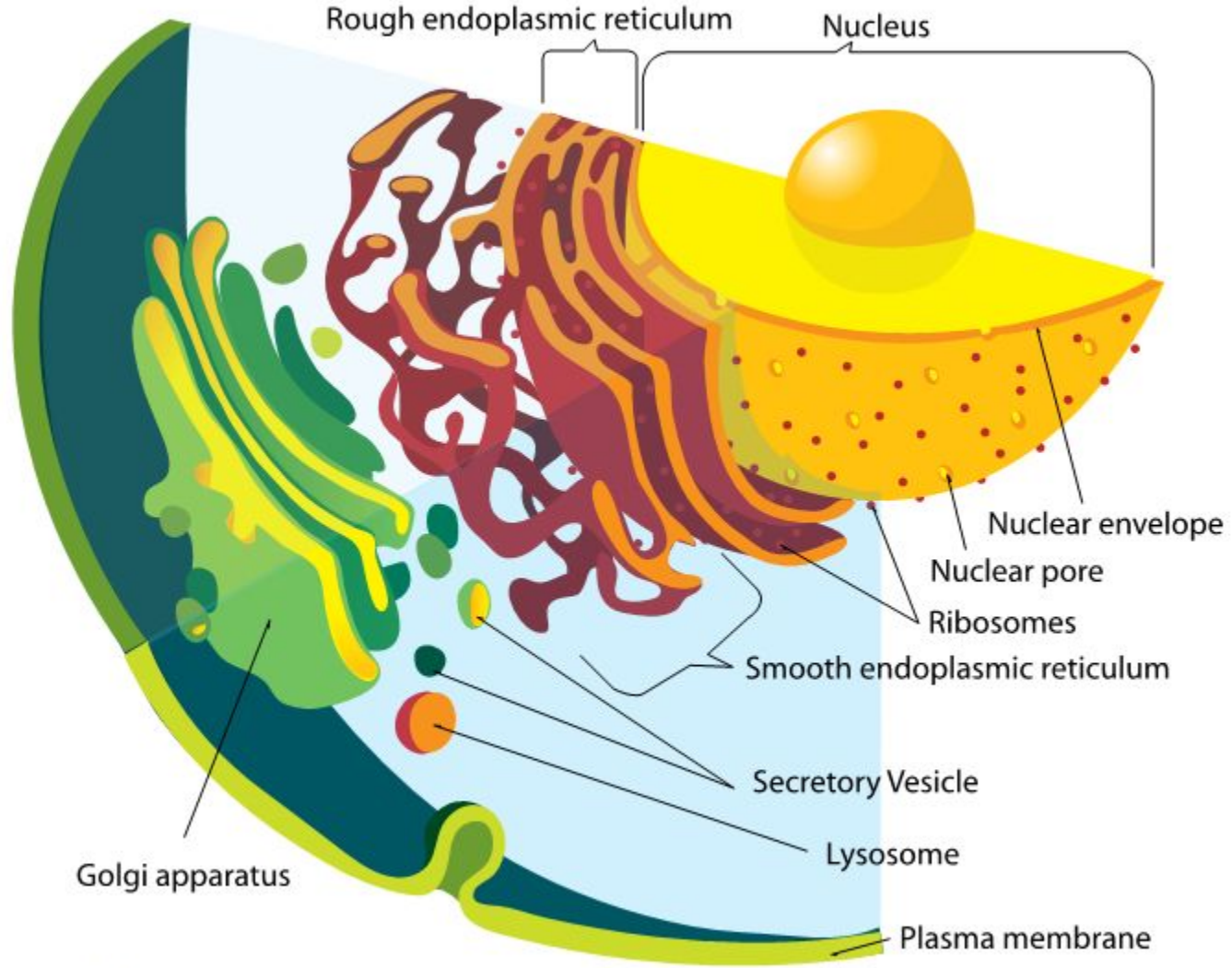
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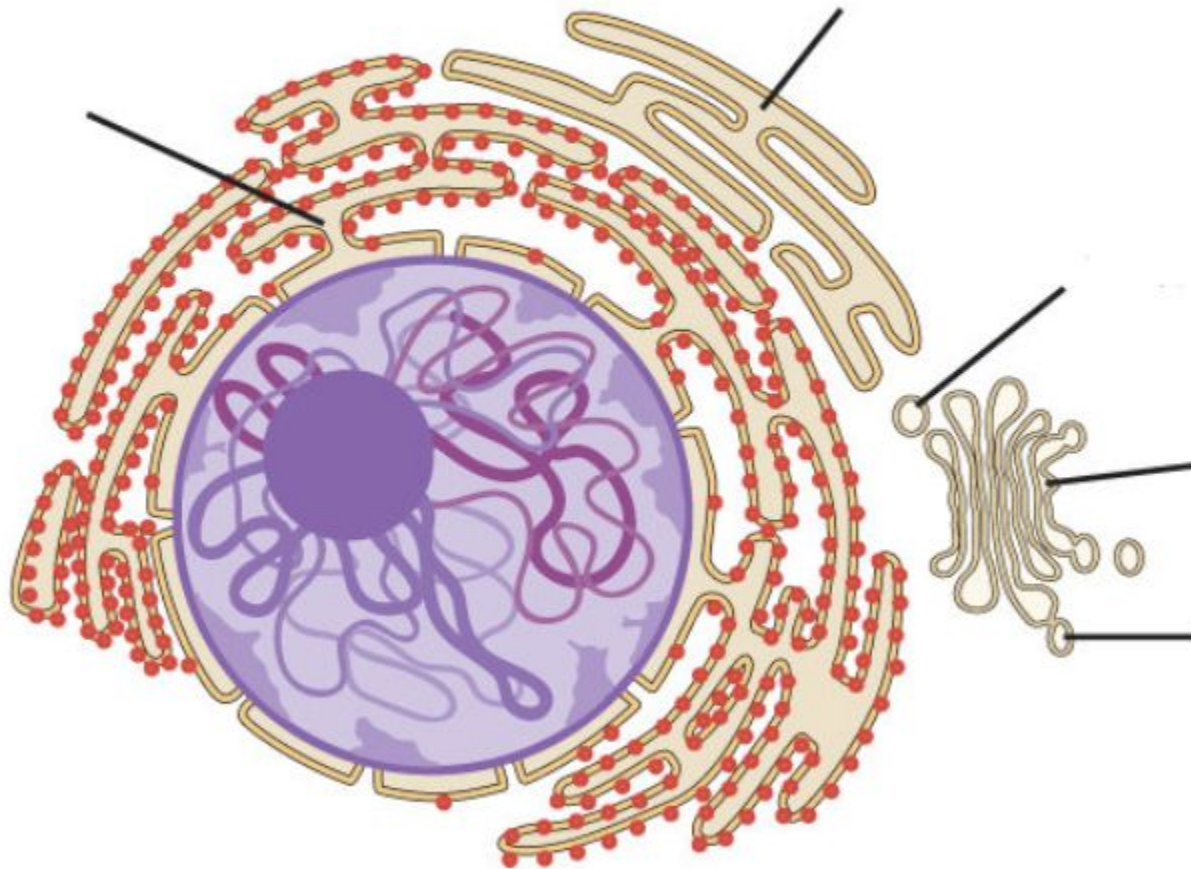
- Sheets & cavities bound by membranes
- Outer surface studded with ribosomes
- Interior region called cisternae
- Has receptors where ribosomes bind
- Common in cells synthesizing proteins for export
 - ie Secretory proteins



The endomembrane system in an eukaryote cell.



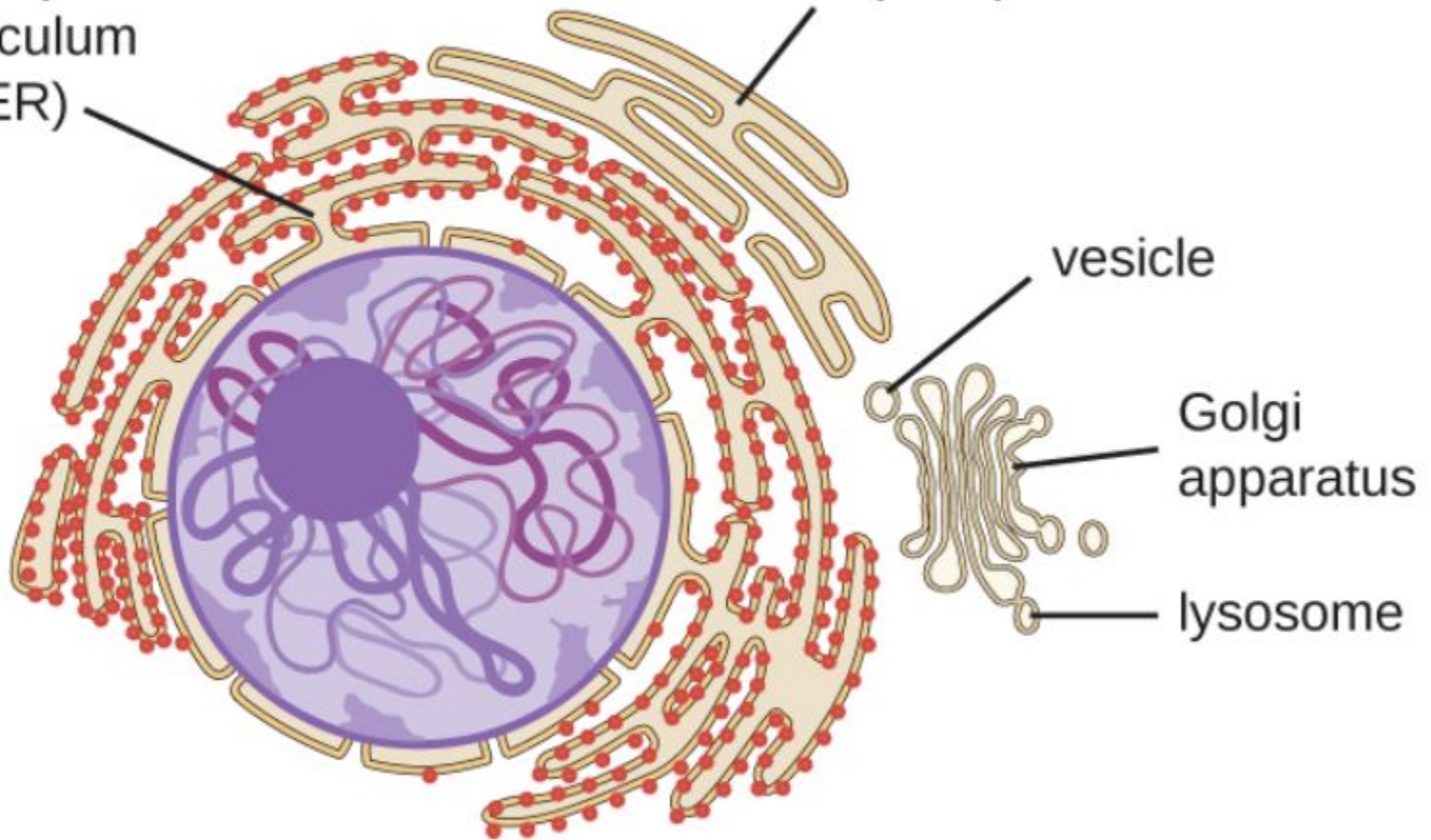
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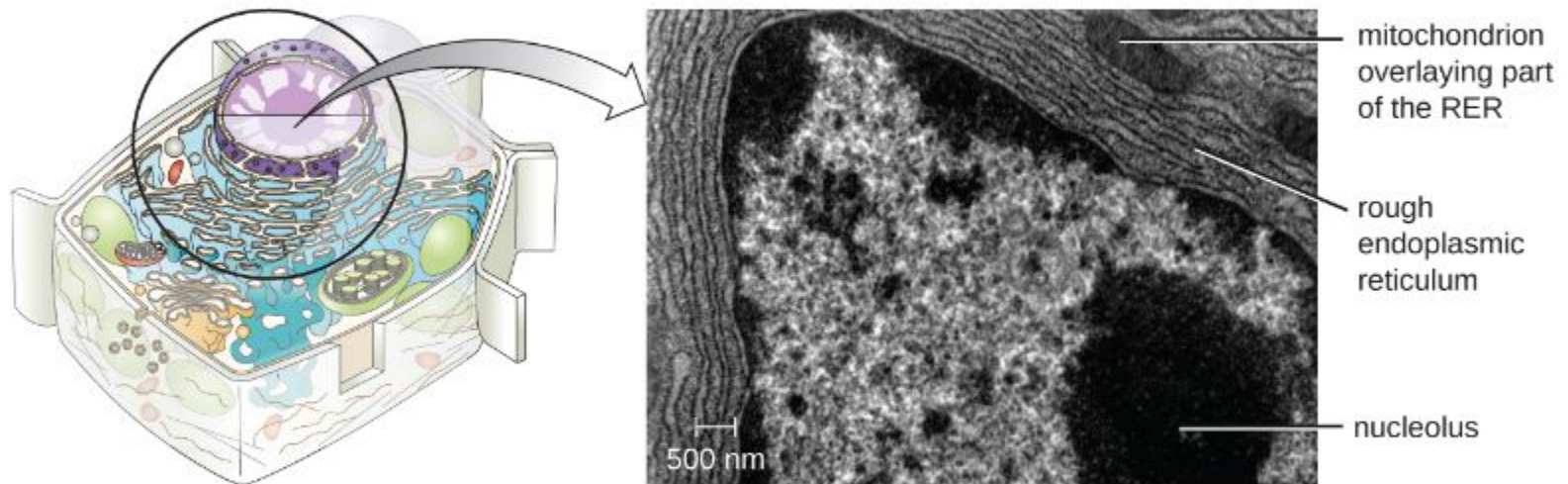
rough
endoplasmic
reticulum
(RER)

smooth endoplasmic
reticulum (SER)



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The rough endoplasmic reticulum is studded with ribosomes for the synthesis of membrane proteins (which give it its rough appearance).



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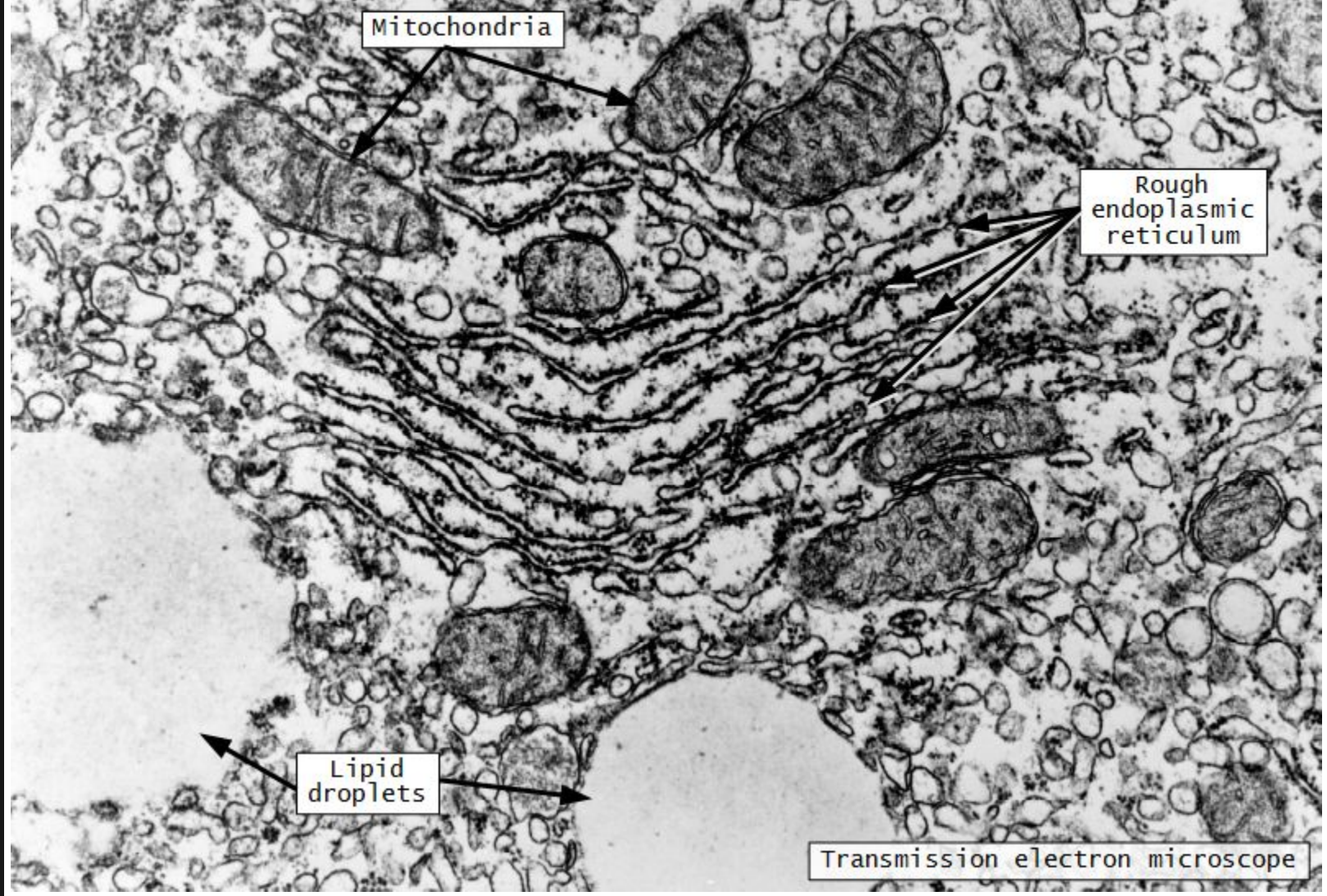
A portion of tubular ER showing ribosomes attached to its surface as nascent proteins into the ER lumen. EM taken on 5/12/91 by R. Allen with Zeiss 10A TEM. Neg. 19,800X. Bar = 0.2 μ m. Published in *Int. Rev. Cytol.* 198:277-318, 2000.

endoplasmic reticulum



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Mitochondria, rough ER and lipid droplets



Transmission electron microscope

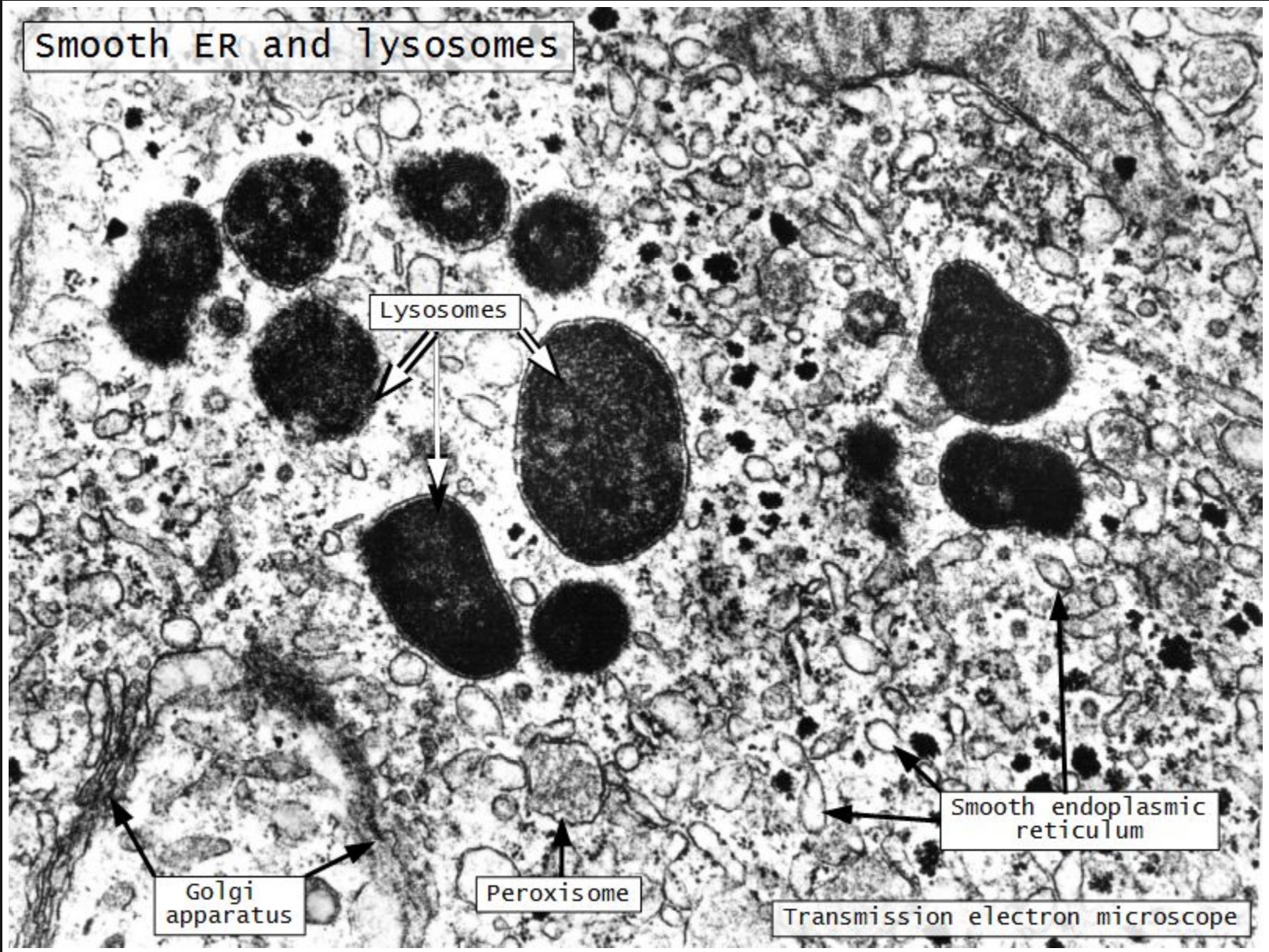
Smooth endoplasmic reticulum

- Irregular network membrane-bound channels
- Without ribosomes
- Branching & anastomosing tubules & vesicles
- Function depends on cell
 - Steroid hormone synthesis
 - Drug detoxification
 - Metabolism of lipids & cholesterol
 - Calcium ion homeostasis

Lysosomes

- Membrane-bound dense bodies
- Contains hydrolytic enzymes
- Functions in intracellular digestion

Smooth ER and Lysosomes



Lysosomes

Golgi apparatus

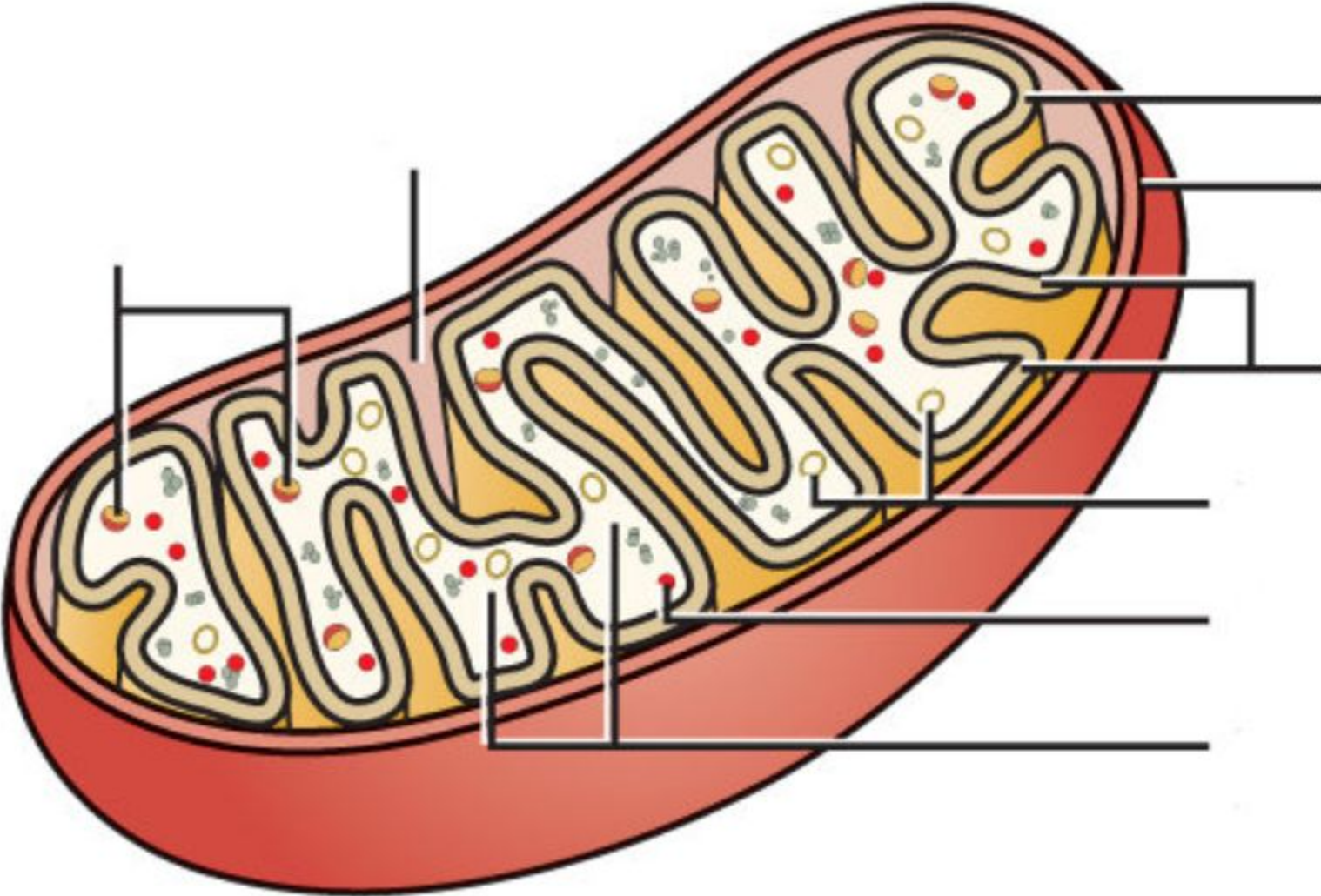
Peroxisome

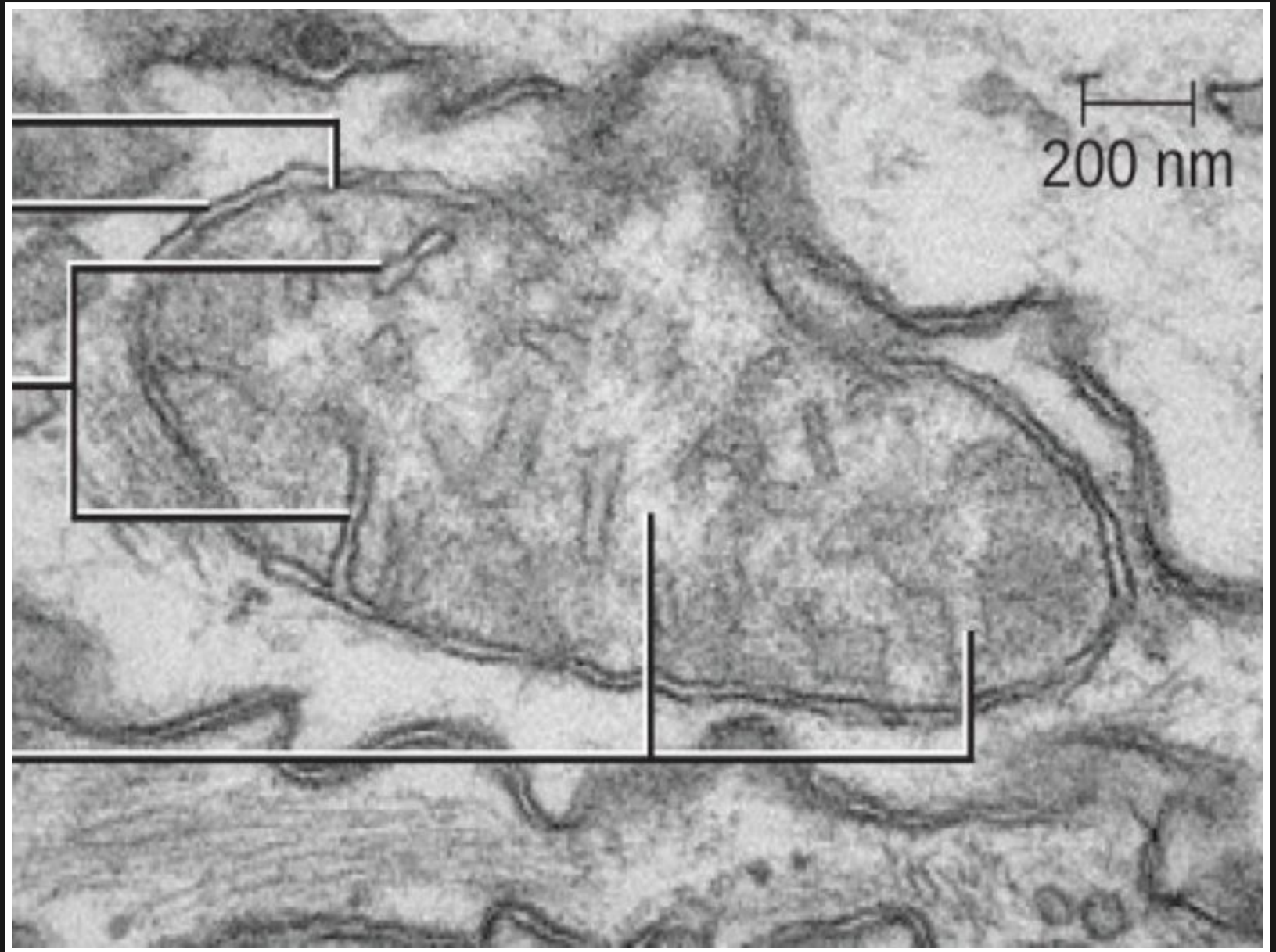
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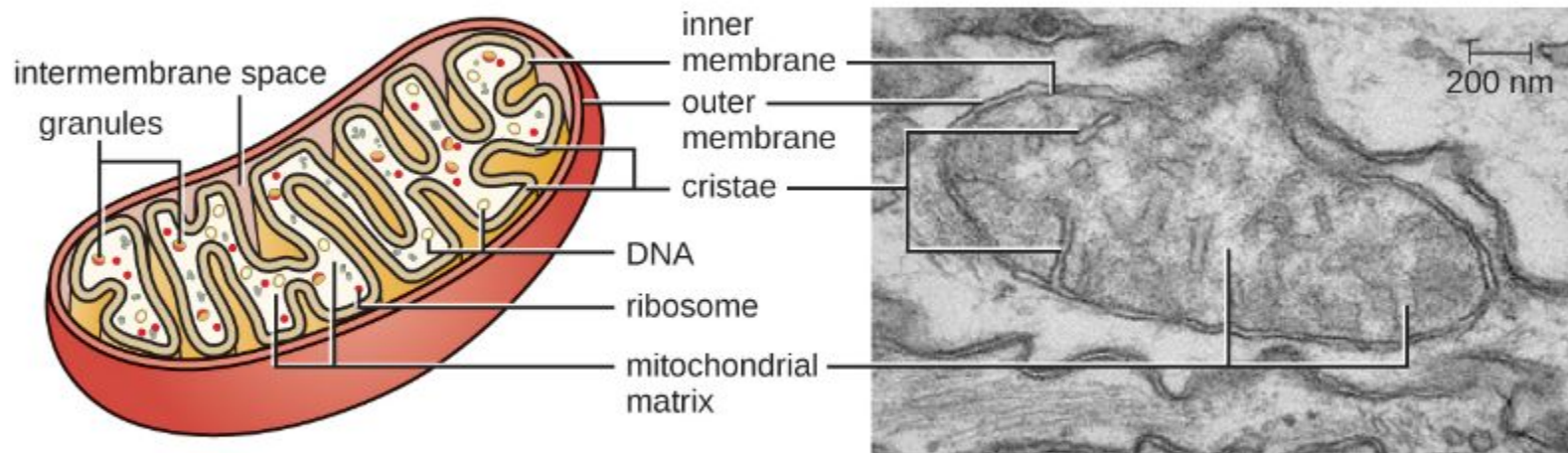
Mitochondria

- Rod-shaped organelles
- Double-membrane structure
 - Outer membrane surrounds entire organelle
 - Inner membrane folds into interior
- Inner membrane form cristae
- Have enzymes for Krebs cycle & fatty acid oxidation
- Contain own genetic apparatus
 - DNA, mRNA, tRNA & rRNA
- Produces adenosine triphosphate (ATP)



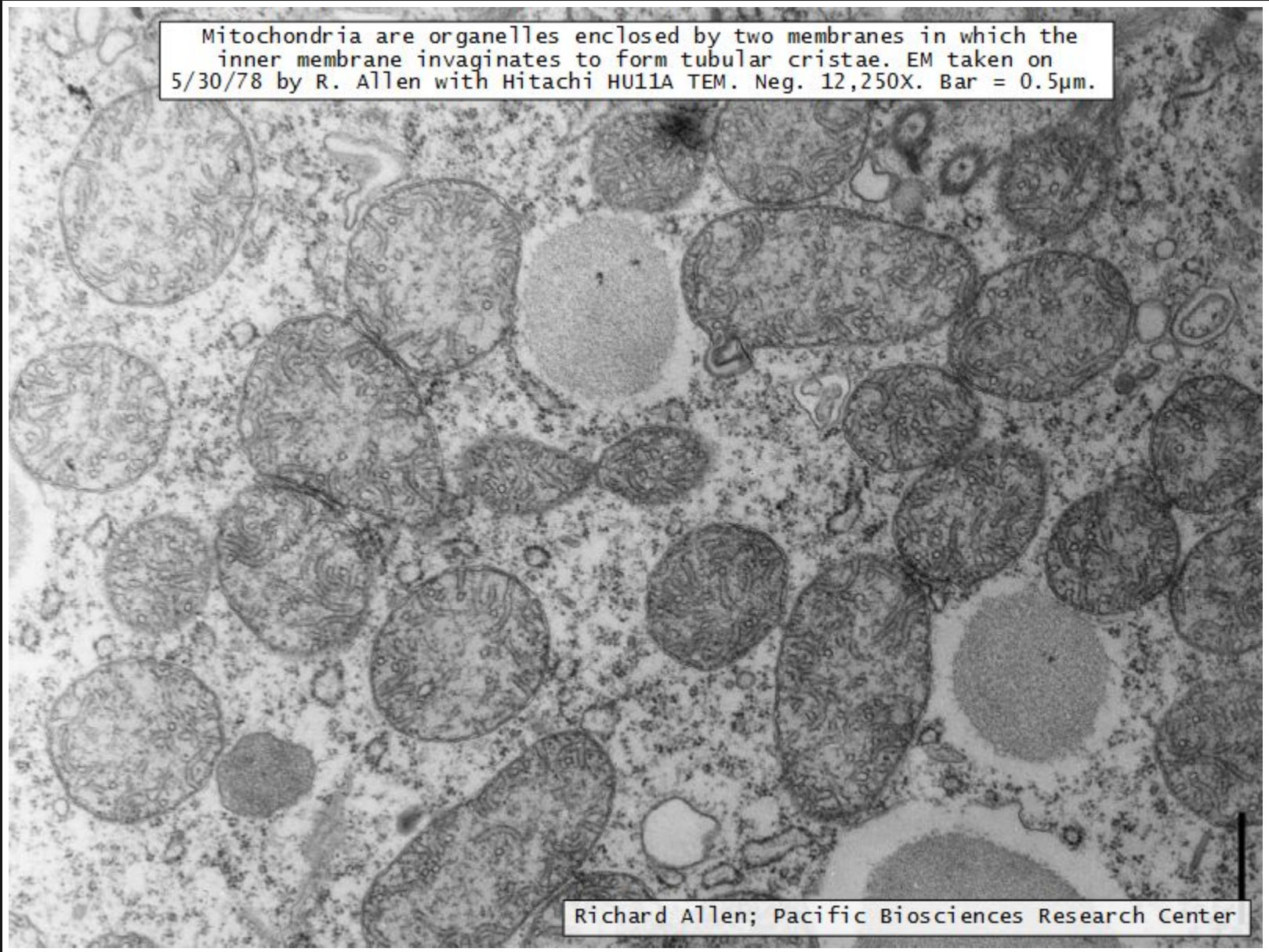


Each mitochondrion is surrounded by two membranes, the inner of which is extensively folded into cristae and is the site of the intermembrane space. The mitochondrial matrix contains the mitochondrial DNA, ribosomes, and metabolic enzymes. The transmission electron micrograph of a mitochondrion, on the right, shows both membranes, including cristae and the mitochondrial matrix. (credit "micrograph": modification of work by Matthew Britton; scale-bar data from Matt Russell)



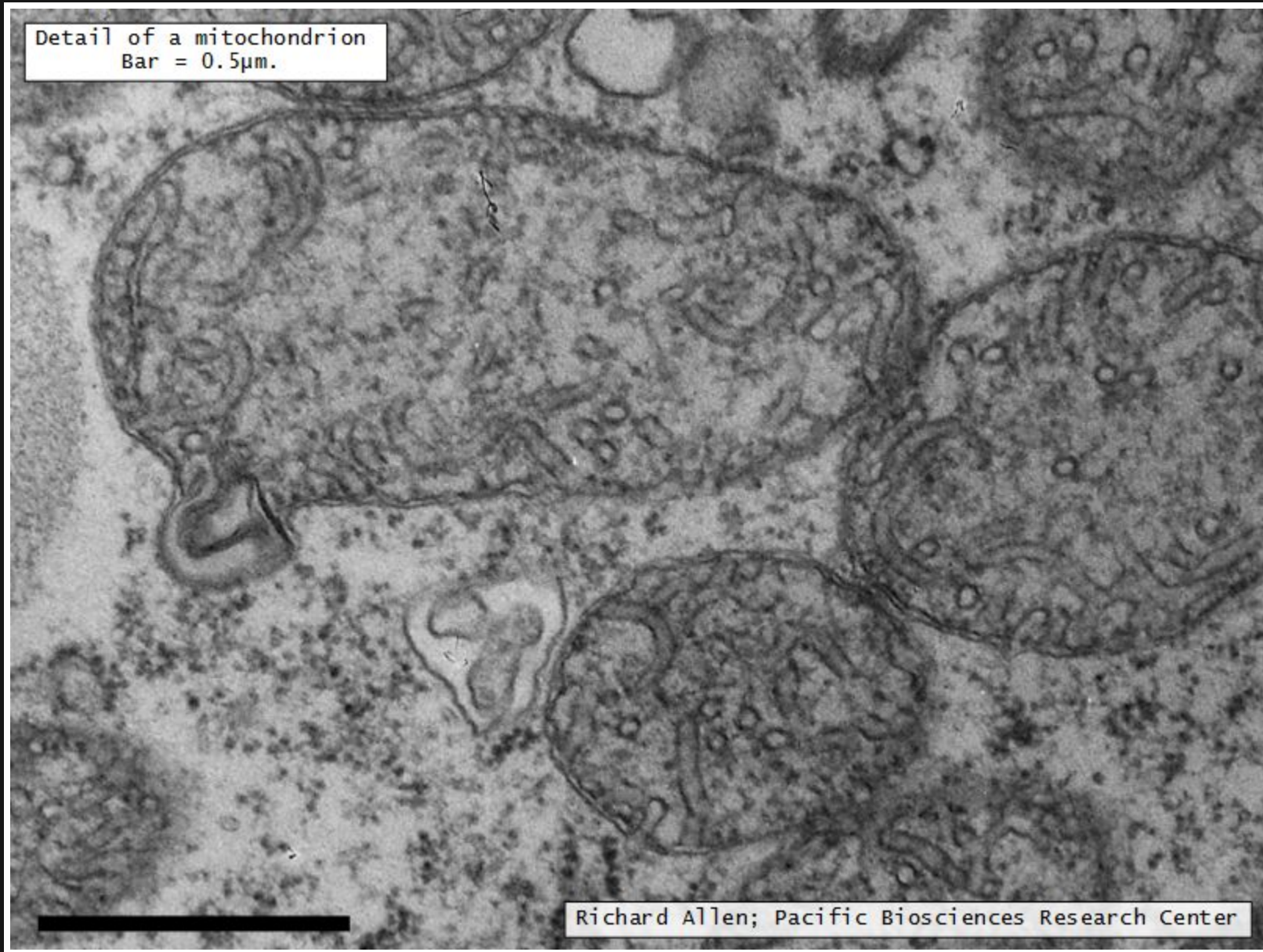
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Mitochondria are organelles enclosed by two membranes in which the inner membrane invaginates to form tubular cristae. EM taken on 5/30/78 by R. Allen with Hitachi HU11A TEM. Neg. 12,250X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.



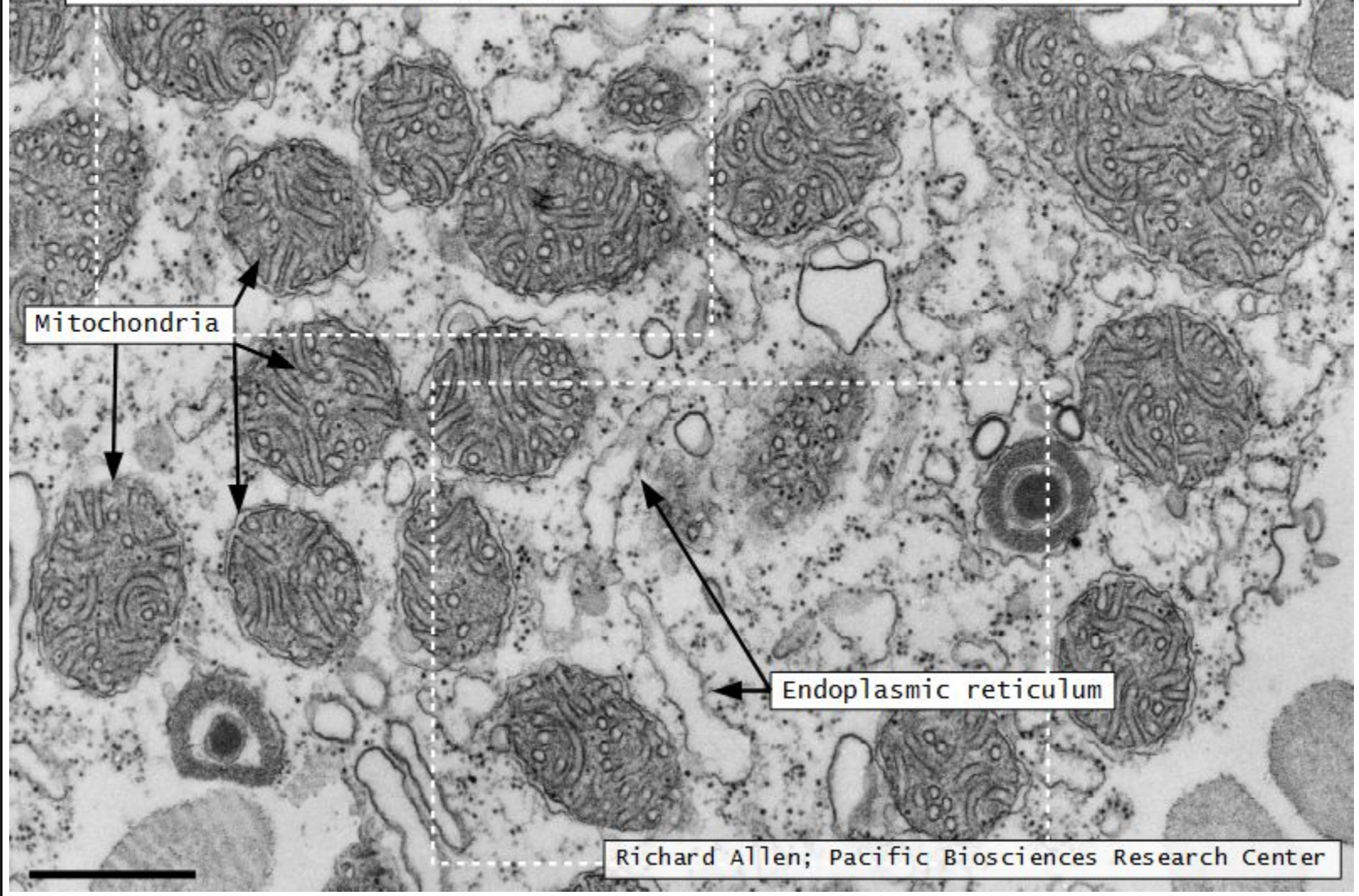
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Detail of a mitochondrion
Bar = 0.5 μ m.



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Protozoa, including *P. multimicronucleatum*, unlike most cells, have tubular cristae in their mitochondria. Tubular cristae, however, do occur occasionally in higher organisms such as in the lutein cells and testes interstitial cells of humans. EM taken on 12/18/68 by R. Allen with Philips 300 TEM. Neg. 16,000X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.



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Mitochondria with tubular cristae. EM taken on 12/18/68 by R. Allen with Philips 300 TEM. Neg. 16,000X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.

Tubular crista on cross section

Tubular crista on longitudinal section

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Endoplasmic reticulum. EM taken on 12/18/68 by R. Allen with Philips 300 TEM. Neg. 16,000X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.

Endoplasmic reticulum

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The tubular cristae of mitochondria bear a pair of protrusions when seen in cross section (arrowheads). These are the F1 subunits of F1F0 ATP synthase enzymes which play a role in producing ATP, the cell's main energy source. EM taken on 3/7/80 by R. Allen with Hitachi HU11A TEM. Neg. 22,500X. Bar = 0.25µm.

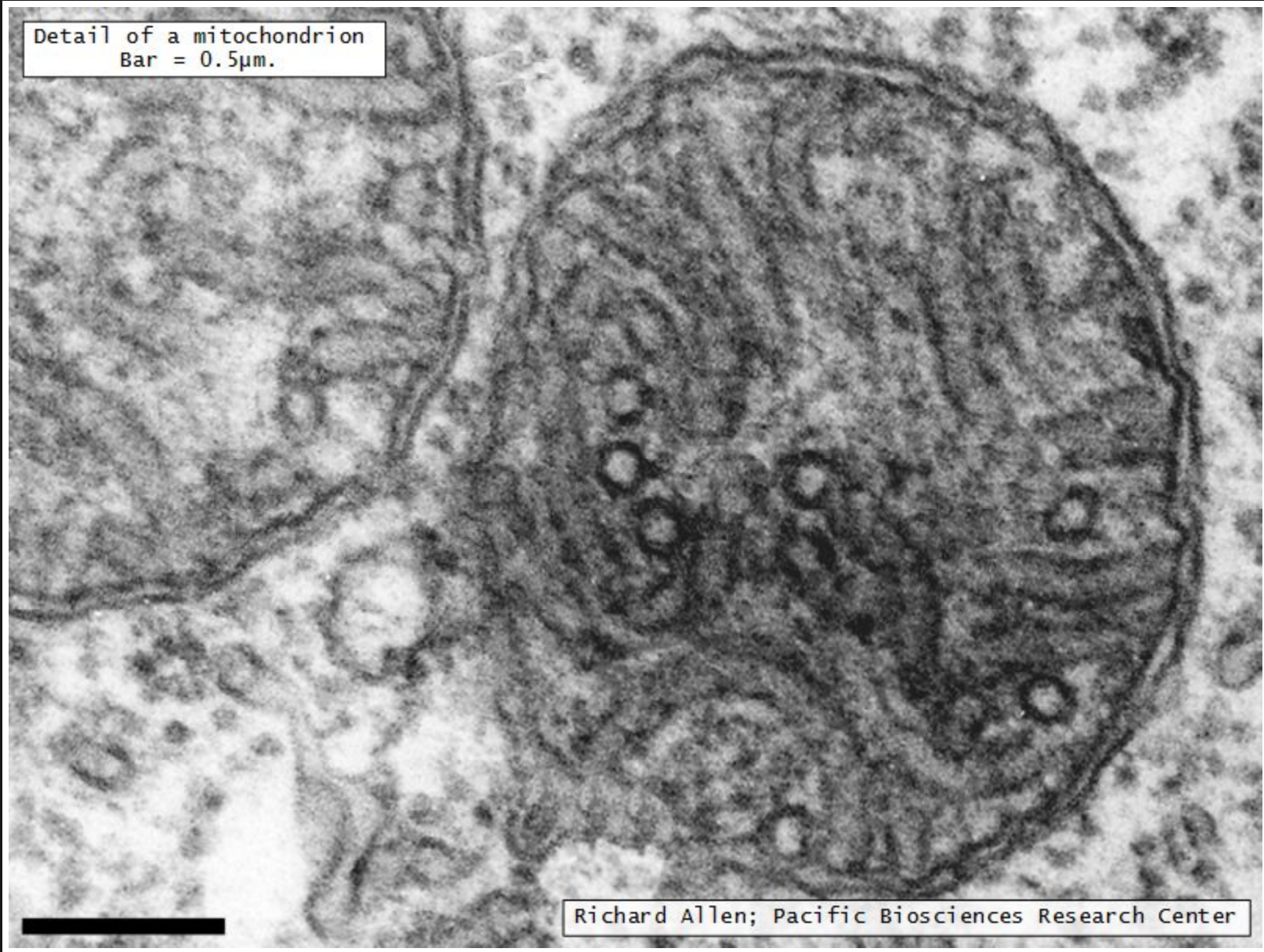
Basal bodies

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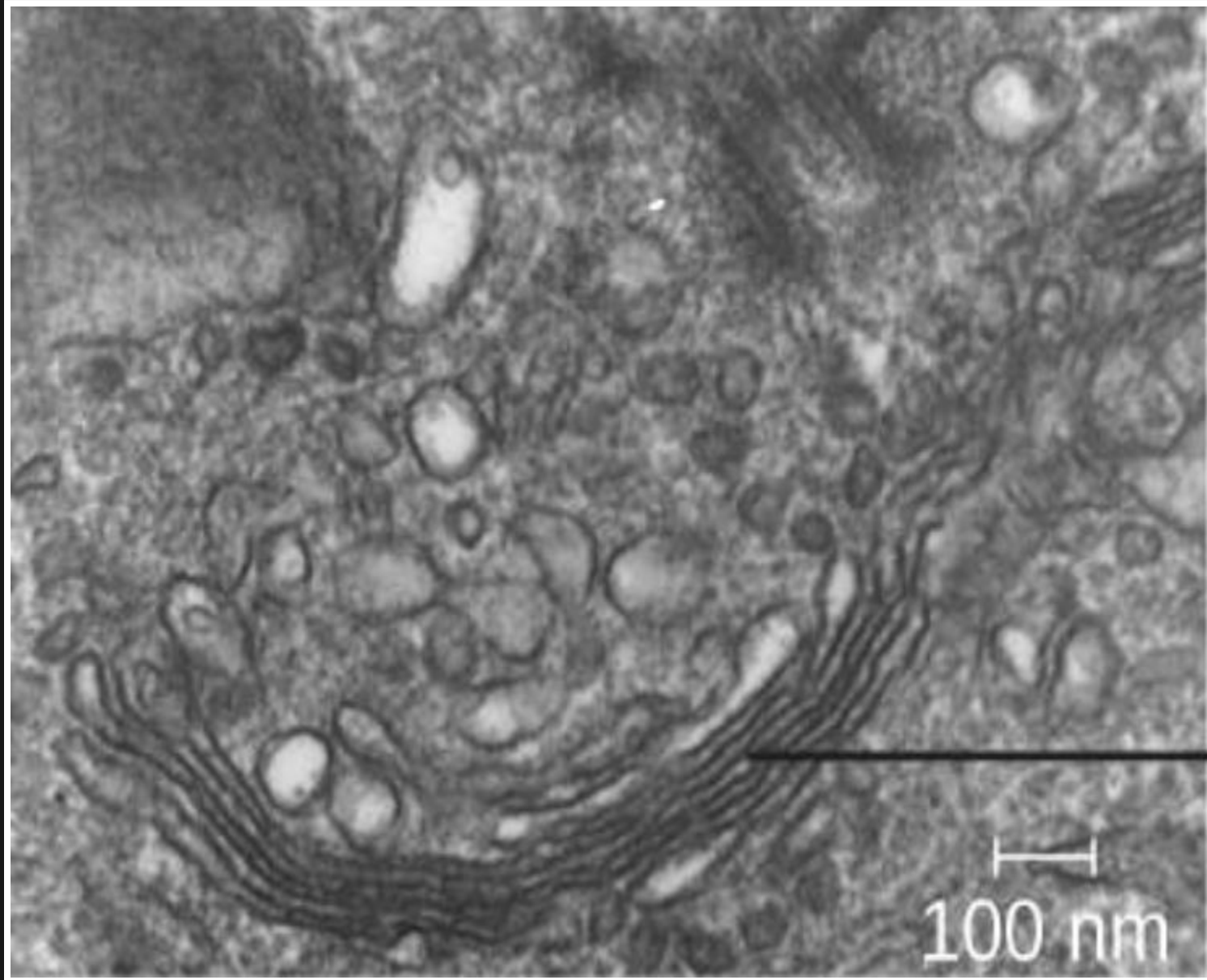
Mitochondria supply energy for cellular functions.

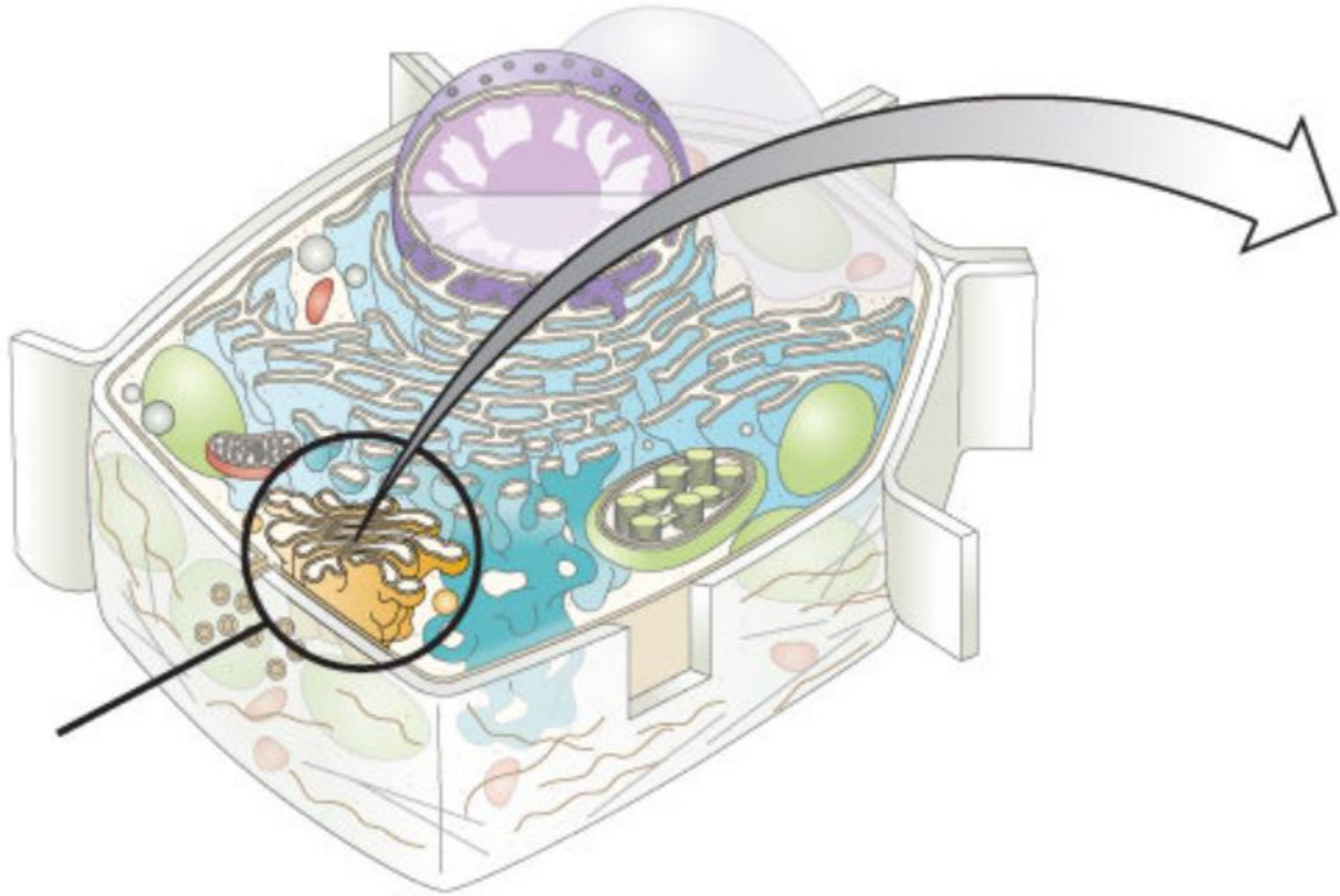


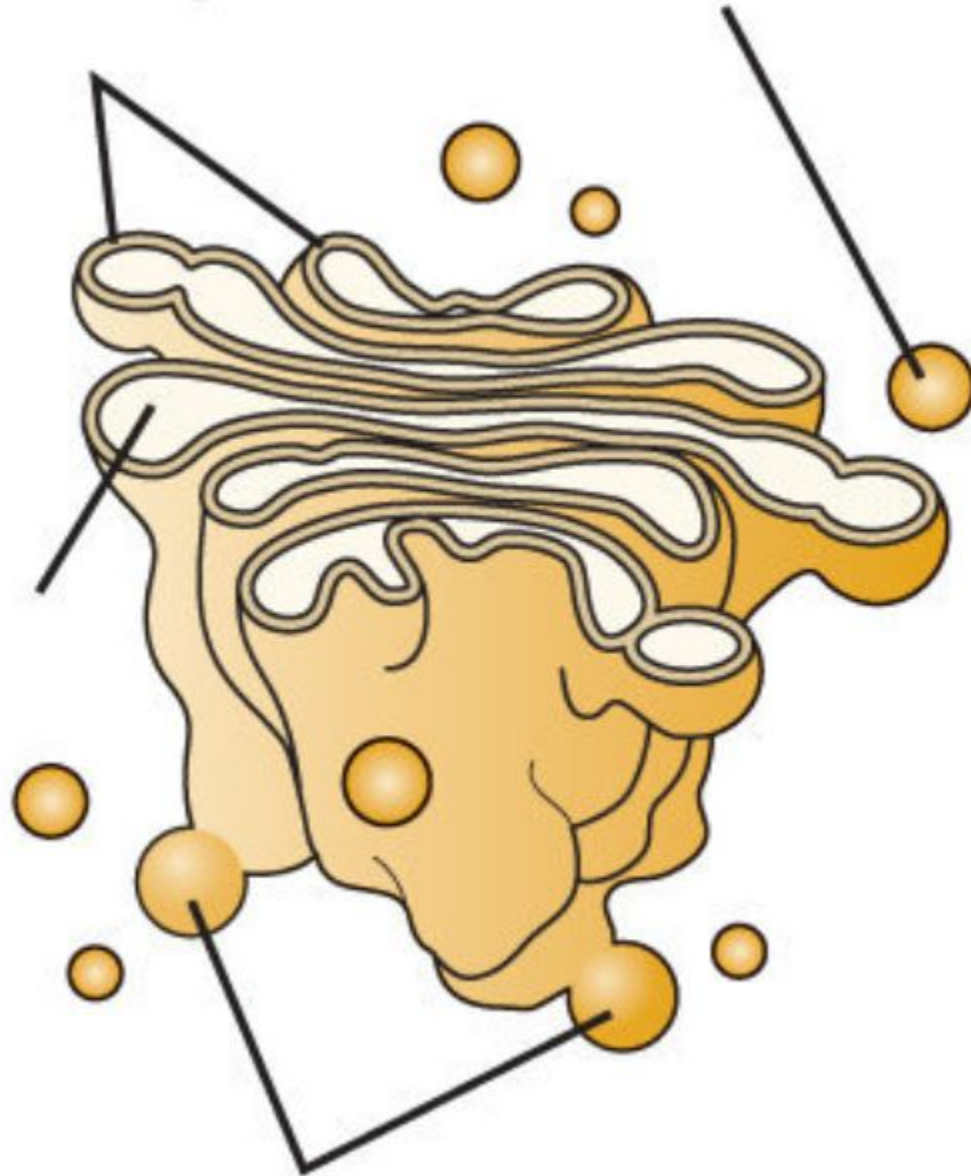
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Golgi apparatus

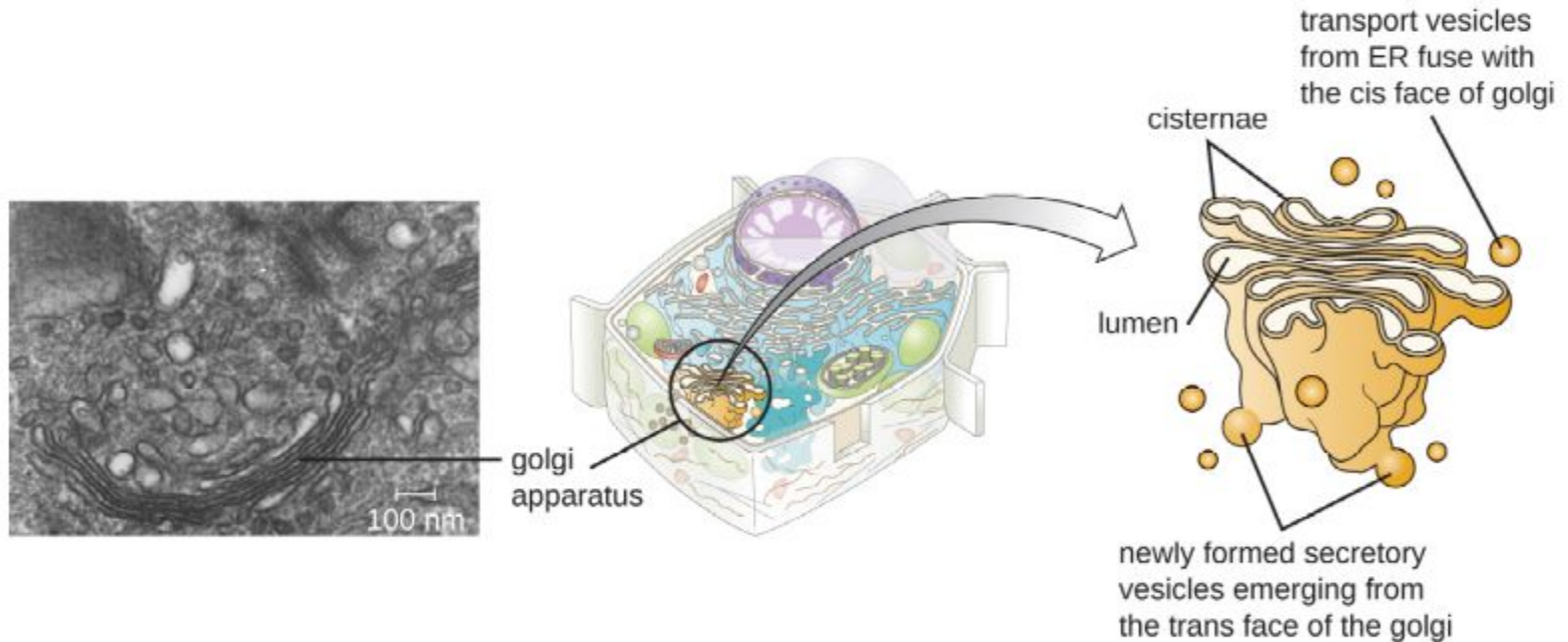
- Several disk-shaped cisternae arranged in a stack
- Two sides on stack
 - Outer convex forming face
 - Associated with small vesicles
 - Usually from rough endoplasmic reticulum
 - Inner concave maturing face
 - Associated with condensing vacuoles
 - Secretory materials condensed into granules
- Functions
 - Membrane recycling & redistribution
 - Synthesis carbohydrates & proteins
 - Modification of cellular products
 - Concentration & packaging of synthesized material into secretory granules







A transmission electron micrograph (left) of a Golgi apparatus. The illustration (right) shows the cup-shaped, stacked disks and several transport vesicles. The Golgi apparatus modifies lipids & proteins, producing glycolipids & glycoproteins, respectively, which are commonly inserted into the plasma membrane.

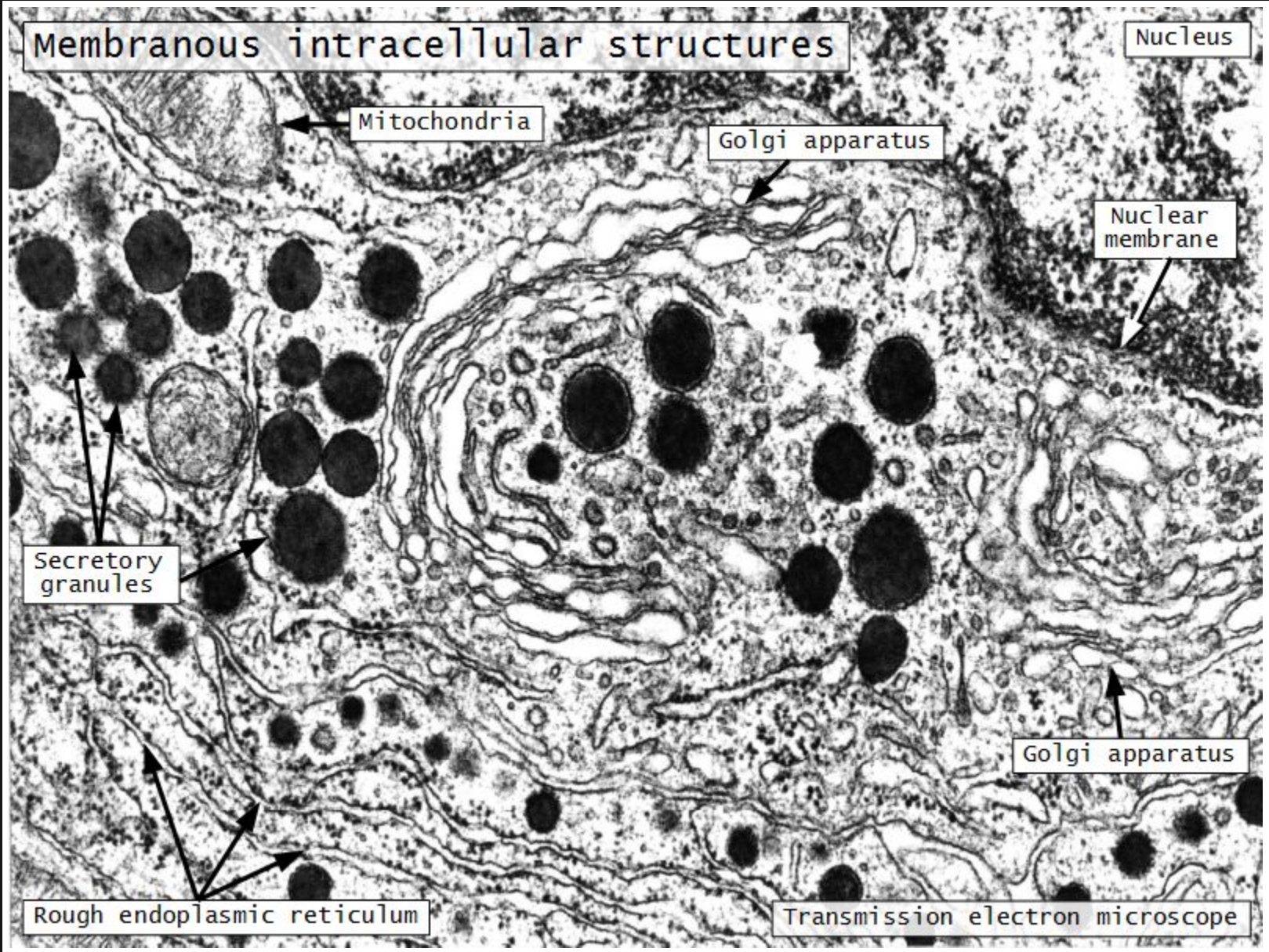


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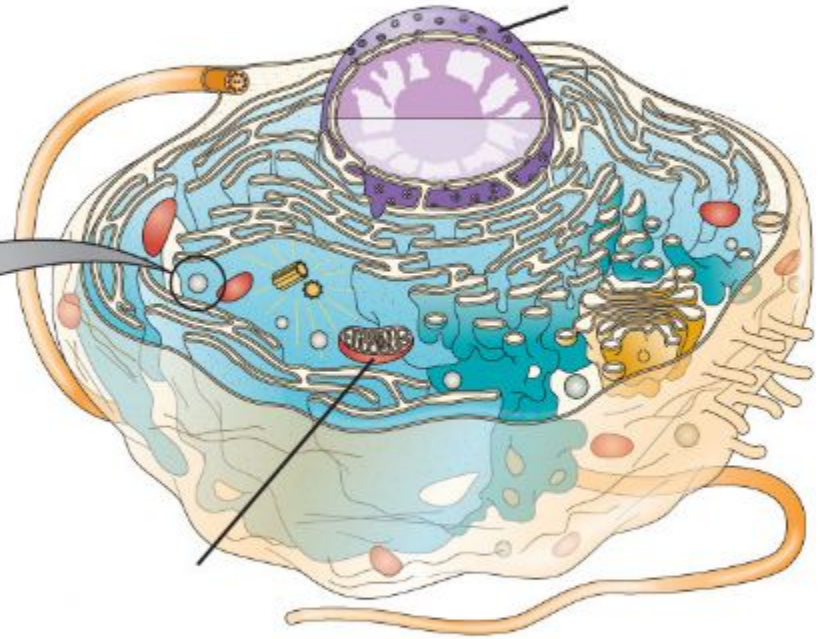


Residual body

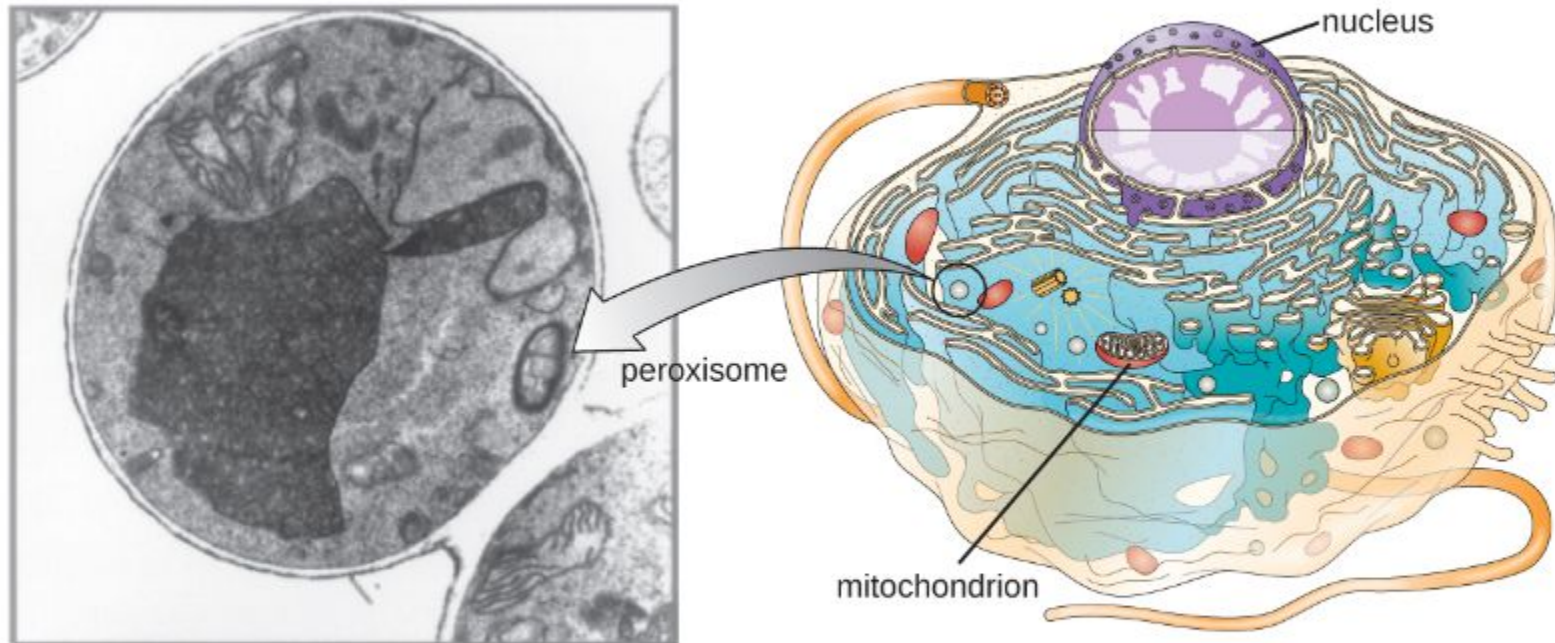
- Cytoplasmic inclusion
- Varies in appearance
- Contains indigestible material

Peroxisome

- Membrane-bound organelle
- Stains cytochemically for catalase
- Catalase synthesizes and destroys hydrogen peroxide
- Often seen in close association with smooth ER
- Function
 - Metabolism of
 - hydrogen peroxide
 - cholesterol
 - lipids
 - Breakdown of
 - purines
 - pyrimidines



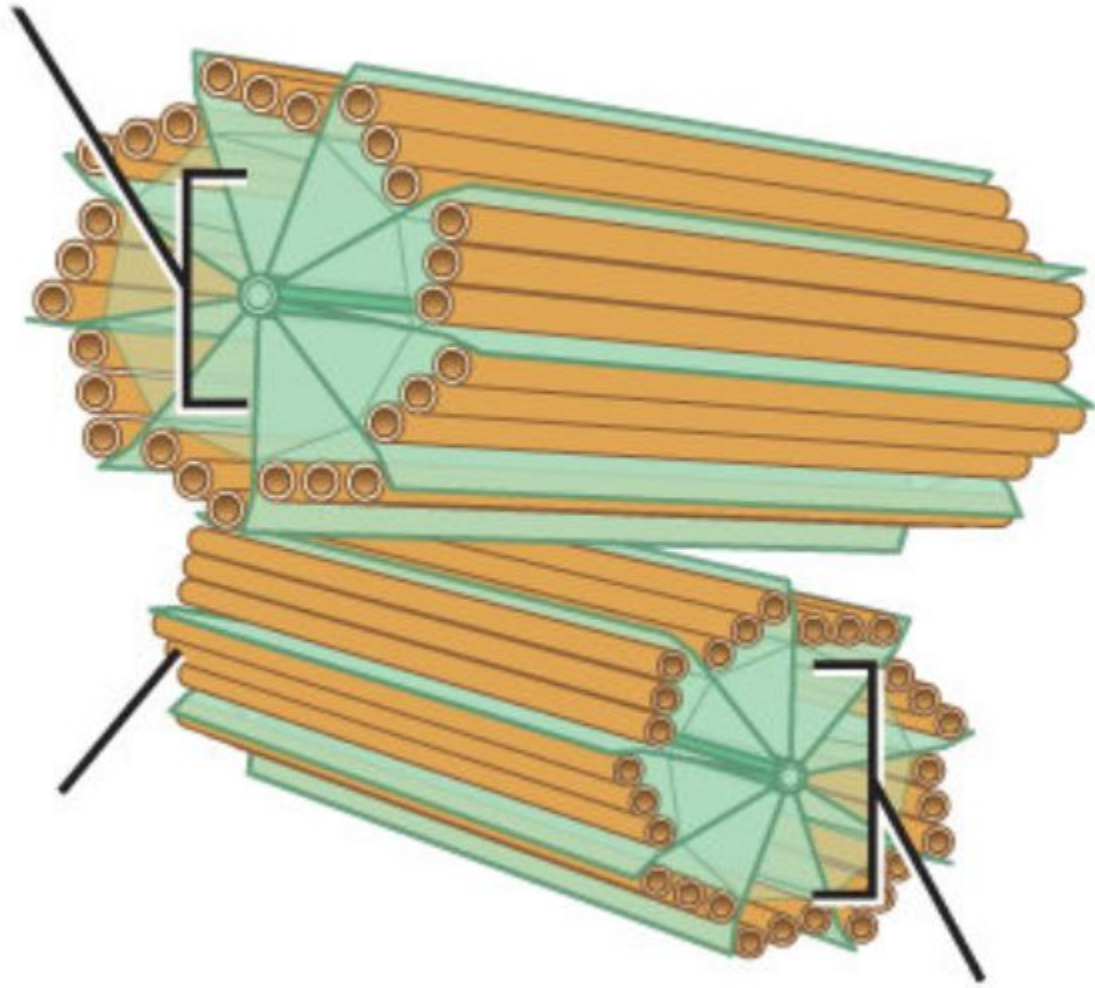
A transmission electron micrograph (left) of a cell containing a peroxisome. The illustration (right) shows the location of peroxisomes in a cell. These eukaryotic structures play a role in lipid biosynthesis and breaking down various molecules. They may also have other specialized functions depending on the cell type. (credit "micrograph": modification of work by American Society for Microbiology)

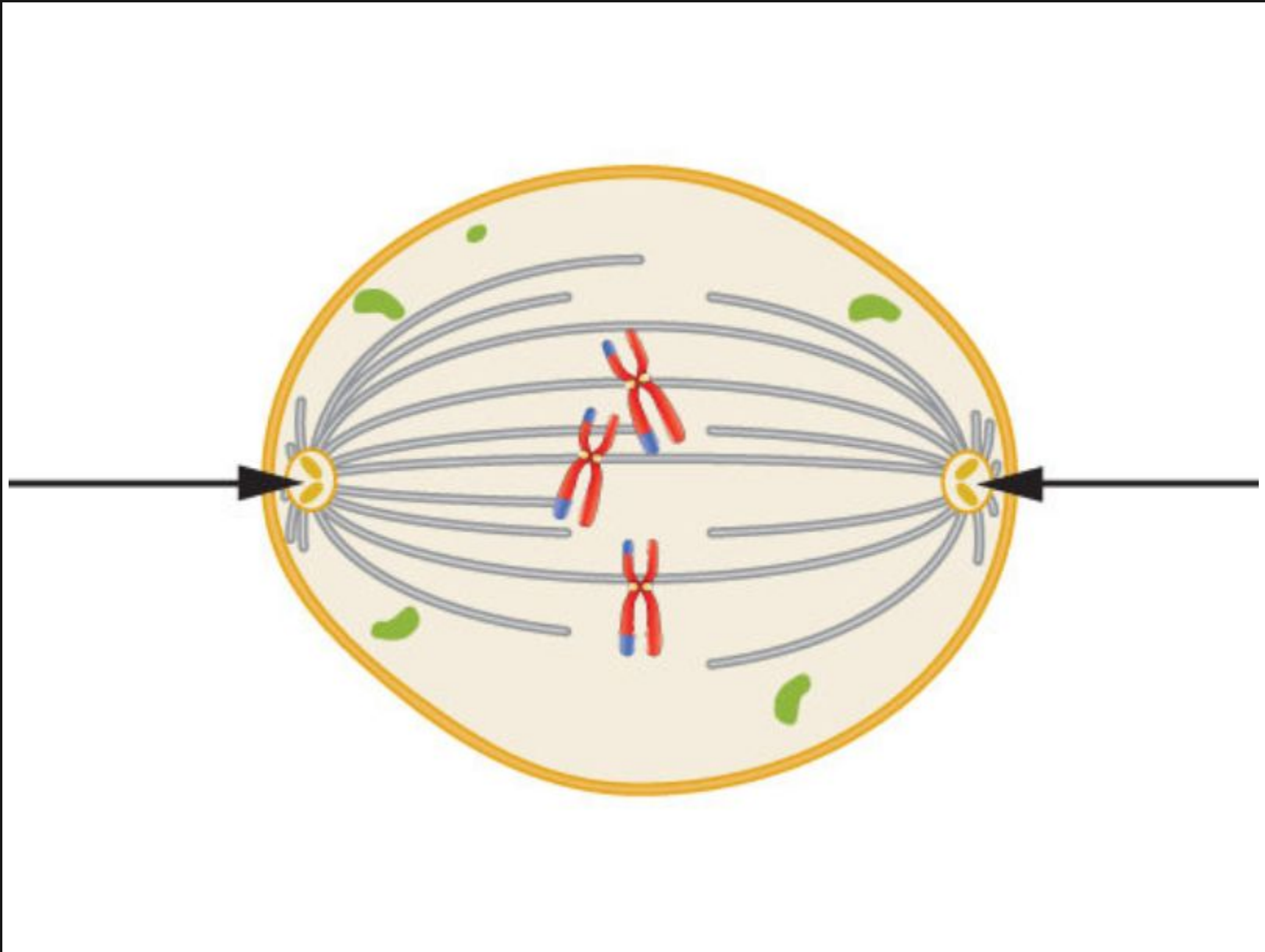


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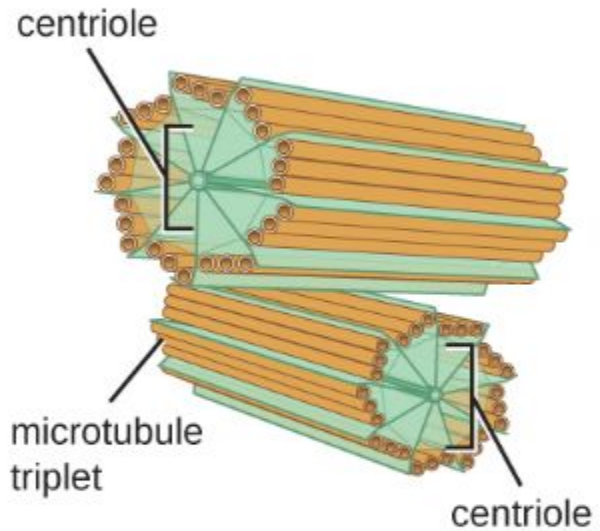
Centrioles

- Involved cell division
- Pair of short rods at right angles to each other
- Self-replicate prior to cell division
- Wall of nine tubular triplets like pinwheel
- Function
 - Form poles of mitotic spindles
 - Form basal bodies for cilia & flagella

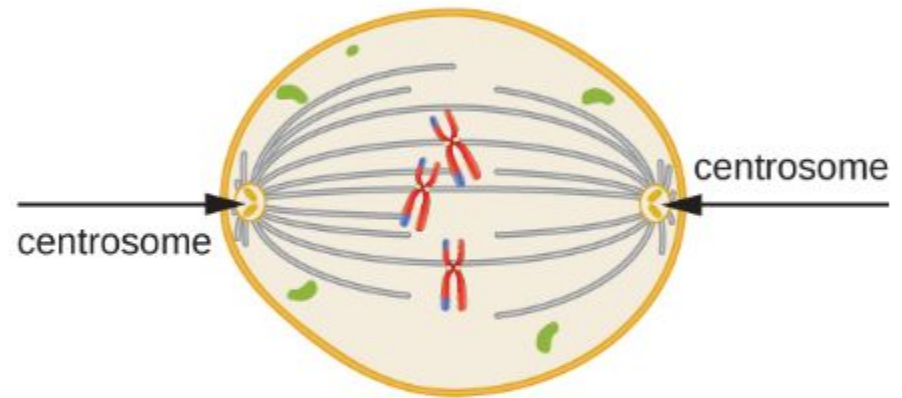




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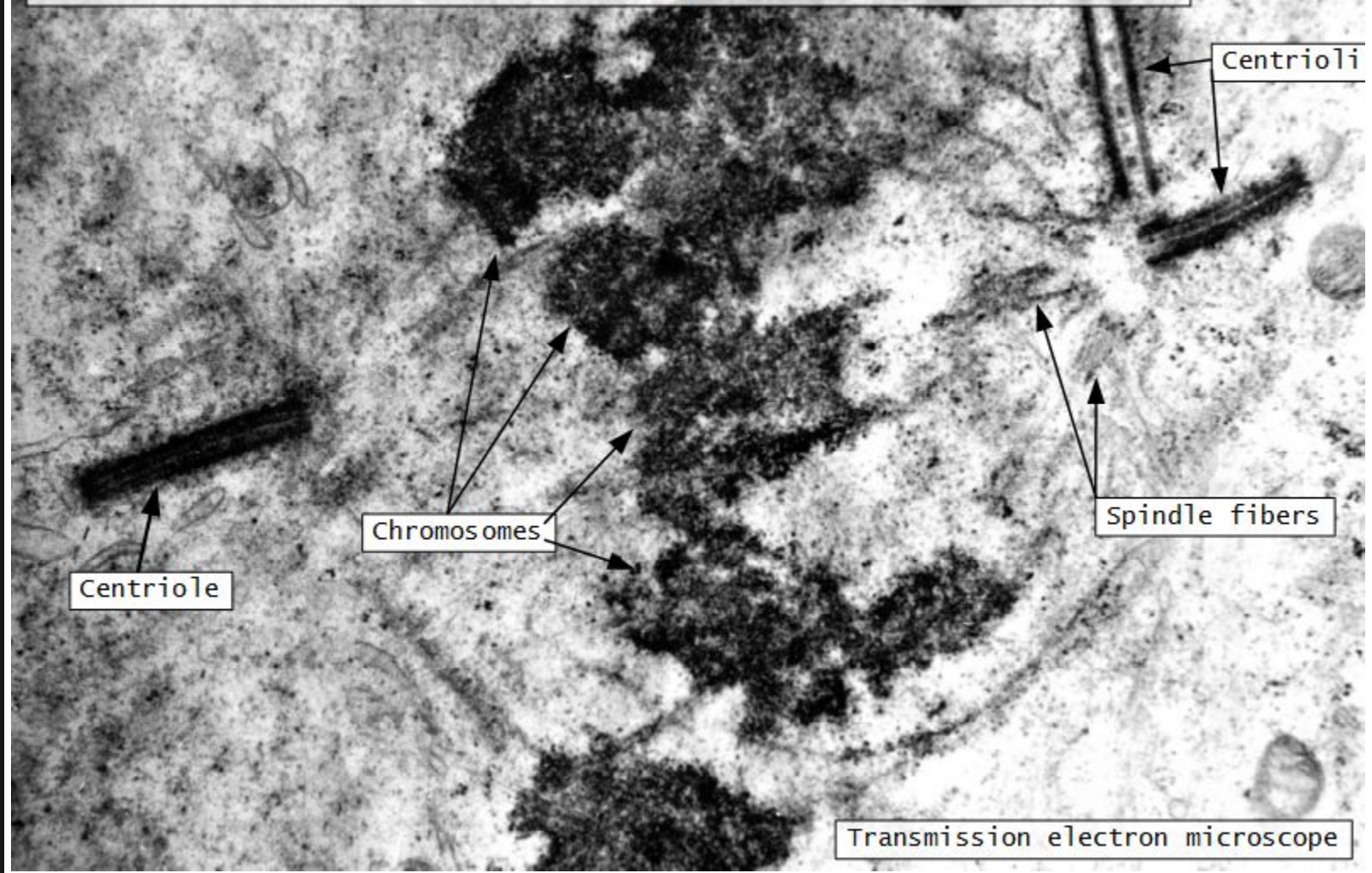
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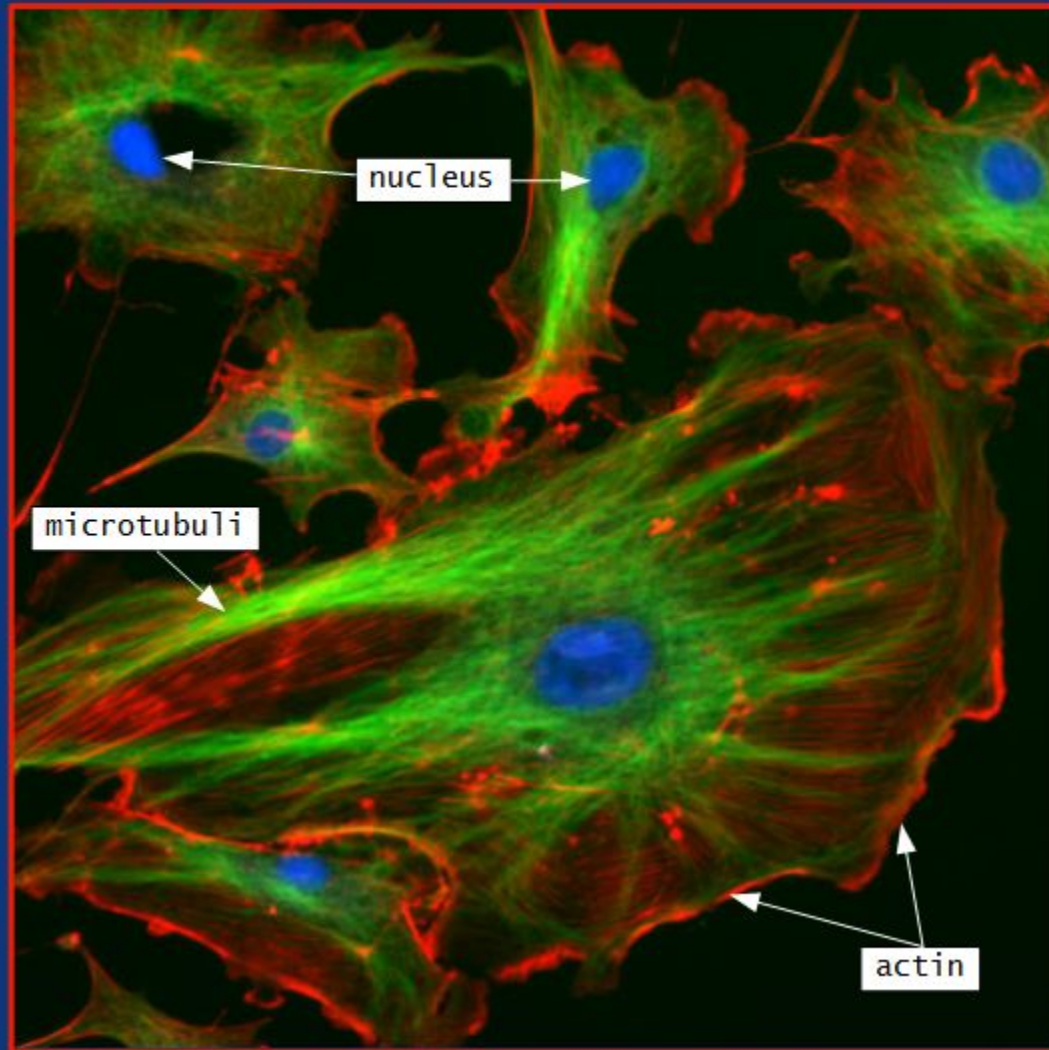
The cytoskeleton, in the form of filaments & tubules, support the cell & play a role in the formation of spindles.



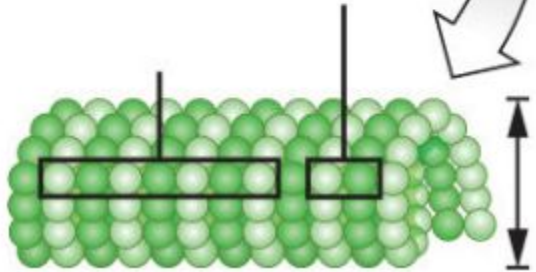
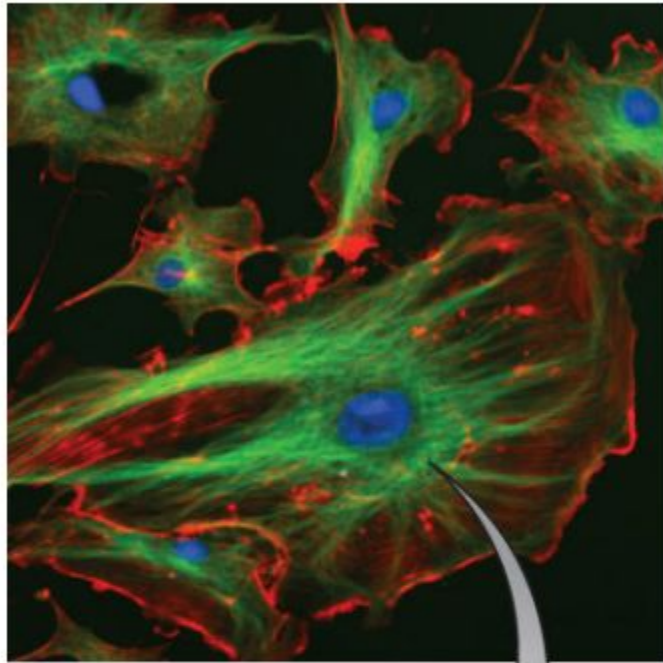
Cytoplasm Cytoskeleton

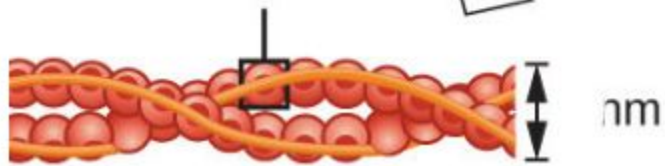
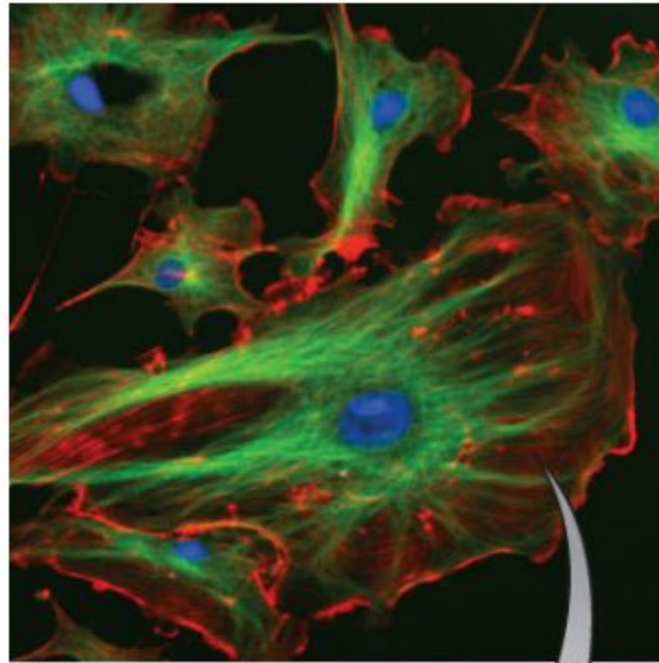
- Microtubules
- Actin microfilaments
- Myosin filaments
- Myosin
- Intermediate filaments
- Keratin filaments
- Desmin filaments
- Vimentin filaments
- Neurofilaments
- Glial filaments
- Microtrabecular lattice

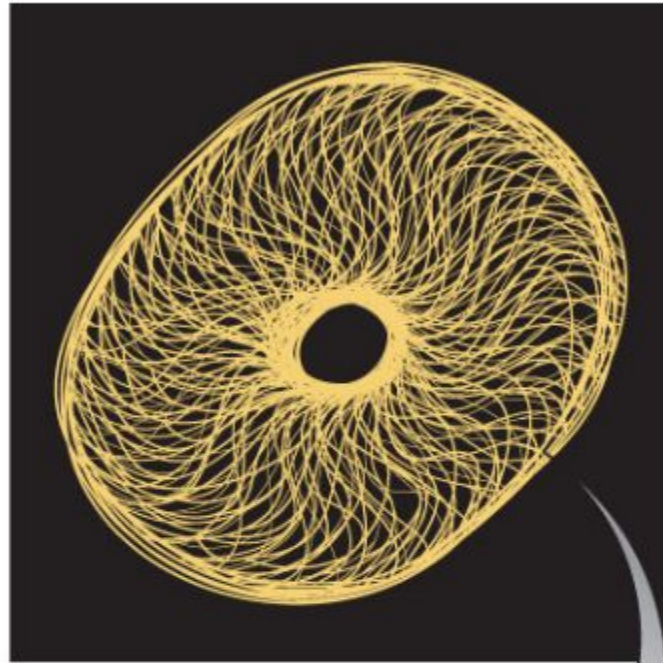
Fluorescent stain of pulmonary arterial endothelial cells to show the cytoskeleton. Blue = nucleus; Green = microtubuli; Red = F-actin



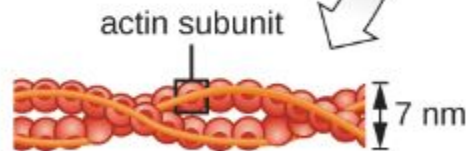
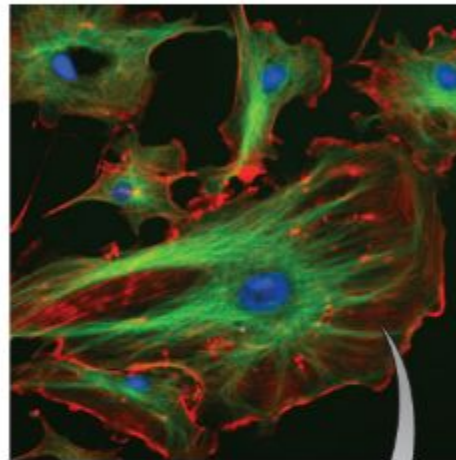
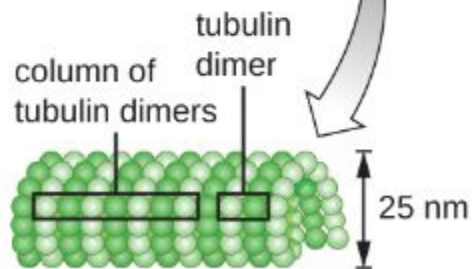
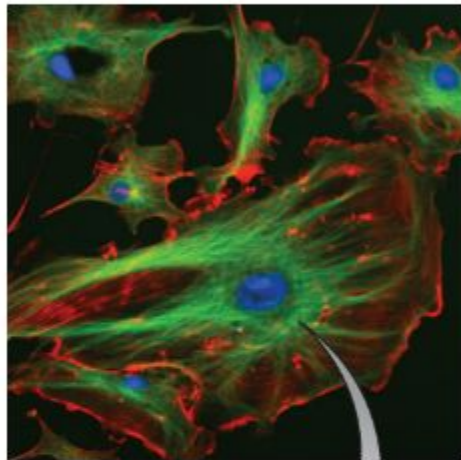
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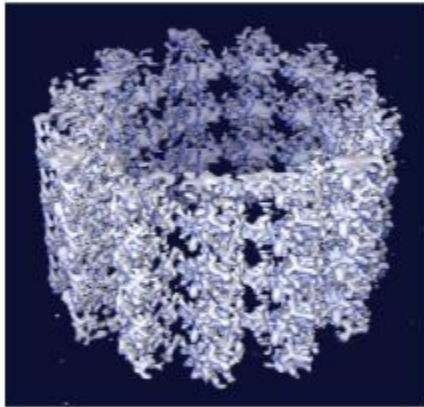
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Microtubules

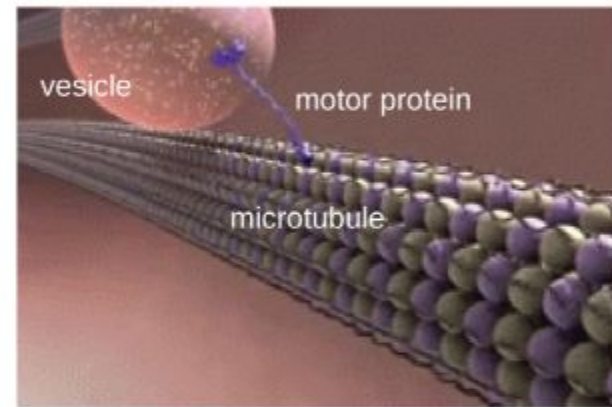
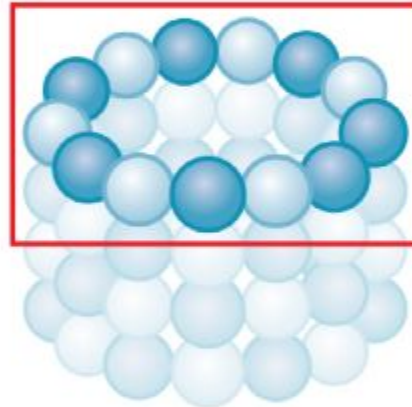
- Straight structures 25 nm x several μm length
- Labile population
 - Free in cytoplasm
 - Polymerize-depolymerize depending on
 - Temperature, pressure, drugs, etc
- Stable population
 - Walls of centrioles
 - Axonemes of cilia & flagella
- Wall 5 nm thick
 - around lumen-like region
 - containing 13 spirally arranged protofilaments
- Associated with intracellular transport
- Maintains cell shape
- Promote movement of cilia, flagella & chromosomes

Microtubules are hollow structures composed of polymerized tubulin dimers. They are involved in several cellular processes, including the movement of organelles throughout the cytoplasm. Motor proteins carry organelles along microtubule tracks that crisscross the entire cell. (credit b: modification of work by National Institute on Aging)

13 polymerized dimers
of α -tubulin and β -tubulin



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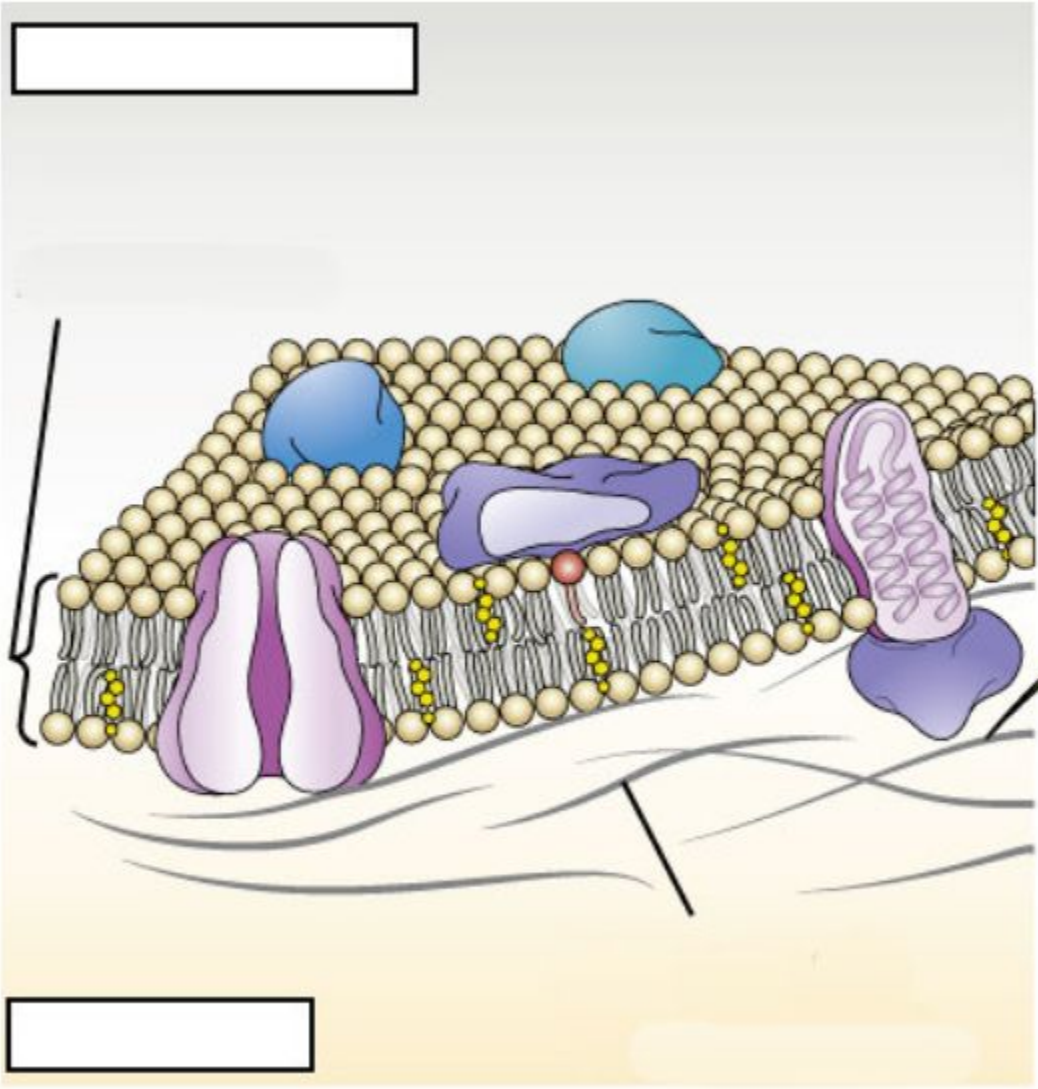


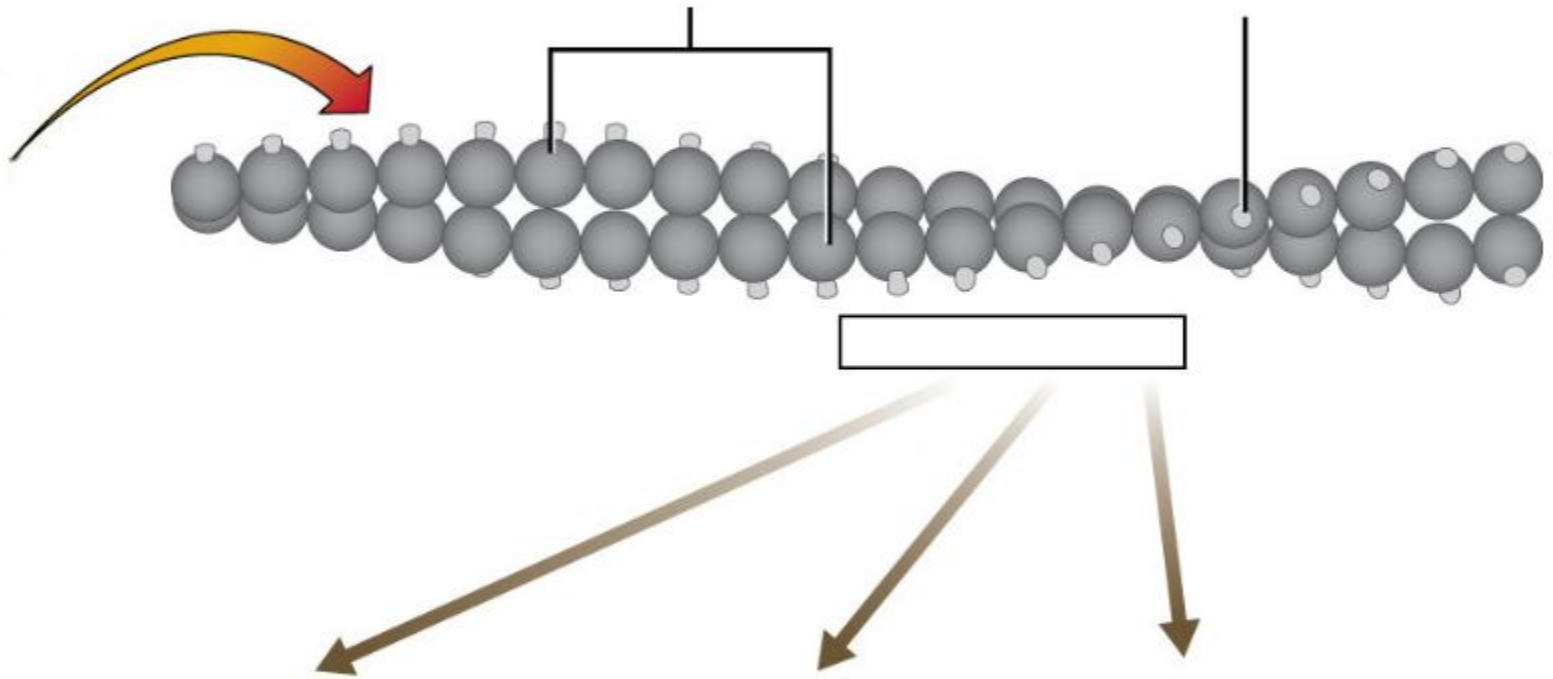
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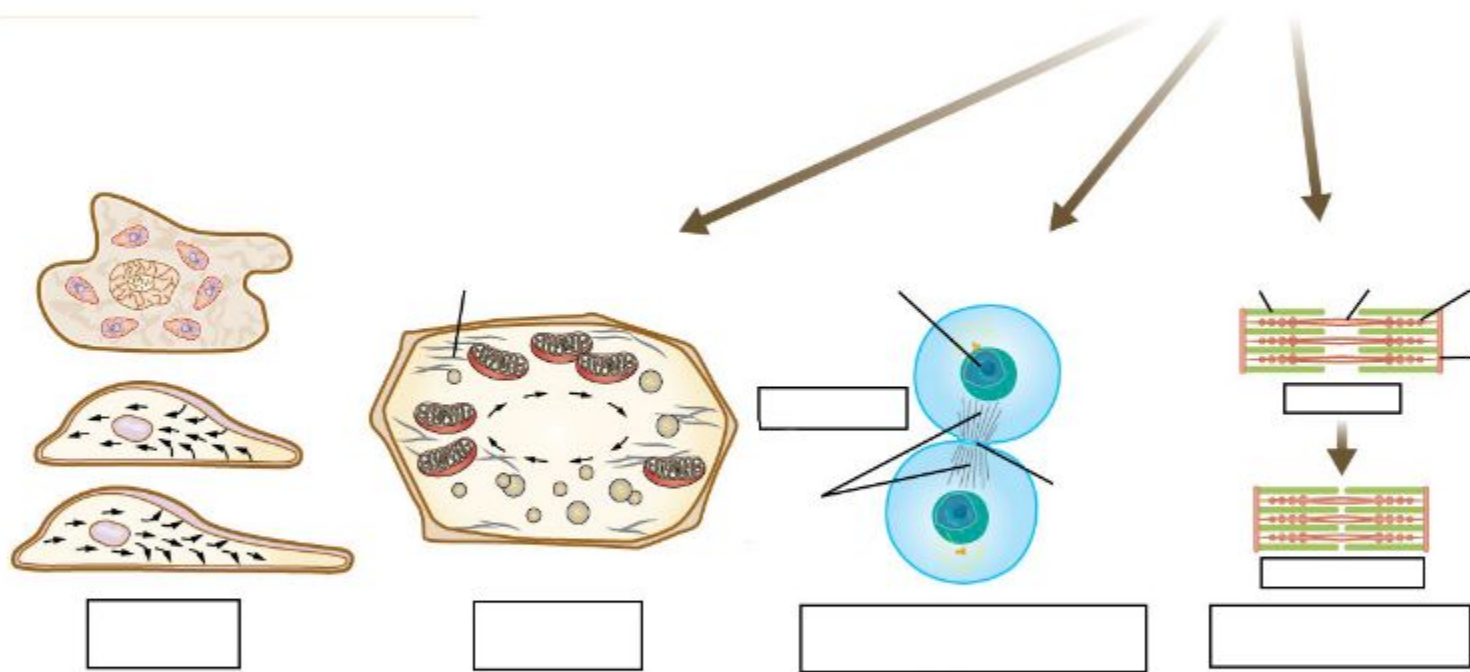
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Actin microfilaments

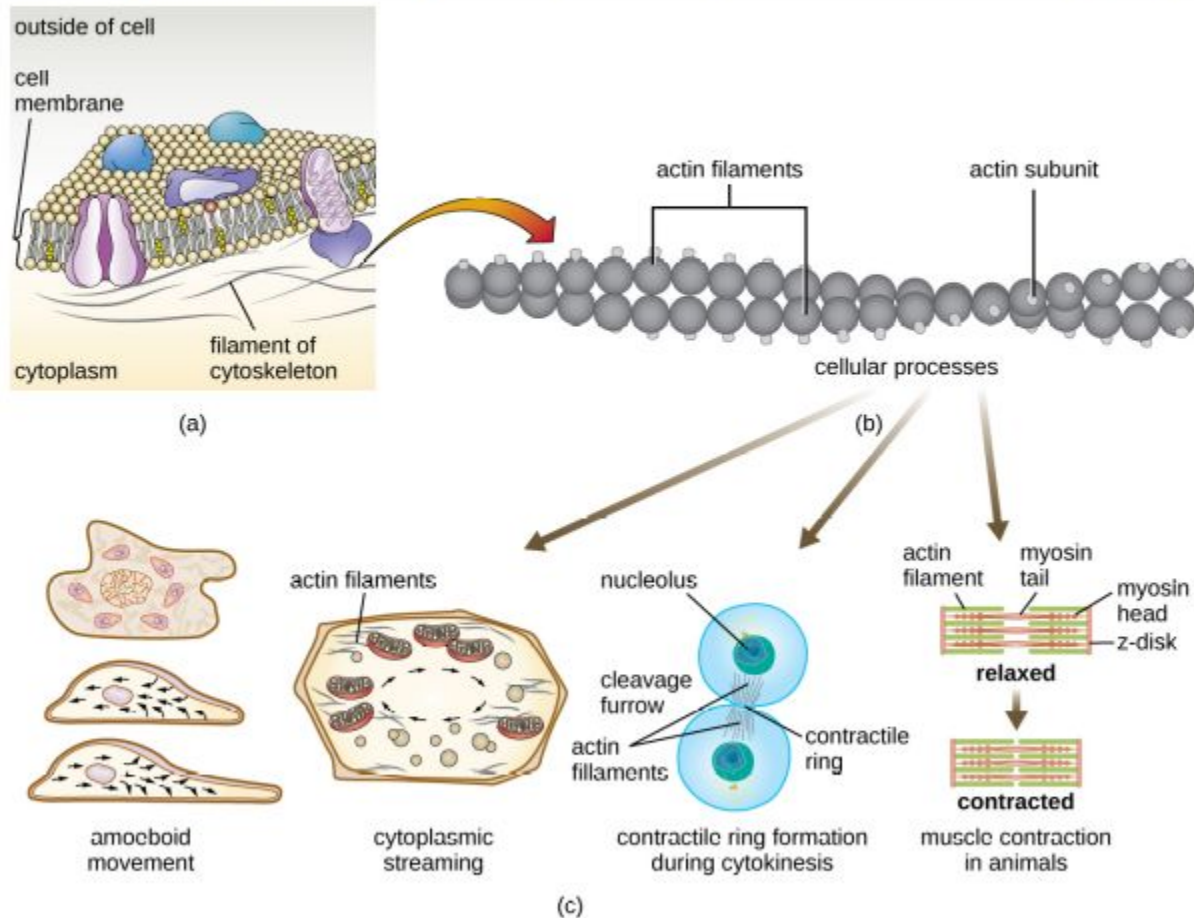
- Thin filaments
- Involved with
 - Ameboid movement
 - Cytoplasmic streaming
 - Contractile ring formation
 - Muscle contraction







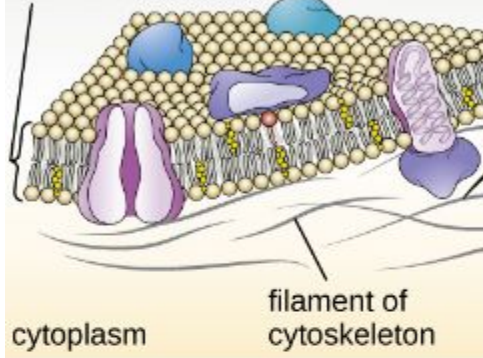
A microfilament is composed of a pair of actin filaments. Each actin filament is a string of polymerized actin monomers. The dynamic nature of actin, due to its polymerization and depolymerization and its association with myosin, allows microfilaments to be involved in a variety of cellular processes, including amoeboid movement, cytoplasmic streaming, contractile ring formation during cell division, and muscle contraction in animals.



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outside of cell

cell membrane

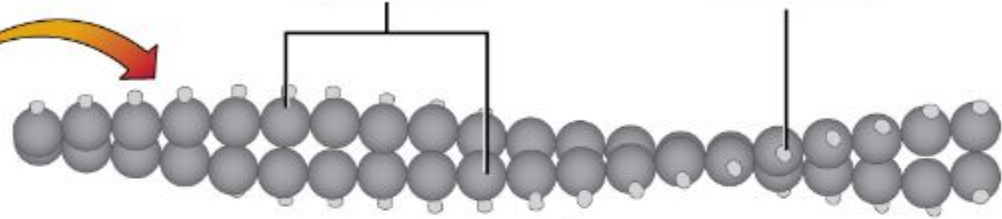


cytoplasm

filament of cytoskeleton

actin filaments

actin subunit



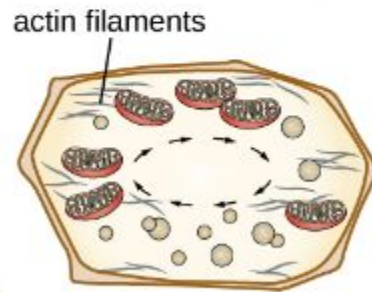
cellular processes

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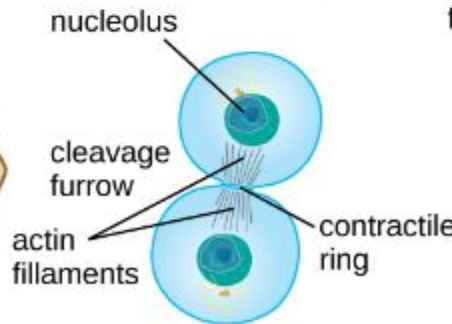
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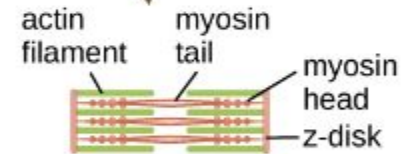
amoeboid movement



cytoplasmic streaming



contractile ring formation during cytokinesis



relaxed



contracted

muscle contraction in animals

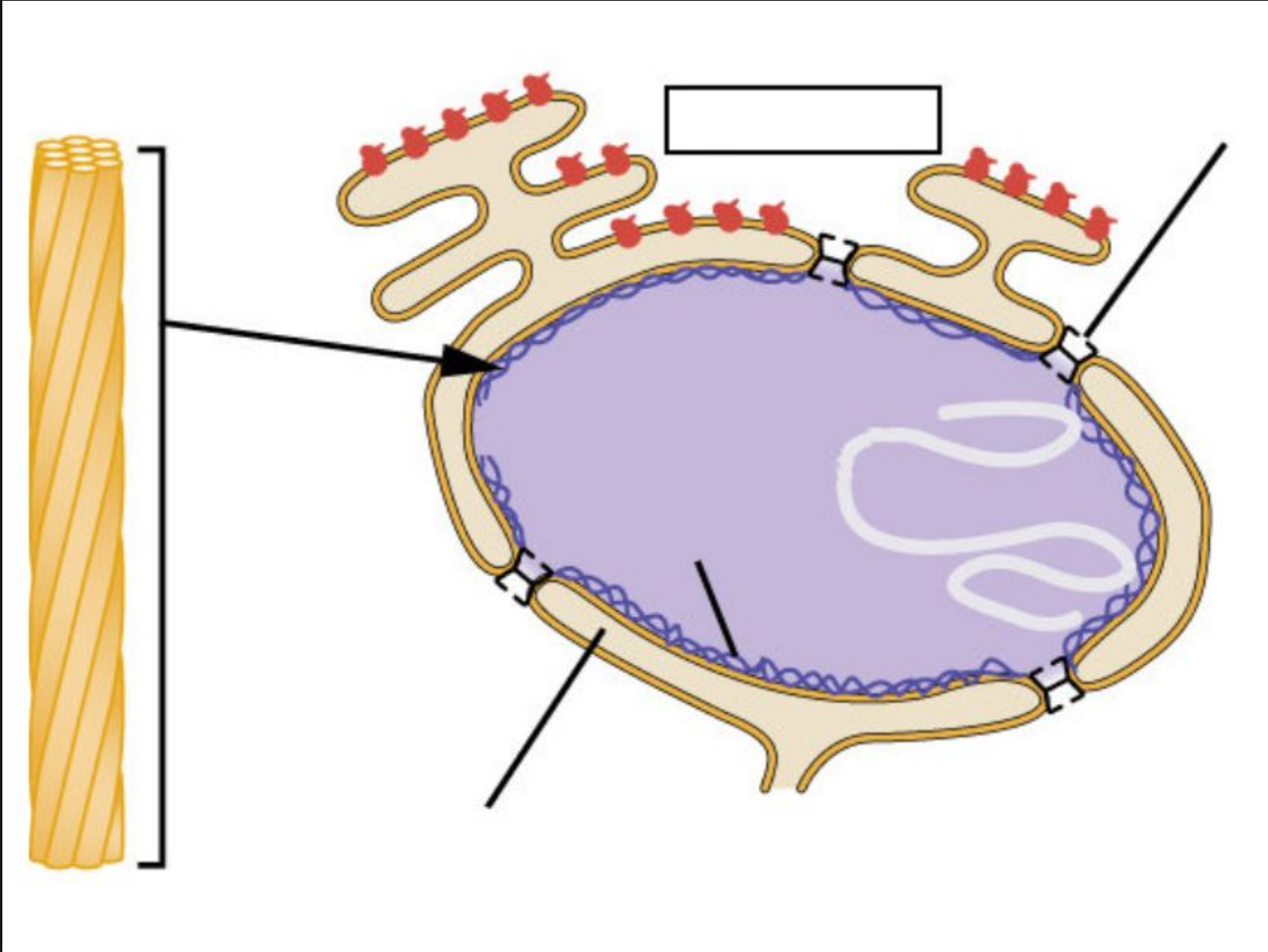
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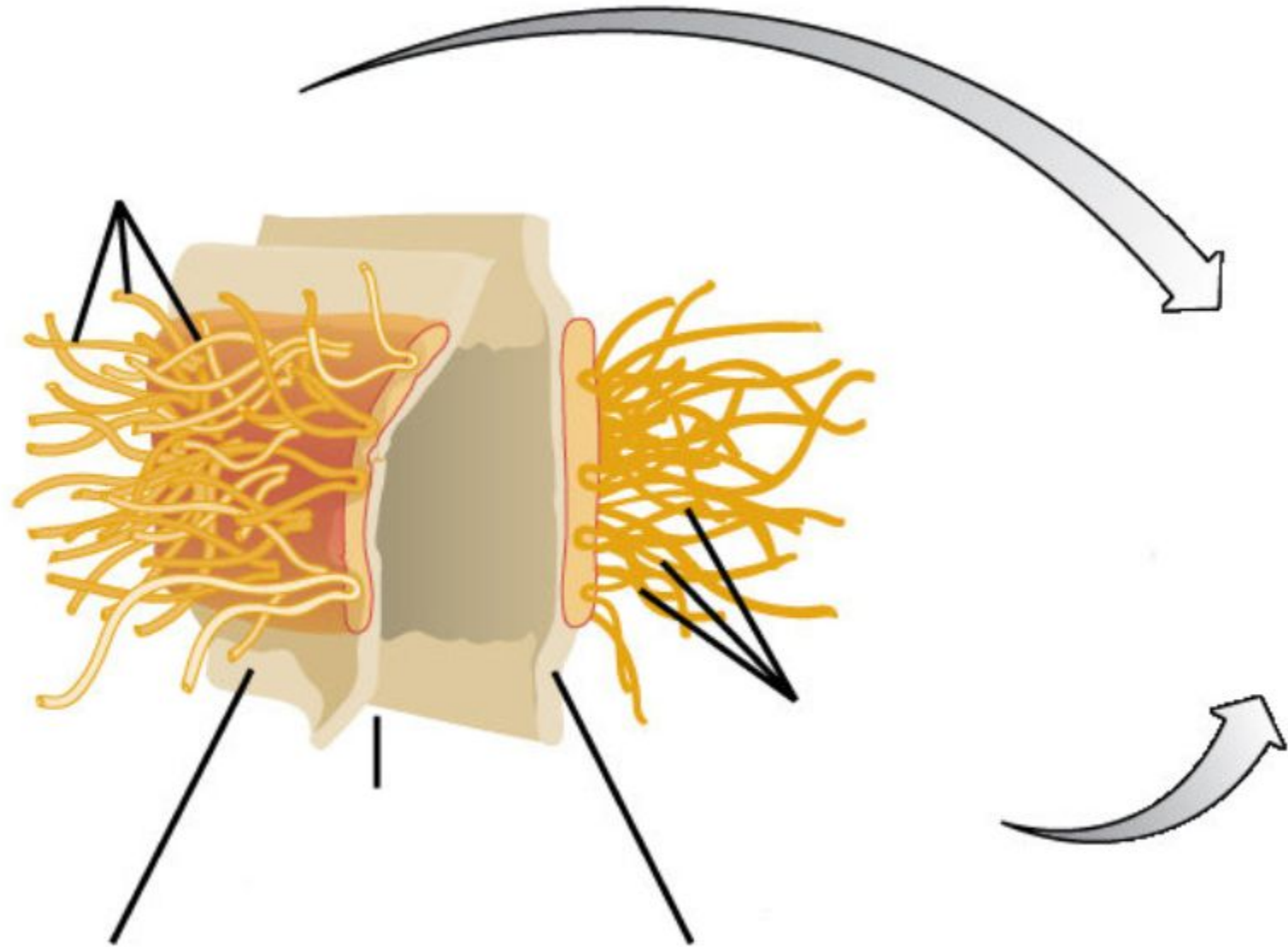
Myosin filaments

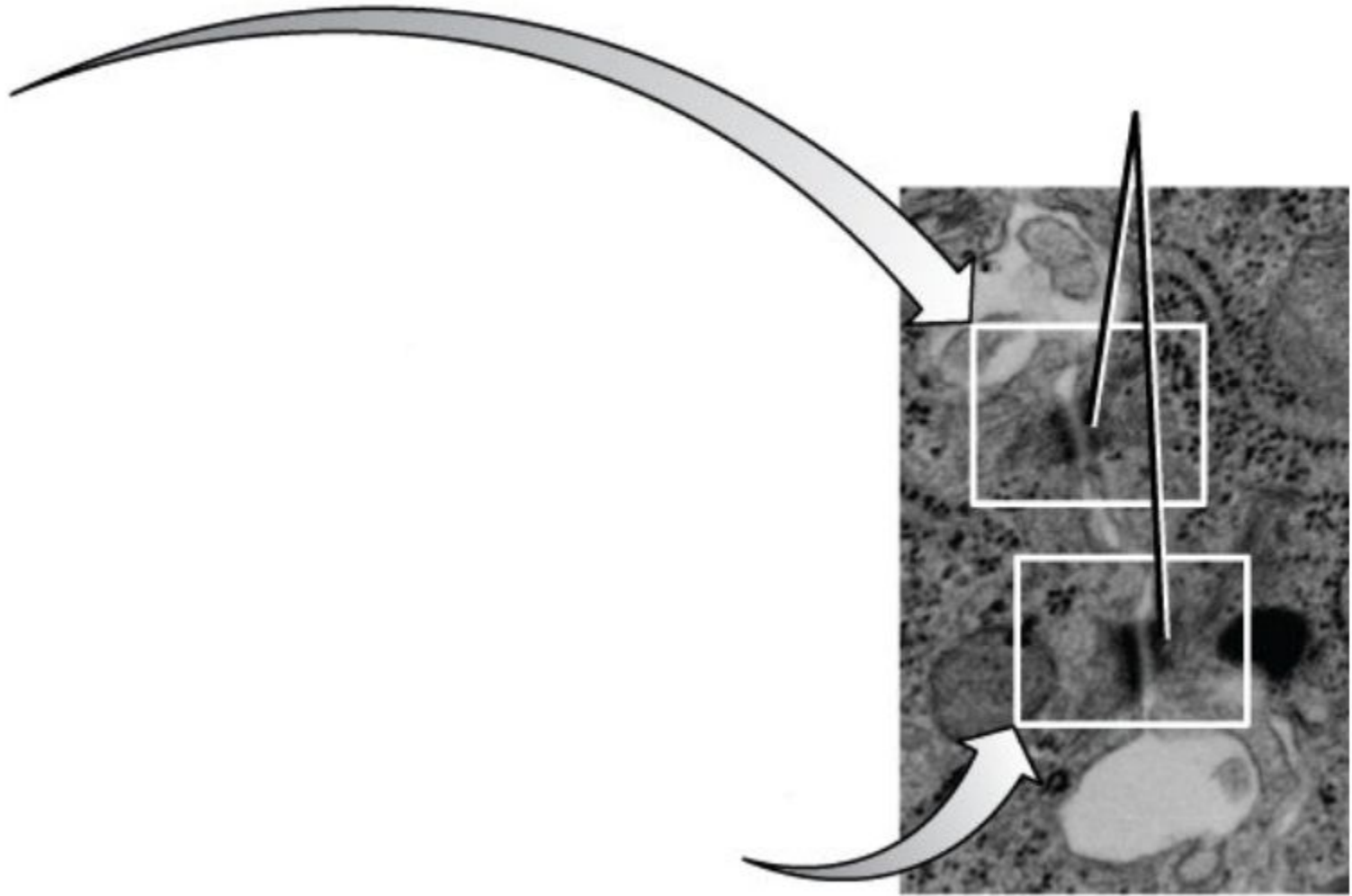
- Thick filaments
- Associated with actin in muscle cells
- Visible as striations in striated muscle

Intermediate filaments

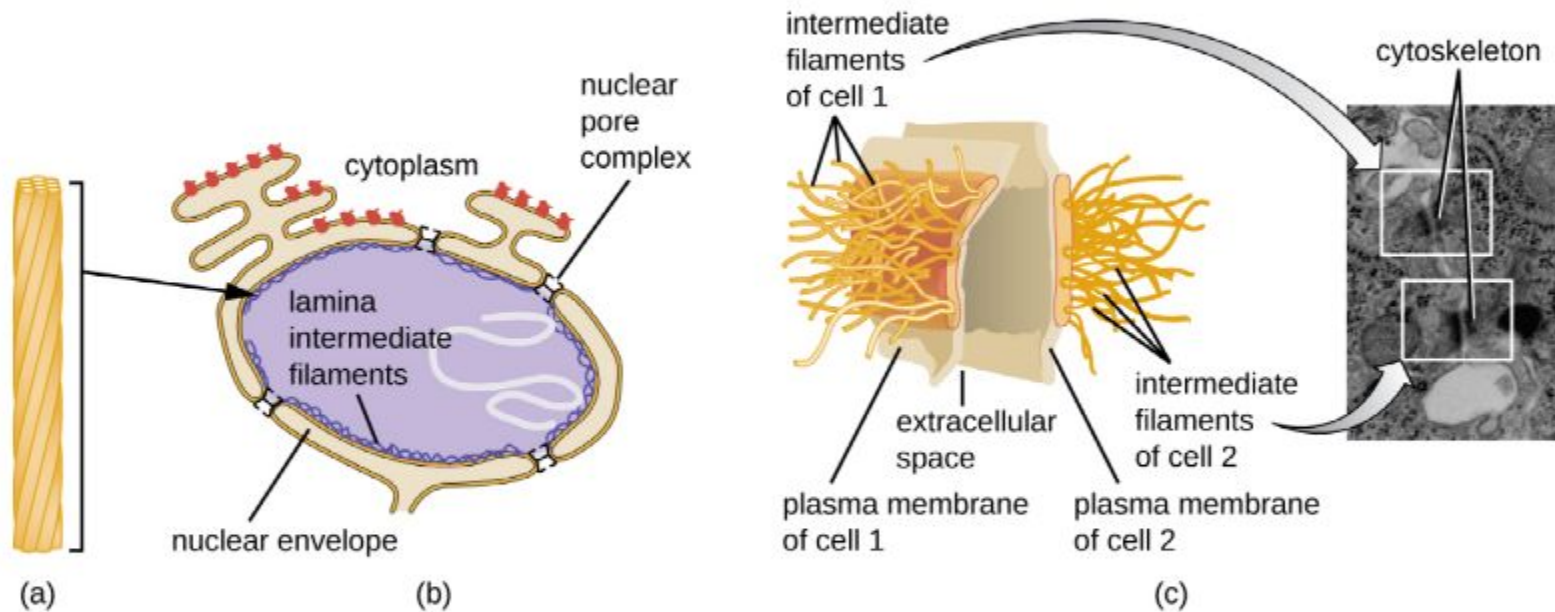
- Heterogenous group
- Includes
- Keratin
 - Found in epithelial cells
 - Associated with desmosomes
- Vimentin
- Desmin
- Neurofilaments
 - Support long processes of nerve cells
- Glial filaments
 - Present in nonneuronal cells of central nervous system
 - Astrocytes, oligodendrocytes, microglia







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Keratin filaments

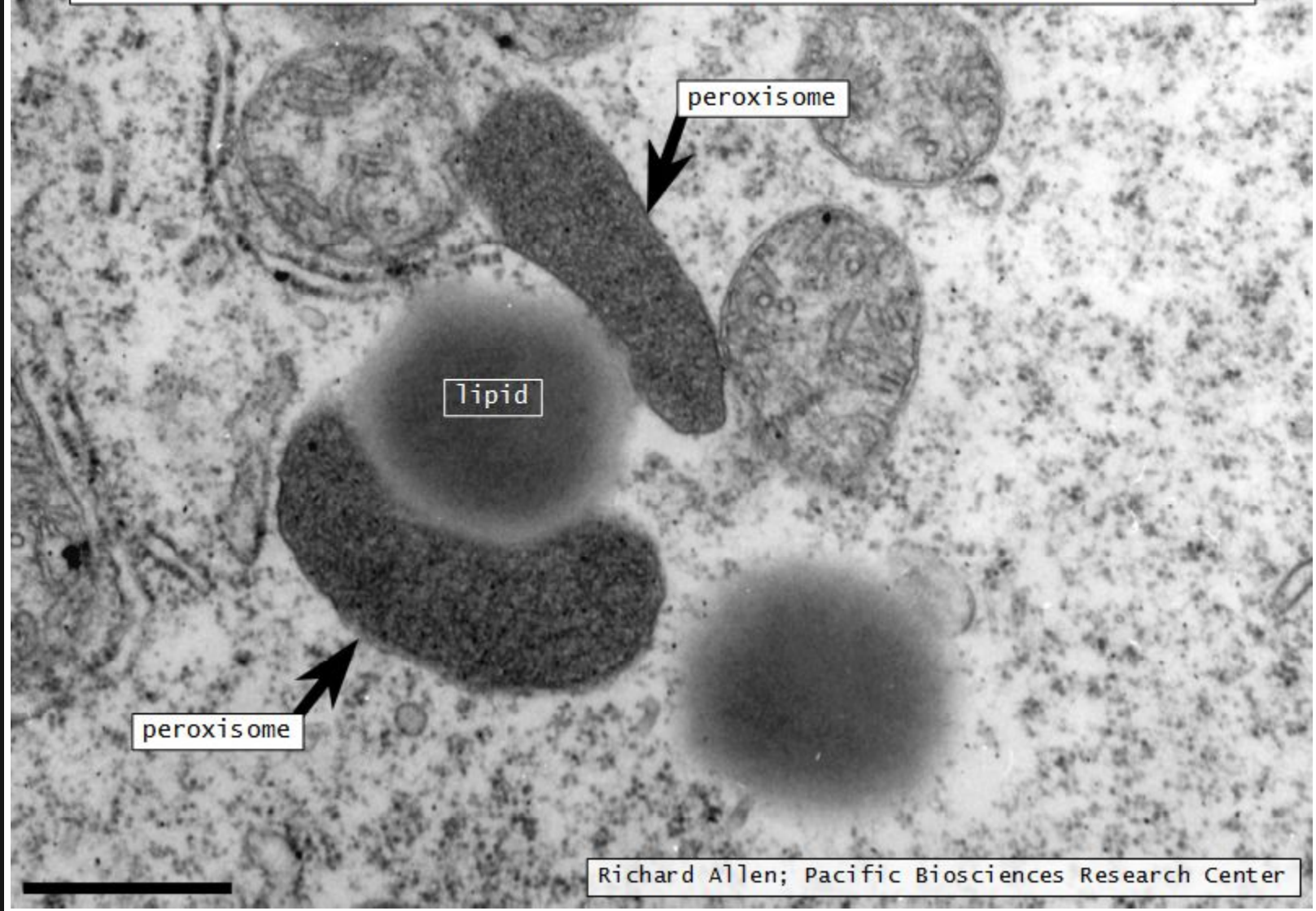
Neurofilaments

Glial filaments

Cytoplasm Inclusions

- Glycogen
 - Storage form of carbohydrate
 - Varying appearance depending on stain
- Lipid droplets
 - Varying appearance depending on stain
- Secretion granules
 - Varying appearance
 - Include mucous droplets, hormones, proteins, pigment

Peroxisomes are sometimes associated with lipid bodies as they are in this example.
EM taken on 4/7/83 by R. Allen with Hitachi HU11A TEM. Neg. 12,250X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.



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Cell surface modifications

- Cell surfaces of epithelia has specific modifications, relating to the function of epithelia
- Three surfaces show modifications
- Lateral surface
 - Junctional complexes
 - Gap junctions
 - Lateral interdigitations
- Basal surface
 - Basal lamina
 - Hemidesmosomes
 - Basal plasma membrane infoldings
- Apical surface
 - Microvilli
 - Stereocilia
 - Cilia

Epithelia
Lines internal -
Covers external -
Surfaces of the body

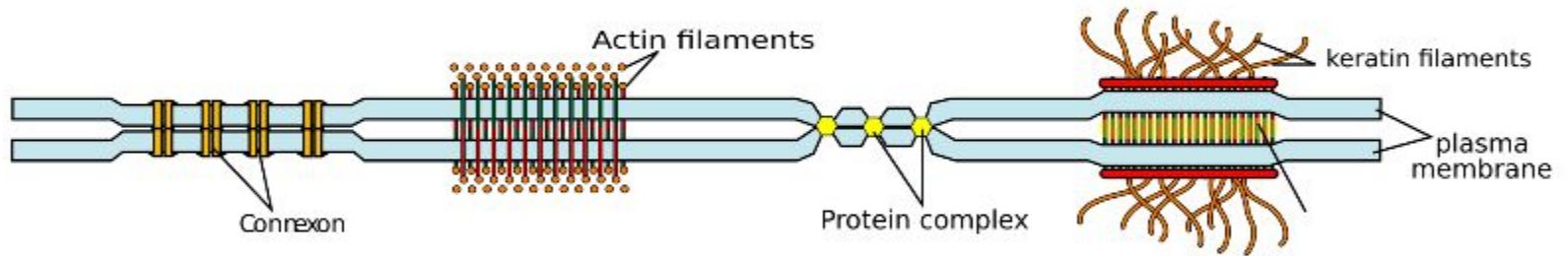
Three surface areas

- Apical surface
- Face the lumen or external environment
- Lateral surface
- Where cells are in contact with each other
- Basal surface
- Bottom edge of cell adjacent to basement membrane

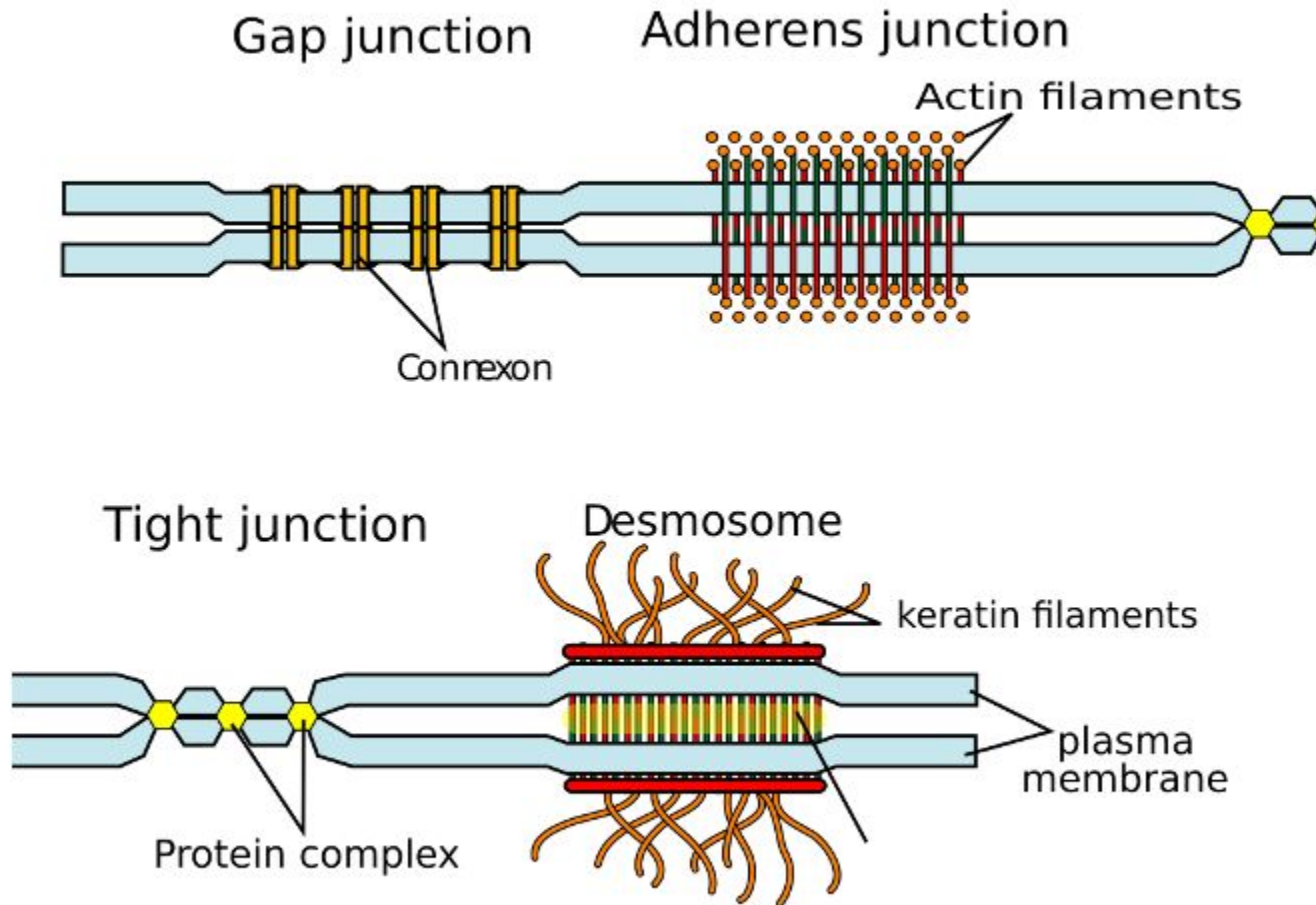
Lateral surface

- Junctional complexes
- Gap junctions
- Lateral interdigitations

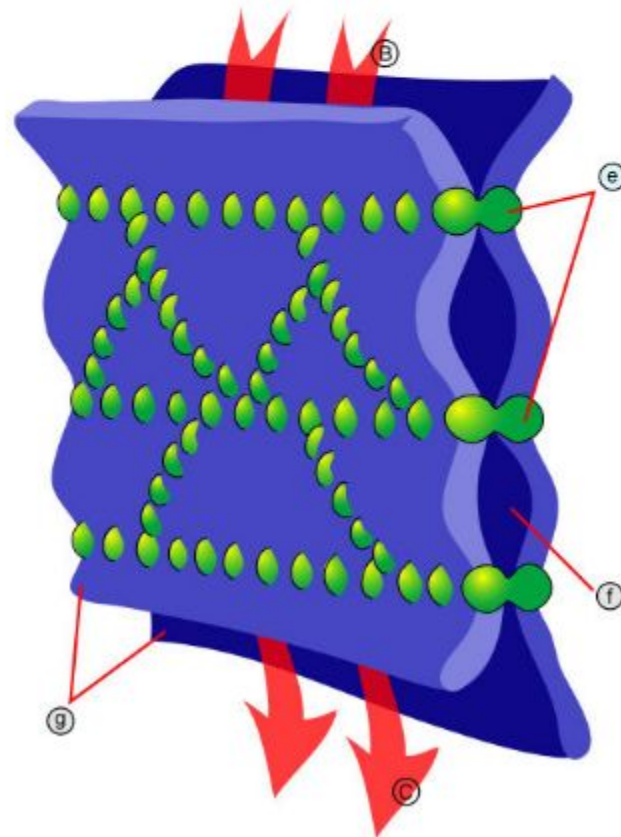
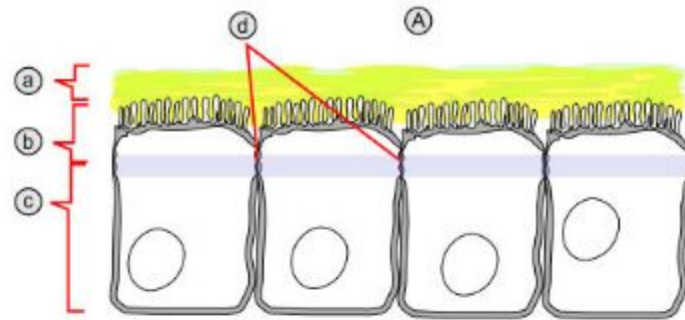
Identify:



Junctional complexes



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Junctional complexes

- Three components
- Zonula occludens (tight junction)
 - Outer part of adjacent plasma membranes fuse
 - Around entire apical perimeter of cells
 - Prevents entrance or exit into intercellular space
- Zonula adherens
 - Plasma membranes separated by 10 - 20 nm
 - Reinforced on cytoplasmic surface by actin filaments
 - Adhesive and structurally supportive
- Macula adherens
 - Focal disk shaped adhesive junction
 - Plasma membrane separated by 15 - 30 nm
 - Intermediate filaments loop from cytoplasm
 - Dense material in intercellular space

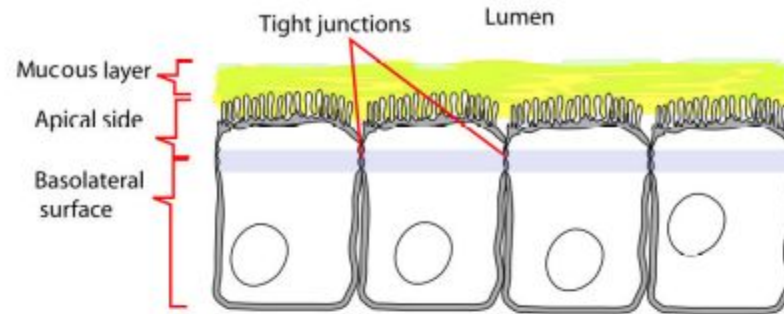
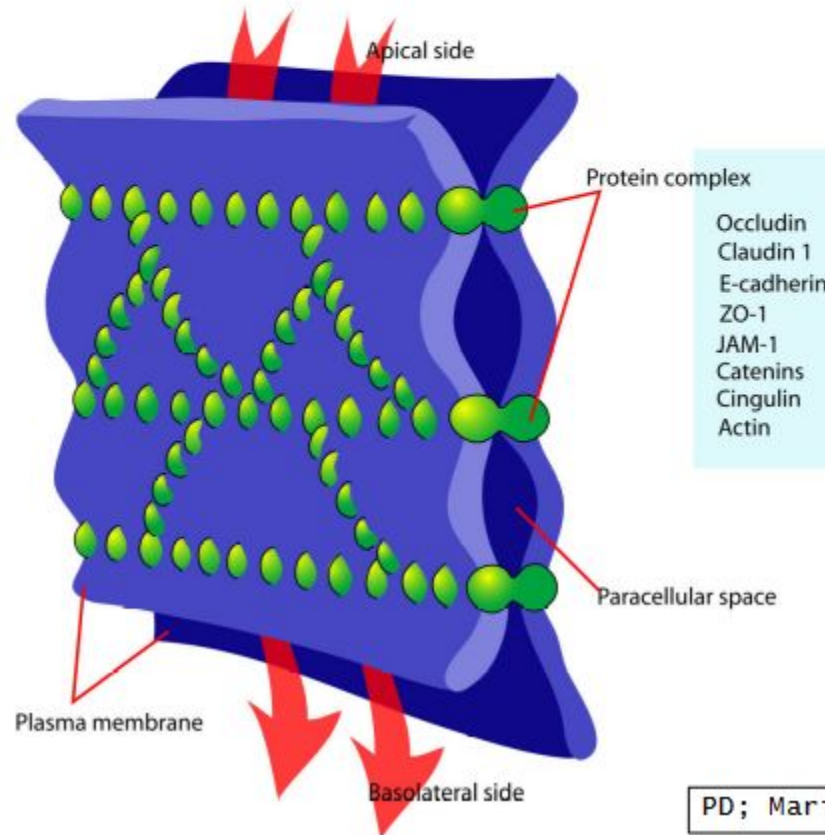
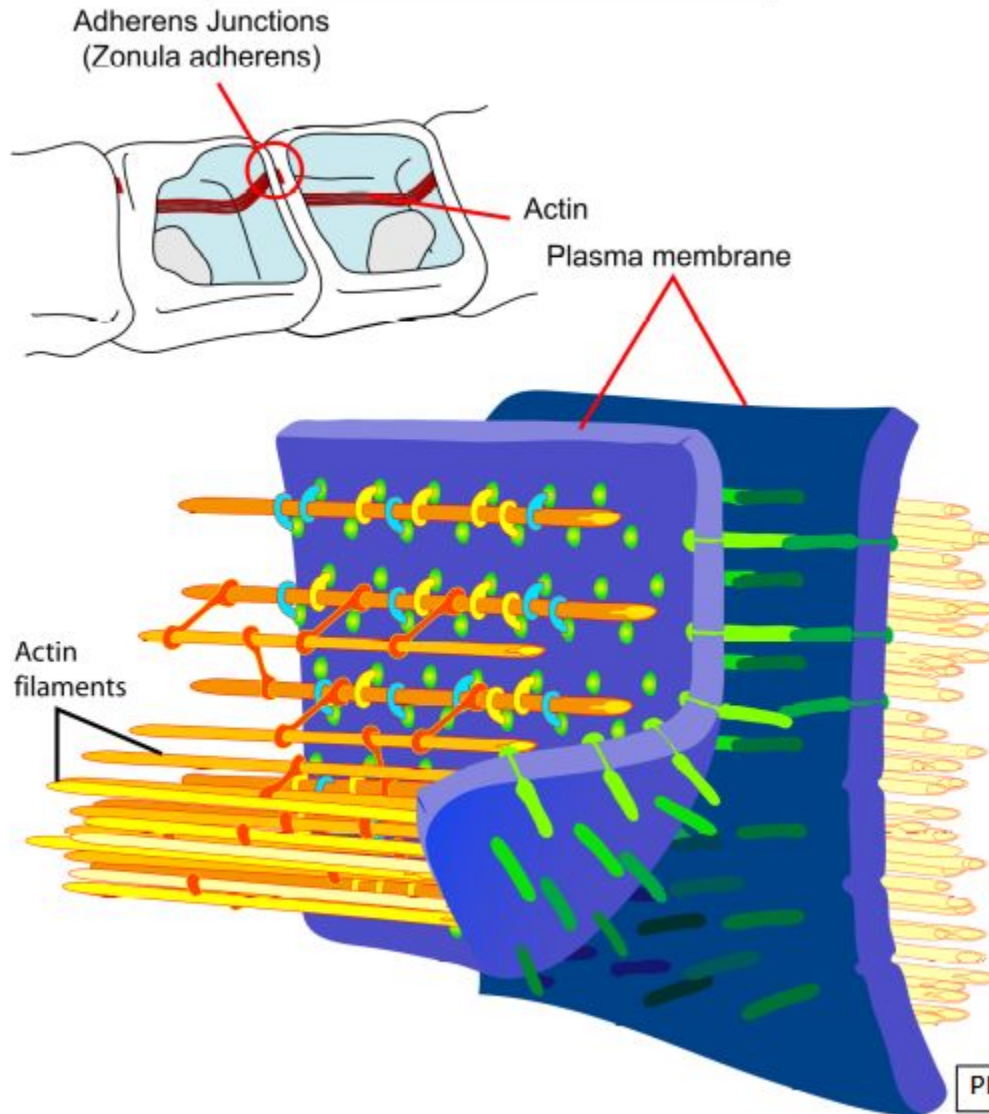


Diagram of a tight junction. Tight junctions seal adjacent epithelial cells in a narrow band just beneath their apical surface.



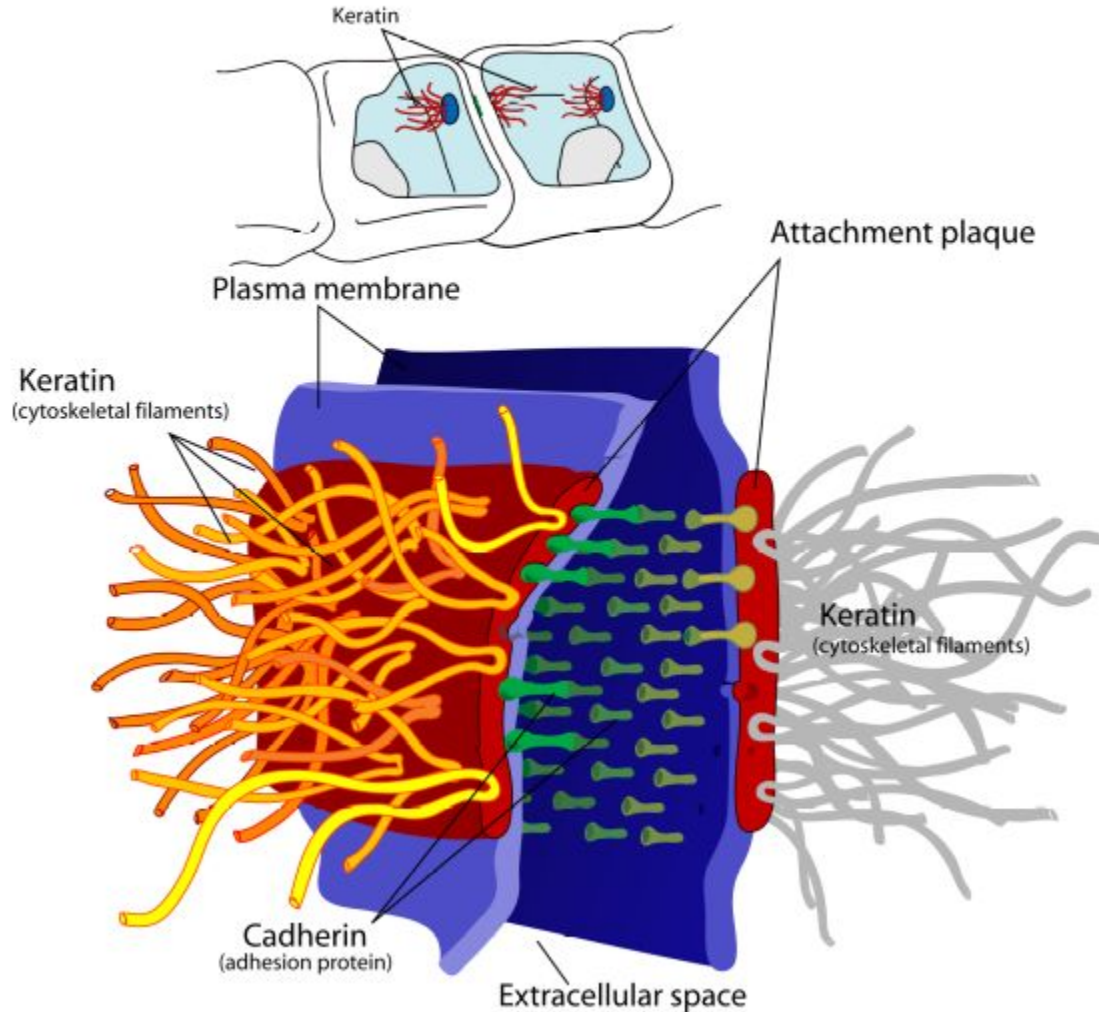
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Diagram of a zonula adherens.



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A desmosome, also known as macula adherens (Latin: adhering spot), is a cell structure specialized for cell-to-cell adhesion in animal cells. A type of junctional complex, they are localized spot-like adhesions randomly arranged on the lateral sides of plasma membranes.

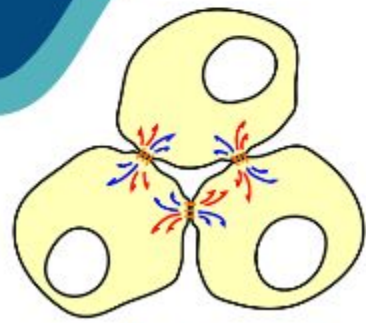
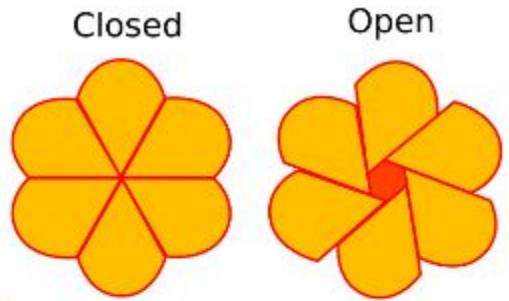
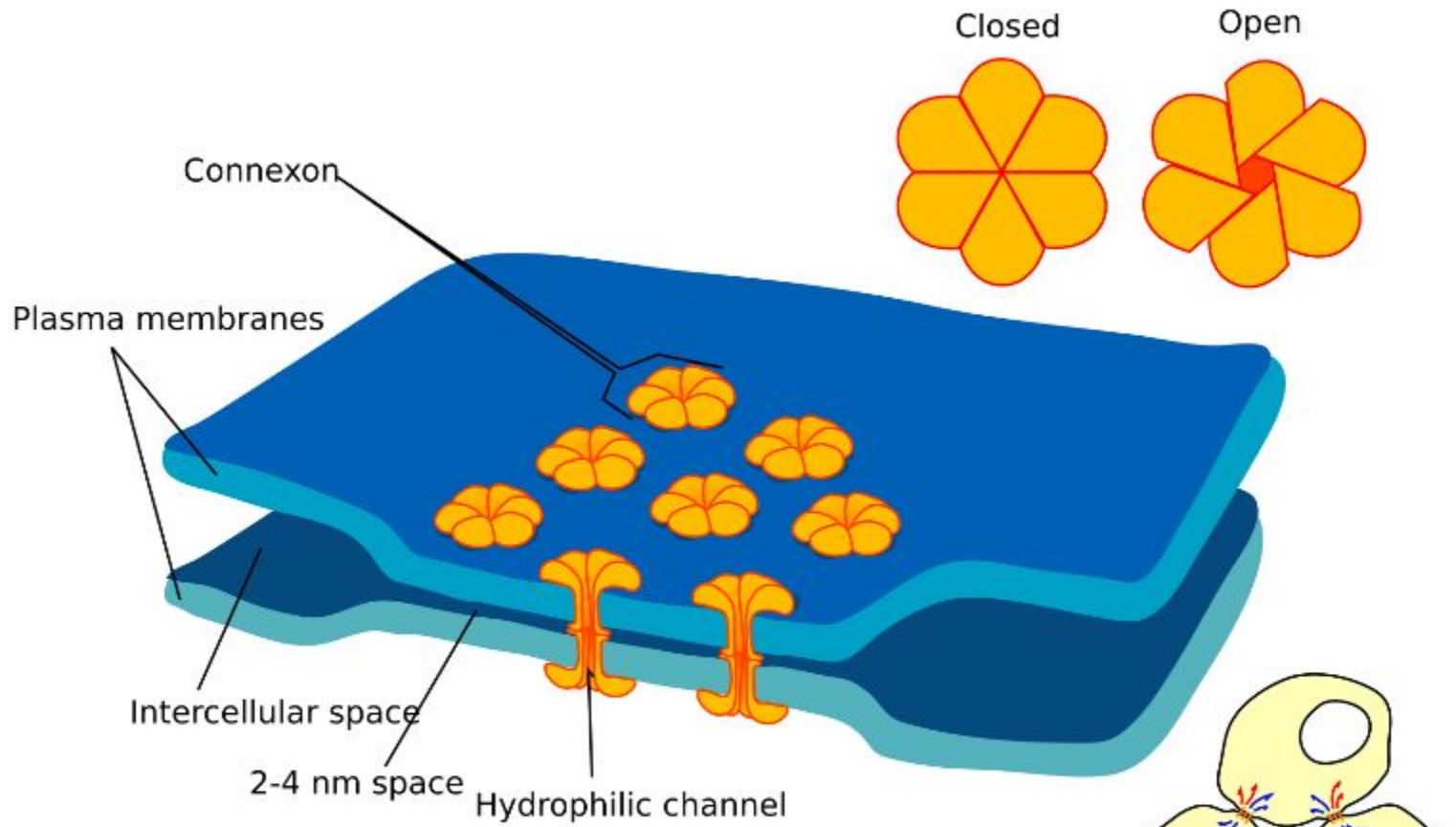


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Gap junctions

- Not limited to epithelial cells
- Also present in CNS, cardiac muscle & smooth muscle
- Opposing plasma membranes separated by 2 nm gap
- Gap is bridged by connexons
- Permit passage of ions & small molecules
- Intercellular communication

Gap junction



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Corpus luteum

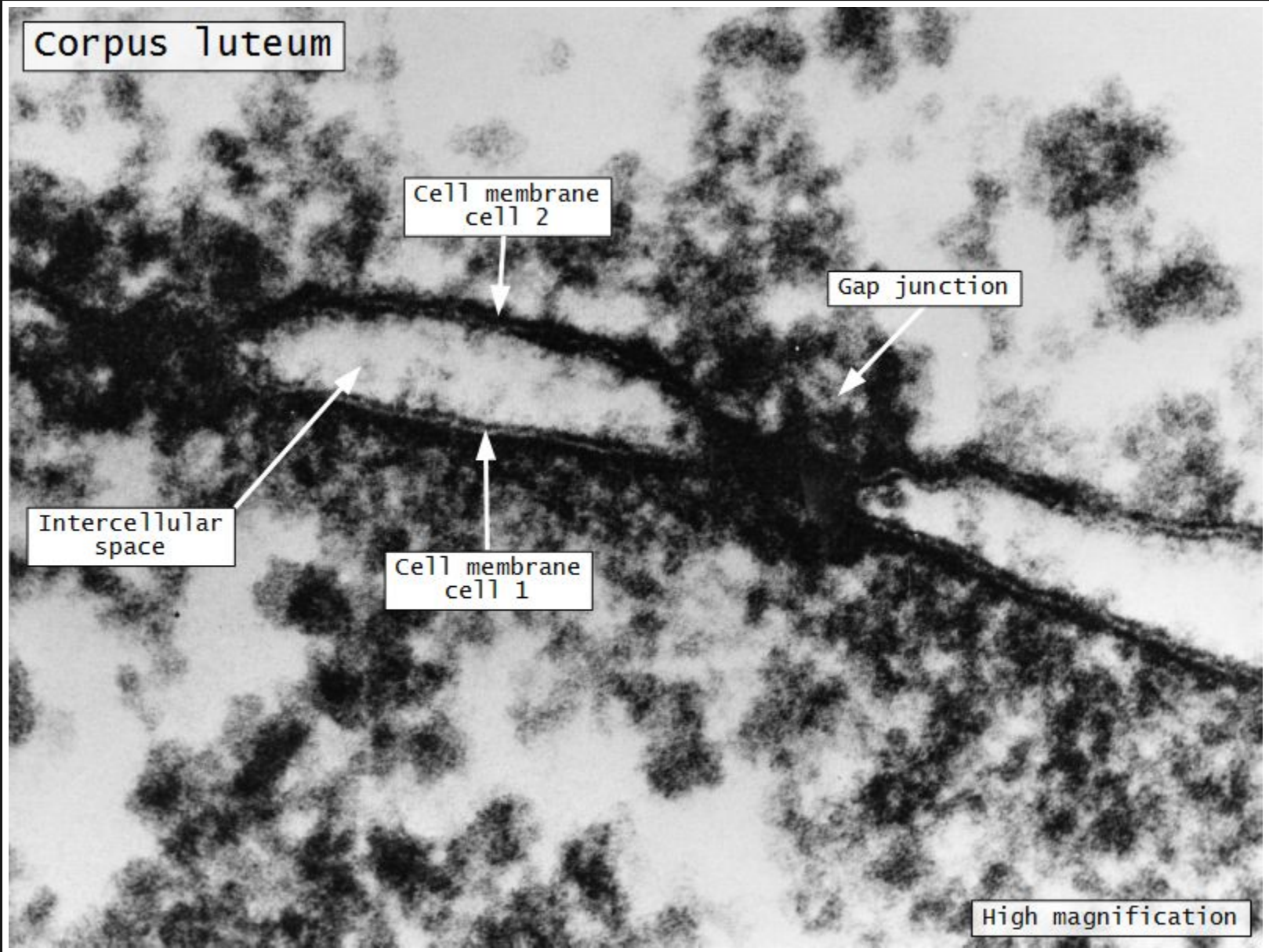
Cell membrane
cell 2

Gap junction

Intercellular
space

Cell membrane
cell 1

High magnification



Lateral interdigitations

- Finger-like projections interlocking adjacent cells

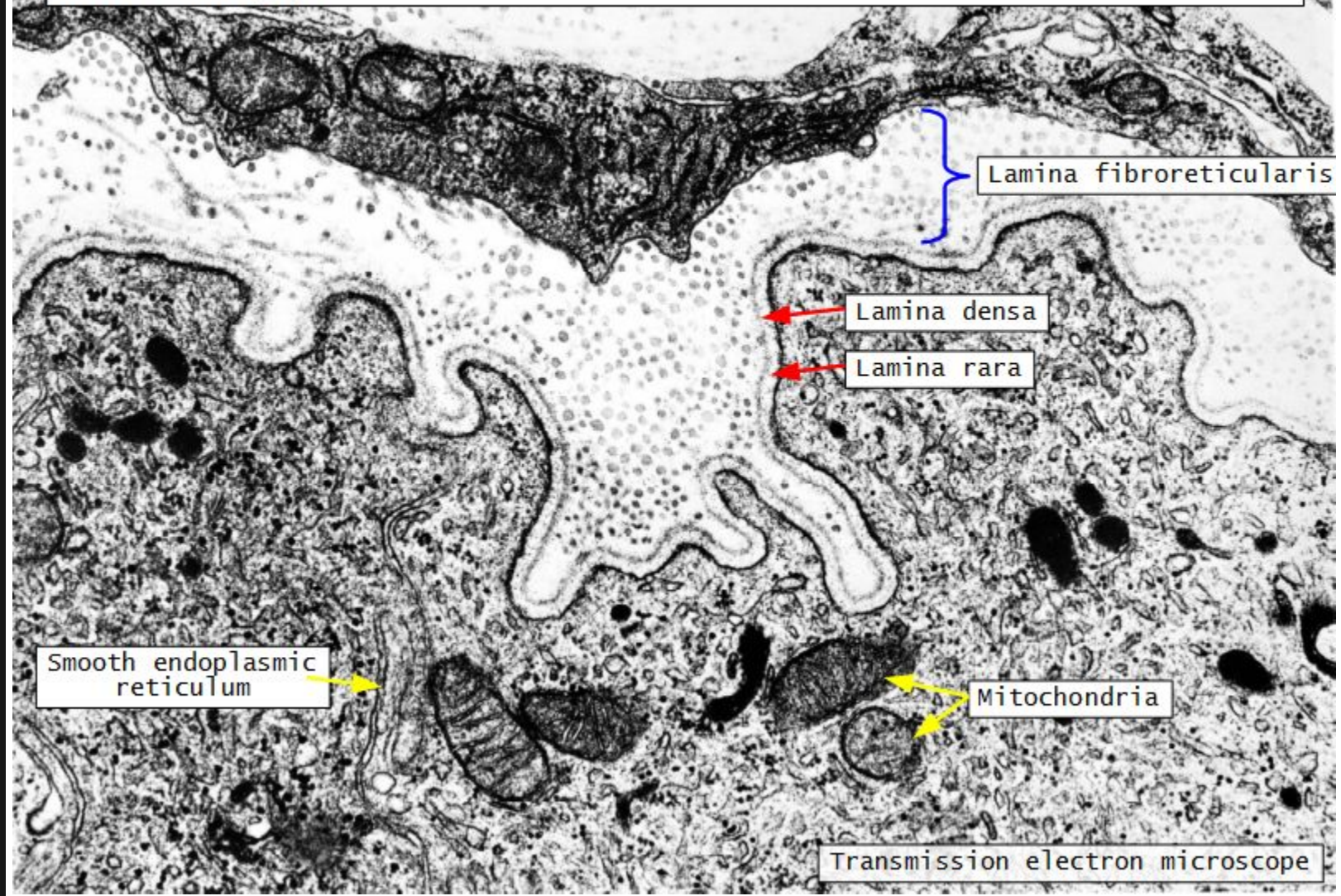
Basal surface

- Basal lamina
- Hemidesmosomes
- Basal plasma membrane infoldings

Basal lamina

- Acellular support structure
- 20 - 100 nm thick
- Visible by electron microscope
- Produced by epithelium resting on it
- Consists of two zones
 - Lamina rara - low density, next to plasma membrane
 - Lamina dense - dense filament network, next to CT
 - Together = basement membrane of LM

Basement membranes are sheet-like structures located between the supporting tissue (connective tissue) and epithelium. Components of the basement membrane is shown in this micrograph.



Hemidesmosomes

- Appearance of one-half of desmosome
- Present along basal surface of some cells
- Attaches cell to underlying basal lamina

Basal plasma membrane infoldings

- Seen in ion-transporting epithelia
- Deep invaginations
- Compartmentalize mitochondria
- Ion pumps in plasmalemma in close contact with energy supply (ATP from mitochondria)

Apical surface

- Microvilli
- Stereocilia
- Cilia

Microvilli

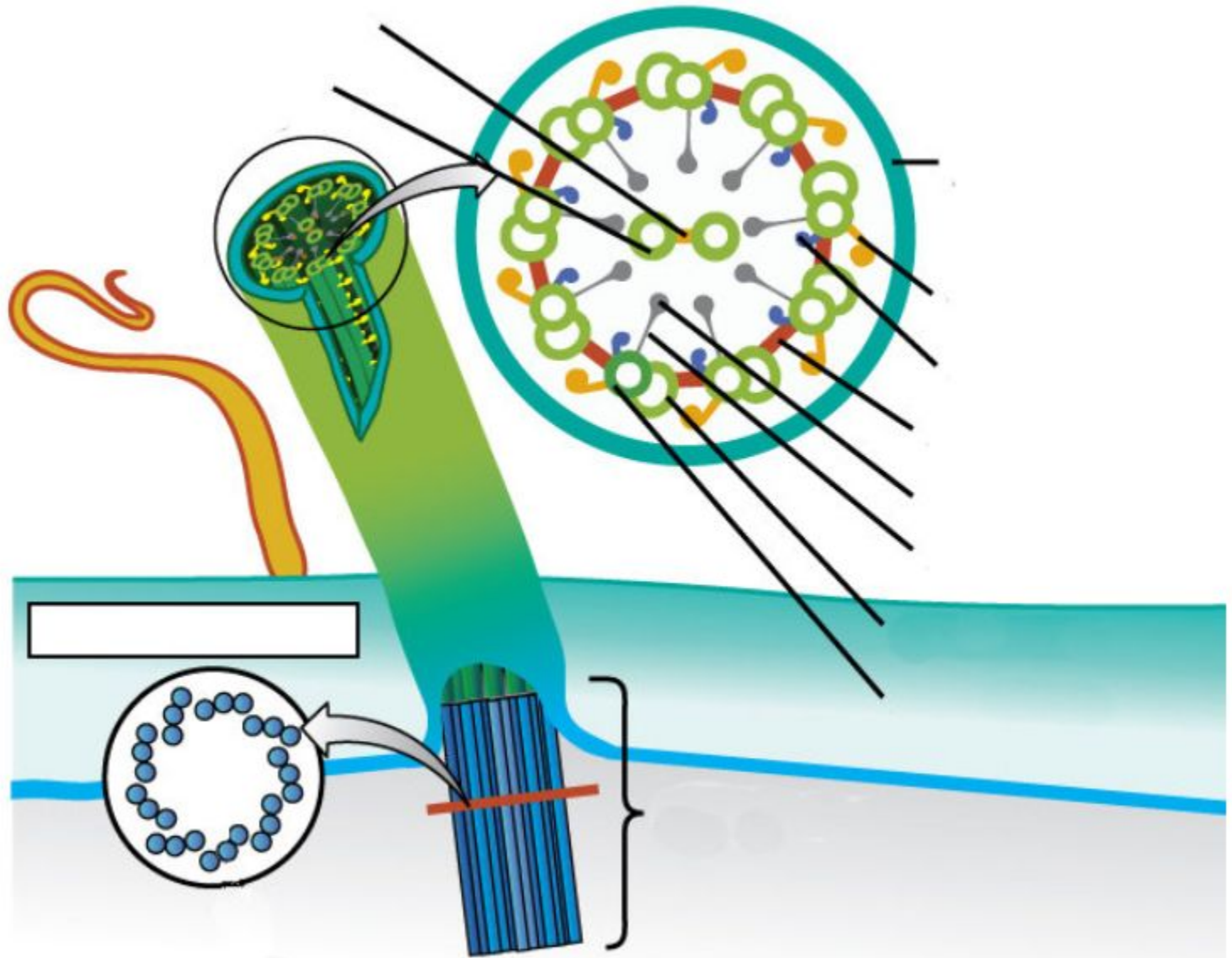
- Finger-like projections of epithelium
- Approximately 1 μm in length
- Increase absorptive surface
- Brush border of kidney proximal tubule cells
- Striated border of intestinal absorptive cells
- Actin filaments in core

Stereocilia

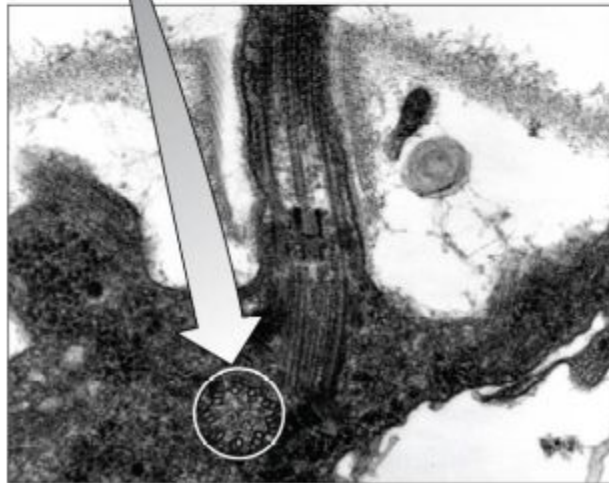
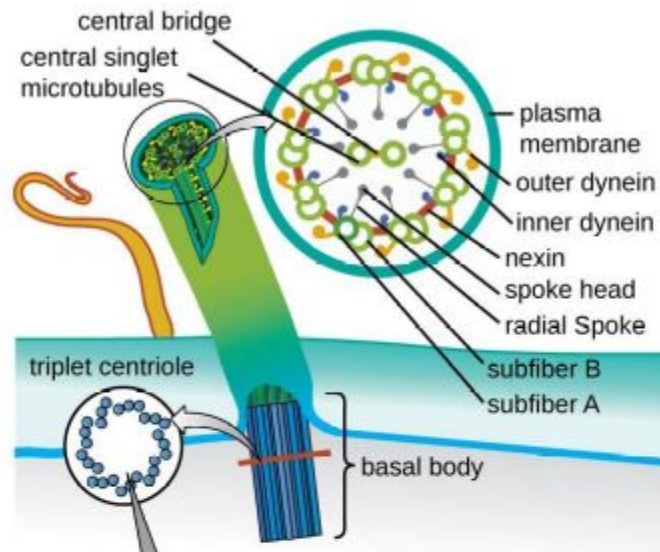
- Very long microvilli
- Not true cilia
- Epididymus & vas deferens

Cilia

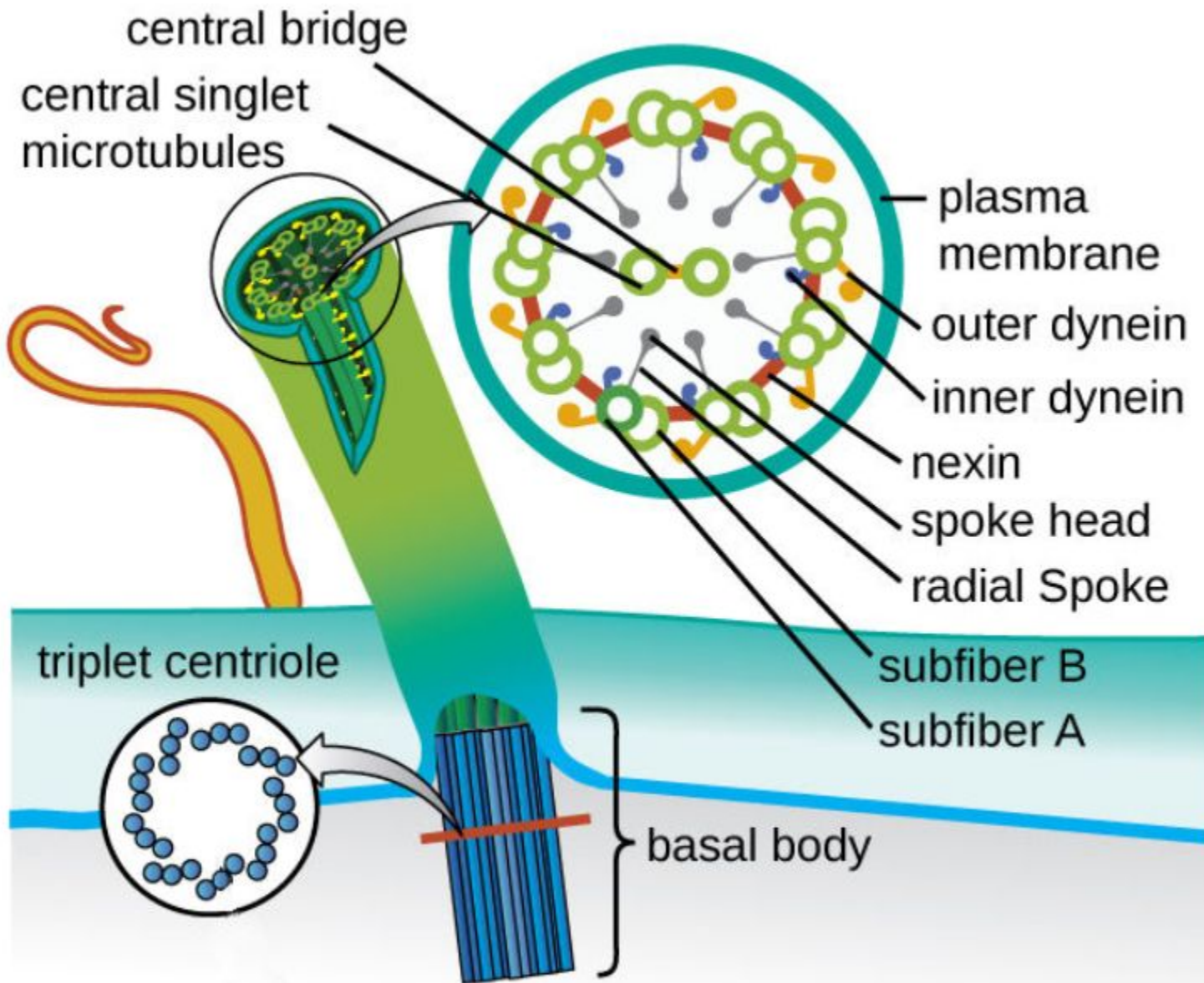
- Active motile specializations of epithelia that transports substances along their surface
- 5 - 10 μm in length
- Covered by plasma membrane
- Contains axoneme
- Nine pairs double tubules around two single microtubules (9+2 pattern)
- At base cylindrical basal body with 9+0 pattern



The sliding of these microtubules relative to each other causes a flagellum to bend.

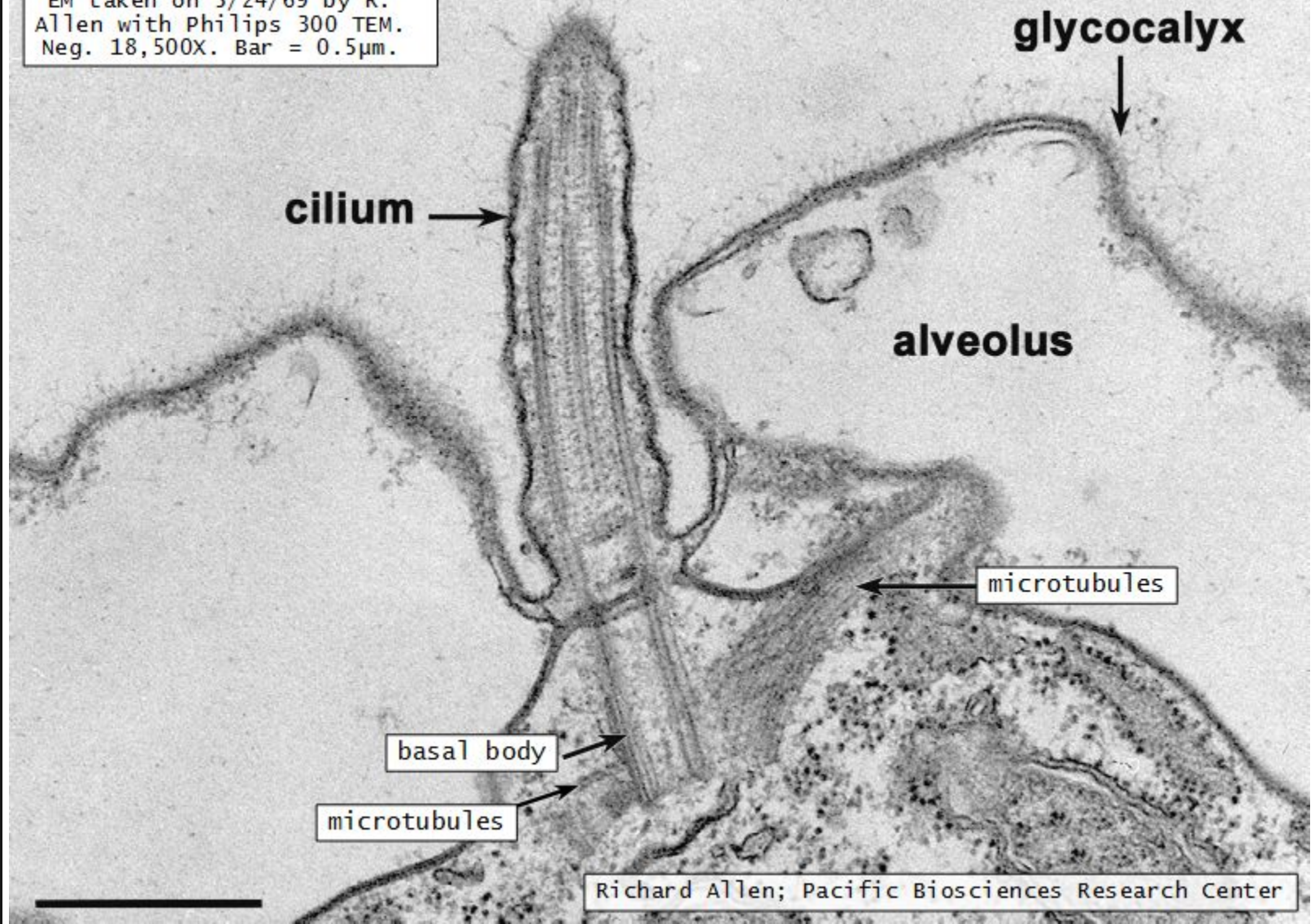


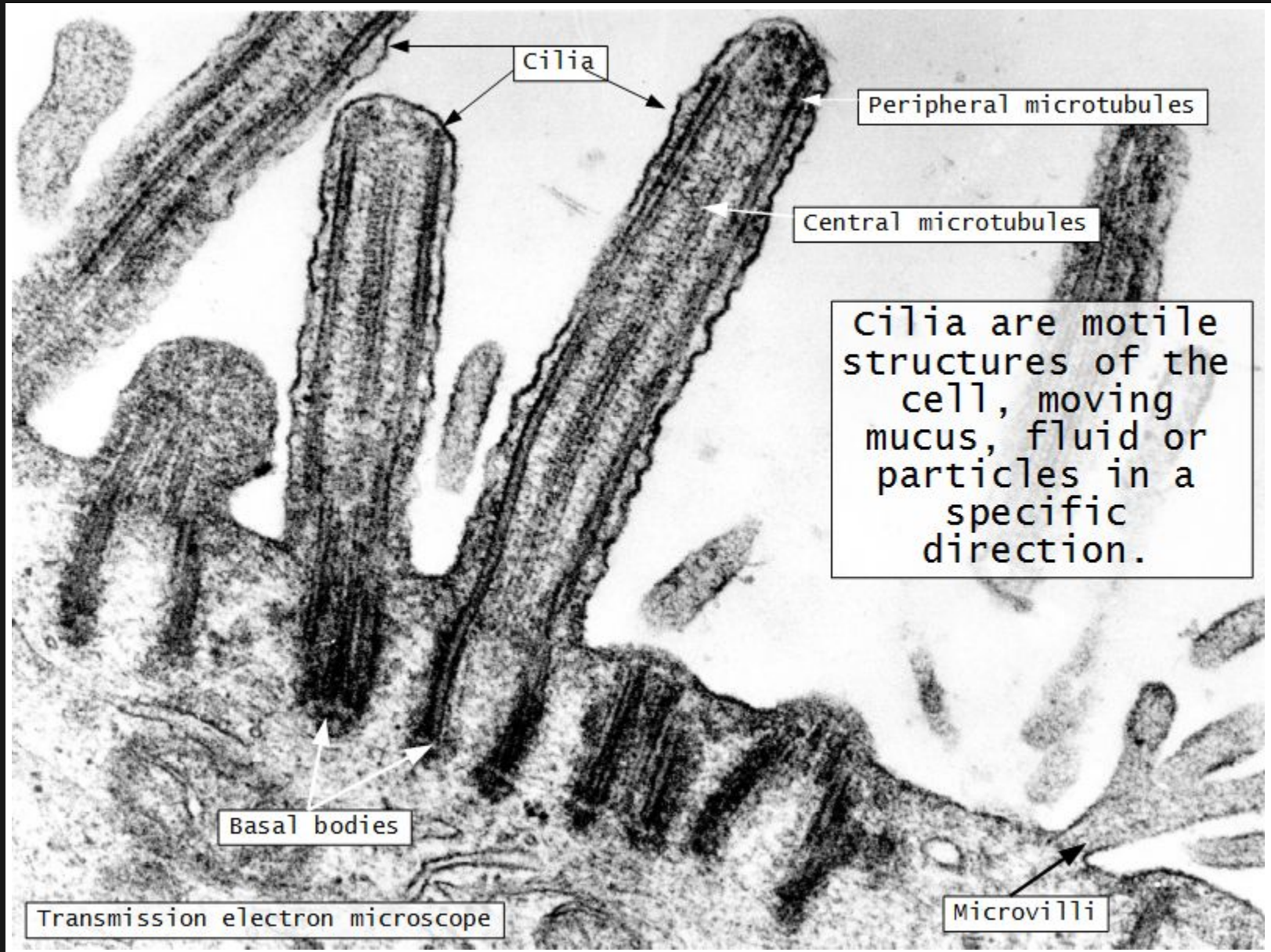
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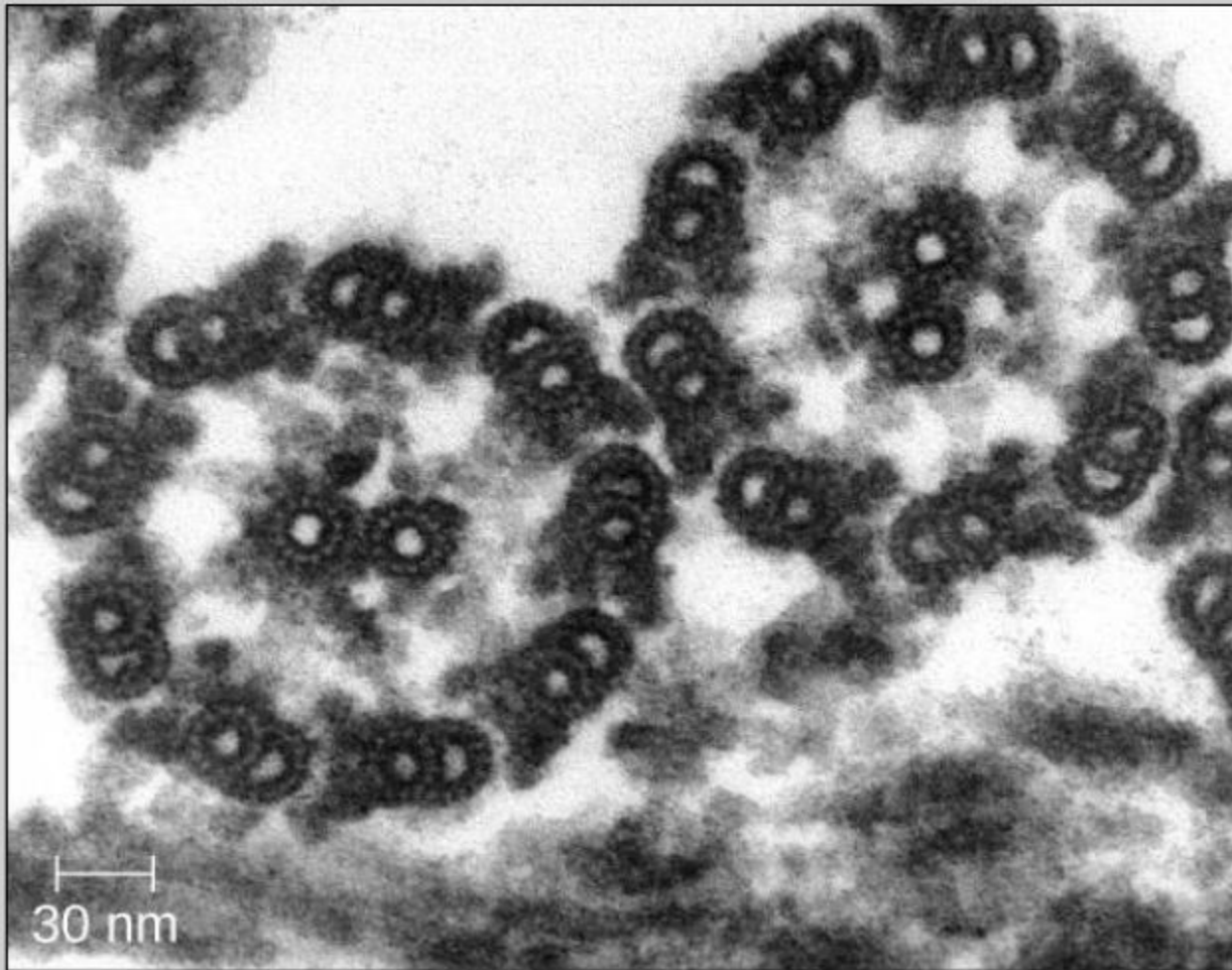


Cilium bound to basal body.
EM taken on 5/24/69 by R.
Allen with Philips 300 TEM.
Neg. 18,500X. Bar = 0.5 μ m.





Eukaryotic flagella and cilia are composed of a 9+2 array of microtubules, as seen in this transmission electron micrograph cross-section.



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Cross section through a cilium.

**B subfiber
of doublet**

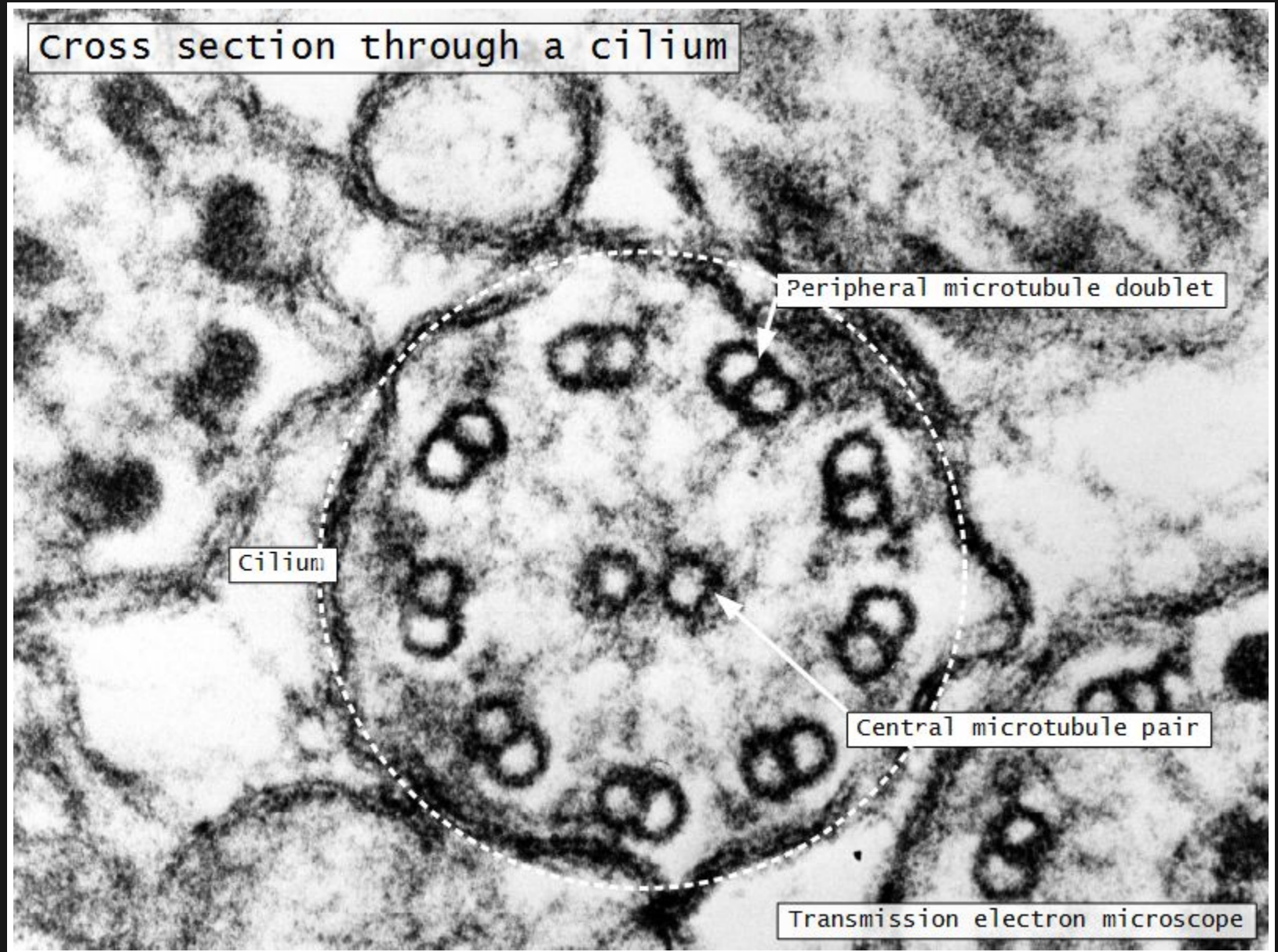
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**A subfiber
of doublet**

**ciliary
membrane**

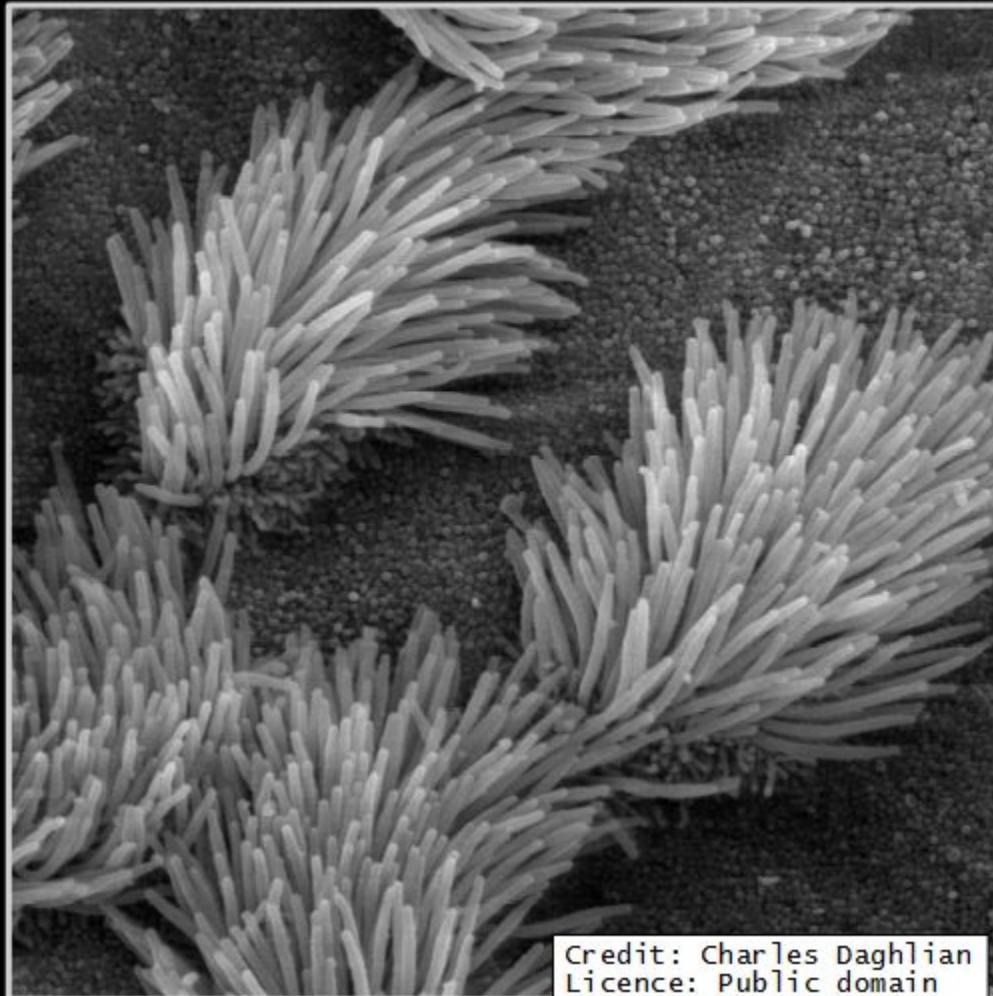
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Cross section through a cilium



Transmission electron microscope

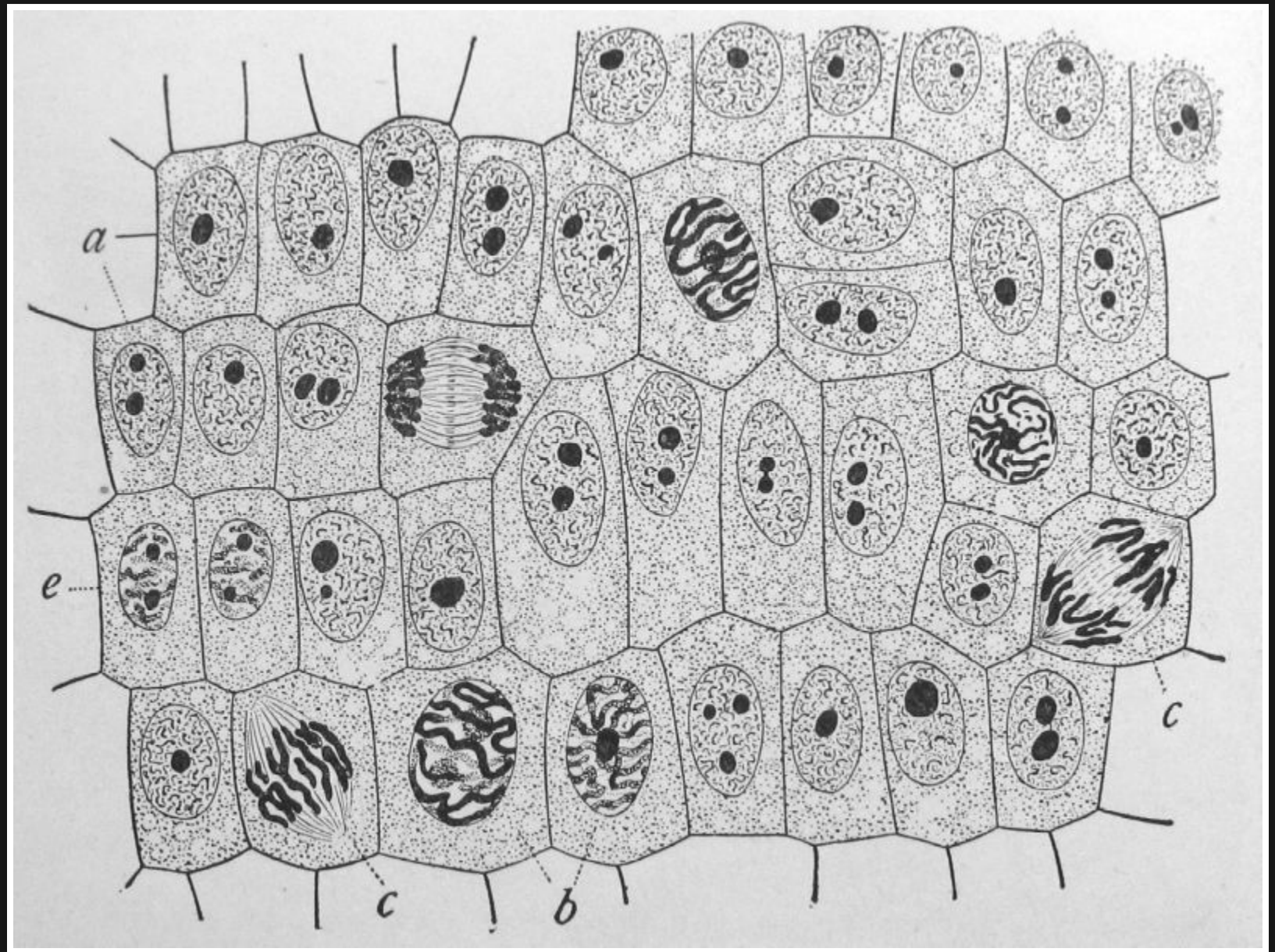
Scanning electron microscope image of lung trachea epithelium. There are both ciliated & non-ciliated cells in this epithelium. Note the difference in size between the cilia & microvilli (on the non-ciliated cell surface).



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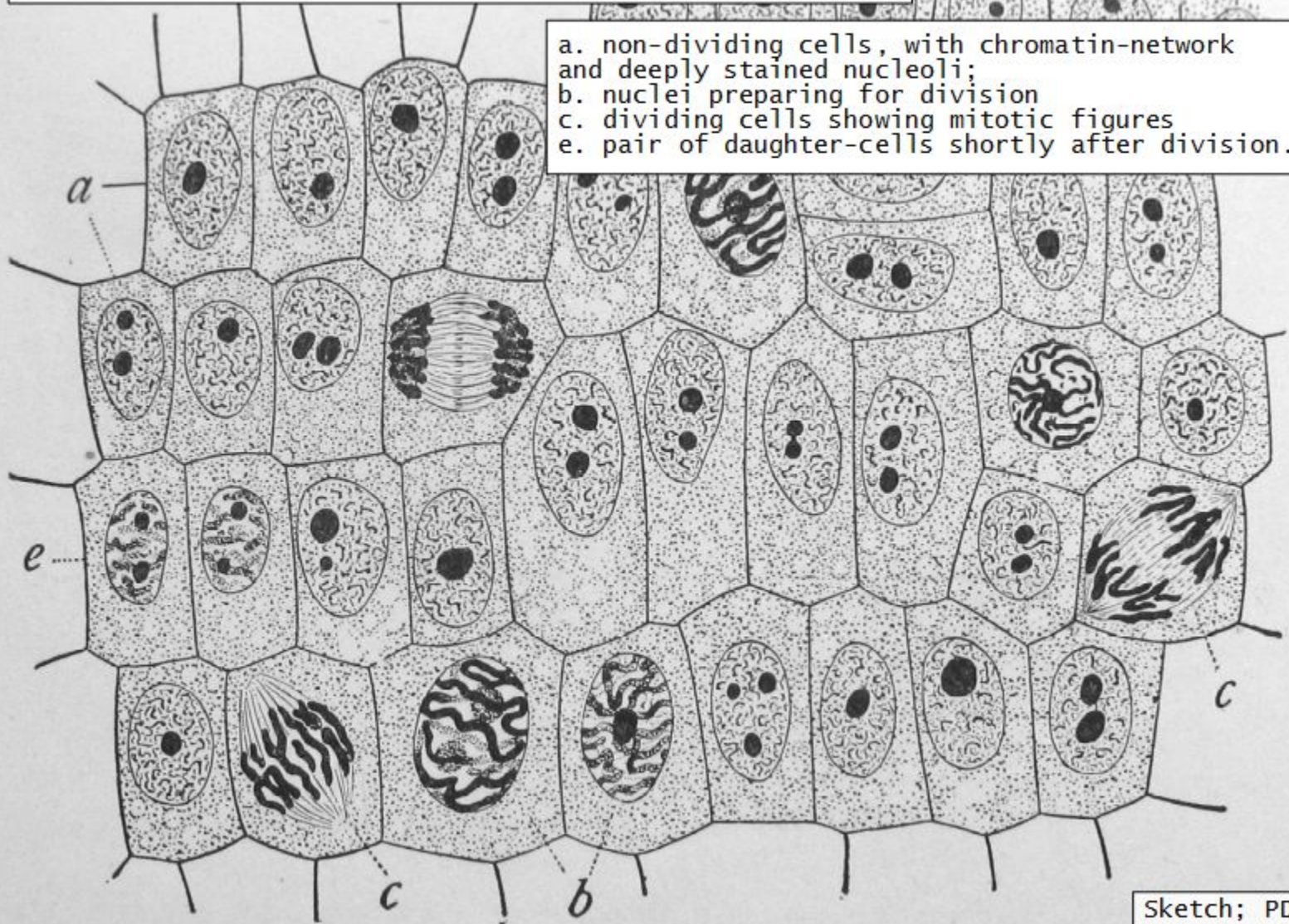
5 μm

Lung 001



General view of cells in the growing root-tip of the onion

- a. non-dividing cells, with chromatin-network and deeply stained nucleoli;
- b. nuclei preparing for division
- c. dividing cells showing mitotic figures
- e. pair of daughter-cells shortly after division.

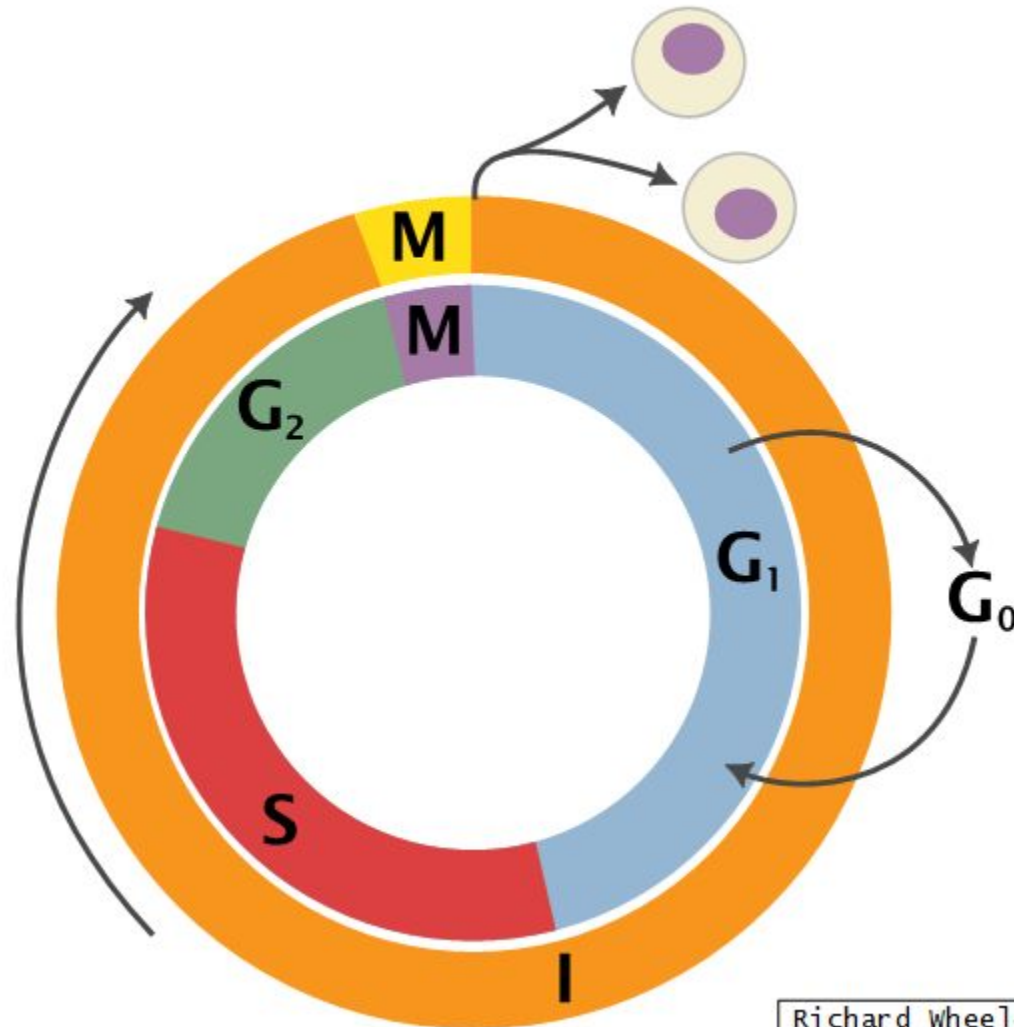


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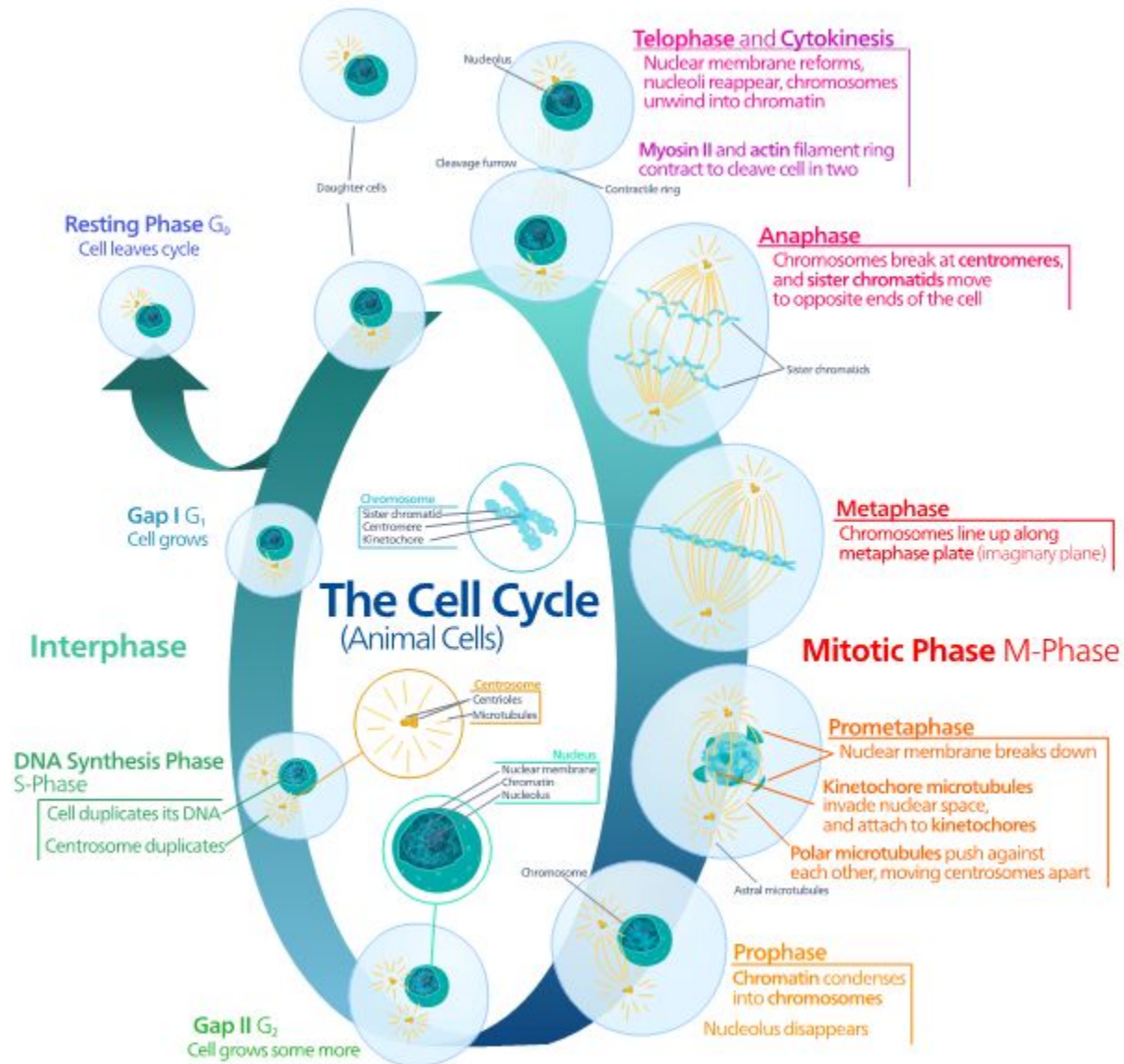
Cell cycle

- Consists of two main states and four phases
- Interphase
 - Gap 1: cell increase in size, prepare for DNA synthesis
 - Synthesis: DNA replication
 - Gap 2: continue growth; prepare for division
- Cell division
 - Mitosis: growth stop; division into daughter cells
- Resting = Gap 0
 - Cell left the cycle and stopped dividing

Schematic representation of the cell cycle. Outer ring: I = Interphase, M = Mitosis; inner ring: M = Mitosis, G₁ = Gap 1, G₂ = Gap 2, S = Synthesis; not in ring: G₀ = Gap 0/Resting



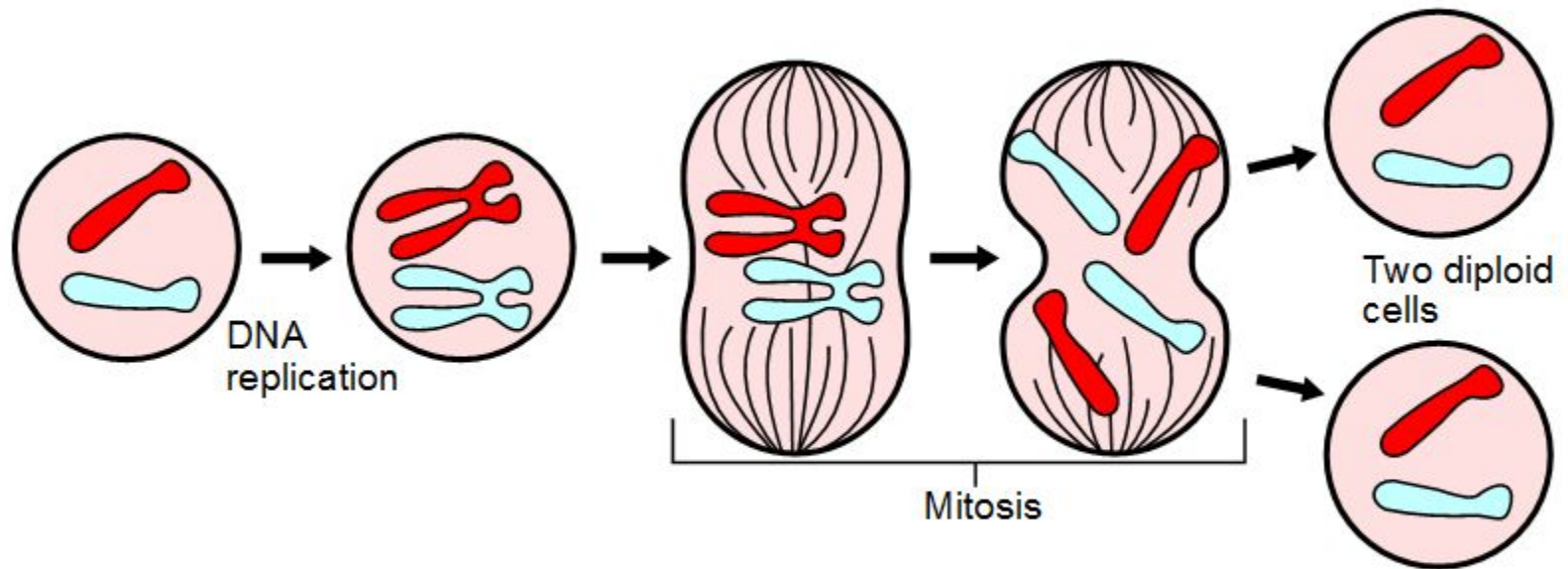
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Cell division

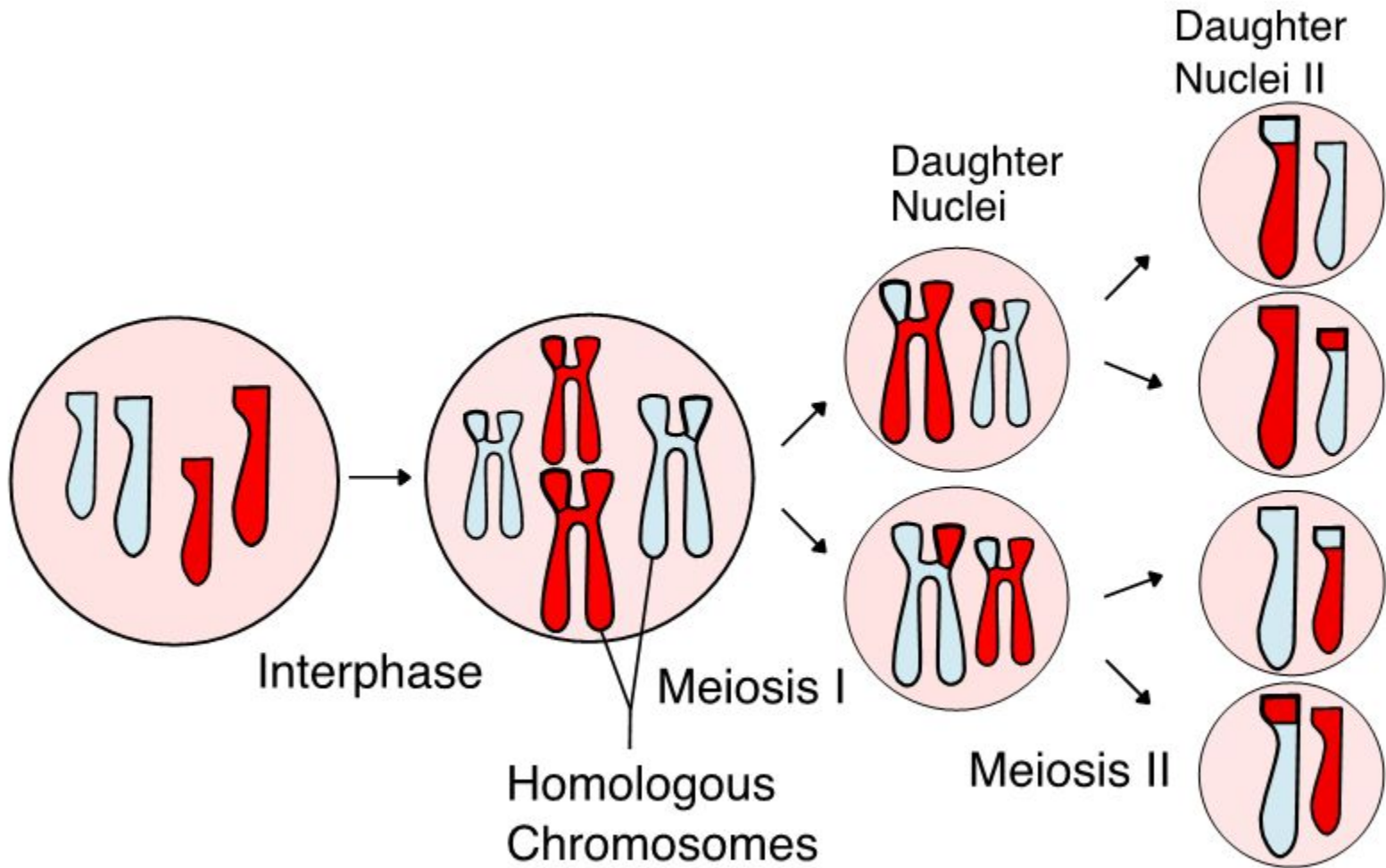
- Mitosis
 - Prophase
 - Metaphase
 - Anaphase
 - Telophase
 - Replicated chromosomes separated into 2 new nuclei
 - 2 identical diploid cells
- Meiosis
 - Cell division used to produce sperm or egg cells
 - Two rounds of division
 - 4 haploid cells

Major events in mitosis.



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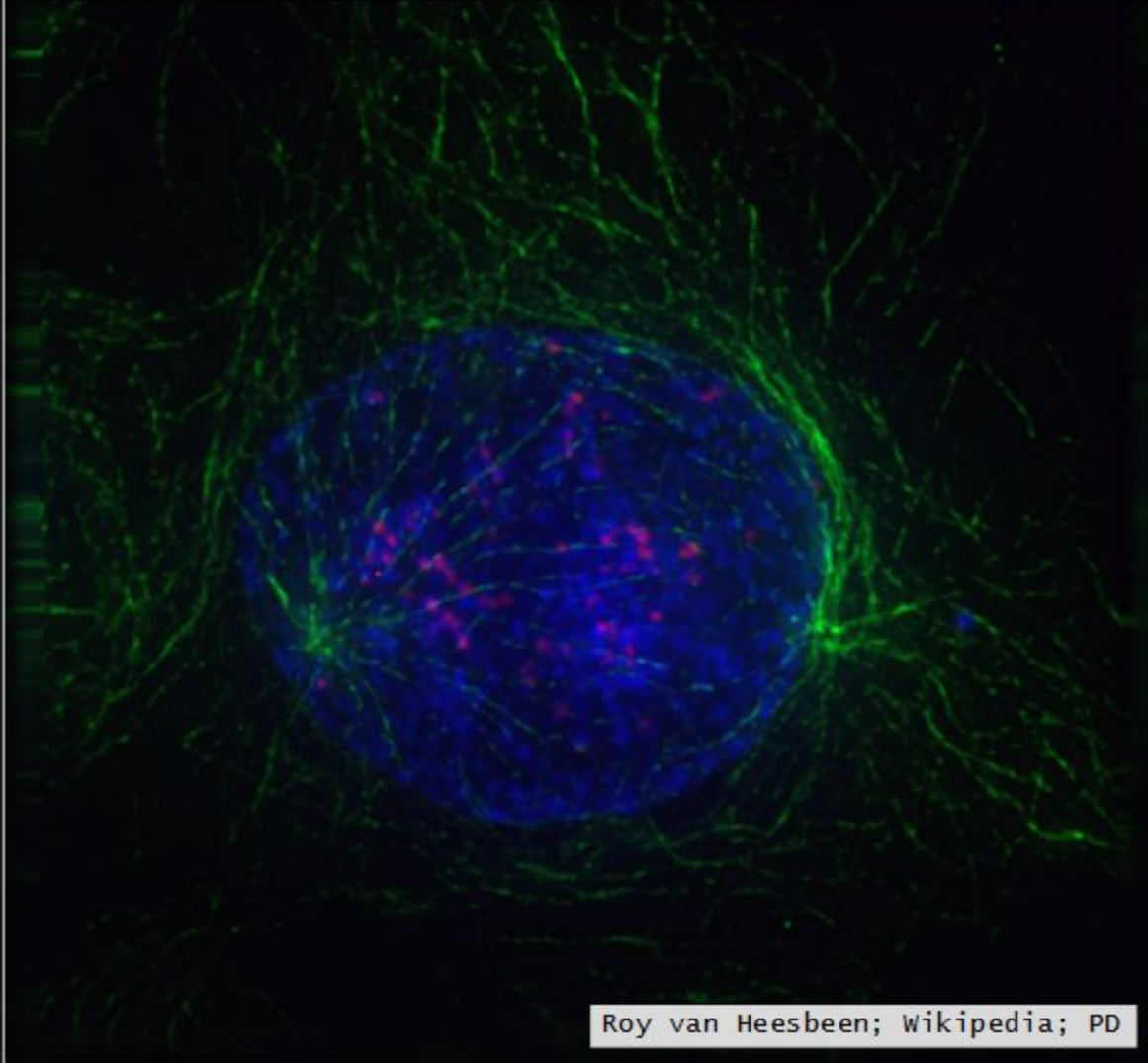
Overview of Meiosis.



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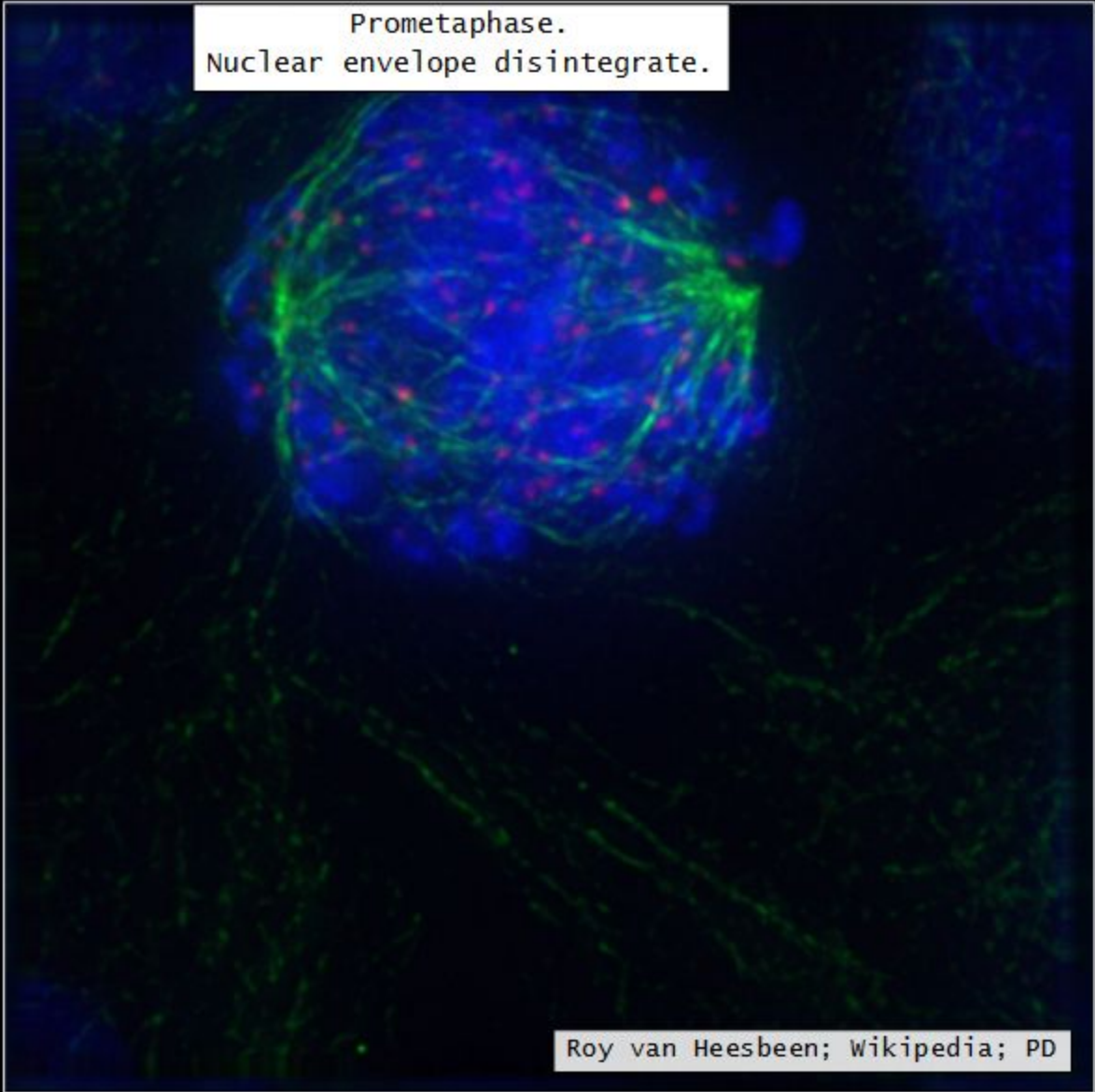
Prophase.

Chromosomes condense and mitotic spindle formation starts.



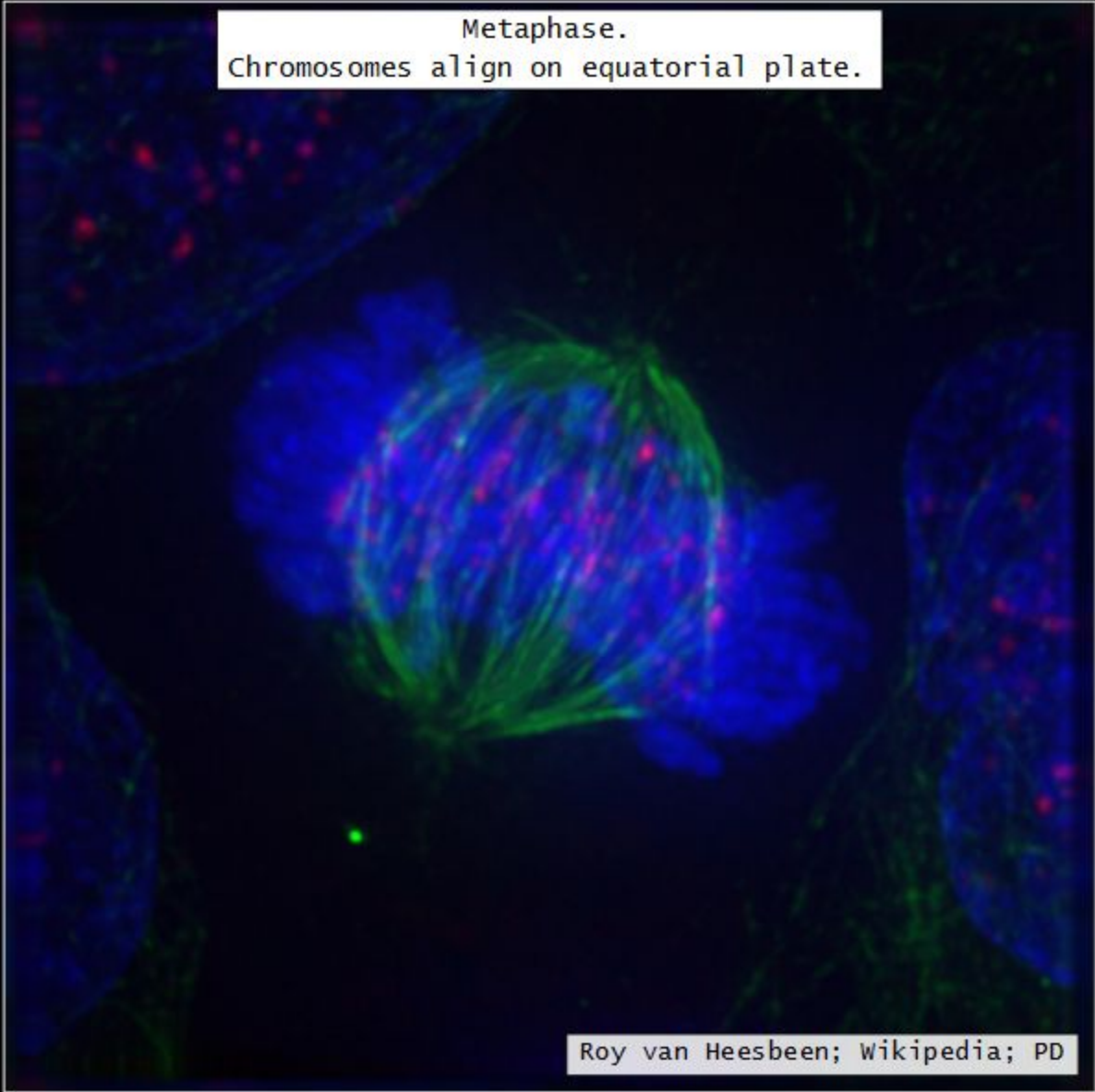
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Prometaphase.
Nuclear envelope disintegrate.



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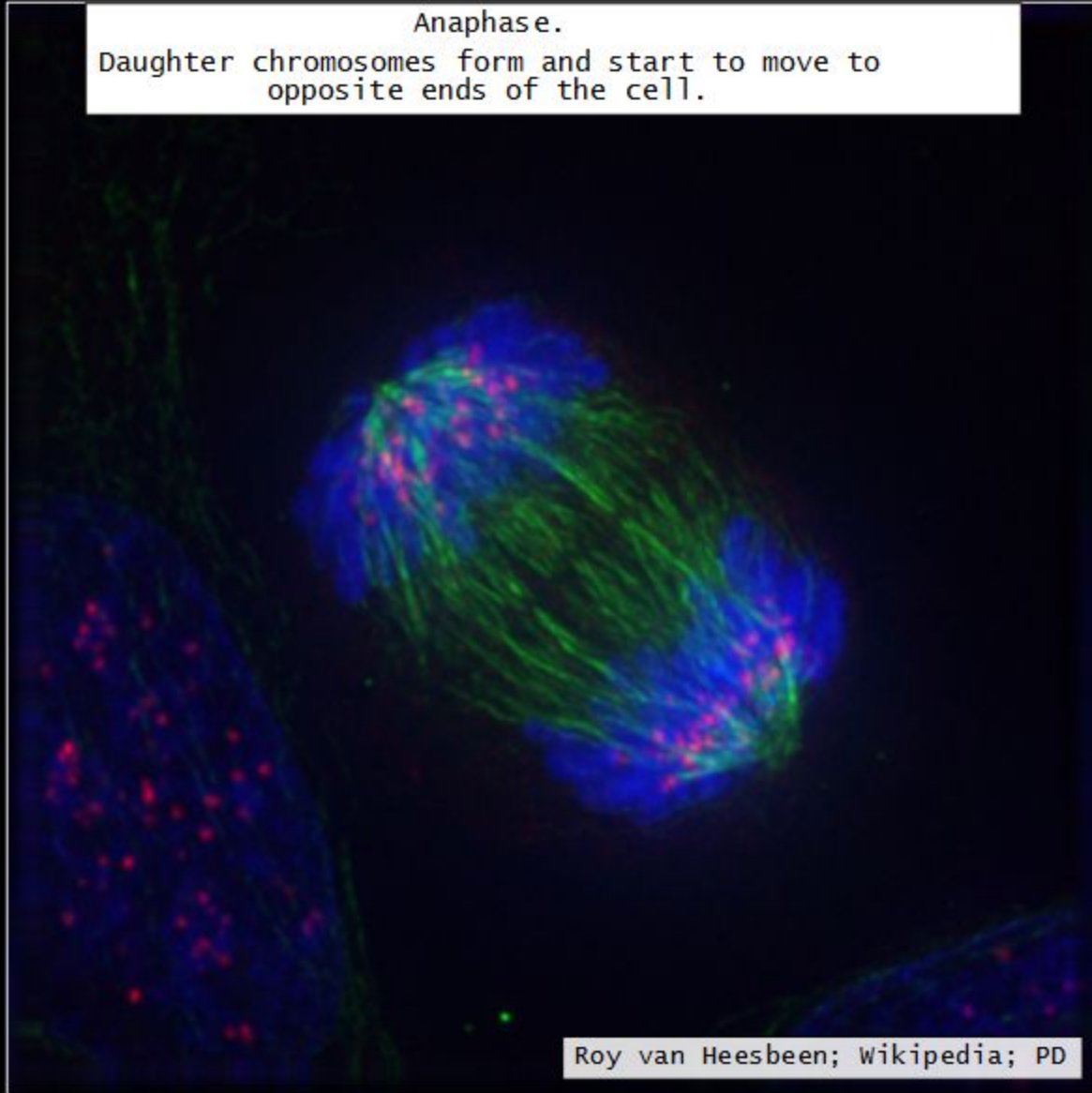
Metaphase.
Chromosomes align on equatorial plate.



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Anaphase.

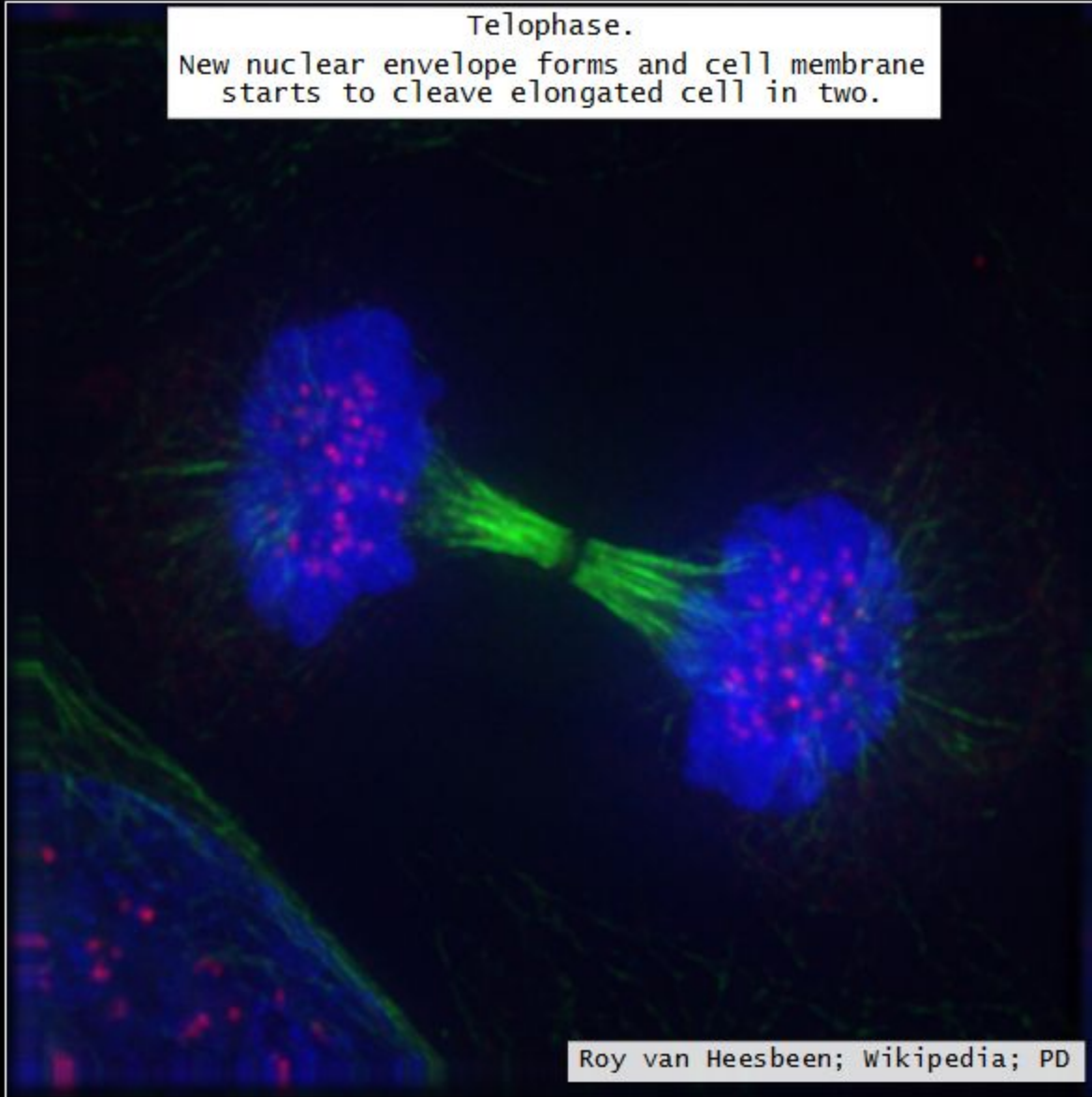
Daughter chromosomes form and start to move to opposite ends of the cell.



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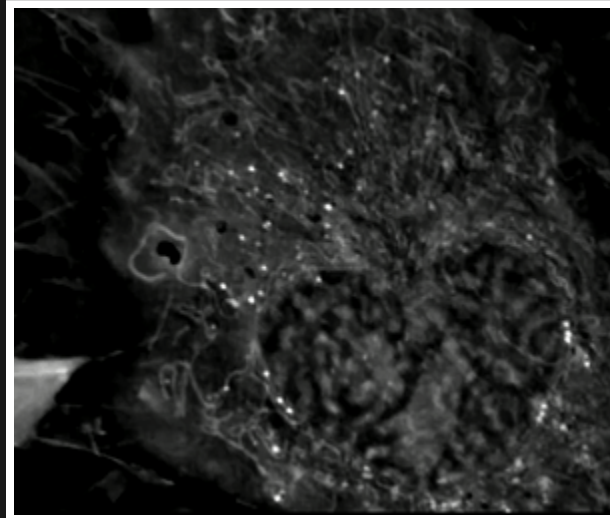
Telophase.

New nuclear envelope forms and cell membrane starts to cleave elongated cell in two.



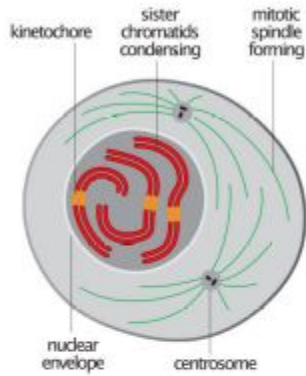
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Mesenchymal stem cells undergoing mitosis.

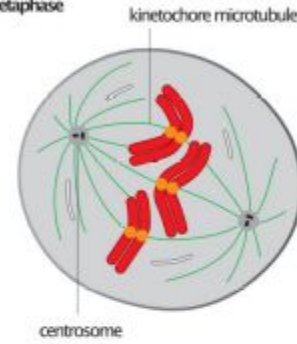


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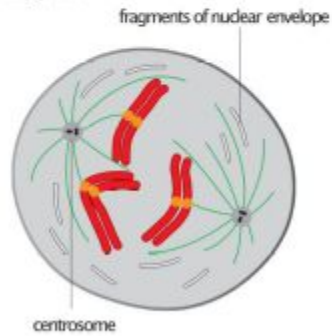
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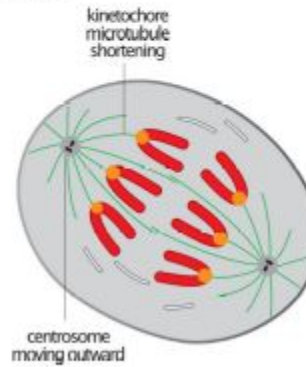
Metaphase



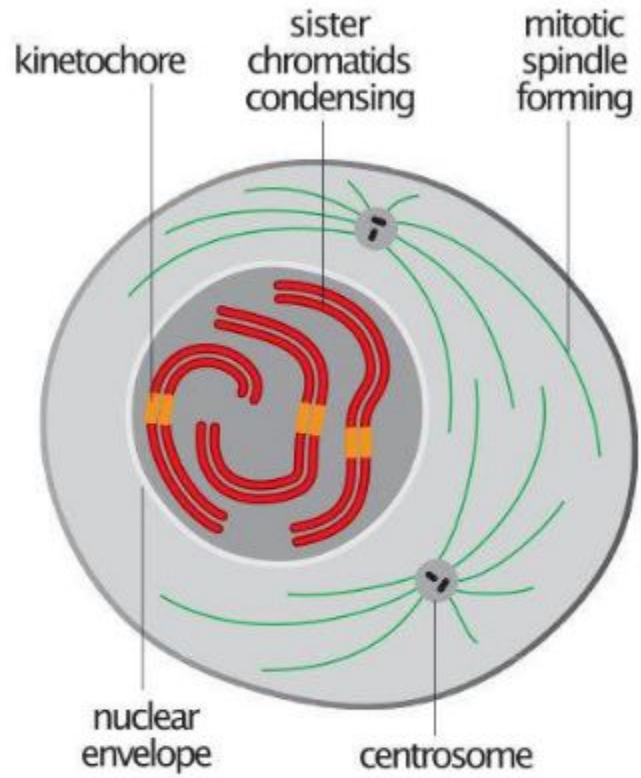
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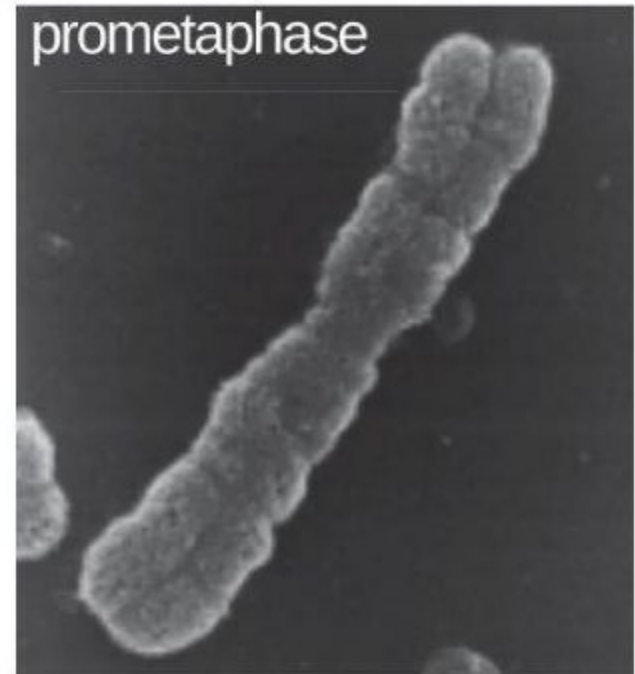
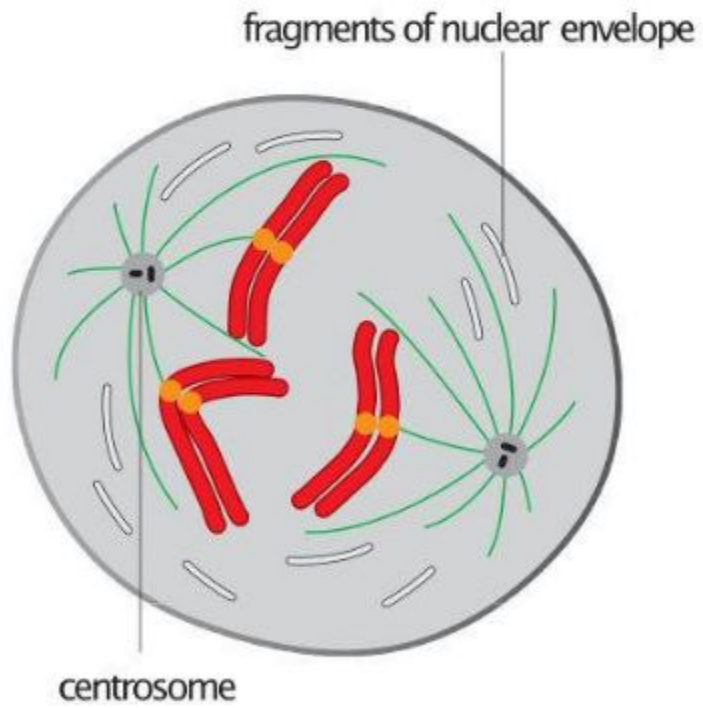
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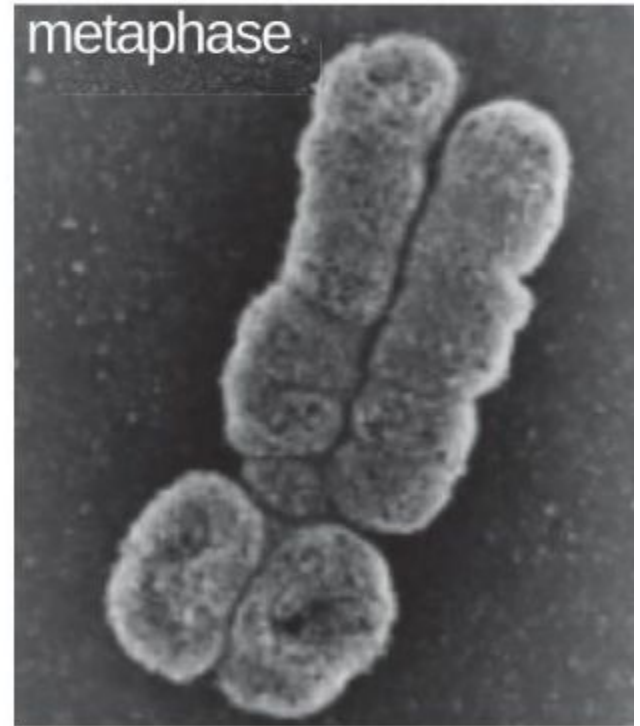
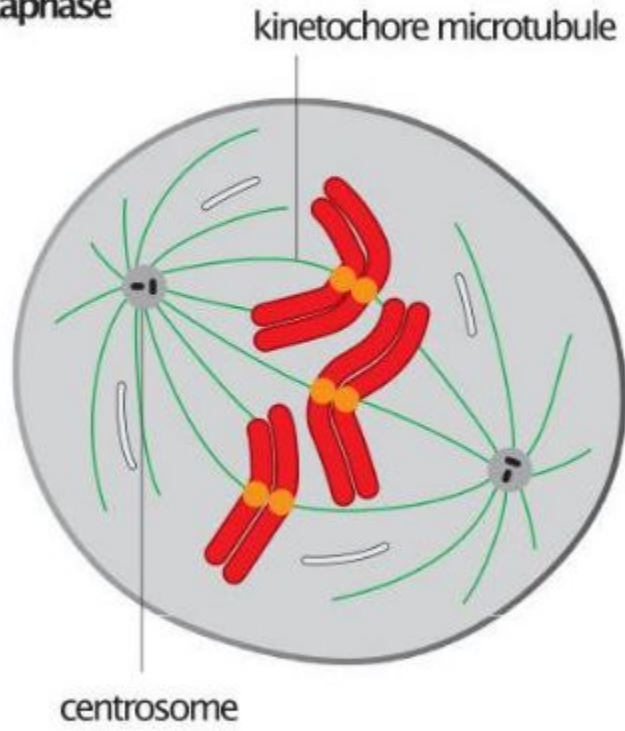
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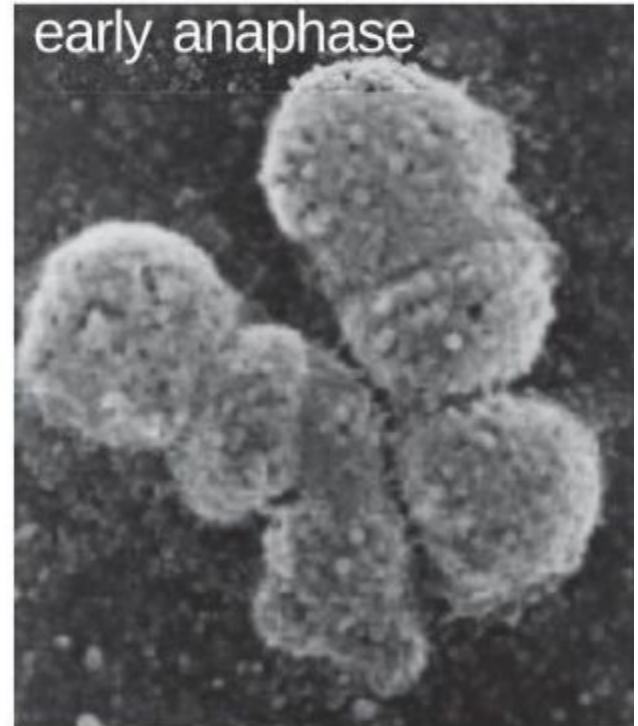
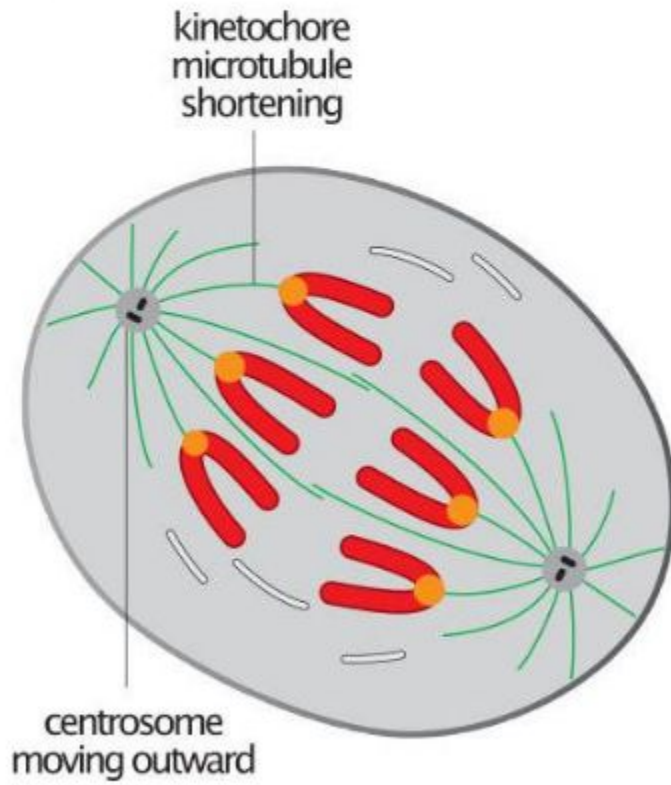
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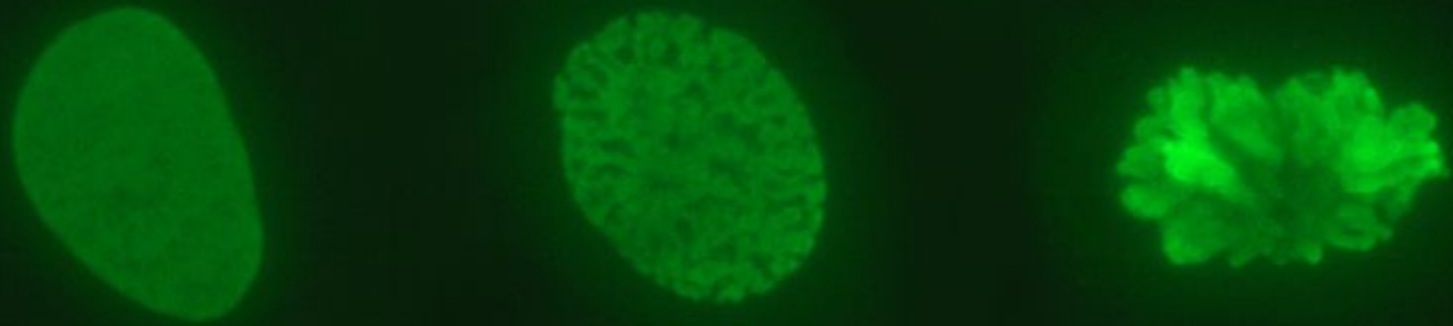
Metaphase



Anaphase



Condensing chromosomes. Interphase nucleus (left), condensing chromosomes (middle) and condensed chromosomes (right). Produced using anti-dsDNA antibodies on HEp-20-10 cells with a FITC conjugate.



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Chromosomes and SARS-CoV-2

- The major genetic risk factor for severe COVID-19 is inherited from Neandertals
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