Stratified epithelium



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Stratified squamous

Nonkeratinized

Keratinized

Stratified cuboidal

Stratified columnar

Pseudostratified columnar



Stratified squamous



Transitional

Transitional epithelium (urothelium)

Classification is based on the cell shape of the superficial layer.

Junctional complexes



gj

(a) Occluding junction, zonula occludens (tight junction) (b) adhesive junction, zonula adherens (c) macula adherens (desmosome) (d) hemidesmosome (e) gap junction

General features of stratified squamous epithelia





Flattened cells in the superficial layer

Appear in areas where mechanical insults are frequent

Fastness: stratification

projections of the connective tissue (papillae)

firm cytoskeleton (keratin filaments)

firm intercellular junctions (connections) - desmosomes

hemidesmosomes at the border of epithelium and connective tissue

Avascular and nourished by diffusion of nutrients from capillaries in the connective tissue

Stratified squamous nonkeratinized epithelia

nonkeratinized

1. Basal layer (stratum basale/germinativum)

Basophil columnar cells with mitotoic activity, (epithelial stem cells are among them) \rightarrow production of dividing and differentiating cells

2. Spinous layer (stratum spinosum/poligonale)

Polyhedral cells with desmosomes (intermedier filaments: keratin filaments - bundles tonofilaments) During histological preparation the cells shrink but the desmosomal connections remain intact \rightarrow spinous appearance

3. stratum planocellulare/superficiale

The top layers consist of living flattened cells with elongated nuclei.

Oral cavity



tongue



Esophagus







Cornea



Close-up of the Retina





No connective tissue papillae!!!

Stratified squamous keratinized epithelium

New differentiated cells (pushed upward) \rightarrow keratinization (keratin-tonofibrill), lamellar granules \rightarrow squames cornified cells (continuously shed)



thin skin

Layers: **1.Basal layer (Str. basale / germinativum)**

2. Spinous layer (Stratum spinosum / poligonale)

3. Granular layer (Stratum granulosum)
3-5 cell layers, flattened poligonal cells
Keratohyaline granules in the cytoplasm
→ basophil staining
Lamellar granules (membrane coated
lipids) → exocytosis → lipid envelope
(barrier against water loss)

4.Stratum lucidum (seen only in thick skin) thin homogenous translucent eosinophilic layer. Nuclei and organelles are lost.

5.Stratum corneum

Cells contain only fibrillar and amorphous proteins with thickened plasma membrane

Thick skin (palms and soles)



1.Str. basale / germinativum

2.Stratum spinosum / poligonale

3.Stratum granulosum

4.Stratum lucidum

5.Stratum corneum (continuously shed)

Keratinization



Gyohei Egawa, and Kenji Kabashima: Multifactorial skin barrier deficiency and atopic dermatitis: Essential topics to prevent the atopic March, 2016, *J Allergy Clin immunol*, Volume 138, Number 2

Keratinization



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKosGSm7Ps4 by Walter Jahn

Disorders of cornification



Figure 1. Clinical features of lamellar ichthyosis. A, Brownish lamellar desquamation. B, Marked plantar hyperkeratosis. C, Scarring alopecia of the scalp. L.Rodríguez-Pazos és mtsai:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adengl.2011.11.021

A disease of desmosomes: pemphigus



Deemoooli

Desmooleir

Desmoplakin

Plakoglabin

Piakophia

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Blistering autoimmune disease in which antibodies form against **desmoglein** (the transmembrane desmosomal cadherin) and the cells of stratum spinosum are separated from each other (unglued). (Blisters \rightarrow sores)

Lip



Internal





Cells of epidermis



Aquaporins



Nobel-prize in Chemistry 2003

P. Agre and R. MacKinnon: water and ion channels



Stratified cuboidal epithelium



Sweat gland

Urethra



Stratified columnar epithelium



Basal and superficial cells are columnar, poligonal cells in between. Large ducts of exocrine glands, spongy part of male urethra, fornix of conjunctiva

Urinary bladder



Transitional epithelium - urothelium



Characteristic epithelium of urinary system. Transitional: distended bladder compress the cells into squamous cells, empty bladder results in thickening of the epithelium. Protections from hypertonic and cytotoxic effect of urine.

Layers

1. basal layer: cuboidal or columnar epithelial cells with mitotic activity

- 2. piriform layer: poligonal parabasal cells pear shaped cells
- 3. dome shaped-umbrella cell layer often binucleated cells.

Appearance: renal pelvis, ureter, urinary bladder, upper part of urethra

Junctional complexes in umbrella cells



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Empty bladder



The bladder is full



Specific features of umbrella cells



Min és mtsai: Structural basis of urothelial permeability barrier function as revealed by Cryo-EM studies of the 16 nm uroplakin particle Journal of Cell Science 2003 116: 4087-4094; doi: 10.1242/jcs.00811

Membrane specialization: plaques (thicker and rigid membrane units - uroplakin protein), vesicles (reserve membrane parts), cytoskeletal plate (intermedier filaments) in the cytoplasmatic side of the membrane (crusta-light microscopic appearance). Increase/decrease the surface, barrier.

Crusta?



"..in subapical areas of umbrella cells (see below) a dense network of intermediate filaments was seen and represented part of the so-called crusta described by light microscopy (Teutsch, 1977)."

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