



# Histology revision I.

ED II.

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# Final exam: How to start the histo part?

1. Take a look with low magnification– shape of the organ? Is it a parenchymal organ or does it have a lumen?
2. Can we identify an epithelium?  
If there is a lumen, there is always an epithelium.
3. What can we say about the staining?
4. What kind of basic tissue can we identify within the specimen?
5. Can we see anything special? – ALWAYS check the whole slide!

## What to do, if we have no idea what it is:

~~Panic.~~

~~Give up.~~

1. Try to identify the tissue parts  
eg.: there is skeletal muscle, adipose tissue, etc.
2. Use the previously memorized differential-diagnostic scheme! (see later)
3. Be honest. Believe your eyes and try to describe precisely what you see.

# Eosinophilic (acidophilic) and basophilic cells

**eosin** – „acid-liking”, „protein-rich” structures (most proteins are  $\oplus$  charged): membranes (membrane proteins), mitochondria, lysosomes, cytoplasm (soluble proteins), erythrocytes (haemoglobin), muscle tissue (actin-myosin, myoglobin), collagen fibers

**hematoxylin** – „alkaline-liking”, structures with rich acidic content, eg.: DNA, RNA (intense protein sythesis), proteoglycans, glycosaminoglycans

Nucleus is always basophilic + cytoplasm of cells having active protein synthesis:

- plasma cell
- serous acini
- chief cell in stomach
- neurons

# How can a cell appear 'unstained'?

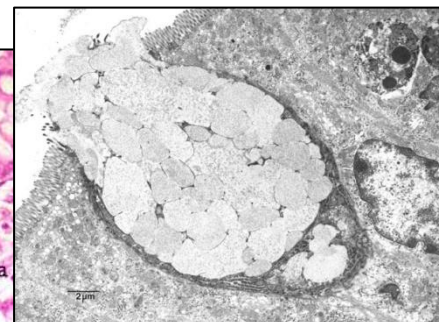
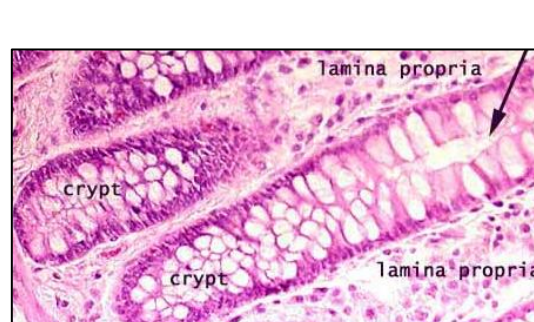
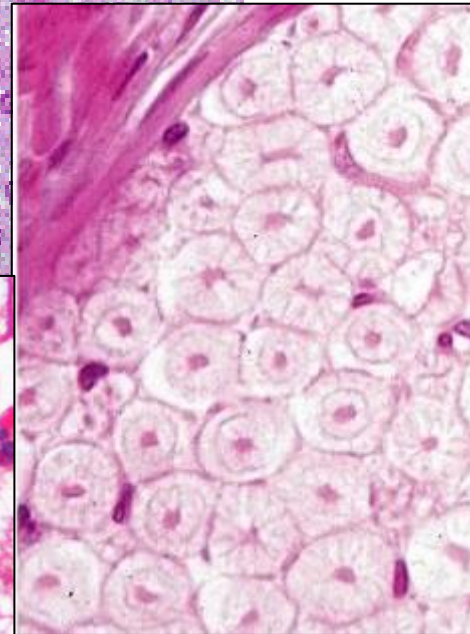
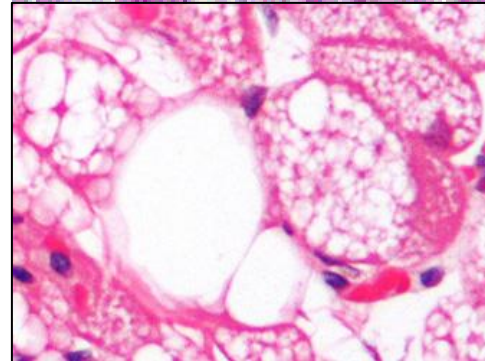
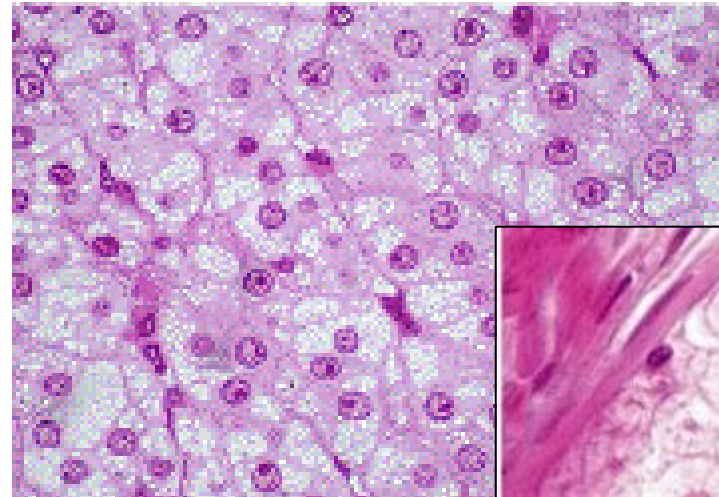
1. The content of the cytoplasm is dissolved out

**Lipids** – adipocyte, cells containing large amount of *steroids* (eg. theca interna, cortex of adrenal gland), myelin sheath, cytoplasm of chondrocytes

visualization: on frozen specimen, with special staining procedures

2. Does not stain with regular methods (H.E.)

**Mucin** (can be stained with: mucicarmin, PAS-reaction) – goblet cells, mucous neck cells of the stomach, mucous acini, crypts of Lieberkühn



# Eucromatin- vs. heterocromatin-rich nuclei

## Eucromatin:

loose DNA

Dividing cells or cells with intense synthesis

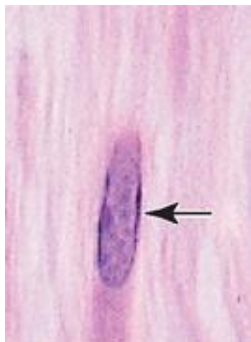
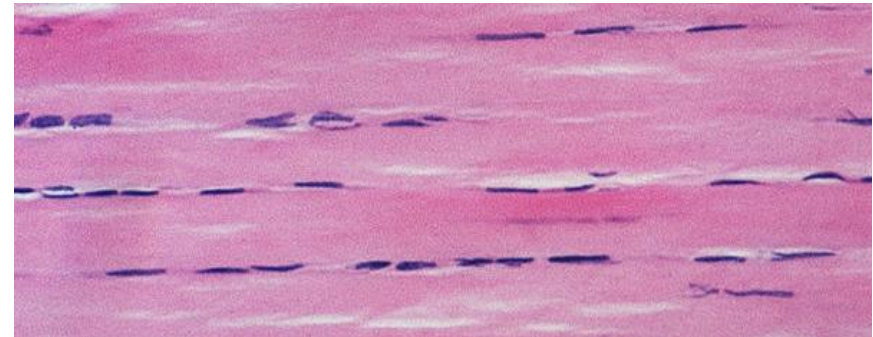
Eg.:

- neurons (neurotransmitter synthesis)
- fibroblast (fiber production)
- reticular cell (reticular fiber production)
- Sertoli-cell (hormon production, MIF...)

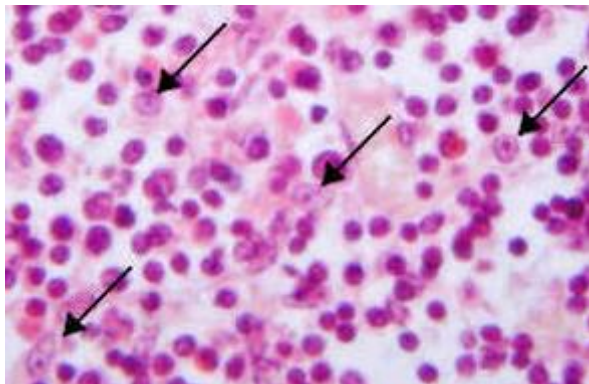
## Heterocromatin:

Densely packed DNA

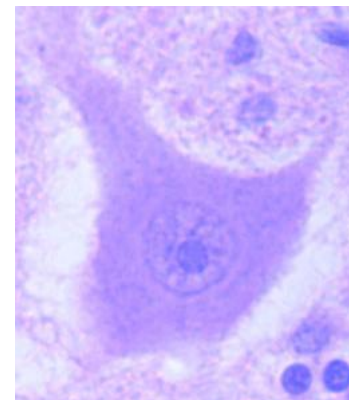
Cells in resting state



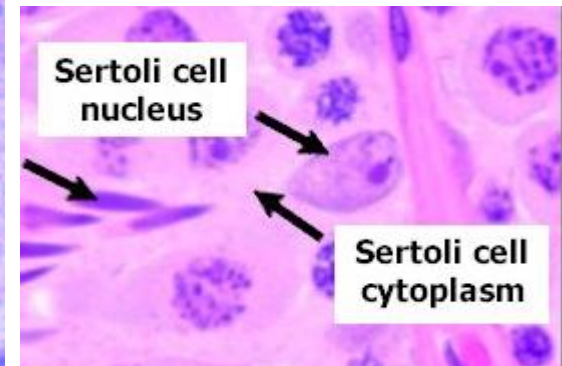
fibroblast



Reticular cell in a lymph node



neuron



Sertoli-cells

# Cells with multiple nuclei

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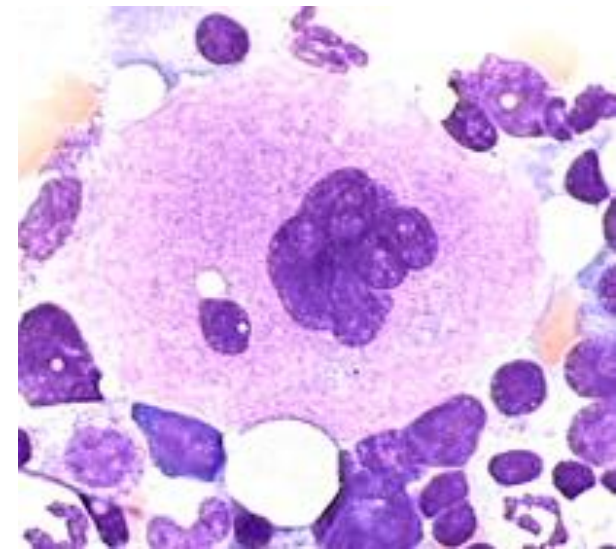
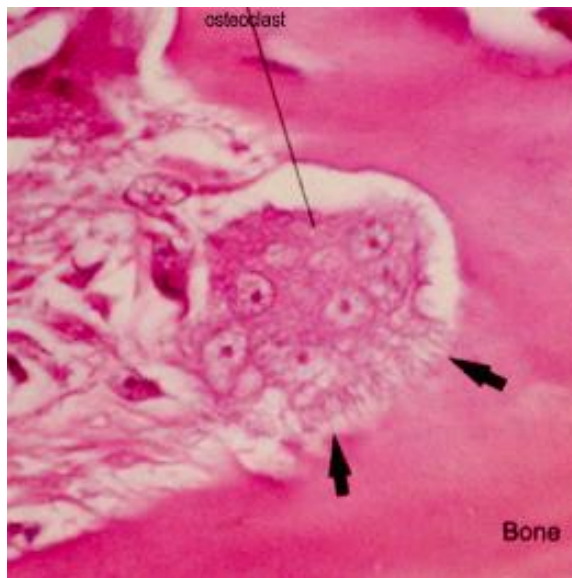
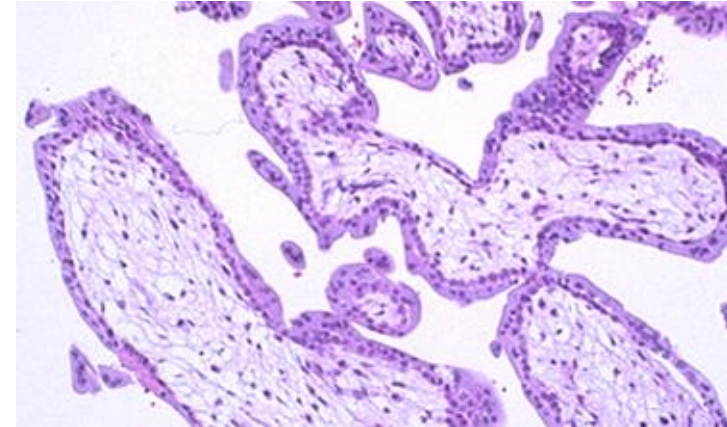
1. From multiple cells, with fusion of the cytoplasm:

**SYNTITIUM**

eg.: **muscle fiber**, syntitiotrophoblast

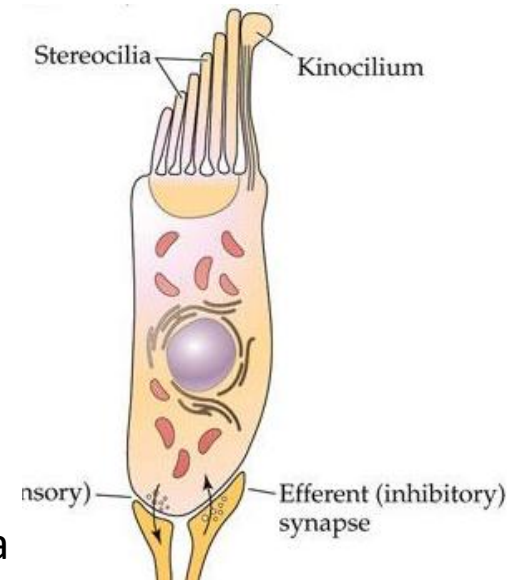
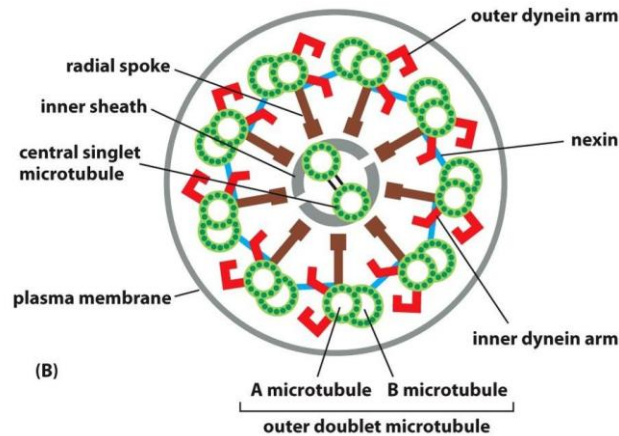
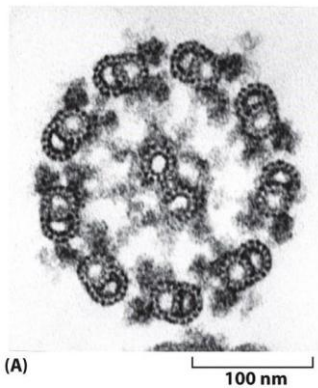
2. Division of nuclei (without the division of the cell)

eg.: osteoclast, megakaryocyte, (umbrella cell)



# Surface specializations

	Characteristics	Prevalence
<b>kinocilia</b>	Active movement; 9+2 microtubular structure	„respiratory epithelium“, uterine tube
<b>stereocilia</b>	NO active movement	ductus epididymidis, vas deferens, hair cells of organ of Corti
<b>microvilli (brush border)</b>	Cytoplasmal process; surface enlargement	Small and large intestine, proximal convoluted tubules of the kidney



*Hair cells of vestibular receptors: 1 kinocilium + multiple stereocilia*

# The 4 basic tissue:

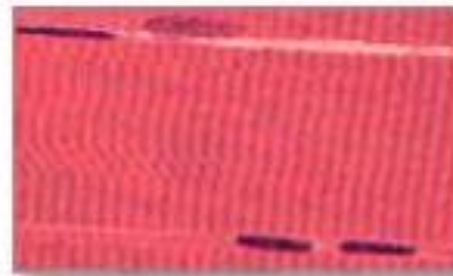
1. Epithelial
2. Connective and supporting
3. Muscle
4. Nervous



Connective tissue



Epithelial tissue



Muscle tissue



Nervous tissue



# Epithelial tissues

- Below always: basal membrane + connective tissue
- avascular (exception: stria vascularis in the inner ear)
- low amount of extracellular matrix
- cells are in strong contact

**Simple:** All cells reach the surface (lumen)

**Pseudostratified:** All cells are located on the basal membrane, but not all reach the surface

**Stratified:** Cells are present in multiple layers. The shape of the uppermost layer defines the type of the epithelium.

## *Simple squamous:*

- vessels (endothel)
- serous membranes (mesothel)
- Bowman's capsule
- lung alveoli
- thin limb of loop of Henle
- endothelium camerae anterioris

## *Simple columnar:*

- gut
- gall bladder
- uterine tube
- uterus
- ductuli efferentes testis

## *Stratified columnar:*

- pars spongiosa urethrae
- fornix conjunctivae

## *Pseudostratified columnar:*

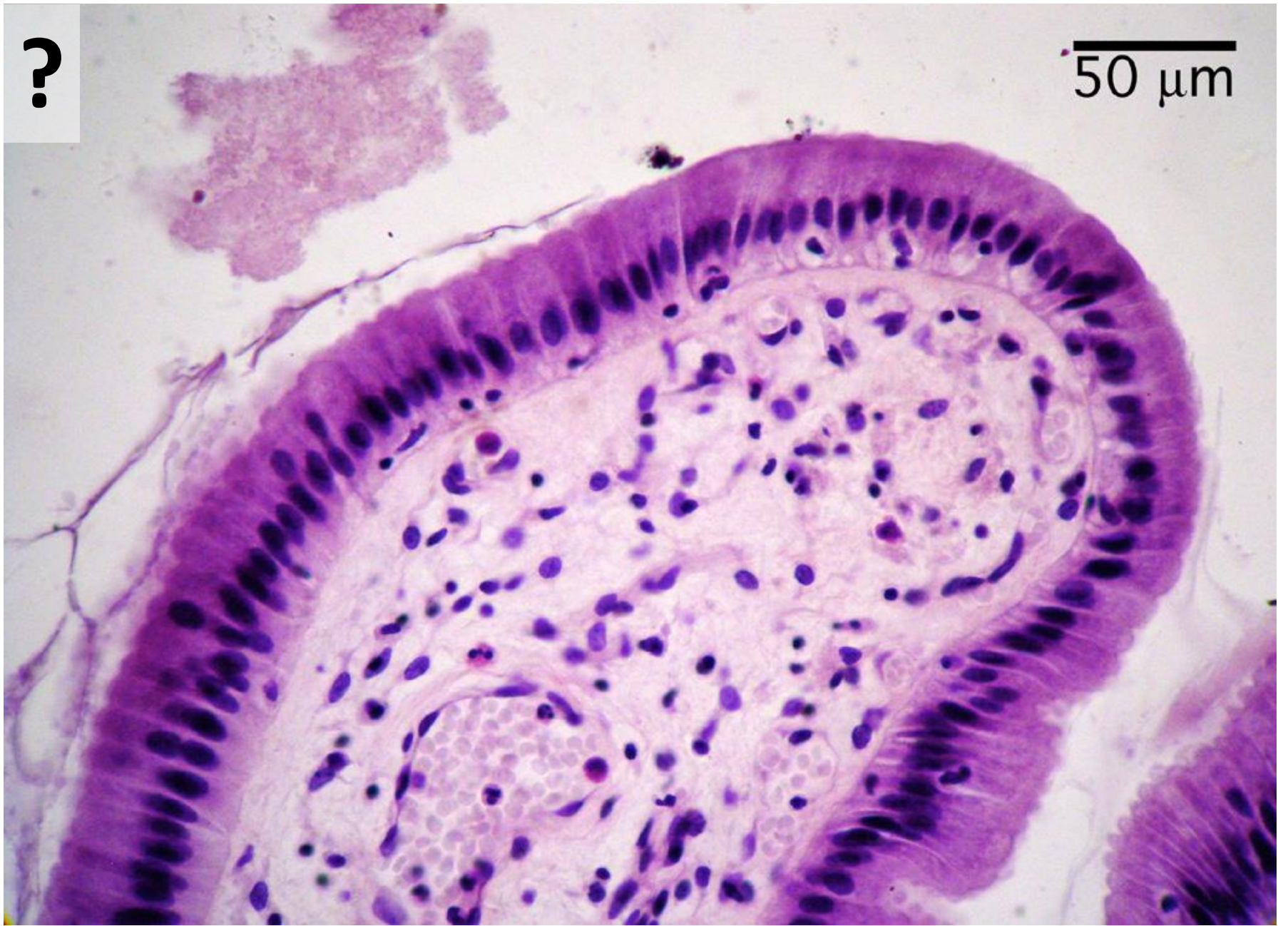
- respiratory tract
- ductus epididymidis
- vas deferens
- seminal vesicle

## *Urothelium:*

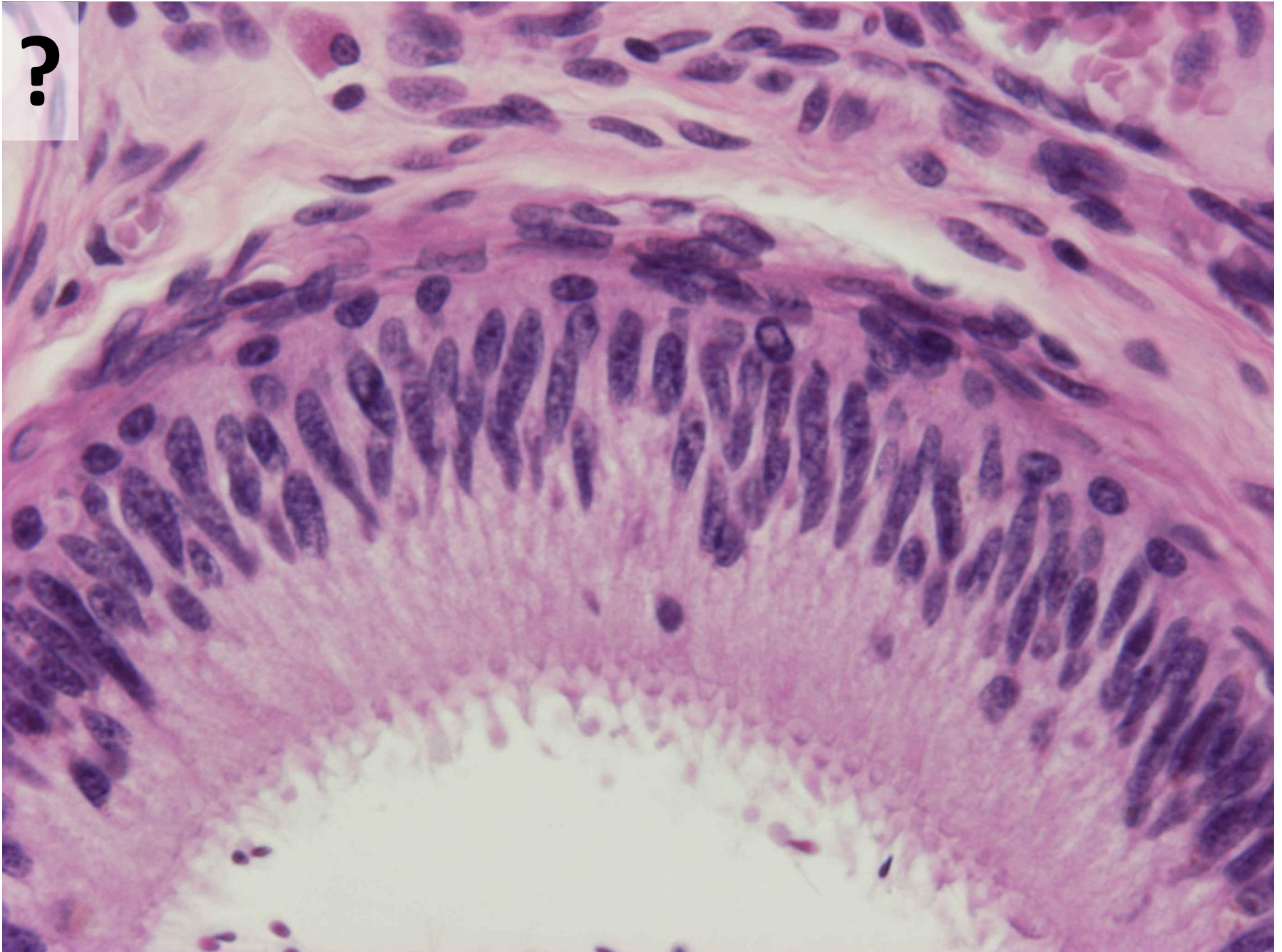
- renal pelvis
- ureter
- urinary bladder
- urethra, proximal part

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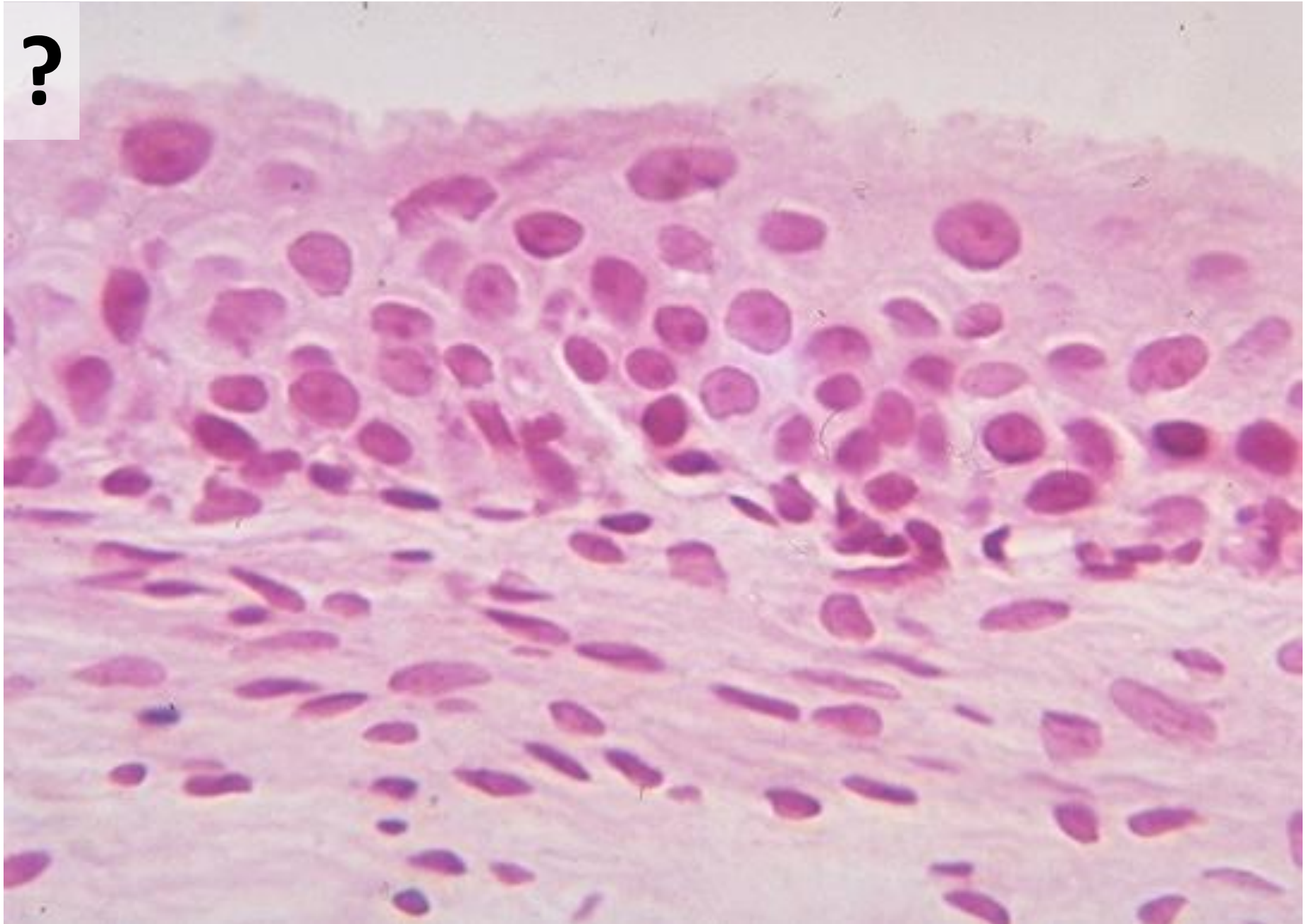
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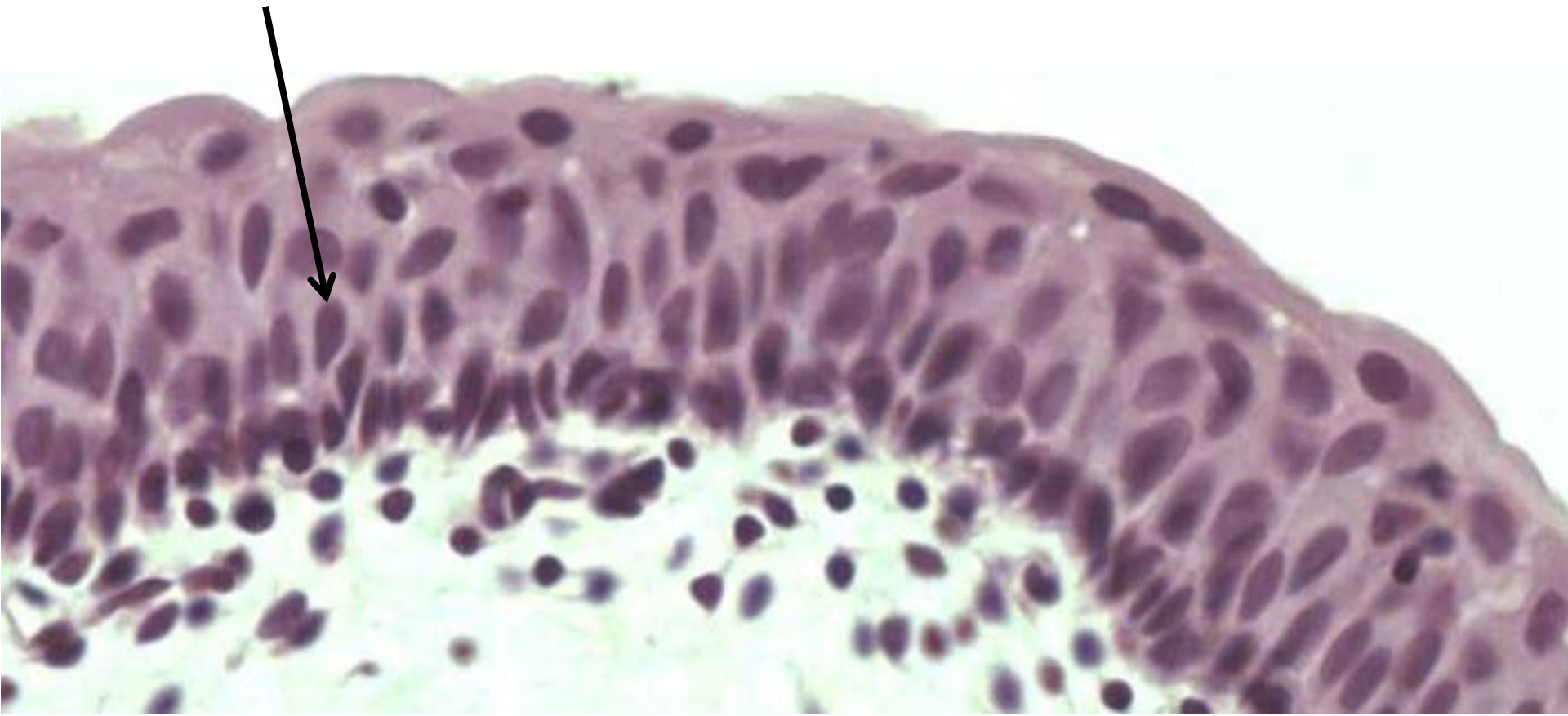
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# Glandular epithelium

## Merocrine:

### EXOCYTOSIS

Most common

- goblet cell
- serous and mucous glands
- salivary glands
- lacrimal gland
- breast: secretion of milk proteins
- sweat glands
- pancreas

## Apocrine:

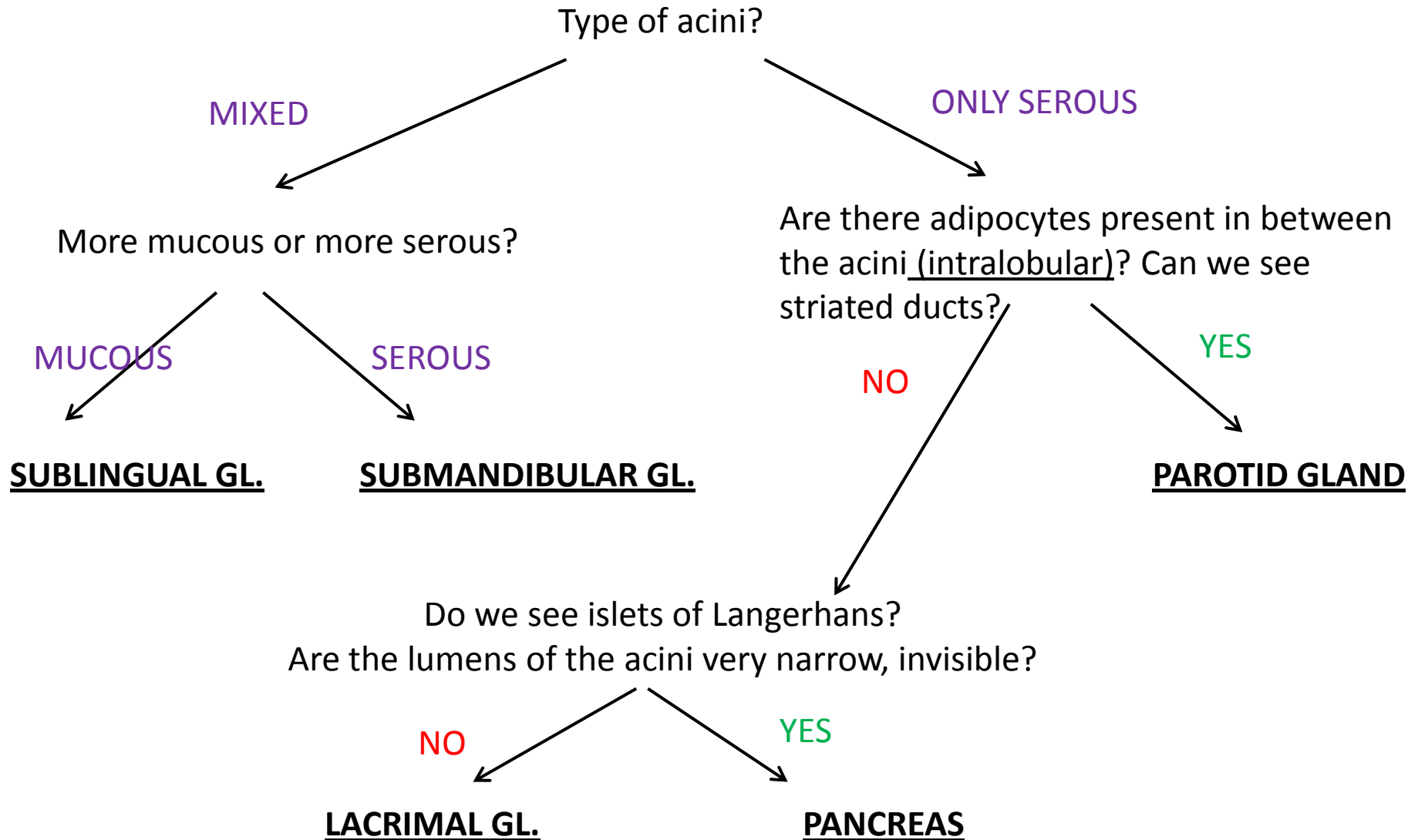
- breast: lipids
- Moll-glands

## Holocrine:

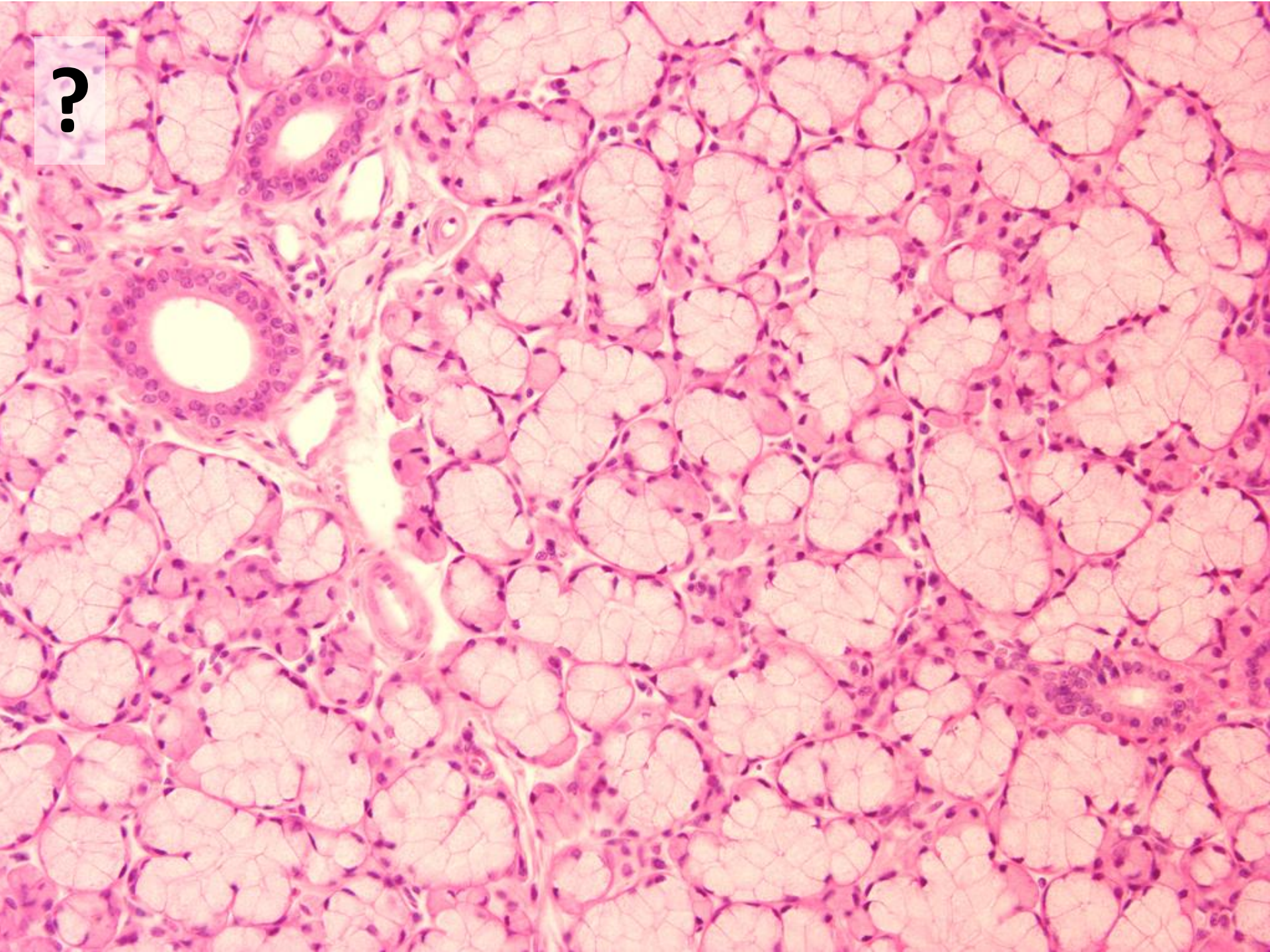
- sebaceous glands
- Meibom-glands

Prostate: „pseudoapocrin“

# Differential diagnosis of glands

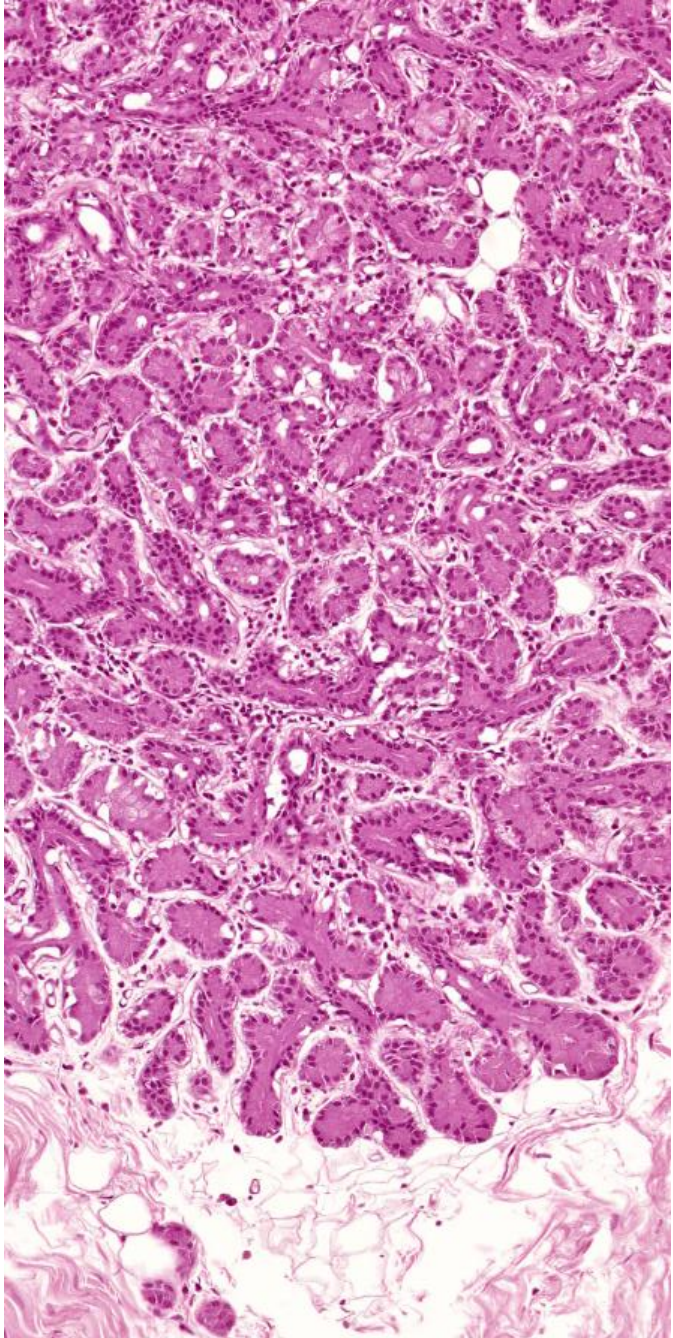
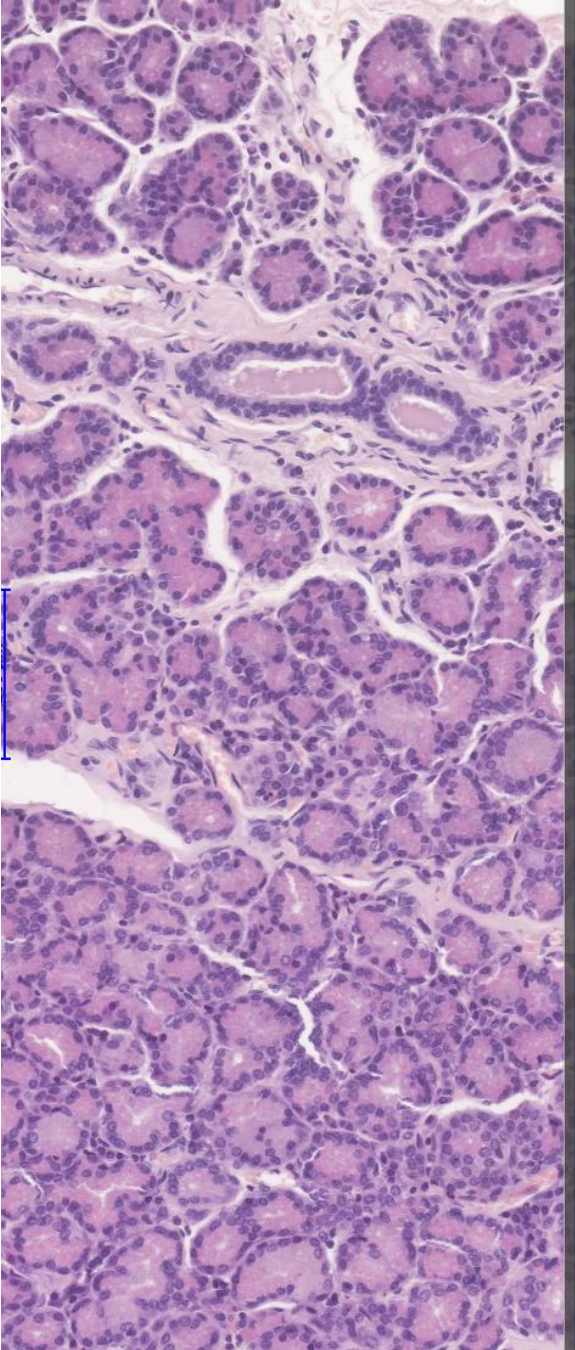


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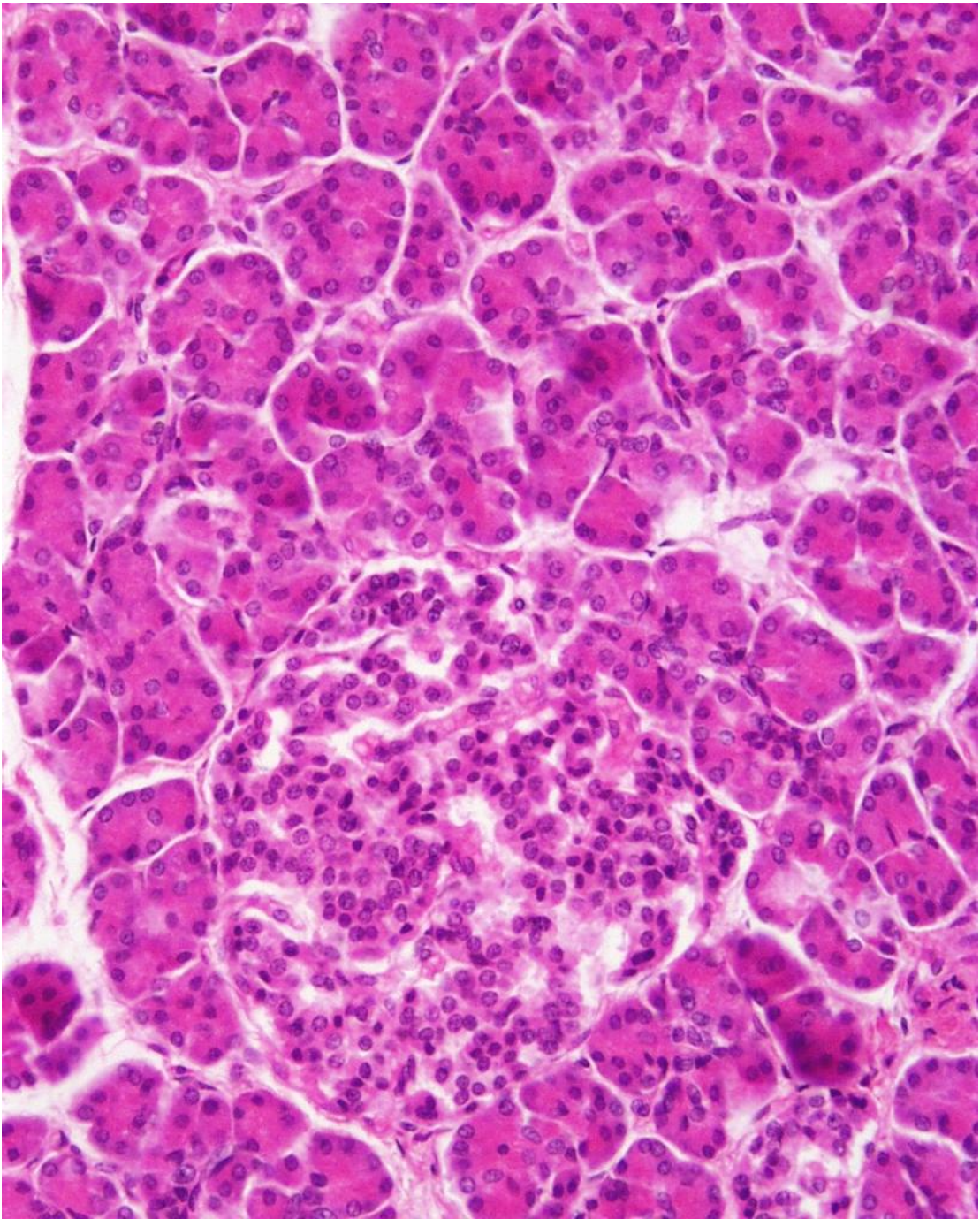


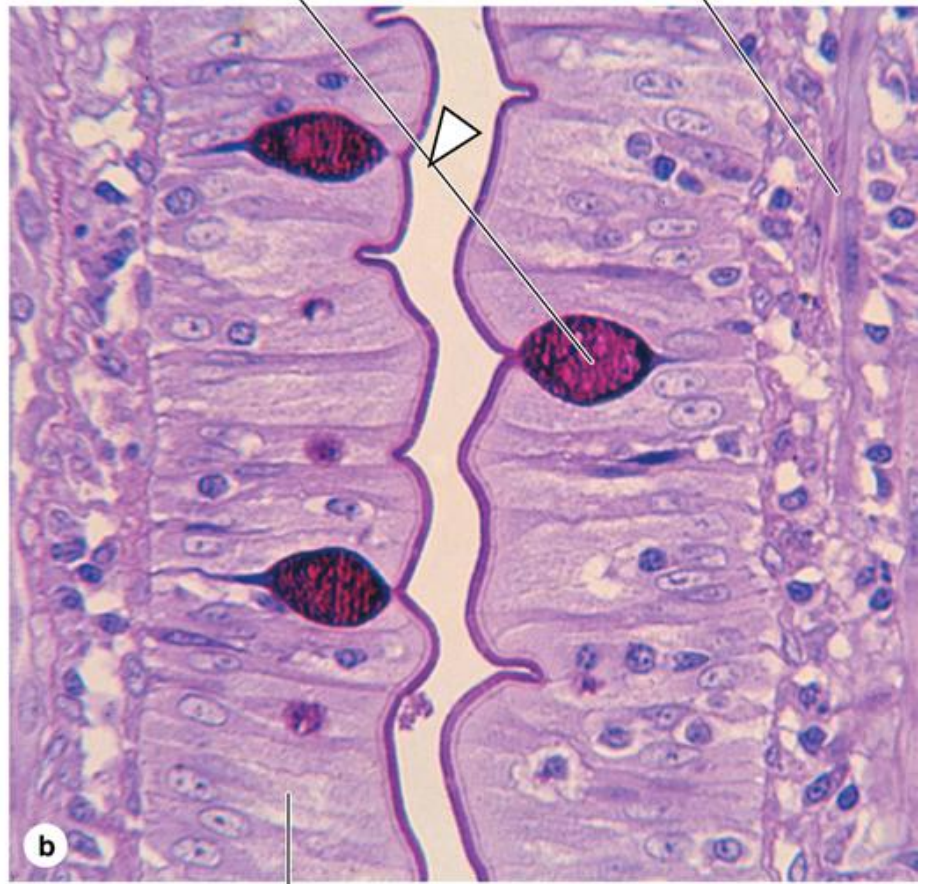
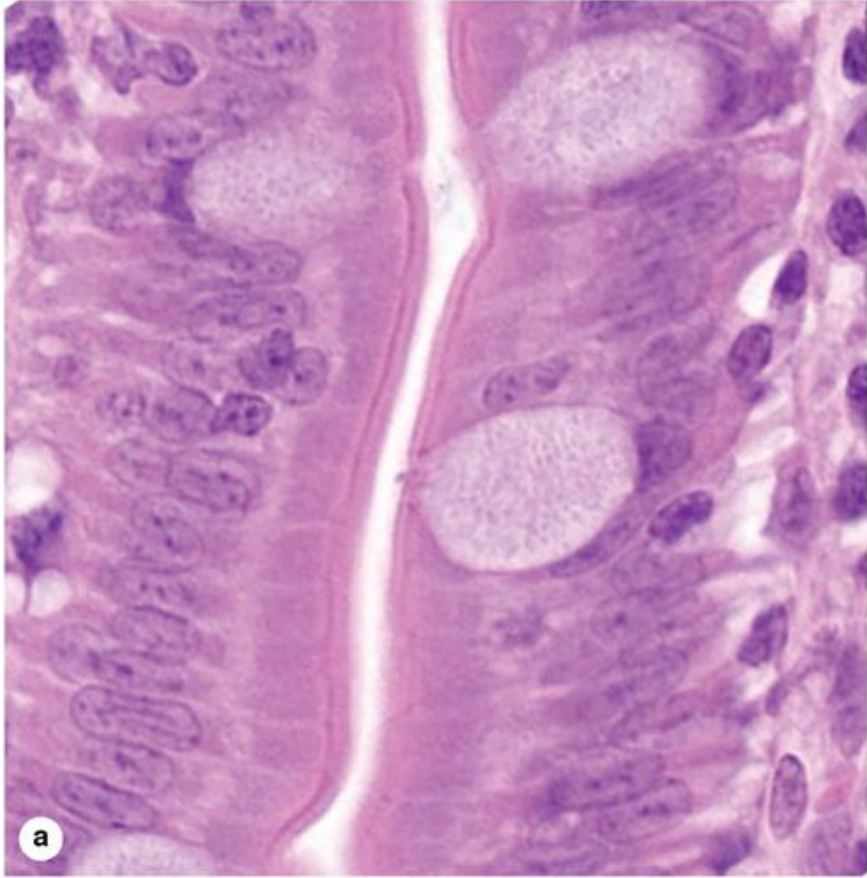


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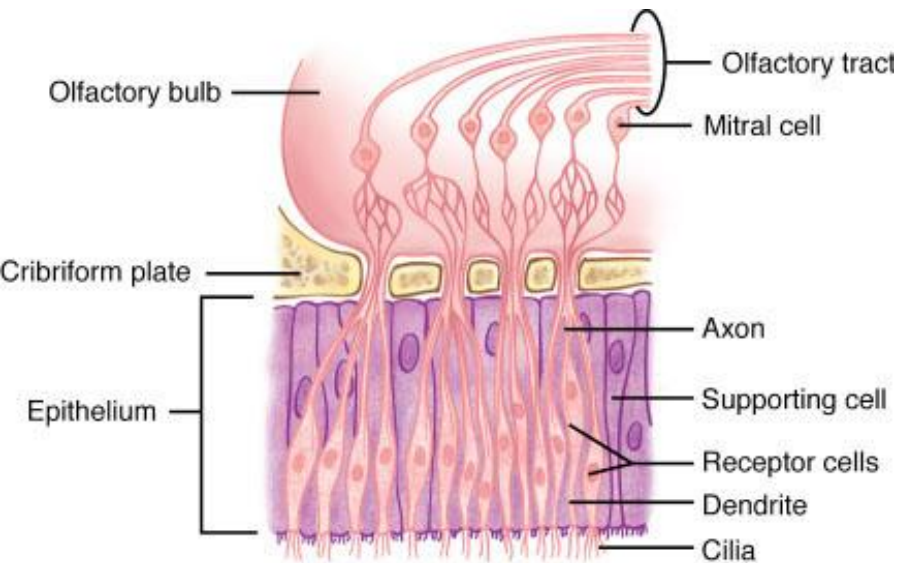




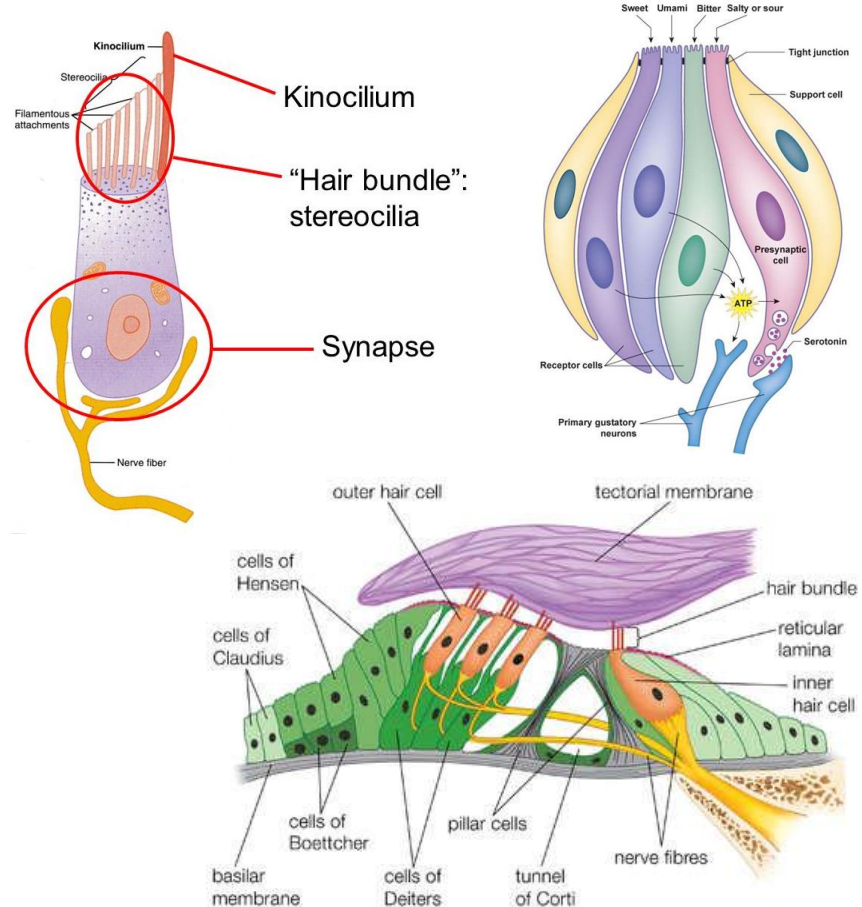
# Sensory epithelium

## Primary sensory epithelium:

The own process of the sensory cell delivers the signal to the CNS –  
**OLFACTORY EPITHELIUM**

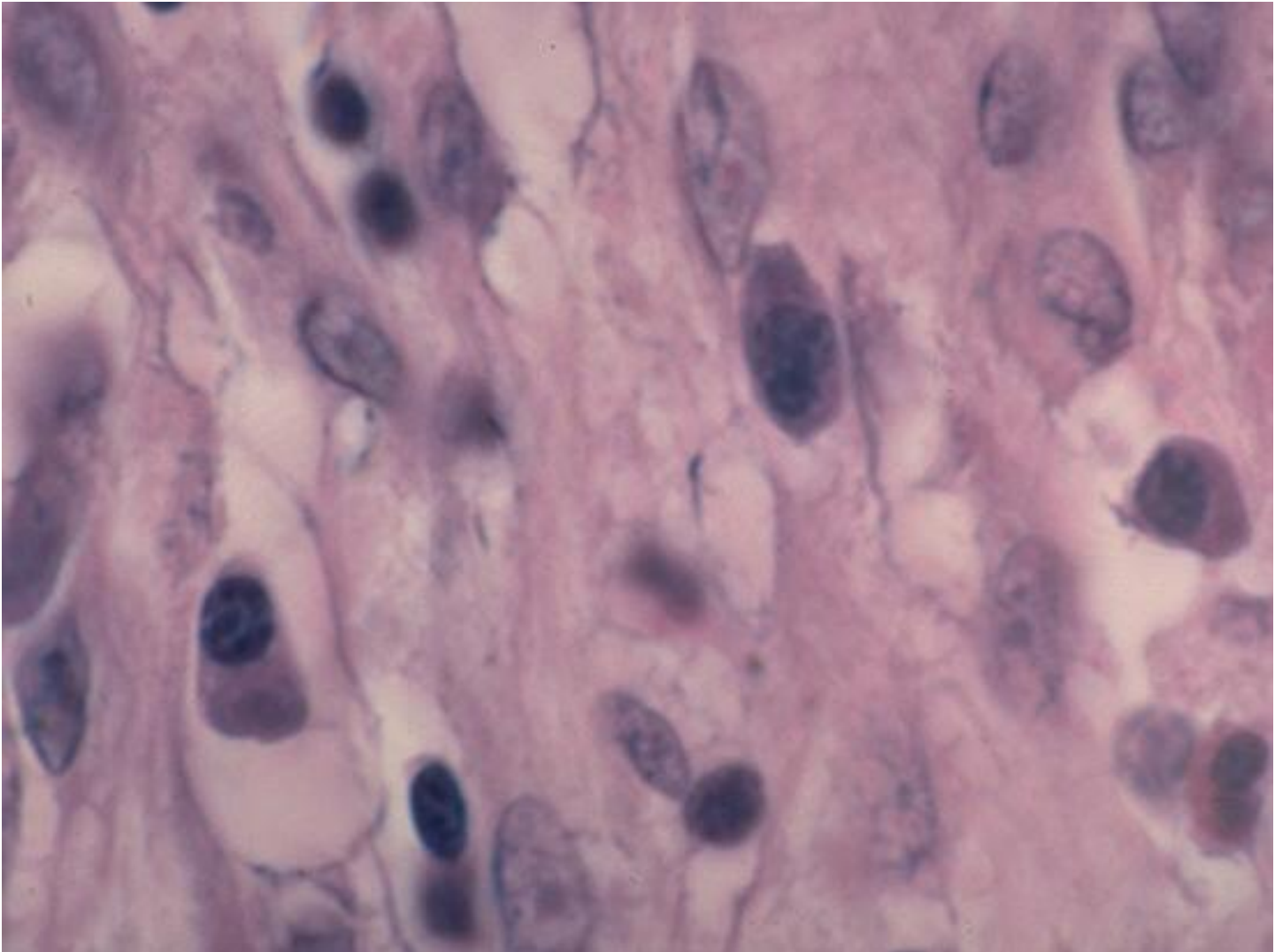


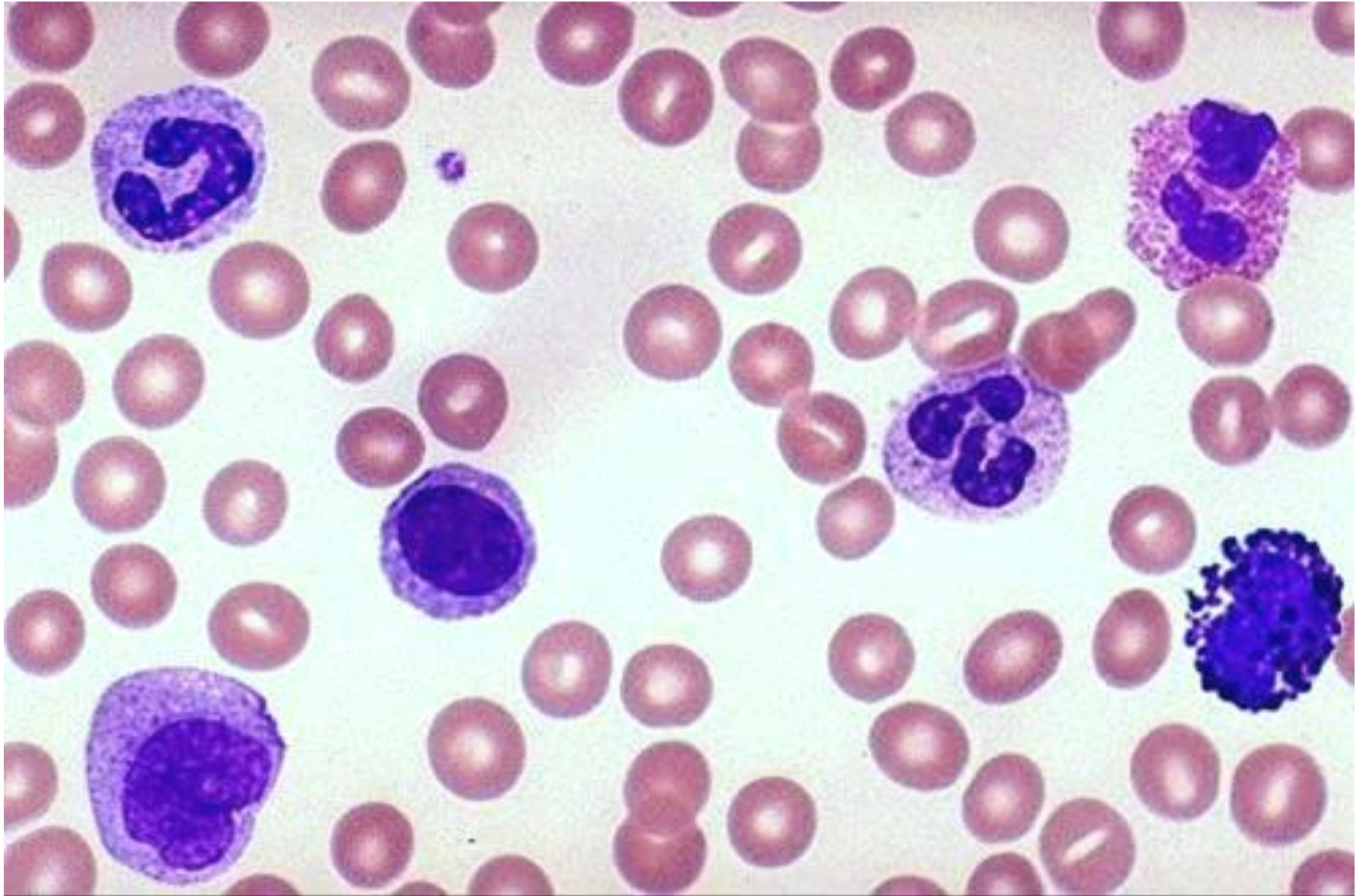
**Secondary sensory epithelium:** An axon from the CNS arrives and transfers the signal to the center – **ORGAN OF HEARING AND EQUILIBRIUM, TASTE SENSATION**



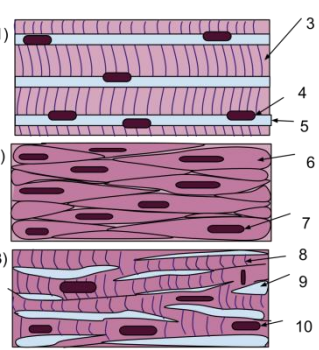
# Connective tissue Cells

Always look at the nuclei!





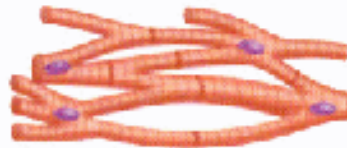
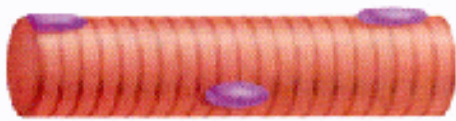
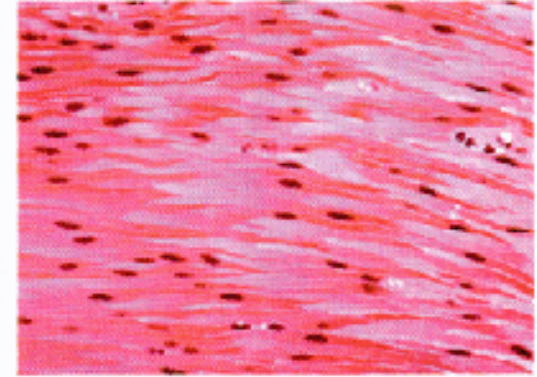
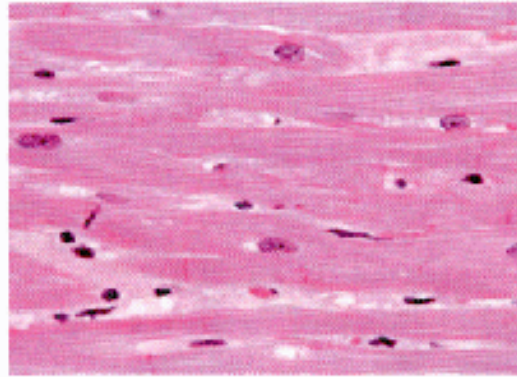
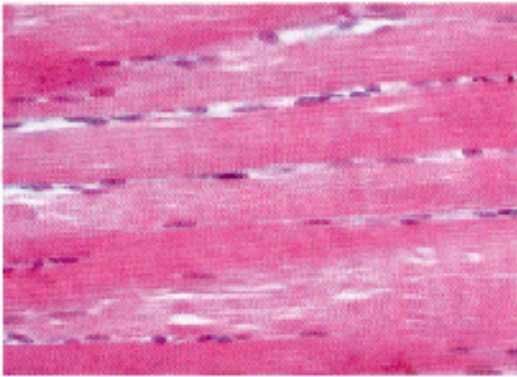
# Muscle tissue



**Skeletal**

**Cardiac**

**Smooth**



**Histological unit:** Muscle fiber

Cardiac muscle cell

Smooth muscle cell

**Identification:** Nuclei at the periphery

Relatively lot of CT among the cells; lines of Eberth (intercalated discs)

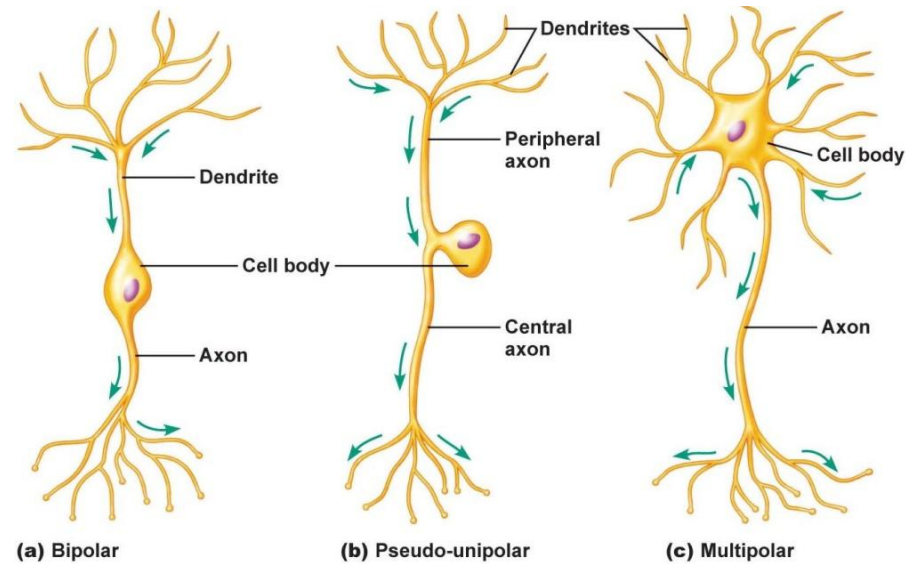
Centrally located nucleus

Important in cross section!

# Nervous tissue I. - Neurons

## Neuron types:

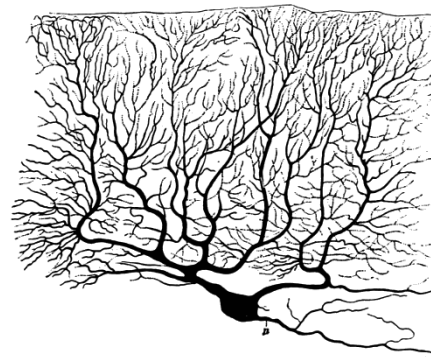
1. **Unipolar** – not present in humans
2. **Bipolar** – spiral ggl., vestibular ggl.(Scarpa), bipolar cell of retina
3. **Pseudounipolar** – sensory ganglia (trigeminal ggl, geniculate ggl., dorsal root ggl., etc. + 1 place in the brain: mesencephalic trigeminal nucl. – proprioception)
4. **Multipolar** - most common; vegetative ganglia (eg.: coeliac, otic, etc.) spinal cord, cerebral cortex



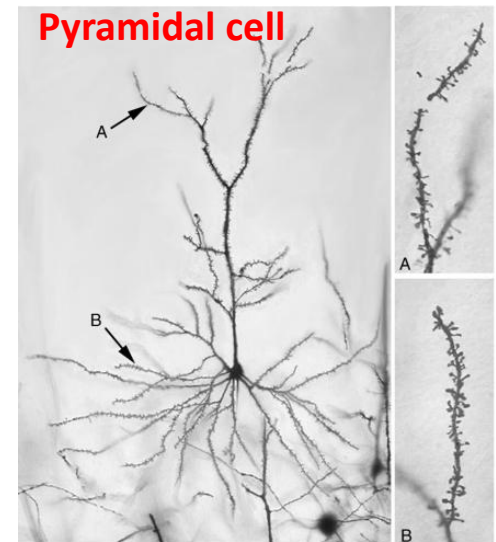
## Special neurons studied:

**Purkinje cell** – cerebellum

**Pyramidal cell** – cerebral cortex, hippocampus – apical dendrite (1) with spines, basal dendrites (multiple), axon (1)



**Purkinje cell**



**Pyramidal cell**



# Nervous tissue II. – glia cells, fibers

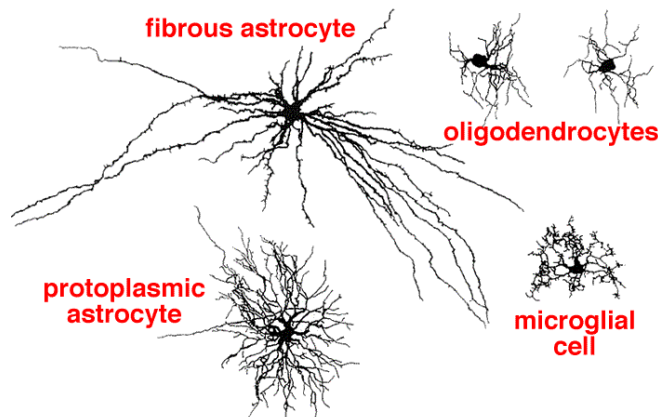
- astrocyte (GFAP +) – fibrous and protoplasmic
- oligodendroglia (myelin sheath in the CNS)
- ependyme – lining of the central canal and brain ventricles
- Schwann-cell (myelin sheath in the PNS)
- Satellite-cell (in ganglia)

(microglia: immune cell!)

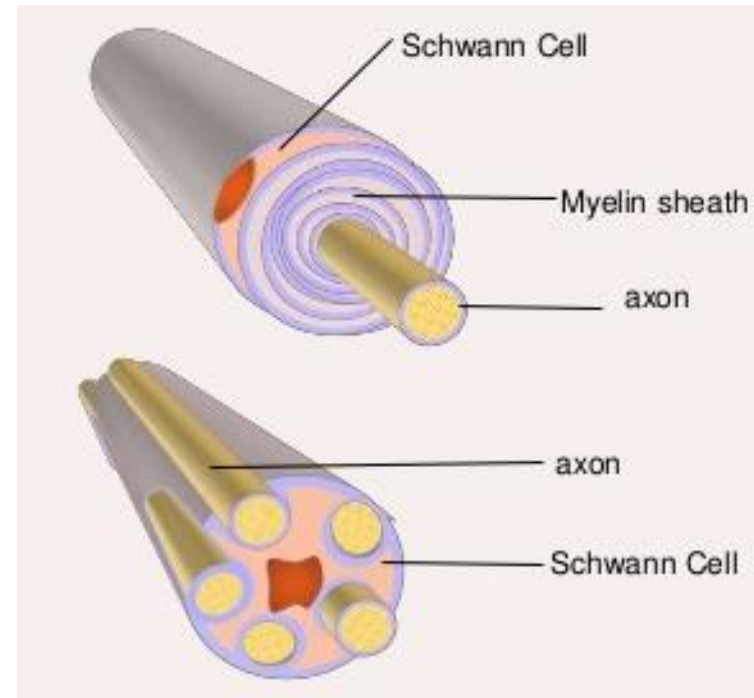
Special glia cells:

**Bergmann-glia** – cerebellum

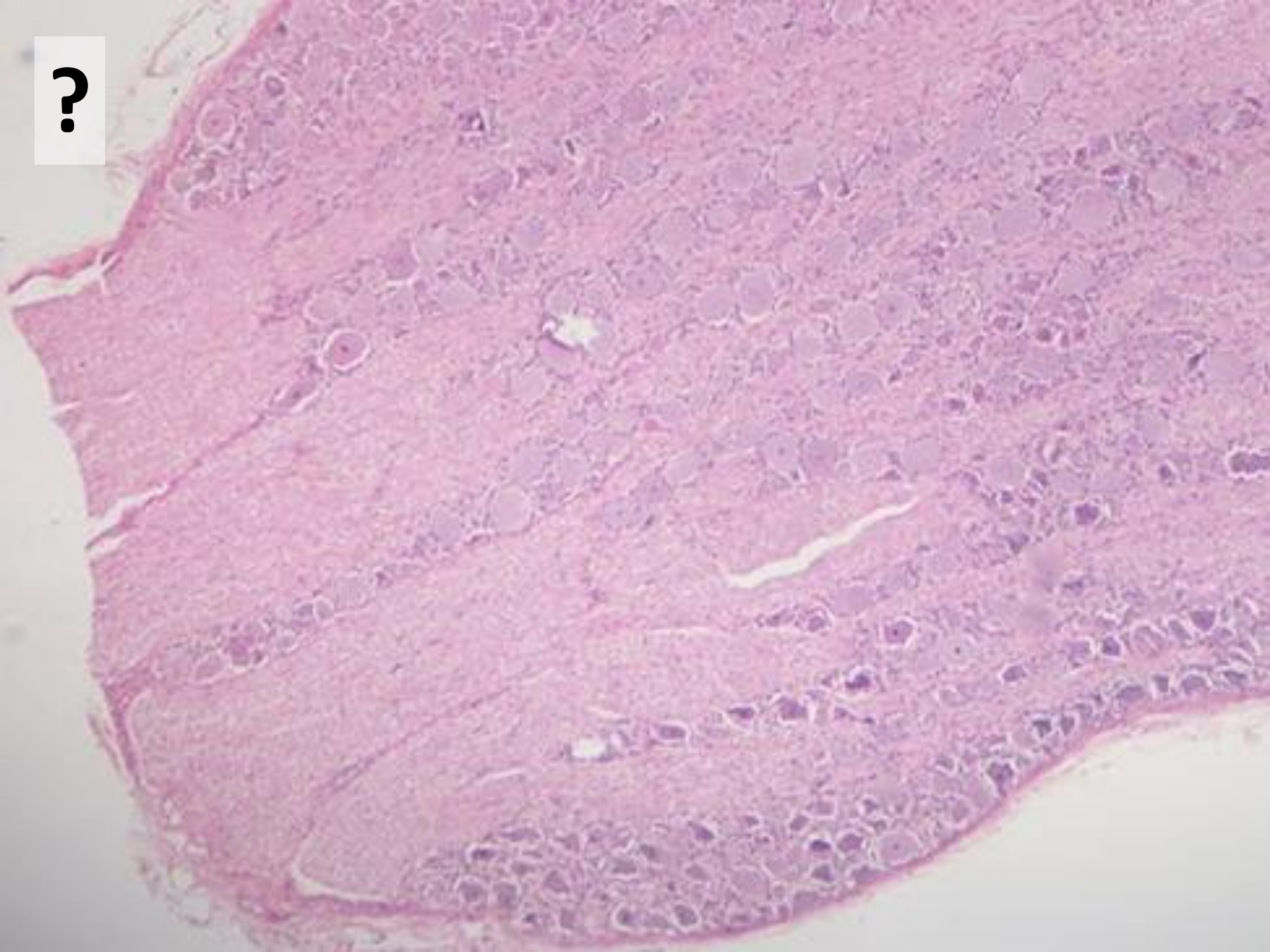
**Müller-glia** - retina



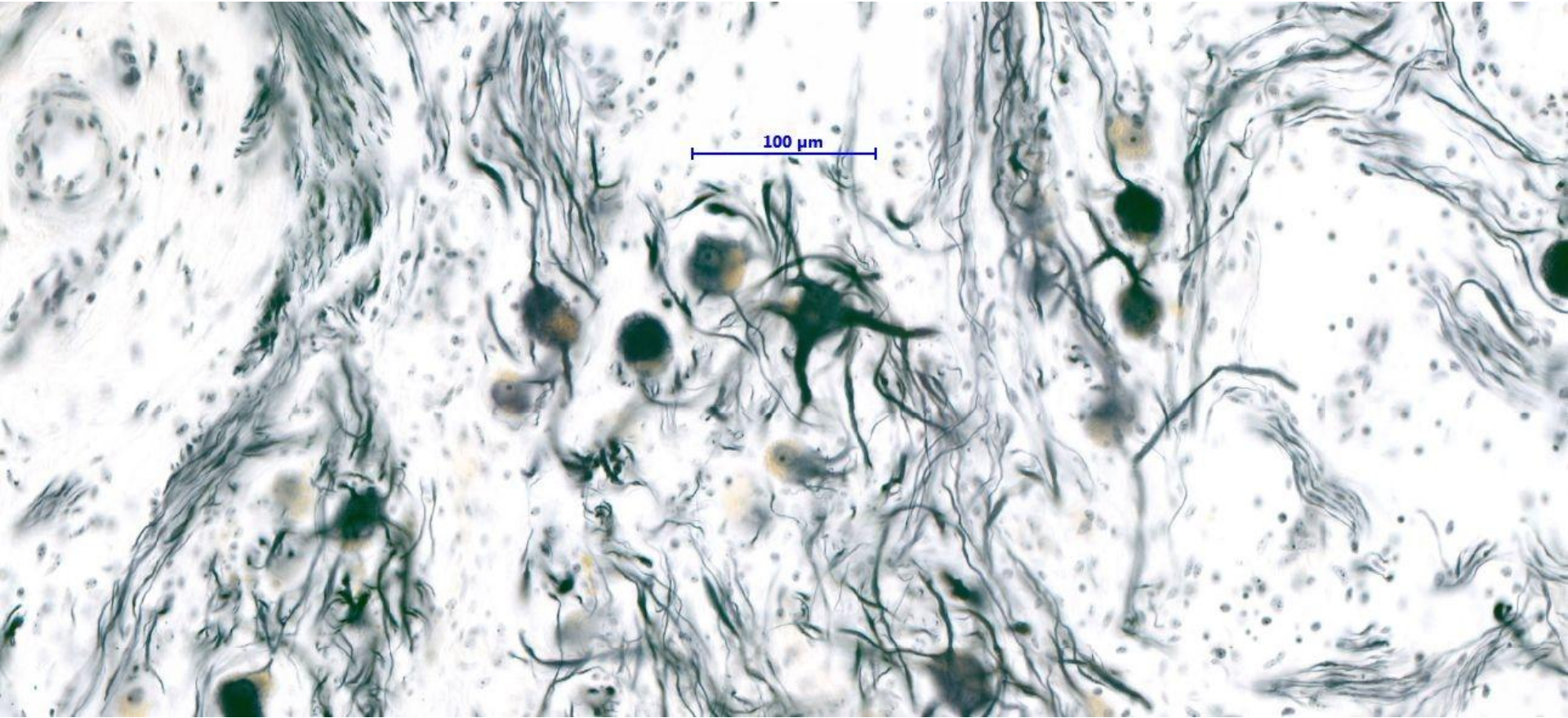
myelinhüvelyes vs. myelinhüvely nélküli



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To be continued...

