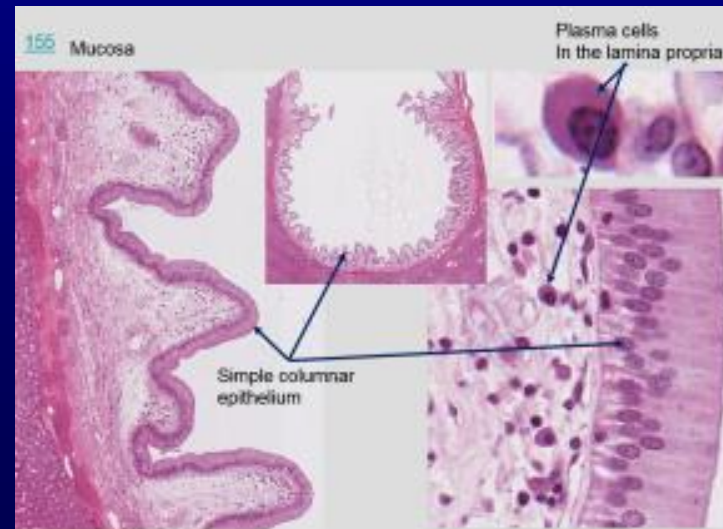
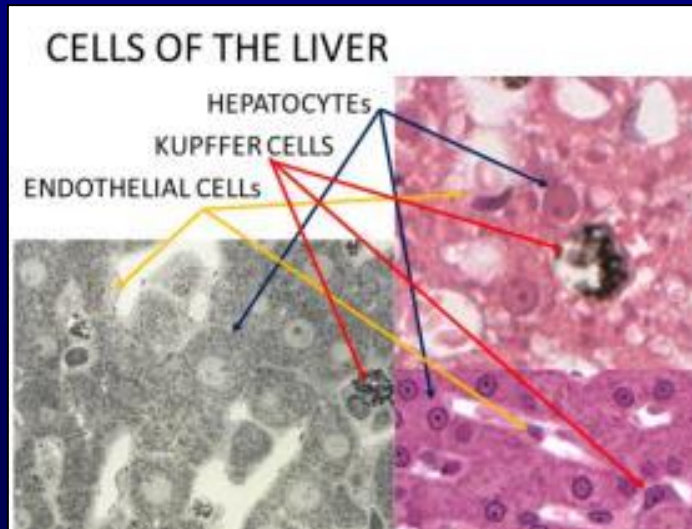
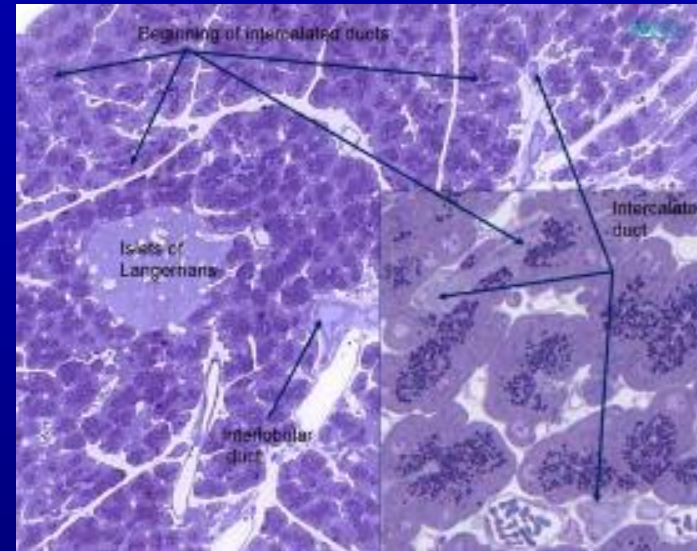
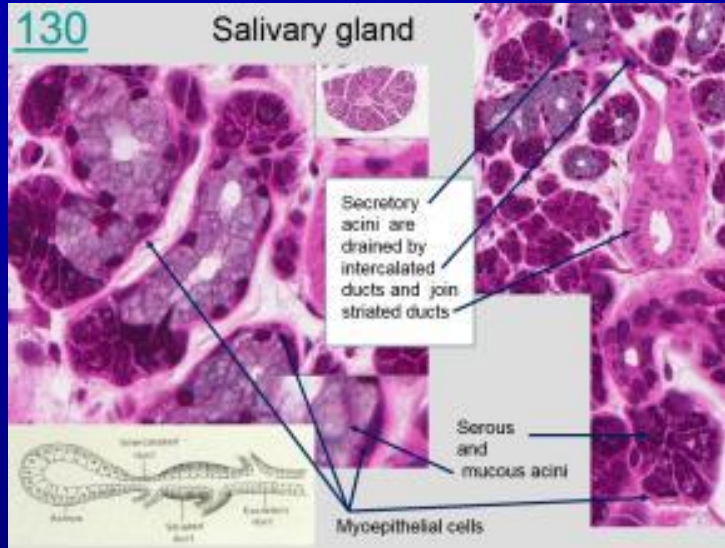


# Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas, And Salivary Glands

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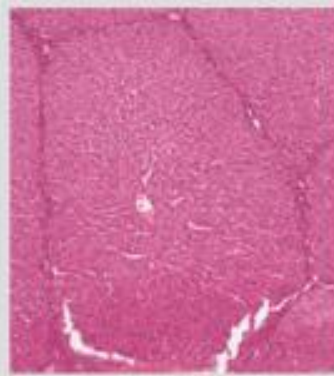


Fig. 9.22. Jawbone prosthesis after partial resection of the jawbone.

# Objectives

To understand the general organization of the accessory organs of the digestive system and how they contribute to obtaining metabolites necessary for growth and energy for the body.

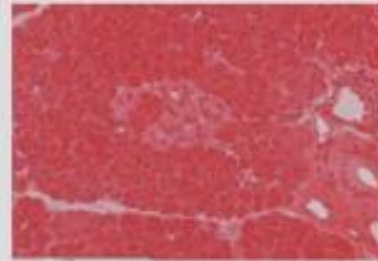
To learn the origin of these glands and how structural features of these glands contribute to their function in digestion and absorption of food stuffs



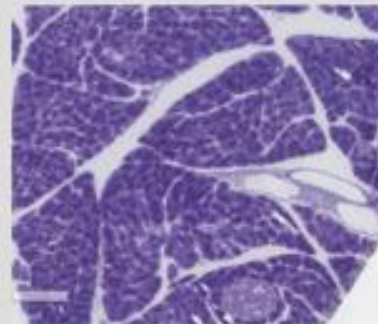
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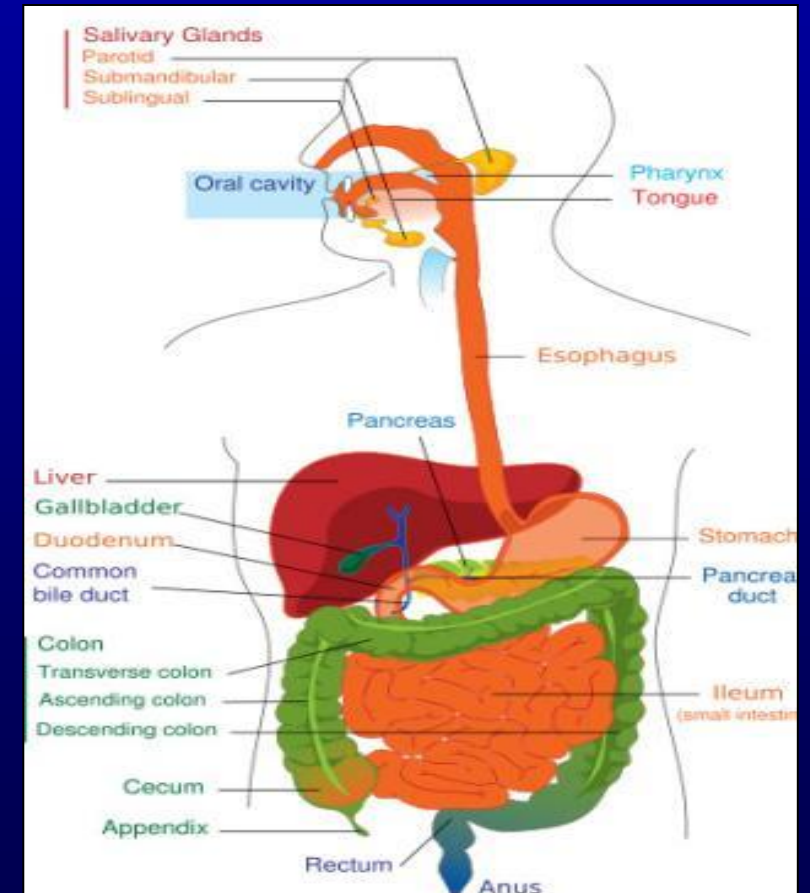
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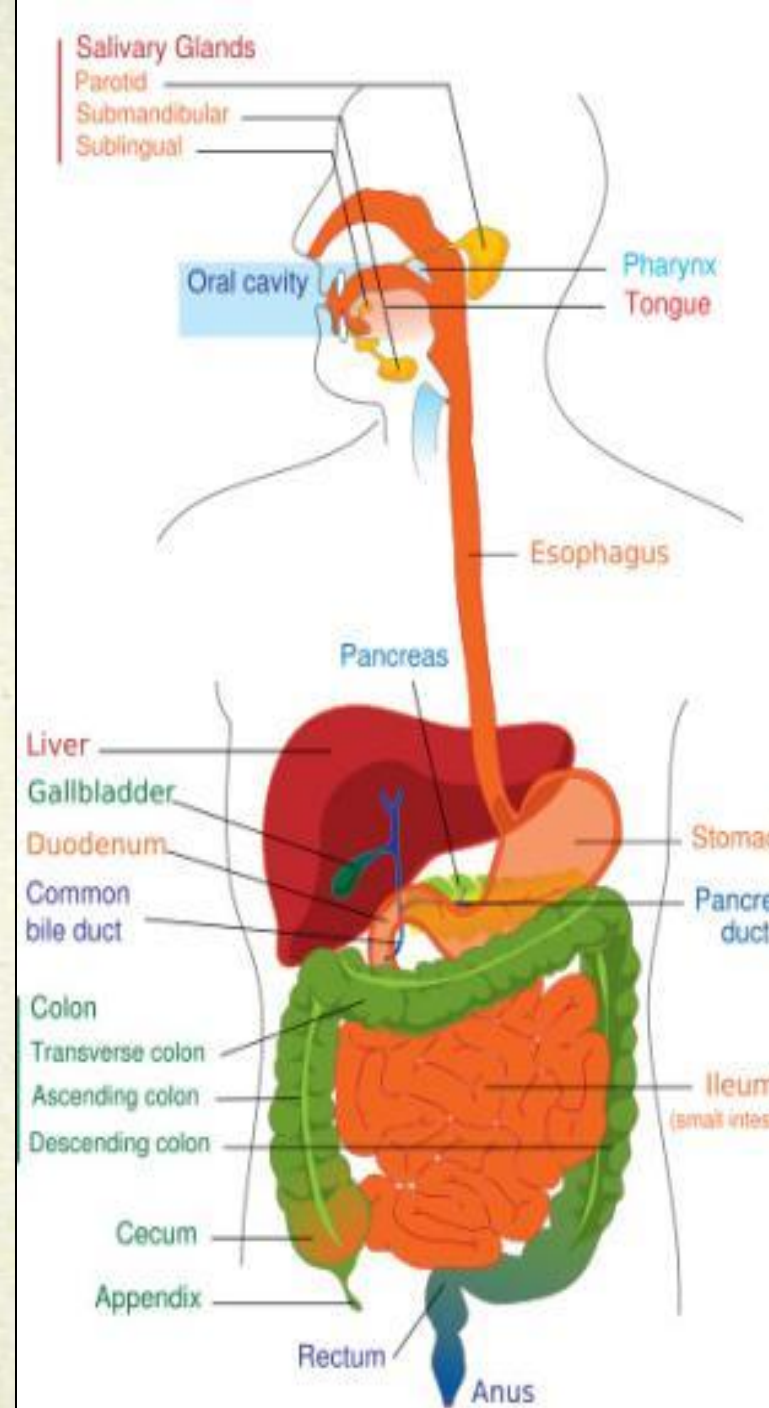
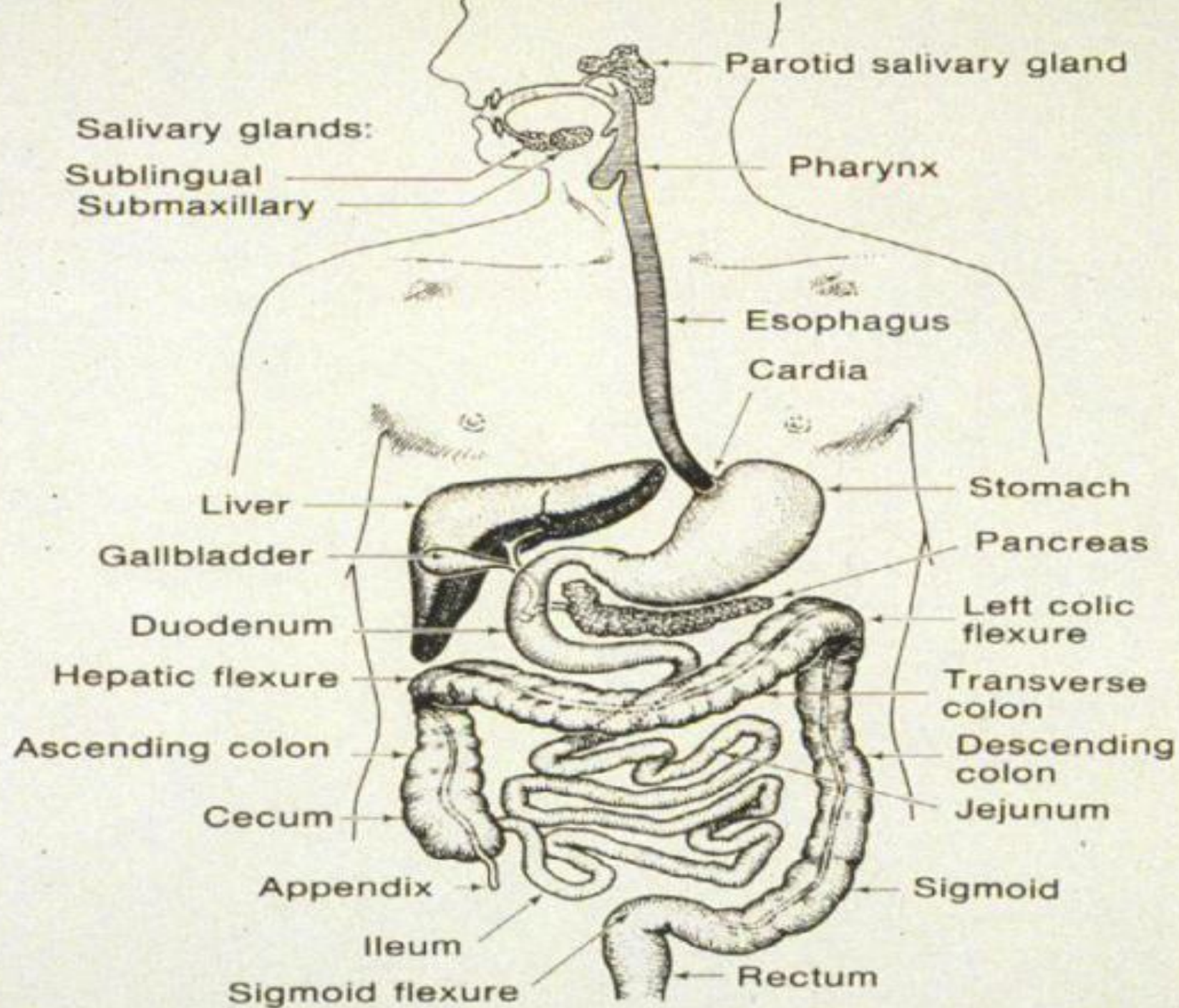


Salivary  
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Pancreas  
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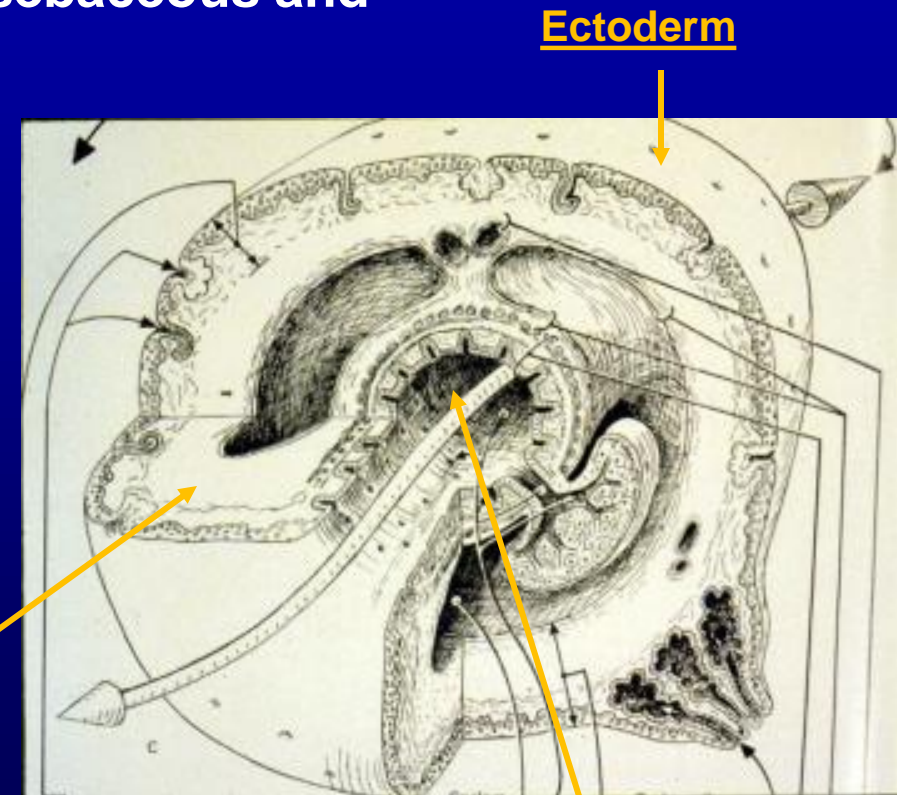


# Origin And Distribution Of Epithelium

Ectoderm - epidermis of skin and epithelium of cornea together covers the entire surface of the body; sebaceous and mammary glands, **oral cavity**

Endoderm - alimentary tract,  
Liver, pancreas, gastric glands, intestinal glands  
– Endocrine glands - lose connection with surface

Mesoderm  
Endothelium - lining of blood vessels  
**Mesothelium - lining serous cavities**



Ectoderm

Mesoderm

Endoderm

# Function of the Digestive System

## Role of liver, gall bladder, salivary glands, and pancreas

### Movement of food

Salivary glands lubricates

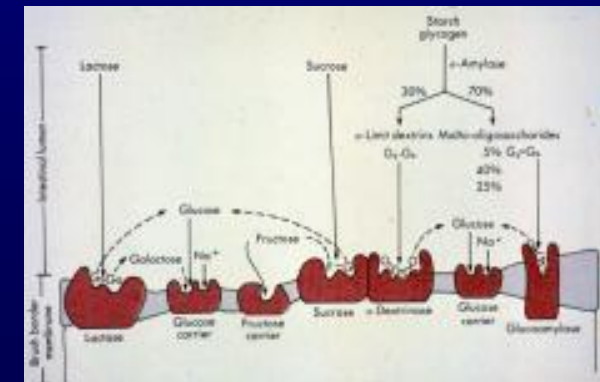
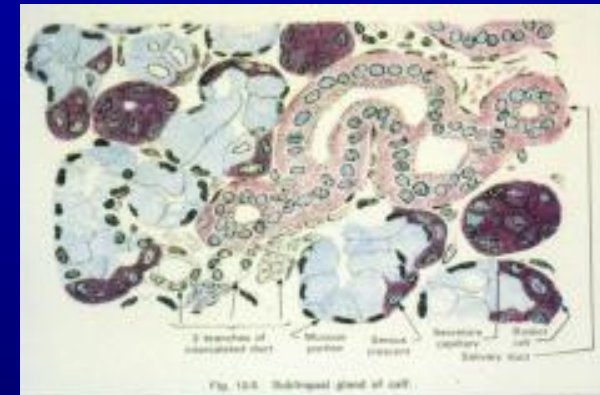
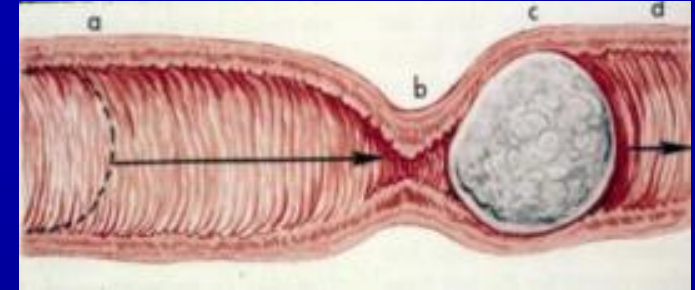
### Secretion of digestive juices

Salivary glands and pancreas  
secretes digestive juices and liver  
secretes bile

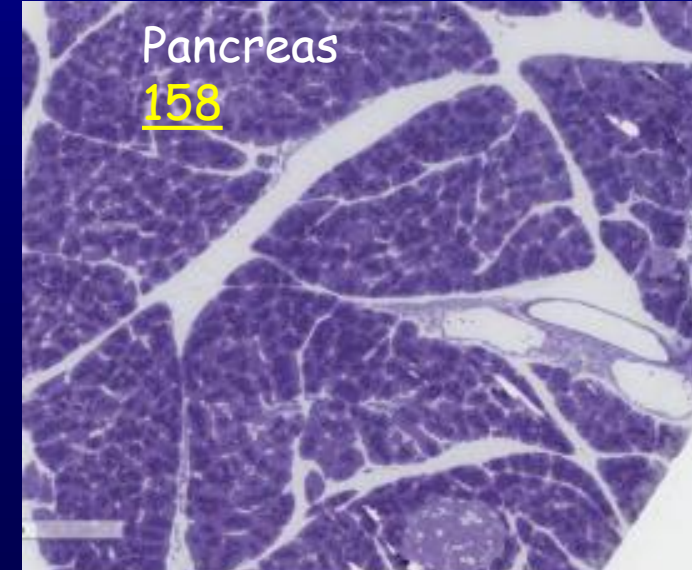
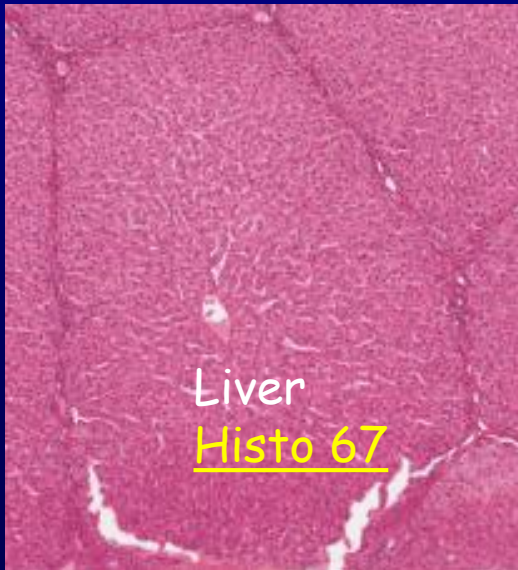
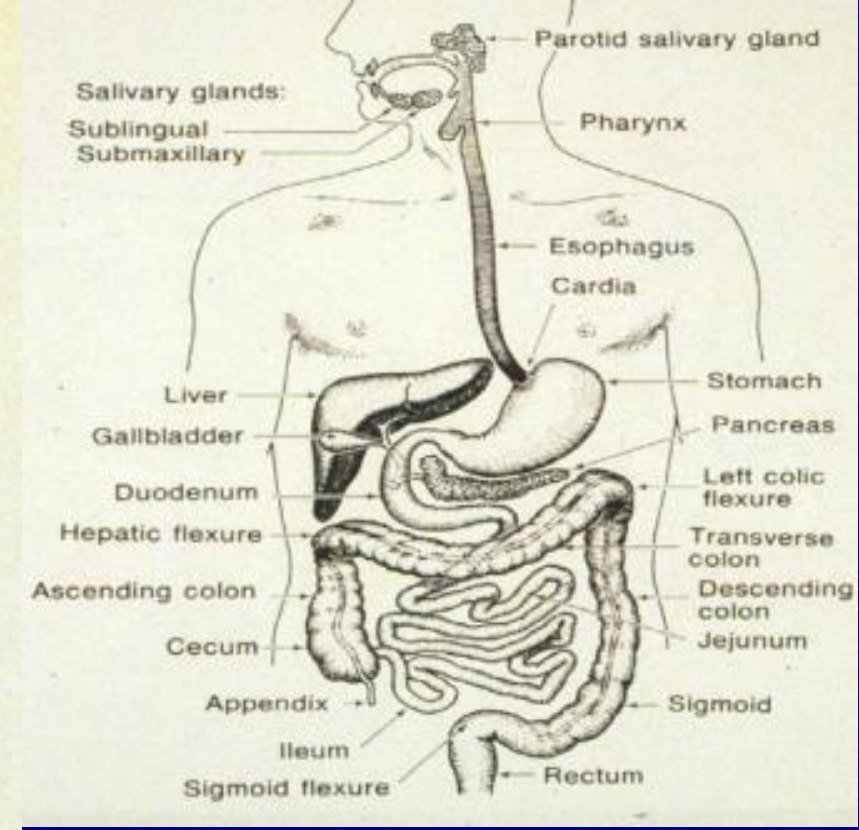
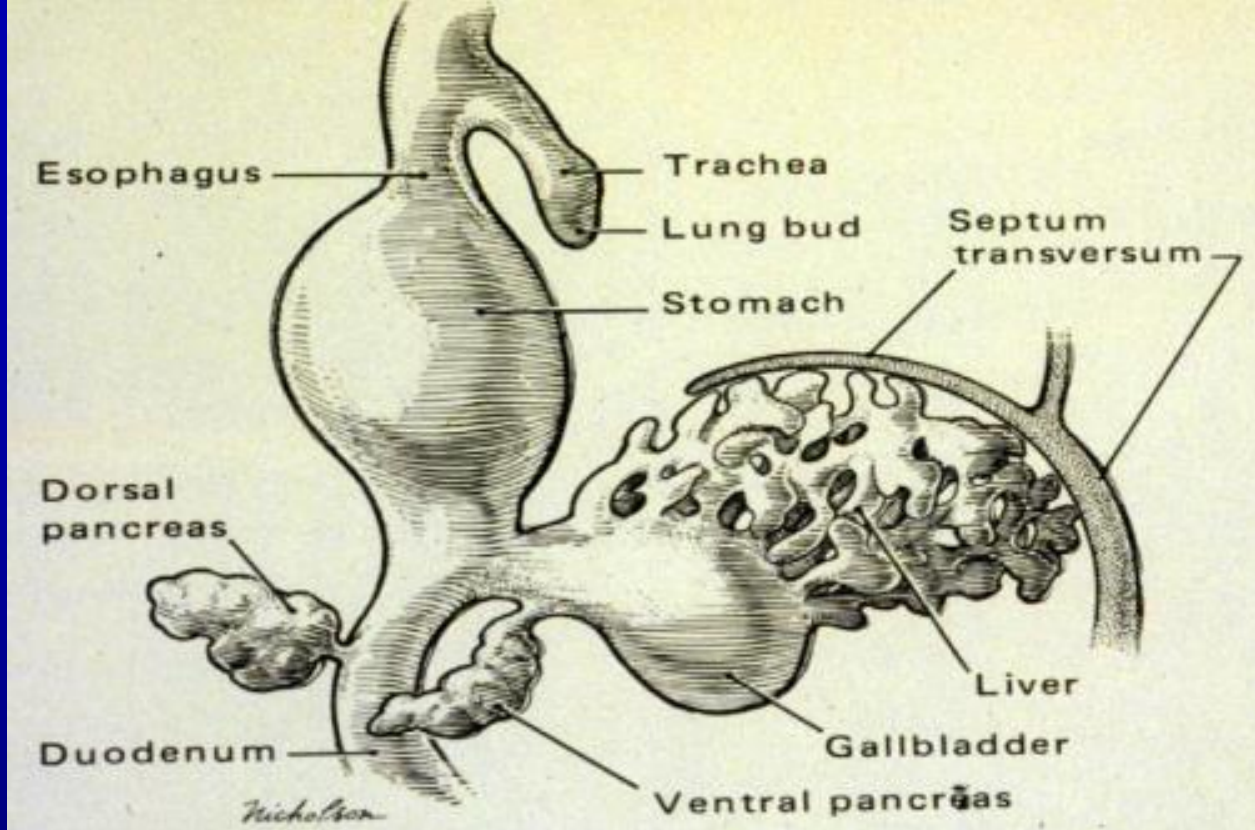
### Absorption of digested foods, water, and electrolytes

Liver stores nutrients and cleans the blood.

Also, the accessory digestive organs  
contribute antibodies and antibacterial/viral  
growth substances.



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# **BODY WORLDS**

The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies

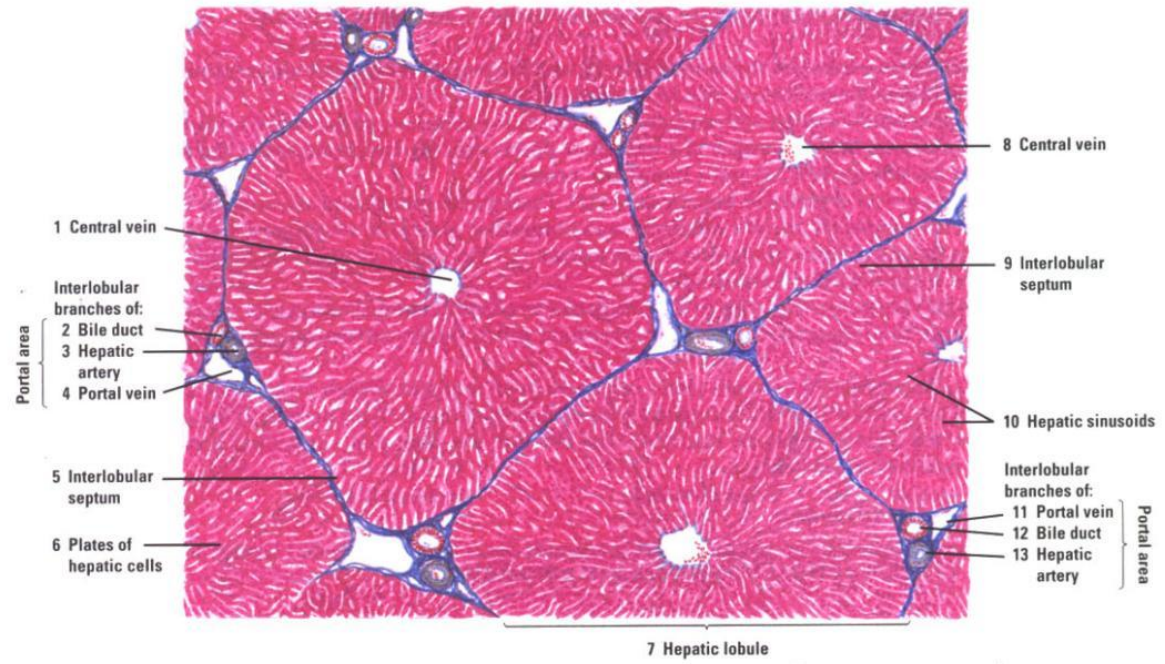
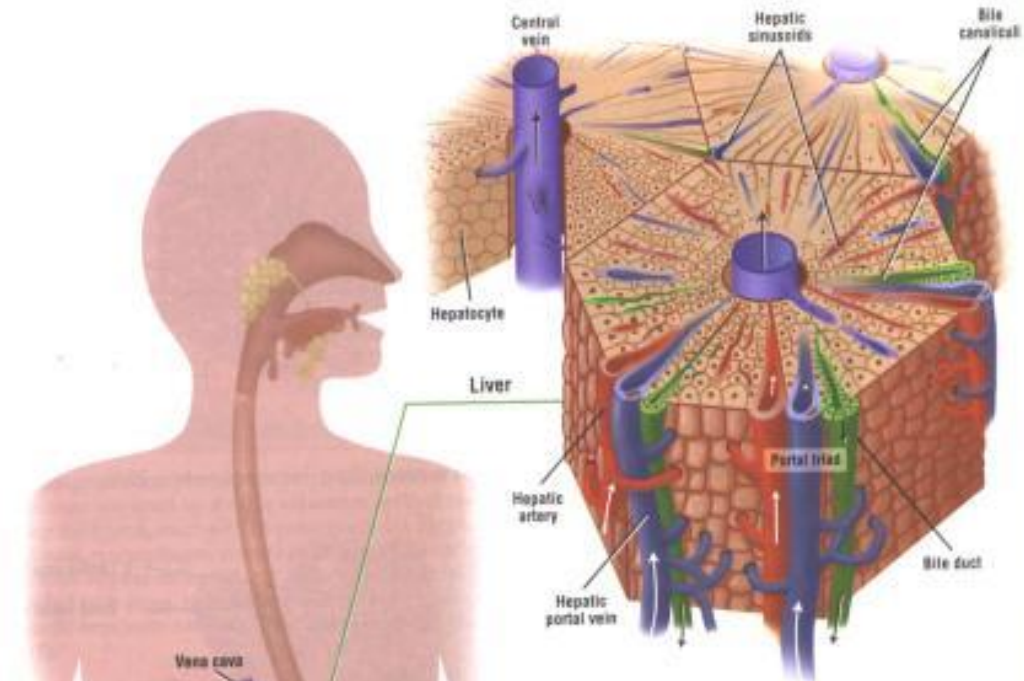
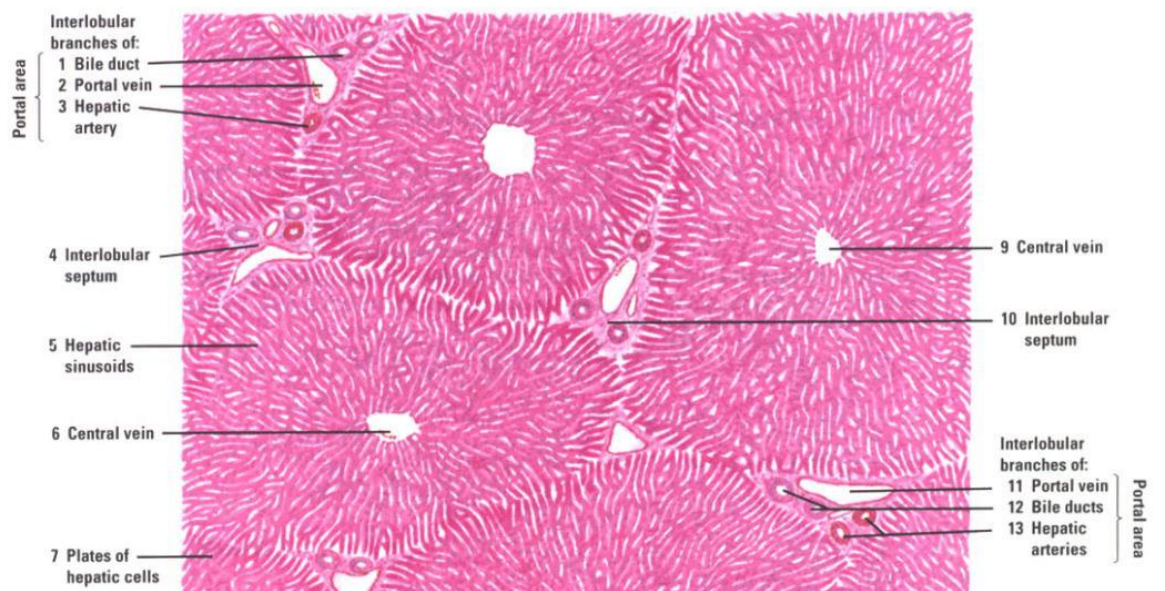
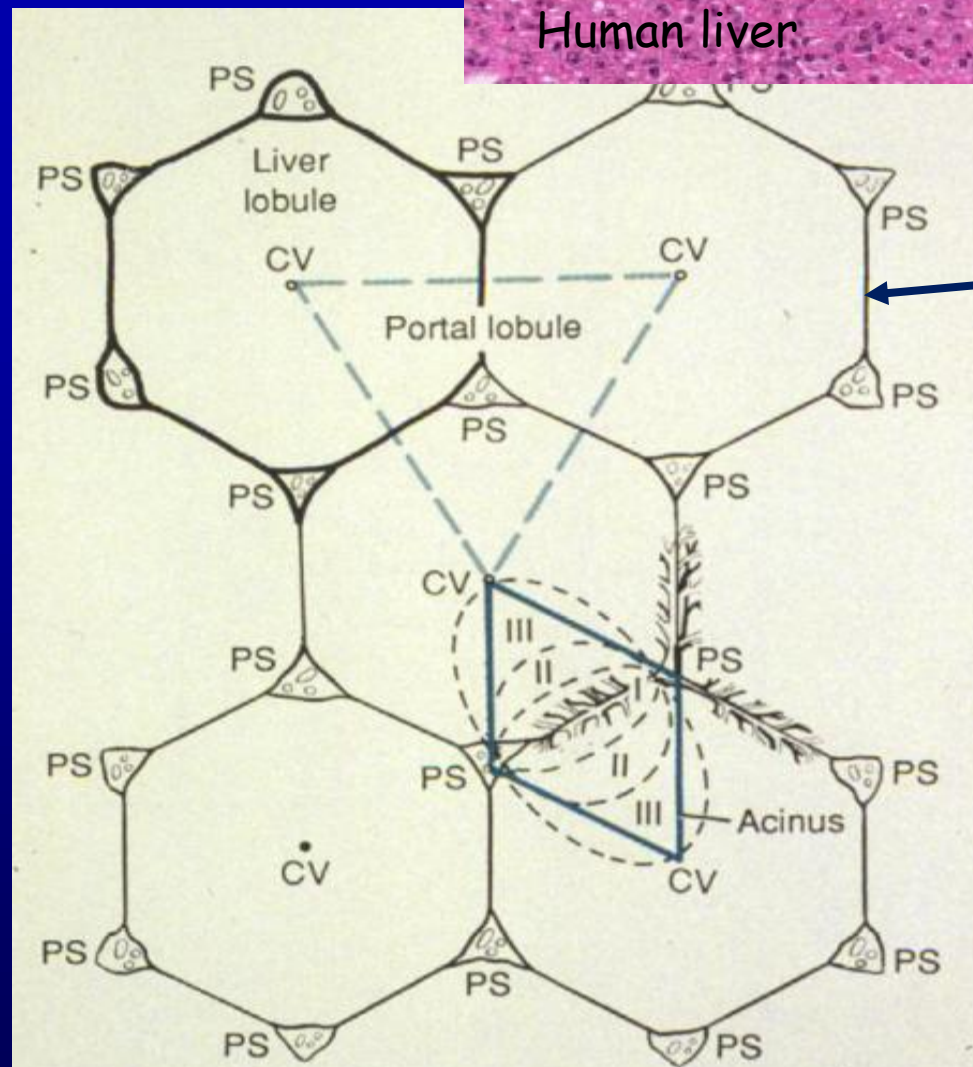
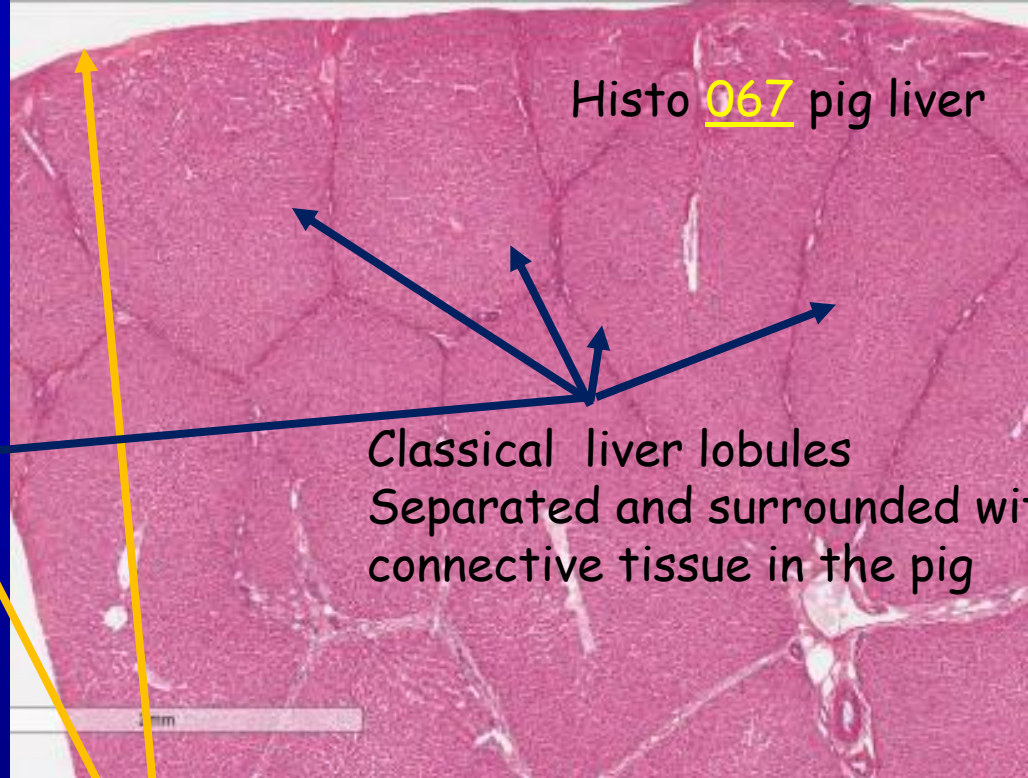


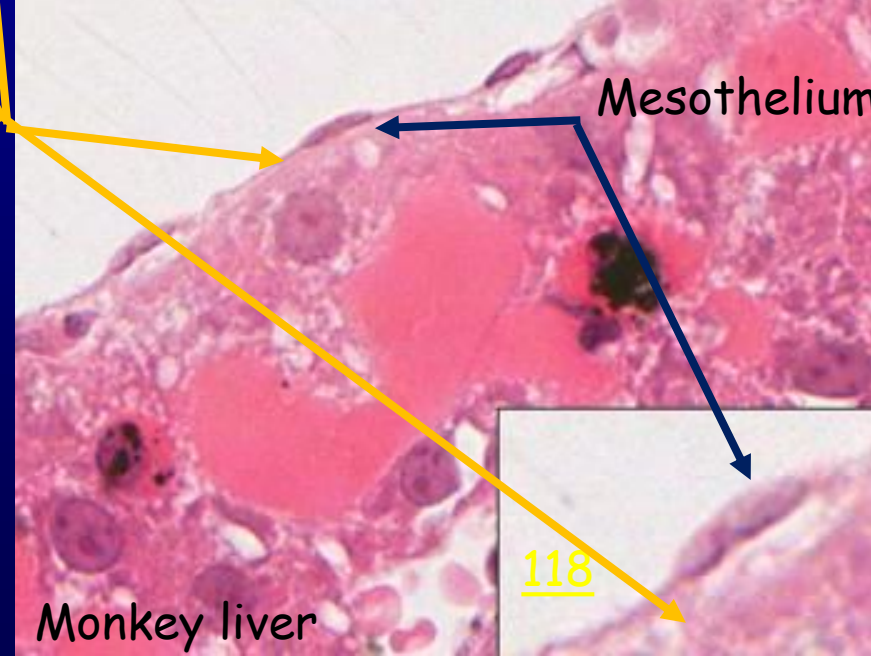
Fig. 13-1 Pig's Liver (panoramic view, transverse section). Stain: Mallory-azan. Low magnification.







**Figure 16-16.** Schematic drawing illustrating the territories of the classic liver lobules, hepatic acini, and portal lobules. The classic lobule has a central vein (CV) and is



Connective tissue capsule

Histo 067 pig liver

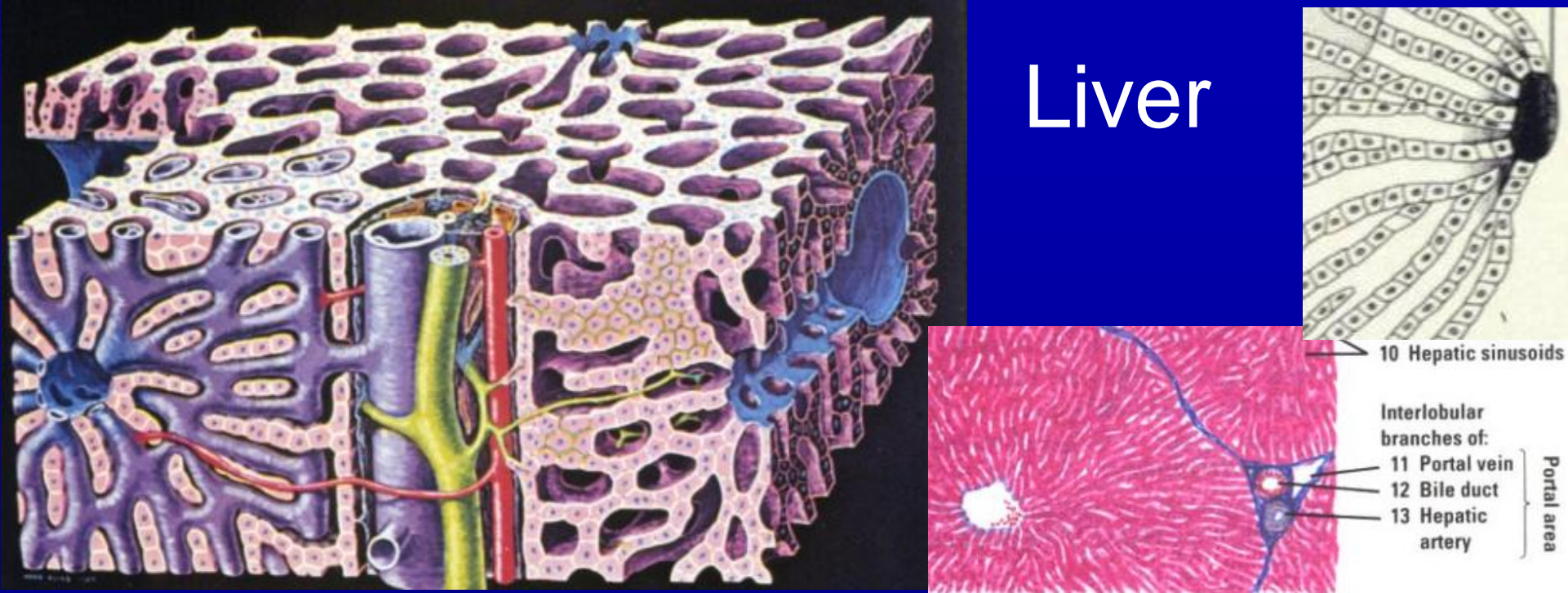
Classical liver lobules  
Separated and surrounded with  
connective tissue in the pig

Mesothelium

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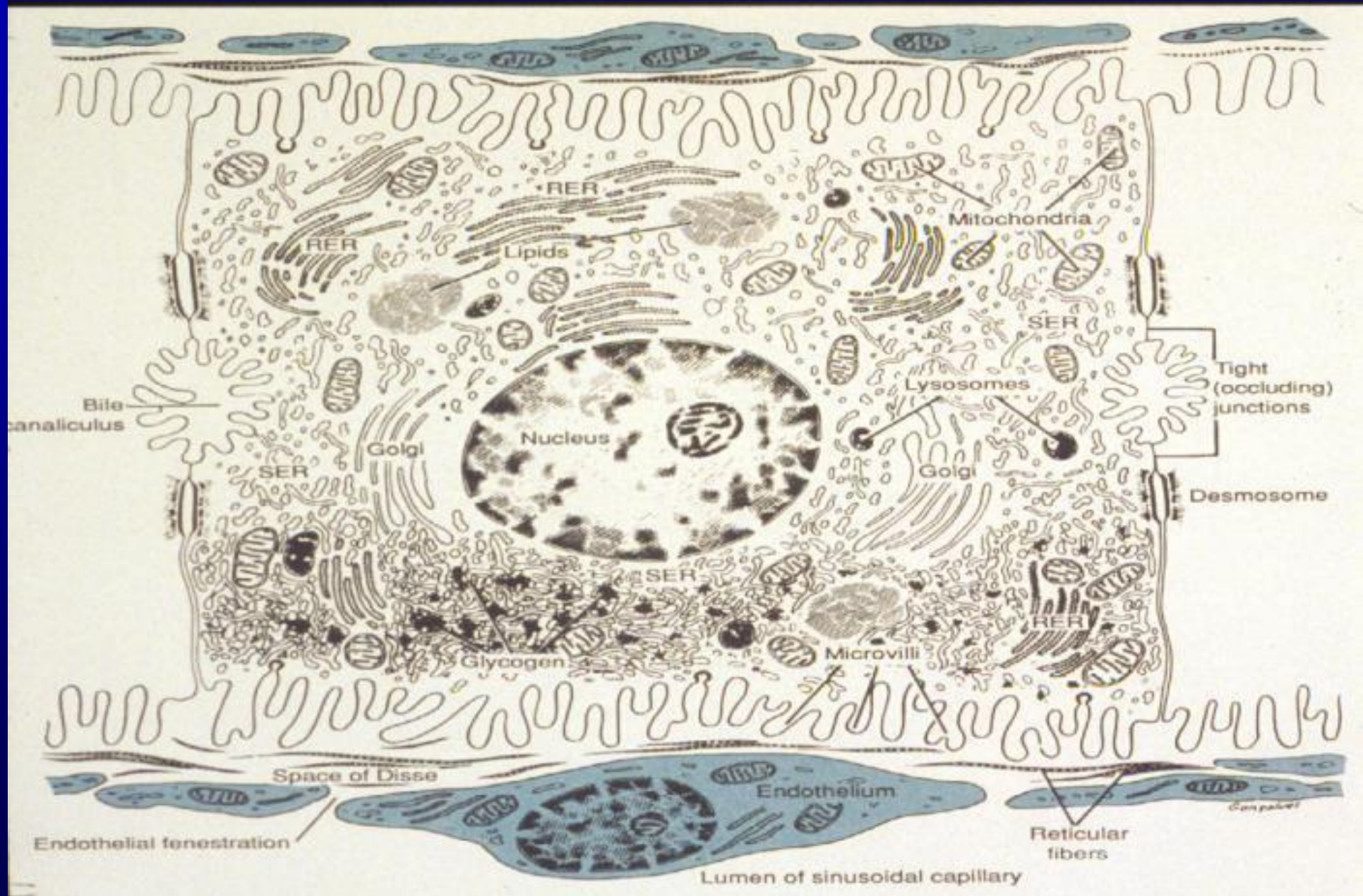
Monkey liver

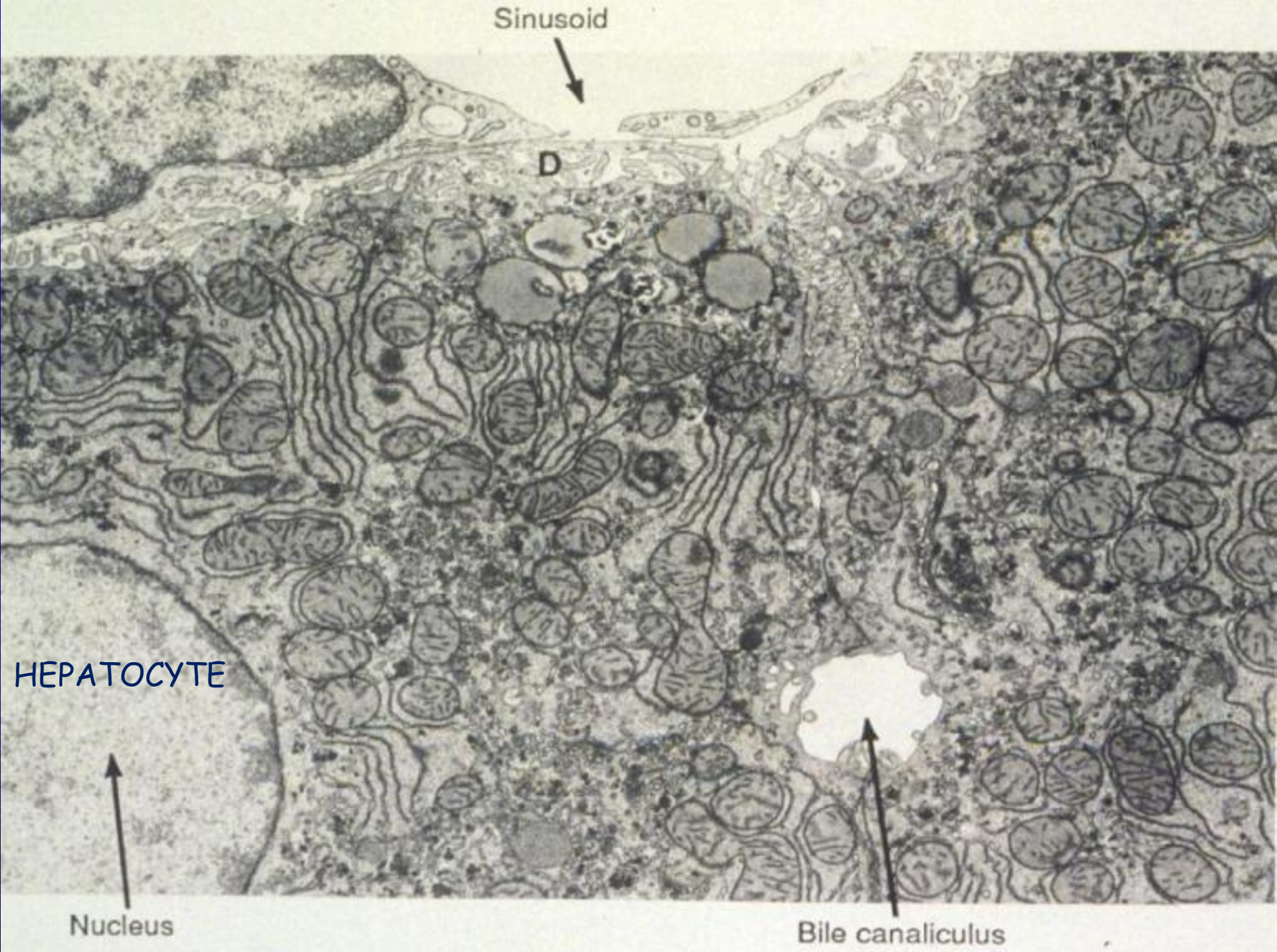
# Liver



The hepatocyte functions as an **endocrine-like** cell (e.g., secretion of glucose and plasma proteins directly into the blood vascular system) and as an **exocrine** cell (e.g., secretion of bile into the bile canaliculi). This dual export of secretory products by a single cell requires a unique cellular arrangement in the liver in order to separate and compartmentalize the exocrine and endocrine-like products. Hepatocytes are arranged in fenestrated, anastomosing plates of one cell thick. Also each hepatocyte may have as many as four areas of access to the lumen.

# Landscape of the Hepatocyte – Four Luminal Regions

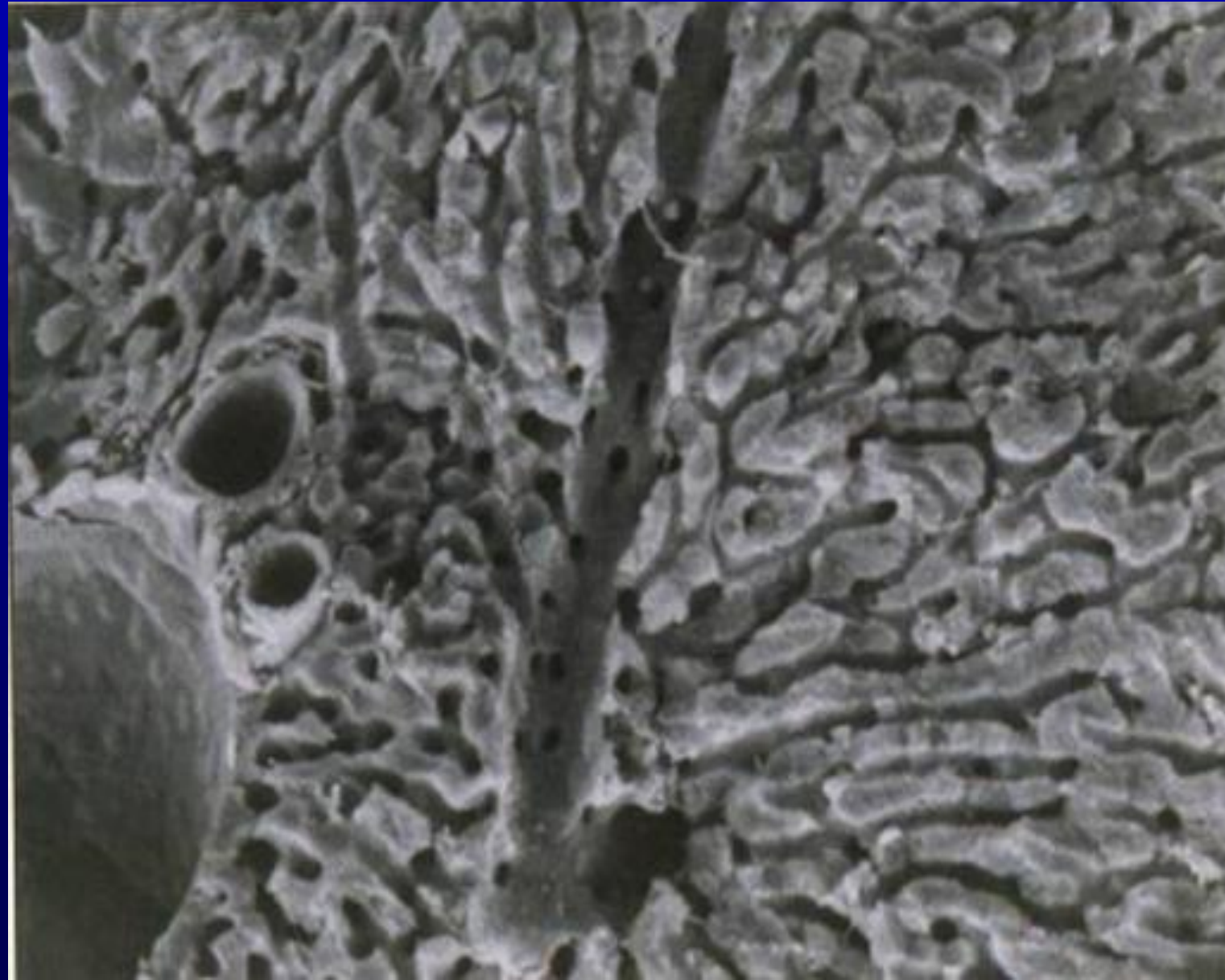




# LIVER FUNCTION - LARGEST GLAND

EXOCRINE - BILE  
ACIDS,  
BILIRUBIN

ENDOCRINE -  
ALBUMIN,  
FIBRINOGEN,  
ETC.



# LIVER FUNCTIONS

Blood filtration -  $1.2 \times 10^7$  Kupffer cells/g

Blood storage - liver size and sinusoids expand

Maintain normal blood glucose concentrations

Metabolism and transport of lipids

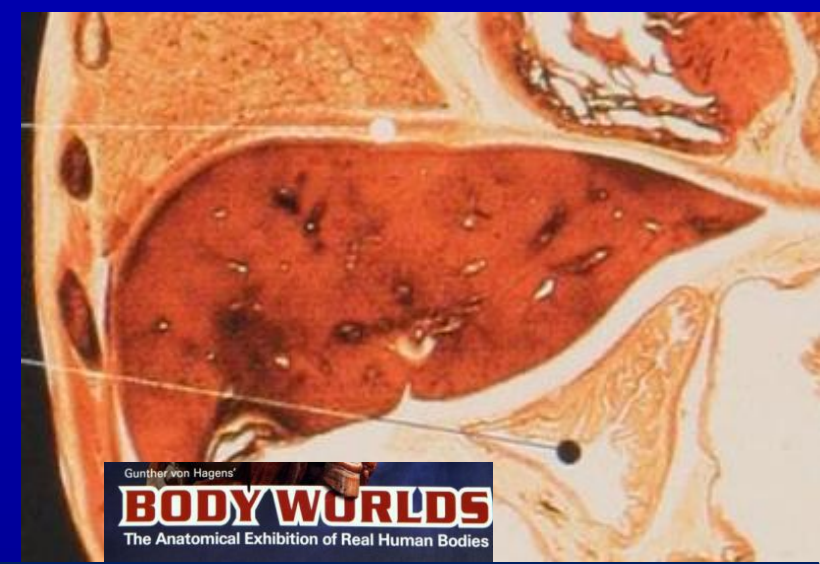
Secrete plasma proteins - blood clotting

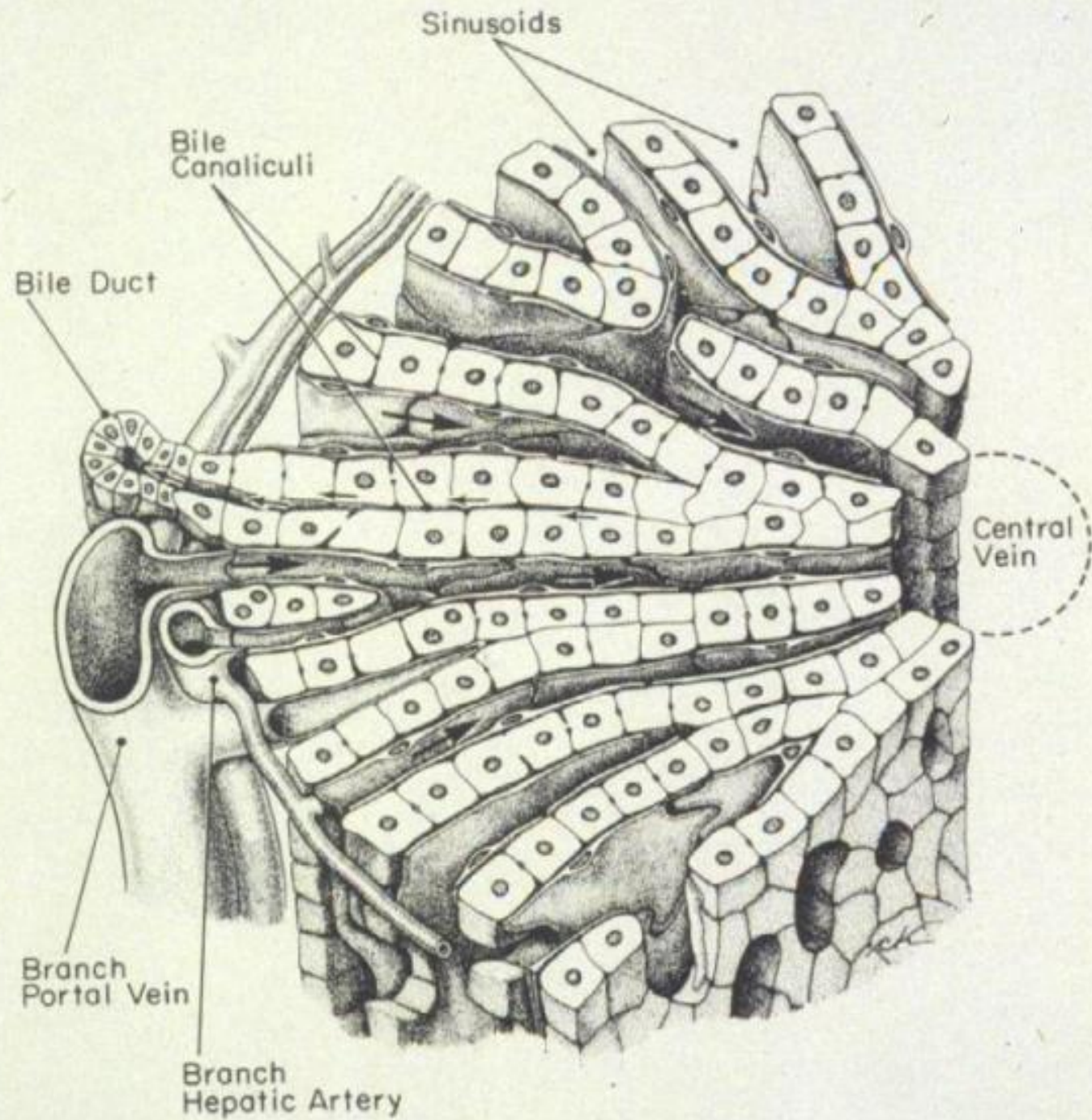
Nutritional metabolism and bile secretion

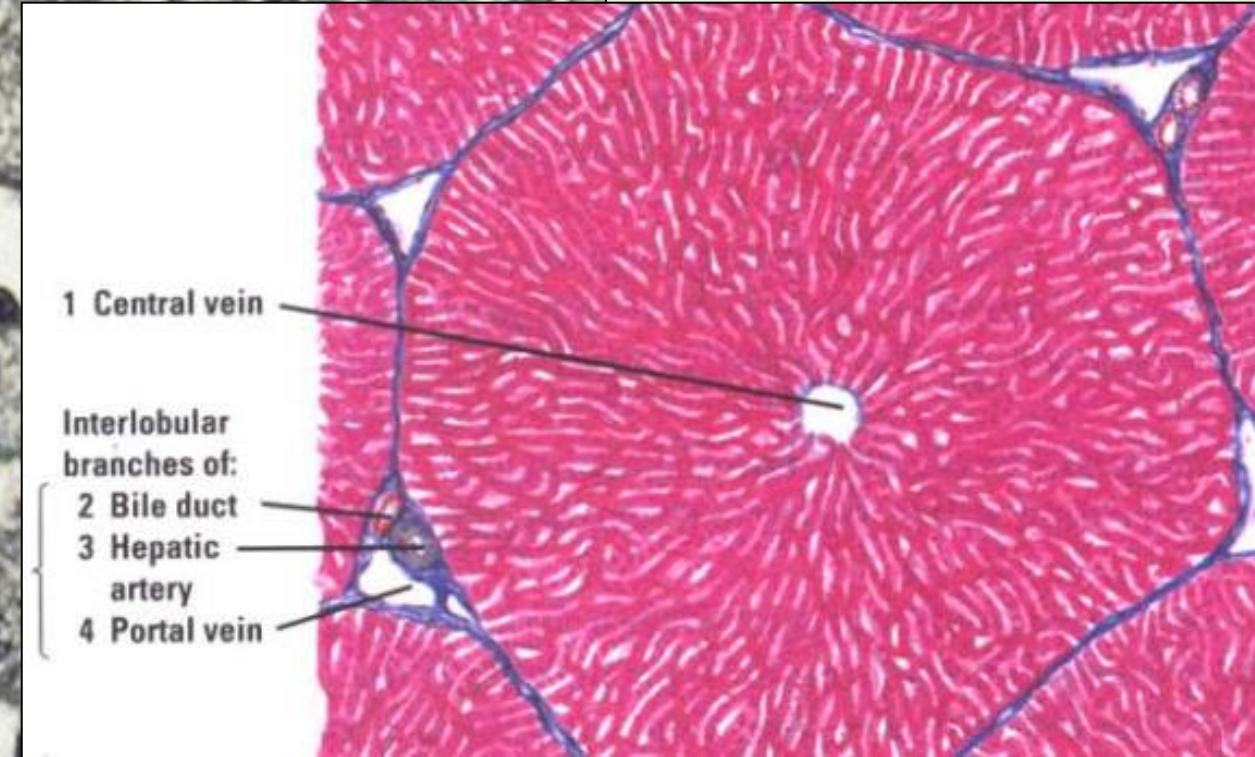
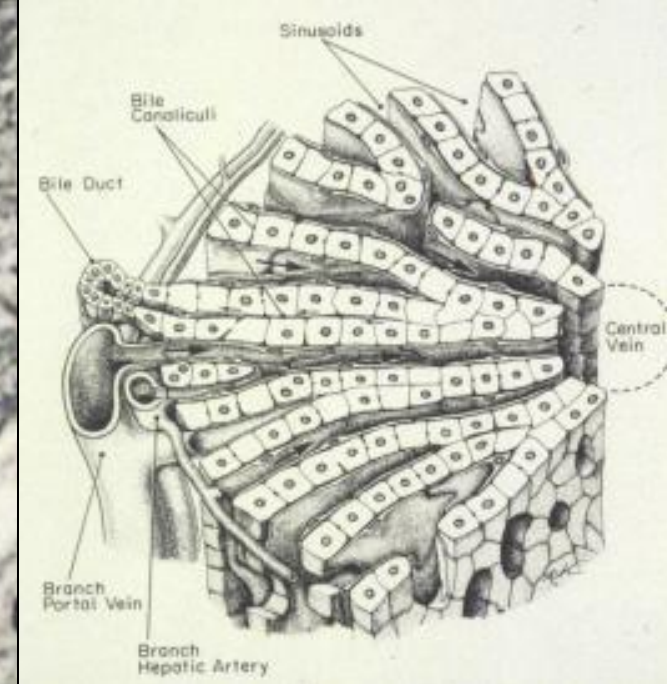
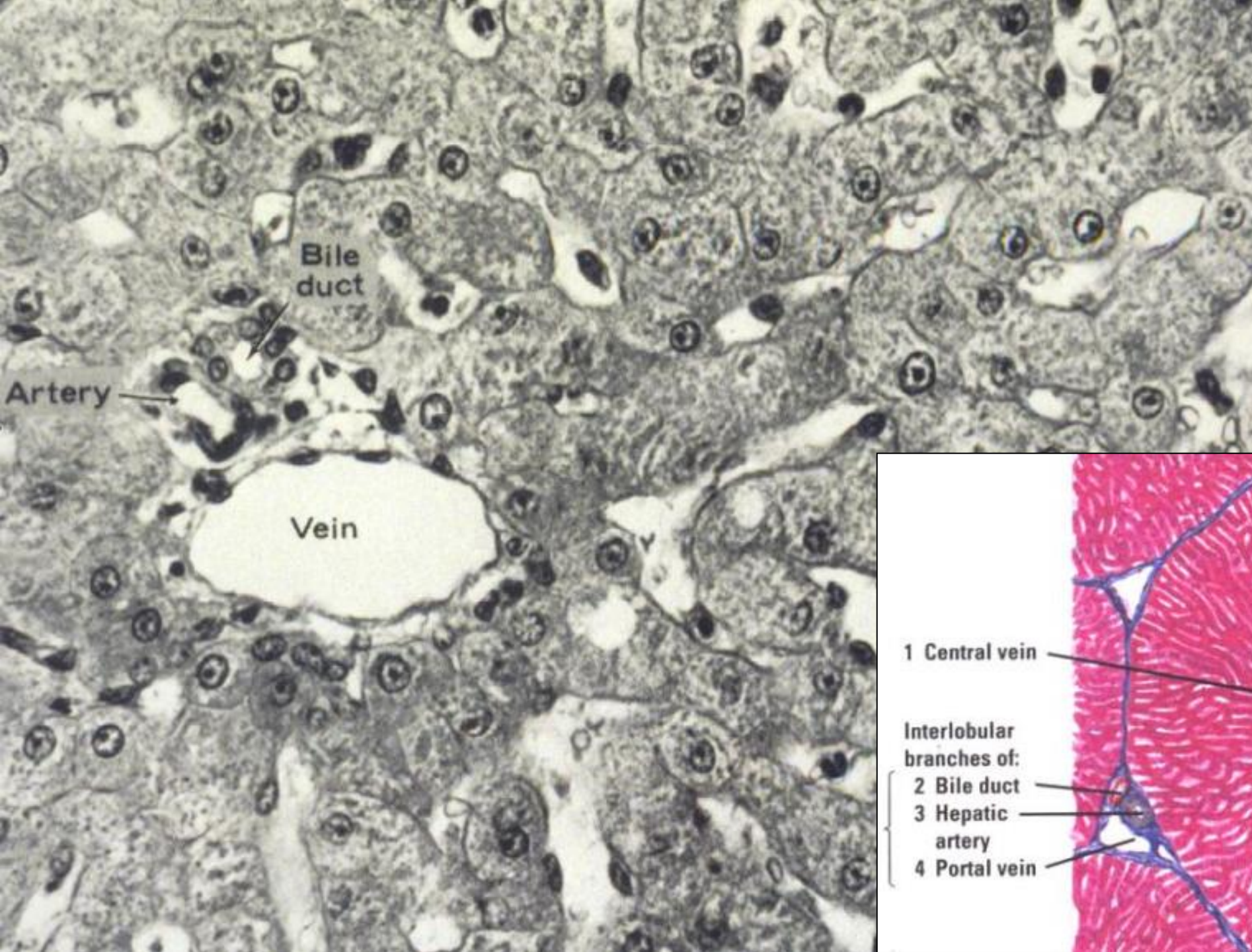
Drug metabolism - drug tolerance

Excretion of bilirubin - jaundice

Secrete bile - emulsifying fats

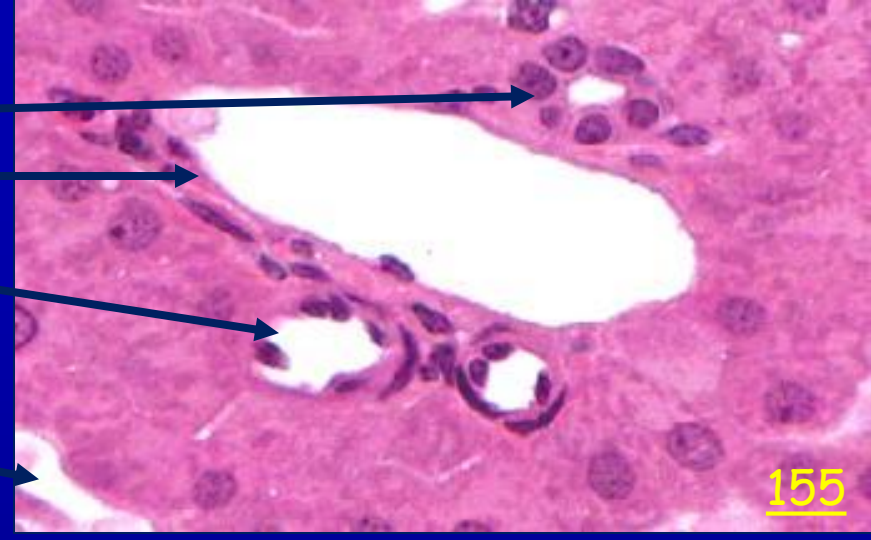




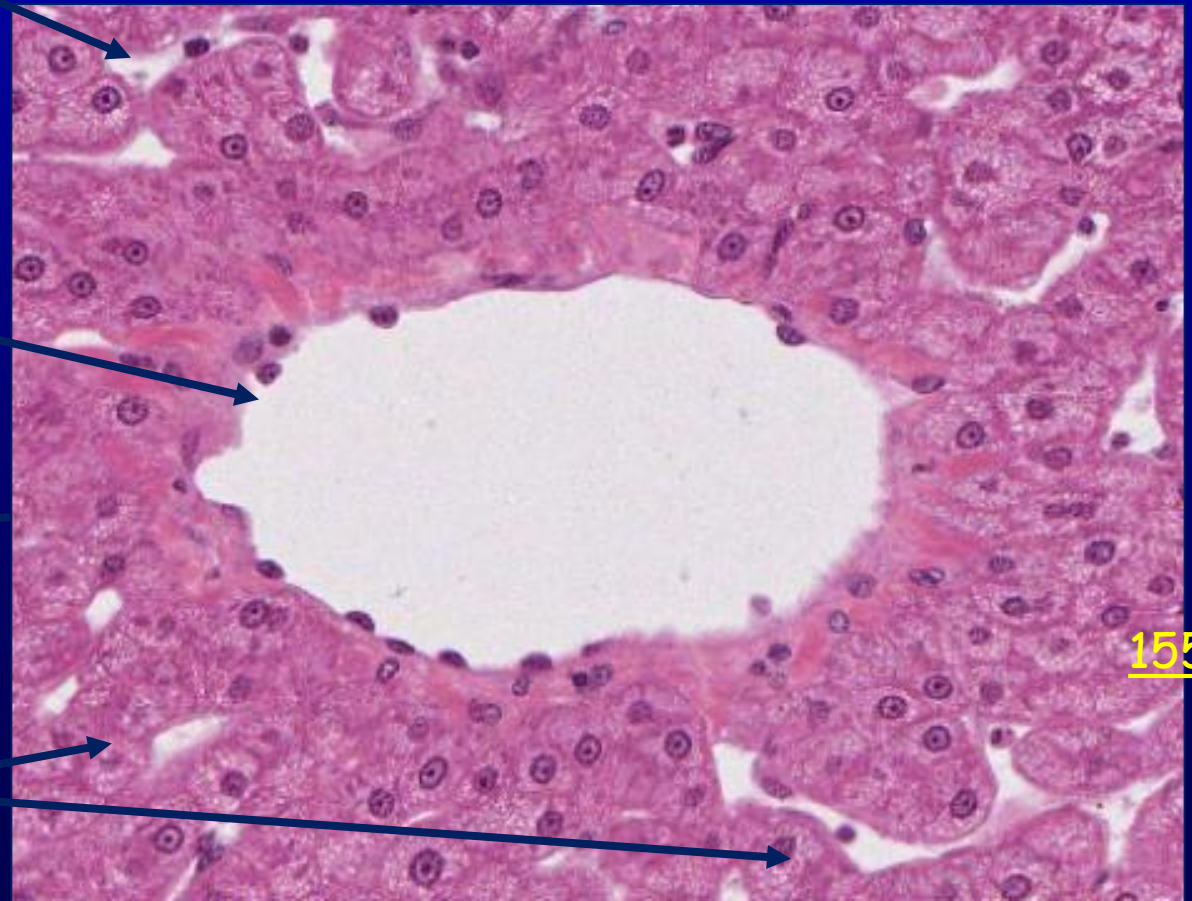
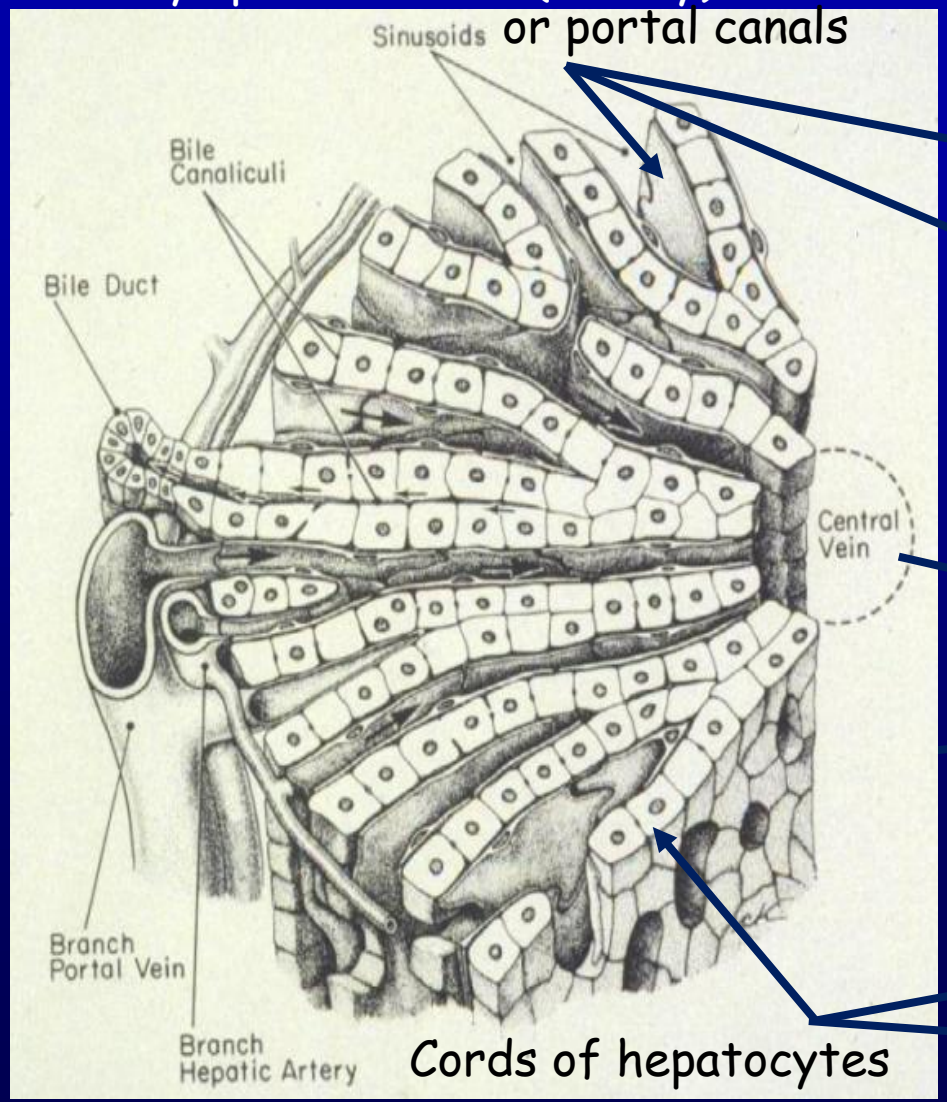




Portal radicles containing:  
A bile duct  
Branch of portal vein,  
Branch of hepatic artery  
Lymphatic vessel (usually)



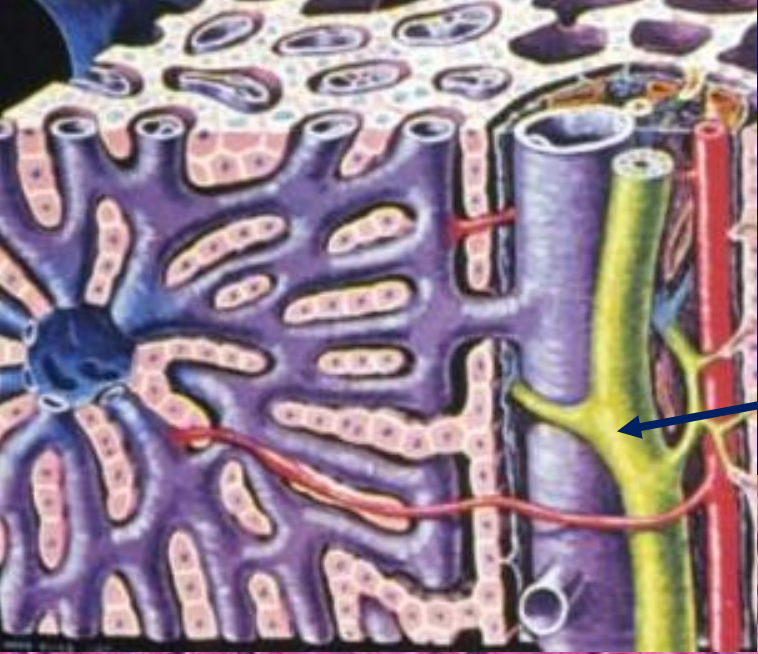
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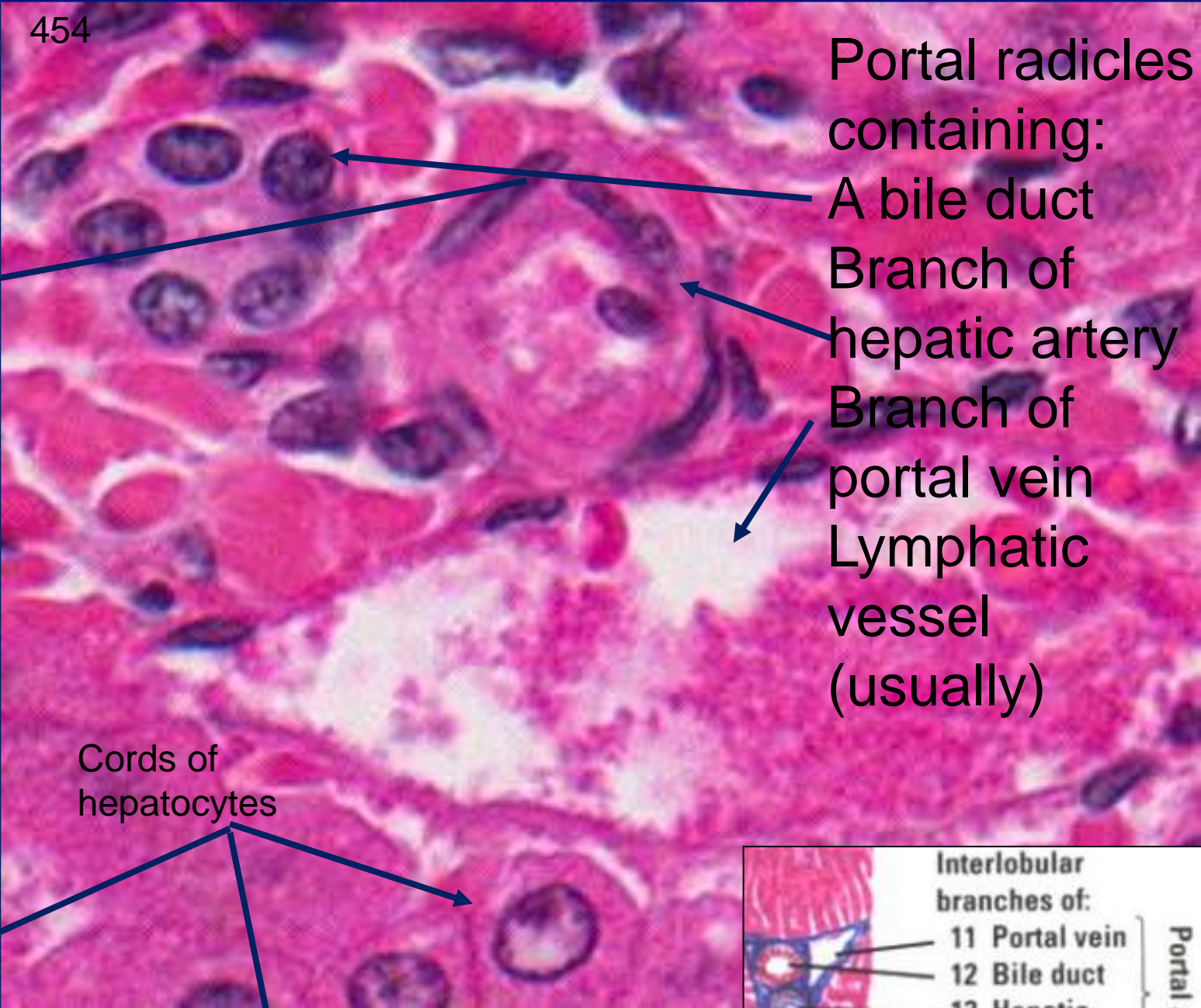
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Liver

Cords of hepatocytes



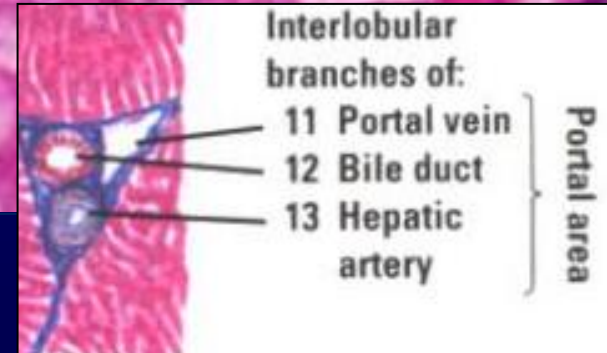
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Portal radicles containing:  
A bile duct  
Branch of hepatic artery  
Branch of portal vein  
Lymphatic vessel (usually)

Cords of hepatocytes

Central vein

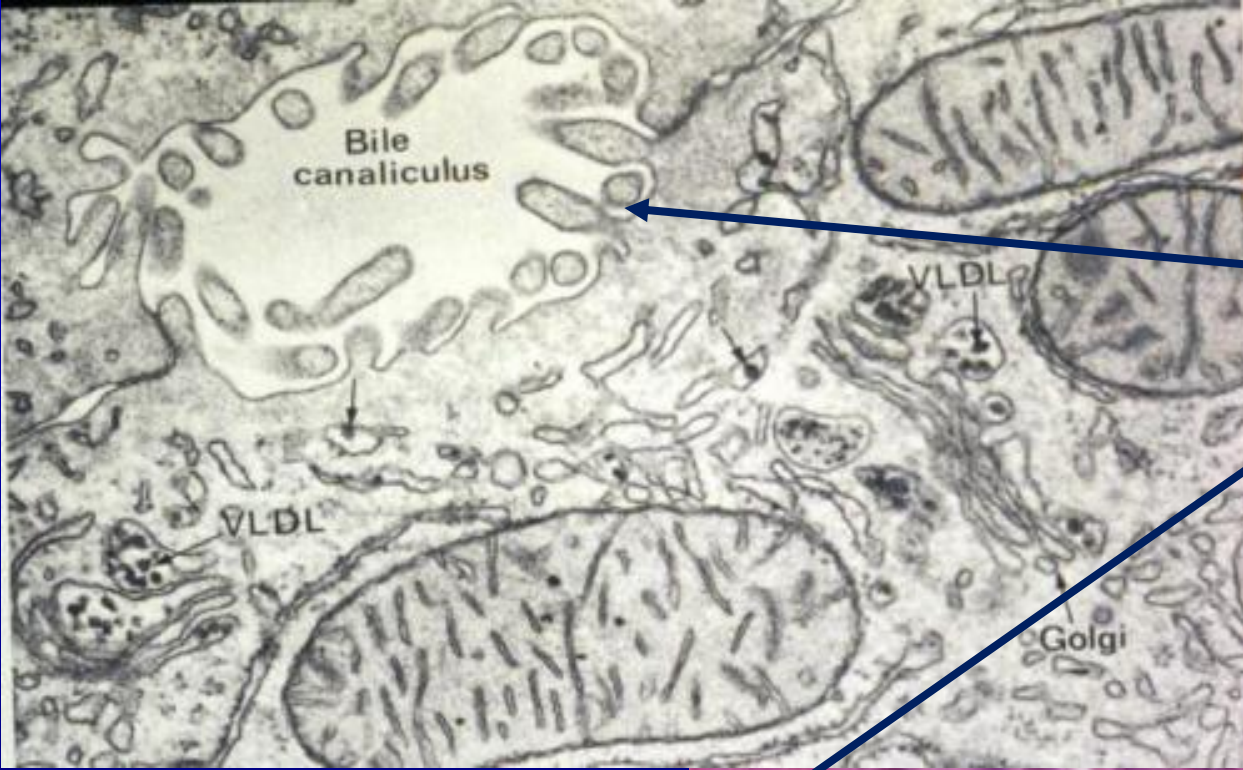


Interlobular branches of:  
11 Portal vein  
12 Bile duct  
13 Hepatic artery

Portal area

454 Liver

# Bile Canaliculi



Bile luminal surfaces

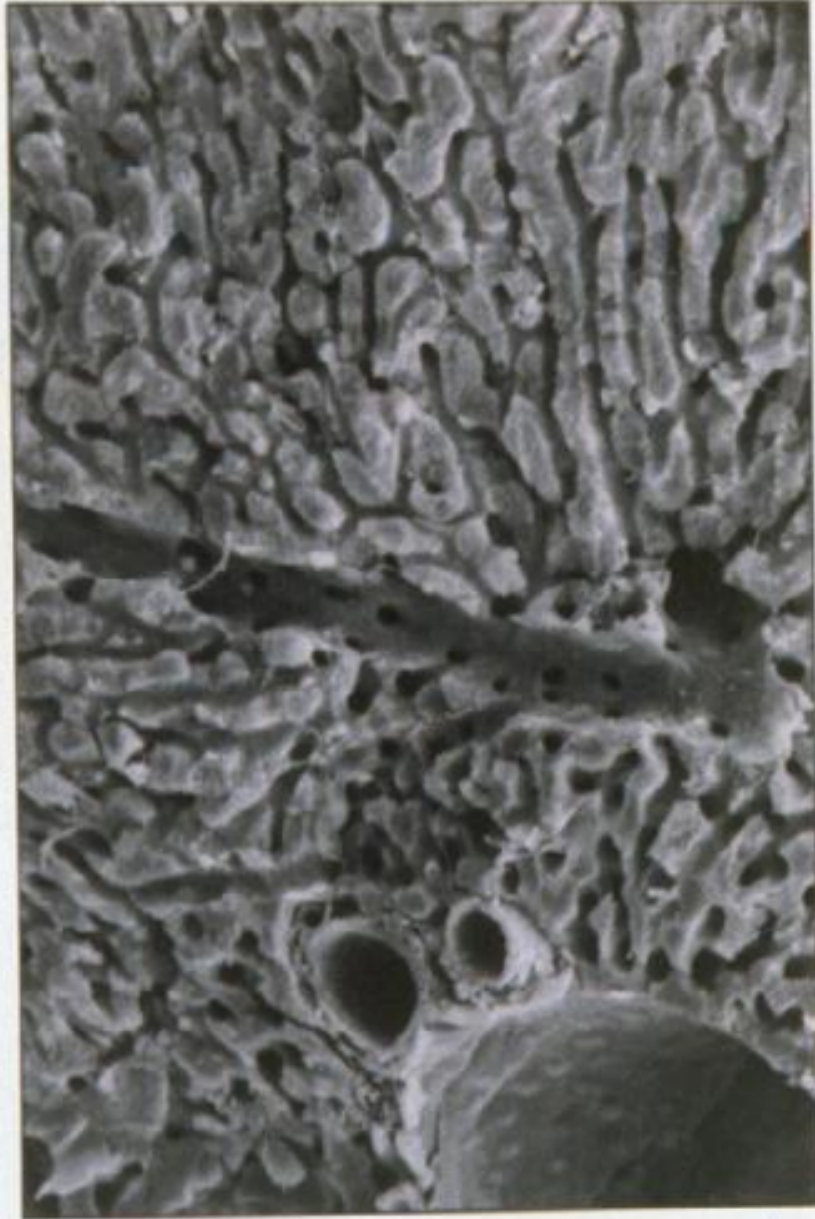
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Bile duct

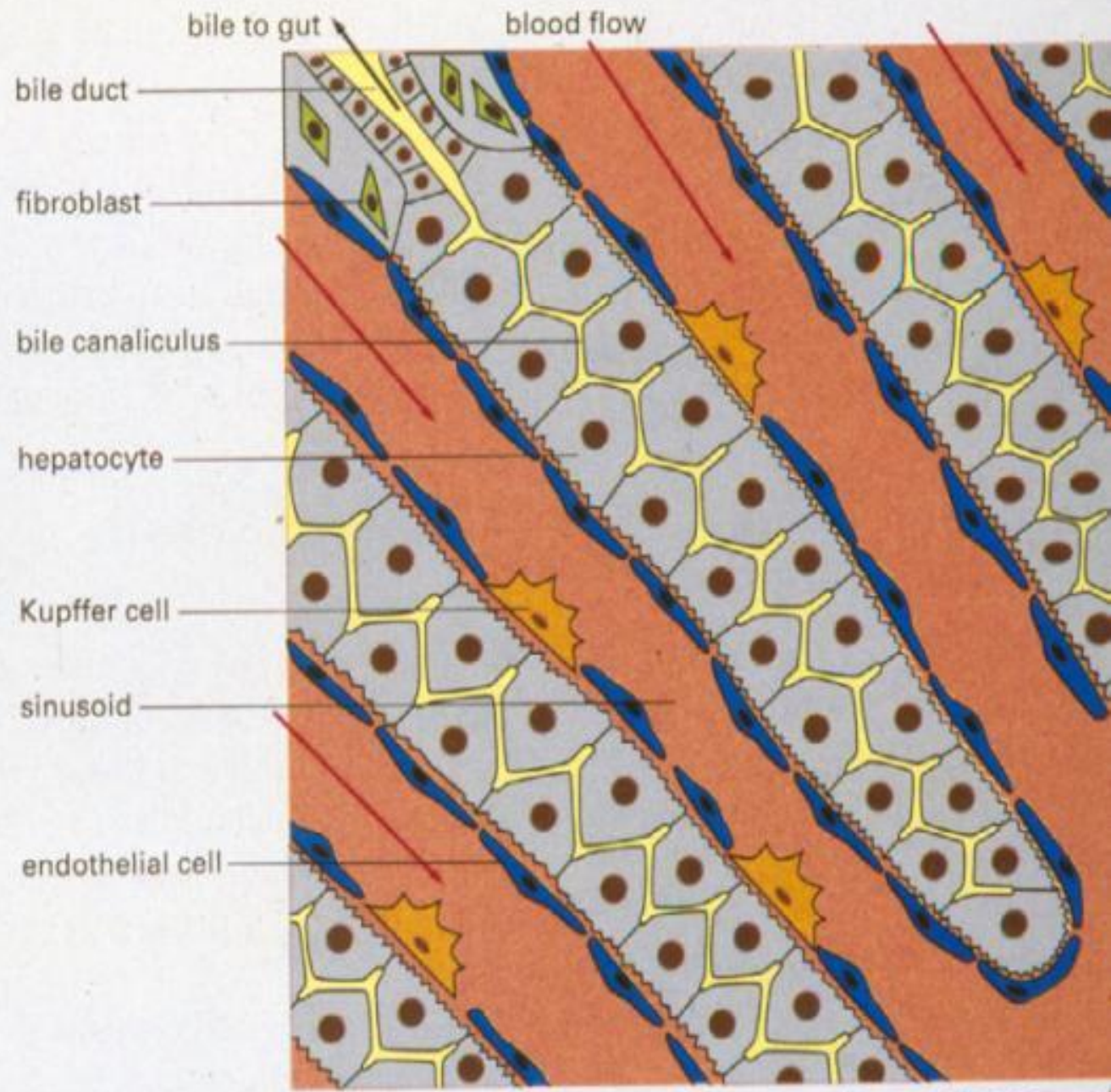
Blood luminal surface

# Liver



100  $\mu\text{m}$

(A)



bile duct

fibroblast

bile canaliculus

hepatocyte

Kupffer cell

sinusoid

endothelial cell

bile to gut

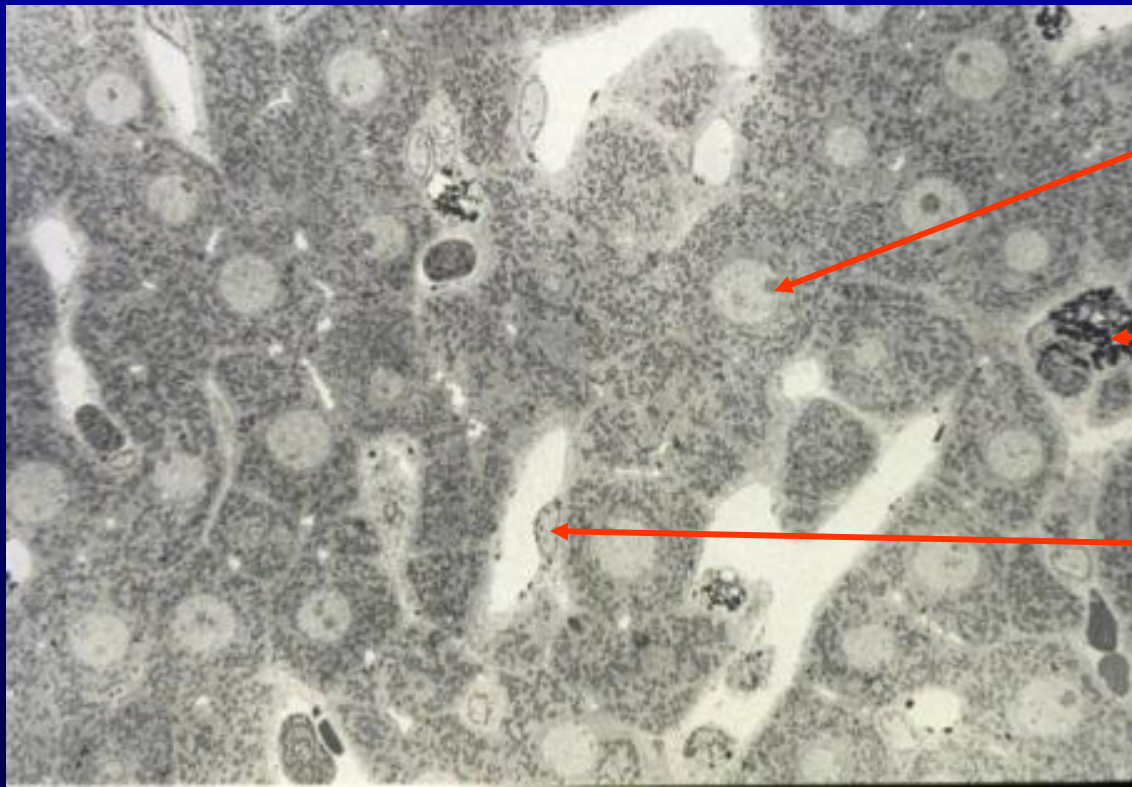
blood flow

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(B)

# Cells of the Liver Lobule

- A. Hepatocyte
- B. Kupffer and fat-storing cells
- C. Endothelial cell



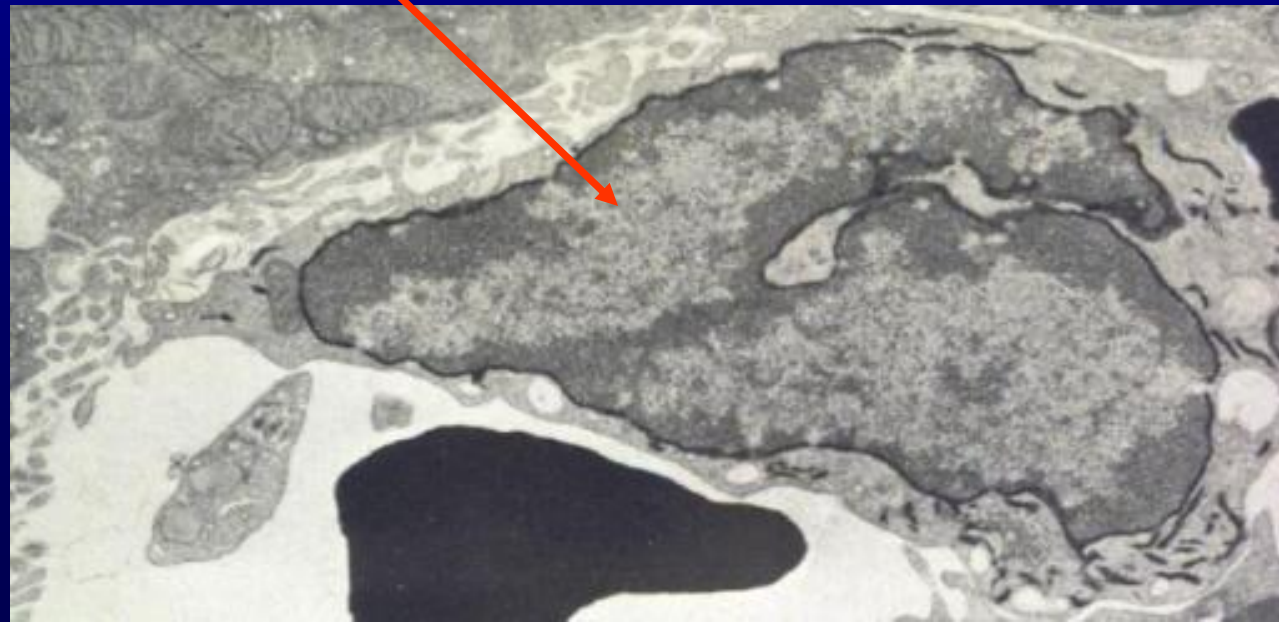
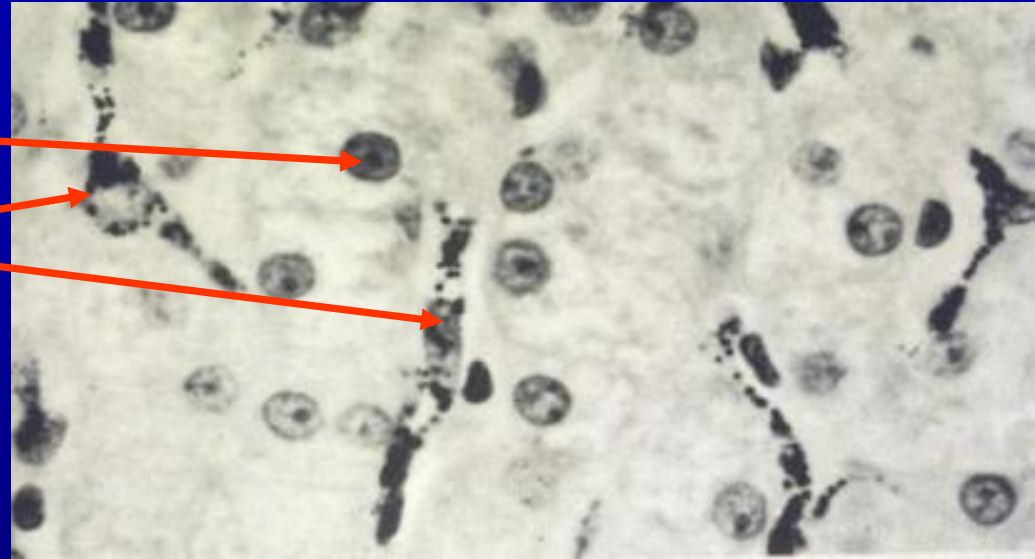
Hepatocyte

Kupffer cells

Endothelial cell

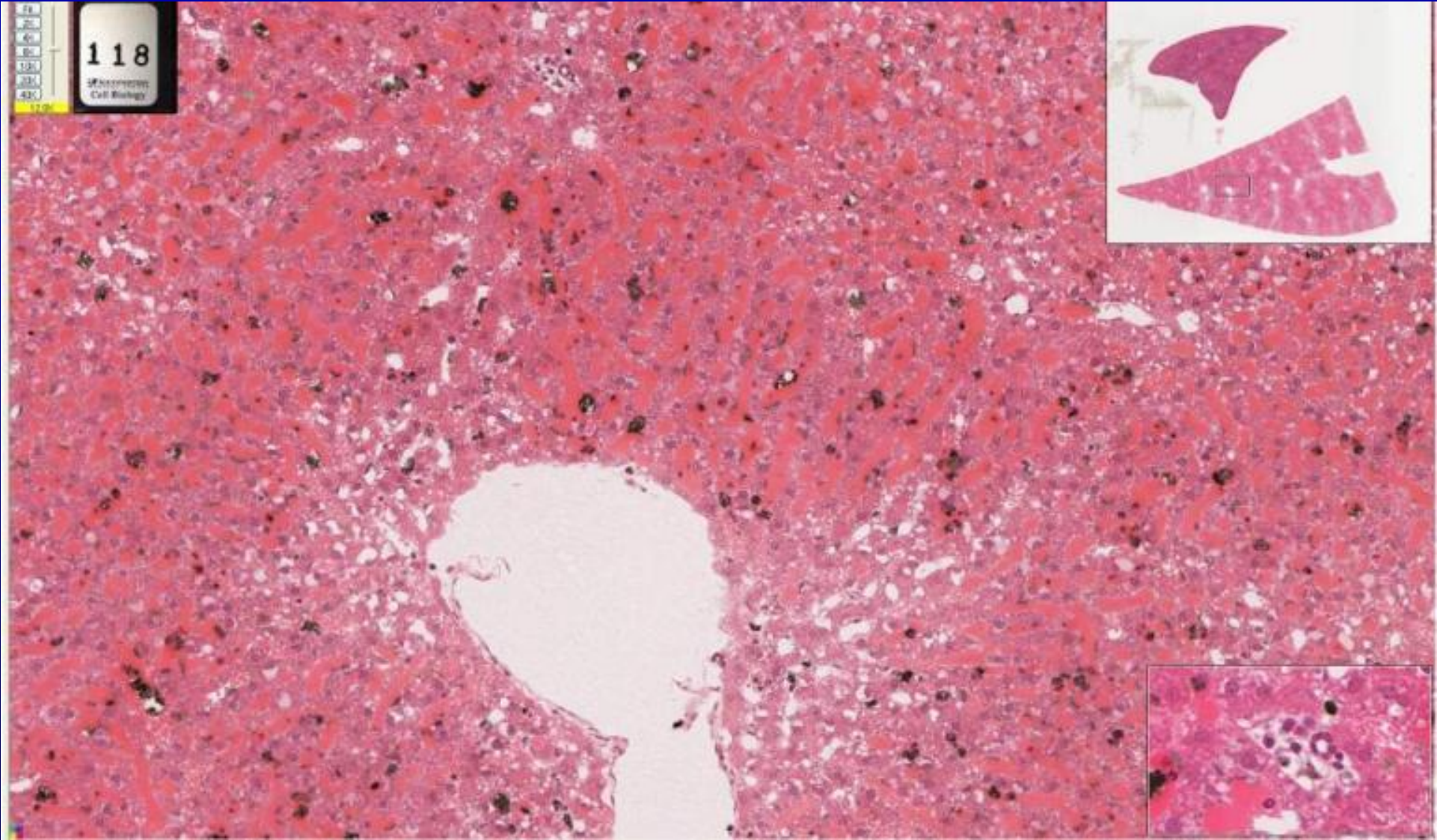
# Cells of the Liver Lobule

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- B. Kupffer cells
- C. Endothelial cell



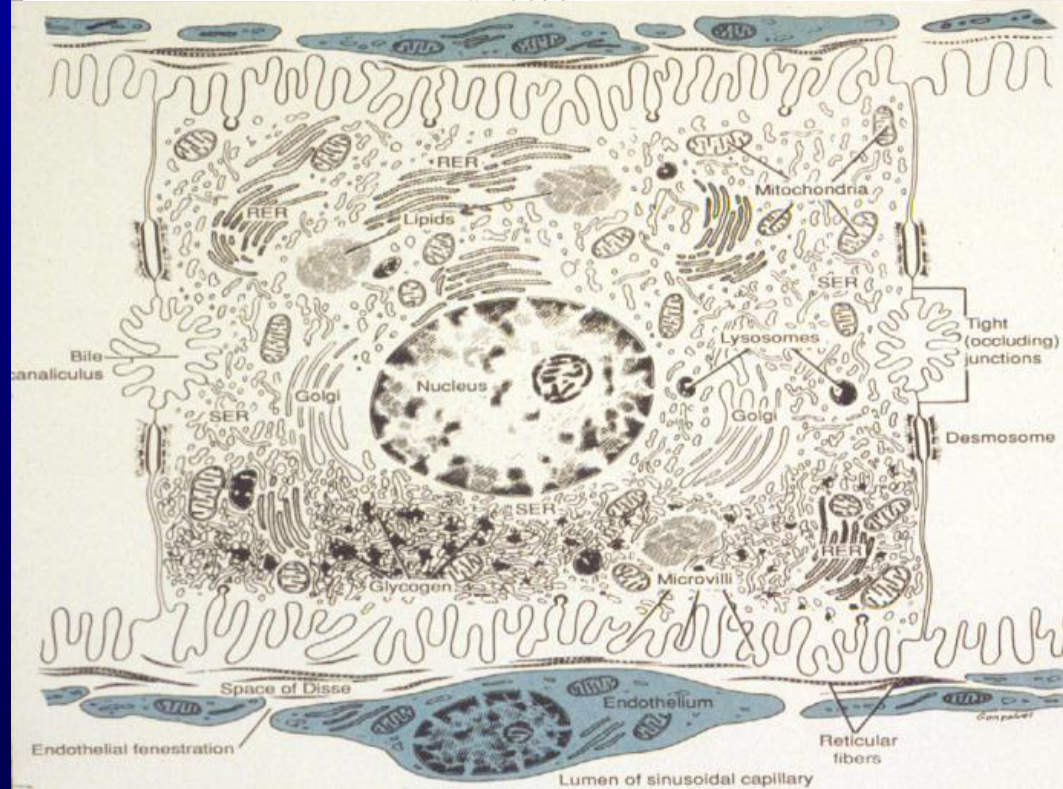
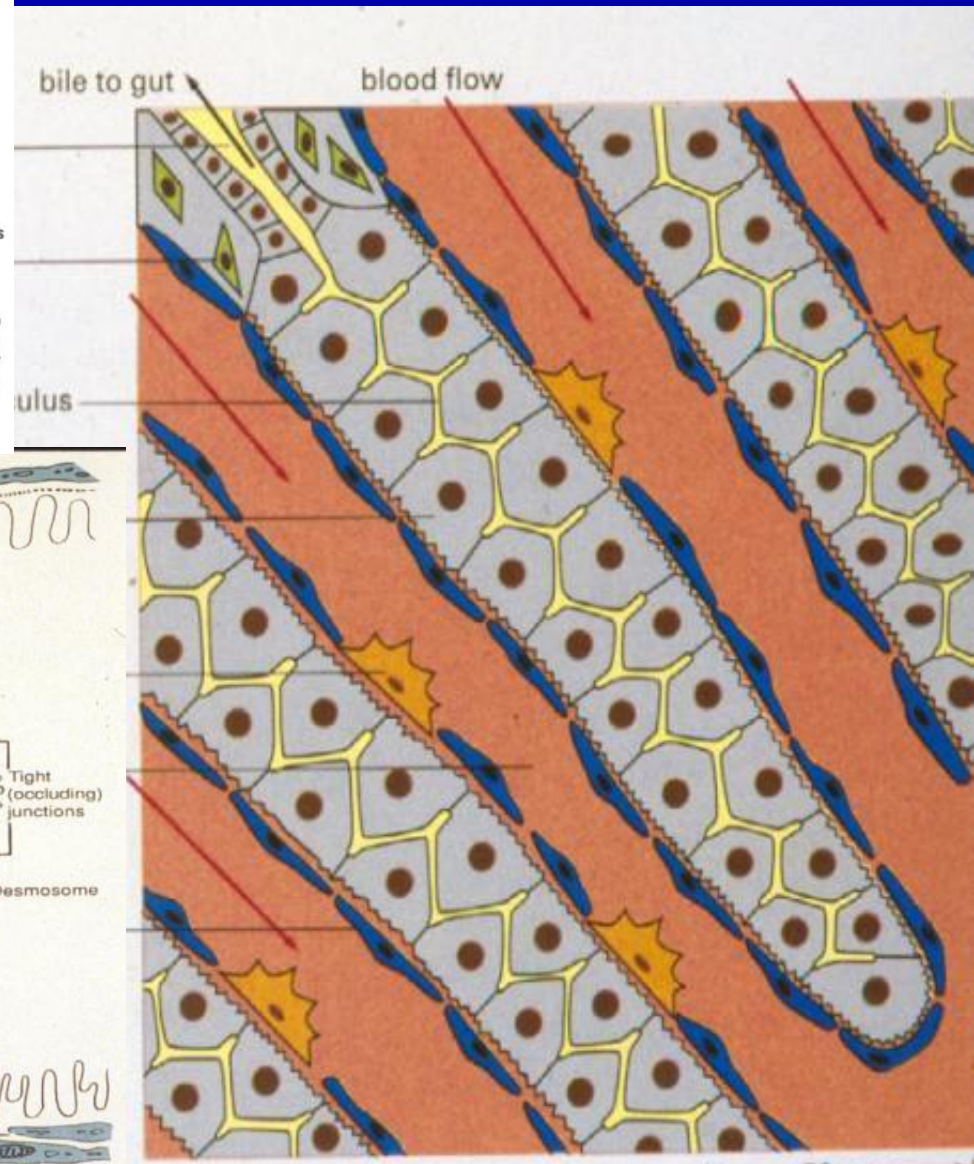
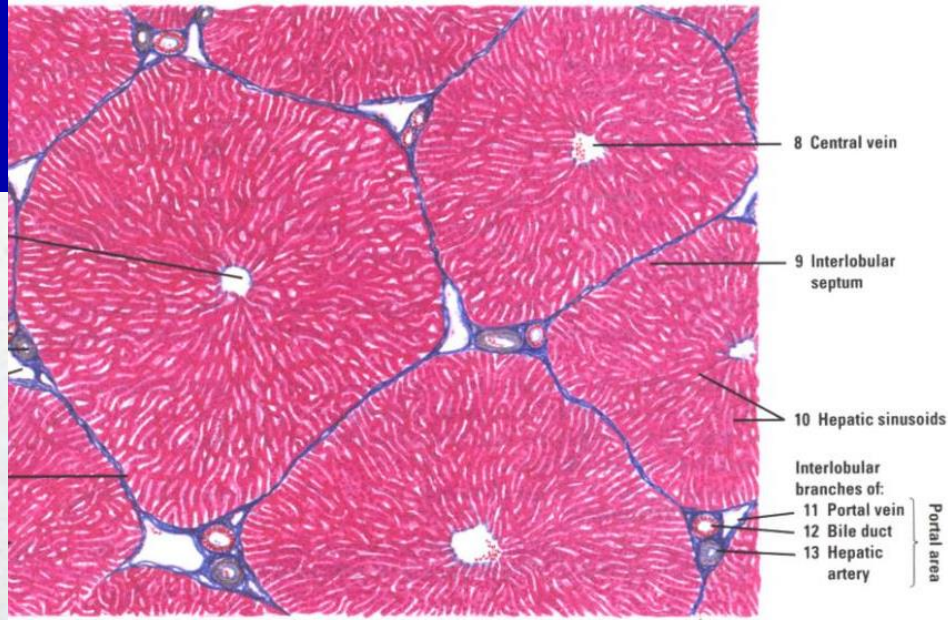
# Triad with bile duct and central vein

Liver with colloidal carbon, rat



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# Liver

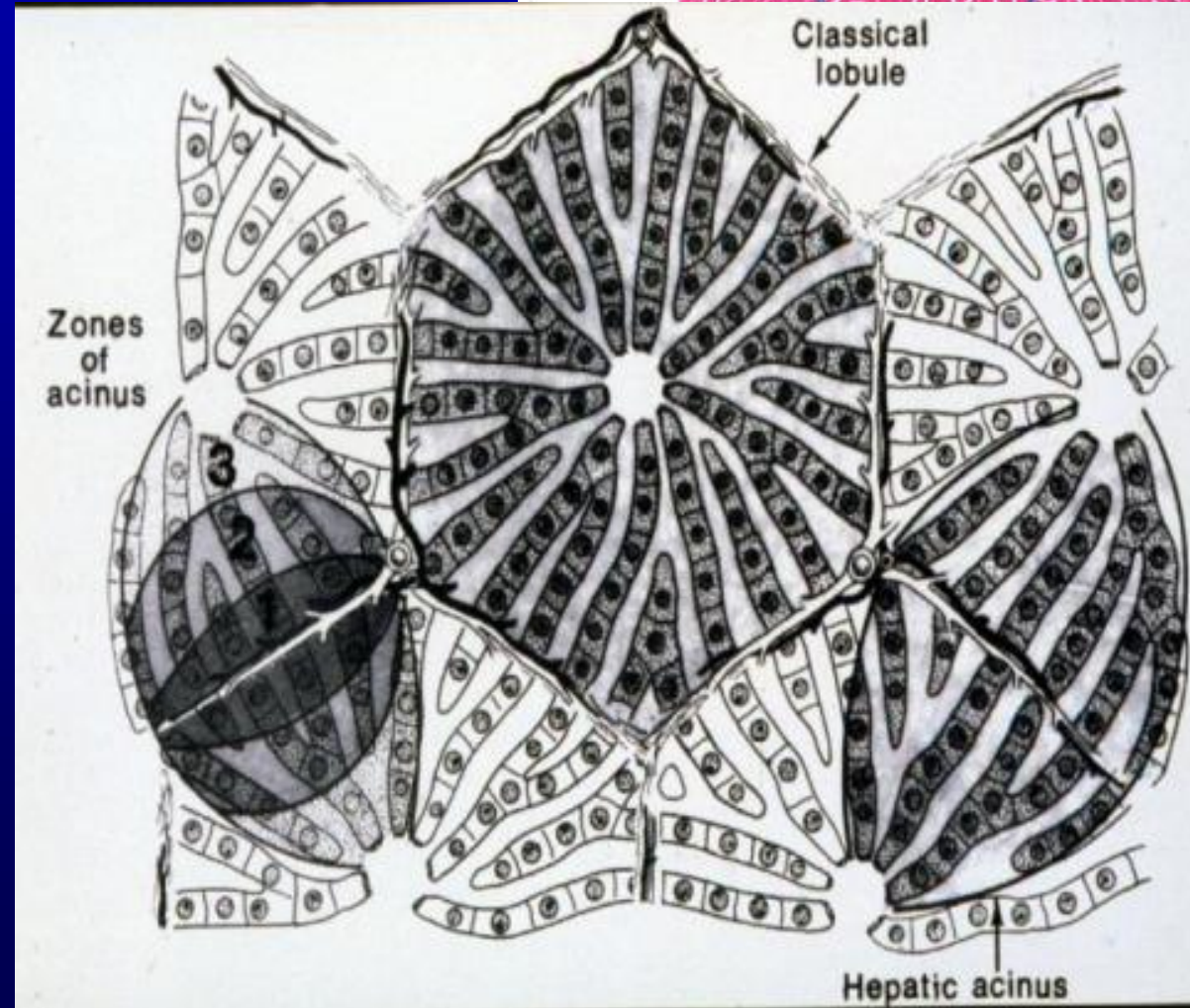
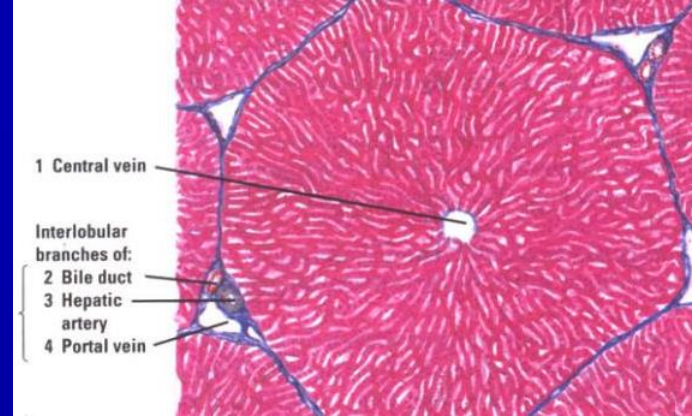


(B)



# Liver Lobule

Portal triad  
Blood supply  
Central vein  
Hepatic  
sinusoids  
Zonation of  
the liver

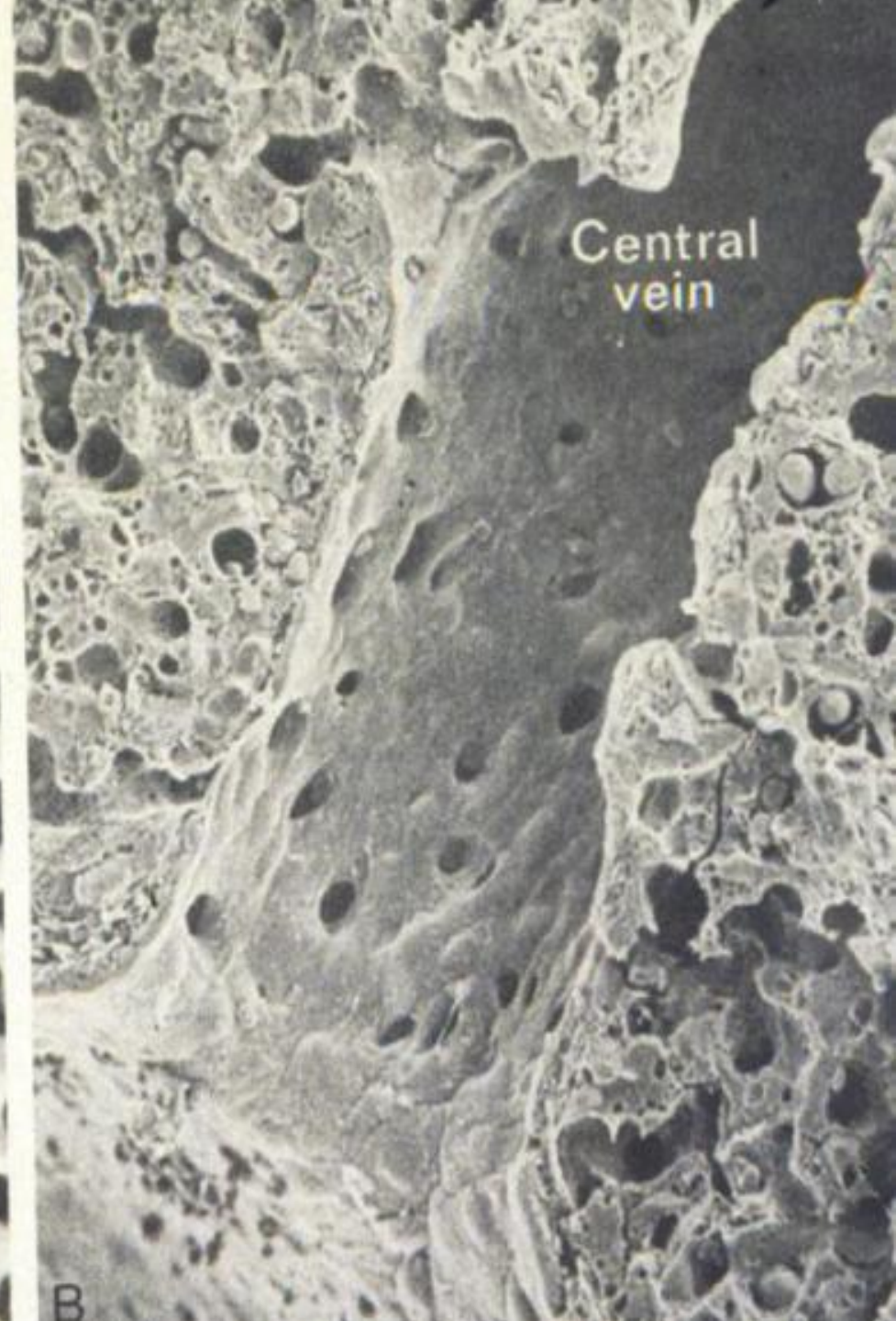
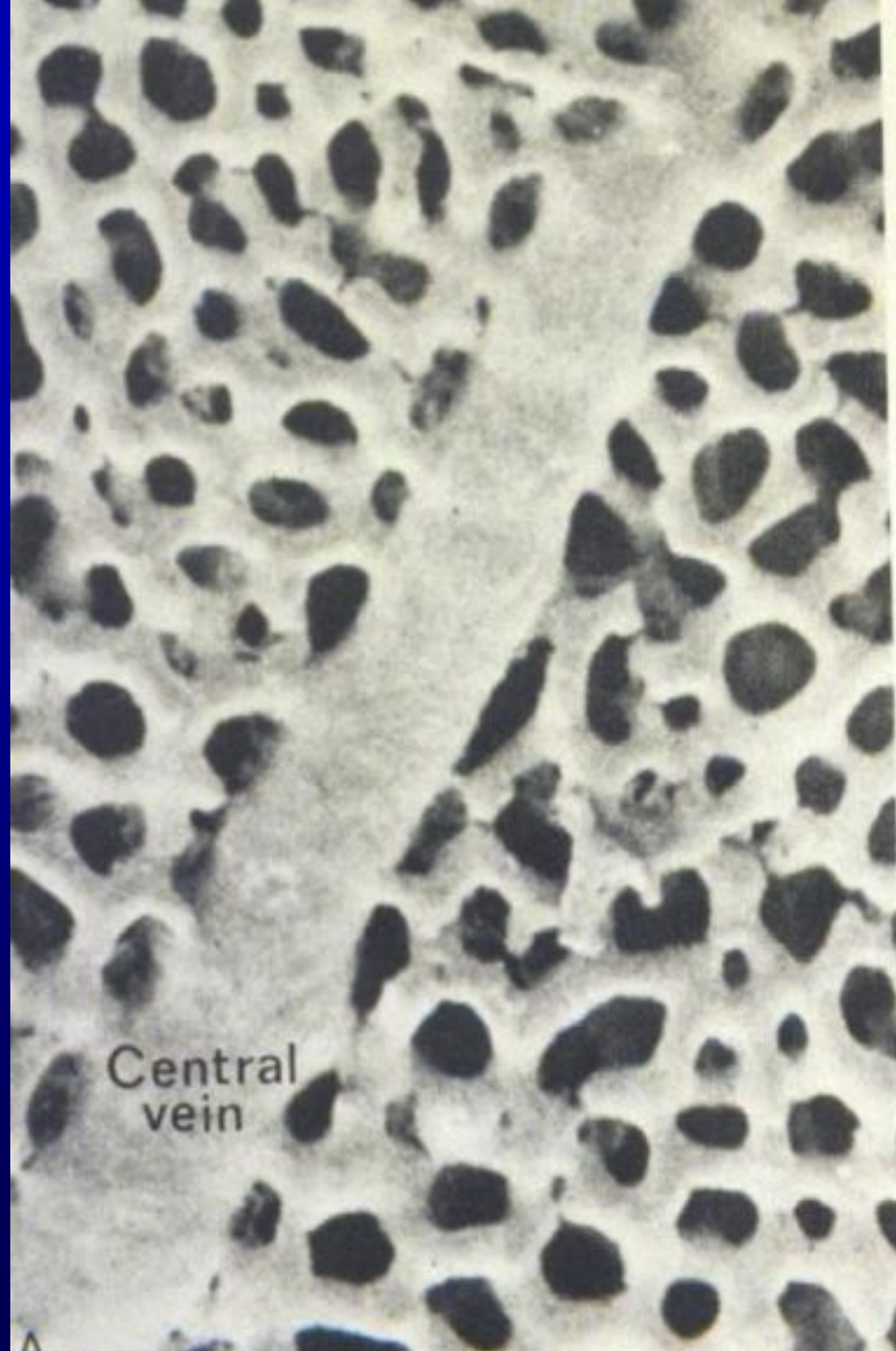




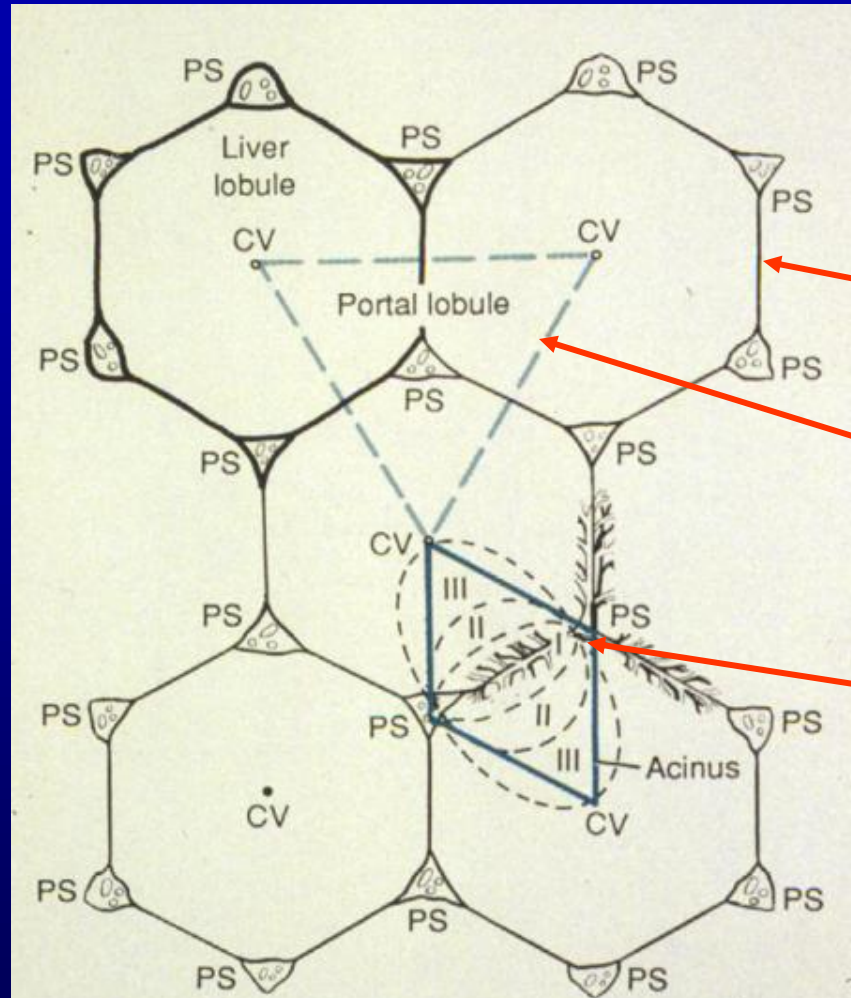
Artery

Vein

Sinusoids



# Acinus with portal vein and artery in center

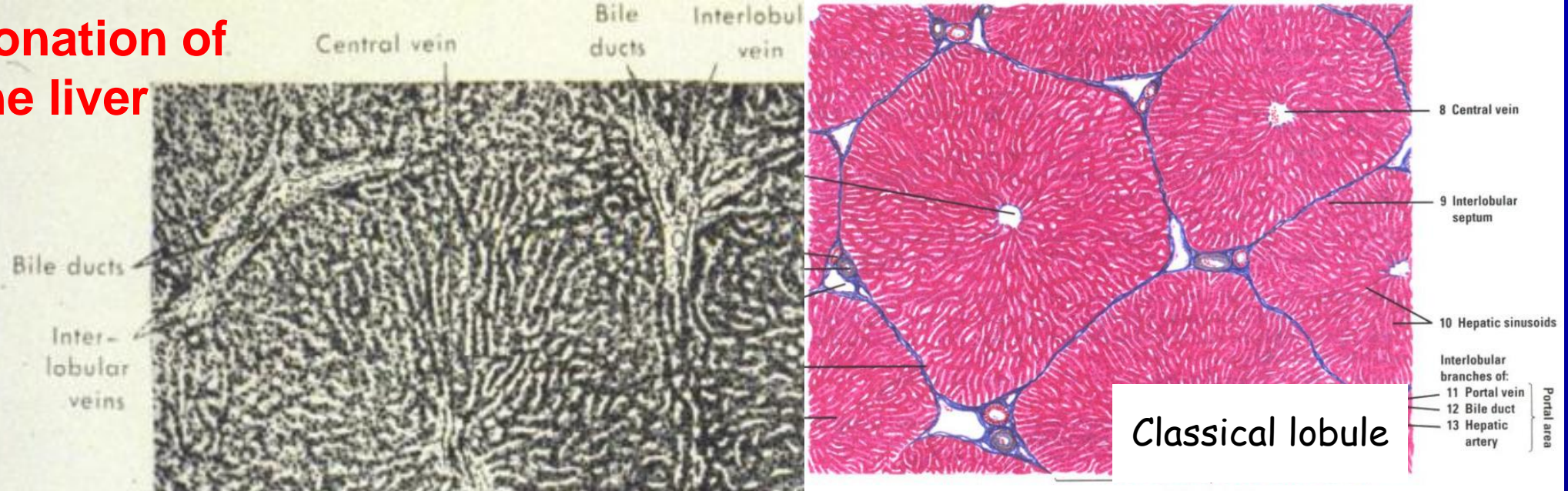


## Zonation of The Liver

1. Classical lobule
2. Portal lobule with triad in center
3. Acinus layers between two central veins

**Figure 16-16.** Schematic drawing illustrating the territories of the classic liver lobules, hepatic acini, and portal lobules. The classic lobule has a central vein (CV) and is outlined by the solid lines that connect the portal spaces

# Zonation of the liver



Slide 67: Pig liver

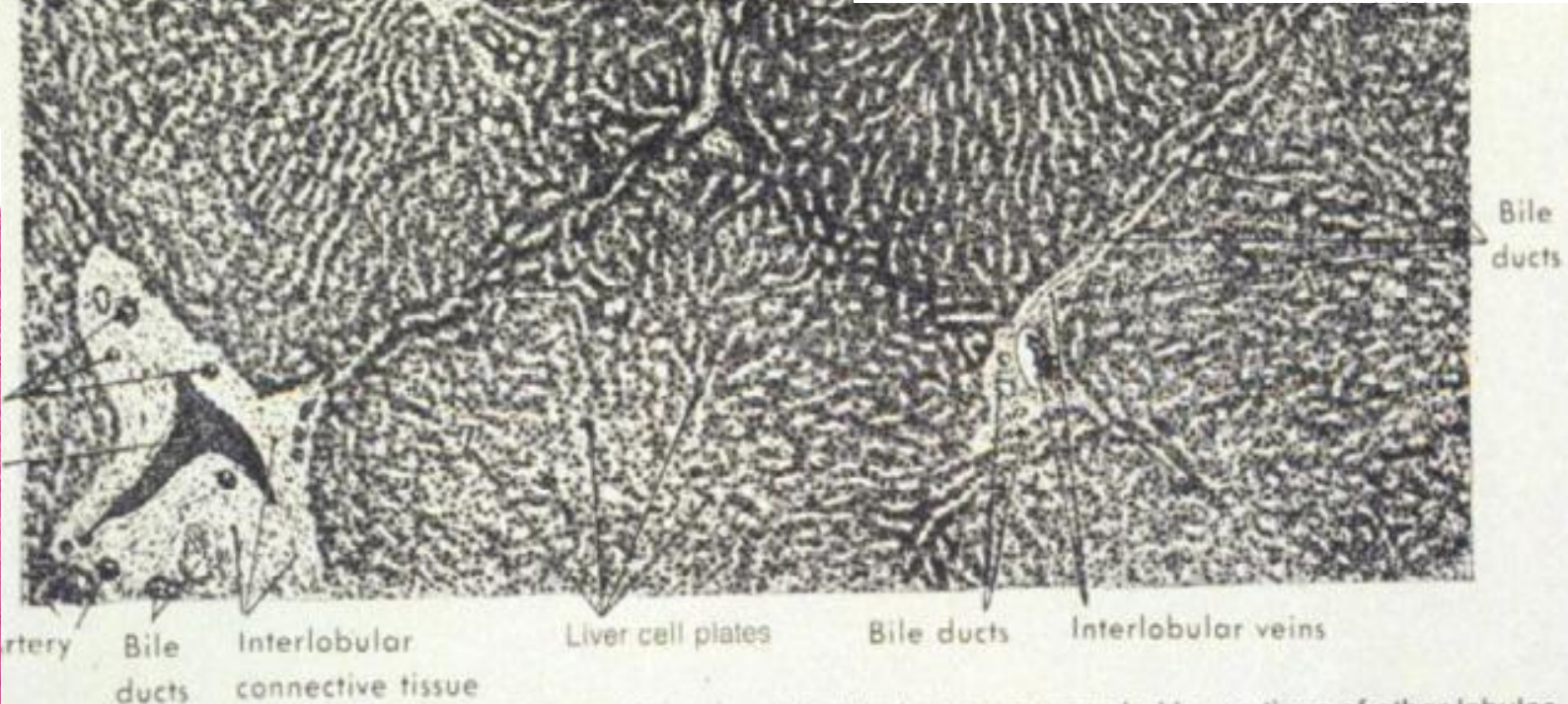
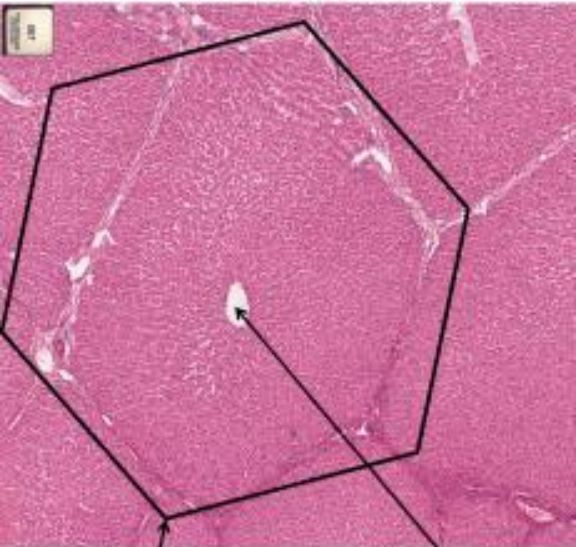
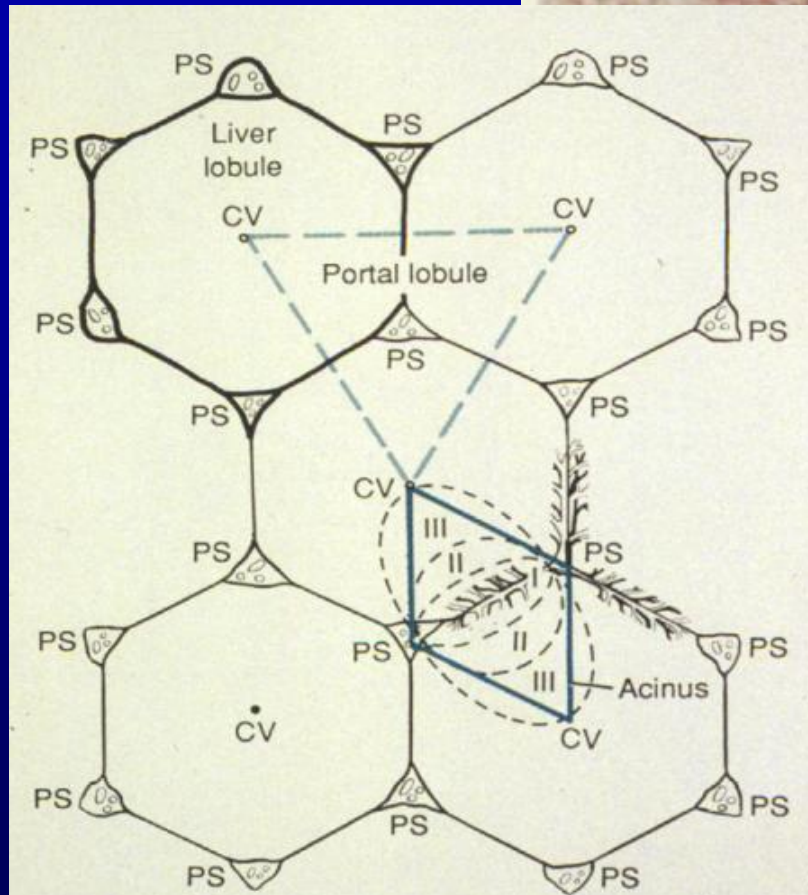


Fig. 2. Portion of liver from a 22-year-old man. Two complete lobules are surrounded by portions of other lobules. (after Sobotta.)

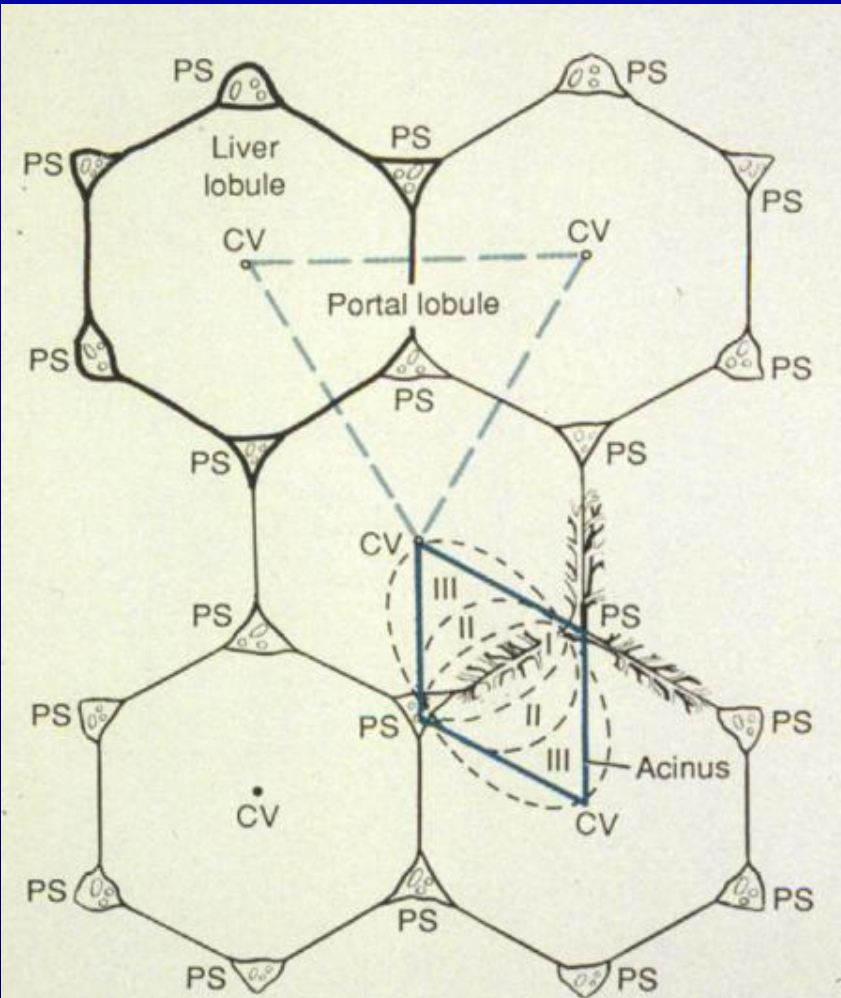
# Portal Lobule with Triad in Center



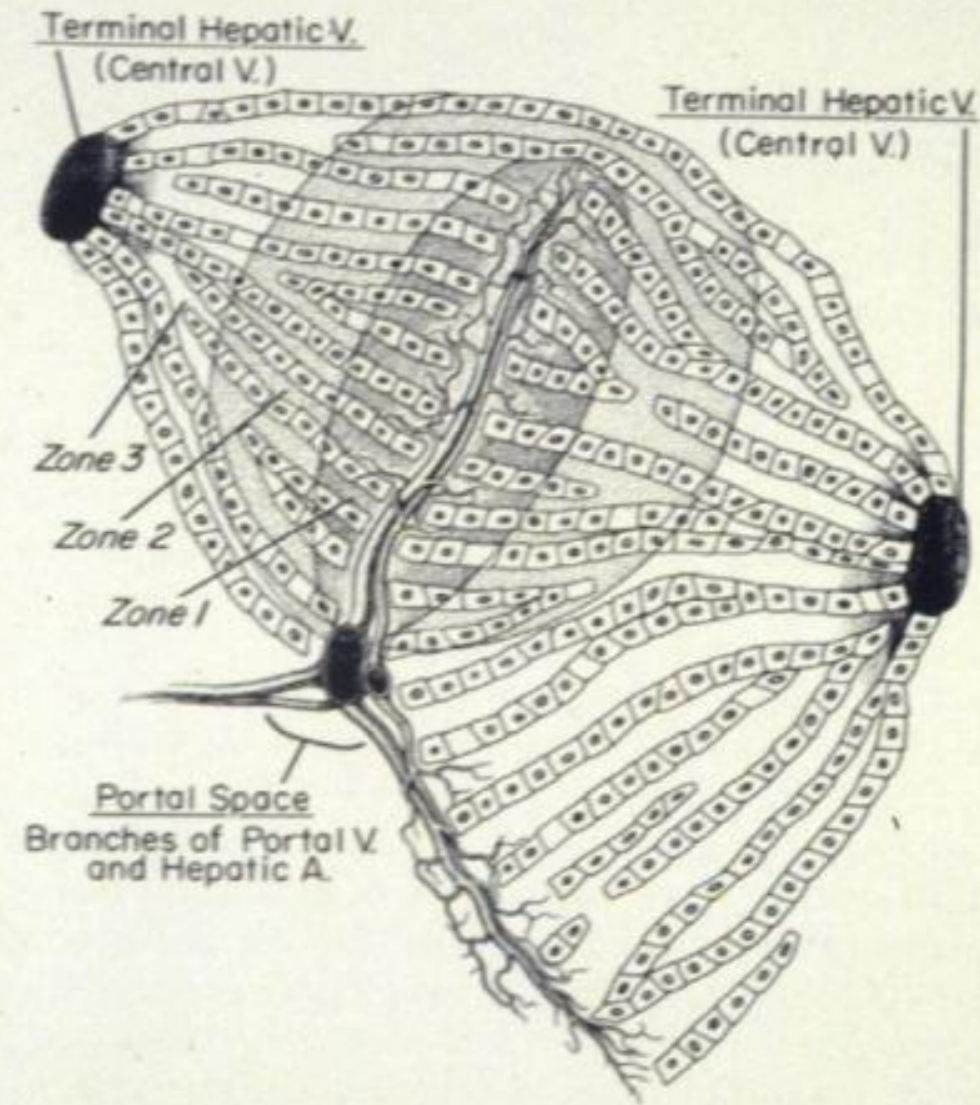
**Figure 16-16.** Schematic drawing illustrating the territories of the classic liver lobules, hepatic acini, and portal lobules. The classic lobule has a central vein (CV) and is outlined by the solid lines that connect the portal spaces (PS). The portal lobule (lighter color) has a central vein (CV) and a triad (consisting of a portal vein, a hepatic artery, and a bile duct) located at its center.



# Acinus with portal vein and artery in center

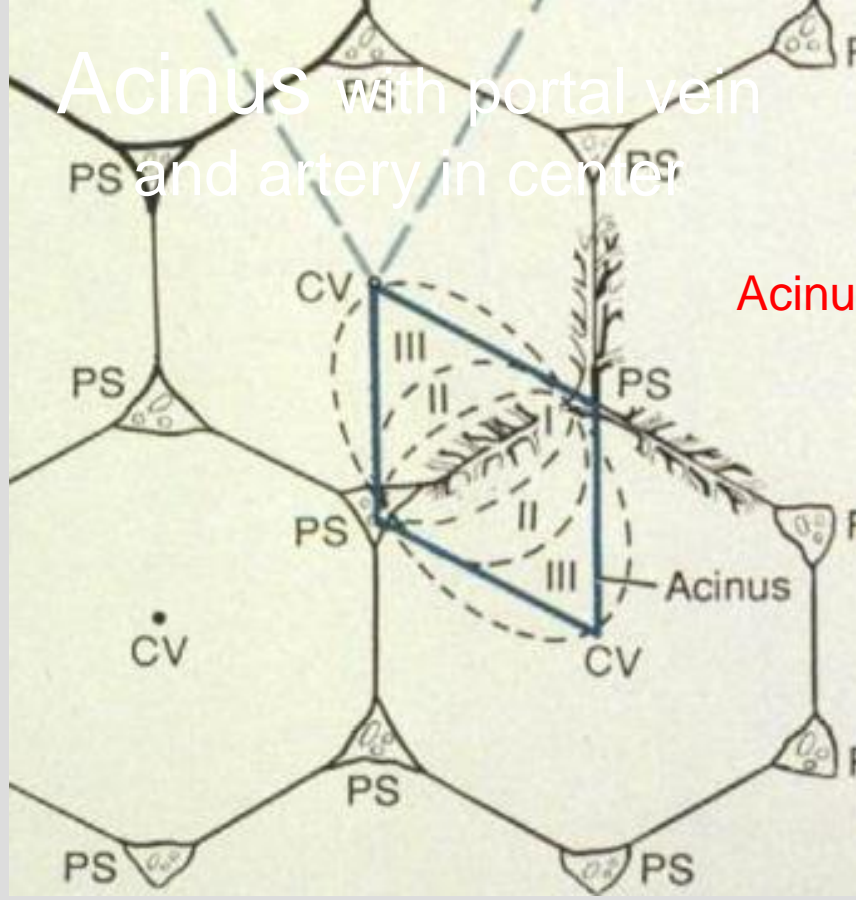


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**Figure 27-13.** Diagram of the acinus, consisting of parenchyma centered around the terminal branches of the hepatic artery and portal vein. The cells in zone-1 have first call on the incoming oxygen and nutrients. The cells of zone-2 are less favored, and those of zone-3 are least favorably situated. (Redrawn after Rappaport, A.M. et al. 1954. *Anat. Rec.* 119:11.)

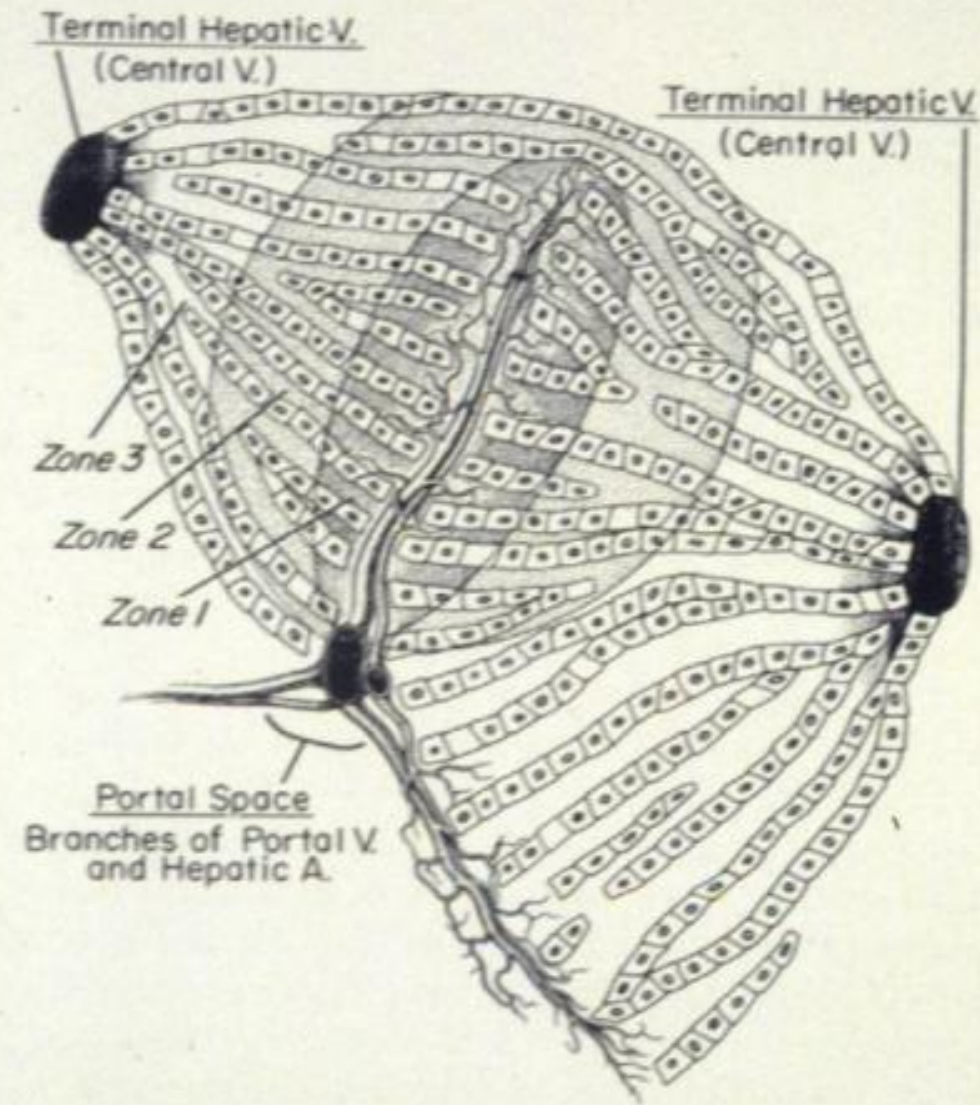
Acinus with portal vein  
and artery in center



Acinus

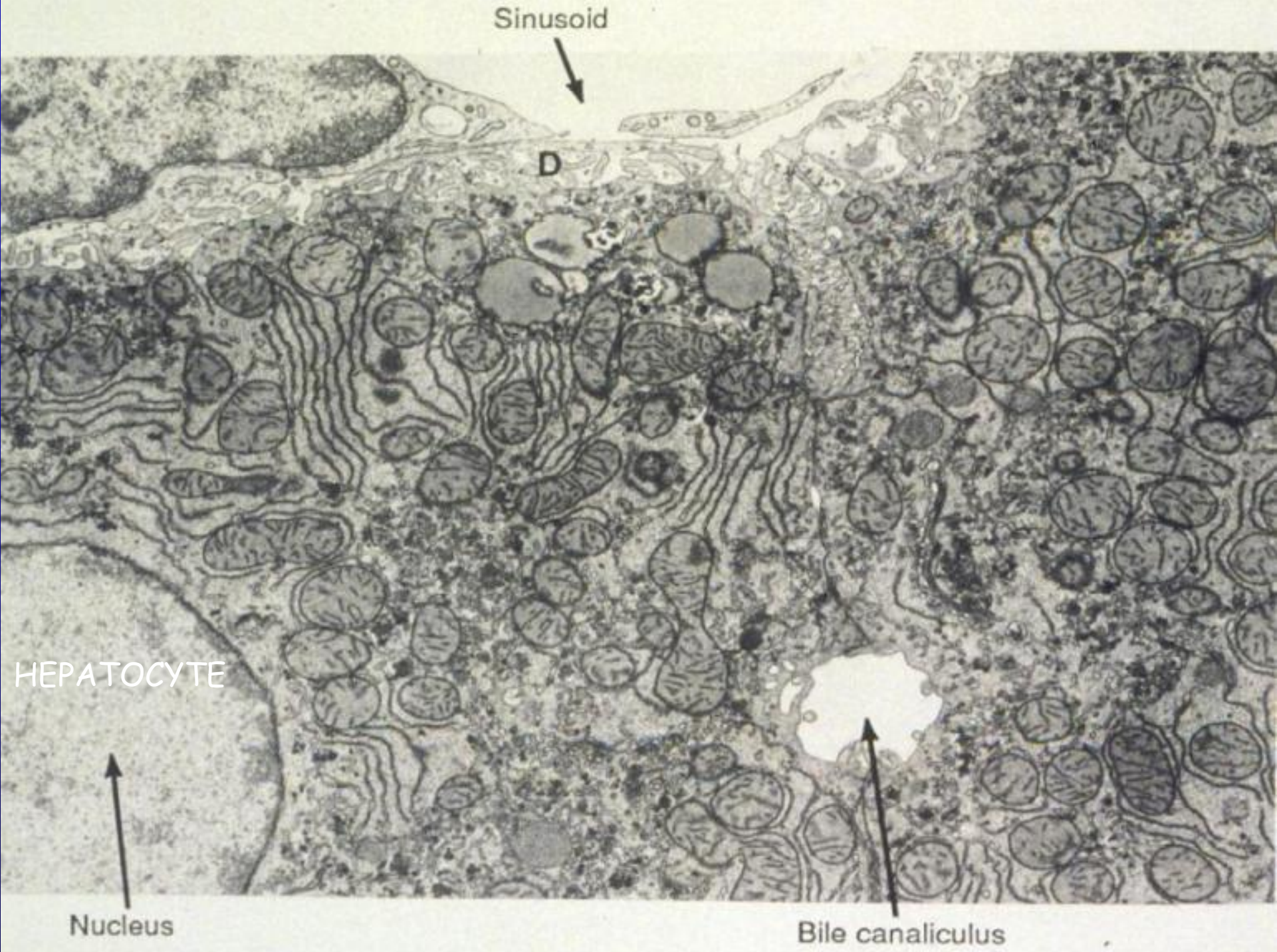
If liver damage is due to a toxicant, it kills hepatocytes in Zone I first.

If liver damage is due to a oxygen deprivation, it will kill the hepatocytes in Zone III first.



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Sinusoid

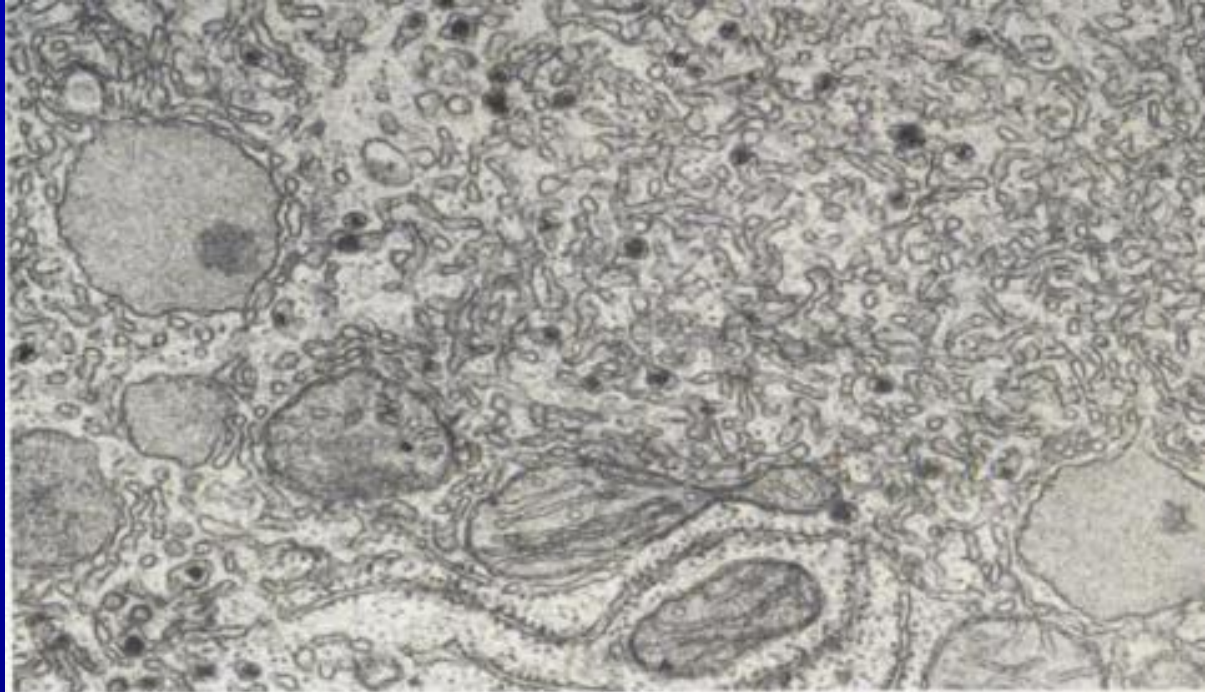
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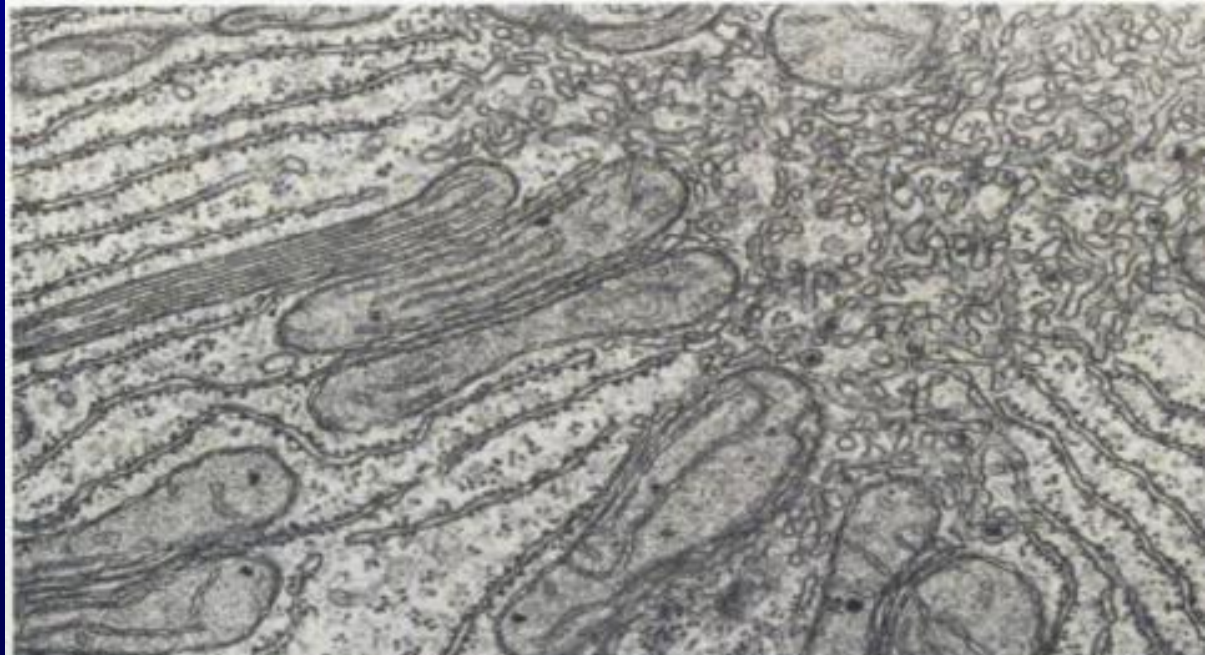
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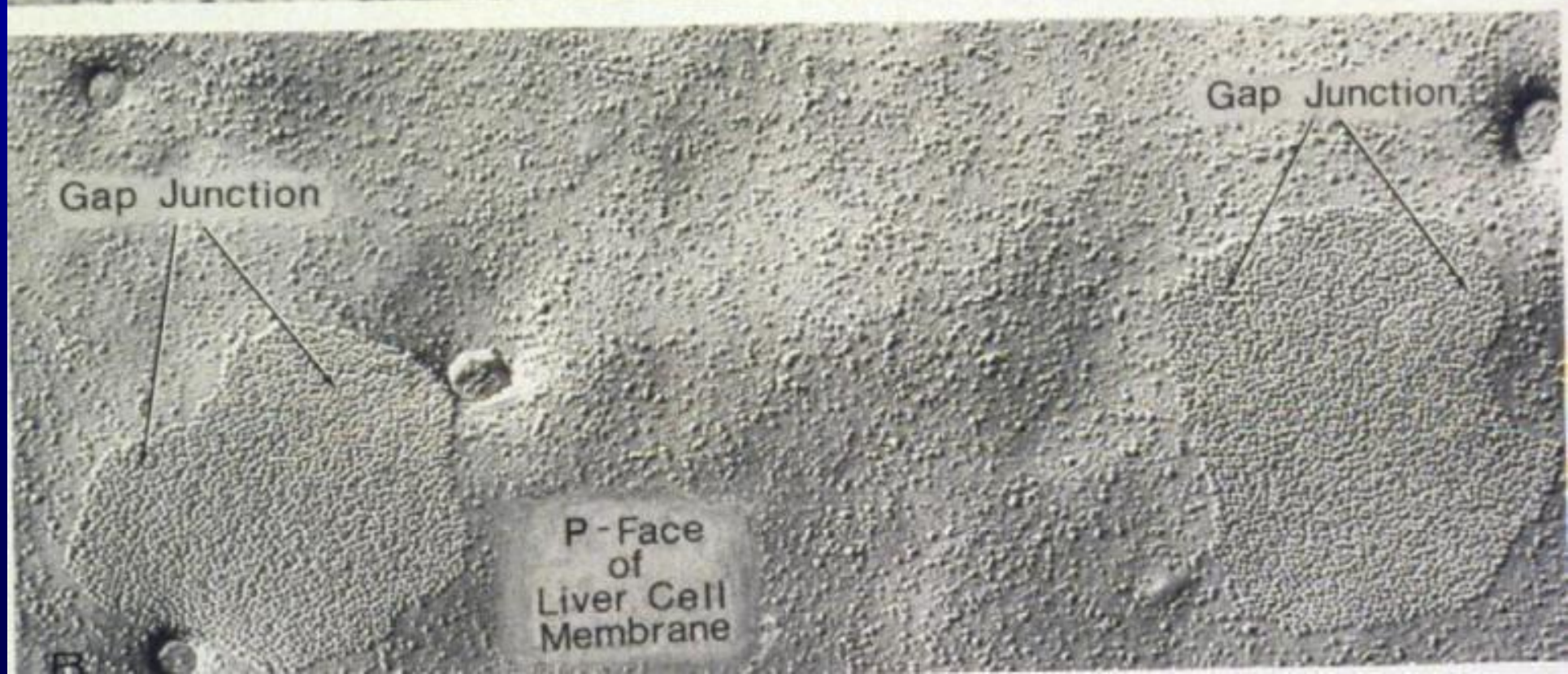
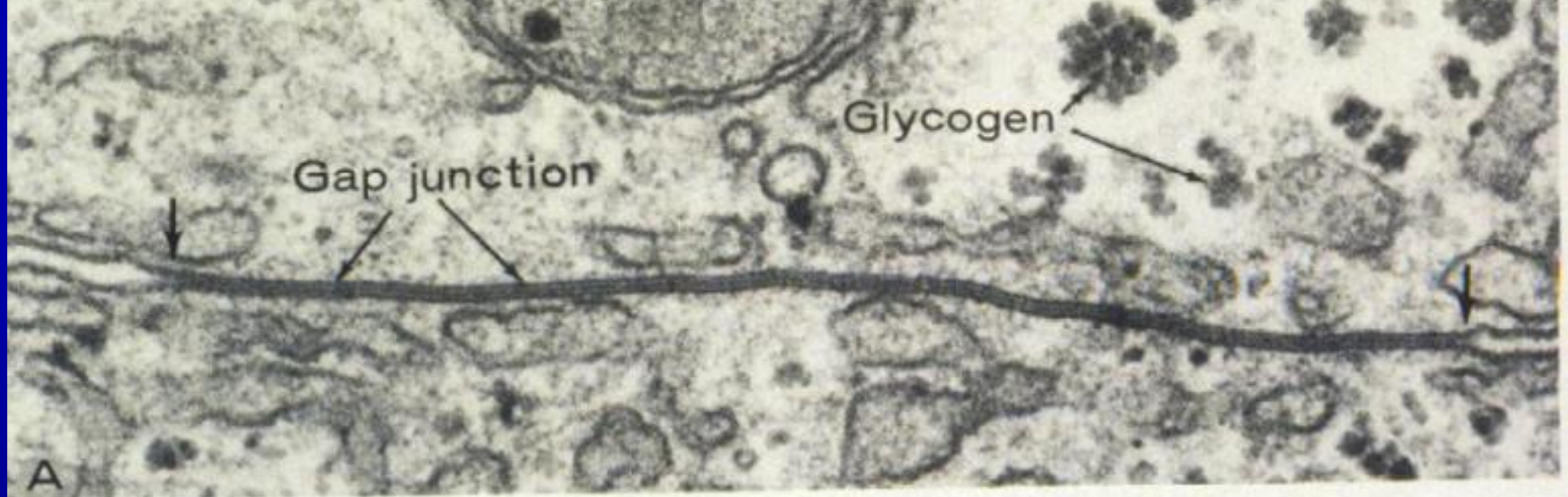
Bile canaliculus

# Hepatocyte



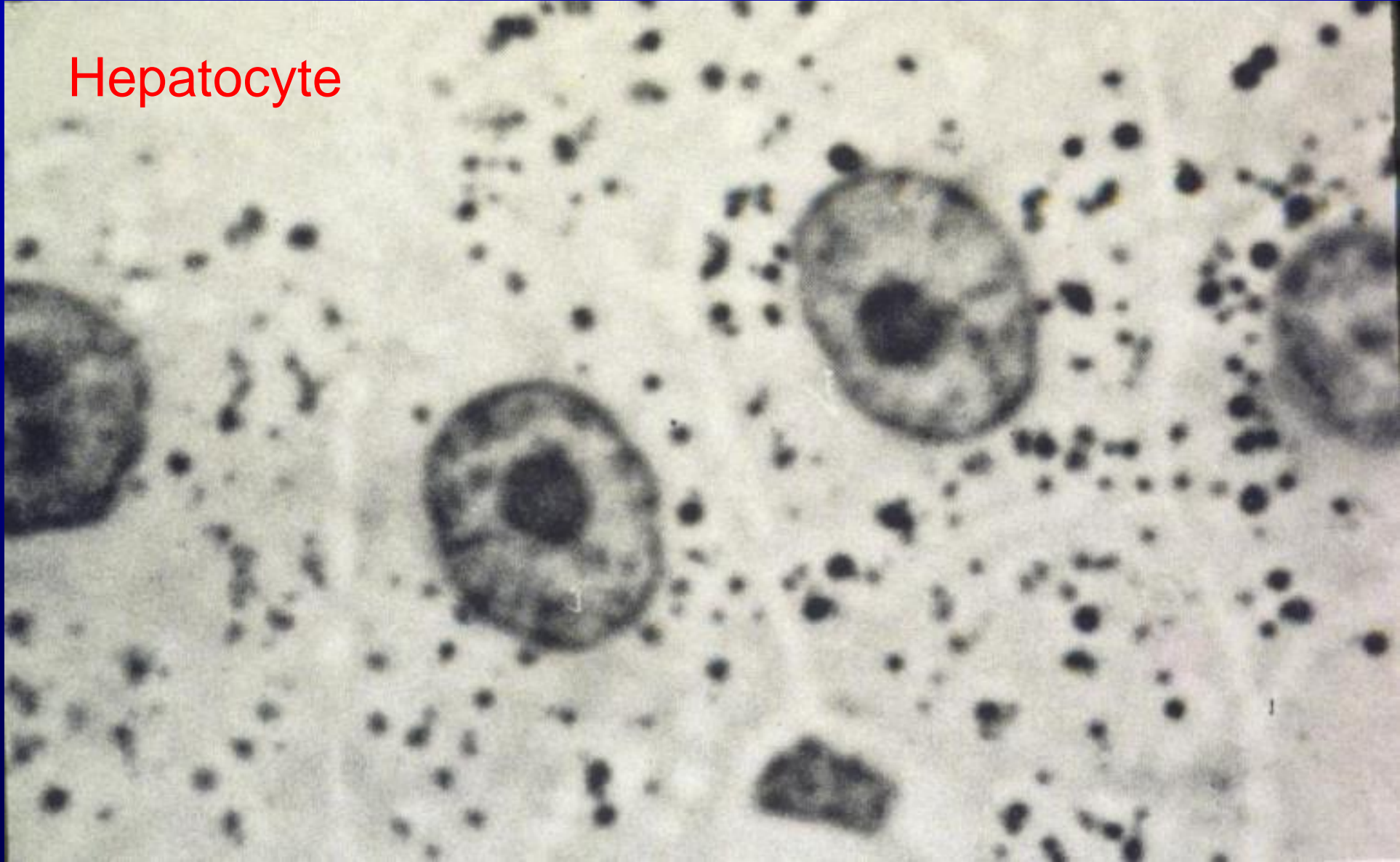
**Figure 27-23.** Electron micrograph of hepatocyte cytoplasm showing smooth-surfaced reticulum containing spherical dense particles representing newly synthesized, very-low-density serum lipoprotein. Also present are microbodies or peroxisomes with eccentrically placed nucleoids. (Micrograph by R. Bolender.)





# Histological Reaction for Peroxidase

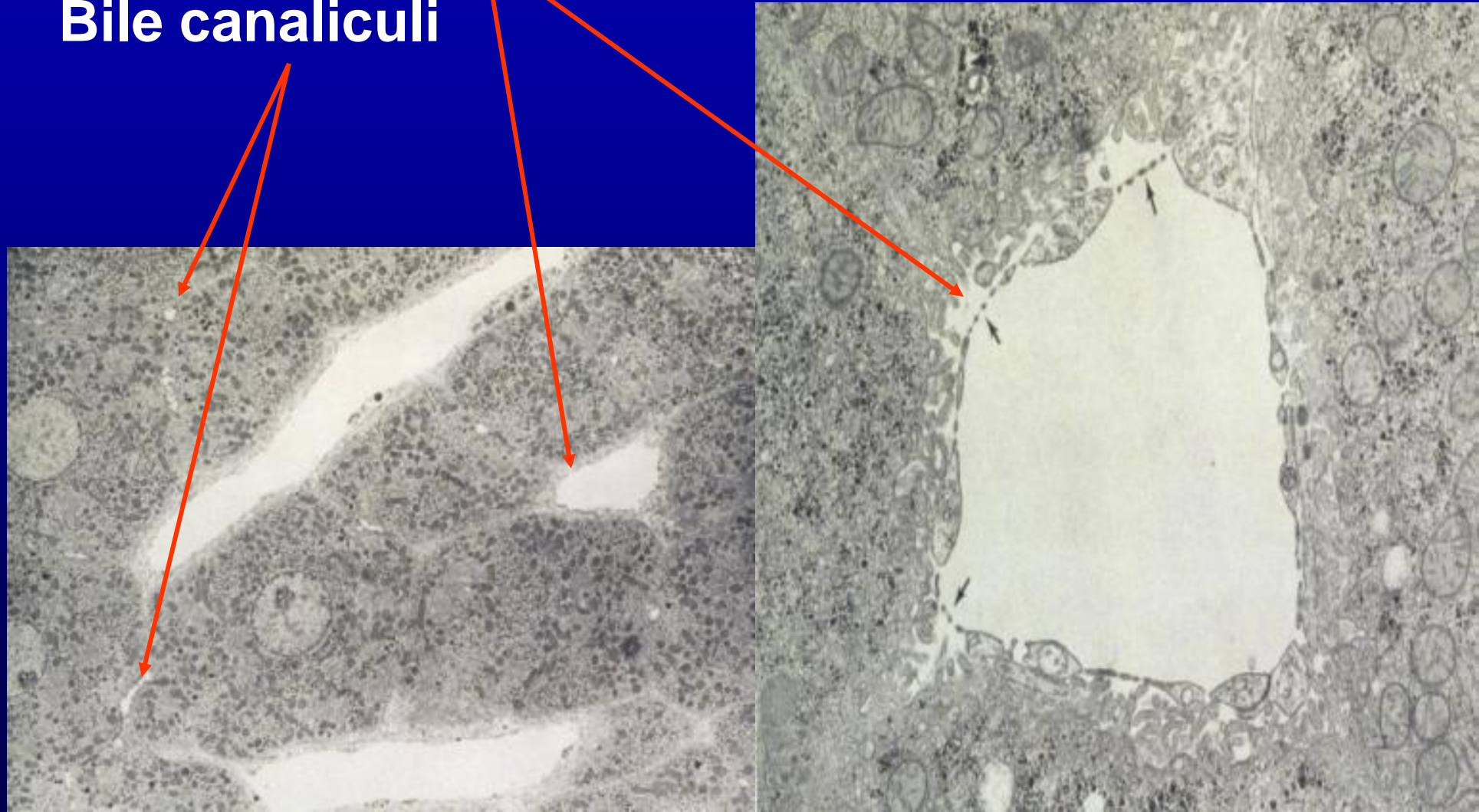
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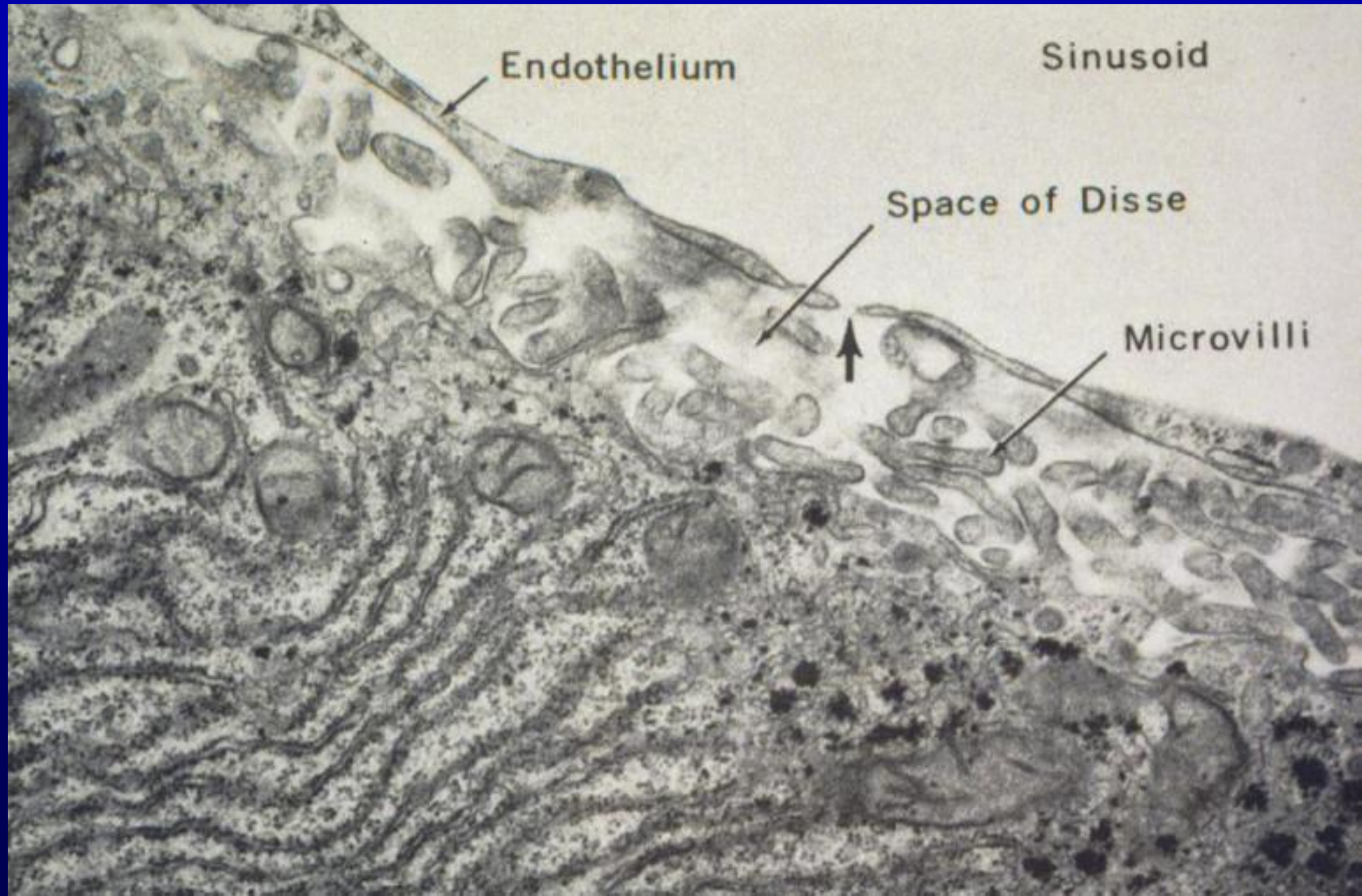
# Hepatocyte

**Space of Disse**

**Bile canaliculi**



# Space of Disse



Hepatic sinusoid

Hepatic parenchymal  
cells with microvilli

Endothelial cell  
projecting into sinusoid

Bile canaliculi  
with lysosomes close  
by the canaliculi

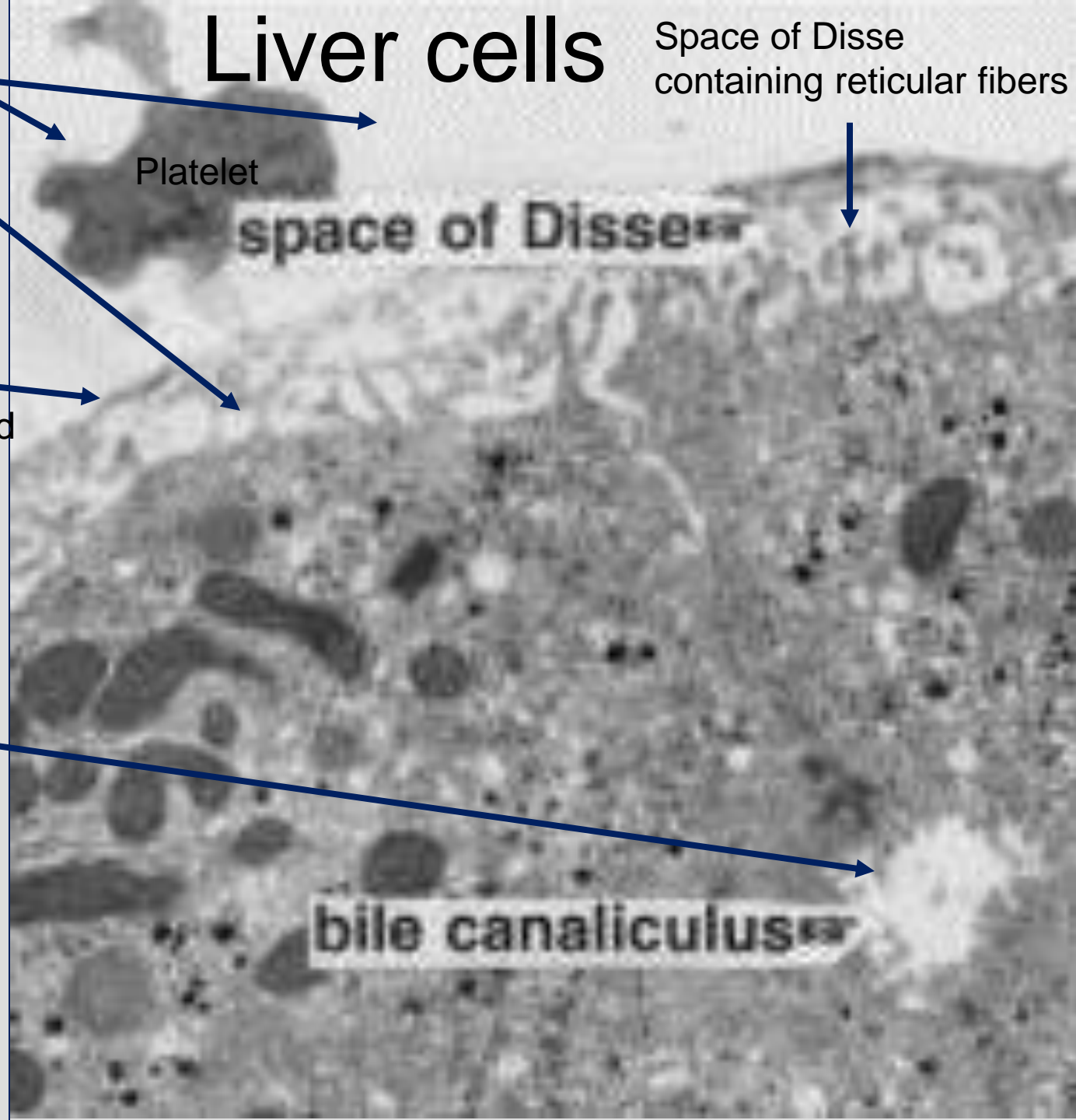
# Liver cells

Space of Disse  
containing reticular fibers

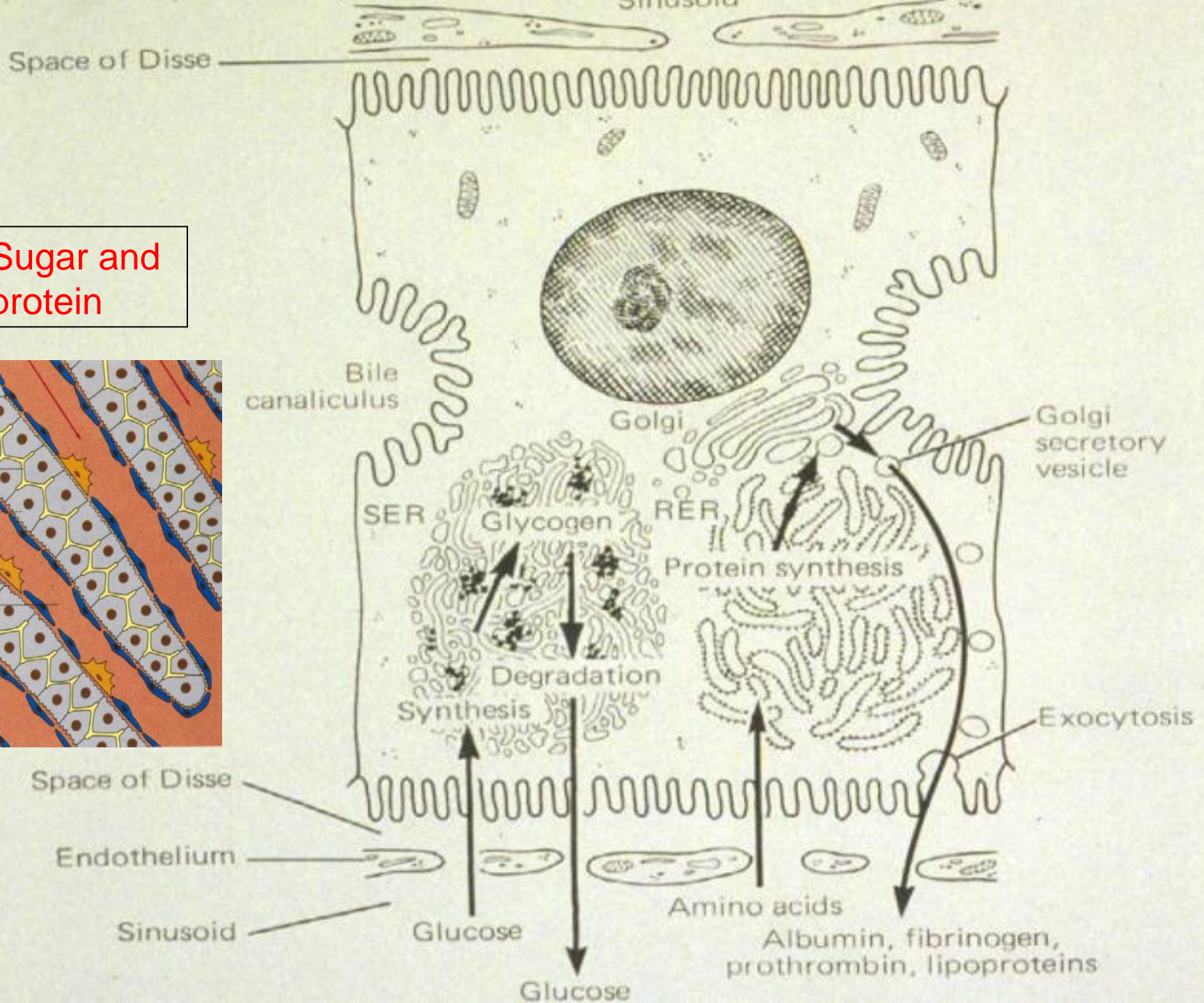
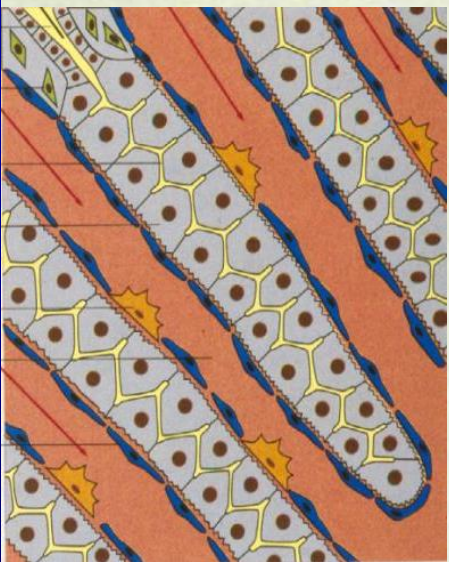
Platelet

space of Disse

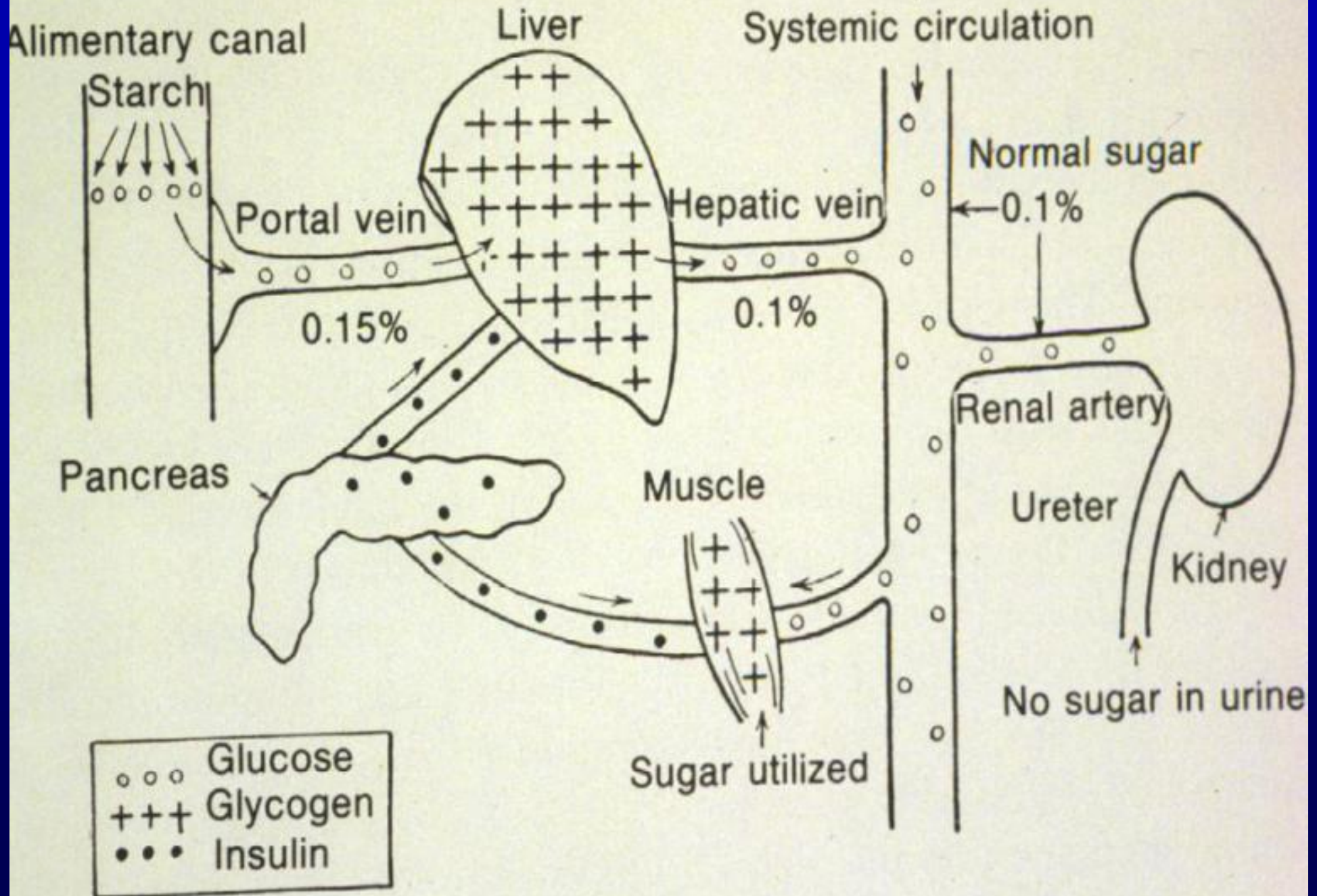
bile canaliculus



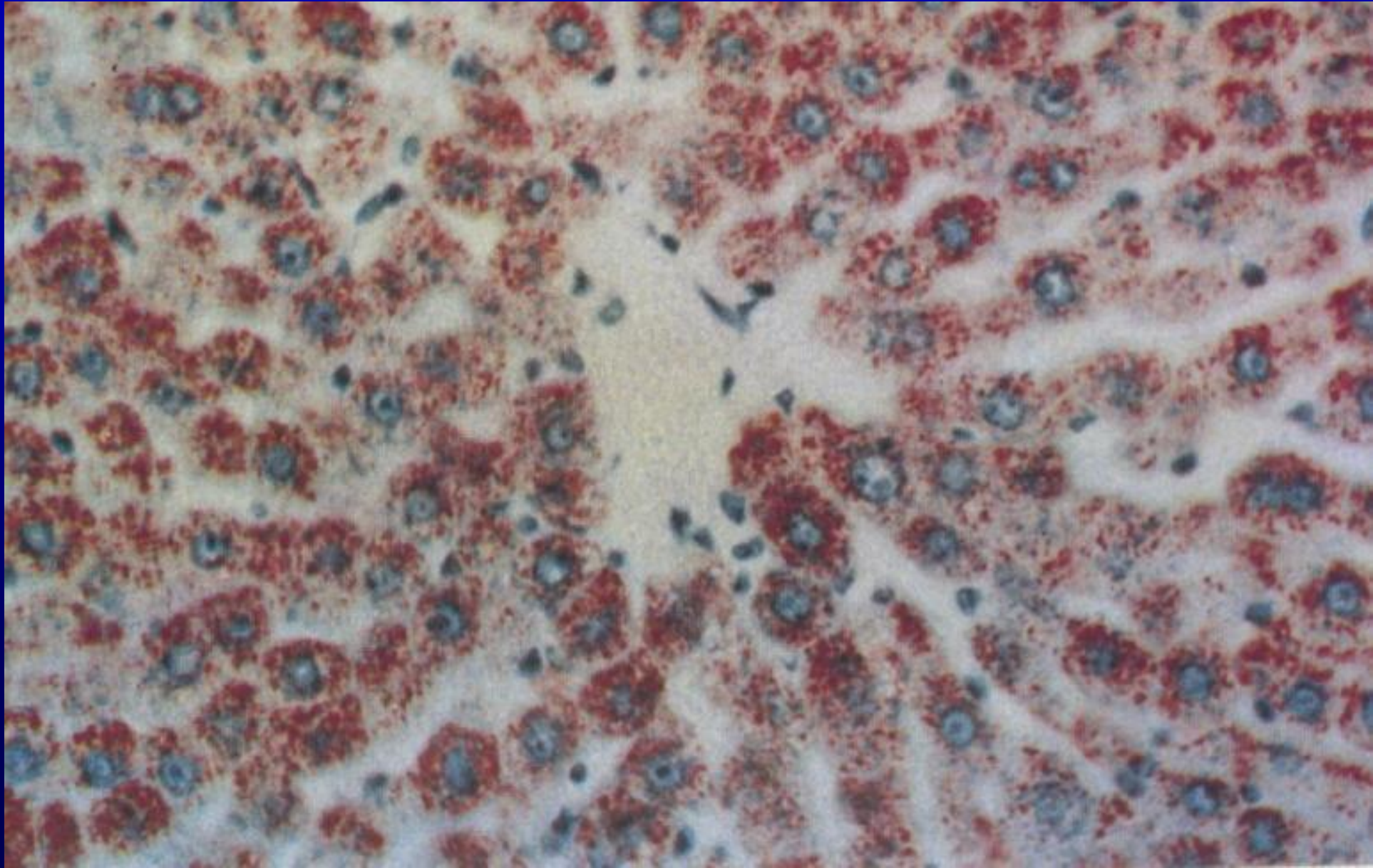
Sugar and protein







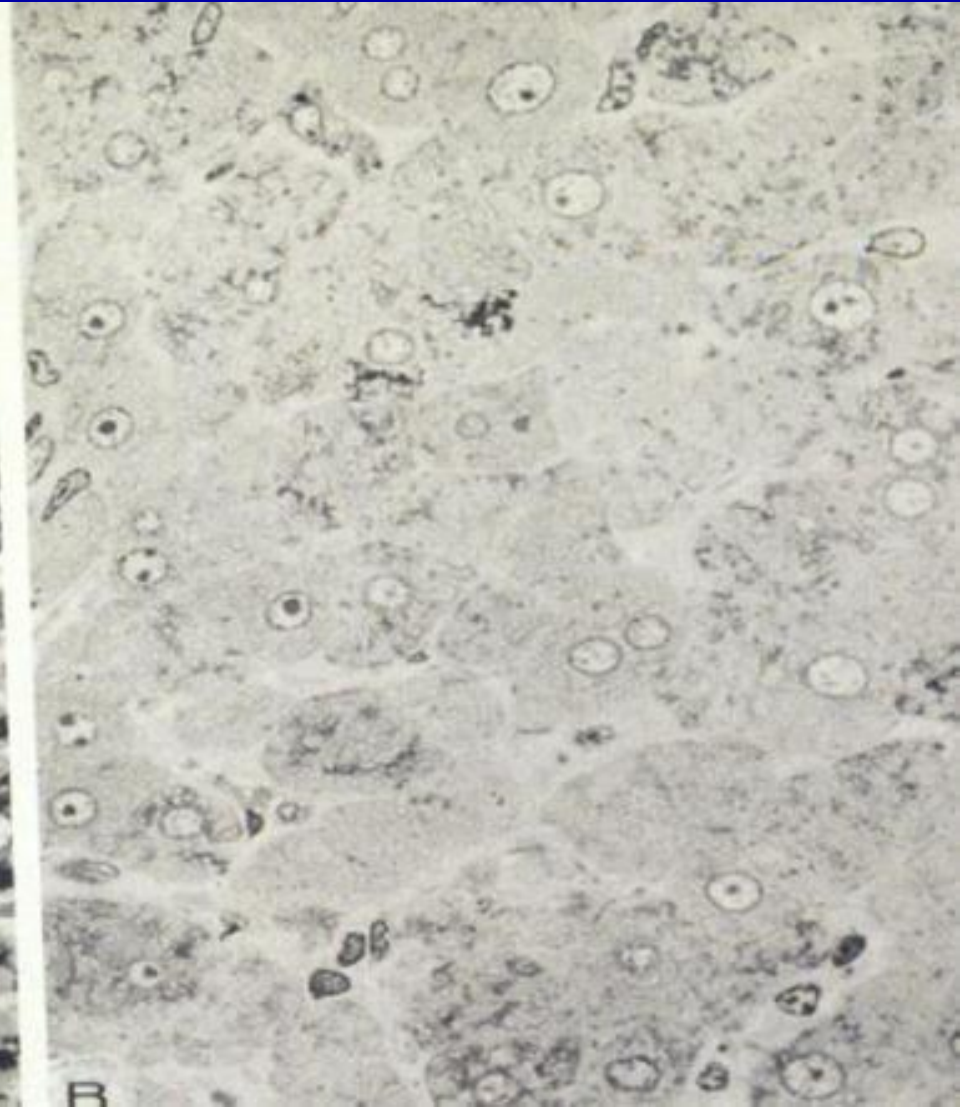
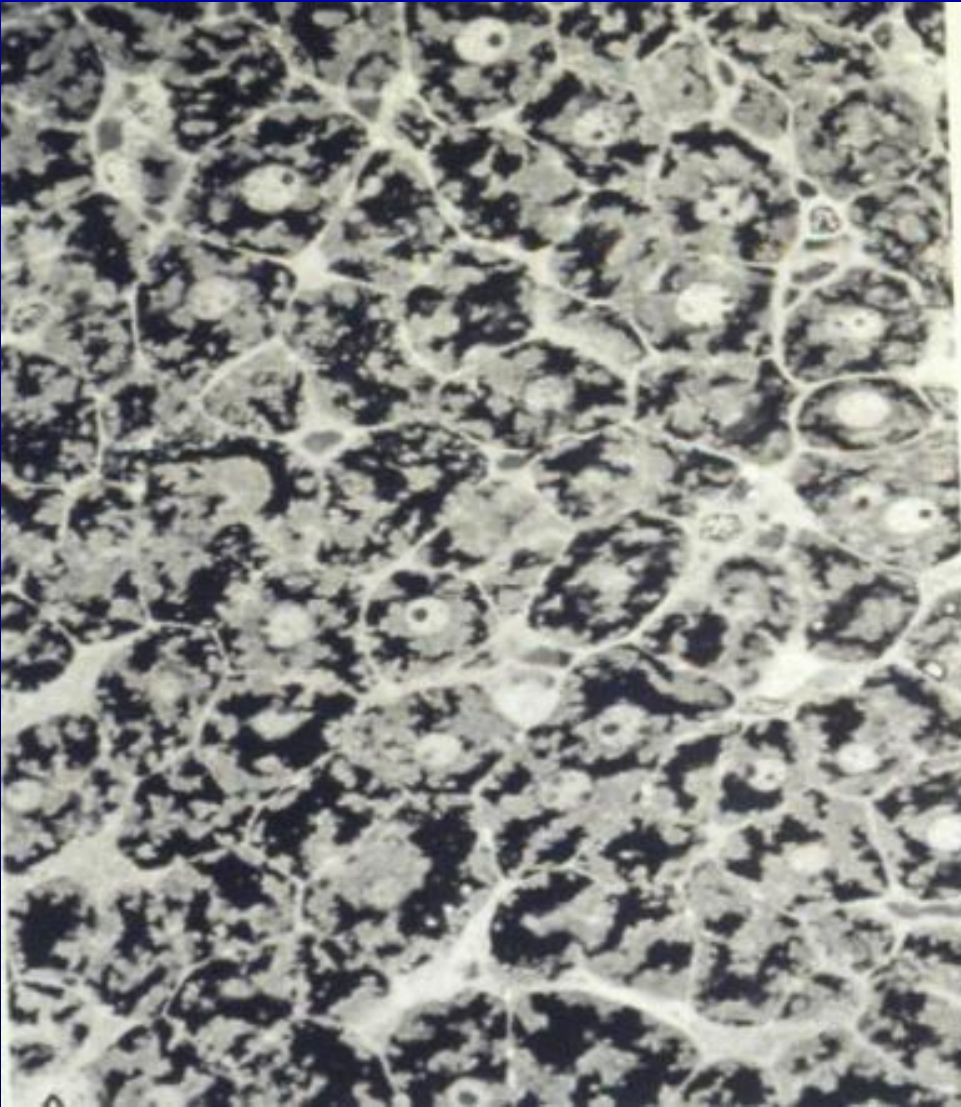
# Glycogen in Hepatocytes



# Dietary Differences In Amount Of Glycogen In Hepatocytes

2-hour Fast (8.2% Glycogen)

24-hour Fast (0.9% Glycogen)

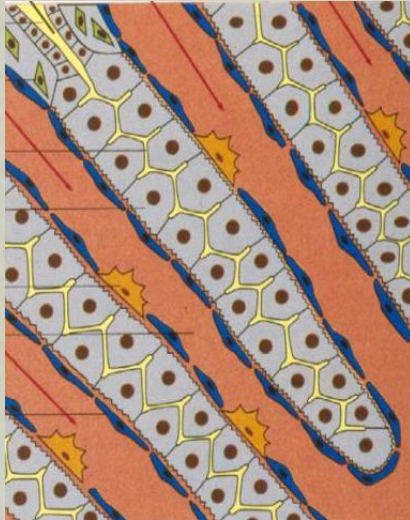


90% of bile acids are recirculated

10% of bile acids are synthesized de novo

Synthesis of cholic acid and conjugation with glycine and taurine  
SER

Bile acids reabsorbed in the intestines



Disease opportunity at each step in a pathway

Dubin-Johnson and Rotor's syndromes

Crigler-Najjar syndrome and neonatal hyperbilirubinemia

Gilbert syndrome

Bilirubin formed in other parts of the mononuclear phagocyte system

Hemoglobin

Kupffer cell

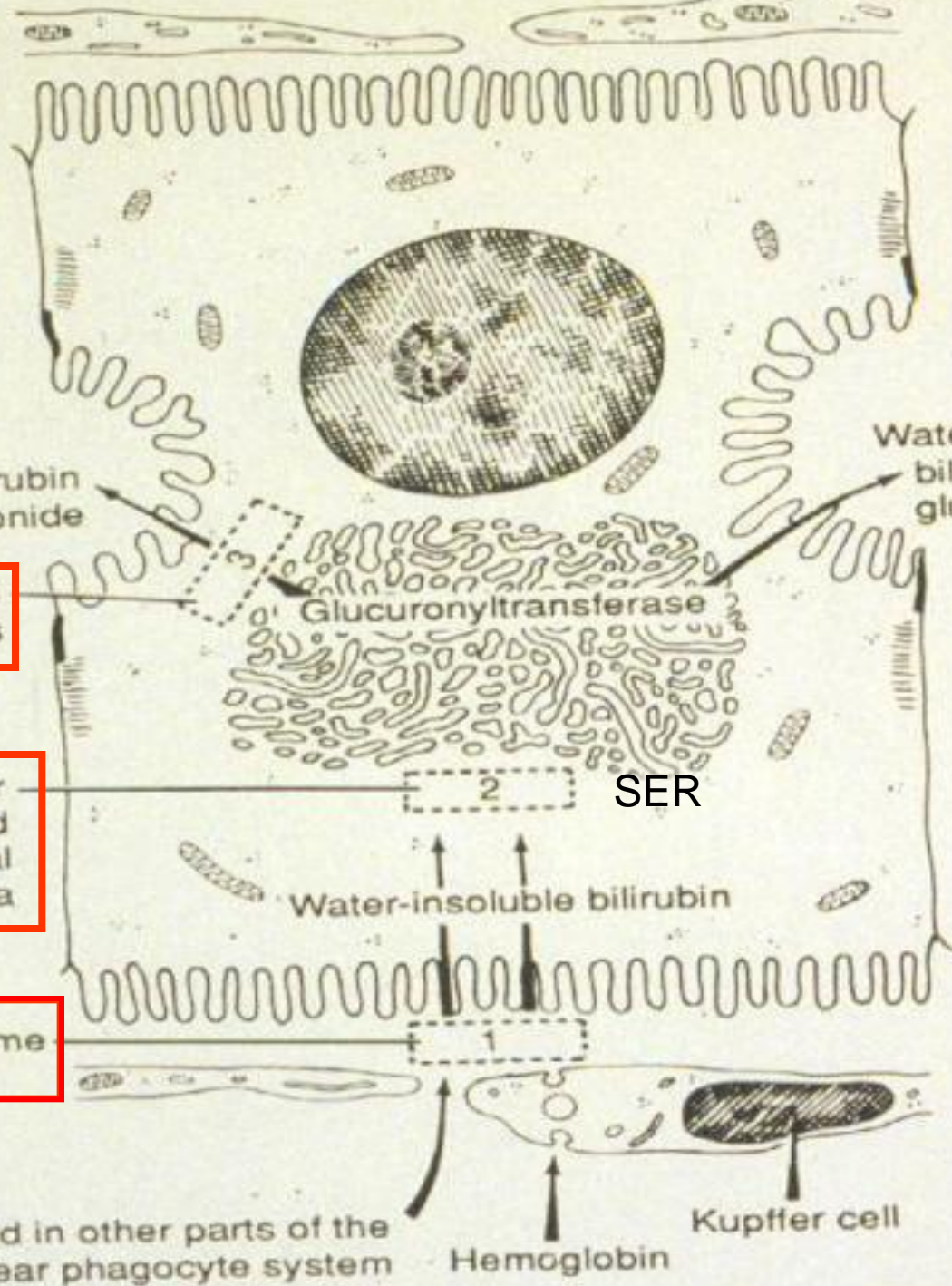
Bilirubin glucuronide

Water-soluble bilirubin glucuronide

Glucuronyltransferase

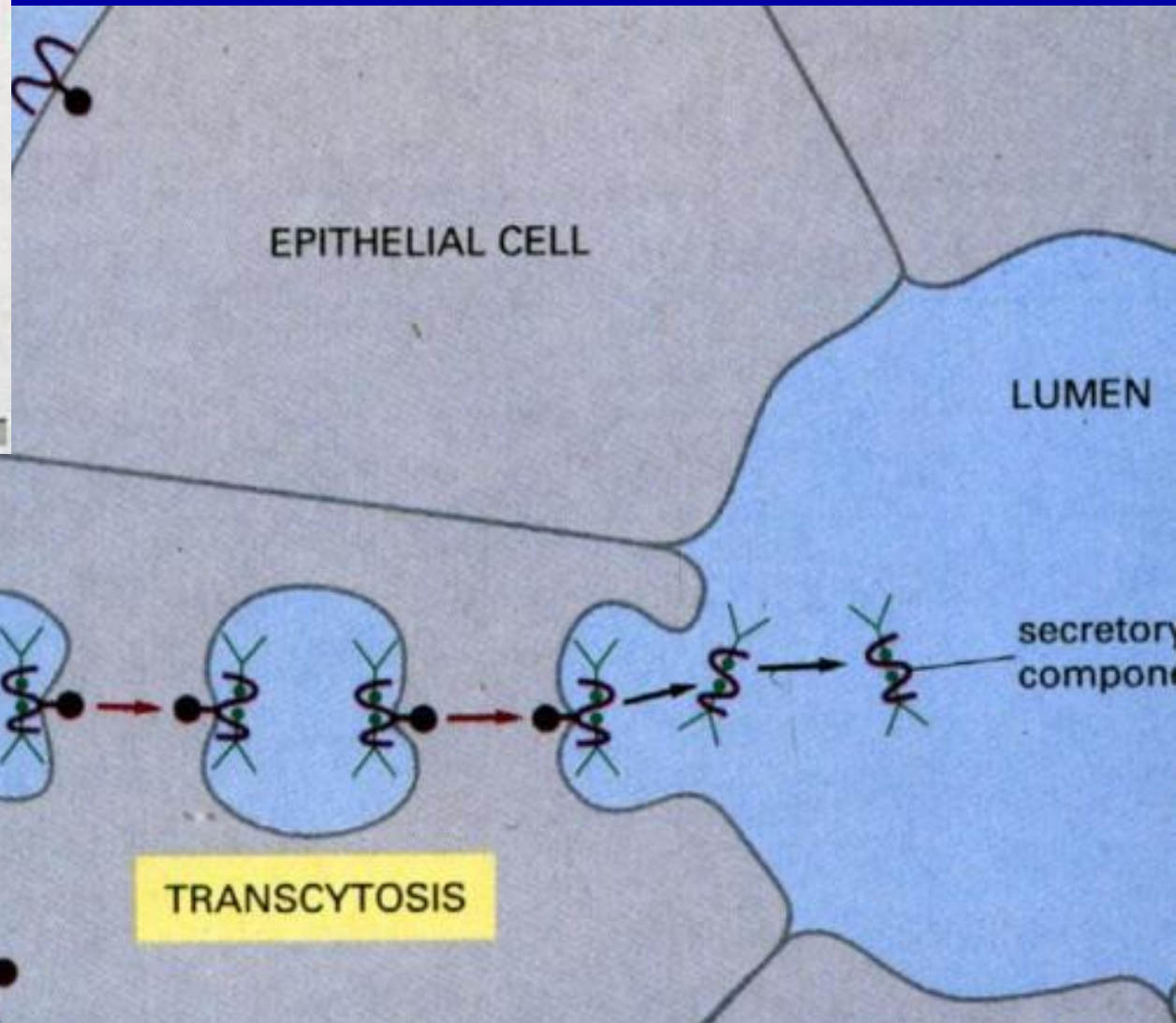
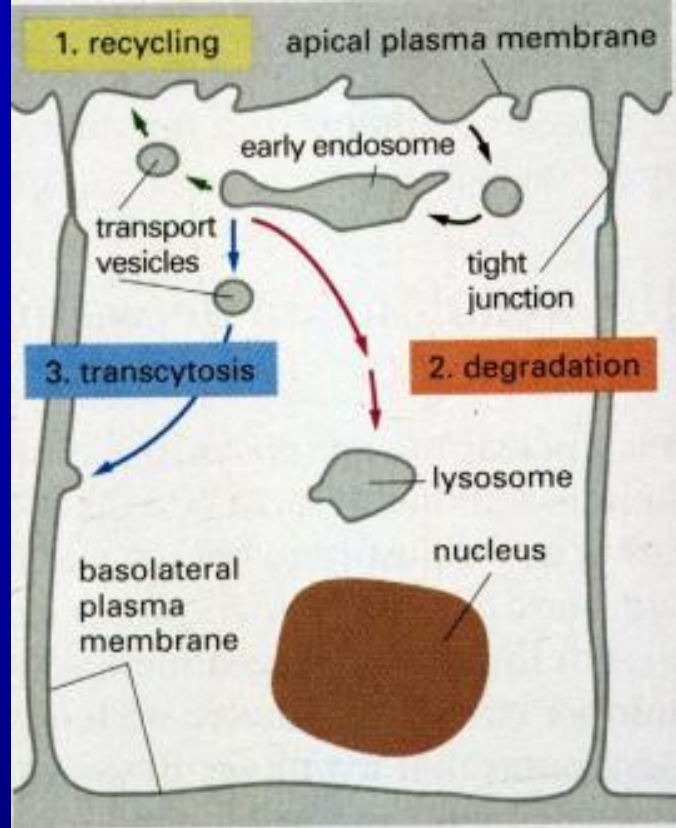
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Water-insoluble bilirubin



# Surface Specializations of Epithelia

## Transcytosis to get antibodies into secretions



# Bile canaliculus

Four + compounds that are deposited/secreted into this space.

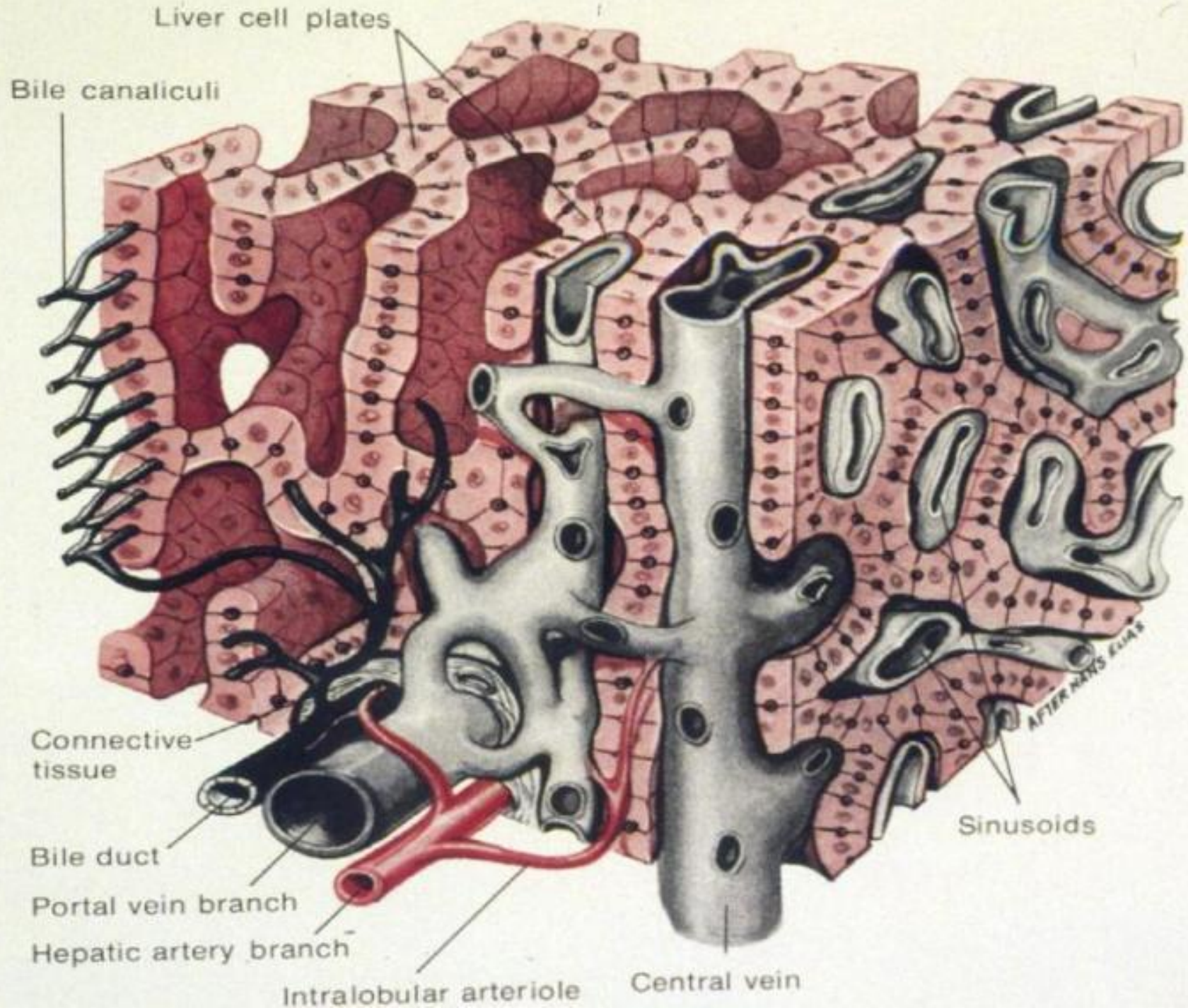
a. Cholesterol

b. EGF

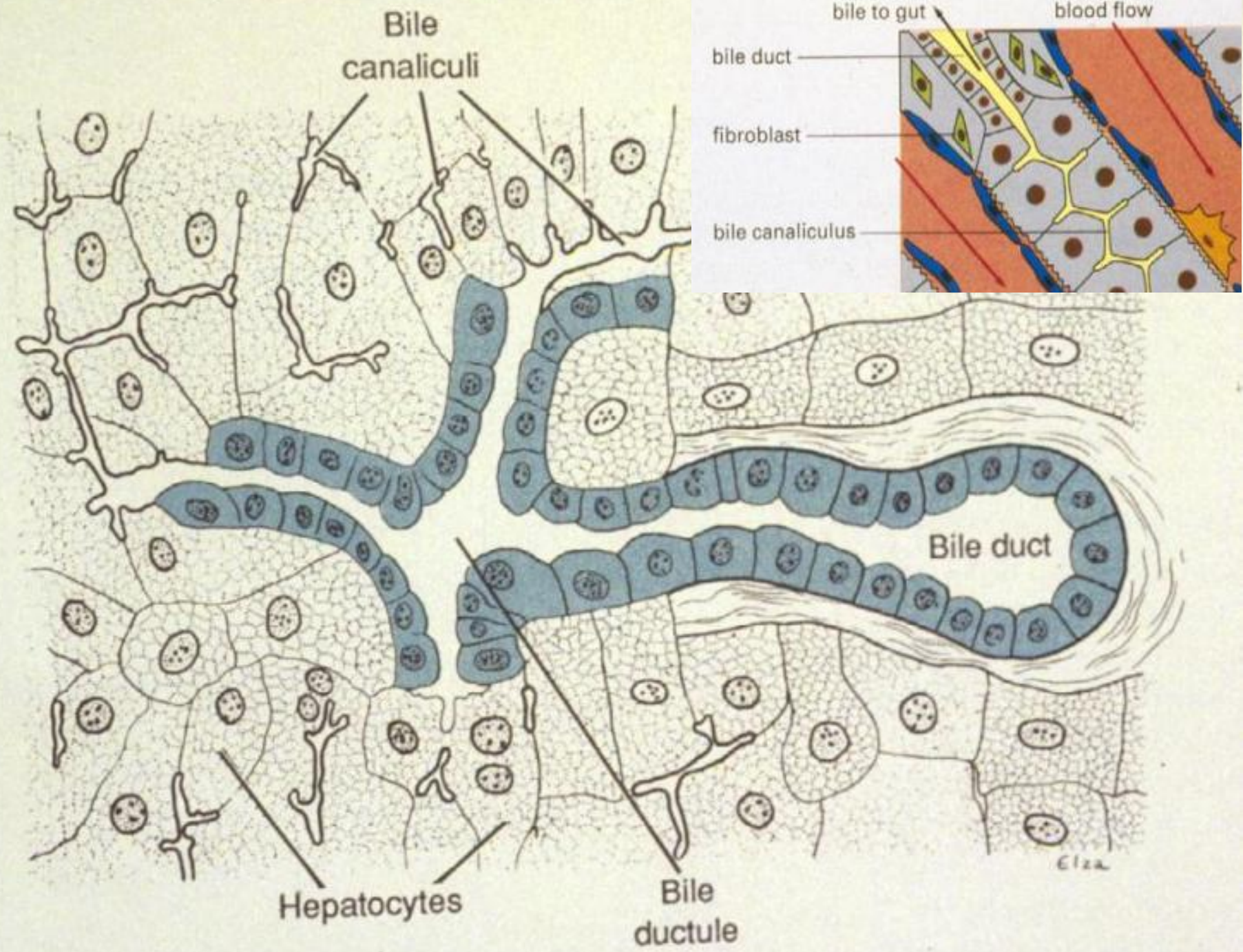
c. insulin

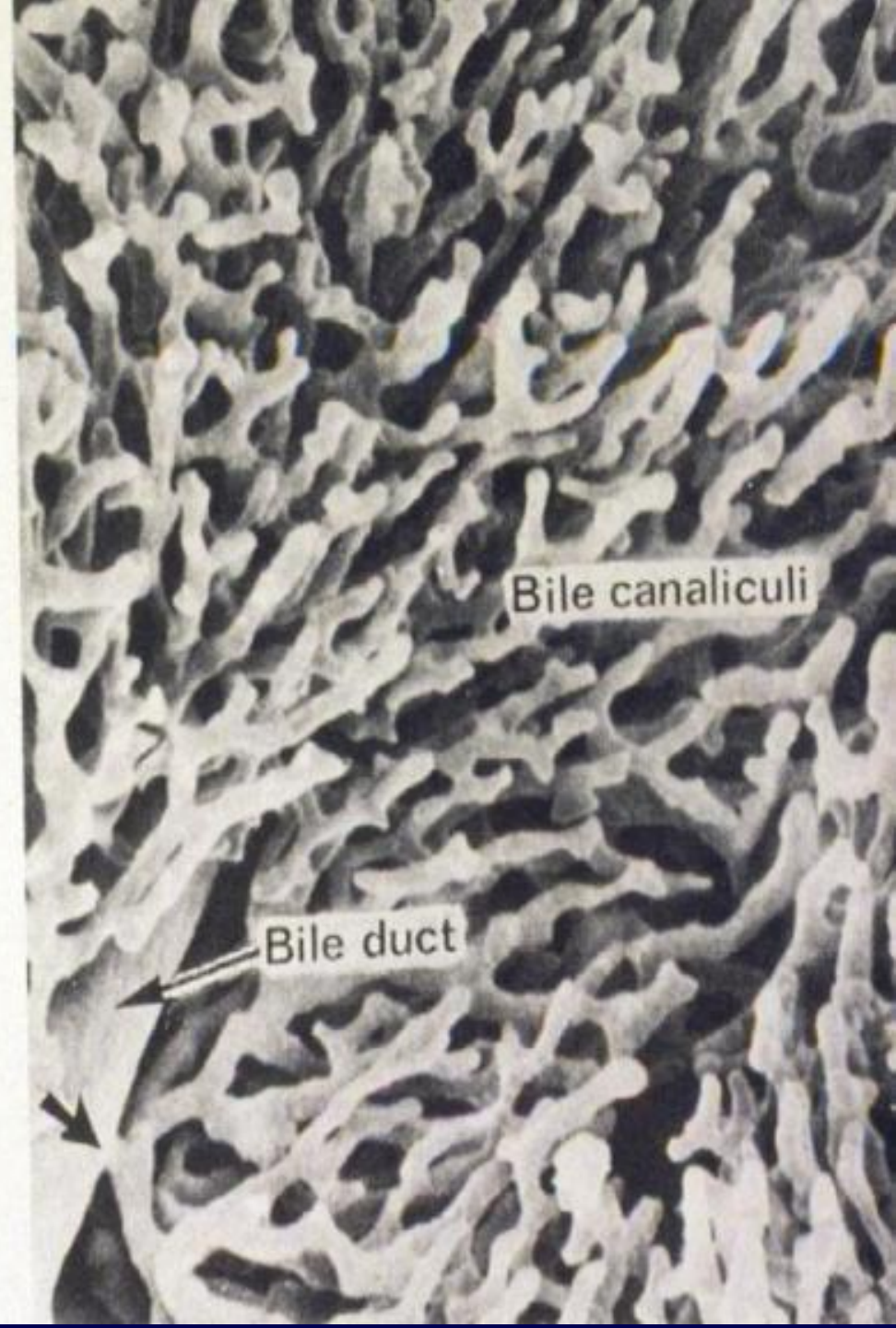
d. IgA

also bile salts and **BILIRUBIN**

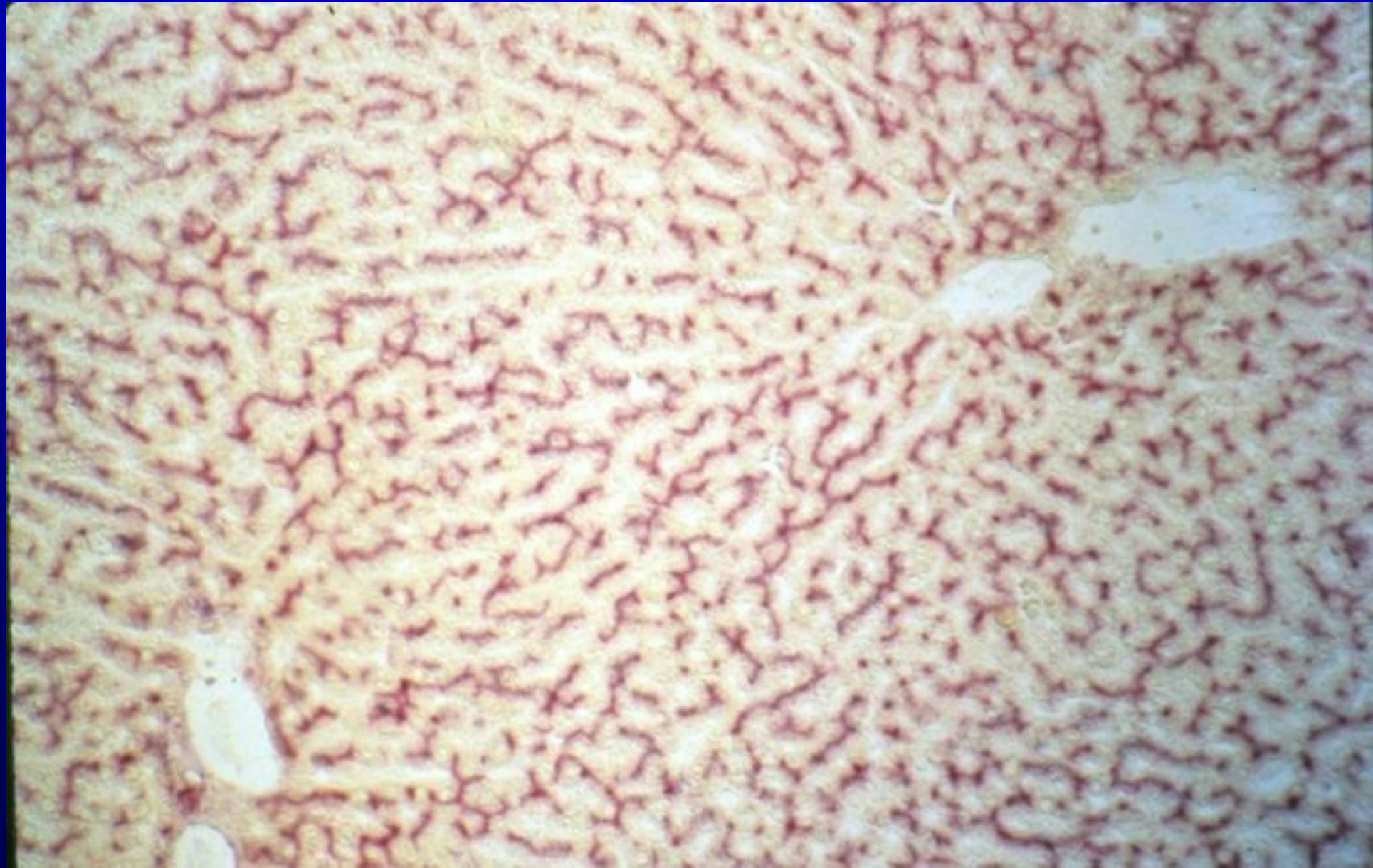






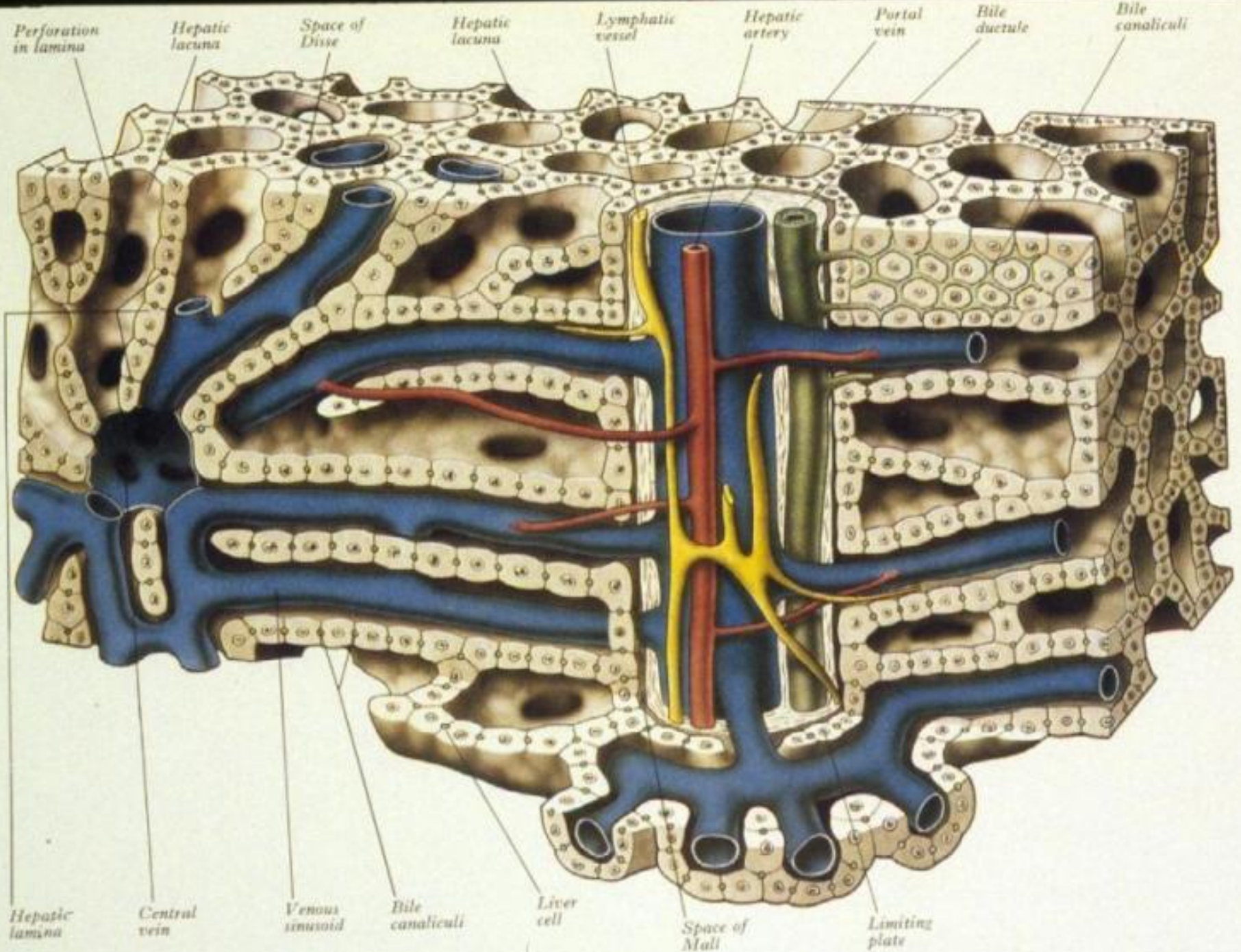


# Bile Canaliculi



# Bile Duct





# Gallbladder & Bile Ducts

Function

Biliary tract

Organization of gallbladder

- Epithelium

- Connective tissue

Histophysiology

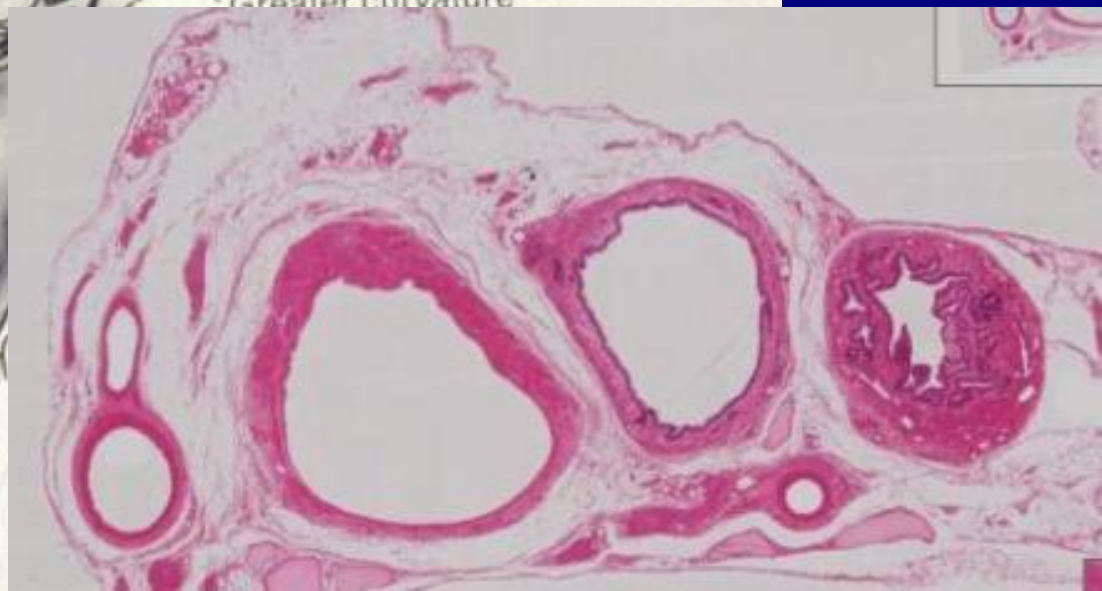
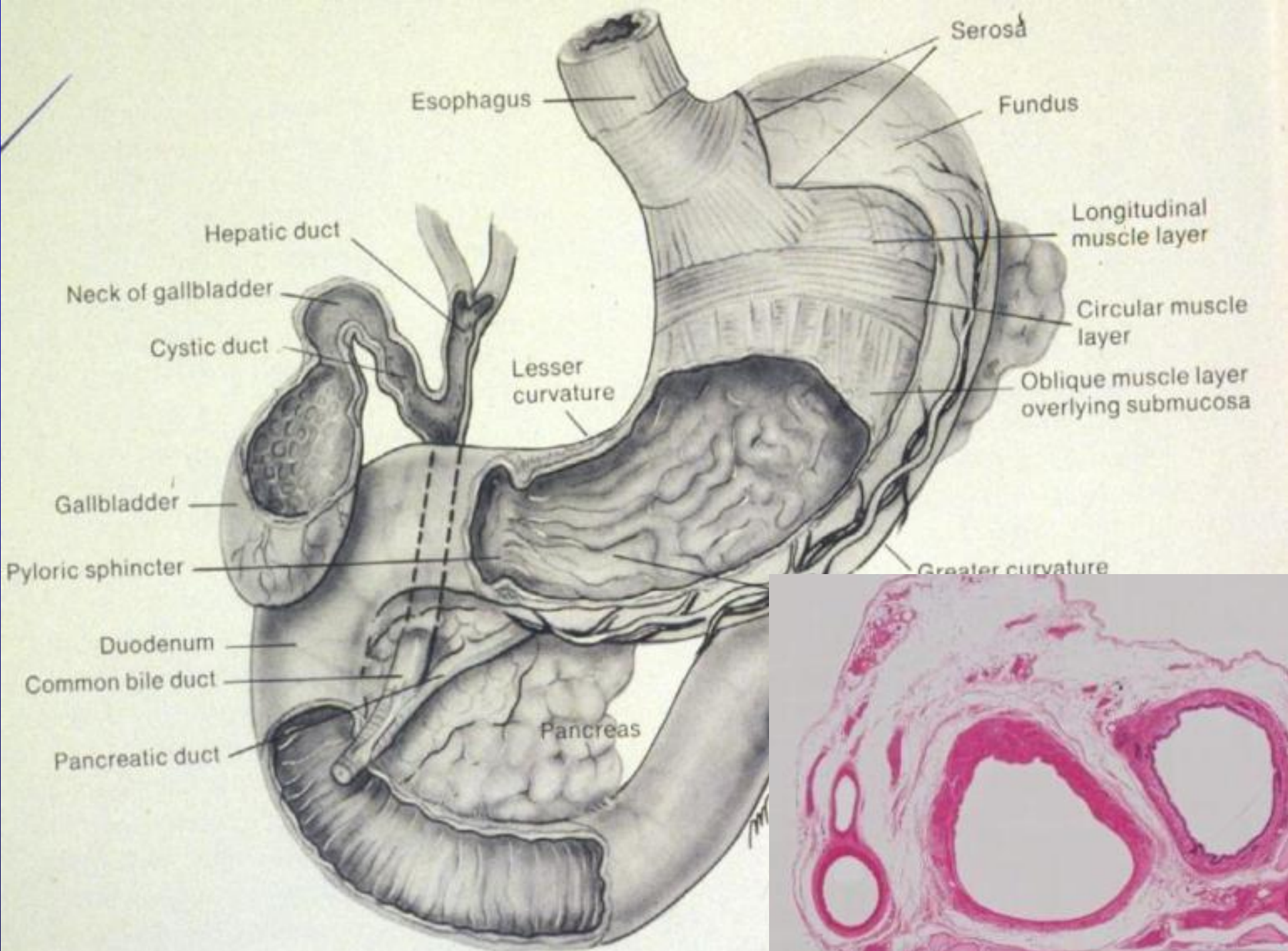
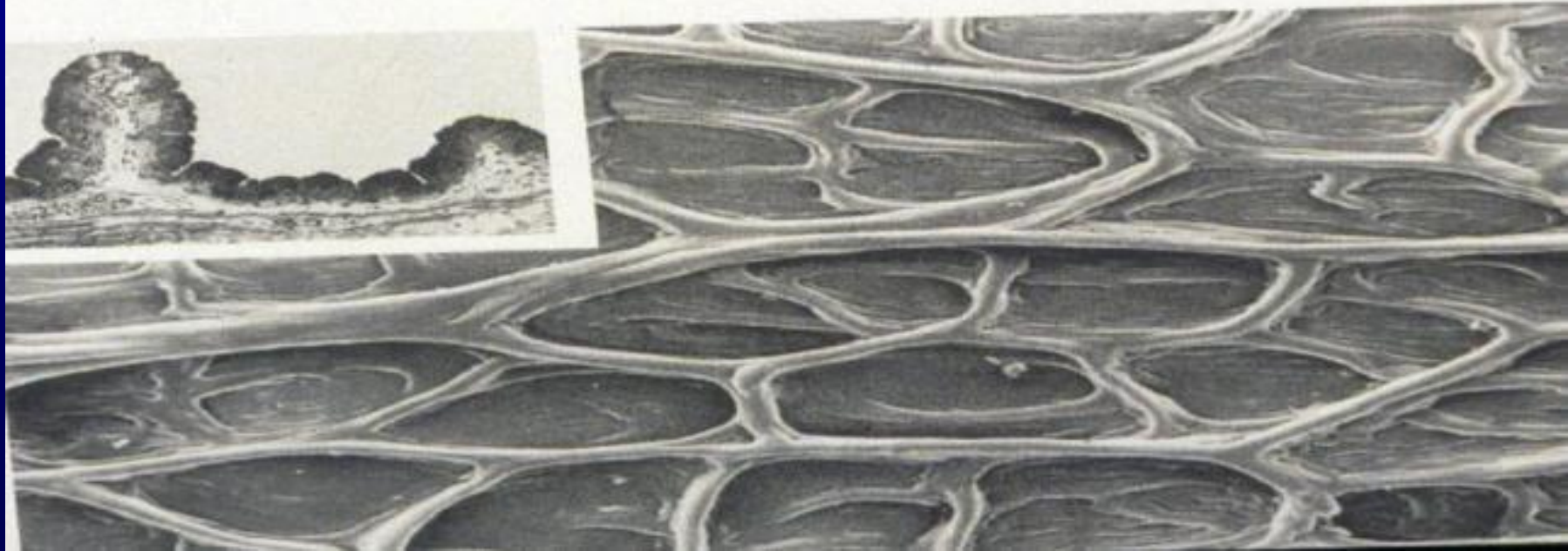




Figure 27-36. Scanning micrograph of the contracted gallbladder. The mucosa is thrown up into folds. A histological section through these has the appearance shown in the inset. Compare with scanning micrographs from Castellucci, M. J. *Submicrosc. Cytol.* 12:375, 1980.)





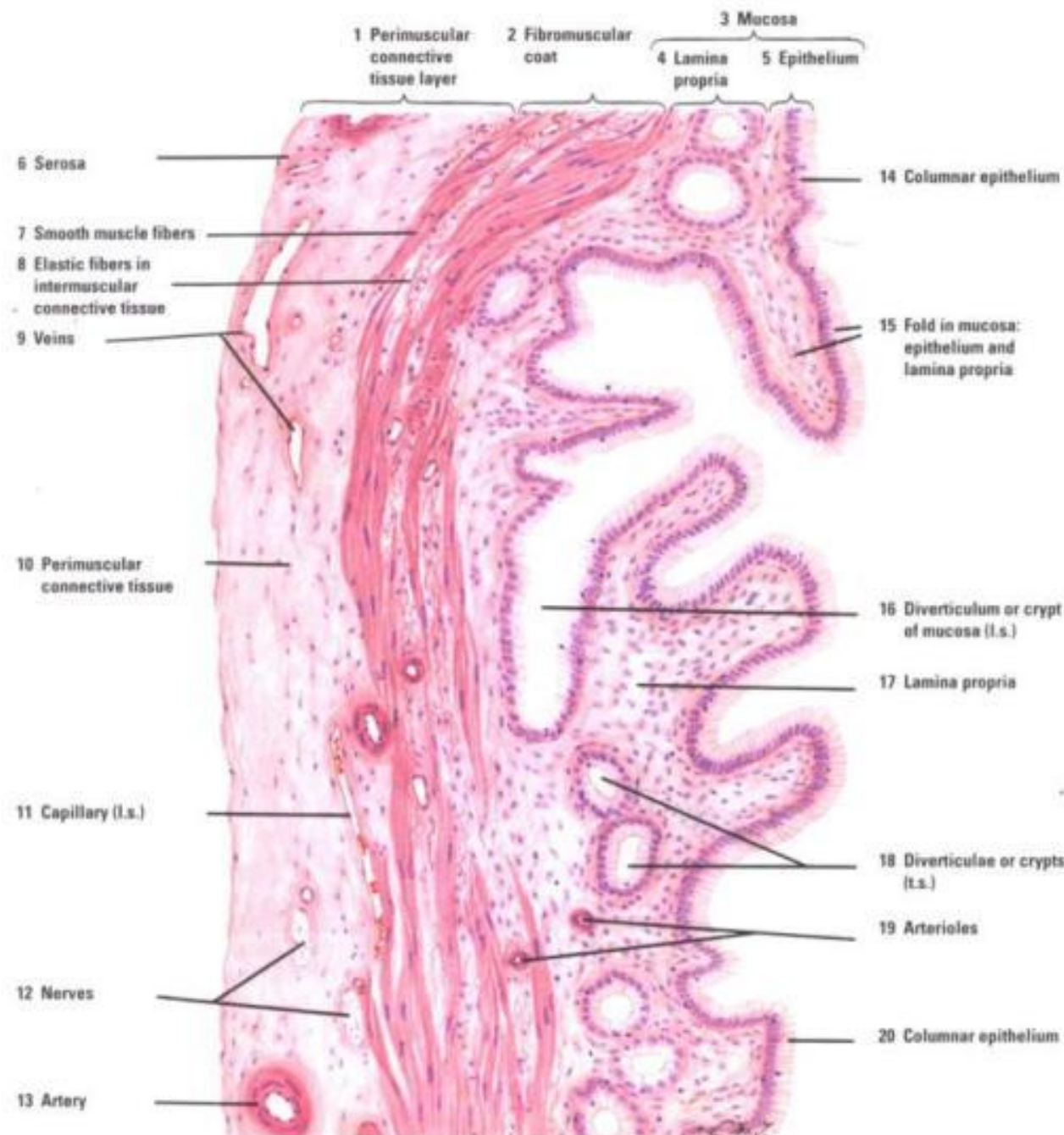


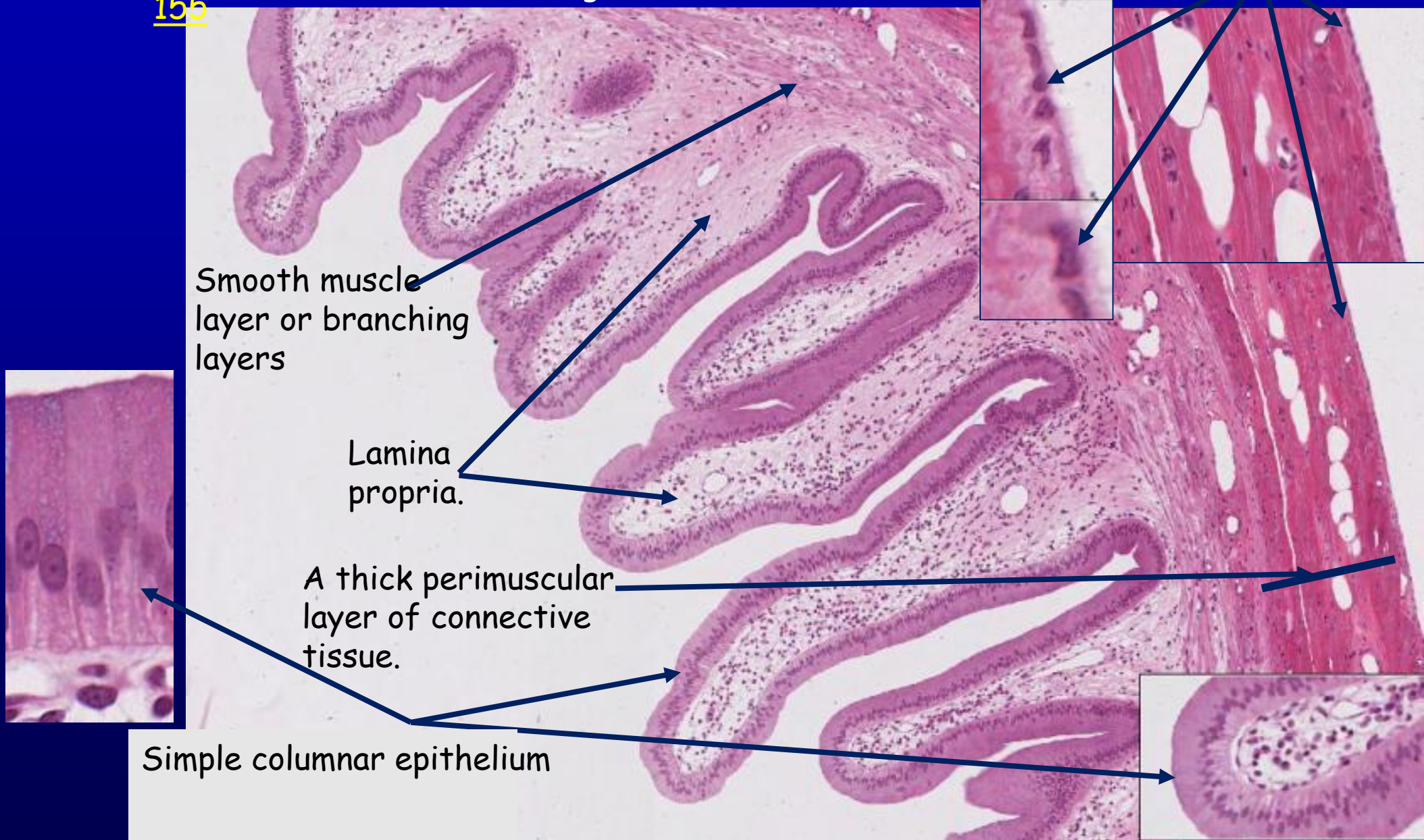
Fig. 12.9. Gallbladder (panoramic view). Stain: hematoxylin-eosin. Medium magnification.

# Gallbladder

The mucosa is thrown into folds which project into the lumen of the gallbladder.

Peritoneal serosal layer

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Smooth muscle layer or branching layers

Lamina propria.

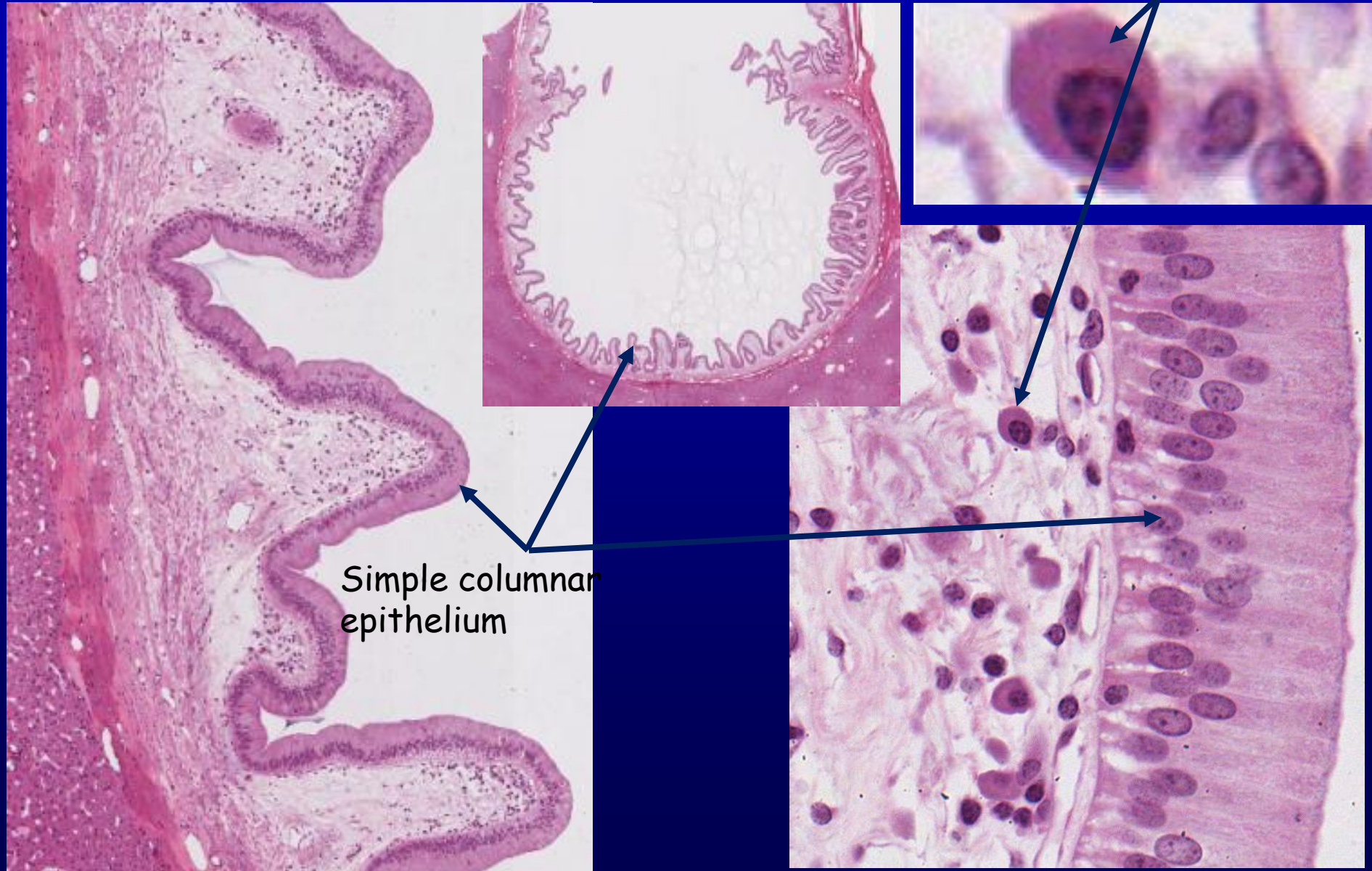
A thick perimuscular layer of connective tissue.

Simple columnar epithelium

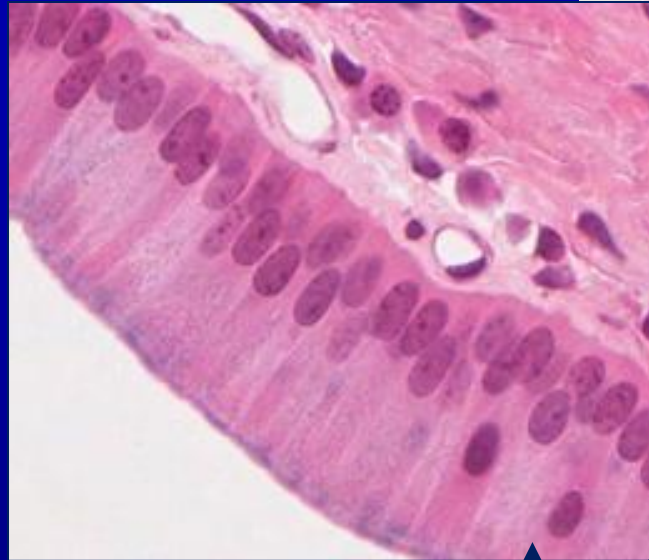
# The gallbladder stores and concentrates the

155 Mucosa bile elaborated by the liver

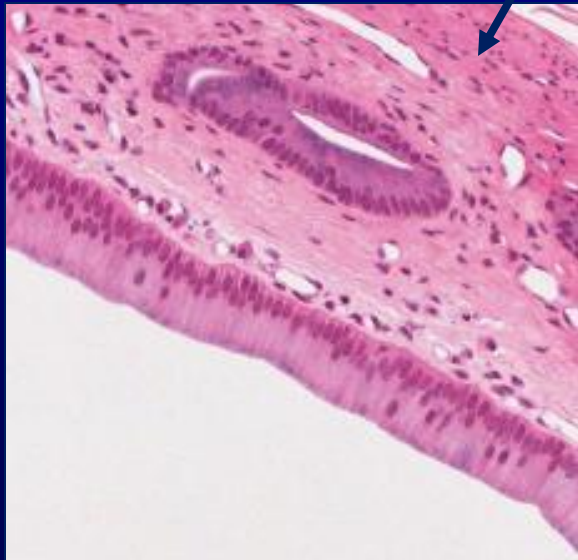
Plasma cells  
In the lamina propria



# Bile duct with portal vein,



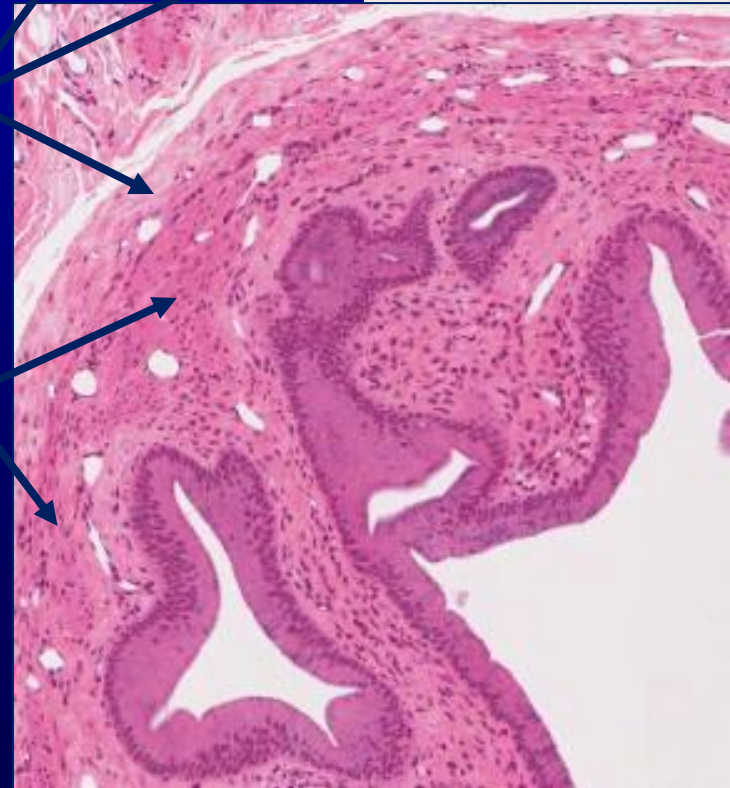
Common hepatic duct

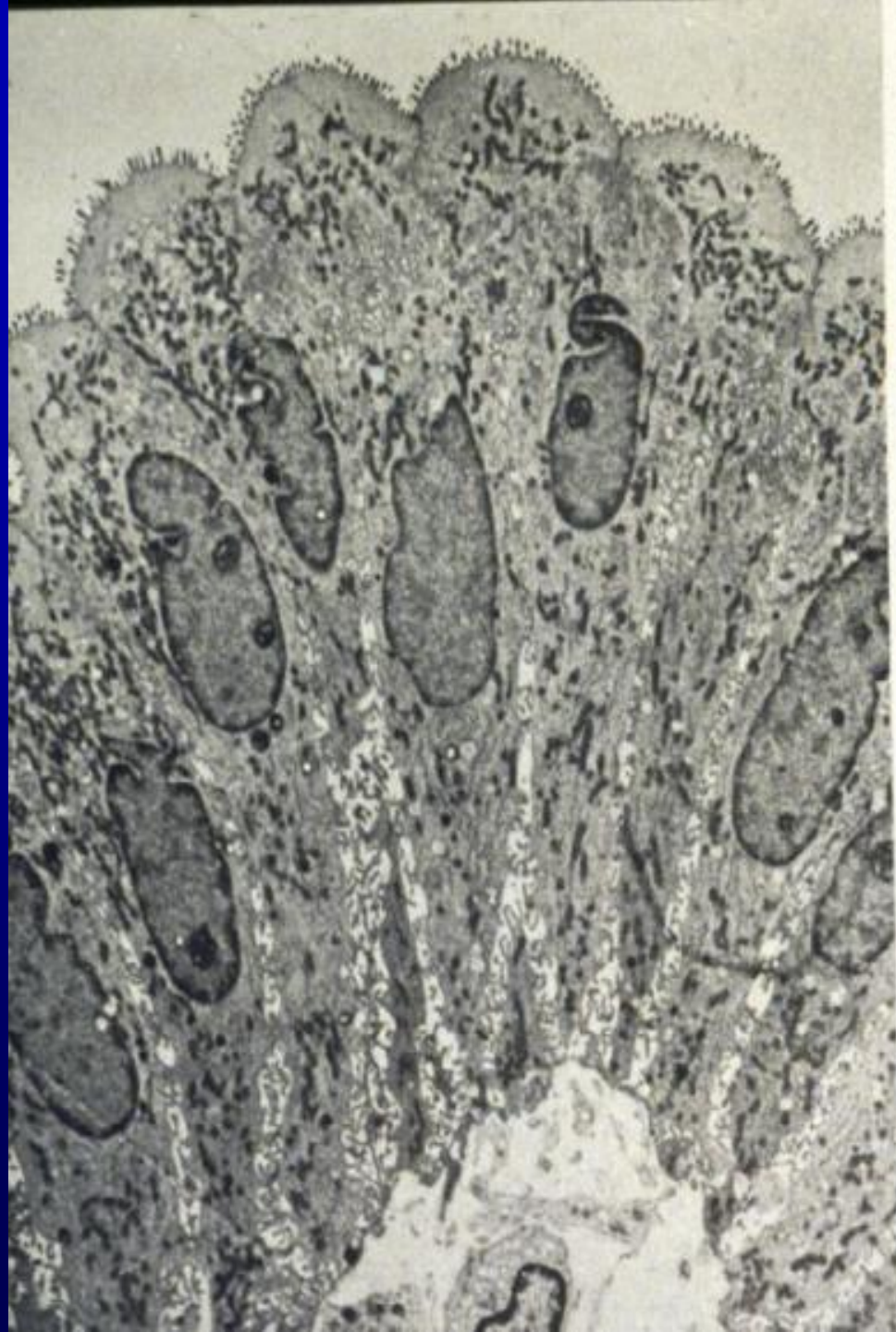


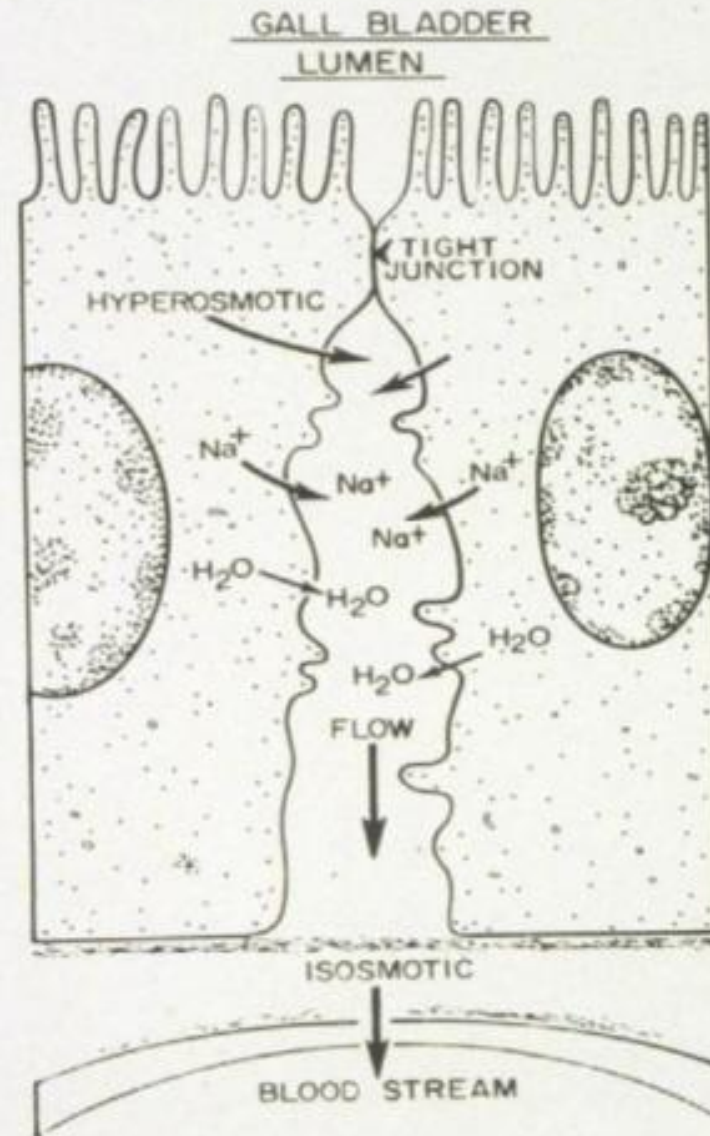
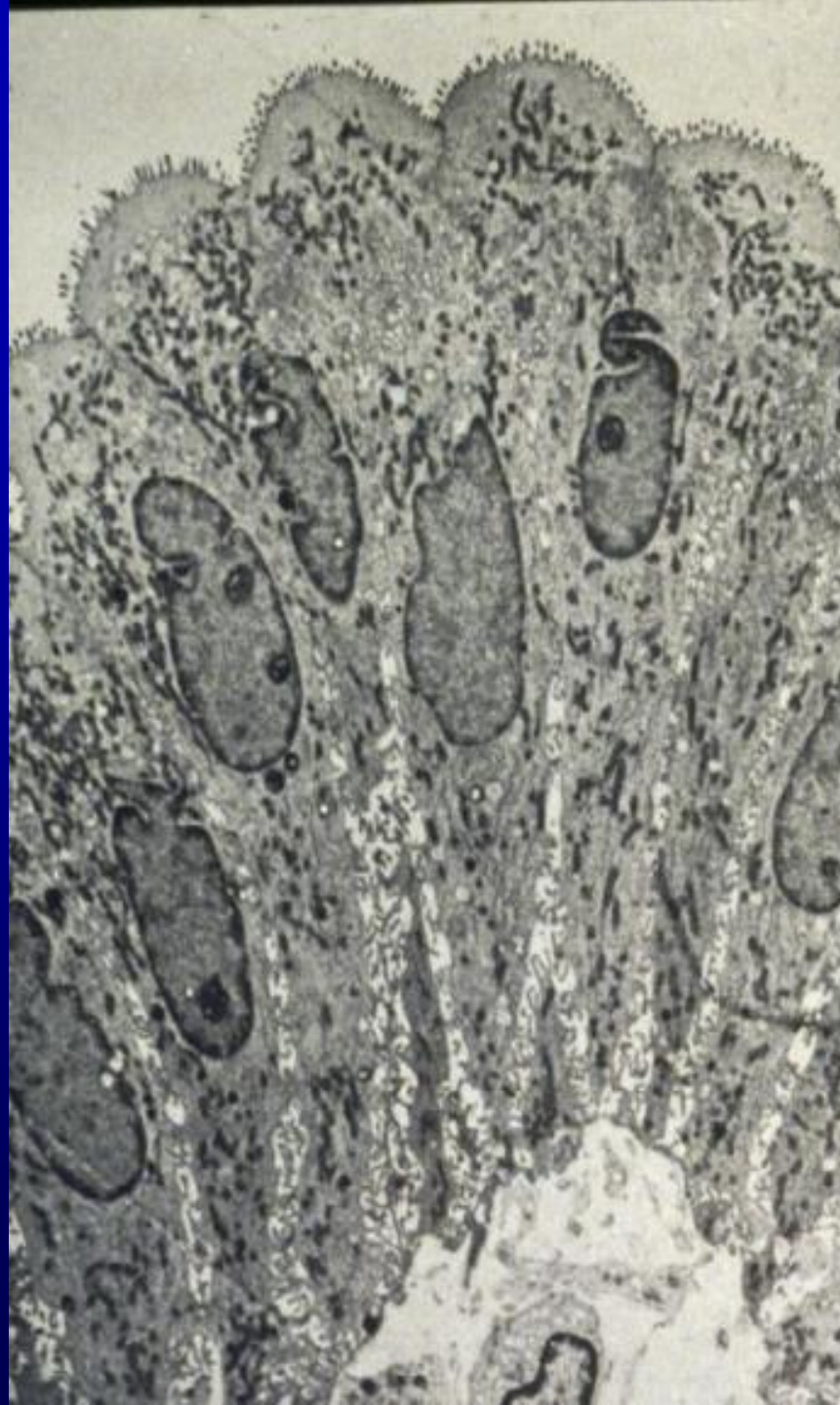
Portal vein

Cystic duct

*The wall of the cystic duct is convoluted and contains abundant smooth muscle fibers which represent the spiral valve preventing distention or collapse of the cystic duct when the latter is subject to sudden changes of pressure.*



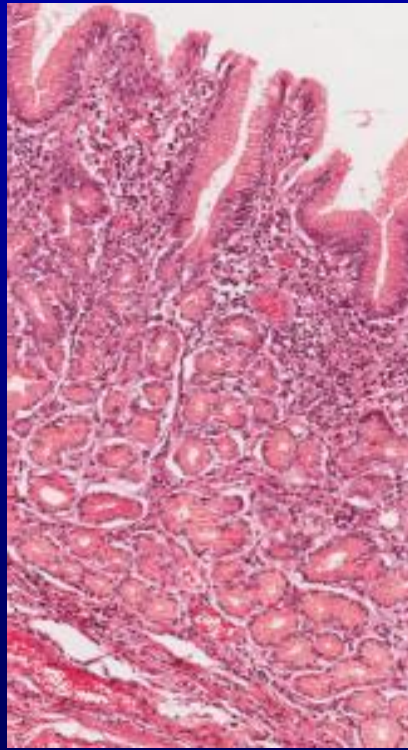




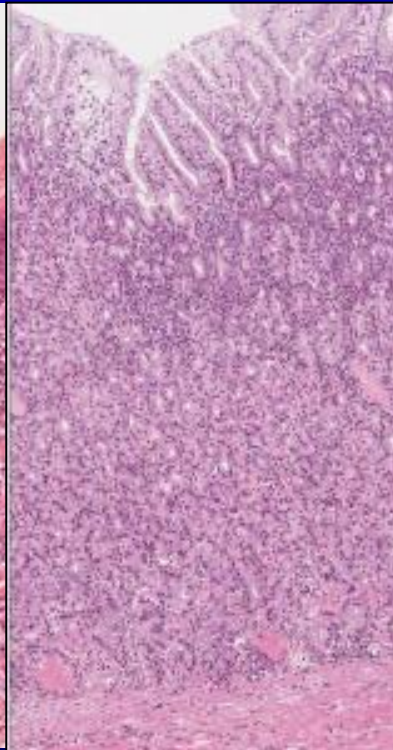
**Figure 27-37.** Diagram illustrating the mechanism of concentration of the bile. Sodium is actively pumped into the intercellular cleft below the occluding junction, creating a standing gradient that moves water from the lumen to blood vessels in the lamina propria.

# Distinguishing characteristics between the mucosa of the various parts of the stomach, intestines, and gallbladder.

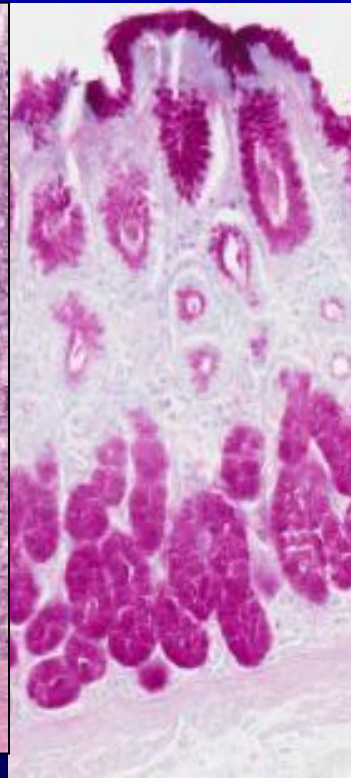
Mucosa = surface epithelium, lamina propria, and muscularis mucosa



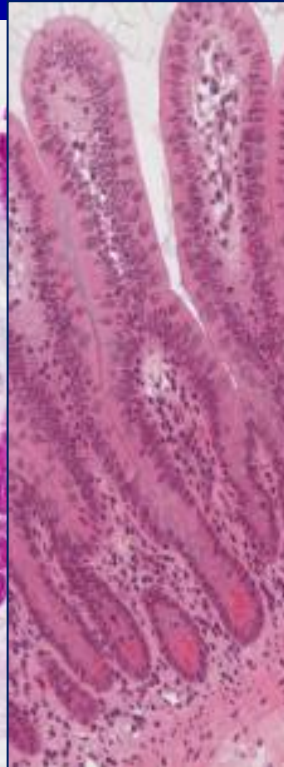
Cardiac stomach  
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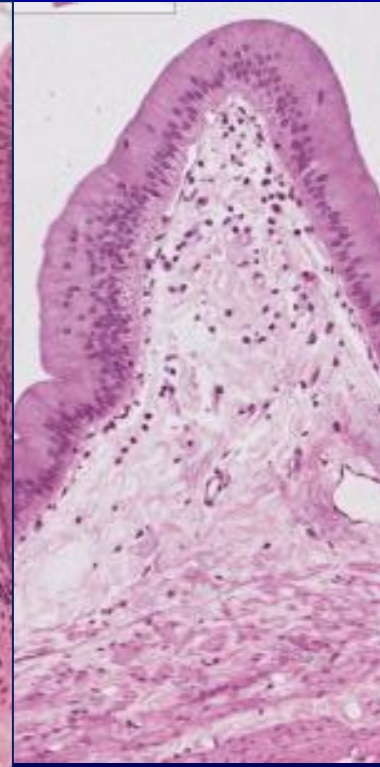
Fundic stomach  
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Pyloric stomach  
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Intestines  
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Gallbladder  
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# Salivary Glands

Function

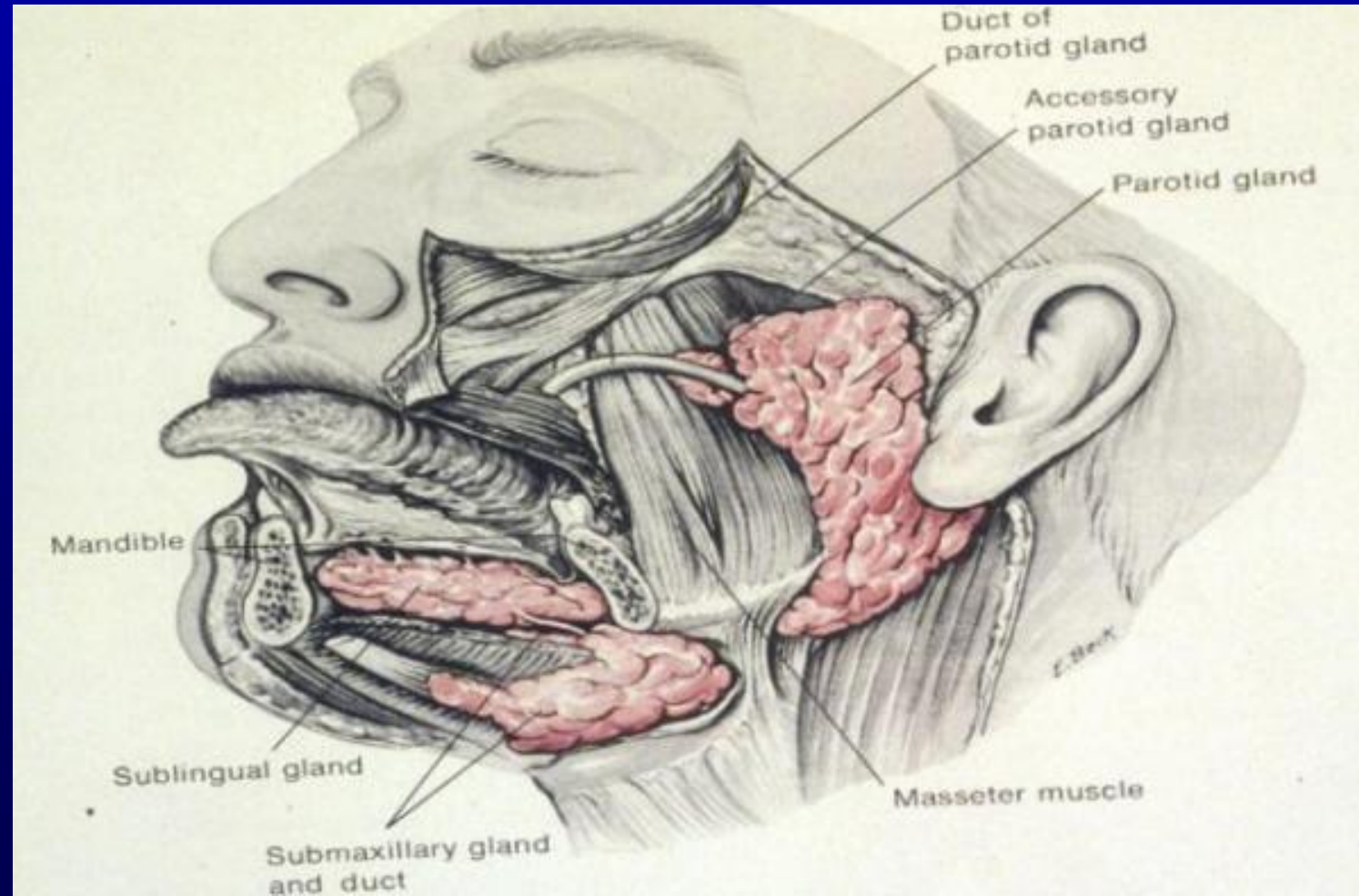
Histological organization

Acinus = functional unit

Serous

Mucous

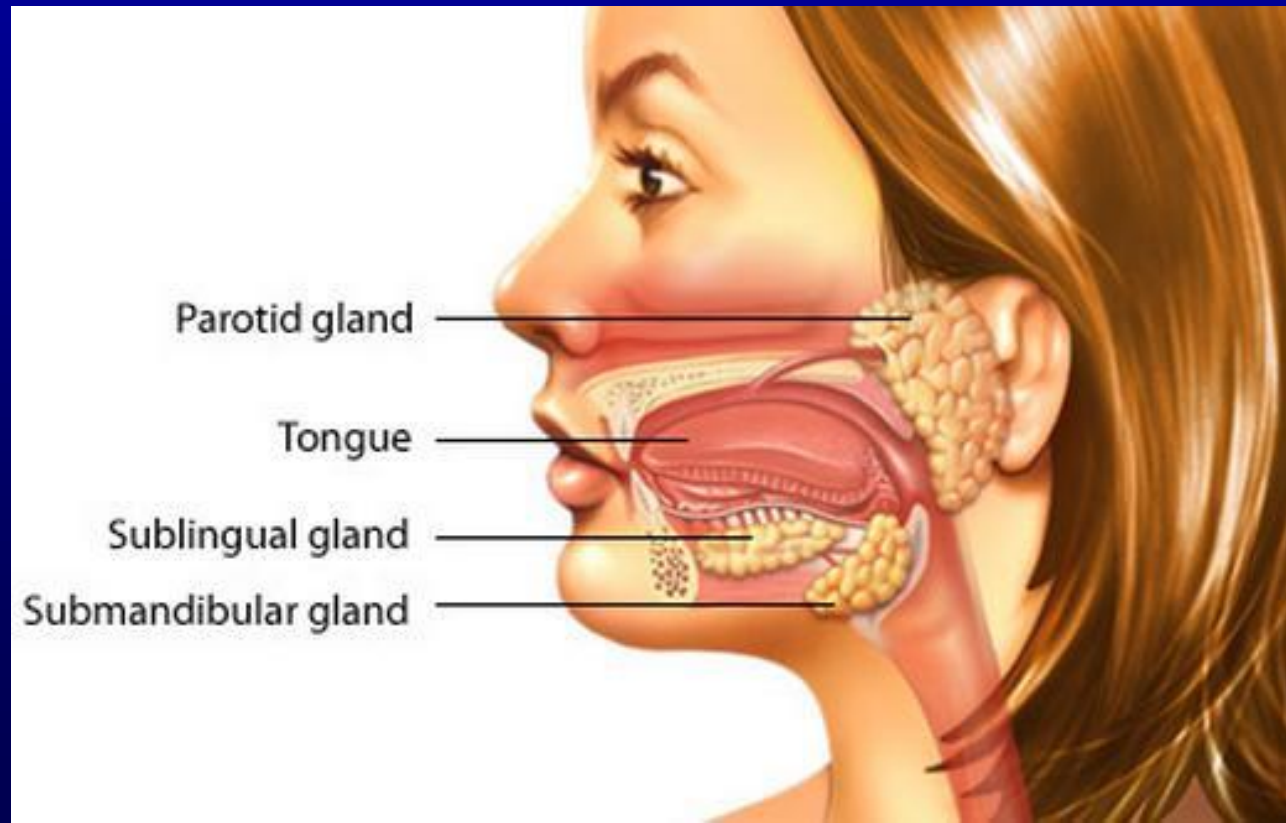
Mixed





# Origin of Salivary Glands?

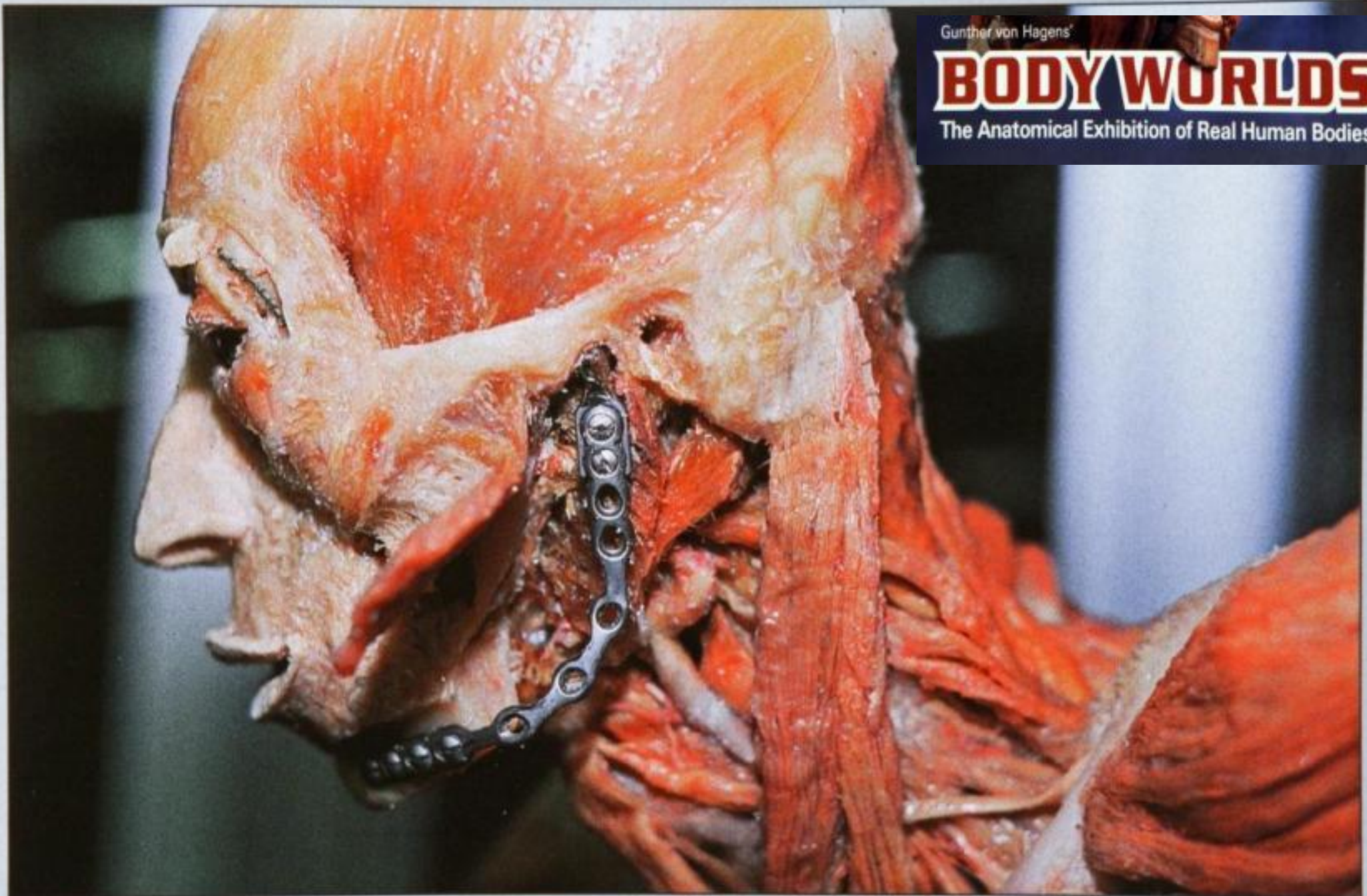
- Ectoderm - oral ectoderm epithelial sheet
- Endoderm - alimentary tract



Gunther von Hagens'

# BODY WORLDS

The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies



*Fig. 9.22: Jawbone prosthesis after partial resection of the jawbone.*

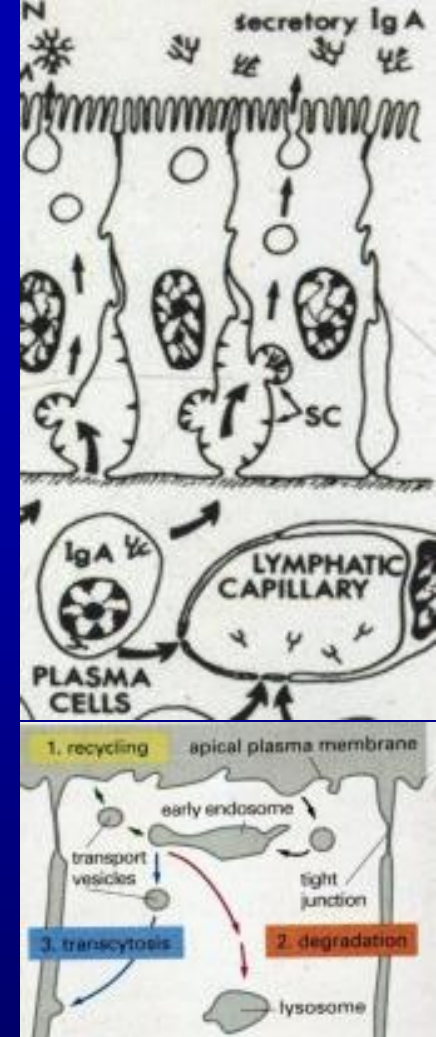
# Saliva Helps Prevents Infections

Contains secreted IgA

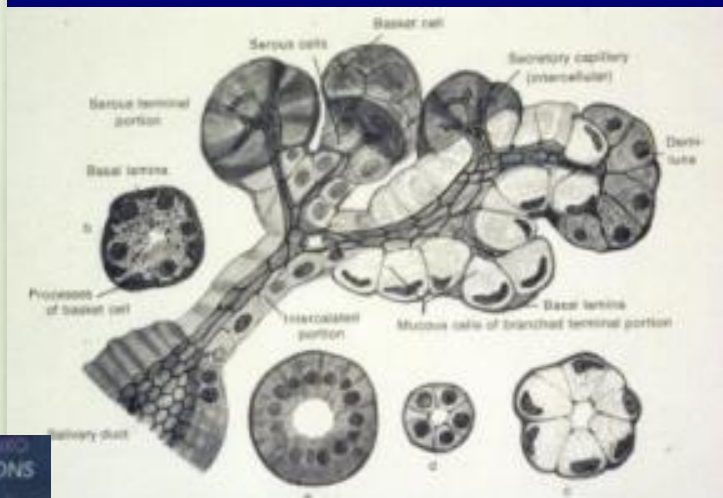
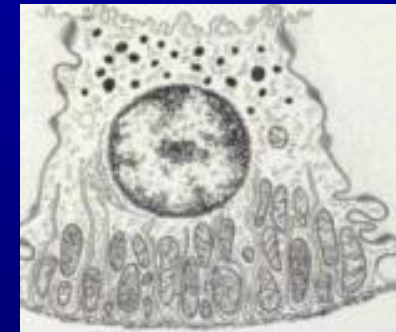
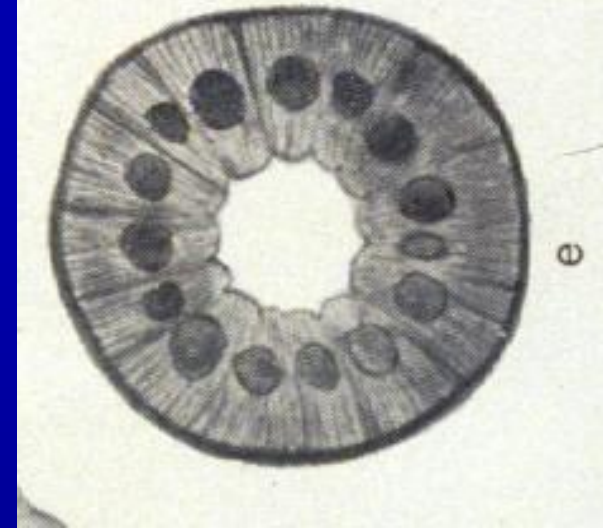
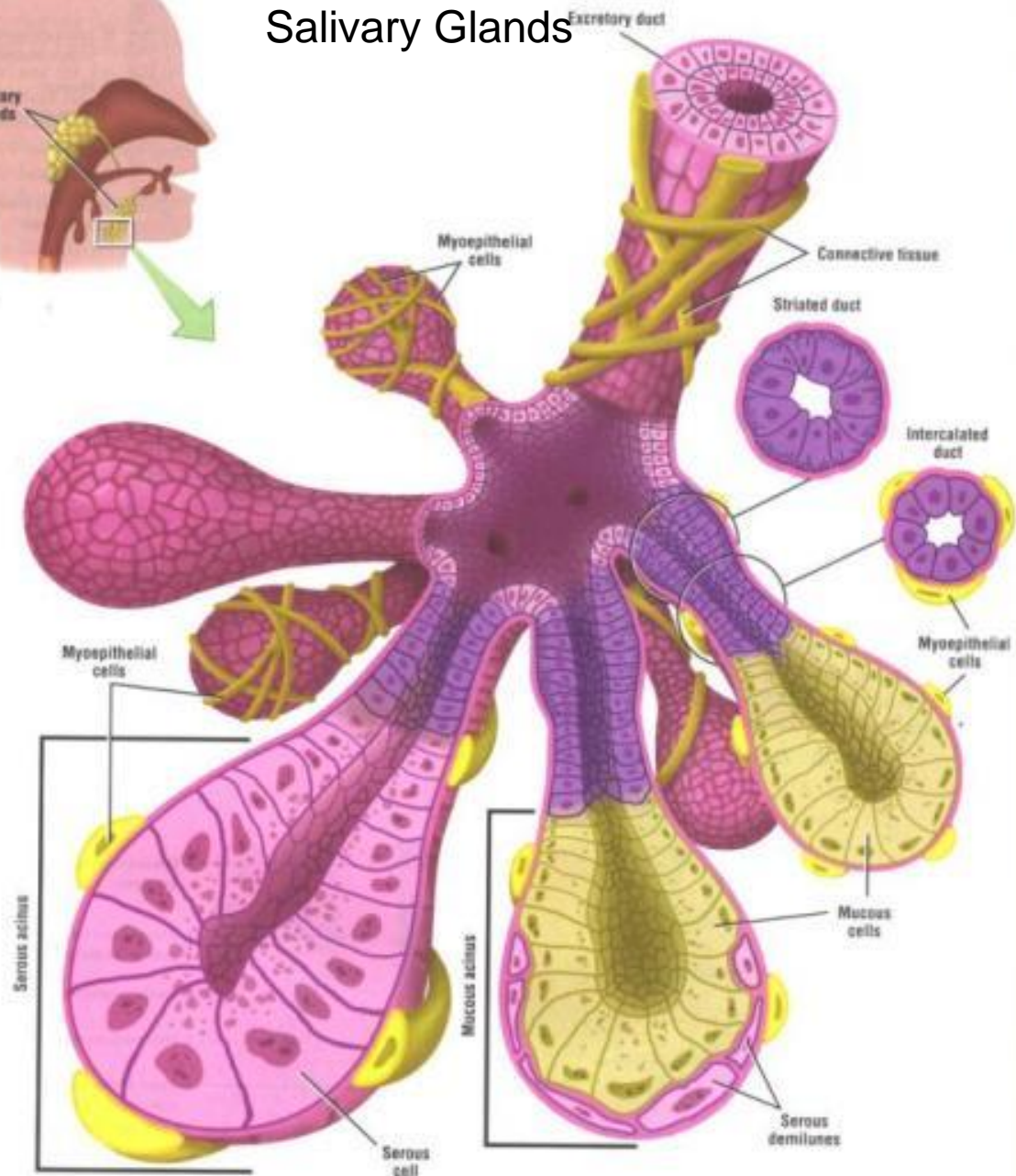
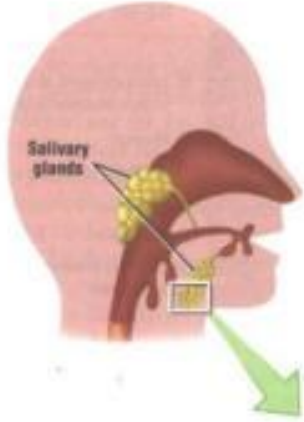
Contains Lactoferrin - bind up iron needed for bacteria division

Contains lysosome that kills bacteria

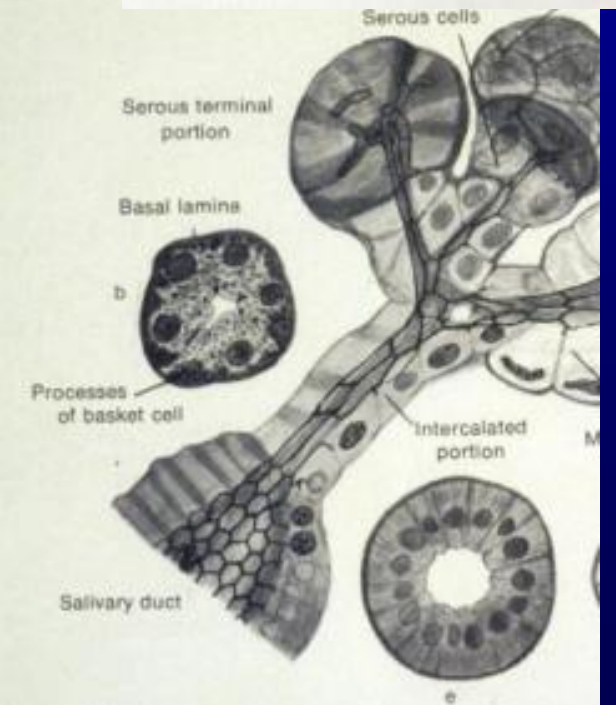
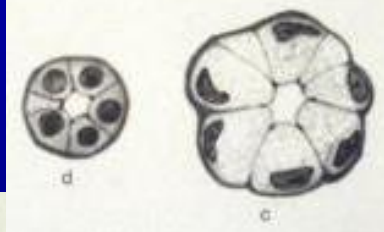
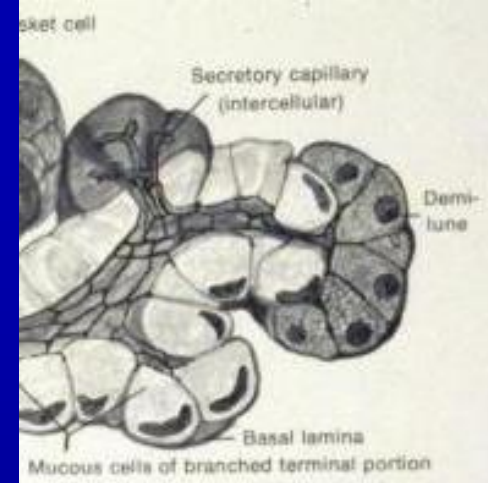
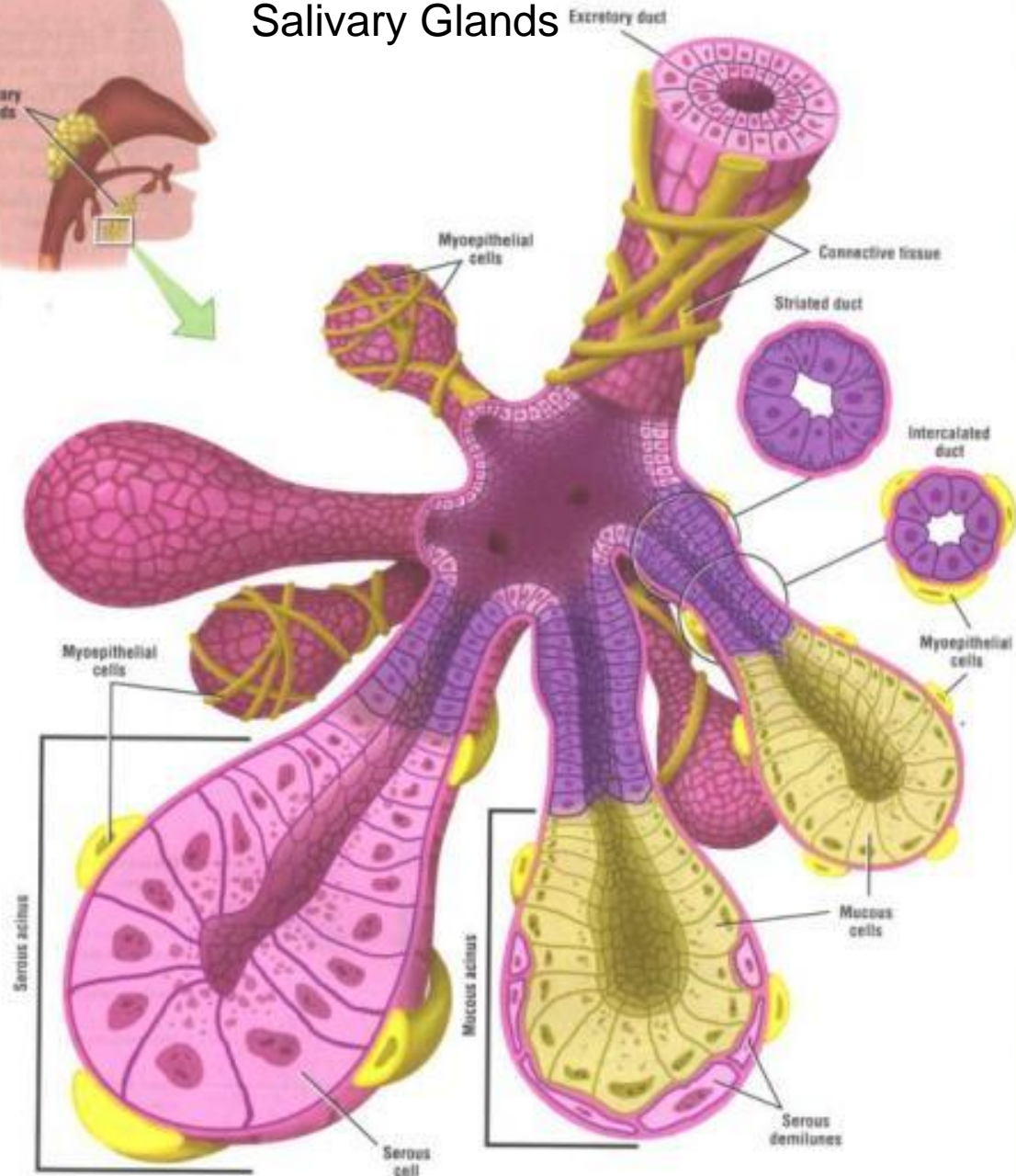
Constantly washes mouth to dislodge and sweep bacteria down GI tract



# Salivary Glands

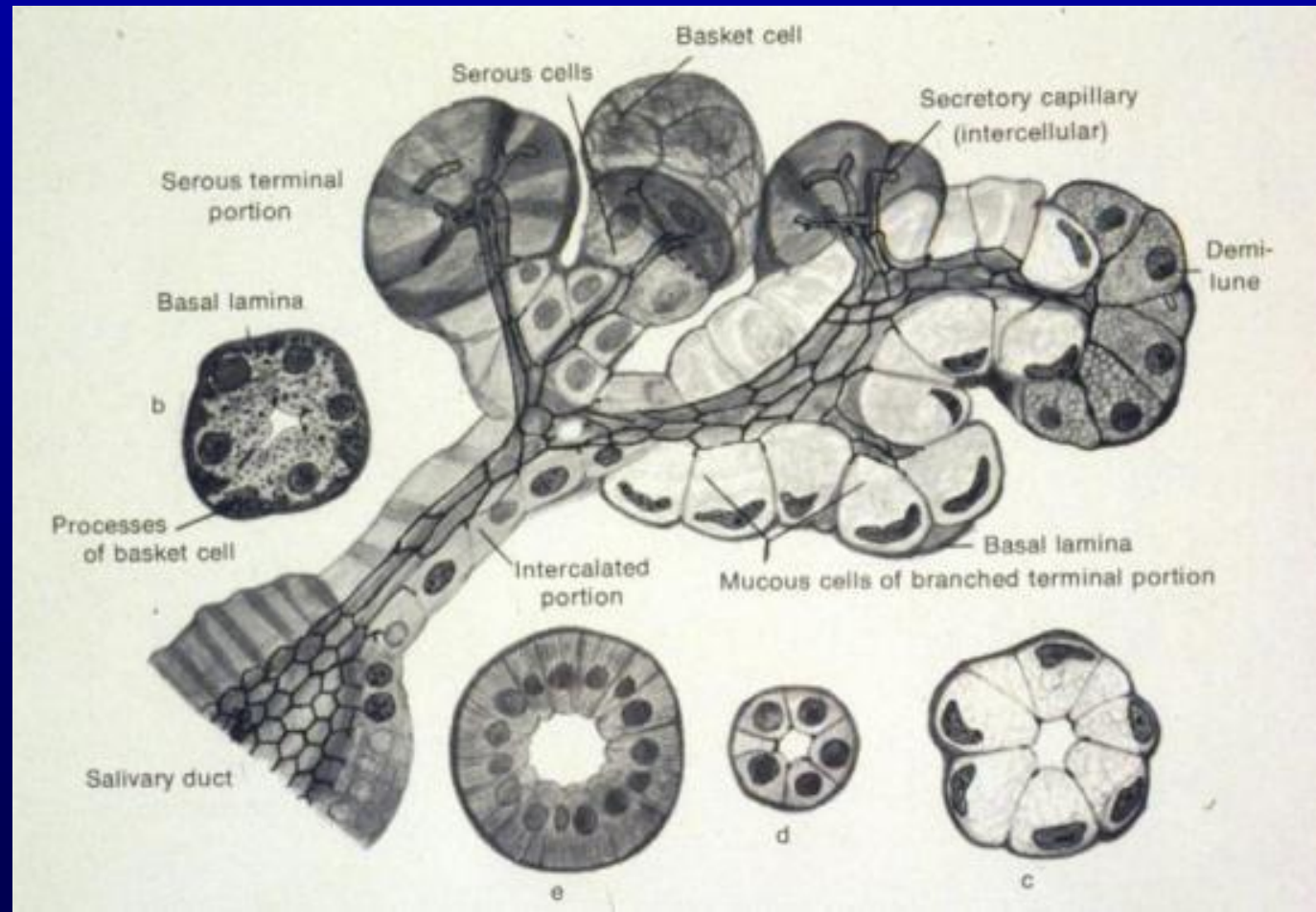


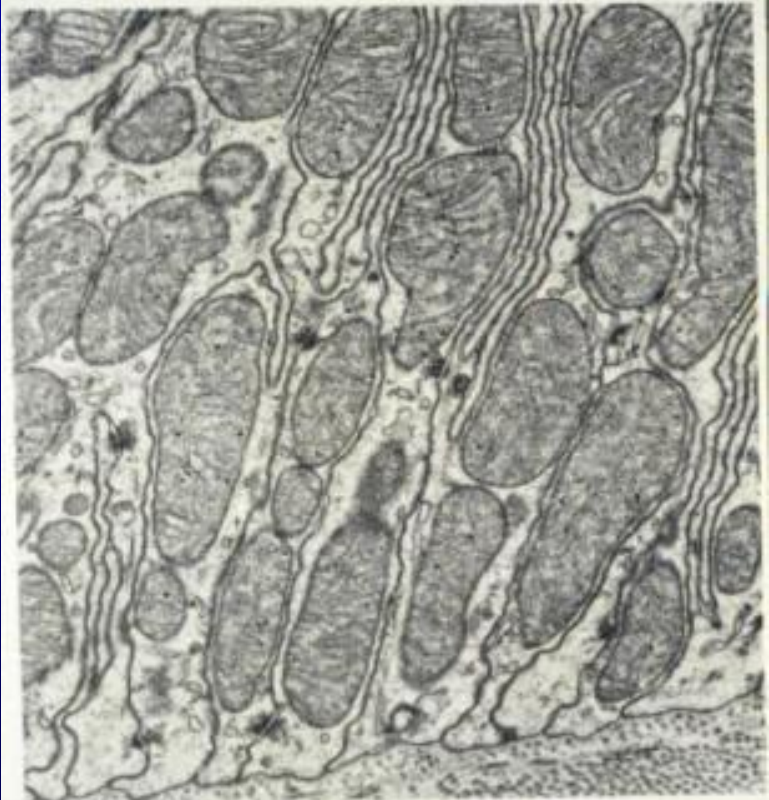
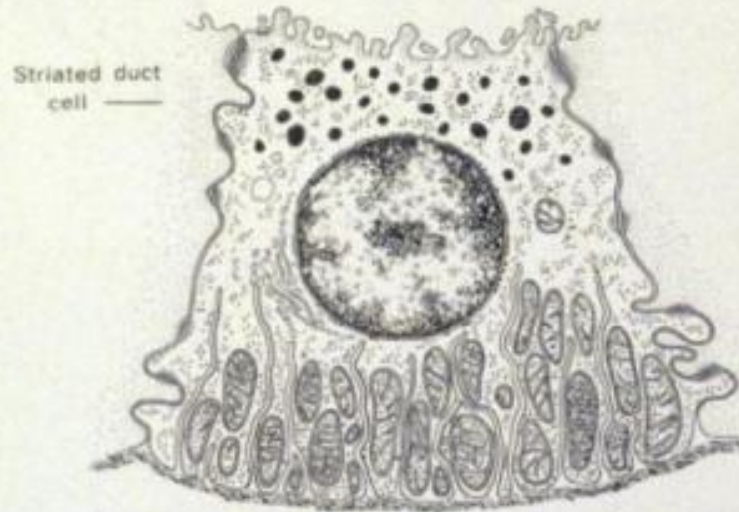
# Salivary Glands



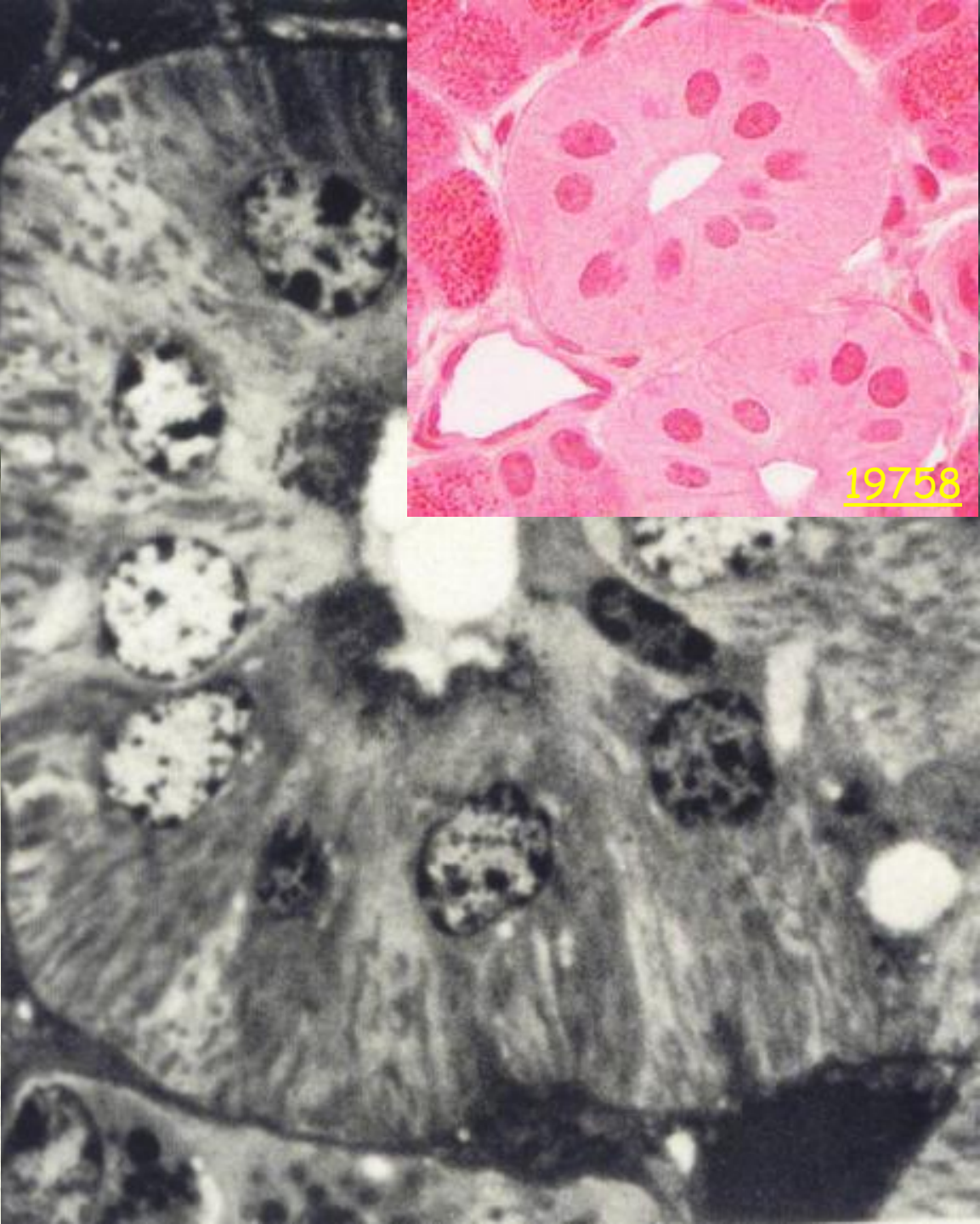
# Ducts of Salivary Glands

Intercalated  
Striated

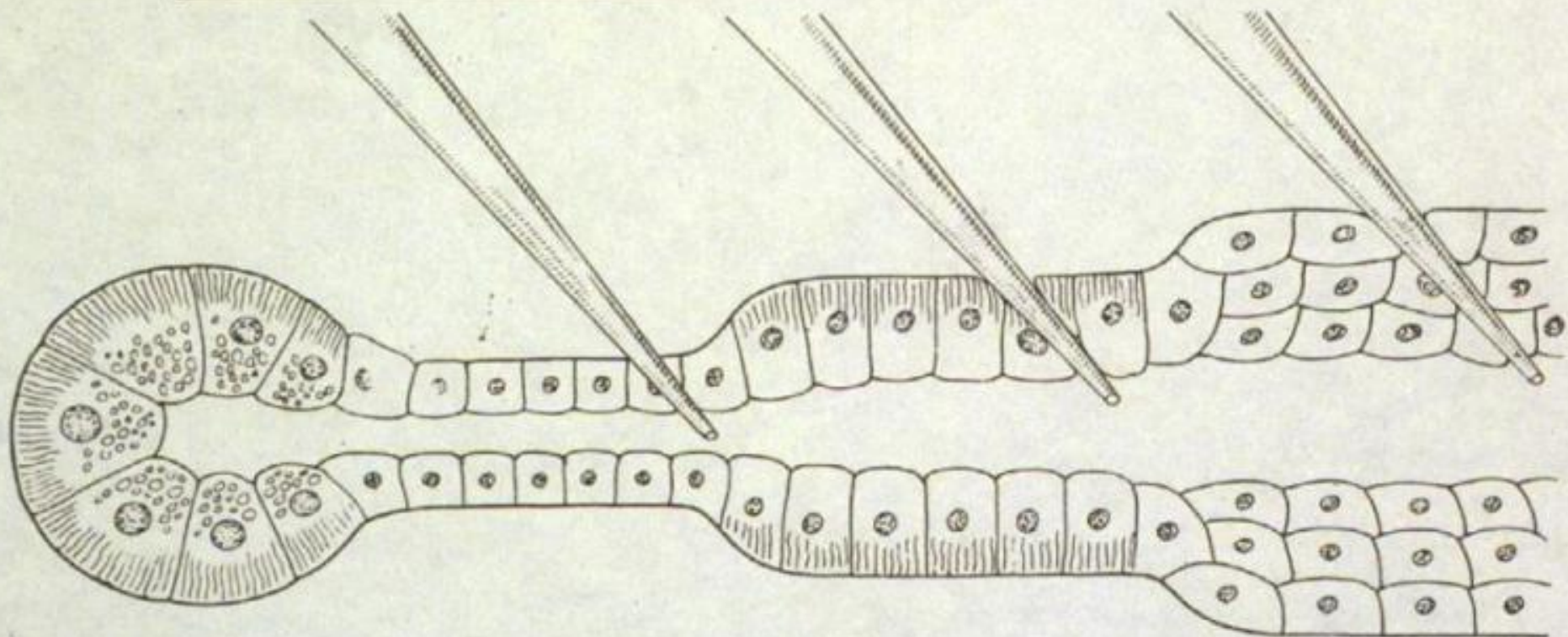
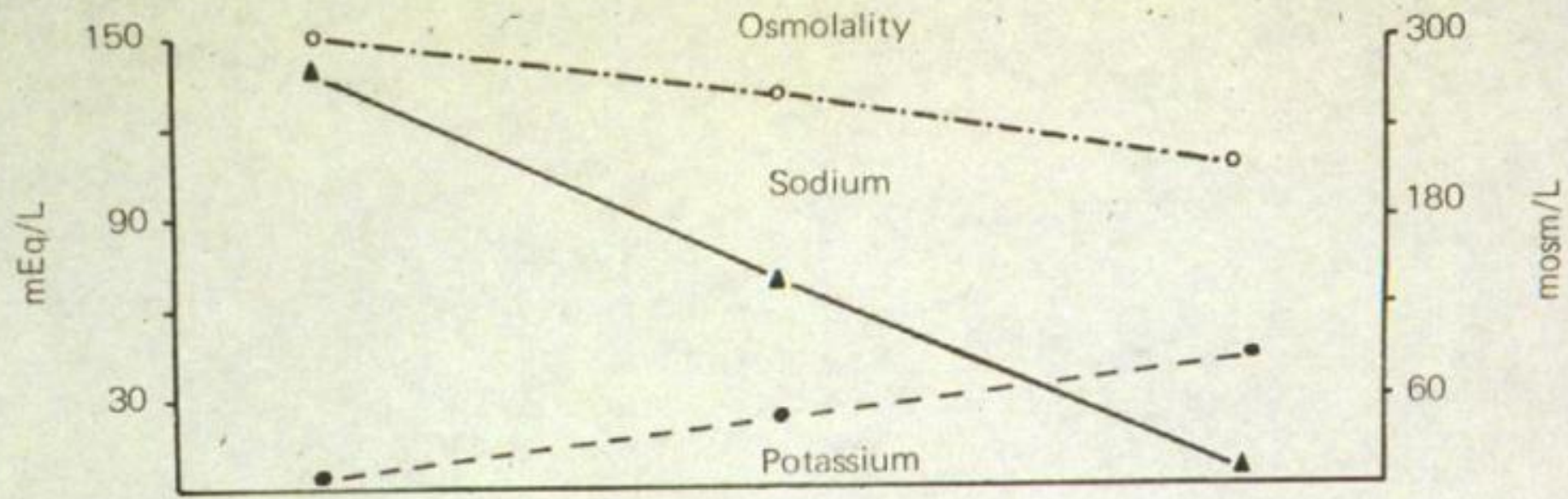




**Figure 23-21.** Electron micrograph of basal region of striated duct cells from cat submandibular gland. Notice the desmosomes joining the interdigitating processes of the cells. (Micrograph courtesy of B. Tandler.)



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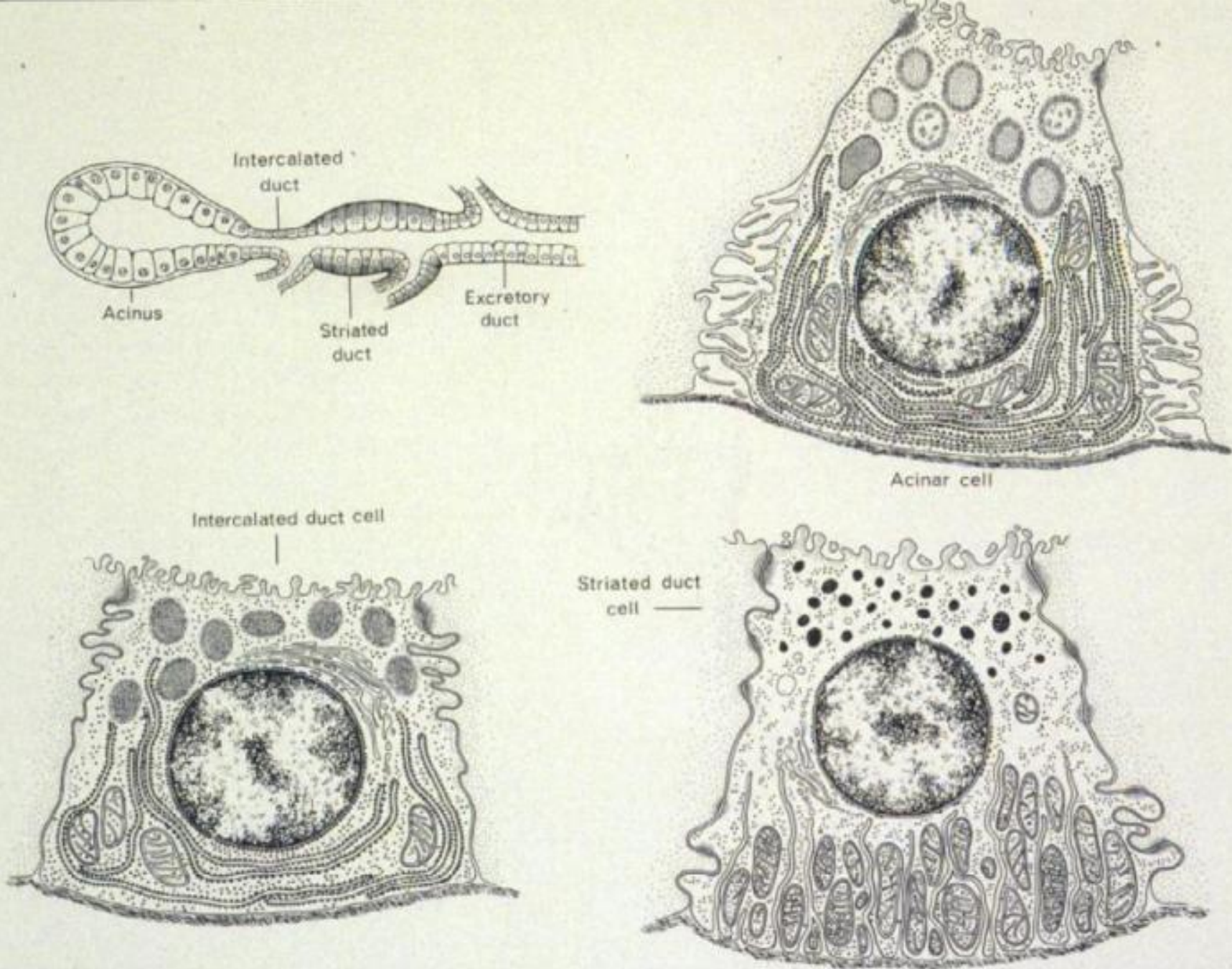
Acinus

Intercalated duct

Striated duct

Interlobular duct





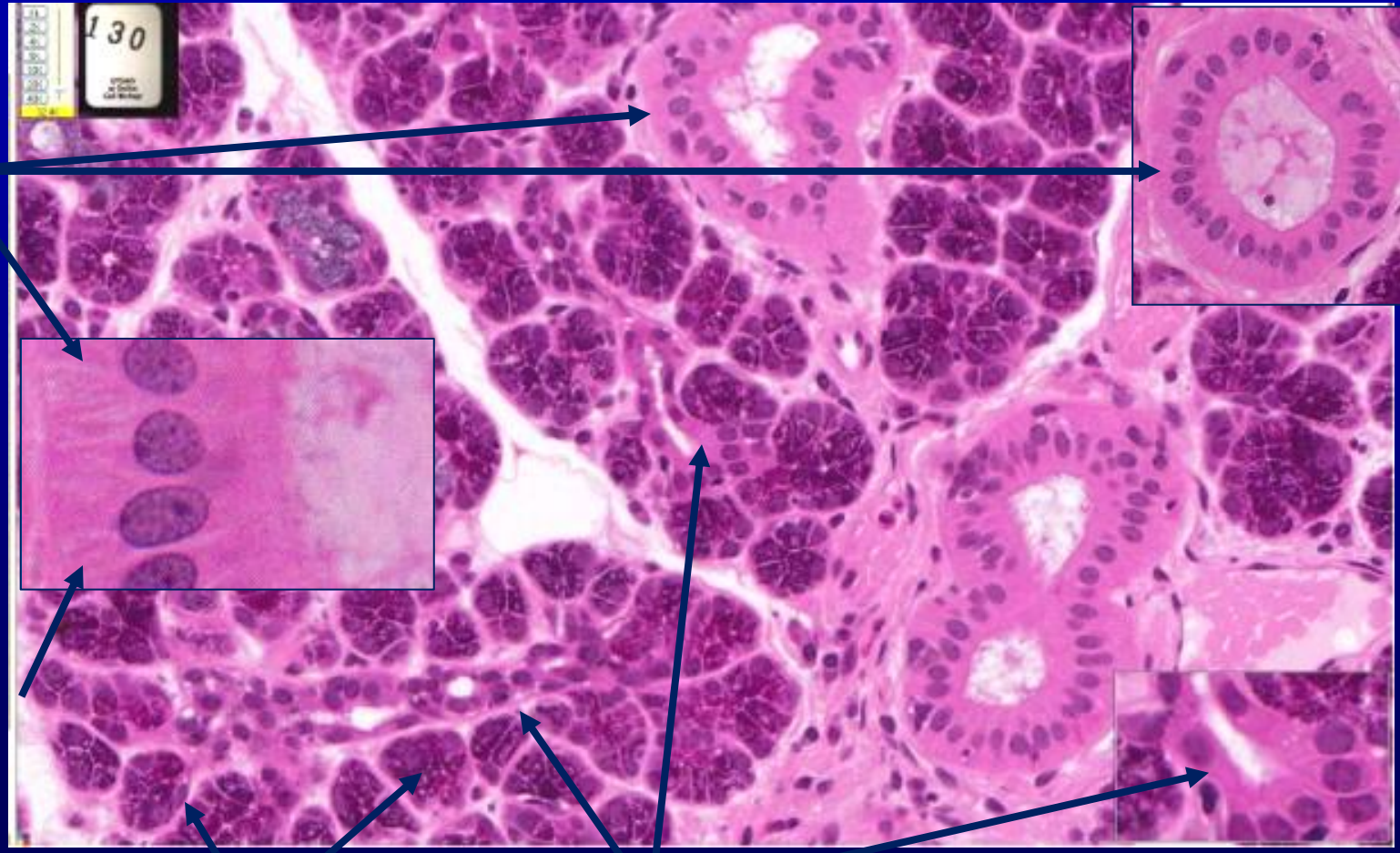
**Figure 23-19.** Diagrammatic representation of the fine structural characteristics of the various cell types in the mouse submandibular gland. (Redrawn after U. Rutberg.)

# Submandibular gland - intercalated duct runs into Striated duct of salivary gland

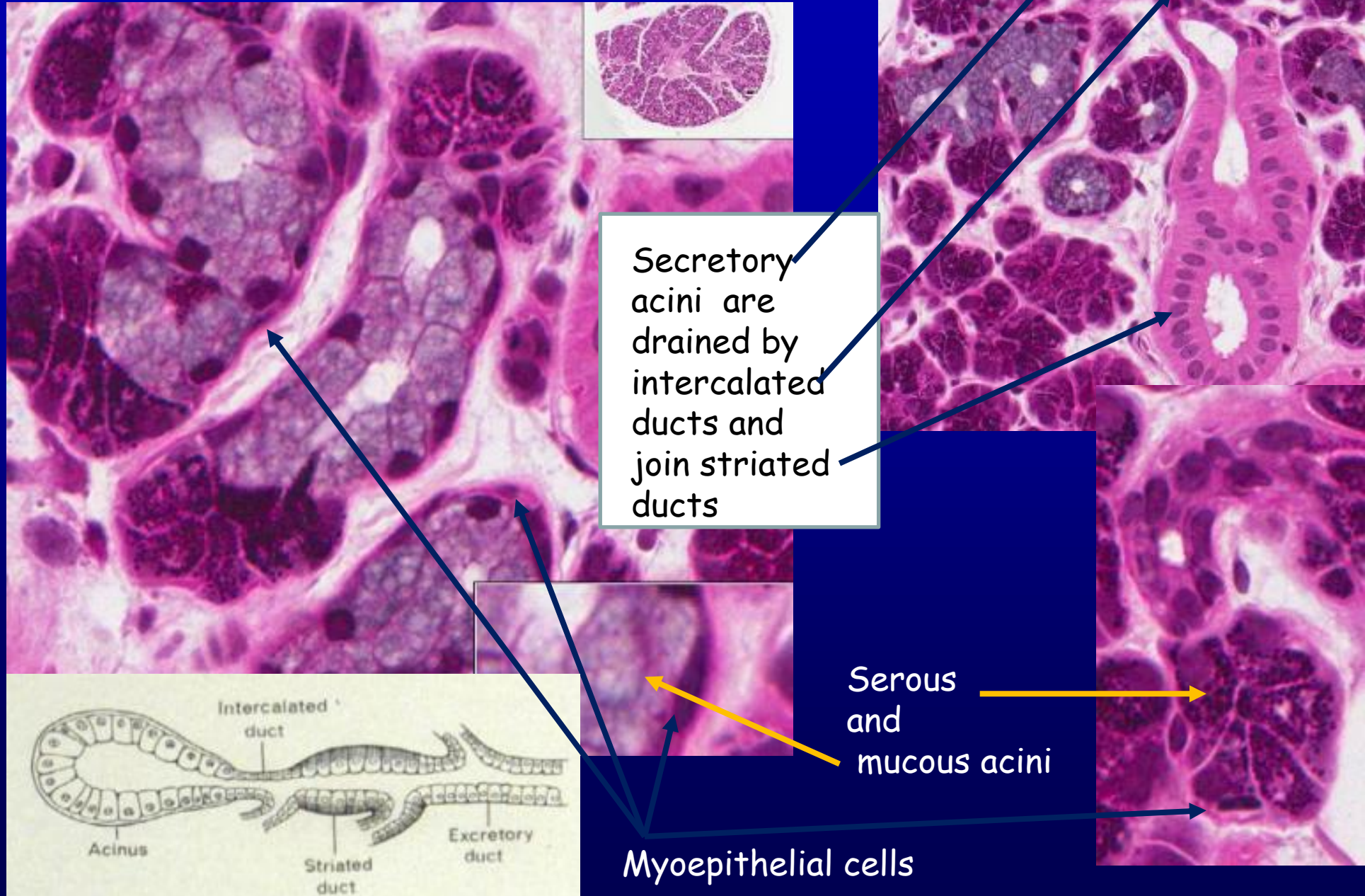
The salivary gland is a compound, tubuloacinar gland.

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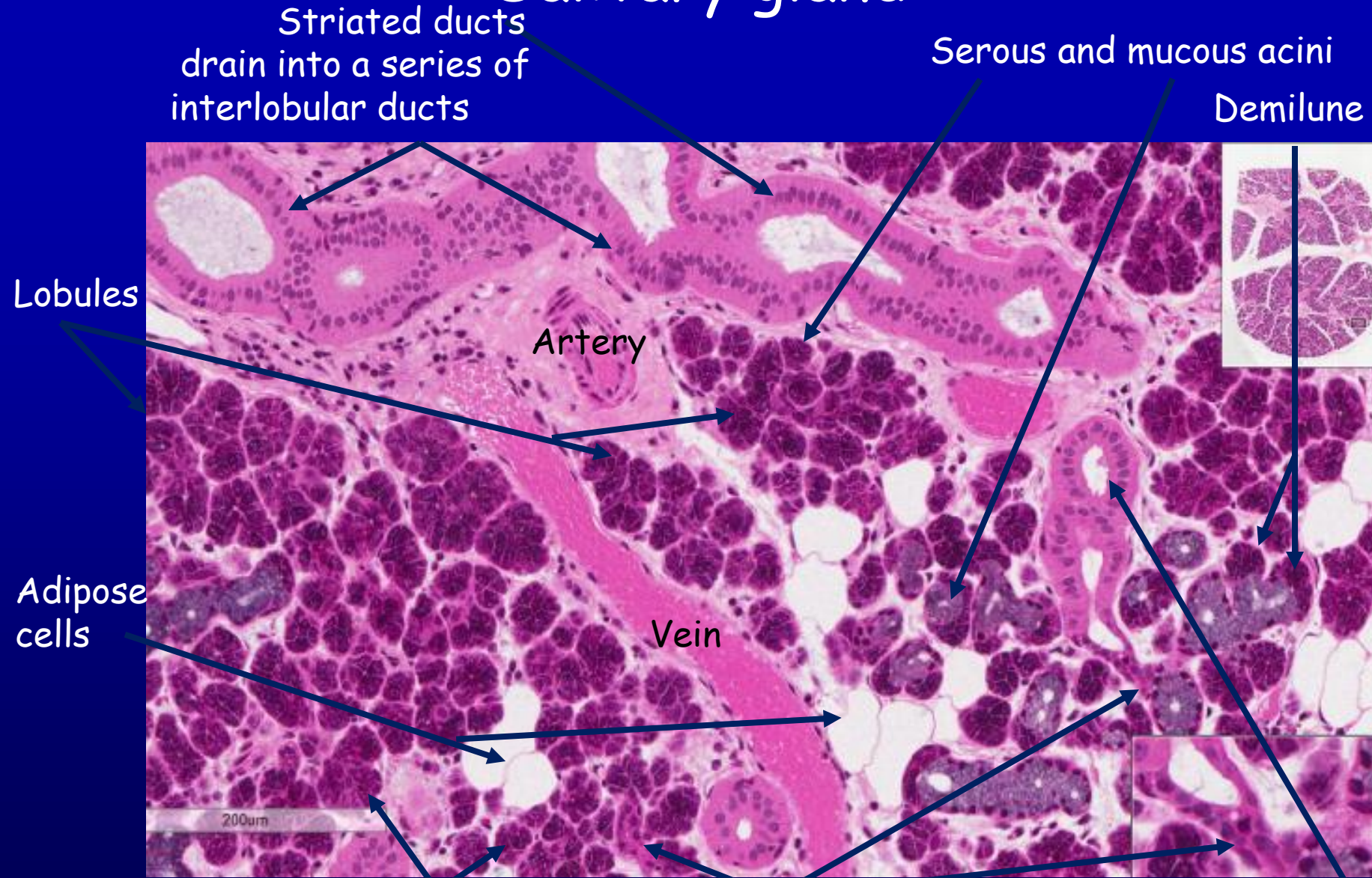
Striated Ducts  
These striations reflect vertically arranged mitochondria associated with deep infolding of the basal plasma membrane



Secretory acini      Intercalated ducts



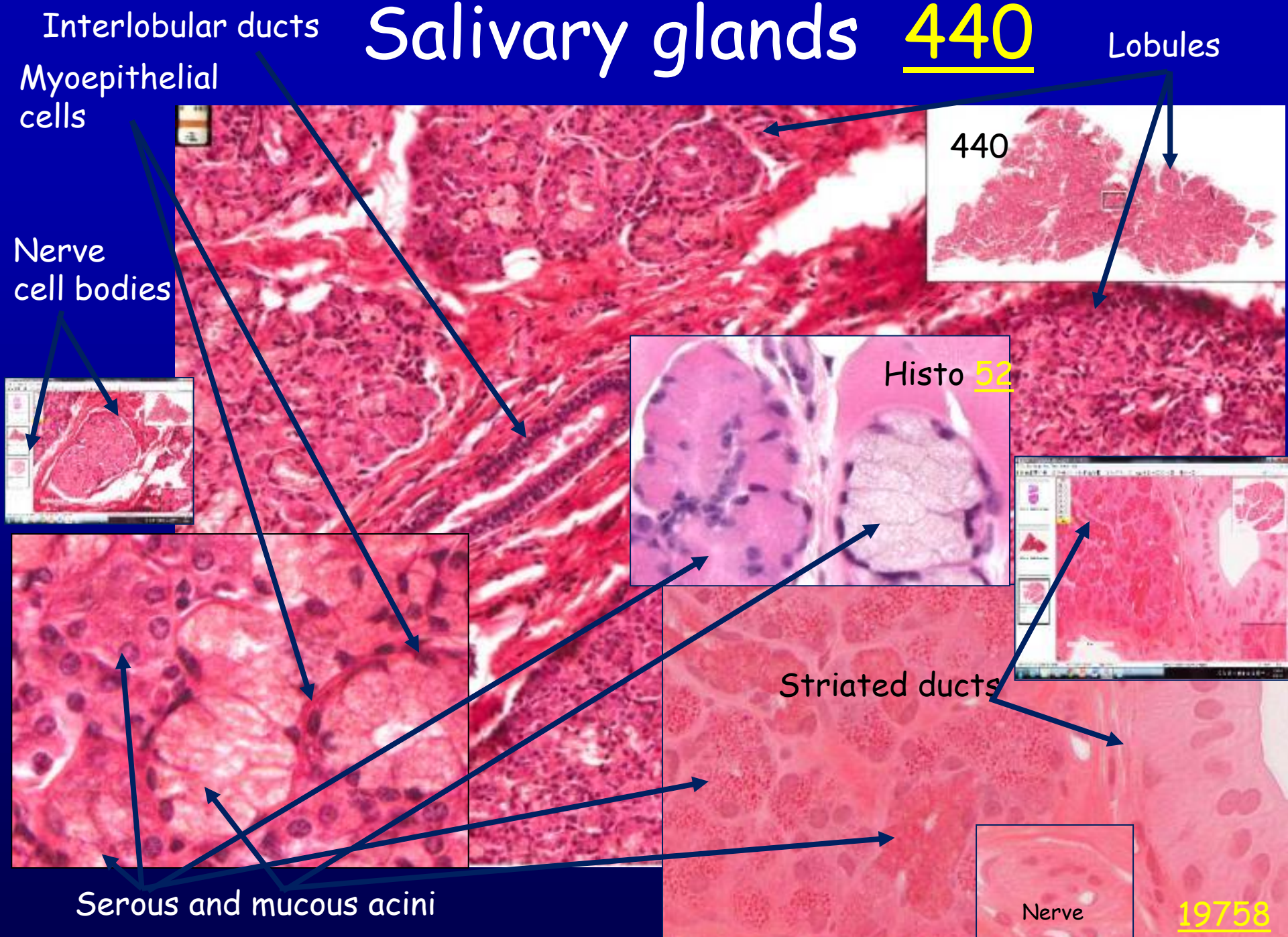
# Salivary gland

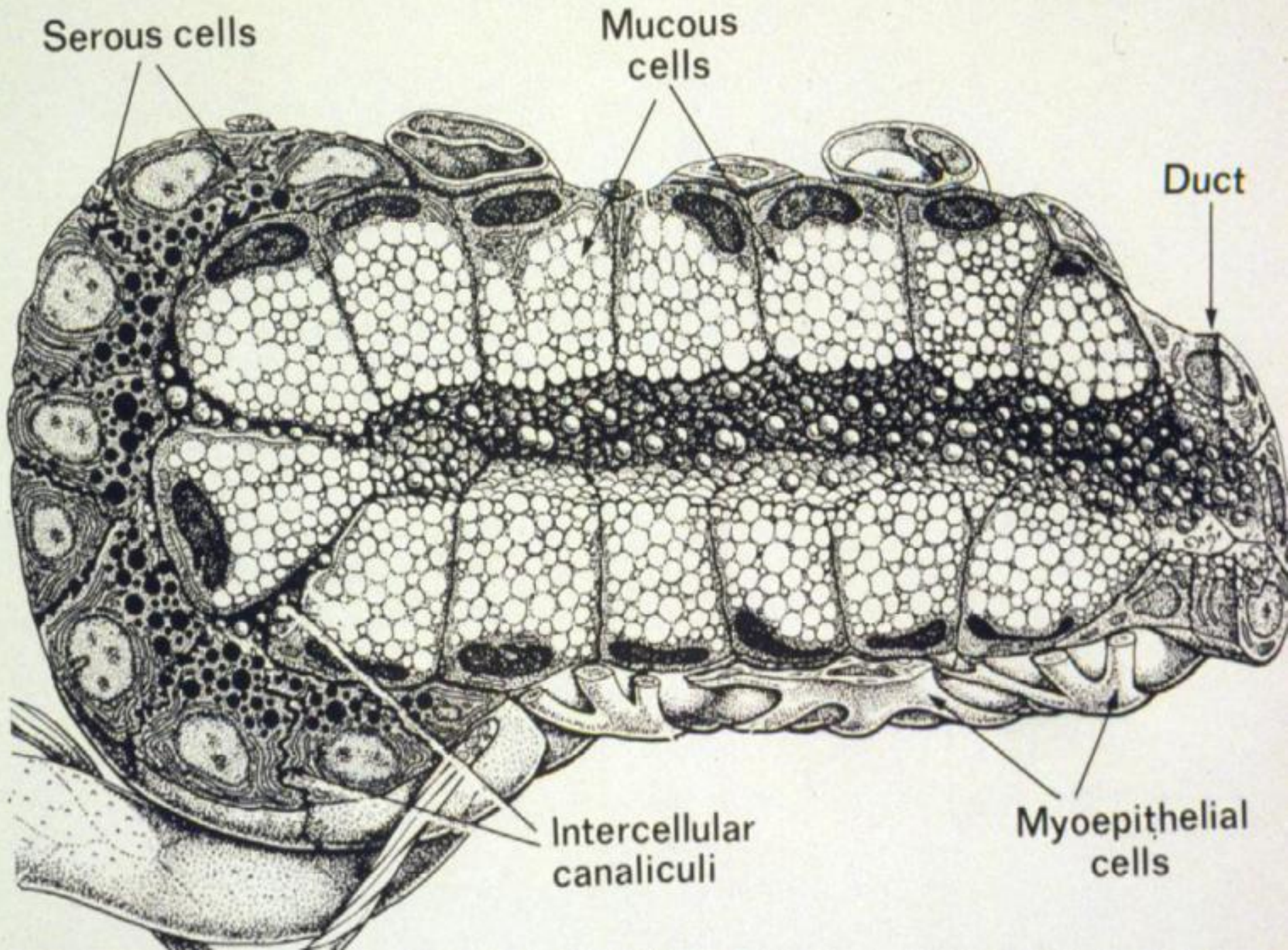


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Individual secretory acini are drained by intercalated ducts and join striated ducts

# Salivary glands 440





# Pancreas

## Function

1. Exocrine
2. Endocrine

## Histological organization,

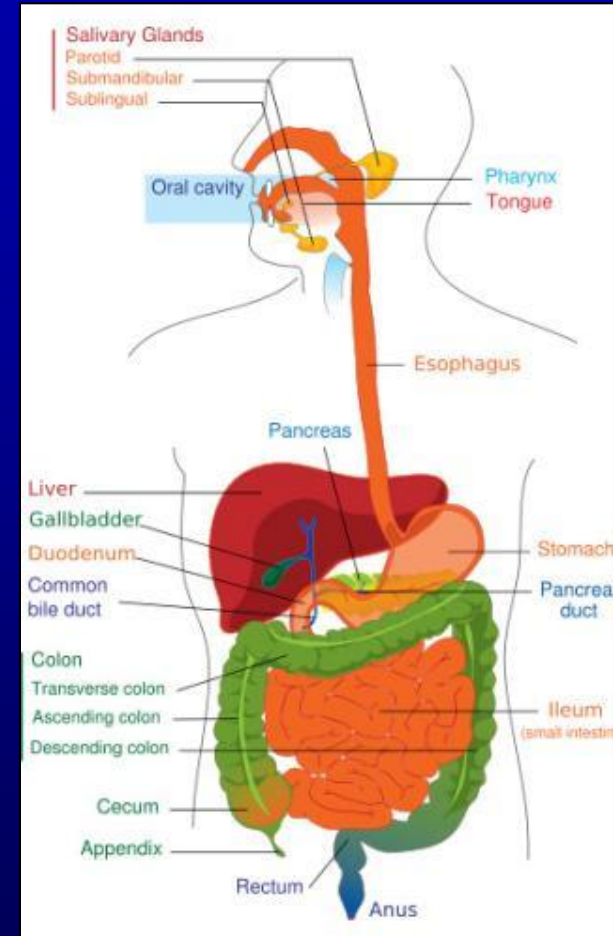
## Exocrine portion

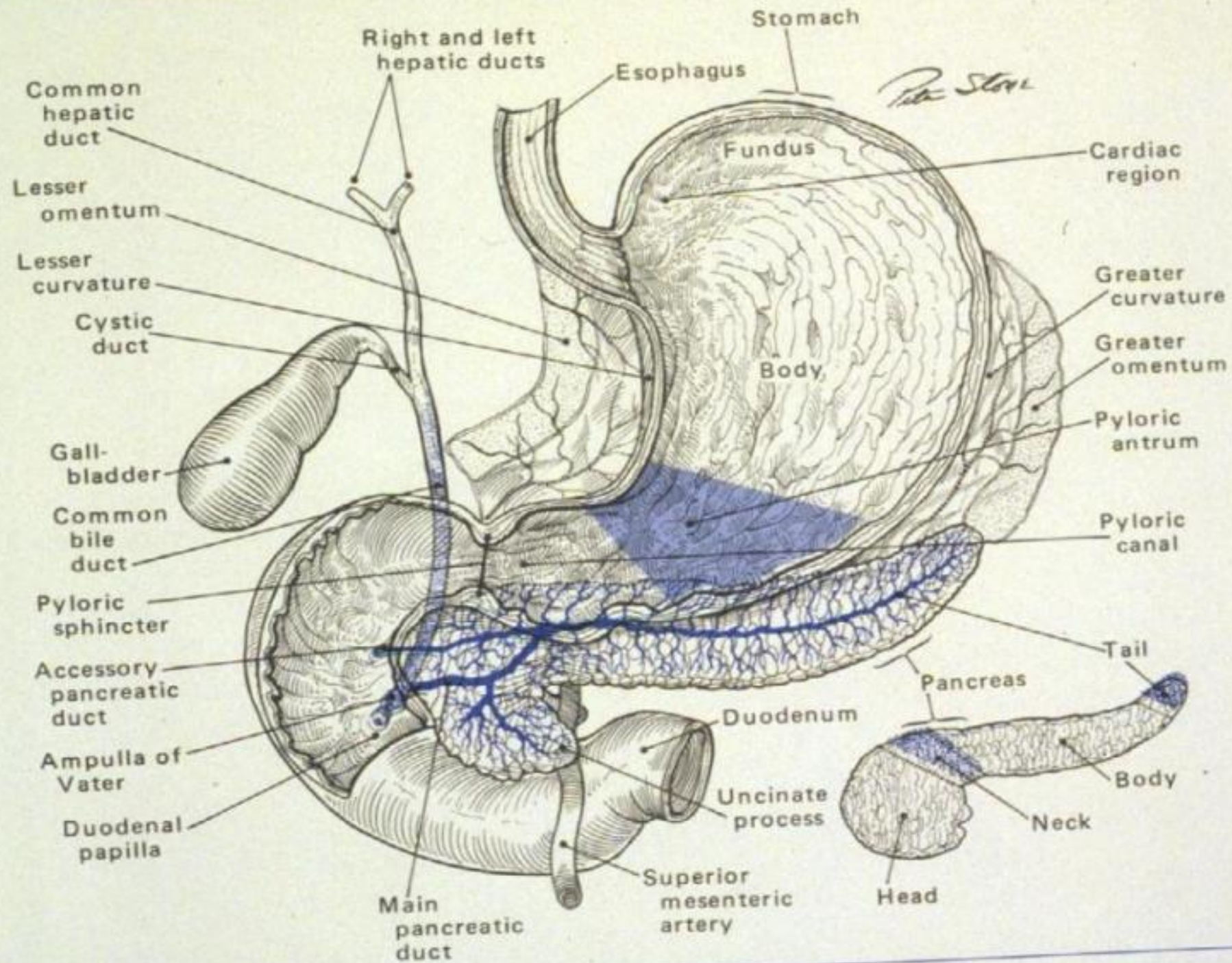
1. Acini
2. Ducts

## Endocrine portion

- Islets of Langerhans

## Histophysiology







# PANCREAS

## FUNCTION

1. EXOCRINE
2. ENDOCRINE

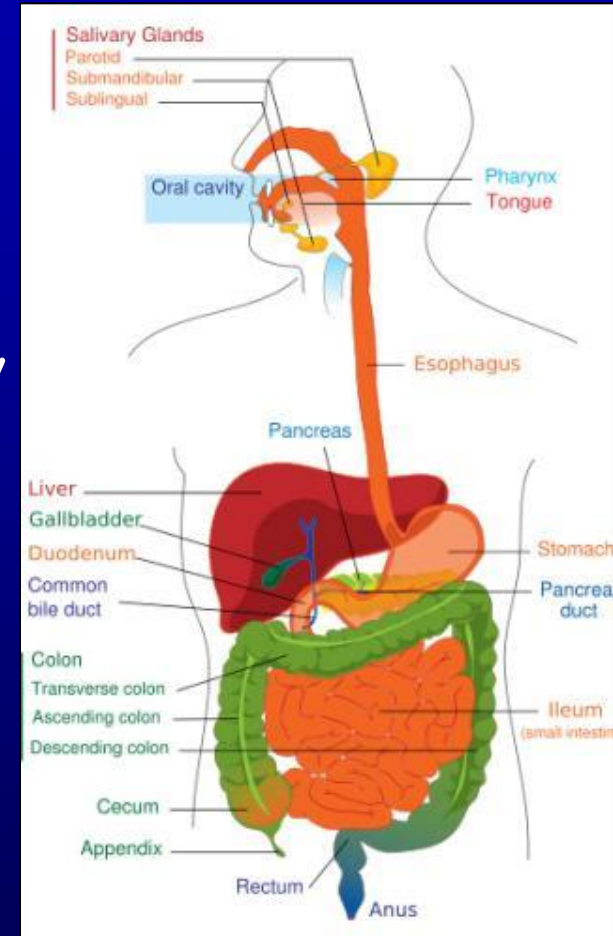
## HISTOLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, EXOCRINE PORTION

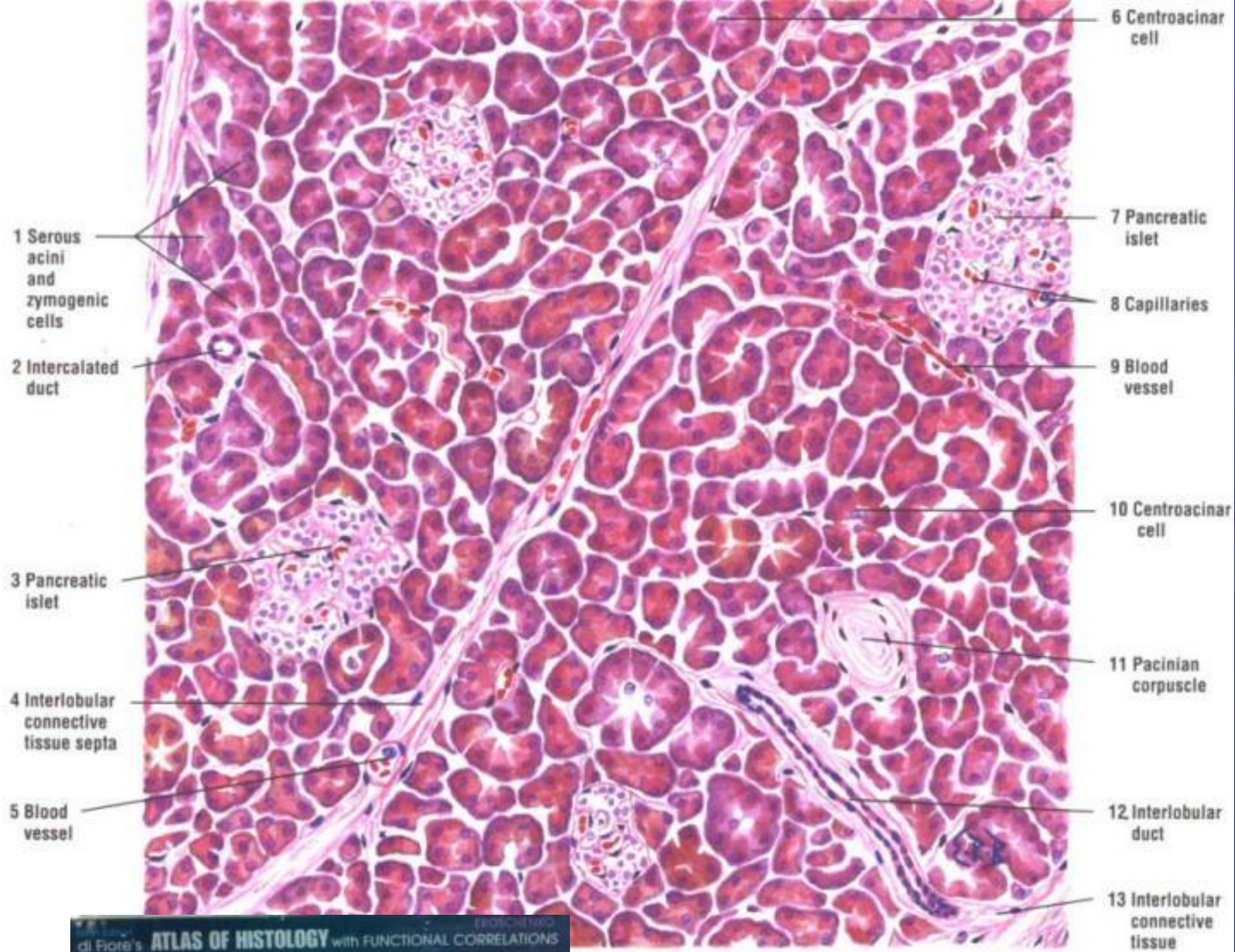
1. ACINI
2. DUCTS

## ENDOCRINE PORTION

- ISLETS OF LANGERHANS

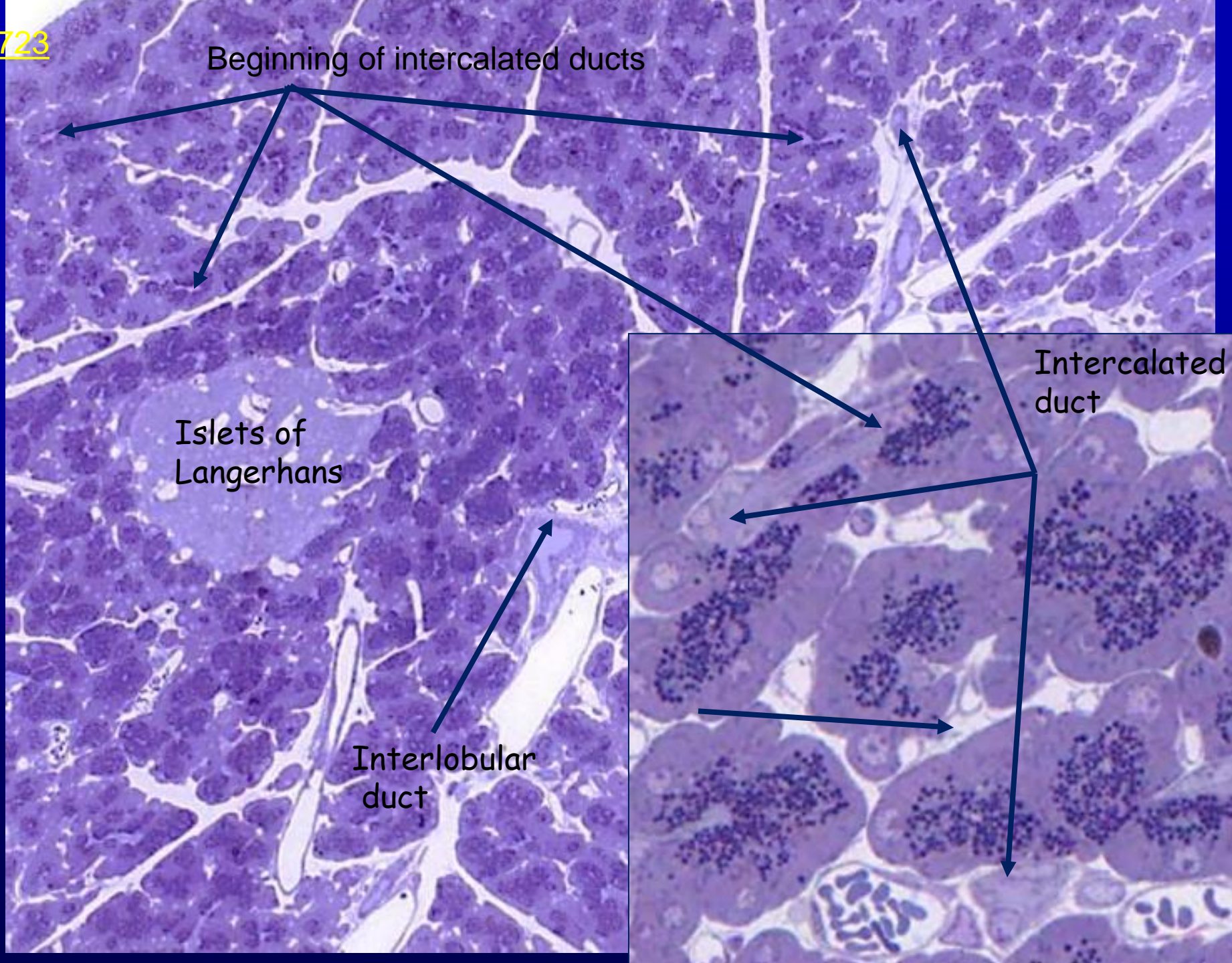
## HISTOPHYSIOLOGY



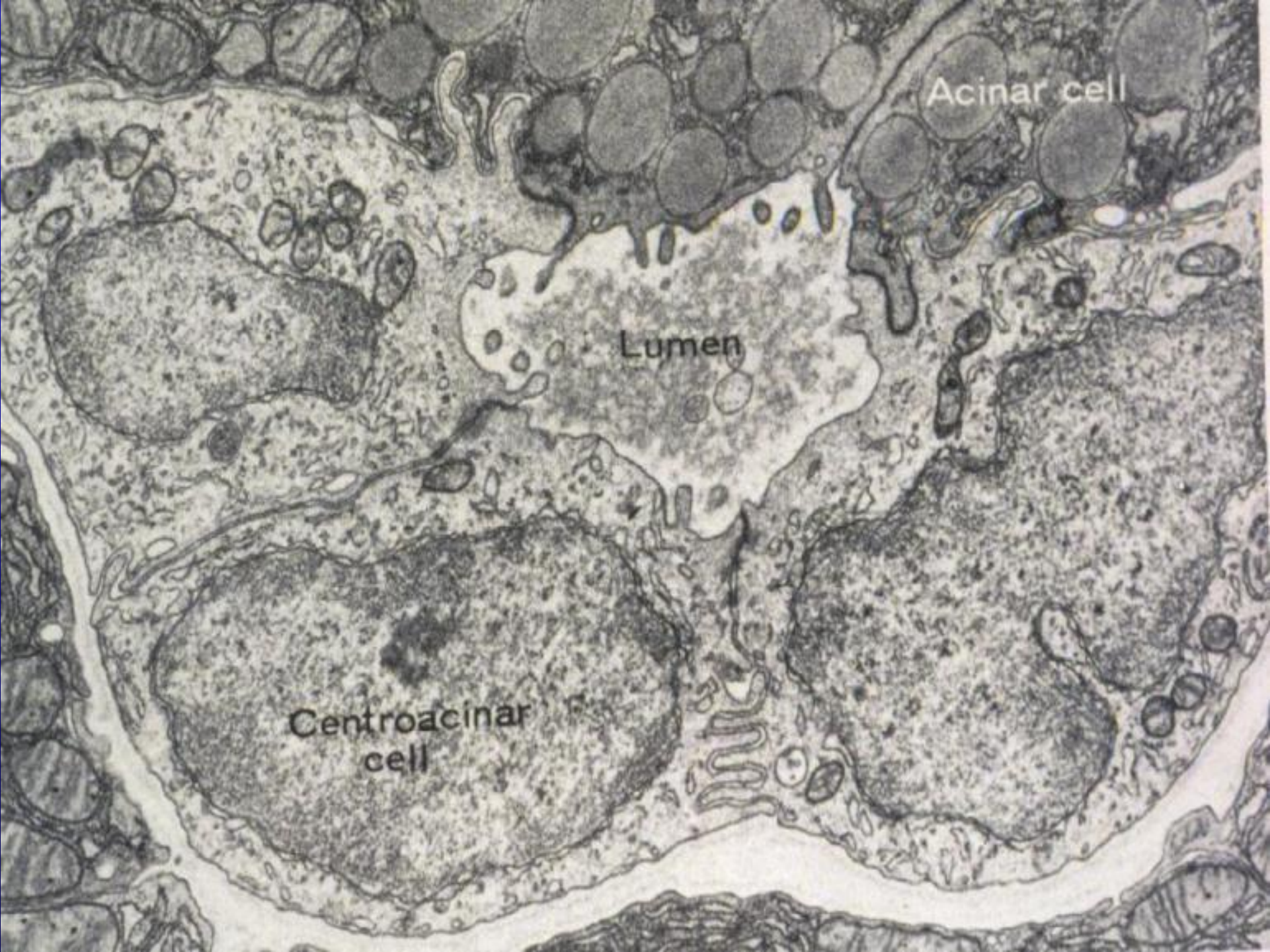


**Fig. 13-10 Pancreas (sectional view).** Stain: hematoxylin-eosin. Low magnification.

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Acinar cell

Lumen

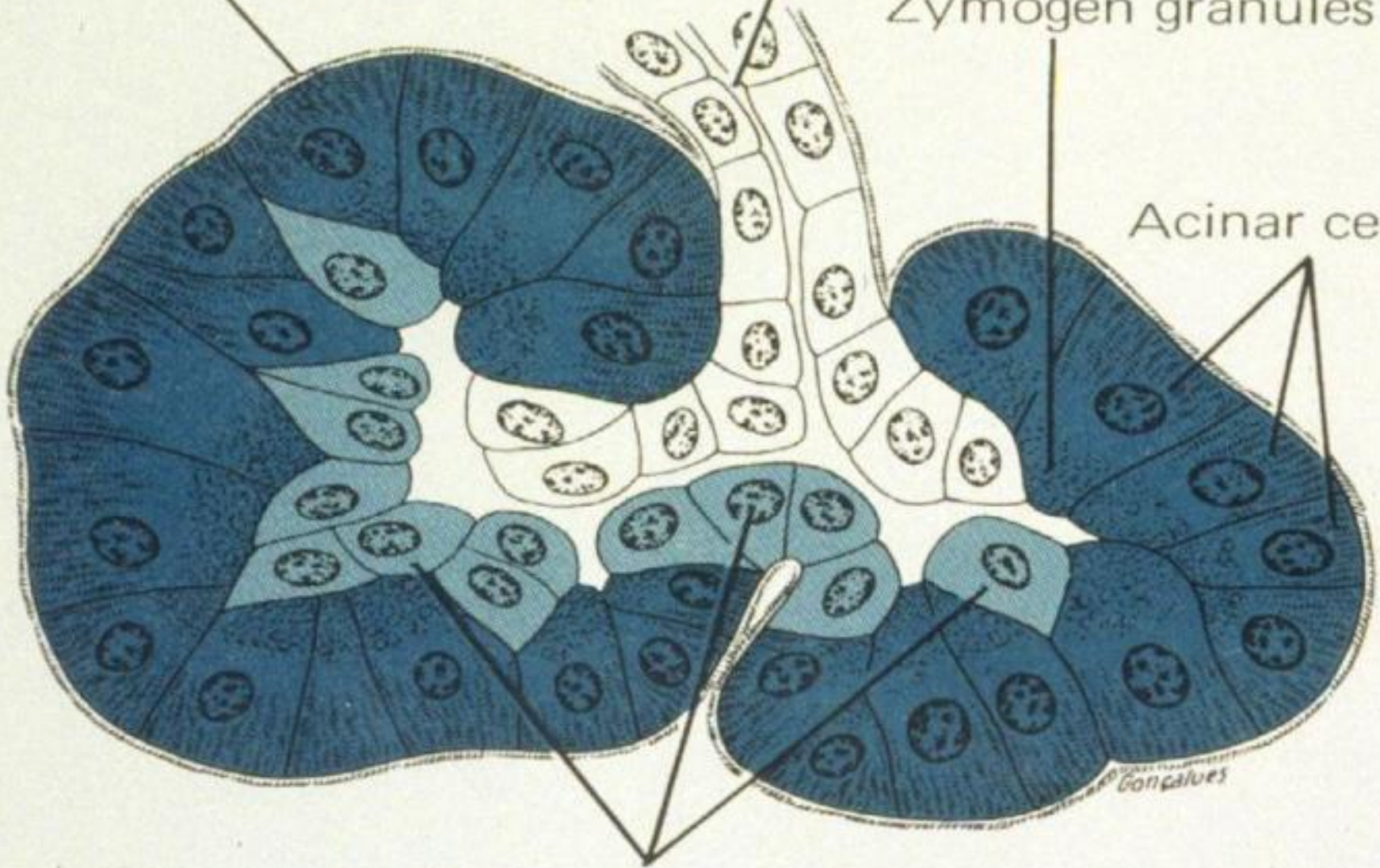
Centroacinar cell

Basal lamina

Intercalated duct

Zymogen granules

Acinar cells

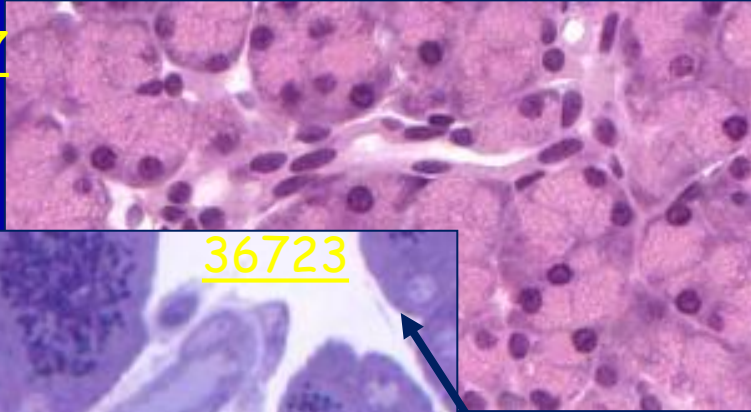


Centroacinar cells

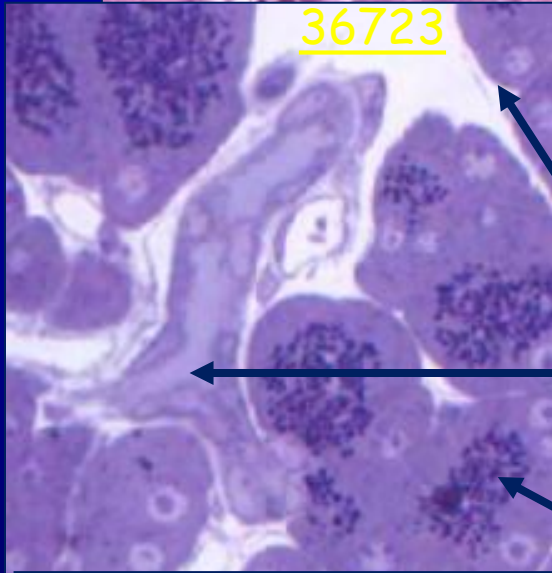
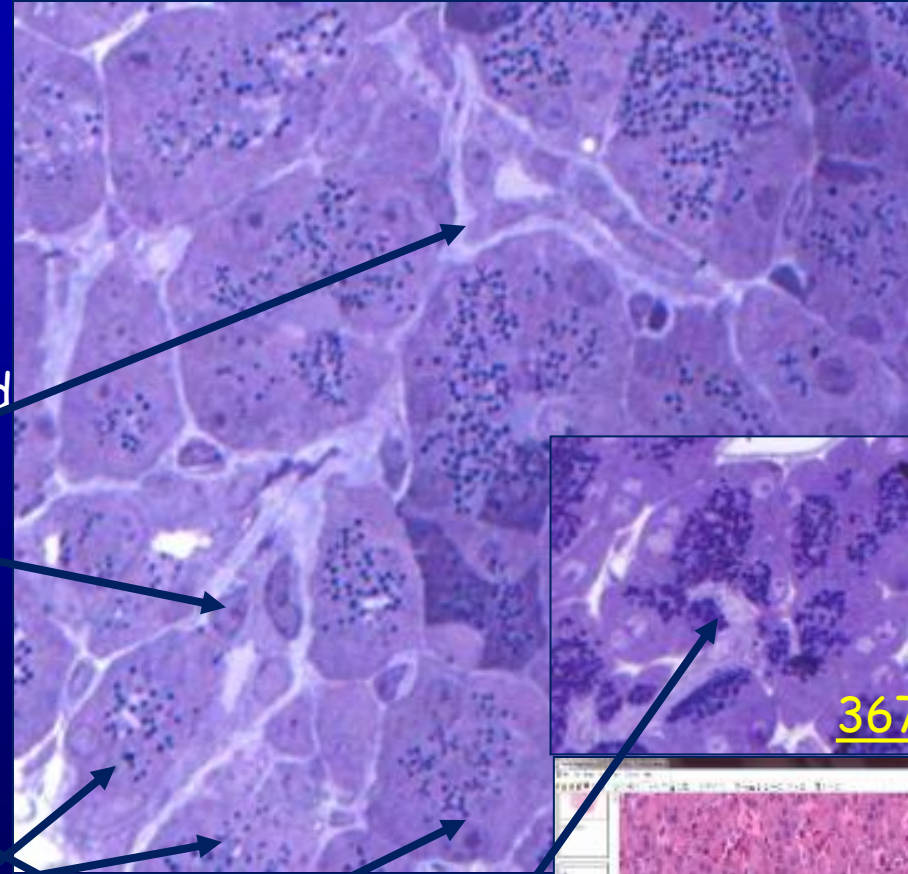
Gonçalves

# 156 and 157 Pancreas

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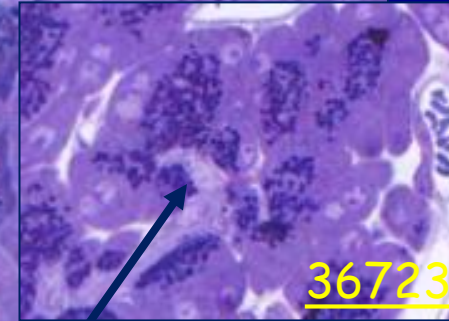
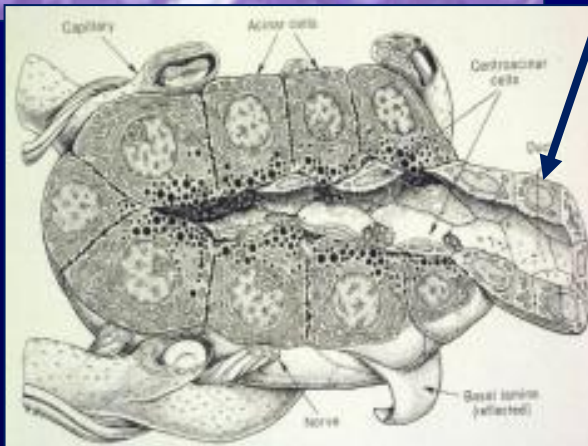


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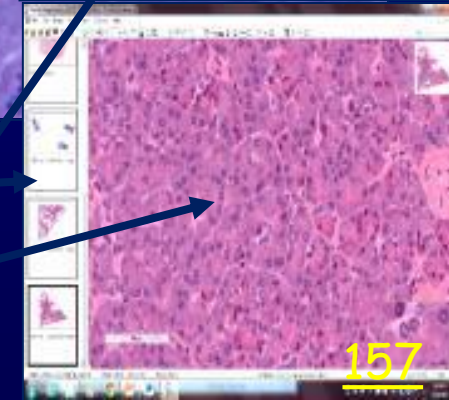
Intercalated duct

Secretory granules

All acini are of the serous type and many contain centroacinar cells initiate the duct inside the acinus.



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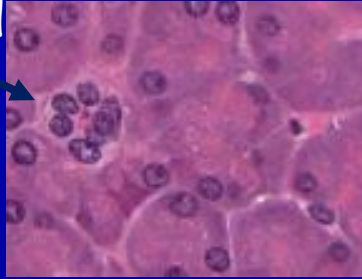
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# Pancreas - Islets of Langerhans

The pancreas is a compound tubuloalveolar (tubuloacinar) gland which functions in the digestion of food.

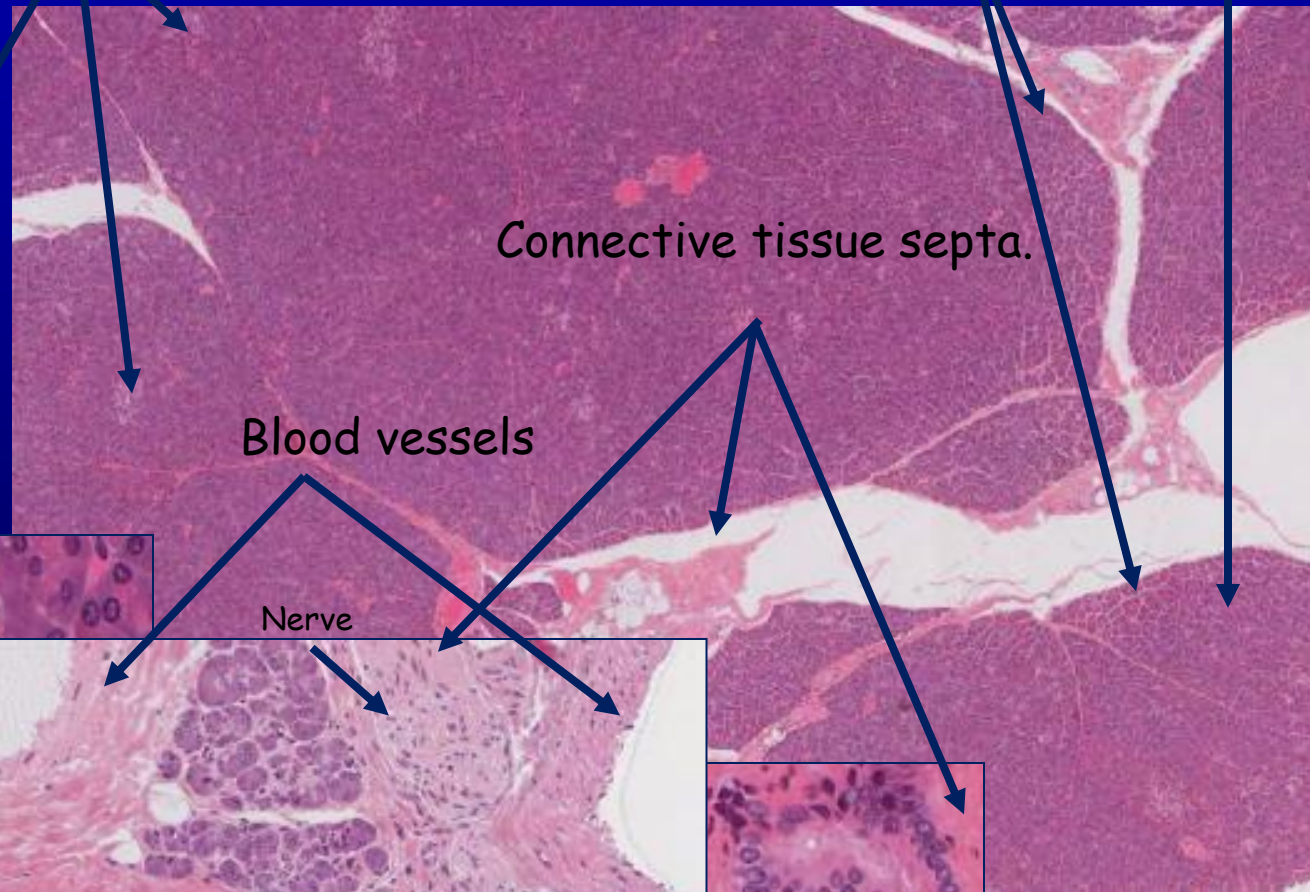
Intercalated duct

Islets of Langerhans



Lobes composed of lobules

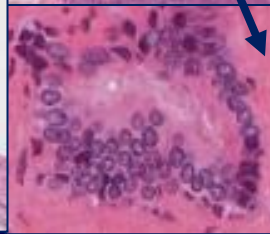
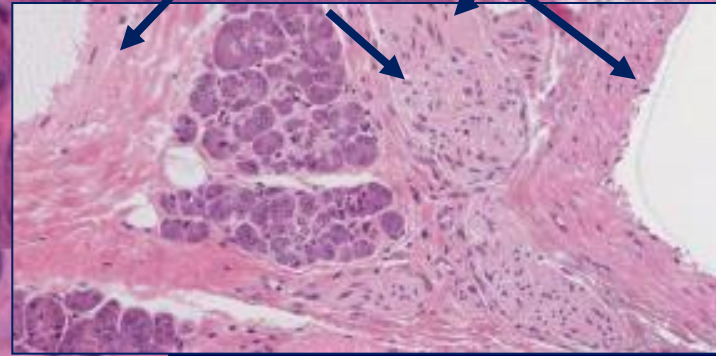
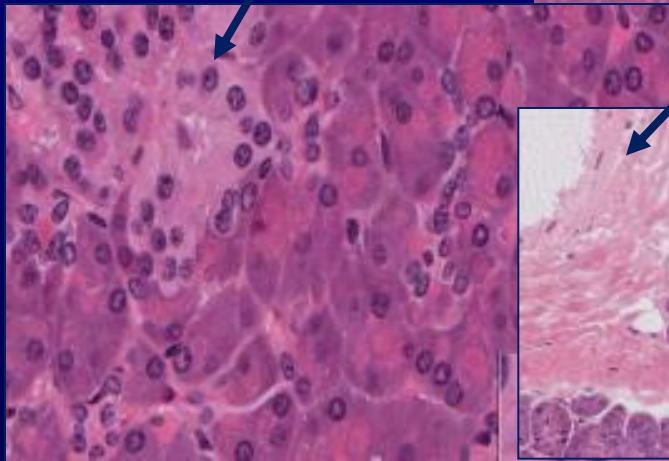
Insulin is secreted by the B cells which are most numerous and centrally located in the islets.



Connective tissue septa.

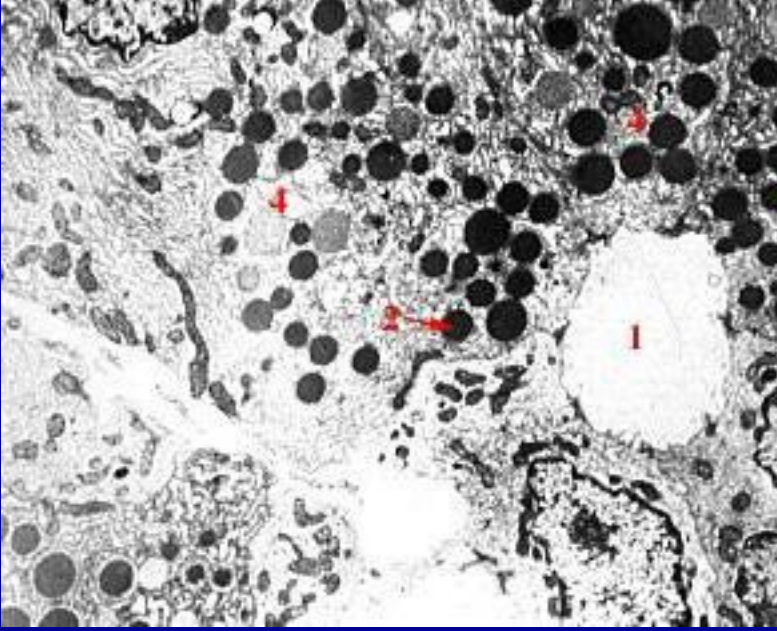
Blood vessels

Nerve



Interlobular duct

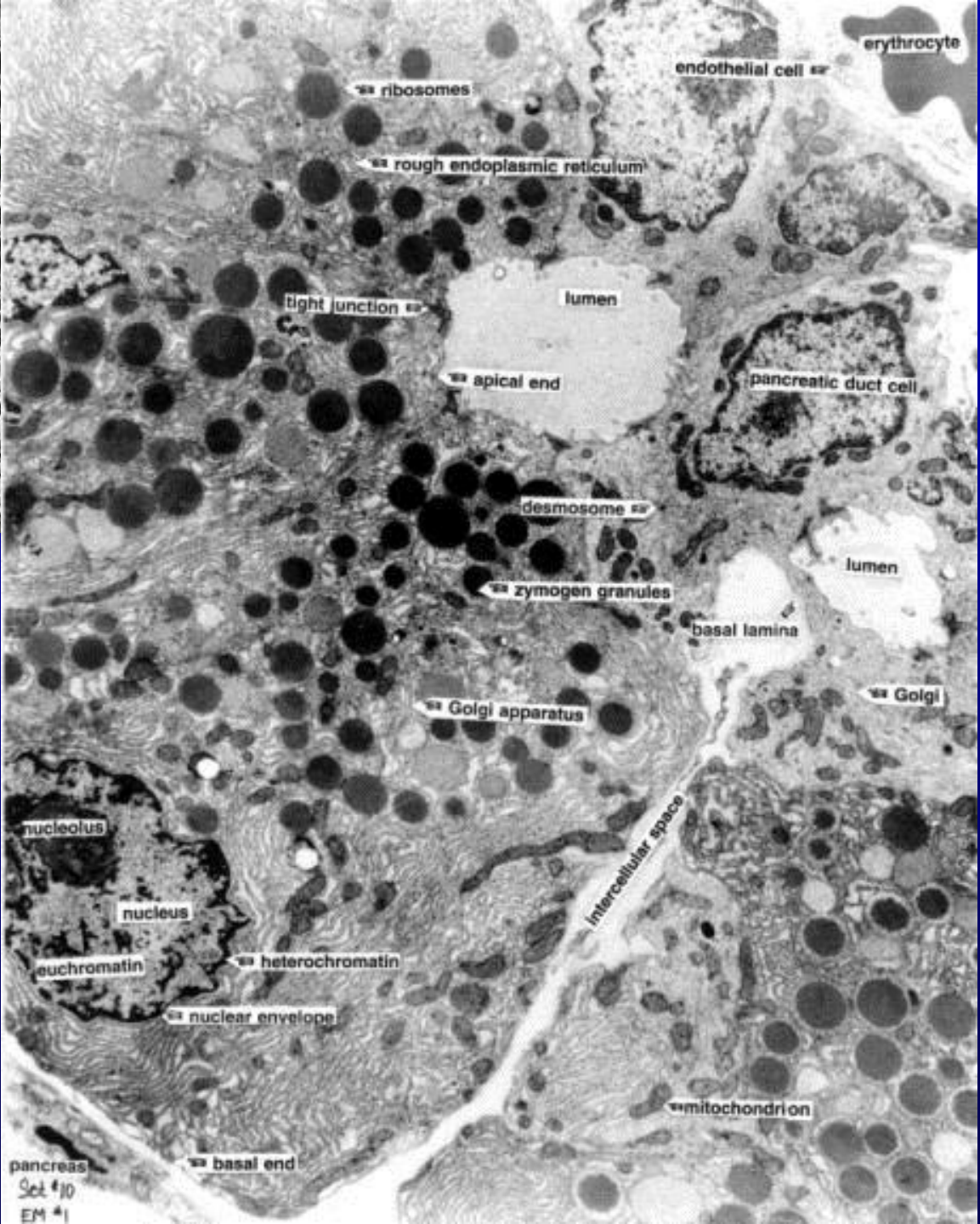




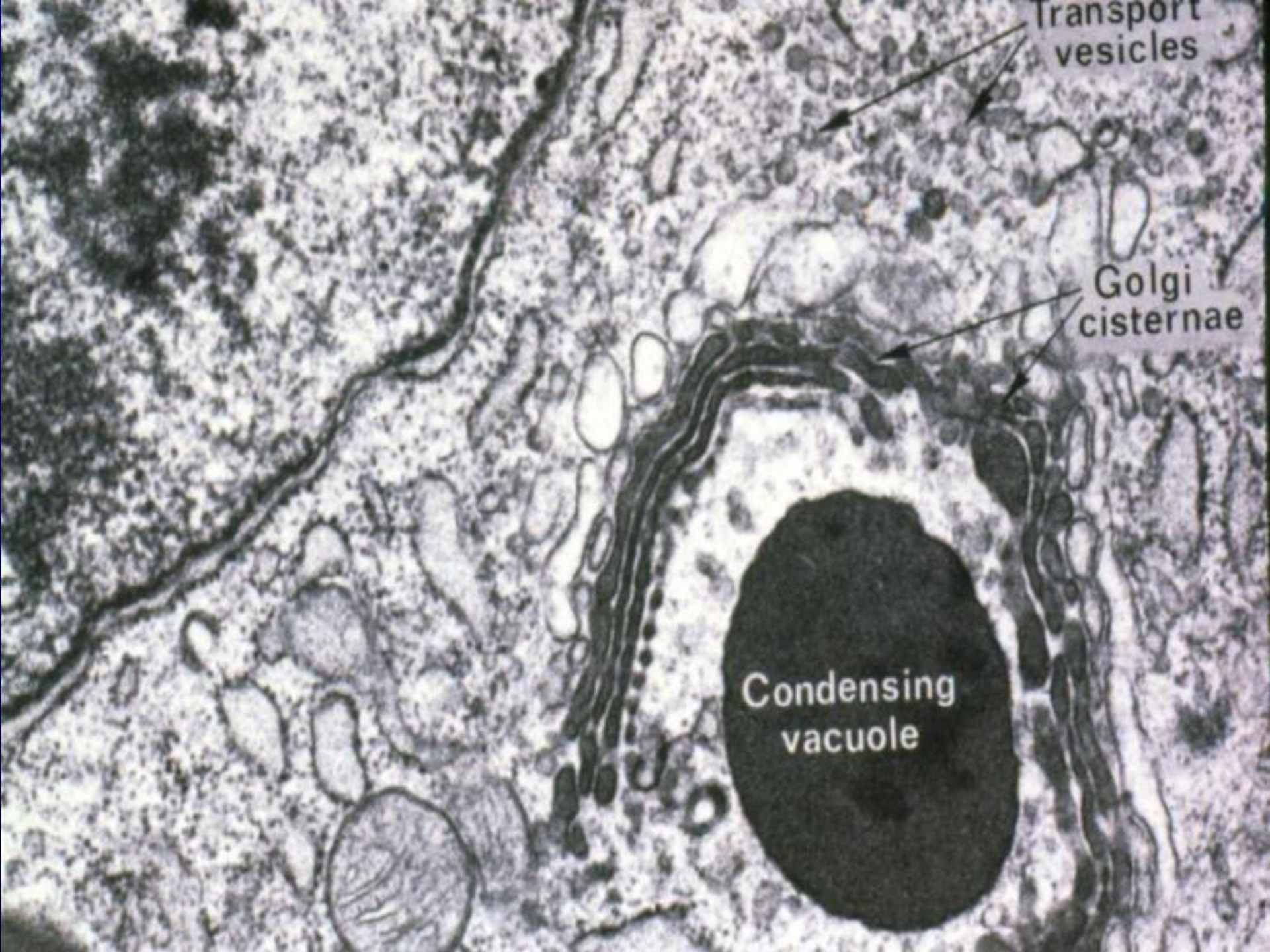
EM 1

Pancreatic acinar cell (EM 1)

- 1. Lumen
- 2. Zymogen granule
- 3. Vesicles
- 4. Central acinar cell



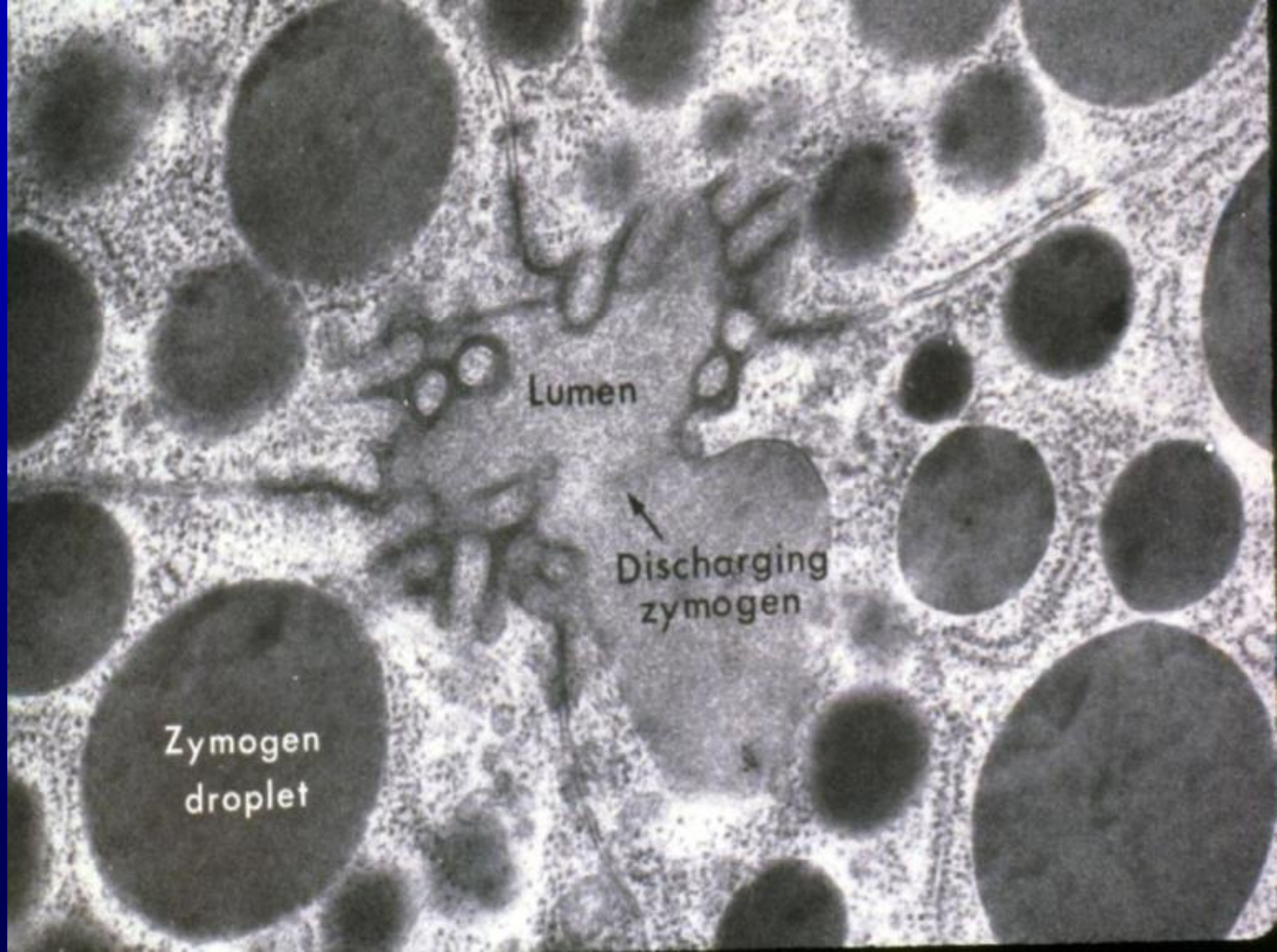
pancreas  
Set #10  
EM #1



Transport vesicles

Golgi cisternae

Condensing vacuole



Lumen

Discharging  
zymogen

Zymogen  
droplet

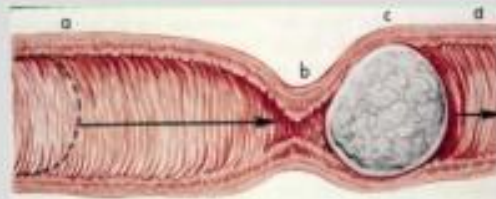
# In summary

## Function of the Digestive System

### Role of liver, gall bladder, salivary glands, and pancreas

Movement of food

Salivary glands lubricates

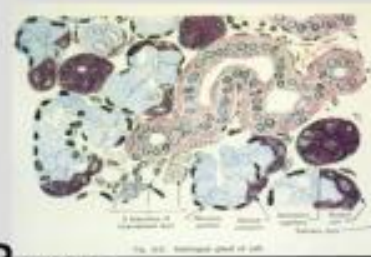


Secretion of digestive juices

Salivary glands and pancreas

secrete digestive juices and liver

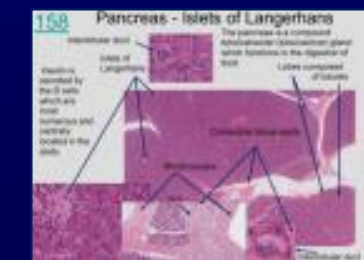
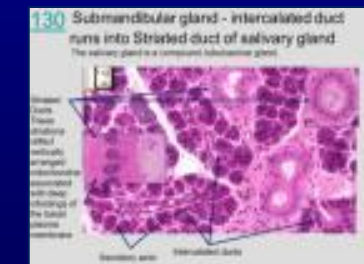
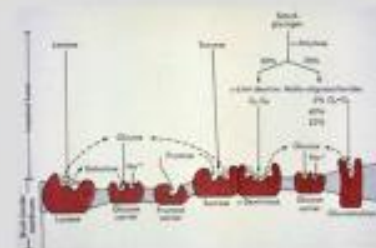
secretes bile

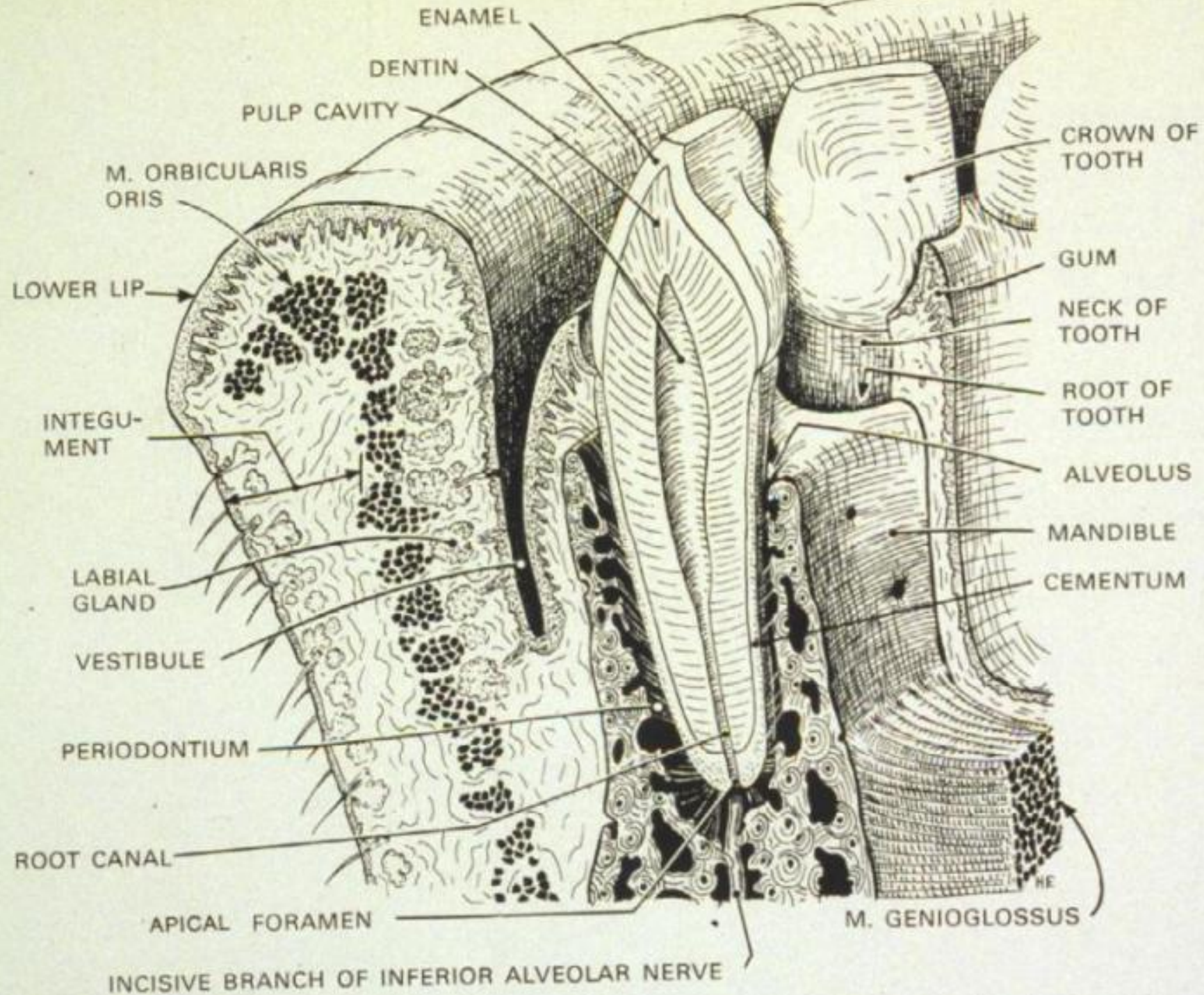


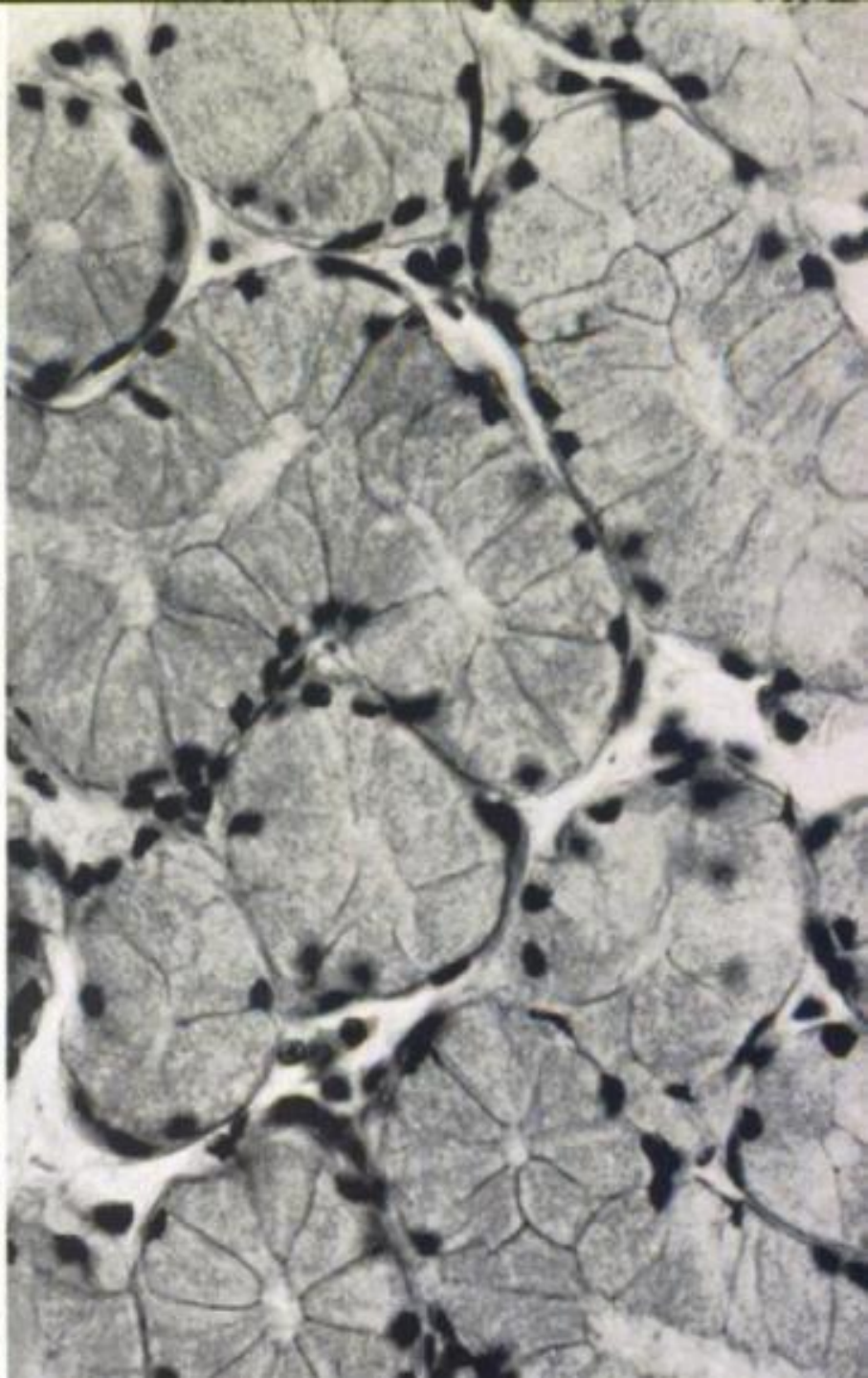
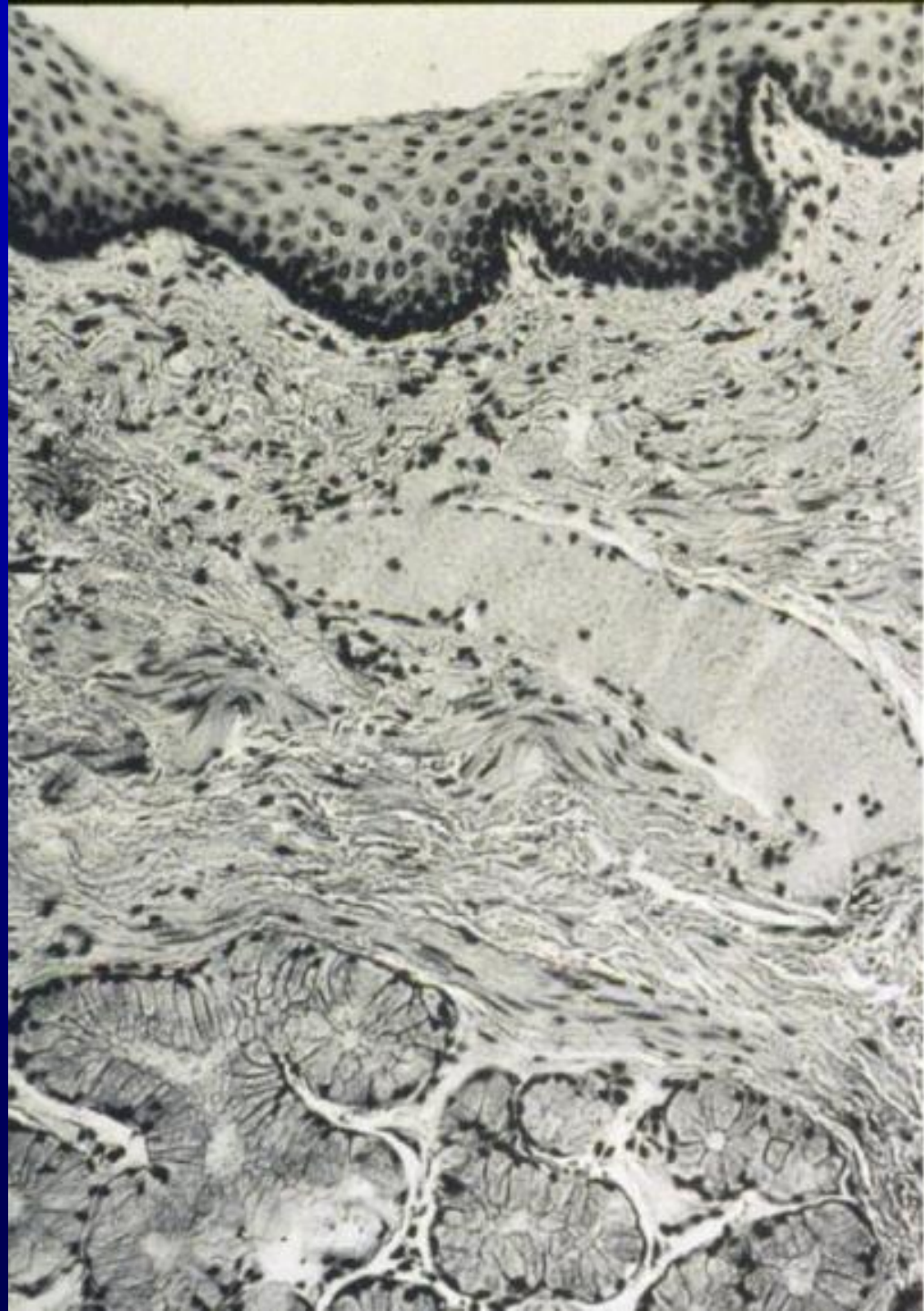
Absorption of digested foods, water,  
and electrolytes

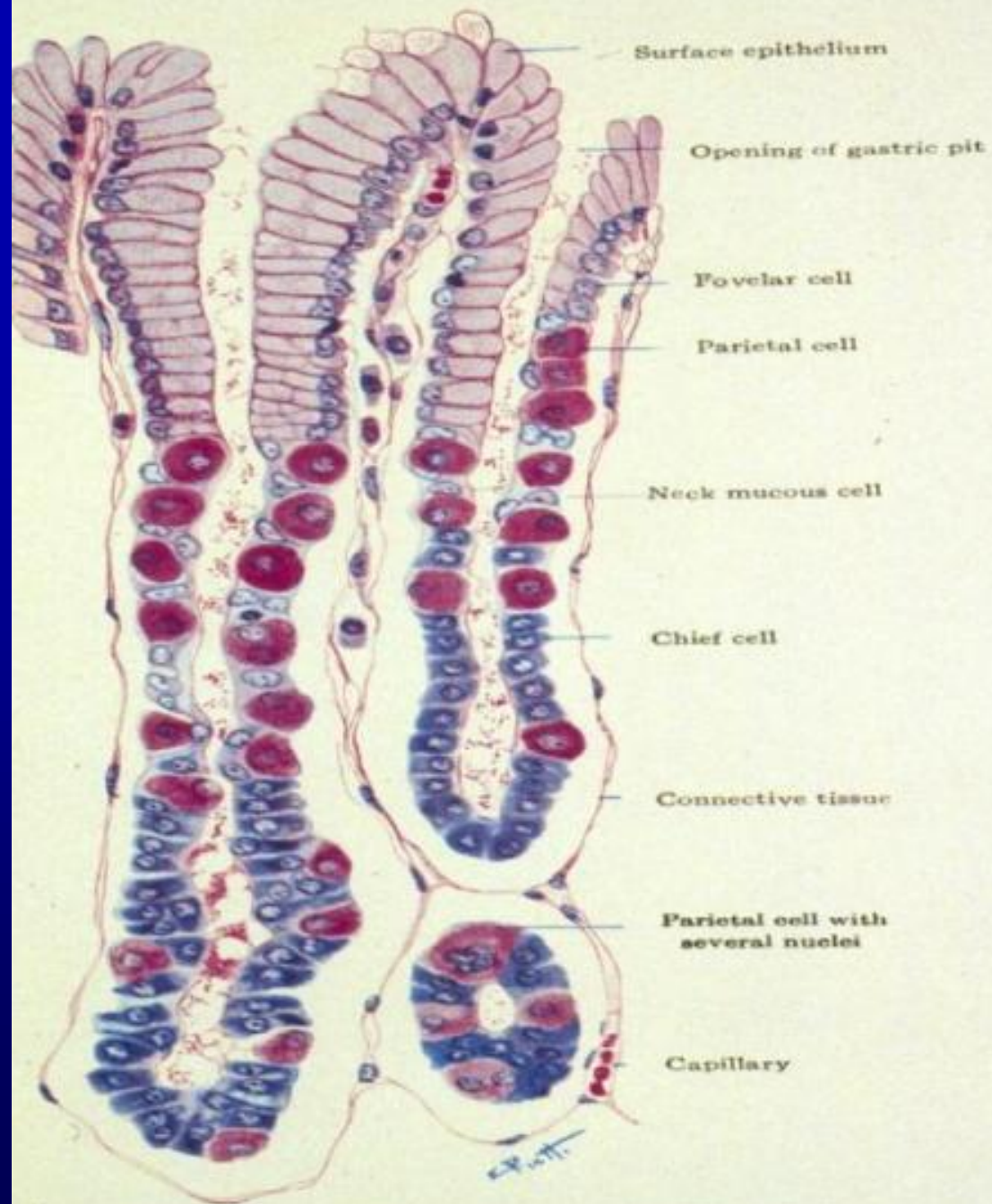
Liver stores nutrients and cleans the blood.

Also, the accessory digestive organs  
contribute antibodies and antibacterial/viral  
growth substances.

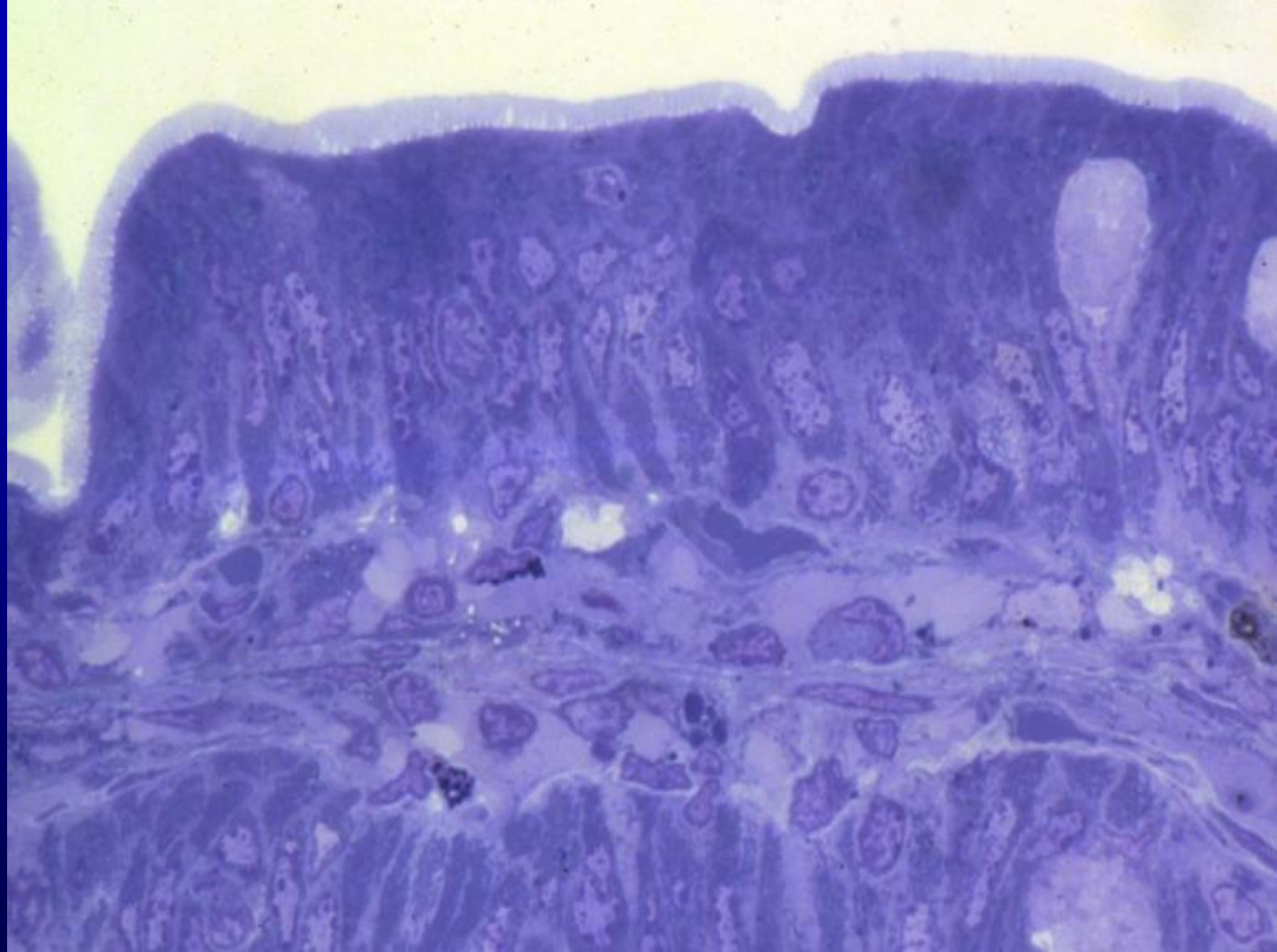




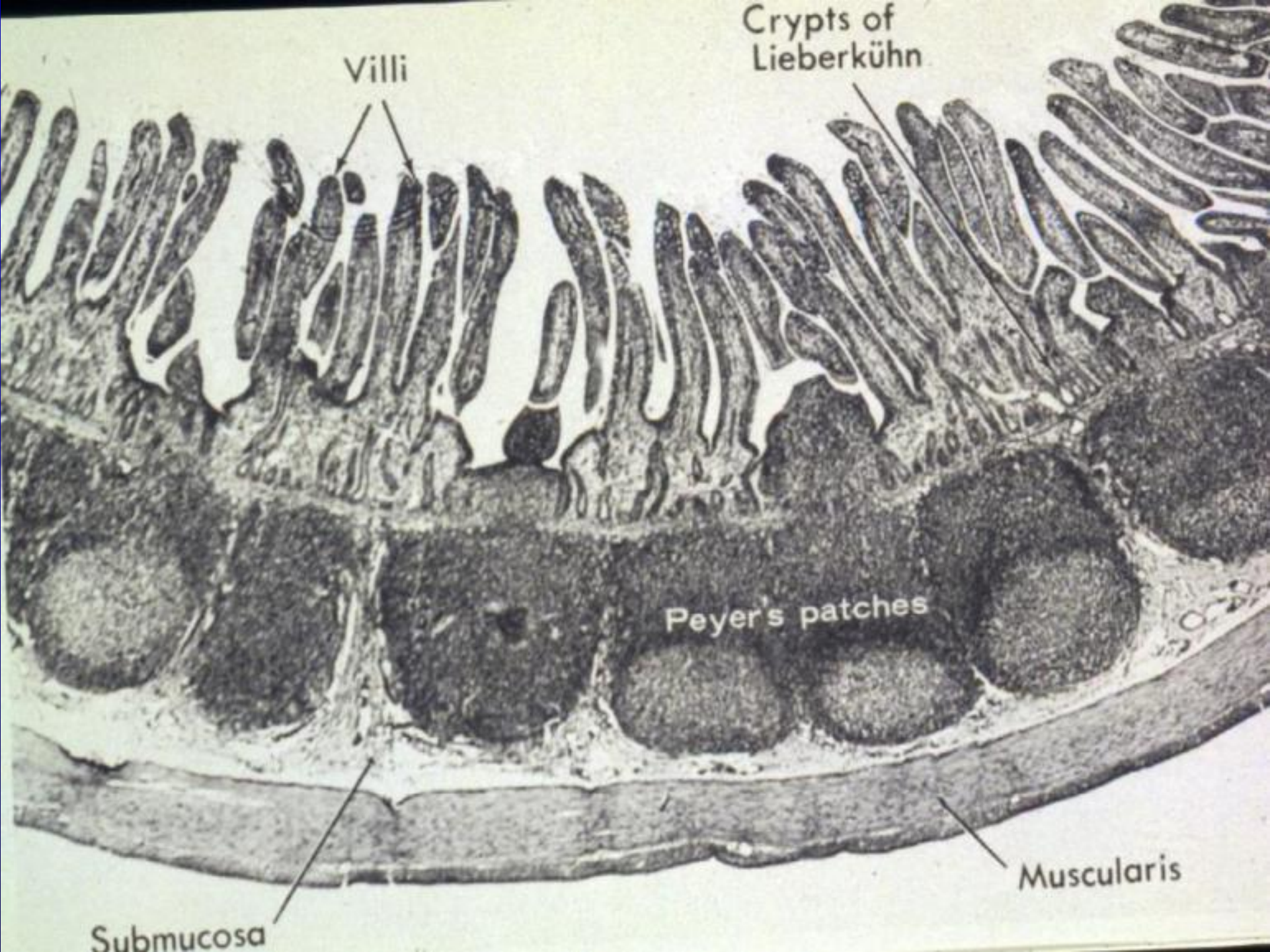


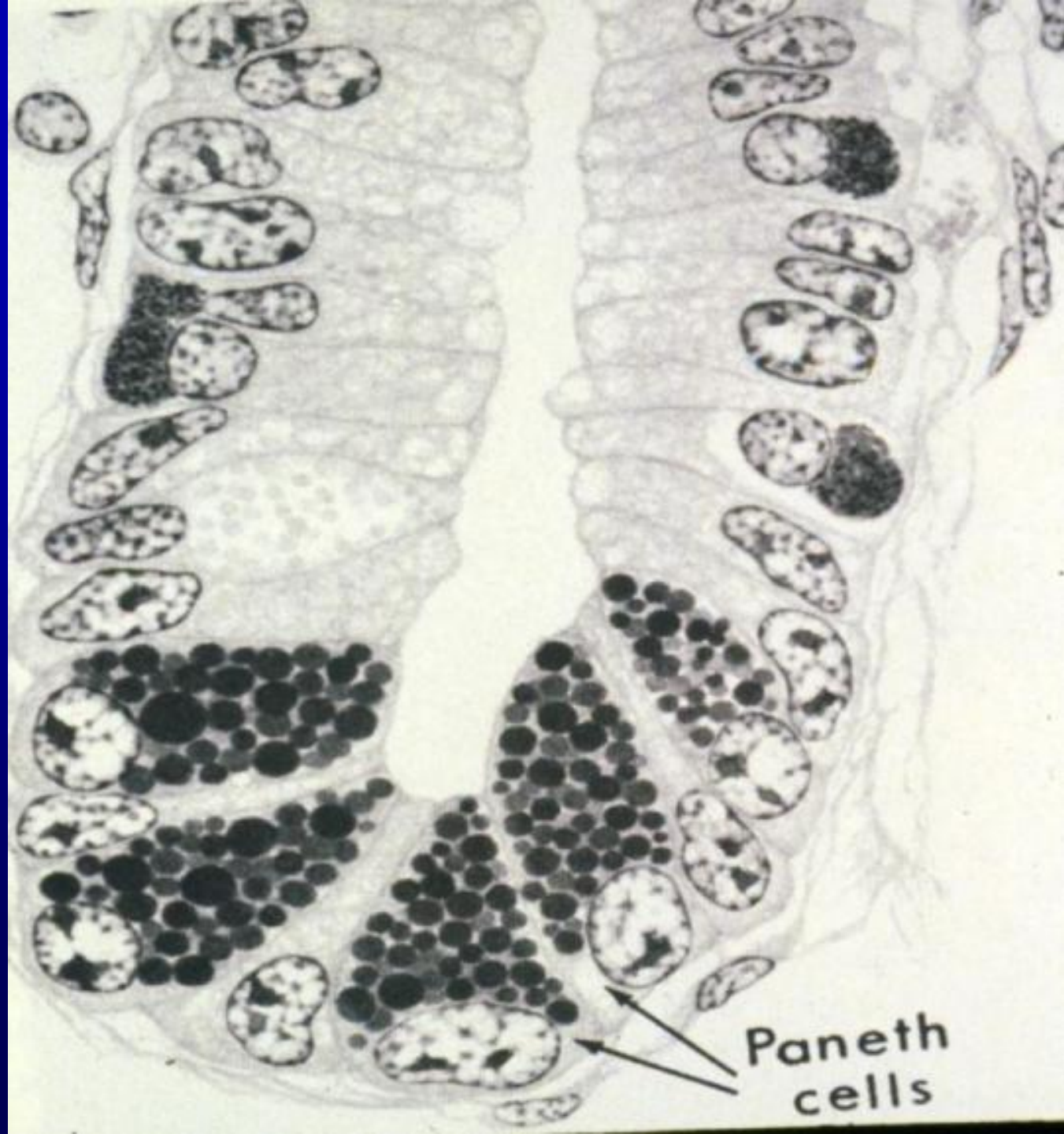


**19-11** Drawing of two gastric glands of the adult human stomach. Four cell types are evident in the epithelium: the surface mucous cell (foveolar cell), the parietal cell, the neck mucous cell, and the chief cell.

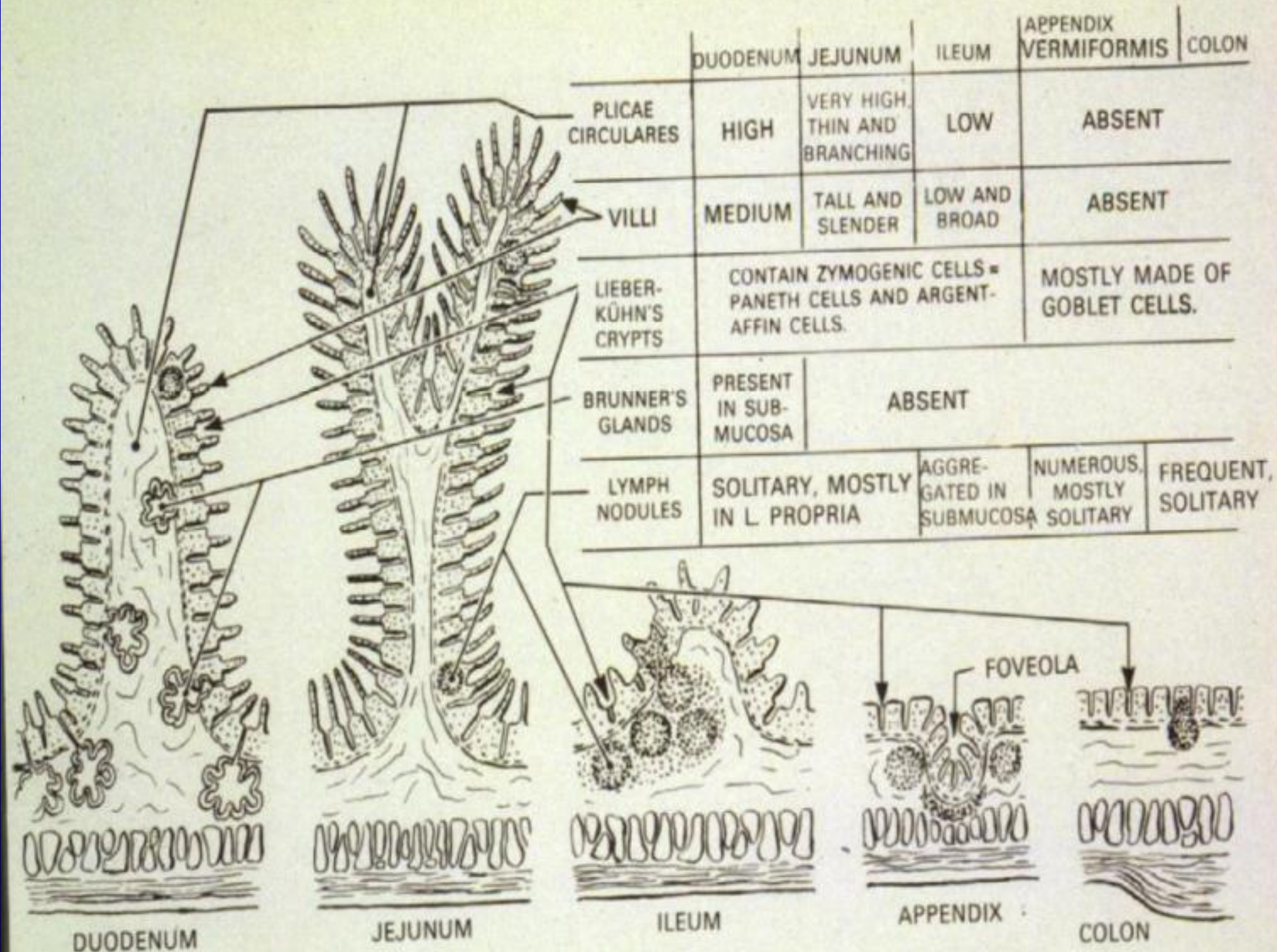








Paneth cells



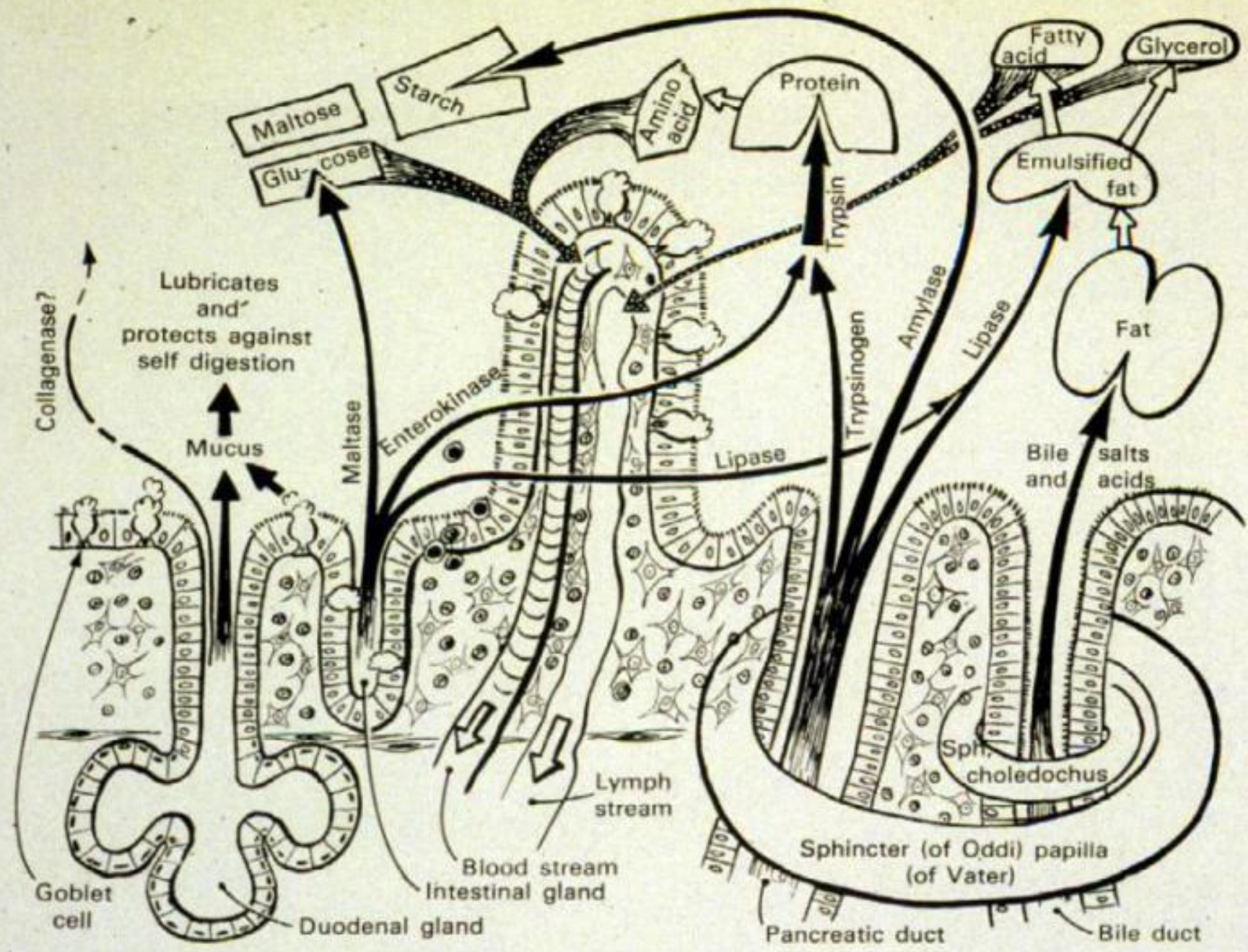
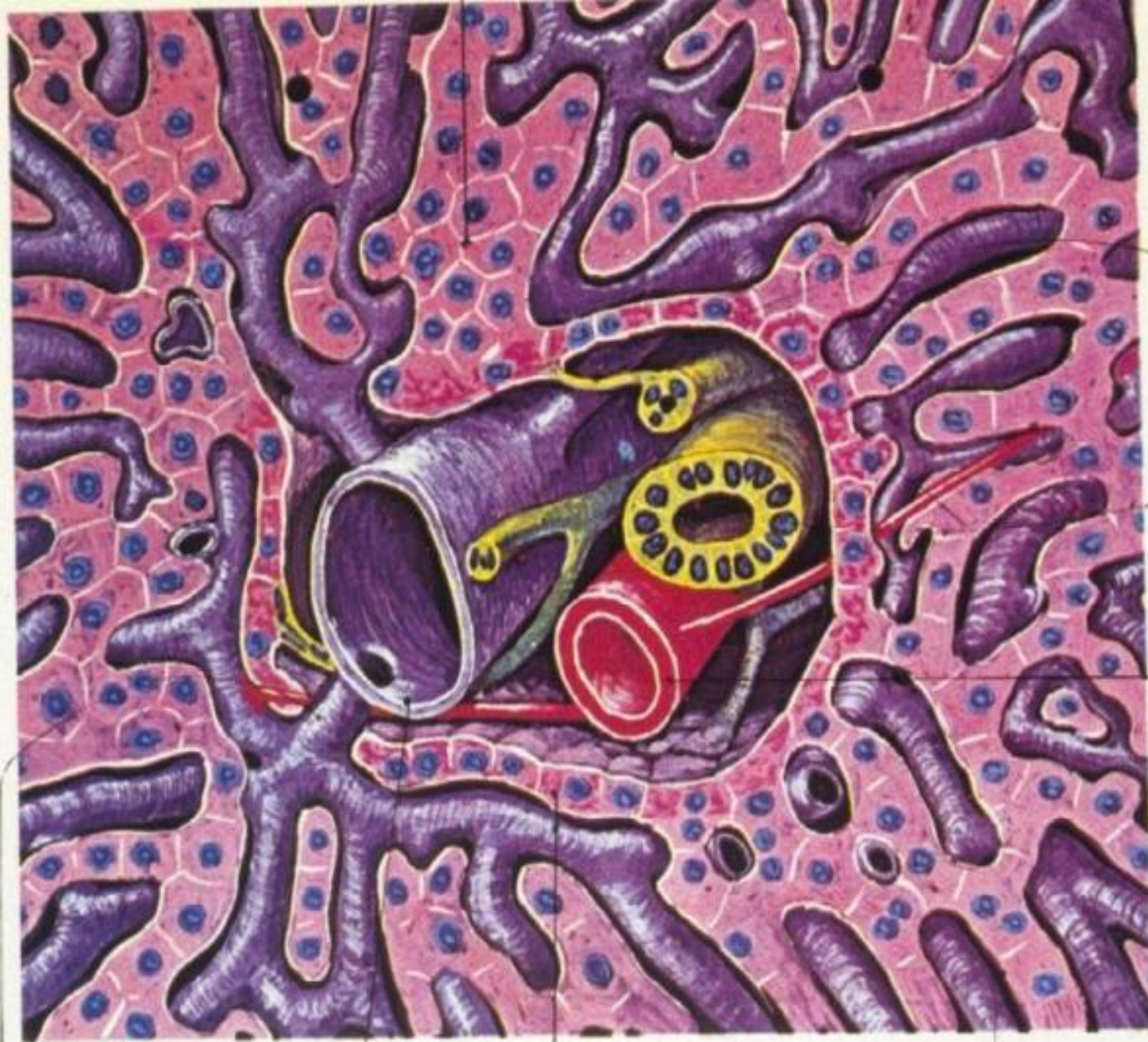


Fig. 12-49. Diagram of intestinal functions.



Bile ductule

Bile ducts

Hepatic artery branch

Lolet venule

Portal vein branch

Limiting plate

Sinusoid

Fig. 1  
nal.

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# Questions on the Liver, pancreas, and salivary glands

The humoral activity of the immune system is illustrated by the transfer of IgA immunoglobulin by epithelial cells into which of the following body fluids?

- a. saliva
- b. milk
- c. bile
- d. a and b
- e. a, b, and c**

Which function(s) do the gallbladder and urinary bladder have in common?

- a. temporary storage of waste products**
- b. concentration of their respective luminal contents
- c. similar type of luminal epithelium
- d. a and b
- e. a, b, and c

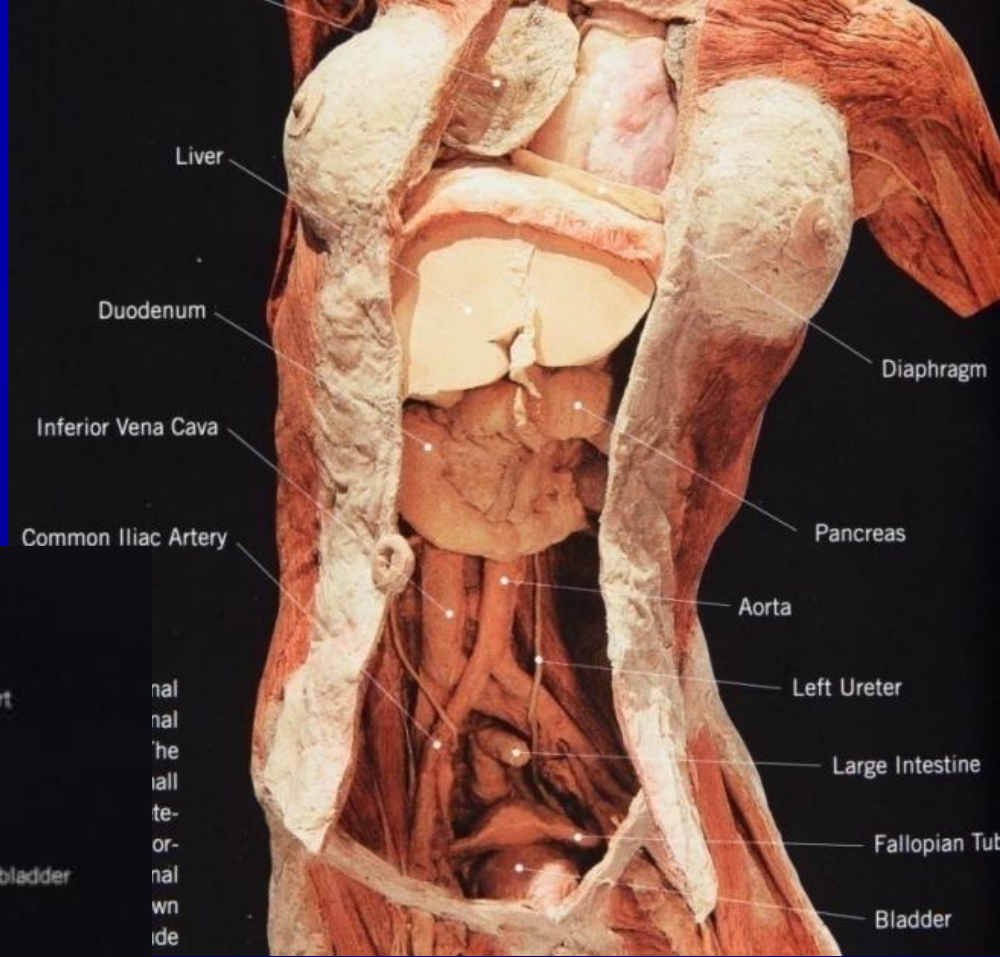
Characteristics of the pancreas include:

- a. a portal blood vascular system
- b. endocrine cells of the islets of Langerhans
- c. acinar cells and striated ducts
- d. a and b**
- e. a, b, and c



Male Torso with Situs Inversus.

This torso displays a rare anatomical variation, known as situs inversus, where the internal organs of the chest and abdomen are transposed through the midline, showing a reversed arrangement.



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