

MUSCLE TISSUE

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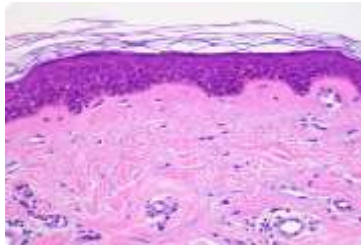
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CONTEMPORARY TISSUE CLASSIFICATION

Based on morphology and function:

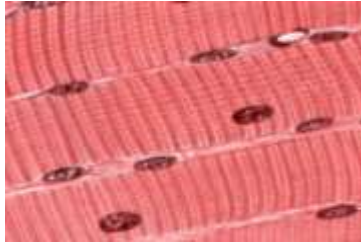
Epithelium



Continual, avascular layers of cells with different function, oriented to open space, with specific junctions and minimum of ECM and intercellular space.

Derivates of all three germ layers

Muscle

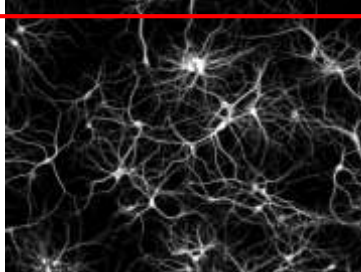


Cytoskeleton → contraction

Mesoderm – skeletal muscle, myocard, mesenchyme
– smooth muscles

Rarely ectoderm (eg. m. sphincter a m. dilatator pupillae)

Nerve

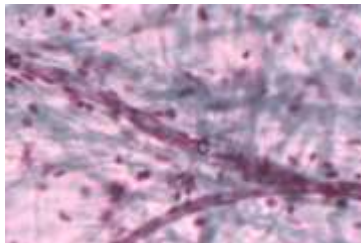


Neurons and neuroglia

Reception and transmission of electric signals

Ectoderm, rarely mesoderm (microglia)

Connective



Dominant extracellular matrix

Connective tissue, cartilage, bone...

Mesenchyme

GENERAL CHARACTERISTIC OF MUSCLE TISSUE

Hallmarks

- Unique cell architecture
- Excitability and contraction
- Mesodermal origin

Muscle tissue

- Skeletal
- Cardiac
- Smooth

Muscle types

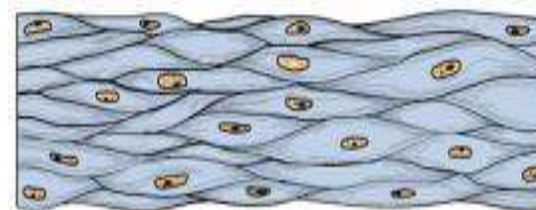
Skeletal muscle



Cardiac muscle

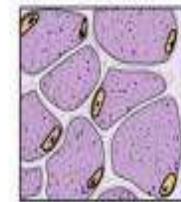


Smooth muscle



Activity

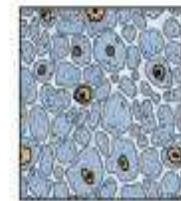
Cross sections



Strong, quick discontinuous voluntary contraction



Strong, quick continuous involuntary contraction



Weak, slow involuntary contraction

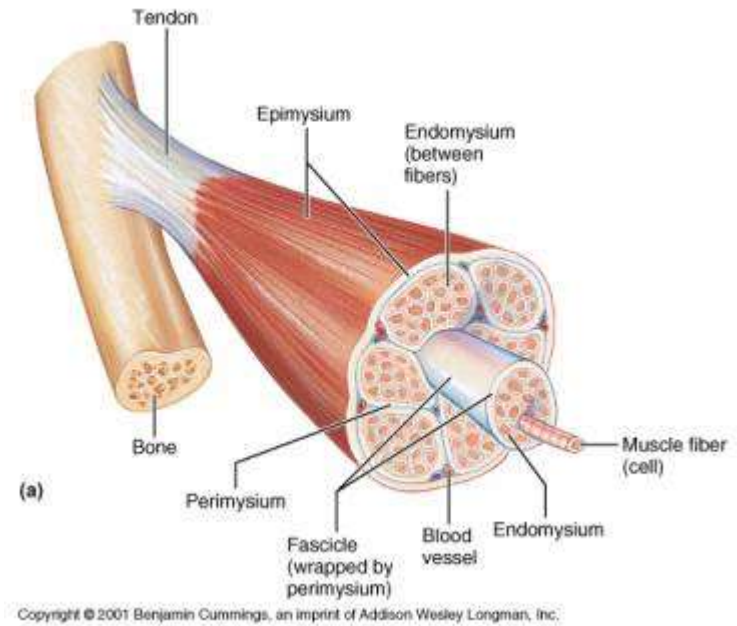
HISTOLOGY OF SKELETAL MUSCLE TISSUE

- Composition: muscle cells + connective tissue, blood vessels
- Unique cell architecture – long multinuclear cells – muscle fibers (rhabdomyocytes)
- Long axis of cells is oriented parallel with direction of contraction
- Specific terminology:
 - cell membrane = sarcolemma
 - cytoplasm = sarcoplasm
 - sER = sarcoplasmic reticulum

 - Muscle fiber – microscopic unit of skeletal muscle
 - Myofibril – LM unit – myofilaments – unit of muscle fibers
 - Myofilaments – filaments of actin and myosin (EM)

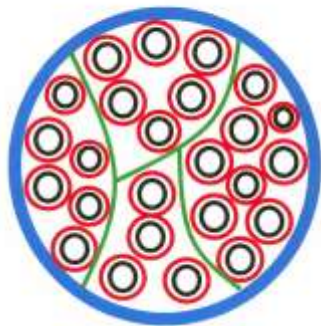
CONNECTIVE TISSUE OF SKELETAL MUSCLE

- Containment
- Limit of expansion of the muscle
- Transmission of muscular forces
- **Endomysium** – around each muscle cell (fiber)
- **Perimysium** – around and among the primary bundles of muscle cells
- **Epimysium** – dense irregular collagen c.t., continuous with tendons and fascia
- Fascia – dense regular collagen c.t.

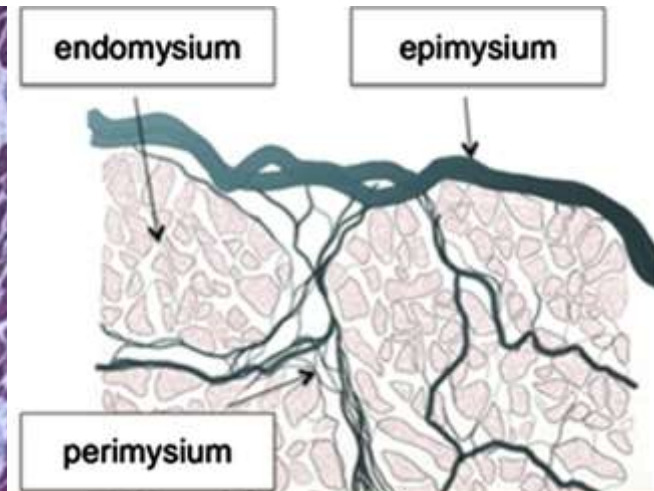
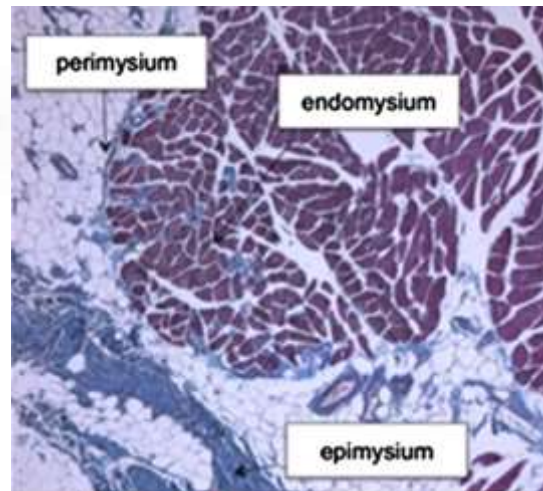


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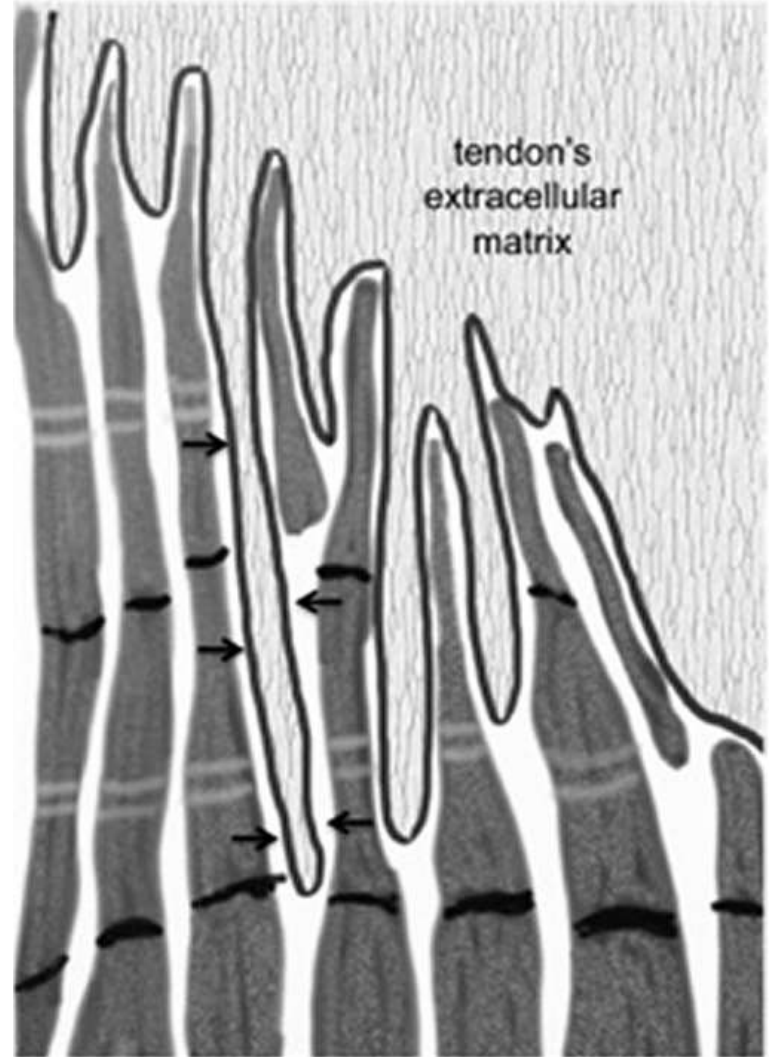
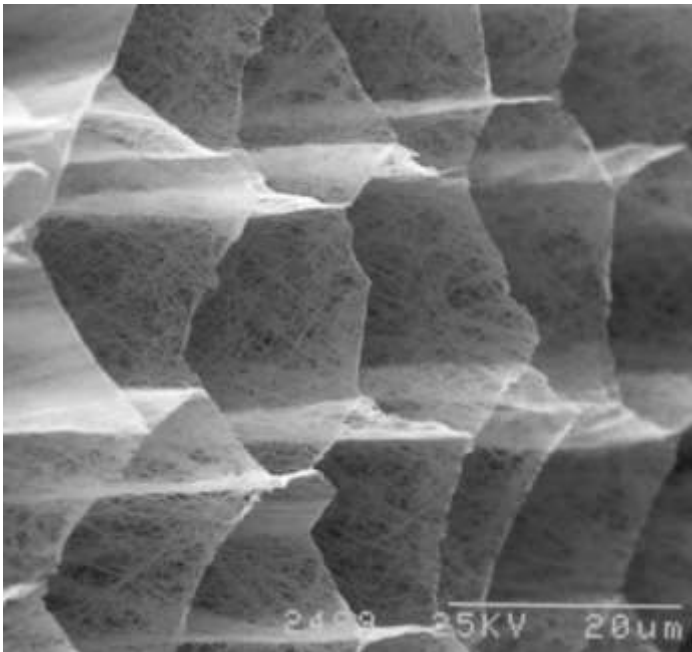
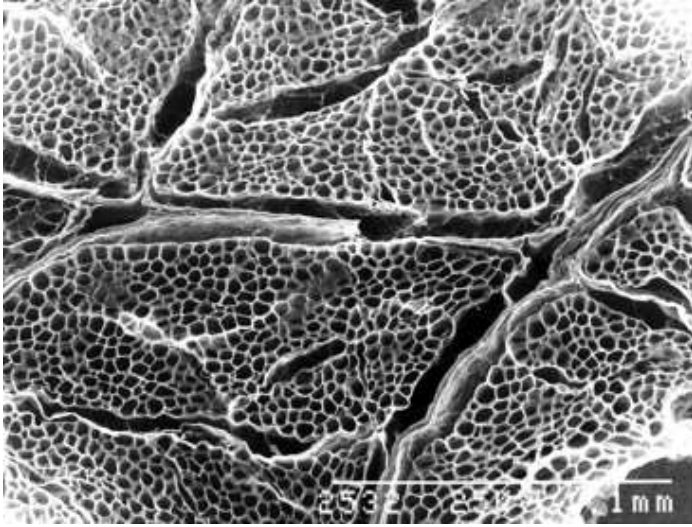
(connective tissue coats of a skeletal muscle)



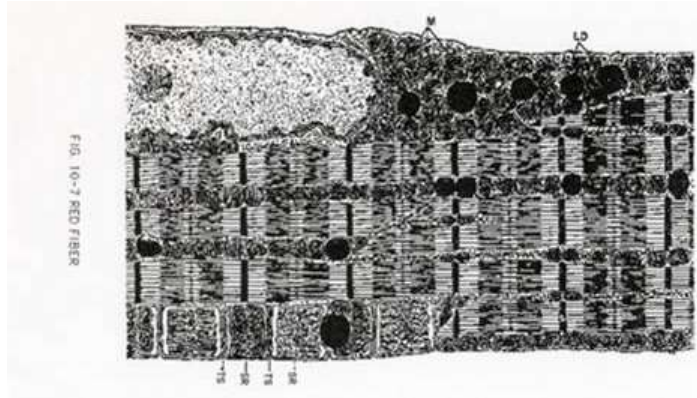
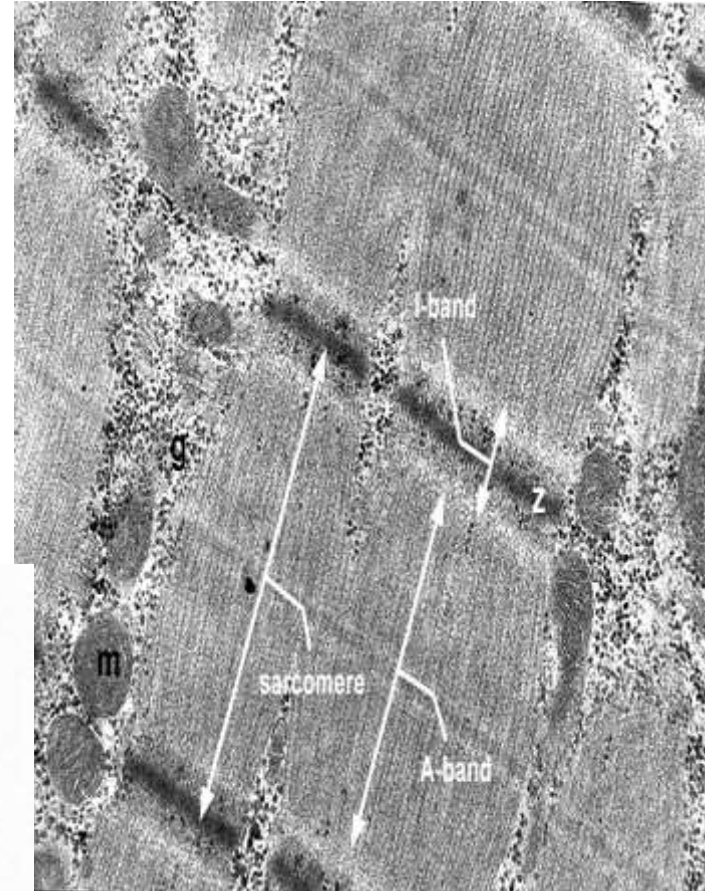
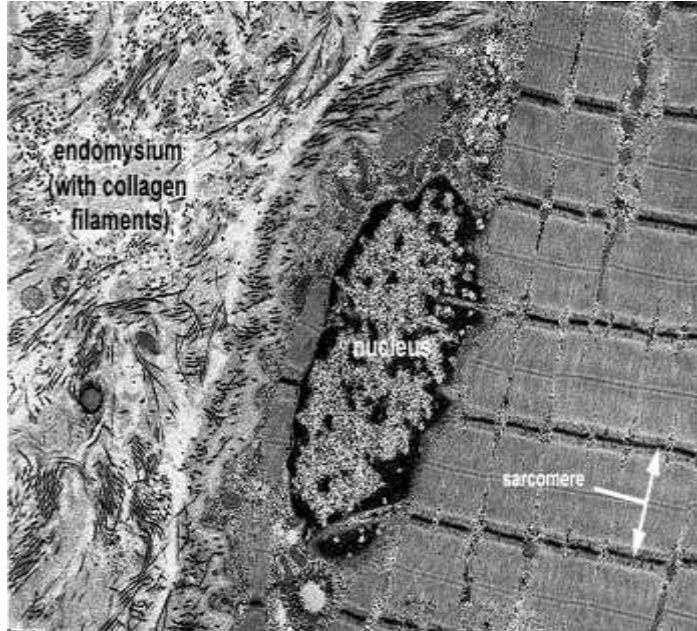
- skeletal muscle fiber
- endo - mysium
- peri - mysium
- epi - mysium



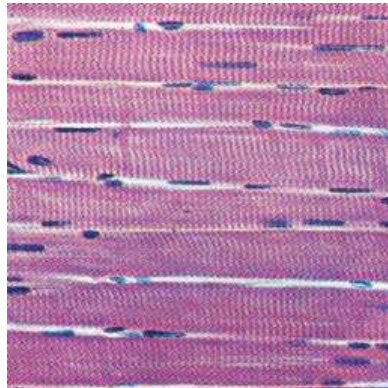
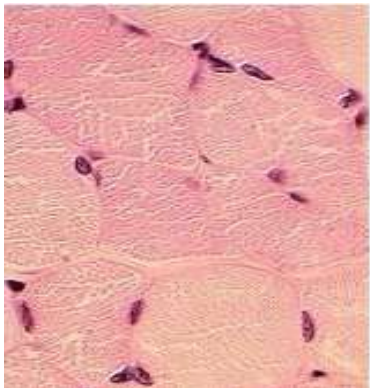
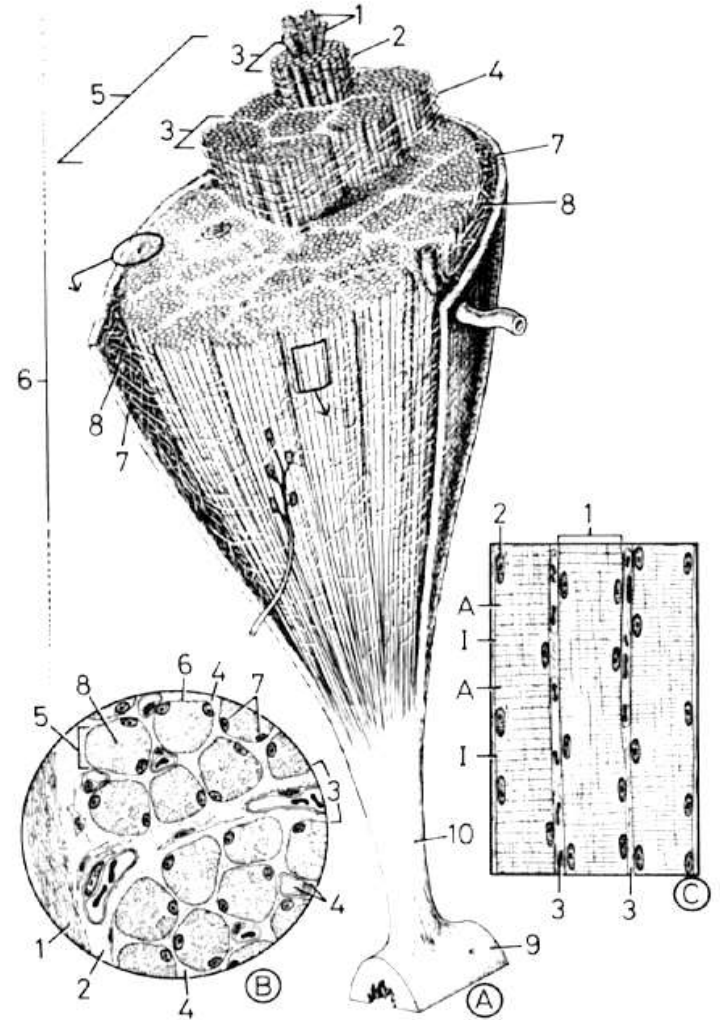
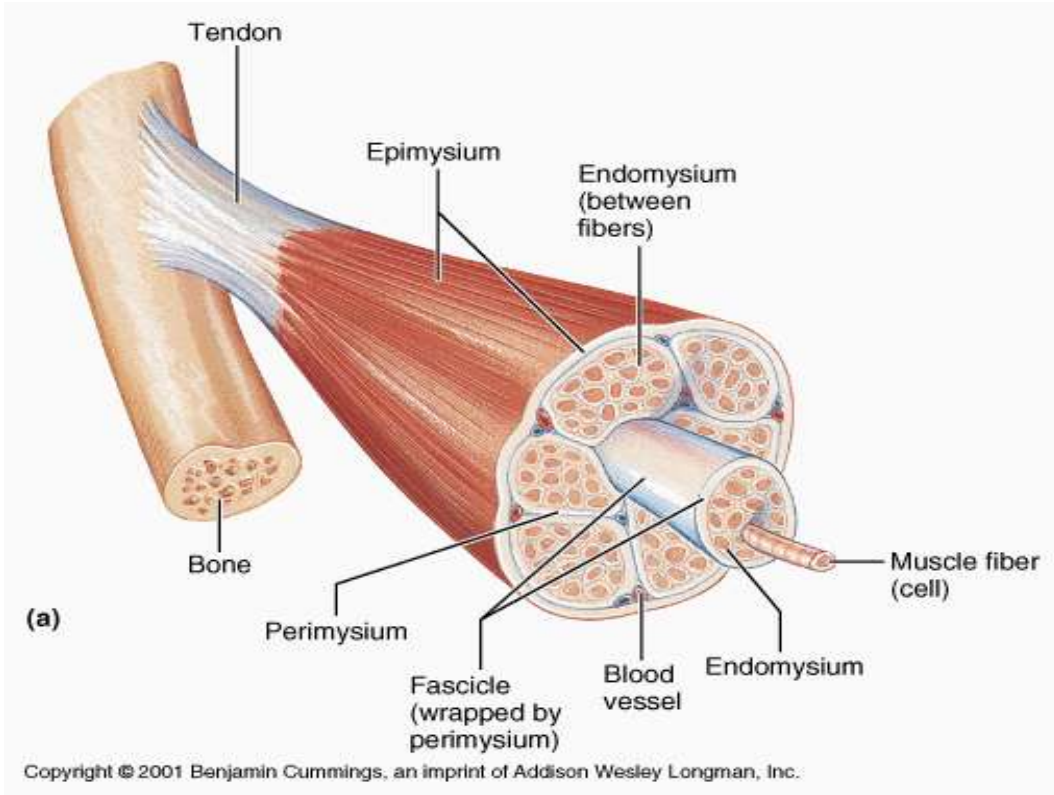
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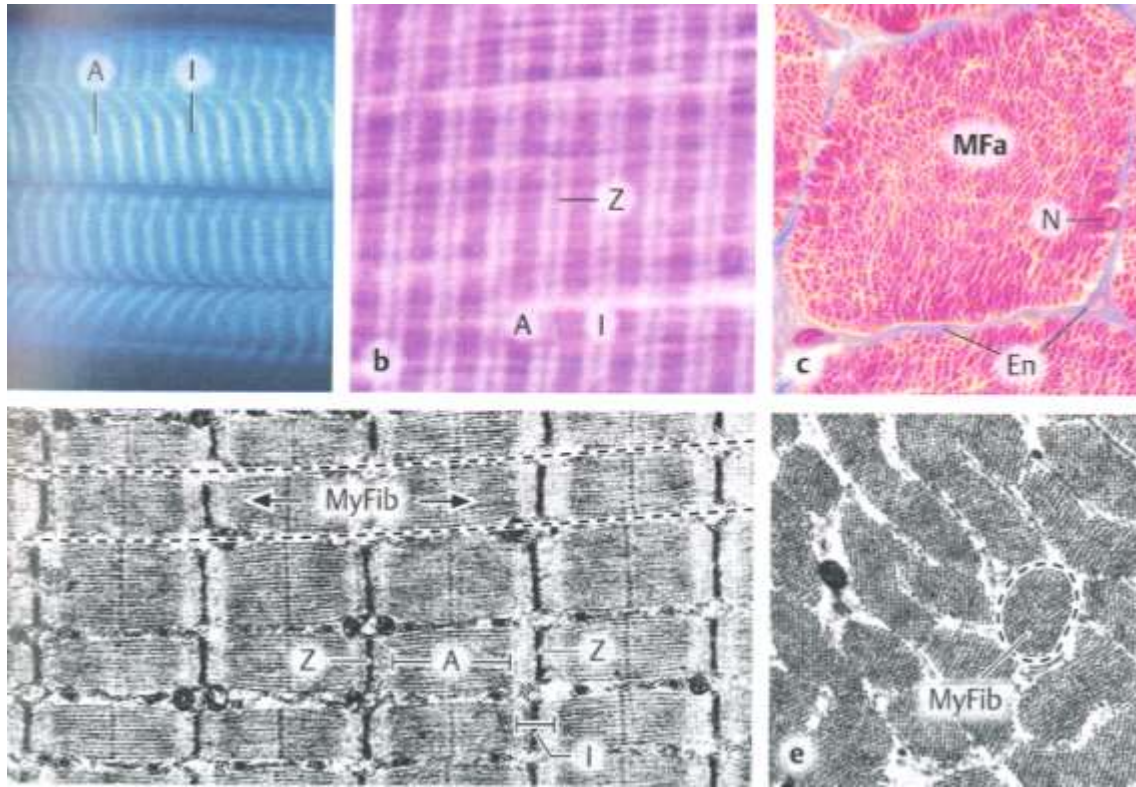


STRUCTURE OF SKELETAL MUSCLE



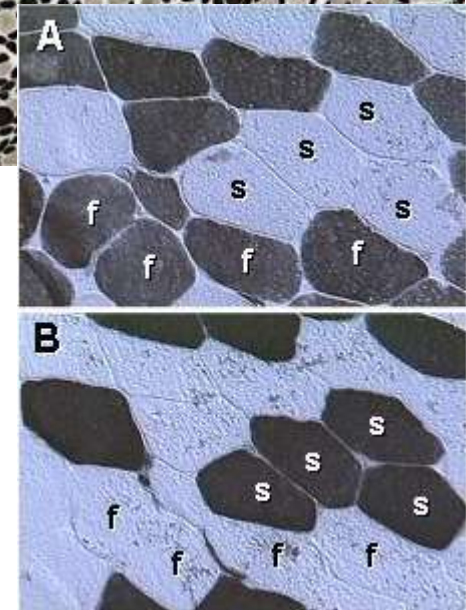
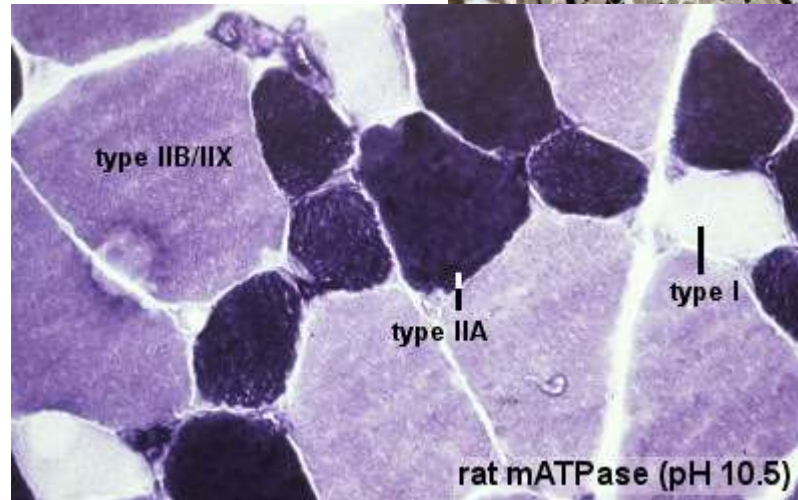
STRUCTURE OF SKELETAL MUSCLE

- morphological and functional unit: **muscle fiber (rhabdomyocyte)** – elongated, cylindrical-shaped, multinucleated cell (syncytium)
- nuclei are located at the periphery (under sarcolemma)
- **myofibrils** show cross striation
- diameter of muscle fiber: 25-100 μm
- length: millimeters - centimeters (up to 15)



CLASSIFICATION OF SKELETAL MUSCLE FIBERS

- **Myosin heavy chain (MHC) type I and II**
 - distinct metabolic, contractile, and motor-unit properties
 - ATPase activity
- **Twitch type**
 - Fast vs. slow
- **Fiber color**
 - Red vs. white
- **Myoglobin content**
- **Glycogen content**
- **Energy metabolism**
- **Endurance**



CLASSIFICATION OF SKELETAL MUSCLE FIBERS

Properties	Type I fibers	Type IIA fibers	Type IIX fibers
Motor Unit Type	Slow Oxidative (SO)	Fast Oxidative/Glycolytic (FOG)	Fast Glycolytic (FG)
Twitch Speed	Slow	Fast	Fast
Twitch Force	Small	Medium	Large
Resistance to fatigue	High	High	Low
Glycogen Content	Low	High	High
Capillary Supply	Rich	Rich	Poor
Myoglobin	High	High	Low
Red Color	Dark	Dark	Pale
Mitochondrial density	High	High	Low
Capillary density	High	Intermediate	Low
Oxidative Enzyme Capacity	High	Intermediate-high	Low
Z-Line Width	Intermediate	Wide	Narrow
Alkaline ATPase Activity	Low	High	High
Acidic ATPase Activity	High	Medium-high	Low

ULTRASTRUCTURE OF RHABDOMYOCYTE

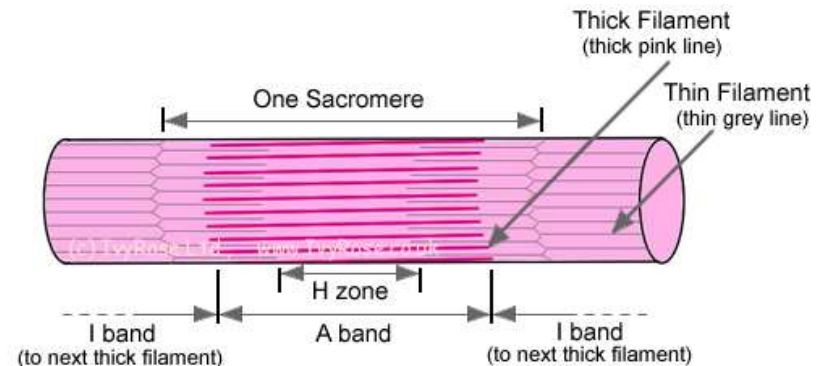
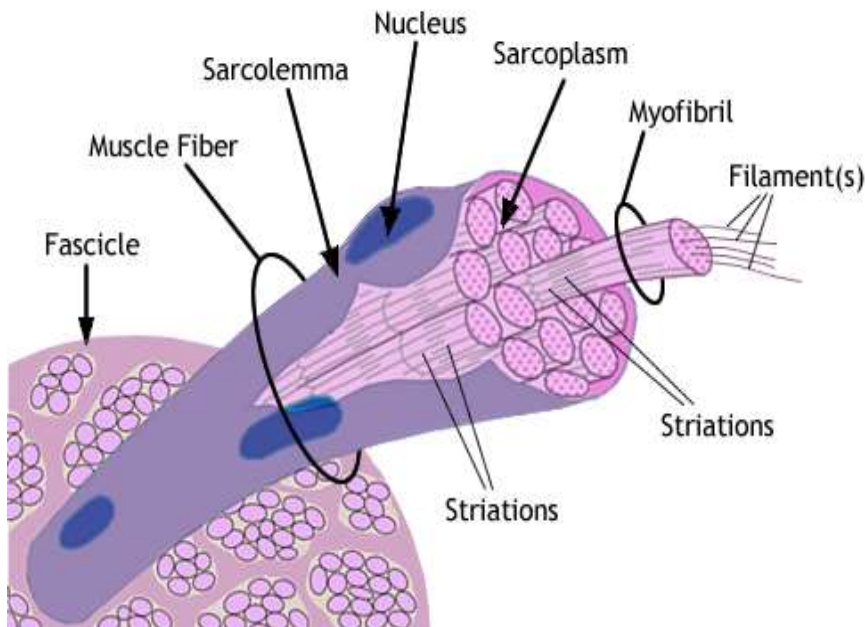
Muscle fiber = myofiber = syncytium = rhabdomyocyte

Muscle fiber – morphological and functional unit of skeletal muscle [\varnothing 25 – 100 μm]

Myofibrils – compartment of fiber sarcoplasm [\varnothing 0.5 – 1.5 μm]

Sarcomere – the smallest contractile unit [2.5 μm], serial arrangement in myofibrils

Myofilaments – actin and myosin, are organized into sarcomeres [\varnothing 8 and 15 nm]



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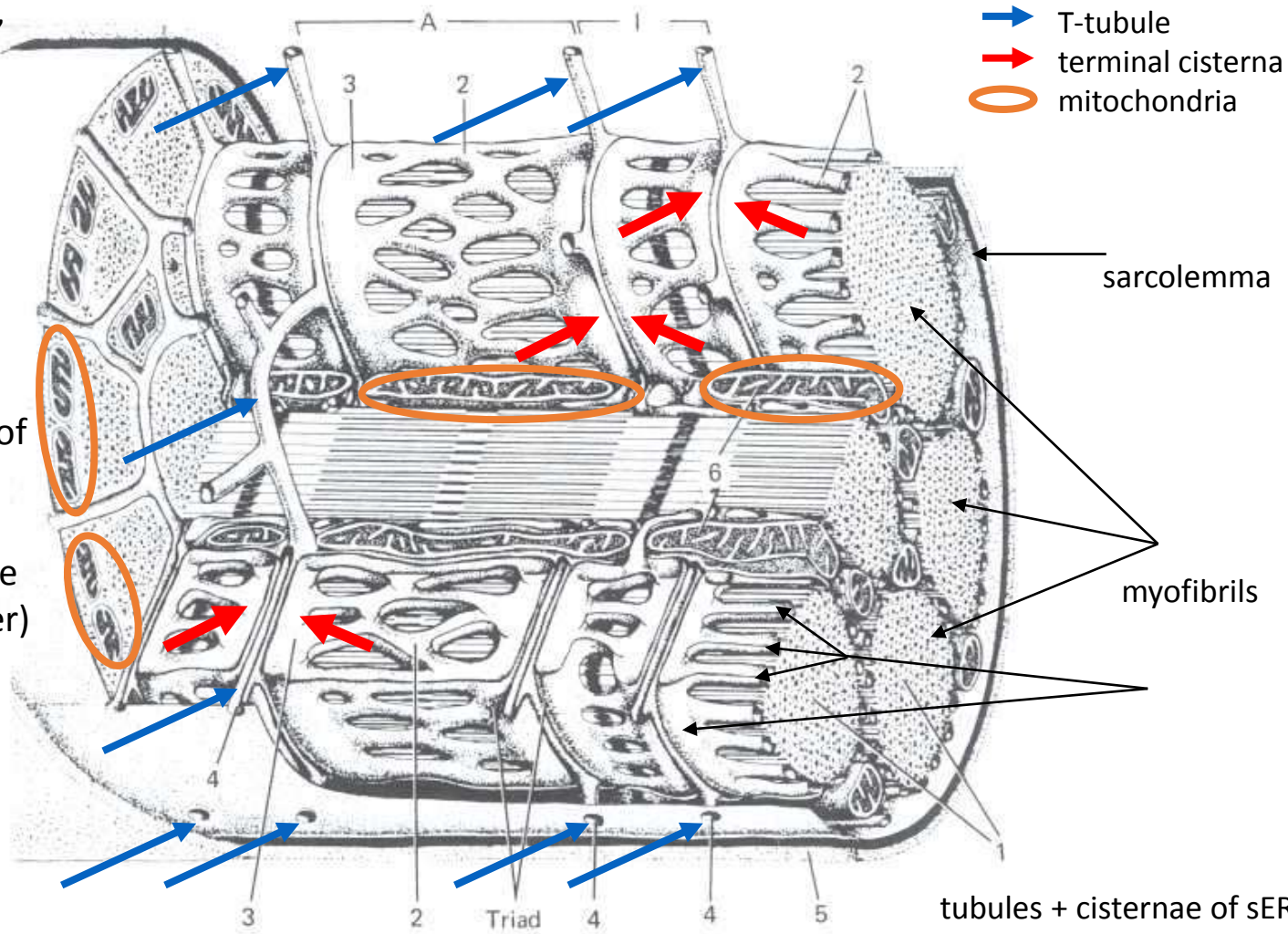
Sarcolemme + t-tubules,

Sarcoplasm:

Nuclei,
Mitochondria,
Golgi apparatus,
Glycogen (β granules)

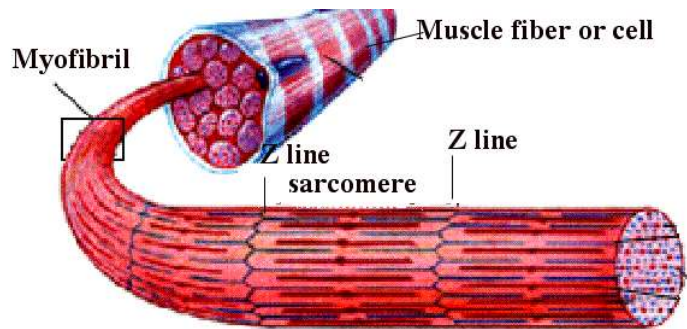
Sarcoplasmic reticulum
(smooth ER) – reservoir of Ca^{2+}

Myofibrils (parallel to the length of the muscle fiber)

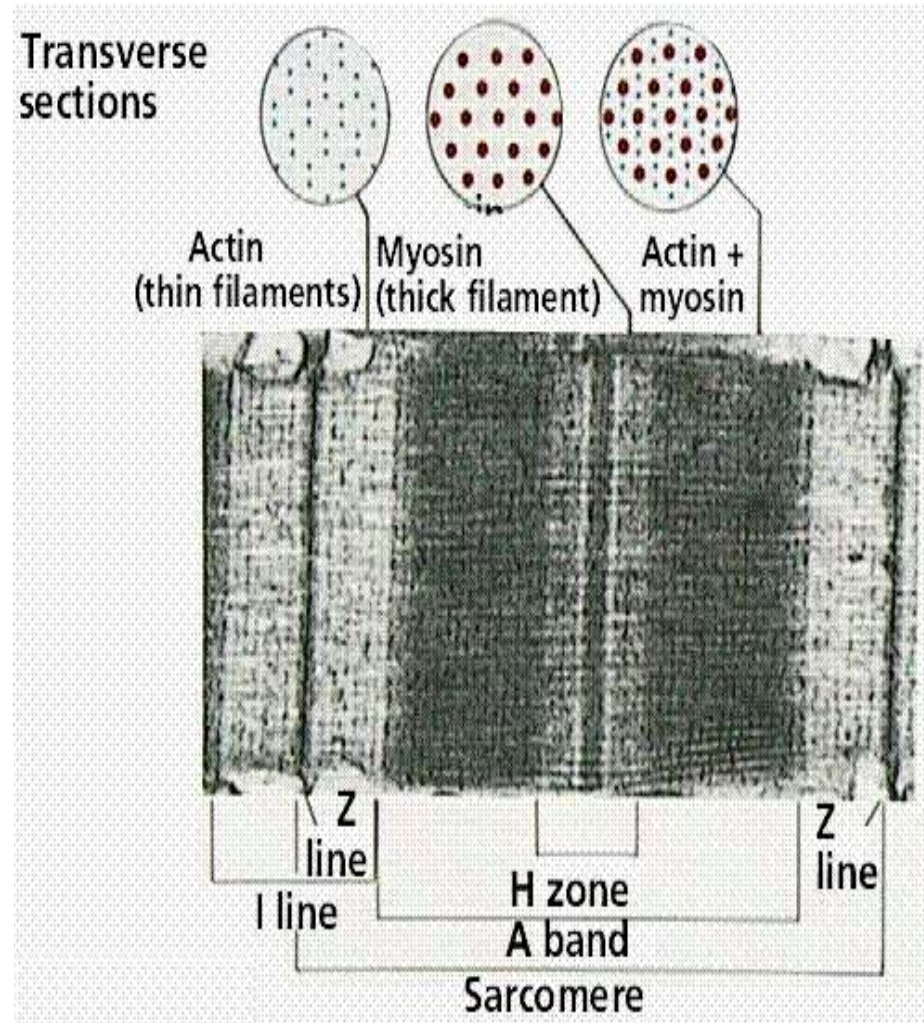
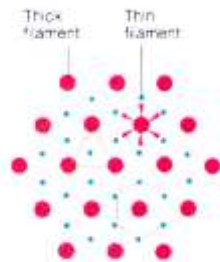


MYOFIBRILS

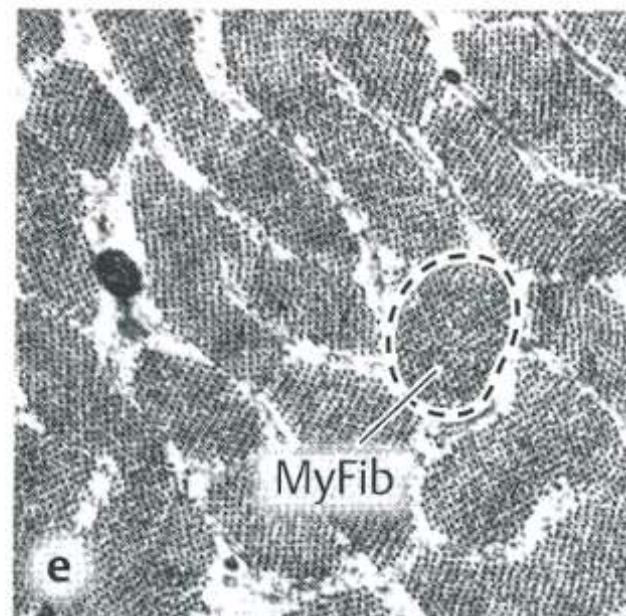
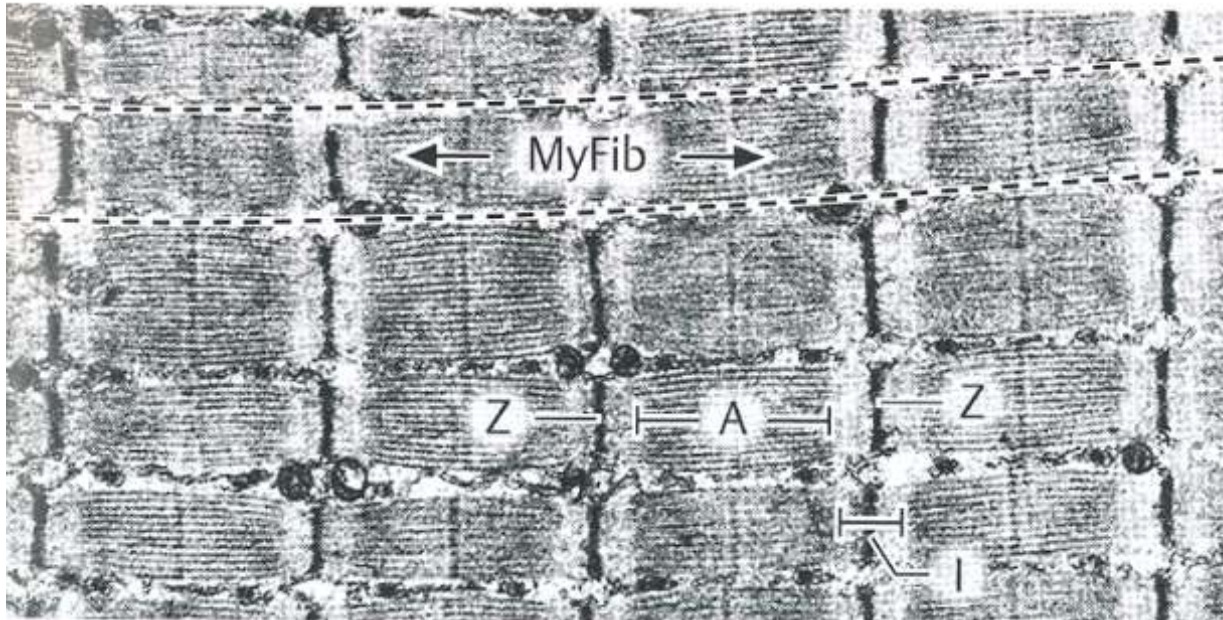
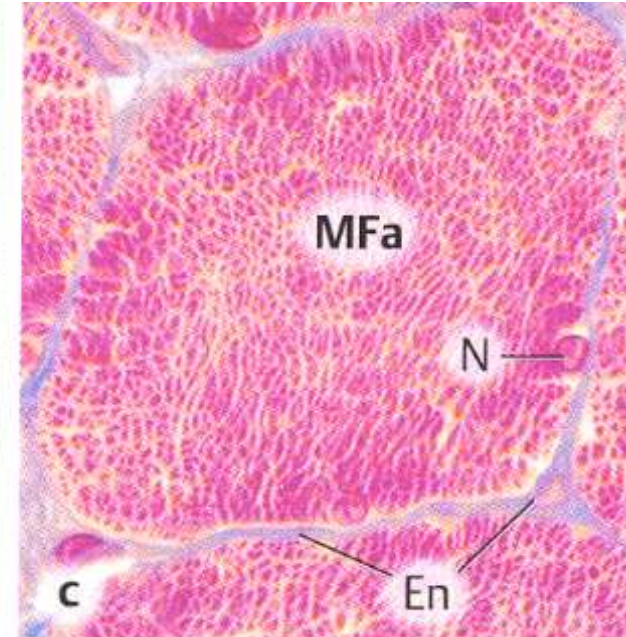
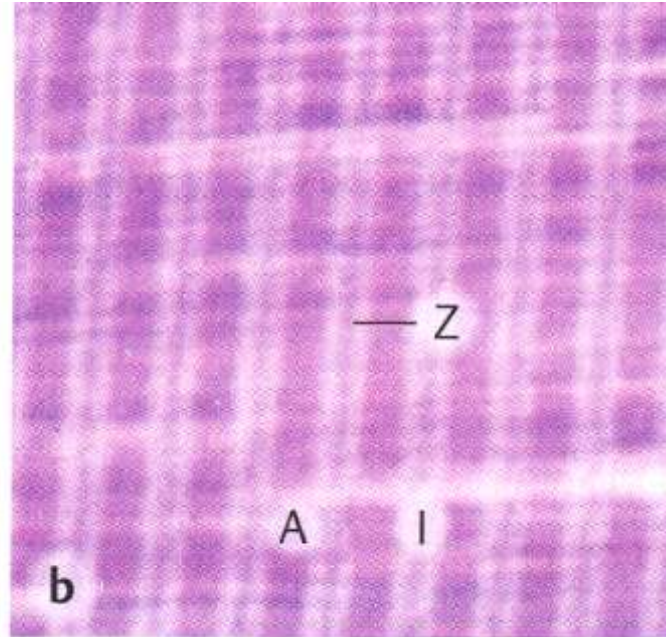
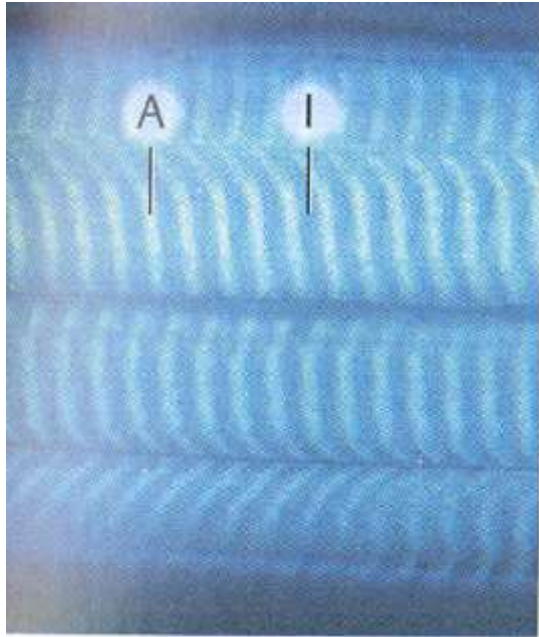
- elongated structures [\varnothing 0.5 – 1.5 μ] in sarcoplasm of muscle fiber oriented in parallel to the length of the fiber,



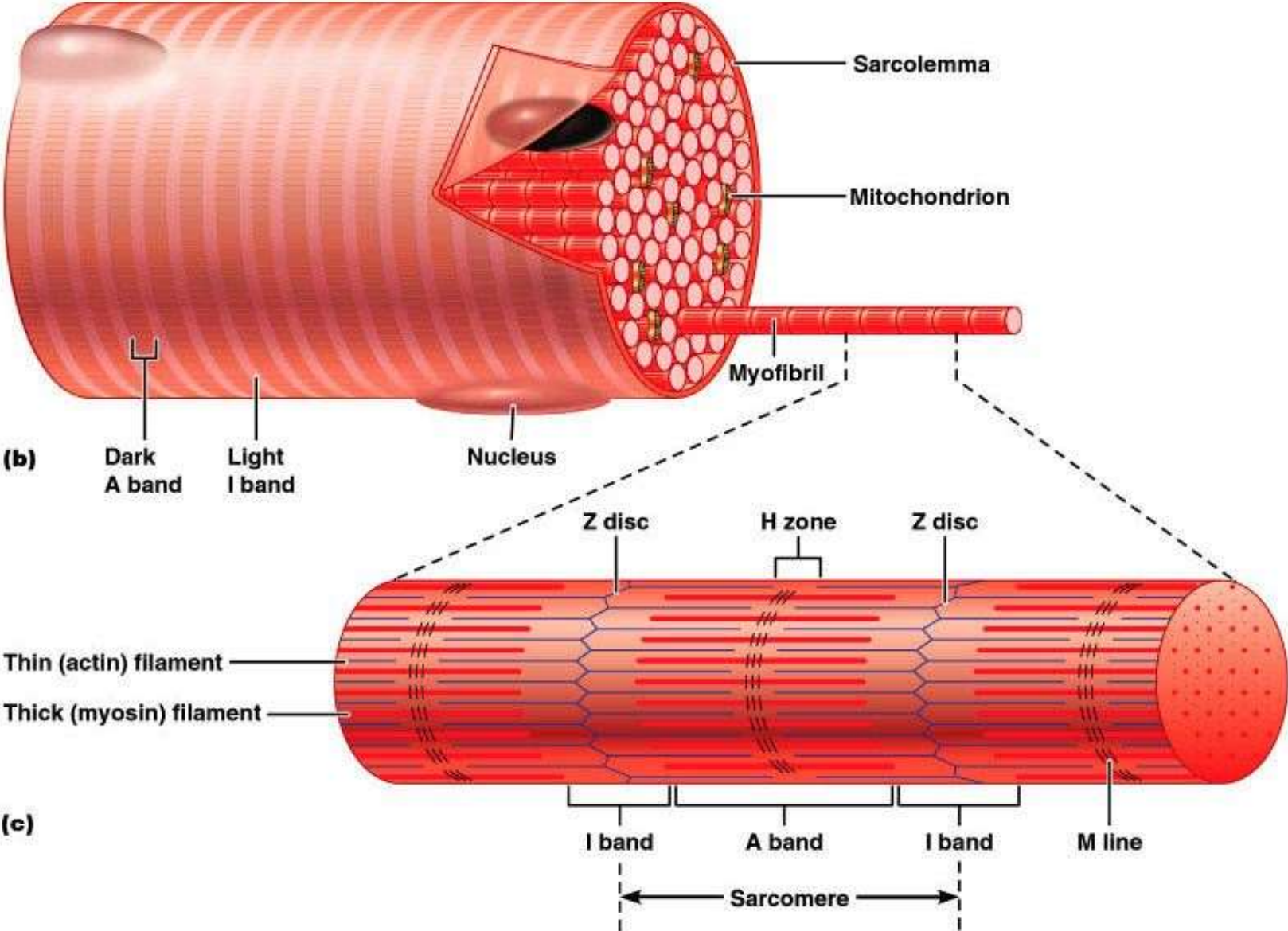
- Actin + myosin myofilaments
- Sarcomere
- Z-line
- M-line and H-zone
- I-band, A-band



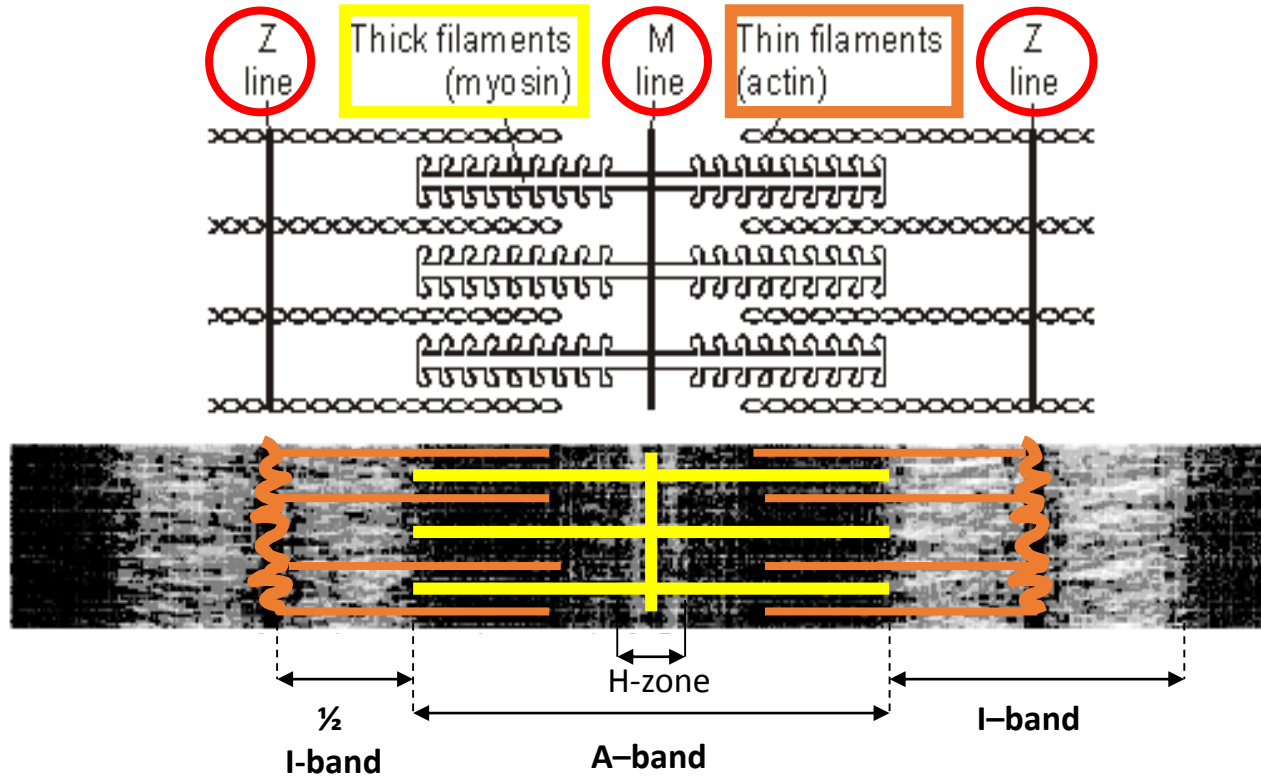
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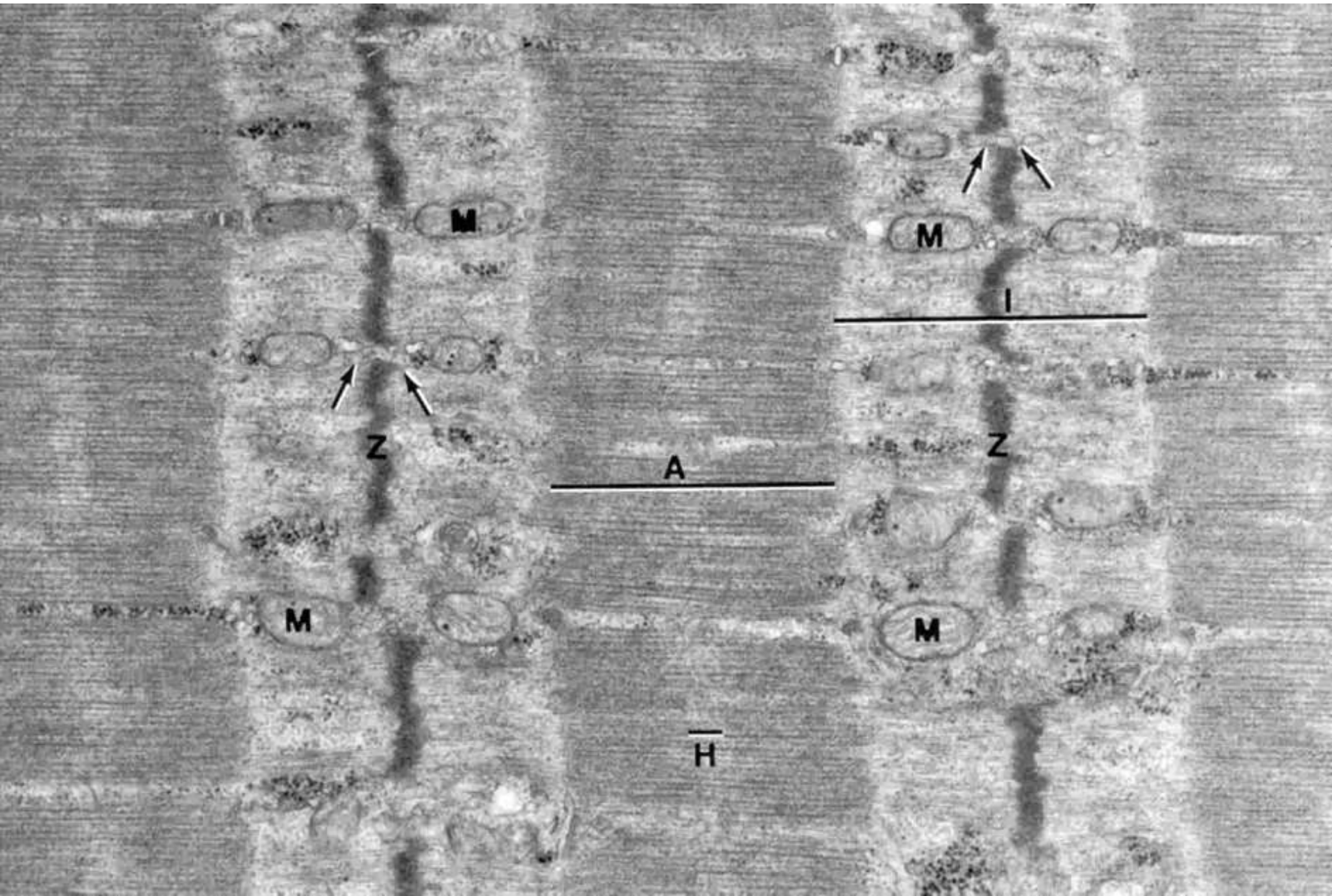
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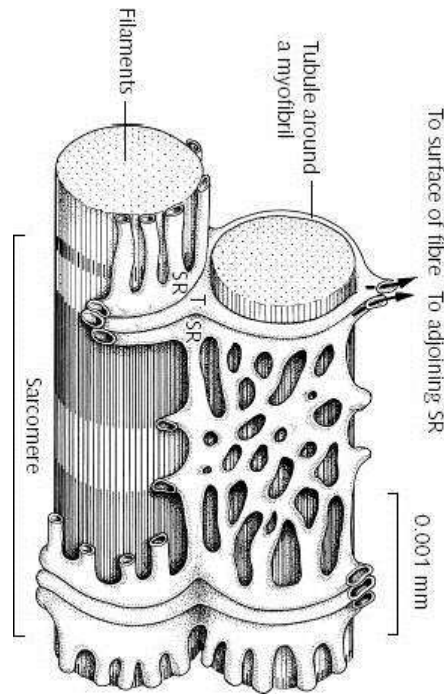
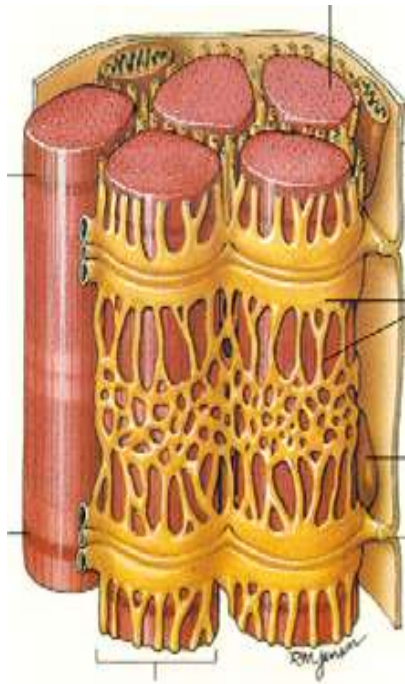
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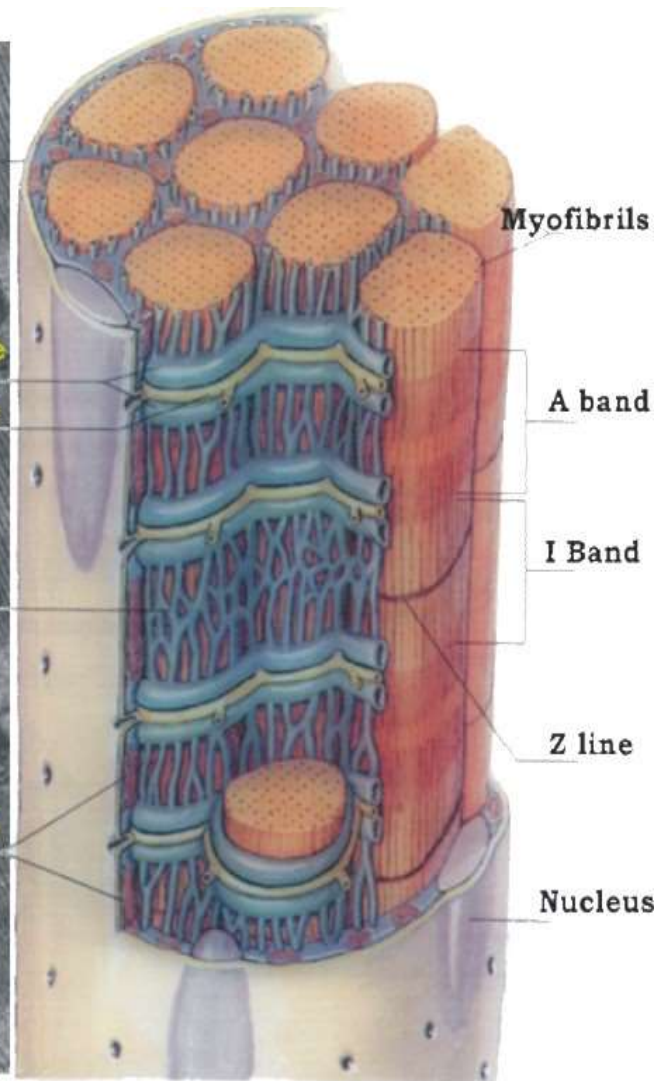
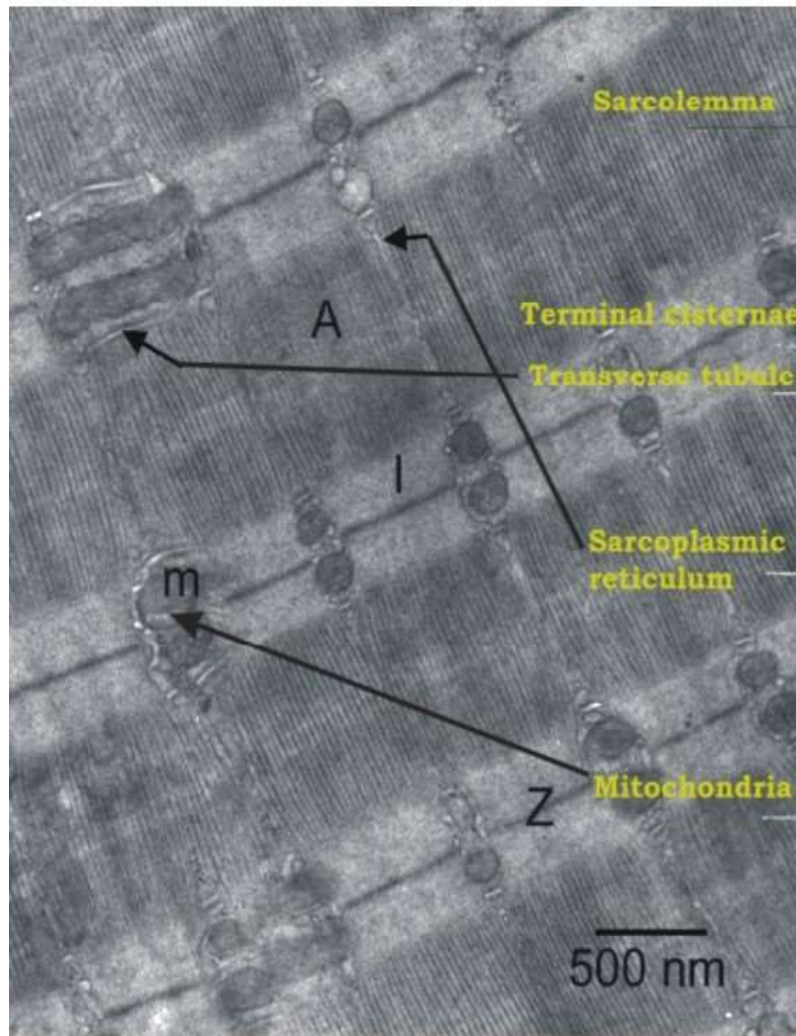
Terminal cisterna
T-tubule
Terminal cisterna

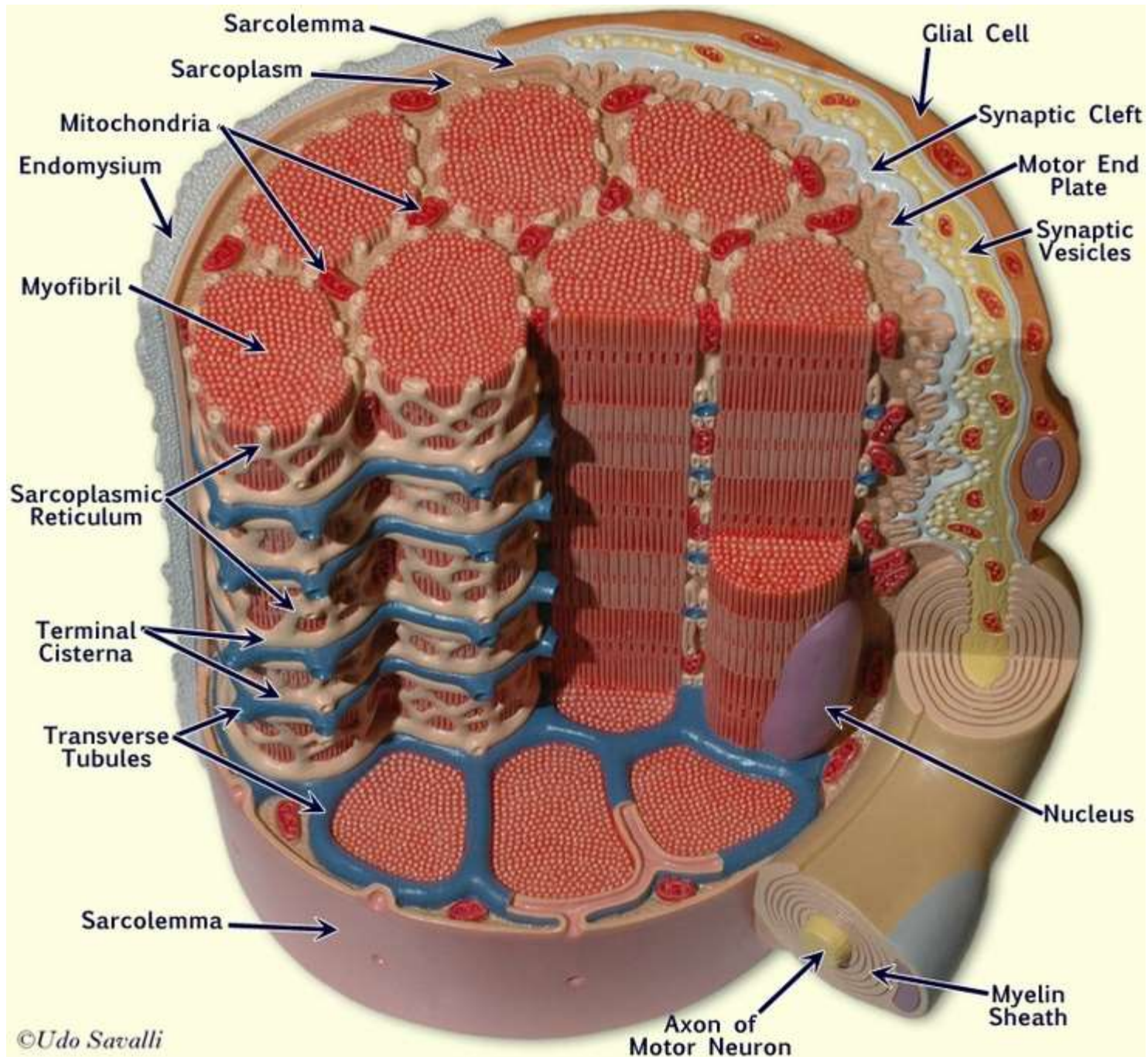
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communicating intracellular cavities around myofibrils, separated from cytosol
terminal cisternae (“junction”) and **longitudinal tubules** (“L” system).
reservoir of Ca^{++} ions

T-tubules (“T” system) are invaginations of sarcoplasm and bring action potential to terminal cisternae change permeability of membrane for Ca^{++} ions

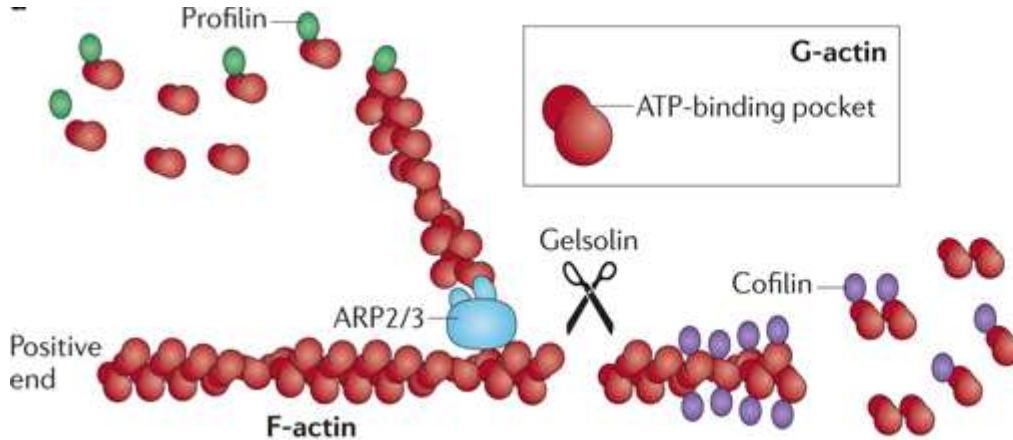
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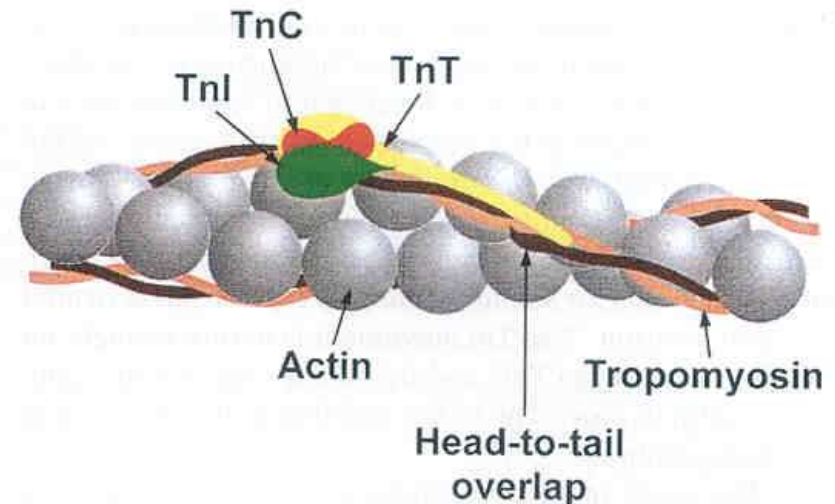


THIN MYOFILAMENTS

- **Fibrillar actin (F-actin)**, (\varnothing 7 nm, \leftrightarrow 1 μ m)



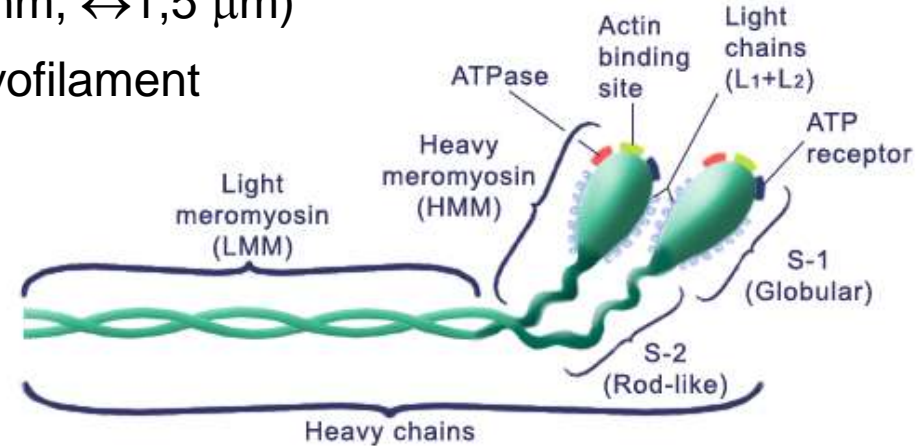
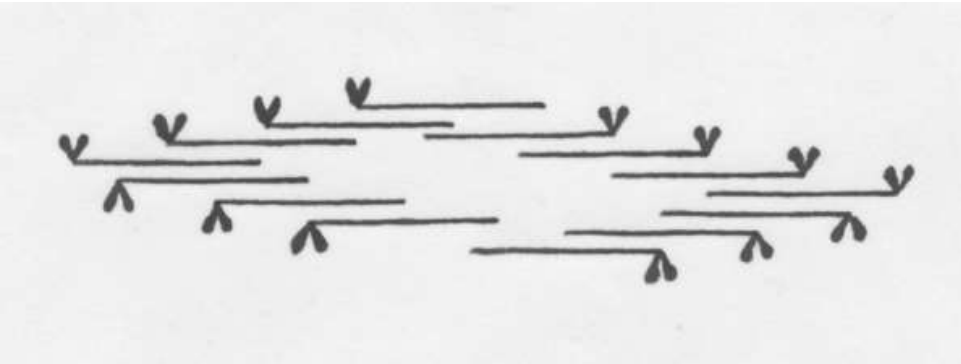
- Tropomyosin – thin double helix in groove of actin double helix, spans 7 monomers of G-actin
- Troponin – complex of 3 globular proteins
 - TnT (Troponin T) – binds tropomyosin
 - TnC (Troponin C) – binds calcium
 - TnI (Troponin I) inhibits interaction between thick and thin filaments



THICK MYOFILAMENTS

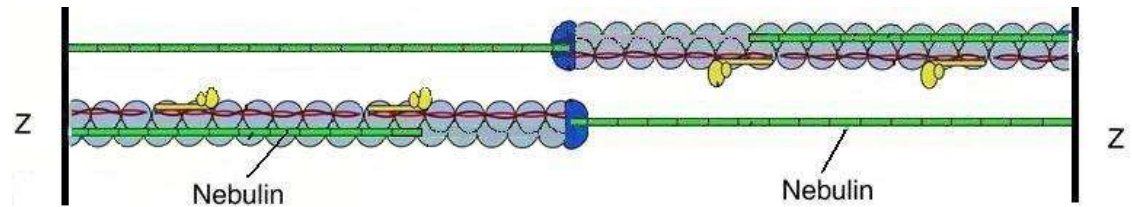
- **Myosin II**

- Large polypeptide, golf stick shape, (\varnothing 15 nm, \leftrightarrow 1,5 μ m)
- Bundles of myosin molecules form thick myofilament



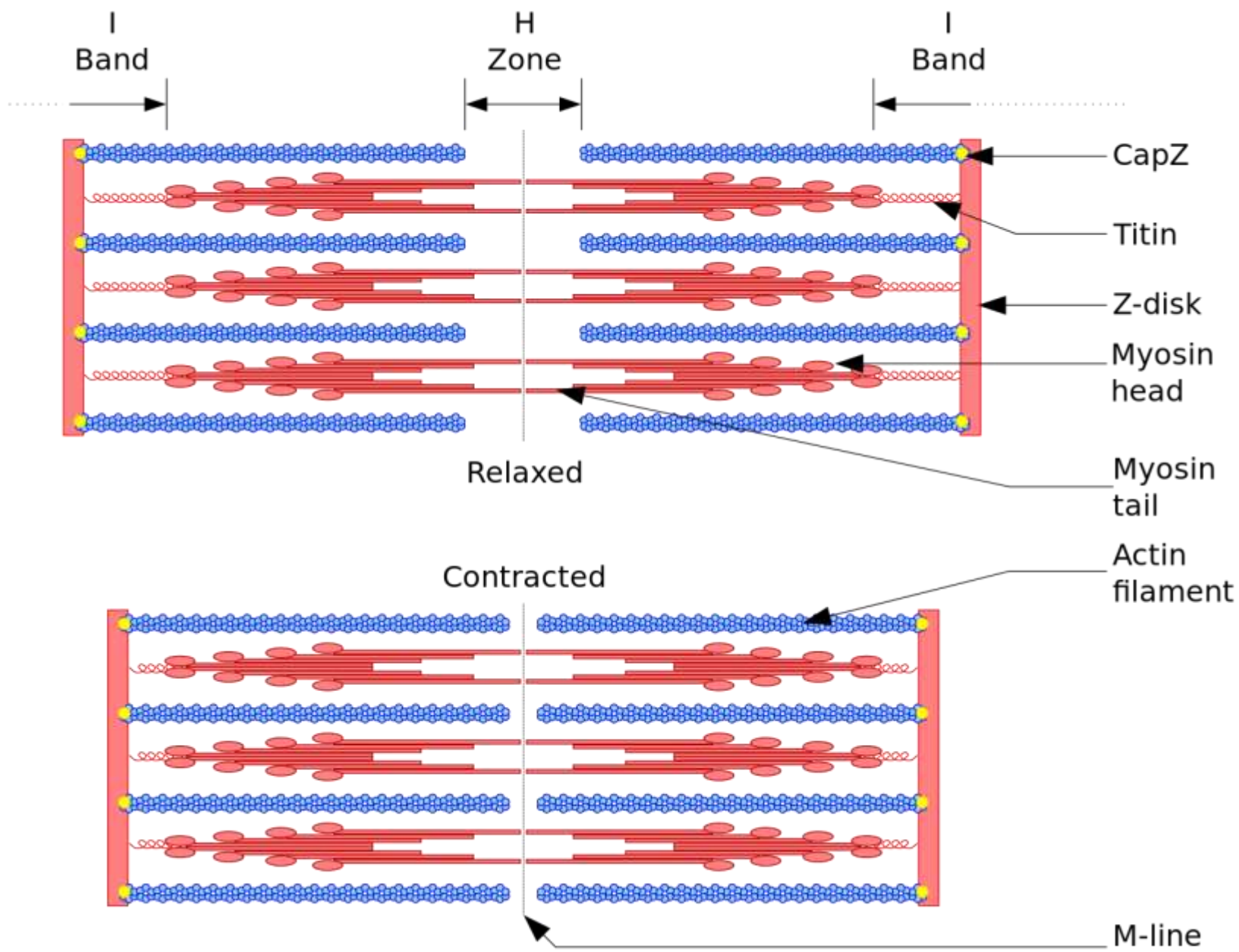
- **Nebulin**

- 600-900kDa
- F-actinu stabilization



- **Titin**

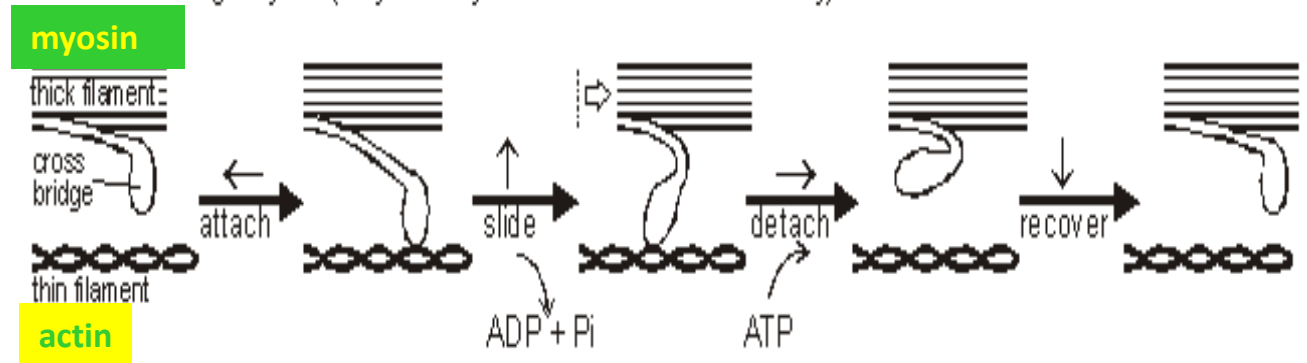
- >MDa
- Myosin II stabilization



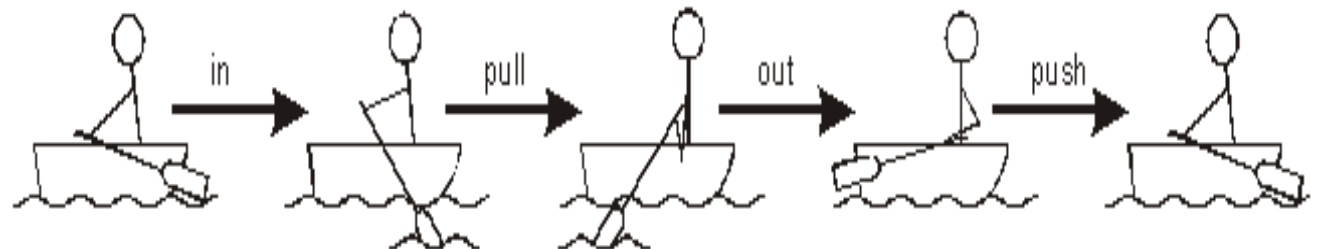
CONTRACTION

- Propagation of action potential (depolarization) via T-tubule (= invagination of sarcolemma)
- Change of terminal cisternae permeability – releasing of Ca^+ ions increases their concentration in sarcoplasm
- Myosin binds actin - sarcomera then shortens by sliding movement – contraction
- Relaxation: repolarization, decreasing of Ca^{2+} ions concentration, inactivation of binding sites of actin for myosin

The Cross Bridge Cycle. (only one myosin head is shown for clarity)

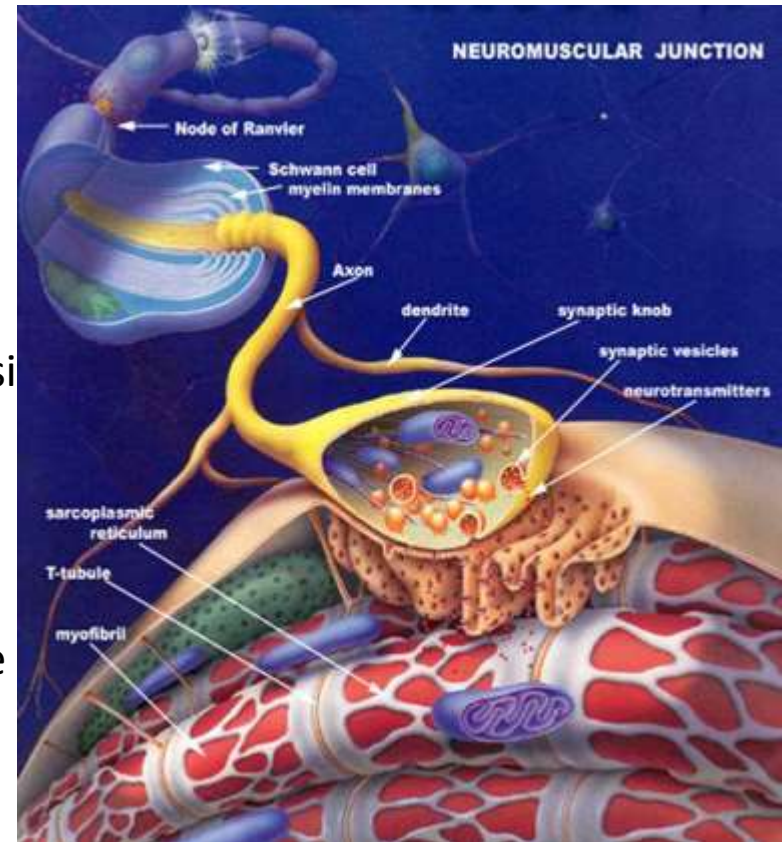


The Rowing Cycle



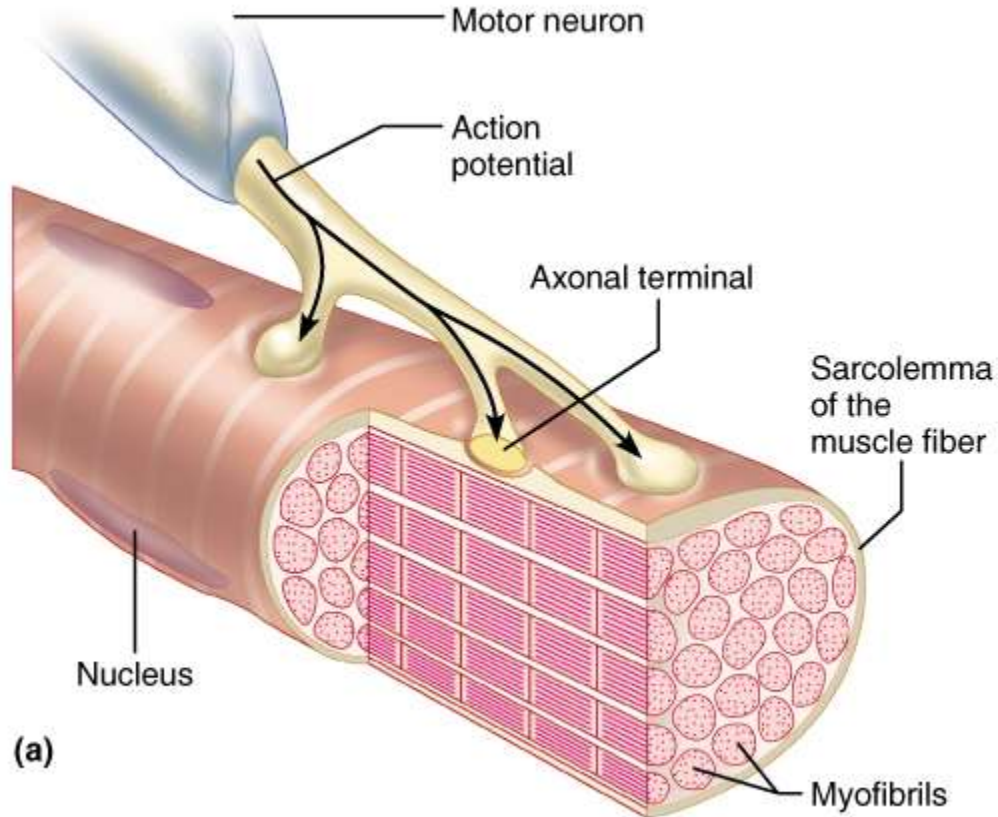
CONTRACTION

1. Impulse along motor neuron axon
2. Depolarization of presynaptic membrane (Na^+ influx)
3. Synaptic vesicles fuse with presynaptic membrane
4. Acetylcholine exocytosed to synaptic cleft
5. Acetylcholine diffuses over synaptic cleft
6. Acetylcholine binds to receptors in postsynaptic membrane
7. Depolarization of presynaptic membrane and sarcolemma (Na^+ influx)
8. T-tubules depolarization
9. Depolarization of terminal cisternae of sER
10. Depolarization of complete sER
11. Release of Ca^{++} from sER to sarcoplasm
12. Ca^{++} binds TnC
13. Troponin complex changes configuration
14. Tropomyosin removed from actin-myosin binding site
15. Globular parts of myosin bind to actin
16. ATPase in globular parts of myosin activated
17. Energy generated from $\text{ATP} \rightarrow \text{ADP} + \text{Pi}$
18. Movement of globular parts of myosin
19. Actin myofilament drag to the center of sarcomere
20. Sarcomeres contract (H-zone, I-band shorten)
21. Myofibrils contracted
22. Muscle fiber contracted



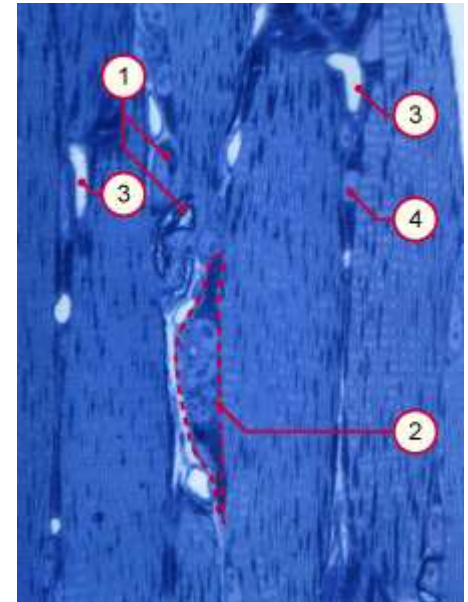
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NEUROMUSCULAR JUNCTION

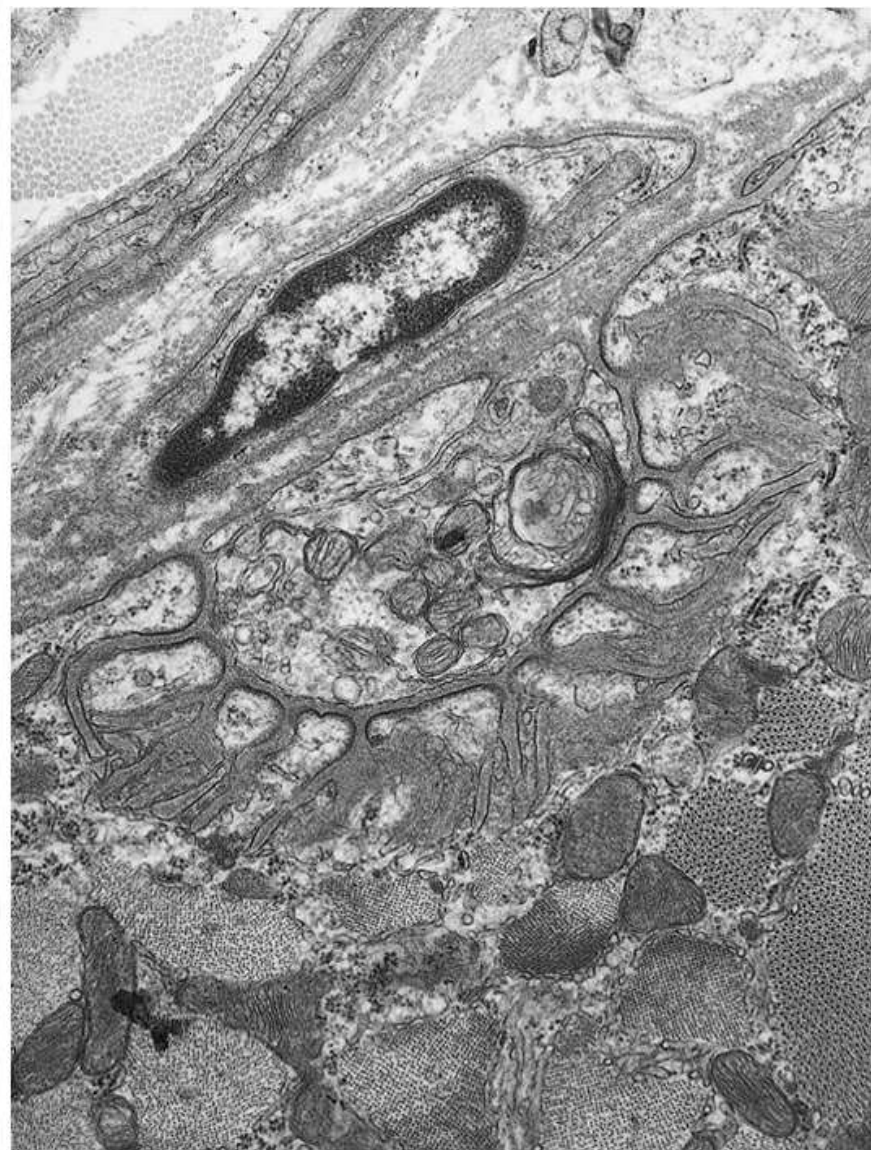
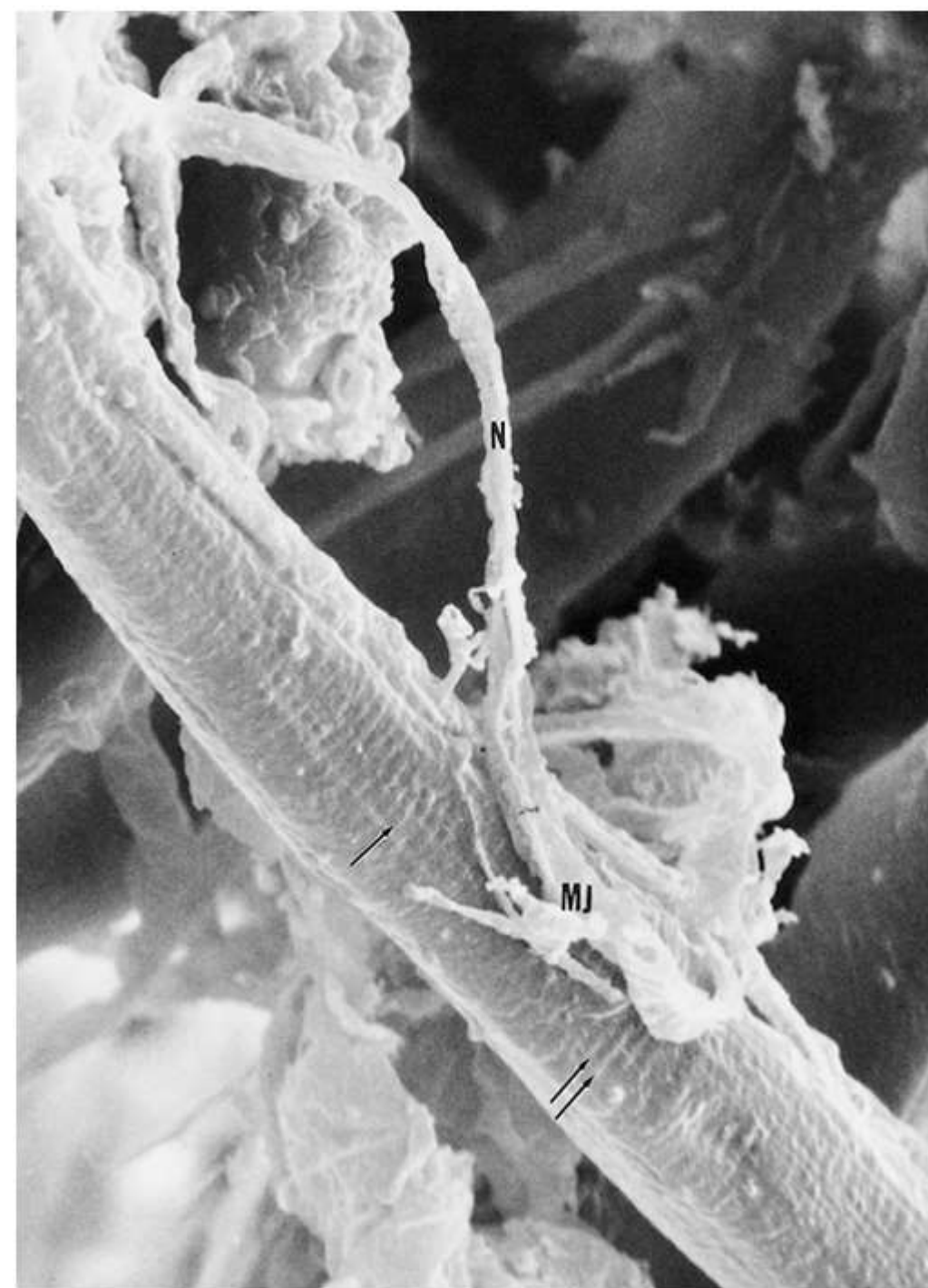


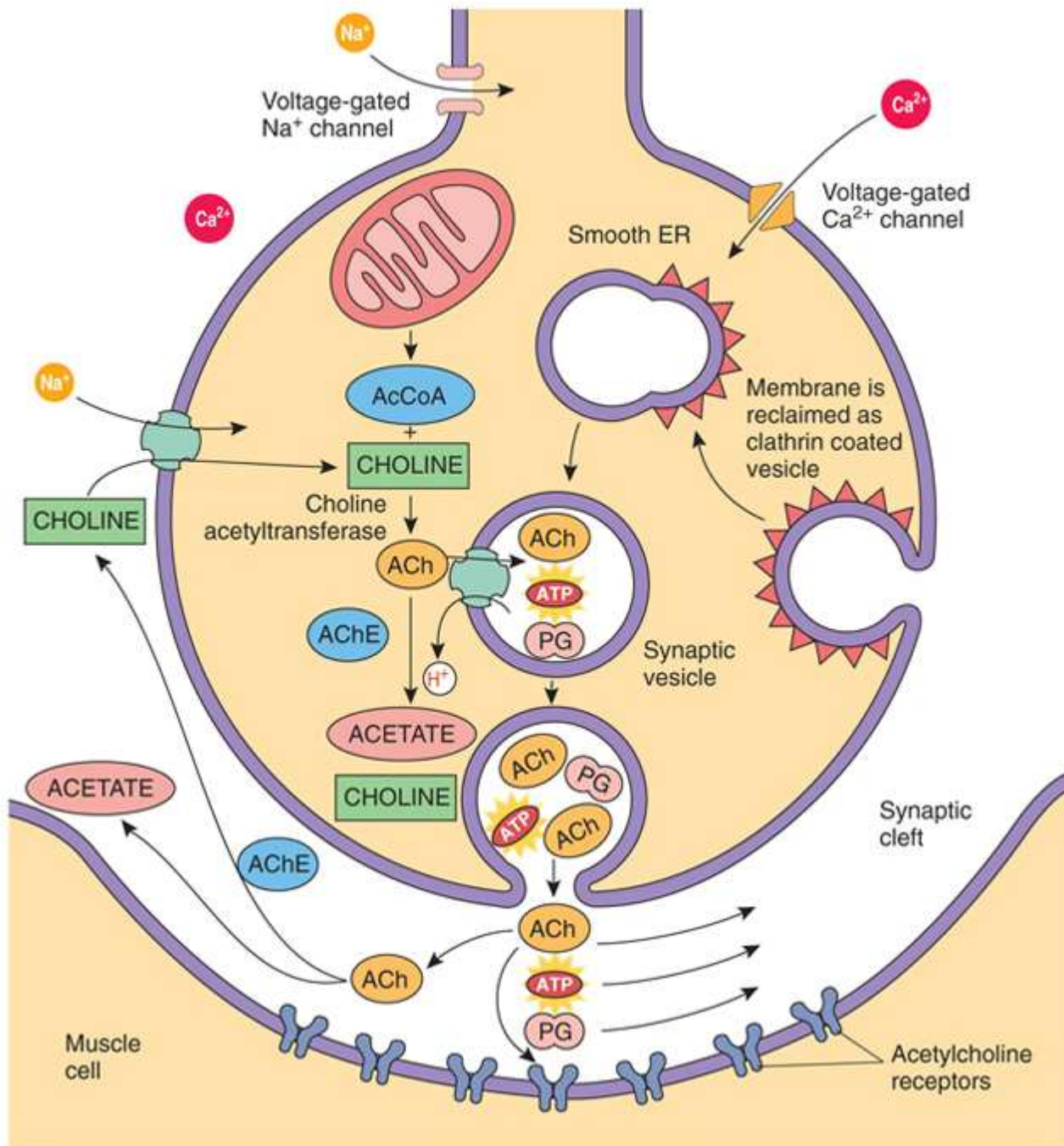
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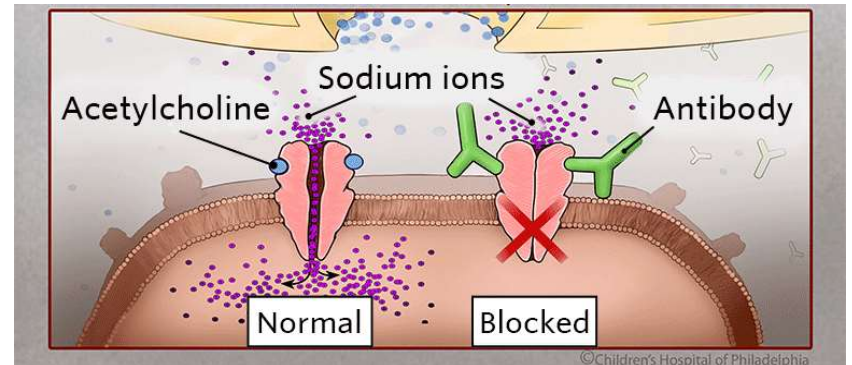
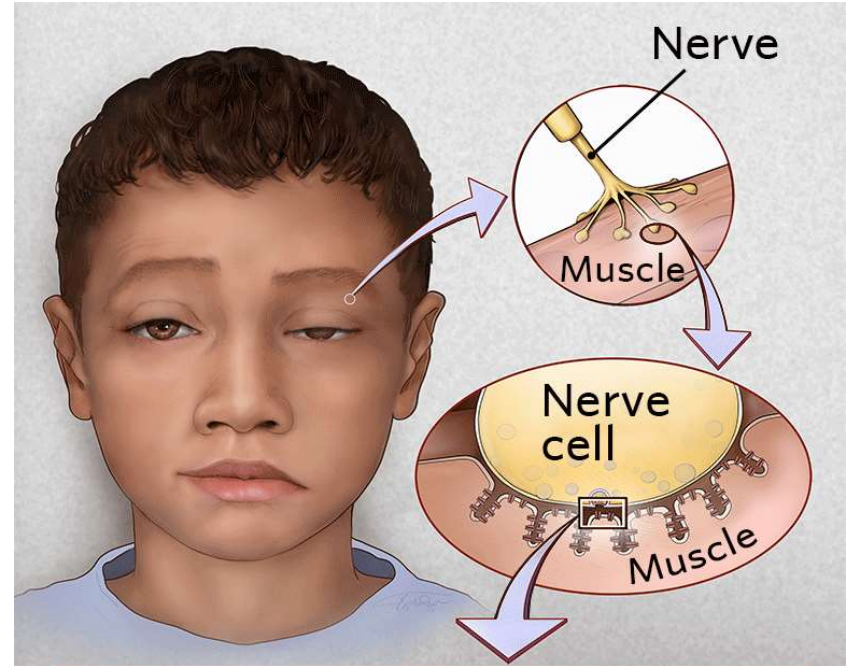


- 1 Myelinated axons
- 2 Neuromuscular junction
- 3 Capillaries
- 4 Muscle fiber nucleus



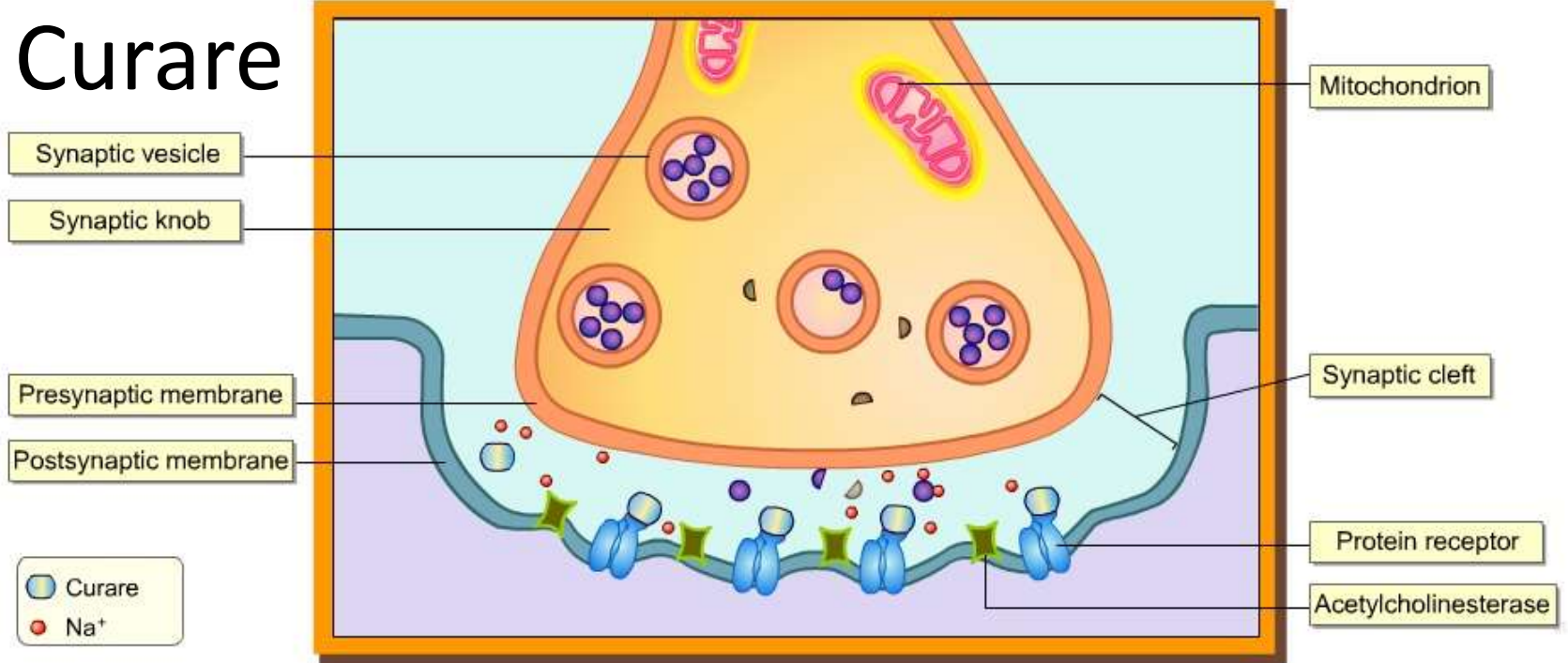


MYASTHENIA GRAVIS



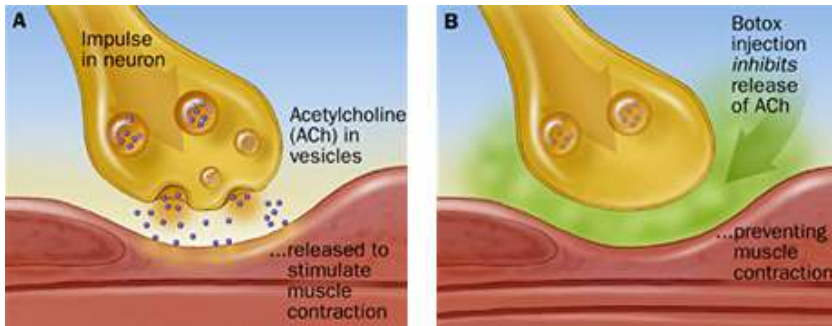
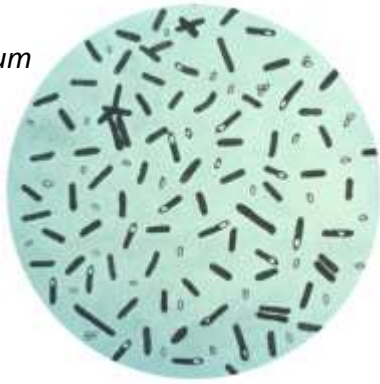


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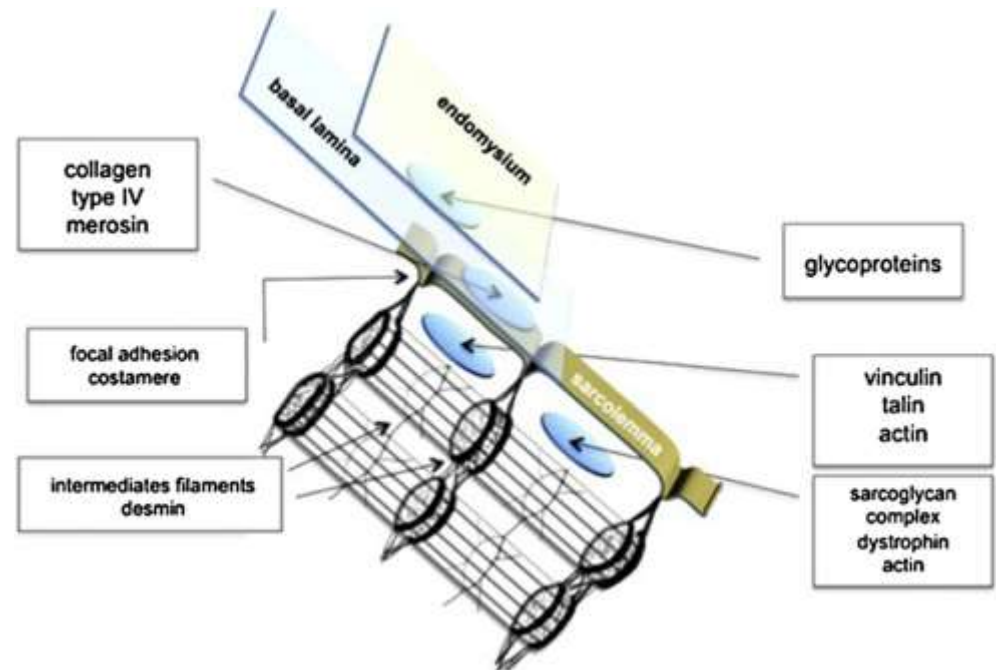
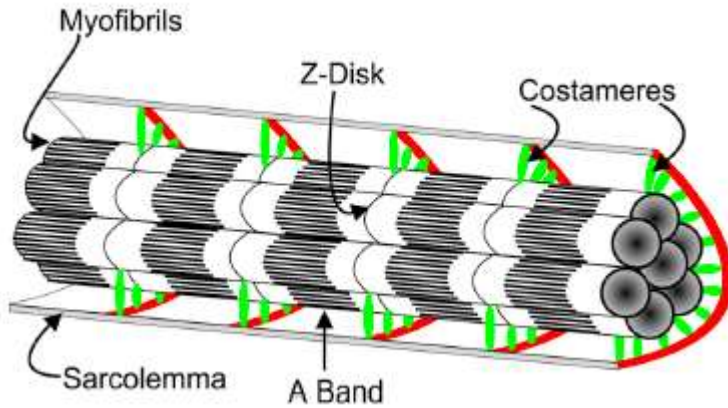
Botulotoxin

Clostridium botulinum

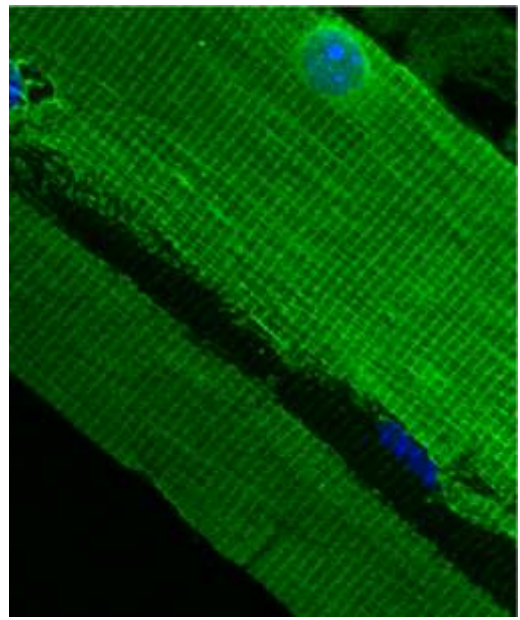
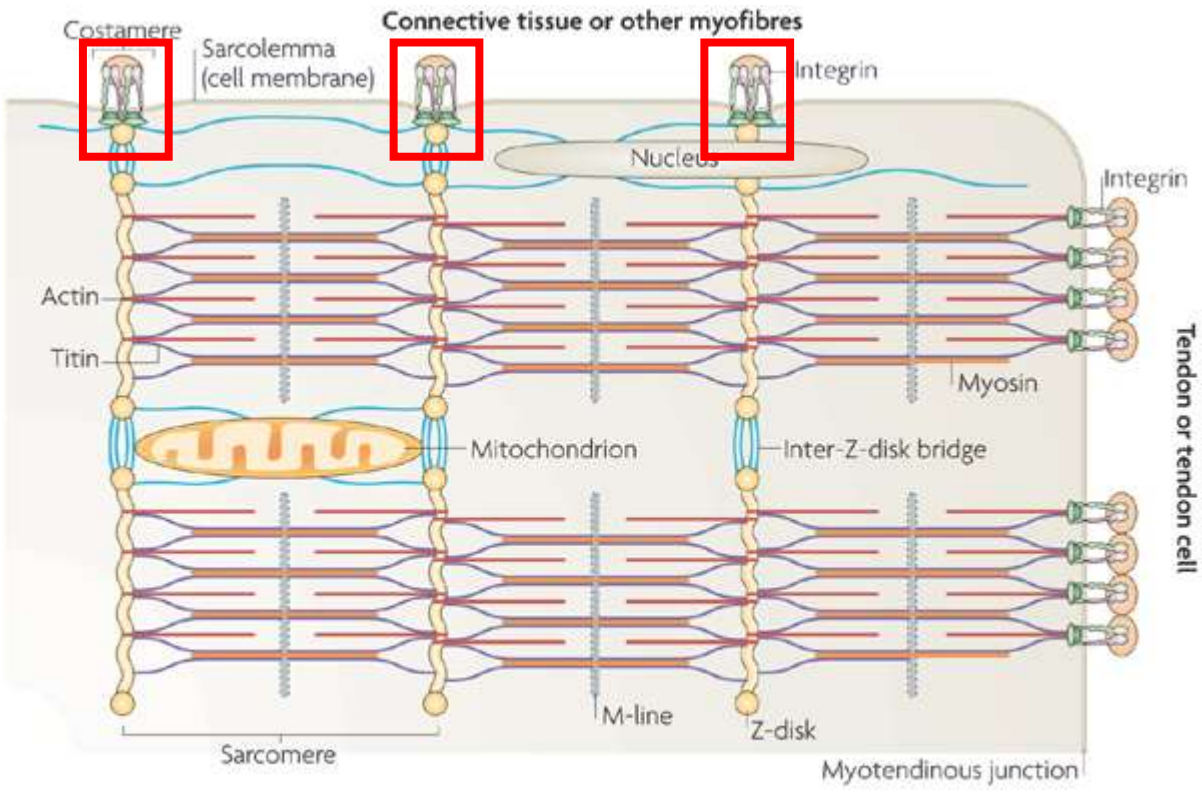


COSTAMERES

- Structural components linking myofibrils to sarcolemma
- Circumferential alignment
- **dystrophin-associated glycoprotein (DAG) complex**
 - links internal cytoskeleton to ECM
 - Integrity of muscle fiber



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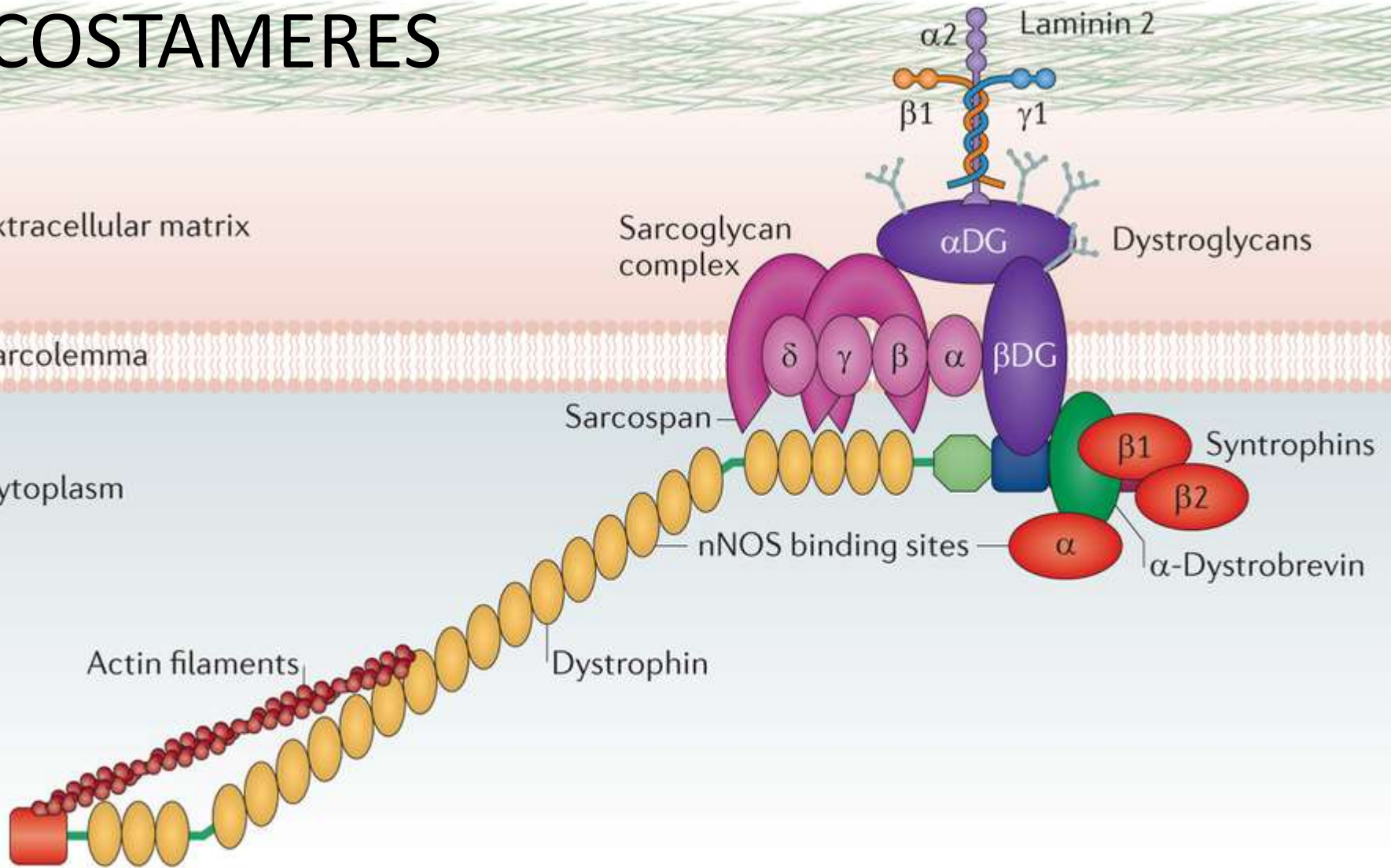


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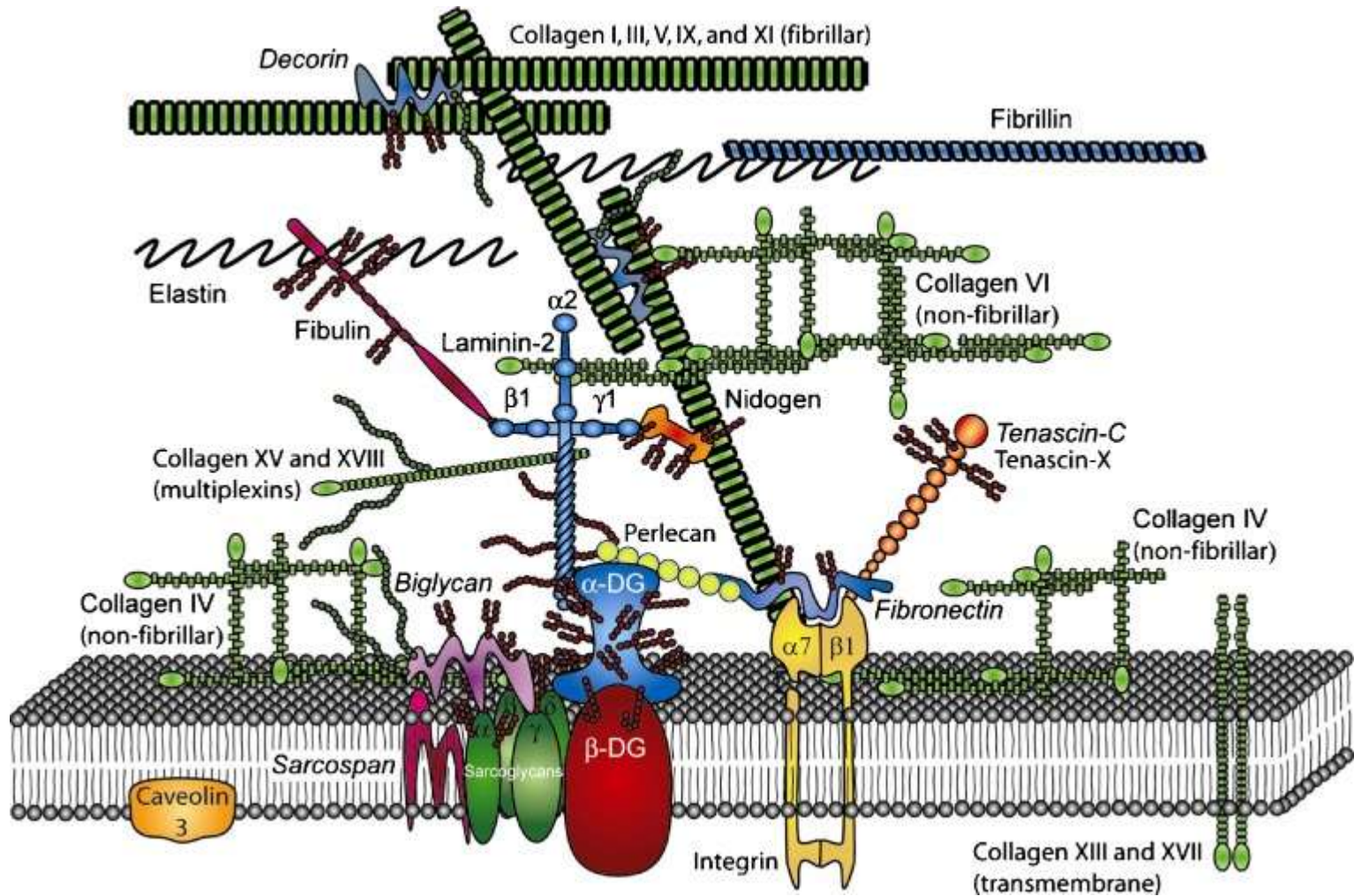
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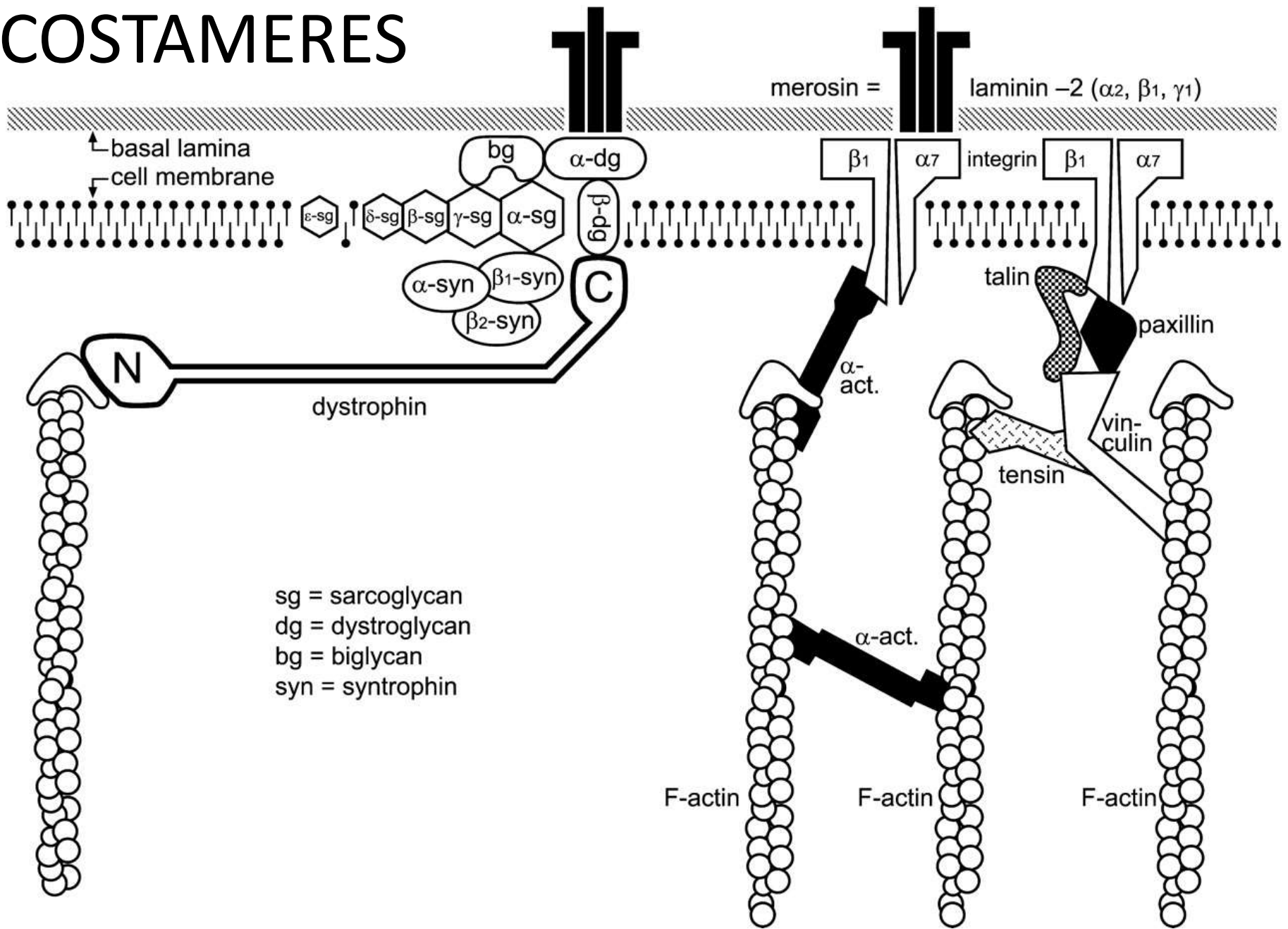
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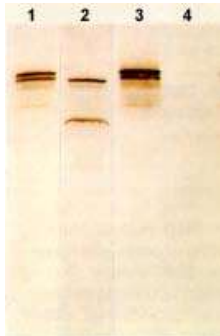
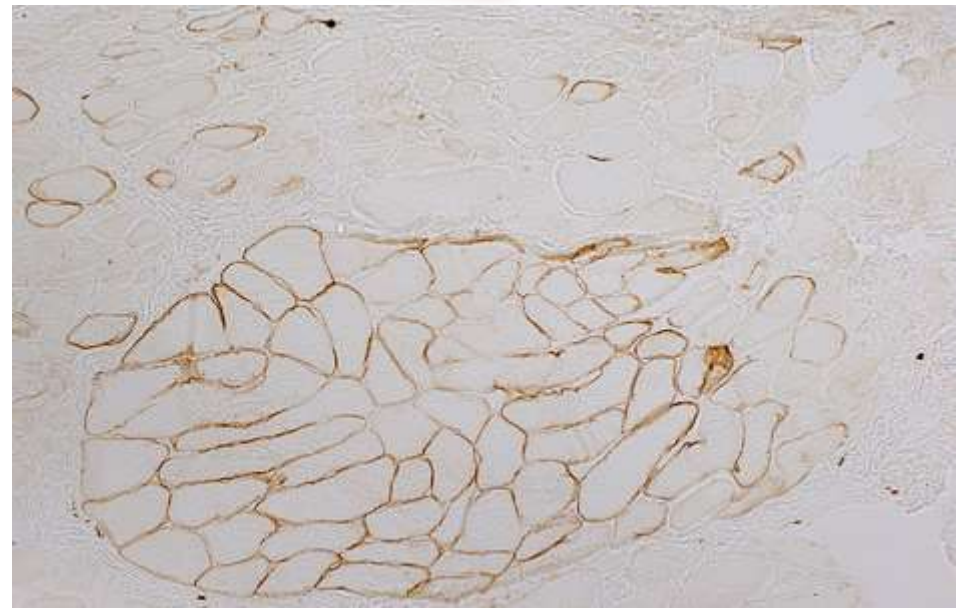
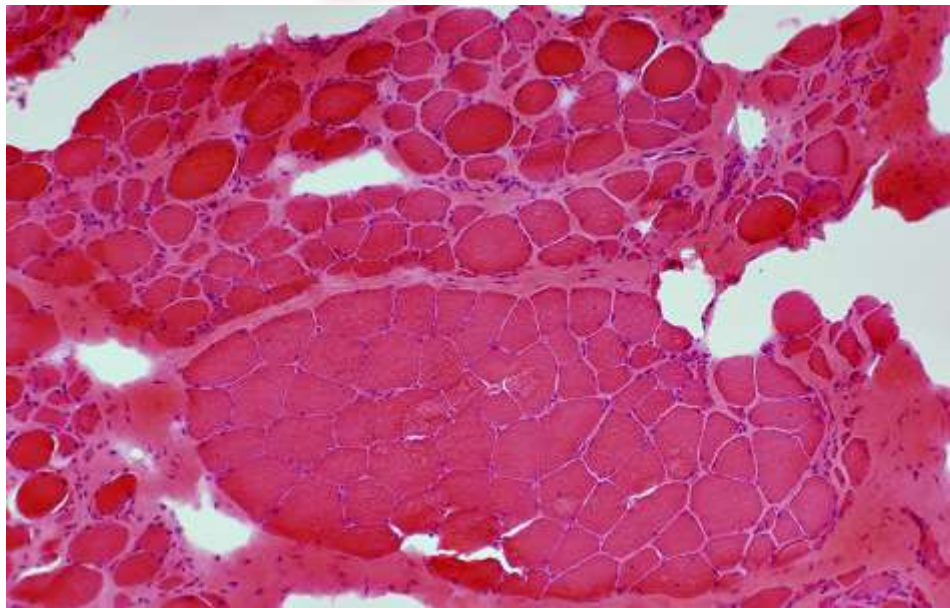
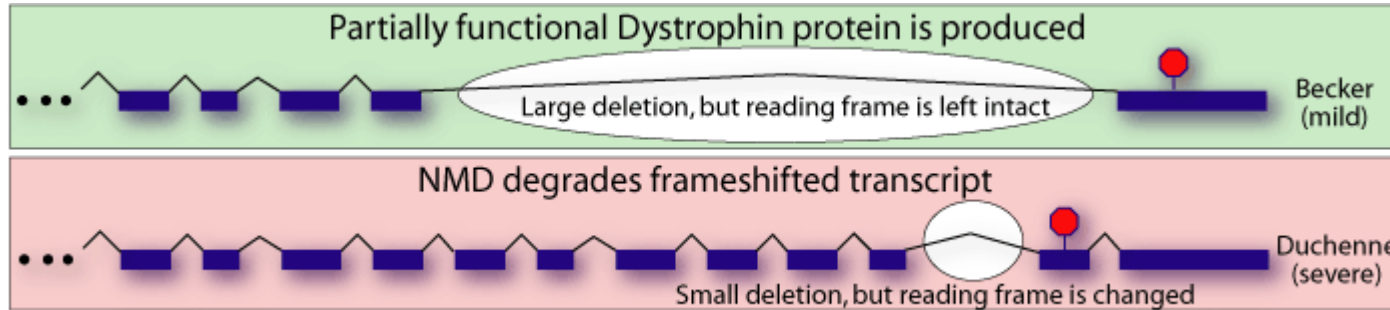
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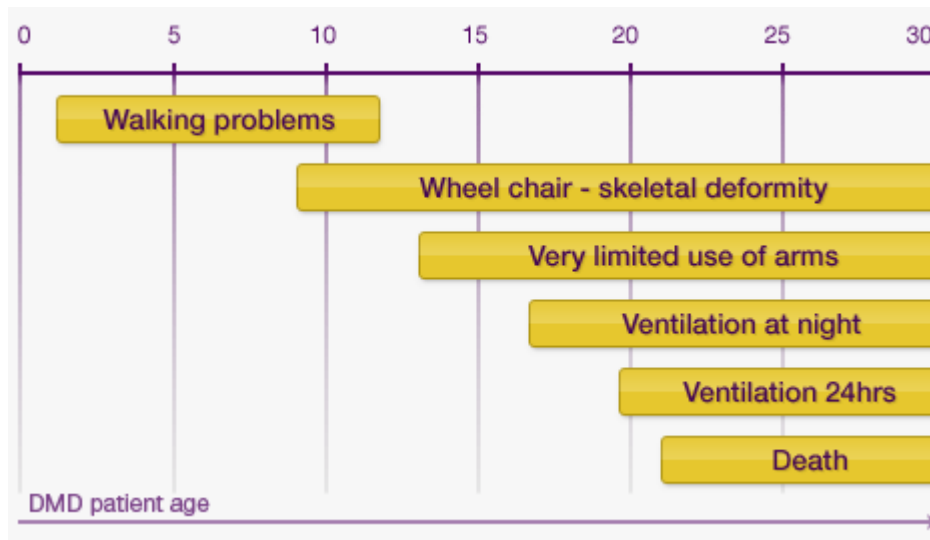
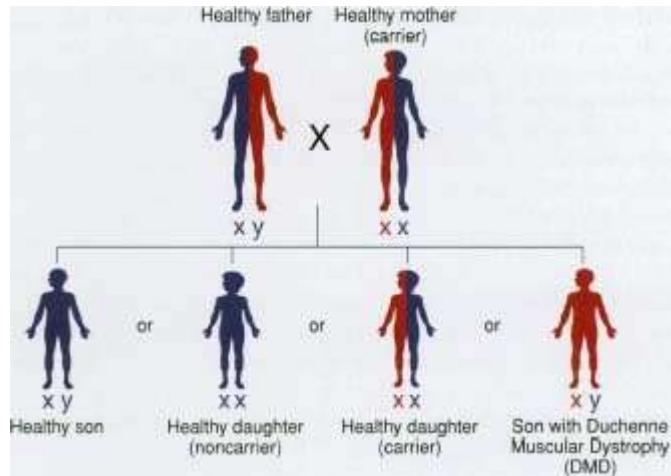


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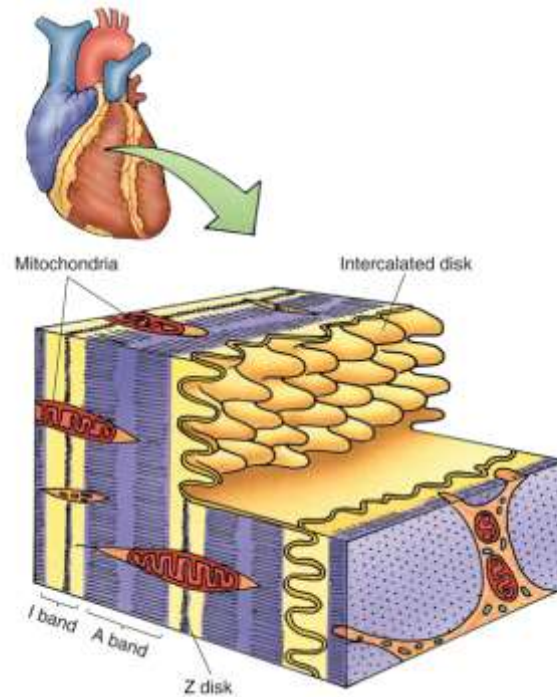


Lane 1: Becker dystrophy; Dystrophin has reduced abundance but normal size.
Lane 2: Becker dystrophy; Dystrophin has reduced size and abundance.
Lane 3: Normal; Dystrophin has normal size and amount.
Lane 4: Duchenne dystrophy; Almost no protein is present.

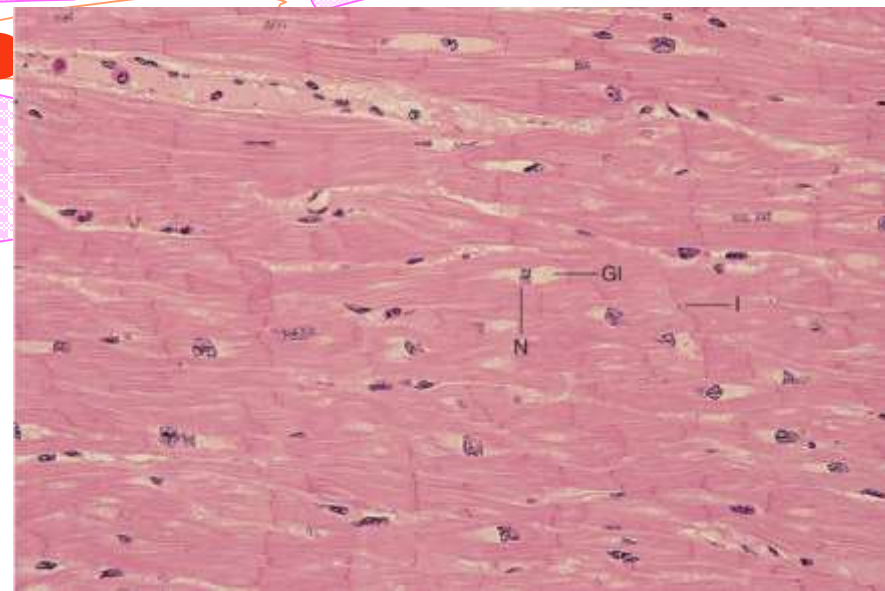
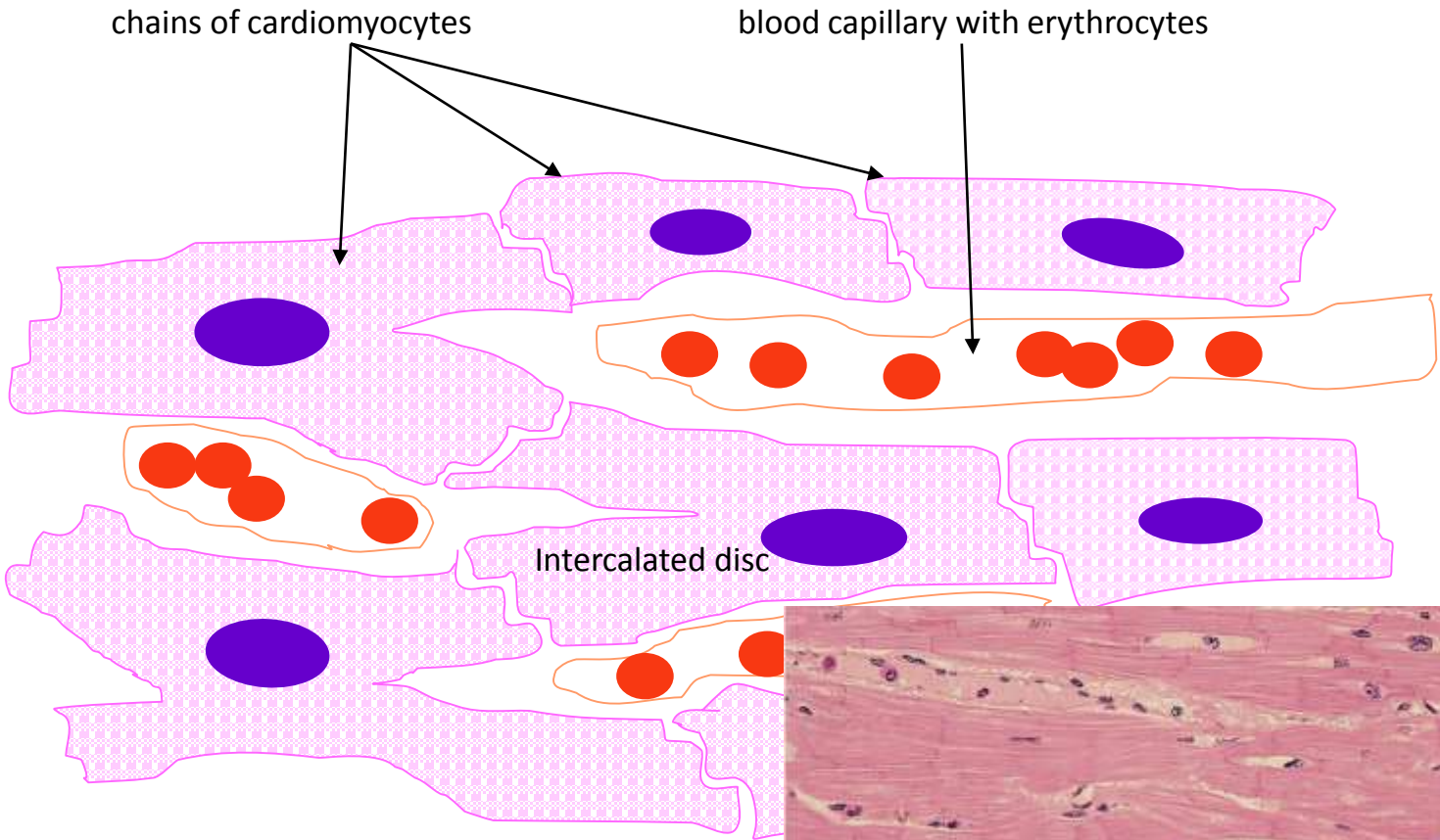
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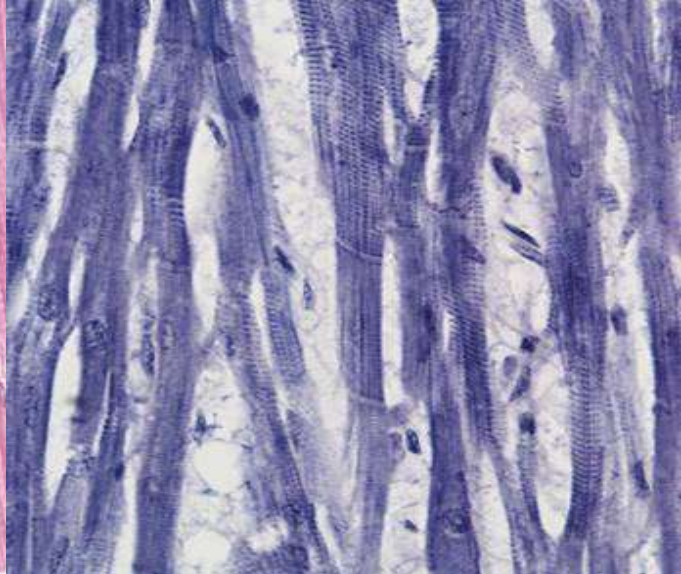
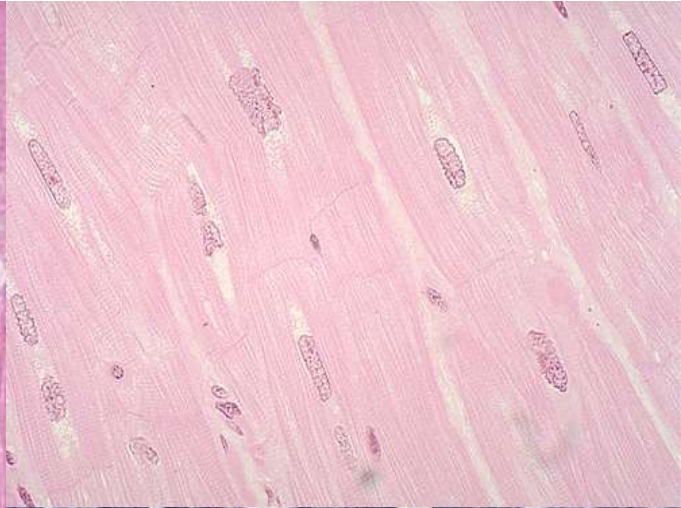
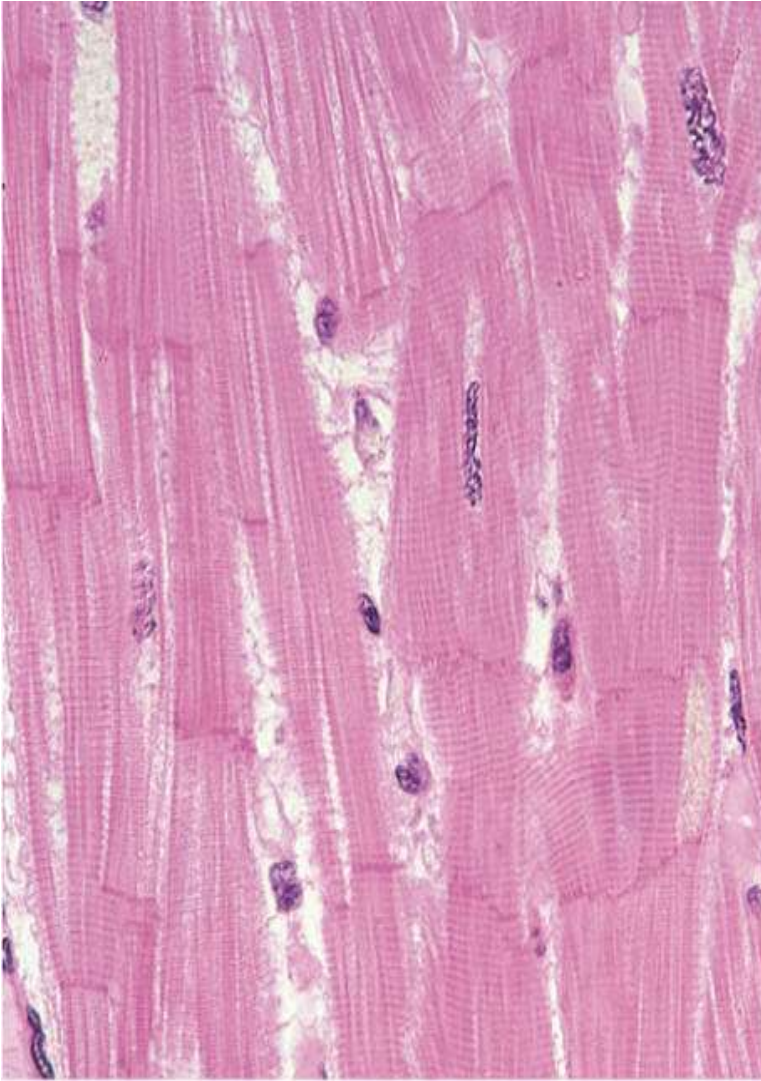


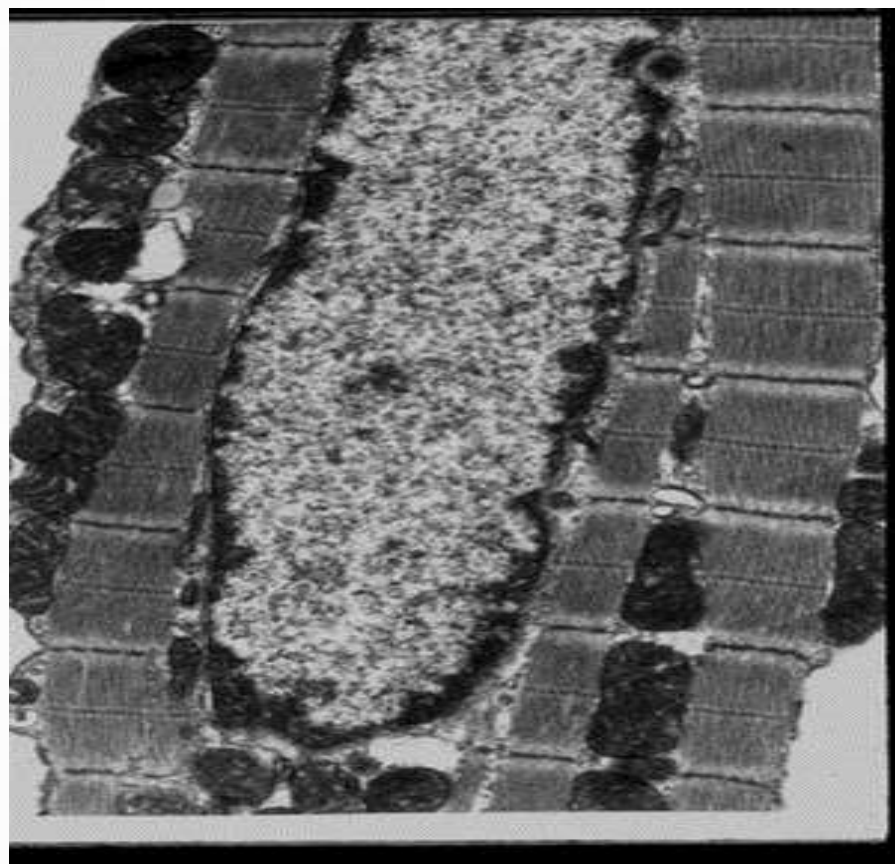
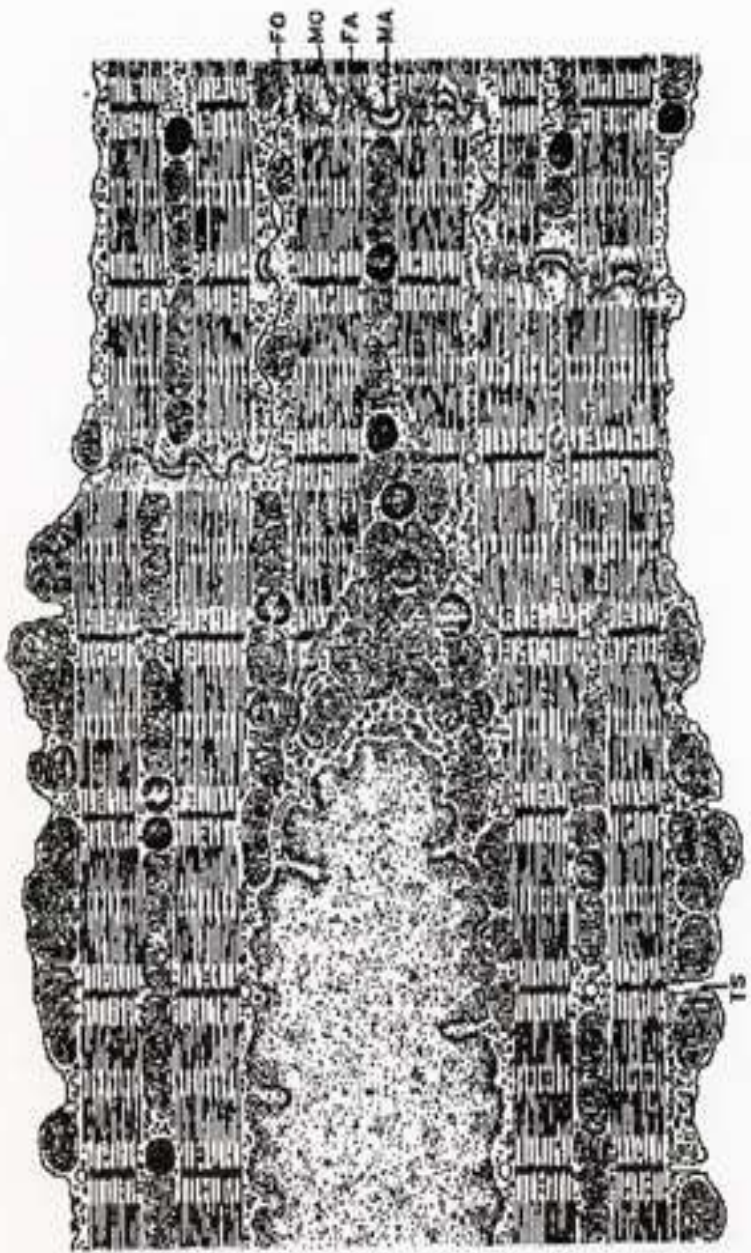
HISTOLOGY OF CARDIAC MUSCLE TISSUE



- made up of long branched fiber (cells) – **cardiomyocytes**,
- cardiomyocytes are cylindrical cells, branched on one or both ends (Y, X shaped cells),
- sarcoplasm: single nucleus in the center of cell, striated myofibrils, numerous mitochondria,
- cells are attached to one another by end-to-end junctions – intercalated discs.

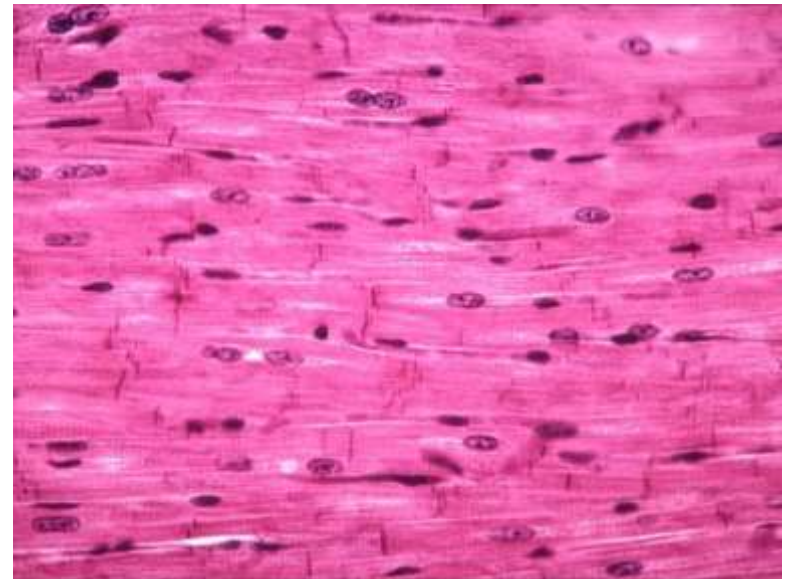
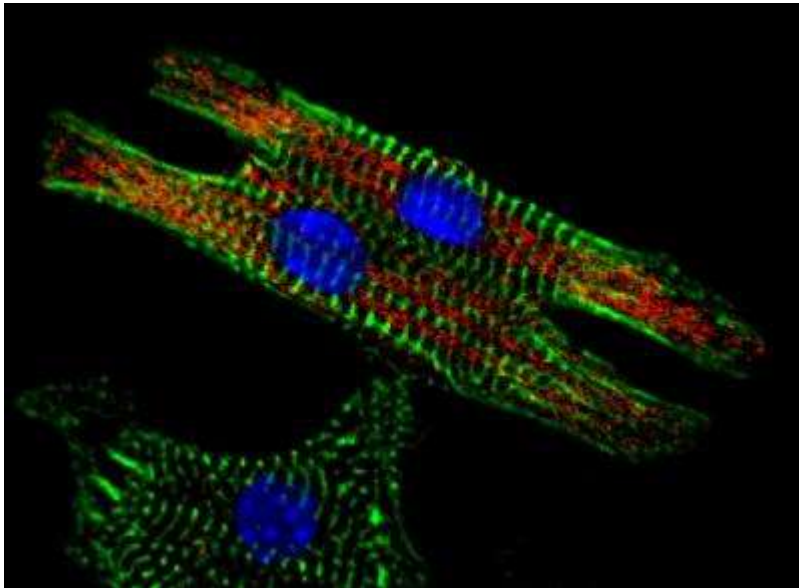






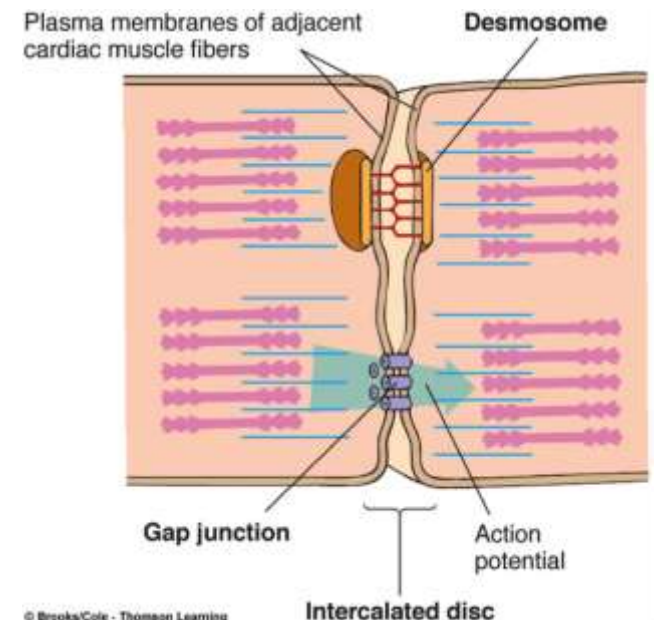
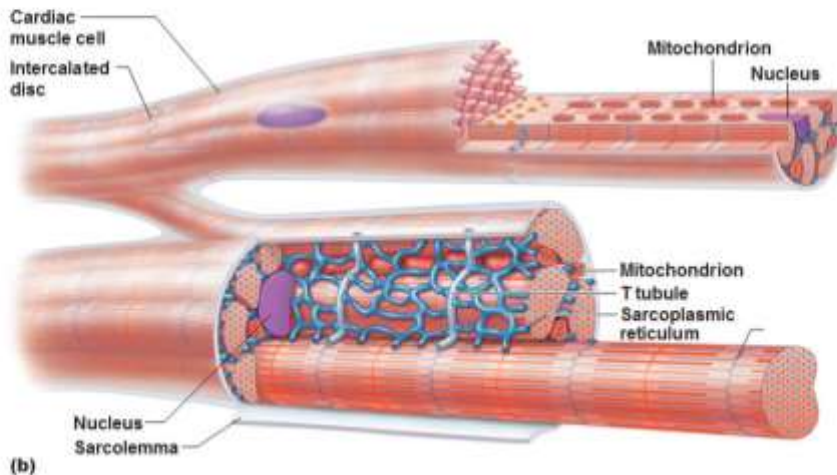
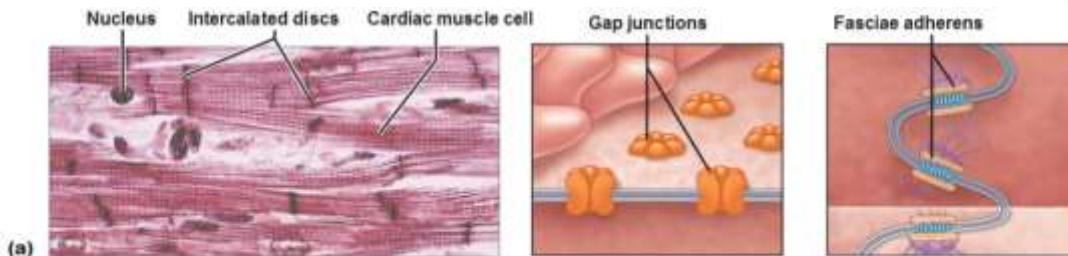
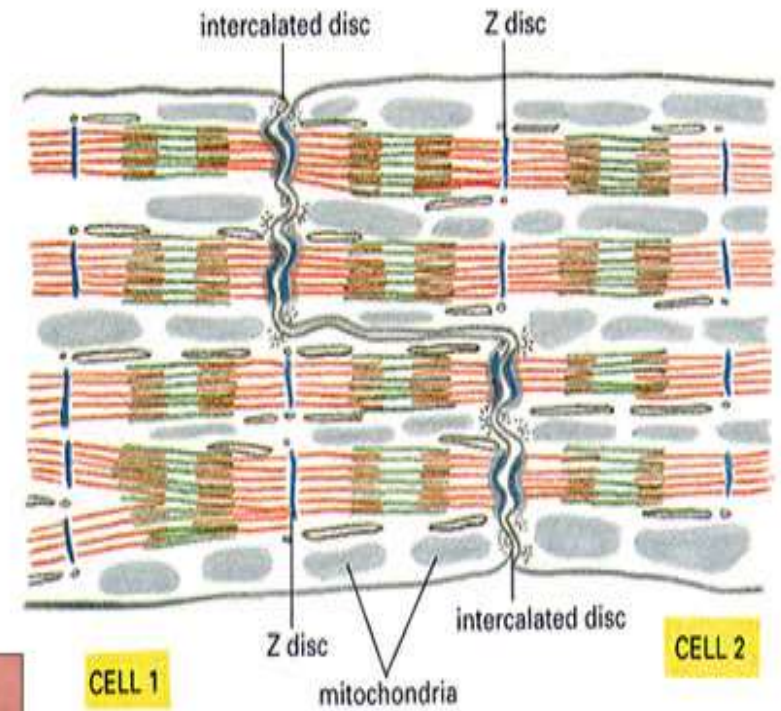
CARDIAC MUSCLE COMPARED TO SKELETAL

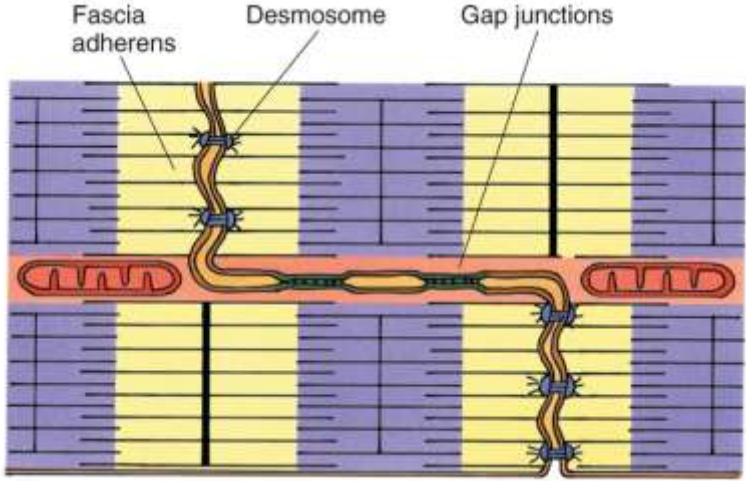
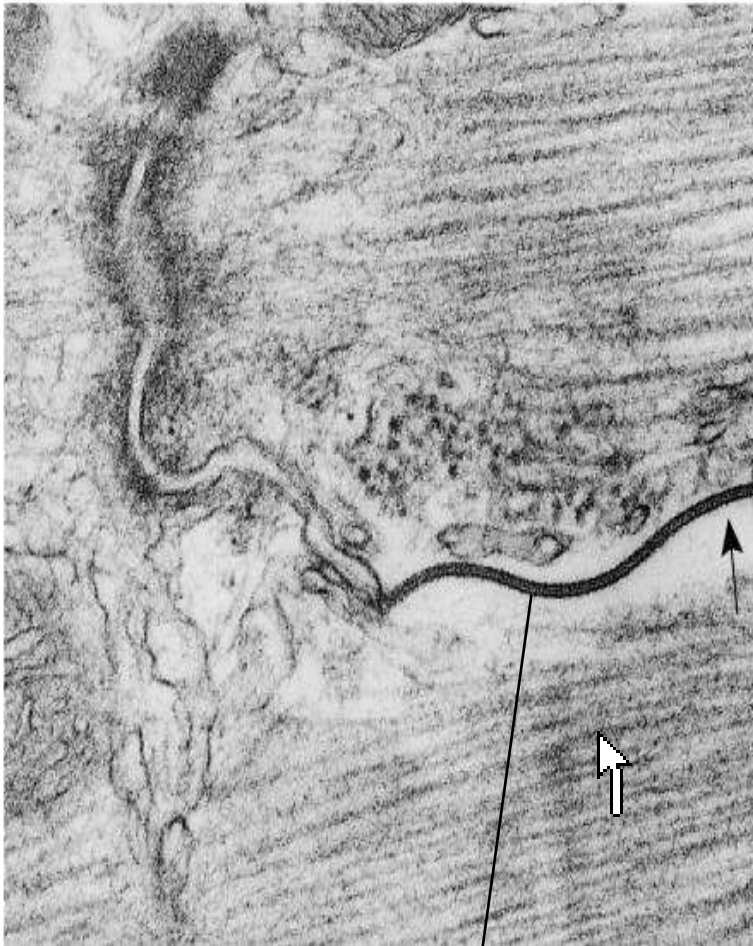
- no triads, but diads: 1 t-tubule + 1 cisterna
- t-tubules around the sarcomeres at the Z lines rather than at the zone of overlap
- sarcoplasmic reticulum via its tubules contact sarcolemma as well as the t-tubules
- cardiac muscle cells are totally dependent on aerobic metabolism to obtain the energy
- large numbers of mitochondria in sarcoplasm and abundant reserves of myoglobin (to store oxygen)
- abundant glycogen and lipid inclusions



INTERCALATED DISC

- „scariform“ shape of cell ends
- fasciae adherentes (*adhesion of cells*)
- Nexus (quick intercellular communication – transport of ions, electric impulses, information)





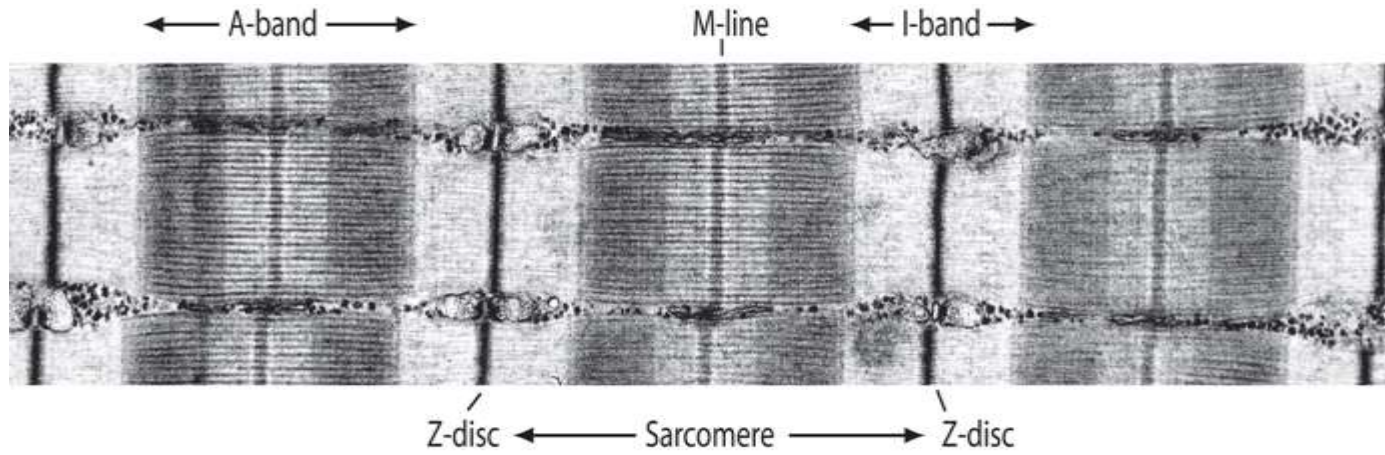
Intercalated disc:

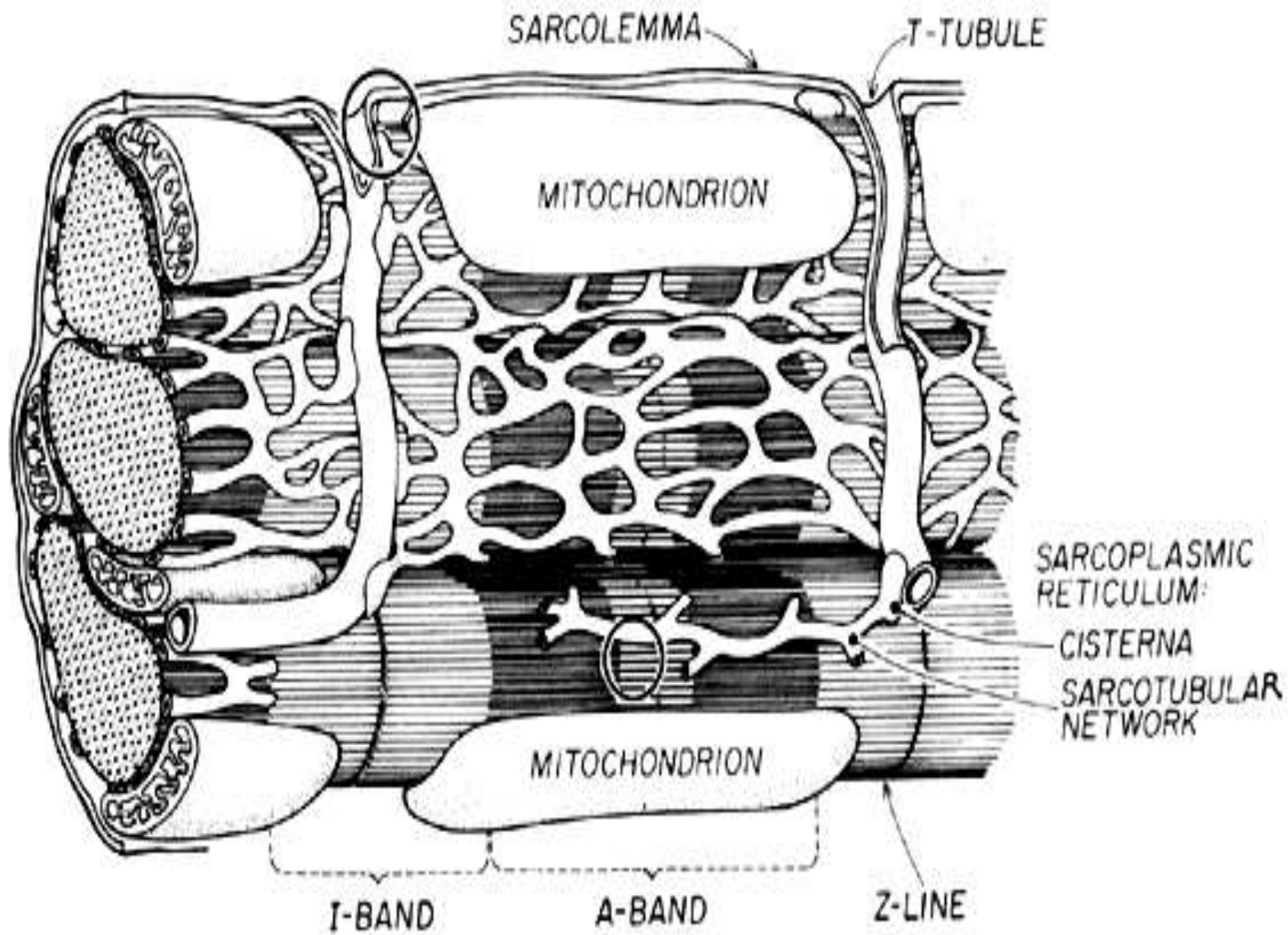
nexus

fascia adherens

MYOFIBRIL OF CARDIOMYOCYTE

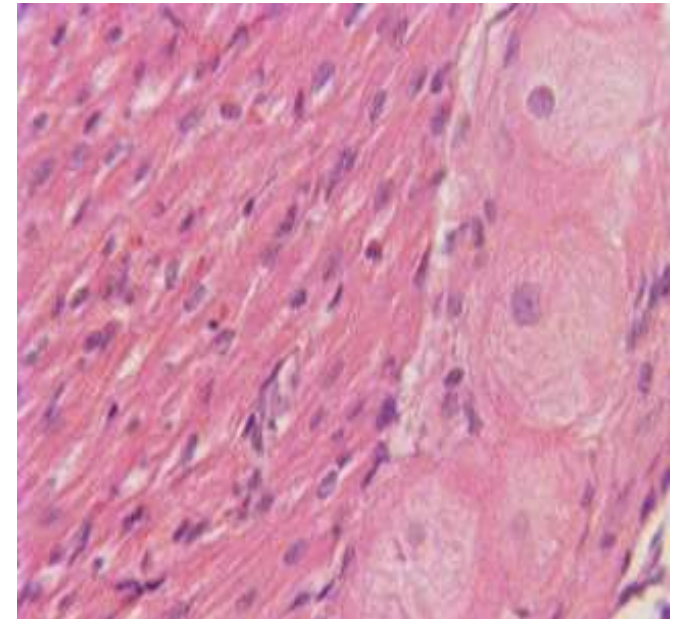
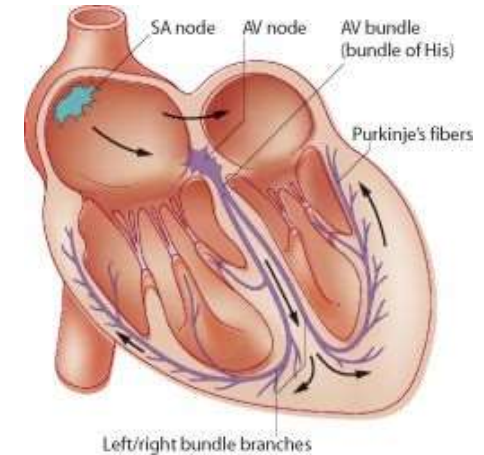
- Actin + myosin myofilaments
- Sarcomere
- Z-line
- M-line and H-zone
- I-band, A-band
- T-tubule + 1 cisterna = diad (around Z-line)



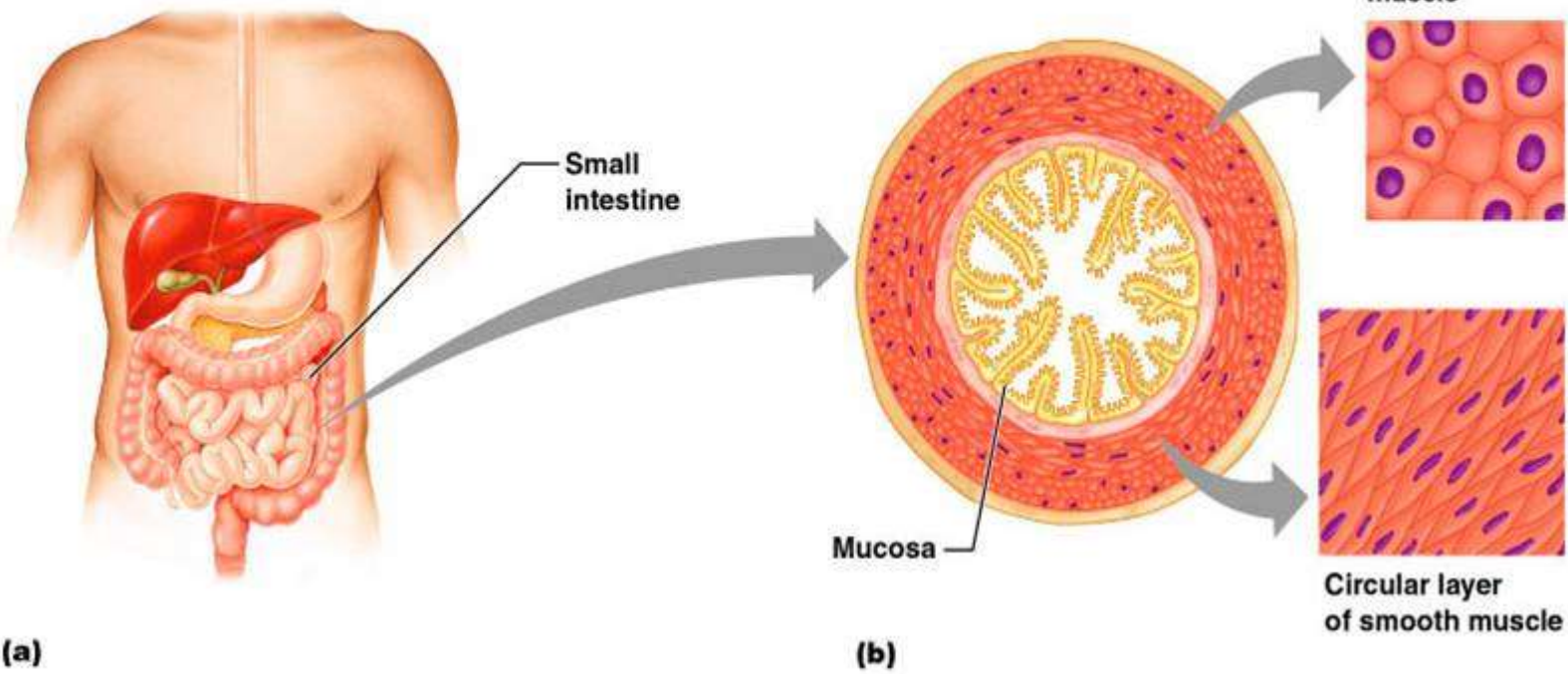


PURKINJE FIBERS

- are located in the inner layer of heart ventricle wall
- are specialized cells fibers that conduct an electrical stimuli or impulses that enables the heart to contract in a coordinated fashion
- numerous sodium ion channels and mitochondria, fewer myofibrils

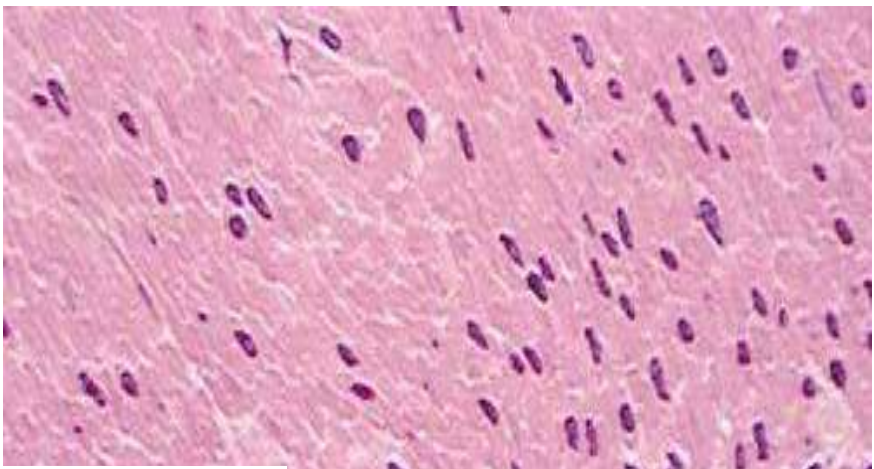
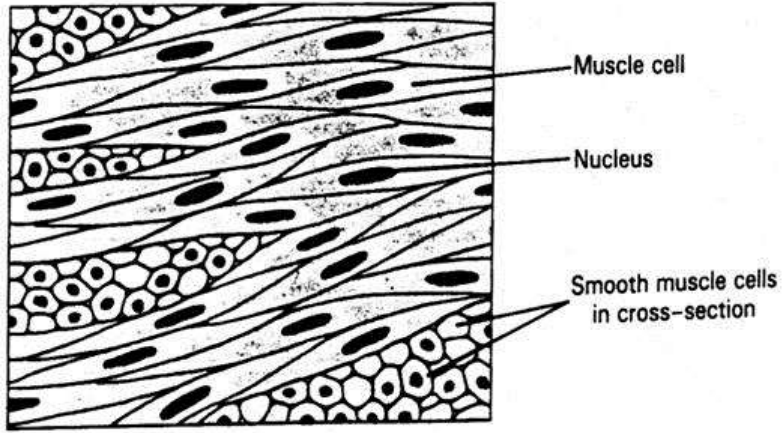


SMOOTH MUSCLE TISSUE

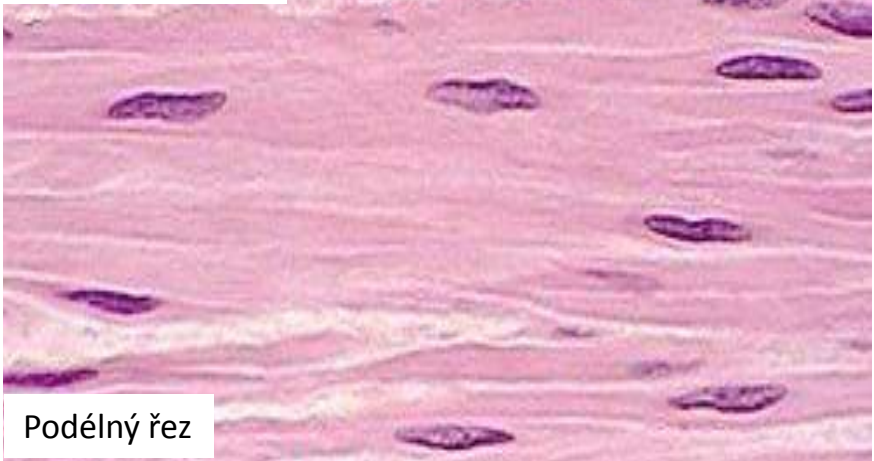


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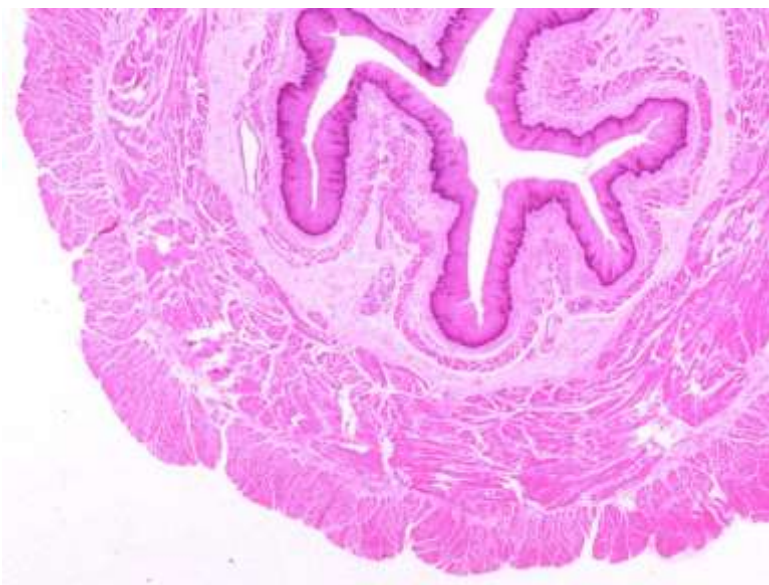
- Cells (leiomyocytes) form layers - eg. in walls of hollow organs



Transversální řez

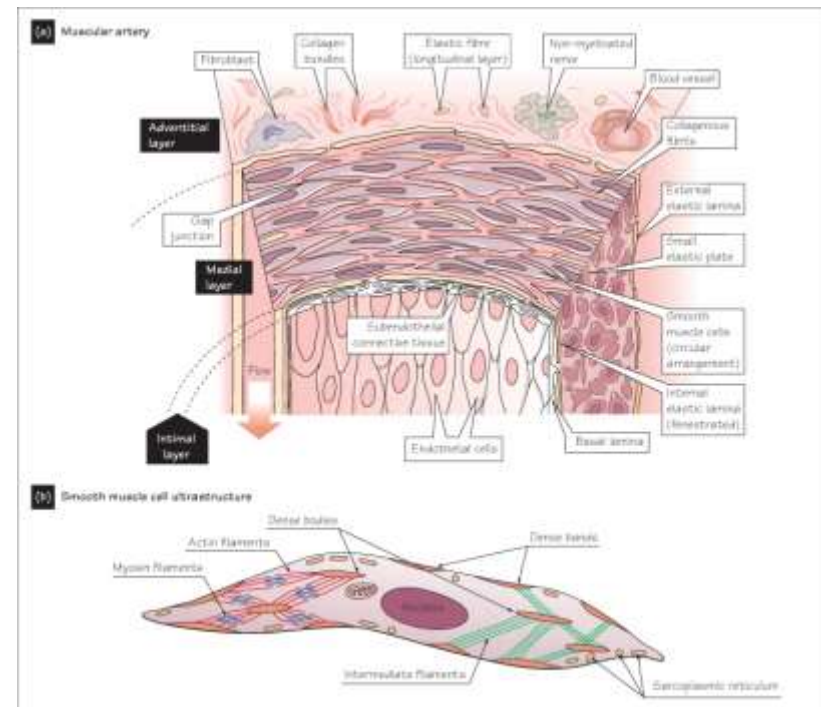


Podélný řez



SMOOTH MUSCLE TISSUE

- spindle shaped cells (leiomyocytes) with myofilaments not arranged into myofibrils (no striation), 1 nucleus in the centre of the cell
- myofilaments form bands throughout the cell
- actin filaments attach to the sarcolemma by focal adhesions or to the dense bodies substituting Z-lines in sarcoplasm
- sarcoplasmic reticulum forms only tubules, Ca^{2+} ions are transported to the cell via pinocytotic vesicles
- zonulae occludentes and nexuses connect cells
- calmodulin



CAVEOLI

- caveolae are equivalent to t-tubules
- transmembrane ion channels

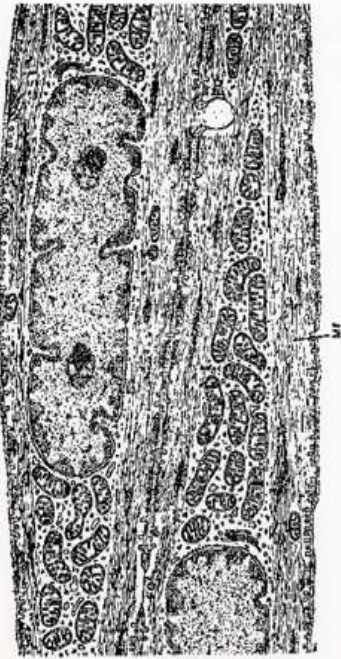
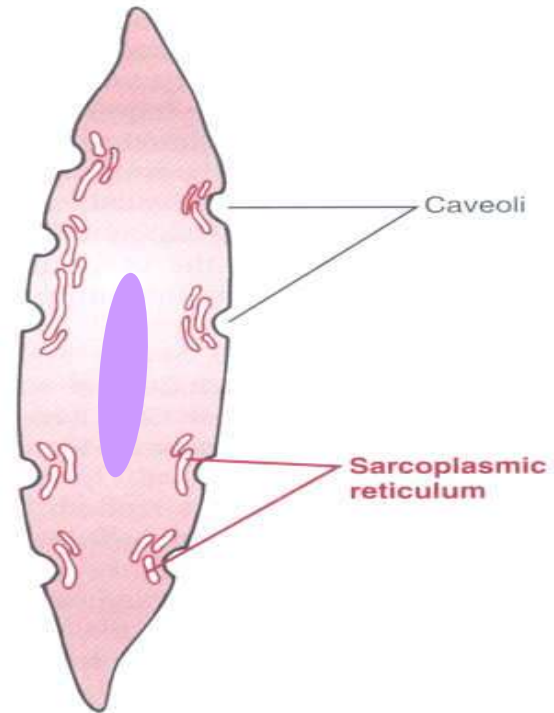
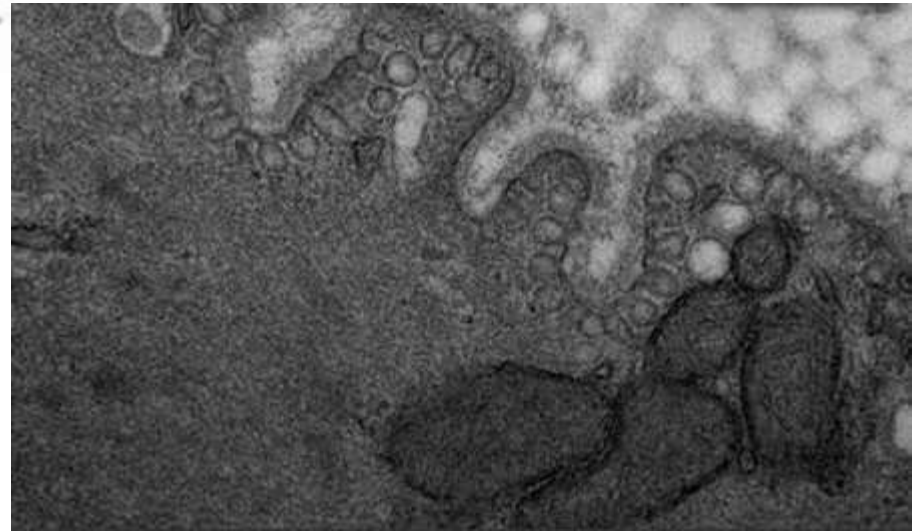
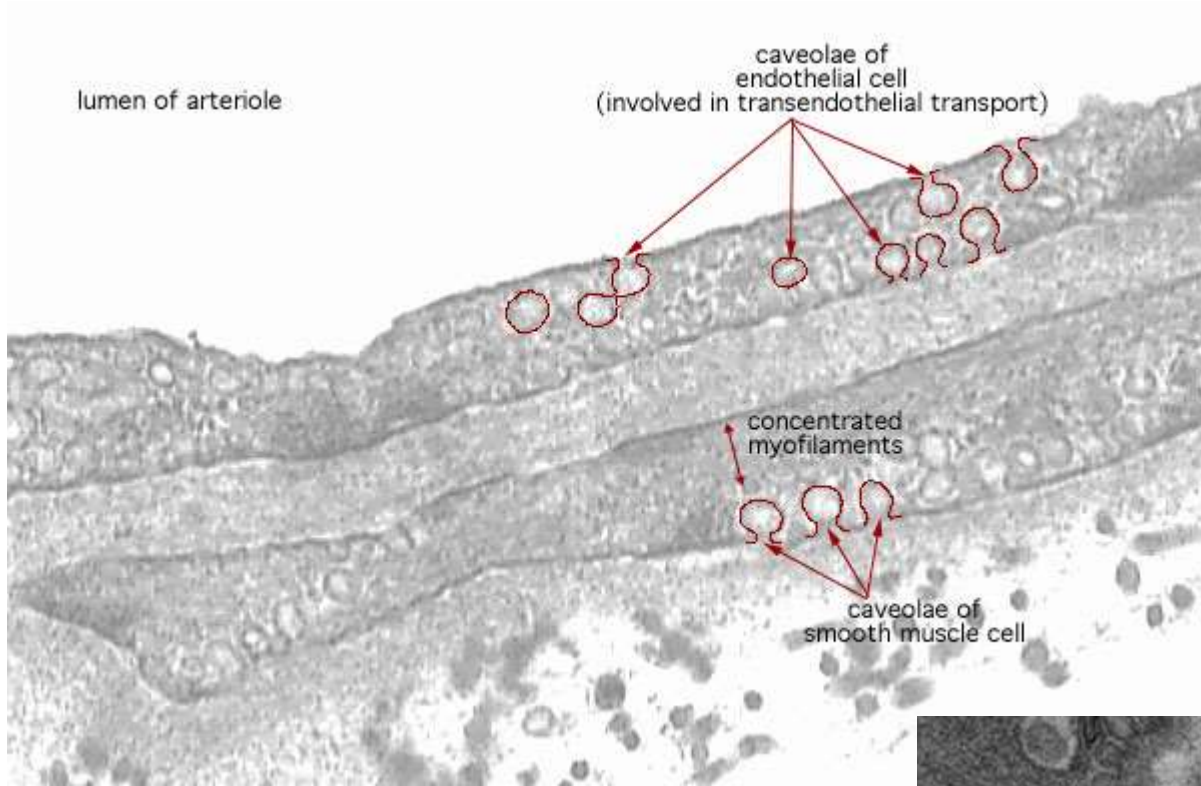


FIG. 10-2 E/M OF SMOOTH MUSCLE



CAVEOLI



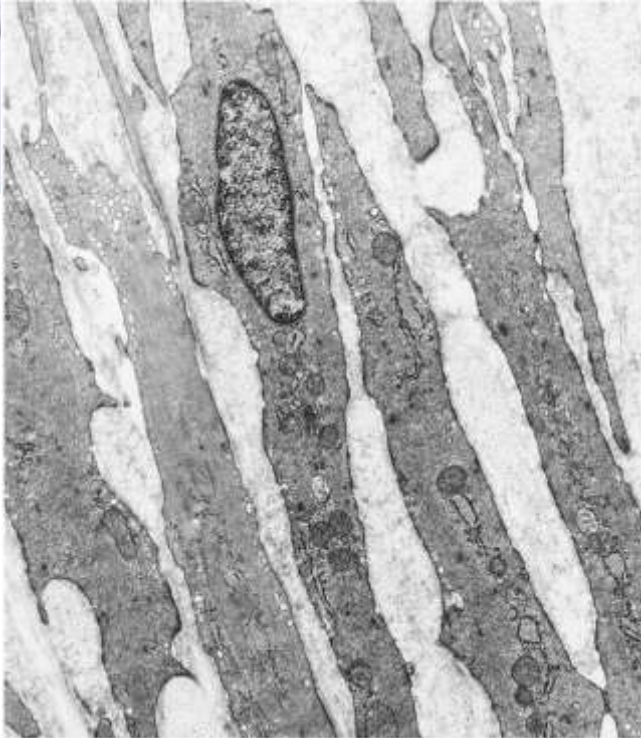
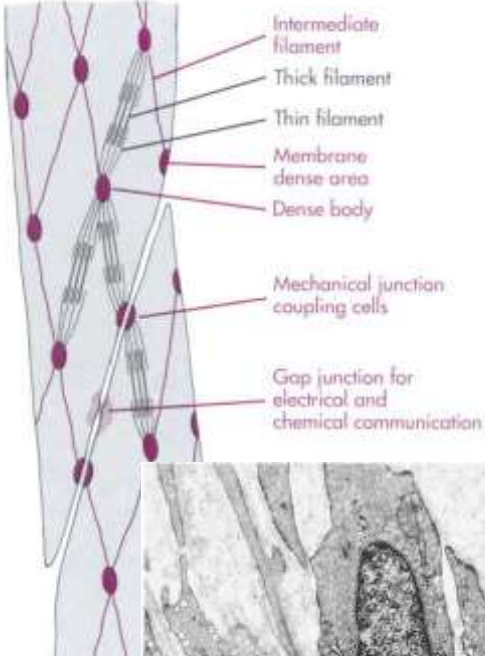
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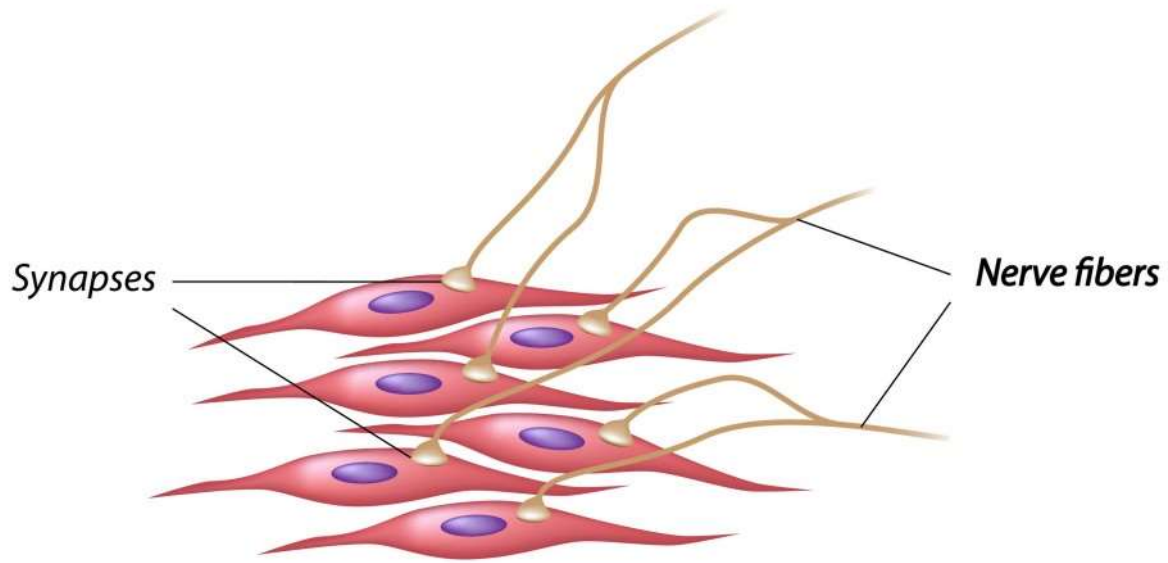


Relaxed smooth muscle cell

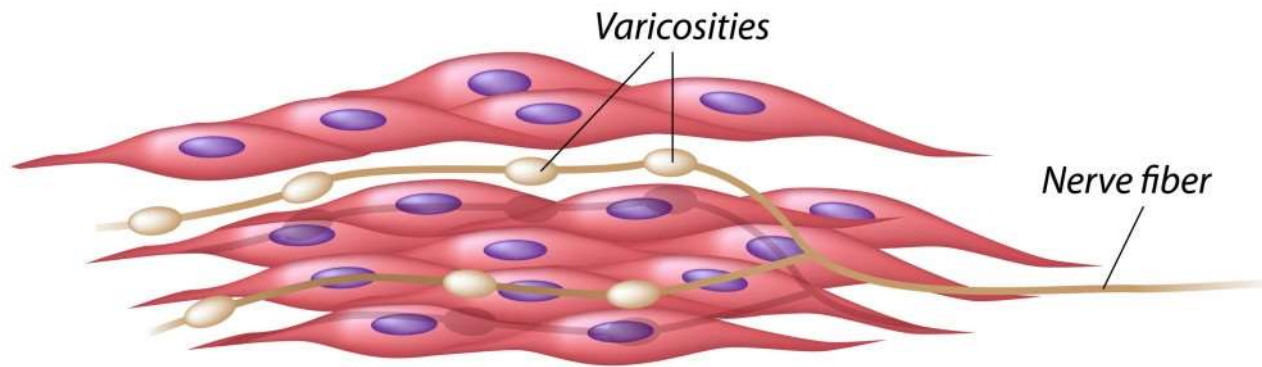


Contracted smooth muscle cell

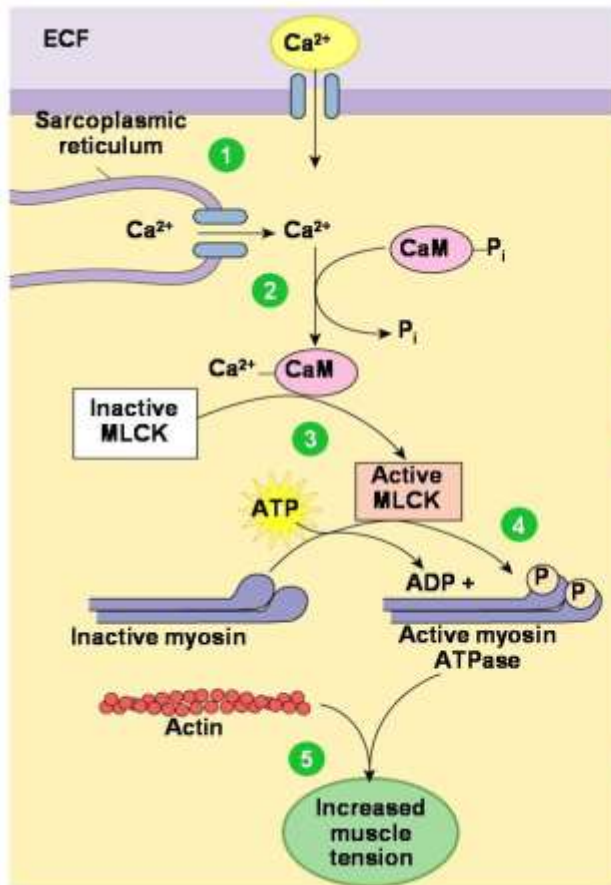
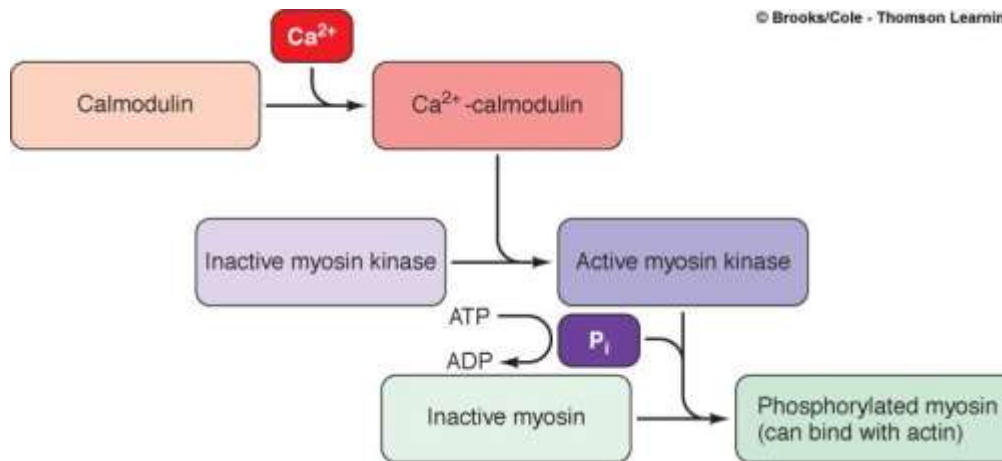




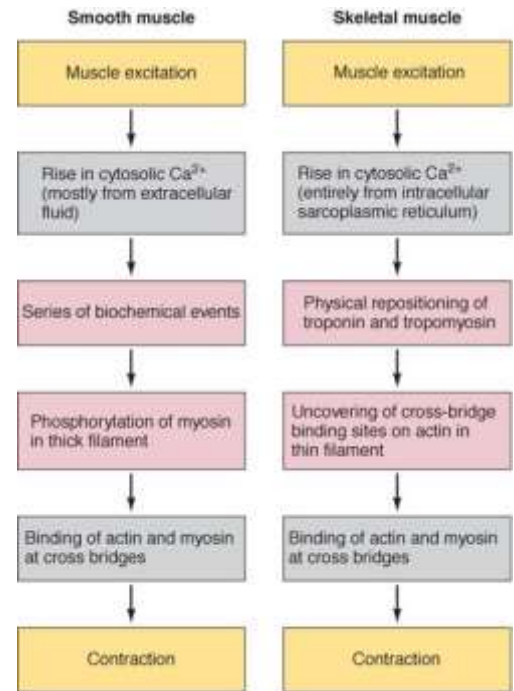
Multiunit Smooth Muscle



Single-unit Smooth Muscle

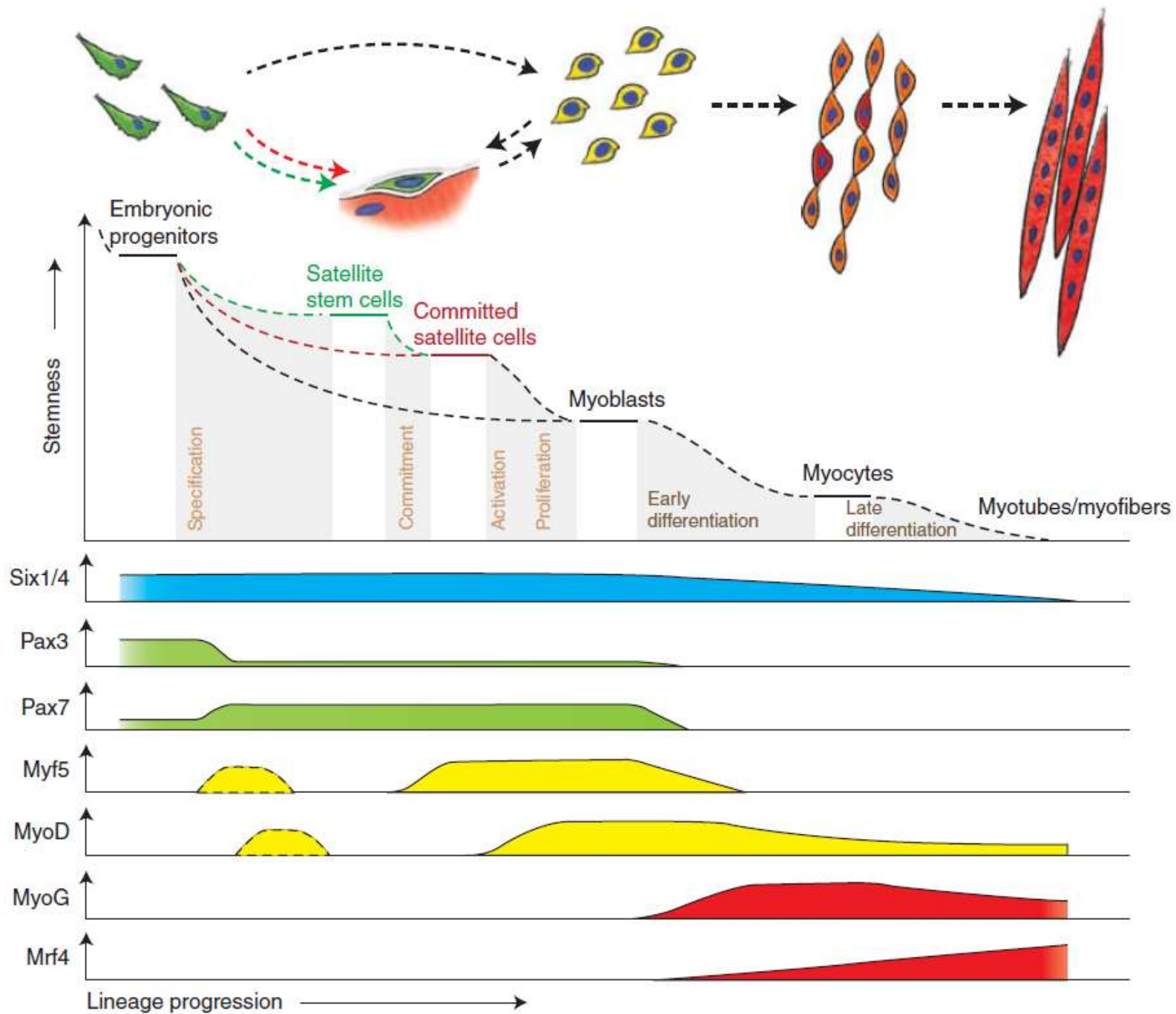


- 1 Intracellular Ca²⁺ concentrations increase when Ca²⁺ enters cell and is released from sarcoplasmic reticulum.
- 2 Ca²⁺ binds to calmodulin (CaM).
- 3 Ca²⁺-calmodulin activates myosin light chain kinase (MLCK).
- 4 MLCK phosphorylates light chains in myosin heads and increases myosin ATPase activity.
- 5 Active myosin crossbridges slide along actin and create muscle tension.

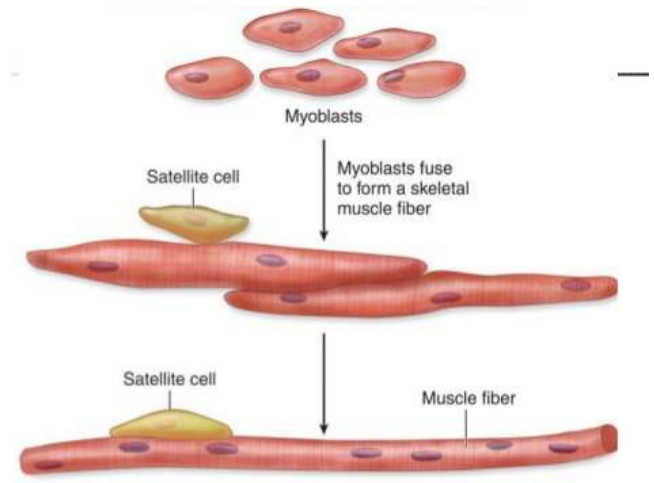
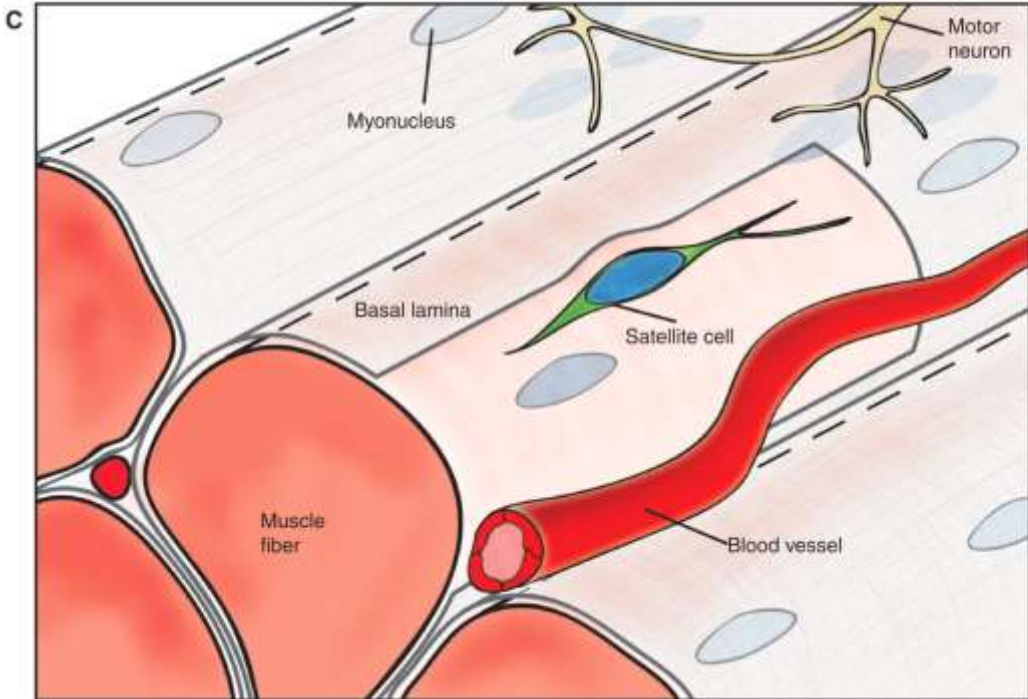
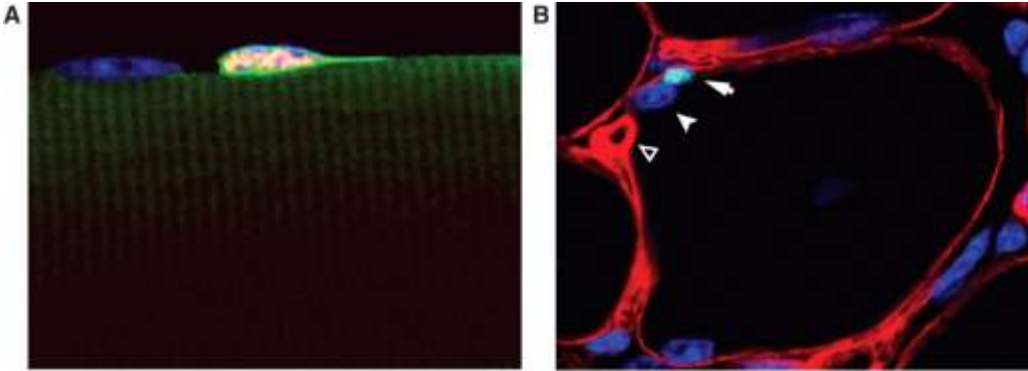


SUMMARY

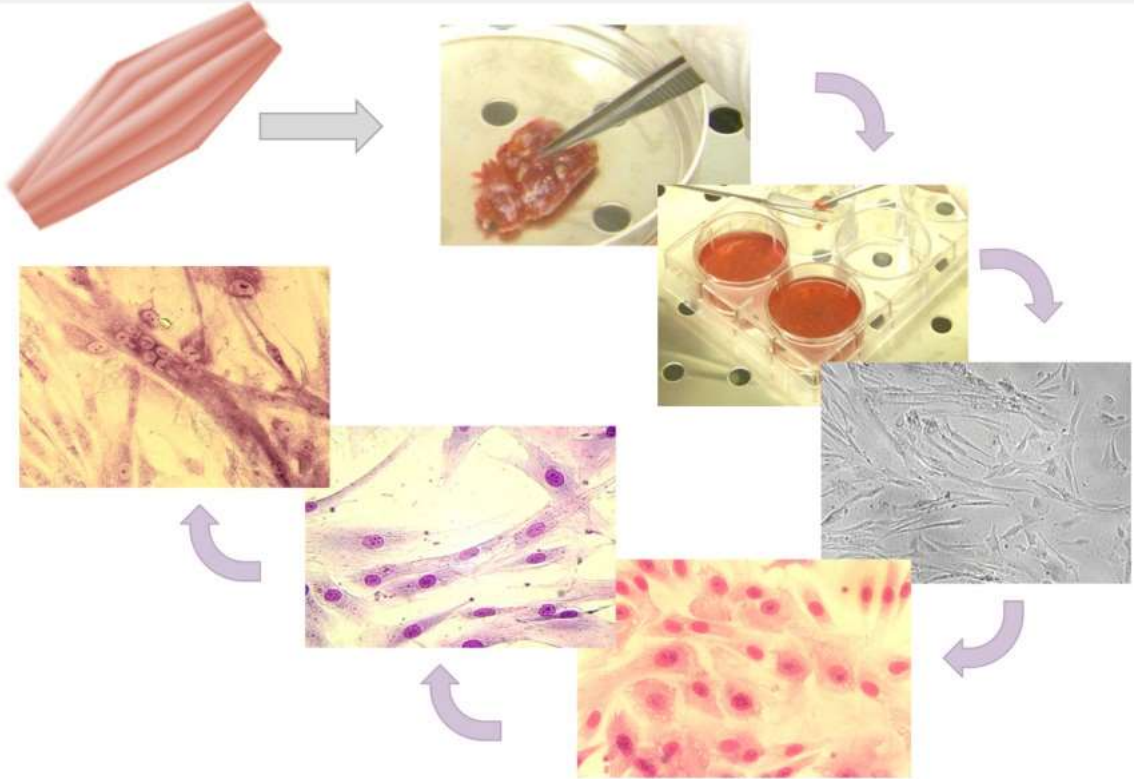
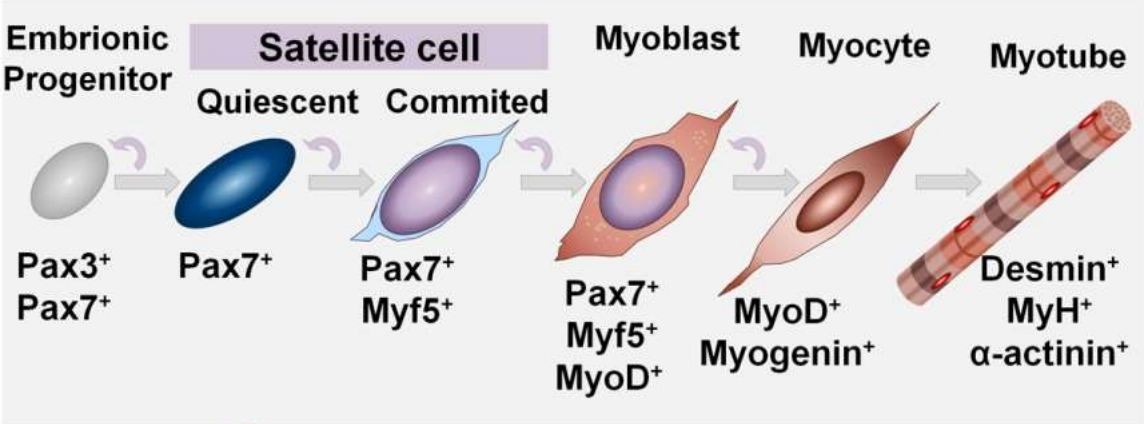
Hallmark	Skeletal muscle	Cardiac muscle	Smooth muscle
Cells	Thick, long, cylindrical, non-branched	Branched, cylindrical	Small, spindle-shaped
Nuclei	Abundant, peripherally	1-2, centrally	1, centrally
Filaments ratio (thin:thick)	6:1	6:1	12:1
sER and myofibrils	Regular sER around myofibrils	Less regular sER, myofibrils less apparent	Less regular sER, myofibrils not developed
T tubules	Between A-I band, triads	Z lines, diads	Not developed
Motor end plate	Present	Not present	Not present
Motor regulation	Voluntary control	No voluntary control	No voluntary control
Other	Bundles, c.t.	Intercalated discs	Caveoli, overlapping cells

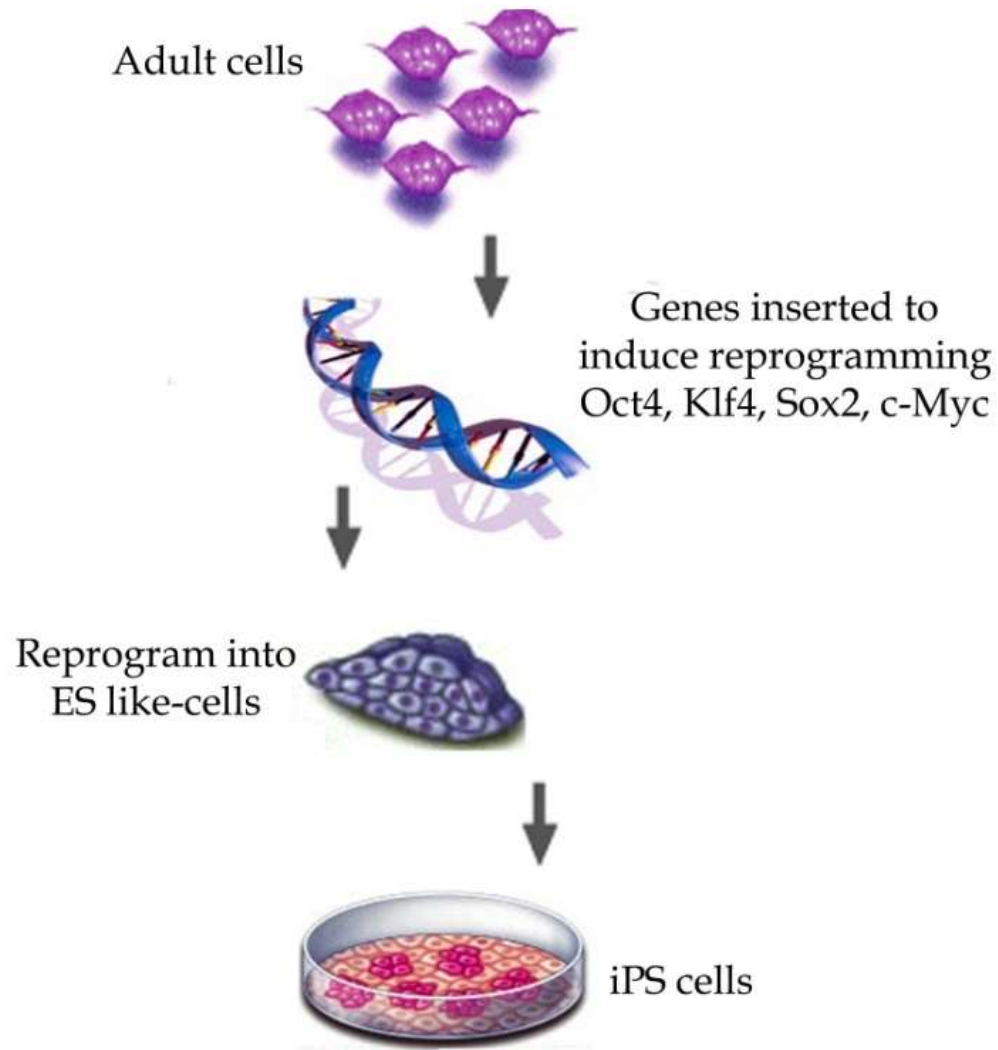


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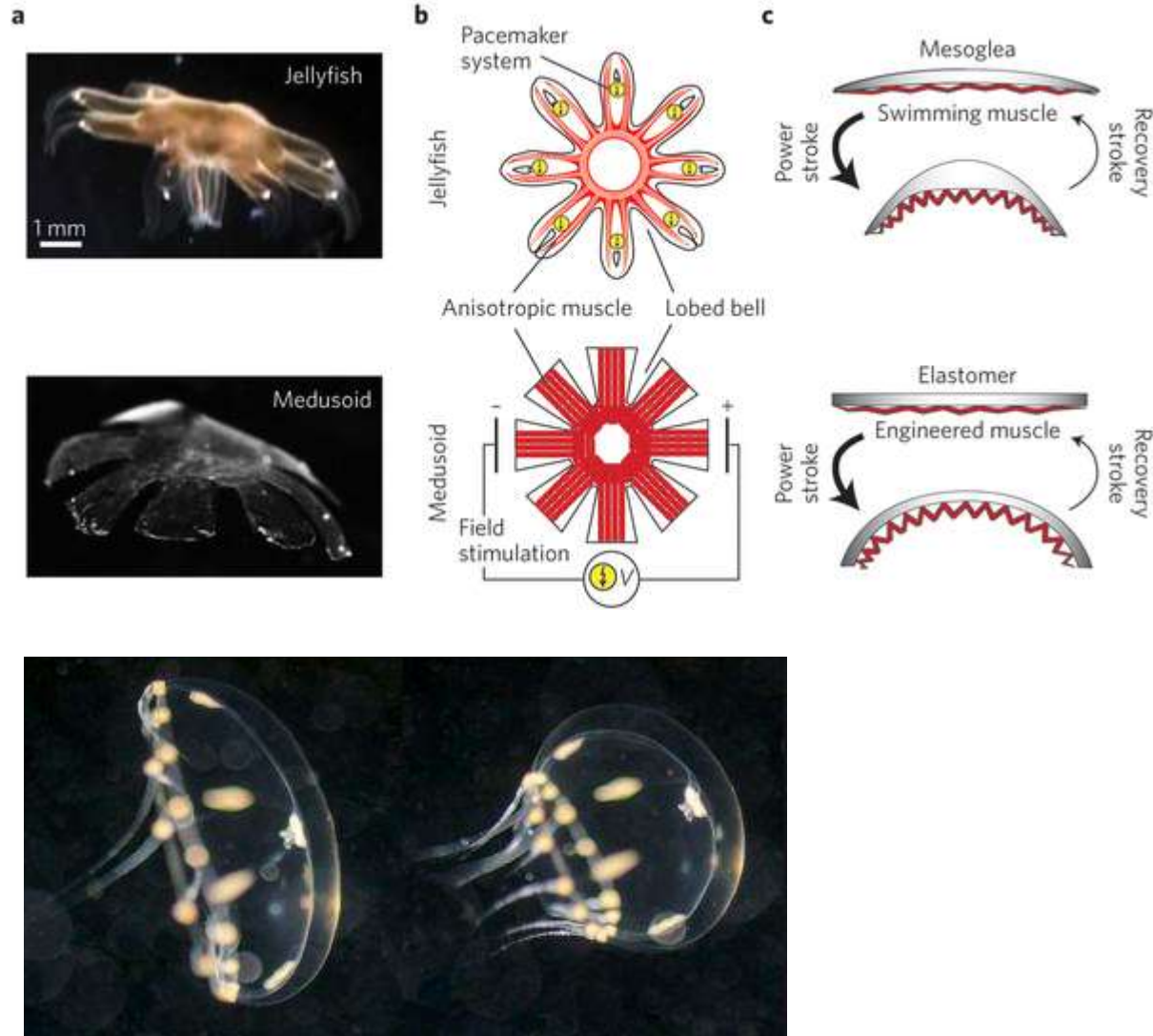
REGENERATION





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TISSUE ENGINEERING



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