Practice no. 12 – Muscle tissue (deadline 8. 5. 2020)

- 1. Characterize and graphically schematize ultrastructure of a muscle fiber (rhabdomyocyte). Draw into the scheme: nuclei, sarcolemma, myofibrils, t-tubuli, sER, mitochondria. Indicate where a triad is located.
- 2. Graphically schematize structure of the sarcomere as it appears in the TEM. Into the scheme position: actin and myosin myofilaments and other proteins (α -actinin, titin, nebulin). Determine which parts of the sarcomere change their size during contraction. Estimate the size of sarcomere (in um) and extent of contraction (in %).
- 3. Schematically describe mechanism of muscle contraction. Determine the mechanism of action and position it into the scheme of contraction: botulotoxin, kurare and myasthenia gravis disorder.
- 4. How are the biomechanical forces transmitted to surrounding connective tissue, tendons and ligaments? What is the role of protein dystrophin? What is the dystrophin-associated pathology?
- 5. How is the connective tissue arranged in muscles? Graphically schematize endomysium, perimysium and epimysium.
- 6. What are the principal differences between cardiac and skeletal muscle tissue? Is there any difference in structure of myofibrils and sarcomere?
- 7. What is the structure and function of intercalated discs?
- 8. Graphically schematize the structure of the leiomyocyte. How is the cytoskeleton in leiomyocyte organized to perform contraction? How the contraction is regulated?
- 9. What is the embryonic origin of skeletal, cardiac and smooth muscle tissues?
- 10. Describe the "myoblast", "myotube" and "(myo)satellite cells" and position them correctly into the muscle development scheme.

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