# Tissue concept and classification

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-  $6 \times 10^{13}$  CELLS of 200 different types

 cells form functional, three-dimensional, organized aggregations of morphologically similar cells and their products and derivatives - TISSUES
 tissues constitute ORGANS and organ systems









**Parenchyma**: functional component of a tissue (liver, lung, pancreatic, kidney parenchyma)

Stroma: surrounding, supportive tissue



### LIVER

# Parenchyma:

- Hepatocytes
- Sinusoids and adjacent structures

# Stroma:

- Connective tissue and adjacent structures
- Vessels
- Nerves
- Bile ducts

Based on morphology and function:

# Epithelium

# Muscle

Nerve



# Connective



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

Myofibrils → contraction Mesoderm – skeletal muscle, myocard, mesenchyme – smooth muscles

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

Neurons and neuroglia Reception and transmission of electric signals Ectoderm, rarely mesoderm (microglia)

Dominant extracellular matrix Connective tissue, cartilage, bone... Mesenchyme



# **CONNECTIVE TISSUE**

# Not just a tissue glue...





# **Mechanical and biological properties**

 $\rightarrow$  surrounds other tissues, allows compartmentalization, provides support, defines physicochemical environment, brings immunological support, provides storage of energy, ...



### **GENERAL COMPOSITION OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE**

# Cells and extracellular matrix (ECM)

#### Cells

- **Connective tissue** permanent and transient cell populations (e.g. fibroblasts/myofibroblasts, immune cells, adipocytes, adult stem cells)
- **Cartilage** chondroblasts/chondrocytes
- Bone osteoblasts/osteocytes/osteoclasts
- Matrix fibrous and amorphous
- Fibrous component
- collagen
- reticular
- elastic
- **Amorphous component** (amorphous ground substance) Complex matrix consisting of
- glycosaminoglycans
- glycoproteins
- proteoglycans

composition dependent on tissue type (connective  $\times$  ligament  $\times$  cartilage  $\times$  bone)



#### Embryonic CT

- Mesenchyme
- Jelly-like CT (Wharton jelly, dental pulp, stroma of iris)



# **EMBRYONIC ORIGIN OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE**

- Mesenchyme = loose tissue between germ layers
- Complex network of star- or spindle-shaped cells
- Jelly-like amorphous ground substance

#### DAY 12 of embryonic development





# DERIVATIVES OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE











# LOOSE COLLAGEN CONNECTIVE TISSUE

# Cells

- Fibroblasts/fibrocytes/myofibroblasts
- Heparinocytes
- Macrophages of CT = histiocytes
- Plasma cells
- Lymphocytes
- Adipocytes
- Adult stem cells

### **Extracellular matrix**

- Fibrous compound
- Amorphous ground substance











# **CELLS OF LOOSE COLLAGEN CONNECTIVE TISSUE**

#### Mesenchymal (adult) stem cells



# **Collagen fibers**

- family of fibrous proteins encoded by >35 genes (2013)
- polymer subunit = tropocollagen; triple helix
- different structural and mechanical properties (strength, elasticity, pliability...)
- most abundant protein in human body ( 30% dry weight)



# COLLAGEN



#### further study: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK507709/

# COLLAGEN

Туре	Localization	Structure	Main function
I	Bone, tendons, meniscus, dentin, dermis, capsules of organs, loose CT 90% of type I	Fibrils (75nm) – fibers (1-20µm)	Resilience in pull
11	Hyaline and elastic cartilage	Fibrils (20nm)	Resilience in pressure
	Skin, veins, smooth muscles, uterus, liver, spleen, kidney, lung	Like I, high content of proteoglycans and glycoprotiens, reticular network	Shape formation
IV	Basal lamina of epithelium and endtohelium, basal membranes	No fibrils or fibers	Mechanical support
V	Lamina of muscle cells and adipocytes, fetal membranes	Like IV	
VI	Interstitial tissue, chondrocytes – adhesion		Connecting dermis and epidermis
VII	Basal membrane of epithelium		
VIII	Some endothelia (Cornea)		
IX, X	Growth plate, hypertrophic and mineralized cartilage		Growth of bones, mineralization

# COLLAGEN IN LIGHT MICROSCOPE



- less abundant than collagen
- polymer tropoelastin
- minimal tensile resistance, loss of elasticity if overstretched
- reduction of hysteresis = allow return back to original state after mechanic change





# **RETICULAR FIBERS**

- collagen 3D meshwork
- bone marrow, spleen, lymphatic nodules
- microenvironment for e.g. hematopoietic stem cells and progenitors



# **RETICULAR CONNECTIVE TISSUE**



# EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX – GROUND SUBSTANCE

Amorphous extracellular matrix

Colorless, transparent, homogenous substance consisting of glycosaminglycans,

proteoglycans and structural glycoproteins





linear polysaccharides composed of two disaccharide subunits – uronic acid and hexosamine

polysaccharides rich in hexosamines = acid mukopolysaccharides

glucuronic or iduronic acid



glucosamin or galactosamin

### GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANS

They bind to protein structures (except for hyaluronic acid)

# Glycosaminoglycan

Hyaluronic acid

Chondroitinsulphate Dermatansulphate Heparansulphate Keratansulphate Umbilical cord, synovial fluid, fluid of corpus vitreum, cartilage

Cartilage, bone, cornea, skin, notochord, aorta

Skin, ligaments, adventitia of aorta

Localization

Aorta, lungs, liver, basal membranes

Iris, cartilage, nucleus pulposus, anulus fibrosus

# PROTEOGLYCANS

protein + dominant <u>linear</u> saccharide component

- proteoglycan aggregates
- water-binding, volume dependent of hydratation
- aggrecan (cartilage)
- syndecan
- fibroglycan



# STRUCTURAL GLYCOPROTEINS

- dominant protein + <u>branched saccharide component</u>
- interaction between cells and ECM

- fibronectin connects collagen fibers and glykosaminoglycans, cell adhesion and migration
- laminin basal lamina epithelial integrity
- chondronectin cartilage adhesion of chondrocytes to collagen





# **COMPOSITION OF ECM**





### CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIALIZED CONNECTIVE TISSUE



# ADIPOSE TISSUE

- Adipocytes, fibroblasts, reticular, collagen and elastic fibers, capillaries
- White and brown adipose tissue



# WHITE ADIPOSE TISSUE

- adipocytes are actively formed until 2<sup>nd</sup> year of life
- no innervations, but rich vascularisation
- adipocytes with only one lipid droplet
- leptin (adipokinins)



## **BROWN ADIPOSE TISSUE**

- fetus and children up to 1<sup>st</sup> year of life
- fast source of energy
- typical localization between shoulder
  blades, axilla, mediastinum, around
  kidneys, pancreas, small intestine
- small cells with numerous fat droplets



# FURTHER STUDY



6 Blood morphology and hematopolesis

#### http://www.med.muni.cz/histology



# Thank you for attention

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