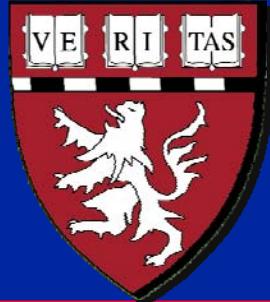


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## **TISSUE TYPES**

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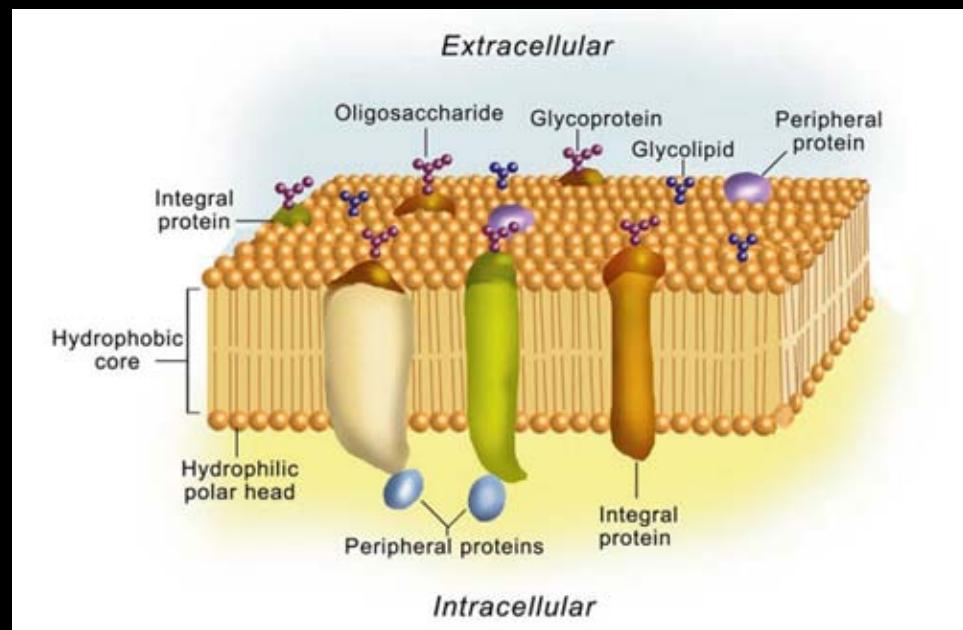
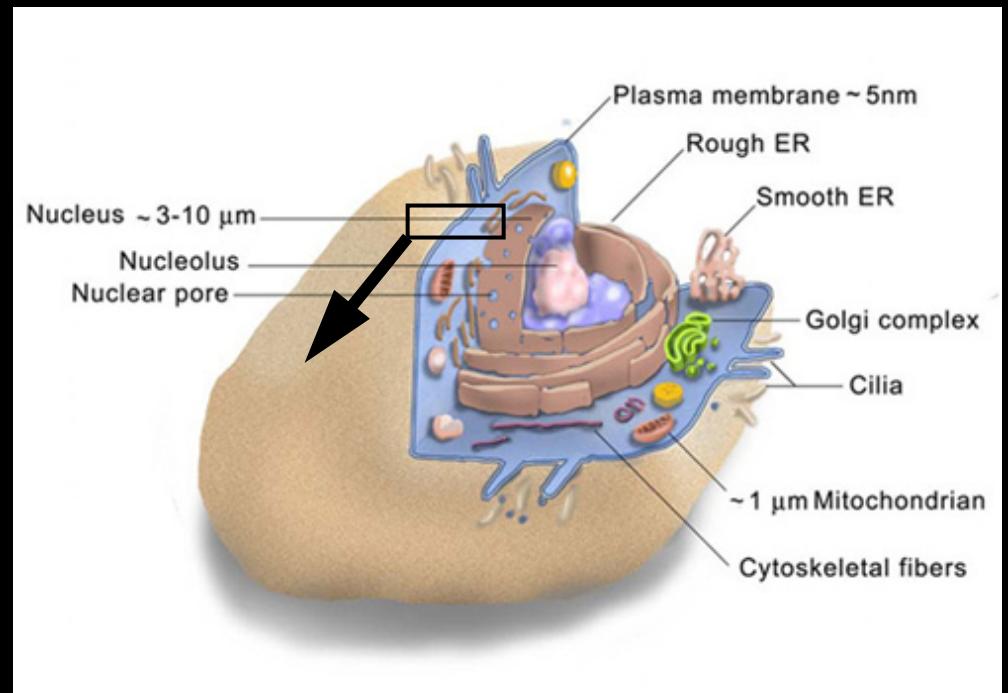
# **DEFINITIONS**

**On-line Medical Dictionaries**

**<http://cancerweb.ncl.ac.uk/omd/>**

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# The Cell and Its Membrane Molecules



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## Viewing Histological Sections

### Effects of the Plane of Sectioning

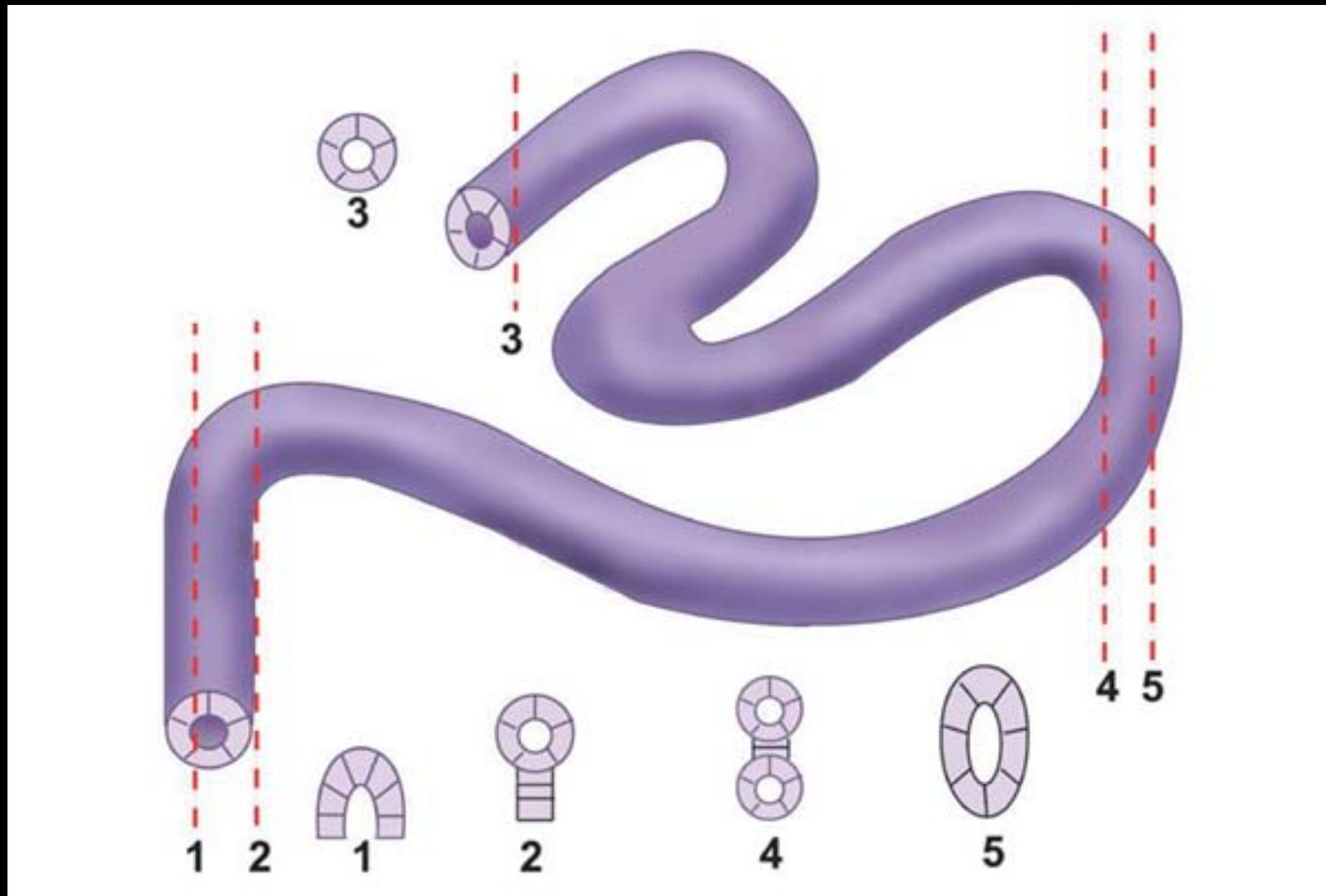


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# **TISSUE CLASSIFICATION**

**Connective Tissue**

**Epithelia**

**Muscle**

**Nerve**

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**Extracellular matrix  
continuous; and in some  
tissues also cell continuous**

**Cell continuous**  
**Muscle and nerve cells are  
surrounded by a basal lamina**  
**Basal epithelial cells are  
attached to a basement  
membrane**  
**Basal lamina=basement  
membrane**

# **BASEMENT MEMBRANE**

**Continuous sheet, 50-300 nm thick**

**No cells contained within the BM; it is a nonliving structure**

**Principal protein constituents**

**Laminin**

**Type IV collagen**

**Type XVIII collagen**

# Basement Membrane

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Diagrams of muscle, epithelial sheet, and  
kidney glomerulus structures.

# Scanning Electron Micrograph of the Cornea of a Chick Embryo

E: Epithelial cells  
BL: Basal lamina  
C: Collagen fibrils in the underlying CT

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# Connective Tissue

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# Connective Tissues

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Loose and dense connective tissue from a cow's planum.

# Loose Connective Tissue

# Dense Connective Tissue

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# Connective Tissue: Adipose Tissue (Fat)

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# Connective Tissue: Bone

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# Connective Tissue: Cartilage

Hyaline Cartilage: Trachea

Elastic Cartilage: Epiglottus

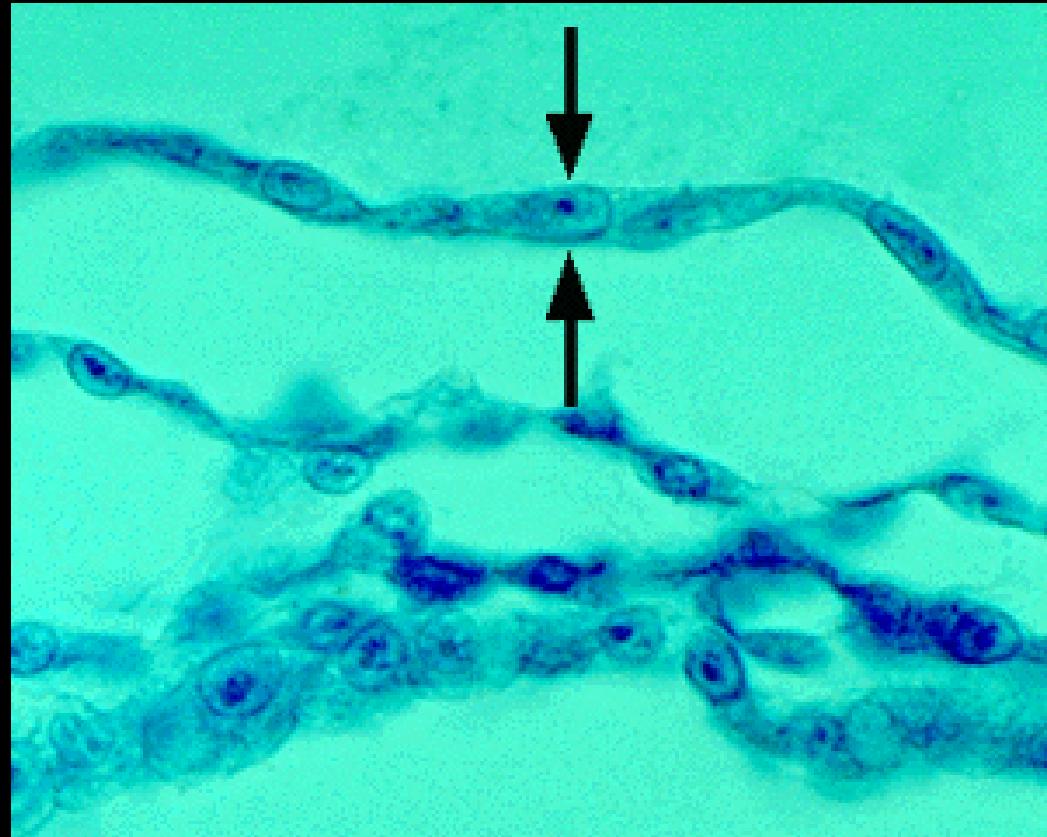
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Fibrocartilage

Cartilage identification is principally based on morphology; rounded cells in a lacuna; ECM is type I collagen (fibrocartilage) or type II cartilage (hyaline), with (elastic) or without elastin.

# Simple Squamous Epithelium

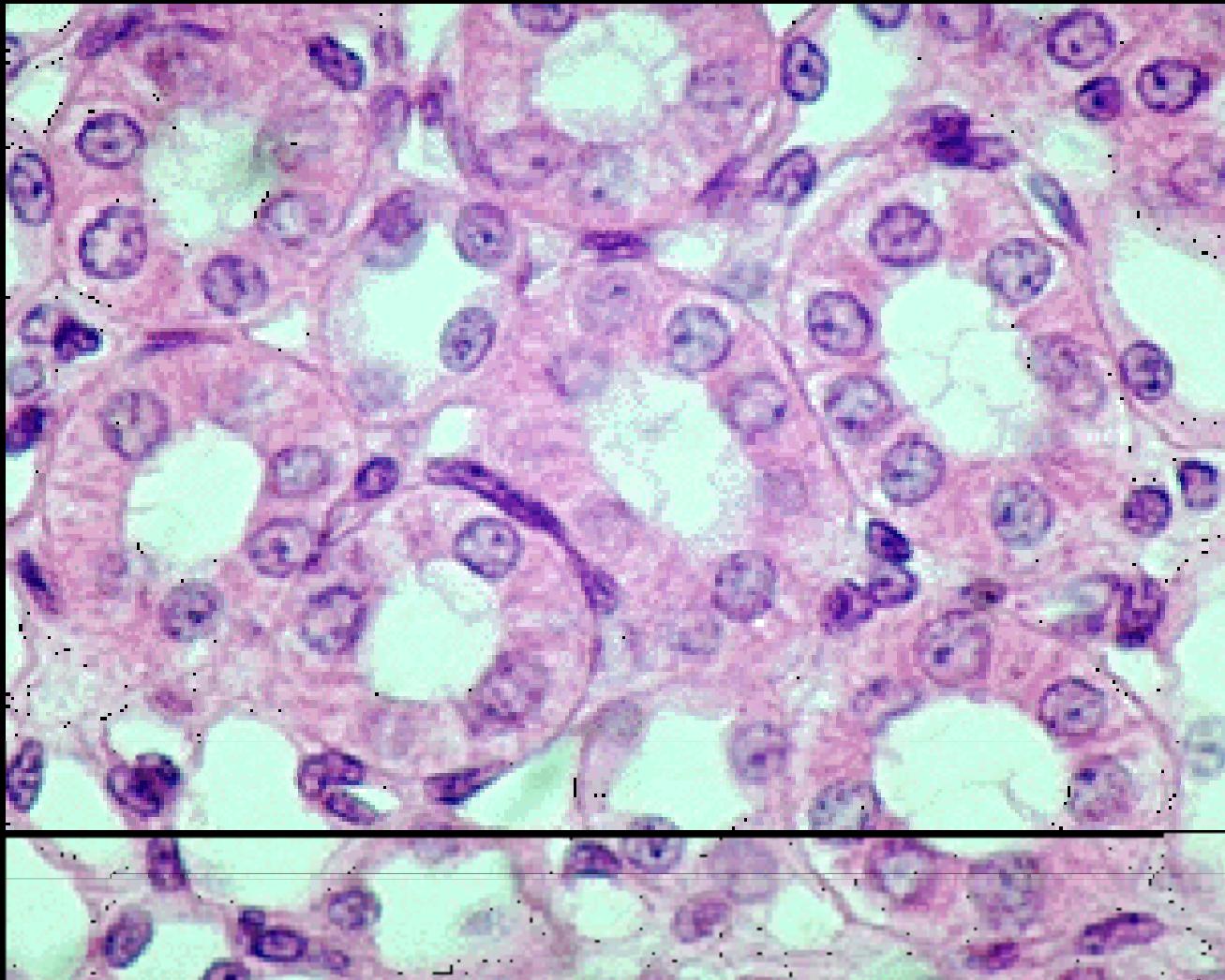
(chick blastodisc at about 33 hours of incubation )



Simple squamous epithelium, which generally occurs as a thin sheet-like layer allowing for minimal resistance to diffusion, is also been called "pavement" epithelium, because it can look like like paving stones as seen from above. Examples include the linings of the peritoneal, pleural and pericardial cavities. Other places simple squamous epithelium can be found include: the glomerulus of the kidney, the walls of capillaries, and the alveoli of the lungs.

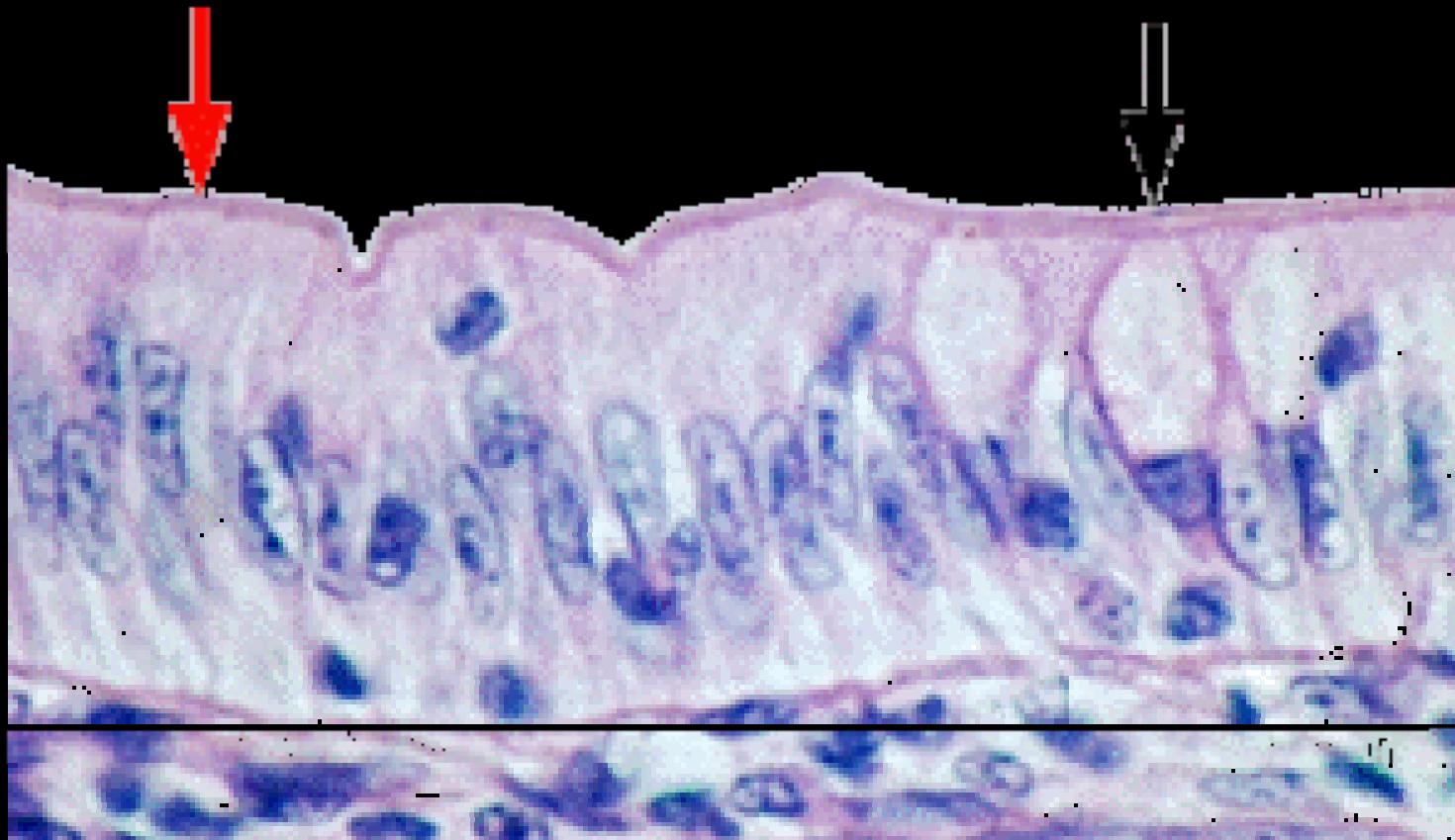
# Simple Cuboidal Epithelium

(collecting ducts in the medulla of a mammalian kidney)



This type of epithelium is thicker than simple simple squamous epithelium, so it does not allow for passive diffusion as readily.

## Simple Columnar Epithelium (small intestine)



Since columnar cells are quite thick, they do not readily allow passive diffusion. As a result, these cells use active transport to move nutrients through them from the intestine to the blood. This is what we commonly call "absorption." To help with this, they have numerous microvilli on their apical (lumenal) surface, which increases their surface area to allow for greater absorption.

# Simple Columnar Epithelium

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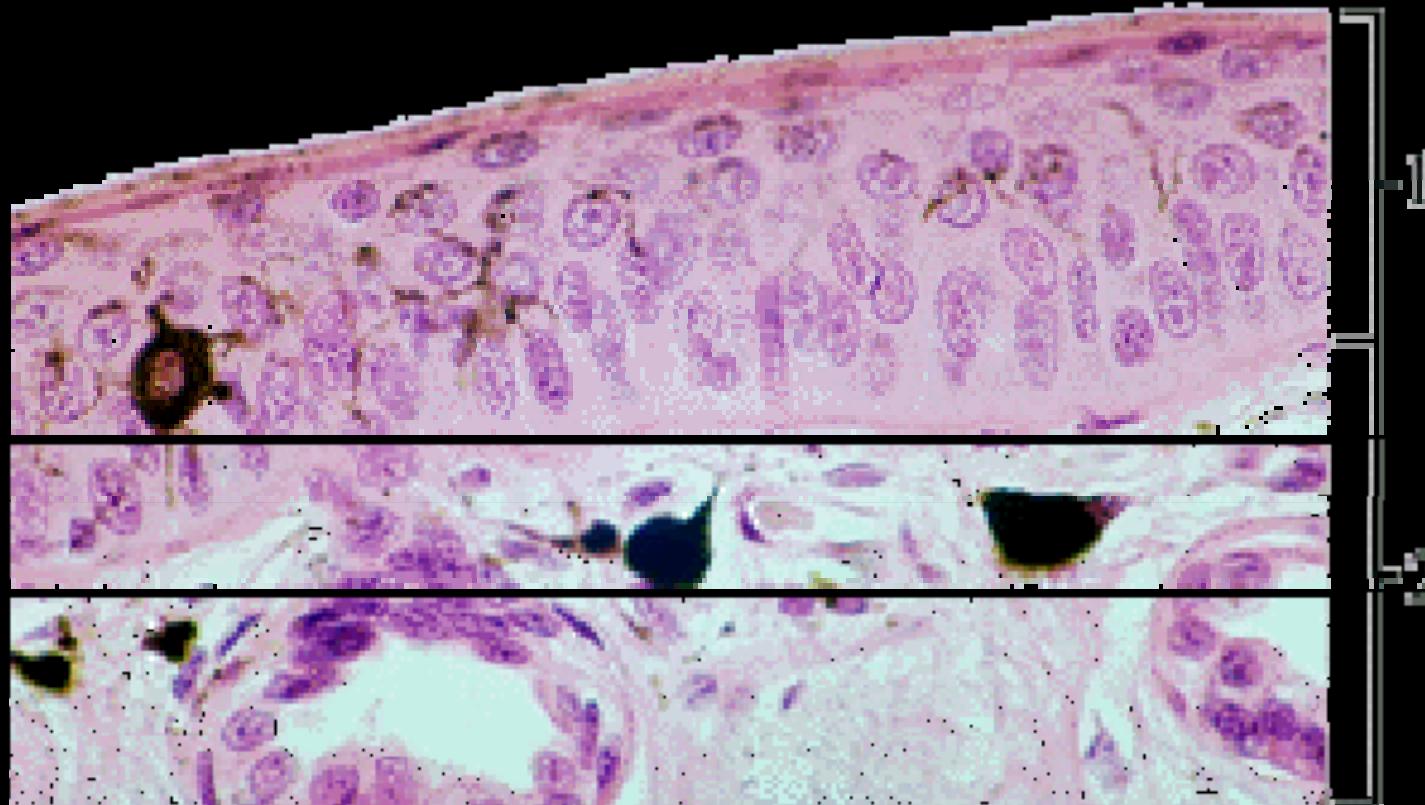
This is a section through the edge of a gallbladder. There is a layer of simple columnar epithelium overlying the connective tissue as indicated by the arrows.

# Stratified Squamous Epithelium

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This is an example of stratified squamous epithelium from the esophagus of a cat. Arrows show nuclei of the outermost layer. This is normal for mucosa. Most stratified squamous cells in other areas, such as skin, lose their nuclei by the time they approach the outermost layers.

## Stratified Squamous Epithelium (epidermis)



The cells of the basal layer of the epidermis (closest to the dermis) are cuboidal to columnar in shape. These cells are actively mitotic, producing new cells that get pushed upward into the overlying layers. As these cells are pushed up, they become flatter and longer taking on the typical squamous shape. When the cells reach the top, they are sloughed off and replaced by cells from below. The dermis which underlies the epidermis is composed of a dense, irregular connective tissue, which we will see again later.

# Pseudostratified Columnar Epithelium

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This is an example of ciliated pseudostratified columnar epithelium from the trachea. The arrows indicate the layer of cilia on the surface of the pseudostratified columnar cell layer.

# Intestinal Epithelium

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**BM:** basement membrane

**Lu:** lumen

**Cp:** capillary

**Co:** collagen fibrils

**SM:** smooth muscle cell

**M:** mitochondria

**NF:** nerve fibers

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# Ciliated Epithelium

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C: cilia

SER: vesicles

F: fibroblasts

El: elastic fibers

# Convoluted Tubule of the Kidney: Epithelium

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# **SEM of the Kidney**

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# Kidney: Epithelium

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US: urinary space

# Transmission Electron Micrograph of a Rat Kidney Glomerulus

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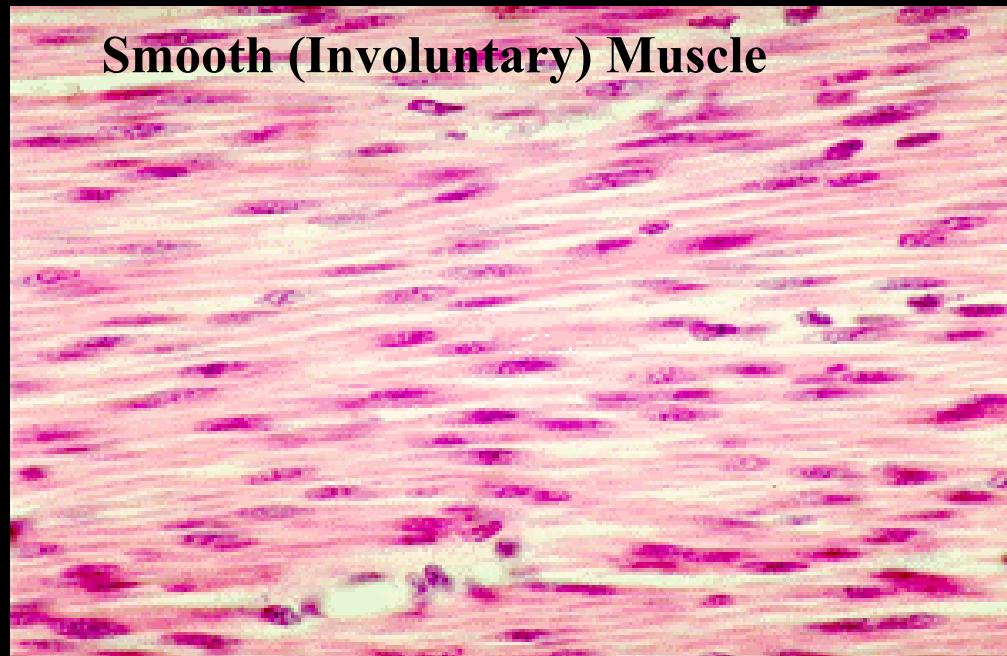
# Muscle

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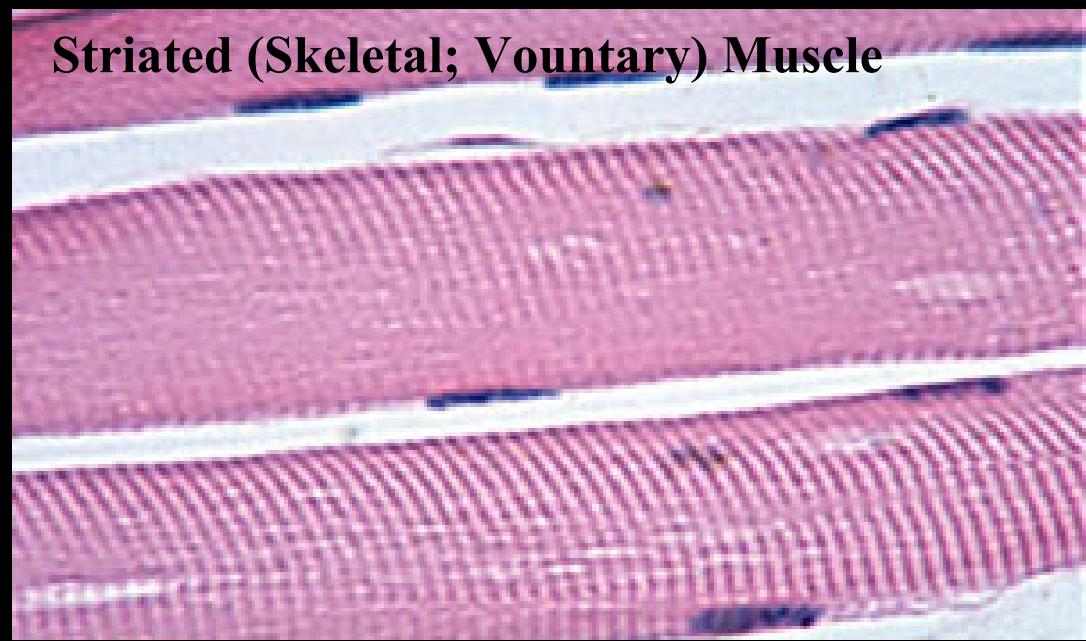
1. Smooth muscle
2. Cardiac muscle
3. Voluntary muscle fiber.

# Muscle

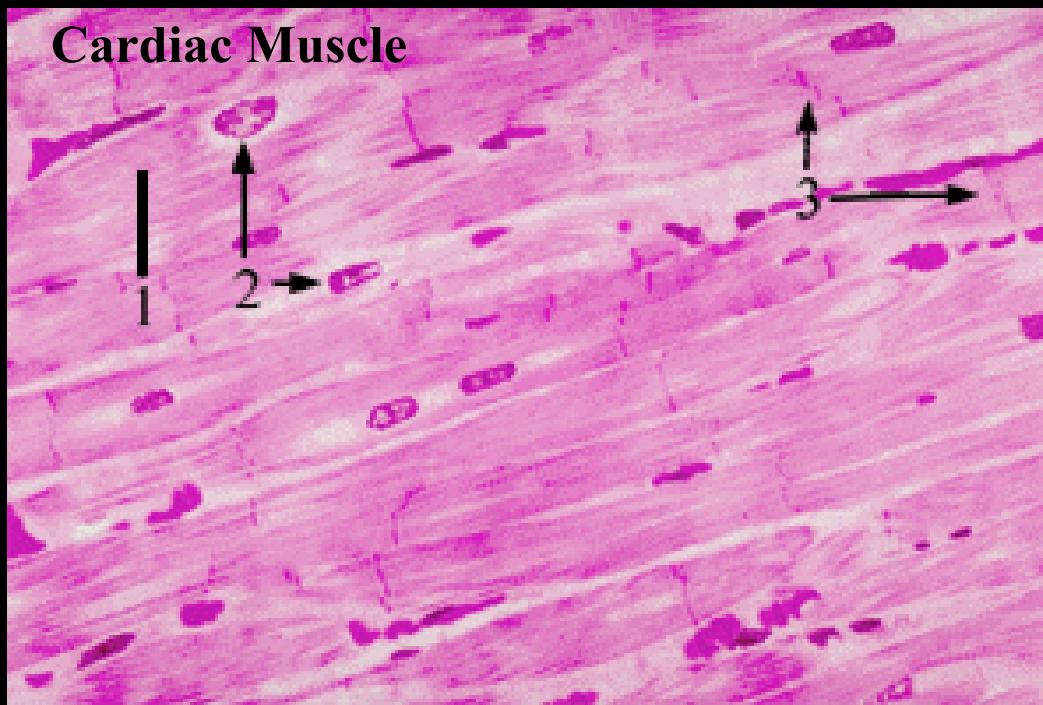
**Smooth (Involuntary) Muscle**



**Striated (Skeletal; Voluntary) Muscle**



**Cardiac Muscle**



# **Cardiac Muscle**

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**SC: Schwann cell**

**CT: connective tissue**

# Nerve

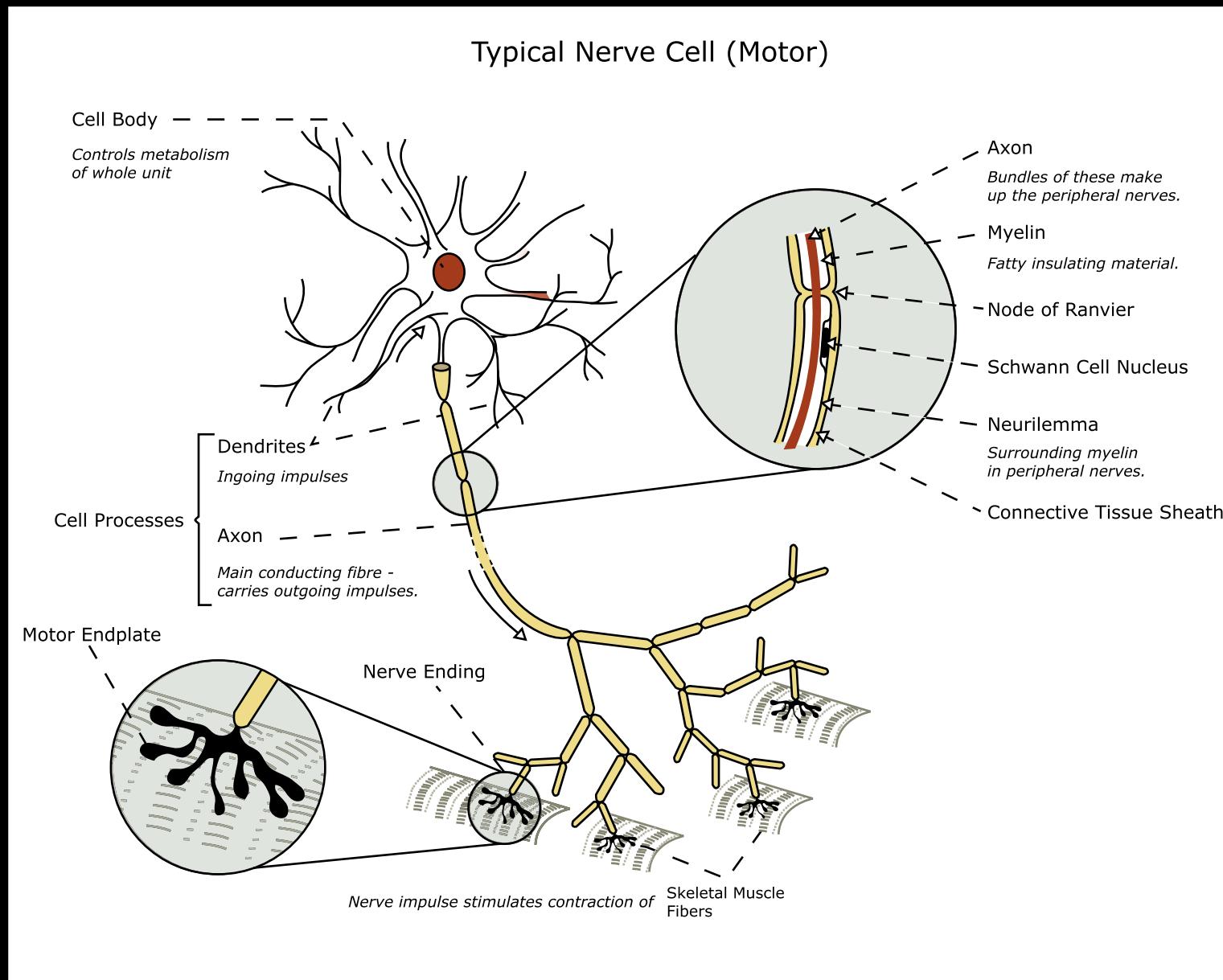
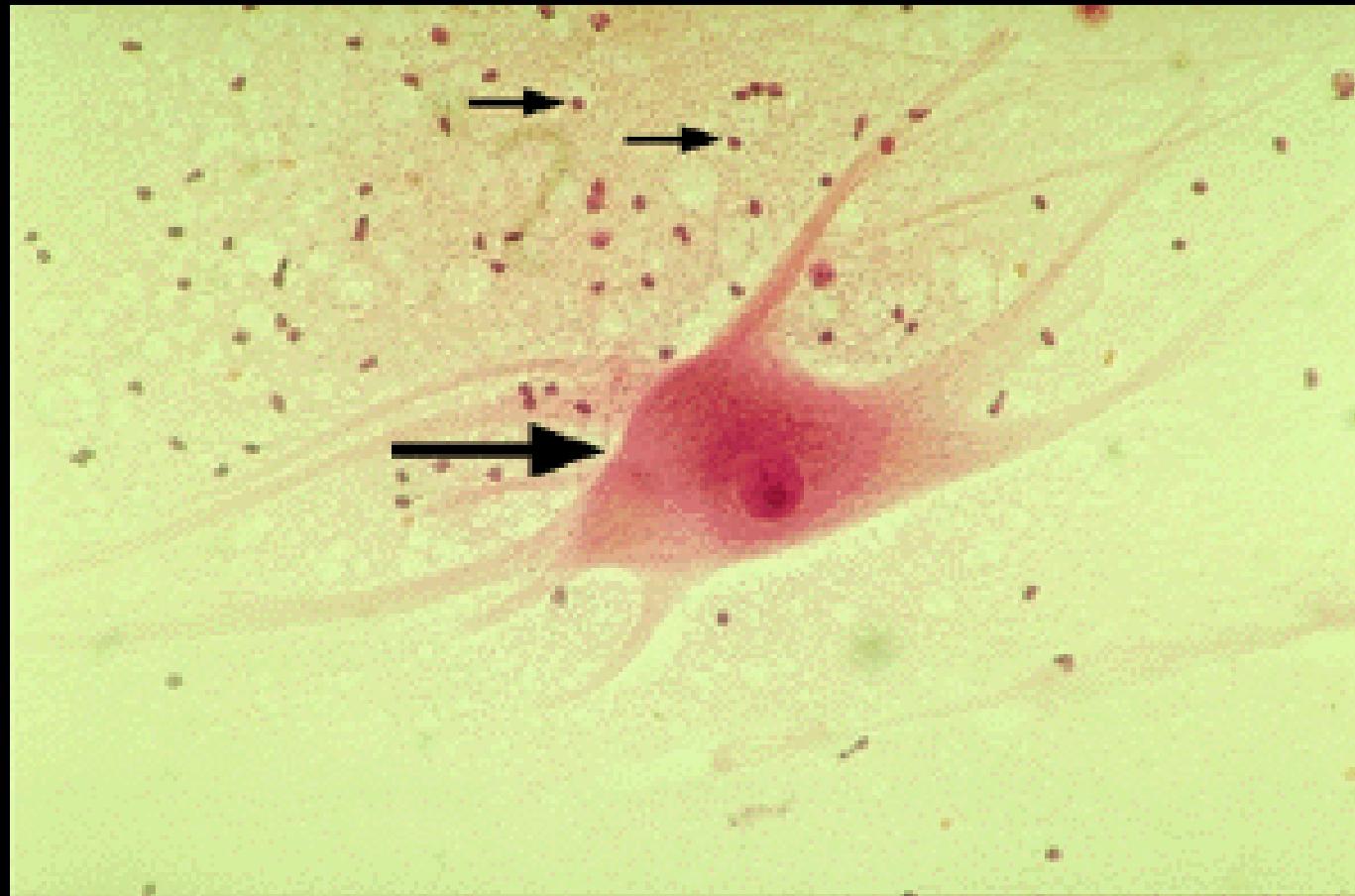


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## Nerve



An isolated nerve cell - neuron (large arrow) - from a mammalian spinal cord showing and the nuclei of the surrounding neuroglial cells (small arrows). Note the numerous cytoplasmic extensions emanating from the neuronal cell body and the size of the neuron compared with the neuroglial cells.

# Peripheral Nerve: Rat Sciatic

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# Nerve

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**This is a myelinated nerve from the thoracic wall. A indicates the myelin sheath around the actual nerve fibers (B).**

# Peripheral Nerve

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Flow chart from ovum fertilization through cleavage,  
blastulation, implantation, and beginnings  
of tissue differentiation.

## Embryonic Stem Cells

# Embryonic Germ Disc

- **Ectoderm** becomes:
  - Epithelia of *external* surfaces
  - Nervous system tissues
- **Mesoderm** becomes:
  - Muscular tissues
  - Connective tissues
  - Urogenital system
  - Lining of body cavities and blood vessels
- **Endoderm** becomes:
  - Epithelia of most *internal* surfaces
  - Some glands (e.g. thyroid, pancreas, liver)

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