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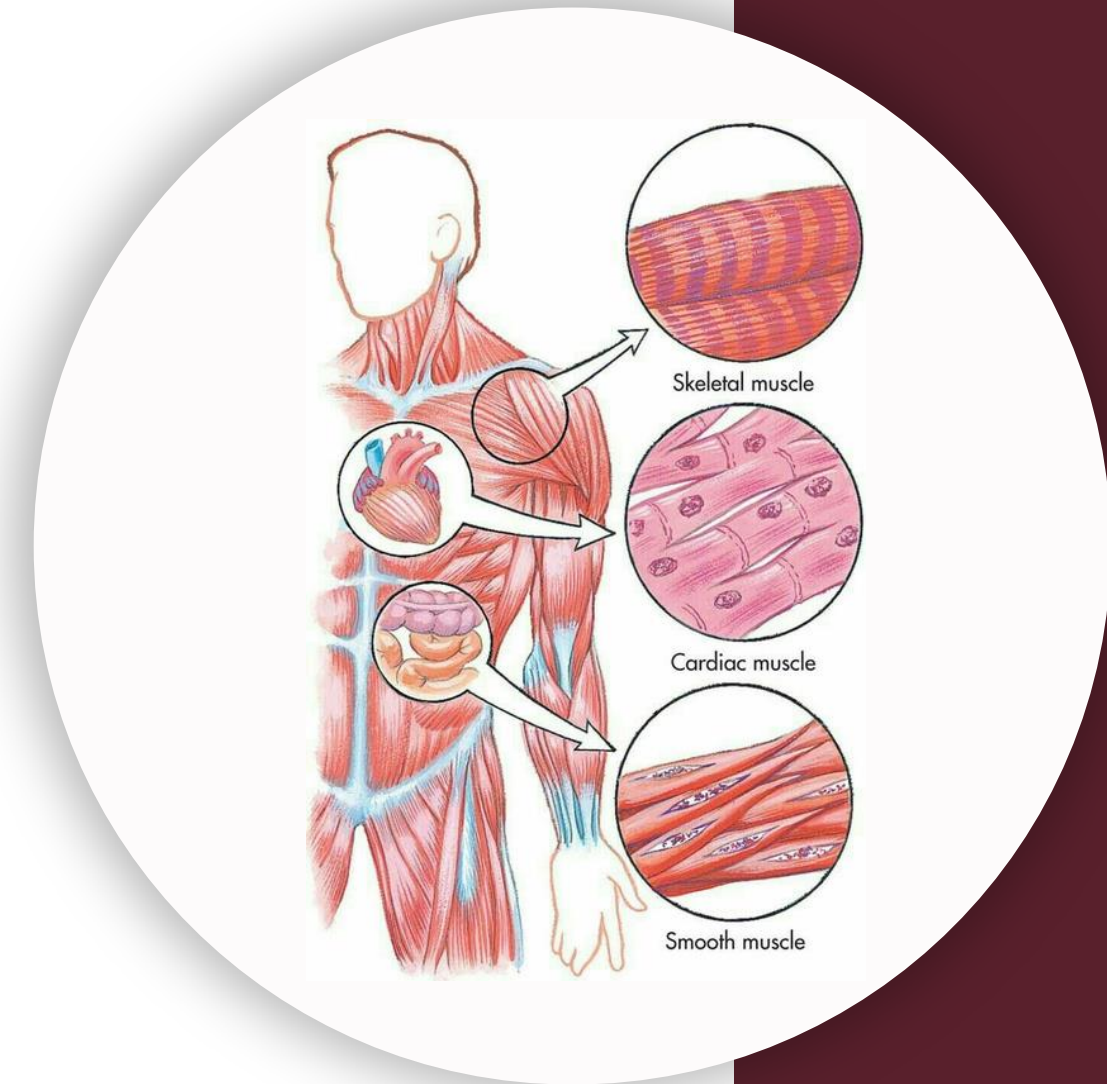


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Muscle Tissue pt.2

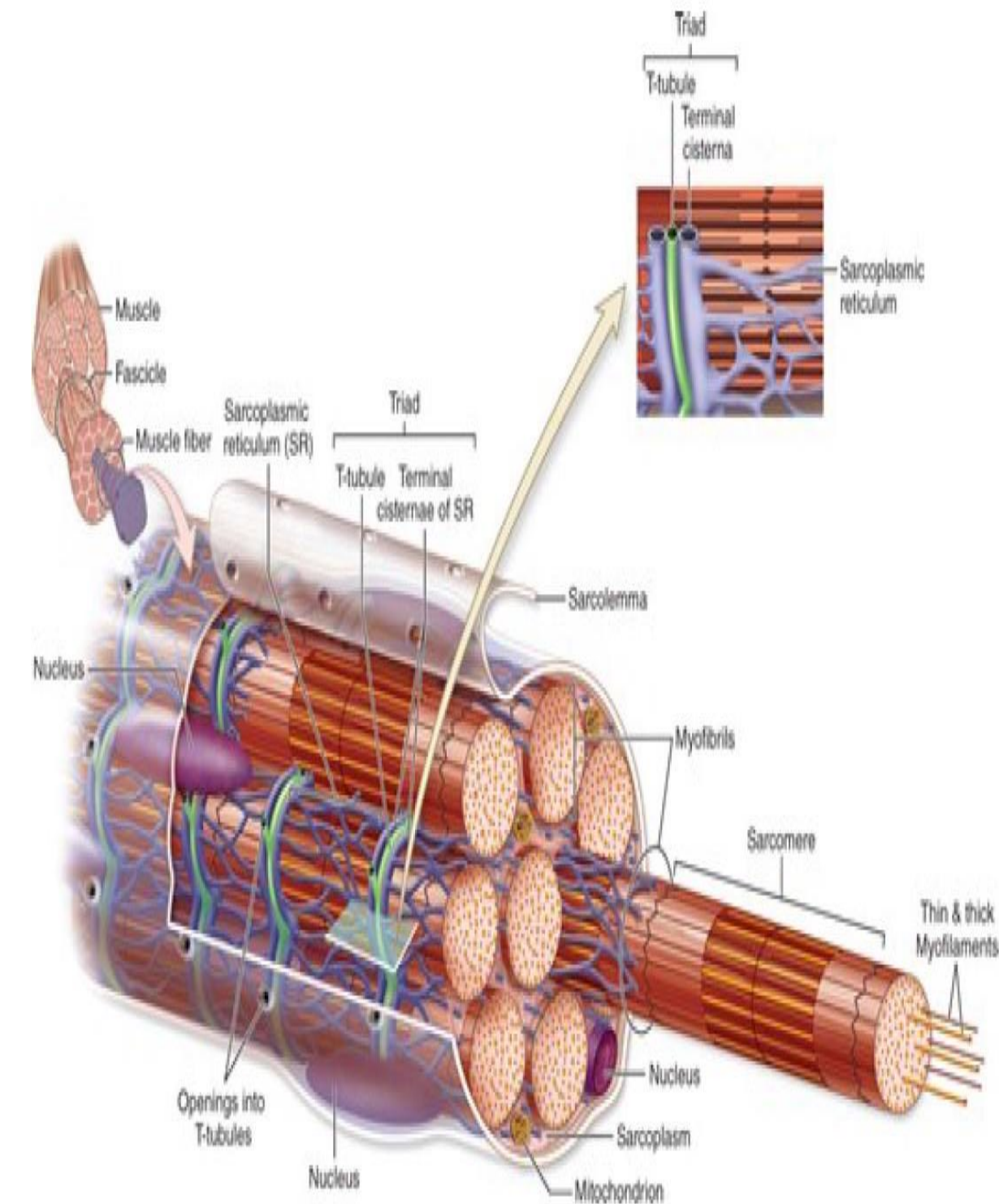
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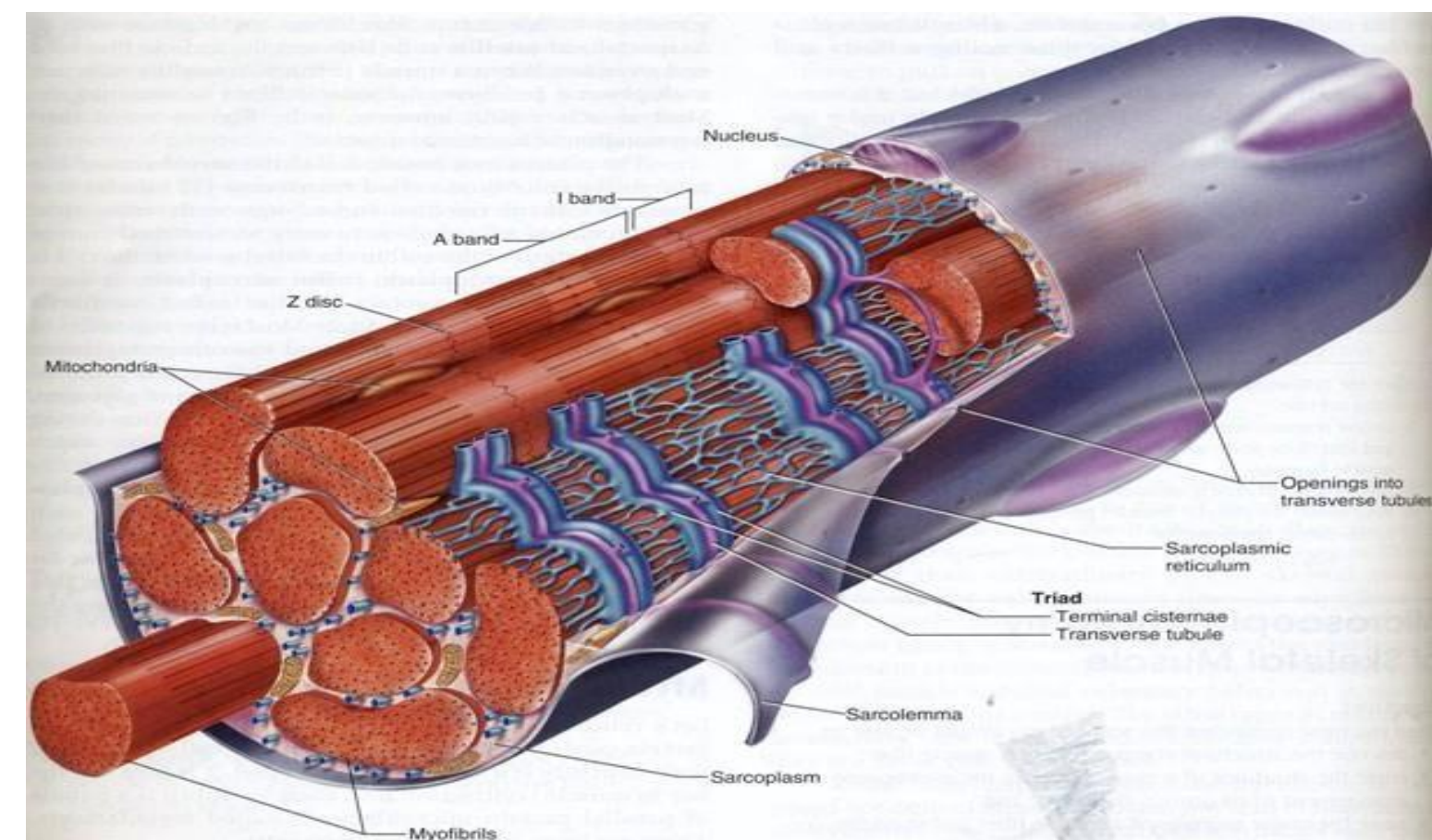
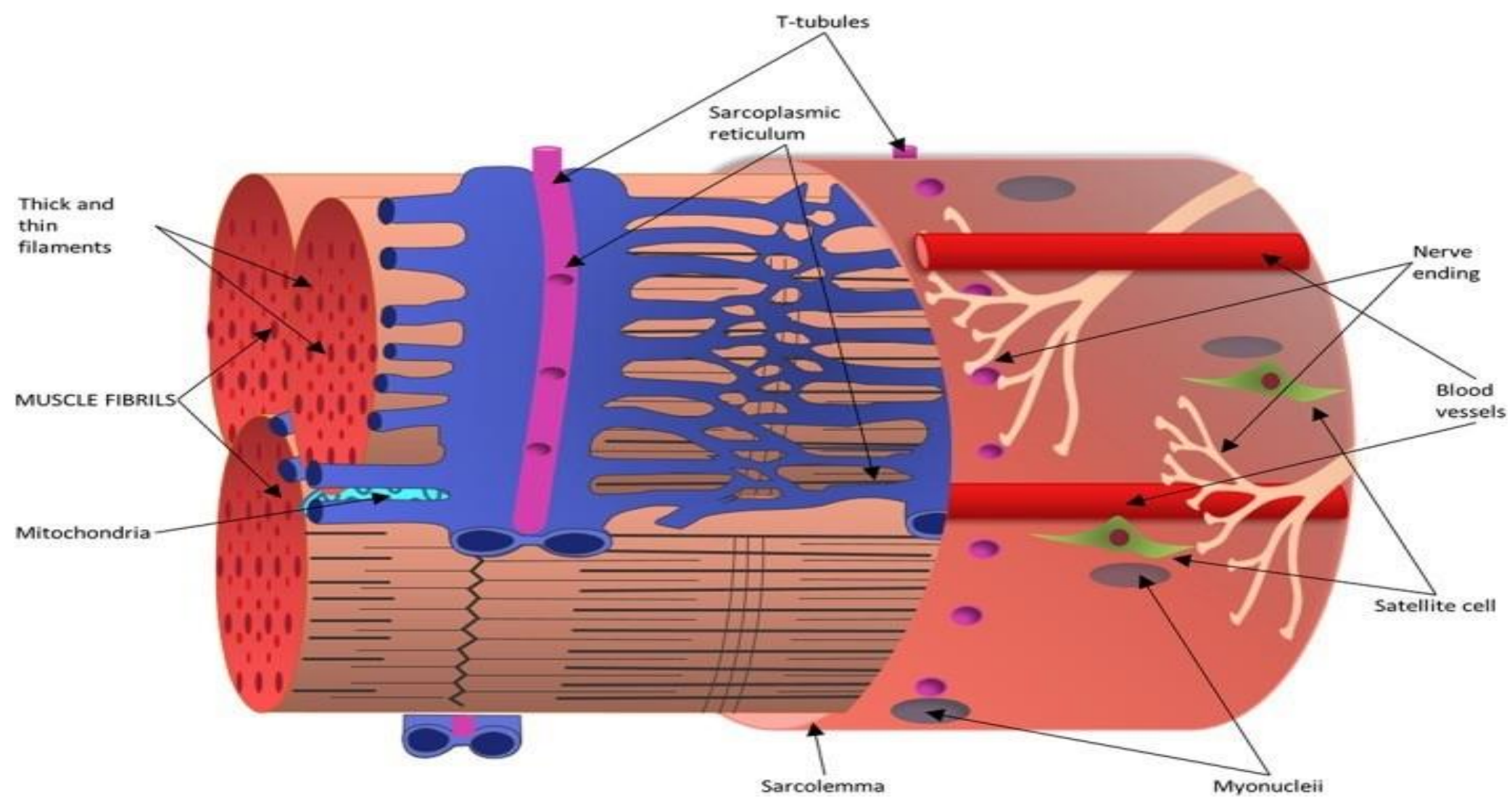
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Sarcoplasmic Reticulum & Transverse Tubule System

- The sarcoplasmic reticulum, contains pumps and other proteins for Ca^{2+} sequestration and surrounds the myofibrils.
- Calcium release from cisternae of the sarcoplasmic reticulum through voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels is triggered by membrane depolarization produced by a motor nerve.
- The sarcolemma has deep invaginations called **T-tubules** that encircles each myofibril near I-A bands junction.
- Each of T-tubule becomes associated with two **terminal cisternae** of the sarcoplasmic reticulum...**TRIAD**



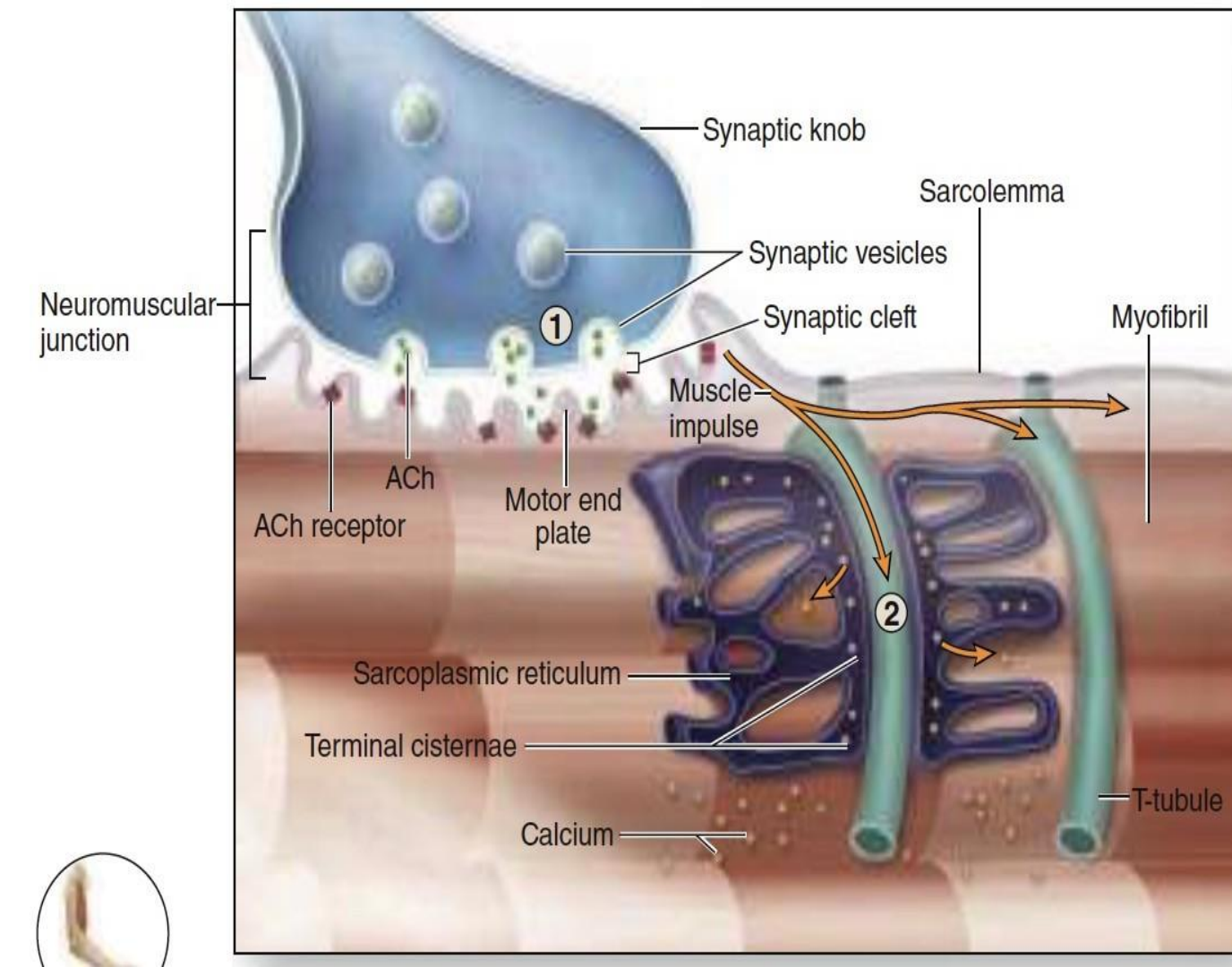


Innervation/contraction

- Myelinated motor nerves branch out within the perimysium, where each nerve gives rise to several unmyelinated terminal twigs that pass through endomysium and form synapses with individual muscle fibers.
- Schwann cells enclose the small axon branches.
- Each axonal branch forms a dilated termination---- neuromuscular junctions, or motor end plates (MEP).

The main purpose of the action potential in muscle fibers is to open calcium channels. The triad, especially the T-tubules, helps spread the action potential deep into the muscle fiber. This ensures a uniform release of calcium (Ca^{2+}), which is important for proper muscle contraction.

- The axon terminal contains mitochondria and numerous synaptic vesicles----neurotransmitter acetylcholine.
- Between the axon and the muscle is the synaptic cleft.
- Adjacent to the synaptic cleft---the sarcolemma---- deep junctional folds--- greater postsynaptic surface area and more acetylcholine receptors.

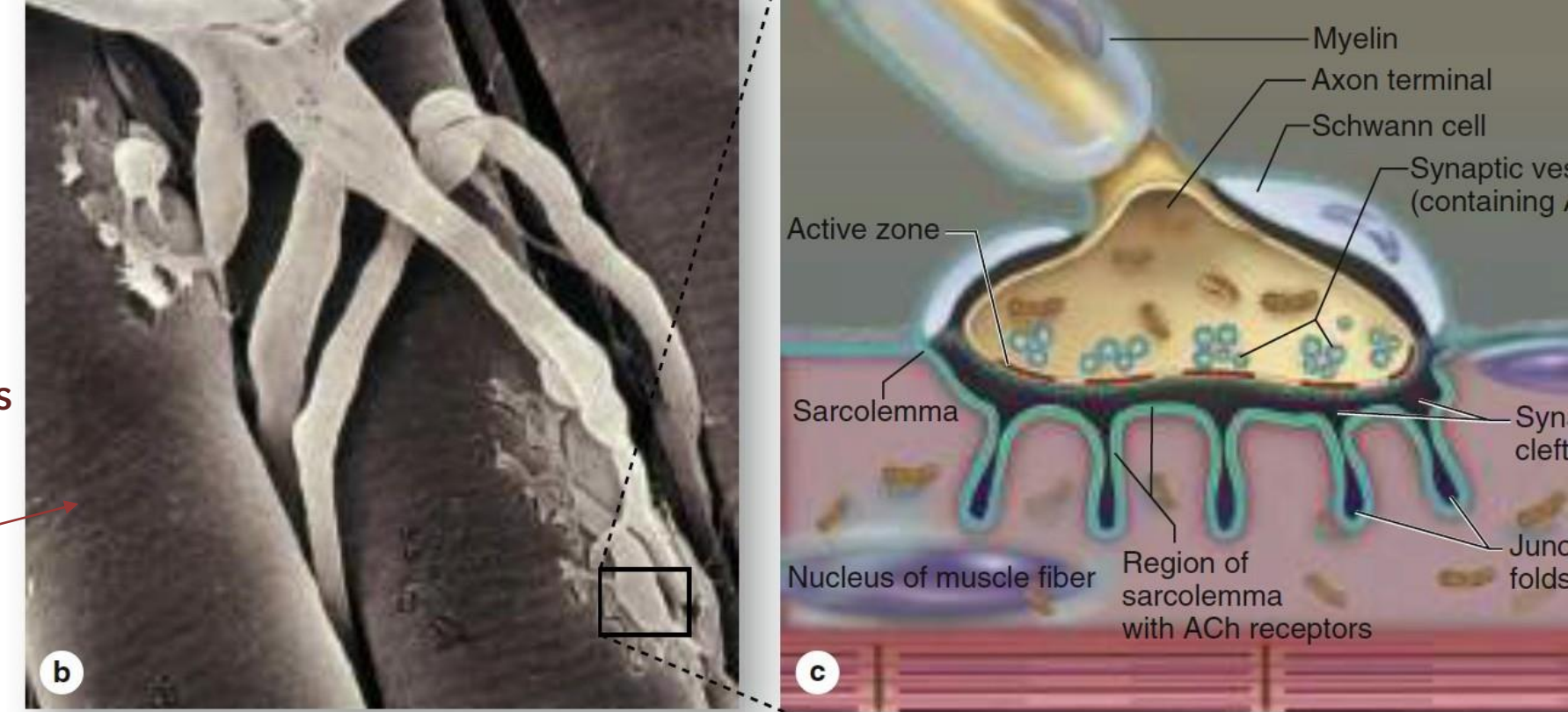


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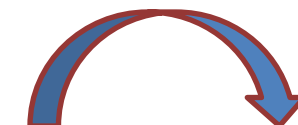
Sarcolemma creates the junctional folds which increase the number of receptors.

b) This image was taken with SEM.

Muscle fiber



- Acetylcholine(**the neurotransmitter**) + receptor-----depolarizing the sarcolemma---muscle action potential.
- muscle action potential moves along the sarcolemma and along T-tubules.
- At triads the depolarization signal triggers the release of Ca^{2+} from terminal cisterns of the sarcoplasmic reticulum--
- contraction cycle.
- An axon can form MEPs with one or many muscle fibers.
- Innervation of single muscle fibers by single motor neurons--- precise control of muscle activity--- extraocular muscles (**eye movements**).
- Larger muscles---motor axons branch profusely---innervate 100 or more muscle fibers (**motor unit**).
The bigger motor unit, bigger muscle and the less precise its function.
The smaller motor unit, smaller muscle and the more precise its function.

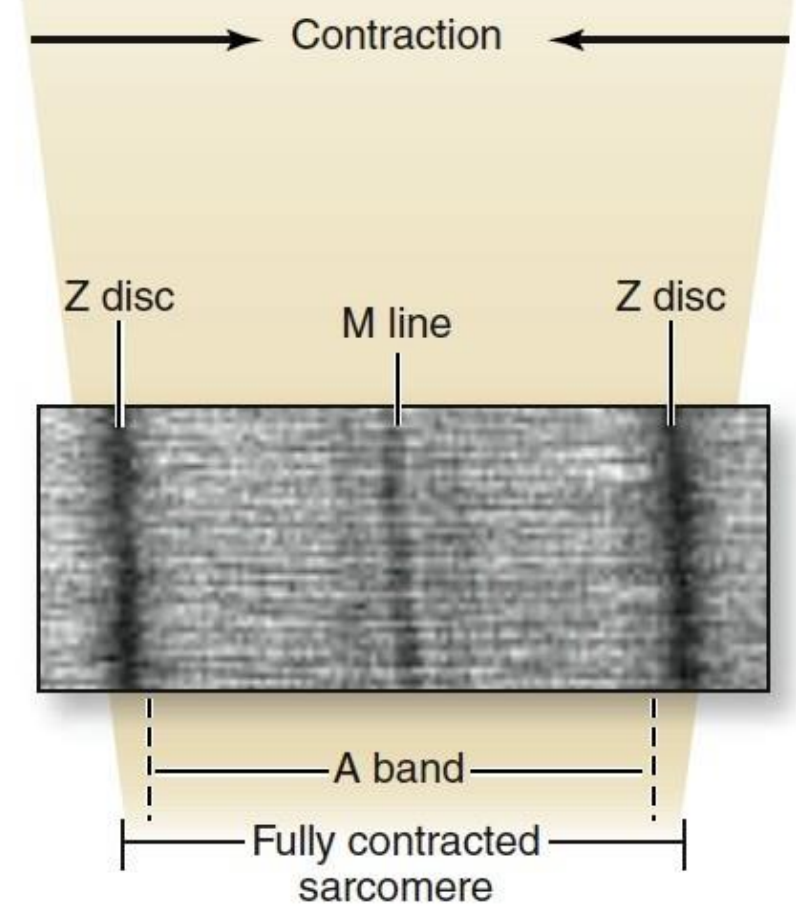
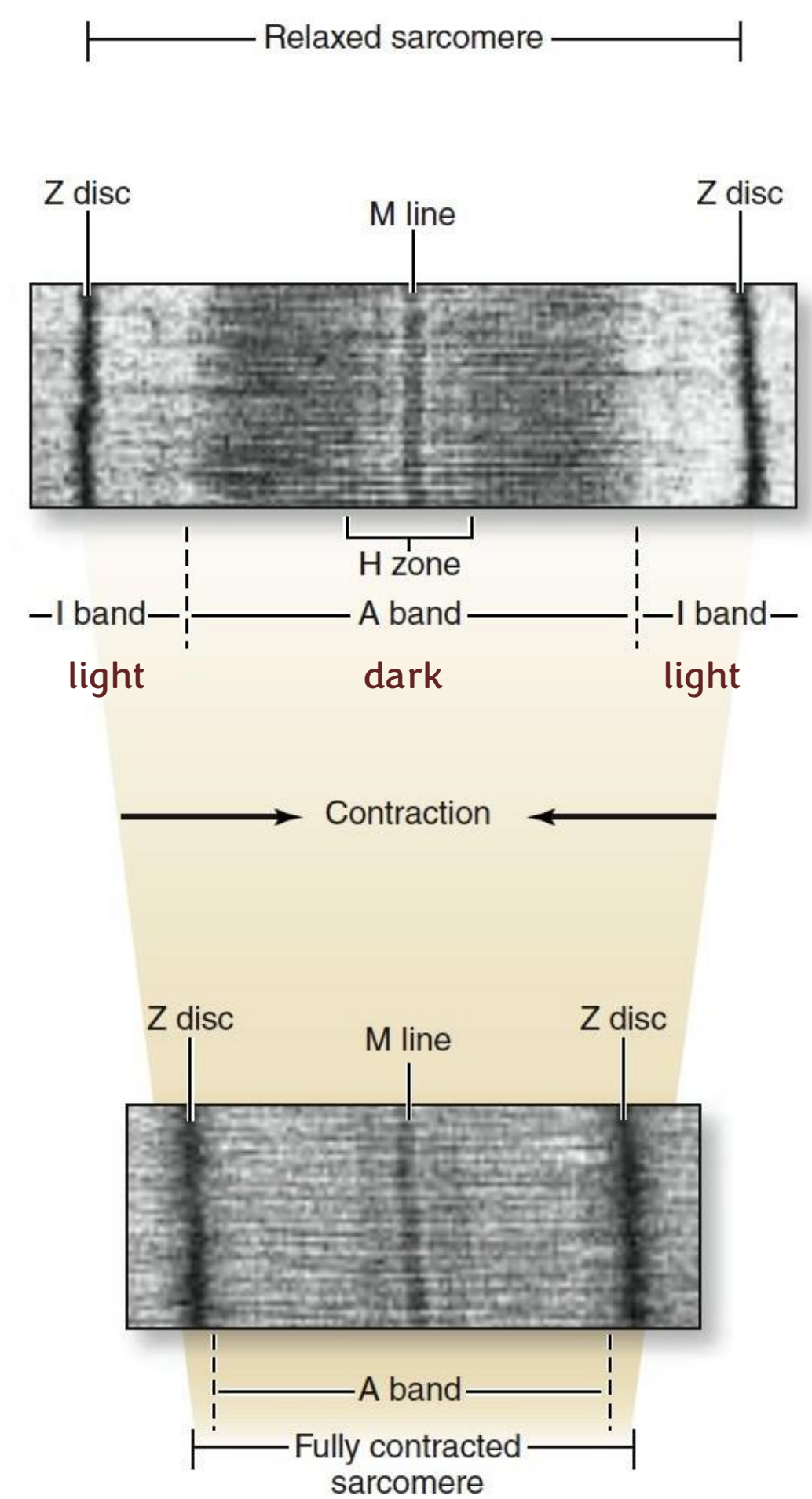
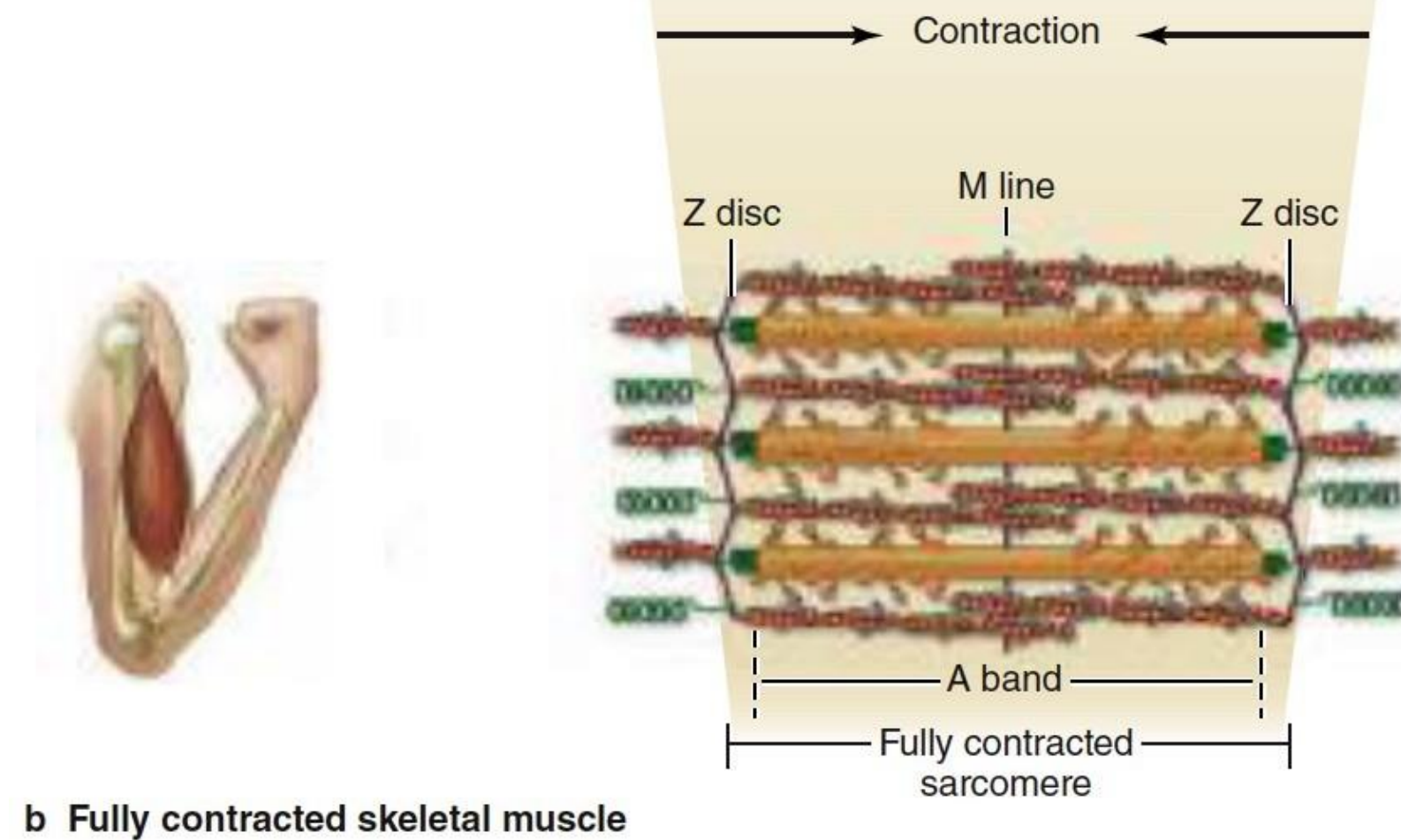
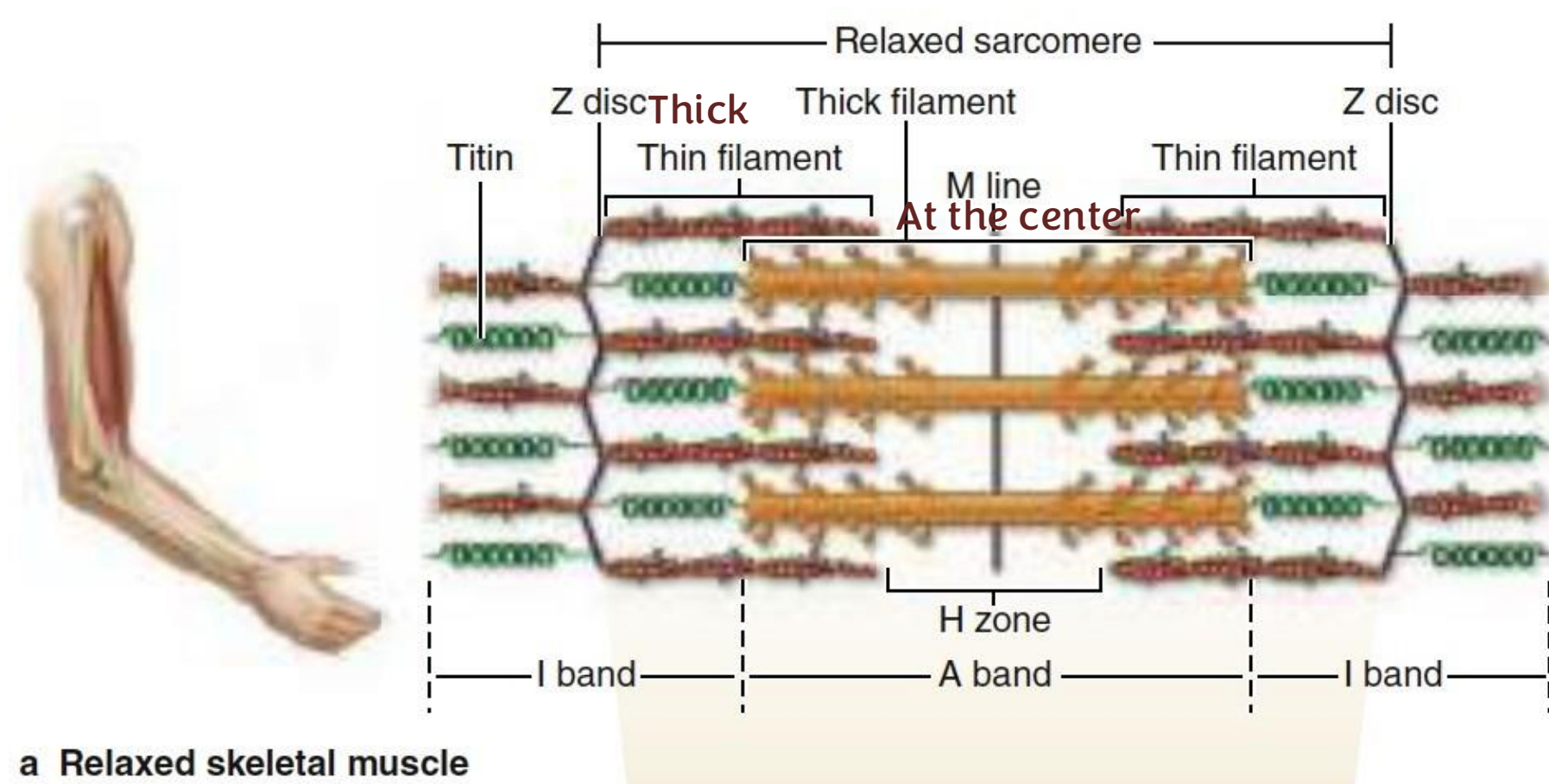


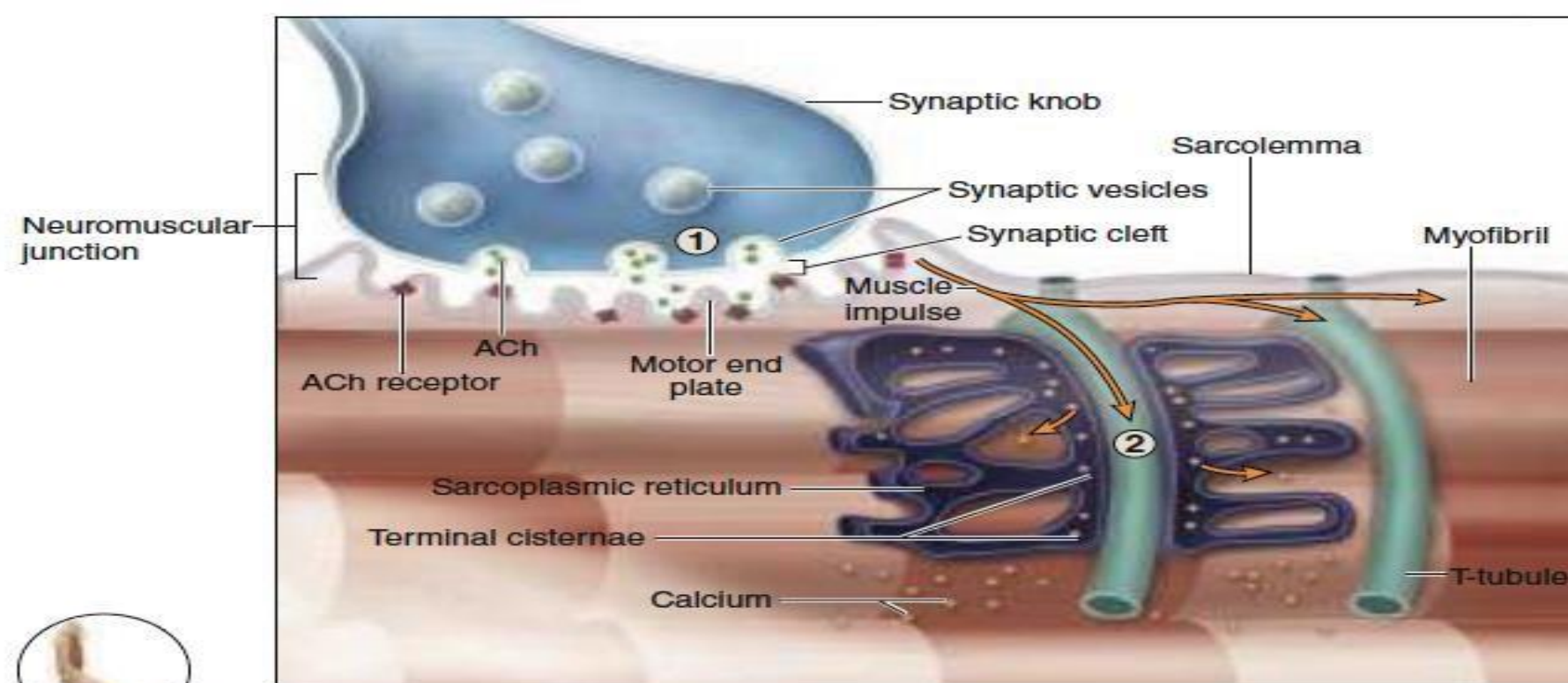
How many muscle fibers are innervated by a single axon.

Innervation/contraction

- Striated muscle fibers do not show graded contraction---**all or none**.
- To vary the force of contraction--- fibers within a muscle fascicle do not all contract at the same time.
- large muscles with many motor units---firing of a single motor axon ---
---tension proportional to the number of muscle fibers it innervates.

Relaxation versus contraction



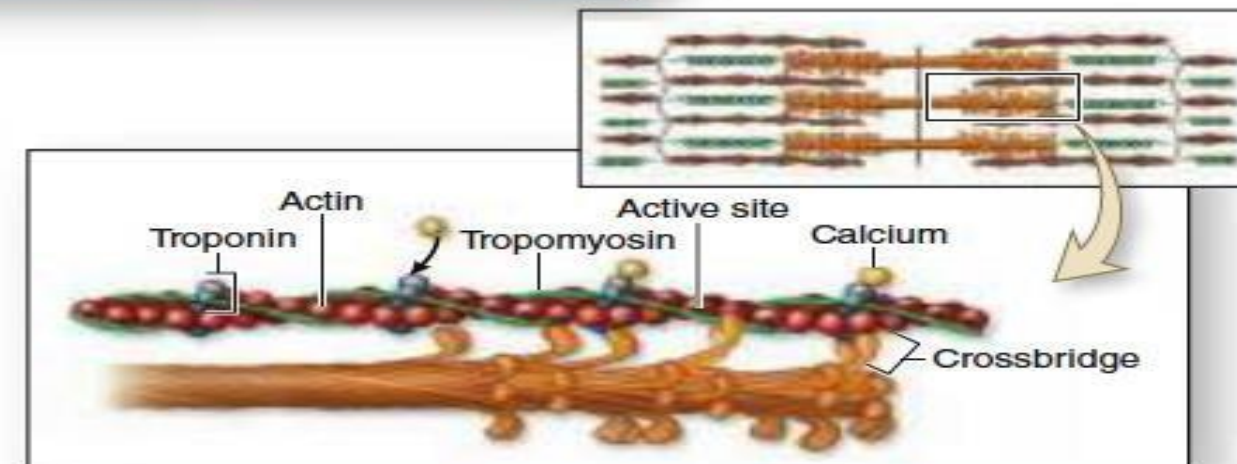


① A nerve impulse triggers release of ACh from the synaptic knob into the synaptic cleft. ACh binds to ACh receptors in the motor end plate of the neuromuscular junction, initiating a muscle impulse in the sarcolemma of the muscle fiber.

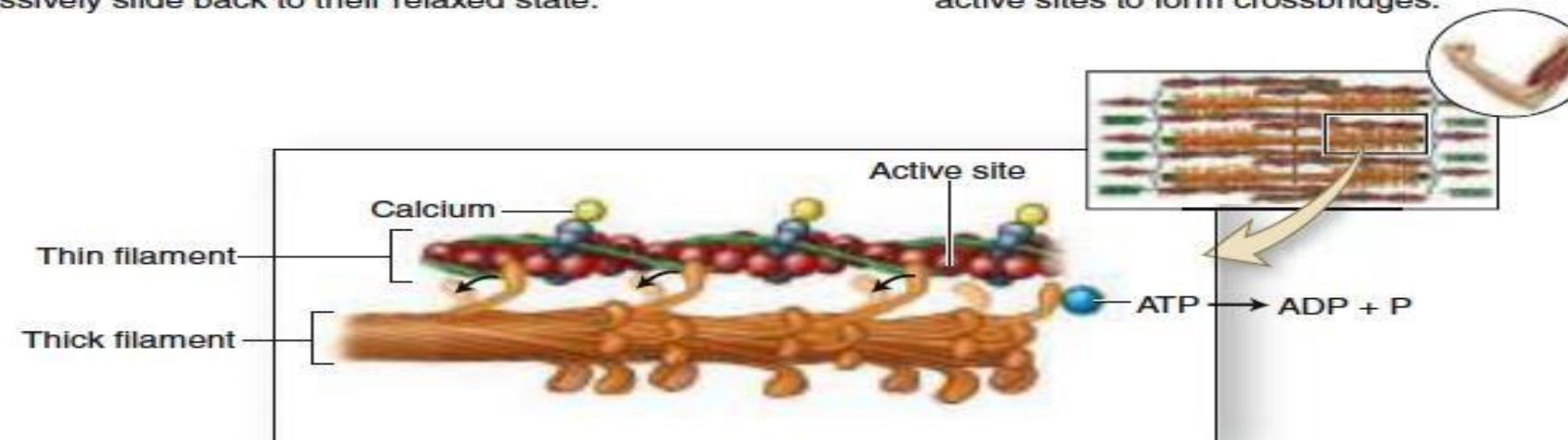
② As the muscle impulse spreads quickly from the sarcolemma along T tubules, calcium ions are released from terminal cisternae into the sarcoplasm.



⑤ When the impulse stops, calcium ions are actively transported into the sarcoplasmic reticulum, tropomyosin re-covers active sites, and filaments passively slide back to their relaxed state.



③ Calcium ions bind to troponin. Troponin changes shape, moving tropomyosin on the actin to expose active sites on actin molecules of thin filaments. Myosin heads of thick filaments attach to exposed active sites to form crossbridges.

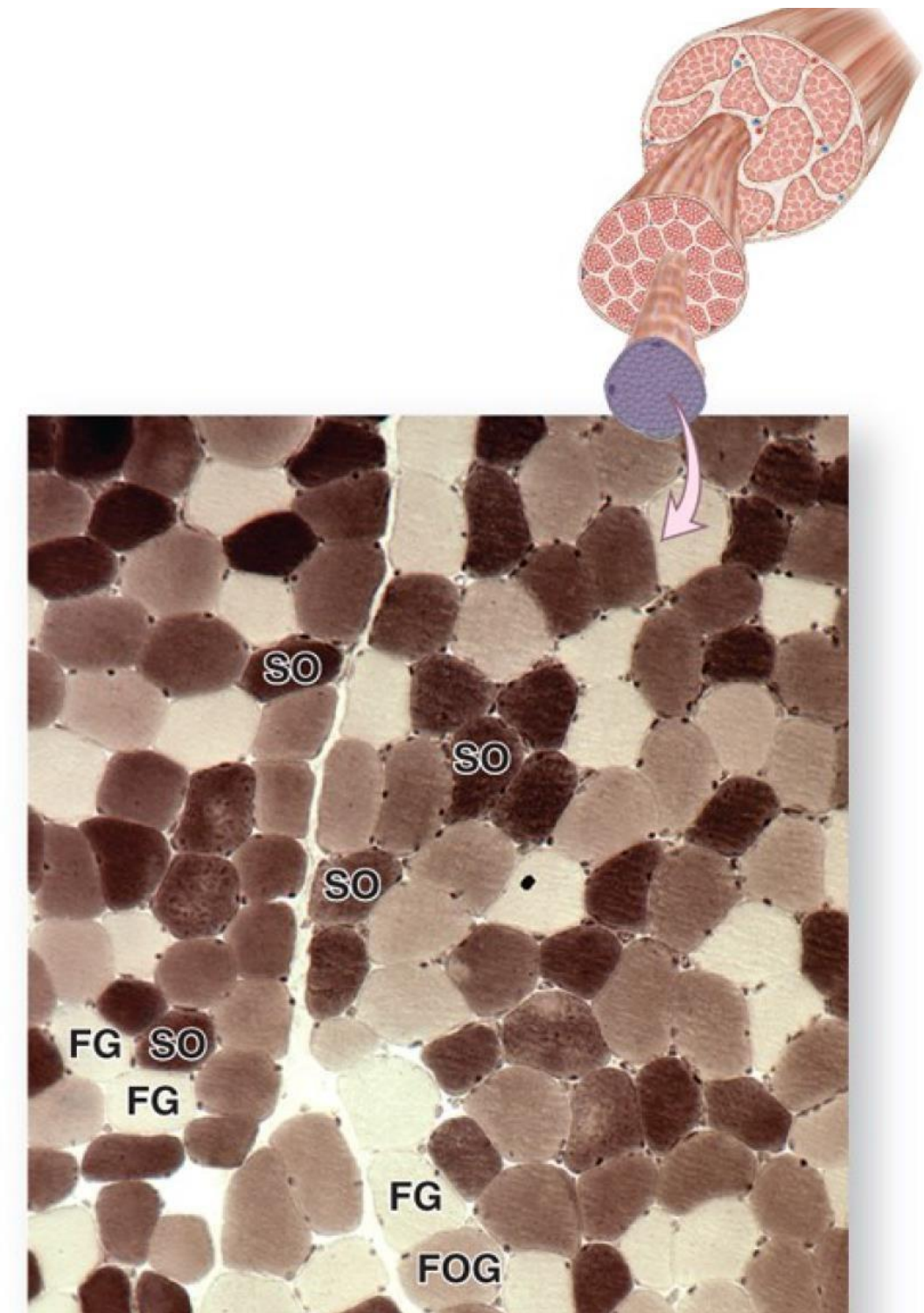


④ Myosin heads pivot, moving thin filaments toward the sarcomere center. ATP binds myosin heads and is broken down into ADP and P. Myosin heads detach from thin filaments and return to their prepivot position. The repeating cycle of *attach-pivot-detach-return* slides thick and thin filaments past one another. The sarcomere shortens and the muscle contracts. The cycle continues as long as calcium ions remain bound to troponin to keep active sites exposed.

Types of skeletal muscle fibers

Different types of fibers are based on:

1. Maximal rate of contraction (fast or slow fibers)---myosin isoforms.
2. Major pathway for ATP synthesis (oxidative phosphorylation or glycolysis).
3. Others: capillary density, # of mitochondria, content of glycogen and myoglobin (O_2 storage).



Slow oxidative

- Fibers are adapted for slow contractions over long periods without fatigue, many mitochondria, many surrounding capillaries, and much myoglobin, fresh tissue are dark or red in color.

Fast glycolytic:

- Fibers are specialized for rapid, short term contraction, few mitochondria or capillaries and depending largely on anaerobic metabolism of glucose derived from stored glycogen. Rapid contractions lead to rapid fatigue (lactic acid from glycolysis). appear white.

Fast oxidative-glycolytic

- Fibers have physiological and histological features intermediate between those of the other two types.

	Slow, Oxidative Fibers (Type I) Slow contraction	Fast, Oxidative-Glycolytic Fibers (Type IIa)	Fast, Glycolytic Fibers (Type IIb) Fast contraction
Mitochondria	Numerous	Numerous	Sparse
Capillaries	Numerous It needs high amount of oxygen	Numerous	Sparse
Fiber diameter	Small	Intermediate	Large
Size of motor unit	Small	Intermediate	Large
Myoglobin content	High (red fibers)	High (red fibers)	Low (white fibers)
Glycogen content	Low	Intermediate	High
Major source of ATP	Oxidative phosphorylation	Oxidative phosphorylation	Anaerobic glycolysis
Glycolytic enzyme activity	Low	Intermediate	High
Rate of fatigue	Slow	Intermediate	Fast Because of lactic acid
Myosin-ATPase activity	Low	High	High
Speed of contraction	Slow	Fast	Fast
Typical major locations	Postural muscles of back	Major muscles of legs	Extraocular muscles

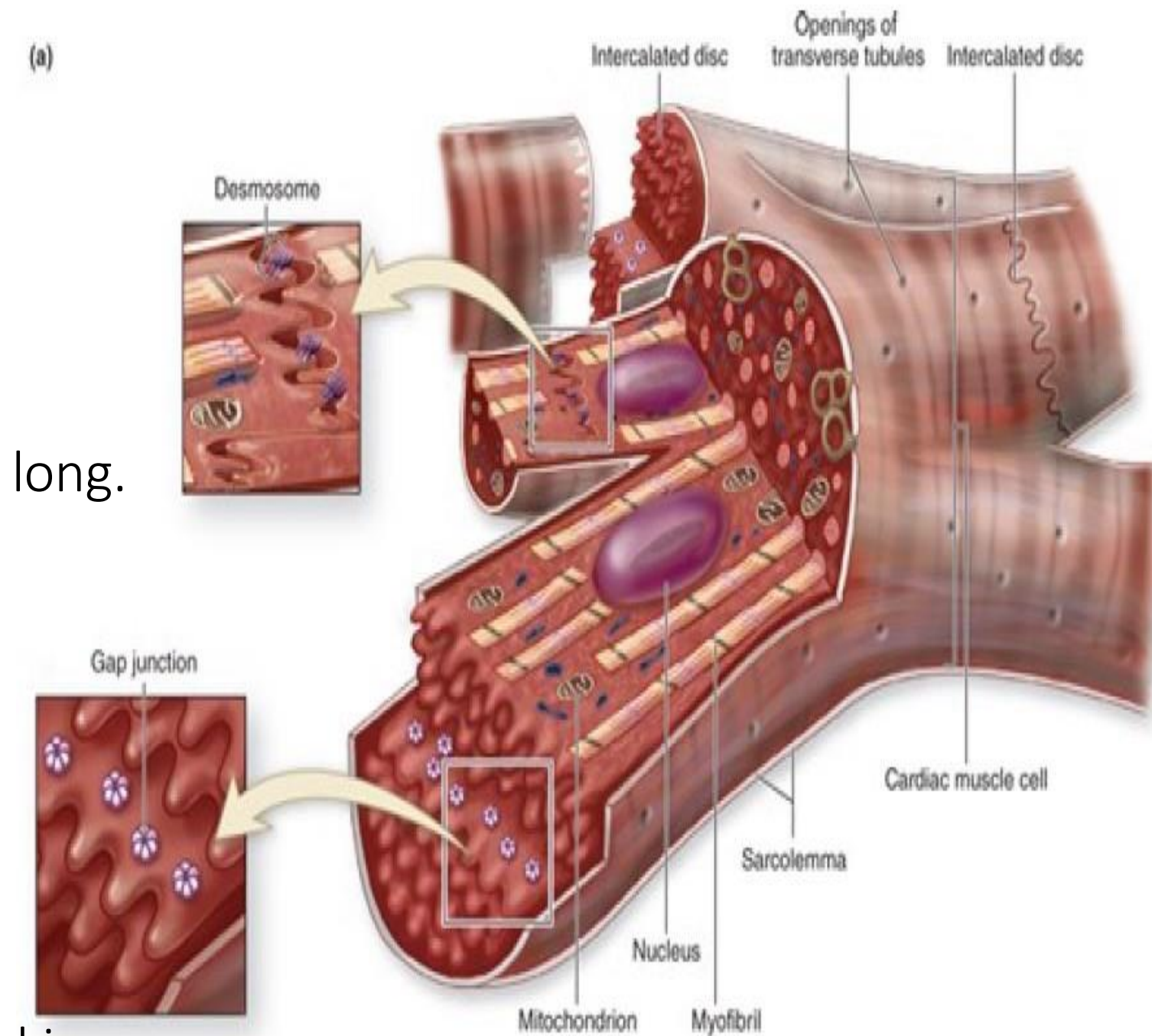
Myoglobin: globular sarcoplasmic protein similar to hemoglobin which contains iron atoms and allows for O₂ storage

Cardiac Muscle

Unique characteristics : Branched cells , intercalated discs

- Cells align into chain-like arrays.
- Form complex junctions between interdigitating processes
- Cells within one fiber often branch..
- Mature cardiac muscle cells are 15-30 μm in diameter and 85-120 μm long.
- Striated
- One centrally nucleus located. **(Sometimes 2 but we'll stick with one)**
- Each muscle cells is a surrounded by endomysium with a rich capillary network.
- A thicker perimysium separates bundles and layers of muscle fibers and in specific areas (larger masses of fibrous connective tissue: cardiac skeleton) **(this is extremely important for the insulation of atria from the ventricles)**

Cardiac muscle.

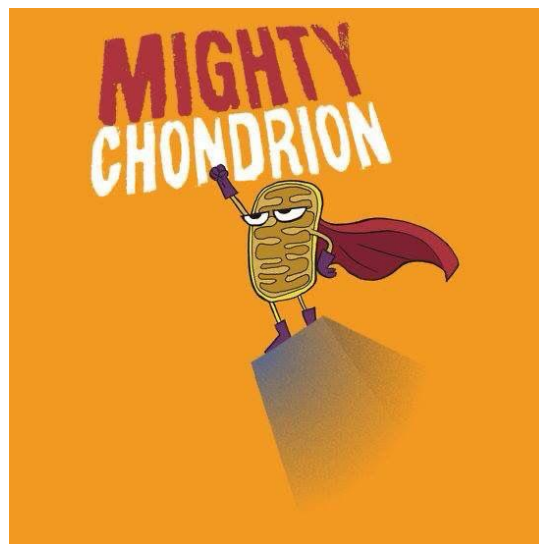


- Gap junction are important

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Cardiac Muscle

- Also we have some myoglobin in Cardiac muscles.
- Myofibril in cardiac muscles are way less than the skeletal muscles cuz I don't want to move a whole joint. I just need to shorten the muscle to push the blood out.
- How these muscle cells do not separate from each others ? Because of the intercalated discs (inside them we have junctional complexes)
- There is a delay allows the atria to complete their contraction.
- Contraction : down → up
- Mitochondria occupy up to 40% cuz these cells got to do a lot of work, heart needs more energy to keep pumping.

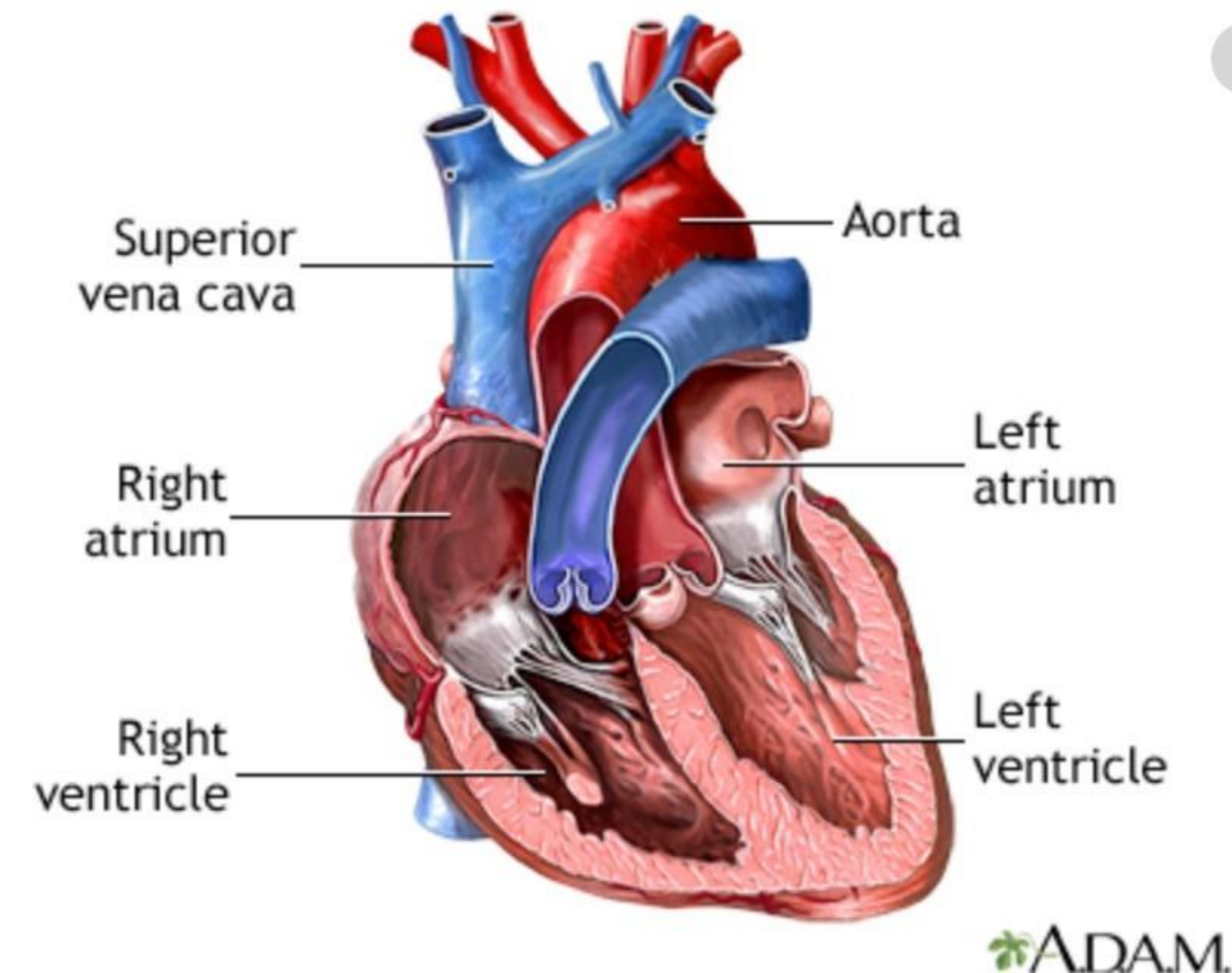


Cardiac Muscle

* If I need to control the heart rate, I should control the SA node

- Muscle of the heart ventricles is much thicker
- T-tubules in ventricular muscle fibers are well-developed.
- Sarcoplasmic reticulum is less well-organized.
- The junctions between its terminal cisterns and t-tubules involve only one structure of each type (**dyads**) (the same mechanism as triads but less developed resulting in its association with the T-tubule forming a single cisterna rather than encompassing it from all directions.)

*They are called dyads because they are two structures (1 T-tubule & 1 cisterna, and triads because they are 3 structures.)



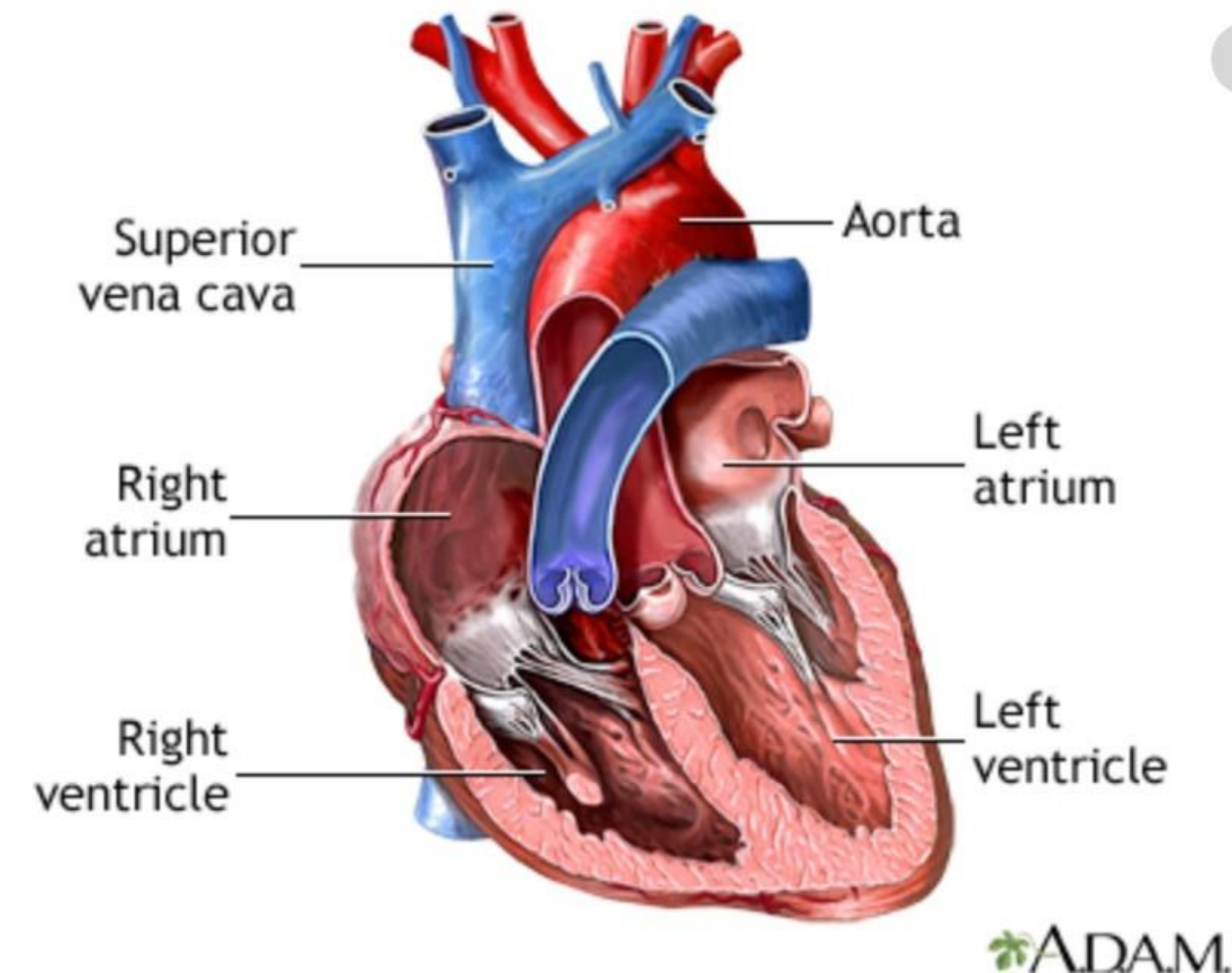
Cardiac Muscle

- Cardiac muscle fiber contraction is intrinsic and spontaneous

*We don't need that huge force of contraction instead we need steady continuous ones.

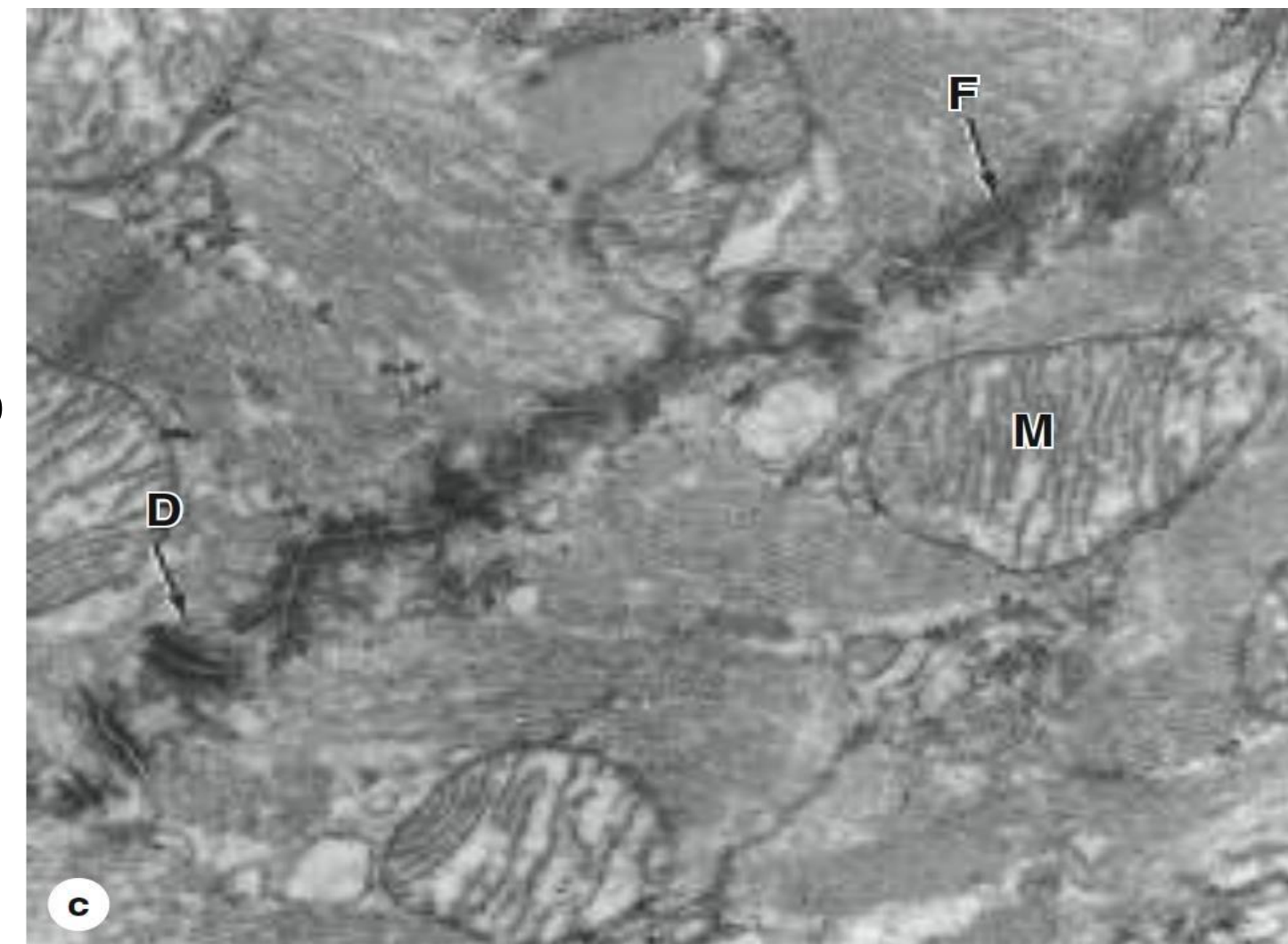
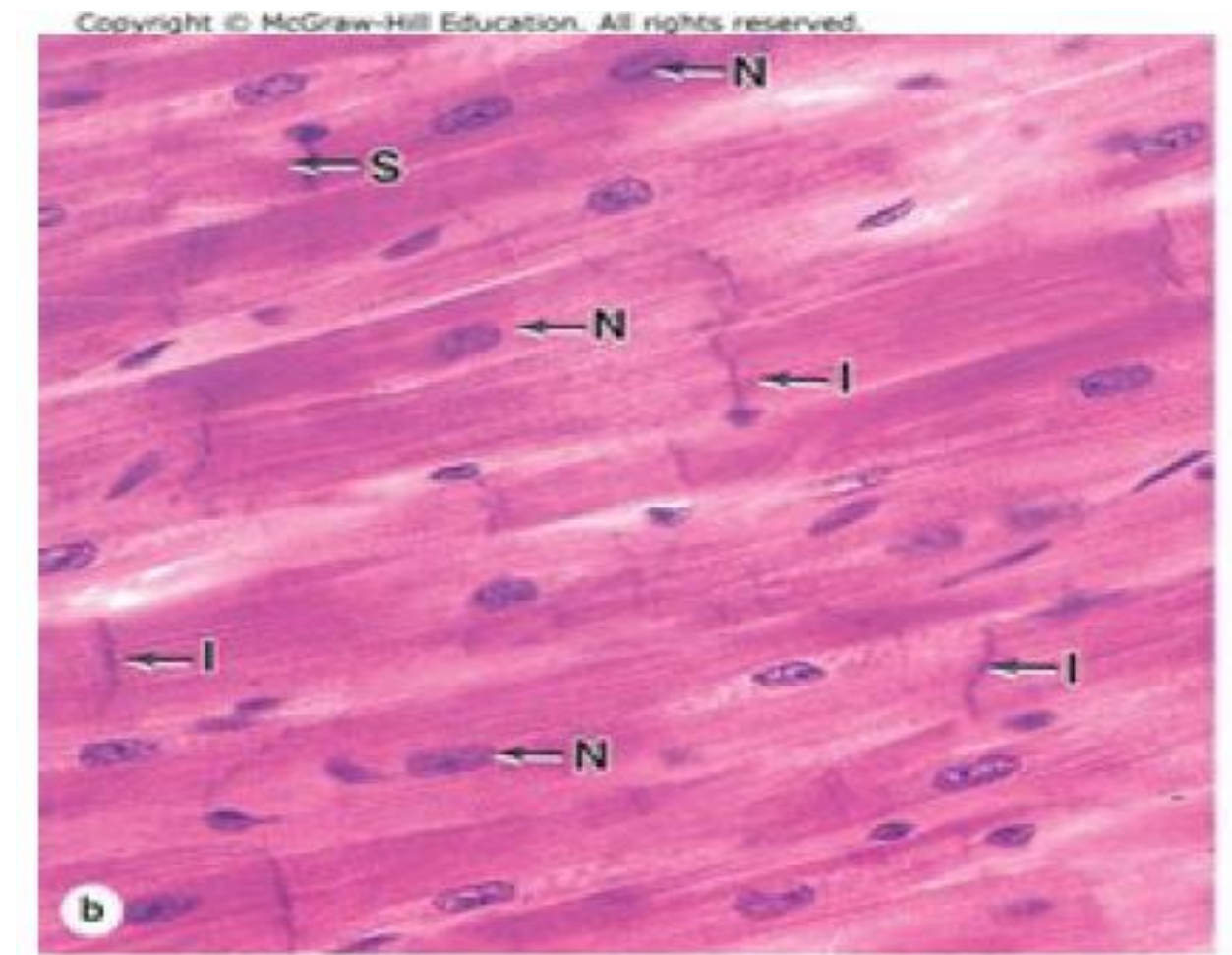
*The idea in skeletal muscles -where we need stretch as long as we need- that I need it to contract now so we need a faster action potential (the pressure of the Calcium ions to be faster) and this is not what we need in the heart, we actually need continuity.

- Contraction initiated by nodes of unique myocardial fibers
- Contraction of individual myocardial fibers is all-or-none
- Rate of contraction is modified by autonomic innervation

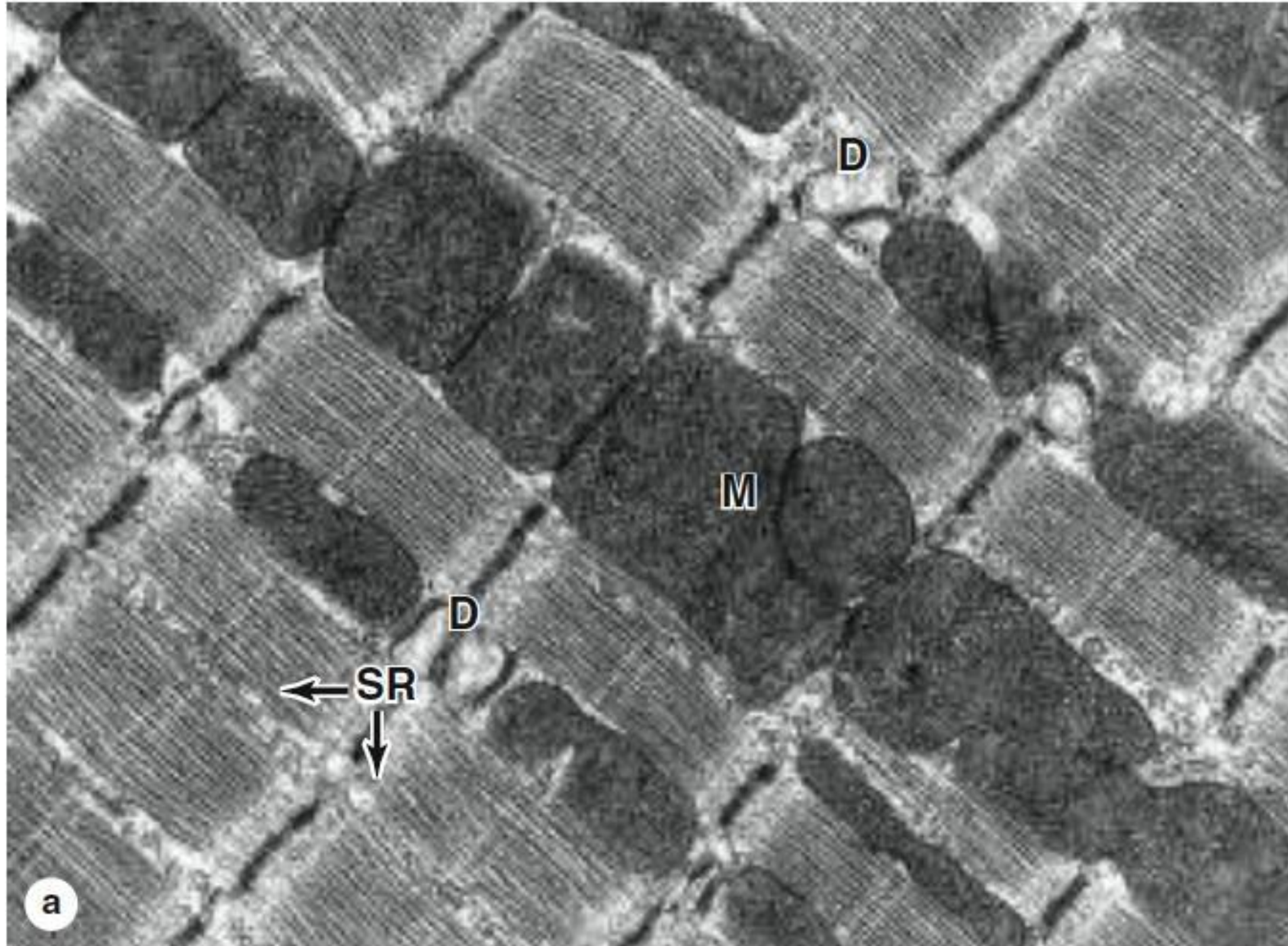


Cardiac muscle

- The fibers consist of separate cells joined at interdigitating regions called the intercalated discs.
- Intercalated discs: transverse lines that cross the fibers at irregular intervals where the myocardial cells join (junctional complexes).
- Transverse regions: many desmosomes and fascia adherens junctions--- strong intercellular adhesion.
- Longitudinally: run parallel to the myofibrils and are filled with gap junctions (ionic continuity between the cells).
- Central nuclei and myofibrils which are usually sparser and less well-organized



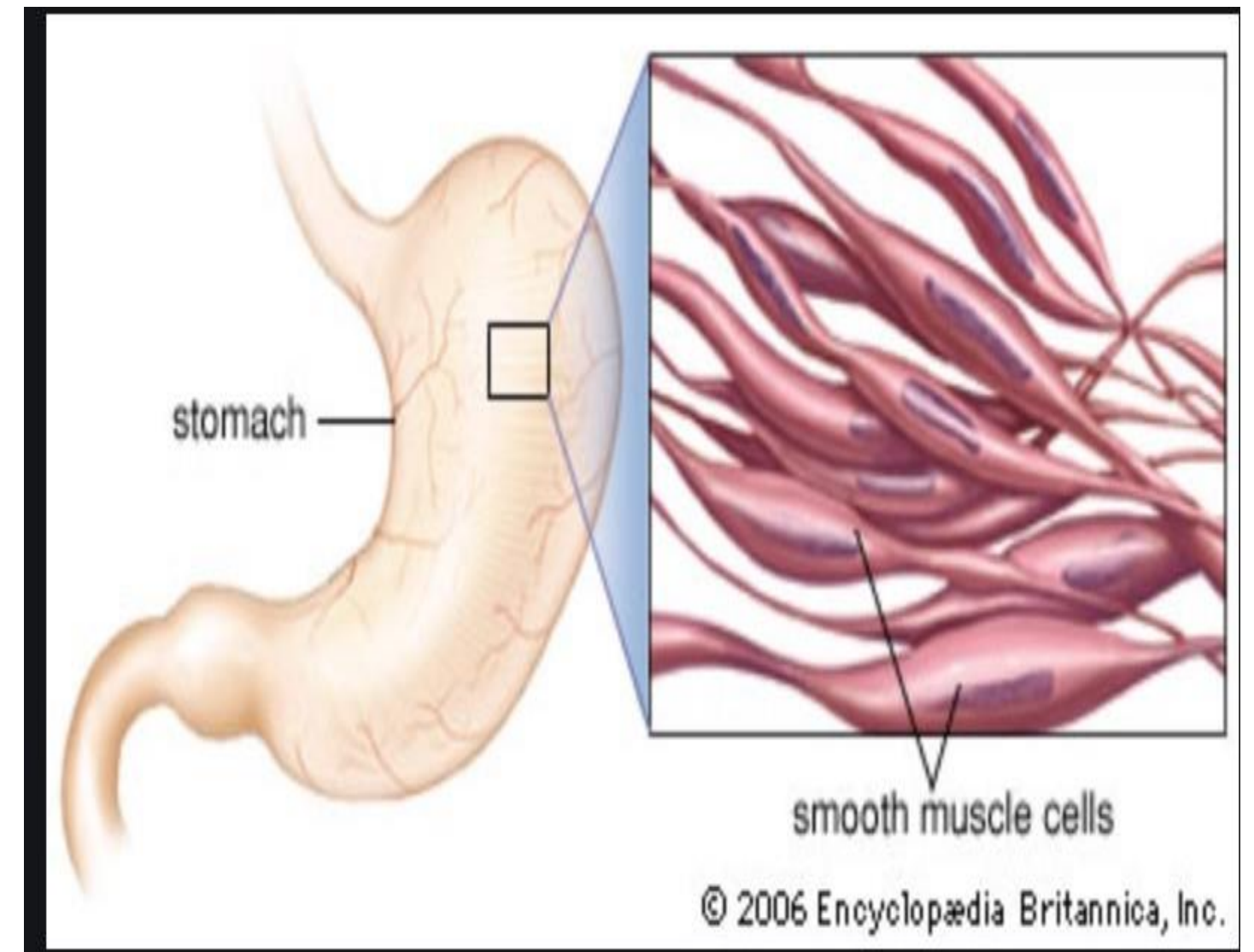
Where was this take from?



*“NOT discussed
in the lecture”*

Smooth Muscle

- Slow and steady contraction.
- Under the control of autonomic nerves and various hormones.
- Present in blood vessels, digestive, respiratory, urinary, and reproductive tracts.
- Fibers of smooth muscle are elongated, tapering, and unstriated cells.
- Enclosed by an endomysium (a network of type I and type III).
- Length is 20 μm - 500 μm .

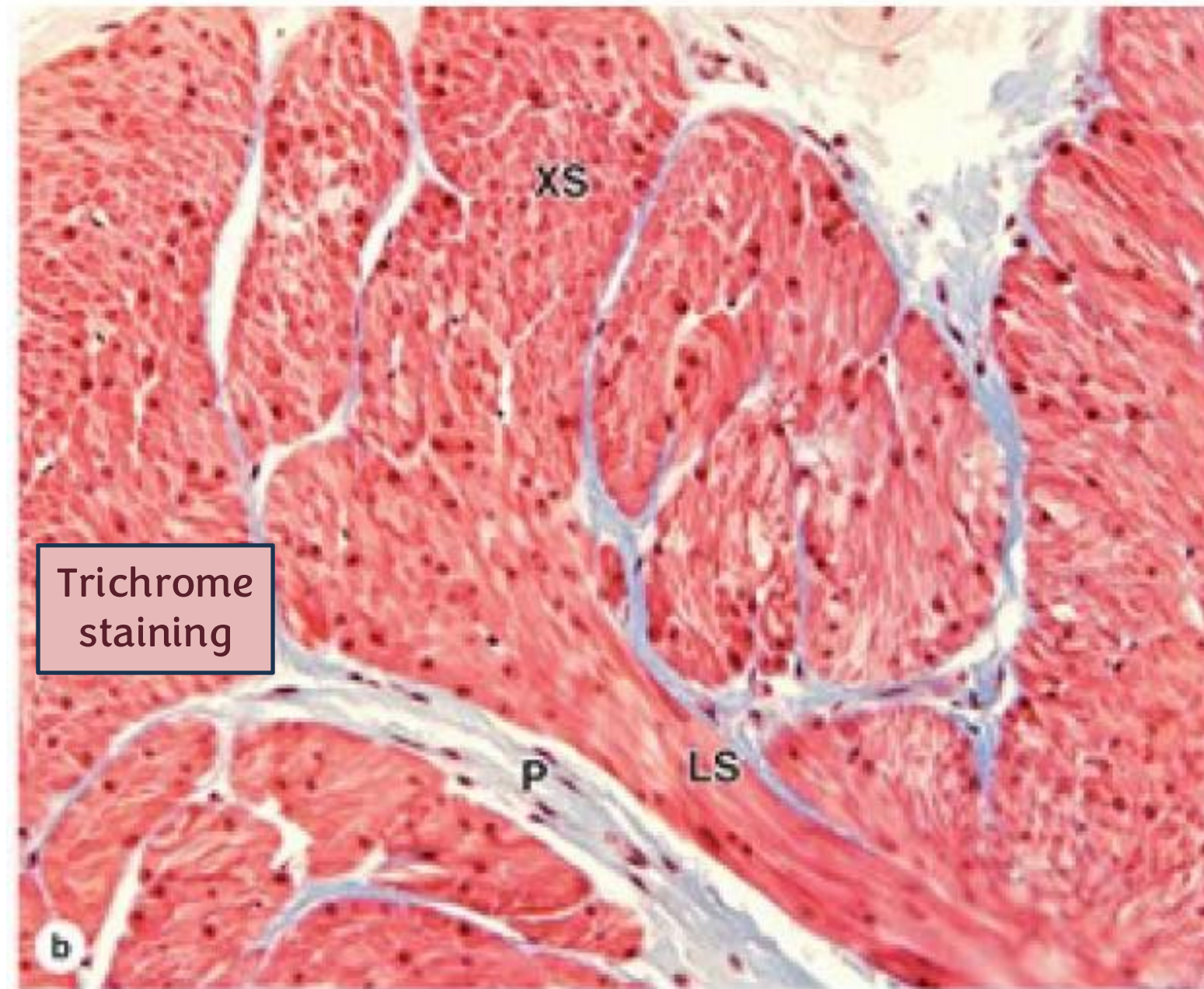


Smooth muscles are present everywhere even in your skin, for example, when you're cold, the hair on your body stand on end in what we call piloerection.

This is due to the attachment of the hair shaft to a smooth muscle that is called arrector pili, when this muscle contracts it pulls the skin downward so the hair erect (stand).

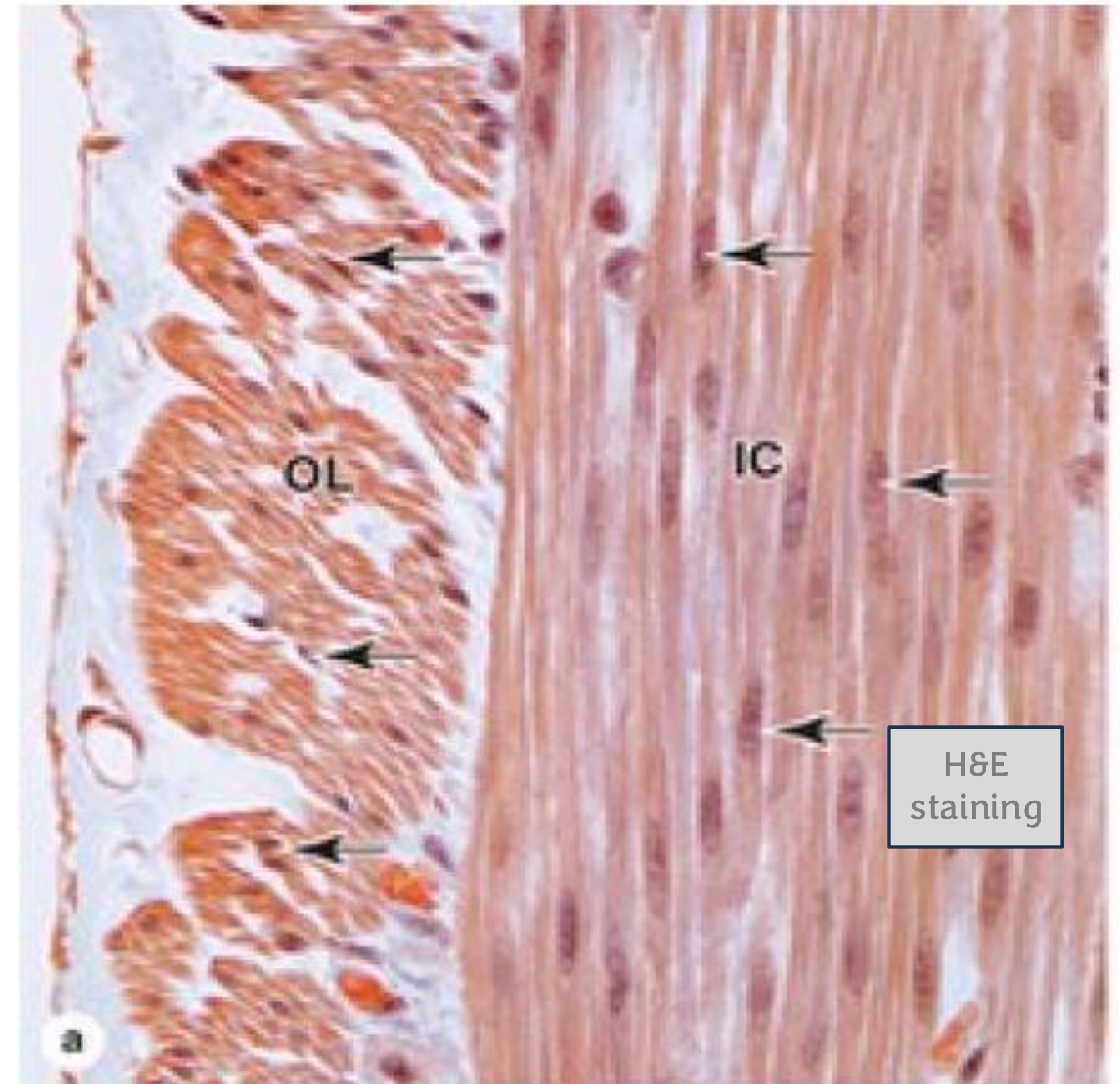
Smooth Muscles

Relaxed smooth muscle



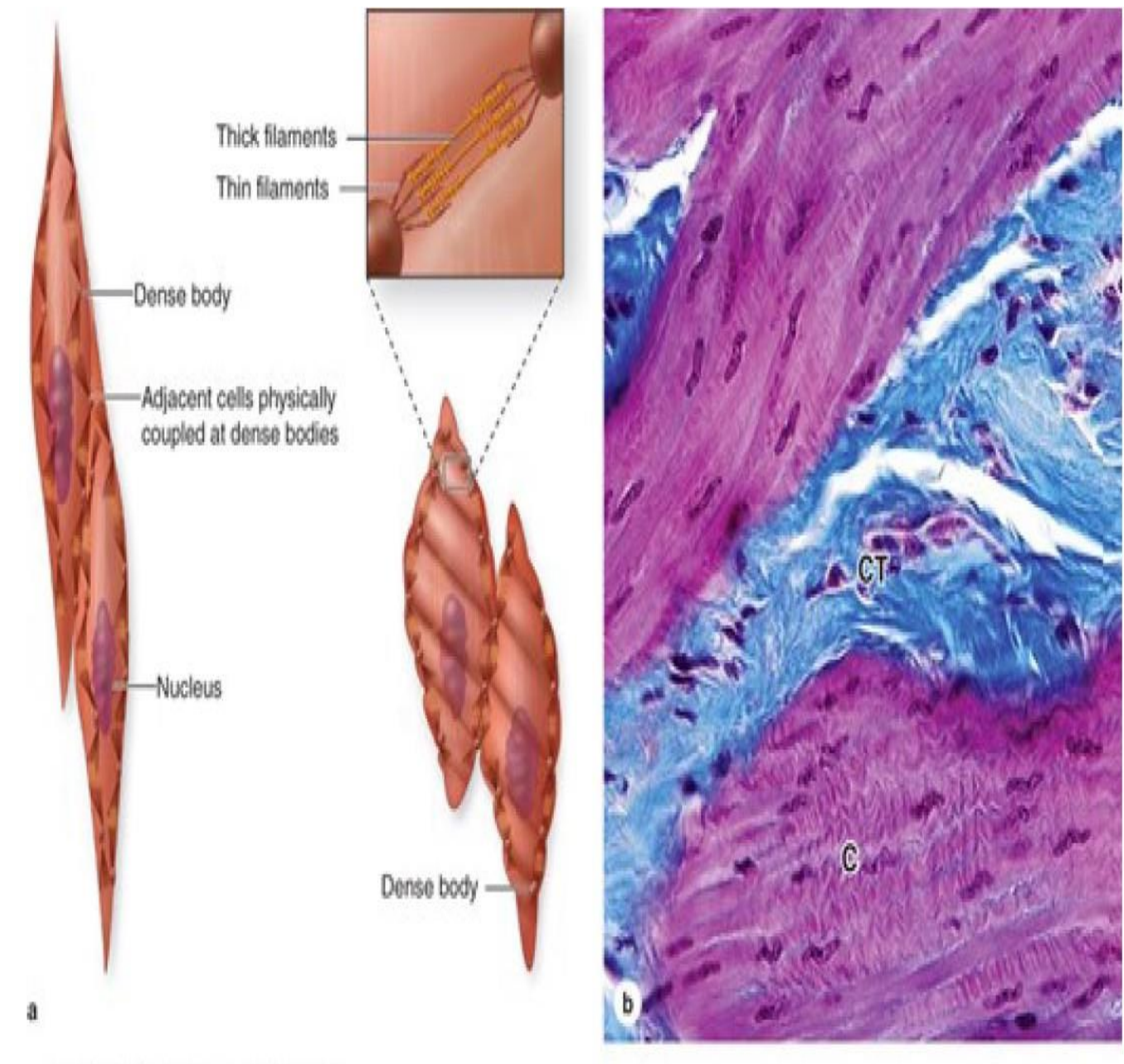
- The red colored part is the muscle
- The blue part is connective tissue with fibroblasts in between
- Spindle-shaped nuclei in response to spindle-shaped muscles

Contracted smooth muscle



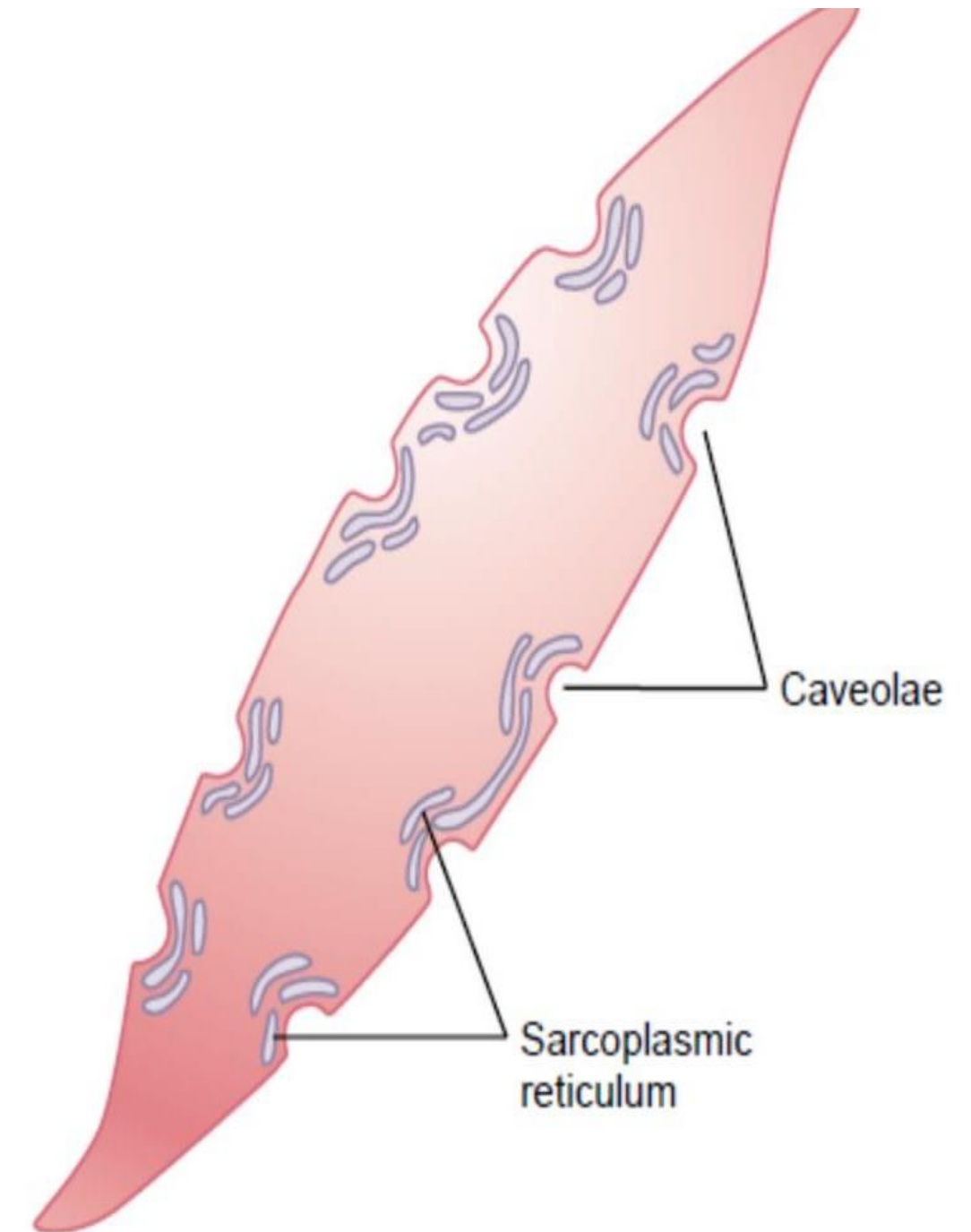
Characteristics and Contraction

- Dense bodies (similar to Z discs) is located in the cytoplasm and at the cell membrane (They are globular proteins that are scattered throughout the entire length of the muscle's membrane, dense bodies in smooth muscles are instead of z discs.)--> LACKING Z DISCS = NO STRIATION
- Both thin filaments and intermediate (for adhesive junctions between cells).
- *Thin filaments are attached to the dense bodies, and thick filaments are in between (this arrangement is the most unique feature in smooth muscles)
- myosin filaments have a less regular arrangement and fewer crossbridges.
- Bundles of thin and thick myofilaments crisscross the sarcoplasm obliquely.
- Mitochondria, glycogen granules, and Golgi complexes located centrally



Characteristics and Contraction

- Rudimentary sarcoplasmic reticulum **and lack of T-tubules**, **so we describe smooth muscles as rudimental** (incompletely developed)
- Rich in gap junction.
- Caveolae are small plasmalemma invaginations which contain signaling components (ion channels). **Caveolae increase and accelerate the spread of the action potential (as the role of T-tubules in the cardiac & skeletal).**
- NO troponin (**TnC**) and tropomyosin instead there are calmodulin (**which binds to the calcium**) and Ca^{2+} -sensitive myosin light-chain kinase (MLCK)

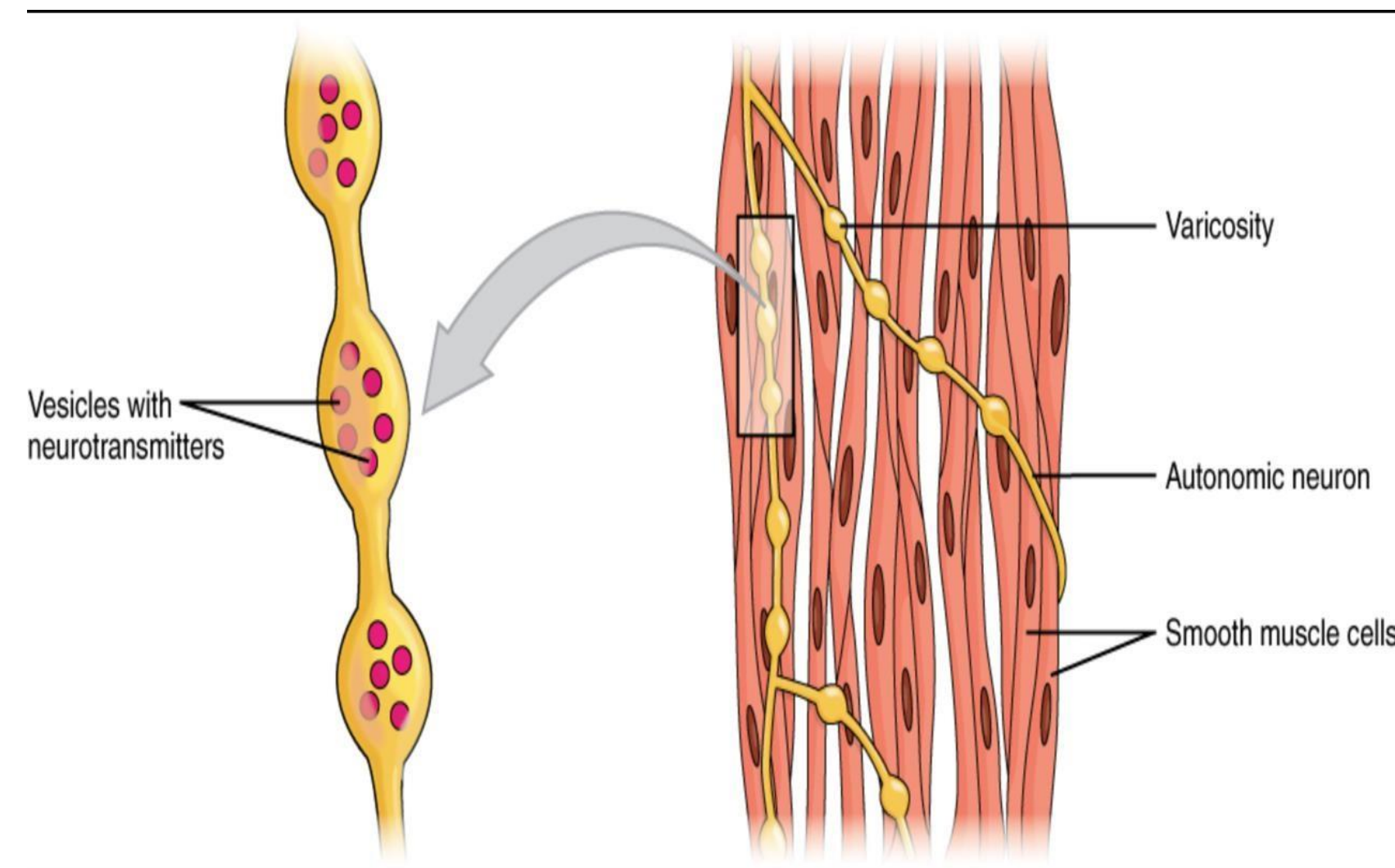


Characteristics and Contraction

- Smooth muscles fibers (or it's more accurate to say muscle cells) are fusiform in shape with a center-located nucleus and the cytoplasmic components are just like any other muscular cell.
- Contraction of smooth muscles is described slow and steady.
- It's somehow similar to the contraction of the heart.
- While contraction, the desmosomes will be closer to each other, the thin filaments will slide over the thick and undergo the same mechanism as other muscles (we need calcium, ATP, and all other things mentioned earlier in skeletal & cardiac.)
- While contraction, there is shortening but actually, shortening from one side a bit stretches in the other because it's a collective change in shape (it's not linear orientation as in skeletal muscles).

Smooth Muscle

- Lack well-defined neuromuscular junctions
- Axons of autonomic nerves have periodic swellings close to muscle fibers----synaptic vesicles----- acetylcholine or norepinephrine - --binds receptors in many muscle cells.
- Stimulation is propagated via gap junctions-- ---- contract synchronously



Innervation of smooth muscles

- The nerve synapses with the smooth muscle but there is no motor end plate as in the skeletal.
- **HOW??**

In the end of the axon its terminals will sprinkle the neurotransmitter on the surface of the smooth muscles and the transmitter will bind to receptors and they will contract.
- When the neurotransmitter is sprinkled it doesn't reach all the muscle cells, so it's spread to the rest by gap junctions (smooth muscles are rich in gap junctions as heart muscles.)
- Since we are talking about smooth muscles, then the neurotransmitter is epinephrine.

Innervation



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graph TD; A[Innervation] --> B[Cardiac:]; A --> C[Skeletal:]; A --> D[Smooth:];
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Cardiac:

In the heart there is no motor end plate, instead there is specialized cells that initiate the depolarization, which then spreads throughout via gap junctions.

Skeletal:

Every skeletal muscle fiber must have its own motor end plate (each one must receive a neurotransmitter then it contracts)

Smooth:

Some parts are similar to skeletal; they receive the neurotransmitter directly. Others are like the mechanism in the cardiac; spreading of the transmitter via gap junctions.

contraction

↳ Cardiac & skeletal: all or none

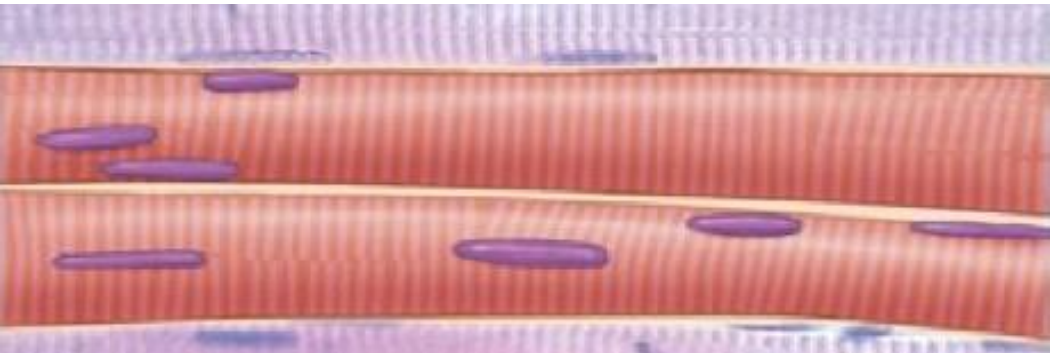
↳ Smooth muscles: graded contraction

For example:

In the GI tract the movement is steady and slow and continuous (one cell contracts then relaxes then the other contracts when the transmitter is transported to it via gap junctions, and so on until it spreads throughout the entire length of the GI tract.

The peristaltic movement starts from the second third of the esophagus (not from the first one because it's skeletal (the 1st third is purely skeletal/ the 2nd one is mixed skeletal & smooth/ the last one is purely smooth and after it we no longer see skeletal muscles except when we need control again in the external anal sphincter)

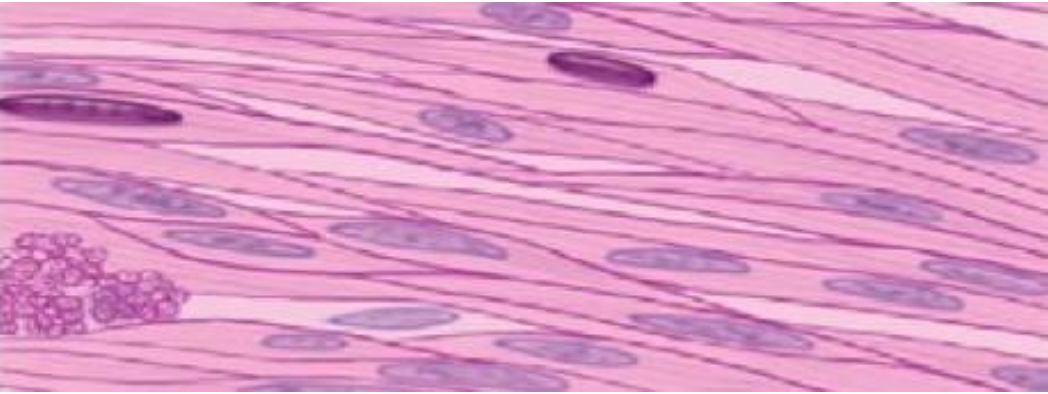
Skeletal Muscle



Cardiac Muscle



Smooth Muscle



Fibers

Single multinucleated cells

Aligned cells in branching arrangement

Single small, closely packed fusiform cells

Cell/fiber shape and size

Cylindrical, 10-100 μm diameter, many cm long

Cylindrical, 10-20 μm diameter, 1-2 cm long

Fusiform, diameter 0.2-10 μm , length 50-200 μm

Striations

Present

Present

Absent

Location of nuclei

Peripheral adjacent to sarcolemma

Central

Central, at widest part of cell

T tubules

Center of triads at A-band junctions

Indented at Z discs

Absent; caveolae may be functionally similar

Sarcomere (SR)

Well-developed, with two cisterns per sarcomere in dyad with T tubule

Two cisterns per sarcomere in dyad with T tubule

Irregular smooth ER without distinctive cisterns

Special structural features

Very well-organized sarcomeres, SR, and transverse tubule system

Intercalated discs joining cells, with many adherent and gap junctions

Gap junctions, caveolae, dense bodies

Control of contraction

Troponin. Ca^{2+} binds, moving tropomyosin and exposing actin for myosin binding

Similar to that of skeletal muscle

Actin-myosin binding occurs with myosin phosphorylation by MLCK triggered when calmodulin binds Ca^{2+}

Connective tissue organization	Endomysium, perimysium, and epimysium	Endomysium; subendocardial and subpericardial CT layers	Endomysium and less-organized CT sheaths
Major locations	Skeletal muscles, tongue, diaphragm, eyes, and upper esophagus	Heart	Blood vessels, digestive and respiratory tracts, uterus, bladder, and other organs
Key function	Voluntary movements	Automatic (involuntary) pumping of blood	Involuntary movements
Efferent innervation	Motor	Autonomic	Autonomic
Contractions	All-or-none, triggered at motor end plates	All-or-none, intrinsic (beginning at nodes of conducting fibers)	Partial, slow, often spontaneous, wavelike and rhythmic
Cell response to increased load	Hypertrophy (increase in fiber size)	Hypertrophy	Hypertrophy and hyperplasia (increase in cell/fiber number)
Capacity for regeneration	Limited, involving satellite cells mainly	Very poor	Good, involving mitotic activity of muscle cells

Regeneration Of Muscle Tissue

Skeletal muscle,

- Although the multinucleated cells cannot undergo mitosis
- Mesenchymal satellite cells lying inside the external lamina can participate in limited regeneration.

Cardiac muscle (the worst in regeneration)

- lacks satellite cells and there is a very small number of stem cells (so they are the worst in regeneration)
- Very little regenerative capacity beyond early childhood.
- Defects or damage replaced by proliferating fibroblasts and CT formation leading to myocardial scars.

Smooth muscle (the best in regeneration)

- Is capable of a more active regenerative response.
- Can undergo mitosis and replace the damaged tissue.
- it regenerates as if nothing has happened even if $\frac{3}{4}$ of it was damaged.

If there is a massive damage in the tissue, no way that the cells will compensate the muscle tissue, but if it's minor they might do).

>> MEDICAL APPLICATION

The most common injury sustained by cardiac muscle is that due to **ischemia**, or tissue damage due to lack of oxygen when coronary arteries are occluded by heart disease. Lacking muscle satellite cells, adult mammalian cardiac muscle has little potential to regenerate after injury. However, certain

fish and amphibians, as well as newborn mice, do form new muscle when the heart is partially removed, despite the lack of satellite cells. Research on the possibility of mammalian **heart muscle regeneration** builds on work with the animal models, focusing primarily on the potential of mesenchymal stem cells to form new, site-specific muscle.

Stratified epithelium

CT

Lumen

This part of connective tissue is darker
because it has some smooth muscle cells

Muscularis mucosa

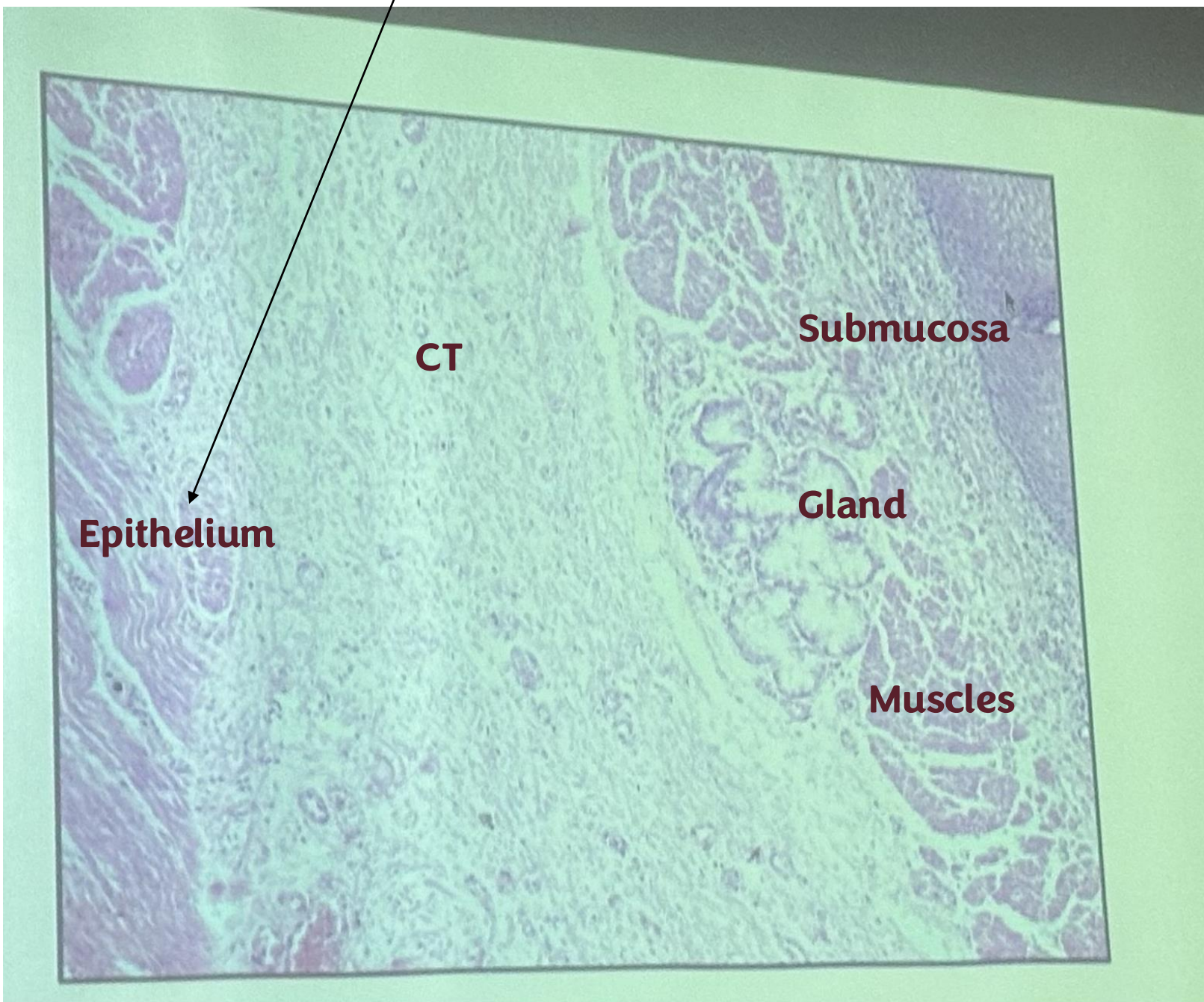
Basal

Stratified squamous

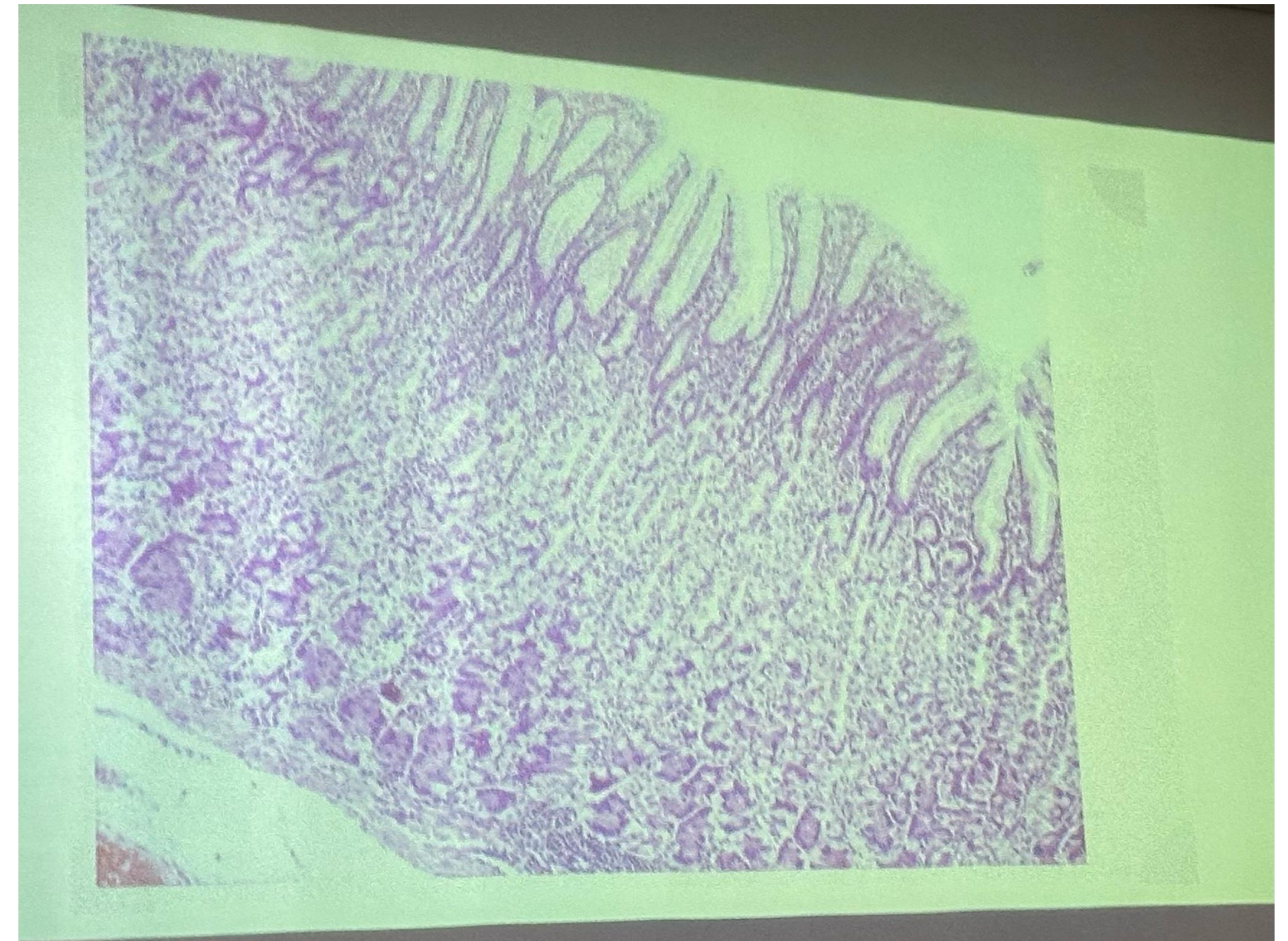
Ducts of a gland

CT

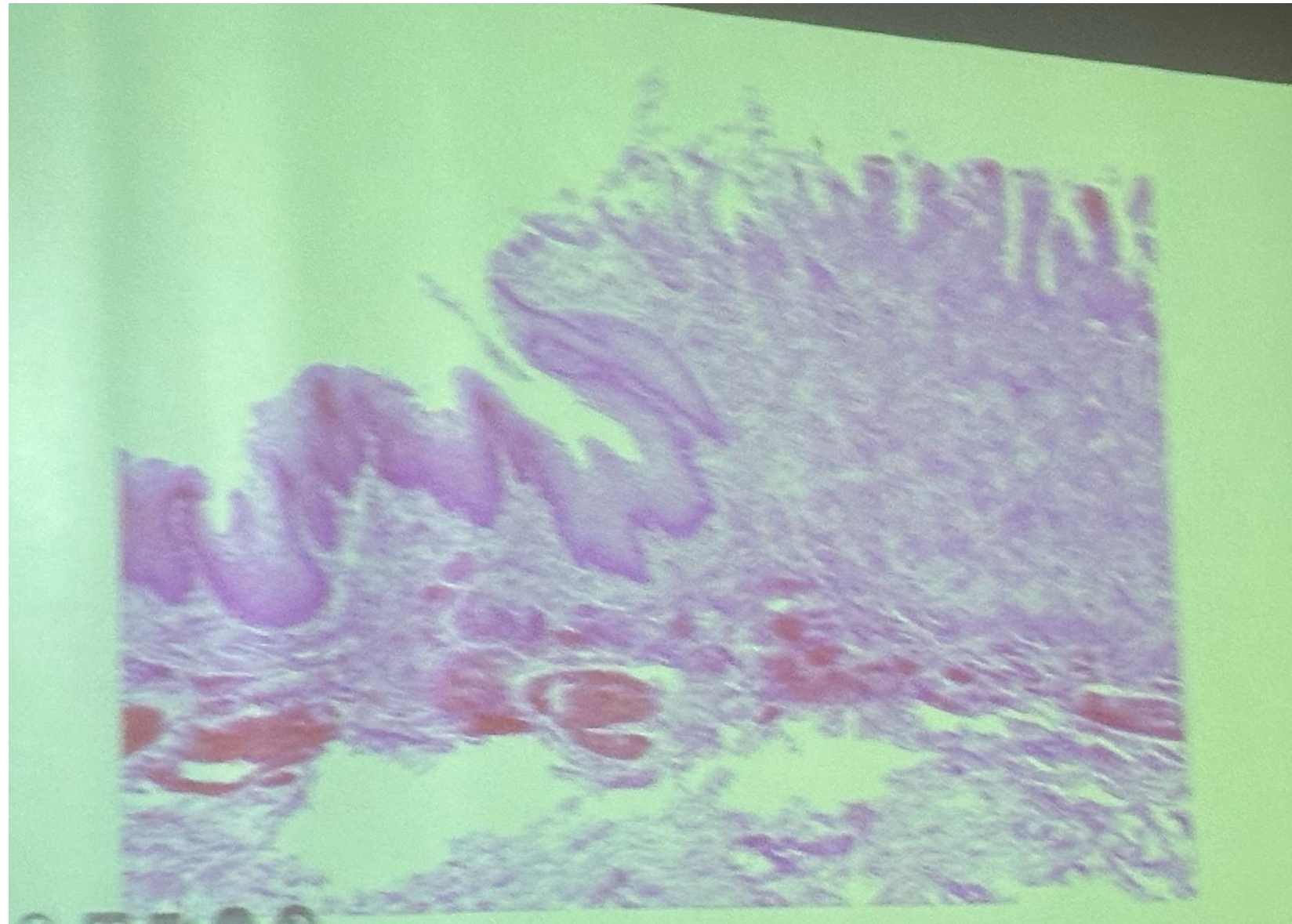
Lamina propria



Taken from the stomach



Taken from the esophagus



From the stomach



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