

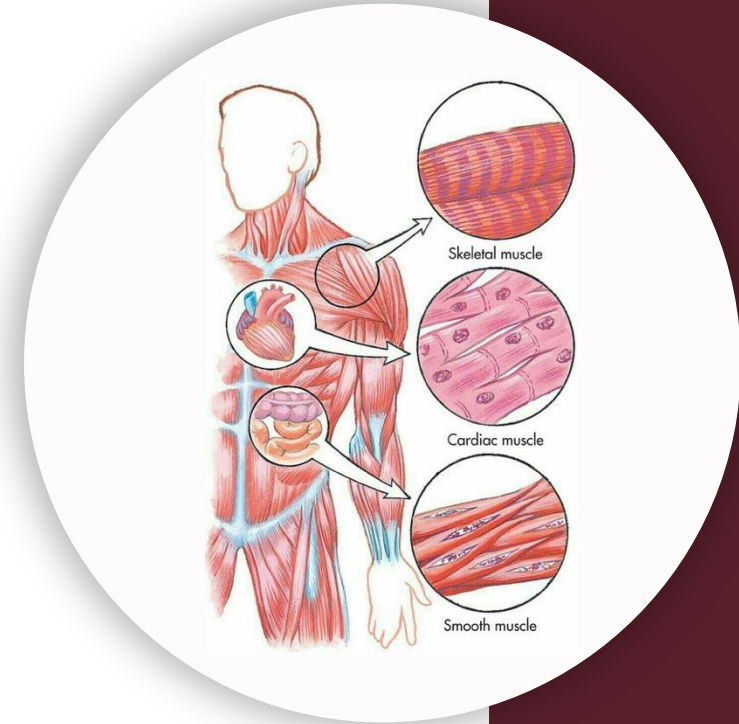
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Histology | Final lab

Muscles & Nerves Lab

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Muscle tissue

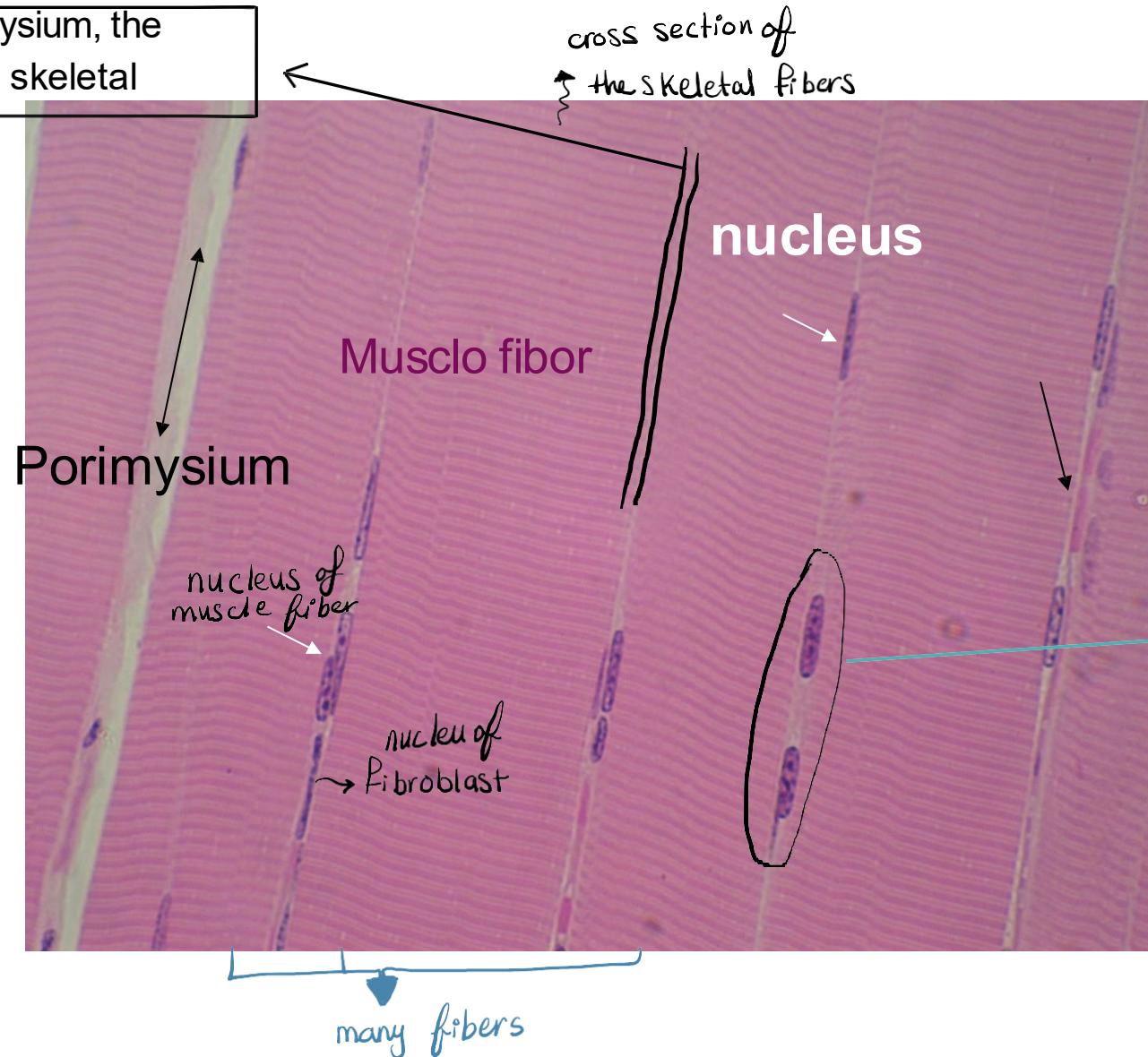


SKELETAL



Longitudinal section (LS) of skeletal muscle.

We expect to find endomysium, the most inner C.T, covering skeletal



H&E

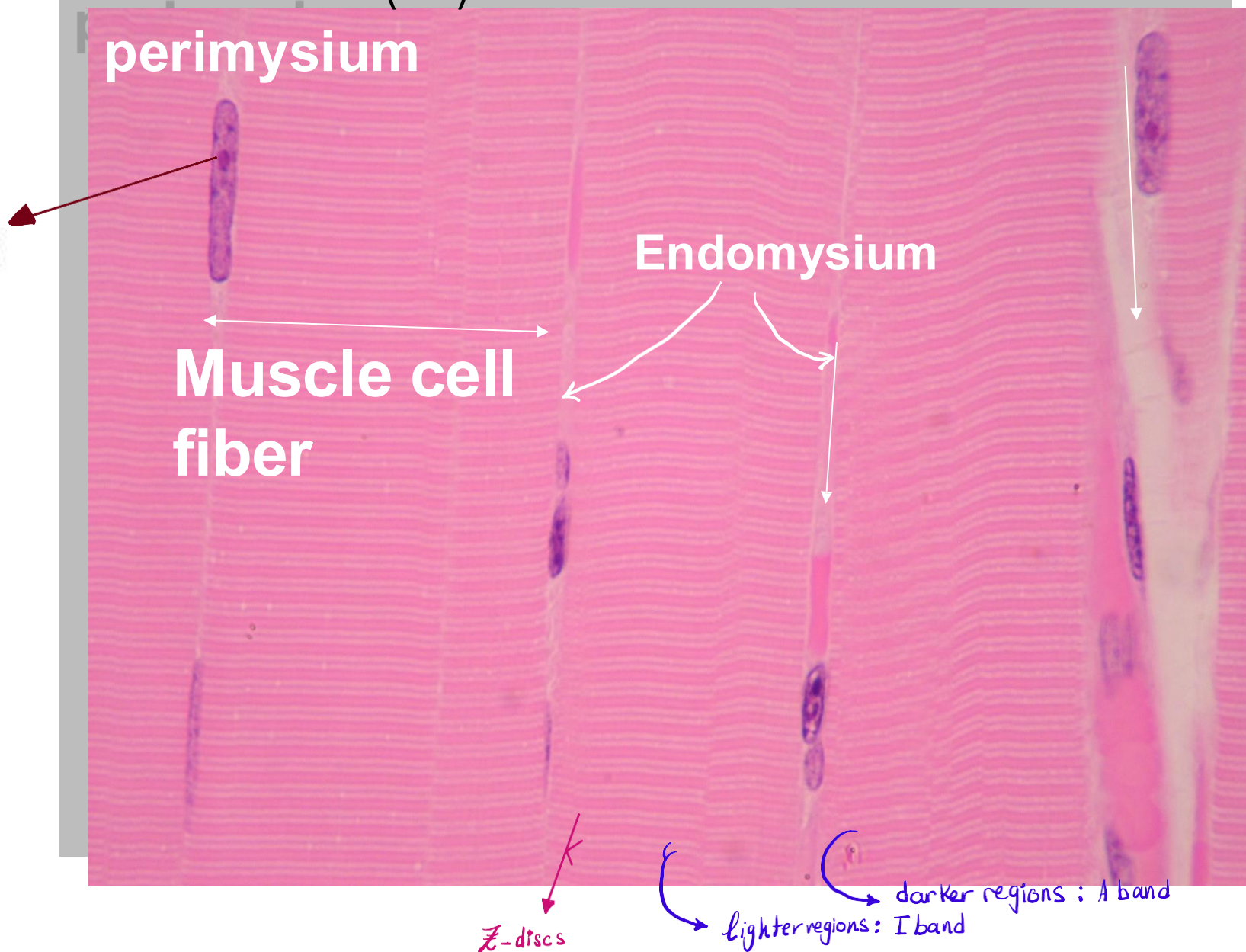
we can see nuclei aligned in rows because they are located in the periphery.

The striations are evidence that this is L.S, and it isn't considered cross-section because the cells are not rounded.

⚠ To visualize endomysium you should have special stains

Longitudinal section (LS) of skeletal muscle.

The nucleus appears more elongated, flattened, and squeezed to the periphery.



- silver salts
- PAS stains
- immunostaining ---> for reticular fibers





Longitudinal section (LS) of skeletal muscle.



Cross section (CS) of skeletal muscle.

* How to identify them from cardiac or smooth muscles ?

➤ Big skeletal muscle fibers than other

➤ nuclei are all peripherally located, doesn't happen in cardiac nor smooth muscles < they have central located nucleus >>

➤ How compact muscle fibers are in cardiac and smooth it would be much looser than this



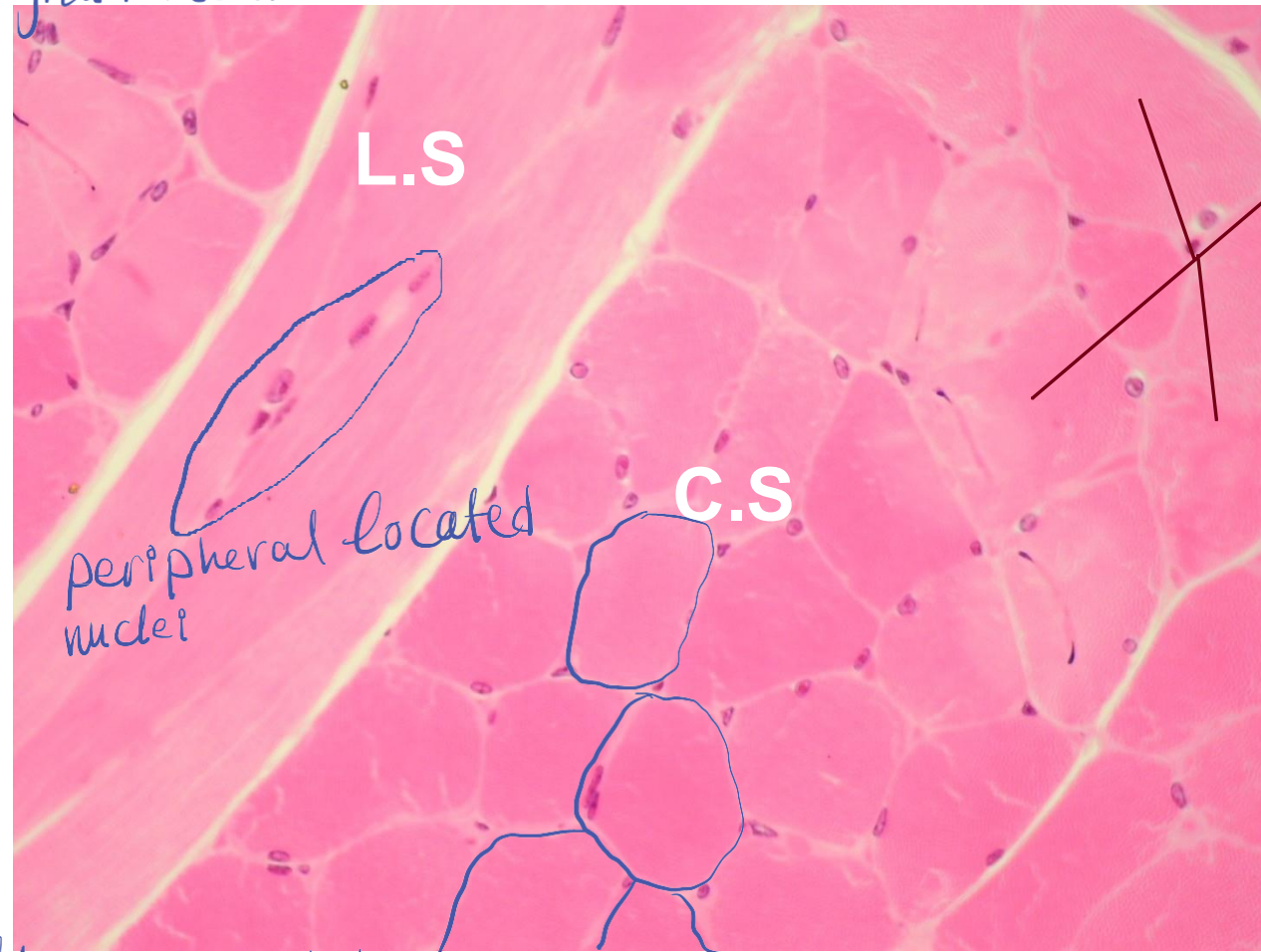
Skeletal muscle fibers are relatively large, how do we know that?! 🤔

→ look at the nuclei and the site of them around the whole muscle, they are relatively tiny, so the ratio of fibers will be large.



C.S& L.S skeletal(e.g Tongue)

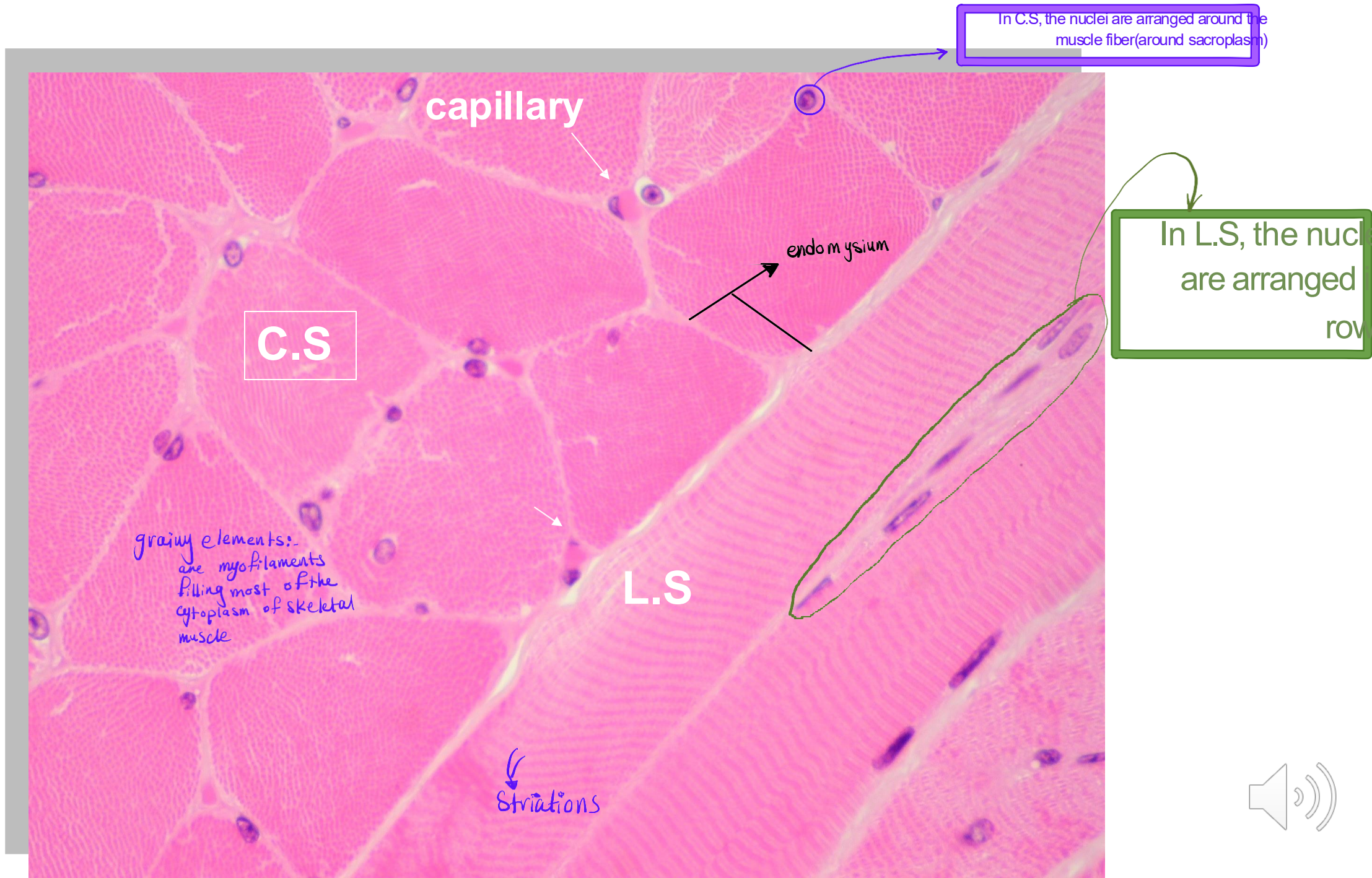
Cross section &
longitudinal section



There is some uniformity, the muscle fibers are beside each other, and their sizes are relatively closed.

* muscle fibers are packed
* peripheral located nuclei, it's not sth we see in the cardiac nor smooth





SMOOTH

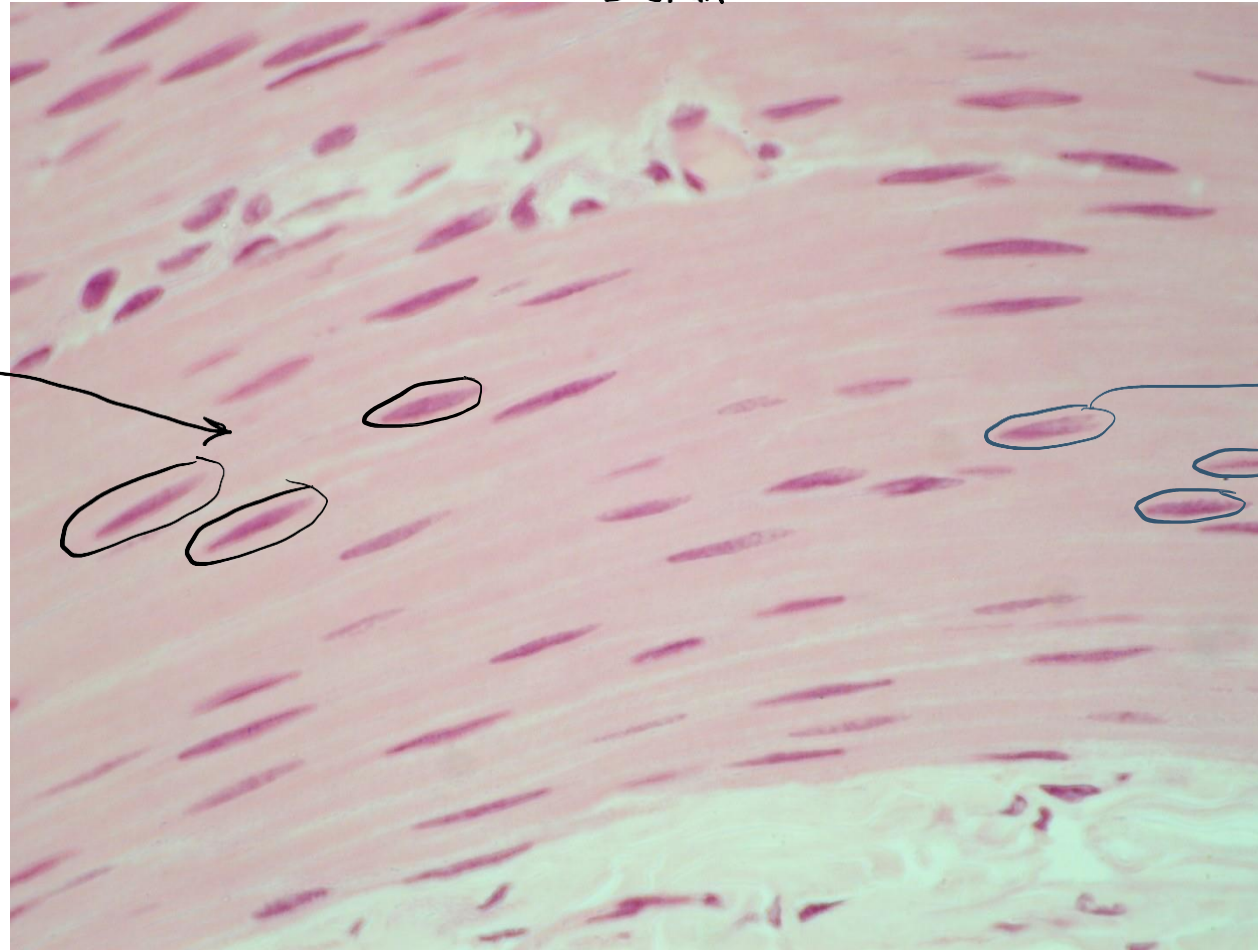


Longitudinal section (LS)- Smooth muscle

We aren't able to see the boundaries of the cell because the membranes are lipid, and they will dissolve, so we can only recognize the cell by appearance of their nuclei.

* Full length of nucleus & full length of the cells
- it's like S-th running or flowing

H&E stain



The nuclei are running in all the fields because they are tiny cells, spindle shaped, and relatively long. Most of the cell volume is around the nucleus.

* long spindle shaped cells running side by side in a contiguous fashion

⇒ No striation, the nuclei are running every where they're not located peripherally -----> So it's not skeletal tissue.

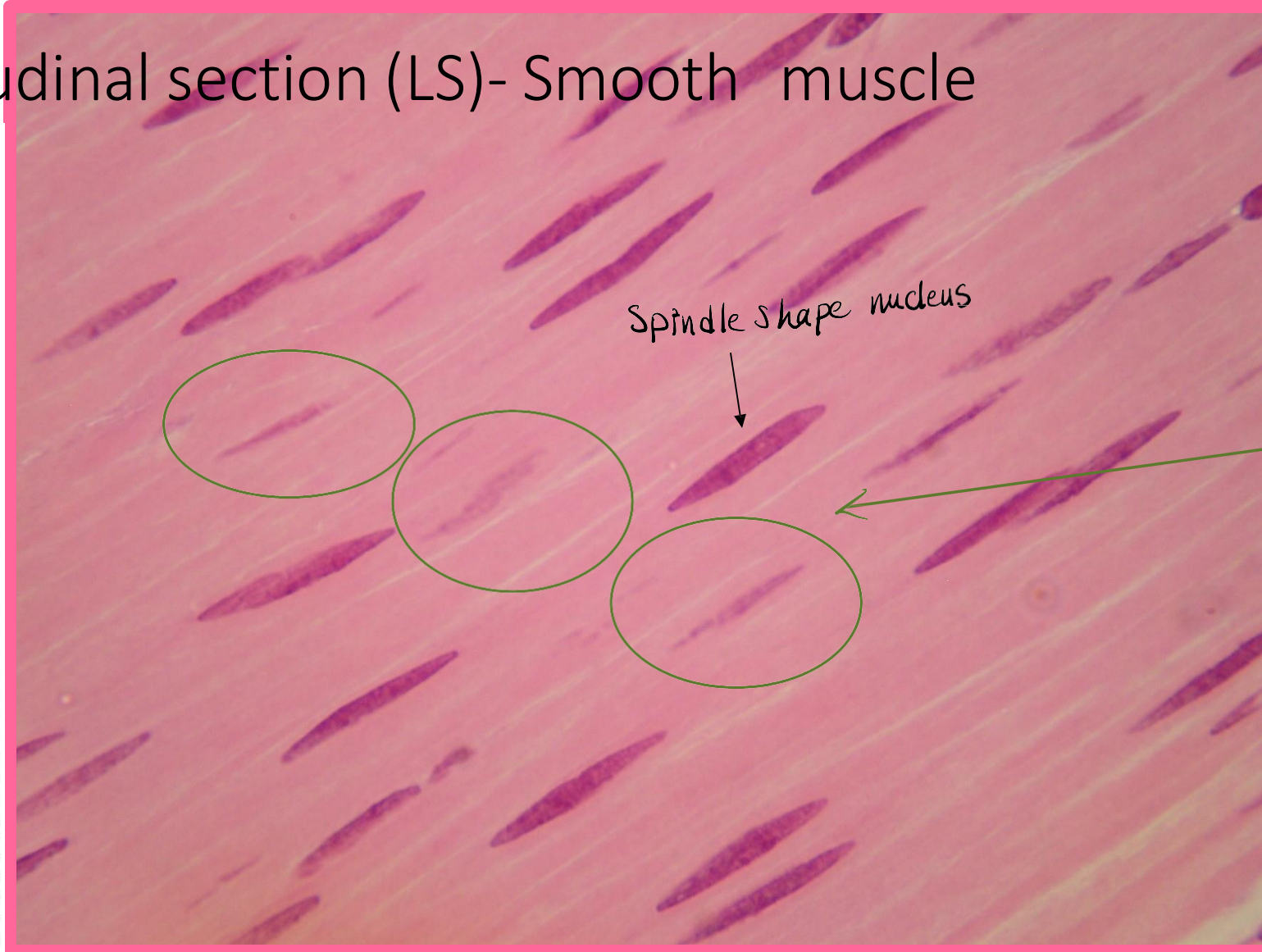
How do nuclei look like?
They are spindle and elongated



Longitudinal section (LS)- Smooth muscle

How can we distinguish them from the skeletal muscle ?

The skeletal fibers are organized in rows in the periphery, and they were striated in the center.



They are also nuclei, but the section doesn't pass through the full length and the thickness of them (so they appeared as a shadow).



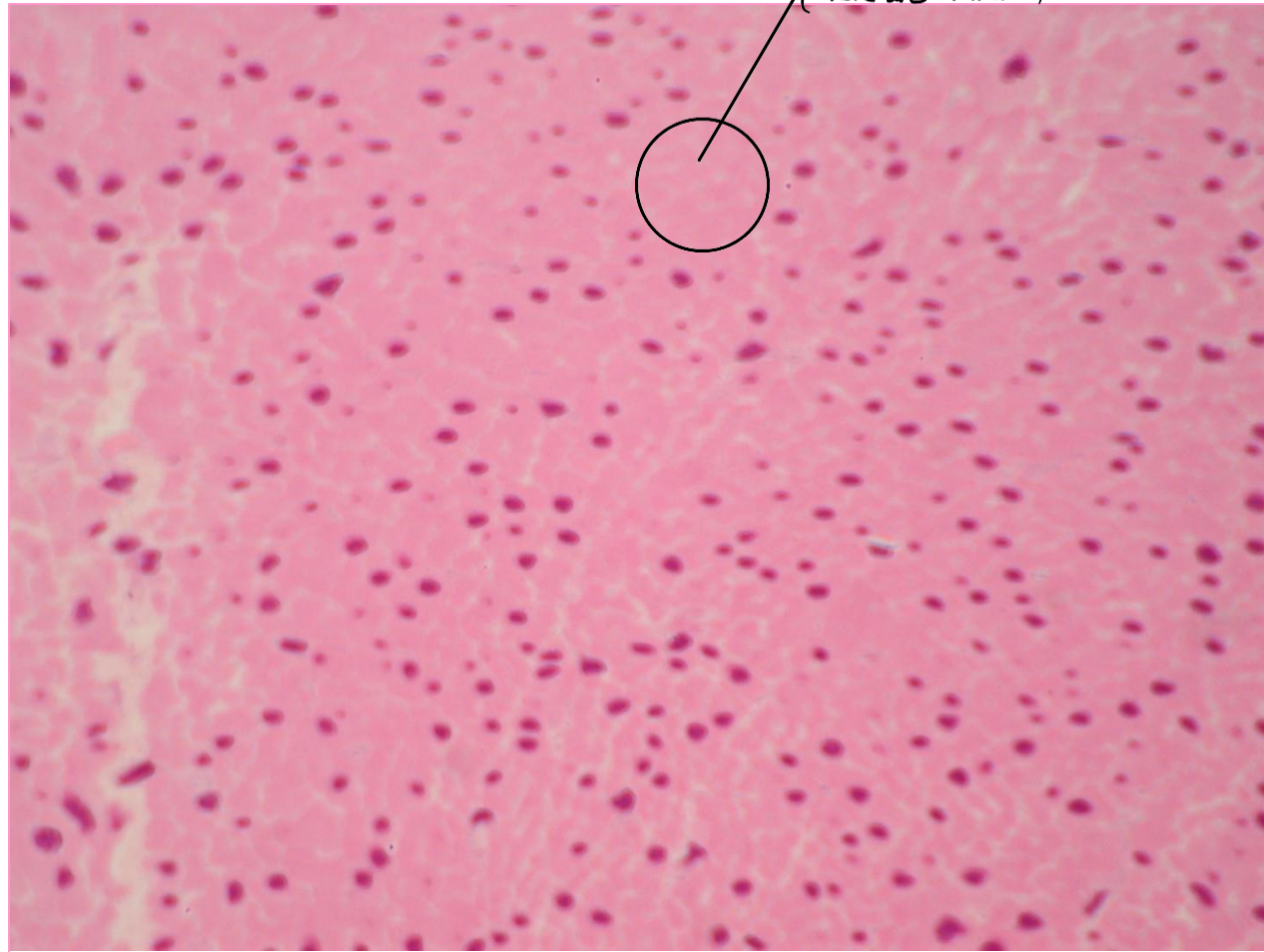
Cross section (CS)- Smooth muscle

⇒ longitudinal section:-
spindle nuclei

⇒ cross section:-
tiny circle nuclei

→ Many nuclei, and their
sizes are very small

مبين ما في نواة !
فعلياً في نواة، لكن للمقطع ما عرضهم
That's why it looks like
there are no nuclei :-)



The nucleus is larger than the cytoplasm

Cross sec. of smooth muscle

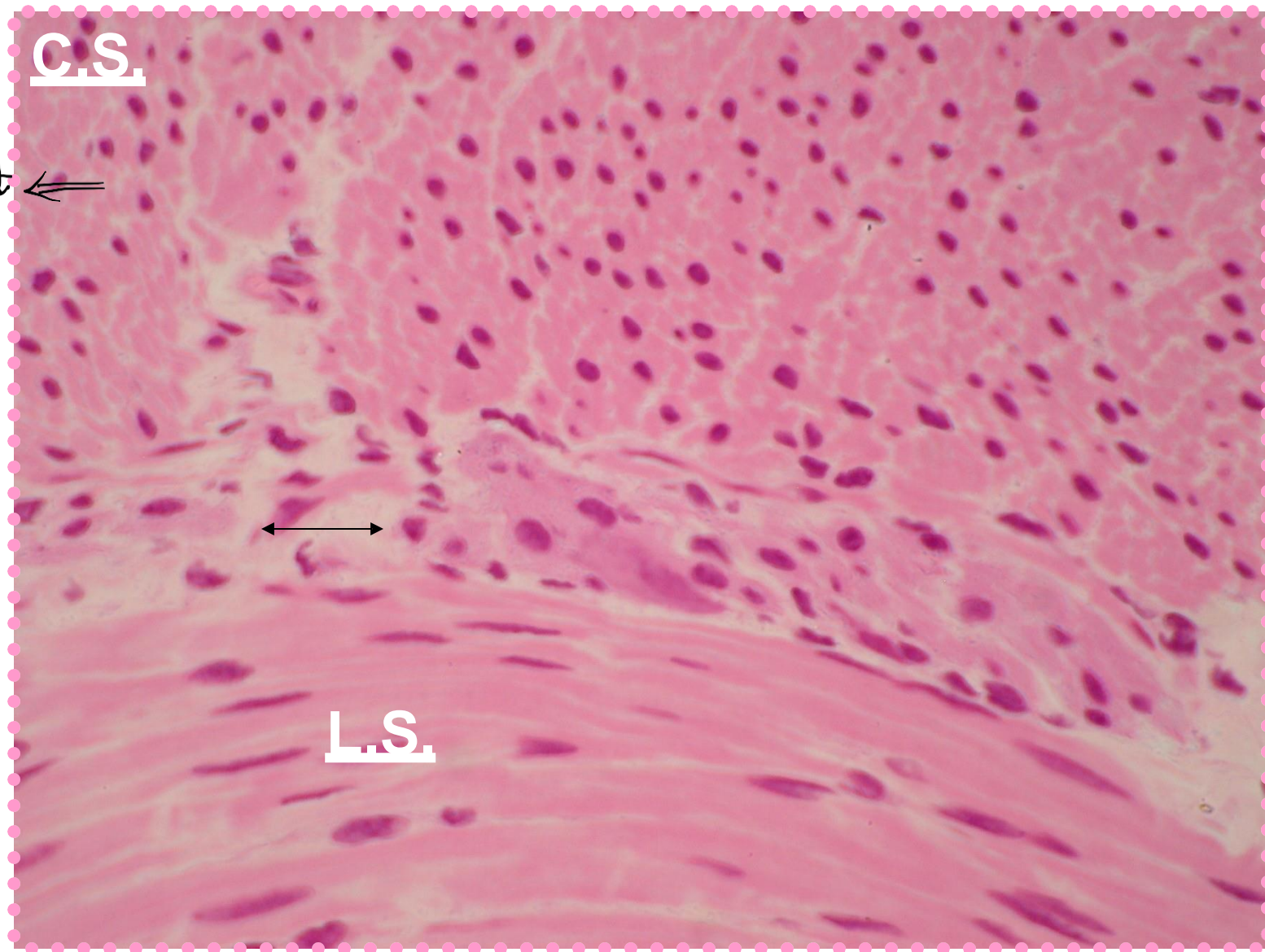
- why there's no nuclei in each cell of them?
empty cytoplasmic region → cuz the section might not pass through the nucleus at all



pay attention to the propotion between the nucleus and cytoplasm!



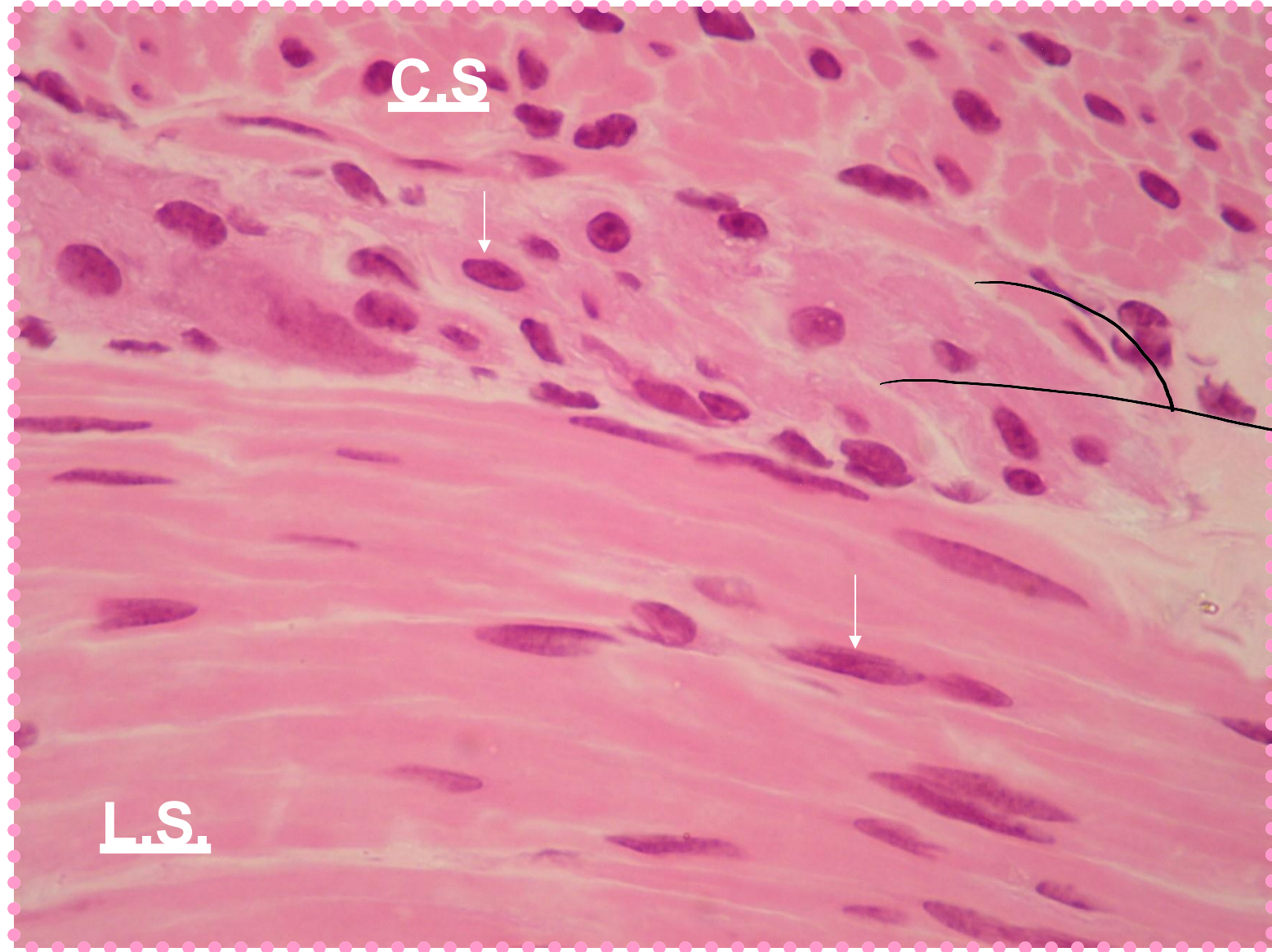
we don't have nucleus at
each single cytoplasm
that appears here



⦿ nuclei at
C.S & L.S

In L.S, the
spindle shape
nuclei are
running or
flowing.

Whereas in C.S,
there are
rounded nuclei
throughout the
section, but as
we said, not all
nuclei passed in
the section.

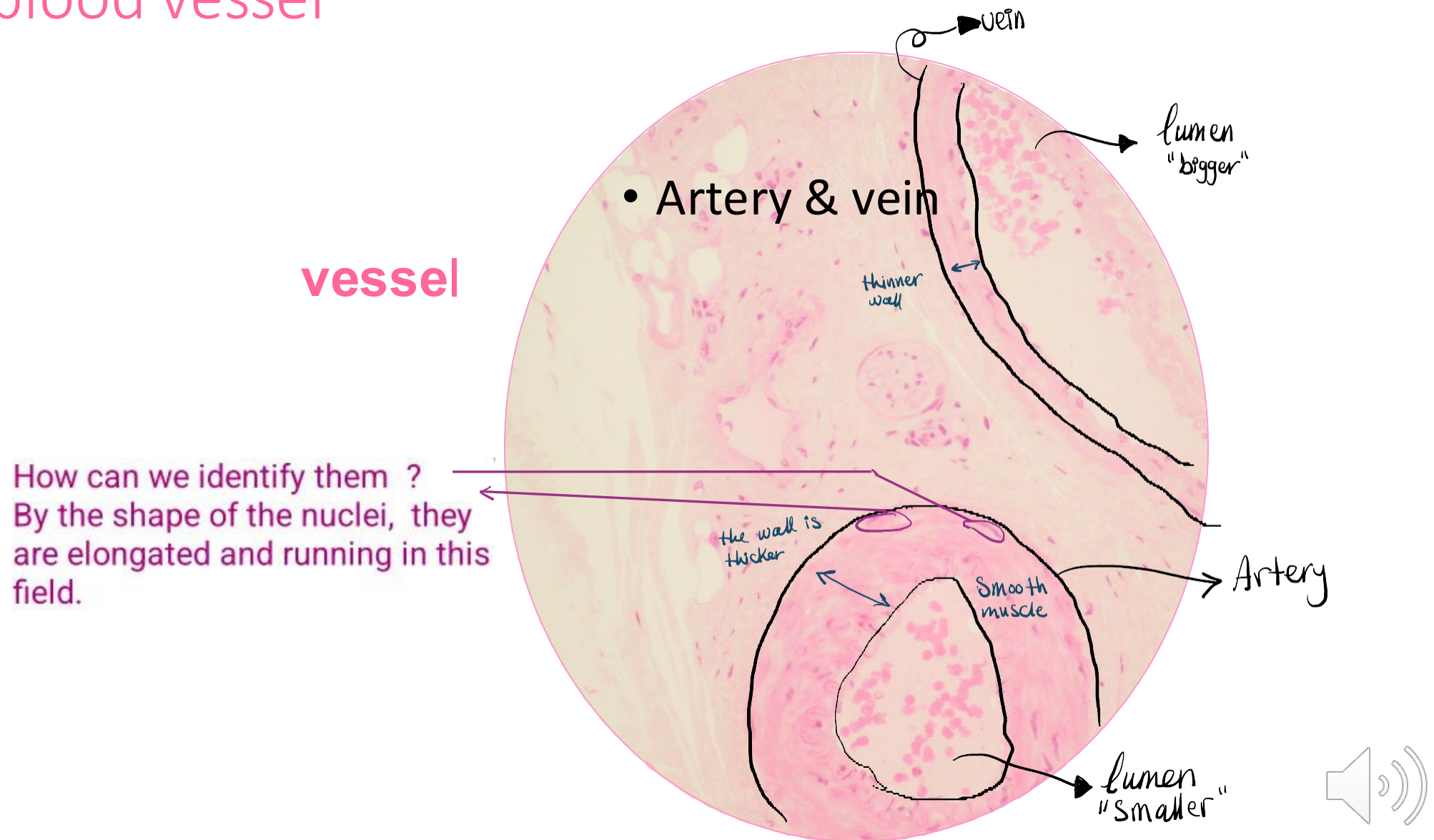


We have endomysium
around each single
cell



⇒ where can we find smooth muscles?

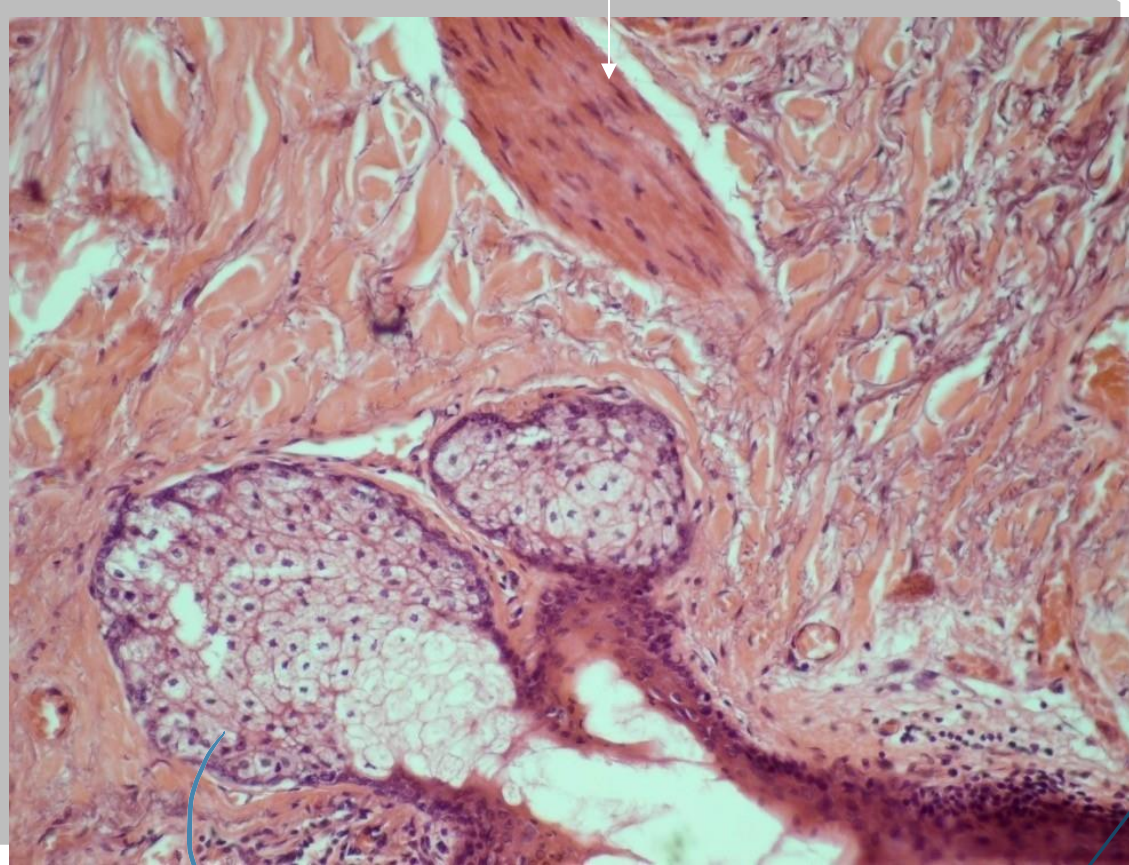
① Wall of blood vessel



②

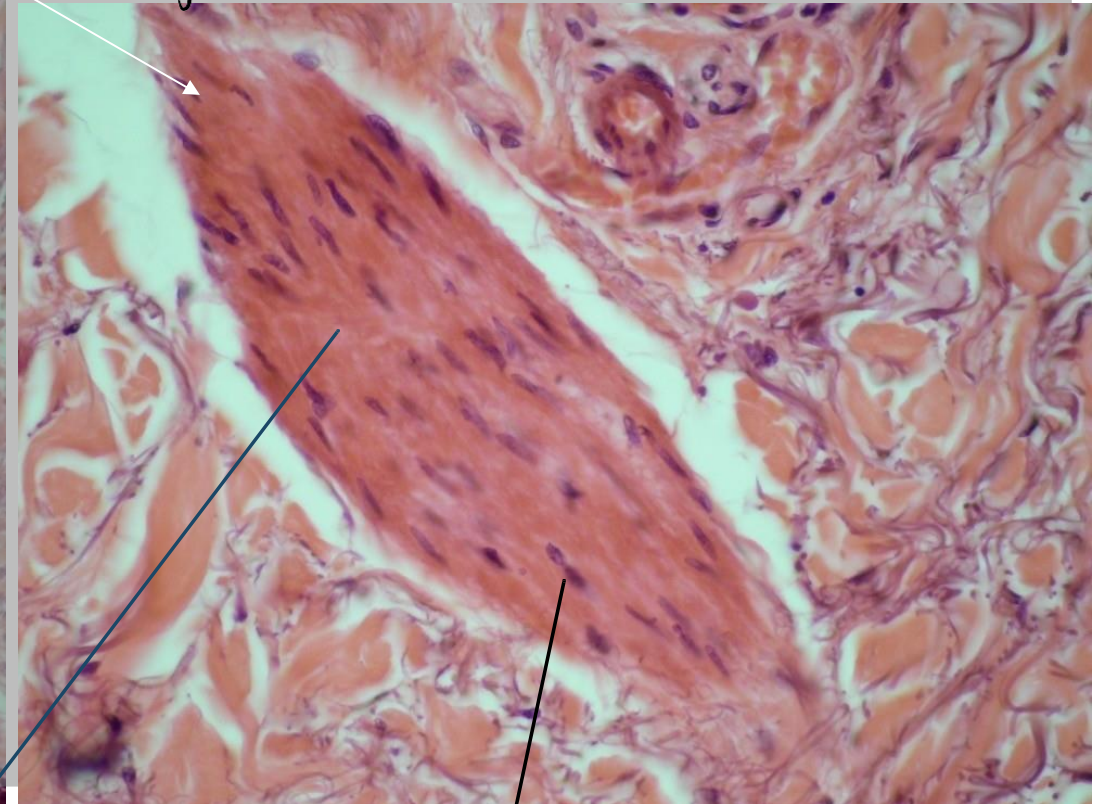
Arrector pili muscle -thin skin → tiny smooth muscles associated with hair follicles

longitudinal section



sebaceous gland

The cytoplasm



The nuclei are spindle shaped, parallel, and running in the same direction.



Here, the smooth muscle fibers are not perfectly running in one direction, so you will see elongated nuclei and others rounded, which make the smooth muscle disorganized.



⇒ size of cells is quite big
⇒ nuclei are peripheral



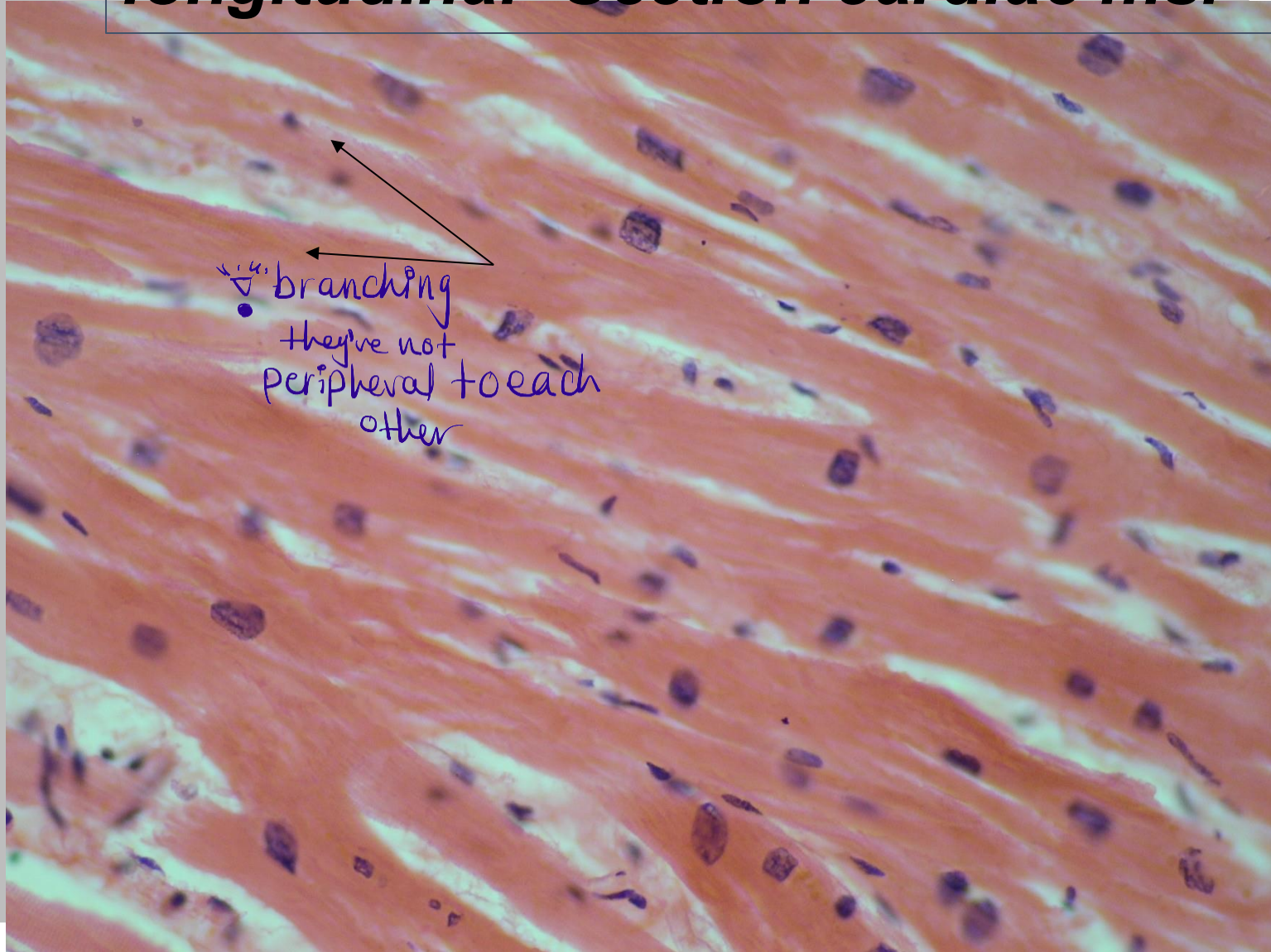
Cardiac



longitudinal Section cardiac ms.

It has a unique characteristic, which is the branching .

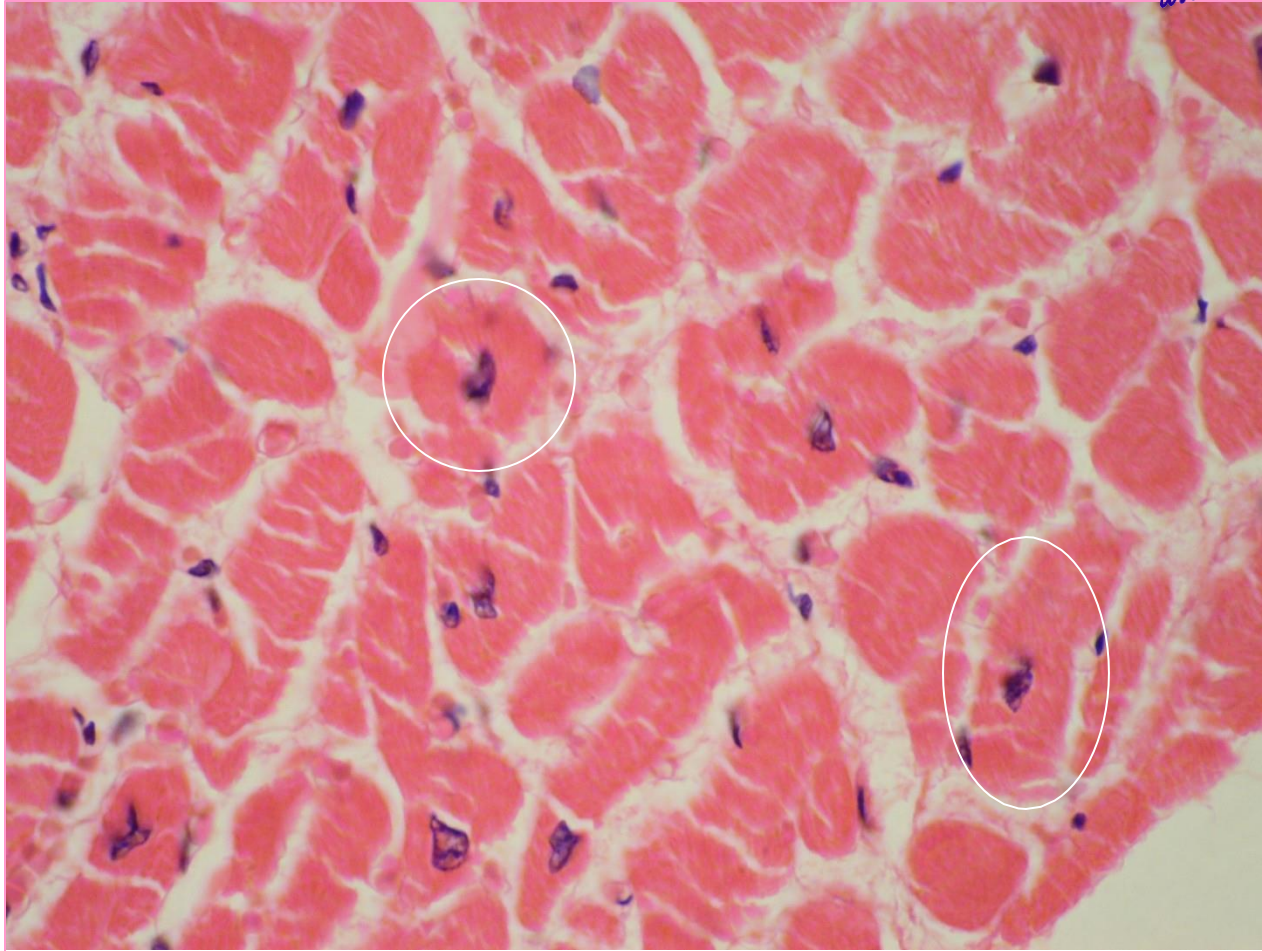
H&E



⇒ Nuclei more centrally located



Cross section -cardiac muscle



سkeletal muscle مايزها عن

➤ nuclei are centrally located,
while in skeletal they are peripherally located.

➤ Not uniform in structure
«no order due to the branches»
while in skeletal it was
uniform «close in size
and shape»



Intercalated disc rich with junctional complexes \ll gap junctions \gg

- allowing passing of action potential through cardiac cells

→ There's a delay between contraction of atria & ventricles

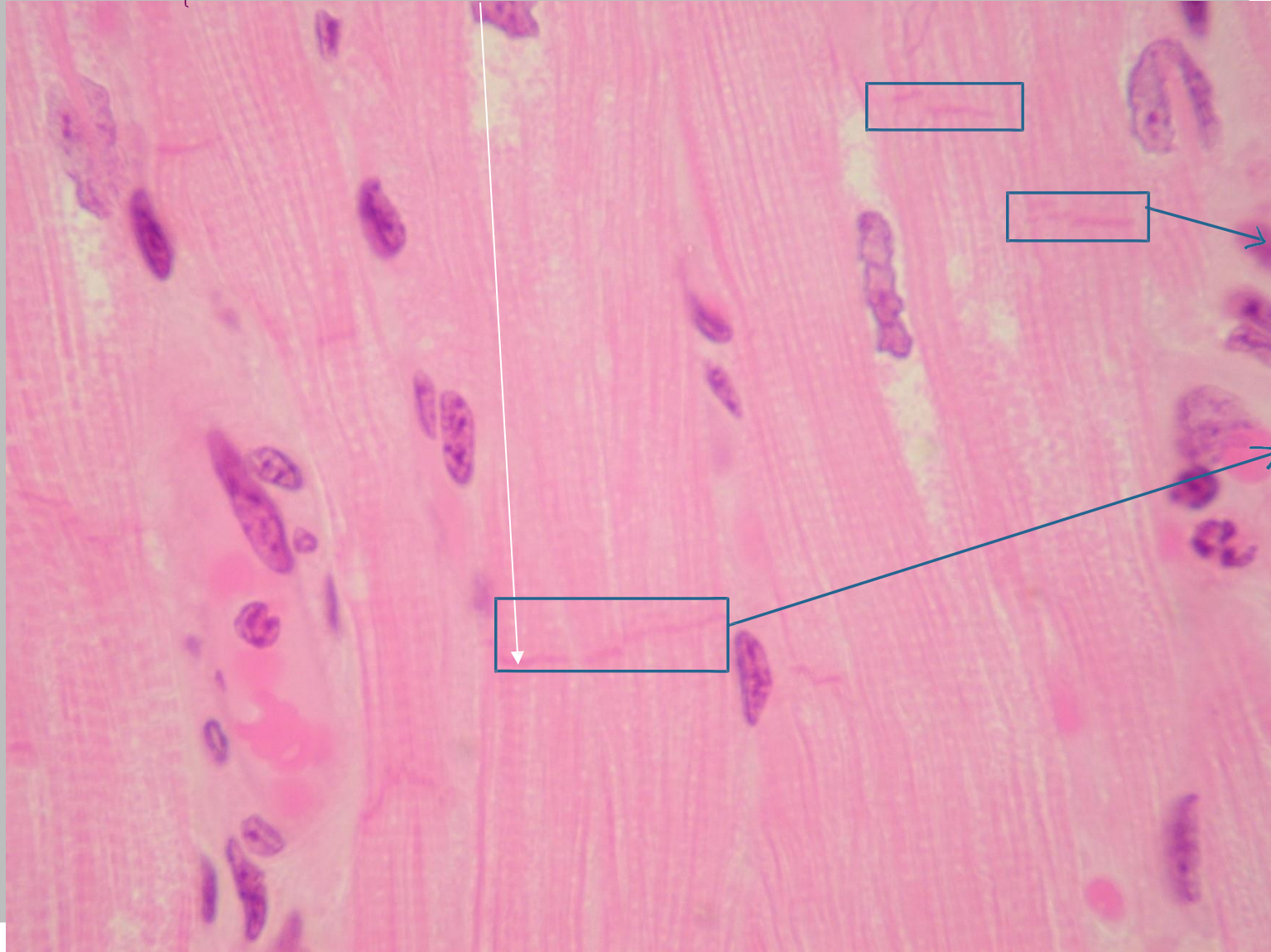
Nucleus

L.S. cardiac muscle

myofibrils



→ Striations are evidence



Usually, when you see a dark eosinophilic structure, this is telling you that there is a condensation of something.



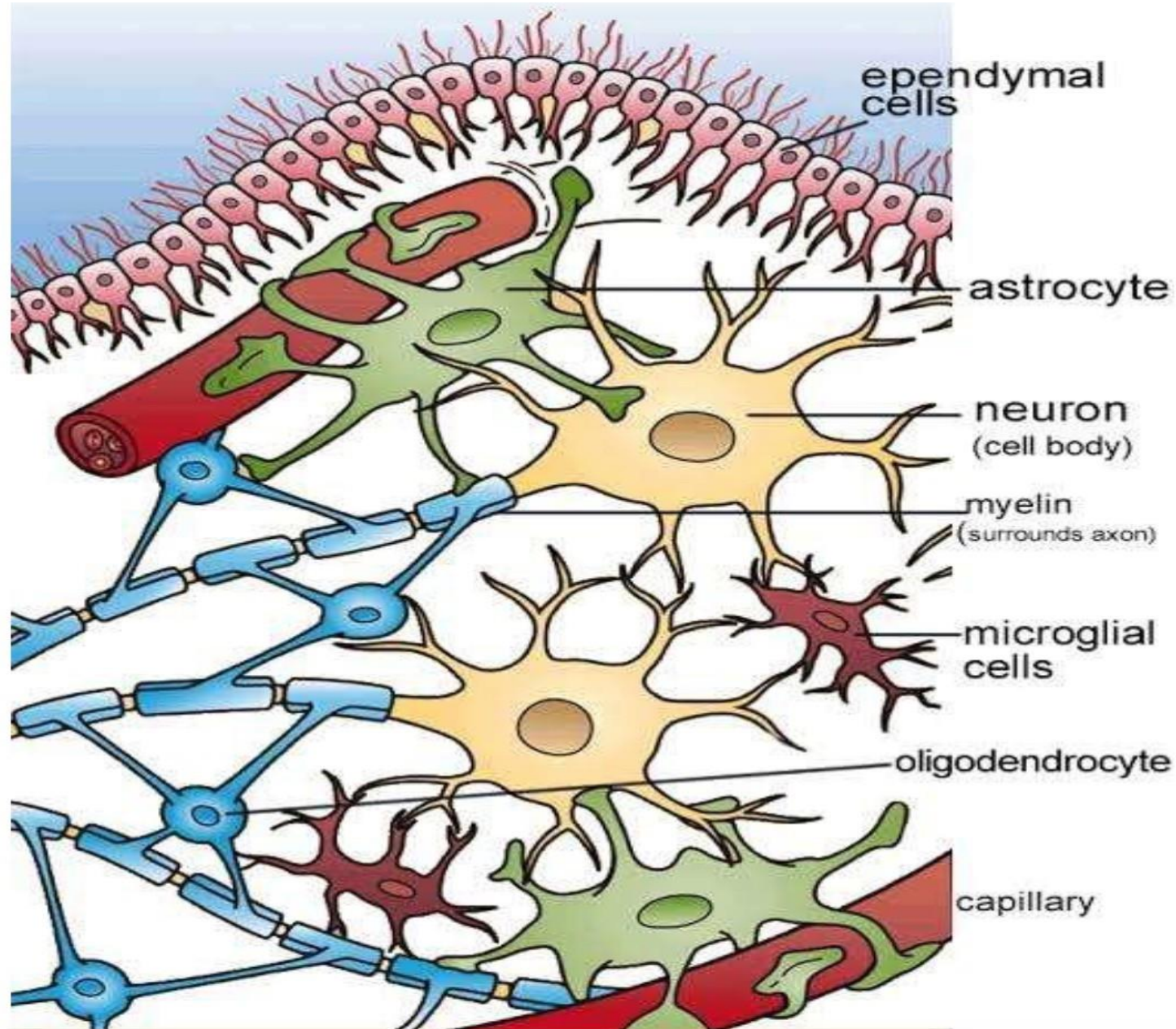
Nervous tissue



Nervous tissue

Two images from Theoretical material

According to the picture we will notice that the supporting neuroglial cell is the astrocyte not the satellite cell and that will determine the location of this tissue which is from the CNS not the PNS



In the CNS as you see in this picture we will see two groups of cells which are the neurons and the neuroglial cells

- 1- starting with the astrocytes which support and protect the neuron and it maintains and participate in the formation of the BBB
- 2- the second neuroglial cell the microglial cell (the macrophage of the CNS) derived from monocytes
- 3- the oligodendrocyte which is considered the myelin forming cell in the CNS, we notice that one cell sends many processes to wrap different axons different segments (while the Schwann cells in the PNS each cell wraps one segment in one axon in one neuron)
- 4- the ependymal cells, they are important for the protection of the CNS, CSF and maintaining the CSF. Some of them can show long microvilli; they resemble epithelium but they do not have basal lamina. Between these cells there are junction complexes to maintain the CSF (wherever you have CSF you will find the ependymal cells lining it).

NEUROGLIA

We have spaces within the brain called ventricles while the long space within the spinal cord is called the central canal filled with CSF and lined with ependymal cells

Meninges are layers surrounding the CNS which are the dura, arachnoid, and the pia matter

TEM

We are looking at a shwan cell next to an axon

The nucleus of the shwan cell



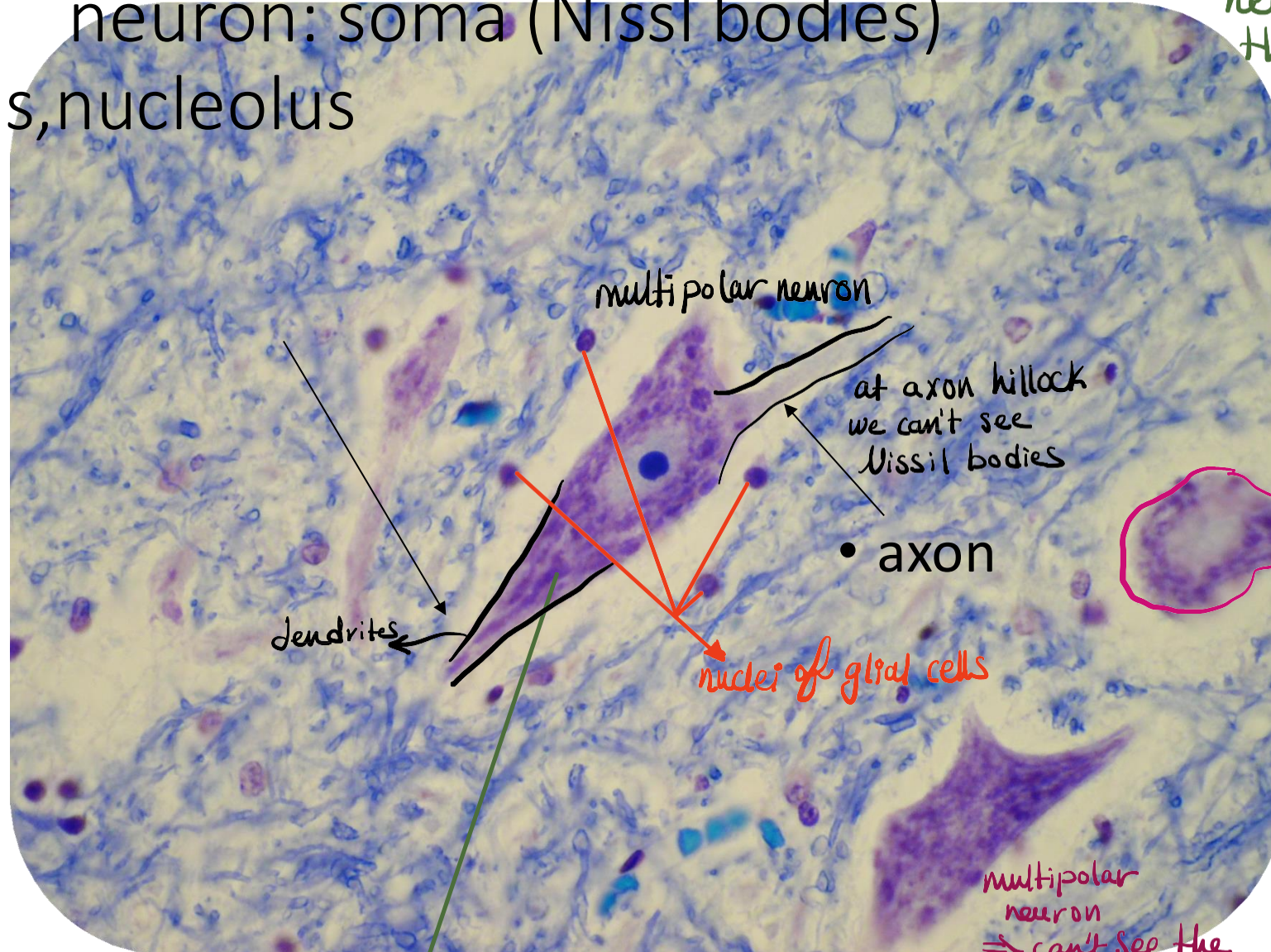
Layers of the cell membrane wrapping the axon
The axon

There are some axons considered lightly myelinated and others unmyelinated (unmyelinated are not zero myelin wrap but zero complete wrapping because one cell is wrapping many axons) not complete wrapping of the axon for the unmyelinated means they did not fully insulate the signals and that they lack nodes of Ranvier so the axon surface is exposed ,the distribution of ion channels is even therfor the action potintial is slow .

Nervous tissue

It looks like eye
neuron: soma (Nissl bodies)
nucleous, nucleolus

⇒ we can recognize
neurons, because it's
the biggest in the
section



→ multipolar neuron

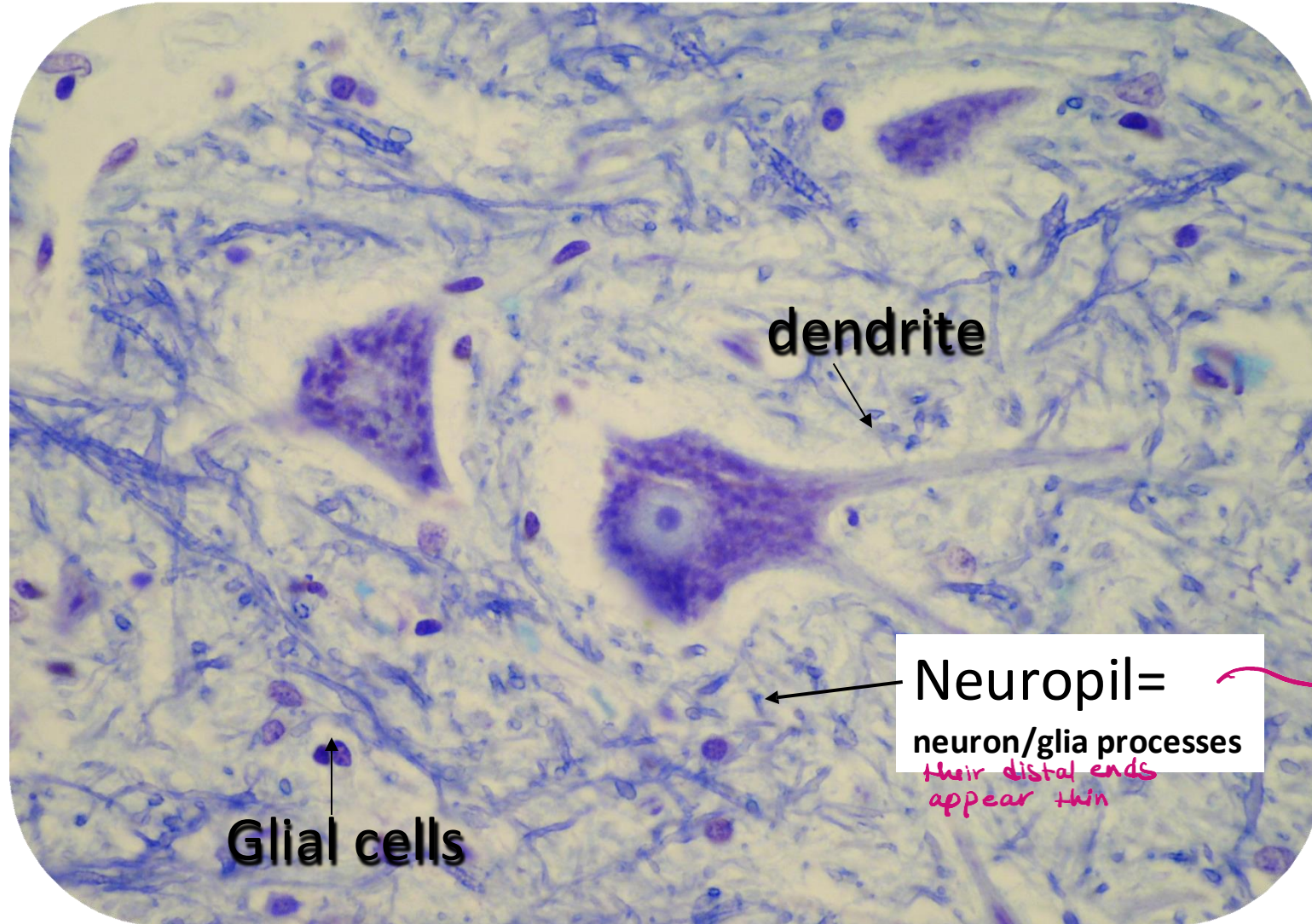
The section
passed
through the
nucleus but
didn't pass
through the
nucleolus.

multipolar
neuron
⇒ can't see the
nucleus

patches are Nissl bodies of neurons



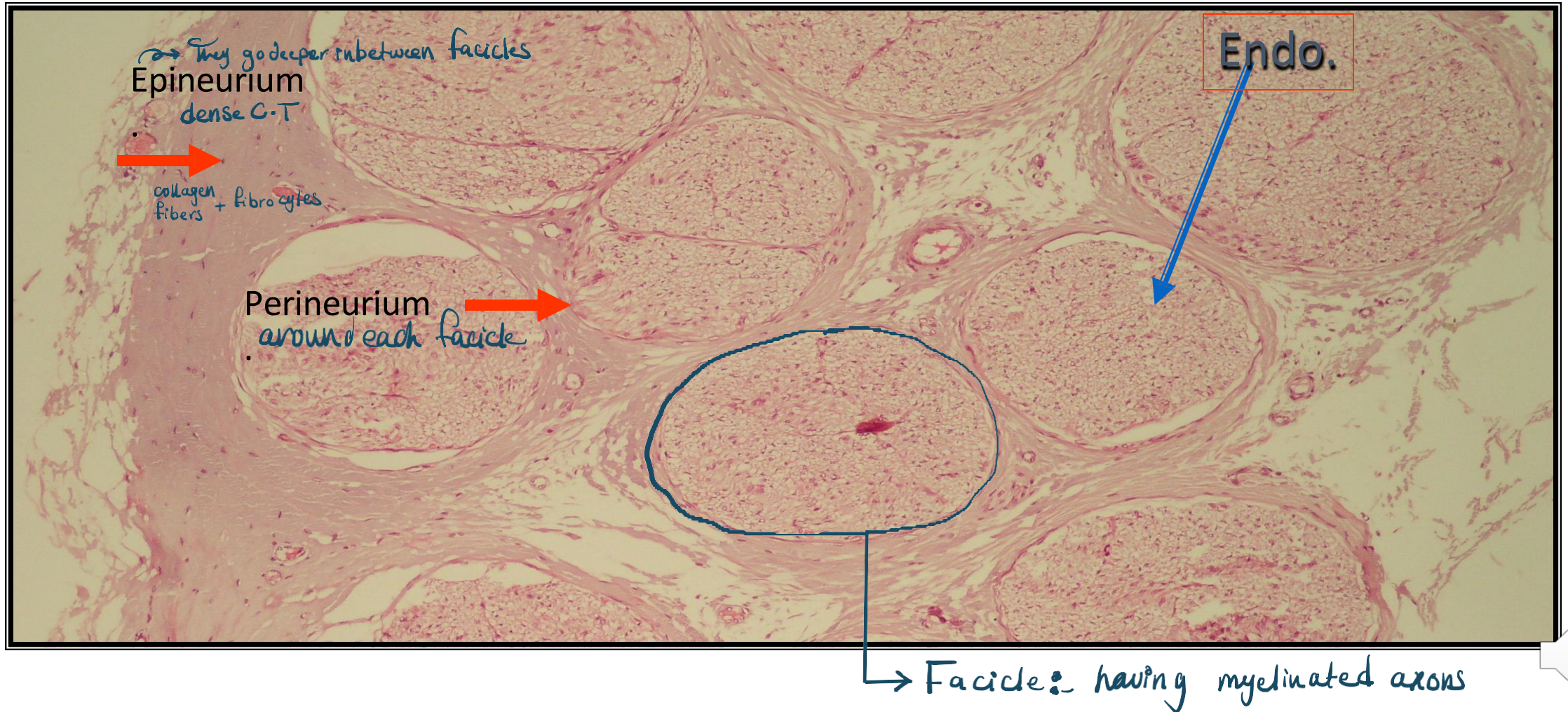
multipolar neuron (toluidine blue stain)

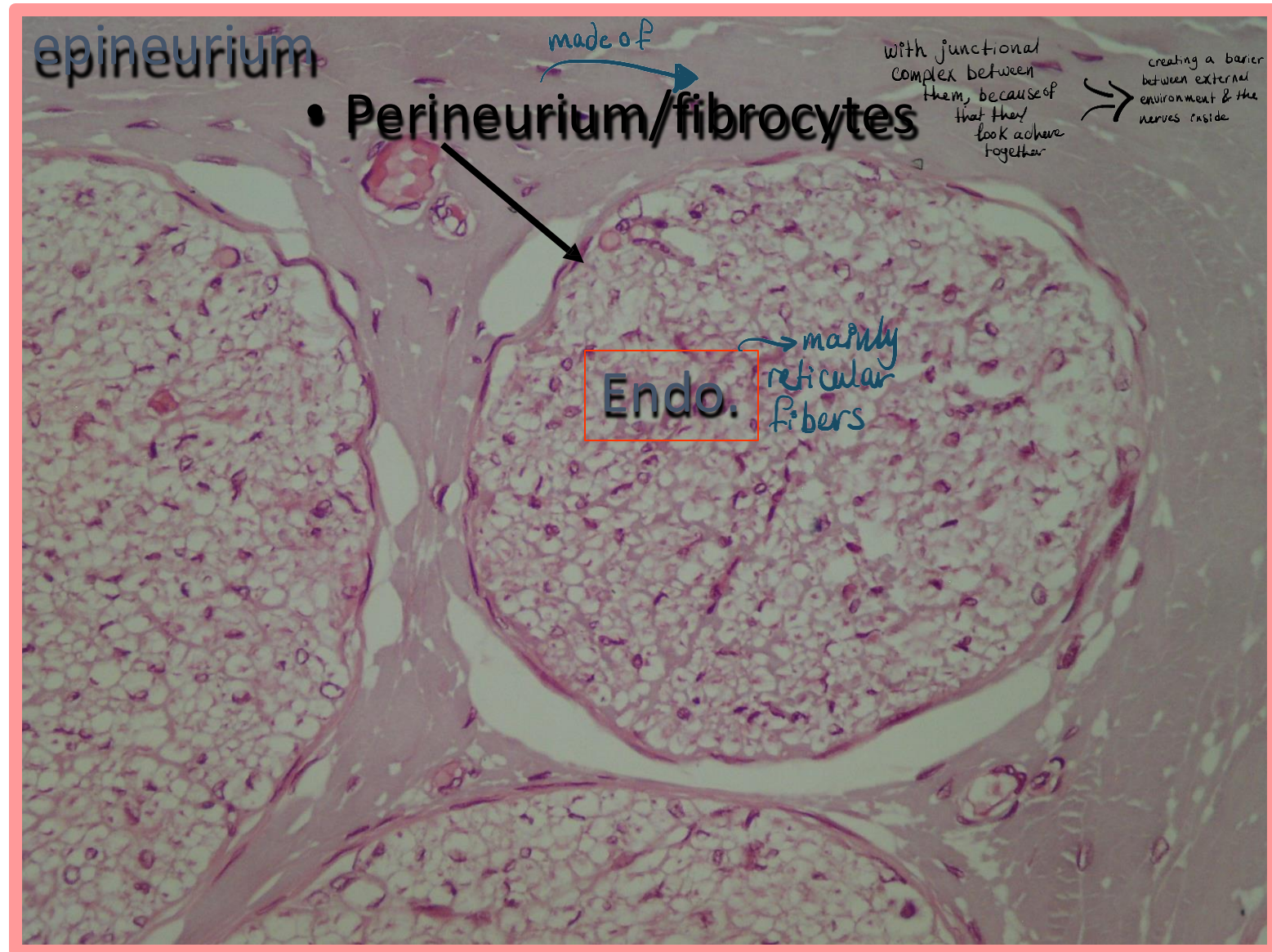


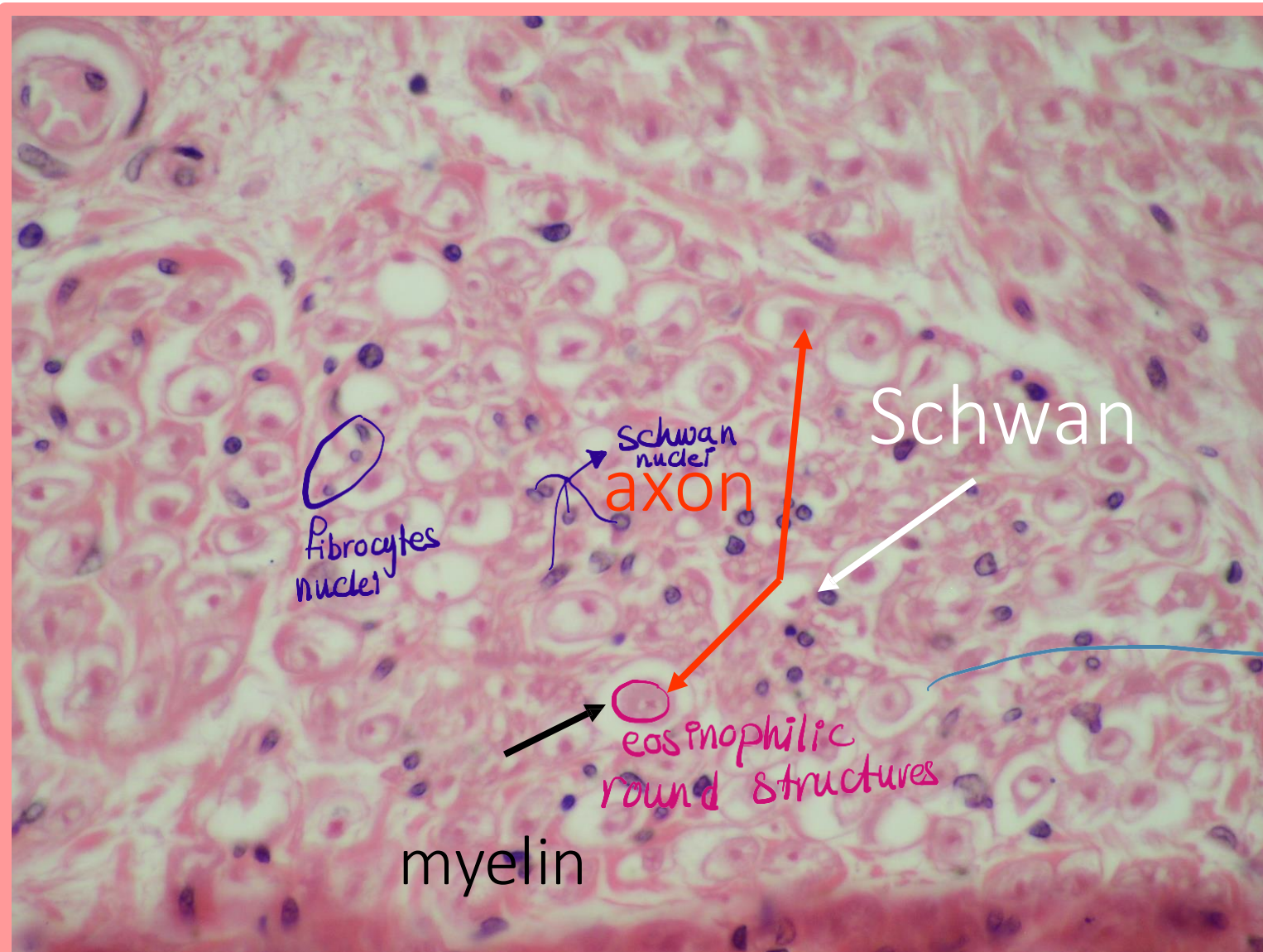
*They appear
like collagen*



H&E- Fascicles of nerve fibers







Schwan

Schwan
nuclei
axon

Fibrocytes
nuclei

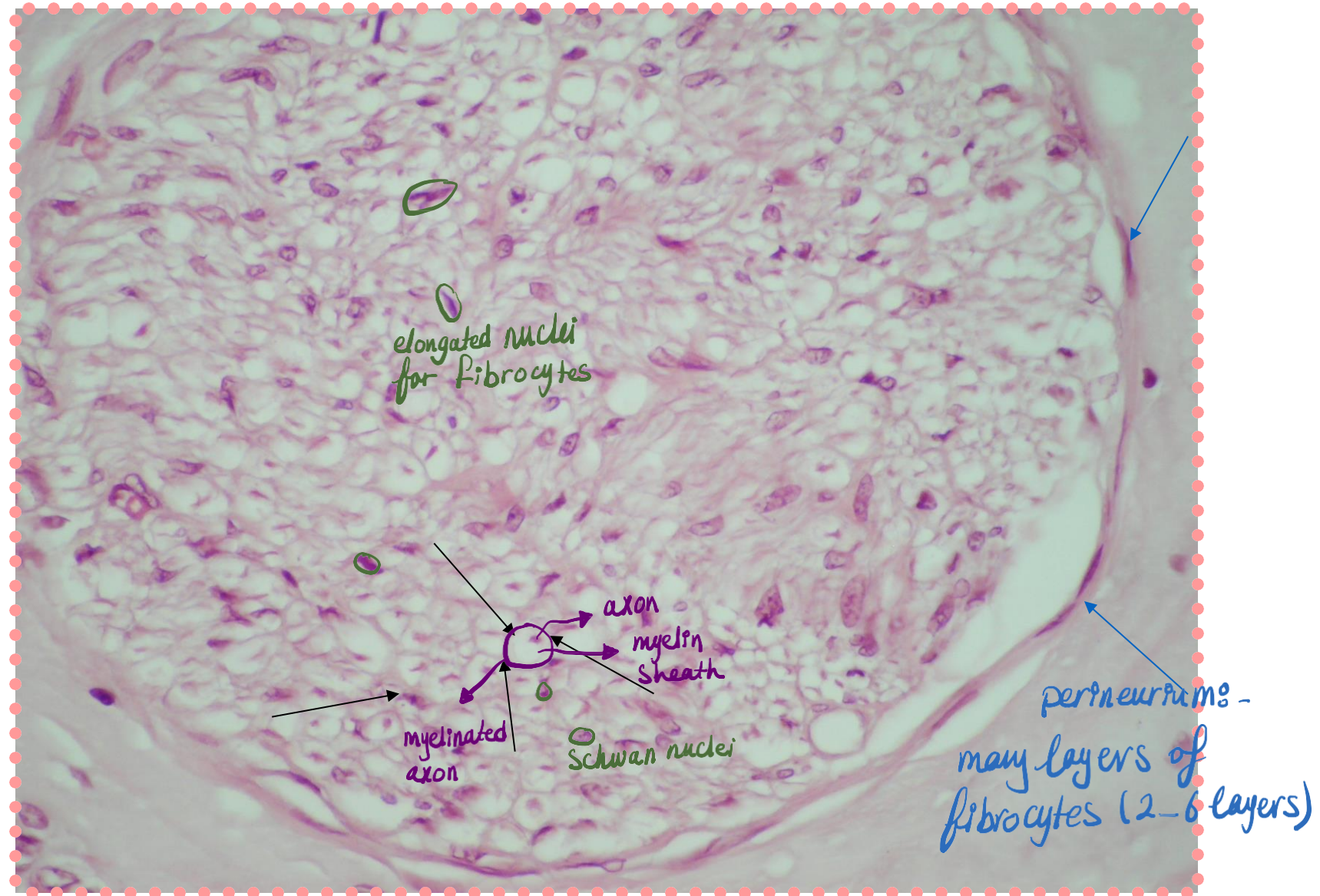
eosinophilic
round structures

myelin

whitish area where
myelin sheath is
used to be
« Fats dissolved
during histological
preparation »



cross section through Fascicle:-

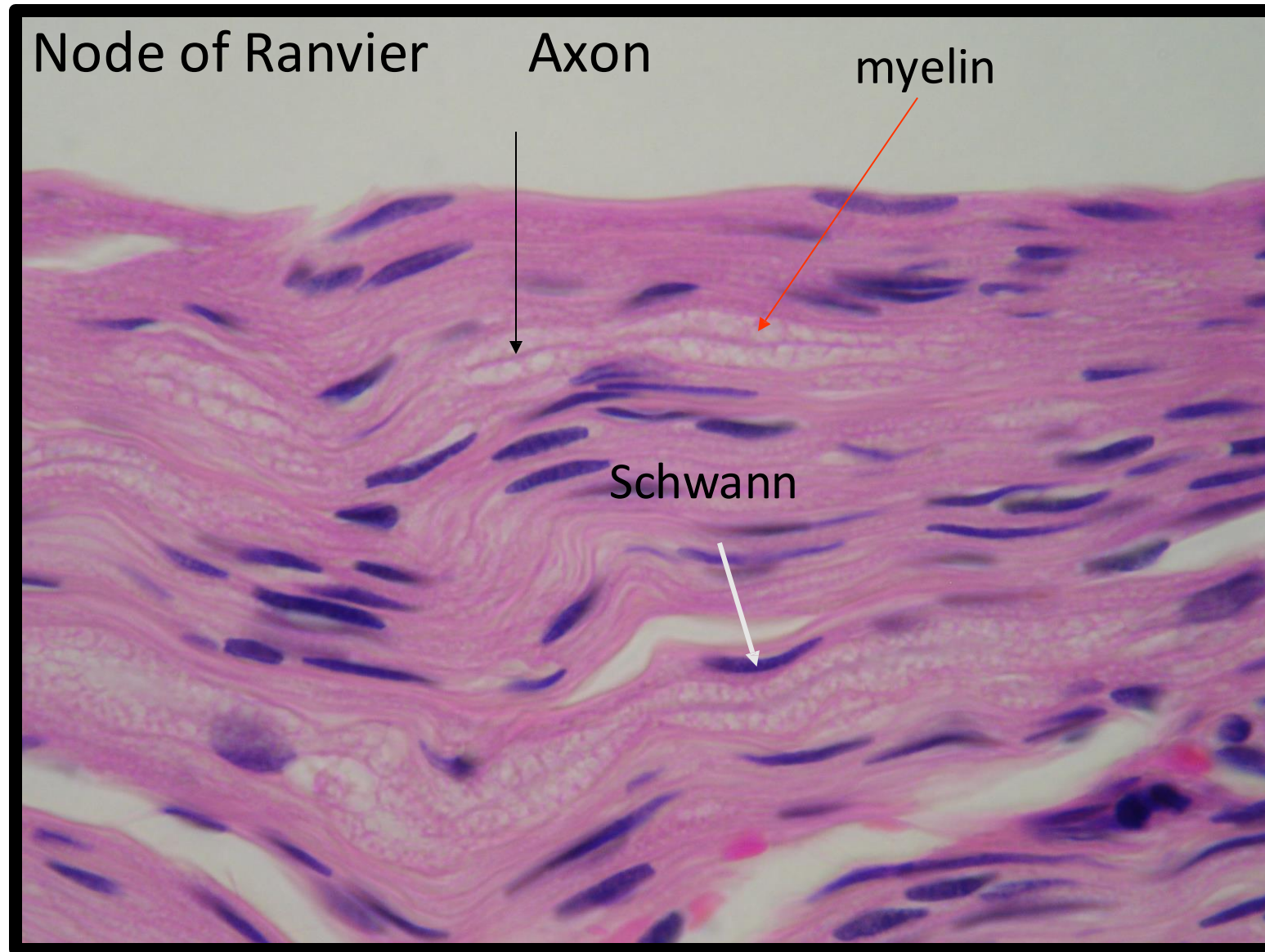




reticular fibers, where endoneurium is



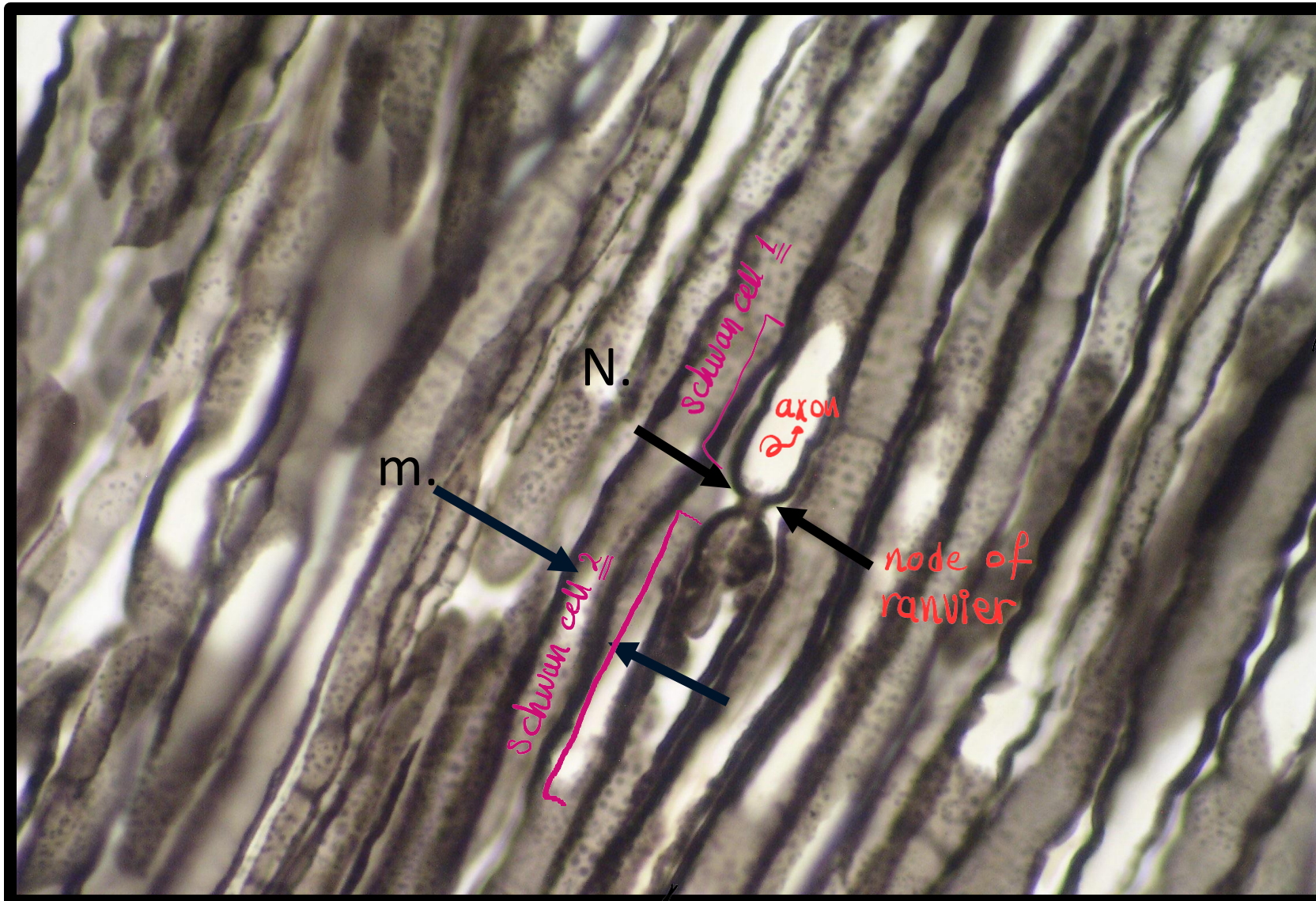
L.S. in nerve fibers



L.S. in nerve fibers (osmium tetroxide) myelin- Node of Ranvier

special stain

it's soluble in fats, forming black reduction compounds

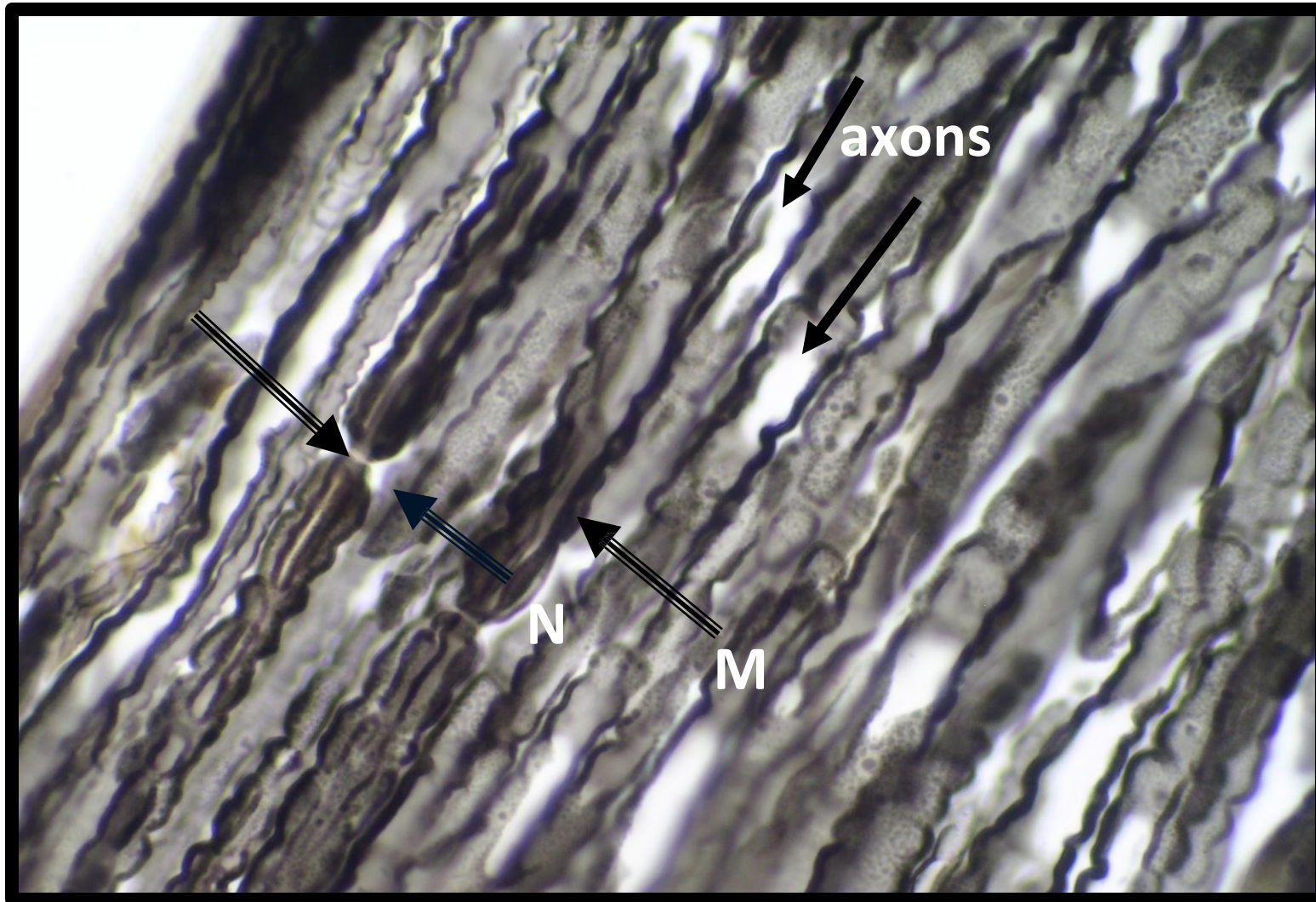


* blackish structures

myelin



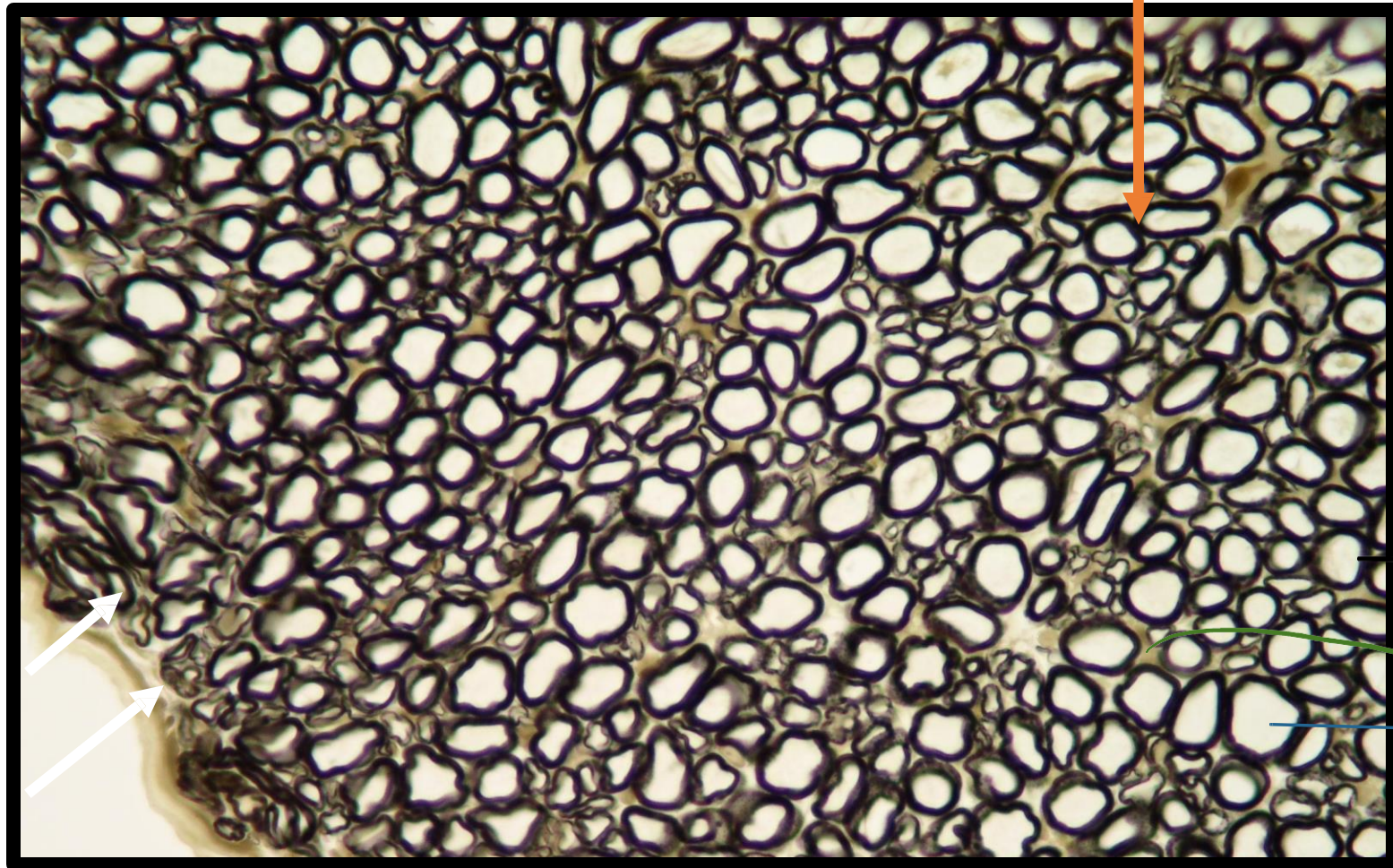
Axon cylinder



T.s.in nerve fibers

endoneurium perineurium

endoneurium around
every axon.



→ we have big ones
& small ones

→ we have ones with
lots of myelin &
others with almost
none

→ blackish circles:-
myelin

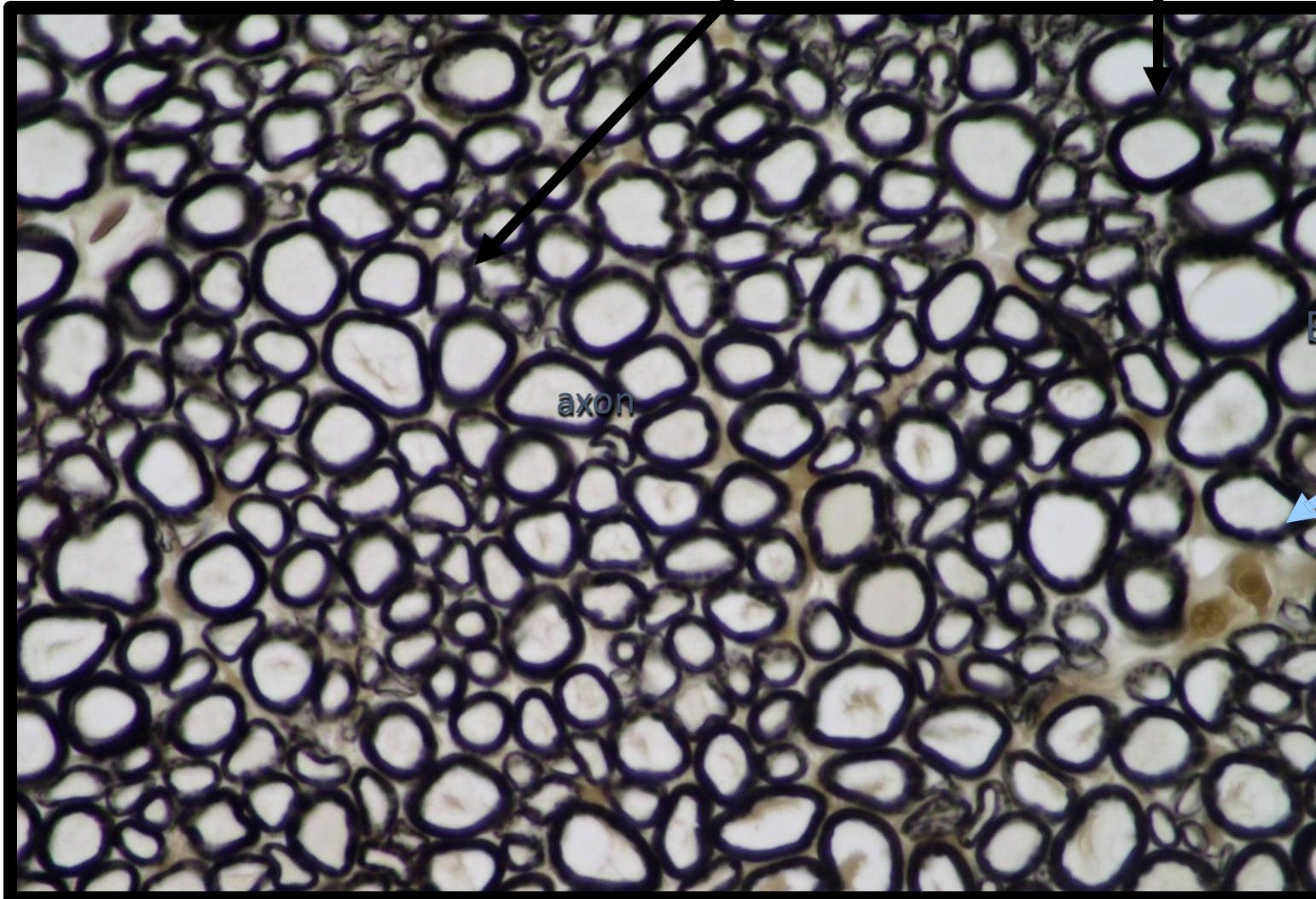
→ endoneurium

→ Axons in the
middle "white"



myelin

axon

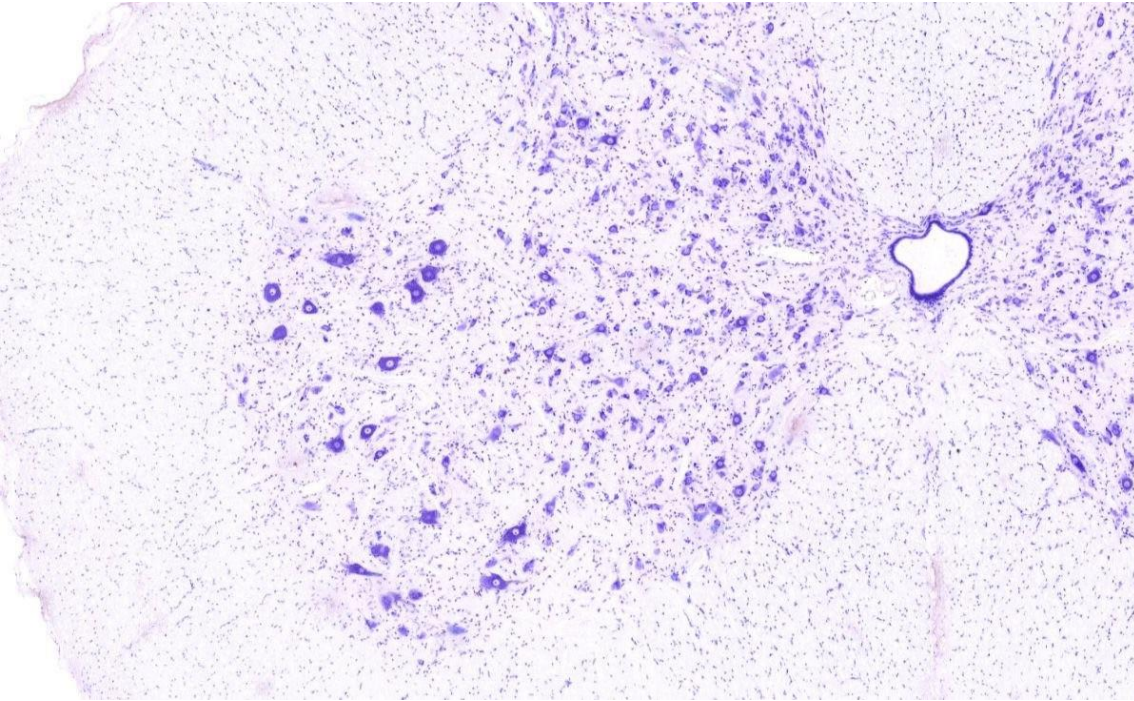


Endo-neurium



[Crystal stain]

Spinal cord



Posterior

All interneurons

gray matter

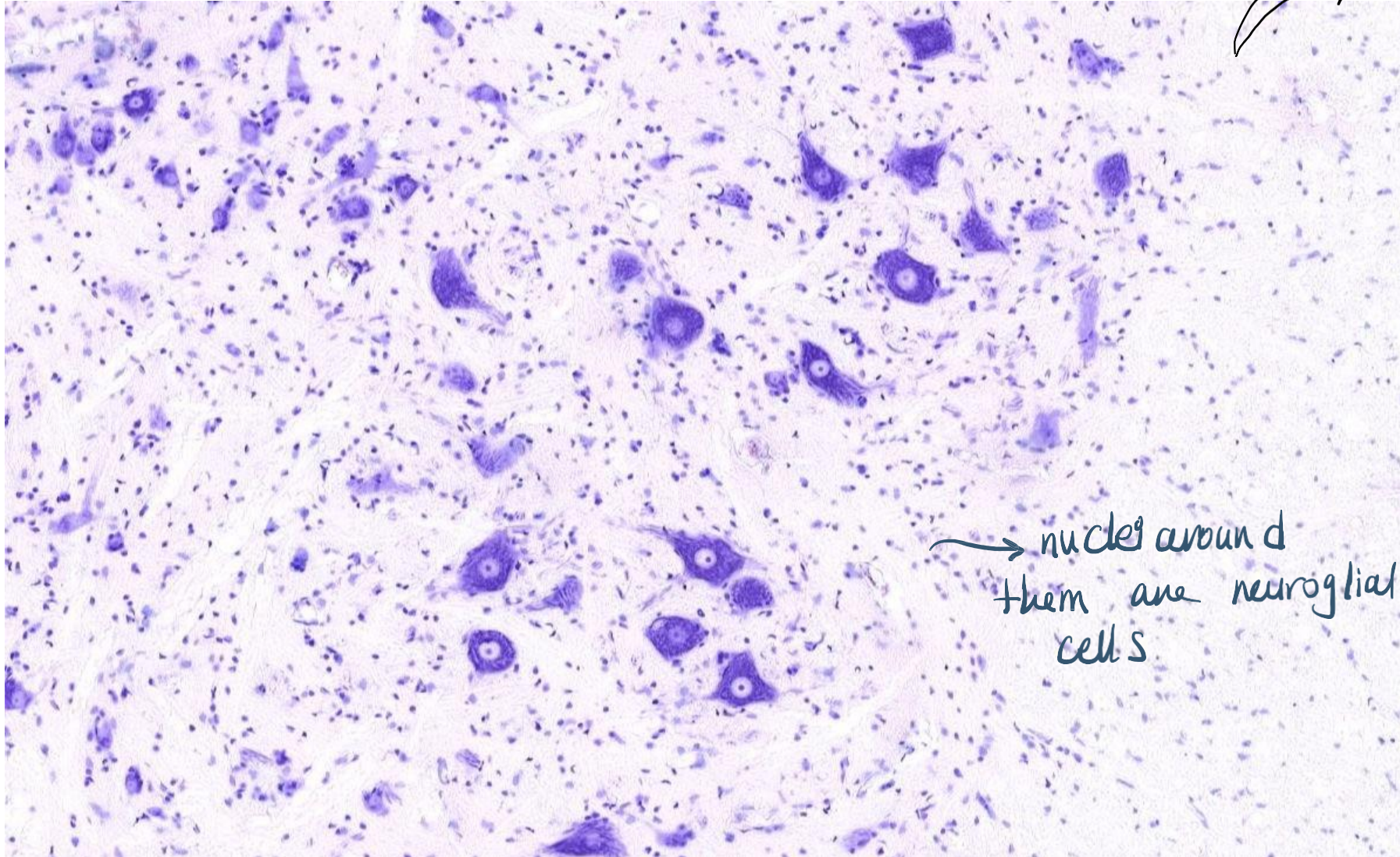
anterior

white matter

All are
motor
neurons



Anterior horns-spinal cord



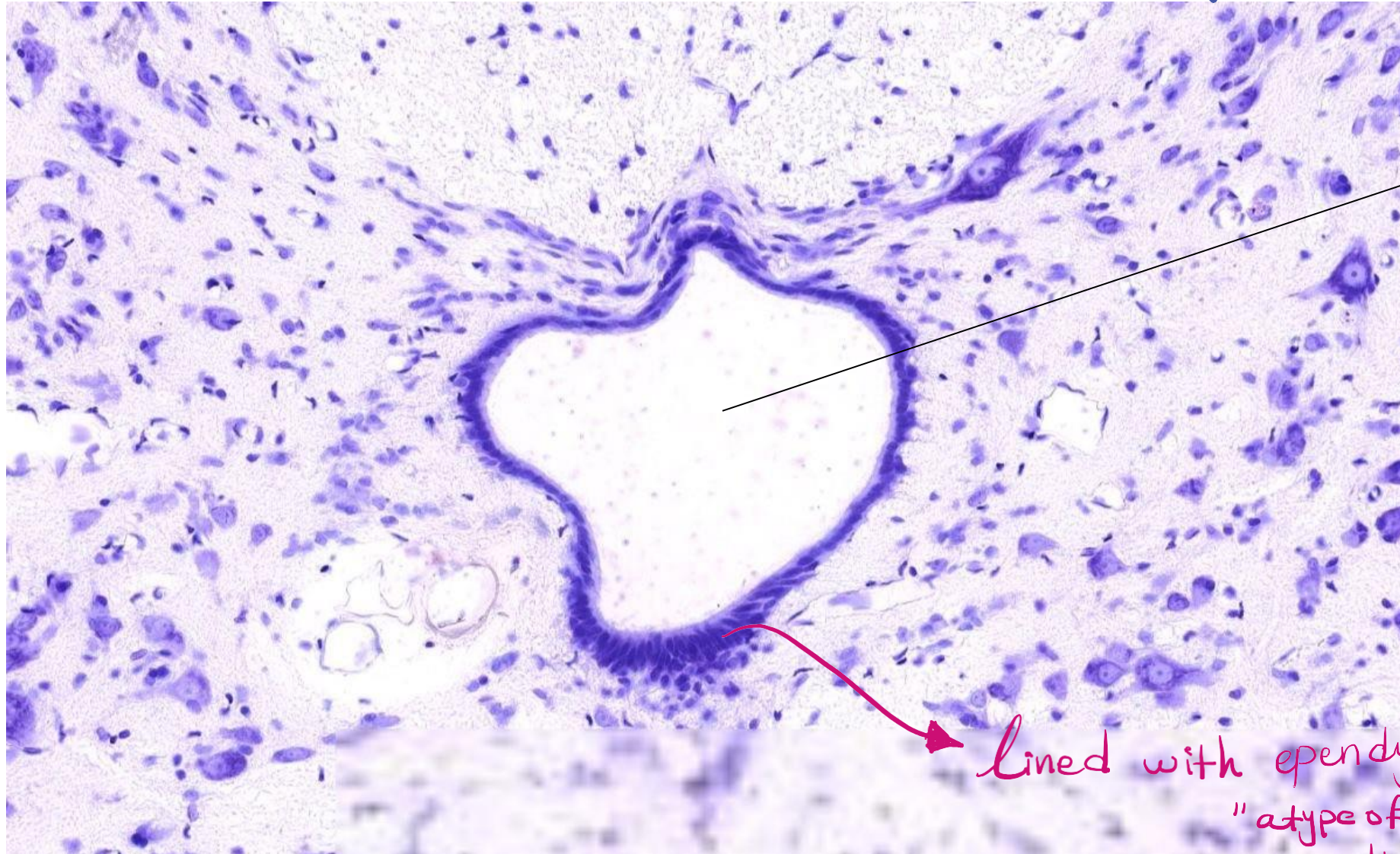
white matter

Motor neurons -
multipolar neurons

nuclei around
them are neuroglial
cells



Central canal-spinal cord in the gray matter

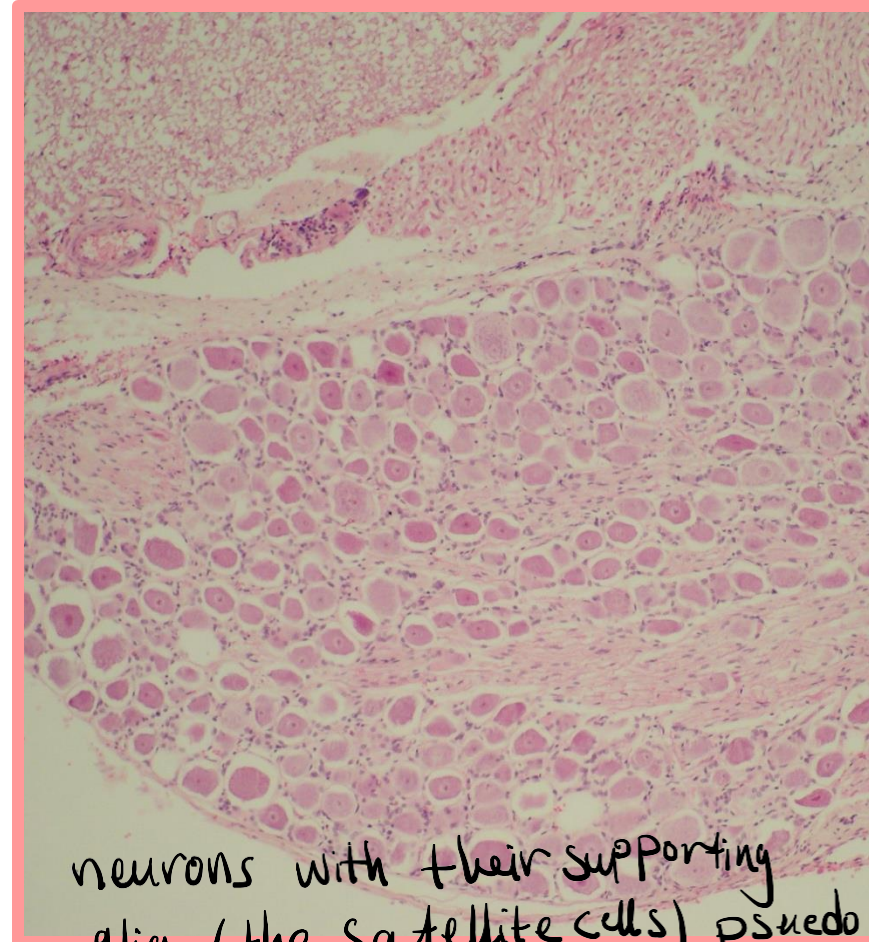
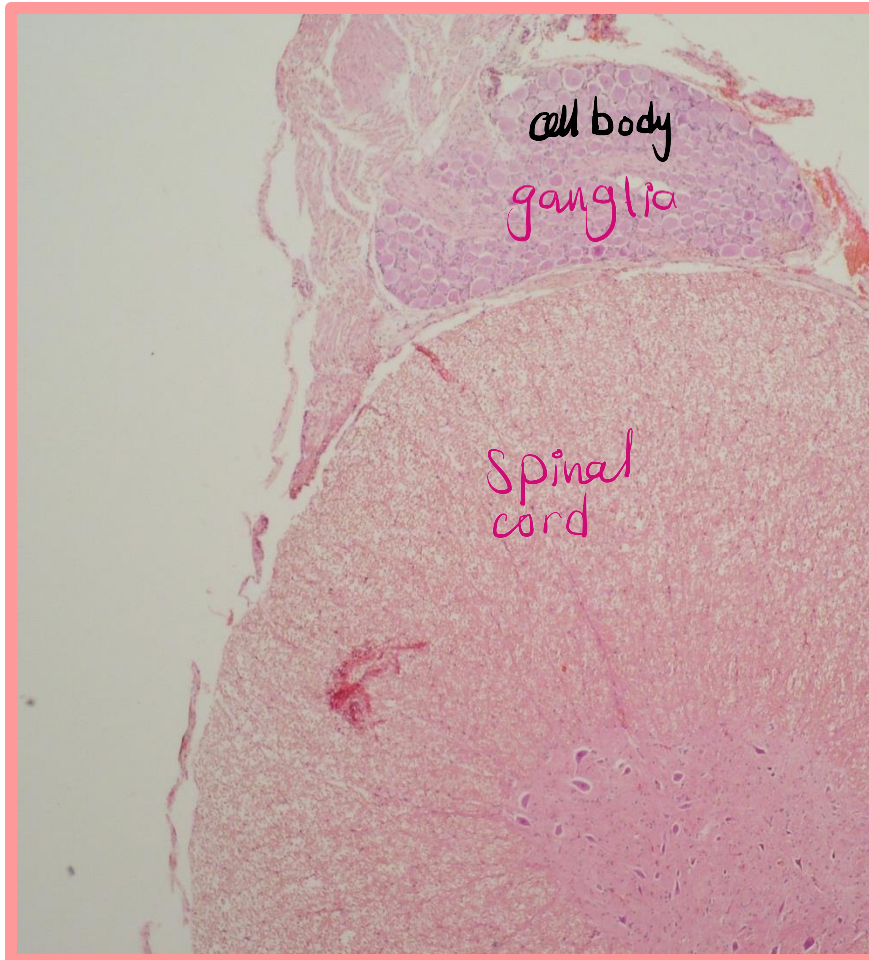


**The
central
Canal**

lined with ependymal cells
"a type of central
neuroglia" secreting CSF



Spinal (dorsal) root ganglia



Unipolar
neurons

neurons with their supporting
glia (the satellite cells) pseudo unipolar
neurons, smooth outside



Sensory ganglion.
: neuronal cell bodies

Surrounding cells \Rightarrow Glial cells

blood vessels

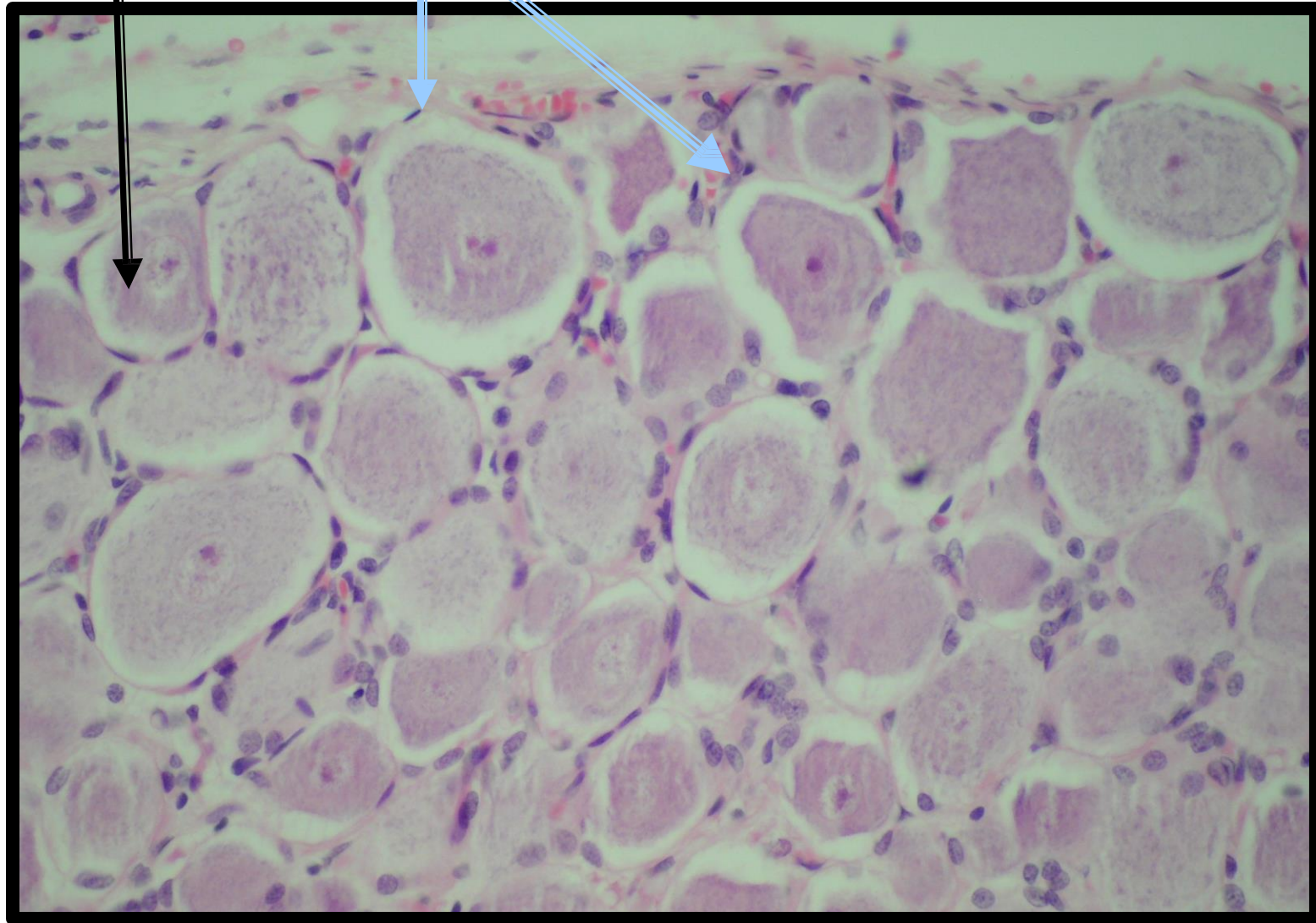


capsule



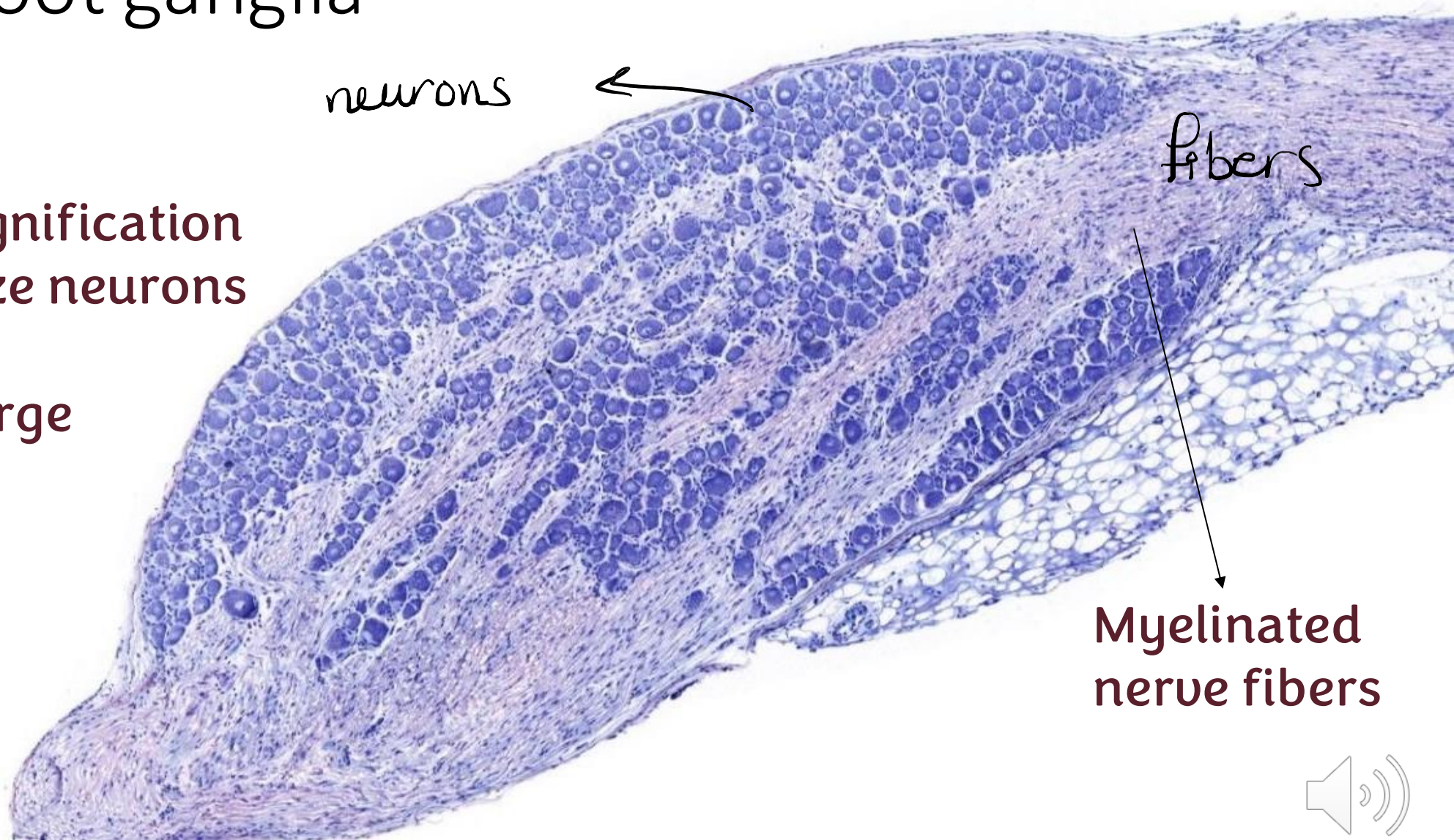
cell bodies

satellite cells



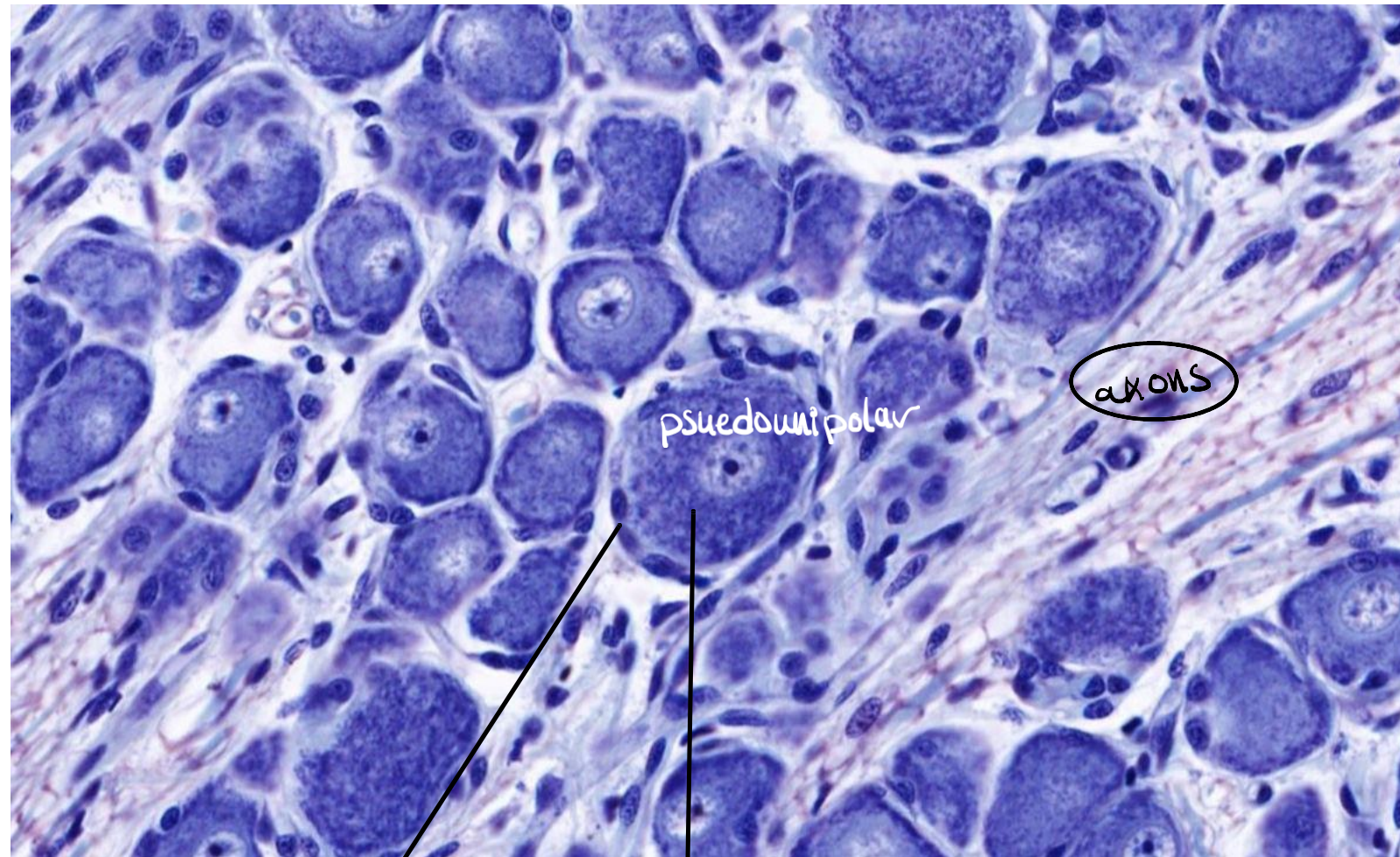
Dorsal root ganglia

Even in low magnification
we can recognize neurons
because they're
exceptionally large



Dorsal root ganglia

Higher magnification



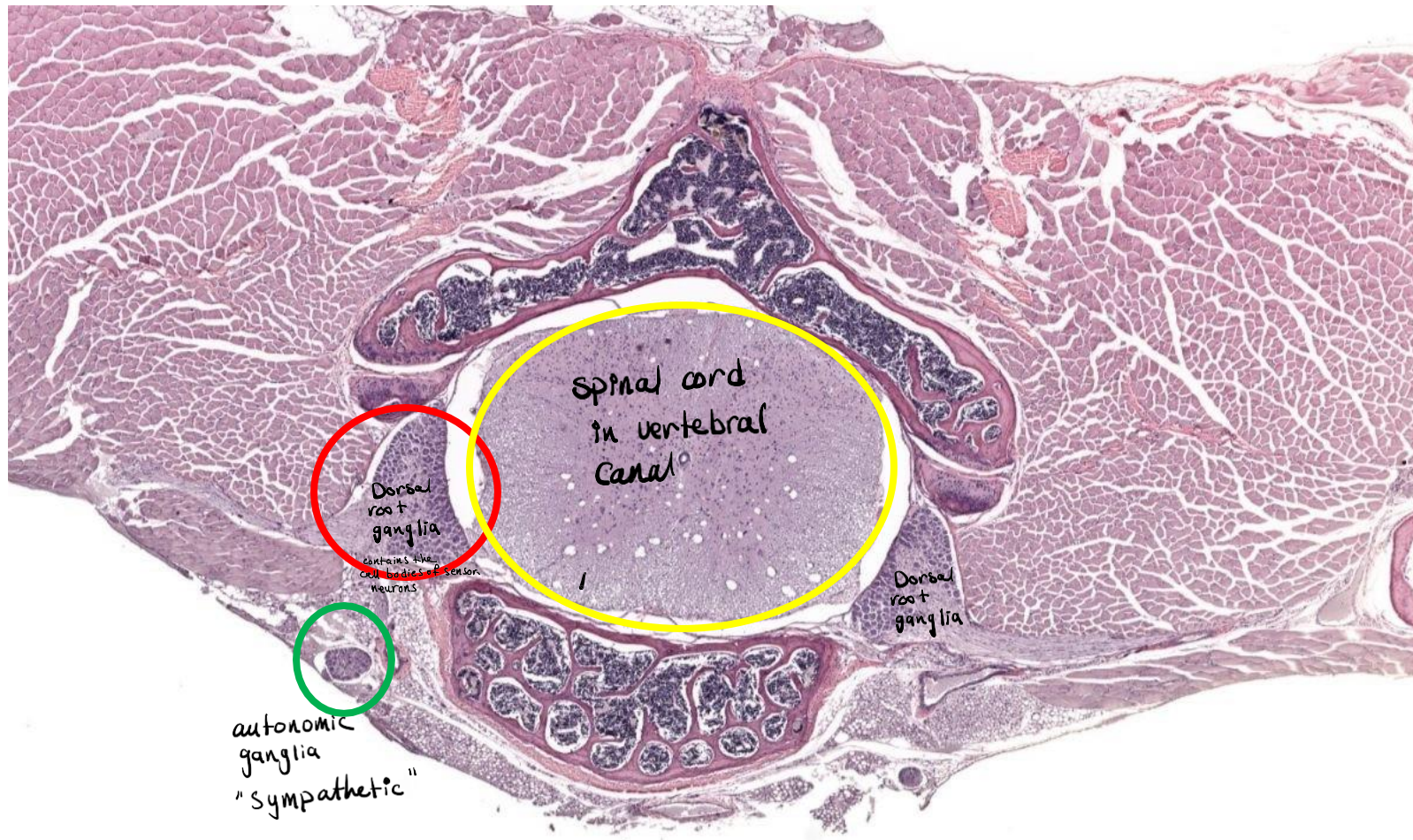
tiny nuclei around
them => satellite cells

neurons



Section through vertebrae

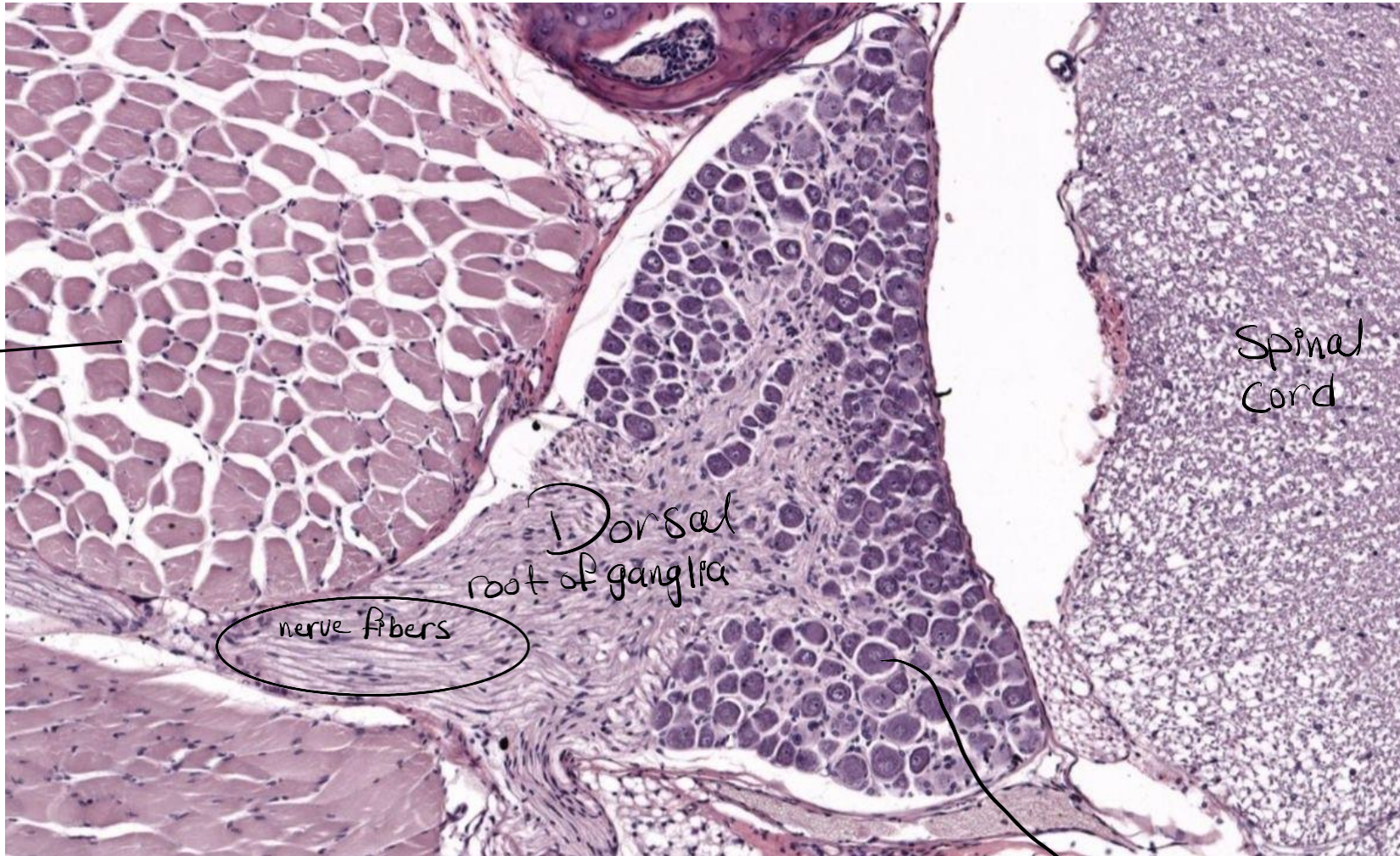
Spinal cord



The image is a histological section showing the relationship between muscle tissue, sensory neurons in the dorsal root ganglion, and the spinal cord.



Skeletal
muscle tissue



Dorsal
root of ganglia

nerve fibers

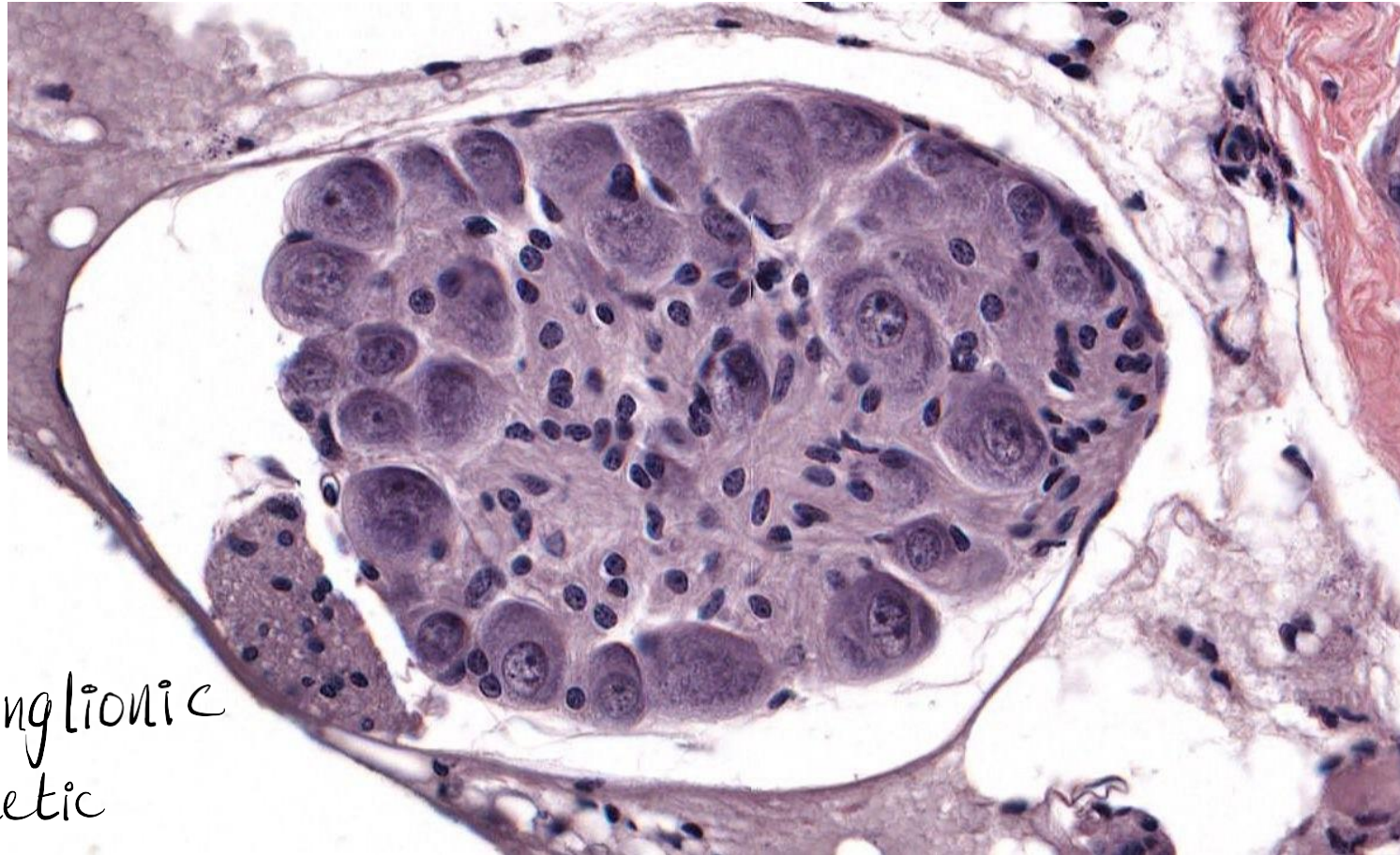
Spinal
Cord

neurons



Autonomic ganglia

with it's C-T covering



post ganglionic
sympathetic
neurons

recall
⇒ pre ganglionic
cells are located
at spinal cord
→ pseudounipolar
neurons
⇒ post ganglionic
cells are located
outside
→ multipolar neurons



This version contains histology lab images for nervous tissue, with explanations from the in-person lecture. Please review it briefly to catch any additional info not mentioned in the recorded lecture, including comments on images from the theoretical file.

Good luck,
NST

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