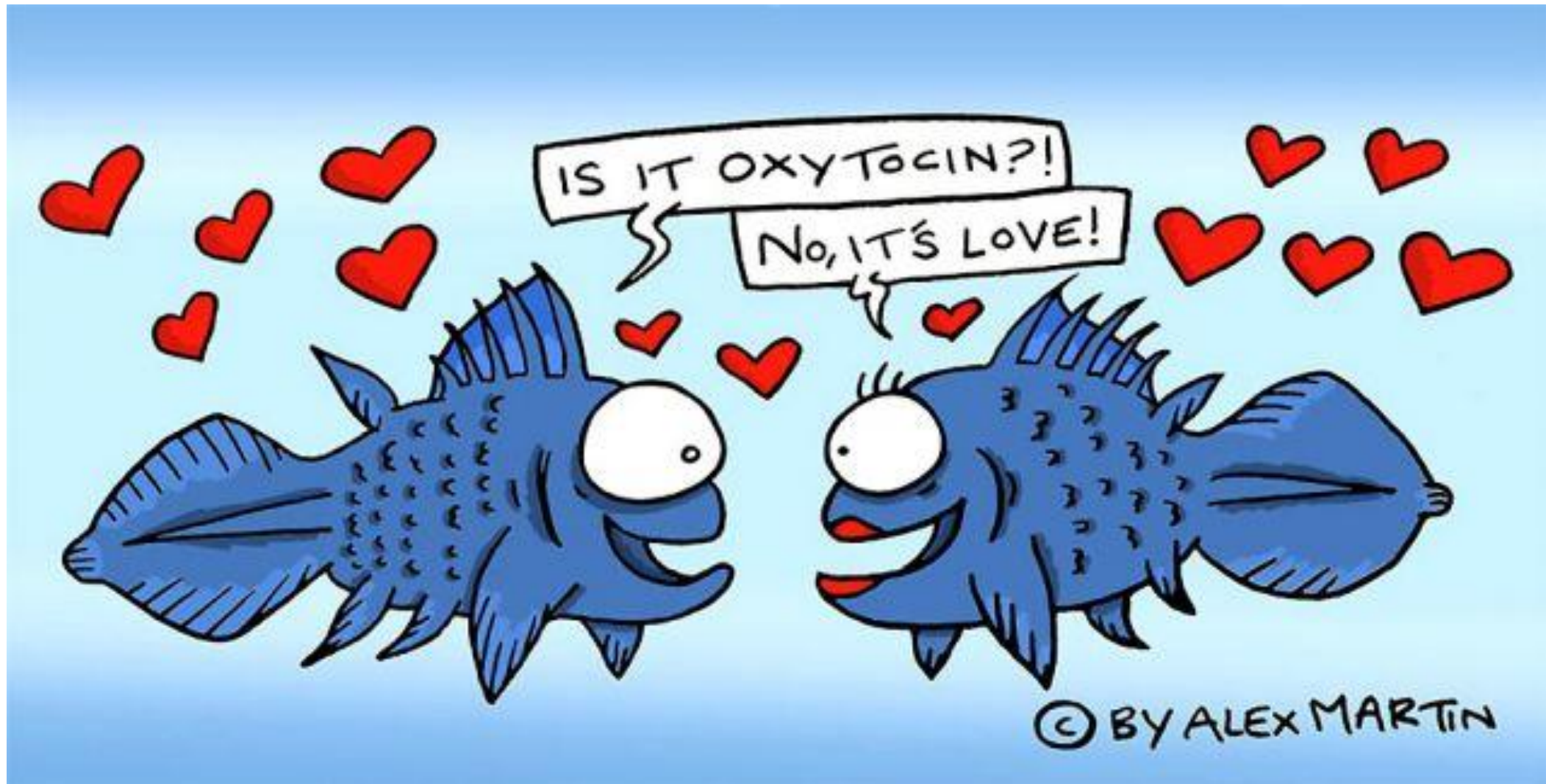
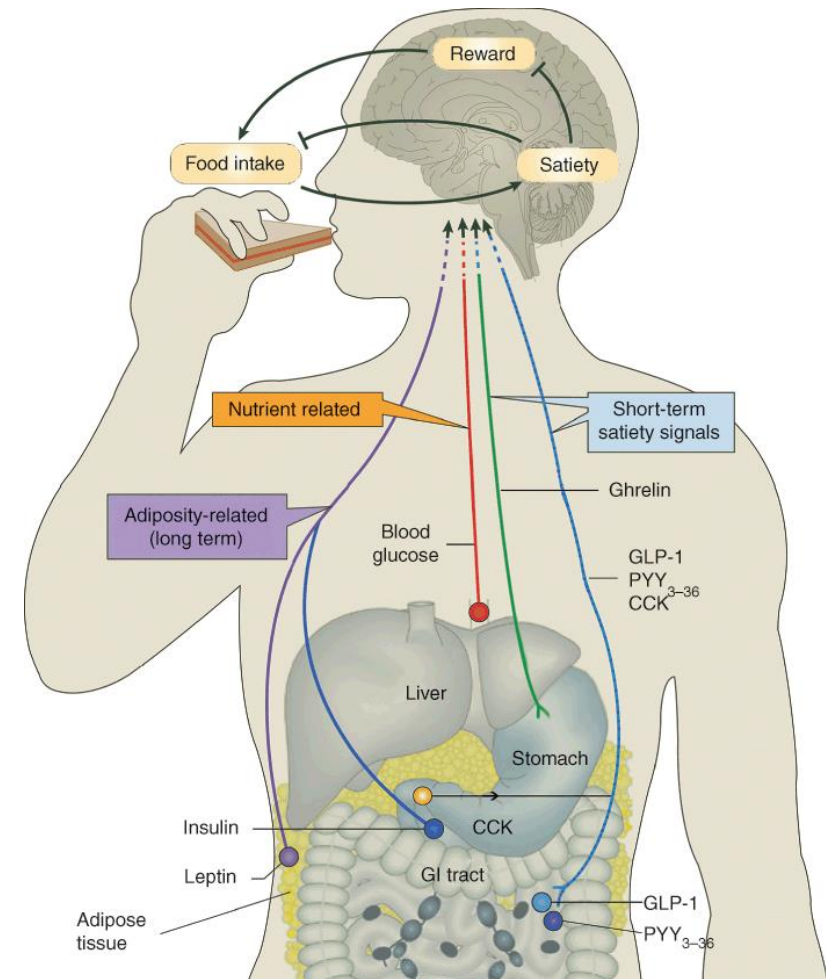


# Endocrine system



# Endocrine glands - *Glandulae endocrinae*

- One of two regulation systems
- hormon (Greek hormé (ὁρμή) – to arise)
- chemical messenger produced by endocrine gland and transported into blood to target organs
  - proteins (polypeptides) – *insuline*
  - amines – *adrenaline*
  - steroids – *estrogenes*



# History

## Thomas Wharton

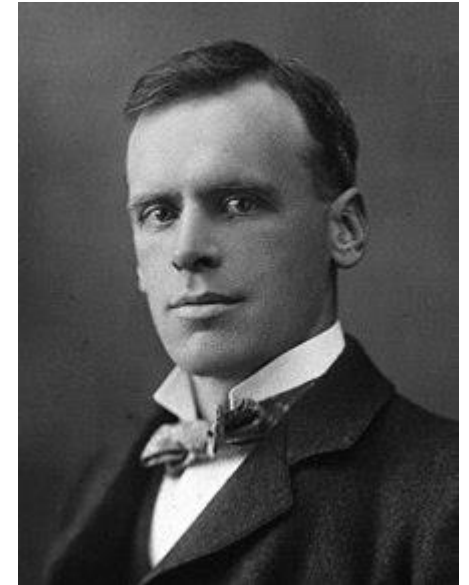
- 1614-1673
- Adenographia
- first detailed description of glands

## Ernest Henry Starling

- 1866-1927
- general schemes of „endocrine secretion“
- used the already existing word „hormones“



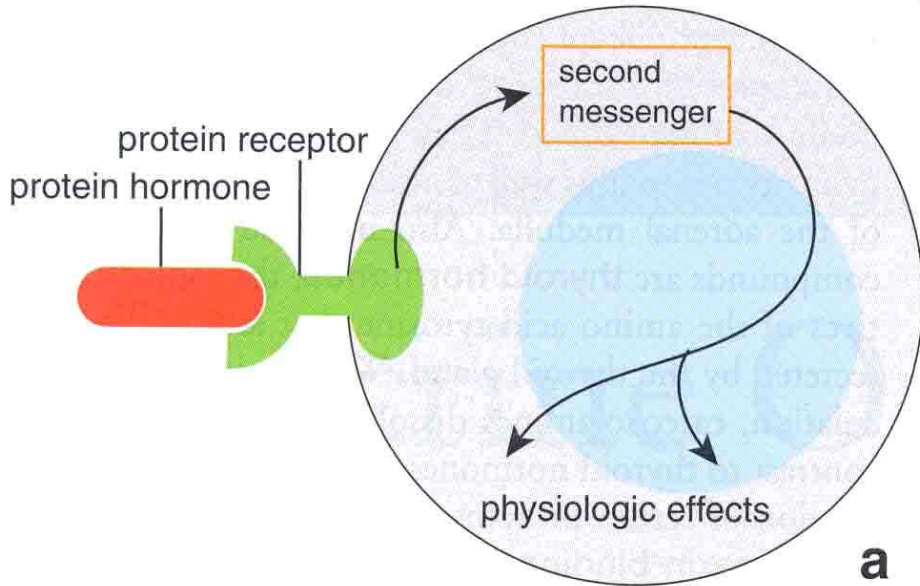
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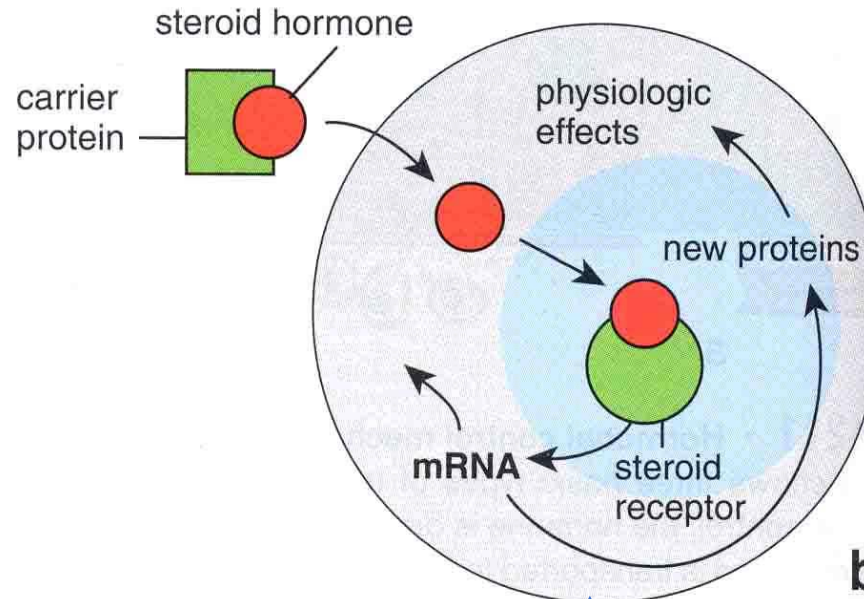
# Hormonal signalling

## CELL SURFACE RECEPTORS



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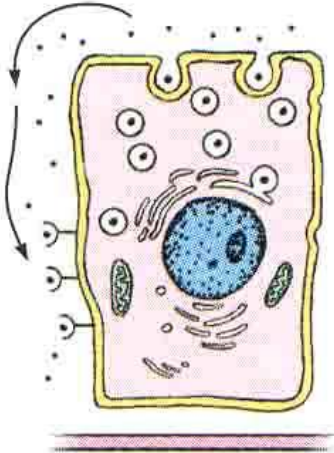
## INTRACELLULAR RECEPTORS



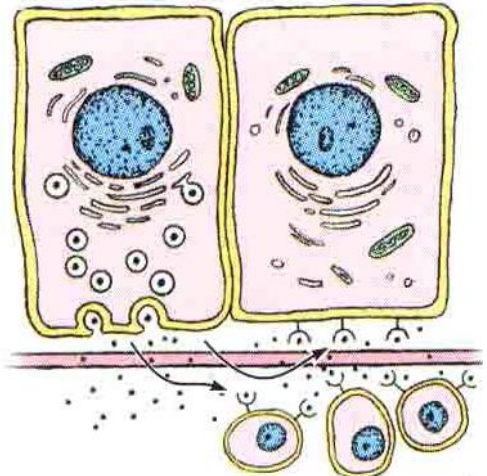
steroids  
and other small hydrophobic molecules



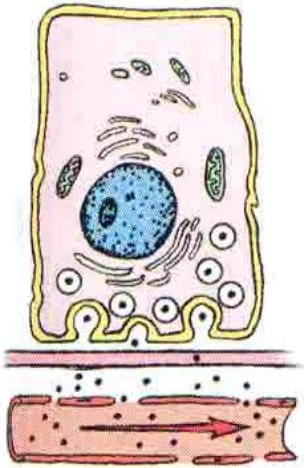
# Ways of secretion



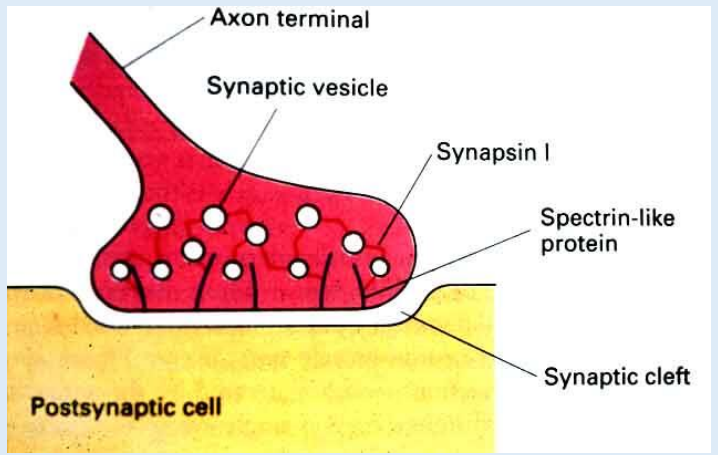
autocrine



paracrine



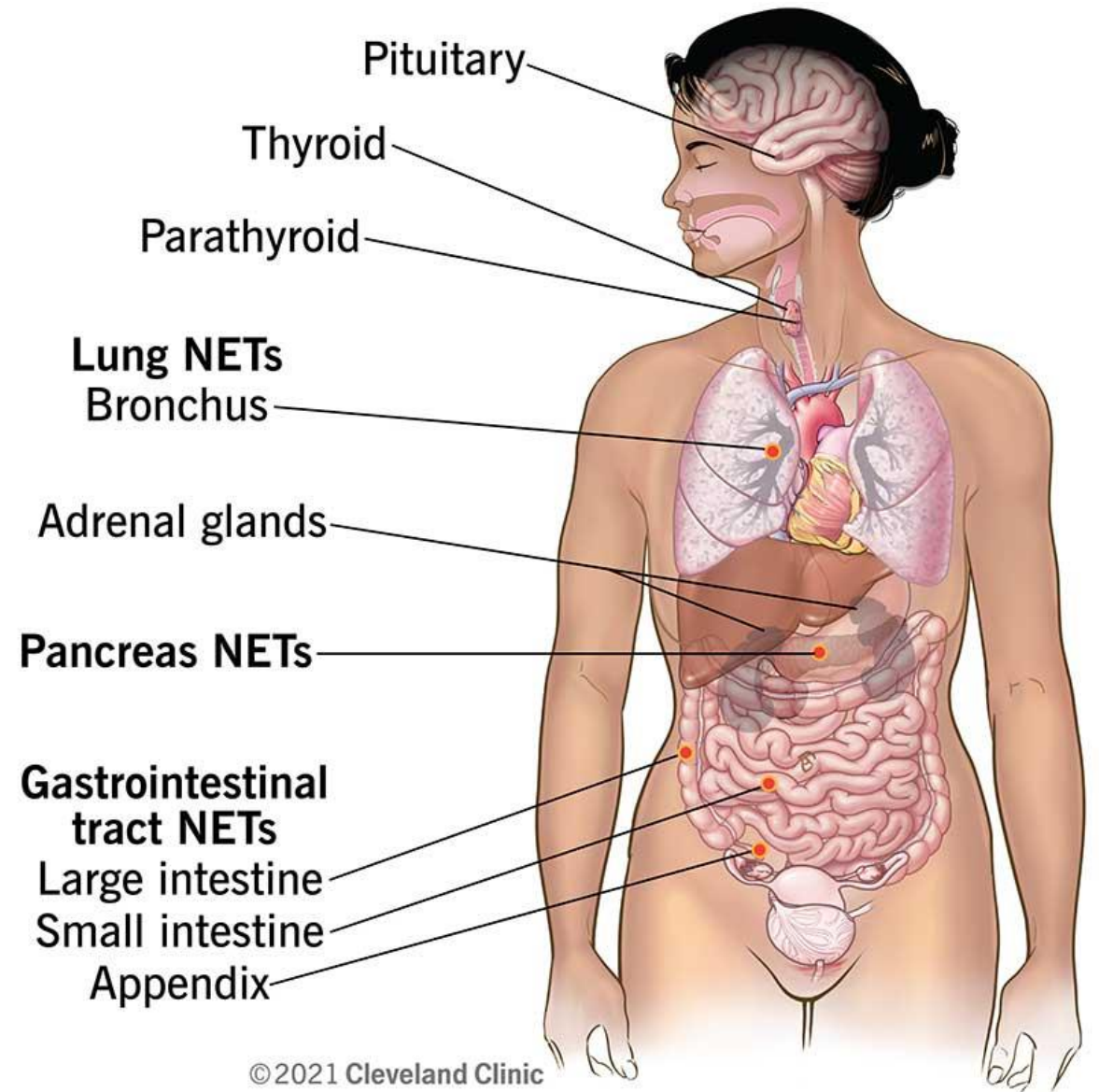
endocrine



synaptic

# Endocrine system arrangement

- glands
- disseminated cells
- neuroendocrine cells



# Endocrine glands

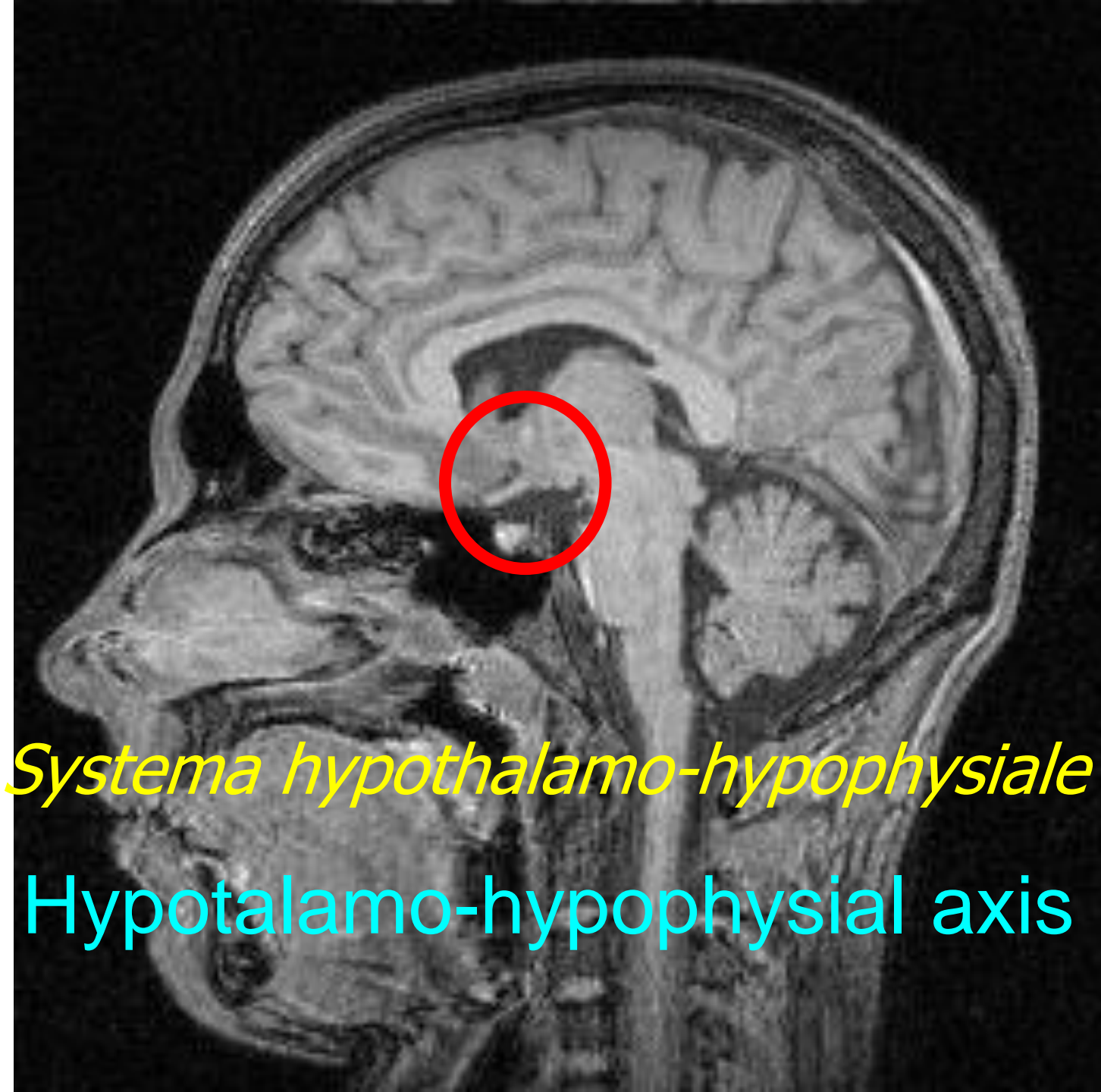
- hypothalamus (*hypothalamus*)
- pituitary gland (*hypophysis; gl. pituitaria*)
- pineal gland (*gl. pinealis; corpus pineale*)
- thyroid gland (*glandula thyroidea*)
- parathyroid bodies (*gll. parathyroideae*)
- suprarenal glands, adrenals (*gll. suprarenales*)
- pancreatic (Langerhans') island (*insulae pancreaticae*)

# General structure

- stroma – reticular connective tissue
- parenchyme
  - Trabecular epithelium (adenohypophysis, parathyroid glands, adrenal glands, Langerhan´s islets)
  - Sheet epithelium arranged into follicules (thyroid gland)
  - Specialised nerve tissue (neurohypophysis, pineal gland)



# Hypothalamo-hypophysial system



Hypothalamus  
+ hypophysis

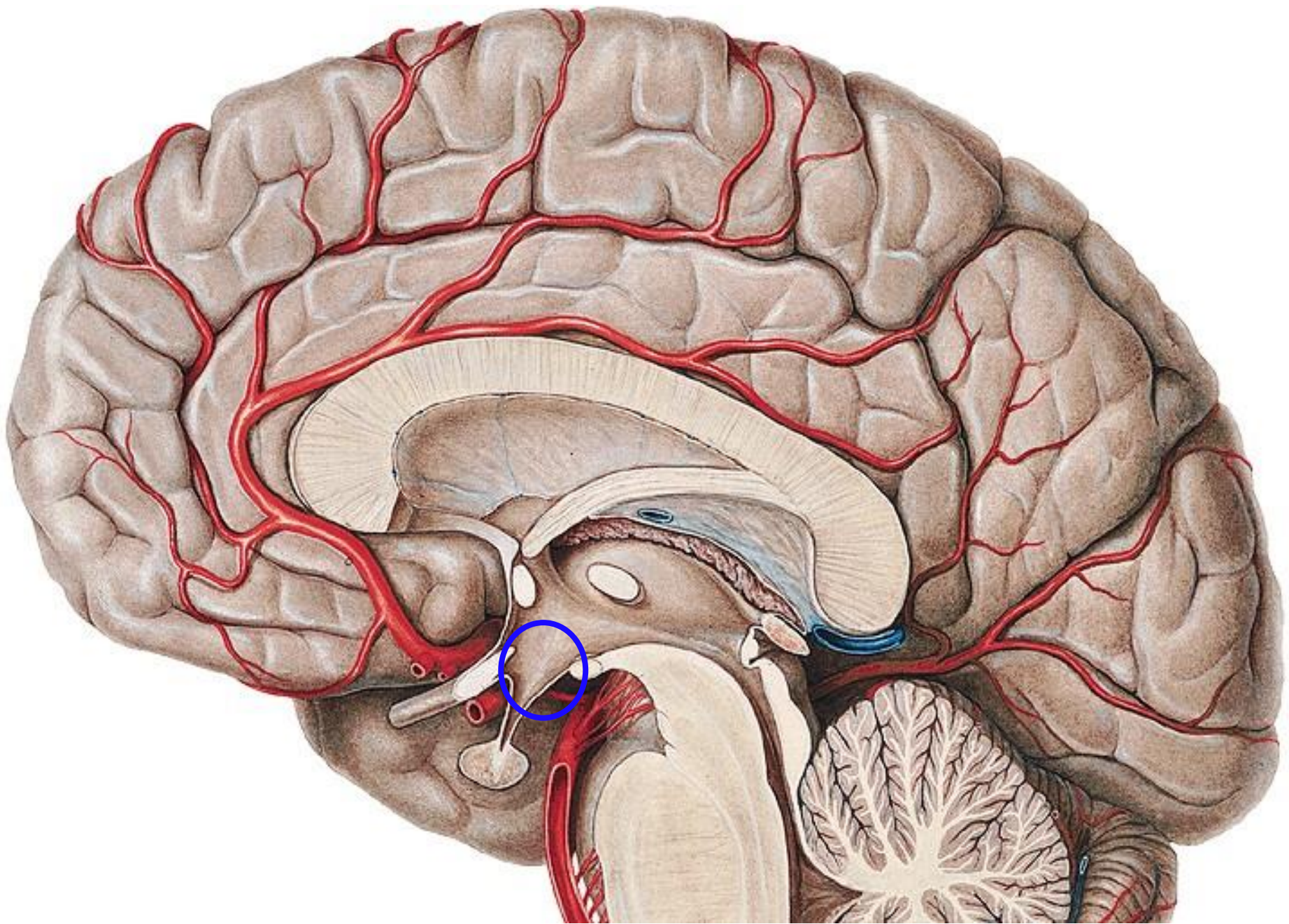
*Systema hypothalamo-hypophysiale*

Hypotalamo-hypophysial axis

# Hypothalamus

- basal part of diencephalon
- basally to 3rd ventricle
- function
  - information collection center from body and surroundings
  - highest autonomic center
  - part of limbic system
  - manages other endocrine glands
- corpora mammillaria, tuber cinereum, infundibulum, hypophysis



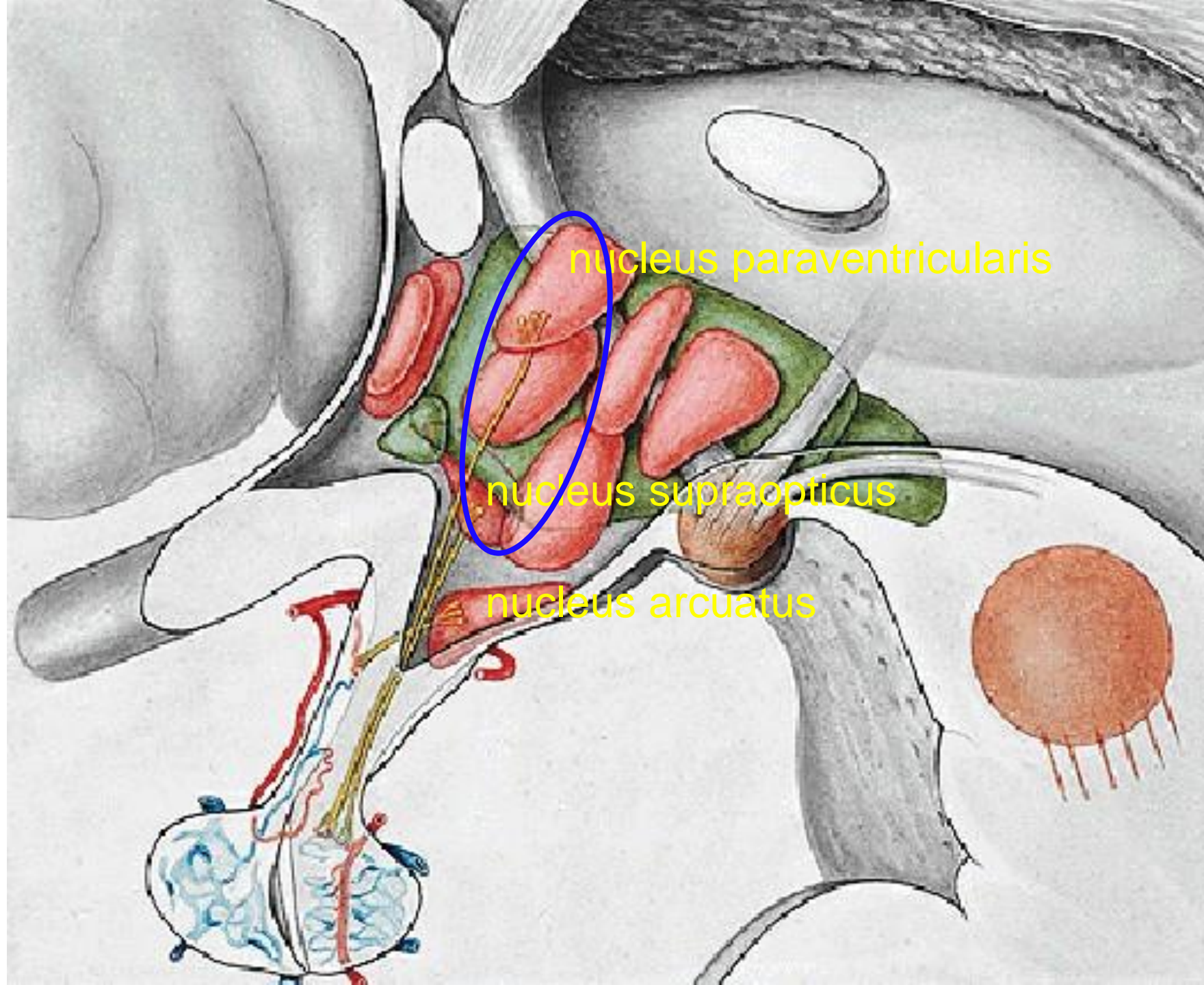






# Hypothalamus

- anterior hypothalamus –ncl. magnocellularis  
–**ncl. paraventricularis + supraopticus**—oxytocine and vasopressin (ADH)
- middle hypothalamus (tuber cinereum) –ncl. parvocelularis  
–**ncl. arcuatus** and surroundings –**management of adenohipophysis**
- posterior hypothalamus



nucleus paraventricularis

nucleus supraopticus

nucleus arcuatus



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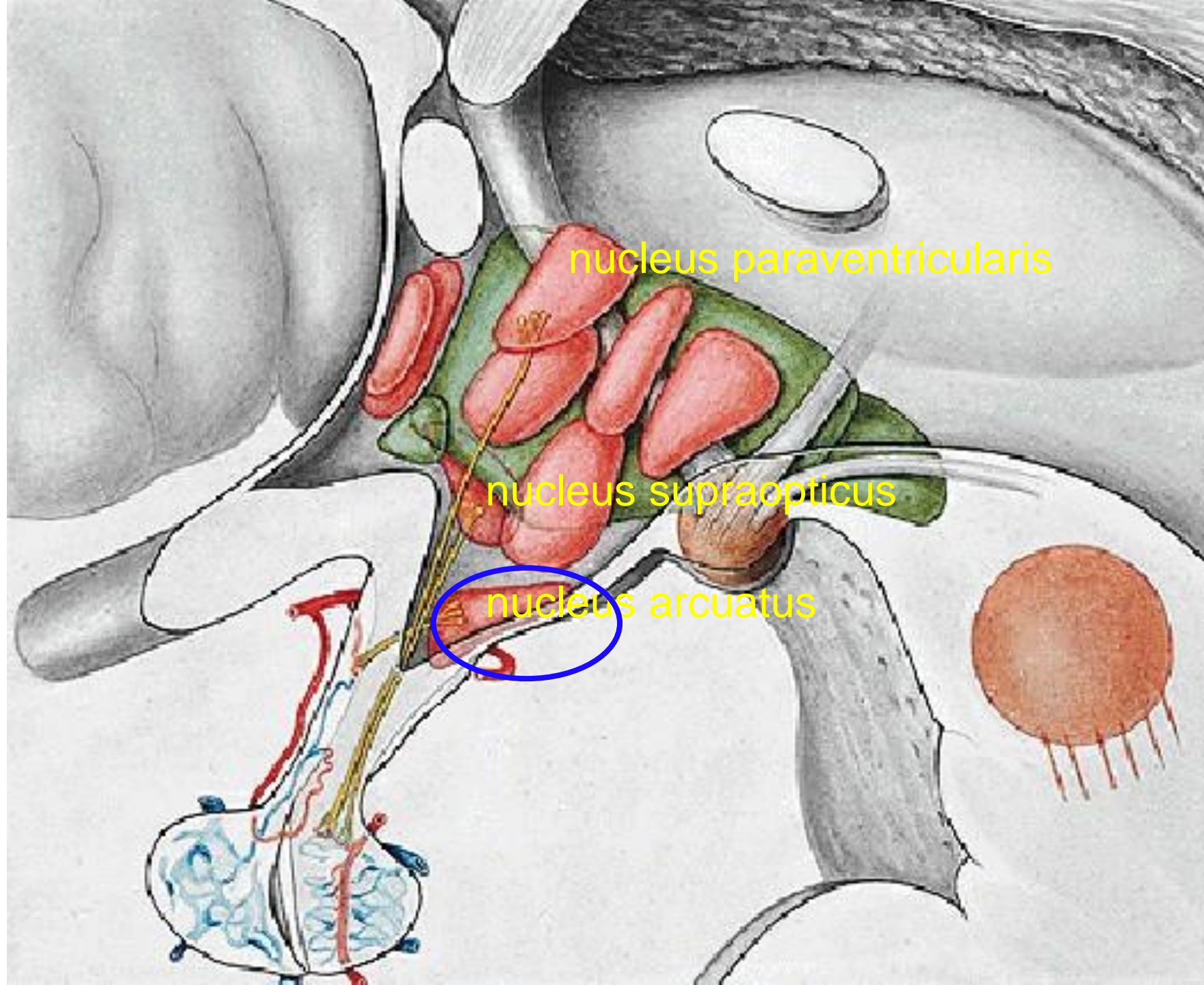
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nucleus paraventricularis

nucleus supraopticus

nucleus arcuatus

# Hypothalamus - hormones

- ncl. arcuatus –production
- eminencia mediana –releasing into first capillary network
- releasing hormones = liberins  
–SRH, PRH, GnRH, TRH, CRH
- inhibiting hormones = statins  
–somatostatin, PIH (= dopamine)

# Hypothalamus

GnRH

CRH

TRH

PRH

GHRH

ADH

Oxytocin



## Adenohypophysis

## Neurohypophysis

FSH/LH

ACTH

TSH

PROLACTIN

GH



## Target organ

Gonads

Adrenal Cortex

Thyroid

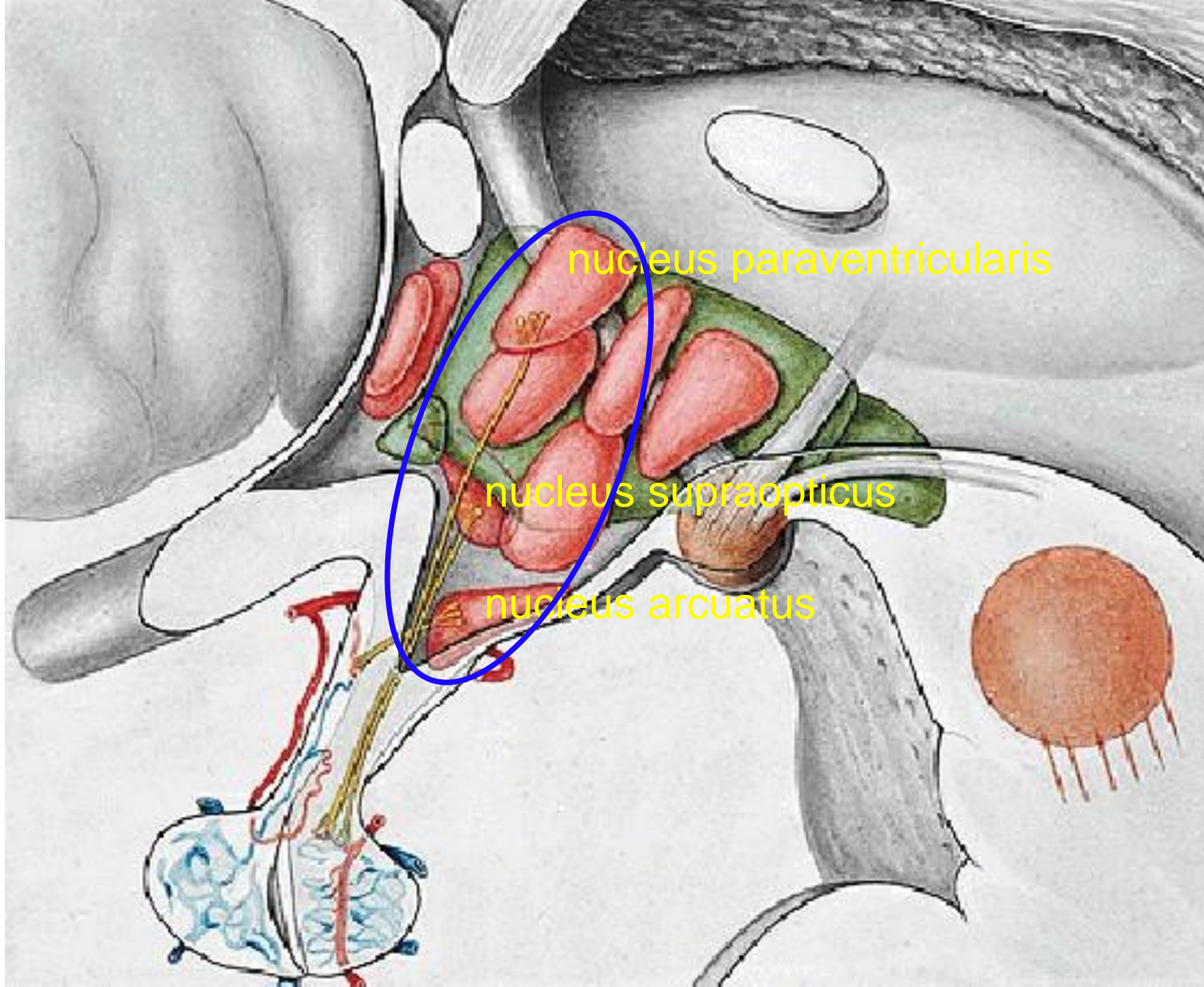
Mammary gland

Liver (and all body)

Kidney

Mammary gland



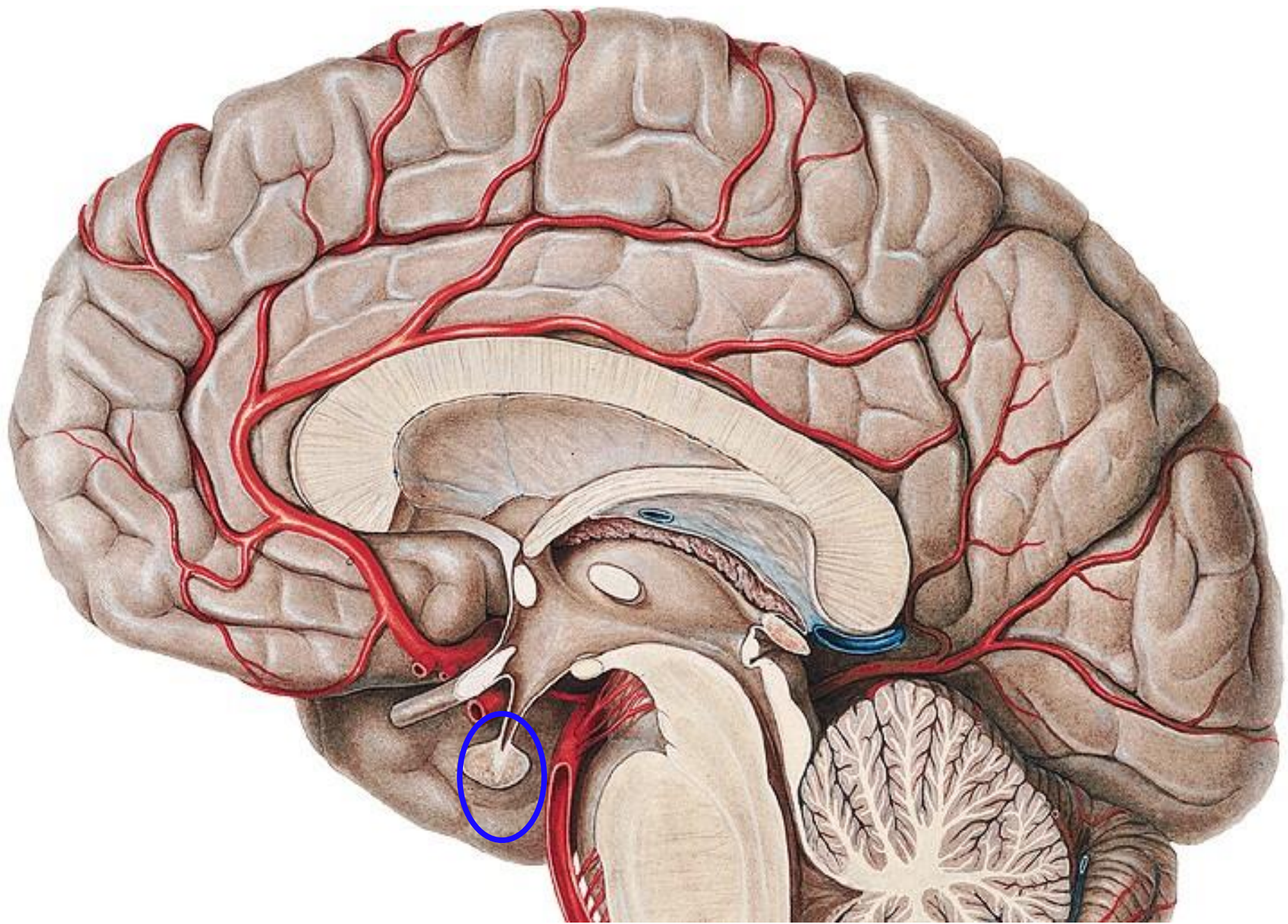


nucleus paraventricularis

nucleus supraopticus

nucleus arcuatus





**Pituitary gland, Hypohysis, Glandula pituitaria**

# Pituitary gland - history

- *Galenos* – (lat. pituita, Greek phlegma – mucus)
- mucus production for nasal mucosa
- *Schneider* – 1655
- refused Galenos' idea
- *Minkowski, Hutchinson* –
- connection between growth disorders and hypophysial hypertrophy
- *Cushing* – explained the function

„a conductor of endocrine system, a prime minister “





# Pituitary gland - anatomy

„double glands“

-two different tissues

two lobes

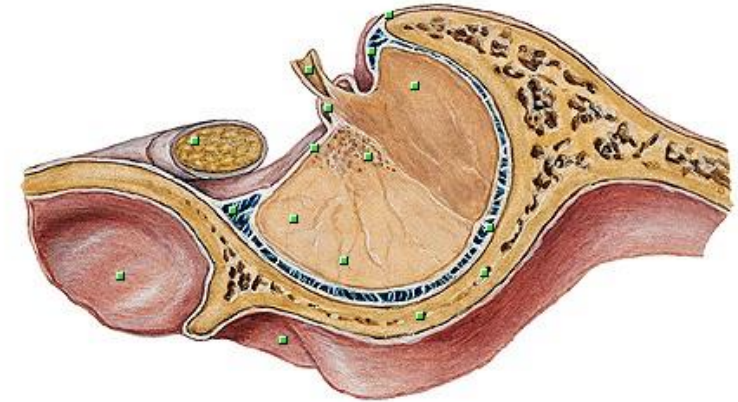
–anterior = adenohypophysis

–posterior = neurohypophysis

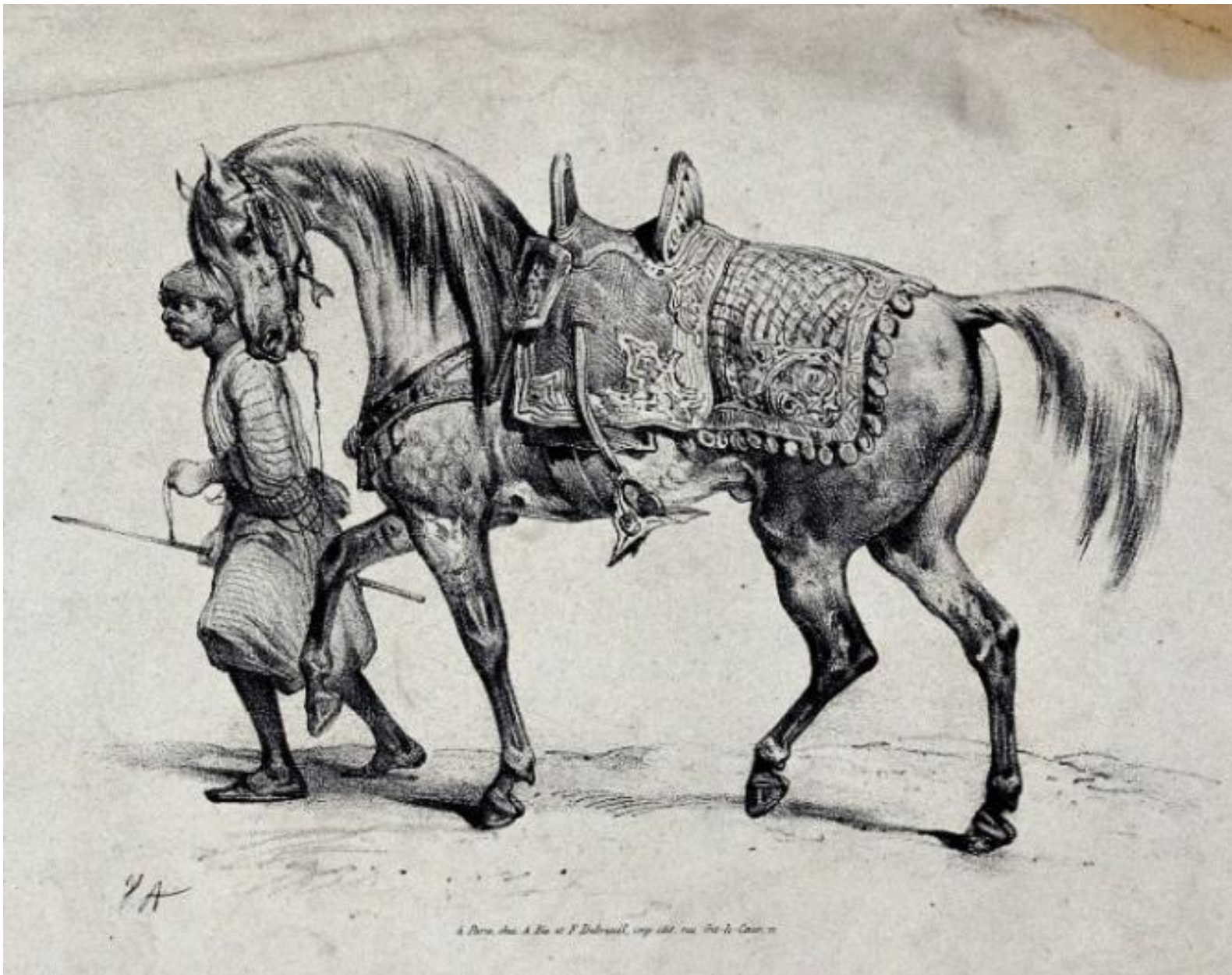
located within *sella turcica ossis sphenoidalis*

– covered with dura mater –*diaphragma sellae*

–foramen diaphragmatis *Pacchioni*–transmits *infundibulum*







Tekiner, Halil. (2015). A cultural history of the Turkish saddle. *Journal of Turkish Studies*. 10. 319–319.  
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# Pituitary gland - anatomy

Anterior lobe (*adenohypophysis; lobus anterior*)

–pars tuberalis

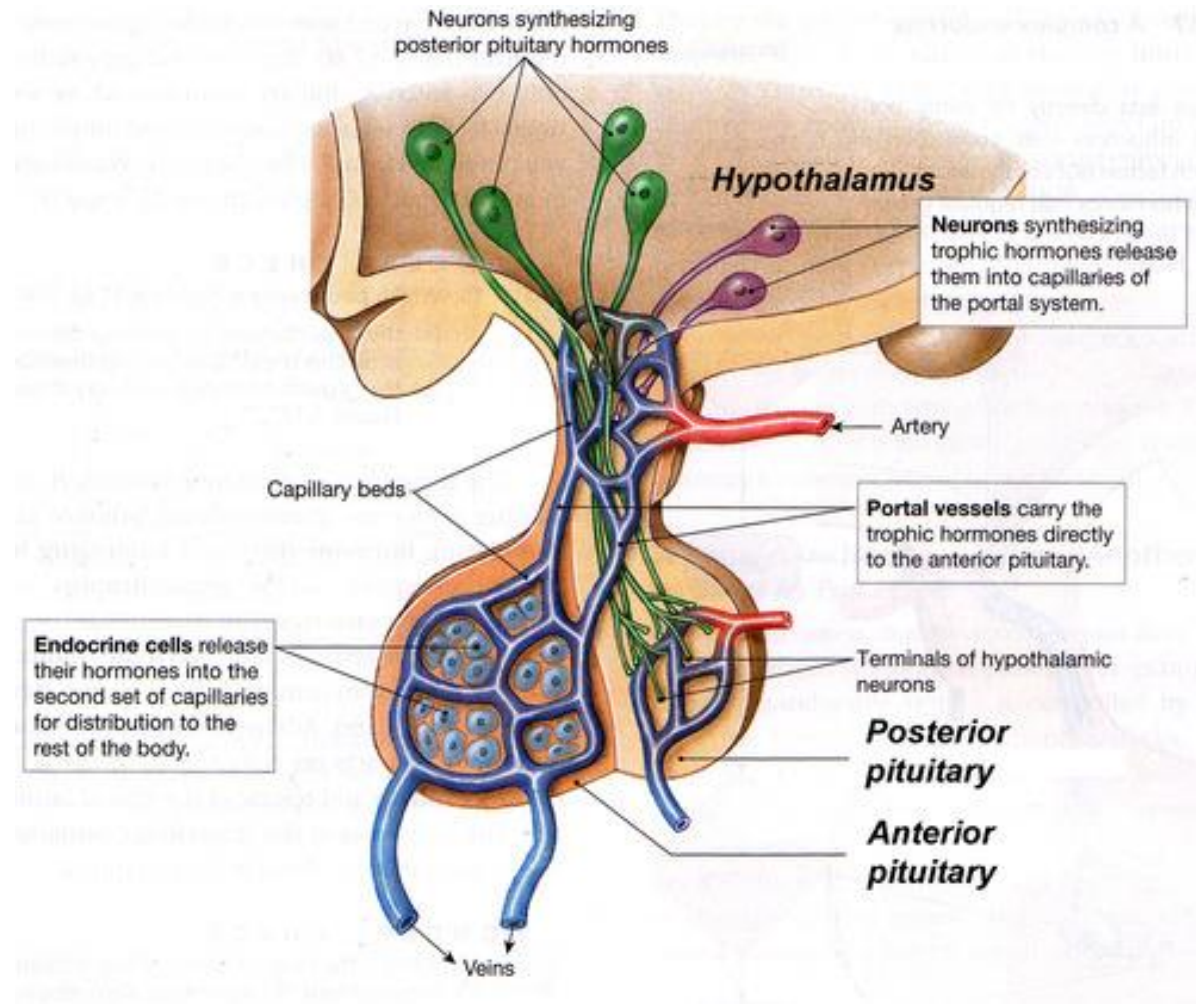
–**pars distalis** (principalis)

–pars intermedia

posterior lobe (*neurohypophysis; lobus posterior*)

–lobus nervosus(pars nervosa)

–infundibulum



# Pituitary gland - development

## pouch of Ratke

–ectoderm → anterior lobe

–3<sup>rd</sup> week: in the roof of stomodeum

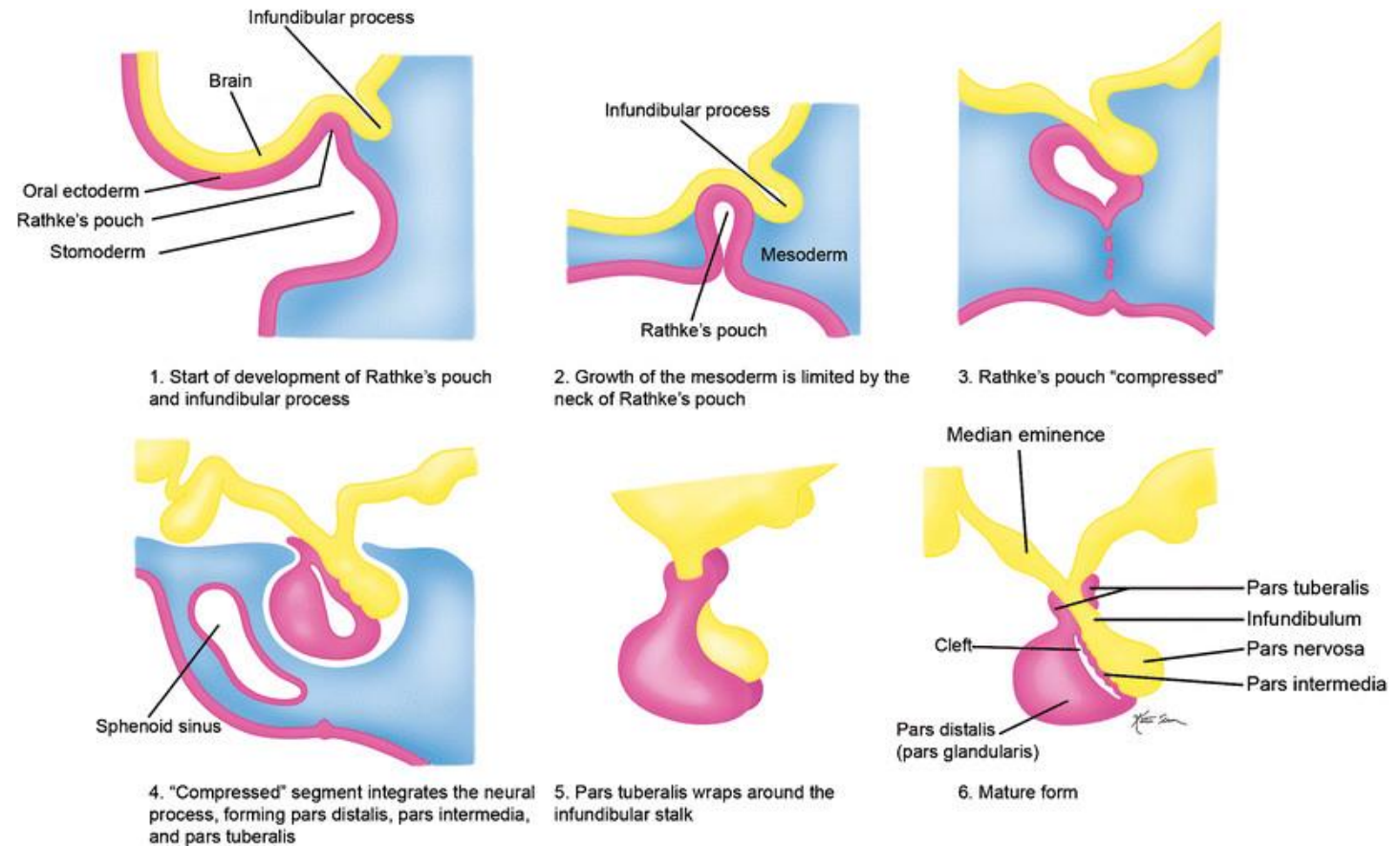
–pouch towards diencephalon

–separation of pouch, proliferation of anterior wall

## pouch of diencephalic base

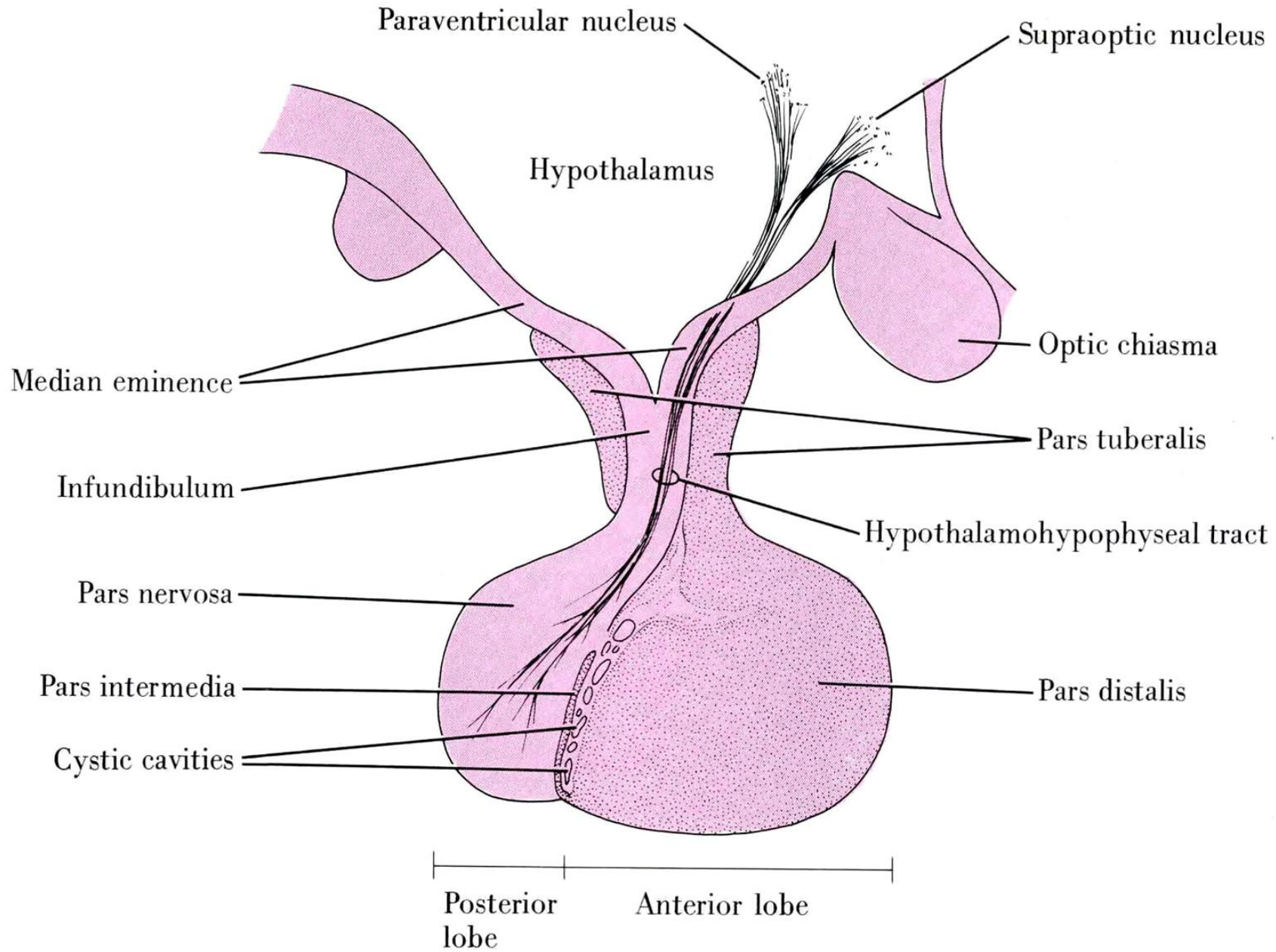
–neuroectoderm → posterior lobe

–differentiation into pituicytes (glia)



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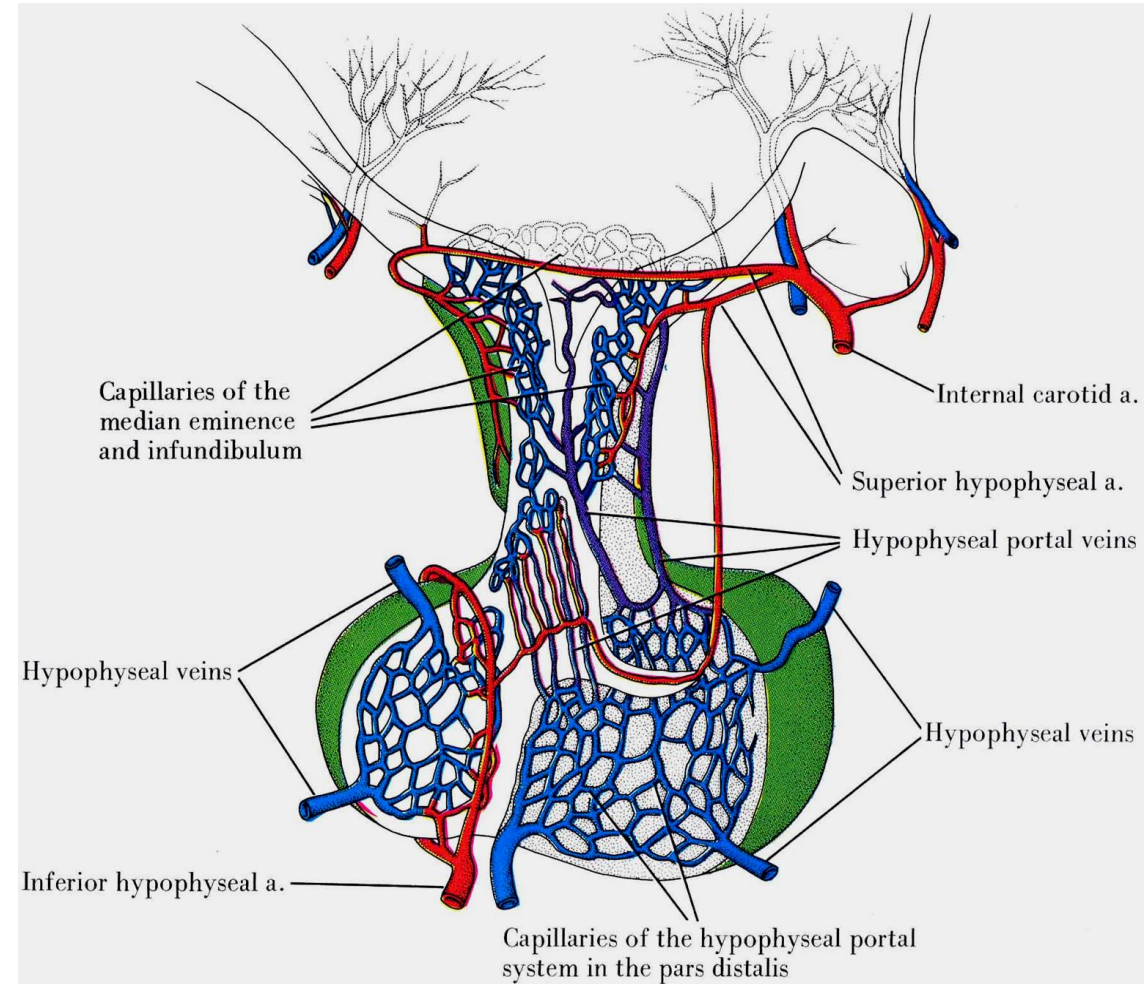




# Pituitary gland – blood supply

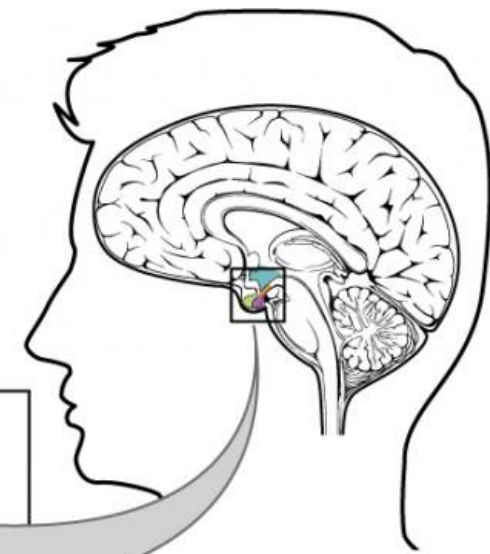
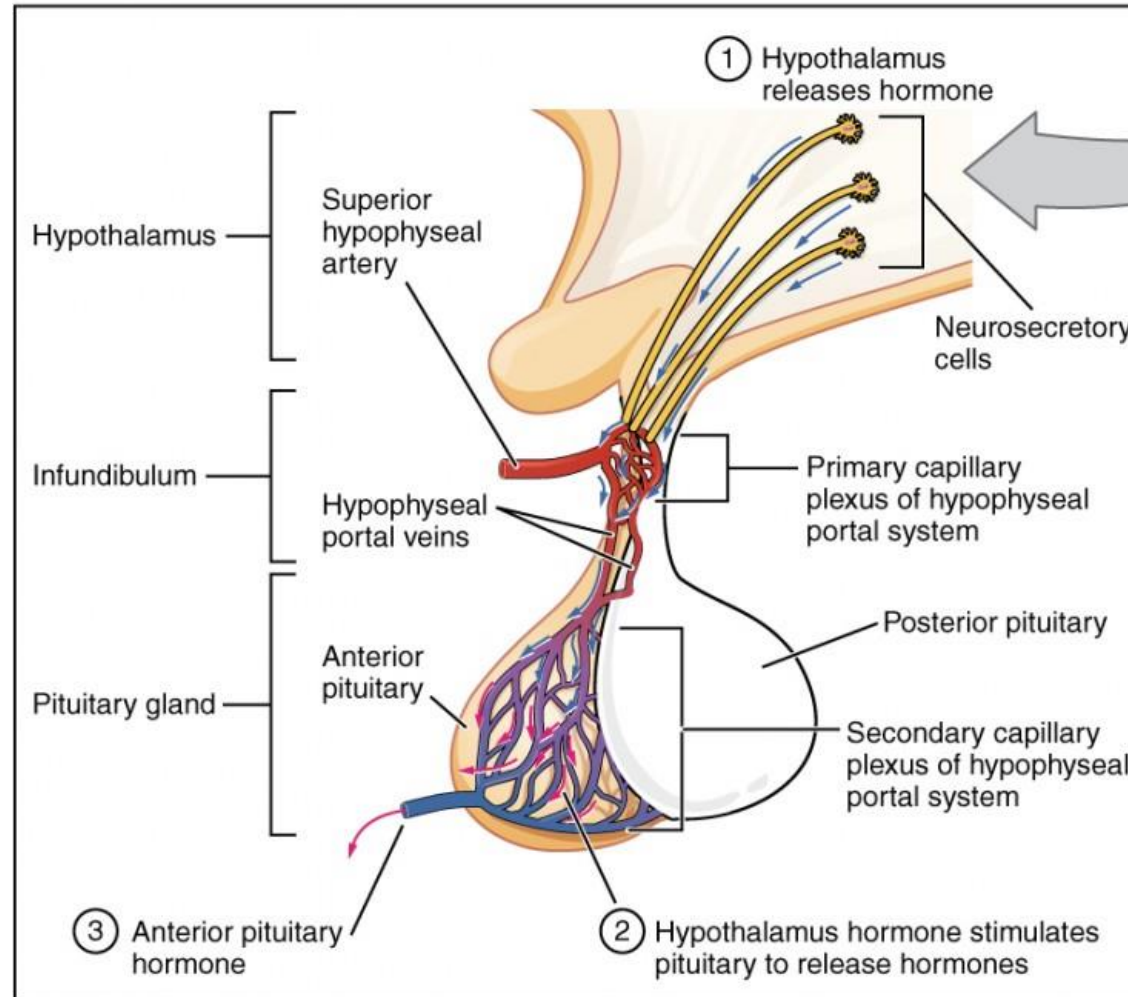
## hypophysial portal system

- a. hypophysialis inferior (from pars cavernosa ACI to neurohypophysis)
- a. hypophysialis superior (from pars cerebralis ACI via hypothalamus to adenohypophysis)
- vv. hypophysiales into sinus cavernosus





# Pars distalis - adenohypophysis



# Pars distalis - adenohypophysis

- cords of cells
- fenestrated capillaries inbetween cords
- 3 types of cells in HE staining:

Chromophil:

- acidophilic
- basophilic
- chromophobe

# Pars distalis – acidophilic cells

$\alpha$  –cells = somatotropic

–large granules, GER

–zone without granules around nucleus (GA)

–somatotropin (human growth hormone, GH)

•  $\epsilon$  –cells = mammatropic

–usually small, infrequent

–multiplication in gravidity and lactation

–little granules (larger in gravidity)

–prolactin (PRL)

# Pars distalis – basophilic cells

$\beta$ 1 –cells = corticotropic

–large granules at cytoplasmatic membrane

–**ACTH,  $\beta$ -MSH, Met-enkefalin, endorphine**

•  $\beta$ 2 –cells = thyrotropic

–large cells, small granules at BM

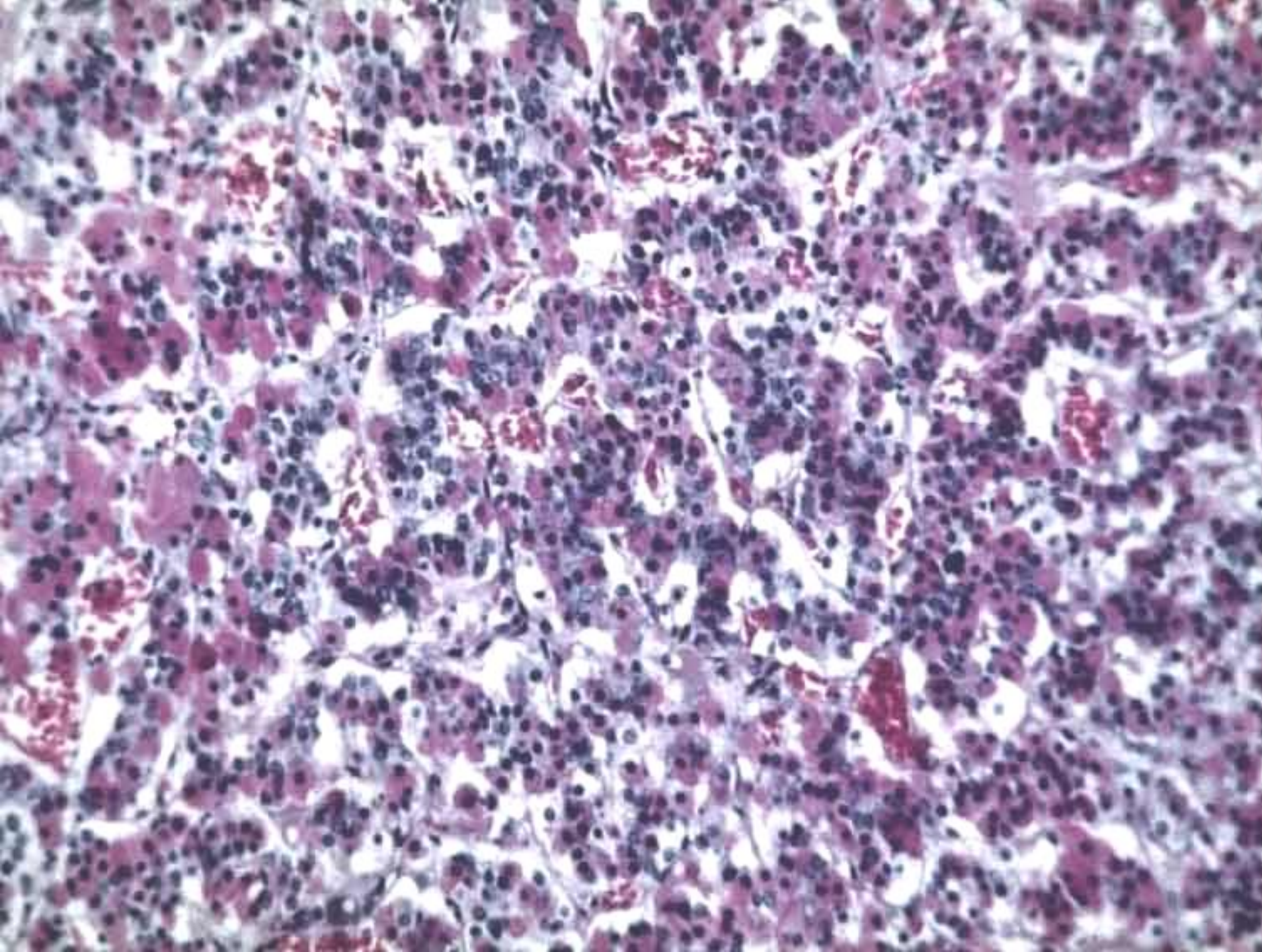
–**TSH**

•  $\delta$  –cells = gonadotropic

–large cells, middle granules

–**FSH, LH (lutropin)**





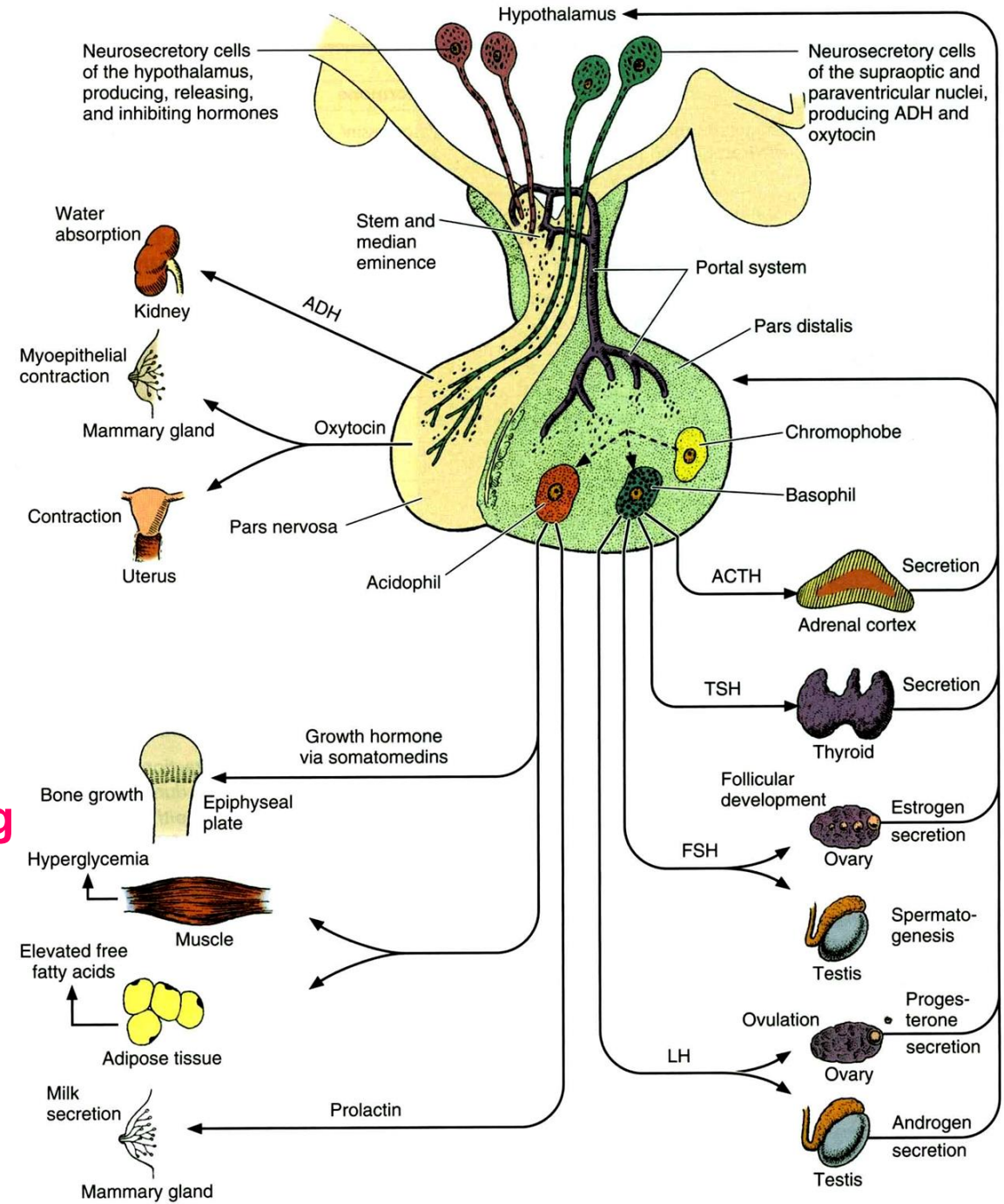
**Adenohypophysis  
– pars distalis**



**acidophilic**

**STH**  
**GHRH**  
**ghrelin**  
**somatostatine**  
**NFB**

**PRL (LTH)**  
**PRH**  
**TRH**  
**GnRH**  
**estrogene**  
**breastfeeding**  
**dopamine**



**basophilic**

**TTH**  
**TRH**  
**NFB**  
**FSH / LH**  
**GnRH**  
**FSH-activin**  
**NFB**  
**FSH-inhibin**

**ACTH**  
**CRH**  
**NFB**

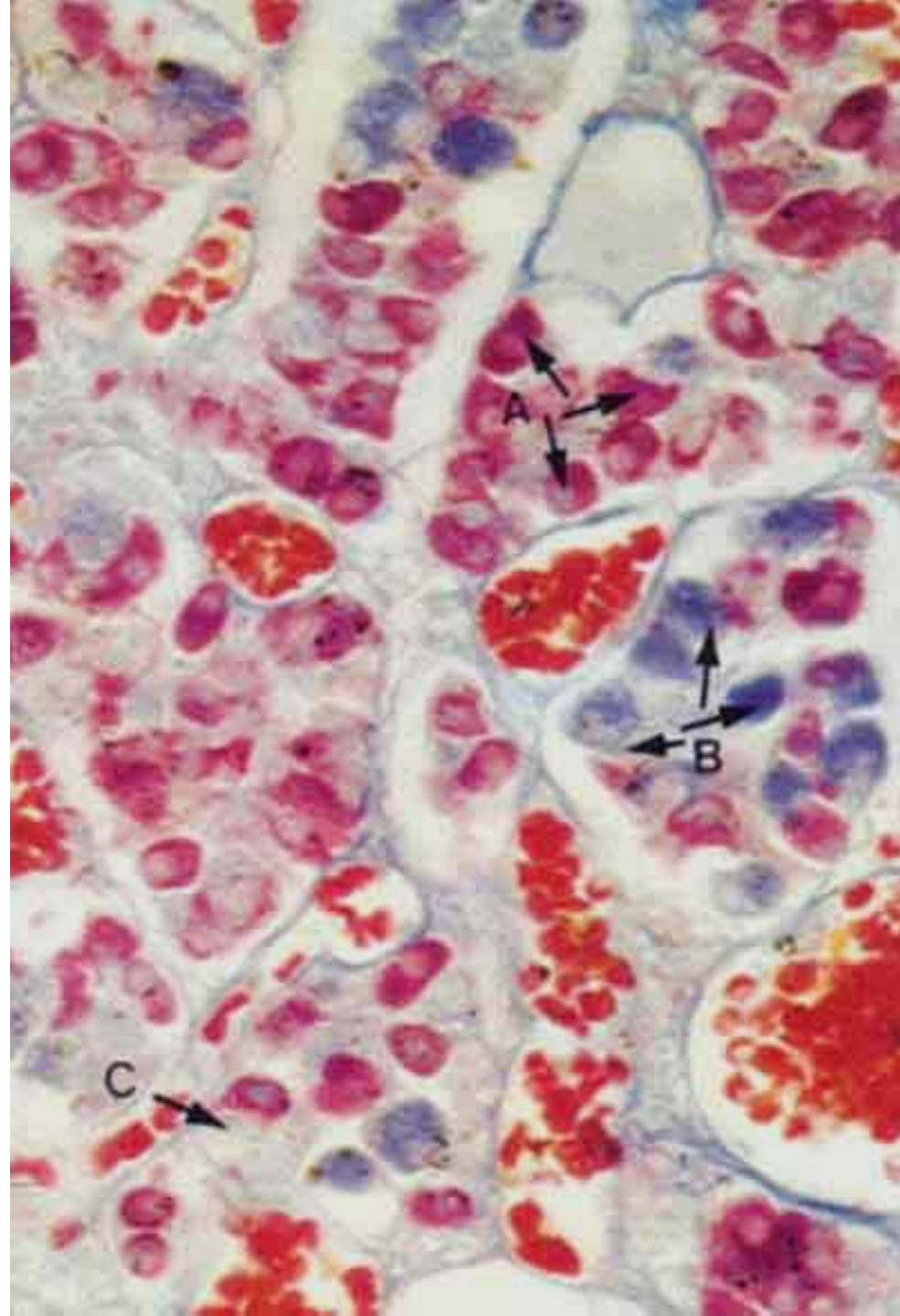
**MSH**

**hormon**  
**stimulation**  
**inhibition**  
**NFB = negative feedback**

A = acidophilic cells

B = basophilic cells

C = chromophobic cells



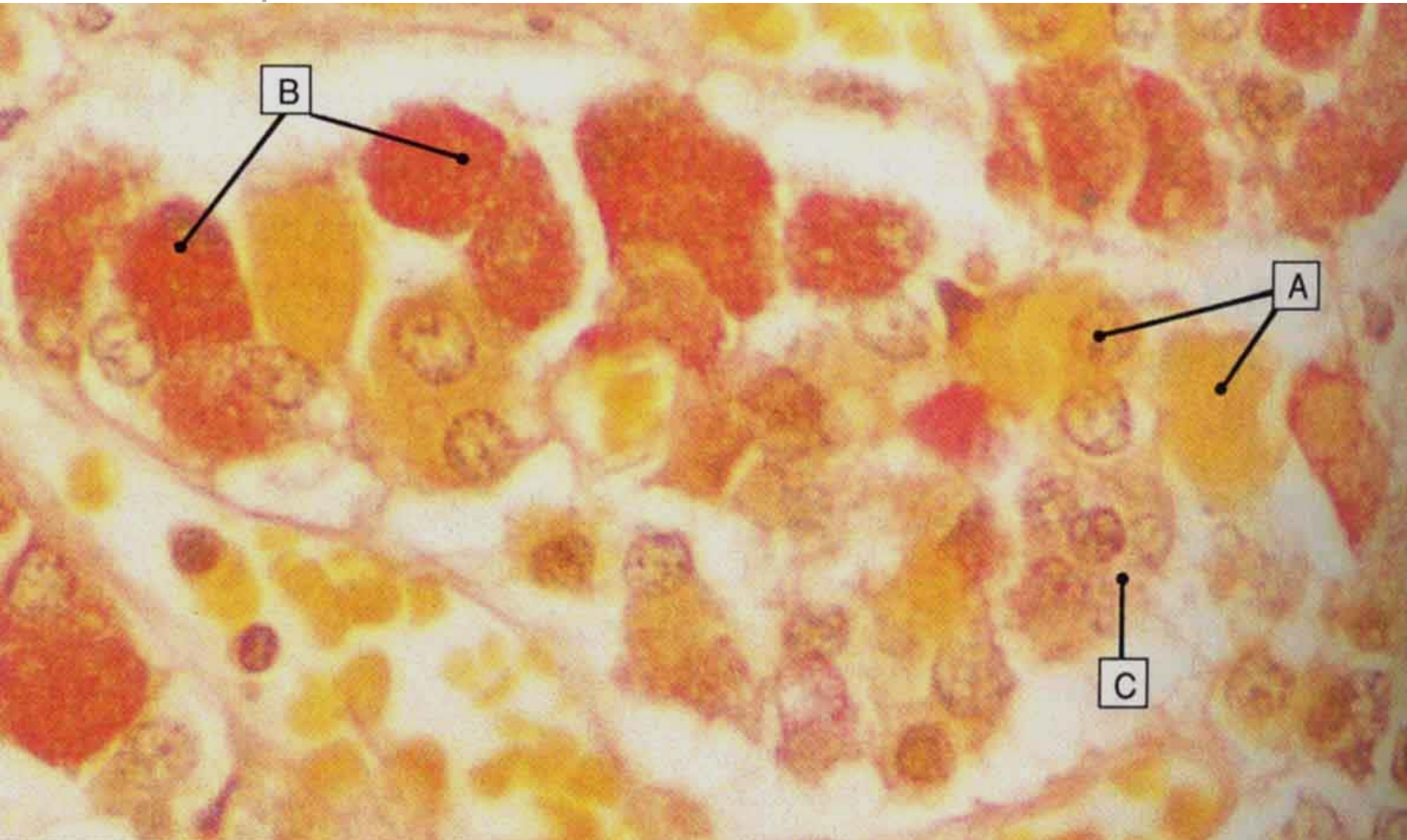


A = acidophilic cells

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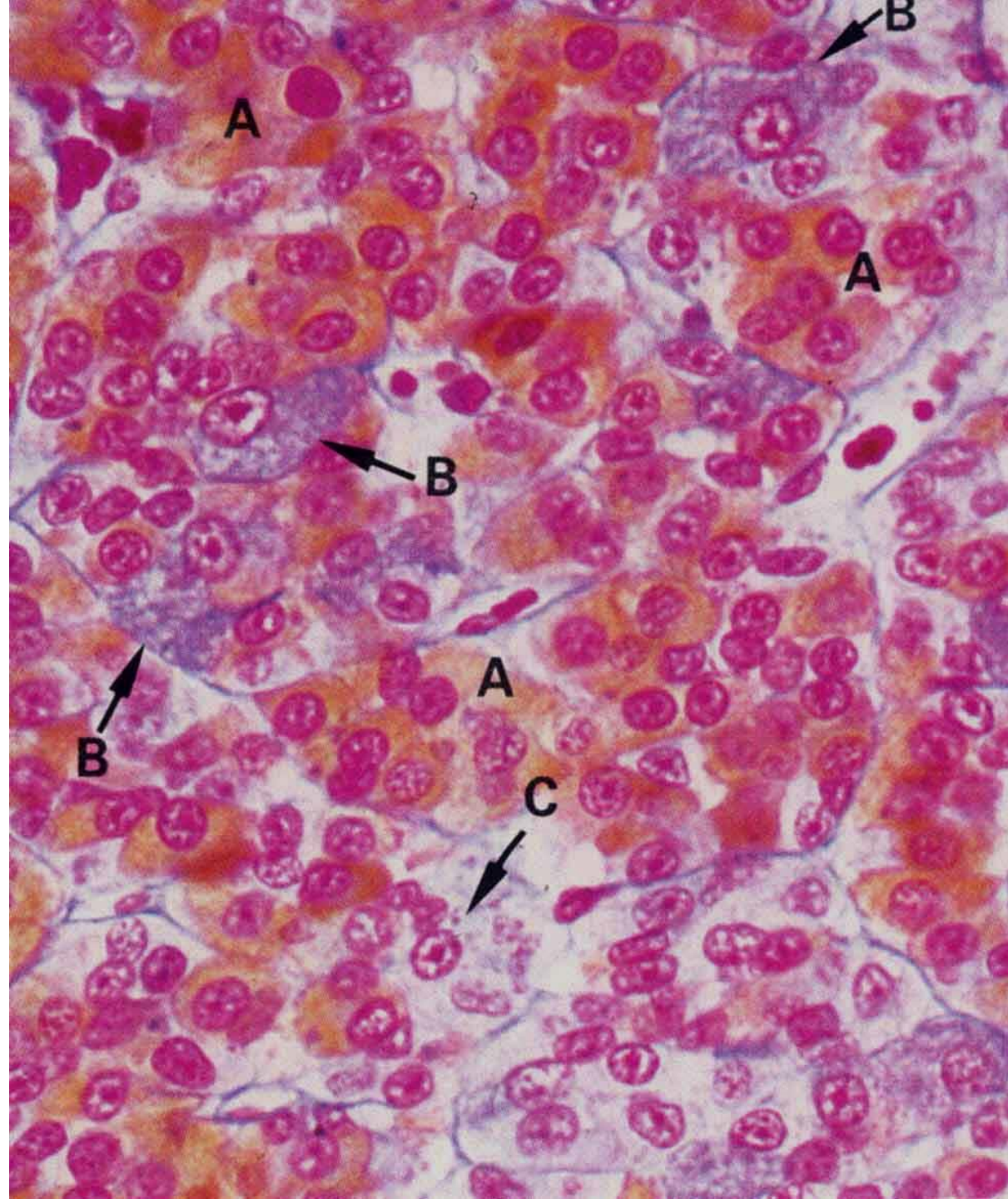
C = chromophobic cells

PAS + orange G + hematoxylin

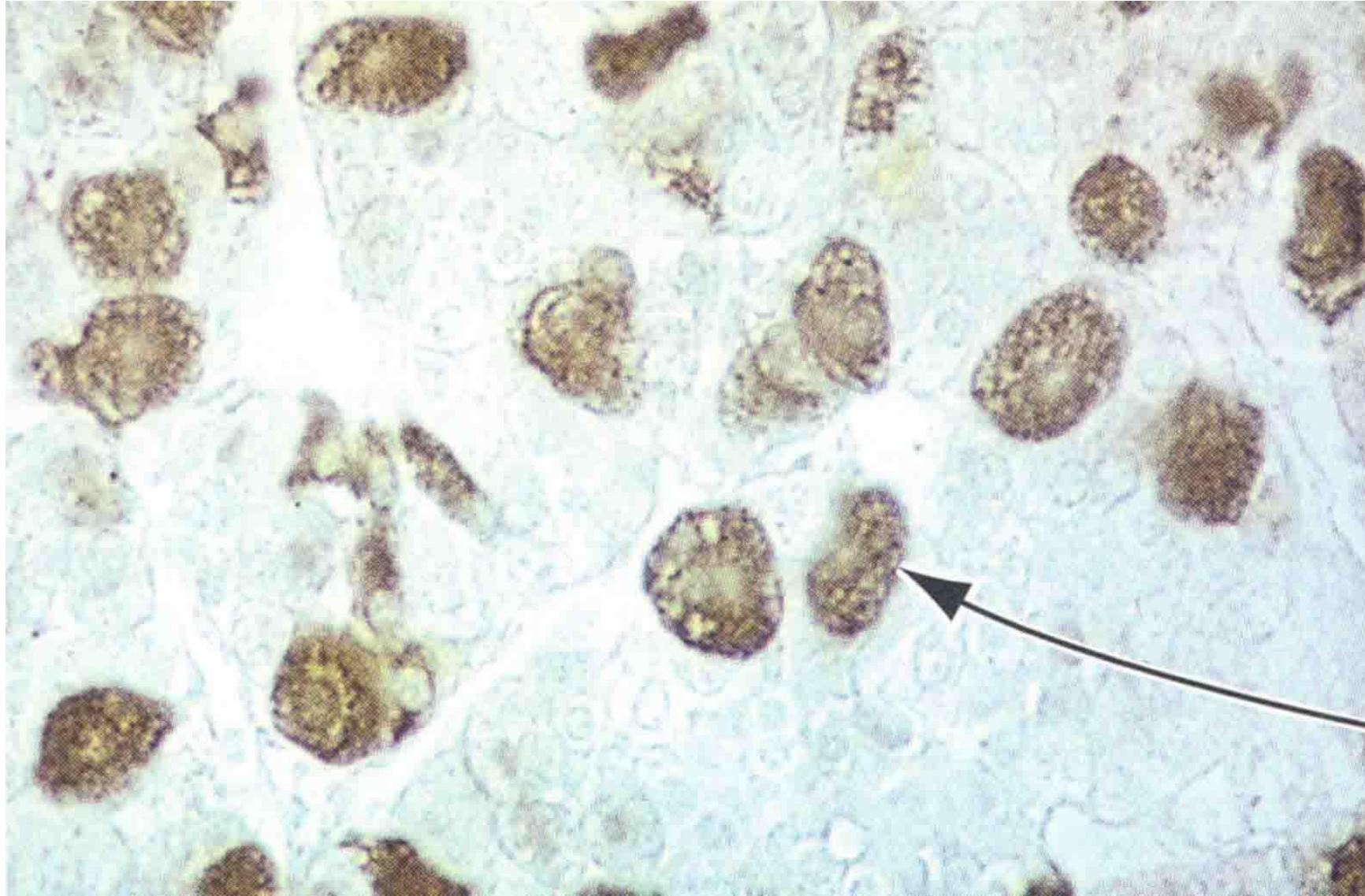




A = acidophilic cells  
B = basophilic cells  
C = chromophobic cells



# Immunohistochemistry



FSH



Gonadotropic cell

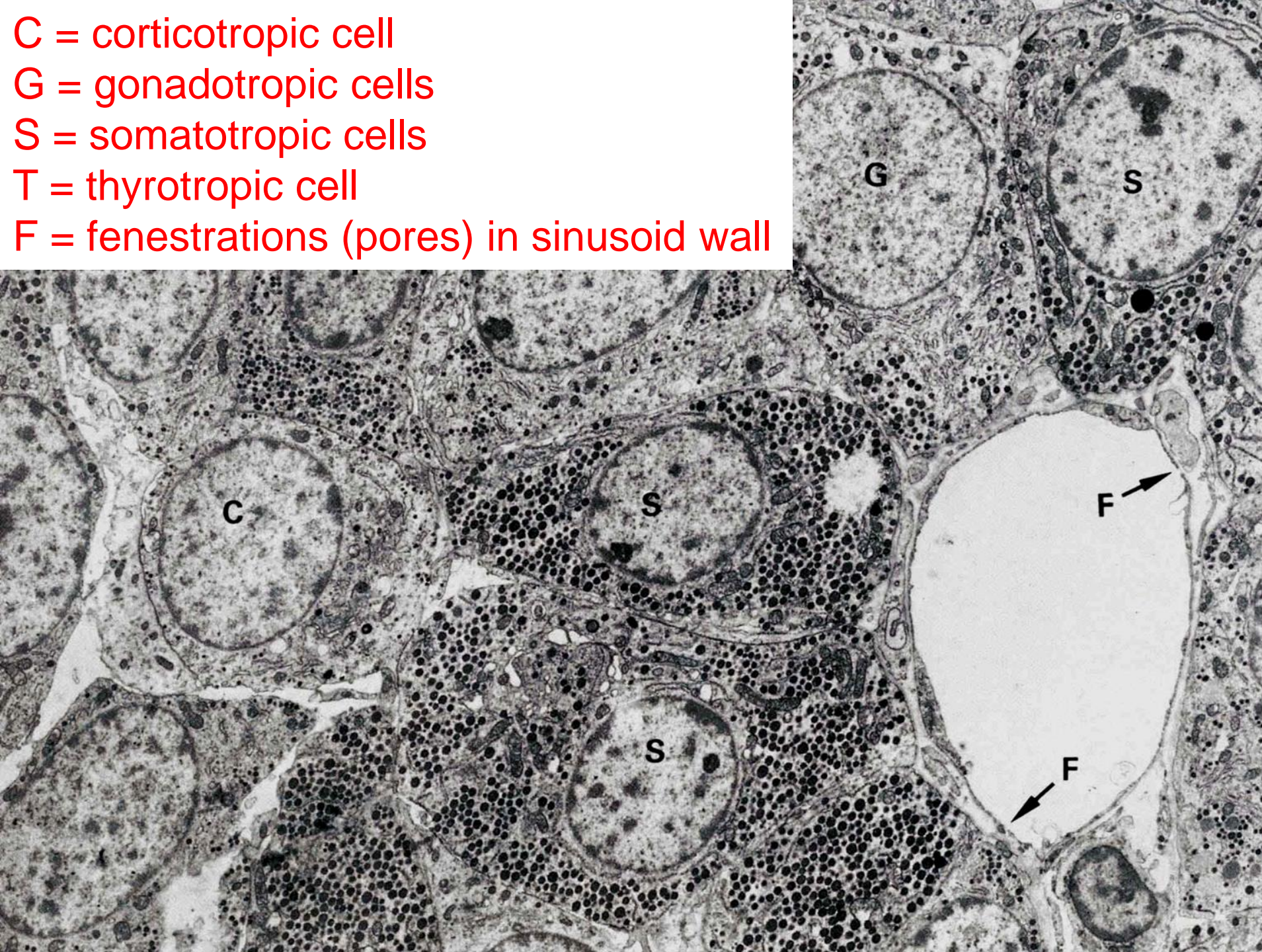
Folliculostellate cell

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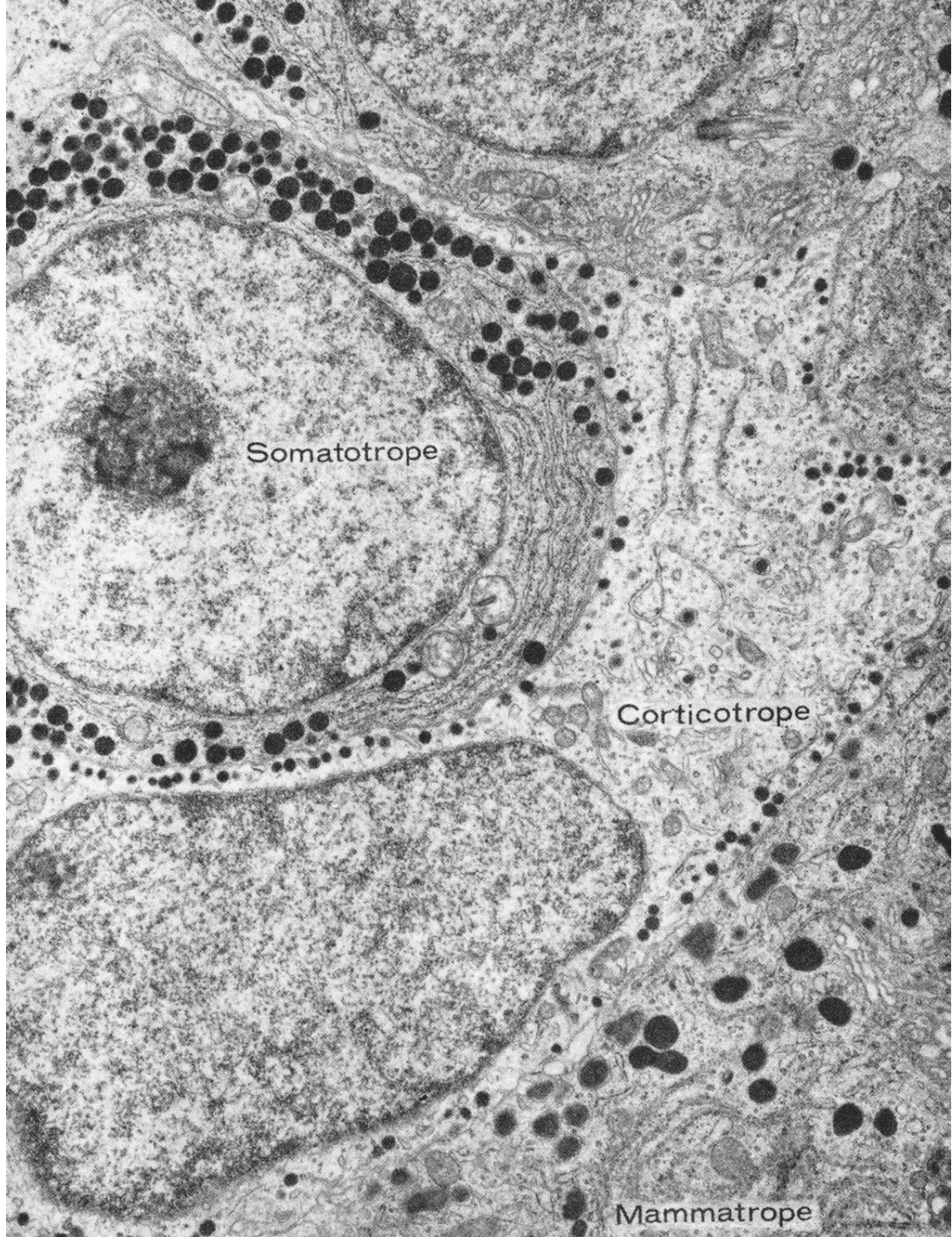




C = corticotropic cell  
G = gonadotropic cells  
S = somatotropic cells  
T = thyrotropic cell  
F = fenestrations (pores) in sinusoid wall







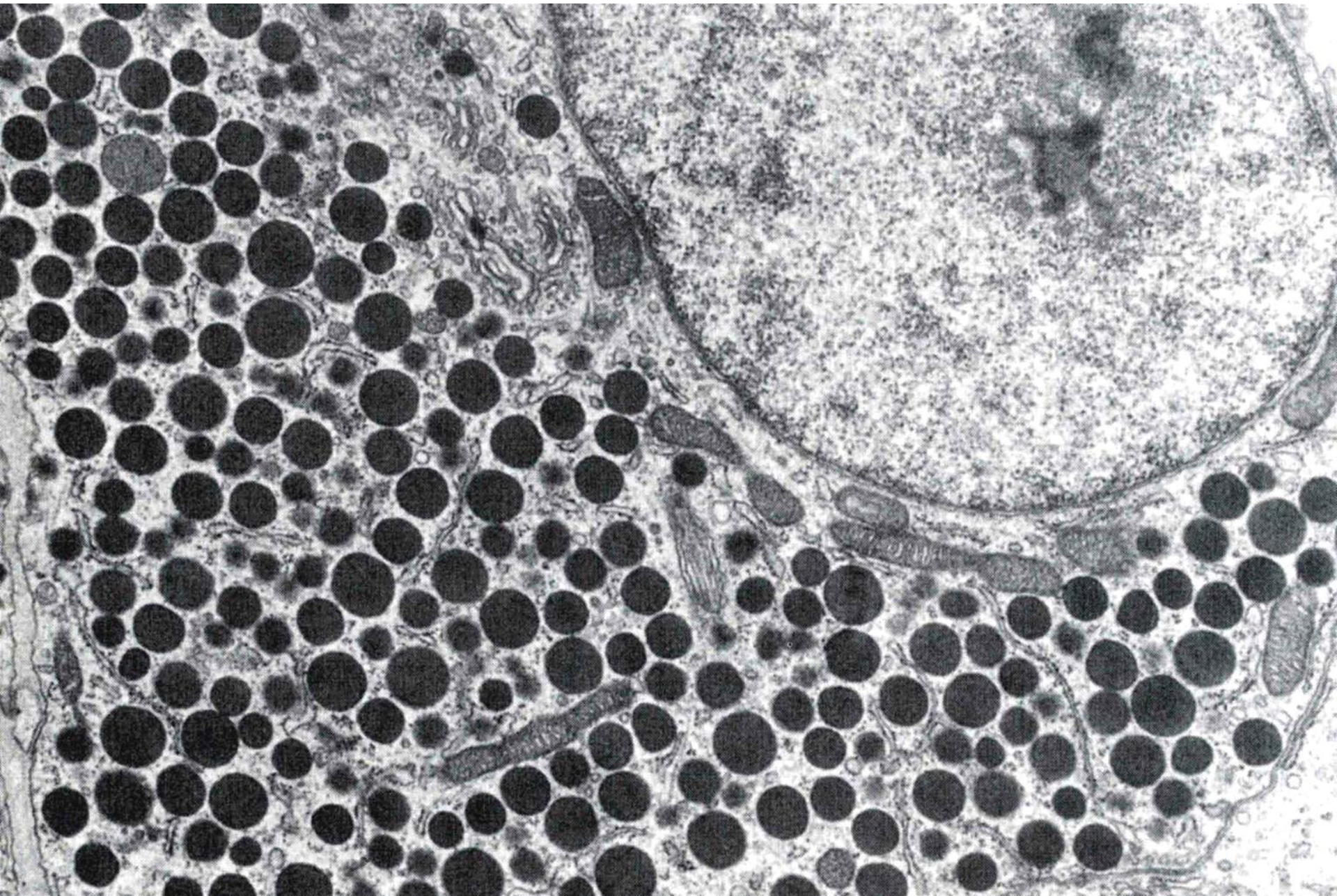
Somatotrope

Corticotrope

Mammatrope



# Somatotropic cell

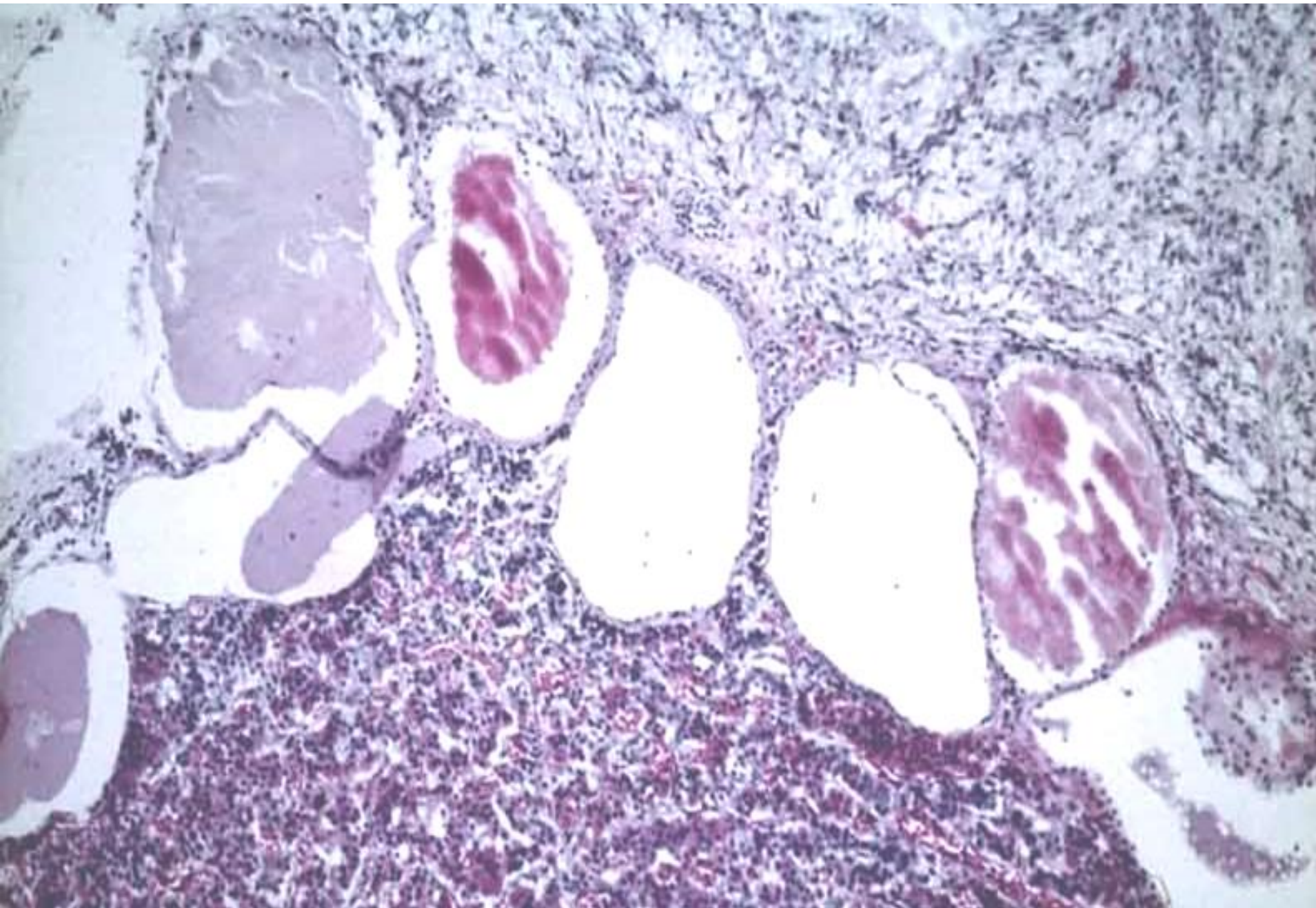


## Pars intermedia

- Rathke cysts (single layer epithelium, colloid)
- Chromophobic cells
- Basophilic cells - MSH



## Pars intermedia





arrows = small follicles in pars intermedia



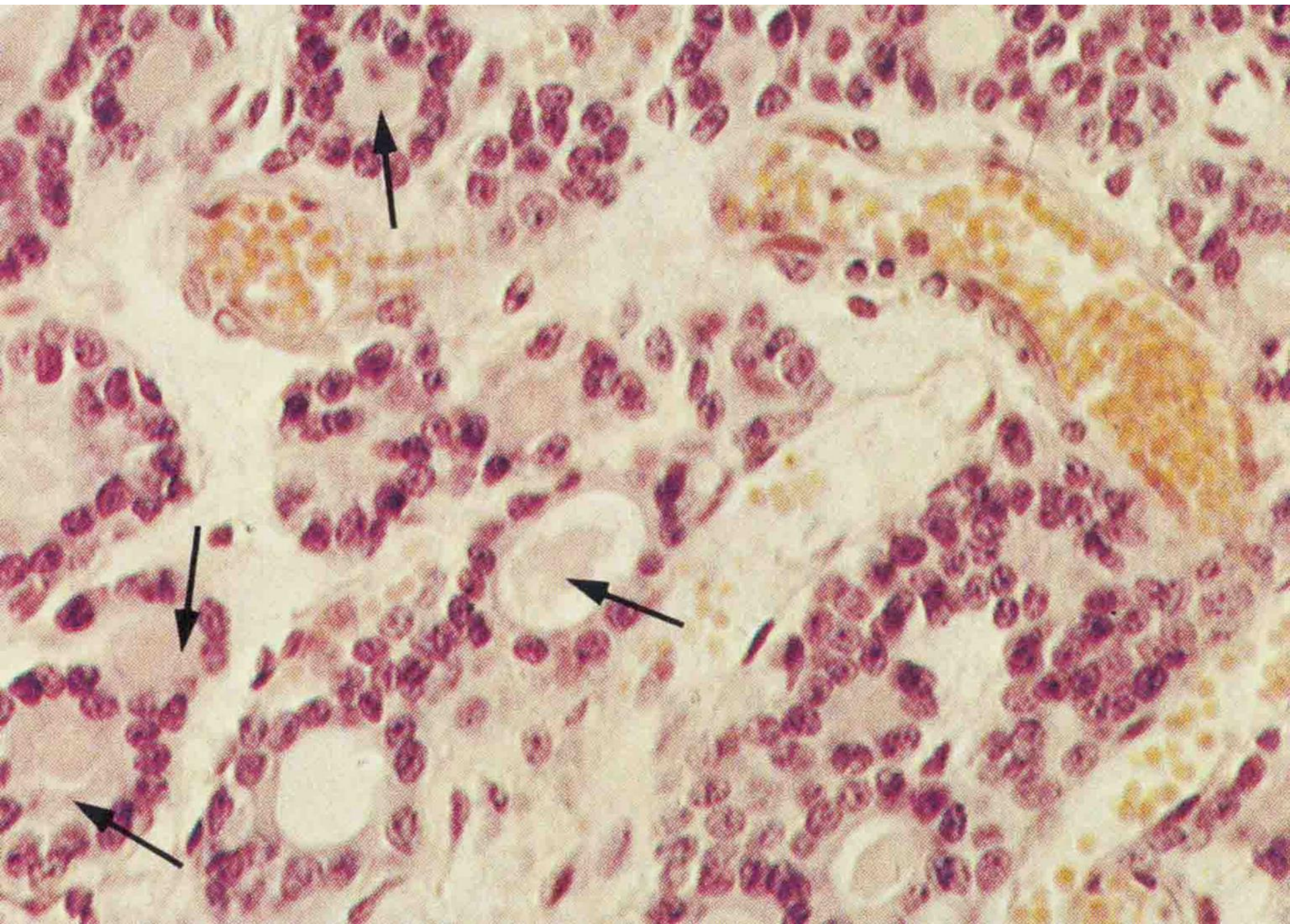


## Pars tuberalis

- Upper protrusion of pars distalis, surrounding a part of infundibulum
- Chromophobe cells

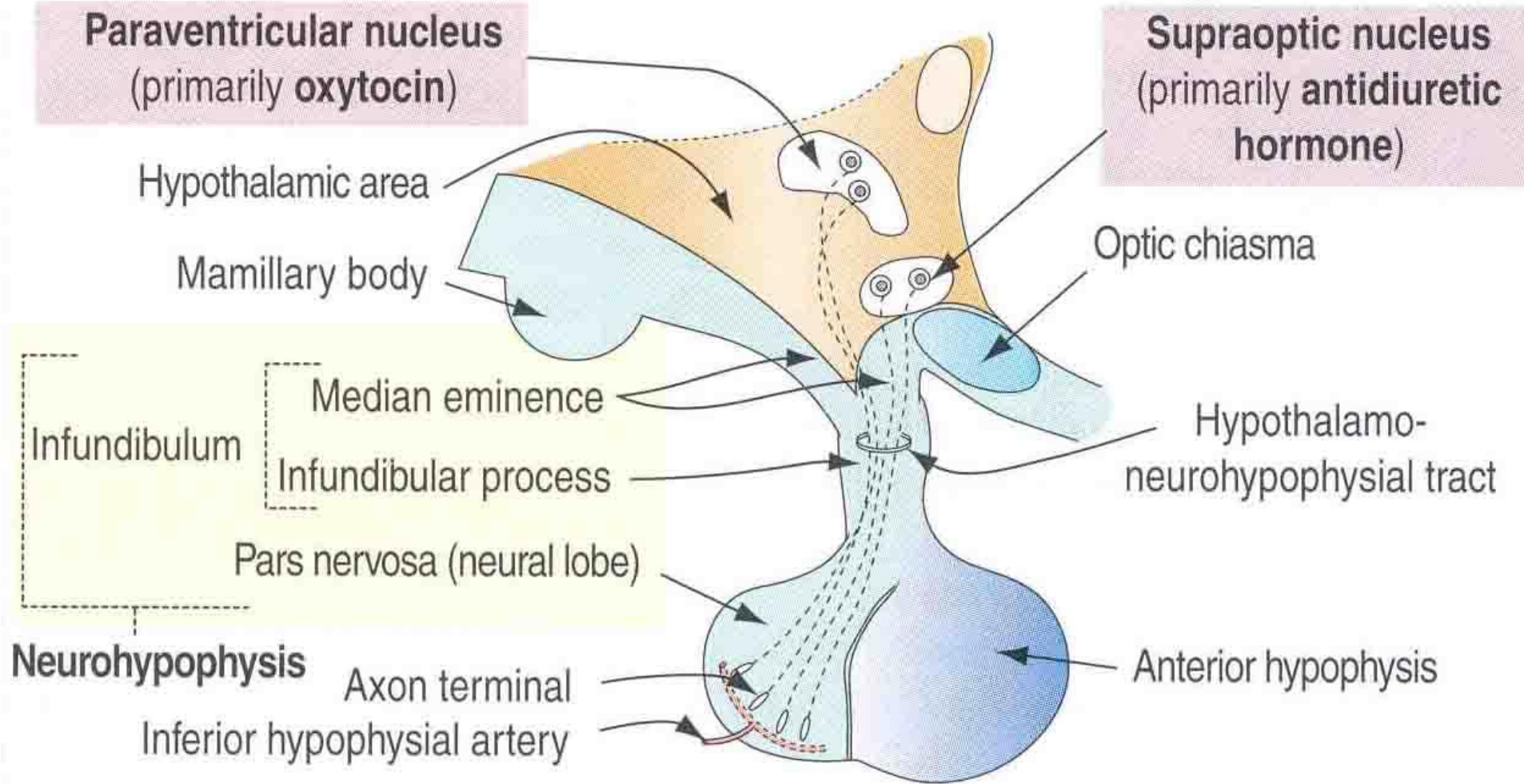


# Pars tuberalis





# Posterior lobe - Neurohypophysis





# Posterior lobe = *Neurohypophysis*

eminentia mediana

–floor of the 3rd ventricle

–frequent nonmyelinated nerve fibers

- infundibulum

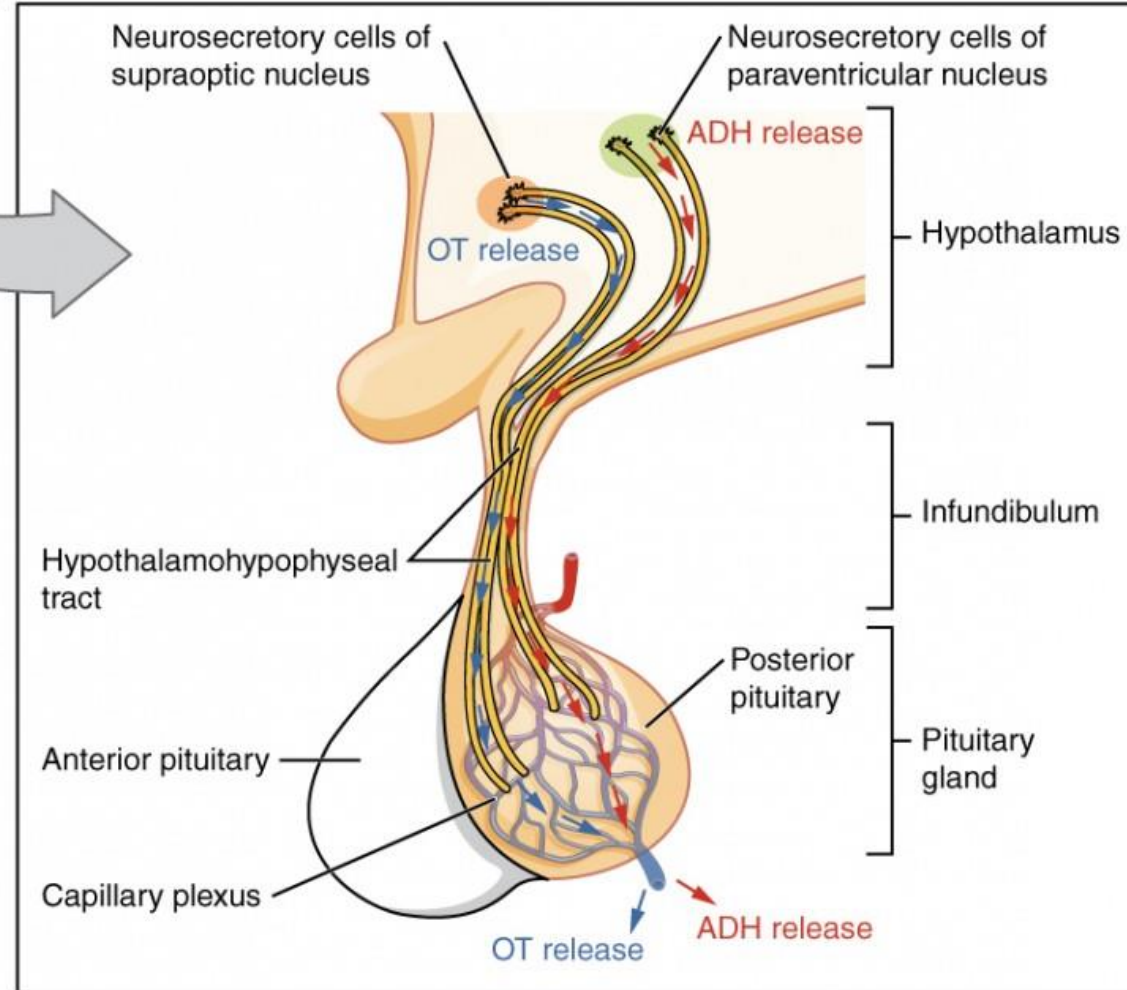
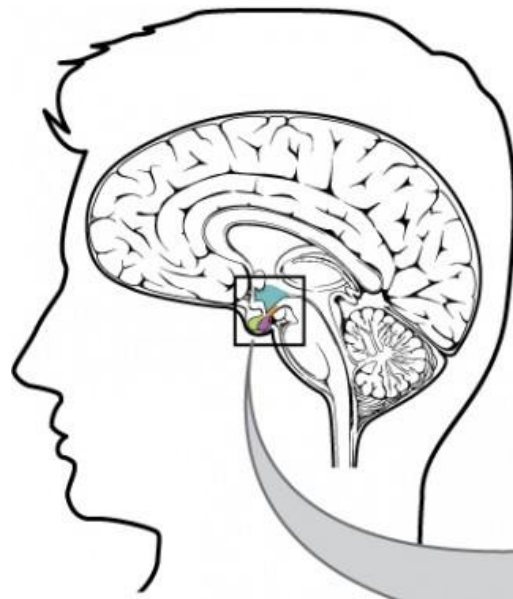
–tractus hypothalamohypophysialis

–neurofibra neurosecretoria (+ vesicula neurosecretoria) = nonmyelinated nerve fibers

- some terminate at capillaries

- lobus nervosus (pars nervosa)

# Posterior lobe = *Neurohypophysis*



# Lobus nervosus neurohypophysis

nerve fibers

–axons of hypothalamic neurons

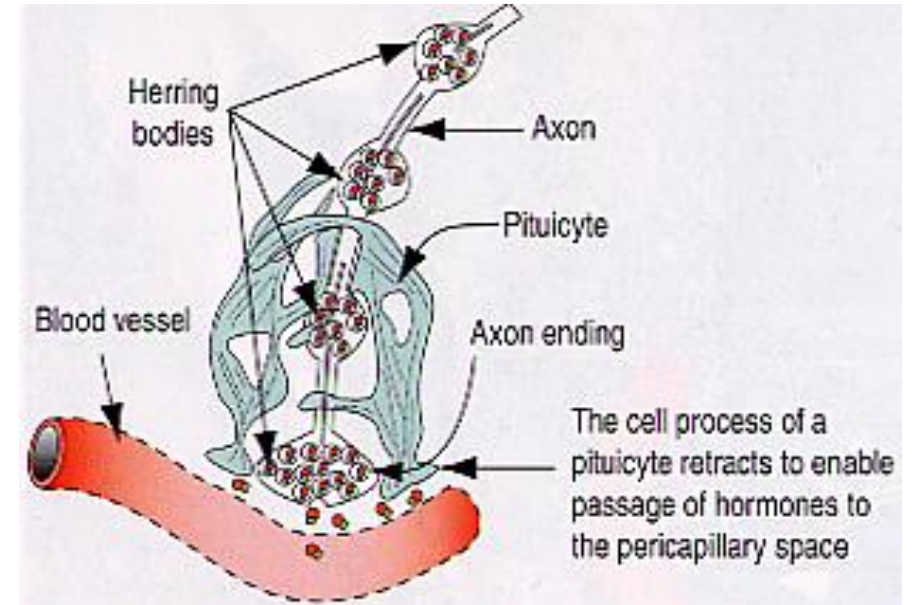
–corpuscula neurosecretoria (**bodies of Herring**) –accumulation of granules

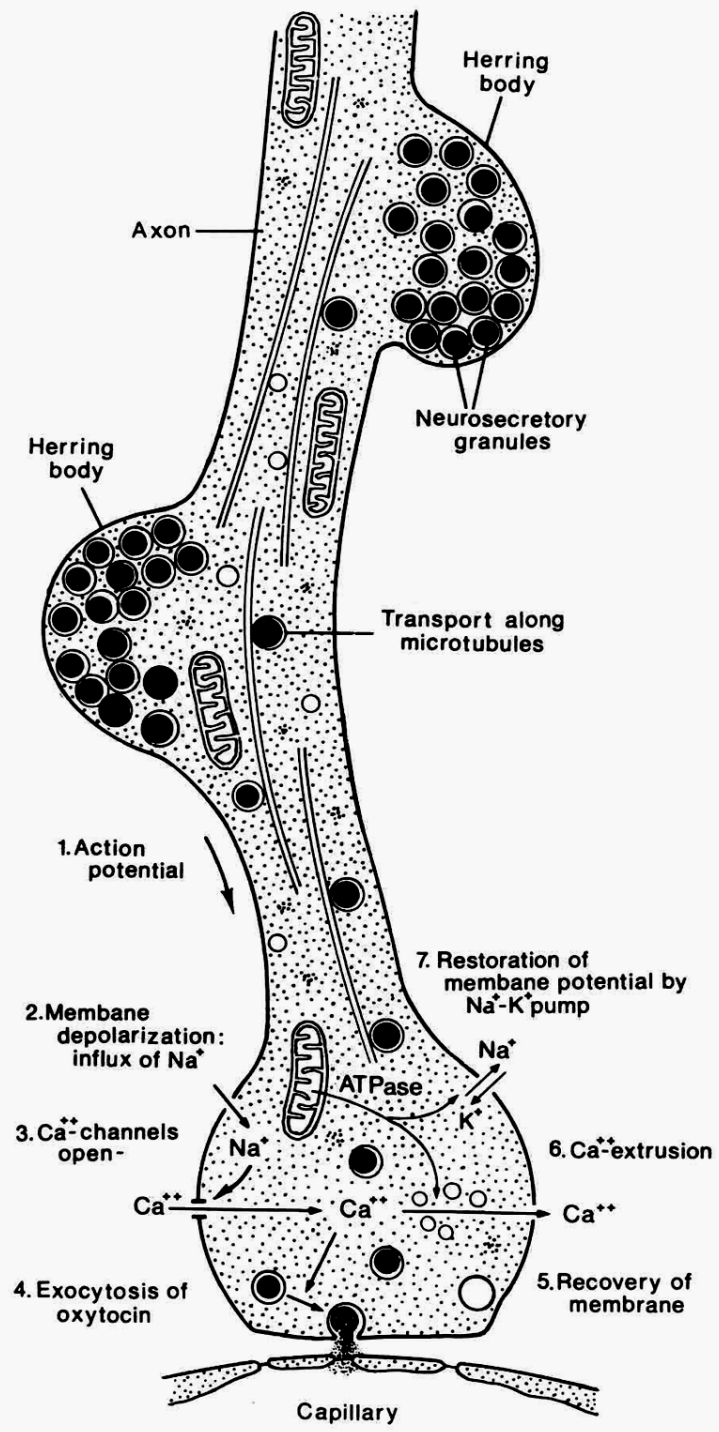
–**oxytocin+ ADH** (adiuretin, antidiuretic hormone, vasopressin)

•pituicytes (*pituicyti*)

–glial cells

•capillaries (*synapsis neurohaemalis*)





1. Action potential

2. Membrane depolarization: influx of  $\text{Na}^+$

3.  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  channels open -

4. Exocytosis of oxytocin

7. Restoration of membrane potential by  $\text{Na}^+-\text{K}^+$  pump

6.  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  extrusion

5. Recovery of membrane

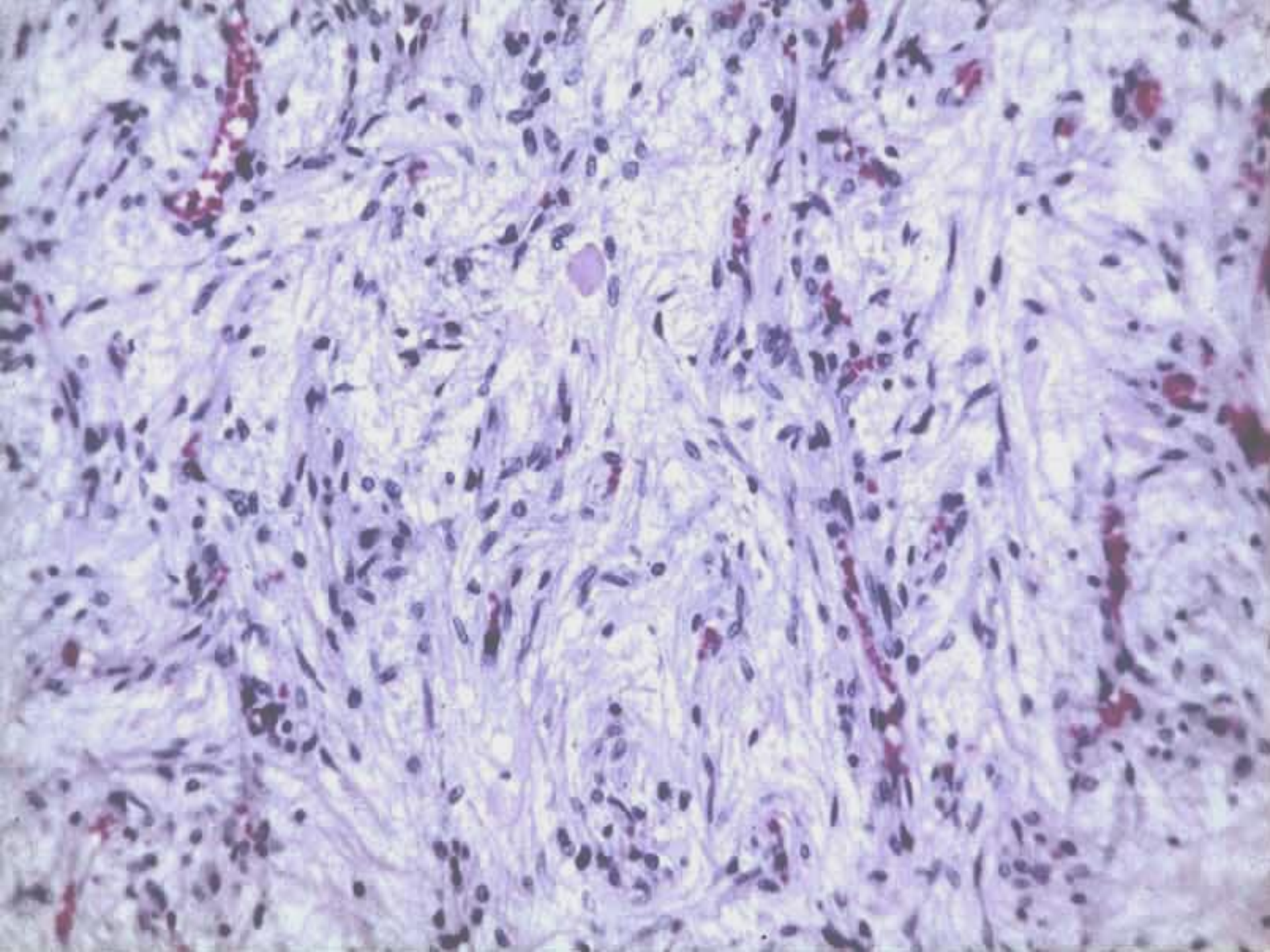




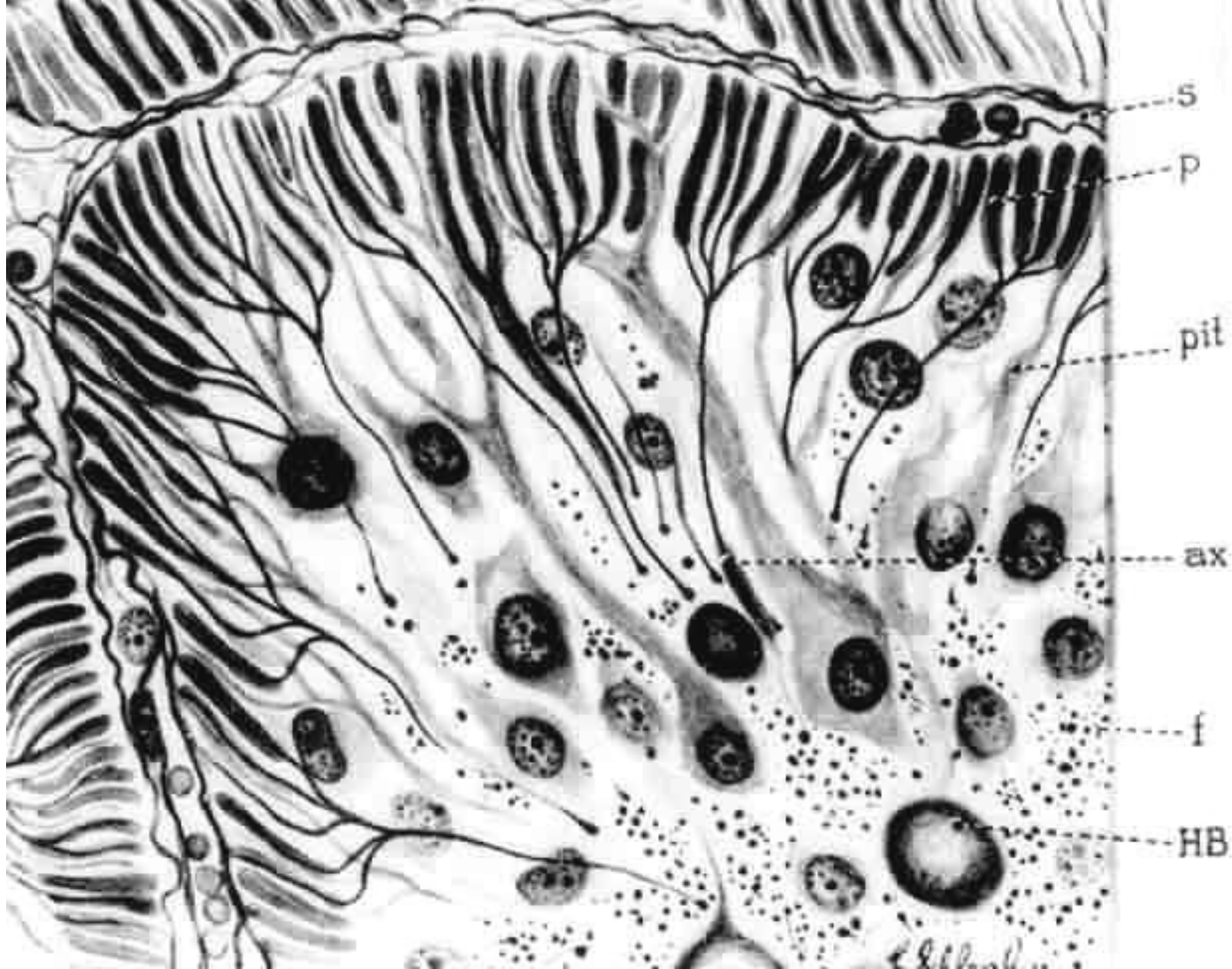
### Posterior Pituitary

The posterior pituitary resembles unmyelinated nervous tissue and is composed of the nerve cell terminals that run down from neurons whose cell bodies are located in the hypothalamus. Herring bodies are distensions of the axon terminal fibers where neurosecretory granules have accumulated. Make sure that you can distinguish these from the blood vessels - Herring bodies appear lighter and rounder. Because the cell bodies of the secretory cells of the posterior pituitary are located in the hypothalamus, the nuclei visible in this slide belong to supporting cells known as pituicytes.







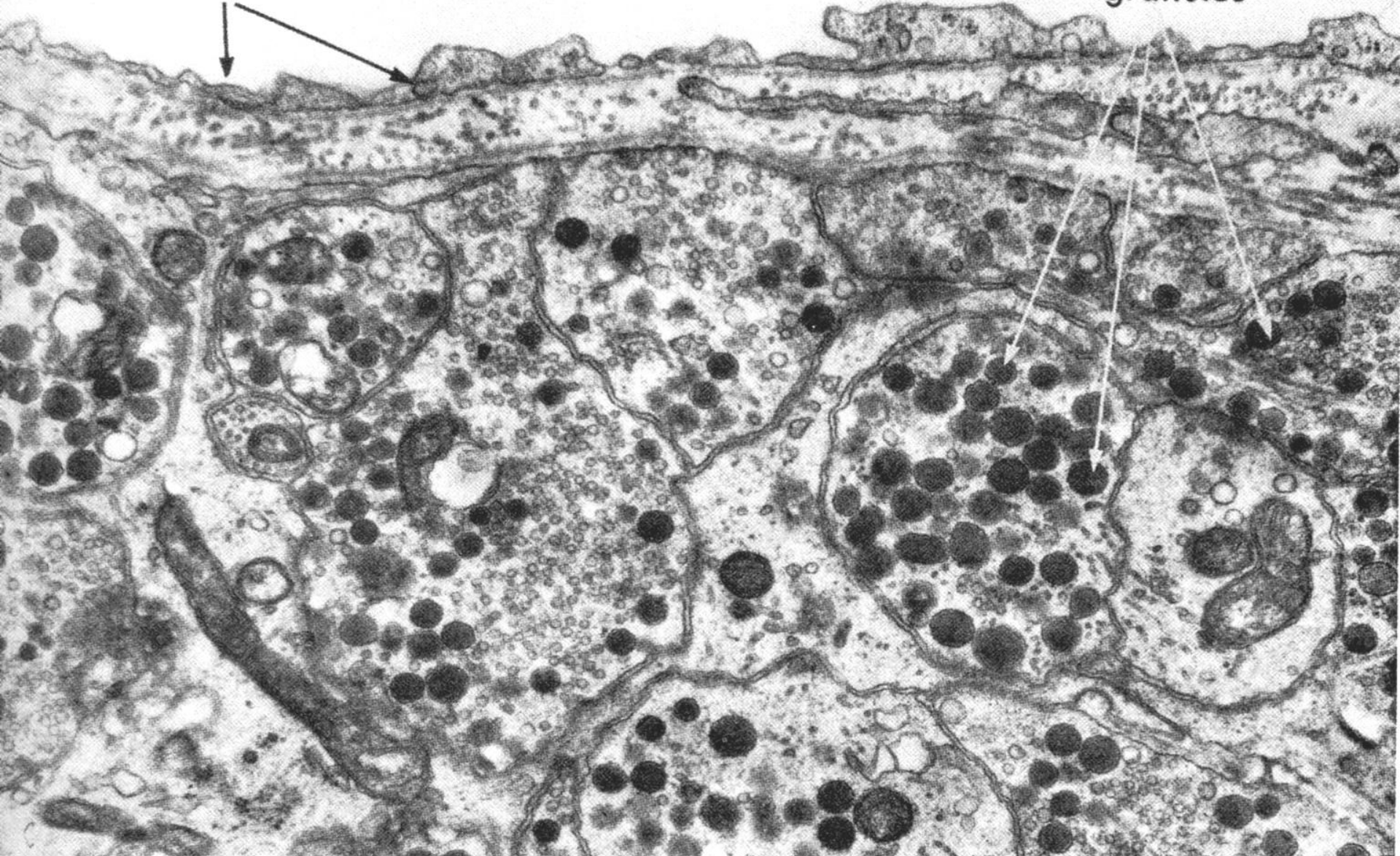


Pars nervosa



Endothelium

Neurosecretory granules

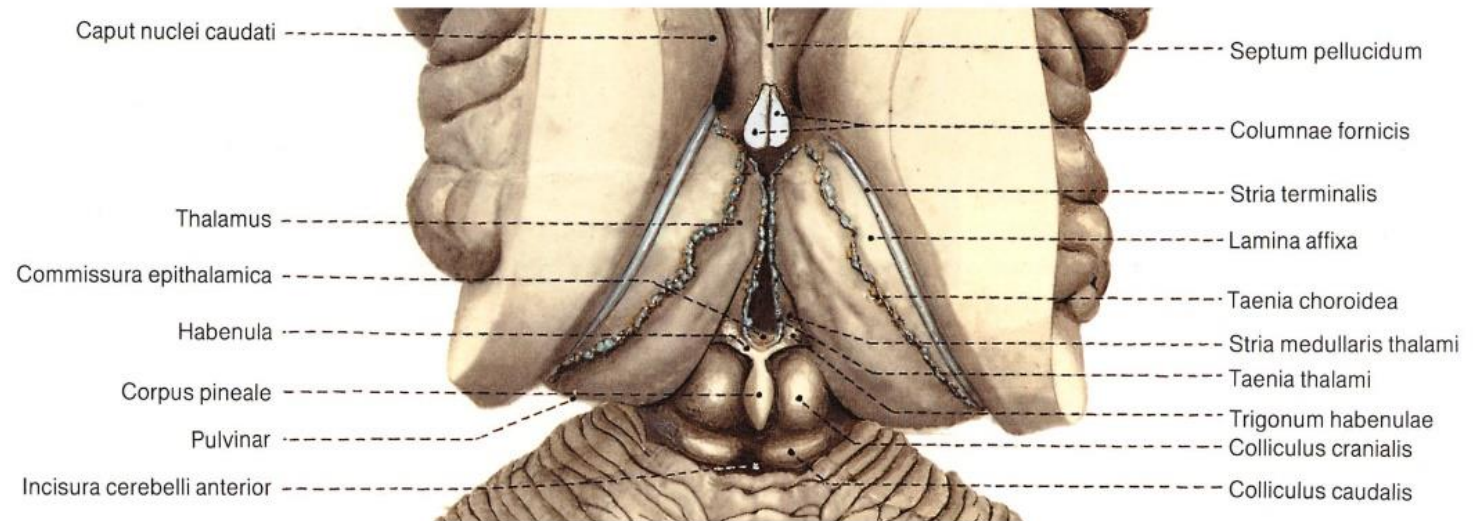
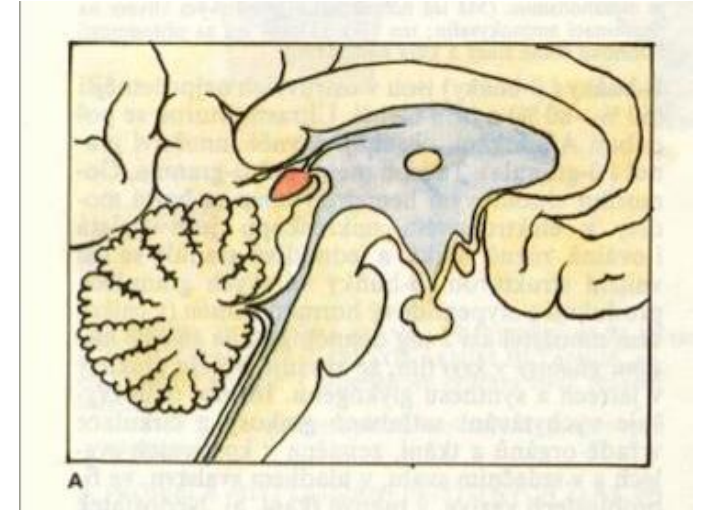


# **Pineal gland (glandula pinealis)**

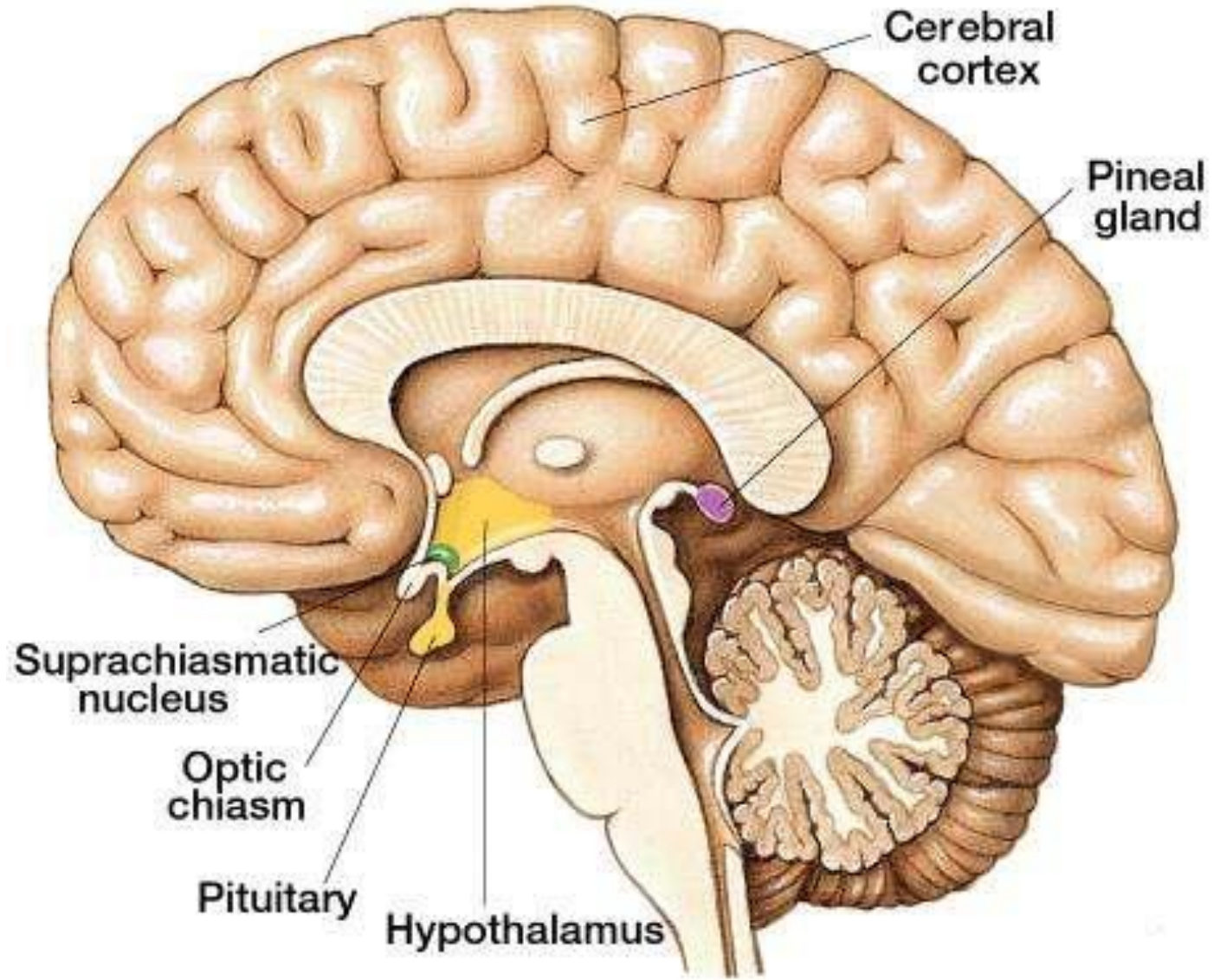
# Pineal gland

behind upper posterior end of 3rd ventricle

- part of epithalamus
- rudimentary endocrine gland with suppressive effect on sexual glands (pubertas praecox)
- dorsally extends above brain stem (above lamina quadrigemina of midbrain)
- *melatonin* change of level during day
- *acervulus cerebri* (= calcium concrements in adults) –CT, MRI







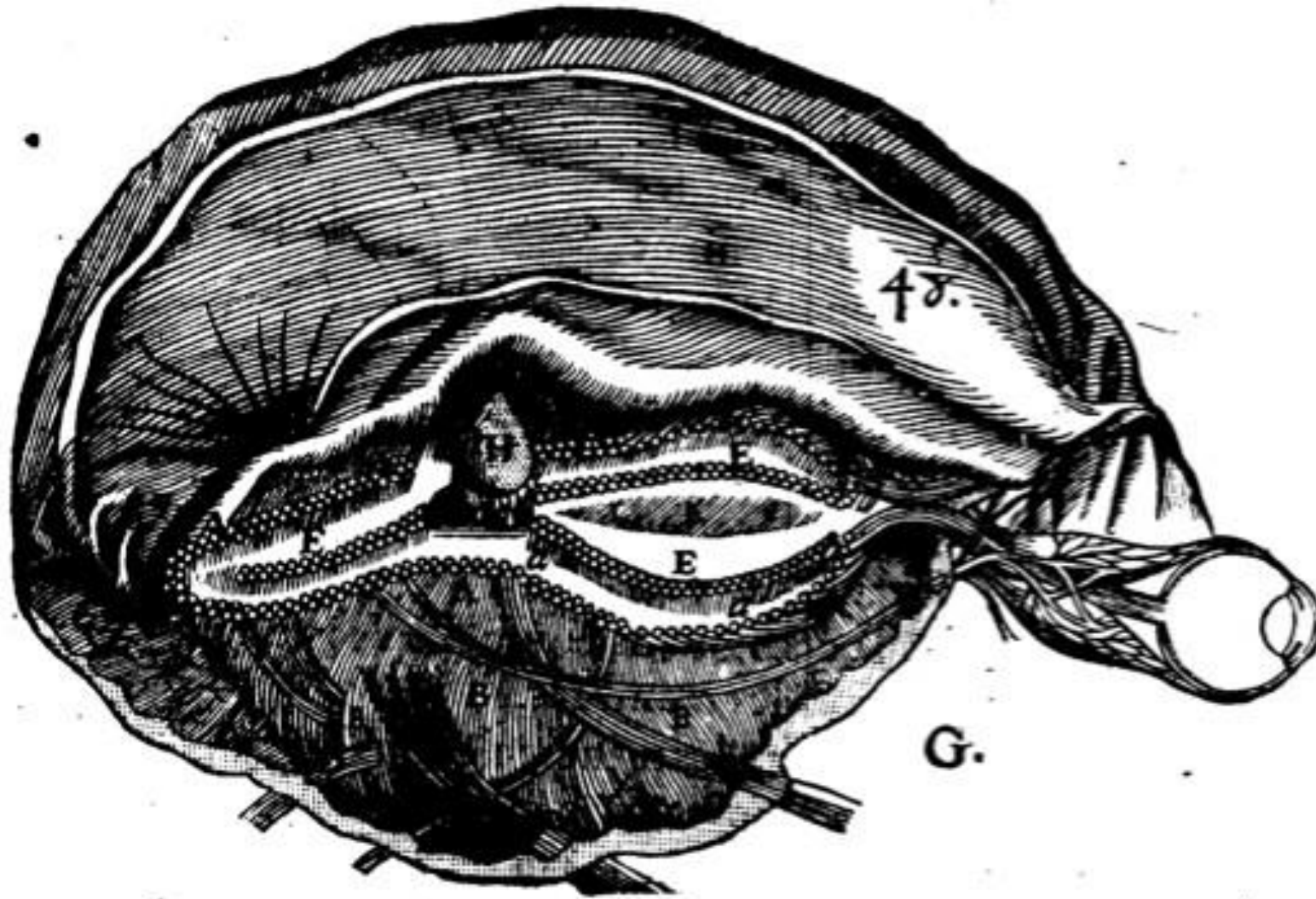
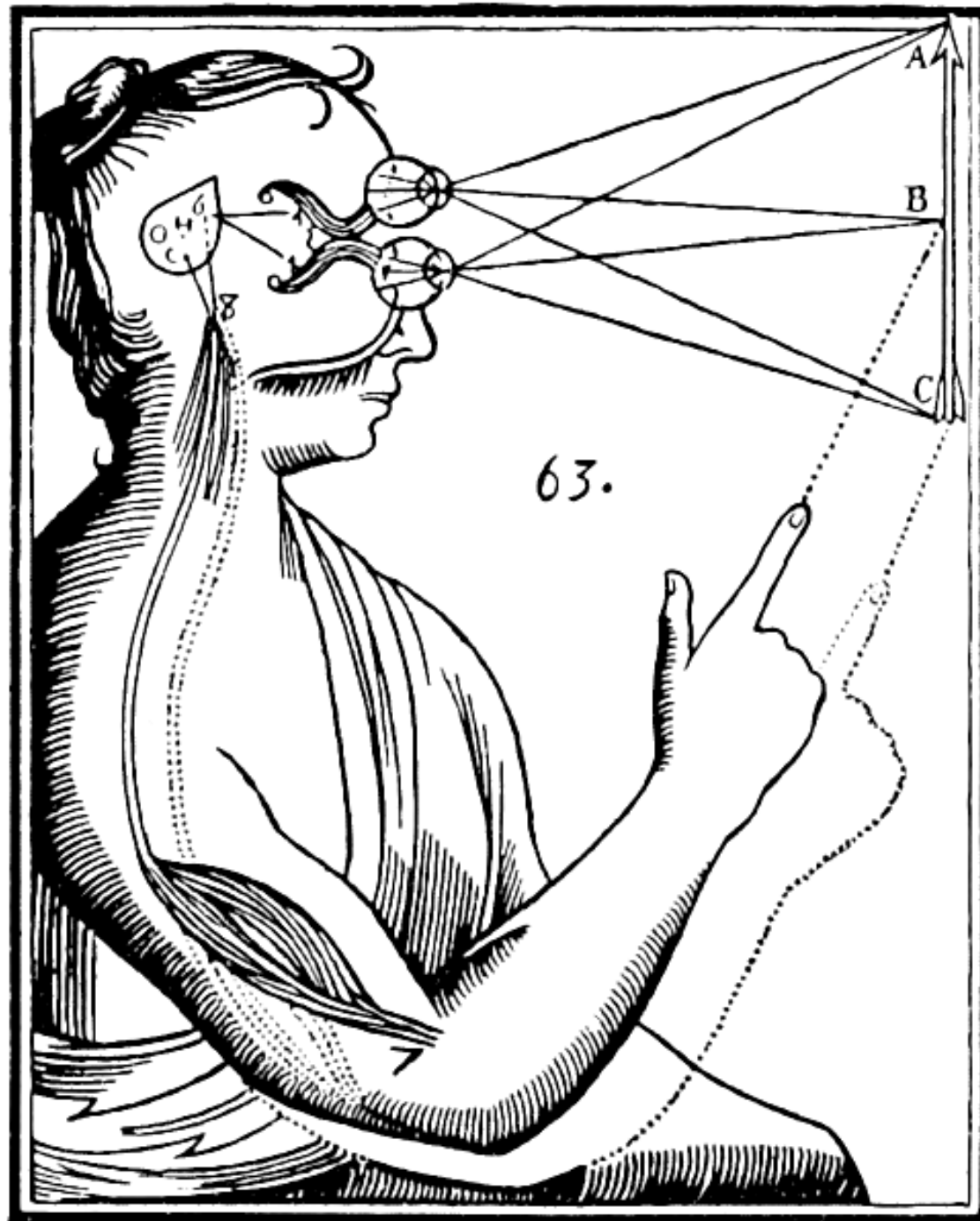


Figure 6. The Pineal Gland According to Descartes. This image from the 1664 edition of the *Treatise of man* illustrates Descartes' view that the pineal gland (H) is suspended in the middle of the ventricles (Descartes 1664, p. 63).



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*the pineal gland "is that which the Eastern Occultist calls Devāka, the 'Divine Eye,' or the 'Third Eye.' To this day, it is the chief and foremost organ of spirituality in the human brain."*



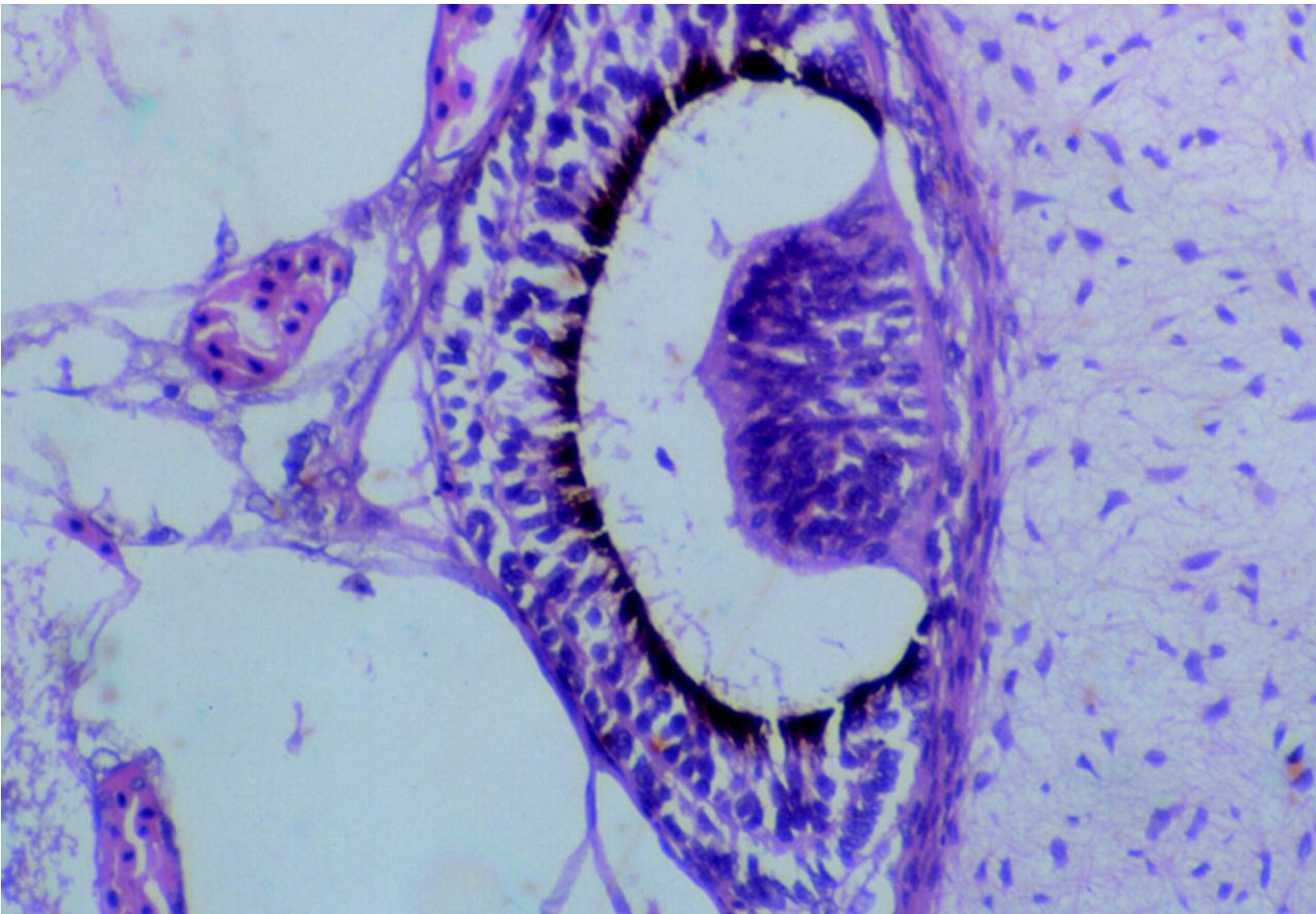
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**It is famous for the big development of the "third eye" on the head, visible in the young, called parietal eye © Southland Museum & Art Gallery, Invercargill**





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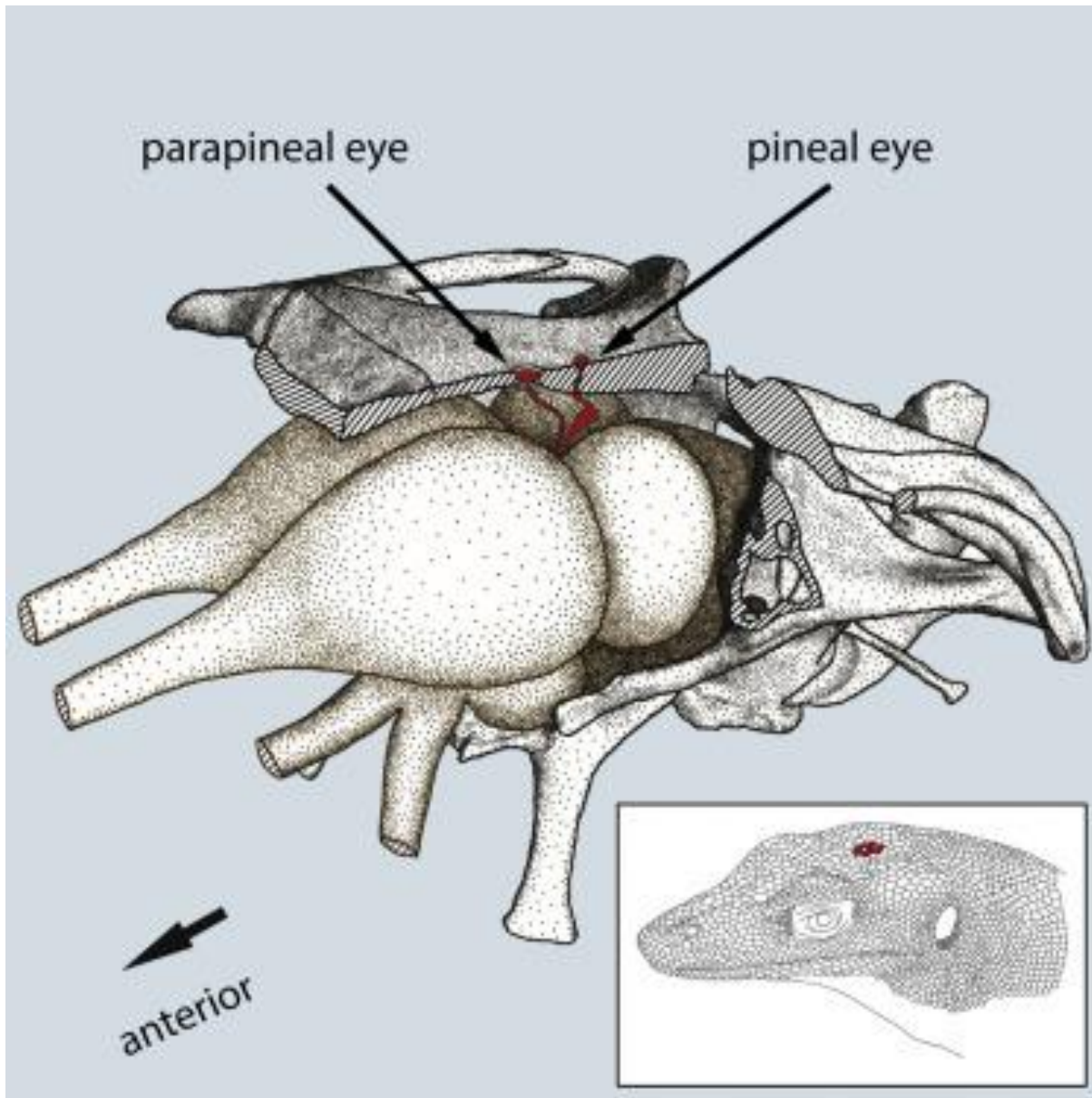


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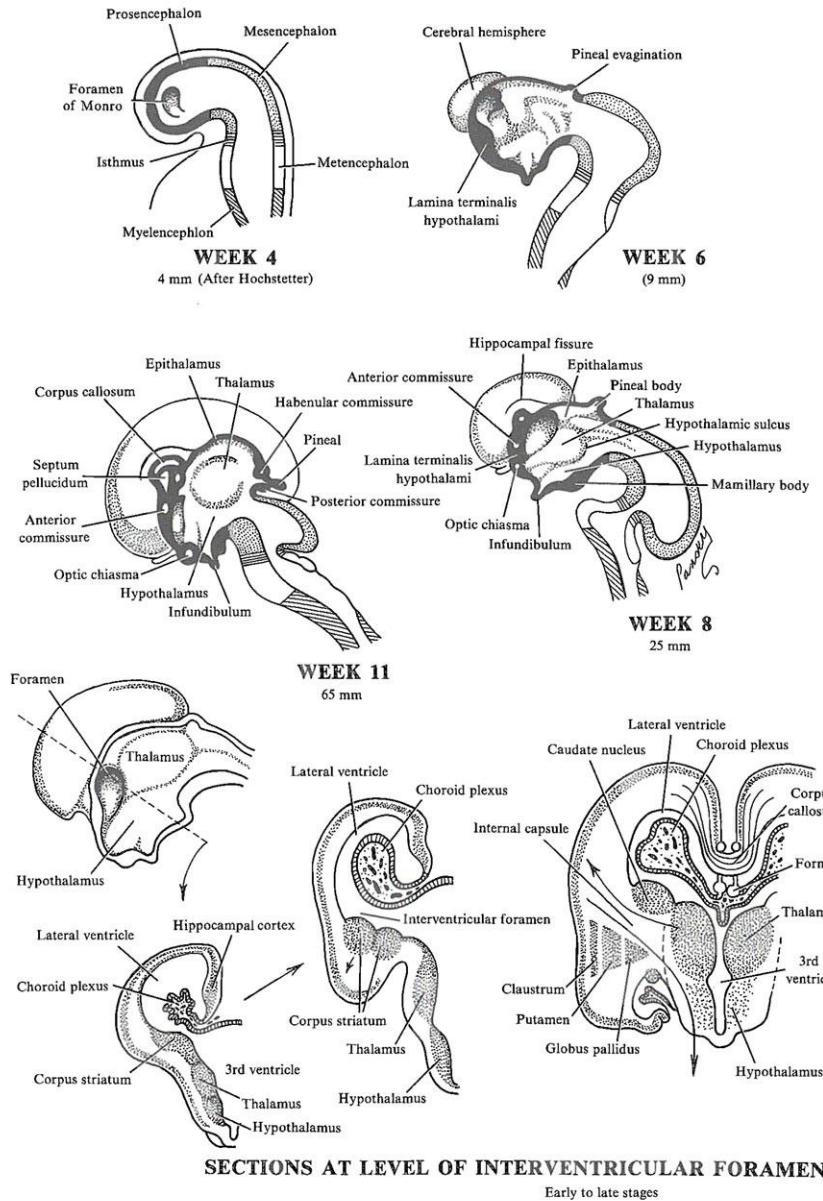
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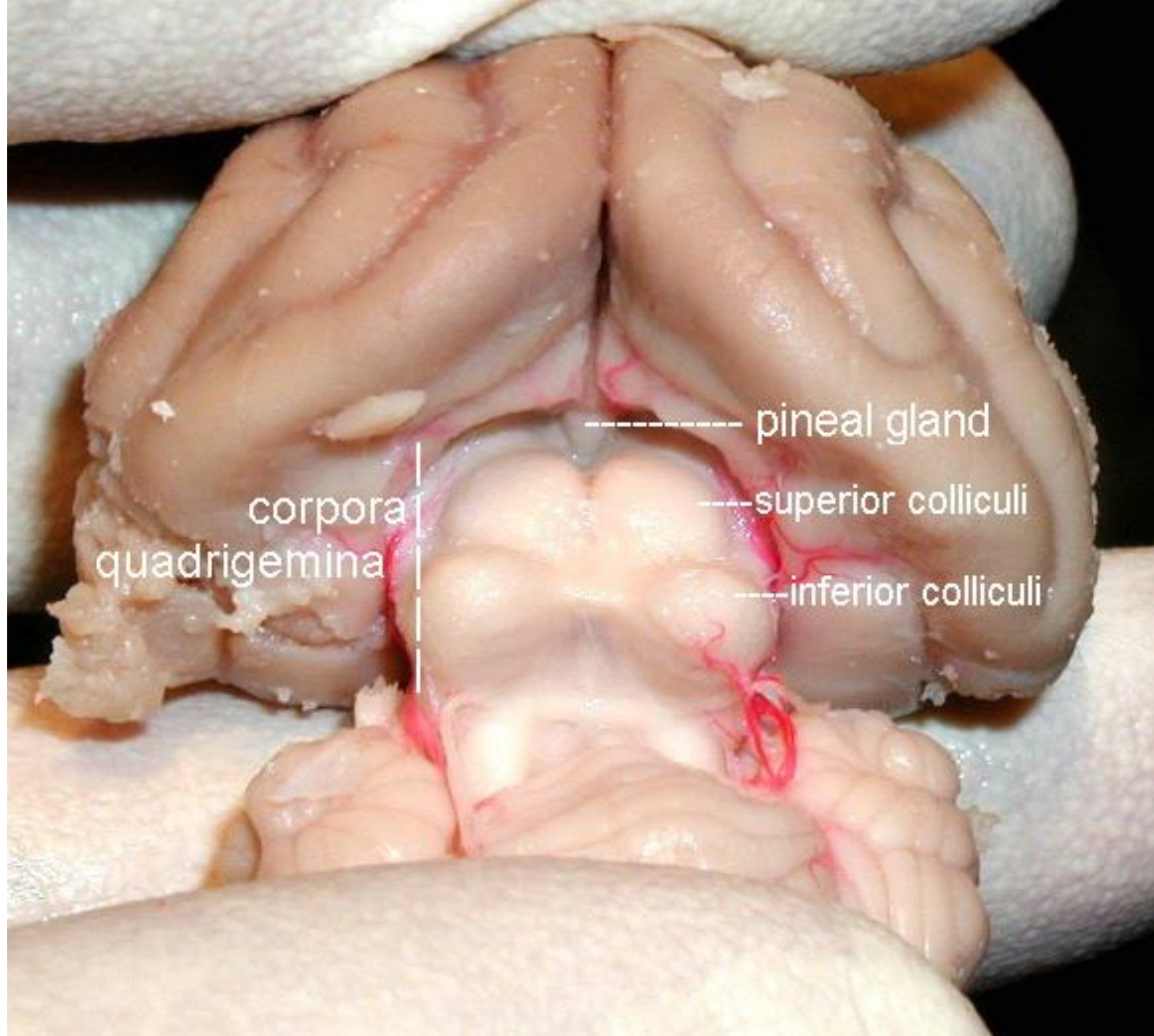
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# Pineal gland development



<https://discovery.lifemapsc.com/library/review-of-medical-embryology/chapter-153-the-diencephalon-second-vesicle>





corpora  
quadrigemina

pineal gland

superior colliculi

inferior colliculi

# Pineal gland - structure

capsule from *pia mater* (septa)

- pinealocytes

- nucleus with prominent nucleolus, basophilic cytoplasm

- production of **melatonin**

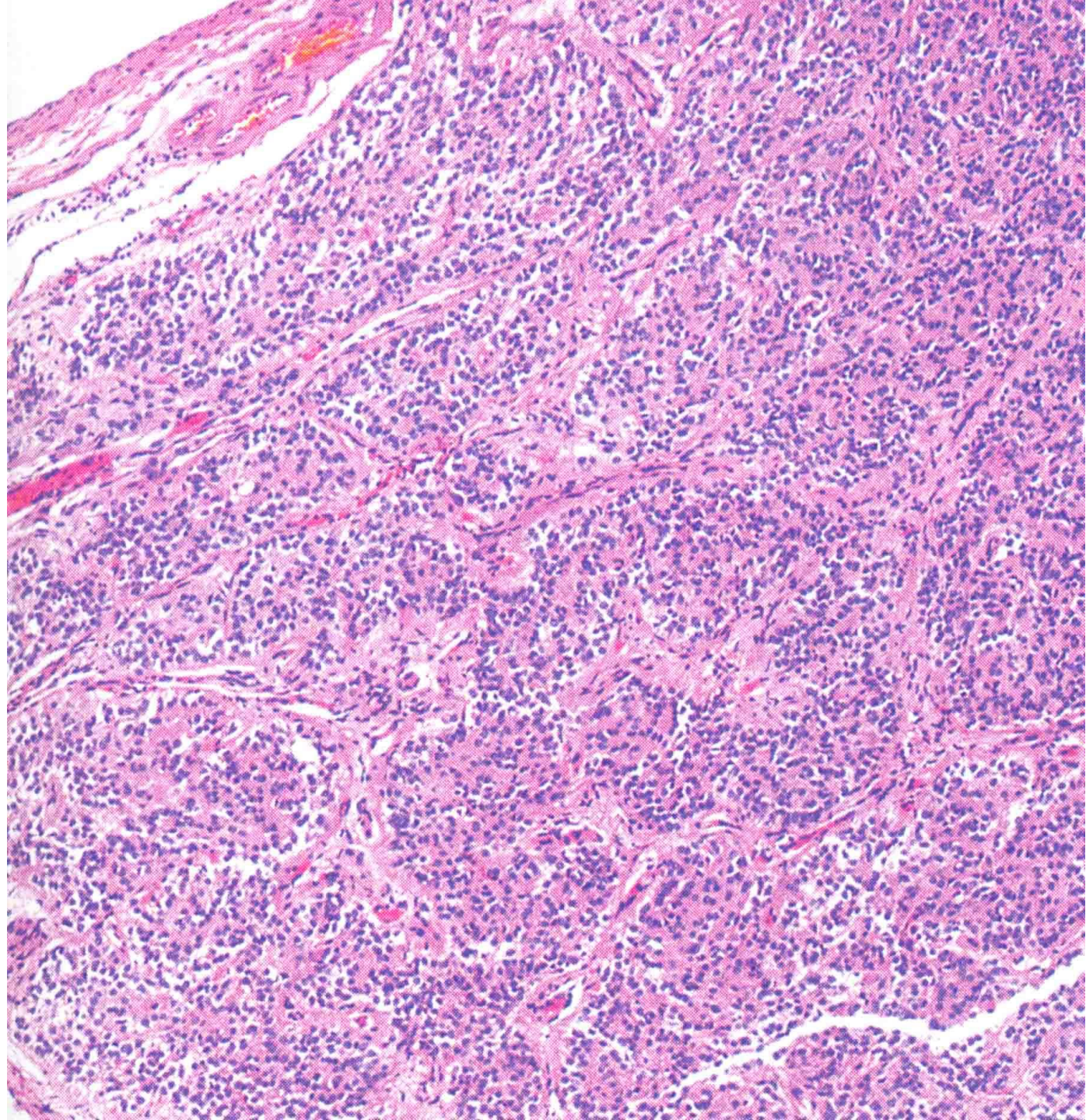
- level changes during the day

- interstitial/astroglial cells

- bar-shaped nucleus

- n. pinealis - neurofibra non myelinata

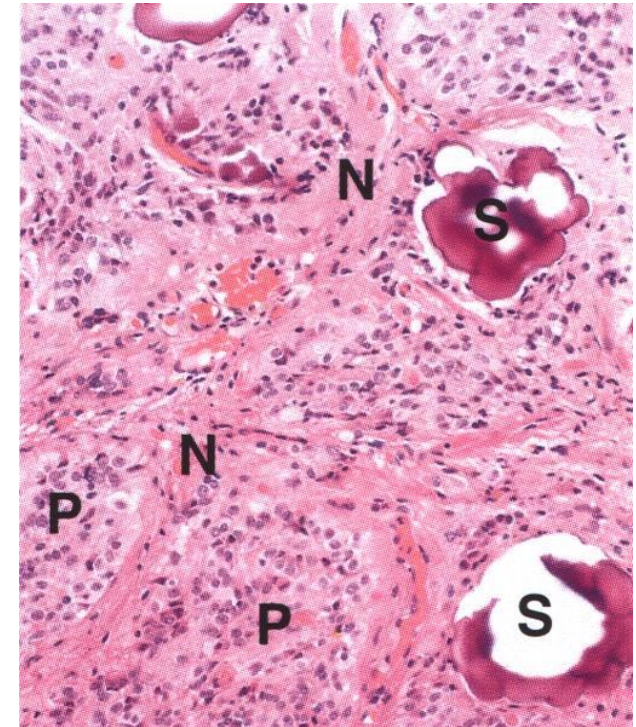
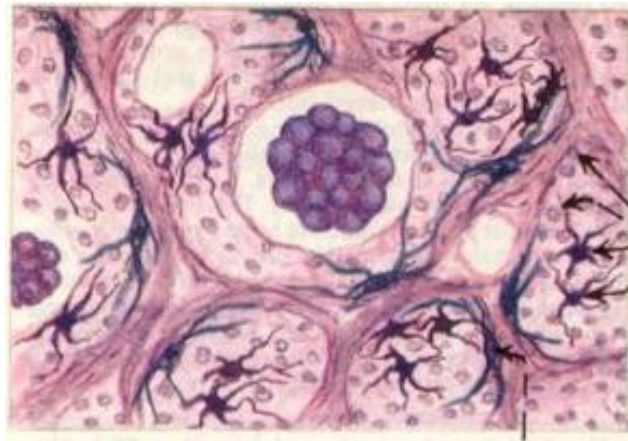
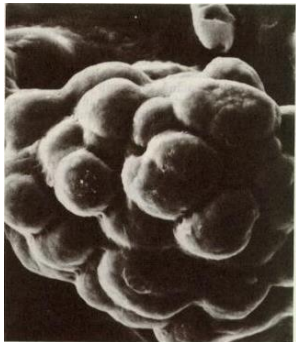
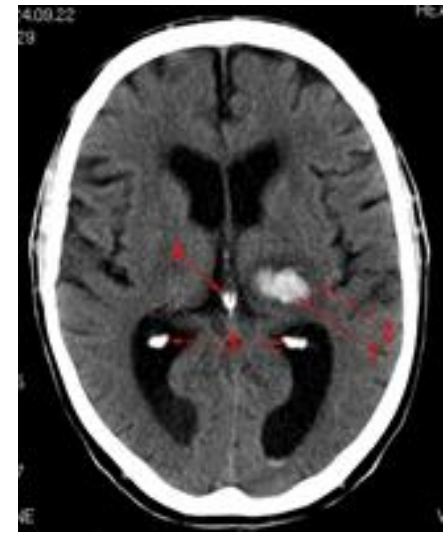




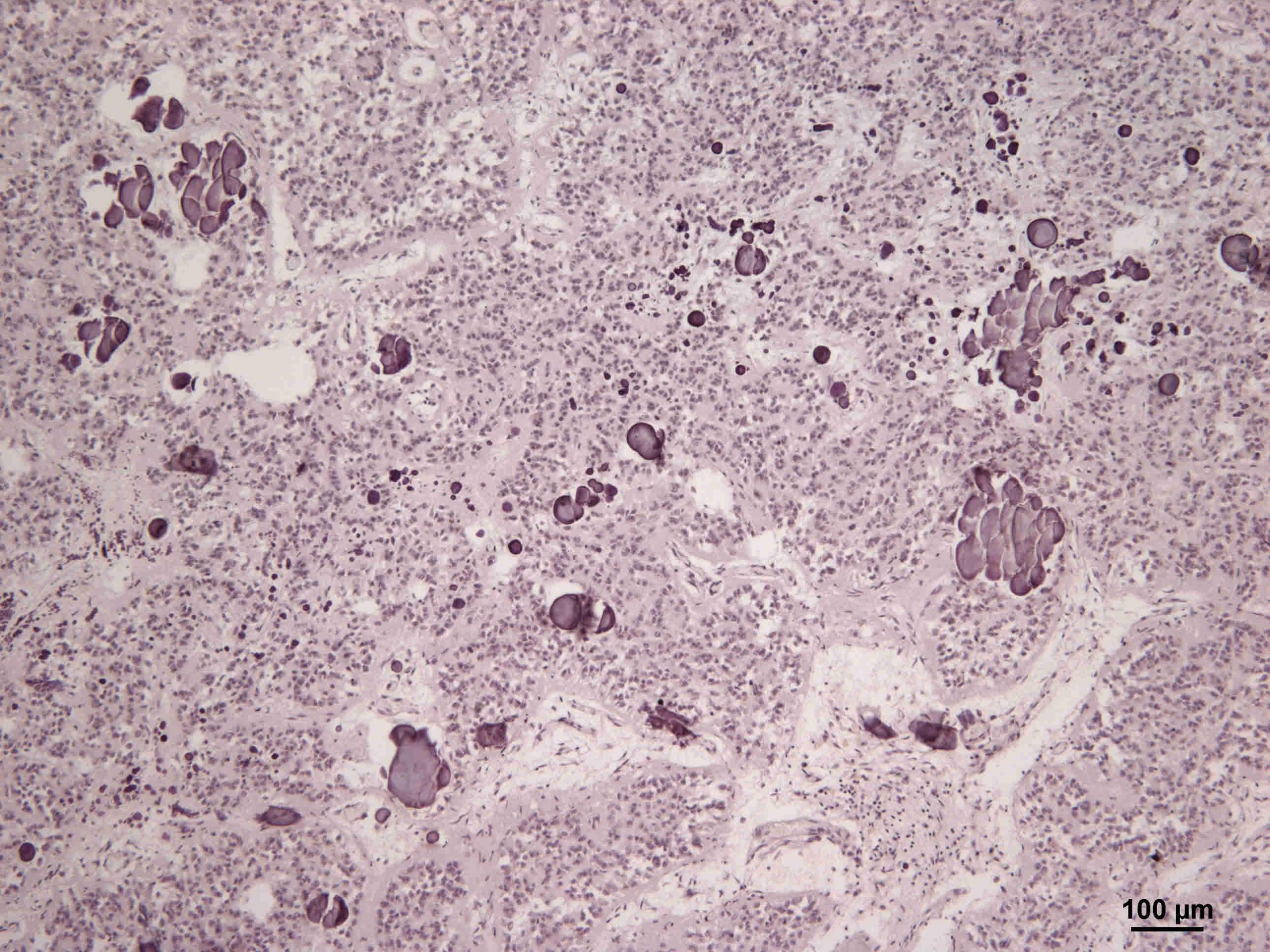


# Pineal gland – “brain sand”

- **acervulus; corpus arenaceum**
- concretions of protein material with calcium salts
- amount elevates with age
- CT, MRI



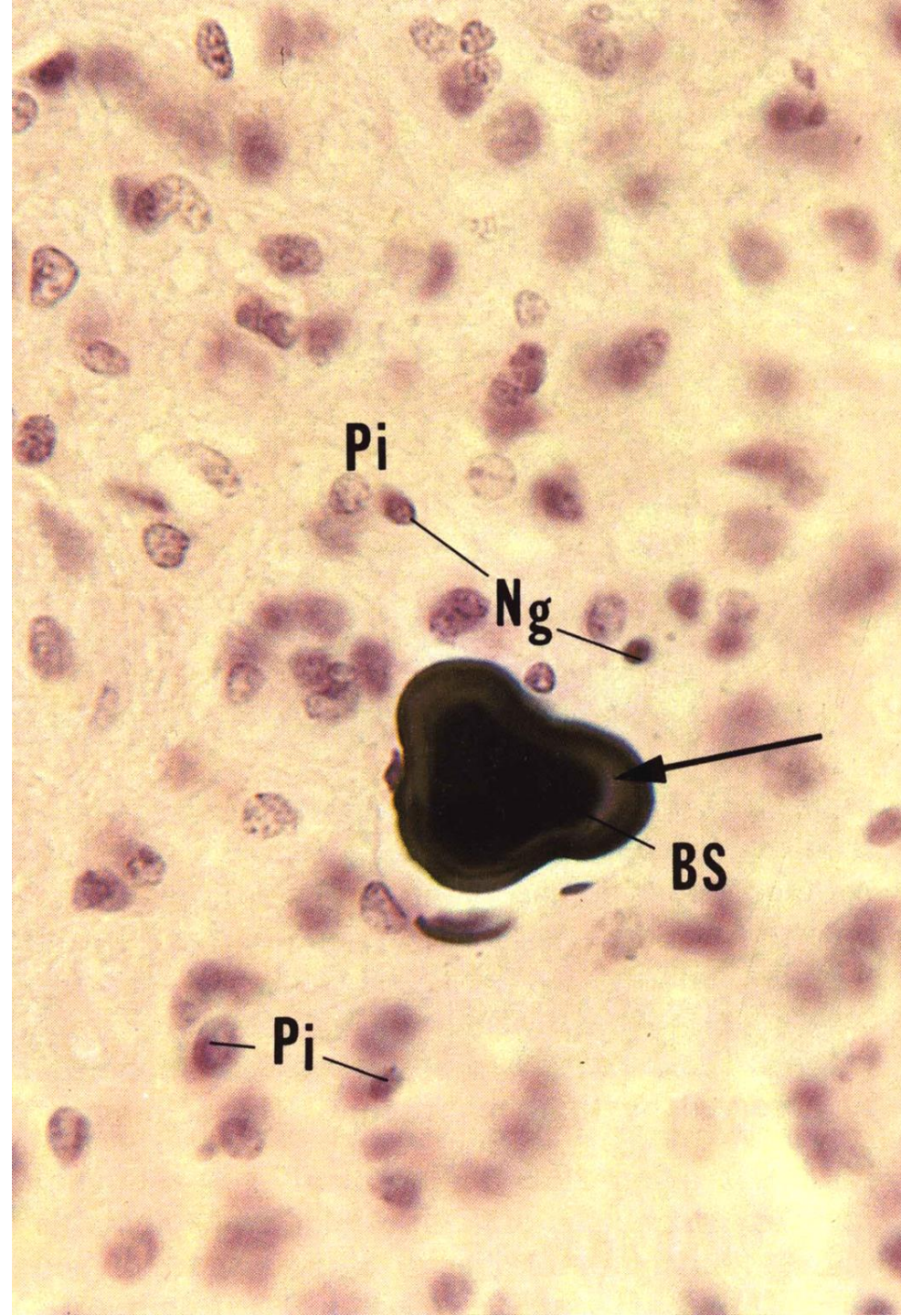




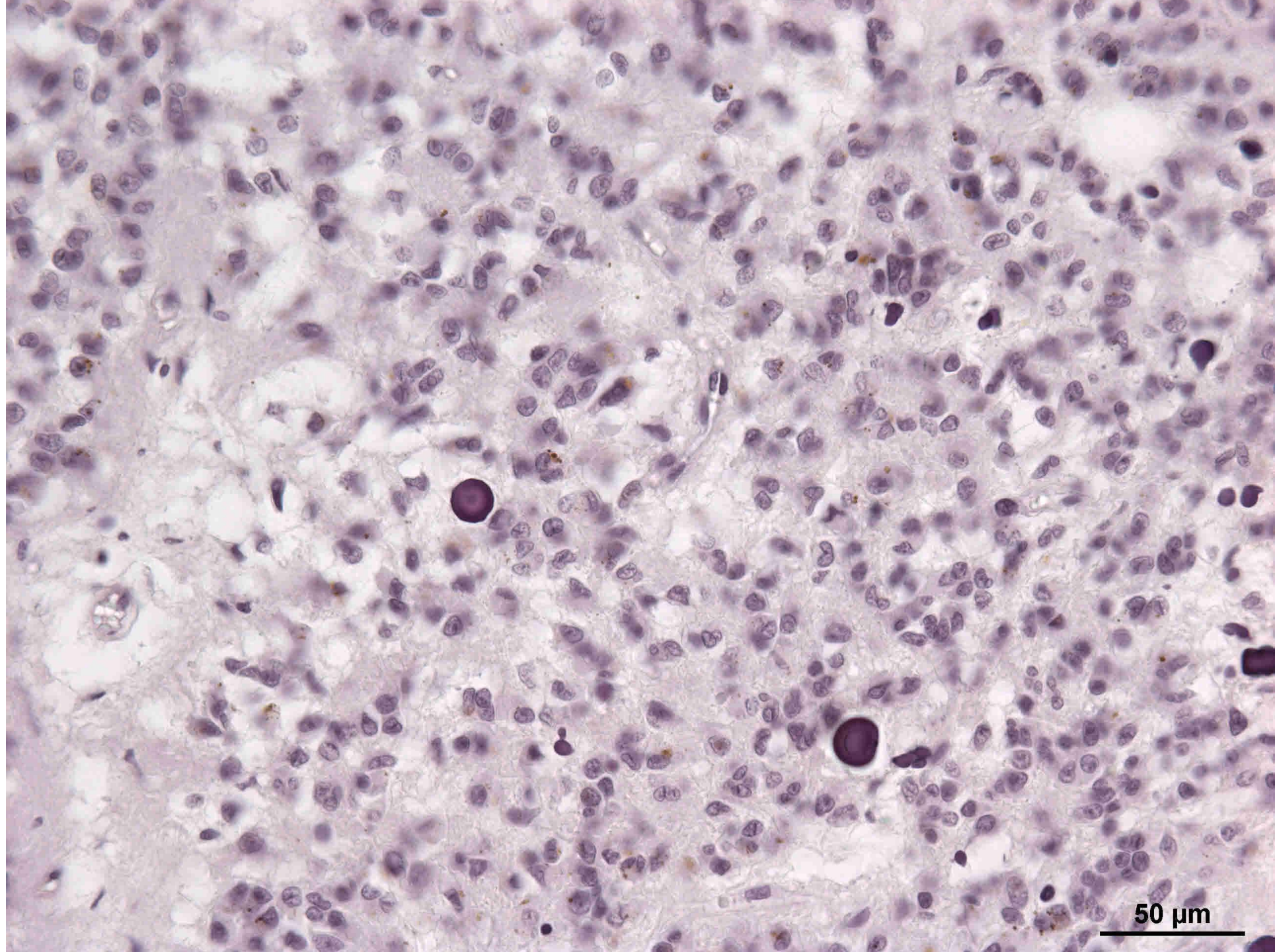
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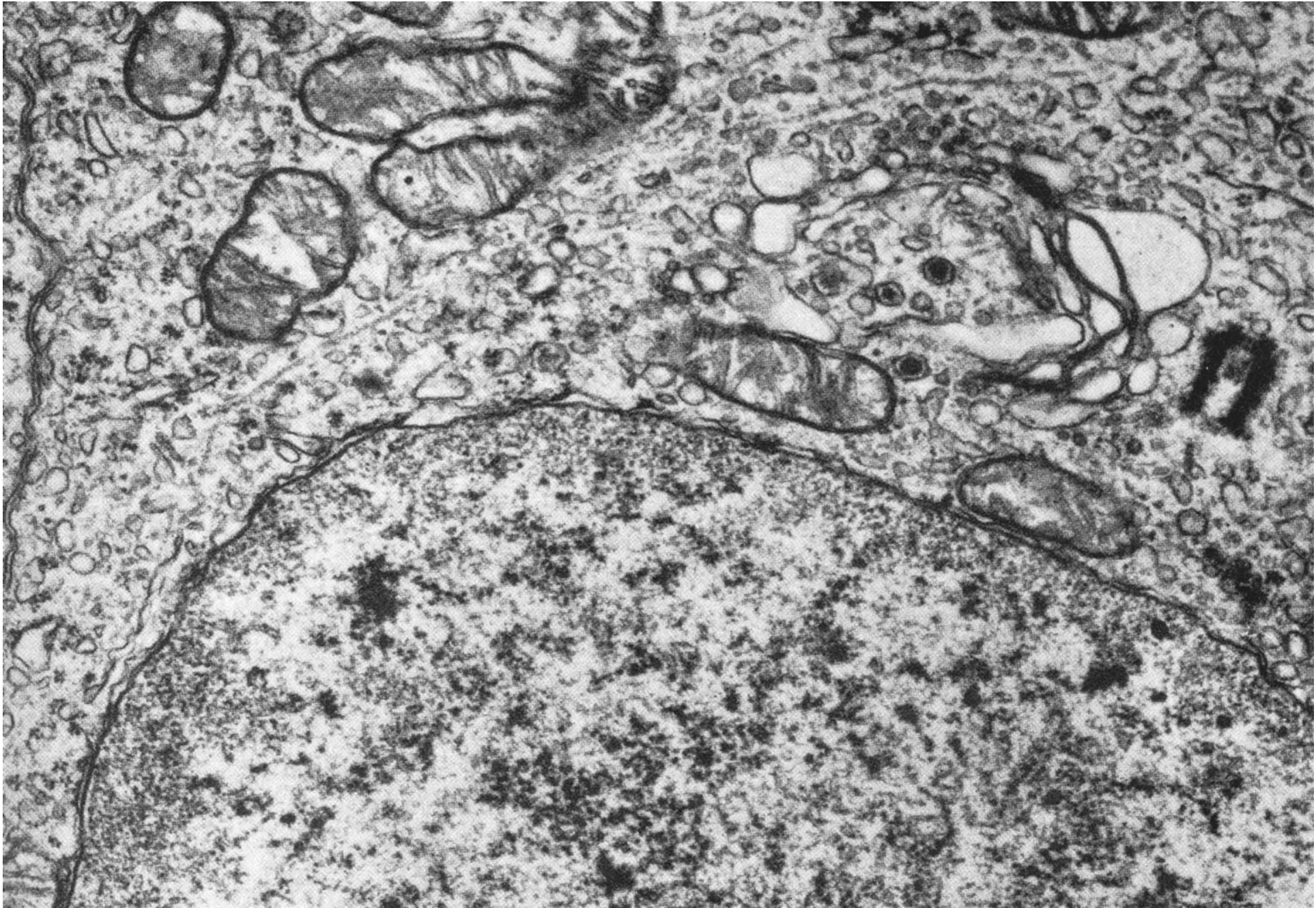
Pi = pinealocytes  
Ng = neuroglial cells  
BS = acervulus cerebri  
arrow = lamels











pinealocyte

**Thyroid gland (glandula thyroidea)**

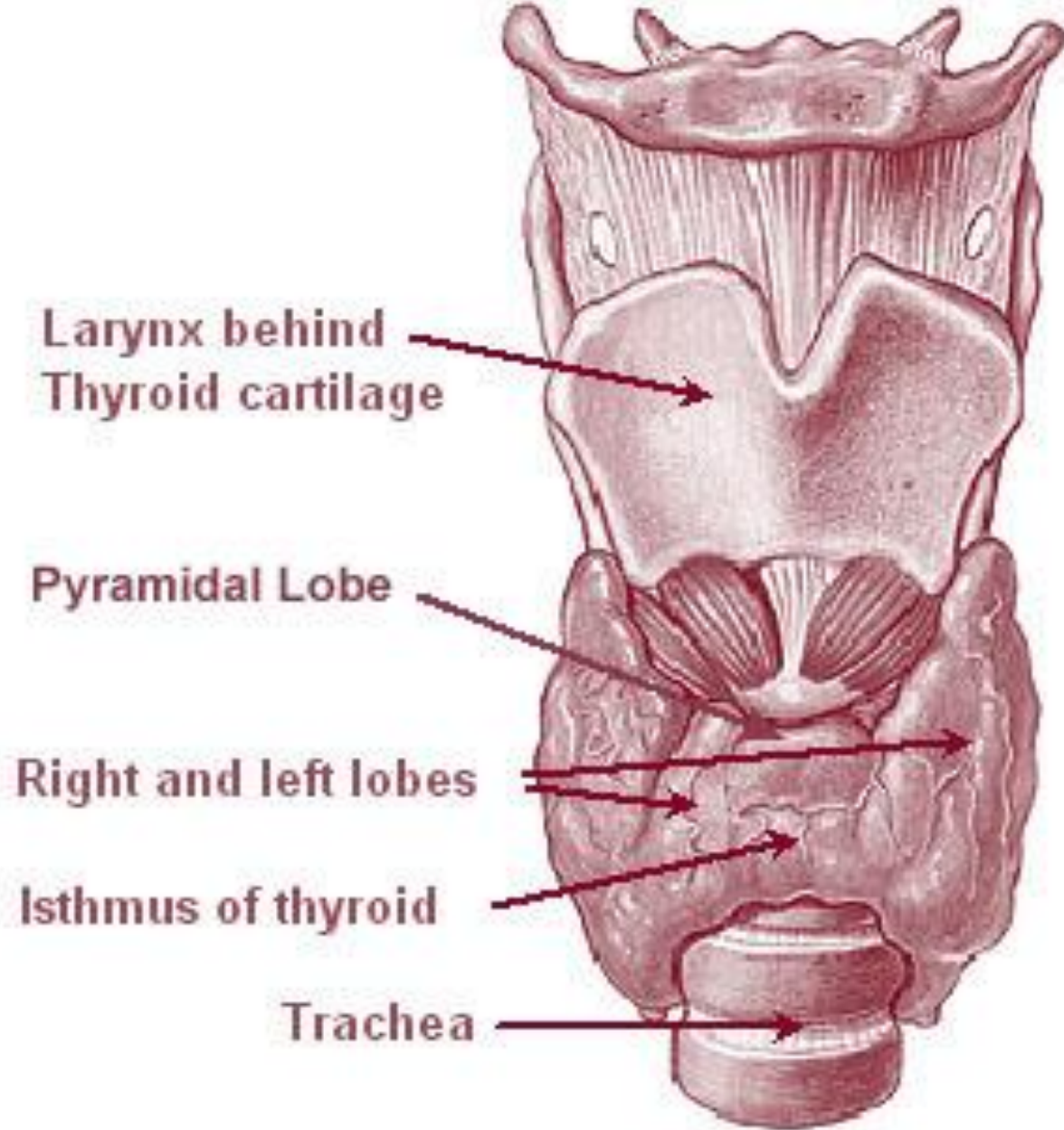


# Thyroid gland – history

Galenos –makes the pharynx wet inside

- Paracelsus – goiter + cretenism
- Wharton (1614-1673) –decoration of female neck
- Simon (1844) –endocrine glands
- Murray (1891) –application of thyroid gland extraction
- Baumann (1895) –thyroid glands contains iodium compounds





**C6-C7**

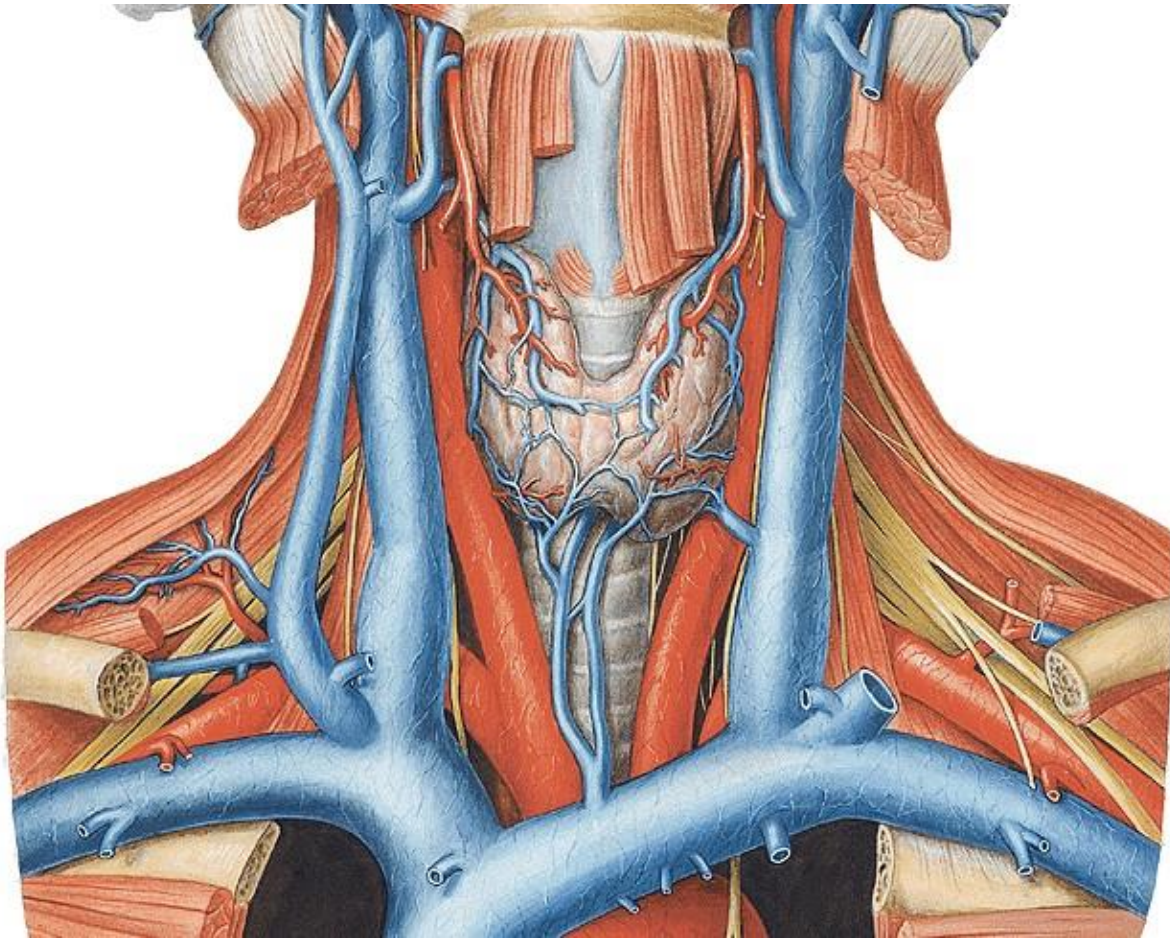
**isthmus on 2.-4.  
laryngeal cartilage**

located at level of C6-C7

- shape of letter H
- lobus dexter et sinister
- isthmus glandulae thyroideae
  - at 2nd-4th tracheal cartilage
  - height of isthmus about 1.5 cm
- lobus pyramidalis (40 %)
  - length of lobe 5-8 cm
- 30-40 g (20-60 g)



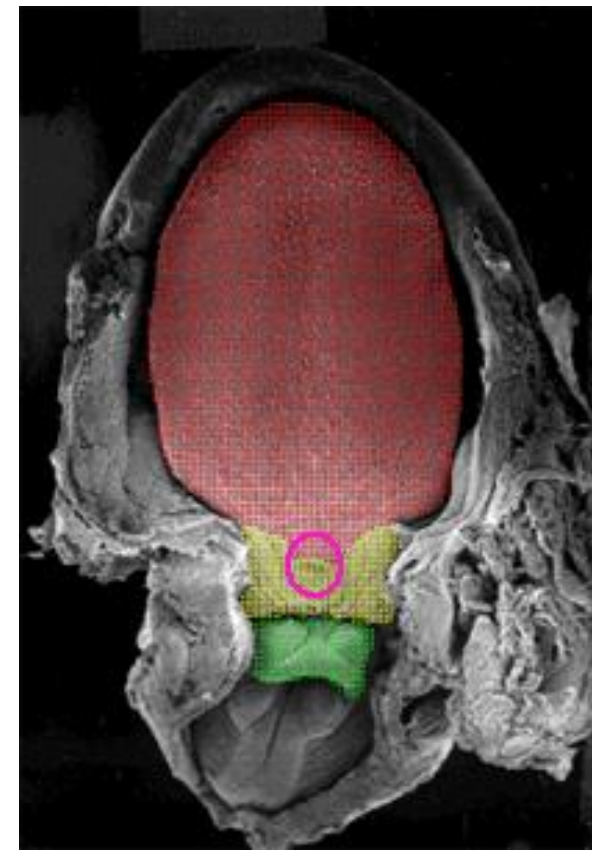
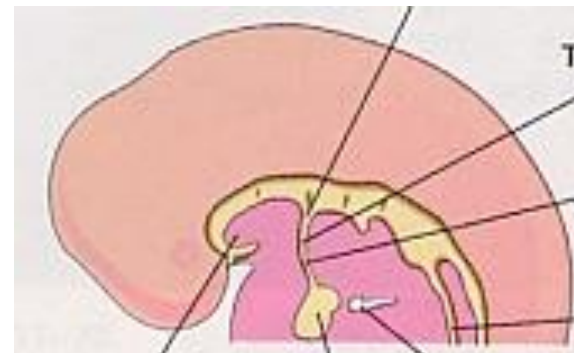
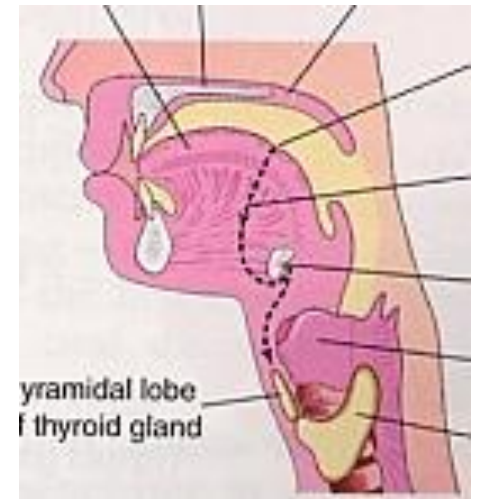
# Thyroid gland – blood vessels



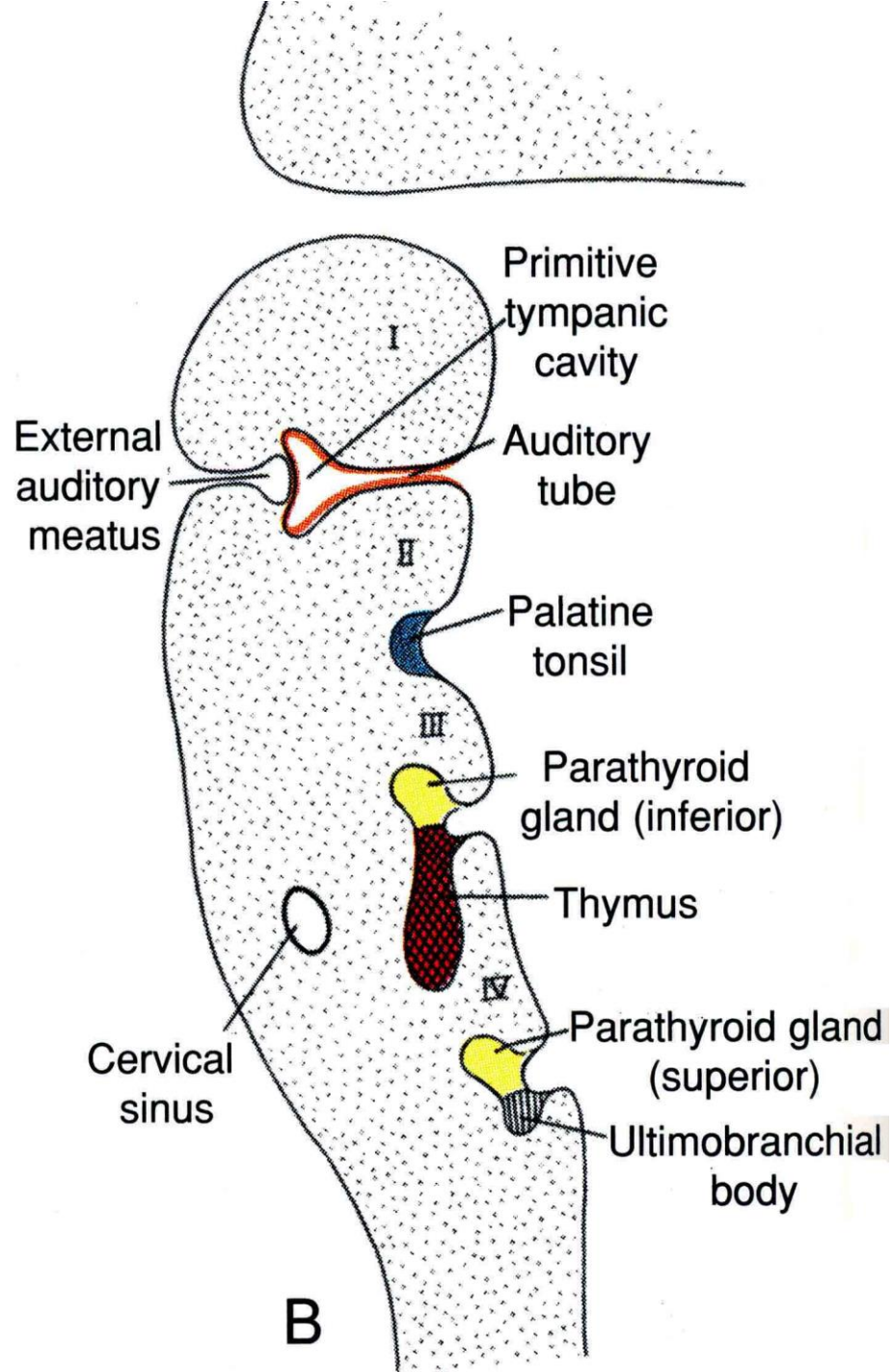
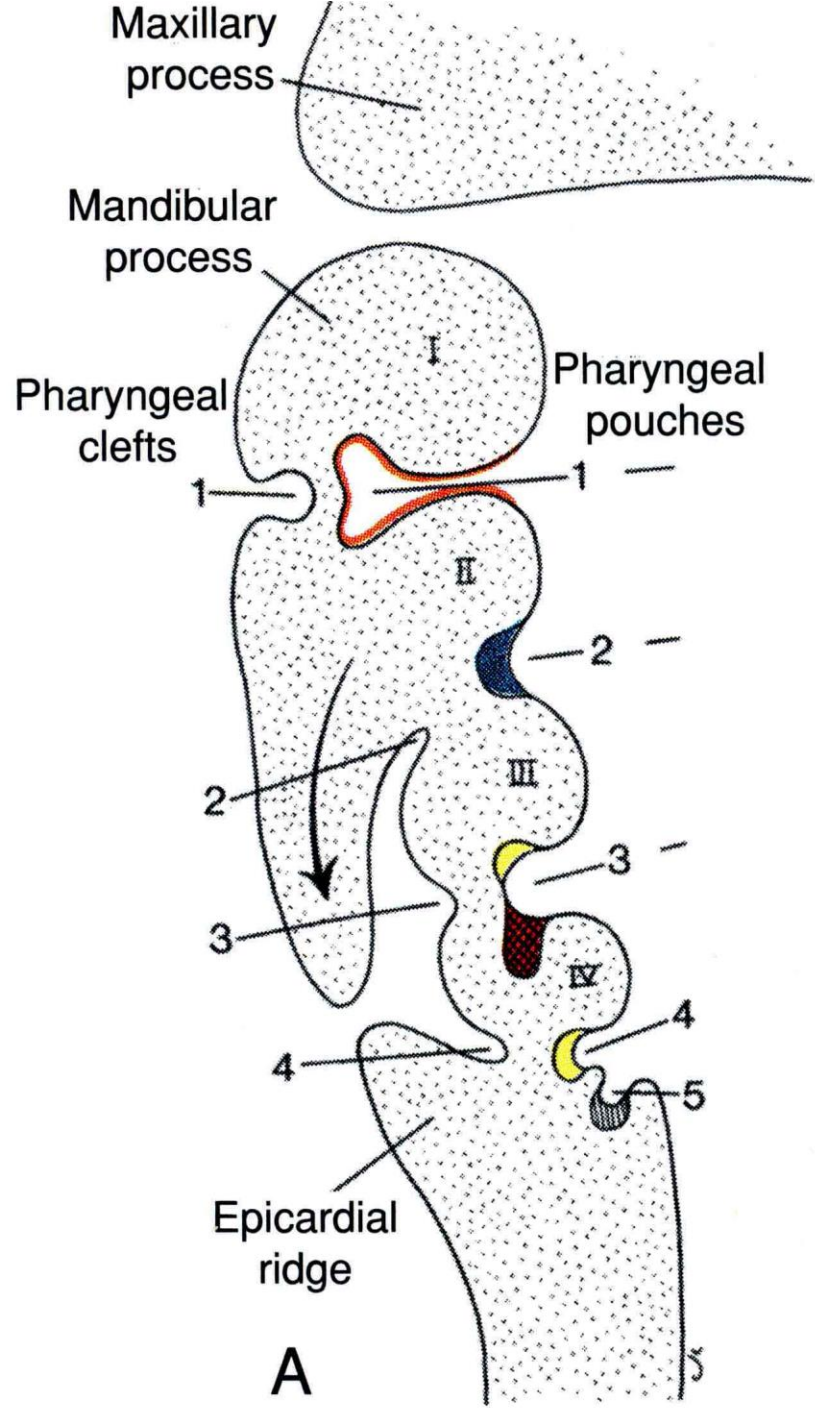
- a. thyroidea superior (← a. carotis externa)
- a. thyroidea inferior (← truncus thyrocervicalis)
  - crossing with n. laryngeus recurrens
- a. thyroidea ima *Neubaueri* (← arcus aortae)
  - 2%
- vv. thyroideae superiores
- Vv. thyroideae mediae *Lichačevae-Kocheri* (50%) → vv. jugularis interna
- vv. thyroideae inferiores → plexus thyroideus impar
  - v. brachiocephalica sinistra

# Thyroid gland – development

- from 24th day
- pouch of primitive pharynx endoderm
- both relative and absolute descent → *ductus thyroglossus*
- foramen caecum
- *gll. thyroideae accessoriae*
- lobes formation
- *lobus pyramidalis*
- *ligamentum suspensorium gl. thyroideae*  
*/musculus levator glandulae thyroideae*  
(smooth)







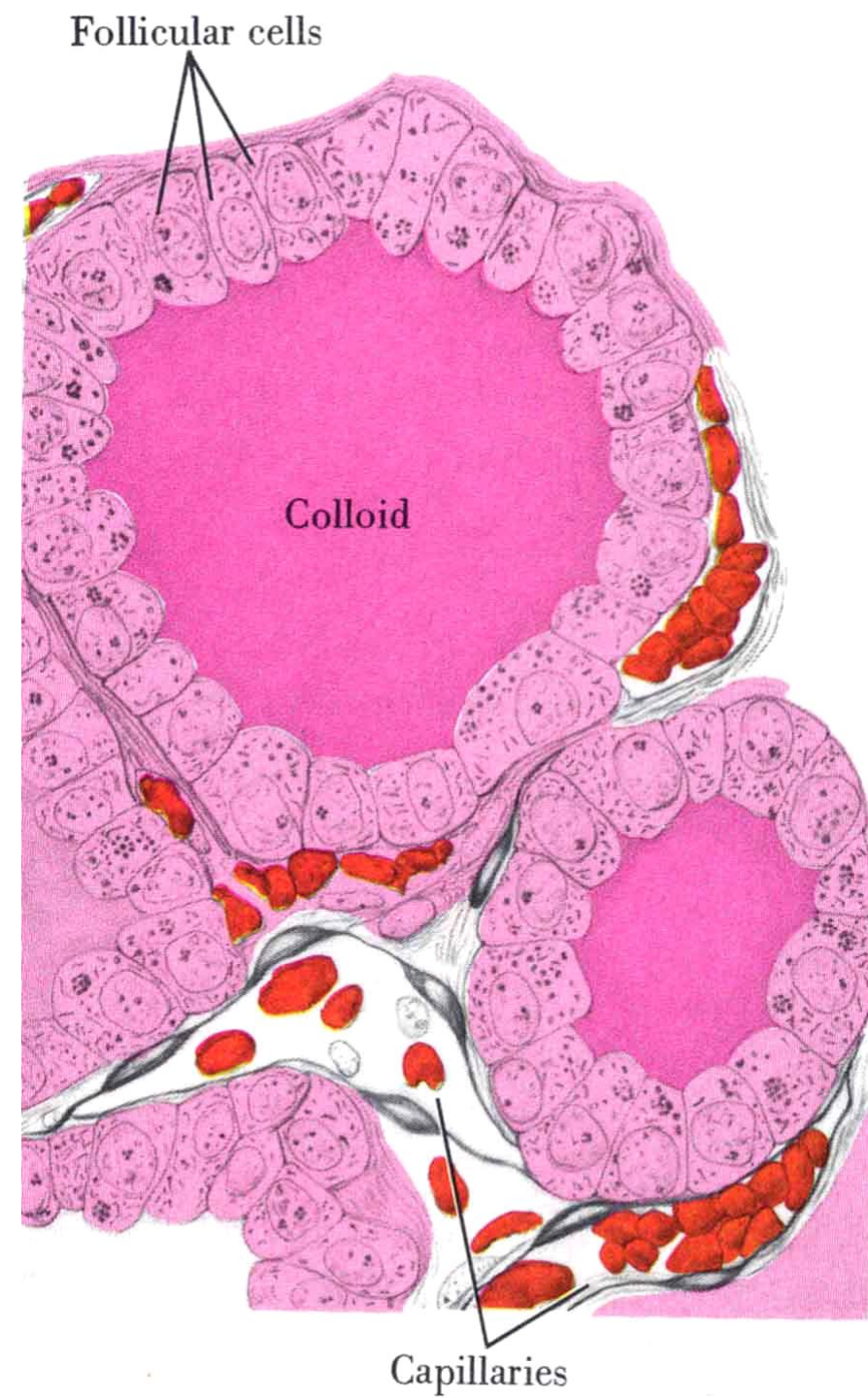
# Thyroid gland – histogenesis

- solid endodermal structure
- ingrowth of surrounding mesenchyme and vessels
- ingrowth of **ultimopharyngeal (ultimobranchial) bodies**
- 10th week: division of cells into groups
- simple epithelium around lumen
- 11th week: colloid production starts

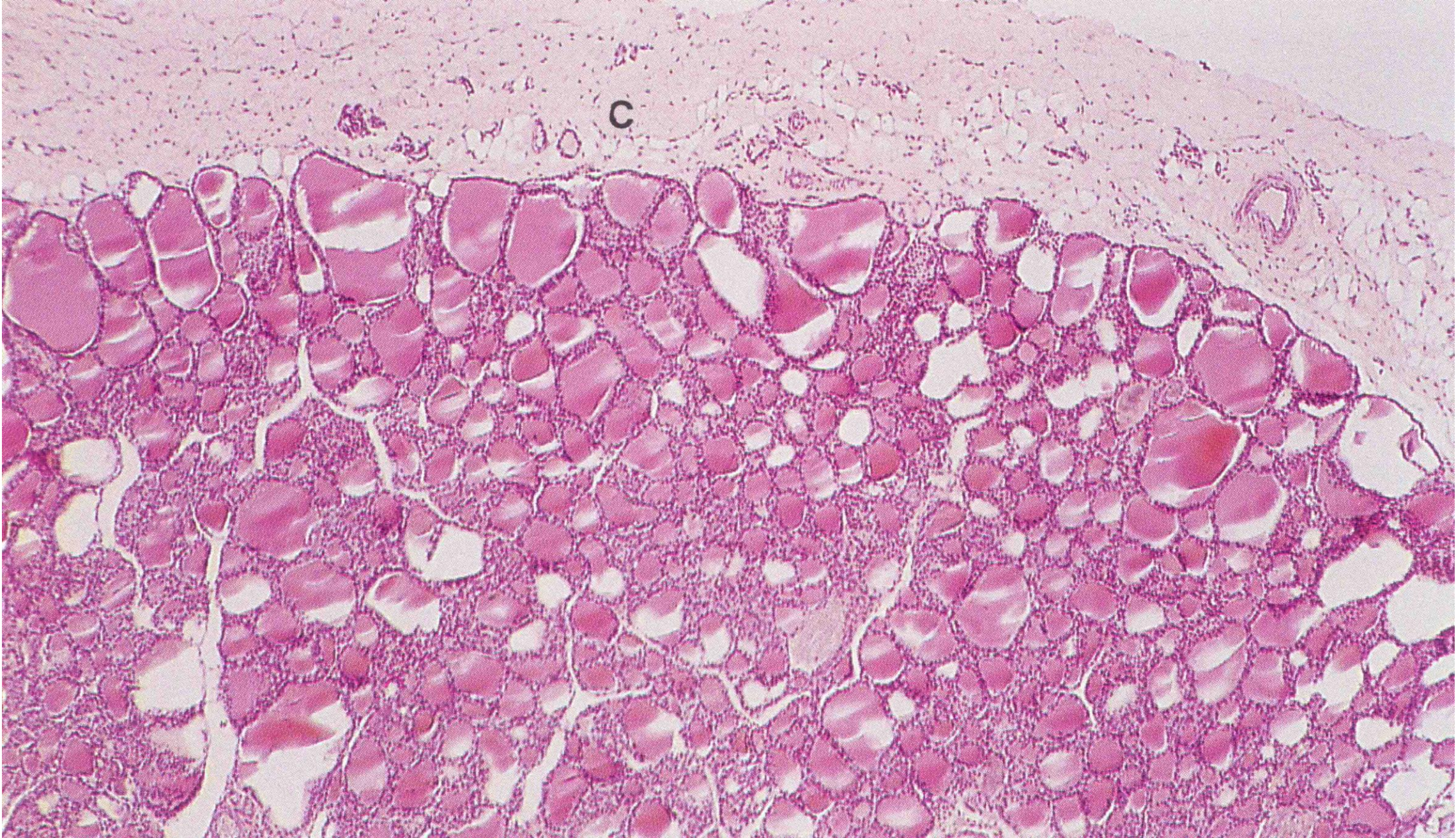


# Thyroid gland – structure

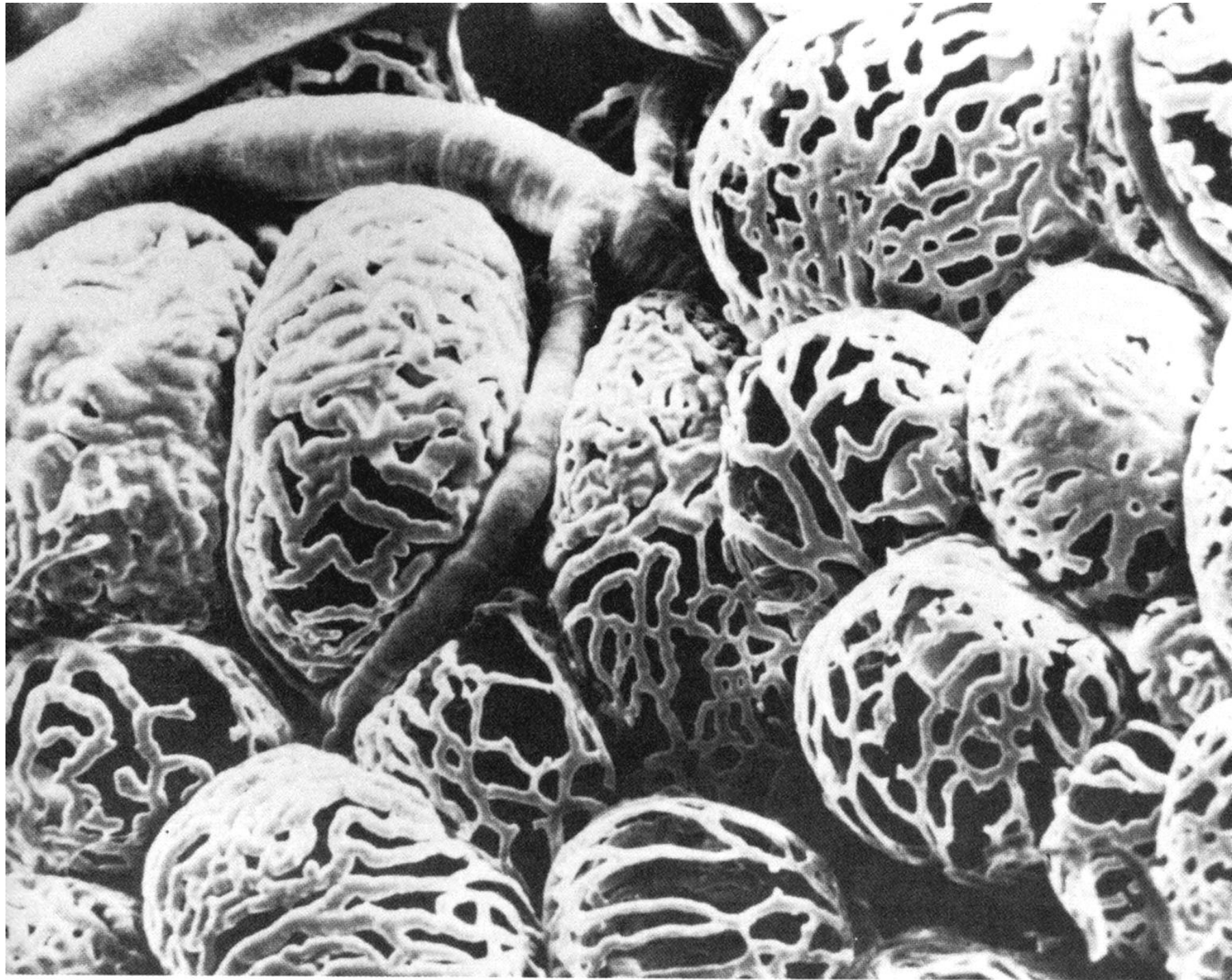
- capsula fibrosa
- stroma
- septa (between lobules)
- lobus – lobulus - folliculus
- follicles** (50–900  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - spheric
  - simple epithelium of follicular cells
  - contains *colloidum* (**colloid**) –**thyreoglobulin**
- follicular cell**
- parafollicular cell (C)**

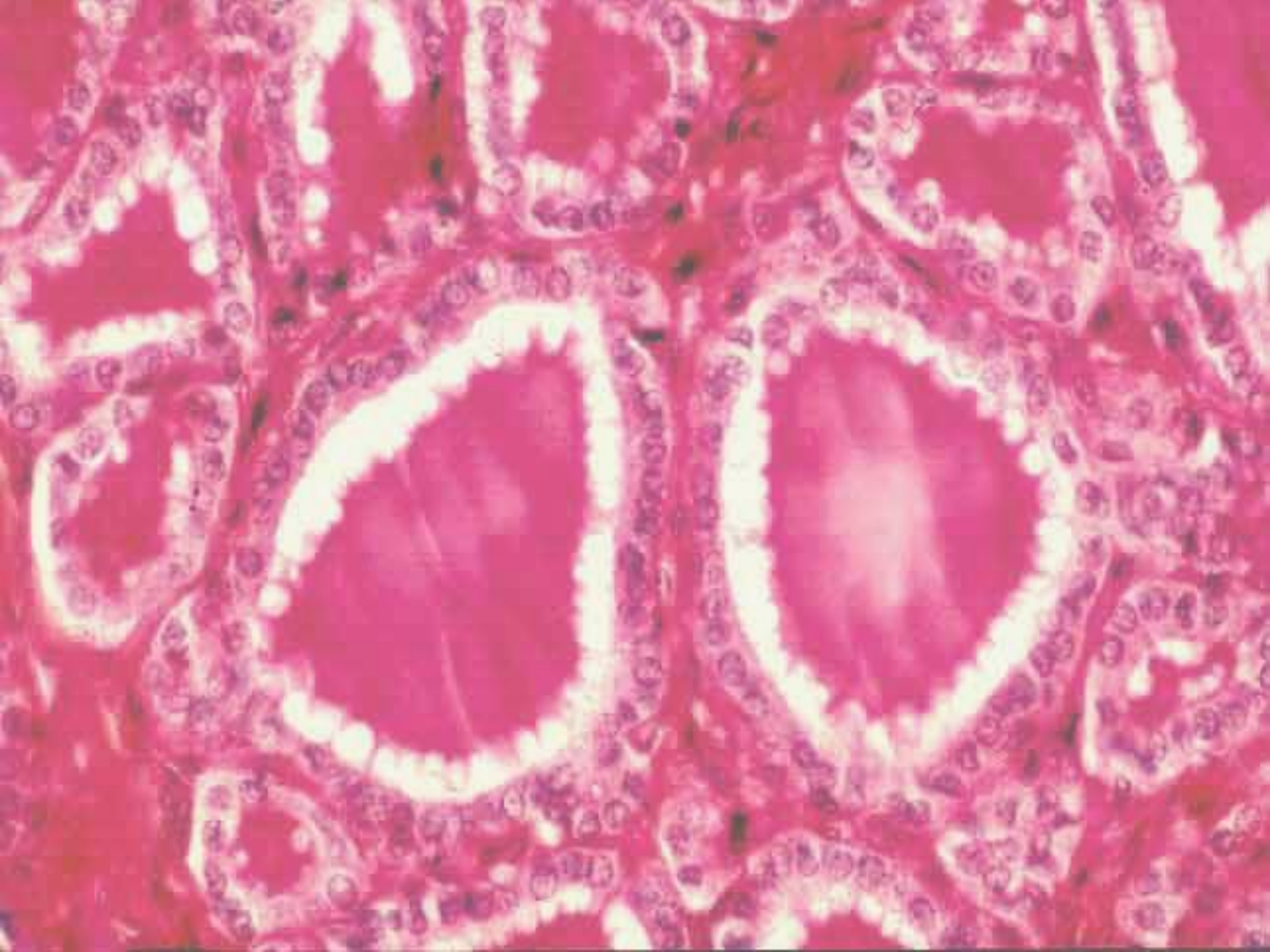




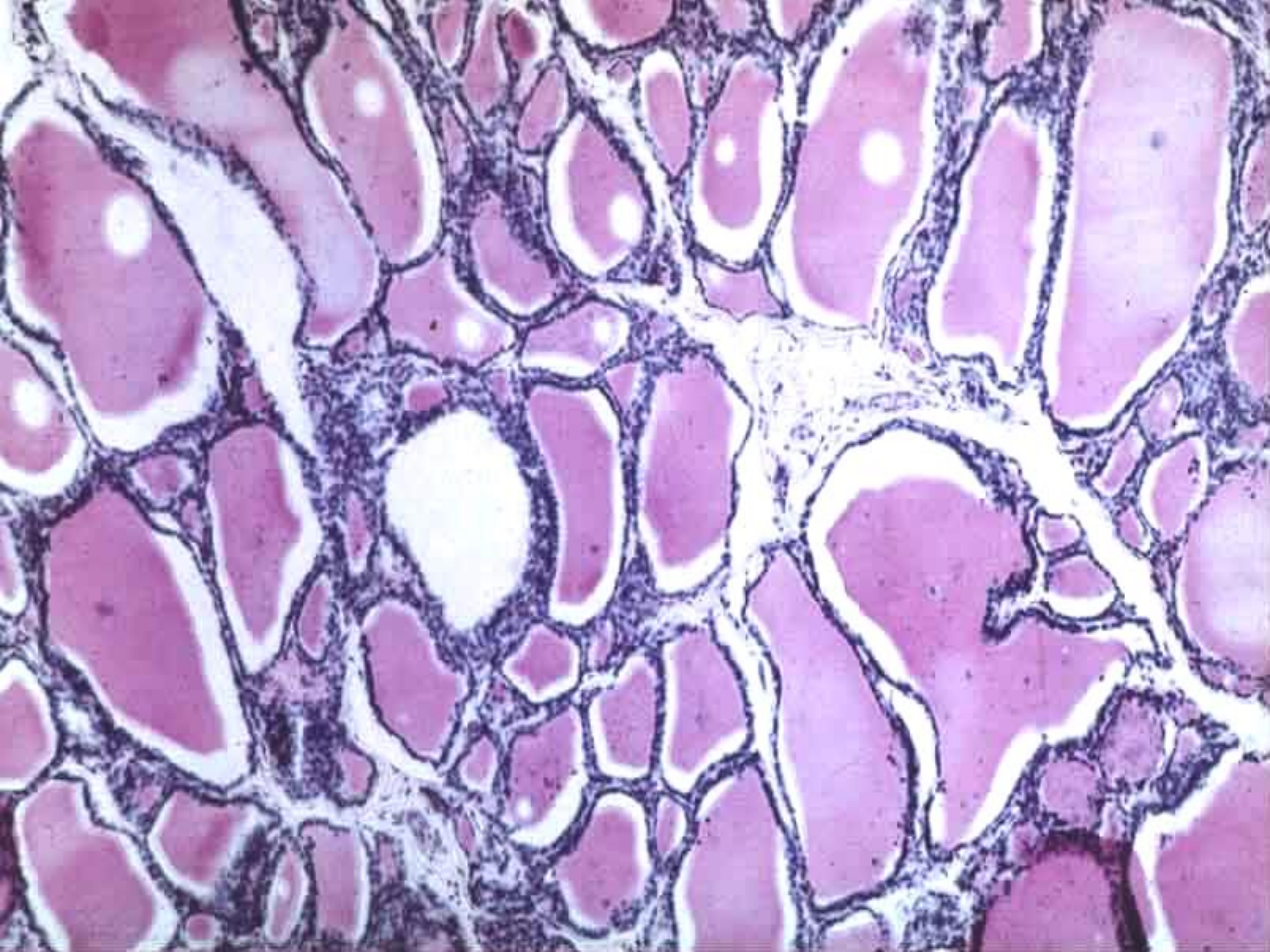






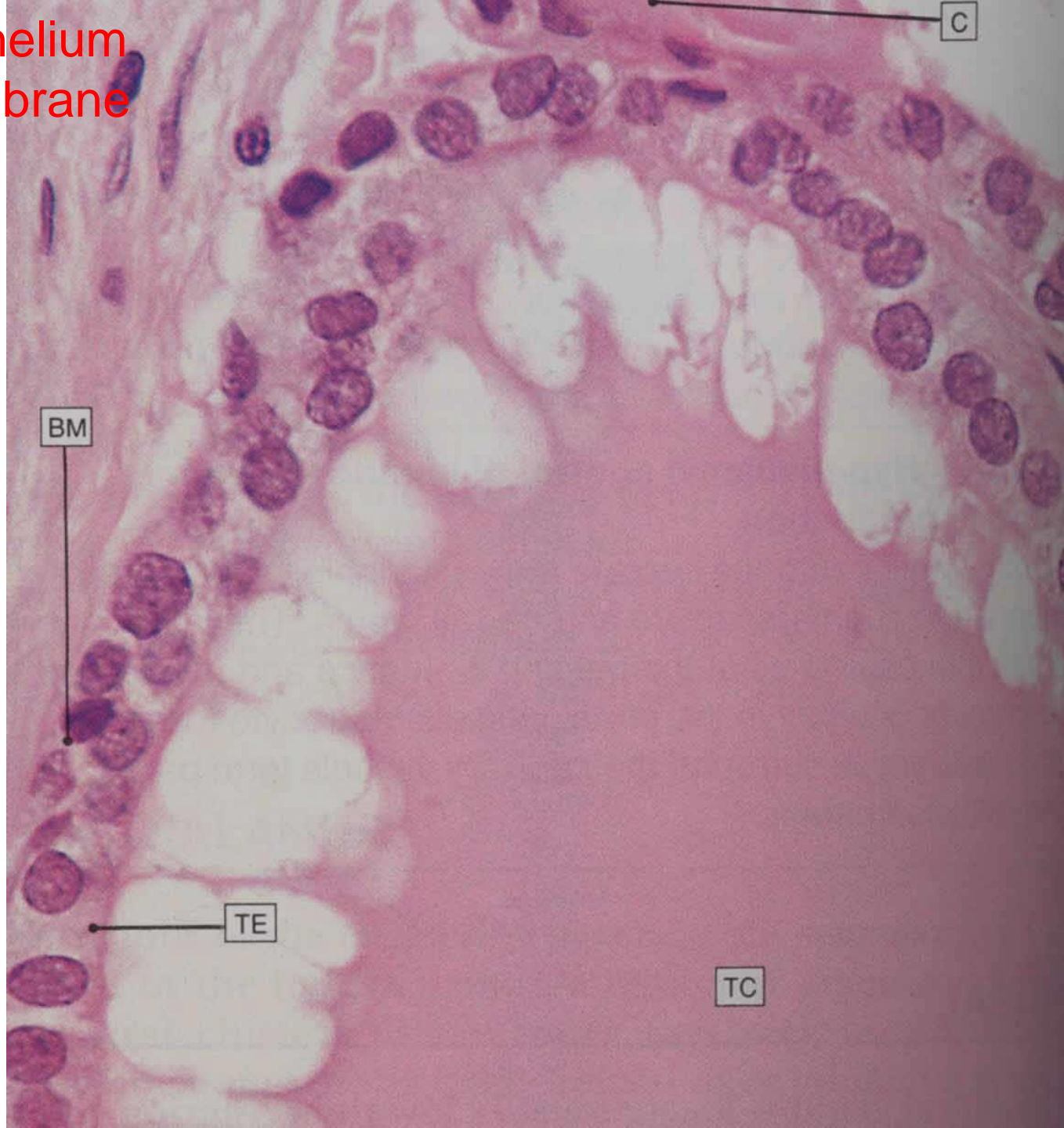




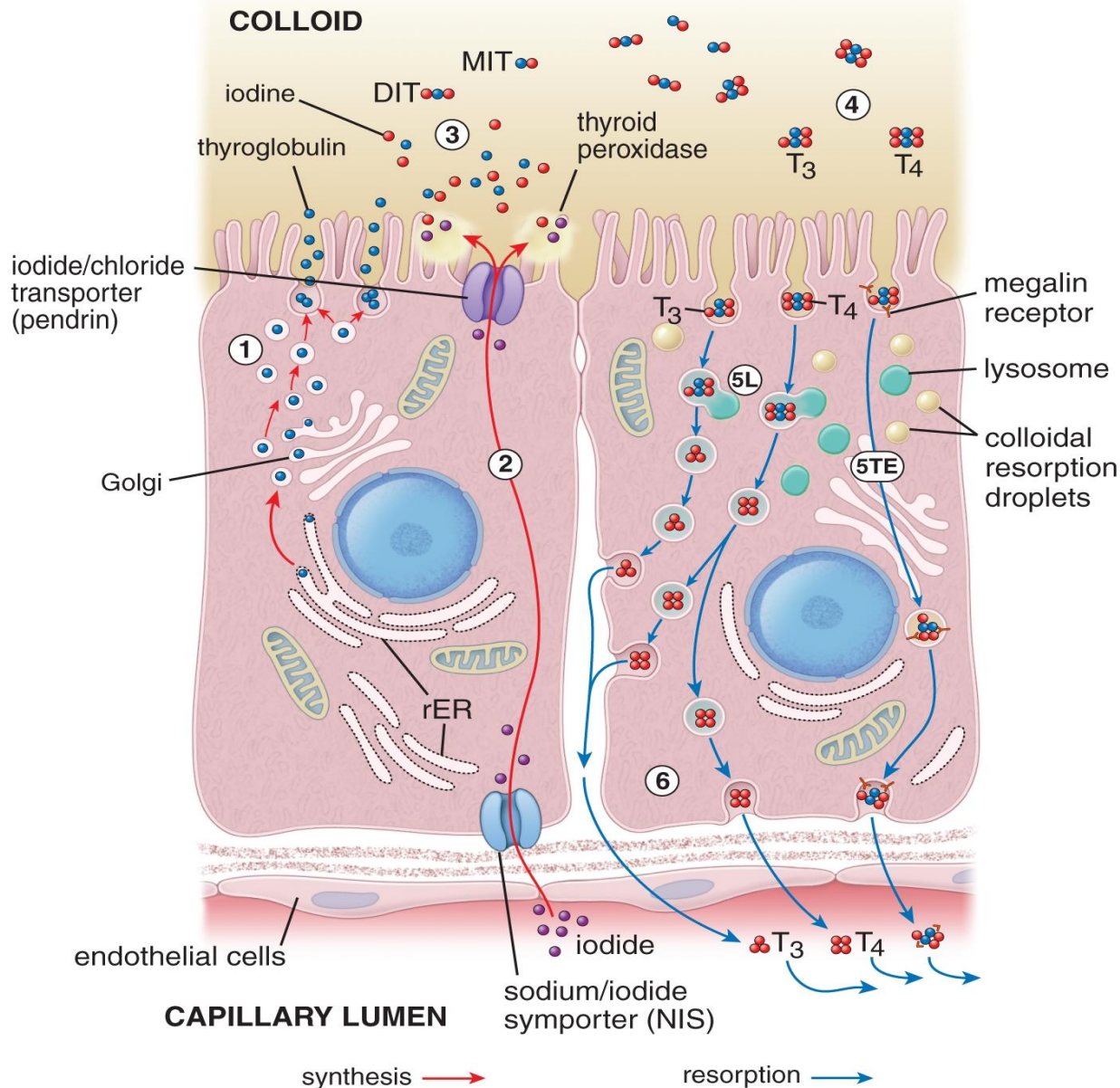




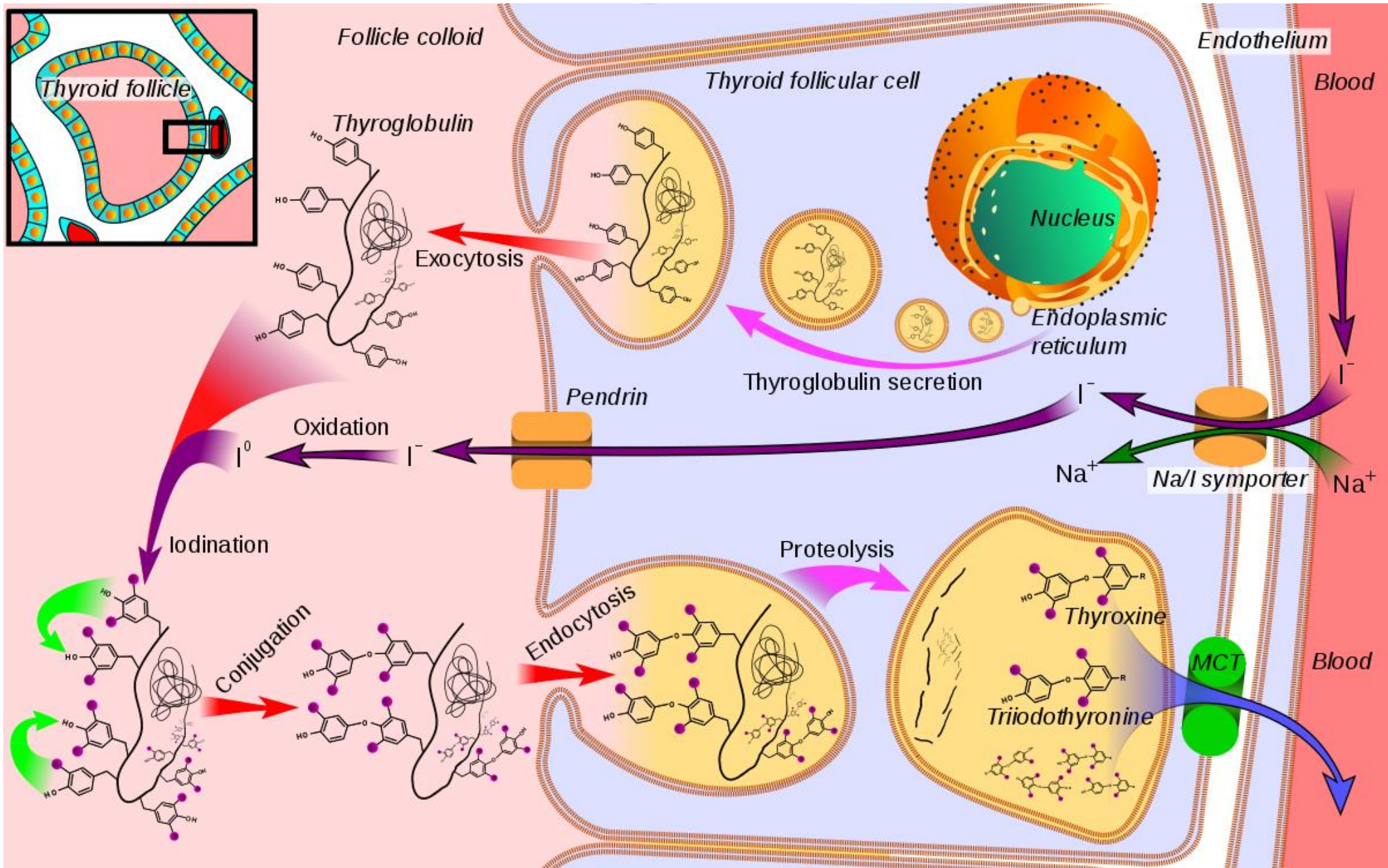
TE = follicle epithelium  
BM = basal membrane  
TC = colloid  
C = capillary







1. iodine pump using ATP transport the iodine form blood to colloid
- 2. + 3. synthesis of thyreoglobulin and peroxidase, storage in one secretory vesicle and their release into the colloid by exocytosis
- 4. iodination of thyreoglobulin by peroxidase within the colloid and formation of iodine thyreoglobulin
- endocytosis of iodine thyreoglobulin
- 5. fusion of primary lysosoma with this vesicle
- proteolysis of iodine thyreoglobulin into T3, T4 and other fragments
- release of T3 and T4 into circulation
- 6. binding to transport plasmatic protein (TBP)





F = follicular cells

T = colloid

C = parafollicular cells

BM = basal membrane

Cap = capillary

G = Golgi complex

V = vesicle containing colloid

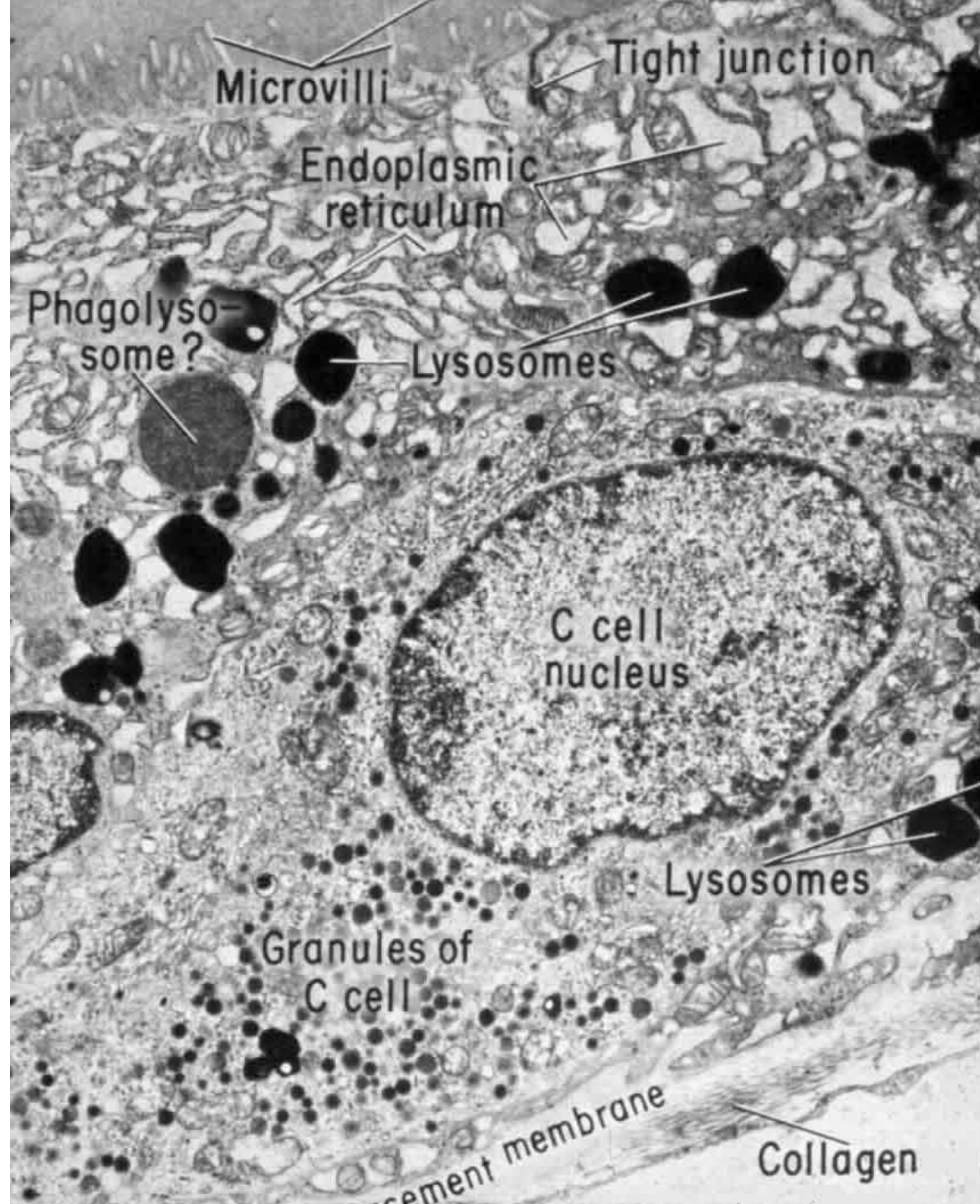
L = lysosome fusing with vesicle

rER = granular ER in follicular cell of neighboring follicle

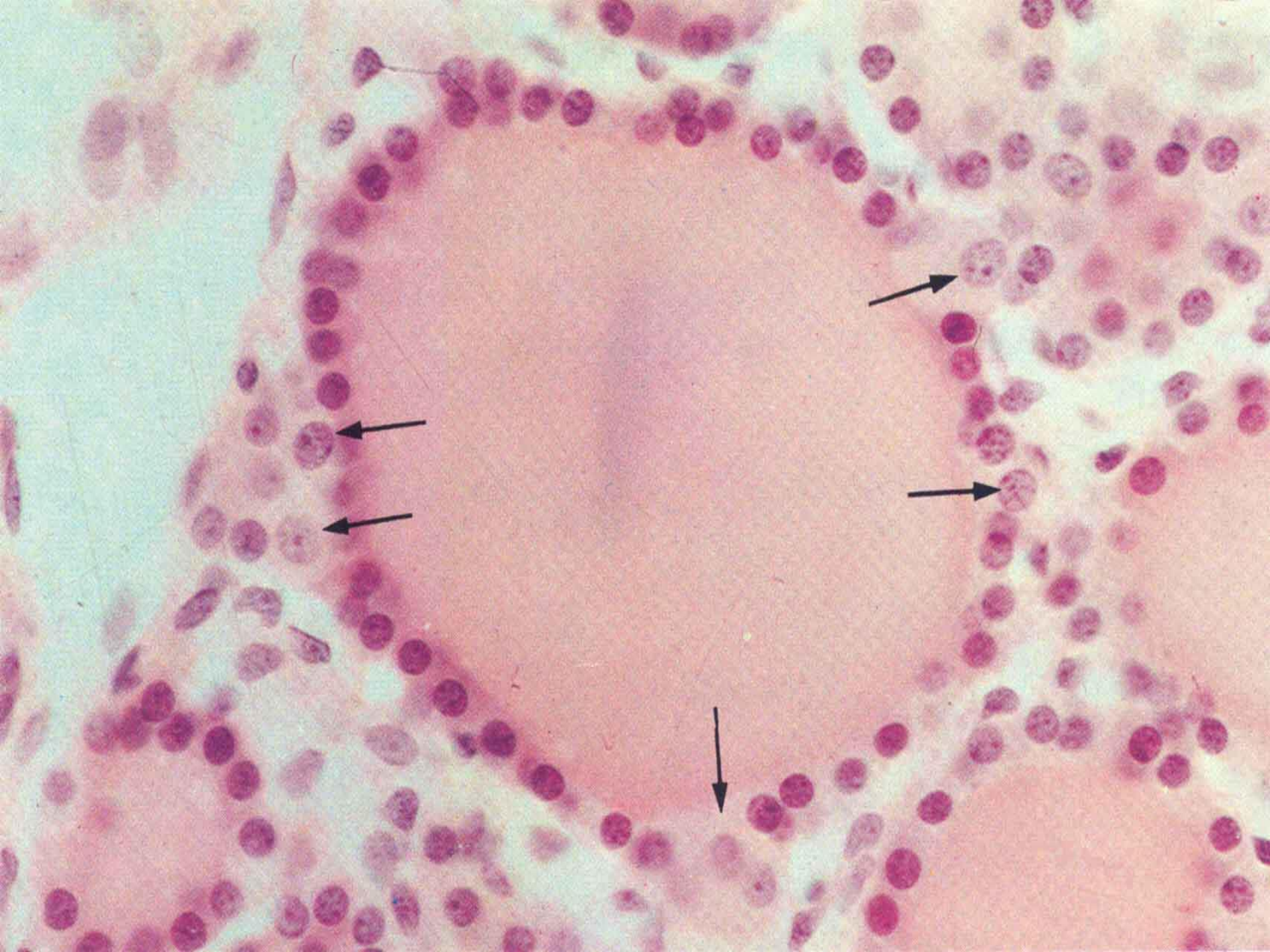
M = part of mast cell





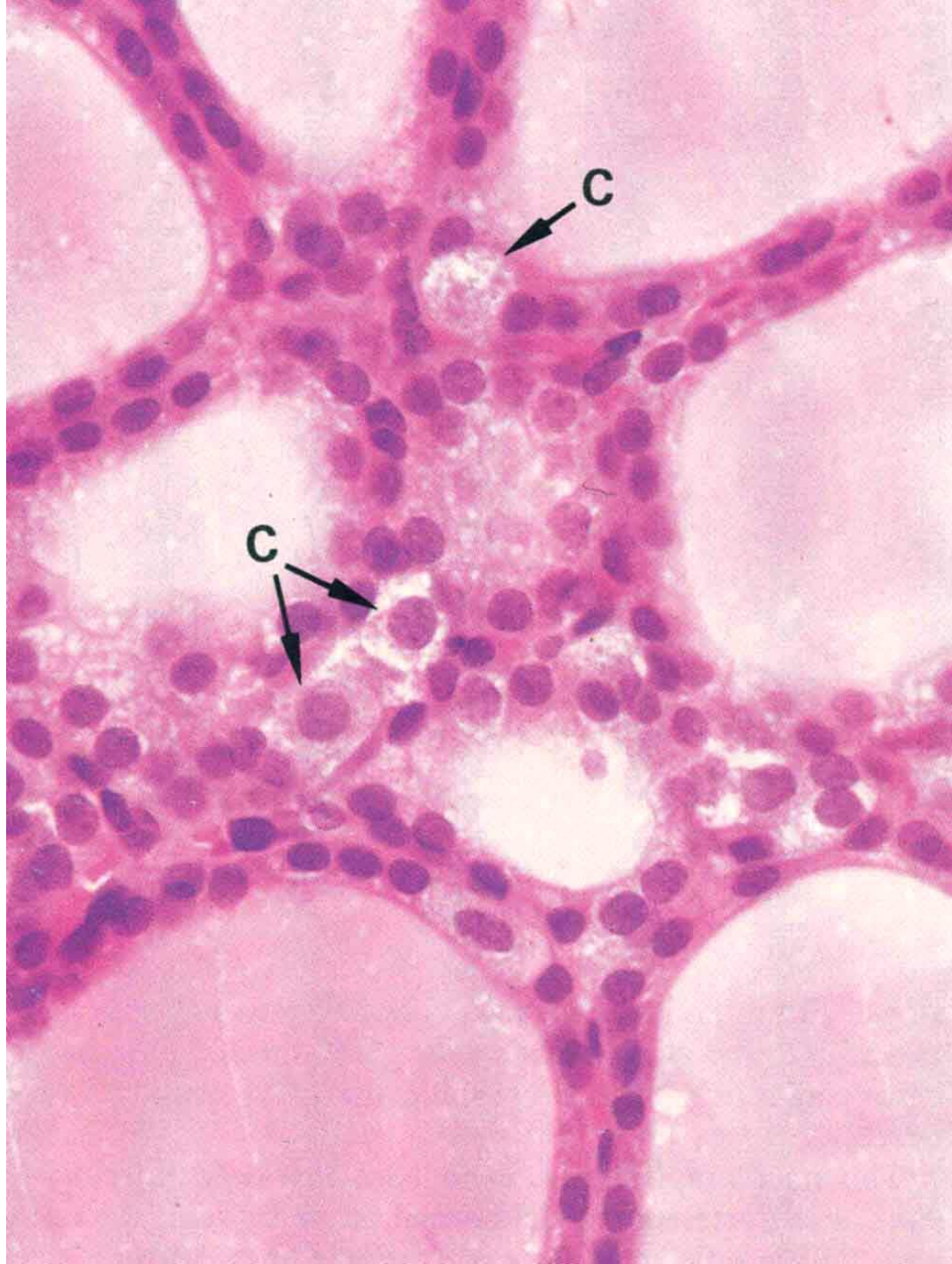




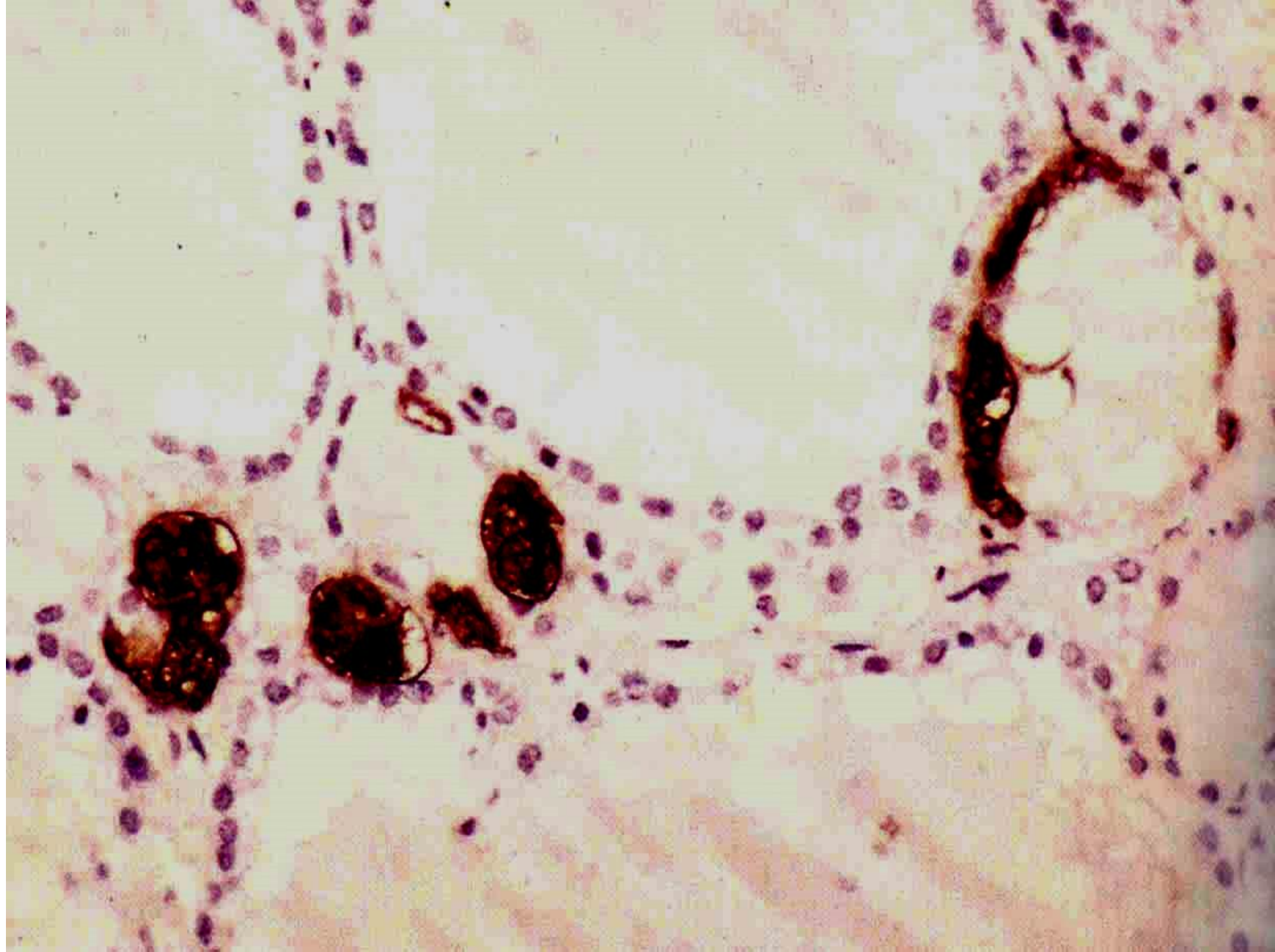


**Parafollicular  
(C) cells**











FC = follicular cells

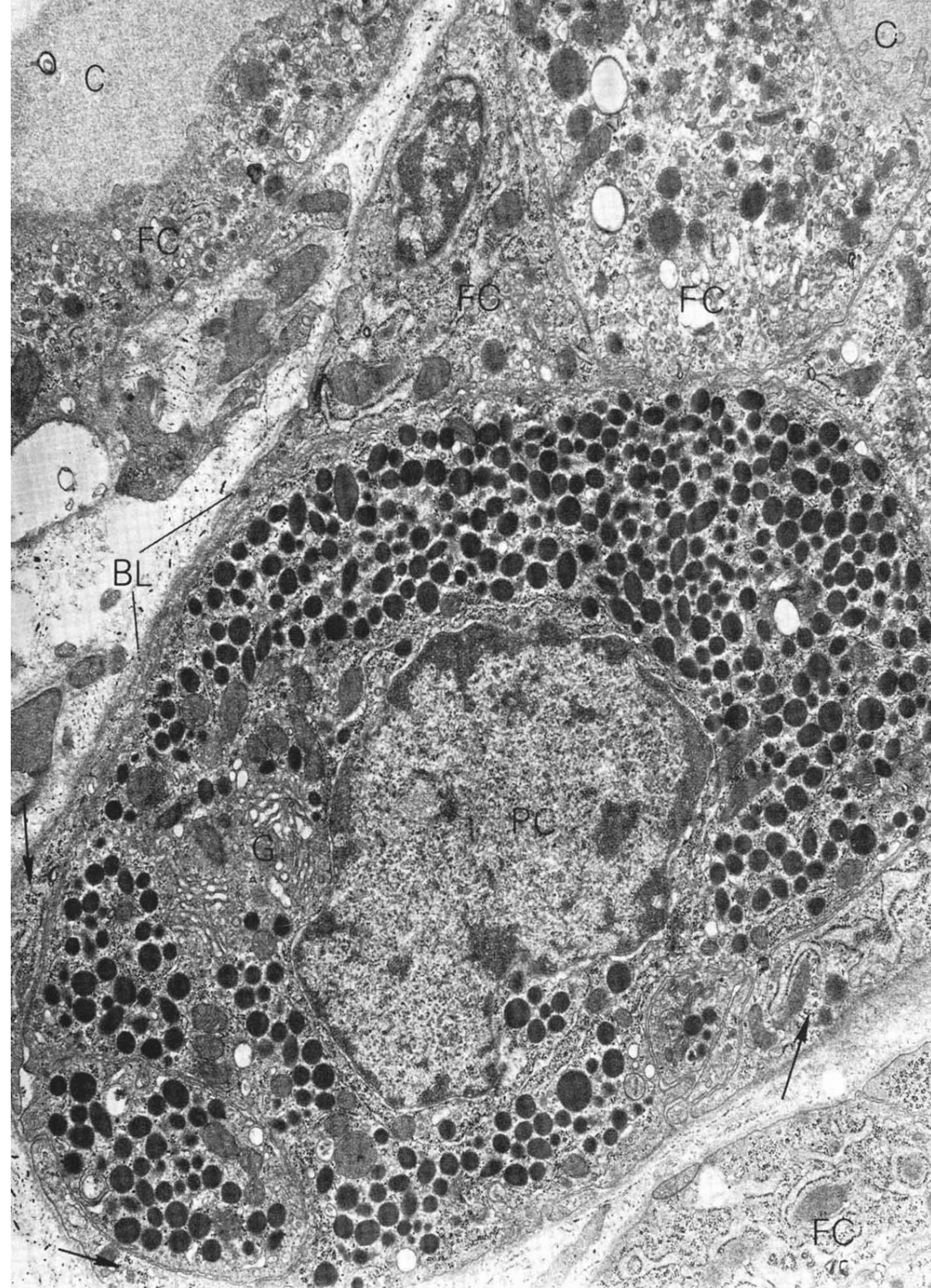
C = colloid

PC = parafollicular cells

BL = basal lamina

G = Golgi complex

arrows = processi of follicular cells





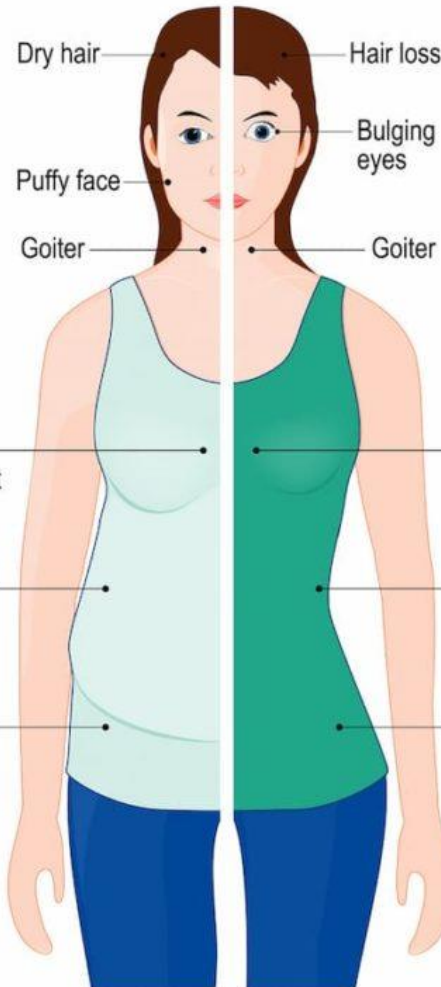
# Disorder of the thyroid gland

## Hypothyroidism

## Hyperthyroidism



Cold intolerance



Dry hair

Puffy face

Goiter

Slow heartbeat

Weight gain

Constipation

Hair loss

Bulging eyes

Goiter

Rapid heartbeat

Weight loss

Diarrhea



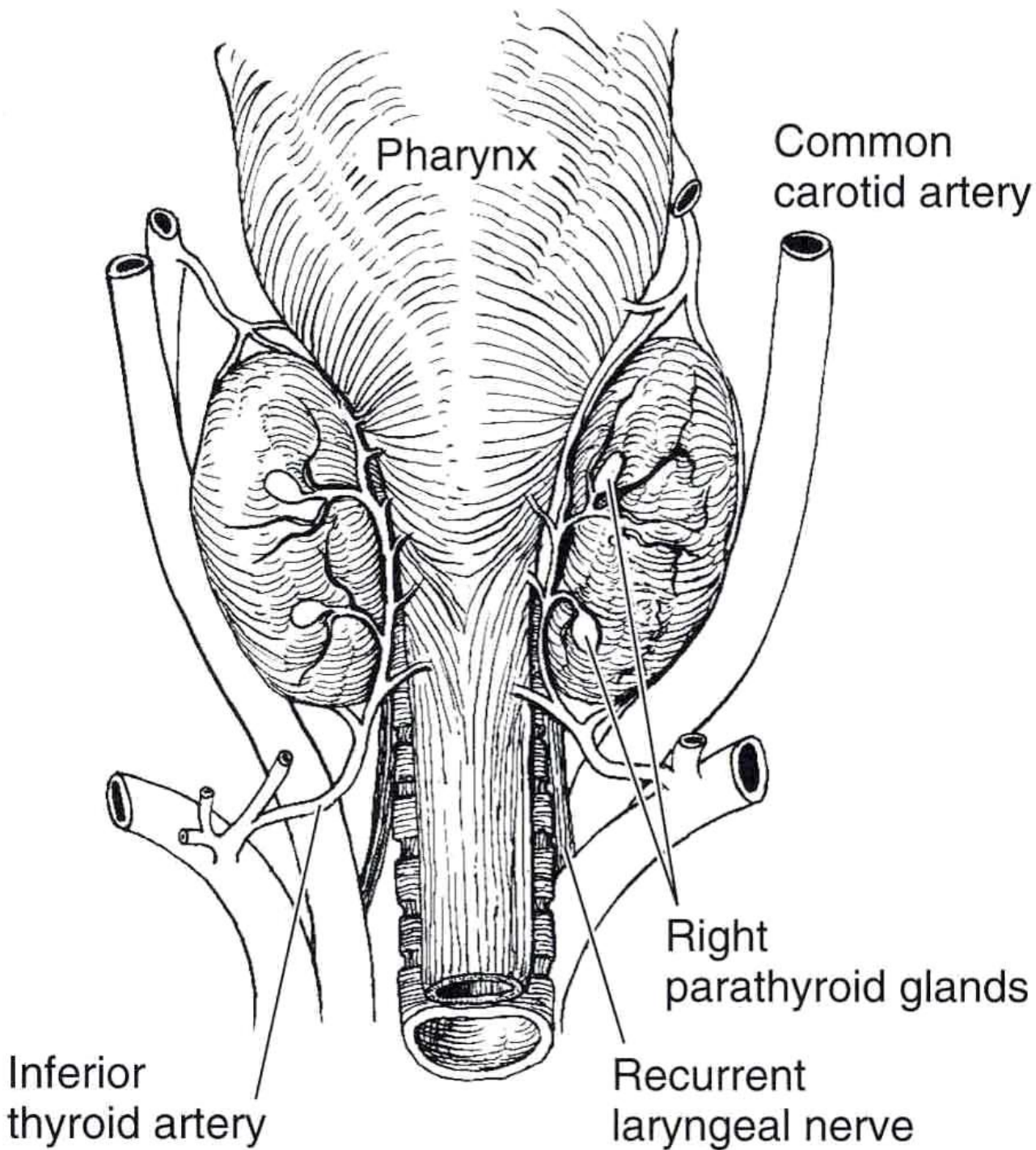
Heat intolerance

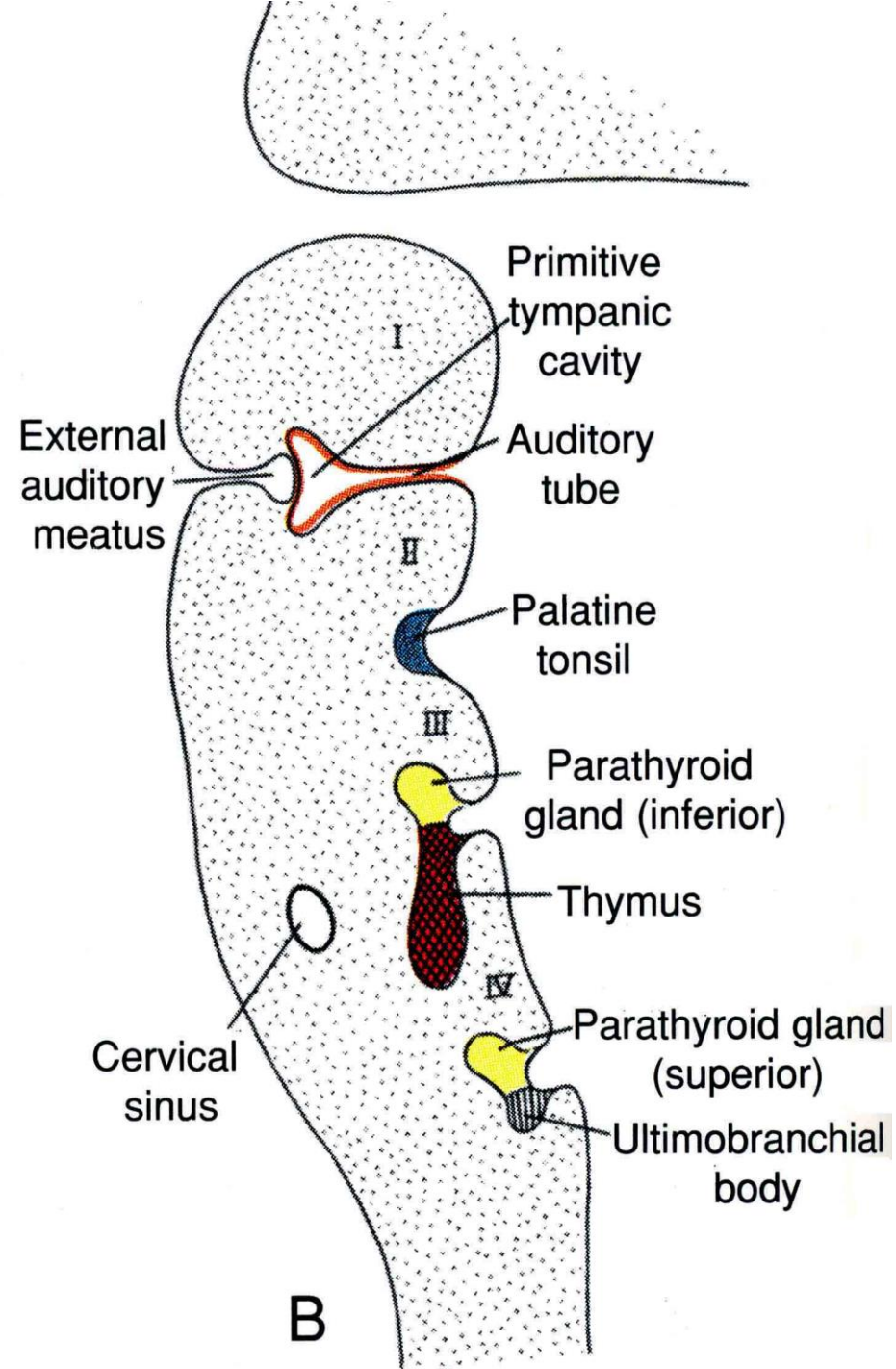
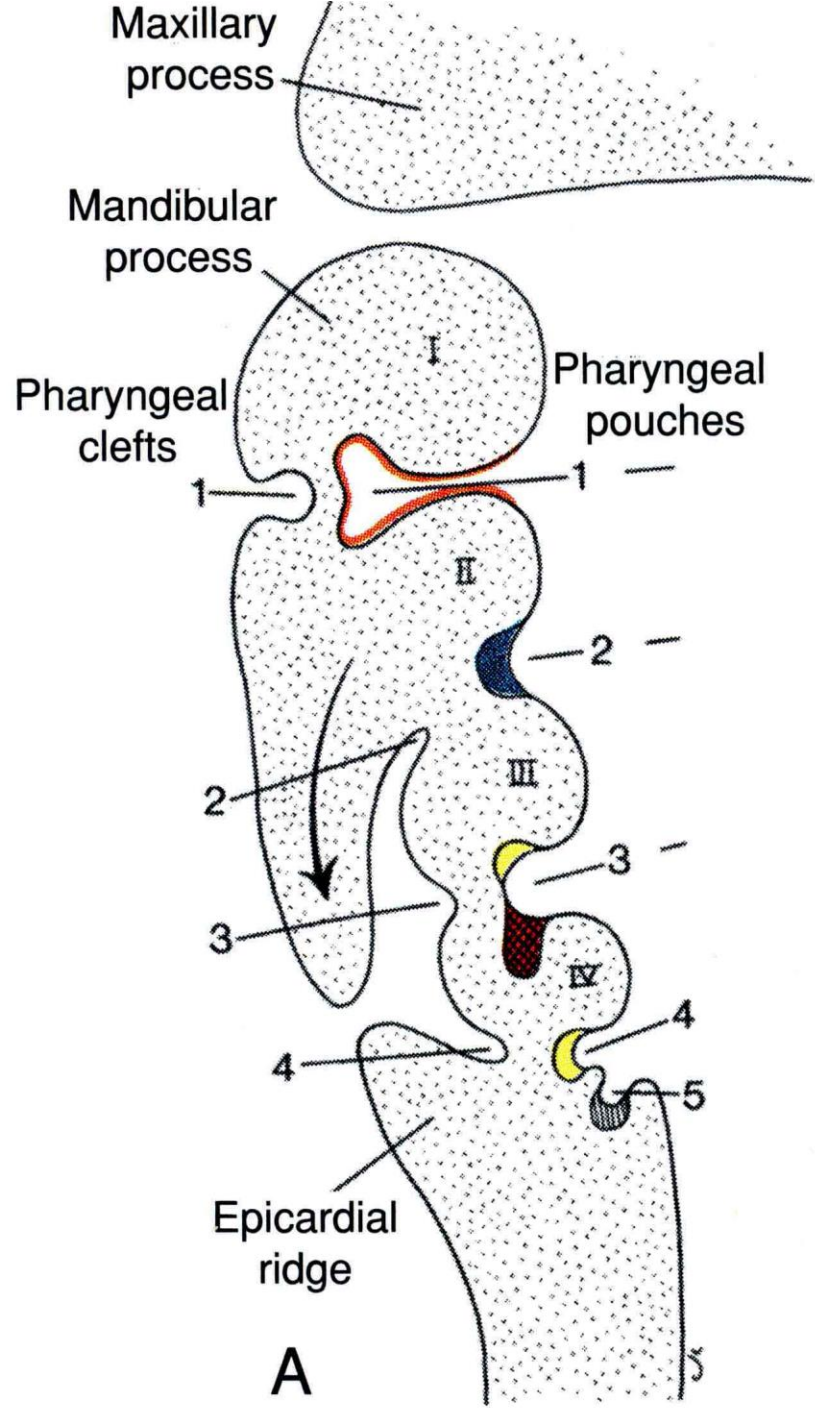
Possible infertility and an increased risk of miscarriage. Irregular menstrual cycles

Menstrual periods may occur less often, or with longer cycles

# **Parathyroid glands (glandulae parathyroideae)**









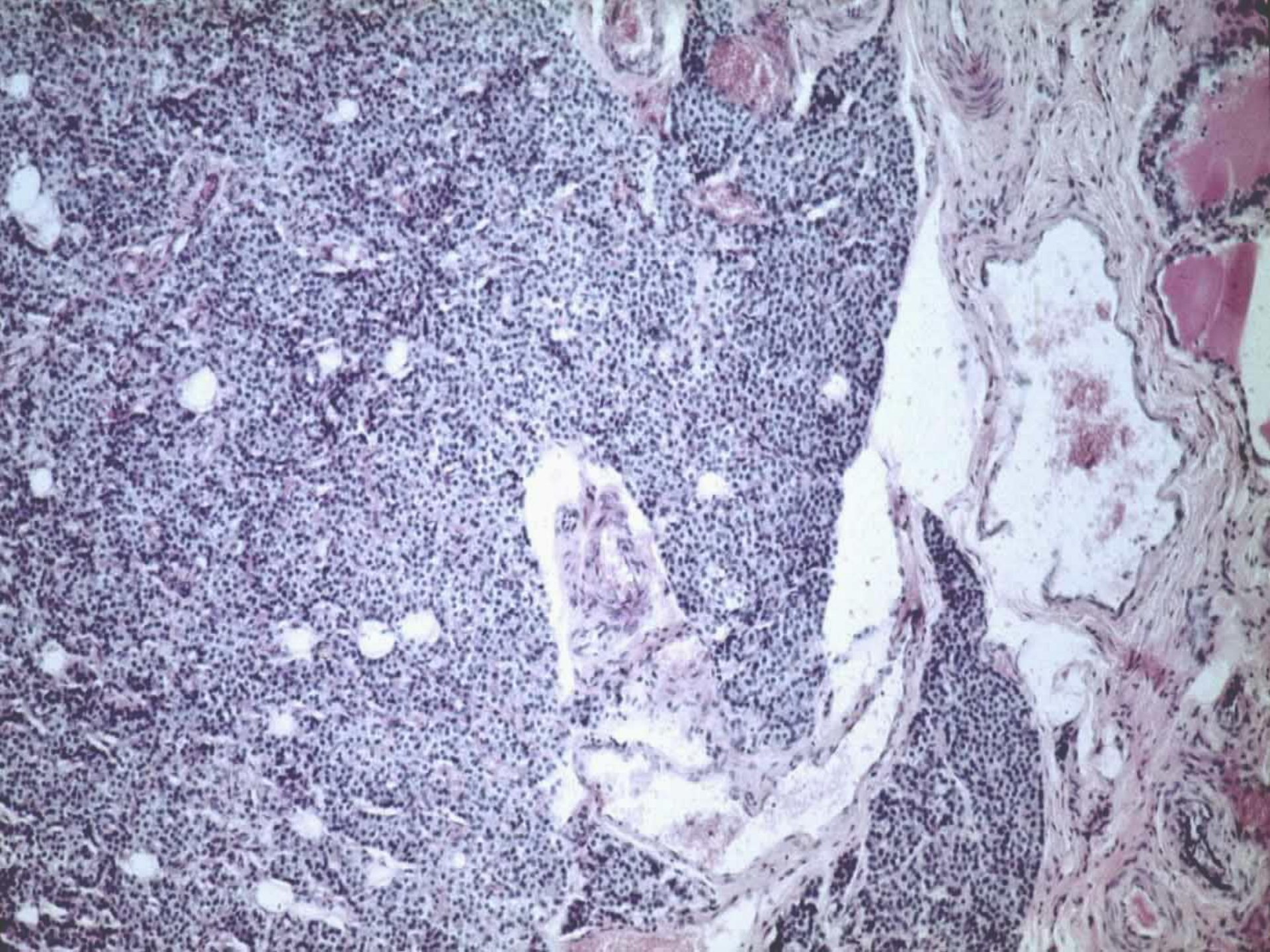
# Parathyroid glands

- *glandula parathyroidea superior et inferior*
- 2 pairs of small spheric structures on the posterior side of thyroid gland lobes
- 3 x 4 mm, 25-40 mg
- upper –above crossing of ATI and NLR lower –below crossing, usually ventral to NLR
- branches from a. thyroidea inferior
- variability: 1-12 glands  
–80-85% –4 glands

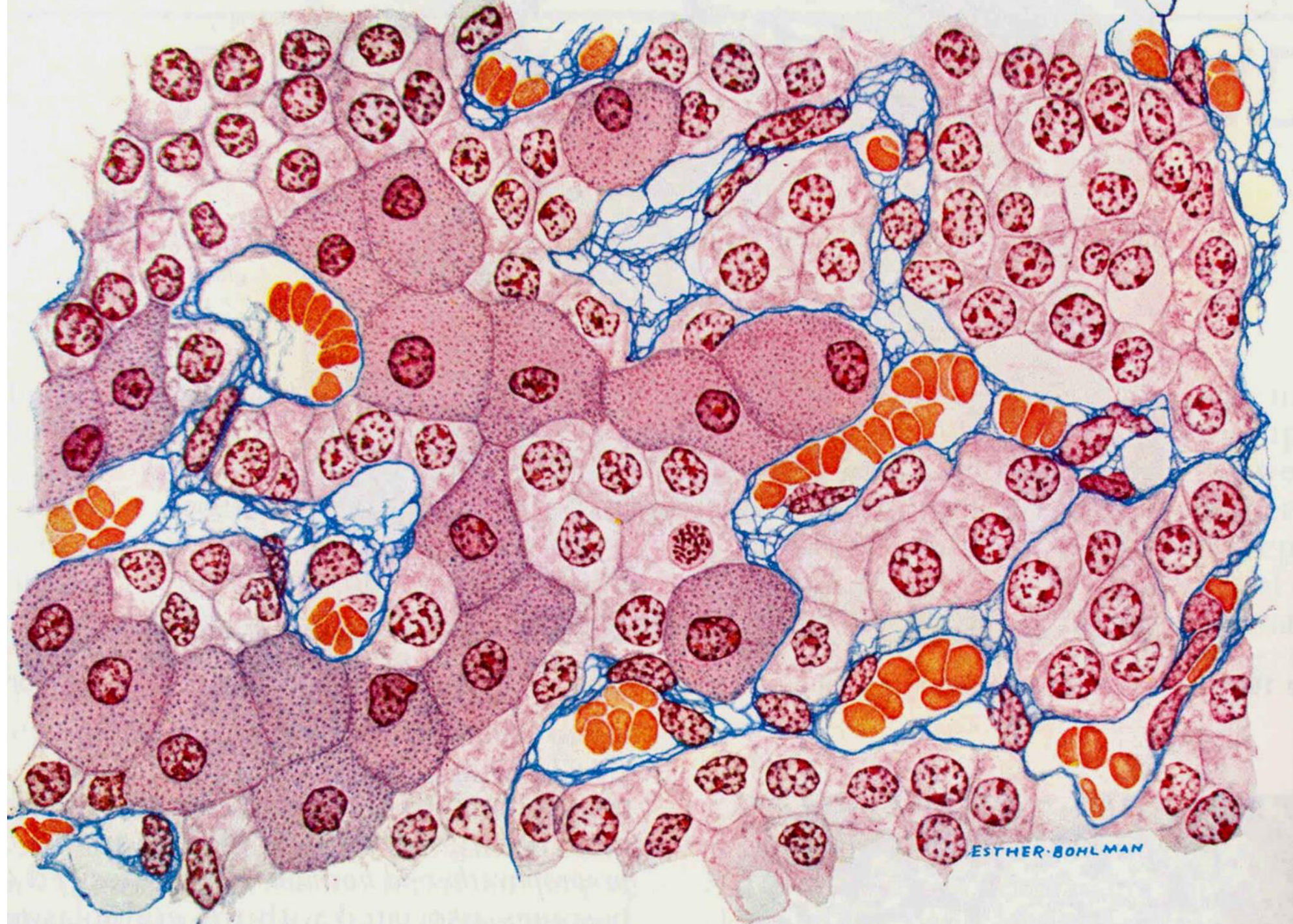
# Parathyroid glands - structure

- function in bone metabolism
- parathormone (PTH)
- capsule + septa
- parenchyma divided into cords
- **principal cells**
  - relatively small (4-8  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - light cytoplasm, granule containing PTH
- **oxyphilic cells**
  - fewer, larger
  - darker cytoplasm, no granules, numerous MIT
  - unclear function, appear as late as 7th year





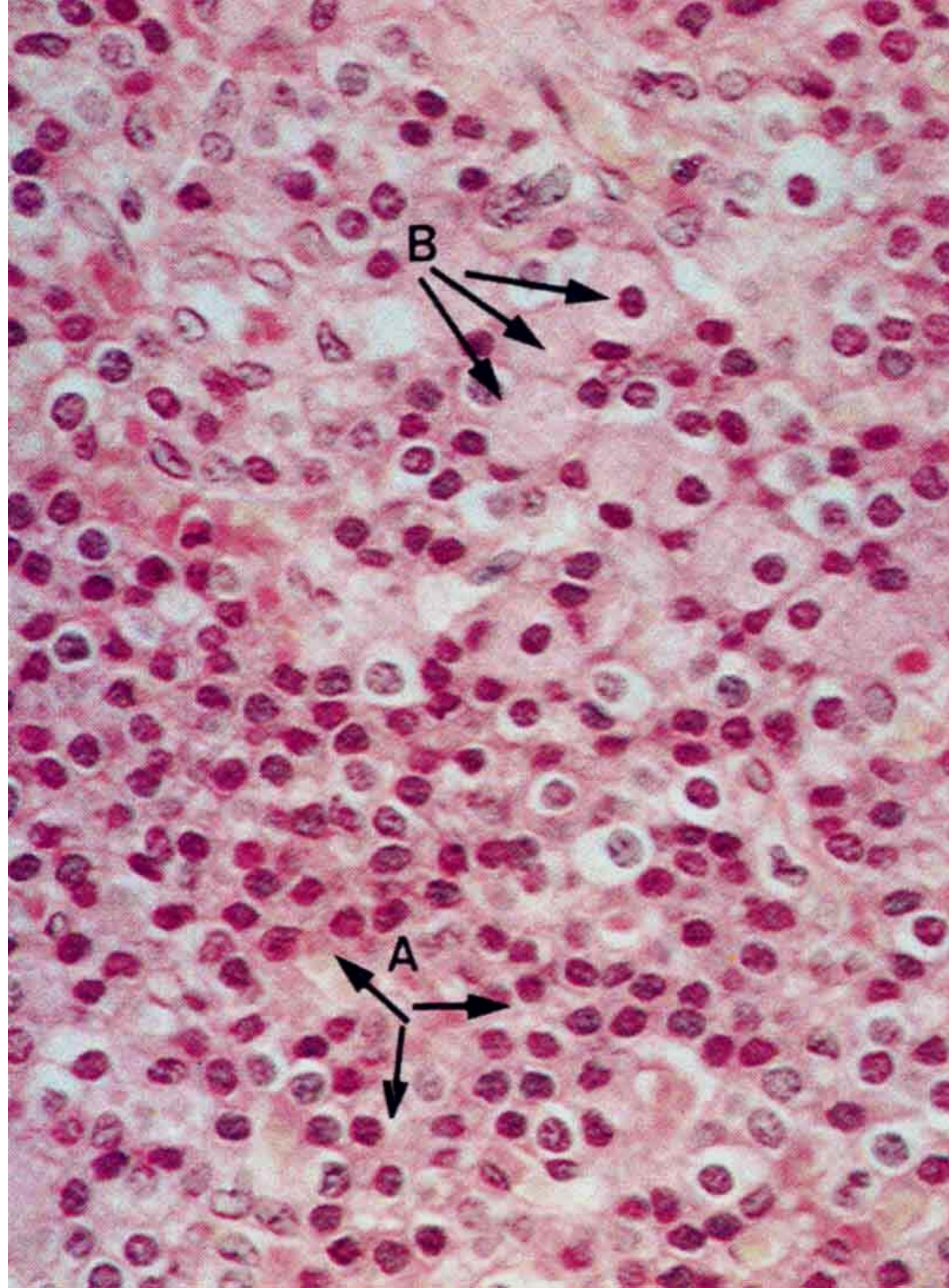




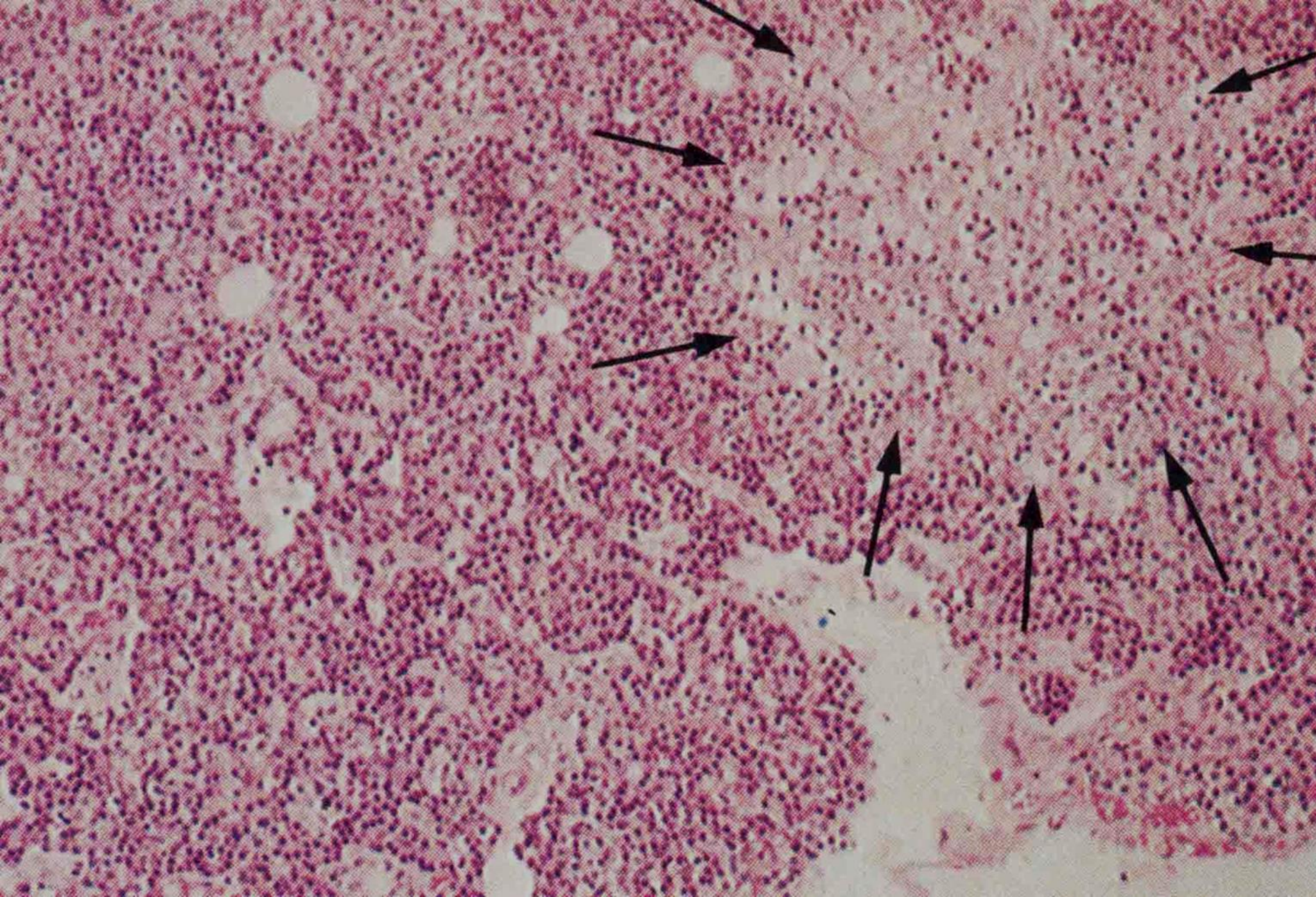
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A = principal cells  
B = oxyphylic cells





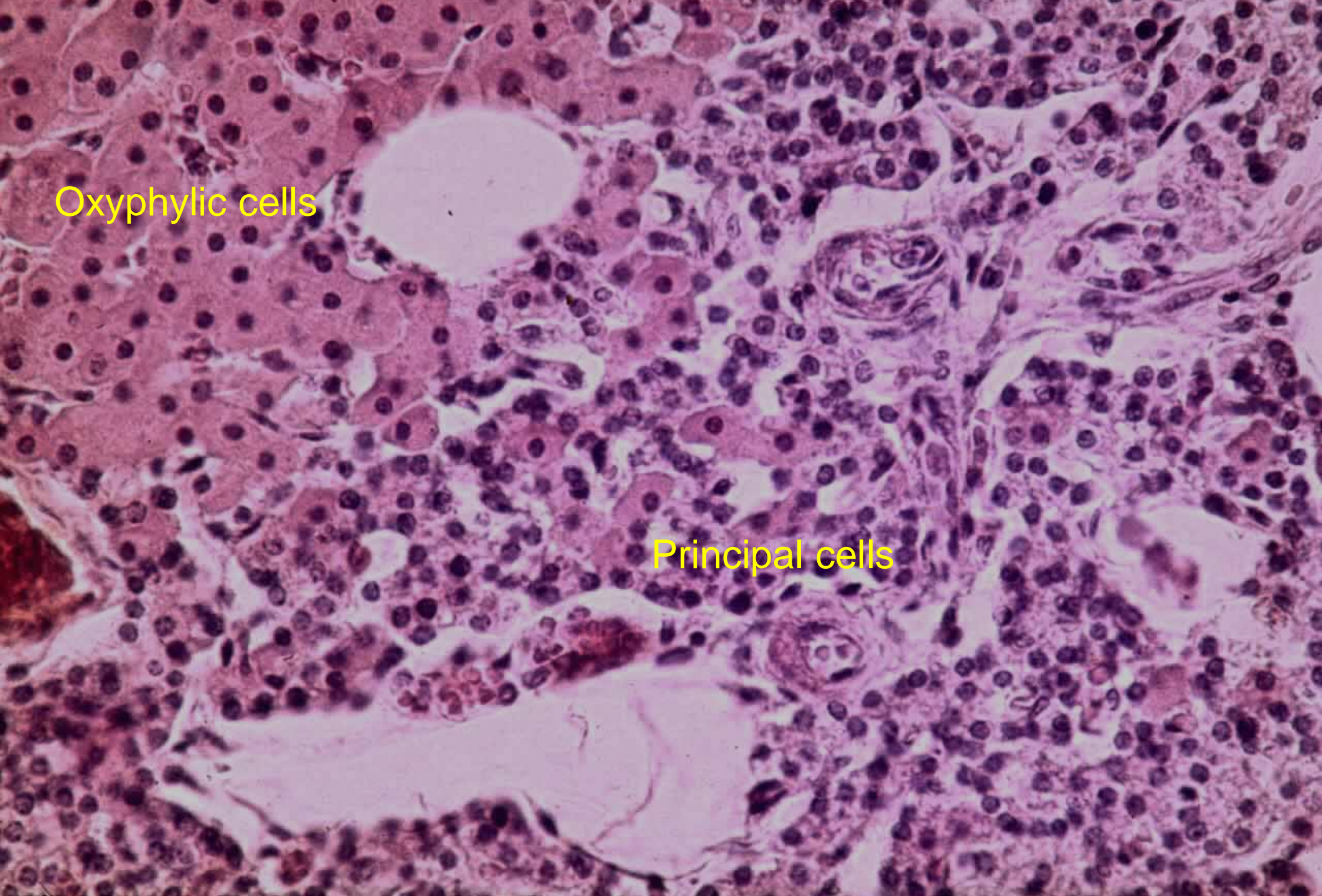


arrows = islet  
of oxyphylic  
cells

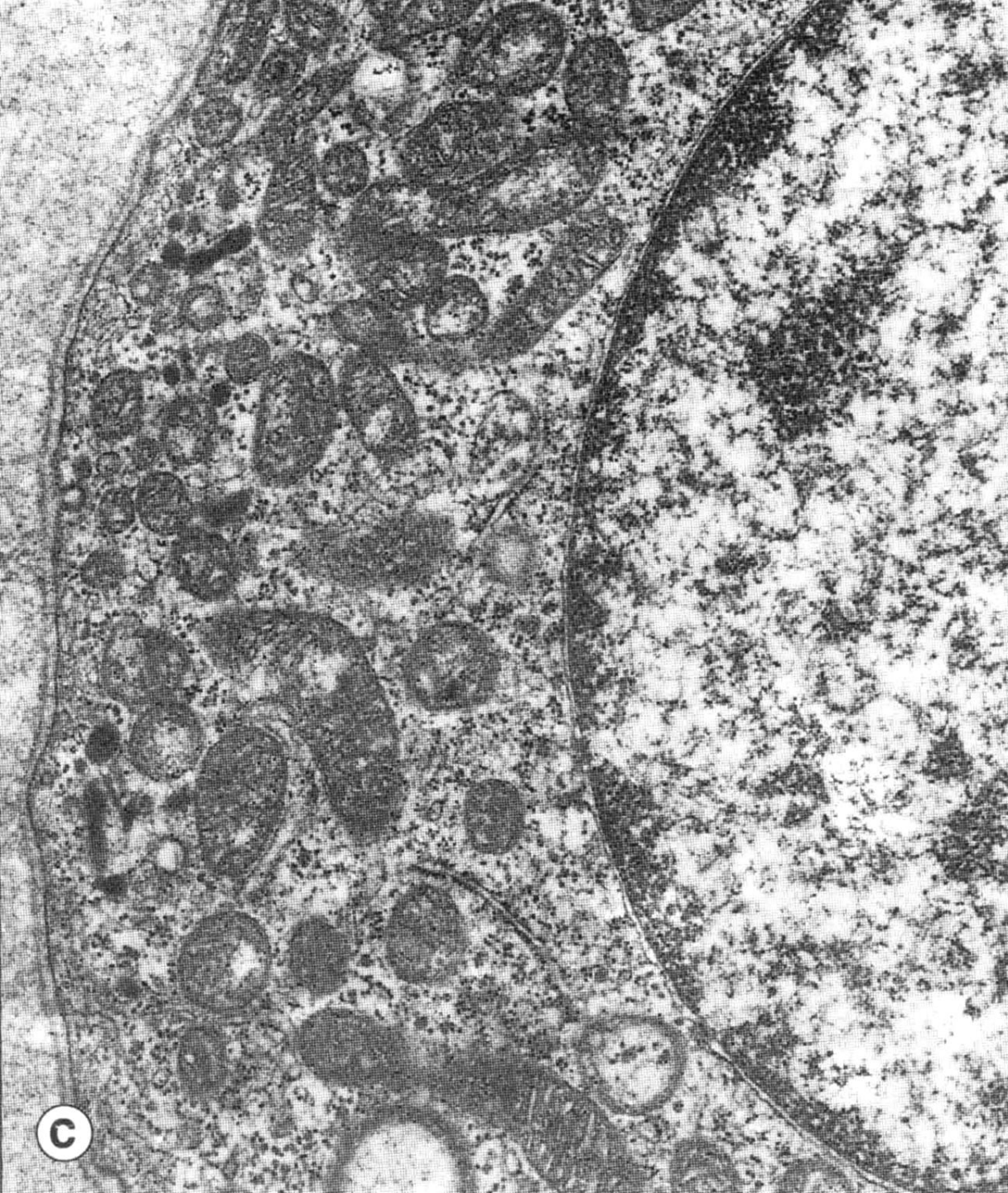


Oxyphylic cells

Principal cells







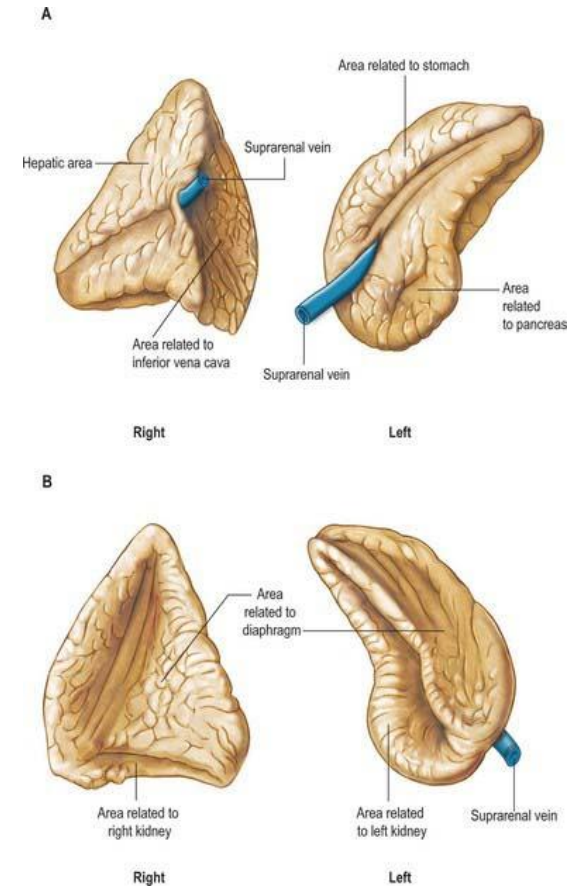
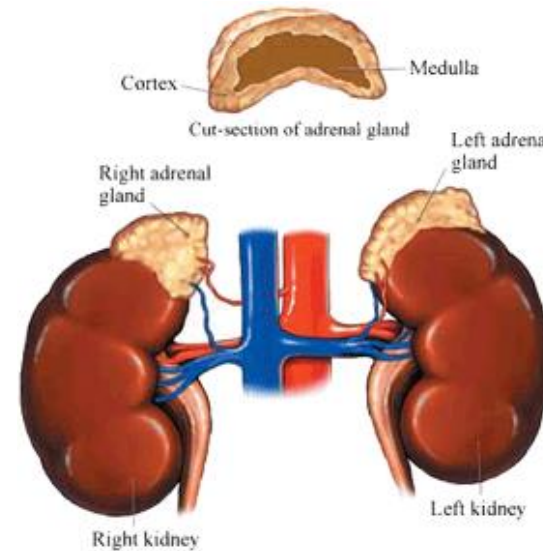
## Oxyphilic cells



# **Adrenal glands (glandulae suprarenales)**

# Adrenal glands - anatomy

- retroperitoneal organ
- at level of T11-T12
- facies anterior + posterior + renalis
- margo superior + medialis
- hilum
  - at facies anterior
  - v. suprarenalis emerges here
- capsula (proper)
- common *corpus adiposum perirenale* + *fascia renalis* with kidney





# Adrenal gland, suprarenal gland, glandula suprarenalis

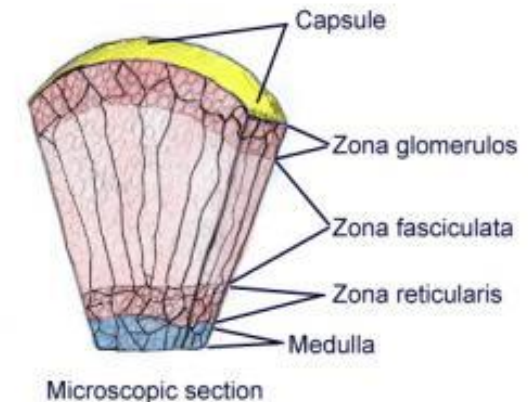
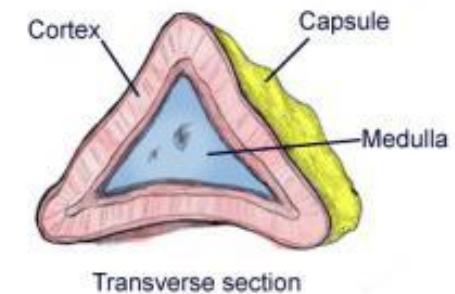
„doubled gland“ –two different tissues –cortex and medulla

- cortex

- mineralocorticoids–aldosterone
- glucocorticoids–cortisol, corticosterone
- androgenes–DEAS=dehydroepiandrosterone

- medulla

- catecholamines–adrenaline, noradrenaline



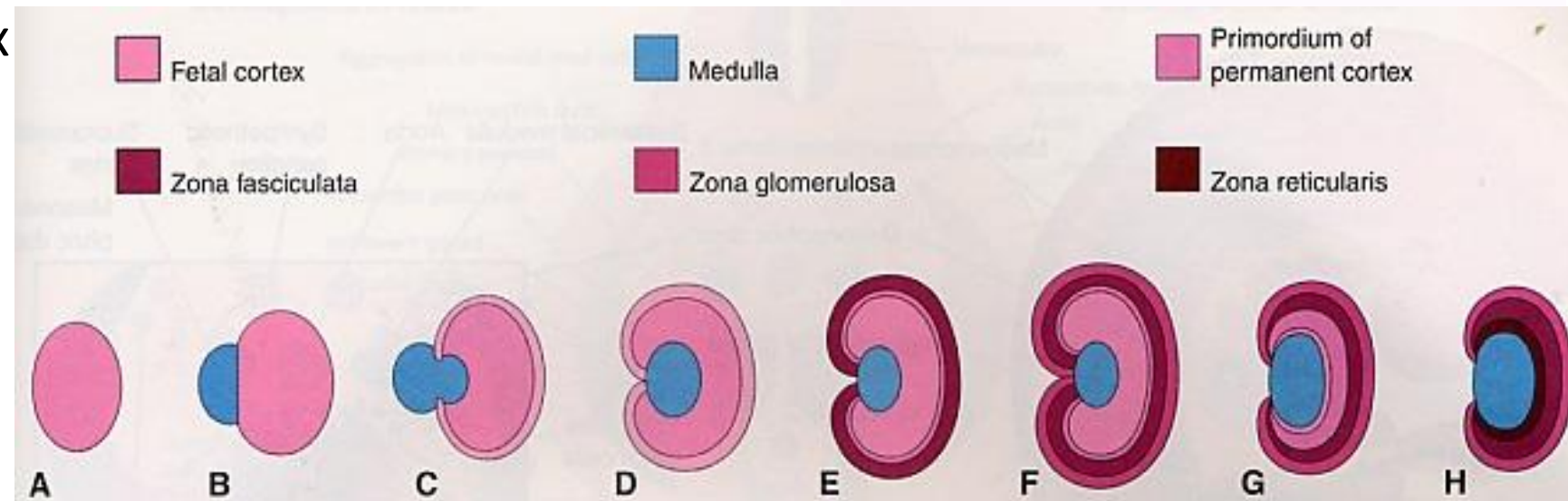
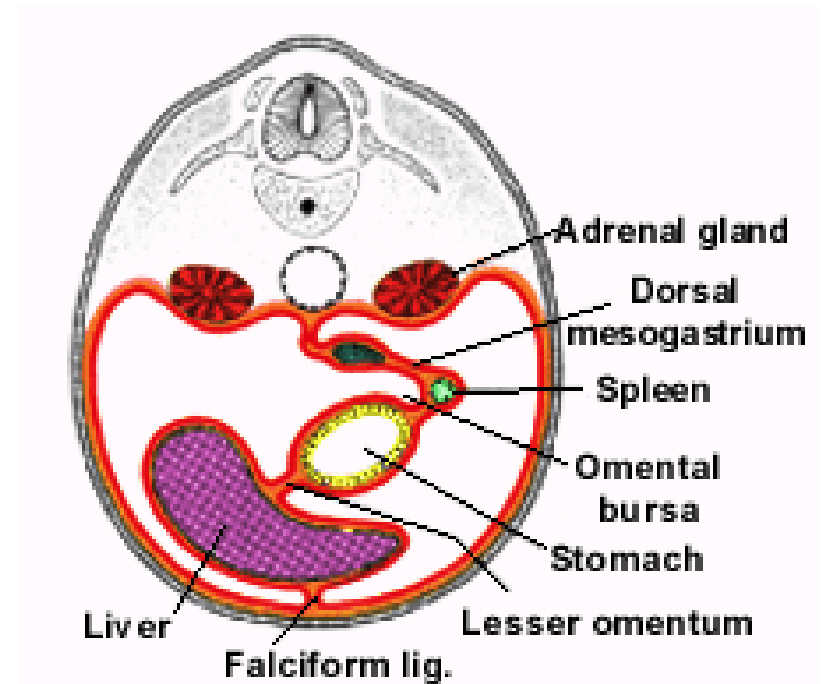
# Adrenal gland - development

- **cortex**

- from coelomic epithelium laterally to dorsal mesenterium
- proliferation and migrate towards aorta
- secondary proliferation of cortex - arise of definitive cortex

- **medulla**

- from base of ganglion coeliacum
- sympatoblasts
- migrates to base of cortex





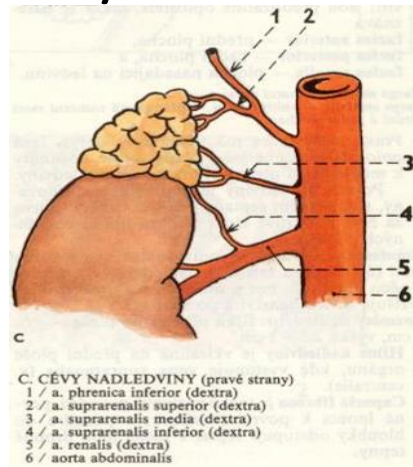
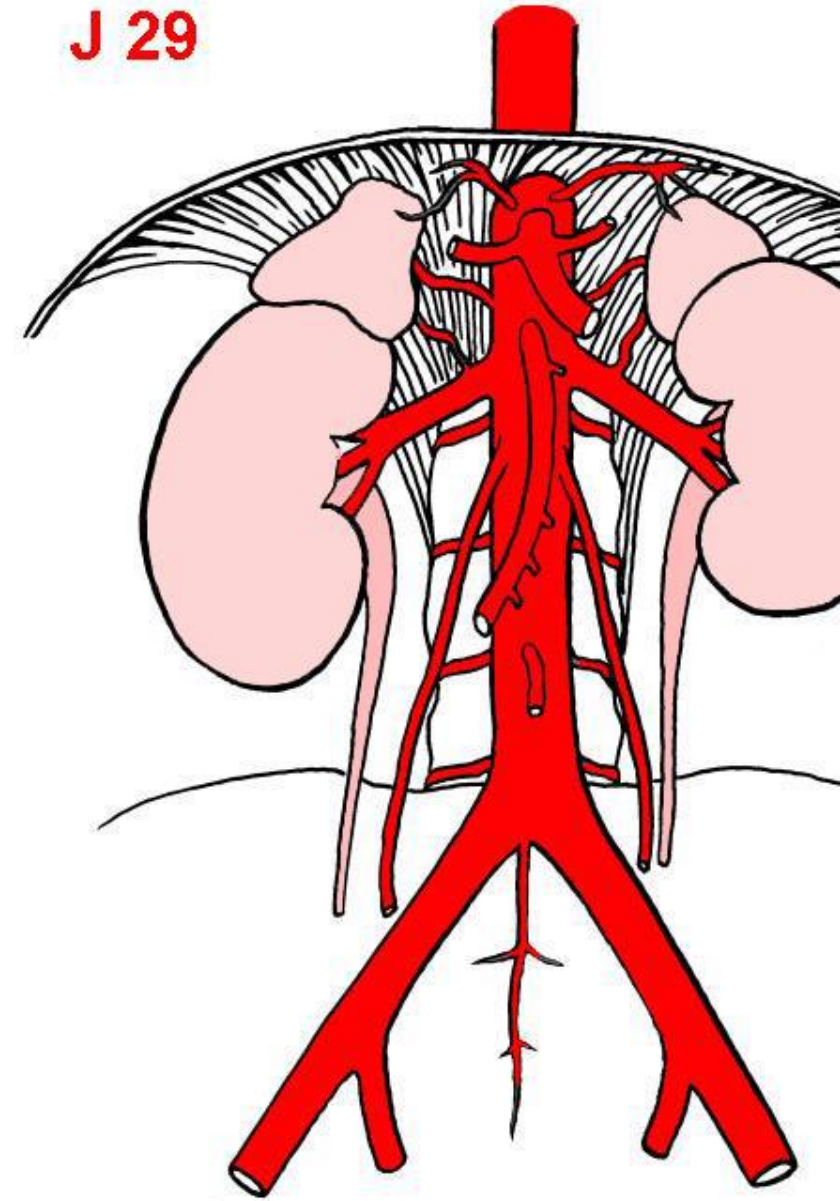




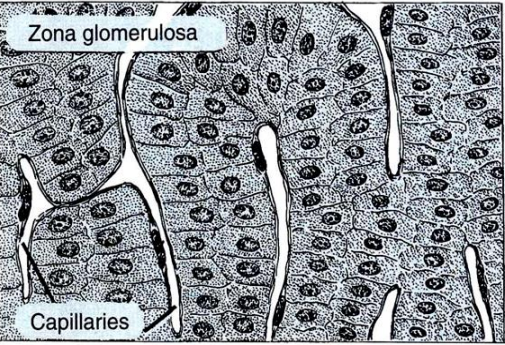
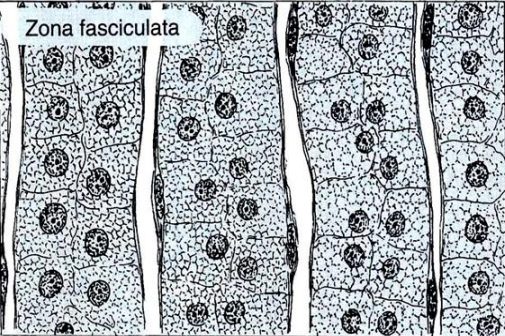
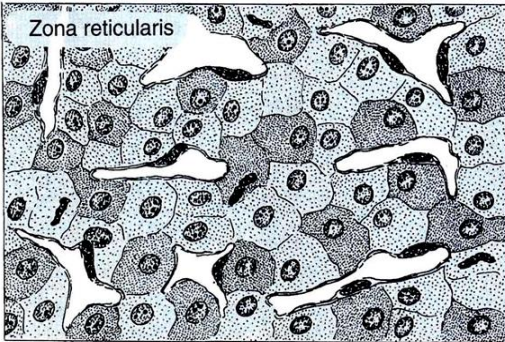
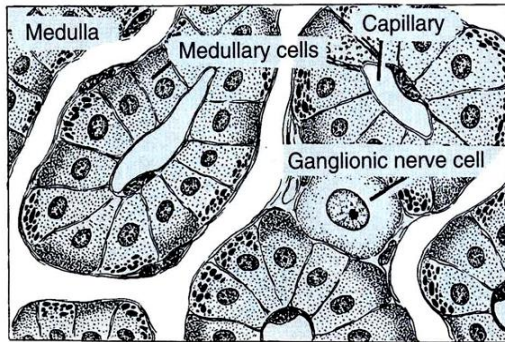
# Adrenal glands – blood vessels

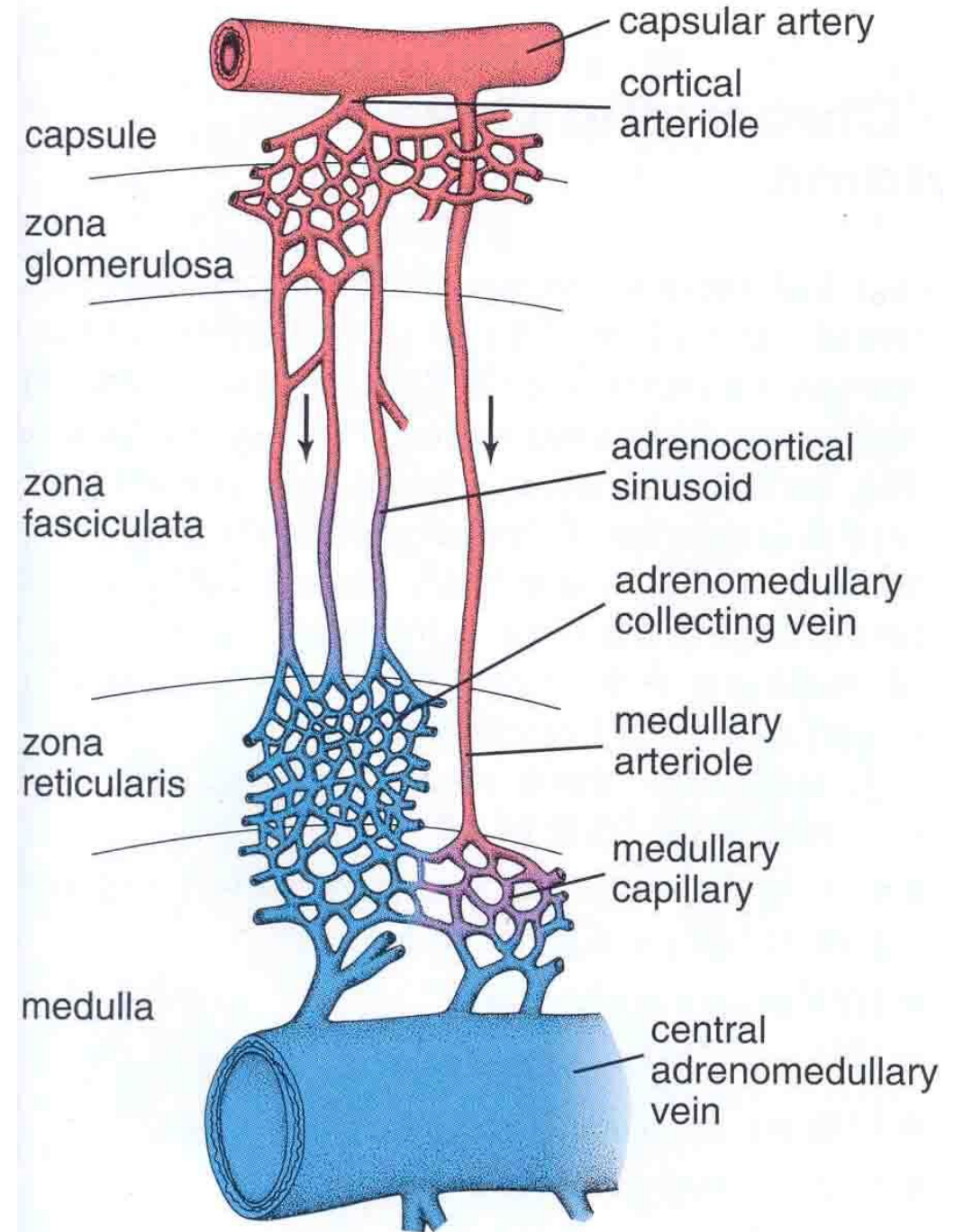
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- a. suprarenalis superior (← a. phrenica inferior)
  - a. suprarenalis media (← aorta abdominalis)
  - a. suprarenalis inferior (← a. renalis)
- subcapsular plexus, capillaries + sinusoids pass through cortex →
- vein from medulla → v. centralis → v. suprarenalis
  - v. renalis sinistra/ v. cava inferior on the right side





Adrenal cortex	<b>Factors acting on the gland</b>	<b>Zona glomerulosa</b>	<b>Hormones secreted</b>
	Angiotensin and corticotropin (ACTH)		Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone)
		Capillaries	
	Corticotropin	<b>Zona fasciculata</b>	Glucocorticoids (cortisol and corticosterone)
			Androgens (dihydroepiandrosterone; androstenedione)
	Corticotropin	<b>Zona reticularis</b>	Glucocorticoids
			Androgens
Adrenal medulla	Preganglionic fibers	<b>Medulla</b>	Epinephrine
			Norepinephrine







capsule

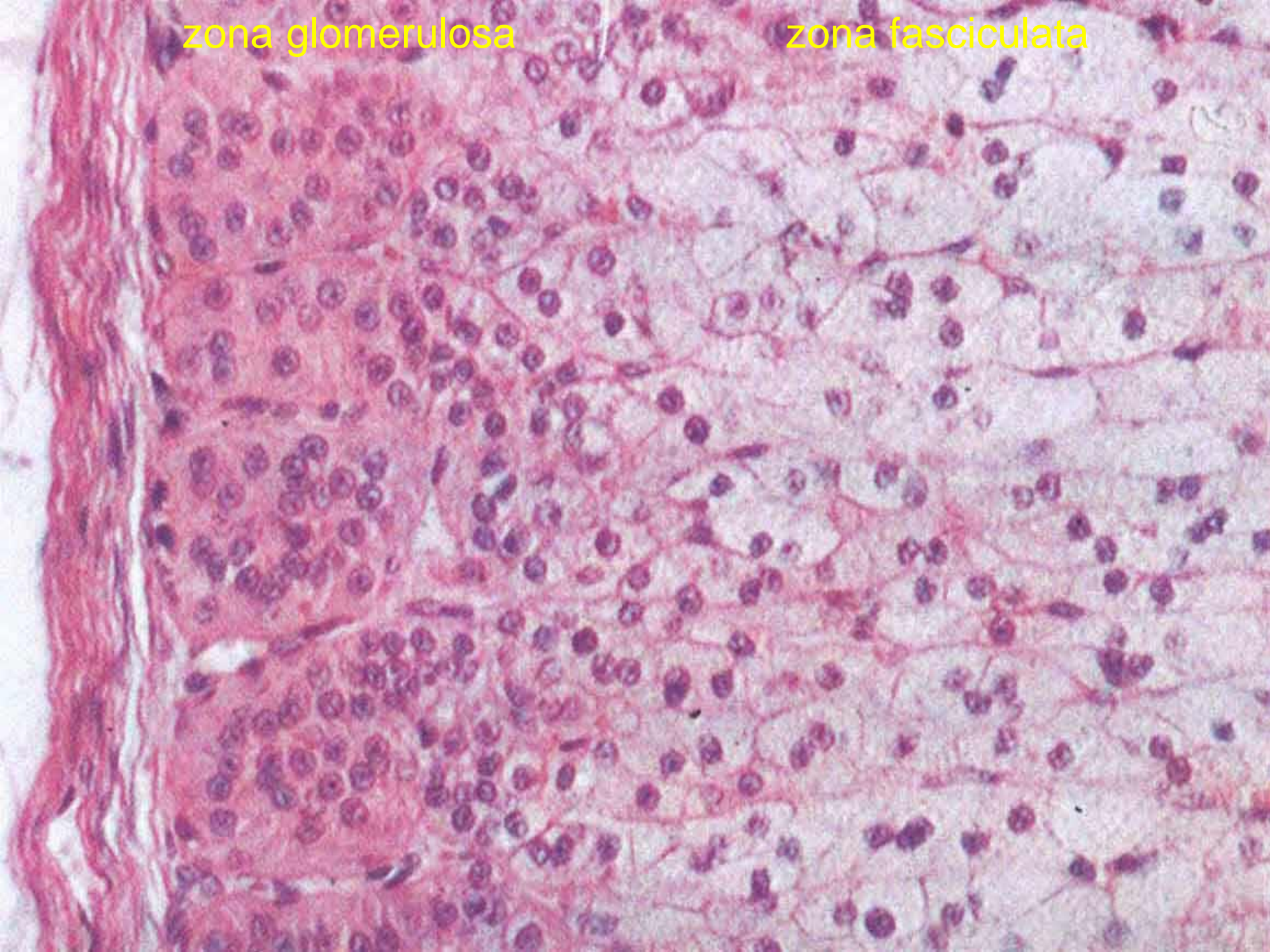
This histological image shows a cross-section of an ovary. On the left side, there is a thick, pink-stained layer labeled 'capsule', which is the outer protective layer of the ovary. To the right of the capsule is the 'cortex', the outer layer of the ovary containing the developing follicles. The cortex is densely packed with numerous small, dark-stained nuclei, which are the nuclei of the follicular cells. The overall structure is organized into a regular, repeating pattern of follicles.

cortex

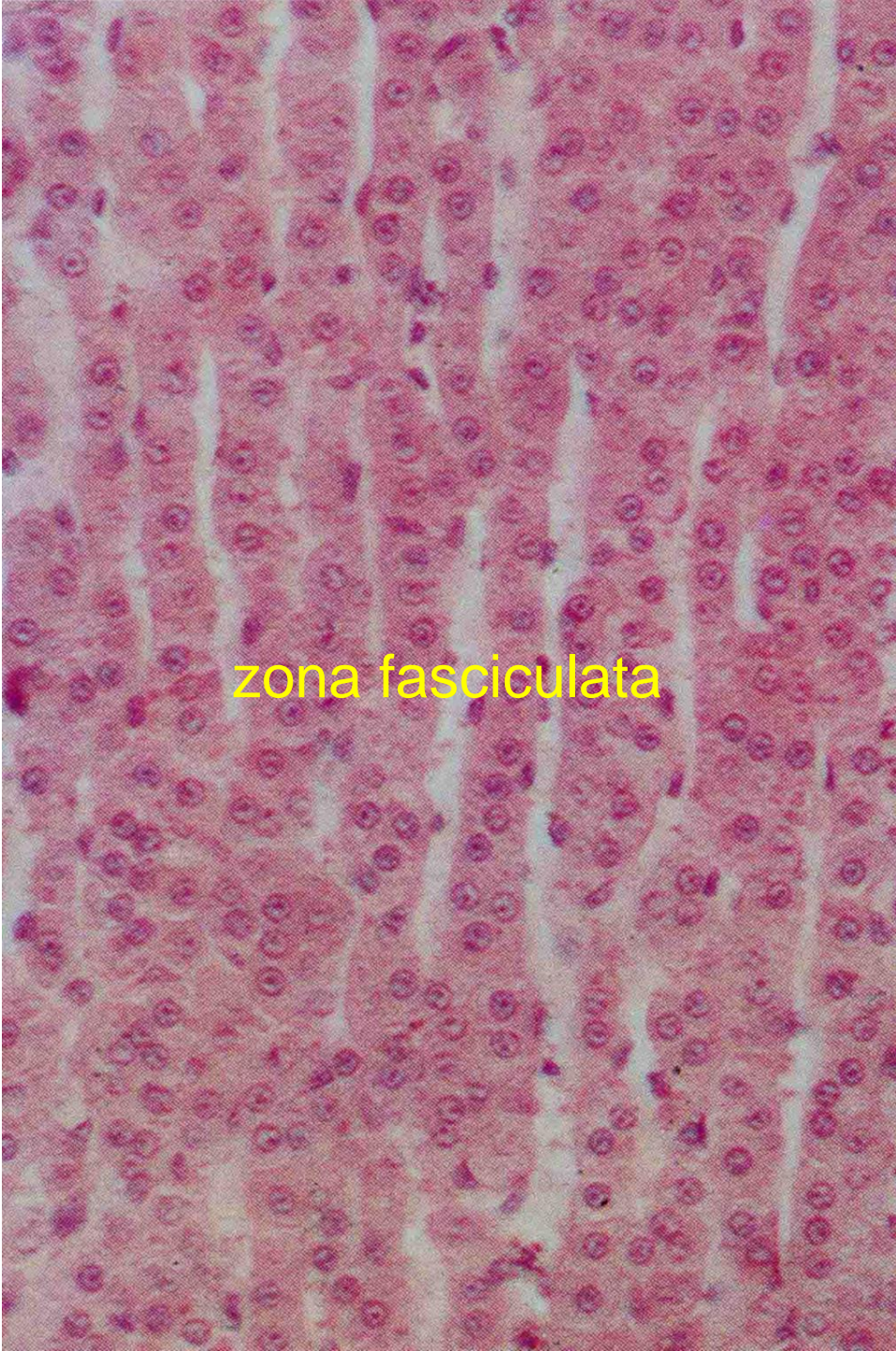


zona glomerulosa

zona fasciculata

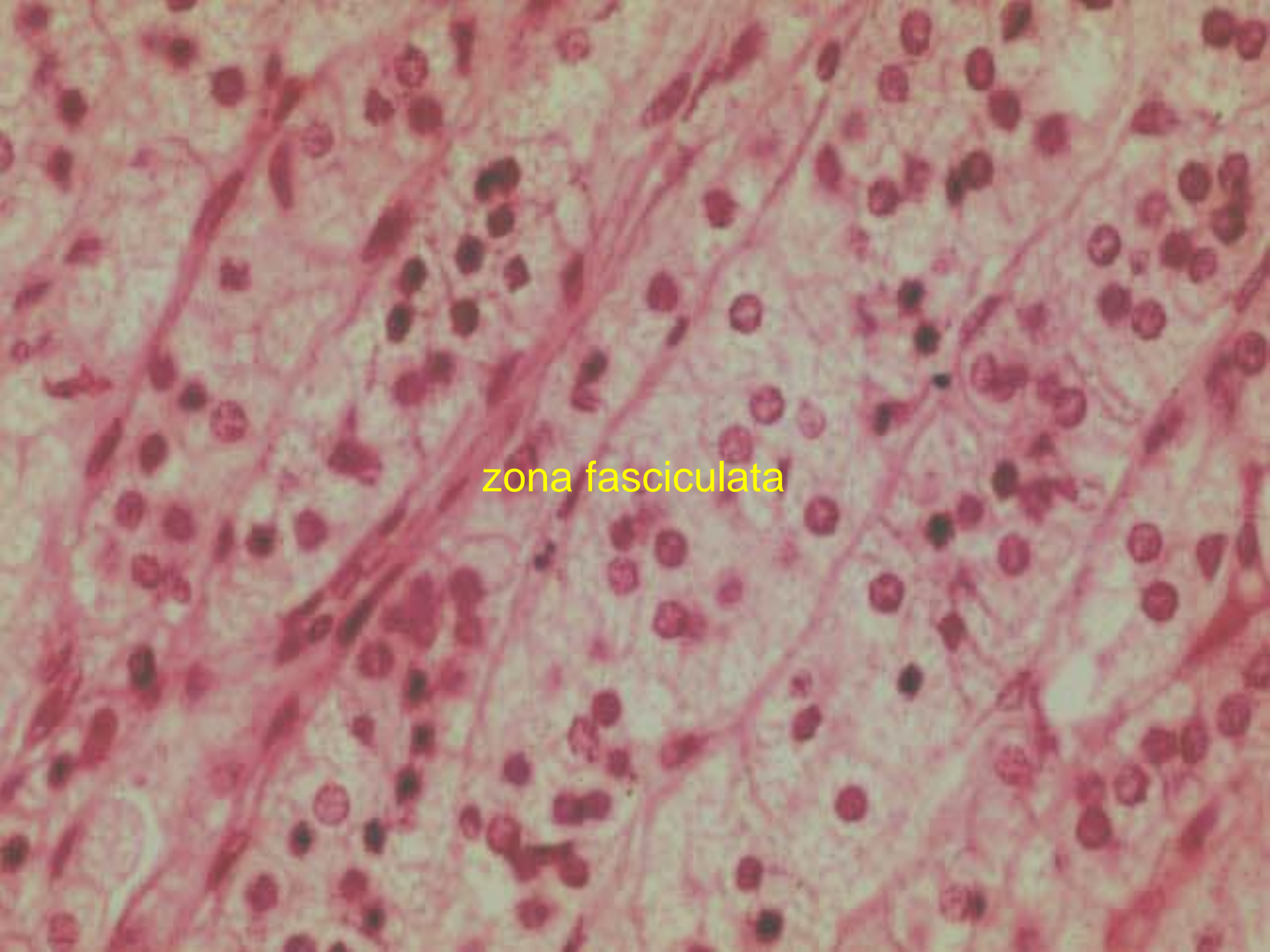






zona fasciculata



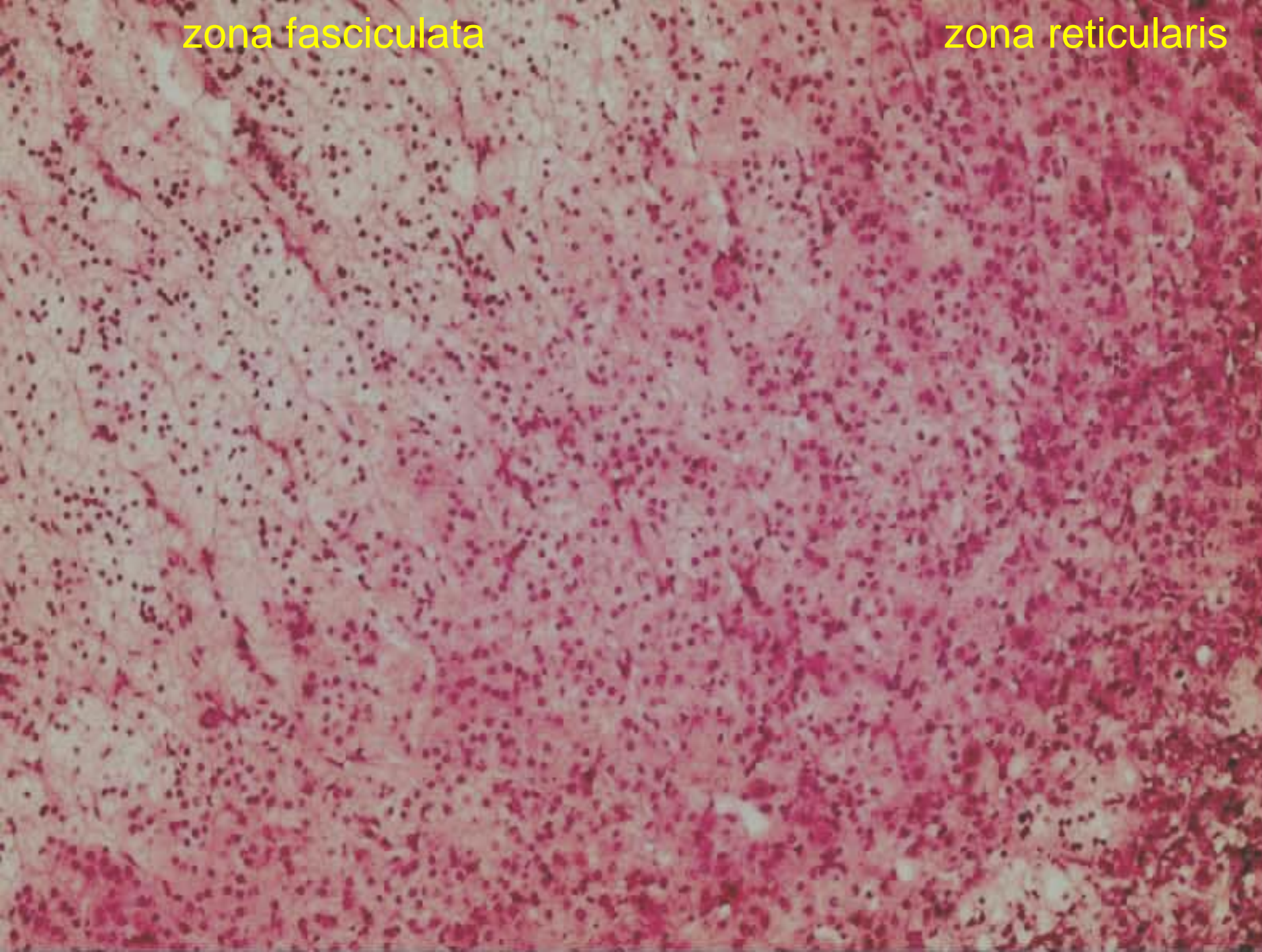


zona fasciculata

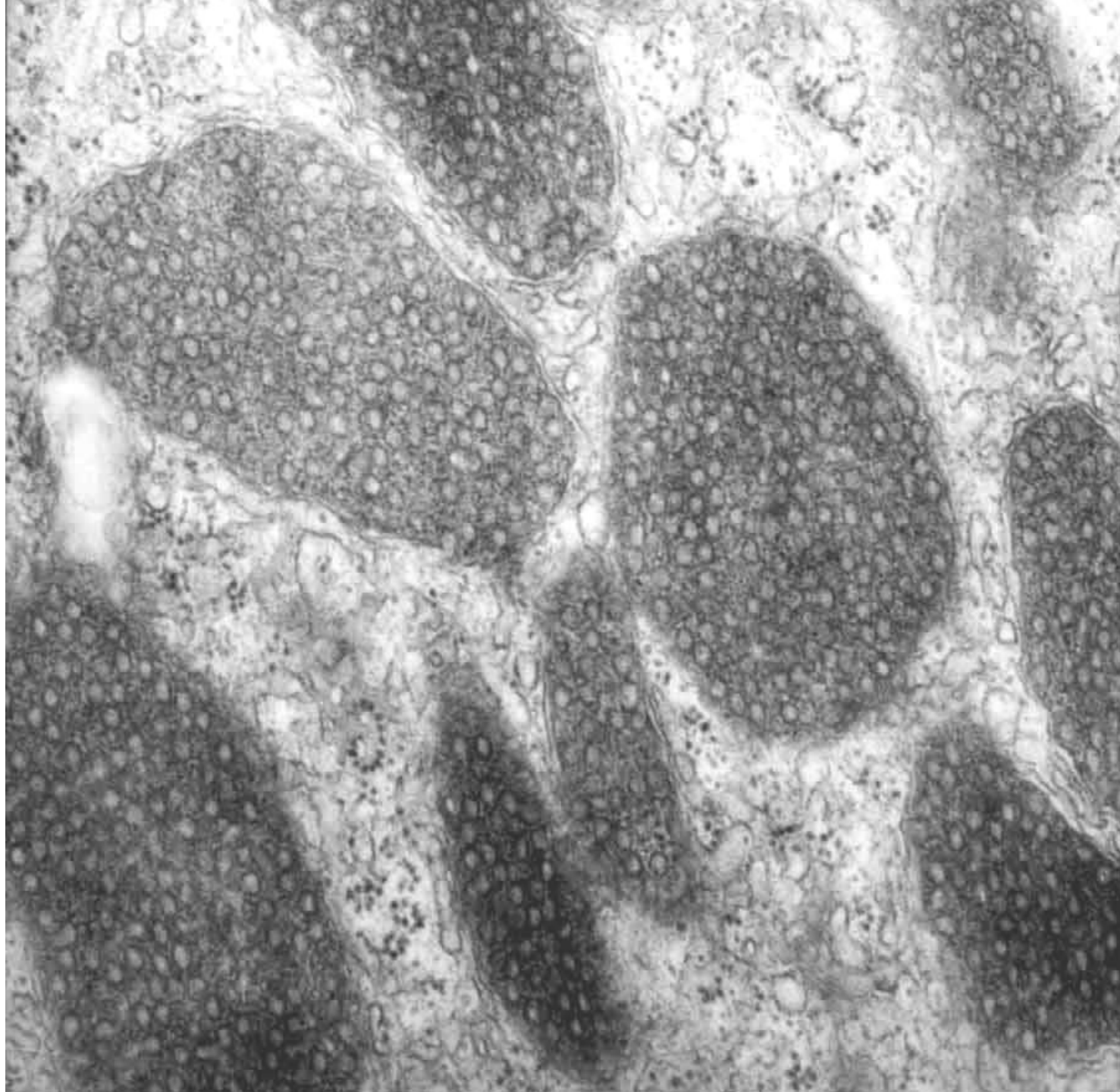


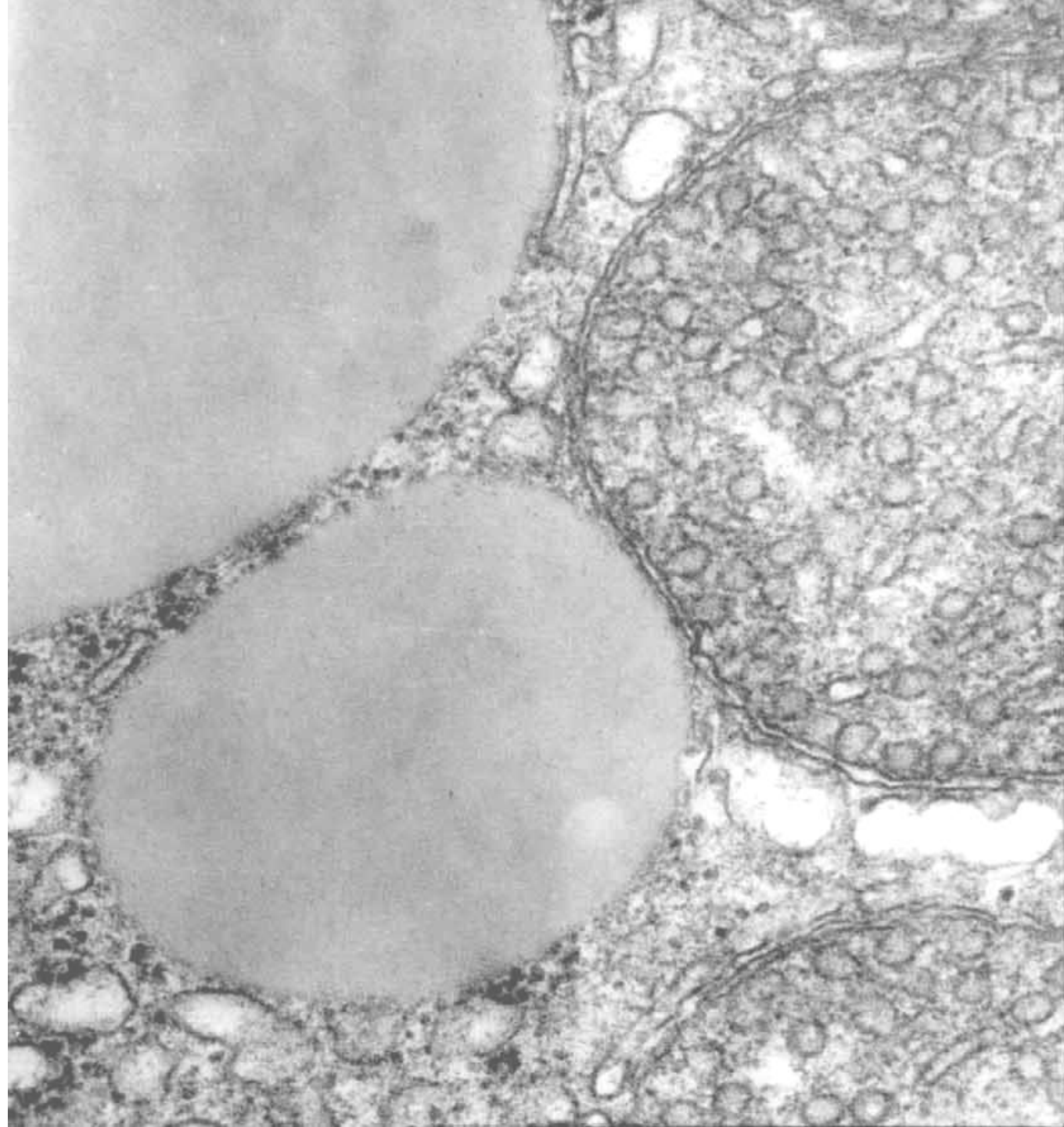
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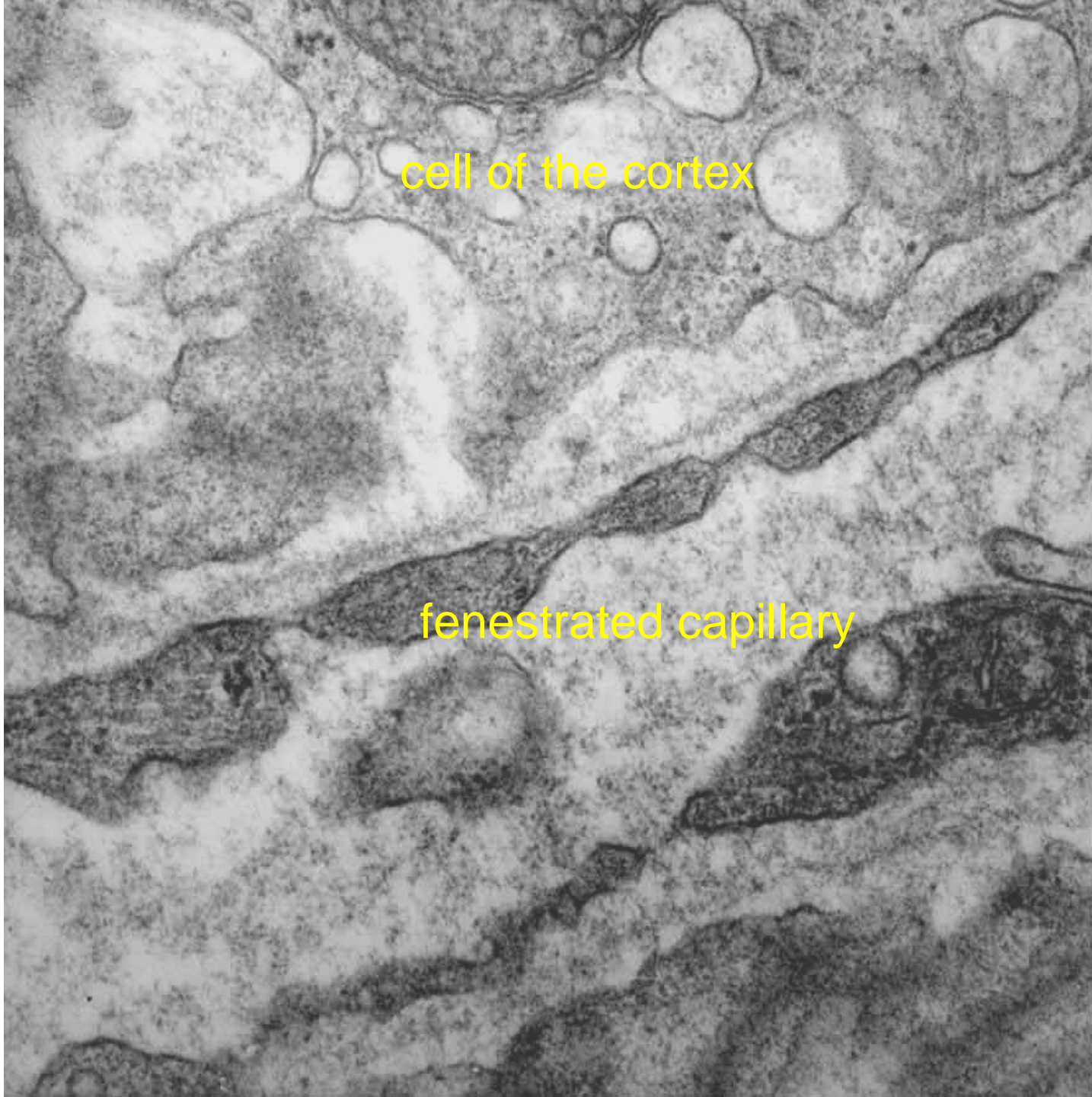












cell of the cortex

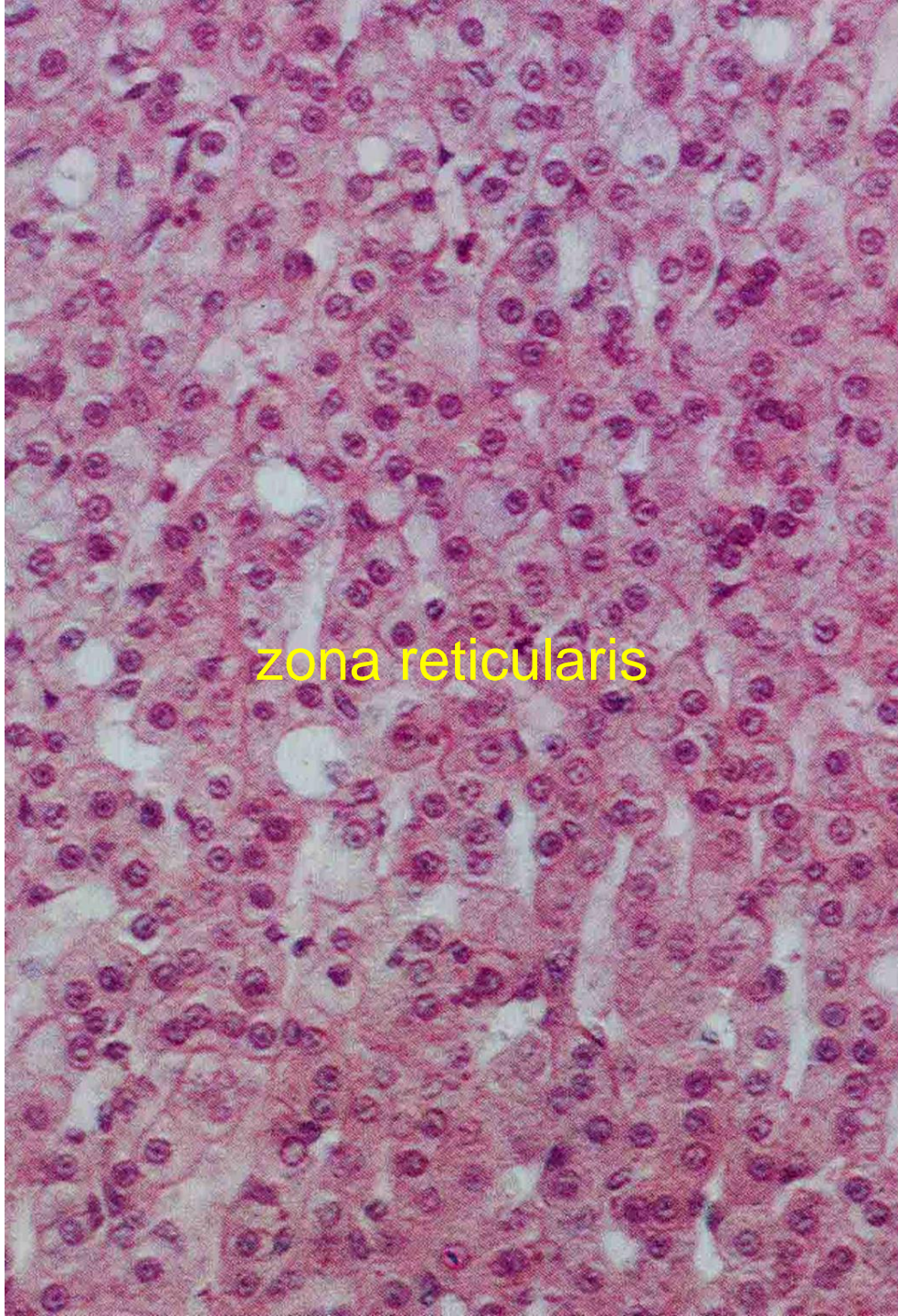
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autophagosome

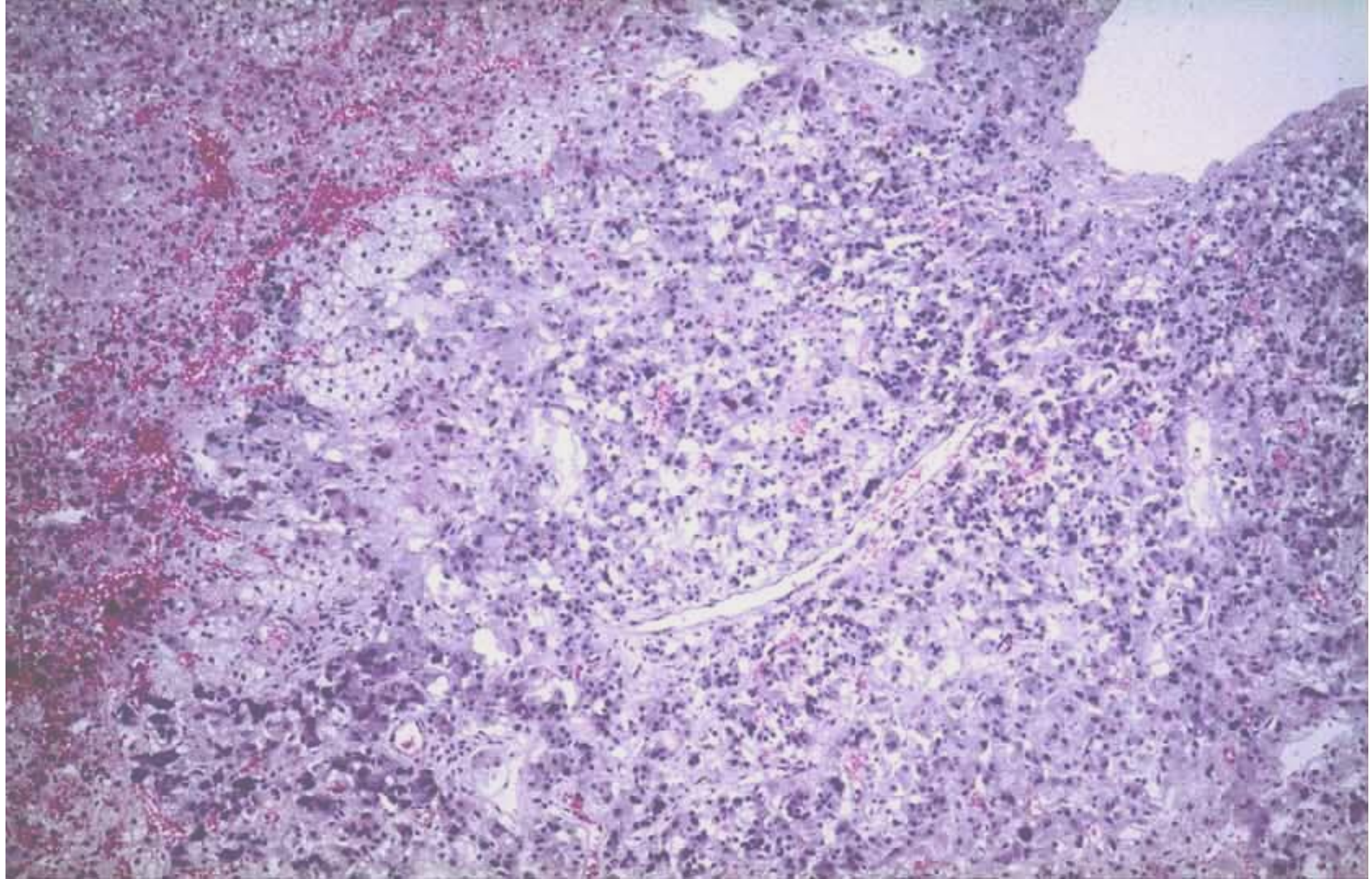
cell of zona reticularis





zona reticularis

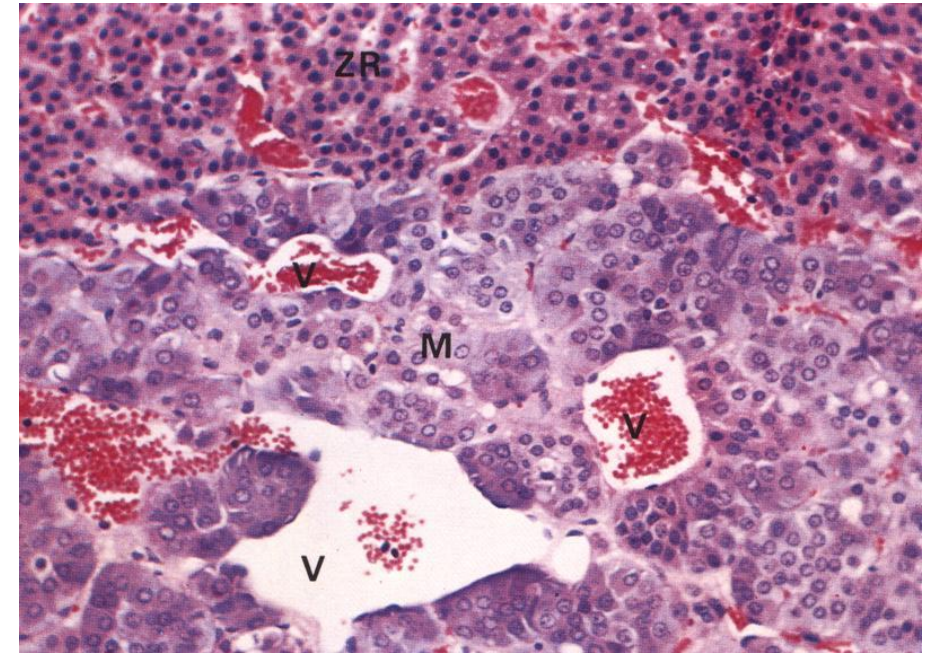


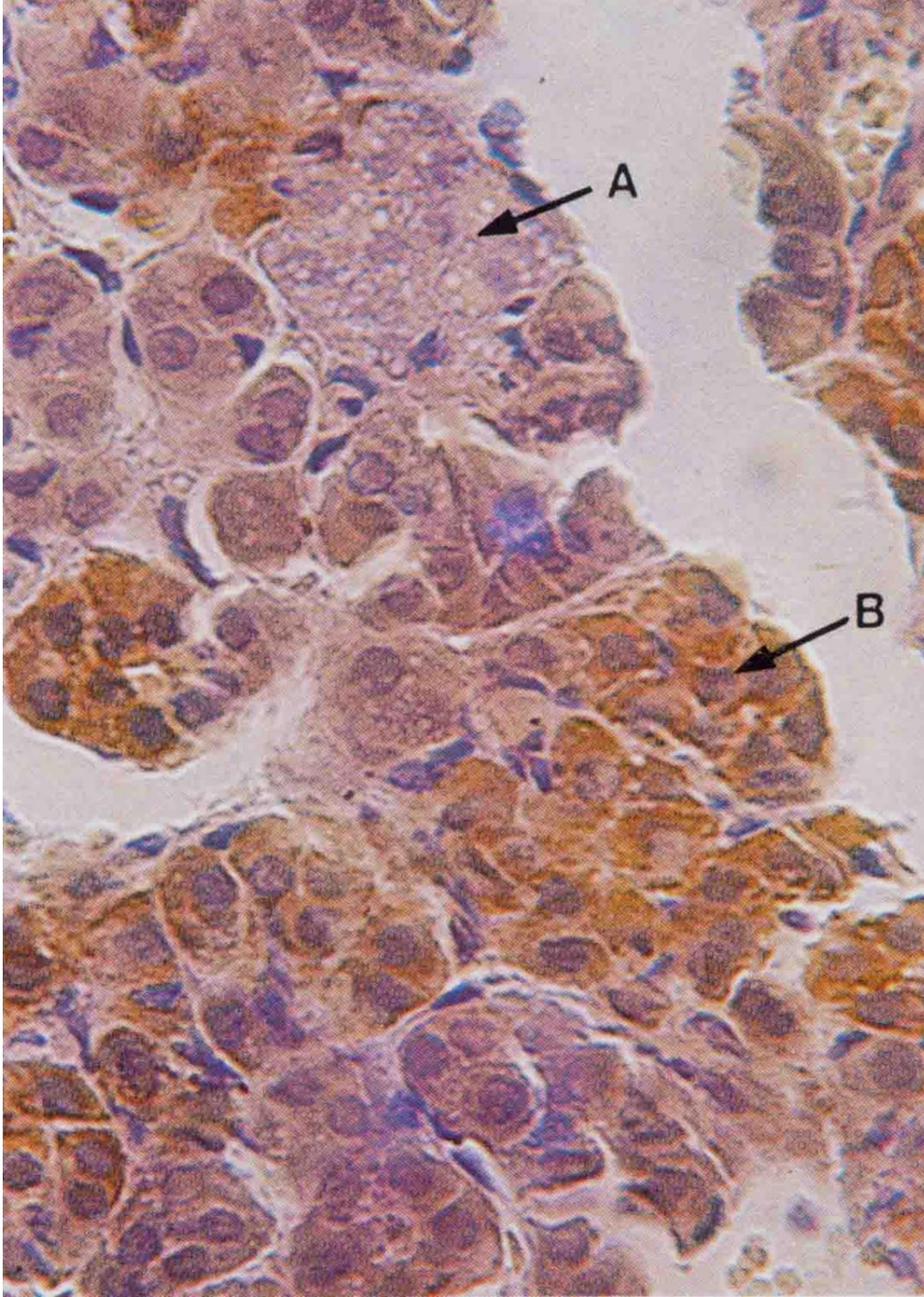




# Adrenal glands – medulla

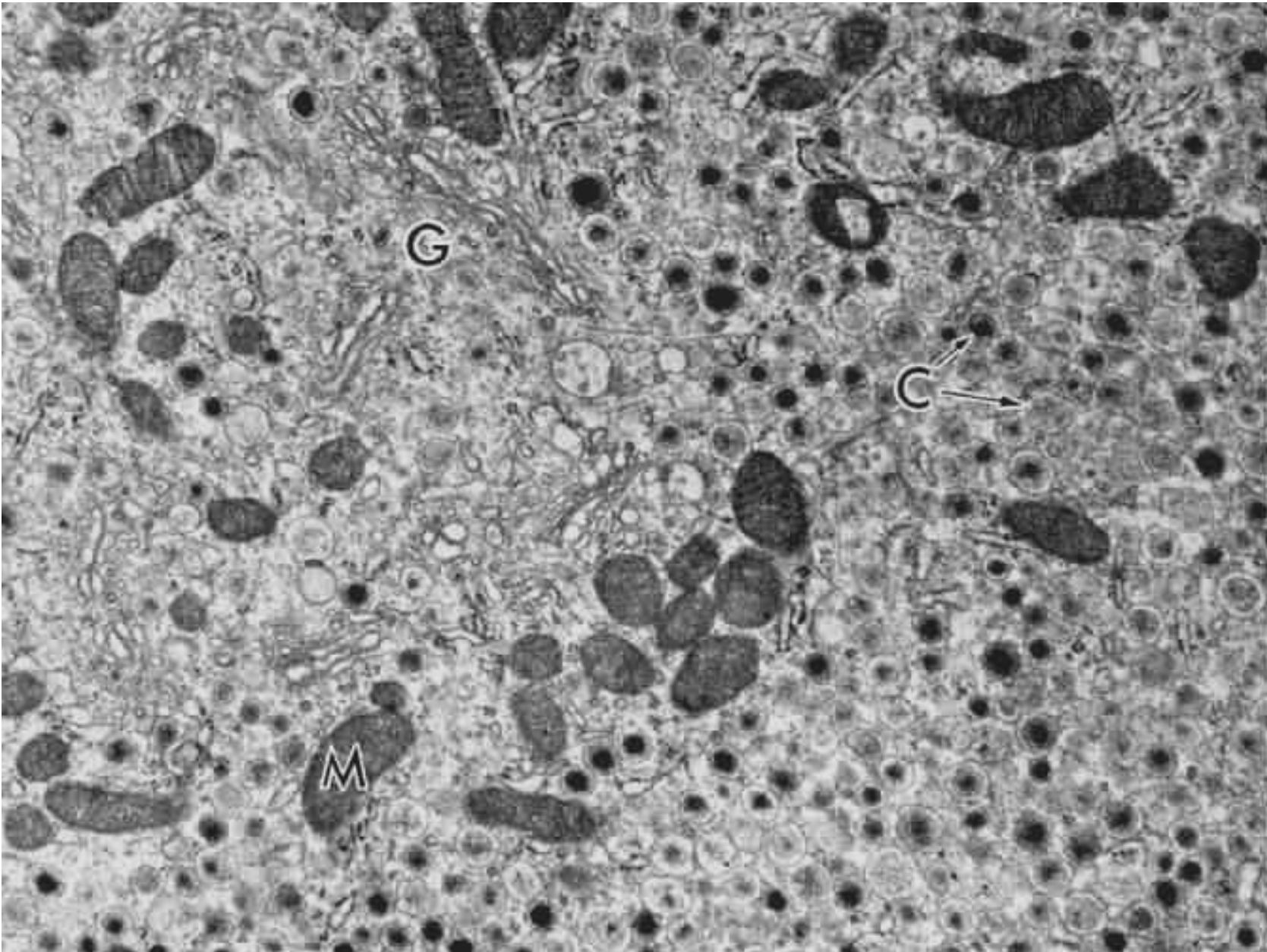
- anastomosing columns of polyhedral cells
- large cells
- large nucleus
- gER, MIT, GA, granula
- **adrenaline, noradrenaline**, chromogranines, ATP
- dopamine- $\beta$ -hydroxylase, Leu-a Met-enkefalin
- between columns – capillary network
- rare – parasympathetic ganglionic cells





fixation glutaraldehyde + dichromate  
A = cells producing adrenaline  
B = cells producing noradrenaline





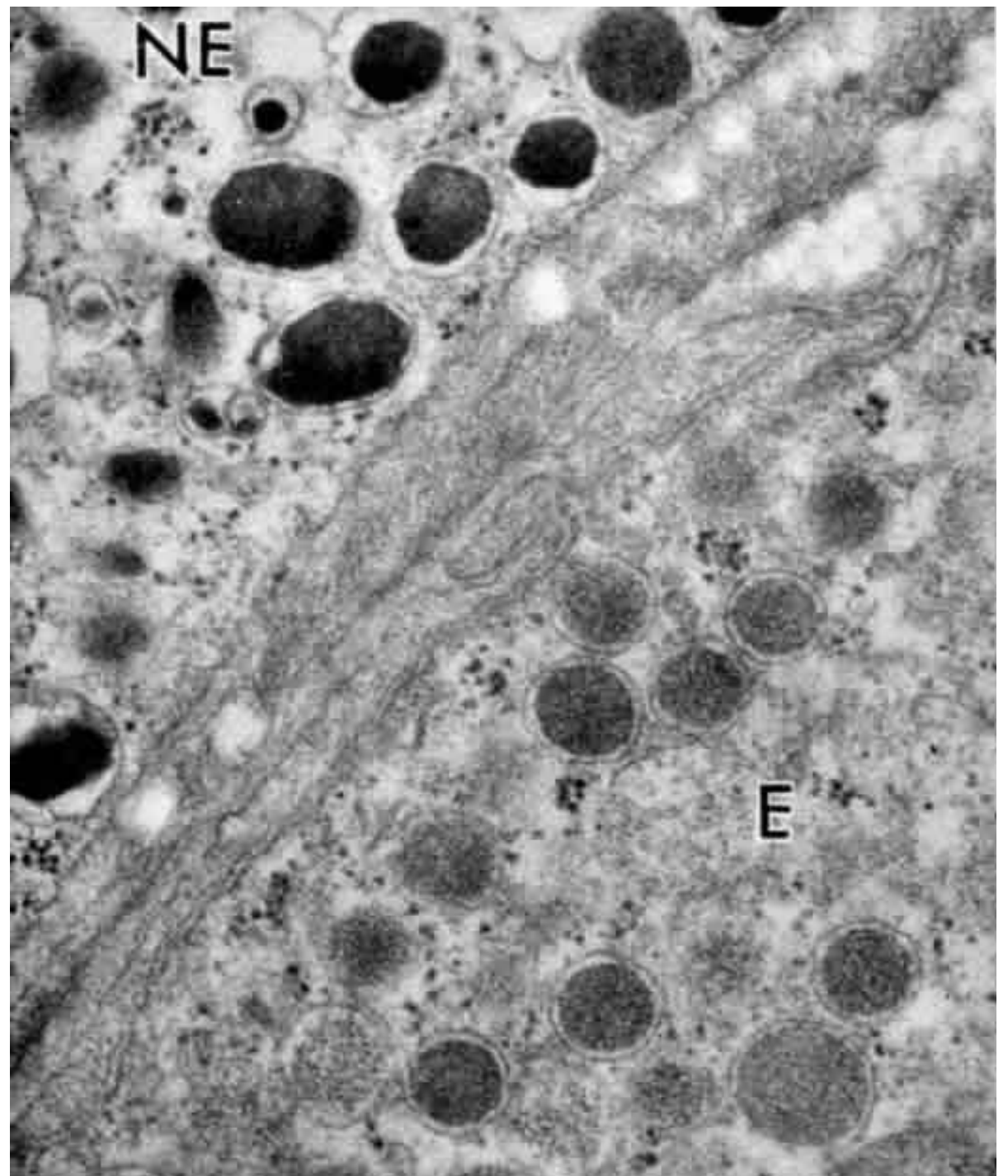
**cell producing adrenaline**

C = secretion granules

G = Golgi complex

M = mitochondria

E = cell producing adrenaline  
NE = cell producng noradrenaline





# Stress reaction (fight or flight or fright)

sympathetic activation (suprarenal cortex and medulla)

- effect on vascular smooth muscle → vasodilatation in skeletal muscles, vasoconstriction in the skin
- metabolic effect of glycogen → glycogenolysis in the liver
- sympathetic activation → activation of appropriate organs

negative effect of stress on the psyche  
– stress is not accompanied  
by physical response today



# **Pancreas – endocrine part**



# Pancreas – Islets of Langerhans (*Insulae pancreaticae*)

## - history

- Areteus of Cappadocia –diabetes = flow through
- Avicenna –sweet urine –diabetes mellitus
- **Langerhans**(1869) –discovered islet within pancreas
- Minkowski and Mering (1889) –experimentally evoked diabetes
- Sharpey-Schäfer –discovery of insulin
- Banting and Best(1921)  
–extract from canine pancreas → treatment of dogs with diabetes  
–treatment of patients
- 1929 –Nobel prize for Banting and Macleod



# Pancreas – Islets of Langerhans (*Insulae pancreaticae*)

- endocrine part of pancreas
- 0,1–0,2 mm large
- totally 1–1.5 million
- various type of cells: A, B, D, PP (G)
- hormones:
  - insulin
  - glucagon
  - somatostatine
  - pancreatic polypeptide

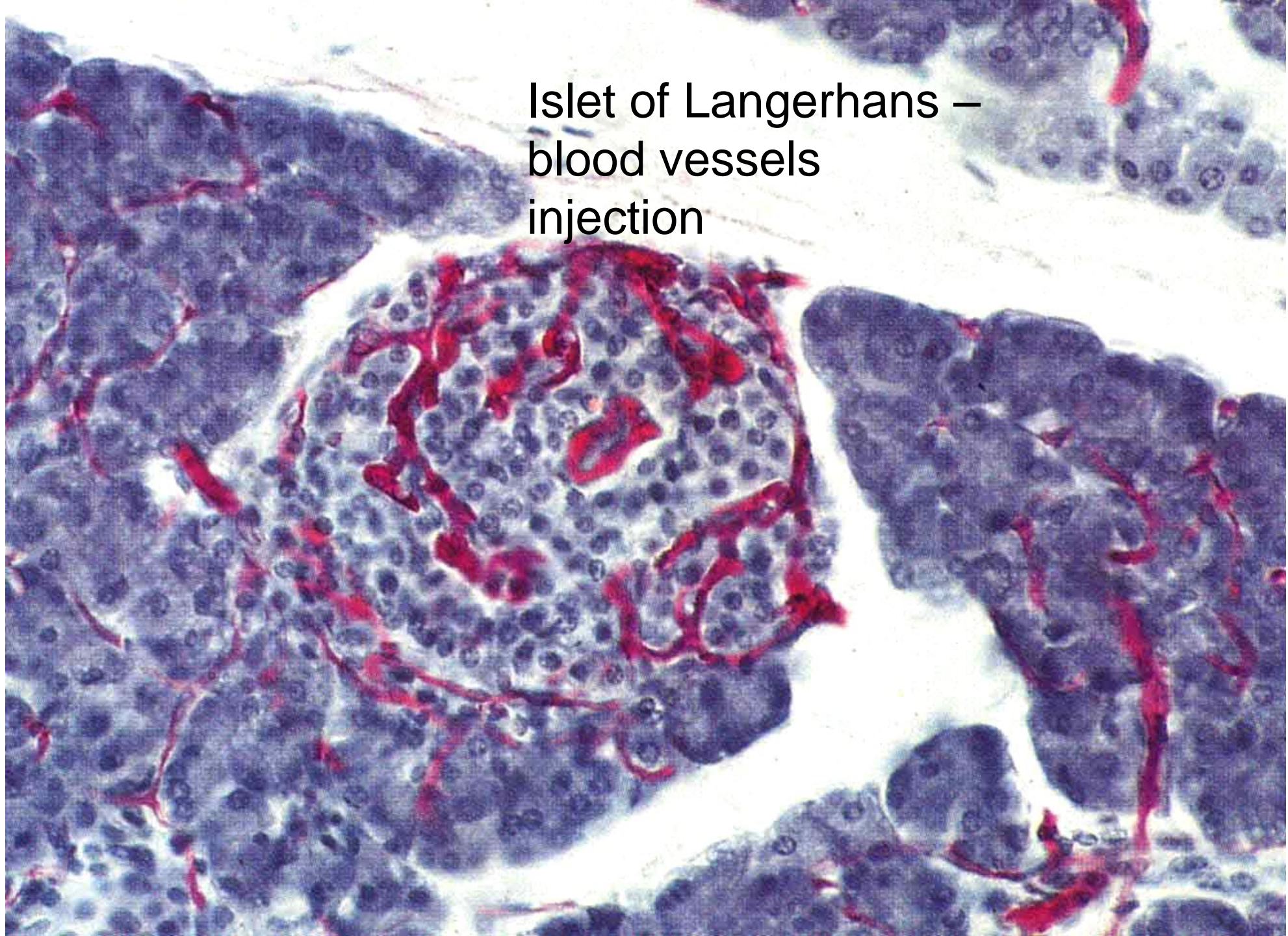


A histological micrograph of a pancreatic islet of Langerhans. The islet is a distinct, rounded cluster of endocrine cells, appearing as a lighter, more densely cellular area in the center. It is surrounded by the exocrine pancreas, which consists of acinar cells with a more granular, darker appearance. The overall structure is set against a background of connective tissue and blood vessels. The text "Islet of Langerhans" is overlaid in the center of the image.

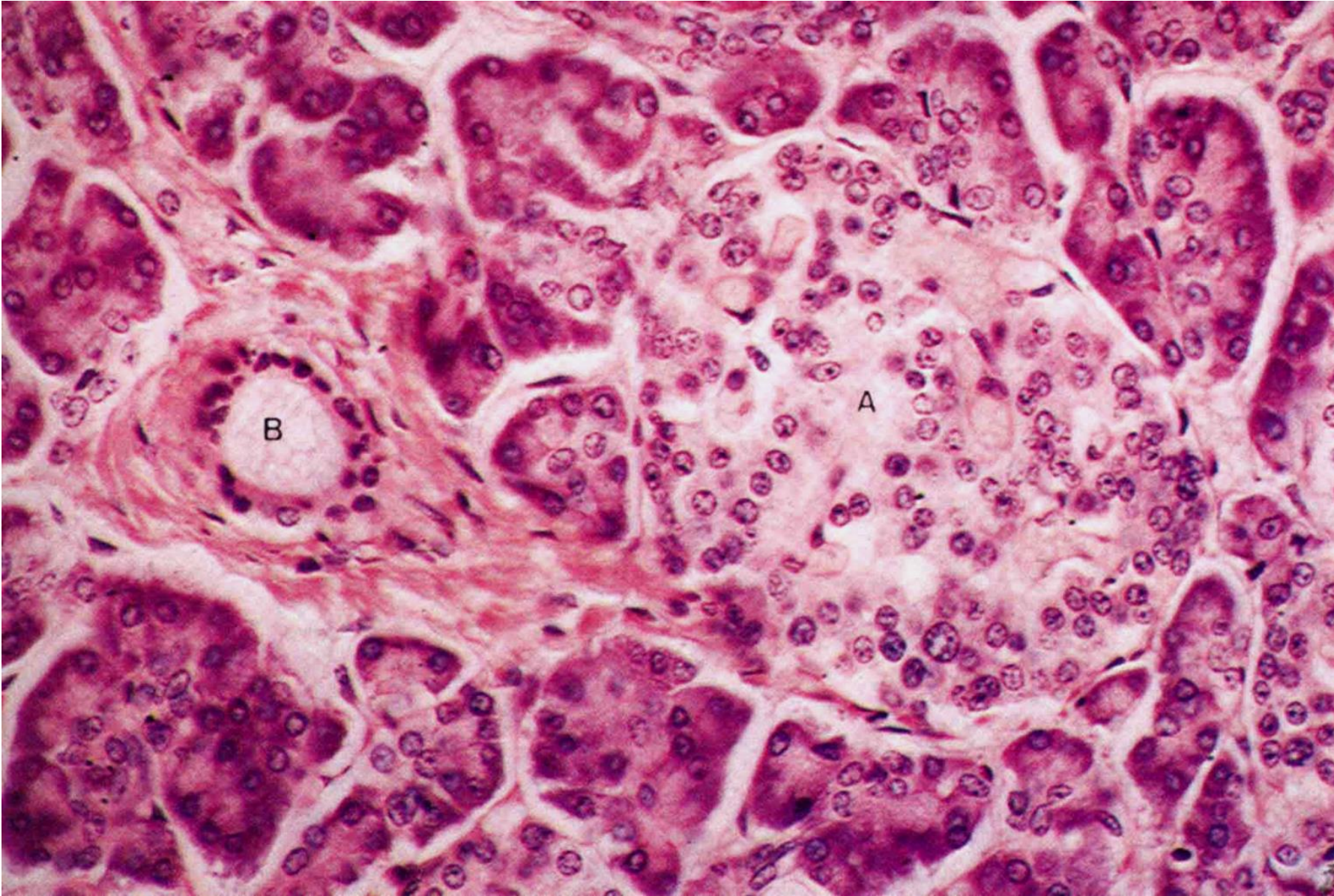
Islet of Langerhans



Islet of Langerhans –  
blood vessels  
injection

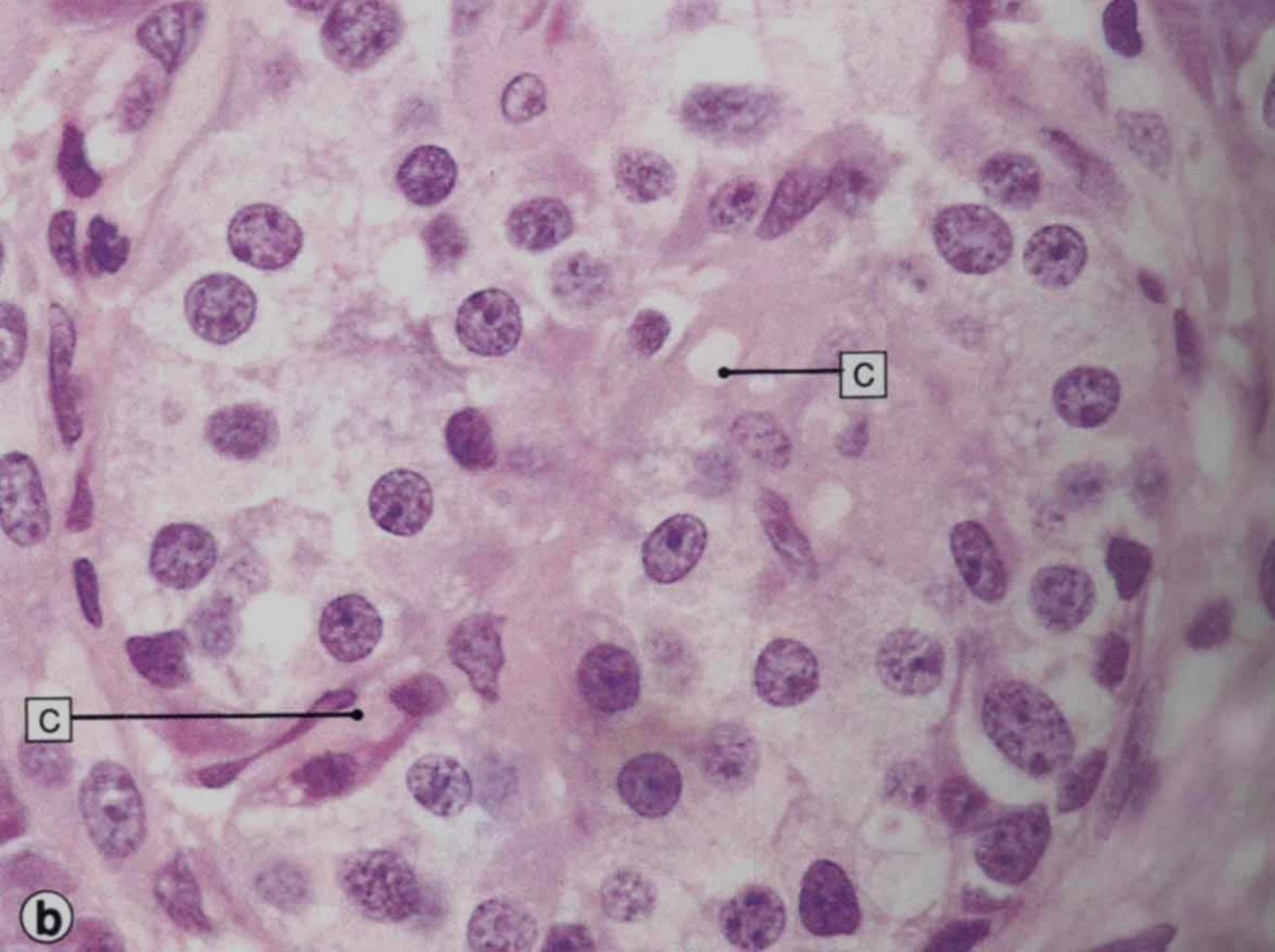






A = Islet of Langerhans  
B = interlobular duct

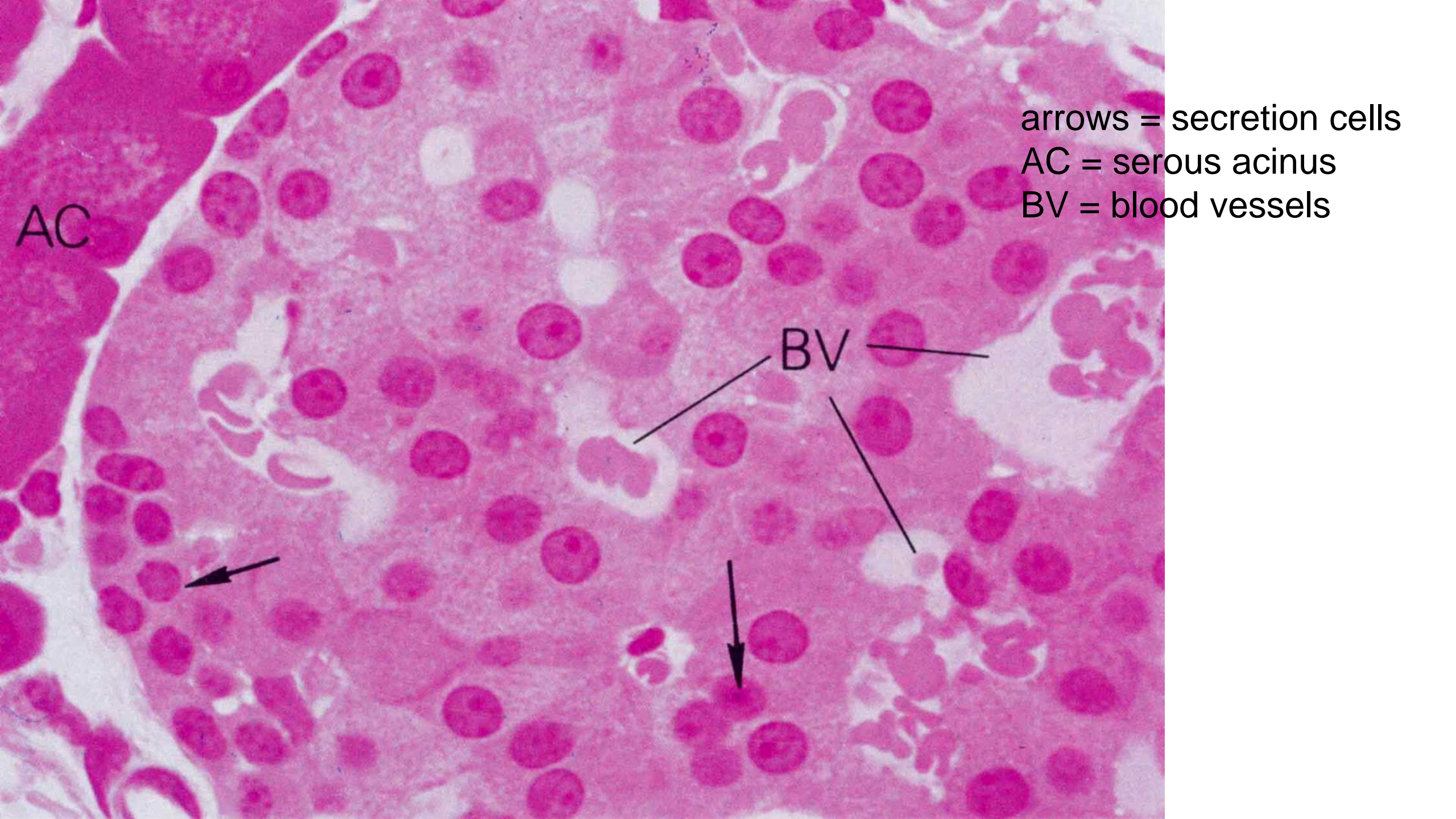




C = capillaries

**b**





arrows = secretion cells

AC = serous acinus

BV = blood vessels

AC

BV

# Pancreas – Islets of Langerhans (*Insulae pancreaticae*) – *cell types*

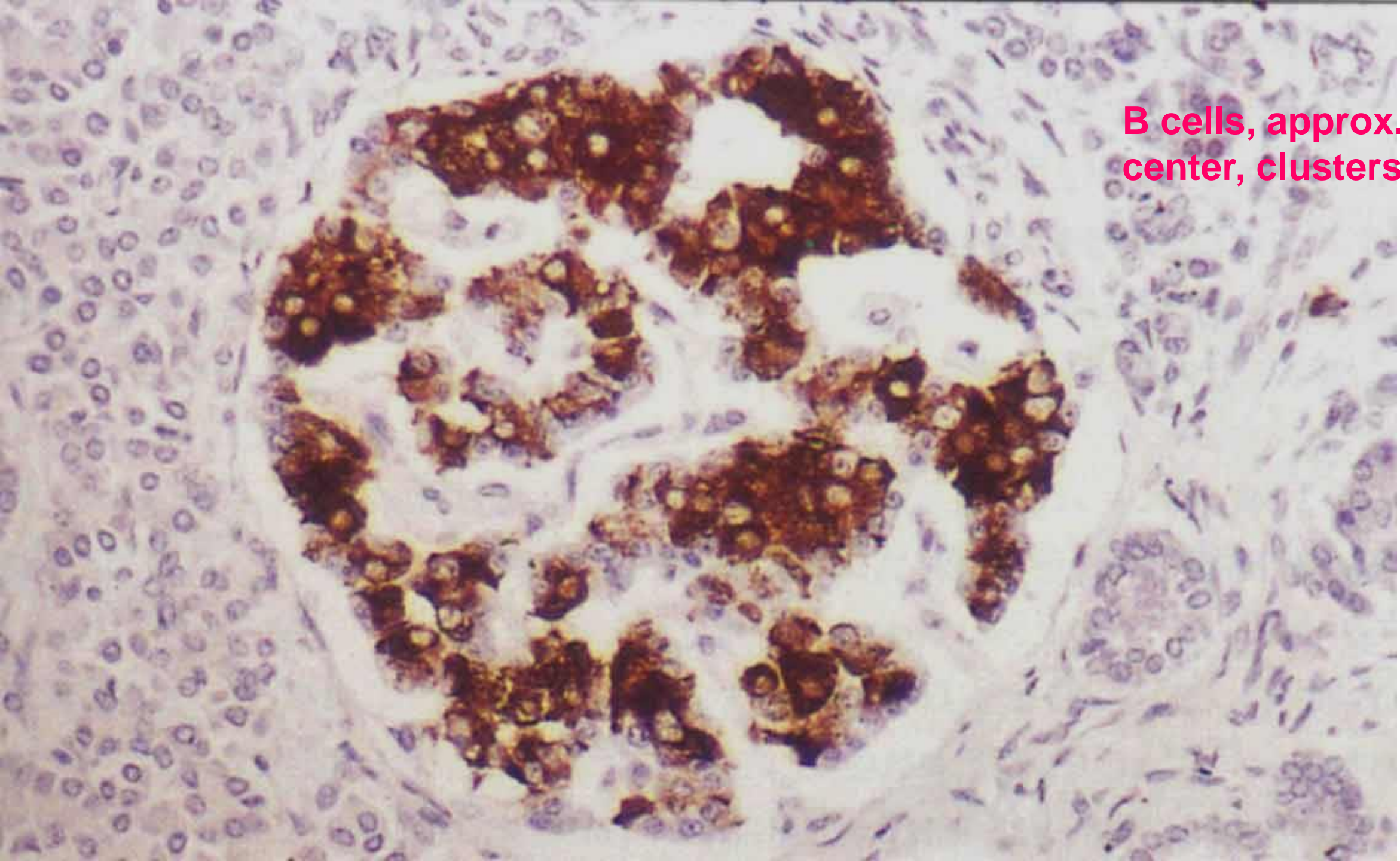
- A-cells
  - **glucagon** – hyperglycemic-glycogenolytic factor
- B-cells
  - **insulin** – hypoglycemic faktor
- D-cells
  - one long cellular processus → paracrine secretion
  - **somatostatin**
- PP-cells
  - **pankreatic polypeptide** → control of exocrine part of pancreas



# Pancreas – Islets of Langerhans (*Insulae pancreaticae*)

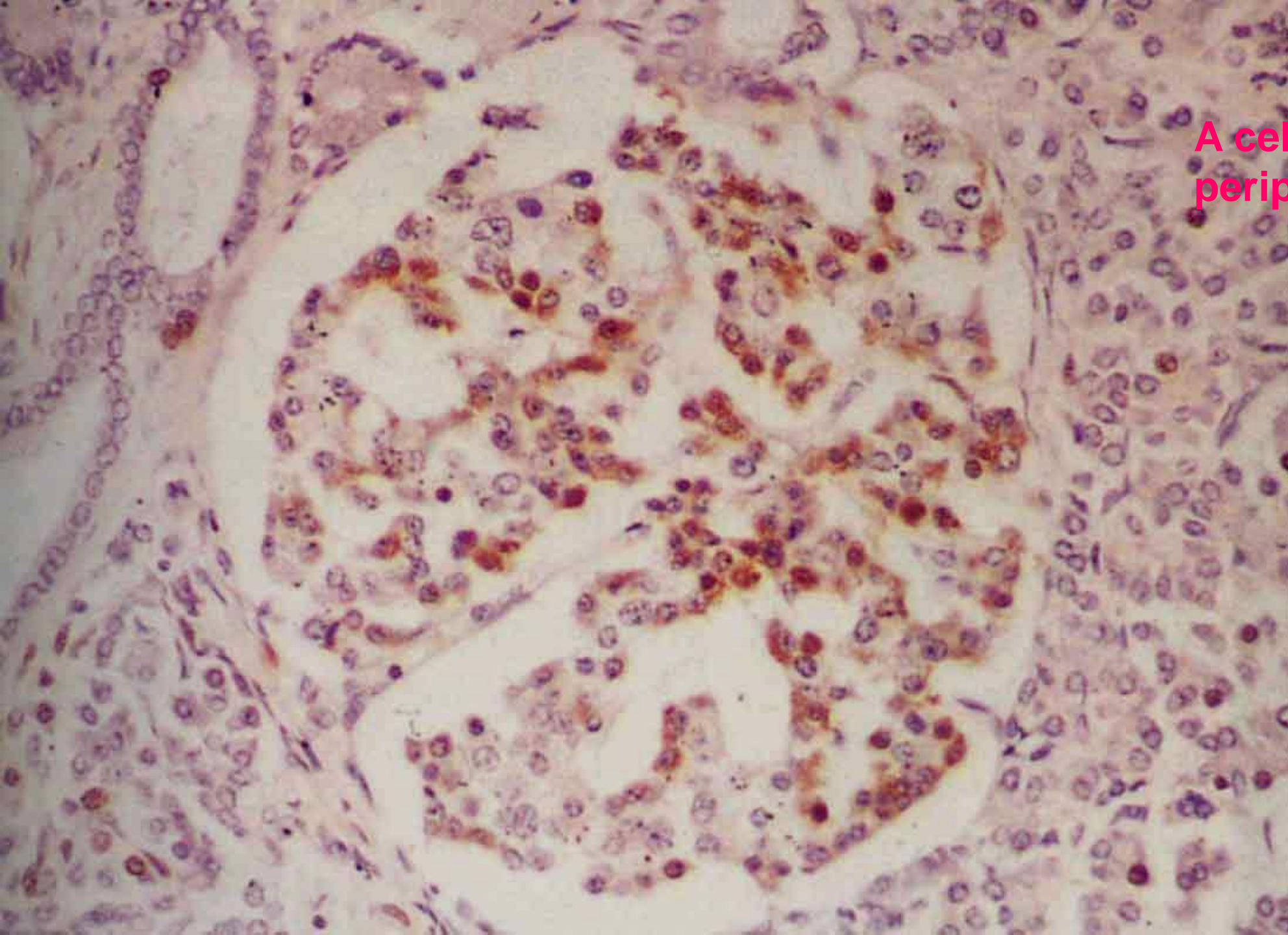
## – *cell types*

- (G - cells)
  - **gastrin**
- (other)
  - cells secreting ghrelin, PYY, D1, EC)



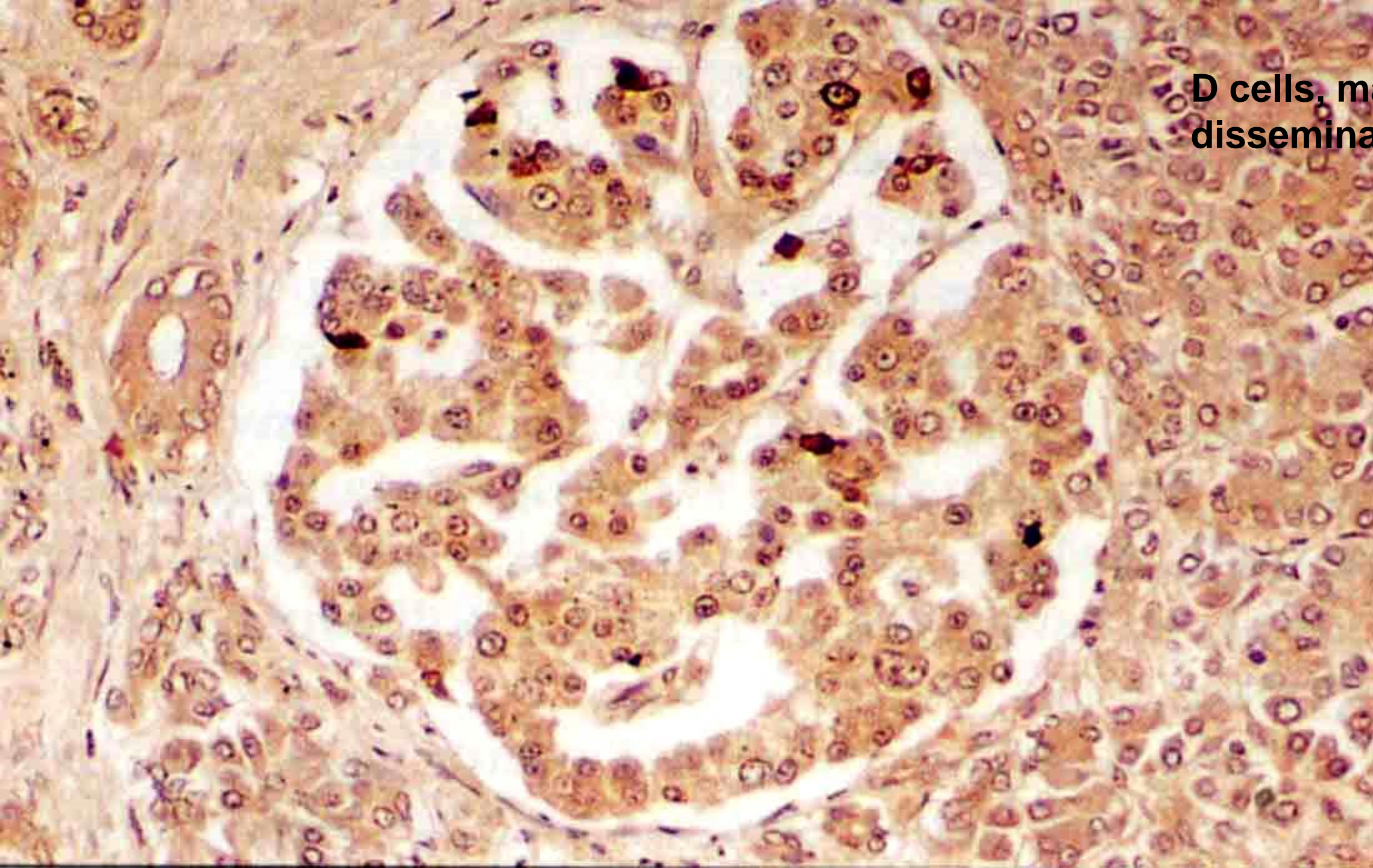
**B cells, approx. 70 %,  
center, clusters**





**A cells, approx. 20 %,  
periphery, layers**










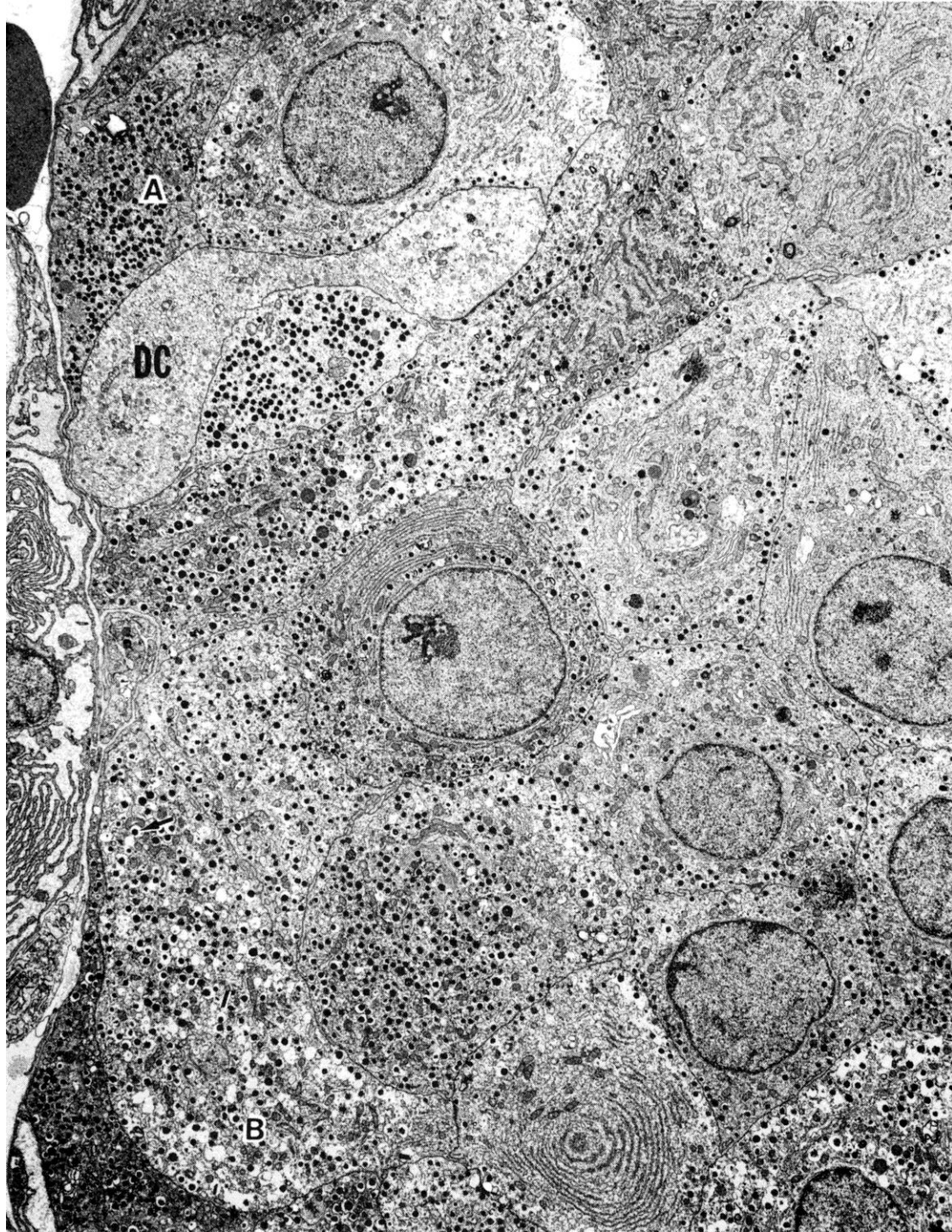
**D cells, max. 5 %,  
disseminated**



# ISLETS OF LANGERHANS

cell type	structure of granules	hormon
<b>A</b>		<b>glukagon</b>
<b>B</b>	 	<b>insulin</b>
<b>D</b>		<b>somatostatin</b>
<b>F</b>		<b>pankreatický polypeptid</b>

**E (ghrelin), EC (substance P), D<sub>1</sub> (VIP)**

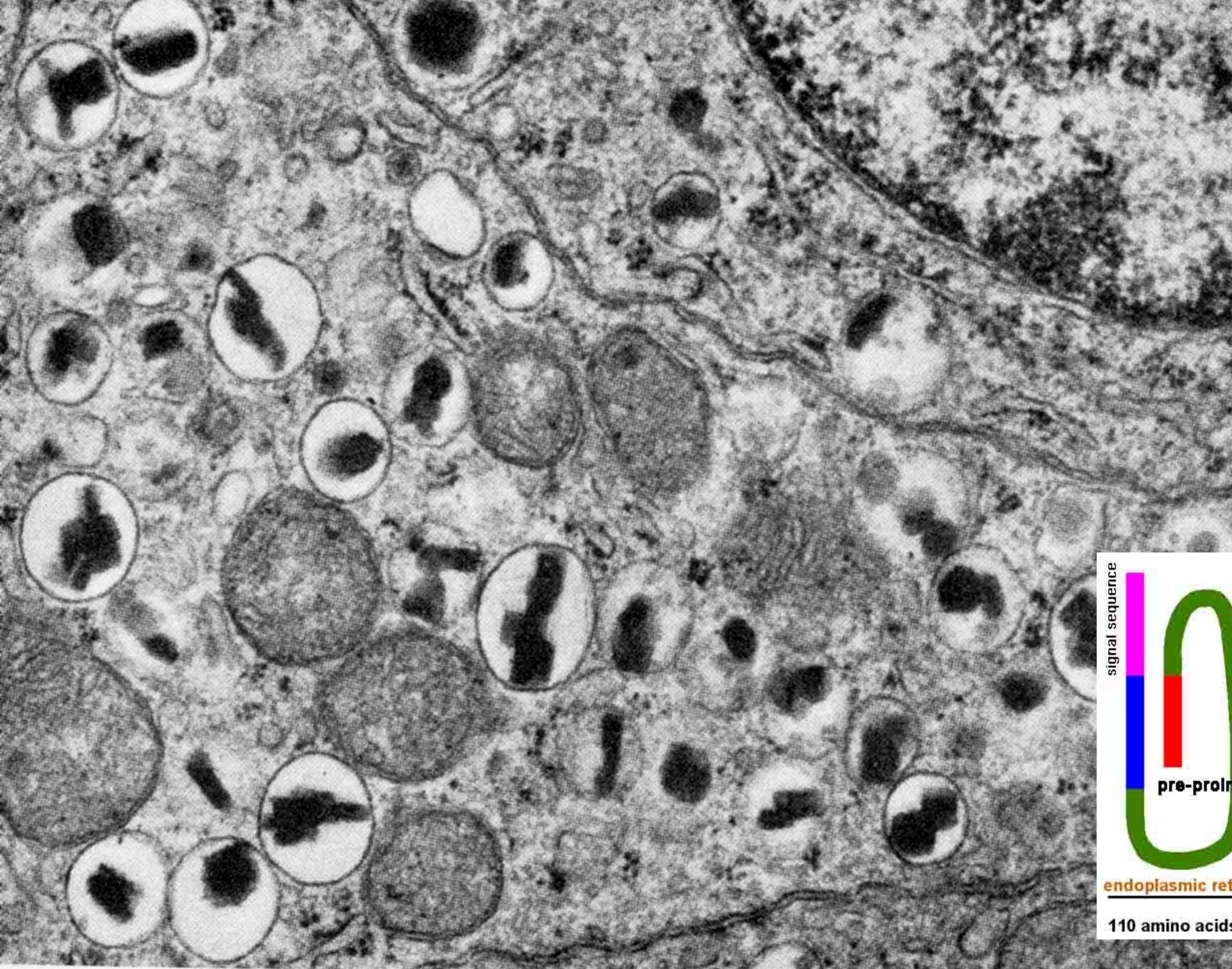


A = A cell

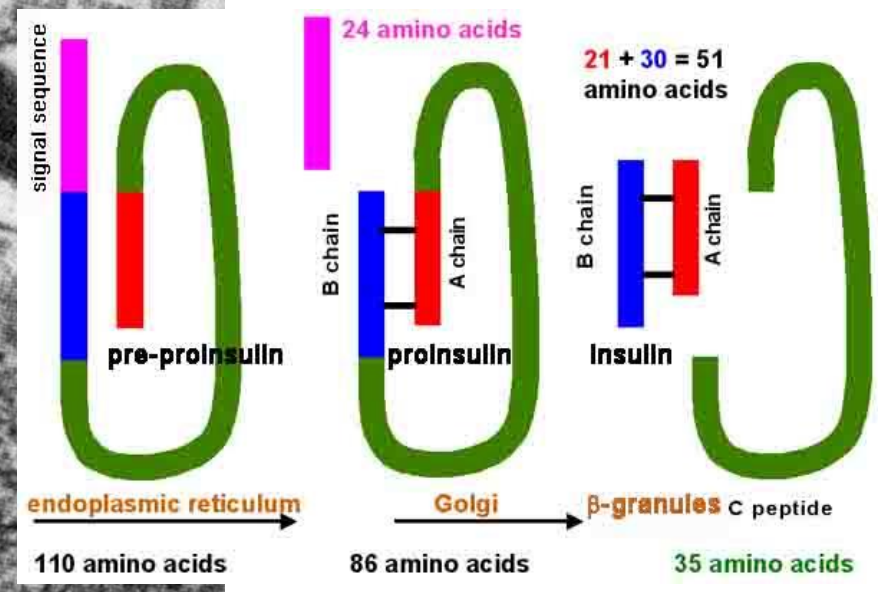
B = B cell

DC = D cell

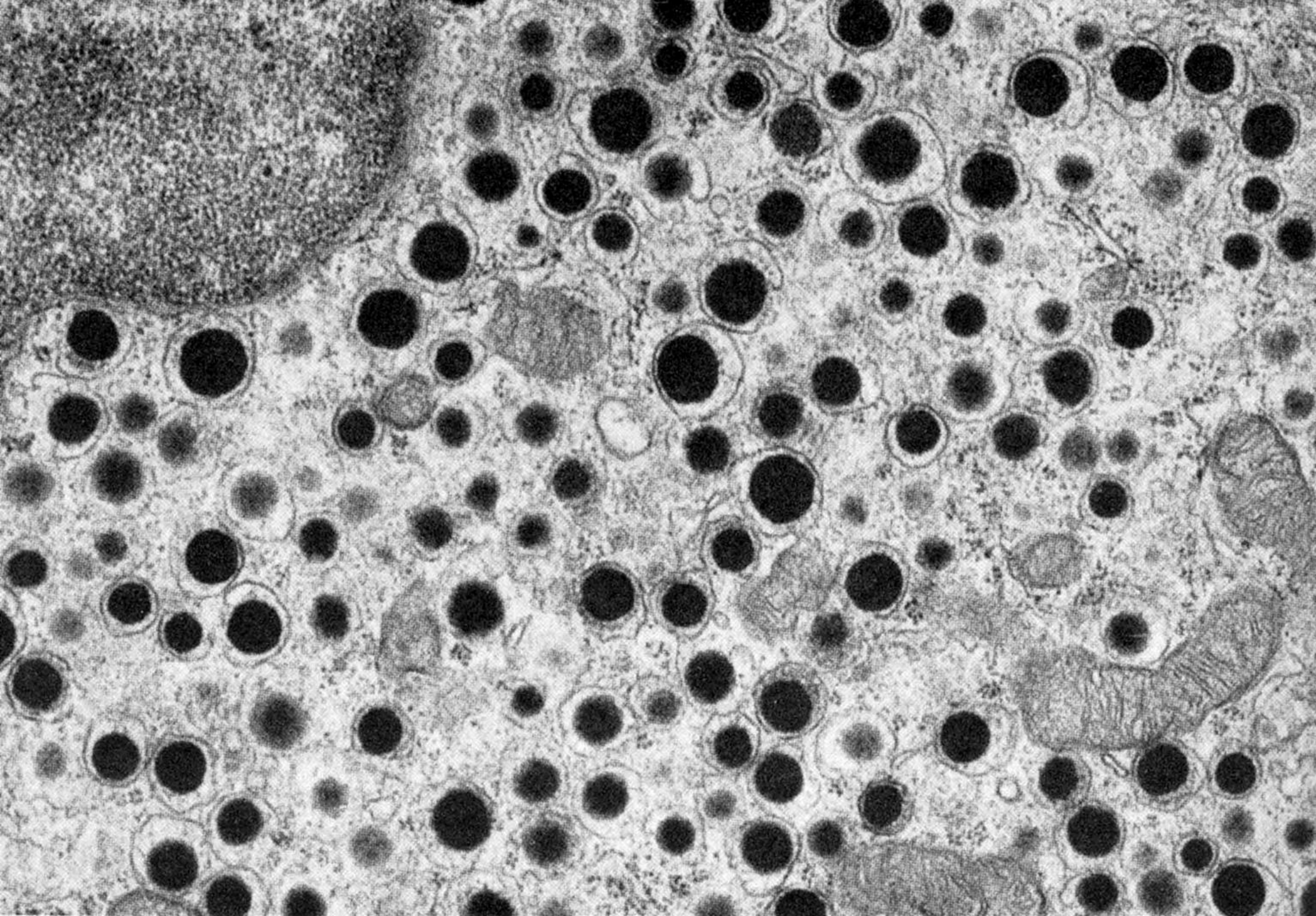




**B cell**

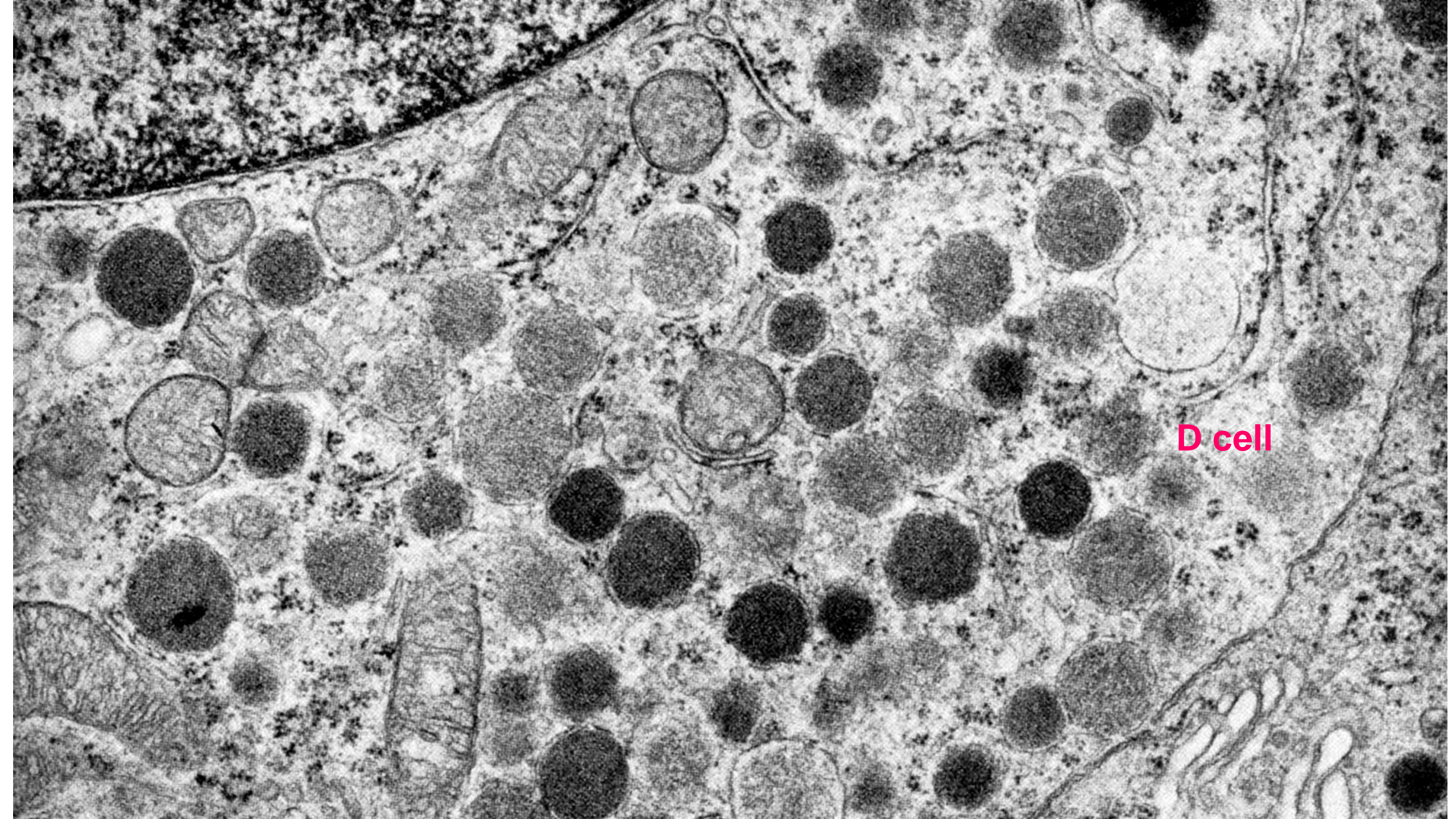






**A cell**





D cell



# Heart

- atrial cardiomyocytes
- atrial natriuretic peptide / factor (ANP / ANF)
- peptide
- vasodilatory and natriuretic effects (increased excretion of Na<sup>+</sup> ions and consequently water in the kidneys)
- ventricular cardiomyocytes
- brain natriuretic peptide (BNP)
- higher plasma concentration in heart failure - diagnostic marker





# Kidneys

- peritubular interstitial cells of the cortex
- erythropoietin
- glycoprotein
- the stimulus is hypoxia (reduced oxygen level in the kidney)
- it ensures erythropoiesis alignment and reduces the physiologically occurring progenitor cell apoptosis
- in case of lack anemia develops, e.g. in chronic kidney disease
- possible substitution treatment
- abuse in sports doping

# Kidneys – RAA axis – juxtaglomerular apparatus

- regulation of blood pressure
- system **renin-angiotensin-aldosterone (RAA)**
- granular cells of arteriola afferens + efferens  
= juxtaglomerular cells
  - transformed muscle cells of tunica media
  - mechanoreceptors
  - produce **renin**
- macula densa of distal tubule - chemoreceptor
- extraglomerular mesangial cells



# Disseminated endocrine cells

- endocrine cells of digestive and respiratory tract (DNES)
- many types = plenty of hormones regulating functions of digestive and respiratory tracts

