

Nervous Tissue

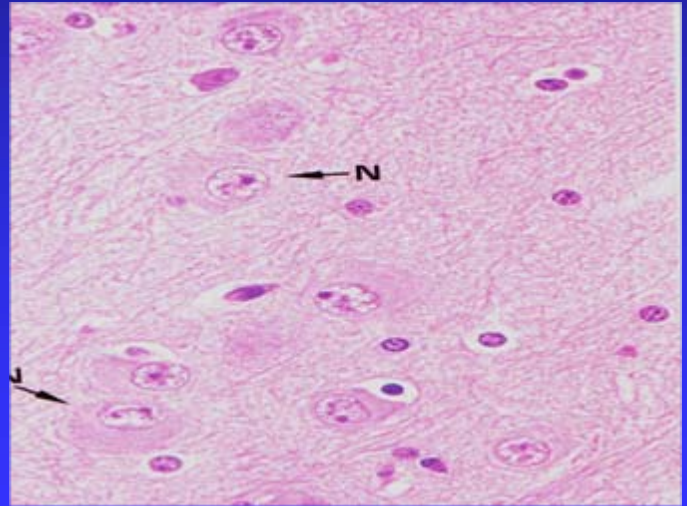


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Organization:
neurons (nerve cells)
neuroglial cells

Function:



I Neurons

1. structure of neuron

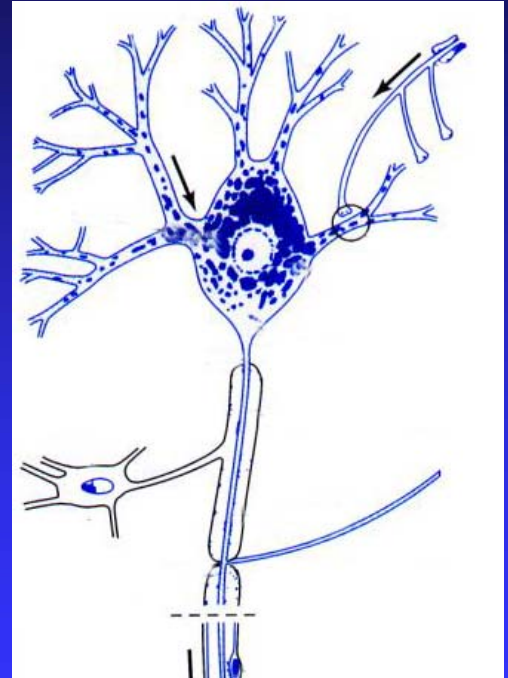
soma

neurite a. dendrite

b. axon

1.1 soma

(1) nucleus



**Located in the center of soma,
large and pale-staining nucleus**

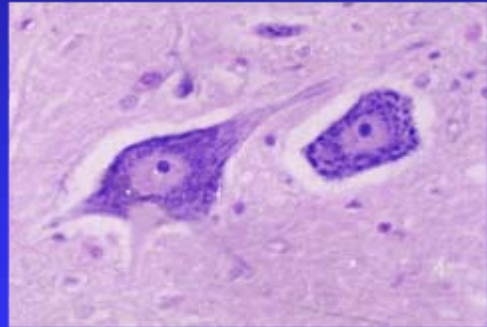
Prominent nucleolus

(2) cytoplasm (perikaryon)

a. Nissl body

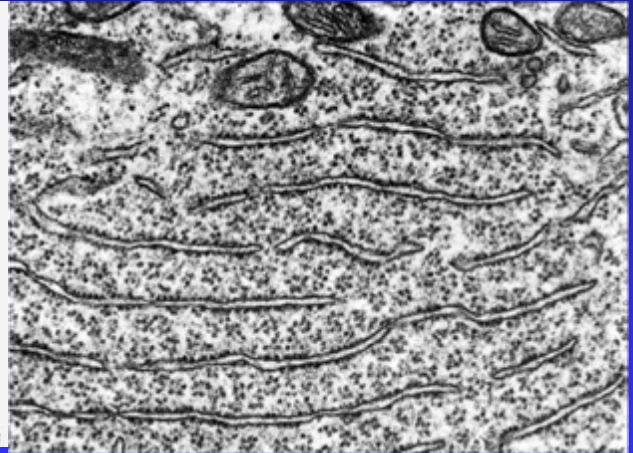
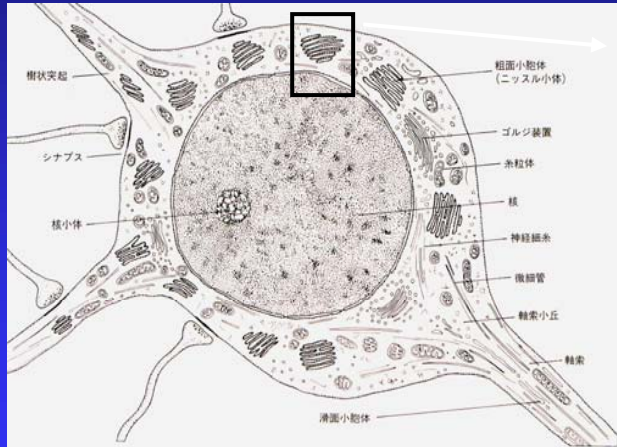
b. neurofibril

◆ **Nissl's bodies**



LM: basophilic mass or granules

Nissl's Body (TEM)



EM: RER, free Rb

**Function: producing the protein of
neuron structure and enzyme
producing the neurotransmitter**

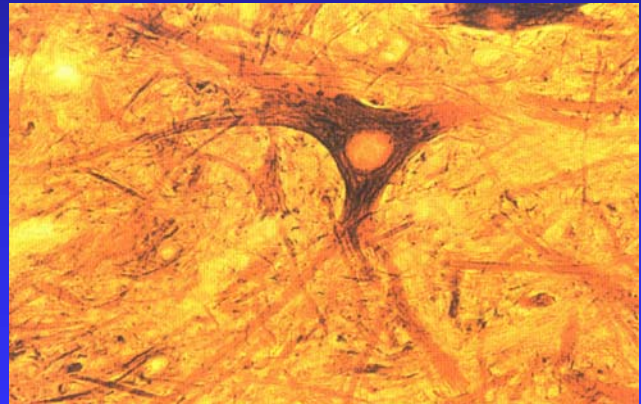
Neurofibril

■ **the structure**

◆ **LM:**

◆ **EM:**

**Neurofilament
microtubule**



■ **Function**

**cytoskeleton, to participate in
substance transport**

Lipofuscin

(3) Cell membrane

**excitable membrane , receiving
stimulation, forming and
conducting nerve impulses**

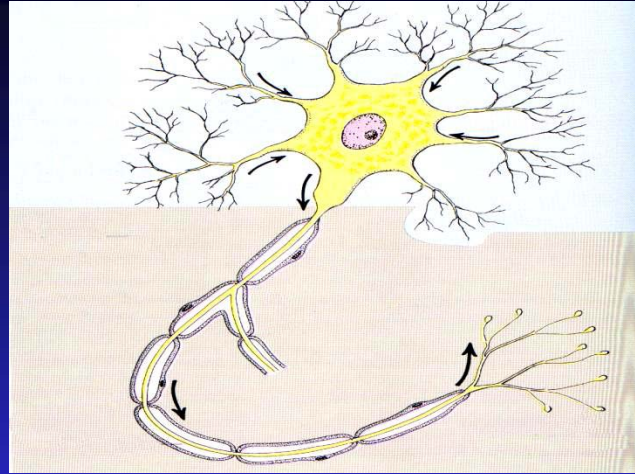
neurite:

1.2 Dendrite

- ◆ dendritic spine
- ◆ spine apparatus
- ◆ Function:

1.3 Axon

- ◆ axon hillock, axon terminal, axolemma
- ◆ Axoplasm: microfilament, microtubules, neurofilament, mitochondria, SER and vesicles in it
- ◆ function: conducting impulses and axonal transport



2. Classification of neuron:

2.1 Classification according to numbers of neurites

(1) multipolar neuron

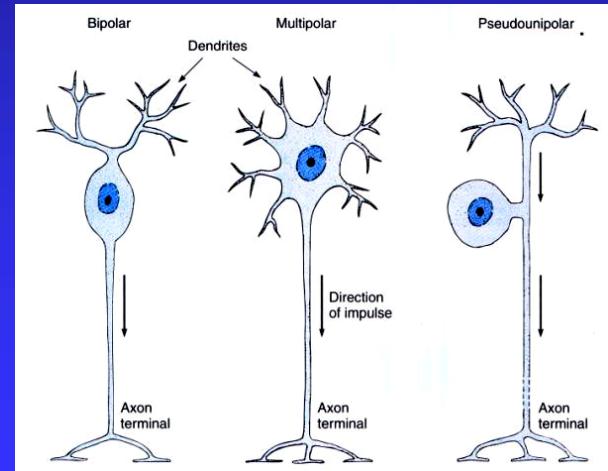
(2) bipolar neuron

(3) Pseudounipolar

neuron

peripheral process

central process



2.2 Classification according to their the functions

(1) sensory neuron :

(2) motor neuron:

(3) interneuron:

2.3 Classification according to the neurotransmitter and neuromodulator

(1) cholinergic neuron: acetylcholine (Ach),

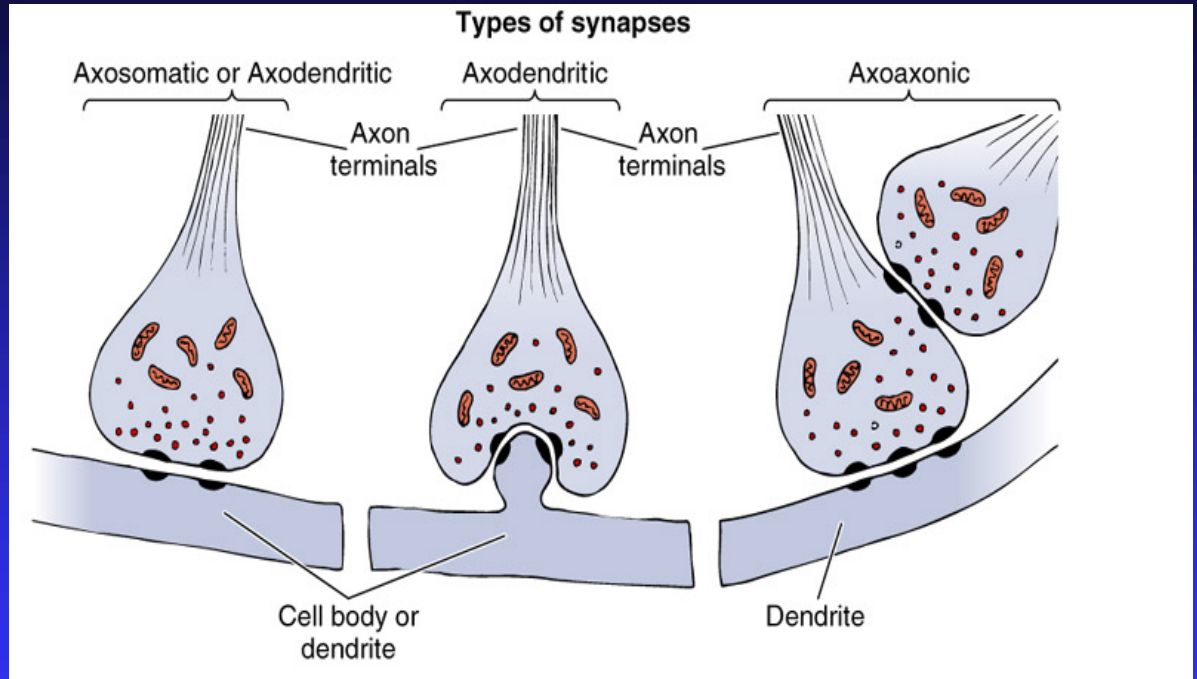
**(2) aminergic neuron: norepinephrine (NA),
dopamine (DA), 5-HT,**

(3) peptidergic neuron: substance P, enkephaline

(4) aminoacidergic neuron: GABA, glutamic acid

II Synapse

- One kind of specialized cell junction, or the contact of one neuron with another neuron or one neuron with a effector cells (gland or muscle cells)
- junction mode :
 - ◆ axo-dendritic synapse (most synapse)
 - ◆ axo-somatic synapse (most synapse)
- classification of synapse:
 - ◆ chemical synapse
 - ◆ electrical synapse (gap junction)



The type of synapse

Chemical Synapse

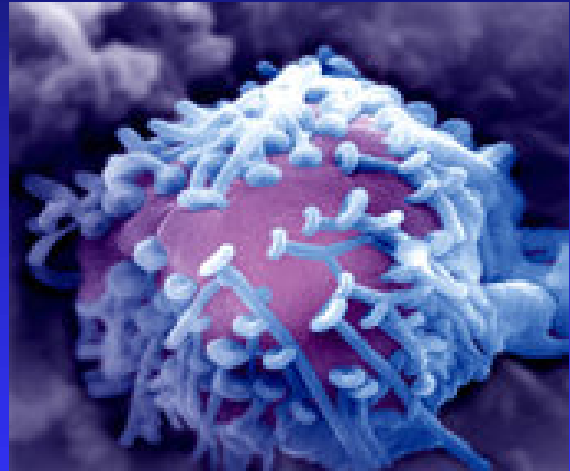
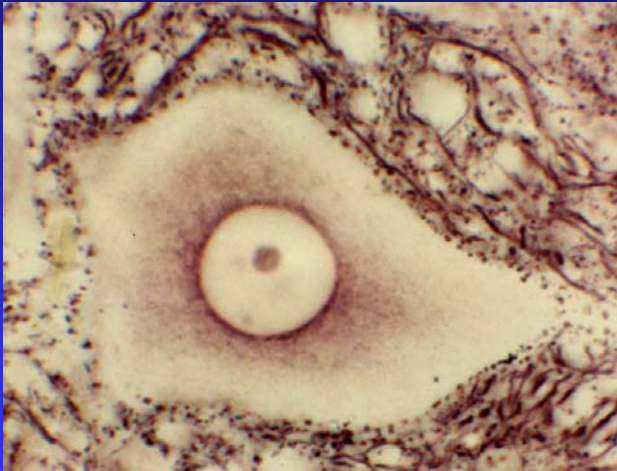
The structure of synapse

LM: synaptic knob

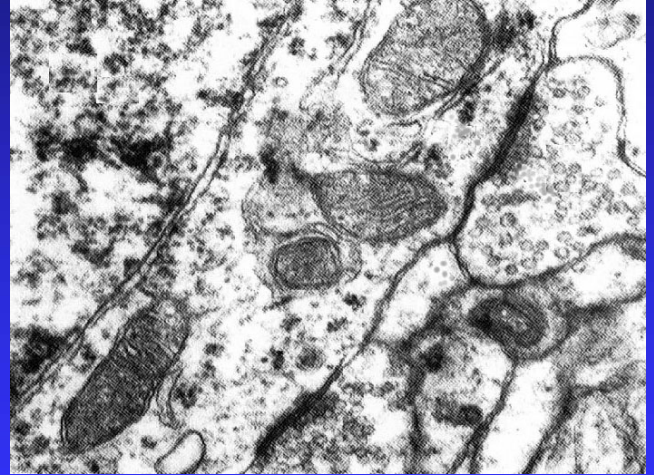
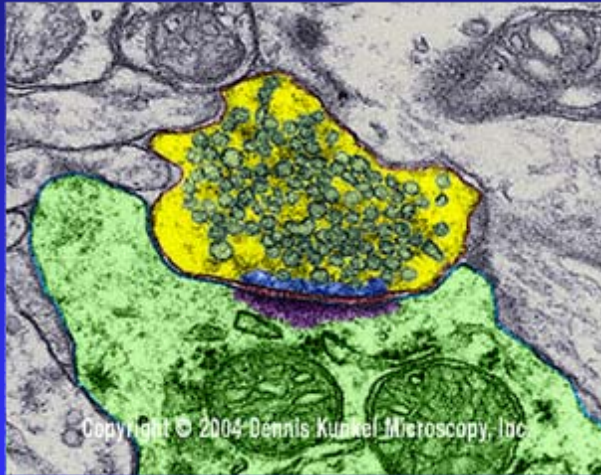
EM:

- ◆ presynaptic element
 - ◆ presynaptic membrane
 - ◆ synaptic vesicles (*synapsin I)
 - ◆ mitochondria , SER, microfilament and microtubule
- ◆ synaptic cleft
- ◆ postsynaptic element
 - ◆ postsynaptic membrane
 - ◆ Function: excitatory synapse, inhibitory synapse

Synaptic knob



Synapse (TEM)



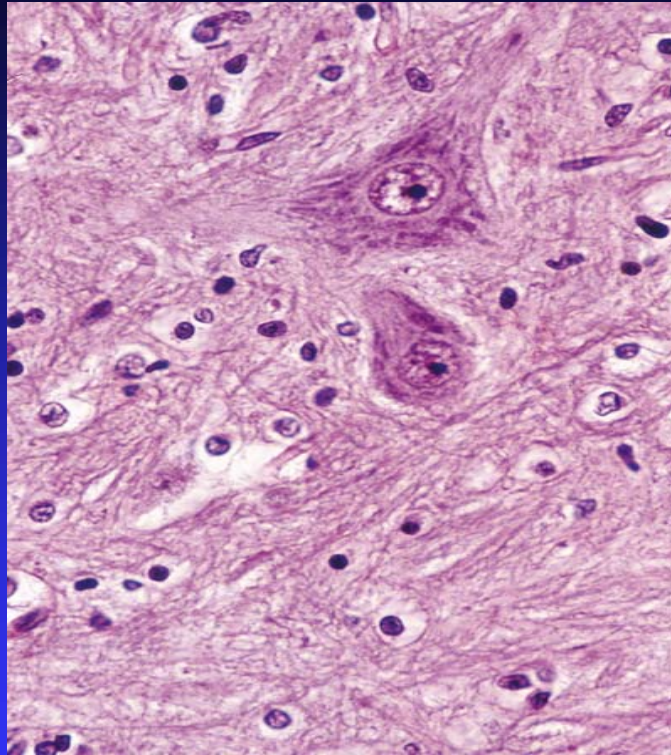
III Neuroglial cells (glial cell)

1. glial cells of central nerve system

- ◆ astrocyte:
- ◆ oligodendrocyte
- ◆ microglia
- ◆ ependymal cell

2. glial cells of peripheral nerve system

- ◆ schwann cell
- ◆ satellite cell



Neuroglial cell

(1) Astrocytes

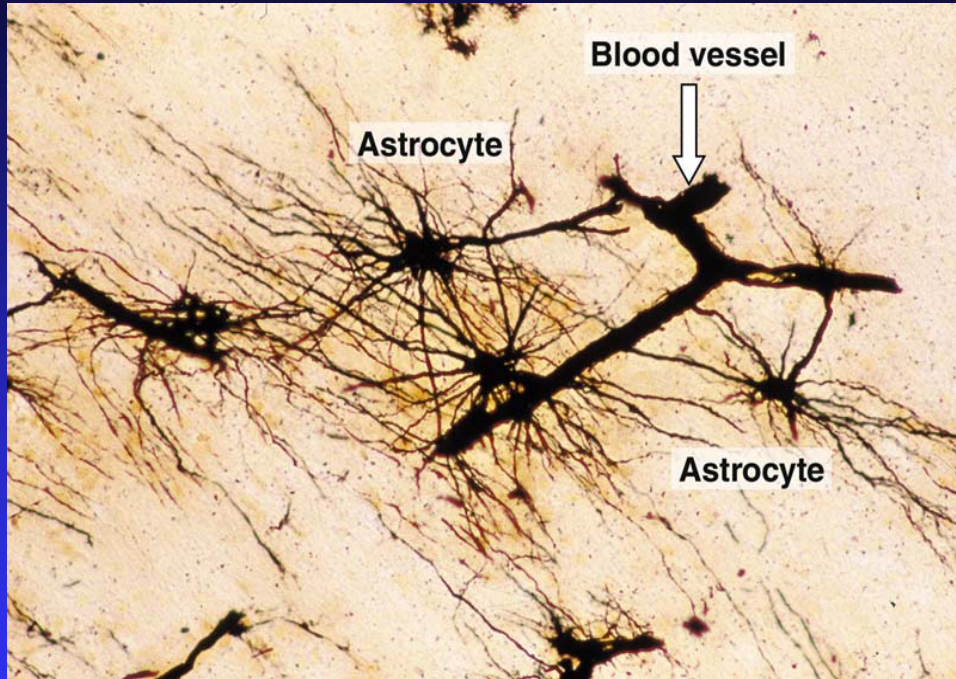
■ The morphologic structure:

fibrous astrocyte (the most in white matter),

protoplasmic astrocyte (the most in gray matter),

glial filament

**glial fibrillary acidic protein,
GFAP**

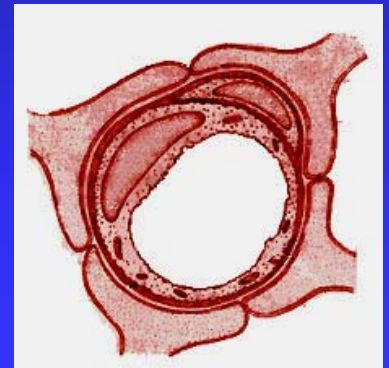
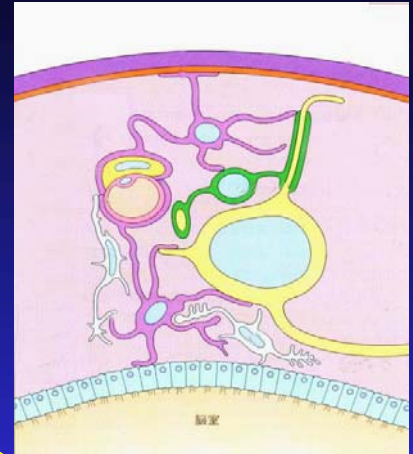


astrocyte (LM)

end feet, glia limitans

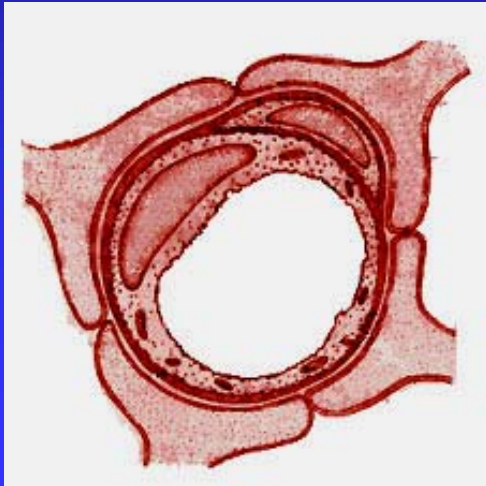
Function:

- ① to form blood-brain barrier
- ② to produce the neurotrophic factors (NGF)
- ③ to repair nerve tissue after the damage



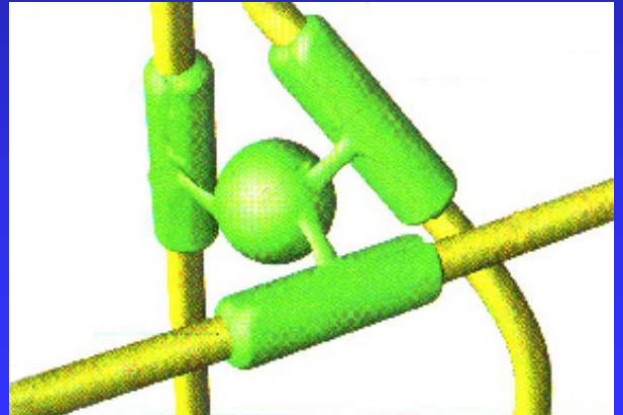
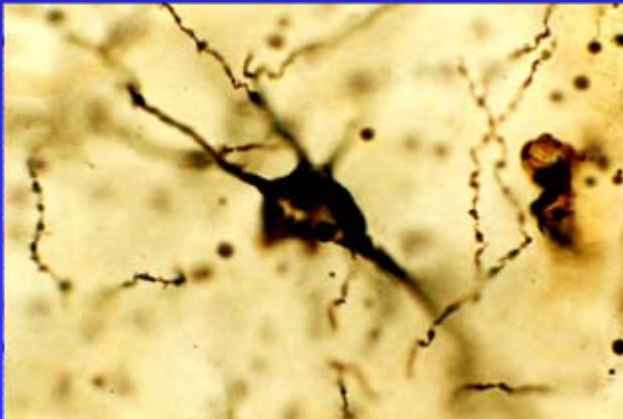
blood brain barrier(BBB):

- *continuous capillary, tight junction
- *basement membrane
- *neuroglial membrane



(2) oligodendrocyte

- the morphologic structure:
- function: forming myelin sheath of CNS



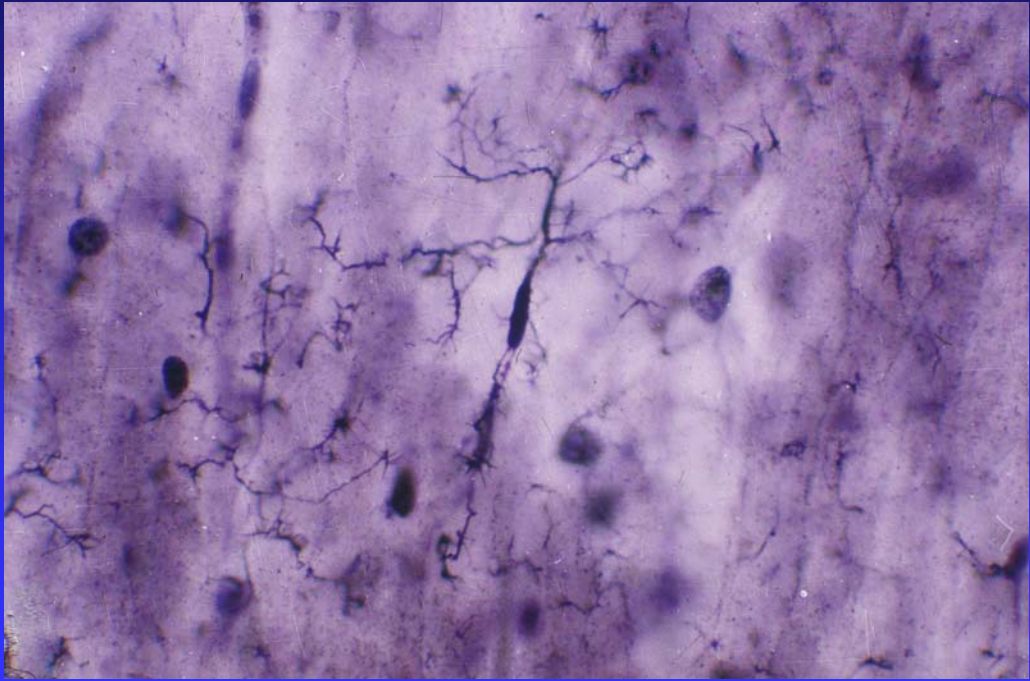
(3) microglia

- **The morphologic structure:**
- **function: macrophagic activity, derived from monocyte of blood**

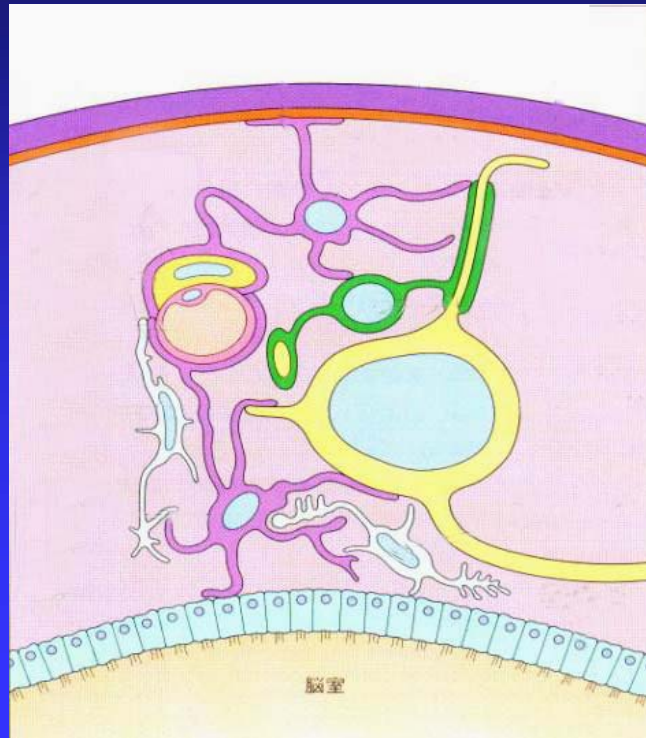
(4) ependymal cells

- **the distribution: lining cavities of central nervous system**
- **the structure:**
- **function: transport**

Microglial



Ependymal cells

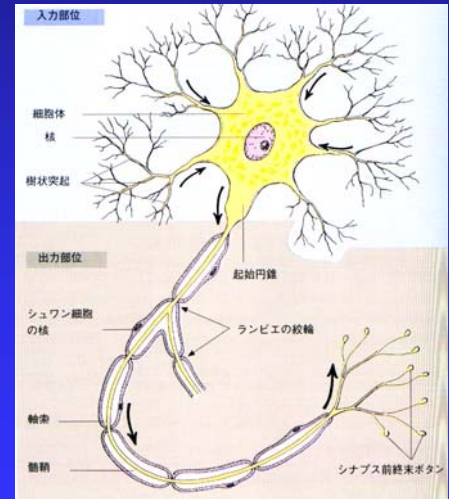
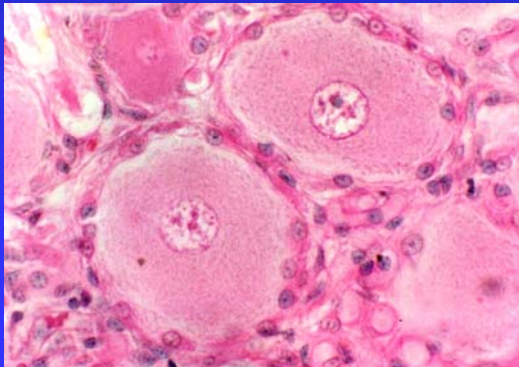


(2) glial cells of peripheral nerve system

(1) schwann cell :

to repair nerve tissue after the damage
producing NGF

(2) satellite cell:



IV Nerve fiber and peripheral nerve

1. nerve fiber

being composed of long axon or dendrite of neuron enveloped by glial cells

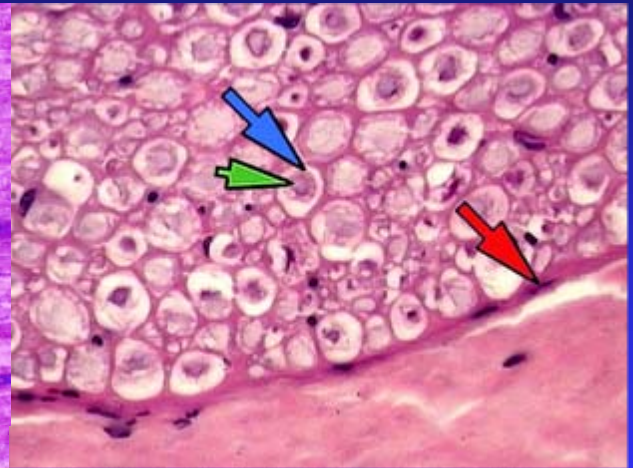
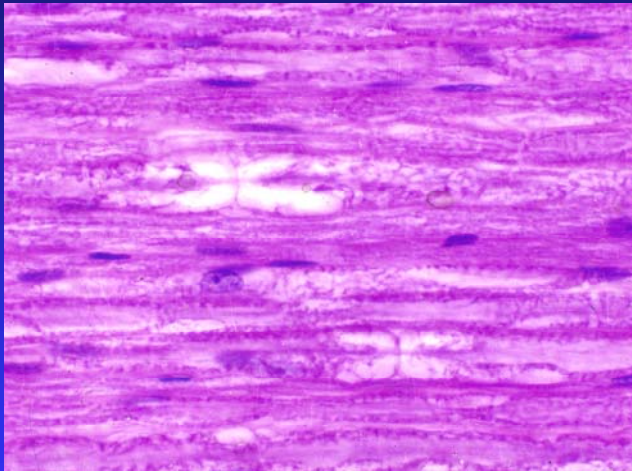
1.1 myelinated nerve fiber

(1) myelinated nerve fiber of PNS

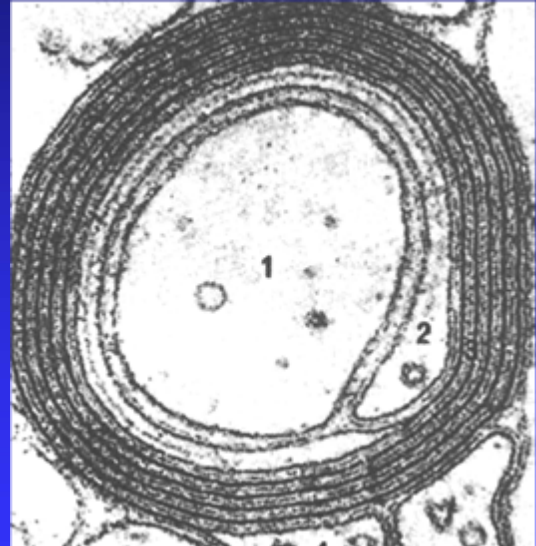
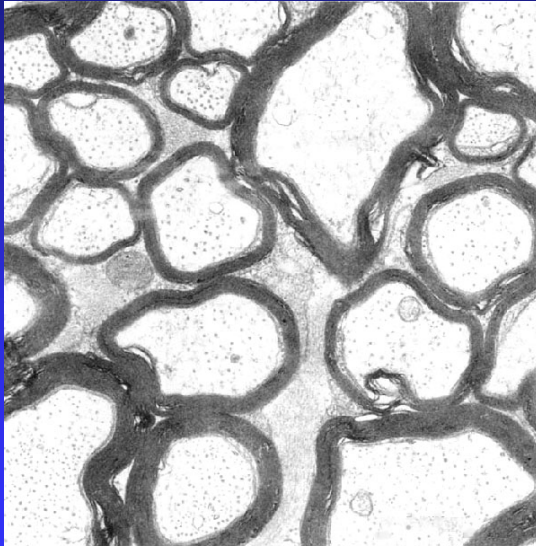
the structure:

Ranvier node, internode,

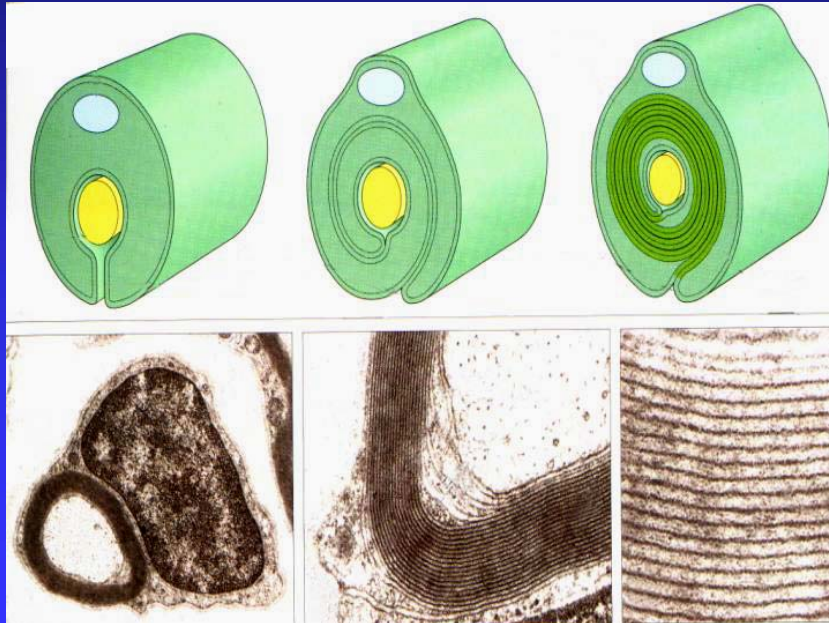
Myelinated nerve fiber (LM)



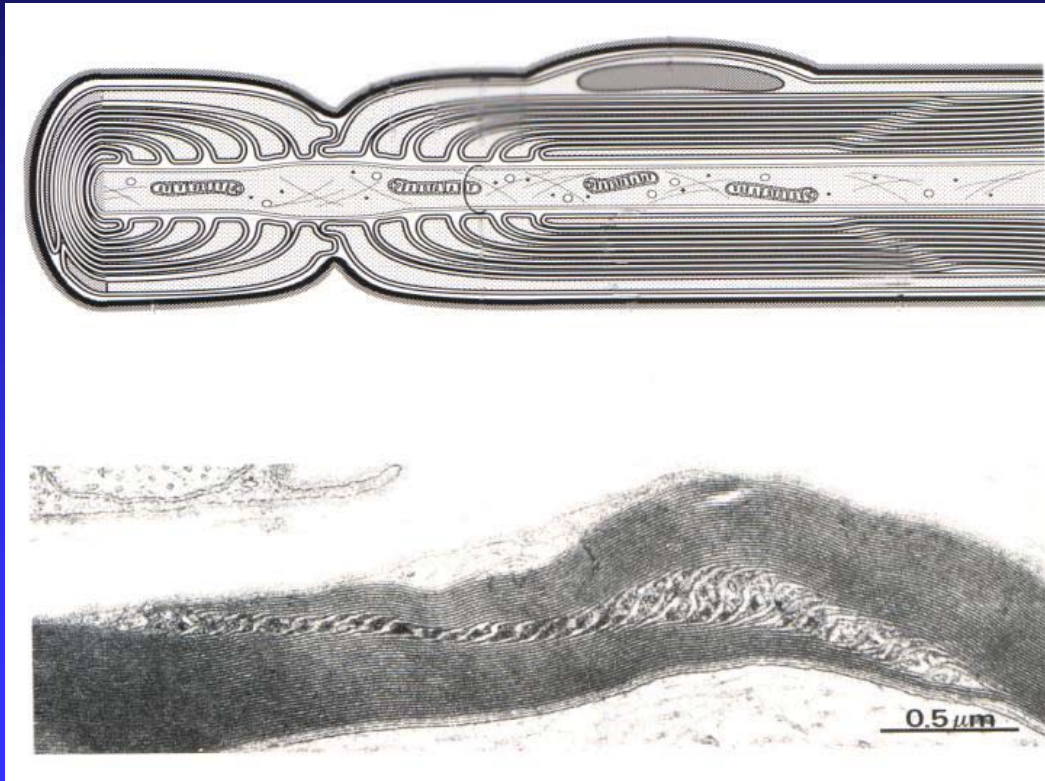
myelinated nerve fiber (TEM)



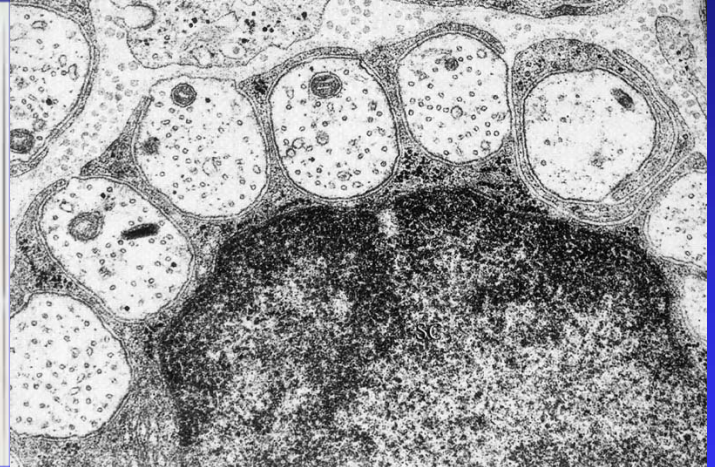
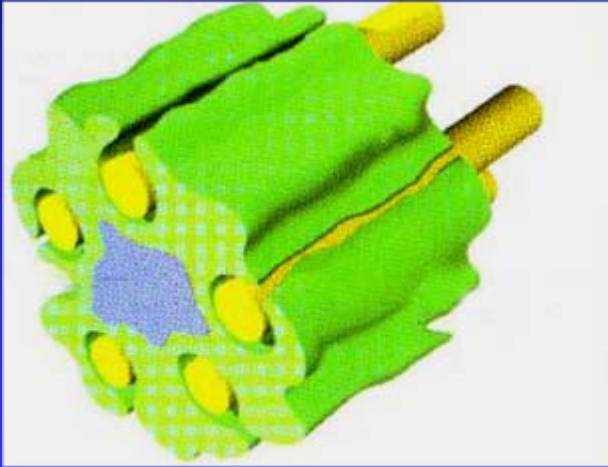
■ Formation of myelin sheath of PNS: incisure of myelin



Incisure of myelin

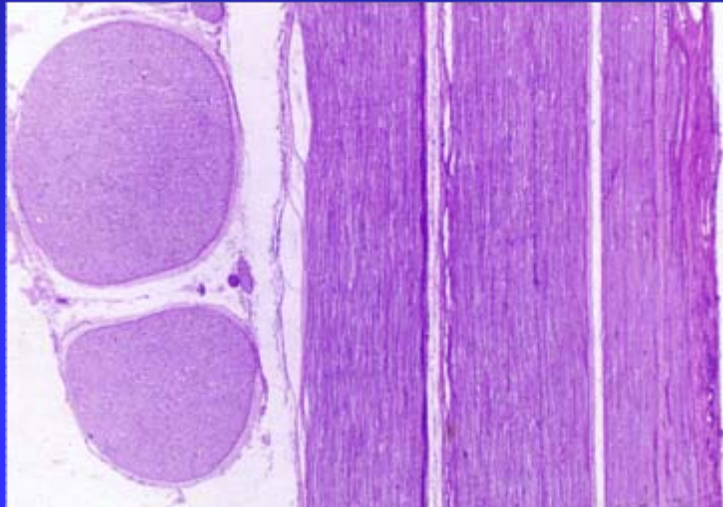


1.2 Unmyelinated nerve fiber



2. Peripheral Nerve

- Epineurium
- Perineurium
- Endoneurium



V Nerve ending

1. sensory nerve ending receptor

(1) free nerve ending

(2) encapsulated nerve ending

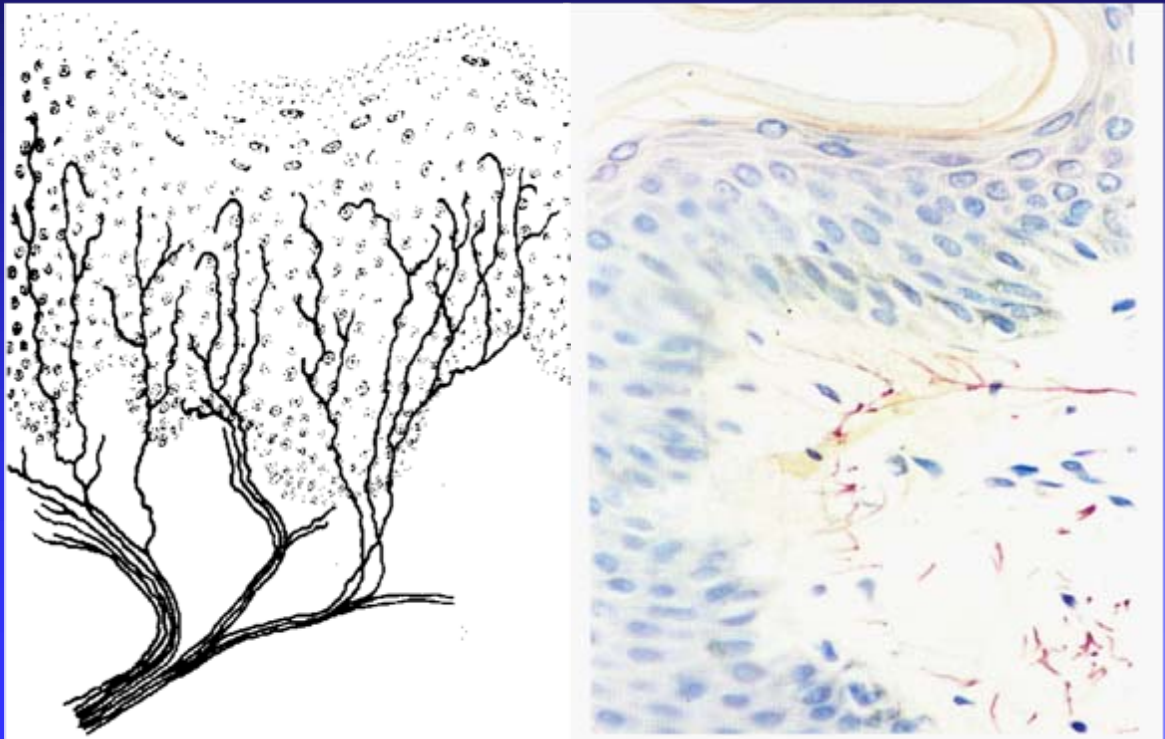
tactile corpuscle

lamellar corpuscle

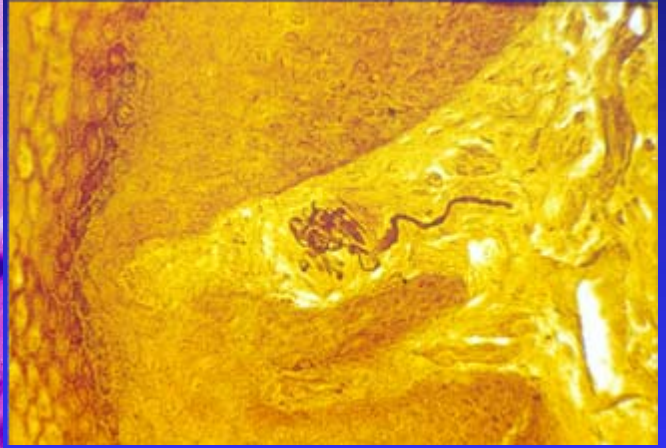
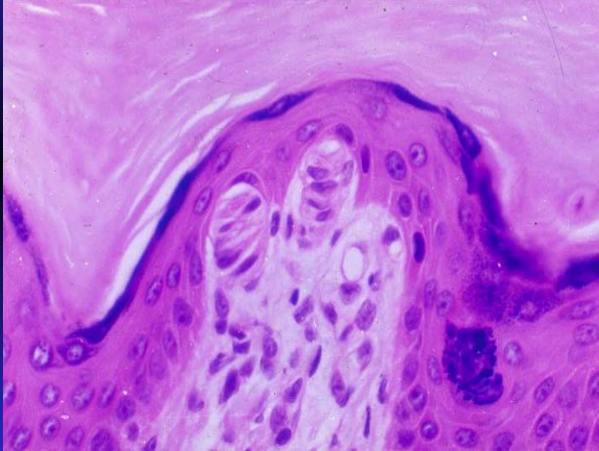
muscle spindle

2. motor nerve ending effector

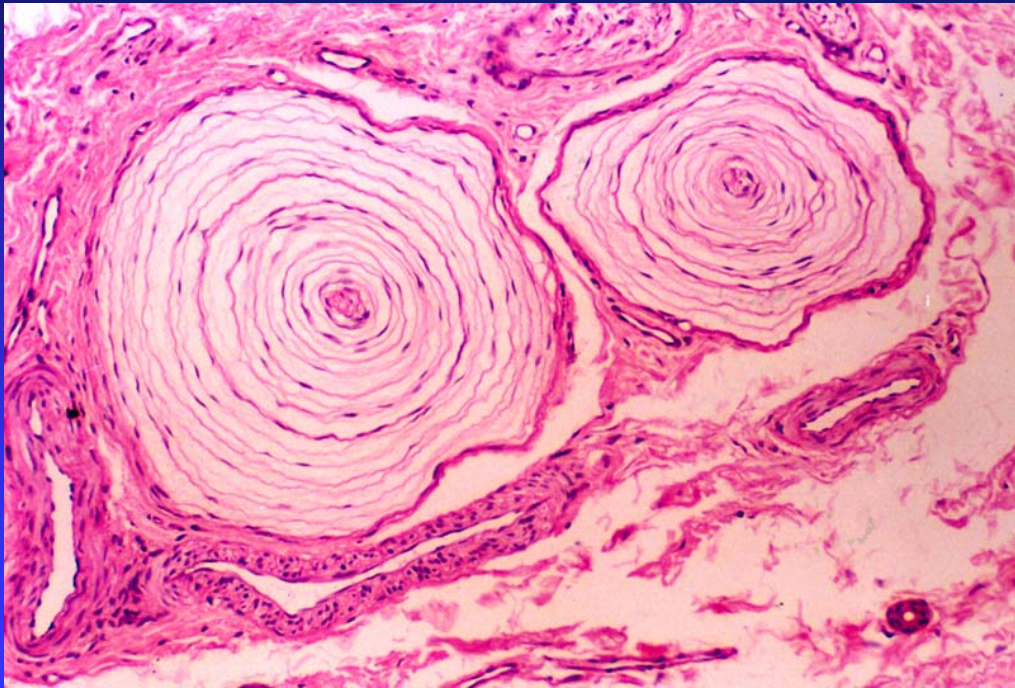
Free nerve ending



Tactile corpuscle



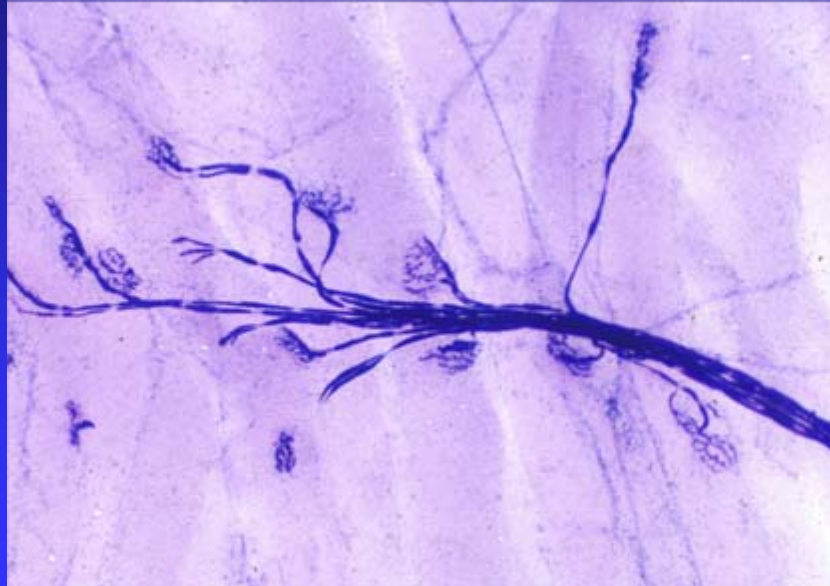
Lamellar corpuscle



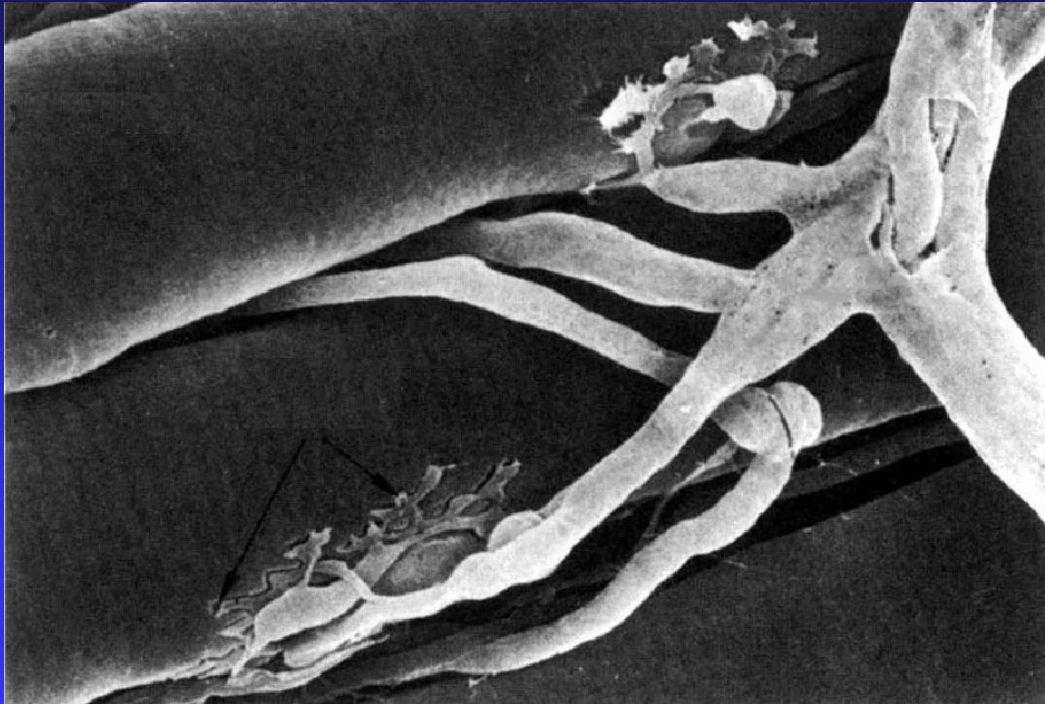
(1) somatic motor nerve ending
motor end plate

LM:

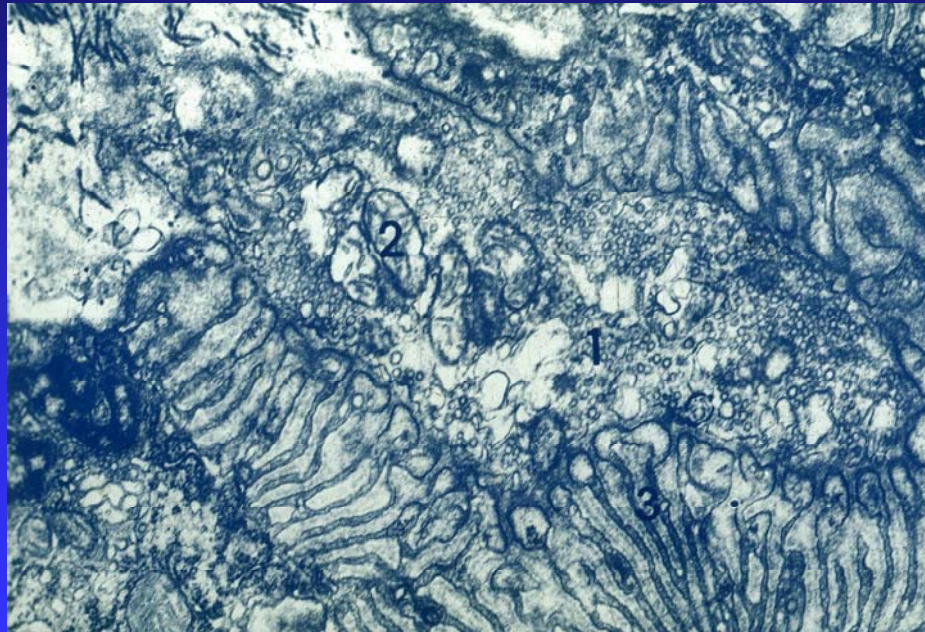
EM:



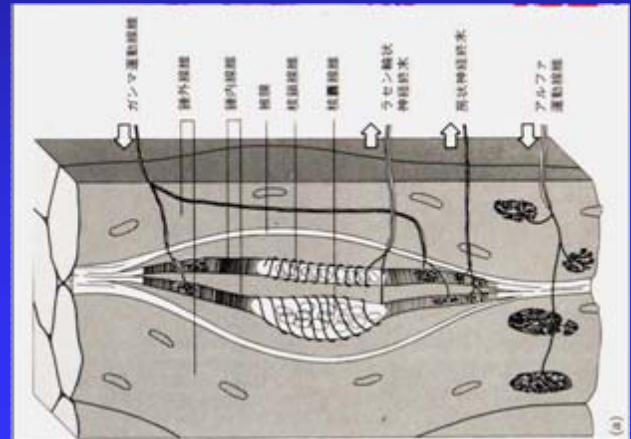
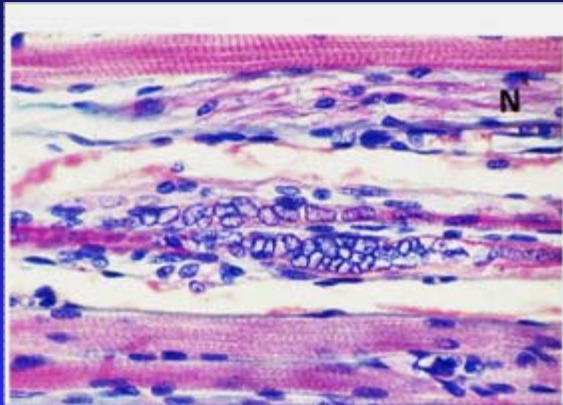
Motor end plate (SEM)



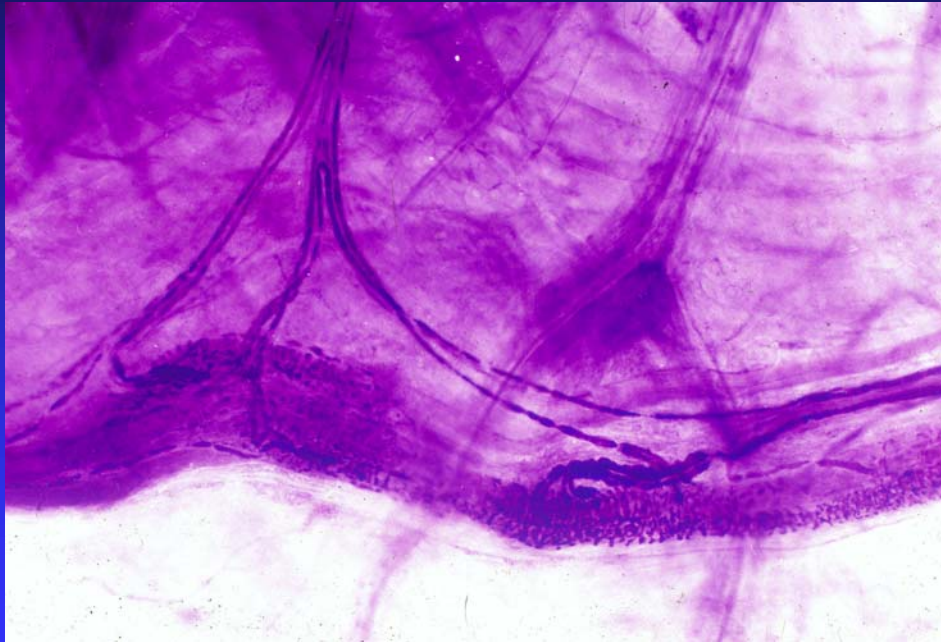
Motor end plate(TEM)



muscle spindle



Muscle spindle



Visceral motor nerve ending

■ varicosity

