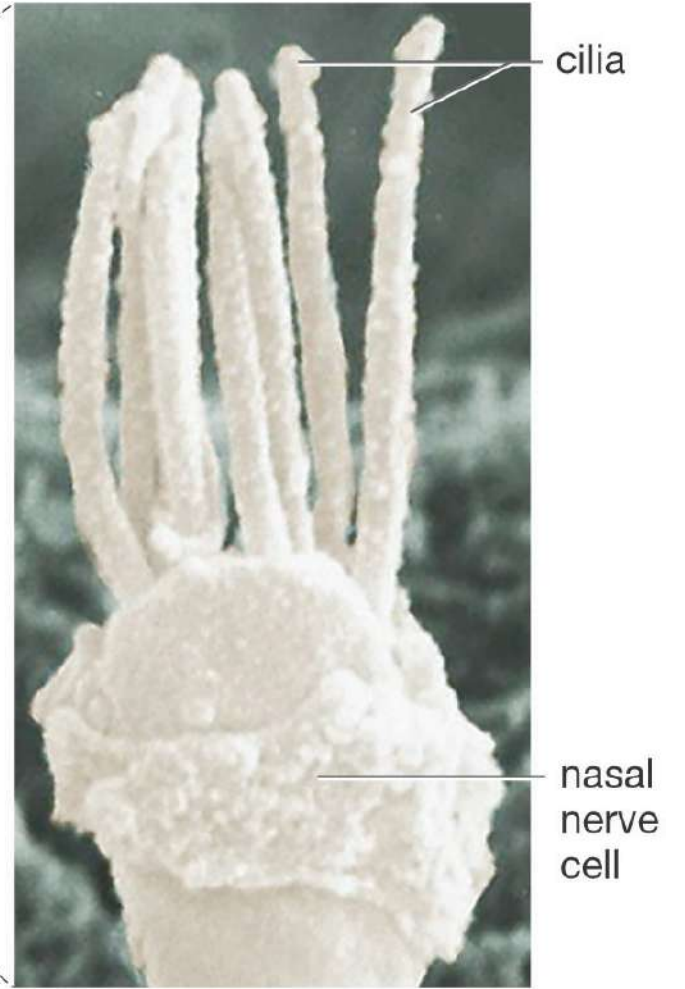
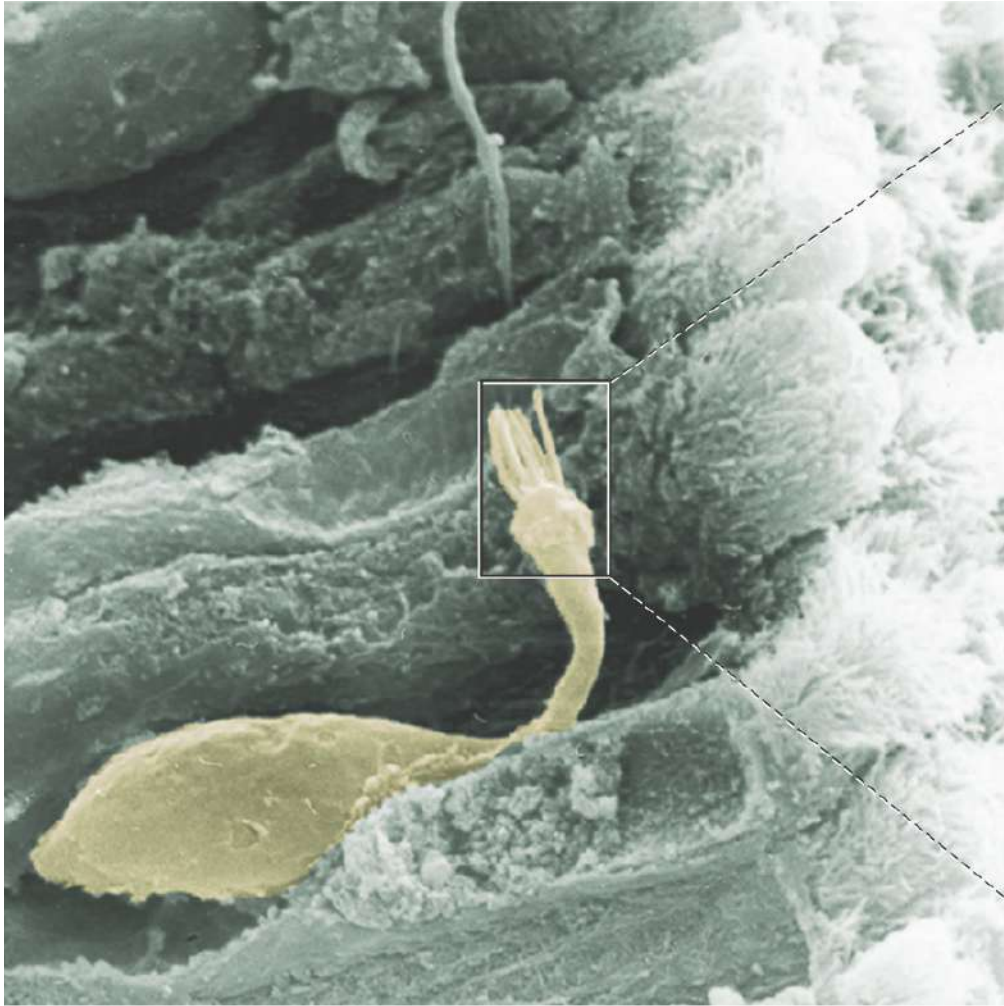
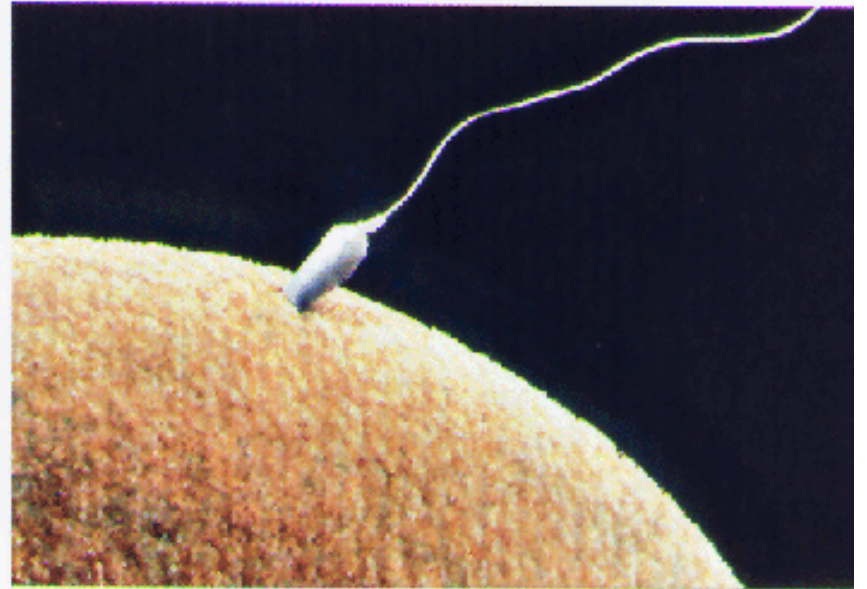
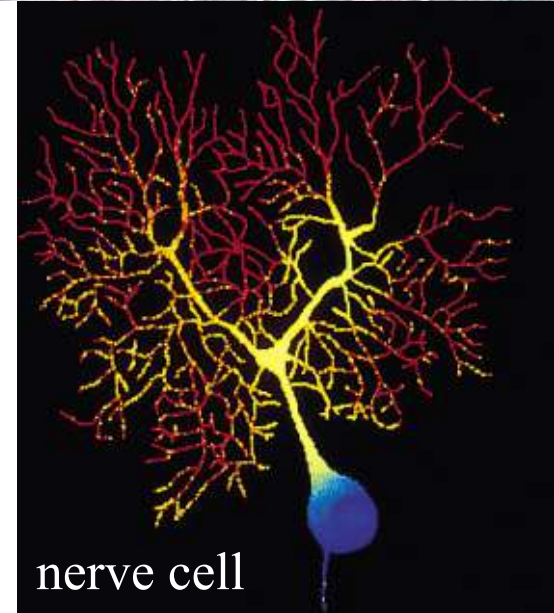
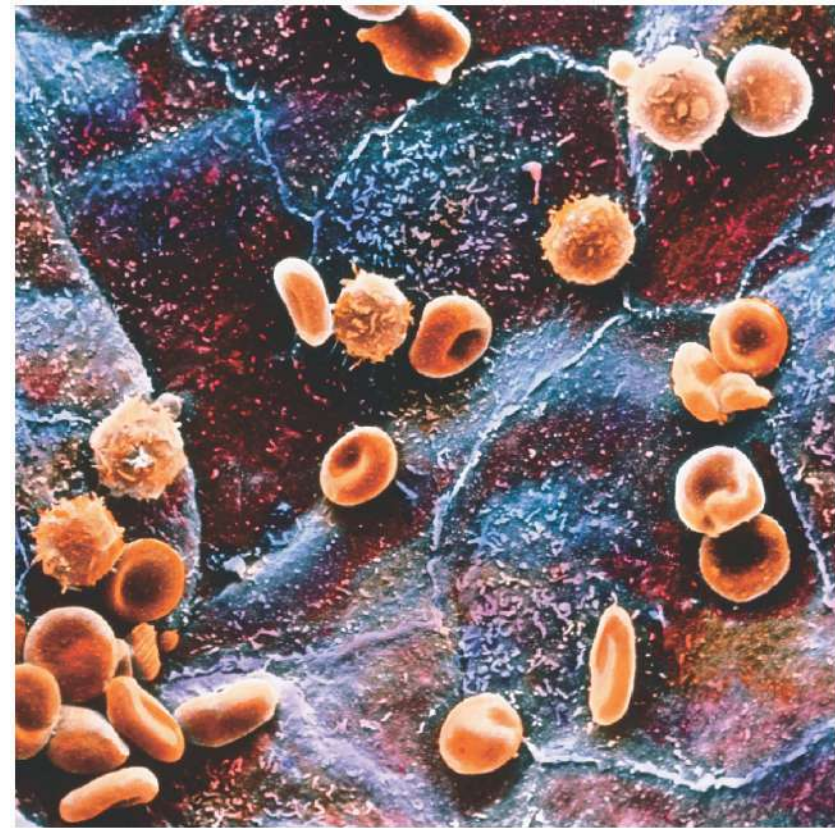


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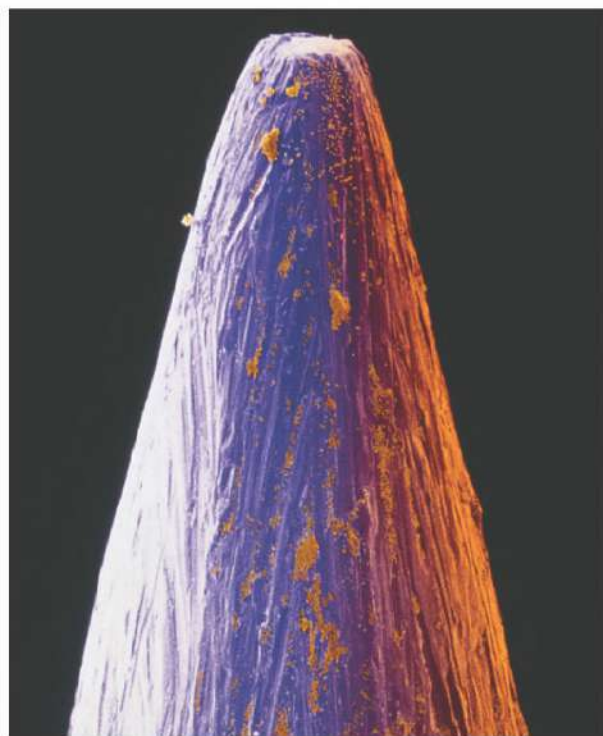




nerve cell



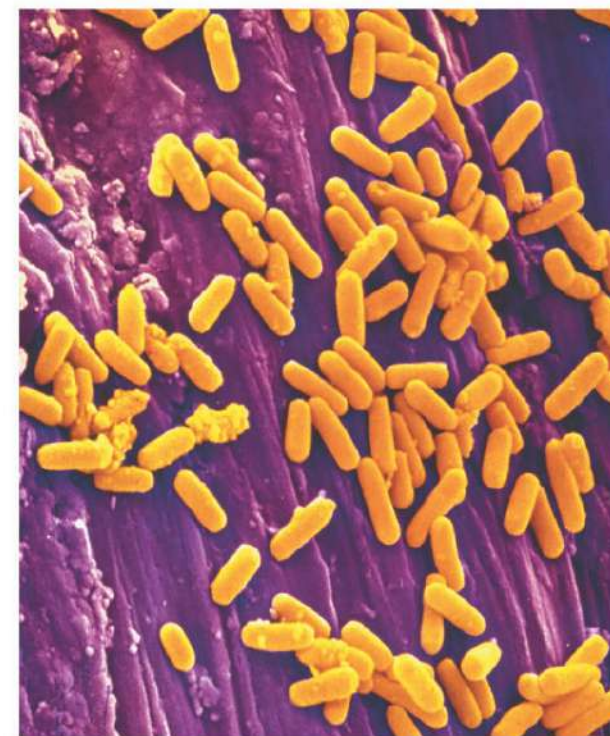
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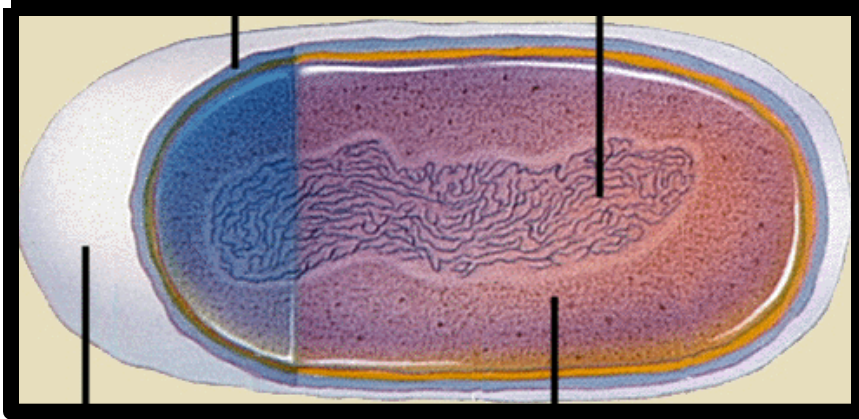


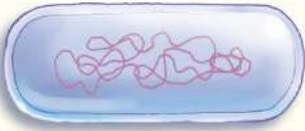




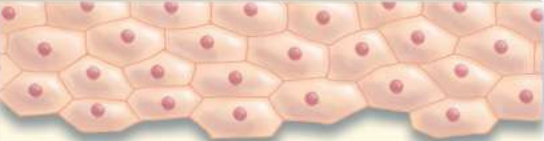
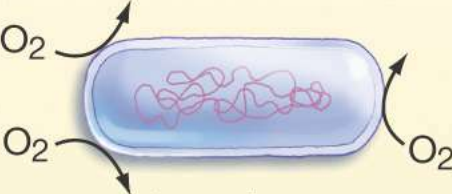
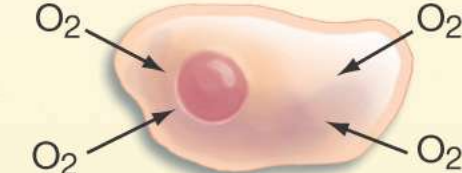

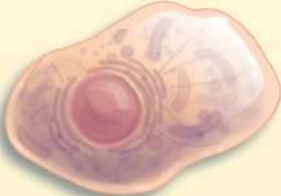
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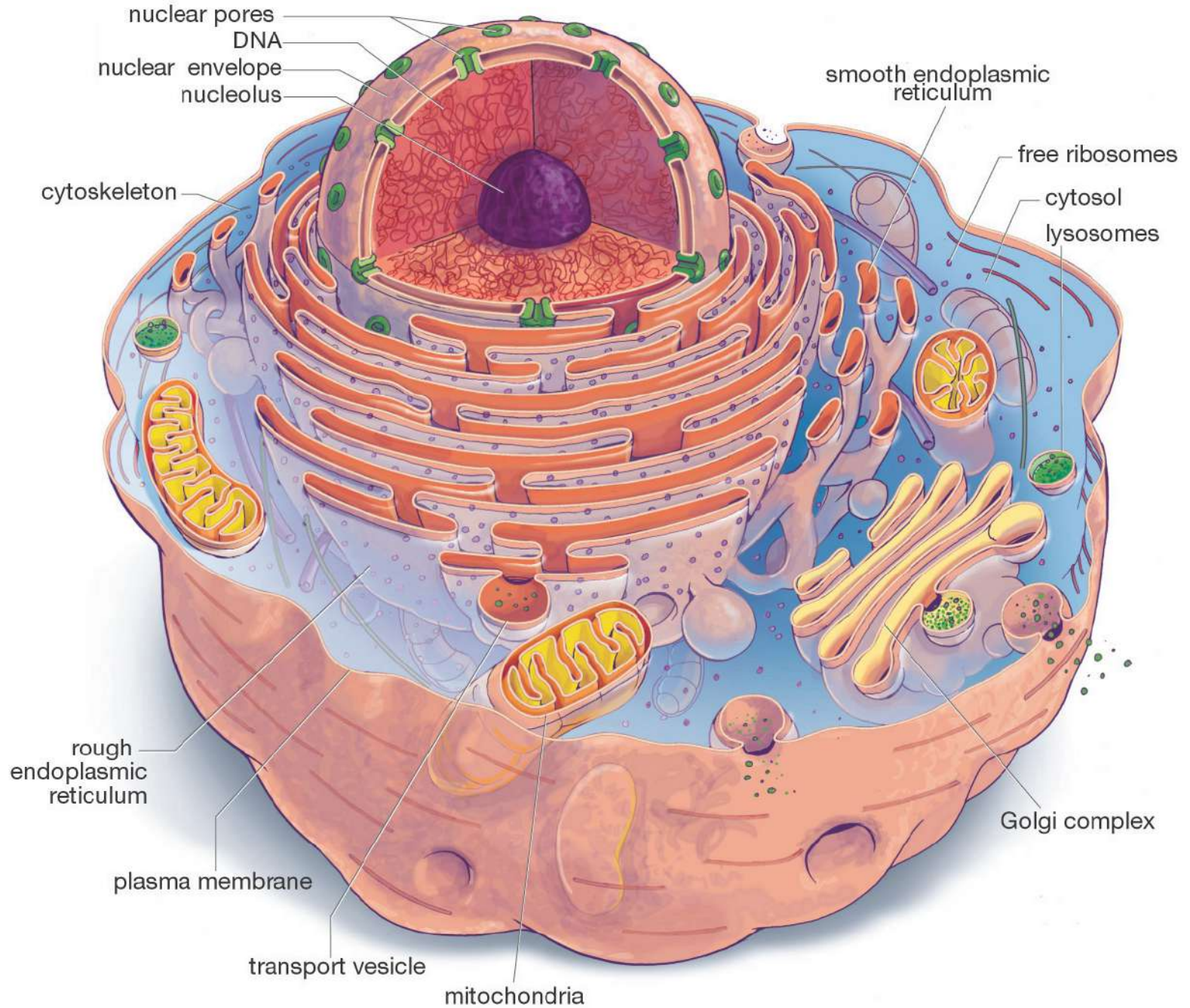
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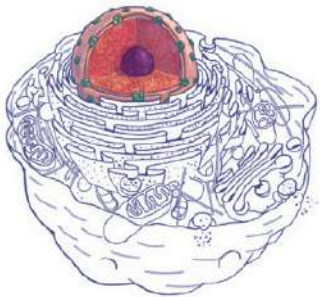




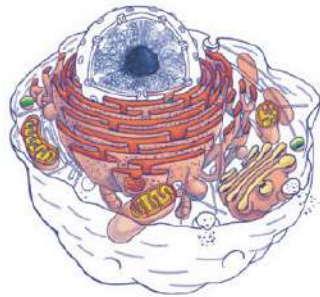
	Prokaryotes	Eukaryotes
DNA	 <p>in “nucleoid” region</p>	 <p>within membrane-bound nucleus</p>
Size	 <p>usually smaller</p>	 <p>usually larger</p>
Organization	 <p>usually single-celled</p>	 <p>often multicellular</p>
Metabolism	 <p>may not need oxygen</p>	 <p>usually need oxygen to exist</p>
Organelles	 <p>no membrane-bound organelles</p>	 <p>membrane-bound organelles</p>

An Idealized Animal Cell

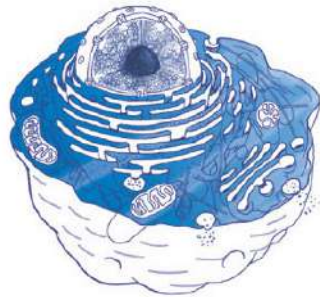




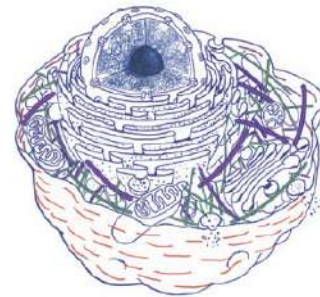
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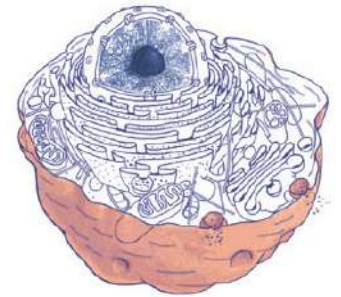
other organelles



cytosol



cytoskeleton



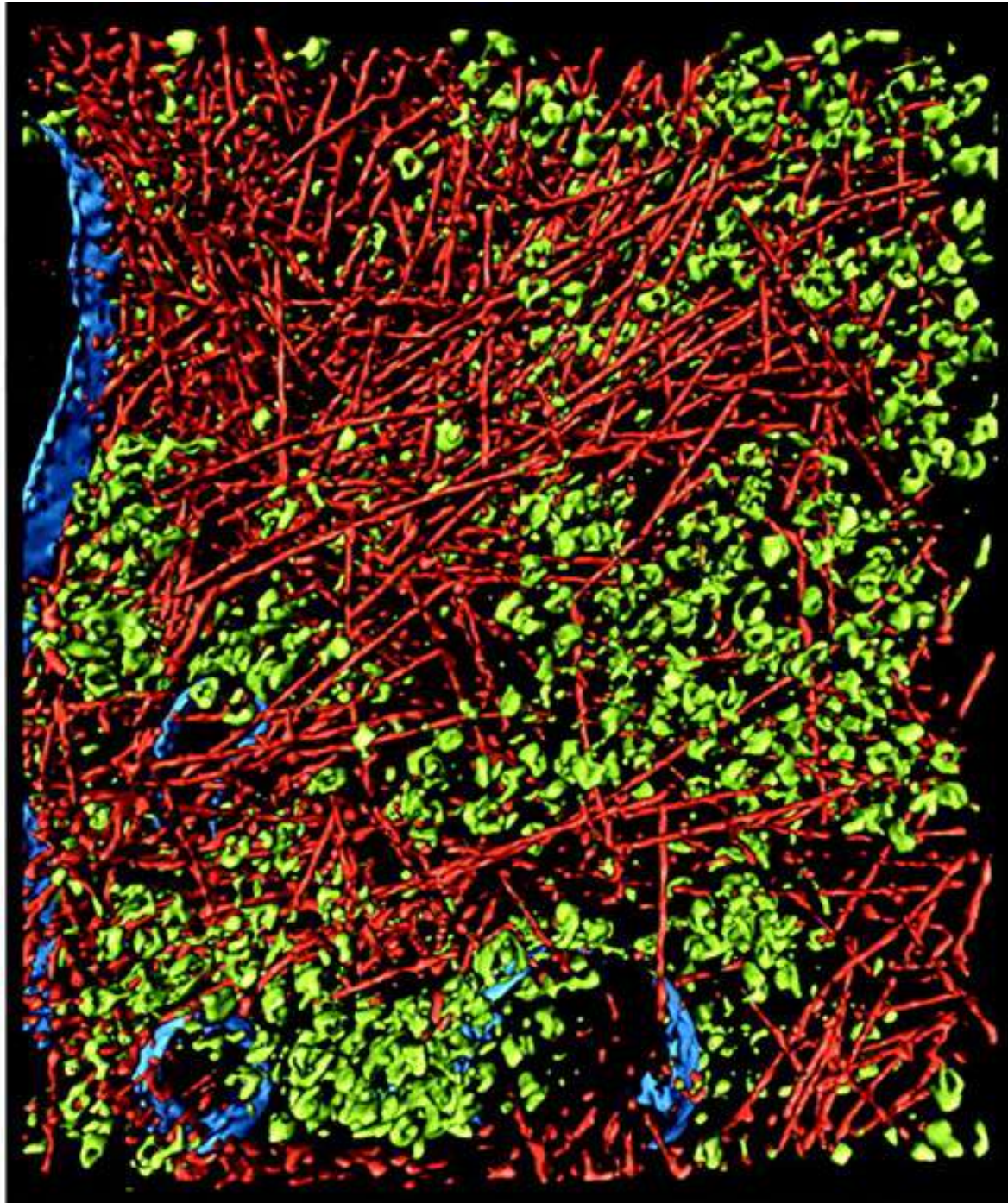
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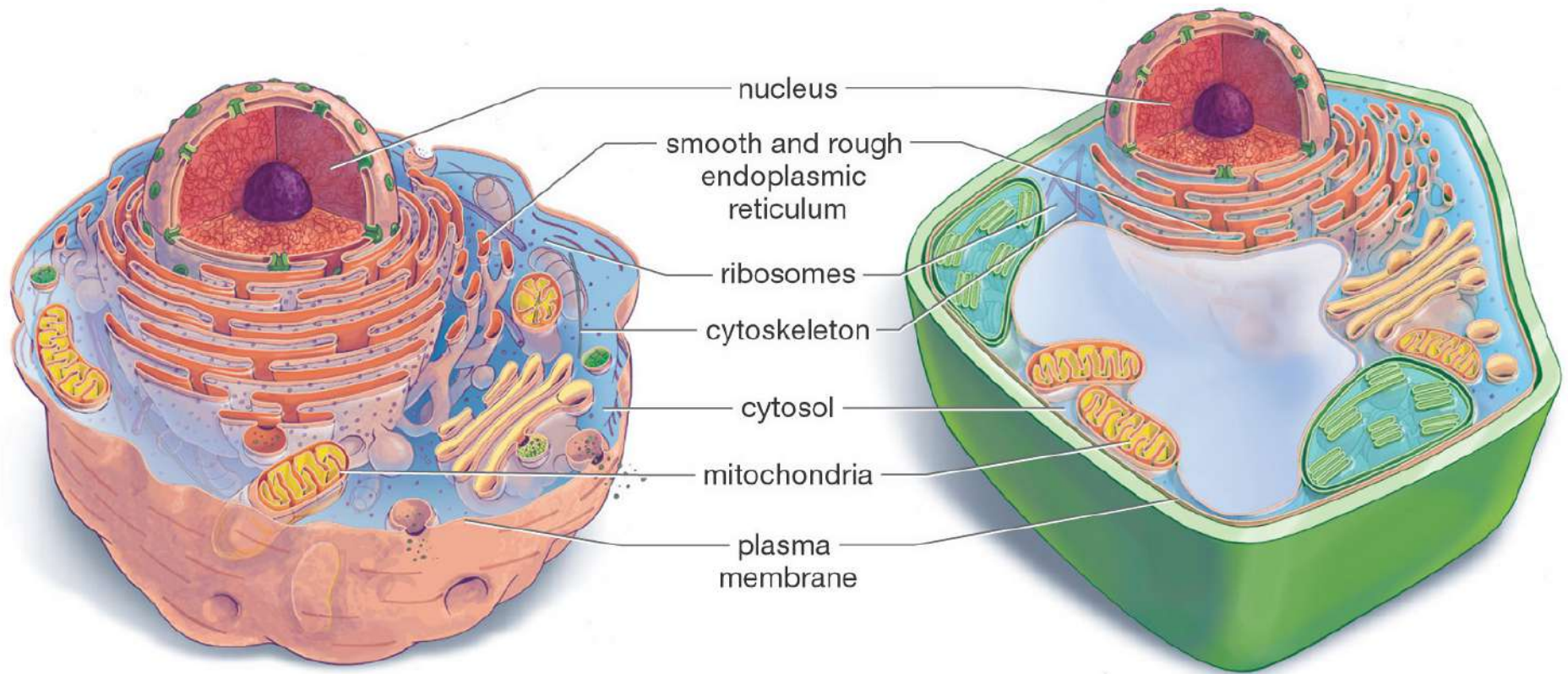


A rat liver cell (with color enhancement to show organelles)



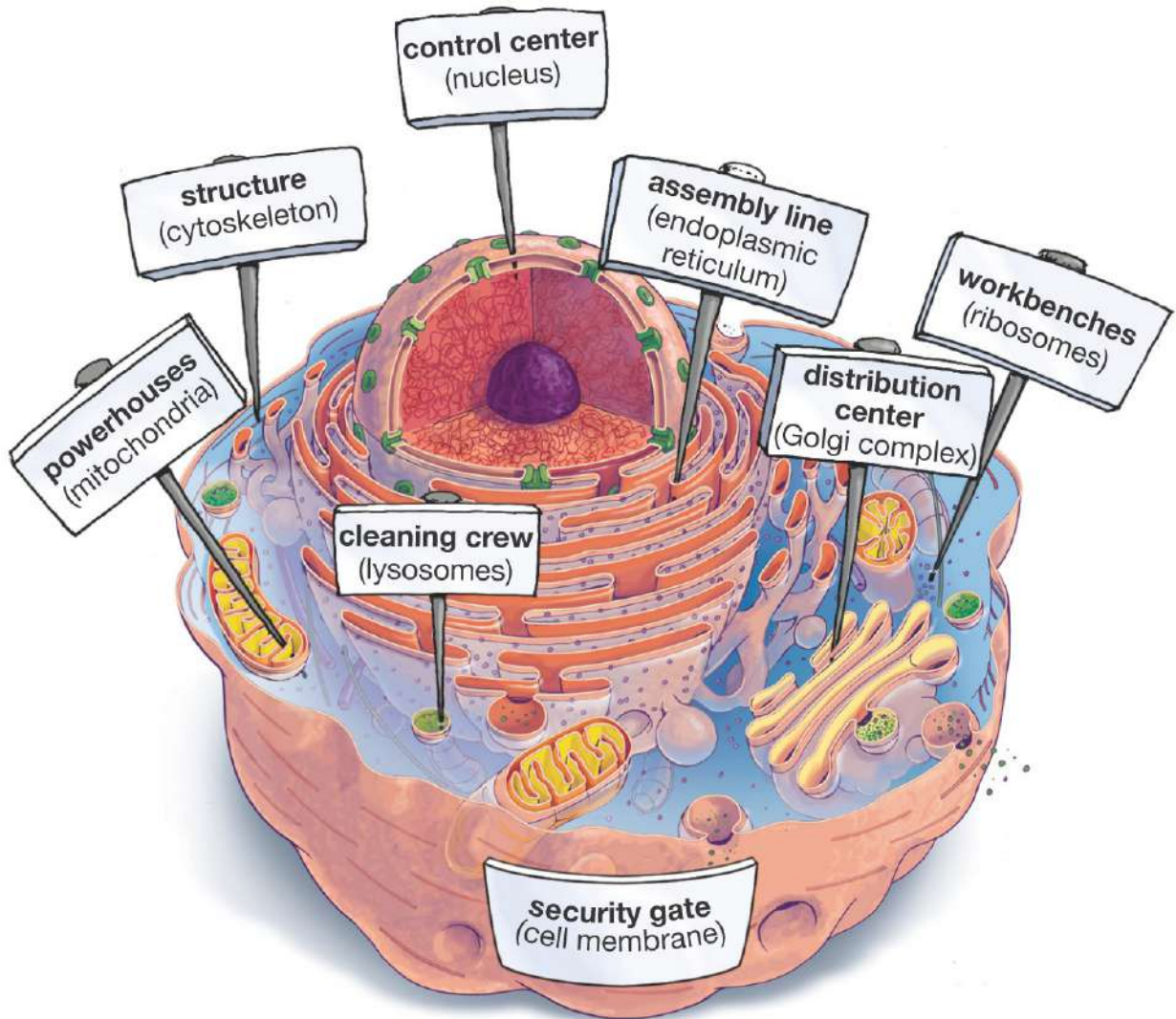
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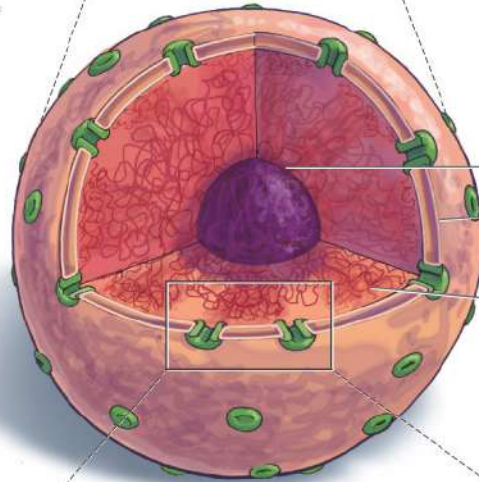
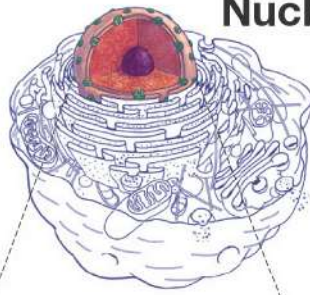
Animal cell

Plant cell

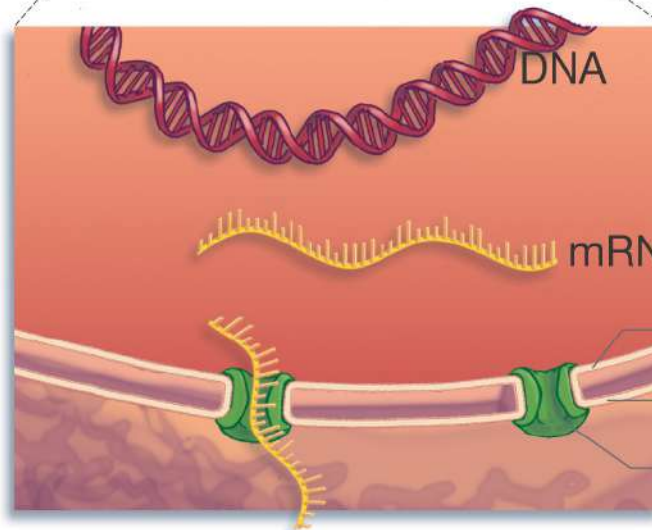
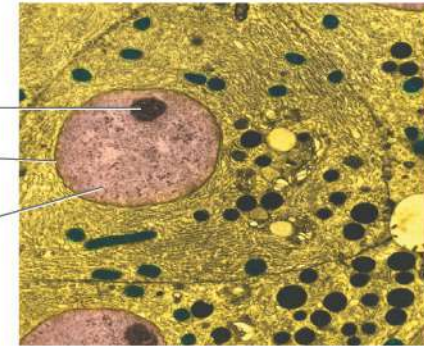


Nucleus

Think of the nucleus as the cell's control center.

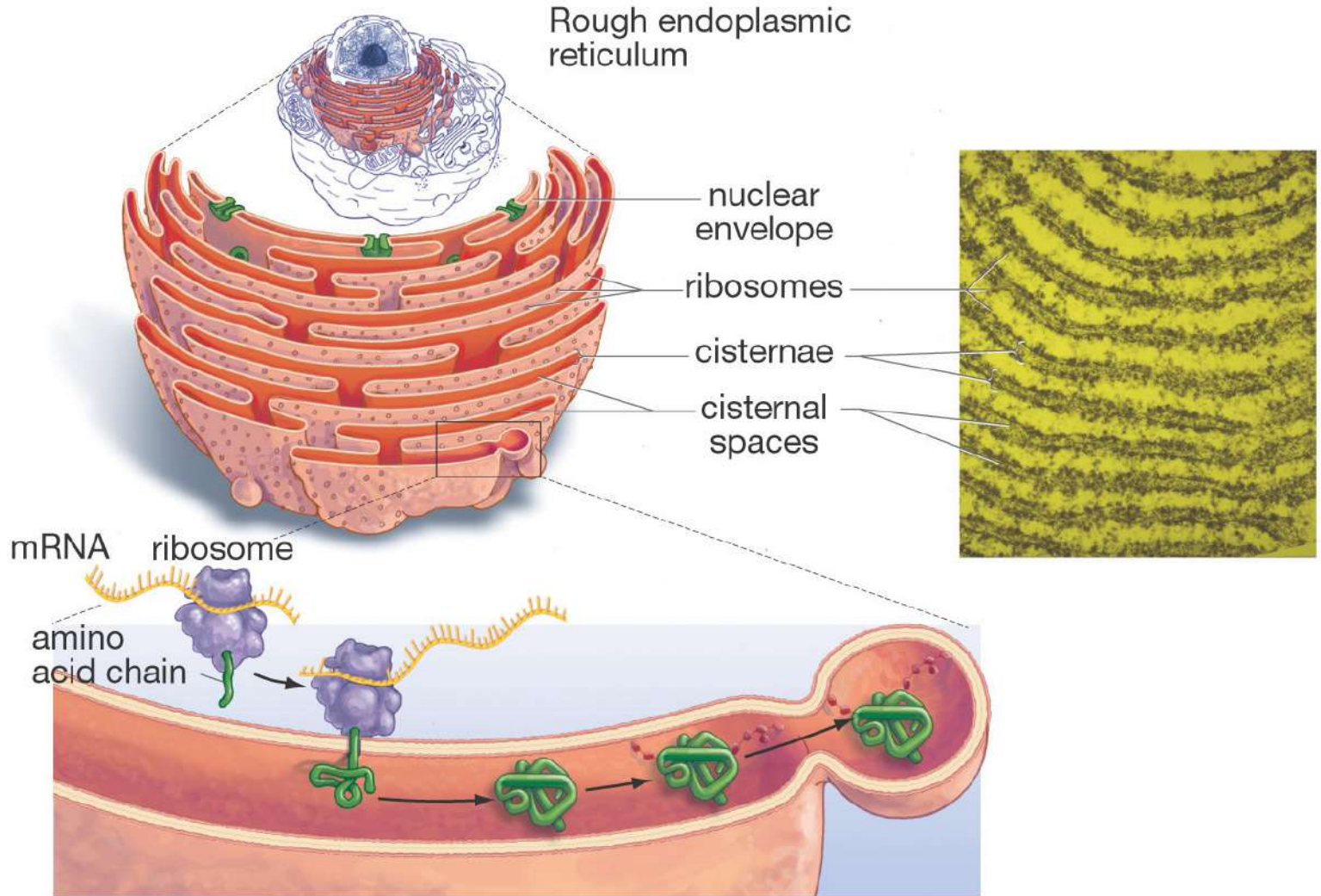


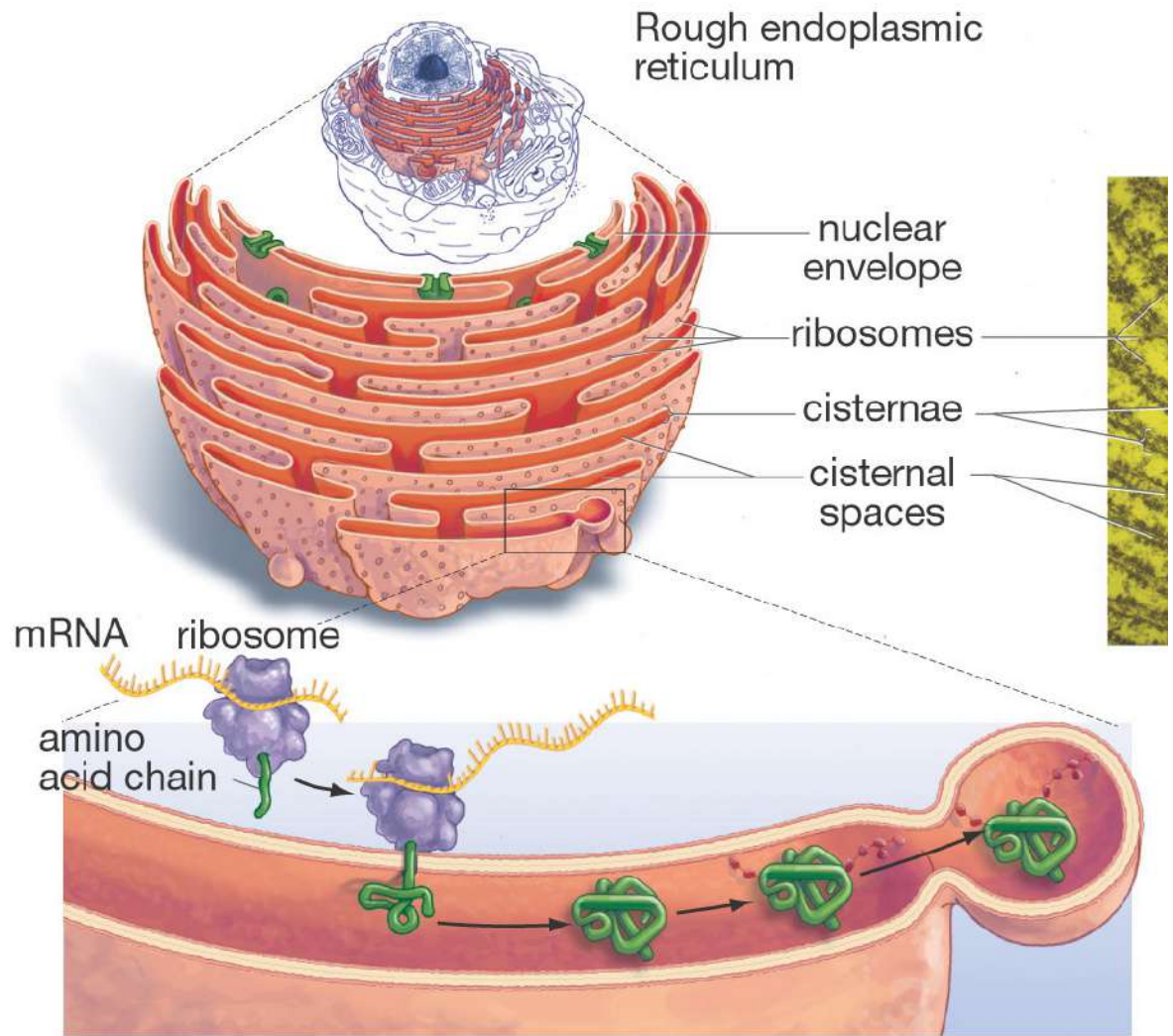
nucleolus
nuclear envelope
DNA



inner membrane
outer membrane
nuclear pore } Nuclear

Two meters of human DNA fits into a nucleus that's 0.000005 meters across.





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STALKING A LETHAL GENE:

A Gifted Young Patient Seeks His Own Genetic Flaw

In the summer of 1990, 20-year-old Jeff Pinard set out to find the flaw in his [genes](#) that causes him to have [cystic fibrosis](#).

He already knew quite a lot about [genetic diseases](#), especially his own. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a fatal disorder that clogs the lungs and other organs with a viscous, sticky mucus that interferes with breathing and digestion. It is the most common lethal inherited disease among white children and young adults, attacking about 30,000 Americans. Until recently, most patients died before reaching the age of 30. But Pinard, a microbiology major at the University of Michigan, was full of hope and could hardly contain his excitement at the thought of working with top scientists at the cutting edge of research on CF.

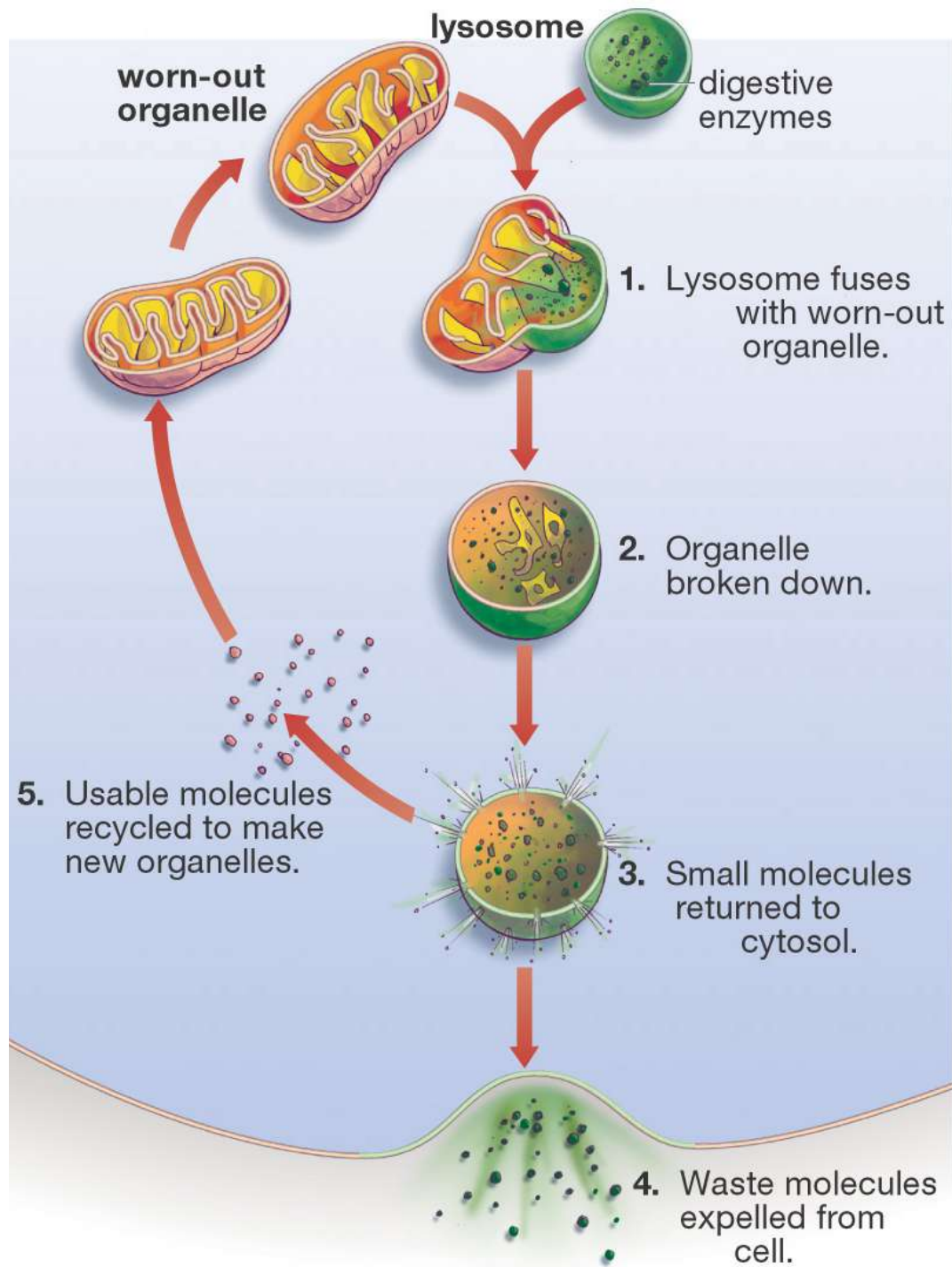
A year earlier—in a triumph of molecular genetics—a research team headed by Francis Collins, who was then an HHMI investigator at the University of Michigan, and Lap-Chee Tsui and John Riordan of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children had discovered an errant gene that is responsible for CF. The researchers also identified the specific [mutation](#), a missing snippet of genetic material, involved in most cases of CF.

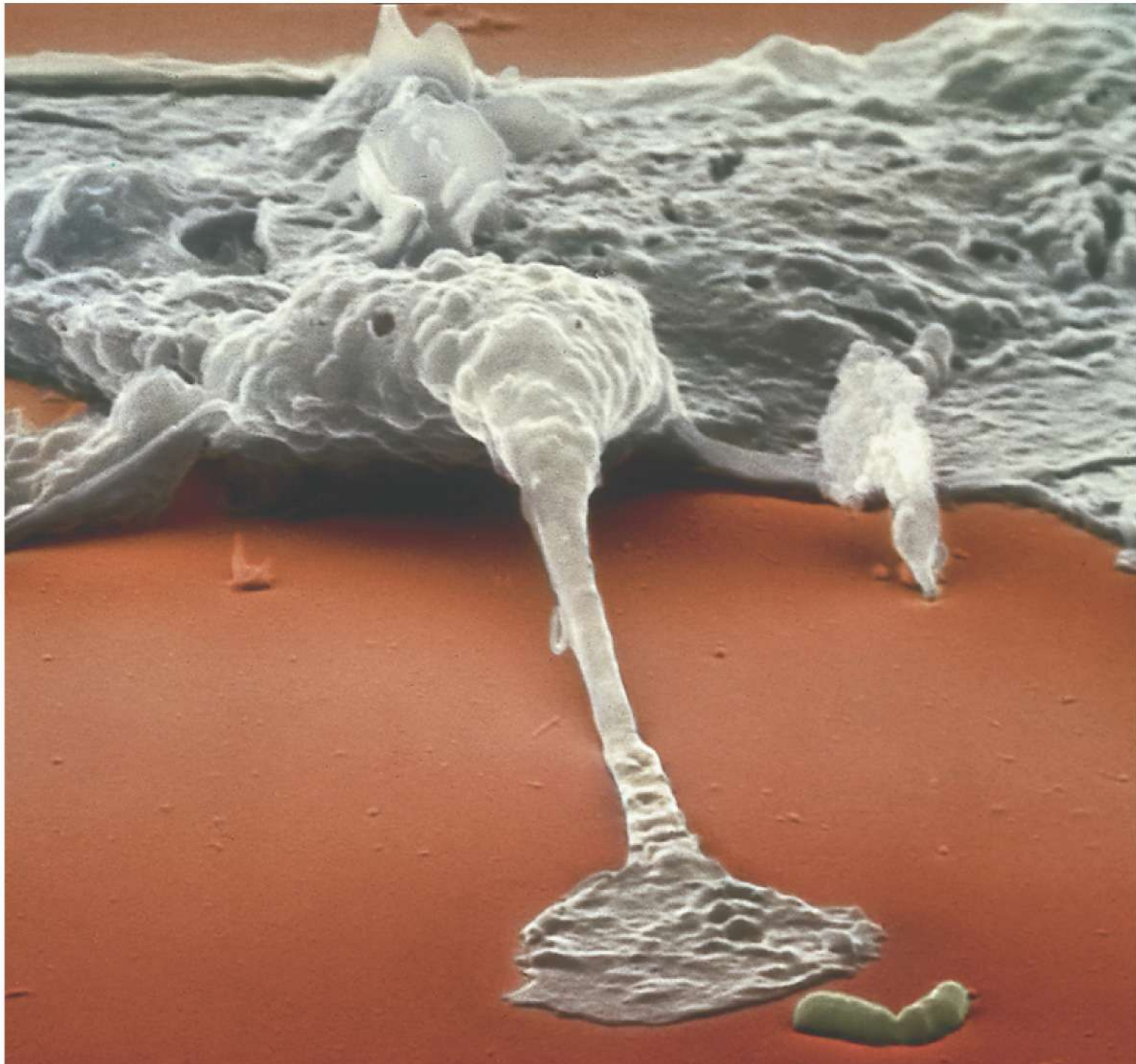
As many as 1 in 25 Americans of northern European descent—some 10 million people—carry a gene with a CF-causing defect. Babies who inherit a defective gene from both parents develop the disease.



Pinard adds fragments of a CF patient's DNA to a dye that will help track these fragments as the move through a porous gel.

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Lysosomal Storage Disease Center

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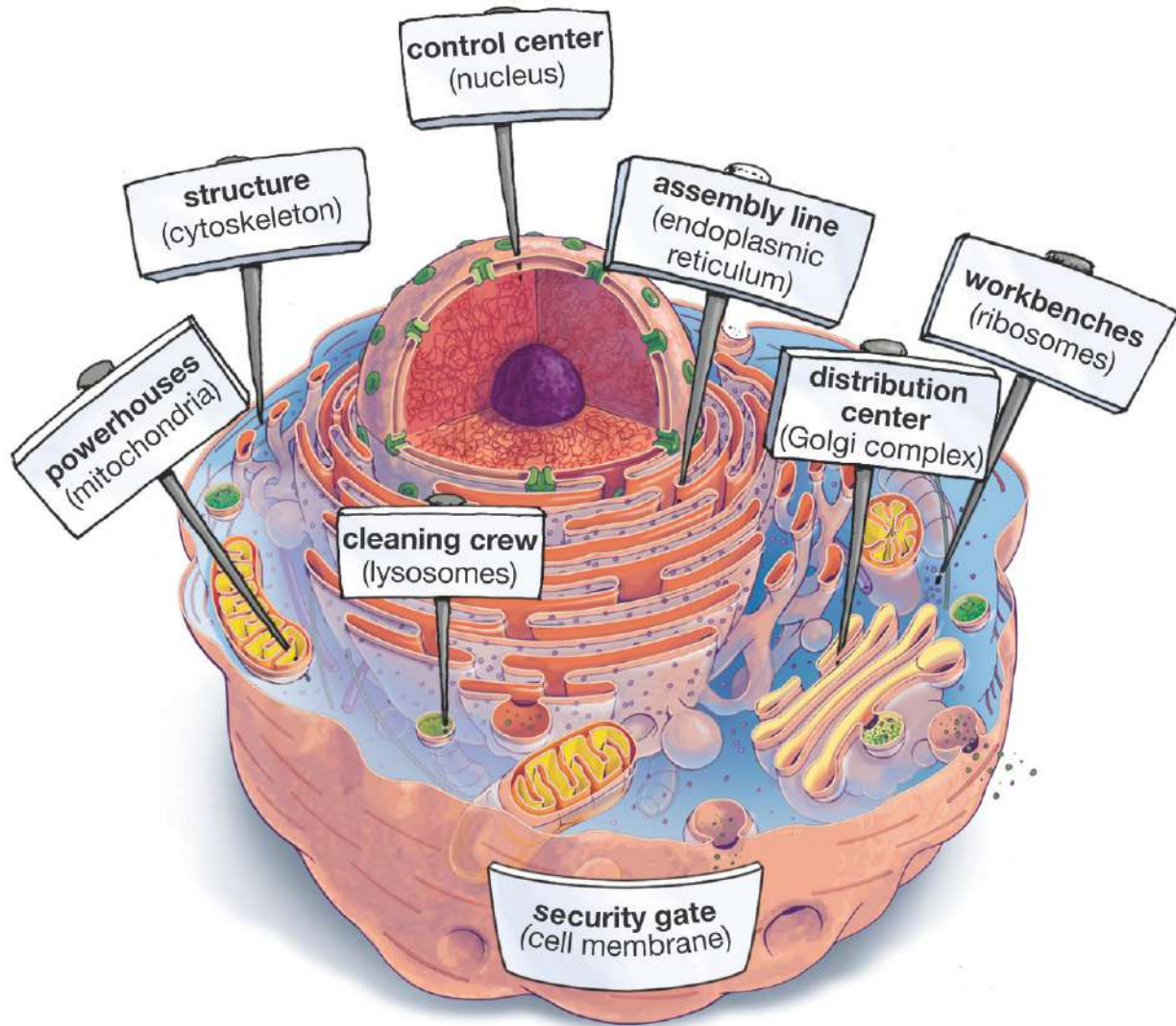
Diagnosing, Managing and Treating Complex Conditions

Lysosomal Storage Diseases

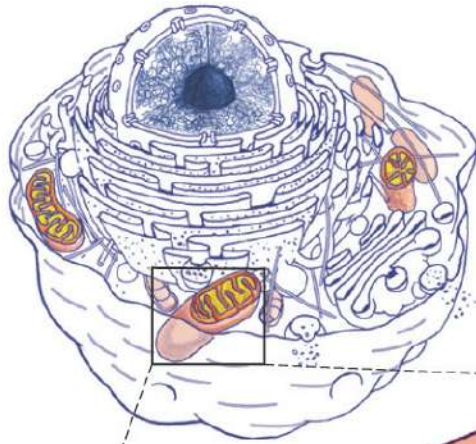
Lysosomal storage diseases are caused by a lack of enzymes that normally eliminate unwanted substances in the cells of the body. The enzymes are found in sac-like structures in cells called lysosomes. Lysosomes act as the "recycling center" of each cell, breaking down unwanted material into simple products for the cell to use to build new material. The lack of certain enzymes causes a buildup of the substance that the enzyme would normally eliminate, and deposits accumulate in many cells of the body. Abnormal storage causes inefficient functioning and damage of the body's cells, which can lead to serious health problems.

There are more than 40 known lysosomal storage diseases, including:

- Fabry disease - causes kidney and heart problems, pain and a skin rash
- Gaucher disease - causes the spleen to enlarge, anemia and bone lesions if untreated
- Hurler syndrome - causes deformities of the skeleton and facial features, enlargement of the spleen and liver, joint stiffness,



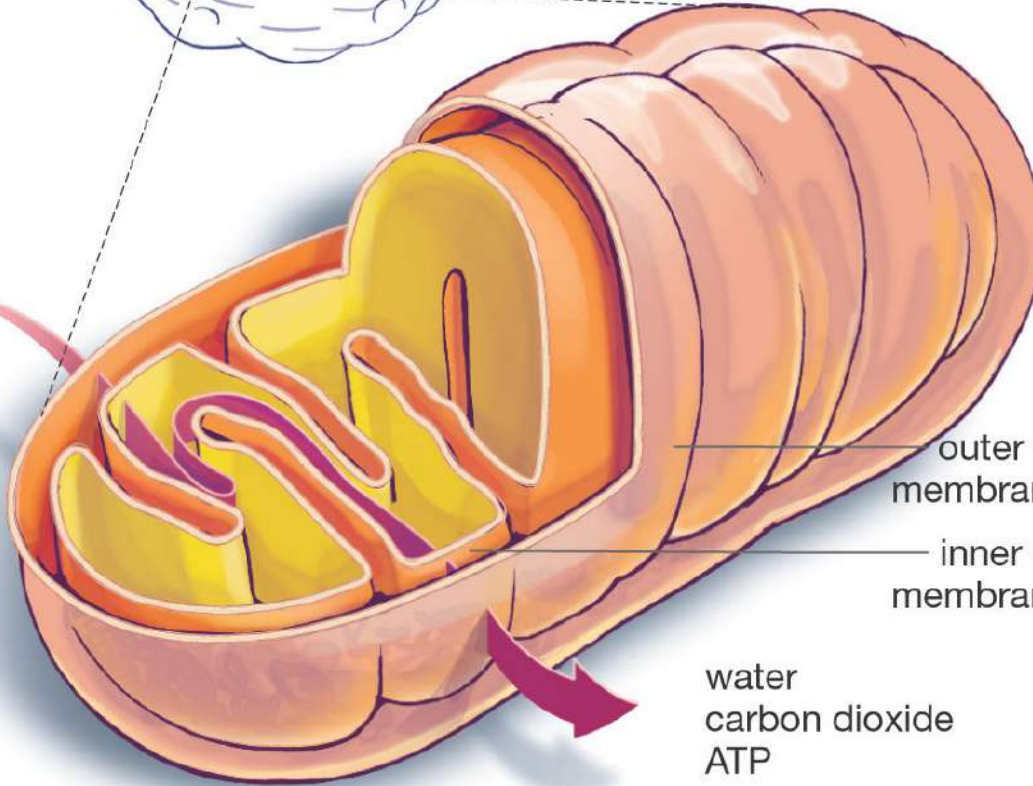
Mitochondrion



Think of the mitochondrion as the powerhouse of the cell.

Both plant and animal cells contain many mitochondria.

food
oxygen

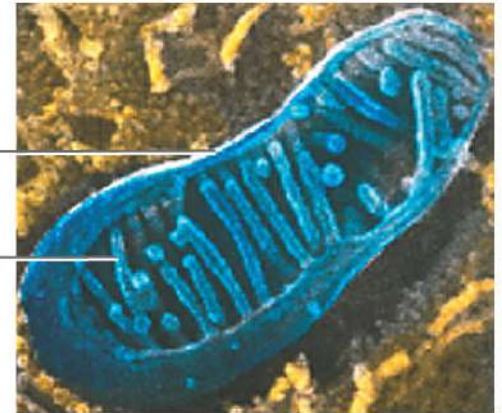


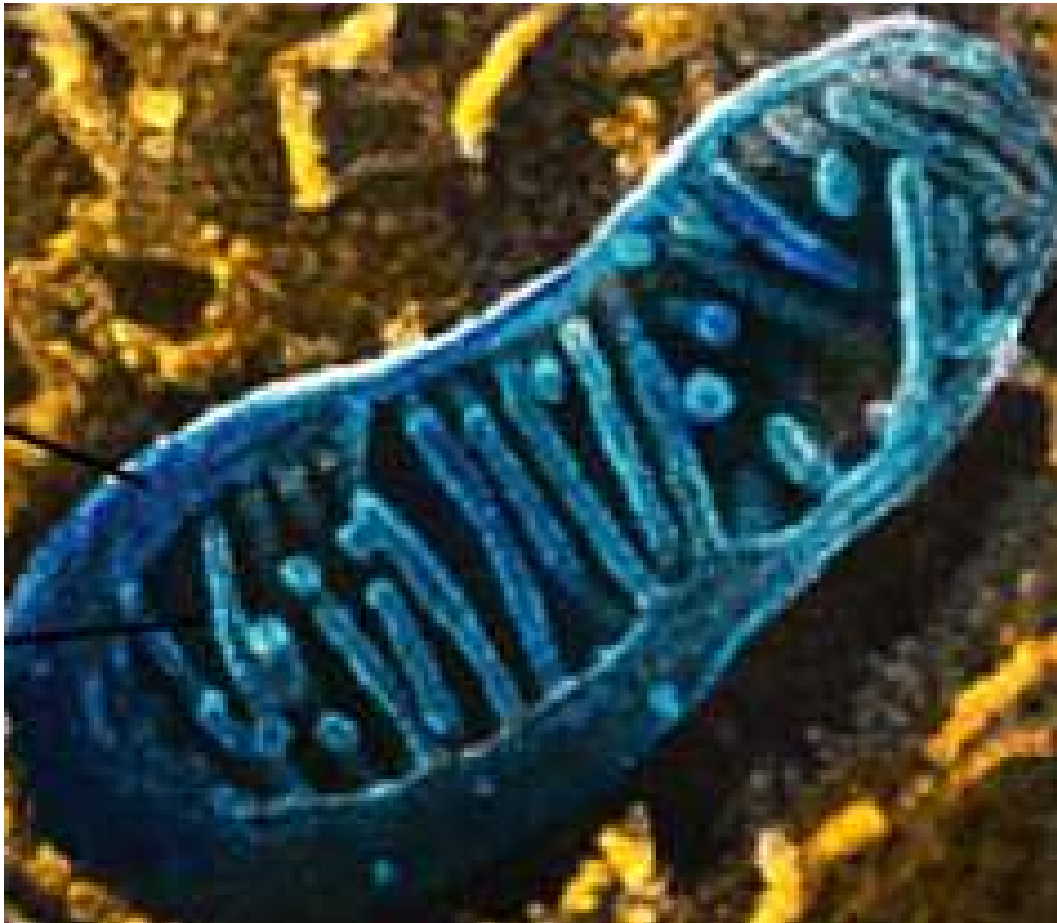
outer
membrane

inner
membrane

water
carbon dioxide
ATP

(Mitochondria is the plural of mitochondrion)



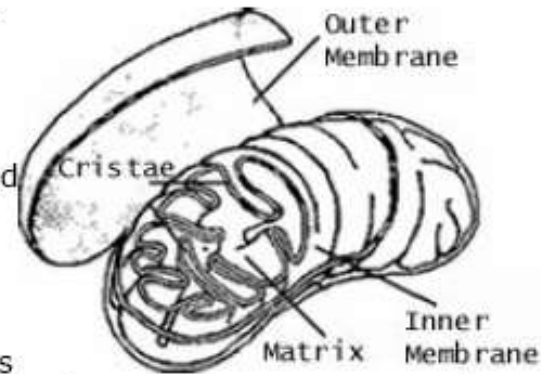




"To promote research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families."

Basis of the Disease

Mitochondrial diseases result from failures of the mitochondria, specialized compartments present in every cell of the body except red blood cells. Mitochondria are responsible for creating more than 90% of the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth. When they fail, less and less energy is generated within the cell. Cell injury and even cell death follow. If this process is repeated throughout the body, whole systems begin to fail, and the life of the person in whom this is happening is severely compromised. The disease primarily affects children, but adult onset is becoming more and more common.



Diseases of the mitochondria appear to cause the most damage to cells of the brain, heart, liver, skeletal muscles, kidney and the endocrine and respiratory systems.

Depending on which cells are affected, symptoms may include loss of motor control, muscle weakness and pain, gastro-intestinal disorders and swallowing difficulties, poor growth, cardiac disease, liver disease, diabetes, respiratory complications, seizures, visual/hearing problems, lactic acidosis, developmental delays and susceptibility to infection.

MEDICINE

Low-Power Mitochondria May Raise Risk of Cardiovascular Problems

Try as we might, only an elite few will ever win the Tour de France or even the local 10-K foot race. People simply vary widely in their ability to perform aerobic exercise. New work

with rats now suggests that individuals with a low tolerance for aerobic exercise may have a lot more to worry about than just their inability to run fast and long. The same underlying defect that reduces aerobic capacity may also predispose a person to a witch's brew of medical problems that could increase the possibility of heart attacks and strokes.

On page 418, a research team including Ulrik Wisloff of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. Sonia Nair of

first time researchers have linked it to all of them at once. "This is an incredibly provocative study," says Vamsi Mootha of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston,



Running for their lives. These rats, bred to have high aerobic capacity, appear to have fewer cardiovascular risk factors than their couch-potato cousins.

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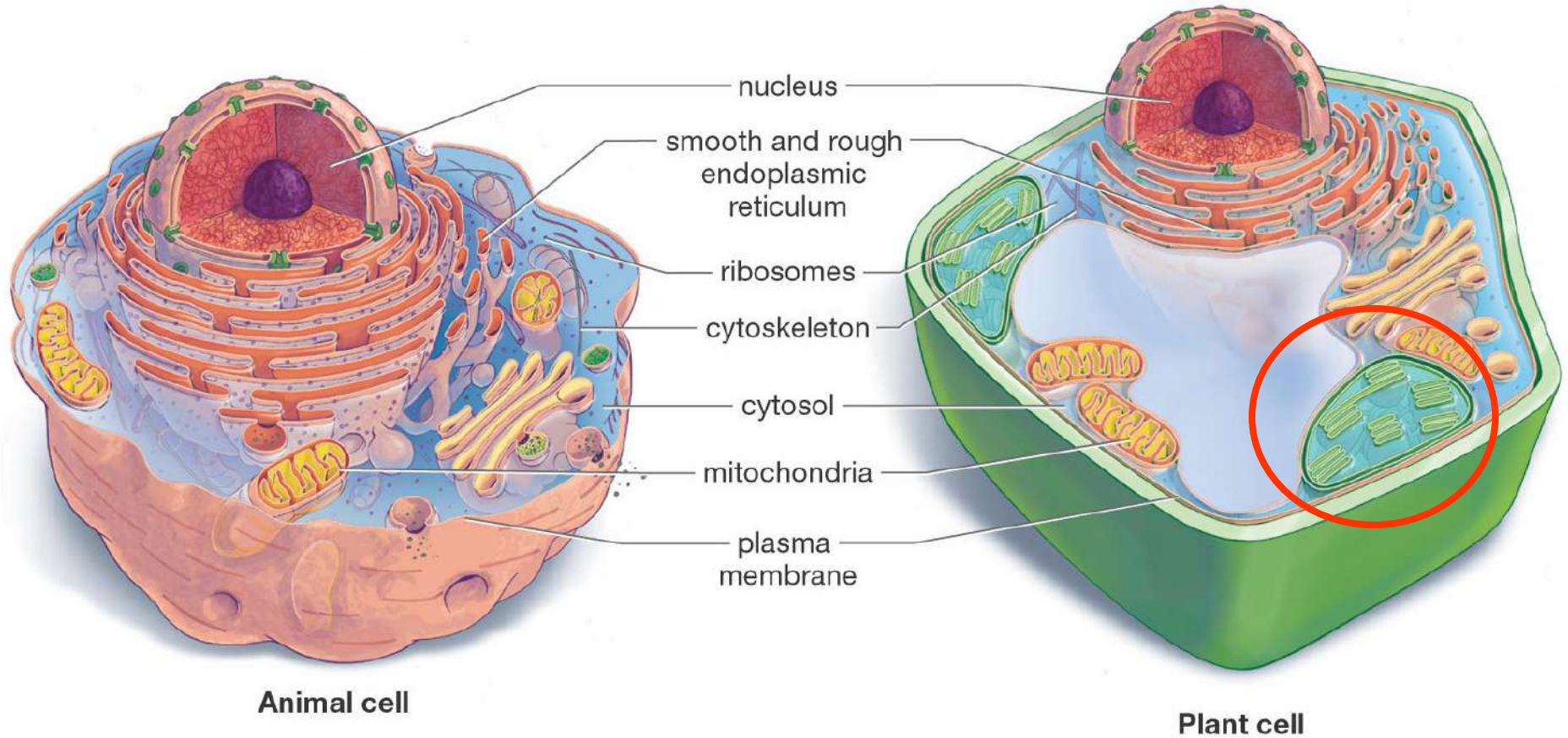
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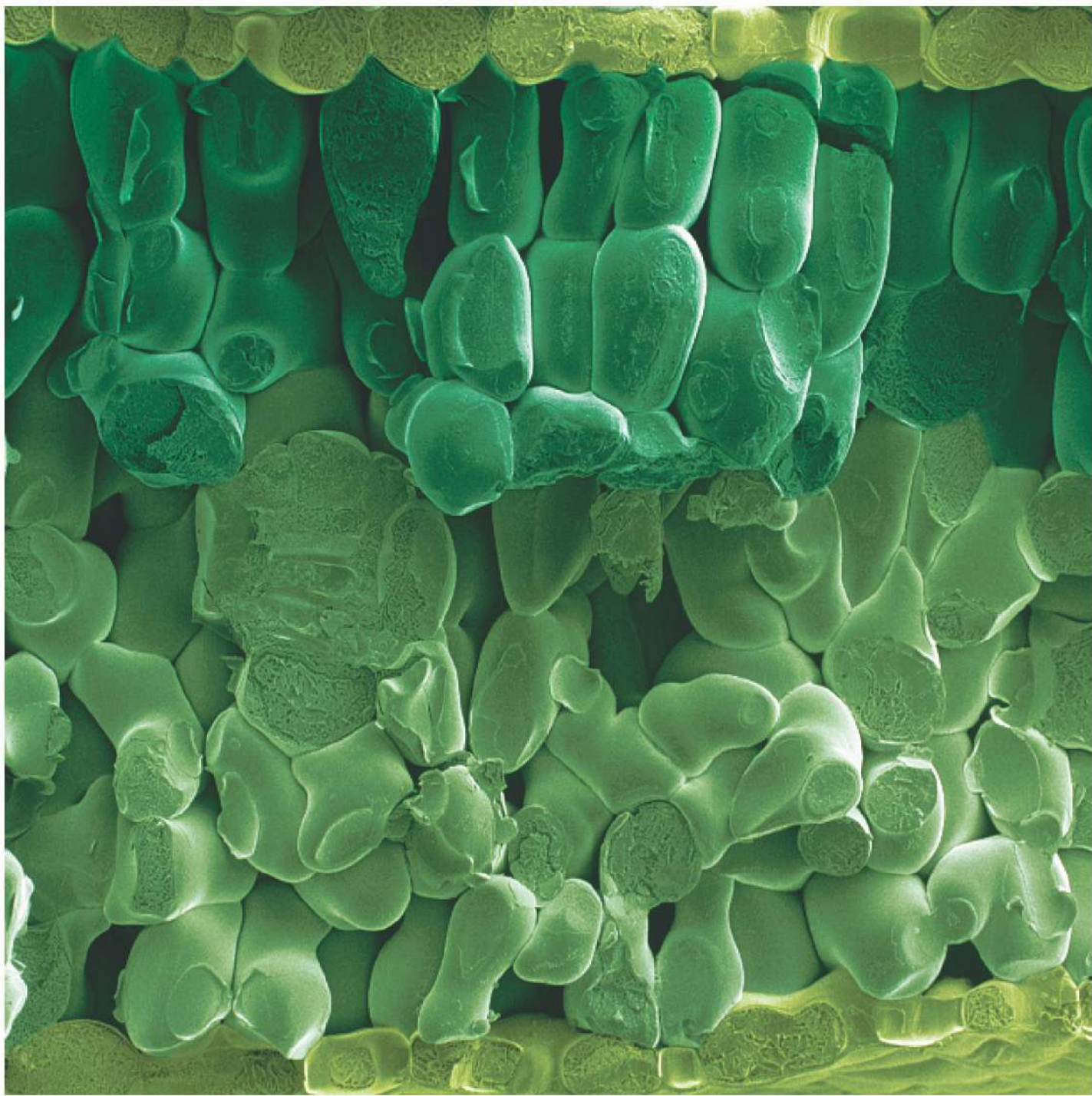
Ageing

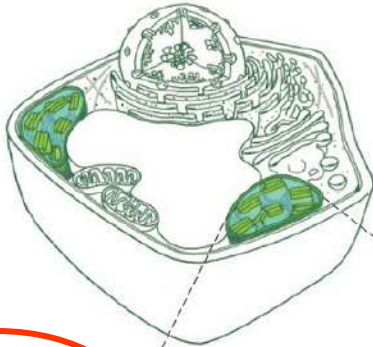
Mice and mitochondria

George M. Martin and Lawrence A. Loeb

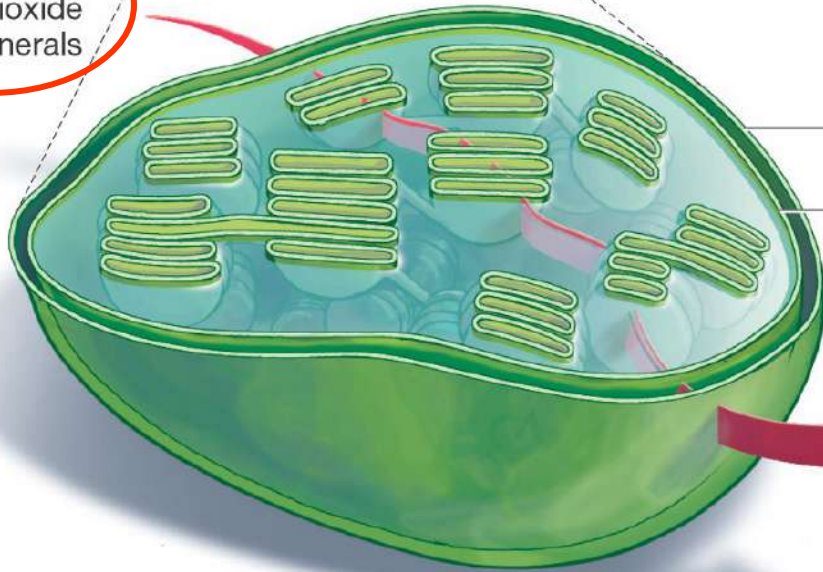
It can be hard to work out whether particular events are a cause or a correlate of ageing — do mutations in mitochondrial DNA, for instance, speed up the process of growing old? Some clever studies suggest so.





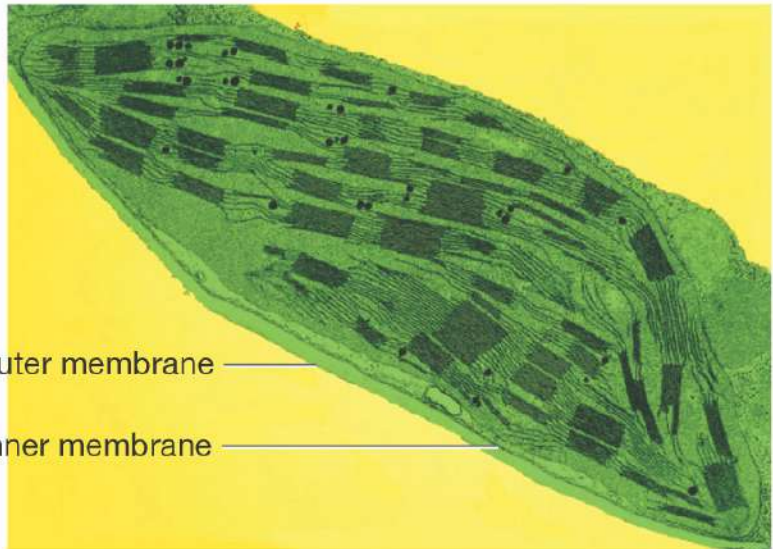


water
carbon dioxide
minerals



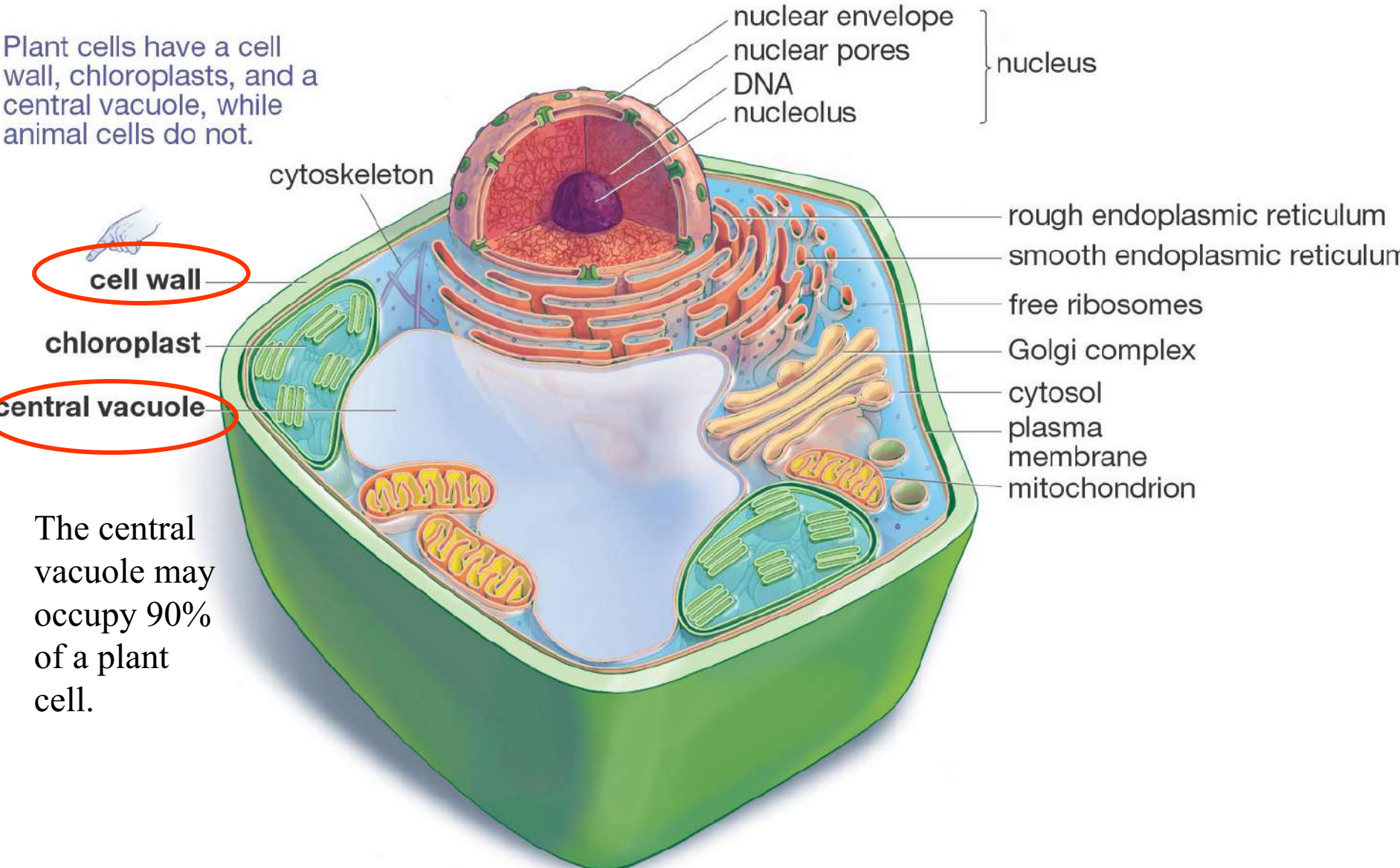
outer membrane

inner membrane



sugar (food)
oxygen

Plant cells have a cell wall, chloroplasts, and a central vacuole, while animal cells do not.



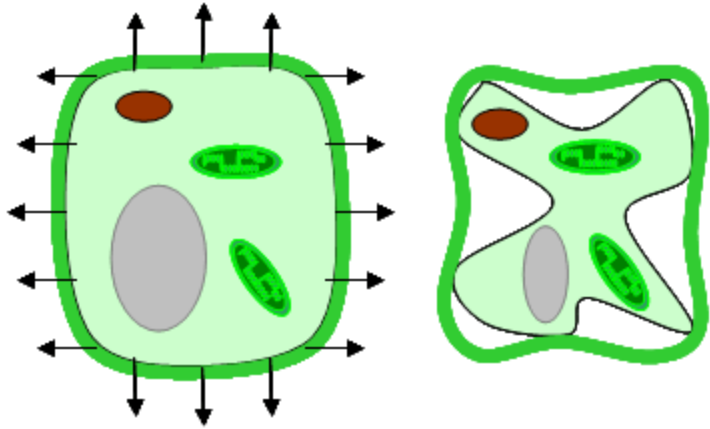
The central vacuole may occupy 90% of a plant cell.

(a) Wood is mostly cell walls



(b) A magnified view of bark

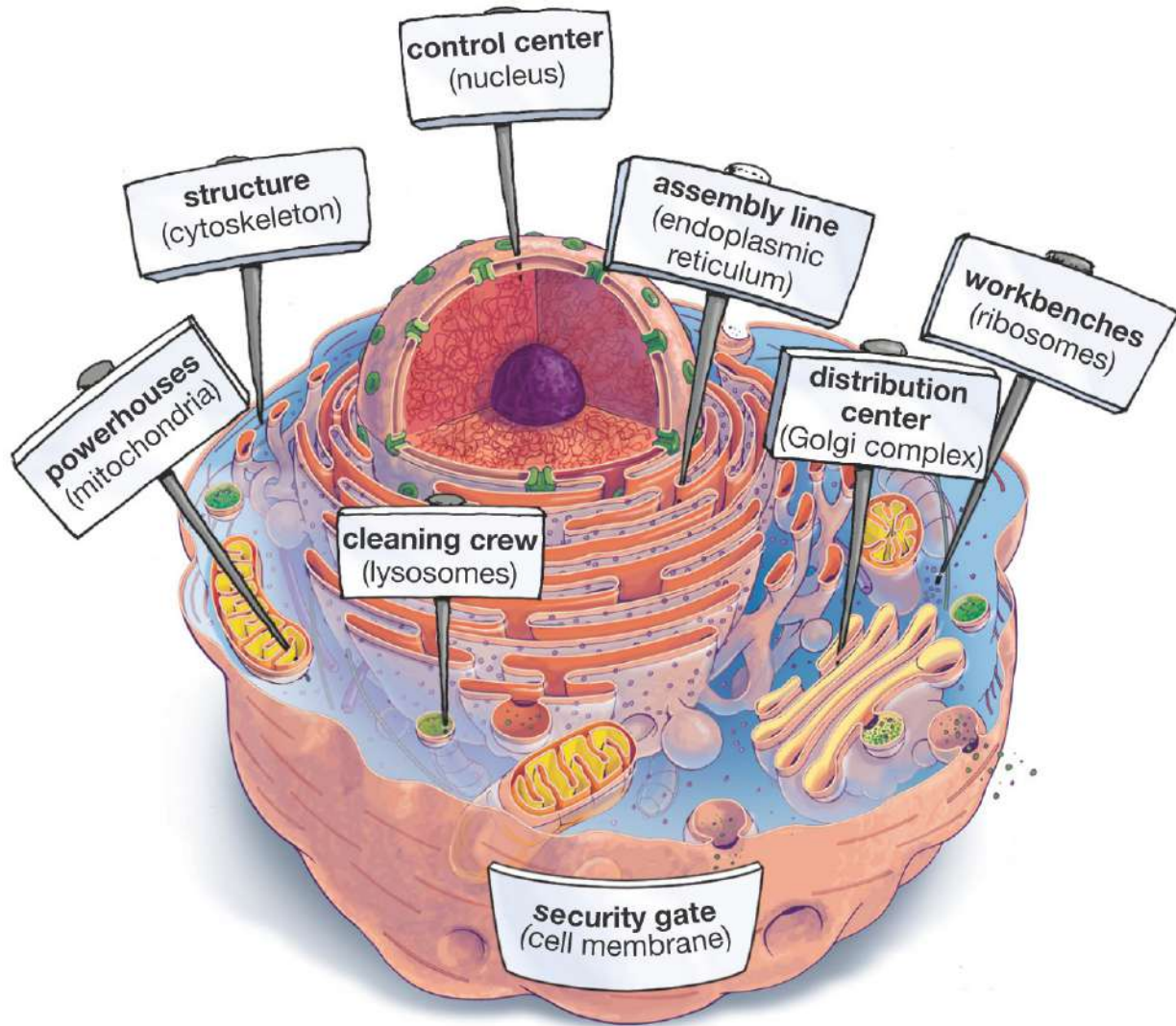


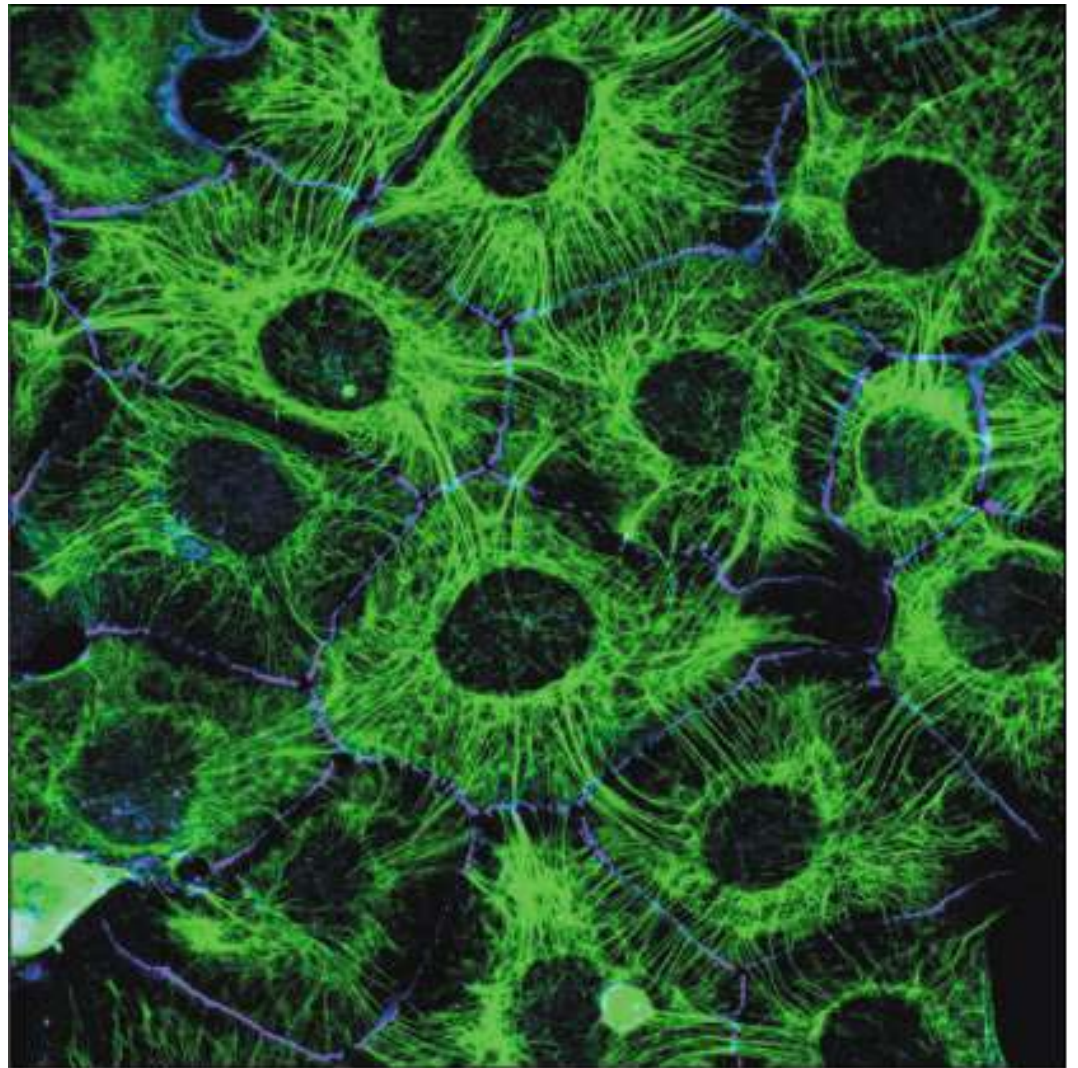


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An animal cell cytoskeleton

10 μm

