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MUSCULAR TISSUE

Microscopic anatomy of a skeletal muscle fiber



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Muscle Terminology Myofiber Or Myocyte: a muscle cell 1. Sarcolemma: the plasma membrane of a muscle cell **2. Sarcoplasm:** the cytoplasm of the muscle cell **3.** Sarcoplasmic reticulum: the endoplasmic reticulum of a muscle cell

4. Sarcosome : the mitochondria of a muscle cell



Smooth muscle

Description: Spindle-shaped cells with central nuclei; no striations; cells arranged closely to form sheets.



Function: Propels substances or objects (foodstuffs, urine, a baby) along internal passageways; involuntary control.

Location: Mostly in the walls of hollow organs.





Photomicrograph: Sheet of smooth muscle (200x).

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FIGURE 18.11
Frostate gland: glandular acini and prostatic concretions. Stain: hematoxylin and eosin. Medium r fication.





Figure 5-1 The Components of the Integumentary System



Skeletal muscle

Description: Long, cylindrical, multinucleate cells; obvious striations.



Function: Voluntary movement; locomotion; manipulation of the environment; facial expression; voluntary control.

Location: In skeletal muscles attached to bones or occasionally to skin.





Photomicrograph: Skeletal muscle (approx. 460x). Notice the obvious banding pattern and the fact that these large cells are multinucleate.



Composition of thick and thin filaments



(c) Portion of a thin filament



(d) Longitudinal section of filaments within one sarcomere of a myofibril

Thin filament (actin) Myosin heads Thick filament (myosin)



(e) Transmission electron micrograph of part of a sarcomere

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Sliding filament model of contraction



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Role of Calcium (Ca²⁺) in Contraction

- At low intracellular Ca²⁺ concentration:
 - Tropomyosin blocks the active sites on actin
 - Myosin heads cannot attach to actin
 - Muscle fiber relaxes









Figure 6-3A. Longitudinal section of striated muscle. H&E, ×400

The cellular units of skeletal muscle are called **muscle fibers**. Each fiber is a long, roughly cylindrical cell bounded by a plasma membrane, the sarcolemma. Muscle fibers range from 10 to 100 μ m in diameter and may be many centimeters in length in mature muscles. This large size presents a problem for a single cell nucleus serving far distant cytoplasm and cell membrane. In skeletal muscle, this problem is solved by the formation of a syncytium, resulting from the fusion of several **myoblasts**, during development. A single muscle fiber will therefore have many nuclei. A distinctive feature of skeletal muscle, visible in this section, is a repeating pattern of dark and light bands oriented at right angles to the length of the fiber. These bands are designated A bands and I bands (see Fig. 6-4A). Capillaries and myelinated nerve fibers are often observed in sections of skeletal muscle tissue.



Figure 6-3B. Transverse section of skeletal muscle (tongue). H&E, ×272

Muscle fibers in the tongue run in several different directions, so, although most fibers in this section are cut transversely (in cross section), some are cut diagonally. Skeletal muscle fibers are round or polygonal in cross section, and, in a normal muscle, the fiber diameter is relatively uniform. The nuclei are flattened and lie peripherally in each fiber, just beneath the sarcolemma.

White versus Red Muscle Fibers



Cardiac muscle

Description: Branching,

striated, generally uninucleate cells that interdigitate at specialized junctions (intercalated discs).



Function: As it contracts, it propels blood into the circulation; involuntary control. **Location:** The walls of the heart.





Photomicrograph: Cardiac muscle (500X); notice the striations, branching of cells, and the intercalated discs.

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FIGURE 6.8 📕 Cardiac muscle (longitudinal section). Stain: Masson's trichrome. 130×





Figure 6-8B. Cardiac muscle, longitudinal section. H&E, ×272; inset ×418

Cardiac muscle is like skeletal muscle in that it is striated. Actin and myosin filaments are arranged into sarcomeres, with A bands, I bands, H bands, and Z lines (see Fig. 6-9). However, cardiac muscle is different in several respects. Actin and myosin filaments are not arranged in discrete myofibrils. Cardiac muscle fibers are much shorter than skeletal muscle fibers and typically split into two or more branches (*thin arrows*). The branches are joined, end to end, by intercalated disks (*thick arrows in inset*) and form a meshwork of muscle fibers. Each fiber has a single, centrally located nucleus. Cardiac muscle tissue is highly vascularized and contains many more mitochondria than other muscle types, owing to its constant activity and resulting high metabolic requirements.



Figure 6-8C. Cardiac muscle, transverse section. H&E, ×272; inset ×418

Cardiac muscle fibers (myocytes) are elliptical or lobulated in transverse section. Each fiber has a single nucleus, which is irregular in shape and centrally located in the fiber. Many capillaries traverse the tissue, and the endomysium is typically more prominent than in skeletal muscle. The *inset* shows nuclei of myocytes and fibroblasts at higher power, with a capillary in the lower right quadrant (*arrow*).

TABLE 6-1	Muscle Characteristics
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Features	Skeletal Muscle	Cardiac Muscle	Smooth Muscle
Striations	Yes	Yes	No
Fibers	Long, cylindrical, unbranched	Short, branched, anastomosing	Short, spindle shaped
Nuclei	Multiple, peripheral in cell	Single, central in cell	Single, central in cell
Cell junctions	No	Intercalated disks	Gap (nexus) junctions
T tubules	Well developed	Well developed	No
Sarcoplasmic	Highly developed; has terminal	Less well developed; small cisterns	Present, but poorly developed
reticulum	cisterns		
Regeneration	Yes, satellite cells	No	Yes, mitosis
Contraction	Initiated by nerve action potential	Spontaneous; pacemaker system; modulated by nervous system and hormones	Spontaneous; modulated by nervous system and hormones
Main function	Voluntary movement of limbs, digits, face, tongue, and other muscles	Involuntary rhythmic contractions; pumps blood to muscles and organs; modulated by physiological and emotional factors	Involuntary control of blood vessel diameter, gut peristalsis, uterine contractions during childbirth, airway diameter, and others

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