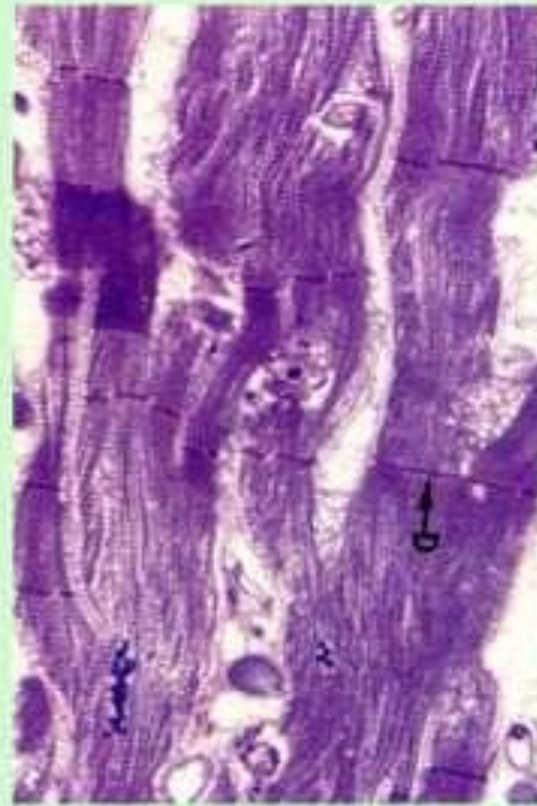


Muscle tissues

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Muscle tissues are classified on the basis of their appearance. Two different types of muscle tissues are recognized: striated and smooth. Striated muscle tissue is subclassified on the basis of its location: skeletal muscle tissue and cardiac muscle tissue



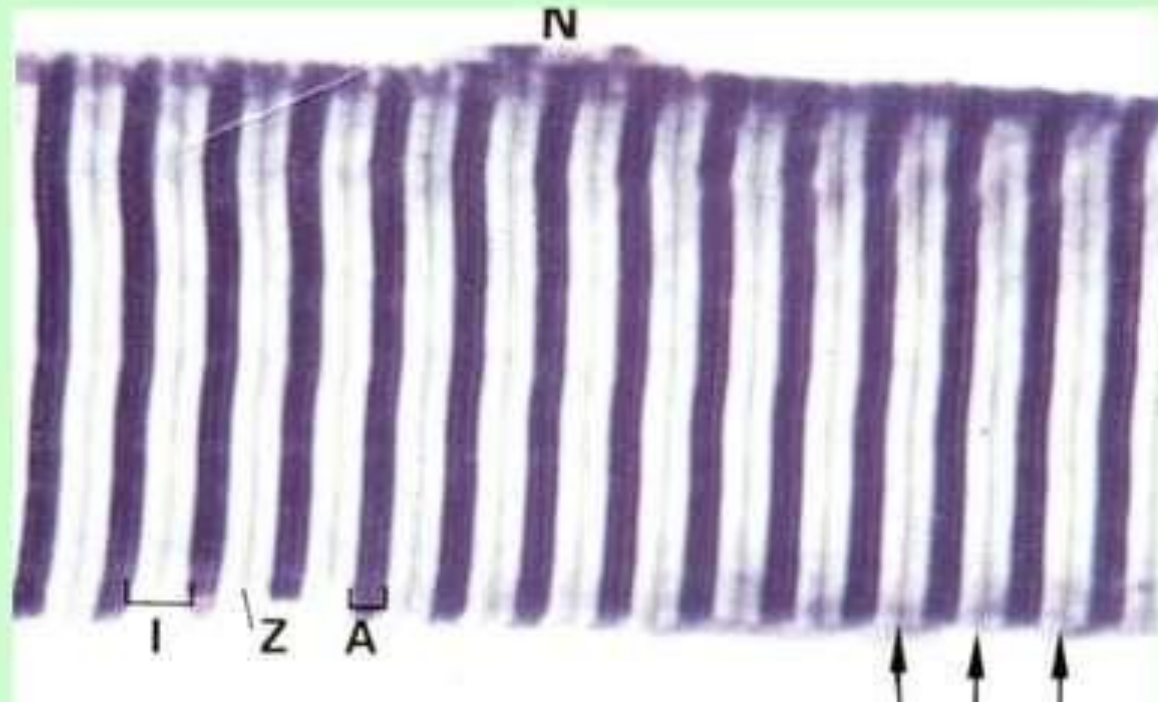
General Features of Skeletal Muscle Tissue

1. It is formed of striated muscle fibers .
2. Each muscle fiber contains many nuclei. They are located immediately under the plasma membrane.
3. Each muscle fiber contains parallel myofibrils (80% myofibrils in the fibre), which are transversely striated.
4. The cytoplasm of the muscle fiber is known as Sarcoplasm (Greek **sarkos** - flesh)
5. The sarcoplasm contains glycogen, lipids and myoglobin (pigmental protein; it can take up, store, or give up oxygen as needed).
6. The function of this tissue is controled voluntarily – it could be contracted or relaxe by will – skeletal muscle came to be known also as voluntary muscle.

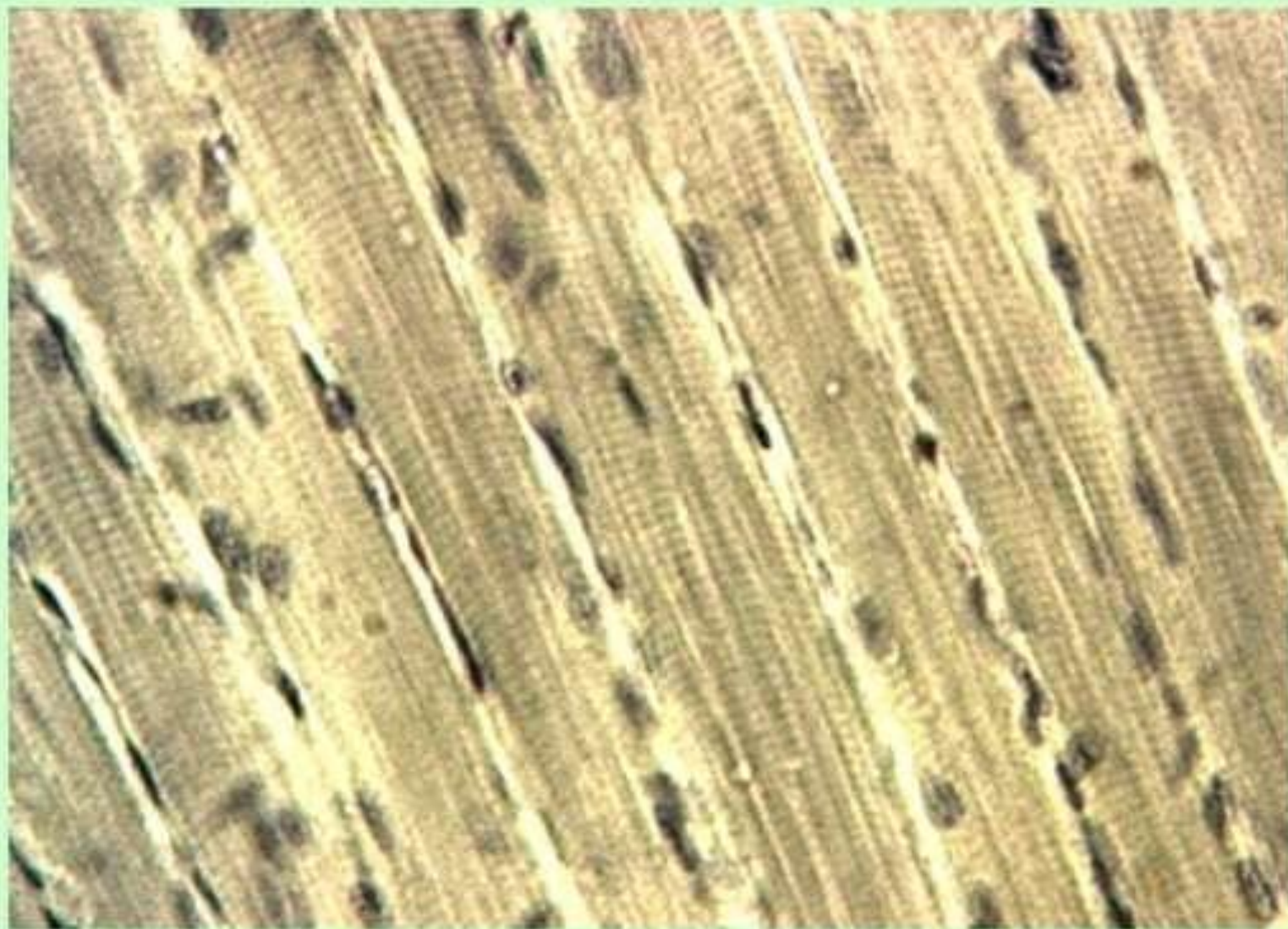
The arrangement of the contractile proteins within skeletal muscle fiber

Skeletal muscle tissue

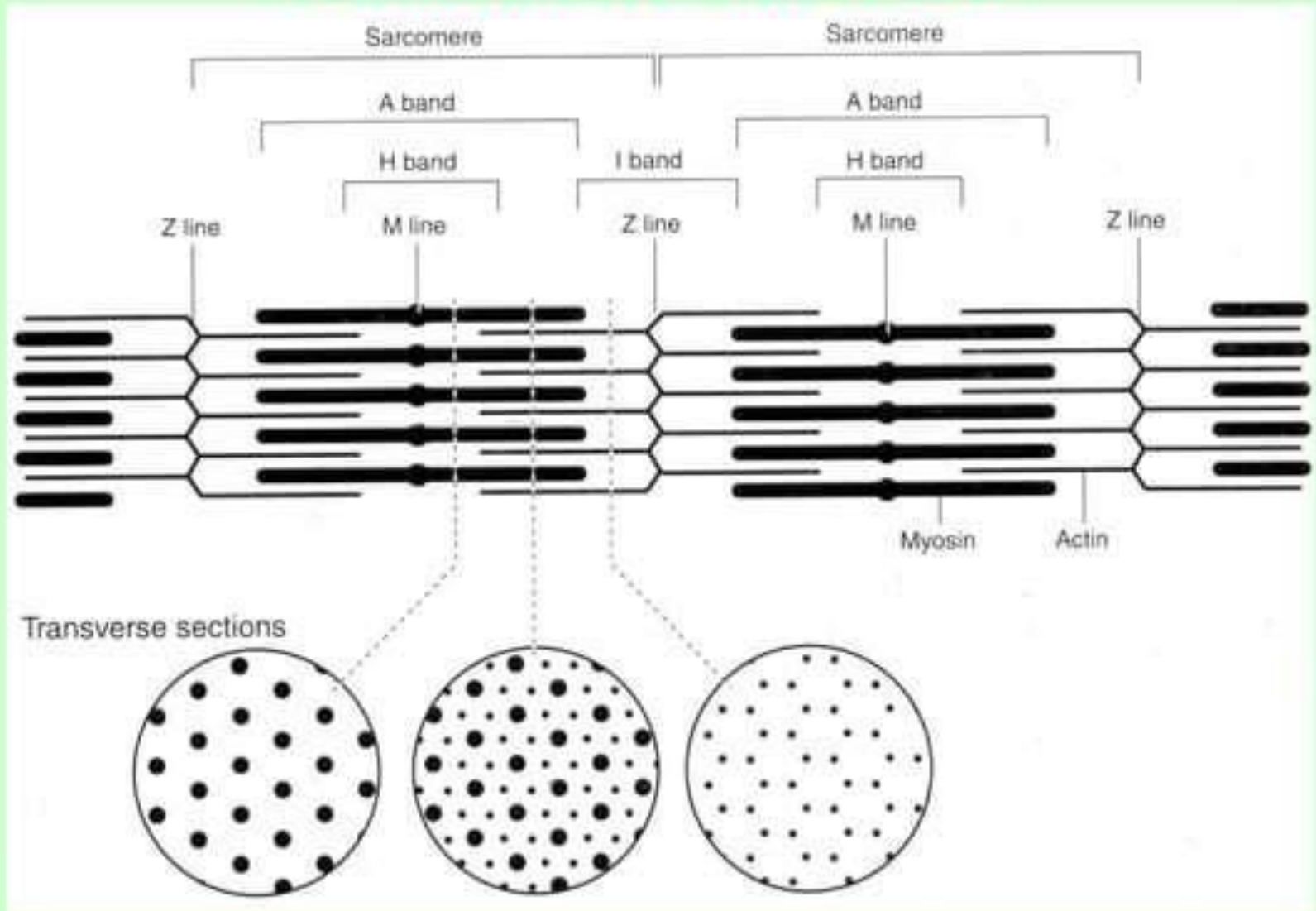
Each myofibril has characteristic banding patterns (dark and light bands). When observed under polarized light, the dark-staining bands are birefringent (**anisotropic**), while the light-staining ones are **isotropic**. Accordingly, the dark bands are called **A bands** (**A** for anisotropic) and the light ones, **I bands** (**I** for isotropic). Owing to these alternations of dark and light bands, transverse striations in a muscle fiber can be seen with light microscope.



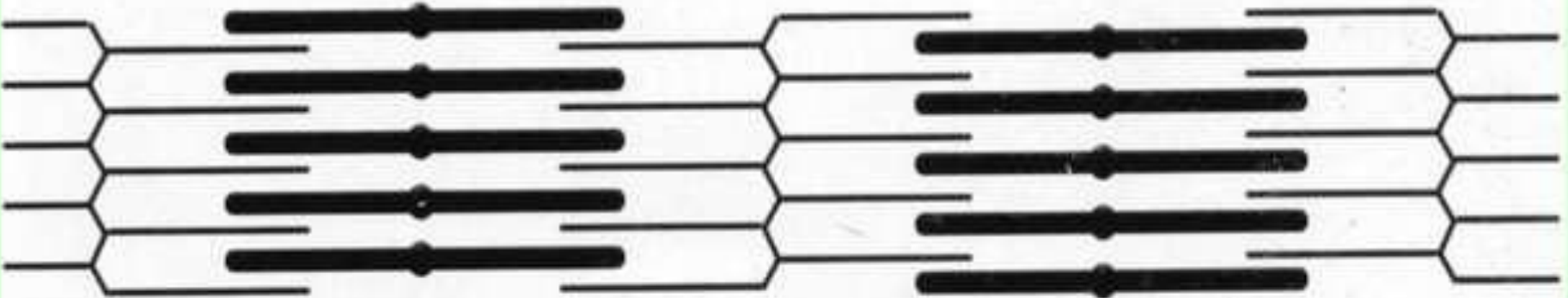
Striated muscle tissue. Iron hematoxylin



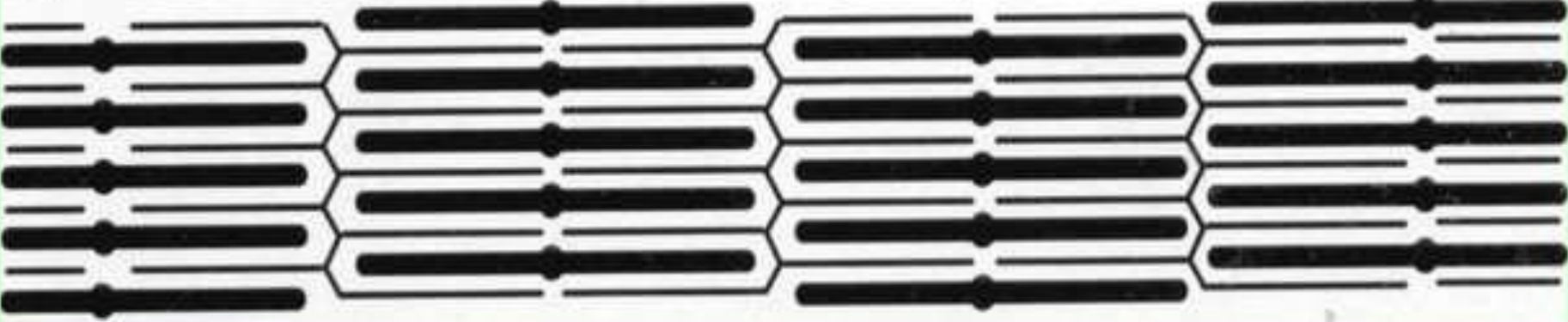
The structure of thick and thin filaments at the molecular level

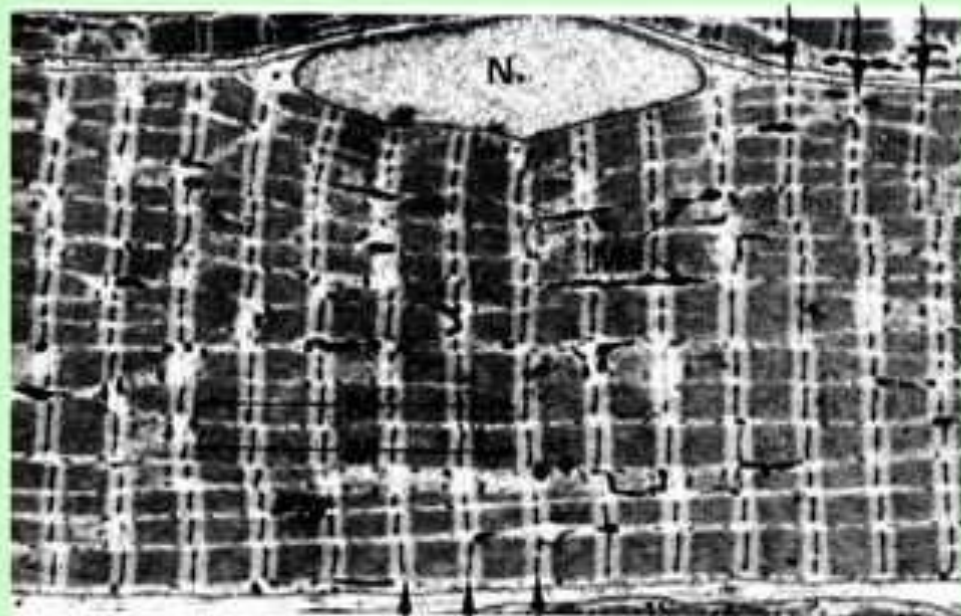


Myofibril in relaxed state

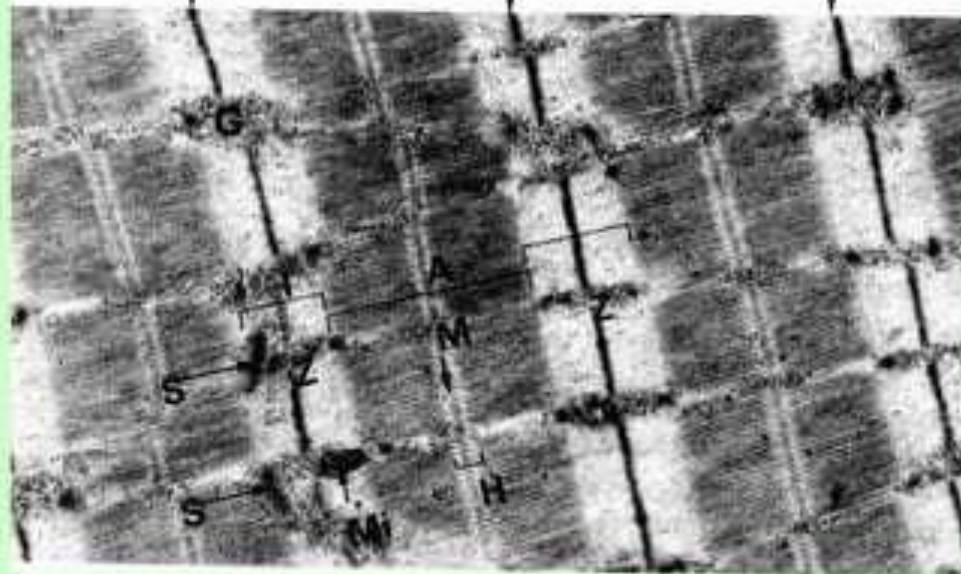


Myofibril in contracted state

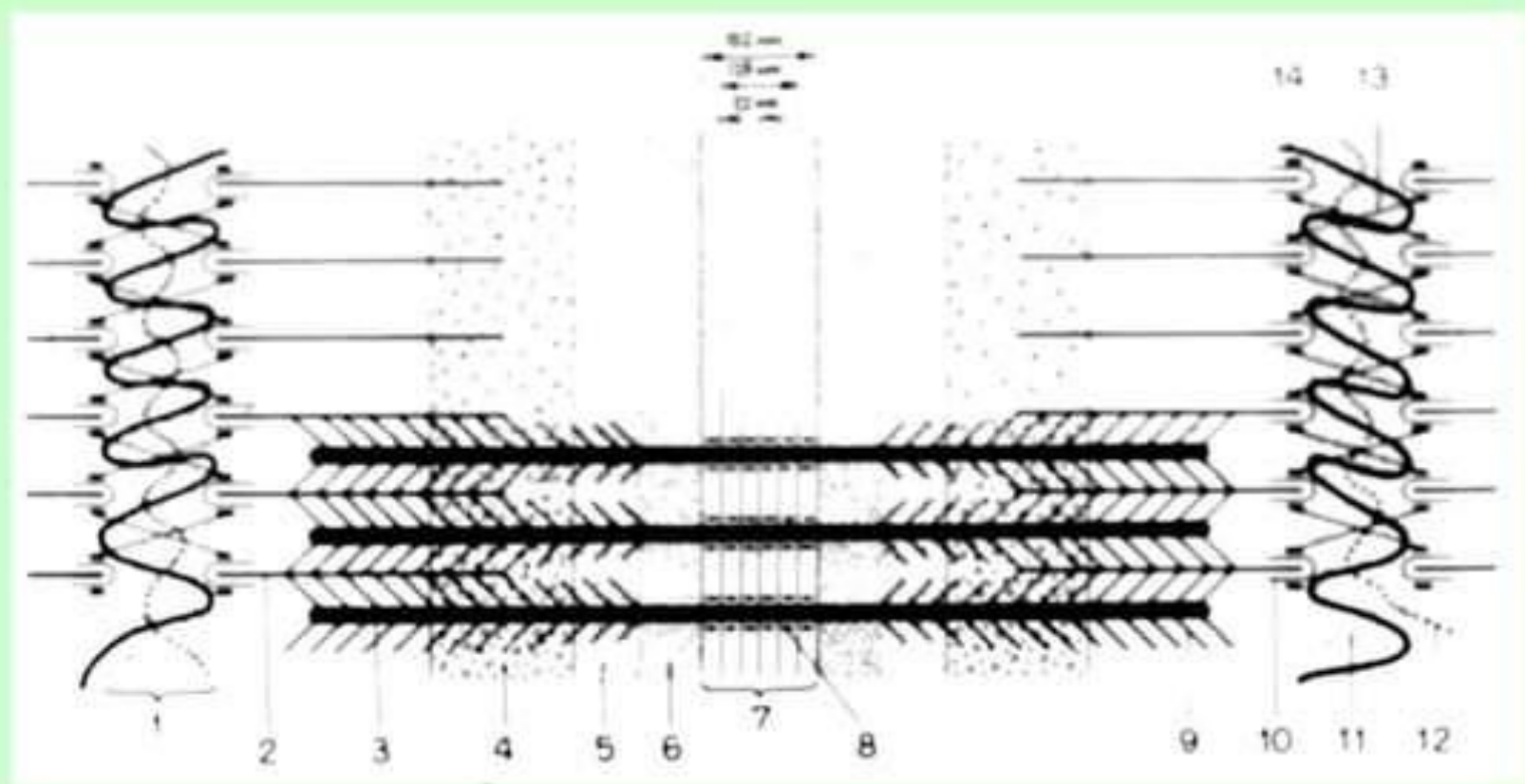


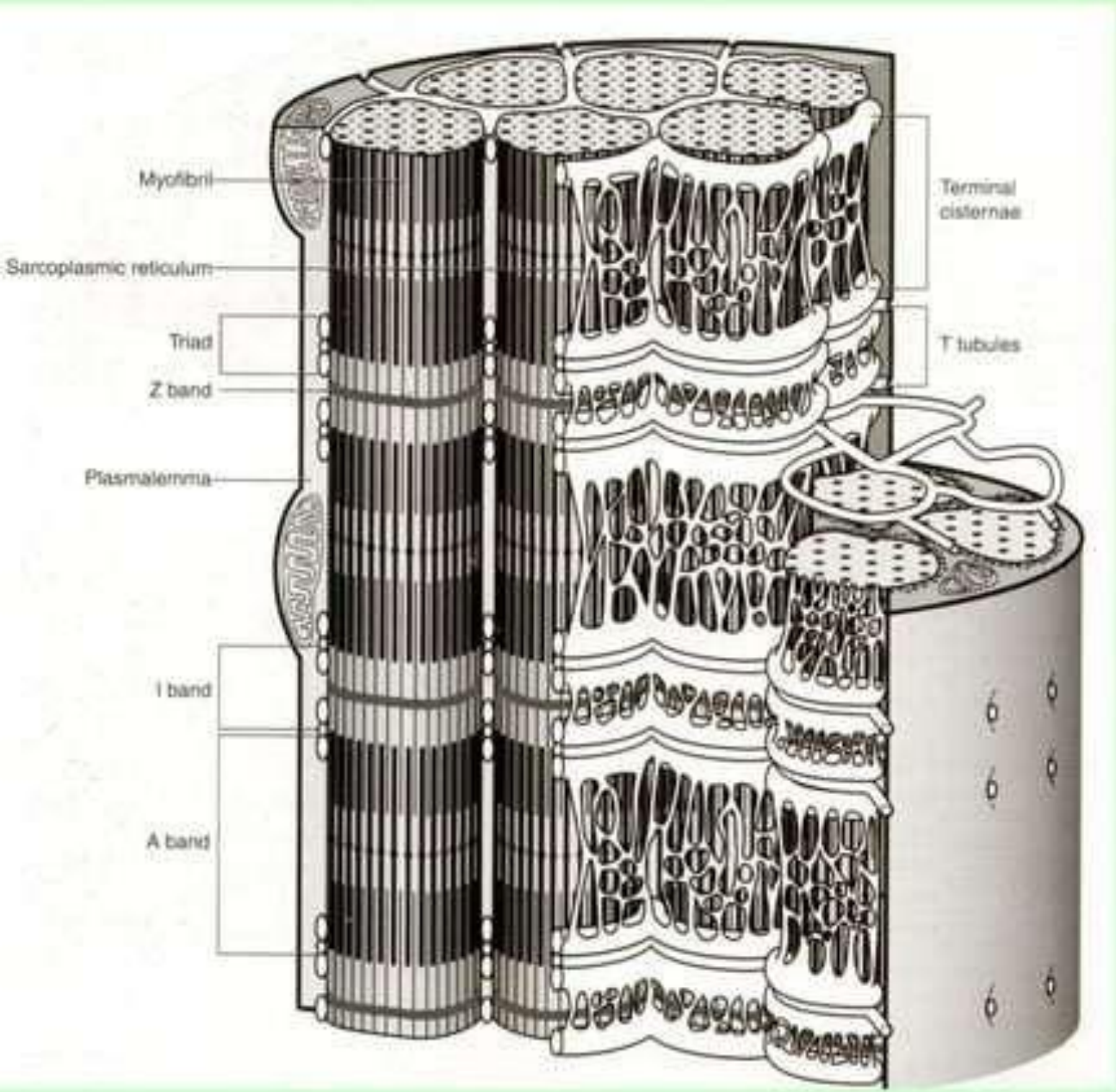


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The structure of sarcomere

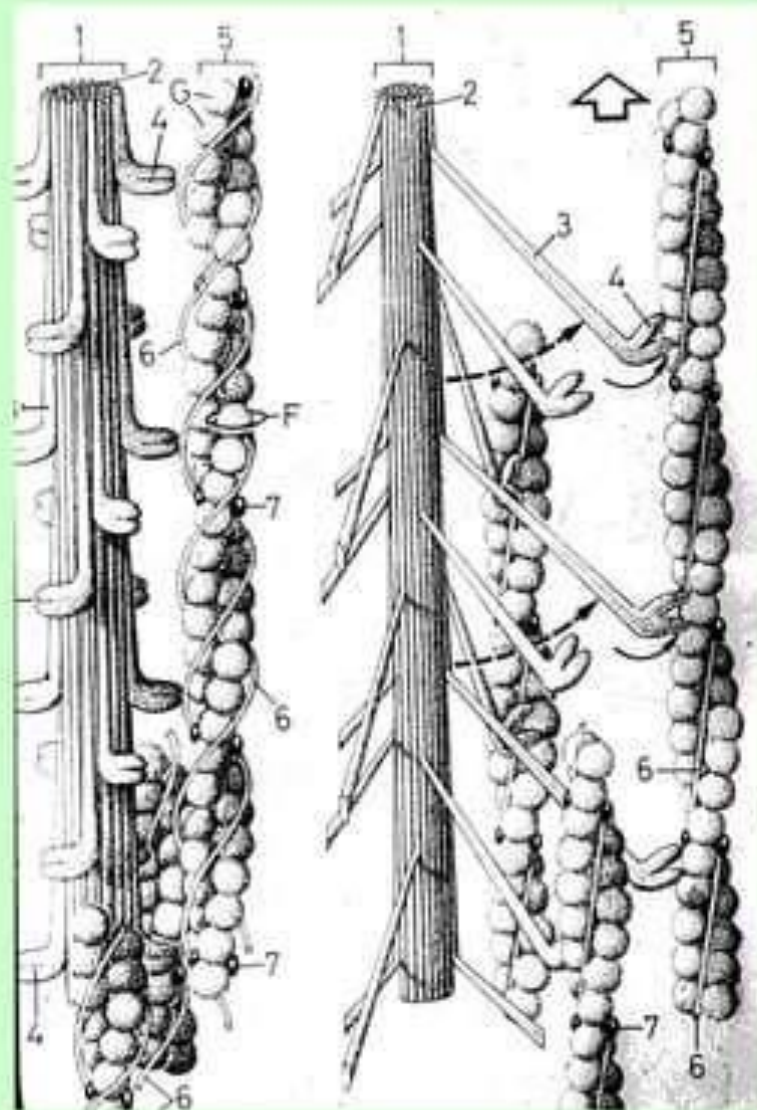




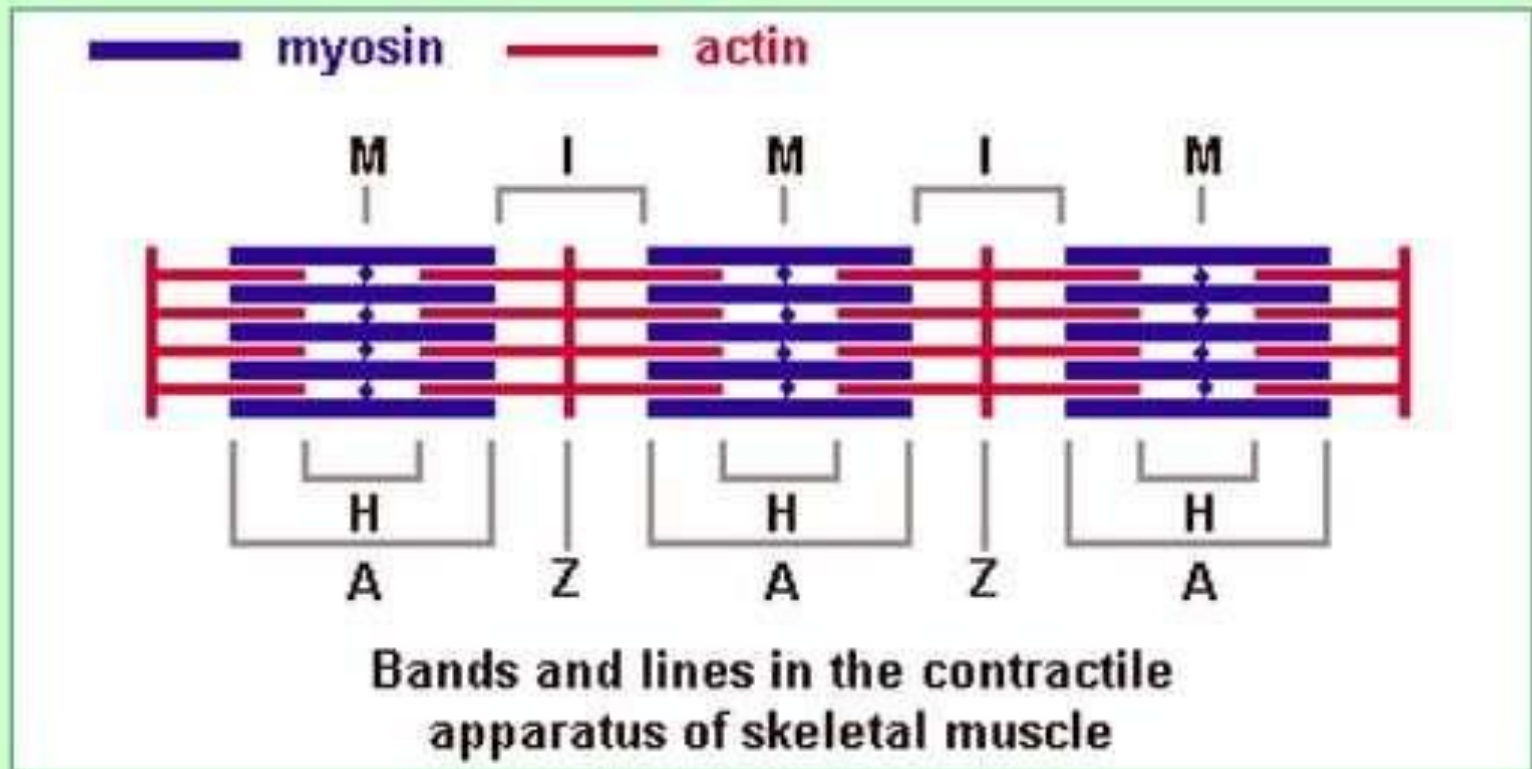
Sarcotubular system

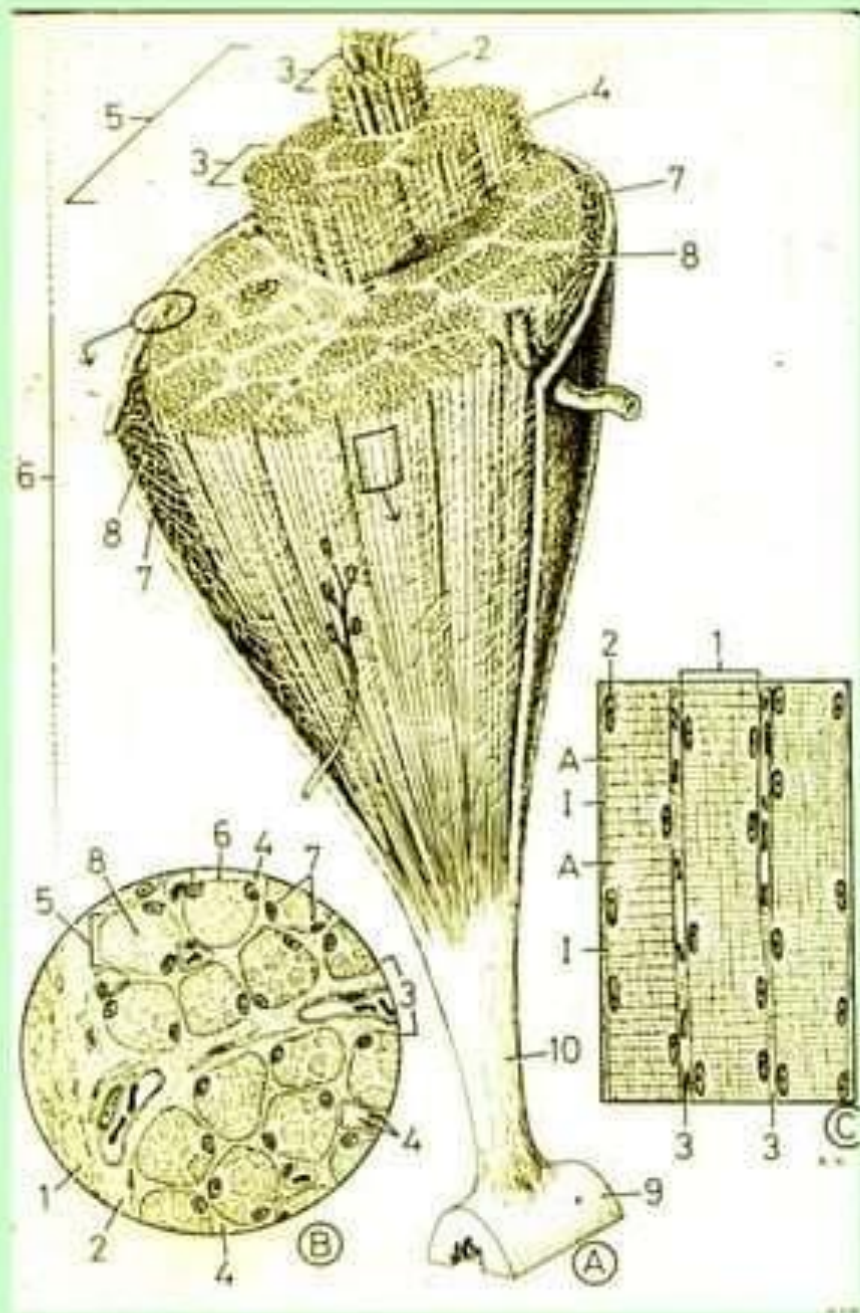
is composed of agranular (smooth) sarcoplasmic reticulum (**L-tubules**) and **T-tubules**

Contraction cycle of skeletal muscle

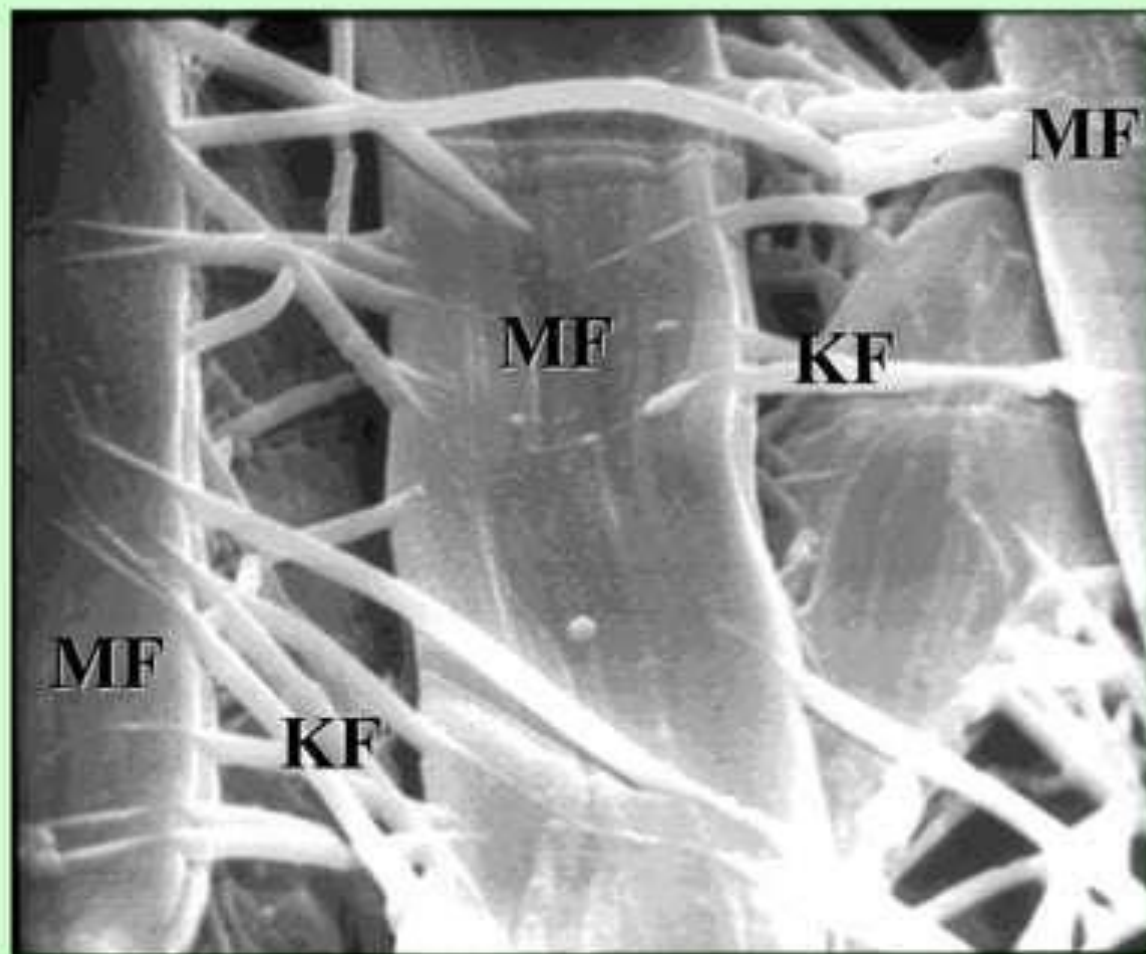


Contraction cycle of skeletal muscle





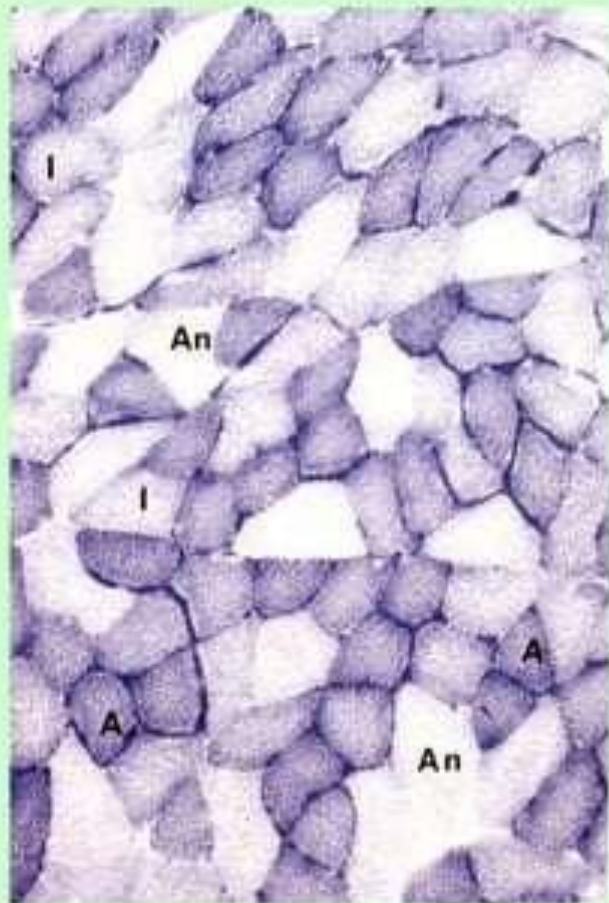
Scanning electron micrograph of striated muscle fibers (MF) endomysium (collagen fibers-KF)



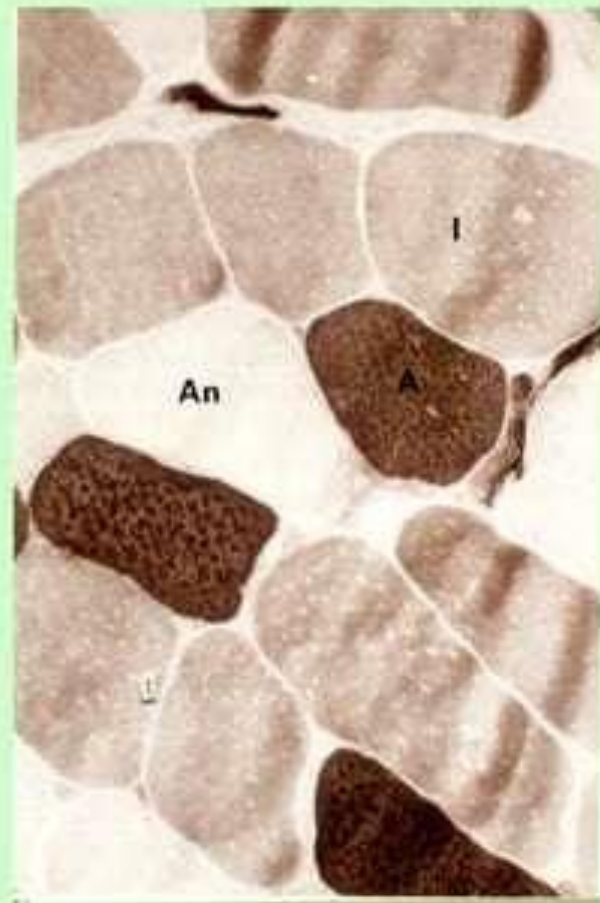
Skeletal muscle fiber Types

Main features and properties	Red fibers slow-twitch	White fibers fast-twitch	Intermediate fibers
Size of motoneurons serving this fibers	small	large	large
Diameter	smaller	larger	between red and white fibers
Number of mitochondria	numerous	larger	between
Myofibers	thinner	thicker	between
Myoglobin	large amounts	less myoglobin	between
Glycogen	less	large amounts	between
Blood supply	rich	poor	between
Fatigue	great resistance fatigue	fatigue rapidly	between
Contraction	slowly	Fast (more rapidly)	between

Type of muscle fibres



The activity of the specific
mitochondrial enzyme
succinate dehydrogenase



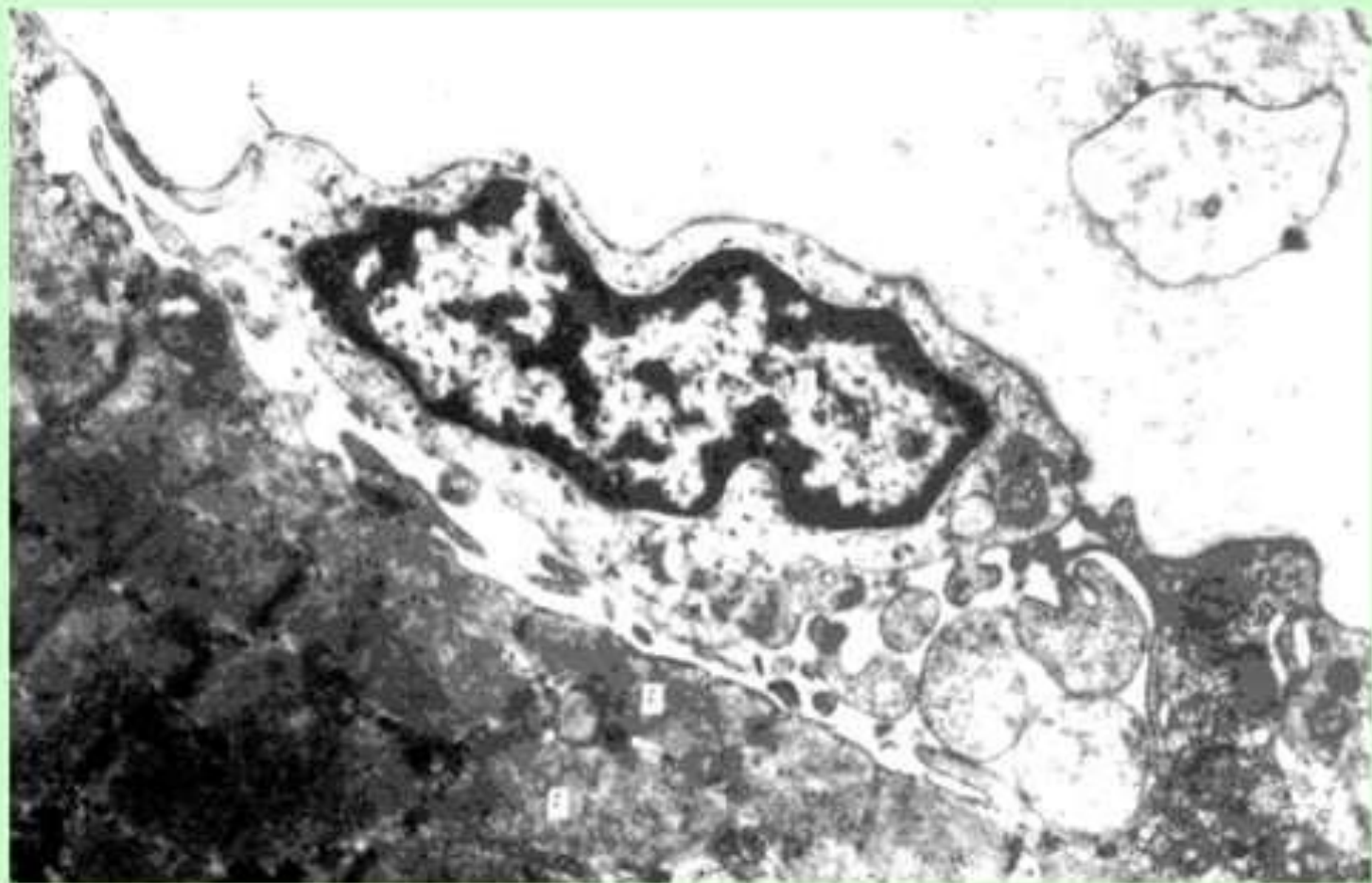
ATP-ase activity

Aerobic (type I), anaerobic (type II) and intermediate fibres

Histogenesis of Skeletal Muscle Fibers

1. From the myotomes arise myoblasts (two cell populations).
2. a) On one side presumptive myoblasts differentiate into true myoblasts.
b) On other, presumptive myoblasts remain undifferentiated and give rise to satellite cells.
3. a) True myoblasts range in rows, fuse together and form myotube.
b) Satellite cells adhere to myotube.
4. Myotube gradually differentiates into skeletal muscle fiber.

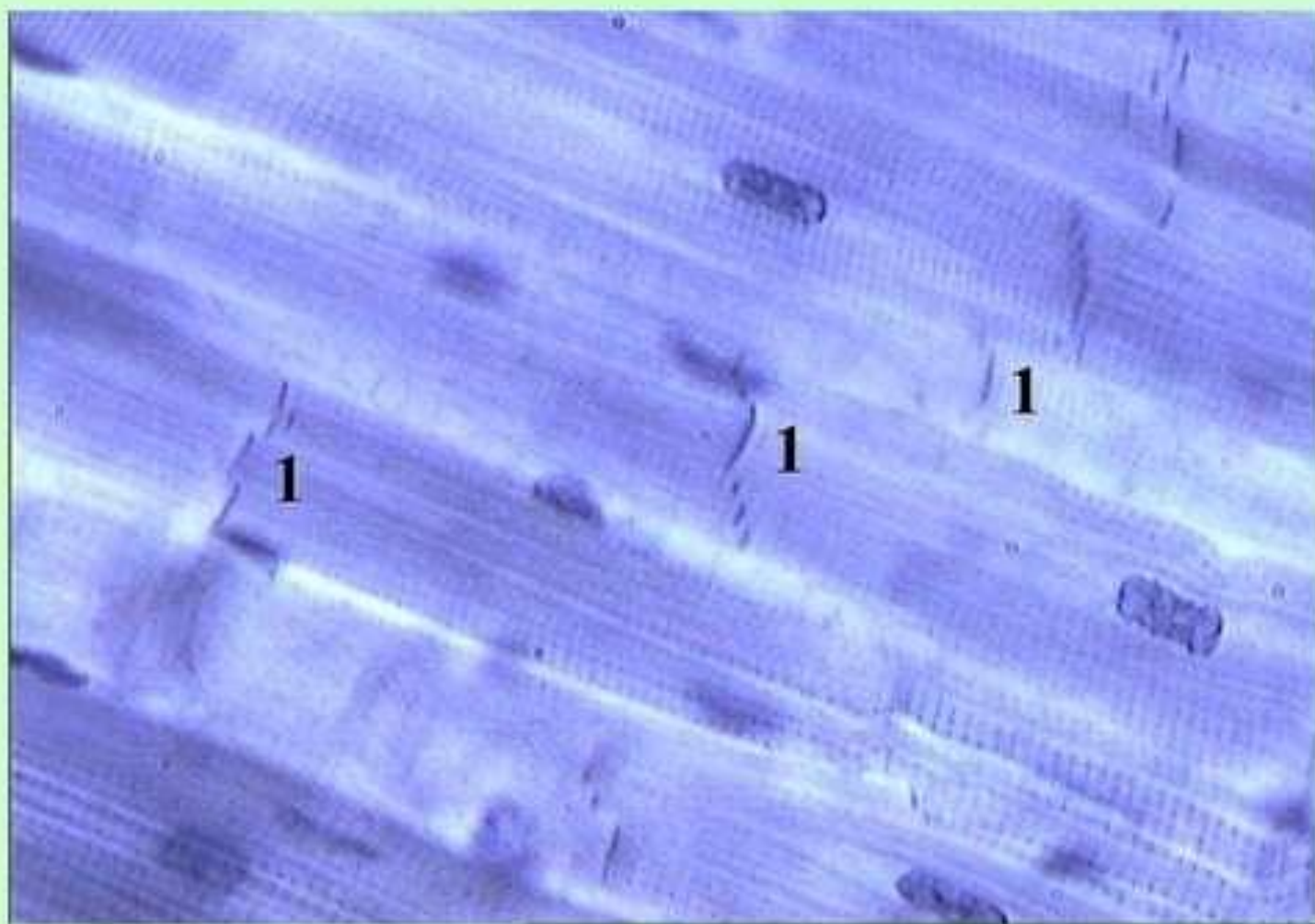
Satellite cell



General Features of Cardiac Muscle Tissue

1. It is formed of striated muscle cells.
2. Each muscle cell contains one or two nuclei. They are located in the central part of the cell.
3. Each muscle cell contains parallel myofibrils (40% of the myofibrils in the cell), which are transversely striated.
4. Each cardiac muscle cell contains many (40% of the mitochondria in the cell).
5. Cardiac muscle cells are joined end - to - end by the intercalated discs (junctional complex of the two cell membranes of two adjacent cardiac muscle cells).
6. Cardiac muscle is involuntary striated muscle.

Cardiac muscle tissue



1 - intercalated disks

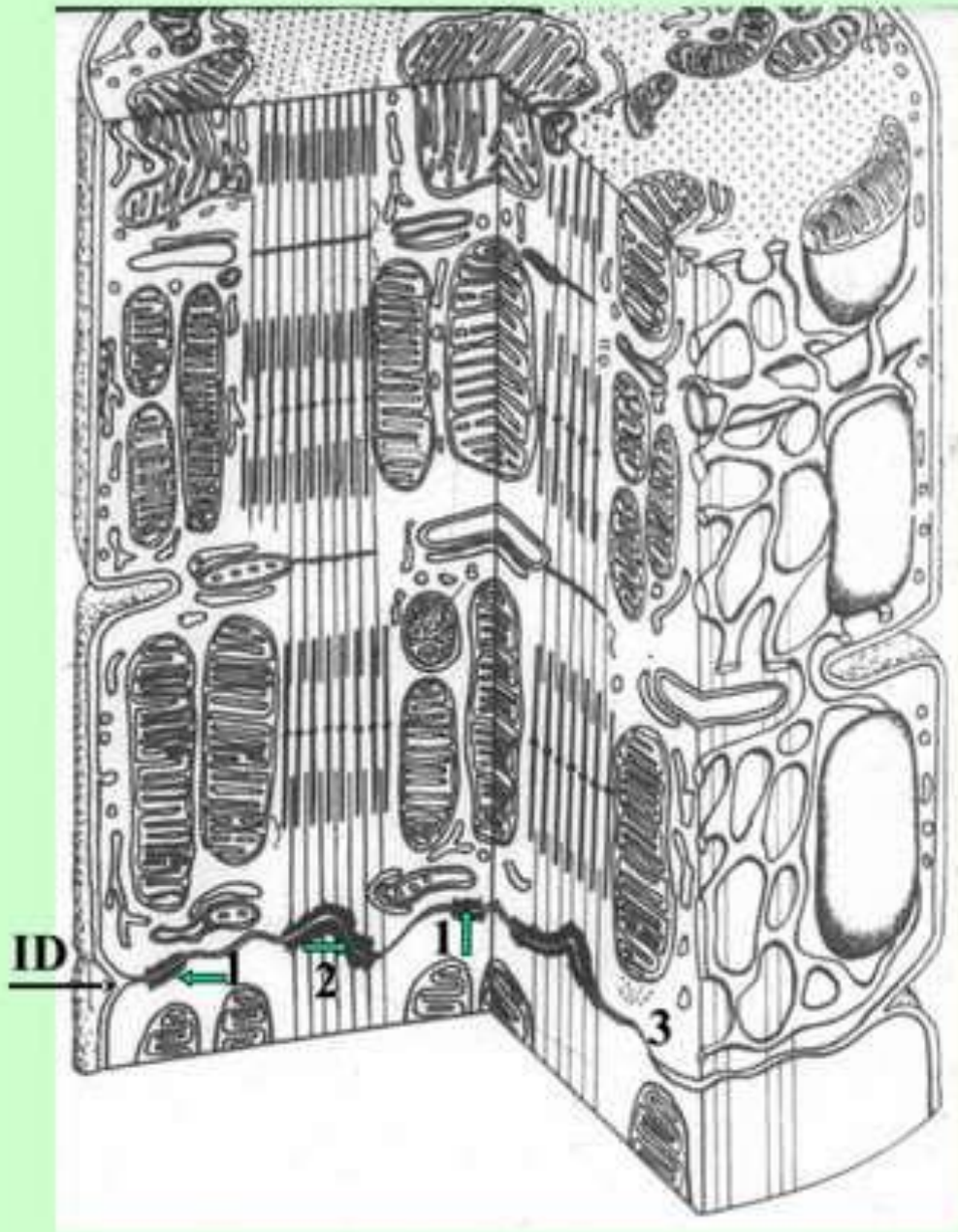
Cardiac muscle cells

ID - Intercalated disk:

1 - desmosomes;

2 - fascia adherens;

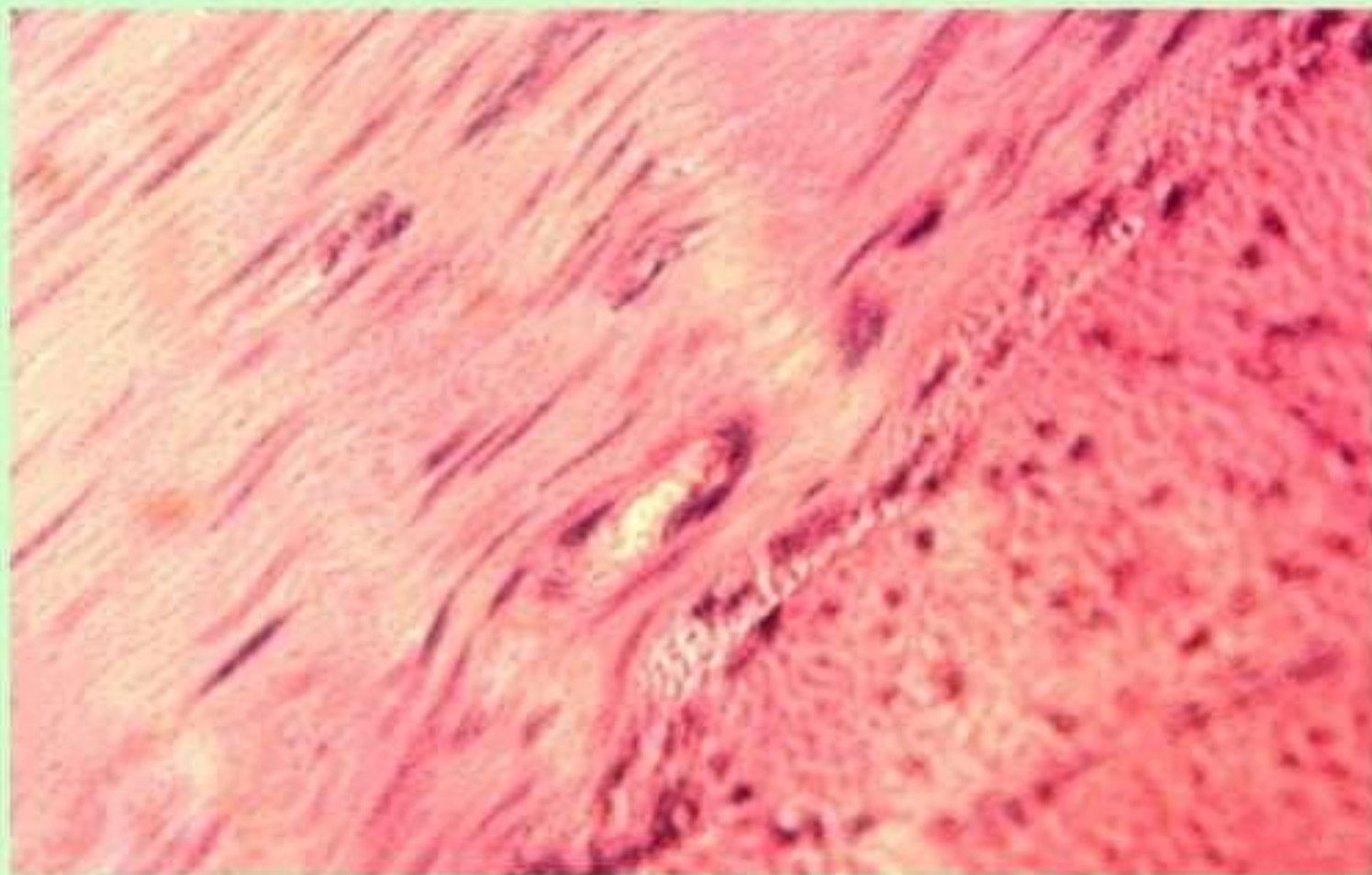
3 - nexus.



General Features of Smooth Muscle Tissue

- 1. It is formed of smooth muscle cells.**
- 2. Each smooth muscle cell contains one rod-shape nucleus. It is located in the center of the cell.**
- 3. Each smooth muscle cell contains myofibrils. They lack any cross striations.**
- 4. Smooth muscle tissue is called involuntary muscle, because it is not controlled by the will.**

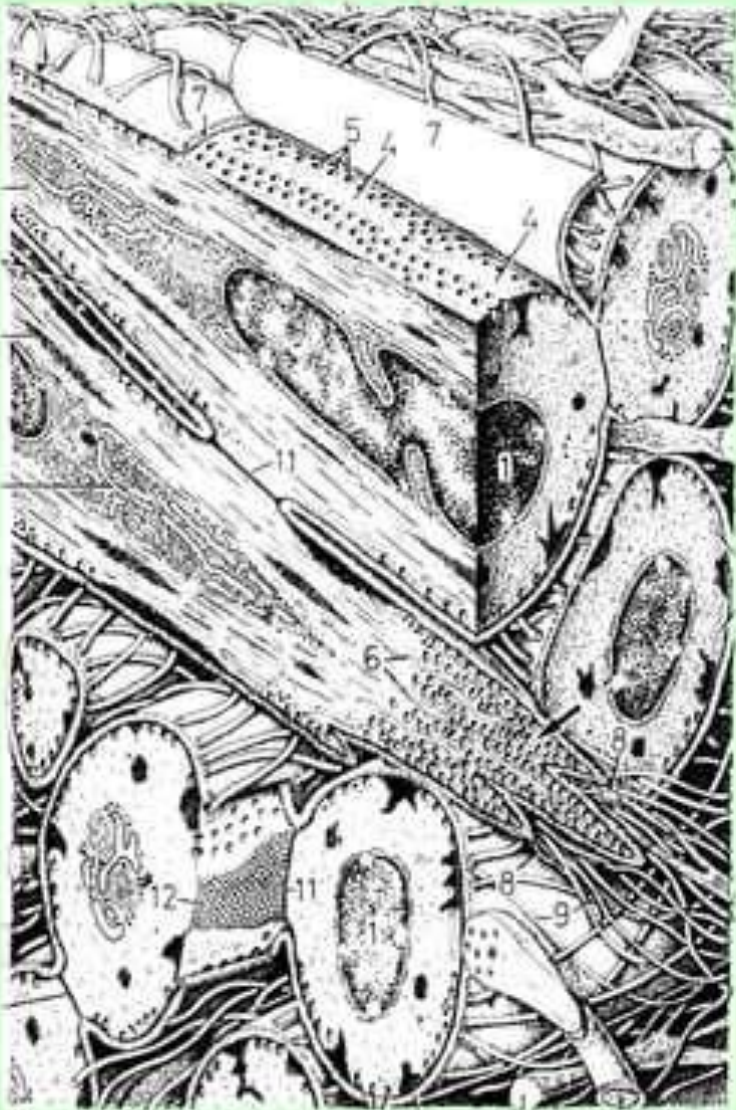
Smooth muscle tissue



Muscular artery



Smooth muscle tissue



Smooth muscle cells

Molecular biology of contraction

- 1 - thin (actin) filaments;
- 2 - thick (myosin) filaments;
- 3 - dense bodies

