

Cell

(Sreevidya Ma'am)

→ Cell is the structural and functional unit of life

→ Sub cellular organelles:

Nucleus, ER, Golgi apparatus, Mitochondria, Lysosome, Peroxisome

→ Organelles have specific fn. Specific enzyme activities serve as MARKERS of the organelle during isolation.

• Tween-20
lipid solvent

• lysis carried out in 0.25M sucrose at pH 7.4

★ Albert Claude got Nobel Prize in 1974 for fractionating subcellular organelles

MARKER ENZYMES OF ORGANELLES

Mitochondria → ATP Synthase

Golgi complex → Galactosyl transferase

ER → Glucose-6-phosphatase

Lysosome → Acid phosphatase

• NUCLEUS

→ Absent in RBC (uppermost layer of skin also may not possess readily identifiable nucleus)

• small lymphocytes & spermatozoa

nucleus occupies most of the space

→ Nuclear membrane contains numerous pores of abt 90nm in diameter

→ Major sub compartment Nucleolus

★ Gabriel Valentine in 1836 described the nucleolus

→ Fn: • Replication, Repair of DNA

• Synthesis and processing of RNA's

• ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM

→ A network of interconnecting membrane that are continuous from the nuclear envelope to plasma membrane

→ It has role in protein synthesis and many synthetic pathways

• SER → Synthesis of lipids and steroids

→ site of drug metabolism

• RER → protein synthesis

• GOLGI APPARATUS

- Is a network of flattened smooth membrane sacs → **cisternae**
- **fns**:
 - Involved in secretion, modification and sorting of proteins
 - **Glycosylation** of proteins
 - Major site of new membrane synthesis

• MITOCHONDRIA

- Spherical, oval or rod like bodies
- Size: $0.2 - 0.8 \mu\text{m}$
- Absent in RBC, intestine, centriole
- Bilayered
- Outer mitochondrial membrane (OMM) → smooth IMM → convolutes into folds → **cristae**
- 2 compartments: Intermembrane space, matrix
- Supplies most of the cell's need for ATP
- IMM contains the ETC (e^- transport chain)
- Matrix:
 - Enzyme of TCA cycle
 - **Beta oxdn of fatty acid**
- Extracellular DNA is found in the matrix of mitochondria
- **fns**:
 - Production of ATP
 - Cellular respiration
 - Oxdn of carbohydrates and lipids
 - **Urea and heme synthesis**

Clinical Significance:

- **Kufl's disease** - Defective energy transduction
- **Mt. Myopathies** - Oxphas diseases due to mutation in Mt. DNA
- **Parkinson's, cardiomyopathies** - age related degenerative diseases

• LYSOSOMES

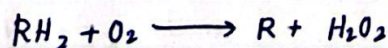
- Vesicular str
- Size: $0.4 \mu\text{m}$
- Surrounded by lipoprotein membrane
- Acidic pH (~ 5)
- contains a grp of hydrolytic enzymes
- ★ Lysosomes are the cell's garbage disposal system
- It recycle materials by breaking down worn-out parts of a cell into smaller units
- They deliver these materials to the cytoplasm for use in constructing new proteins
- If the membrane of lysosome breaks, the enzyme released may also destroy the cell itself, giving lysosomes the name suicide bags
- Fns:
 - Cellular digestion
 - Hydrolysis of carbohydrates, protein, lipids and nucleic acids

Clinical aspects:

- Lysosomal storage disorders
- Inclusion cell disease - a protein targeting defect - accumulation of undegraded molecules - inclusion bodies
- Gout - Urate crystals are phagocytosed and cause physical damage of lysosomes releasing enzymes producing inflammation and arthritis

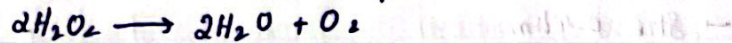
• PEROXISOMES

- Diverse grp of organelles found in eukaryotic cell
- they are named so because they play unique role in hydrogen Peroxide metabolism
- Contains enzymes that use molecular oxygen to remove H atoms from specific substrates



→ Hydrogen peroxide is used up or detoxified

→ **Catalases** in peroxisome convert this H_2 peroxide to water



→ **fn:** • Imp role in lipid metabolism

• Metabolism of free O_2 radicals

• Synthesis of cholesterol and ether lipids

• Bile acid formation

• Catabolism of purines, prostaglandins

• Alcohol detoxification in liver

• Metabolism of estradiol

Clinical Significance:

• Peroxisomes indirectly linked to human conditions such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers

• Peroxisomal disorders

→ **The Zellweger syndrome**

→ **Refsum's disease**

→ **Hyperoxaluria**

• CYTOSOL

→ Organelle free sap

→ No specific str

→ Rich in proteins

→ Supports synthesis of proteins on ribosome which are free or bound to ER by supplying the cofactor and energy.

★ Enzymes of hydrolysis, fatty acid synthesis

• STR OF MEMBRANE

→ **Juilaminar** appearance

→ width: 50-80Å

- LIPIDS → Phospholipids, Glycosphingolipids and cholesterol
- PROTEINS → Peripheral proteins and integral membrane proteins
- CARBOHYDRATES → Glycoproteins or glycolipids

- Dynamic nature
- Amphipathetic
- membranes are asymmetrical
- Irregular distribution of proteins
- The carbohydrates are located exclusively on the outside (ectoenzyme) and inside the membrane
- Composed of lipids, proteins and carbohydrates

Lipids (Swedha maham)

- heterogenous grp of compd which are relatively insoluble in water, but soluble in non-polar organic solvents such as benzene, ether, acetone, chloroform etc
- **Ins:**
 - Sources of energy (9 Kcal/g) - storage form of energy is **Triacyl glycerol**
 - Structural components of biomembrane (phospholipids & cholesterol)
 - Metabolic regulators (steroid hormones & prostaglandin)
 - Act as electric insulators in neurons
 - Act as surfactants, detergents and emulsifying agent

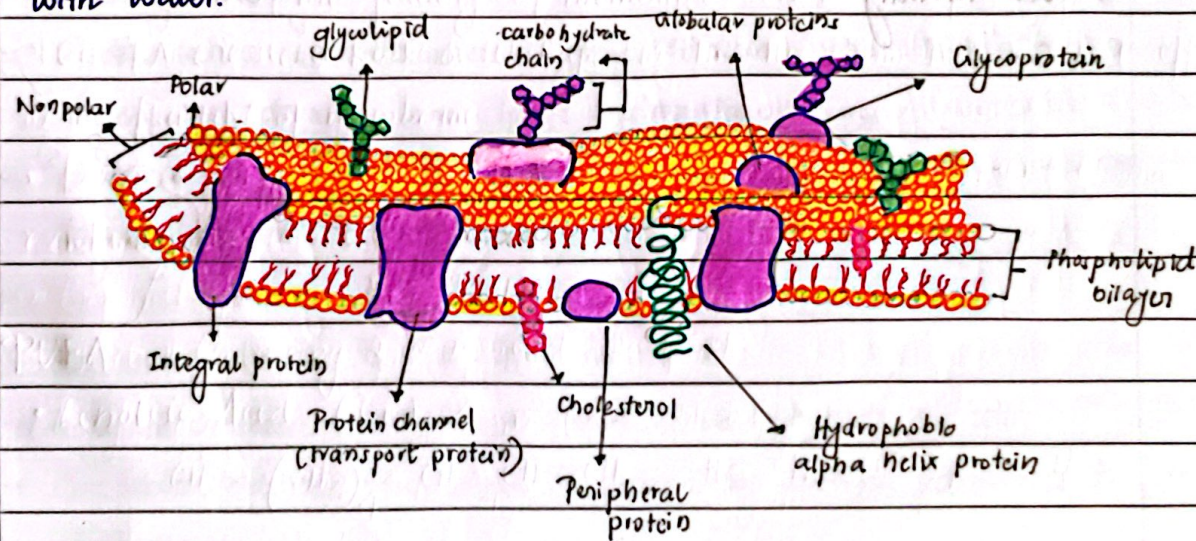
• Hypercholesterolemia

Str of Membrane

• Davson and Danielli (1935)
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Lipid bilayer

FLUID MOSAIC MODEL (By Singer & Nicolson in 1972)

- The phospholipids are arranged in bilayer with polar head groups oriented towards the outside and the hydrophobic tails towards b/w the bilayer
- The proteins are either on the surface or span the lipid bilayer
- The hydrophobic lipids and proteins are arranged to minimise the interaction with water.



- Fluid mosaic model shows free lateral movement
- No flip-flop movement
- ** Fluidity of plasma membrane is proportional to conc. of cholesterol and fatty acids

• Peripheral proteins

- Exist on the surface of the membrane
- Do not interact directly with the phospholipids
- They r weakly bound to the hydrophilic region of integral proteins

• Integral membrane proteins

- Commonest
- Interact extensively with the phospholipids
- Embedded or span the entire distance of membrane
- Attached by hydrophobic bonds or van der Waals force

Junctions of Plasma membrane

- Protective sheath
- Selective transport of ions and molecules (selective permeability)
- Recognition of various stimuli
- Contain receptors for biomolecules like hormones, neurotransmitters etc
- Maintenance of shape of cell
- Cell motility

EXTRA CELLULAR MATRIX

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- Constitutes the non-cellular component of all tissues and organs
- Imp role in the development, differentiation and maintenance of the tissue and organ

GAGs →
Oxyane Amino
glycan

- Major components are water, proteins and polysaccharides
- The two main components are proteoglycan (GAGs + Proteins) and fibrous proteins (collagen, elastin, fibronin and fibronectin, an adhesive protein)

COLLAGEN

- Major structural protein in connective tissue
- Very strong and tensile protein
- Made up of 3 polypeptide chains
 - ↳ These 3 polypeptide chains are wound into a right handed super helix (triple helix) forming a rod like str.
- Every 3rd amino acid is glycine
- contains proline, hydroxy proline and hydroxy lysine in good proportion
- The repetitive amino acid sequence represented as (Gly-X-Y)_n.

Intracellular synthesis of collagen

- The collagen is synthesised by fibroblasts as a large precursor intracellularly, called procollagen
- Hydroxylation of proline and lysine residues (post-translation modification) by prolyl hydroxylase and lysyl hydroxylase, required vit C & α -KGA as cofactors
- Glycosylation of hydroxy lysine occurs

Extracellular synthesis

- After the synthesis, procollagen is then secreted outside the cell
- The extra cellular procollagen is cleaved by specific peptidases to form tropocollagen

- Multiple tropocollagen molecules assemble into collagen fibres.
- Collagen fibres are arranged in a 'quarter staggered array'
- The collagen fibres are strengthened by covalent cross-links b/w lysine and hydroxy lysine residues
- The cross-links are formed by lysyl oxidase, a copper containing enzyme

- **Fns:**
 - Type II is mainly seen in cartilage and vitreous humor
 - Type III is in skin, lung and vascular tissues
 - Type IV is seen in the basement membrane
 - Give support to organs → Main fn
 - Help in proliferation and differentiation of cell.

ELASTIN

- Protein in connective tissue
- Major component of elastic fibres
- Allow many tissues in the body to resume their shape after stretching or contracting → fn
- Composed of protein fibrillin and amino acids such as glycine, valine, alanine, lysine and proline
- Cross-links are formed from 4 lysine residues (in presence of lysyl oxidase)
- Found in ligaments and in the walls of blood vessels (Eg aorta)

1. Osteogenesis imperfecta

- AKA 'brittle bone disease'
- Abnormality in collagen str
- Due to genetic mutation in single amino acid
- Here glycine is replaced by cysteine in the polypeptide chain
- Polypeptides excessively hydroxylated and glycosylated
- Unfolding of the helix and result in brittle bones

2. Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome

- The condition results from defective type III collagen formation due to defective lysyl oxidase or lysyl hydroxylase
- Characterised by weakening of collagen, loose skin

3. Marfan Syndrome

- The disease is produced by a defect in the gene, coding for connective tissue protein, fibrillin 1.
- It is a component of microfibrils, which normally gives the substratum for deposition of elastin
- So fibrillin and elastin are deposited at lower conc.

CONTRACTILE PROTEINS

- The myofiber is the functional unit of skeletal muscle and is multinucleated
- The cytoplasm (sarcooplasm) of a myofiber contains a regular array of contractile units - comprised of actin (thin filament) and myosin (thick filament)

MYOSIN

- The myosin molecules are large, each with 6 polypeptide chains; 2 identical heavy chains and 4 light chains
- Myosin molecule assemble into filaments
- Myosin act as the enzyme ATPase
- Myosin binds to actin polymer
- Sliding and shortening of actin and myosin is the basis of muscle contraction
- During muscle contraction, myosin moves over actin filaments

ACTIN

- It is the major protein of the thin filaments
- It can polymerize into fibrous form, called F-actin, which is a helix of actin monomer
- The muscle contraction results from the interaction of the actin and myosin, to form actomyosin with energy provided by ATP.