

Sheet no. 5

# Histology



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### Instructions:

**Blue**  $\rightarrow$  What doctor mentioned in their slides

**Black**  $\rightarrow$  What doctor said in lecture

**Italic**  $\rightarrow$  Sheet writers' notes that doctor did **NOT** mention in the lecture

Note: All pictures are taken from doctor's slides

Highlight → What doctor emphasized

**Note:** Doctor didn't finish epithelium cells section yet, so the first section will continue to talk about stratified cells, then it'll talk about our new topic.

Recall from last sheet, types of epithelia:

- 1) Simple squamous (endothelium, in lung alveoli and mesothelium)
- 2) Simple cuboidal
- 3) Simple columnar
- 4) Pseudostratified columnar
- 5) Stratified squamous (keratinized and non-keratinized)

Note: next epithelia are rare types

6) Stratified cuboidal epithelium

Location: larger ducts of exocrine glands such as salivary glands (excretory ducts)

Note: tiny ducts within the gland itself have simple cuboidal

**Example:** salivary gland in oral cavity secretes saliva, this saliva is delivered to the oral cavity. Within the gland we have tiny ducts (simple cuboidal), then these tiny become larger and larger until they're larger ducts (stratified cuboidal)



Cuboidal

**Epithelial surface** 

Superficial layer (upper layer)

Basal layer (deeper layer) usually appear smaller, nuclei are a bit closer, and nuclei tend to be dottily (dot-like) stained more than the superficial layer Note: dot-like staining lessens (تقل) when we move from basal layer to upper layer

(منقِّط = Dot-like)



Lumen contains the secretion (saliva in salivary gland and tears in lachrymal gland)

Note: the doctor mentioned here something about paracellular movement, but she didn't finish it (it seemed like she didn't want to talk about it), if someone knows what it is please leave a comment <3

# 7) Stratified columnar epithelium

### Location: conjunctiva, larger ducts

This type is rarer than the previous one



Note: we can notice that the deeper layers aren't columnar, but we ALWAYS look at the most superficial layer

Conjunctiva

palbebral conjunctiva

> cornea iris

bulbar coniunctiva



- Conjunctiva covers the sclera and lines the inner surface of the eyelid
- Conjunctiva cells usually secrete mucus



Location: urinary tract (urinary bladder & ureters, urethra)

ureter: what carries urine from kidney down to the urinary bladde

urethra: what takes urine outside

Function: allows stretching (changing in size) and protection of inner tissues



I added this picture to help you understand more, doctor didn't use it



Intermediate layers (Could be more than one layer depending on the region) Note: these layers in urinary bladder are more than the ones in ureter

> We can distinguish two tissues in this picture. In the lower tissue the ECM is much more than the cells (this is because the staining and the distribution of nuclei is different from the upper tissue)

recall: ECM staining looks brighter than nuclei (pink)

**Umbrella cells** are binucleated cells, and they are rounder than normal cells. They're subjected to urine (urine is rich in urea which is toxic), they prevent urine leakage thus protecting cells, in addition to providing stretchability.

# **Specialized apical structures**

## 1) Microvilli

- Finger-like extensions of plasma membrane of apical epithelial cell.
- Present mainly in absorptive cells (columnar/cuboidal).
- Main function is the absorption of nutrients from intestines and glomerular filtrate:
  - Striated border in the intestine



- Brush border in the kidney (tubules with simple cuboidal with microvilli on)
- Increase the surface area for absorption.

Terminal web: is a filamentous structure found at the apical surface of epithelial cells that possess microvilli. It is composed primarily of **actin** filaments, which also anchors the terminal web to the apical cell membrane. (زي أساسات البيت بتعطي دعامة للبناء)

*Note: doctor said " يا محتر مين* you were supposed to take terminal web in biology, and you are required to search it up". *So, I did it for you* 😊

Our Book: Each microvillus contains bundled actin filaments capped and bound to the surrounding plasma membrane by actin-binding proteins (Figure 4–8d). Although microvilli are relatively stable, the microfilament arrays are dynamic and undergo various myosin-based movements, which help maintain optimal conditions for absorption via numerous channels, receptors, and other proteins in the plasmalemma. The actin filaments insert into the terminal web of cortical microfilaments at the base of the microvilli (مؤلف الكتاب نفسه مش فاهم شو هاد بس حطيته احتياط للنيردات)



It's not TEM because of staining not phase contrast because you must see nuclei

Note: the length of microvilli is around 1  $\mu$ m and the width 0.1  $\mu$ m, and we have hundreds of thousands of microvilli on each cell.



The mucosa is a membrane that lines various cavities in the body, and covers the surface of internal organs, in short it consists of one or more layers of epithelial cell overlying a layer of loose connective tissue.

Note: it should be in a lining. For example: lining of the GI tract (oral cavity  $\rightarrow$  oral mucosa) (respiratory tract  $\rightarrow$  respiratory mucosa) what is common between those locations is that the epithelium is in contact with something foreign (like food in GI tract and air in respiratory tract)

Note: plasma membrane is fixed to the terminal web by Myosin II

Note: microvilli are immotile (غير متحرك)

Note: don't forget to look at the highlighted parts in pictures (in the whole sheet)

- 2) Cilia
- Motion detection
- Motile cytoplasmic hair like projections capable of moving fluid and particles along epithelial surfaces.
- Line cells in the respiratory organs, uterine tubes, and efferent ducts in testes.
- They move rhythmically and rapidly in one direction.

Recall: we usually see cilia on pseudostratified epithelium (respiratory tract)



Notes:

- our book uses letters to represent words, c for cilia and g for goblet cells, B for basal body, etc (look at the pictures above)
- goblet cells don't have cilia on them
- cilia look like تبع السجادة 🤤
- cross section won't give you a perfect micrograph because they move in many directions (يعني بتتحرك يمين ويسار ولقدام ولورا مشان هيك بتبينش بطولها الكامل)



- We have 9 doublets
- We have 2 single doublets in the centre
- Nexin-link protein binds doublets together
- All doublets move as one unit
- Dynein "arms" are connected to microtubule A
- dynein arms have motor proteins, which when activated by ATP, briefly bind the neighbouring microtubule and the doublets slide past each other slightly, the sliding motion is restricted by nexin cross-links between doublets
- Motor proteins distinguish between the cilia and microvilli
- Doublets are connected to the inner sheath by radial spoke
- The basal body has 9 triplets BUT it doesn't have central microtubules and dynein "arms".
  so basal bodies don't move, the movement happens only in the core of the cilia



- in respiratory tract cilia move upward so they expel mucus
- in uterus, the cilia on the simple columnar move inward, so they move the oval toward the inner cavity of uterus

Note: those pictures are so important!



Nexin cross-links between doublets



Pseudostratified How?

Nuclei don't seem aligned And we have goblet cells and cilia So, this sample was taken from respiratory epithelium (ciliated pseudostratified) Note: it could be male genital tract

LM (bright field) H&E staining

CEE

but it doesn't have cilia so it's respiratory

Basal cells

## 3) Stereocilia

- Increase surface area
- Absorption (same as microvilli)
- Branched and long
- Motion detection

The lining in the inner ear (cochlear) is epithelial with stereocilia, but here stereocilia aren't for absorption (they have sensory nerve endings that can detect motion)

(simply, they convert physical force from sound into an electrical signal)

- Male genital tract and inner ear
- Longer than microvilli
- Immotile (no motor protein)
- Less in number than microvilli
- Branched (because they're long)
- Motor proteins are only available in cilia



- This sample was taken from epididymis (male genital tract)
- This is pseudostratified epithelium (it's not columnar because the nuclei aren't aligned -on the same level-)



Do not reach the upper surface

## Past paper questions:

1) Which of the following apical structures is seen in the small intestinal epithelium?A) ciliab) stereociliac) microvillid) c&d

- 2) identify the type of epithelium in this image:
- a) stratified columnar with goblet cells
- b) simple columnar with goblet cells
- c) stratified cuboidal with goblet cells
- d) ciliated pseudostratified columnar epithelium
- e) ciliated pseudostratified columnar with goblet cells
- 3) Choose the incorrect statement about this tissue:
- a) it lines the urinary bladder
- b) it is called urothelium
- c) the apical layer is called umbrella cells
- d) binucleation is seen in this type
- e) it is a stratified cuboidal





You can find the answers on the top right corner of the previous page, so you can't peep 😳 يعني يسترق النظر، غشيتها من جوجل عشان أبين مثقف

تُريدينَ لِقيانَ المَعَالي رَخيصَةً... وَلا بُدّ دونَ الشّهدِ من إبَرِ النّحلِ (من رام اجتناء الشهد قاسي لسع النحل، ولا يبلغ حلاوة العسل إلا بمقاساة مرارة اللسع)