

# CHAPTER 1

## CELL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

### THICKNESS OF

1. Centrioles 0.3-0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  long and 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter
2. Peroxisomes 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$
3. Middle lamella (in cell wall) 1  $\mu\text{m}$
4. Primary Wall (of cell wall) 1-3  $\mu\text{m}$
5. Chloroplasts 4-6  $\mu\text{m}$
6. Secondary wall (of cell wall) 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$
7. Nucleus 10  $\mu\text{m}$
8. Plasma Membrane 7nm
9. Ribosomes 20nm
10. DNA 2nm  
Distance b.w base pairs 0.34nm
11. Tracheids 80  $\mu\text{m}$

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# SCIENTISTS AND YEAR OF DISCOVERY

1. Cell Wall Robert Hooke 1665
2. Nucleus Robert Brown 1838
3. Mitochondria 1850
4. Golgi Bodies Camillo Golgi 1898
5. Lipid Bilayer Gorter and Grendel 1925
6. Cytoskeleton Koltzoff 1928
7. Sandwich Membrane Danielle and Davon 1935
8. Lysosomes De Duve 1949
9. Ribosomes Palade 1955
10. Unit Membrane Model Robertson 1959
11. Fluid Mosaic Model Singer and Nicholson 1972
12. Cytoskeleton <sup>confirmed views</sup> of Koltzoff Cohen 1977
13. Determined sequence of amino acids in insulin molecule Sanger 1951

14. Lock and key Hypothesis

Fischer

1890

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## PRIMARY WALL COMPOSITION:

- cellulose
- hemicellulose
- pectic compounds mostly polysaccharides

## SECONDARY WALL COMPOSITION:

- cellulose
- hemicellulose
- non-cellulosic polysaccharides
- Mineral salts of Ca, Mg, K and some silica

## PROPERTIES

### \* PRIMARY CELL WALL

- elastic and extendable
- crystalline
- optically active

### \* SECONDARY CELL WALL

- rigid
- crystalline
- strongly optically active

## CYTOSKELETON

1. Microfilaments → cytokinesis
2. Microtubules → cell division
3. Intermediate filaments → maintain cell shape



# ENZYMES

Lysosome

1. ~~PEROXISOMES~~ → Hydrolases (food digesting enzymes)  
→ Acid phosphatase enzymes

2. Glyoxisomes → Glycolic Acid Oxidase  
→ catalase

3. Lysozyme → destroys bacterial cell wall

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## \* Resolution Power

1. Compound Microscope = 250nm
2. Electron Microscope = 0.5nm
3. Human Naked Eye = 1mm

## \* Magnification Power

1. Compound Microscope = 10,000 x
2. Electron Microscope = 100,000x

## \* CELL FRACTIONATION

- Heaviest cell organelle is nucleus
- Intermediate cell organelle is chloroplast + Mitochondria
- Lightest cell organelle is Ribosome

\* 10 min , 800 Gravity → Nucleus is isolated

\* 15 min , 20,000 Gravity → chloroplast / mitochondria

\* 1hr , 100,000 Gravity → Microsome

\* 3hr , 150,000 Gravity → Ribosome

→ Offspring produced through tissue culture will be sterile in nature.

→ Shoot Formation: Low Auxin and High Cytokinin

Root Formation: High Auxin and Low Cytokinin

Callus Formation: Same ratio auxin and cytokinin

## Absorption:

1. Chlorophyll a : 380 nm - 430 nm
2. Chlorophyll b : 670 nm - 730 nm
3. Carotenoid : 500 nm - 600 nm



- Tissue culture is in vitro / ex vivo technique.
- Non-Membranous cell organelles : Ribosome , Centriole , Nucleolus , Axoneme.
- Centrioles are absent in higher plants
- Each centriole consist of 27 (9x3) tubules.
- Single Membranous cell organelles : Vacuole , Peroxisome , Glyoxisome , Lysosome.
- The outermost layer of vacuole is called Tonoplast
- 70S ribosome and haploid , circular double stranded DNA is present in mitochondria and chloroplast.
- Cell wall of prokaryotic cell is made of murein.
- Murein further consist of peptidoglycan (Amino Acid + carbohydrate)

\* In Any Disorder:

Type I → Genetic Disorder

Type II → Environmental Factors

- Pectin is found in primary cell walls of terrestrial plants.
- In cell wall , the cellulose fibrils are cemented by pectin
- The stiffness of the secondary wall is due to lignin.

→ Plasma Membrane Models :

1. Lipid Bilayer → Gorter and Grendel
2. Lipid Bilayer covered with proteins → Daniell and Davon
3. Unit Membrane Model → Robertson
4. Fluid Mosaic Model → Singer and Nicholson

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- Cell membrane is negatively charged due to phosphate group.
- Selective permeability is due to protein
- Differential permeability is due to lipid

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