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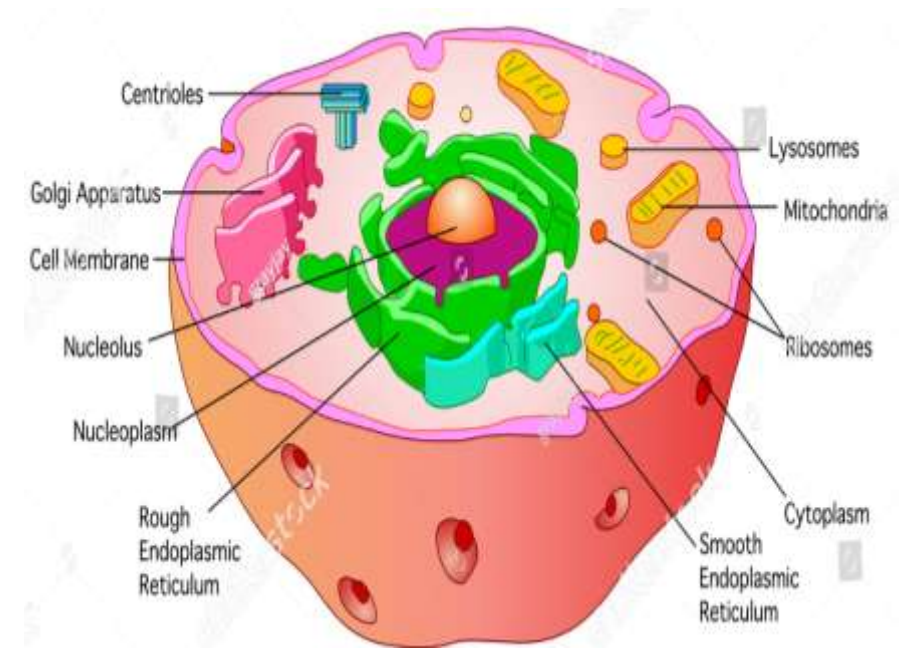
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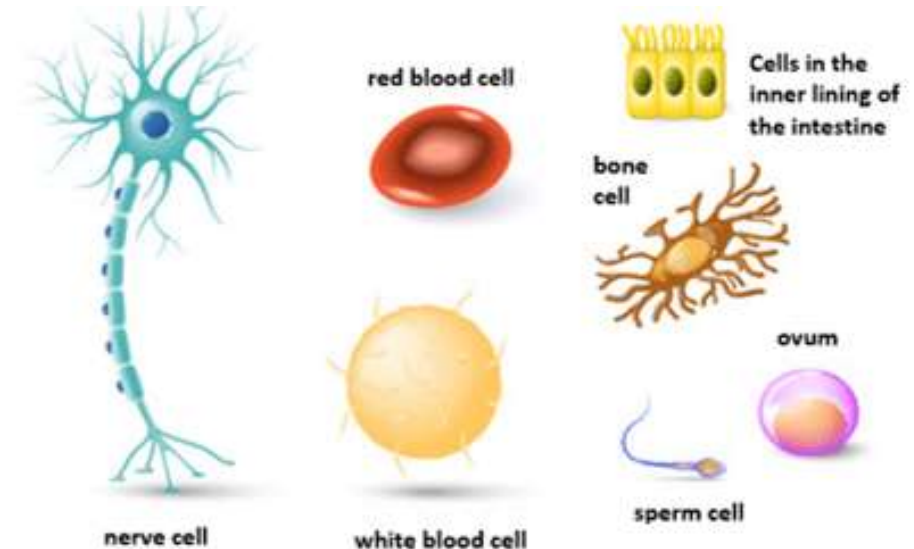
INTRODUCTION (Define)

- The fundamental structural and functional unit of all known living organisms.
- Smallest unit of life that can replicate independently.
- Humans are multicellular organisms, comprised of trillions of cells.



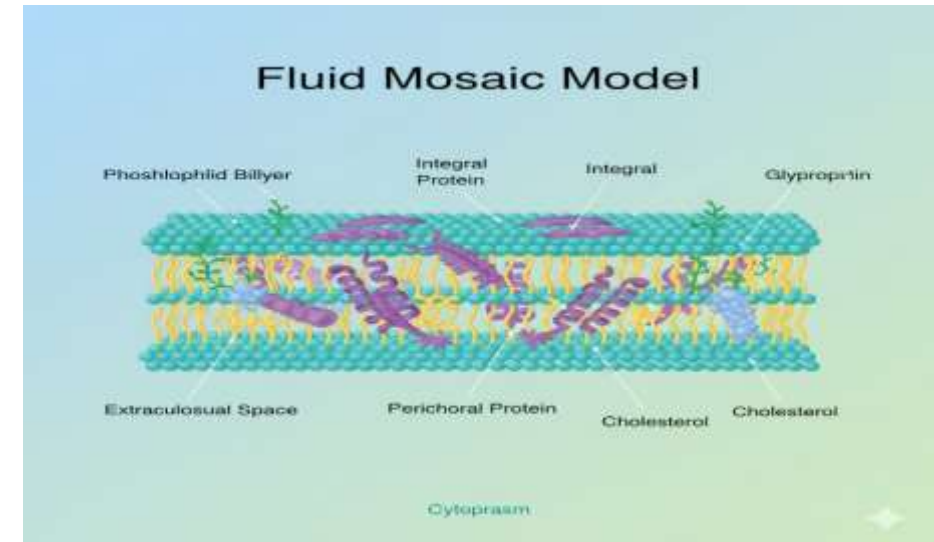
INTRODUCTION (Define)

- Different cell types (e.g., nerve cells, muscle cells, blood cells) have specialized functions.



THE CELL MEMBRANE (PLASMA MEMBRANE)

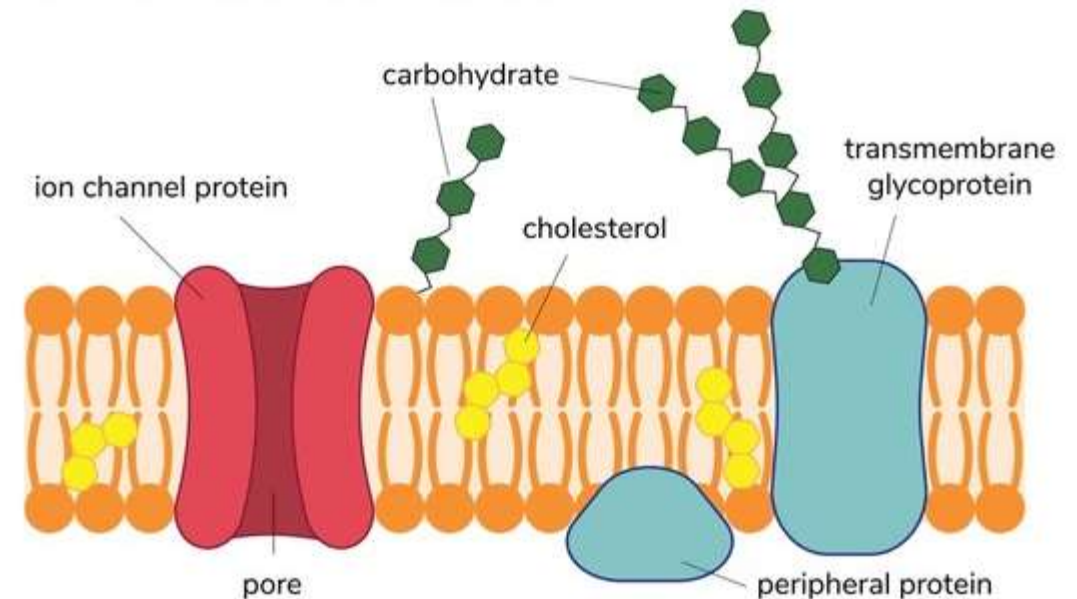
- **Structure:** Phospholipid bilayer with embedded proteins, cholesterol, and carbohydrates.
- **Fluid mosaic model:** Dynamic, semi-permeable barrier.



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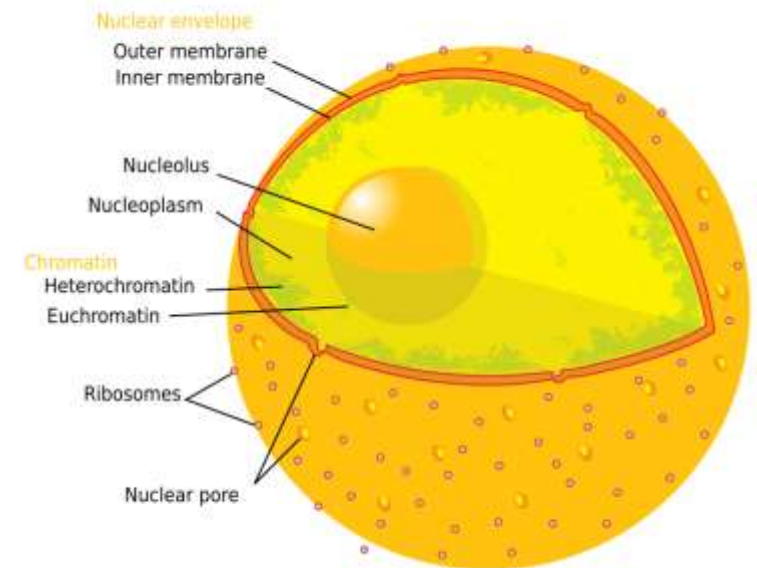
➤ Functions:

- Selective permeability: regulates passage of substances.
- Cell recognition.
- Cell signaling (receptors).
- Cell adhesion.
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THE NUCLEUS

- **Structure:** Nuclear envelope (double membrane), nuclear pores, nucleolus, chromatin (DNA + proteins).
- **Function:**
 - Houses the cell's genetic material (DNA).
 - Controls cell growth, metabolism, and reproduction.
 - Site of ribosome synthesis (nucleolus).
 - Directs protein synthesis.

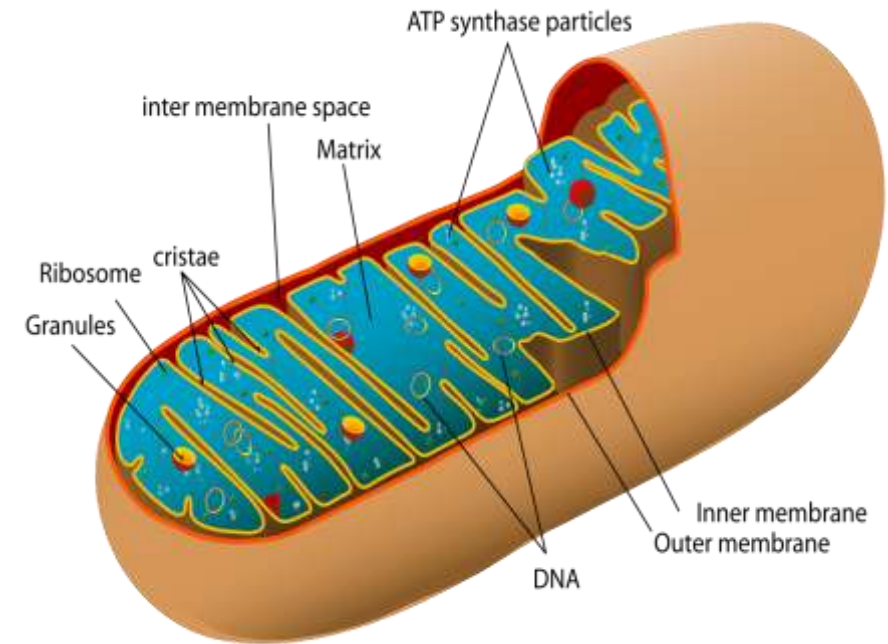


MITOCHONDRIA- Powerhouses of the Cell

- **Structure:** Double membrane; outer smooth, inner folded into cristae; contains matrix with DNA and ribosomes.

Known as the "*powerhouse*" of the cell.

- **Functions:**
 - Site of cellular respiration.
 - Generates ATP (adenosine triphosphate) – the cell's energy currency.

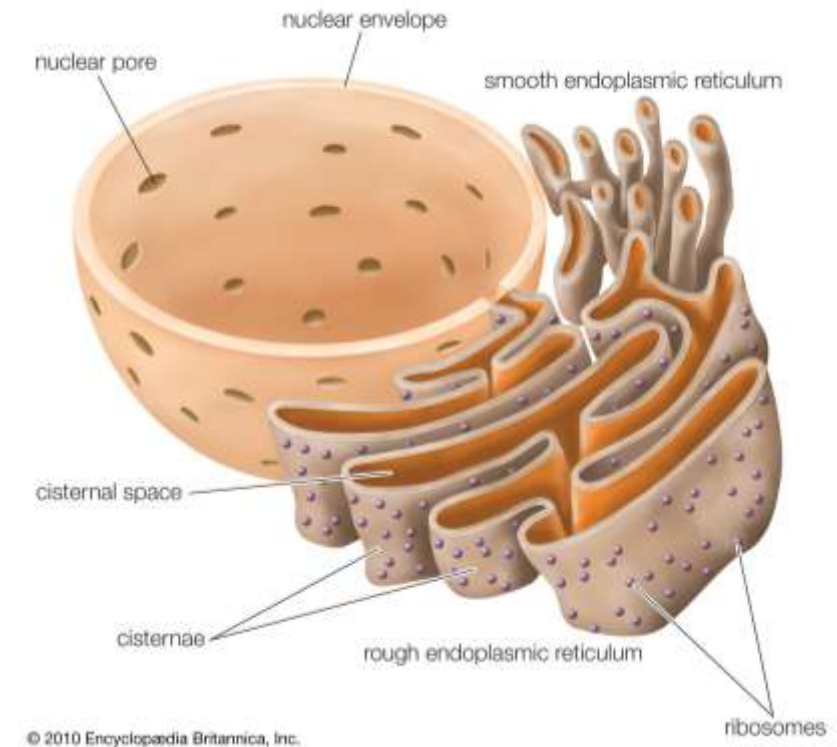


ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM (ER)

- **Structure:** Network of tubules and sacs; rough ER (with ribosomes) and smooth ER (without).

Rough ER: Connected to the nucleus.

- **Functions:** Rough ER synthesizes proteins; smooth ER synthesizes lipids, detoxifies drugs, and stores calcium

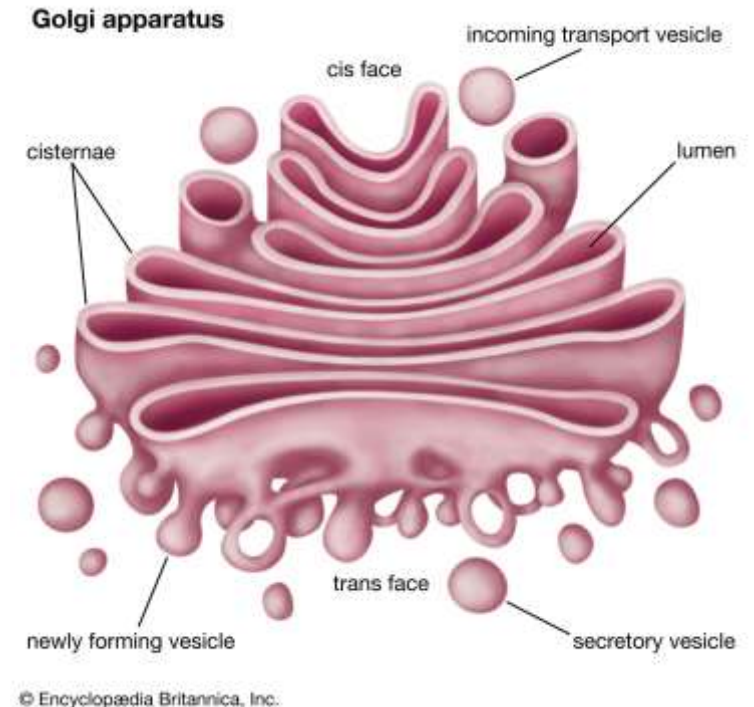


GOLGI APPARATUS

➤ **Structure:** Stack of flattened membrane-bound sacs called cisternae.

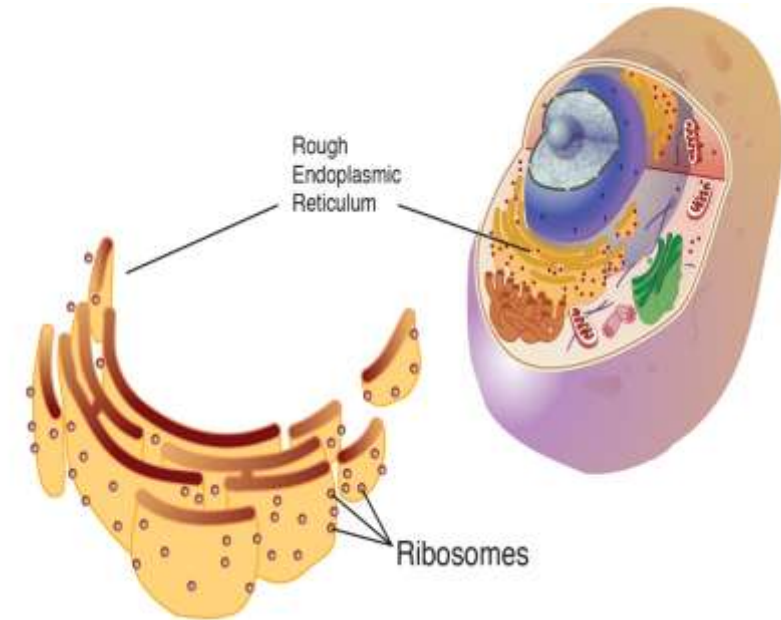
➤ **Function:**

- Modifies, sorts, and packages proteins and lipids from the ER.
- "Post office" of the cell.
- Forms lysosomes and secretory vesicles.



RIBOSOMES - PROTEIN FACTORIES

- **Structure:** Composed of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) and protein. Two subunits (large and small).
- **Location:** Free in the cytoplasm or attached to the rough ER.
- **Function:** Site of protein synthesis (translation of mRNA into protein).

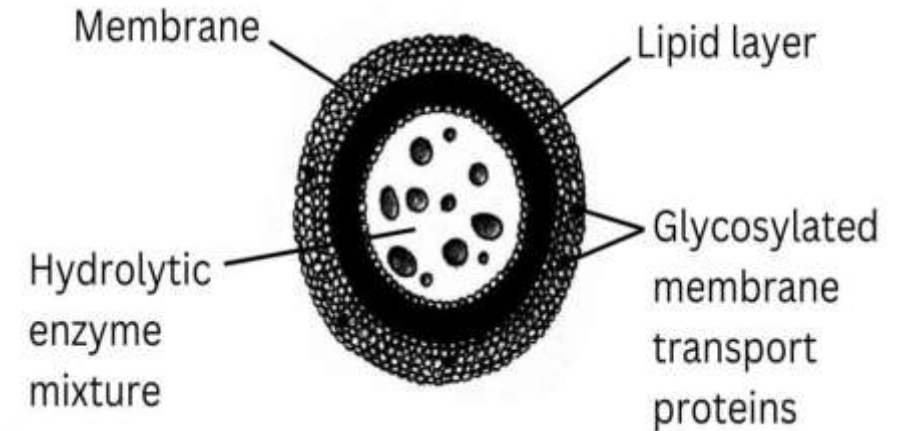


LYSOSOMES AND OTHER ORGANELLES

- **Lysosomes:** Membrane-bound sacs with hydrolytic enzymes; digest waste and foreign materials.

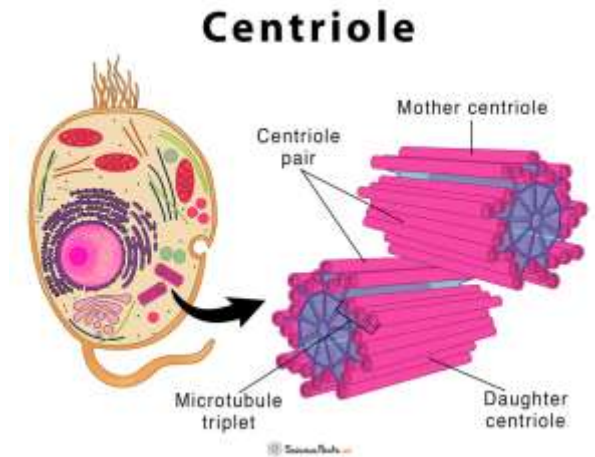
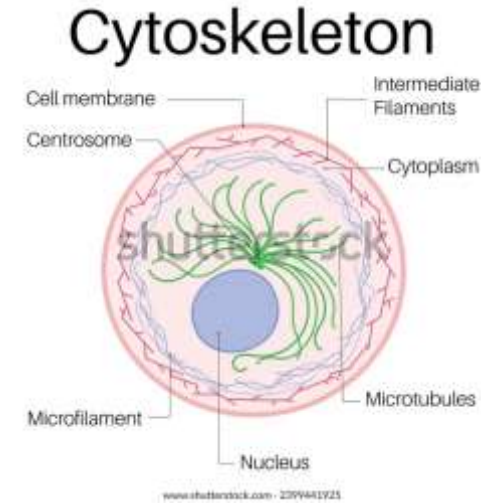
Other organelles:

- **Ribosomes:** Protein synthesis (free or bound to ER).
- **Cytoskeleton:** Microtubules, microfilaments, intermediate filaments for structure and movement.



LYSOSOMES AND OTHER ORGANELLES

- **Centrioles:** Organize microtubules during cell division.
- **Functions:** Lysosomes act as "recycling centers"; cytoskeleton provides support and enables motility.

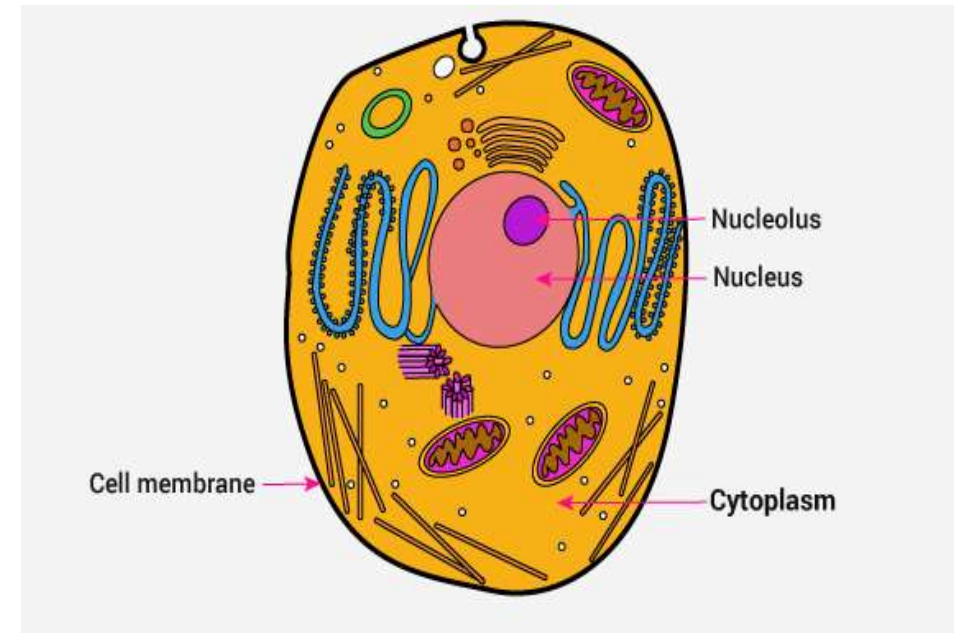


CYTOPLASM AND OVERALL CELL FUNCTIONS

Cytoplasm: Gel-like fluid (cytosol) filling the cell;
site of metabolic reactions.

Key functions of the cell:

- *Metabolism:* Energy production and biosynthesis.
- *Growth and division:* Mitosis/meiosis.
- *Response to stimuli:* Signaling pathways.
- *Homeostasis:* Maintaining internal balance

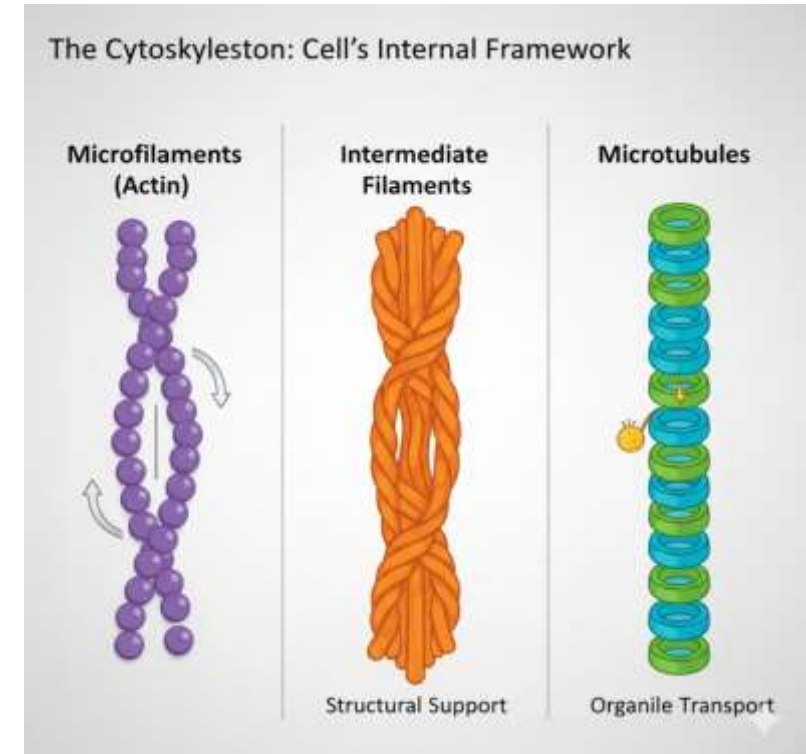


CYTOSKELETON - CELL'S INTERNAL FRAMEWORK

Structure: Network of protein filaments throughout the cytoplasm.

Components:

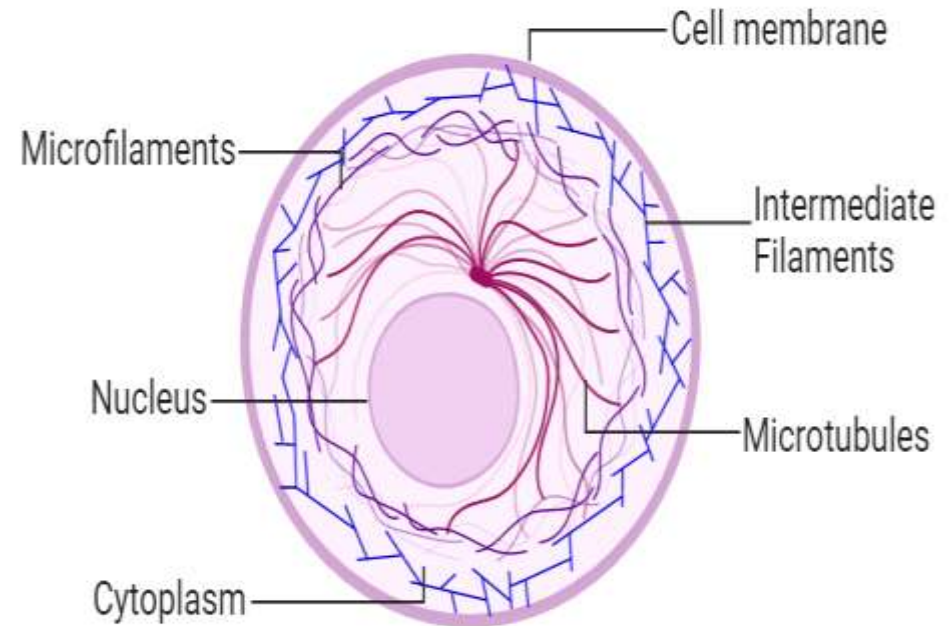
- **Microfilaments (Actin Filaments):** Cell shape, muscle contraction, cell division.
- **Intermediate Filaments:** Provide structural support, anchor organelles.
- **Microtubules:** Cell shape, organelle movement, cilia/flagella, mitotic spindle.



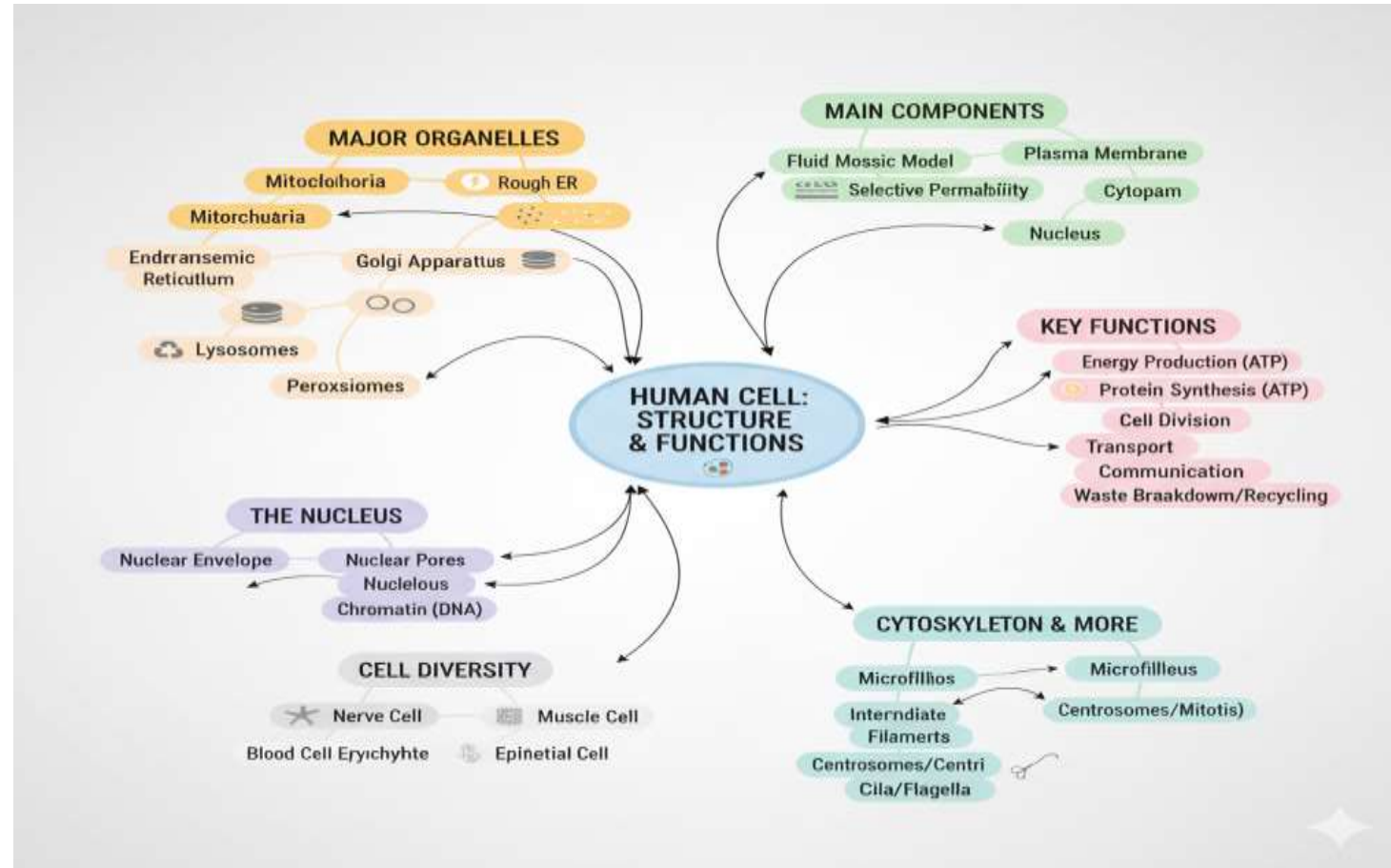
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➤ Function:

- Maintains cell shape.
- Anchors organelles.
- Aids in cell movement and division.
- Intracellular transport.



SUMMARY



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