

Practice 3

Cytology II

- 1. What is the chemical composition of glycogen? What are the structural forms of glycogen in human cells? Are these forms specific for different cell types?
- 2. Are the lipid droplets embedded by a membrane? What are the structural forms of lipid droplets in white and brown adipose tissue? Are there any other cells than adipose rich in lipid droplets?
- 3. What are the types of cytoskeletal fibers? Describe their structure and dynamics of their assembly. What proteins form the cytoskeletal fibers?
- 4. Provide an example of cellular functions or events dependent on cytoskeleton.
- 5. What types of intercellular junctions are found in human cells? Do any of them associate with cytoskeleton?
- 6. What is the structure and function of communicating junctions (gap junctions, nexus)?
- 7. What surface domains are recognized on epithelial cells? What does the term "apicobasal polarity" mean?
- 8. What is the structure, localization and function of microvilli, kinocilia and stereocilia? What type structure is the "primary cilium"? What is its function?
- 9. What is the structure and function of basal labyrinth? What cells do usually contain basal labyrinth?
- 10. What is the structure and function of basal lamina? What is the difference between basal lamina and basement membrane? What cells participate in formation of the basement membrane?