

Oral histology and embryology

Lecture 1

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Objectives of the course

- **Microscopic structure** of the organs of the orofacial system
- Connections of **structure and function**
- Detailed **understanding of developmental processes**
- Understanding the background of congenital malformations

Lectures	Thursday	13:00 – 14:40
Practicals	Thursday	13:00 – 14:40

Teachers:

doc. Mgr. Jan Křivánek, Ph.D.

Mgr. Eva Švandová, Ph.D.

Conditions to successfully pass the course



Practicals: 100% attendance on practicals
Successfully completed credit test (8. 5. 2025)
Individually completed all ROPOTS

Exam: Successfully completed practicals
Written test (minimally 60 % of correct answers)
30 questions +1 bonus. Multiple choice + short written answers (upgraded tests)
Successful completion of Histology I + II is no longer a prerequisite for admission to the OHE examination
During lectures there may be opportunities to earn bonus points in the final test

*The exam may include **questions from presentations in practicals and lectures** (written and orally communicated information), from **ROPOTS** and from discussions during practicals and lectures.*

For a more detailed understanding of the presented information, the study of comprehensive literature is recommended:

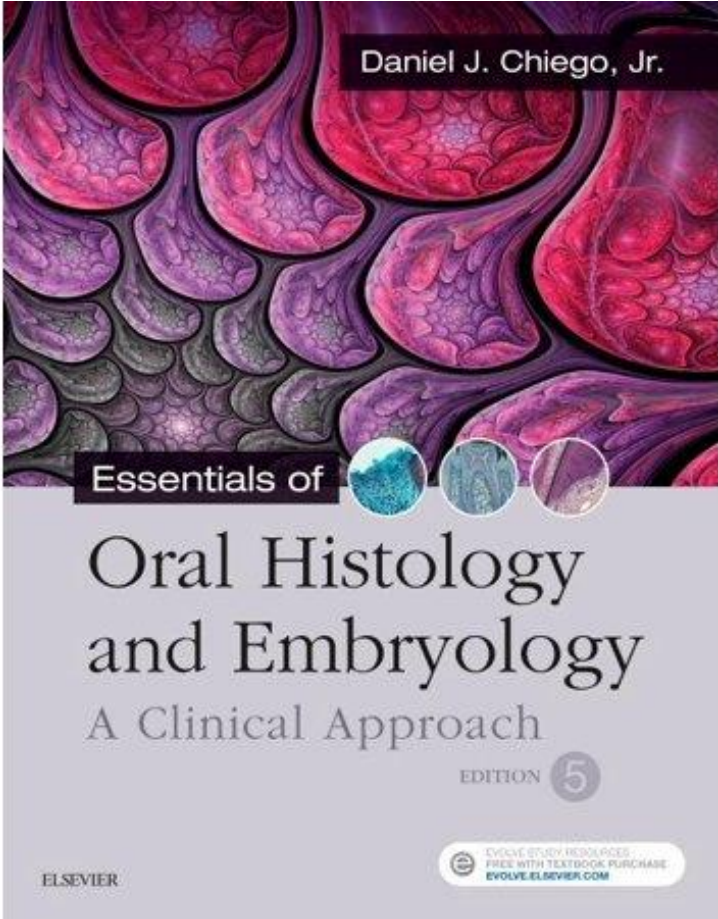
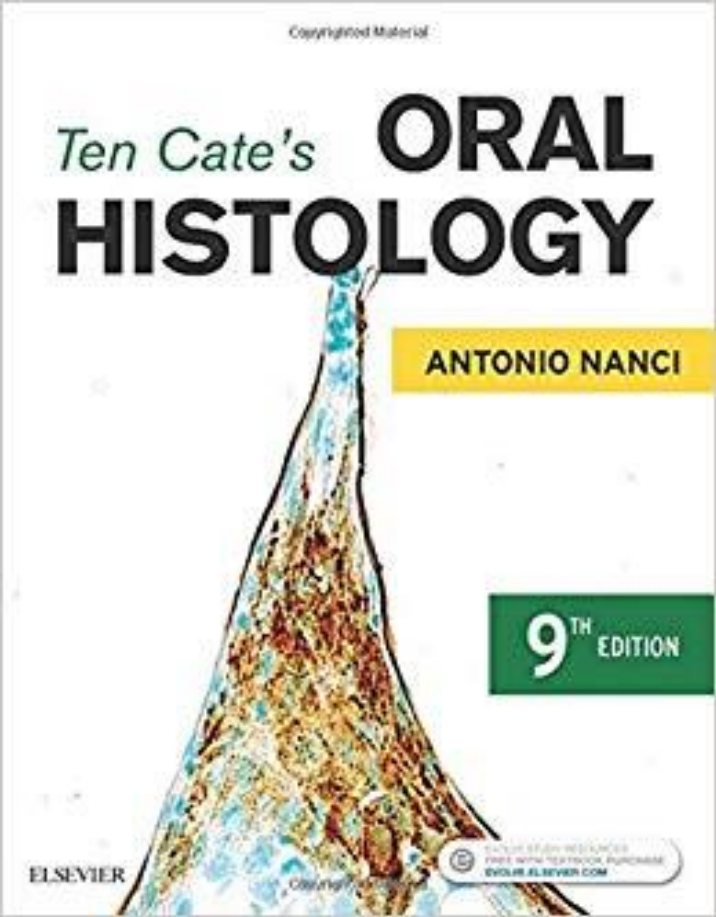
Ten Cate's Oral Histology: Development, Structure, and Function. Antonio Nanci

Essentials of Oral Histology and Embryology: A clinical Approach

Illustrated Dental Embryology, Histology and Anatomy, Fehrenbach and Popowics

Oral Anatomy, histology and Embryology, Berkovitz, Holland, Moxham

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ROPOTS

- Every 14 days, one ROPOT
- The ROPOT will be published in the "lecture" week
- It has to be completed by the end of the week in which practicals are held
- Each answer sheet consists of about 10-15 questions to be answered **in your own words**
- The answer sheets should enable to practice the knowledge acquired
- **Questions from the ROPOTS may appear on the exam**

Programme of lectures and practicals in Oral histology and embryology (aZLOH) for the 2nd year of Dentistry

doc. Mgr. Jan Krivánek, Ph.D.
doc. RNDr. Petr Vanhara, Ph.D.
Marina Štruncová, DDS, Ph.D.

Lectures (even weeks)

1. 19. 2. – 23. 2. 2024	Introduction , information about the completion of the course, recommended literature. Orofacial system , its structural components, and functions. Oral cavity - walls and contents. Structure and functions of the oral mucosa , types of mucosae. Taste buds .
2. 26. 2. – 1. 3. 2024	
3. 4. 3. – 8. 3. 2024	Salivary glands, TMJ Microstructure and classification of salivary glands. Temporomandibular joint, microstructure and function.
4. 11. 3. – 15. 3. 2024	
5. 18. 3. – 22. 3. 2024	Alveolar process, Periodontium Microstructure of the alveolar process and clinical aspects of its remodelling. Microstructure of the periodontium, its function and clinical aspects. Gingiva, sulcus gingivalis.
6. 25. 3. – 29. 3. 2024	
7. 1. 4. – 5. 4. 2024	Enamel, Cementum Enamel microstructure, function, amelogenesis and age-related changes. Microstructure of cementum, types and its clinical significance.

Practice (odd weeks)

1. 19. 2. – 23. 2. 2024	
2. 26. 2. – 1. 3. 2024	Microscopic structure and functional histology: lips, palate, cheeks, tongue. <u>Samples:</u> <i>labium oris, palatum molle, apex linguae, papilla vallata, radix linguae.</i>
3. 4. 3. – 8. 3. 2024	
4. 11. 3. – 15. 3. 2024	Salivary glands, TMJ – microstructure. <u>Samples:</u> <i>gl. parotis, gl. submandibularis, gl. sublingualis, gl. apicis linguae, TMJ.</i>
5. 18. 3. – 22. 3. 2024	
6. 25. 3. – 29. 3. 2024	Tonsils, Introduction to the tooth <u>Samples:</u> <i>Tonsilla palatina, tonsilla lingualis.</i>
7. 1. 4. – 5. 4. 2024	

8. 8. 4. – 12. 4. 2024	Dentin-pulp complex Dentin as living tissue. Microstructure of the dental pulp, functions. <u>Samples:</u> Tooth (ground section).
9. 15. 4. – 19. 4. 2024	Development of the face, oral and nasal cavities Development of the face, oral and nasal cavities, palate, nasal septum, atrium of the oral cavity, upper and lower jaws.
10. 22. 4. – 26. 4. 2024	Tooth development <u>Samples:</u> Different stages of tooth development - pig, human.
11. 29. 4. – 3. 5. 2024	Development of the tongue, salivary glands, pharyngeal arches Tongue development, defects. Development of salivary glands. Development and features of pharyngeal arches and their derivatives.
12. 6. 5. – 10. 5. 2024	Science and research, regenerative dental medicine Current focus of dental research, advances in the field of regenerative dentistry. Are we going to be able to repair or regenerate our teeth? <u>Discussion.</u> <u>Credit test</u> (the course will be credited only after attendance at the invited lecture)
13. 13. 5. – 17. 5. 2024	Permanent dentition, defects Development of permanent dentition and a time overview. Mixed dentition. Differences in the structure of primary and secondary teeth. Developmental defects of teeth.
14. 20. 5. – 24. 5. 2024	INVITED LECTURE (COMPULSORY)

Doc. MVDr. Aleš Hampl, CSc.
Head of Department

Orofacial system

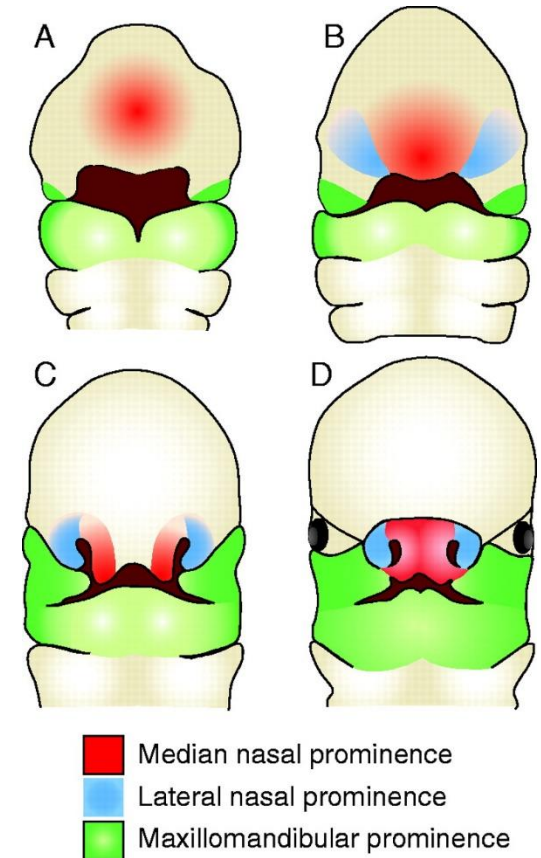
Orofacial system

Structures of the head and neck which:

- Are essential for intake, grinding and **processing of food**
- Maintain **taste and tactile** sensations
- Forms an interface for **social interactions** (phonetic, aesthetic-physiognomic function, mimics, speak)



Development from pharyngeal arches, frontonasal prominence and maxillary and mandibular prominences

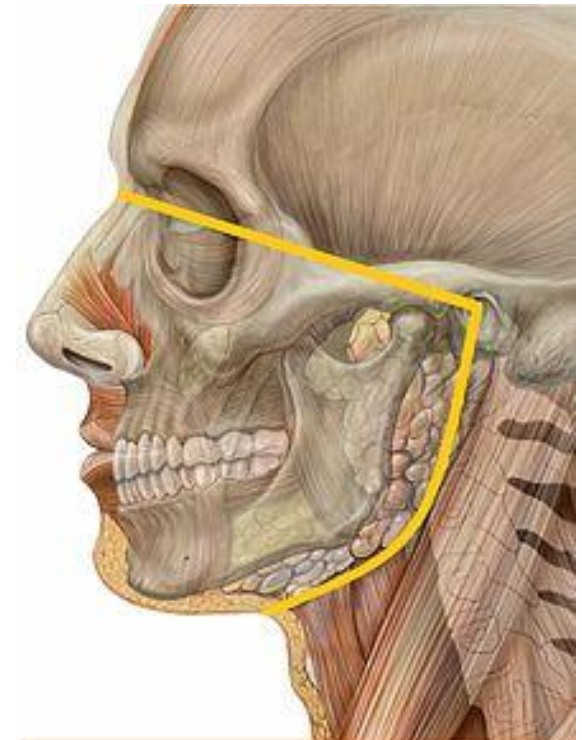


(Helms et al. 2005)

Orofacial system

Orofacial system is composed of:

- ***Skeleton faciei*** - (facial skeleton) mandible, maxilla, *ossa zygomatica*, *os ethmoides*, *ossa nasalia et lacrimalia*, vomer, *ossa palatina*, *os hyoides*) + *art. temporomandibularis*)
- **Cavitas oris** - *lingua* (tongue), *dentes*, periodontium, salivary glands (*glandulae salivariae*)
- ***Art. temporomandibularis***
- **Mimic muscles and muscles of mastication**
- **Soft tissues of the face** – lips, cheeks
- **Hard and soft palate** – (*palatum durum a palatum molle*)
- **Isthmus of the fauces** – (*isthmus faucium*)
- **Palatinal and tongue tonsils**



Oral cavity (*cavitas oris*)

- Basic anatomy
- Oral mucosa and microscopic structure
 - Lining mucosa
 - Masticatory mucosa
 - Specialized mucosa
- Lips
- Microscopic structure of tongue
- Taste buds

Oral cavity (*cavitas oris*)

vestibulum oris / cavitas oris propria

Borders

Lips, cheeks, hard and soft palates, caudally floor of cavity, faucial isthmus (connection to oropharynx)

Inside

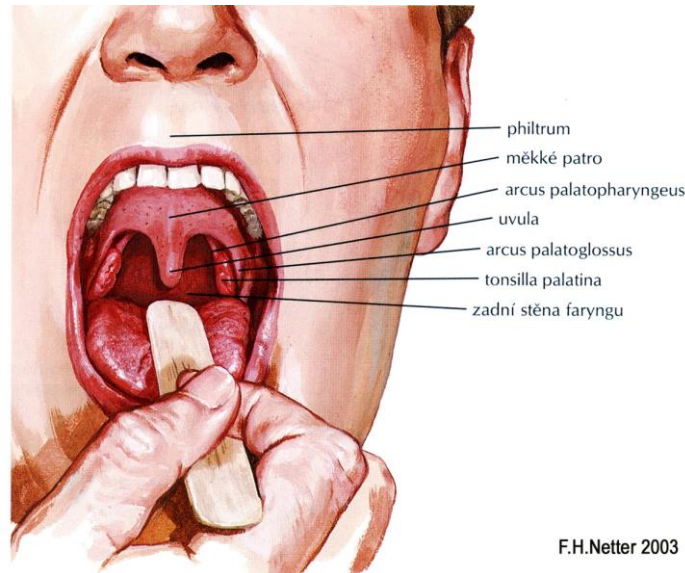
Tongue, teeth, gums, tonsilla palatina

Major salivary glands:

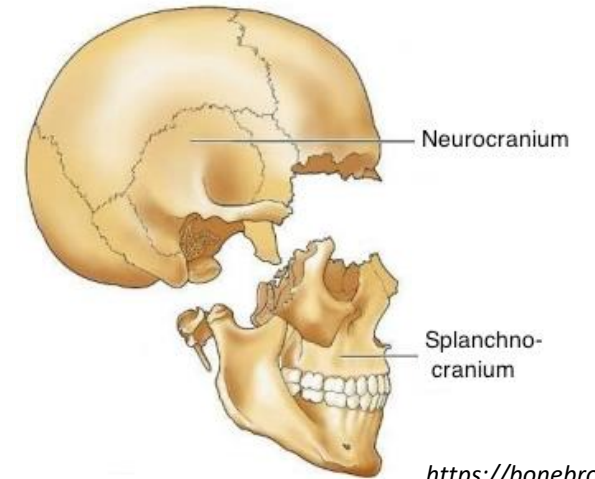
gl. submandibularis

gl. sublingualis

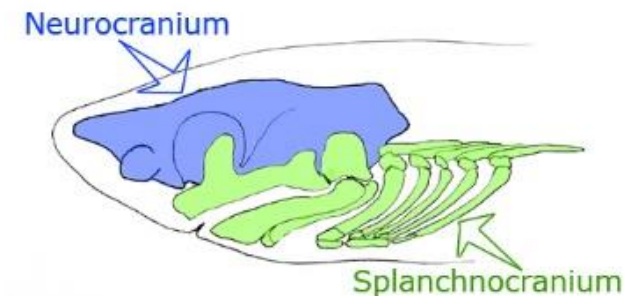
gl. parotis (positioned outside)



F.H.Netter 2003



<https://bonebroke.org/>



<https://inside.ucumberlands.edu>

Oral mucosa

Except of teeth it covers all surfaces inside the oral cavity

Oral mucosa has 2 layers (epithelium + *lamina propria mucosae*)

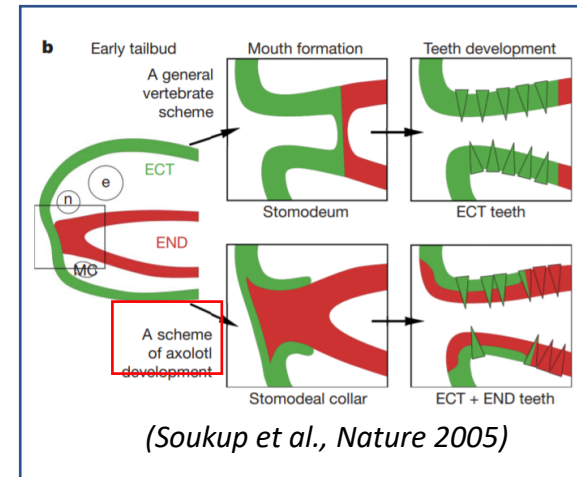
At some places is between mucosa and the base (bone/muscles) located connective tissue - *tela submucosa*

Functions of oral mucosa:

- **Protective** - resistant to mechanical and chemical forces or effects of the bacterial flora
- **Secretory** - saliva - a product of small and large salivary glands
- **Sensory** - contains receptors for perception of temperature, pain, touch and taste
- **Thermoregulatory** - in animals - (protruding tongue)
- **Food processing**

Features of the oral mucosa :

- Forms special **transitory zone** inserted between the skin and the mucosa of the alimentary canal (starts in the pharynx)
- The oral mucosa differs from mucosa of the alimentary canal or mucosa other tubular organs by the origin - **it was developed from the ectoderm and head mesenchyme of ectodermal origin (ectomesenchyme – neural crest)**, while elsewhere from the entoderm or mesoderm and mesenchyme of mesodermal origin.
- **Thanks to these circumstances the oral mucosa shows some characteristics of the skin: keratinization of the epithelium, presence of lamina propria protrusions against the epithelium (papillae)**



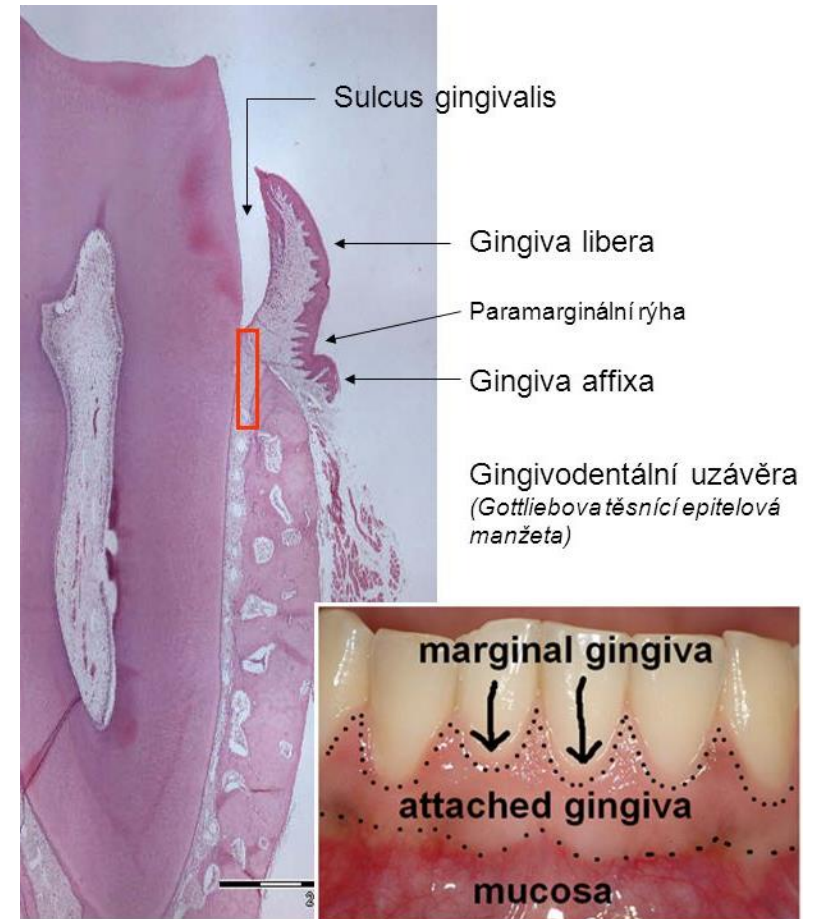
Oral mucosa regeneration

Oral epithelium turnover time: 4 - 24 days

Significant local differences

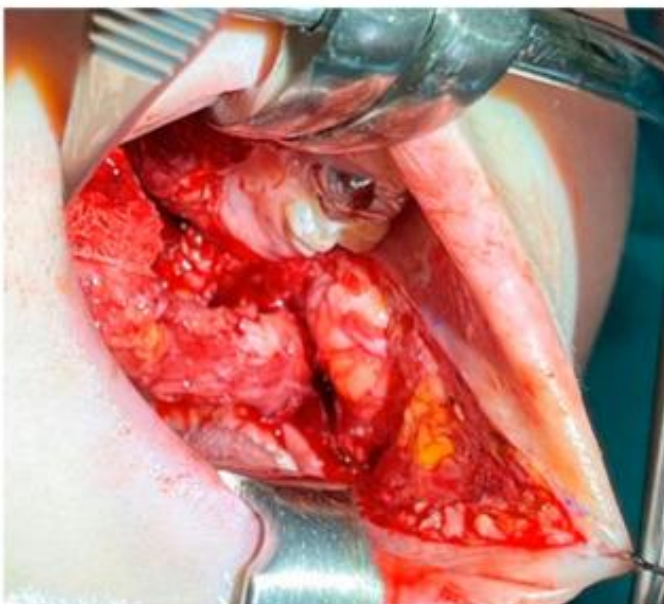
<u>Gingivo-dental junctional epithelium</u>	4-6 days
<u>Gingiva affixa</u> epith. (masticatory mucosa)	10 days
<u>Taste buds</u>	10 - 14 days
Lining epith. of <u>lips and cheeks</u> mucosa	14 days
Lining epith. of the <u>floor of mouth</u>	20 days
Masticatory epith. of <u>hard palate</u>	24 days

<i>Epidermis of the face and neck frontal side</i>	7 days
<i>Epidermis (rest)</i>	30 days



(faster turnover time in case of the face is probably caused by inductive effect of the ectomezenchyme)

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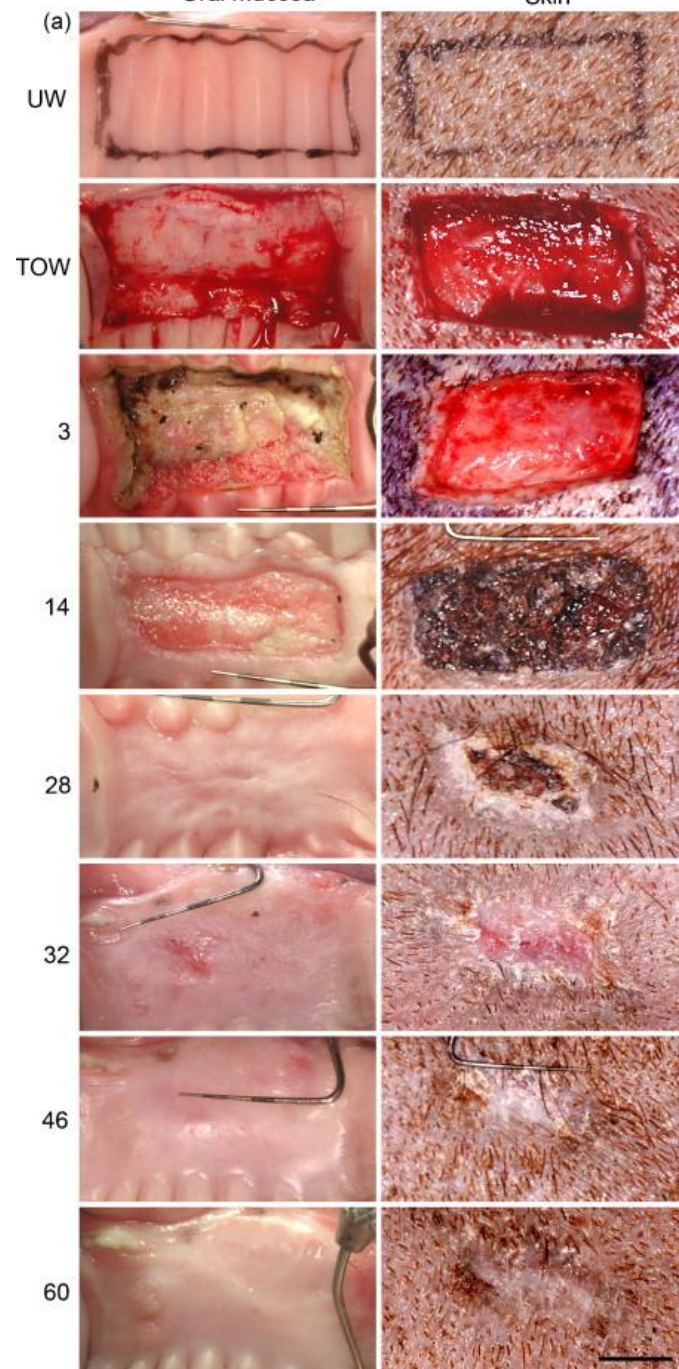
(b)



Waasdorp, et al., 2021

Oral mucosa

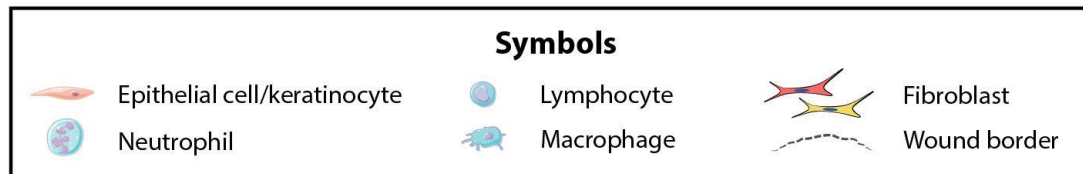
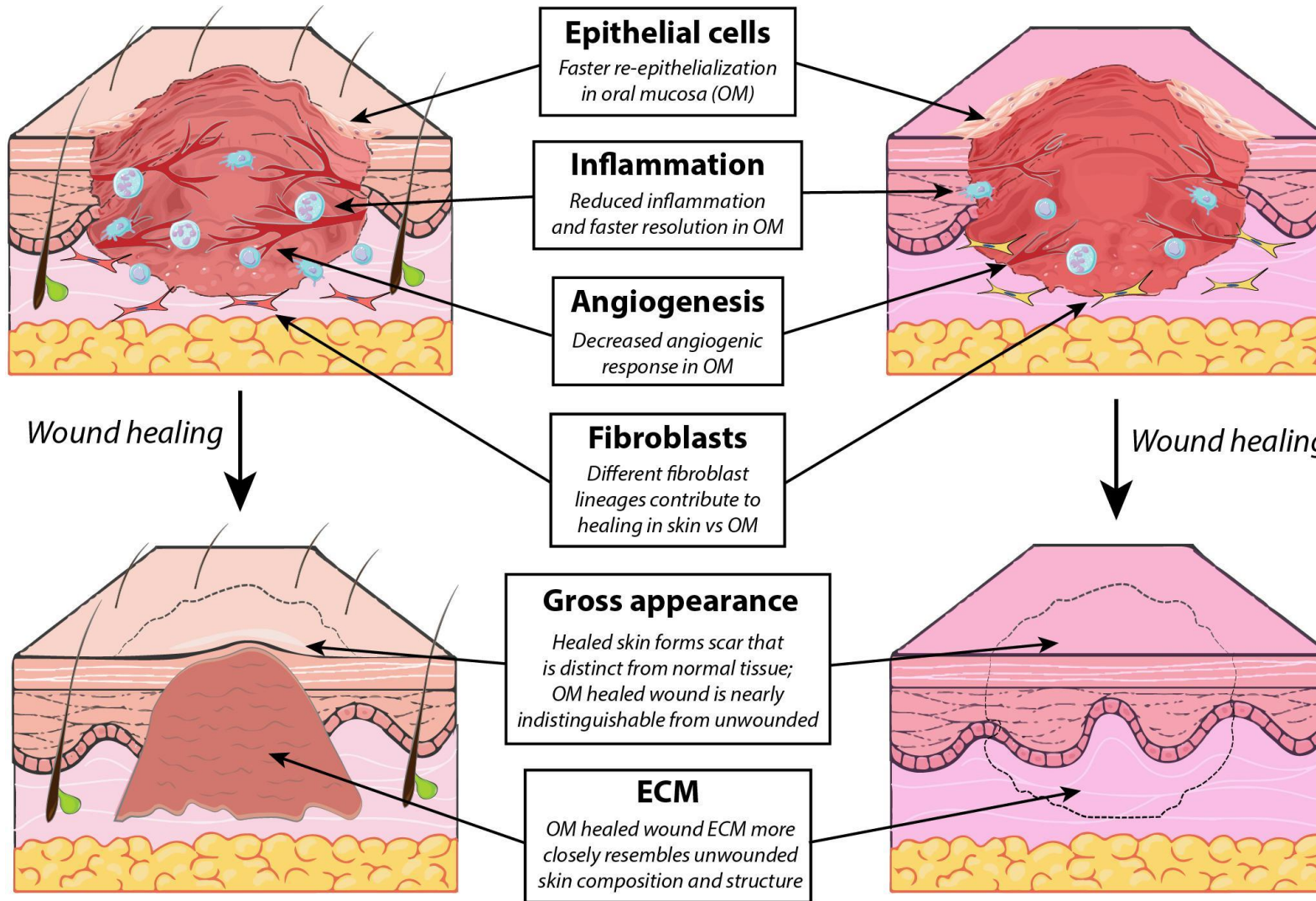
Skin



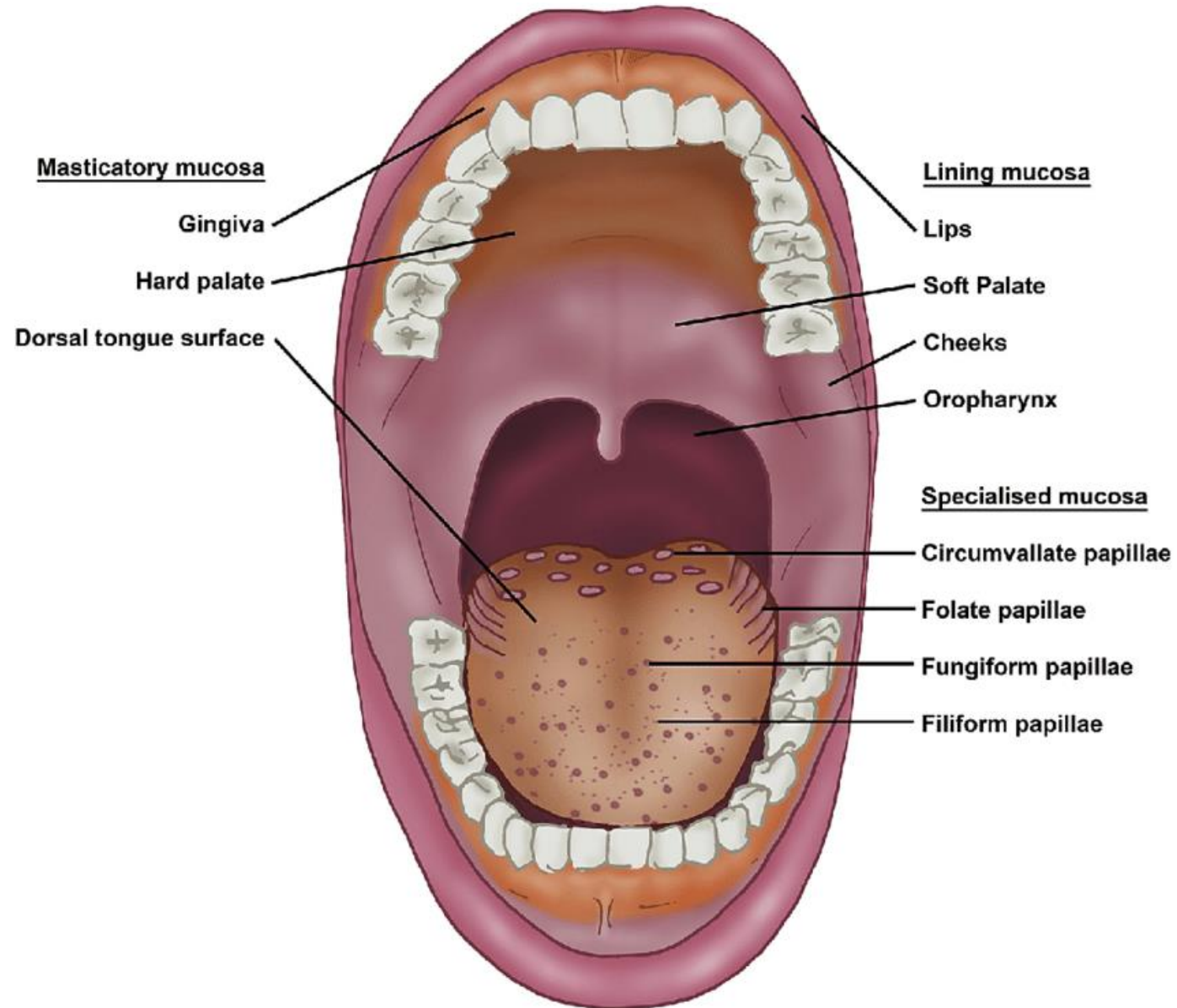
Mak, et al., 2009

CUTANEOUS WOUND

ORAL MUCOSAL WOUND



Oral mucosa



Classification of oral mucosa

Lining (65 %)

Inner part of lips, cheeks soft palate, inferior aspect of the tongue, floor of the mouth and alveolar process (except of the gingiva)

Tela submucosa located under mucosa

Soft and slightly movable (submucous coat)

Lamina propria from loose connective tissue

Masticatory (25 %)

Hard palate and gingiva

Keratinized epithelium

Tela submucosa is usually missing

Lamina propria is composed from dense collagenous of irregular type and firmly connected with periosteum (mucoperiosteum)

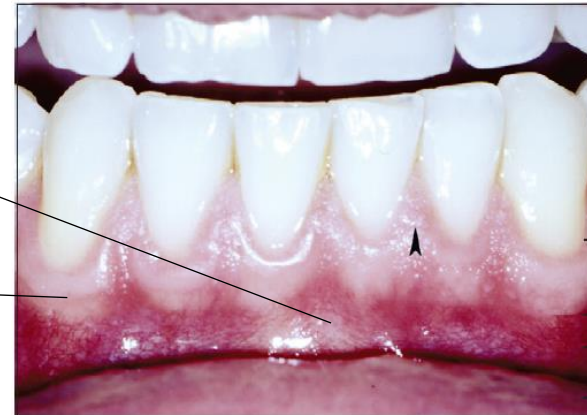
Specialized (10 %)

Dorsal surface of the tongue

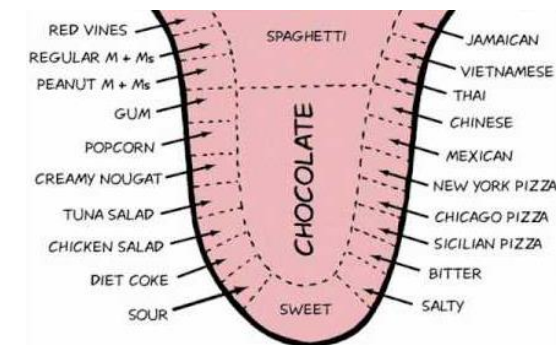
Mucosa protrudes into papillae

Tela submucosa is missing

Lamina propria connected with aponeurosis linguae



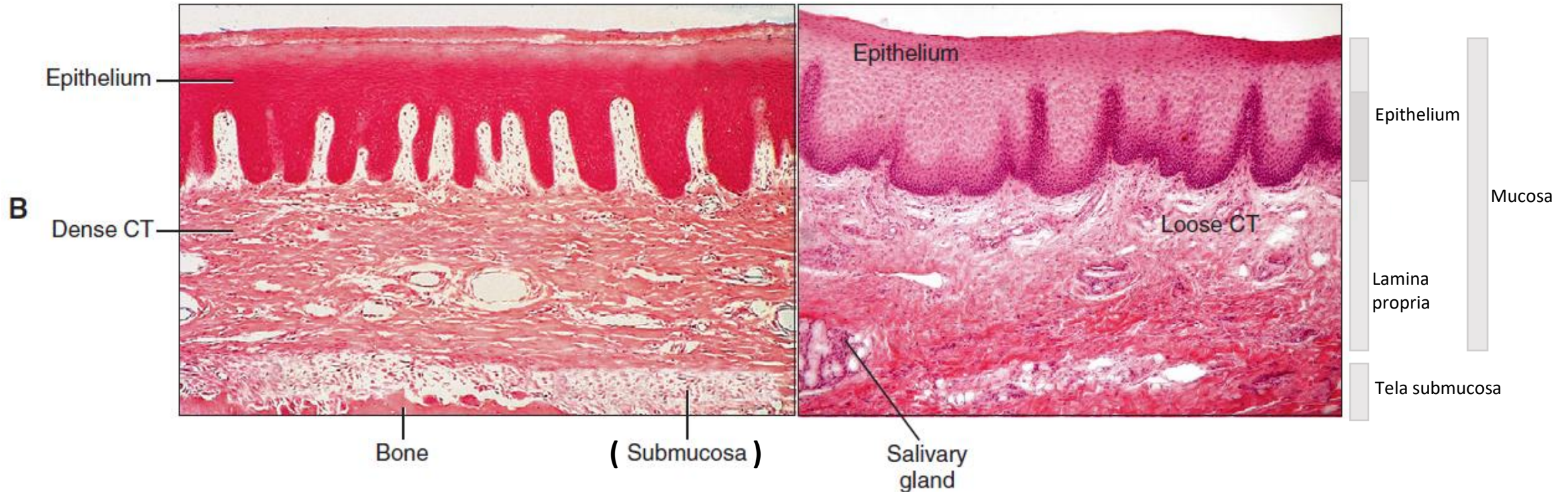
Gingiva
Mucogingival junction
Alveolar mucosa
Labial mucosa



AREAS OF THE HUMAN TONGUE

Gingiva

Lip



Masticatory mucosa

- *Lamina propria* from dense collagenous connective tissue of irregular type
- Firmly connected to periosteum (mucoperiosteum)

Lining mucosa

- *Lamina propria* from loose collagenous tissue
- Tela submucosa under mucosa
- Mucosa is slightly movable

B, In histologic sections, the **gingival** epithelium is seen to be tightly bound to bone by a dense fibrous connective tissue (CT), whereas the epithelium of the **lip (C)** is supported by a much looser connective tissue.

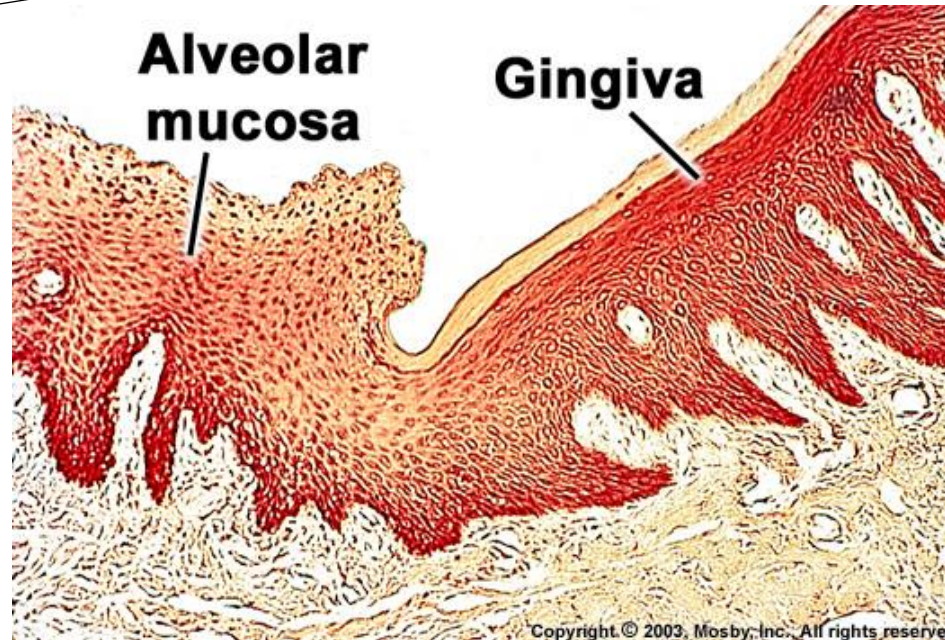
Oral mucosa

Lamina epithelialis:
tlustý vrstevnatý
dlaždicový epitel

! epithelium
stratified squamous !

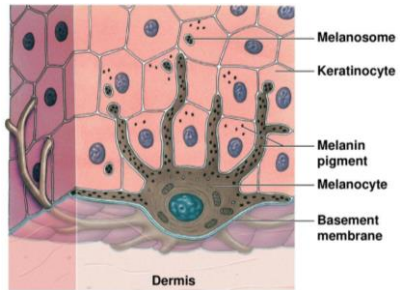
nonkeratinized

- Lining mucosa



keratinized

- Masticatory mucosa
- Specialized mucosa*



(Yadav et al., 2012)

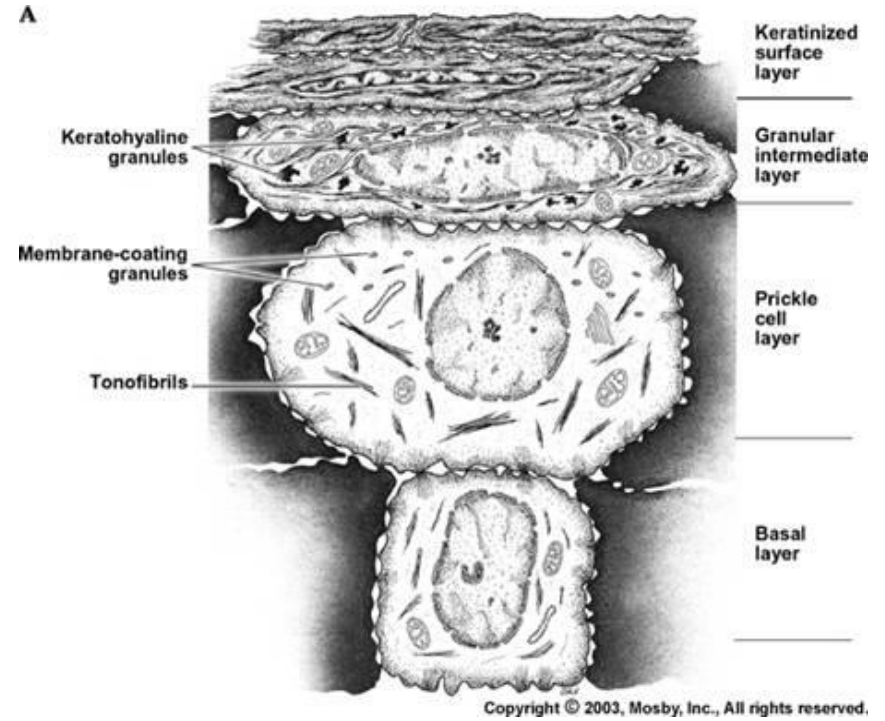
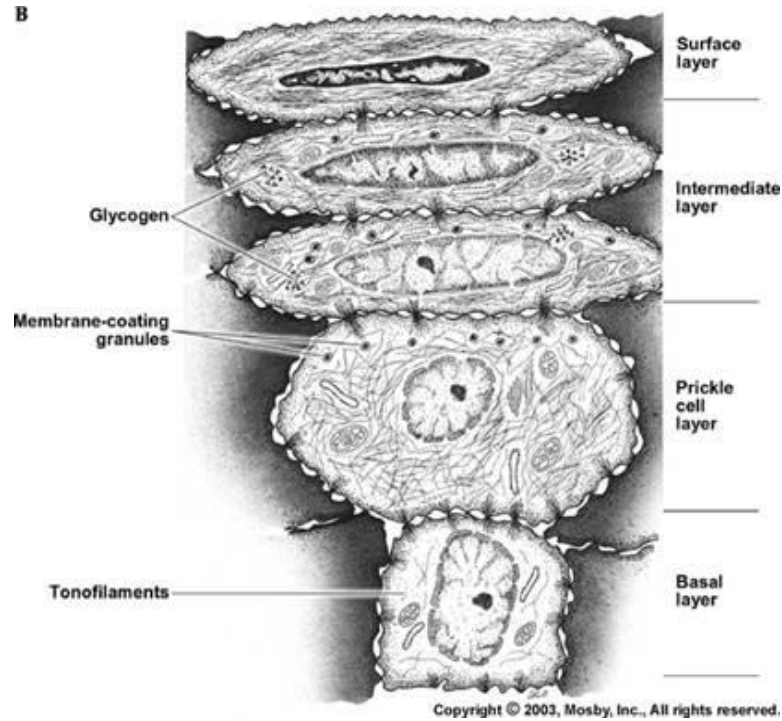
Lamina propria mucosae

- Contains numerous of melanocytes or melanophages; Merkel cells
- Multiple papillae projected against the epithelium. Their shape and density are spatially different
- (depends on different mechanical needs of oral mucosa)
- Differences between: Melanophages, melanocytes, (melanophores), melanosomes a melanin

[Squid skin](#)

<https://youtu.be/OwtLrllKvJE?t=12>

Classification of cell layers in the epithelium - similar as in the epidermis



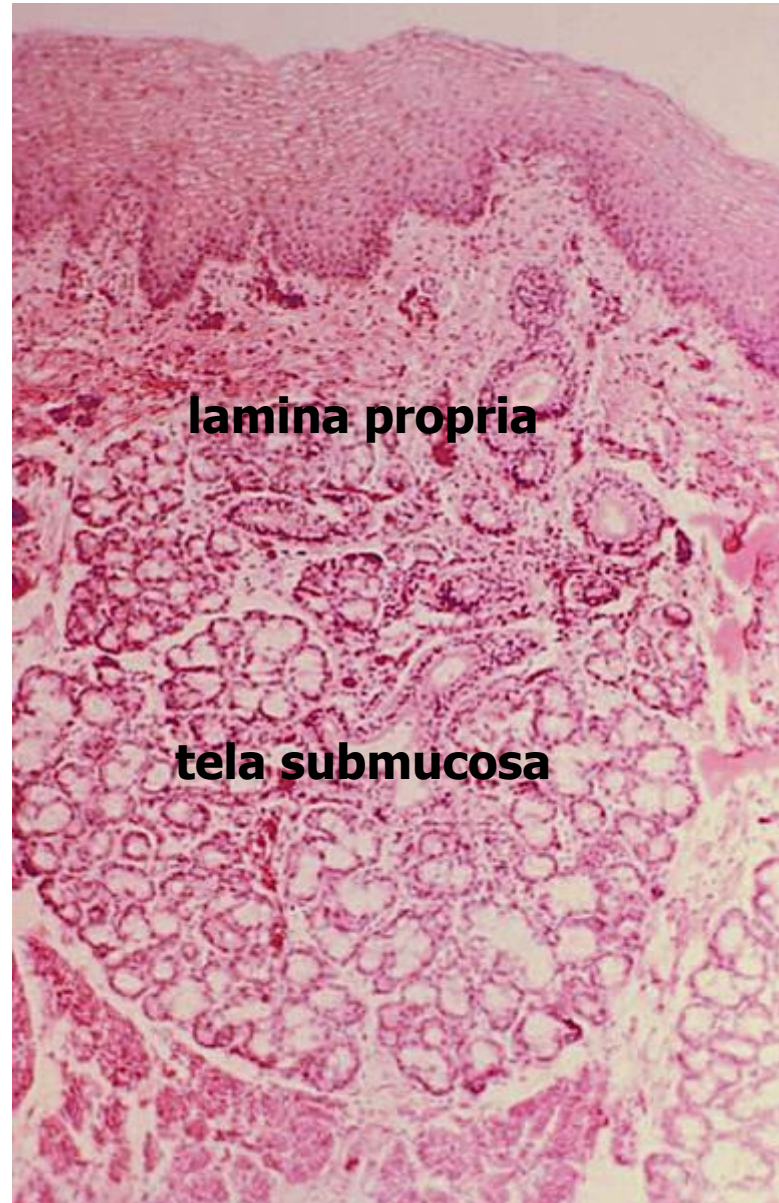
Nonkeratinized

Stratum basale - melanin
Stratum spinosum
Stratum intermedium
Stratum superficiale

Keratinized

Stratum basale - melanin
Stratum spinosum
Stratum granulosum - keratohyalin
Stratum corneum - keratin

Lining mucosa

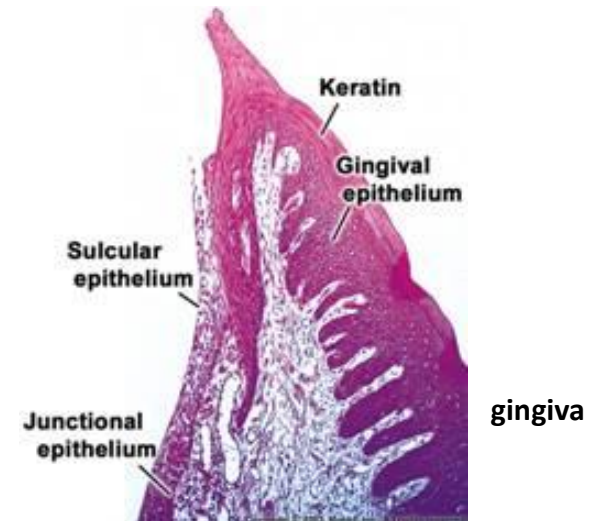
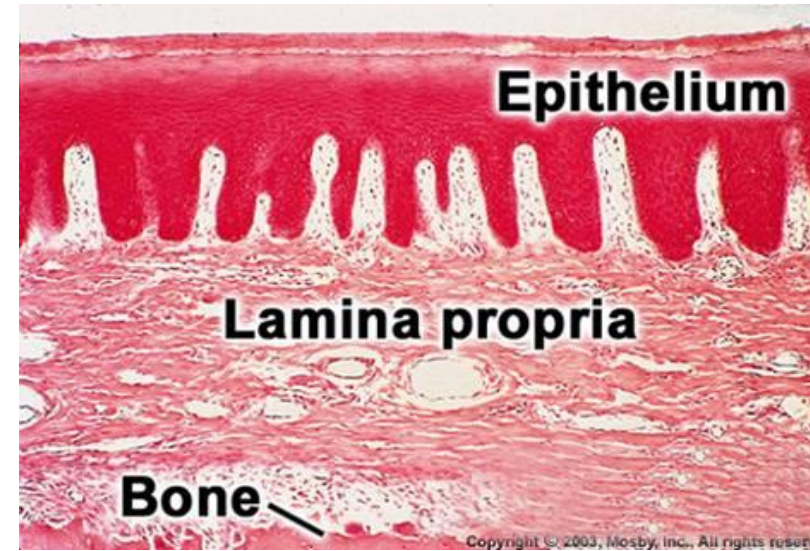
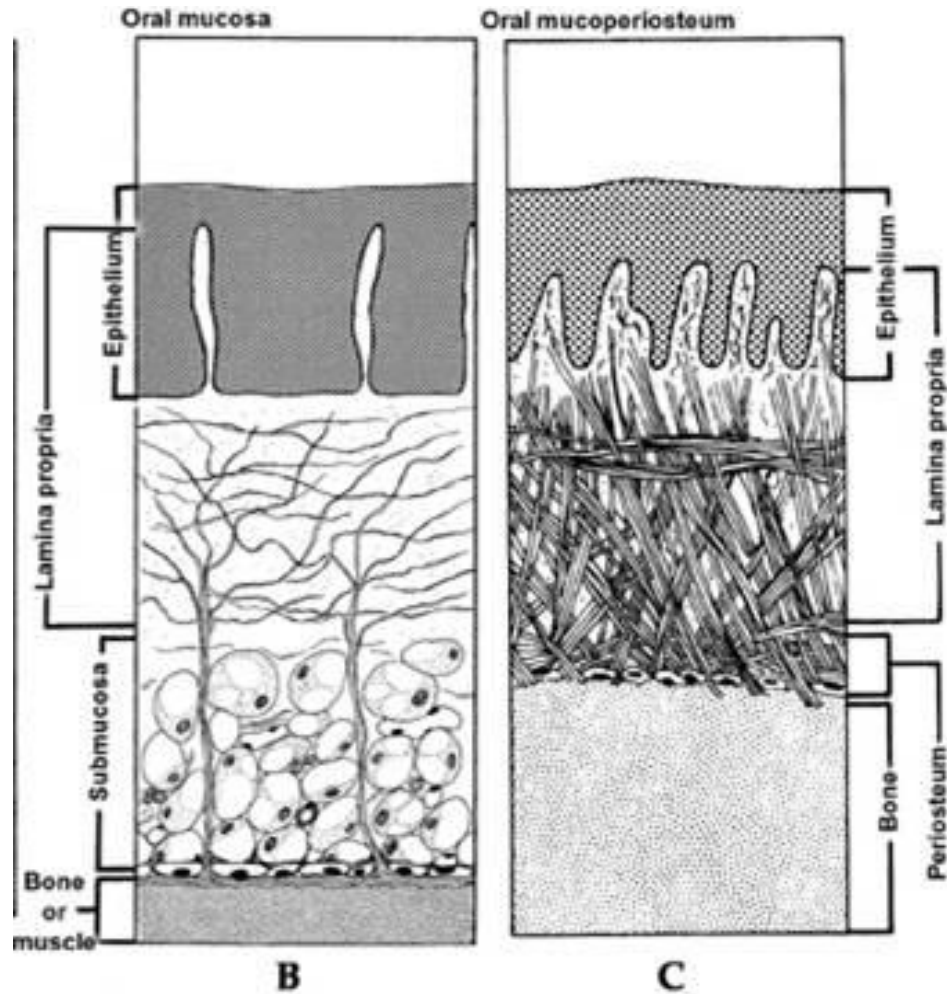


lamina propria

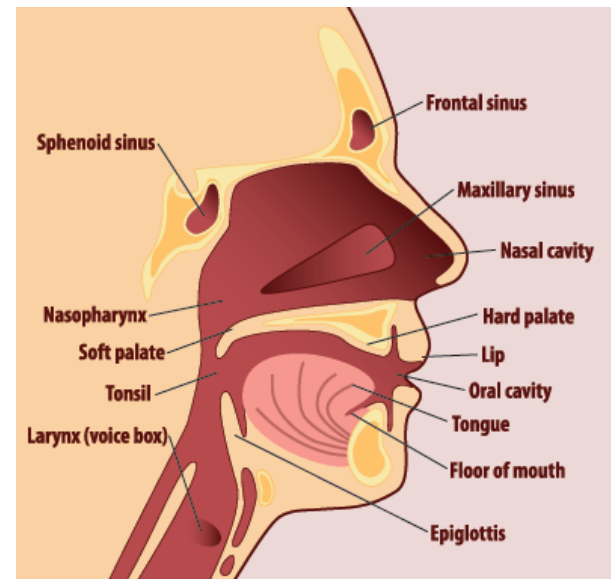
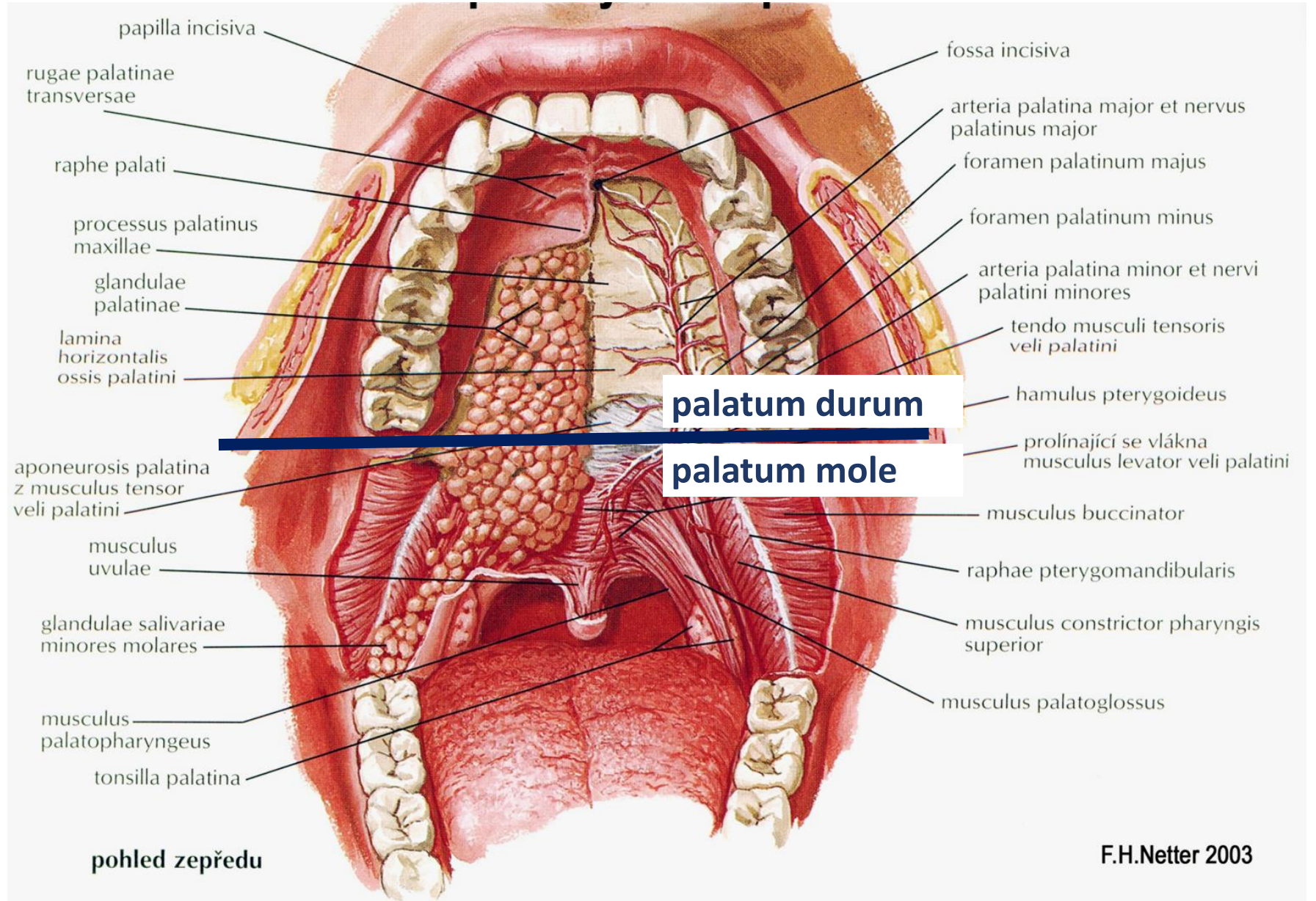
tela submucosa

Masticatory mucosa

mucoperiosteum



Palate

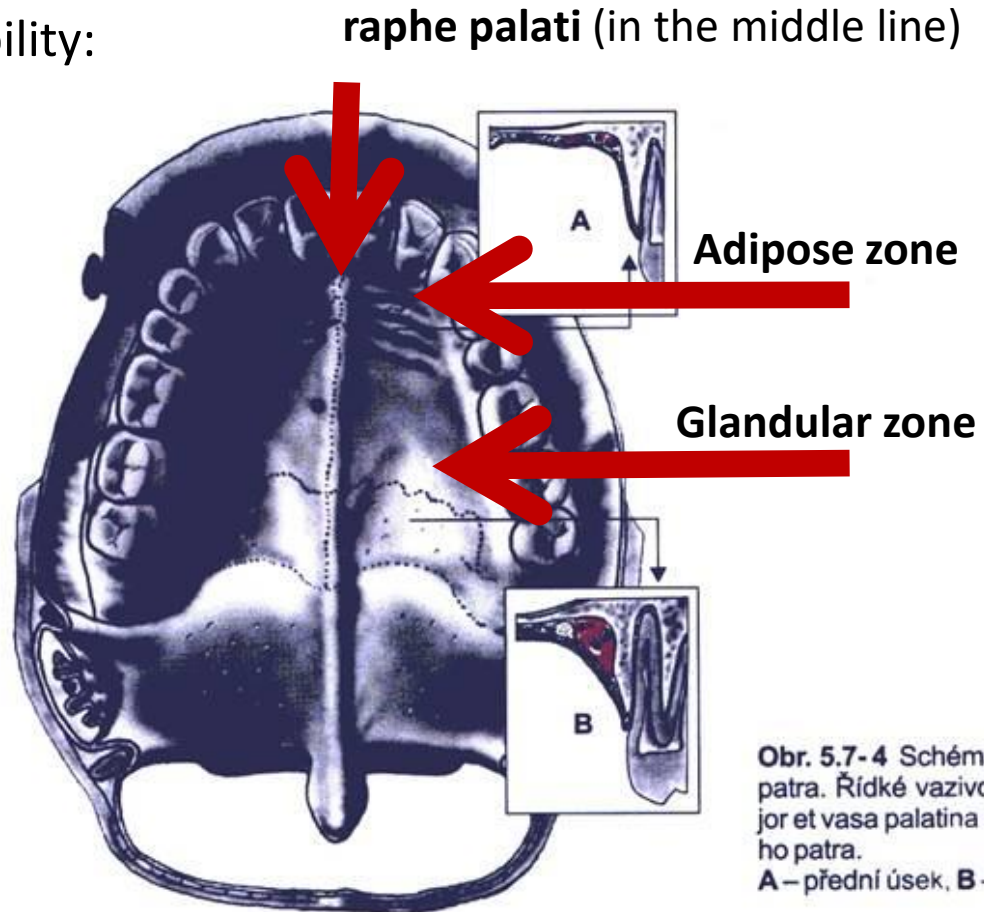


Hard palate (*palatum durum*)

Masticatory mucosa:

- Epithelium stratified squamous **keratinizing**
- Tela submucosa is usually missing

High regional variability:



Obr. 5.7-4 Schéma uspořádání měkkých tkání tvrdého patra. Řídké vazivo (růžově) obsahuje n. palatinus major et vasa palatina majora. Znáznomen průběh švů tvrdého patra.
A – přední úsek, B – zadní úsek

Local differences in hard palate structure

Raphe palati

- Midline area from papilla incisiva to soft palate, mucosa of raphe palati is without glands and adipocytes
- Formed by fusion of the maxillary processes (origin of clefts)

Foramen incisivum

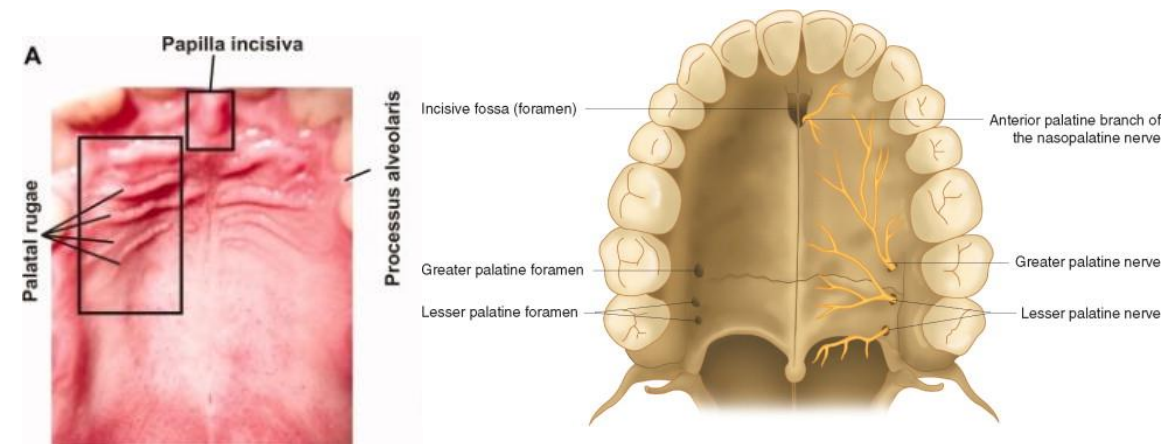
- Location on the papilla incisiva
- In the fetal period, forms opening between the nasal and oral cavities
- Before or shortly after birth, the connection is closed

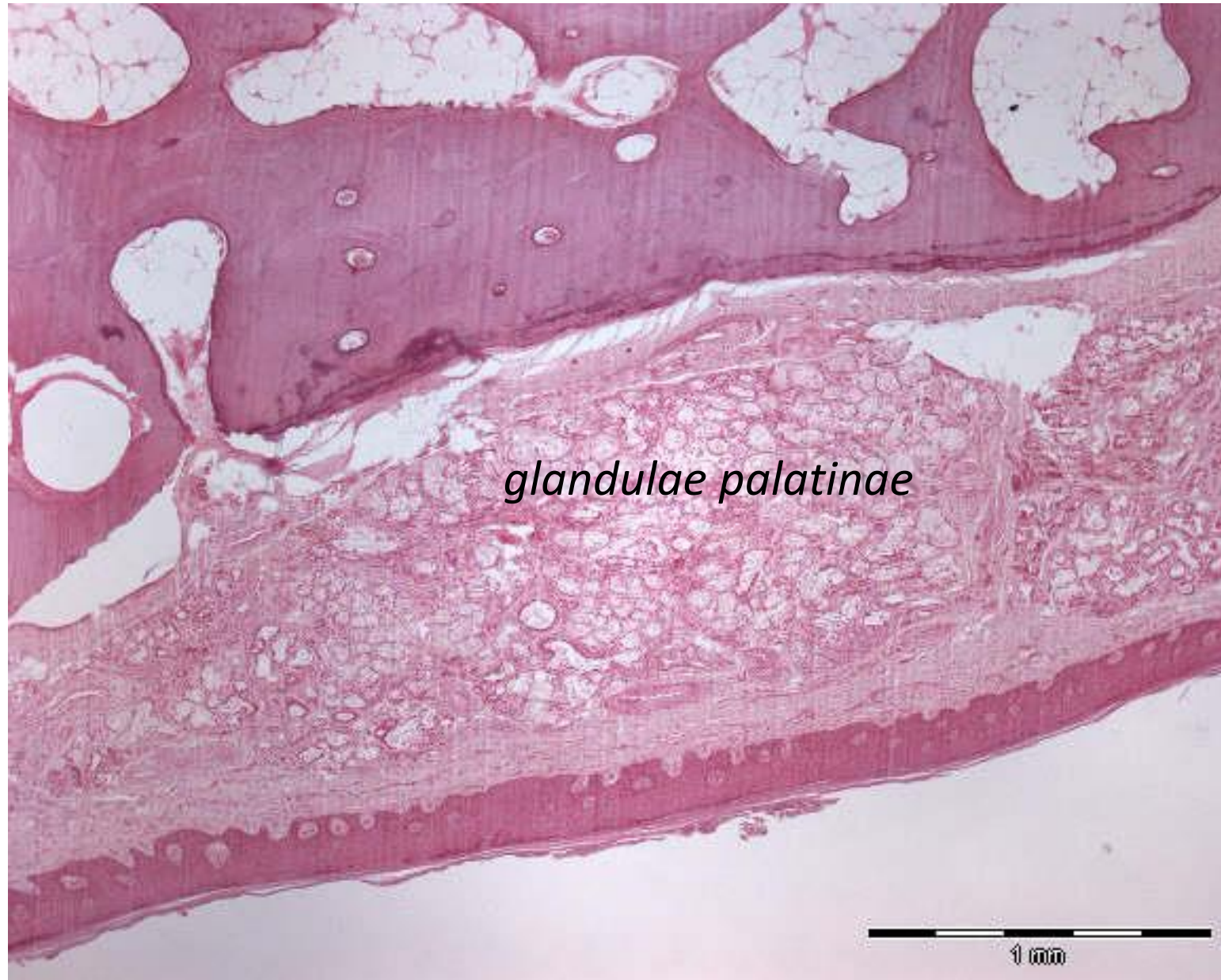
Adipose zone

- Paired structure
- Medially divided by papilla incisiva and raphe palati, Laterally bordered by gingiva and premolars
- Mucosa is thickened into 3-5 transversal plicae - *plicae palatinae transversae*, core of plicae is formed by stripes of dense collagenous connective tissue interlaced with adipocytes

Glandular zone

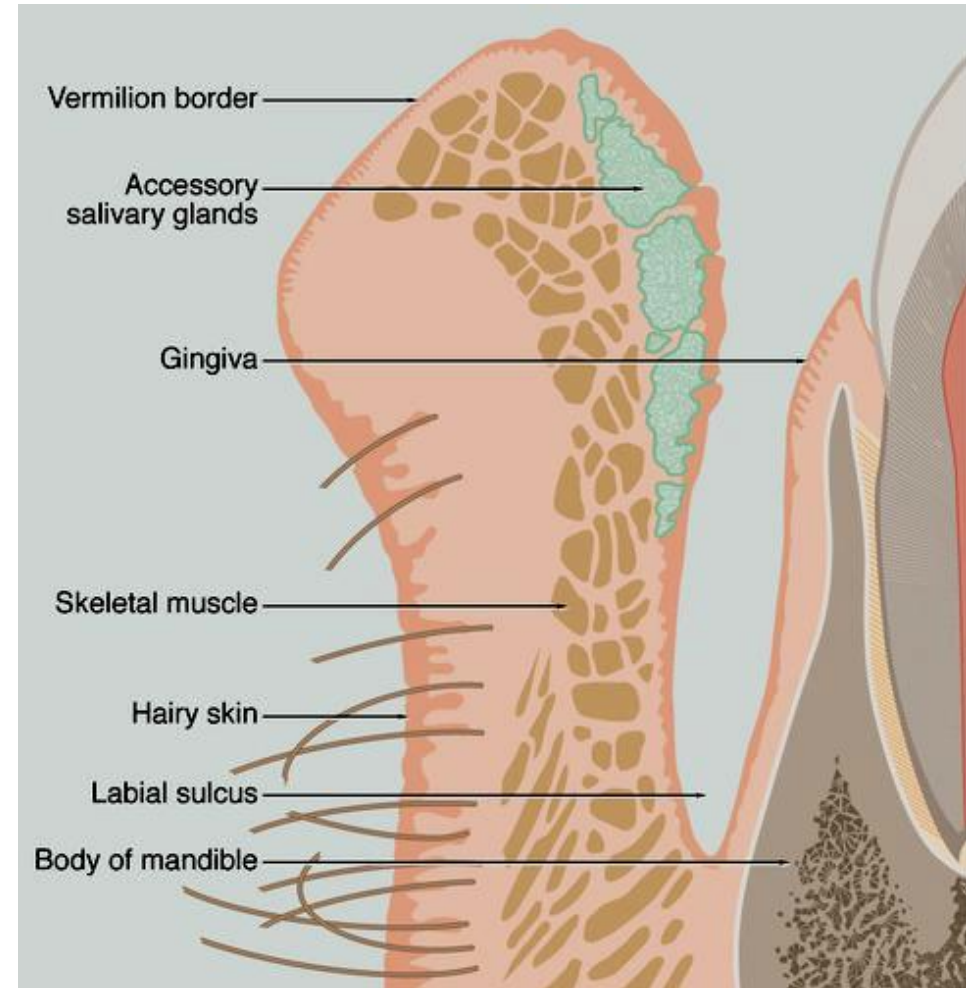
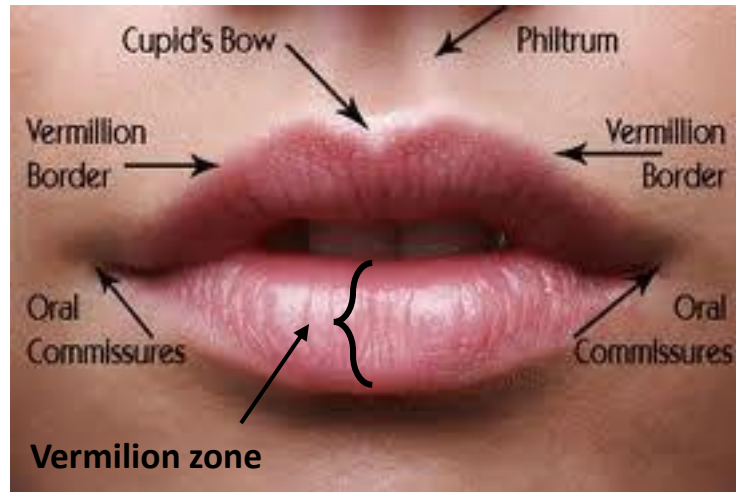
- Paired structure
- Mucosa is smooth and contains mucous glands – *gll. palatinae*





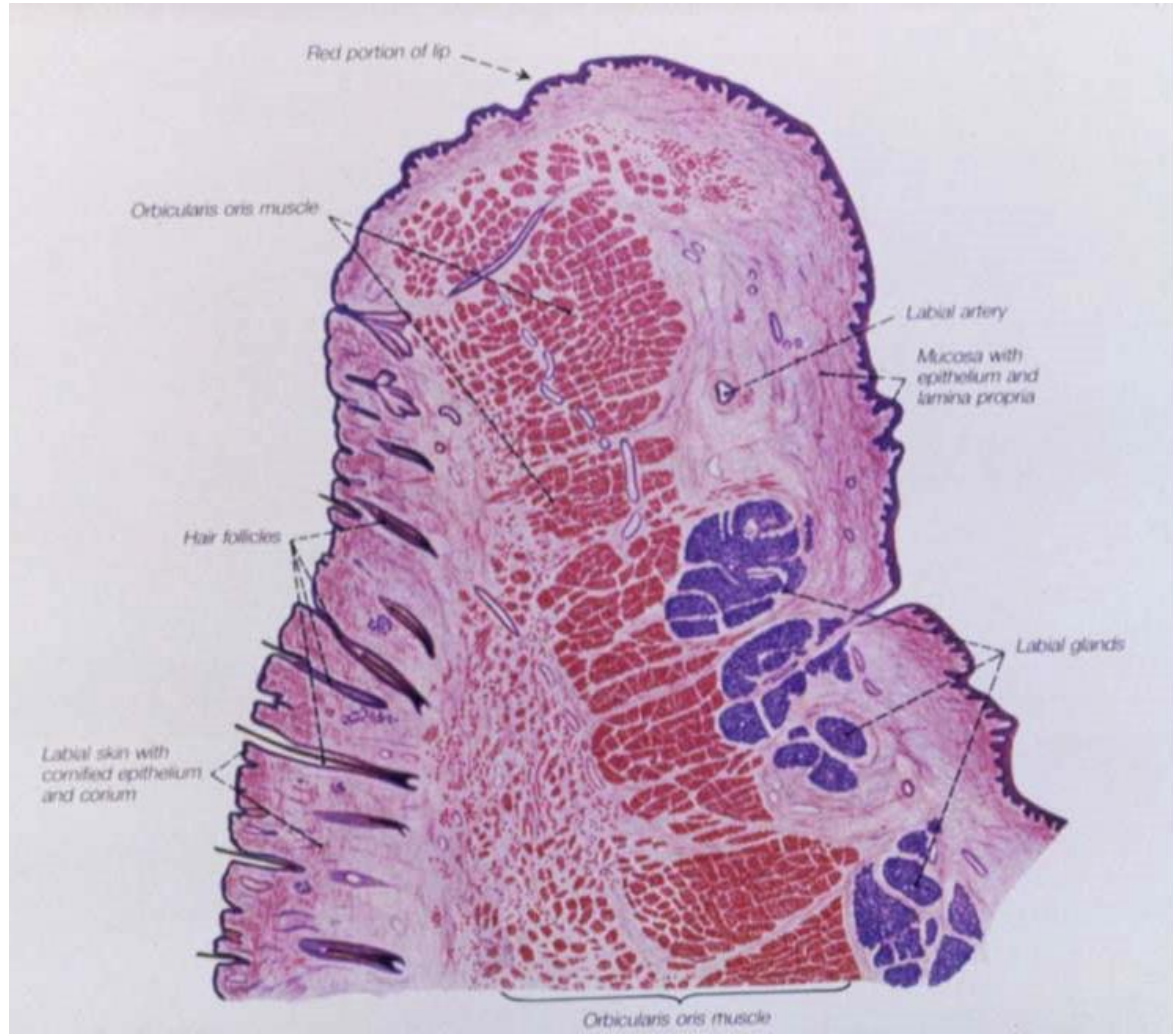
Hard palate – glandular zone

Lips

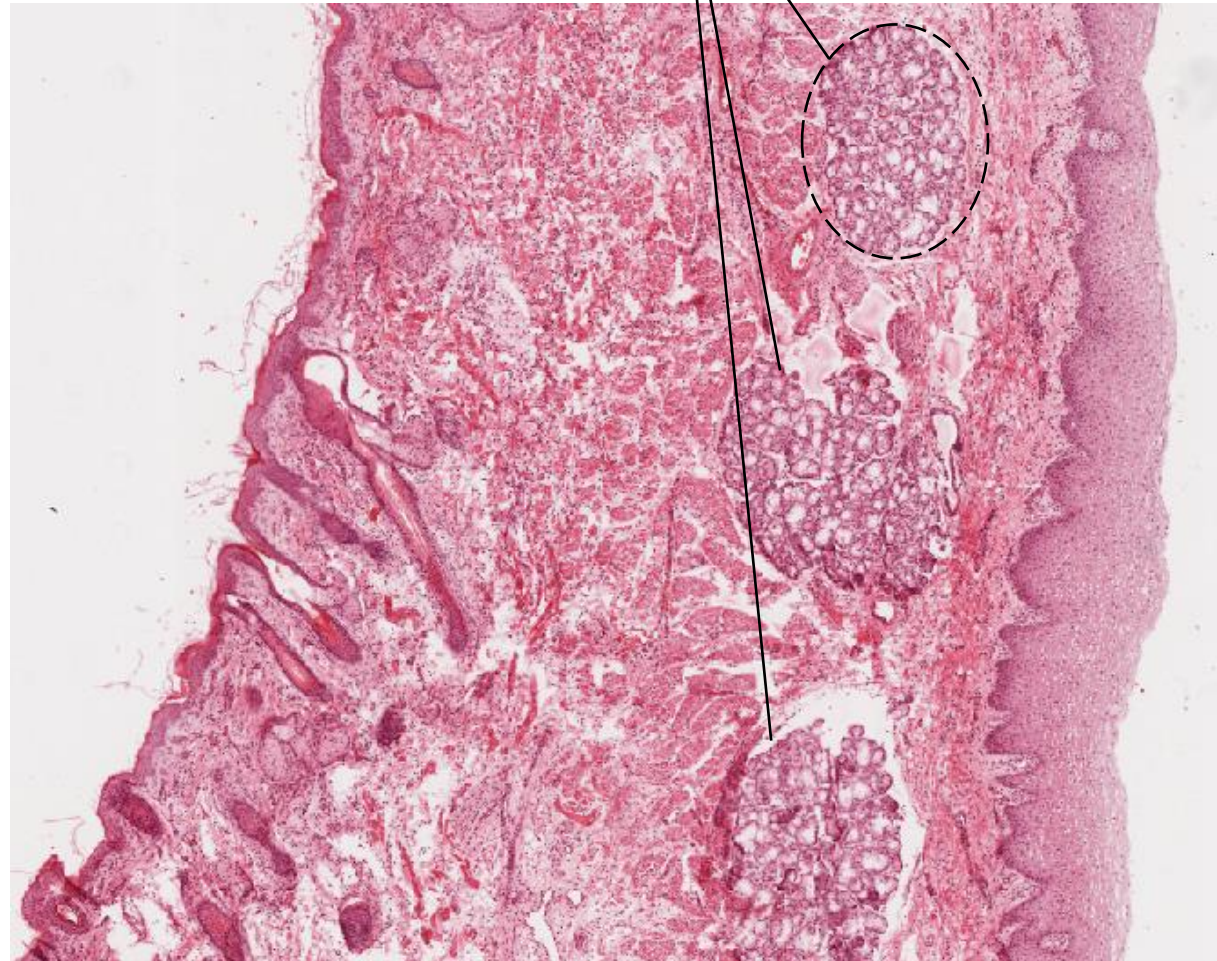


Sagittally:

- ventral aspect of the lip (skin)
- dorsal aspect of the lip (mucosa)
- Structural support: *m. orbicularis oris*
- Vermilion zone



glandulae labiales
(mixed glands)

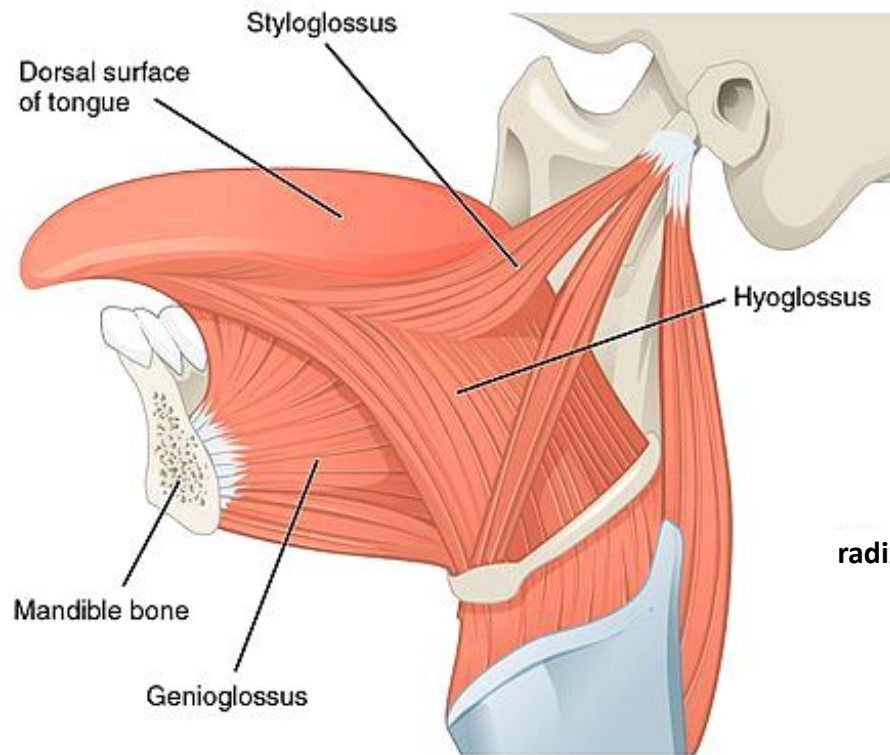




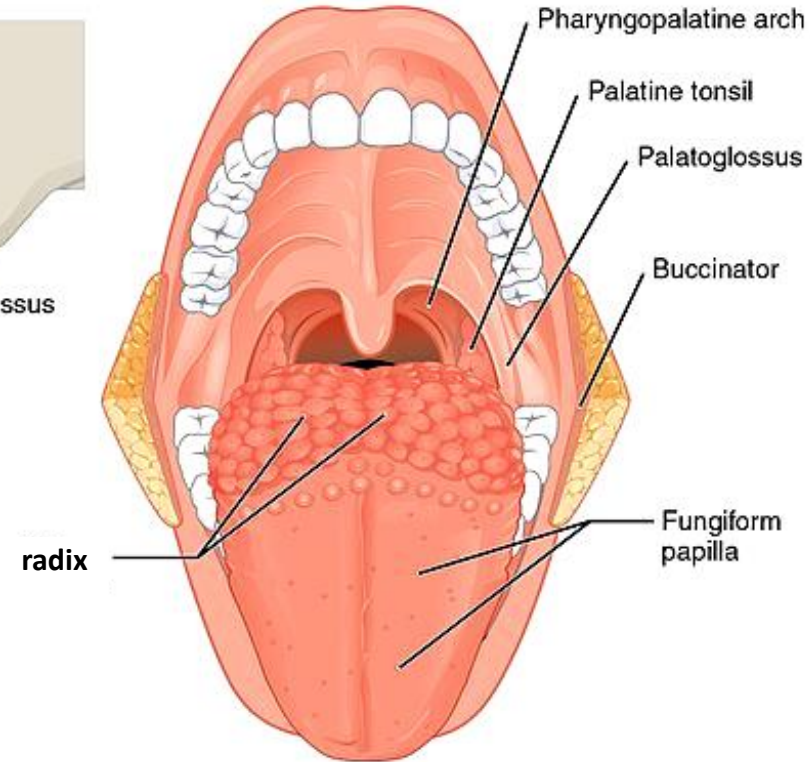
Tongue

Lingua (lat.)

Glossa (gr.)



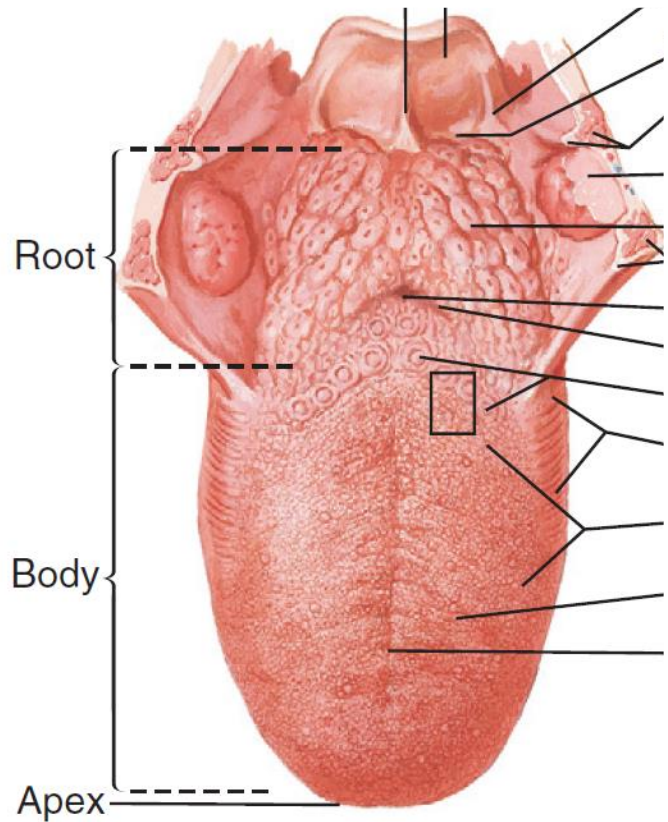
(a) Extrinsic tongue muscles



(b) Palatoglossus and surface of tongue

Base: intra- and extraglossal striated muscles

Evolutionary: developed in terrestrial vertebrates and amphibians (tetrapods) from muscles of oral floor



Surface

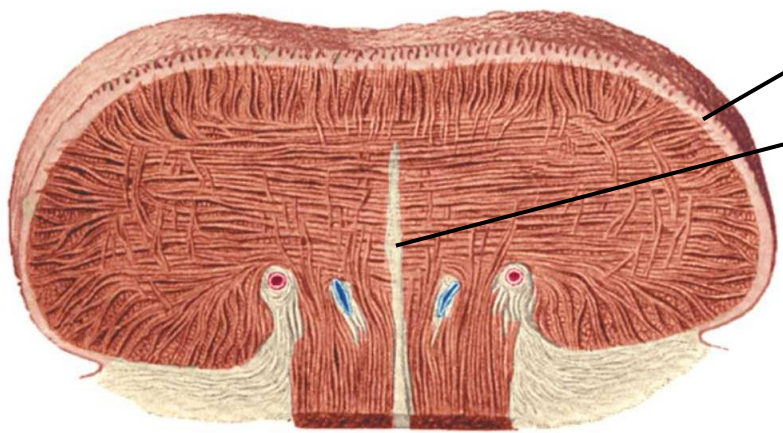
Dorsum linguae
Specialized oral mucosa

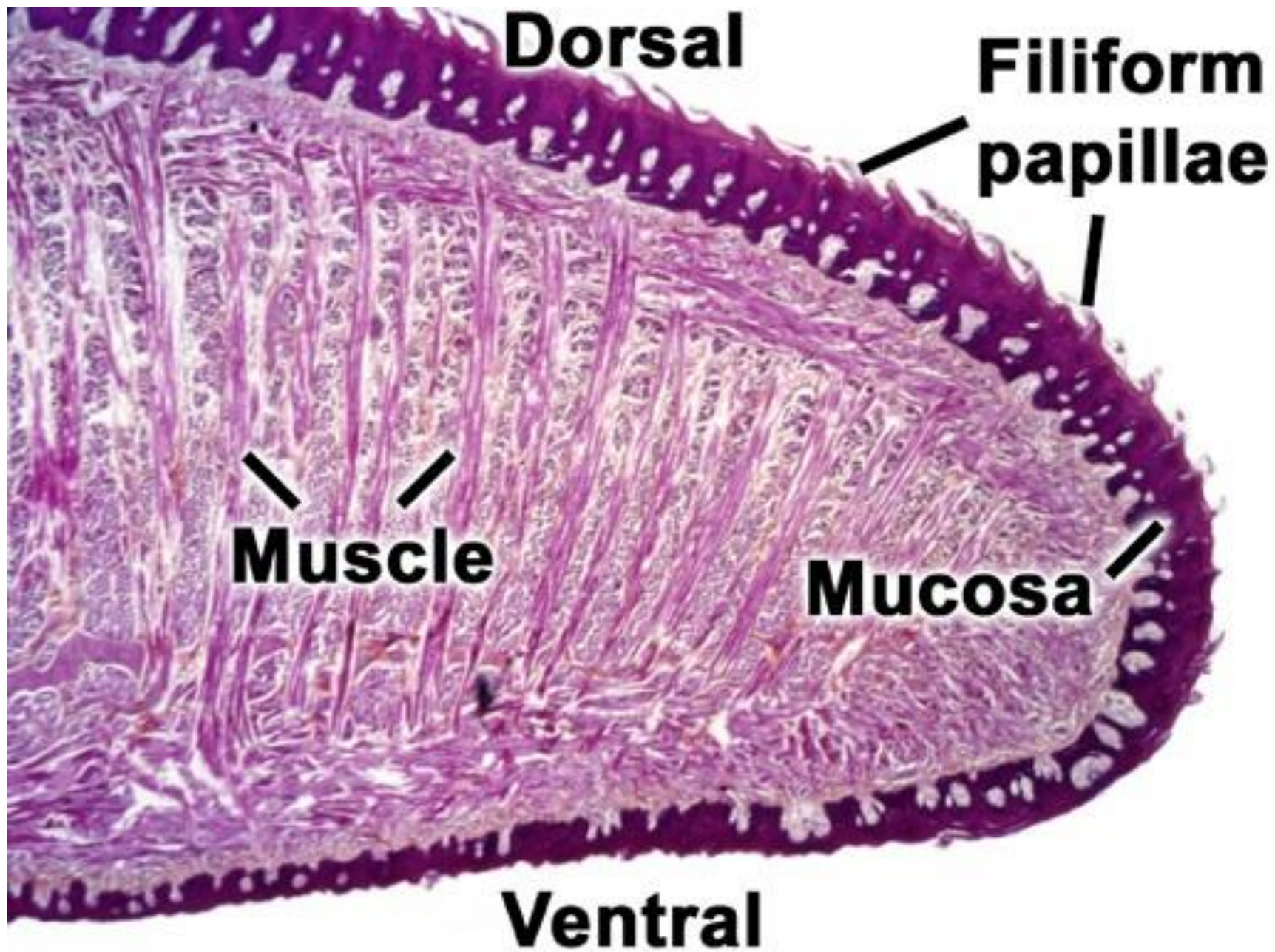
Inferior aspect
Lining mucosa

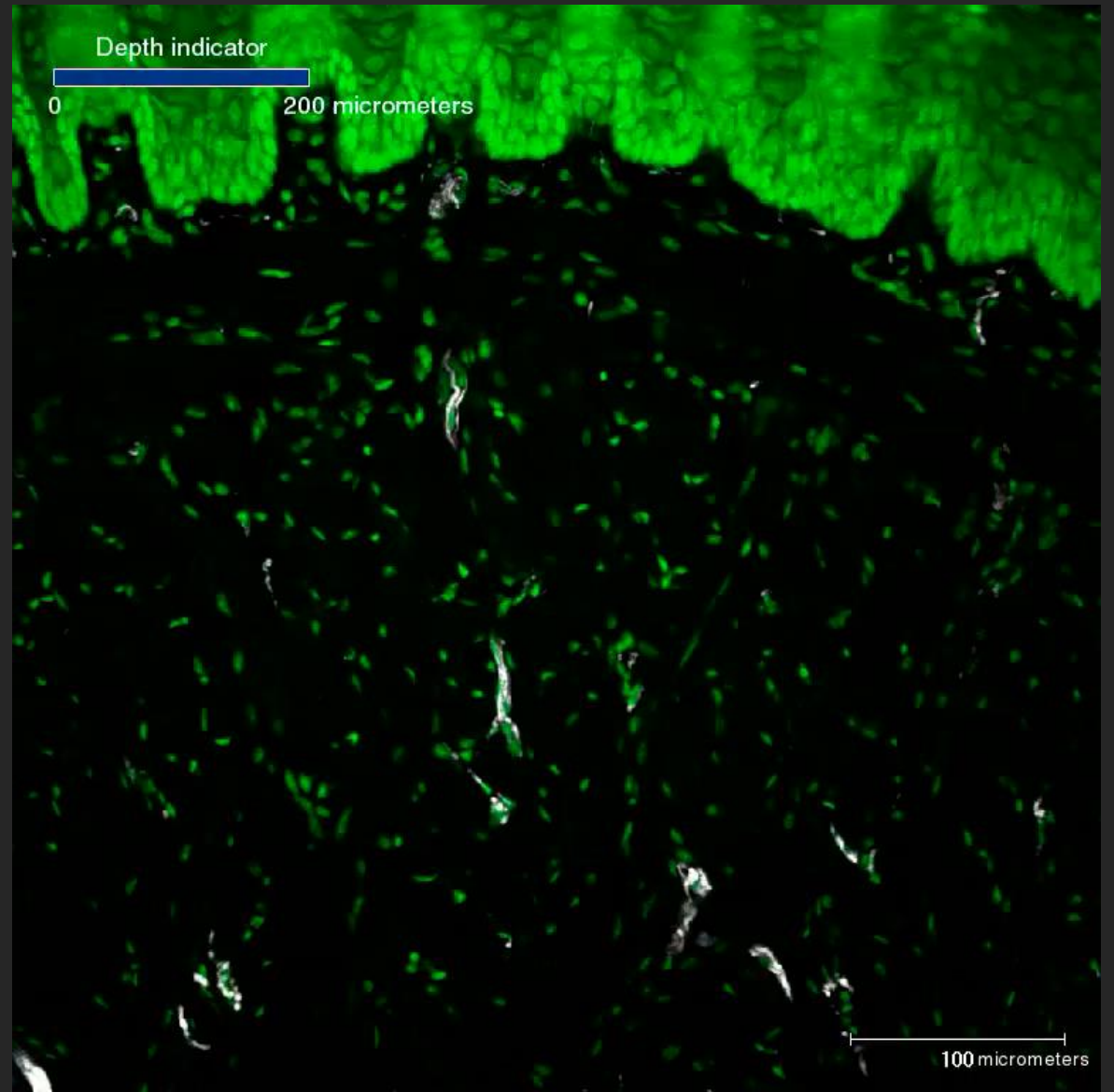
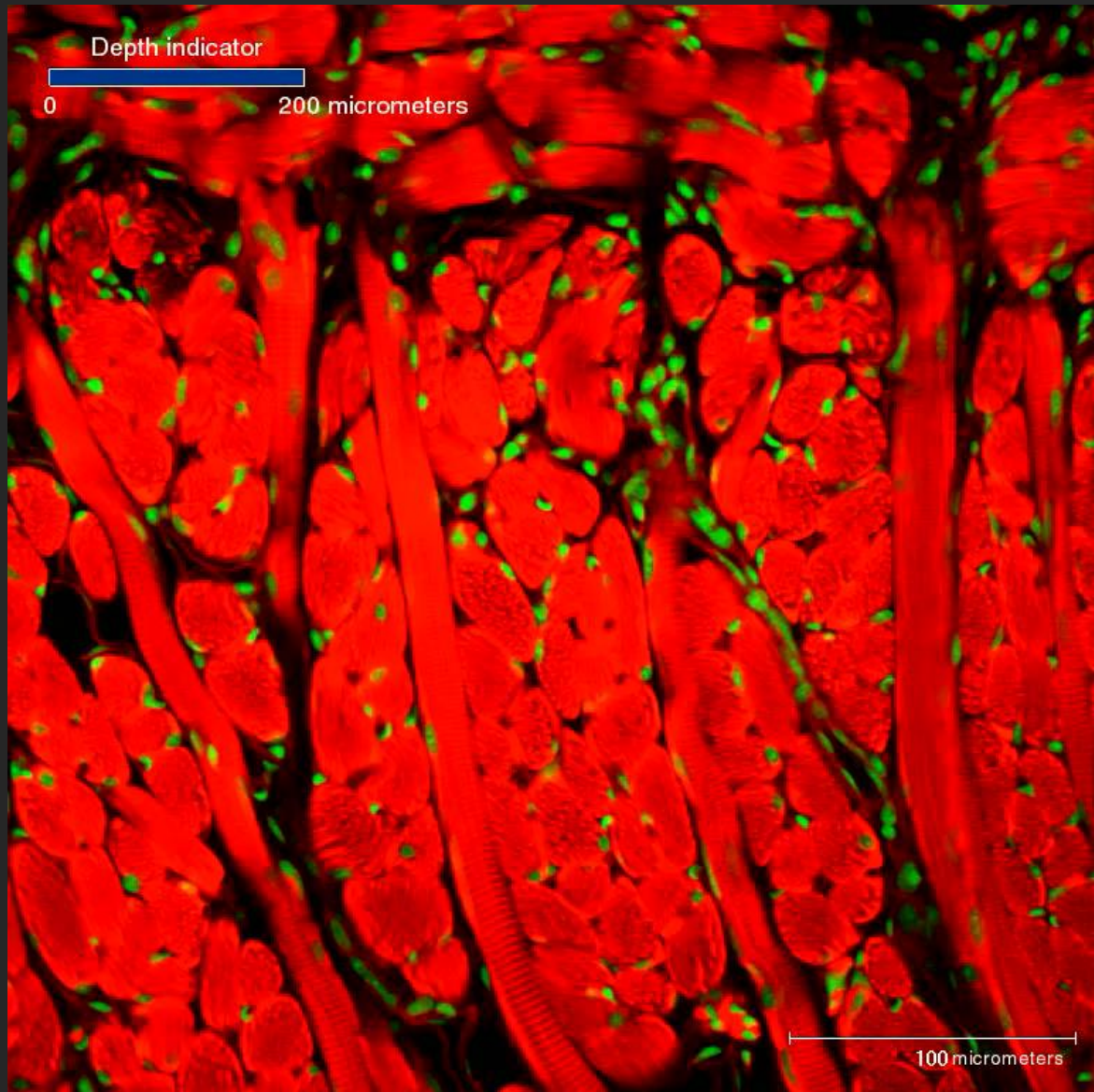
Fibrous parts

Aponeurosis linguae
- very stiff fibrous membrane

Septum linguae
- composed by dense collagenous tissue







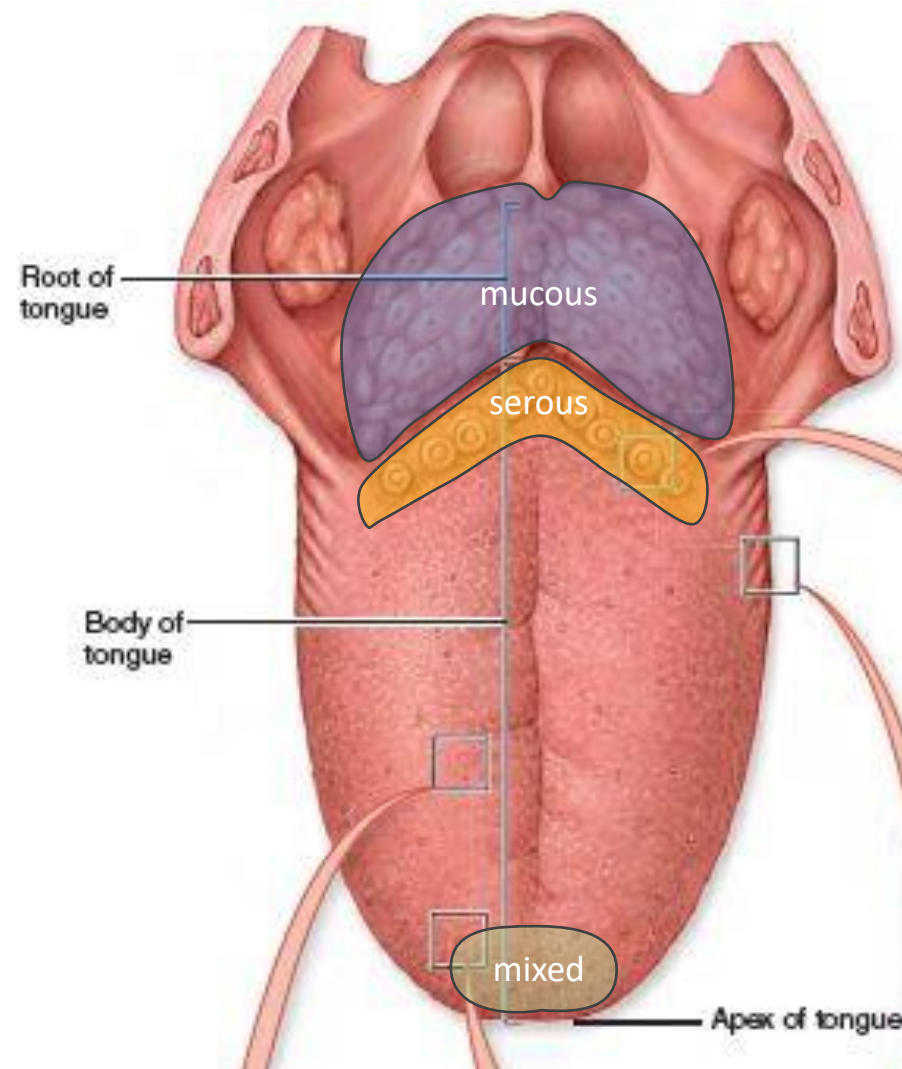
Depth indicator

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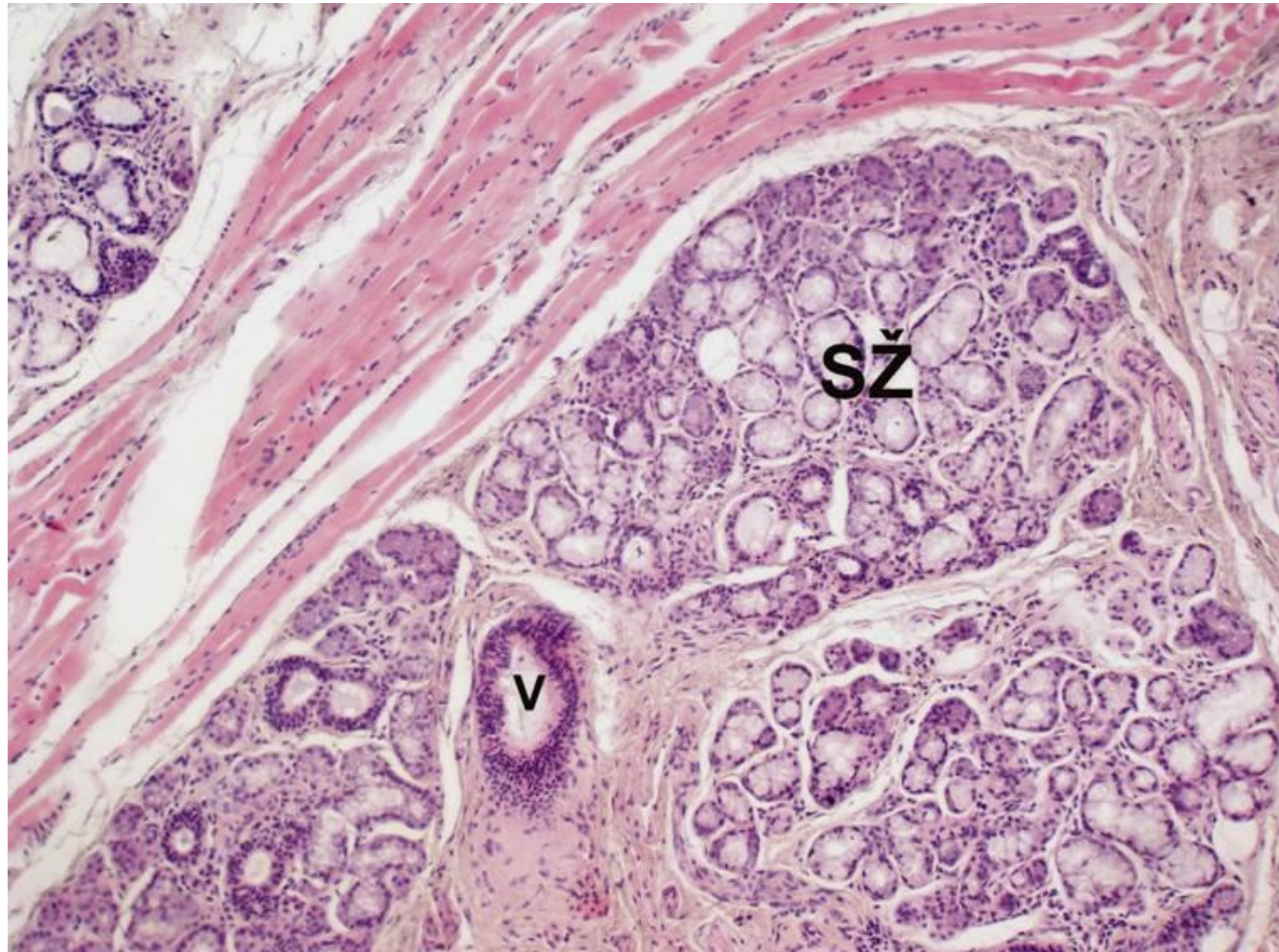
100 micrometers



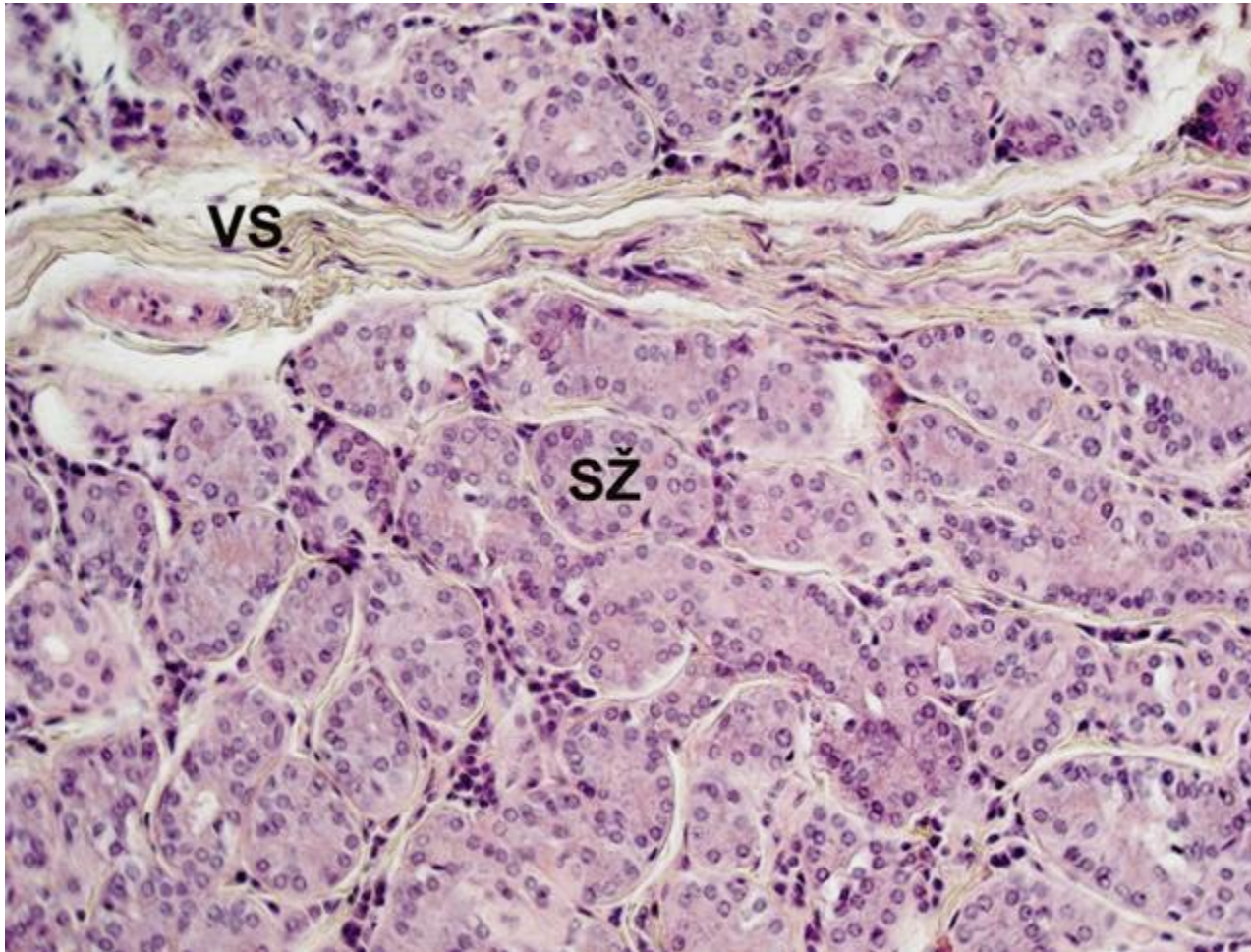
Glands of tongue



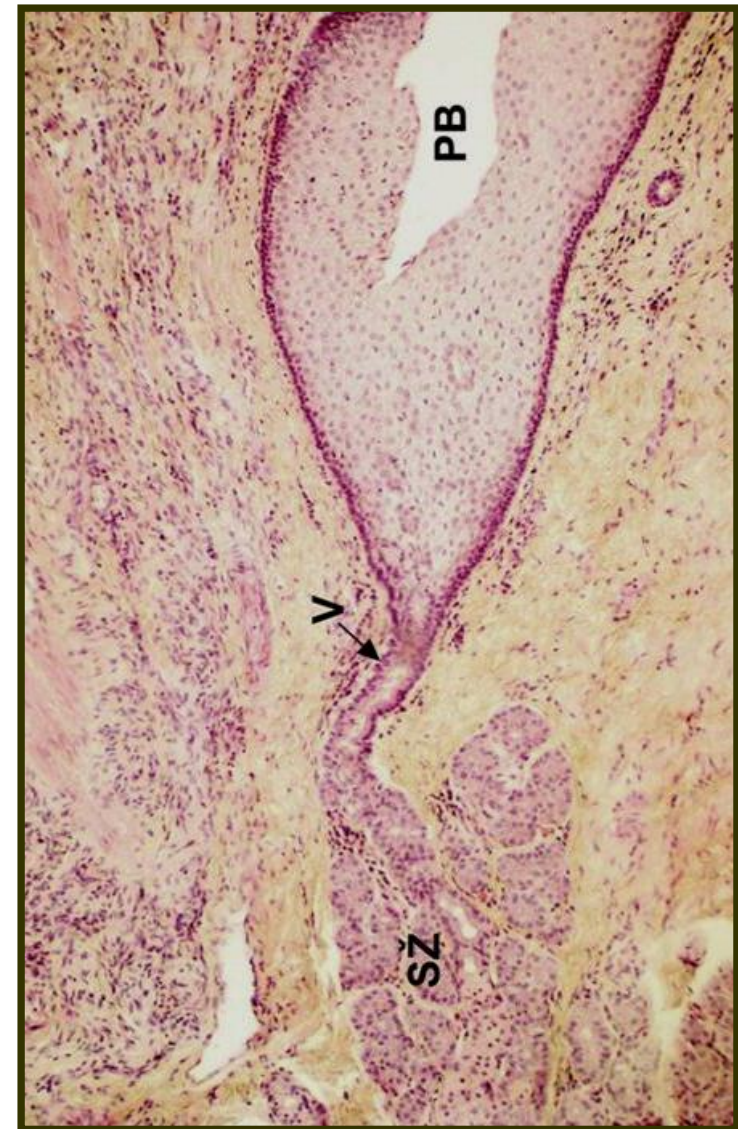
Glandula apicis linguae (gl. Blandini)
mixed gland



Ebner's glands - *gll. gustatoriae*
serous

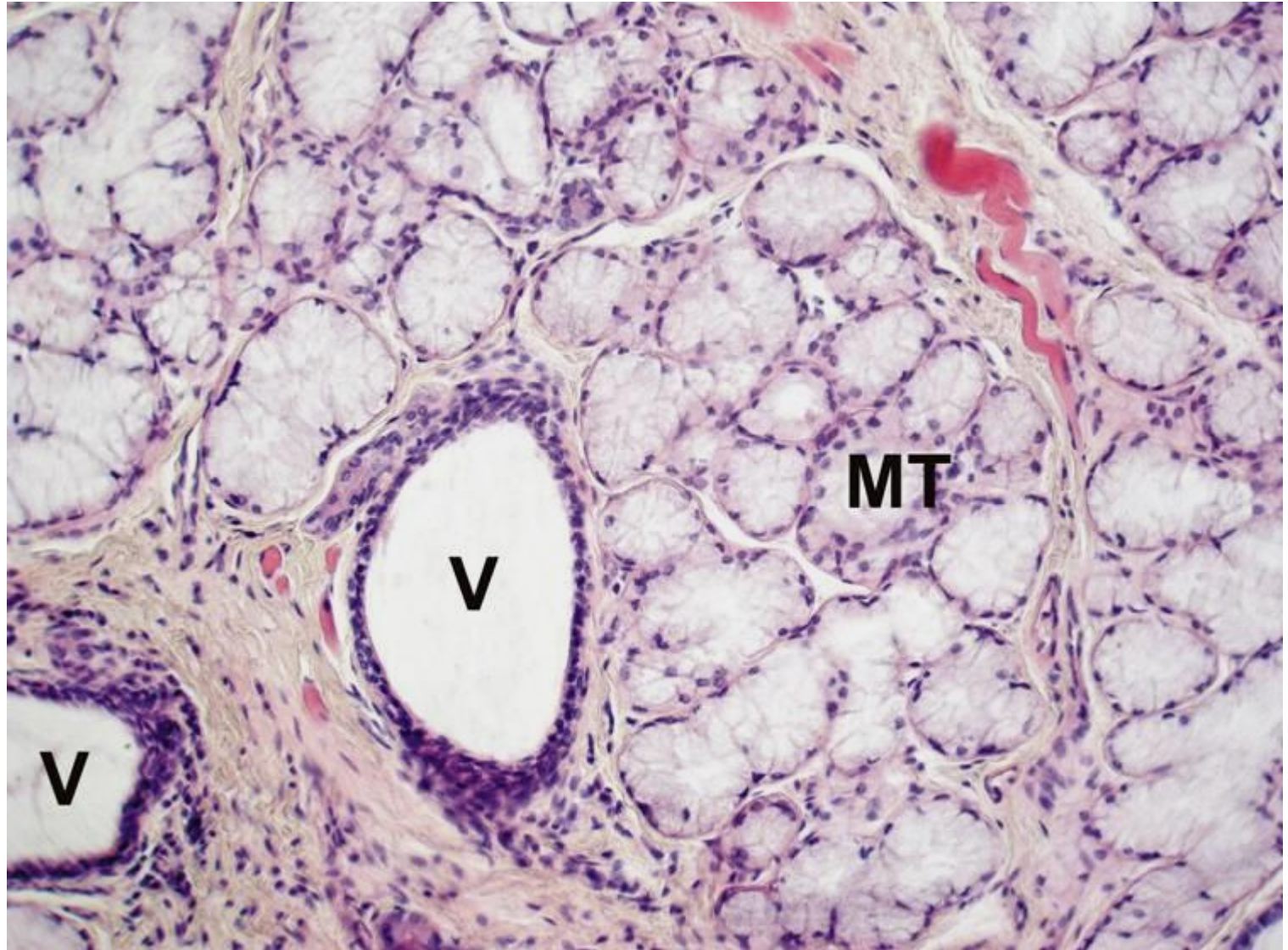


Ebner's serous glands (SŽ) with secretory parts of tubular character (VS – septum of connective tissue)

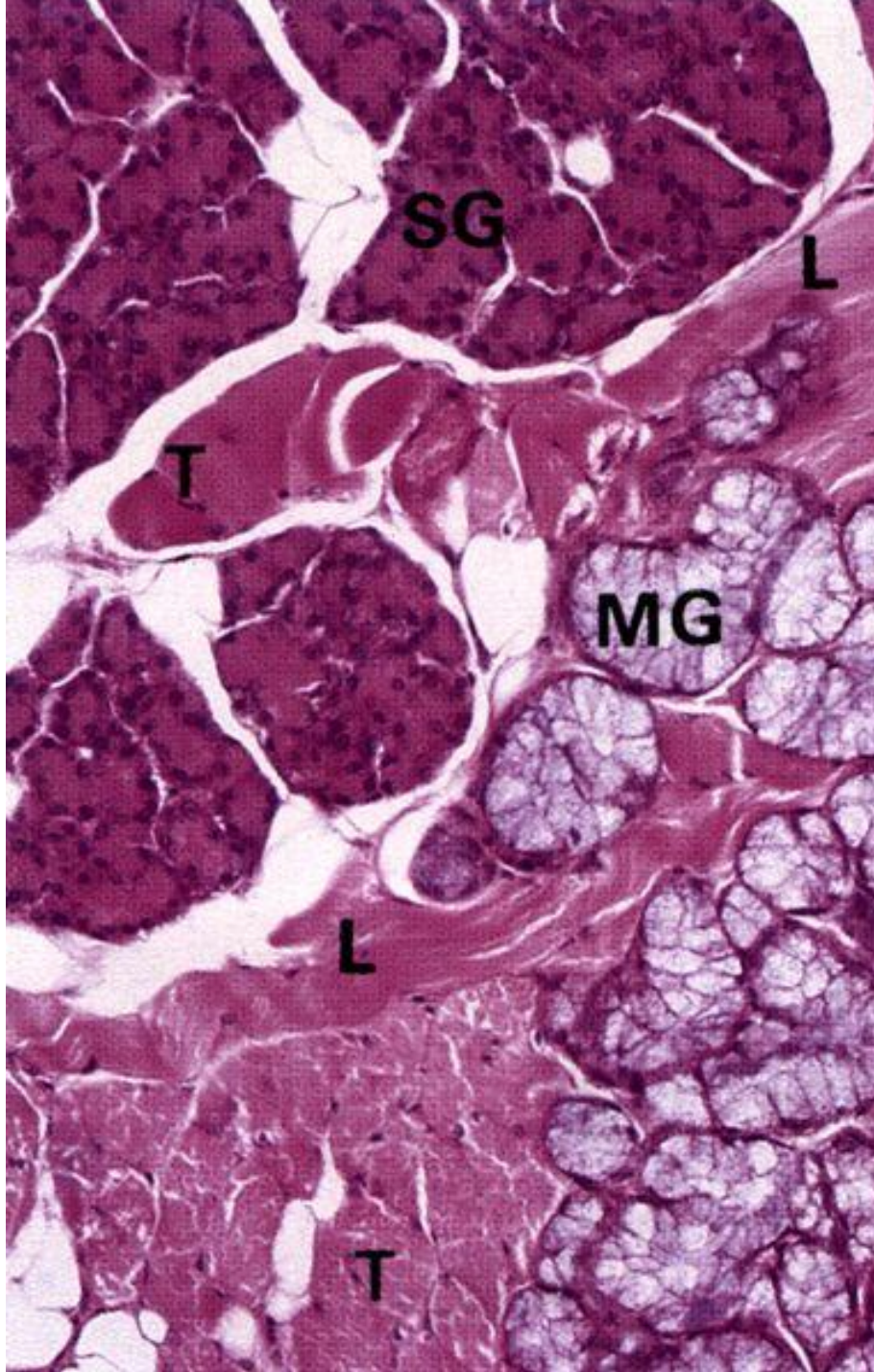


Duct (V) of Ebner's gland (SŽ)

Weber's glands - *gll. linguales post*
mucinous



Weber's mucinous glands
MT – mucinous tubules, V – duct.



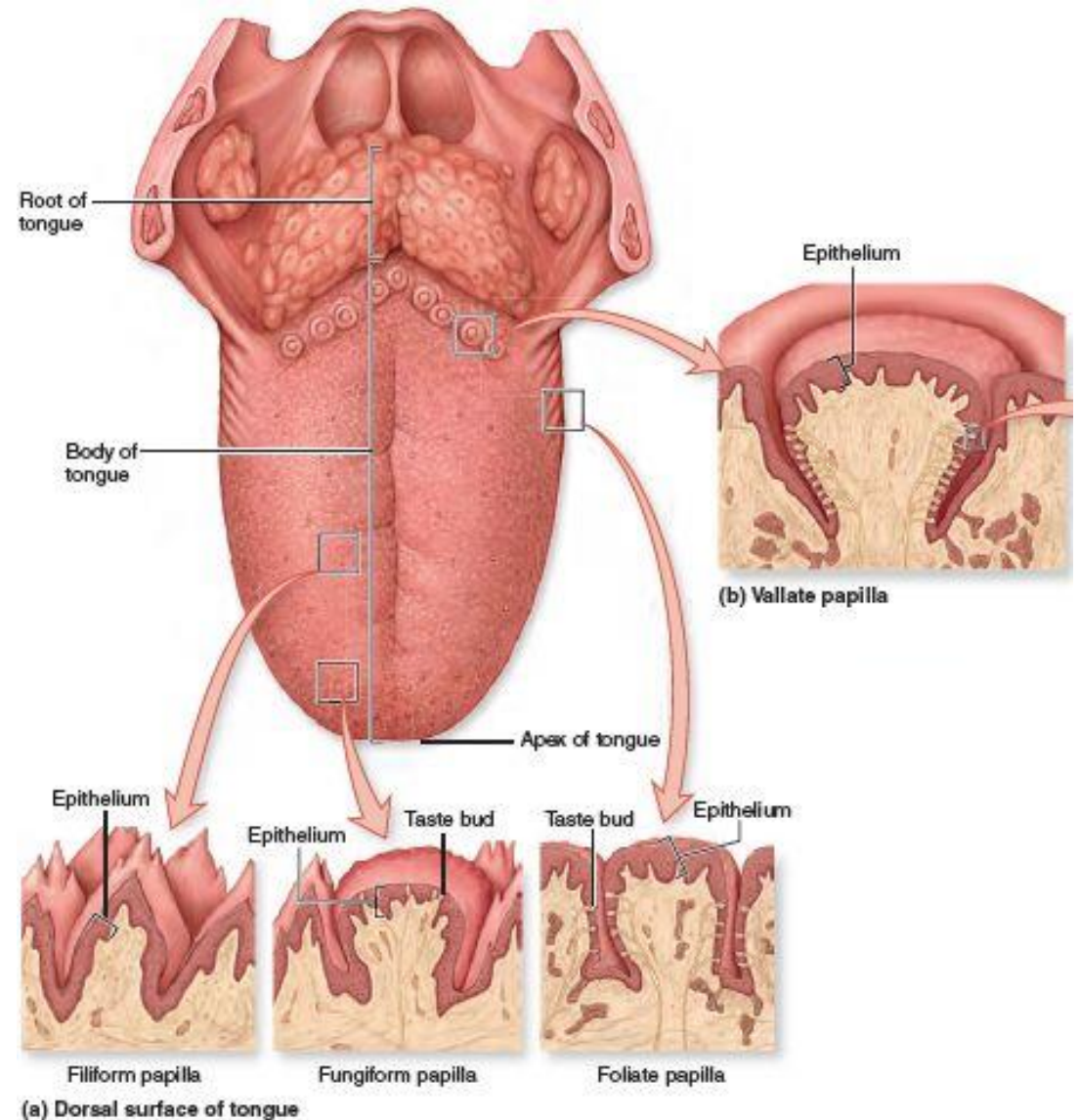
Ebner's glands - *gll. gustatoriae*
serous

Weber's glands - *gll. linguales post*
mucinous

Dorsum linguae

Specialized oral mucosa

- Firmly connected with *aponeurosis linguae*
- Rough surface
- Mucosal outgrowths - **lingual papillae**
- Covered by nonkeratinized squamous stratified epithelium (except of papillae filiformes)

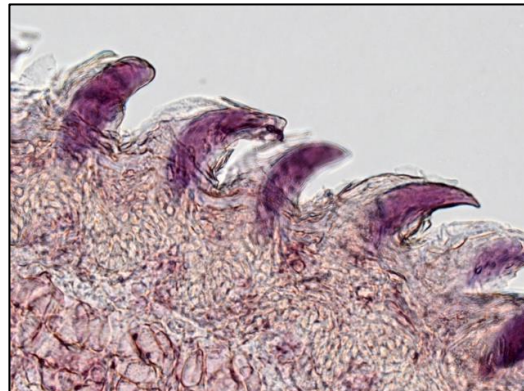
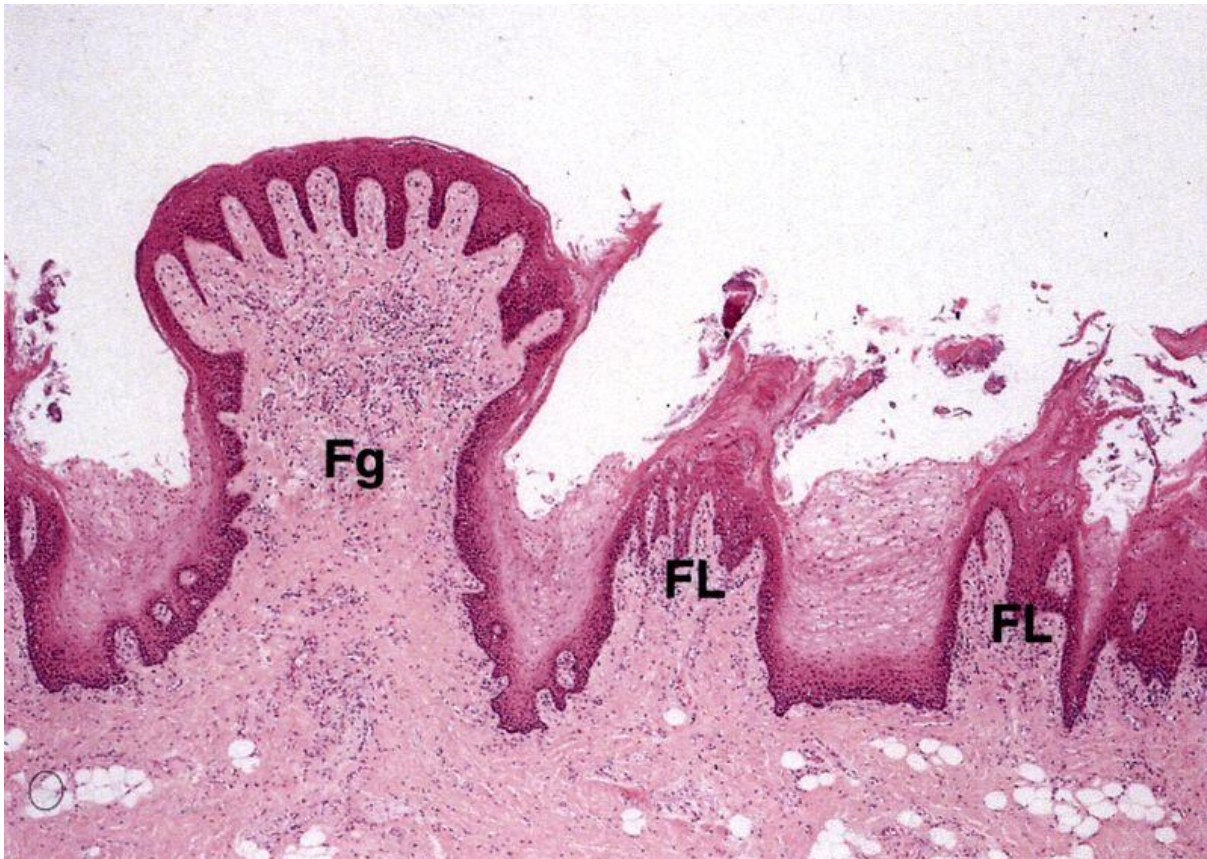


Papillae filiformes

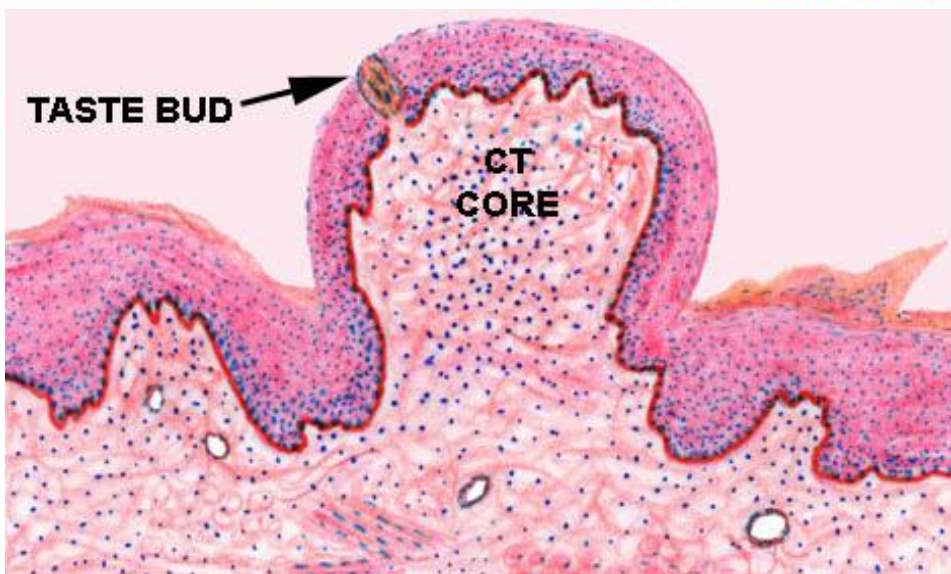
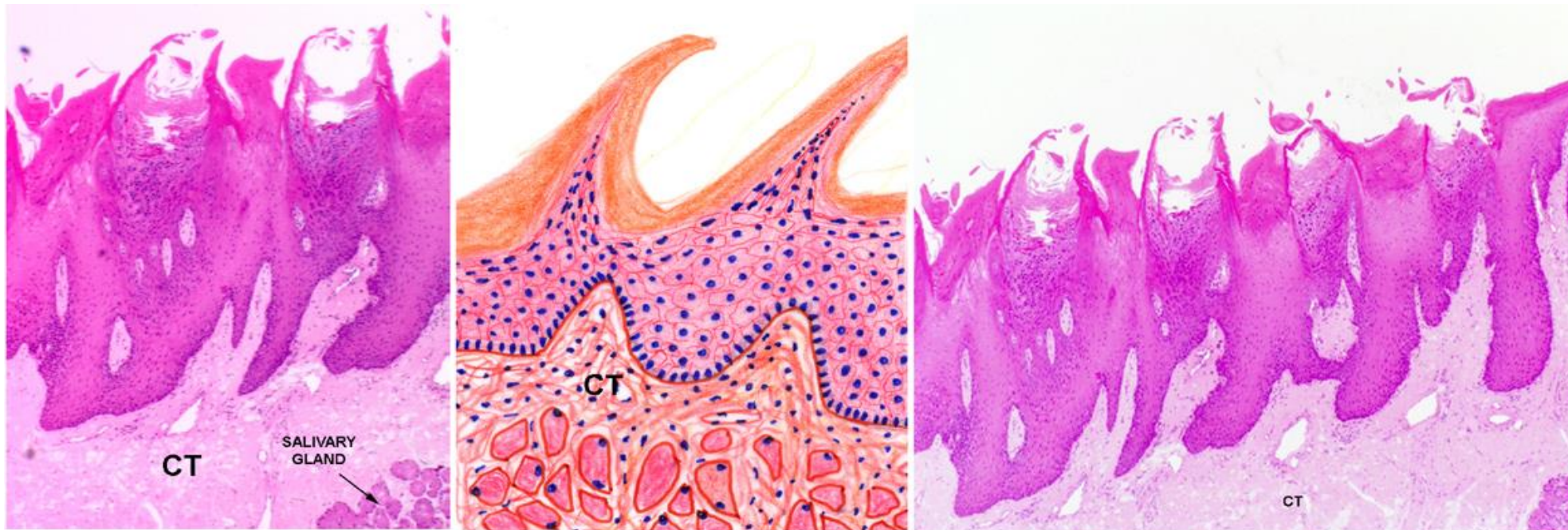
The most abundant and distributed over the entire dorsal surface of the tongue;
Brush-like appearance (0.5 - 1 mm in height, 0.2 - 0.3 mm in width);
The stratified squamous epithelium is often keratinized

Papillae fungiformes

Apex; Mushroom-shape (0.5 - 1.5 in height, 0.5 - 1.0 mm in width)
Taste buds in epithelium



Papillae filiformes vs. Papillae fungiformes



Differences in keratinization



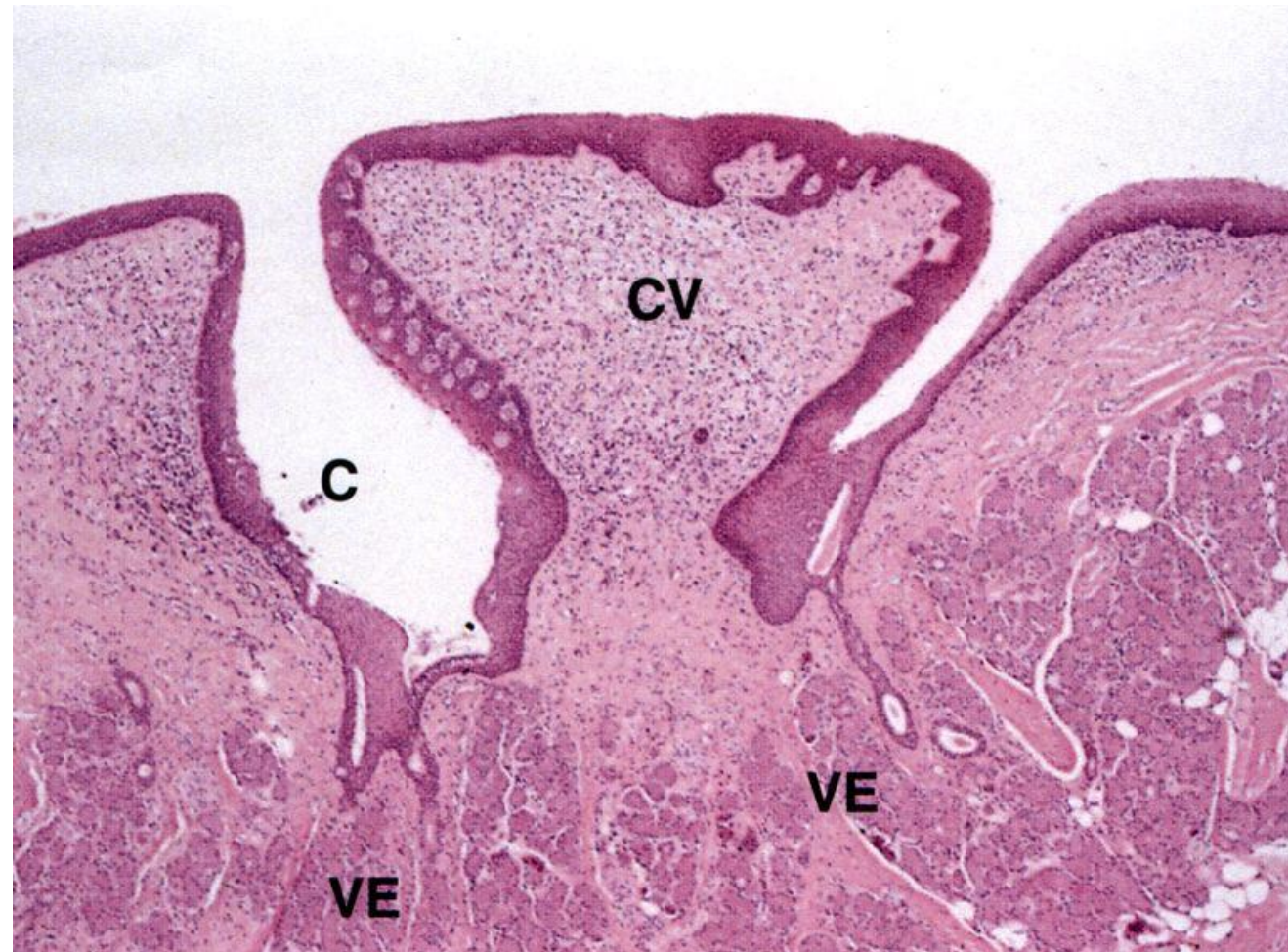
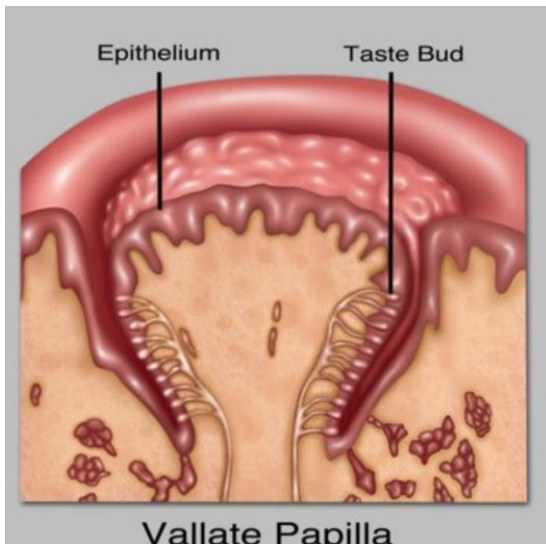
Papillae foliatae

- Count: 3 - 8
- Vertically-oriented
- Rudimentary
- Laterally on the edge of the main body and root of tongue
- Taste buds

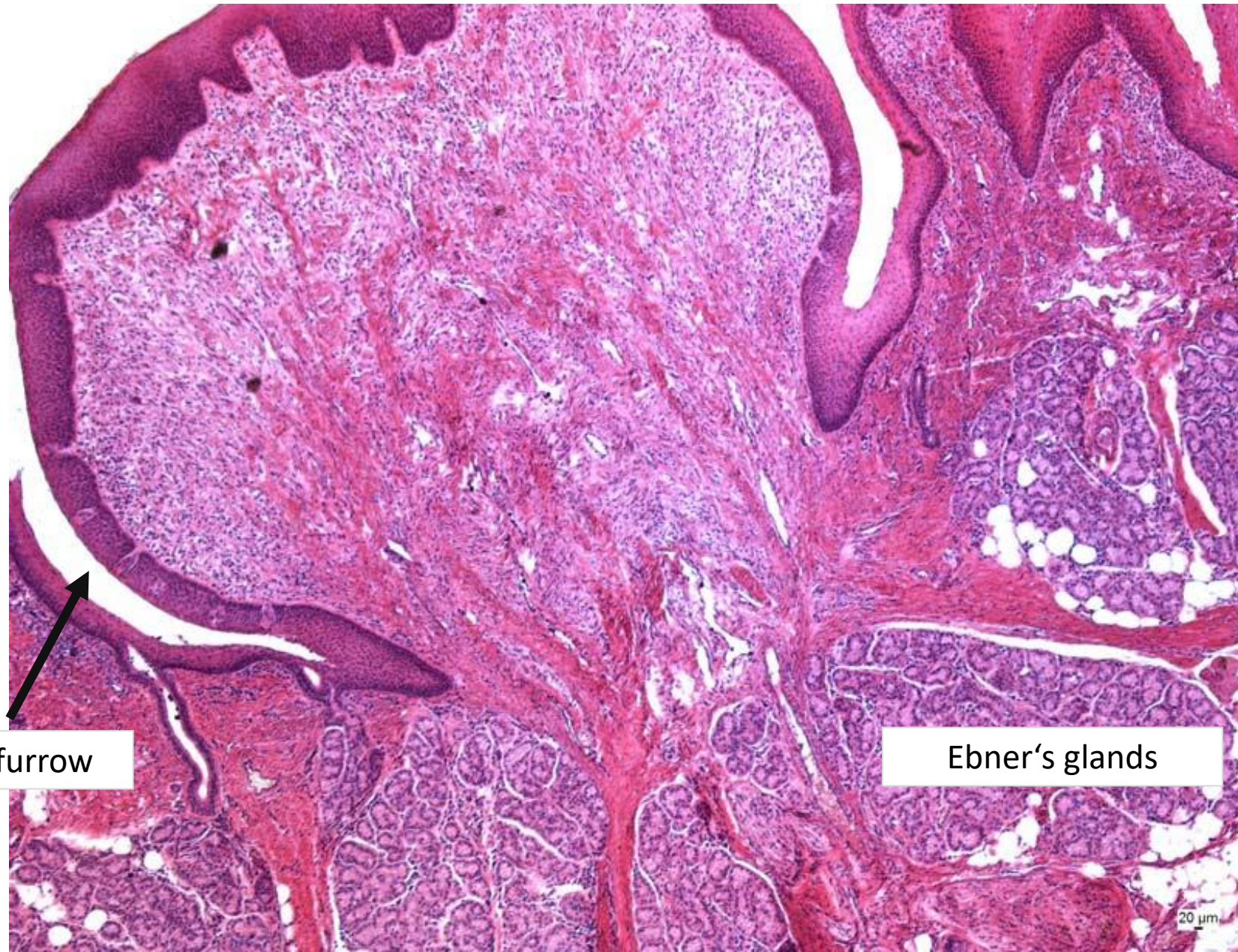


Papillae vallatae

Largest (1-4 mm in height, 1-3 mm in width), 7-12 just in front of sulcus terminalis, submerged into mucosa. Deep circumpapillary furrow. Taste buds



Papilla vallata



Circumpapillary furrow

Ebner's glands

20 μ m

Taste

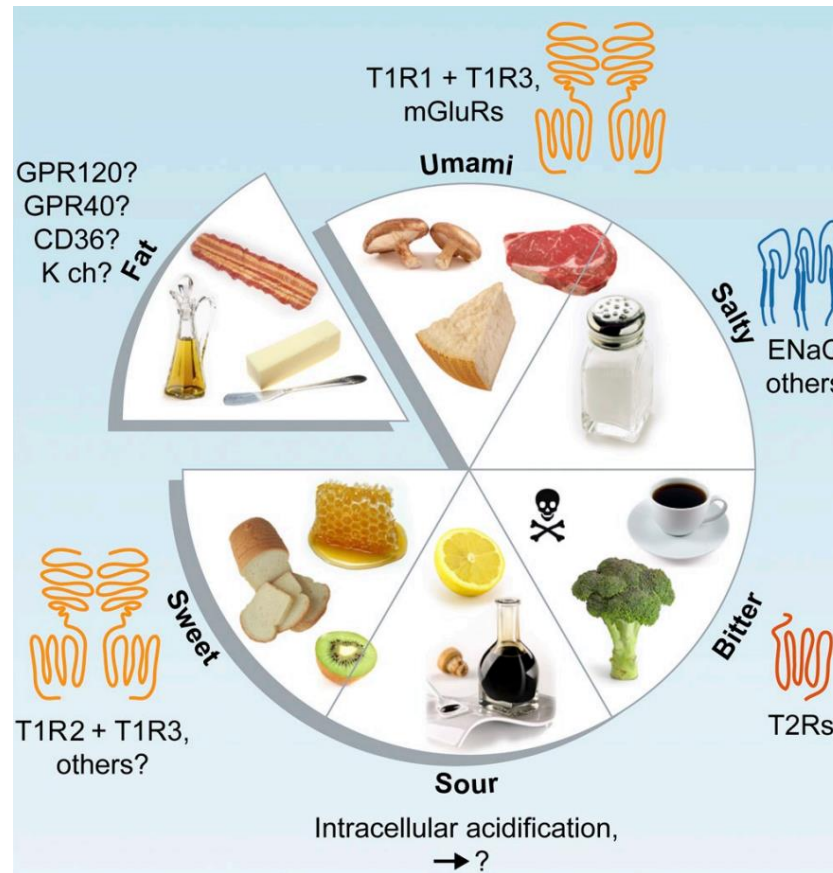
Basic tastes:

Sweet
Salty
Sour
Bitter
Umami

Suggested (still discussed):

Fatty
Metalic

Why do we perceive tastes?



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(Chaudhari et Roper, JCB, 2010)

Taste buds

(*caliculi gustatorii*)

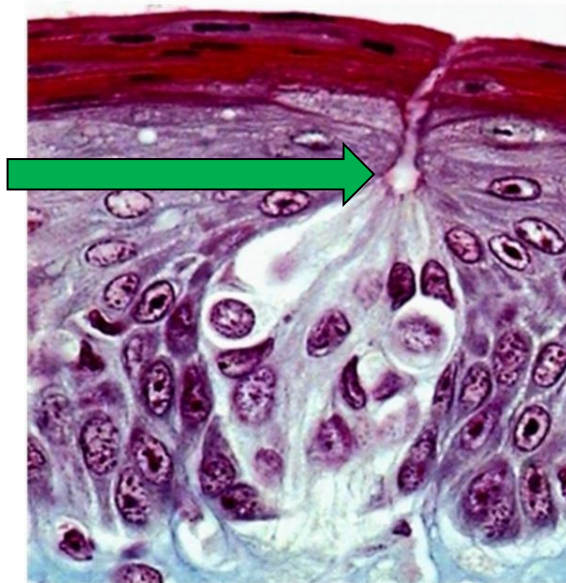
Intraepithelial structures

Localization:

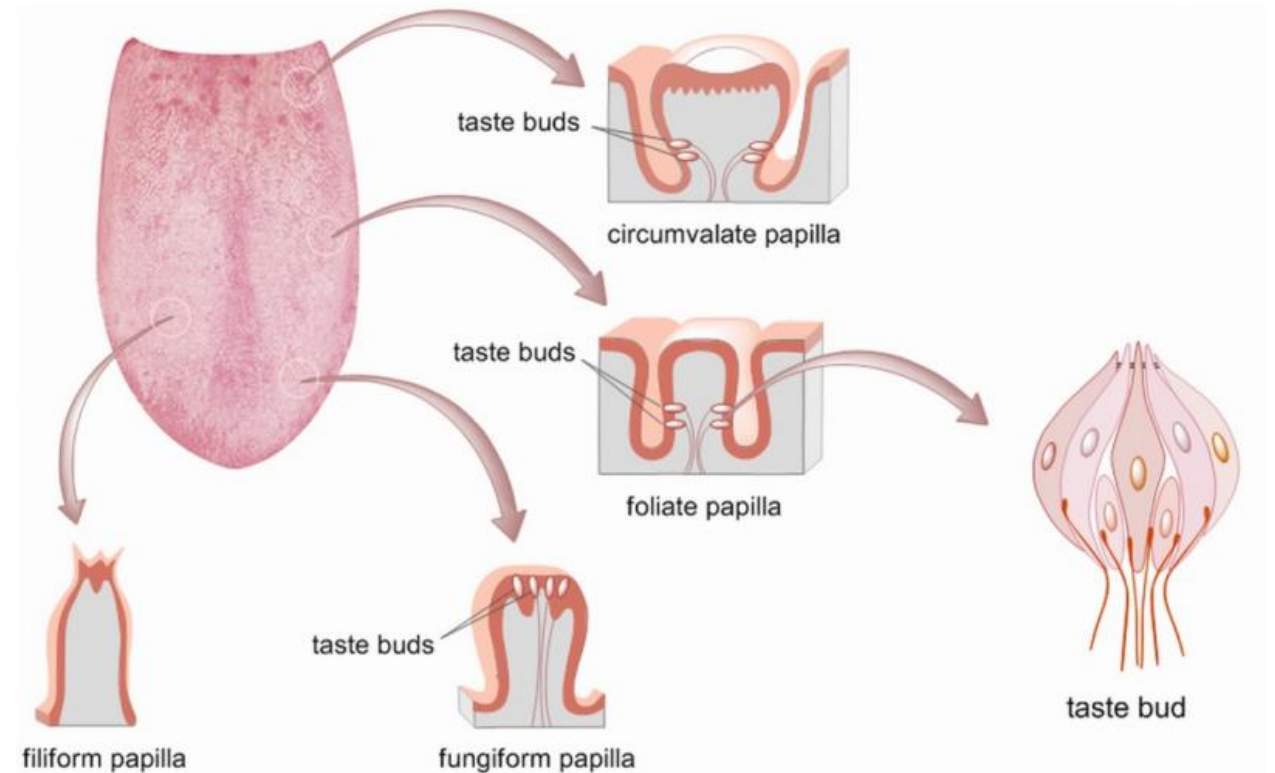
- In epithelium of vallate papillae + circumpapillar furrows
- In epithelium of fungiform papillae and foliate papillae
- Rarely in other places

The number is reported to be between 2,000 - 10,000 (their amount decreases with age)

Porus gustatorius



(Kikut-Ligaj, et al., 2015)



Taste buds

(*caliculi gustatorii*)

Cellular organization:

- Each taste bud consists of about 30-80 spindle-shaped neuroepithelial cells
- There are 3 (+1) cell types in the taste buds distinguishable by electron microscopy and immunohistochemical staining:

Type I

Most abundant (about half of the cells)

Support function, possible contribution to taste perception

Type II

Adjacent to intraepithelial nerves

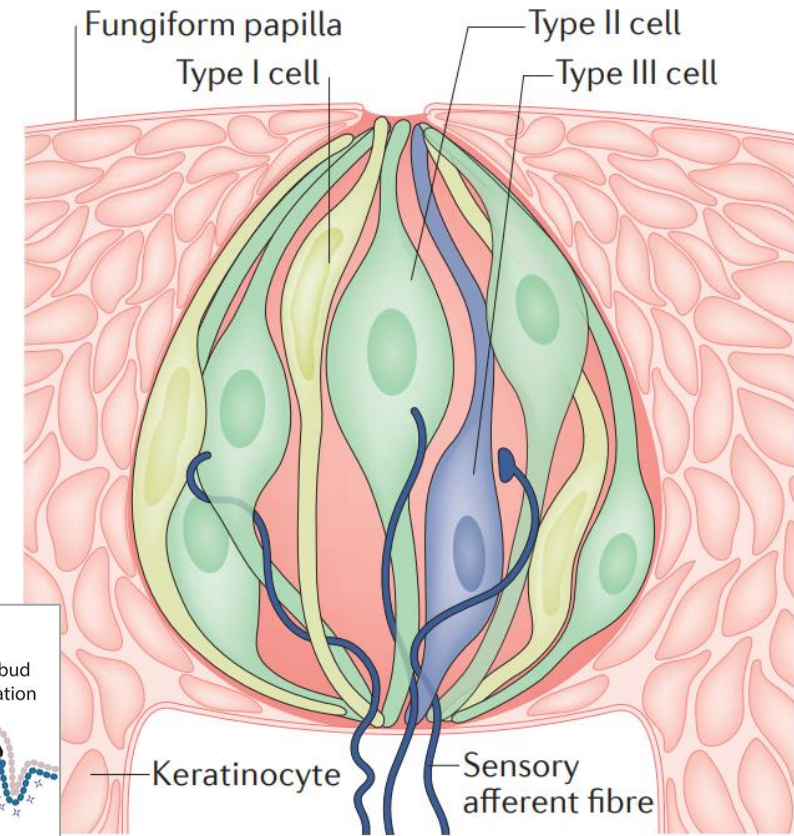
No synapses, signal transmission by purinergic signaling

Type III

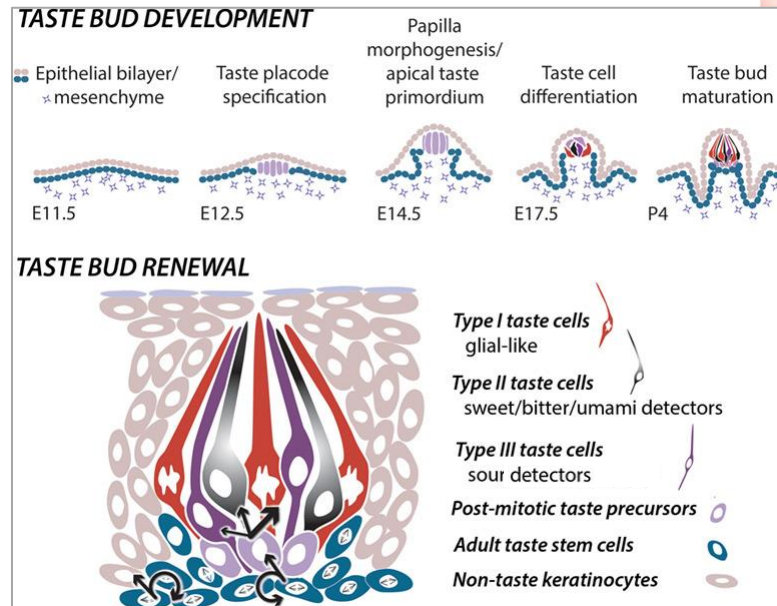
They are the only ones with identifiable synapses

Basal cells (Type IV)

Non-differentiated cell, stem function

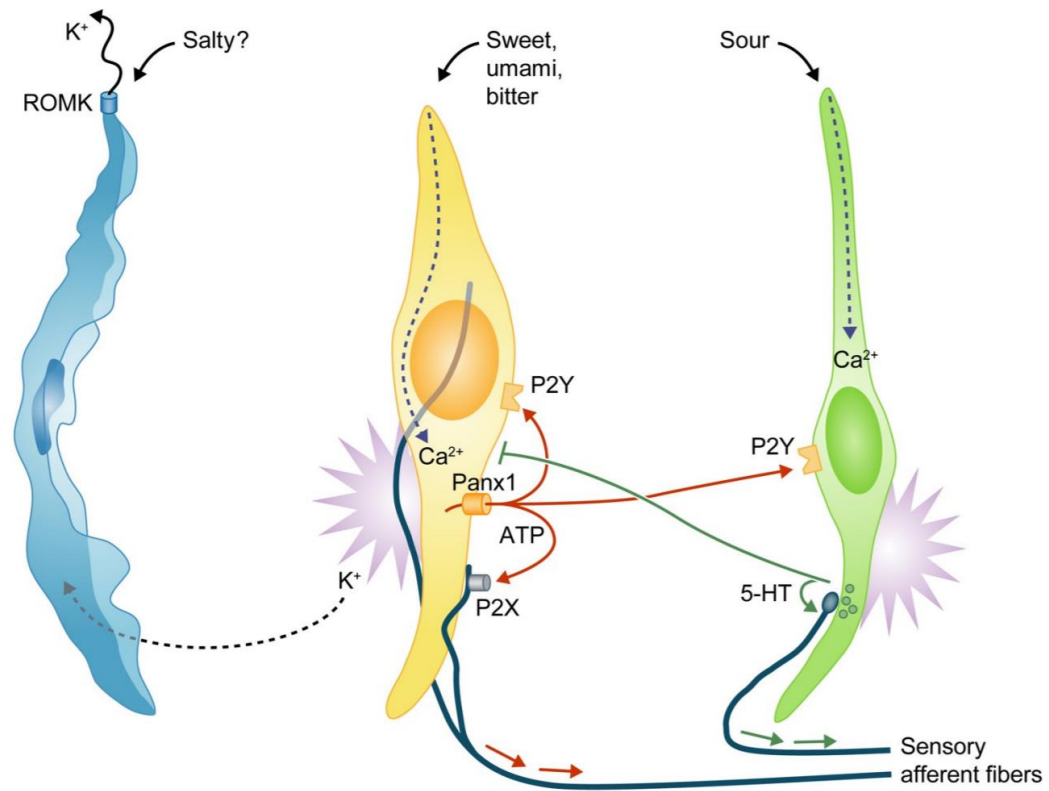


(Roper, et al., 2017)



(Barlow, 2021)

Taste detection

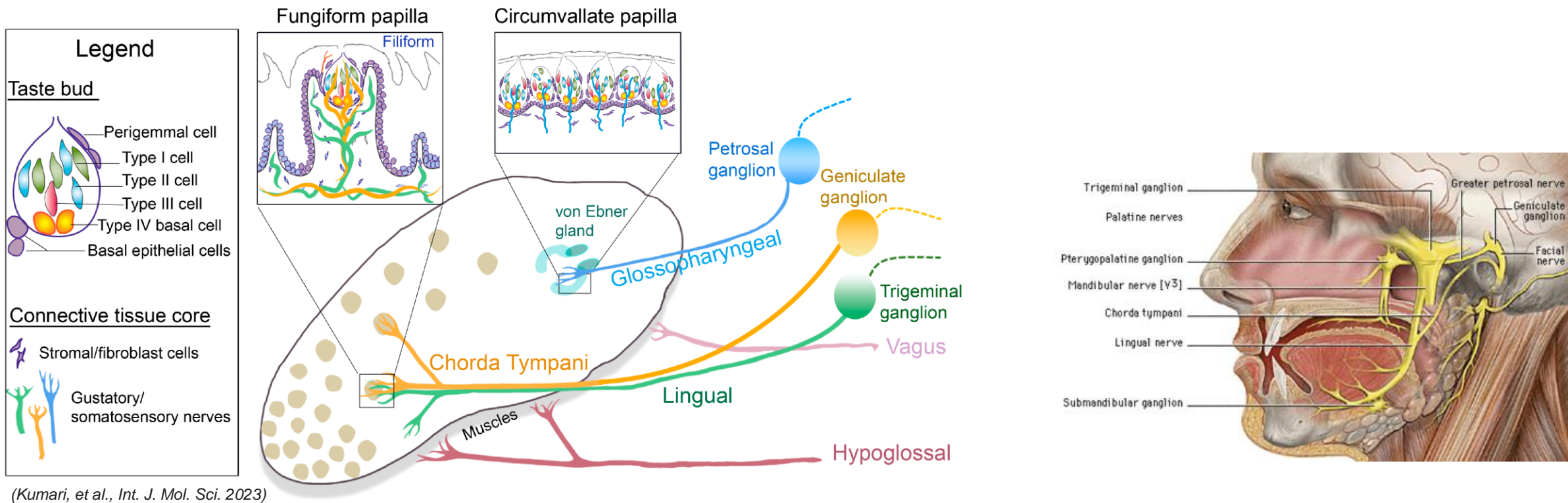


Type I glial-like cell	
Neurotransmitter clearance	
GLAST	Glutamate reuptake
NTPDase2	Ecto-ATPase
NET	Norepinephrine uptake
Ion redistribution and transport	
ROMK	K ⁺ homeostasis
Other	
OXTR	Oxytocin signaling?

Type II receptor cell	
Taste transduction	
T1Rs, T2Rs	Taste GPCRs
mGluRs	Taste GPCRs
G α -gus, G γ 13	G protein subunits
PLC β 2	Synthesis of IP3
TRPM5	Depolarizing cation current
Excitation and transmitter release	
Na _v 1.7, Na _v 1.3	Action potential generation
Panx1	ATP release channel

Type III presynaptic cell	
Surface glycoproteins, ion channels	
NCAM	Neuronal adhesion
PKD channels	Sour taste?
Neurotransmitter synthesis	
AADC	Biogenic amine synthesis
GAD67	GABA synthesis
5-HT	Neurotransmitter
Chromogranin	Vesicle packaging
Excitation, transmitter release	
Na _v 1.2	Action potential generation
Ca _v 2.1, Ca _v 1.2	Voltage-gated Ca ²⁺ current
SNAP25	SNARE protein, exocytosis

Transmission of taste signals



Inervation of taste buds

- Taste buds on *fungiform papillae* – ***n. facialis*** - chorda tympani (through lingual nerve)
- Taste buds on *foliate papillae* and vallate papillae - ***n. glossopharyngeus***
- Taste buds in other locations (radix of the tongue, the isthmus faucium) - ***n. vagus***