

**Big Idea 2: Biological systems utilize free energy and molecular building blocks to grow, to reproduce and to maintain dynamic homeostasis.**

Enduring understanding 2.B: Growth, reproduction and dynamic homeostasis require that cells create and maintain internal environments that are different from their external environments.

***Essential knowledge 2.B.3: Eukaryotic cells maintain internal membranes that partition the cell into specialized regions.***

a. Internal membranes facilitate cellular processes by minimizing competing interactions and by increasing surface area where reactions can occur.

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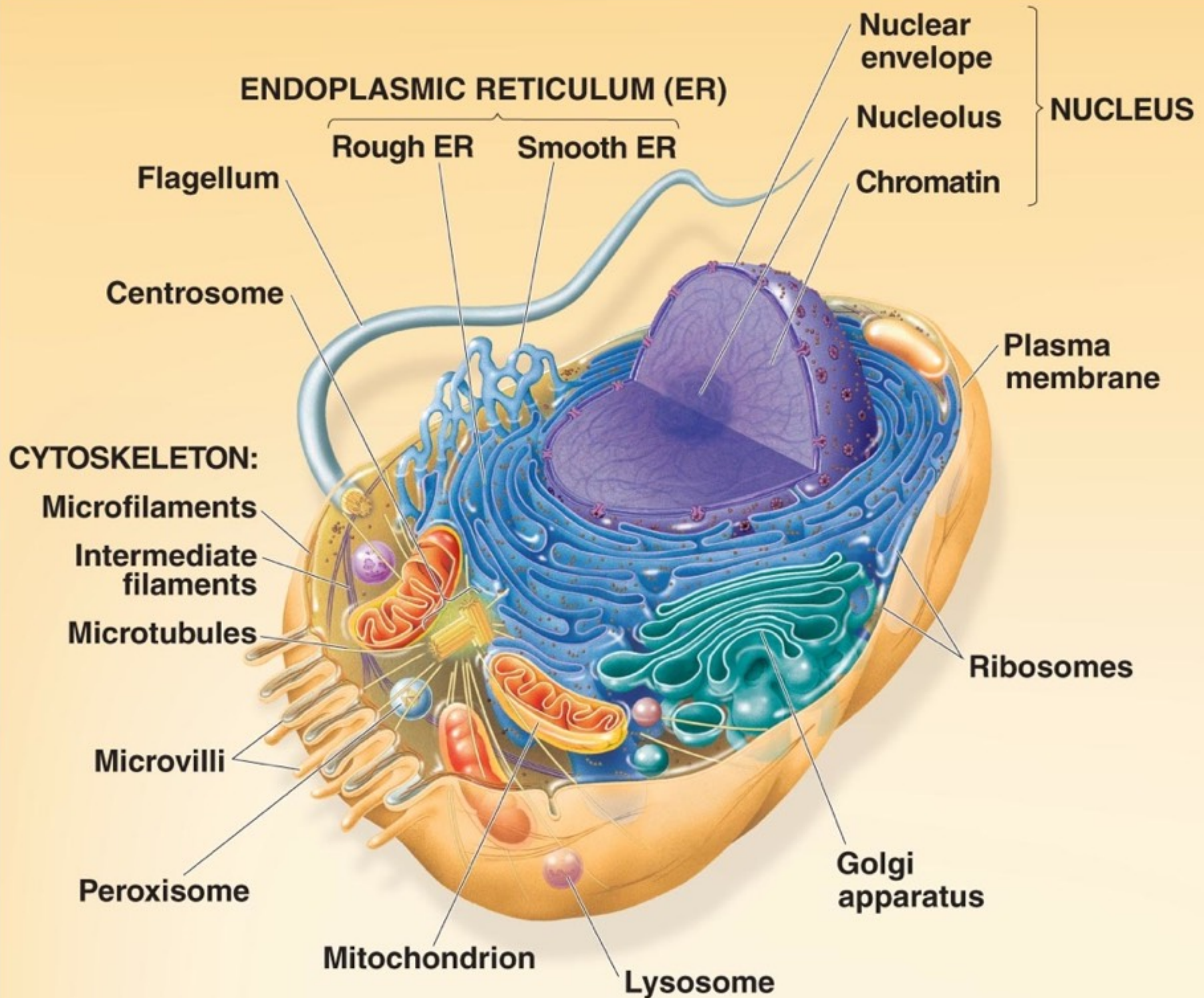
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# A Panoramic View of the Eukaryotic Cell

- Eukaryotic cells have elaborately arranged internal membranes that divide the cell into compartments.
- Compartments provide different local environments that facilitate specific metabolic functions some of which are antagonistic.
- The membranes themselves are loaded with enzymes and thus participate directly in the cell's metabolism.

**Membranes are so fundamental to the organization of cells and cellular functions**







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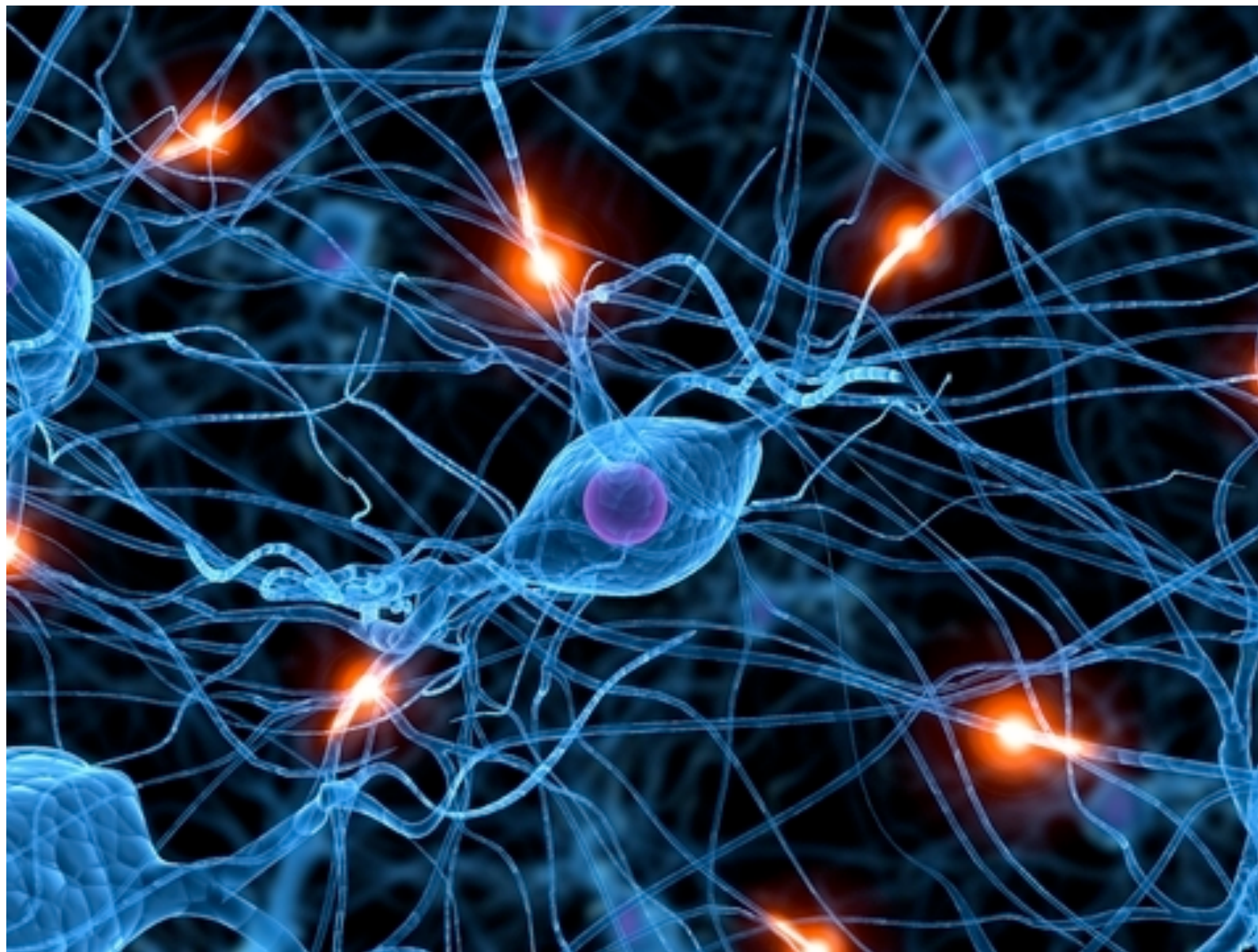
b. Membranes and membrane-bound organelles in eukaryotic cells localize (compartmentalize) intracellular metabolic processes and specific enzymatic reactions.  
[See also 4.A.2]

*To foster student understanding of this concept, instructors can choose an illustrative example, such as:*

*endoplasmic reticulum  
golgi apparatus  
mitochondria  
chloroplast  
nuclear envelope:*

# Tour of the Cell

Main Idea: Membrane bound organelles work together to perform a variety of important metabolic functions.



# THE ENDOMEMBRANE SYSTEM REGULATES PROTEIN TRAFFIC AND PERFORMS METABOLIC FUNCTIONS IN THE CELL

## Structures

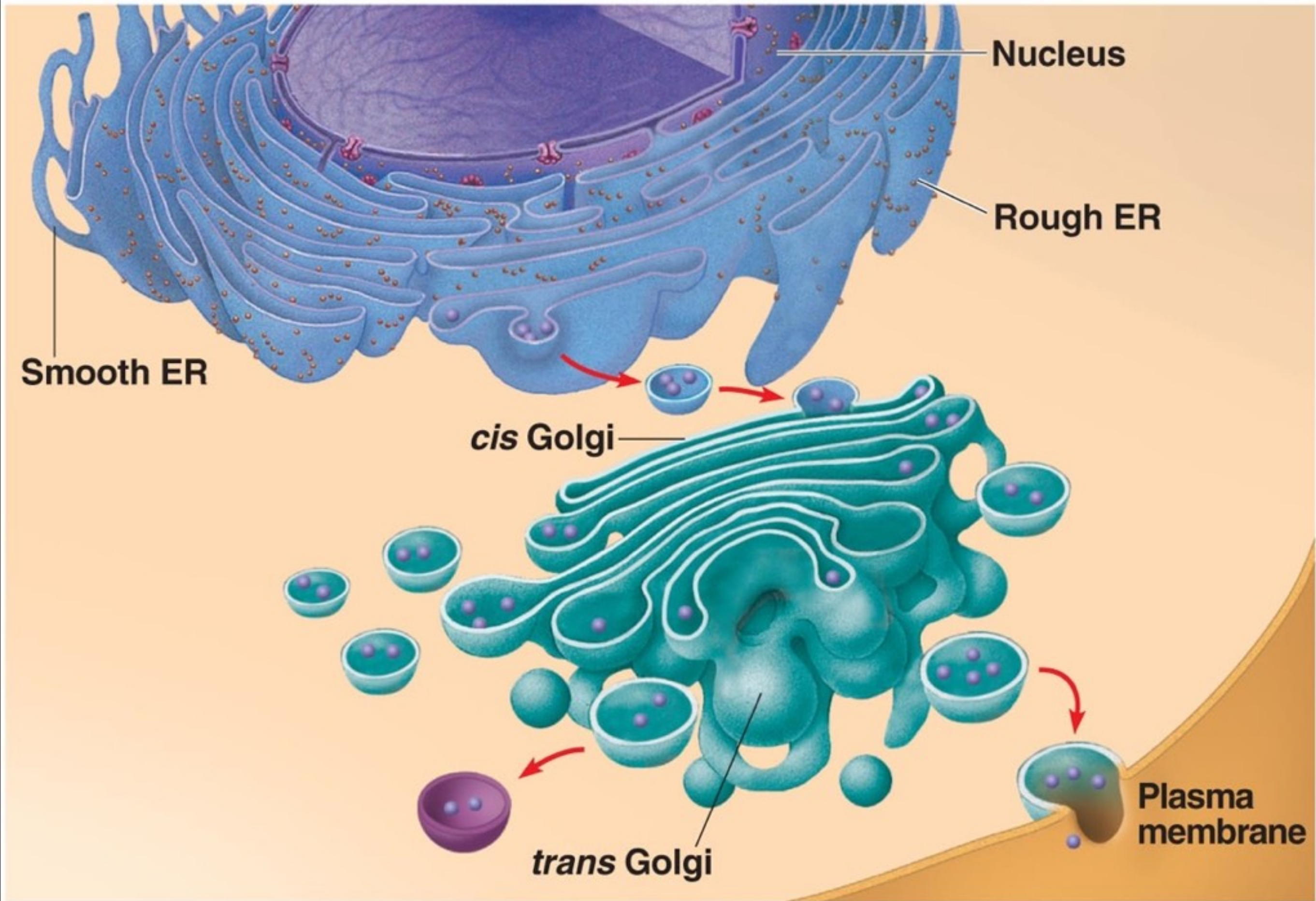
- **Nuclear Envelope**
- **Endoplasmic Reticulum**
- **Golgi Apparatus**
- **Lysosomes**
- **Vesicles**
- **Plasma Membrane**

## Functions

- **Protein Synthesis**
- **Transportation of Proteins**
- **Chemical Reactions  
(metabolism)**
- **Transportation of Lipids**
- **Detoxification of Poisons**



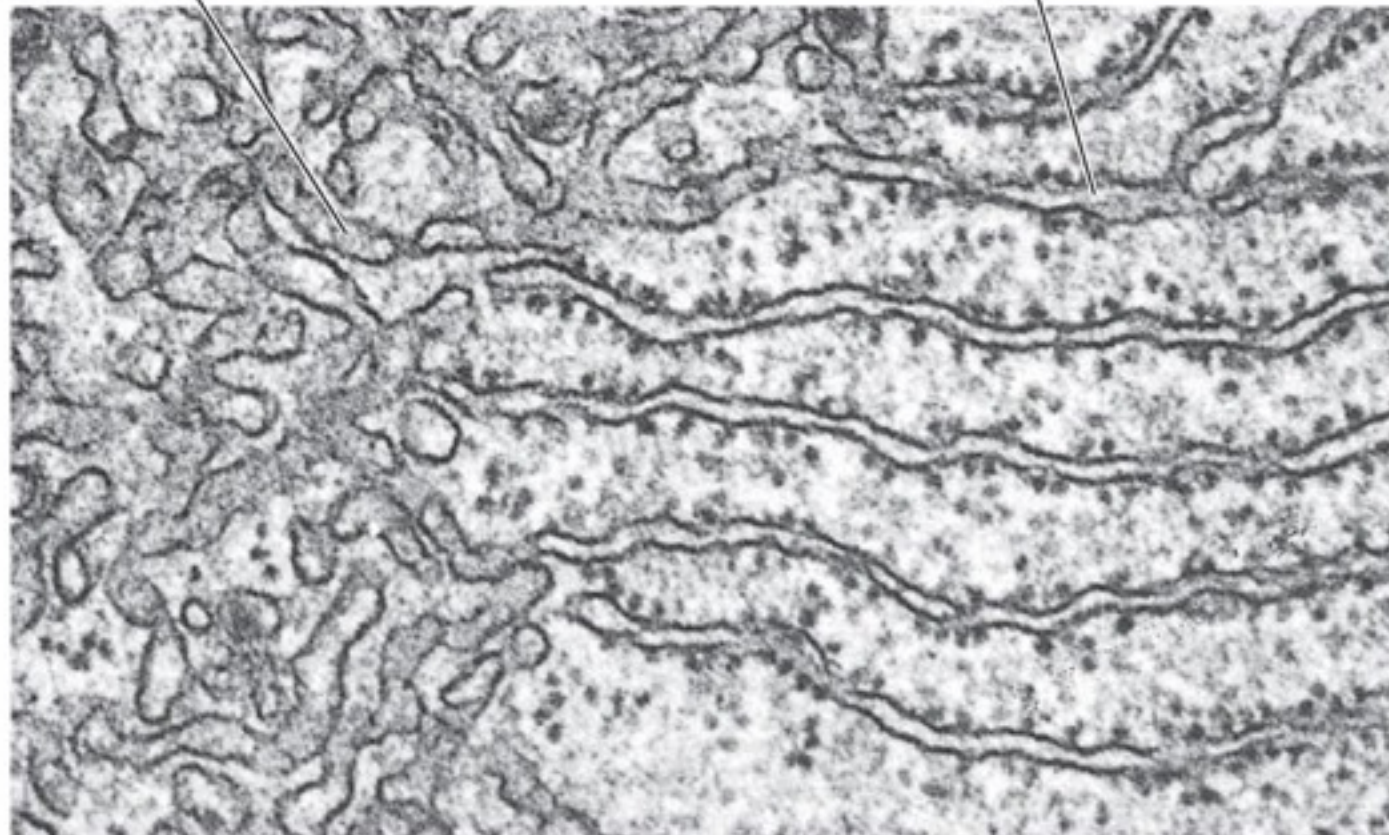
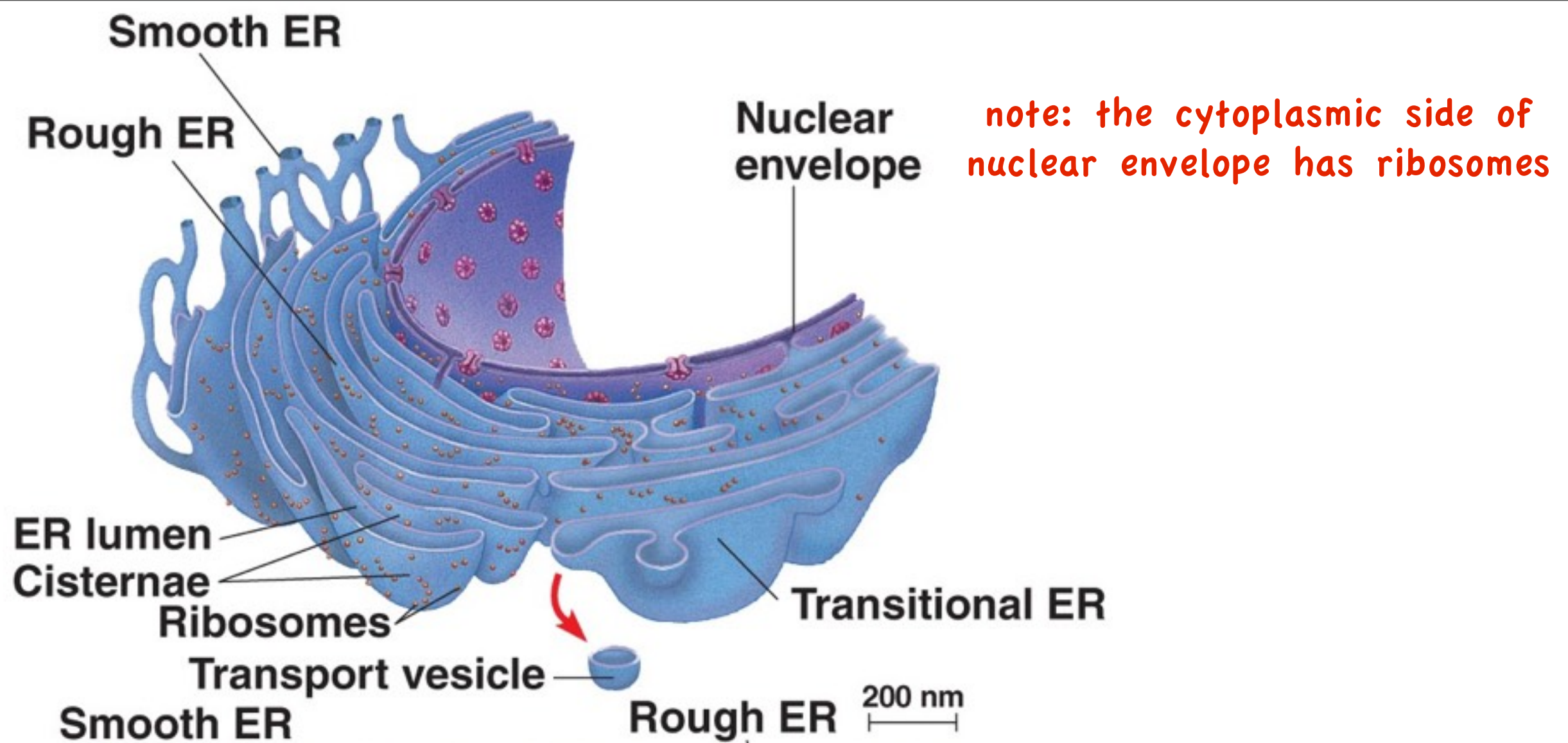
# Endomembrane System





# **The Endoplasmic Reticulum: Biosynthetic Factory**

- **extensive network of membranes**
- **accounts for more than half of the total cell membrane**
- **two distinct types (each differs in structure and function)**
  - **Smooth E.R. (lacks ribosomes)**
  - **Rough E.R. (has ribosomes)**



# Functions of Smooth ER

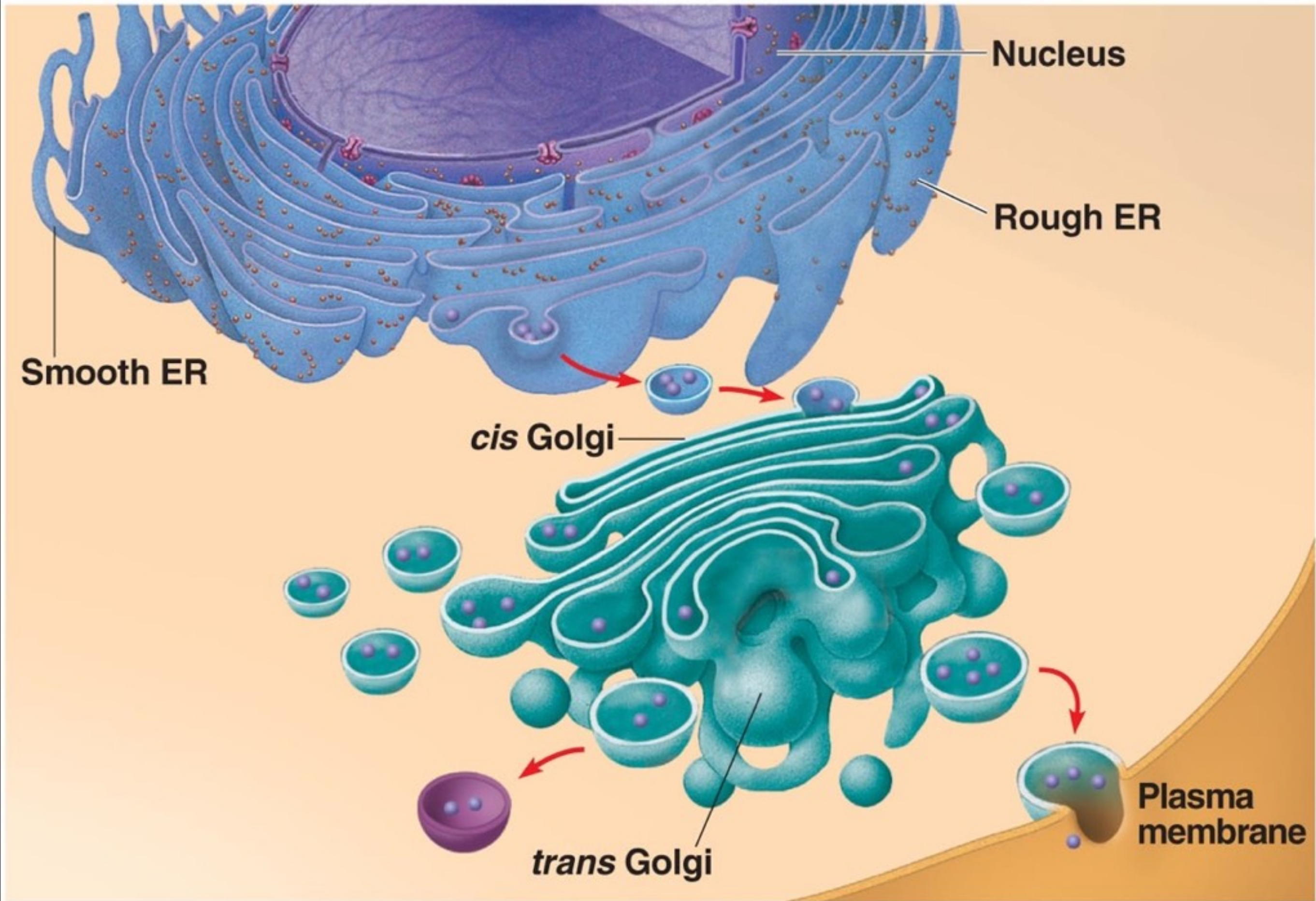
- **Diverse functions that vary with cell type.**
- **Synthesis of lipids, *phospholipids* and *steroids***
  - *testes, ovaries, adrenal glands* produce sex hormones as a result they have an abundance of smooth E.R.
- **Enzymes that help detoxify drugs and poison**
  - adding hydroxyl groups to drugs/poison makes them more soluble and easier to secrete
  - drug addicts have more smooth E.R.
  - additional smooth E.R. contributes to their increased tolerance for drugs
- **Stores calcium in muscle cells**

# Functions of Rough ER

- **The rough E.R. is still “E.R.” it has the same functions as the smooth E.R. + some!**
- The rough E.R. specializes in producing proteins that are destined for export or to become part of a membrane, they are called ***secretory proteins***
- Most *secretory proteins* are ***glycoproteins***, they have sugars attached to them
  - These proteins are kept separate from cytoplasmic proteins by the endomembrane system
- ***Transport vesicles*** move these proteins from the E.R. to their destination



# Let's take a look at this again



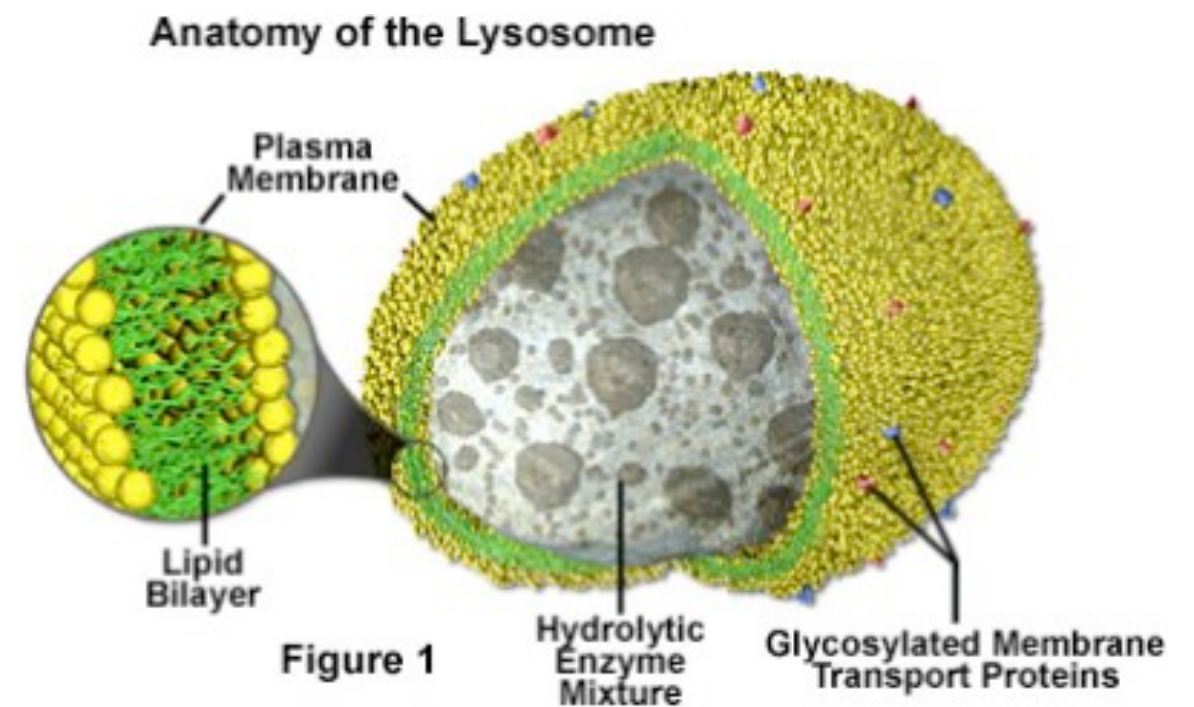
# The Golgi Apparatus: Shipping & Receiving Center

- Receives products of E.R., *these products are modified then stored or sent to their destination.*
- The Golgi stacks have distinct structural directionality
  - The E.R. side is called the *cis side... it receives*
  - The side closest to the plasma membrane is called the *trans side...it ships*



# Lysosomes: Digestive Compartments

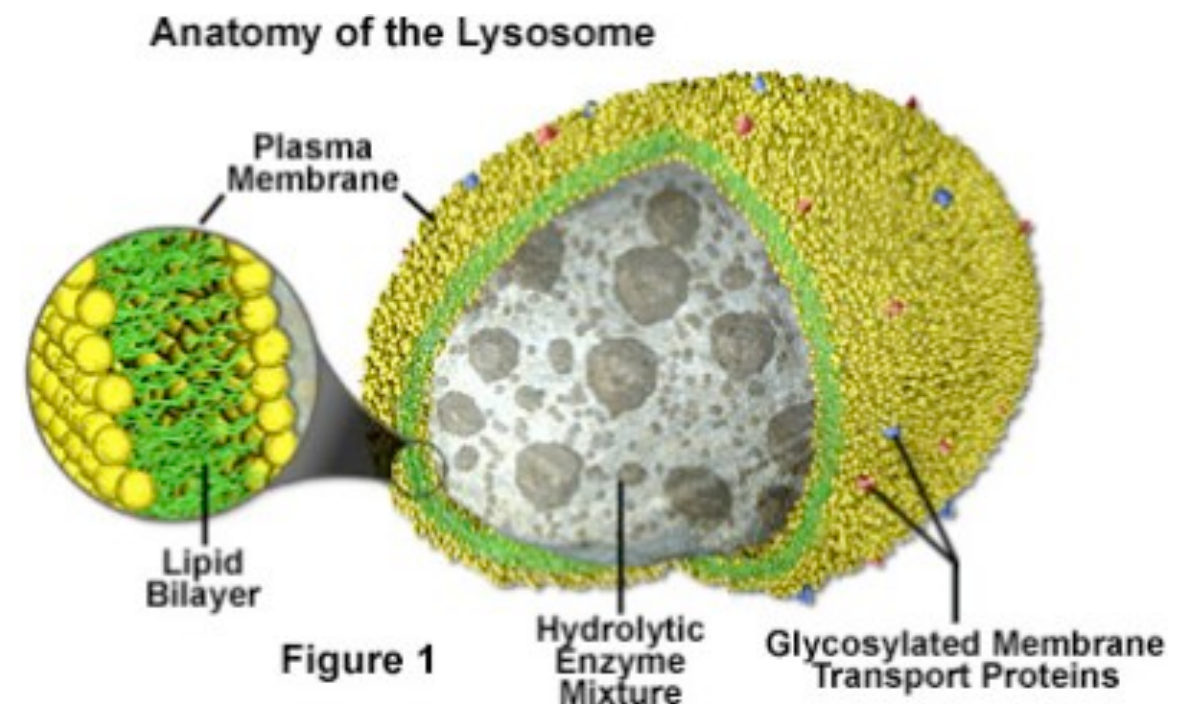
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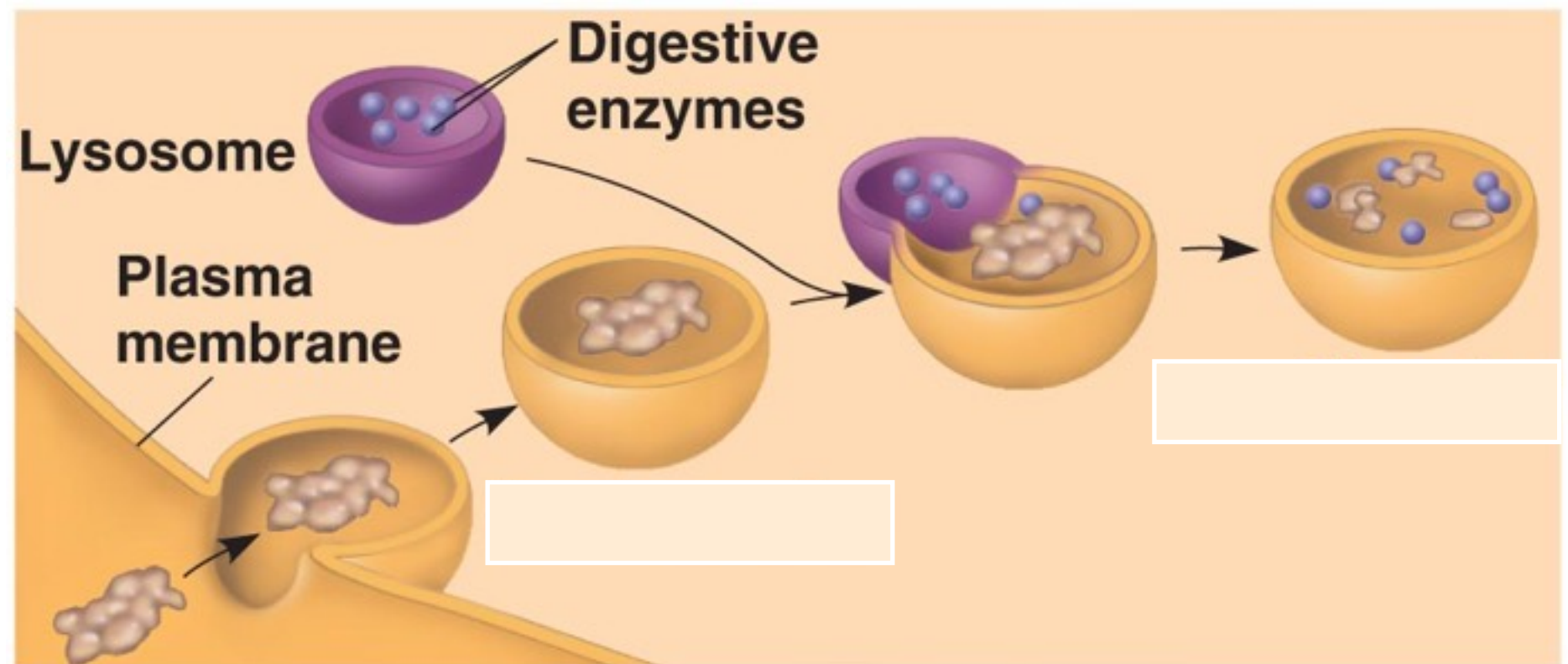
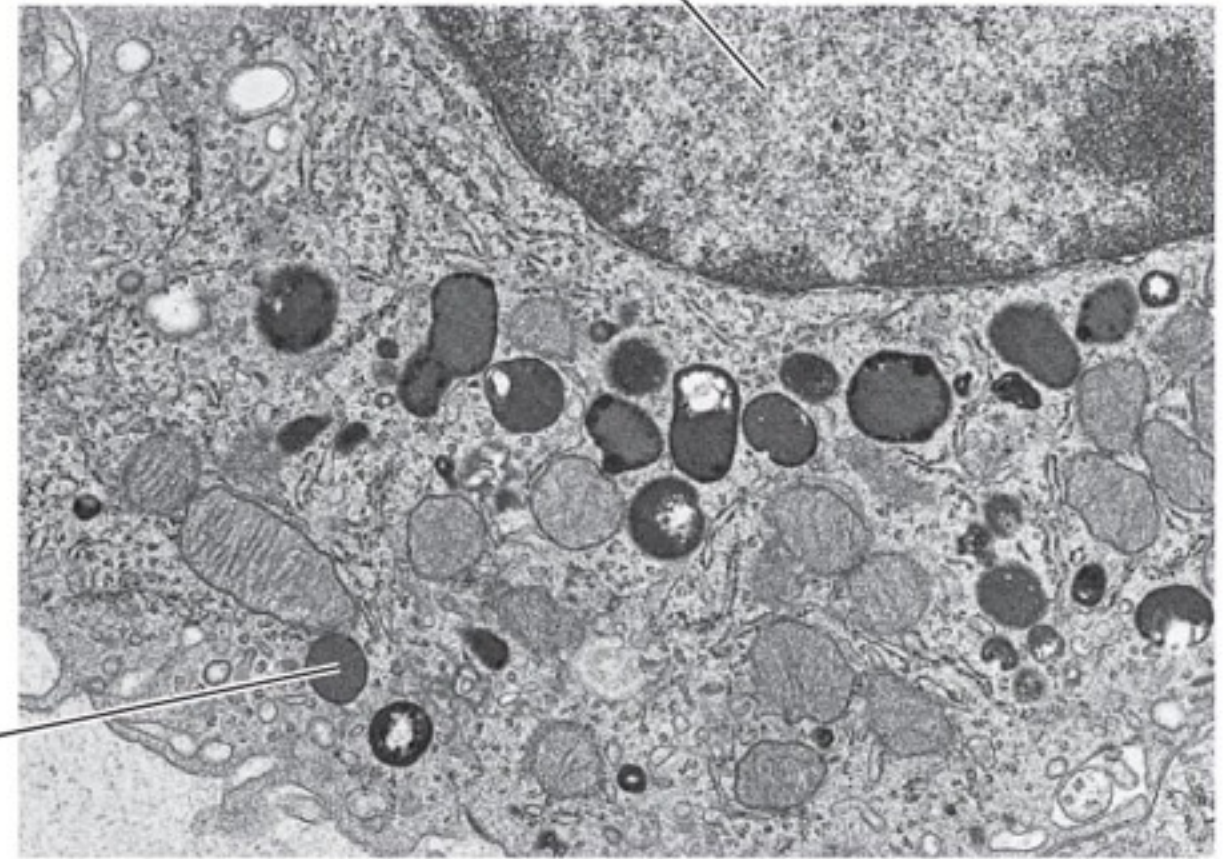


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Lysosome

Nucleus

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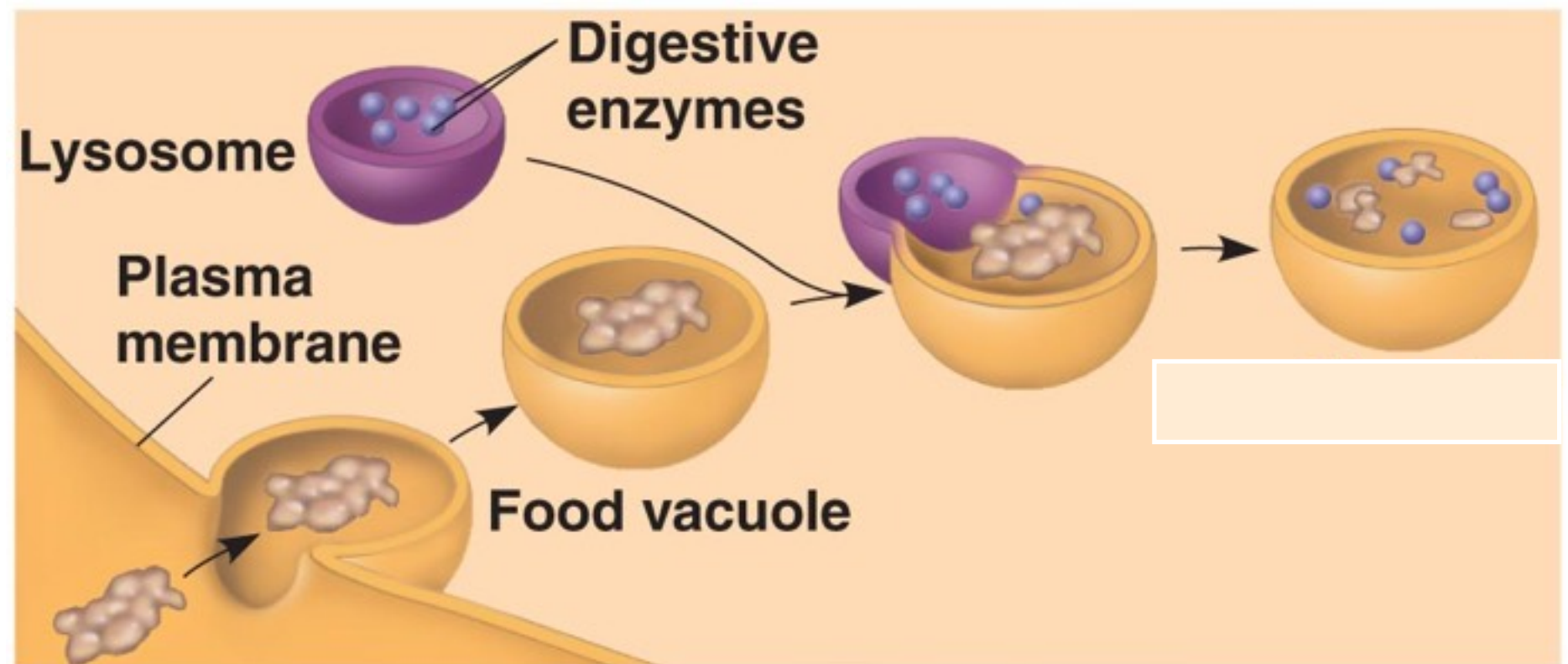
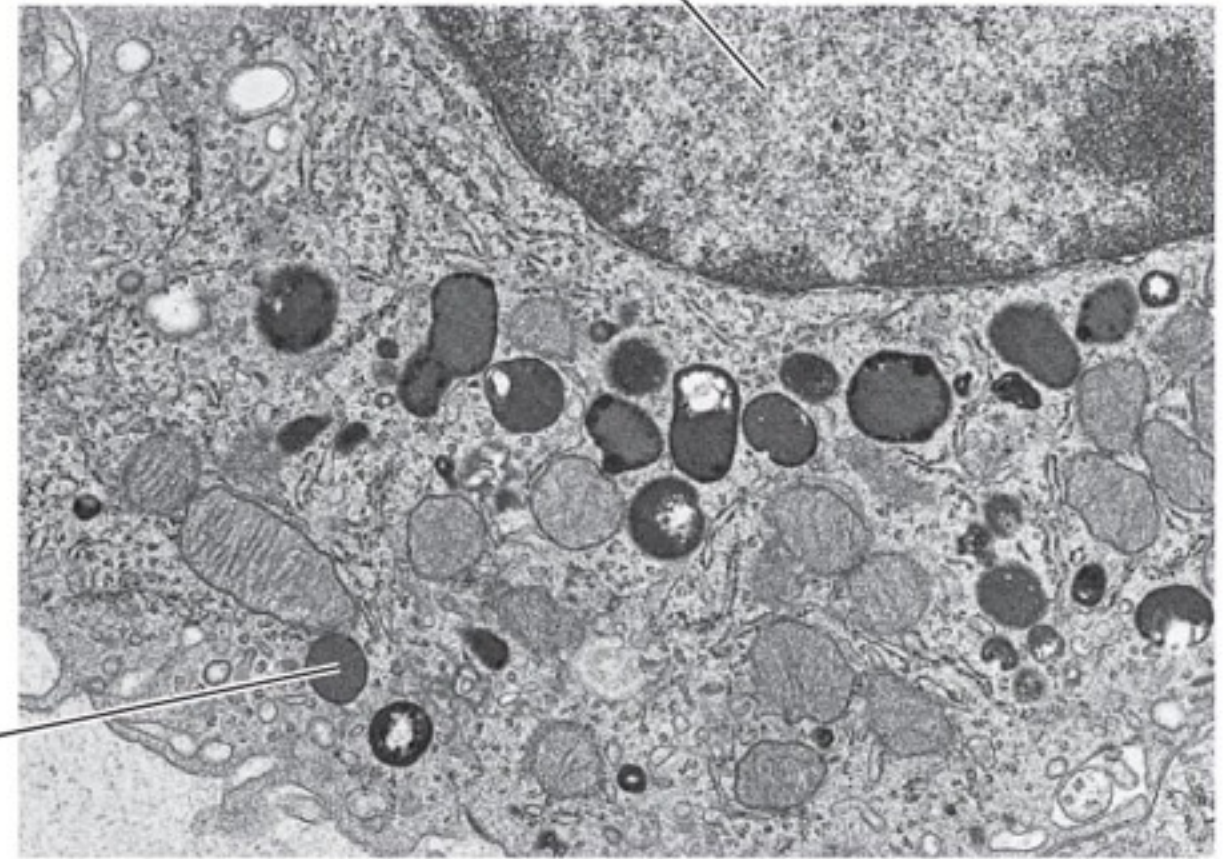


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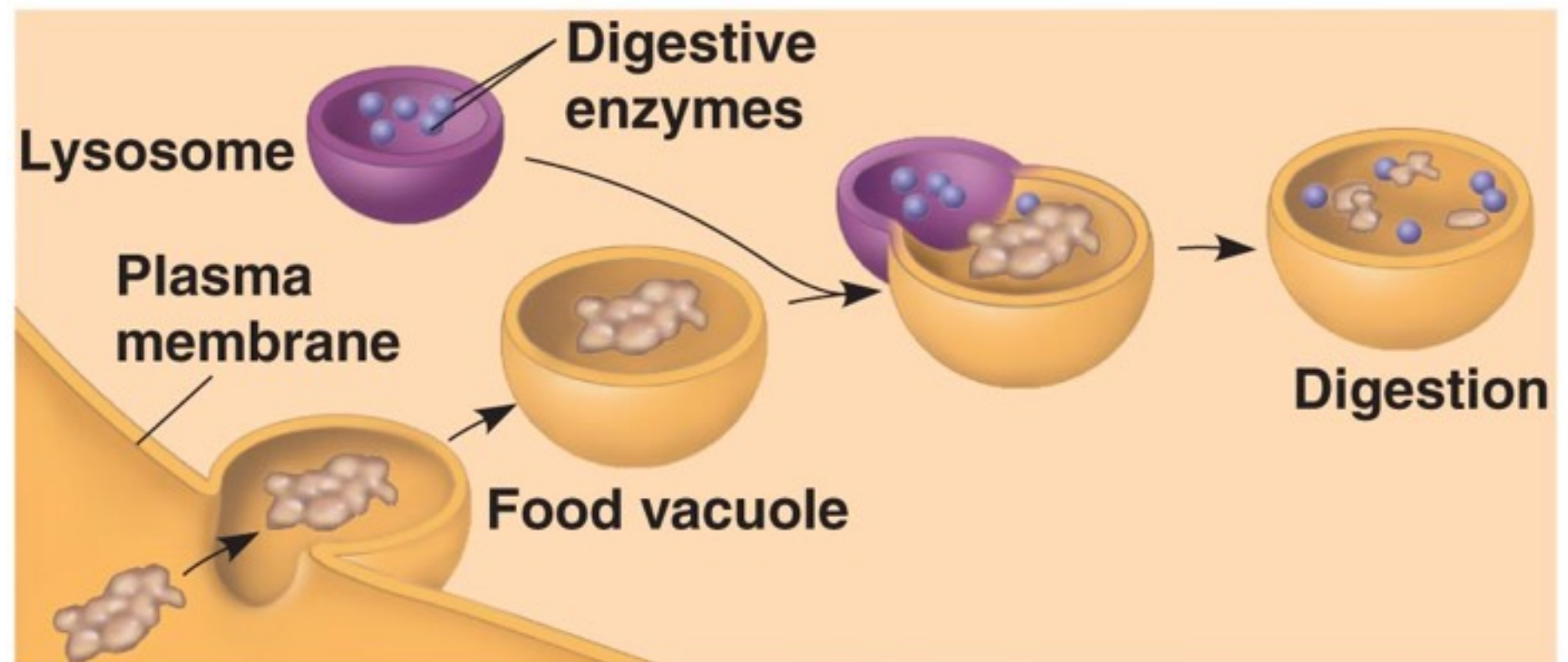
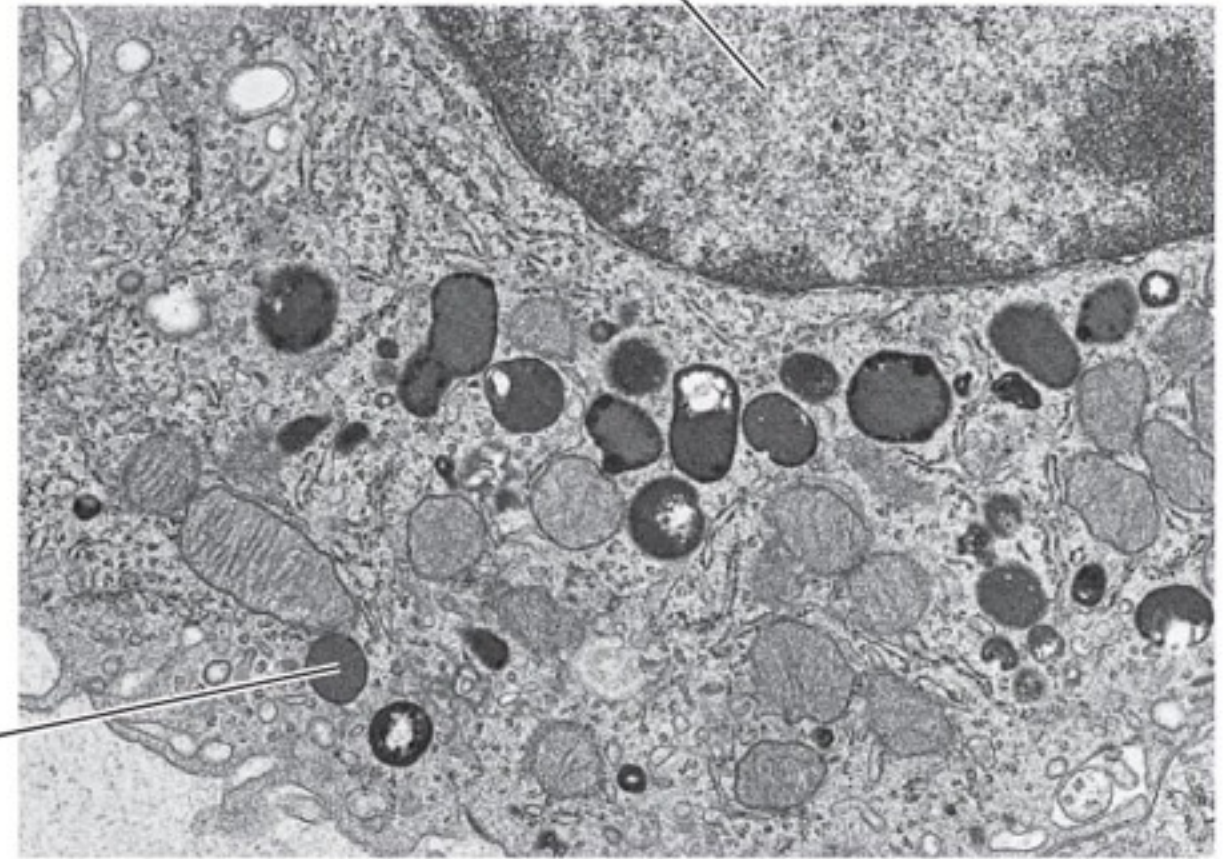


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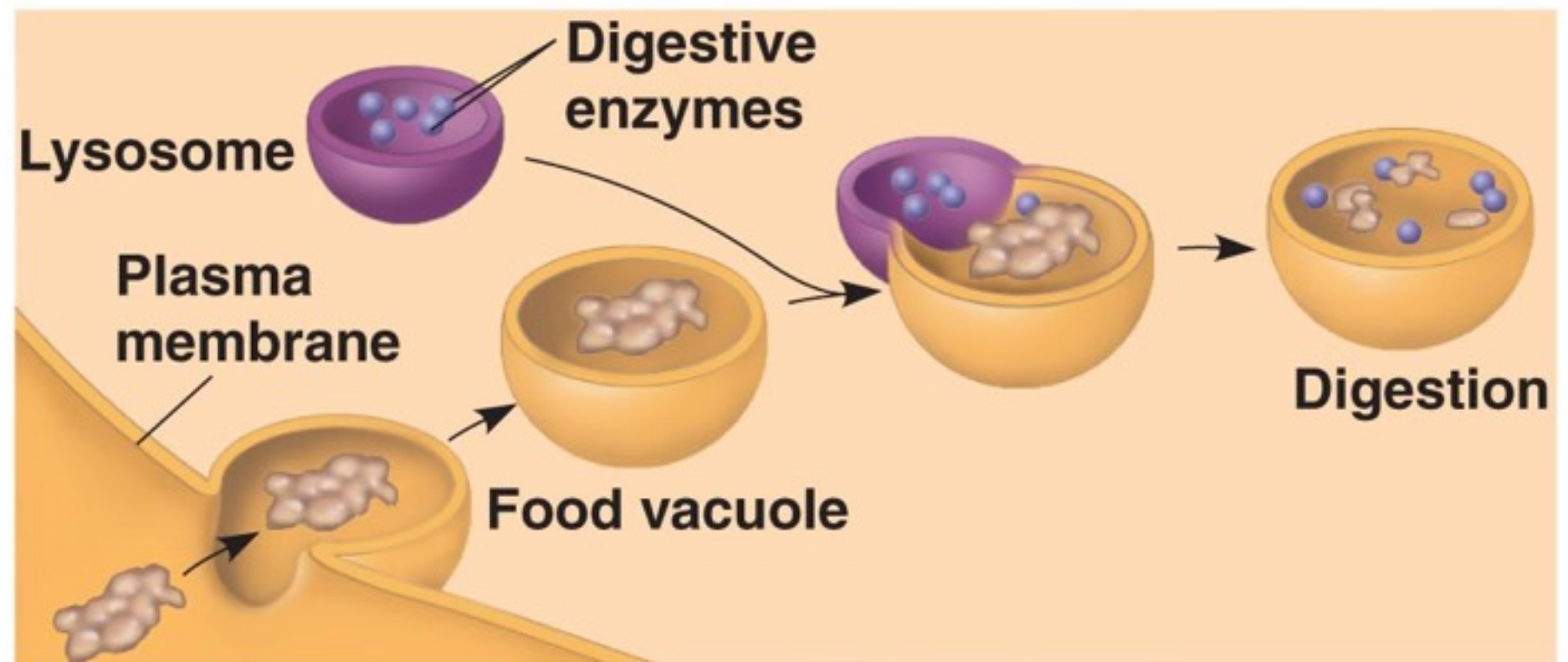
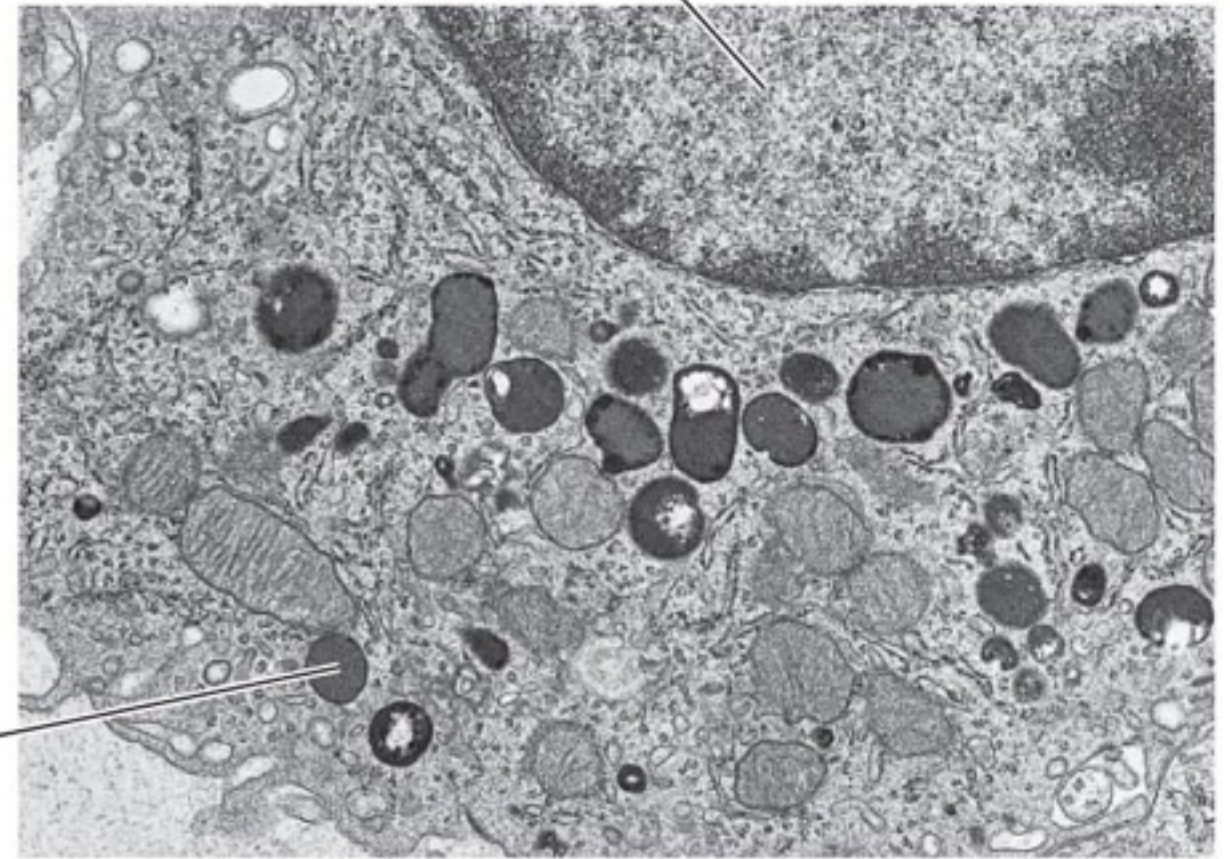
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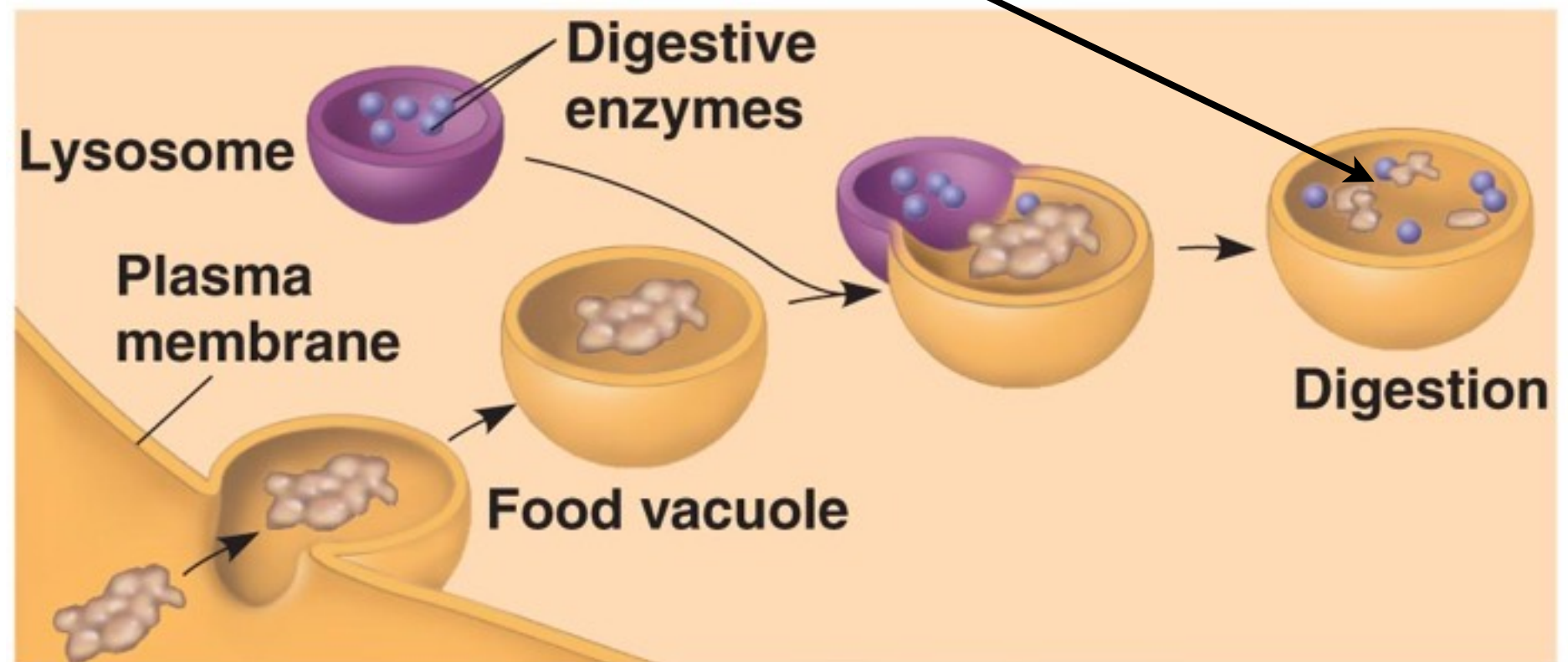
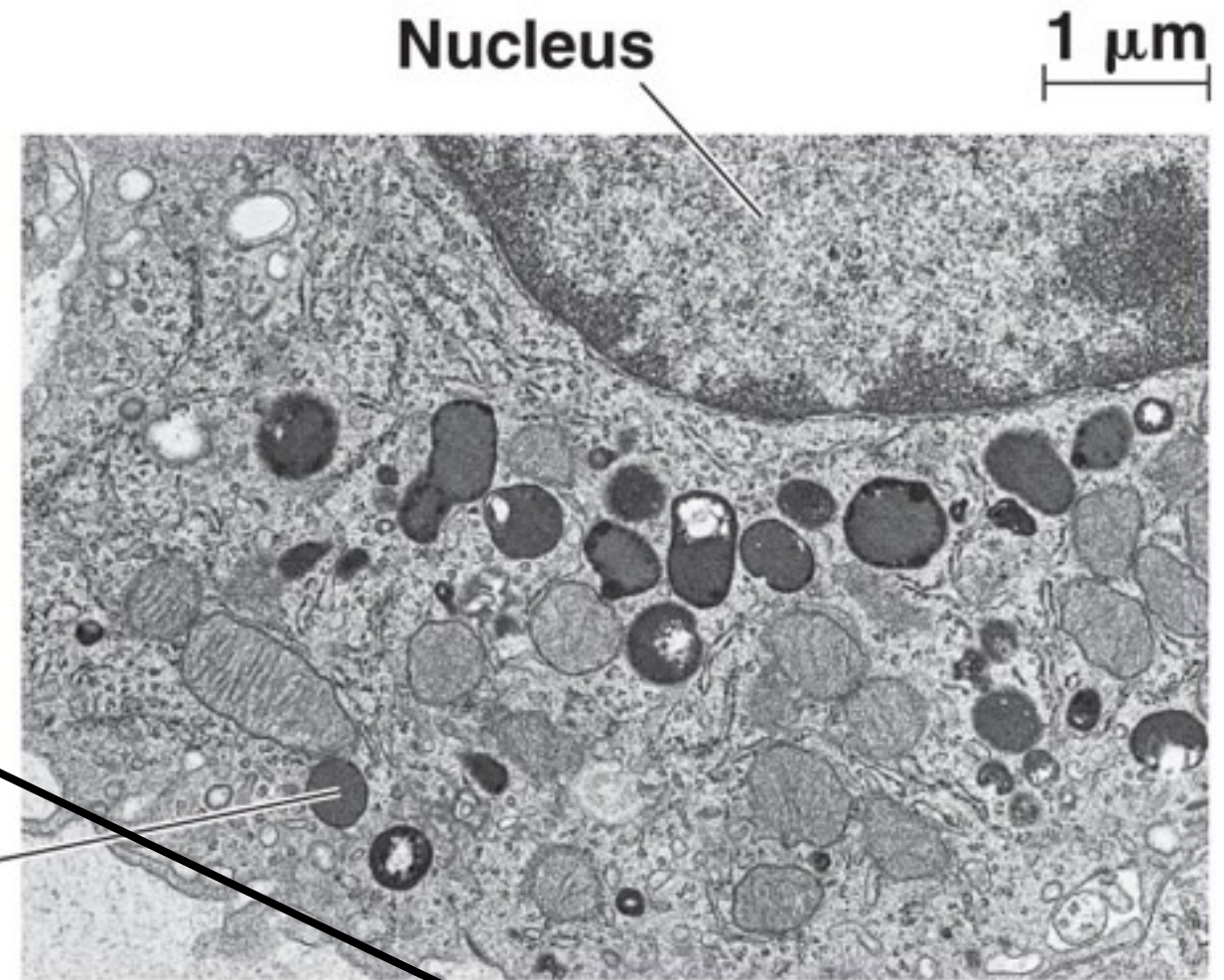


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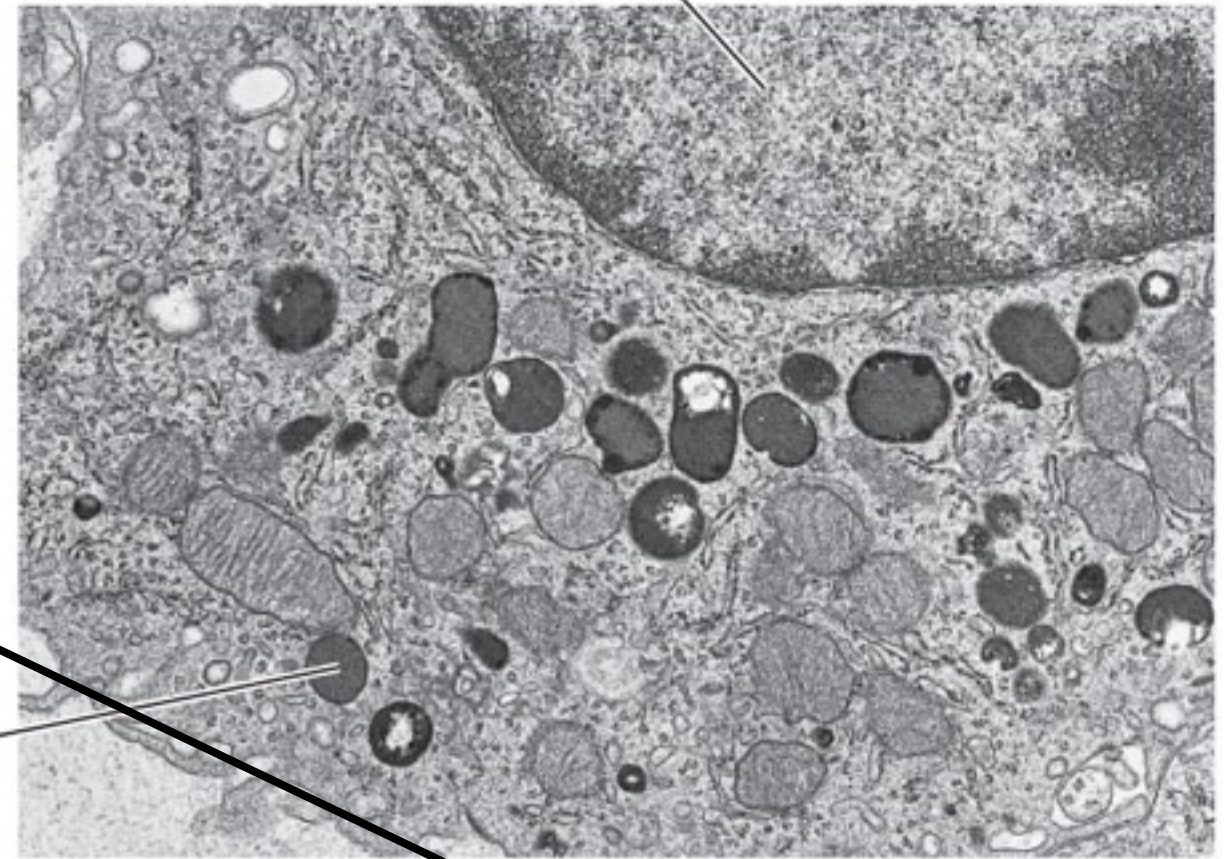
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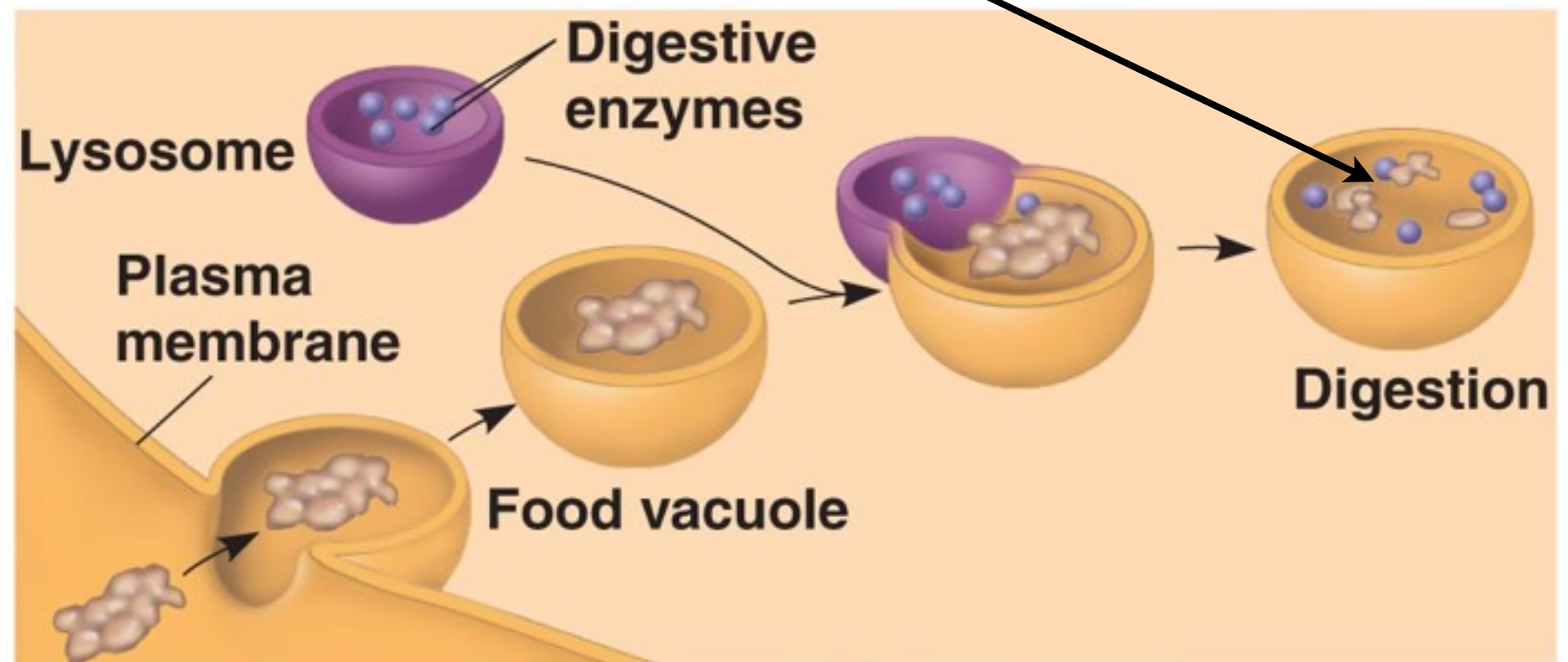
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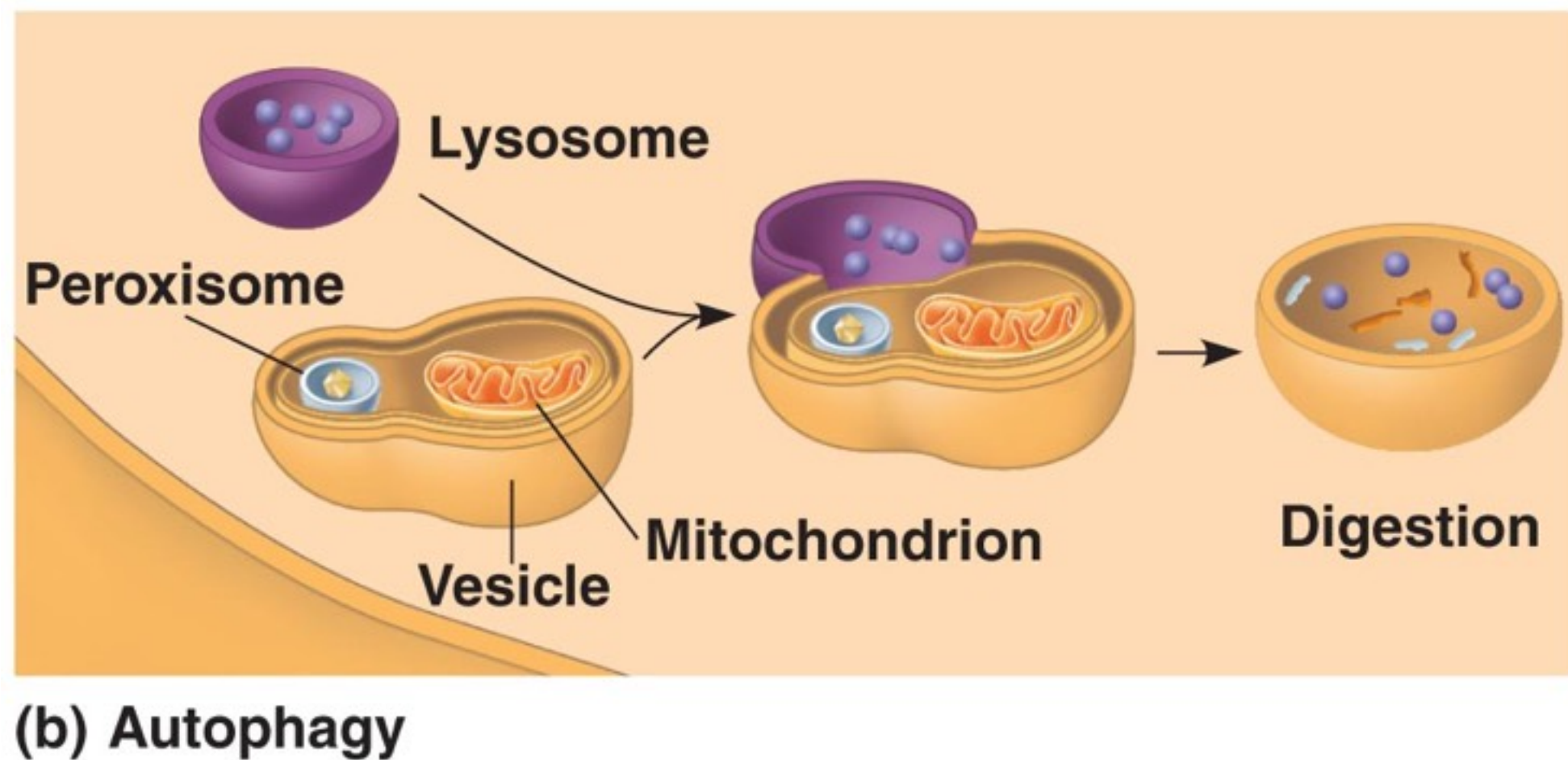
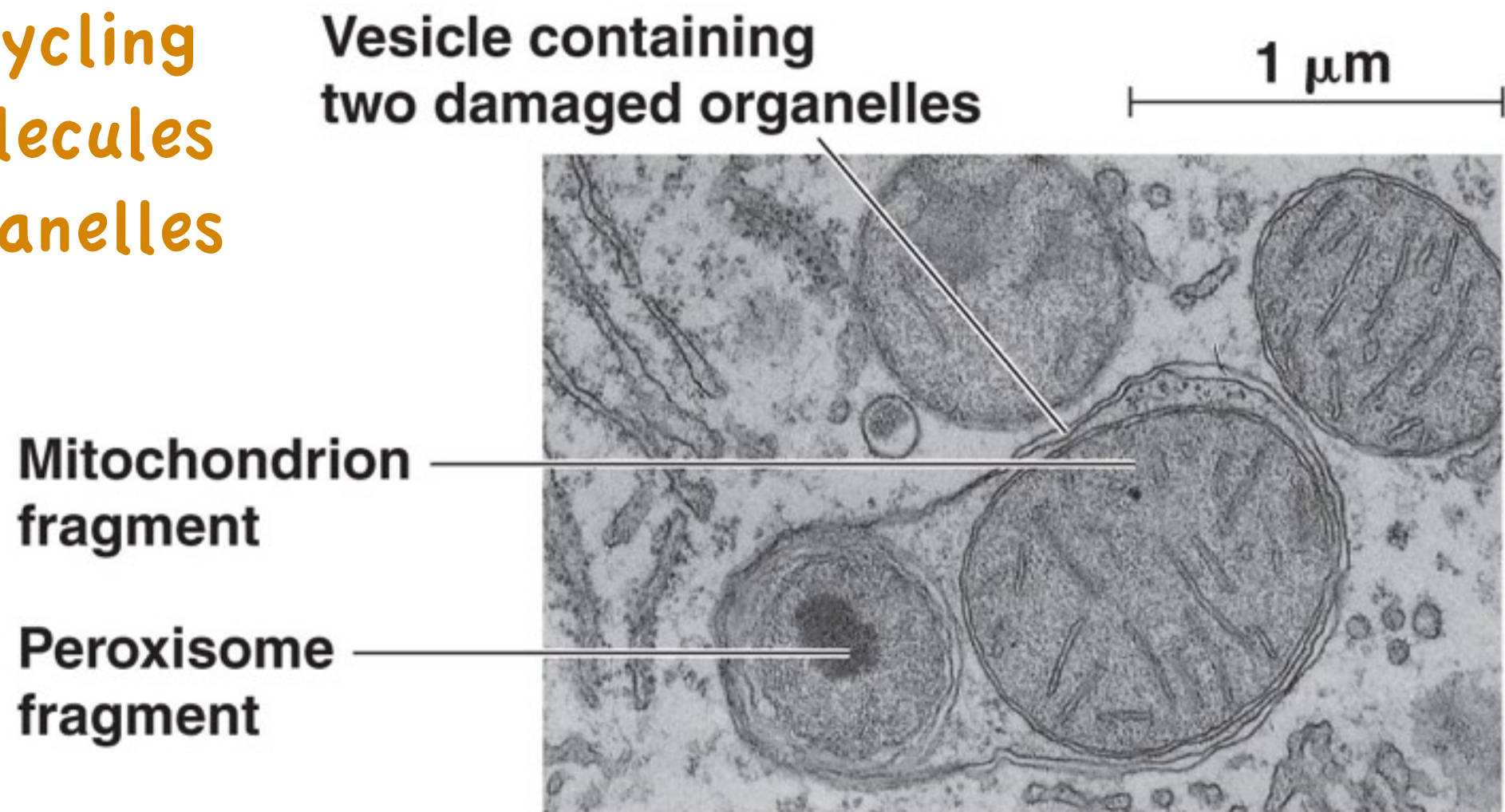
White Blood Cells fight infections through phagocytosis



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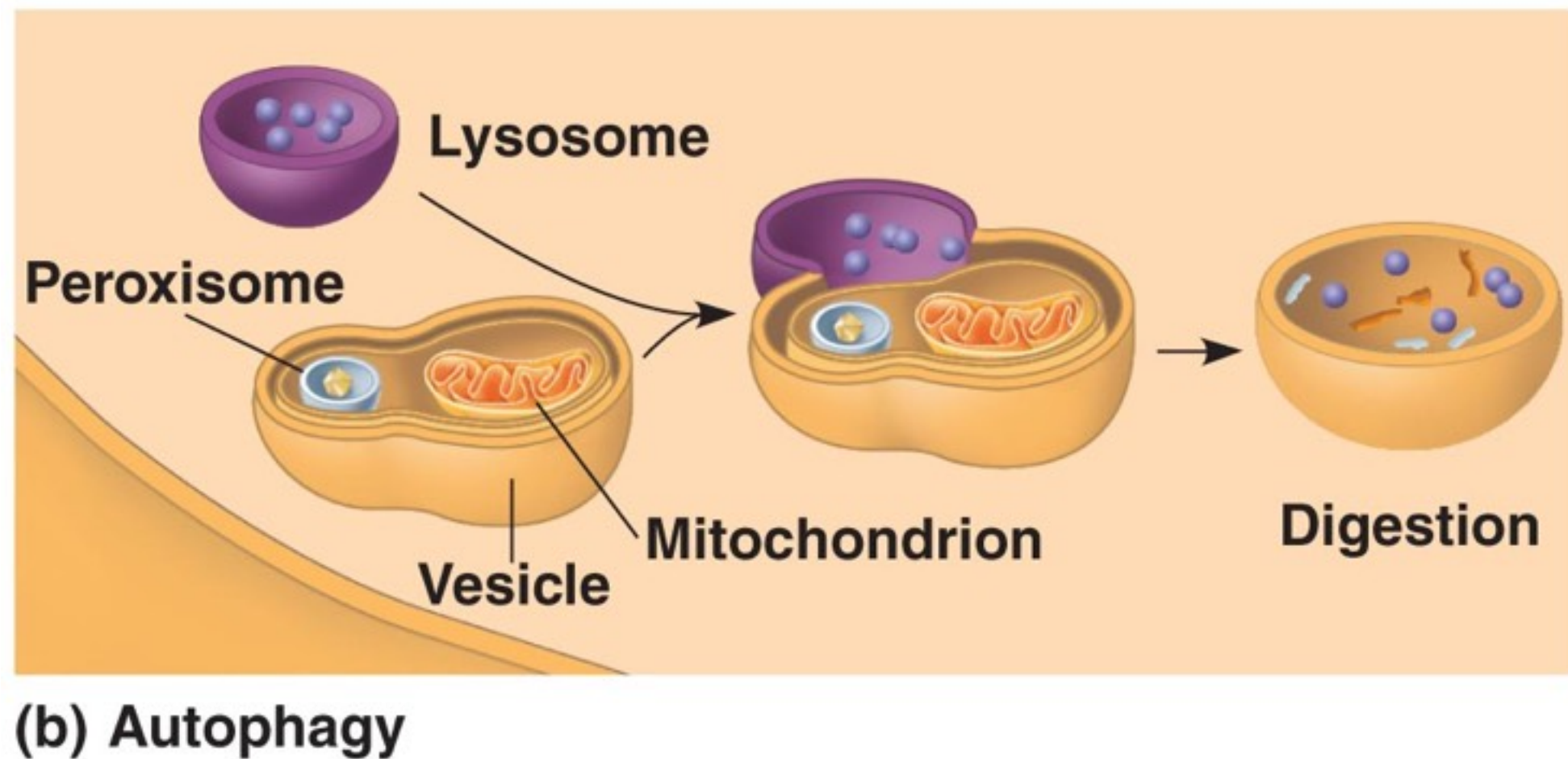
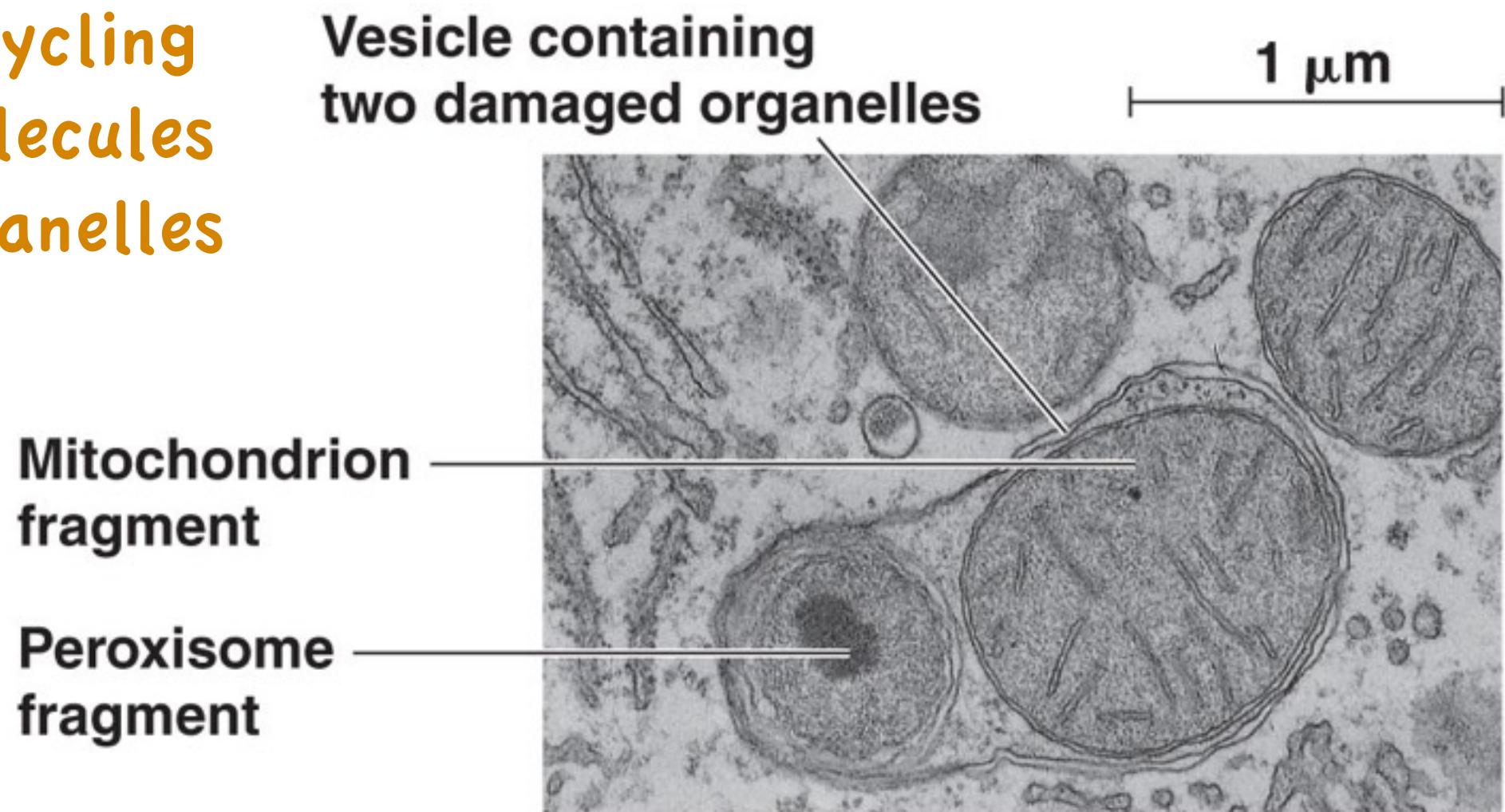
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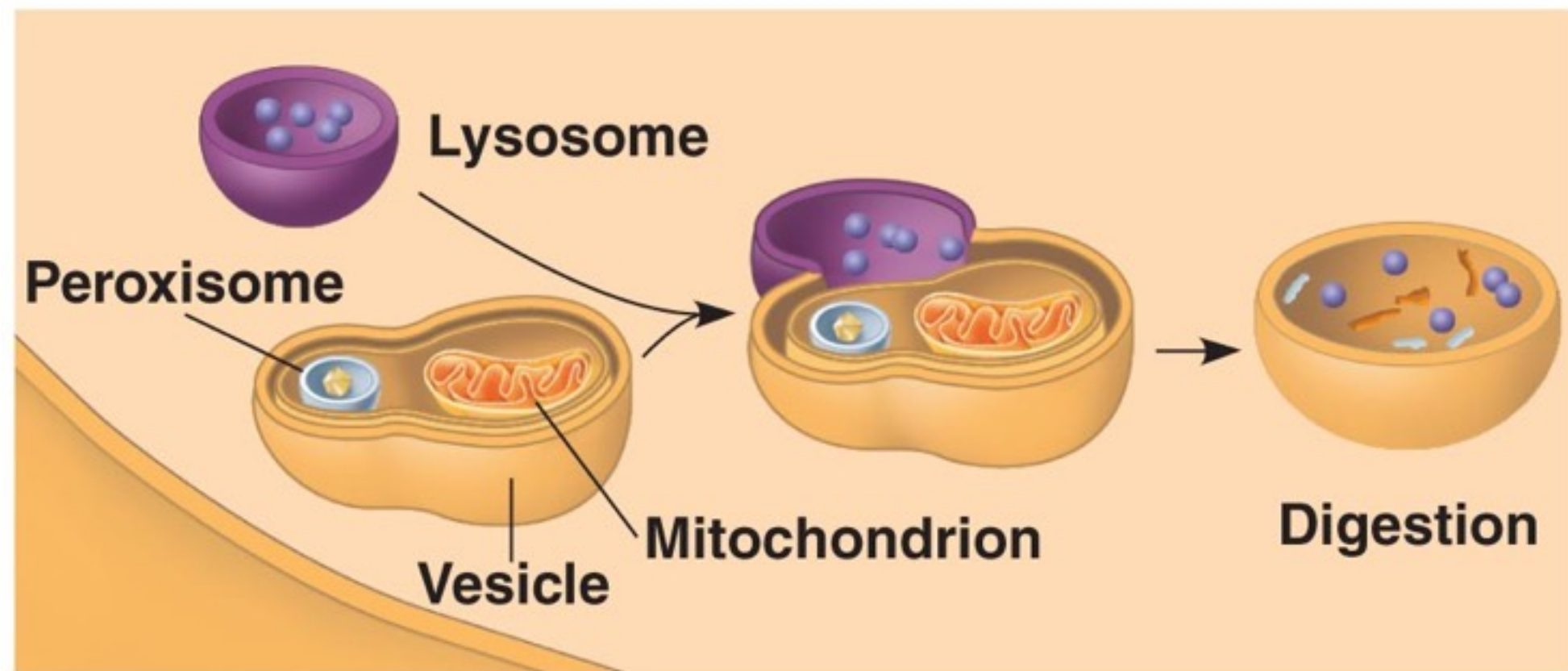
Lysosomal  
Disease:  
“Tay-Sachs”  
missing a  
lipid digesting  
enzyme in  
brain cells

Vesicle containing  
two damaged organelles

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Mitochondrion  
fragment

Peroxisome  
fragment



(b) Autophagy

# Vacuoles: Diverse Maintenance Compartments

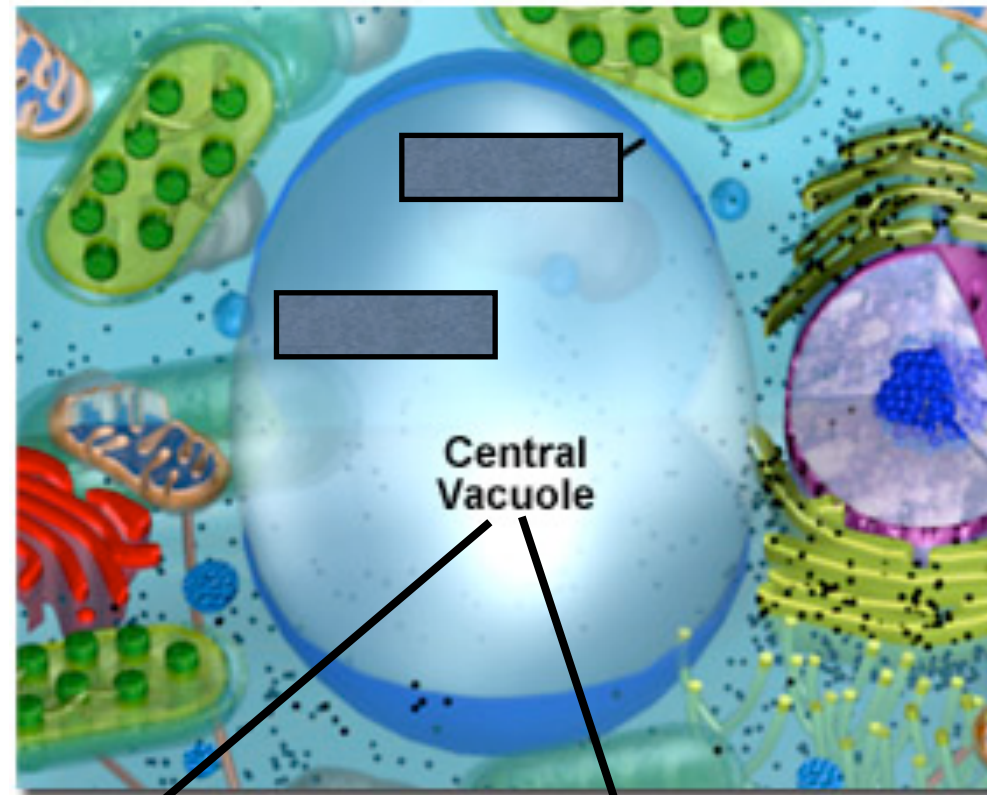
- Large vesicles derived from E.R. or Golgi
  - **Theme: Internal environment different from external environment**
- Performs a variety of functions:
  - *Food vacuoles; protists (last slide)*
  - *Contractile Vacuoles; freshwater protists (use them to pump out excess water thus controlling solute concentrations)*

# Vacuoles: continued

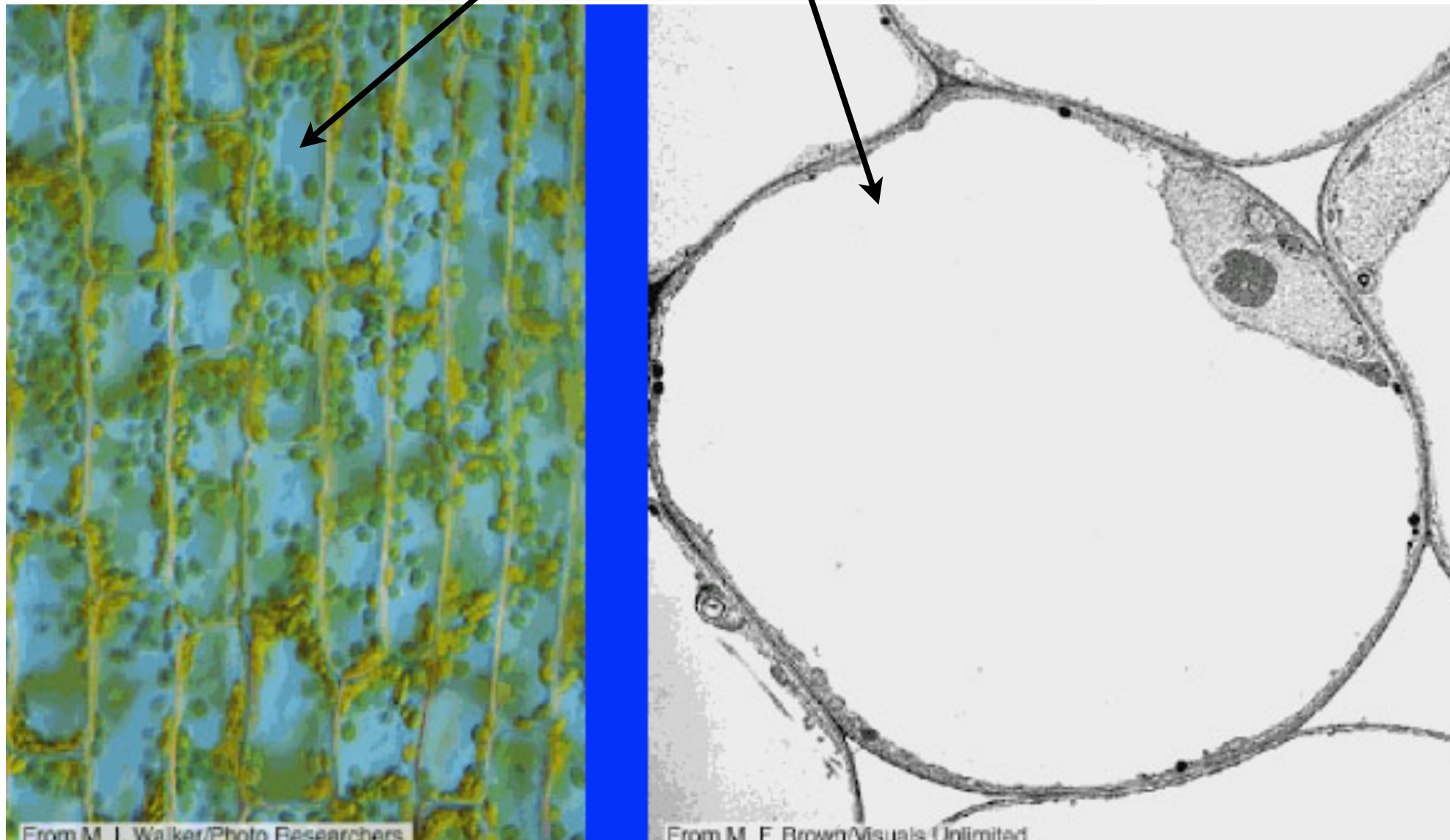
- Performs a variety of functions, perhaps plants and fungi show the most variation in their use of vacuoles:
  - *Hydrolytic vacuoles*; analogous to animal lysosomes
  - *Storage Vacuoles*;
    - a reserve of important organic compounds
    - a reserve of poisonous compounds for defense
    - container of pigments to attract pollinators
  - *Central Vacuoles*; a large vacuole that is repository of inorganic ions (calcium, potassium)
    - Important for plant cell growth, water is absorbed... cell enlarges with minimal investment in new cytoplasm



## Plant Cell Central Vacuole



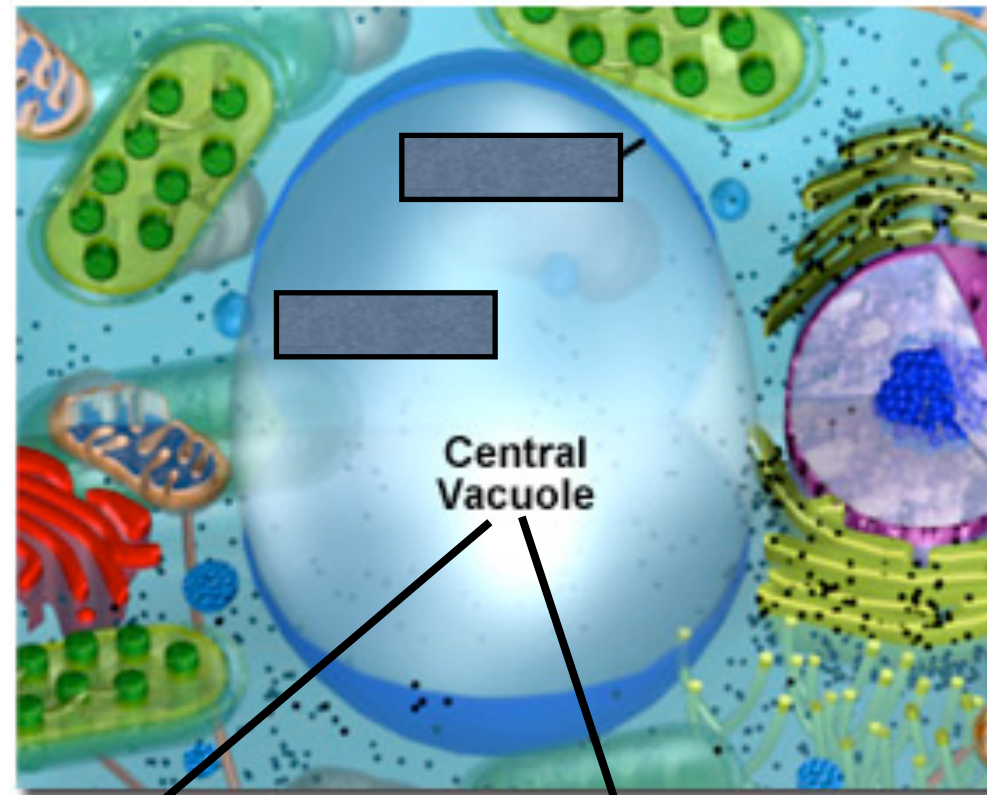
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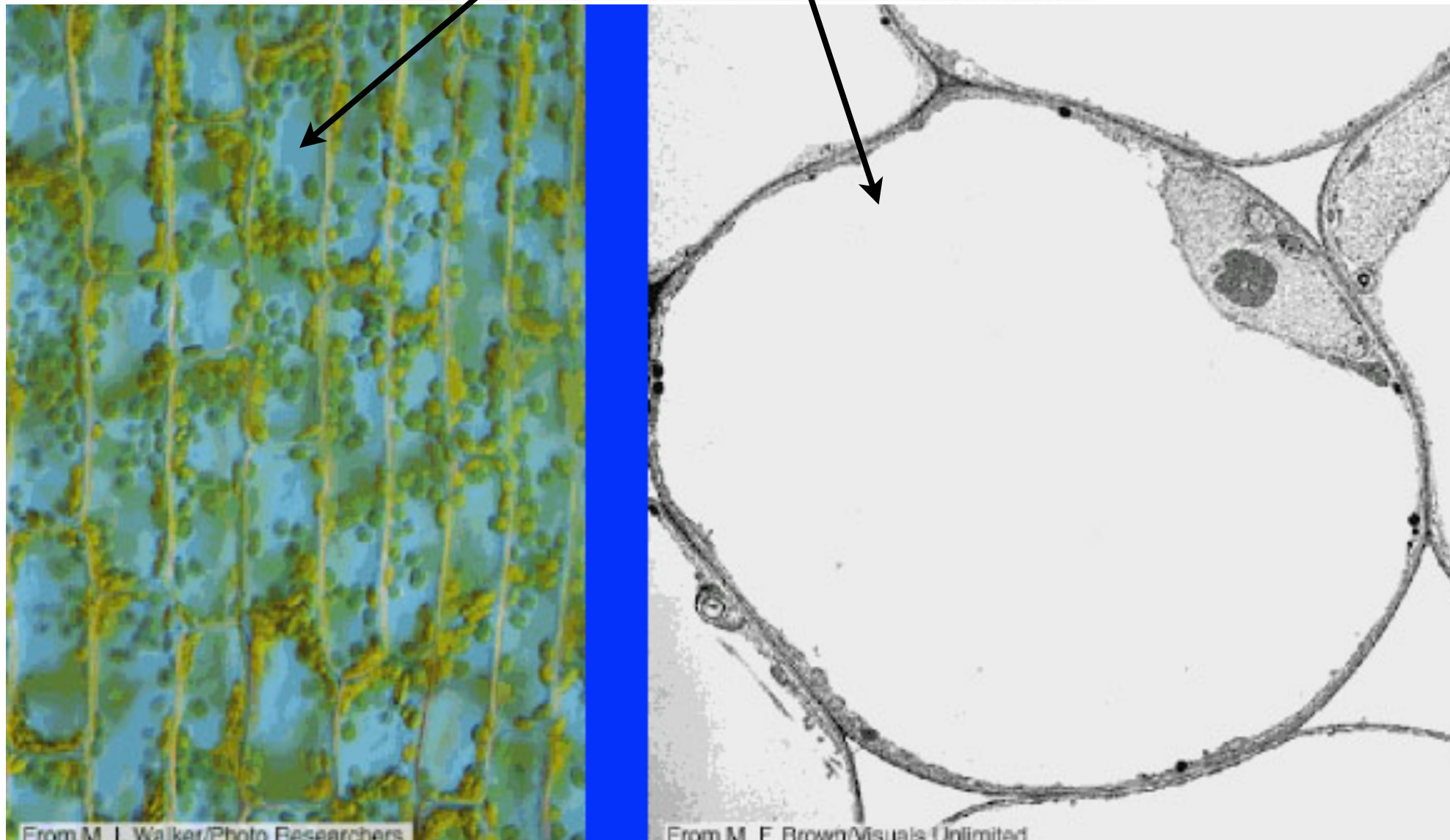


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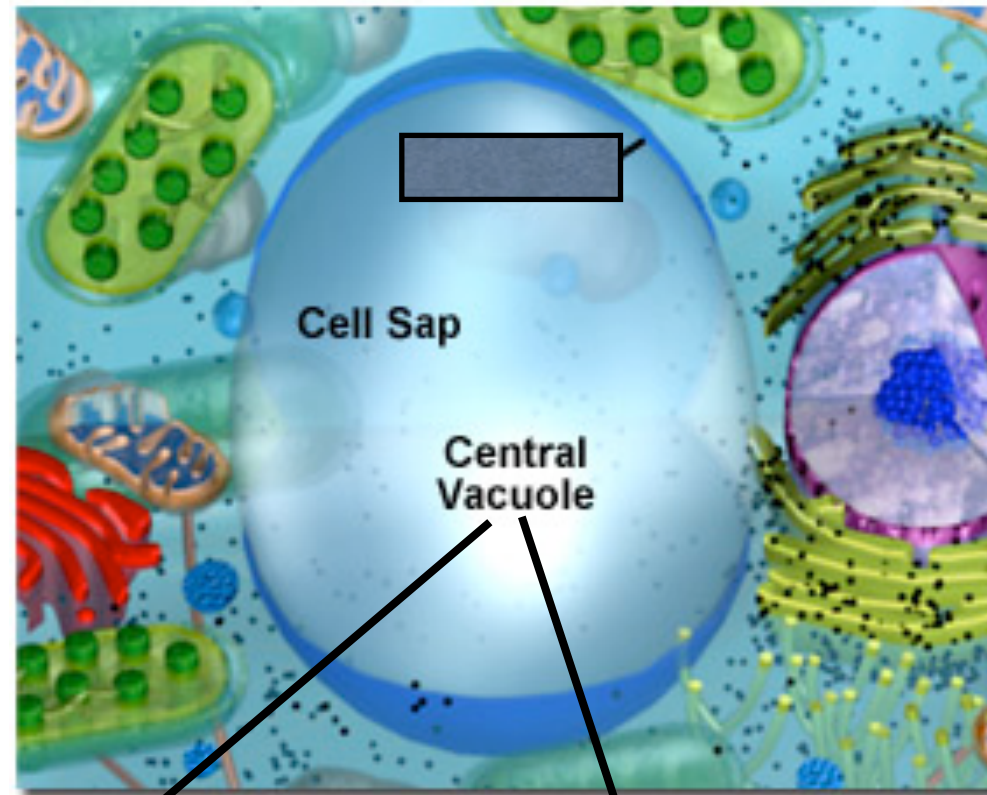
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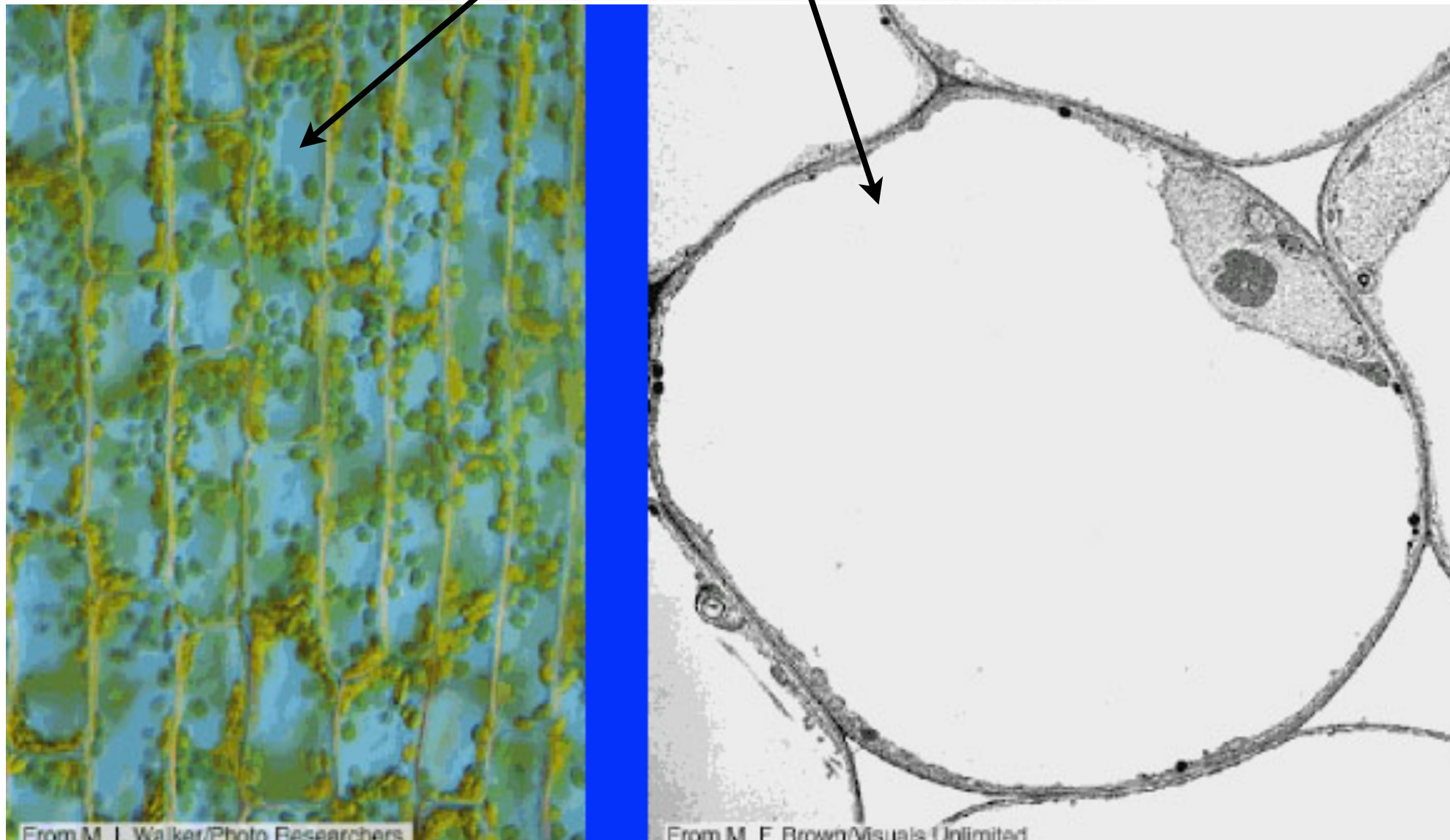


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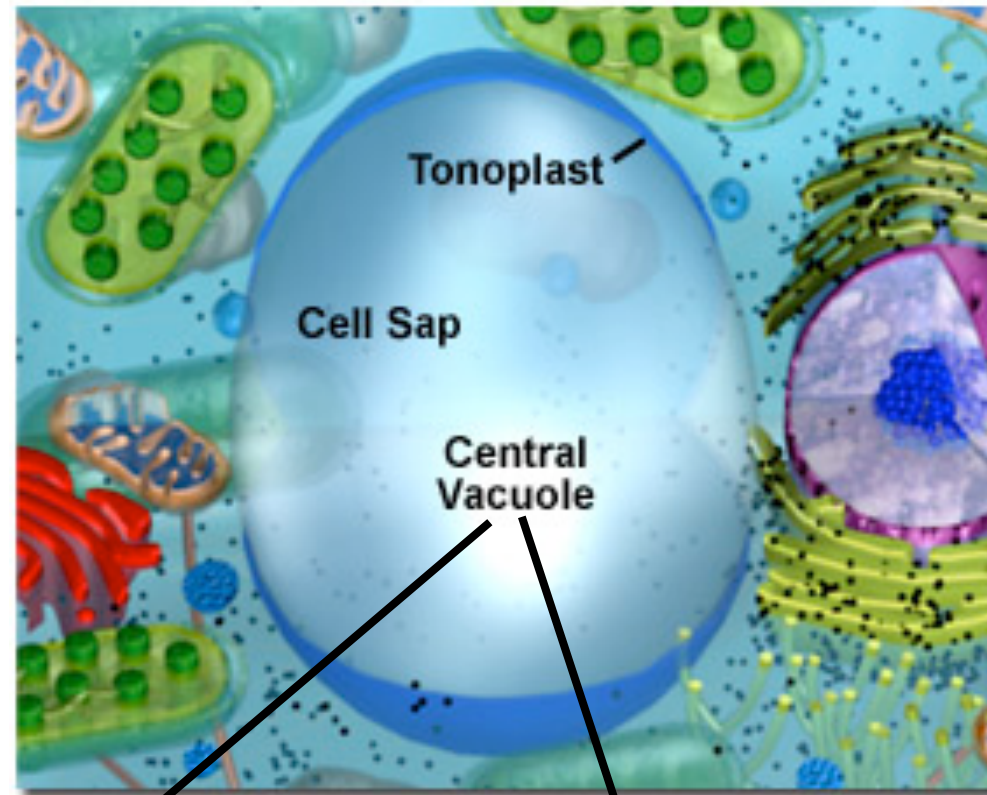
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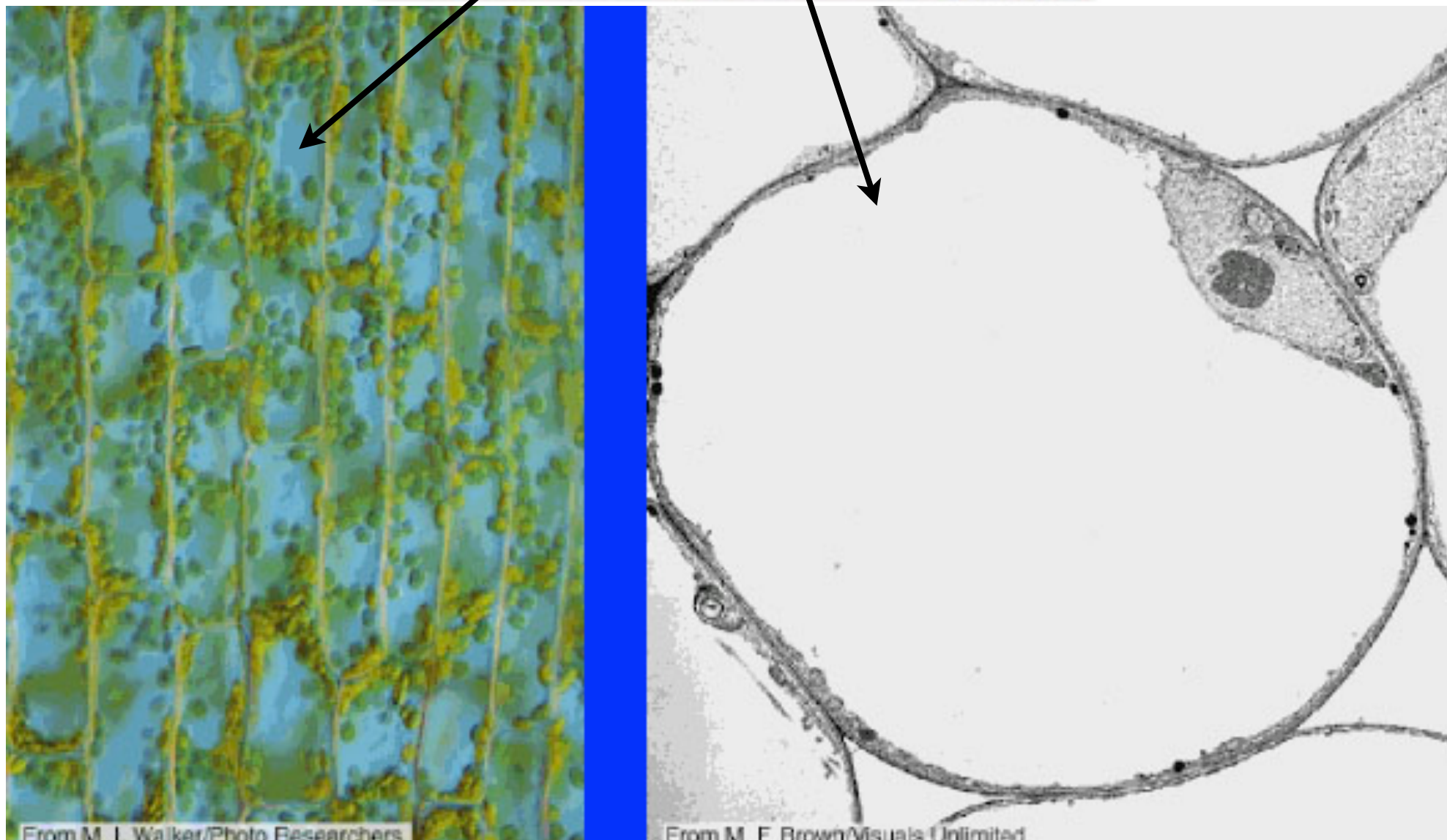


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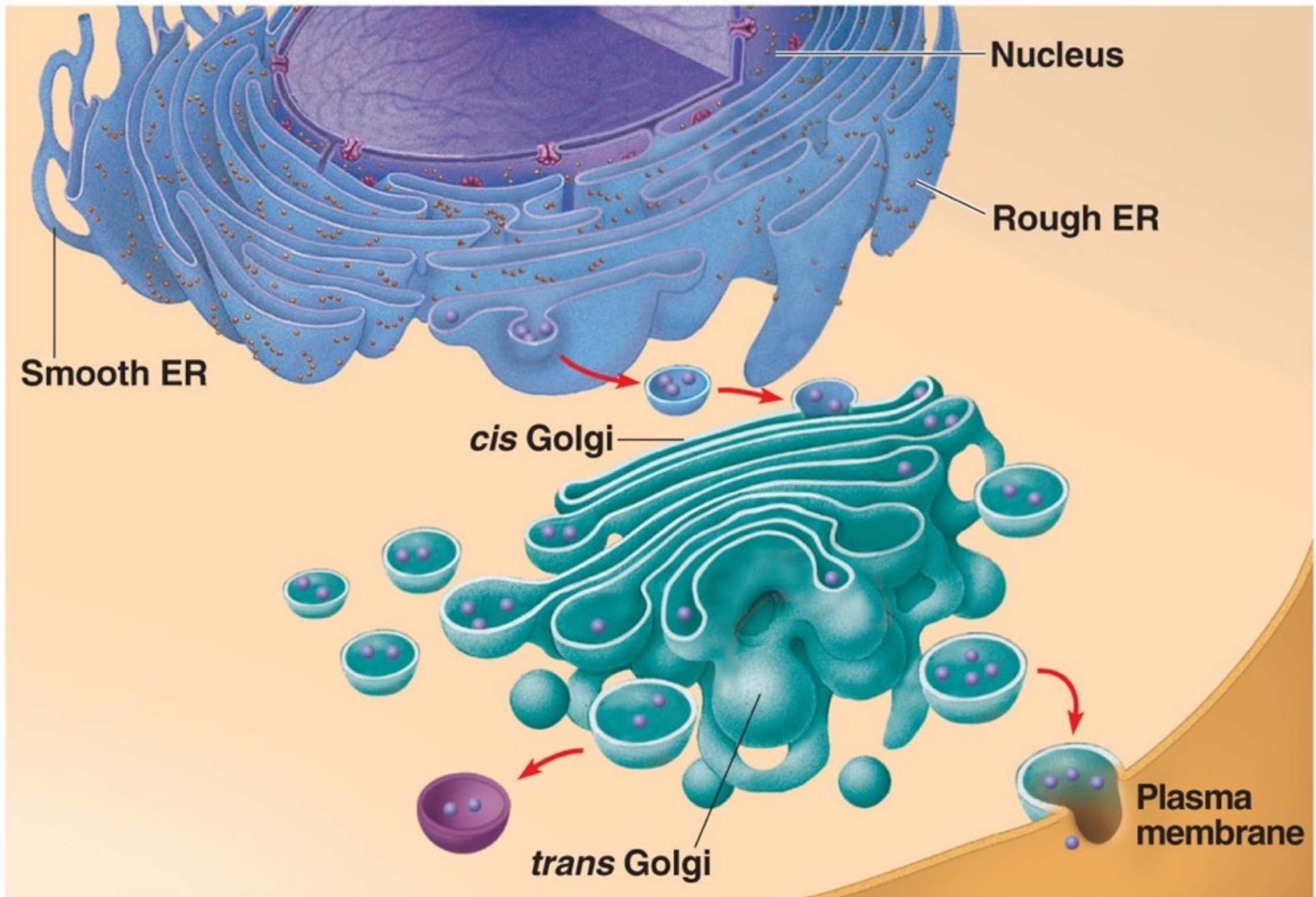


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# The Endomembrane System: Review



# MITOCHONDRIA AND CHLOROPLASTS CHANGE ENERGY FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER

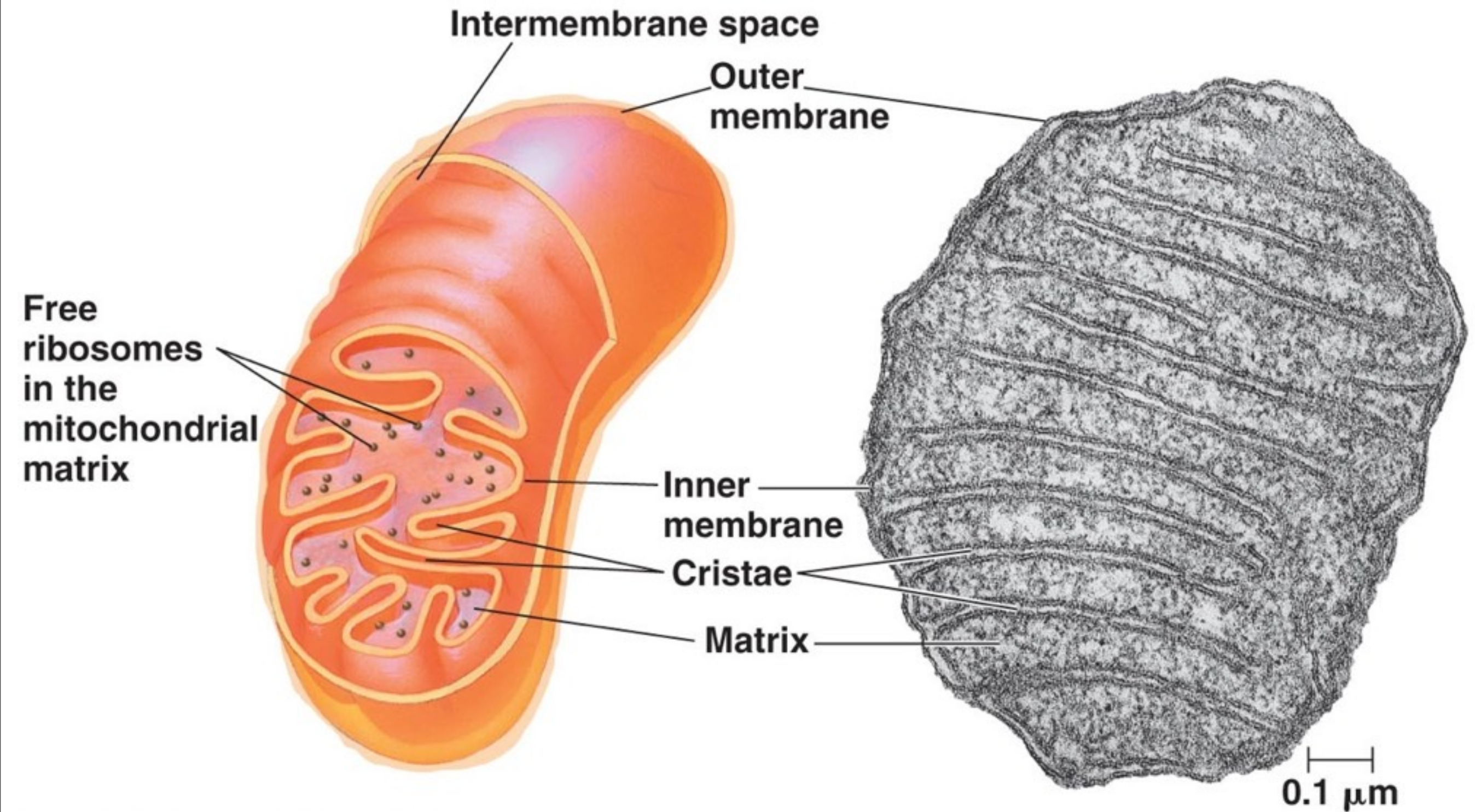
- *Chloroplasts* use solar energy to build sugars from carbon dioxide and water.
- *Mitochondria* use the stored chemical energy in macromolecules such as sugars and fats to generate ATP (cellular fuel).



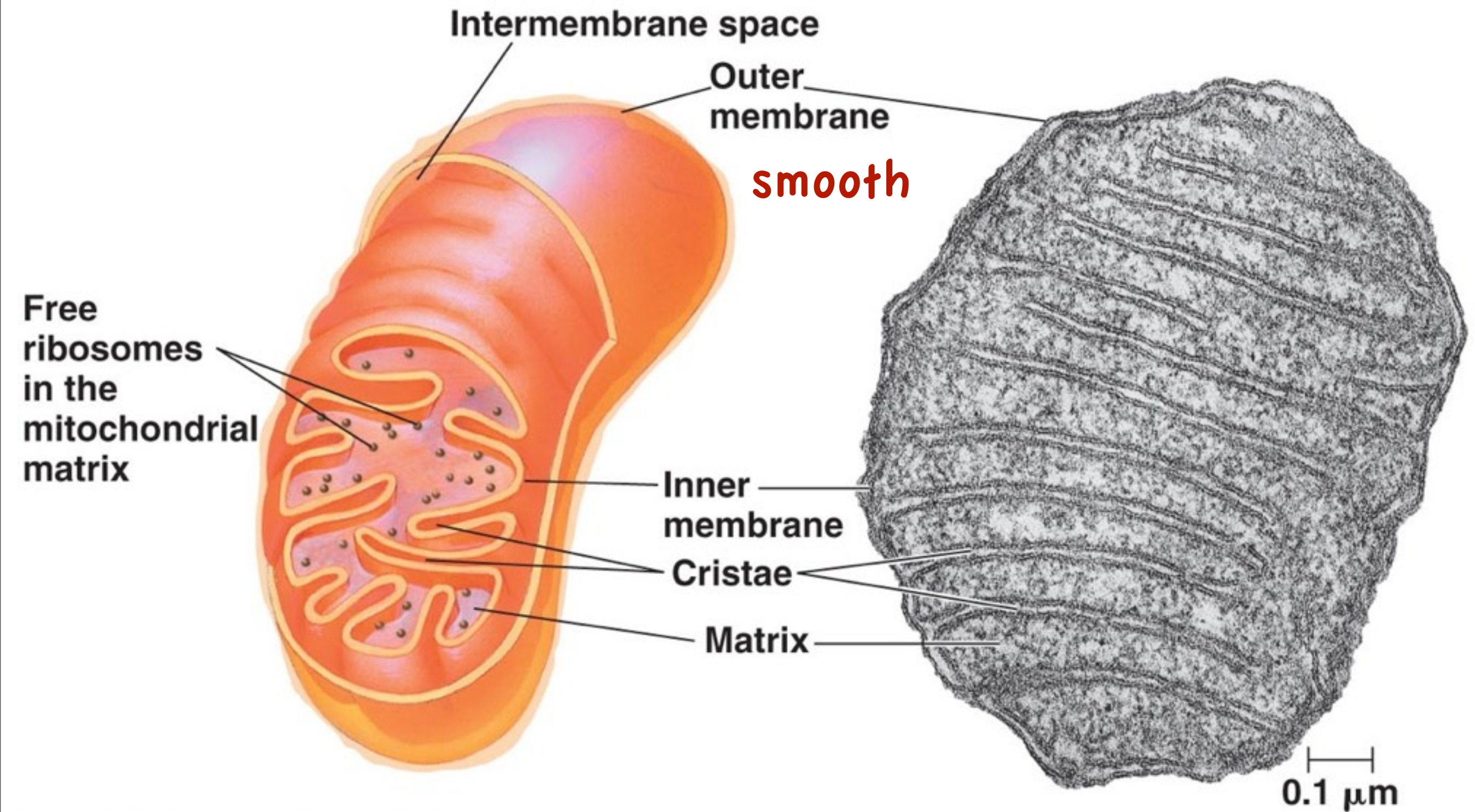
# Mitochondria: Chemical Energy Conversion

- **Found in nearly all eukaryotic cells**
  - animals, plants, fungi and most protists
- **A cell can have one, but more often has hundreds or thousands**
  - number correlates to metabolic level of the cell
- **Mitochondria are dynamic; they move, they grow and occasionally pinch into two**

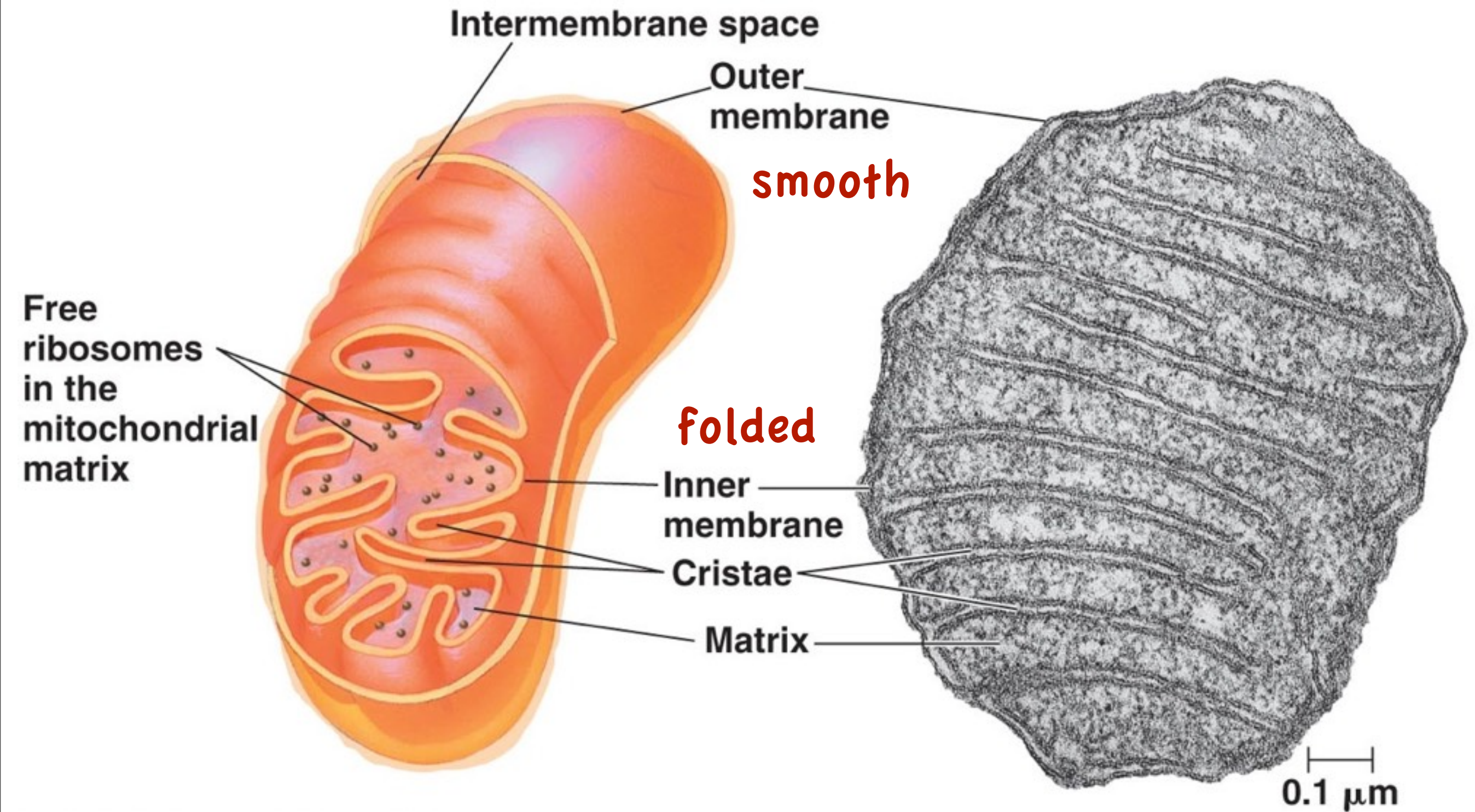
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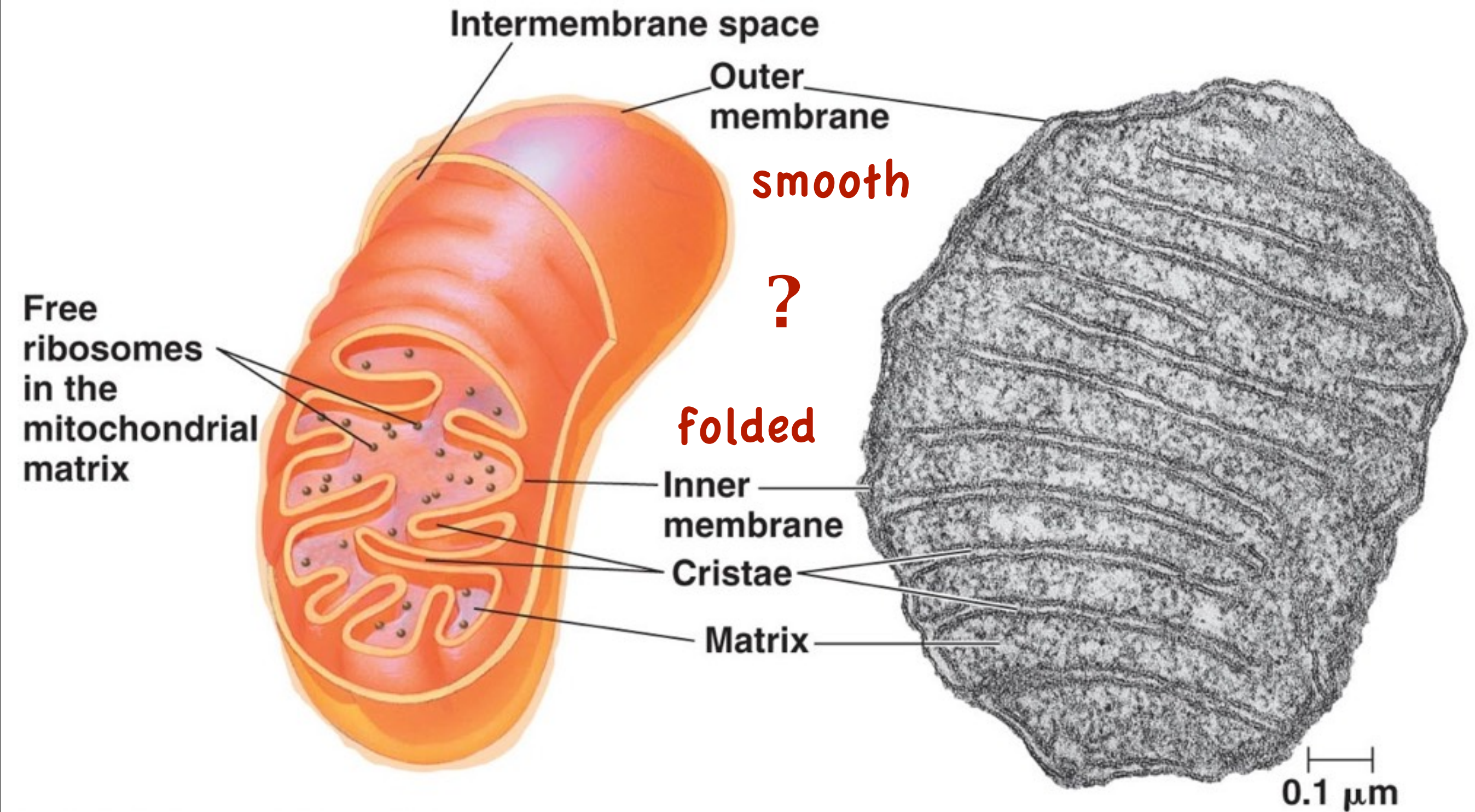






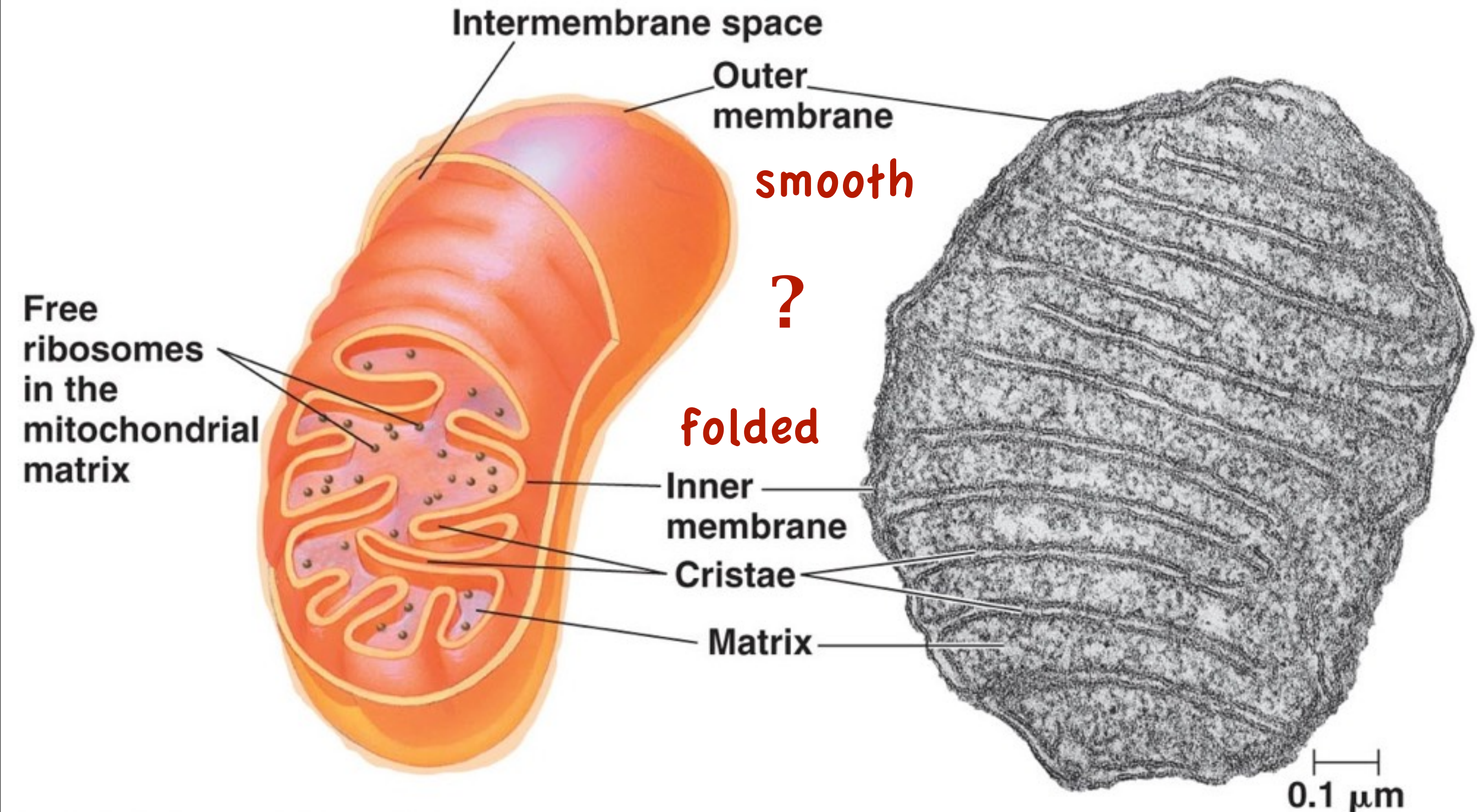








We will learn more about each area and its contents and functions in the cell respiration unit



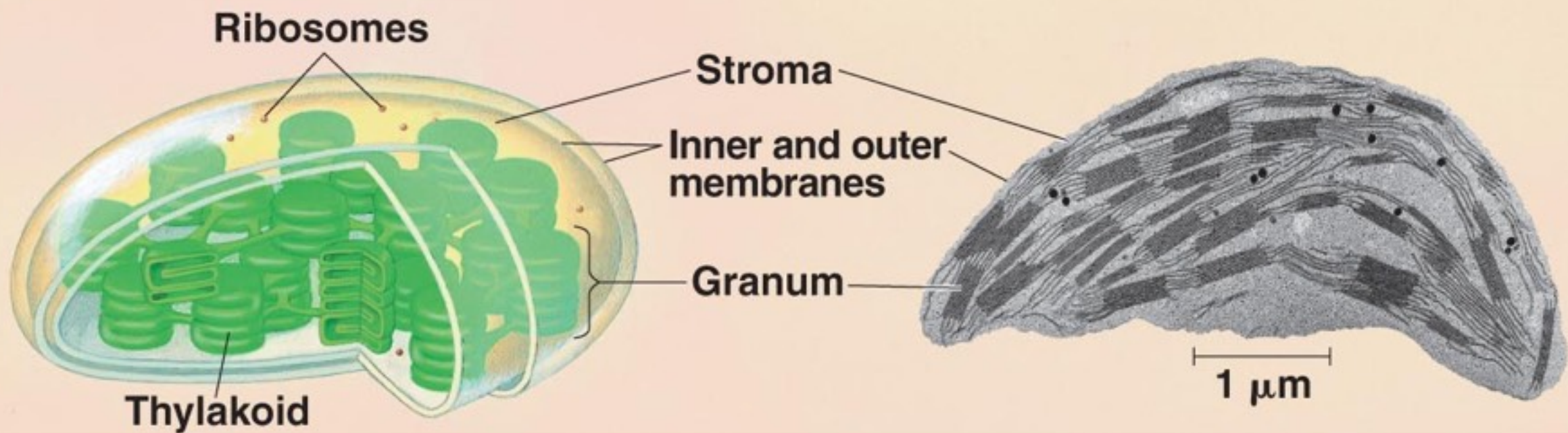
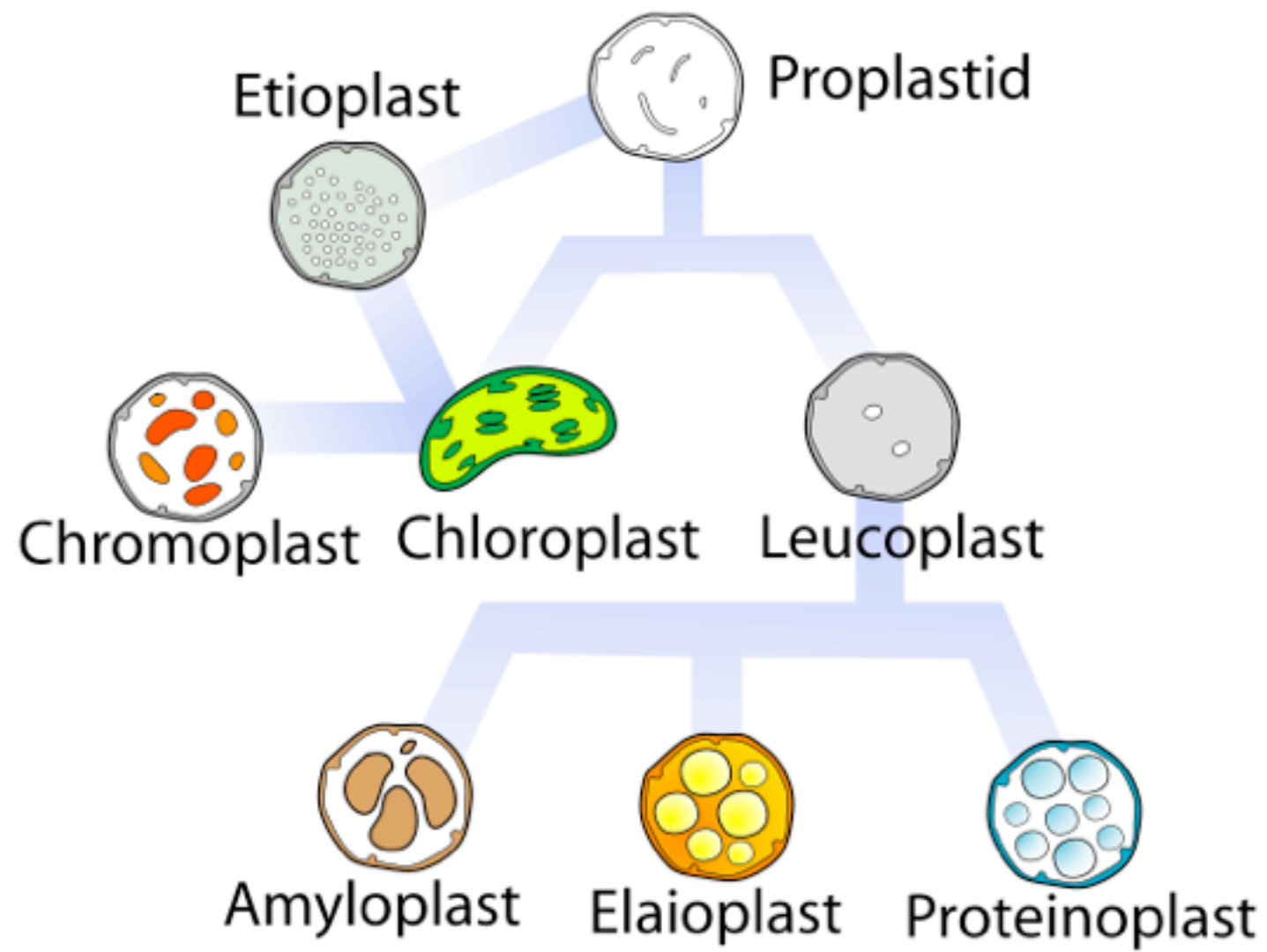


# Chloroplasts: Capture of Light Energy

- **Found in plants and algae**
  - chloroplasts contain a green pigment called chlorophyll
- **Chloroplasts are dynamic; they move, they grow and occasionally pinch into two**
- **Belong to the family of plastids, organelles that manufacture and store compounds. Most contain pigments. (see next slide)**

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# Plastids





# Comparing Mitochondria and Chloroplasts

## Mitochondria

- **Converts energy to useable forms.**
- **Not part of endomembrane system.**
- **Has double membrane.**
- **Grows and reproduces.**
- **Has its own DNA and ribosomes.**
- **Semi-autonomous.**

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- **Site for cell respiration**
  - **Found in both animal and plant cells**

## Chloroplasts

- **Ditto**
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- **Site for photosynthesis**
  - **Found in plant cells and eukaryotic algae**

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c. Archaea and Bacteria generally lack internal membranes and organelles and have a cell wall.



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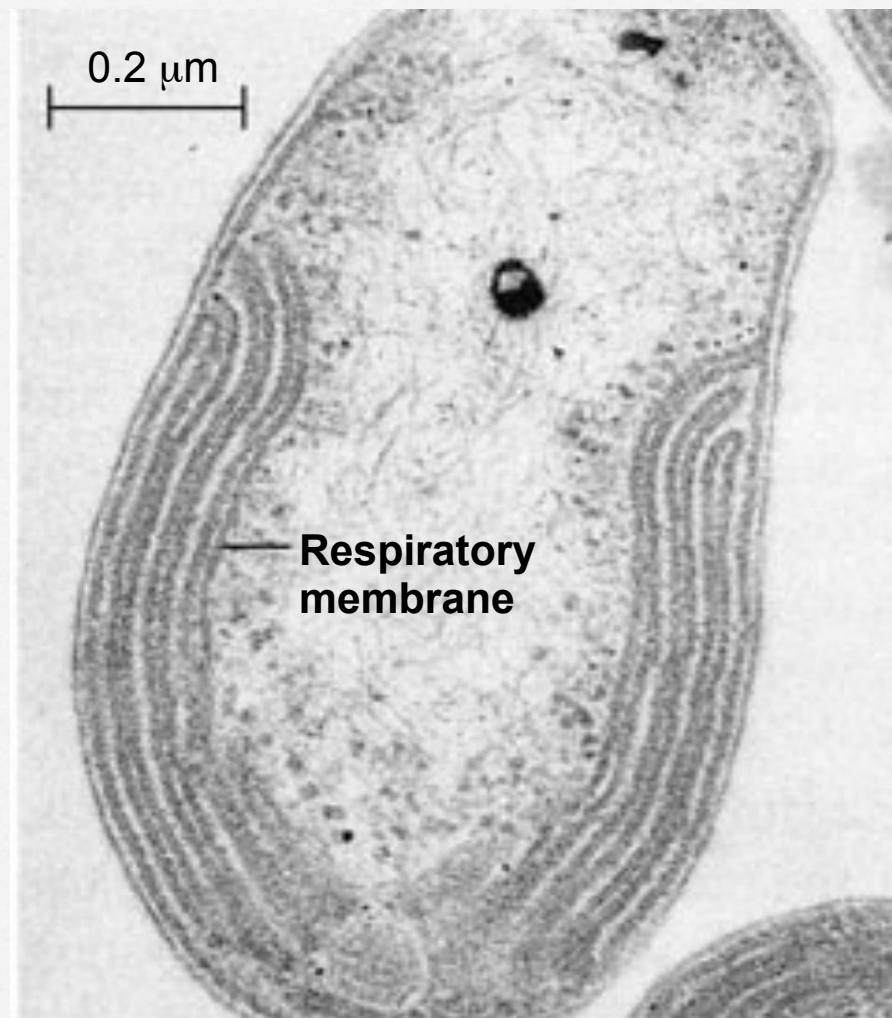
- Prokaryotic cells are simple
  - They have cytosol
  - They have ribosomes
  - They have inclusions
    - *deposits of nutrient/chemical reserves*
  - They lack membrane bound organelles.
  - *They lack the complex “compartmentalization” found in eukaryotic cells*



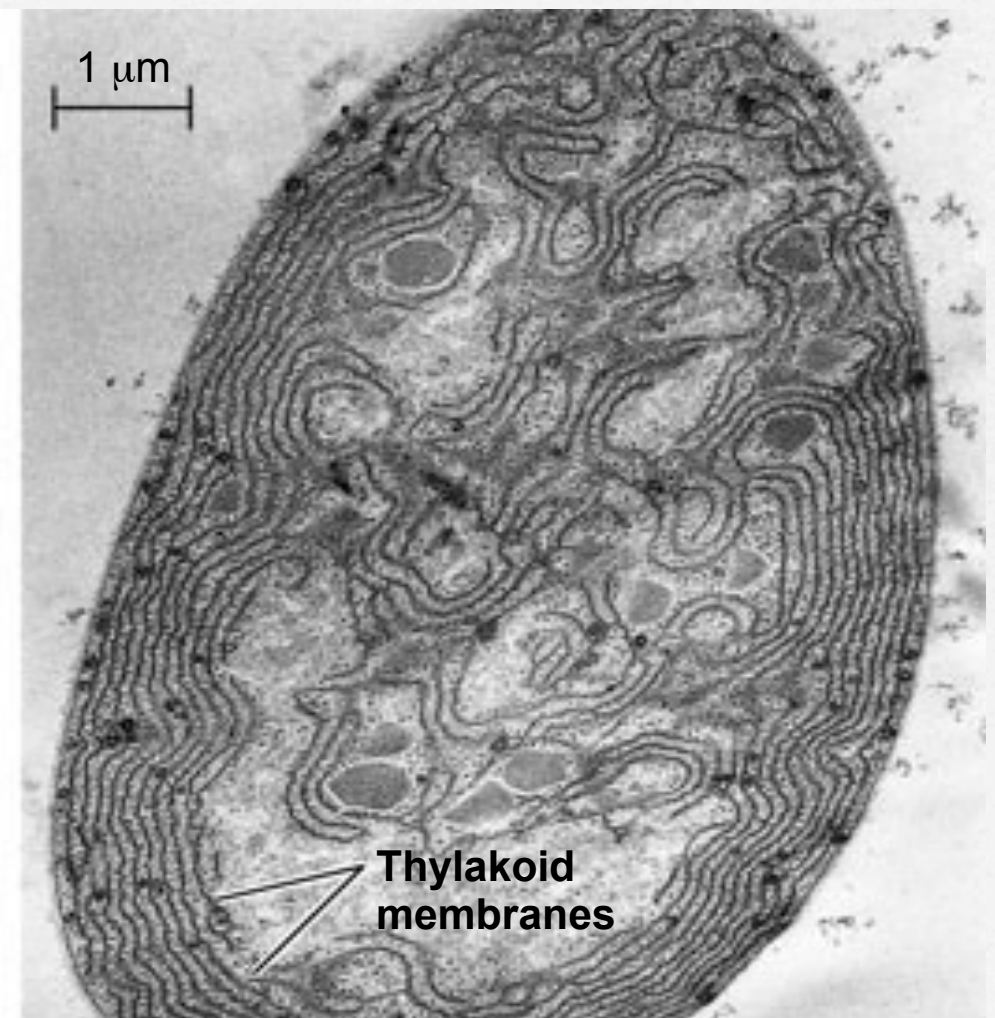
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- Prokaryotic cells make up for the lack of specialized membrane bound organelles such as *mitochondria* and *chloroplasts* with specialized membranes.

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(a) Aerobic prokaryote



(b) Photosynthetic prokaryote

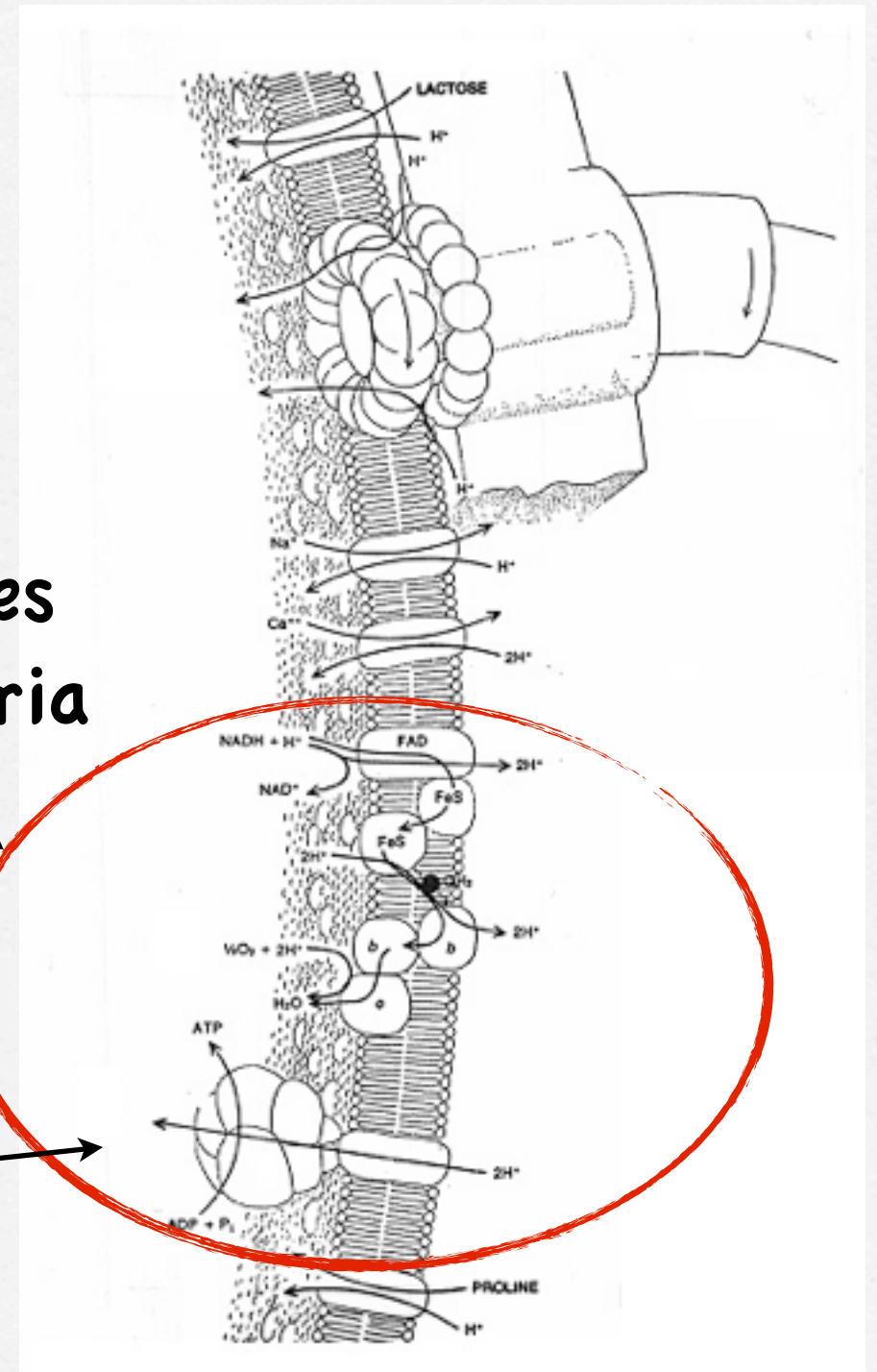


# Bacterial Organelles

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**Electron Transport Chain**, found in eukaryotic mitochondria here it resides in the plasma membrane of the bacteria

**ATP Synthase**





# Learning Objectives:

LO 2.13 The student is able to explain how internal membranes and organelles contribute to cell functions. [See SP 6.2]

LO 2.14 The student is able to use representations and models to describe differences in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. [See SP 1.2, 1.4]