

# Membrane Biochemistry

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**Course organiser:** Prof Conrad Mullineaux

**Lecturers:** Prof. Conrad Mullineaux (13 lectures), Prof. John Allen (9 lectures)

The structures and functions of biological membranes are introduced through an examination of key concepts including the structures of lipids, the structures of membrane proteins, membrane dynamics and methods for their study, intra- and intercellular signalling, protein import/export through membranes, endocytosis and exocytosis, coupling membranes, the chemiosmotic hypothesis, and membrane transport. Lecture material is supported by relevant practical experiments.

## Course Text

Karp, G. 'Cell and Molecular Biology' Fifth ed. (2008) published by John Wiley and Sons.

### Course outline and lecture schedule:

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- [The pump cycle of Na,K-ATPase](#). By Mark Hilge at Protein Biophysics, Nijmegen
- [Animation. From Light to ATP](#). By O. Fritsche and W. Junge, University of Osnabruck. (.avi file, 17.7 mb)
- [Molecular animations of ATP synthase](#). From the research group of John Walker at the MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit, Cambridge
- [Animation. Powering the Cell: Mitochondria](#). From BioVisions at Harvard University

## Relevant Nobel prizes

- [1906 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Camillo Golgi and Santiago Ramón y Cajal](#)
- [1974 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Albert Claude, Christian de Duve and George E. Palade](#)
- [1978 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Peter Mitchell](#)
- [1988 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Johann Deisenhofer, Robert Huber and Hartmut Michel](#)
- [1997 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Paul D. Boyer, John E. Walker and Jens C. Skou](#)
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# The Endomembrane System

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Exocytosis and endocytosis



# The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1906

Camillo Golgi, Santiago Ramón y Cajal

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1906

● **Camillo Golgi**

Santiago Ramón y Cajal

## Camillo Golgi

**Born:** 7 July 1843, Corteno, Italy

**Died:** 21 January 1926, Pavia, Italy

**Affiliation at the time of the award:**  
Pavia University, Pavia, Italy

**Prize motivation:** "in recognition of their work on the structure of the nervous system"



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# The neuron doctrine - theory and facts

*Nobel Lecture December 11, 1906*

At a point of time that the results of black staining had hardly started to become generally known, while I had already for about ten years achieved results much better in terms of clarity than those which had attracted attention elsewhere, the idea that cells and nerve cells formed an anatomical unit became much more acceptable to the mind in a far more objective way than that made possible by previous studies. The concept then developed that the cell body and all its processes make up one independent elementary organism which is not joined to others but merely contiguous with them. Waldeyer perceived the existence of such a unit and called it the neuron. In an effort to use the word neuron with the meaning given it by its creator, I must quote in its entirety Waldeyer's own description in a lecture which he gave in 1891 on the latest research into the anatomy of the nervous system. On page 52 of this publication Waldeyer says: "The nervous system is made up of innumerable nerve units (neurons) which are anatomically and genetically independent of each other. Each nerve unit is composed of three parts: the body, the fibre, and the terminal branches. Physiological conduction can take place just as well from the body to the terminal branches as in the other direction. Motor impulses can only be transmitted from the body to the nerve terminals, while sensory impulses can travel in either direction."

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# The neuron doctrine - theory and facts

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We thus arrive with regard to my studies to what I have called the endo cellular reticular apparatus. This structure is illustrated by Figs. 11, 12 and 13, which show nerve cells from the intervertebral ganglia of the horse, and by Fig. 14 which shows a cell of the same type from the dog. In showing these pictures here, I must repeat what I have persistently said before, that is, that the significance of these structures still represents an unsolved problem.



Fig. 11

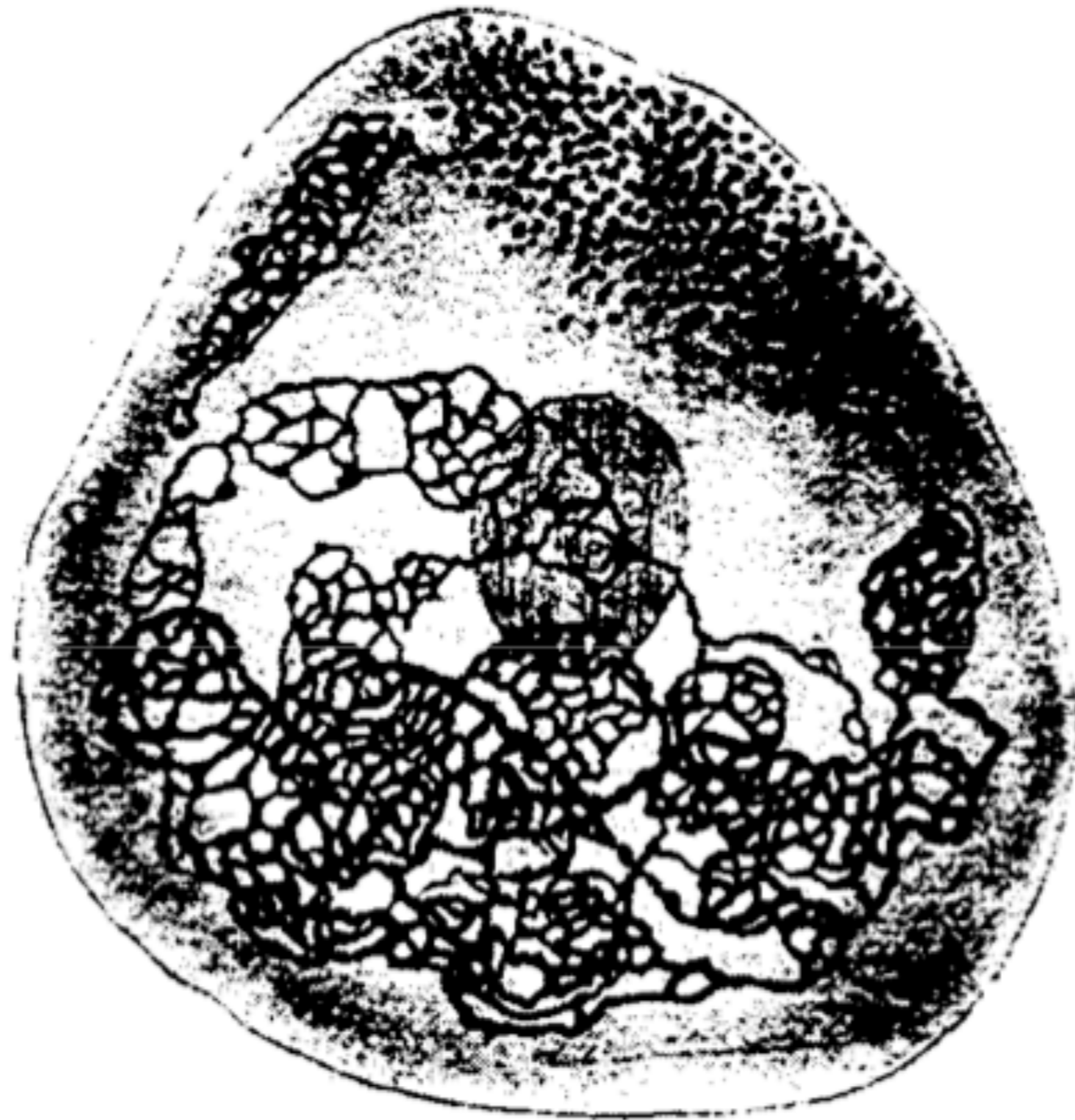


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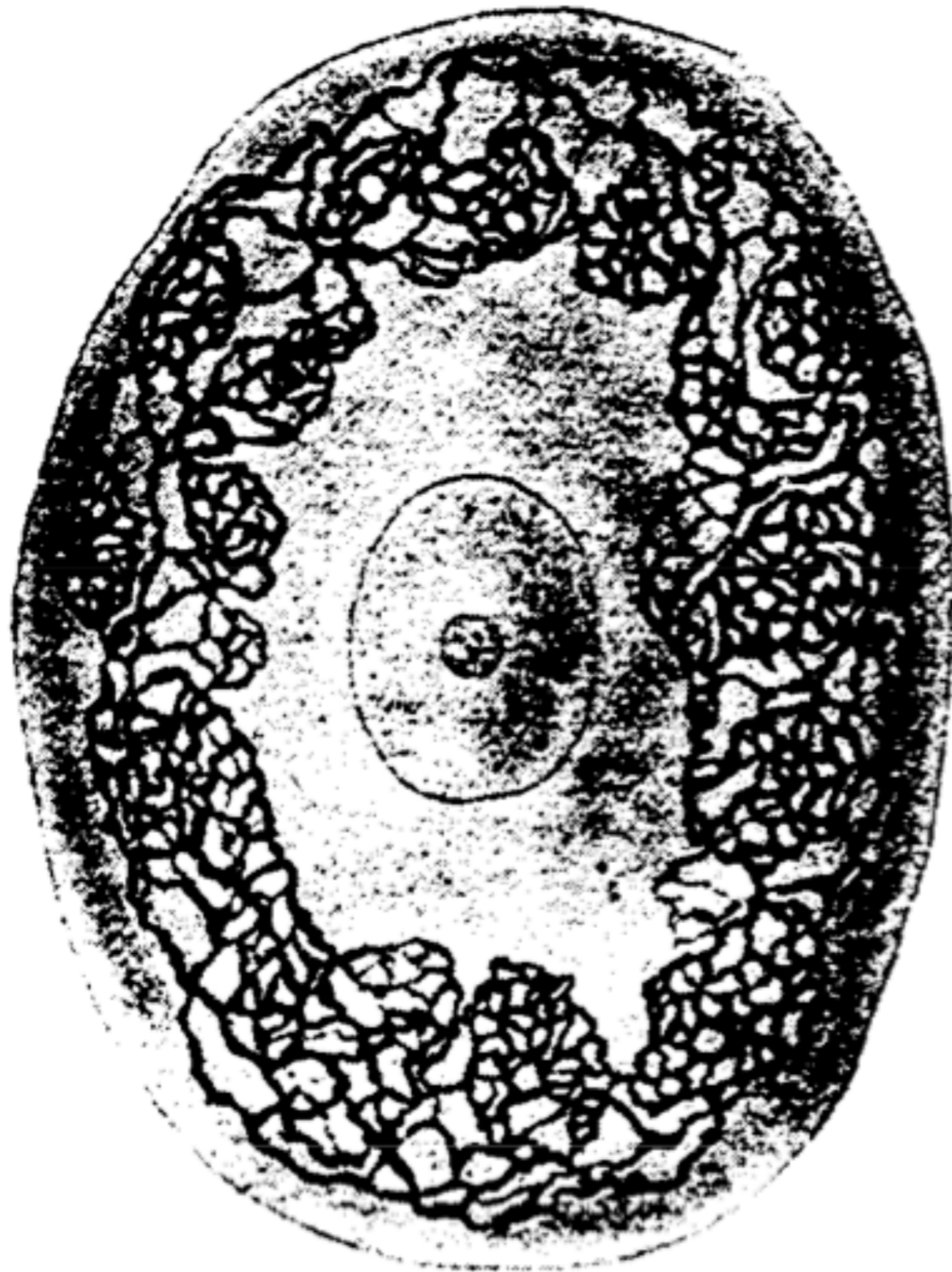


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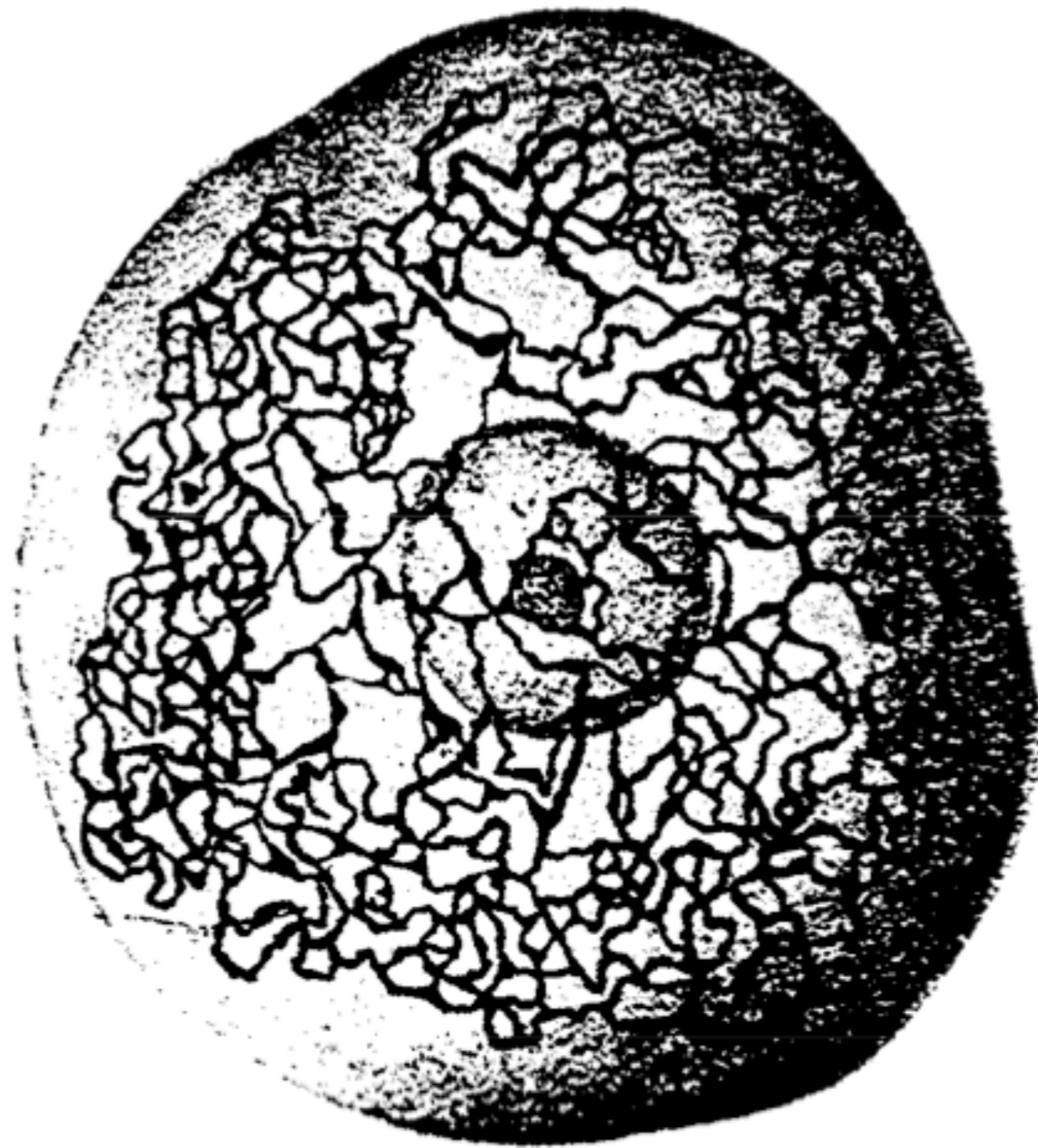


Fig.14

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# The neuron doctrine - theory and facts

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The conclusion of this account of the neuron question, which has had to be rather an assembly of facts, brings me back to my starting-point, namely that no arguments, on which Waldeyer supported the theory of the individuality and independence of the neuron, will stand examination. We have seen, in fact, how we lack embryological data and how anatomical arguments, either individually or as a whole, do not offer any basis firm enough to uphold this doctrine. In fact, all the characteristics of nerve process, protoplasmic process and cell-body organization which we have examined seem to point in another direction.

[http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/medicine/  
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## The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1974

Albert Claude, Christian de Duve, George E. Palade

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1974

Nobel Prize Award Ceremony

Albert Claude

Christian de Duve

George E. Palade



Albert Claude



Christian de Duve



George E. Palade

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1974 was awarded jointly to Albert Claude, Christian de Duve and George E. Palade *"for their discoveries concerning the structural and functional organization of the cell"*.

**Cells... Plant**

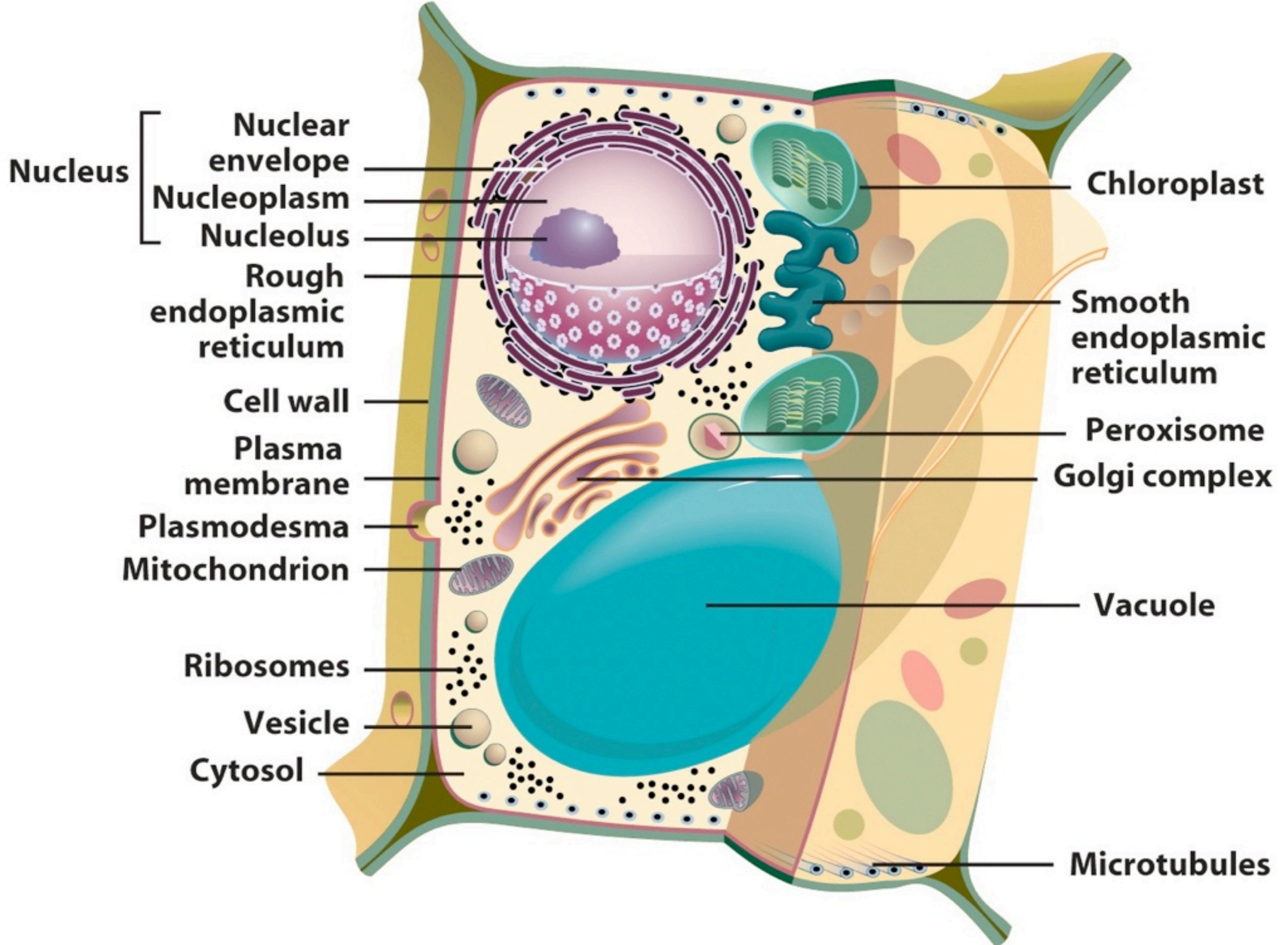


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**Cells... Animal**

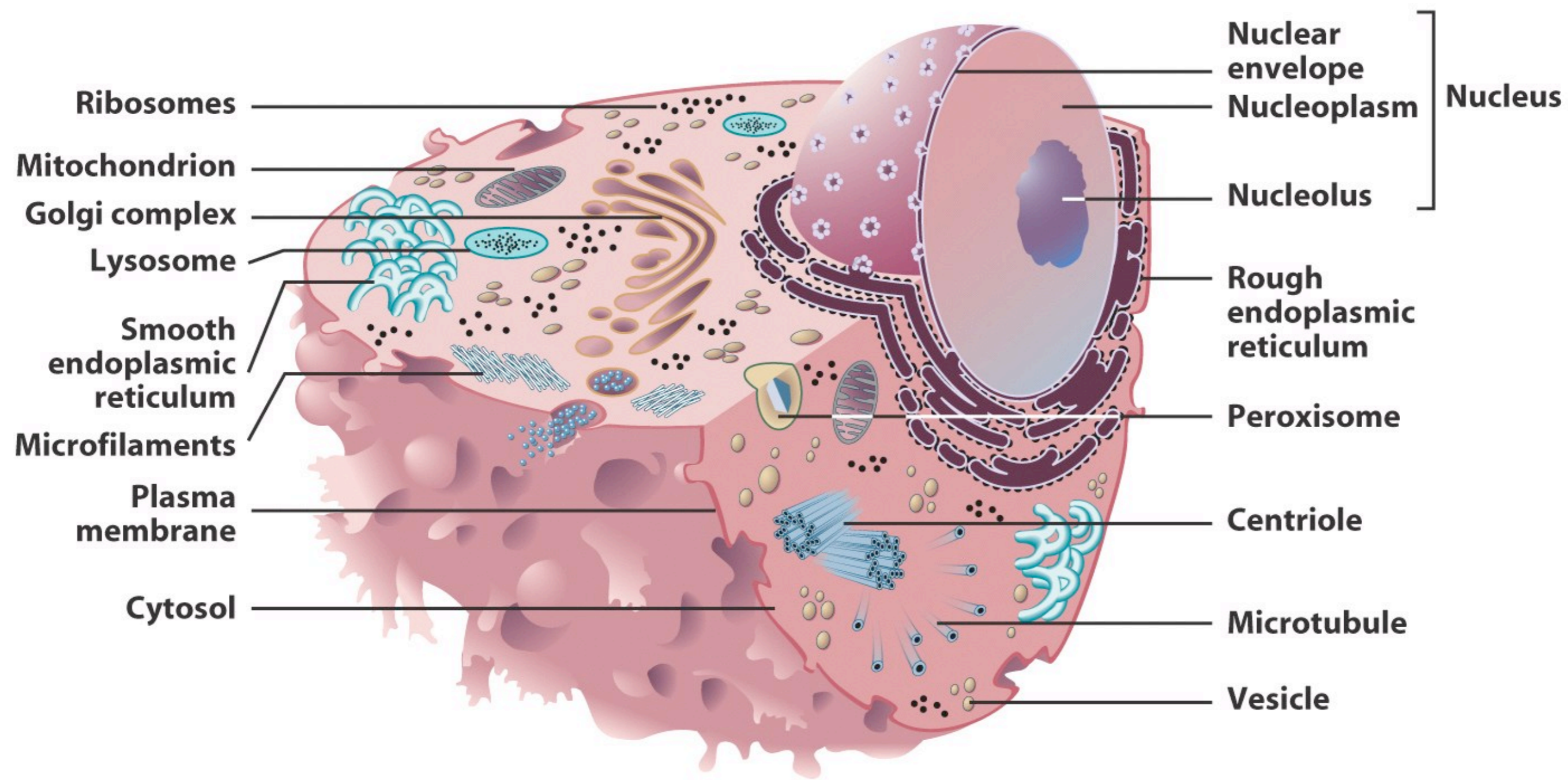
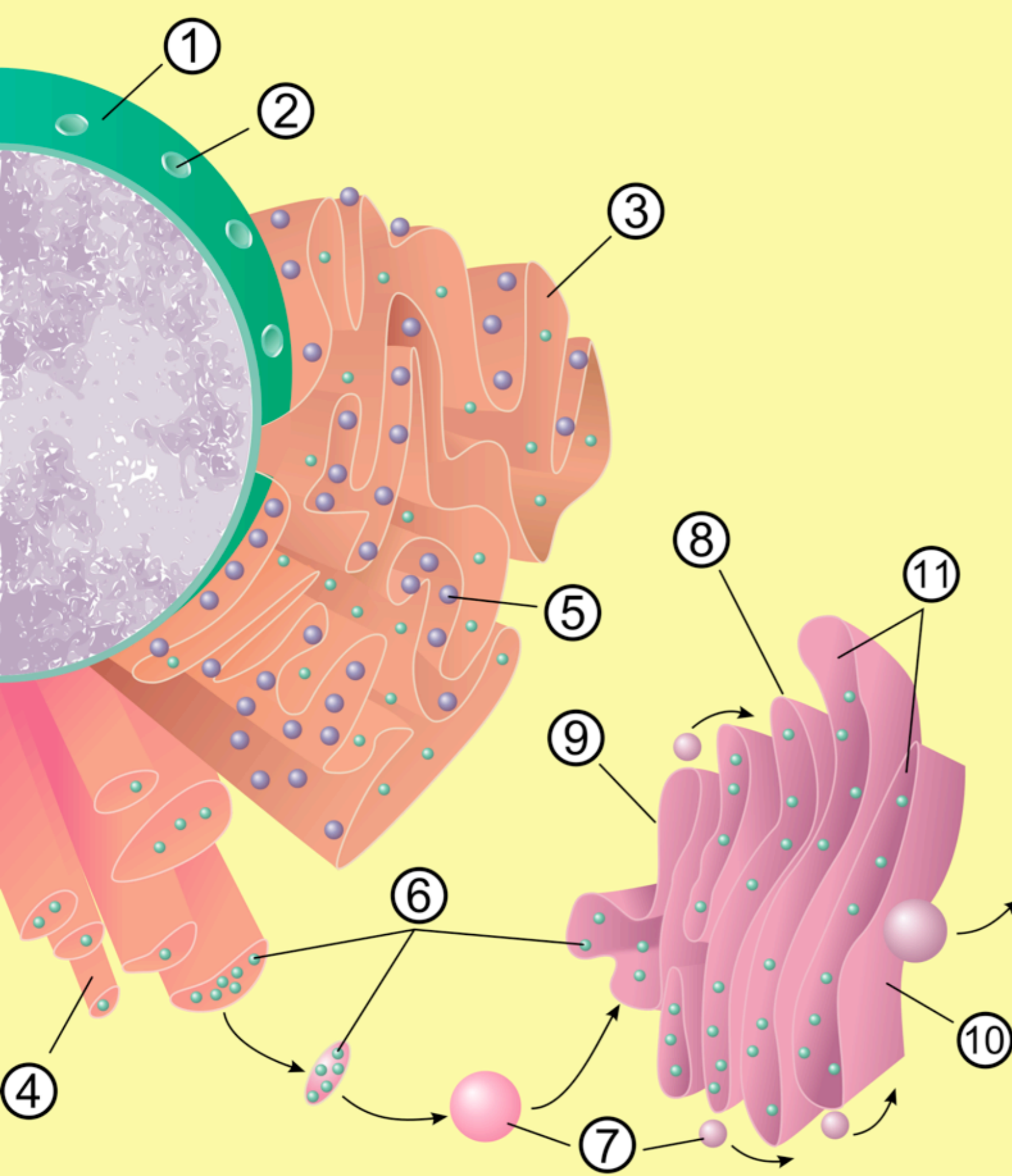


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Secretory pathway diagram, including nucleus, endoplasmic reticulum and golgi apparatus.

1. Nuclear membrane
2. Nuclear pore
3. Rough endoplasmic reticulum (rER)
4. Smooth endoplasmic reticulum (sER)
5. Ribosome attached to rER
6. Macromolecules
7. Transport vesicles
8. Golgi apparatus
9. *Cis* face of Golgi apparatus
10. *Trans* face of Golgi apparatus
11. Cisternae of Golgi apparatus

Magnus Manske

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Nucleus\\_ER\\_golgi.svg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Nucleus_ER_golgi.svg)

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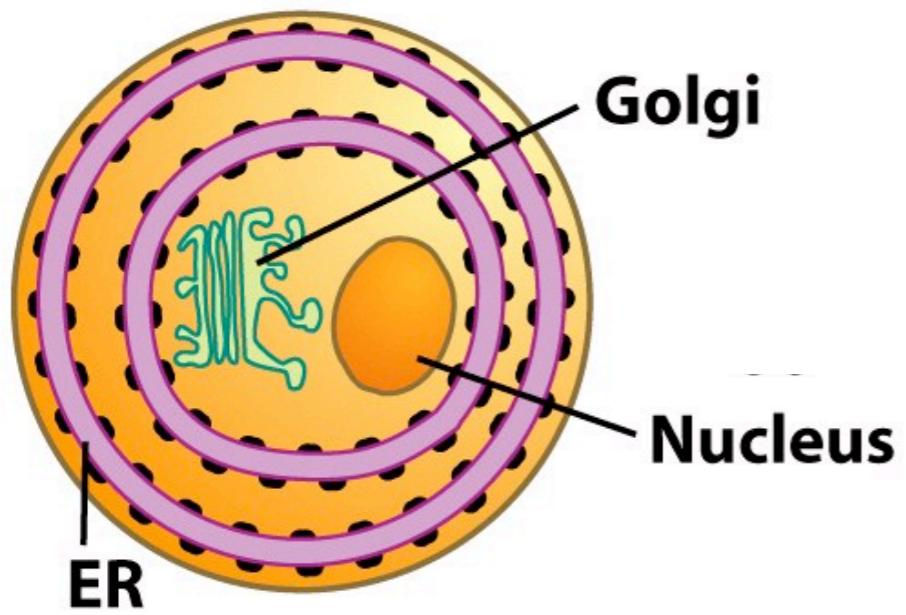
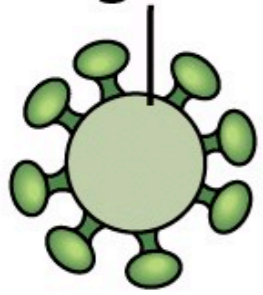


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**VSV**

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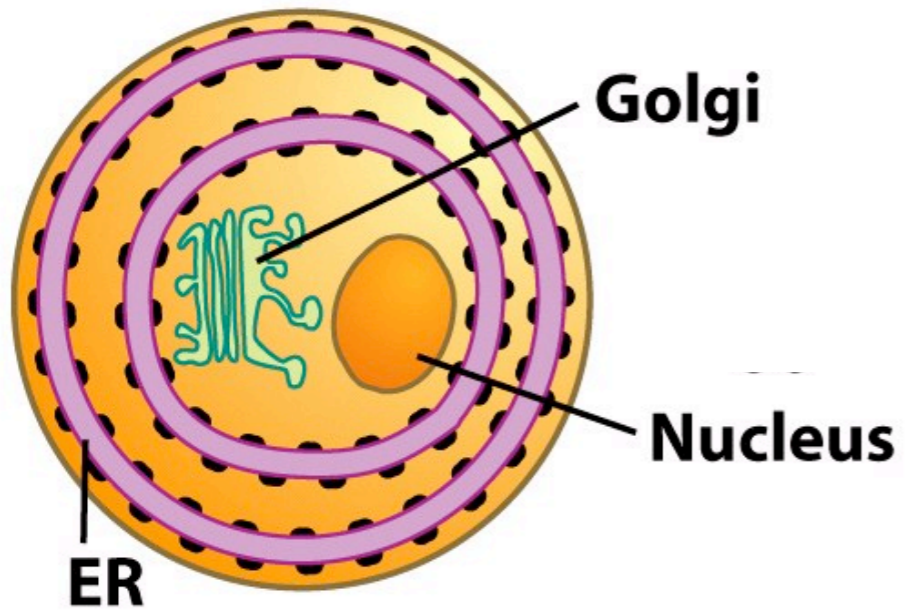
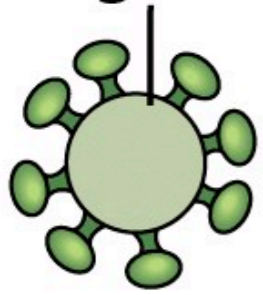


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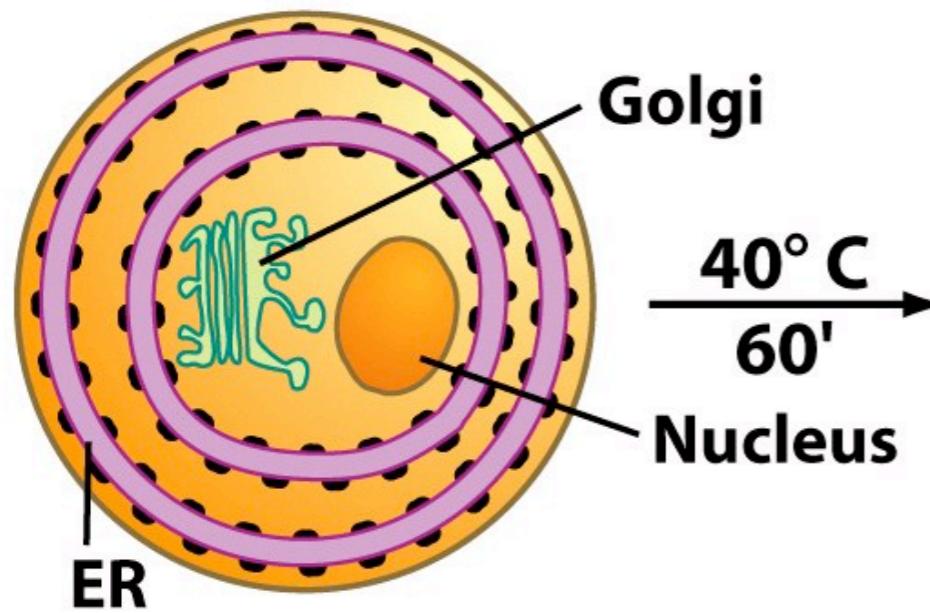
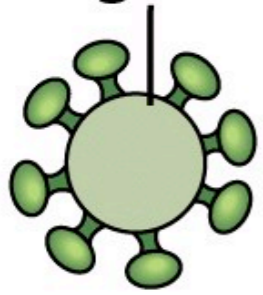


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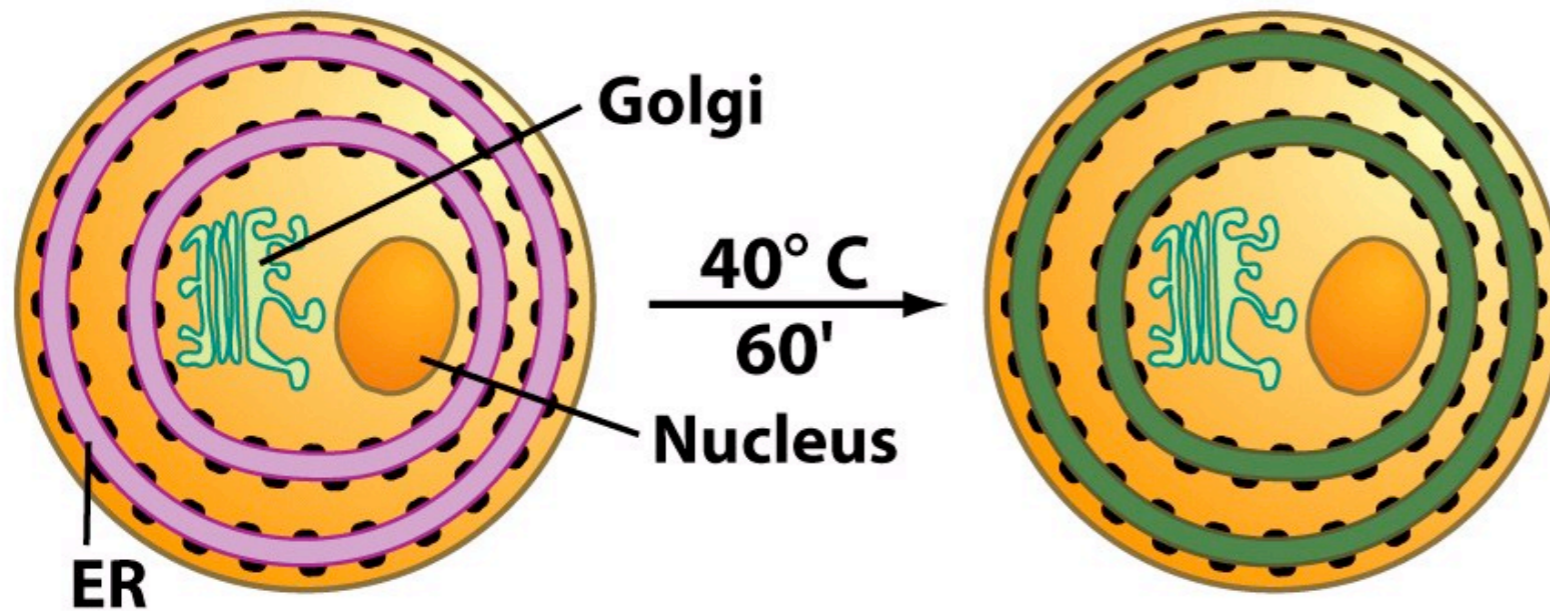
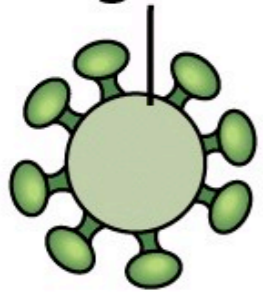


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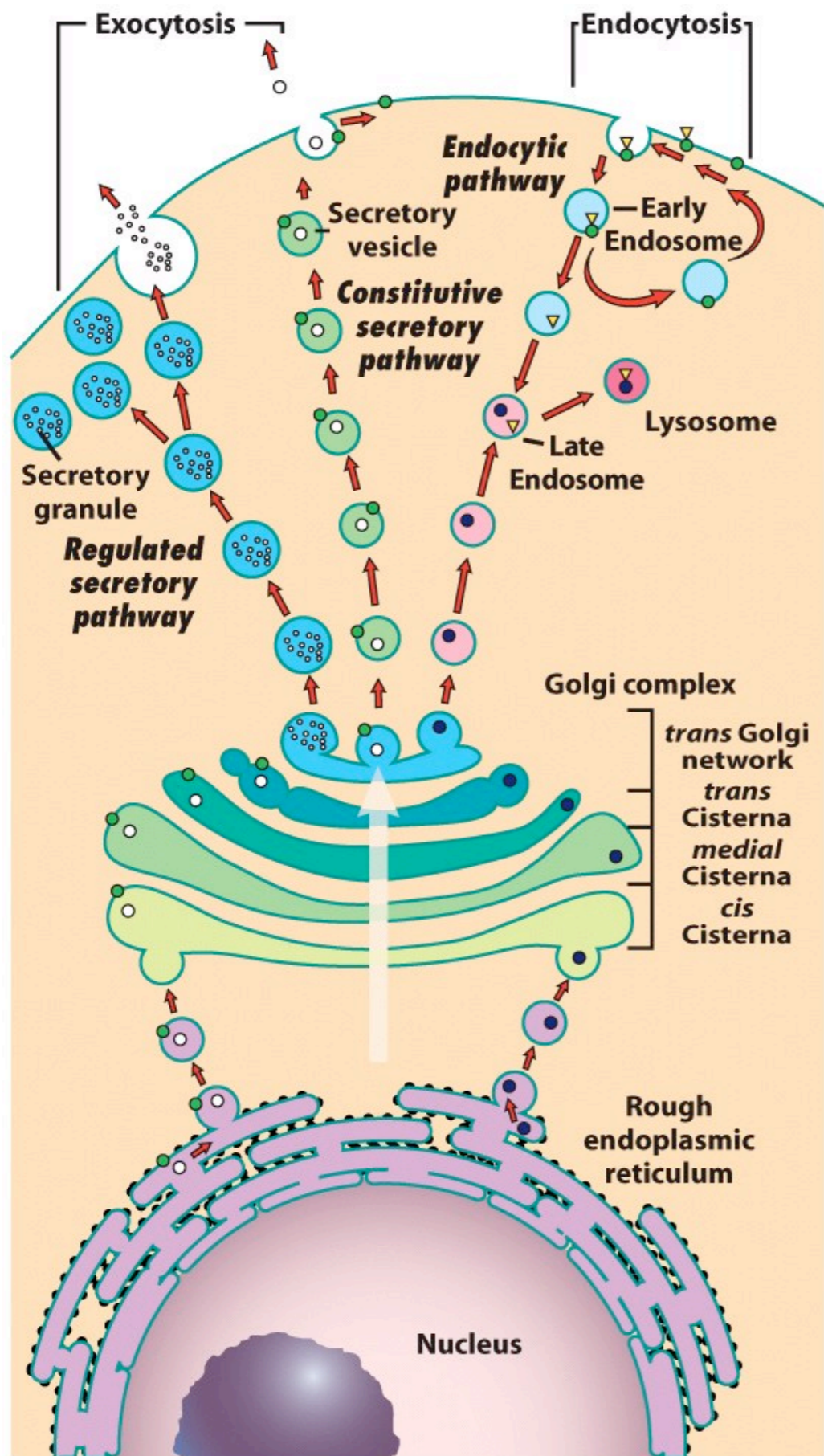
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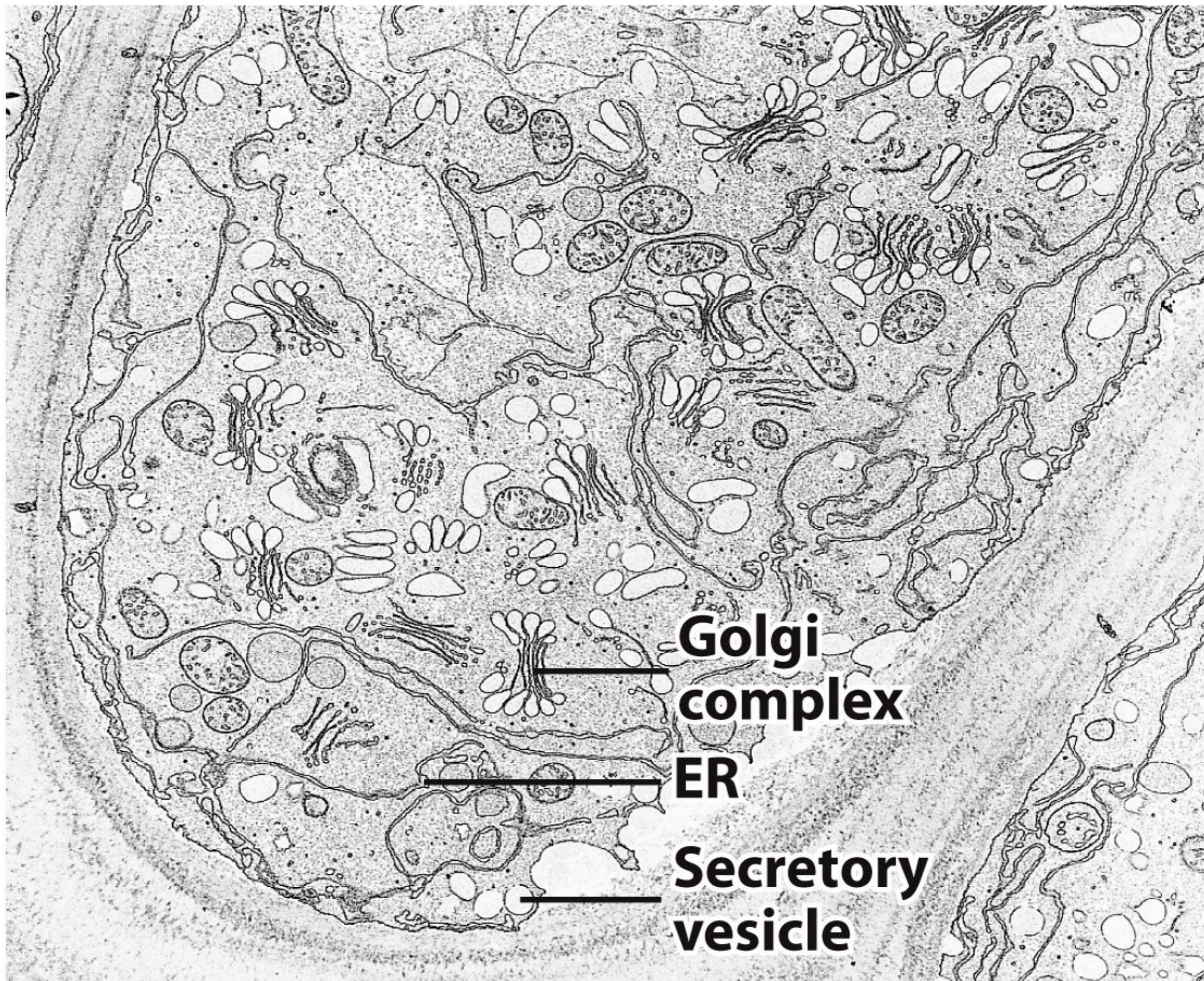


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# Exocytosis and endocytosis



**Figure 8.2** An overview of the biosynthetic/secretory and endocytic pathways that unite endomembranes into a dynamic, interconnected network.



**Golgi  
complex**

**ER**

**Secretory  
vesicle**

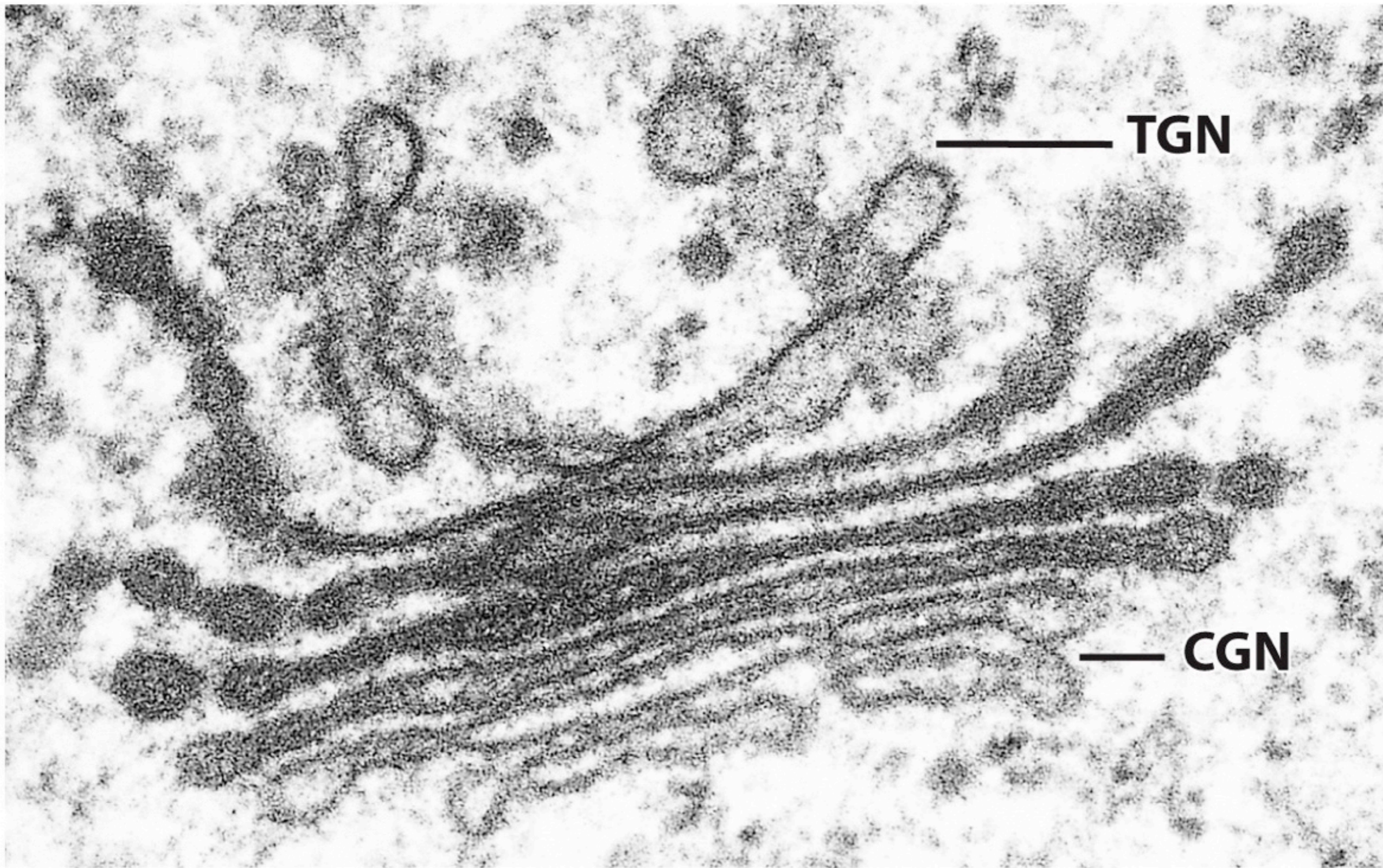
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***trans***



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**TGN**

**CGN**

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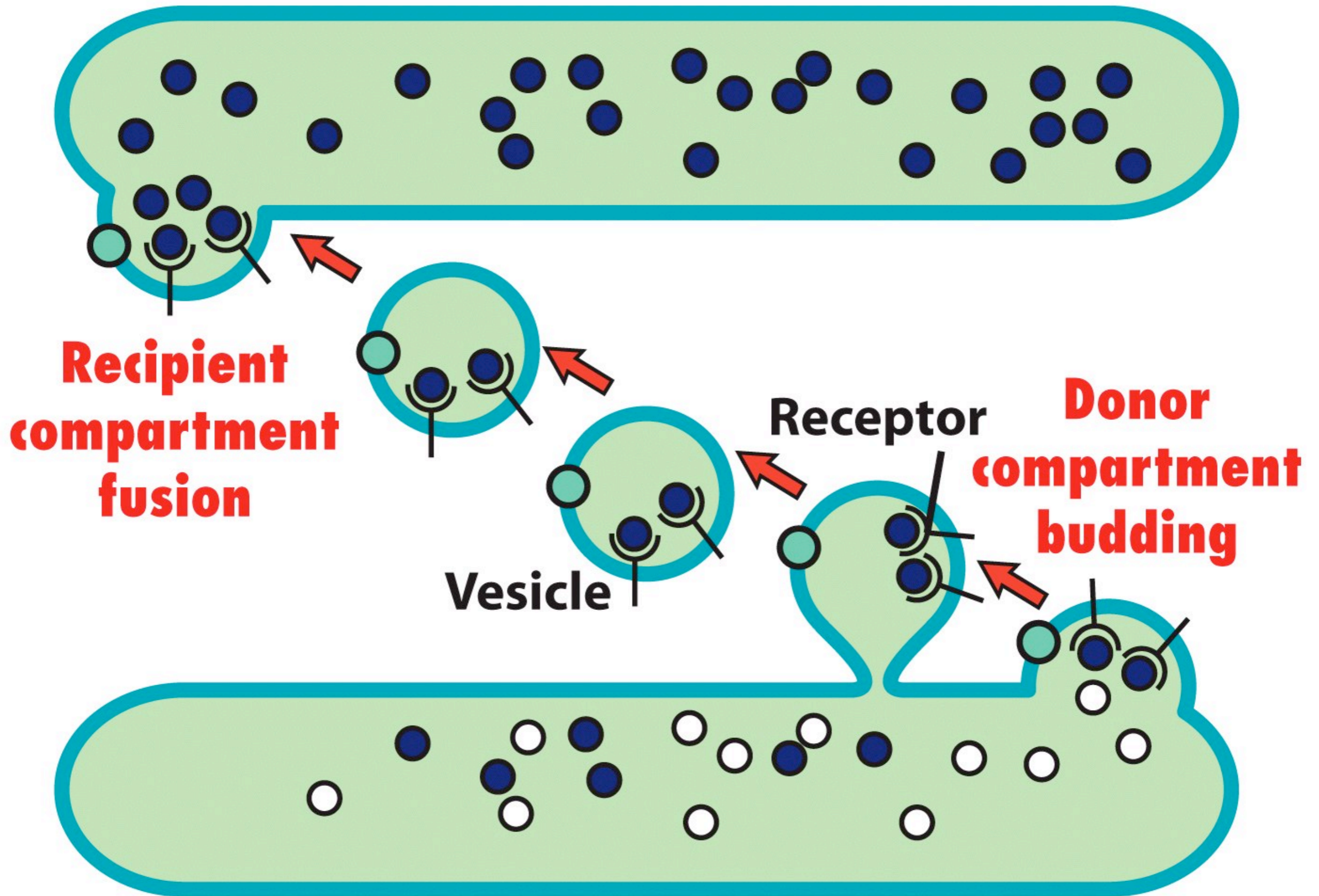


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