



Cell

• Cell is the living structural and functional unit enclosed by a membrane. It may be unicellular or multicellular. Cells arise from pre-existing cells by the process of cell division. The study of cellular structure and function is known as cell biology or cytology.

3 main parts of cell are

- i. Plasma membrane
- ii. Cytoplasm
- iii. Nucleus



Plasma membrane

- Flexible outer surface of cell which separates internal environment of cell from the external environment of cell.
- It is selectively permeable in nature.
- It can be described by a structural model "fluid mosaic model"





<u>Cytoplasm</u>

- Cytoplasm is the region between the cell membrane and the nucleus which consists of cytosol & cell organelles.
- Cytosol is the intracellular fluid which surrounds the cell organelles. It is composed of water and different ions, glucose, amino acids, fatty acids, lipid, protein, waste products etc.
- Tiny structures present inside the cell perform different individual functions. The organelles are like endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi complex, lysosome, mitochondria, ribosome, centrosomes etc.



Figure: Animal Cell Structure with Cytoplasm, Image Copyright O Sagar Aryal, www.microbenotes.com

Endoplasmic reticulum

- It is a network of membranein the form of flattened sacs.
- 2 distinct form of ER are SER &RER.
- Ribosomes are attached to the surface of RER. It is responsible for the synthesis of glycoproteins & phospholipids.
- SER doesn't contain ribosomes and it is the extension of RER. It synthesizes fatty acids & steroids.





<u>Golgi Complex</u>

- It consists of 3-20 no of small, flattened, membranous sacs with buldging ends.
- Protein molecules enter into the Golgi complex through its cis face by transport vesicles and exit through secretory vesicle from trans face.
- Function: it helps in transport of different enzymes & proteins.





<u>Lysosomes</u>

- It is a membrane enclosed vesicle which is formed from golgi complex.
- It contains more than 60 types of digestive enzymes & hydrolytic enzymes, so that it's interior has a pH of 5 which is highly acidic.
- Lysosomal enzymes act within the cell and destroy the entire cell (Autolysis). So it is called as suicidal bag.
- Lysosomes show autophagy activity that it can digest entire worn out organelles by the help of autophgosomes.





<u>Ribosomes</u>

It is the site of protein synthesis. It is located inside mitochondria and synthesise mitochondrial protein It contains high amount of ribonucleic acid. There are 3 types of RNA and they are mRNA, tRNA, rRNA.



<u>Centrosome</u>

It is located near nucleus. It consists of 2 components.

- a pair of centrioles which are cylinderical structure and composed of 9cluster of 3 microtubules
- Pericentriolar material which contains 100 no of ring shaped complex composed of tubulin protein. It helps in growth of mitotic spindle fibers during cell division.
- During cell division centrosome replicates, so the offsprings have the capacity for cell division.

centriole microtubule triplet centriole (a)



(b)



<u>Mitochondria</u>

- It consists of an outer mitochondrial membrane and inner mitochondrial membrane with fluid filled space between them.
- They generate ATP through aerobic respiration, so known as " power house of cell ".
- It helps in synthesis of proteins & protein metabolism.





Nucleus

- Spherical oval shaped structure
- Surrounded by double membrane neuclear membrane that separates it from cytoplasm
- A spherical str. Inside the nucleus nucleolus that produce ribosome.
- It contains cells heriditary unit genes which controls cell str. & its activity.
- Genes are arranged along chromosomes. Human body cell has 46 or 23 pairs of chromosomes.





Cell Division

- The process by which the cells reproduce is cell division.
- The process is of two types.
 - Somatic cell division(division of cells other than germ cells)
 - Nuclear division-mitosis Mitotic phase
 - Cytoplasmic division-cytokinesis
 - Reproductive cell division(division of germ cells)meiosis

Interphase

G0 phase inactive phase

G I phase metabolic active replication of organells (8-I 0hrs)

Mitotic phase i.prophase ii.metaphase iii.Anaphase iv.telophase

Sphase DNA replication(8hrs)

G2 phase enzyme & protein synthesis complete uncoiling of DNA(4-6hrs)



Metaphase

- Formation of two identical cells
- Consists of 4 phases
 - Prophase
 - Metaphase
 - Anaphase
 - Telophase





Prophase

- Chromosomes shortens
- Pericentriolar material forms mitotic spindle fibre
- Nucleolus disappears
- Nuclear envelope breaks down





Metaphase

- Centrioles arranged at both the ends
- Sister chromatids arranged at the centre and forms metaphasic plate





anaphase

- Centromeres split
- Separates the pairs of chromatids & move to opposite poles
- Appear as v shape
- Cytokinesis occurs





Telophase

- Final stage
- Chromatin threads disappear
- Nuclear envelope forms
- Mitotic spindle breaks up
- Nucleus appear
- Cleavage furrow forms
 & divide into 2 cells

