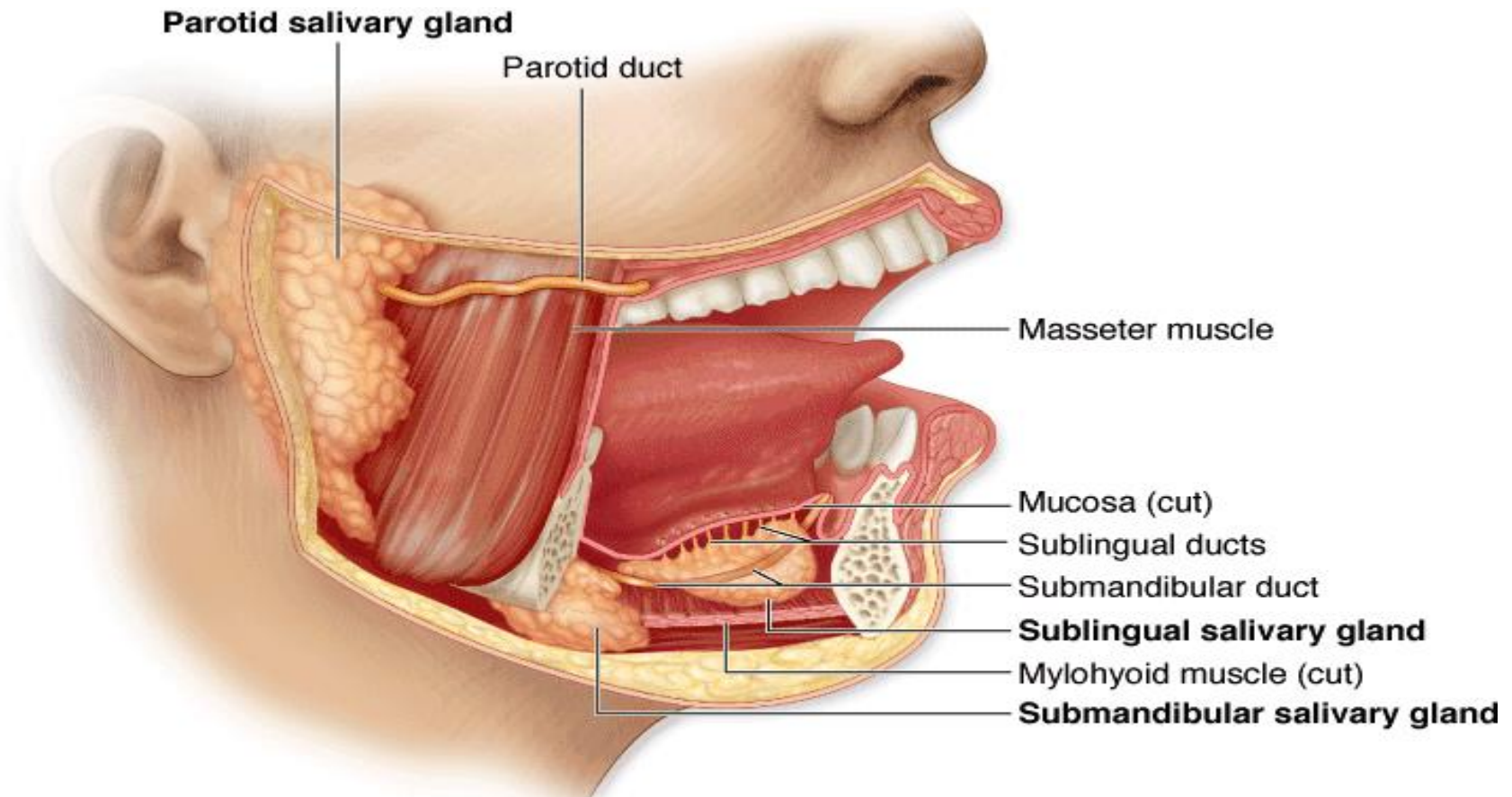


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# Salivary Glands



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Ekstramural glands of the digestive system include the major **salivary glands, the pancreas, the liver** and gallbladder. Each of these glands has numerous functions aiding the digestive process.

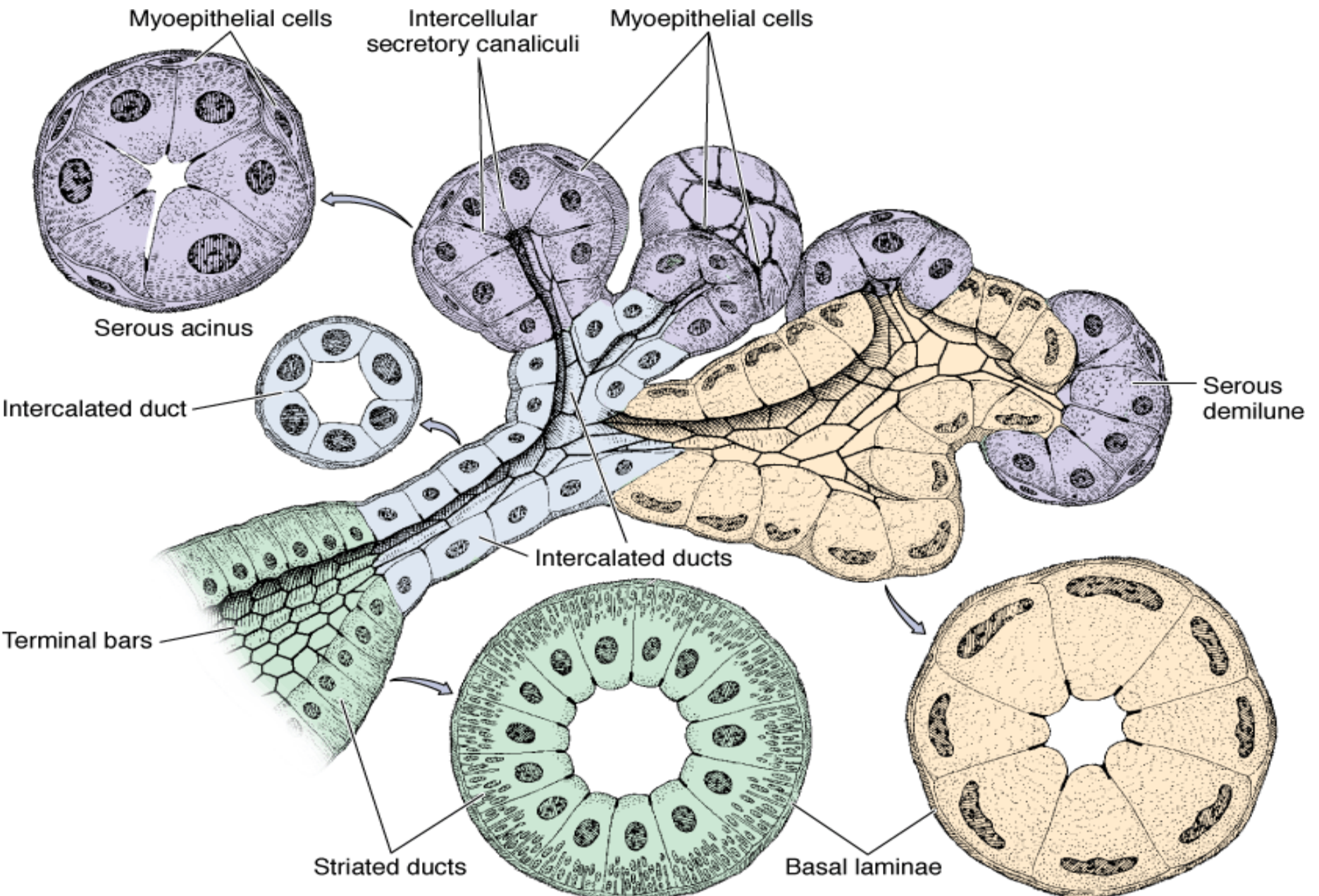
By producing **saliva**, the salivary glands facilitate the process of tasting food, initiate its digestion and permits its swallowing. These glands also protect the body by secreting the antibacterial agents lysozyme and lactoferrin as well as secretory Ig A.

**Salivary glands** produce saliva, which has digestive, lubricating and protective functions pH 6.5-6.9 usually.

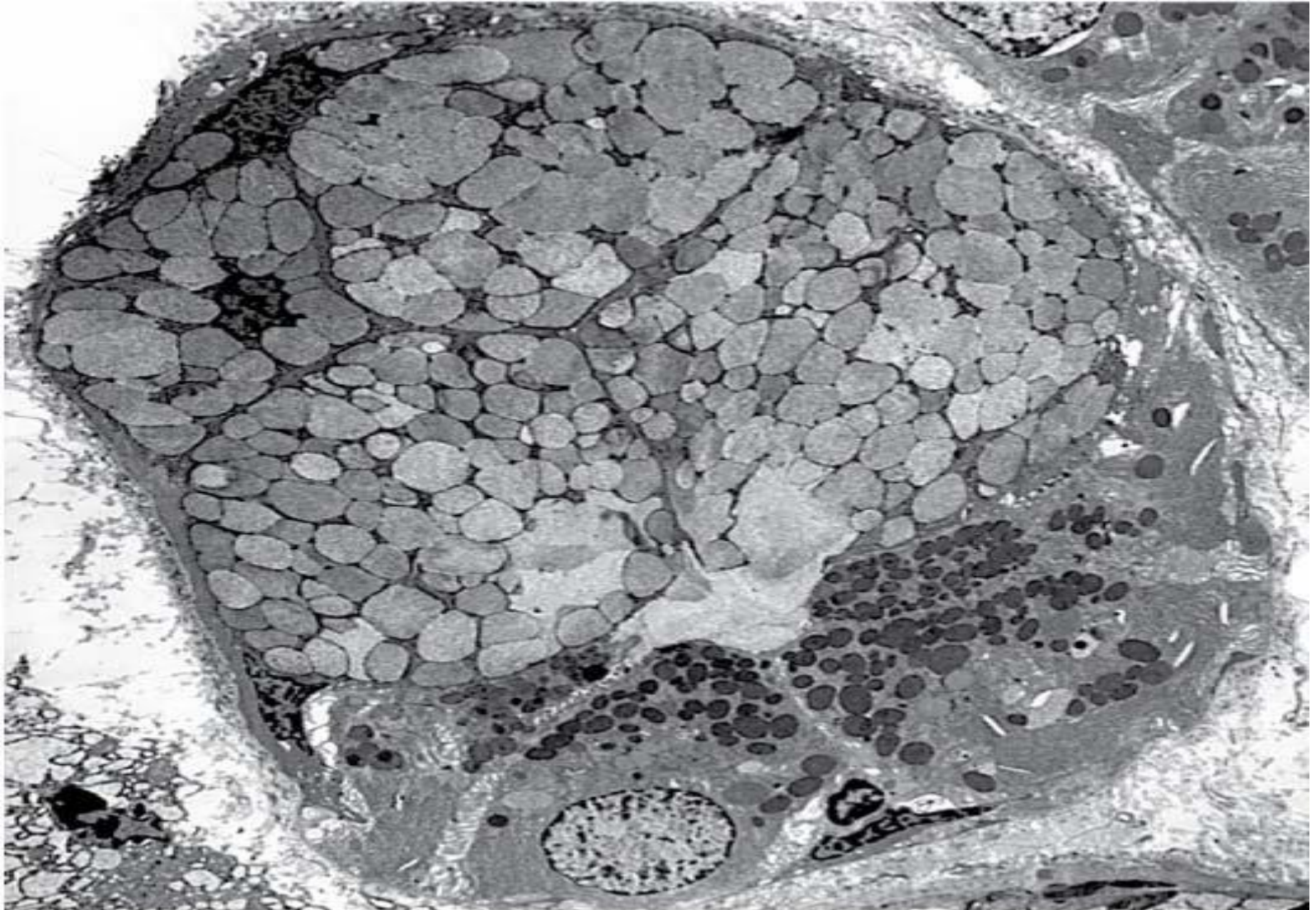
**Parotid**; the largest salivary gland, this gland is said to produce a purely serous secretion and watery. ptyalin and secretory Ig A levels are high in this gland.

**The Submandibular** and **sublingual** glands produce a seromucous secretion. Secretion of each gland is either serous, seromucous, mucous depending on its glycoprotein mucin content.

Serous cells are polarized protein-secreting cells, usually pyramidal in shape, adjacent cells are joined together by junctional complexes and usually form a spherical mass of cells called an acinus, with a very small lumen in the center. Acini and duct system resemble grapes. Serous acinar cells largely produce digestive enzymes and other proteins. Serous cells are typical protein-secreting cells, with rounded nuclei, accumulation of rough ER in the basal third, and apex filled with protein-rich secretory granules.



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The nuclei of mucous cells, flattened with condensed chromatin, are located near the bases of the cells.

Mucous cells are more cuboidal or columnar in shape, with nuclei pressed toward the bases of the cells. Mucous cells produce mostly mucins.

Myoepithelial cells are found inside the basal lamina of the secretory units and they prevent distention of the endpiece when the lumen fills with saliva and their contraction accelerates secretion of the product.

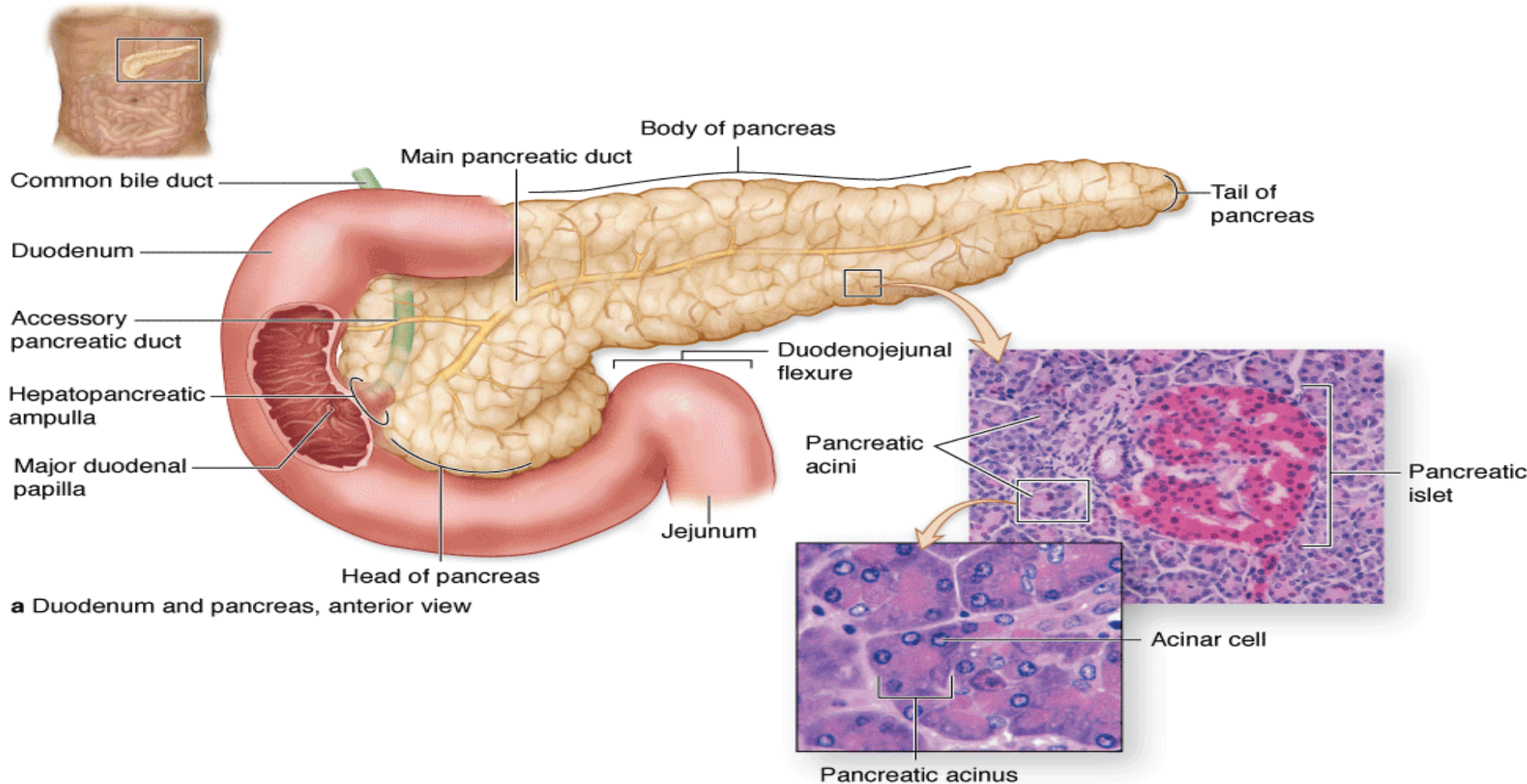


**Parotid gland** located in each cheek near the ear. This gland composed exclusively serous cells surrounding very small lumens. Serous cells contain secretory granules with abundant alpha amylase.

**Submandibular gland** is a branched tubuloacinar gland. Secretory products containing both mucous and serous cells. Most of secretory units in this gland are serous acinar, some of them mucous tubules capped with serous cells. These caps are called serous demilunes.

**Sublingual gland;** formed serous and mucous cells. This gland has got most mucous cells. In here mucous cells predominate. This gland secretes amylase and lysozyme.

# Pancreas



**Pancreas** produces enzymes necessary for the digestion of fats, proteins and carbohydrates. The exocrine secretion of the pancreas are released into the lumen of duodenum, additionally the pancreas synthesizes and released endocrine hormones, including insulin, glucagon ,somatostatin , gastrin and pancreatic polypeptids.

**PANCREAS:** The pancreas produces exocrine and endocrine secretions. The endocrine components of the pancreas, islets of Langerhans, are scattered among the exocrine secretory acini.

**The exocrine pancreas** is a compound tubuloacinar gland that produces daily about 1200 ml fluid containing digestive proenzyme. Each acinar cell is shaped like a truncated pyramid and are typical protein-secreting cells. The number of zymogen granules present in each cell.

Exocrine pancreas secretes digestive enzymes, including several protease (trypsinogens, chymotrypsinogen, proelastase, protease, kallikreinogen, amylase, lipases and nucleases) The proteases are stored as inactive zymogens in the secretory granules of acinar cells.

**Endocrine pancreas;** five types of cells compose the parancyma of each islet of langerhans : beta cell, alfa cells, lamda cels, pancreatic polipeptid cells, and G cells.

**Insulin** synthesis b cells: Decrease blood sugar level

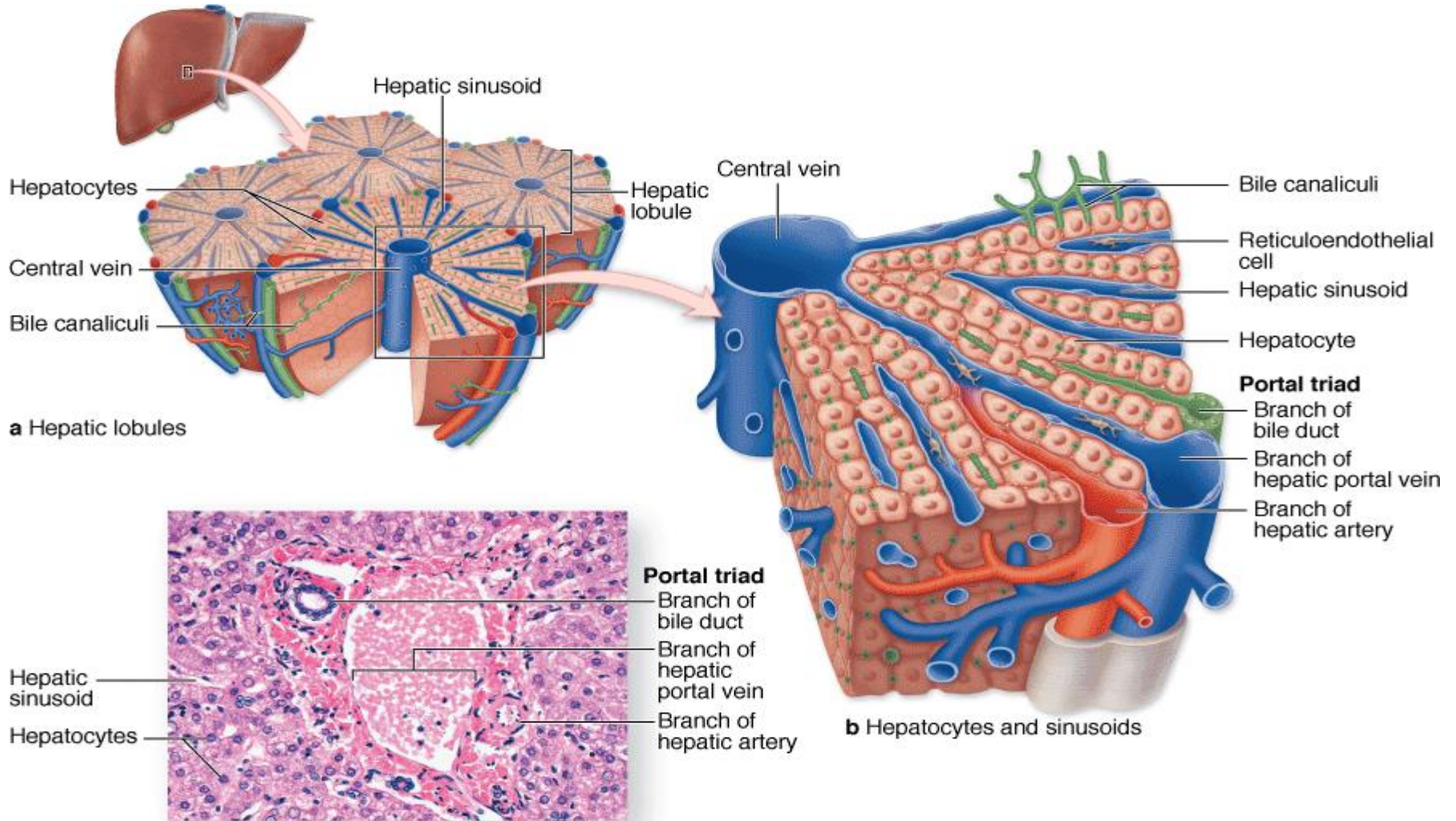
**Glukagon** produce by alfa cells: increase blood sugar level

**Somatostatin** manufactured by lamda cells: Paracrine – endocrine

**Gastrin** released by G cells: stimulates HCl production by parietal cells of stomach

**Pancreatic polipeptid** is produced by pp cells : inhibit exocrine secretion of pancreas.

# Liver



**Liver:** The liver is completely enveloped by peritoneum, irregular connective tissue capsule (Glisson's capsule) of the gland. The liver is composed of uniform parenchymal cells, its called hepatocytes.



2. portal lobe; in histological sections, the portal lobule is defined as that triangular region whose center is the portal area and whose periphery is bounded by imaginary straight lines connecting the three surrounding central veins that form the three apices of the triangle.

3. A third conceptualization of hepatic lobules is based on blood flow from the distributing arteriole and consequently on the order in which hepatocytes degenerate subsequent to toxic or hypoxic insults. This ovoid to diamond-shaped lobule is known as the hepatic acinus (portal acinus).

There are 3 basic conceptualization of the liver lobule ; 1. The classical liver lobe; was the first defined histologically because the connective tissue arrangement in the pig liver afforded an obvious rationale, in this concept blood flows from the periphery to the center of the lobule into the central vein. Bile, manufactured by liver cells , enters into small intercellular spaces, bile canaliculi, located between hepatocytes and flows to the periphery of the lobule to the interlobular bile ducts of the portal areas.

Resident macrophages, known as kupffer cells, are associated with the sinusoidal lining cells in the sinusoids. Frequently phagosomes of kupffer cells contain endocytosed particulate matter and cellular debris especially defunct erythrocytes that are being destroyed by these cells.

The sinusoidal lining cells are separated from the hepatocytes by a narrow, perisinusoidal space (space of disse) and plasma escaping from the sinusoids has free access to this space. And satellite shape fat storing cells (Ito cells) have been noted in this space. Additionally, pit cells, mice, rats and human liver have been noted. These cells, believed to be natural killer cells.

The liver may have as many as hundred different functions. Most of which are performed by the hepatocytes. Each of these liver cells produced not only the exocrine secretion bile but also various endocrine secretions. Liver cells detoxify drugs and toxin. The liver produce approximately six hundred ml- one liter bile per day. The liver maintains normal levels of glucose in the blood. It performs this functions by transporting glucose from the blood into the hepatocytes and storing it in the form of glycogen. If blood glucose levels drops below normal, hepatocytes hydrolysed glycogen into glucose and transport it out of the cells into the space of disse.

Bile , the exocrine secretion of liver is required for proper absorption of lipids, whereas many of the liver endocrine functions are essential for life.

### **Liver Functions:**

- 1) Bile – exocrine function
- 2) synthesis of blood proteins and coagulations factors
- 3) manufacture of vitamins
- 4) detoxification of bloodborne toxins.
- 5) metabolizes many toxic drugs.

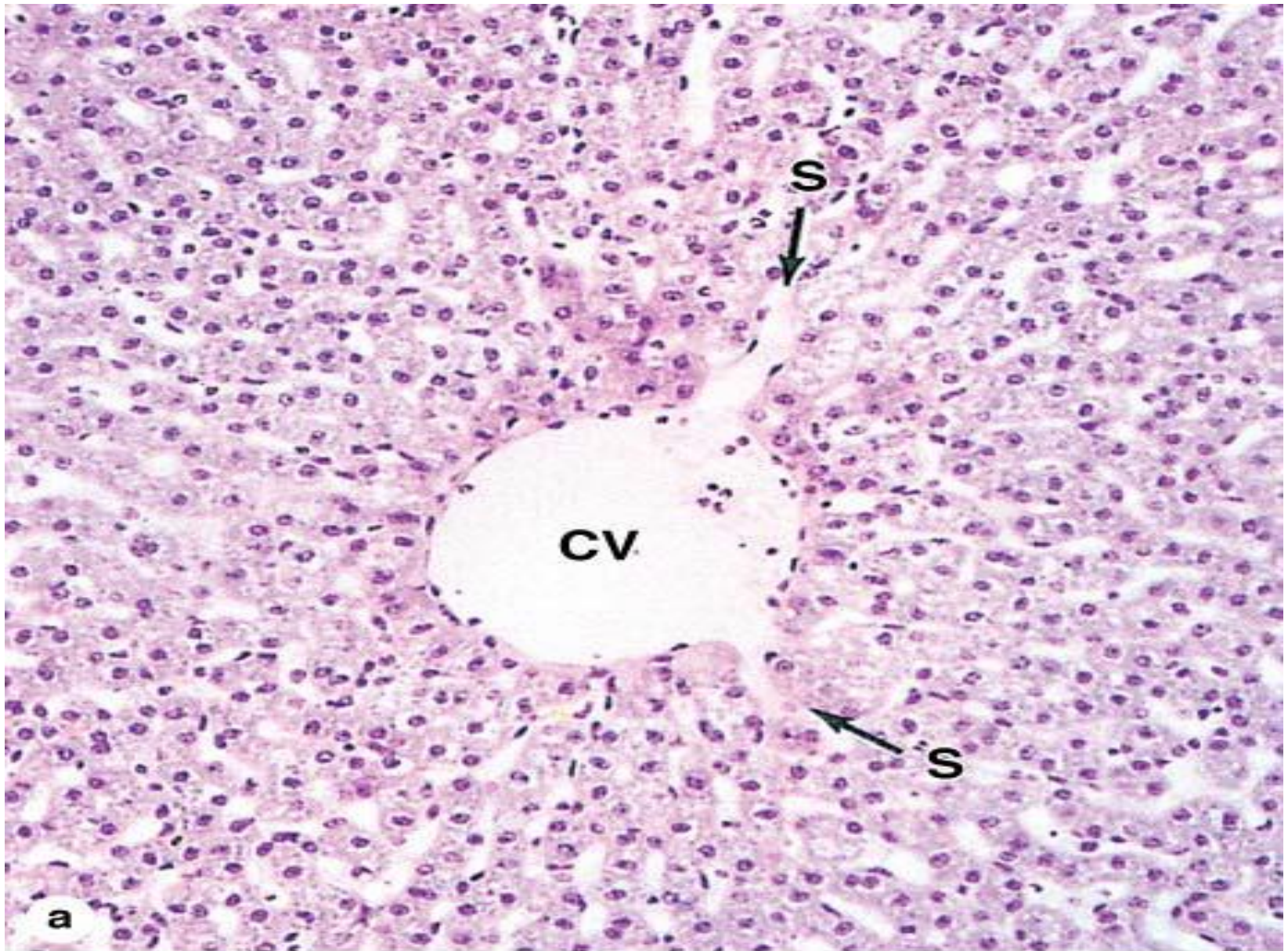
One of the most essential role of the liver is the elimination of bloodborne ammonia by converting it into urea.

Approximately 90% of the blood proteins are manufactured by the liver (especially factors necessary for coagulation, fibrinogen, factor III, protrombin.)

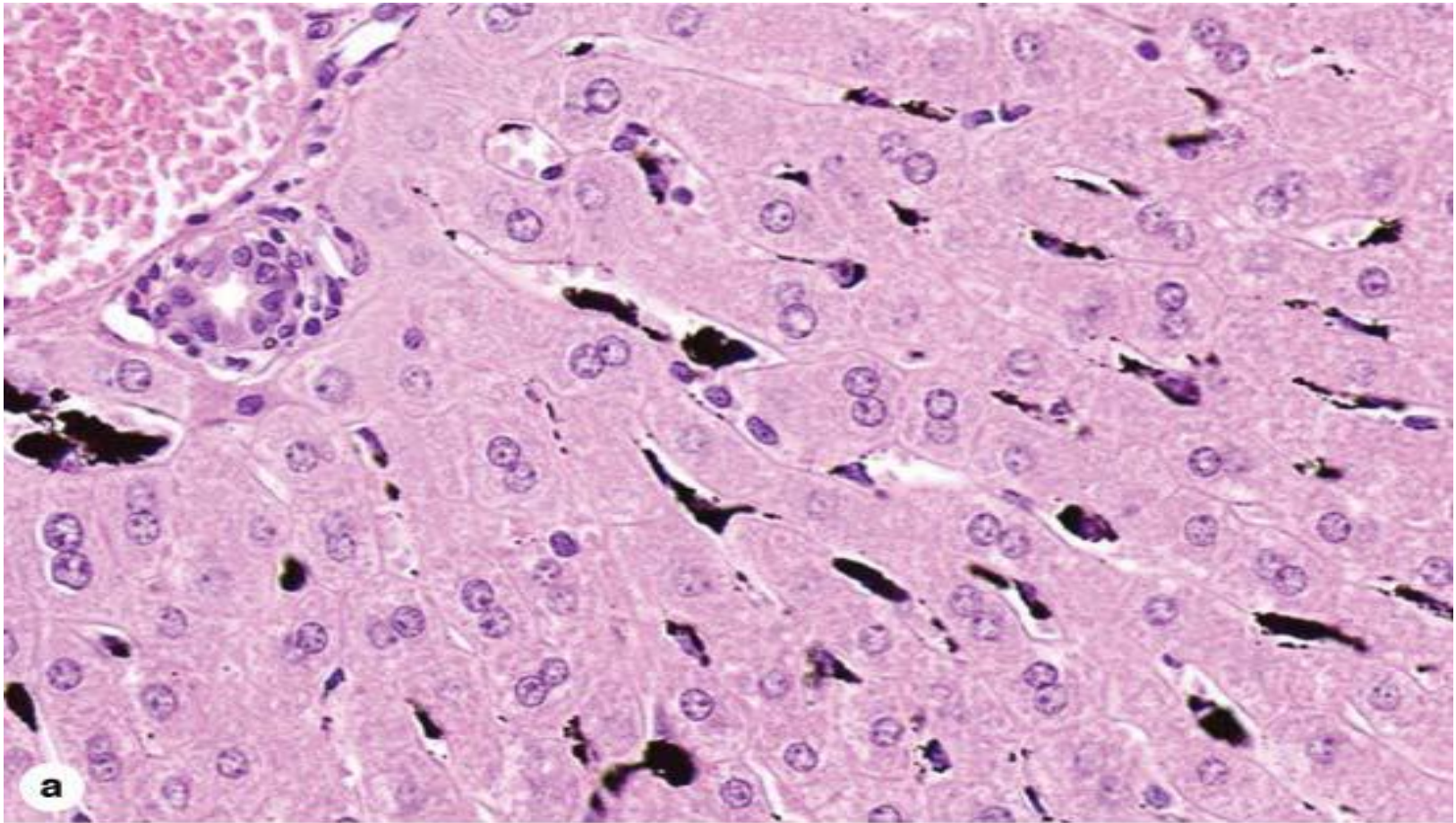
Vitamin A is stored in the greatest amount in the liver

Drugs such as antibiotics and toxins are inactivated by in hepatocytes.

Kupffer cells, which are derived from monocytes precursor, they can phagocytose foreign particulate matter. These cells also remove cellular debris and defunct erythrocytes from the blood.



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