



Urinary system

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General description

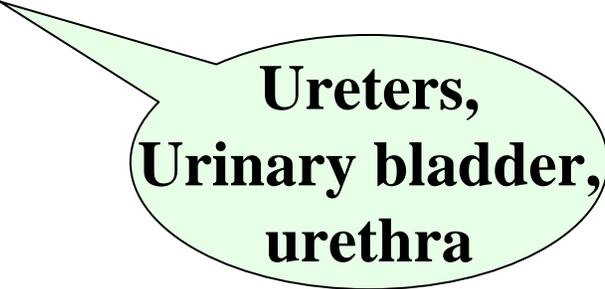


Kidneys

component :

urinary organ

urinary passages



**Ureters,
Urinary bladder,
urethra**

Function: eliminate metabolic waste
secrete renin, erythropoietin

**concave medial
border— hilum**

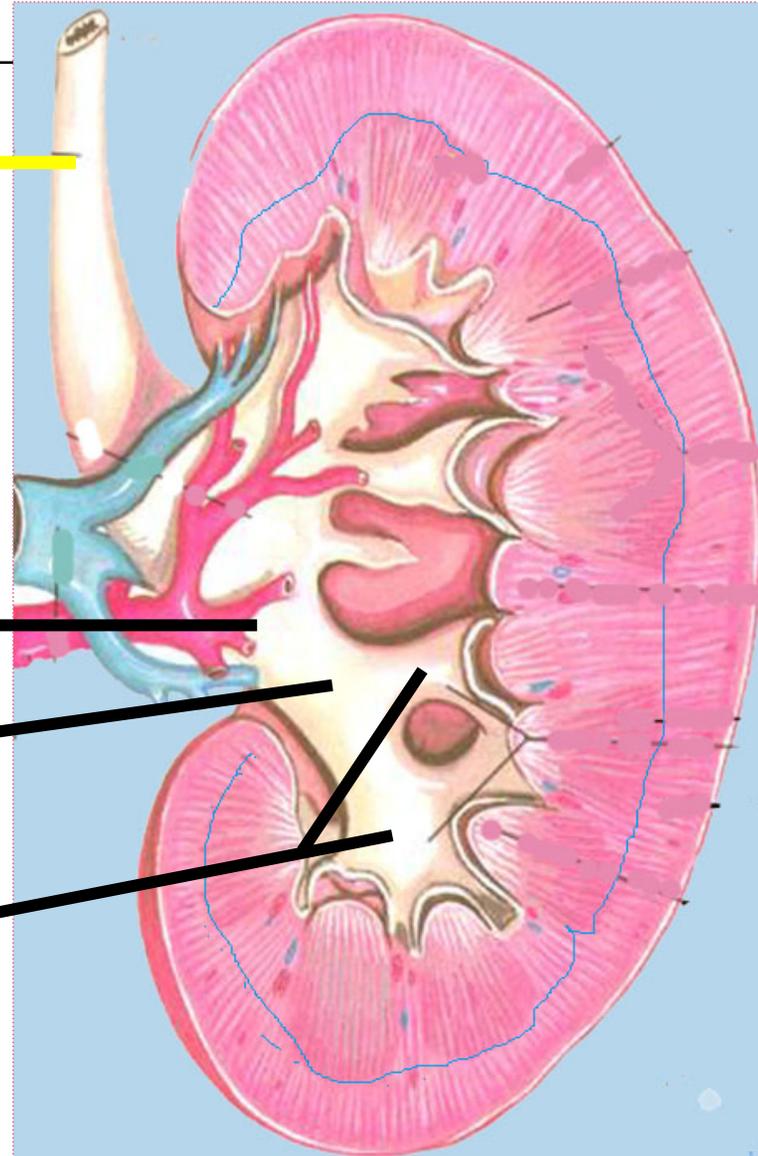
ureter

○ **convex lateral
surface**

○ **renal pelvis**

○ **major calyces**

○ **minor calyces**



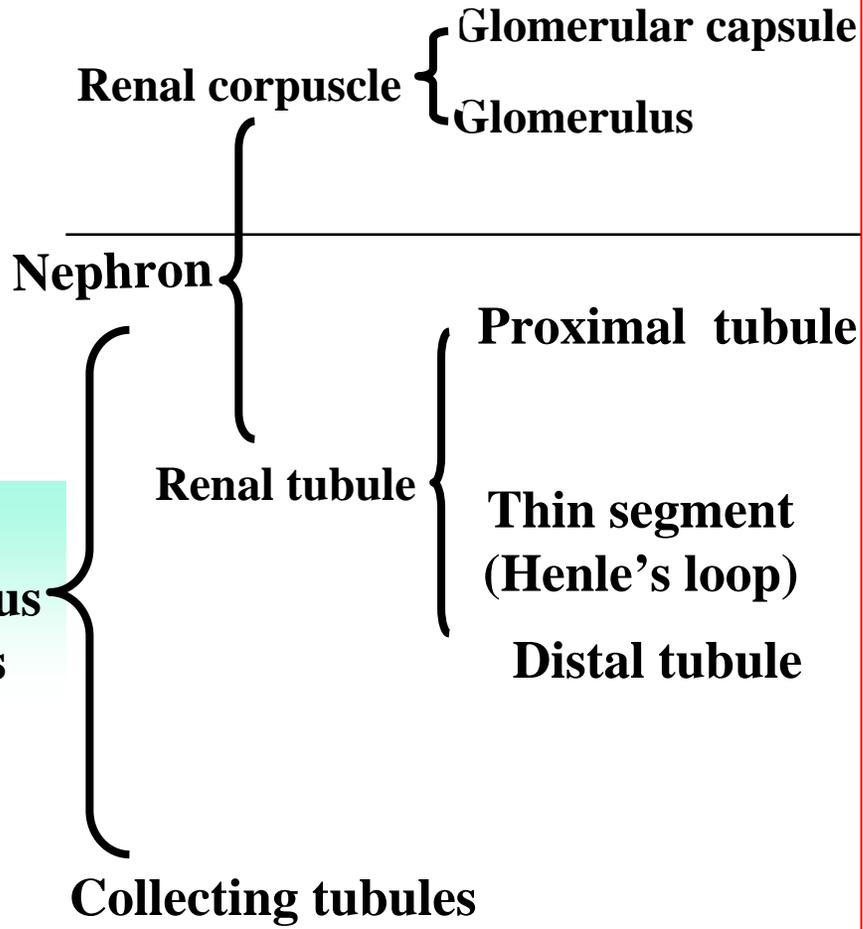
Renal lobe

A renal lobe consists of a renal pyramid, together with its closely associated cortical tissue

Renal lobule

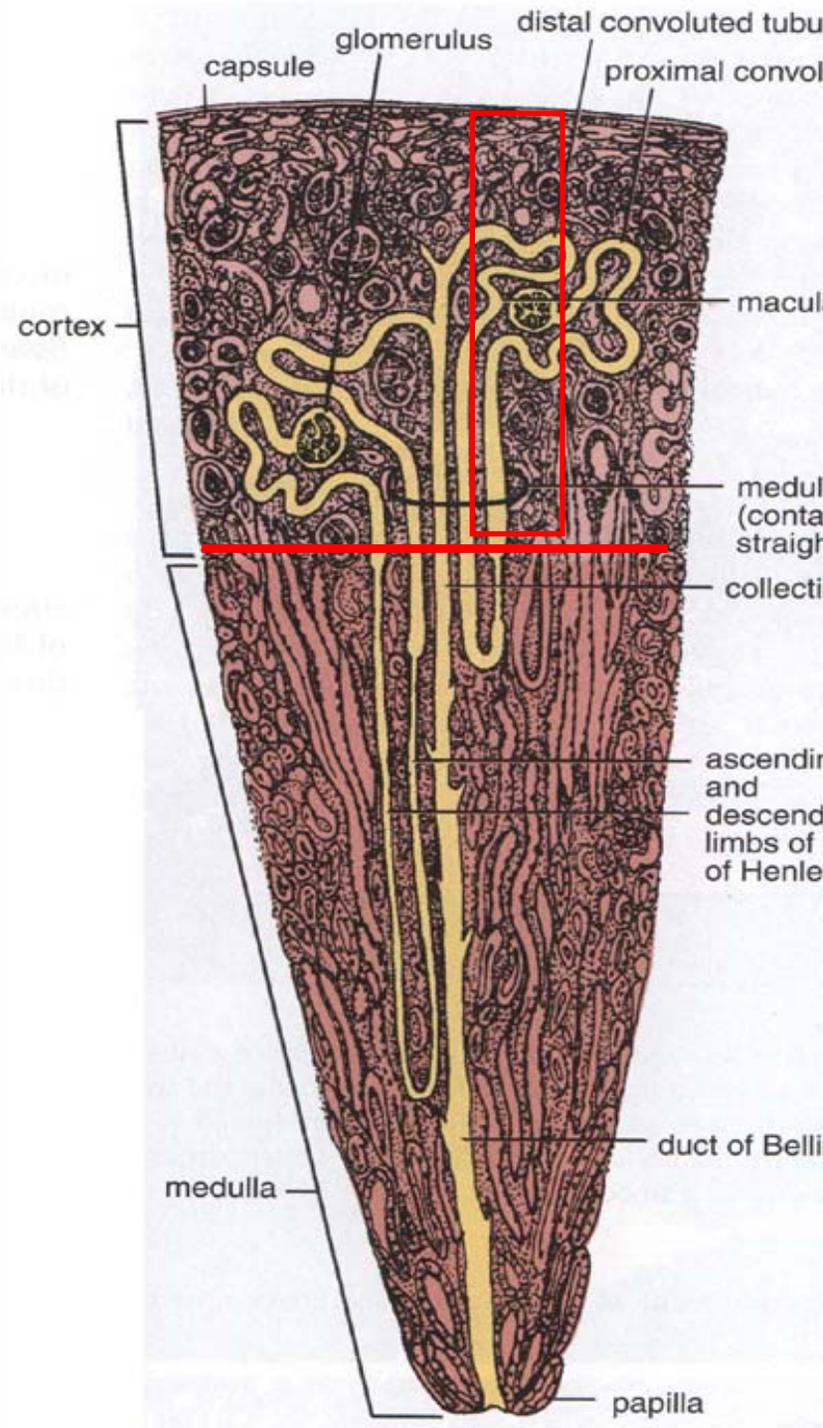
A renal lobule consists of a single medullary ray and the cortical tissue that surround it

uriniferous tubules



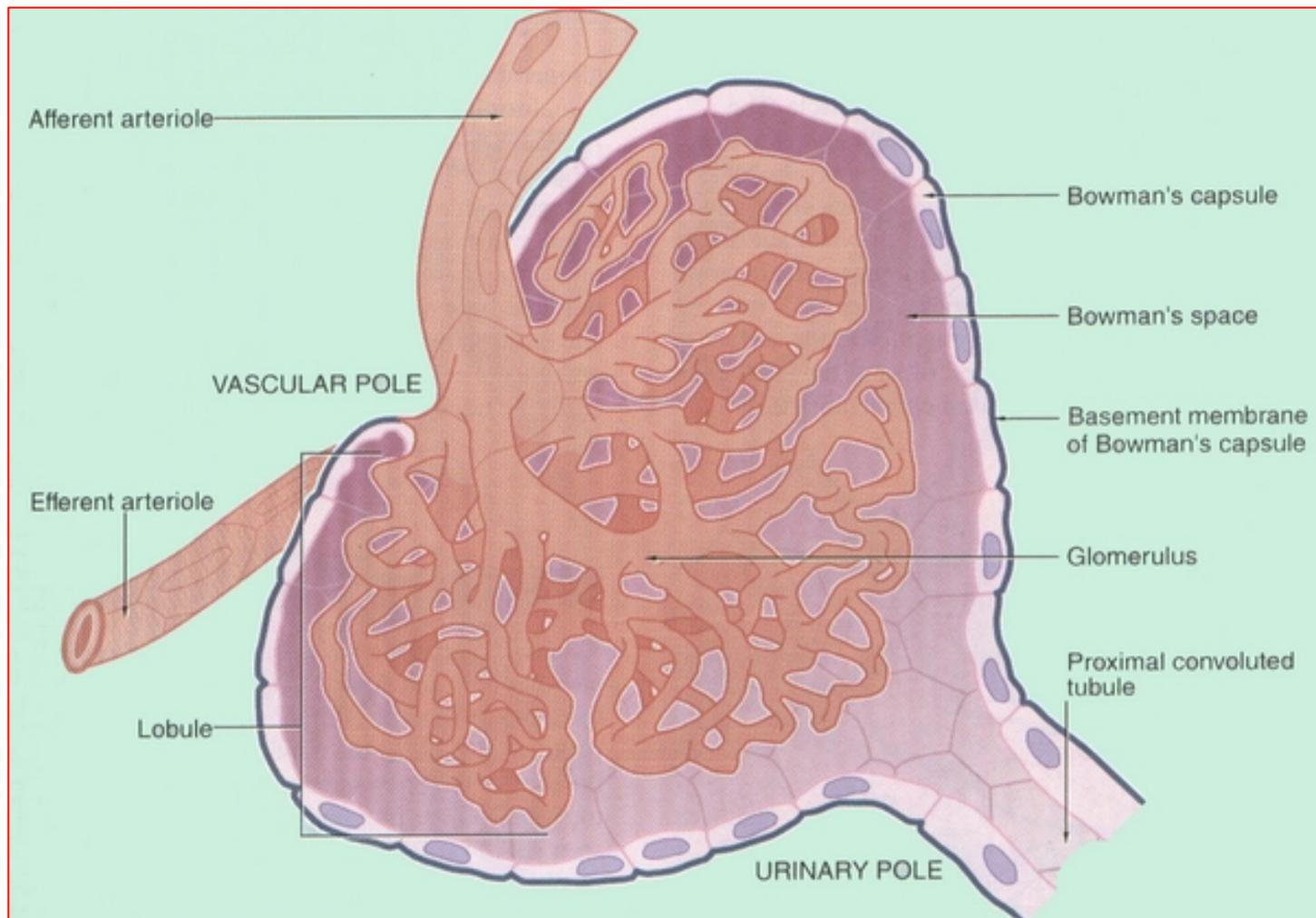
Cortical nephron

Juxtamedullary nephron



Renal corpuscle

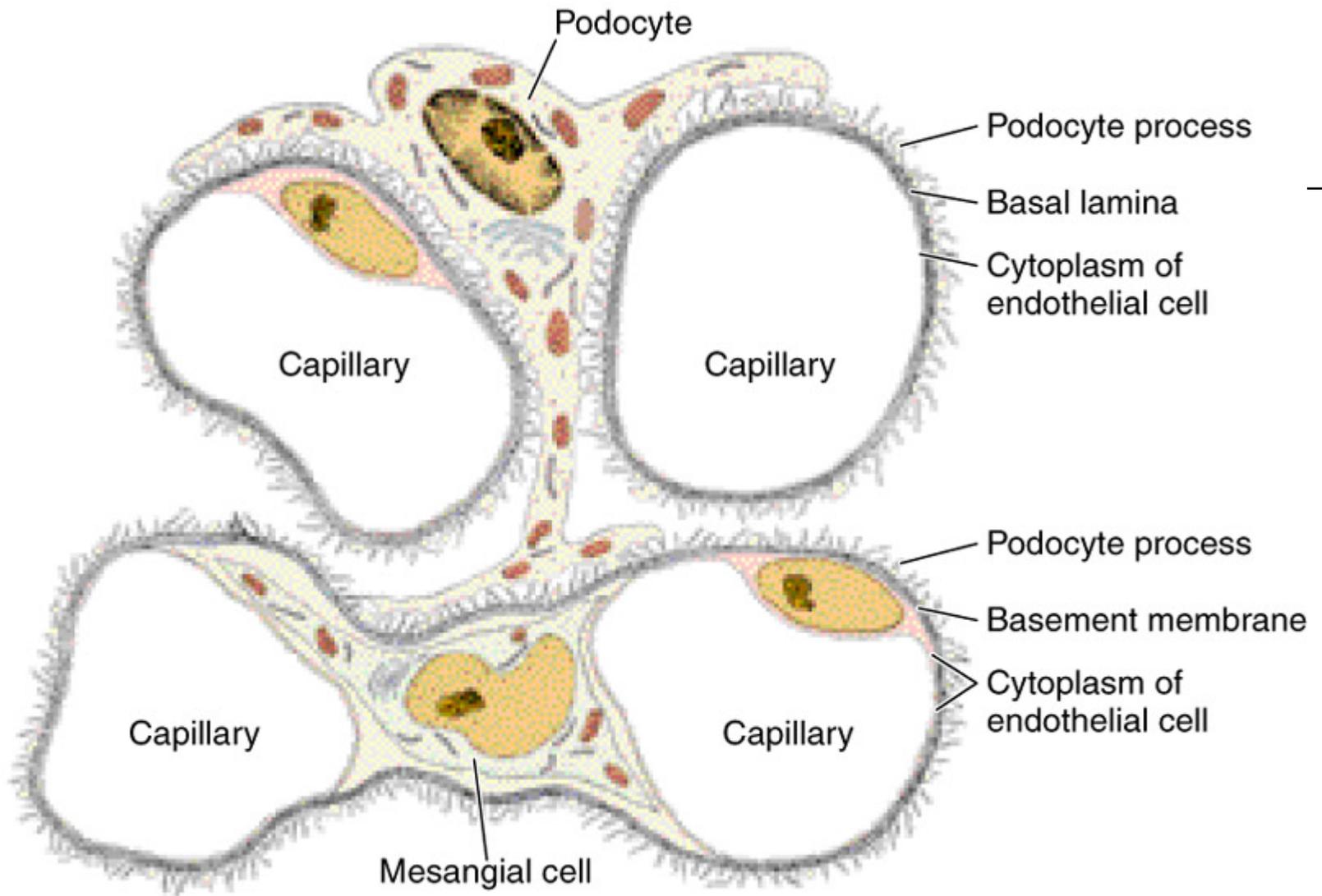
- **Morphology**
 - **vascular pole**
 - **urinary pole**
 - **renal glomerulus**
 - **Glomerular capsule**
- **Function**
 - **Filtration**
 - **form primary urine**



a. renal glomerulus: anastomizing fenestrated caps without diaphragm. It has **high hydrostatic pressure**. This **primary** cap network of portal circulation are linked by Mesangial cells.

The reason of high hydrostatic pressure in glomeruli

- composed of arterial capillaries in which the hydrostatic pressure is higher than that found in other capillaries.
- The afferent arterioles are thicker than the efferent ones.



Mesangial cell located between capillaries enveloped by the basement membrane.



Electron micrograph showing a mesangial cell (MC)

receptors

for angiotensin II → blood flow is reduced

for natriuretic factor → blood flow is increased

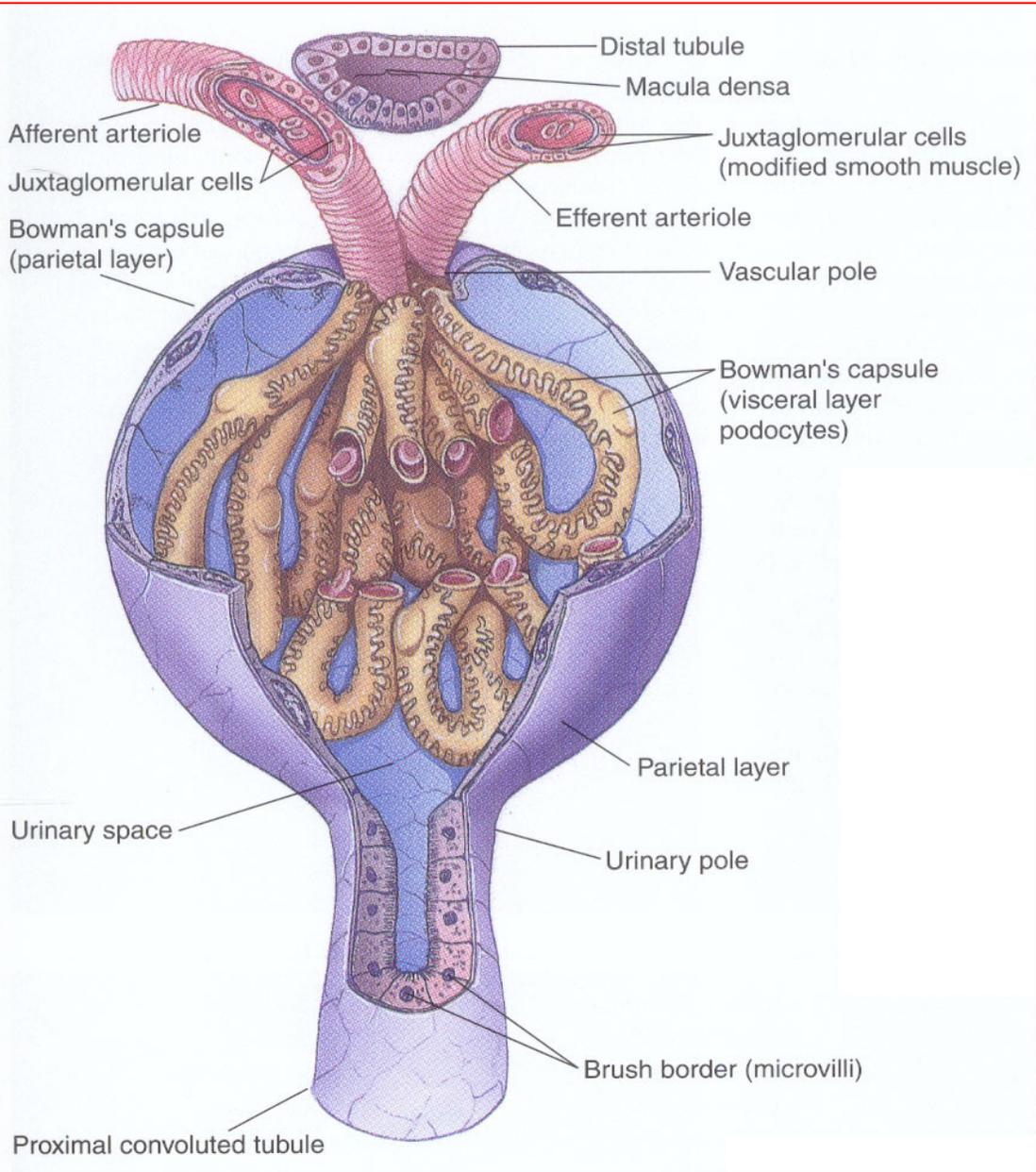
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Cardiac atria cells

**synthesize extracellular matrix,
give structural support**

**produce chemical mediator
(cytokines, prostaglandins)**

dispose of immune complex

MCs



b. glomerulus capsule (Bowman's capsule):

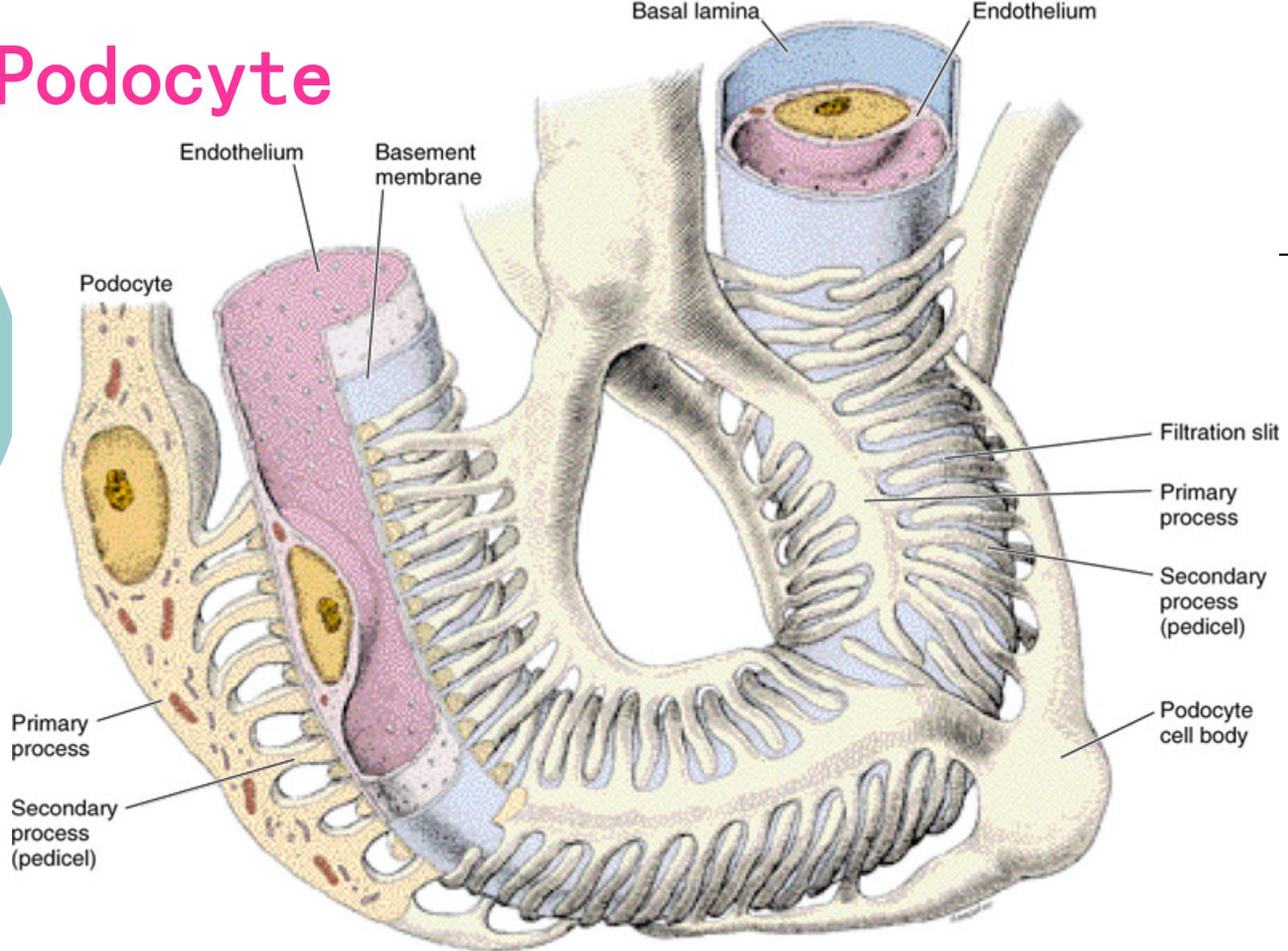
* **parietal layer**: lined by simple squamous epithelium.

• **visceral layer**: composed of podocytes

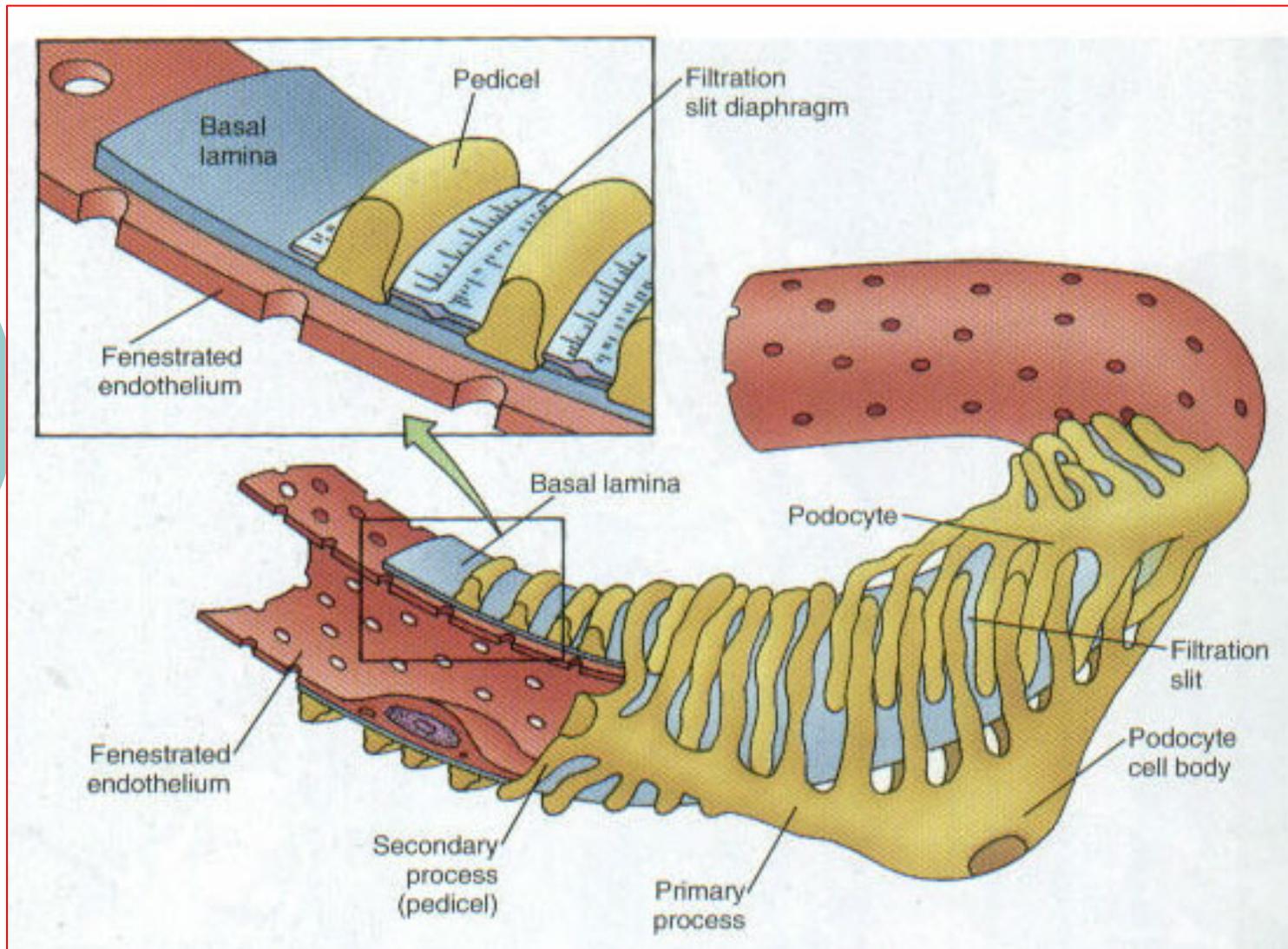
• **Bowman's spaces:**
(urinary space)

pre-urine that comes from the filtration of the blood, contains a great amount of nutrients, and is about 150~200 liters per day.

Podocyte

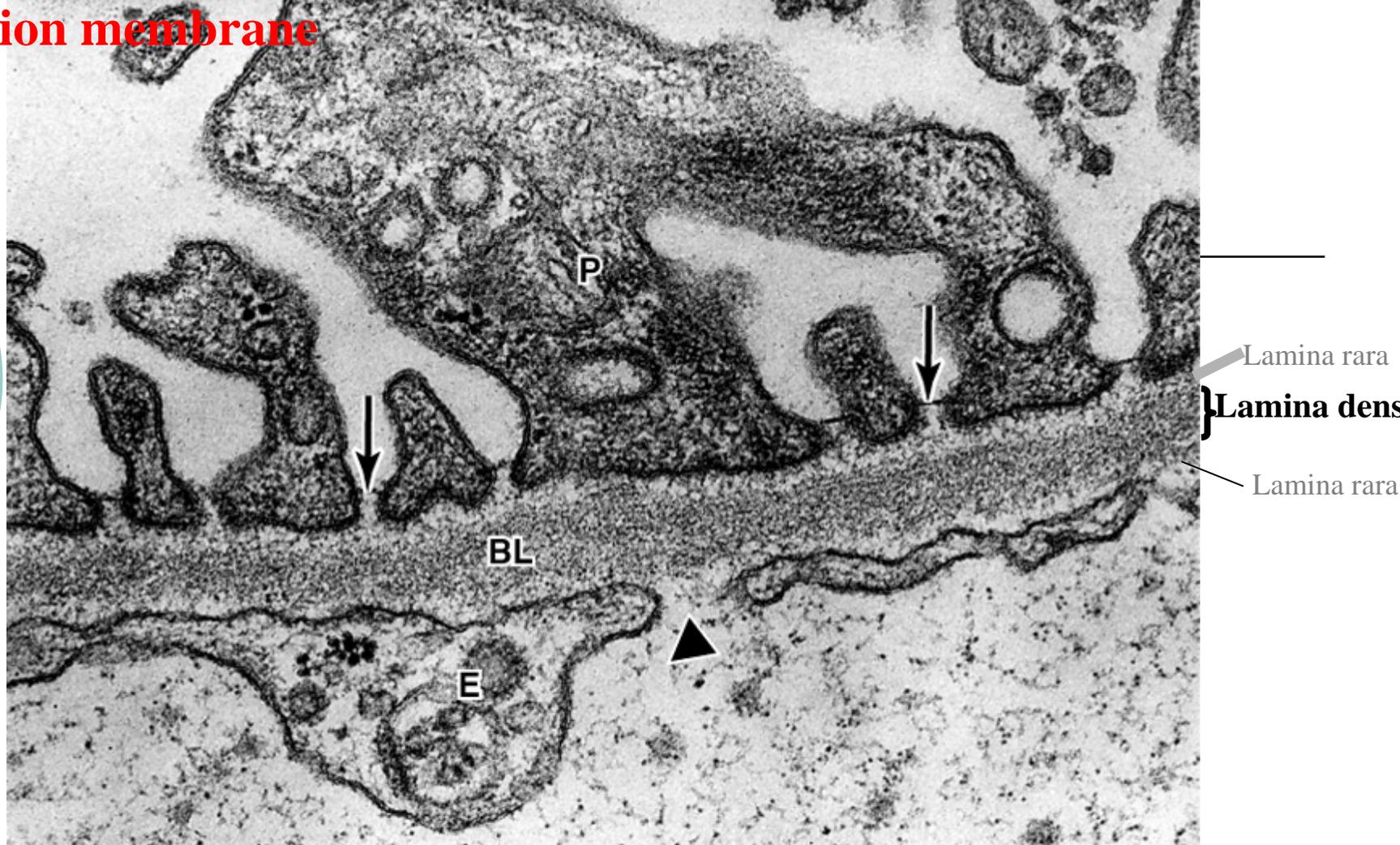


The Cap are embraced by **interdigitating** pedicels. The 25nm-wide spaces between the pedicels, the **filtration slits**, are covered by 6nm thick **slit membranes** that span the adjacent pedicels.



• **filtration membrane** (blood-urine filtration barrier): composed of **endothelia**, **slit membrane** and fused **basal laminae**, which is derives from the **fusion** of the basal lamina of capillaries and podocytes.

filtration membrane



EM of the filtration barrier in a renal corpuscle. Note the endothelium (E) with open fenestrae (arrowhead), the fused basal laminae of epithelial and endothelial cells (BL), and the processes of podocytes (P).



Functions of filtration barrier

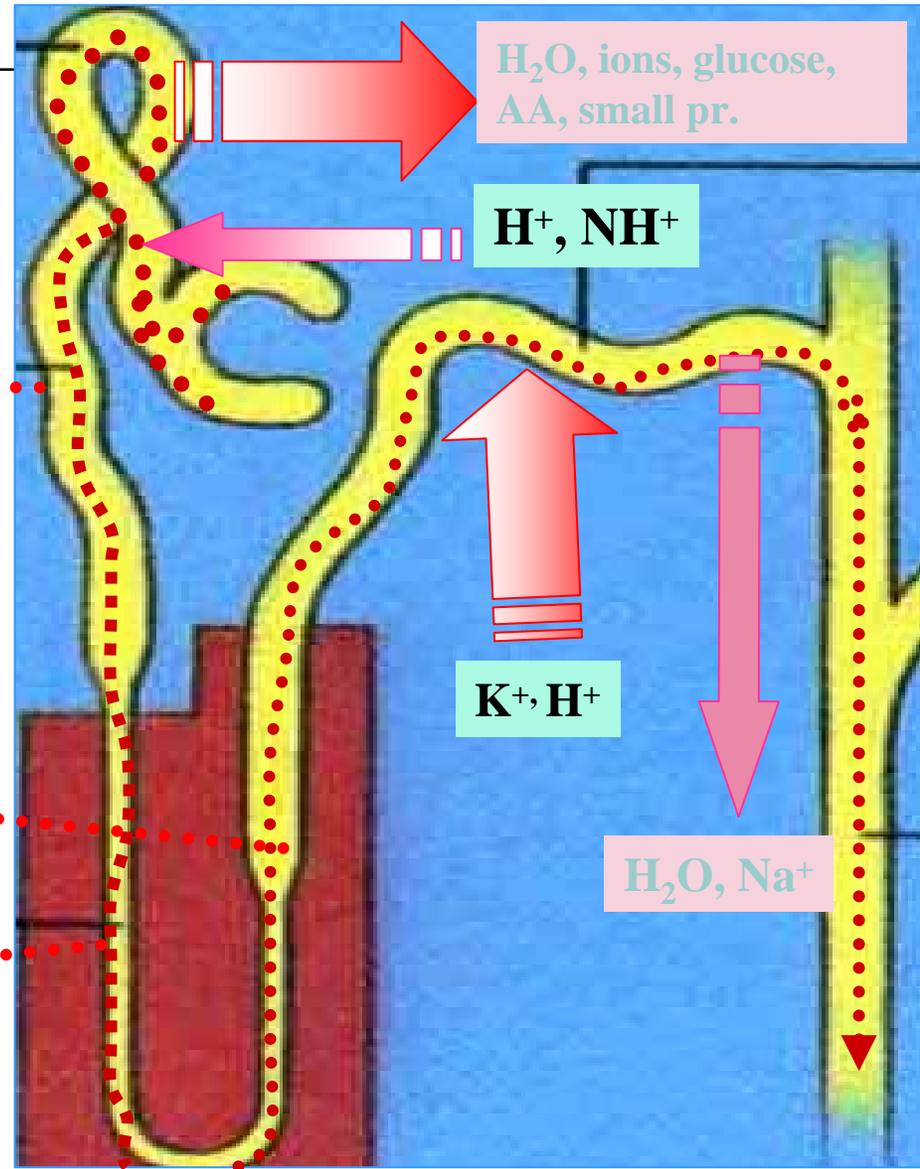
- To filter the blood plasma
- To permit water, ions and small molecules to pass (into the capsular space).
- To prohibit proteins and greater molecules (greater than 69,000) into Bowman's space.

Renal tubule

Proximal tubule
(convoluted and straight)

Distal tubule
(straight and convoluted)

Thin segment



Proximal convoluted tubule

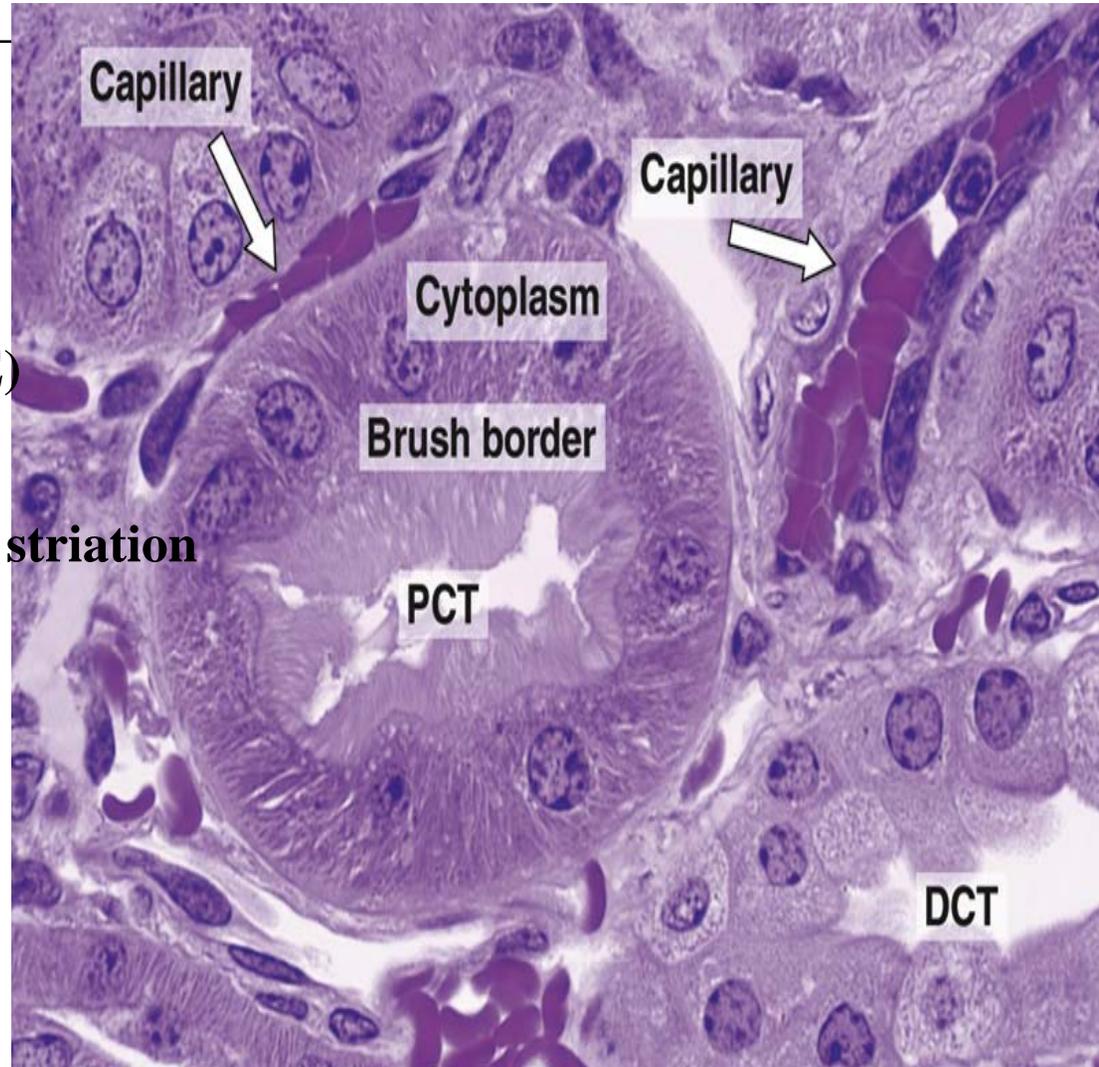
Thick wall, small lumen

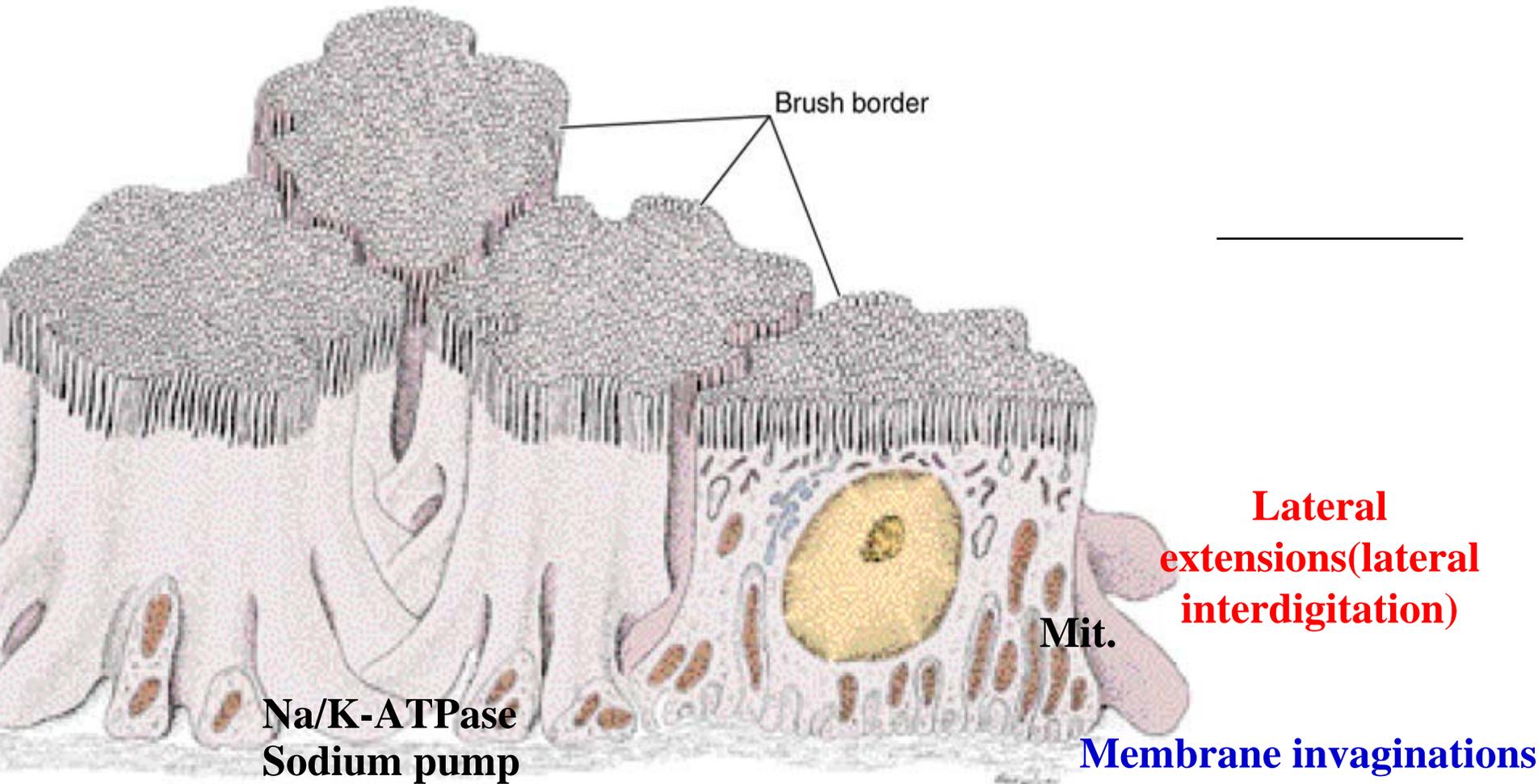
LM

- Free surface: brush border
- Cytoplasm: acidophilic (HE)
- Cells: no discrete margins
- Basal surface: longitudinal striation

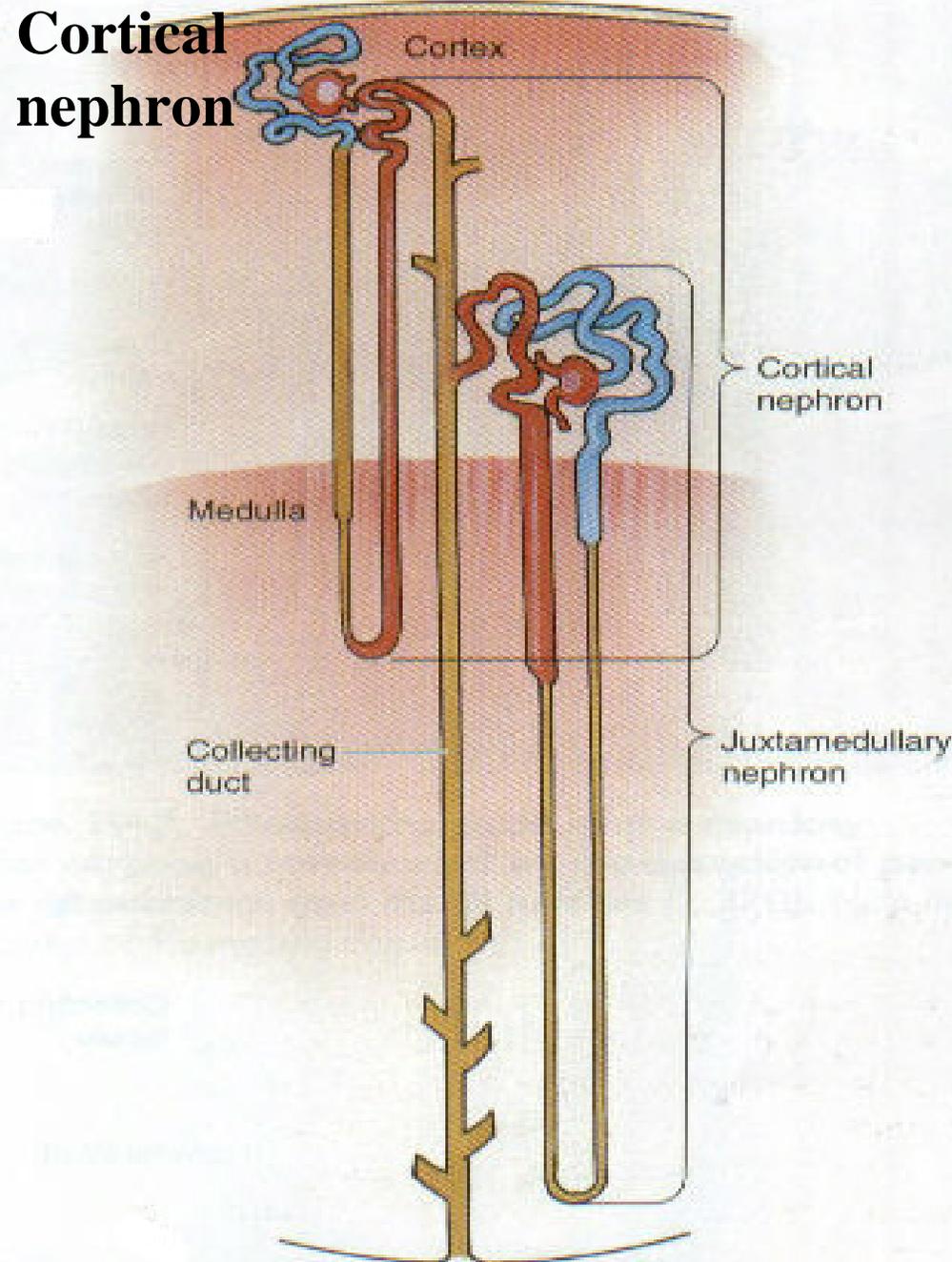
EM

- microvilli
- Endocytic vesicles
- Lateral extensions
- Membrane invaginations mit.





Schematic drawing of PCT cells. The apical surfaces of these cuboidal cells have abundant microvilli constituting a brush border. Note the distribution of mit. and associated basilar infoldings of the cell membrane. The lateral extensions are longer and penetrate deeply among the neighboring cells.



b. Henle's loop: consists of 4 segments.

- **thick descending limb**

(proximal straight tubule):

similar in structure to the proximal convoluted tubule.

- **thin descending limb:**

lined by simple squamous epithelium.

- **thin ascending limb:**

lined by simple squamous epithelium.

- **thick ascending limb**

(distal straight tubule):

similar in structure to the distal convoluted tubule.

Henle's Loop (nephron loop, medullary loop)

LM

Thin wall

wide lumen

Simple squamous epi.

EM

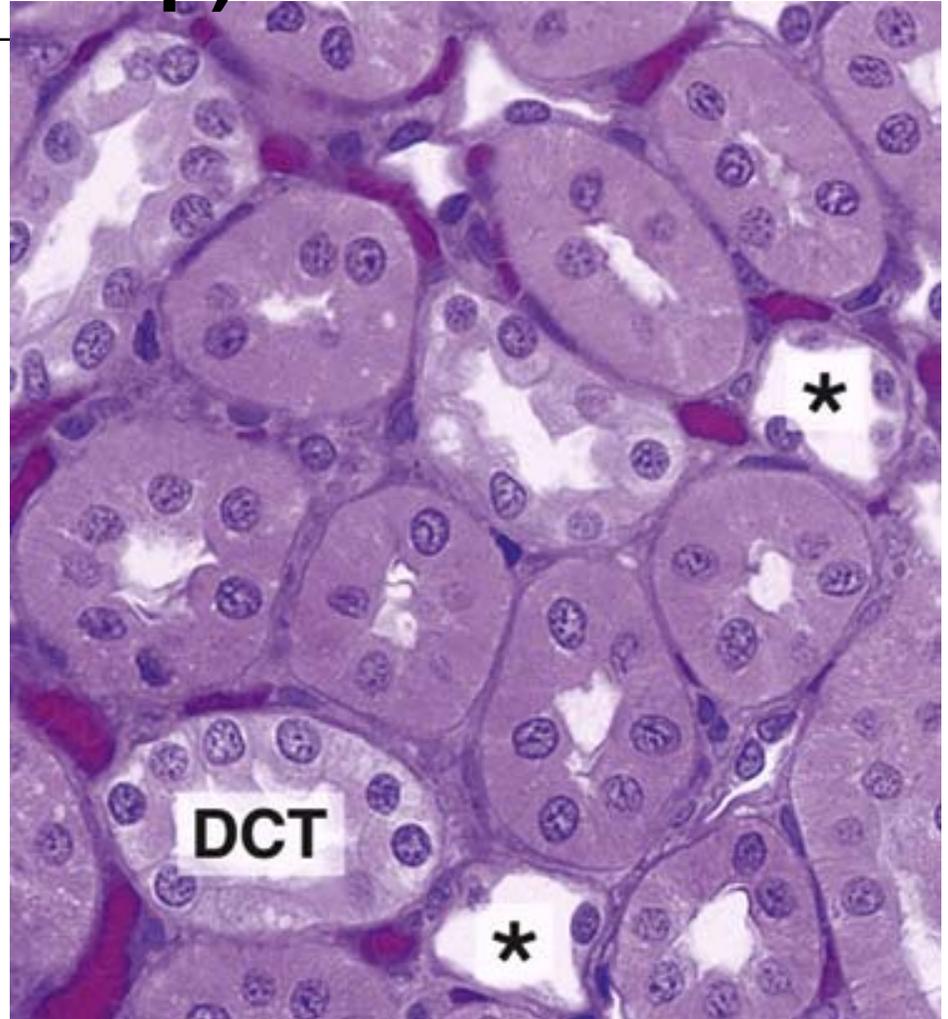
Few microvilli

Few membrane invaginations

Undeveloped organelles

function

permeable to water and salt



Distal convoluted tubule

LM

Cell in light staining

No brush border

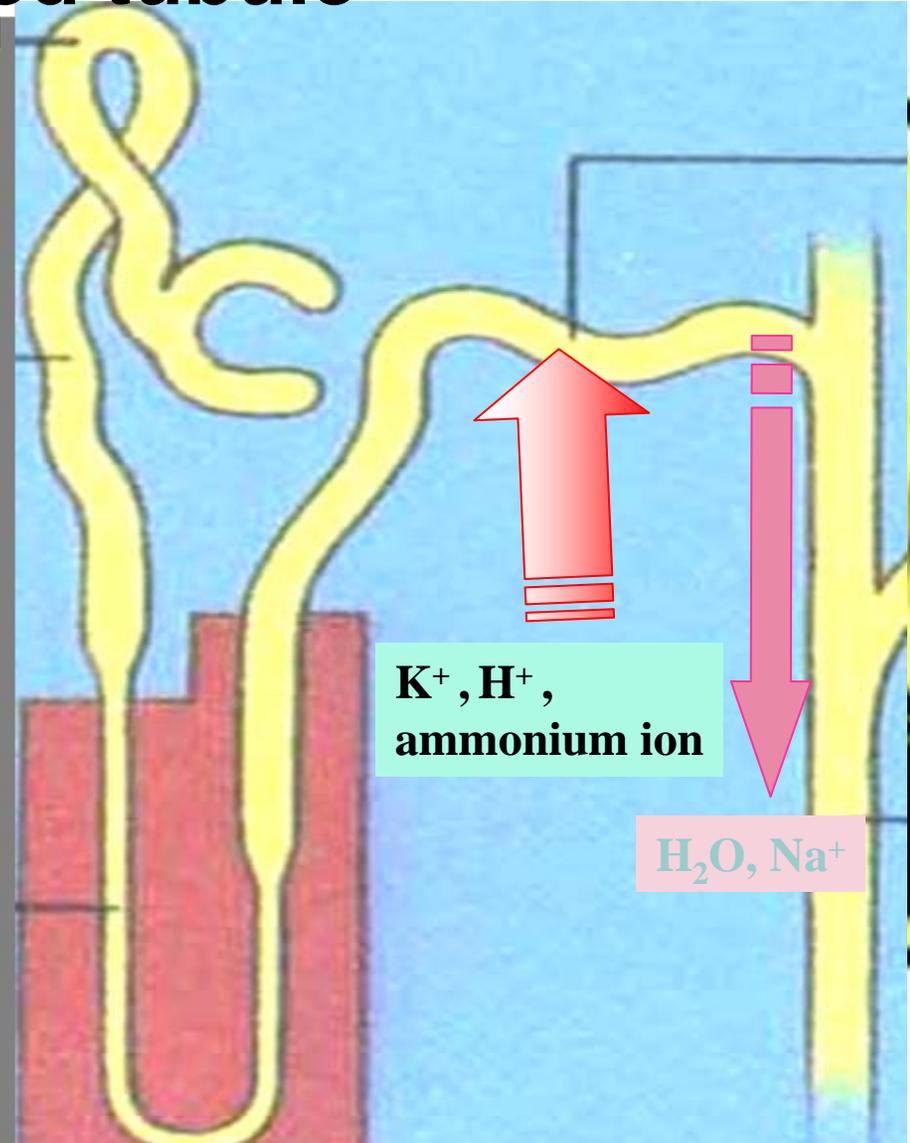
Prominent longitudinal striation

EM

Less microvilli

Membrane invaginations

Function: actively reabsorb
 Na^+ and H_2O



Collecting tubules

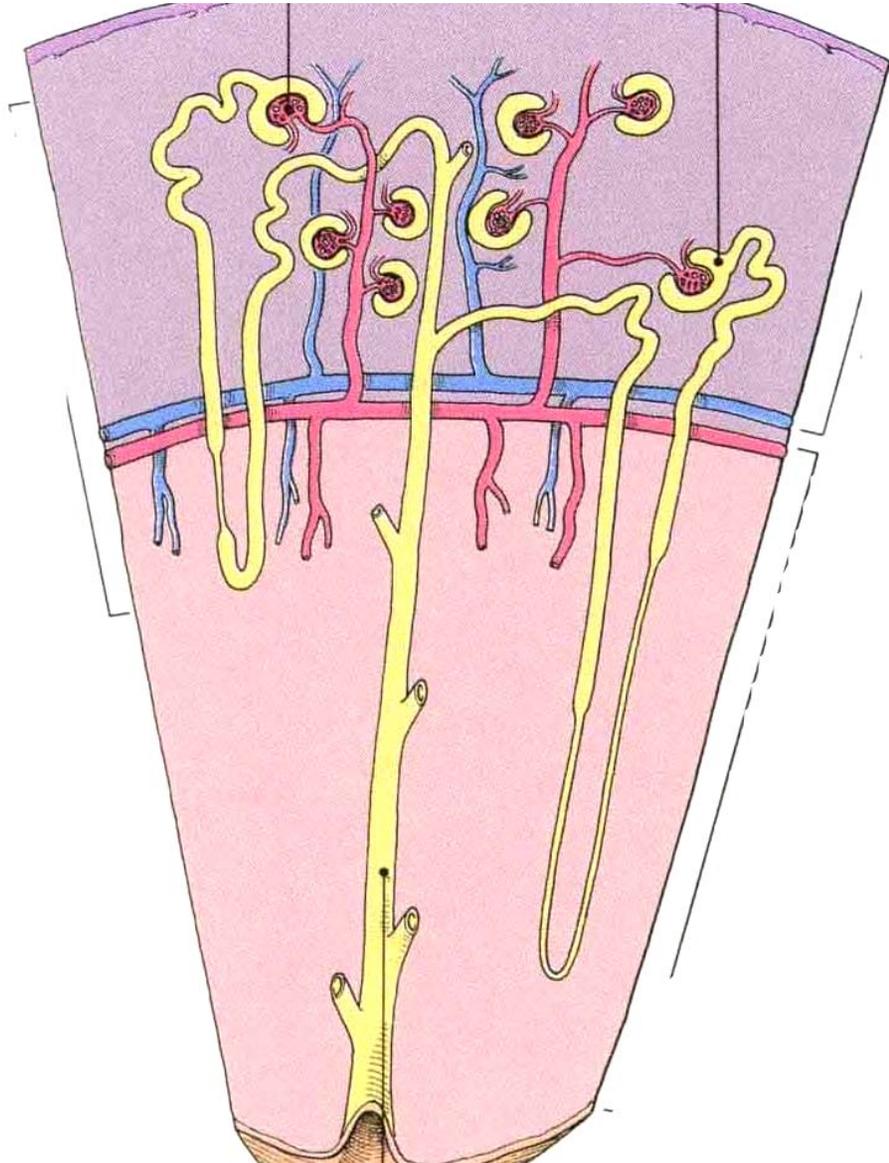
Arched collecting tubules.....

Cortical collecting tubules.....

Straight collecting tubules

Medullary collecting tubules

Papillary ducts



General structure and function of collecting tubules

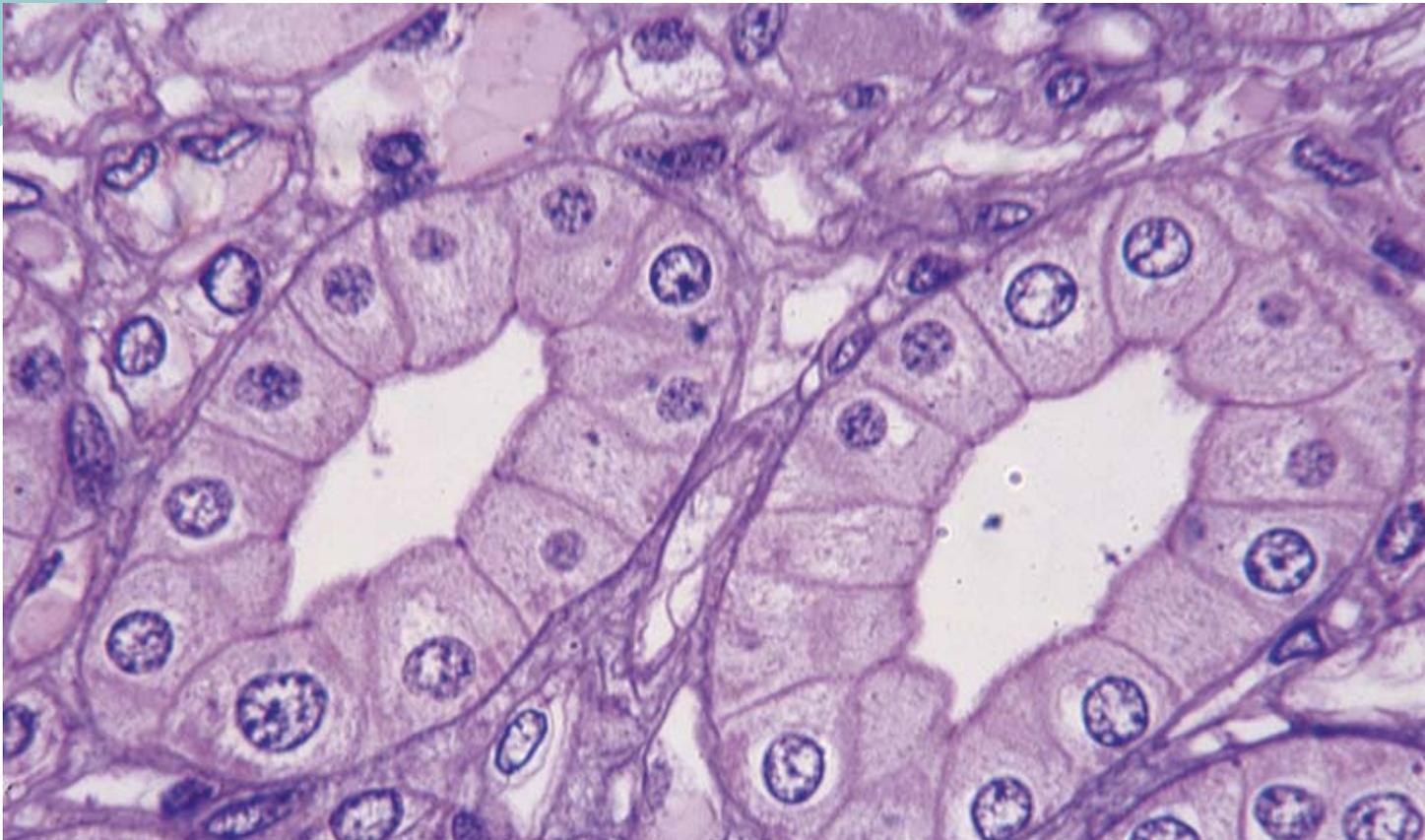
Structure

cuboidal and columnar in shape

Clear margin between cells

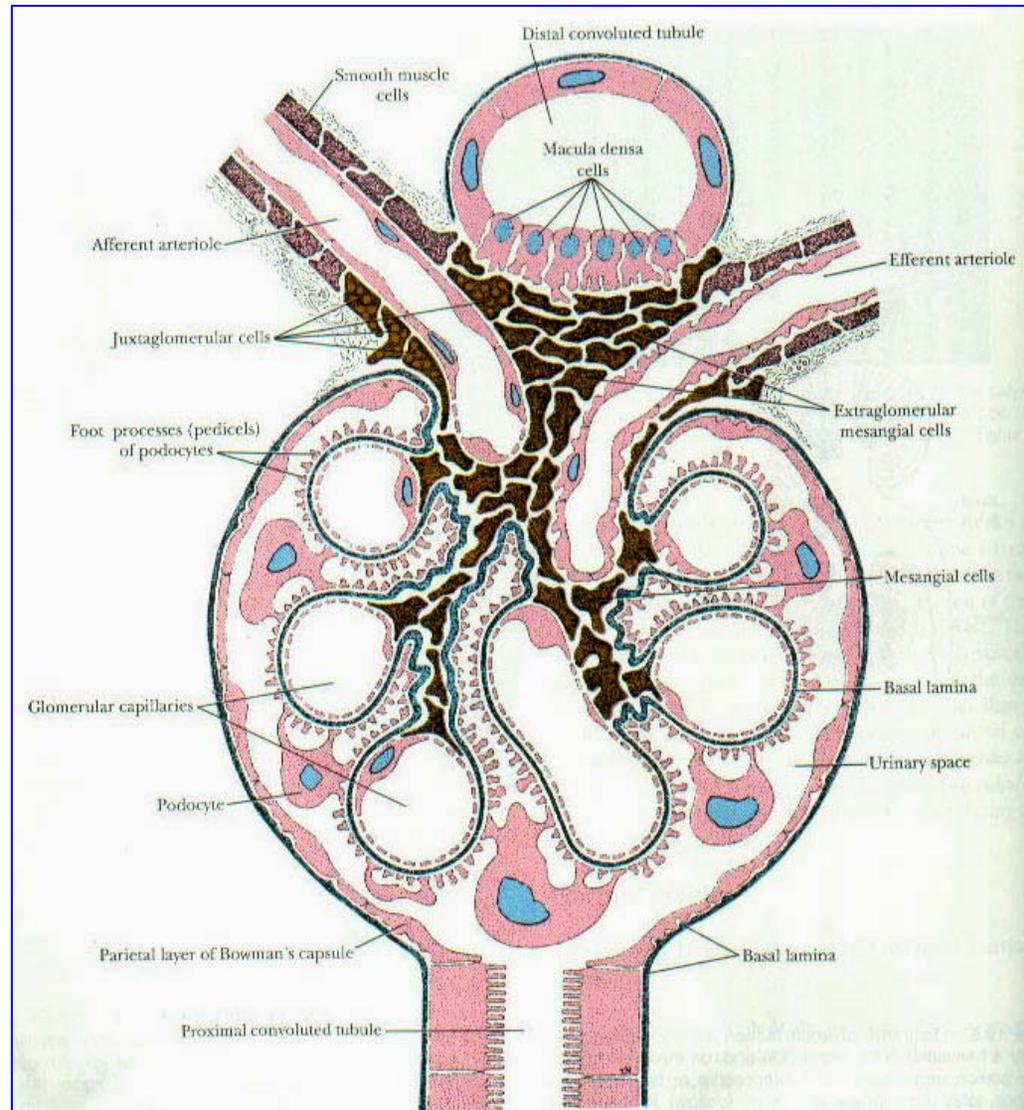
Function

Sensitive to antidiuretic hormone (ADH),
absorb H_2O , concentrate urine
Secret H^+ and HCO_3^- ,



Juxtaglomerular apparatus

- Juxtaglomerular cells
- Macula densa
- Extraglomerular mesangial cells



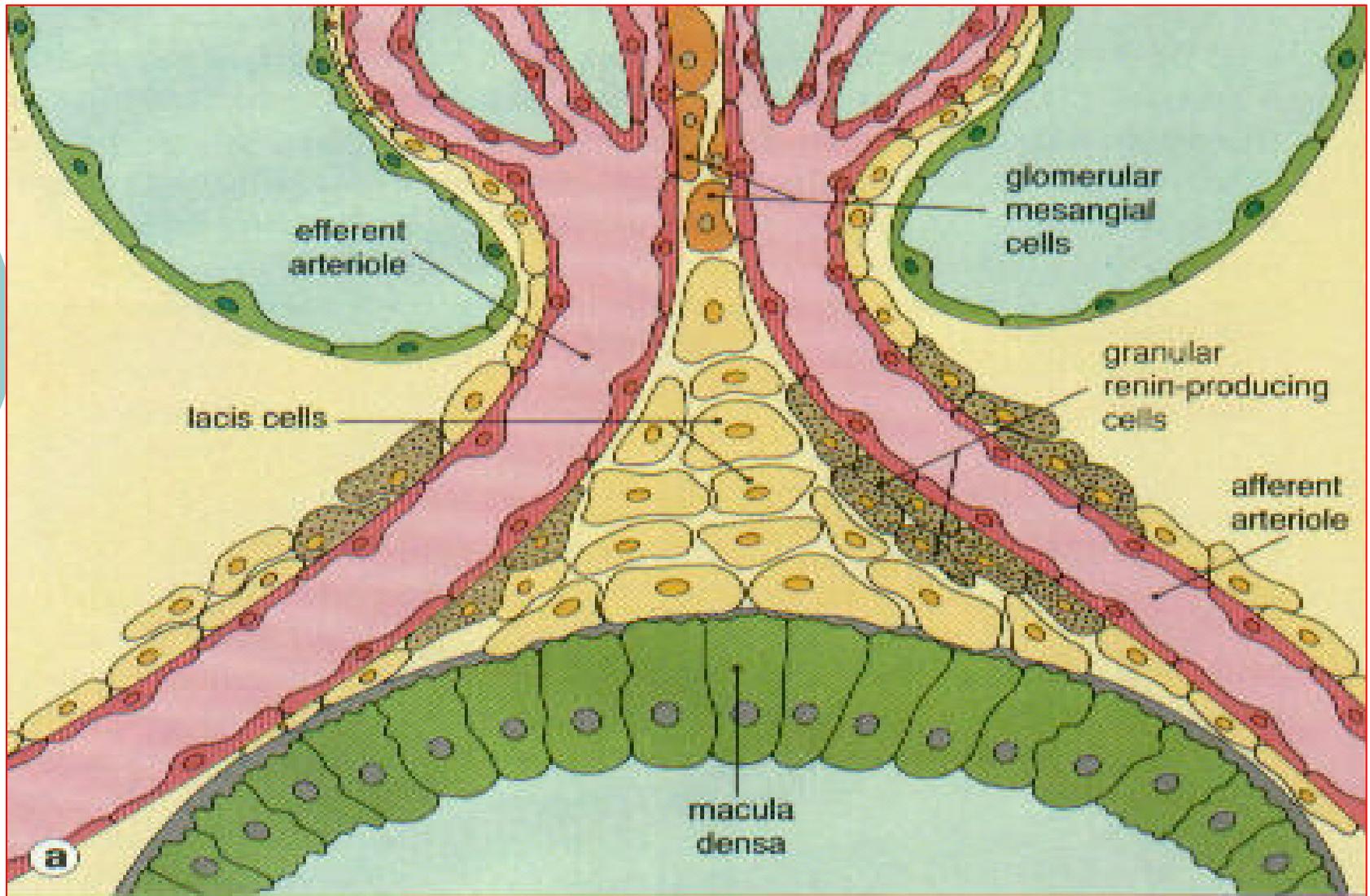
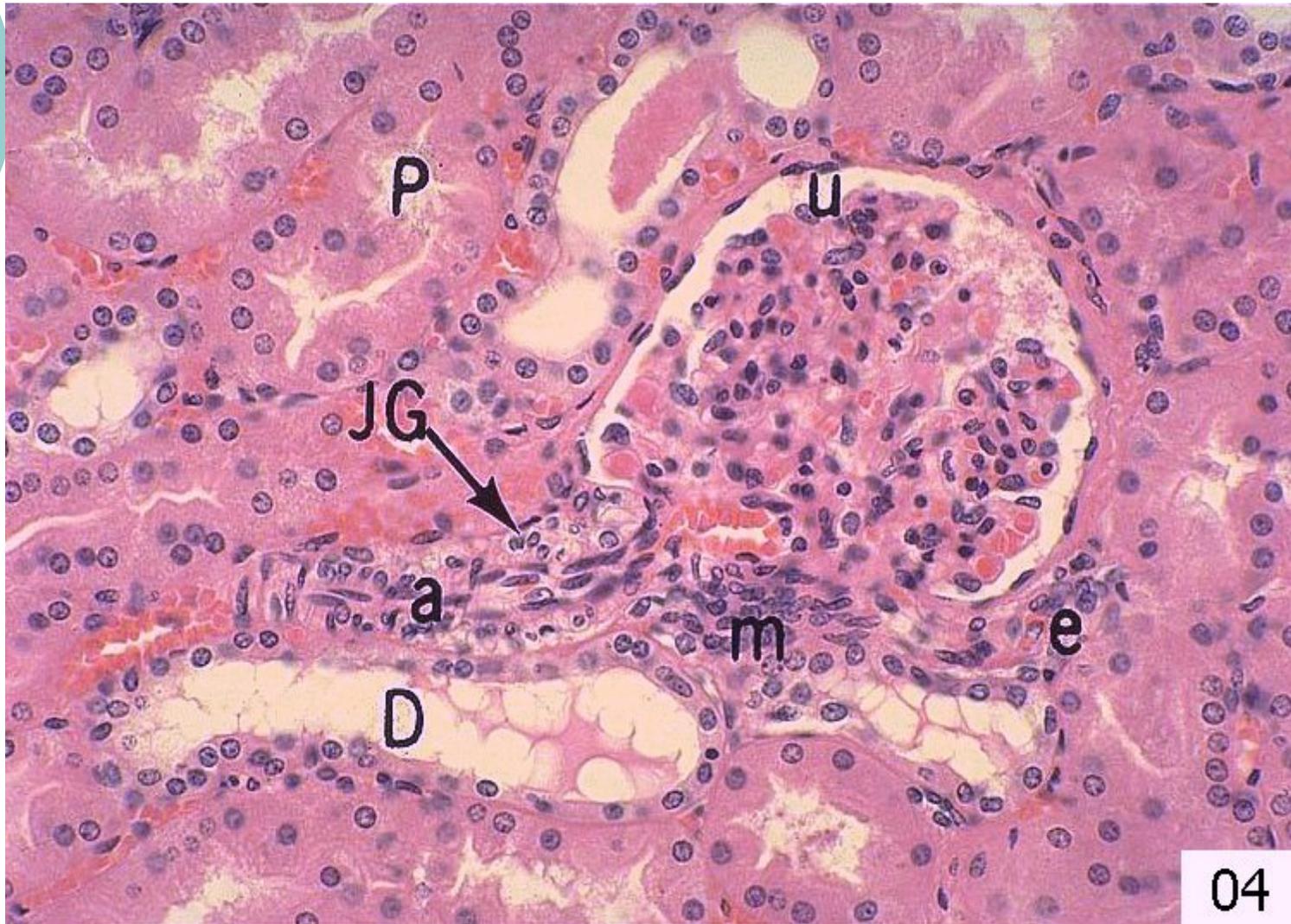


Diagram of relation of JC to macula densa and lacin cells

Juxtaglomerular cells



JGC



renin



angiotensinogen



angiotensin I



angiotensin II



causes

aldosterone releasing from adrenal cortex



Blood volume ↑ ↑



blood pressure ↑ ↑

Macula densa

origin

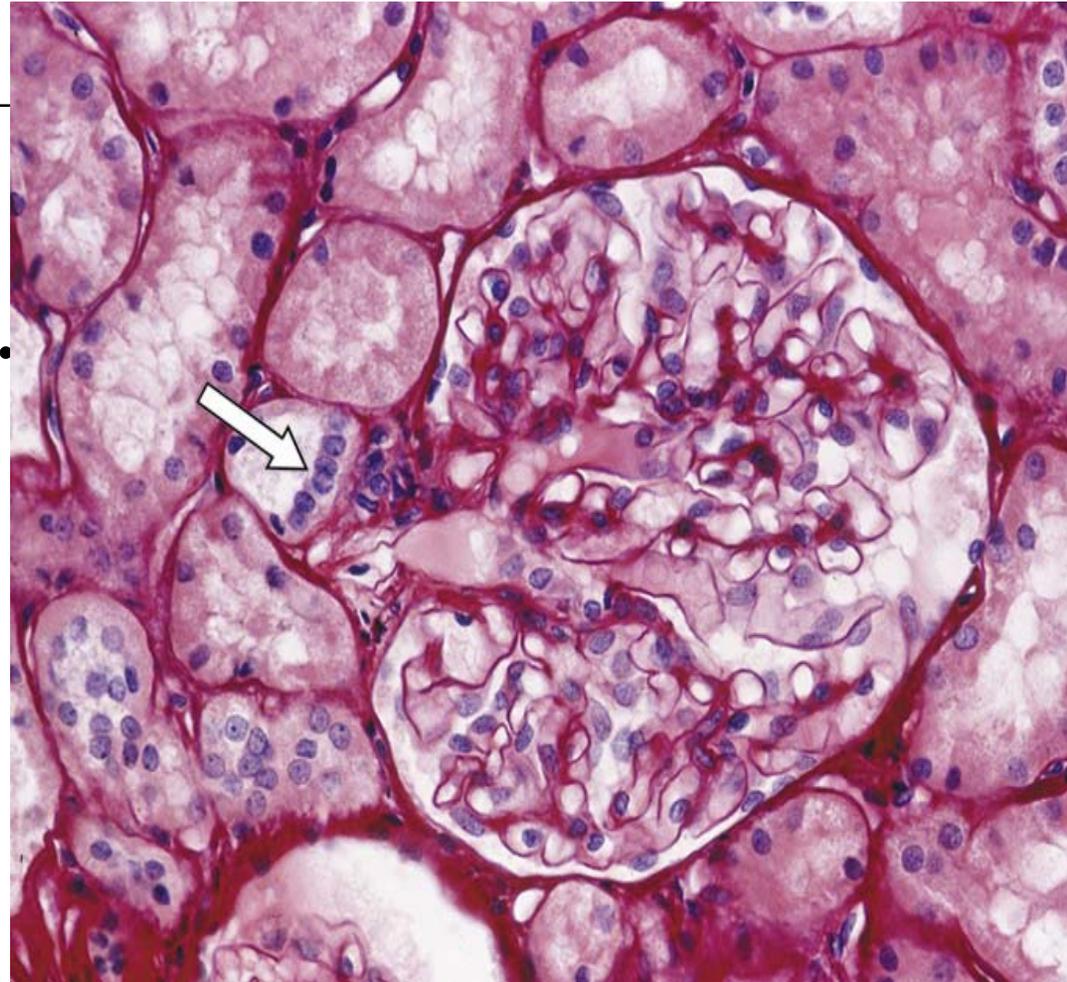
derive from the distal convoluted tubule cells.

features

Cells are tall, narrow, close together

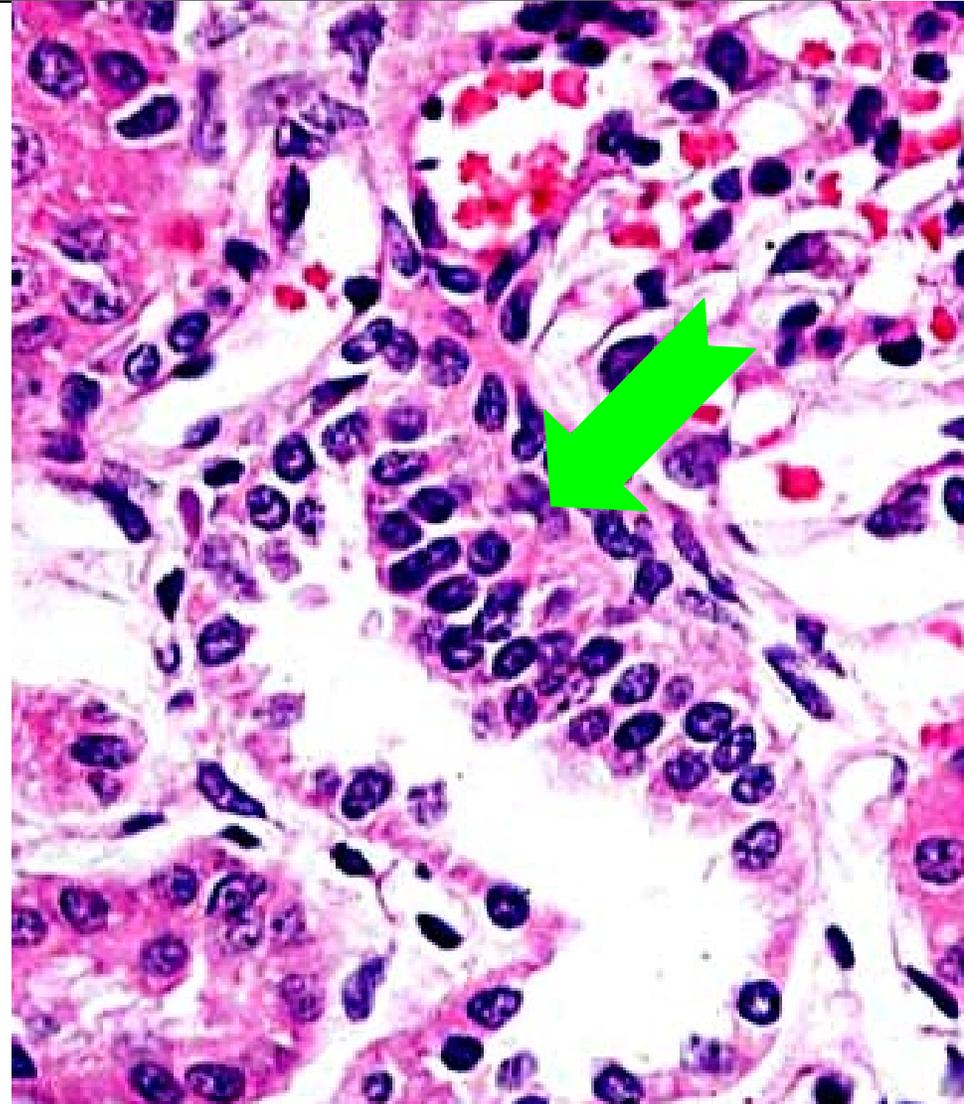
function

Act as a chemoreceptor, sensitive mineral level promote the realease of the enzyme renin



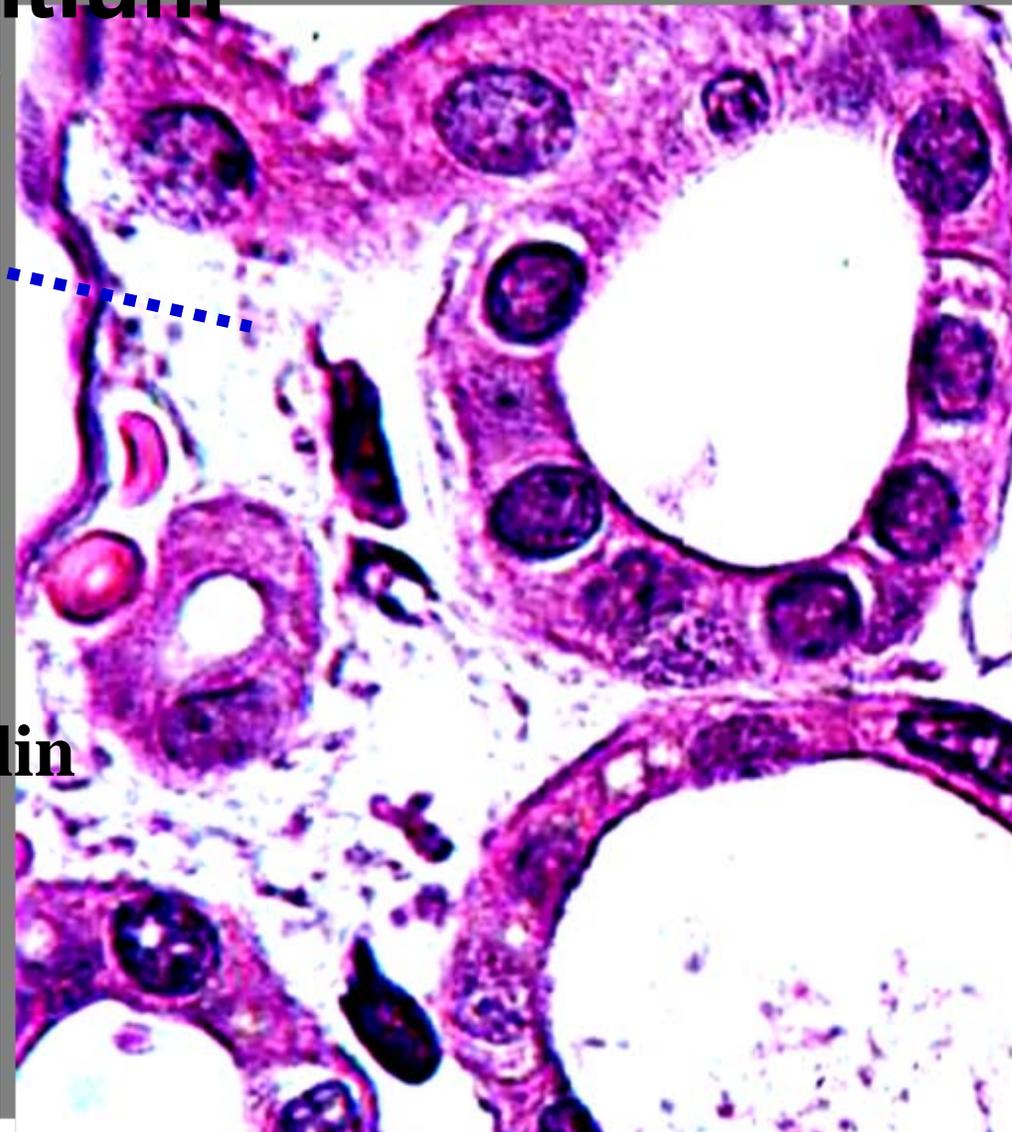
extraglomerular mesangial cells

- At the point of entry of the afferent arteriole
- No yet clarified



Renal interstitium

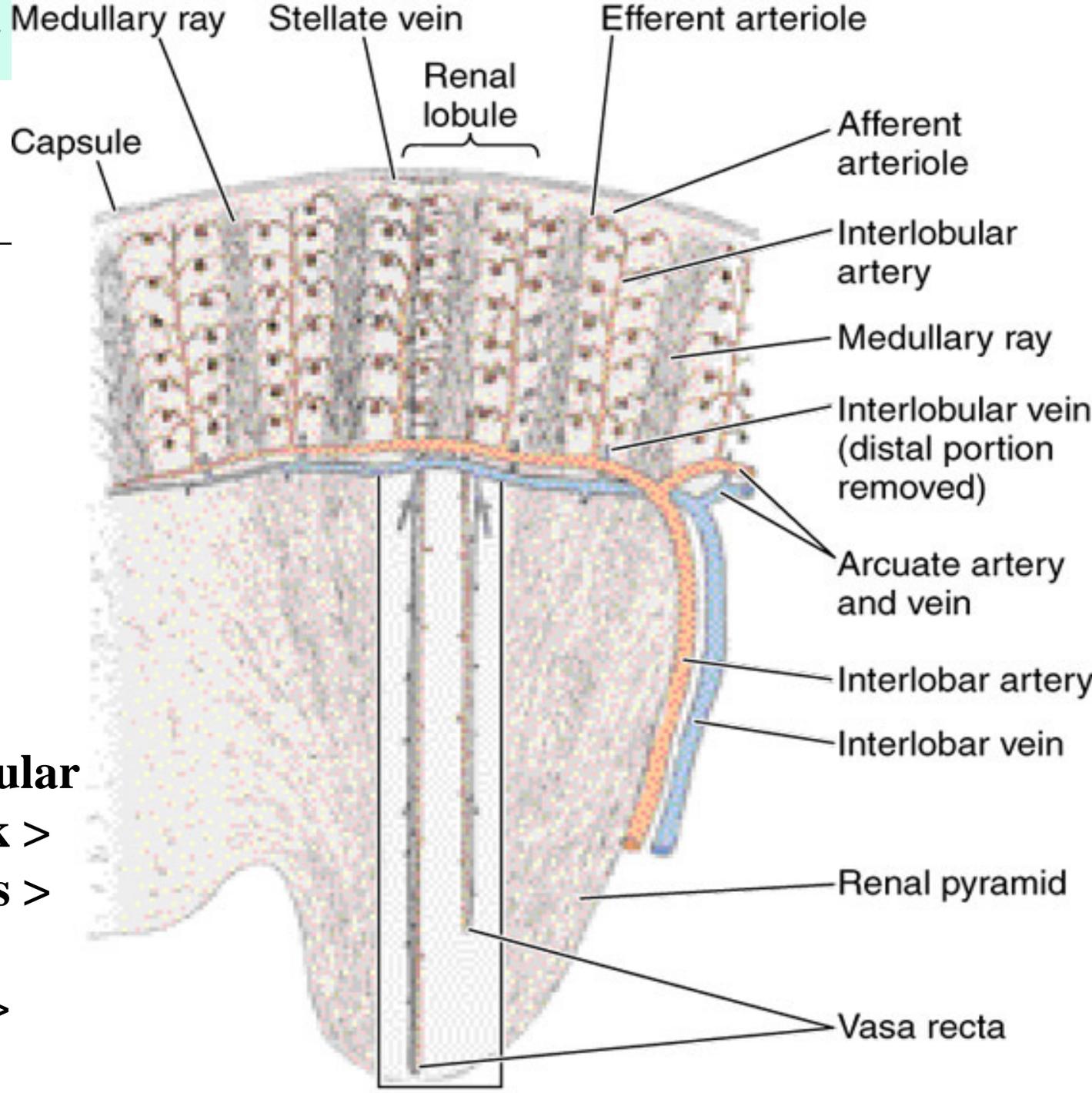
CT between
renal tubules



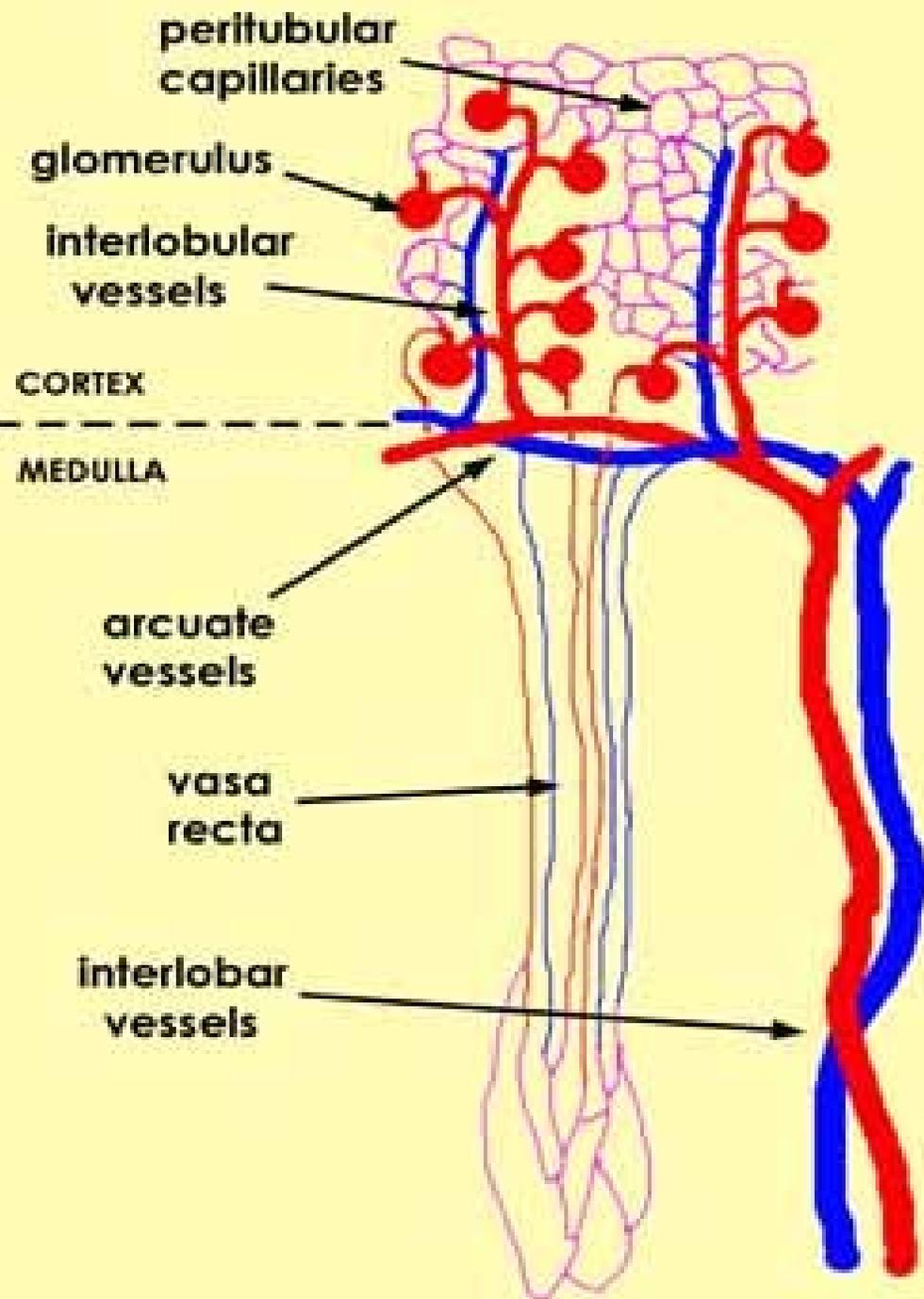
Cells in the interstitium

1. interstitial cells
prostaglandins , prostacyclin
2. fibroblast
3. macrophage

Blood supply



Venous: Peritubular capillary network > interlobular veins > arcuate veins > interlobar veins > renal vein.



Arterial: renal artery > inter-lobar arteries > arcuate arteries > inter-lobular arteries > afferent arterioles > renal corpuscle (capillaries!) > efferent arteriole > peritubular capillary network (for cortical nephrons) --or-- > vasa recta (for juxtamedullary nephrons).