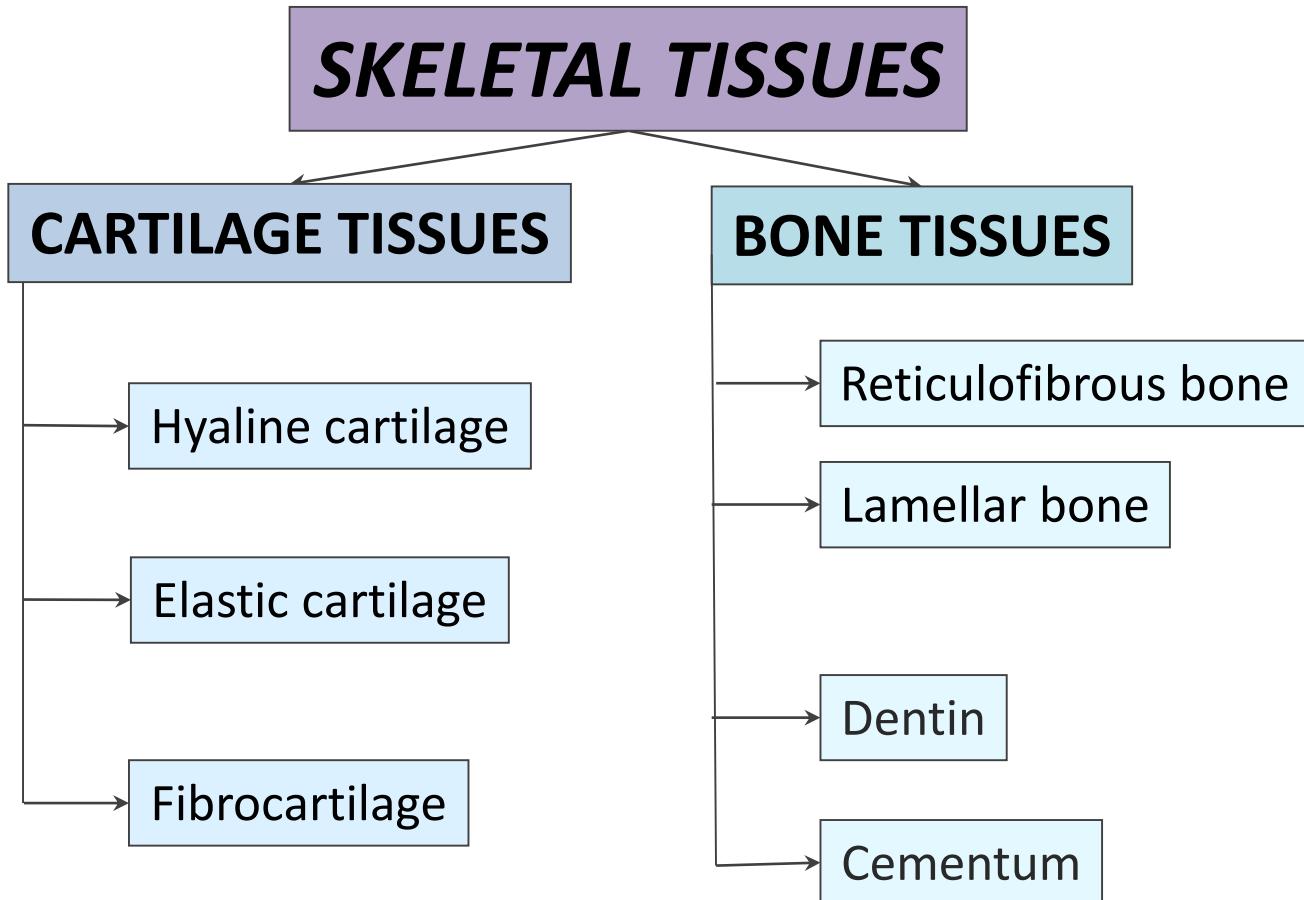


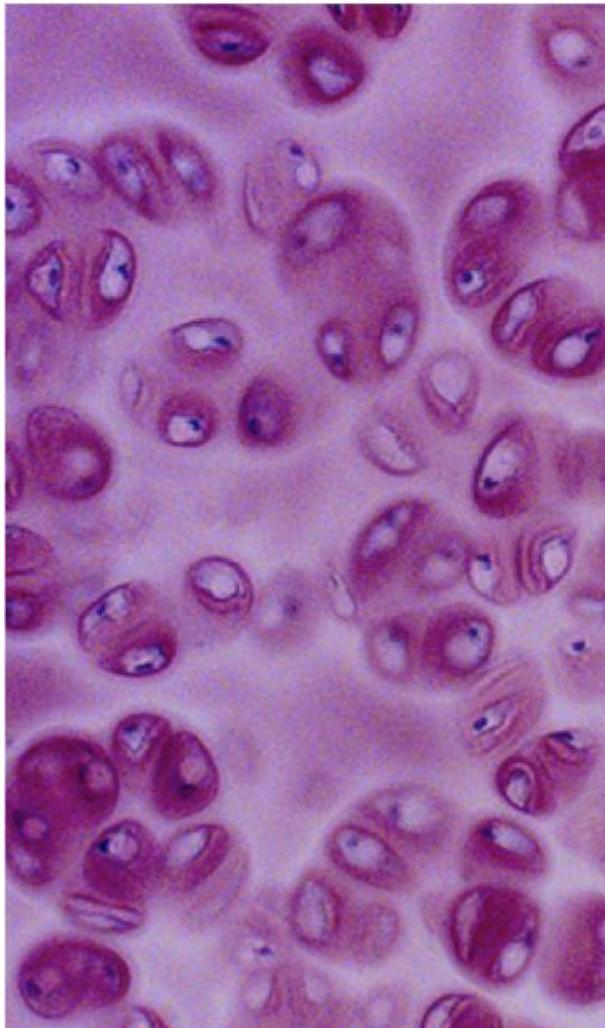
# SKELETAL CONNECTIVE TISSUES CARTILAGE TISSUES

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# **SKELETAL CONNECTIVE TISSUES**



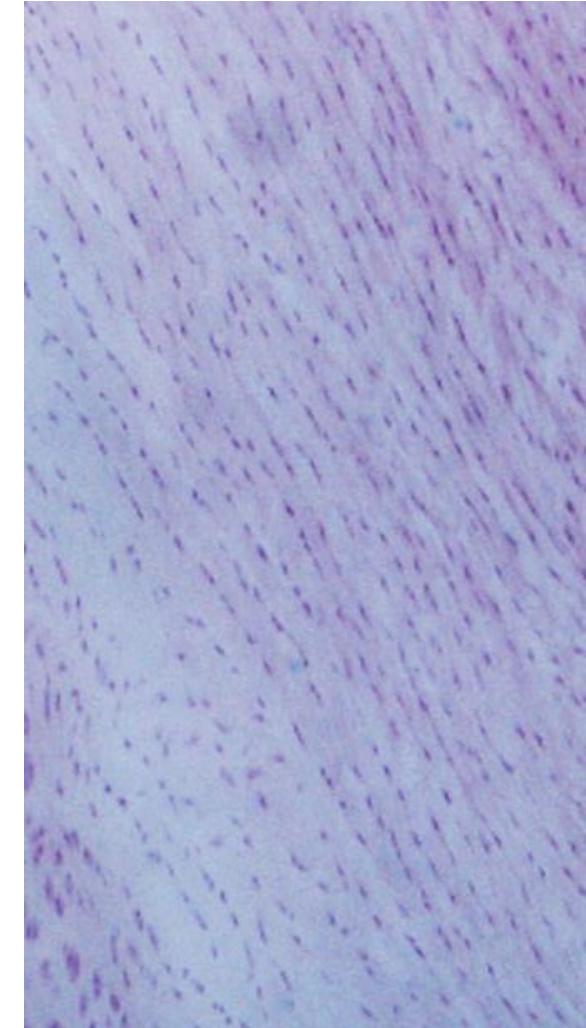
## CARTILAGE TISSUES



*Hyaline cartilage*



*Elastic cartilage*



*Fibrocartilage*

## CARTILAGE TISSUE COMPOSITION

CELLS - 5%

EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX – 95%

### DIFFERONS OF CARTILAGE CELLS

Mesenchyme

Pluripotent cell  
of skeletogenic mesenchyme

Chondrogenic cell

Chondroblast

Chondrocyte

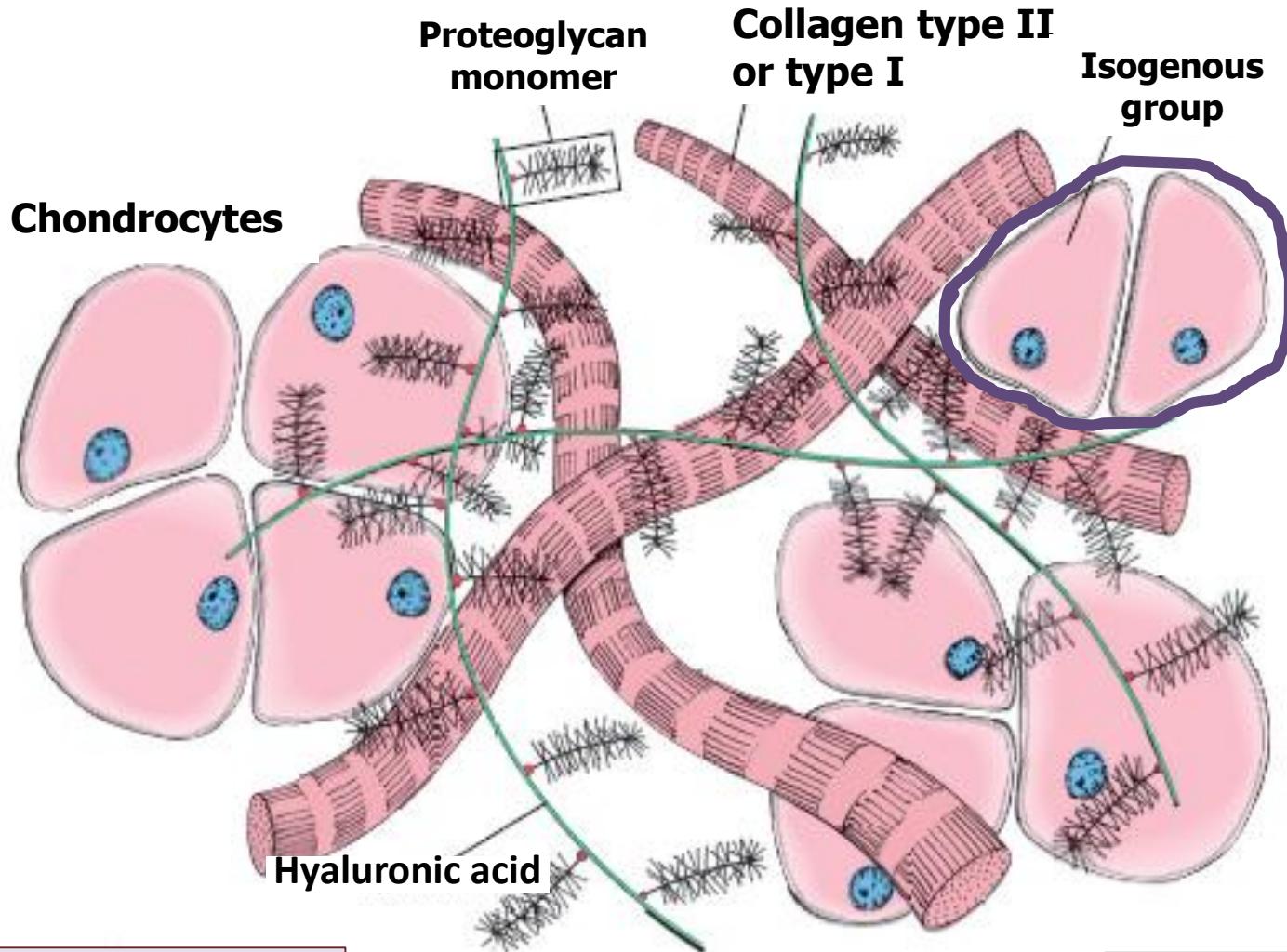
- Water – 65%
- Collagens – 15%  
of which:
  - Collagen type II – 80%
  - Collagens of other types – 20%
- Proteoglycans – 10%
- Glycoproteins (adhesive proteins) – 5%

**STATIC  
population**

### CHONDROCYTES

- retain *the ability to divide*
- form *isogenous groups*

## CARTILAGE TISSUE STRUCTURE



### Glycosaminoglycans

- hyaluronic acid
- chondroitinsulfate
- keratansulfate

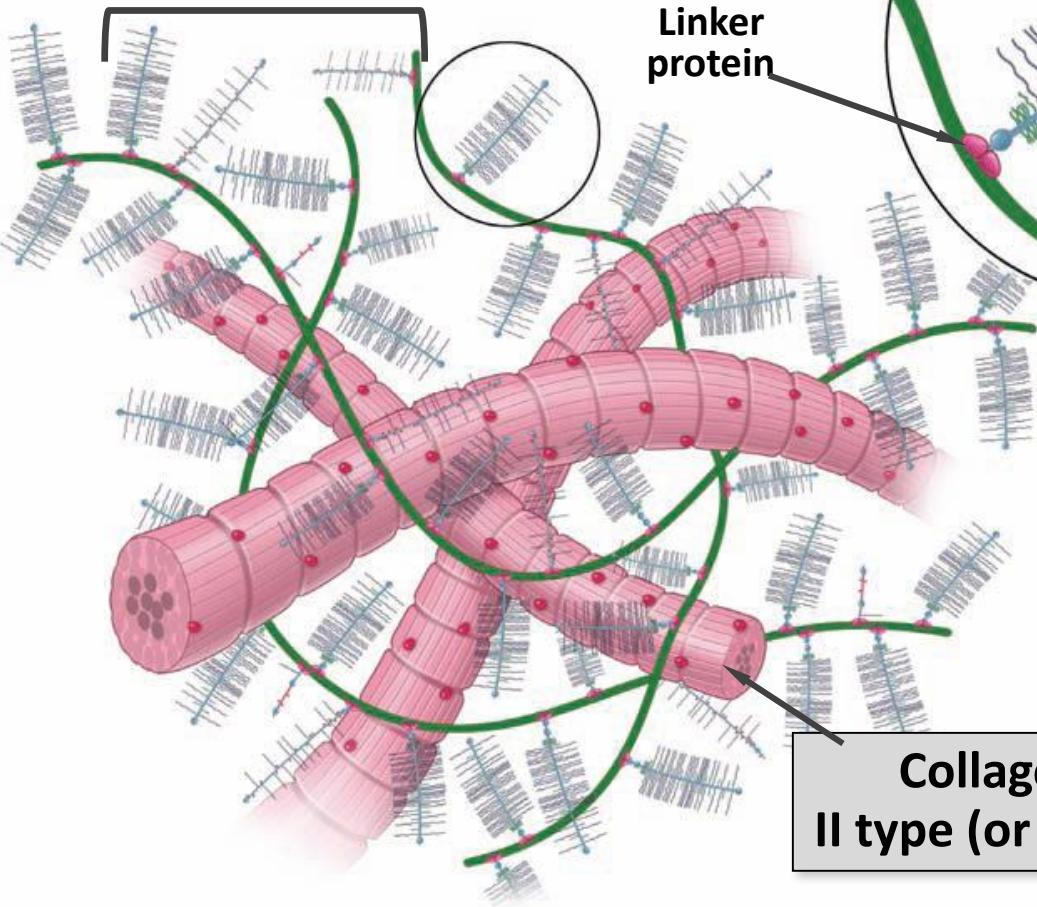
### Glycoproteins

- chondronectin
- anchorin

# EXTRACELULAR MATRIX OF CARTILAGE

## Proteoglycans – hydrophilicity

### proteoglycan aggregates



Core protein

Proteoglycan monomere

Linker protein

Chondroitin sulfate  
Keratan sulfate

GAG

Collagen  
II type (or I type )

Glycoproteins  
- chondronectin  
- anchorin

## CARTILAGE AS AN ORGAN

**NUTRITION –**  
by diffusion

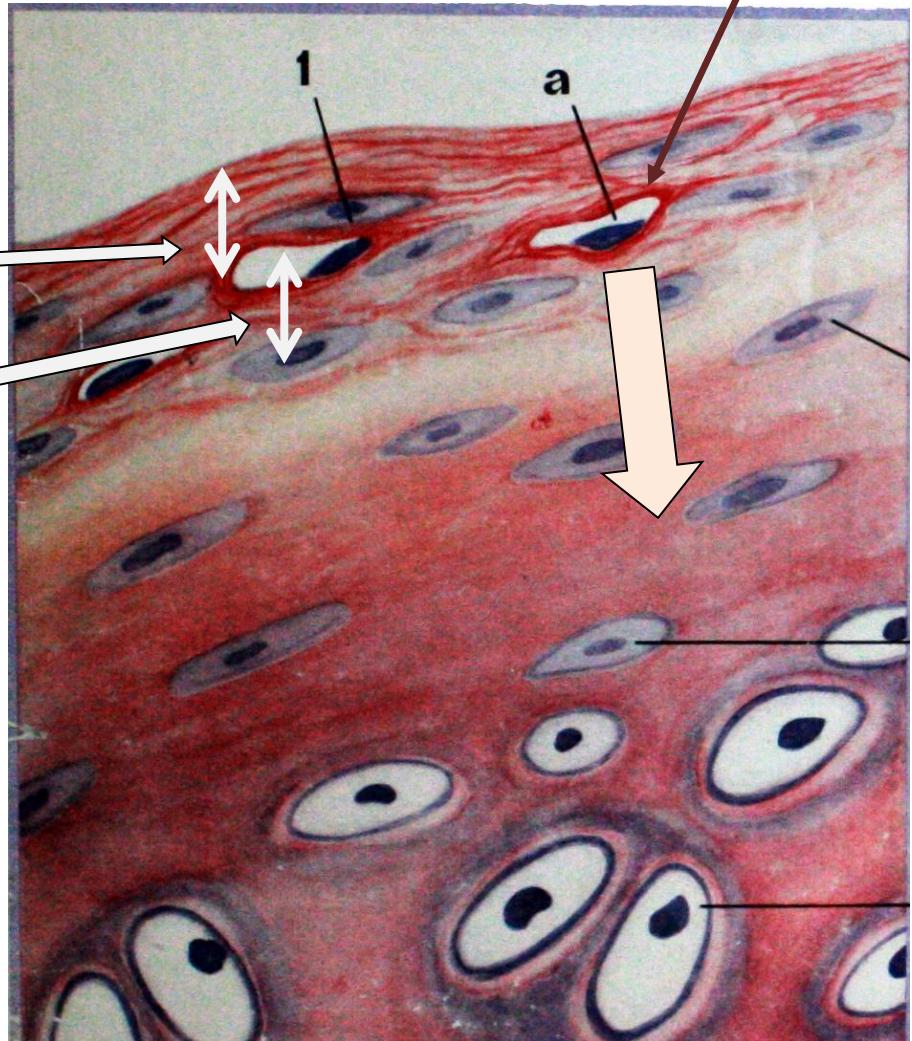
### **PERICHONDRIUM** - two layers

➤ Outer – fibrous:

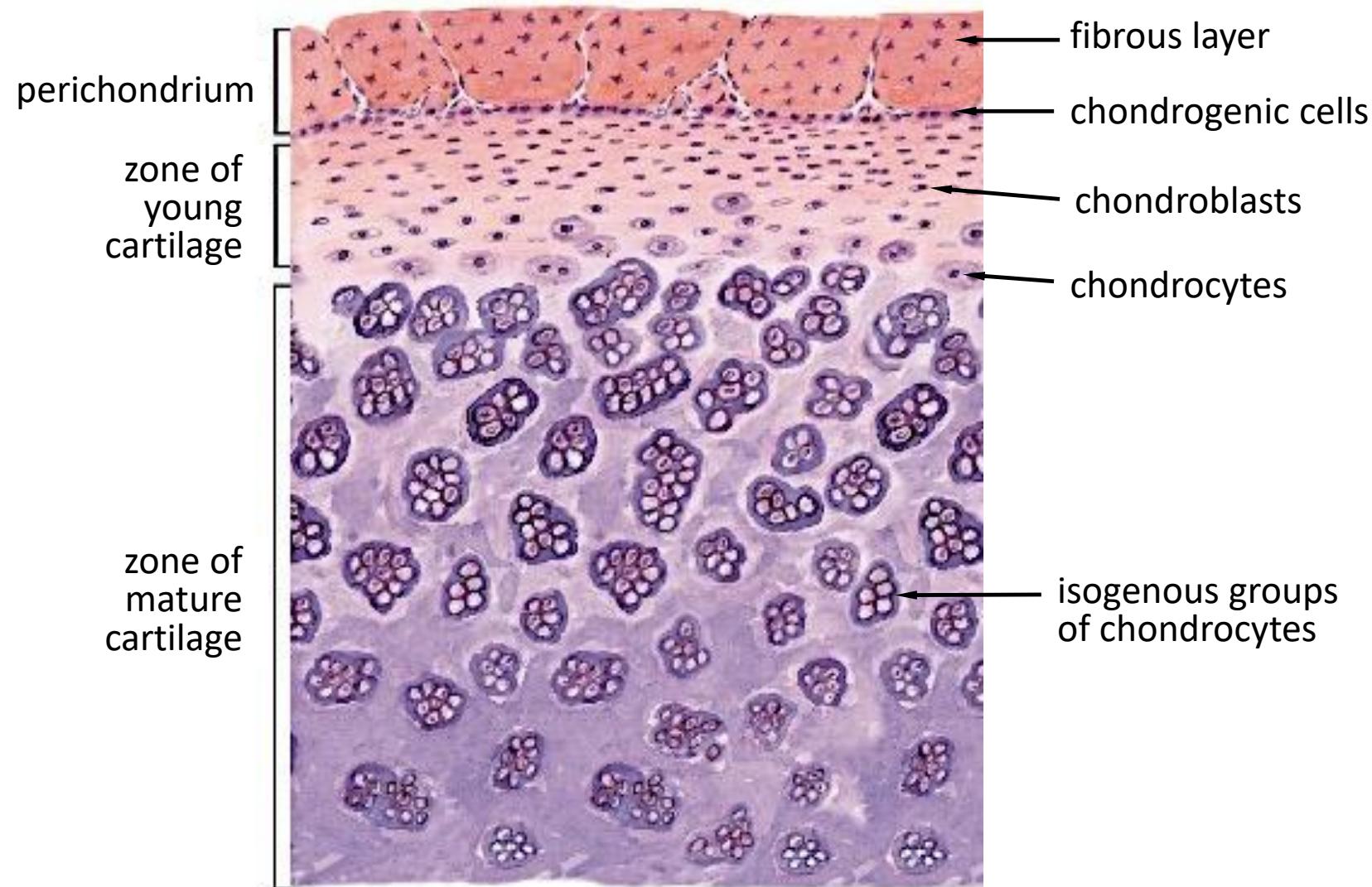
- dense irregular CT + loose CT

➤ Inner – chondrogenic:

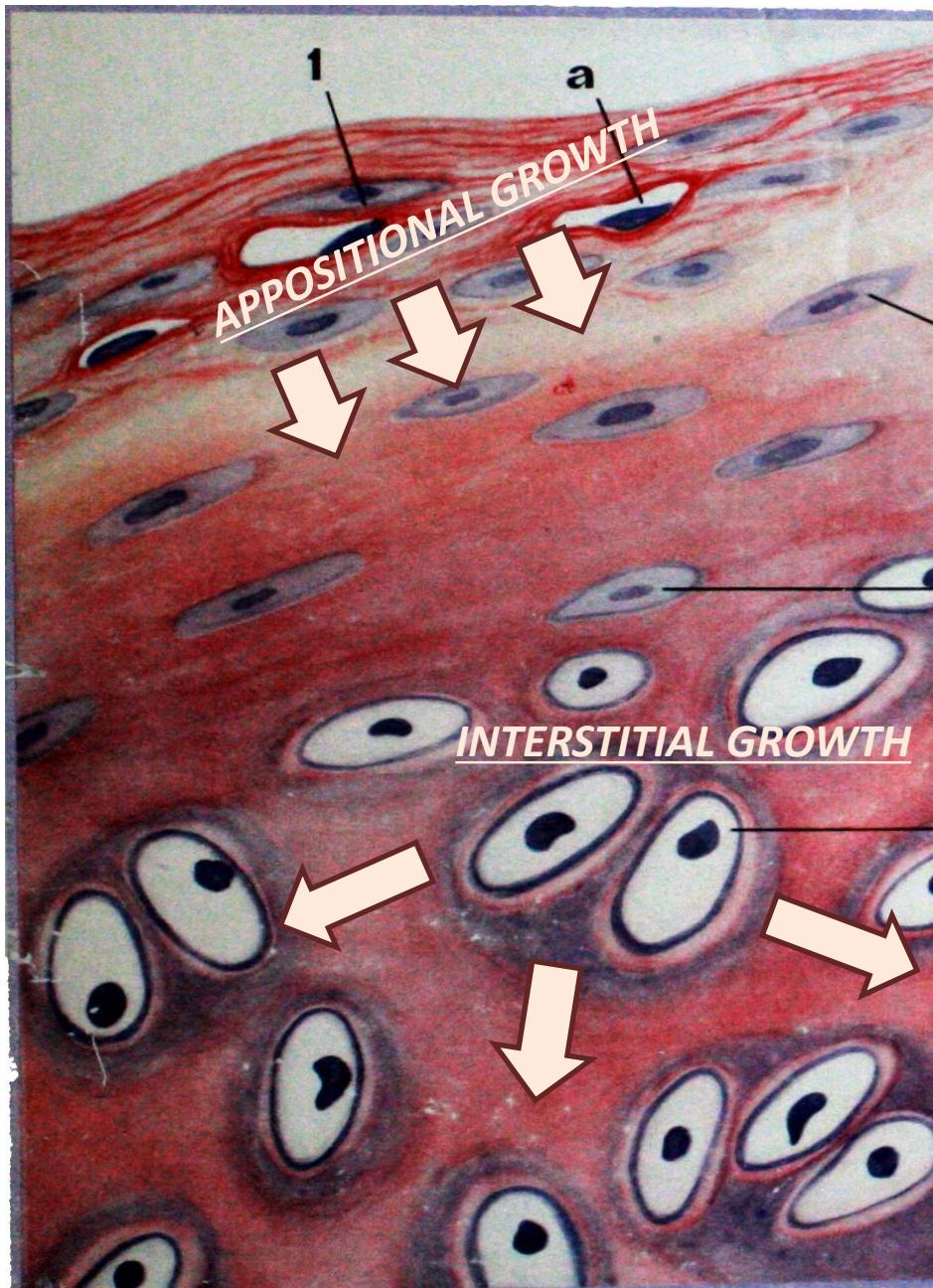
- ground substance
- chondrogenic cells
- prechondroblasts



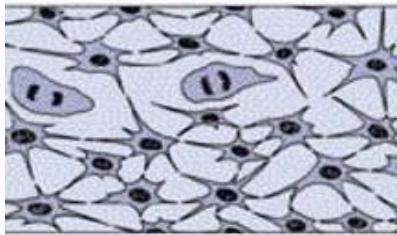
## CARTILAGE AS AN ORGAN



## GROWTH OF CARTILAGE



## **EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT OF CARTILAGE**



**Pluri-potent cells of  
skeletogenic  
mesenchyme**

**IN THE ABSENCE OF  
BLOOD VESELS**



**Chondrogenic cells**



**Chondrogenic islet**



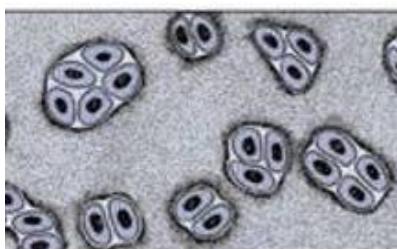
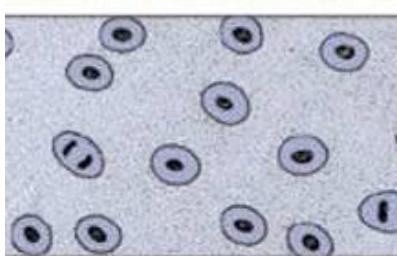
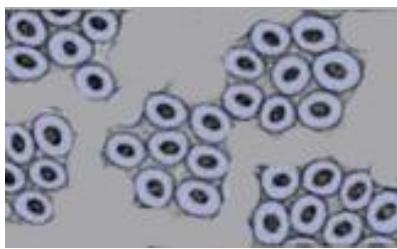
**Chondroblasts**



**Chondrocytes**



**Mature  
cartilage  
tissue**



**HYALINE CARTILAGE  
IN CROSS SECTION**

**STRUCTURE OF HYALINE CARTILAGE**



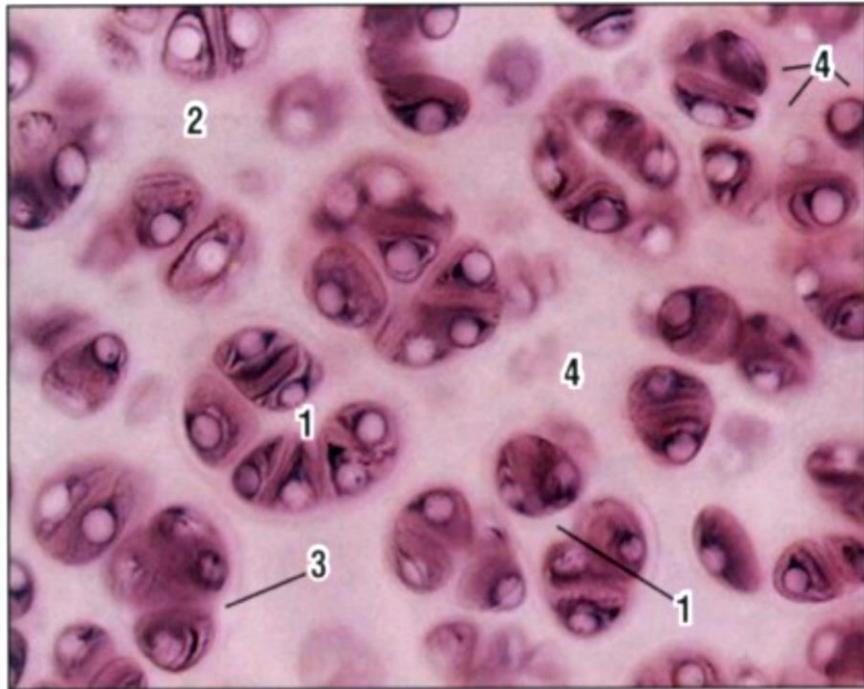
I- perichondrium: 1- outer fibrous layer, 2- inner cellular (chondrogenic) layer;

II- zone of young cartilage: 3- single chondrocytes;

III- zone of mature cartilage: 4- isogenous groups of chondrocytes, 5- extracellular matrix

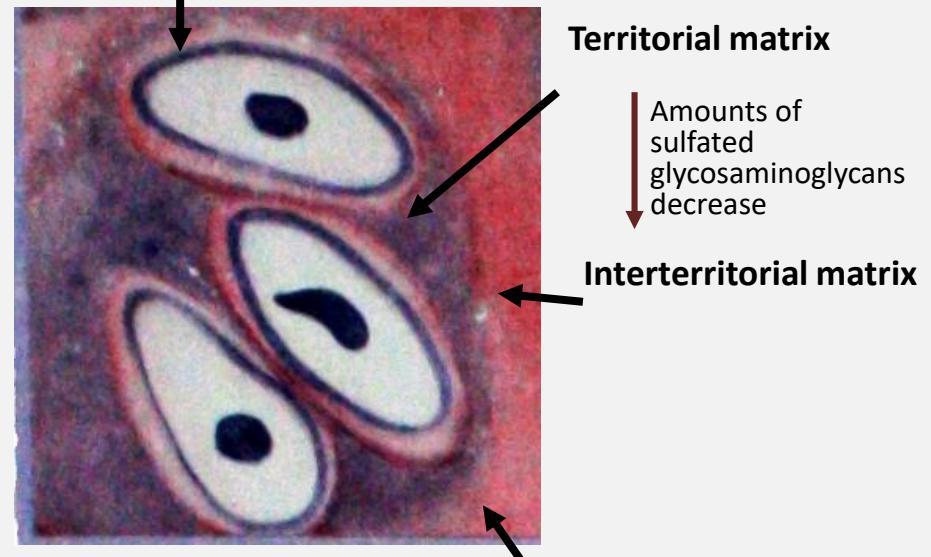
## STRUCTURE OF HYALINE CARTILAGE

### ZONE OF MATURE CARTILAGE



- 1- isogenous groups of chondrocytes;
- 2- extracellular matrix;
- 3- territorial matrix;
- 4- interterritorial matrix

**Capsule -**  
Network of  
type IV, VI , IX  
collagen fibers



**Territorial matrix**

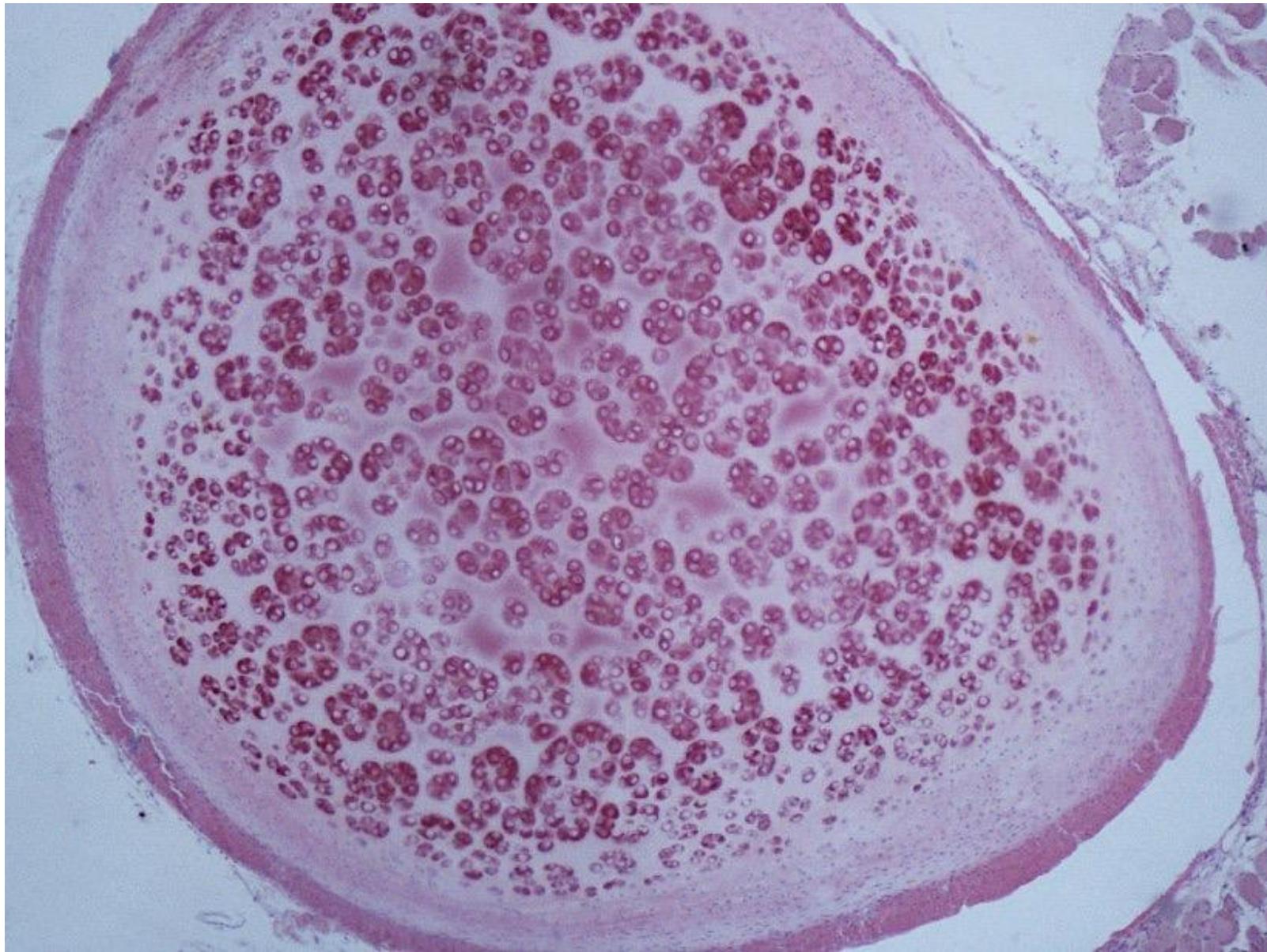
Amounts of  
sulfated  
glycosaminoglycans  
decrease

**Interterritorial matrix**

Type II collagen  
fibers

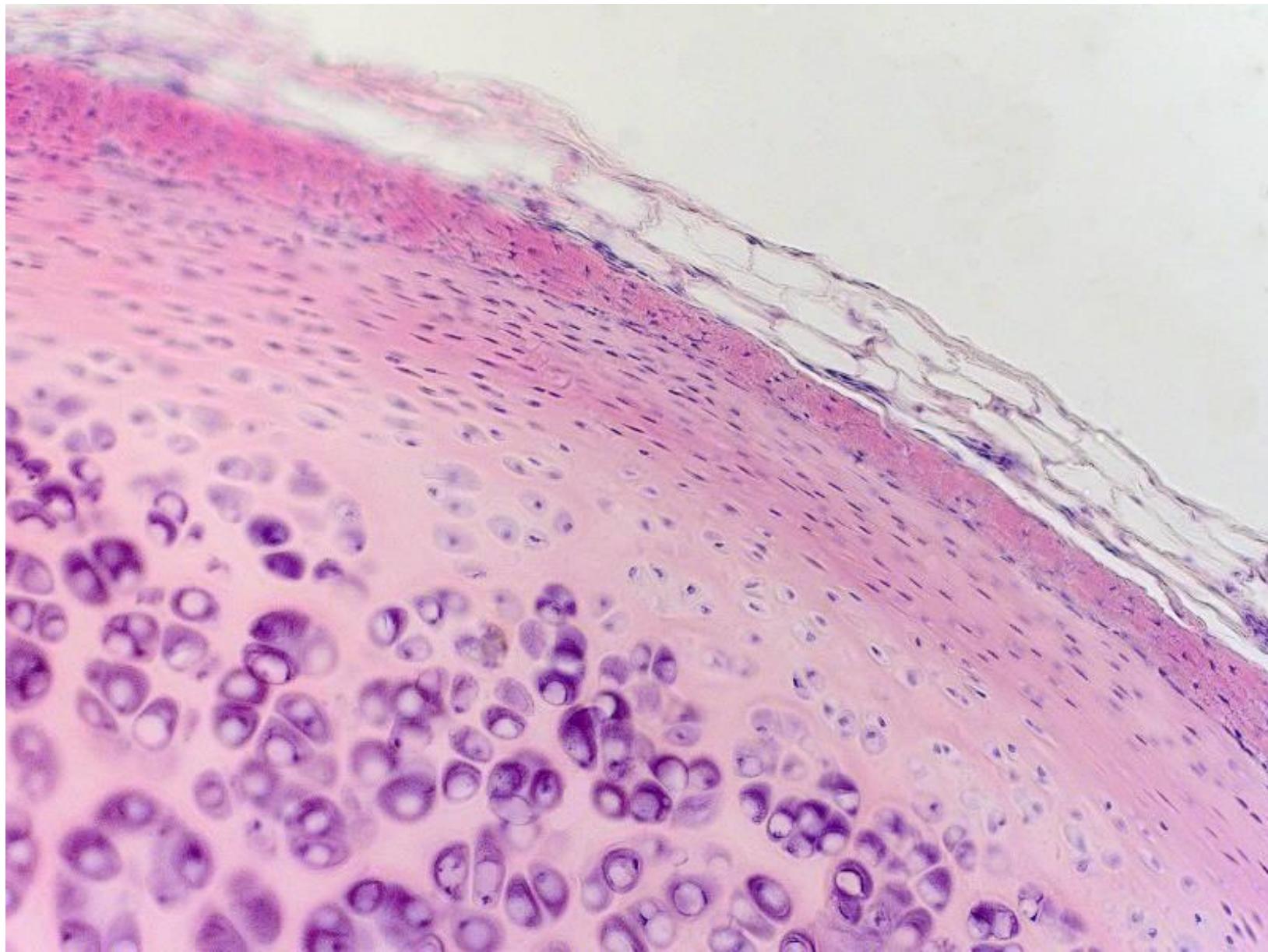
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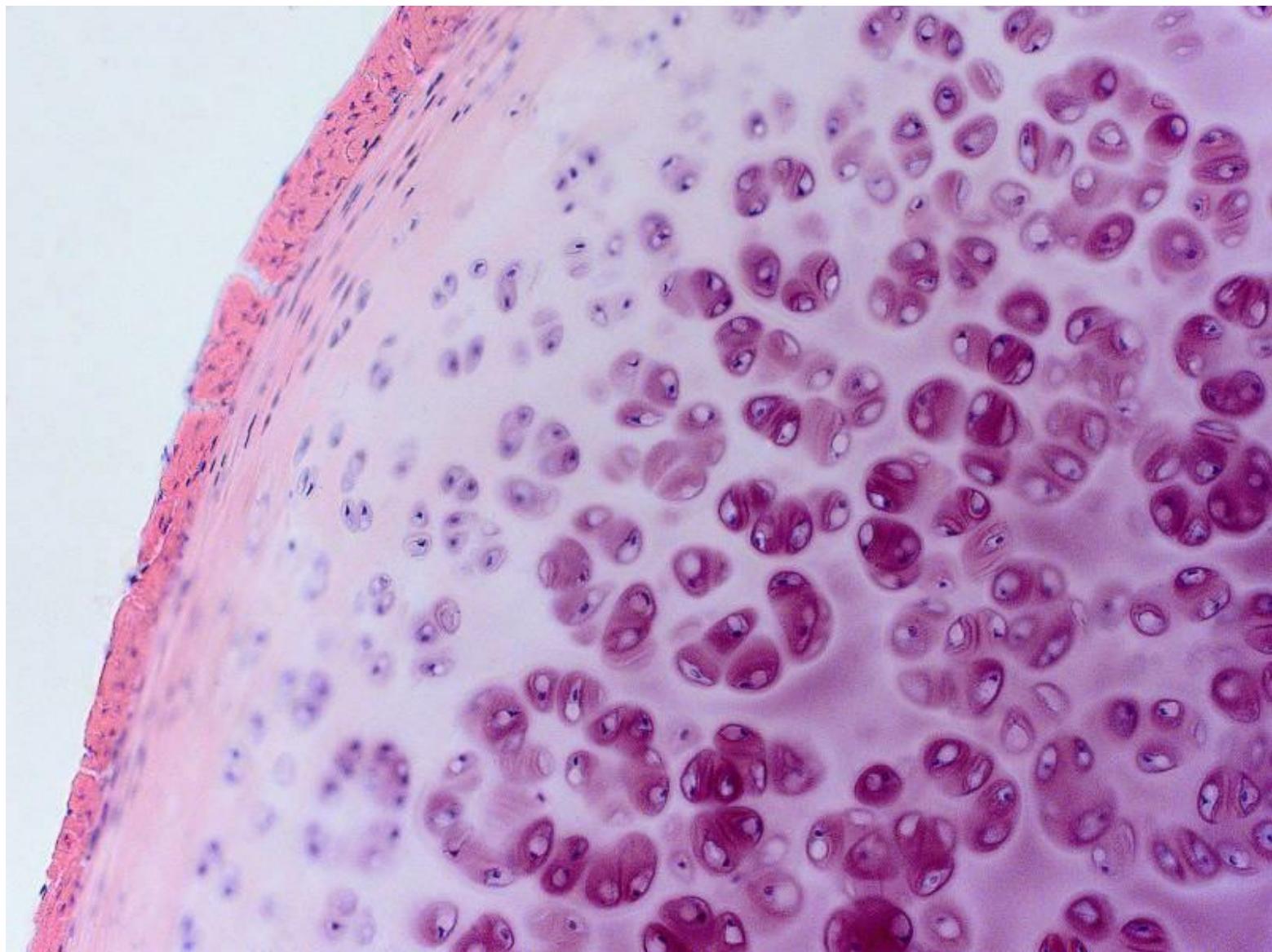
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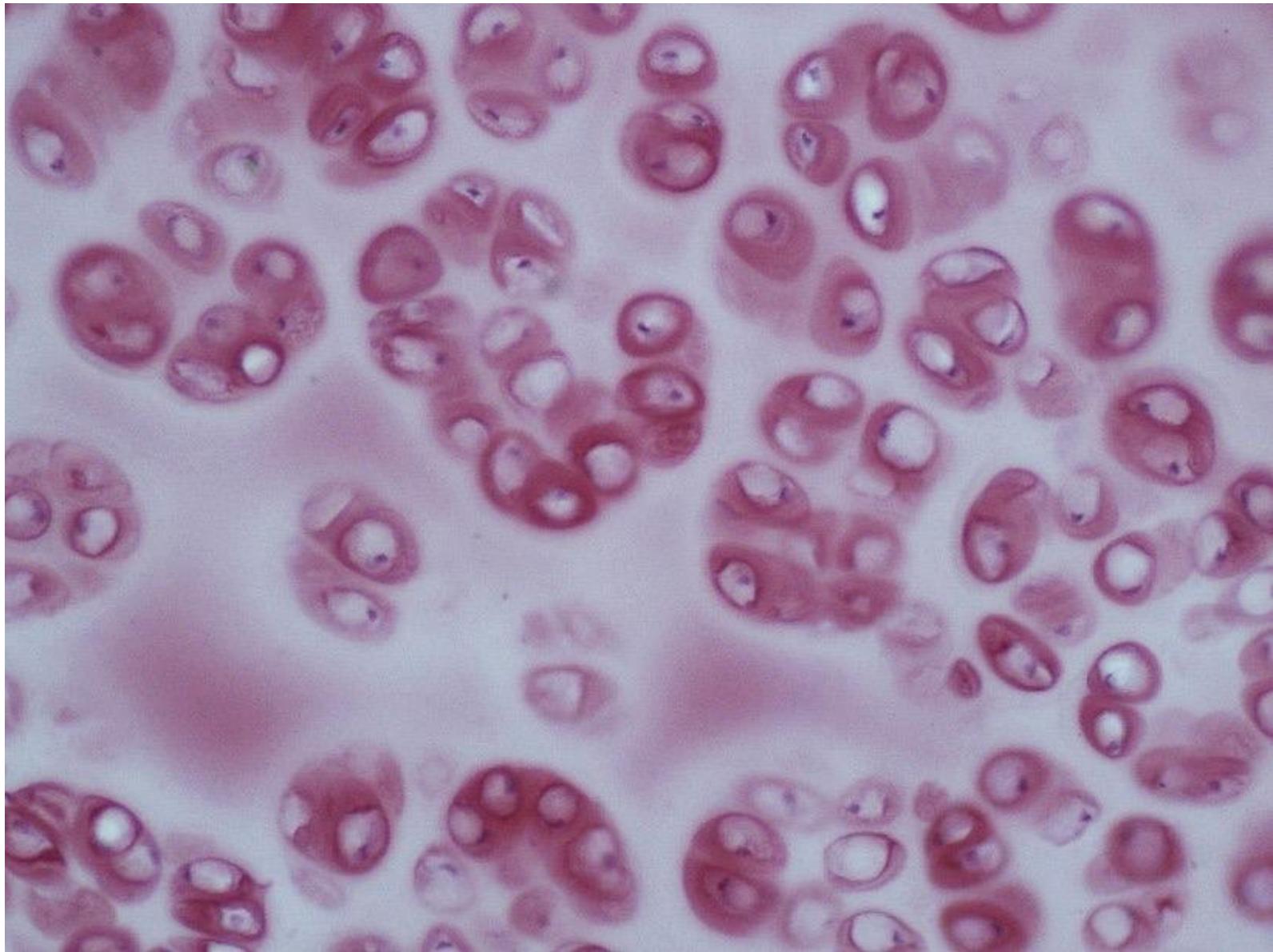
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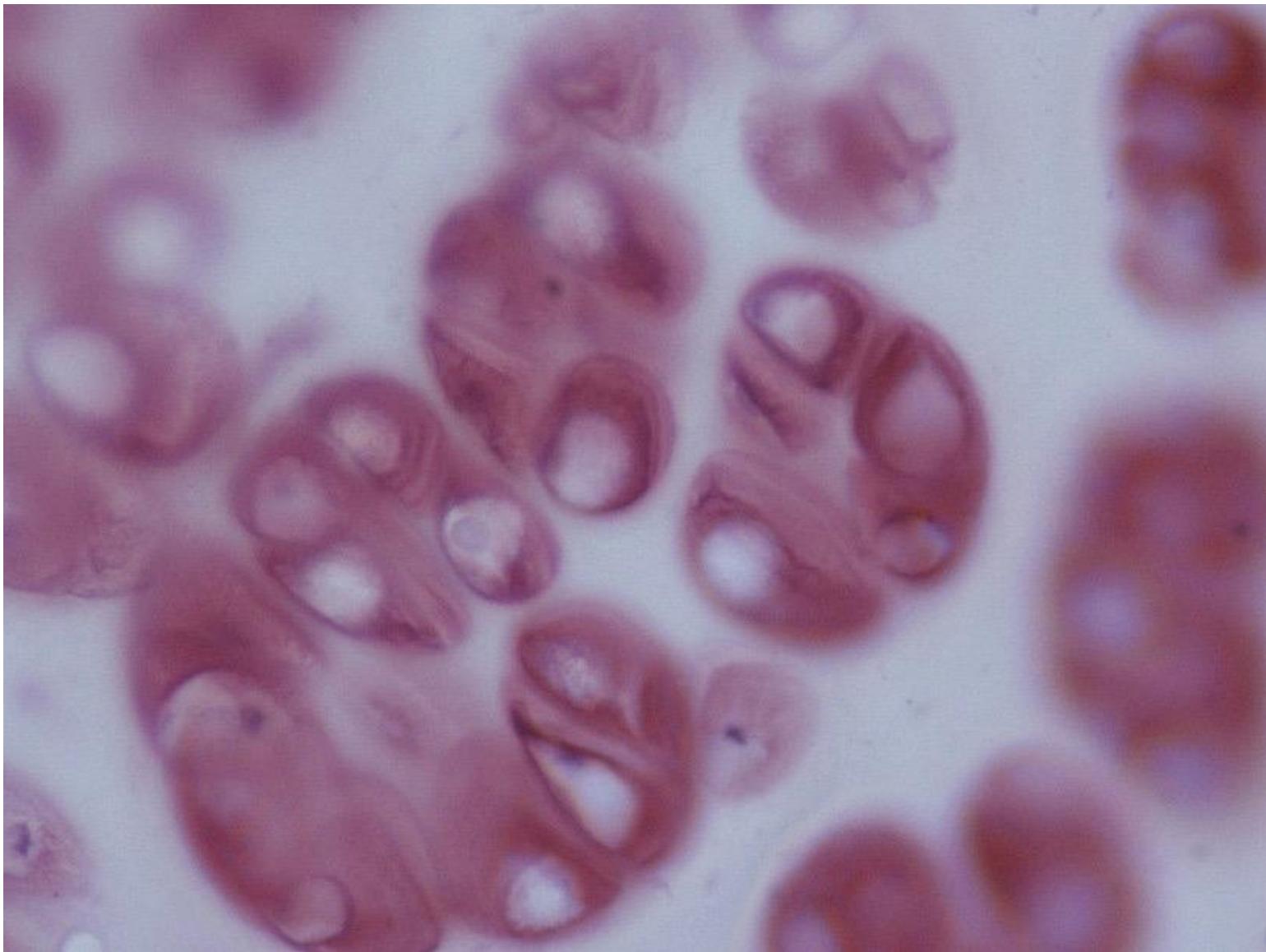
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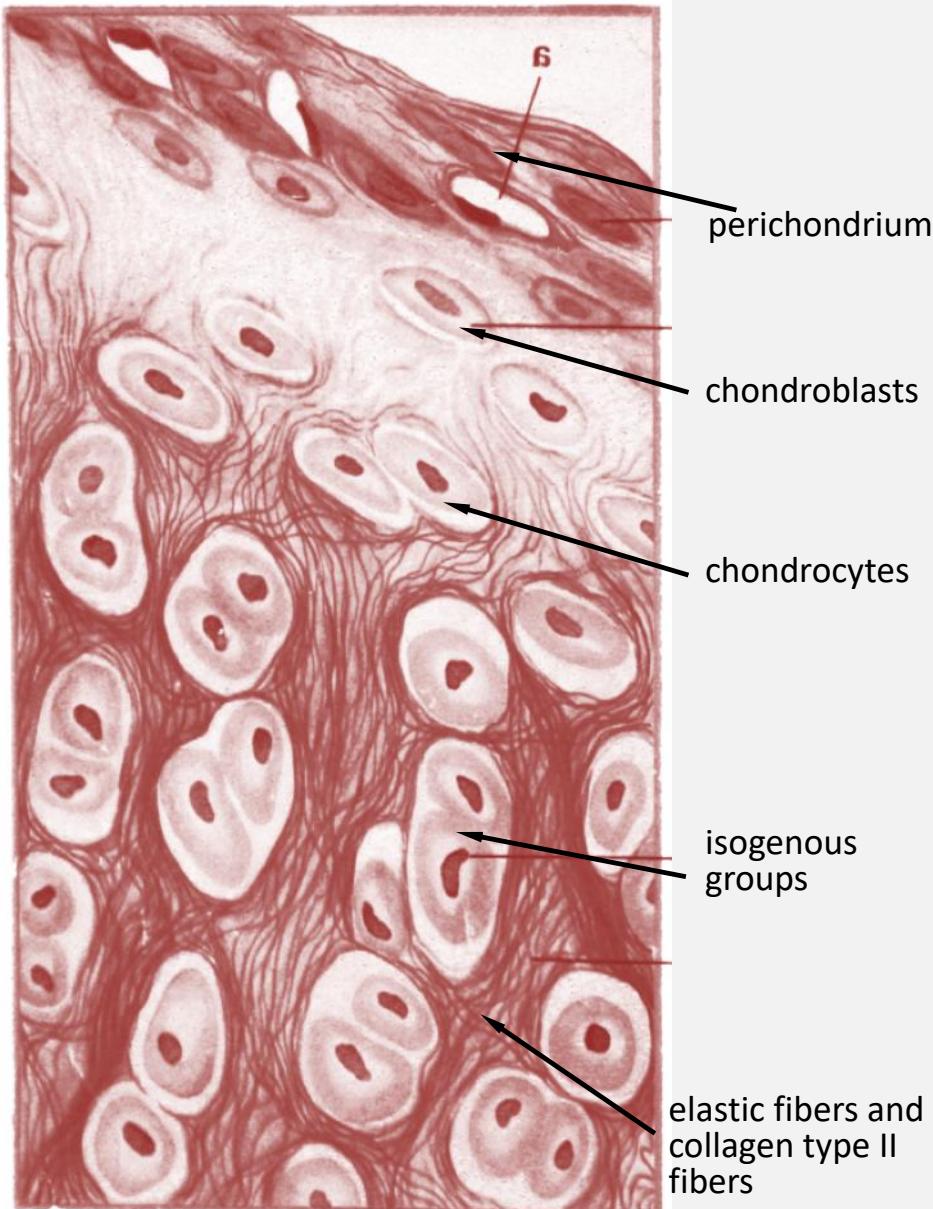
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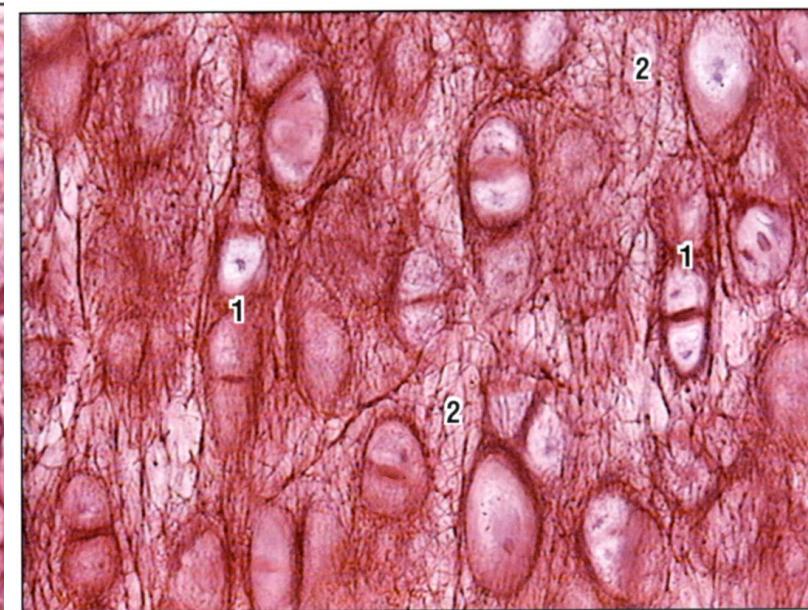
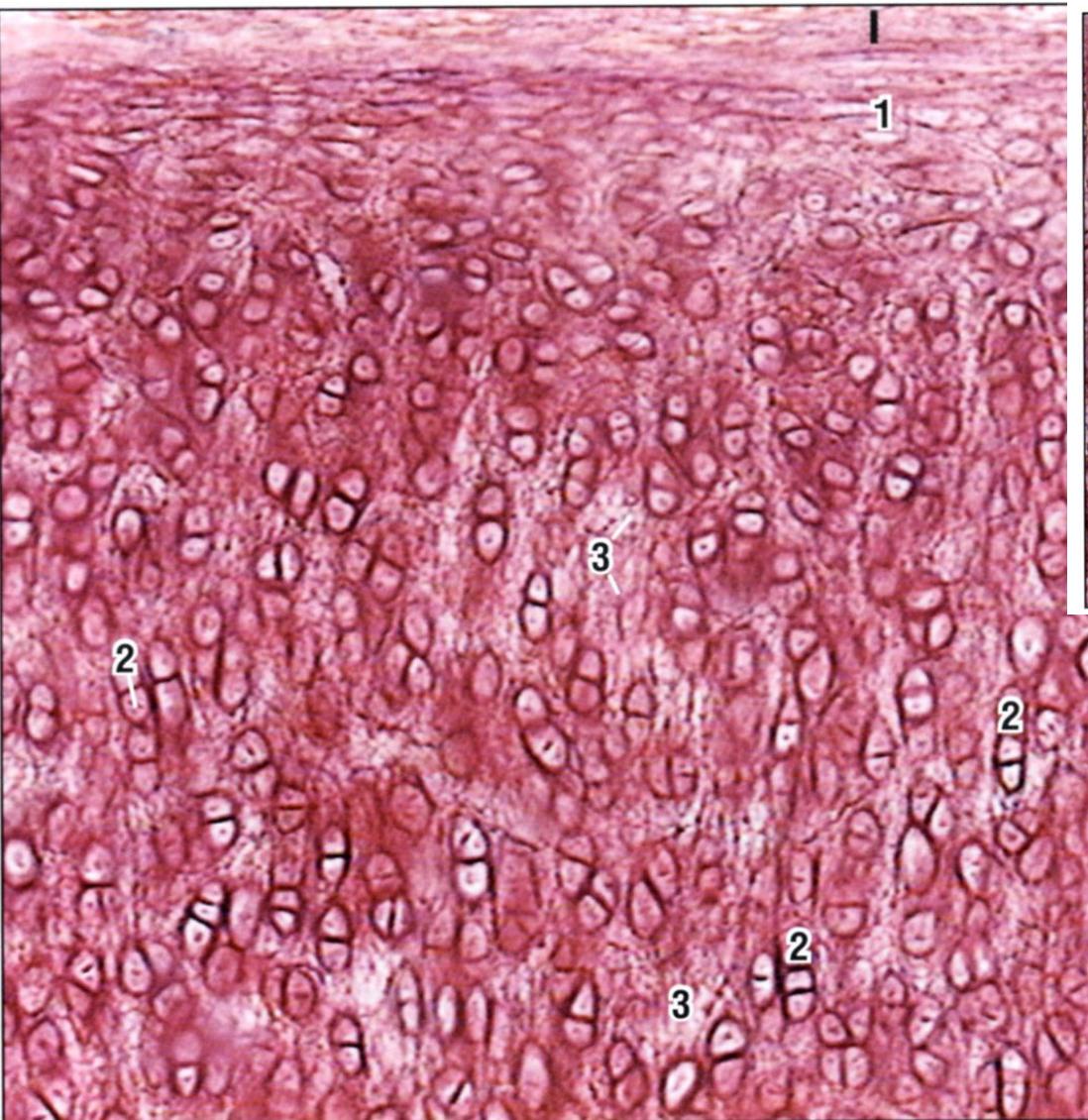
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## *STRUCTURE OF ELASTIC CARTILAGE*



## STRUCTURE OF ELASTIC CARTILAGE

### EAR AURICLE IN CROSS SECTION



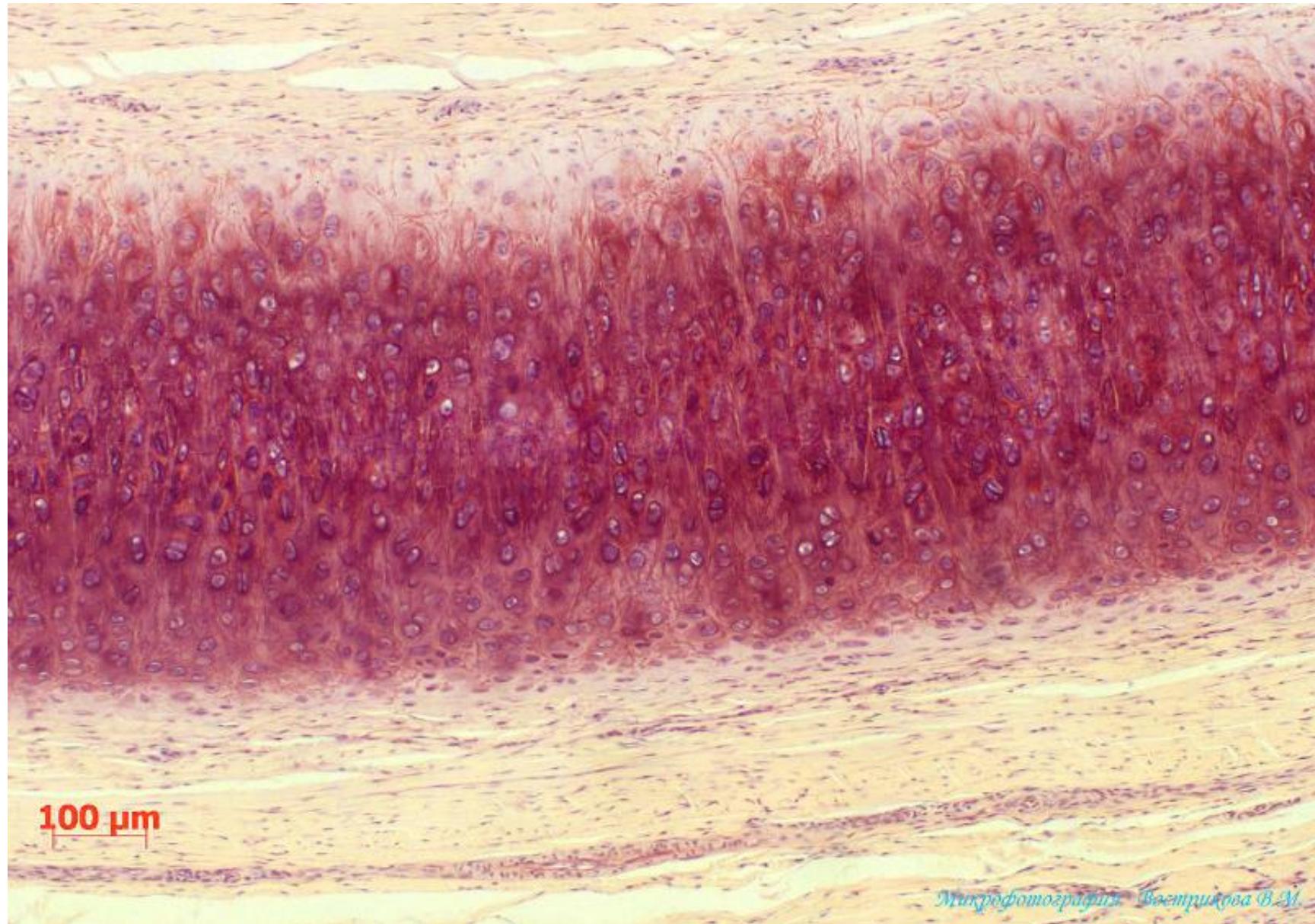
1- isogenous groups of chondrocytes (columns);  
2- elastic fibers in the extracellular matrix of cartilage

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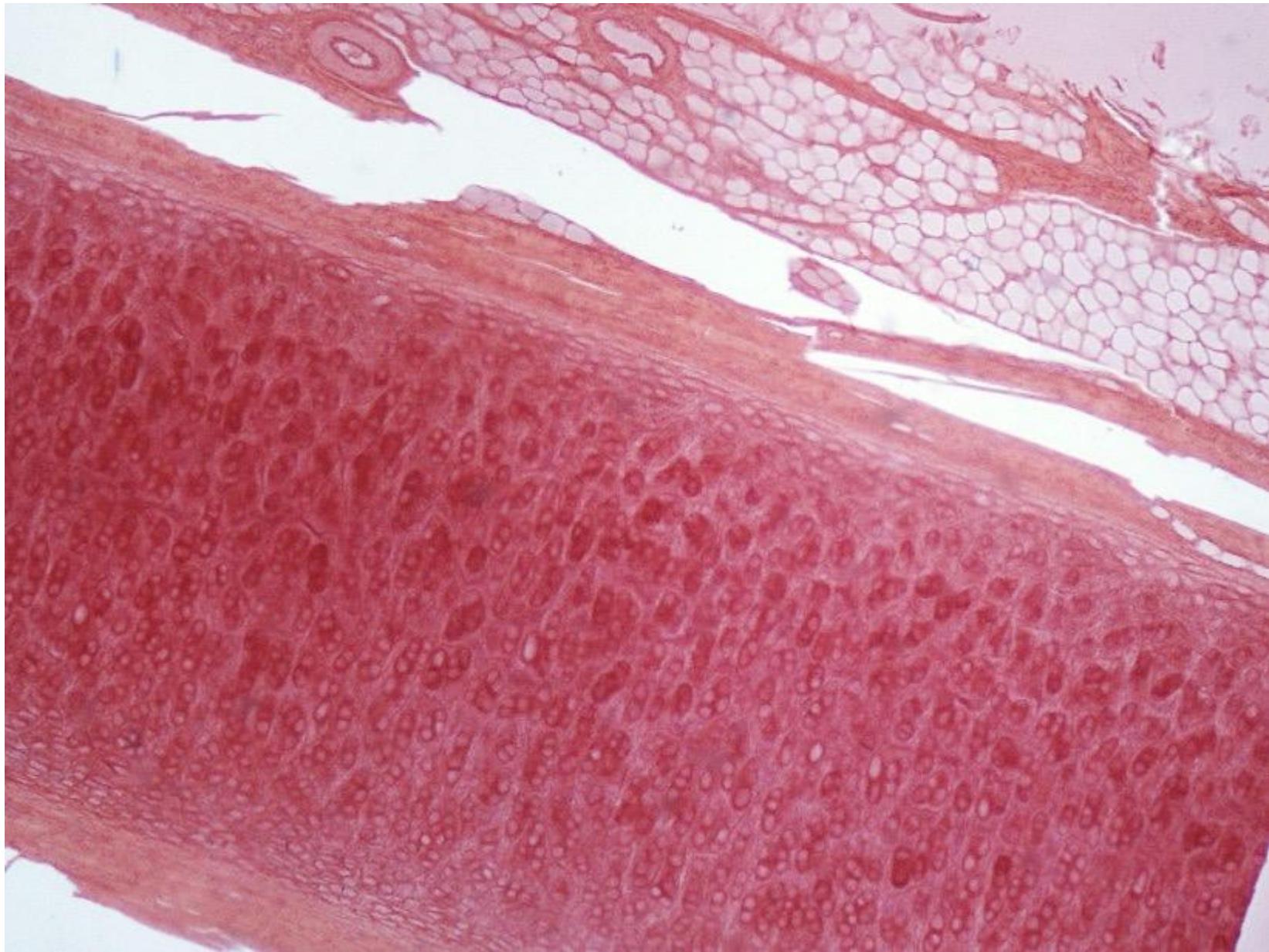
I- perichondrium:  
1- single chondrocytes;  
2- isogenous groups of chondrocytes (columns);  
3- extracellular matrix containing elastic fibers

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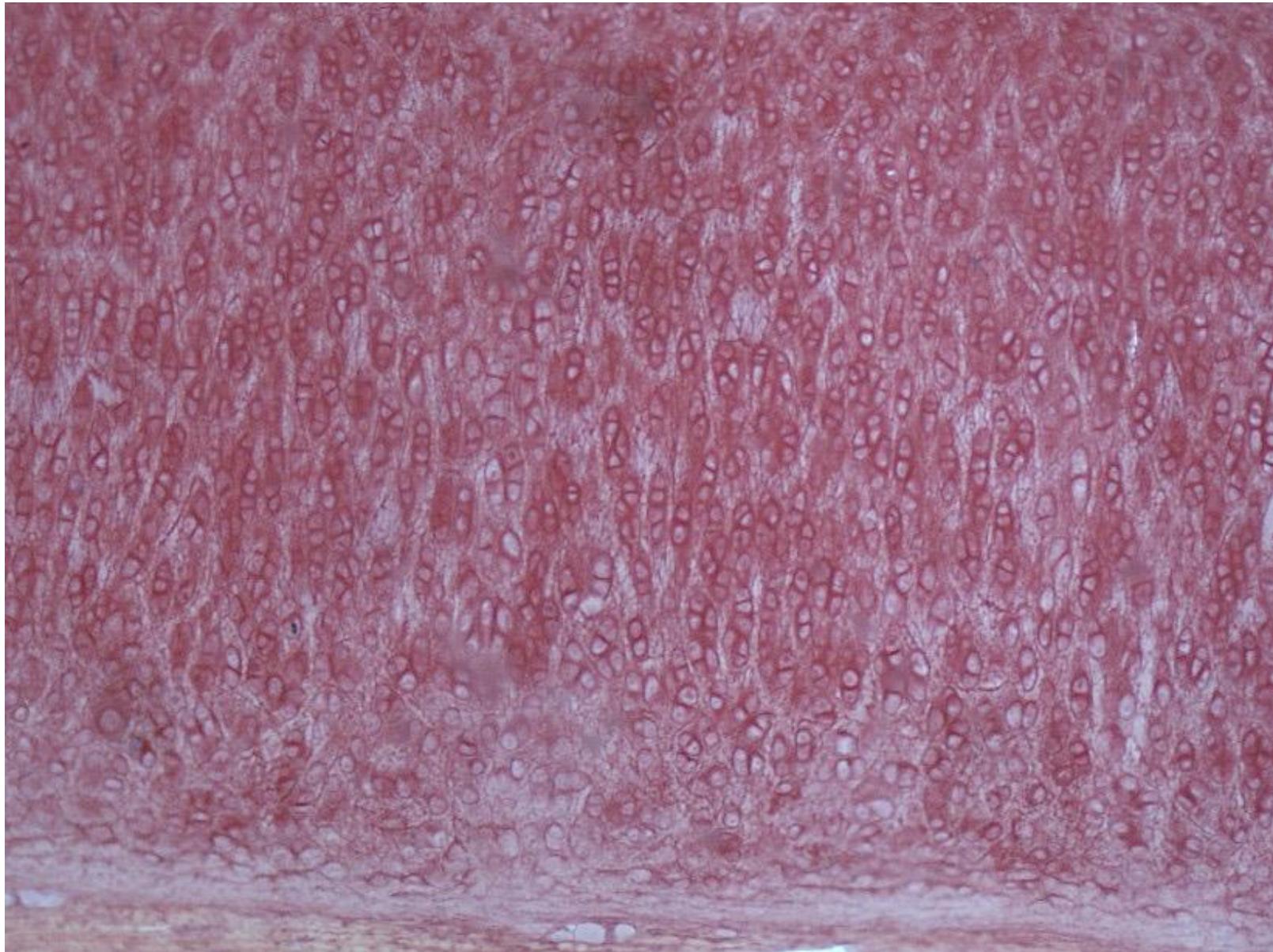
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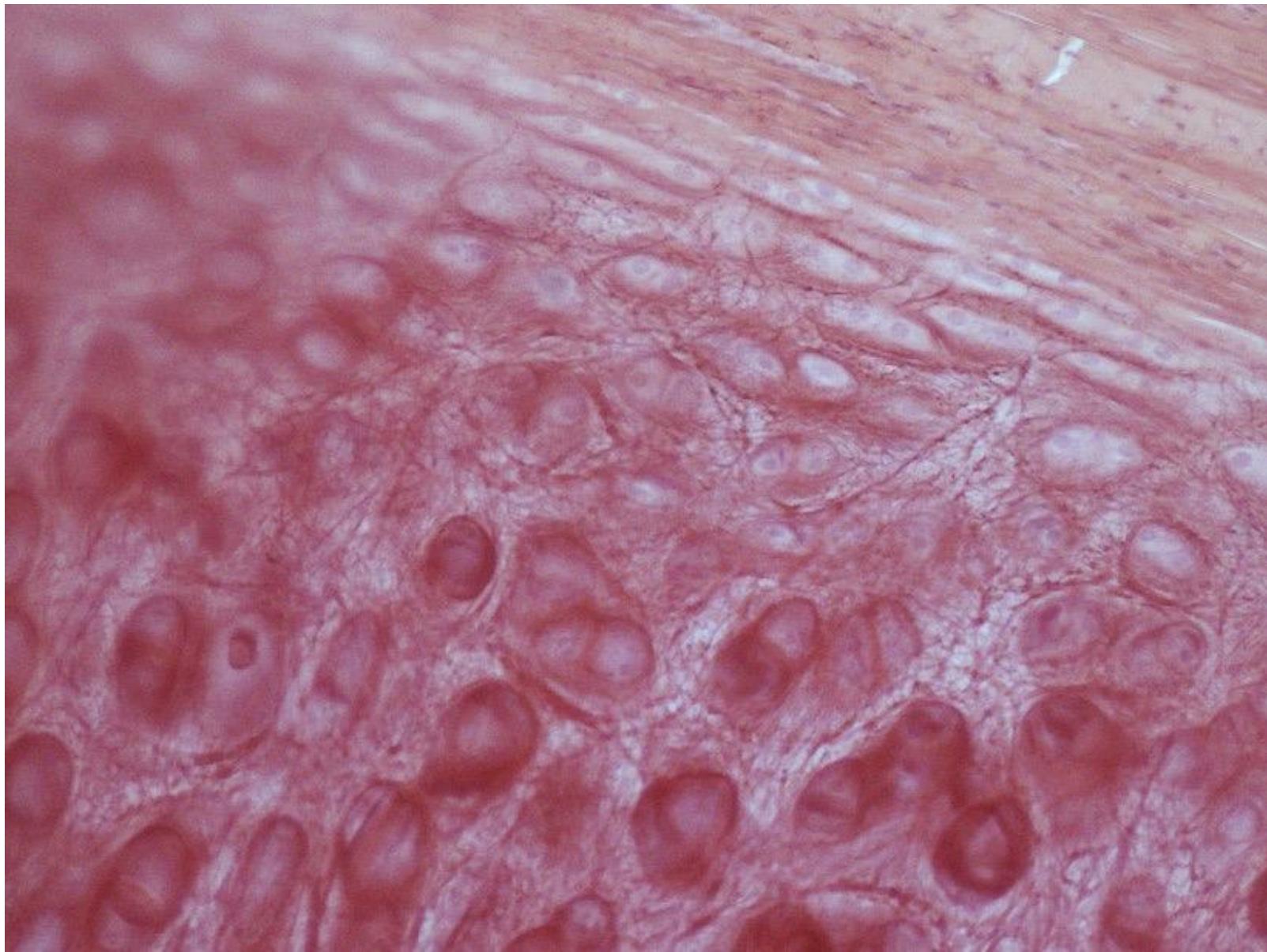
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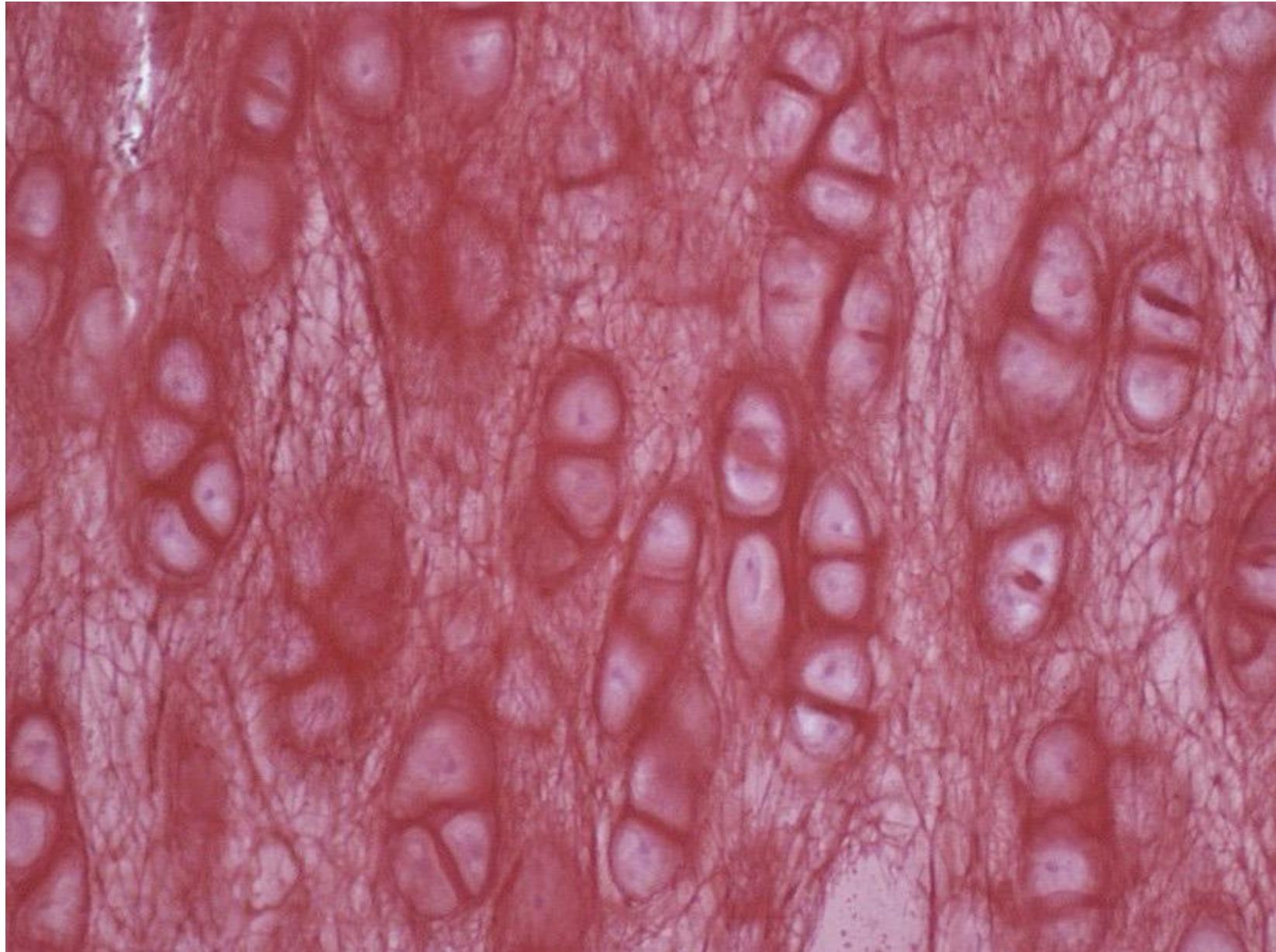


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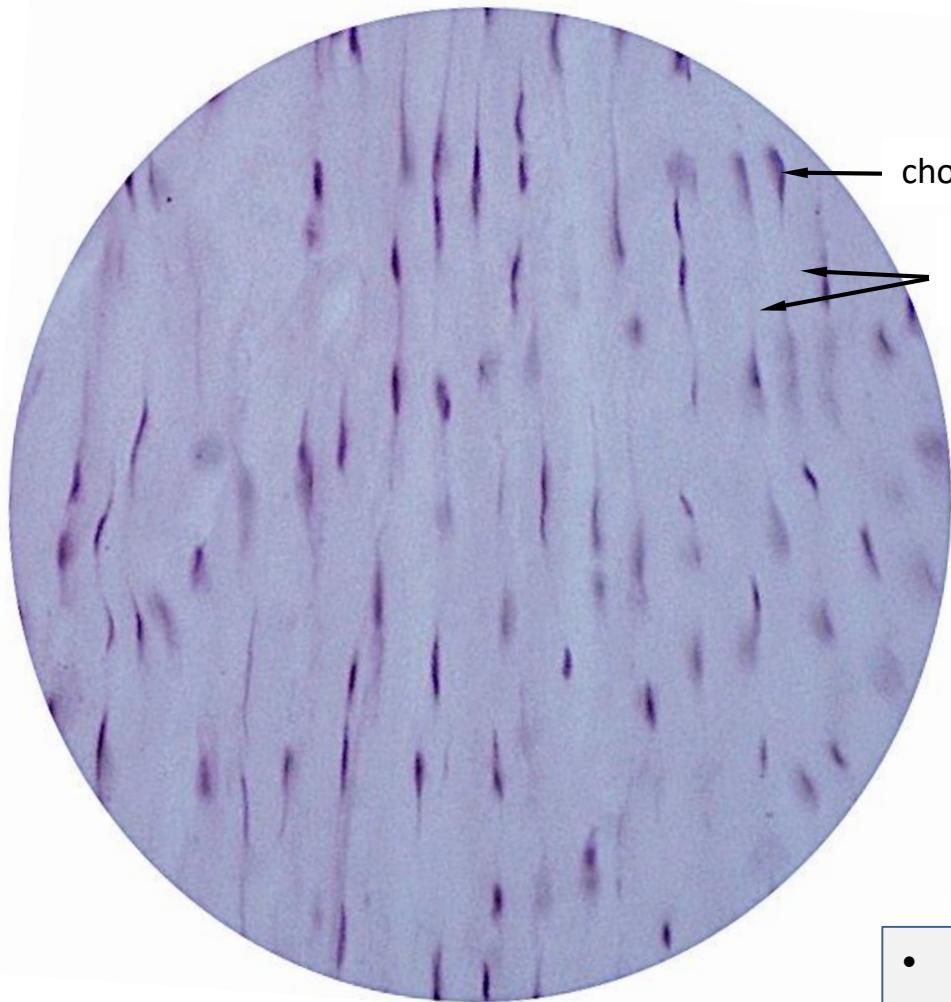


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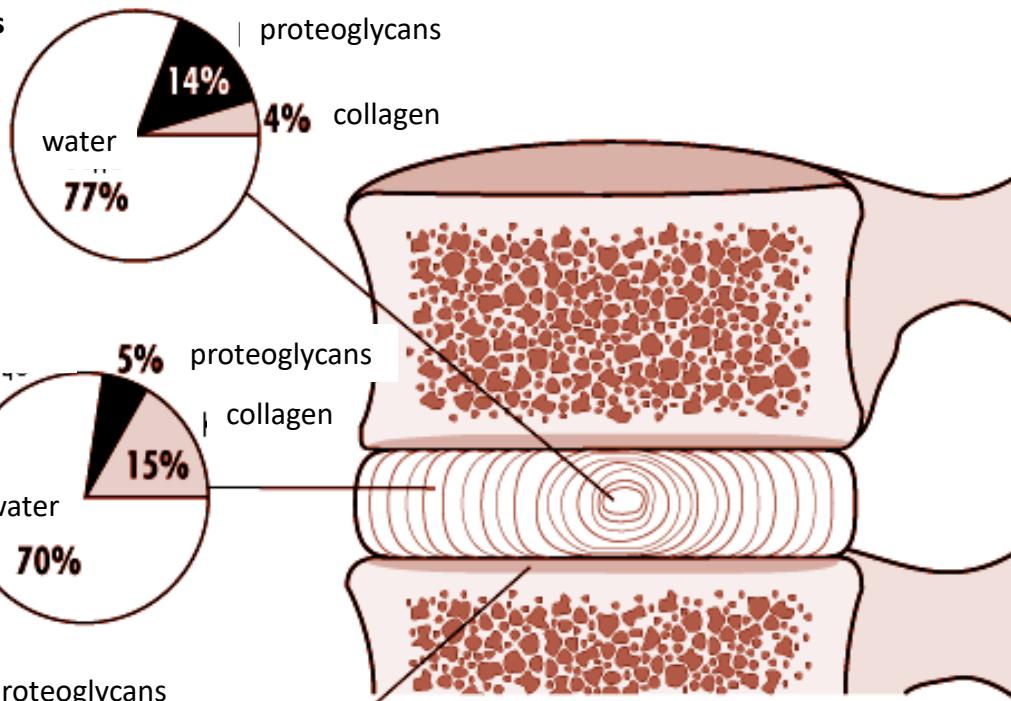


chondrocytes  
bundles of type I  
collagen fibers

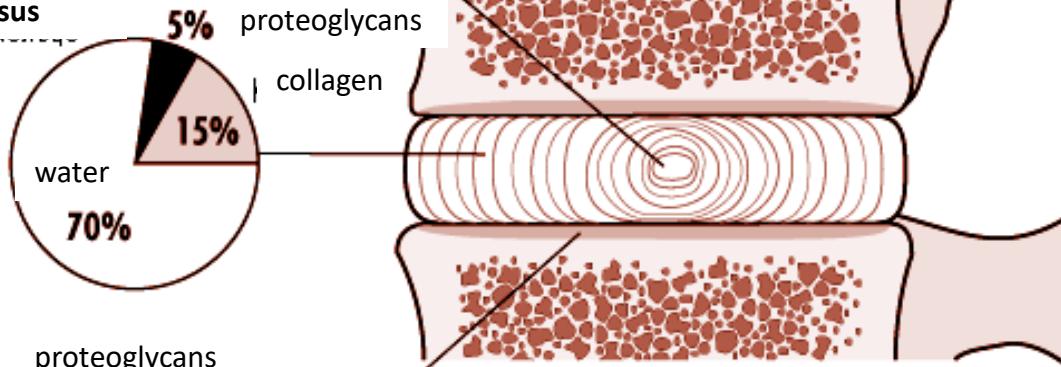
- NO isogenous groups  
or they consist of two chondrocytes
- NO perichondrium
- NO appositional growth

## FIBROCARTILAGE OF INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS

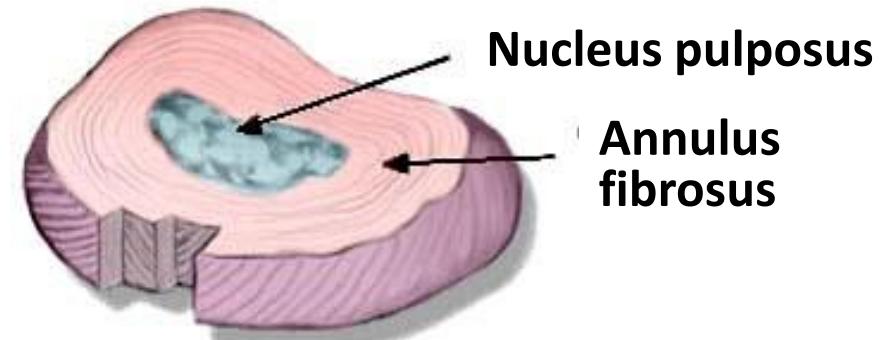
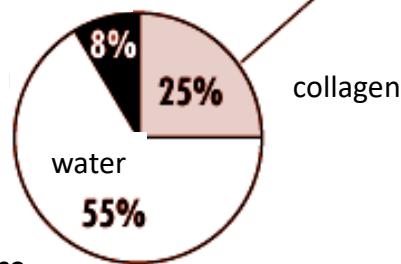
Nucleus  
Pulposus



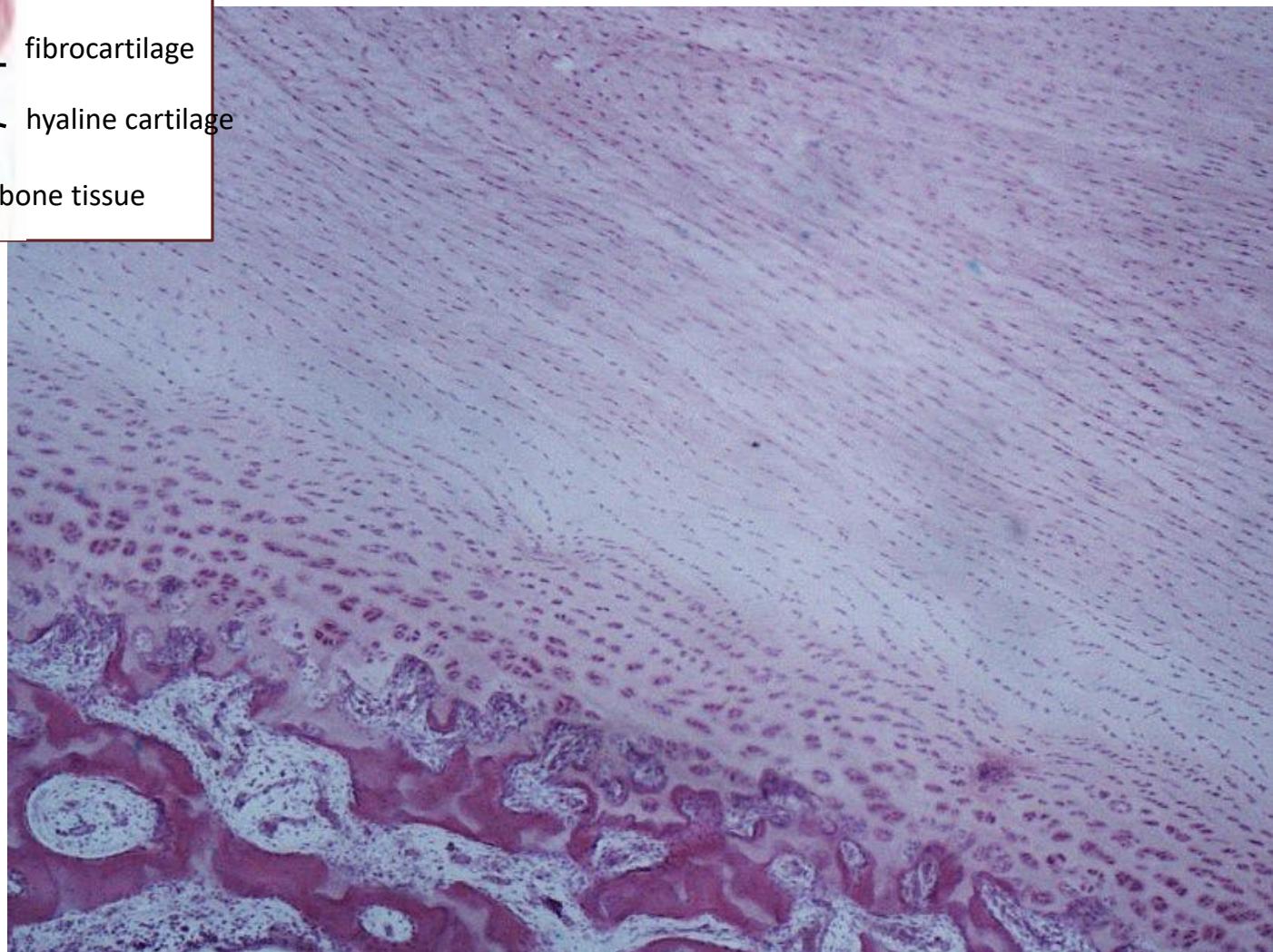
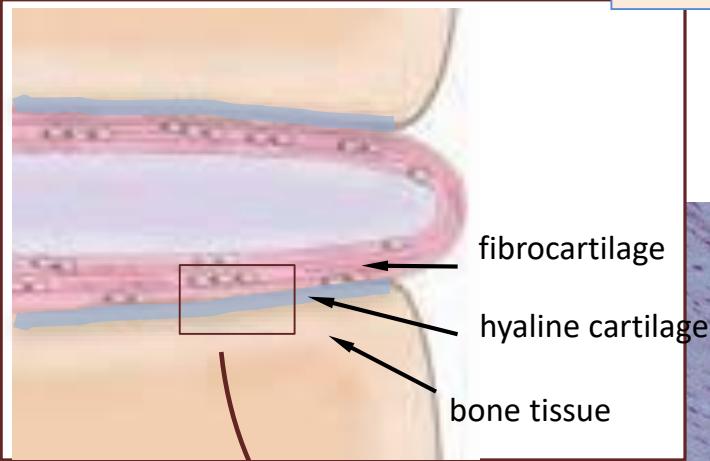
Annulus  
fibrosus



Articular surface  
(hyaline cartilage)

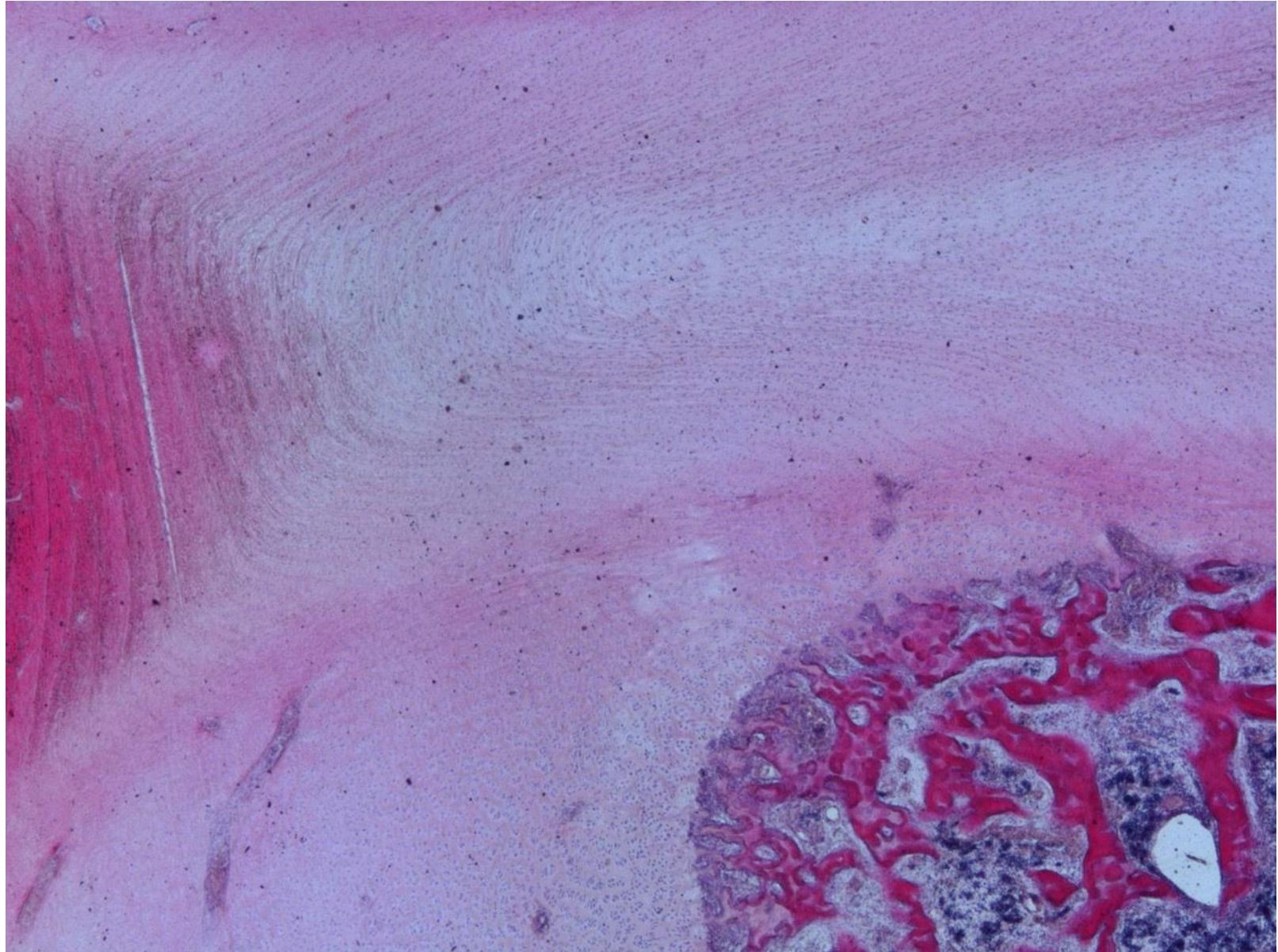


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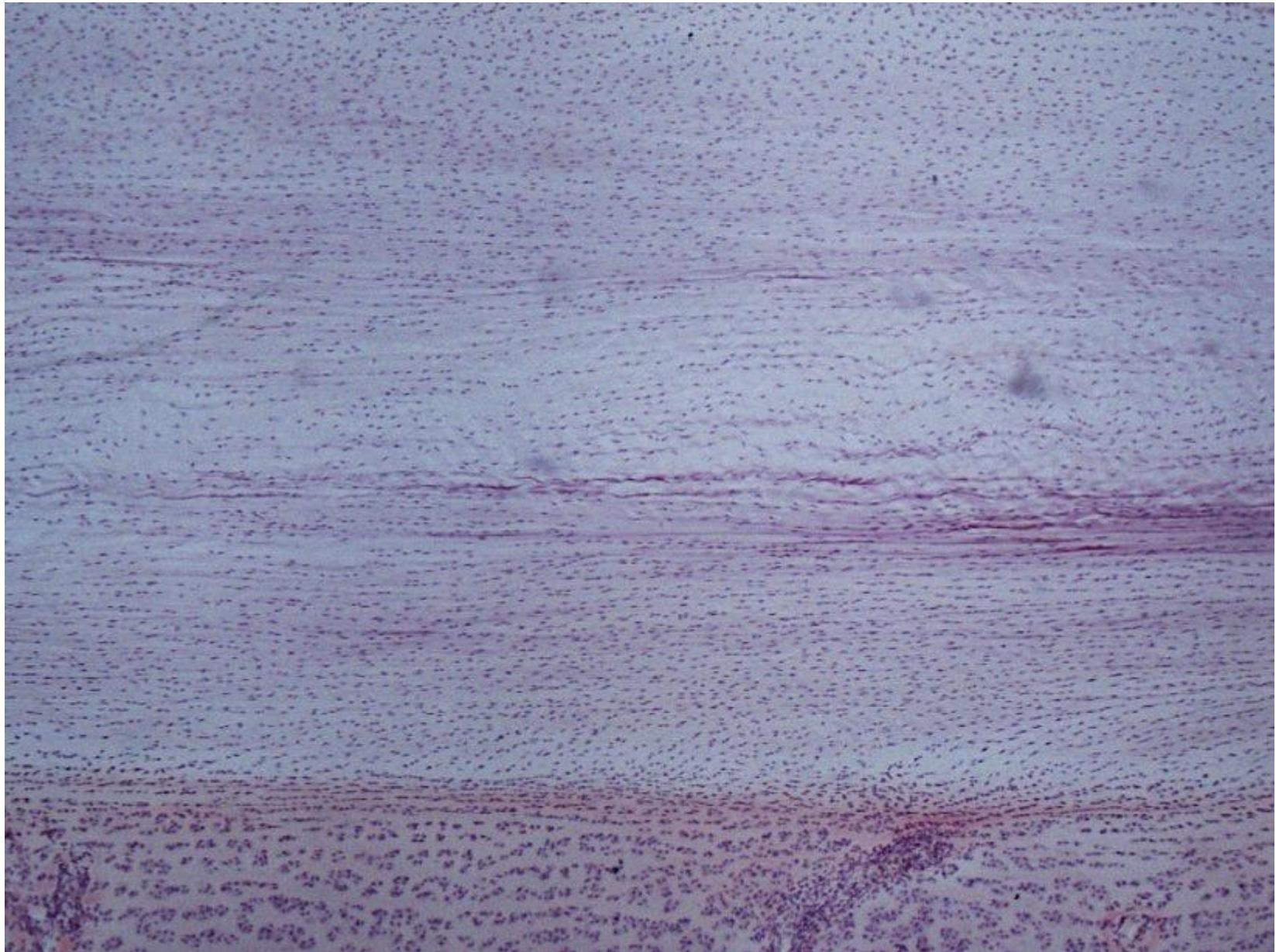
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