

Endocrine System

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general characteristics

thyroid gland

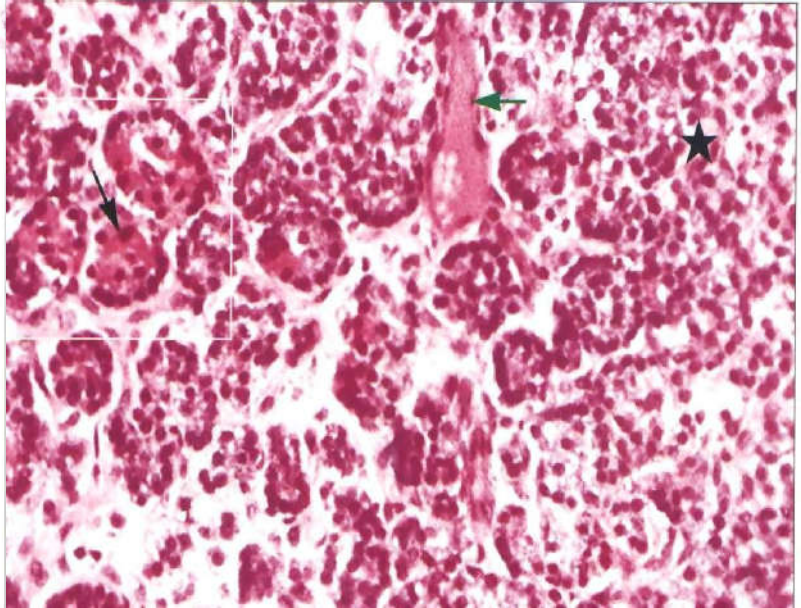
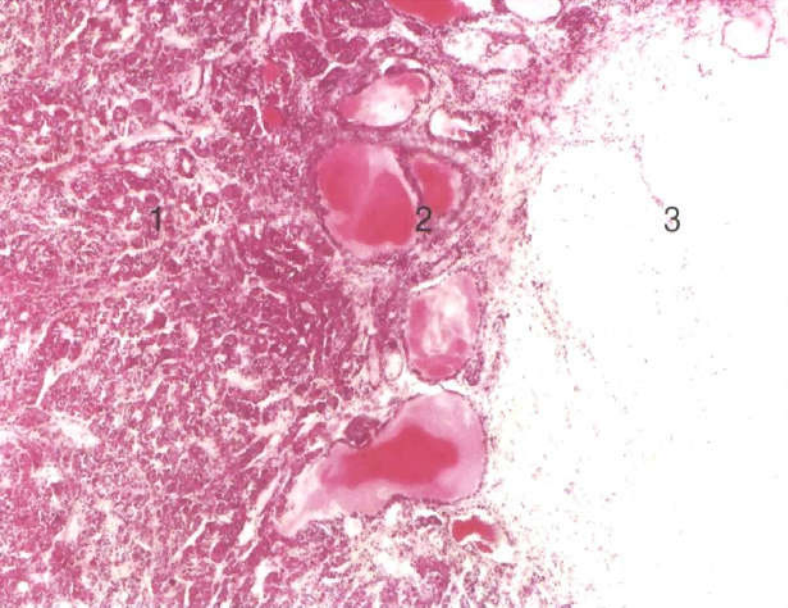
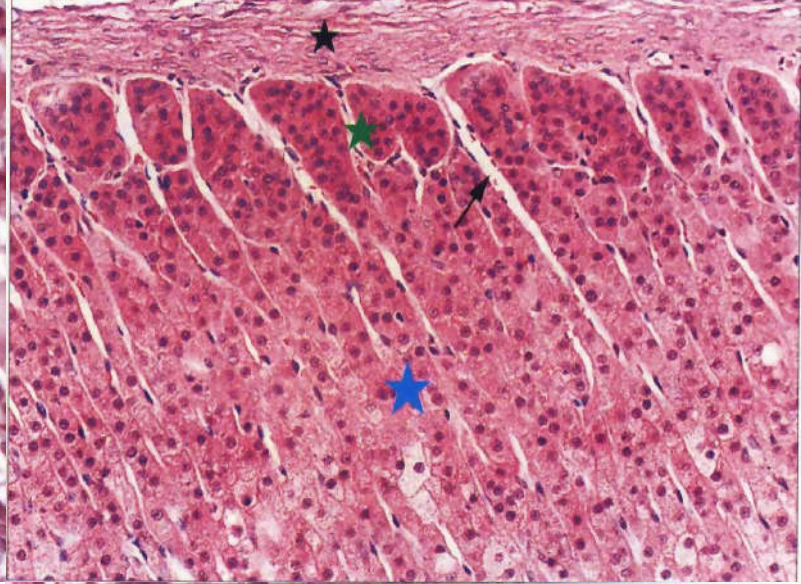
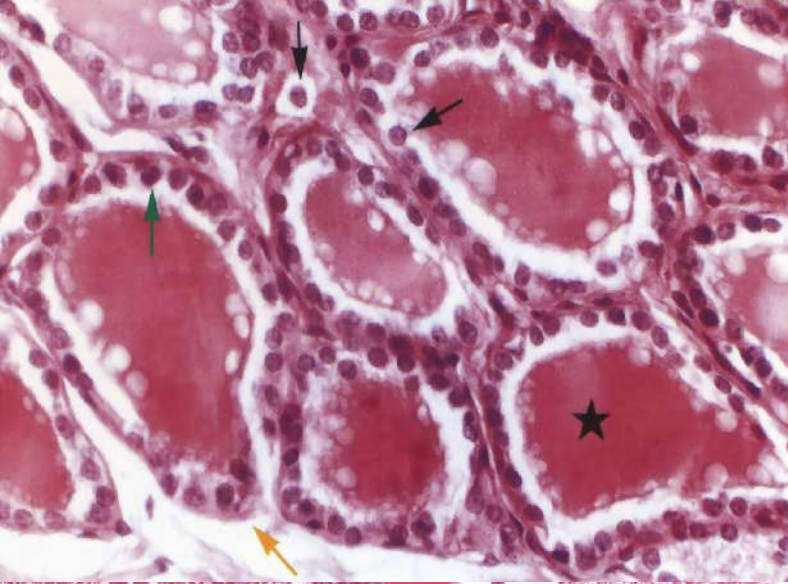
parathyroid gland

adrenal gland

hypophysis

I. General characteristics

- **glandular cells: cords, clusters, follicles, or reticula.**
- **have no duct, rich in cap.**



- **hormones:**

- * **hormones containing nitrogen**

- amino acid derivatives, amine, peptides & proteins (RER, Golgi complex, granules)**

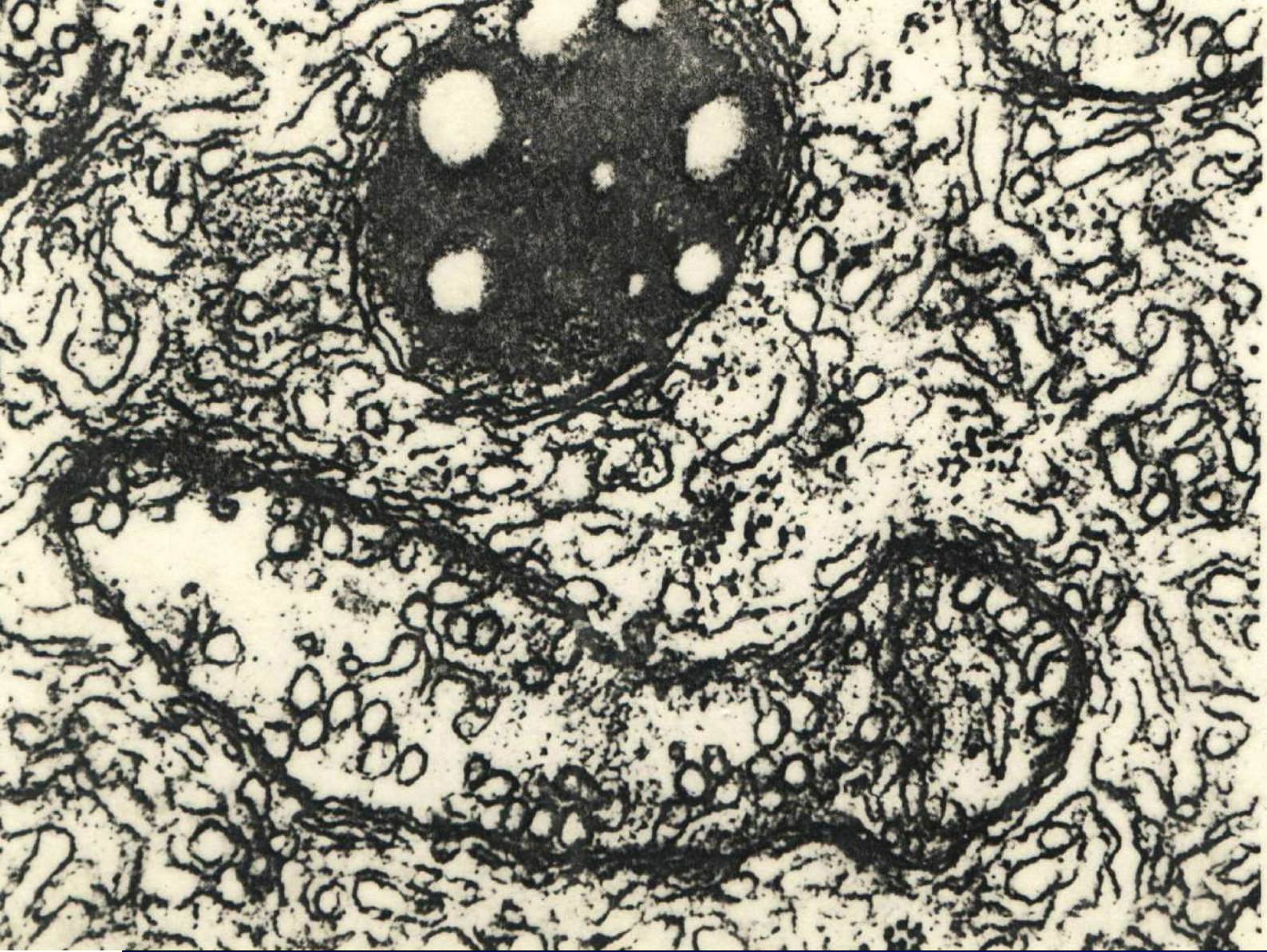
- * **steroid hormone**

- SER, mitochondria with tubular cristae, lipid droplets**

- **targets (remote or paracrine 旁分泌)**

receptors:

- * **nitrogenous hormones ___ in the cell membrane**
- * **steroid-secreting hormone — in the cytoplasm**



II. Thyroid

capsule (LCT)

septa

rich in cap

parenchyma: follicles

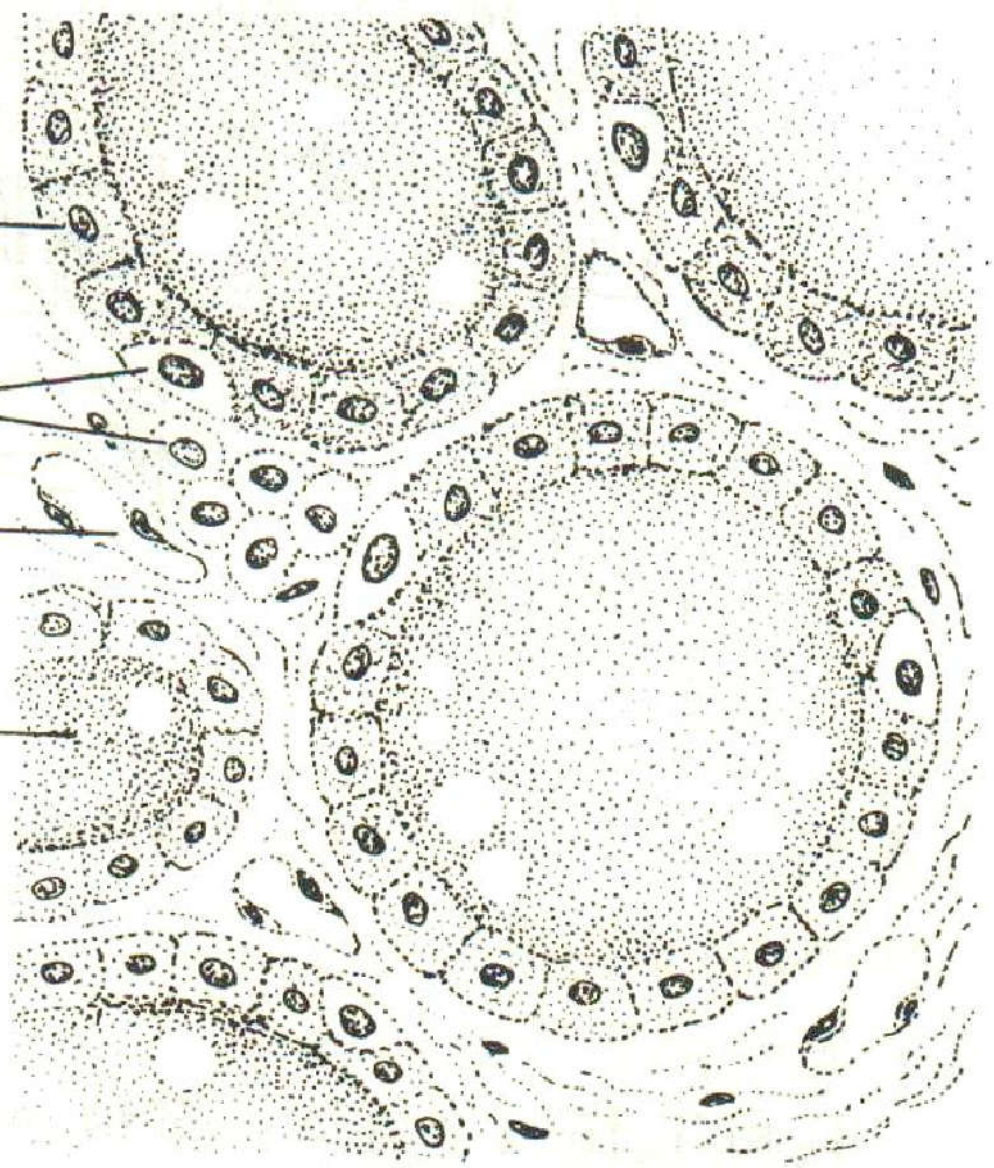
parafollicular cells

滤泡上皮
细胞

滤泡旁细胞

毛细血管

胶质

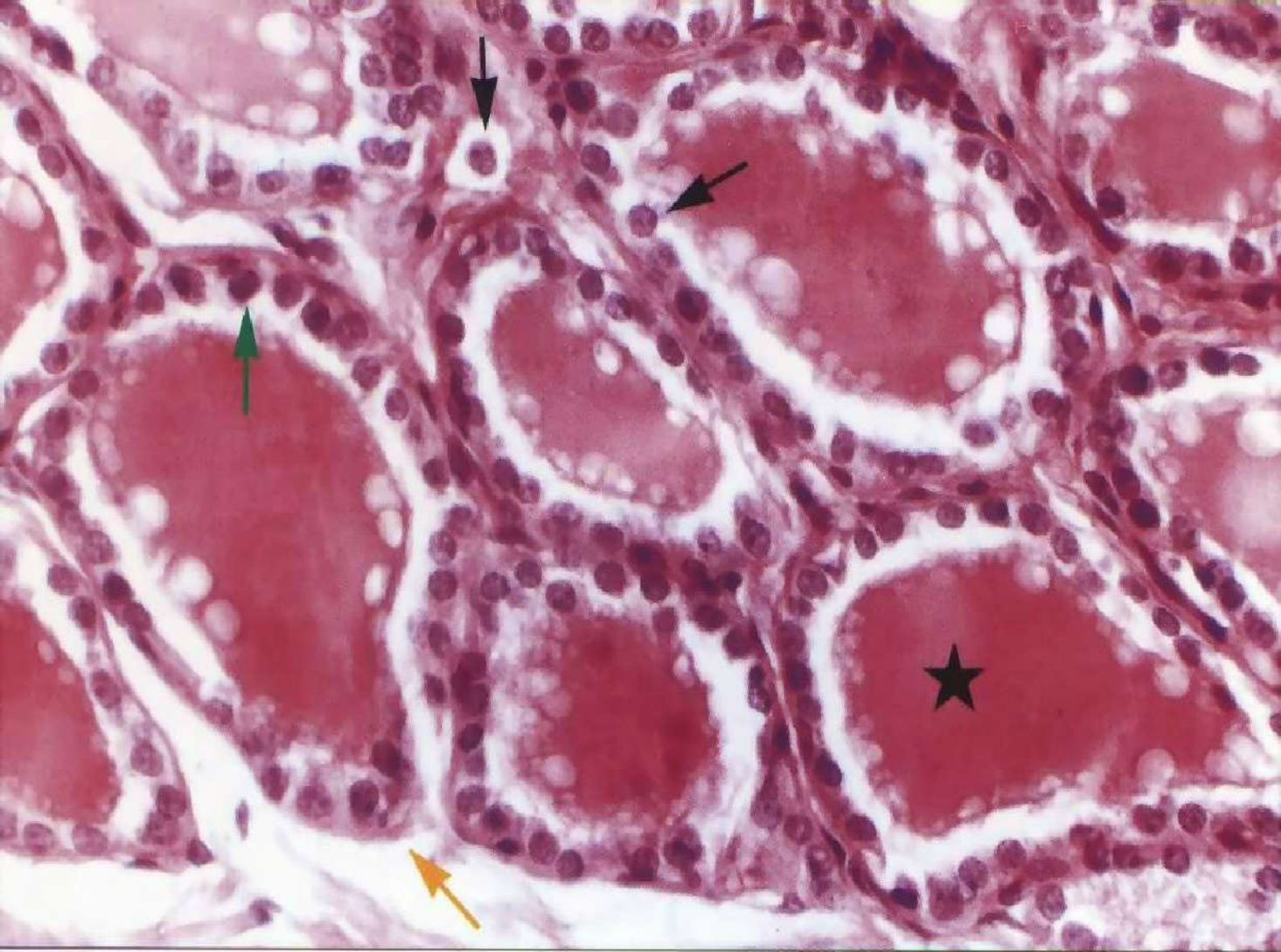


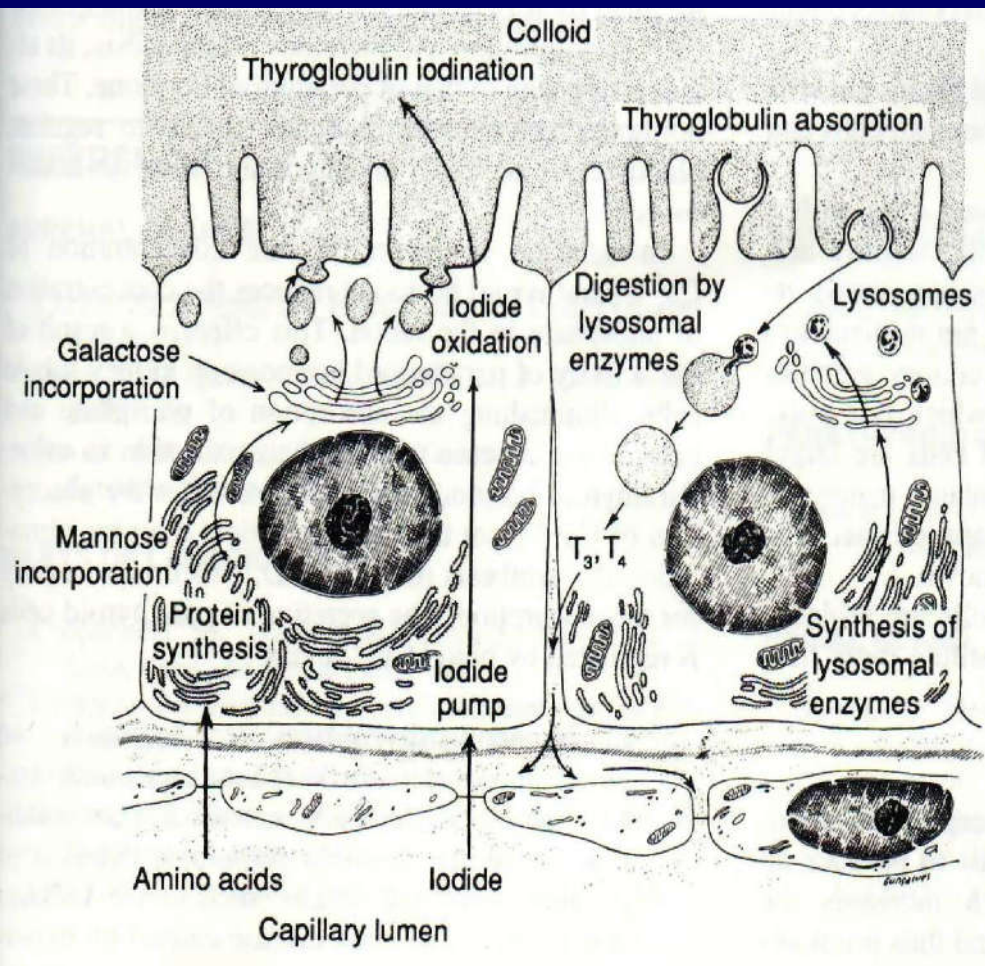
■ Follicles

*simple cuboidal epi

(range from squamous to low columnar)

*colloid 胶质 glycoprotein (acidophilia)





EM:

microvilli

RER

mitochondria

lysosomes

secretory granules

pinocytic vesicles

fenestrated cap

synthesizing process

- **synthesis of thyroglobulin:**

amino acids — RER — Golgi complex —
vesicles — lumen

- **iodization:**

I^- peroxidase I_2O → lumen of follicle
→ thyroglobulin iodination (store)

- **reabsorption & decomposition:**

follicular cells take up colloid by pinocytosis

(stimulated by thyrotropin 促甲状腺激素)

— lysosomes (proteases) —————>

T₄ (tetraiodothyronine, thyroxine

甲状腺素)

T₃ (triiodothyronine)

- **releasing:**

**T₄ & T₃ are released into blood —
stimulate the rate of metabolism &
development**

Abnormal:

*hypothyroidism

cretin (child, 呆小症, poor development of CNS)

myxedema (adult, 粘液性水肿)

*hyperthyroidism

decreased body weight, nervousness,

eye protrusion, easy to be tired

& accelerated heart rate

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18 years old

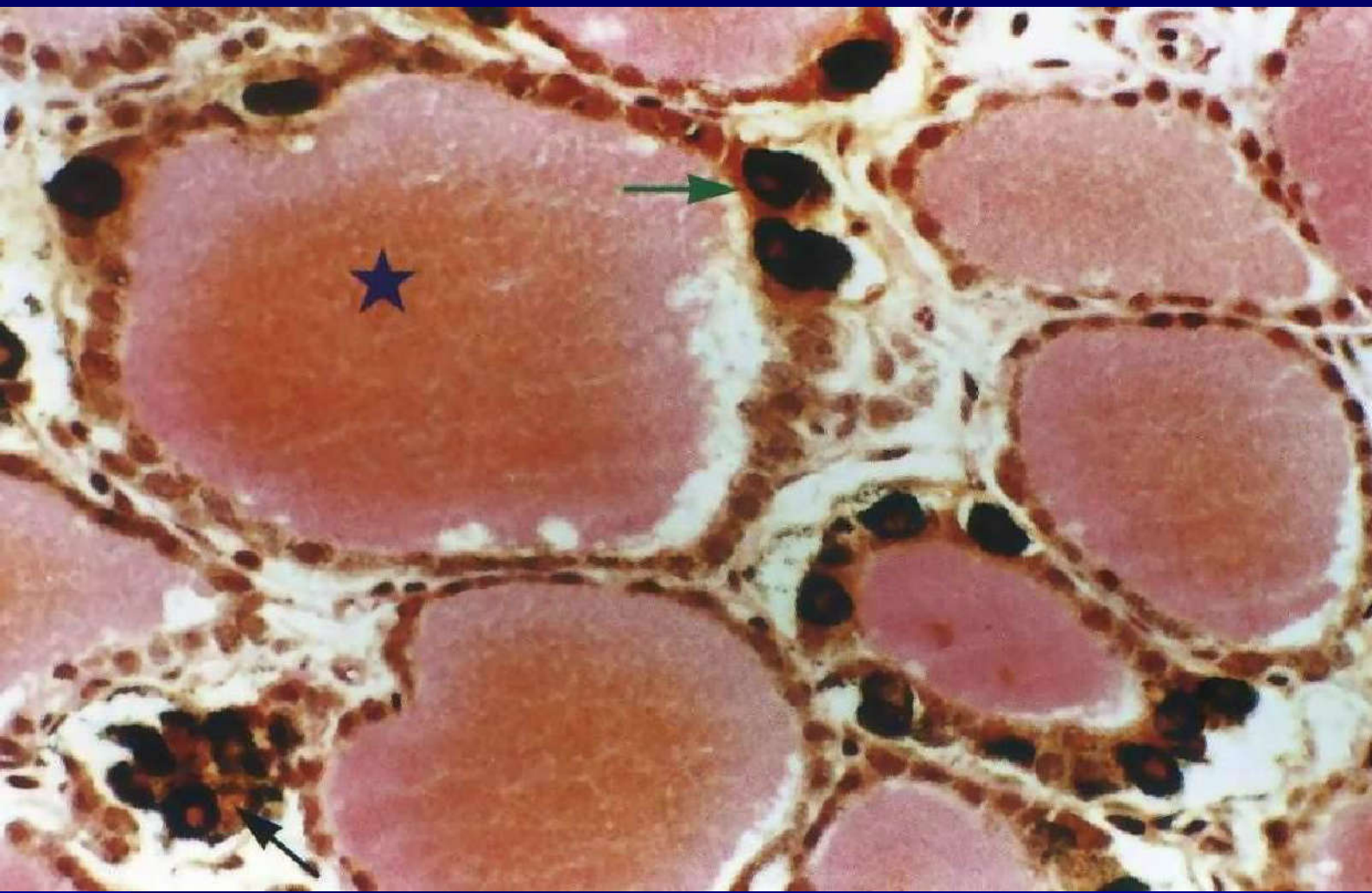




hyperthyroidism eye protrusion

■ Parafollicular cell

- **location:** *between follicles in clusters
*in follicular epithelium
- **structure:** larger, pale stain, silver stain
(*argyrophilic granules*)
- **secretion:** calcitonin 降钙素
 - *stimulate osteoblasts - new bone
 - *inhibit absorption of Ca^{+2} — blood Ca^{+2} ↓



III. Parathyroid gland

glandular cells:

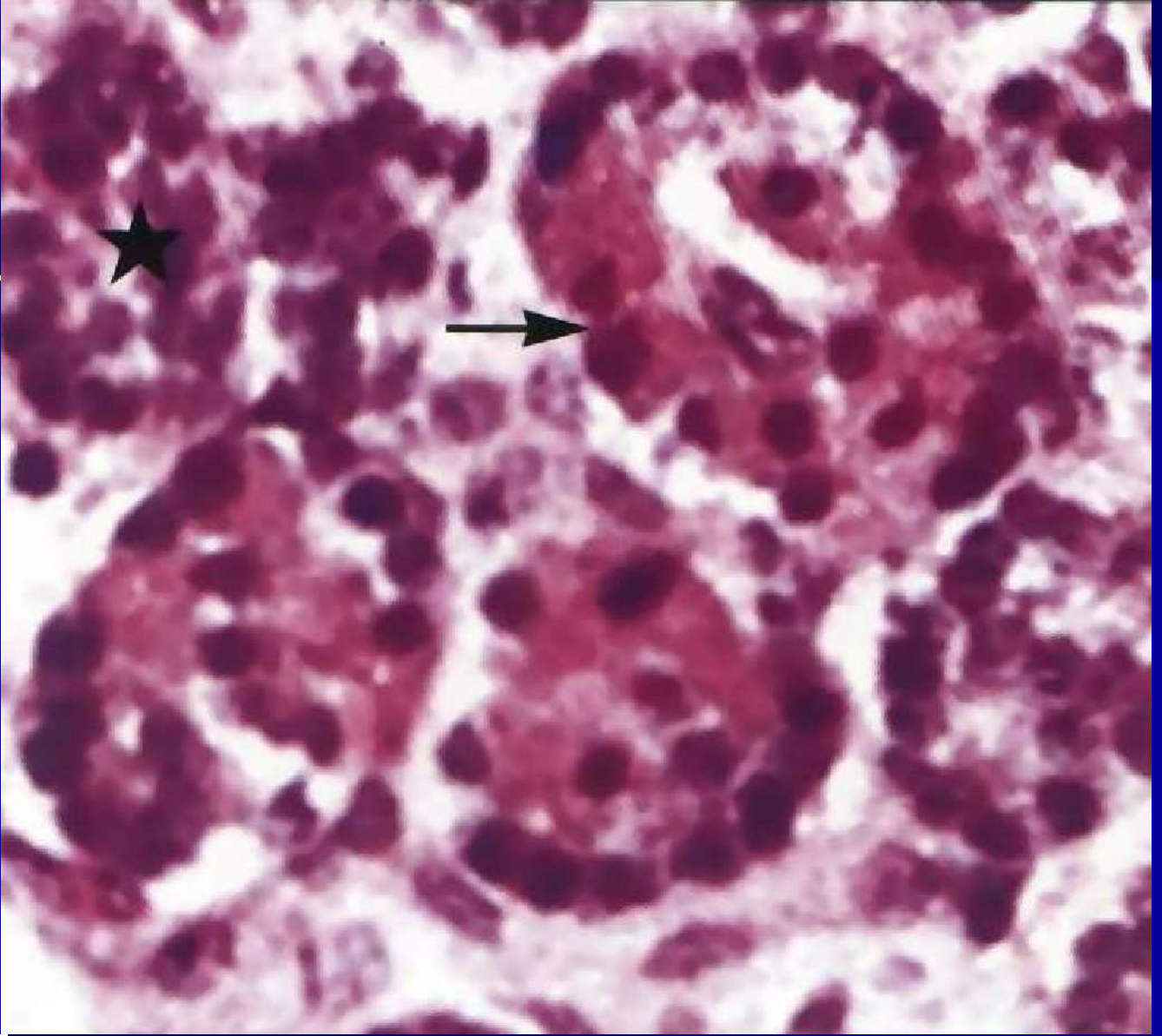
- **chief cells (principal cells)**
 - * **small polygonal, round nucleus,**
pale-staining cytoplasm,
 - * **secretion — parathyroid hormone**

**stimulate osteocytes
& osteoclasts**

stimulate absorption of Ca^{2+}

blood Ca^{2+} ↑

- **oxyphil cells**
mitochondria
function is not clear

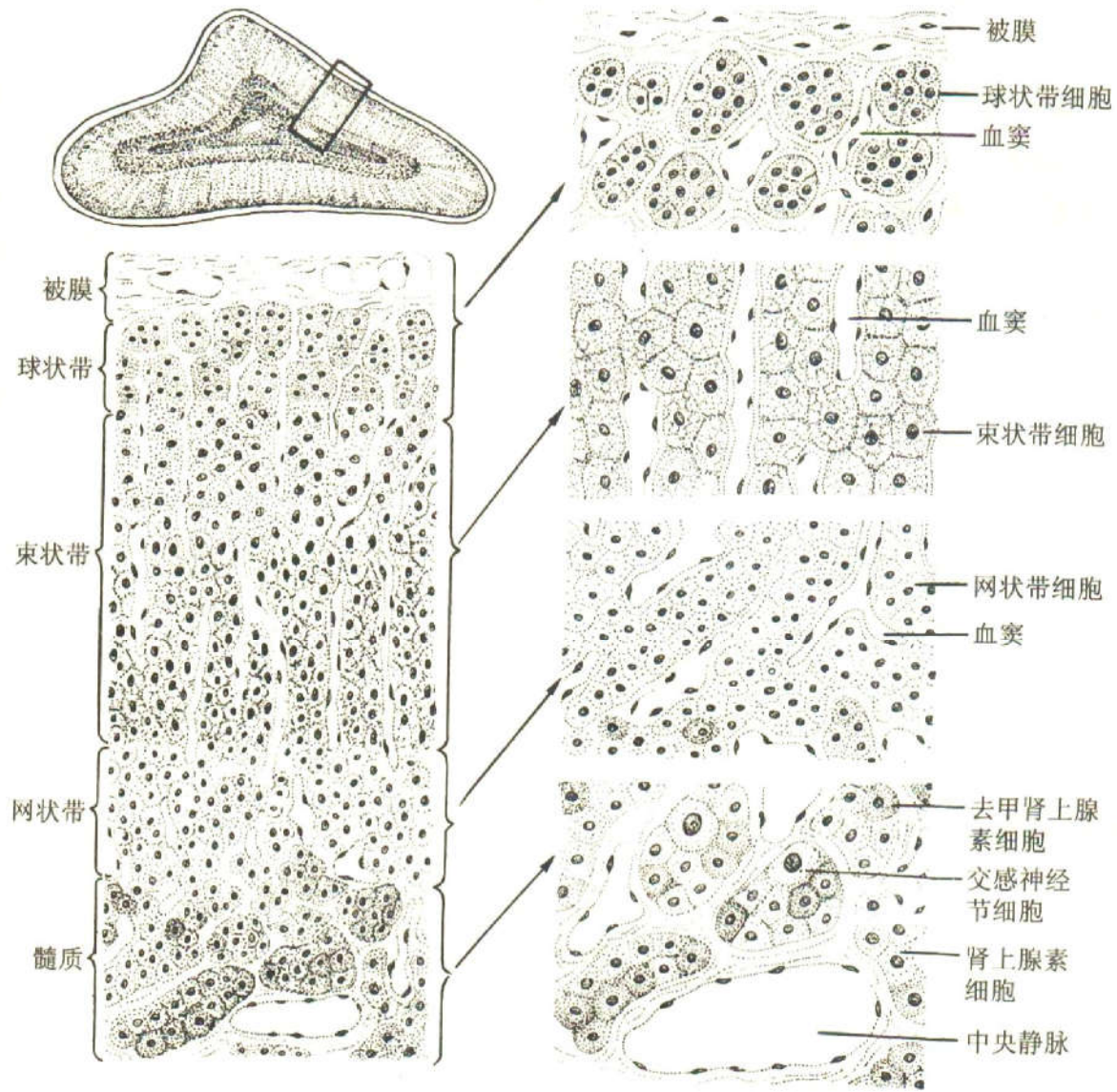


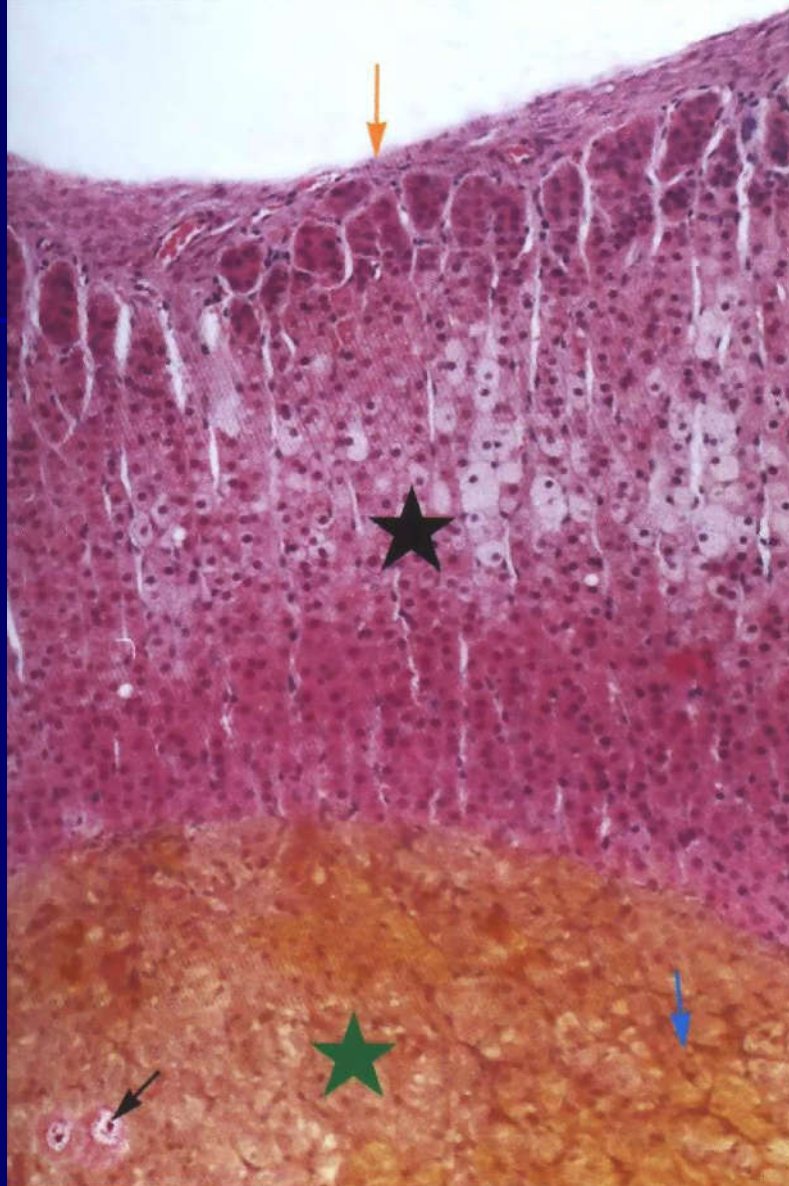
IV. Adrenal gland

capsule


cortex

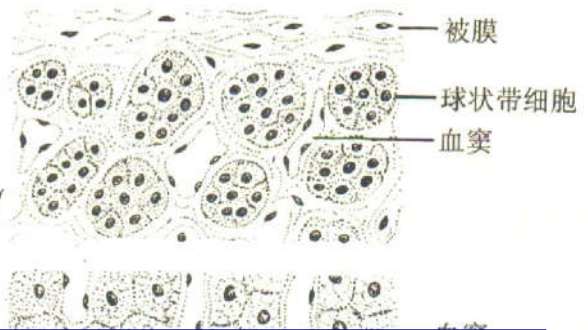
medulla





- **Cortex** **80~90%**

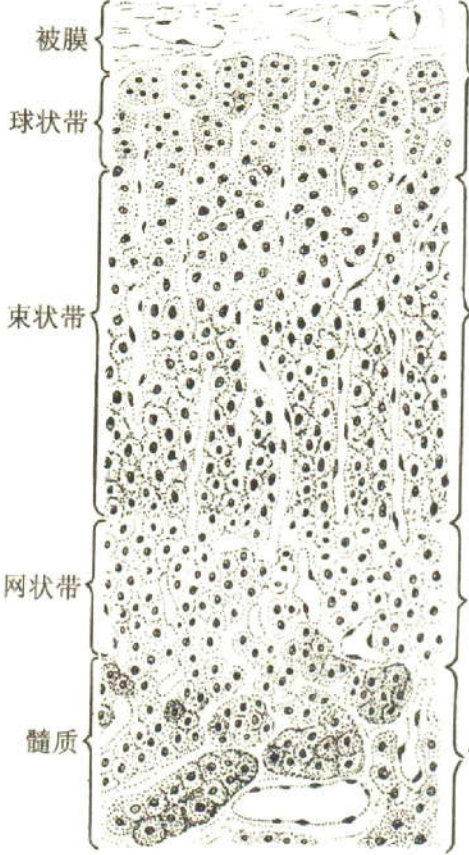
Three layers  **zona glomerulosa**
zona fasciculata
zona reticularis



被膜

球状带细胞

血窦



被膜

球状带

束状带

网状带

髓质

zona glomerulosa

zona fasciculata

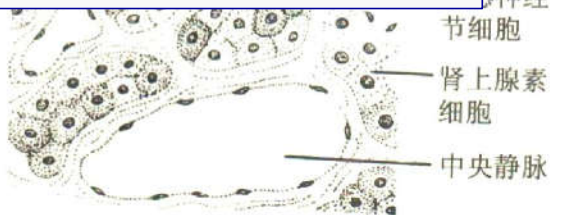
zona reticularis



束状带细胞



带细胞



肾上腺

细胞

神经

节细胞

肾上腺素

细胞

中央静脉

- **zona glomerulosa**

- * **beneath the capsule**

- * **small cells in rounded or clusters**

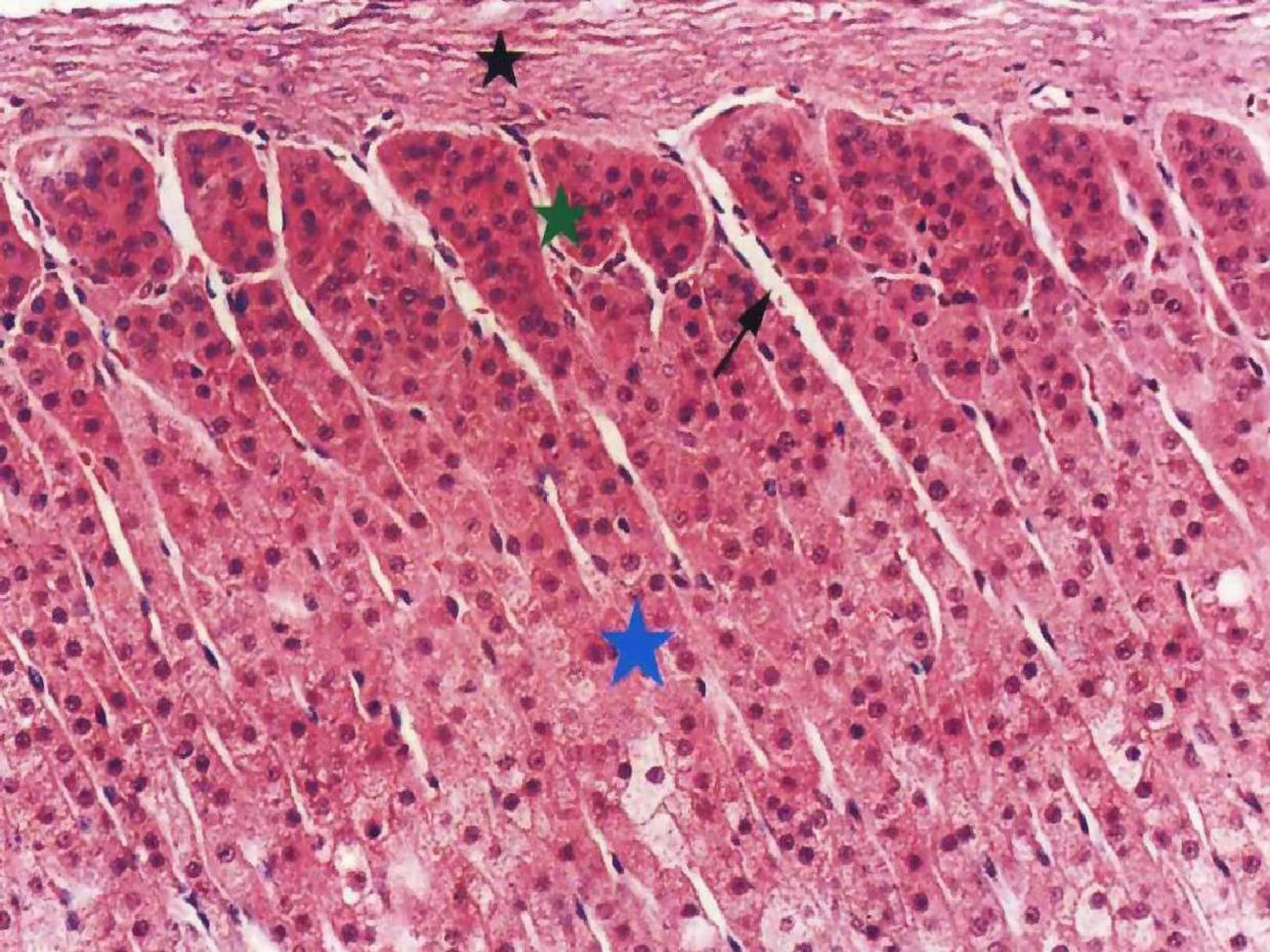
- * **sinusoidal capillaries**

- * **mineralocorticoid 盐皮质激素**

- (aldosterone 醛固酮)

- maintain electrolyte (Na^+ , K^+) and water**

- balance (absorption of Na^+ & excrete K^+)**



- **zona fasciculata**

- * **thick most layer**
 - * **straight cords**

- * **sinusoidal capillaries**

- * **polygonal cells with lipid droplets (vacuolated)**

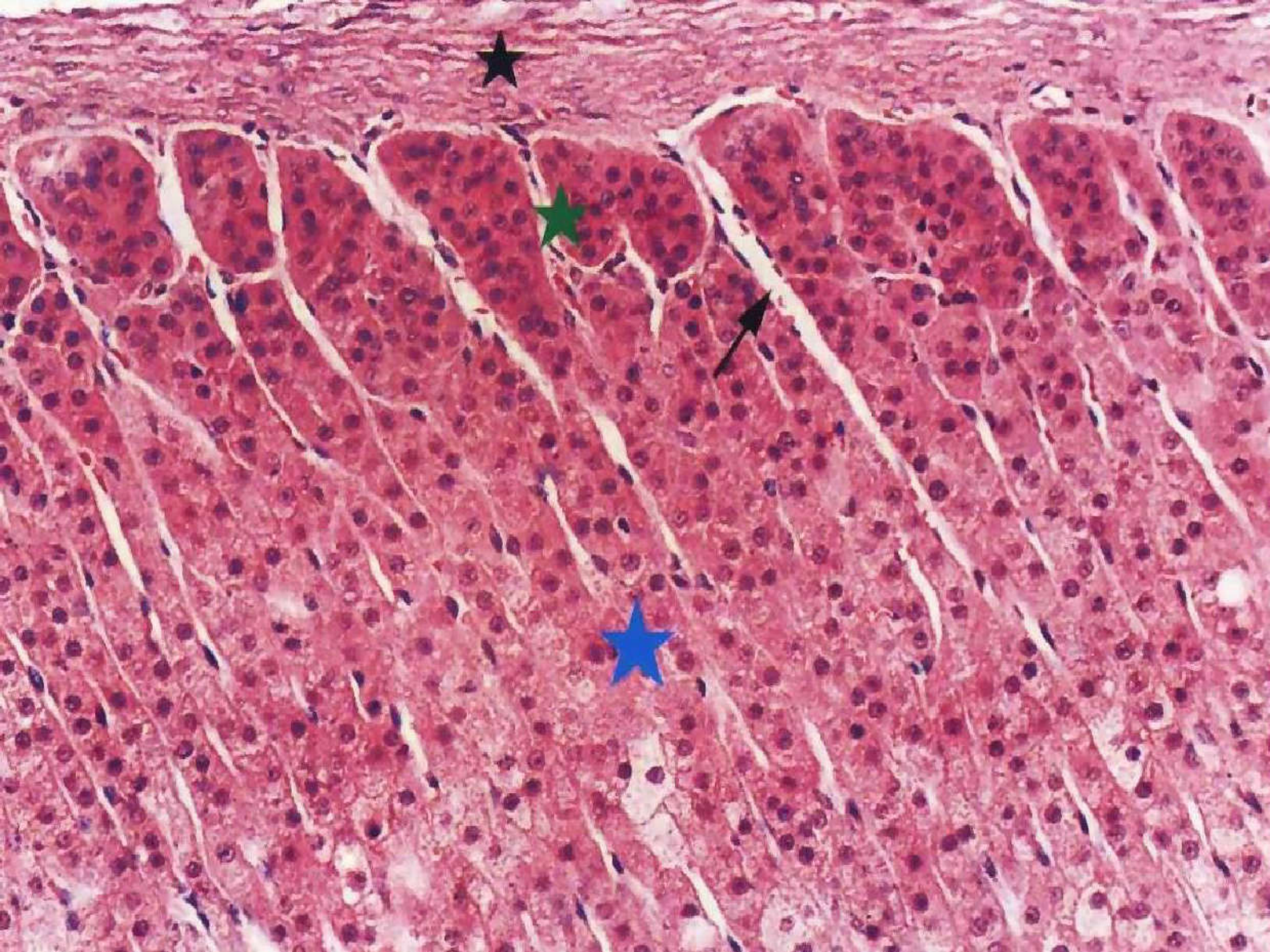
- * **glucocorticoid (ACTH) 糖皮质激素 (cortisol)**

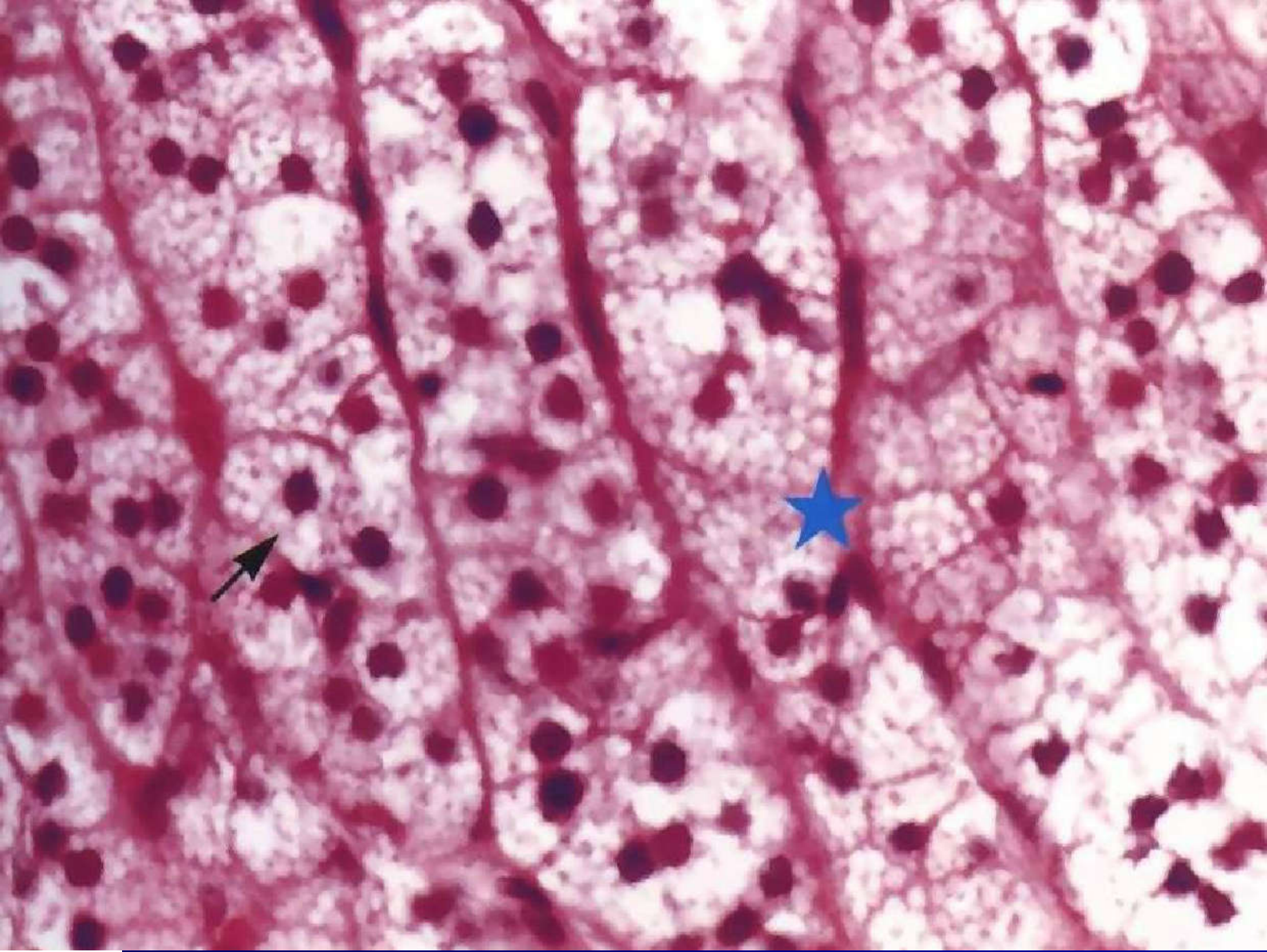
- stimulate the metabolism of**

- carbohydrates, proteins and lipids**

- suppress the inflammatory &**

- immune response**





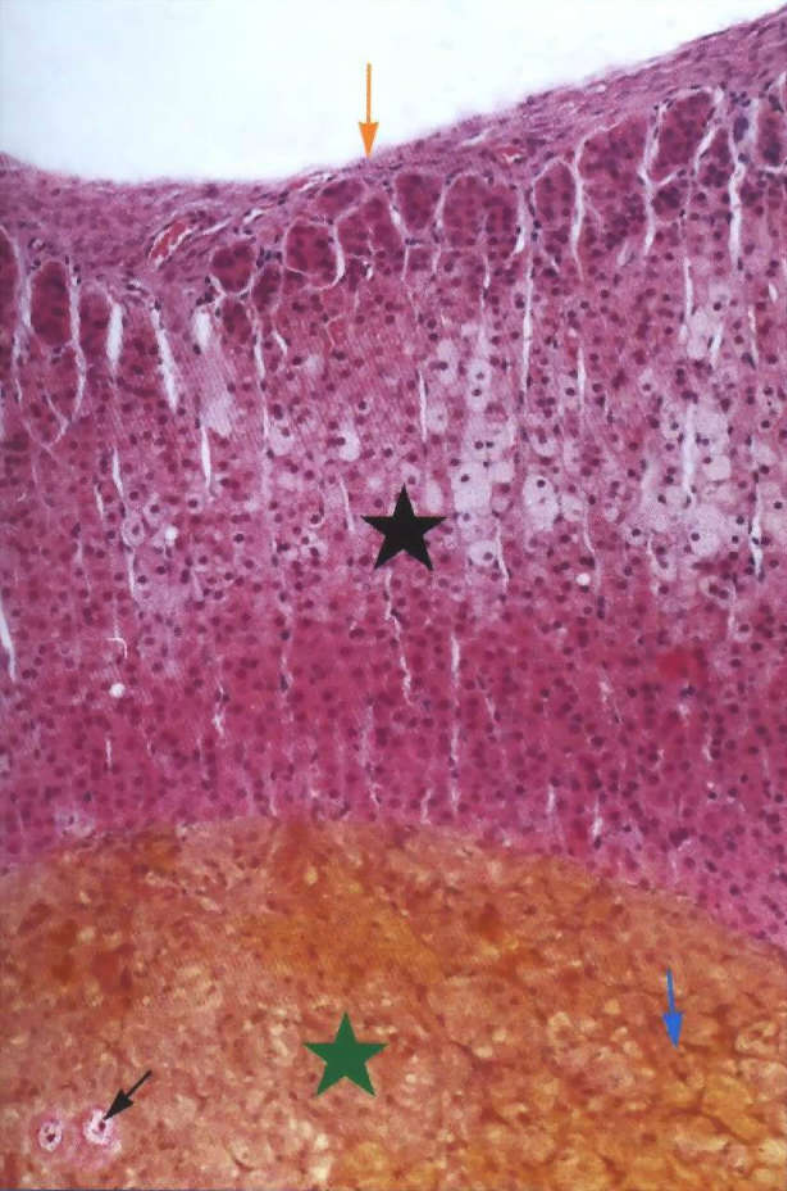
- **zona reticularis**

- * **innermost layer**

- * **irregular cords form an anastomosing network**

- * **smaller cells with lipofuscin pigment granules & lipid droplet**

- **androgen 雄激素**



*all cells in cortex
are steroid

secreting cells

SER

Mitochondria
with tubular
cristae

lipid droplets

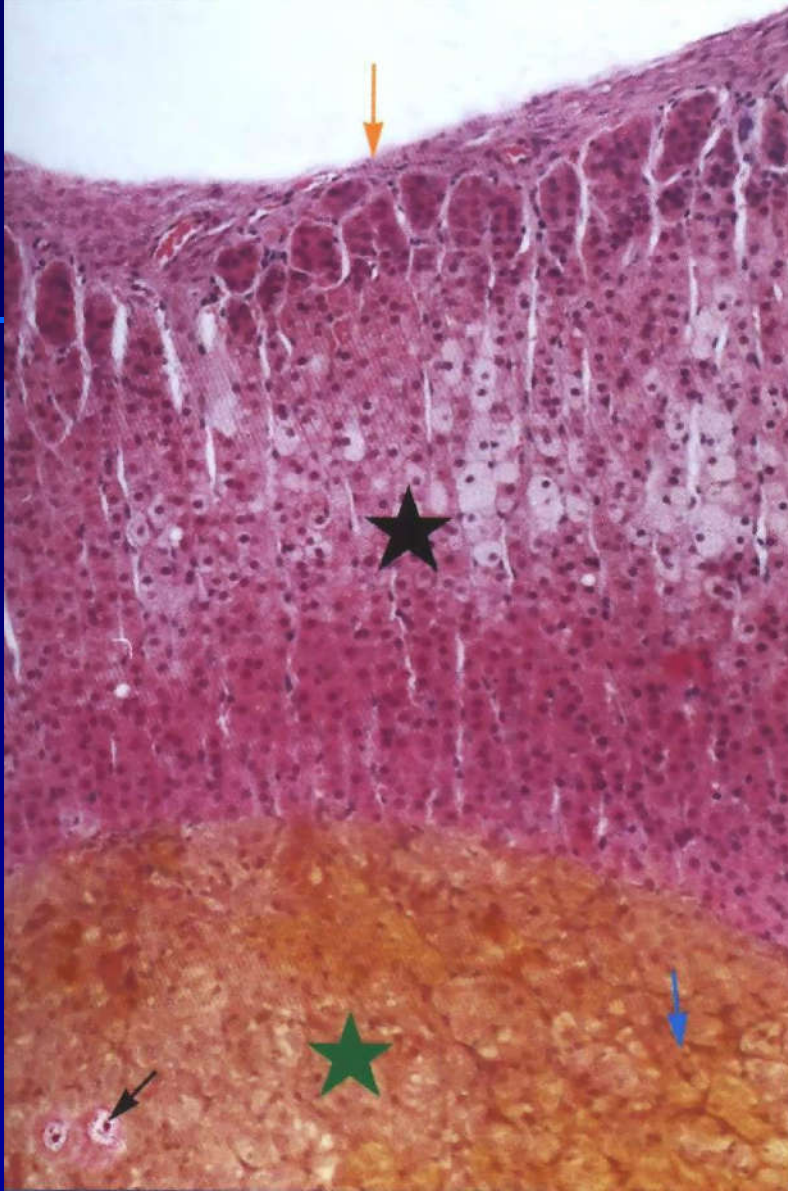
■ Medulla

* cells in cords or clumps

* sinusoidal cap

* chromaffin cell 嗜铬细胞

(chromaffin granules)



chromaffin cell

■ **two types:**

***adrenic cells — adrenaline**

heart rate ↑

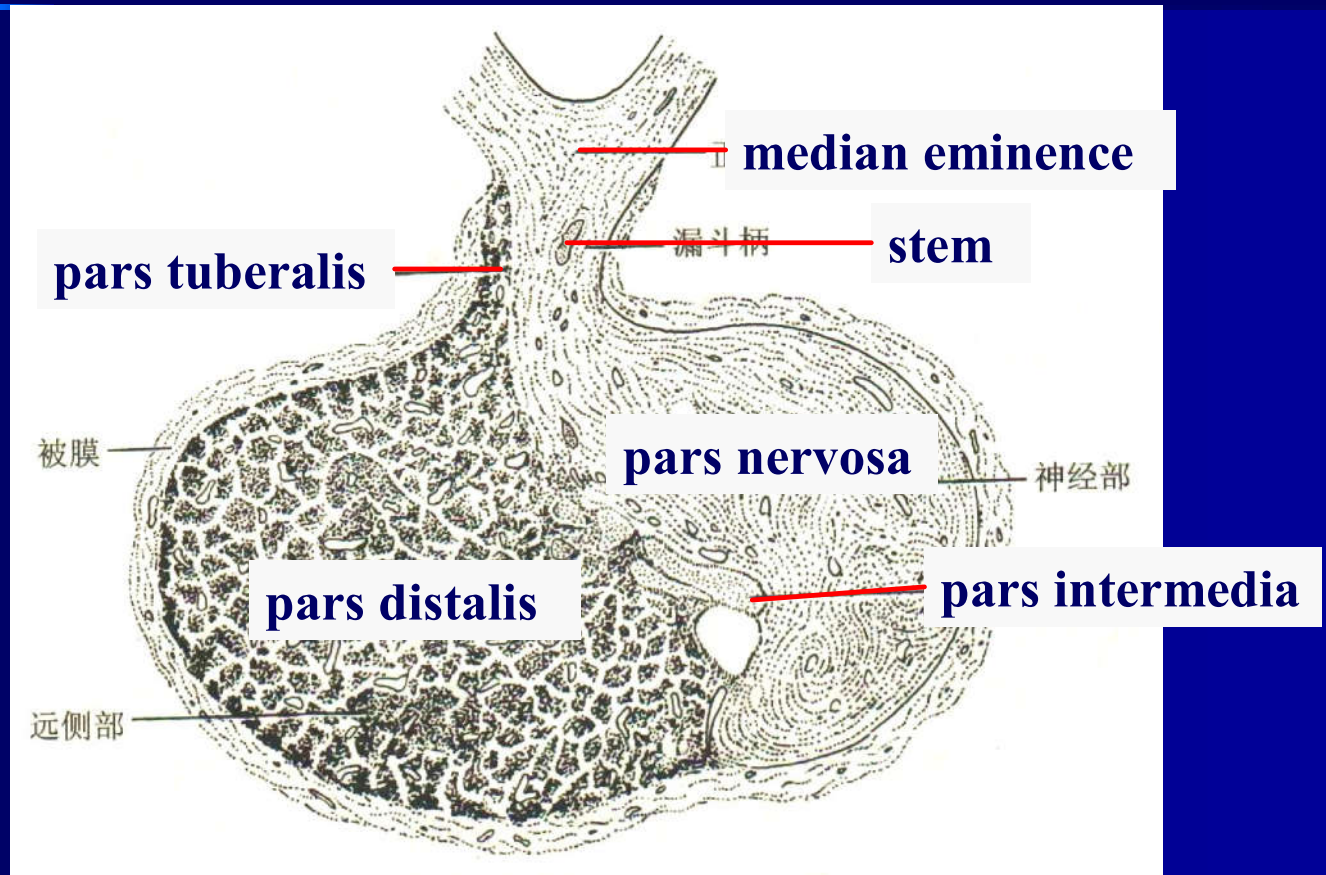
blood vessels dilatation ↑

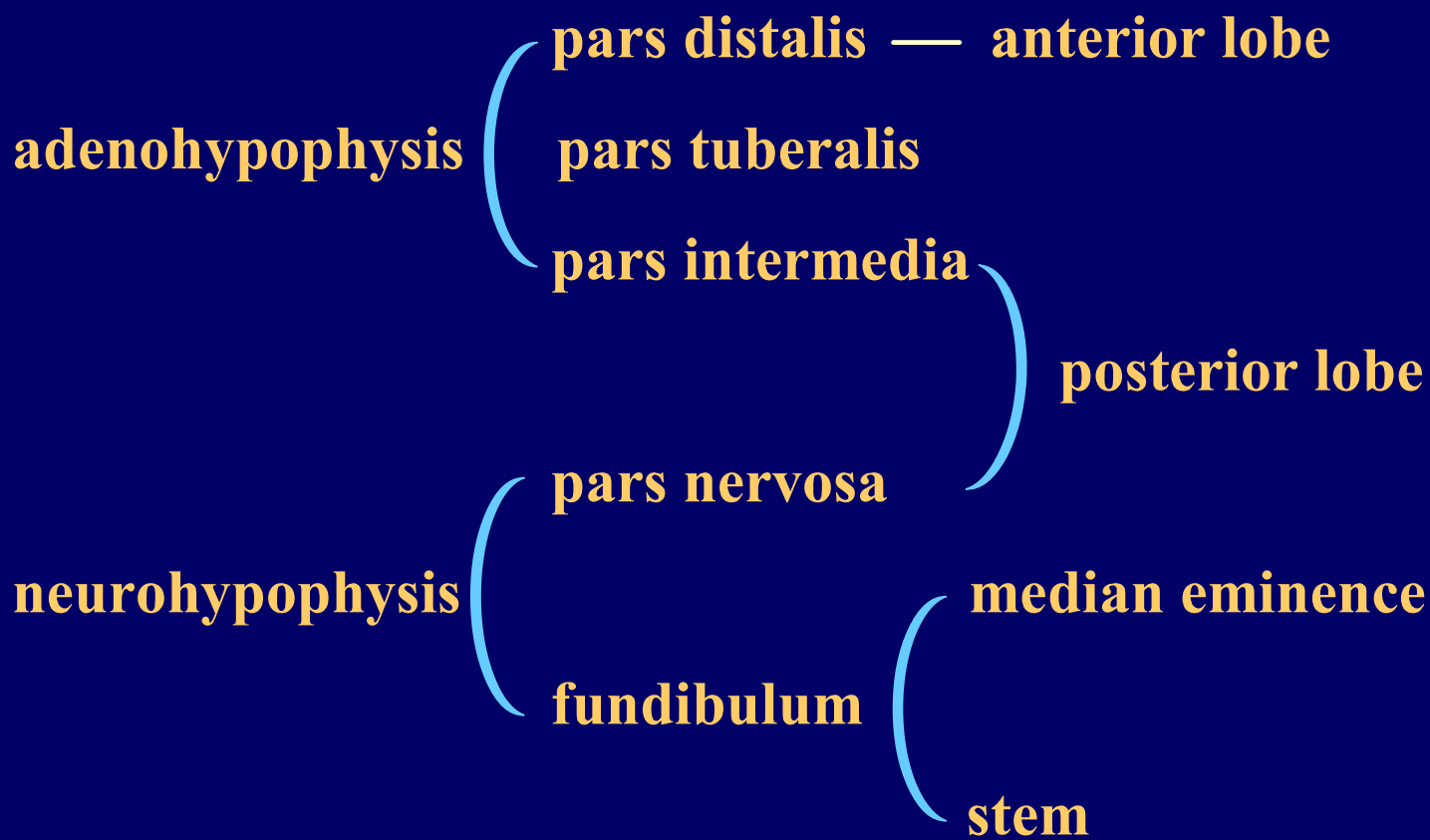
***noradrenic cells — noradrenaline**

blood pressure ↑

V. Hypophysis (Pituitary gland)

in a cavity of the sphenoid bone (sella turcica)







pars distalis

This histological section shows the pituitary gland with three distinct regions. The pars distalis (left) is a dense, cellular area. The pars intermedia (center) contains several large, eosinophilic, rounded structures. The pars nervosa (right) is a lighter, less cellular area. Labels are placed over each region: 'pars distalis' in a white box on the left, 'pars intermedia' in a white box in the center, and 'pars nervosa' in a dark grey box on the right.

pars intermedia

pars nervosa

■ **Adenohypophysis**

- **pars distalis**

glandular cells in clusters and cords

rich in blood sinuses

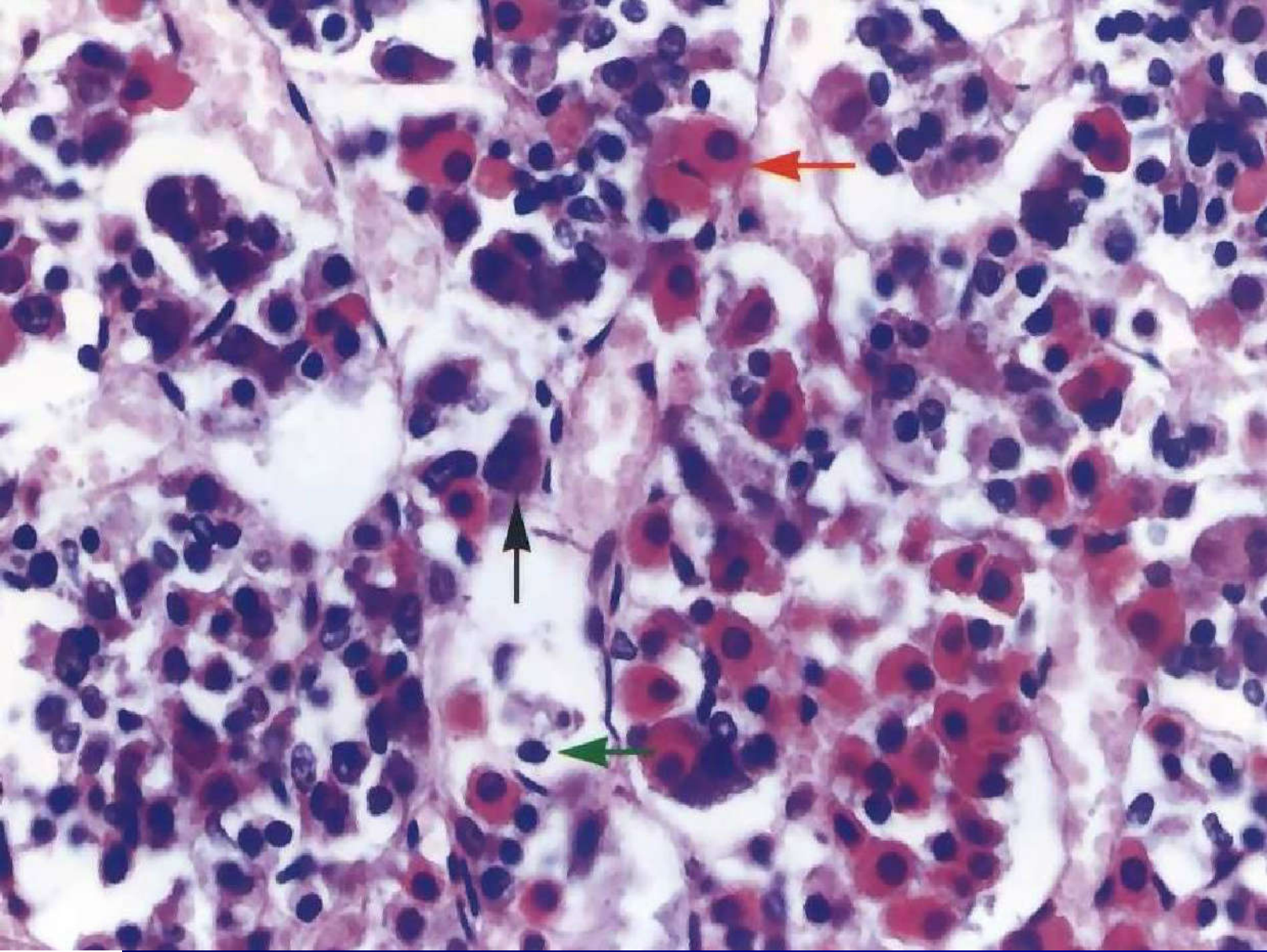
HE:

chromophobes

chromophils

acidophils

basophils



① acidophils

contain acidophilic granules (two types)

// somatotropic cell 生长激素细胞

growth hormone, GH

stimulate the growth of long bone

disorder:

***young children**

hypofunction — midget 侏儒症

hyperfunction — gigantism 巨人症

***adult — megalakria 肢端肥大症**



18 years old

// **mammotropic cell** 催乳激素细胞

mammotropin 催乳激素

stimulate ***development of breast**

***milk secretion**

② basophils

contain basophilic granules (three types)

// thyrotropic cell,

TSH cell 促甲状腺激素细胞

thyrotropin (thyroid stimulating hormone TSH)

stimulate thyroid hormone synthesis,

storage & release

// **gonadotropic cell** 促性腺激素细胞

* **follicle stimulating hormone, FSH**

卵泡刺激素

female: promote development of follicles

**male: stimulate Sertoli cells to synthesize
androgen binding protein, ABP**

***luteinizing hormone, LH 黄体生成素**

female: stimulate ovulation &

formation of corpus luteum

male: stimulate interstitial cell to secret

androgen

// **corticotropic cell,**

ACTH cell 促肾上腺皮质激素细胞

adrenocorticotropin,

ACTH 促肾上腺皮质激素

promote zona fascicularis to

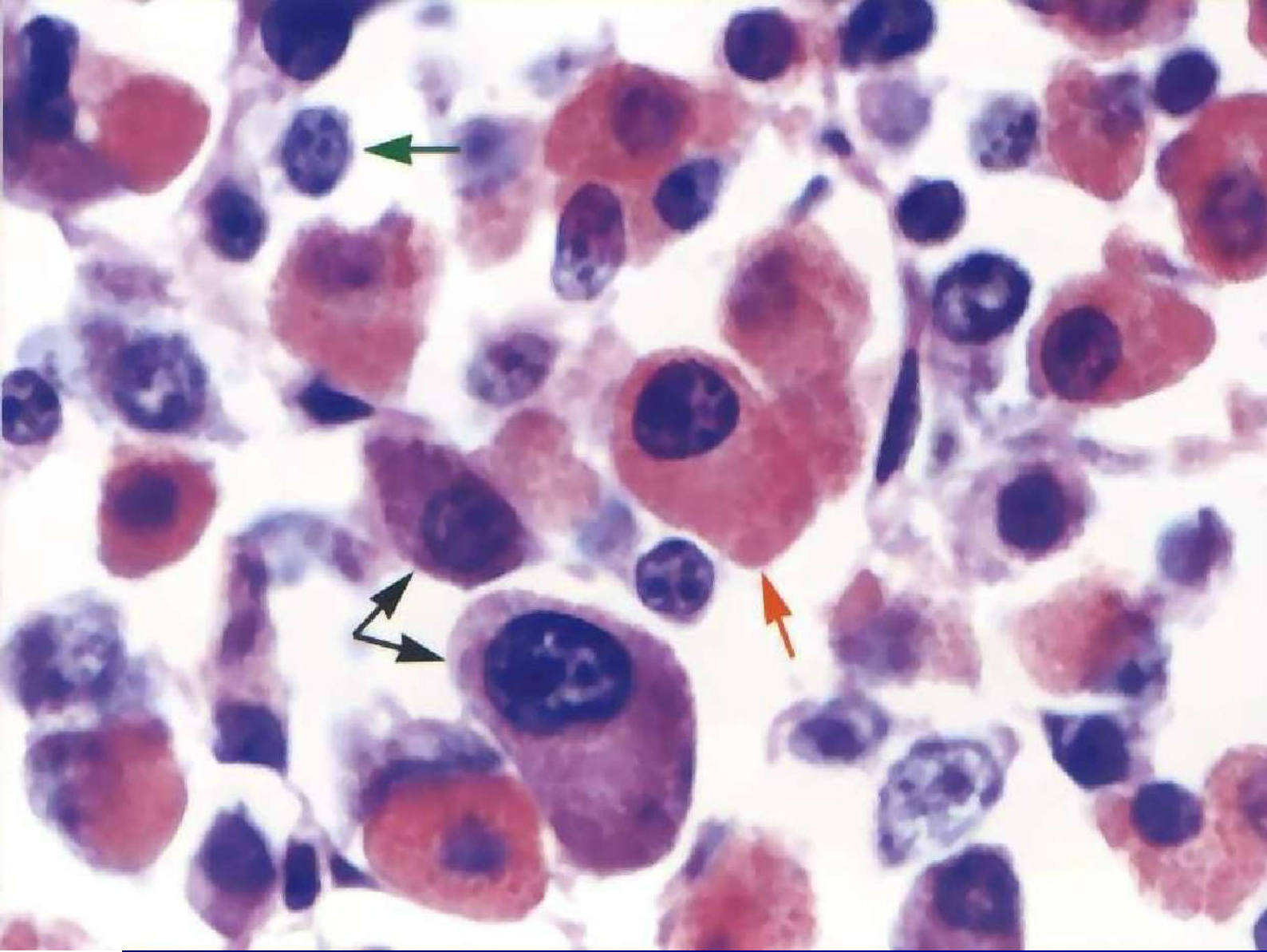
secret glucocorticoid

③ **Chromophobe cell 嫌色细胞 (50%)**

smaller

pale staining

will form chromophils



***chromophobes**

acidophils

GH

mammotropin

***chromophils**

basophils

TSH

FSH & LH

ACTH

- **Pars intermedia**

degenerative part in human

chromophobes
basophils
follicles

**melanocyte stimulating hormone,
MSH in fish and amphibian**

- **Pars tuberalis — rich in capillaries**

hypophyseal portal system 垂体门脉系统

superior hypophyseal artery



primary cap plexus (fundibulum)



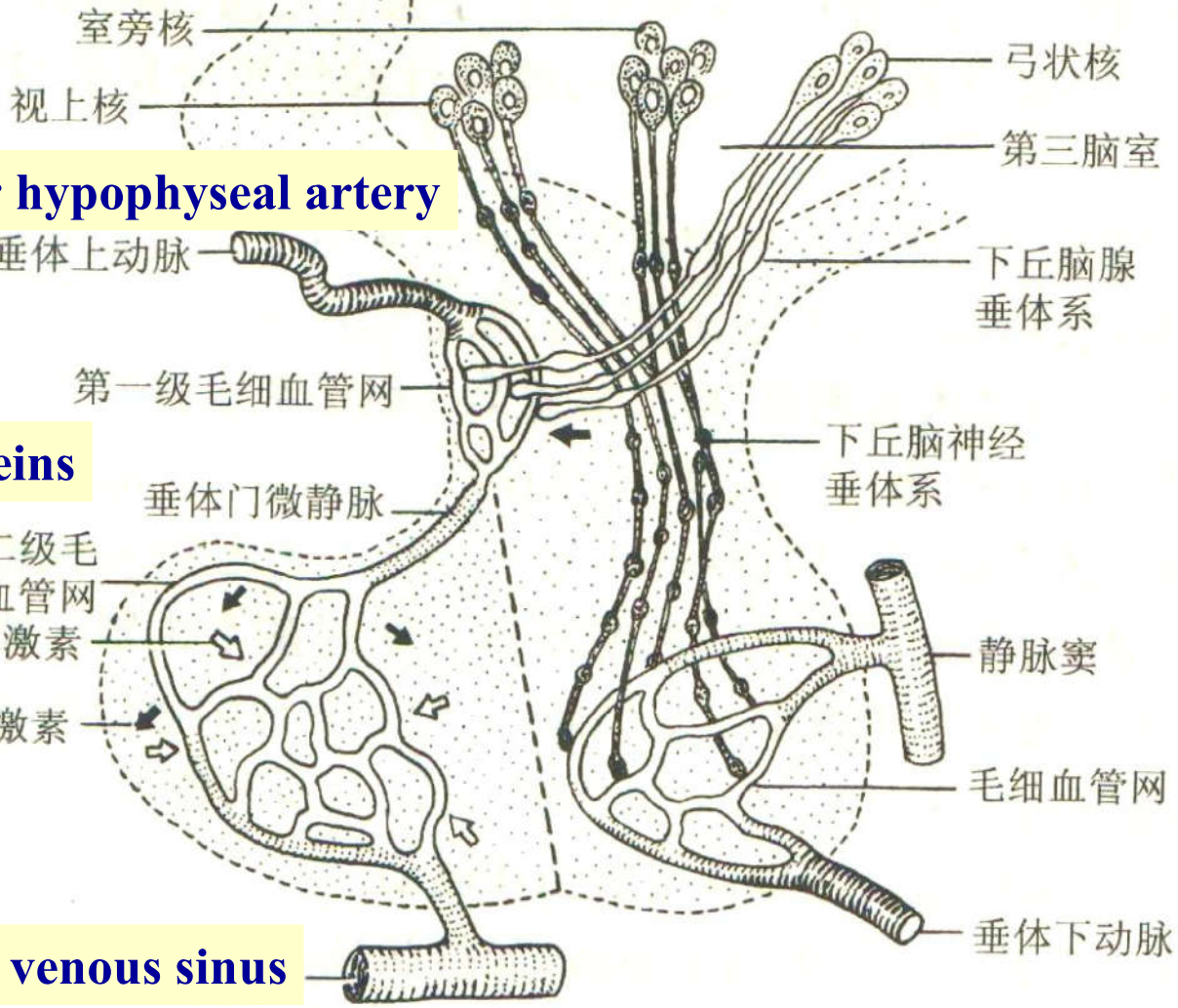
hypophyseal portal veins (pars tuberalis)



secondary cap plexus (pars distalis)



venous sinus



superior hypophysial artery

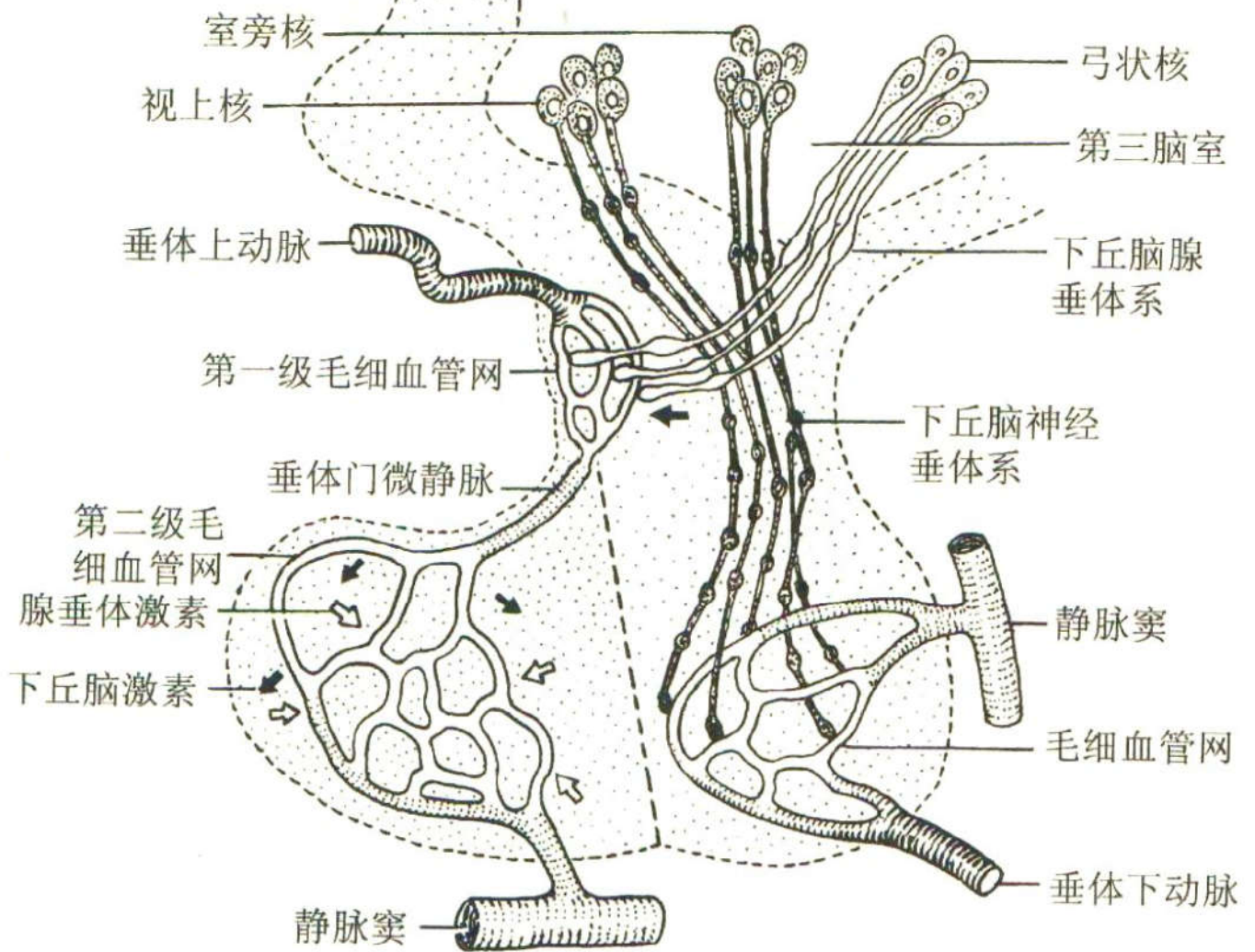
portal veins

venous sinus

□ **relationship of
hypothalamus – adenohypophysis**

hypothalamus (neurosecretory cells)

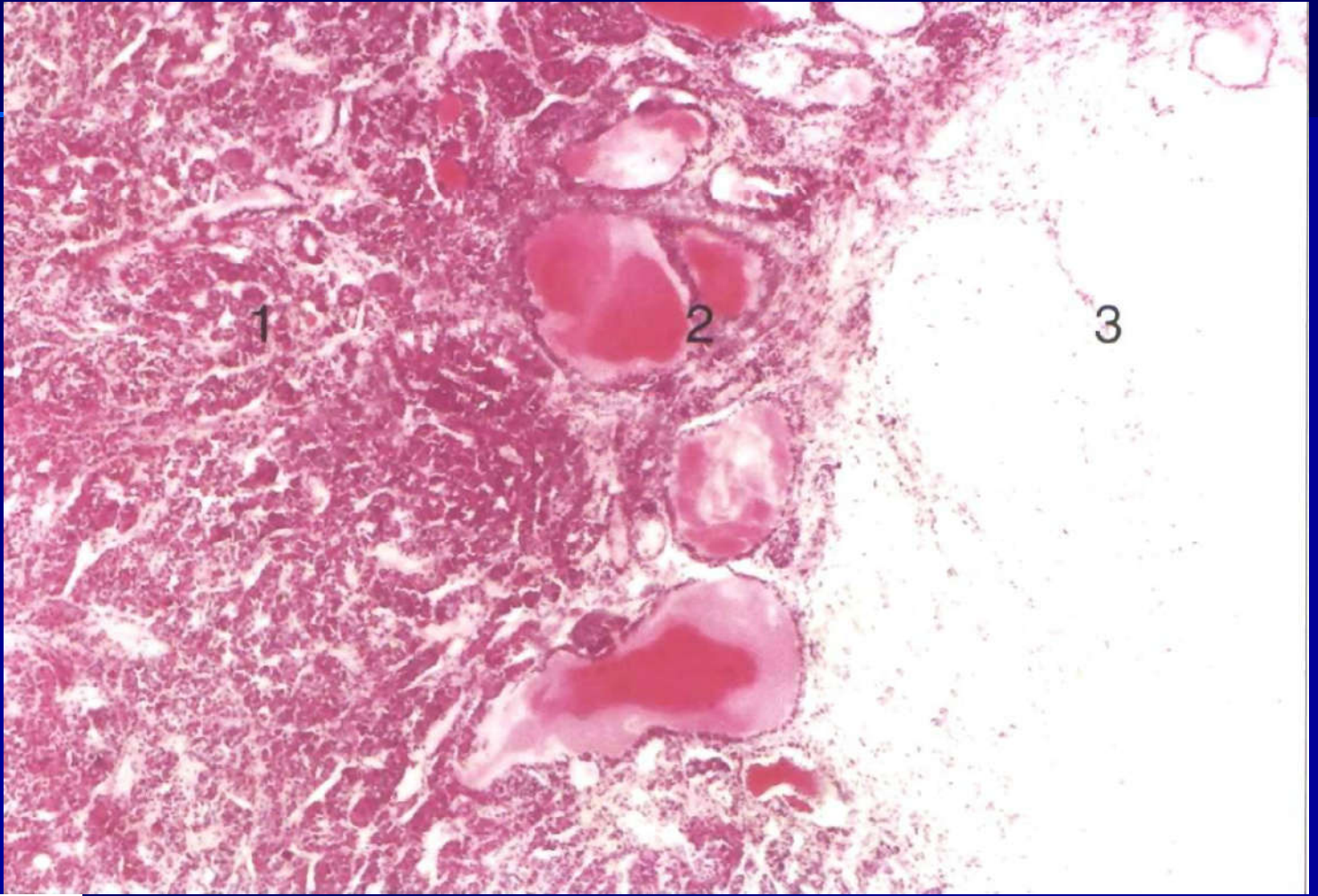
releasing hormones
release inhibiting hormones

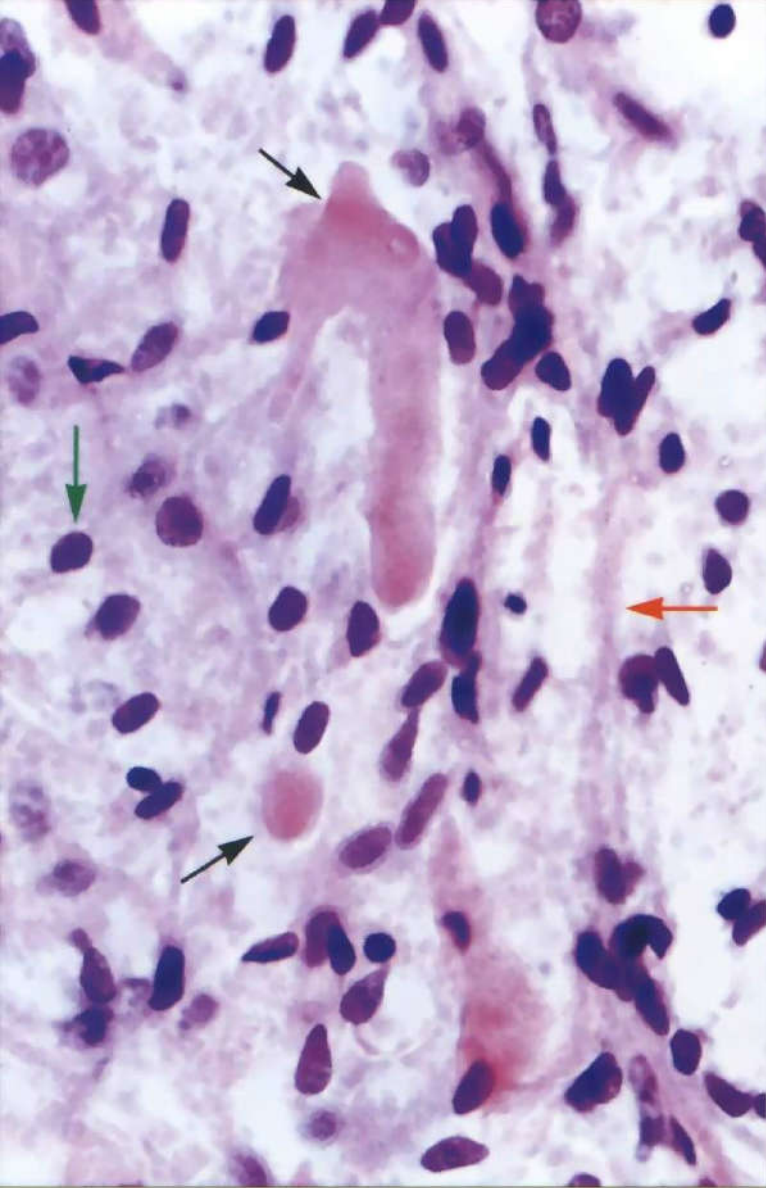


hypothalamo-hypophyseal system

GRH	生长激素释放激素
PRH	催乳激素释放激素
TRH	促甲状腺激素释放激素
GnRH	促性腺激素释放激素
CRH	促肾上腺皮质激素释放激素
SOM	生长抑素
PIH	催乳激素释放抑制激素

■ Neurohypophysis





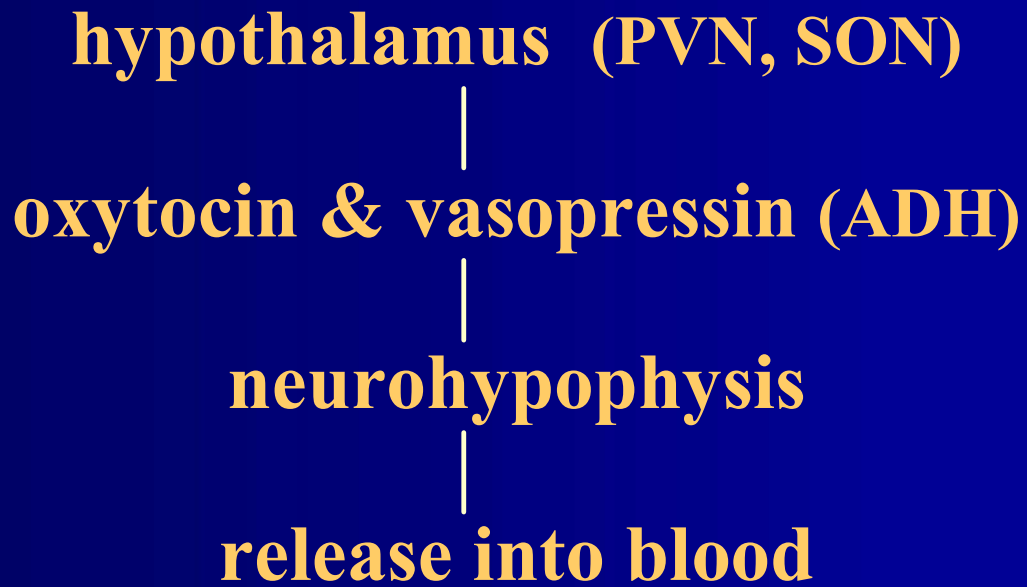
*unmyelinated nerve f.

*neuroglial cells
(pituicytes)

*numerous sinuses

*Herring bodies

□ **relationship of
hypothalamus – neurohypophysis**



ADH:

promote distal & collecting tubules

to absorb water — volume of urine ↓

oxytocin:

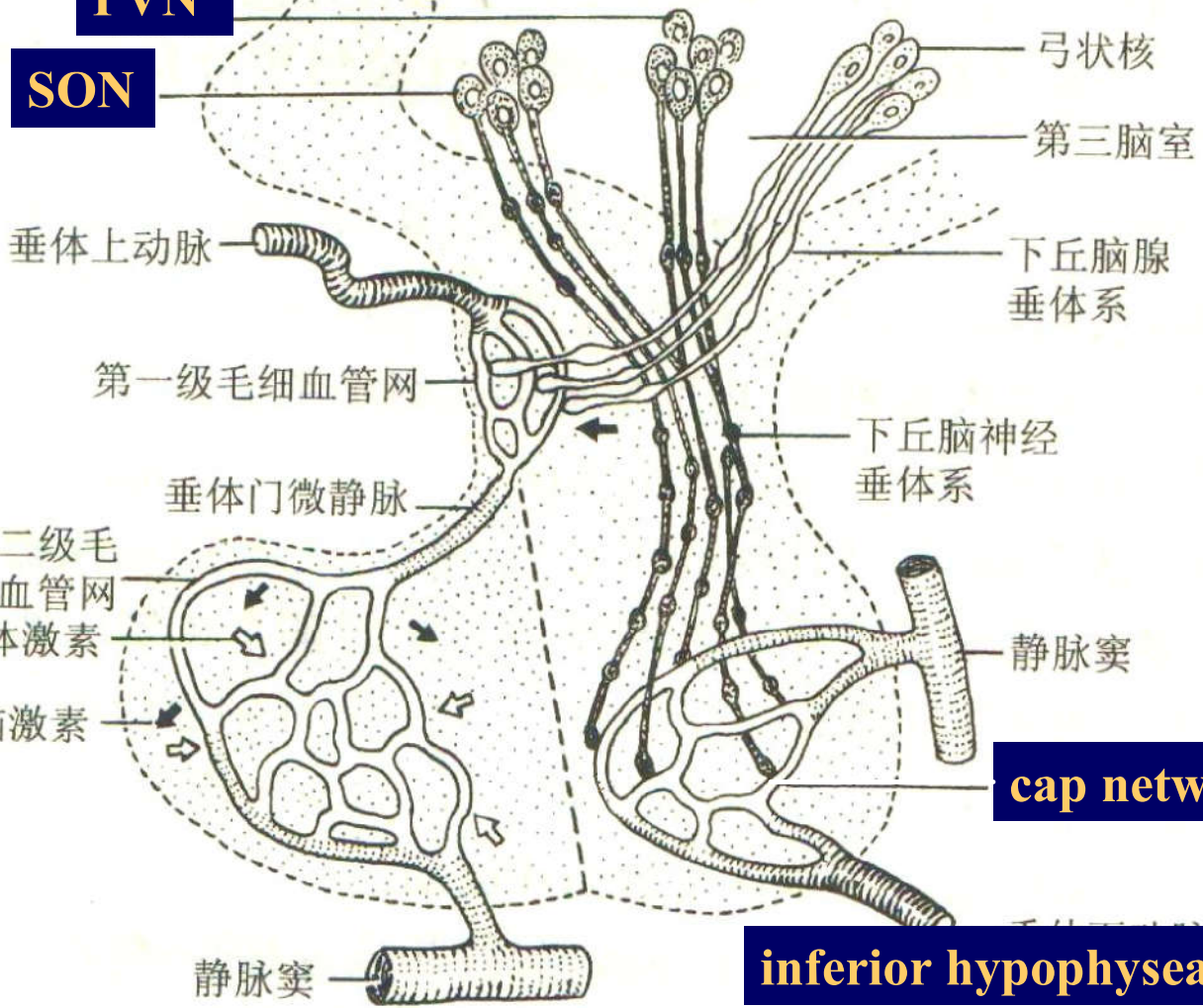
***stimulates contraction of the smooth
muscles of uterine wall**

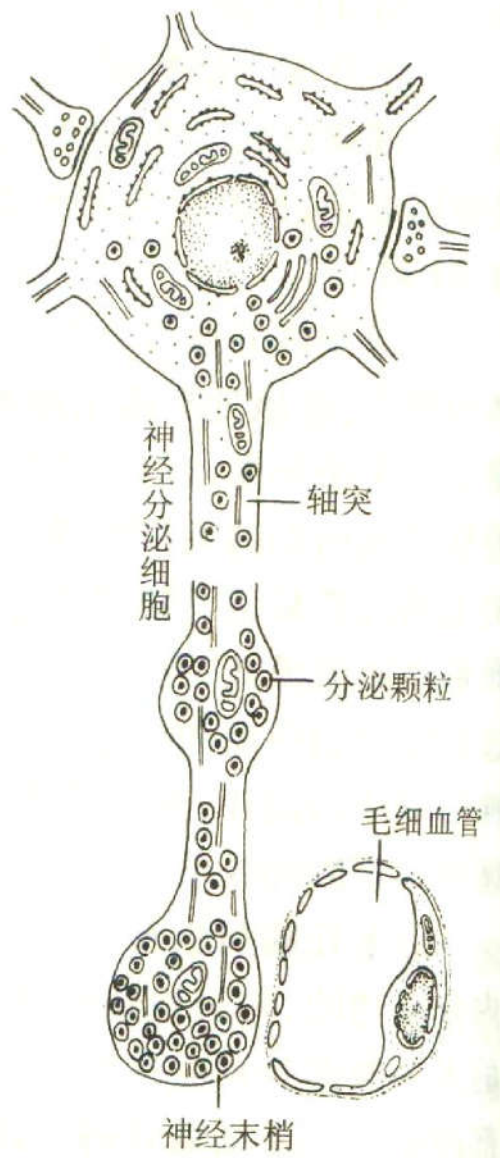
***promotes secretion of breast**

structural & functional integration

PVN

SON





Herring bodies