How organisms are classified?

Domain	
Kingdom	
Phylum	
Class	
Order	
Family	
Genus	
Species	

Vertebrate Zoology

Biol245



What we will learn in this lab !!

- Introduces the students to the diversity of life among vertebrates, their form, function and evolution.

- Provides a basic overview of the major vertebrate classes, their features and major organ systems.

-Examining comparative vertebrate anatomy from an evolutionary perspective (What changes are occurring as we progress through the simplest to the more complex classes).

- Study the adaptations between organism and the countless environmental conditions.

- From 488 to 542 million years ago multicellular organisms began to explode in a period called the Cambrian Period which is the earliest of the Paleozoic ("ancient life") Era
- With time through the increasing ecological complication, striking geological and climatic conditions of this era is what made the evolution of vertebrate species possible.

- All forms of life are classified into major groups according to **a binomial nomenclature**.
- You will be studying a group from kingdom Animalia kingdom Animalia → phylum Chordata
- In the kingdom Animalia, its members possess skeletal, muscular, digestive, respiratory, nervous, and reproductive systems.

 Before getting into the details of the phylum we shall study the material required to build the most complex organs and systems forming diversely complex organisms.

Histology: Animal Tissues

Histology : is a field that deals with the study of tissues, their structures and their functions.

Levels of organization



Define tissues ?

- Tissues are groups of specialized similar cells that work together for a particular function.
 - Tissues are divided into the following four types:
 - 1. Epithelial (covering)
 - 2. Connective (support)
 - 3. Muscle (movement)
 - 4. Nervous (control)





The animal body is made up of epithelial, connective, muscular and nervous tissue.

Epithelial tissue:

- Made of closely-packed cells arranged in flat sheets.
- Epithelia form the surface of the skin, line the various cavities and tubes of the body, and cover the internal organs.
- Function: protection, secretion, absorption, filtration.

One surface of the tissue is free (apical) and the other adheres to a basement membrane.





Ciliated Epithelium



Cuboidal Epithelium



Glandular Epithelium





Stratified Epithelium



Squamous Epithelium



Columnar Epithelium

Classification of Epithelium

(a)

Each epithelium is given 2 names:

- *First*: indicates relative number of cell layers
- simple (one layer of cells)
- stratified (more than one layer of cells)



Simple



Stratified

<u>Second</u>: describes the shape of cells

- **Squamous** (cells flattened like scales)
- Cuboidal (cubeshaped)
- **Columnar** (shaped like columns)



Simple Squamous Epithelium

- Composed of flat, scale-like cells that usually forms membranes
- It lines the walls of blood vessels, pulmonary alveoli, and the lining of the heart, lung.





Simple Cuboidal Epithelium

- Composed of a single layer of cube-like cells.
- It lines the walls of kidney tubules, covers the surface of ovaries, and is common in glands and their ducts.





Simple Columnar Epithelium

- Composed of a single layer of tall cells.
- It often includes mucus-producing **goblet cells**.
- It often lines the digestive tract.



(c) Diagram: Simple columnar



Photomicrograph: Simple columnar epithelium of the stomach lining (900x).

Ciliated Epithelium

• Some epithelial membranes are made up of cells with cilia, tiny projections that beat in harmony to move mucus along the surface.

Ciliated epithelia in the trachea



Stratified Squamous Epithelium

• Multilayered: the outer layers of cells appear flat, but the inner cells vary in shape from cuboidal to columnar

• Serves as a barrier to the outside environment in locations such as the skin, mouth, and esophagus.



Connective Tissue

- Connective tissues function to:
 - bind other tissues together
 - provide support
 - transport martials
 - provide nourishment

Connective Tissue



They are generally classified into three large groups:

A) Fluid Connective Tissues
B) Connective Tissues Proper
C) Supportive Connective Tissues

General Classification	Further Classification	Name of tissue
Fluid Connective		Lymph
Tissues		Blood
Connective Tissues Proper	Loose Connective	Areolar
		Adipose
		Reticular
	Dense Connective	Collagen Regular Fiber
		Collagen Irregular Fiber
		Elastic Fiber
Supportive Connective Tissues	Bone	Compact
		Cancellous
	Cartilage	Hyaline
		Elastic
		Fibrocartilage

Areolar Tissue

- Most widely distributed connective tissue
- Soft tissue that cushions and protects the body's organs it wraps
- Holds internal organs together and in their proper positions



Adipose Tissue

- Contains fat droplets that enlarge to push nuclei and cytoplasm to the **periphery.**
- Mature fat cells are called adipocytes

Cell Lipid droplet Cytoplasm Nucleus

Reticular Tissue

• Present as the supportive tissue of lymph nodes, glands, organs, and bone marrow



Collagen Fibrous Tissue

- Include most tendons, ligaments
- Tendons connect muscle to bone.
- The matrix is principally collagen
- Ligaments attach one bone to another.



Blood (Vascular Tissue)

 Consists of blood cells surrounded by nonliving, fluid matrix called **blood plasma**

•Functions as a transport medium for materials



Bone tissues

- •Composed of
 - Hard matrix of calcium salts
 - Large numbers of collagen fibers
- •Used to protect and support the body
- •Sponge or dense/ compact

•Haversian systems of compact bone are what determine the strength (absent in sponge Bone tissue)

• Mature bone cells are called **osteocytes**



Cartilage tissues

- Most abundant type.
- External ears, nose, larynx, trachea.
- Mature cartilage cells are called **chondrocytes** which are found inside a space called the **lacuna**.



3. Muscle Tissue

- Muscle is a contractile tissue.
- There are three types of muscle:
 - Skeletal/ striated
 - Cardiac
 - Smooth / non-striated
- Main function is to produce movement/ locomotion

Skeletal Muscle

- •Under voluntary control
- •Characteristics of skeletal muscle cells
 - Striated (striped-like pattern)
 - Multinucleate (more than one nucleus)
 - Long fibers, cylindrical



Smooth Muscle

• Under **involuntary** muscle

Found in walls of hollow organs such as stomach, intestine, and blood vessels
No visible striations
One nucleus/cell
Spindle-shaped cells



Smooth muscle cells

Nucleus

Blood capillaries

Cardiac Muscle

•Under **involuntary** control

Found only in the heart
Cells are attached to other cardiac muscle cells at intercalated disks

- Striated
- One nucleus per cell
- Branched fibers



4.Nervous Tissue

•Structural units are **neurons**.

•Nervous tissue also consists of **glial cells**, which are the various types of supporting cells in the nervous system.



