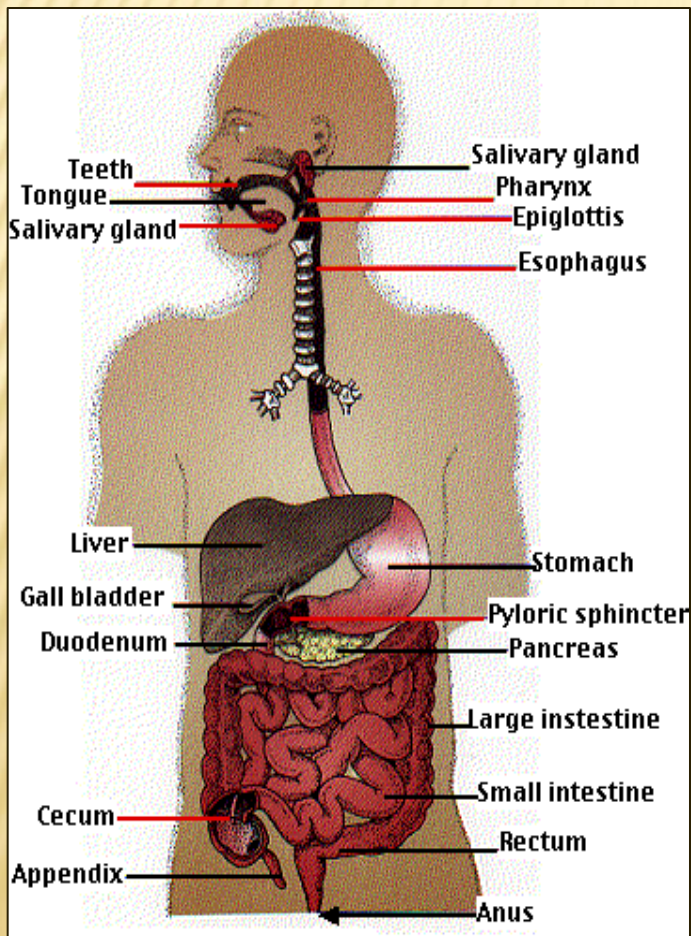




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Lecture № 15

**SECRETORY FUNCTIONS OF THE
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT.
SECRETION OF THE SALIVA,
GASTRIC AND PANCREATIC
SECRETION, SECRETION OF BILE
BY THE LIVER, SECRETIONS OF
THE SMALL INTESTINE.**



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Secretion of Saliva

❑ Saliva is secreted by:

1. The principal salivary glands – 90%:

✓ Gl. Parotis

✓ Gl. Submandibularis

✓ Gl. Sublingualis

2. Many very small *buccal* glands - 10%

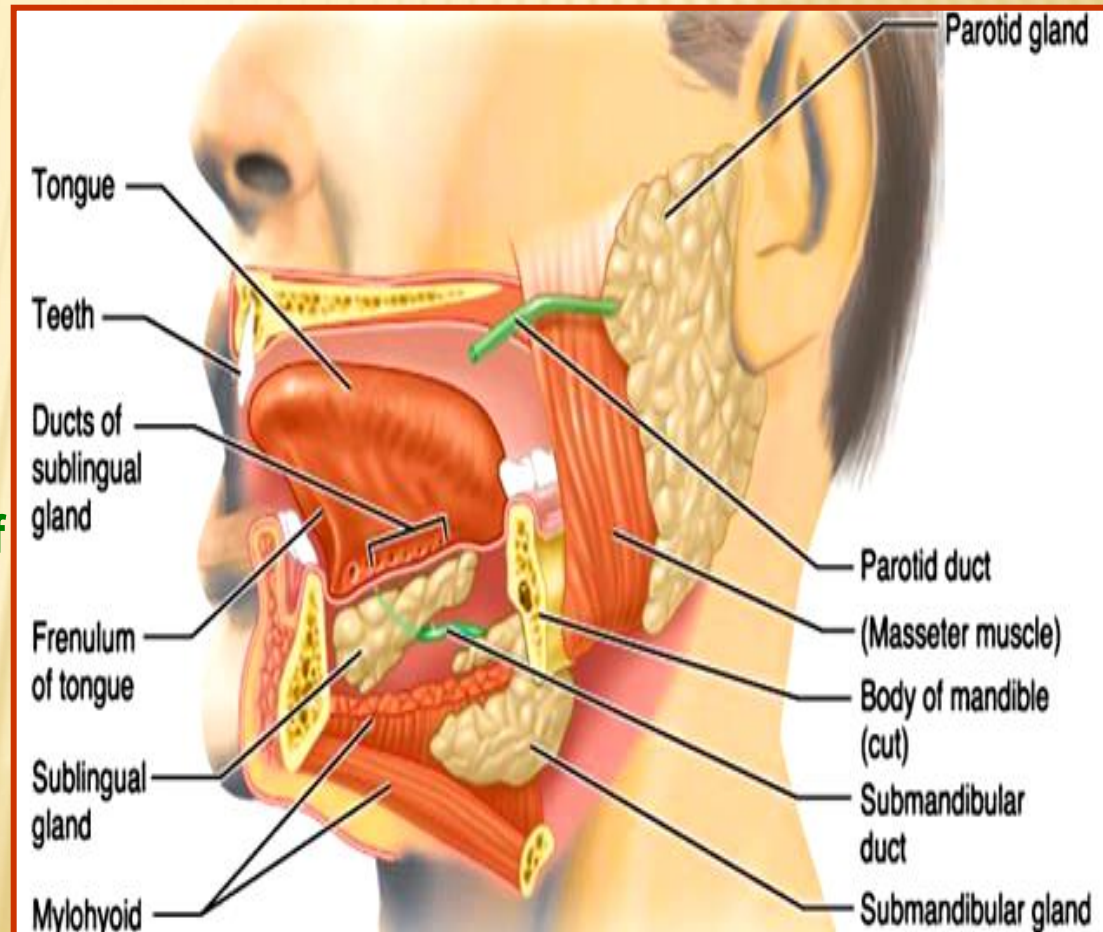
❖ The salivary glands are characterized by:

✓ **Good blood supplying** – during maximal secretory activity their blood supply is 10 times greater than supplying of working muscle per 1 g of tissue.

✓ **Innervations by two parts of ANS, that have stimulating action**

✓ **Sympathicus** – increases secretion of enzymes

✓ **Parasympathicus** increases secretion of water and electrolytes.



Physiological Morphology of Salivary Glands

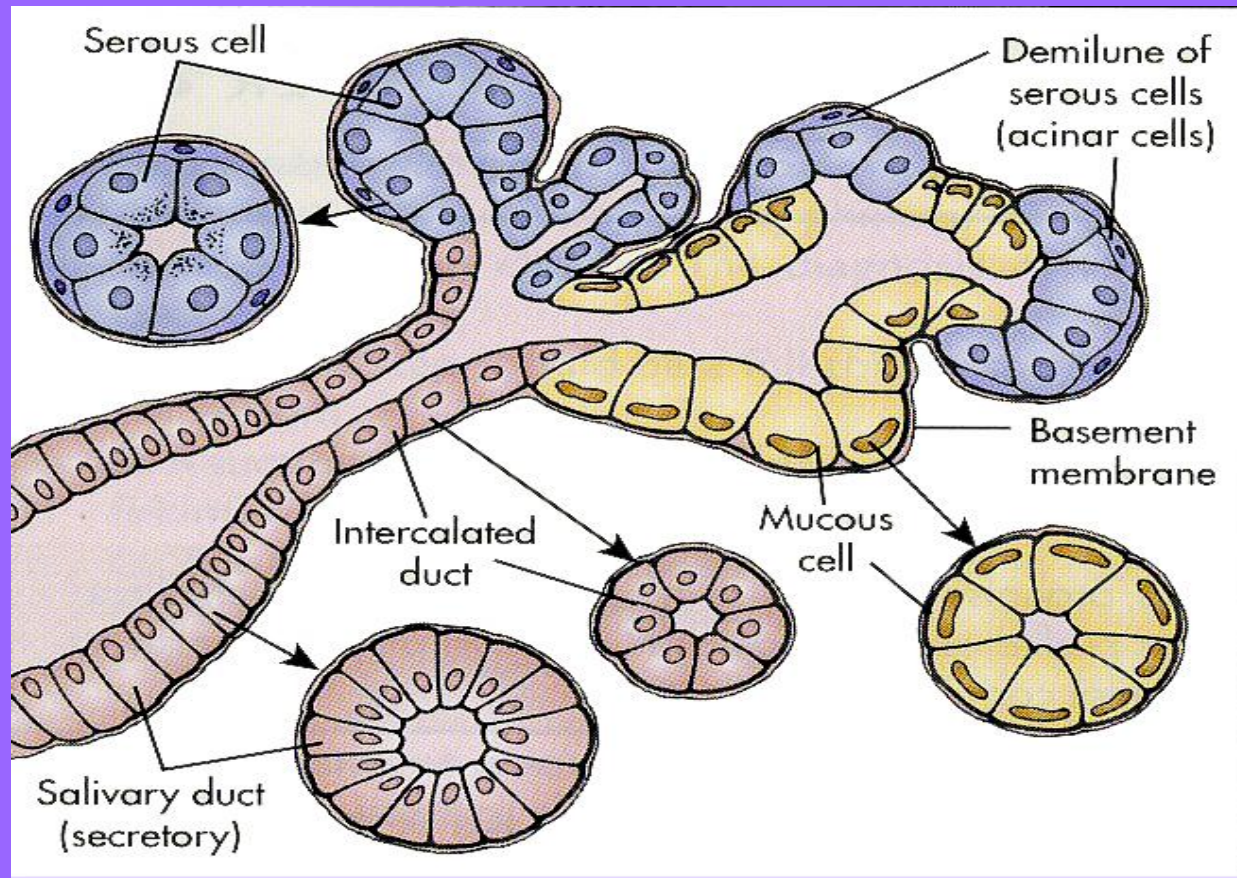
❑ Salivary glands contain acini and ducts

❖ Depending of the type of the contained cells and produced secret, primary salivary glands are divided in:

The glands with serous type of secretion - parotid gland

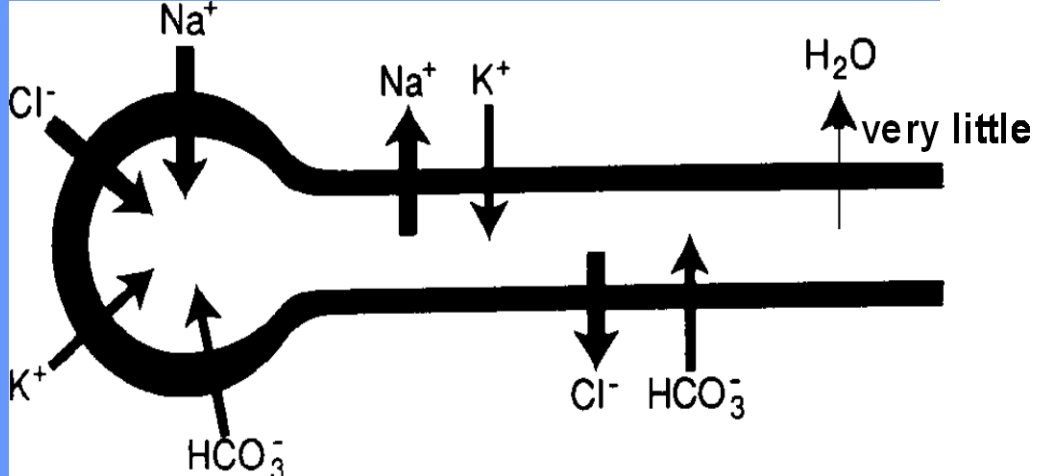
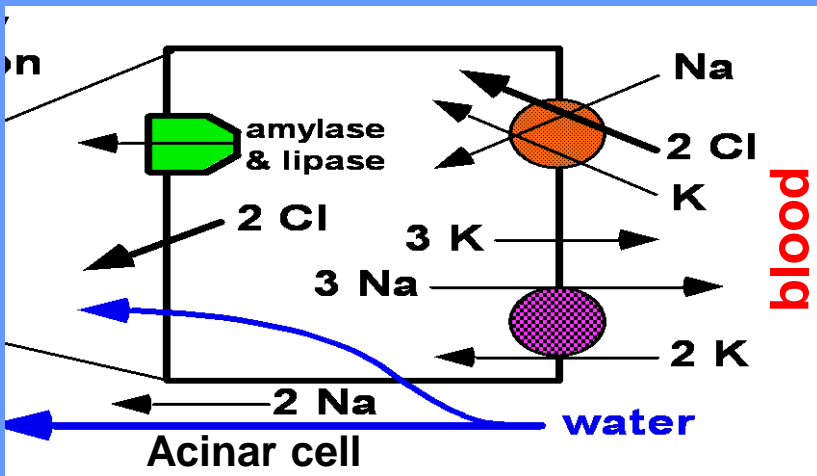
The glands that secrete both serous secretion and mucus –
Submandibular and sublingual glands

✓The buccal glands secrete only mucus.



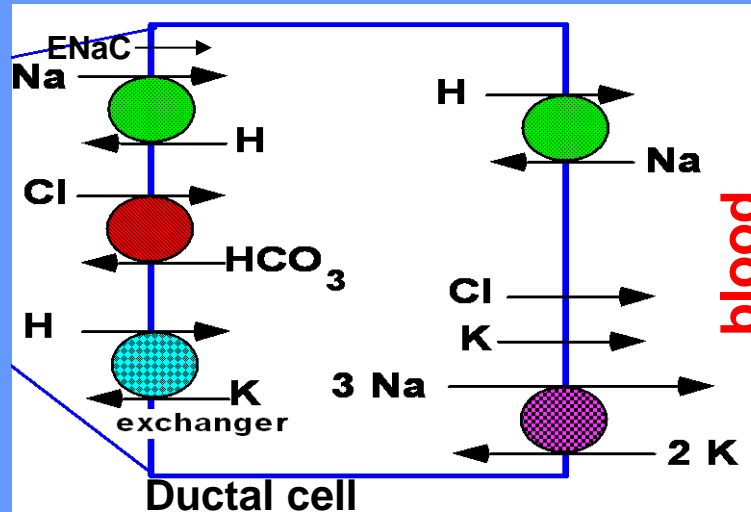
❖ Mechanism of secretion by acinar cells

- **Enzymes (α -amylase, lipase)** – exocytose of zymogene granules
- **Secretion of ions into the lumen: Cl^- and Na^+** -> osmosis of water – isotonic secret



❖ Modification of primary secret into the ducts:

- secretion of HCO_3^- and K^+
- reabsorption of Na^+ and Cl^-
- ✓ the speed of absorption is higher than the speed of secretion
- ✓ high junction between the cells are not permeable for water
- ❑ Saliva is more hypotonic than the plasma



Quantity and contents of the saliva

Daily secretion of saliva normally ranges between 800 and 1500 ml.

❖ content: water, organic and inorganic substances

➤ organic substances

✓ digestive enzymes: α -amylase, sublingual lipase

✓ enzymes with defensive action: peroxidase, lisosym

✓ glycoproteins: mucus, calcium binding proteins

✓ growth factors (epidermal and neuronal)

✓ immunoglobulins

✓ low molecular weight organic substances: glucose, urea, ammonium, creatinine, uric acid

➤ inorganic substances

▪ Compared with the plasma **saliva has** :

✓ lower concentration of Na^+ and Cl^-

✓ higher concentration of HCO_3^- and K^+

❖ Saliva is hypotonic secret with pH from 6 to 7.

Functions of the saliva

➤ 1. Digestive:

- ✓ alfa-amylase – splits polysaccharides to oligosaccharides
- ✓ sublingual lipase - splits triacylglycerols to diacylglycerols and free fatty acids

➤ 2. Defensive:

- ✓ mucus, lysozyme, lactoferrin, peroxidase, thiocyanate ions, immunoglobulins, epidermal growth factor, HCO_3^-

➤ 3. Excretion of:

- ✓ the end metabolic products of proteins and some hormones

➤ 4. Exchange of electrolytes (Ca, F) with the teeth enamel

❖ 5. Other functions:

- facilitates swallowing acting on the mouthful formation
- action on the taste sensation dissolving the ingested substances
- facilitates speech ensuring humectation of buccal mucosa

Gastric Secretion

□ The stomach secretes 2-2.5 l of stomach juice/ 24 h, that contains H₂O, enzymes (pepsinogen, lipase), HCl, intrinsic factor of Castle and electrolytes.

❖ The content of stomach juice is secreted by the gastric glands and epithelium:

Pepsinogen
Gastric lipase } by chief cells

HCl
Intrinsic factor of Castle } By parietal cells

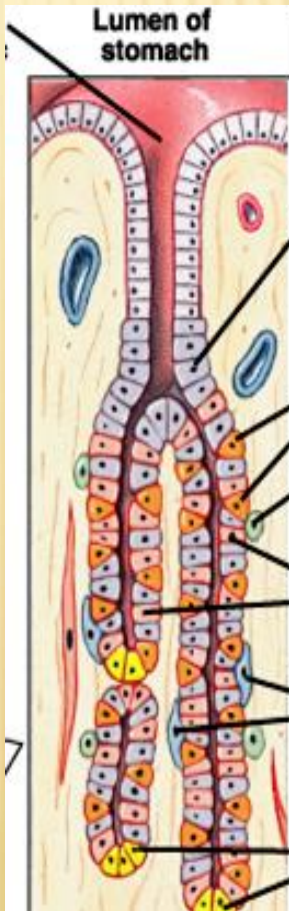
Mucus → by mucous neck cells

HCO₃⁻ → by epithelial cells

➤ The cells of stomach mucosa secrete:

Gastrin
Somatostatin
Grilin } by endocrine cells

Histamine → by enterochromaffin-like cells



Source	Substance Secreted
Mucous neck cell	Mucus
	Bicarbonate
Parietal cells	Gastric acid (HCl)
	Intrinsic factor
Enterochromaffin-like cell	Histamine
Chief cells	Pepsin(ogen)
	Gastric lipase
D cells	Somatostatin
G cells	Gastrin

Types of gastric glands

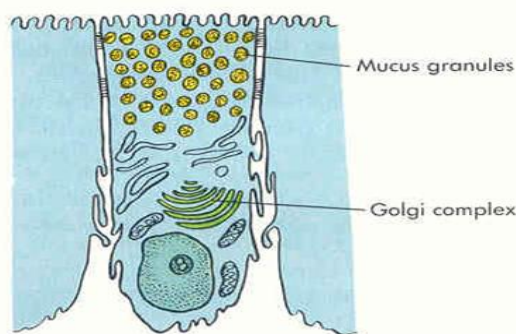
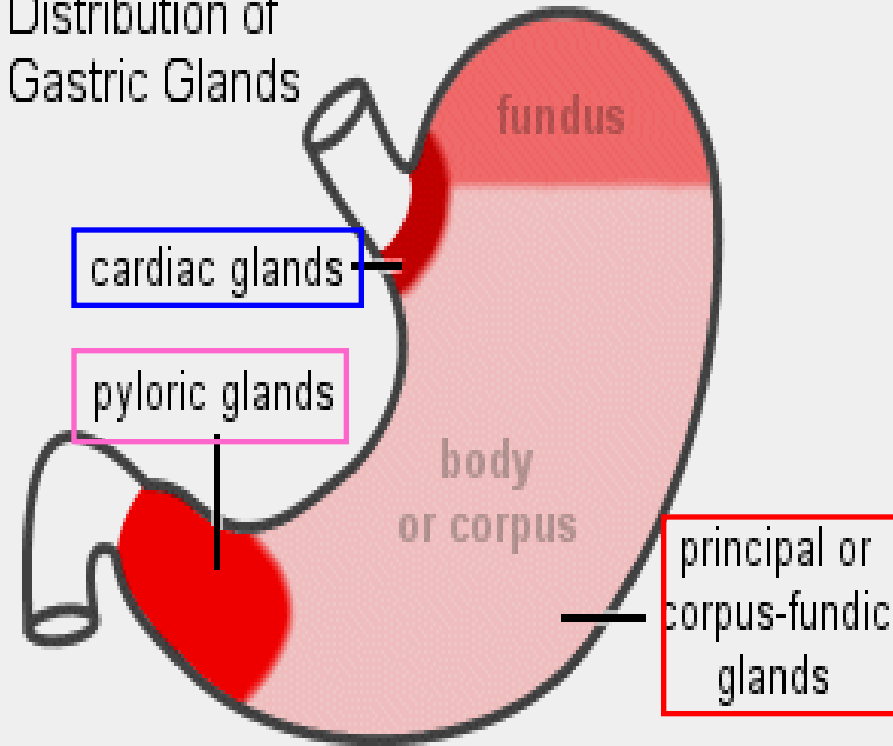
➤ There are 3 types depending on their localization in stomach wall:

✓ Cardiac glands, that contain mainly mucous neck cells

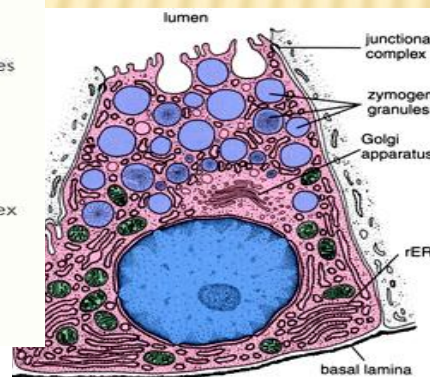
✓ Principal or Corpus-fundic glands, that contain all 4 types of gastric secreting cells

✓ Pyloric glands, that contain mucous neck and endocrine cells

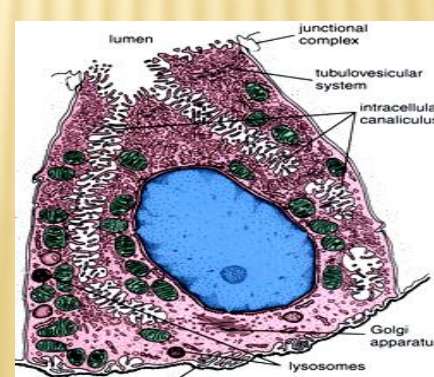
Distribution of Gastric Glands



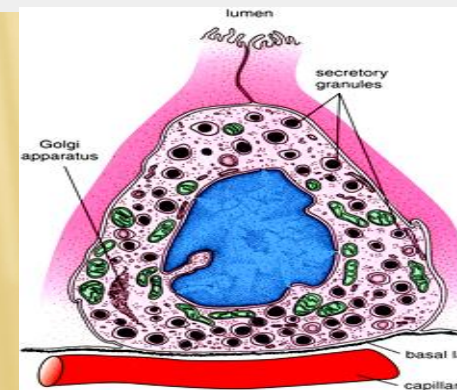
Mucous neck cell



Chief cell



Parietal cell



Endocrine cell

Mechanism of secretion of HCl by parietal cells

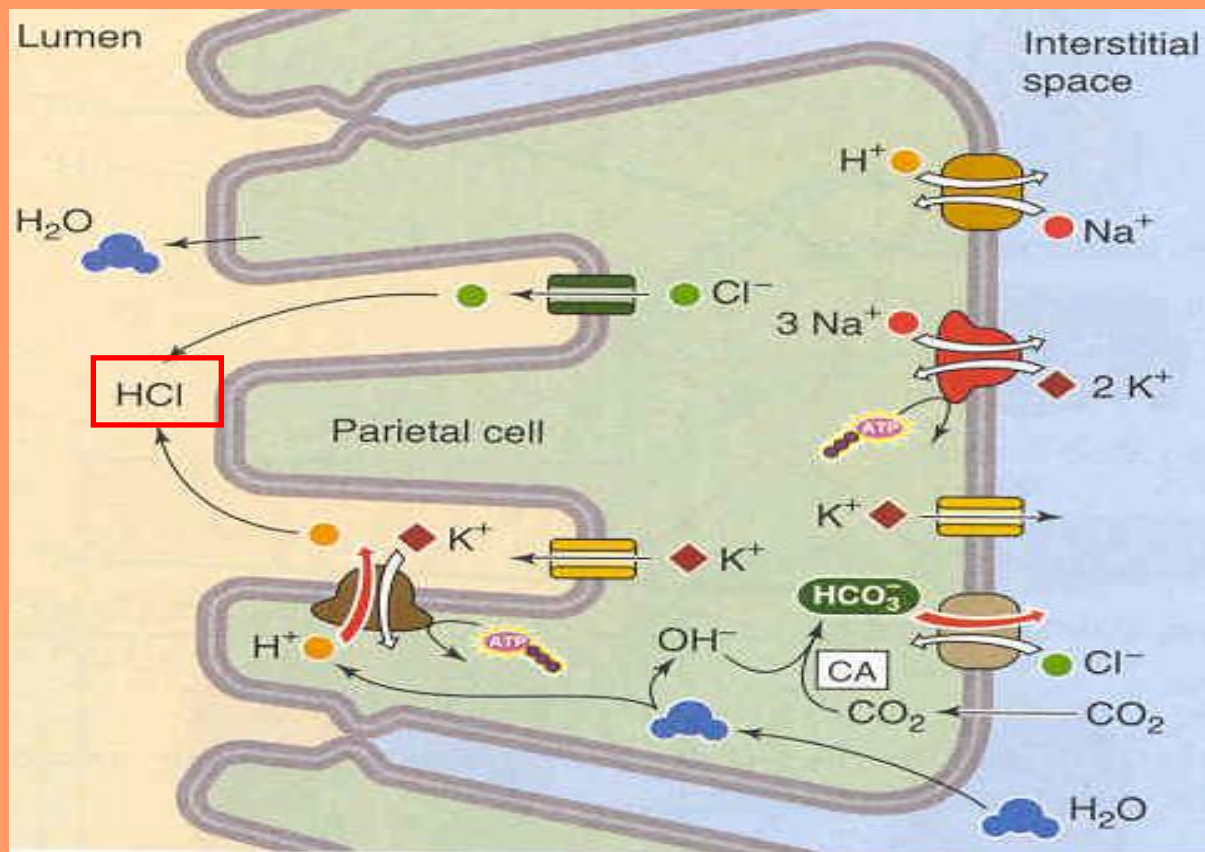
❖ Secretion is active process (hydrolysis of ATP).

✓ formation of HCO_3^- and H^+ into the cells under action of carbonic anhydrase

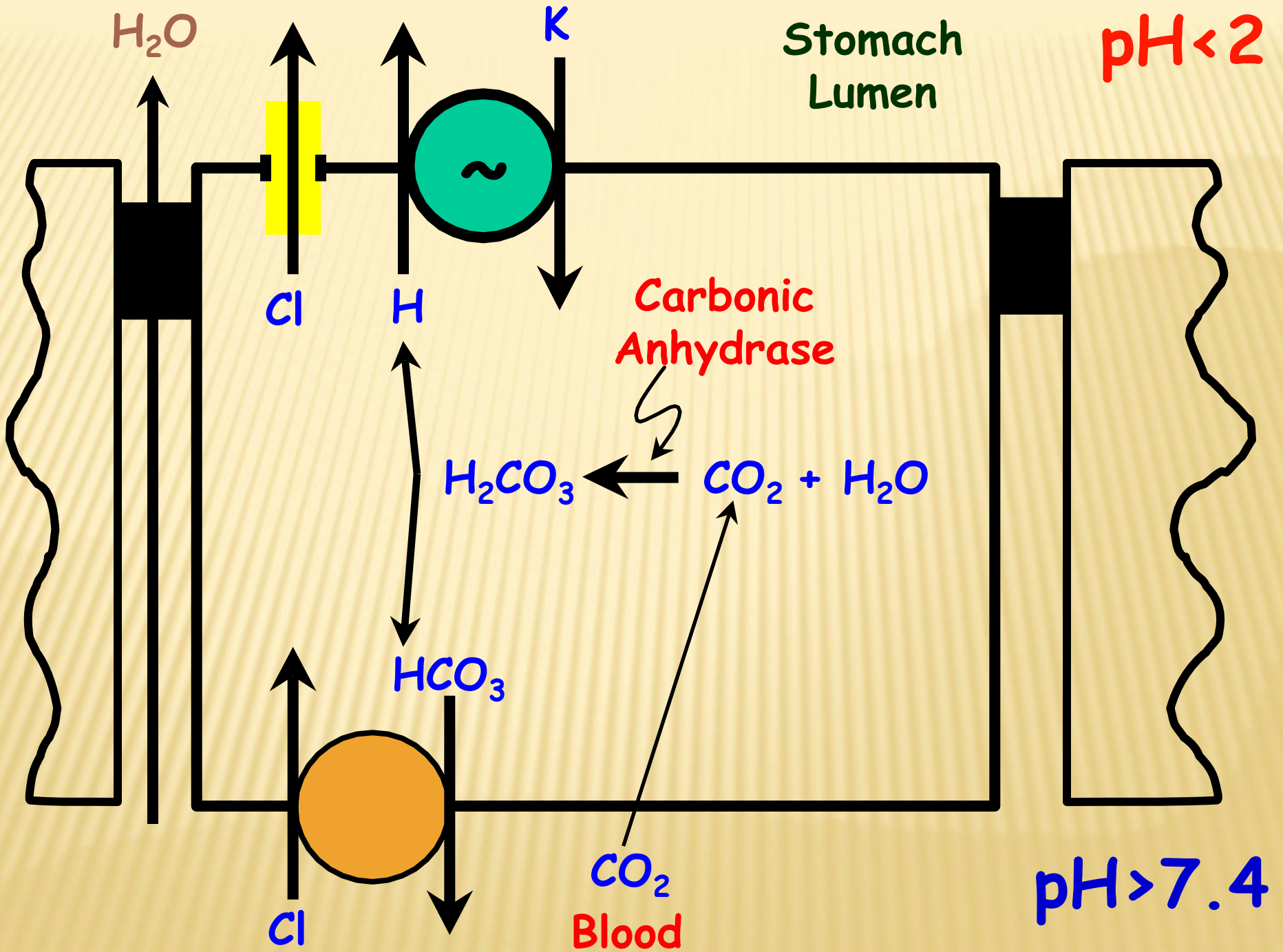
✓ H^+ pump out from the cells into the lumen by K^+/H^+ pump (ATPase)

✓ HCO_3^- are reabsorbed into the blood through the basolateral membrane – exchange of Cl^- by HCO_3^-

✓ Cl^- go out from the cells through Cl^- channels of apical membrane under concentration gradient



❑ Secretion of H^+ and Cl^- causes going of water out from the cells into the lumen.



H_2O

Stomach Lumen

$\text{pH} < 2$

Cl

H

K

Carbonic Anhydrase

H_2CO_3

$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

HCO_3

Cl

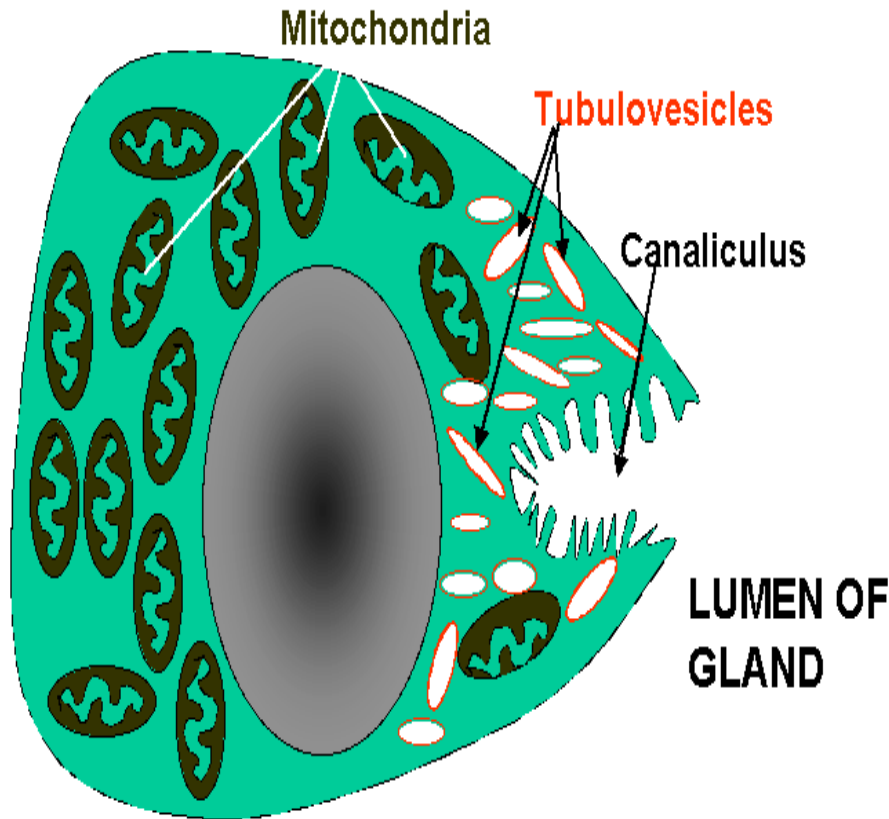
CO_2

Blood

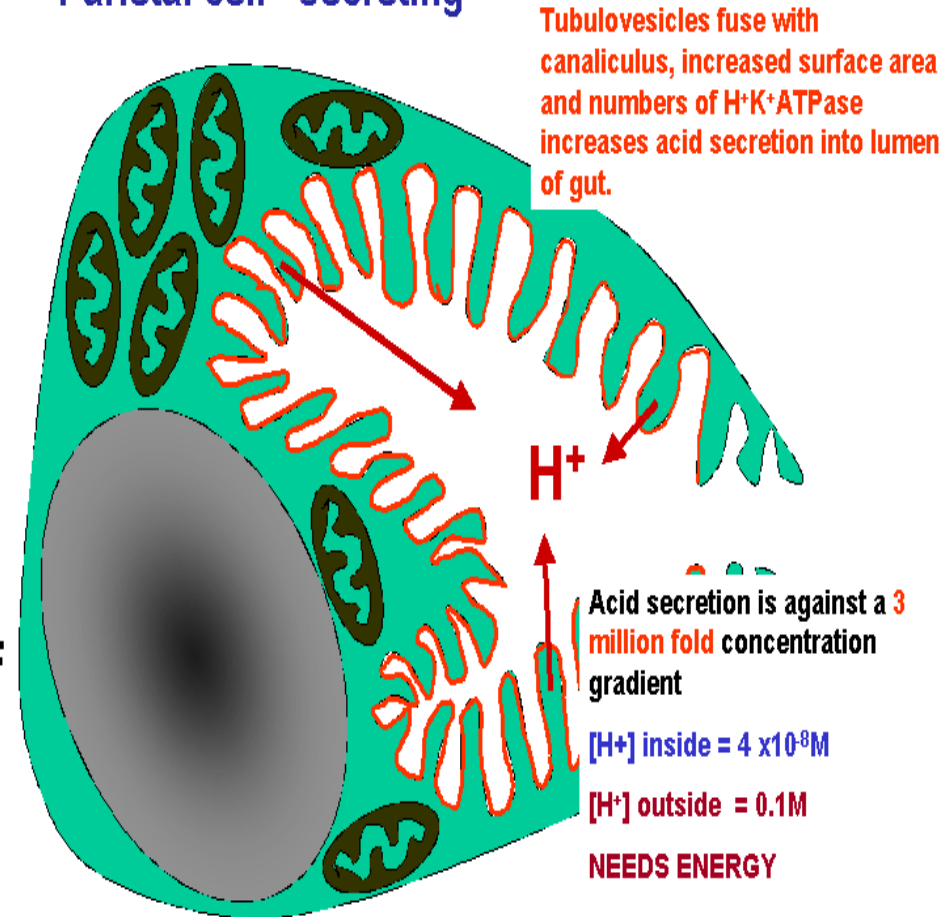
$\text{pH} > 7.4$

Secretion of hydrochloric acid

The parietal cell - resting



Parietal cell - secreting



Functions of HCl

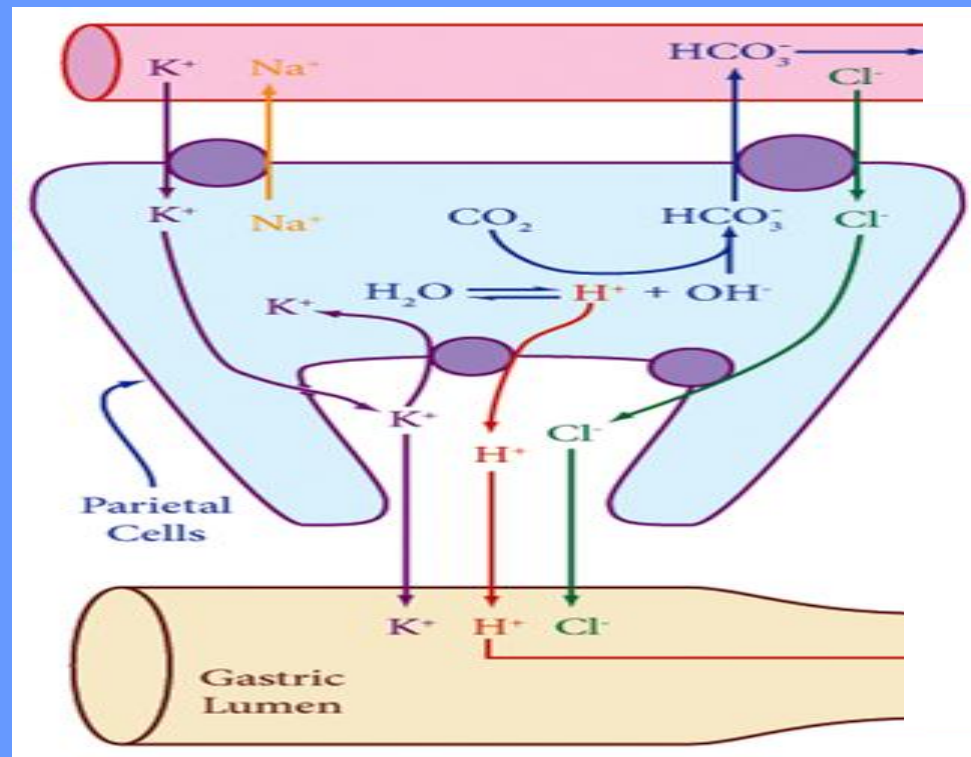
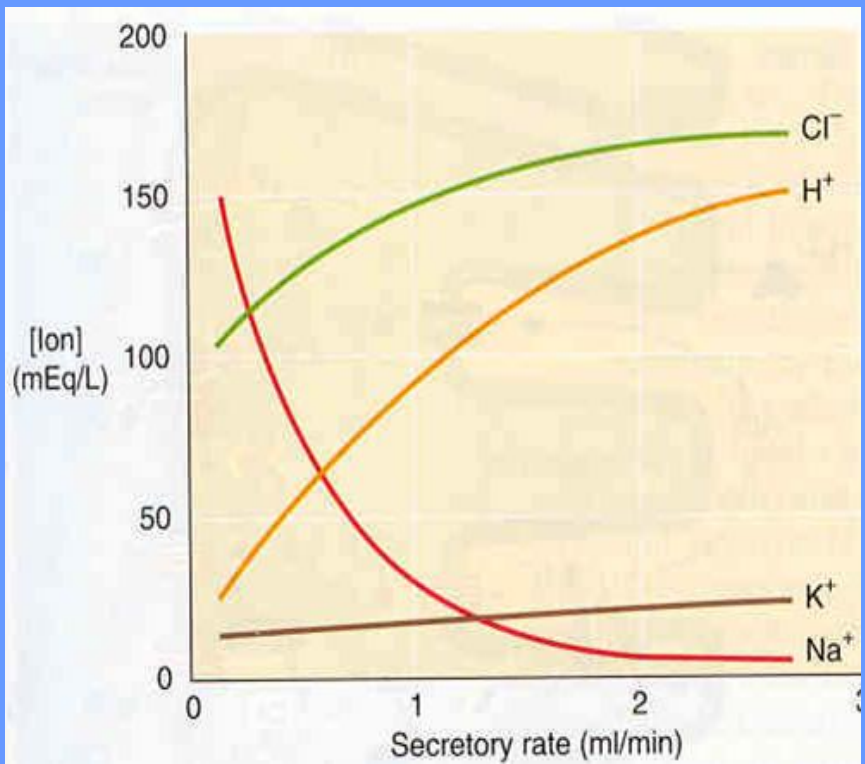
- ✓ denaturation of proteins
- ✓ bactericid action
- ✓ acidic pH causes activation of pepsinogen to pepsin

❖ The content of ions in stomach juice depends on the speed of its secretion.

➤ The high rate of secretion increases concentration of H^+ , Cl^- , K^+ , and decreases Na^+ concentration.

❑ During stomach juice secretion HCO_3^- enter the venous blood “alkaline influx”.

📖 During vomiting and loss of stomach juice metabolic alkalosis and hypokalemia occur.



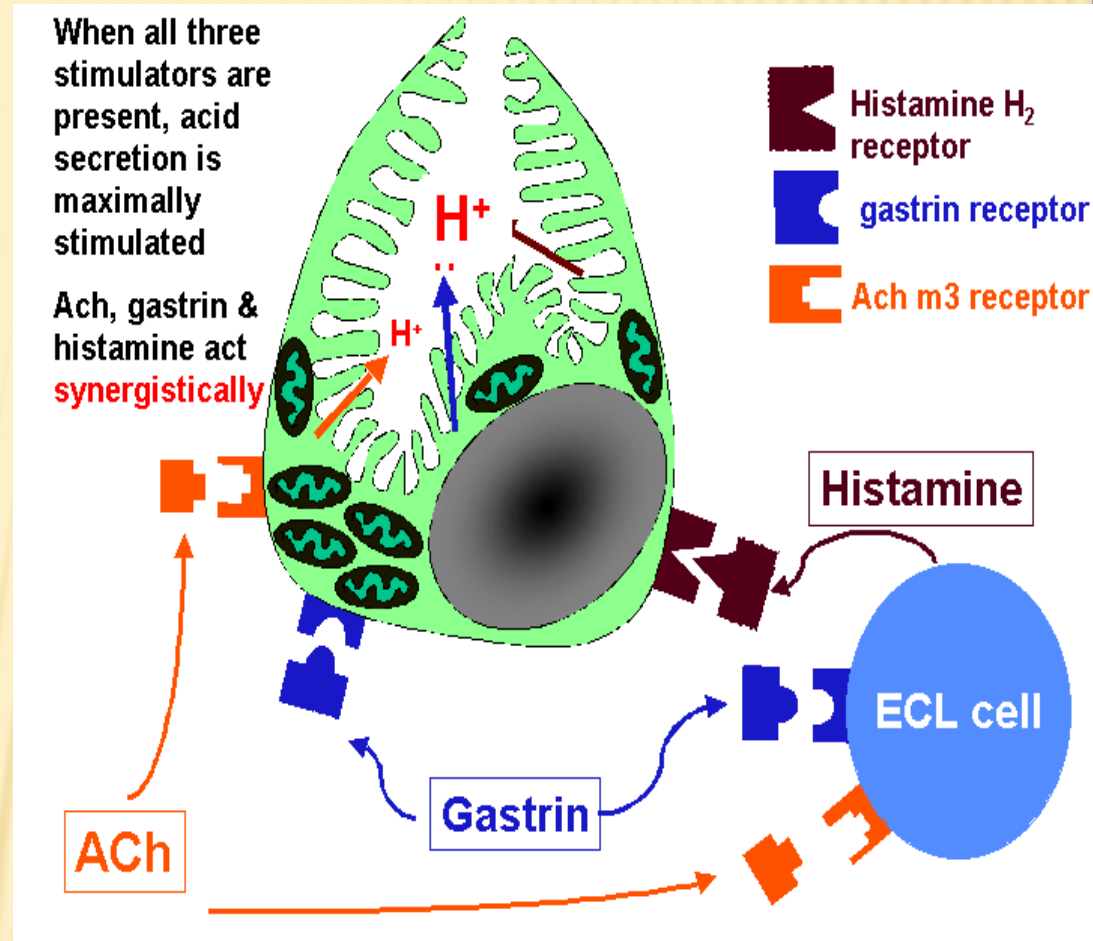
Control of HCl secretion

❖ Activation by:

➤ **Acetylcholine:** directly by **M_3 receptors (Ca^{2+})** and indirectly by activation of histamine secretion

➤ **Gastrin:** directly by **CCK_B receptors (Ca^{2+})** and indirectly by activation of histamine secretion

➤ **Histamine:** **H_2 receptors ($cAMP$)**



❑ These 3 factors have synergistic action and maximum secretion occur during their simultaneous action.

❑ Mechanism of activation: fuse of tubulo-vesicular system with membrane of secretory canaliculi.

▪ The same stimuli cause activation of intrinsic factor of Castle secretion.

Secretion of HCl is inhibited by:

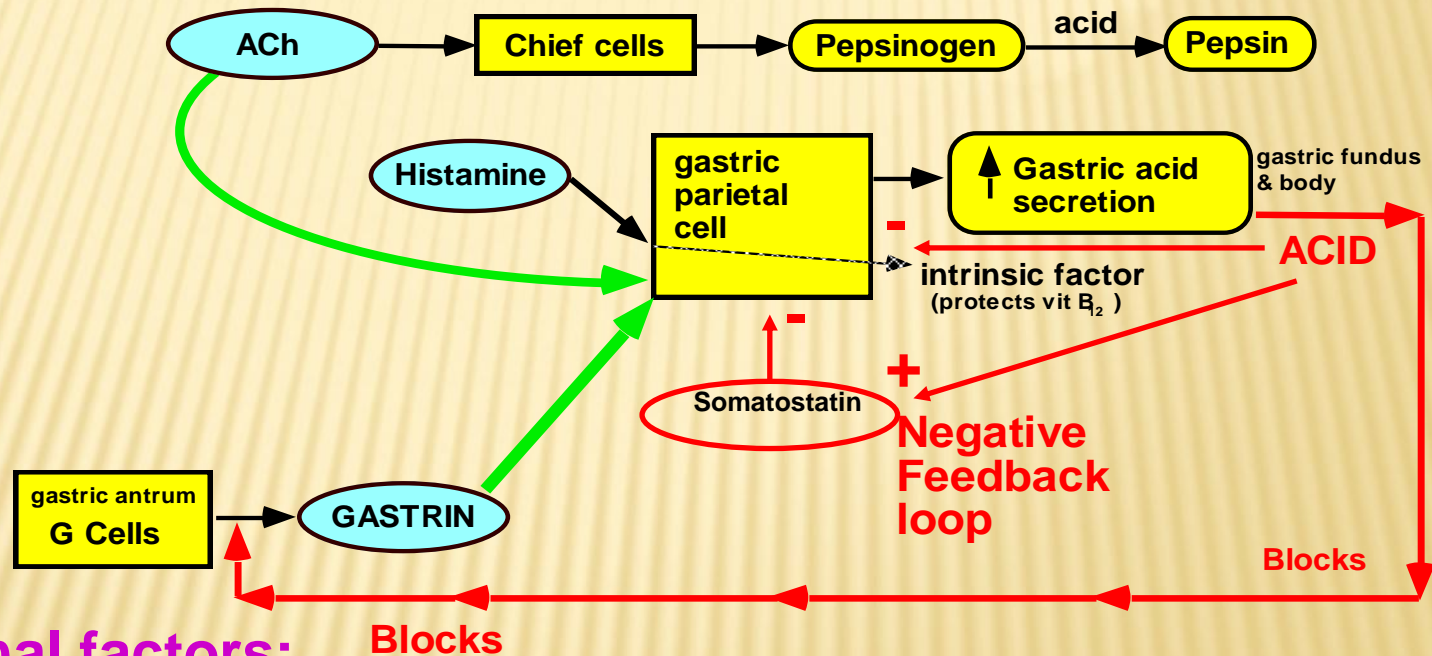
❖ Gastric factors:

➤ Somatostatin – direct inhibition (cAMP) and indirect (influence on the secretion of gastrin and histamine)

➤ Prostaglandin E₂ (cAMP)

➤ pH < 2 – *negative feedback loop*, direct inhibition

➤ reflex and hormonal control by: ↑ somatostatin, ↓ gastrin



❖ intestinal factors:

❖ low pH; increase of osmolarity and quantity of breakdown products

📄 hormonal control by:

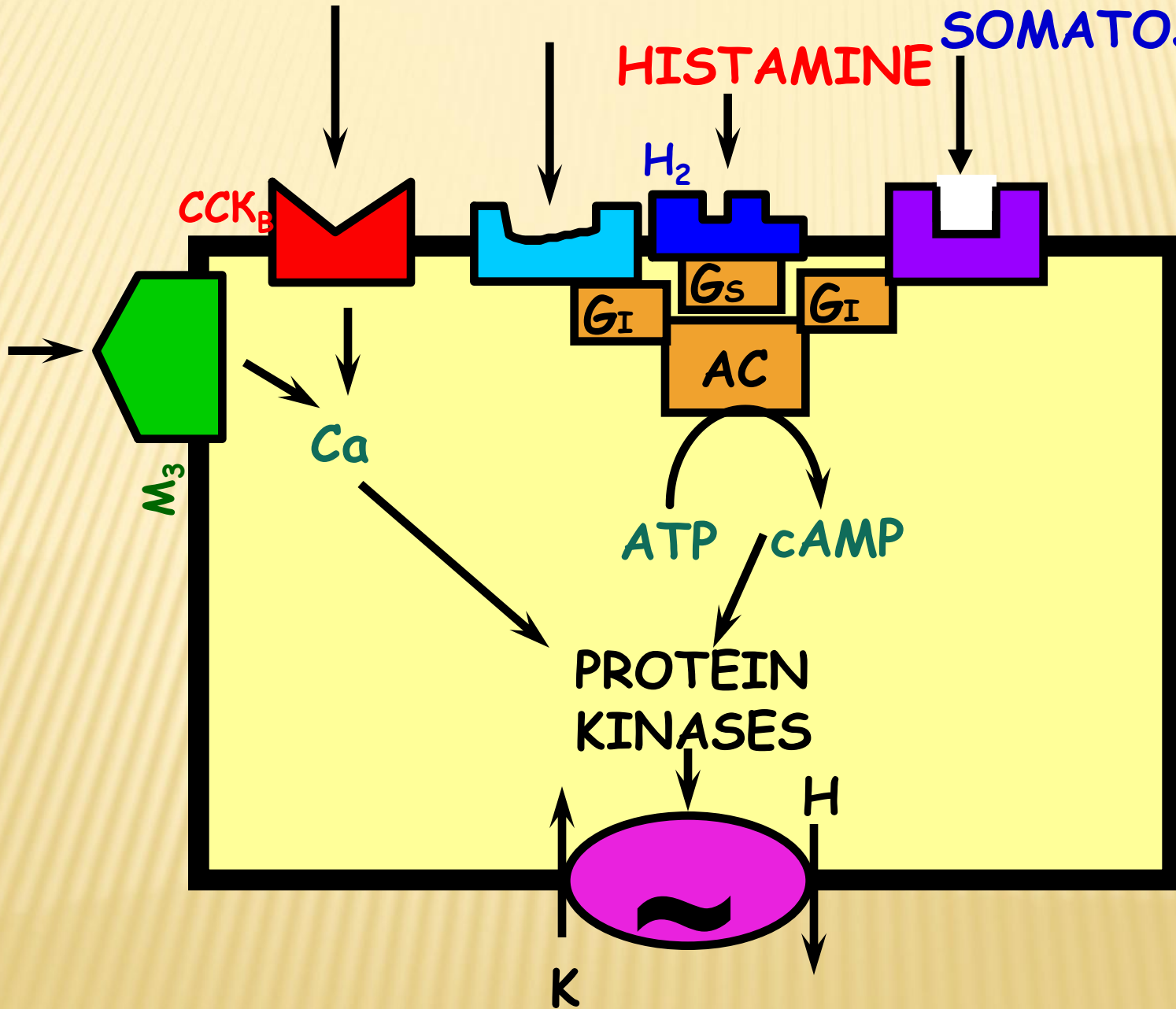
✓ **secretin** ✓ **cholecystokinin** ✓ **gastrin inhibitory hormone (GIP)**

GASTRIN PROSTAGLANDINS

HISTAMINE

SOMATOSTATIN

ACETYLCHOLINE

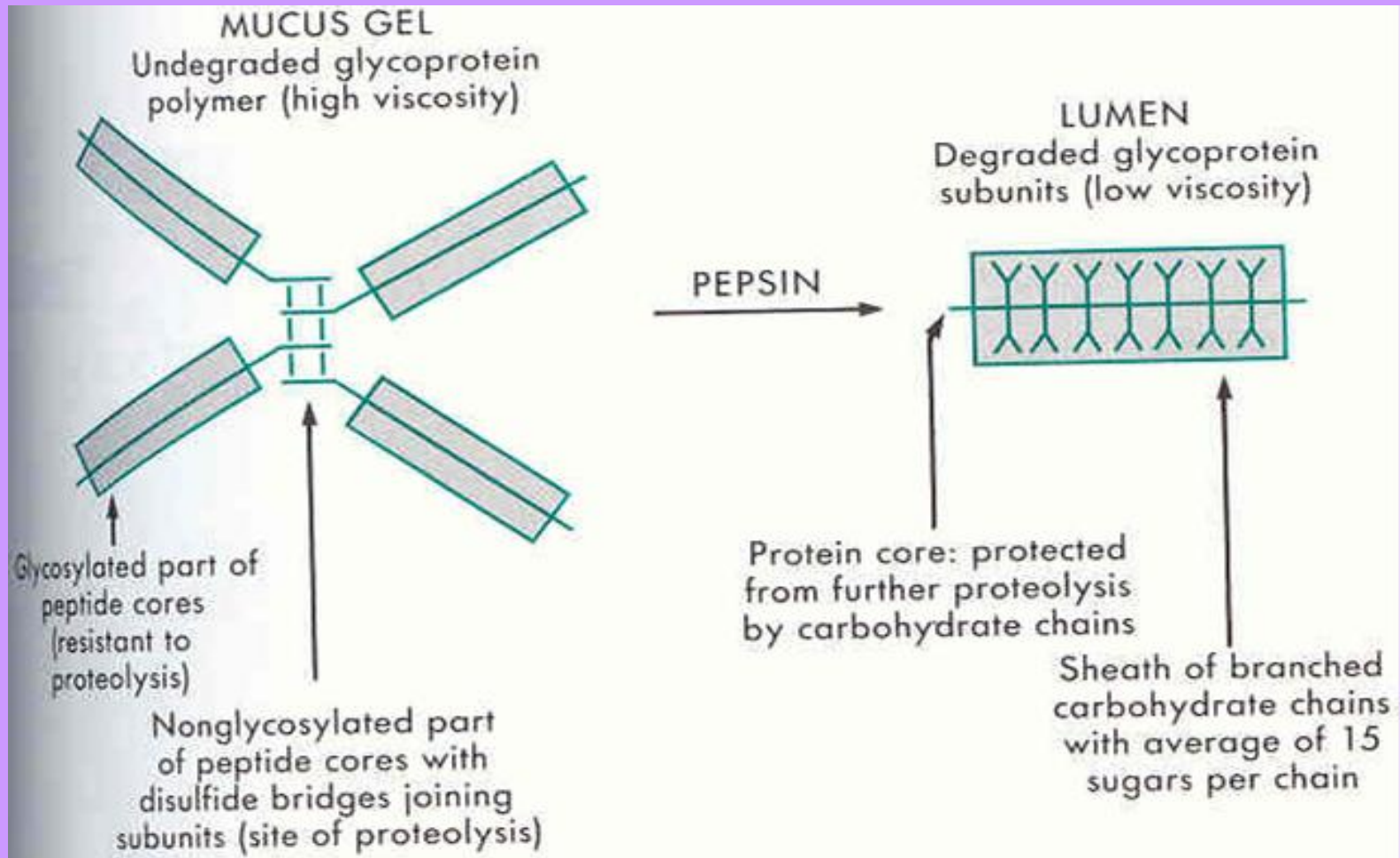


Secretion of mucus into stomach

❖ **Mucus is a glycoprotein.**

➤ **Mucus forms gel (50-450 μ) tightly attached to the surface of epithelium.**

📖 **Its function is protection from the action of enzymes, toxins and cancerogenic agents.**



Secretion of HCO_3^- into the stomach

❖ HCO_3^- are secreted by epithelial cells

➤ HCO_3^- diffuse into mucus gel

➤ they neutralize H^+ diffused into mucus, and maintain pH near to epithelial cells ~ 7 , whereas pH into the lumen is ~ 2

▪ secretion of mucus and HCO_3^- is stimulated by:

✓ Parasympathicus

✓ distension of stomach wall and low pH into the lumen

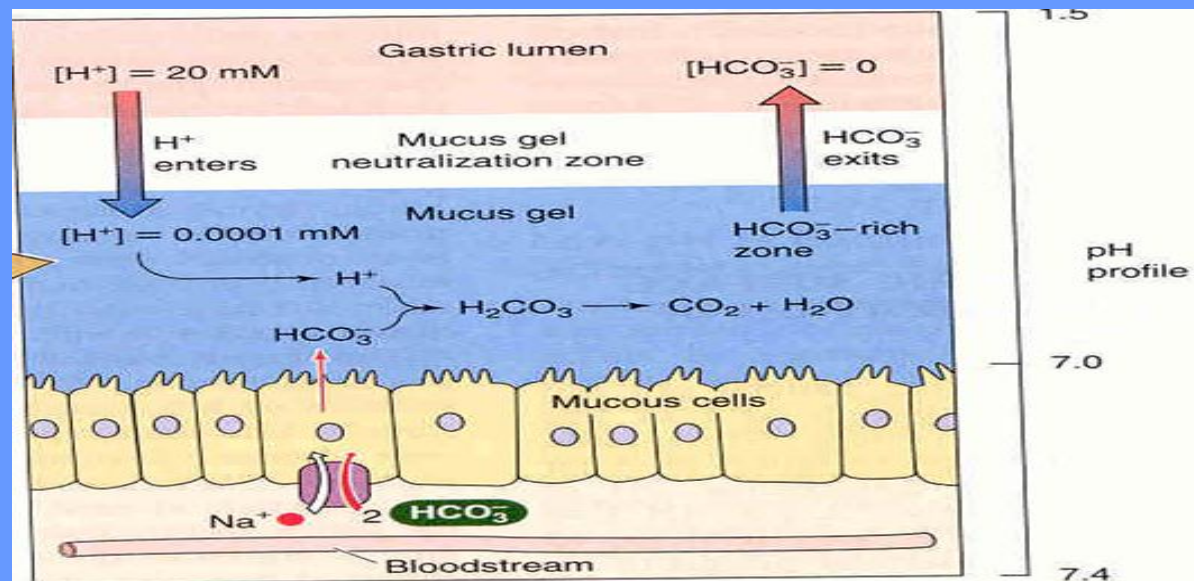
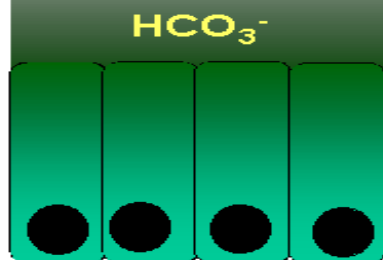
✓ prostaglandins

▪ secretion is inhibited by α -adrenomimetics

• Mucus

pH < 2

pH 7

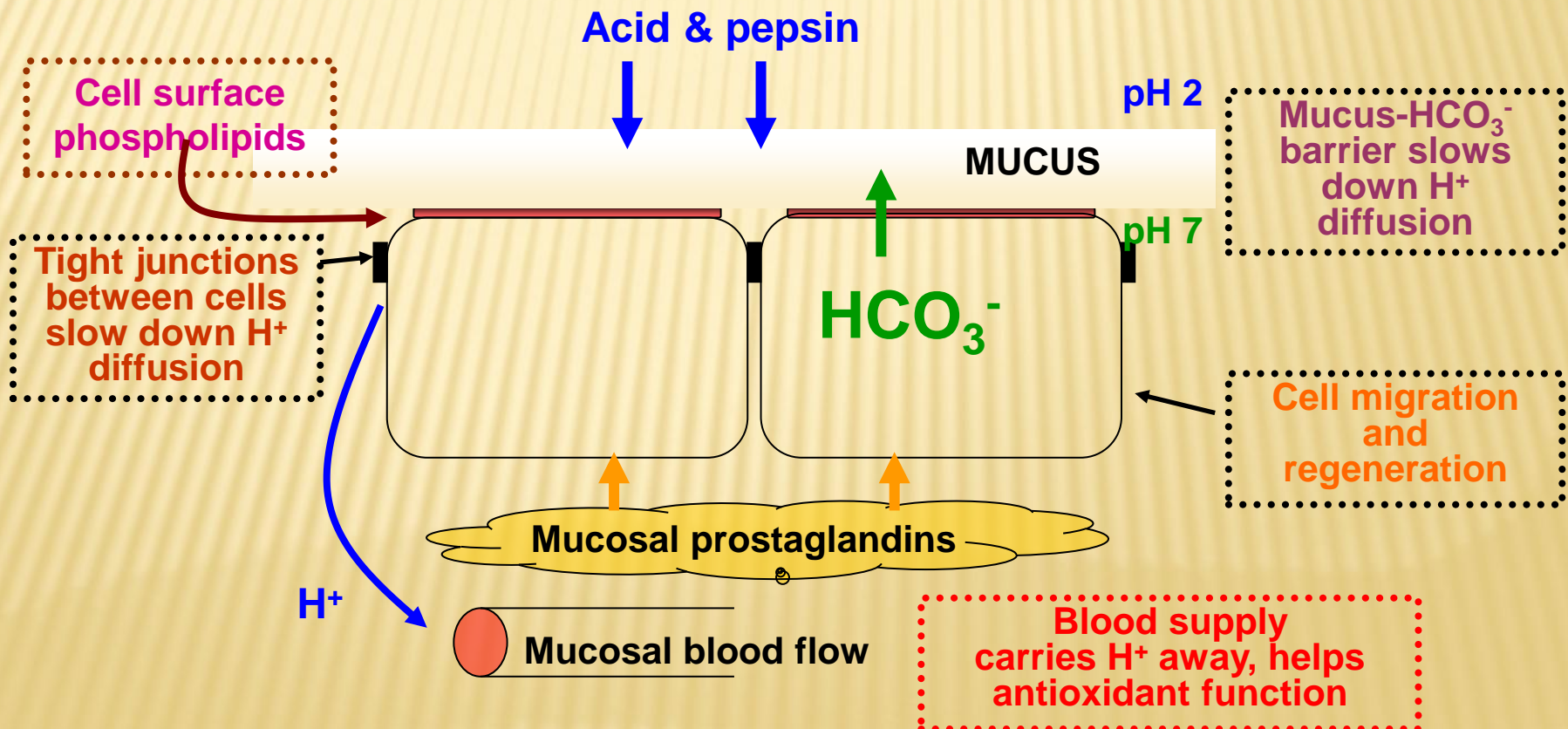


The stomach epithelial barrier

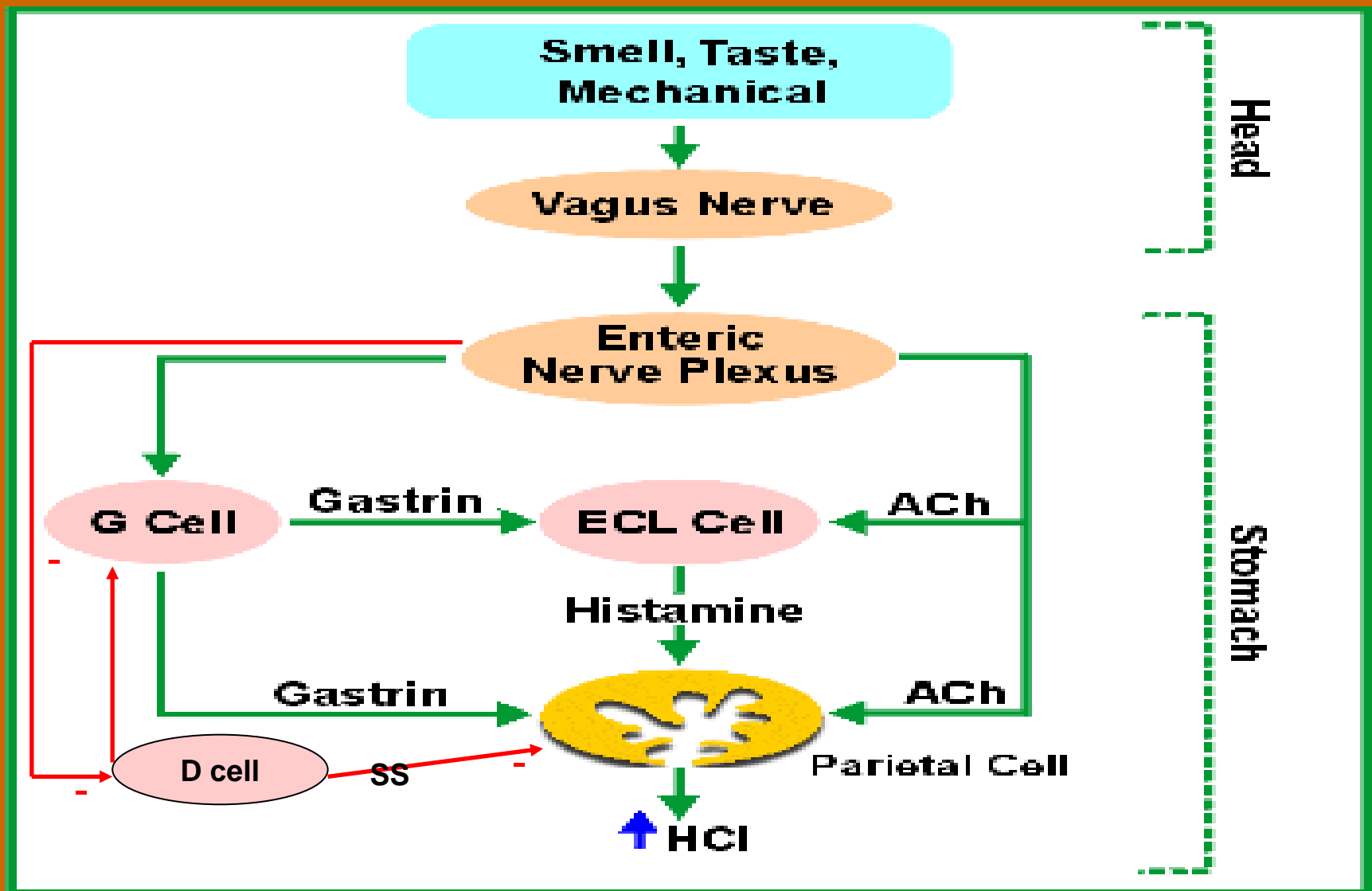
❖ protection of stomach mucosa from action of HCl, pepsin, toxins and the other injuring agents

➤ Barrier is due to:

- * relative impermeability of apical membrane of epithelial cells for H^+
- * mucus gel
- * secretion of HCO_3^-
- * Mucosal blood flow
- * cell regeneration
- * production of prostaglandins



Control of gastric juice secretion



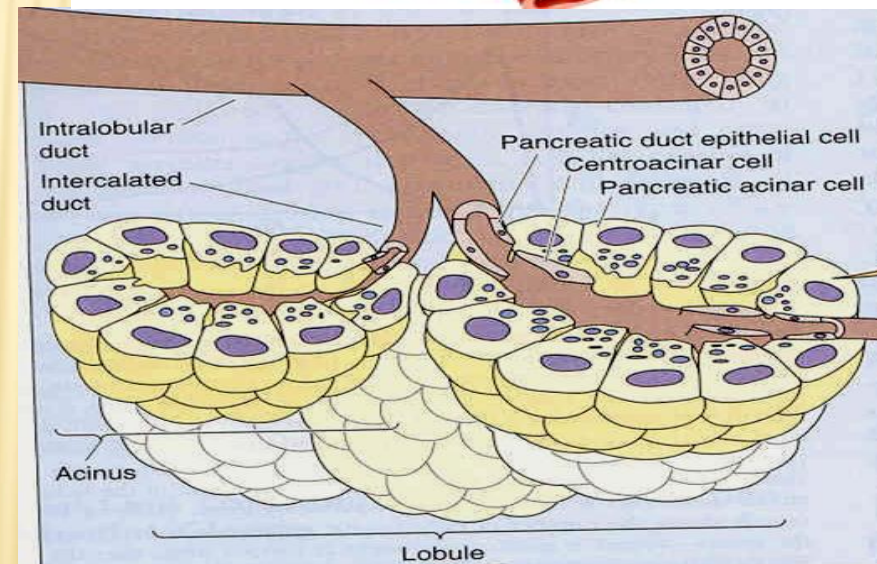
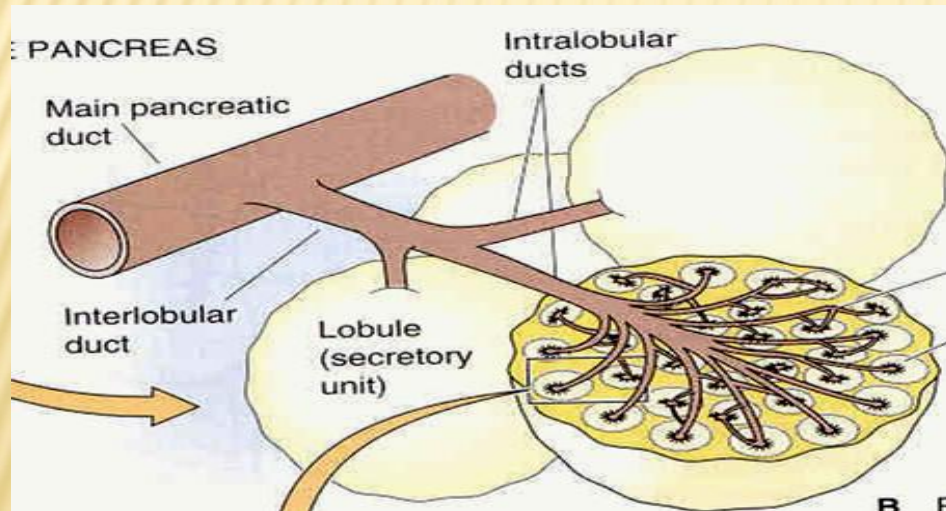
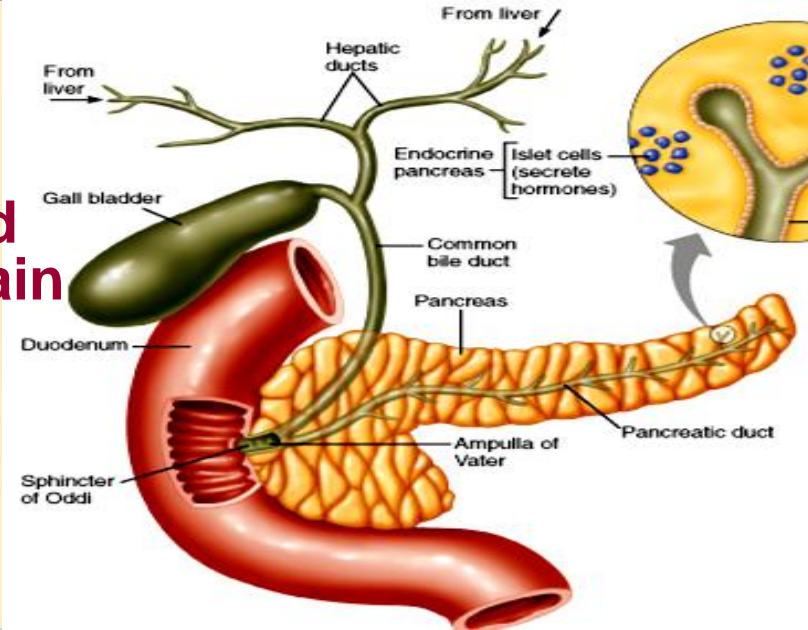
CONTROL OF STOMACH JUICE SECRETION

- ❑ **Cephalic phase** (30% of secretion)
type, smell or mind for food
signals from taste or mechanoreceptors of mouth
- ❑ **Gastric phase** (60% of secretion)
stimuli: n. vagus (Ach), gastrin, histamine, caffeine
inhibition by increased tone of simpathicus
- ❑ **Entheral phase** (10% of secretion)
stimulation by gastrin
inhibition by: secretin, CCK, VAP, GIH, somatostatin

Pancreatic juice

➤ Exocrine pancreas contains acini and ducts: intercalated, intralobular and main pancreatic duct.

▪ basic unit – lobule: acini, connected with 1 intralobular duct



Innervation:

Parasympathicus – n.vagus (Ach and VAP); effect: activation of secretion

Sympathicus (NA); effect inhibition of secretion

Volume, content and functions of pancreatic juice

- ❖ volume - 1.5- 2.5 l/ 24h, pH 7,1 - 8,8
- ❖ content - water, electrolytes, enzymes

➤ enzymes:

Proteolytic enzymes - trypsin, chymotrypsin, elastase-split proteins to polypeptids; carboxipeptidases A and B-cleft end AA from protein chain. They are secreted in inactive state that protects pancreas from autodigestion. They are activated into duodenum by enterokinase.

Lipolytic enzymes -lipase,cholesterolesterase,phospholipase A_2 .

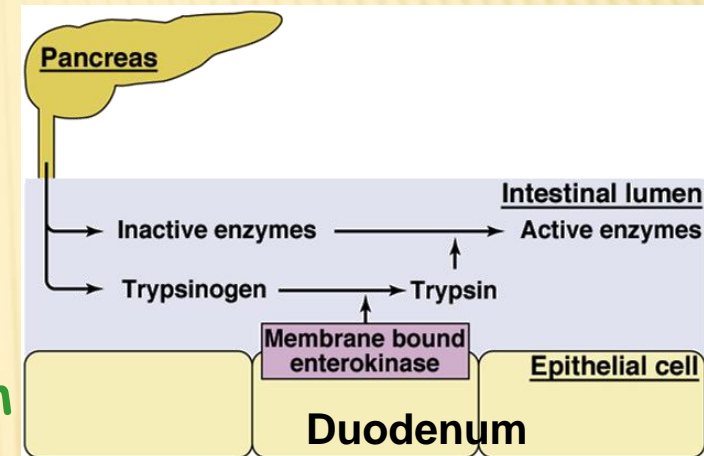
Amilolytic enzyme - alfa-amilase splits polysaccharides to glucose and maltose

Nucleases -ribonuclease and desoxiribonuclease

▪ the other proteins of pancreatic juice:

✦ trypsin inhibitor

✦ immunoglobulins



Control of pancreatic secretion

➤ Cephalic phase: the same stimuli that control gastric secretion (25% of secreted juice)

eff. Pathway = n. vagus -> increases secretion of the enzymes

➤ gastric phase: irritation of mechanical and chemical receptors into stomach wall (10% of secreted juice)

▪ is controlled by:

✓ n. vagus

✓ Gastrin

➤ enteral phase: chyme into duodenum (65%)

□ stimuli for secretion:

✓ increased volume and osmolarity of duodenal content

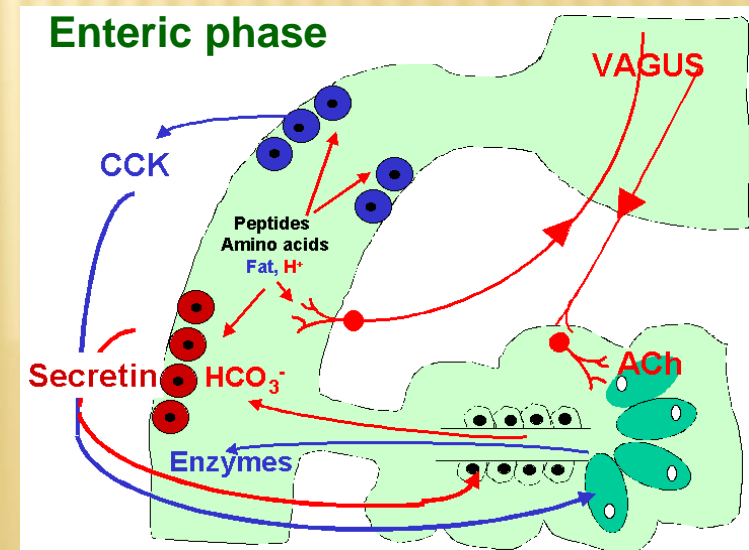
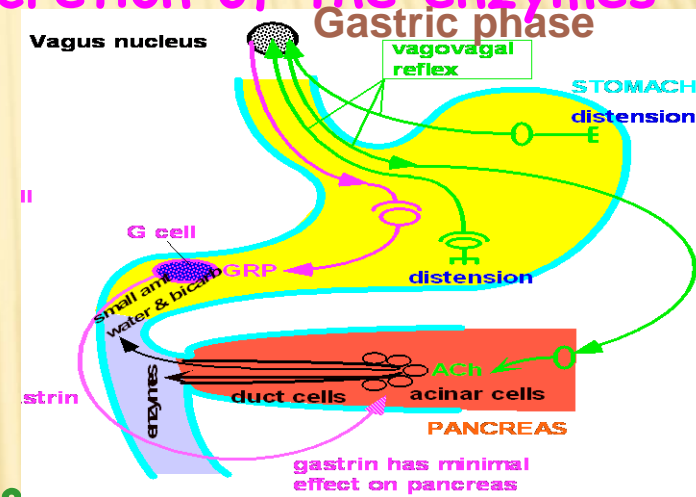
✓ acidic pH

✓ breakdown products of lipids and proteins

▪ control:

✓ nervous control - n. vagus

✓ hormonal control - CCK-pancreosimin and secretin

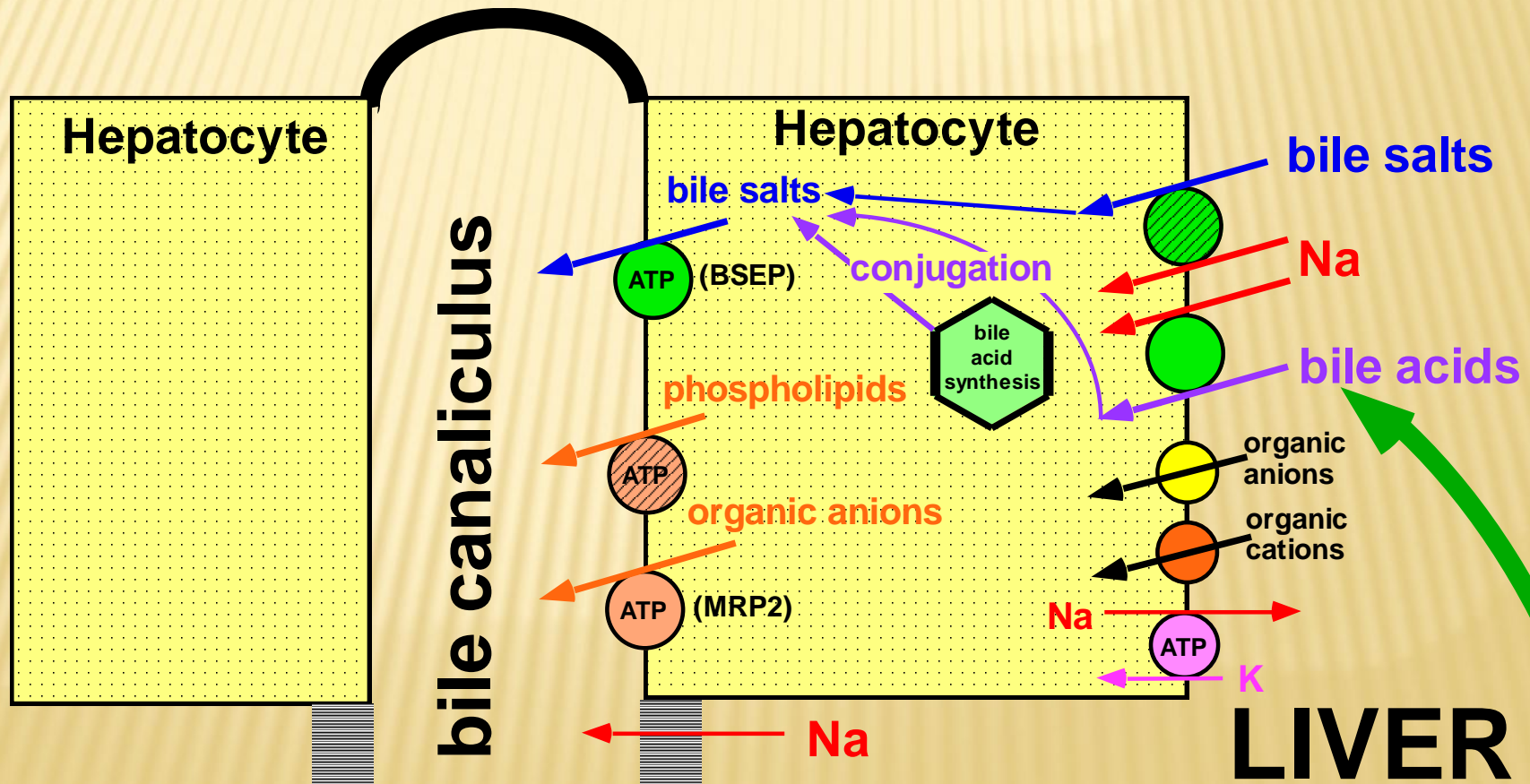


Secretion of bile - 500 -1200 ml / 24h

❖ Formation of primary secret by hepatocytes :

➤ active secretion of organic and inorganic substances into intralobular bile canaliculi following by passive transport of water through tight junctions

❑ The primary secret contains bile acids, pigments, cholesterol, phospholipides, organic ions and electrolytes.

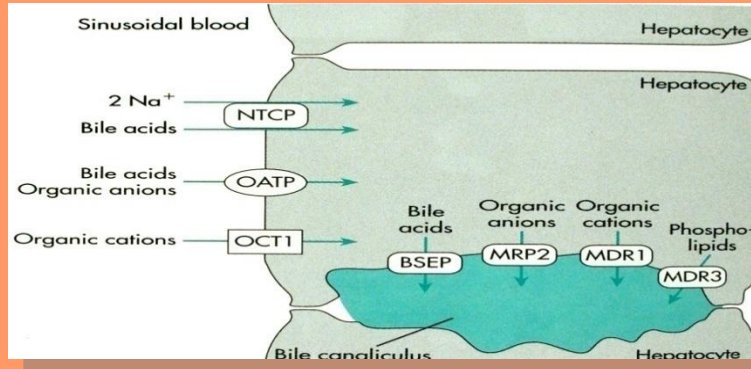


❖ the rate of primary secret formation depends on the bile salts (BS) concentration

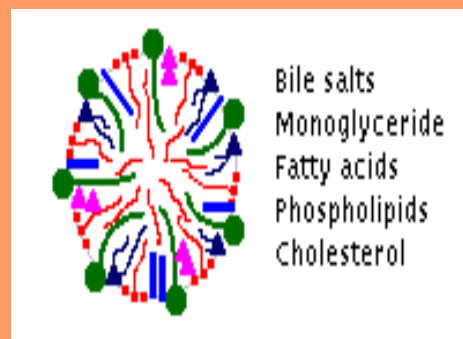
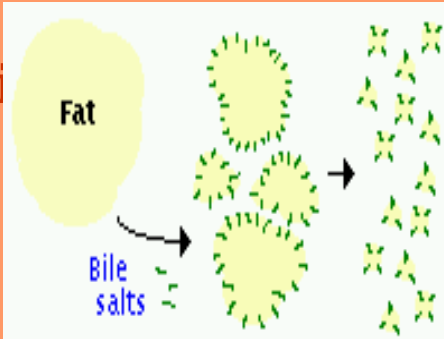
Bile acids (cholic and chenodeoxycholic) are synthesised from cholesterol.

✓ secretion of bile acids (BA) across the apical membrane of hepatocytes uses ABC (ATP-Binding Cassette) transporters

✓ In GIT BA are conjugated with glycin and taurine and form BS with Na and K



▪ BS are necessary for fats emulsifying and reabsorption of their end breakdown products



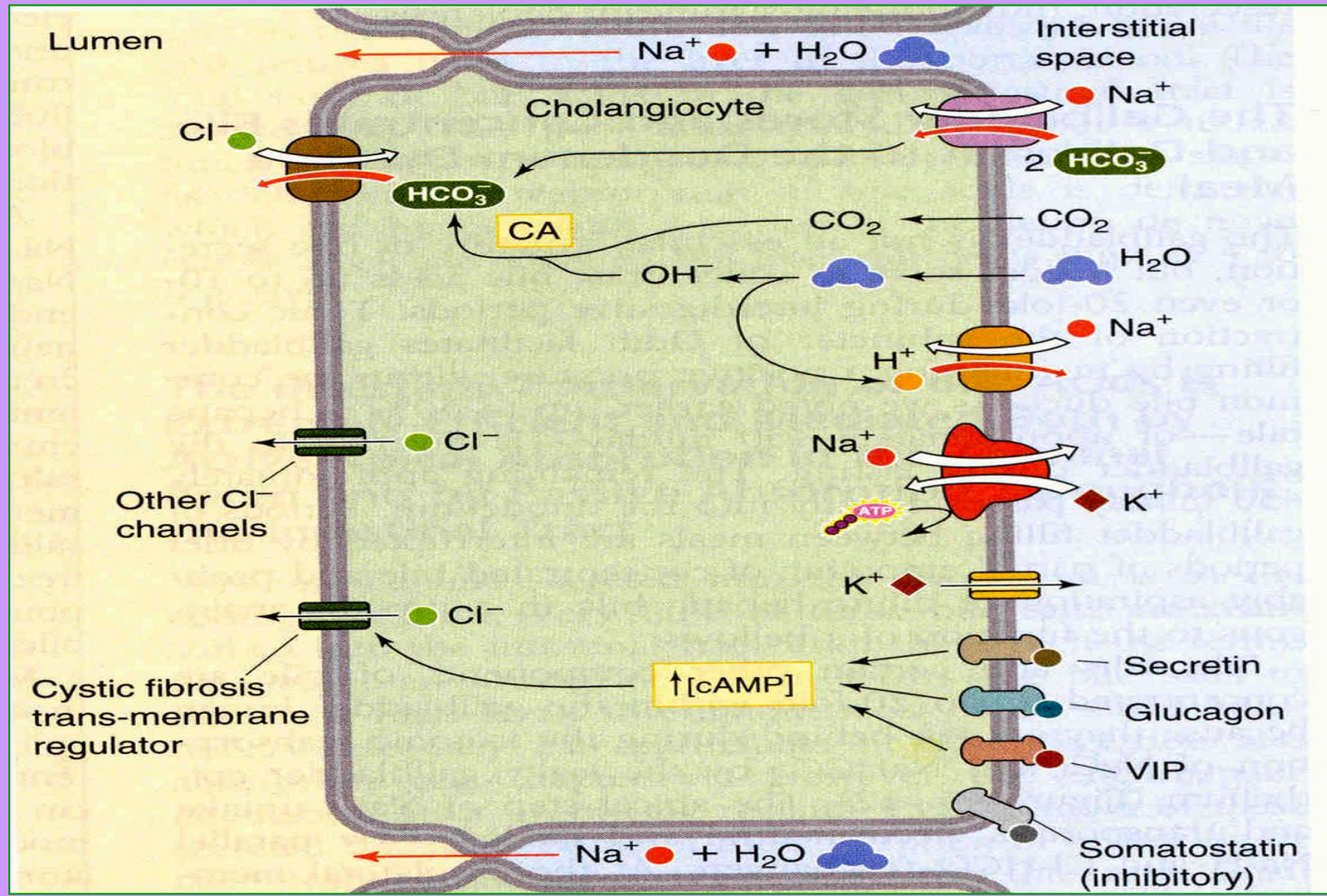
□ Stimulation of primary secret formation:

✓ secretin

☞ substances that increase bile secretion are called cholergics

✓ inhibition of BA synthesis - by high BS concentration in the blood of vena portae, because of their reabsorption at ileum (enterohepatic circulation)

- ❖ transformation of primary secret by the cells of extralobular ducts:
- their secret contains high $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ and low $[\text{Cl}^-]$ ions concentration

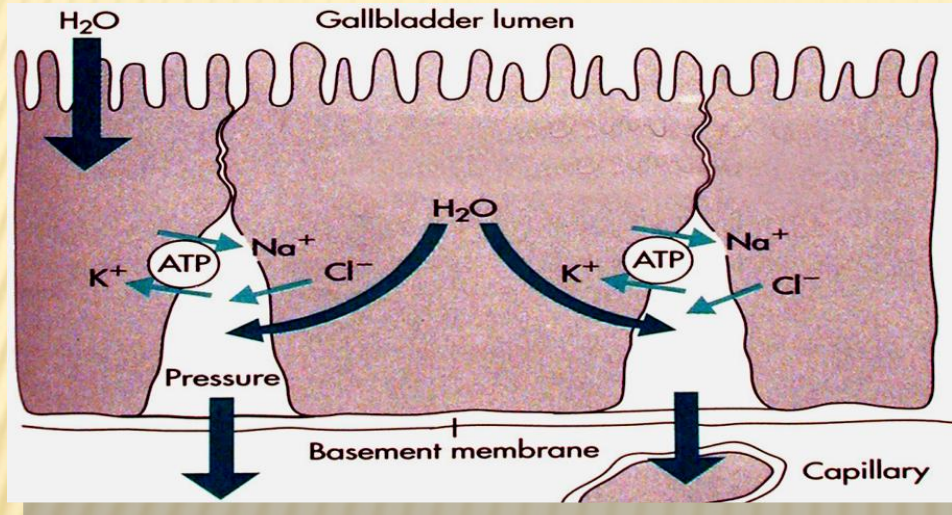


- ❑ stimulating factors - secretin and VIP
- ✓ inhibiting factor - somatostatin

Function of gallbladder

❖ storage of the bile between having of meal

➤ concentration of the bile av. 20 tymes because of reabsorption of water and NaCl

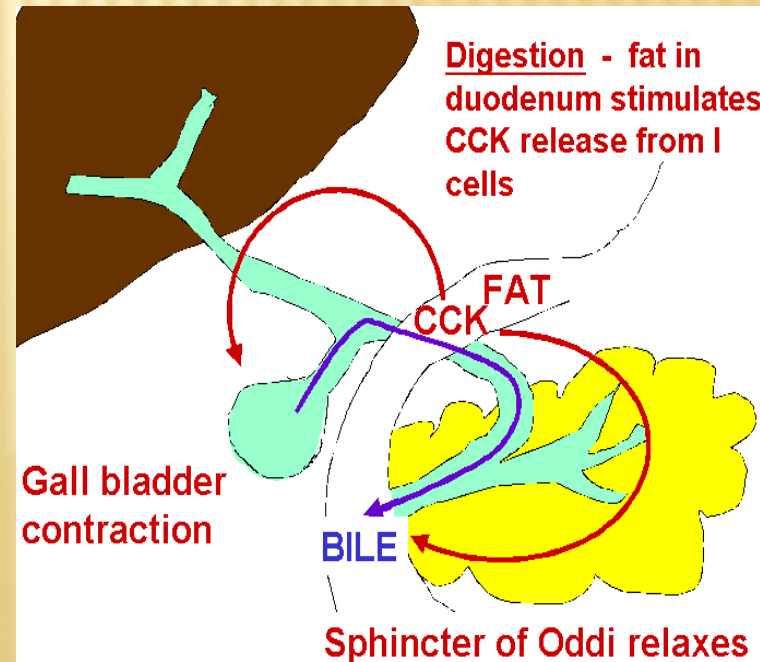
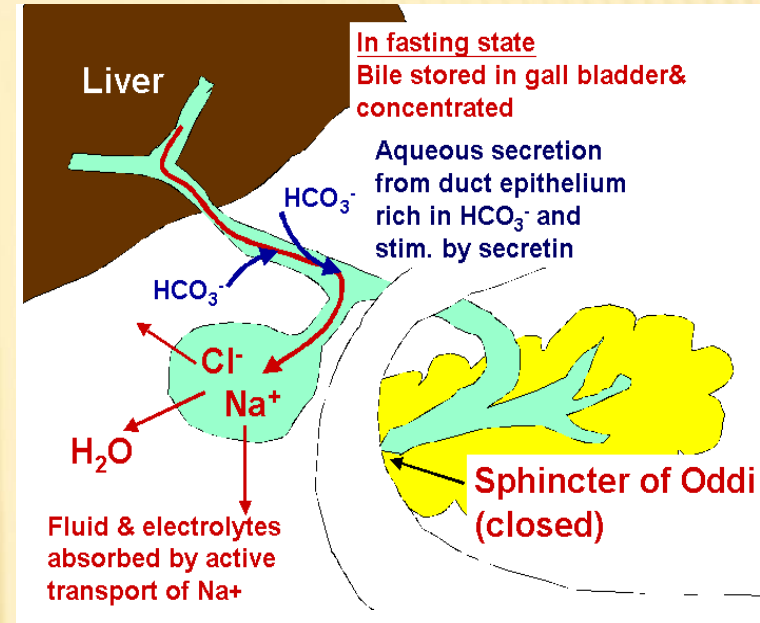


❖ During digestion gallbladder contracts, spincter of Oddi is relaxed and bile enters duodenum.

Control by:

✓ N. Vagus

✓ Cholecystikinin



Volume, content and functions of small intestine juice

❖ volume - av. 1,5 l/24h ❖ content- mucus, electrolytes, water

❖ functions:

❖ 1. participation in digestive processes

✓ maintenance of optimal pH into intestinal lumen for enzyme activation

✓ maintenance of appropriate surrounding on the brush border of enterocytes for normal digestion and reabsorption

❖ 2. defensive function:

✓ mucus- barrier for mechanical and chemical harmful agents

✓ water-electrolyte secretion - accelerates elimination of irritative agents, bacteria and their toxins

✓ antimicrobial substances - defensins, lysozyme, that are secreted by the cells of Paneth

- secretion of mucus - by the Goblet's cells
- secretion of water and electrolytes - by enterocytes

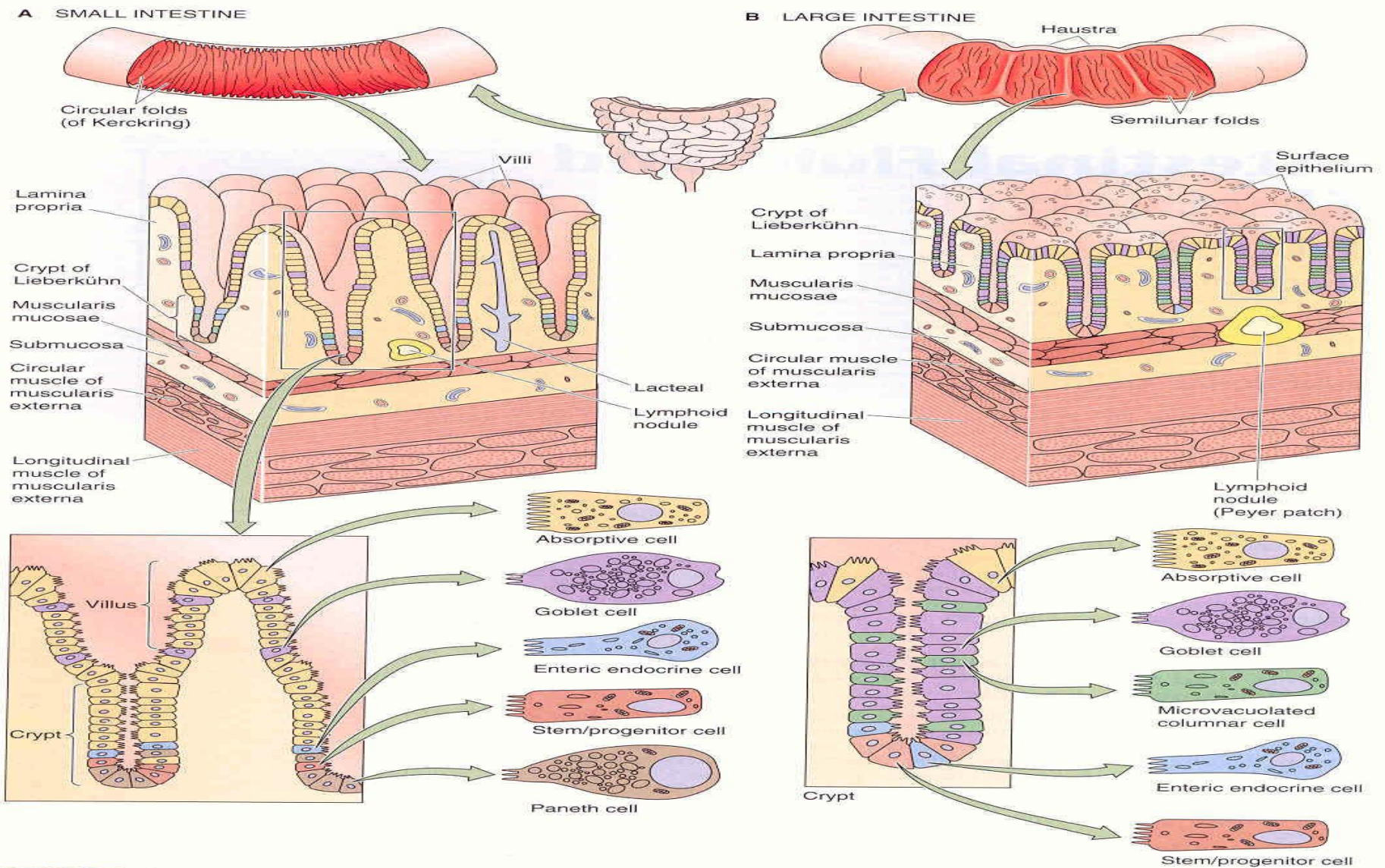
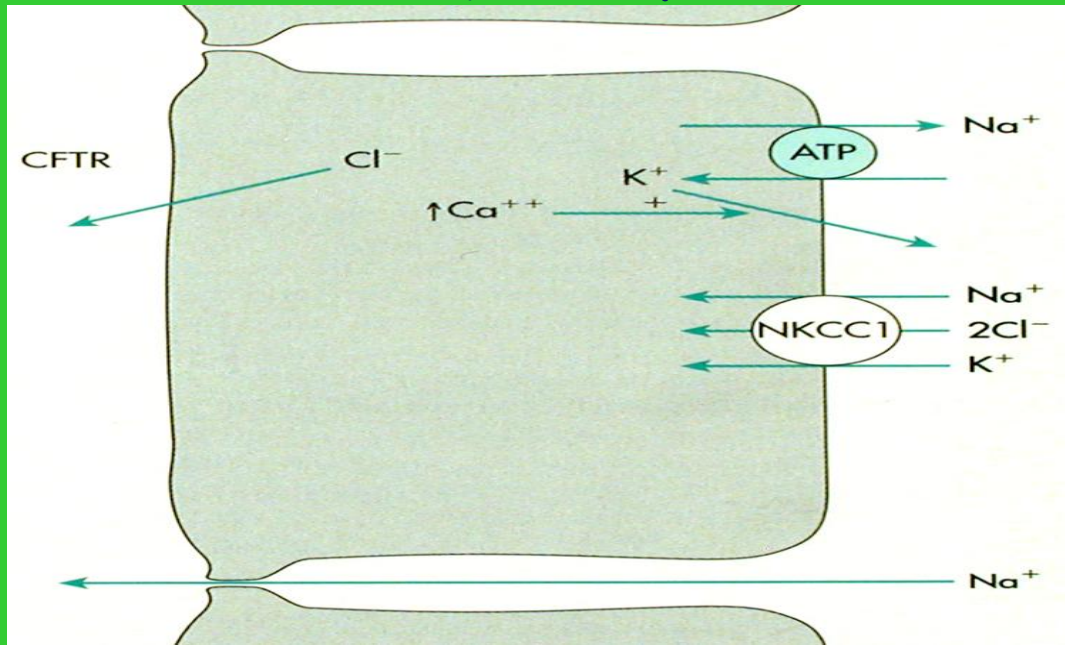


FIGURE 13-1 Microanatomy of the gastrointestinal tract. A: Small intestine. B: Large intestine. C: Cellular components of the intestinal mucosa.

- ❖ Into duodenum is secreted rich of HCO_3^- juice by the glands of Brunner
- ❖ The cells of Lieberkuhn's crypts secrete NaCl and water
 - mechanism of secretion is similar to mechanism of secretion in salivary and pancreatic glands
 - ✓ influx of Cl^- across basolateral membrane using secondary active transport mechanism (Na-K-2Cl transporter)
 - ✓ eflux of Cl^- across apical membrane via Cl chanel (CFTR)
 - secretion of Cl^- creates luminal potential that causes paracellular secretion of Na^+
 - secretion of NaCl causes osmosis of water



Control of intestinal secretion

❖ Stimulation by:

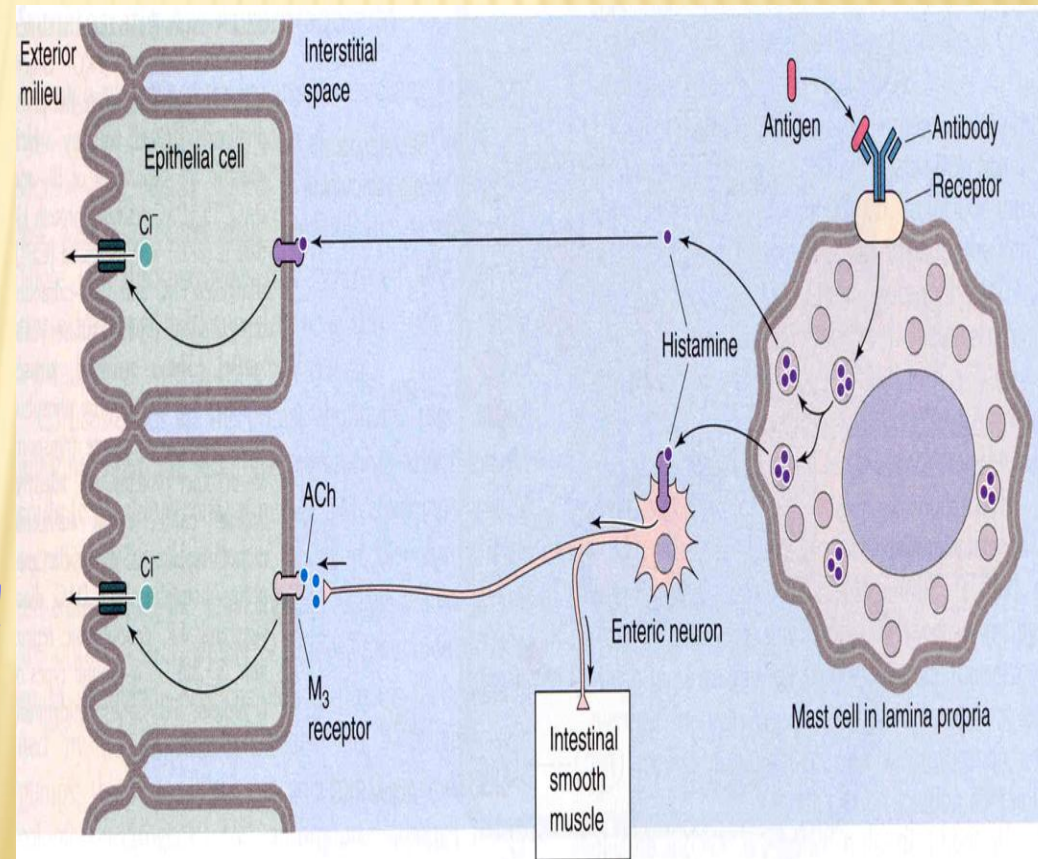
➤ mechanical and chemical agents into intestines

➤ substances, secreted by mass cells at lamina propria: histamine, prostaglandins, bradikinin

➤ bacterial exotoxins of *Vibrio cholerae*, *E. coli*

➤ bile salts, castor oil

❖ Intestinal secretion is inhibited by sympathetic and somatostatin.



Thanks for your attention!

