

HUMAN BIOLOGY

- The cell: is the basic structural, functional, and biological unit of all known organisms.
- It's the smallest unit of life. Cells are often called the "building blocks of life".
- Robbert Hook was the first scientist who used the term cells in the field of biology.
- **Cell size**: Big cells that can be seen by naked eyes, such as bird's eggs.
- \circ Typical diameter of animal cells (10-20 μ m) (seen by optical microscope).
- $\circ~$ viruses whose size is about 100-300 °A (seen by electron microscope).



THE CELL TYPES

Eukaryotic

- Which contain a nucleus
- Either single-celled or multicellular.



Animal Cell



Prokaryotic

- Which don't have a nucleus
 - Single-celled organisms



Plant Cell

Characteristics	Eukaryotic	Prokaryotic
Nucleus	Present (membrane bound)	Absent (nucleoid region)
Cell size	Large	Small
DNA replication	Highly regulated with selective organs & sequences	Replicates entire genome at once
Organism type	Usually multicellular	Unicellular
Chromosomes	More than 1	One long single loop of DNA & plasmids
Ribosomes	Large	Small
Organelles	Present	Absent
Cell wall	Simple: present in plants and	Complex: present in all
	fungi	prokaryotic
Plasma membrane	Present	present
Cytoplasm	Present	Present
Growth	Slower	faster

Structure of cell

Anatomy of an Animal Cell









Structure of cell

1. Nucleus:

- a) Nuclear envelope: membrane enclosing the nucleus
- b) Chromatin: DNA + associated proteins.
- c) *Nucleolus*: condensed region where ribosomes are formed

2. Endoplasmic reticulum:

- a) Rough (RER): network or membranous of inter connected tubules (cisternae) contain ribosomes which release transfer vesicles (protein); rRNA
- b) Smooth: network or membranous of interconnected flattened tubules which lacks ribosomes and is involved in the synthesis and storage of lipids. detoxifying a number of organic chemicals converting them to safer water-soluble products.
- **3. Golgi apparatus:** is responsible for transporting, modifying, and packaging proteins and lipids into vesicles for delivery to targeted destinations

- **4. Mitochondria (Powerhouse of the cell)**: produces adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the main energy molecule used by the cell.
- **5.** Cytoplasm: is a gelatinous liquid that fill the inside of a cell. it composed of water, salts & various organic molecules .
- **6.** Lysosome: is a membrane bound cell organelle that contains digestive enzymes. They break down excess or worn out cell parts. Apoptosis.
- 7. Plasma membrane (cell membrane): is a membrane found in all cells that separates the interior of cell from the outside environment.
- It consists of a lipid bilayer that is semipermeable.
- The plasma membrane regulates the transport of materials entering and exiting the cell.





