

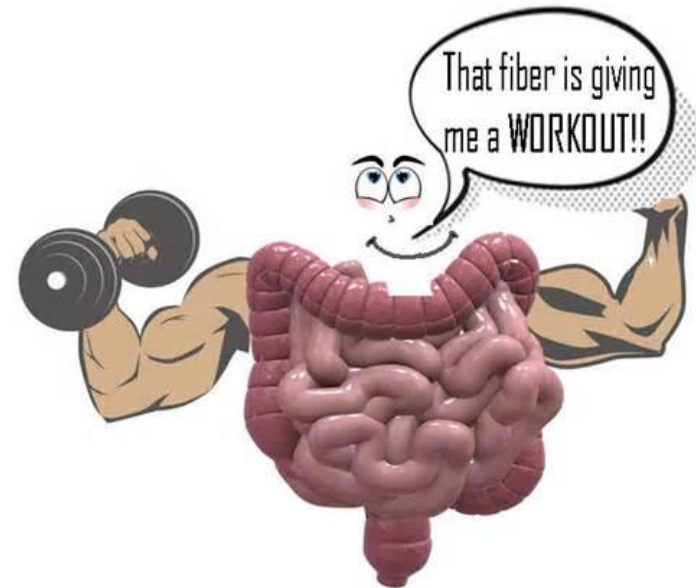
# SMALL INTESTINE

## OBJECTIVES:

By the end of this lecture,  
The student should  
describe the microscopic  
structure of the three  
regions of the small  
intestine:

- 1- Duodenum.
- 2- Jejunum.
- 3- Ileum

Extra explanations : grey



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# SMALL INTESTINE (complete digestion and absorption)

To increase surface area the mucosa has:

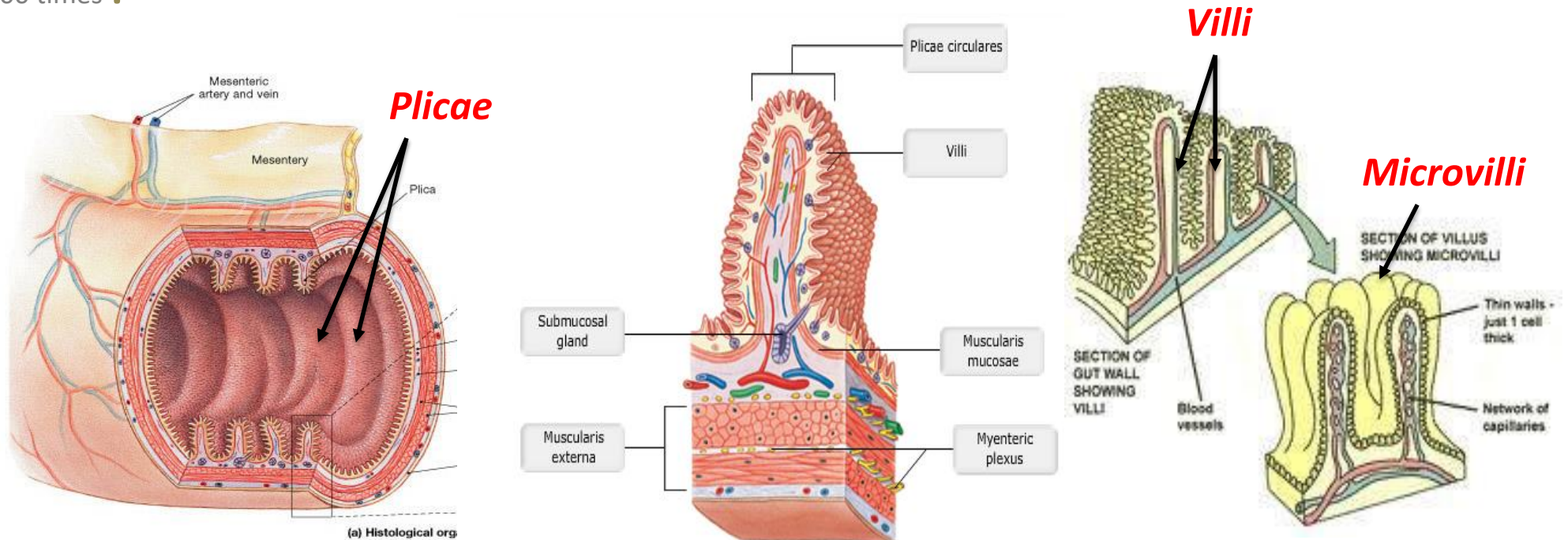
**1. Plicae circulares** تكون بالعرض مو بالطول على عكس المعدة, Also don't disappear like stomach

**2. Villi.**

**3. Intestinal crypts** (crypts of Lieberkühn).

**4. Microvilli** (Brush border). Simple columnar absorptive cell, increase surface area for

300 times .



# INTESTINAL VILLI

Each Villus is a finger-like projection of small intestinal mucosa and it is formed of:

1. Central core of loose C.T. containing:

**Lymphocytes.**

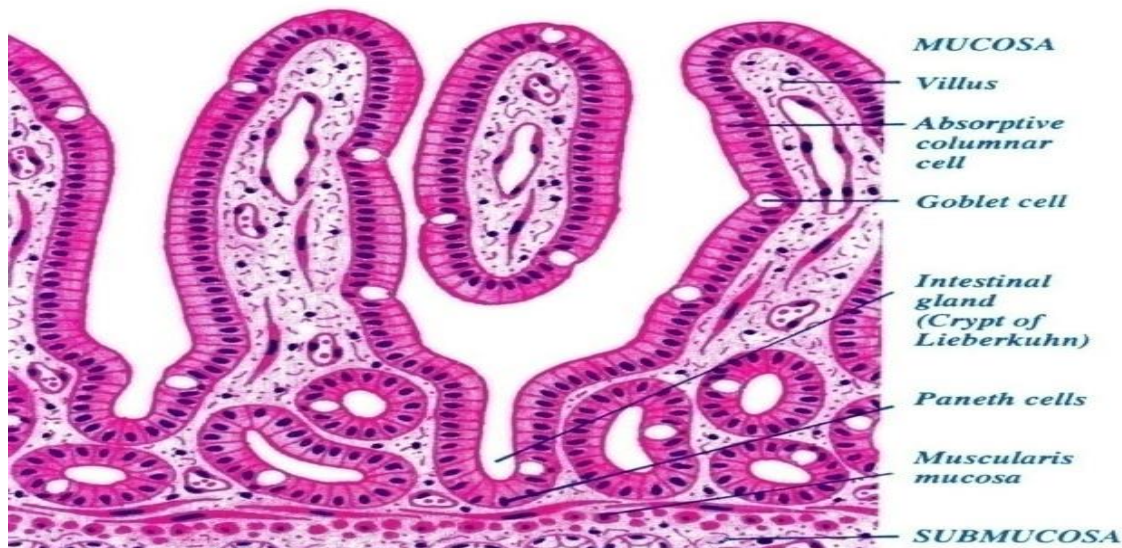
**Fibroblasts.**

**Smooth muscle cells.**

**Capillary loops.** (For absorption).

**Lacteal** (blindly ending lymphatic channels).

2. Villus-covering epithelium.



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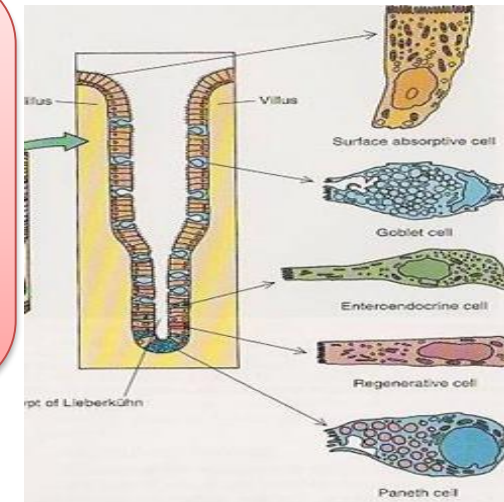
### 1. Surface columnar absorptive cells:

They have brush border (microvilli).

They are covered with *thick glycocalyx* that has digestive enzymes.

**2. Goblet cells:** They have Junction complex. (tight, adhering and desmosome junctions). rease toward the ileum. To secrete mucus for protection.

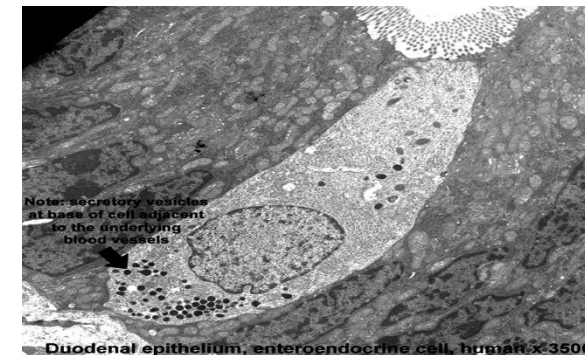
**3. Enteroendocrine (EE) cells:** (DNES cells). diffuse neuroendocrine system.



## EE (DNES) cells all of them columnar cells

EE cells: secrete Hormones

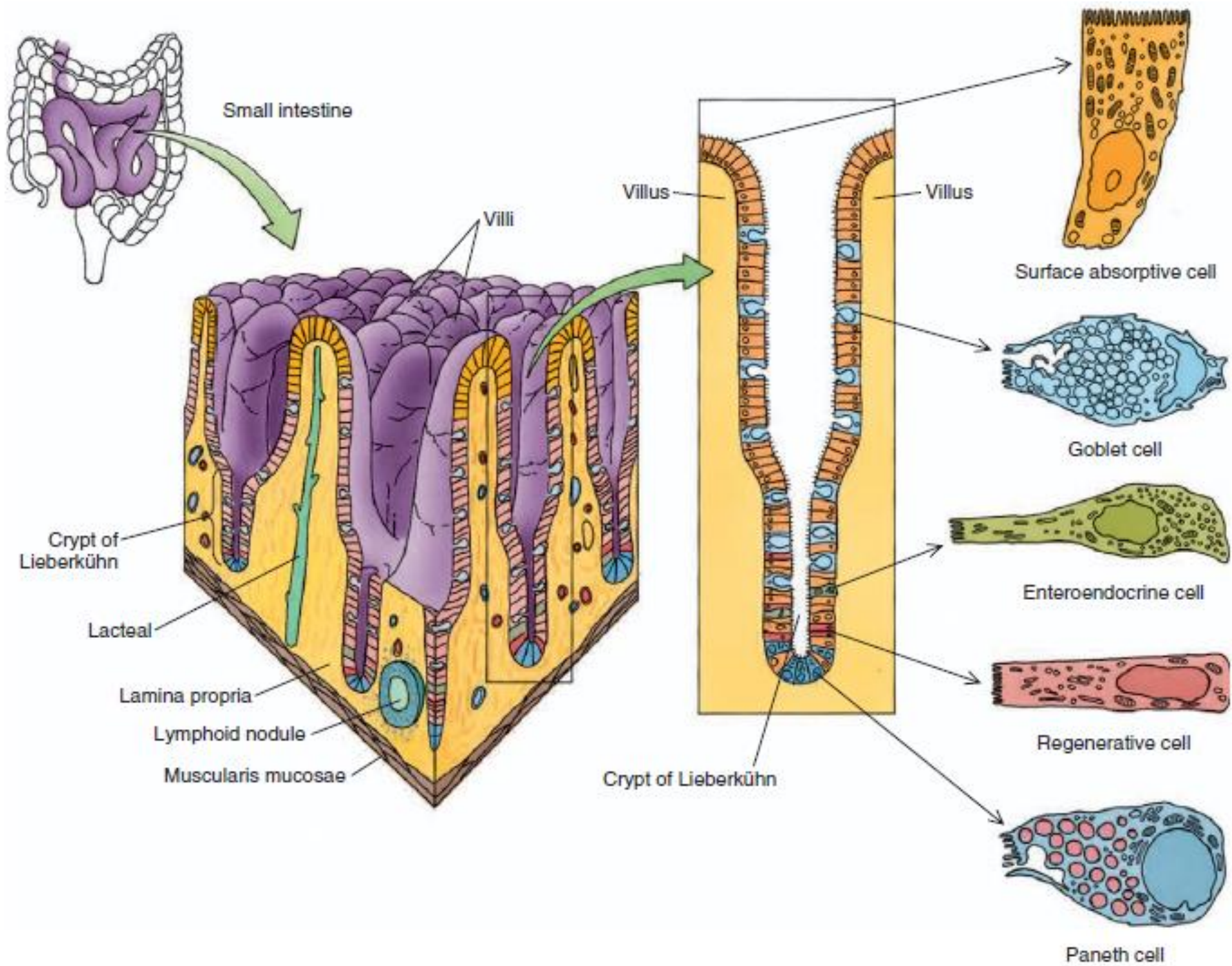
- **EC cells:** secrete **endorphin** and **serotonin**.
- **S cells:** secrete **secretin**.
- **D cells:** secrete **somatostatin**.
- **A cells:** secrete **glucagon**.
- **Mo cells:** secrete **motilin**.
- **CCK-PZ cells:** secrete **cholecystinin** (pancreozymin)



## M CELLS (MICROFOLD CELLS)

They are mainly found *within the intestinal epithelium* overlying lymphatic nodules of lamina propria. Each is a dome-shaped cell with a basal concavity that contains intraepithelial lymphocytes and macrophages.

They phagocytose and transport antigens present in the intestinal lumen to the underlying lymphoid tissue cells to initiate the immune response to these antigens leading to the **secretion of IgA**. So this cell recognize the toxicity food not allergy food .



# INTESTINAL GLANDS (CRYPTS)

Simple tubular glands that open between villi.

Composed of 5 cell types:

1. Columnar absorptive cells.

2. Goblet cells: secrete *mucus*.

3. Enteroendocrine (EE) (DNES) cells: secrete *hormones*.

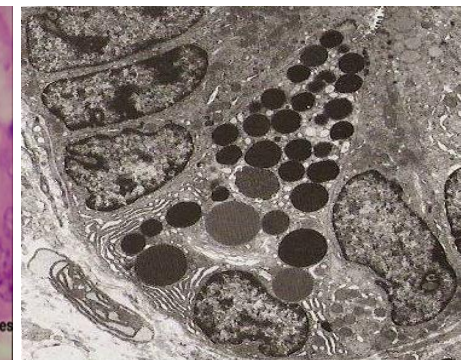
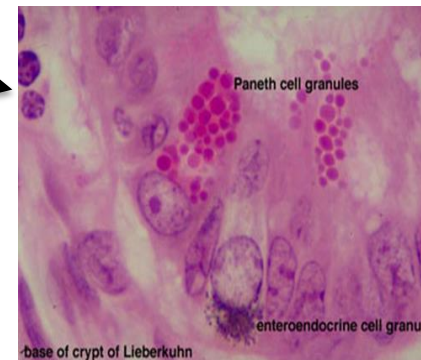
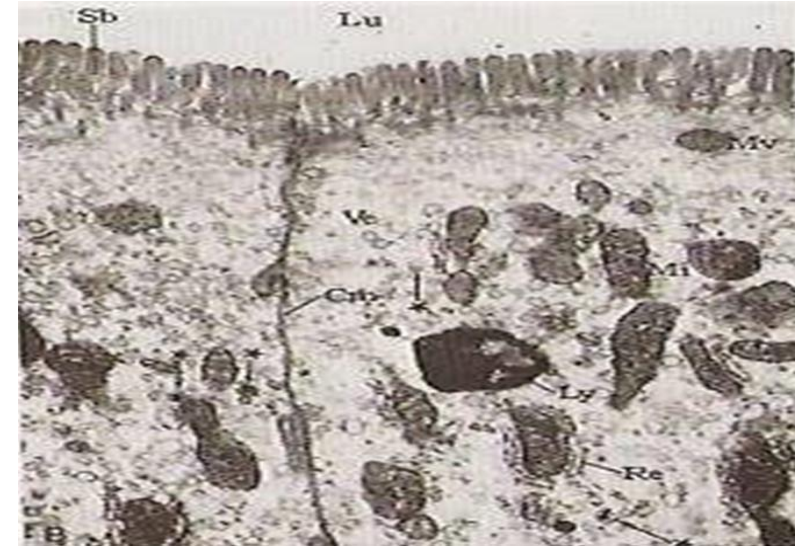
4. Paneth cells: secrete *Lysozyme* (antibacterial).

are found in the base of the crypts.

So the lumen of small intestine is sterile due to HCl from Stomach and presence of Paneth .

5. Stem cells: are *regenerative* cells.

are found in the **base of the crypts**.



# DUODENUM

## Notes:

- All the parts of the small intestine except for what is stated otherwise (regional differences)

## 1. Mucosa:

Shows villi and crypts.

A-Epithelium: **simple columnar epithelium with goblet cells.**

B-Lamina propria: C.T.

C-Muscularis mucosae: 2 layers of smooth muscle cells.

## 2. Submucosa:

Connective tissue containing blood vessels & nerves.

Contains **Brunner's glands** (secrete mucus), to help in neutralization

## 3. Muscularis Externa:

2 smooth muscle layers:

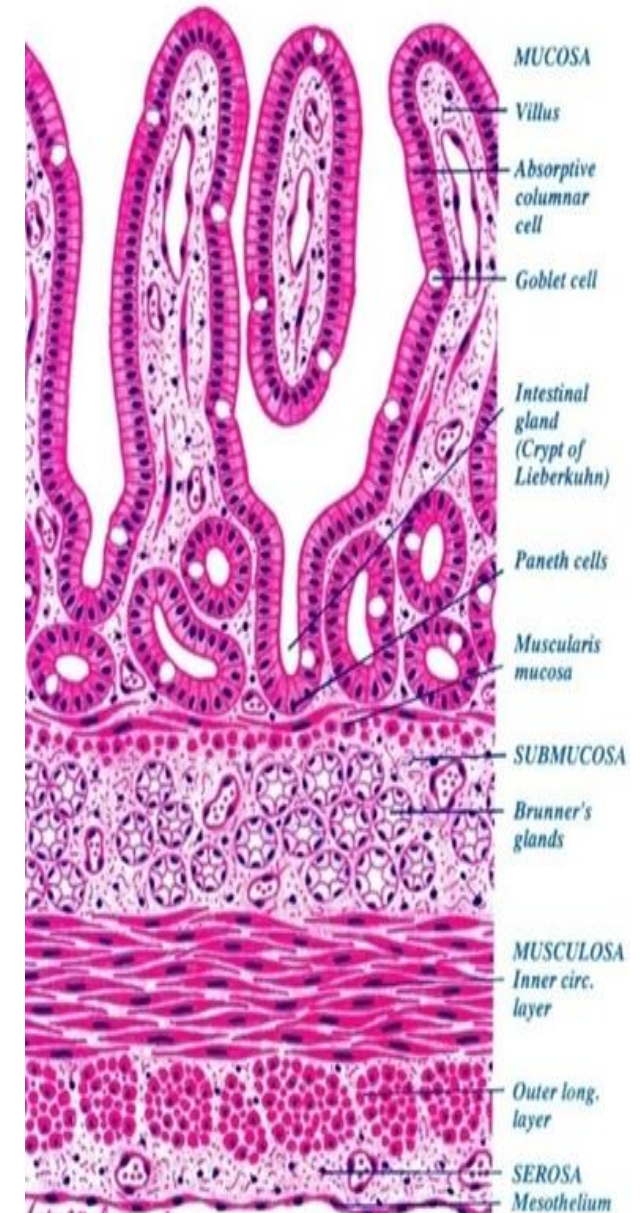
**Inner circular layer.**

**Outer longitudinal layer.**

## 4. Serosa or Adventitia:

Duodenum is invested by a serosa **or** adventitia.

But the jejunum and ileum only serosa

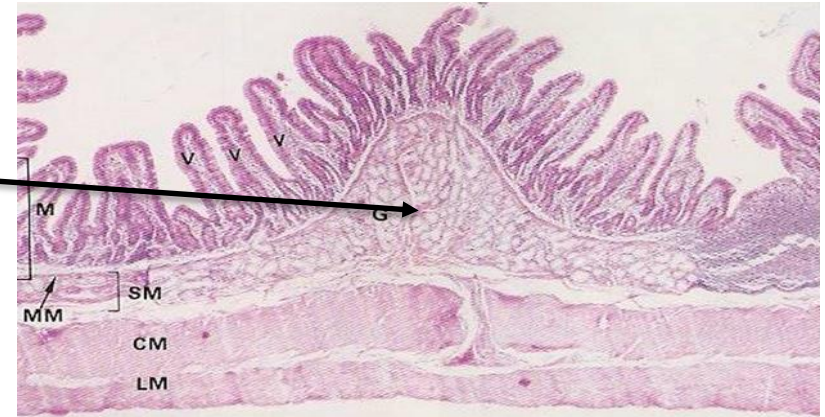


# REGIONAL DIFFERENCES OF SMALL INTESTINE

## Duodenum:

Its **submucosa has Brunner's glands**.

It is invested by serosa or adventitia.



## Jejunum:

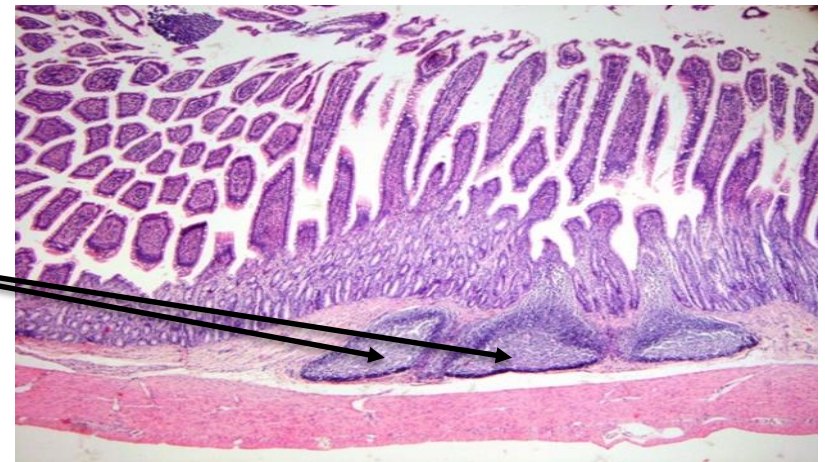
has **neither** Brunner's glands nor Peyer's patches.

It is invested by serosa.

## Ileum:

Its lamina propria, opposite the attachment of the mesentery, **has lymphoid nodules (Peyer's patches)** that extend to the submucosa.

It is invested by serosa.





# MCQs

1. Which One of these structures is not involved in increasing surface area of the mucosa?

- A- Plicae circulares.
- B- Lymphoid nodules.
- C- Villi.
- D- Microvilli.

2- Which one of these layers is does not participate in mucosa of duodenum?

- A- Serosa.
- B- Epithelium.
- C- Lamina propria.
- D- Muscularis mucosae.

3- Only part that contain submucosal glands in the GIT?

- A- Esophagus.
- B- Stomach.
- C- Duodenum.
- D- A and C.

1-B 2-A 3-D



# MCQs

4- One of these glands is present in the crypts and the villi?

- A- Paneth cells.
- B- Stem cells.
- C- Goblet cells.
- D- Brunner's gland.

5. Where can we find the Brunner's gland?

- A- Submucosa of duodenum .
- B- Jejunum .
- C- Ileum .
- D- Mucosa of esophagus.

6. Which of the following structures is not found in colon?

- A-Mucosa.
- B-Submucosa.
- C-Peyer's patches
- D-Muscularies externa.



# SAQs

**Where does submucosa GLANDS exists in GIT?**

ONLY in **esophagus** and **duodenum**

**What is the type of epithelium of mucosa of duodenum?**

**Simple columnar epithelium with goblet cells**

**Mention two features about Paneth cells?**

Exists only in **duodenum**

Secretes antibacterial agents (**Lysozymes**)

**What does submucosa of duodenum contain?**

**Brunner's glands**, and It secretes **mucus**

**Mention a feature about jejunum?**

Has **neither** brunner's glands nor peyer's patches

**Where are Peyer's patches located?**

In anti-mesentery of **ileum** (origin in lamina propria and extend to submucosa)



## Motivation Corner

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“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

— PETER DRUCKER

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