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 - o Suborder Serpentes: Lizards and snakes

Week 1: Protozoans and Phylum

Cnidaria INVERTEBRAT

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General

- Form the basis of many food webs – after the plants
- They can decrease or increase their numbers to plague proportions – a cascade effect, which can impact top predators

Taxonomic Classification of Animals

1. Kingdom
2. Phylum
 - Sub-Phylum
3. Class
 - Sub-Class
4. Order
5. Family
6. Genus
7. Species

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Conventions

- **Family names** end in 'dae'
- **Subfamily names** end in 'nae'
- Each species has a Latin binomial (two words) – a **genus followed by a species name**
- The **genus** begins with a **capital (upper case)** letter and is in *italics* or underlined e.g. *Physalia*, *Obelia*, *Paramecium*, *Hydra*
- **Species** names begin with a **lower case letter** and are also in *italics* or underlined
 - Species names are rarely used alone – always after the name of the genus e.g. *Homo sapiens* NOT *sapiens*
 - If a scientific name is used many times, the genus name can be abbreviated e.g. *H. sapiens* AFTER it has been spelt out once
 - If a single species hasn't been formally described and named you can use the abbreviation 'sp.' e.g. *Paramecium* sp.
- If you aren't sure if there's just one species use 'spp.' E.g. *Paramecium* spp.
- Sp. And spp. Are NOT Latin words so they are NOT in italics or underlined
- Genus is singular = 1 genus
- Genera is plural = 2 or more genera
- Species is used for one or more species; never use 'specie'

PROTOZOANS

General Characteristics

General

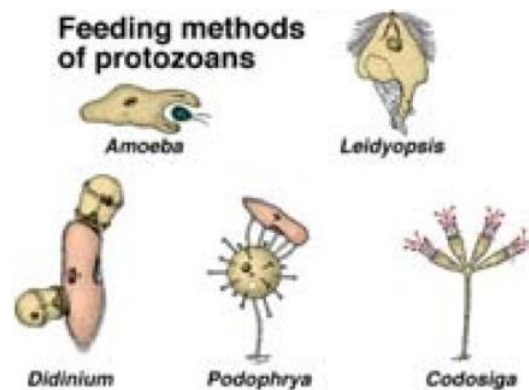
- Main characteristics
 - o Animal-like features
 - o **Uni-cellular**
 - o Most are microscopic
 - o **No cell wall**
 - o Complex organelles
 - o No organs or tissues
 - o Variable shape
 - o Very diverse
- Structures involved in locomotion are...
 - o Cilia
 - o Flagella
 - o Pseudopodia
- They have structures involved in obtaining food and osmoregulation
 - o Particularly Paramecium, which has a contractile vacuole
- There are various modes of reproduction
 - o **Asexual**
 - Fission
 - Budding
 - Cysts
 - o **Sexual**
 - Conjugation
 - Syngamy



Nutrition

General

- **Autotrophic:** Able to synthesise their own food
- **Heterotrophic:** Obtain organic molecules synthesised by other organisms e.g. phagotrophs (ingest visible particles)
- **Saprophytic:** Ingests food in a soluble form



Reproduction

General

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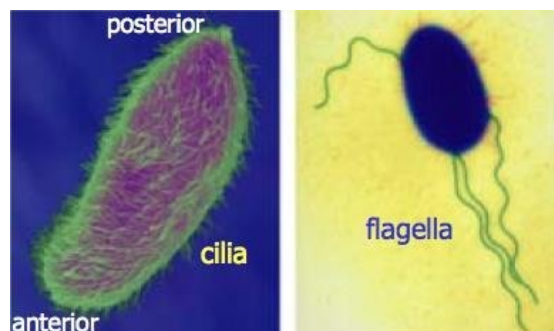
Sexual Reproduction

- Conjugation – the exchange of genetic material
- Two Paramecium come into contact on the oral surface
- Increases genetic variation

Movement

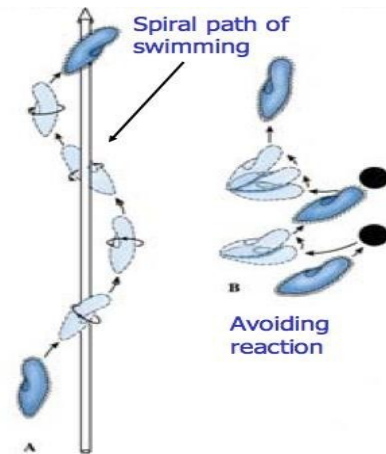
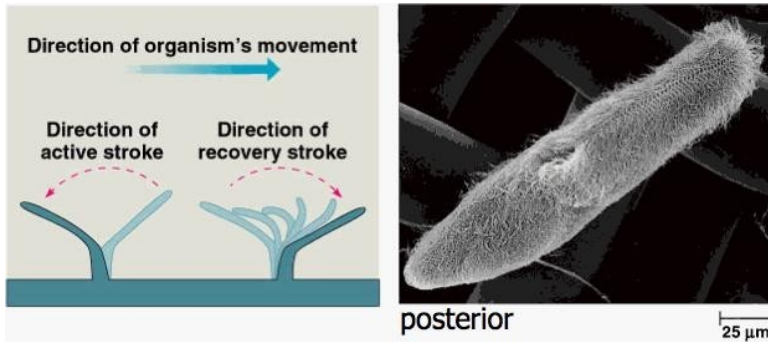
General

- Protozoans move **chiefly by cilia/flagella/pseudopodia**
- Cilia create water currents for feeding/respiration, and are also responsible for food handling/reproduction/excretion/osmoregulation
- There are **no morphological differences between cilia and flagella**
 - o Cilia are **hair-like**
 - o Flagella are **whip-like**



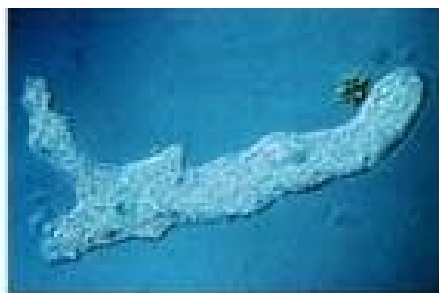
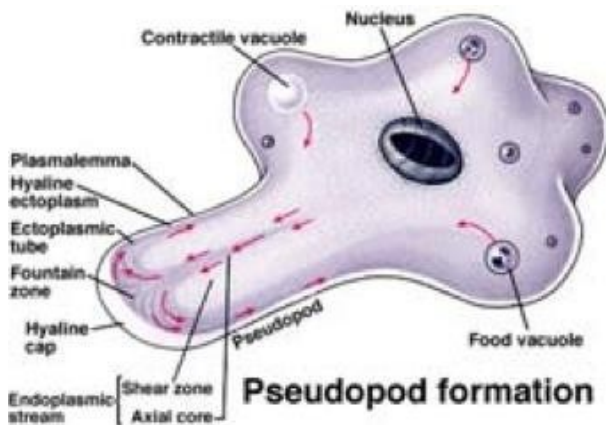
Movement of Cilia

- Consists of a **power stroke and return stroke**
- A Paramecium will know when to change direction when the **electrical potential changes across its membrane**
 - o Attraction – increases the rate of the forward ciliary beat
 - o Avoiding reaction – results in ciliary reversal and backwardswimming



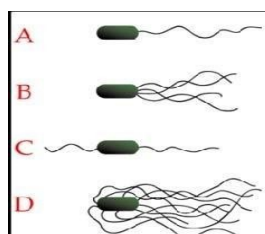
Movement of Pseudopodia

- “Pseudo” = False
- “Podia” = Foot
- How do pseudopodia work?
 - o (1) **Blunt extension** of cell body forms (lobopodia = broad thick pseudopodia)
 - o (2) **Hyaline cap forms** (extension of the ectoplasm)
 - o (3) **Endoplasm then flows into the hyaline cap**
 - o (4) **Hydrostatic pressure forces endoplasm towards the hyaline cap**



Movement of Flagella

- Simple undulations



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General

- Representative ciliate



- **Slippershaped**
- **Anterior – blunt**
- **Posterior –pointed**
- Oral groove – depression on ventral side with cytostome(mouth)
- Trichocysts – thread like strands that can be discharged
 - o What is the function of atrichocyst?
 - o May be a **defence mechanism or used for anchorage while feeding**

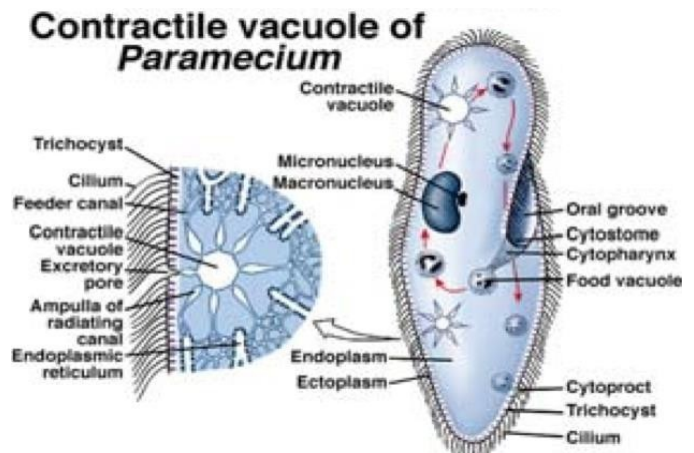
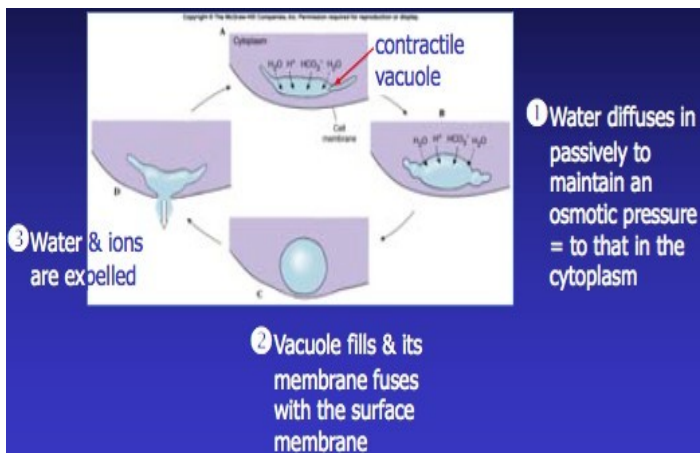
Osmoregulation

General

- Vacuoles observed in cytoplasm
- **Contractile vacuoles function in osmoregulation (water balance) – mainly in freshwater protozoans**
- **Remove excess water** that's entered the cytoplasm by osmosis
- Vacuoles are made of a system of cisternae and tubules
- Proton pumps in their membranes transport hydrogen and co-transport bicarbonate into the vacuoles

Contractile vacuole work to remove excess water in a three-stage process

- (1) **Water diffuses in passively to maintain an osmotic pressure** = to that in the cytoplasm
- (2) Vacuole fills & its membrane fuses with the surface membrane
- (3) Water & ions are expelled



Digestion

General

- **Engulfed in a food vacuole** – intracellular membrane bound vesicle
- **Lysosomes** – small vesicles containing digestive enzymes, fuse with food vacuole
- Undigested material released to outside – exocytosis Most ciliates / flagellates – a definite mouth structure (cytostome)
- Amoeba – release can occur across almost any point along membrane

Excretion

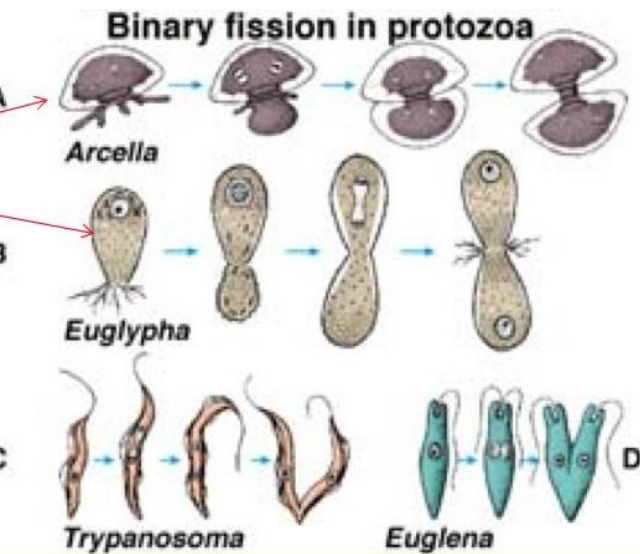
General

- Metabolic wastes – entirely by diffusion
- Main end product of nitrogen metabolism is ammonia – readily diffuses across cell membranes

Reproduction

Fission

- Multiplication of cells that produces more individuals
- Most common is binary fission – produces 2 identical individuals
- Nuclei divide

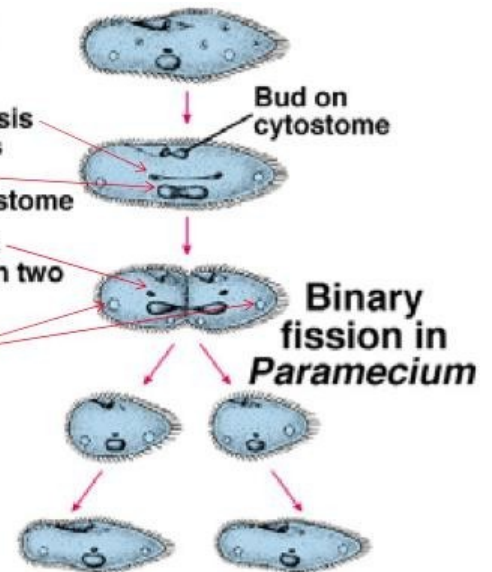


Micronucleus begins mitosis

1. Micronucleus in mitosis
2. Macronucleus begins elongation
3. Bud appears on cytostome
1. Micronucleus divides
2. Macronucleus pulls in two
3. New gullet forms
4. Two new contractile vacuoles appear

Division of cell body completed

Two daughter paramecia



Sexual Reproduction

- No embryodevelopment
- **Sexual reproduction is common**
- Essential features of sexual reproduction include...
 - o Reduction in chromosome number to half
 - o Development of sex cells (gametes)
 - o Fusion of gametenuclei

Encystment & Excystment

- Some protozoans form cysts to survive in harsh conditions



- Parasitic forms – survival between hosts – produce a protective outer coatinge.g. Giardia lamblia
- Common in soil and freshwater inhabiting species, rare to absent in marine environments



Giardia lamblia
Late cyst in
freshwater, waiting
for a host



Giardia lamblia
Trophozoite, feeding
stage, in mammalian gut

Sub-Phylum Kinetoplasta

General

- Parasitic – most important protozoan parasites are **kinetoplastans**
- Some nonpathogenic others produce severe disease in humans and animals e.g. Trypanosoma
 - o *T. brucei rhodesiense* – **causes African sleeping sickness**
 - Transmitted by Tsetse fly
 - Doesn't affect the antelope and other wild mammals that carry the parasites
 - o *Trypanosoma cruzi* – Chagas disease in humans – ‘An adult “kissing bug”, the most common species (*Triatoma rubida*) – vector of Chagas disease



African Sleeping Sickness

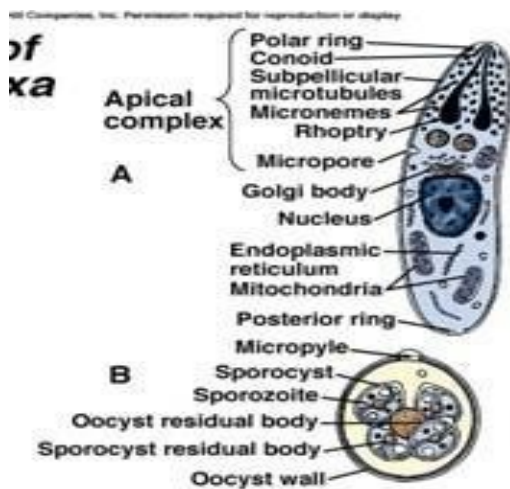
- Wild game in Africa – trypanosomes
- Fly bites wild mammals then bites human – probably not the actual cause of infection
- Multiply in number in blood
- Invade tissue – fluid around spinal fluid and brain
- Person loses consciousness



Phylum Apicomplexa

General

- Endoparasites
- Group of organelles, the apical complex
- Locomotor organs less obvious
- At some point in life cycle – spore develops
- Often life cycle with sexual and asexual stages
- Invertebrate intermediate host included in cycle
 - o Example: Plasmodium sporozoan parasite which causes malaria, vector is the mosquito

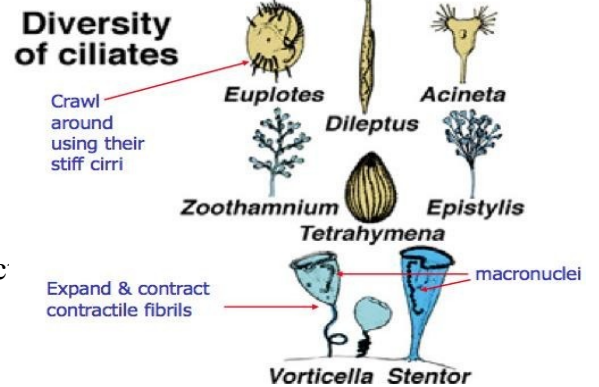


Female Anopheles injecting sporozoites of Plasmodium spp. that migrate to the liver

Phylum Ciliophora

General

- Have cilia
- Structurally complex and diverse
- Free-living, commensal, or parasitic
- Have apical
- Multinucleate
- Macronucleus for metabolic, developmental functions
- Micronucleus for sexual reproduction



Reproduction

- Binary fission
- Conjugation
- Self-fertilization (autogamy) – similar to conjugation but no exchange of nuclei

Amoebas

General

- Locomotion and feeding **by pseudopodia**
- Inhabit diverse moist environments
- **Most are omnivores**
- Nucleus, contractile vacuole, food vacuoles easy to see
- Few endoparasitic e.g. Entamoeba histolytica causes amoebic dysentery
- Not all are naked – some have protective tests (shell)

