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# Cortex Structure

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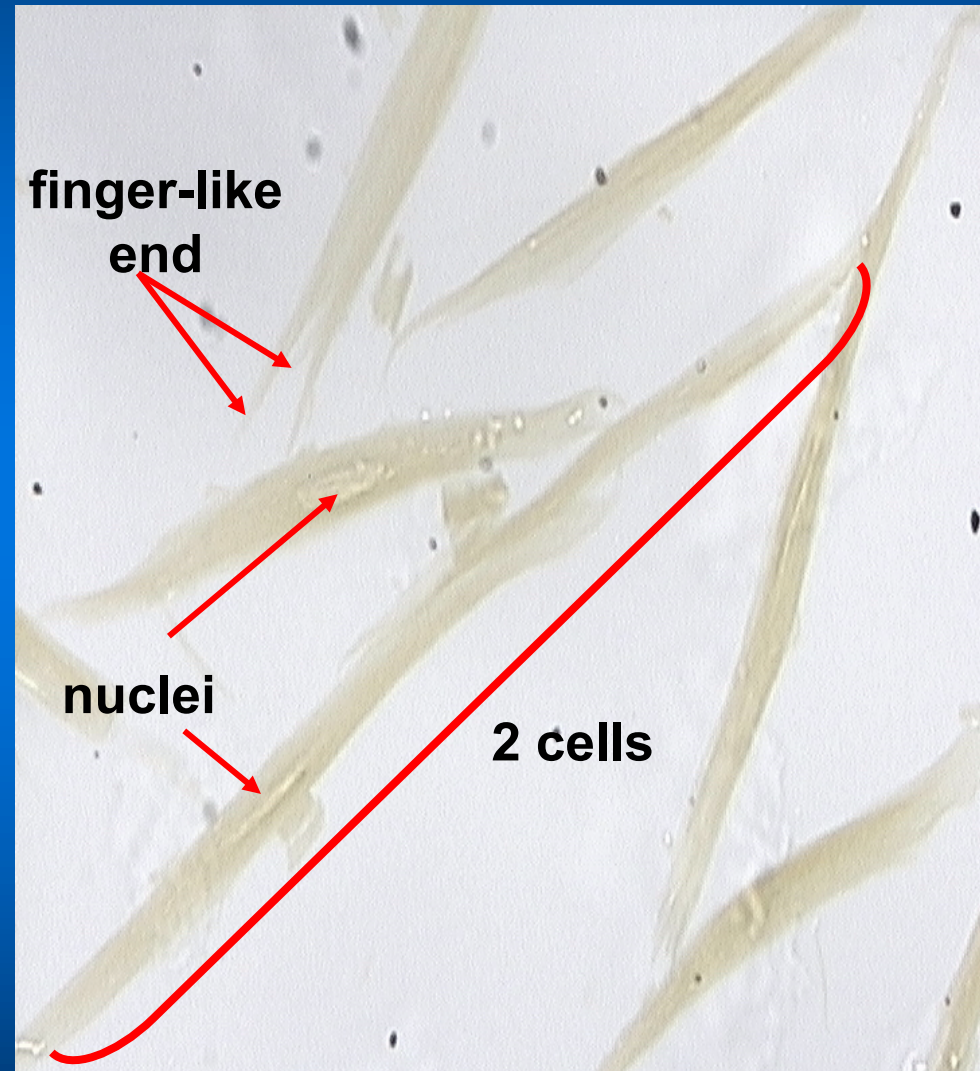
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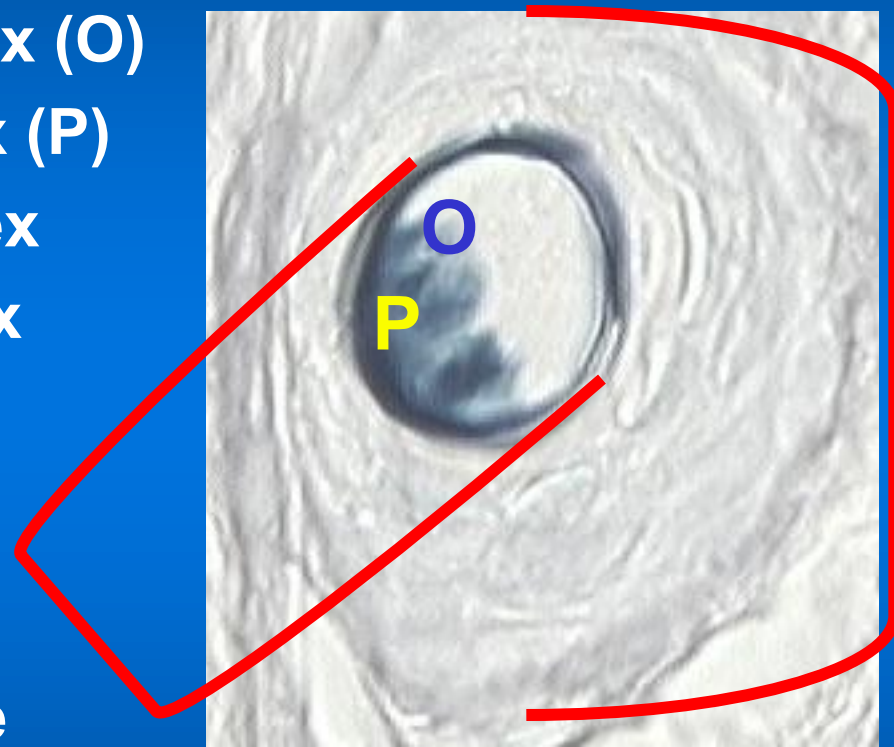
- long, thin cells with finger-like ends
  - the ends interlock
- cell membrane complex holds the cells of the fibre together





# Cortical cell types

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  - orthocortex (O)
  - paracortex (P)
  - mesocortex
  - metacortex



Follicle

Fibre  
(20µm)

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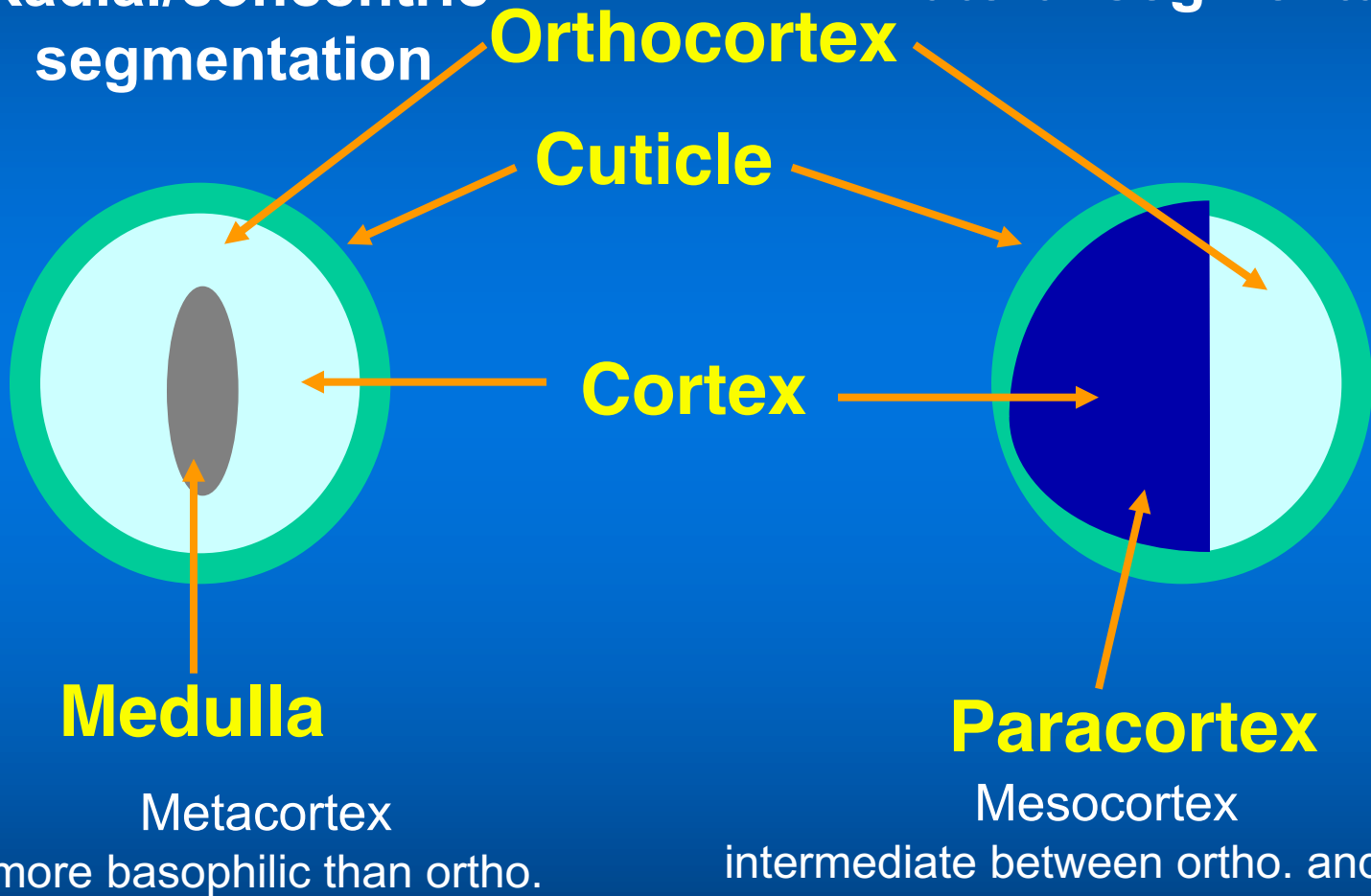




# Variation in cortical structure

Broad wool;  $>30\mu\text{m}$   
Radial/concentric  
segmentation

Fine wool  $<25\mu\text{m}$   
Bilateral segmentation



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# Ortho- and para-cortex patterns in wool fibres

Primary follicle

Bilateral

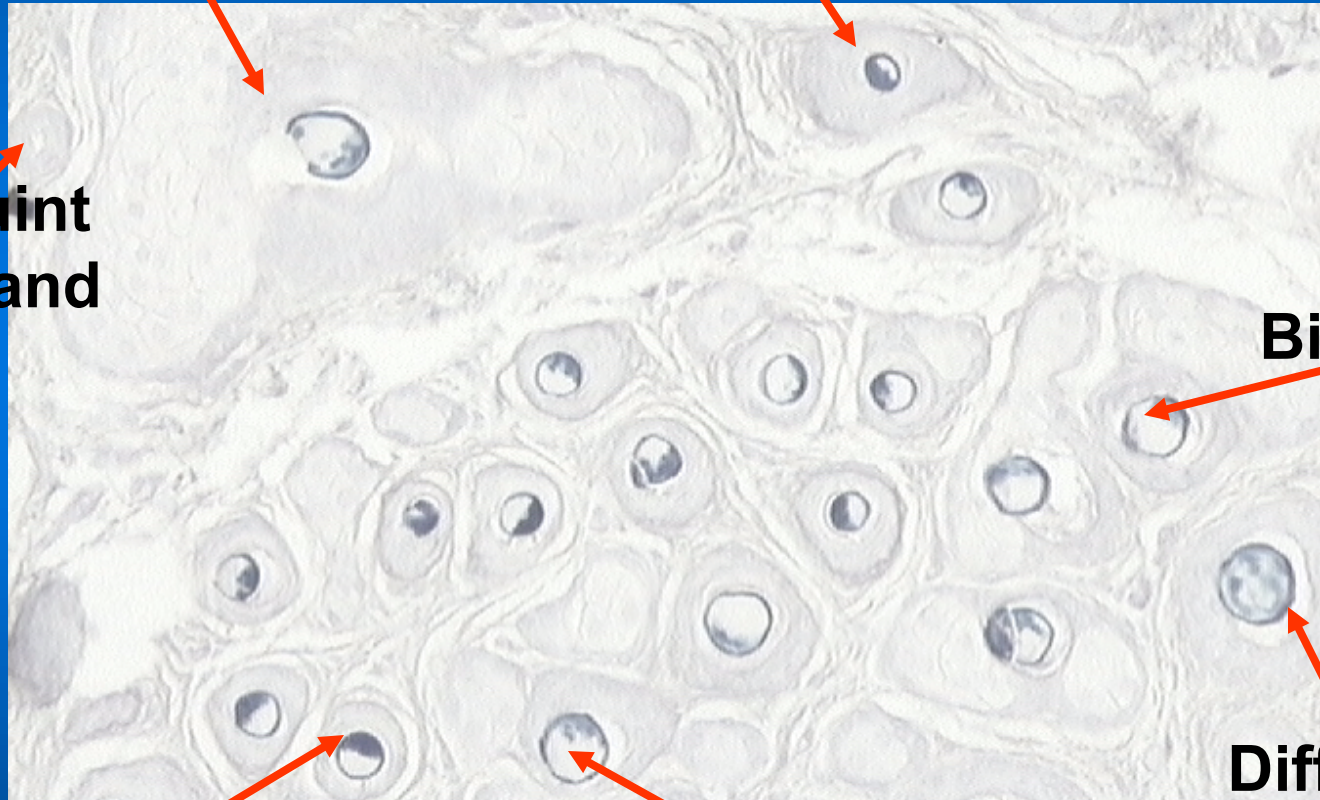
Suint gland

Bipolar

Diffuse

Paracortex (dark)

Orthocortex (clear)



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