

Classification & Comparison of Muscles

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Classification of Muscles

**Skeletal
Muscle**

**Cardiac
Muscle**

**Smooth
Muscle**

Comparison Features

- 1. Structural features**
- 2. Nerve supply and control**
- 3. Electrical features**
- 4. Excitation contraction coupling**

Comparison Features

- 5. Contractility characteristics**
- 6. Chemical composition**
- 7. Blood supply**
- 8. O₂ consumption and Muscle energetics**

Structural Features

Striations

Skeletal Muscles

- **Present**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Present**

Smooth Muscles

- **Absent**

Size of Fibers

Skeletal Muscles

- **Length**
 - 1-40 mm
- **Diameter**
 - 50-500 μm

Cardiac Muscles

- **Length**
 - 80 μm
- **Diameter**
 - 15 μm

Smooth Muscles

- **Length**
 - 50-500 μm
- **Diameter**
 - 2-10 μm

Shape of the Muscle Fibers

Skeletal Muscles

- Cylindrical

Cardiac Muscles

- Cylindrical

Smooth Muscles

- Spindle
shaped

Branching of Fibers

Skeletal Muscles

- **Absent**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Present**

Smooth Muscles

- **Absent**

Connection between fibers

Skeletal Muscles

- **Absent**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Functional connections**
- **Forming Functional Syncytium**

Smooth Muscles

- **Single Unit**
 - **Functional connection Present**
- **Multiunit**
 - **No connections**

Nucleus

Skeletal Muscles

- **Single /**
- **Multiple**
- **At periphery**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Central**
- with many**
- nuclei**

Smooth Muscles

- **Single**

Sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR)

Skeletal Muscles

- **Very well developed**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Well developed**
- **Not as Skeletal muscle**

Smooth Muscles

- **Moderately developed**

Sarcotubular system

Skeletal Muscles

- Present
- Well developed

Cardiac Muscles

- Present

Smooth Muscles

- Present
- But not well developed

Sarcotubular system

Skeletal Muscles

- 2 Triad
- Per
- Sarcomere

Cardiac Muscles

- 1 Triad
- Per
- Sarcomere

Smooth Muscles

- Not well developed

T - Tubule

Skeletal Muscles

- **At**
- **A-I junction**

Cardiac Muscles

- **At**
- **Z line**

Smooth Muscles

- **Not well developed**

Thick & Thin filaments

Skeletal Muscles

- Arranged
- regularly

Cardiac Muscles

- Arranged
- regularly

Smooth Muscles

- Not arranged
- regularly

Sarcomere

Skeletal Muscles

- **Present**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Present**

Smooth Muscles

- **Absent**

Regulating protein

Skeletal Muscles

- **Troponin**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Troponin**

Smooth Muscles

- **Calmodulin**

Ca^{2+} store & Ca^{2+} Pump in SR

Skeletal Muscles

- **High**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Moderate**

Smooth Muscles

- **Low**

Na⁺ channels in the membrane

Skeletal Muscles

- Fast Voltage gated Na⁺ channels

Cardiac Muscles

- Fast voltage gated Na⁺ channels
- Slow voltage gated Na⁺-Ca²⁺ channels

Smooth Muscles

- Mainly slow Voltage gated Na⁺-Ca²⁺ channels
- Few Fast voltage gated Na⁺ channels

Mitochondria

Skeletal Muscles

- **Few**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Many**

Smooth Muscles

- **Few**

Nerve supply & Control

Nerve supply

Skeletal Muscles

- **Somatic nerves**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Autonomic nerves**
- **Sympathetic**
 - **Excitatory**
- **Parasympathetic**
 - **Inhibitory**

Smooth Muscles

- **Autonomic nerves**
- **Sympathetic**
 - **Inhibitory**
- **Parasympathetic**
 - **Excitatory**

Control

Skeletal Muscles

- **Voluntary**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Involuntary**

Smooth Muscles

- **Involuntary**

Electrical features

Resting Membrane Potential (RMP)

Skeletal Muscles

- -80 to -90 mV

Cardiac Muscles

- -80 to -85 mV

Smooth Muscles

- -50 to -60 mV

Action potential Shape

Skeletal Muscles

- **Spike potential**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Plateau potential**

Smooth Muscles

- **Single Unit**
 - **Plateau & Spike**
- **Multiunit**
 - **Spike**

Action potential duration

Skeletal Muscles

- 1 to 5 milliseconds

Cardiac Muscles

- 100 - 300 milliseconds

Smooth Muscles

- Single Unit
- Plateau for 100-1000 msec
- Spike for 10-50 mSec

Stimulated by

Skeletal Muscles

- **Somatic nerves**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Autonomic nerves**

Smooth Muscles

- **Autonomic nerves**
- **Hormones**
- **Local tissue factors**

Excitability

Skeletal Muscles

- **High**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Moderate**

Smooth Muscles

- **Low**

Conductivity

Skeletal Muscles

- **Fast**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Slow**

Smooth Muscles

- **Slow**

Absolute refractory Period

Skeletal Muscles

- 1 to 3 msec

Cardiac Muscles

- 180 – 200 msec

Smooth Muscles

- Not defined

Autorhythmicity

Skeletal Muscles

- **Not present**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Present**

Smooth Muscles

- **Present in**
- **Single unit muscle**

Excitation - Contraction Coupling

Speed of Phenomenon

Skeletal Muscles

- **Rapid**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Very rapid**

Smooth Muscles

- **Very Slow**

Site of Ca^{2+} attachment

Skeletal Muscles

- **Troponin**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Troponin**

Smooth Muscles

- **Myosin**

Mechanism of Ca^{2+} Mobilization

Skeletal Muscles

- T-tubule depolarized

Cardiac Muscles

- Ca^{2+} induced Ca^{2+} released

Smooth Muscles

- Inositol triphosphate (IP_3)
- Increases release of Ca^{2+}

Dependence on ECF $[Ca^{2+}]$

Skeletal Muscles

- Not
dependent

Cardiac Muscles

- Partly
dependent

Smooth Muscles

- Almost
- Totally
dependent

Contractility characteristics

Rate of contraction

Skeletal Muscles

- **Fast**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Fast**

Smooth Muscles

- **Slow**

Rate of relaxation

Skeletal Muscles

- **Fast**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Fast**

Smooth Muscles

- **Slow**

Duration of Muscle Twitch

Skeletal Muscles

- **Fast fibers**
 - **7.5 msec**
- **Slow fibers**
 - **100 msec**

Cardiac Muscles

- **1^{1/2} times of total duration of Action potential**
- **[100 to 300 mSec]**

Smooth Muscles

- **About 1000 msec**

All or None law

Skeletal Muscles

- Obeyed by
- Single muscle fiber

Cardiac Muscles

- Obeyed by
- Whole Muscle

Smooth Muscles

- Single Unit
- Whole muscle
- Multiunit
- Single muscle fiber

Multiple (Quantal) summation

Skeletal Muscles

- **Possible**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Not possible**
- **Work as**
- **Functional syncytium**

Smooth Muscles

- **Not possible**

Tetanus (Wave) summation

Skeletal Muscles

- Possible

Cardiac Muscles

- Not possible
- Due to long refractory period (ARP)
- (180 – 200mSec)

Smooth Muscles

- Not possible
- Process of contraction is long

Fatigue

Skeletal Muscles

- Possible

Cardiac Muscles

- Not possible
- Due to long refractory period
- More blood supply

Smooth Muscles

- Possible
- Difficult to demonstrate

Length-Tension Relationship

Skeletal Muscles

- **Maximum tension**
- **Developed at**
- **Optimal length**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Maximum tension**
- **Developed at**
- **Optimal length**

Smooth Muscles

- **Shows property of Plasticity**

Chemical composition

Protein

Skeletal Muscles

- Maximum

Cardiac Muscles

- Less

Smooth Muscles

- Less

Glycogen

Skeletal Muscles

- **Less**

Cardiac Muscles

- **More**

Smooth Muscles

- **Less**

ATP & Phosphogen

Skeletal Muscles

- **Present**

Cardiac Muscles

- **Present**

Smooth Muscles

- **Present**

Fat

Skeletal Muscles

- **Mainly natural fats**

Cardiac Muscles

- **More Phospholipids**
- **Cholesterol**

Smooth Muscles

- **Mainly natural fats**

Blood supply

Skeletal Muscles

- **840 ml/min**
- **3 to 4**
ml/100gm/min

Cardiac Muscles

- **250 ml /min**
- **80**
ml/100gm/min

Smooth Muscles

- **350 ml /min**
- **1.4**
ml/100gm/min

Oxygen consumption

Skeletal Muscles

- **Moderate**

Cardiac Muscles

- **High**

Smooth Muscles

- **Low**

Neuromuscular Junction

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Neuromuscular Junction

- **Skeletal muscle fibers**
- **Innervated by Large myelinated nerve fibers**
- **Originate in large motoneurons of the anterior
horns of spinal cord**

Neuromuscular Junction

- Each nerve fiber
- After entering the muscle belly
- Branches and stimulates
- Three to several hundred skeletal muscle fibers

Neuromuscular Junction

- Each nerve ending makes a junction
- **Called Neuromuscular Junction**
- With the muscle fiber
- Near its midpoint

Neuromuscular Junction

- Synapse between
- *Nerve fiber*
- And
- **The** *muscle fiber*

Neuromuscular Junction

- **Resulting action potential in the muscle fiber**
- **Travels in both directions**
- **Towards**
- **The muscle fiber ends**

Neuromuscular Junction

- **Exception : 2% of the muscle fibers**
- **Only one (1) neuromuscular junction**
- **Per muscle fiber**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Neuromuscular junction formed**
- **By ➔ Large myelinated nerve fiber**
- **To ➔ A skeletal muscle fiber**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- Nerve fiber → Branches at its end
- To form complex of *branching nerve terminals*
- Invaginate muscle fiber
- But lies outside
- The muscle fiber plasma membrane

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- The entire structure
- Branching nerve terminal
- Invagination of muscle fiber is called
- *Motor end plate*

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Motor end plate:**
- **Thickened portion of**
- **Muscle membrane at the junction**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Motor end plate:**
- **Specialized portion of**
- **The sarcolemma of the muscle fiber**
- **Surrounding the terminal end of the axon**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **The nerve endings fit into → Junctional folds**
- **Junctional folds →**
- **Depression in the motor end plate**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- *Motor end plate*
- Covered by **one or more Schwann cells**
- **That insulate motor end plate**
- **From surrounding fluids**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- Invaginated membrane is called
- Synaptic gutter
- Or
- Synaptic trough

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **The space between**
- **The terminal nerve ending and**
- **Thickened muscle fiber membrane**
- **Synaptic space or Synaptic cleft**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- Synaptic space **or** Synaptic cleft
- 20 to 30 **nanometers (nm)** wide
- Comparable **to** synaptic cleft at
- **Neuron-to-neuron synapses**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Subneural clefts:**
- **At the bottom of synaptic gutter**
- **Numerous smaller folds of muscle membrane**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Subneural clefts:**
- **Increase surface area**
- **At which synaptic transmitter**
- **Can act**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Axon terminal:**
- **Many Mitochondria**
- **Supply Adenoosine Triphosphate (ATP)**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **ATP → Energy source**
- **Used mainly for**
- **Synthesis of excitatory transmitter →**

Acetylcholine (Ach)

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Acetylcholine (Ach):**
- **Excites muscle fiber membrane**
- **Synthesized : In cytoplasm of nerve terminal**
- **Absorbed rapidly**
- **In to many small synaptic vesicles**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Synaptic vesicles:**
- **3,00,000**
- **Terminal of single end plate**

Physiological Anatomy of Neuromuscular Junction : Motor End Plate

- **Acetylcholinesterase:**
- **Synaptic space**
- **Capable to destroying acetylcholine (Ach)**