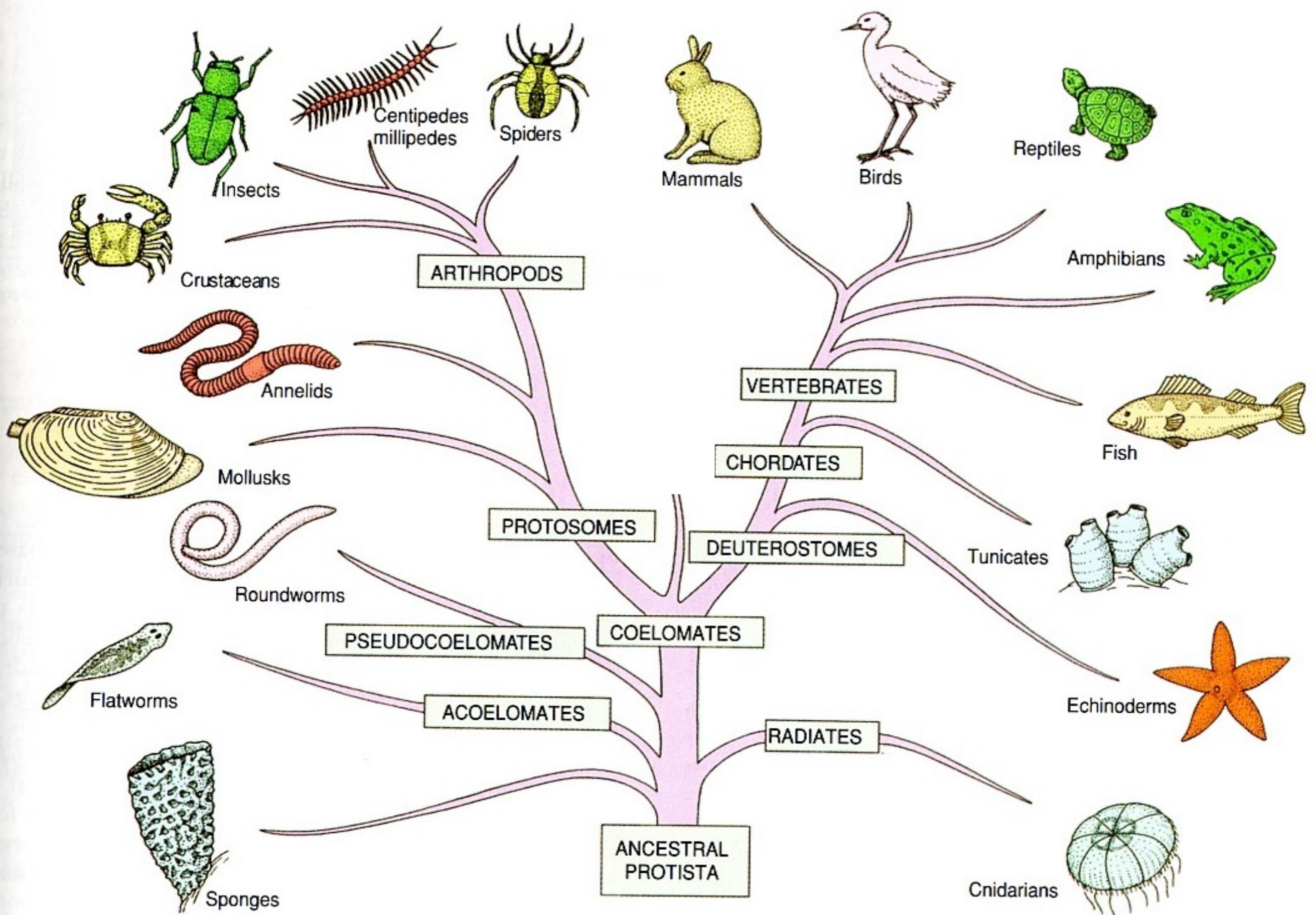
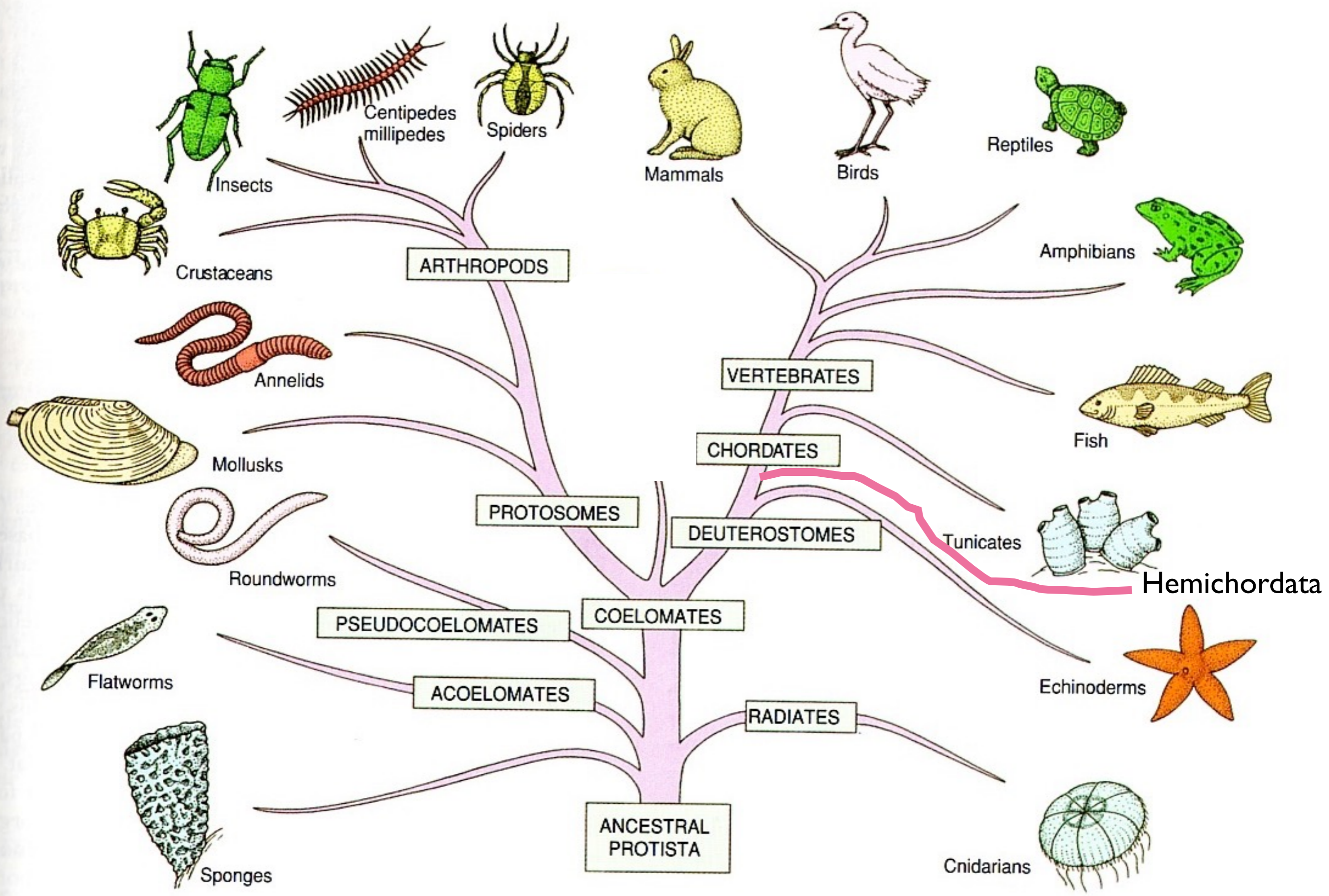


# Hemichordates and Chordates

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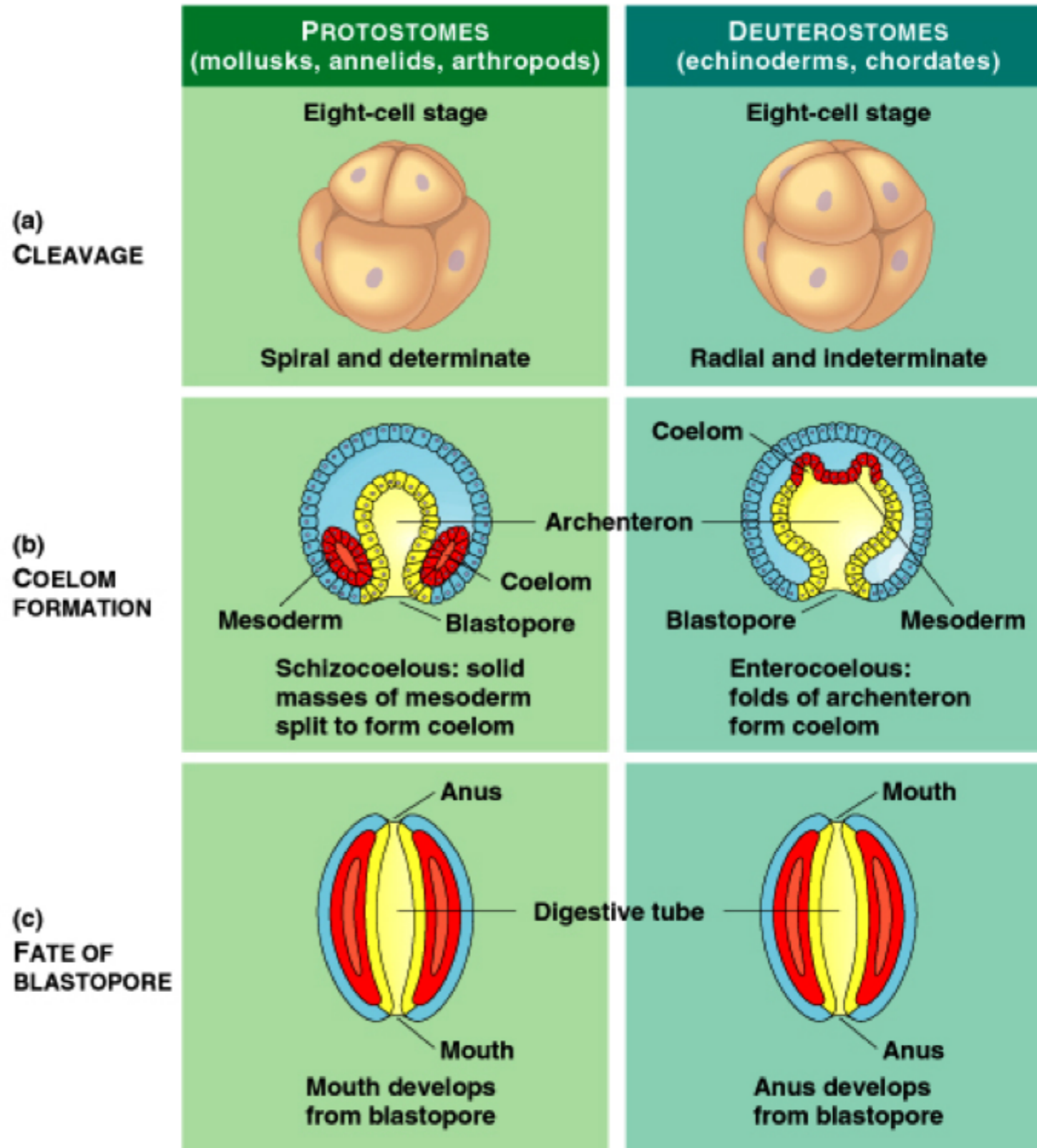




# Hemichordata & Chordata

## Characteristic: Deuterostomes

- Radial Cleavage
- Enterocoely (folds of archenteron form coelom)
- Indeterminate development
- Blastopore becomes the anus



# Phylum Hemichordata


- A conspicuous dorsal extension of the pharynx forms an anterior buccal tube, or stomochord.

# relationship



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*Scientific Name* Saccoglossus kowalevskii  
*Comments* The grid lines are 0.25 inches apart  
*Creator* David Remsen  
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# relationship

- lack notochord, therefore not  

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- pharyngeal gill slits
- dorsal hollow, nerve chord (some species)
- What other characteristics used?

# relationship with Echinoderm

- 18s rRNA sequence
- gene expression patterns
- mitochondrial codon characteristics



# Phylum Hemichordata

- **Class Enteropneusta (G: gut breathing)**
- **Class Pterobranchia (G: feather gill)**

# Class Enteropneusta

Highly muscular  
- burrowing / food collection

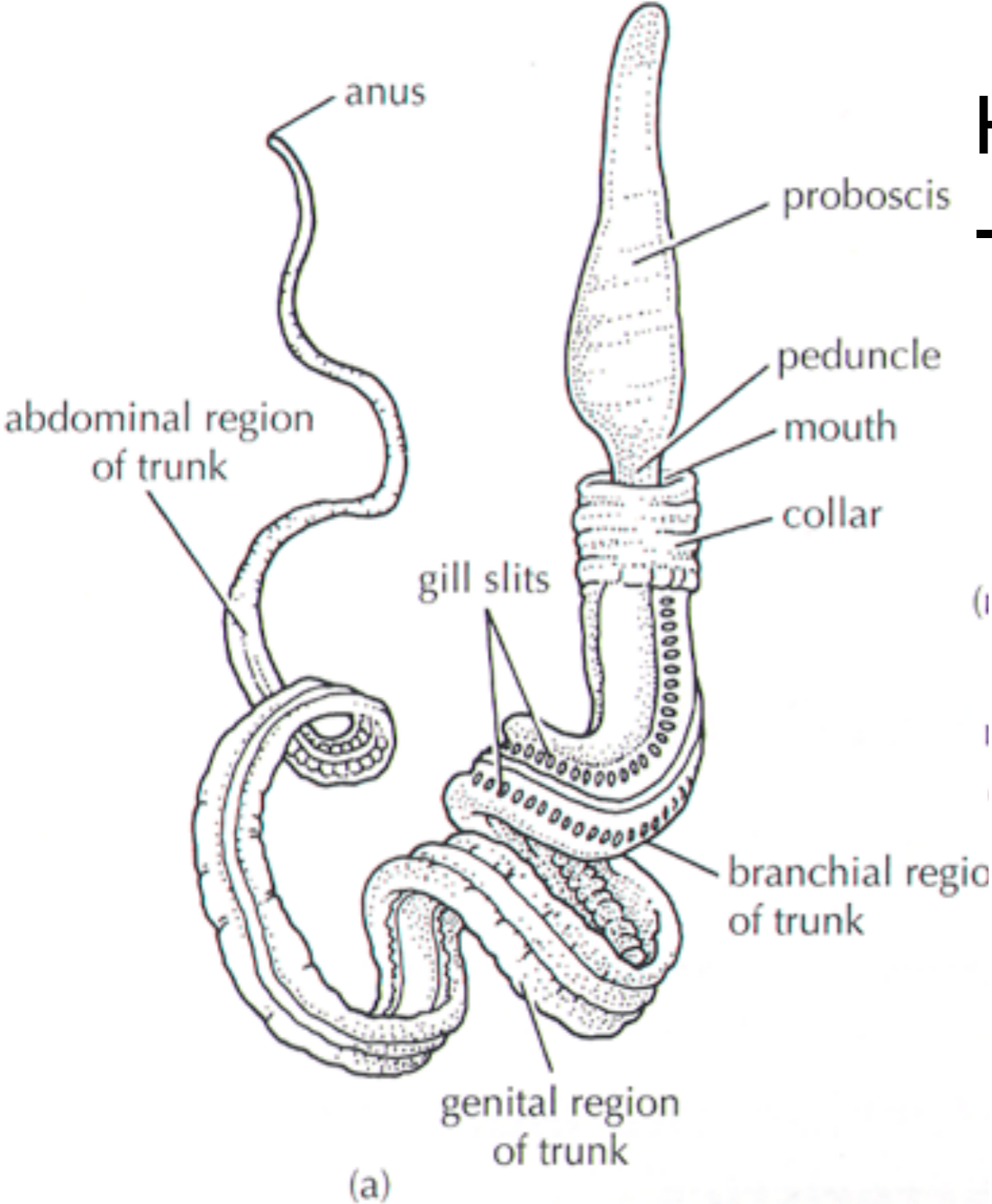


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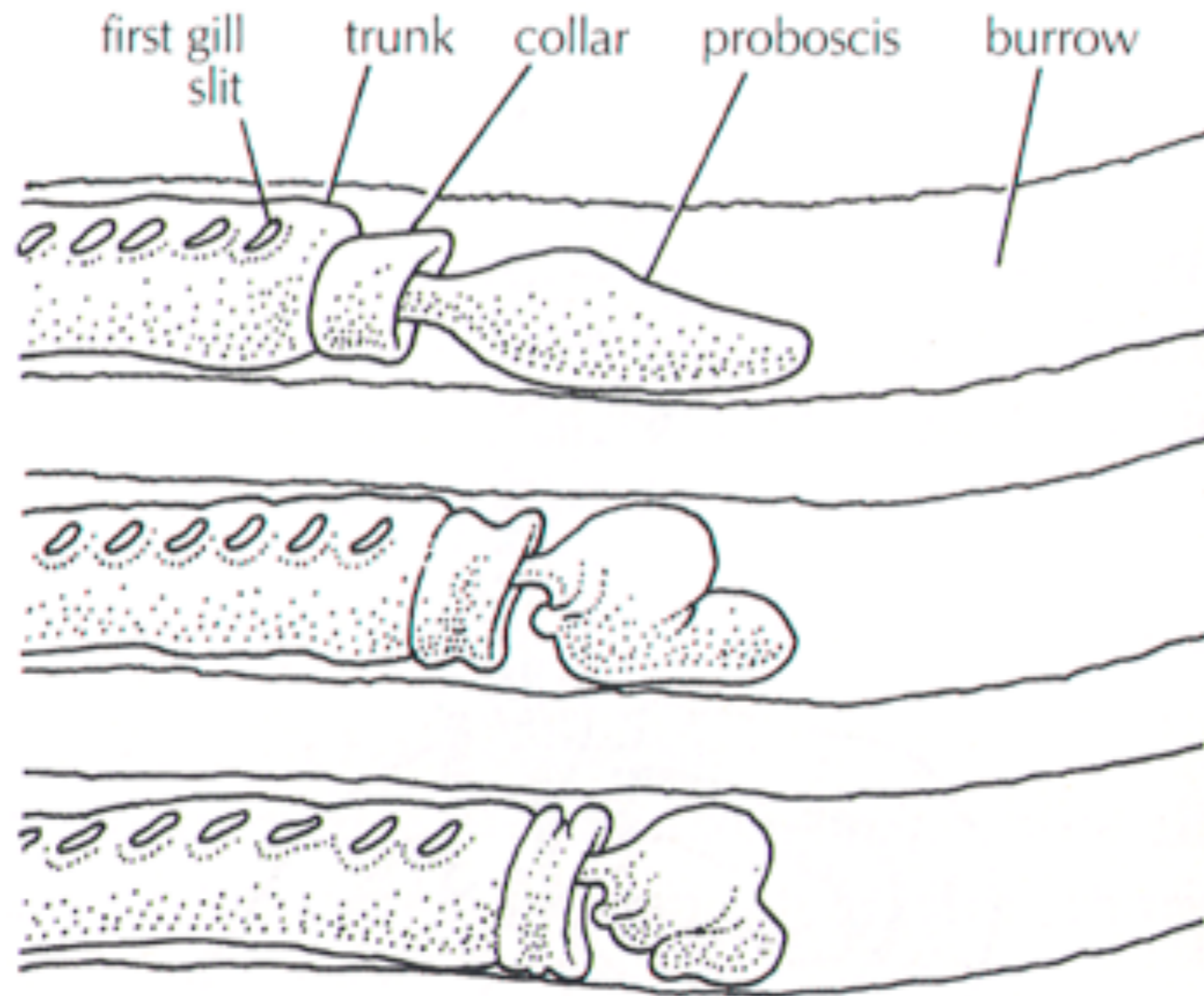
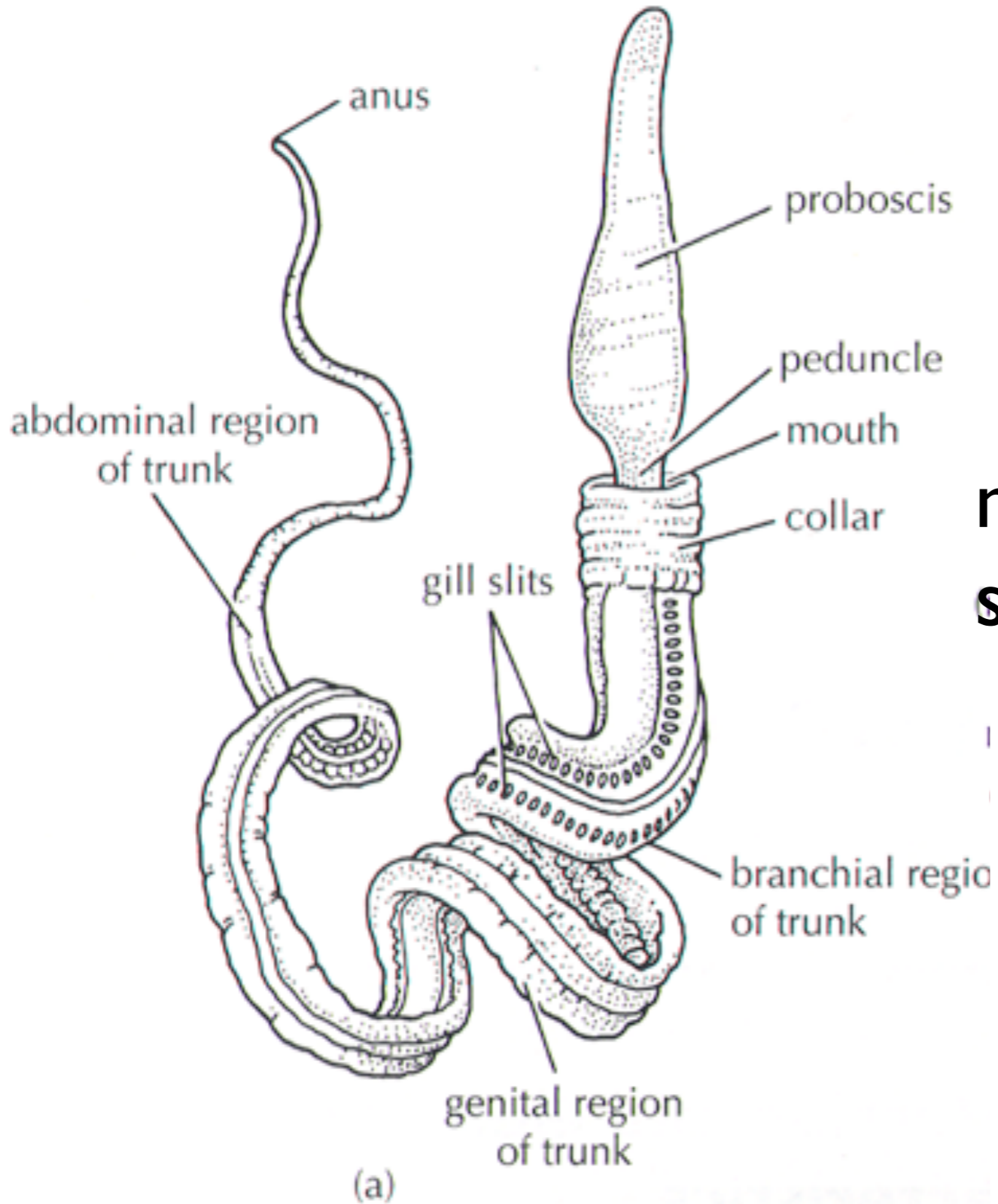


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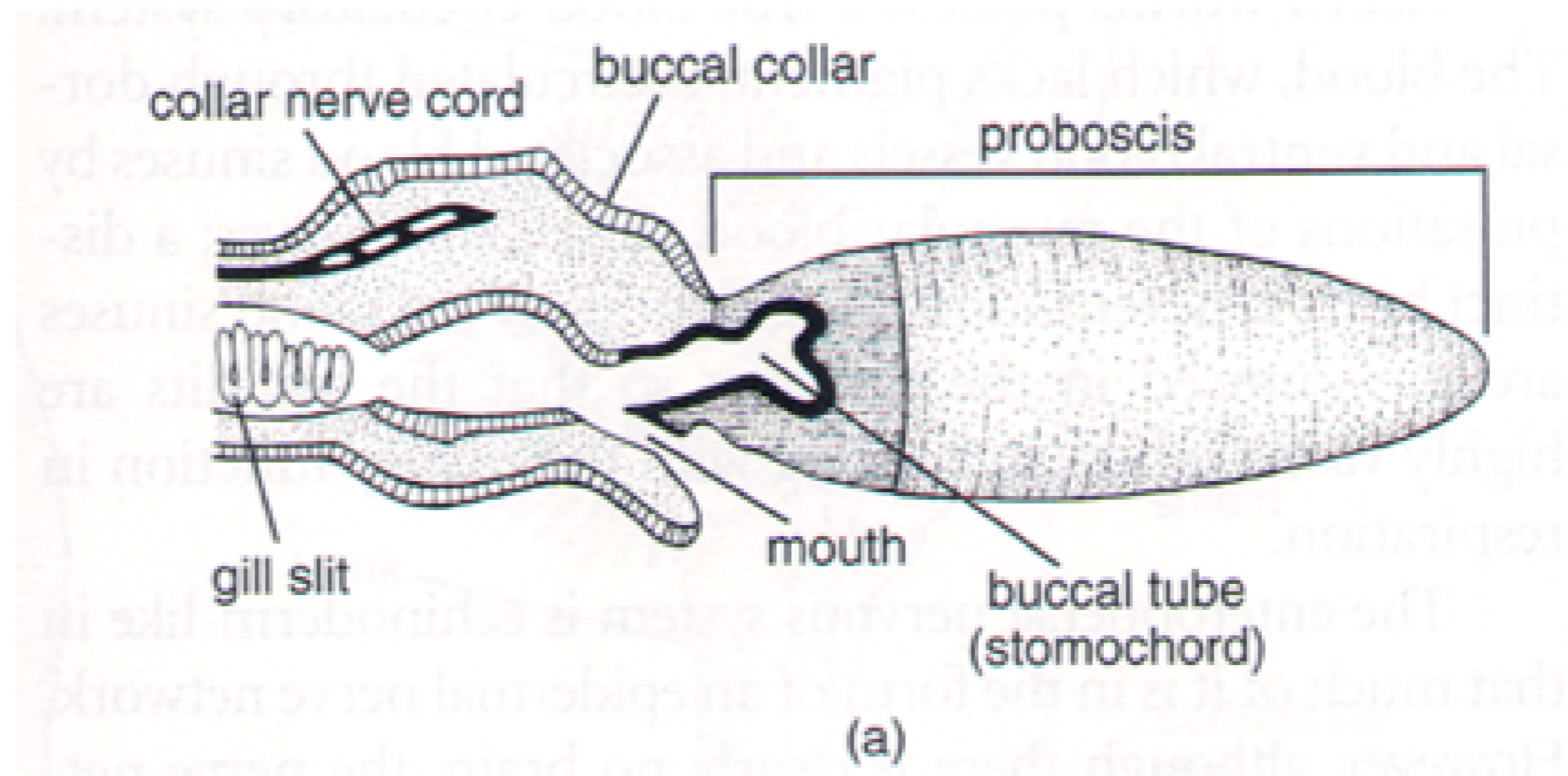
# Class Enteropneusta



**mouth on ventral anterior surface**

**Figure 21.1**

# Class Enteropneusta



stomochord - supports

# Class Enteropneusta

## Class Enteropneusta

### Family Harrimaniidae

Genus Saccoglossus

*Saccoglossus*

*bromophenolosus*

*Saccoglossus pusillus*

*Saccoglossus kowalevskii*

*Saccoglossus cambriensis*

Genus Harrimania

*Harrimania planktophilus*

### Family Ptychoderidae

Genus Balanoglossus

*Balanoglossus carnosus*

Genus Ptychodera

*Ptychodera flava*

Genus Glossobalanus

*Glossobalanus minutus*



*S. bromophenolosus* is found from Maine to Nova Scotia and in at least two bays in Washington State. The worm was likely introduced to Washington State by the oyster industry in the early 1900s.

# Class Enteropneusta

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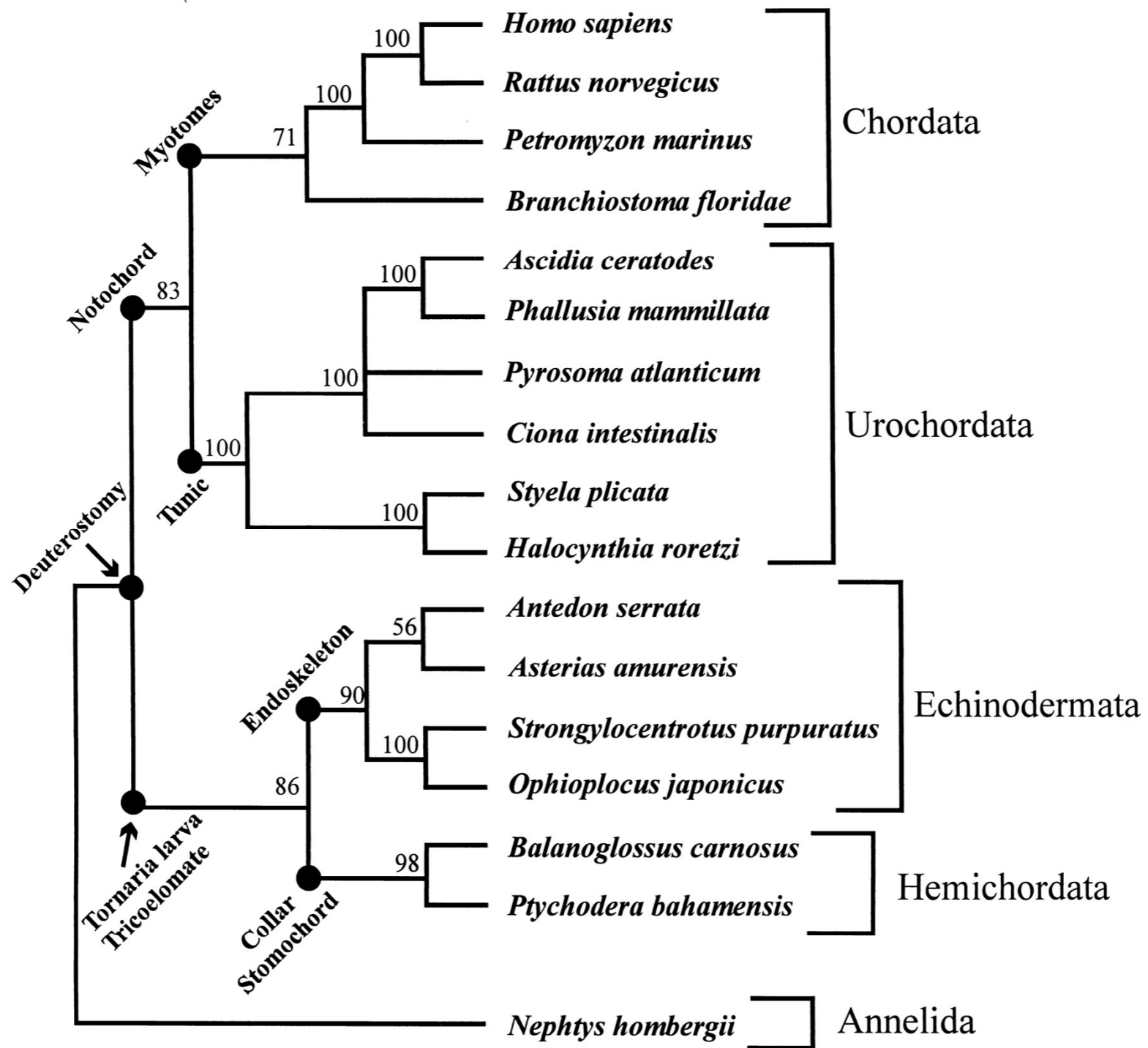
Genus Glossobalanus

*Glossobalanus minutus*



Close up of the gill pores on a the trunk of  
live

*S. bromophenolosus.*

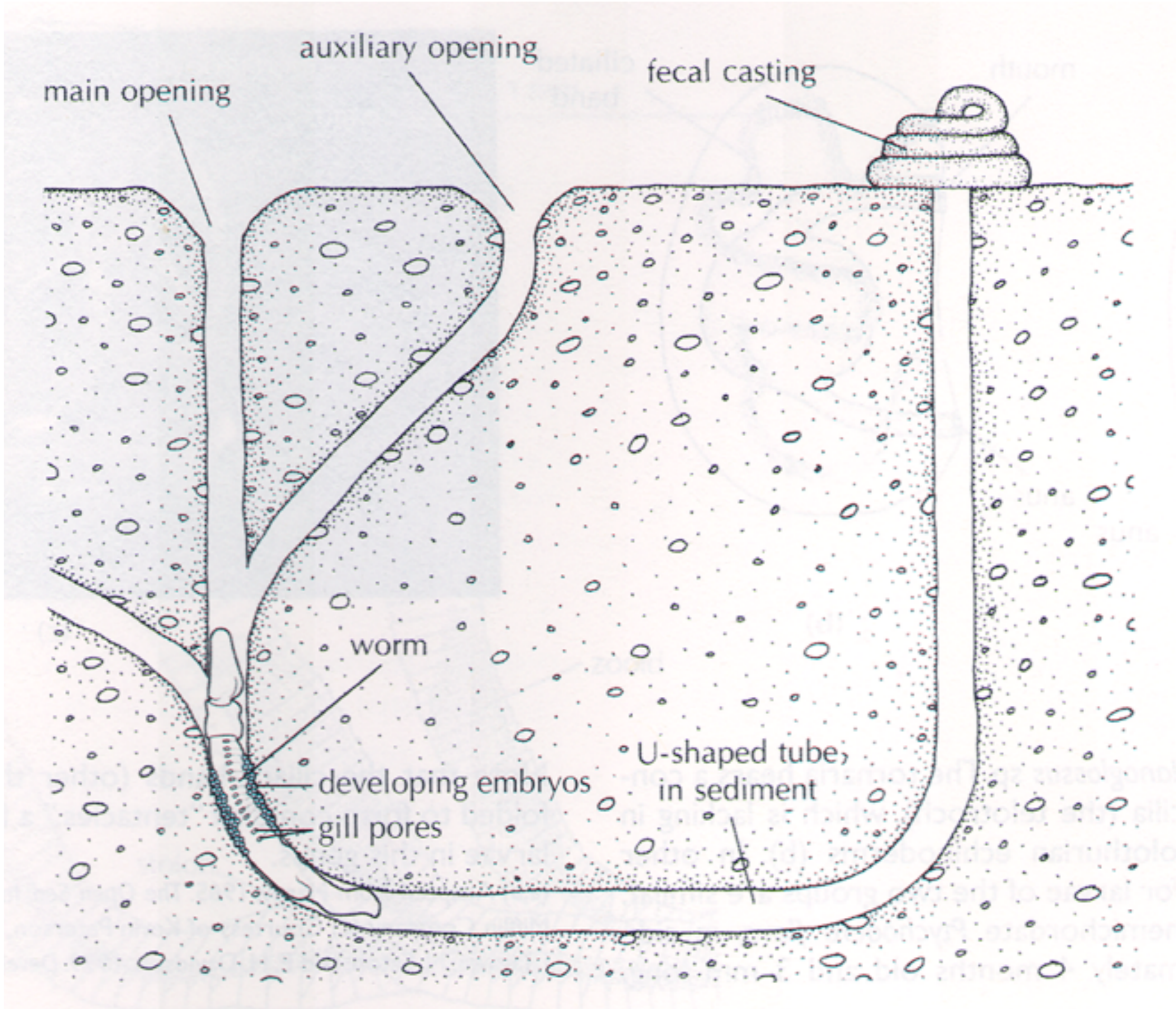


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# Enteropneust feeding

- Many are **deposit feeders**
  - mucous bound castings
- **Mucociliary feeders**
- **Suspension feeders**



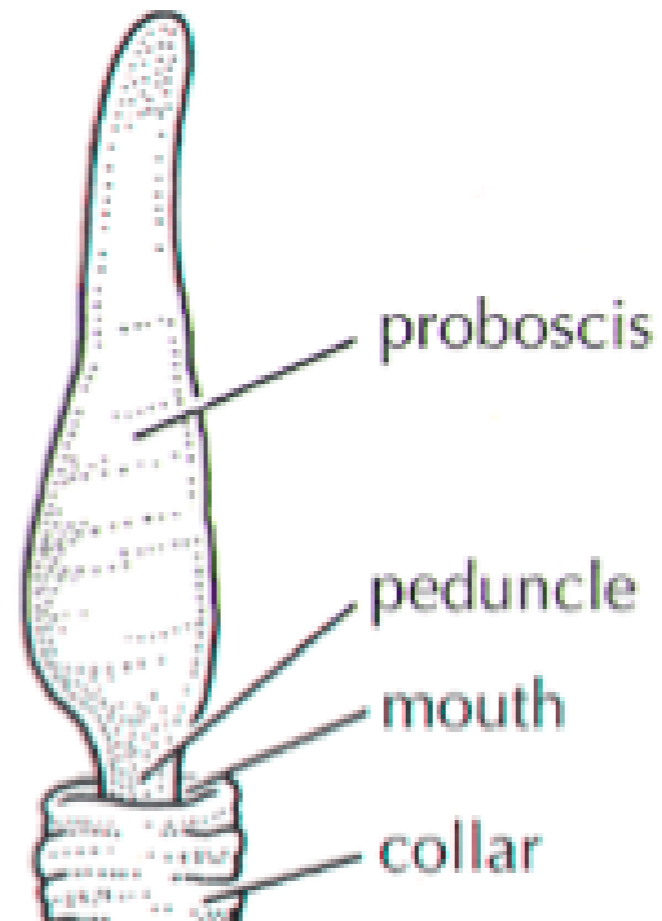
# Deposit feeders



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# Mucociliary feeding

planktonic organisms  
and detritus adhere  
to mucous on  
proboscis



# digestive tract

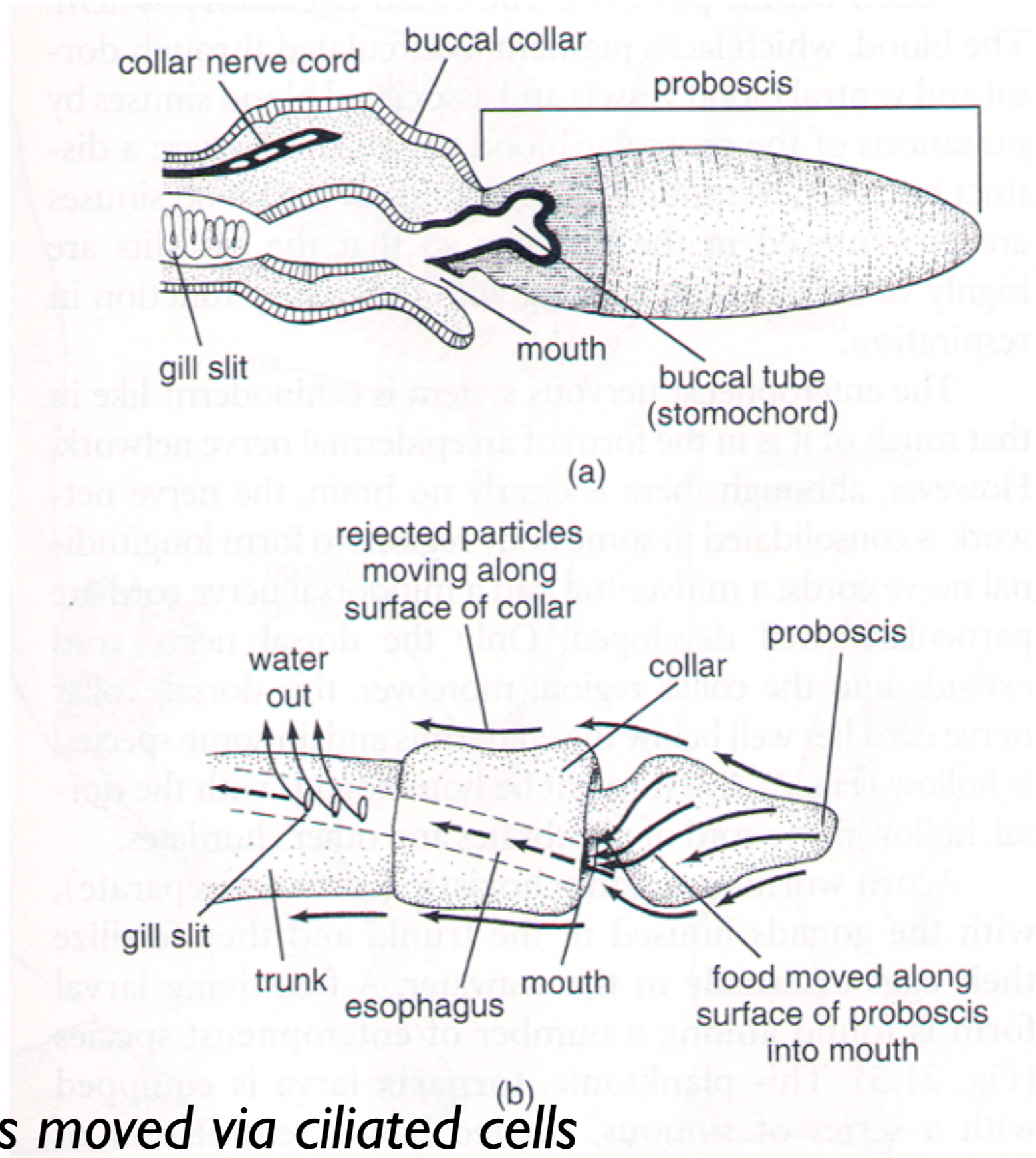
mouth

esophagus

pharynx

intestine

anus



*food is moved via ciliated cells*

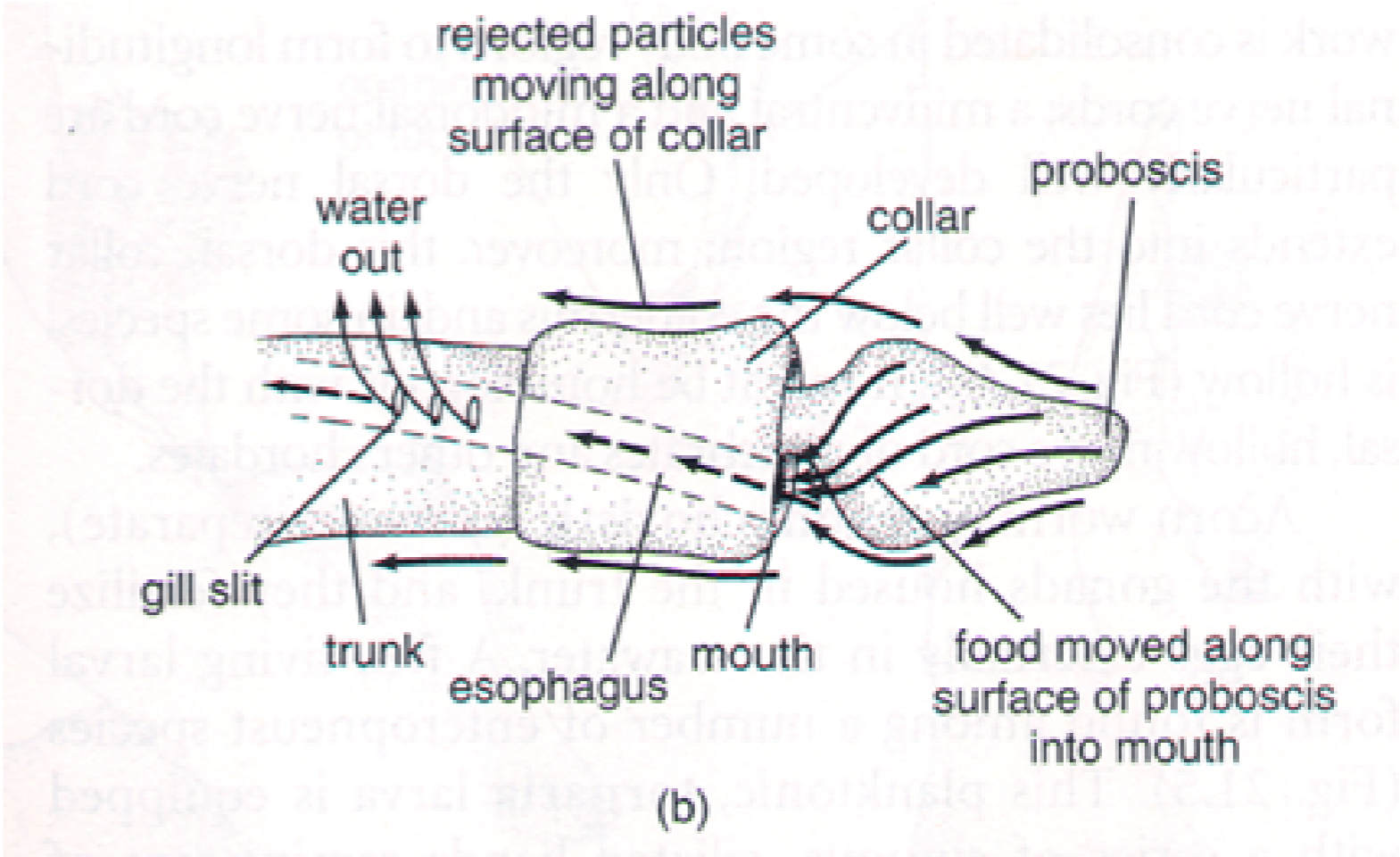
**Figure 21.4**

# Class Enteropneusta

G: gut breathing

pharynx

cilia line gill slits



# Phylum Hemichordata

- **Class Enteropneusta (G: gut breathing)**
- **Class Pterobranchia (G: feather gill)**

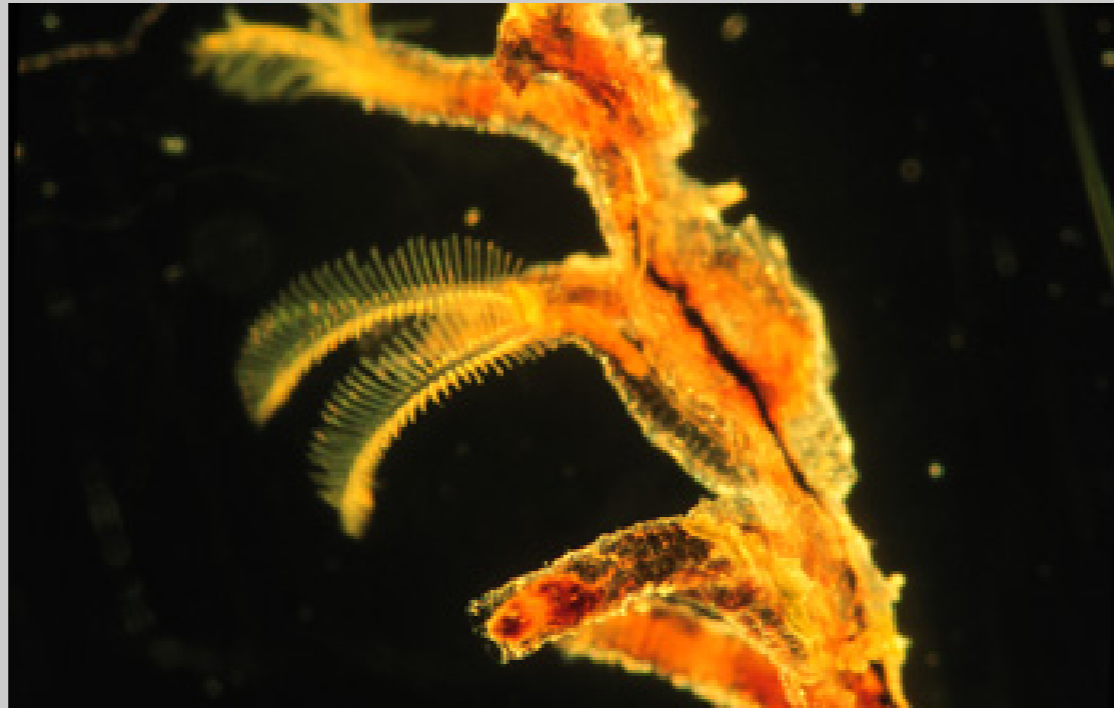
# Class Pterobranchia

- Originally collected in deep water dredging near Antarctic
- Recently several shallow water populations found



# Class Pterobranchia

*Rhabdopleura* species



## Class Pterobranchia

Genus *Cephalodiscus*

*Cephalodiscus*  
*gracilis*

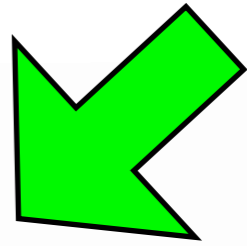
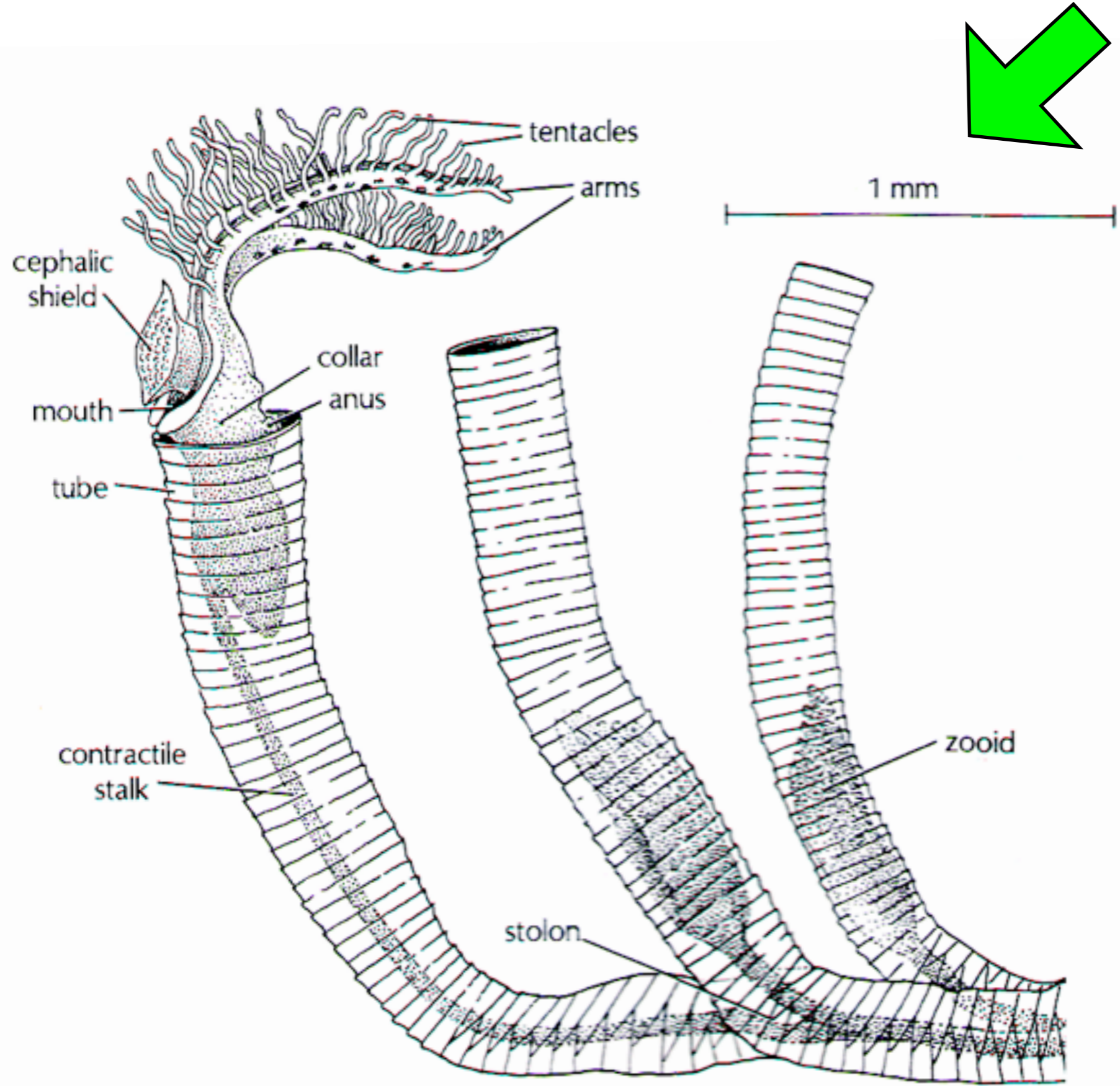
Genus *Rhabdopleura*

*Rhabdopleura*  
*normani*

# Class Pterobranchia

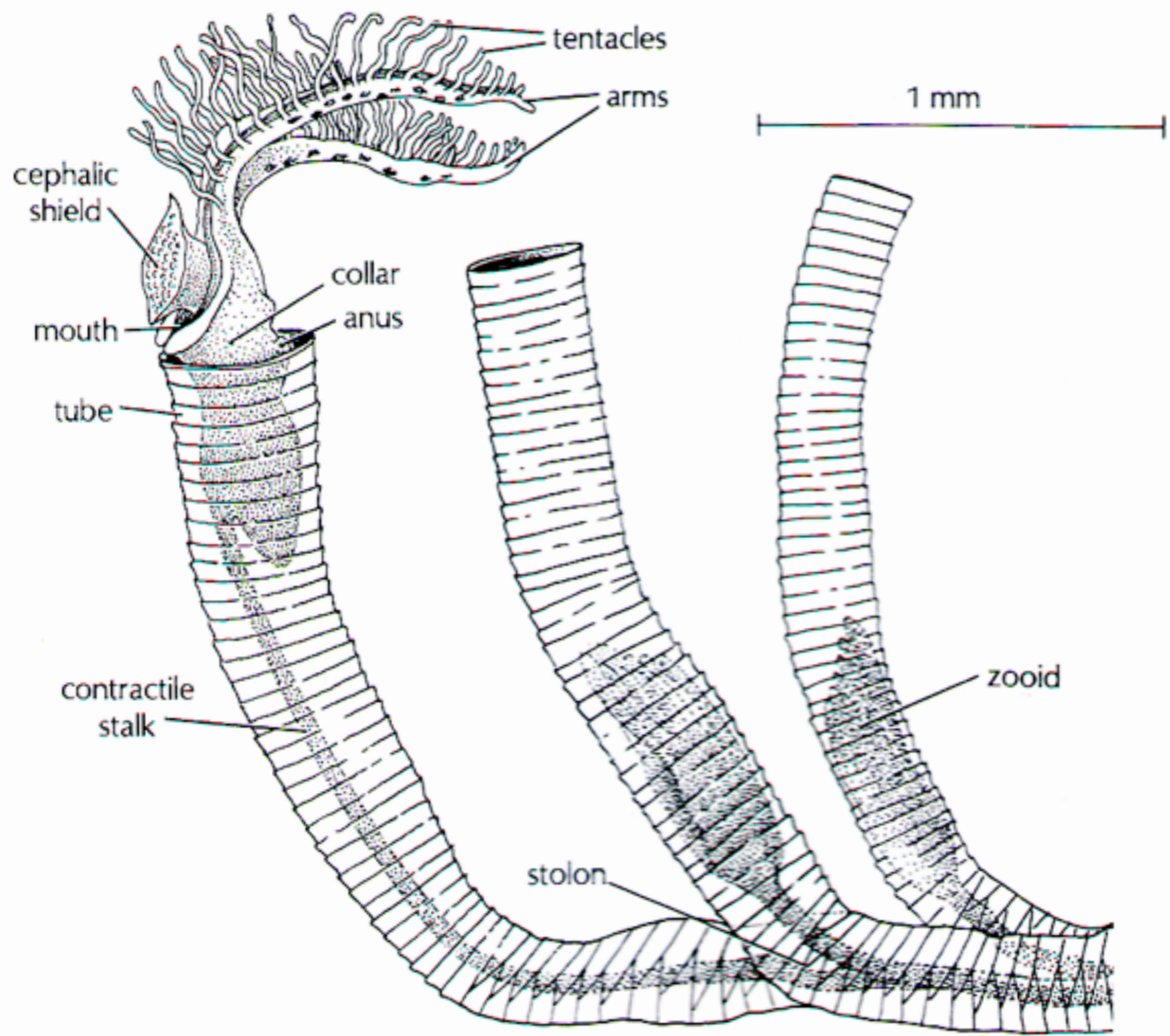
- **Distinguish from enteropneusts**
  - ciliated, anterior tentacles
  - U-shaped gut
  - never have more than 1 pair of gill slits
  - occupy rigid tubes

# Class Pterobranchia



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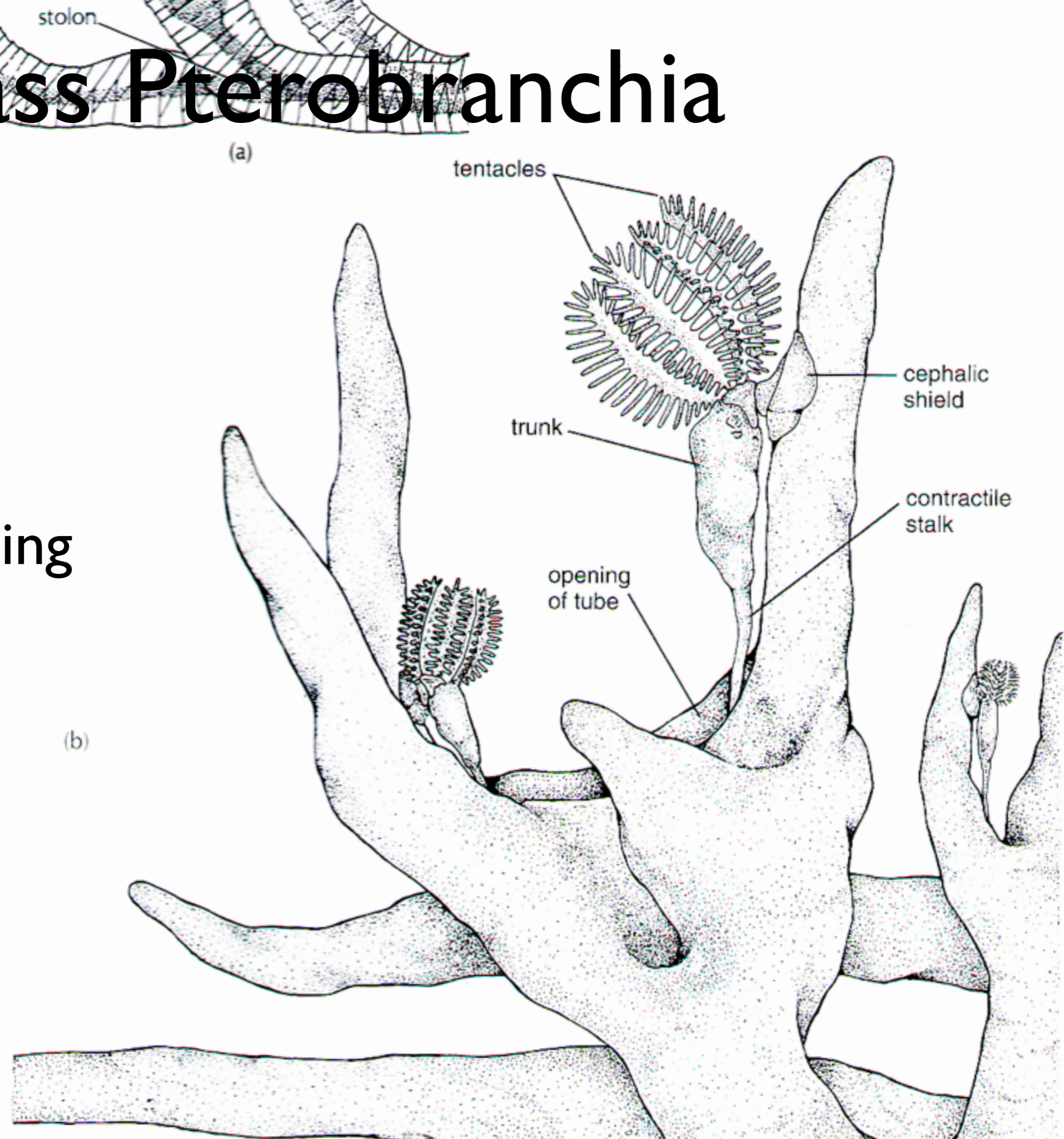
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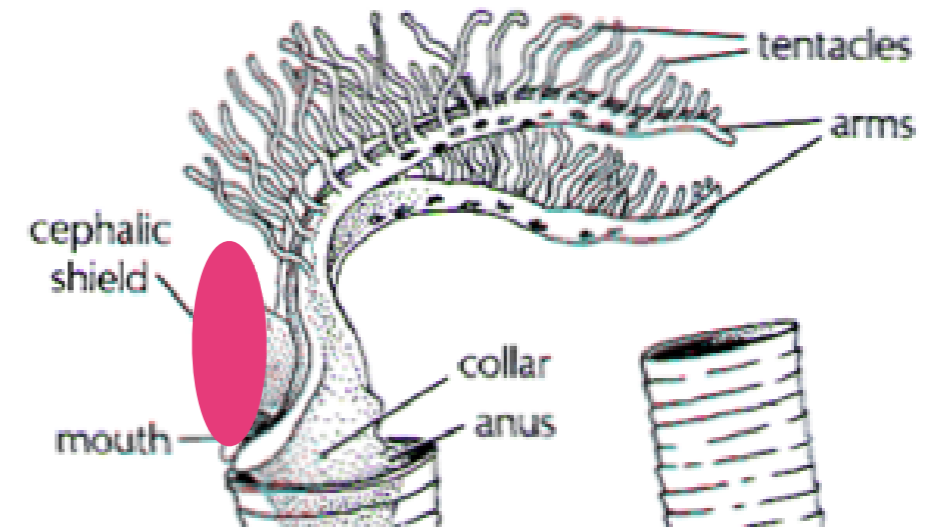
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# Class Pterobranchia

Budding



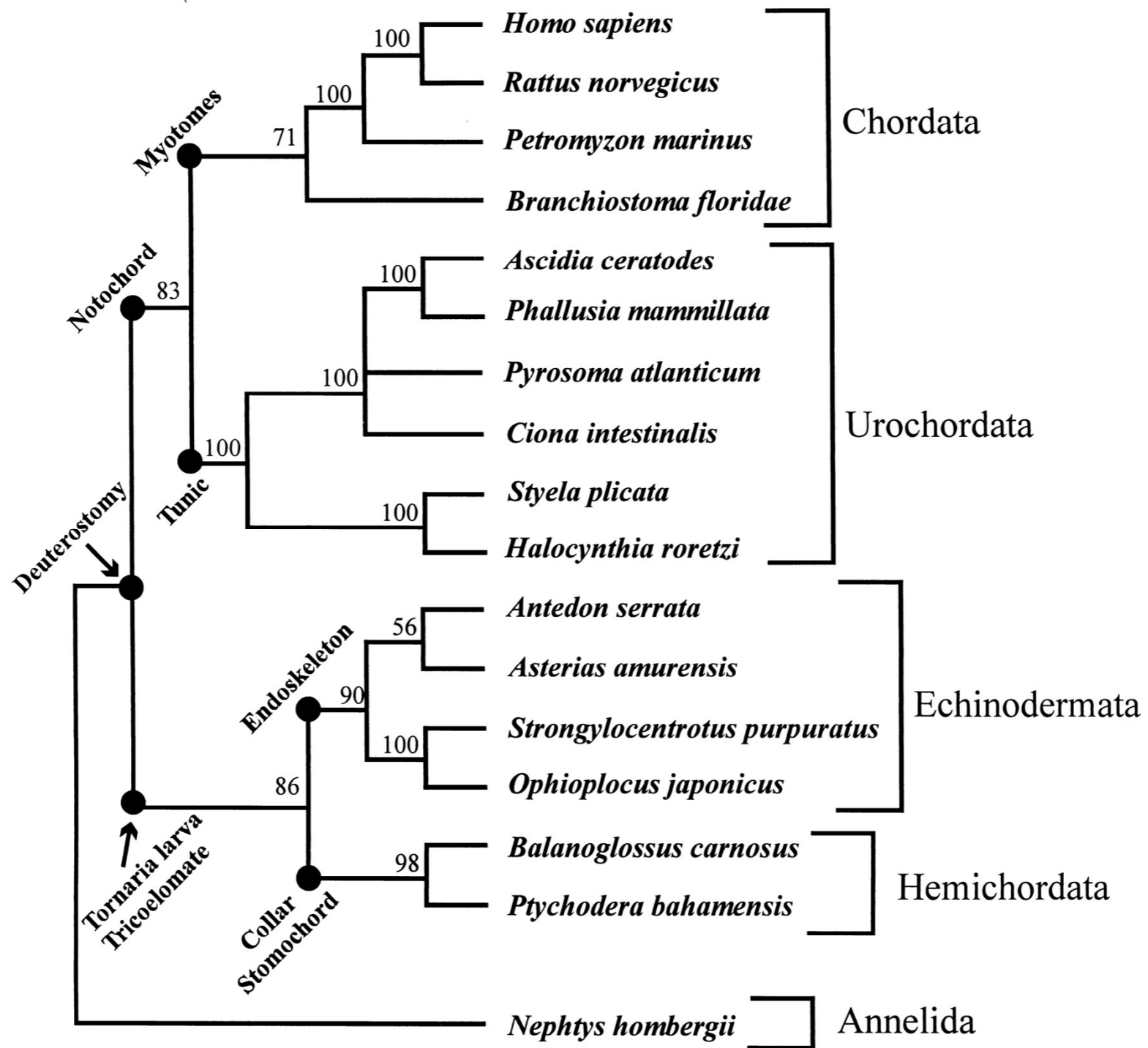
# cephalic shield



- contains glands that secrete tubes
- serves as an attachment organ
- used as muscular proboscis to crawl
  - within tube
  - solid substrate (near tube)

# Phylum Chordata

- Subphylum Urochordata
  - Class Ascidiacea
  - Class Larvacea
  - Class Thaliacea
- Subphylum Cephalochordata
- Subphylum \_\_\_\_\_



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# Phylum Chordata

- Nerve cord is dorsal and hollow
- The body is supported in at least some stage of development by a stiff rod
  - running the length of animal
  - ventral to nerve cord
- Pharynx is perforated with numerous ciliated slits (\_\_\_\_\_)



# Subphylum Urochordata

*aka tunicates*

- Notochord and nerve cord are found only in the larval stage, being resorbed at metamorphosis

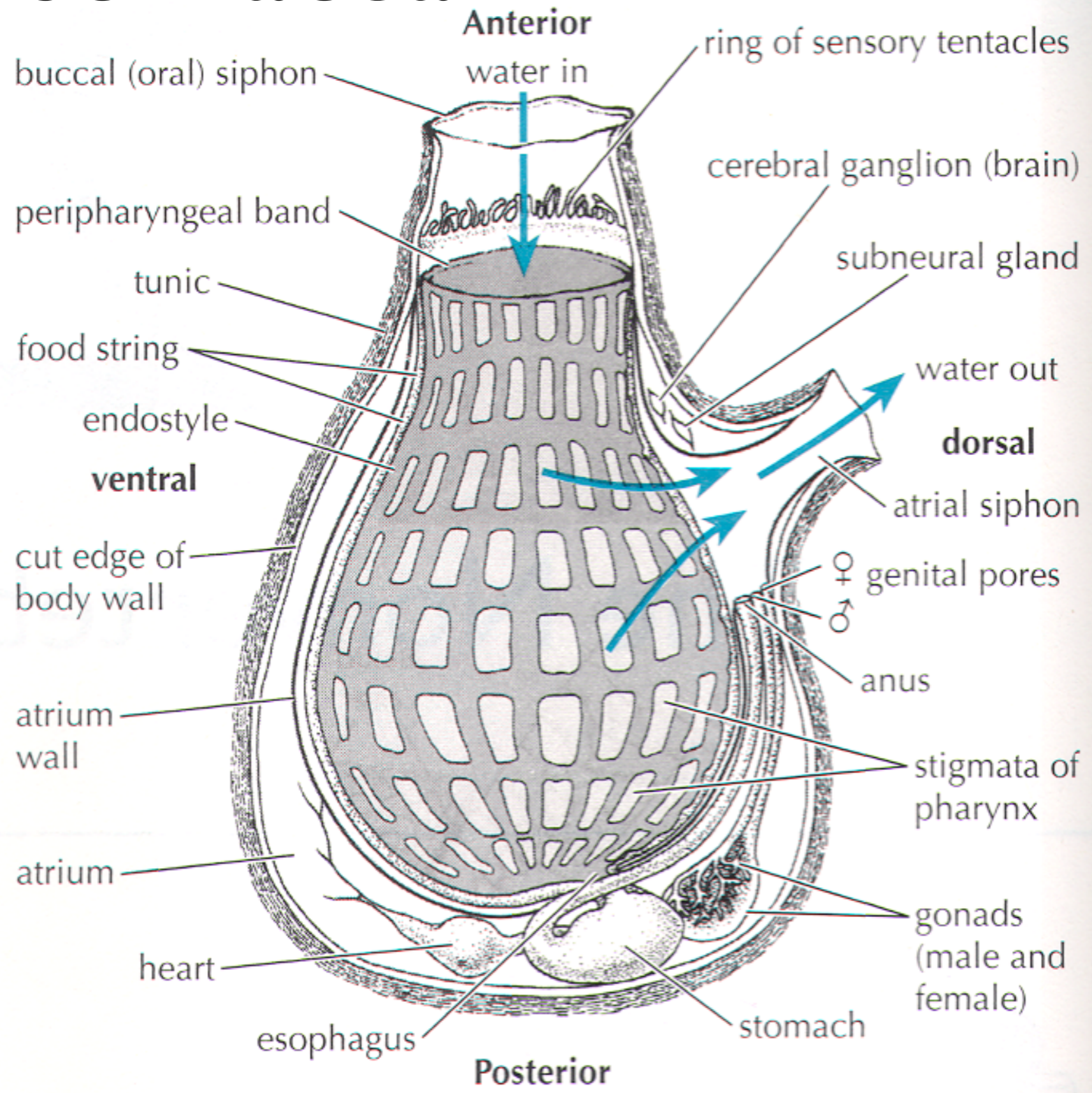
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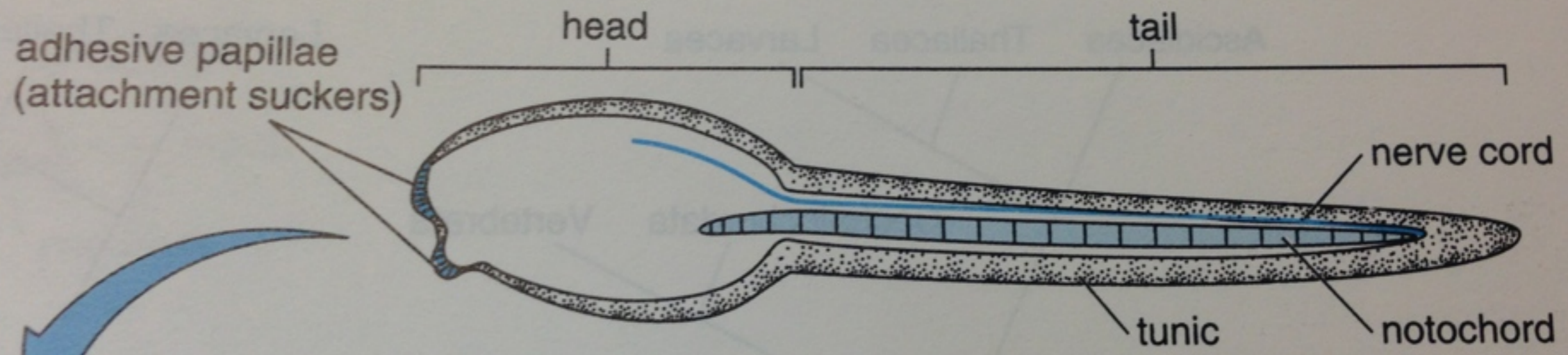
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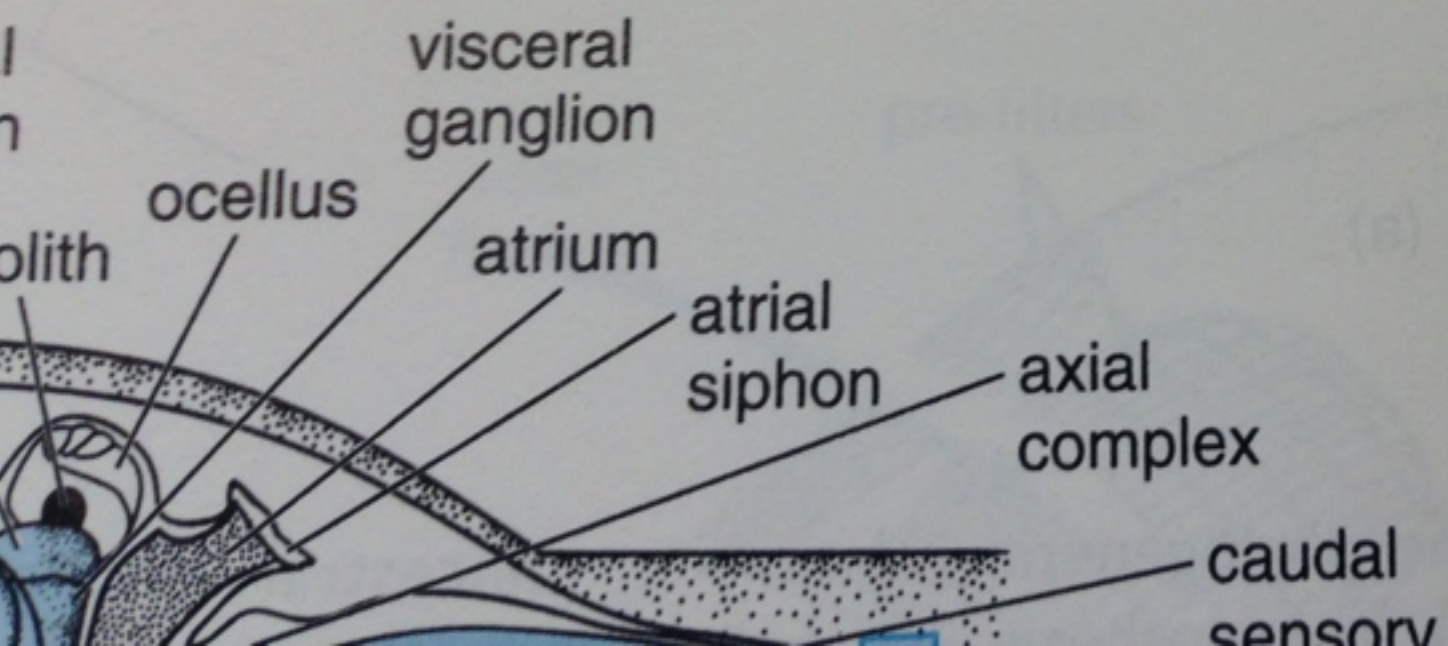
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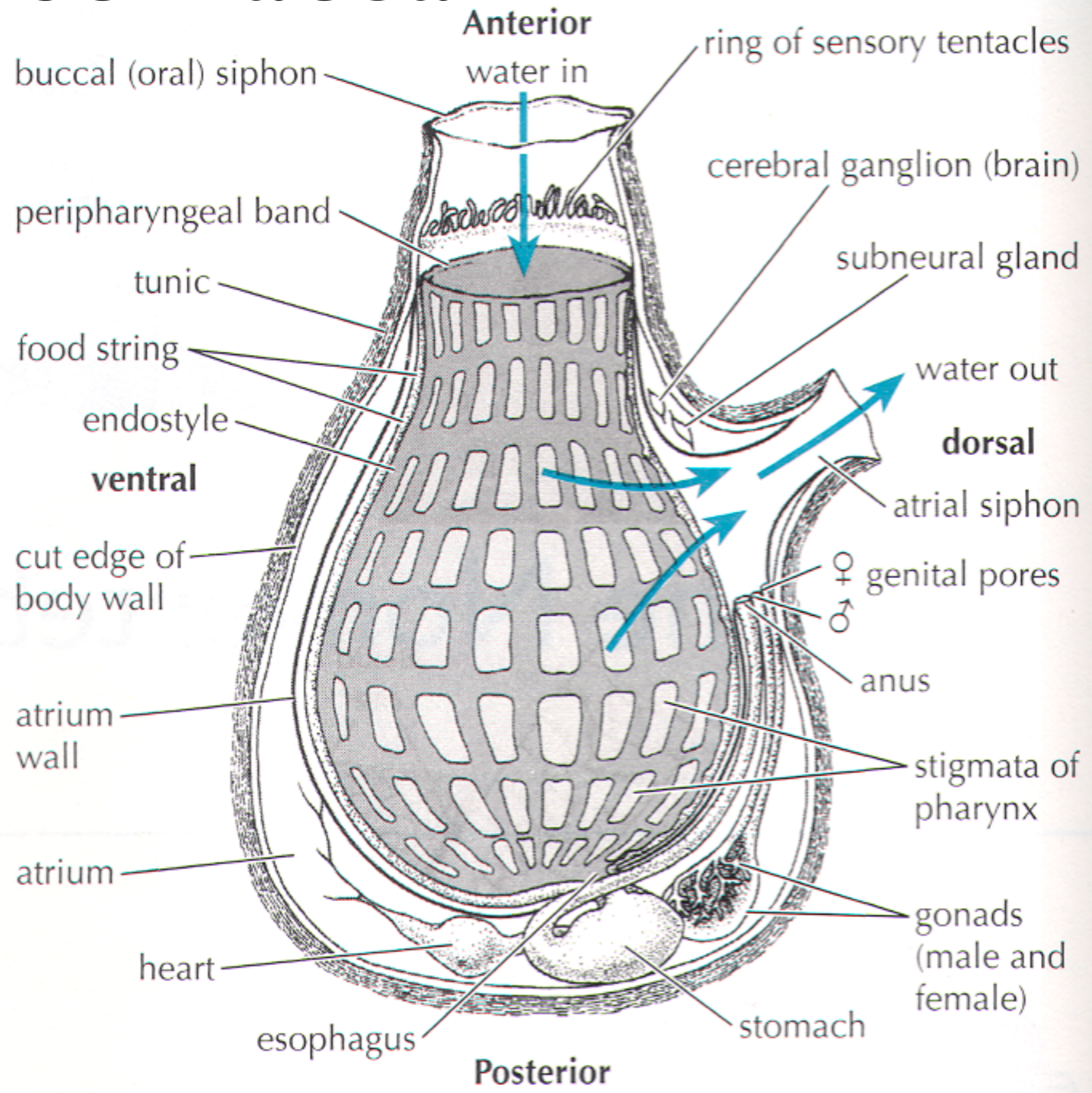
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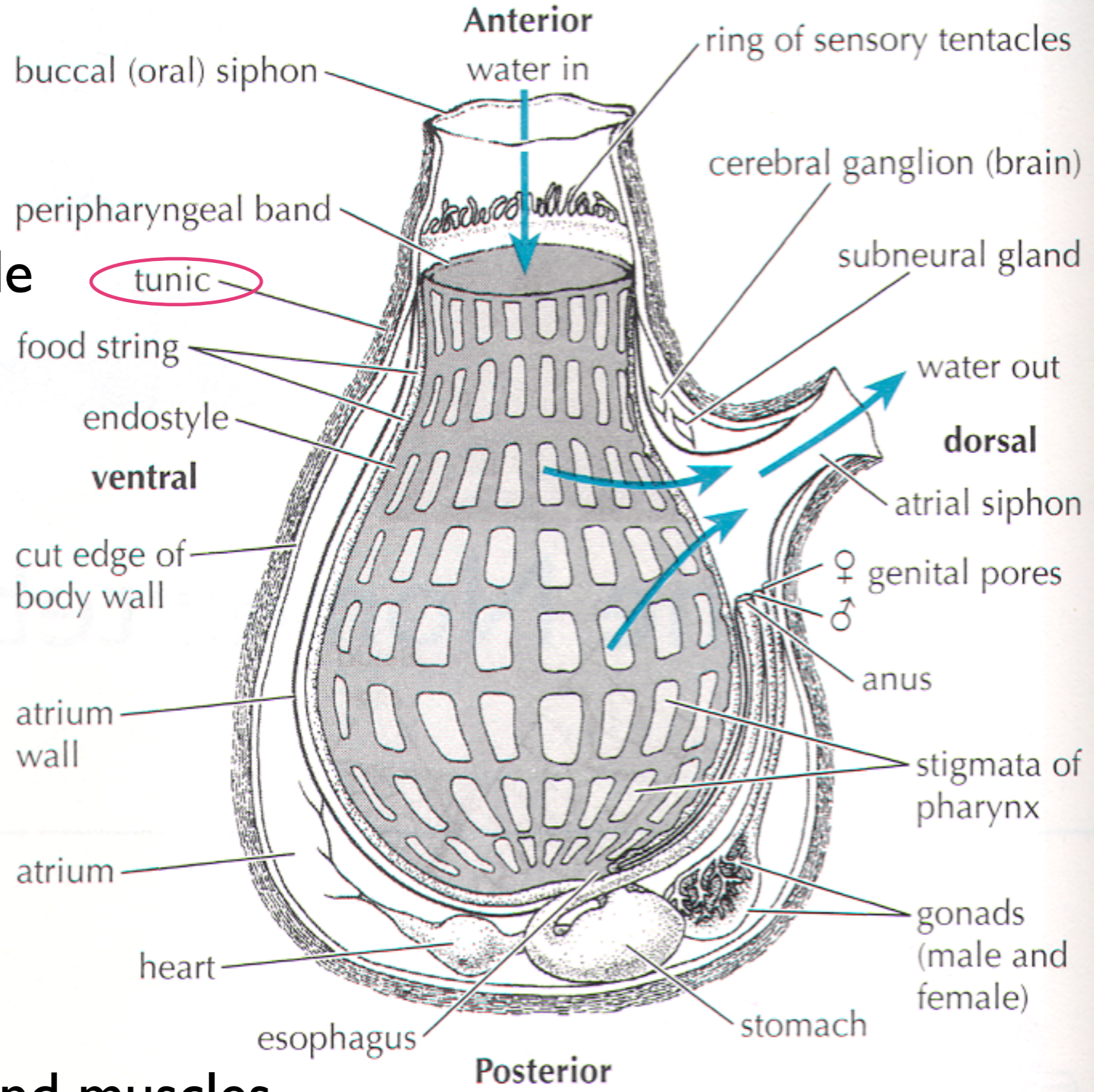


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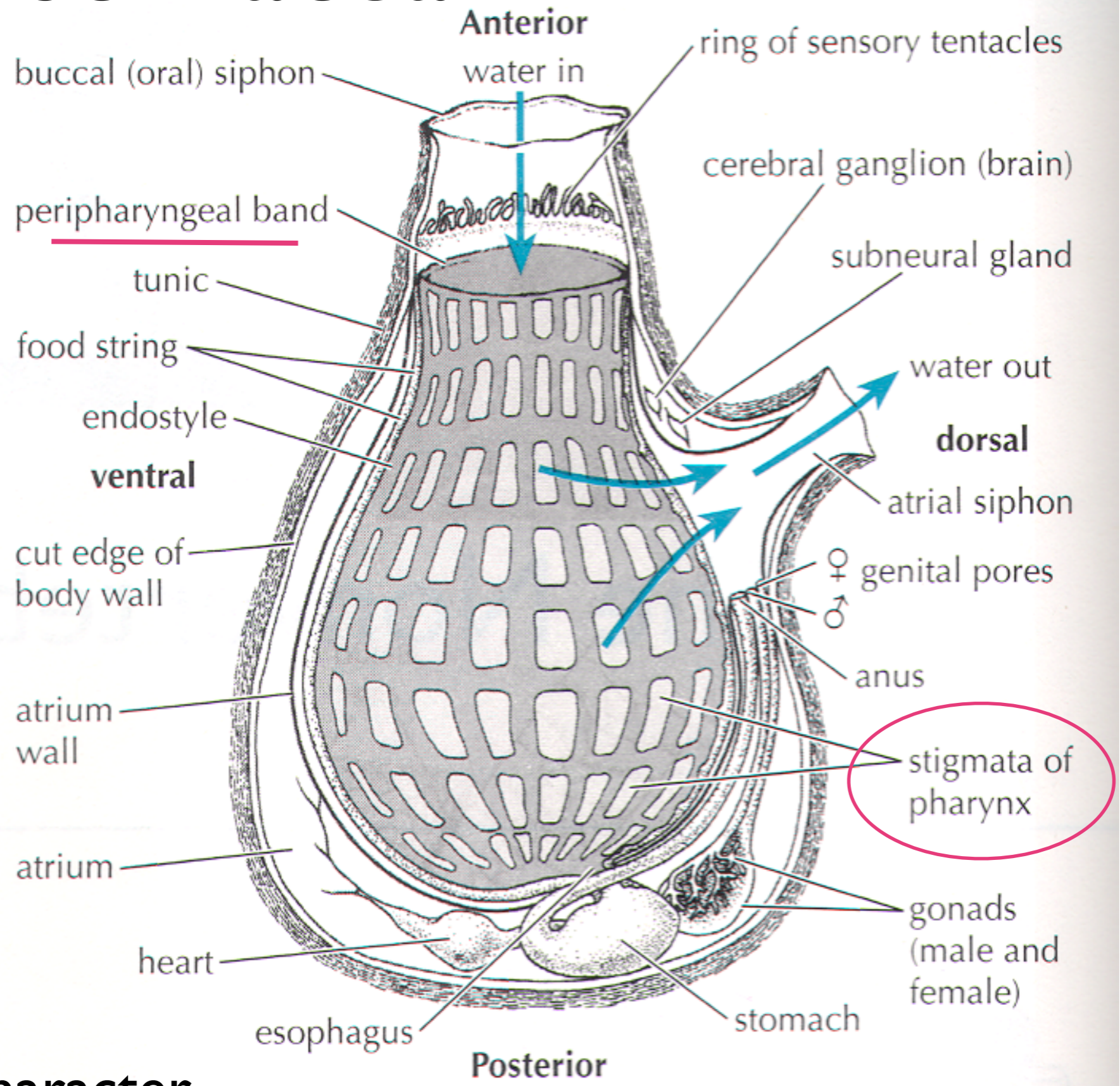
protective  
protein and  
polysaccharide



lack nerves and muscles

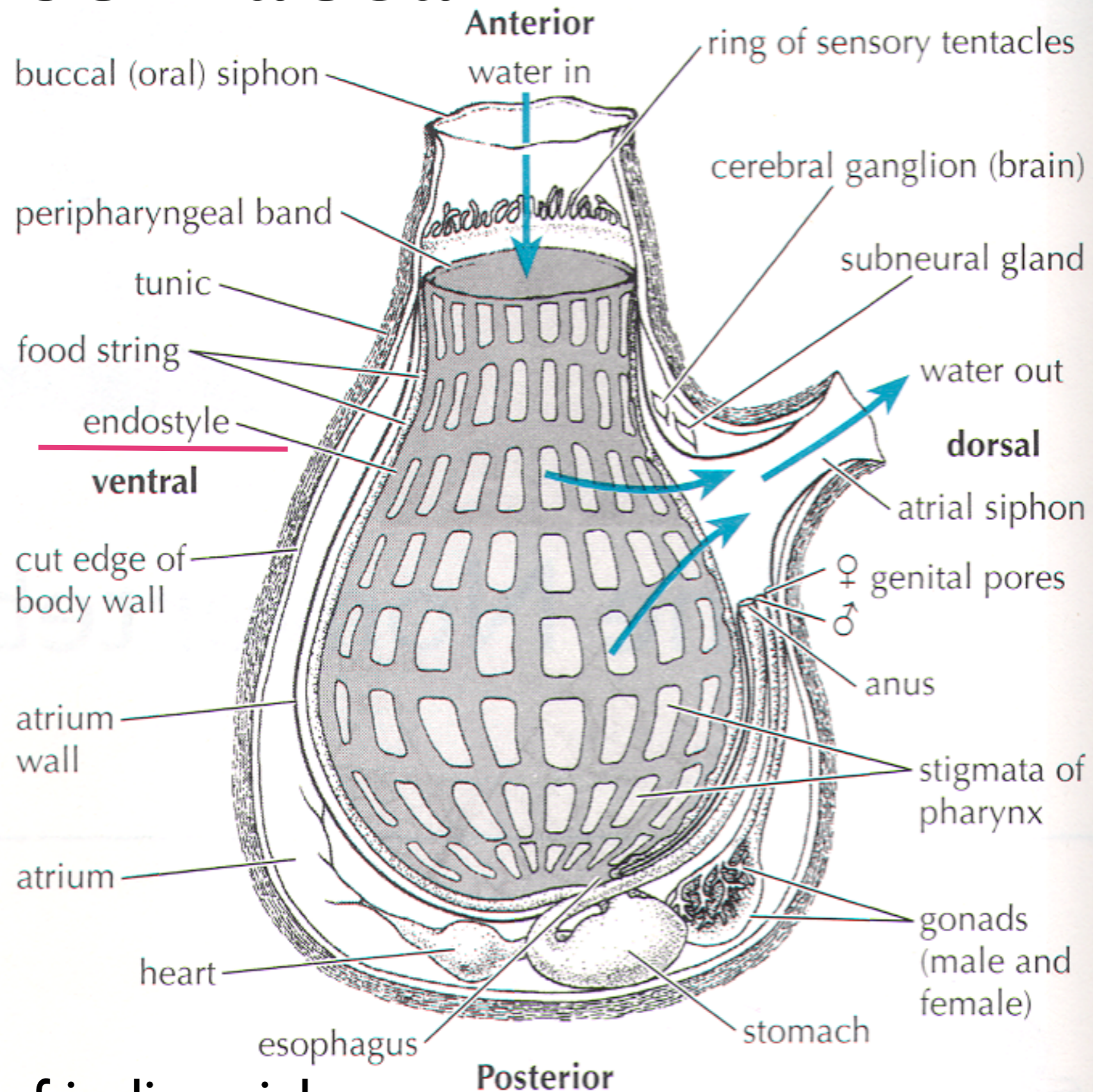


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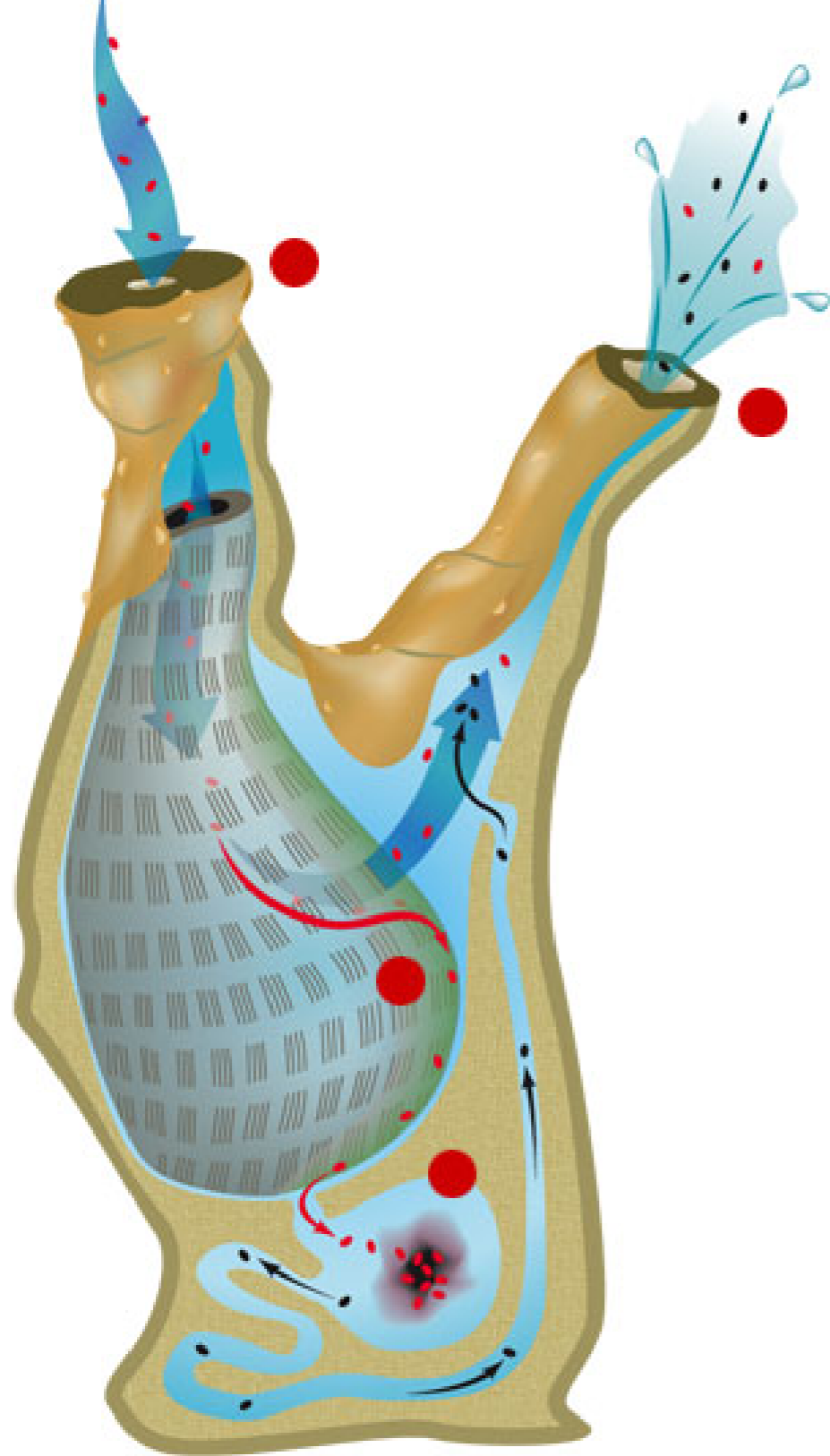


taxonomic character

# Class Ascidiacea



secretes net of iodine rich mucous



LIVING WATER PISTOLS—As sea squirts feed on algae and bacteria, or when they are gently squeezed, they shoot water out of tiny pipes. These bursts of water give it the name "sea squirt."  
(Photo by Dann Blackwood, USGS)

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### ANATOMY OF A SQUIRT

Sea squirts are tunicates, a type of sea life with a firm, rubbery outer covering called a "tunic," from which the name derives. As each organism feeds on algae and bacteria, they suck water in through one pipe and push it out a second. These bursts of water gave it the name "sea squirt."

(Illustration by Jayne Doucette, WHOI Graphic Services)

# sea squirt invasion

## Invasive Sea Squirt Could Cause Problems



A colonial sea squirt from the *Didemnum* (pronounced die-DEM-num) group of marine animals has recently been found fouling boats, marina structures and oyster trestles in Ireland.

This particular species of *Didemnum* is fast-growing and has the potential to outcompete and smother a large number of species and habitats, including some of the most diverse and unique areas of the Irish coastline.



## Invasive Tunicates in Washington State

[Tunicates Home](#) | [Ciona savignyi](#) | [Styela clava](#) | [Didemnum](#)  
**Report a sighting to WDFW: (360) 902-2700**

Don't forget to report it on your **REEF** survey form too!



**Club Tunicate**  
*Styela clava*  
Photo by Janna Nichols



**Transparent Ciona Tunicate**  
*Ciona savignyi*  
Photo by Janna Nichols



**Invasive Didemnum**  
*Didemnum sp.*  
Photo by Gretchen Lambert

# sea squirt invasion

## The blob that's invading the Sound

By Warren Cornwall  
*Seattle Times staff reporter*

HOOD CANAL — Like knights heading into battle, two dozen people in rubber-coated diving suits and 40-pound air tanks clanked down the gravel beach.

They each clutched weapons: windshield ice scrapers, barbecue tongs, a spatula nabbed from the kitchen.

Their hated enemy lay beneath Hood Canal's frigid waters, a creature that had scorned a previous assault, expanding its territory at a ferocious rate.

It's a 6-inch-long blob of goo called a



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MARK HARRISON / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Invasive tunicates, such as these seen in Hoodspout, are taking over parts of Puget Sound. Their presence may be further evidence that the Sound is under stress and vulnerable to invaders.



**Ciona savignyi at Seacrest (Alki Cove 2) in Elliott Bay, Seattle.  
On the jackstraw pilings near the wreck of the Honey Bear.  
- Photo by Rich Zade**

# Culinary importance

Sea pineapple



Aquaculture

2006 - 18 million (FAO)

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“rubber dipped in ammonia”



# Scientific model



*Ciona intestinalis* v2.0

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The *Ciona intestinalis* genome is the smallest of any experimentally manipulable chordate. This organism provides a good system for exploring the evolutionary origins of the chordate lineage, from which all vertebrates sprouted.

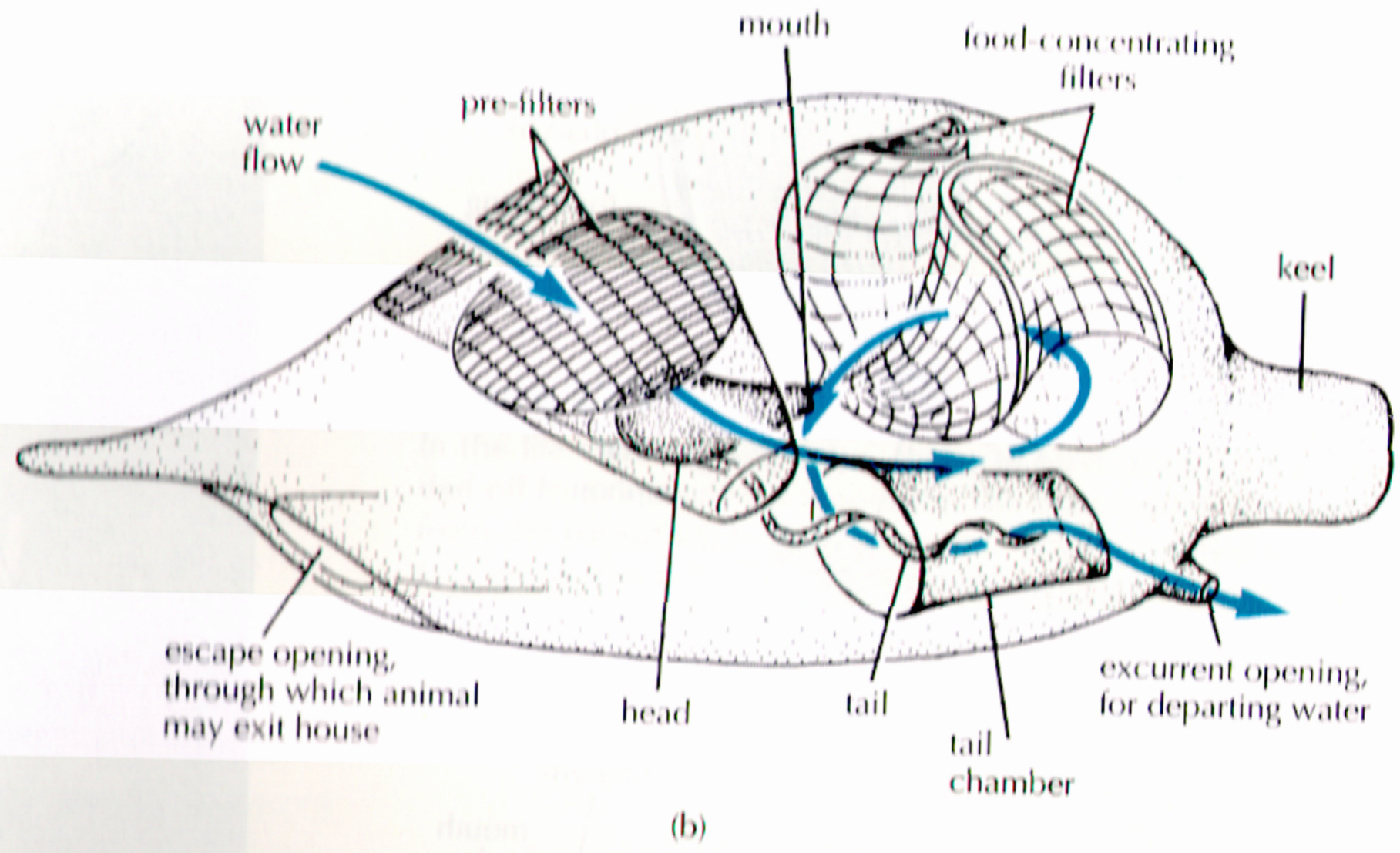
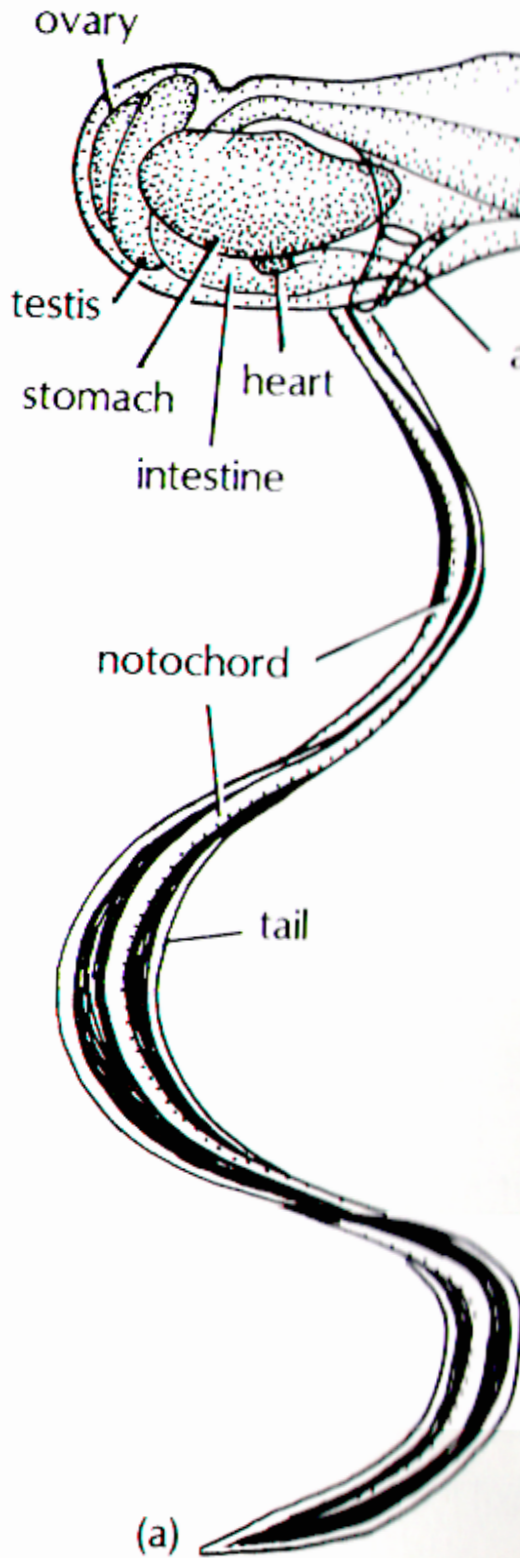
*C. intestinalis* has a good genomic infrastructure (EST and cDNA collections, BAC and cosmid libraries, etc.), easily visualized cells and morphogenetic processes, existing methods for transient transgene expressions, and is available throughout the world all year long. In addition, there is a deep classical literature on ascidian development, and an active community of researchers worldwide.

The complete *C. intestinalis* genome sequence will provide a foundation for genome-scale analysis of regulatory networks through development.

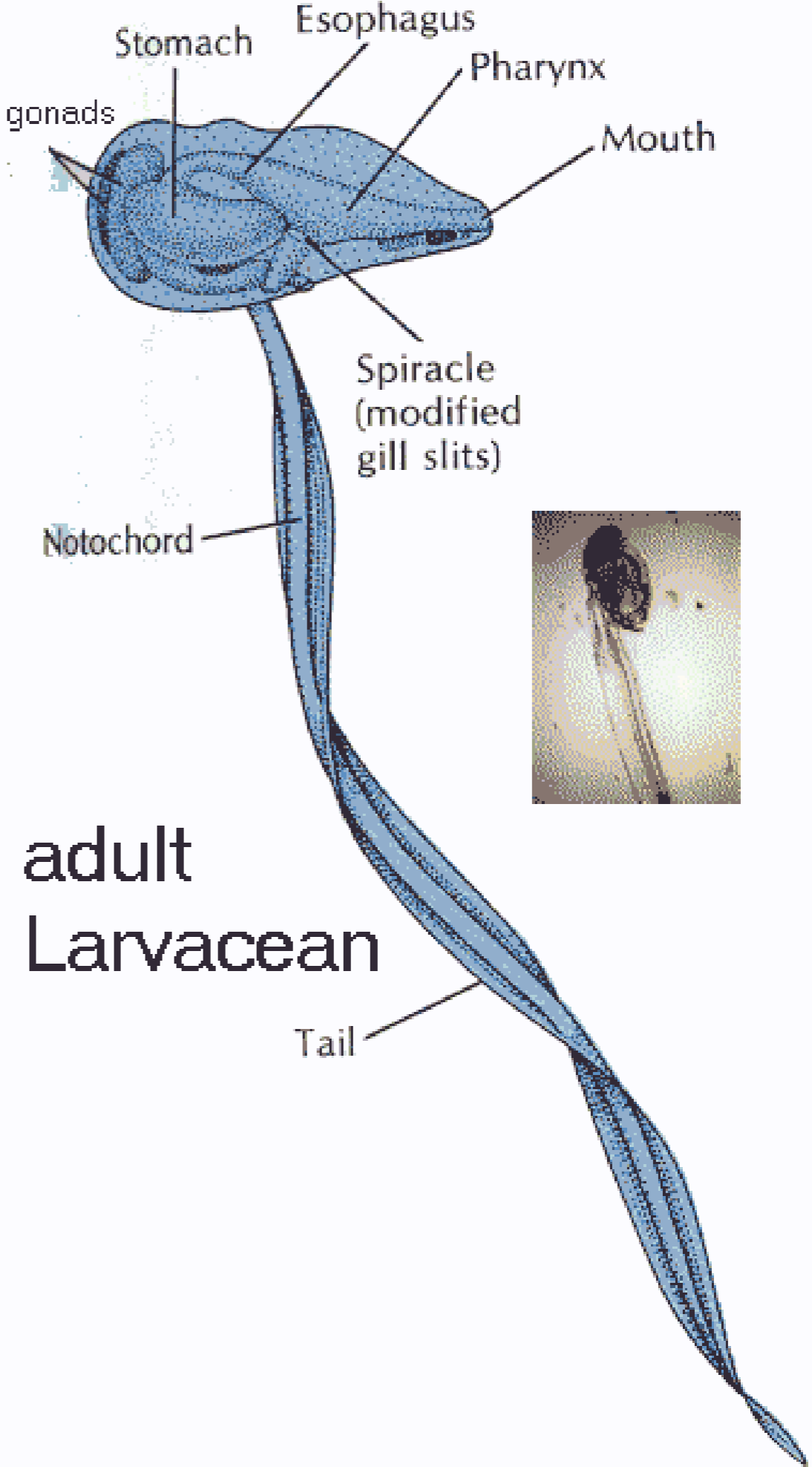
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# Class Larvacea



# Class Larvacea



adult Larvacean

Ecological importance?

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# Class Thaliacea



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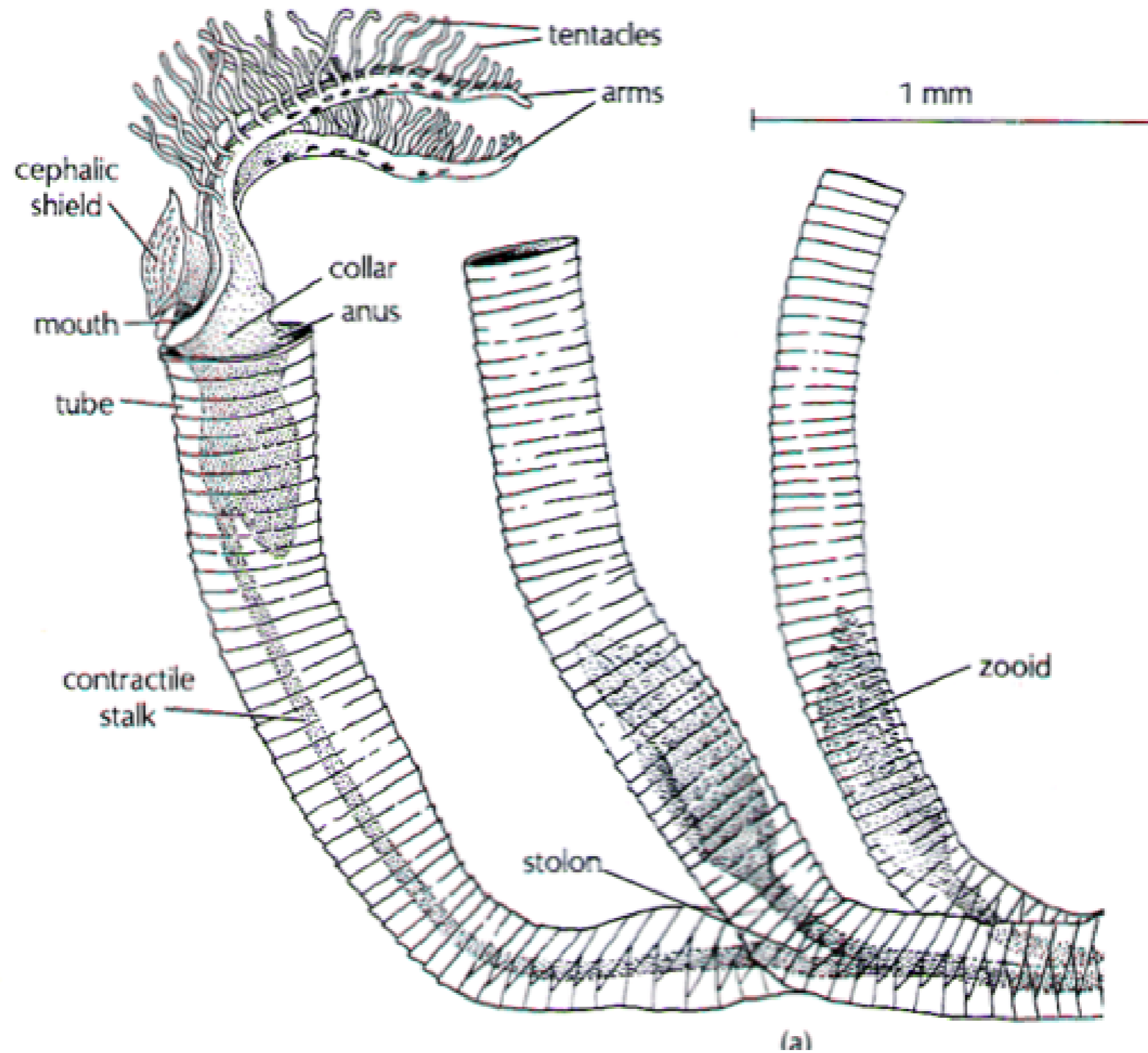
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Who were the colonial  
hemichordates?

# Class Pterobranchia

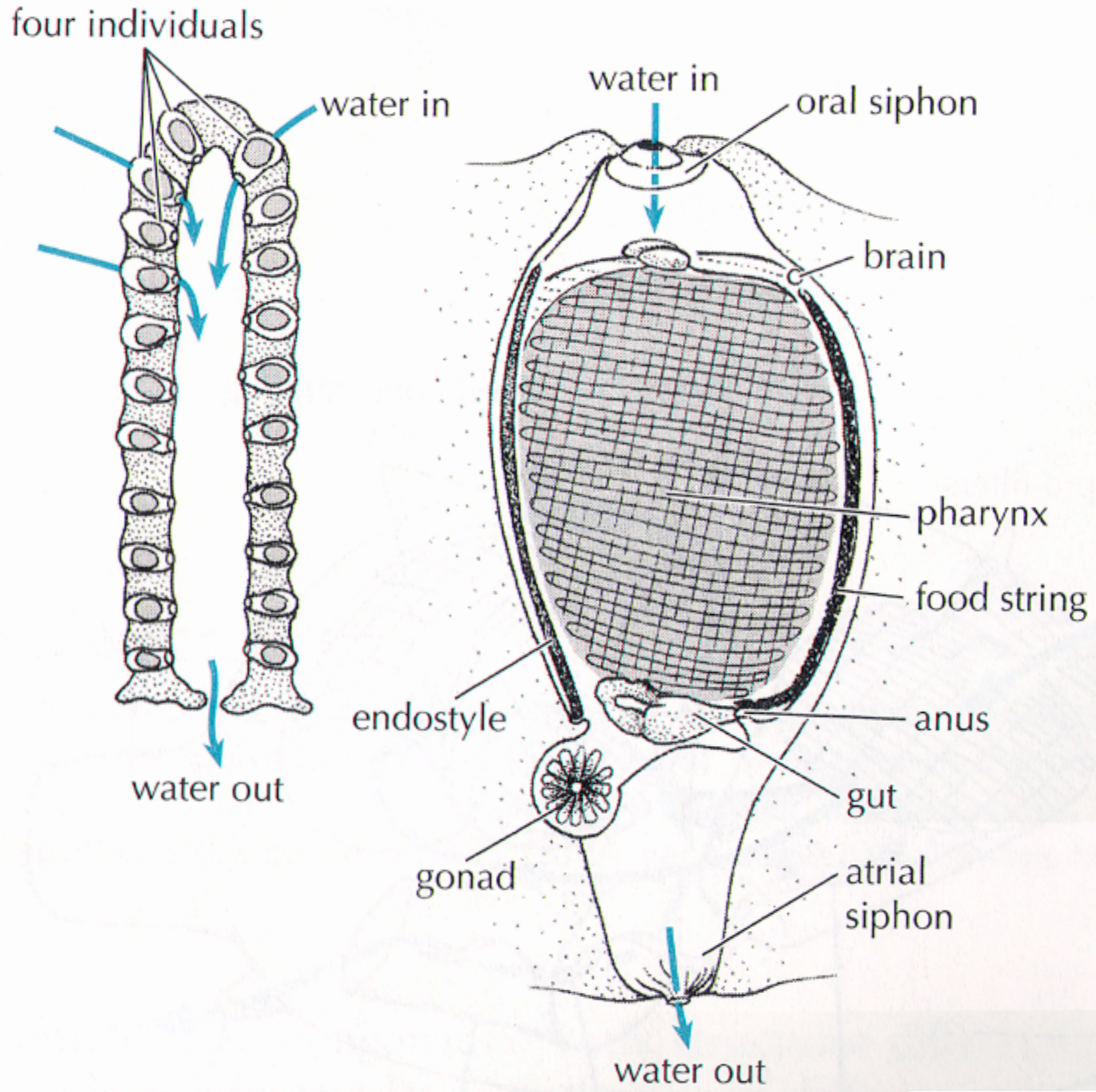




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