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Nervous System - Laboratory Practical Items (Dr. Pilchman's Section only)

Slides

Using the Compound microscope

1. Purkinje cells (cerebellum)
2. Pyramidal cells (cerebral cortex)
3. Motor neurons (spinal cord): cyton, axon, dendrites, nucleus, Nissl bodies. These are multipolar neurons.
4. Nodes of Ranvier (teased spinal nerves)
5. Sensory neuron cytons (dorsal root ganglia of spinal cord). These are unipolar neurons.

Using the dissecting microscope

6. Identify the following parts of a transverse section of a spinal cord:
 - a. grey matter
 - b. white matter
 - c. posterior white columns
 - d. anterior white columns
 - e. posterior white commissure
 - f. anterior white commissure
 - g. lateral white columns
 - h. anterior grey commissure
 - i. posterior grey commissure
 - j. central canal
 - k. posterior horns of grey matter
 - l. lateral horns of grey matter
 - m. anterior horns of grey matter
 - n. posterior median sulcus
 - o. anterior median fissure
 - p. posterior (dorsal) root
 - q. anterior (ventral) root
 - r. posterior (dorsal) root ganglion

Models

Models of the Neuron

Cyton and nucleus
Schwann cell nuclei
dendrites
Axis cylinder and mitochondria
internodes and nodes of Ranvier

neurofibrils
 neurilemma
 endoneurium
 synaptic regions (gemmules)
 Myelin sheath,
 axon

Models of Spinal Cord - transverse section

grey matter
 white matter
 posterior horns of grey matter
 anterior horns of grey matter
 grey commissure
 central canal
 posterior (dorsal) root
 anterior (ventral) root
 posterior (dorsal) root ganglion
 spinal nerve
 posterior median sulcus
 anterior median fissure

Models of Spinal Cord - whole cord with or without vertebrae

spinal cord
 vertebral column., spinous processes, transverse processes, intervertebral discs, red marrow, sacrum,
 coccyx
 grey matter
 white matter
 anterior and posterior horns of grey matter
 posterior root ganglion
 ventral roots
 spinal nerves
 intervertebral foramina
 cervical plexus
 brachial plexus
 lumbar plexus
 sacral plexus
 sympathetic chain ganglia
 meninges
 region of cerebrospinal fluid

Models of Brains with a Skull (that it fits into if possible)

anterior cranial fossa
 middle cranial fossa
 posterior cranial fossa
 foramina of the cribriform plate (ethmoid bone) - note position of the olfactory bulbs
 olfactory bulbs

Cerebral lobes
 frontal
 parietal
 temporal
 occipital
 longitudinal fissure
 central sulcus
 precentral gyrus
 postcentral gyrus
 lateral sulcus
 sulci (singular is sulcus)
 gyri (singular is gyrus)
 grey matter
 white matter
 sella turcica (sphenoid bone) - note position of the hypophysis (pituitary gland)
 foramen magnum - note junction of the brainstem and the spinal cord
 falx cerebri (dura mater extending into longitudinal fissure)- note position with respect to the crista
 galli to which it attaches
 cerebellum
 brainstem
 medulla oblongata
 pons
 midbrain
 corpora quadrigemina
 pineal gland
 cerebral peduncles
 cerebral aqueduct (aqueduct of Sylvius)
 fourth ventricle
 diencephalon
 intermediate mass of the thalamus
 thalamic hemispheres (2)
 hypothalamus
 pituitary gland
 corpus callosum
 fornix
 lateral ventricles (ventricles #1 and #2)
 third ventricle
 cranial nerves
 I - olfactory
 II - optic
 V - trigeminal

Sheep Brain Dissection

pia mater
 arachnoid mater
 dura mater (if possible)
 optic nerve
 optic chiasma
 olfactory bulb
 pituitary gland (if possible)

- cerebral lobes
 - frontal
 - parietal
 - temporal
 - occipital
- longitudinal fissure
- central sulcus
- convolutions
 - sulci (singular is sulcus)
 - gyri (singular is gyrus)
- cerebellum
 - grey matter
 - white matter
 - arbor vitae
- fourth ventricle and its choroid plexus
- brainstem
 - medulla oblongata
 - pons
 - midbrain
 - corpora quadrigemina
 - pineal gland
 - cerebral peduncles
- diencephalon
 - corpus callosum
 - fornix
 - intermediate mass of the thalamus
 - thalamic hemispheres
 - hypothalamus
 - pituitary gland
- lateral ventricles and their choroid plexuses
- third ventricle
- cerebral aqueduct
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