Cilia and flagella





What is cilia & flagella?

- Cilia and flagella move liquid past the surface of the cell. For single cells, such as sperm, this enables them to swim. For cells anchored in a tissue, like the epithelial cells lining our air passages, this moves liquid over the surface of the cell
- Fine, hair-like outgrowths of cell membrane Help in movement of cell surrounding fluid
- Ex:- paramesium, bacteria and sperm

DIFFERENCE BITWEEN CILIA AND FLAGELLA

	cilia	flagella
SIZE	Small 5-10 mi	Long 100-150 mi
NUMBER	Many	Less in number (2 to 4)
POSITION	All over body	At ends

MOVEMENT	Rowing movement 1) Power strock 2) Recouery strock	Undulating movement (wave) one long rope
TYPES	Two types 1)Kinocilia 2)Steriocilia	TWO TYPES 1)Whiplash 2)Tinscl
FUNCTIONS	 Locomotion Capturing food 	✤Movement



Structure of cilia and flagella Cilia & flagella are structurally same > Axonema central core 9 pairs of doublets of peripheral microtubules 9+2 arry arrangement Central microtubules are connected by bridge Central sheath is connected to peripheral microtubules by radial spoke



Structure of cilia and flagella

Eukaryotic :-arrangement of microtubules is 9+2

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central core

Peripheral -peripheral doublets fashion Each microtubules is made up Two sub protiens 1.tubline A 2.tubline B







Functions of cilia & flagella

- They help in locomotion in flagellate and ciliated organisms.
- They create current for obtaining food from aquatic medium.
- In some protists and animals, the organelles take part in capturing food.
- The canal system of porifers operates with the help of flagella present in their collar cells or choanocytes.
- In coelenterates, they circulate food in the gastro vascular cavity. In funicates and lancelets, the cilia help in movement of food and its egestion.
- In aquatic organisms cilia create currents in water for renewal of oxygen supply and quick diffusion of carbon dioxide.

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- In land animals the cilia of the respiratory tract help in eliminating dust particles in the incoming air.
- Internal transport of several organs is performed by cilia, e.g., passage of eggs in oviduct, passage of excretory substances in the kidneys, etc.
- Being protoplasmic structures they can function as sensory organs.
- Their tips secrete sticky substance to help in conjugation and fusion of gametes.
- In certain protistans, cilia fuse to form undulating membrane.
- Cilia and flagella show sensitivity to changes in light, temperature and contact.
- Ciliated larvae take part in dispersal of the species.





