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BRAIN CELLS

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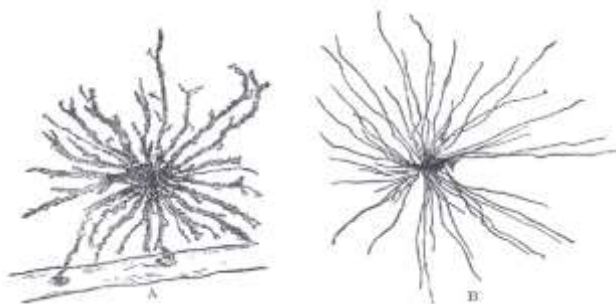


Figure 1. Neuroglia brain cells. Golgi's method illustrates that cell A has branched processes while spider cell B shows unbranched processes. From *Anatomy of the Human Body* (20th ed.), by H. Gray, 2000, W. H. Lewis (Ed.), Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger. Retrieved from <http://www.bartleby.com/107/illus623.html> (Original work published 1918)

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