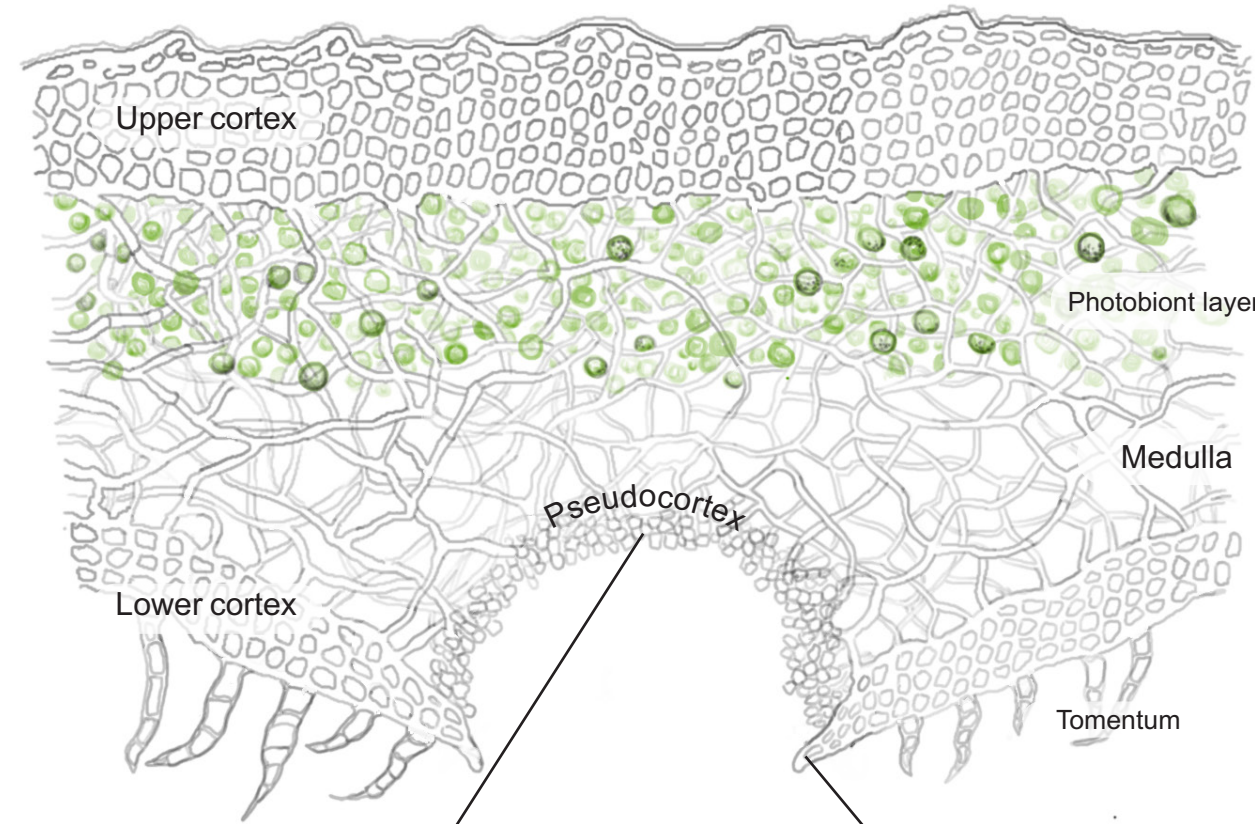


Cyphellae

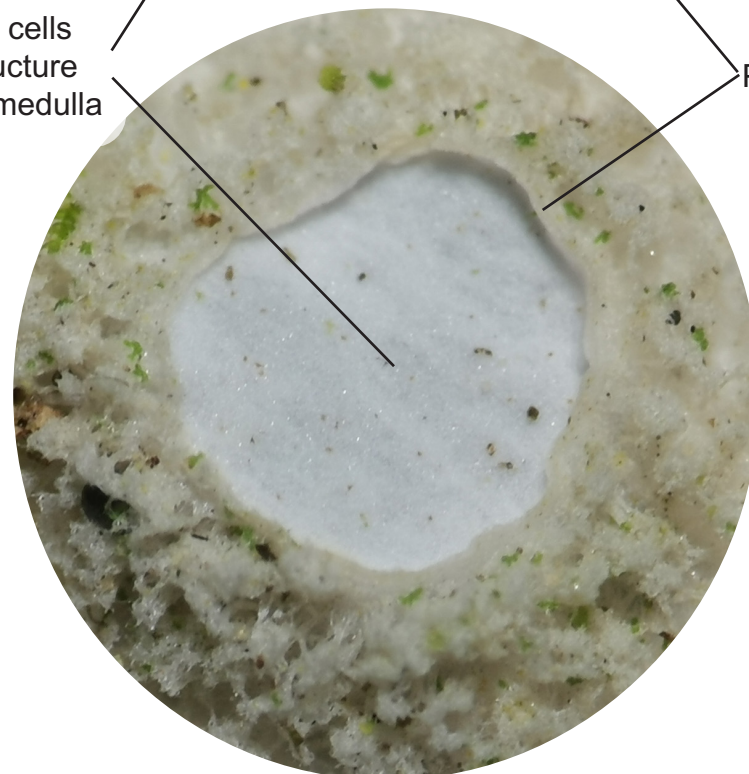
(Sing. cyphella)

Are **cup-like pores** on the **lower surface of the thallus** with a **raised rim** lined with a **pseudocortex** of loosely woven non-gelatinised hyphae that originate from the medulla and differ in structure from the rest of the lower cortex. Cyphellae facilitate gas exchange within the thallus, may be round to ovate, rarely effigurate and only known from two genera *Sticta* and *Oropogon*



Cypheloblasts: cells of globular structure originating from medulla

Pale raised rim



Sticta sp.

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