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Amphitropous or transverse  $\Rightarrow$  Here the curvature of the body of the ovule becomes more than  $90^\circ$  is placed at right angles to the funiculus. The hilum, chalazal & micropyle are all separated from one another. This is quite <sup>rare</sup> type & found in Ranunculaceae, Butomaceae

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Campylotropous or curved ovule  $\Rightarrow$  Here the body of the ovule is curved & bent round like horse shoe. The hilum, chalazal & micropyle all lie close together. eg - Some members of Chenopodiaceae, Leguminosae.

(5) Heteranatropous  $\Rightarrow$  In this type the body of ovule becomes at right angle to the funiculus, & the micropyle & chalazae lie in a straight line. The micropyle in this case is not found near to the hilum.

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(6) Circinotropous  $\Rightarrow$  In this case the ovule is first orthotropous, but due to rapid growth on one side, the ovule becomes anatropous. The curvature of ovule, however, continues until the micropyle again becomes directed upwards. This type of ovule is found in *Opuntia*.

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Parts of ovule → (their formation) -

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**Integument** ⇒ normally there are two integuments (Bitegmic ovule) but in some cases single integument is formed. (unitegmic). Ategmic condition, that is ovule without integument has been reported in some members of Ulmaceae. In some plants a third integument is also found known as an Ategmic is characteristic of monocots & Polypetalae.

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**Caruncle** ⇒ It is formed by the proliferation of the integumentary cells at the micropylar region. The integuments may fuse between themselves or with the nucellus or with the funiculus. eg- Euphorbiaceae.

presence of chlorophyll in the integuments was first of all reported by Hofmeister in Baobab. Stomata have also been reported in the integuments of Crossopium.

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**Microphyle** → the microphyle formed by the outer integument is known as the exostome & that formed by the inner integument is known as the endostome. The exostome alone rarely forms the microphyle.

2) - Euphorbiaceae.

(iv) Obturator - In several families certain structures are formed in the ovules which help in directing the path of the pollen tubes towards the micropyle. Such integuments are known as obturator. In Anacardiaceae,

(v) Nucellus → On the basis of <sup>Labiatae</sup> extent of development of the nucellus two types of ovules have been recognised. Crassinucellate & terminucellate.

In crassinucellate type there is a well developed parietal layer of nucellus below the nucellar epidermis. This parietal layer consists of few to several layers of cells - which separates the megaspore mother cell from the nucellar epidermis.

In the terminucellate type there is no presence of any parietal layer & as such the megaspore mother cell lies directly below the nucellar epidermis. The nucellus is gradually

used up as the embryo sac matures.

(vi) Endothecium → In those plants where the nucellus is completely used up the embryo sac comes in direct contact with the inner layer of the integument because the nucellus degenerates early in the development

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the ovule.

The cells of inner integument become radially elongated dense in cytoplasm & large nucleate. They become similar to the tapetum of the anther. It is for this reason that this layer is known as the integumentary tapetum or endothecium.

Its suggested functions are -

- a) intermediary for the transport of food material from the integument to the embryo sac
- b) as agent for the conversion of food material for the use of embryo sac.
- a) as the protective layer

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