

Martin Heinrich Rathke first described in [1839](#) the embryonic structure, now known as [Rathke pouch](#), from which the anterior lobe of the [pituitary gland](#) develops ¹⁾

[Purkinje cells](#), or Purkinje neurons, are a class of GABAergic neurons located in the cerebellum. They are named after their discoverer, Czech anatomist Jan Evangelista Purkyně, who characterized the cells in [1839](#).

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Ueber die Entstehung der Glandula pituitaria. Archiv für Anatomie, Physiologie und wissenschaftliche Medicin, Berlin, 1838: 482-485.

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