

Magnocellular cells, also called M-cells or magnocellular retinal cells, are neurons located within the magnocellular layer of the [lateral geniculate nucleus](#) of the thalamus. The cells are part of the visual system. They are termed “magnocellular” since they are characterized by their relatively large size compared to parvocellular cells. M-cells detect the “where” properties of visual information.

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