

Interphase

Phase between two M (mitosis) phase, >95% of cell cycle

G₁, S and G₂

G₁ phase

Cell is metabolically active and grows

Organelles duplicate

S (synthesis) phase

DNA Replication

Chromosome number remains same, DNA amount doubles

Centriole duplicates

Synthesis of histone proteins

G₂ phase

Protein synthesis for mitosis

M (Mitosis) phase

Equational division

Karyokinesis- Prophase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase

Cytokinesis

Prophase

Chromosome condense

Centrosome move to opposite poles

ER, Golgi bodies, nucleolus and nuclear envelope disappear

Metaphase

Sister chromatids visible, chromosomes are studied at this stage

Spindle fibres attached to kinetochore present at centromeres

Chromosomes get aligned at equator

Anaphase

Sister chromatids split and move to opposite poles

Telophase

Chromosomes lose their discrete identity and form clusters

Nuclear envelop develops around each cluster forming daughter nuclei

Nucleolus, ER, Golgi complex reappear

Cytokinesis

Mitochondria, plastids, etc. get distributed in daughter cells.

In plants, wall formation starts in the middle as cell-plate.

Furrow method in animal cells.

Syncytium

Multinucleate cell resulting from absence of cytokinesis after karyokinesis.

E.g. Multinucleate, liquid endosperm in coconut

Meiosis

Meiosis I and meiosis II

DNA replication only occurs once.

Chromosome number is halved in daughter cells

Prophase I

Leptotene
Zygotene
Pachytene
Diplotene
Diakinesis

Zygotene

Pairing of homologous chromosomes

Synapsis and formation of synaptonemal complex

Bivalent or tetrad chromosomes

Pachytene

Crossing over and recombination

Diplotene

Chiasmata

Can last up to years in vertebrate oocytes.

Anaphase I

Separation of homologous chromosomes

Sister chromatids remain attached

G₀ (quiescent stage)

Inactive stage after G₁, in cells that do not divide frequently, e.g. heart cells