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CORE CONCEPT OF BRYOPHYTA.

Elaters: Inside the jacket of the capsule there may be spores only or sterile nurse cells.

These sterile nurse cells are the equivalent of sterilized cells (spores) mother cells, and are not modified elaters. In most other genera are of Hepaticoida, mixed with the spiral thickenings on their walls.

These are known as the elaters. There may be only one spiral thickening on wall of elaters as in Marchantia. In some genera there is a coherent mass of sterile tissue known as the elaterophore. The elaterophores occupy an axial position in the capsule and are attached at the apical end of the capsular cavity.