

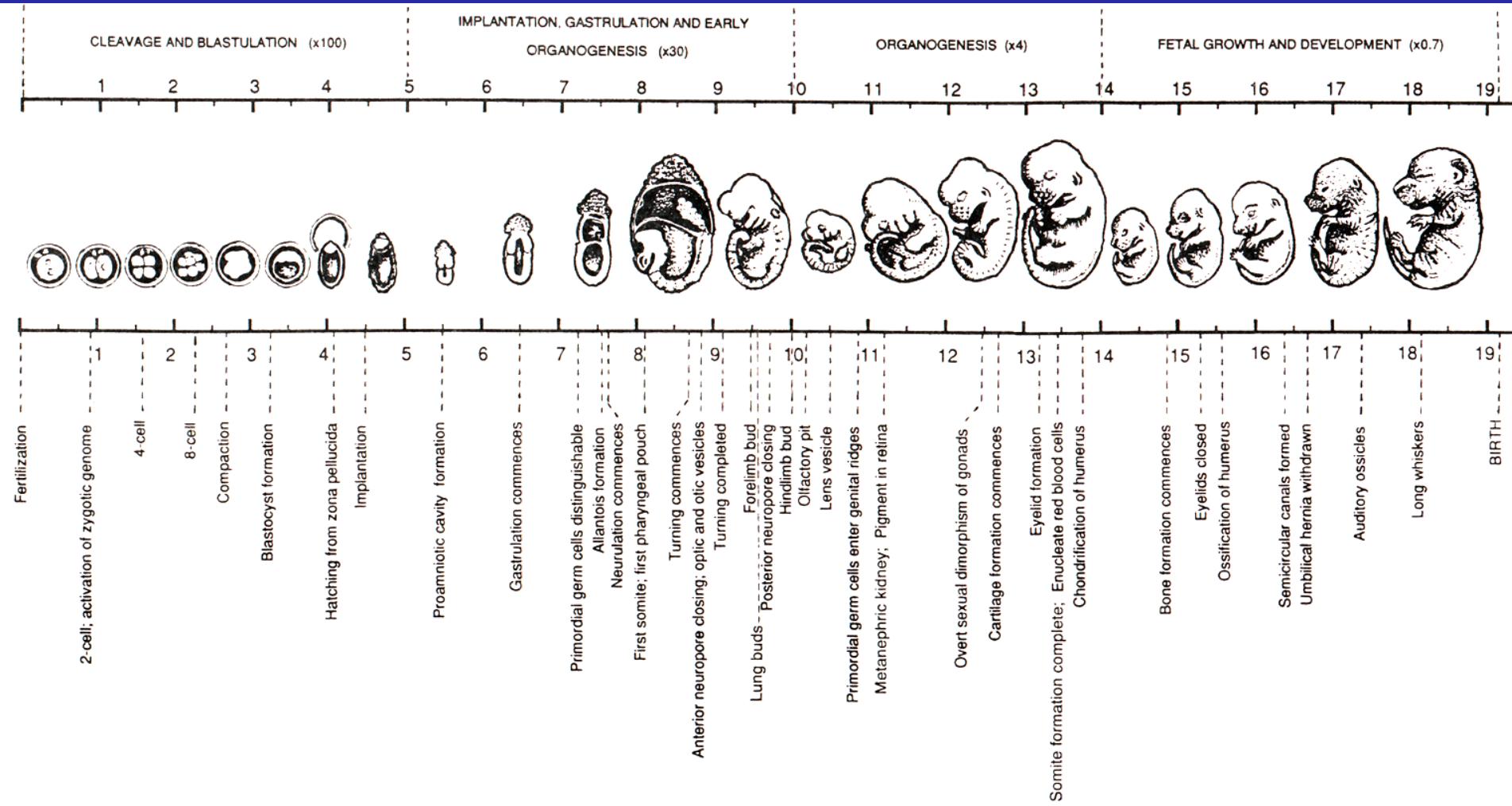
Summary of Mouse Development

Developmental Genetics and Embryology of the Mouse: Past, Present, and Future

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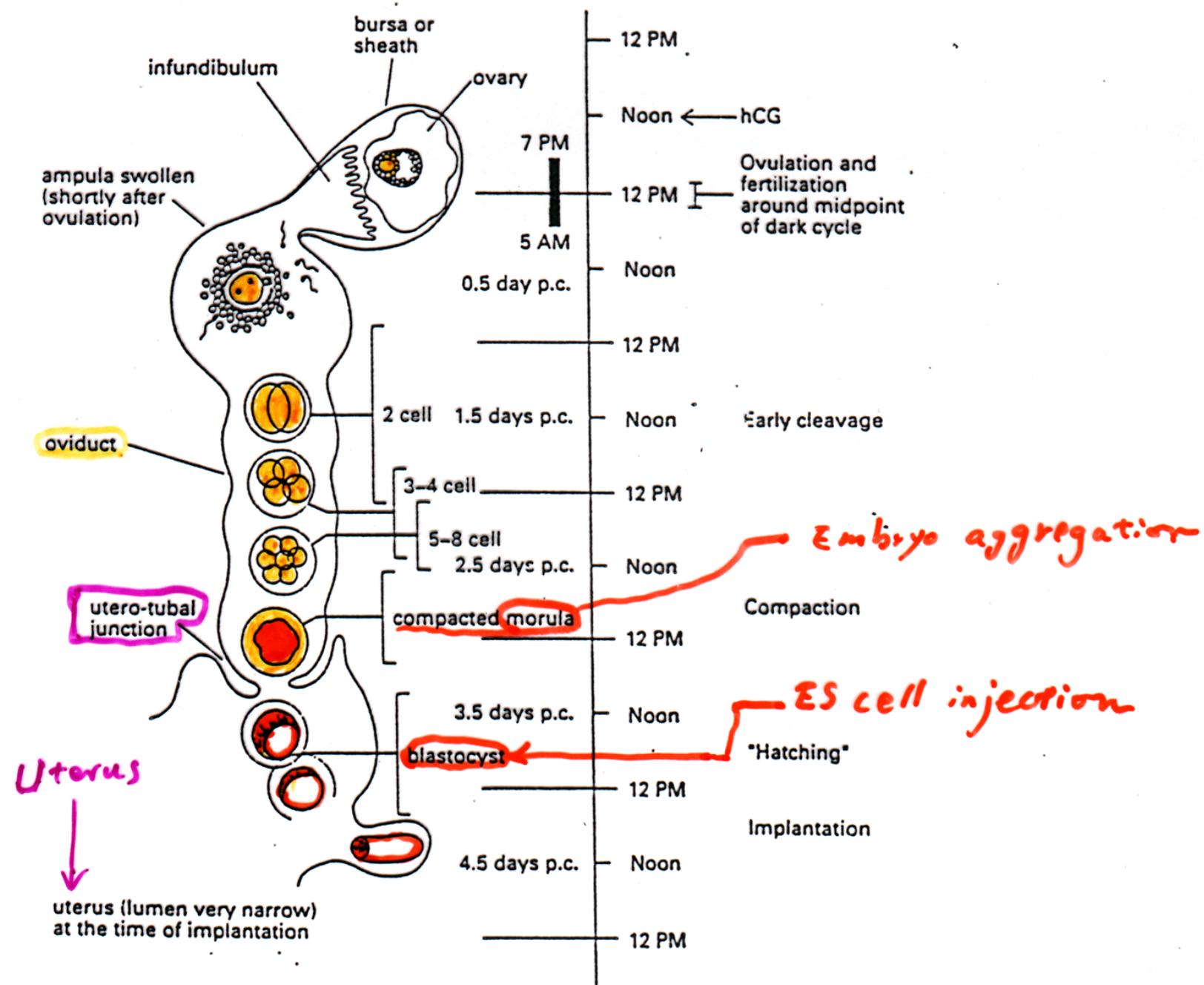
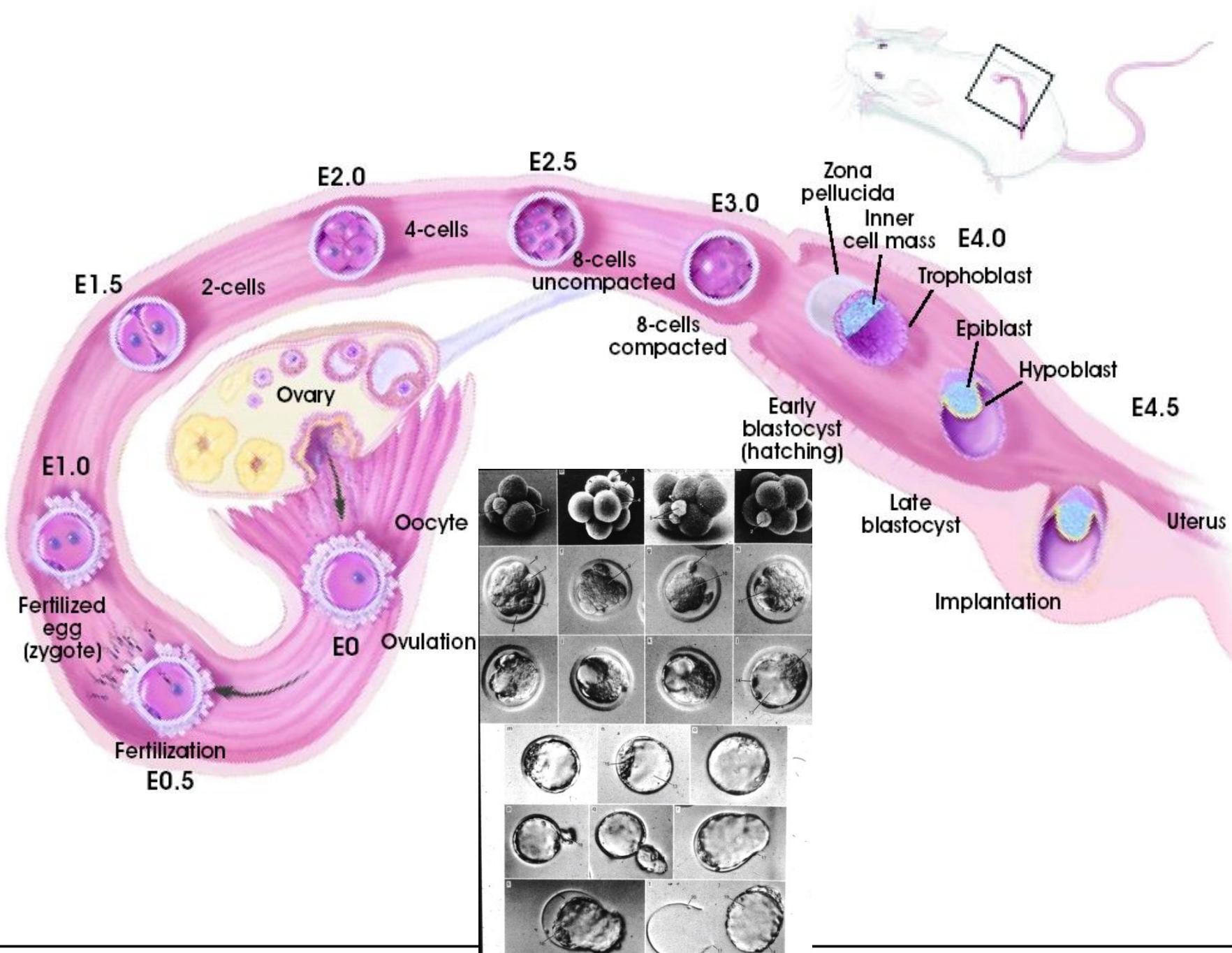
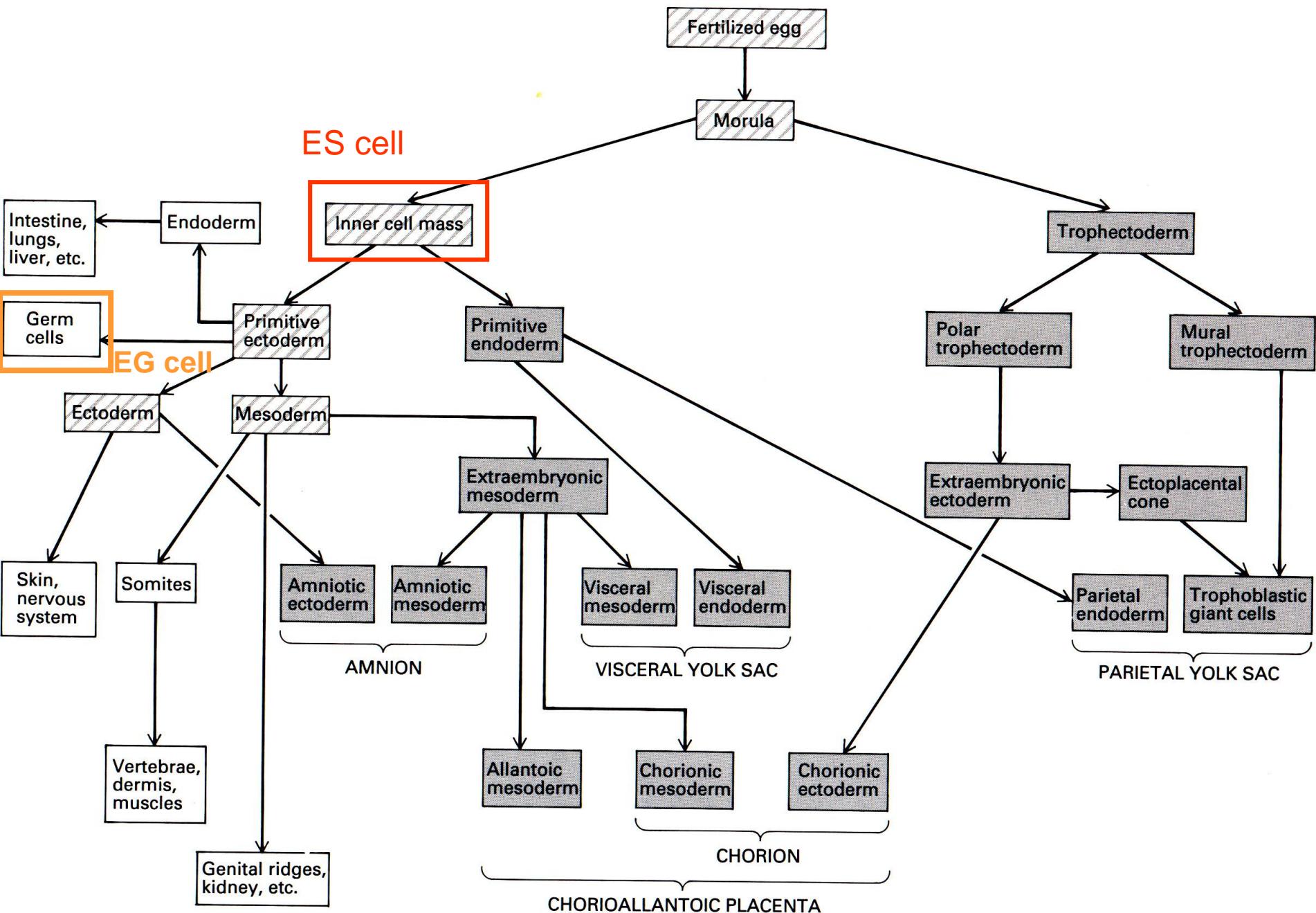
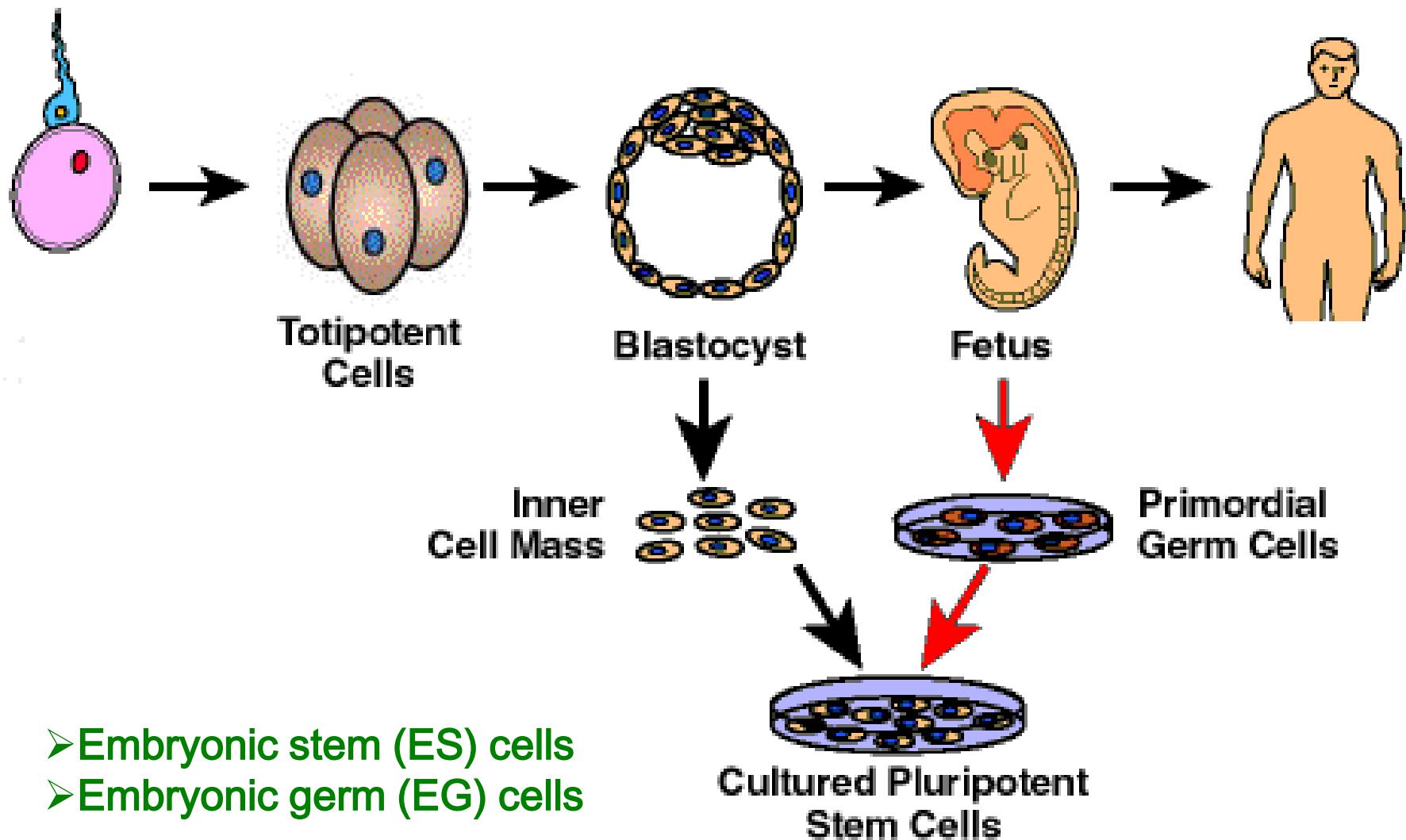


Figure 1 Summary of preimplantation development.





Pluripotent stem cells



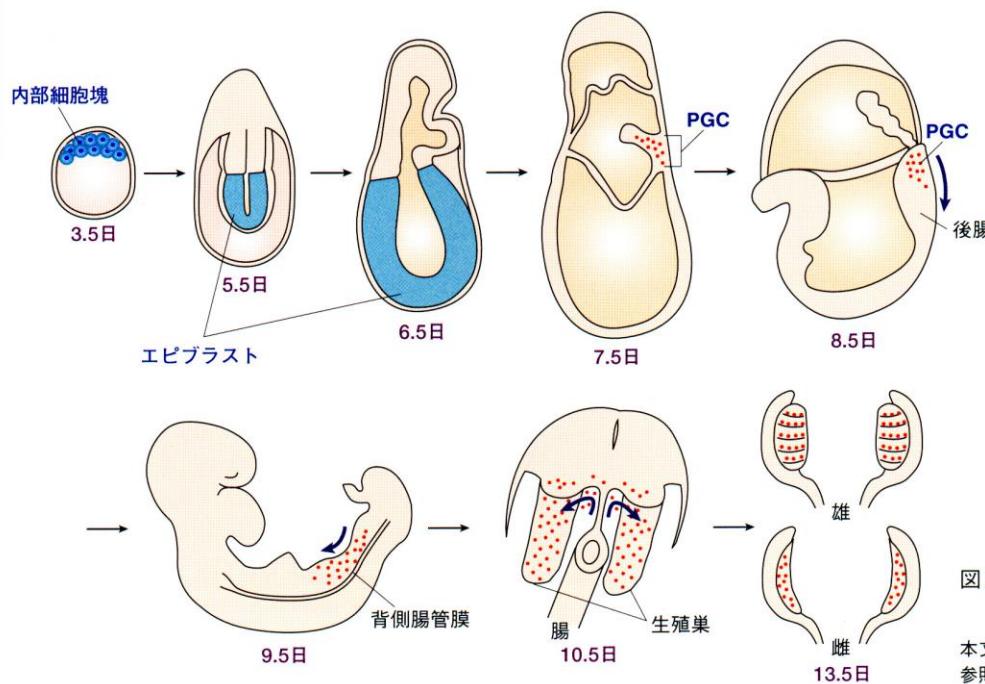
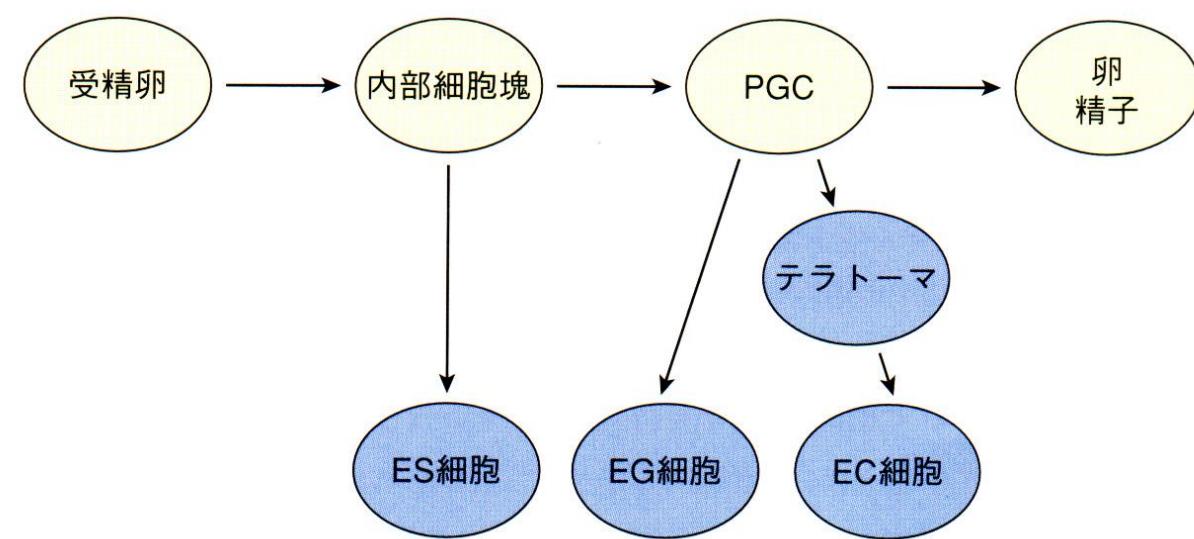
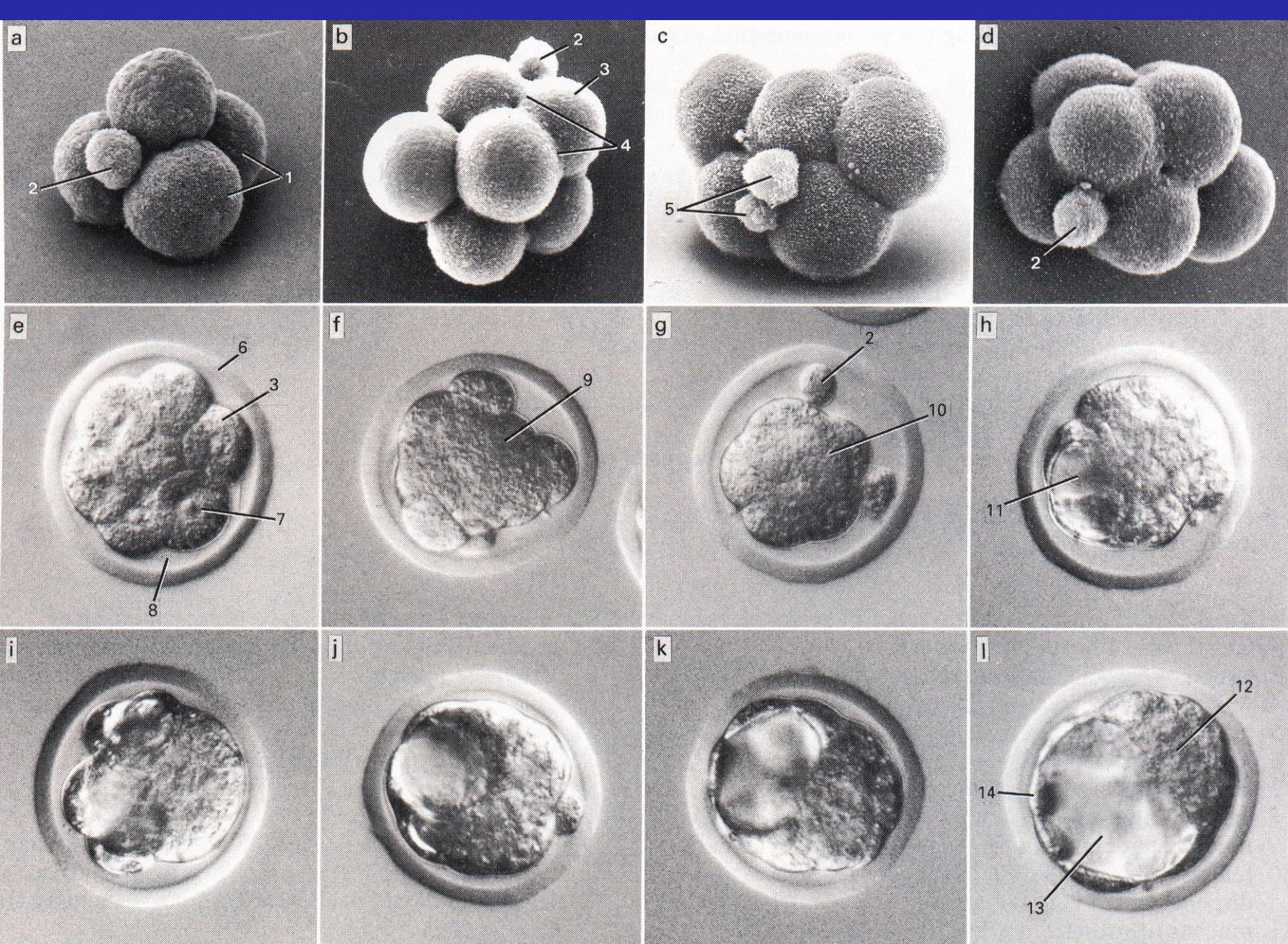
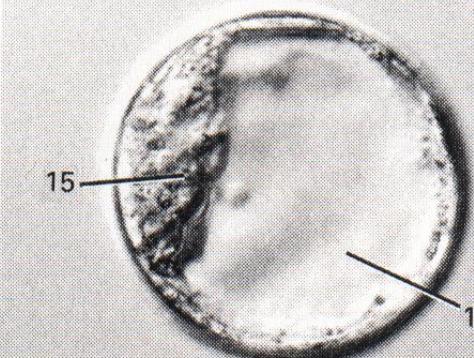
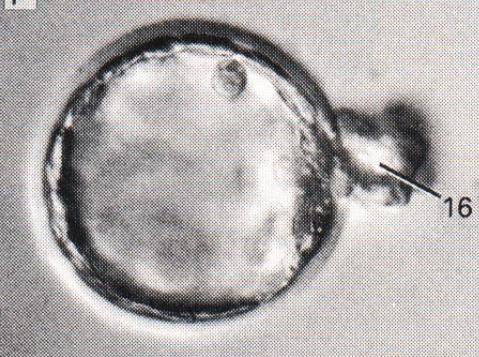
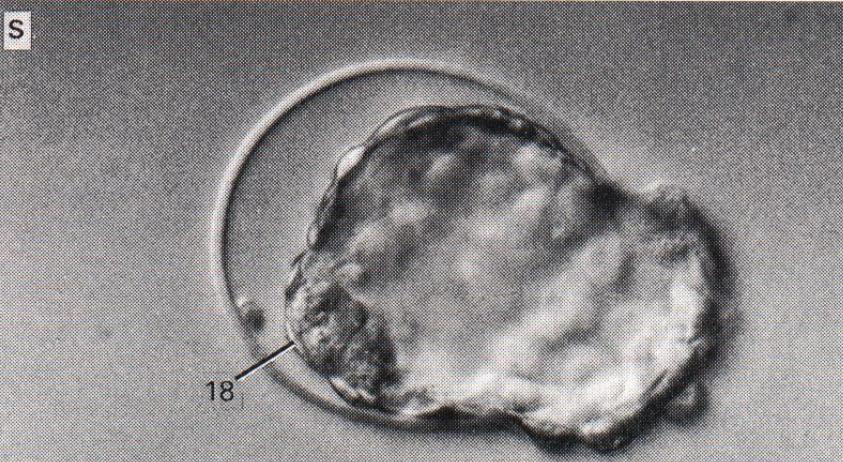
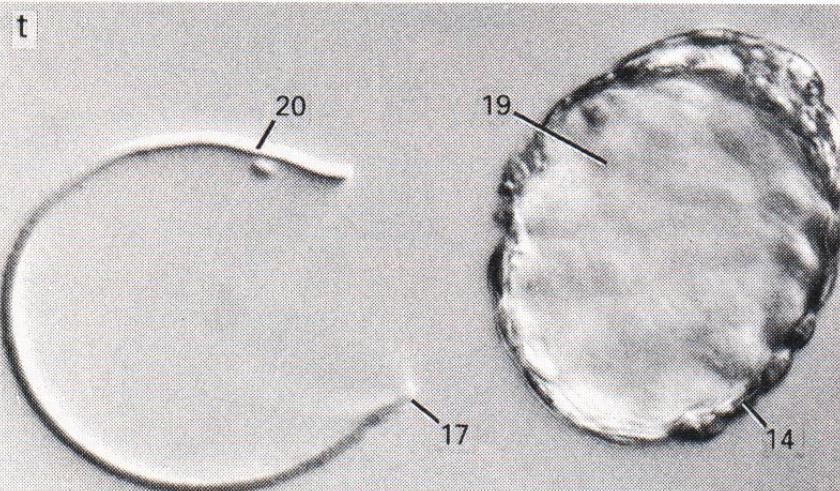


図2. マウス発生における分化
多能性細胞とPGC
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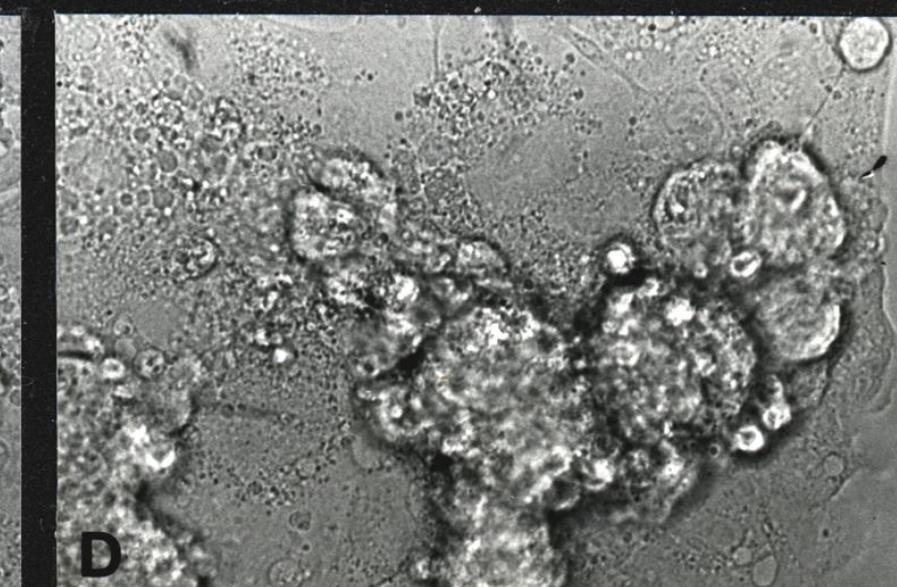
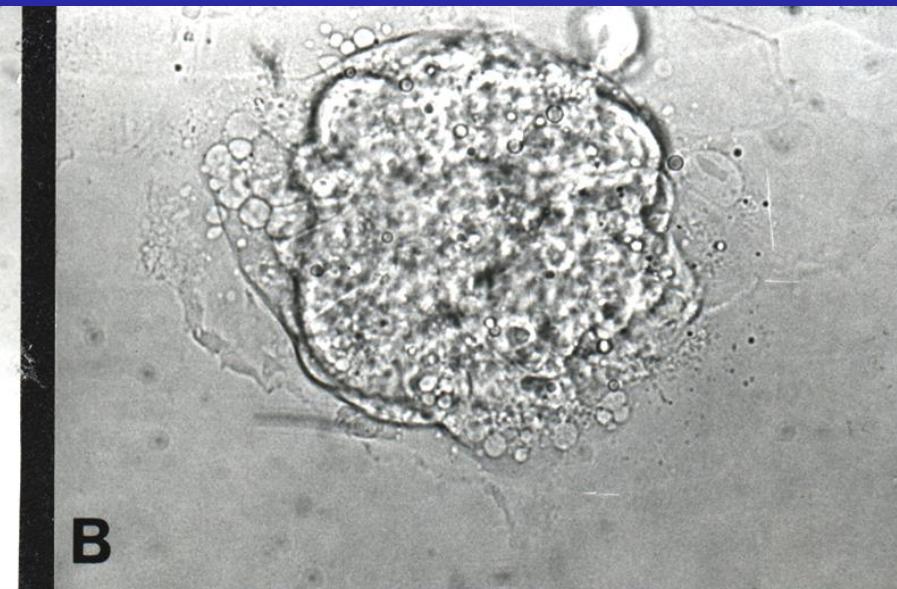
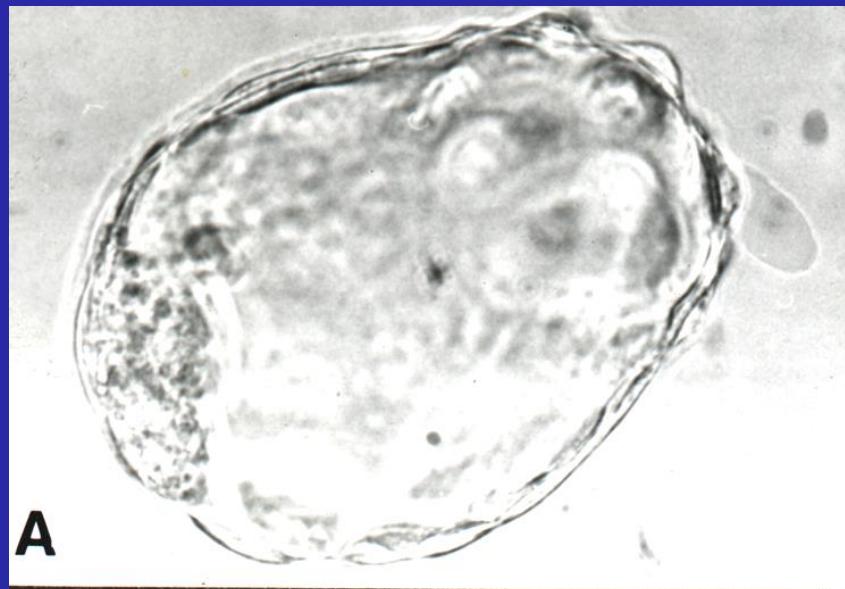
動し、そこで雌雄それぞれの生殖細胞として分化を開始する。

III. EG細胞とPGC

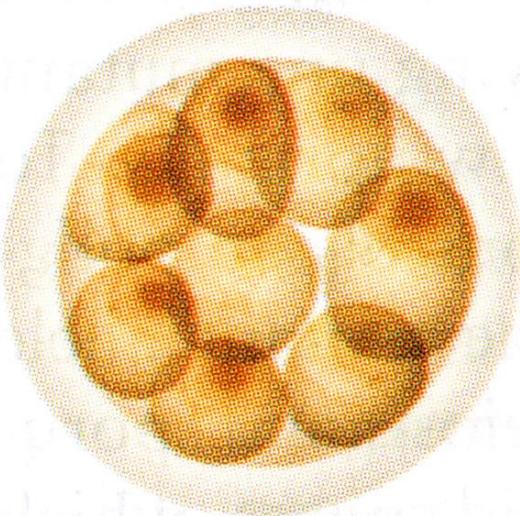


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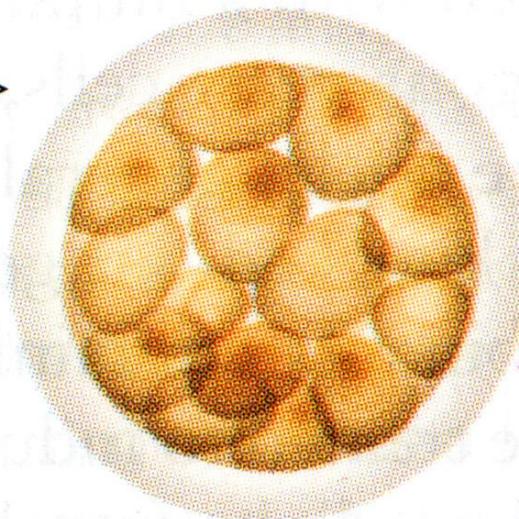
Blastocyst hatching out and implantation



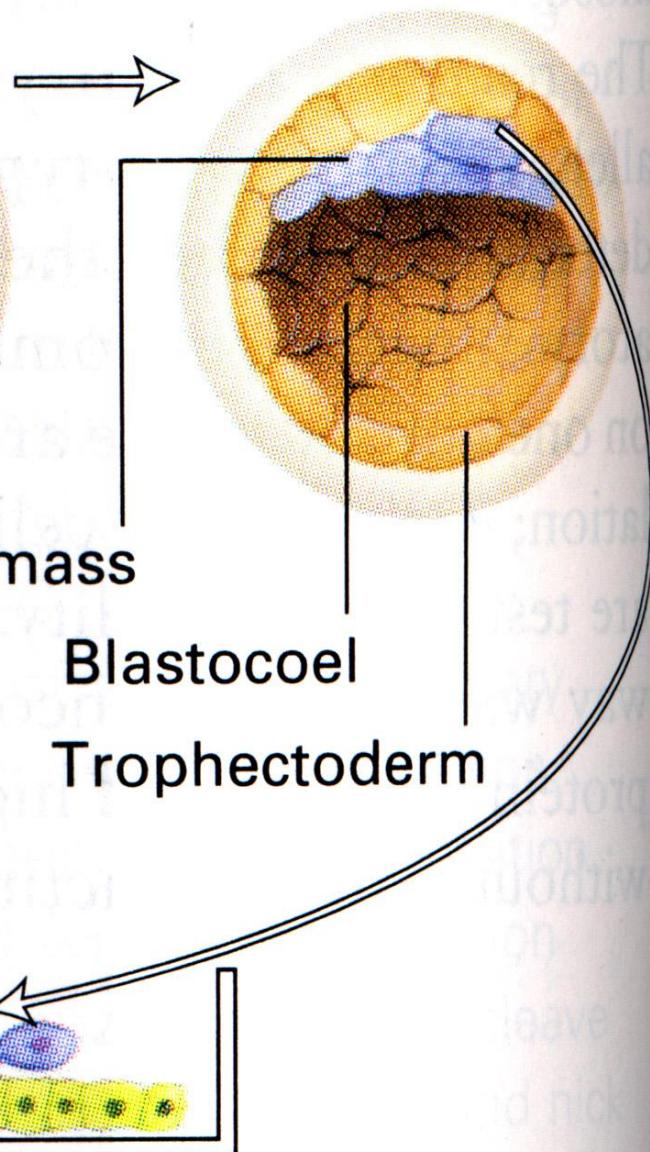
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(2½ days)



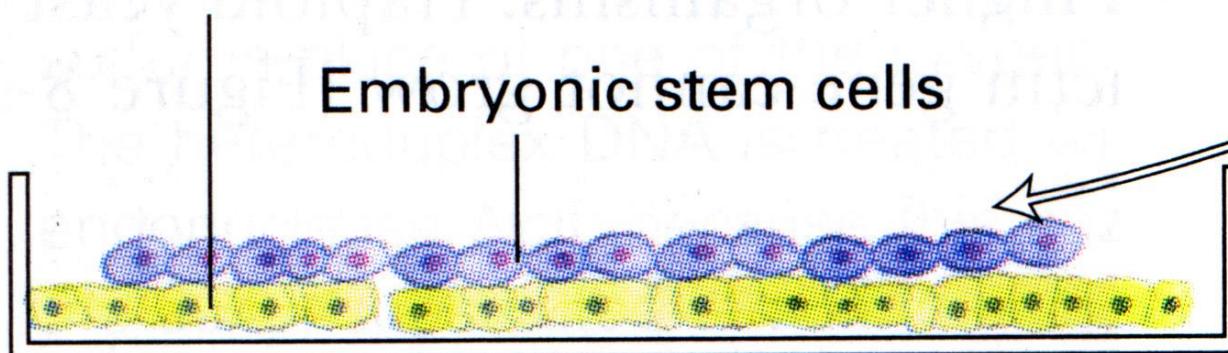
Morula:
16 cells
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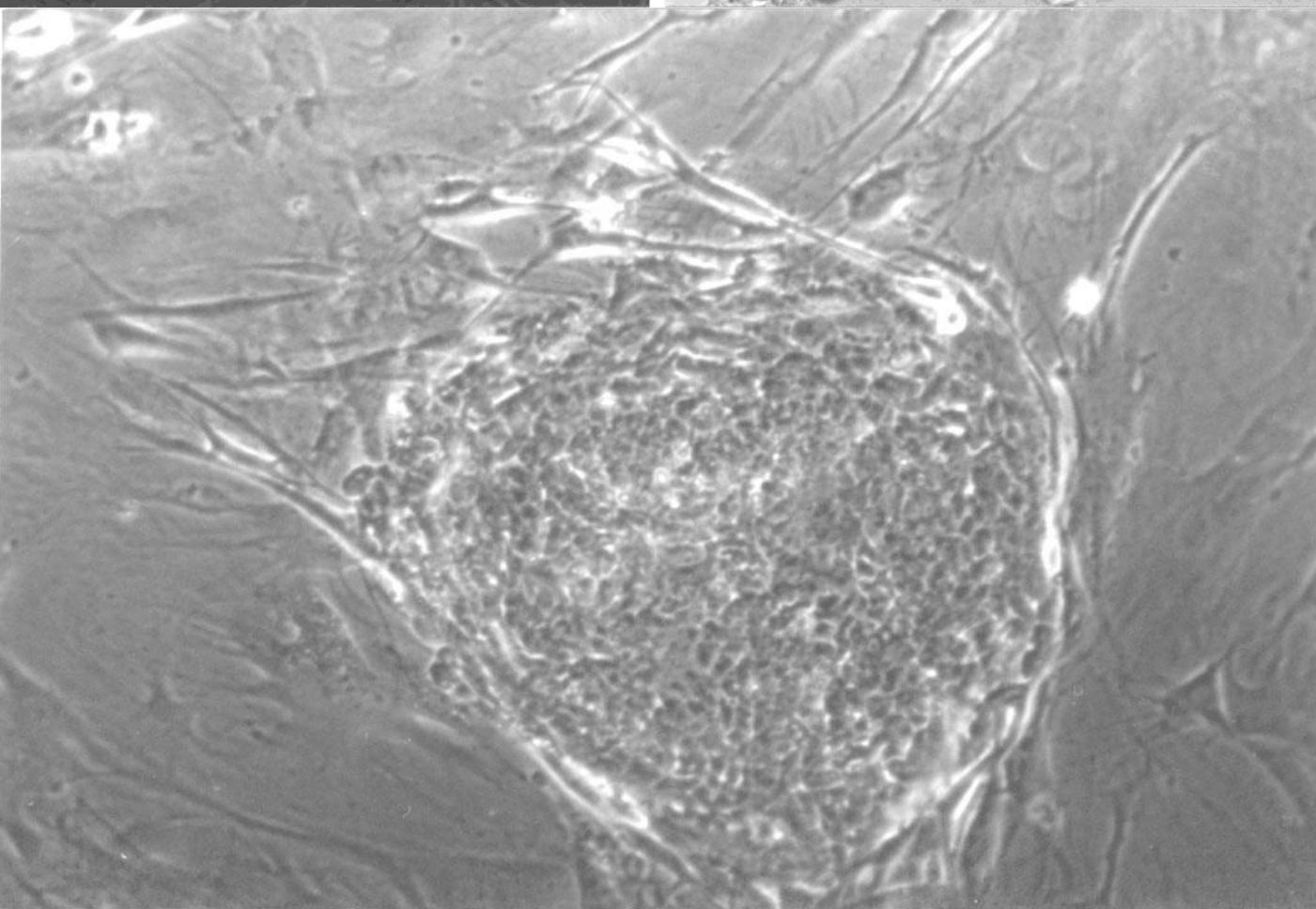
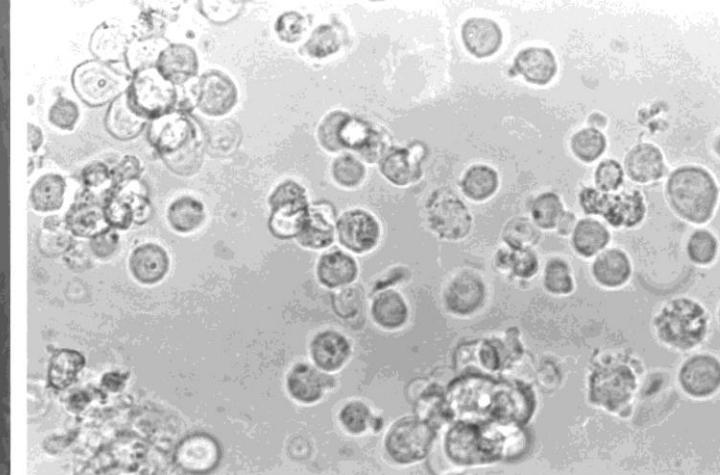
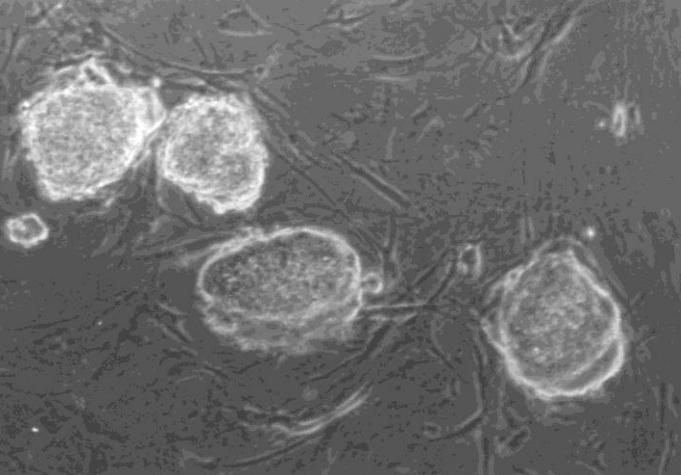
**Section of
blastocyst**



Irradiated feeder cells



Embryonic stem cells



Mouse Strains:

DBA/2J, C3H/He, ICR, BALB/cJ, and C57BL/6J mice (movie)

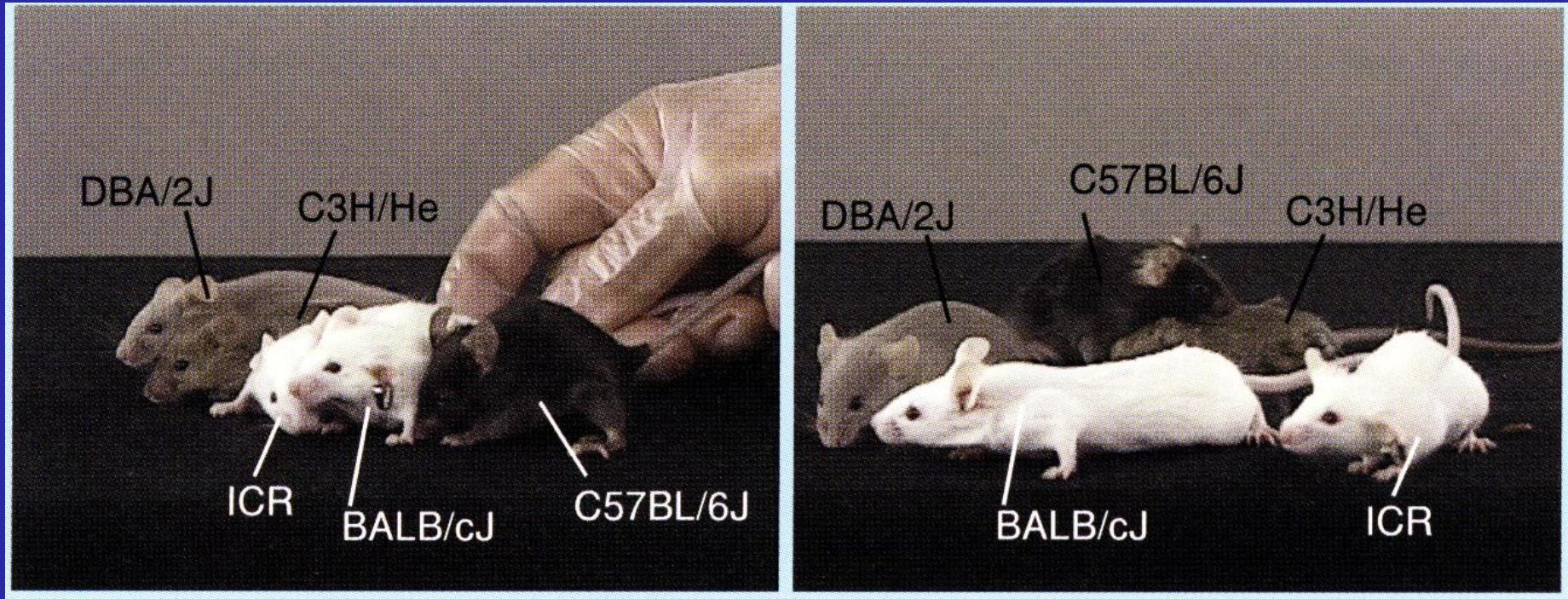
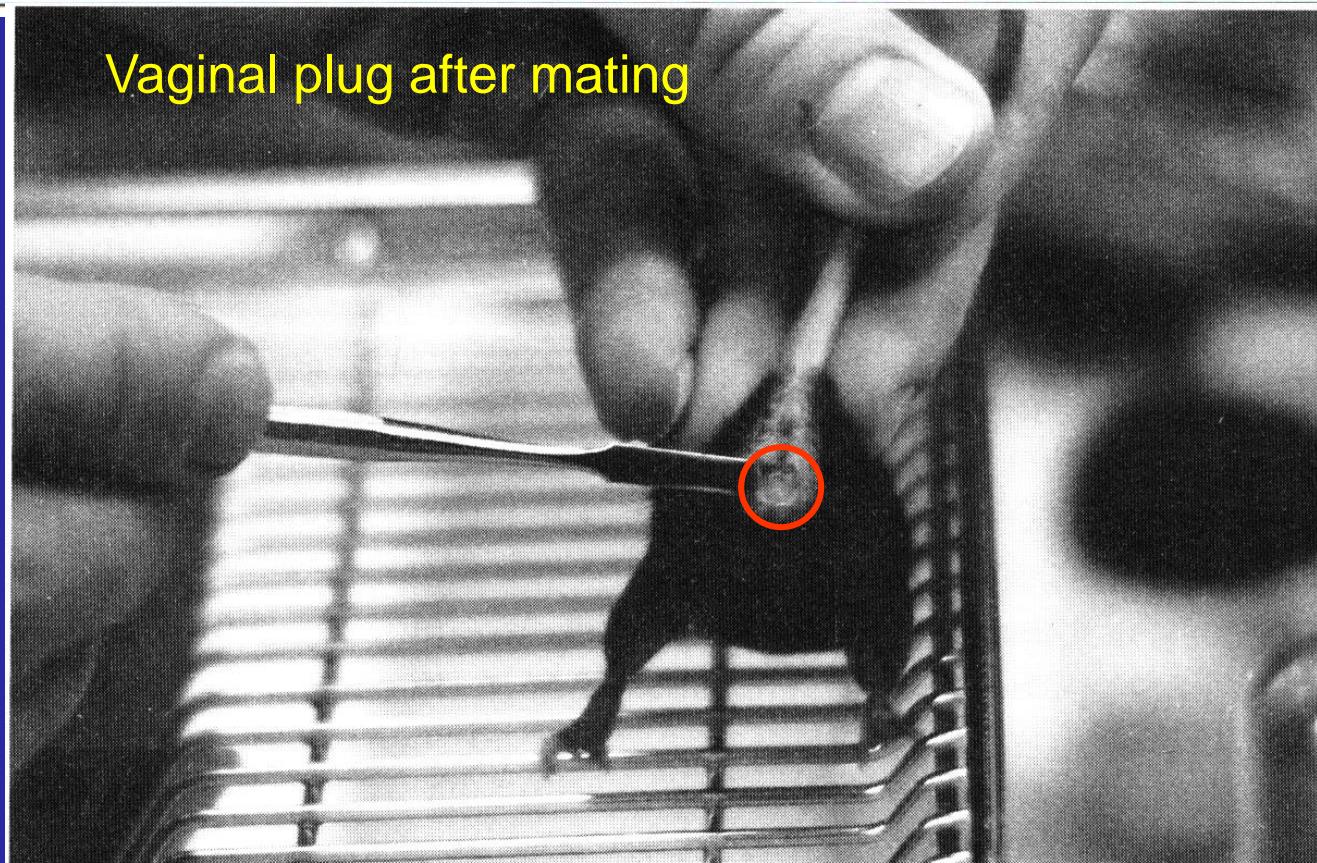


Table 2. Changing appearance of the vaginal epithelium during different stages of the oestrous cycle in mice

Stage of cycle

Pro-oestrus	Oestrus	Metoestrus 1 and 2	Dioestrus
Moist	Dry	Dry	Wet
Pink/red	Pink	White	Bluish-red
Folded	Folded	Flaky	Smooth
Swollen	Swollen	Less swollen	Not swollen

Vaginal plug after mating



Mouse female reproductive system (movie)

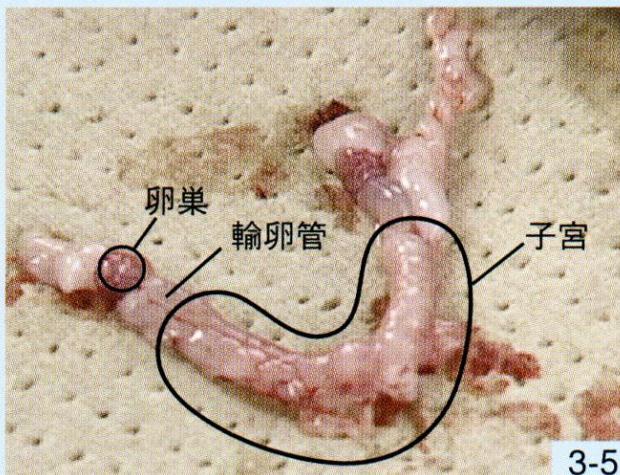
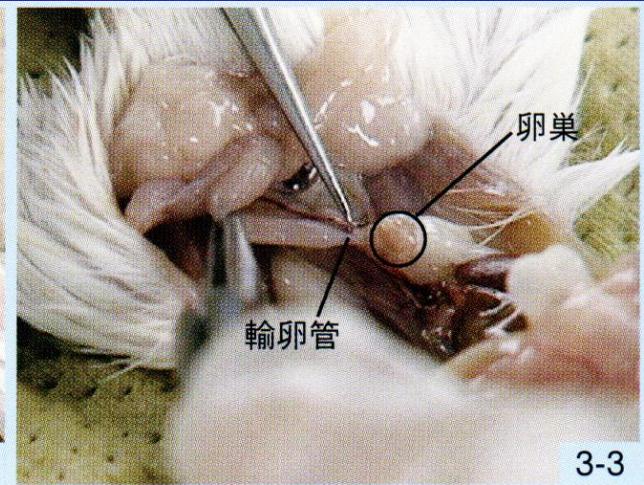
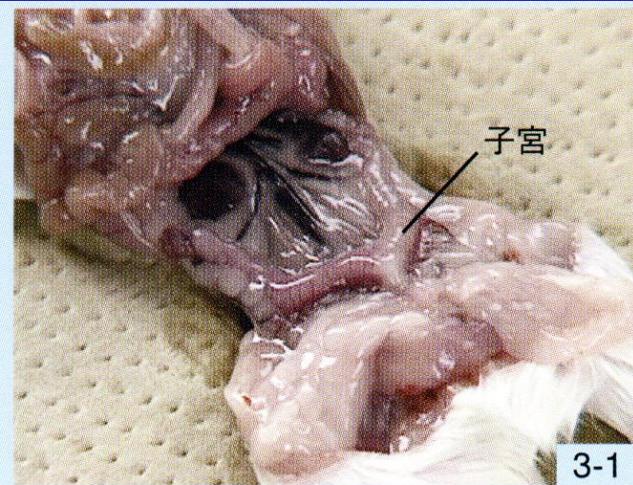


図3 子宮, 卵巣, 輸卵管の摘出

Pregnant mice (movie 1) & Fetus isolation (Movie 2)

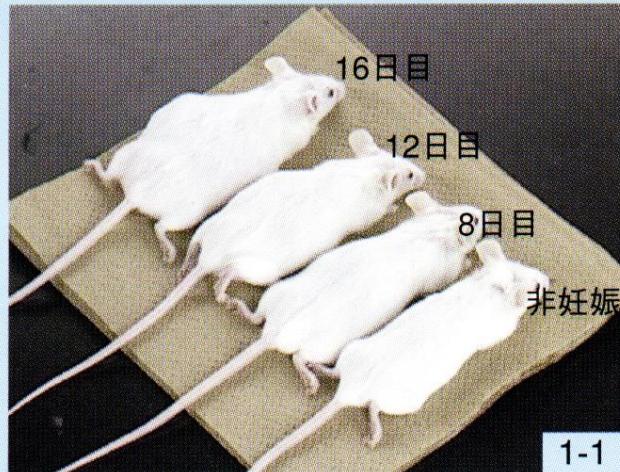
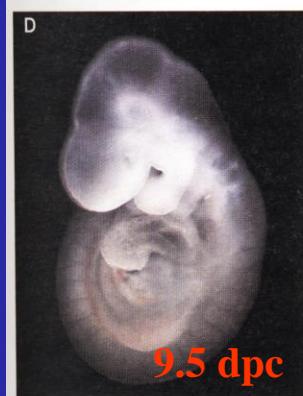
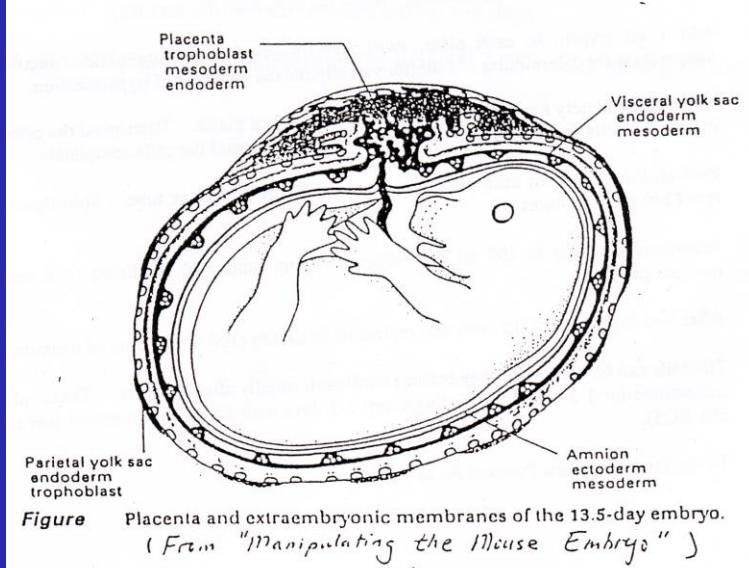
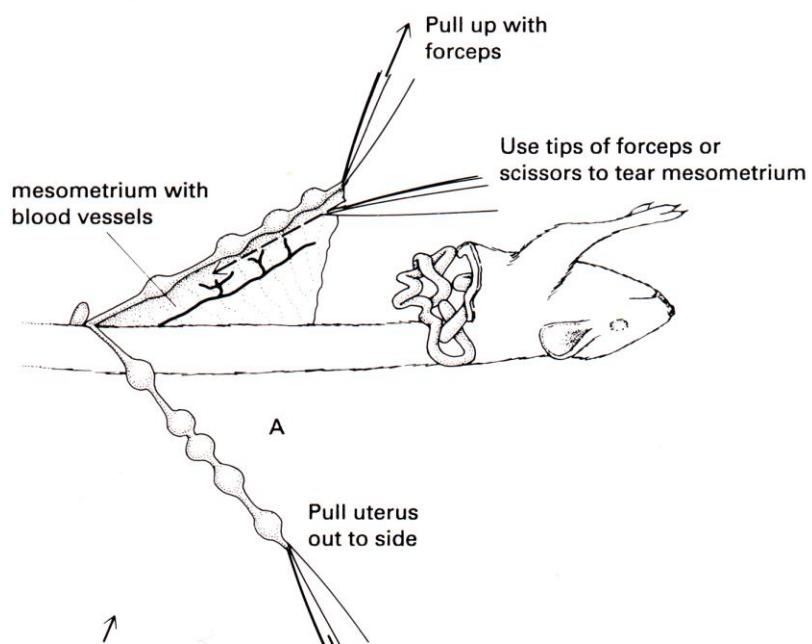
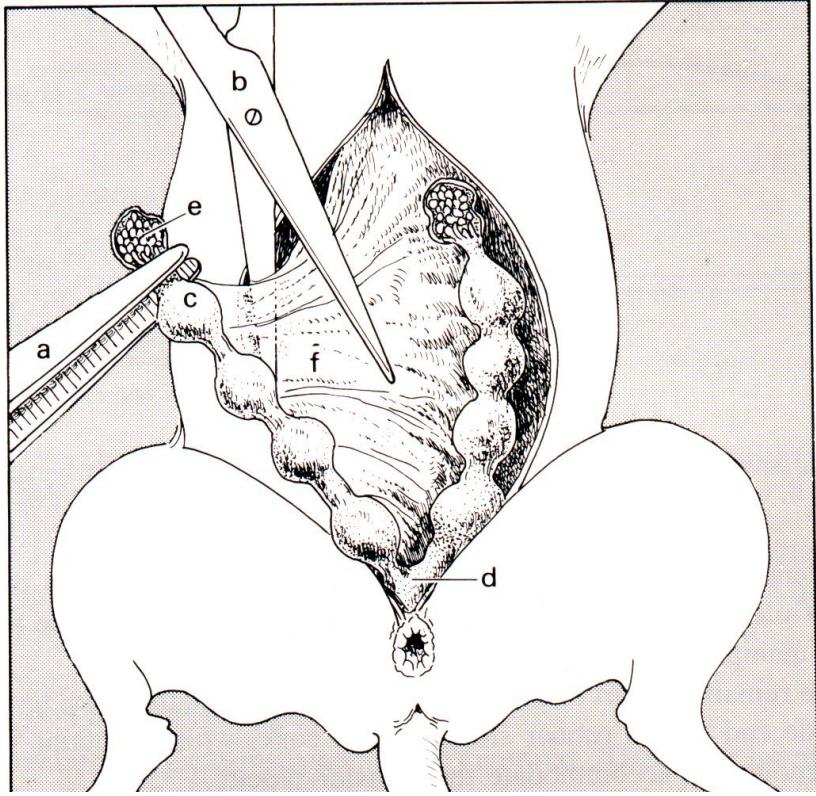


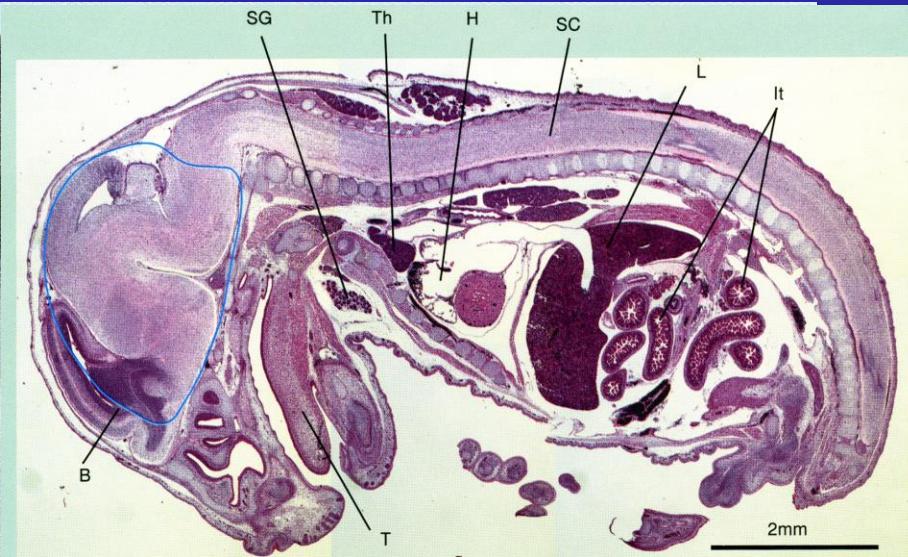
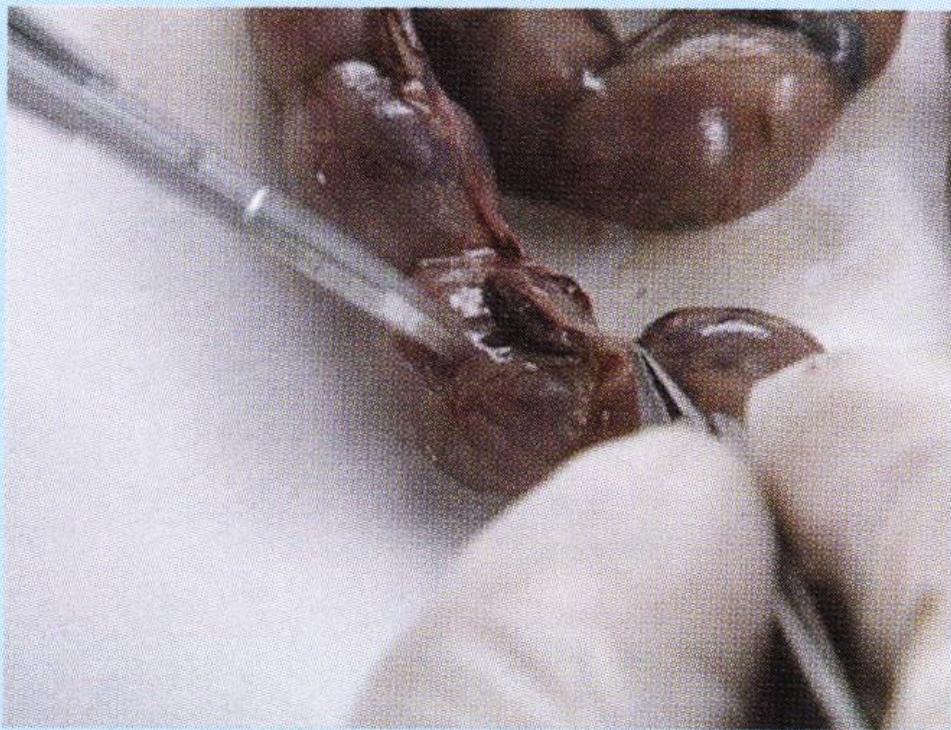
図1 妊娠日齢による変化



図2 胎児, 胎盤の摘出



Isolation of 16.5 dpc mouse embryos (movie)



16日胚 (embryo of 16-16.5 d p.c.)

外見的にもマウスらしくなってきている。骨と歯に石灰沈着が認められるようになる時期である。この切片で認められる臓器は心臓、肝臓、肺、腸管、唾液腺、脳、胸腺であるが、小脳がほとんど観察できないくらい未発達なのを除けば、それぞれ成体とほとんど同じ形態をもつ細胞によって構成されている。しかし、この時点では機能しているのは心臓くらいであり、すべての細胞が幼若な形態であることも確かである。肝臓での造血がみられる。

T ; tongue (舌) , H ; heart (心臓) , It ; intestine (腸管) , L ; liver (肝臓) , SG ; salivary glands (唾液腺) , Th ; thymus (胸腺) , SC ; spinal cord (脊髄) , B ; brain (脳)

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Mouse Development is dependent on growth factors

Fibroblast growth factors (FGFs):

***FGF-4: Requirement of FGF-4 for postimplantation mouse development. (Science 267:246-249, 1995)**

***FGF receptor-1: fgfr-1 is required for embryonic growth and mesodermal patterning during mouse gastrulation. (Genes Dev. 8:3032-3044, 1994)**

Insulin-like growth factors (IGF):

IGF- I: knock out animal model shows that IGF-1 play an important role in the embryonic development. (Cell 75:73-82, 1993)

IGF- II: Knockout mice developed relatively normal, but weigh only 60% of the normal newborn body weight. (Nature 345:78-80, 1990)

Nerve growth factors:

***NGF**: Mice lacking nerve growth factor display perinatal loss of sensory and sympathetic neurons yet develop basal cholinergic neurons.

(Cell 76:1001-1011, 1994).

***BDNF**: Targeted disruption of the BDNF gene perturbs brain and sensory neuron development but not motor neuron development.

(Cell 76: 989-999, 1994)

***GDNF**: Defects in enteric innervation and kidney development in mice lacking GDNF.

(Nature 382:73-76, 1996)

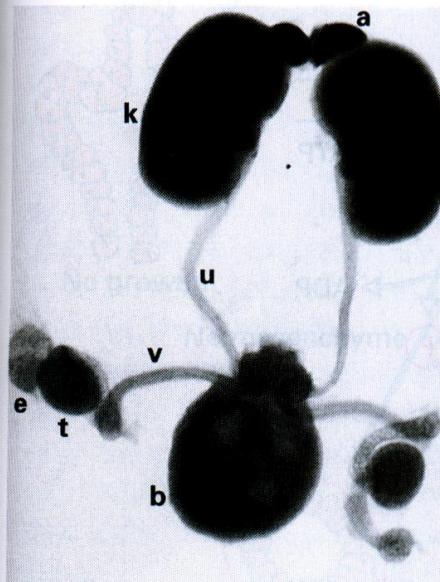
Renal and neuronal abnormalities in mice lacking GDNF.

(Nature 382:76-79, 1996)

GDNF KO:

Defects in kidney development

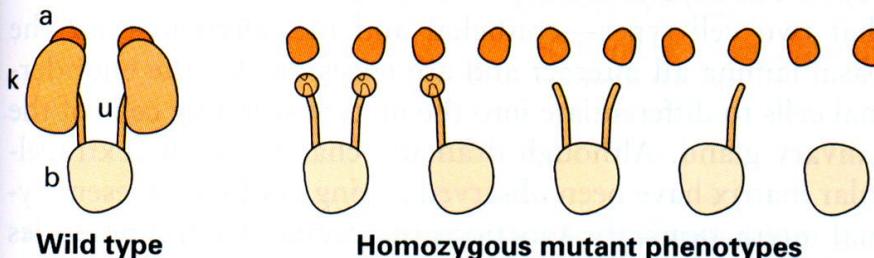
(a)



Wild type

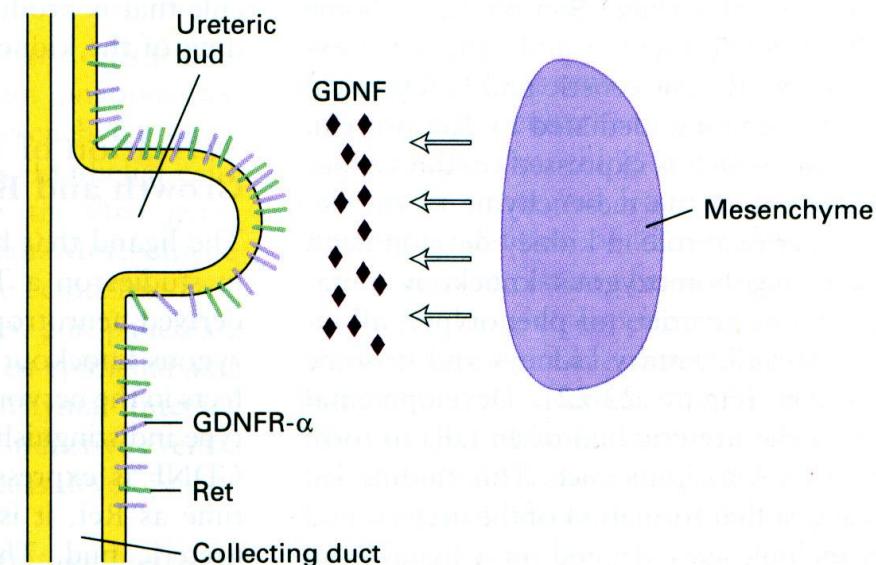
Ret knockout

(b)

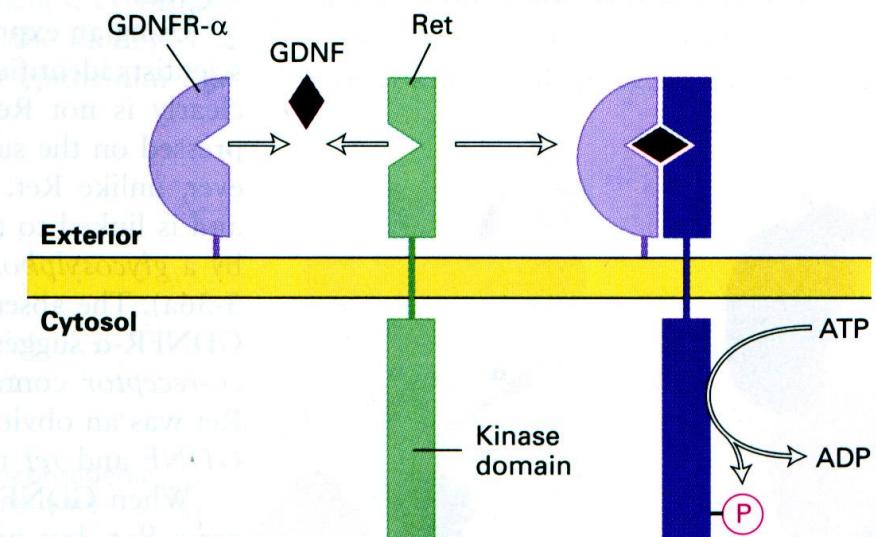


▲ FIGURE 23-22 Knockout mutations in *ret* produce severe defects in kidney morphogenesis in mice. (a) Urogenital systems

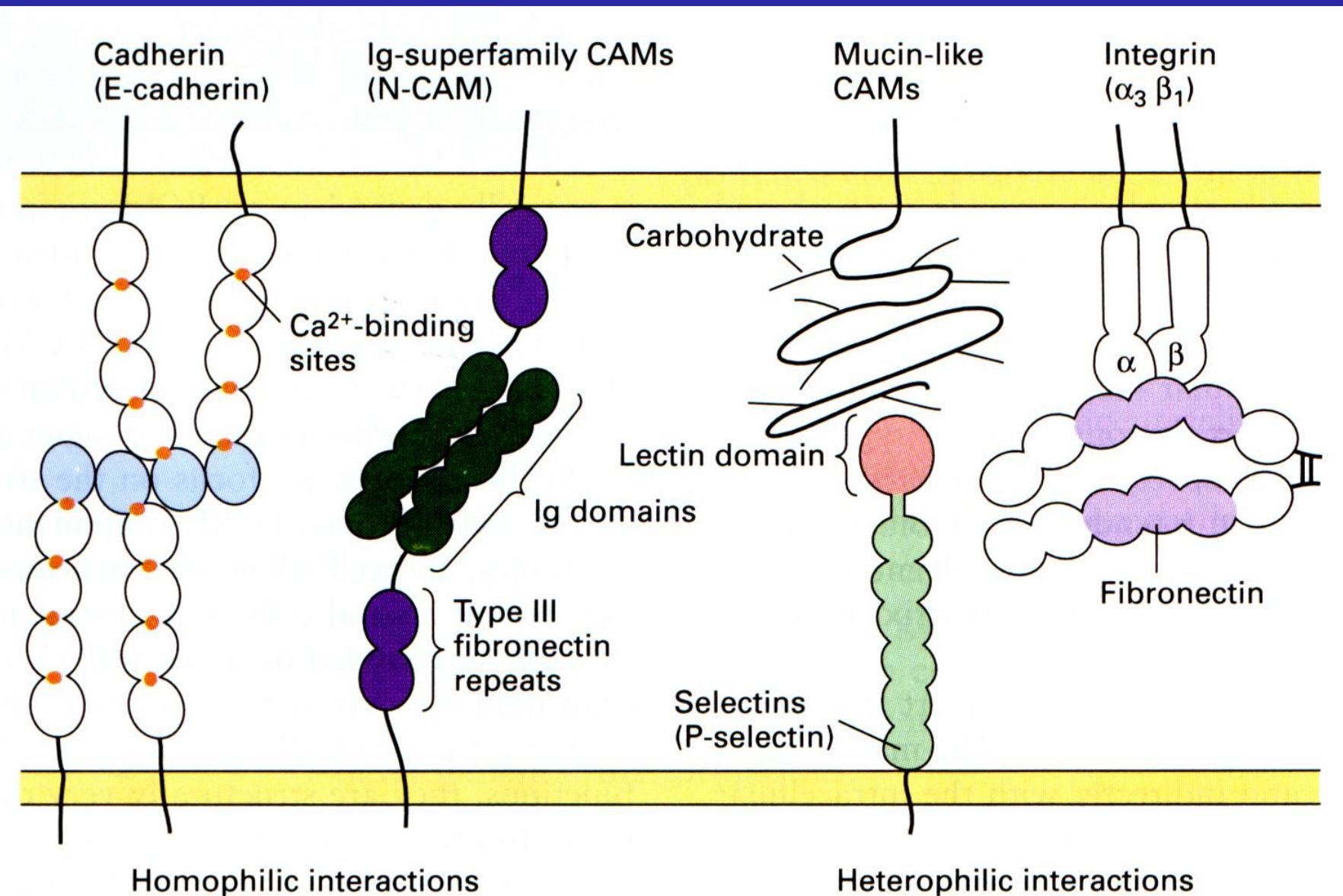
(a) Expression patterns



(b) Ret activation

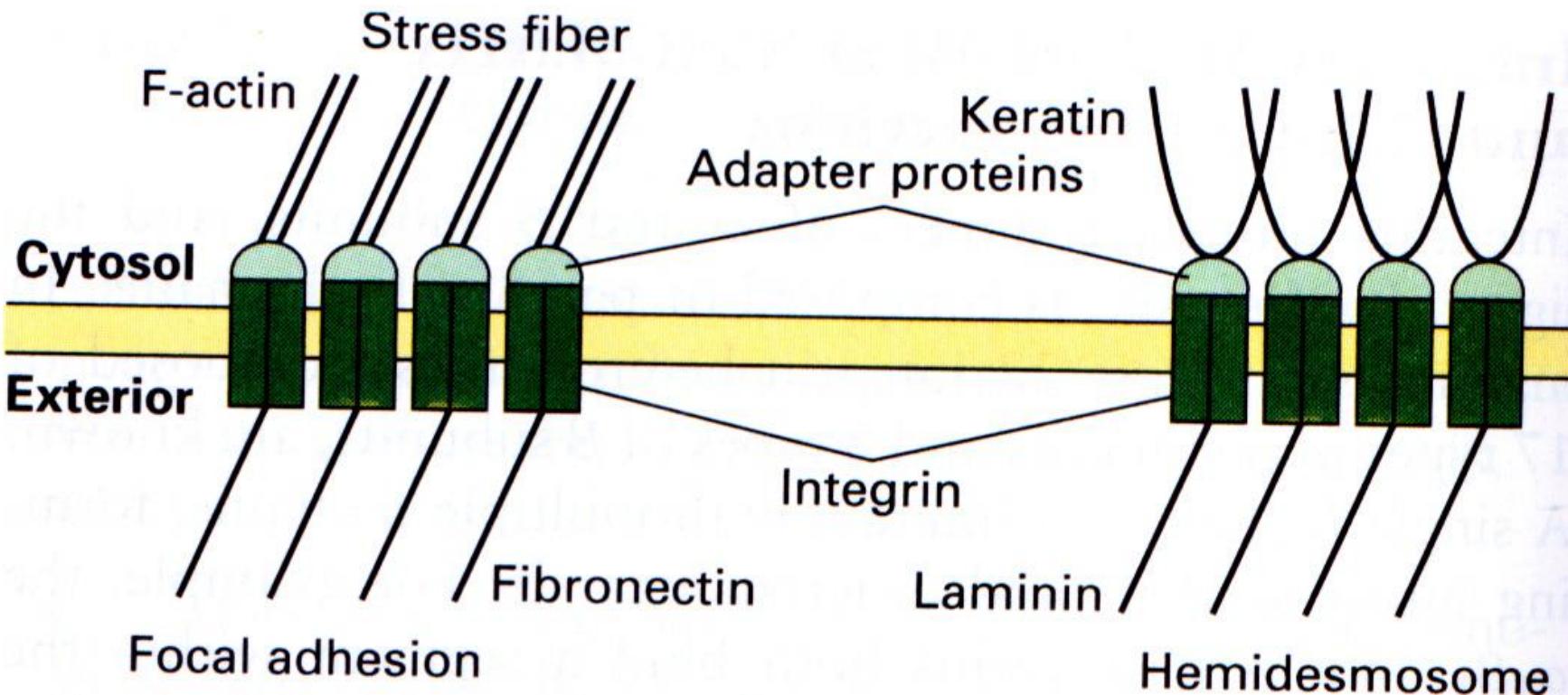


II. Cell adhesion: play important roles in the mouse early embryonic development



Fibronectin

Defects in mesoderm, neural tube and vascular development in mouse embryos lacking fibronectin.
(Development 119:1079-1091, 1993)



$\alpha 5$ integrin:

Embryonic mesodermal defects in $\alpha 5$ integrin-deficient mice. (Development 119:1093-1105, 1993)

$\beta 1$ integrin:

Deletion of $\beta 1$ integrins in mice results in inner cell mass failure and peri-implantation lethality.

(Genes & Dev. 9: 1883-1894, 1995)

Consequence of lacking of $\beta 1$ integrin gene expression in mice.

(Genes & Dev. 9: 1896-1908, 1995)

E-cadherin: A targeted mutation in mouse E-cadherin gene results in defective preimplantation. (PNAS 92:855-859, 1995)

TABLE 22-1

Major Cadherin Molecules on Mammalian Cells

Molecule	Predominant Cellular Distribution
E-cadherin	Preimplantation embryos, non-neural epithelial tissue
P-cadherin	Trophoblast
N-cadherin	Nervous system, lens, cardiac and skeletal muscle

SOURCE: M. Takeichi, 1988, *Development* 102:639; M. Takeichi, 1991, *Science* 251:1451; H. Inuzuka et al., 1991, *Neuron* 7:69; and M. Donalies et al., 1991, *Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:8024.

14 The *Wnt-1 (int-1)* Proto-Oncogene Is Required for Development of a Large Region of the Mouse Brain

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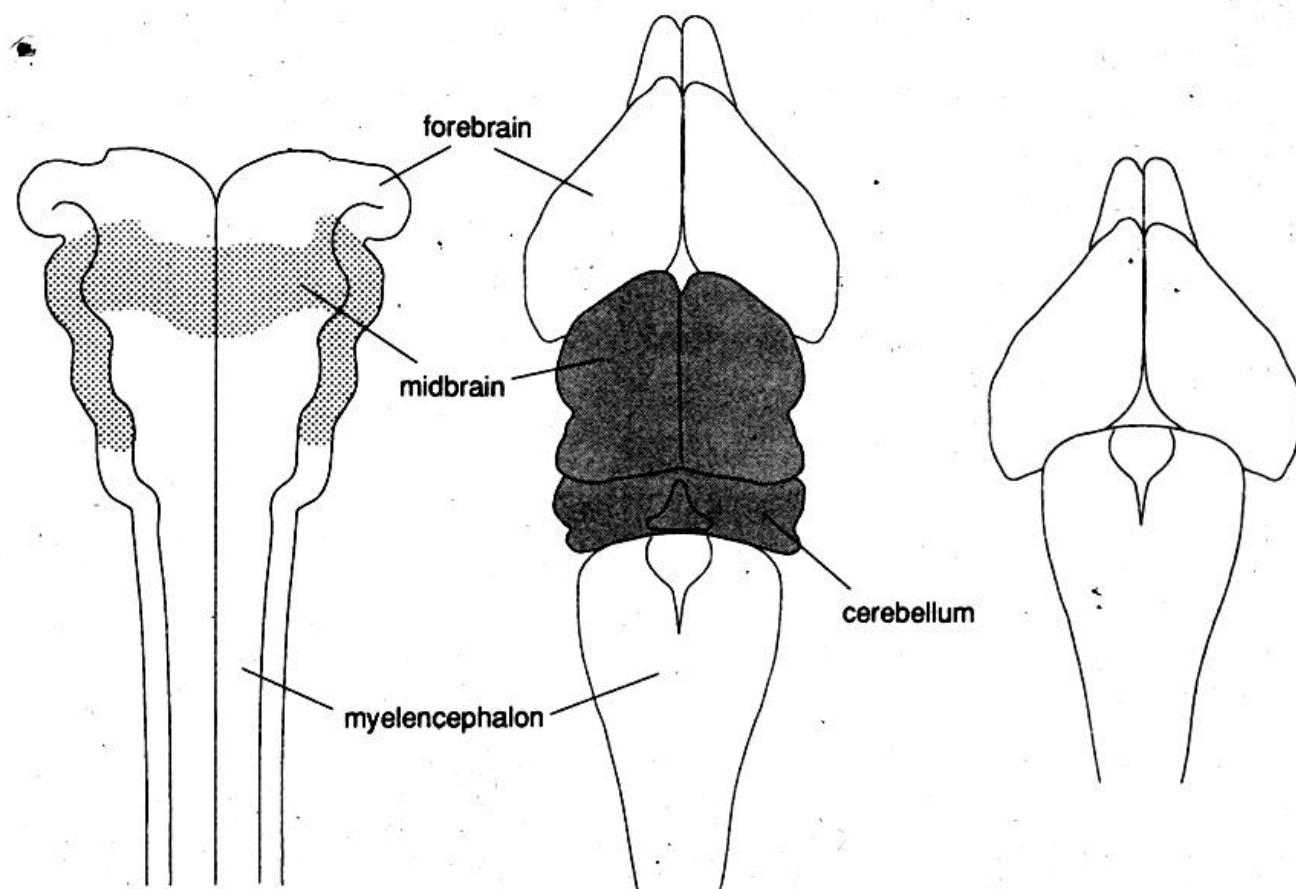
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Summary

The *Wnt-1 (int-1)* proto-oncogene is a putative signaling molecule, involved in the developing central nervous system and testes. To examine the role of *Wnt-1* in development, we used independent embryonic stem cell lines to generate a mouse with a deletion of a *neo^R* gene by homologous recombination. We activated a *Wnt-1* allele. Growth



N-myc KO: die during Organogenesis (E10.5 - E12.5)

(Genes & Development 6:2235-2247, 1992;
Genes & Development 6:2248-2257, 1992)

Embryonic lethality in mice homozygous for a targeted disruption of the N-myc gene

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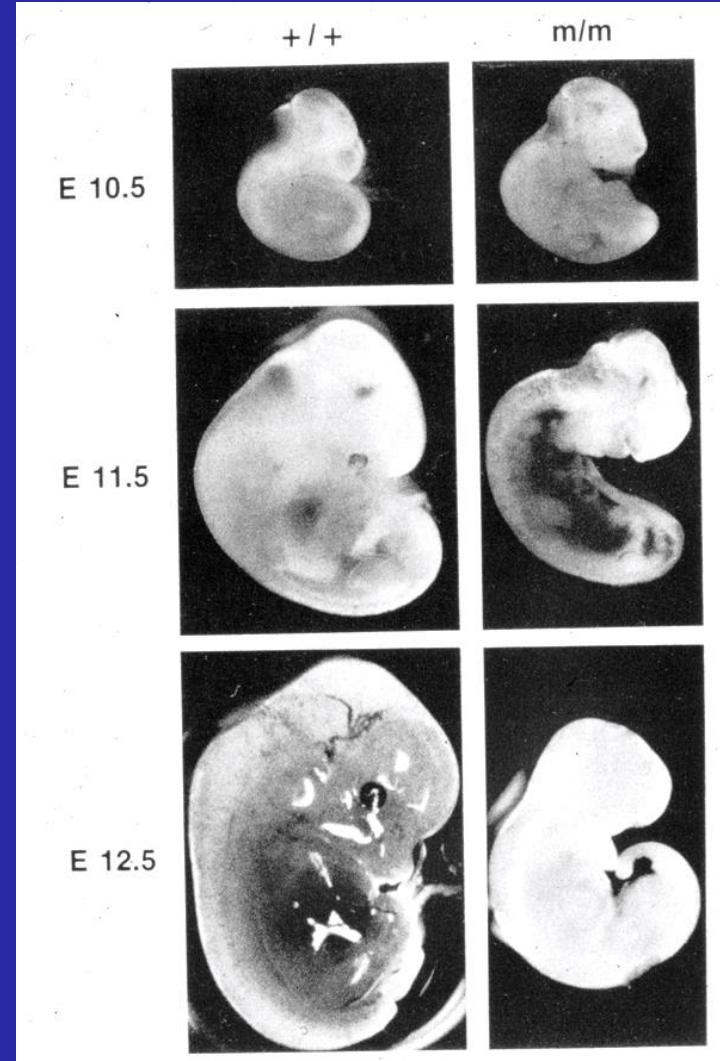
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Loss of N-myc function results in embryonic lethality and failure of the epithelial component of the embryo to develop

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myc genes are thought to function in the processes of cellular proliferation and differentiation. To gain insight into the role of the N-myc gene during embryogenesis, we examined its expression in embryos during postimplantation development using RNA *in situ* hybridization. Tissue- and cell-specific patterns of expression unique to N-myc as compared with the related c-myc gene were observed. N-myc transcripts become progressively restricted to specific cell types, primarily to epithelial tissues including those of the developing nervous system and those in developing organs characterized by epithelio-mesenchymal interaction. In contrast, c-myc transcripts were confined to the mesenchymal compartments. These data suggest that c-myc and N-myc proteins may interact with different substrates in performing their function during embryogenesis and suggest further that there are linked regulatory mechanisms for normal expression in the embryo. We have mutated the N-myc locus via homologous recombination in embryonic stem (ES) cells and introduced the mutated allele into the mouse germ line. Live-born heterozygotes are under-represented but appear normal. Homozygous mutant embryos die prenatally at ~11.5 days of gestation. Histologic



Rb KO: defects in neurogenesis and haematopoiesis

(Nature 359: 288-294, 1992; Nature 359:295-300, 1992).

ARTICLES

Mice deficient for Rb are nonviable and show defects in neurogenesis and haematopoiesis

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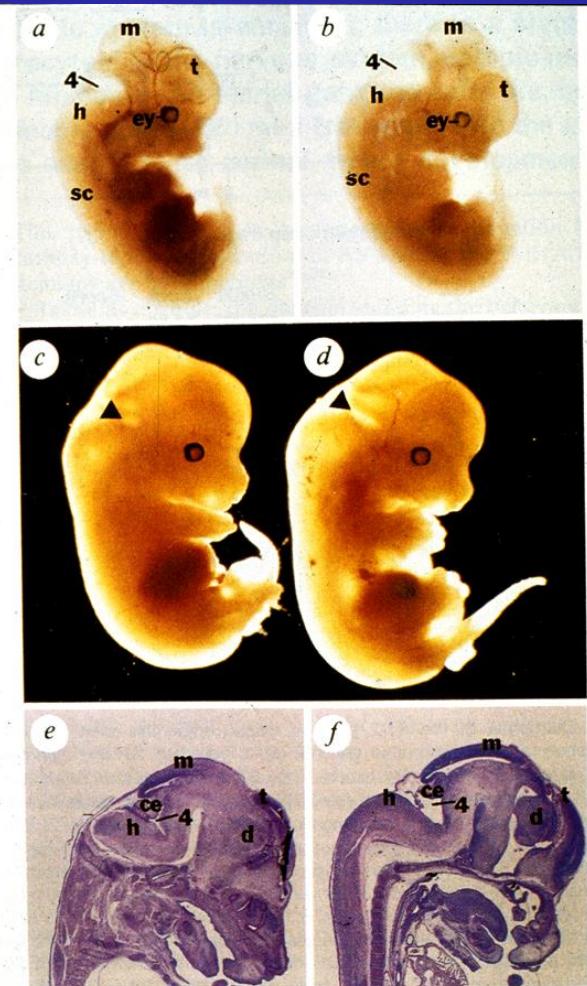
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The retinoblastoma gene, a prototypic tumour-suppressor gene, encodes a nuclear phosphoprotein (Rb). To understand better the role of Rb in development and in tumorigenesis, mice with an insertion mutation in exon 20 of the *Rb-1* locus were generated. Homozygous mutants die before the embryonic day with multiple defects. The haematopoietic system is abnormal; there is a significant increase in the number of immature nucleated erythrocytes. In the nervous system, ectopic mitoses and massive cell death are found, particularly in the hindbrain. All spinal ganglion cells die, but the neural retina is unaffected. Transfer of the human retinoblastoma (*RB*) mini-transgene into the mutant mice corrects the developmental defects. Thus, Rb is essential for normal mouse development.

RETINOBLASTOMA, an ocular childhood tumour, has been a model for studies of the role of tumour suppressor genes in cancer predisposition^{1,2}. The hereditary form of the disease is an autosomal dominant trait³. But a recessive nature of the mutant gene was proposed in Knudson's 'two-hit' hypothesis⁴, and later substantiated⁵⁻⁹. Although the eye is usually the first site of tumour formation, patients with hereditary retinoblastoma have a high risk of developing additional neoplasms later

This region seems to be important for Rb function because carboxy-terminal truncations of Rb deleting the T/E1A-binding domains are nonfunctional^{16,38}.

Taken as a whole, the data surrounding the behaviour of Rb present something of a paradox. Its ubiquitous expression and seeming involvement in cell-cycle regulation suggest that it plays a central role in essential cellular activity. But by contrast, a germline mutation of the *RB* gene in humans is strikingly



p53 KO: developmentally normal but susceptible to spontaneous tumors (Nature 356:215-221, 1992)

Mice deficient for p53 are developmentally normal but susceptible to spontaneous tumours

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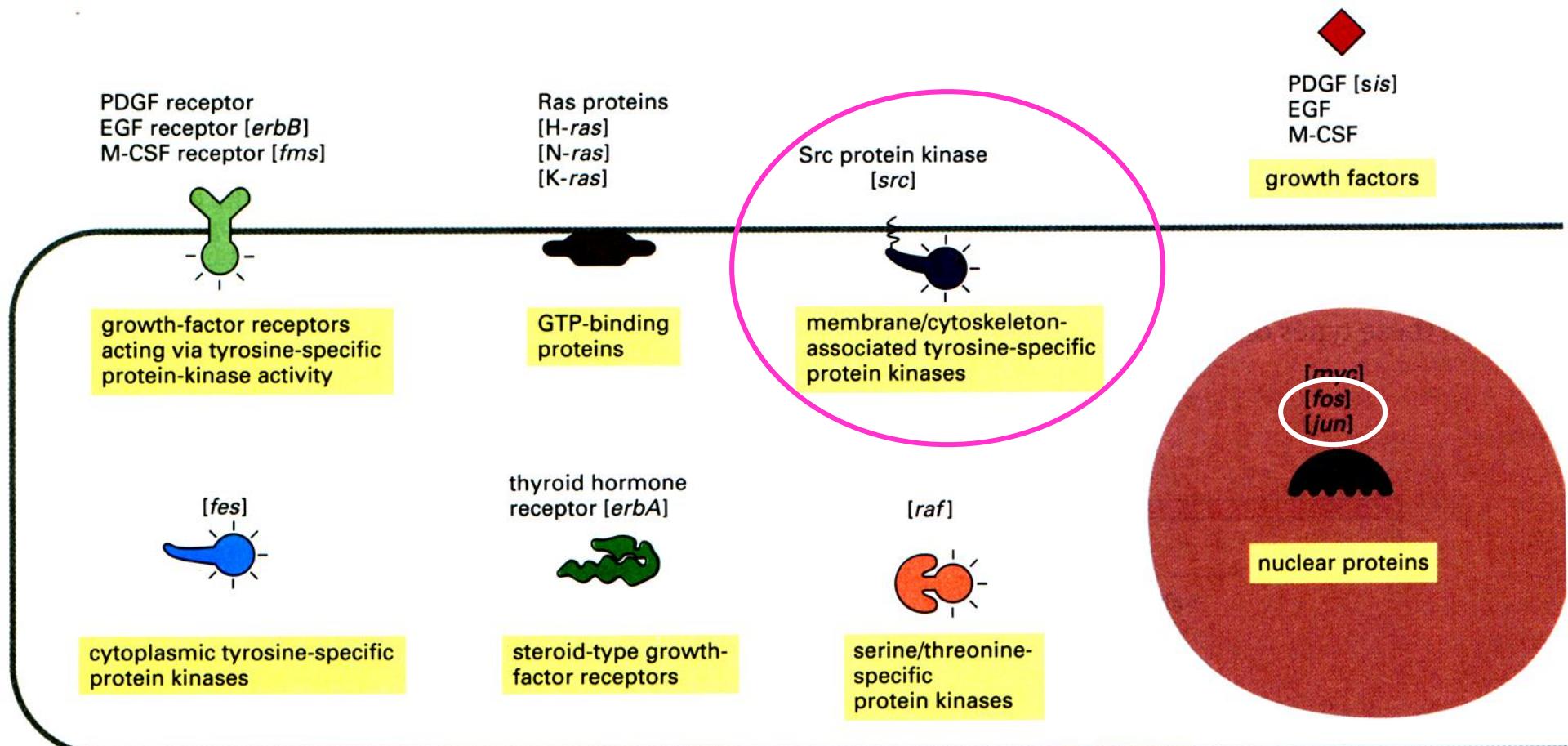
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Mutations in the p53 tumour-suppressor gene are the most frequently observed genetic lesions in human cancers. To investigate the role of the p53 gene in mammalian development and tumorigenesis, a null mutation was introduced into the gene by homologous recombination in murine embryonic stem cells. Mice homozygous for the null allele appear normal but are prone to the spontaneous development of a variety of neoplasms by 6 months of age. These observations indicate that a normal p53 gene is dispensable for embryonic development, that its absence predisposes the animal to neoplastic disease, and that an oncogenic mutant form of p53 is not obligatory for the genesis of many types of tumours.



c-fos KO: defects in bone formation and haematopoiesis
(Cell 71:577-586, 1992; Nature 360:741-745, 1992).

c-src KO: osteopetrosis (impaired osteoclast function)
(Cell 64:693-702., 1991)



MyoD KO: normal in muscle development, yet leads to up-regulation of the myogenic gene *Myf-5* (Cell 71:383-390, 1992)

Myf-5 KO: abnormal rib development and perinatal death (Cell 71: 369-382, 1992)

Table 2. Identification of MyoD1 and some MyoD1 homologs

MyoD1 homolog	Animal	Homology
MyoD1	Mouse	MyoD1
Myf-3	Human	MyoD1
XMyoD	Frog (<i>X. laevis</i>)	MyoD1
CMD1	Chicken	MyoD1
qmf1	Quail	MyoD1
CeMyoD	Worm (<i>C. elegans</i>)	MyoD1
nau	Fly (<i>D. melanogaster</i>)	MyoD1
Myogenin	Rat/mouse	myogenin
Myf-4	Human	myogenin
qmf2	Quail	myogenin
myf-5	Human	myf-5
qmf3	Quail	myf-5
MRF-4	Rat	MRF-4
Herculin	Human	MRF-4

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Inactivation of MyoD in Mice Leads to Up-Regulation of the Myogenic HLH Gene *Myf-5* and Results in Apparently Normal Muscle Development

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the skeletal myocyte lineage (Olson, 1990; Weintraub et al., 1991; Buckingham, 1992).

In vertebrates, skeletal muscle originates from a small pool of progenitor cells that arise in the early somite (reviewed by Buckingham, 1992; Miller, 1991, 1992). These premyoblast stem cells become the dermamyotomal compartment of the maturing somite, from which myoblasts expand into the developing embryo. In mice, skeletal muscle development occurs in several phases. First, to differentiate in the fetus at 8.5 days of gestation, the myotom fiber precursors give rise to small spindle-like myotom fibers displaying the earliest expression of muscle-specific

Targeted Inactivation of the Muscle Regulatory Gene *Myf-5* Results in Abnormal Rib Development and Perinatal Death

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Summary

The *Myf-5* gene, a member of the myogenic basic HLH factor family, has been inactivated in mice after homologous recombination in ES cells. Mice lacking *Myf-5* were unable to breathe and died immediately after

CANNTG. Detailed mutational analysis of MyoD (Davis et al., 1990), myogenin (Brennan et al., 1991), and Myf-5 (Winter et al., 1992) has demonstrated that the conserved basic and HLH domains are responsible for sequence-specific DNA binding and heterodimerization with the ubiquitously expressed HLH products of the E2A gene, respectively. Transcriptional activation is dependent on a transactivator domain located in the NH₂-terminus of MyoD (Weintraub et al., 1991b), and on two regions located upstream and downstream of the conserved HLH domain in myogenin and Myf-5 (Schwartz et al., 1992; Braun et al., 1990b; Winter et al., 1992).

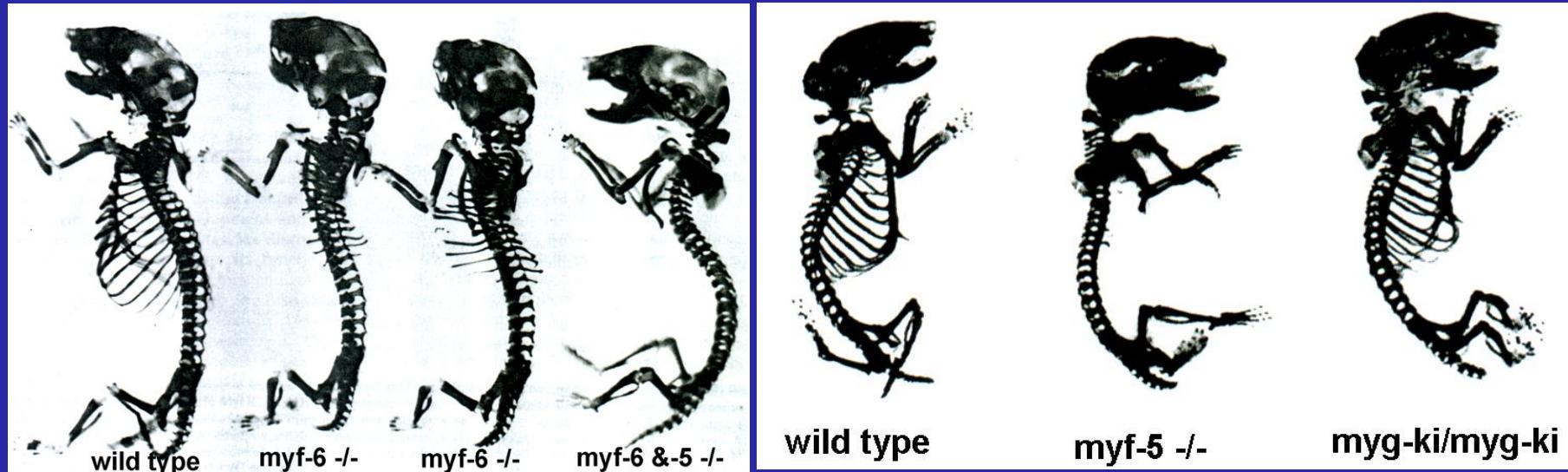
Despite suggestive evidence obtained from tissue culture experiments, the individual or collective role of myogenic factors during muscle development in vivo has not been determined to date. It has been difficult to ascribe specific functions to the individual myogenic HLH proteins, because each factor can influence its own expression as well as that of the other factors in most cell lines (Thayer

Myogenin KO: Muscle deficiency and neonatal death

(Nature 364:501-506, 1993)

Myf-5 and Myf-6 double KO: alterations in skeletal muscle development (EMBO J. 14: 1176-1186, 1995)

Myogenin knock-in in myf-5 KO mice: Functional redundancy of the muscle-specific transcription factors Myf5 and myogenin (Nature 379: 823-825, 1996)



Regulation of skeletal muscle mass in mice by a new TGF- β superfamily member

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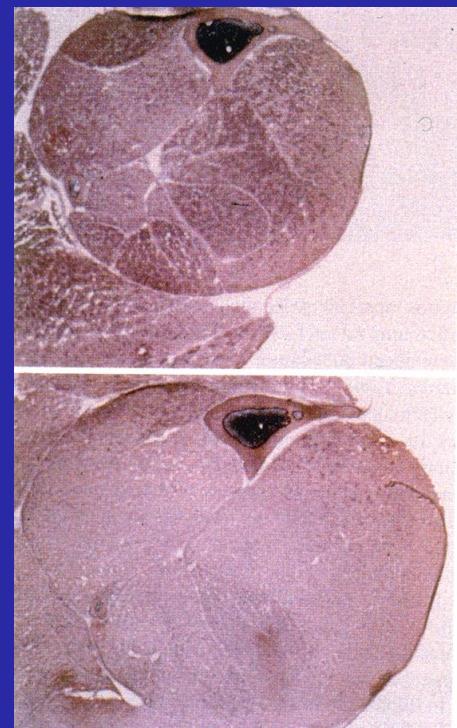
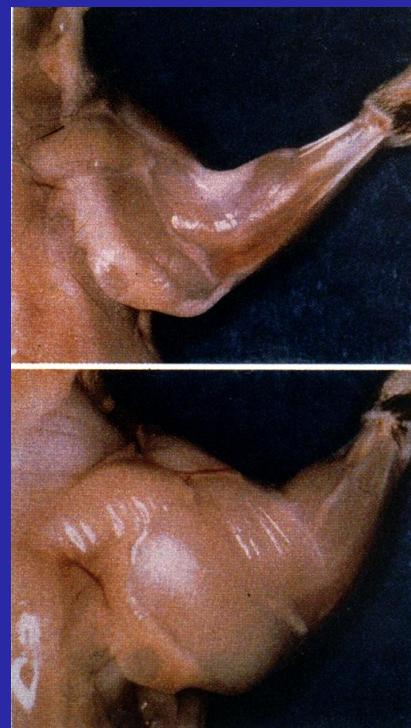
The transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β) superfamily encompasses a large group of growth and differentiation factors playing important roles in regulating embryonic development and in maintaining tissue homeostasis in adult animals¹. Using degener

wild-type
mouse

myostatin
mutant



Myostatin
gene KO
(Nature
387:83-90, 1997)



Belgian Blue Mutation at the myostatin gene

Nature KO mutants:
in the Belgian Blue

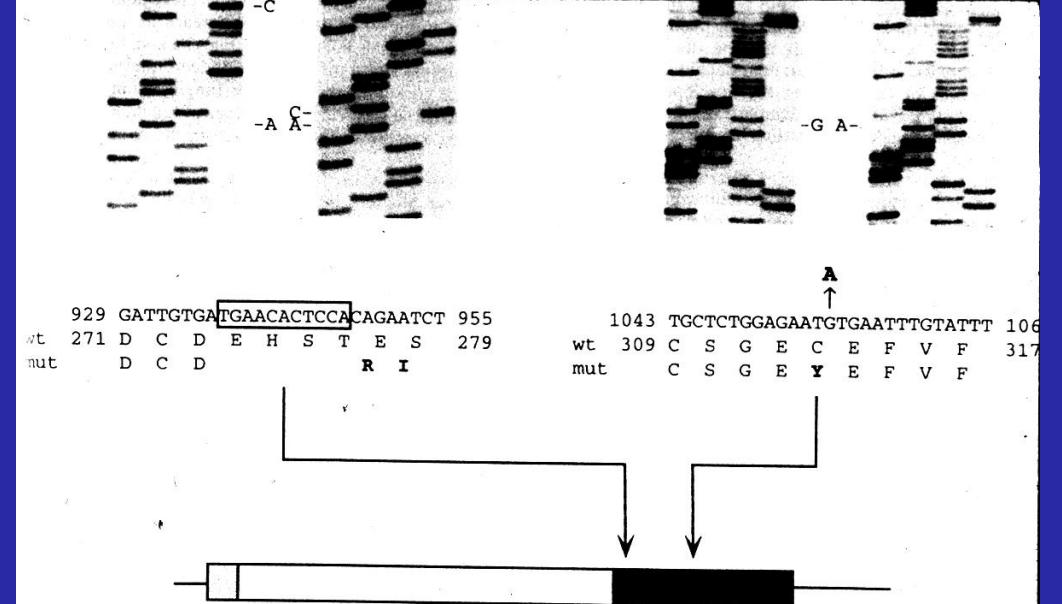
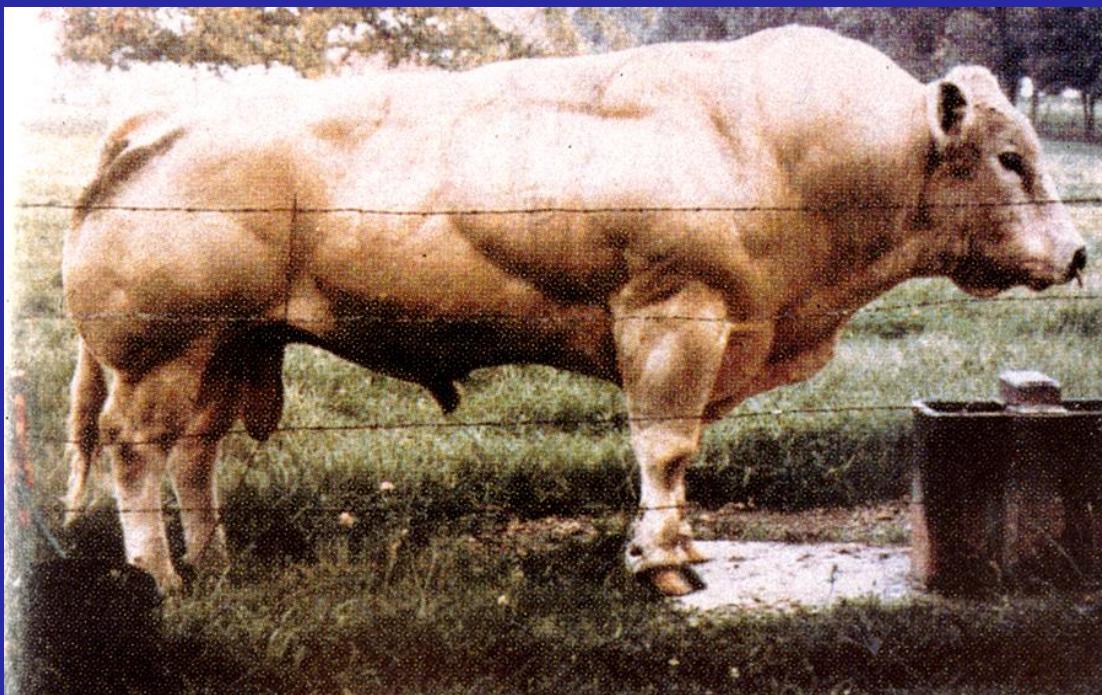


FIG. 3. Myostatin mutations in Belgian Blue (Left) and Piedmontese (Right) cattle compared with wild-type Holstein cattle. The nucleotide sequence immediately preceding (A936) and following (C948) the Belgian Blue 11-nucleotide deletion are marked. Nucleotide and amino acid sequences are given below and numbered relative to wild type. The Belgian Blue 11-nucleotide deletion (Δ937–947) is boxed, and the Piedmontese G10 missense mutation is marked. Bold letters indicate nucleotide and amino acid changes. A, missense mutation.



QUESTION 1:

Can genes be truly redundant?

- Superfluous, nonfunctional expression of proteins in the development or even in the adult. (Erickson, 1993, J.Cell Biol. 120:1079-1081) e.g. NGF in salivary gland
- Highly expression of c-src , a tyrosine kinase in platelets, in neurons, and in testis, surprisingly, these tissues appeared completely normal in c-src KO mice.

Data from immunocytochemistry (or Western) and *in situ* hybridization (or Northern)

→ *Please do not jump to the conclusion too fast. Especially, if you want to address the function of your favor gene products (mRNA or proteins).*

QUESTION 2:

A knockout mouse model is a really good animal model for studying human genetic disease?

- CNTF (ciliary neurotrophic factor) KO mice: motor neuron degeneration (Nature 365:27-32, 1993)
- A null mutation in the human CNTF gene is not causally related to neurological diseases. (Nature Genetics 7:79-84, 1994).
- CNTFR KO mice: die perinatally and display severe motor neuron deficits. (Cell 83:313-322, 1995)

Disruption of the CNTF gene results in motor neuron degeneration

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