

# Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine

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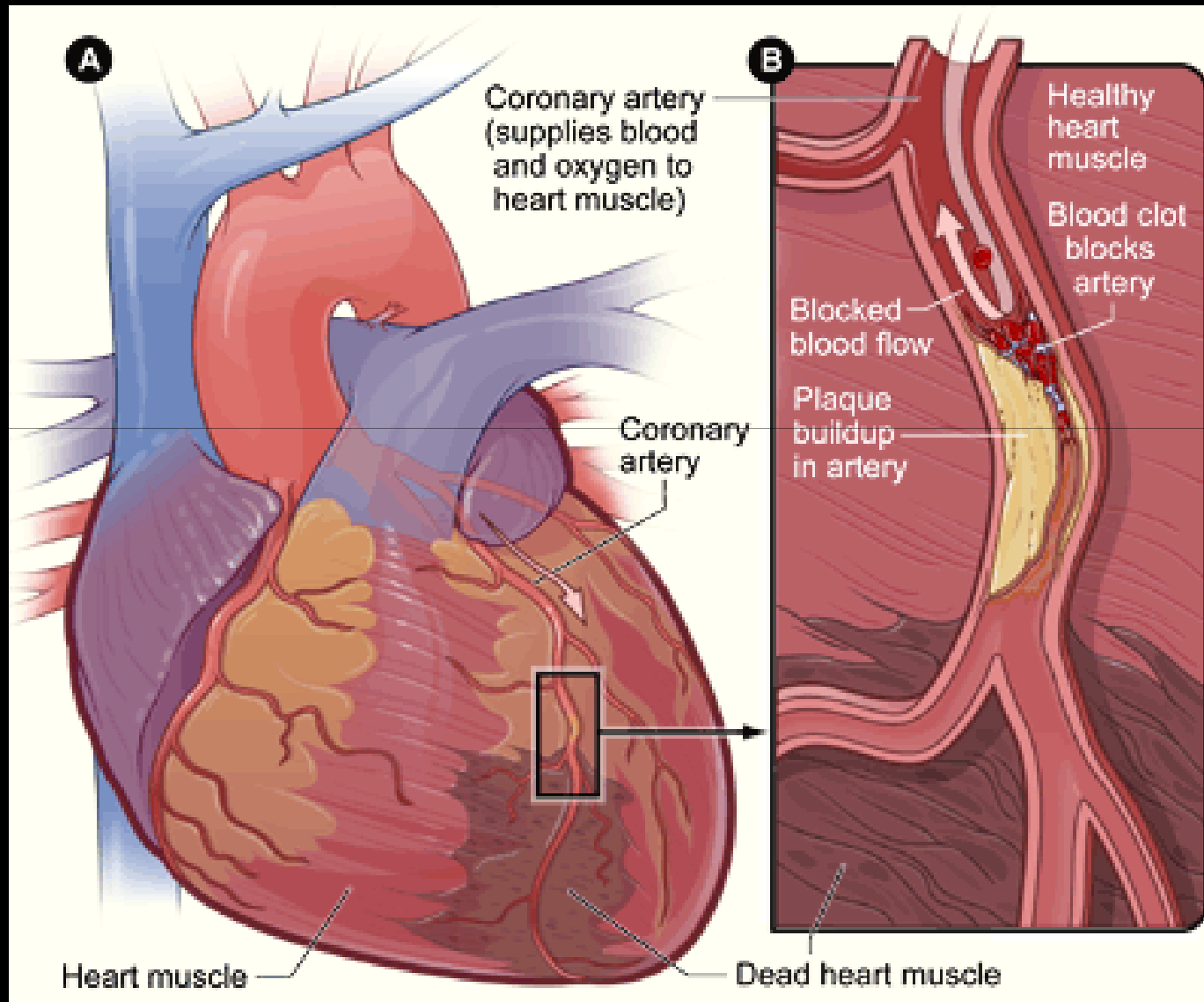
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# Heart Attack





# New Born mouse can fully regenerate the damaged heart

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REPORT

## Transient Regenerative Potential of the Neonatal Mouse Heart

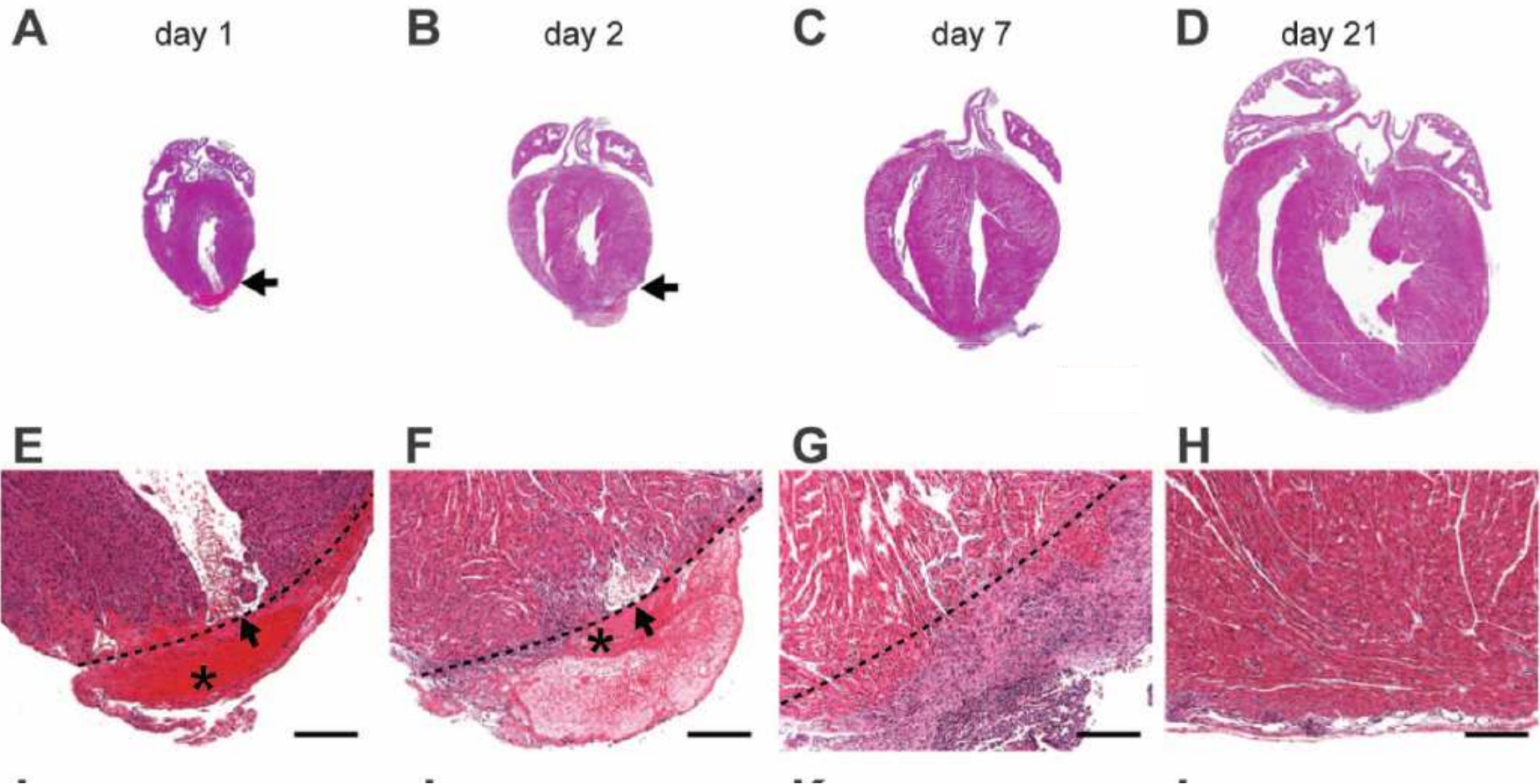
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ABSTRACT

But the regeneration ability **will lost** by 7 days after birth



So, some mechanism is switched off!

“Glow-in-the-dark” dogs - Ruppy!



# What is stem cell research?

- Prevent/treat diseases and injuries
  - Cell-based therapies (細胞療法)
  - Pharmaceutical development (藥物研發)
    - Includes drug discovery, testing and delivery, etc.
- To learn about basic biological science such as development, aging, and evolution.
  - Experimental model systems (i.e. 模式生物)

# Trachea transplantation:

Example of adult stem cell-based tissue regeneration





# Source of Stem Cells

## 如何獲得幹細胞?

# Conception in a dish

Day 1

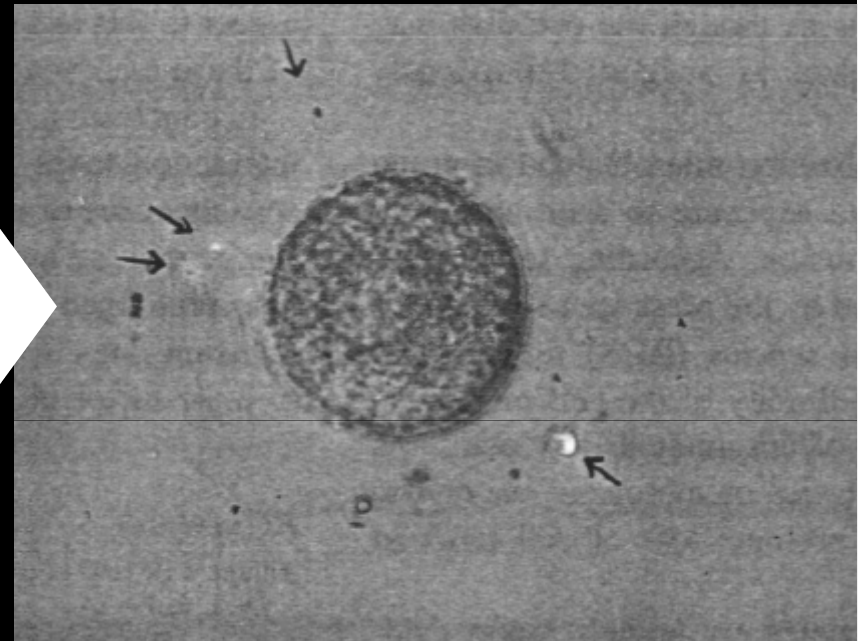
Reducing the time of sperm–oocyte interaction in human in-vitro fertilization improves the implantation rate

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possessing fertilizing capacity is reduced (Holder and Trounson, 1991), and where up to 500000/ml motile spermatozoa per oocyte are used (Fiorentino *et al.*, 1994).

Recent studies have described possible d...  
ep...



In the *In-vitro* fertilization (**IVF**) procedure, sperm and eggs “interact” in a dish leading to insemination.

They literally swim up to the egg and burrow toward the nucleus.

The first one to get there wins, and all others are blocked out.

## 竹科男 精液品質差

邱俊吉 / 專題報導



3對夫妻 1對不孕 男性因素佔 4 成  
疑與高齡結婚、工作壓力及環境污染有關  
民眾提到「竹科男」，會認為他們多金社經地位高，但他們有他們的辛苦，尤其是生育後代。醫師指出，不孕症的男性因素通常佔 3 成，但竹科人不孕症的男性因素超過 4 成，其精液平均品質較一般人差。

國泰醫院新竹分院的生殖醫學中心，成立雖不久，院內人員卻常以「爆滿」二字來形容其盛況，粗估近 2 年已至少有 1000 對夫妻前往治療。該中心

主任林正凱說，國內平均 6 至 7 對夫妻中，就有一對曾面臨不孕的問題，但在園區，平均每 3 對便有一對為不孕所困，無子煩惱比一般人更嚴重。

不孕普遍，林正凱認為有幾個原因，可能是高齡婚姻，或是工作量太大，或是環境污染，都可能使精、卵子的品質下降，但就該中心所見，竹科不孕症夫妻的男性因素，也就是精液品質，似乎比一般不孕症夫妻，佔了更大比率。

Male fertility issue:

Sometimes sperm cannot latch onto and penetrate the egg. They may choose to have **Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)**

# Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection



ICSI

FIRSTivf.net



# Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection



ICSI

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Day 1



Fertilized Egg

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Day 2



2-Cell Embryo

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Day 2



4-Cell Embryo

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Day 3



8-Cell Embryo

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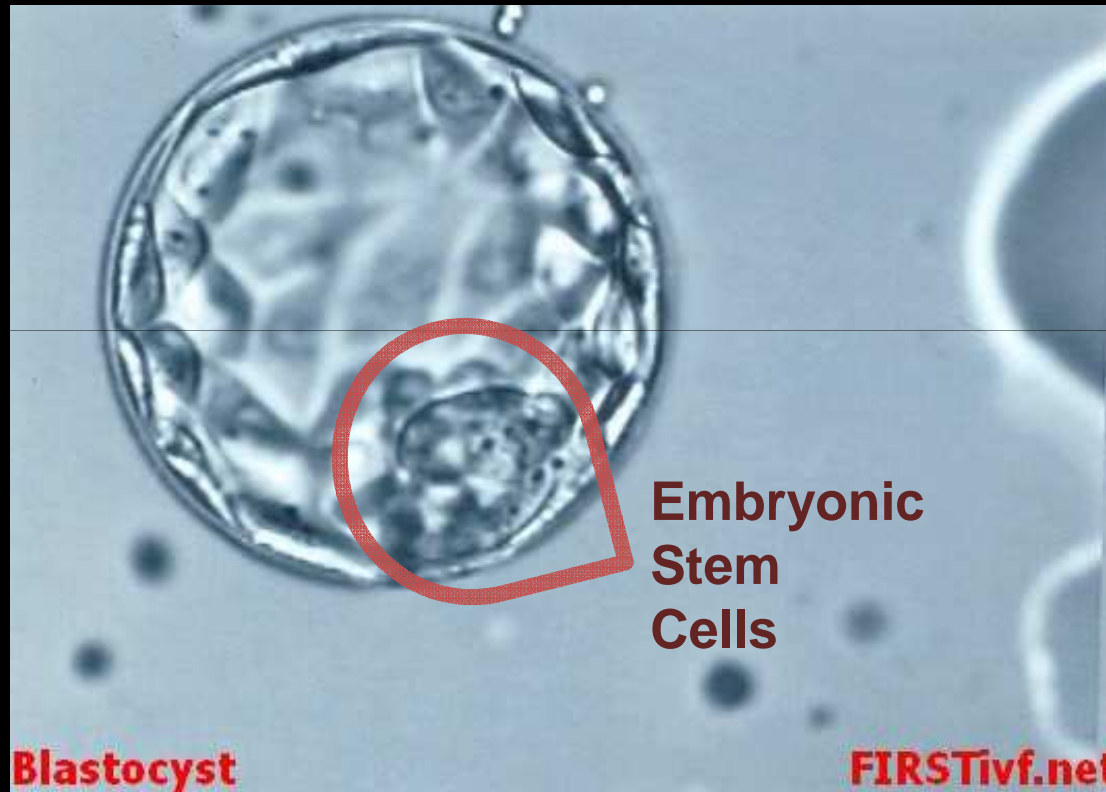
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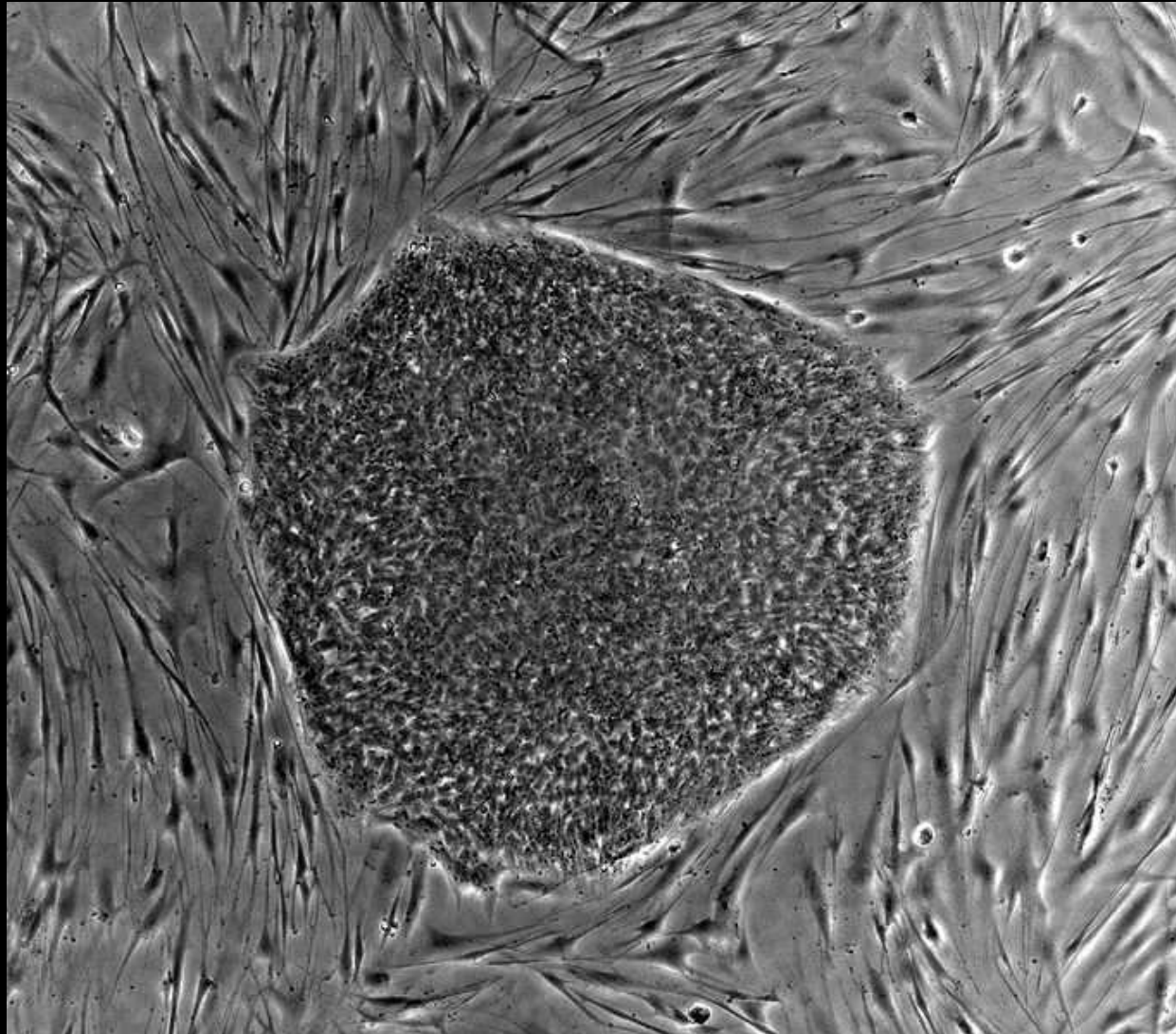
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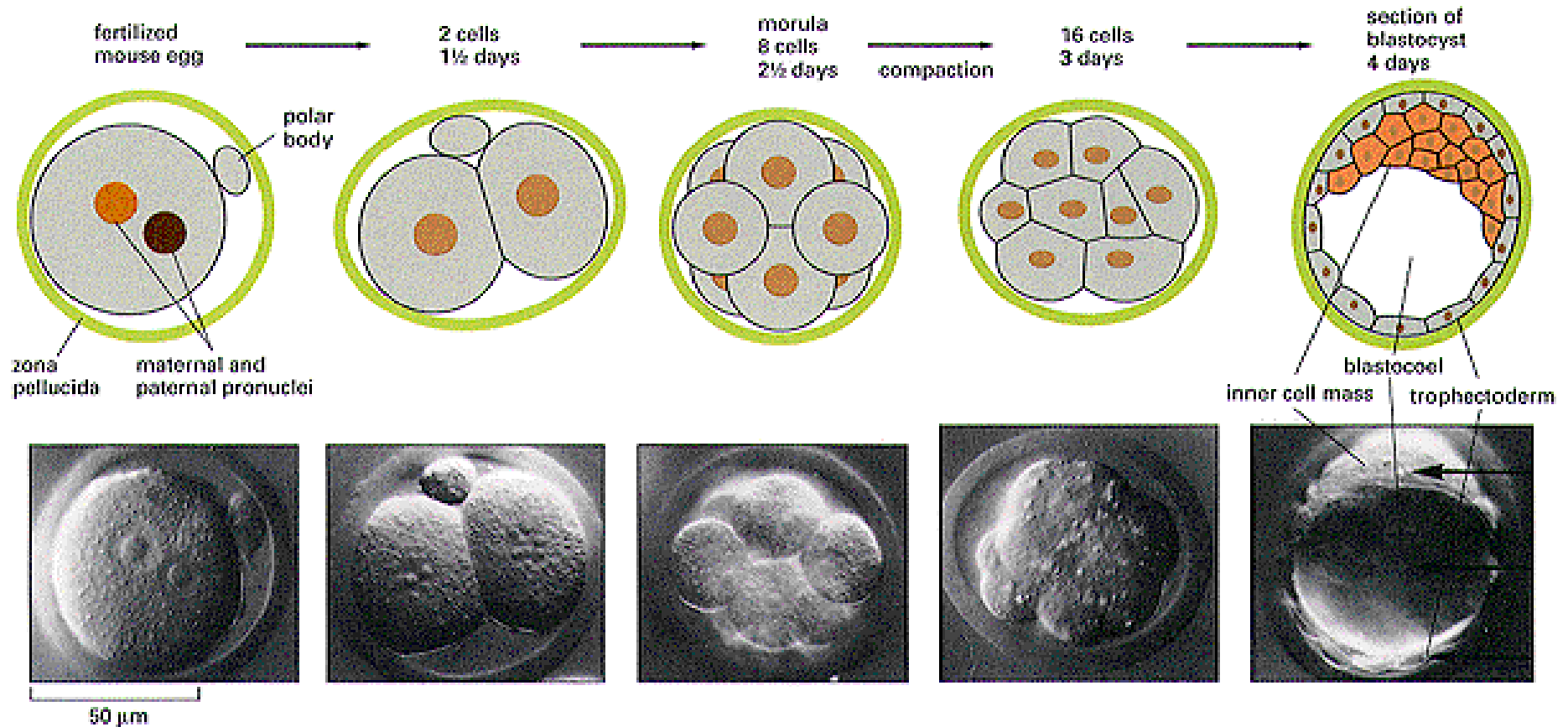


# Embryonic stem cells in the dish: What do cultured ES cells look like?





# Human embryo, the first 4 days

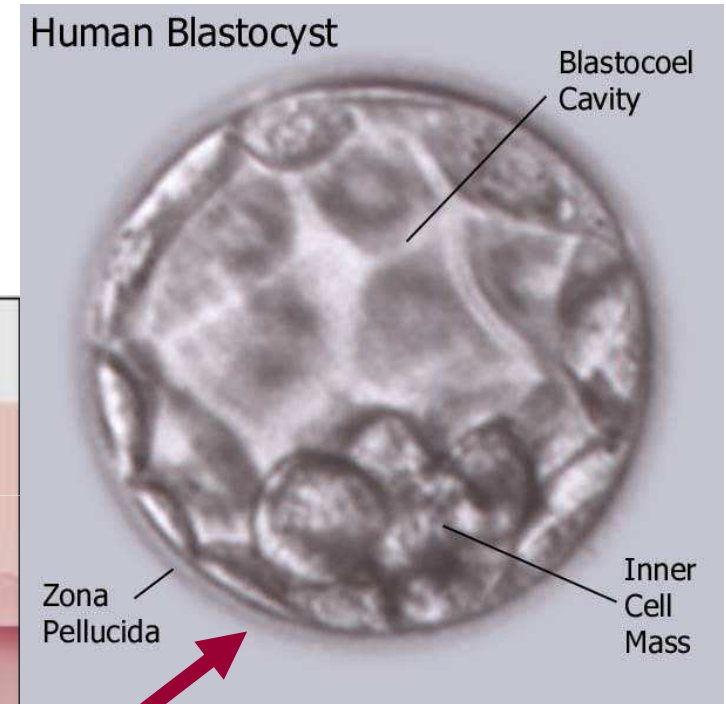
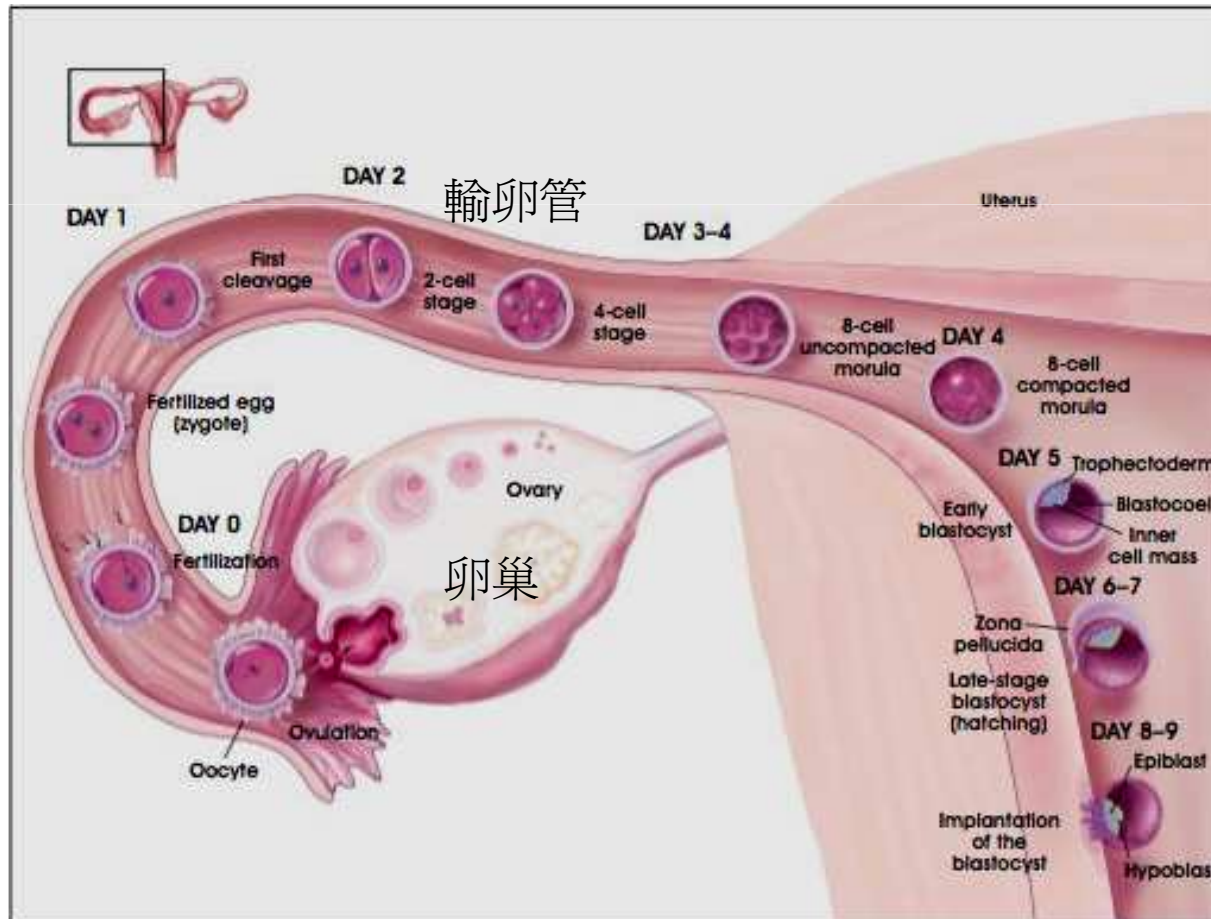


# Development & Differentiation

## 發育 & 分化

# Real-time Video Clip of Blastocyst Formation

FF ~2000x



ESCs  
胚胎幹細胞

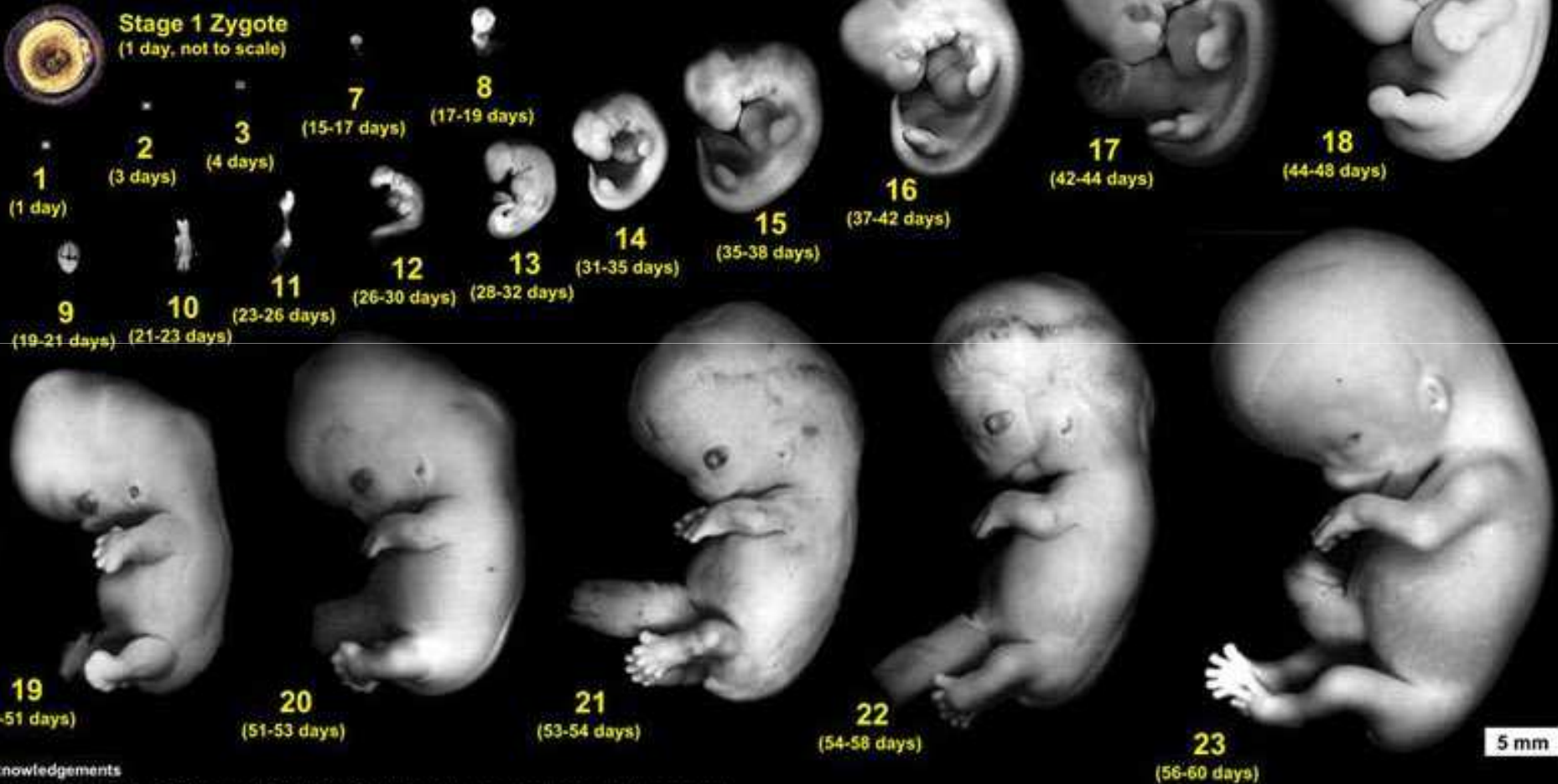
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# Carnegie Stages of Human Development

Dr Mark Hill, Cell Biology Lab, School of Medical Sciences (Anatomy), UNSW



**Stage 1 Zygote**  
(1 day, not to scale)



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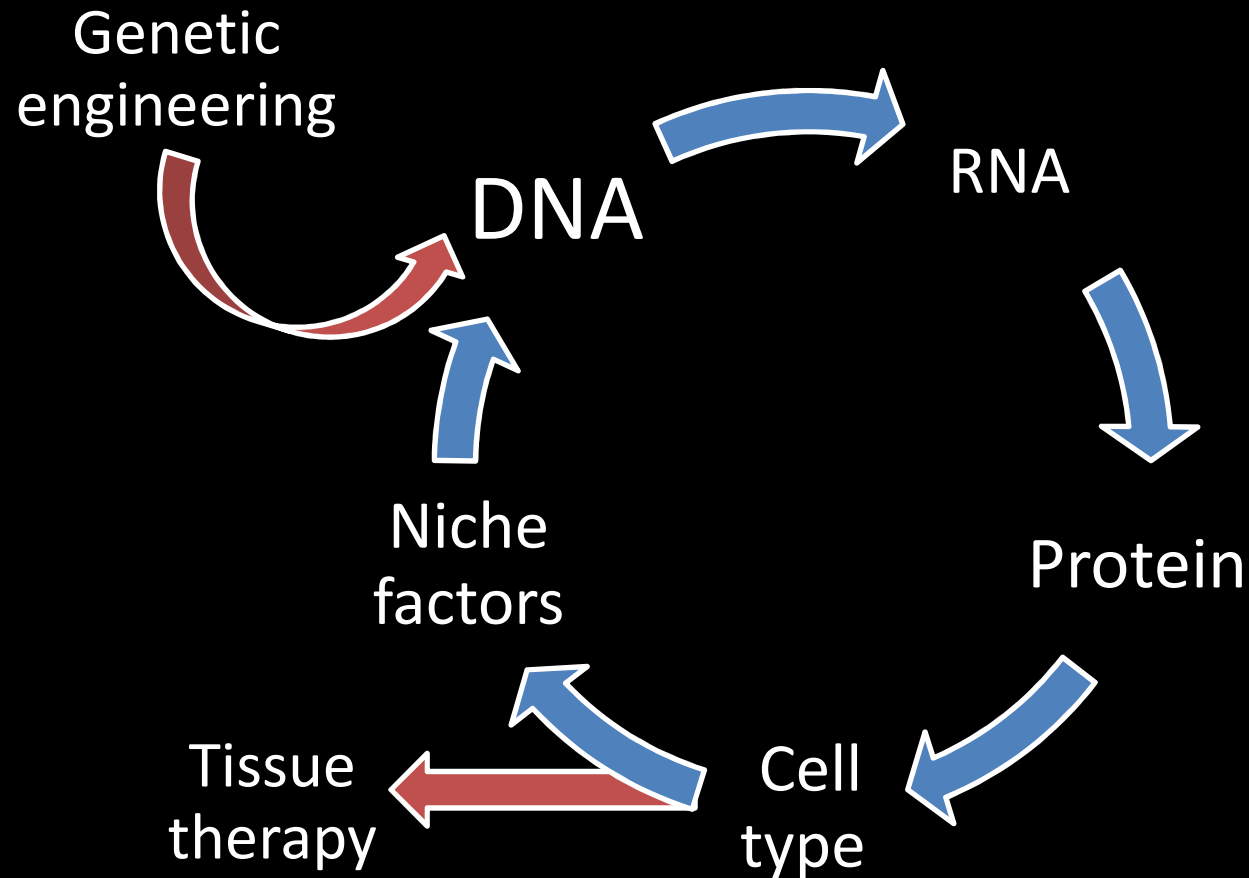
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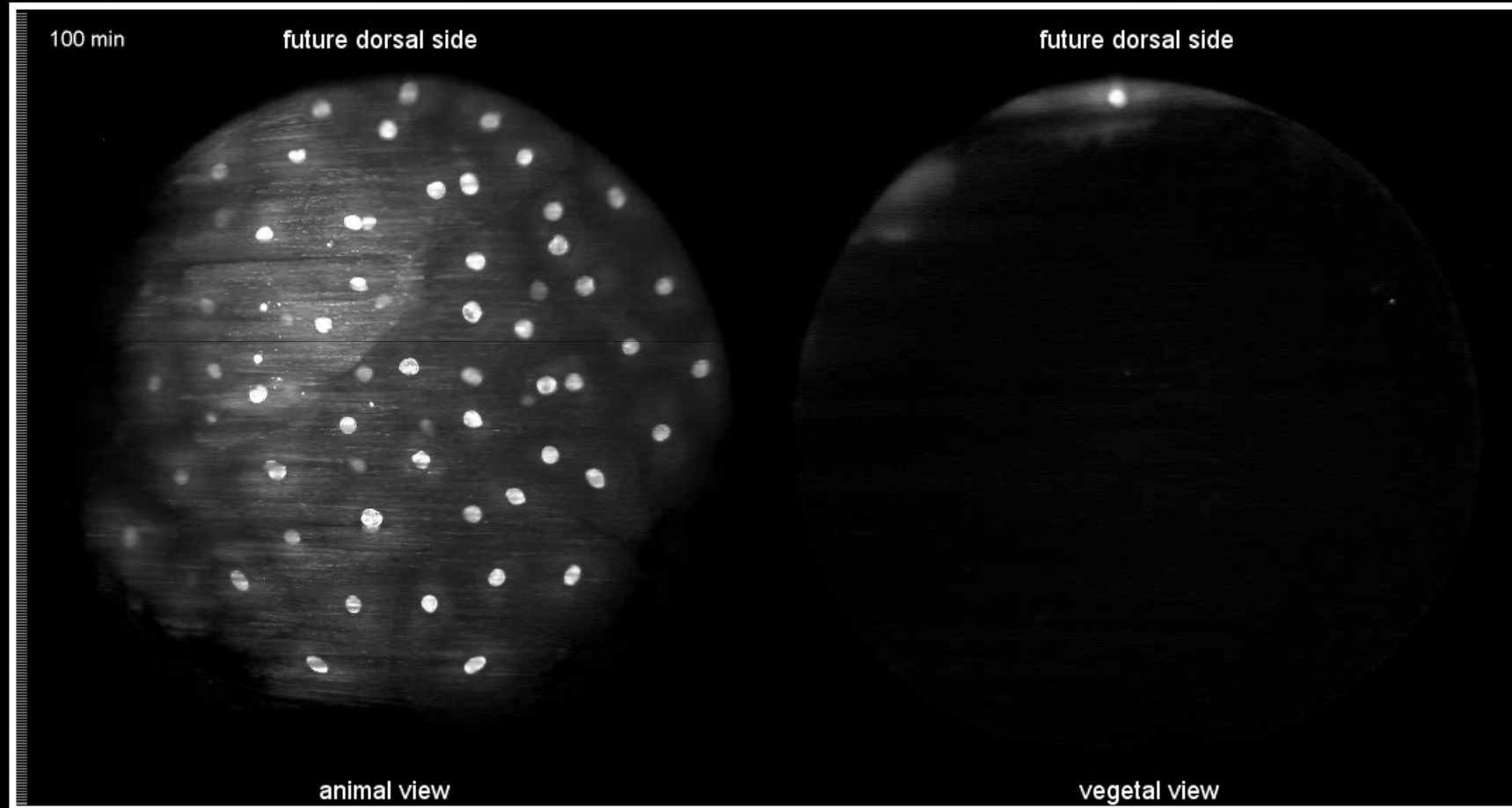
Yet eye cells differ from nose cells

## Central dogma of biology



# Embryonic Development

## Zebrafish embryo



Keller et al. 2008

Supporting video



# At what point is this a fetus?

(受精多久後才發育成胎兒?)

- Days 7-14: Uterine implantation
- Day 14: Three distinct layers begin to form (no more pluripotent stem cells)
- Days 14-21: Beginning of future nervous system
- Days 21-24: Beginning of future face, neck, mouth, and nose
- Weeks 3-8: Beginning of organ formation
- Week 5-8+: Now it's generally called a fetus (no consensus on exact time point)

(This picture is Week 5)

# Divergent Religious View on Research and Clinical Use of ESC

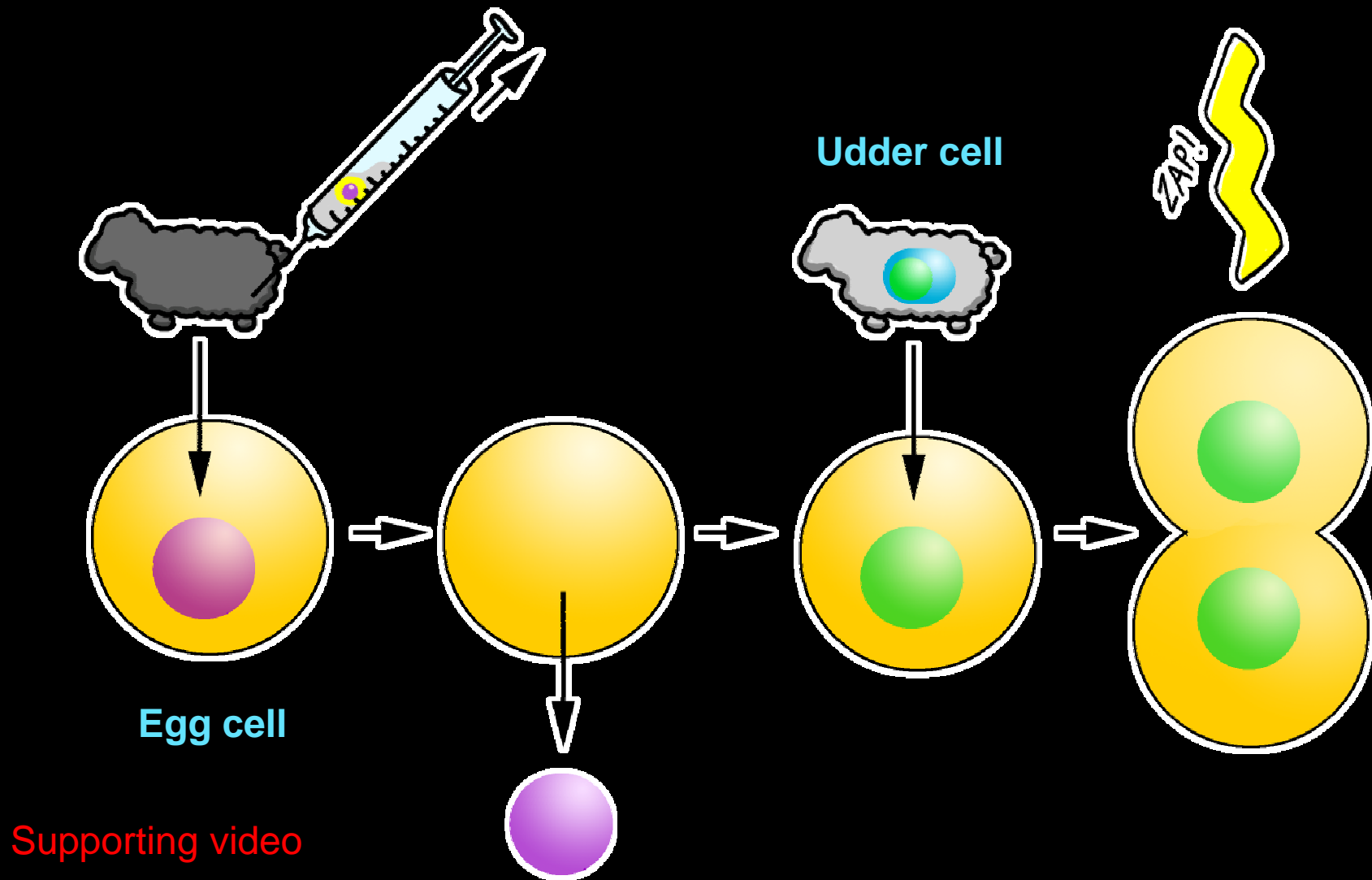
Religions	Embryonic Stem Cell (ESC) Research
Catholic 天主教徒	<b>Prohibited</b> (life begins at conception)
Muslim 伊斯蘭教信徒	<b>Acceptable</b> (fetus has moral existence only at the end of the 4 <sup>th</sup> month)
Jewish 猶太人	<b>Acceptable</b> (embryo has no moral status until 40 days)
Buddhist 佛教徒	<b>Prohibited</b> (life begins at conception)

# Cloning

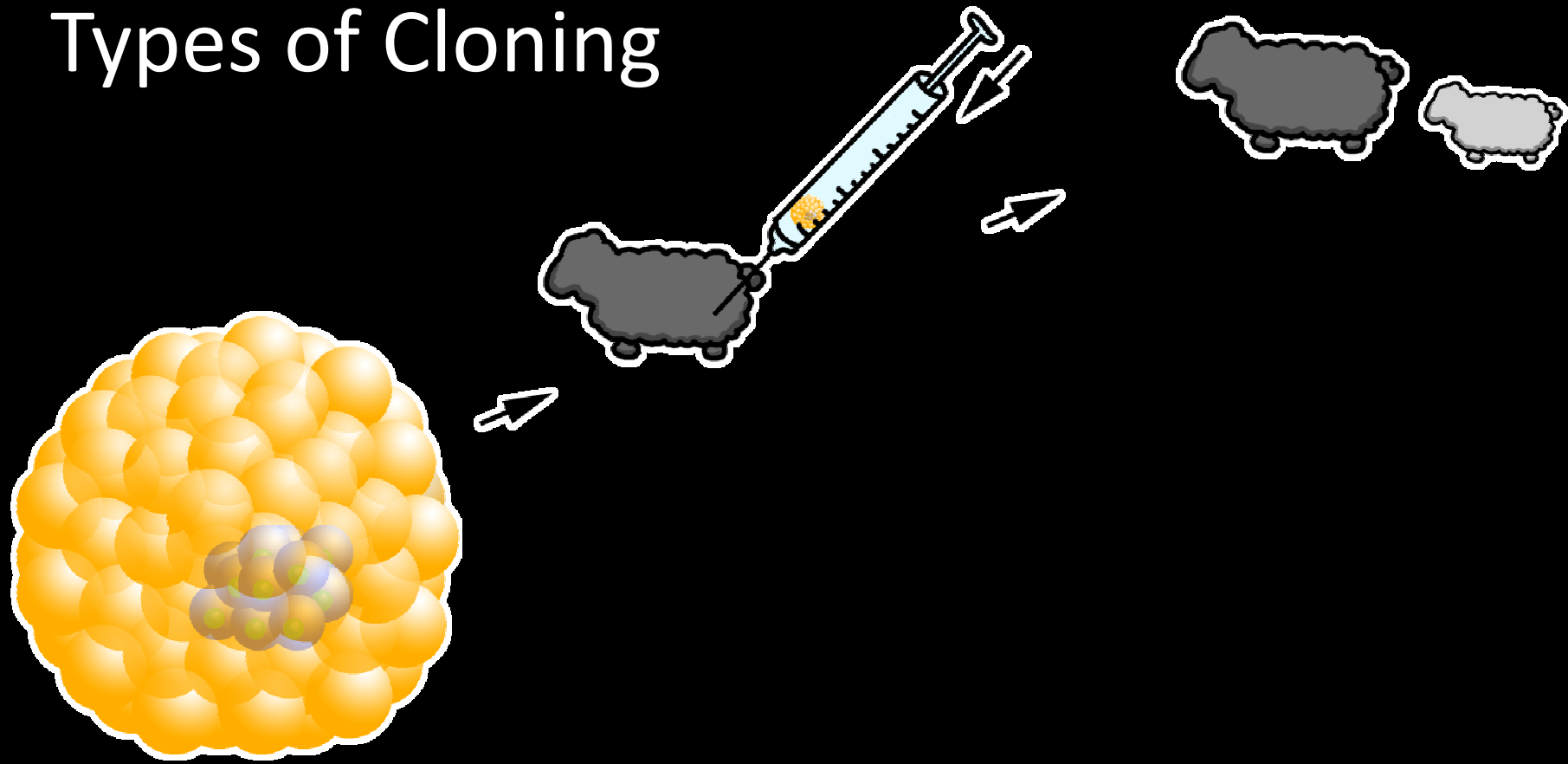
## 人工複製動物

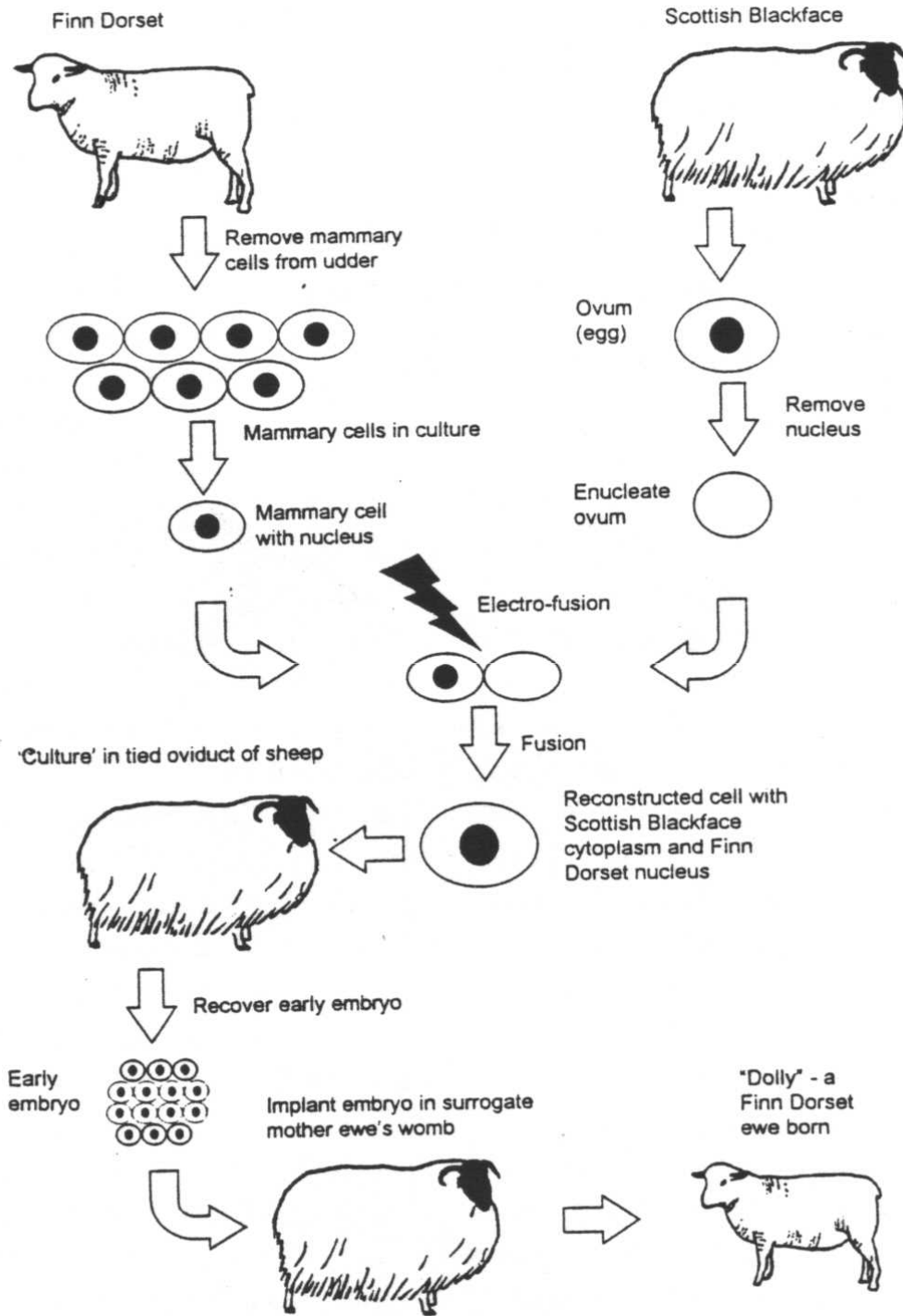
# Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT)

Cloning of embryonic stem cells



# Types of Cloning





# Cloning Dolly

## 桃莉羊





# Complications

## Observed in Reproductive Cloned Animals

- Extremely low reproductive efficiency (低繁殖率)
- High late fetal losses (高死胎率)
- Placental abnormalities (胎盤異常)
- Increased birth size (巨嬰症)
  - Large offspring syndrome
    - Risk to mother and offspring
- High early neonatal death rates (高夭折率)
  - Respiratory deaths

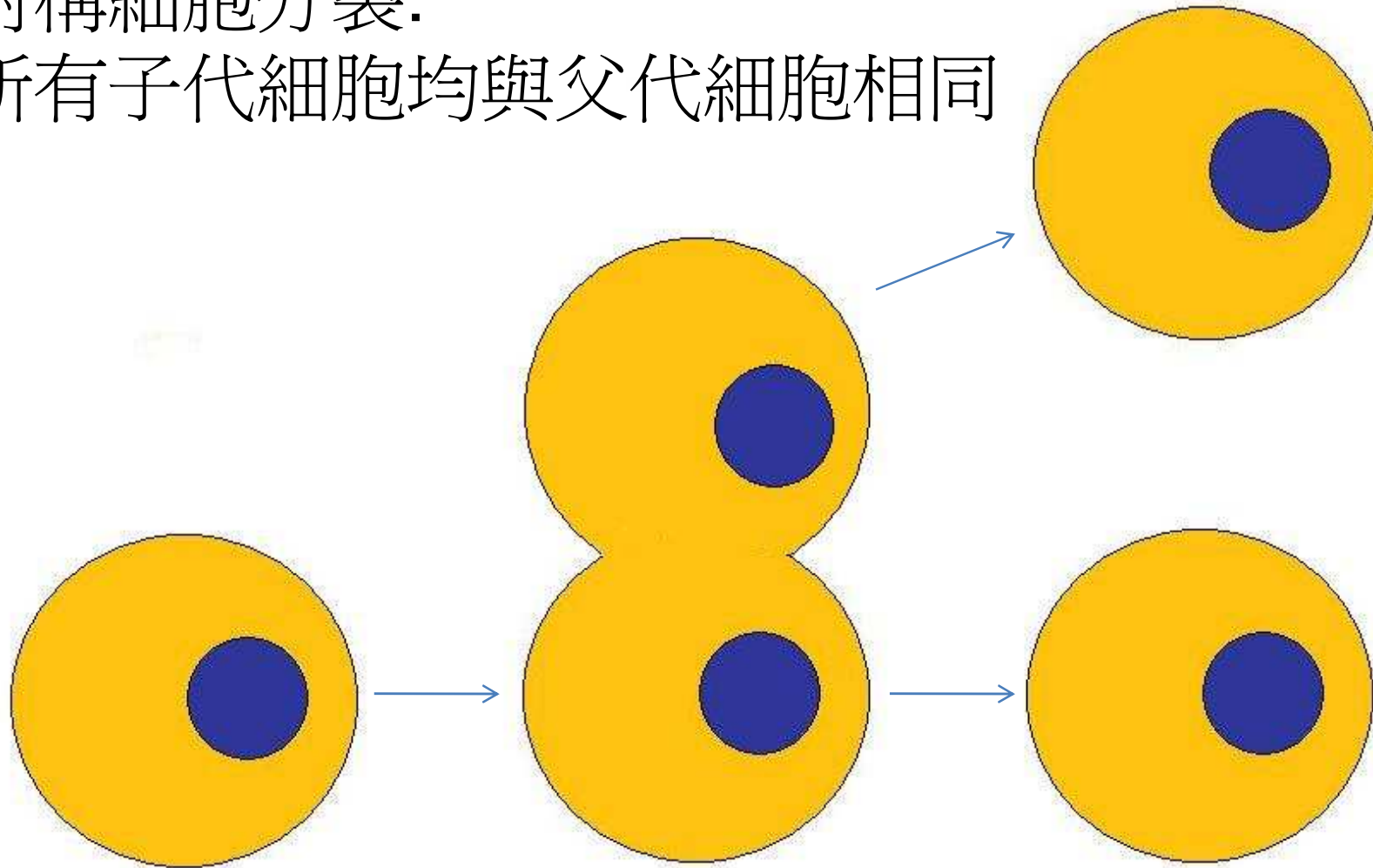
What makes stem cells unique

幹細胞特性

# Symmetric cell division

對稱細胞分裂:

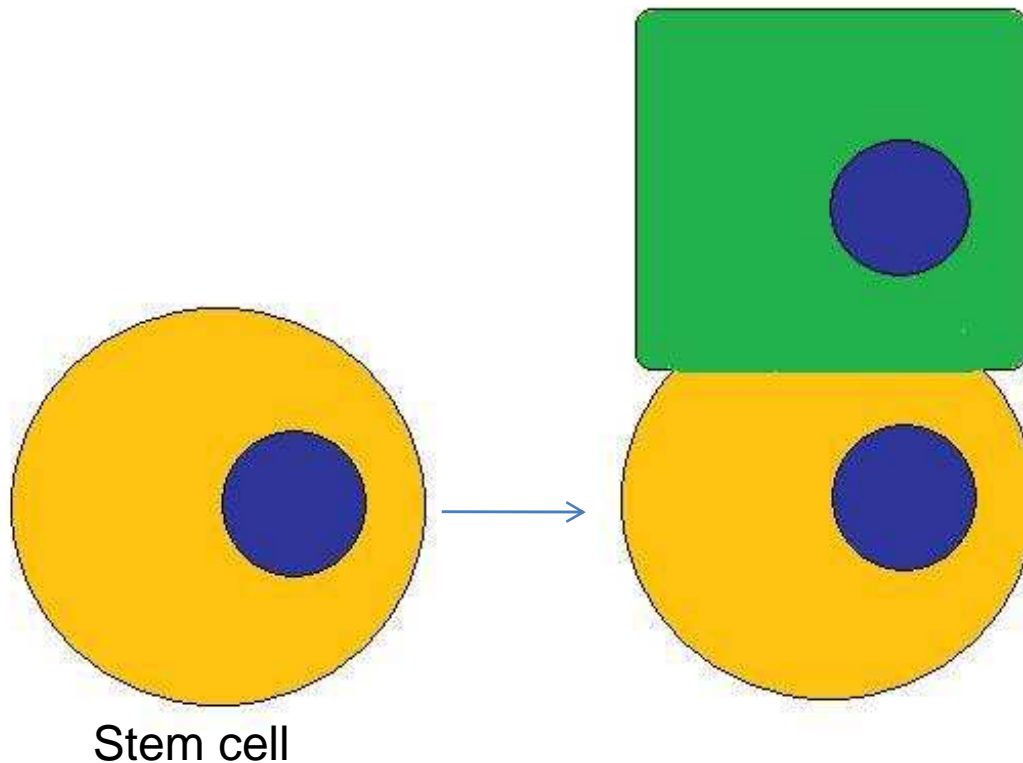
所有子代細胞均與父代細胞相同



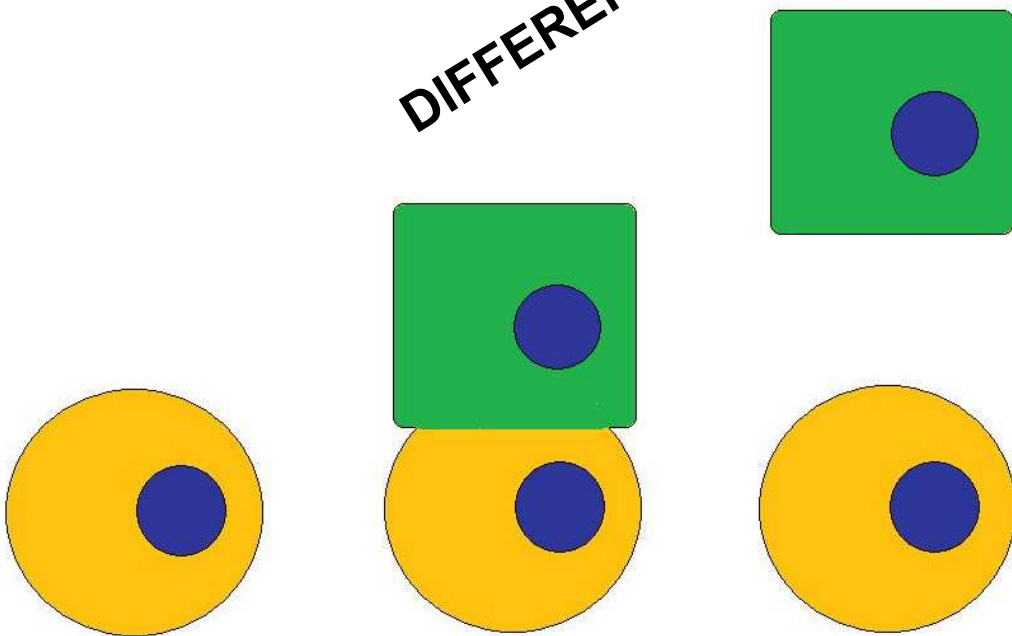
# Asymmetric cell division

## 非對稱細胞分裂

1. Self-renews (自我更新)
2. Differentiates (分化)



**DIFFERENTIATION**



**→ SELF - RENEWAL →**

# Stem Cell - Definition

- **Self-Renewal**

- It can divide without limit

- (可無限分裂); at least for the lifetime of animal

- It is not itself terminally differentiated

- (未終止分化); Not at the end of differentiation pathway

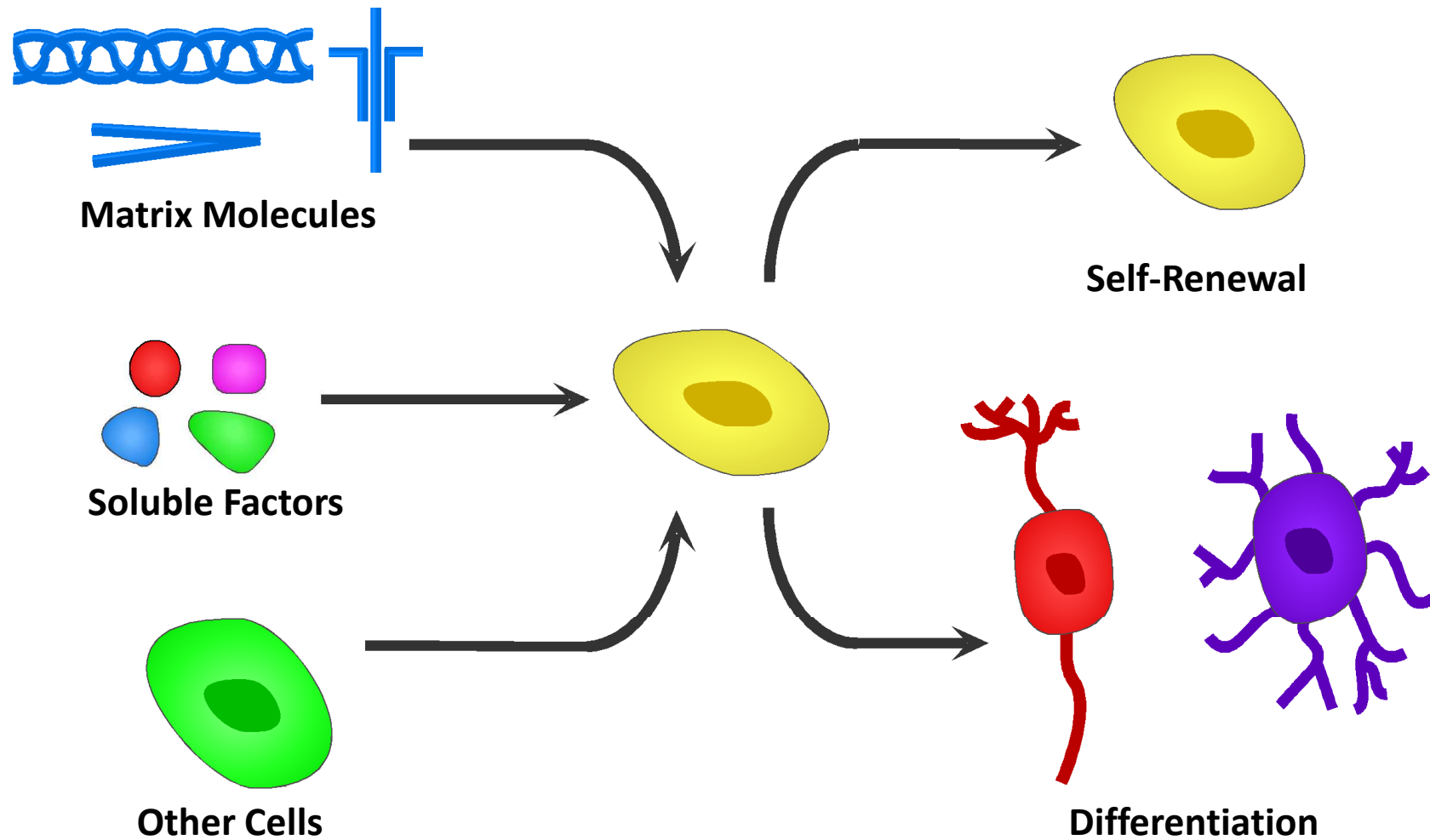
- **Potency in differentiation**

- When it divides each daughter cell has a cell fate choice

- (子代細胞擇定分化途徑); it can remain a stem cell, or it can embark on a course leading to terminal differentiation



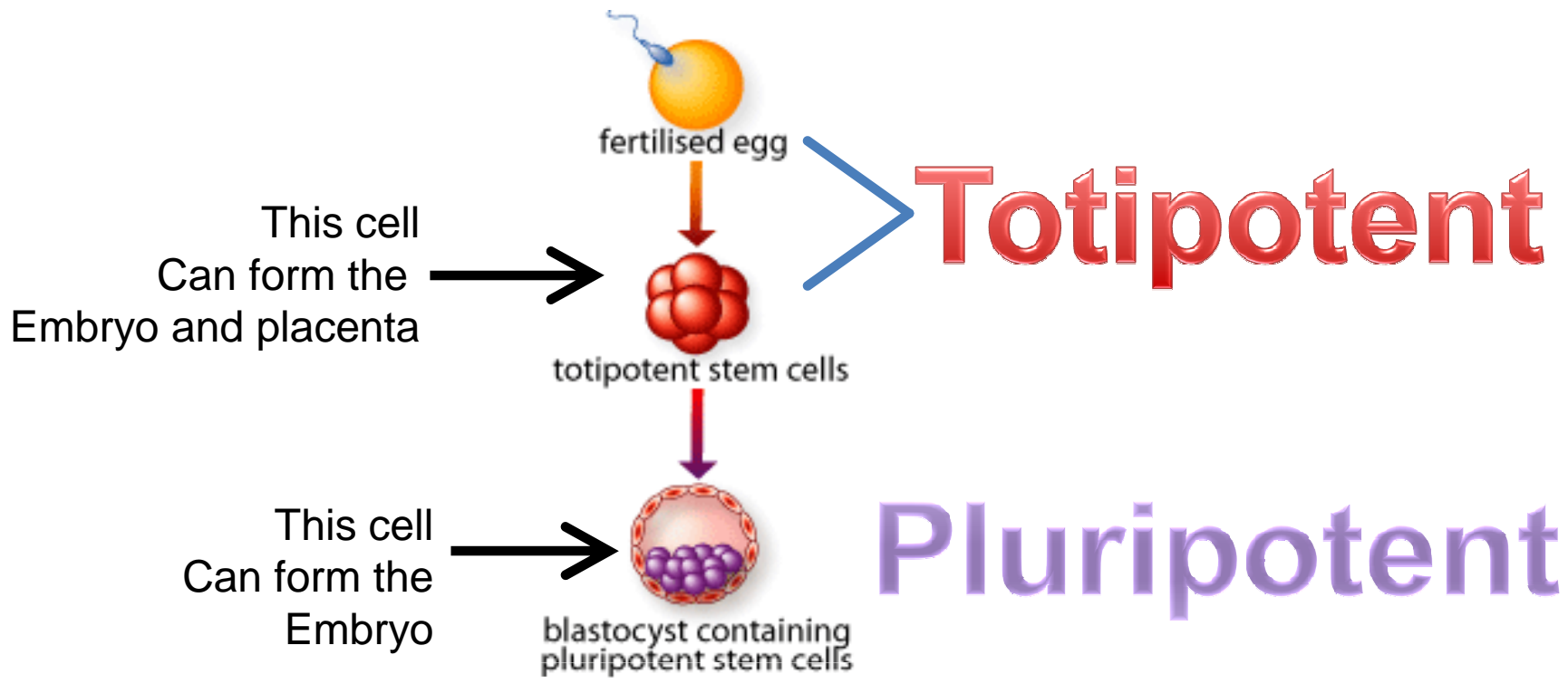
# Signals to Stem Cells



Little, et al. *Chemical Reviews* (2008).

# Different types of stem cells

## 幹細胞種類



This cell  
Can form the  
Embryo and placenta

fertilised egg

**Totipotent**

totipotent stem cells

This cell  
Can form the  
Embryo

blastocyst containing  
pluripotent stem cells

**Pluripotent**

# Key Definitions:

**Totipotent**: toti-, from Latin *totus*, means **whole**  
全能 = whole potent can form every cell type,  
including germ cells

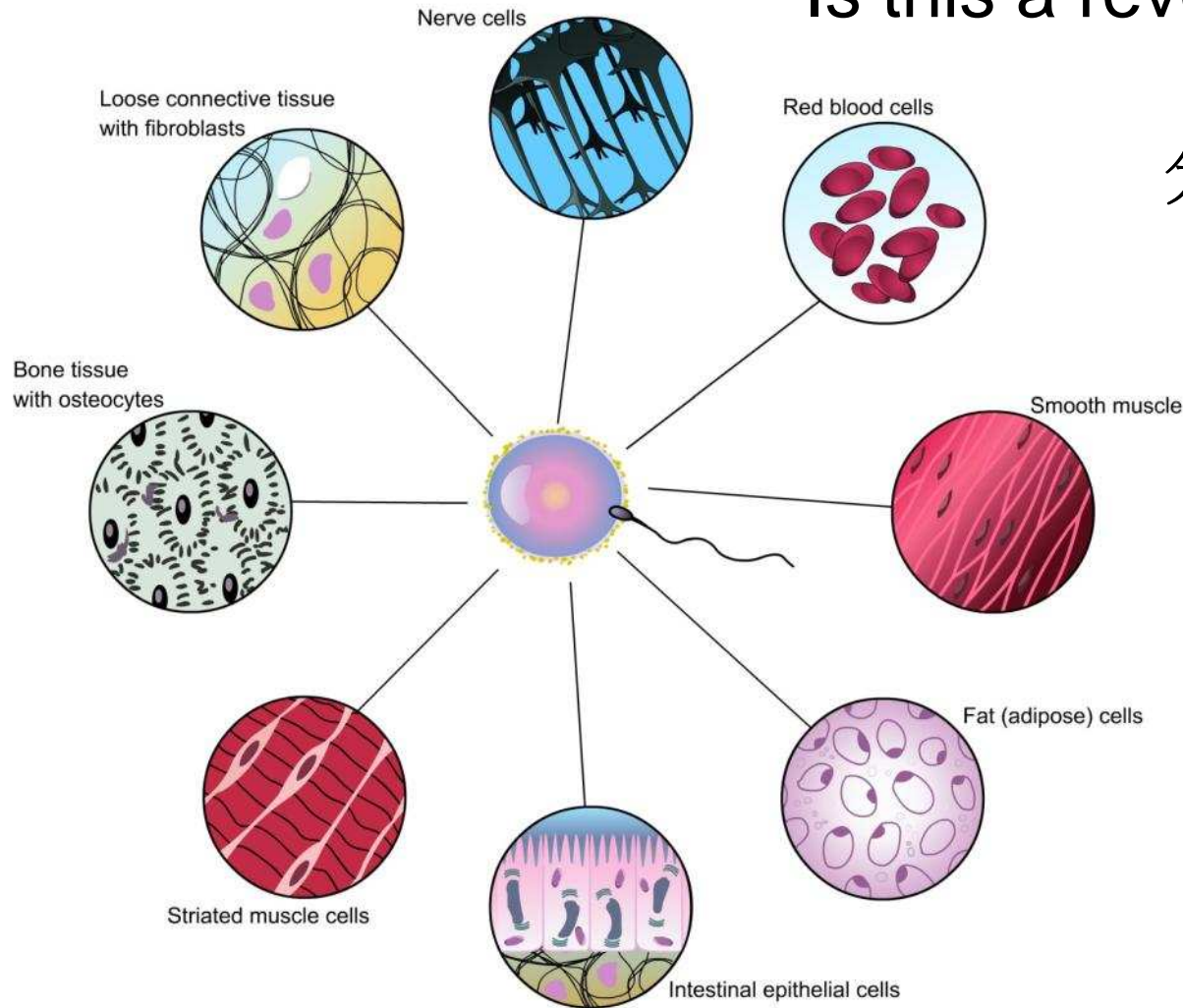
**Pluripotent**: pluri-, from Latin *plur-*, means **more,**  
多高能 **several, more than one** can form many  
different derivatives, but not germ cells

**Multipotent**: from Latin *multus-* means **much or many.**  
多能 can form a few different cell types

**toti > pluri > multi**

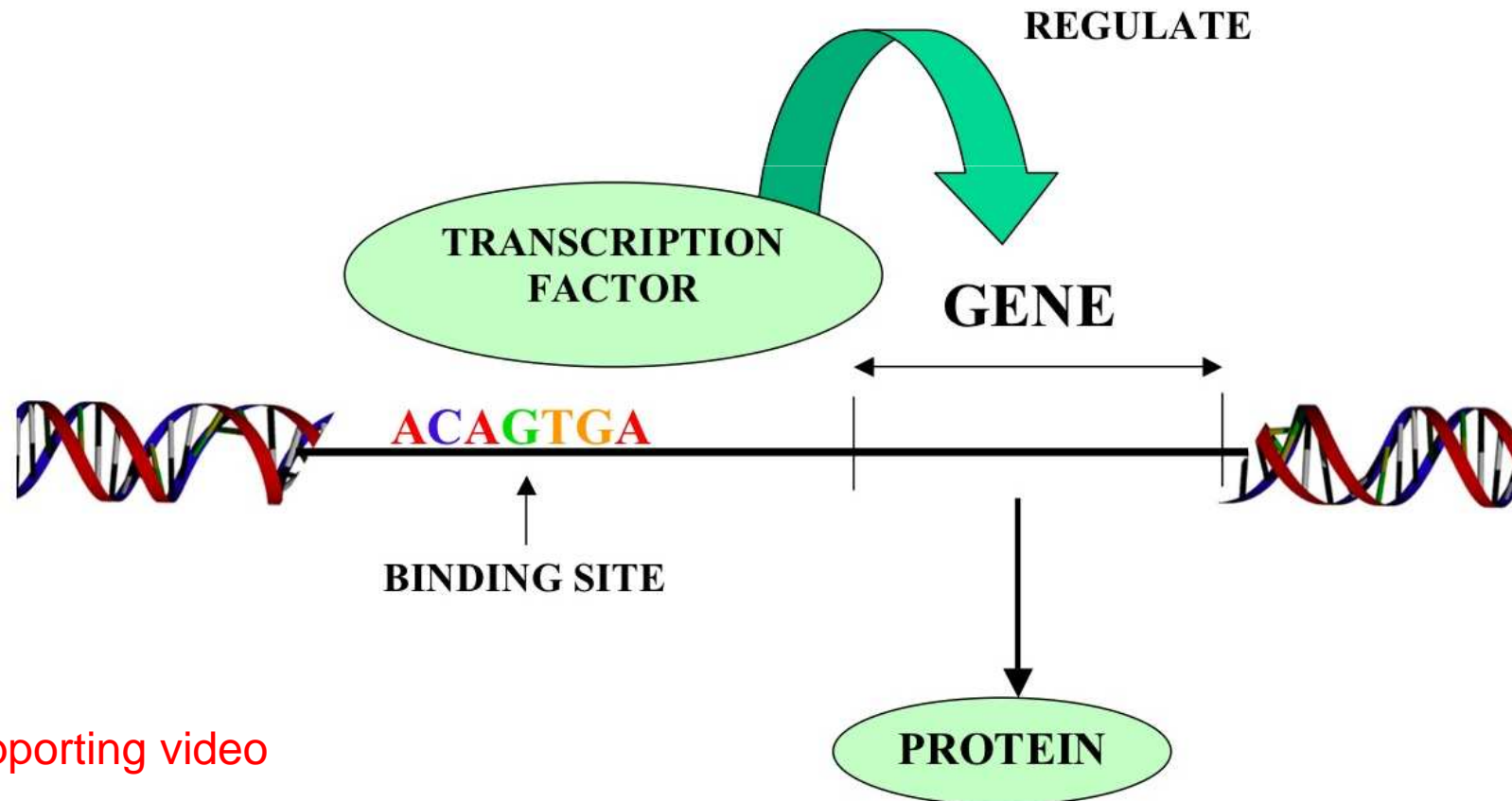
# Cell Differentiation: Is this a reversible process?

分化過程可逆嗎?



**Transcription factor** (轉錄因子) is a protein that binds to specific DNA sequences and thereby controls the transfer (or transcription) of genetic information from DNA to mRNA

Legend: A transcription factor molecule binds to the DNA at its binding site, and thereby regulates the production of a protein from a gene.



2 supporting video

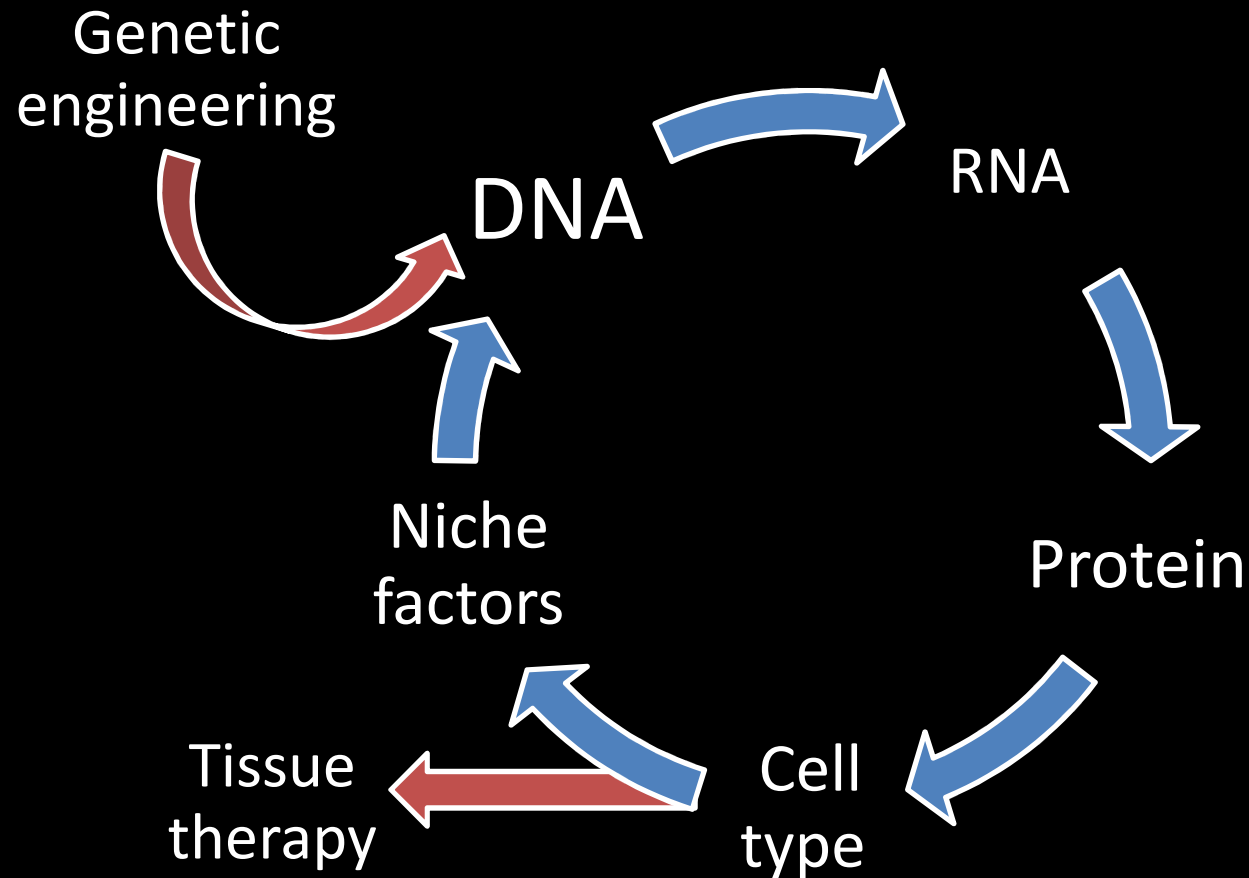


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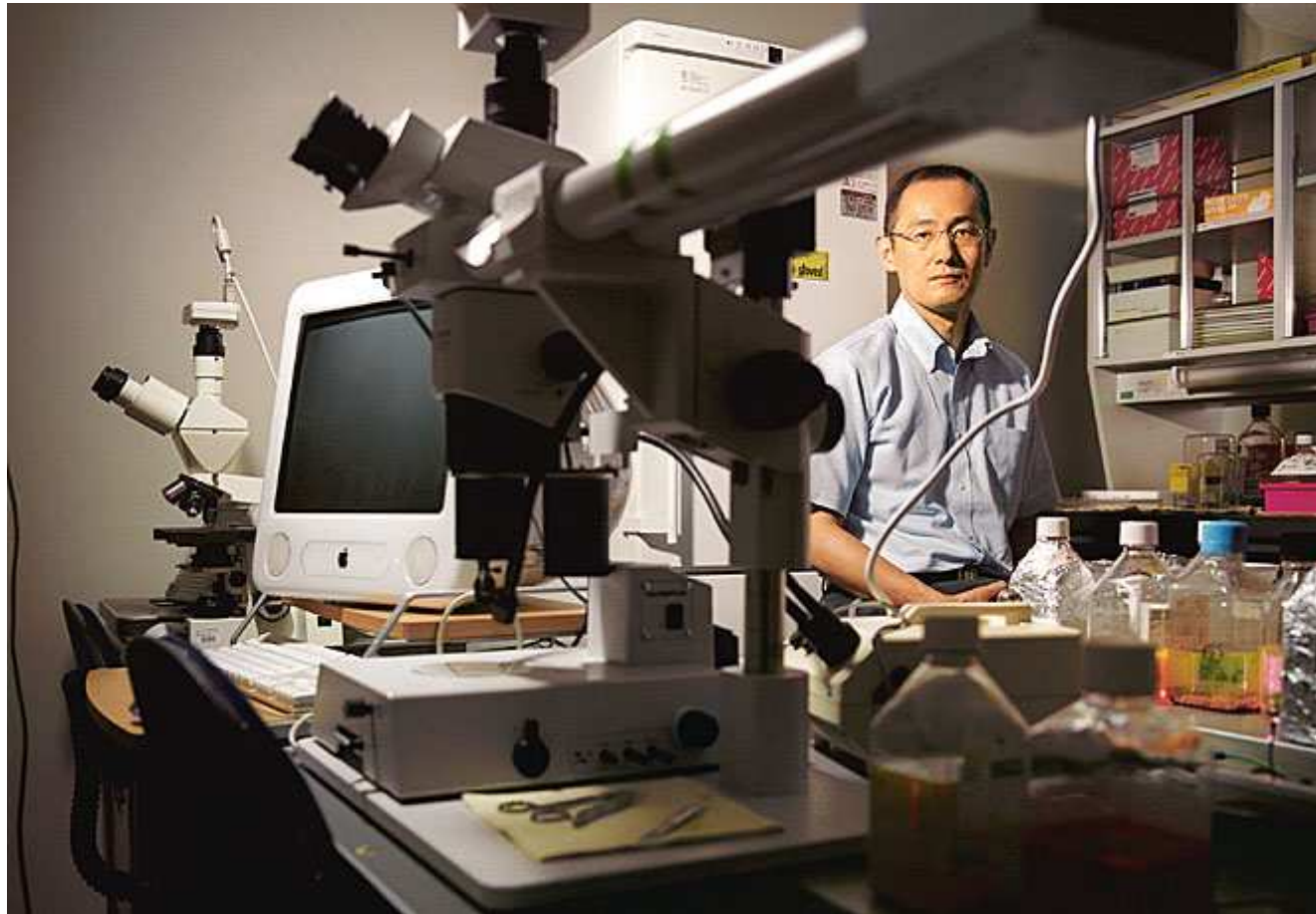
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Time Magazine : <http://www.time.com/time/>

## Stem Cells: Japan Gets Ahead of the Curve

Thursday, Jun. 14, 2007 By BRYAN WALSH



LEADING LIGHT: Yamanaka, a former orthopedic surgeon, knows how to knit research together with practical applications

# A breakthrough research!

Cell

## Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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### SUMMARY

Differentiated cells can be reprogrammed to an embryonic-like state by transfer of nuclear contents into oocytes or by fusion with embryonic stem (ES) cells. Little is known about factors that induce this reprogramming. Here, we demonstrate induction of pluripotent stem cells from mouse embryonic or adult fibroblasts by introducing four factors, Oct3/4, Sox2, c-Myc, and Klf4, under ES cell culture conditions. Unexpectedly, Nanog was dispensable. These cells, which we designated iPS (induced pluripotent stem) cells, exhibit the morphology and growth properties of ES cells and express ES cell marker genes. Subcutaneous transplantation of iPS cells into nude mice resulted in tumors containing a variety of tissues from all three germ layers. Following injection into blastocysts, iPS cells contributed to mouse embryonic development. These data demonstrate that pluripotent stem cells can be directly generated from fibroblast cultures by the addition of only a few defined factors.

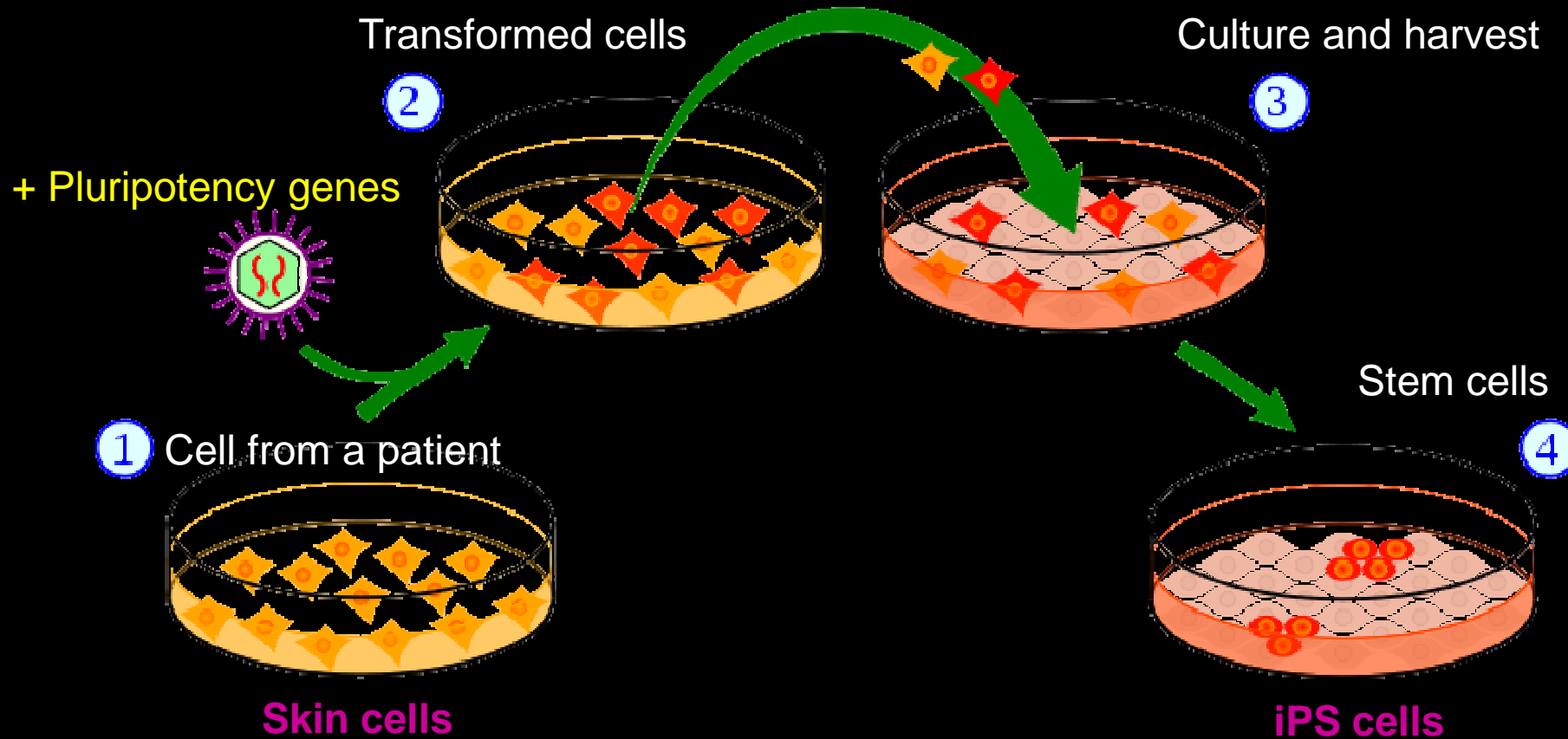
or by fusion with ES cells (Cowan et al., 2005; Tada et al., 2001), indicating that unfertilized eggs and ES cells contain factors that can confer totipotency or pluripotency to somatic cells. We hypothesized that the factors that play important roles in the maintenance of ES cell identity also play pivotal roles in the induction of pluripotency in somatic cells.

Several transcription factors, including Oct3/4 (Nichols et al., 1998; Niwa et al., 2000), Sox2 (Avilion et al., 2003), and Nanog (Chambers et al., 2003; Mitsui et al., 2003), function in the maintenance of pluripotency in both early embryos and ES cells. Several genes that are frequently upregulated in tumors, such as *Stat3* (Matsuda et al., 1999; Niwa et al., 1998), *E-Ras* (Takahashi et al., 2003), *c-myc* (Cartwright et al., 2005), *Klf4* (Li et al., 2005), and  $\beta$ -*catenin* (Kielman et al., 2002; Sato et al., 2004), have been shown to contribute to the long-term maintenance of the ES cell phenotype and the rapid proliferation of ES cells in culture. In addition, we have identified several other genes that are specifically expressed in ES cells (Maruyama et al., 2005; Mitsui et al., 2003).

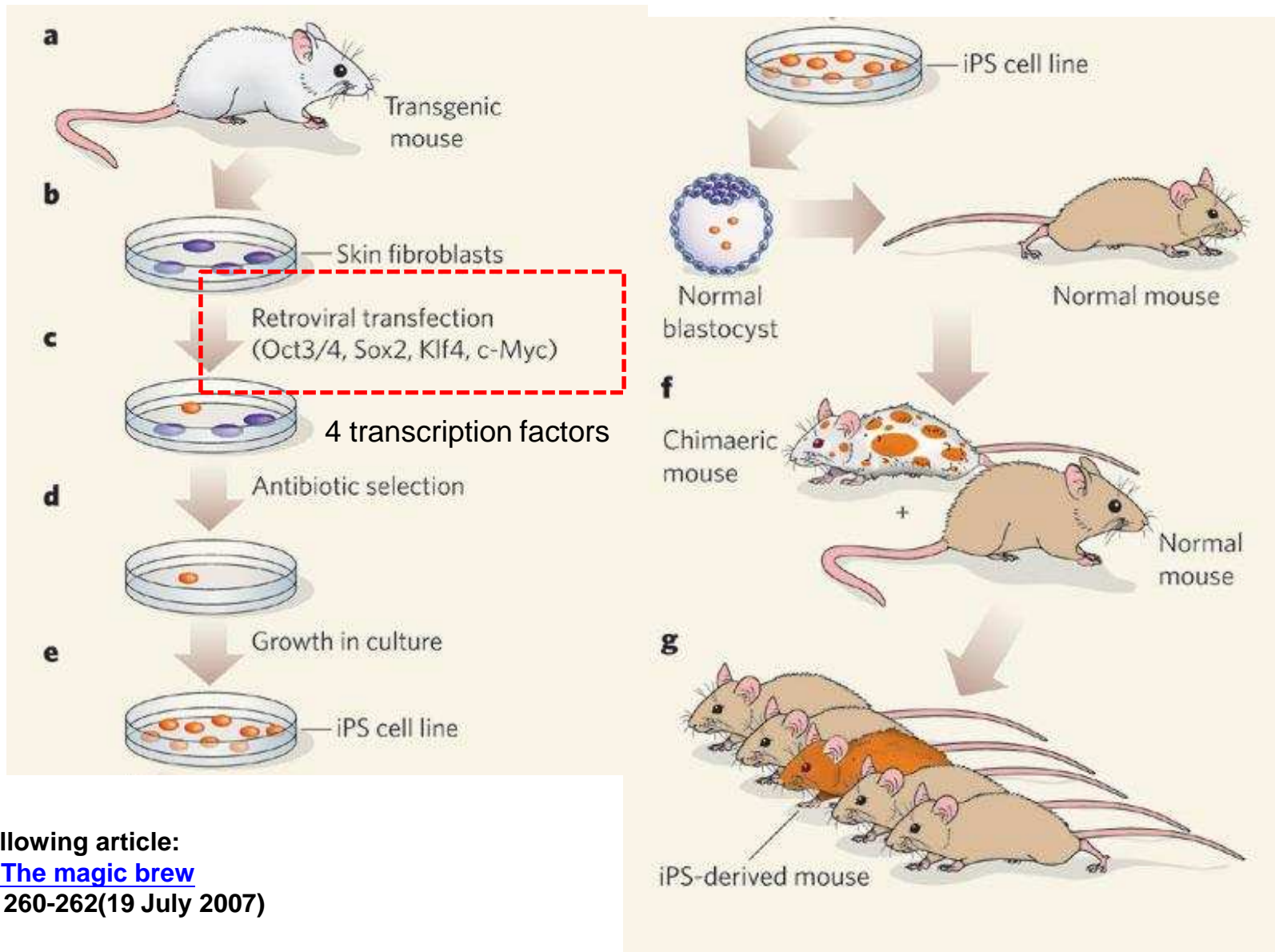
In this study, we examined whether these factors could induce pluripotency in somatic cells. By combining four selected factors, we were able to generate pluripotent cells, which we call induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells, directly from mouse embryonic or adult fibroblast cultures.

# Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) Cells

Genetically engineering new stem cells



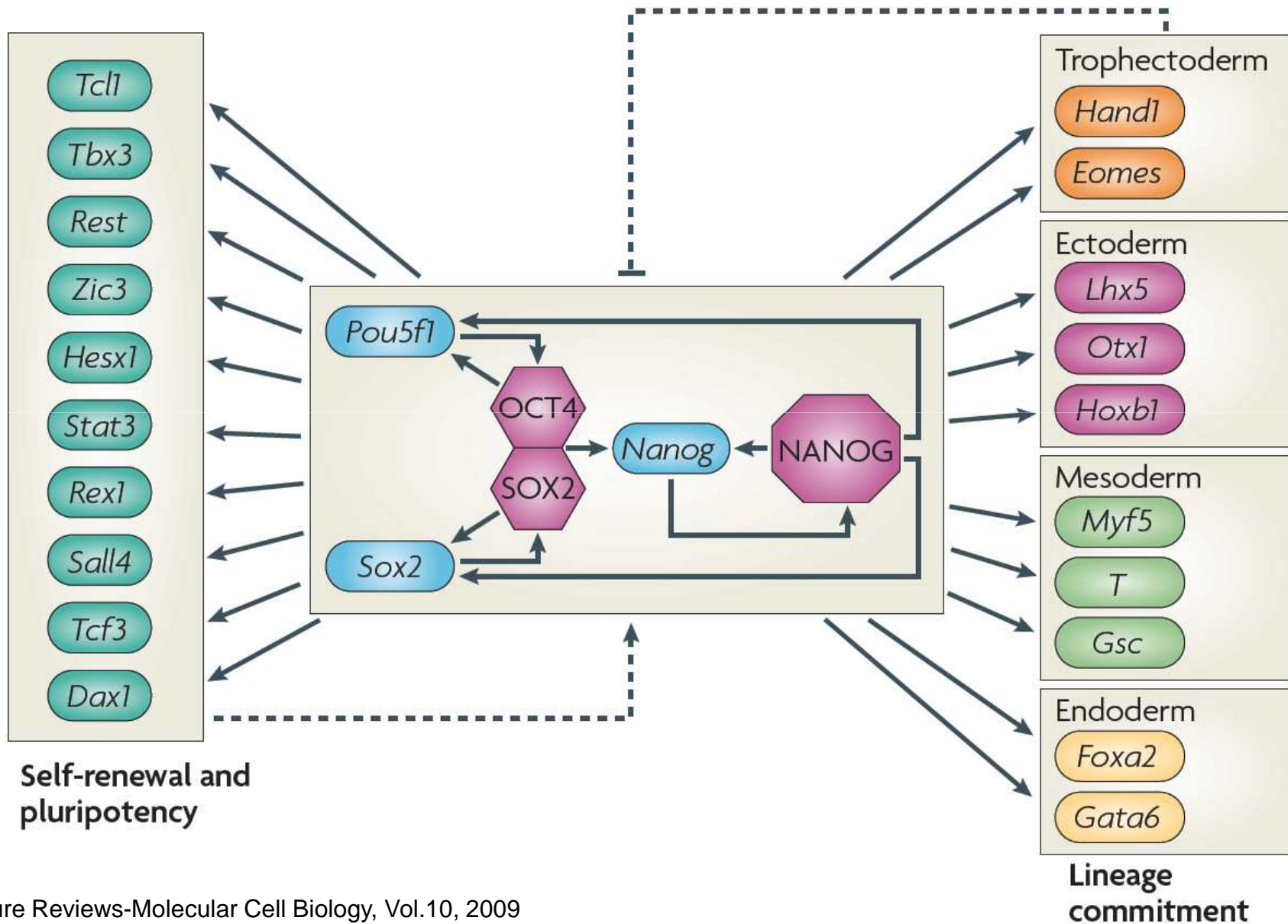
# Turning adult skin fibroblasts into embryonic stem cells



From the following article:  
[Stem cells: The magic brew](#)  
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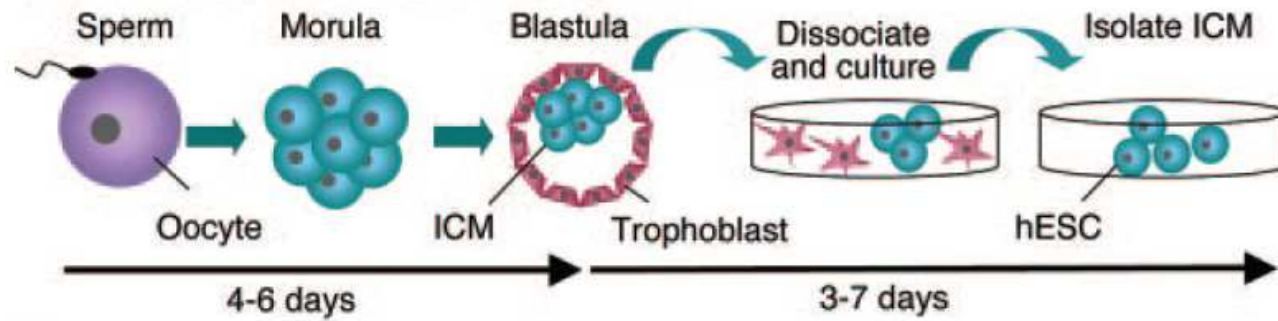


## Box 1 | The core embryonic stem cell transcriptional circuit

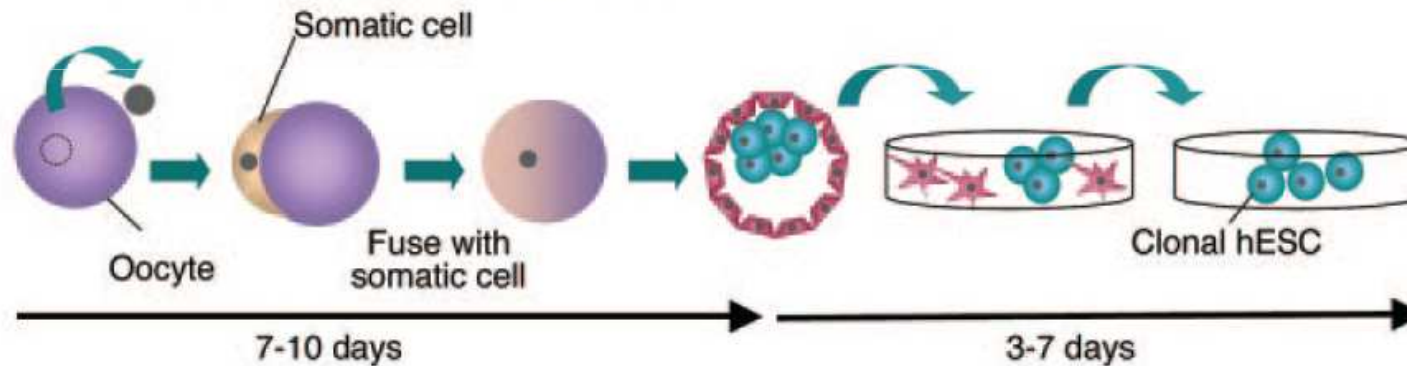


# Comparison of different methods to derive pluripotent stem cells

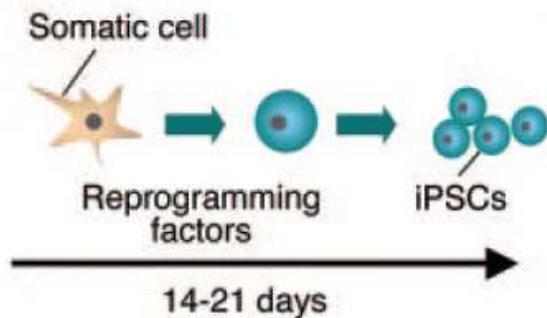
## A ESCs from IVF embryos



## B ESCs from nuclear transfer



## C iPSCs from direct reprogramming





# Pros and Cons to iPS cell technology

- Pros:
  - Cells would be **genetically identical** to patient or donor of skin cells (no immune rejection!)
  - **Do not need to use an embryo**
- Cons:
  - Cells would still have **genetic defects**
  - One of the pluripotency genes is a **cancer gene**
  - **Viruses** might insert genes in places we don't want them (causing mutations)

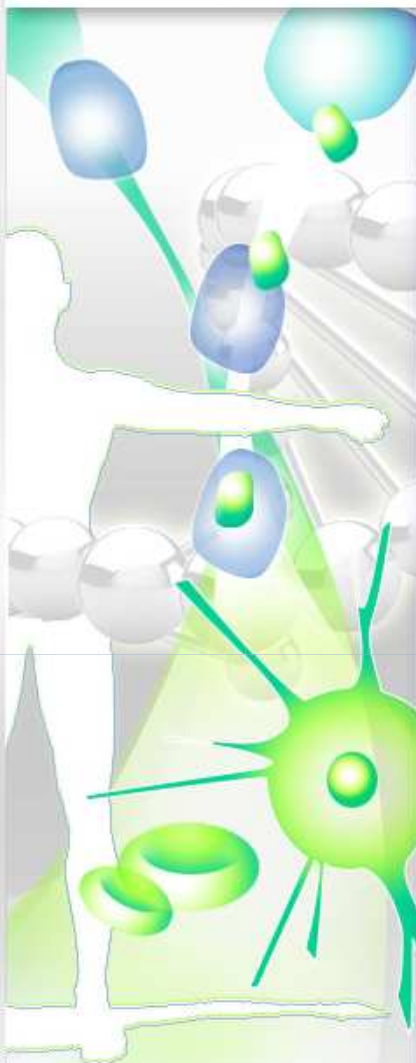
# Tedious Approach

- Yamanaka first selected 24 transcription factors from literature research (~1500 TFs in human)
- His student Takahashi then tried various possible combinations
  - One TF: 24 choices
  - Two TFs: 552 combinations
  - Three TFs: 12,144 combinations
  - Four TFs: 255,024 combinations



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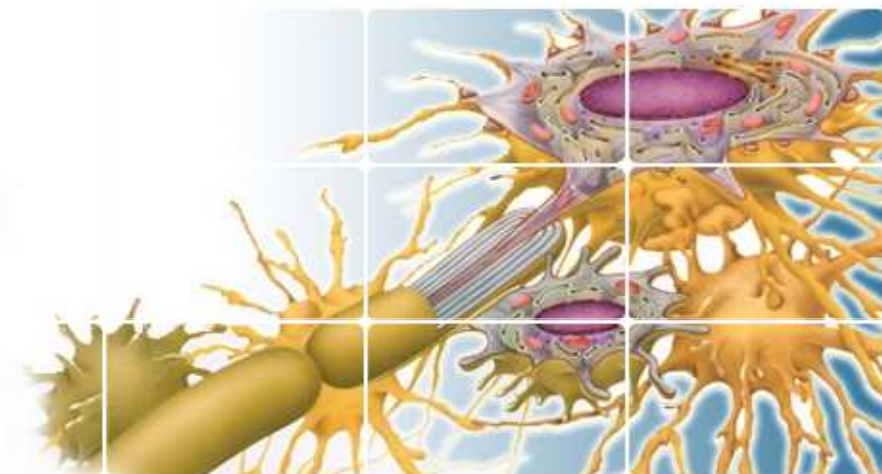
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# Sources of Stem Cells

<b>Stem cell type</b>	<b>Description</b>
Embryonic 胚胎	Cells from human blastocysts
Fetal stem cells 胎兒	Cells from gonads of aborted fetuses
Umbilical cord blood stem cells 臍帶	Cells from the umbilical cord blood of newborns
Placenta derived stem cells 胎盤	Cells from the placenta of newborns
Adult stem cells 成人	Cells from adult tissues, such as bone marrow
Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) 誘導式多能性幹細胞	Adult cells that have been genetically reprogrammed to an embryonic stem cell-like state

# Stem cell therapy and technology

## 幹細胞療法與技術

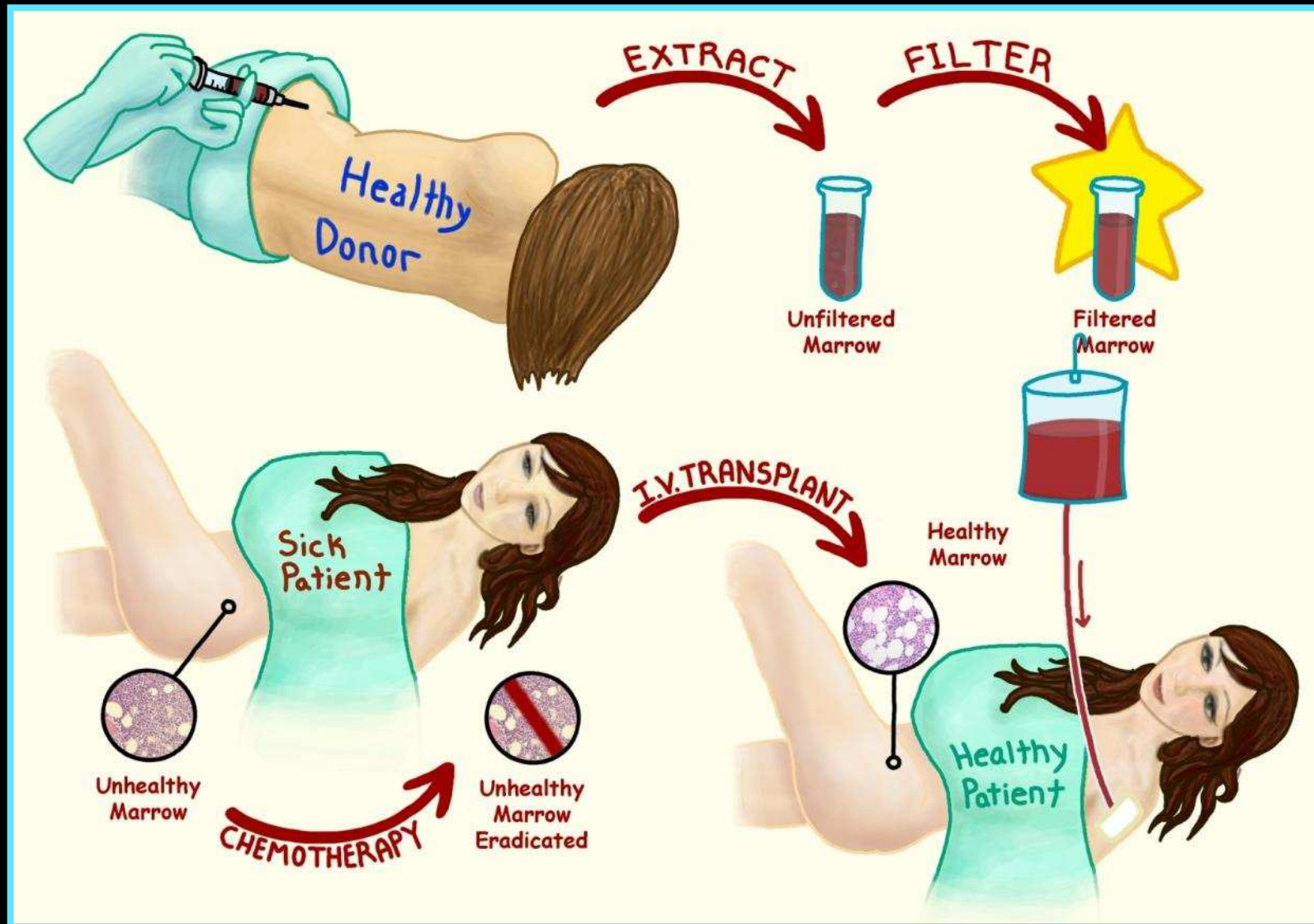
How to collect  
bone marrow and cord blood

如何收集骨髓與臍帶血？

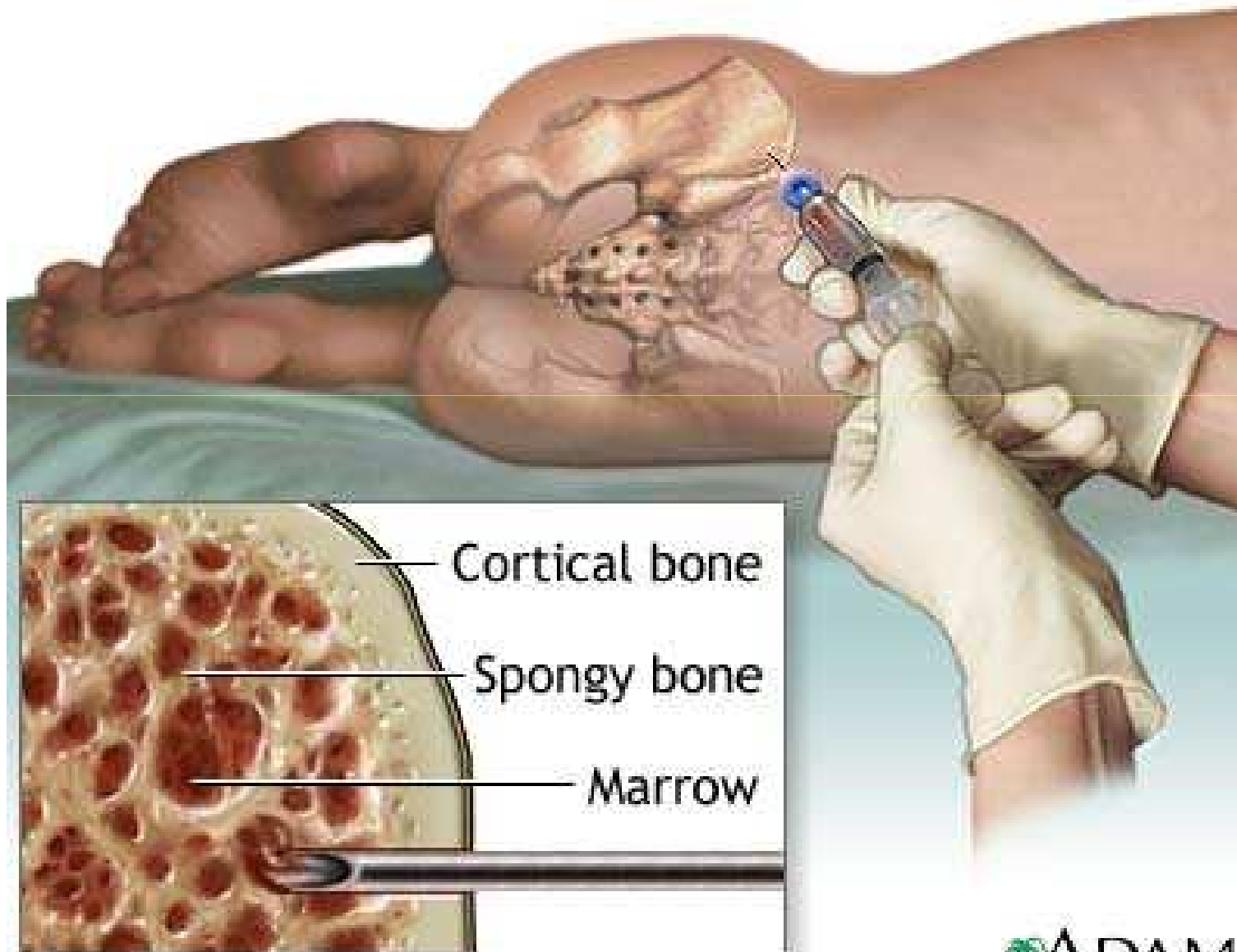


# Bone marrow transplant:

Example of adult stem cell-based therapy



# Adult Stem Cell: Bone Marrow Extraction



# Bone marrow aspiration needles



約鉛筆心粗細

Maslak, P. ASH Image Bank 2002;2002:100529

# Bone marrow extraction – a bedside view





# The amount of bone marrow harvested

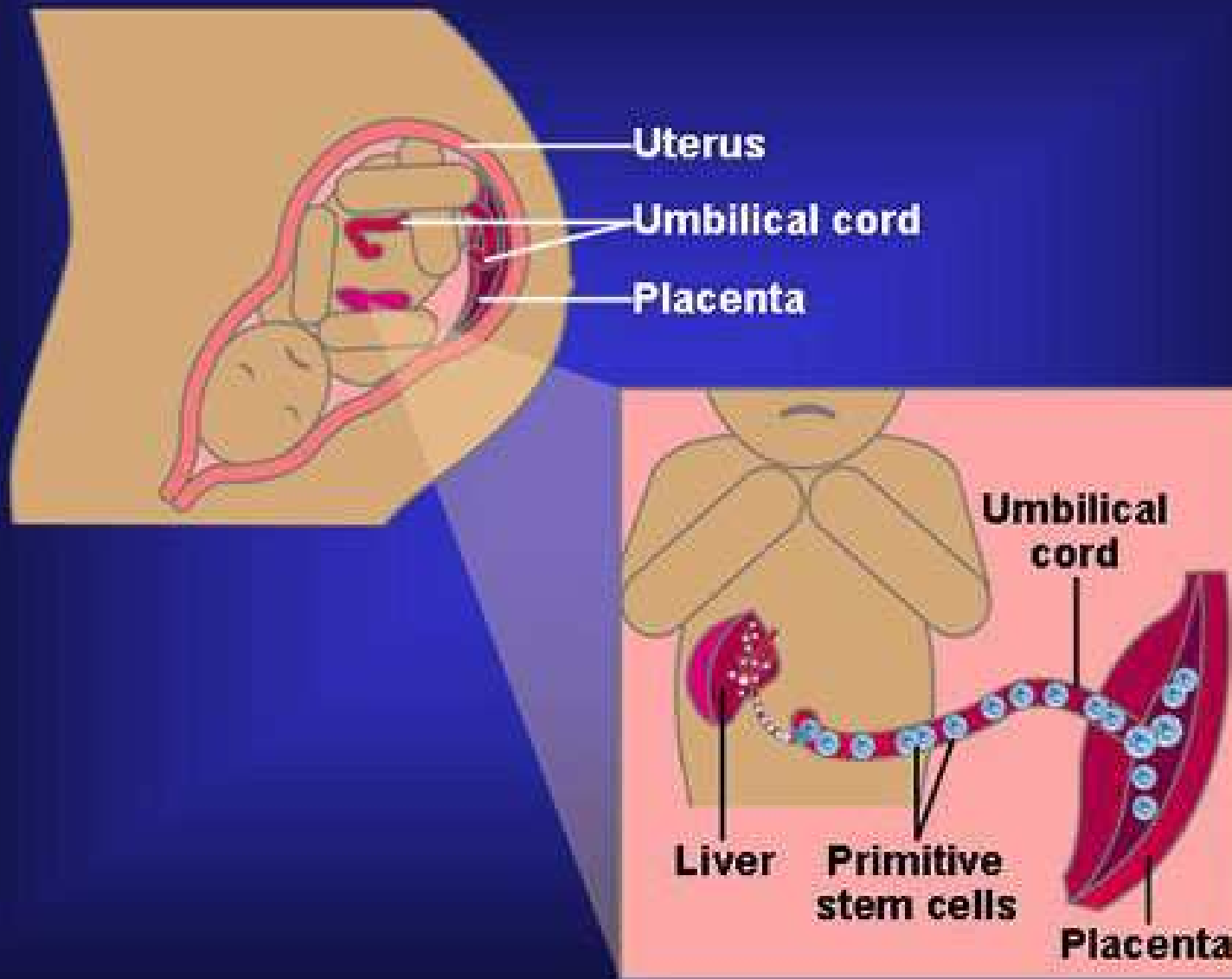


- It depends on the size of the patient and the concentration of bone marrow cells in the donor's blood.
- Usually **10 to 15 cc of bone marrow/kg of recipient weight** of marrow and blood are harvested, which represents about **2% of a person's bone marrow**, which the body replaces in four weeks.

Alternative choice other than  
Bone Marrow

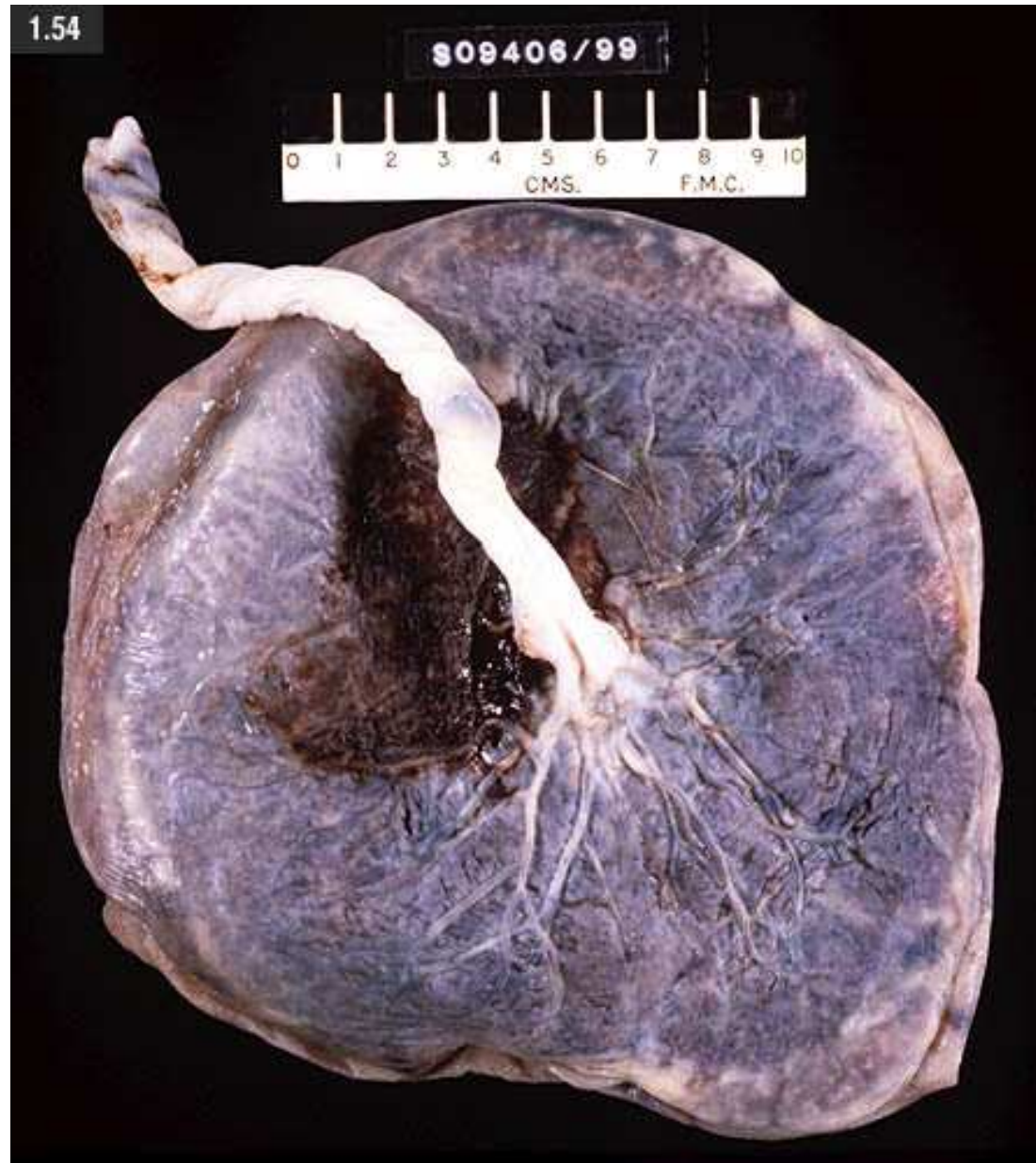
骨髓替代物

# Cord Blood as a Source of Stem Cells





# Human Placenta and Umbilical Cord



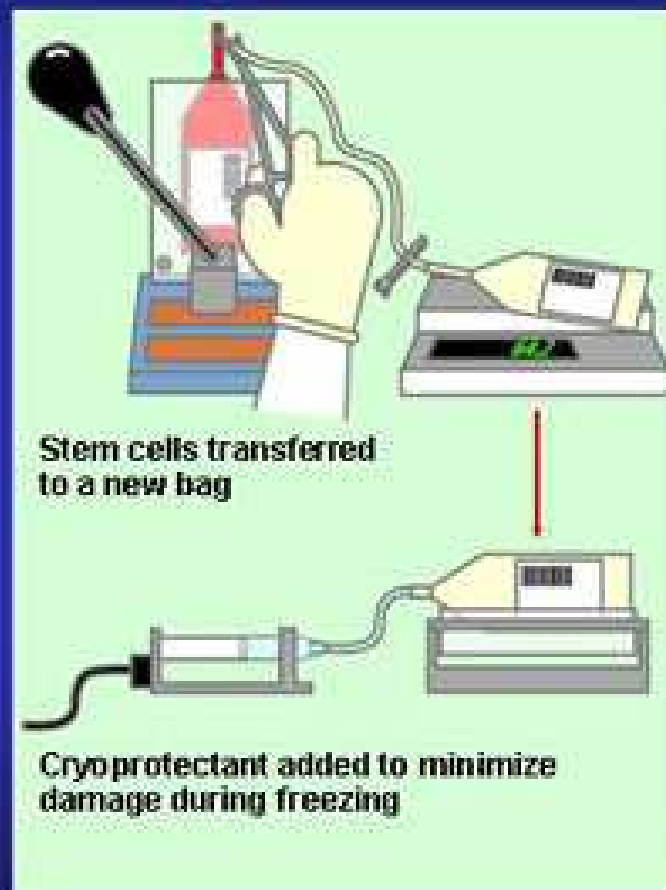
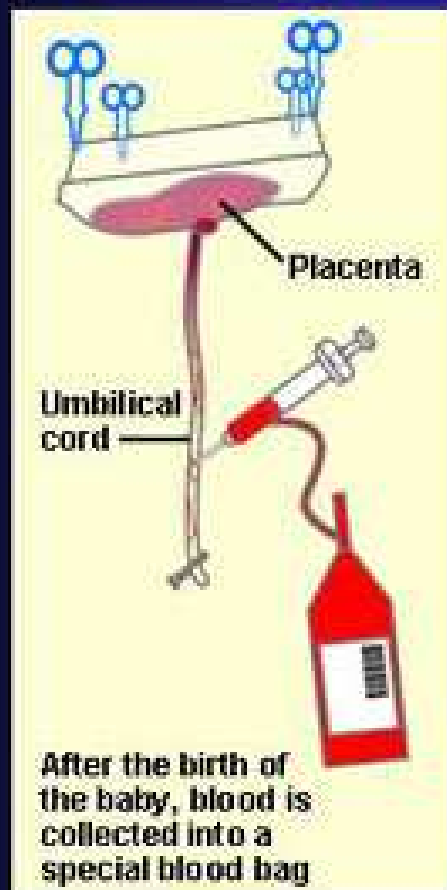


Collecting Cord Blood



After or before  
placenta detach from Uterine

# Placental and Cord-Blood Stem Cell Transplants



你要保存臍帶血嗎？

# Cost-Benefit Analysis

# 臍帶血保存費用

- 一次付清

- 以目前台灣臍帶血銀行一般的價格，保存20~25年，約需要**6~8萬元**。

- 年繳方式

- 如果採用年繳方式，除了一開始採集與分離技術的費用外，每年需付保存費**5000元**，**20年**累計下來，至少需要**10萬元**。

# XX臍帶血銀行 Pricing information

## 專案價格標準 ···

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### ◎ 專案一、「兩地存捐」方案

適合注重對品質要求及風險分散觀念的完美主義者。

方案	繳費方式	定價
兩地存捐	預繳20年全額費用	NT\$140,500 (特惠價實施中，歡迎來電洽詢)

### ◎ 專案二、「單地儲存」方案

適合100%為家人付出，將寶寶臍帶血預留給家人使用的家庭守護者。

方案	繳費方式	定價
單地儲存	預繳20年全額費用	NT\$73,000

### ◎ 專案三、「單地抗凍袋儲存」方案

家族短期內有臍帶血移植需求者。

方案	繳費方式	定價
單地抗凍袋儲存	預繳20年全額費用	(特惠價實施中，歡迎來電洽詢)



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Falling	1 in 218
Firearm assault	1 in 314
Pedestrian accident	1 in 626
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## Causes of Death

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← **1 in 20,000 for Autologous transplant**

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## What are the odds?

**1 in 2,700 for Pre-arranged usage**

**1 in 20,000 for Autologous transplant**

# 要花錢保存臍帶血嗎？

保存臍帶血是[花錢買希望、花錢買保險]，畢竟並非每個人都需要做這項投資，如果家庭經濟寬裕，當然可以為寶寶保存臍帶血，也算是一種投資。

到目前為止，許多被宣稱的幹細胞的功用，都還沒有大規模的臨床應用，但科技進步得很快，以後的發展難以預料，但應有合理的期待，才不至於失望。

## 公益的臍帶血庫 vs 私人的臍帶血銀行

- 公益臍帶血庫的目的是提供需要骨髓移植的病人更多搜尋和配對的機會，藉以彌補骨髓資料庫配對不易的困擾。
- 私人的臍帶血銀行則是以自費保存臍帶血，是爲了小孩子和家人儲存，除非自己同意否則他人不得使用，不用擔心被別人用掉。

# Stem cell Therapy

可以用幹細胞療法治療的疾病

# Experimental model system

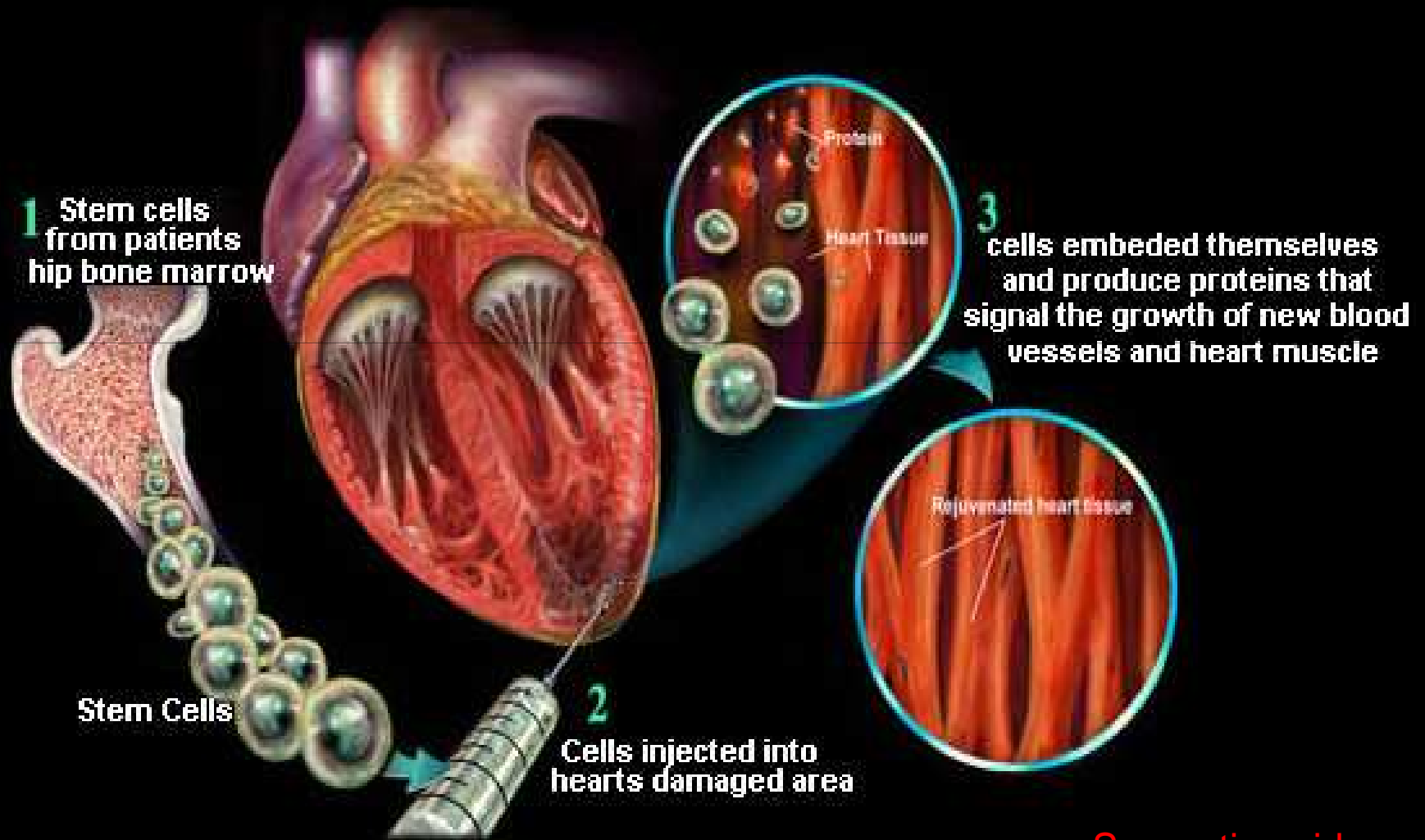
Heart muscle cells beating in a petri dish!



Videos by The Exploratorium



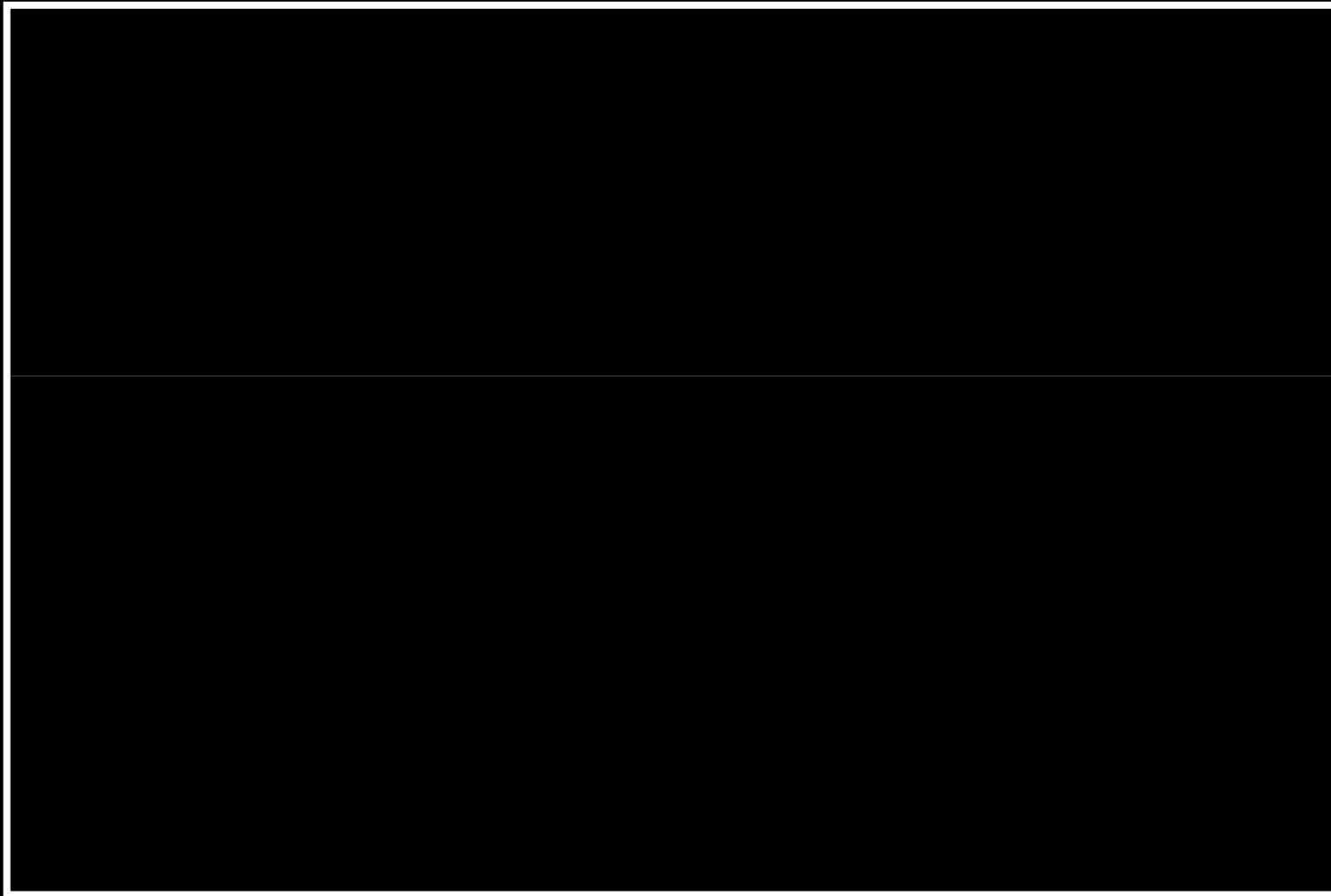
# Treating cardiovascular diseases



Supporting video

# Spinal cord injury:

Example of embryonic stem cell-based therapy



Geron video: <http://www.geron.com/grnopc1clearance/>

# Why do researchers want to use embryonic stem cells along with other technologies?

- Pluripotent
  - Expanded developmental potential allows them to be used in ways that adult stem cells cannot
- Can proliferate indefinitely in culture
- Easier to obtain than adult stem cells

# Science is discovering the unknown

- Stem cell field is still in its infancy
- Human embryonic stem cell research is a decade old, adult stem cell research has 30-year head start
- Holds hope for curing or improving treatments for 70+ diseases

How can you help to shape the direction of this field?

Discussion

Or Quiz?

# Discussion Topics

- Health insurance issue
- Ethics on stem cell therapy
- Bone marrow/cord blood donor
- Research funding support

# 健保財務收支

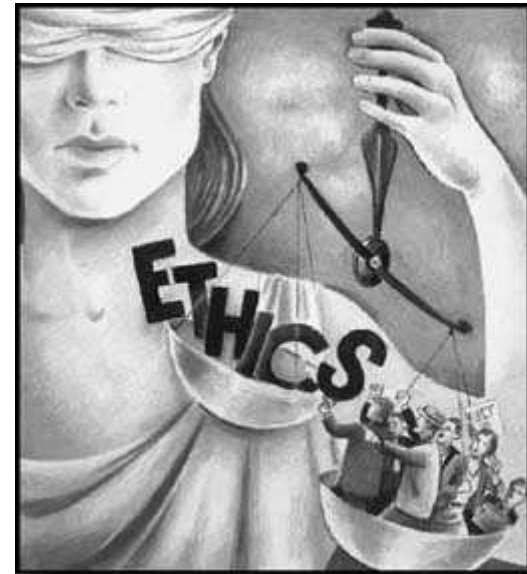
資料來源：健保局





# What is “ethics”?

- **Ethics:** “the **rules of conduct** recognized in respect to a **particular class of human actions** or a particular group, culture”

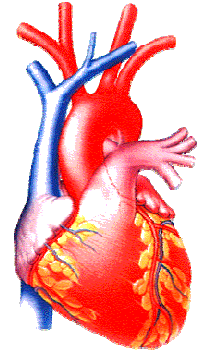


# What is “Bioethics”?

- **Bioethics:** “a field of study concerned with the **ethics** and **philosophical implications** of certain **biological** and **medical procedures, technologies, and treatments**, such as organ transplants, genetic engineering, and care of the terminally ill”



# A classic bioethical decision



- One heart available → who should get it?

17-year old girl



40-year-old school  
principal



70-year-old woman



# What diseases do we do stem cell research on first?

## Muscular dystrophy

likely to die by age 20



VS.



## Spinal cord injuries

paralyzed, but likely to live longer

# What diseases do we do stem cell research on first?

- *Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee (ICOC)* includes:
  - Spinal cord injuries                      about 35,000 cases in CA
  - Alzheimer's disease                      about 470,000 cases in CA
  - Type II (adult) diabetes                      10% of adults (20 and up) have it
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Type I (juvenile) diabetes                      1 in every 400-600 children/adolescents
  - Heart disease
  - Cancer
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Mental illness
  - HIV/AIDS

# Common concerns in funding decisions

- Number of people with the disease.
- The groups that suffer from the disease.
- Severity of the disease.
- Disease mortality.
- Average age at death.
- Already available therapies or treatments.