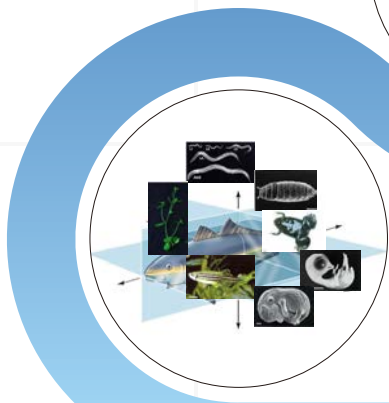
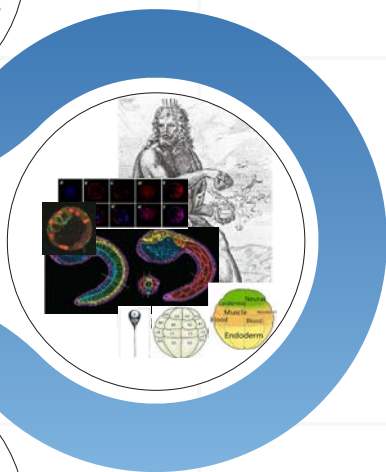
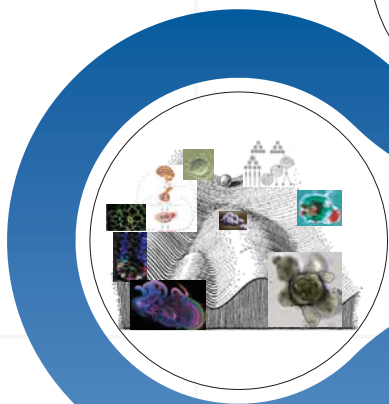
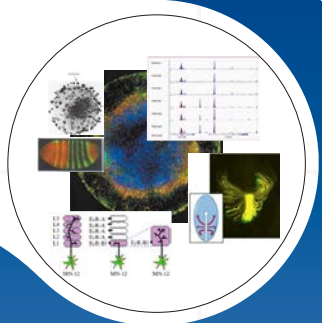


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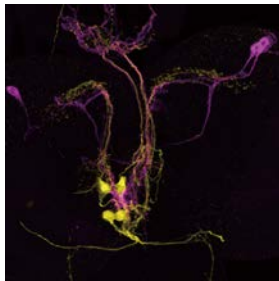
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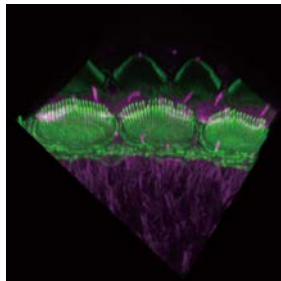


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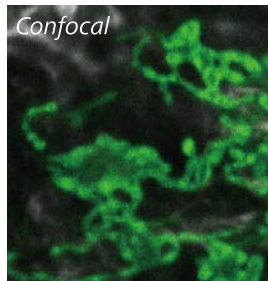
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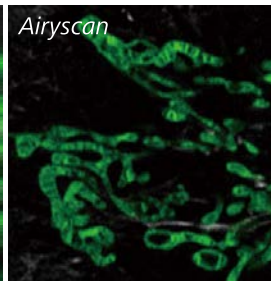
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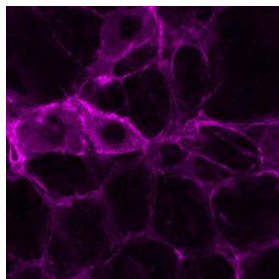


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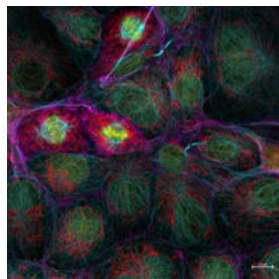


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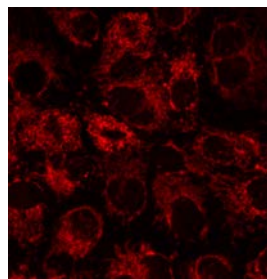
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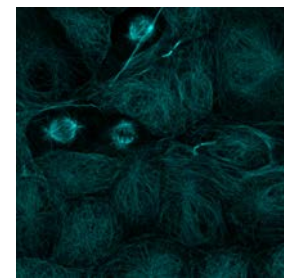
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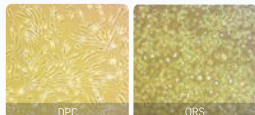
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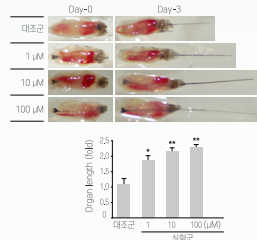
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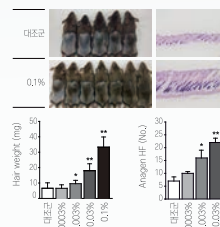


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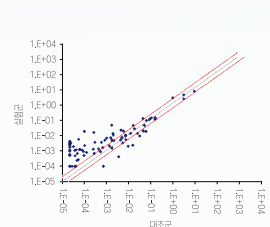
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- 각종 국문/영문 계약서 작성 및 리뷰



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- IP 팀 보유가 어려운 기업의 관리 및 자문 업무

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2022년도 제41회 정기학술대회를 아름다운 도심 경치를 배경으로 한 중앙대학교에서 8월 19일과 20일(금/토) 양일간 개최합니다. 지난 3년간 COVID-19 대유행으로 국내 · 외적으로 어려운 상황을 겪고 있습니다. 다행히, 우리나라는 세계적으로 COVID-19 문제를 잘 극복하고 있는 환경을 조성하였다고 생각합니다. 이에 이번 학회를 대면으로 개최하게 되었습니다.

발생생물학은 생명과학에서 가장 근간이 되는 학문입니다. 따라서 지속적인 연구자의 수적 증가 및 연구내용의 확장과 교류가 절실합니다.

제41회 정기학술대회는 2022년을 맞아 코로나 대유행을 이겨내고, 새로운 기운을 모아 더욱 발전하자는 의미로 “2022 Post COVID-19, the Organ to Single Cell”을 주제로 하였습니다. 이를 통해 발생생물학의 발전을 염원하고, 우리 학회가 세계적으로 약진하는 소망을 함께 하고자 합니다.

이번 학술대회에서는 각 분과에서 훌륭한 업적을 이루고 계신 기초 강연 연사분들과 최근 학문 성과가 우수한 연구자분들의 강의와 학문 후속세대(젊은/신진과학자)의 학술발표를 통해 우리 분야의 발전을 예견해 볼 수 있는 시간을 마련하고자 합니다.

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8월 19일 (금) 오후 13:00~18:00			좌장
13:00 - 13:30	등록		
13:30 - 13:40	개회식 (회장 환영 인사, 중앙대학교 총장 축사)		(사회) 학술위원장
13:40 - 14:20	기조강연 I	발생공학과 미니돼지모델의 현황 및 미래 김선옥 센터장(생명공학연구원 미래형동물자원센터)	최영석 교수
14:20 - 15:00	기조강연 II	The present and future of environmental DNA 곽인실 교수(전남대학교)	김길중 교수
15:00 - 15:10	Coffee Break		
15:10 - 17:10	심포지엄 I	Development of biomarkers and identification of signalling pathways related to reproductive toxicity of pesticides 권우성 교수(경북대학교)	전용필 교수 손영창 교수
		해양오염 유해인자 영향평가 연구 정지현 박사(한국해양과학기술원)	
		Drug-induced renal injury and regeneration in zebrafish as an animal model 강영선 교수(고려대학교)	
		영장류 및 인간화 마우스를 이용한 조혈계 질병 기전 연구 유경록 교수(서울대학교)	
17:10 - 18:00	포스터 세션		
17:20 - 18:00	이사회		(사회) 총무위원장
18:00	리셉션		(사회) 학술위원장

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09:00 – 10:00	심포지엄 II (젊은과학자)	Convergent differentiation of multiciliated cells 채신혁 박사과정(UNIST)	권우성 교수
		Establishment of a male fertility prediction model with sperm RNA markers in pigs as a translational animal model 방원기 박사과정(중앙대학교)	
		Energy pathways involved in the maturation of the Pacific oyster, <i>Crassostrea gigas</i> 박수진 박사과정(부경대학교)	
10:00 – 11:00	심포지엄 III (신진과학자)	Effects of environmental stressors in antioxidant response of scallops 송진아 박사(한국해양과학기술원)	정한성 교수
		Zebrafish as a model system to investigate human liver diseases Azra Memon 박사(원광대학교)	
		Exploring the mechanism of trehalose: dual functions of PI3K/Akt and VPS34/mTOR pathways in porcine oocytes and cumulus cells 채련 박사(충북대학교)	
11:00 – 11:10	Coffee Break & Booth Tour		
11:10 – 11:50	기조강연 III	행동을 조절하는 신경회로의 발생과 진화 이준호 교수(서울대학교)	이현식 교수
11:50 – 13:00	Luncheon Seminar: “Application of 3D bioprinting for the world’s welfare” 강동구 박사(바오밥헬스케어(주)) 공동협찬: (주)아름사이언스, (주)Total Lab Service		
13:00 – 15:00	심포지엄 IV	Metabolic restructuring and cell fate conversion through controlling cellular organelles 이만렬 교수(순천향대학교)	현상환 교수 최태영 교수
		Single-cell lineage recording unravels epigenetic priming of cell fates in early embryo development 김익수 교수(가천대학교)	
		Effect of nanoplastics on the behavioral and nutritional characteristics of aquatic organisms 채유은 박사(안전성평가연구소 생태위해성평가센터)	
		Chemokine regulates eye morphogenesis in <i>Xenopus</i> 정호성 교수(연세대학교)	
15:00 – 15:10	Coffee Break & Booth Tour		

15:10 – 17:10	심포지엄 V	지속 가능한 미래 생물자원 확보를 위한 남극 어류 연구 김진형 박사(한국해양과학기술원 극지연구소)	권준영 교수 장훈 교수
		Enhanced hepatic functionality in long-term cultured 3D spheroids of zebrafish liver cells 김용준 단장(한국과학기술연구원 환경안정성연구단)	
		Tumor-host interaction regulates cancer anorexia 염은별 교수(경북대학교)	
		Cardiotoxicity evaluation of drugs using human PSC-derived cardiomyocytes 문성환 교수(상지대학교)	
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17:30	총회		(사회) 총무위원장
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14:00 – 14:05	개회사(한국발생생물학회 류범용 회장)		(사회) 김슬기 (서울대학교 의과대학)
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15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break & Booth Tour		
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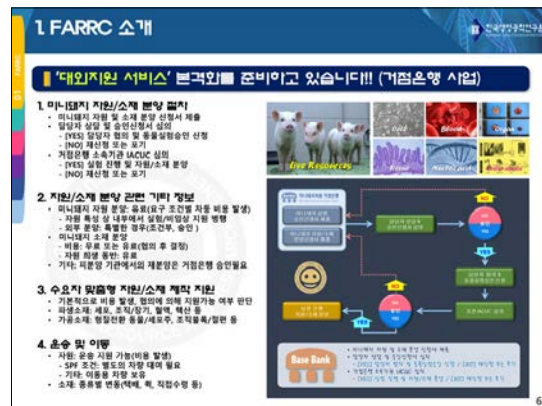
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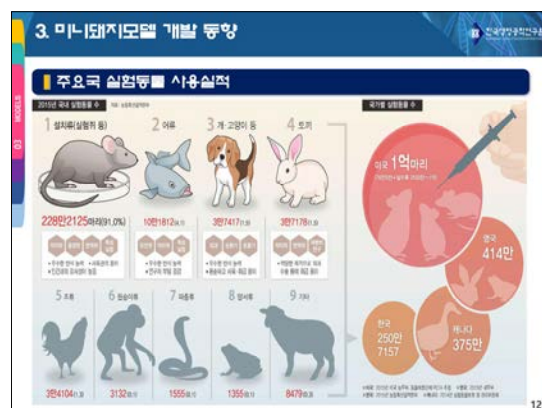
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발생공학과 미니돼지모델의 현황 및 미래

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

모델동물 선택

소형동물

1. 유전학적 특성이 다른 많은 계통 유지 가능
→ 다양한 연구목적에 사용가능
2. 생활주기, 수명이 짧아 세대교체를 빨리 진행한다.
3. 번식능력이 높고 사육관리가 용이하다.
4. 다수의 동물을 일시에 사용 가능하다.
→ 통계적 결론 도출 용이
5. 가격이 싸다.
6. 복종이 적어 시행물질을 소요되는 비용이 저렴하다.
7. 부리가 없어 취급이 용이하다.

중대동물

High similarity to human in anatomy, physiology, etc

Goats, Sheep, Mini-pig, Dog, Monkey

3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

중대동물 모델 선택

소형동물 모델

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중대동물 모델

High similarity to human in anatomy, physiology, etc

Tip Easy!!

Goats, Sheep, Mini-pig, Dog, Monkey



3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

미니돼지 기본 정보

미니돼지 정의 및 현황

- 미니돼지 정의
 - 몸무게: 40kg 이하
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 - 몸무게: 40kg 이하
- 미니돼지 현황
 - 미니돼지: mini-pigs, mini-pigs, miniature pigs
 - 몸무게: 40kg 이하
 - 몸무게: 40kg 이하

Representative mini-pigs

World map showing the distribution of mini-pigs in various countries including Germany, China, USA, and others.

3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

인간-미니돼지 유사성

System	Human	Mini-pig	Similarity
Anatomy & Physiology	Human	Mini-pig	High similarity in anatomy and physiology
Brain, Liver, Small Intestine	Human	Mini-pig	High similarity in brain, liver, and small intestine
Heart	Human	Mini-pig	High similarity in heart structure and function

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3. 미니멀리즘을 개발 통합

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▶ 생명공학 기술 혁신

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- 포유동물의 생식세포(난자, 정자) 및 수정란을 이용한 실험적 조작에 관한 학문

1996년 7월 5일

The Story of Dolly

The diagram illustrates the cloning process of Dolly the sheep:

- Scottish Blackface (Egg Donor)** provides an **Egg Cell**.
- Finn-Dorset (Mammary Donor)** provides a **Mammary Cell**.
- The Egg Cell and Mammary Cell undergo **Fertilization** to form a **Zygote**.
- The Zygote undergoes **Cleavage** to form a **Blastocyst**.
- The Blastocyst is **Implanted** into a **Surrogate Ewe**.
- The Surrogate Ewe gives birth to **Dolly**.

▶ 관련분야/기술

1. 불임클리닉: 난공수정/시험관외기 기술
2. 진화/고고: 멸종(위기)동물 복원(매머드)
3. 환경/생태: 종 보존기술
4. 바이오의학: **형질전환 모돈을** 제작 기술

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3. 미니 돼지 모델 개발 동향

■ 체세포핵이전/복제 기법 이용 형질전환 미니돼지 제작

체세포핵이전 (somatic cell nuclear transfer; SCNT)

유전자 같은 체세포주 구획

Somatic cells + Tg vector / system → Tg cell line

체세포 핵이전

SCNT process: MII oocyte → Enucleation → Donor cells → Injection → Fusion

체외배양, 수정란이식, 산자생산

2-cell → 8-cell → Blastocyst → Embryo transfer → Tg pig

3. 미니멀리즘 개발 방향

형질전환/복제

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

1세대 바이오공장기

Donor pig
 1. Donor organ
 2. Organ transplantation
 3. Organ transplantation
 4. Organ transplantation

Recipient
 1. Recipient organ
 2. Organ transplantation
 3. Organ transplantation
 4. Organ transplantation

Recipient behavior
 1. Recipient organ
 2. Organ transplantation
 3. Organ transplantation
 4. Organ transplantation

1. 1st generation bio-factory pig
 2. 1st generation bio-factory pig
 3. 1st generation bio-factory pig
 4. 1st generation bio-factory pig

Liver 25
Kidney 100
Heart 200
Transplantation 300
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1세대 바이오인공장기

PERV-free pig 개발 (2017)

Advances in organ transplant from pigs
Inactivation of PERVs in the pig genome increases the safety of xenotransplantation

RESEARCH ENGINEERING
Inactivation of porcine endogenous retrovirus in pigs using CRISPR-Cas9

Amos, M., et al. "Inactivation of porcine endogenous retrovirus in pigs using CRISPR-Cas9." *Science* 357.6452 (2017): 1233-1236.

PERV-free pig genome increases the safety of xenotransplantation

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

2세대 바이오인공장기

Chimeric organ (blastocyst complementation)

Inter-specific blastocyst complementation

Pancreas **Thyroid** **Kidney**

1. Generation of autologous iPSCs
2. Interspecific blastocyst complementation
3. Removal of pancreas and isolation of islets
4. Transplantation of islets into diabetic mice

Human-pig chimera

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

1세대 바이오인공장기

The JoongAng

61일 만에 멈춘 몸 속 돼지 심장, 시한부 환자 에겐 '희망'

돼지 심장 이식 과정

1. 유전자 교정
유전자 가위로 면역 거부 반응을 일으키지 않도록 유전자 4개 지단, 6개 추가

2. 복제
유전자 10개를 교정한 돼지 배아를 복제, 대안으로 착상시켜 출산

3. 심장 이식
유전자 변형 돼지 심장을 환자 에 이식, 면역 억제 약 투여 후

4. 심장 이식 후 경과
환자 에 심장을 이식한 후 경과

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

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영질전환/복제

1. 유전자 교정
2. 복제
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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

미니돼지모델 필요성/장점

미니돼지 활용 필요성

- 인간과의 생리학(내분비, 면역, 소화 등) 및 해부학적(체중, 체격, 장기크기 등) 유사성이 중요
- 즉, 생명현상의 심층적 이해, 임상시험 성공률 제고 등에 미니돼지 활용 요구도 증가

미니돼지 장점

- 인간과 높은 해부생리학적 유사성: 피부, 골격, 치아, 소화기관, 폐장, 간, 신장, 폐, 면역계 등
- 다태동물: 번식, 임신 등 자란 확률 수월
- 짧은 세대간격: 성숙속 4-5 개월로 중대동물 중 비교적 짧은 세대간격
- 형질전환 용이: 중대동물 중 형질전환기술 비교적 잘 확립 → 형질전환 질환모델 개발 용이

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3. 미니돼지모델 개발 동향

질환모델 Tg 개발

Transgenic Swine
DNA plasmid with transgene put into somatic cells (or oocytes)
Transgene randomly integrates into virus genome
SCNT (or embryo transfer)
Low Efficiency
Random Insertion
Unpredictable Expression

Gene-Targeted Swine
DNA plasmid or viral vector with regions of homologous put into somatic cells
Homologous Recombination
SCNT
Low Efficiency (~1 in 10⁶)
Targeted Mutation
Predictable Expression

Gene-Edited Swine
Designs nuclease (ZFN, TALEN, CRISPR) and donor oligos put into somatic cells
Double-strand break and homologous recombination
SCNT
High Efficiency (25-50%)
Targeted Mutation
Predictable Expression

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eDNA의 현재: 수생태계의 정밀화

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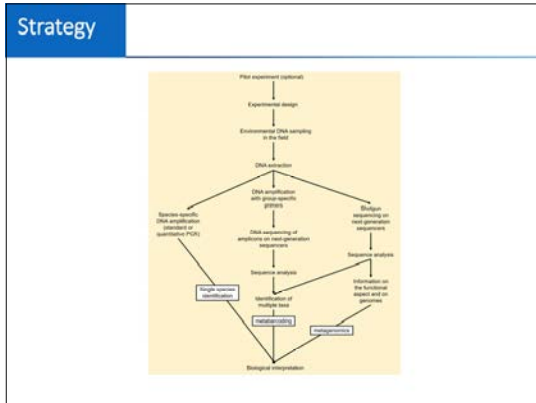
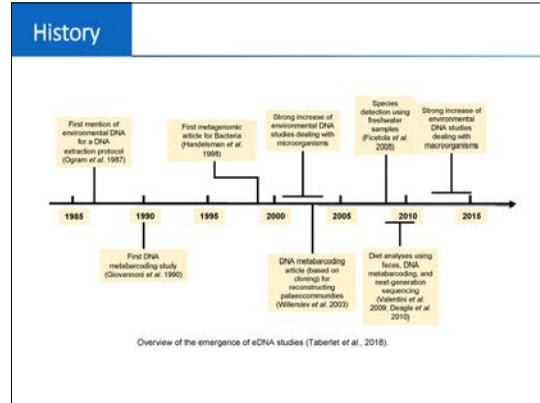
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eDNA의 현재

수생태계의 정밀화

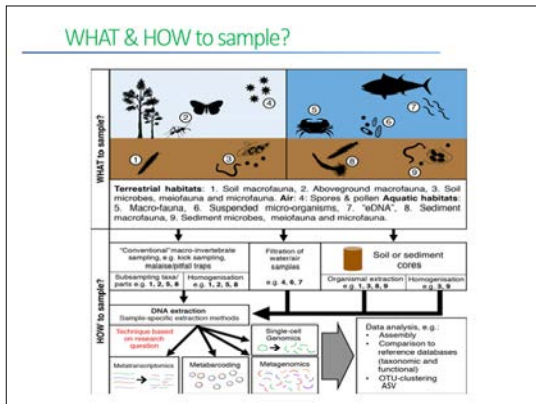
The present and future of environmental DNA (Minuteness of the Aquatic Ecosystem)

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전남대학교 해양융합학과



Environmental DNA (eDNA)

Illustration by Woods Hole Oceanography Institution



WORKFLOW for eDNA

ASLO
Environmental DNA identifies marine macrophyte contributions to blue carbon sediments

사례 - Material and method: 분자생물학과 생태학의 활용

- Red sea sampling site and sediment collection
- DNA extraction and library preparation
- Data analysis
- 813C and 815N analysis - Stable isotope

Ecology

Genetic-Molecular

DataScience

Ecology Model

Environmental DNA (eDNA)

- eDNA can identify organisms from environmental samples based on their unique DNA sequences
- eDNA can identify degraded marine macrophyte within sediment pools
- eDNA-based methods also provide an approach to estimate contribution to blue carbon stock
- eDNA analyses provide information on presence, absence, and can be related to traditional measures of species
- However, the relationship between eDNA reads and actual species abundance depends on the barcoding primers used and the target taxa because of biases associated with polymerase chain reaction (PCR) - eDNA limitation
- Despite this limitation, eDNA analyses have the potential to fingerprint macrophyte sequences and to assess macrophyte contribution to blue carbon sediments

국제 현황: NCBI db에 등록된 주요 eDNA Seq. No.

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- 자료 출처: 2020 국가생물종목록(환경부, 국립생물자원관)
- 54,428 종 + 일부 생물종(이명, 괴종 등 추가)
- 주요 생물 분류군: 식물왕국, 동물왕국, 균류, 바이러스, 미생물 등
- 식물왕국: 포자식물, 육조식물, 남조식물, 원핵조식물, 유핵조식물 등
- 동물왕국: 포자동물, 육조동물, 원핵동물, 유핵동물 등
- 저서무척추동물: 수서곤충류, 이매패류, 환형동물, 거머쥔류, 복족류 등
- 어류: 조기상, 연골어강, 척추어강
- 1S5 vs COT: 1S5: 특정 primer 수로 다양한 생물 분류군의 eDNA를 추출할 수 있음
- COT: 전체 등록된 생물은 많으나 분류군에 따라 primer가 다양함

eDNA 분석 결과에 대한 주요 네거티브

ASV 또는 OTU Frequency와 Field 생물 밀도와의 관계

환경에 맞지 않는 생물에 대한 eDNA 검출

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eDNA 분석 과정

eDNA 추출

Field sampling

DNA extraction

PCR (1st)

PCR (2nd)

NGS

Metabarcoding

Raw sequence

Paired-end pairing

Demultiplex

Denoise cluster

Remove chimeras

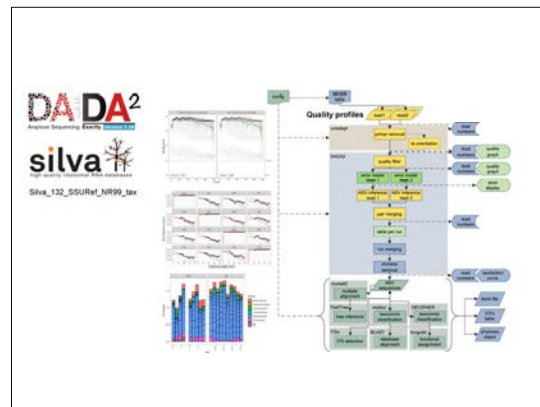
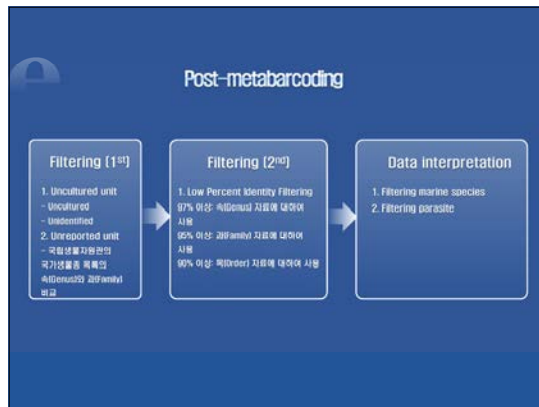
Taxonomy assign

Post-metabarcoding

Filtering (1st)

Filtering (2nd)

Data interpretation



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- First Gut Content Analysis of 4th Instar Midge Larvae (Diptera: Chironomidae) In Large-Scale Weirs Using a DNA Meta-Barcoding Approach
- Combined approach for analyzing fish dietary and habitat characteristics in marine ecosystem via metabarcoding and morphological assessments

II. 수중 내 생물 다양성 분석

- Comparison of Water Sampling between Environmental DNA Metabarcoding and Conventional Microscopic Identification: A Case Study in Gwangyang Bay, South Korea
- Pelagic biodiversity and biotic interaction assessment via eDNA metabarcoding approach along the freshwater-marine continuum from Seomjin River to Gwangyang Bay

5 Pelagic biodiversity and biotic interaction assessment

I. 조사 지점 및 채집 방법

- 섬진강 하구-광양만 8개 지점
- 2019년 5월, 2020년 9월
- 원수 채집
- 기초 수질 항목 측정

Fig. 1. Sampling map.

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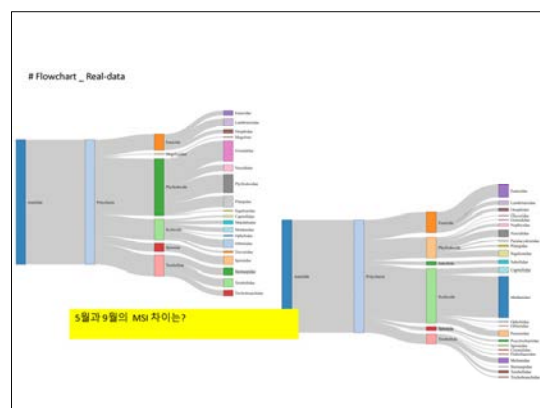
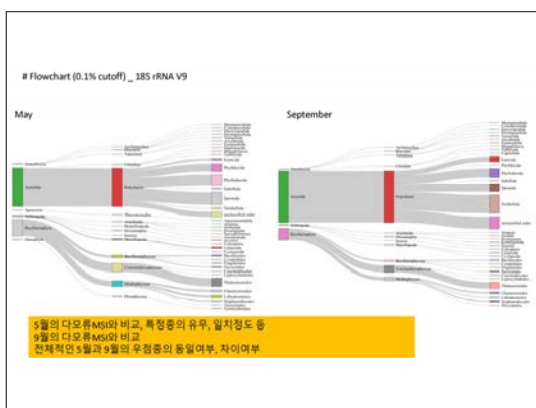
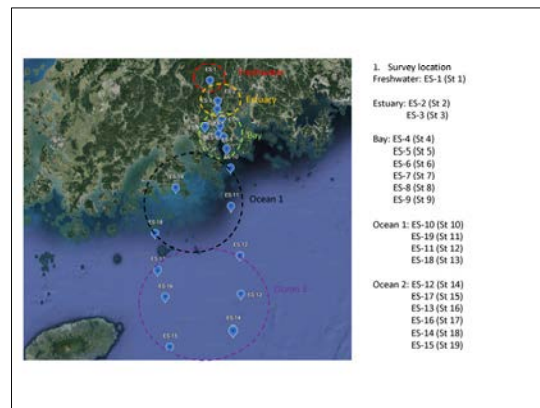
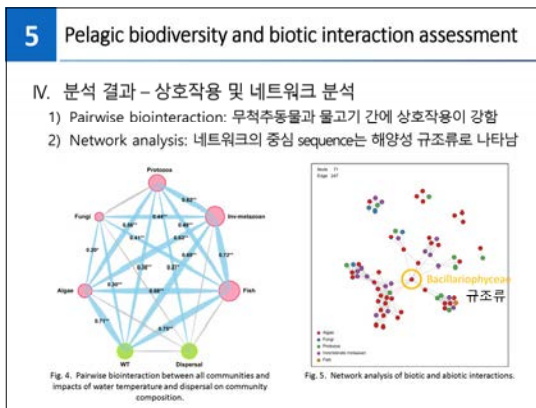
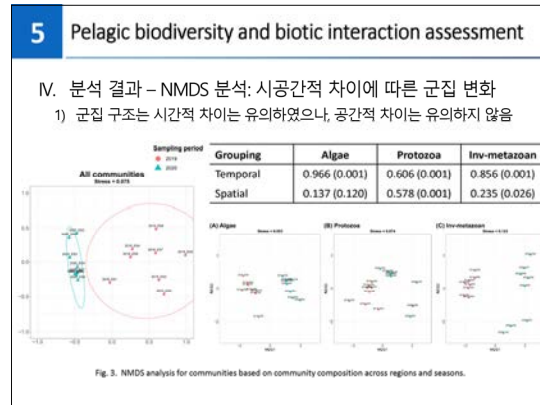
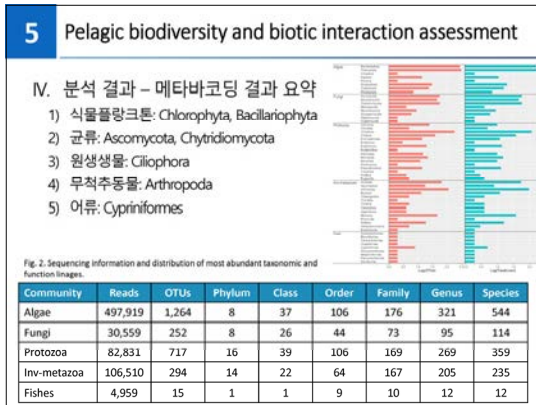
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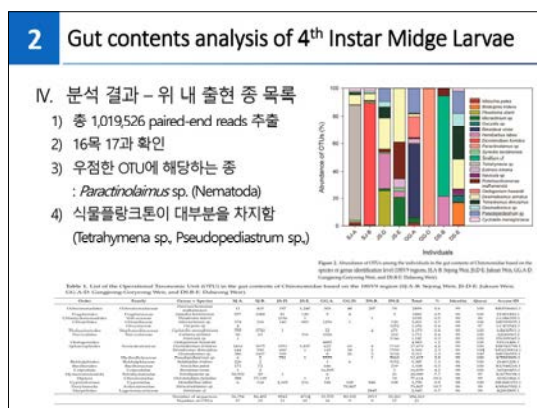
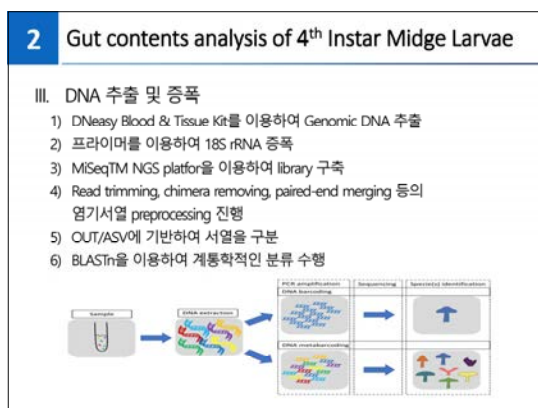
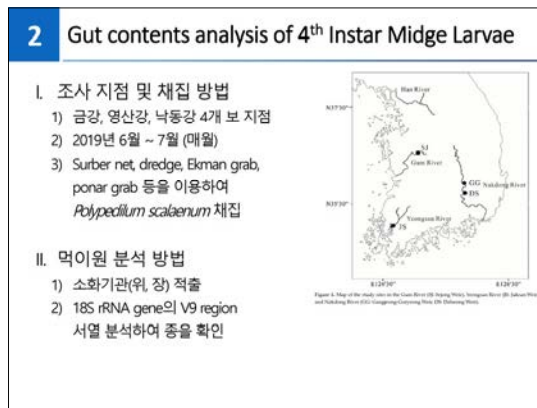
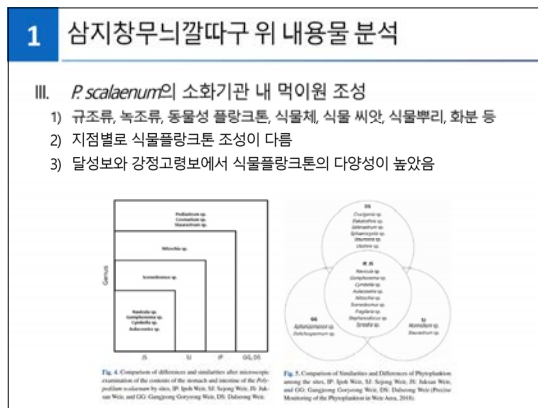
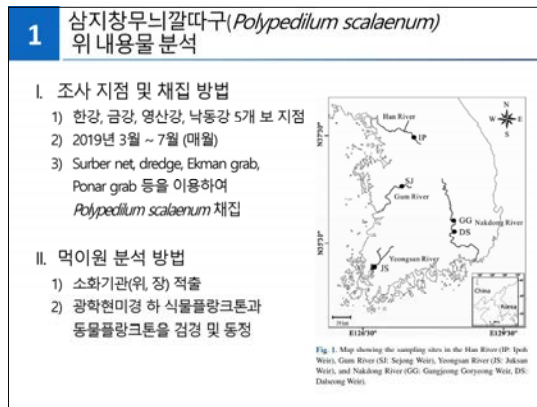
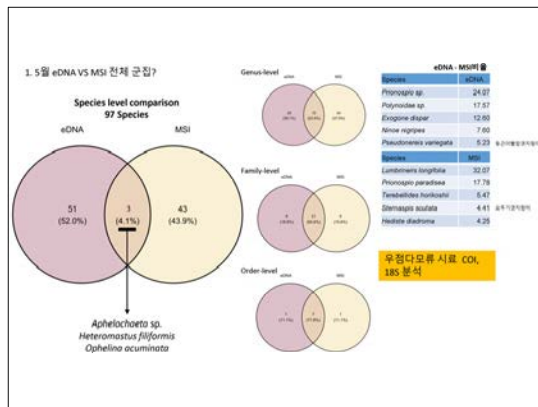
- DNA Isolation Kit를 이용하여 genomic DNA 추출
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- MiSeqTM NGS platform을 이용하여 library 구축
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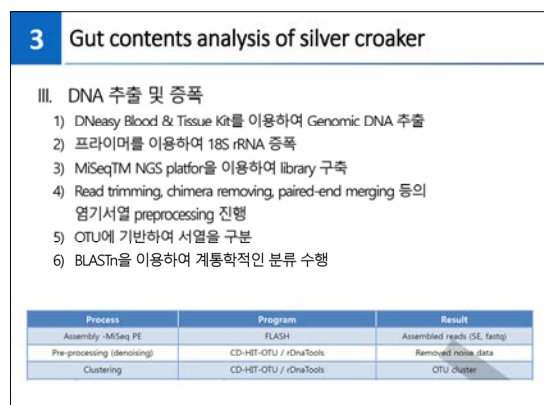
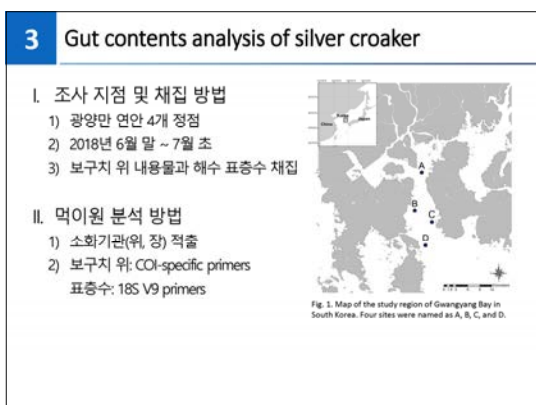
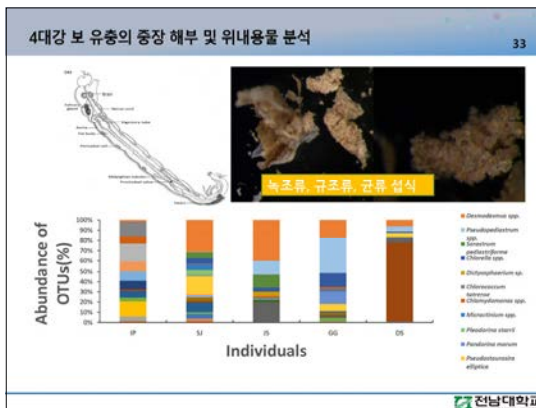
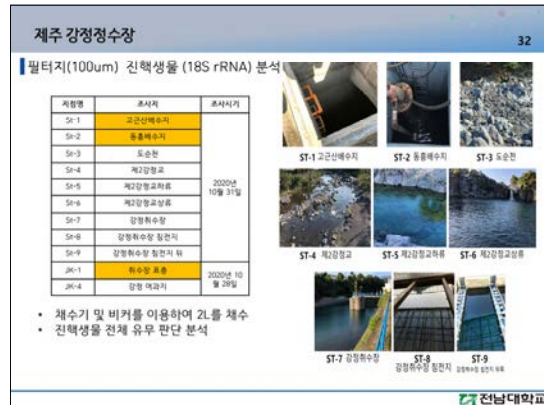
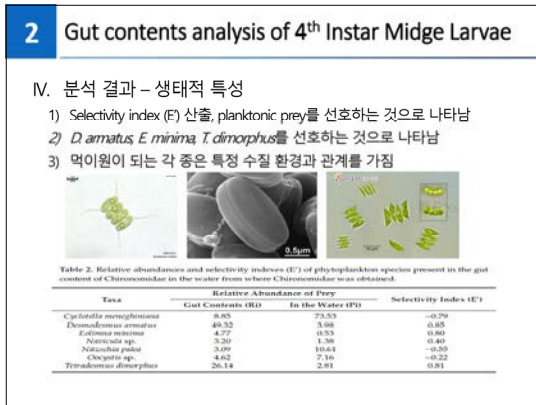
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III. 분석 방법

- 생물종 군집화: Algae, Fungi, Protozoa, Inv-meta
- 진핵생물 군집 차이 분석
 - Bray-Curtis dissimilarity에 기반한 비차원척도법
 - 조사 시기와 정점에 따른 차이분석을 위한 ANOSIM 분석
- 상호작용 평가
 - Mantel test를 이용하여 생물 그룹간, 환경변수와의 상호작용 평가
 - 주요 환경변수: 수온, 확산(지리적 요인)
- OTU-OTU 네트워크 분석
 - Spearman correlation에 기반한 co-occurrence 분석







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IV. 분석 방법

- 1) 메타바코딩 결과 확인: heatmap 분석
- 2) 형태적 분류와 메타바코딩 결과 비교
- 3) 보구치 위에서 확인된 진행생물 군집 분석
 - Bray-Curtis dissimilarity에 기반한 비자원적도법
 - 조사 정점에 따른 차이, 어류 크기에 따른 차이
- 4) 먹이 선택성 Selectivity index (E) 분석
 - 생물상 조사와 메타바코딩 분석을 통해 파악된 전체 생물상 자료 구축
 - 먹이 선택성 지수 계산

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V. 분석 결과 – 메타바코딩 결과

- 1) 보구치 위와 수표층 내의 생물 종 출현이 매우 다르게 나타남.
-> 보구치는 저서성 어류로 서식처가 퇴적물에 근접

Fig. 2. Heatmap showing the normalized counts of taxa detected in eDNA from (A) water samples and (B) gut samples of *Peniaha argentata* at each sampling site.

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V. 분석 결과 – 형태적 분류와 메타바코딩 결과 비교

- 1) 생물 군집에 따라 확인되는 정도가 다르게 나타남
- 2) 각 Primer에 기반한 결과와 육안 분석에 따라 확인된 속이 매우 다르게 나타남.

Fig. 3. Venn diagram of (A) fish, (B) macrozoobenthos, and (C) zooplankton genera detected using morphological assessments (top) and environmental DNA from water samples (left) and gut samples (right).

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V. 분석 결과 – 보구치 gut 내 진행생물 군집 분석

- 1) 공간적으로는 유의한 차이-종조성과 WT, TC가 차이
- 2) 체장별로는 차이가 유의하지 않았음.

small (<79mm), medium(79mm < 141mm), large(141mm <)

Fig. 4. Non-metric multidimensional scaling ordination of the prey items of silver croaker and the significant environmental variables at $P < .05$. (red lines with arrows). 54 individuals grouped by (A) sampling sites and (B) their body length. The abbreviated environmental variables are WT, water temperature and TC, total carbon concentration.

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V. 분석 결과 – 먹이 선택성 분석

- 1) 보구치는 specialist feeding strategy를 가짐-> 갯가재, 파리목을 선호
- 2) 조사 정점별 선택성 차이가 나타남

Fig. 5. Selectivity indices calculated for the common species in the *Peniaha argentata* diet and environment. Histograms indicate (A) the Ilev index, (B) the forage ration, and (C) linear food selection indices of each model, and N refers to the number of individuals.

4 Comparison of water sampling

I. 조사 지점 및 채집 방법

- 1) 성진강 하구-광양만 15개 지점
- 2) 2018년 6월, 9월
- 3) 원수, 동물플랑크톤 채집
- 4) 기초 수질 항목 측정(수온, 염도, 총인, 총질소, 총탄소, 클로로필 a 농도)

Figure 1. Map of the study sites (black closed circles) in Changgyeong Bay.

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Comparison of water sampling

II. DNA 추출 및 증폭

1) PowerSoil DNA Isolation Kit를 이용하여 Genomic DNA 추출

2) 프라이머를 이용하여 18S rRNA 증폭

3) MiSeqTM NGS platform을 이용하여 library 구축

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5) OTU에 기반하여 서열을 구분하여, BLASTn을 이용하여 계통학적인 분류

Field Sampling

Sequencing

Figure 2. Analytical procedure of environmental DNA (eDNA) extraction and metagenomic sequencing.

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III. 분석 방법

1) The self-organizing map (SOM)

- 33개의 변수 간의 관계분석 및 클러스터 구분

2) 군집 다양도 분석

- richness, diversity 계산

Appendix B. Visualization of Explanatory Variables Derived from Self-Organizing Maps

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IV. 분석 결과 – Plankton group의 조사 방법 간 결과 비교

1) eDNA metabarcoding 결과

- diatom이 우점

- 동물플랑크톤 중에서는 calanoid copepods가 우점

2) 현미경 검정 결과

- 주요 동물플랑크톤은 Cladocera와 Copepoda

3) Richness와 diversity의 경우 두 방법 간에 결과가 유사함

Figure 3. Comparison of water sampling results. (a) eDNA metabarcoding results and (b) Microscopy identification results. The results show that eDNA metabarcoding is more sensitive than microscopy identification.

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Comparison of water sampling

IV. 분석 결과 – 생지화학적 특징

1) 조사 결과는 조사 시기와 정점에 따라 구분: June, September, S1-6, S7-9, S10-15 차이

2) 연안 플랑크톤 군집의 출현 패턴을 시공간적 특성으로 추출 구분

Figure 4. Clustering result of the data of water eDNA and CMB based on the self-organizing map. The figure shows a dendrogram of the samples and a heatmap of the environmental variables.

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기조강연Ⅲ

행동을 조절하는 신경회로의 발생과 진화

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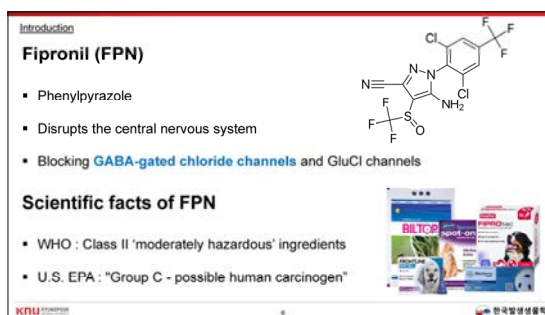
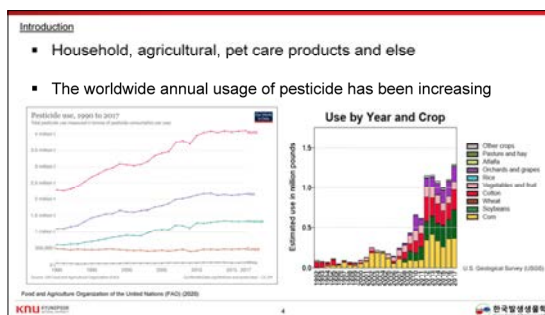
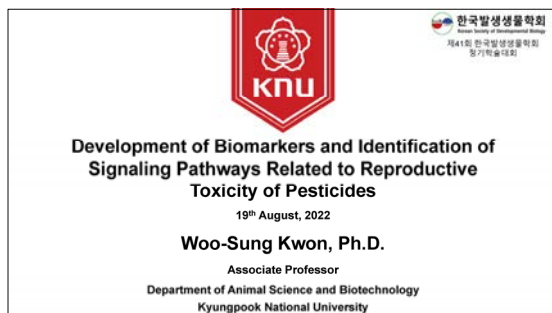
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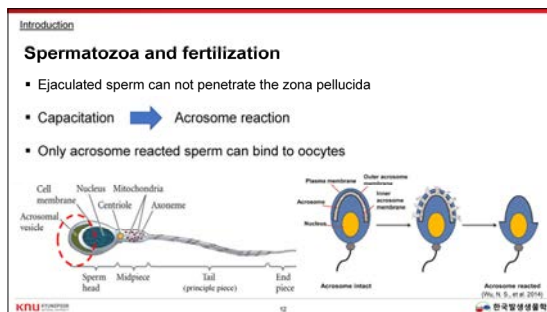
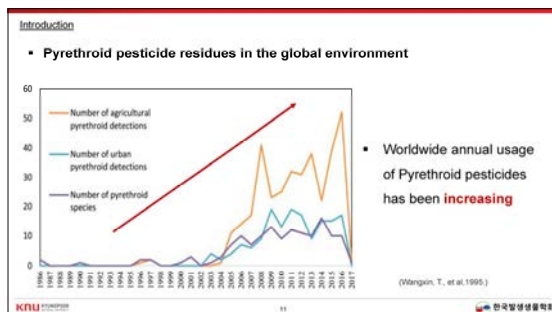
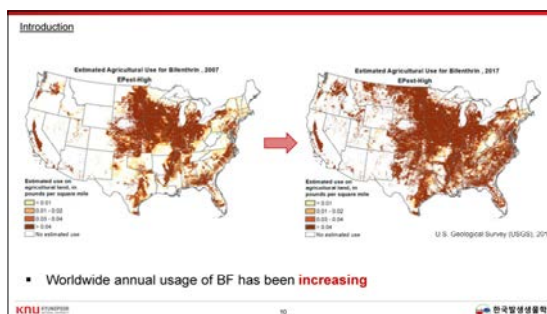
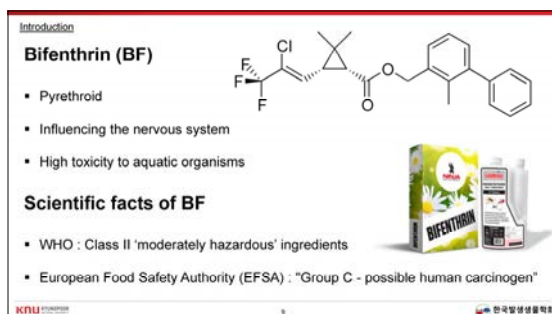
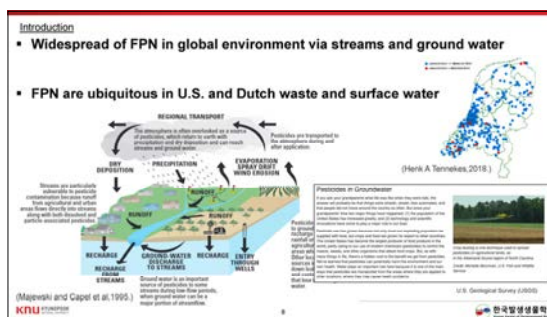
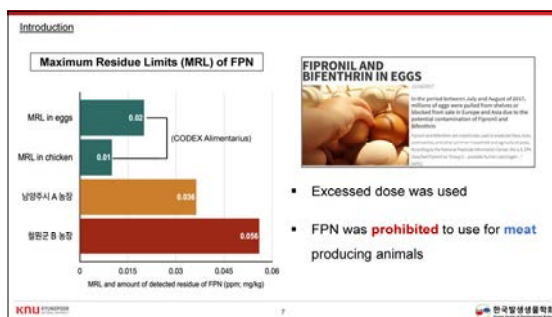
심포지엄 I

Development of biomarkers and identification of signalling pathways related to reproductive toxicity of pesticides

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Introduction

Capacitation

- Final stage of sperm maturation
- Occurs in the female reproductive duct
- PKA and tyrosine phosphorylation
- Flagellum beats more rapidly (hyperactivated)

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Objectives

- Despite the adverse effects of pesticide, there has been limited research on those effects on sperm function and mechanism
- Hence, the present study was designed to evaluate the effects of pesticides on male fertility in terms of sperm functions and mechanism

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Materials & Methods

- **Animals**
8- to 12-week-old, matured ICR Mouse
- **Preparation of the spermatozoa**
Cauda epididymis
Incubated to induce the capacitation (for 90 min under 5% CO₂ in air at 37 °C)
- **Concentration of pesticides**
FPN: 0.1, 1, 10, 100, and 300 µM; BF: 0.1, 1, 10, and 100 µM

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Materials & Methods

- **Computer assisted sperm analyzer (CASA)**
Sperm Motility (Rapid, %; Slow, %; Medium, %; Progressive, %)
Motion kinematics (VCL, µm/s; VSL, µm/s; VAP, µm/s; BCF, Hz; ALH, µm)
- **Hoechst 33258/chlortetracycline Fluorescence (H33258/CTC)**
Live non-capacitated pattern (F pattern)
Live capacitated pattern (B pattern)
Live acrosome-reacted pattern (AR pattern)
Dead pattern (D pattern)

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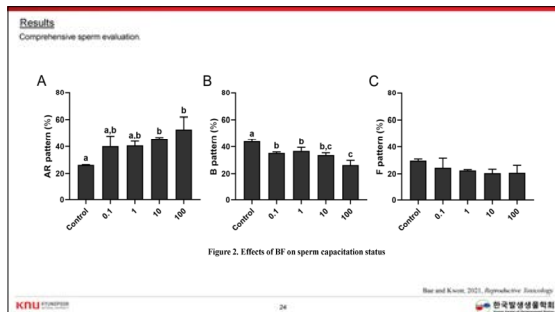
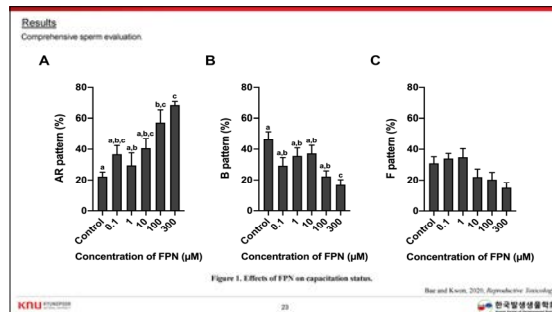
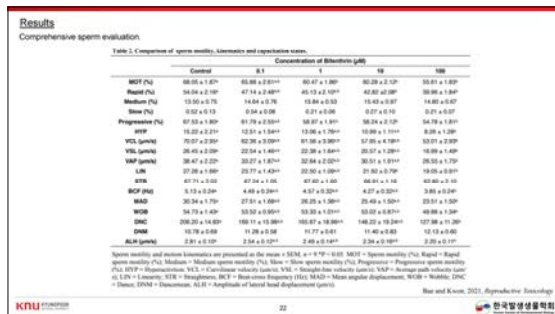
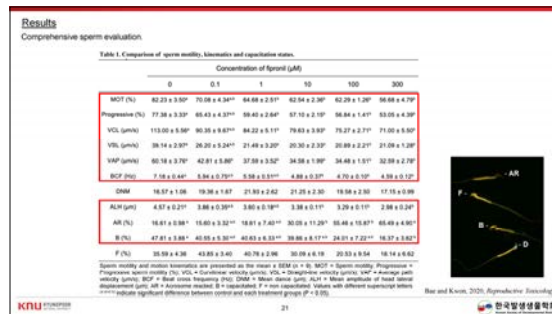
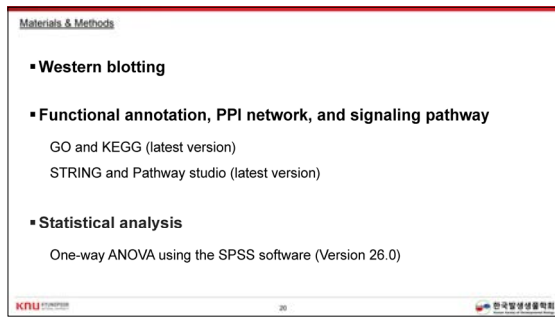
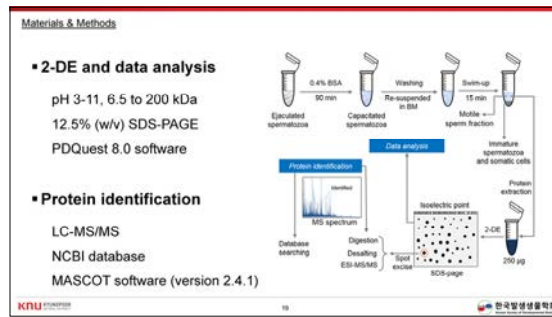
- **Intracellular ATP level, Cell cytotoxicity and viability**
ATP Assay Kit (Abcam, Cambridge, UK)
Cell Cytotoxicity Assay Kit (Abcam, Cambridge, UK)
- **Western blot**
phospho-PKA substrate activity
tyrosine phosphorylation
α-tubulin (endogenous loading control)

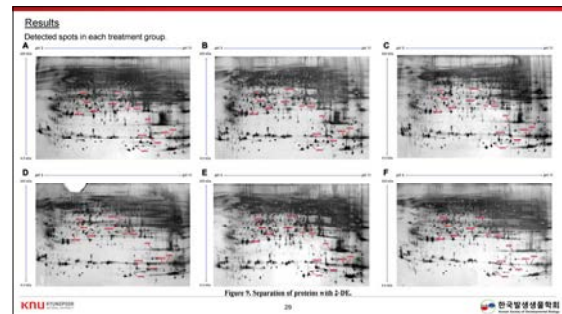
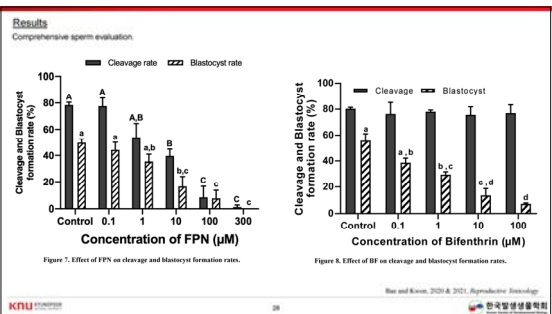
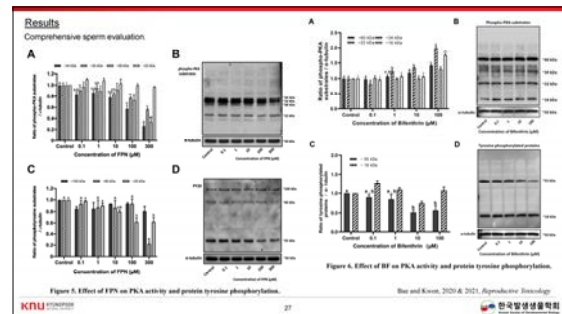
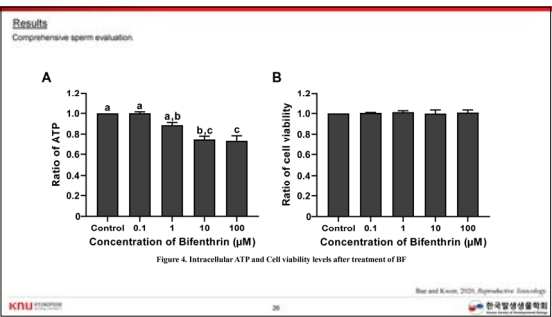
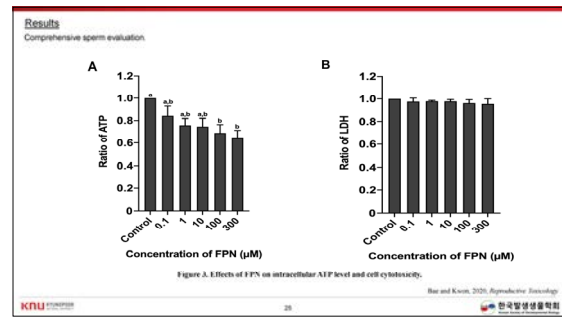
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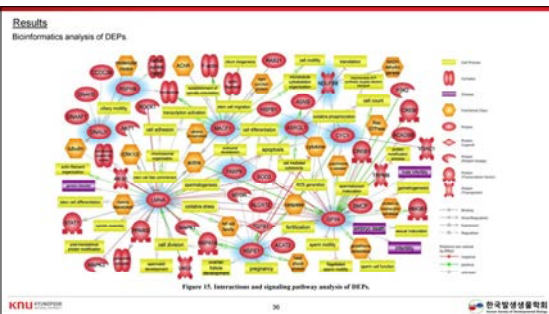
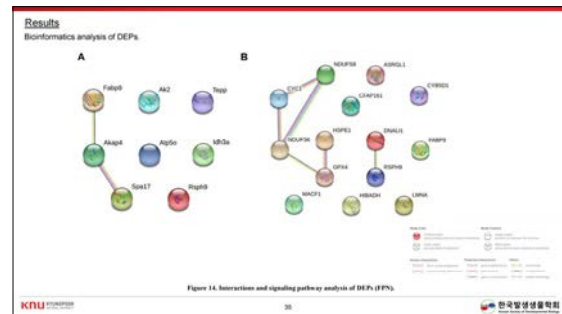
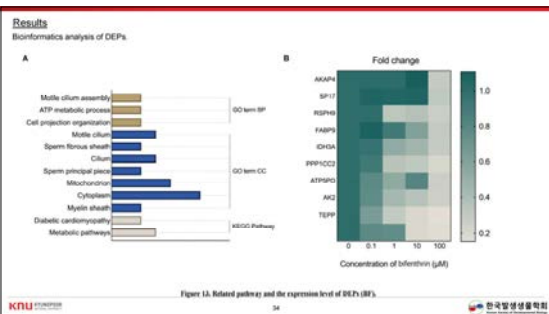
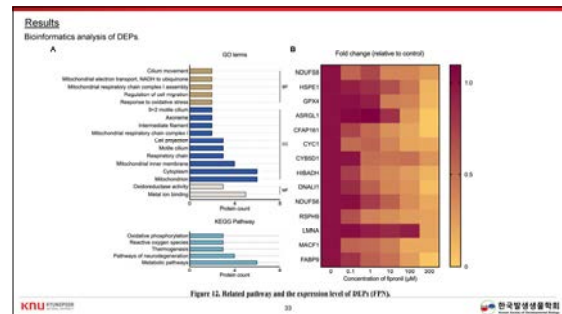
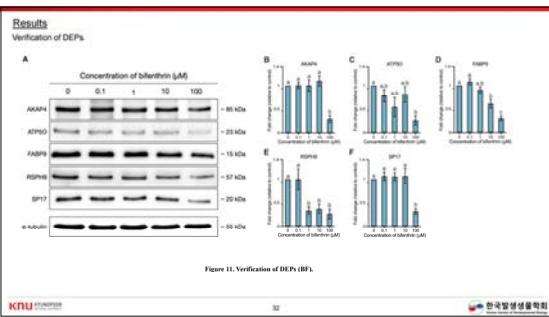
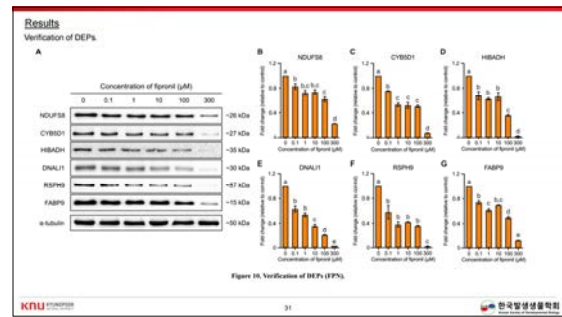
Materials & Methods

- **In vitro fertilization (IVF)**
Eight to twelve years old female ICR male mice
super-ovulation was induced using PMSG and hCG
- **Statistical analysis**
One-way ANOVA using the SPSS software (Version 25.0, IBM, Armonk, NY, USA)
Tukey's multiple comparison test

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Summary

- ✓ Almost physiological parameters were significantly suppressed in dose-dependent manners.
- ✓ Fertilization and embryonic development rate were dramatically decreased in dose-dependent manners.
- ✓ Fourteen proteins were differentially expressed > 3-fold after treatment of fenitrothion, and 9 proteins were differentially expressed > 3-fold after treatment of bifenthrin.
- ✓ It was confirmed that the DEPs were involved in various signaling pathways such as structure, motility, cell signaling, metabolism, oxidative stress, and so on.
- ✓ Finally, new signaling pathways were established based on DEPs.
- ✓ It was shown that the interaction between DEPs and other proteins, as well as association with various cell processes and diseases related to reproduction.

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Conclusion

- ✓ The present study was the first study to try to understand the male reproductive toxicity of pesticides based on molecular levels and those signaling pathways.
- ✓ Consequently, our results suggest that pesticides may be suppressed male reproduction system, resulting in infertility.
- ✓ Therefore, we anticipate that the present study provides a new understanding of the reproductive toxicity of pesticides on male reproduction.

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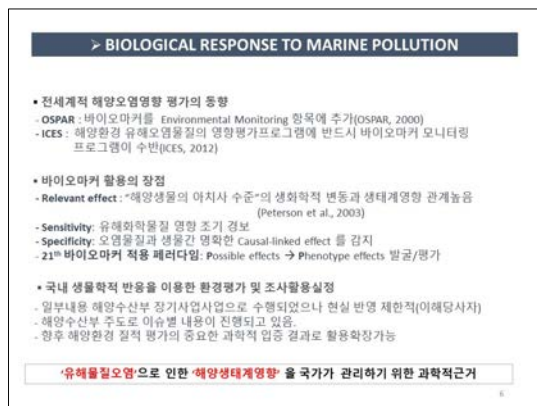
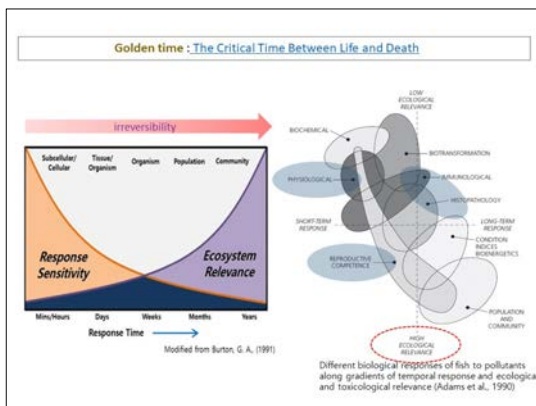
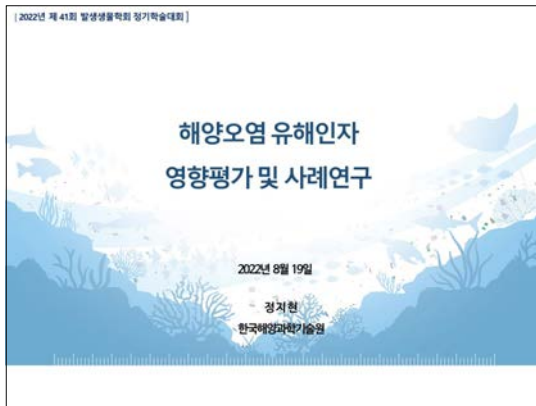
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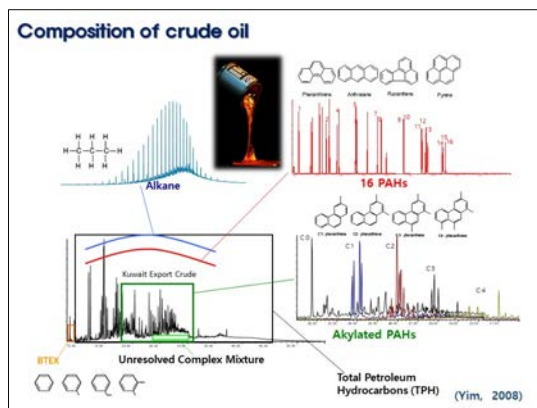
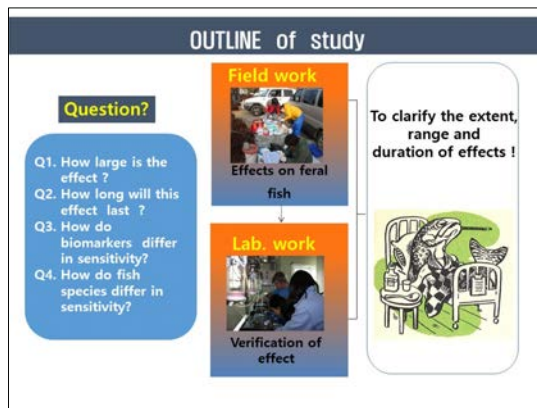
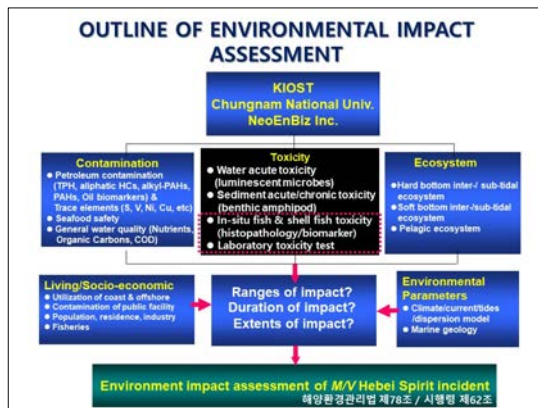
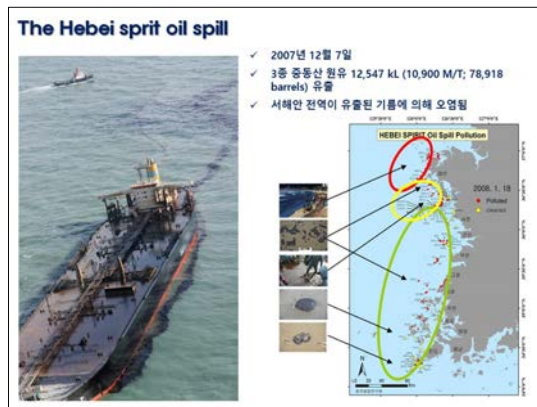


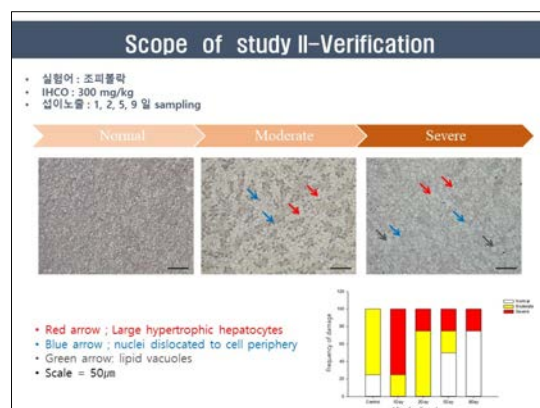
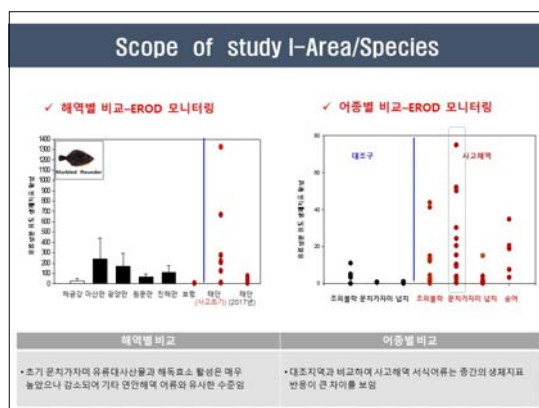
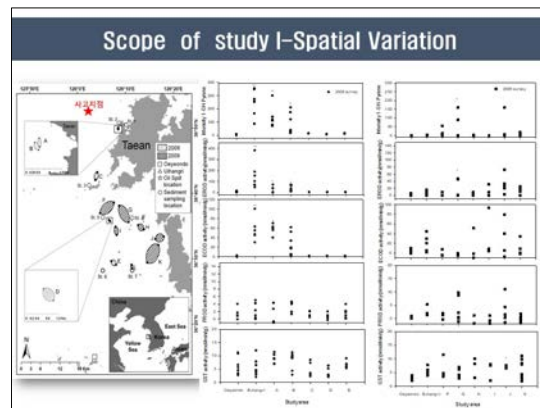
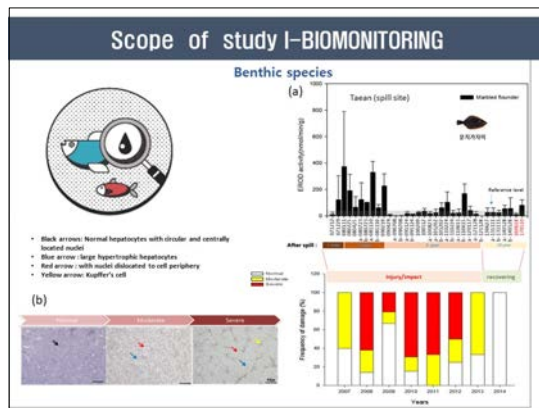
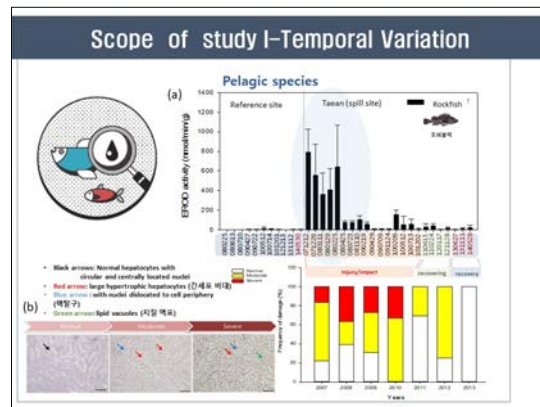
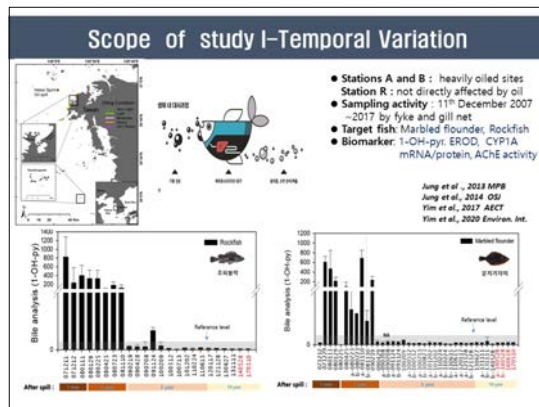
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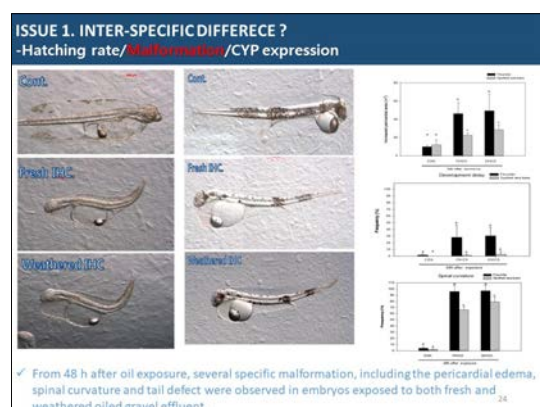
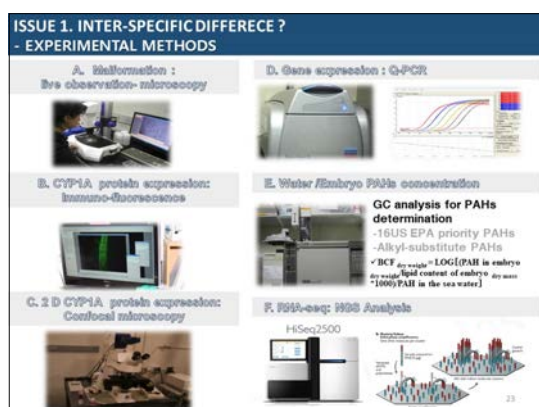
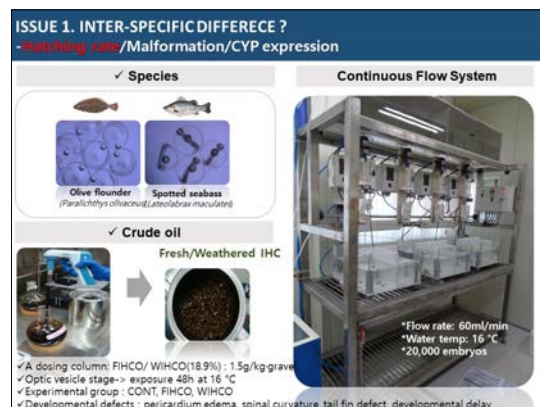
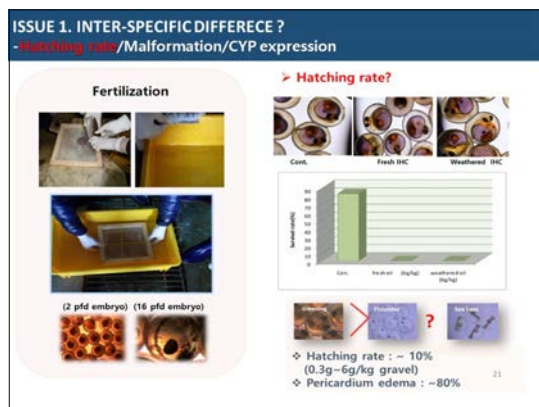
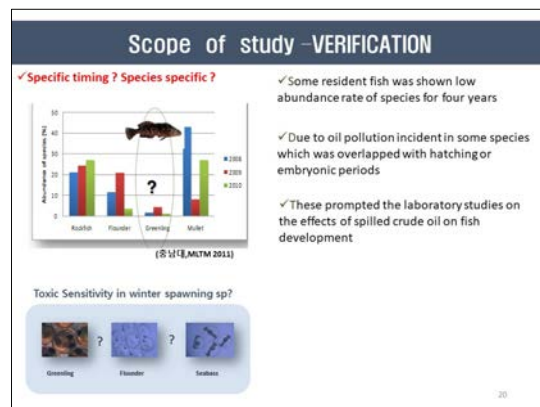
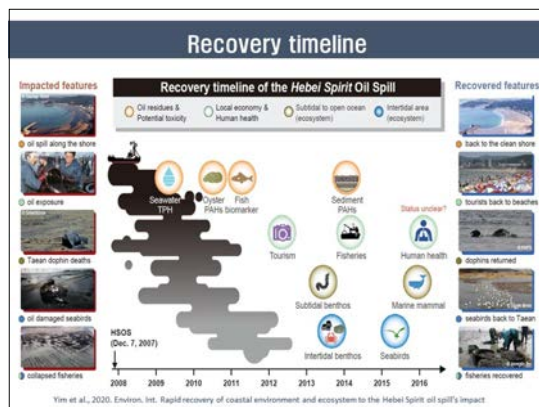
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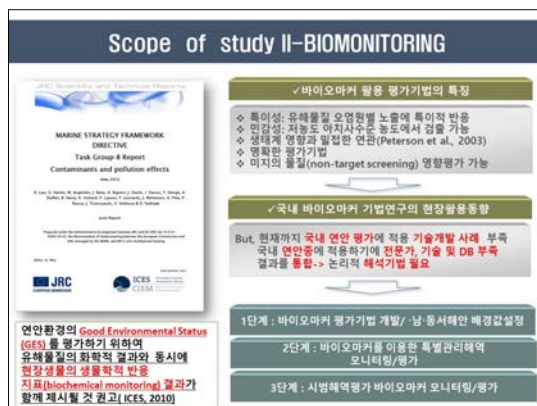
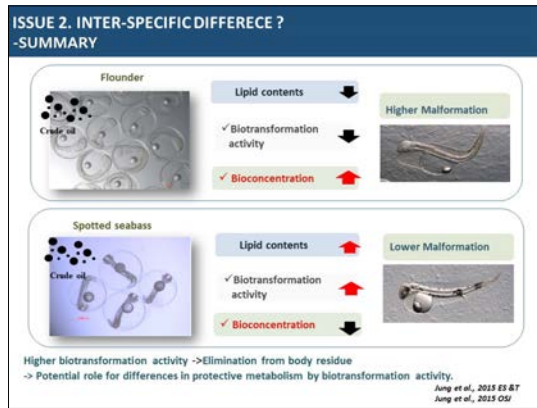
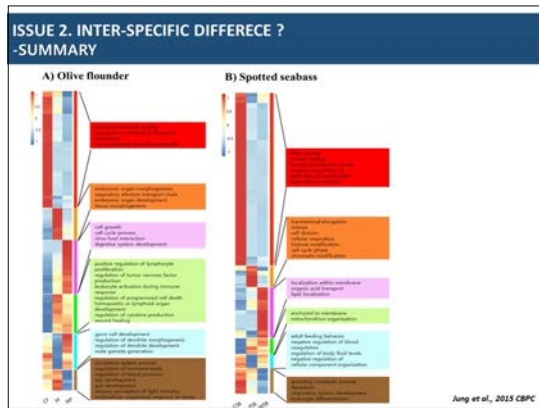
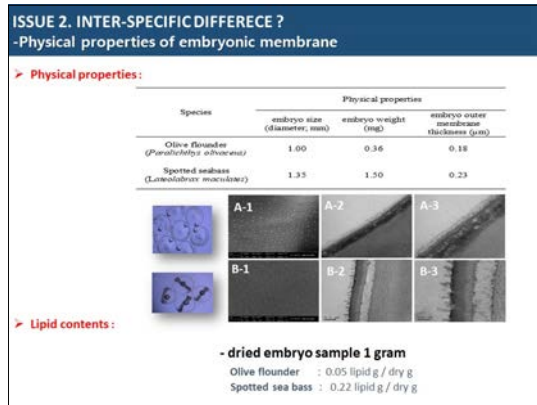
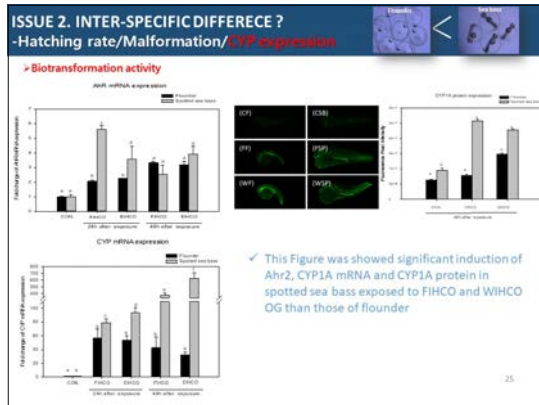
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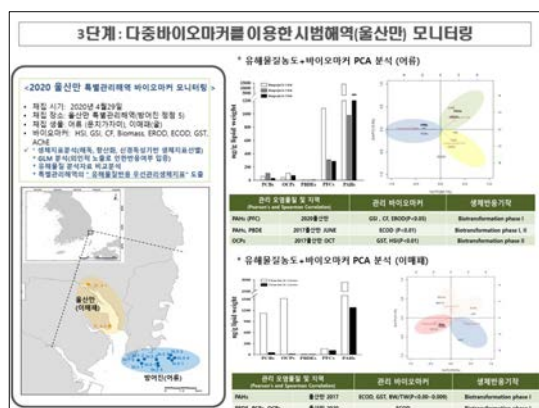
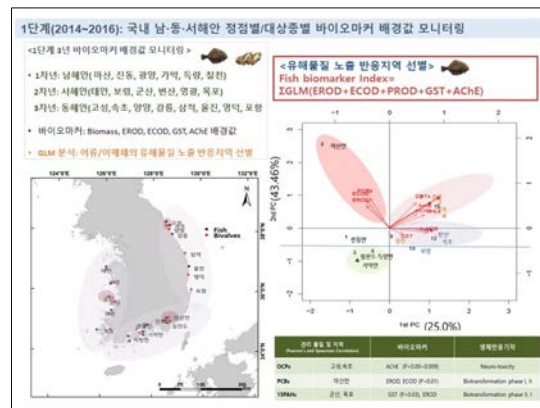
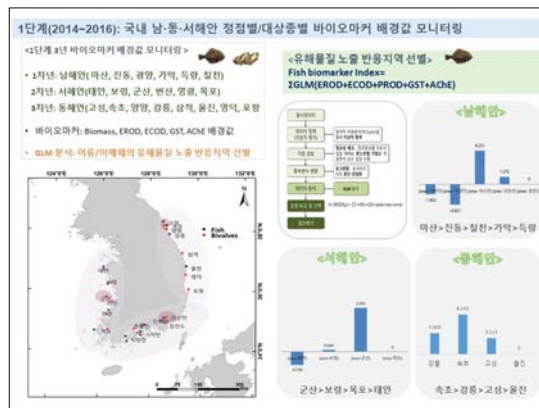
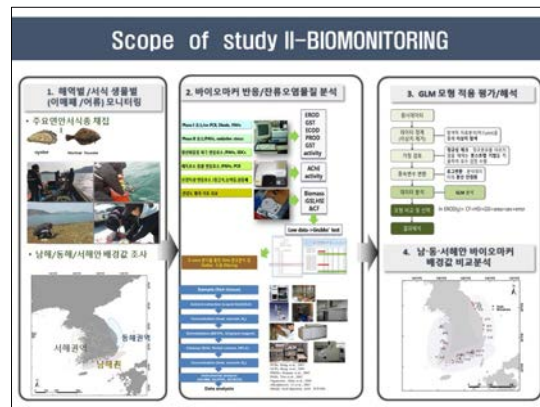












SUMMARY

- 연안환경 유해물질오염 및 영향을 모니터링할 수 있는 현장 생물의 생체지표 발굴 및 구축
- 어류/이매패류 생체지표·동·서남 배경값농도 구축
- 생체지표 결과의 GLM 모형적용시도
 - 지역간의 차이를 지수화/역관화에 용이-> 연관관리에 활용가능
- 3단계 특별관리해역 모니터링 분석결과:
 - **출산단**: 관리유해화학물질: PAHs 류, OCPs류
 - 관리 생체지표: EROD, ECOD
 - **시화호(간)**: 관리유해화학물질: PCBs 류, PFCs
 - 관리 생체지표: EROD, ECOD, AChE

연구사례 2

사례2. 정책결정기반연구 사례
 '해양환경 유해물질의 평가 및 관리기술개발(2014~2021)' 종료
 '선체부착생물 관리기술개발(2021~2025)' 진행중

BIOFOULING

- The biological settlement of vessels: adverse effects such as speed reduction, economic loss(up to 40%), increase periodical dry-docking operations, and, consequently contamination of toxic wastes (Kotrikla, 2009; Champ 2000).

Figure 3. Envirocart being operated by a diver (above). (Below) Half-cleaned tug photographed during testing for the Western Australia Department of Fisheries. Photos from Frammerline. <http://www.aquaroadbuilding.com.au/projects/controcart/>.

Hull Cleaning Wastewater?

[현재 선체 수중 청소 → 미래 선체 수중 청소]

- 현재 수중다이버들이 선체 부착생물을 제거 과정 중 해지박약에 몰려져, 항만 고유 생태계의 심각한 오염을 야기함.
- 본 과제에서는 선체부착생물 제거 로봇 플랫폼개발로 선체부착생물 제거 및 로컬(국)이라는 과정에서 생태계 위해성 평가 및 관리하며, IMO 선체대문 및 국제 해안 입출항의 제도적 제2과제라는 것임.

국제동향-Hull Cleaning Wastewater?

국제 기구의 관심: Biofouling 지침서 채택 및 프로젝트 수행_1

IMO instruments on biofouling

- Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species (2011 Biofouling Guidelines).
- Guidance for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species as biofouling (hull fouling) for recreational craft (MEPC.1/Circ.792).

GloBallast Project (2009-2006, 2007-2017)
 -BWM Convention 채택 (2004)
 -RAD Forum & Global TestNet (2010-)
 -BWMC 창설 (2017-9.9)
 -BWMES 정식승인완료 (2008-)

12 Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs)
 7 Regions

Funding
 GEF grant USD 6.9 M co-financing USD 41 M

Project duration 5 years
 Start: Dec-2018

연구의 최종목표

연구개발 최종목표

비전
 「국제환경규제 선제 대응」으로 선체부착생물(Biofouling) 통제, 관리 시장 선점 및 안전한 생태계 보호

목표
 IMO 환경규제 대응 선체부착생물 관리를 위한 친환경적 제어, 평가기술 개발 및 관리체계 구축

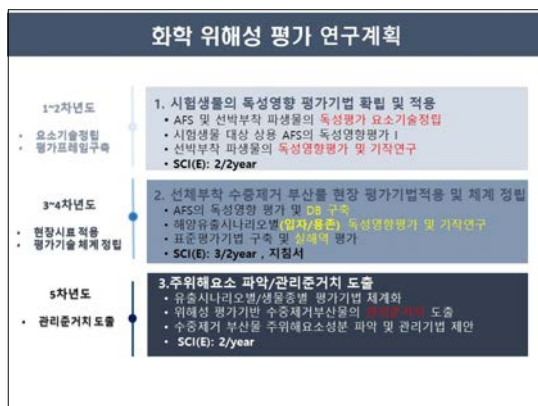
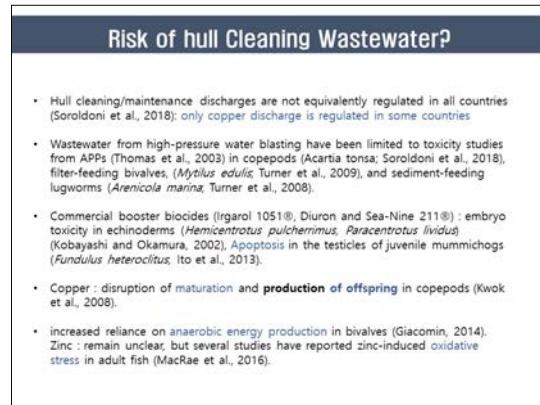
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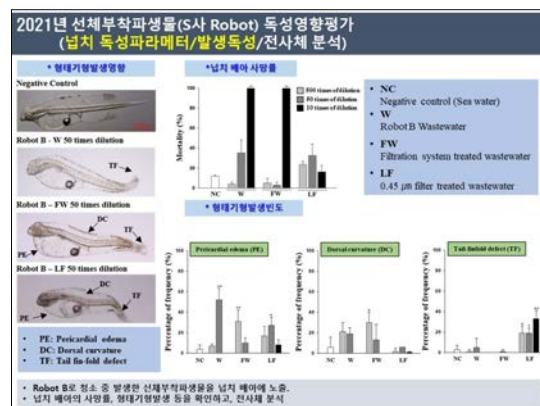
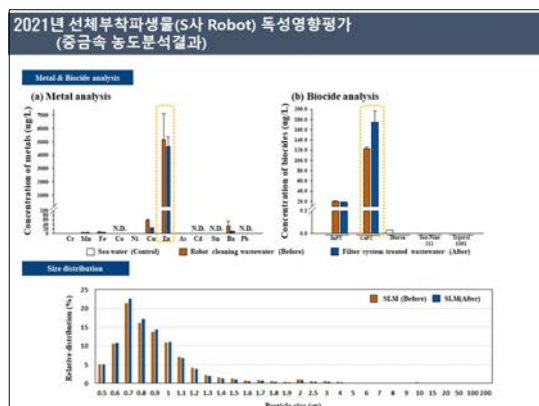
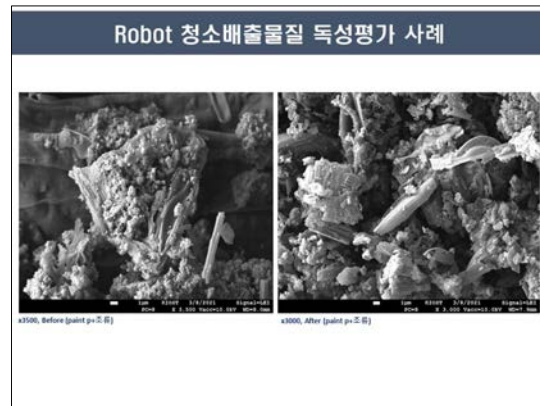
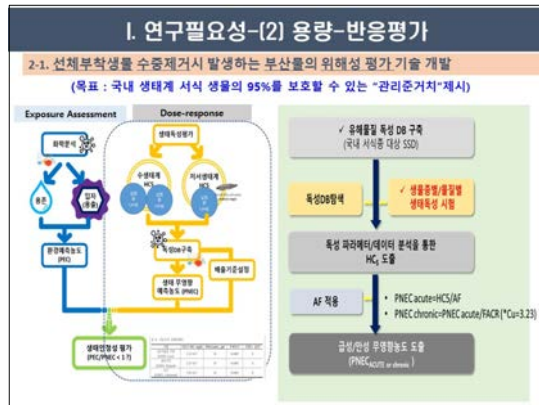
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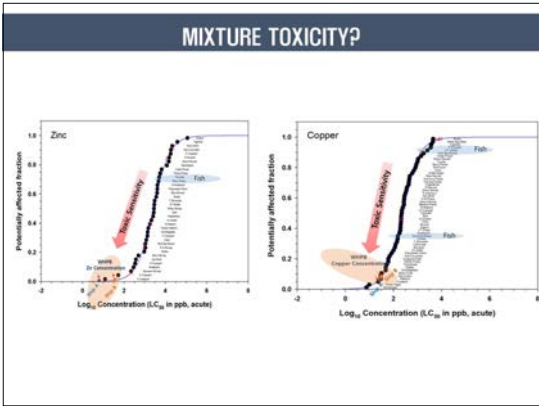
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Drug-induced renal injury and regeneration in zebrafish model

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Comparison between human nephron and zebrafish pronephros

Results Probl Cell Differ. 2017;60:55-75. Zebrafish as a Model of Kidney Disease. Morales EE, Wingert RA.

Pronephros

pronephros shares genetic conservation with the human nephron. Picture taken of a live zebrafish embryo 24 hours after fertilization (a). Schematic depicting the location of the pronephros in an embryo 24 hours after fertilization in relation to the somites (b). A dorsal view is expanded out where the glomerulus (GL), neck (NL), proximal convoluted tubule (PCT), proximal straight tubule (PST), distal early (DE), corpuscle of Stannius (CS), distal late (DL), and pronephric duct (PD) segments are labeled. Diagram of the human nephron where the glomerulus (GL), proximal convoluted tubule (PCT), proximal straight tubule (PST), thin limb (TL), thick ascending limb (TAL), macula densa (MD), distal convoluted tubule (DCT), connecting tubule (CNT), and collecting duct (CD) are labeled (c). The segment colors were matched to indicate genetic conservation between the zebrafish pronephros and human nephron.

Kidney International (2016) 89, 1204-1210

Mesonephros

mesonephros undergoes continuous nephrogenesis. Live image of an adult zebrafish with the location of the mesonephros depicted in light gray and an expanded-out dorsal image of the mesonephros containing nephrons, and collecting ducts (a). Schematic depicting nephrons made up of a tubule and renal corpuscle branching off a collecting duct (b). Renal progenitors and an incipient nephron undergoing nephrogenesis are also depicted. A histological cross section of an adult zebrafish kidney stained with hematoxylin and eosin with arrows pointing toward a renal corpuscle (RC), proximal tubule (PT), distal tubule (DT), and interstitial stroma (IS) (c).

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Zebrafish Models

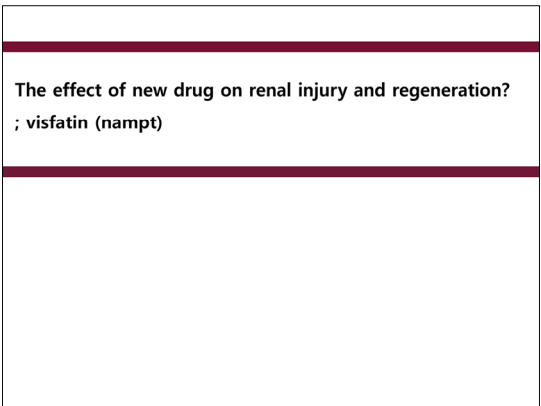
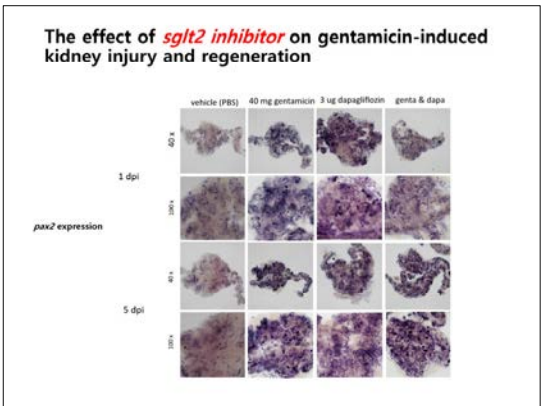
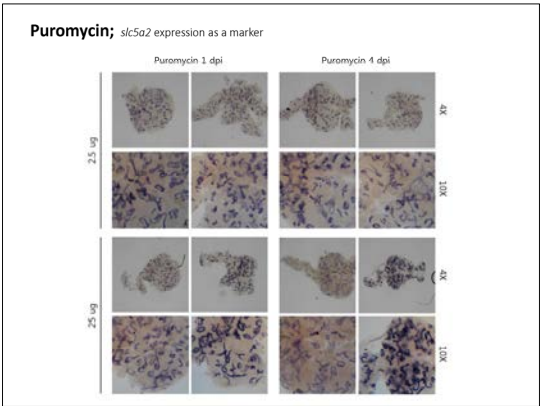
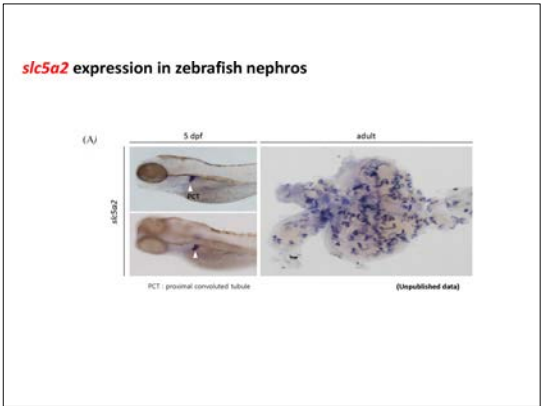
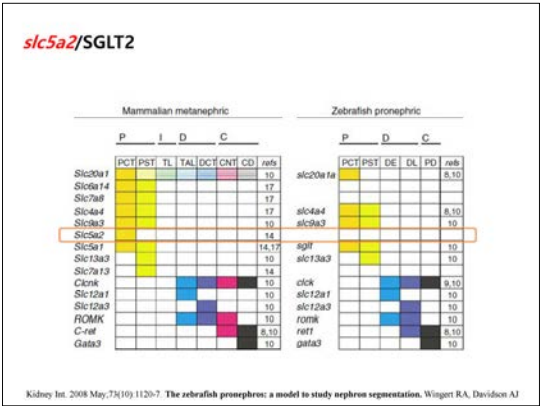
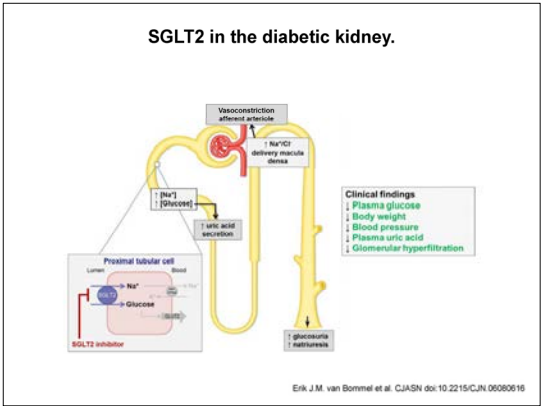
- Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) >> Proximal tubular injury

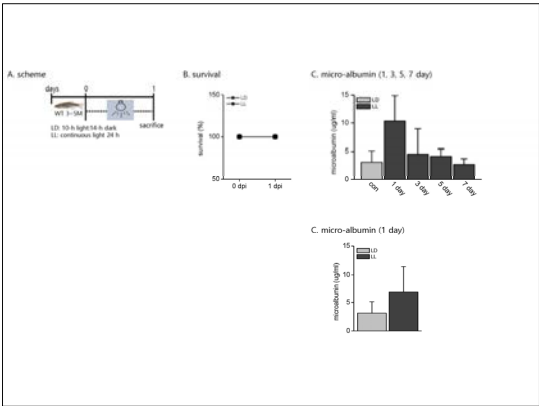
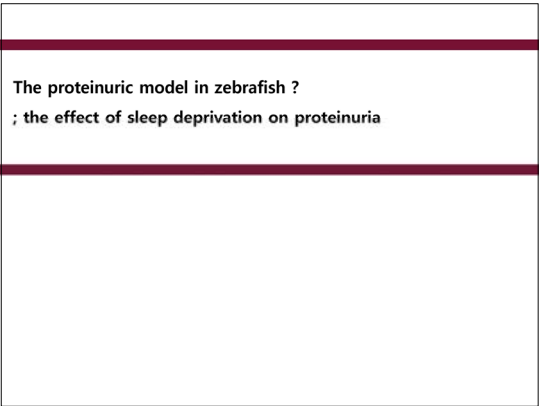
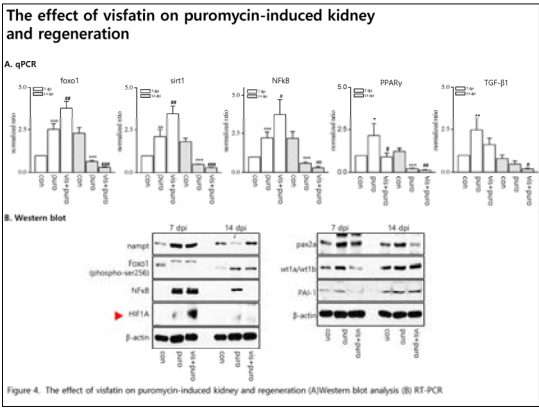
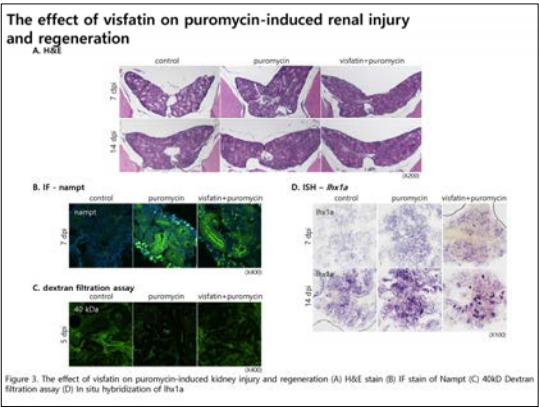
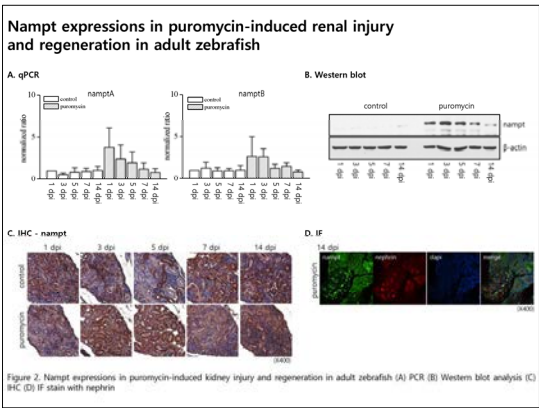
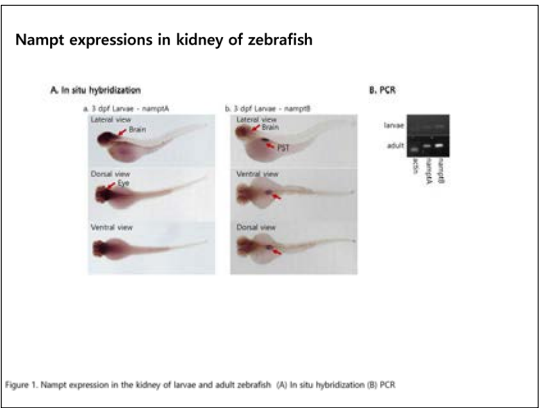
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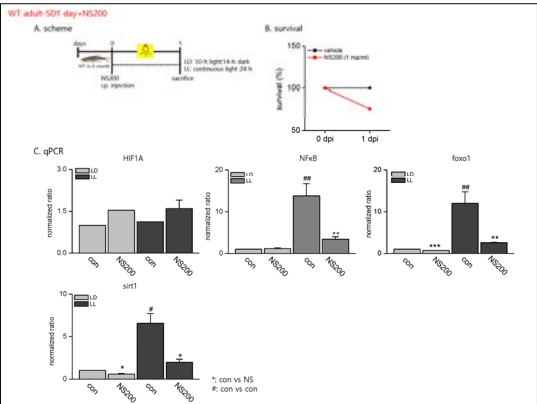
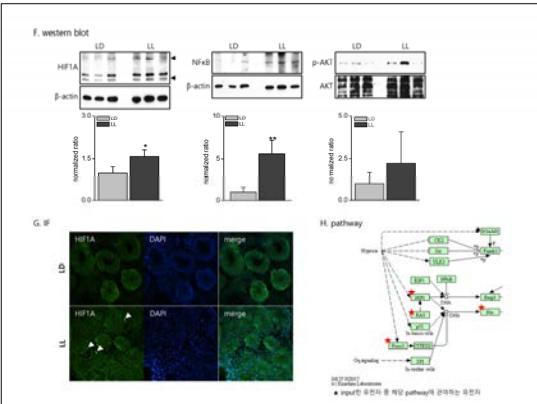
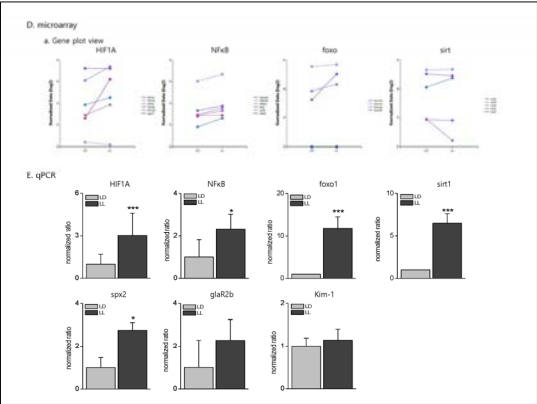
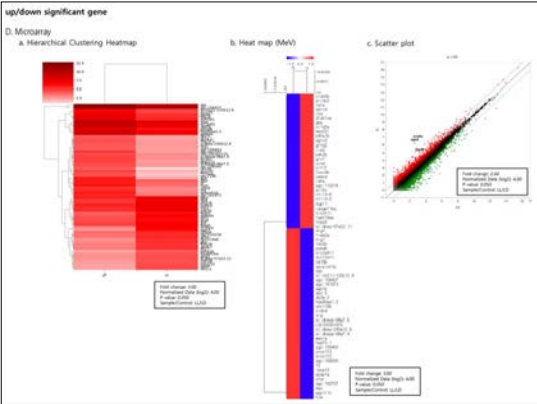
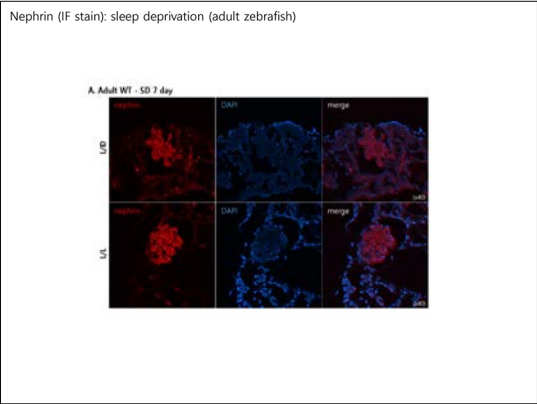
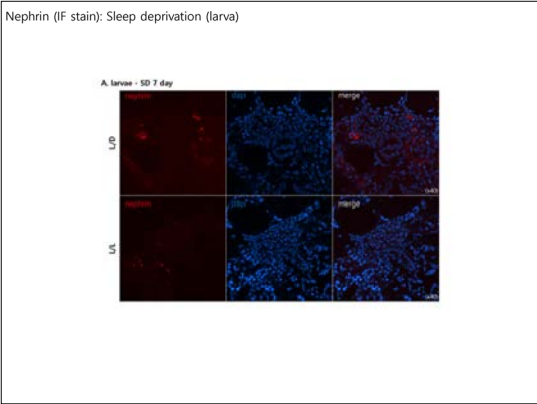
Proximal tubule AKI models: Gentamycin, Cisplatin, Puromycin, Adriamycin. Distal tubule AKI models: Laser ablation, Tubule obstruction. Glomerular AKI models: NTR induction, Adriamycin, HgCl2.

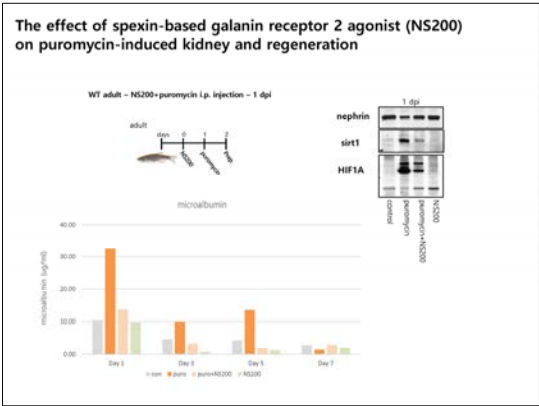
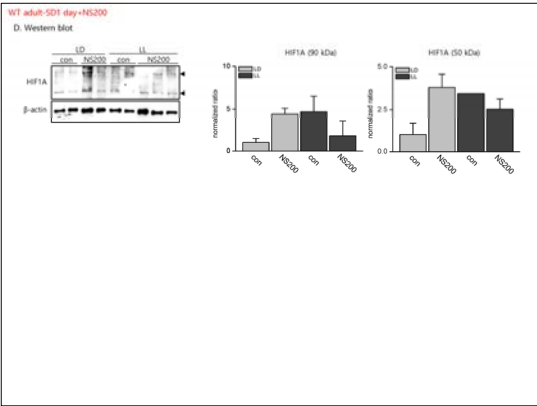
Gentamicin-induced kidney injury

Whole zebrafish, Head, Trunk, Tail. 0 dpe, 1 dpe, 4 dpe, 17 dpe. Rhodamine dextran.

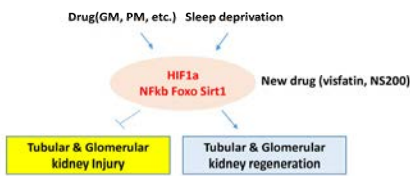








Summary



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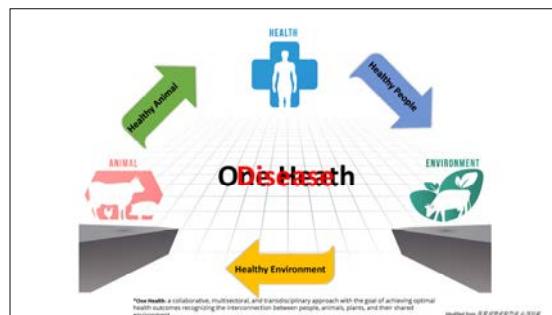
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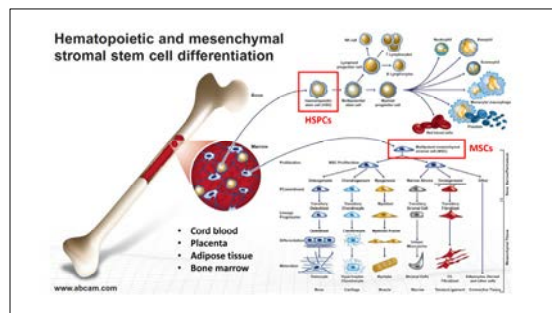


Major:
Cell Biology
(Bone Marrow Cells)
• Hematopoietic Cells
• Mesenchymal Cells

Technique:
• CRISPR/Cas9
• Lenti/Retro/Adenovirus
• BMT (Bone Marrow Transplantation)

➤ **Cell Therapy:** New medical treatment that transplant viable cells to replace or repair damaged tissues/cells with healthy, functioning ones.

➤ **Disease Modeling:** An animal displaying the pathological properties that are observed in the human or animal disease.

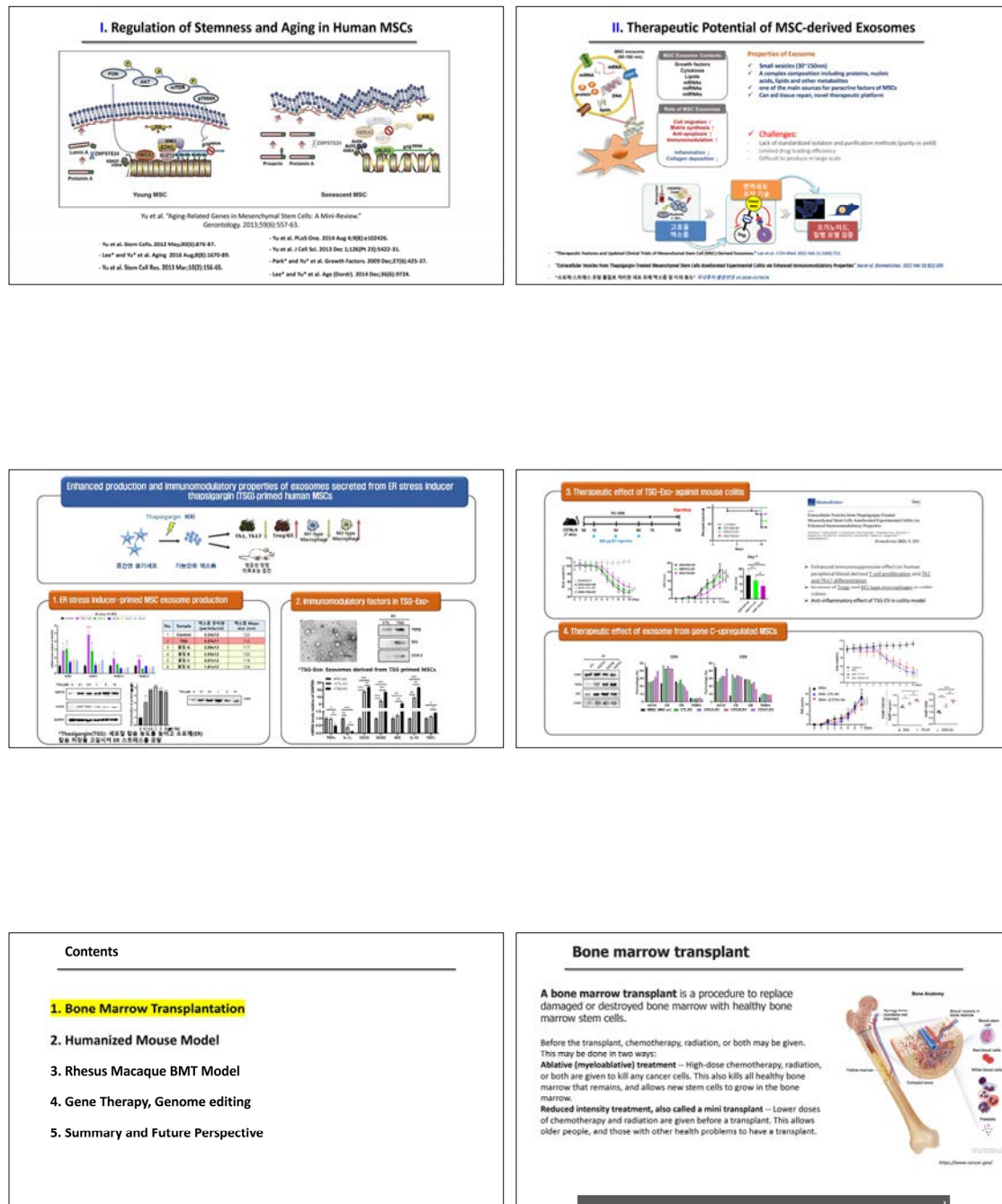


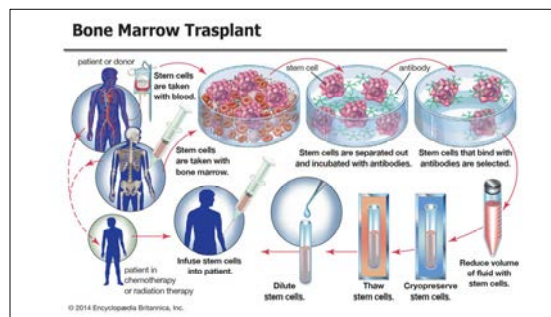
I. Regulation of Stemness and Aging in Human MSCs

II. Therapeutic Potential of MSC-derived Exosomes

III. Translational Hematology Research

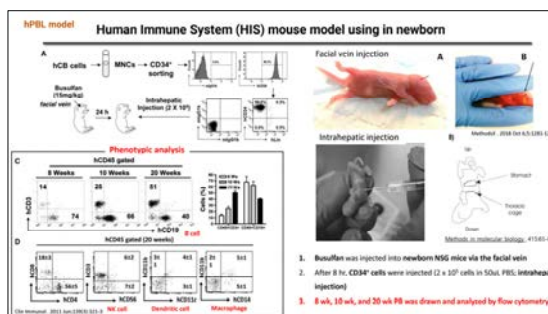
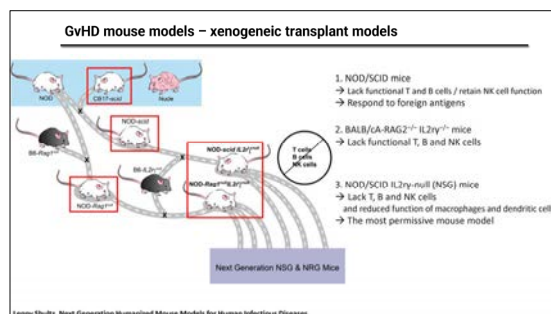
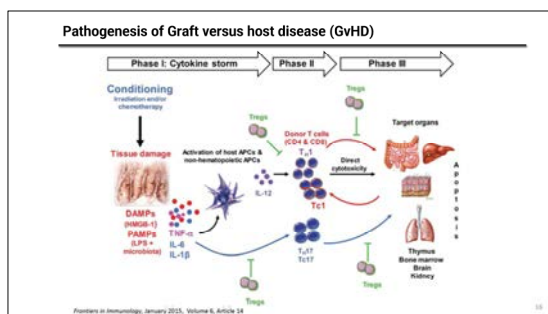
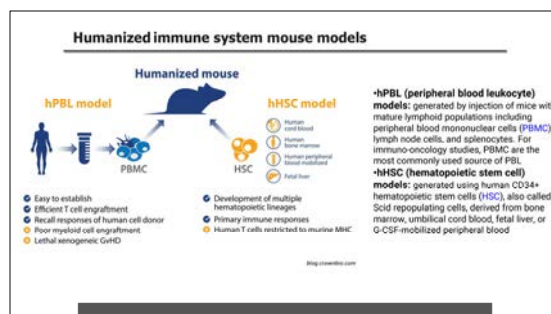
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2. Disease Modeling

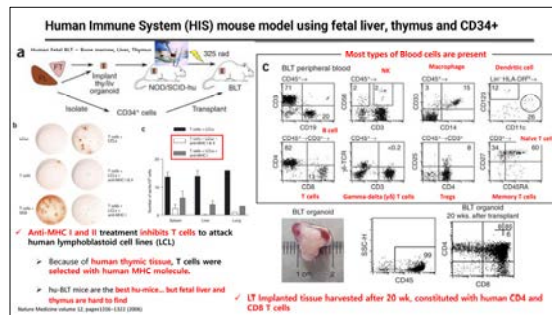




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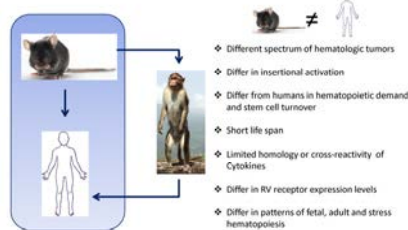




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The limitation of mouse model



Rhesus Macaque Model to Study HSPC* Aging

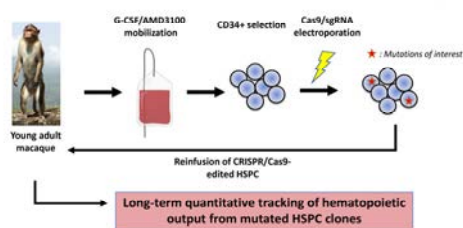
HSPC*: Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells



- Lifespan < 2 years
- Increased HSPC cycling and frequency
- Longer telomere length than humans
- Different spectrum of hematologic neoplasms

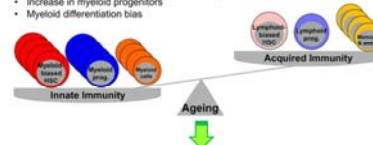
- 97% amino acid, 93% sequence homology
- Life span (20-40 years)
- HSPC phenotype, frequency, cycling and telomeres similar
- Immune system similar

Rhesus Macaque BMT model



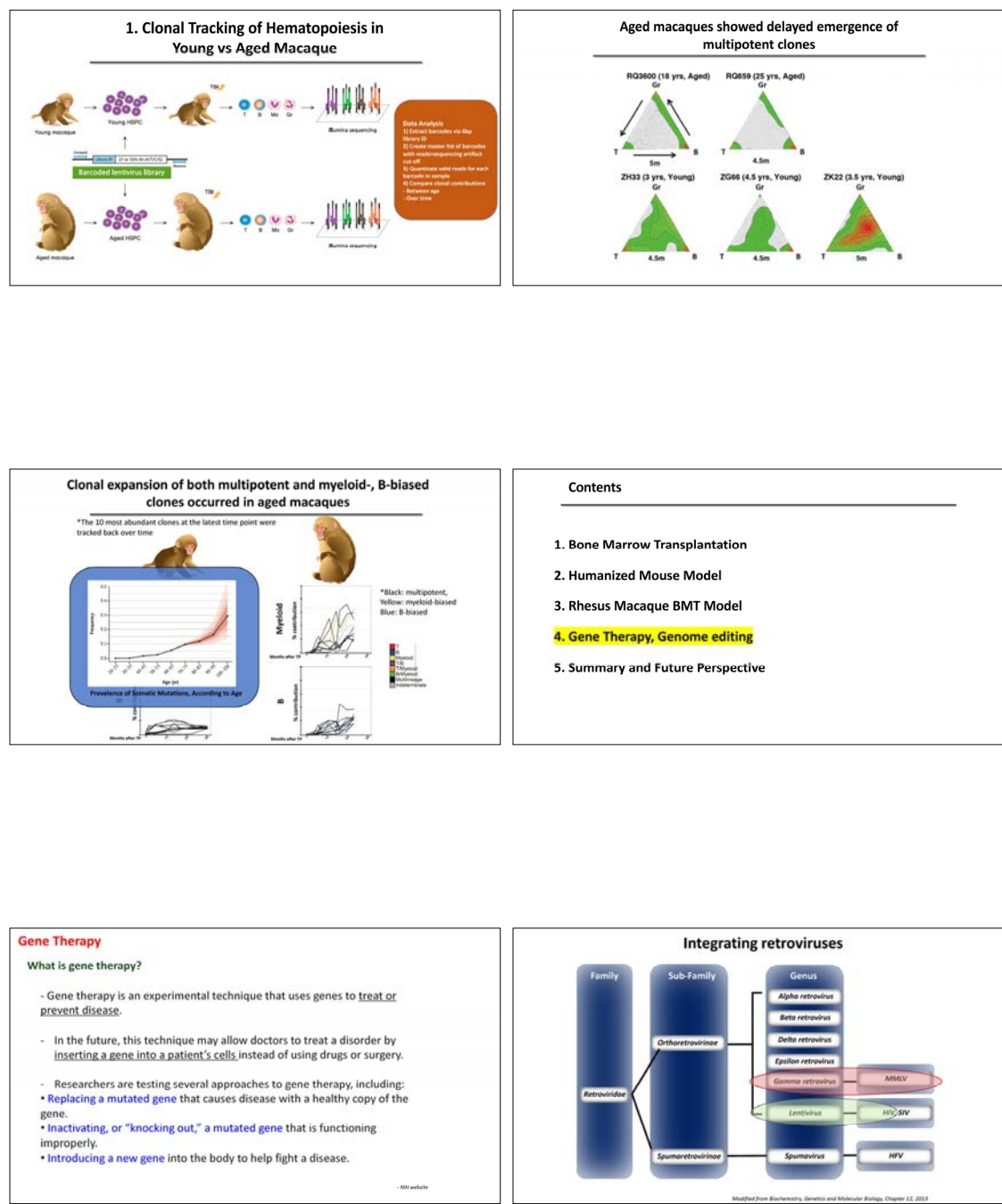
| Hematopoietic Stem Cell Aging

- Expansion of myeloid-biased HSC responses in aged bone marrow
- Decrease in number and fitness of B progenitors
- Oligoclonal expansion of memory B and T
- Thymic involution



CONSEQUENCE

- Declined competence of immune function -> increased susceptibility to infection
- Myeloid bias -> spontaneously increased level of proinflammatory cytokines/chemokines
- Increased incidence of autoimmune diseases, myeloid neoplasia and age-associated aplasia



[illegible]

Genomic medicine harnesses the knowledge of genetics to guide the care of patients and create new treatments...

1. Gene augmentation (Gene Therapy) and
2. Genome editing. Each approach seeks to address genetically defined diseases at the level of DNA.

CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing

THE CLUSTERED REGULARLY INTERSPACED SHORT PALINDROMIC REPEATS (CRISPR) AND CRISPR ASSOCIATED (CAS) SYSTEM


The diagram illustrates the CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing system. It shows a Cas9 protein complexed with a guide RNA (gRNA) and a CRISPR array. The CRISPR array contains repeating units (blue) and spacer units (orange). The Cas9 protein is shown with its two nuclease domains, Cas1 and Cas2. The gRNA is shown base-pairing with a target sequence in the CRISPR array. The Cas9 protein is shown making a double-strand break in the genomic DNA. The genomic DNA is shown with a double-strand break. The repair process is shown using either non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) or homology-directed repair (HDR). The diagram also shows the process of Cas9 binding to the target DNA and making a double-strand break. The repair process is shown using either NHEJ or HDR. The diagram also shows the process of Cas9 binding to the target DNA and making a double-strand break. The repair process is shown using either NHEJ or HDR.

<http://www.genedit.com/>

Strategy for therapeutic gene editing in HSPCs

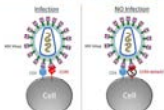
The diagram illustrates the strategy for therapeutic gene editing in Hematopoietic Stem Progenitor Cells (HSPCs). The process begins with a human figure, leading to **Gene transplantation: HSPC and gene therapy** (blue box). This leads to **Autologous CD34⁺ cells** (green box). From there, two paths emerge: **Specificity and off-target effects** (blue box) leading to **Gene editing system** (blue box), and **Delivery of gene editing system** (blue box) leading to **Gene-edited HSPC** (red box). The **Gene-edited HSPC** box contains two sub-sections: **HSPC1** (Hematopoietic stem cell) and **HSPC2** (Hematopoietic stem cell). The **Gene-edited HSPC** box also leads back to the human figure via **Gene transplantation: HSPC and gene therapy**.

'Berlin patient' - Timothy Ray Brown



A photograph of Timothy Ray Brown, the 'Berlin patient', standing outdoors with a dog. In the background, the Berlin skyline and a bridge are visible.

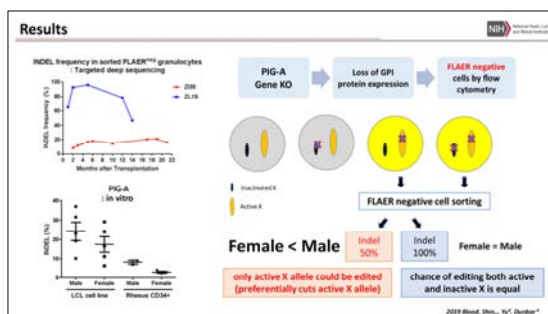
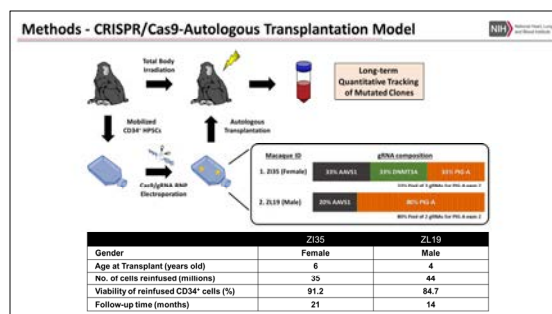
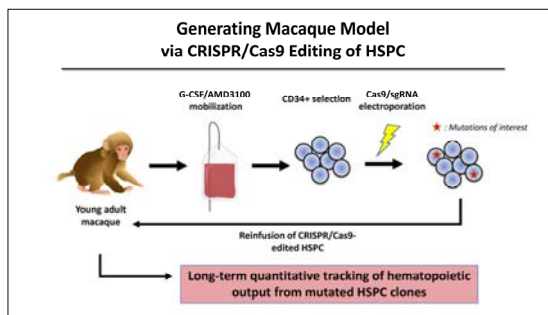
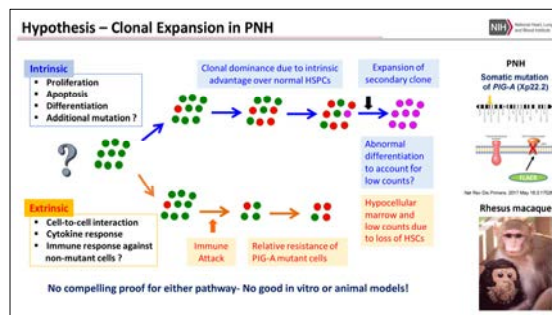
- In 2006, after living with the virus for 11 years and controlling his infection with antiretroviral drugs (ARV), he learned that he had developed acute myeloid leukemia.
- Chemotherapy failed, and the next year Brown, an American then living in Berlin, received the first of two bone marrow transplants—a common treatment for this cancer—and ditched his ARVs.
- Brown's blood over the past 7 years have found only traces of the viral genetic material, none of which can replicate.



Two diagrams illustrating the HIV infection process. The left diagram, labeled 'Infection', shows an HIV virus (a sphere with 'RNA' and 'PROTEIN' on its surface) attaching to a 'Cell' via its 'CD4' and 'TAX' receptors. The right diagram, labeled 'HIV infection', shows the virus having entered the cell, with its 'RNA' and 'PROTEIN' components now inside the cell's cytoplasm.

Generating Macaque Model via CRISPR/Cas9 Editing of HSPC

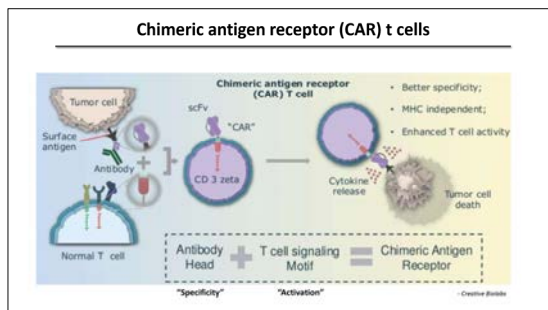
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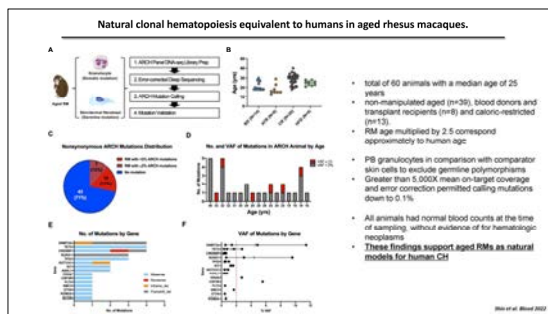
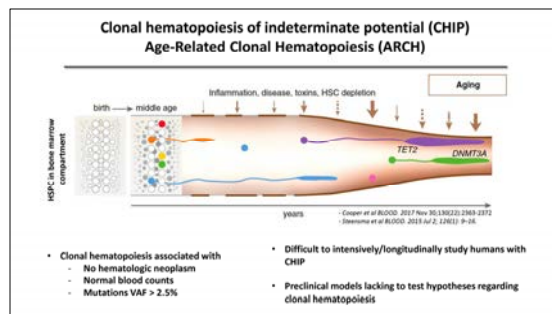
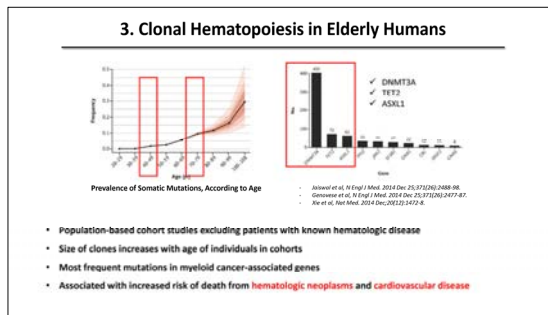
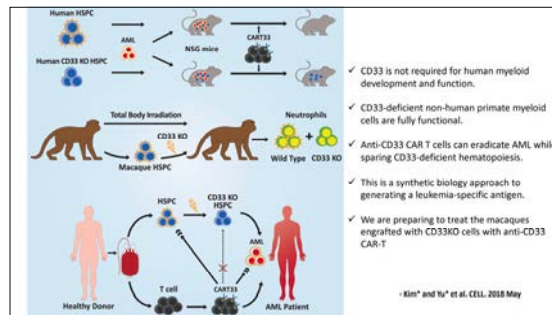


Genetic Inactivation of CD33 in Hematopoietic Stem Cells to Enable CAR T Cell Immunotherapy for Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Aim : generating a hematopoietic system resistant to CD33-targeted therapy and enabling specific targeting of AML with CAR T cells

Approach : CRISPR/Cas9 engineering of CD33 followed by CAR T cell administration





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Multiciliated cell in many organisms and tissues

Paramecium	<i>S. mediterranea</i>	Xenopus epidermis	Vertebrate airway	Vertebrate ependyma	Vertebrate oviduct
Organism motility Feeding	Mucociliary action Motility	Mucociliary action Toxin clearance	Mucociliary action Clear pathogen	CSF flow Neuronal migration	Transport ovum

Specialized population of post-mitotic cells with dozens of motile cilia.

Brooke ER, et al., Current Biology (2014), 24, R973-R982

UNIST FIRST IN CHANGE

Multiciliated cell in many organisms and tissues

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Analysis flow

1. Collect **scRNA-seq** data from published articles.
2. **Normalize** data to make every cell have equal expression count for fair comparison.
3. Remove **low quality cells** expressing too low number of genes and possible **multiplerts** expressing too high number of genes.
4. **Identify and separate MCCs**.
5. **Clustering and cell type annotation**.
6. Compare **gene expression** by species or tissue origin.

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Sample collection

3 Human airway data¹⁾
4 Mouse airway data^{2), 3)}
1 Human ependyma data⁴⁾
2 Mouse ependyma data^{5), 6)}
2 Human oviduct data⁷⁾
2 Mouse oviduct data^{8), 9)}

Collect scRNA-seq data

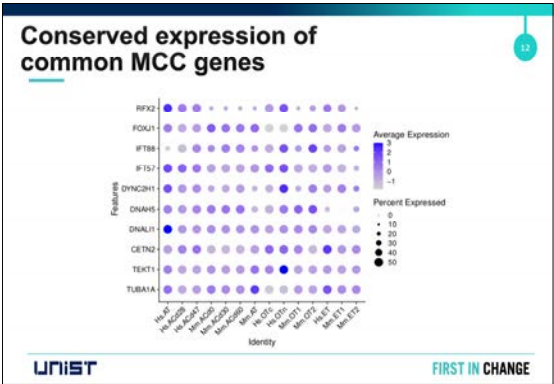
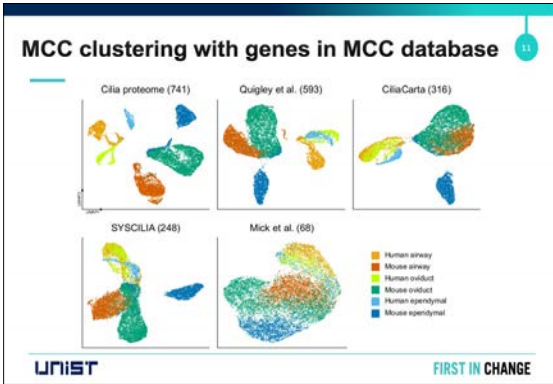
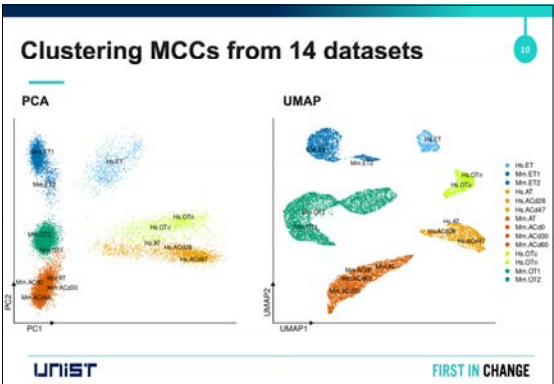
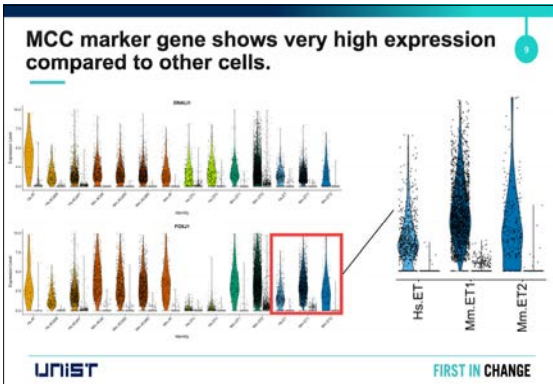
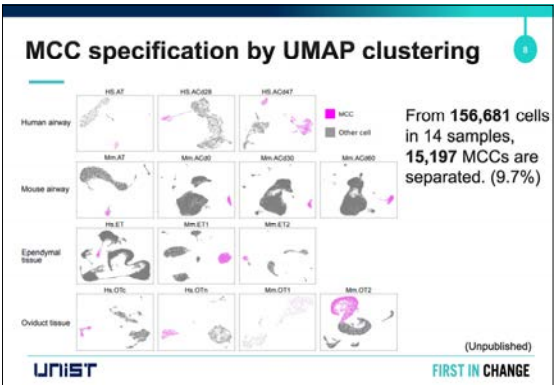
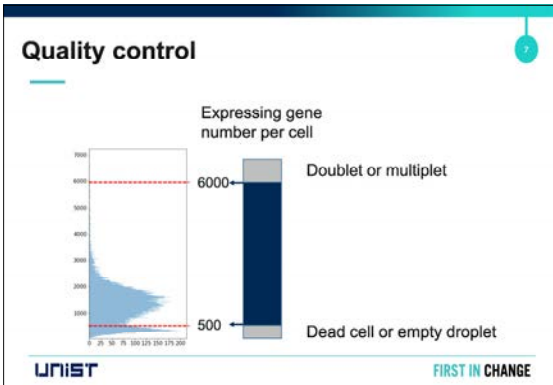
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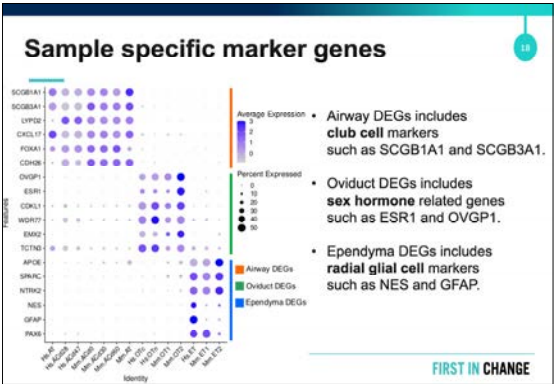
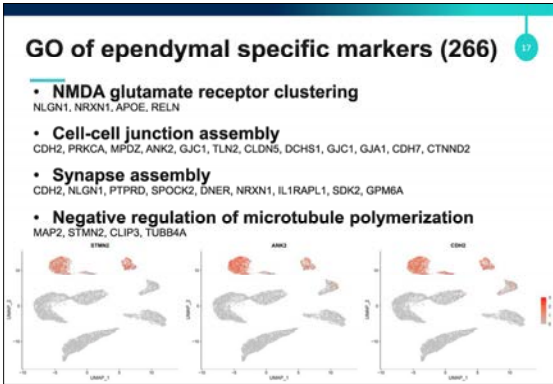
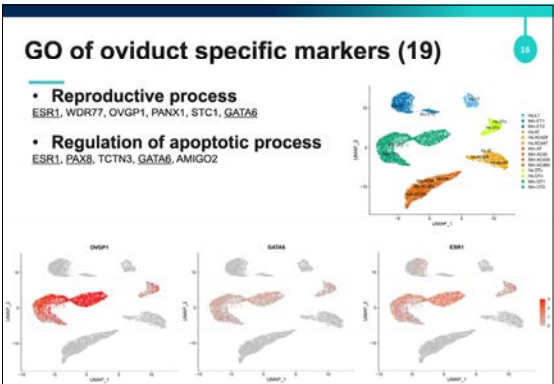
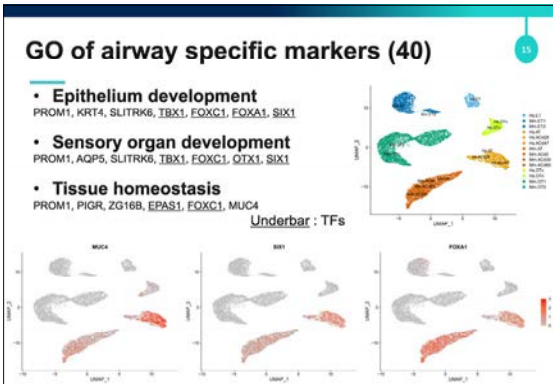
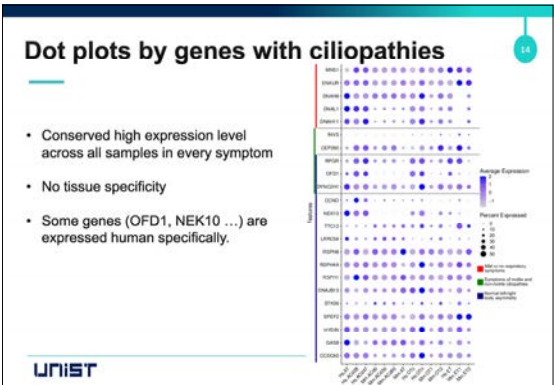
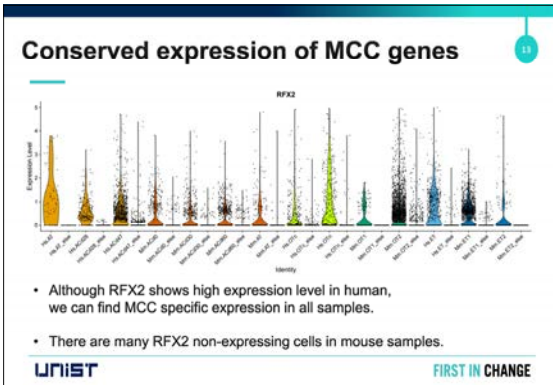
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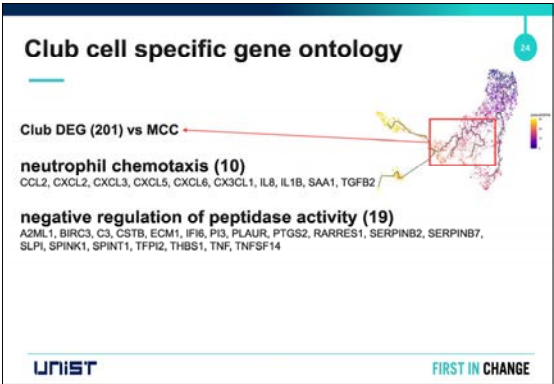
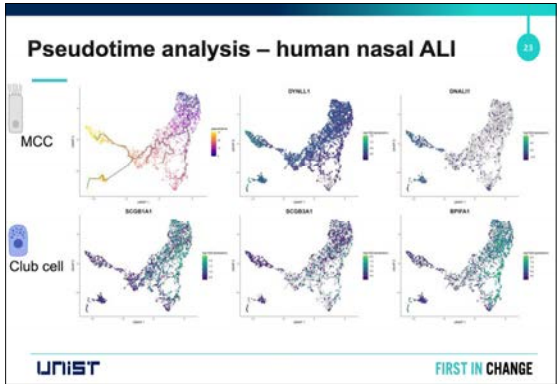
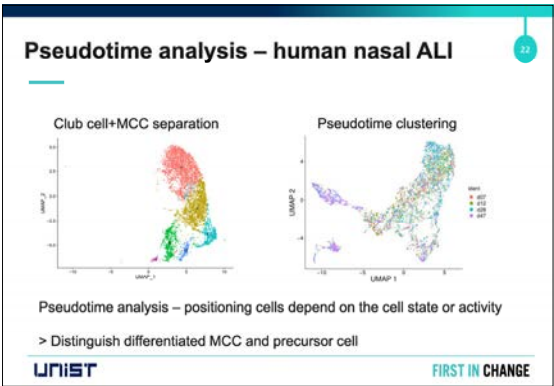
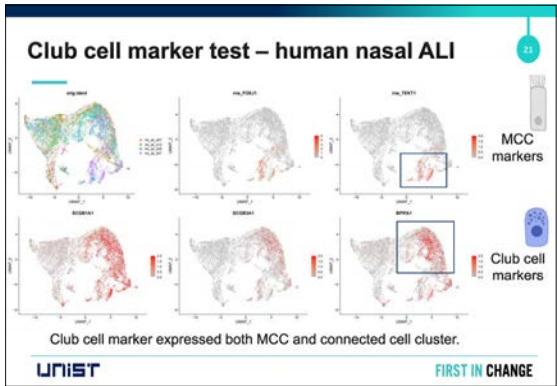
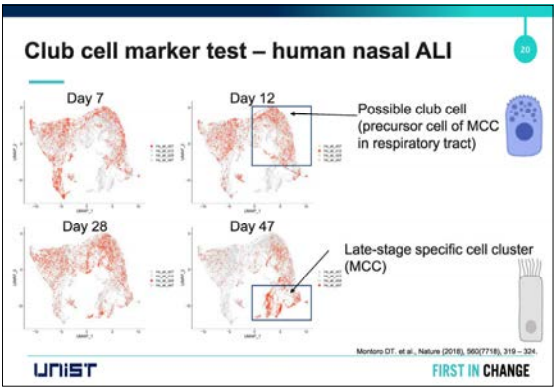
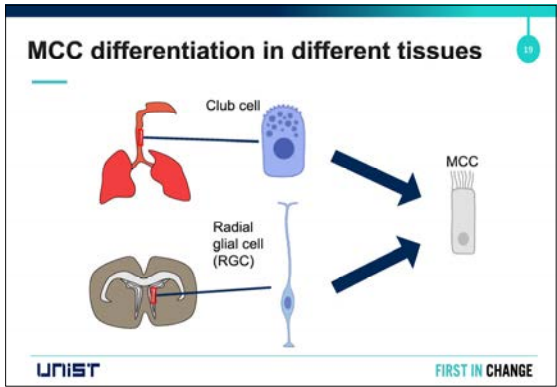
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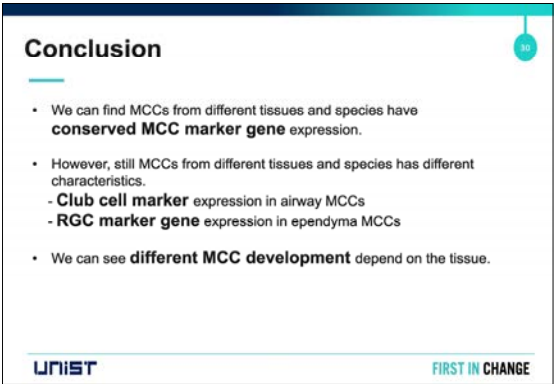
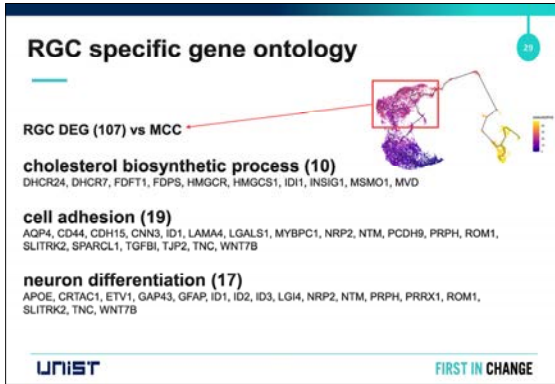
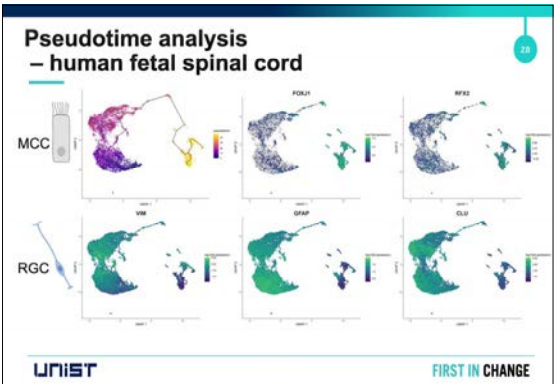
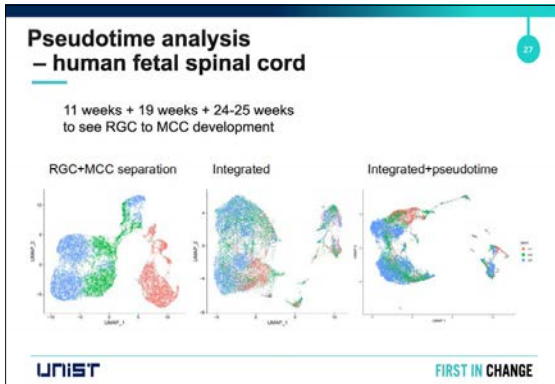
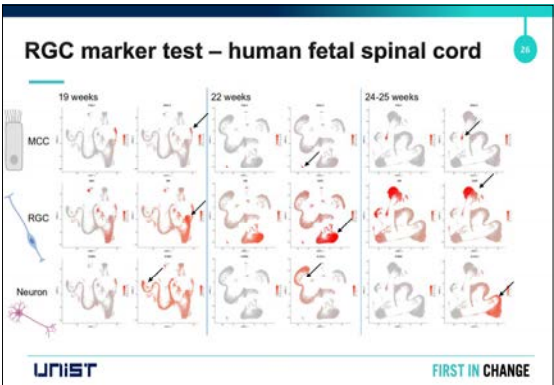
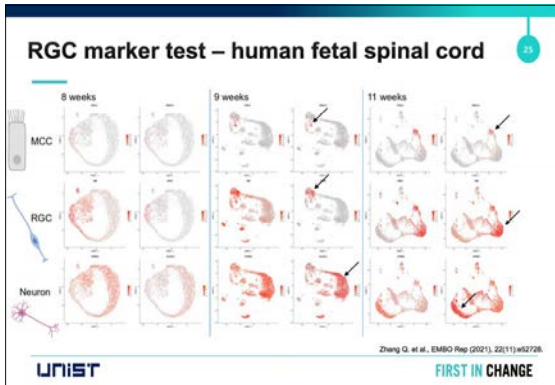
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Samples


Label	Accession #	Species	Tissue	Description
Hs.AT	GSE131391	Human	Bronchial	Bronchial epithelium from smokers and non-smokers
Hs.ACd28	GSE121600	Human	Nasal epithelia	ALI culture of HAEC derived from nasal mucosa
Hs.ACd27	GSE121600	Human	Nasal epithelia	ALI culture of HAEC derived from nasal mucosa
Mm.AT	GSE103354	Mouse	Bronchia	Mouse tracheal epithelial cell
Mm.ACd0	GSE103354	Mouse	Bronchia	Differentiated mouse tracheal basal cell
Mm.ACd30	GSE103354	Mouse	Bronchia	Differentiated mouse tracheal basal cell
Mm.ACd60	GSE103354	Mouse	Bronchia	Differentiated mouse tracheal basal cell



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Label	Accession #	Species	Tissue	Description
Hs.ET	GSE136719	Human	Spinal cord	Human fatal spinal cord data from 24–25-week prenatal baby
Mm.ET1	GSE162610	Mouse	Spinal cord	Uninjured spinal cord data from 8–10-week mice
Mm.ET2	GSE100320	Mouse	Brain	Ependymal cells and neuronal cells from 8-week mice
Hs.OTc	GSE132149	Human	Oviduct	Fallopian tube tissues from ovarian cancer patients
Hs.OTn	GSE139079	Human	Oviduct	Fallopian tube tissues from ovarian benign patients
Mm.OT1	GSE180102	Mouse	Oviduct	Fallopian tube tissues from mice in reproductive age
Mm.OT2	GSE164291	Mouse	Oviduct	Fallopian tube tissues from mice in reproductive age



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1. Human nasal epithelial cell ALI (Hs.ACd28, Hs.ACd47)


- ALI culture of HAEC derived from nasal mucosa.
- Ruiz García S. et al., Development (2019), 146 (20).

2. Human bronchial epithelial cell (Hs.AT)

- Brushing from the human bronchus.
- Duclos GE. et al., Sci Adv (2019), 5(12).

3. Mouse bronchial cell (Mm.ACd0, Mm.ACd30, Mm.ACd60, Mm.AT)

- Cells after homeostatic turnover by treatment of tamoxifen to induce cell differentiation from basal cell of 6–12-week mice trachea (3 per time point).
- Montoro DT. et al., Nature (2018), 560(7718), 319 – 324.



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4. Human fallopian tube (Hs.OTc, Hs.OTn)

- Human fallopian tube epithelial cells from 5 cancer and 5 benign patients.
- Hu Z. et al., Cancer cell (2020), 32(7), 226 – 242.

5. Mouse fallopian tube (Mm.OT1, Mm.OT2)



- Fallopian tube cells from mouse in reproductive age (2–4 months).
- Ford MJ. et al., Cell Rep (2021), 36, 109677.
- Oviduct from 8 ~ 10-week mice.
- McGlade E. et al., FASEB J (2021), 35(5).



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- 6. Mouse SVZ (Mm.ET1)**
 - Ependymal cells and neuronal cell from 8-week mice (3).
 - Shah PT. et al., Cell (2018), 173(4), 1045 – 1057.
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 - Uninjured spinal cord data from 8–10-week mice.
 - Milich LM. et al., J Exp Med (2021), 218(8).
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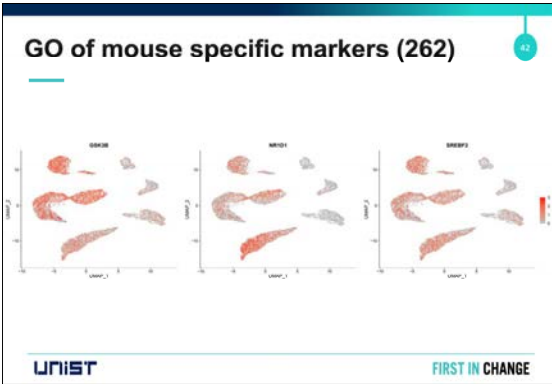
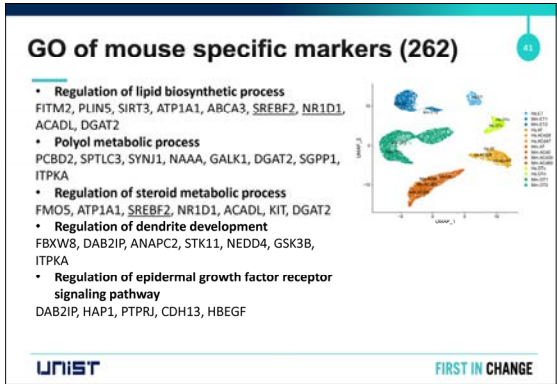
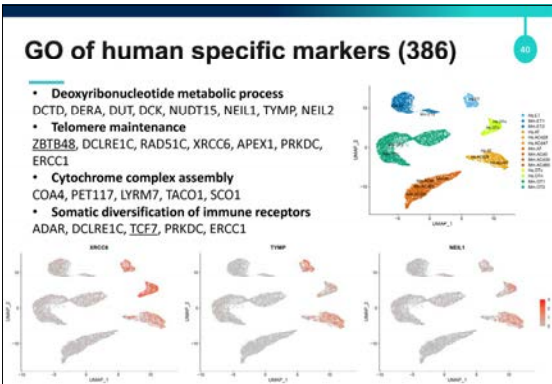
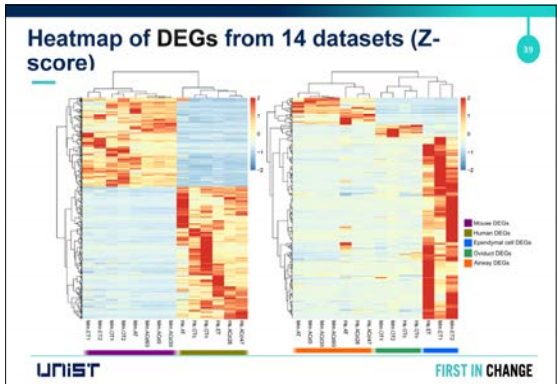


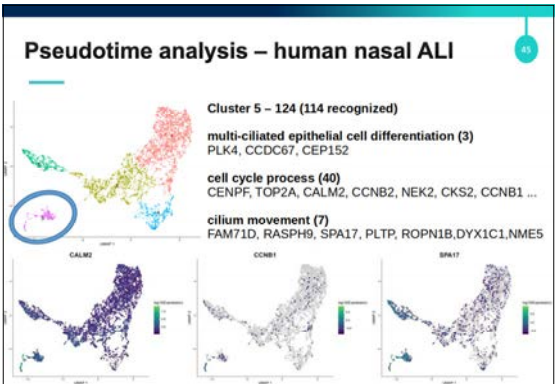
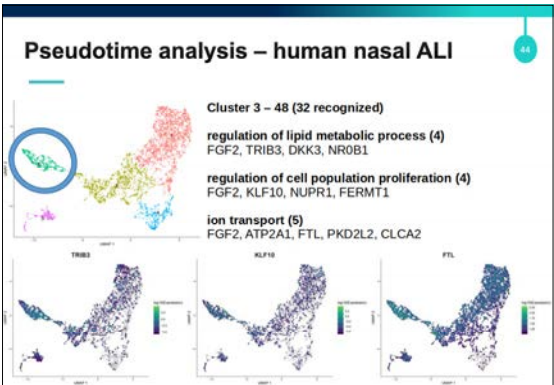
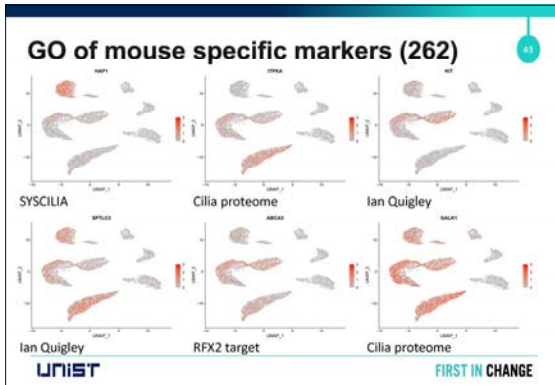
Marker gene selection

Marker gene selection rules

- Expression of target tissue > Expression of else *2
- 10% of target cells expressing the genes
- No human – mouse expression difference (less than 2-fold)







Establishment of a male fertility prediction model with sperm RNA markers in pigs as a translational animal model



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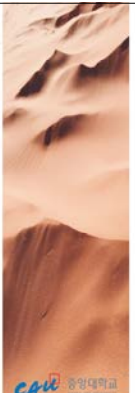

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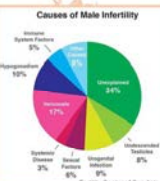
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Background

- Infertility is a prevalent condition affecting an estimated 70 million people globally.
- The World Health Organization estimates that 15% of couples worldwide struggle with fertility issues and that male factor contributes to 50% of the issues.
- Globally, male infertility treatment costs are increasing annually.
- Unexplained male infertility accounts for 34 – 58%.





Source: Zion Market Research 2017

Fertility Center of San Antonio

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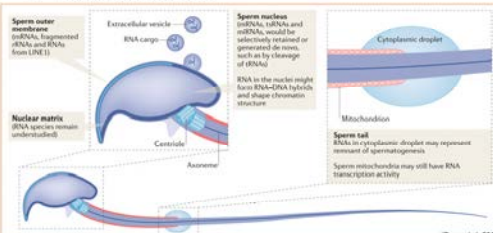
- Omics-based biomarkers



- Tons of omics data have been accumulated.
- Developing precise biomarkers with omics data requires substantial interpretation and validation.

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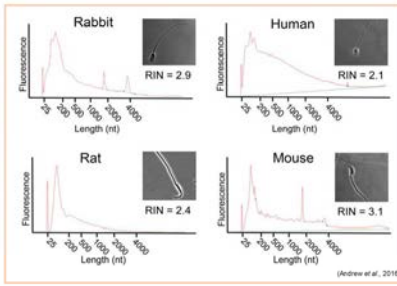
- Spermatozoon contains several types of RNA.
- Sperm RNA serves the following functions:
 - contribution during fertilization by delivering novel paternal RNA to the oocyte. (Odehmer et al., 2004)
 - signal of mitochondrial translation. (Sui et al., 2006)
 - marker for diagnosis of male fertility and infertility. (Lambard et al., 2004; Odehmer et al., 2002)
 - marker for health. (Hayama et al., 2018)



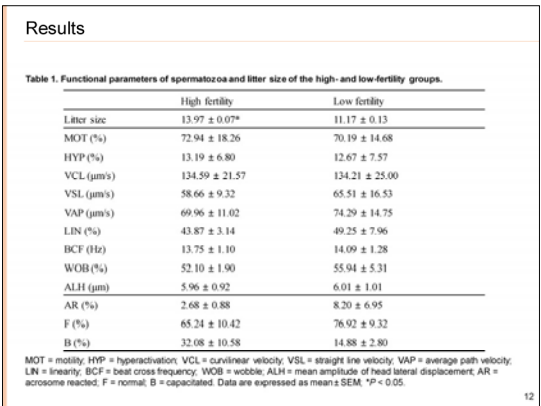
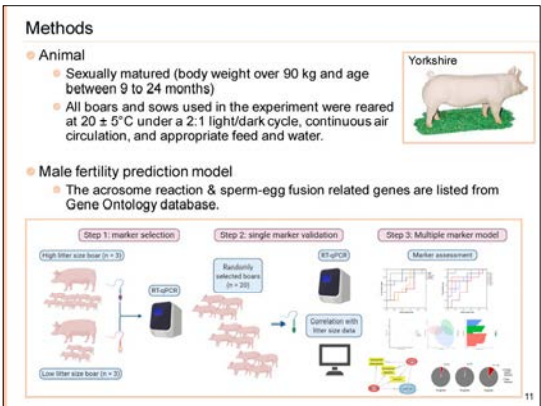
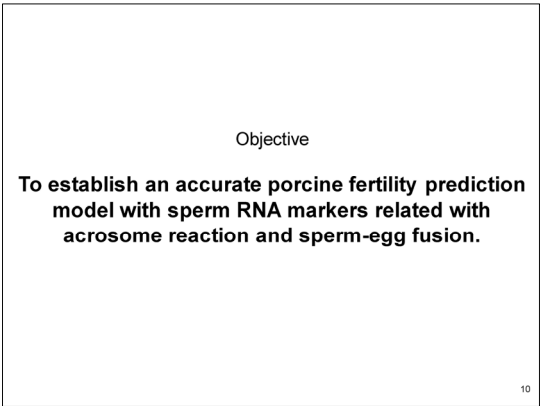
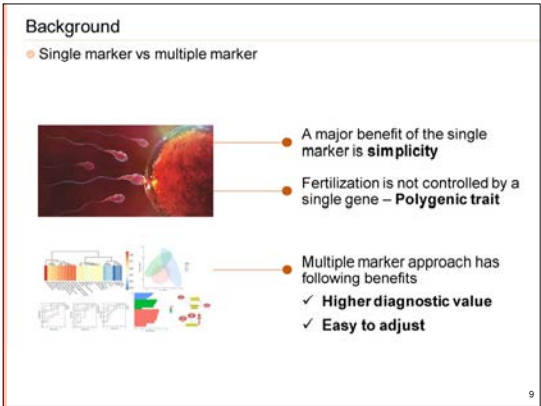
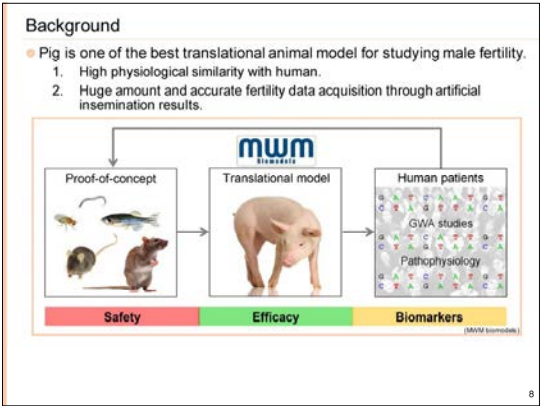
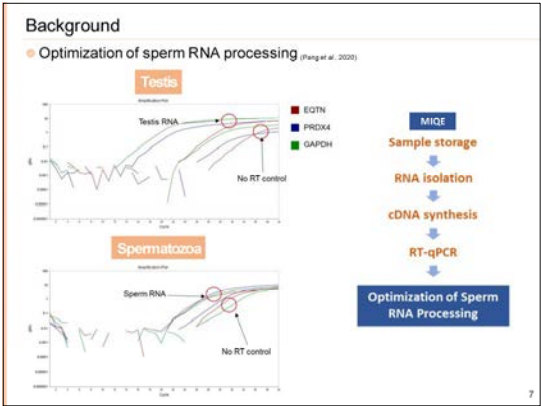
(Zhang et al., 2019)

Background

- Spermatozoon contains little amount of RNA (10 – 100 fg/cell).
- Sperm RNAs are highly fragmented.



(Andrew et al., 2016)



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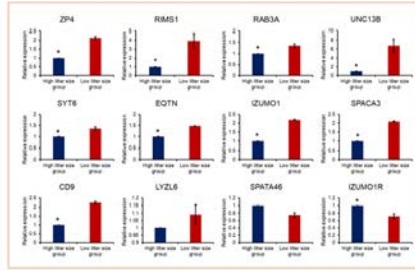


Figure 1. The expression pattern of target genes in the high- and low-fertility groups. Relative mRNA expression of selected genes in the high- and low-fertility groups. (n = 3). *P < 0.05.

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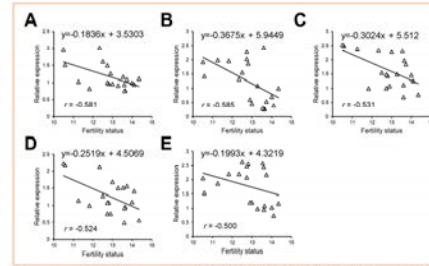


Figure 2. Linear regression test. Linear regression of (B) EOTN, (C) ZP4, (D) RMS1, and (E) SPACA3 and fertility status of 20 randomly selected pigs. r, Pearson coefficient, P < 0.05.

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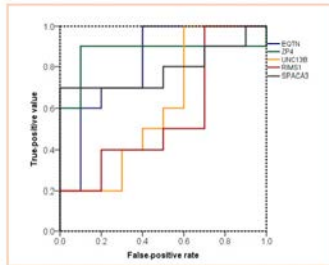


Figure 3. The receiver operating characteristic curve. The receiver operating characteristic curve of EOTN, ZP4, UNC13B, RMS1, and SPACA3 for single marker evaluation.

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Table 2. Male fertility prediction value of single markers.

Gene	Cut-off value	AUC	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	NPV (%)	PPV (%)	OA (%)
EOTN	1.0	0.8	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
ZP4	1.2	0.9	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
UNC13B	1.5	0.6	60.0	50.0	55.6	54.5	55.0
RMS1	1.1	0.6	50.0	40.0	44.4	45.5	45.0
SPACA3	2.0	0.8	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0

AUC = Area under the curve. Sensitivity is the percentage of pigs showing true-positive results when tested with mRNA expression. Specificity is the percentage of pigs showing true-negative results. The positive predictive value (PPV) is the percentage of pigs that tested as positive and simultaneously showed true-positive litter size. The negative predictive value (NPV) is the percentage of pigs that tested as negative and simultaneously showed true-negative litter size. OA = overall accuracy.

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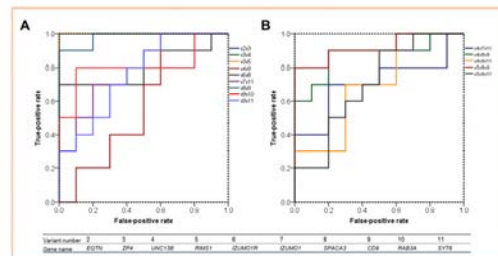


Figure 4. Assessment of multiple fertility markers. (A) The receiver operating characteristic curve of the predictive ability of the two-gene marker models for male fertility prediction. (B) The receiver operating characteristic curve of the predictive ability of the three-gene marker models for male fertility prediction.

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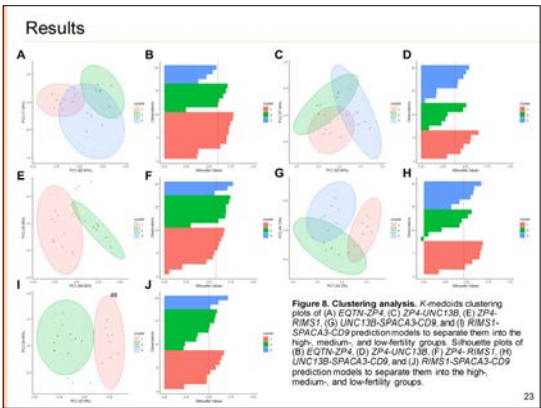
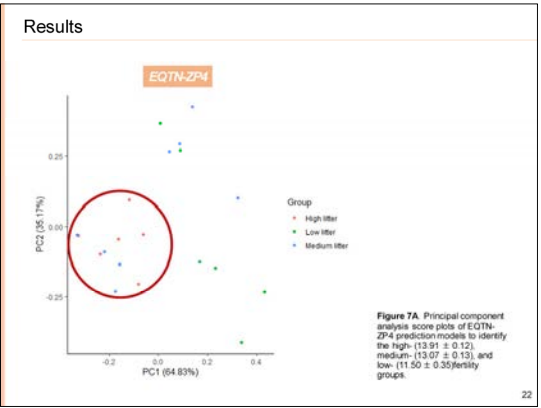
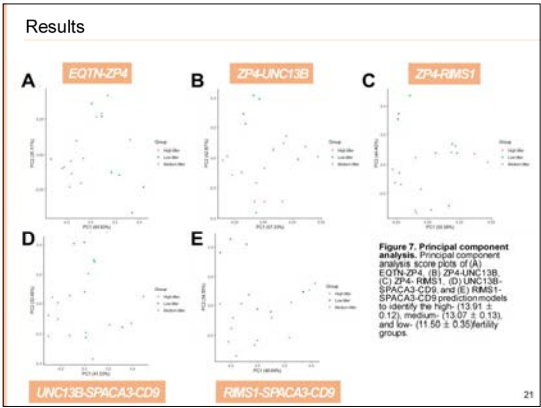
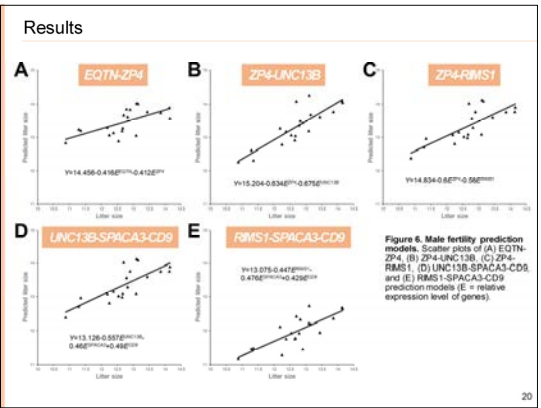
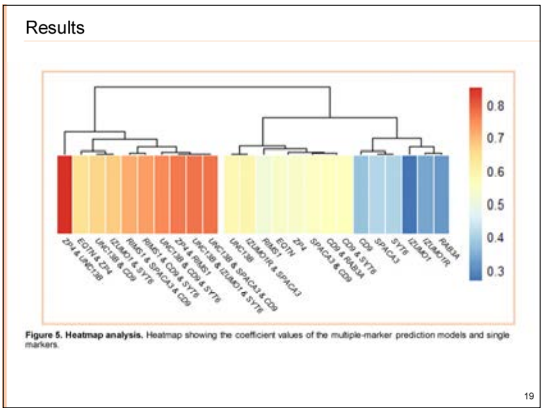
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Table 3. Male fertility prediction value of multiple marker models.

Prediction model	AUC	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	NPV (%)	PPV (%)	OA (%)
EOTN-ZP4	1.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ZP4-UNC13B	1.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ZP4-RMS1	1.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
UNC13B-CD9	0.6	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
IZUMO1-SPACA3	0.8	70.0	60.0	66.7	63.6	65.0
IZUMO1-SYT6	0.7	70.0	60.0	66.7	63.6	65.0
SPACA3-CD9	1.0	90.0	80.0	88.9	81.8	85.0
CD9-RAB3A	0.8	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
CD9-SYT6	0.8	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
UNC13B-IZUMO1-SYT6	0.7	70.0	60.0	66.7	63.6	65.0
UNC13B-SPACA3-CD9	0.9	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
UNC13B-CD9-SYT6	0.7	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
UNC13B-SPACA3-CD9	0.9	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
RMS1-CD9-SYT6	0.7	70.0	60.0	66.7	63.6	65.0

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Table 4. Average litter size of high-, medium-, and low-fertility groups after clustering.

Marker combination	High-fertility K-means clustering and silhouette plotting	Medium fertility K-means clustering and silhouette plotting	Low-fertility K-means clustering and silhouette plotting
EQTN-ZP4	14.05 ± 0.12a	13.45 ± 0.10b	12.02 ± 0.29b
ZP4-UNC13B	13.82 ± 0.10a	12.91 ± 0.08b	11.50 ± 0.35c
ZP4-RMS1	14.15 ± 0.11a	13.49 ± 0.10b	12.02 ± 0.29b
UNC13B-SPACA3-CD9	13.91 ± 0.12a	13.12 ± 0.13b	11.67 ± 0.35b
RMS1-SPACA3-CD9	14.15 ± 0.11a	13.35 ± 0.12b	11.81 ± 0.33b

Data are expressed as mean ± SEM. a,b,c P < 0.05.

Conclusion

- Among the acrosome reaction and sperm-egg fusion related genes, *EQTN*, *ZP4*, *UNC13B*, *RIMS1*, and *SPACA3* mRNA expressions were developed as a single marker.
- As a single marker, **ZP4** showed highest accuracy.
- Multiple marker models showed **increased correlation coefficient and prediction values** than single marker.
- Among multiple marker models, **ZP4-RIMS1** and **RIMS1-SPACA3-CD9** demonstrated outstanding predictive value in **detecting the high-fertility group**. This multiple marker models will be useful for animal industry.
- In contrast, **EQTN-ZP4** model was effective in **detecting low-fertility group**. This multiple marker model will be useful for biomedical research on male infertility.

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Energy pathways involved in the maturation of the Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*

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The Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas* is commercially-important aquaculture species worldwide. In marine bivalves like *C. gigas*, glycogen is used as energy storage for maturation and to provide energy for gametogenic development and maintenance. The stored glycogen is broken down into glucose when needed and used for energy production or blood sugar control. Additionally, it is known that growth factors inactivate glycogen synthase kinase 3 (GSK3) through phosphorylation, promote glycogen synthase (GS) activity, and regulate glucose synthesis and glycogen metabolism. Various signal transductions regulate GSK3 activity, and examples of phosphorylating enzymes capable of inducing such phosphorylation include protein kinase B (Akt). Therefore, this study was confirmed to investigate the relationship between GSK-3 and glycogenolysis/glycogenesis and compare the reproductive cycle of the *C. gigas* to the energy pathway.

Fifty oysters were randomly collected monthly for one year from the long-line culture system in Jaran Bay, Tongyeong, twenty of which were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for histological observation. To confirm changes in the GSK3 mRNA expression, gonads and adductor muscles were subjected to Reverse Transcription PCR (RT-PCR) and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) methods, and the AKT/GSK3 signaling pathway in the gonads was analyzed using western-blot.

The expression of GSK3 mRNA levels in the female gonad was highest in October when spawning occurred after maturation, and the lowest expression was shown in July when spawning and spent. Similarly, in the male gonad, the expression of GSK3 mRNA levels was lowest in July. Also, in the adductor muscle, males and females showed the highest expression in April and low in July and October, when spawning and spent. This pattern was similar to the result confirming that GSK3 mRNA was detected in female and male gonad and adductor muscle by the FISH method. Furtherly observed that matured and spawned oysters from April to July exhibited higher AKT activities and lower GSK3 activities. In conclusion, GSK3 expression appears high at the time of ripe, inhibiting the synthesis of glycogen is used as energy for maturation, and glycogen synthesis occurs for energy storage during degeneration.

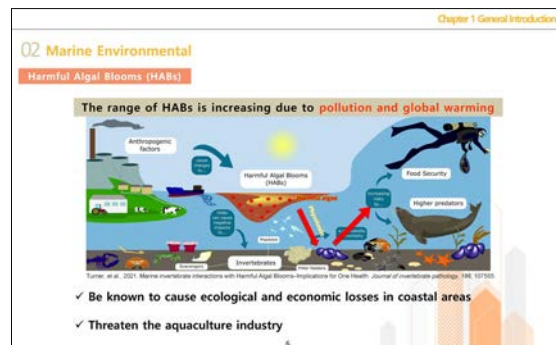
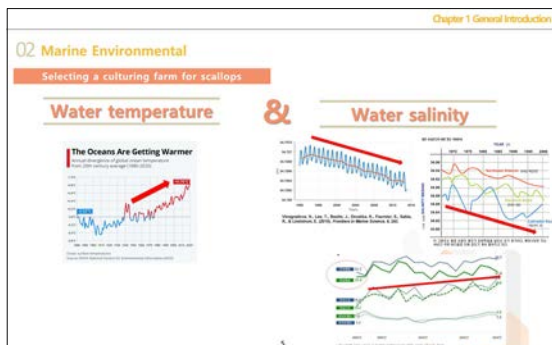
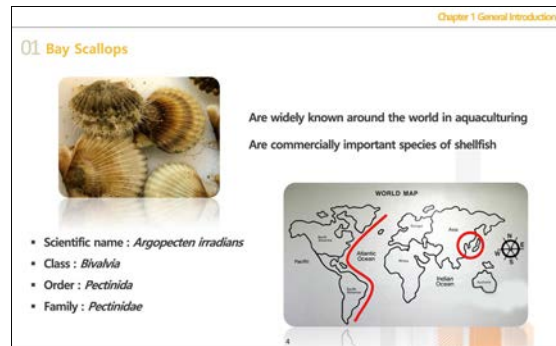
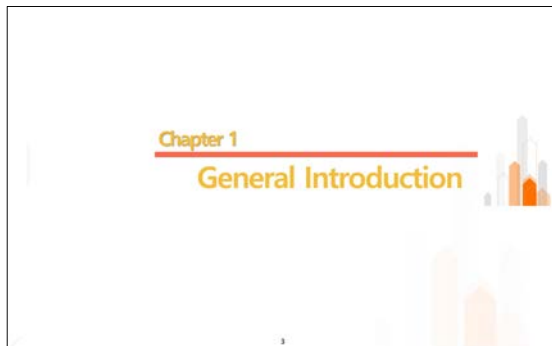
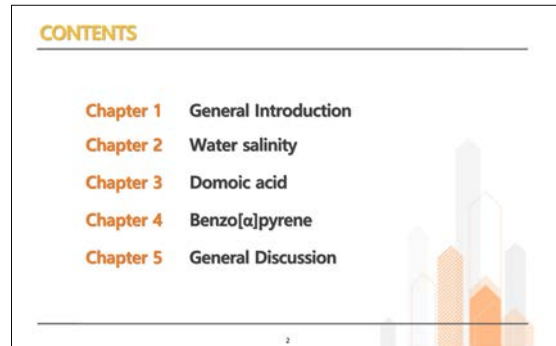
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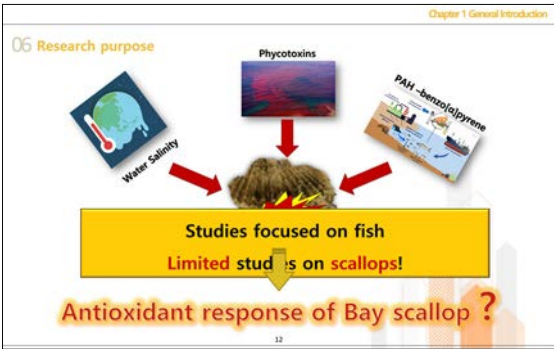
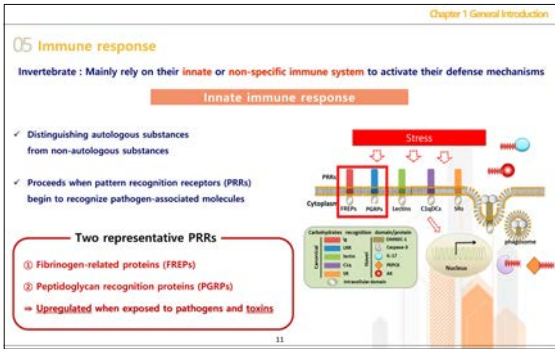
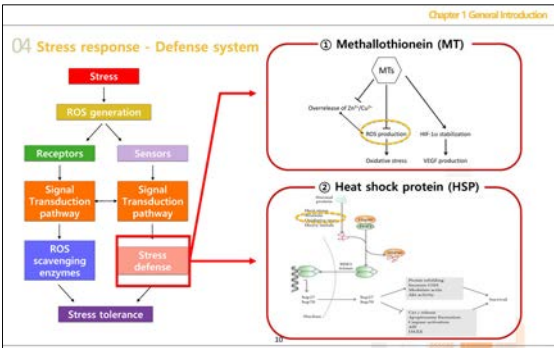
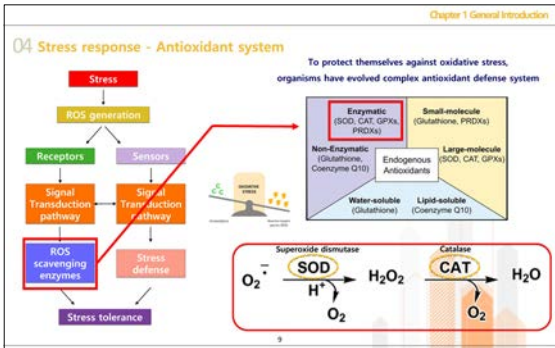
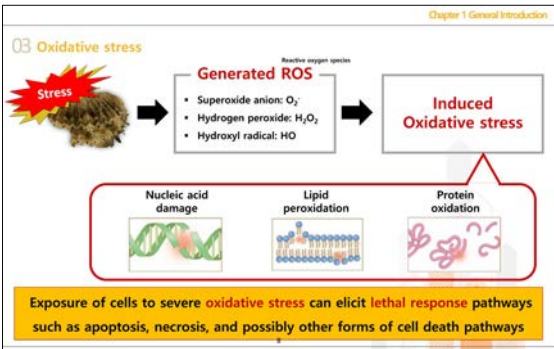
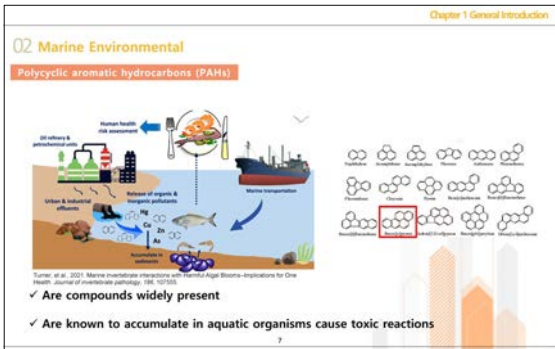
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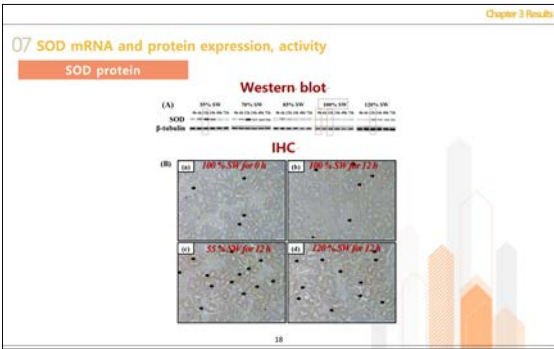
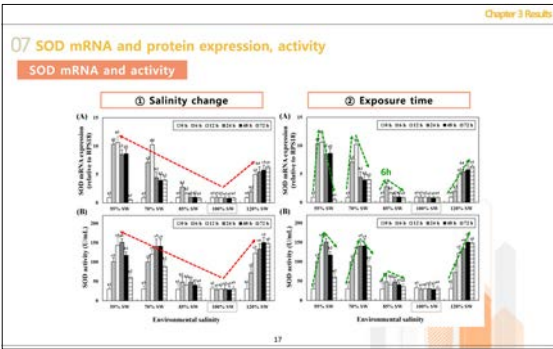
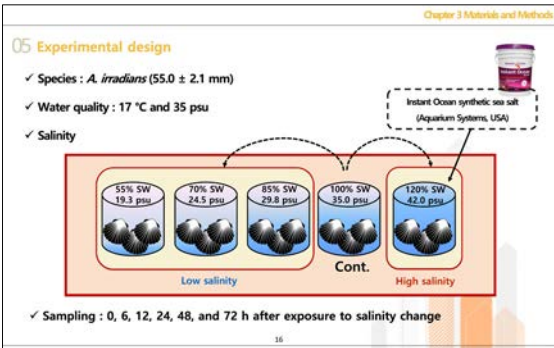
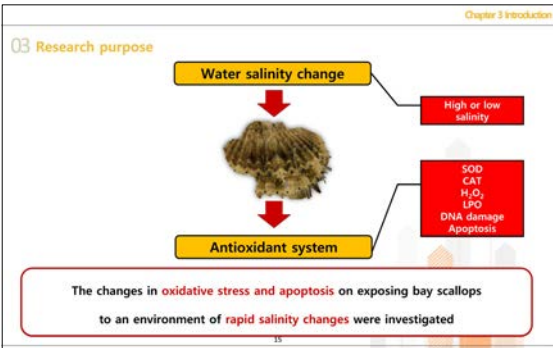
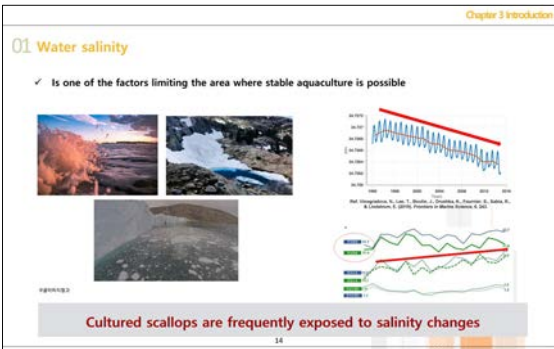
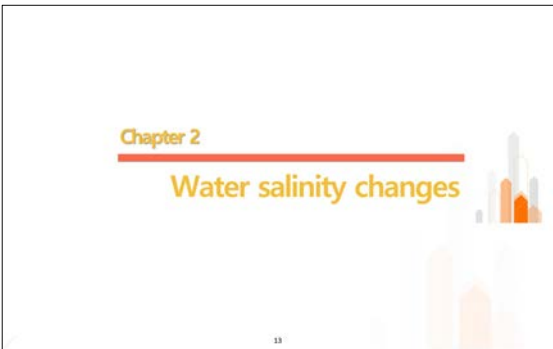
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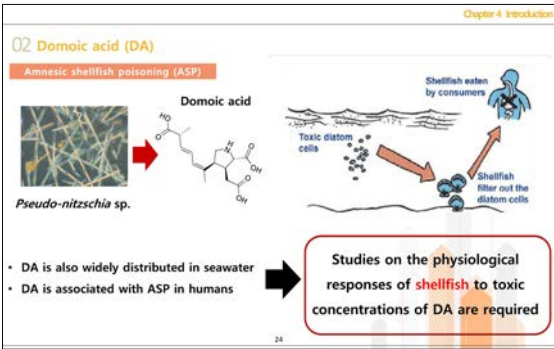
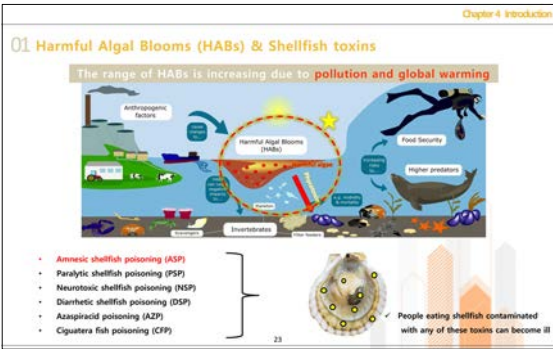
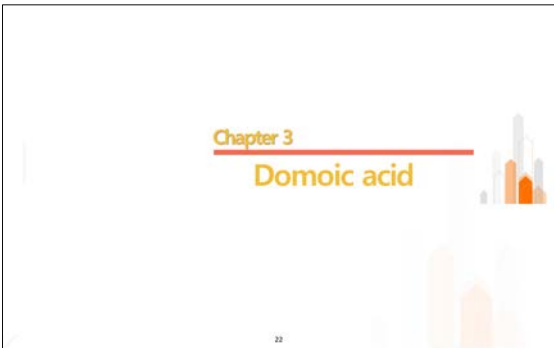
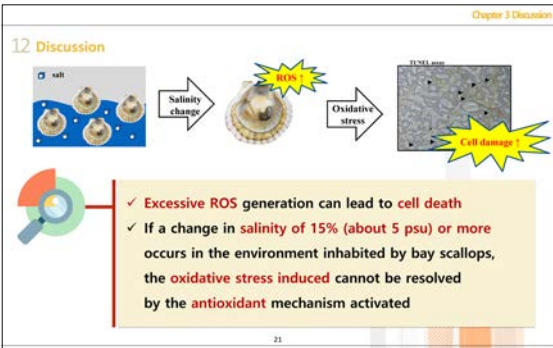
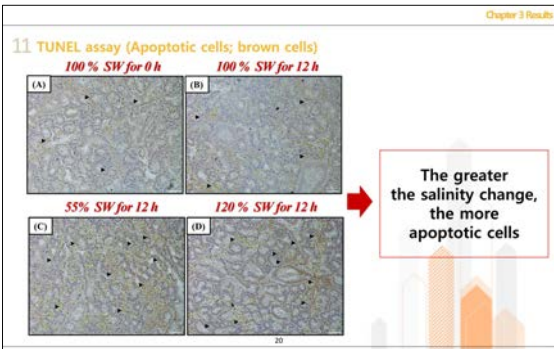
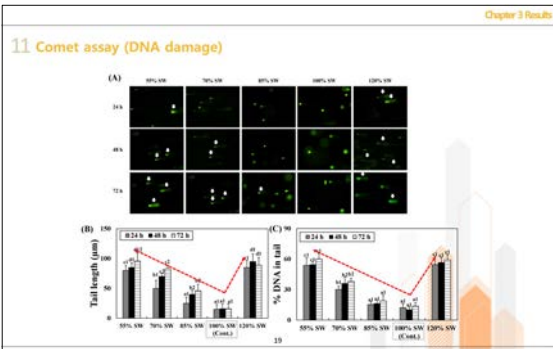
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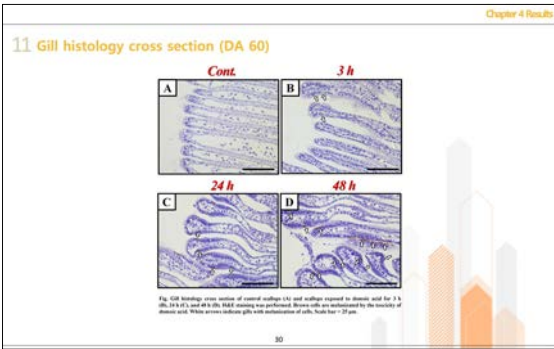
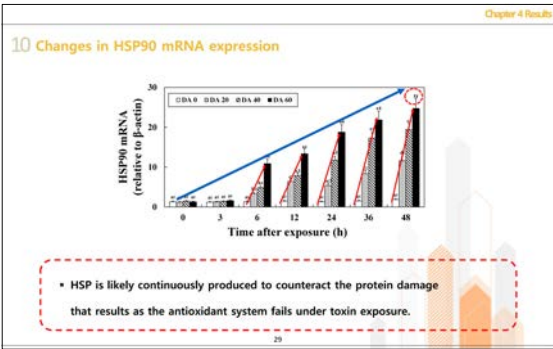
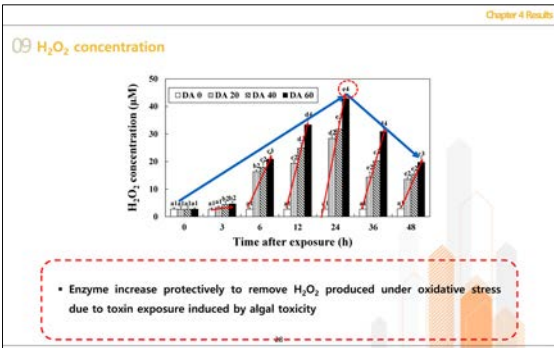
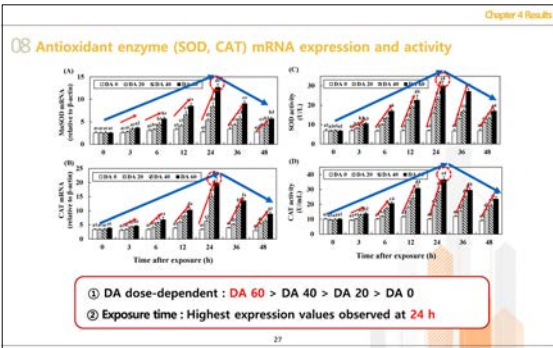
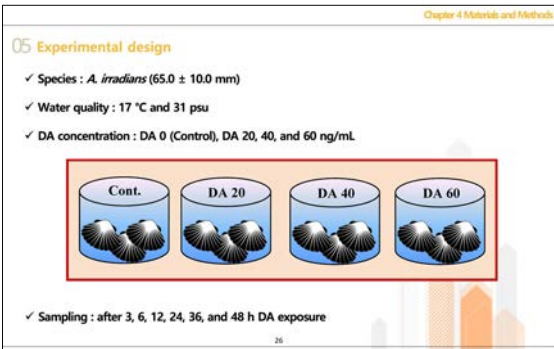
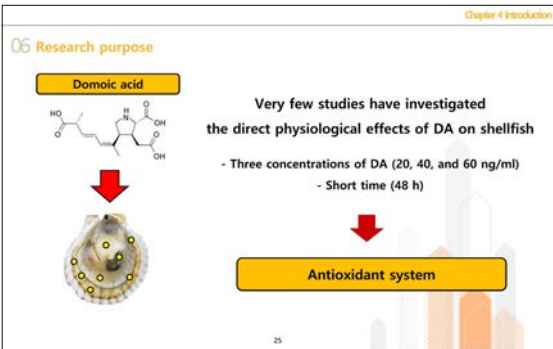
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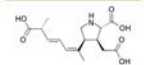




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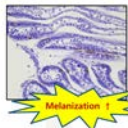
Domoic acid



ROS

Oxidative stress

Melanization ↑




- ✓ Domoic acid can be accumulated and induce oxidative stress in bay scallop *A. irradians*
- ✓ Exposure to DA above 20 ng/mL for at least 12 hours reduces self-defense mechanisms
- ✓ Defense mechanisms may become exhausted by sustained exposure

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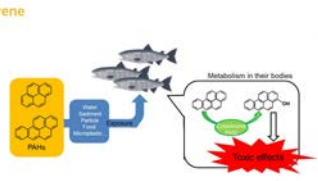
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01 Benzo[a]pyrene



- ✓ PAH and a highly studied polymer compound
- ✓ Has a long retention period when accumulated
- ✓ Convert it into mutagenic and carcinogenic metabolites

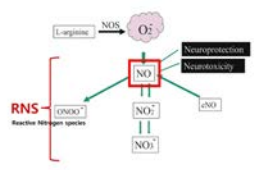
The toxicity of BaP to bivalve molluscs has not been studied as extensively

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02 Immune response

Invertebrate : Mainly rely on their innate or non-specific immune system to activate their defense mechanisms



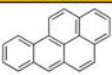
Plays an important role in regulating the immune response

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03 Research purpose

benzo[a]pyrene



Immune system & Toxicity response

NO
PGRP / FREP
MT
HSP70
Comet assay
TUNEL assay

Four different BaP concentrations (0.5, 1.0, 10.0 and 50.0 µg/L) for 72 hours

The immune response after exposing bay scallops to BaP


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Chapter 5 Materials and Methods

04 Experimental design

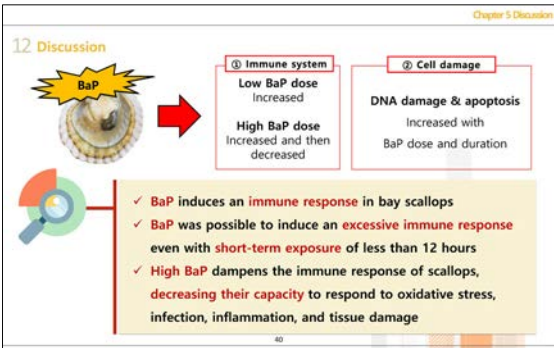
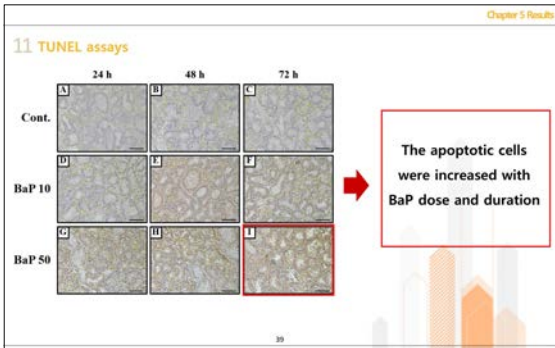
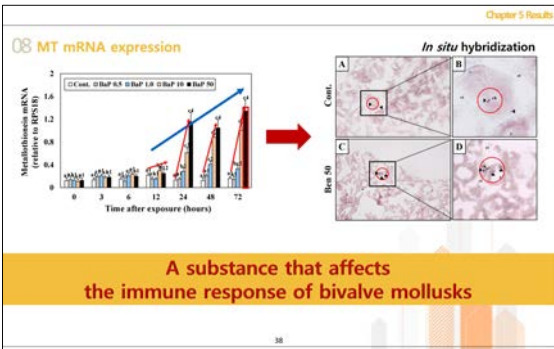
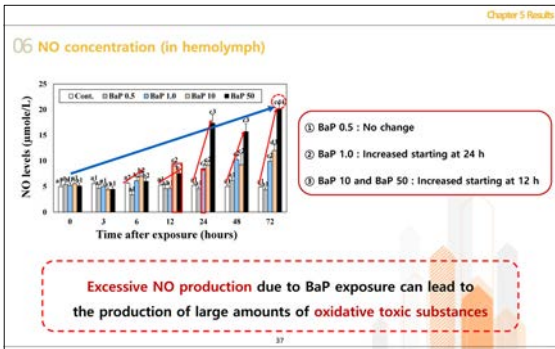
- ✓ Species : *A. irradians* (56.5 ± 6.2 mm)
- ✓ Water quality : 17 °C and 31 psu
- ✓ Acute BaP concentration
 - Control group (Cont.)
 - Low dose group (0.5 [BaP 0.5] and 1.0 µg/L [BaP 1.0])
 - High dose group (10 [BaP 10] and 50 µg/L [BaP 50])

Experimental design



✓ Sampling : 0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, and 72 h exposure

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Environmental Stressors to bay scallops

Various features of bay scallops

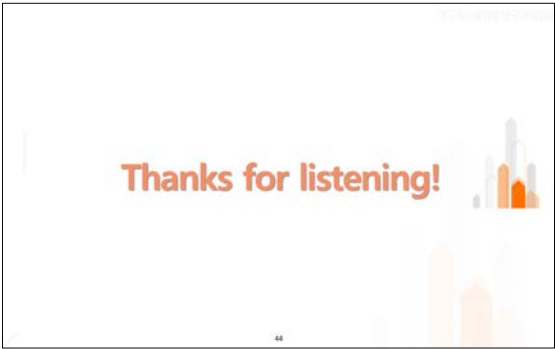
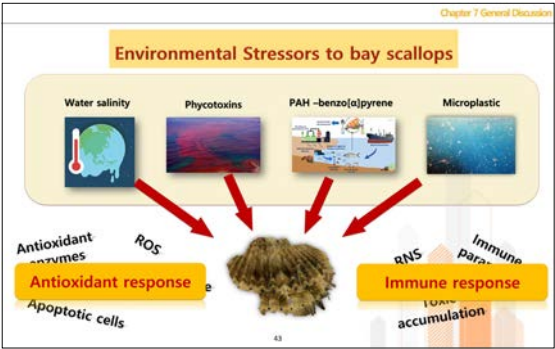
- ✓ Are widely known around the world in aquaculturing
- ✓ Are commercially important species of shellfish

Main problem

Since shellfish do not have a wide range of movement like fish
Environmental factors have a direct or indirect effect on the physiological response

However! physiological studies on bay scallops
have not been actively conducted

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Zebrafish as a model system to investigate human liver diseases

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The zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) is becoming a useful vertebrate model organism in developmental biology. Zebrafish models are critical for advancing our understanding of human pathogenesis and are a popular model for liver diseases allowing researchers to identify therapeutic targets and test novel drugs. The larval transparency of the zebrafish is a great advantage for real-time imaging in hepatic studies.

Part I, Here we describe *epcam* mutants in zebrafish as a helpful model system to investigate Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC), formerly known as primary biliary cirrhosis. PBC is a disease that harms the liver's ability to function. In people with PBC, the bile ducts become injured, then inflamed, and eventually permanently damaged. our findings suggest that *epcam* positively regulates liver development and liver regeneration and plays a potential role in bile duct formation in regenerative response.

Part II. A large number of heritable and acquired diseases are related to the interruption of liver function. Zebrafish can be a valuable model system to investigate a rare inherited disorder Sjogren-Larsson syndrome (SLS). SLS is a rare autosomal recessive condition characterized by significant ichthyosis symptoms, mental retardation, and spasticity due to a defect of the fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase (FALDH), which is related to mutations in the Aldehyde Dehydrogenase 3 Family Member A2 (ALDH3A2) gene. FALDH, a key component of the detoxification pathway of aldehydes arising from lipid peroxidation and the enzymatic function of ALDH3A2 is well-known, but the disease model is necessary to investigate the molecular mechanisms of which fatty aldehyde or of which metabolic liver pathway mainly contributes to the pathogenesis of SLS ichthyosis symptoms.

Even though zebrafish have advanced our understanding of liver diseases as well as liver cancer and regeneration, the disease model is necessary to investigate the molecular mechanisms of inherited and acquired liver diseases as well as liver primary biliary cirrhosis.

Key words: zebrafish, liver diseases, EpCam, primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC), Sjogren-Larsson syndrome (SLS)

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Introduction

Application for translational research of pig

Human disease model
Xenotransplantation

Oocytes
Embryos

IVM: *in vitro* maturation
IVC: *in vitro* culture

- Basic salt composition
- Energy substrate
- Amino acid
- Growth factors
- Cytokine

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Cell protective system _ Autophagy

Ma, Luisa Escobar et al (2015)

Richard S et al 2009, (Cell Death)

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Autophagy in Reproduction

Liang Wang et al 2020

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Autophagy _ Embryonic development

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Autophagy Is Essential for Preimplantation Development of Mouse Embryos

Satoshi Tsukamoto^{1,2}, Akiko Kuma^{1,2}, Mirei Murakami¹, Chieko Kishi¹, Akitsugu Yamamoto¹, Yoshio Mizushima^{1,2,3}

Satoshi et al., (2008)

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Autophagy _ Oocyte maturation

Porcine cumulus oocyte complexes (COCs)

Quantitative analysis in LC3-II protein in *in vitro* maturation of porcine oocyte

Seung-Hwan Lee¹, Seung-Hwan Lee², Yoon-Hyun Lee³, Eun-Hyun Lee⁴, Eun-Hyun Lee⁵

Lee et al 2013

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Autophagy is required for proper meiosis of porcine oocytes maturing *in vitro*

Shen et al 2018

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Effects of autophagy activator in oocyte maturation

Regapamycin Promotes the Proliferation Capacity of Porcine Oocytes

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Lee et al. 2014

Induction of autophagy during in vitro maturation improves the nuclear and cytoplasmic maturation of porcine oocytes

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Regulation of key cellular processes of mTOR

Cell Regulation Perspective

Rapamycin: One Drug, Many Effects

Anabolic cell growth and proliferation

Jing Li et al 2014

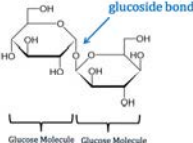
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What is Trehalose?

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● Trehalose

- ✓ A naturally occurring **disaccharide** present in a diverse range of organisms: **plants, bacteria, yeast, and fungi**.
- ✓ Has been reported to have **cytoprotective effects** in response to various stress conditions
: **Oxidative damage**, **Dehydration**, **Temperature changes**.
- ✓ Is a **novel autophagy activator** in many cells, acting through an **mTOR-independent pathway** (Lee et al., 2018).
- ✓ **Reduce apoptosis** in an autophagy-dependent manner (Tang et al., 2017).



Chemical structure of Trehalose, a disaccharide composed of two glucose molecules linked by an $\alpha, \alpha', 1,1'$ -glucoside bond.

Glucose Molecule Glucose Molecule

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Trehalose : Autophagic inducer? or blocker ?

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The diagram illustrates the role of trehalose (THL) in the autophagy process. It shows two main pathways:

- Pathway 1 (Induction):** Nutrient deprivation, Rapamycin (Tor1i), or inhibition of TOR1 leads to the activation of the Class III PI3K complex. This complex, along with Beclin-1, promotes the formation of the Phagophore, which matures into the Autophagosome and finally the Autolysosome.
- Pathway 2 (Blockade):** BafA1 (Bafilomycin A1) inhibits the lysosome, preventing the fusion of the Autophagosome with the Lysosome. This leads to the accumulation of Autophagosomes.

Trehalose (THL) is shown as a red starburst in both pathways, indicating its role as an inducer or blocker of autophagy.

He-Jin Lee et al 2010

- The role of trehalose (THL) on autophagy process was controversial
 - 1) Induce autophagy via Class III PI3K (VPS34) complex activation
 - 2) Block autophagic flux similarly to BafA1

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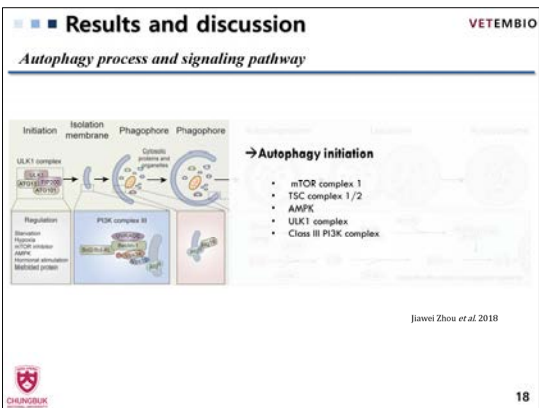
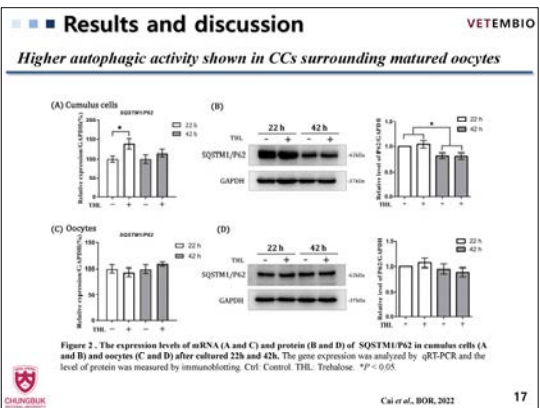
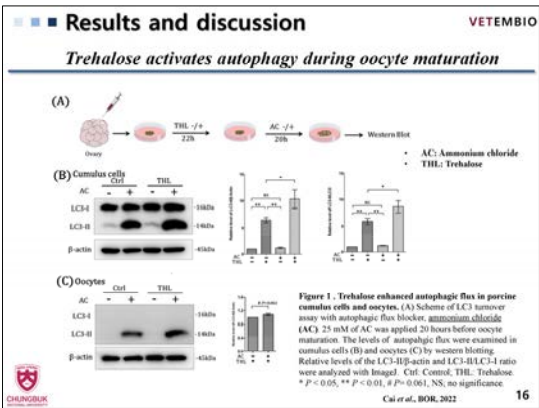
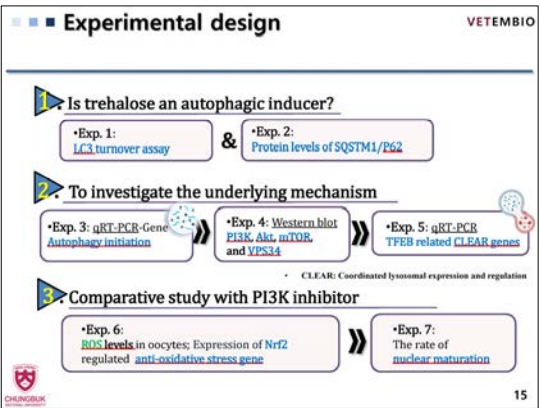
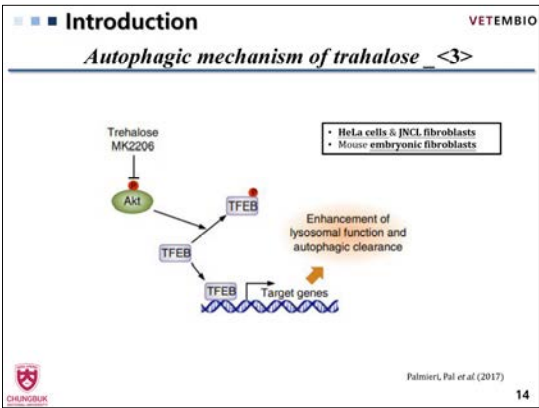
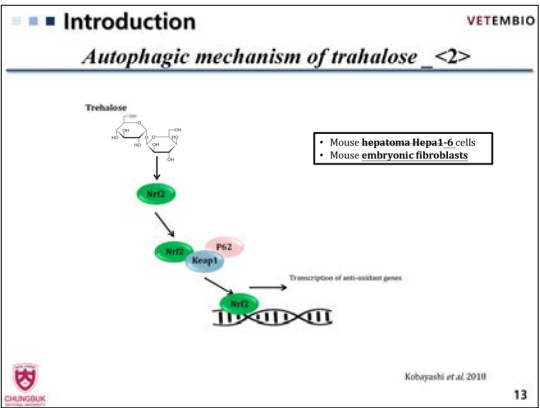
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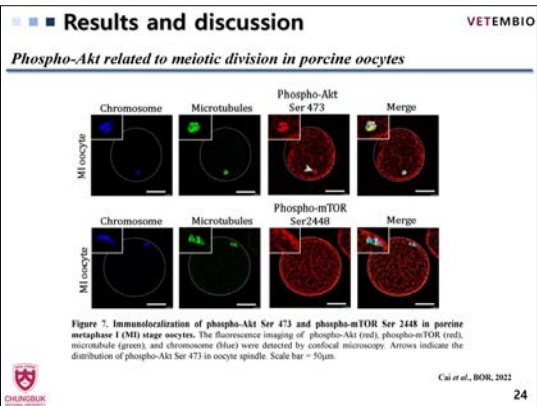
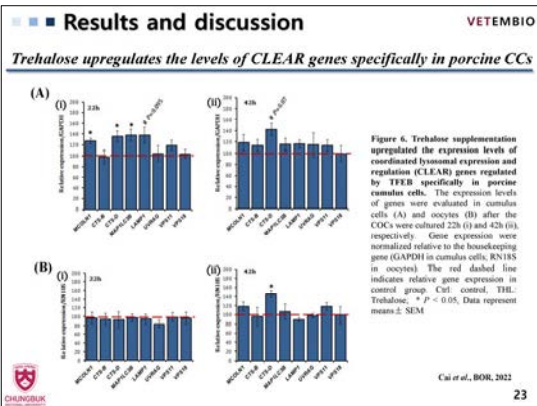
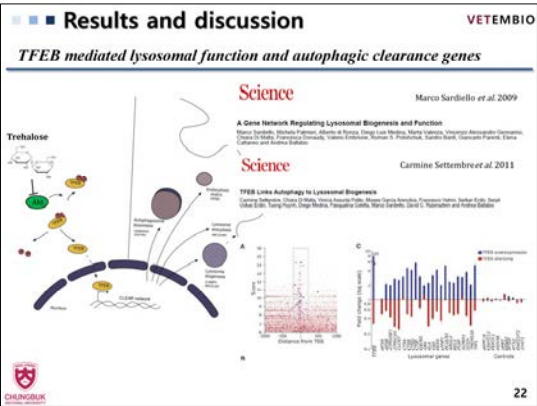
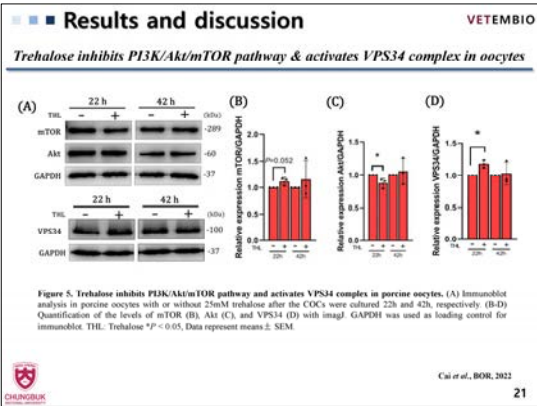
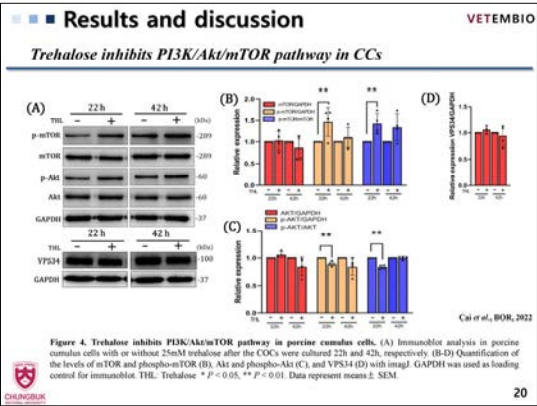
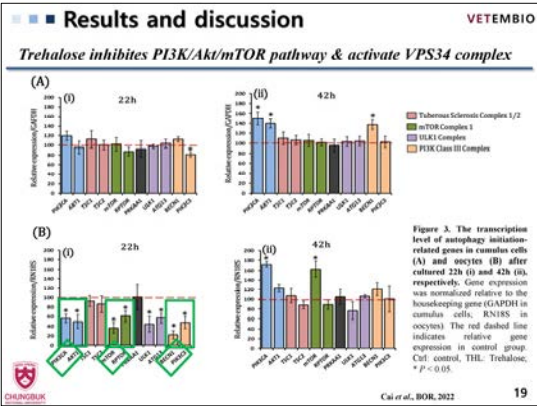
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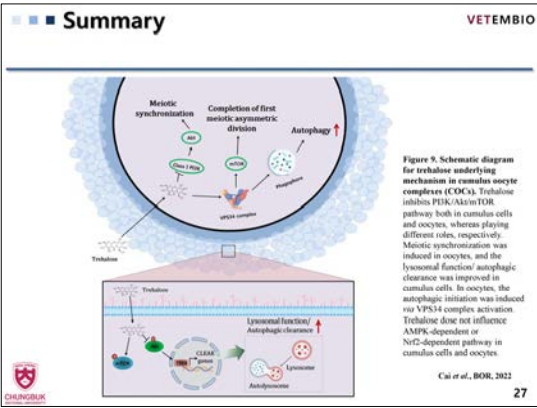
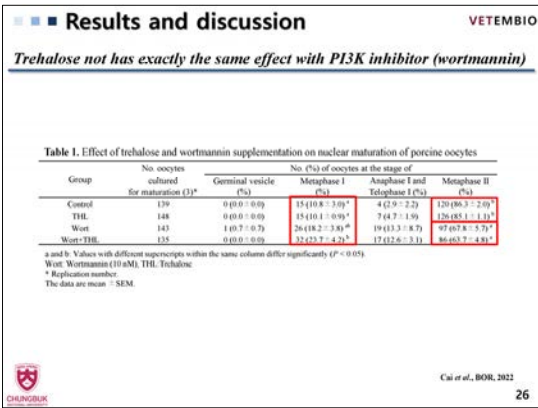
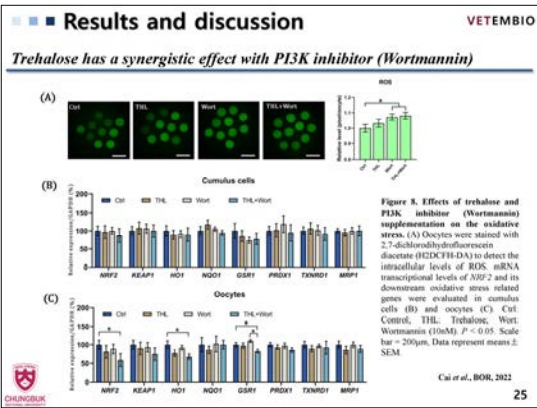
• Hep G2 (human liver-cancer cell line)
• Primary murine hepatocytes

Pablo Mardones et al. 2016

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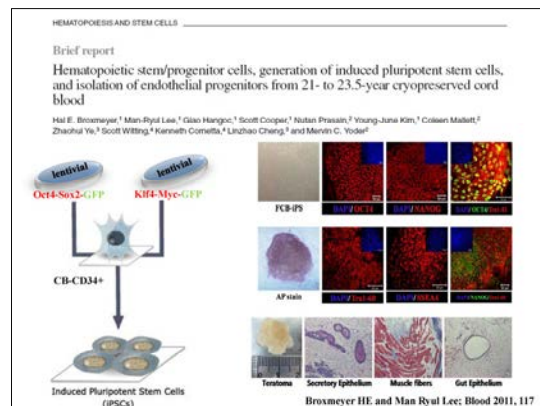
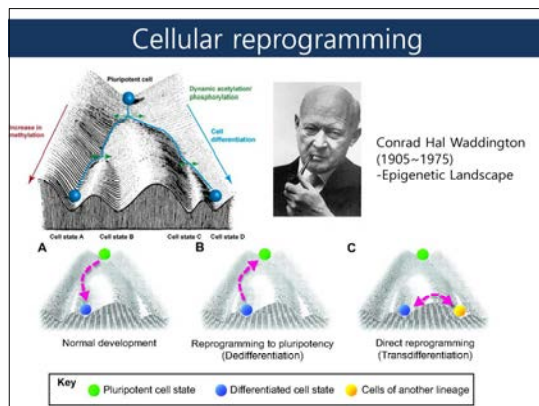
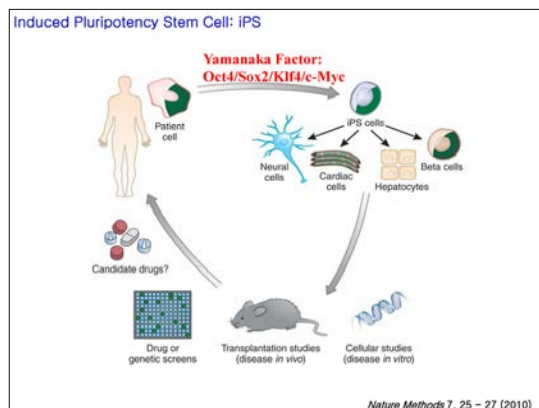
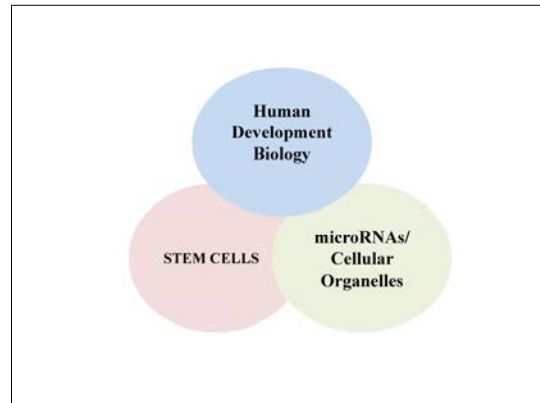
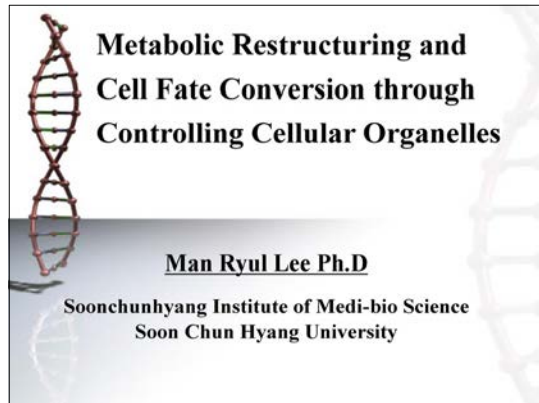


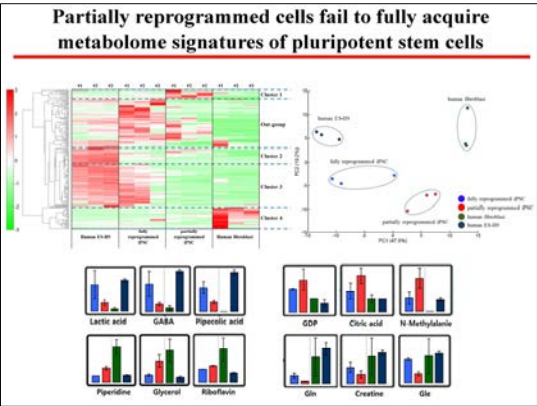
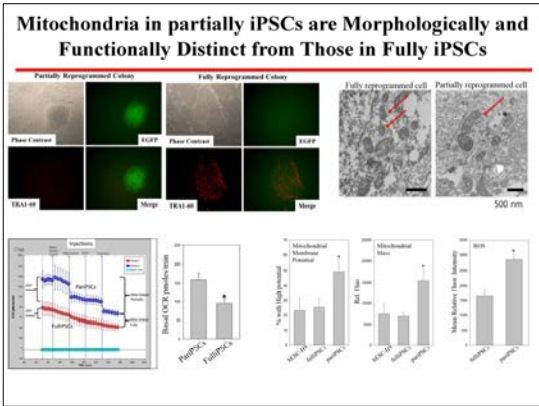
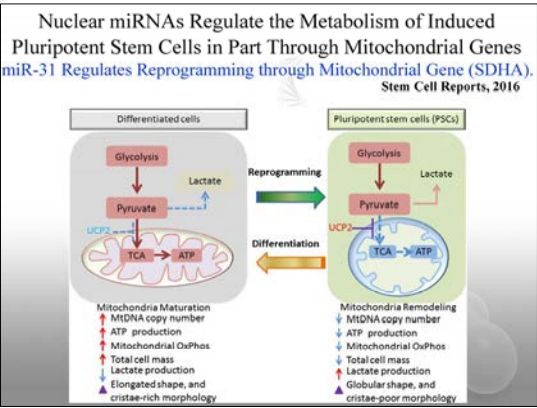
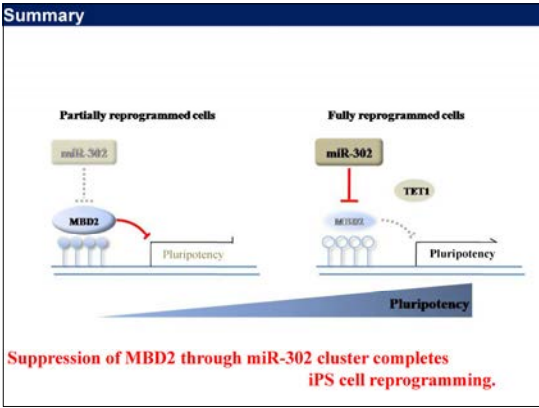
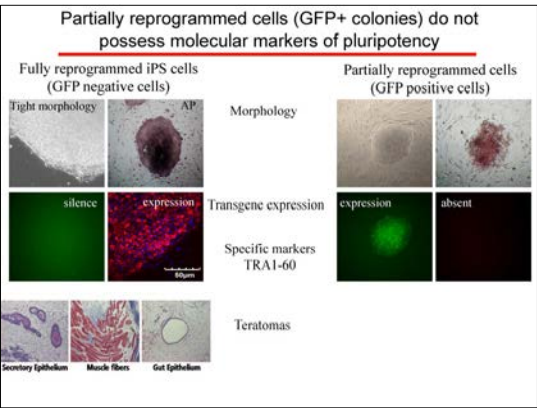
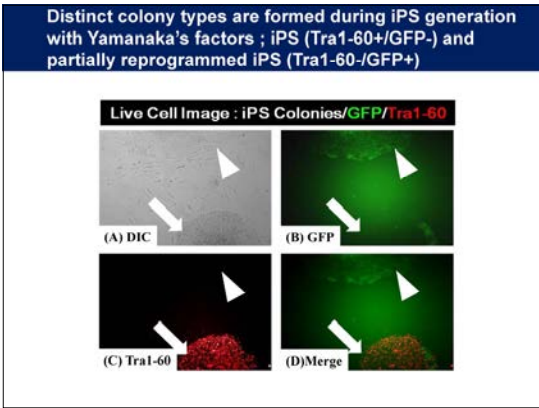
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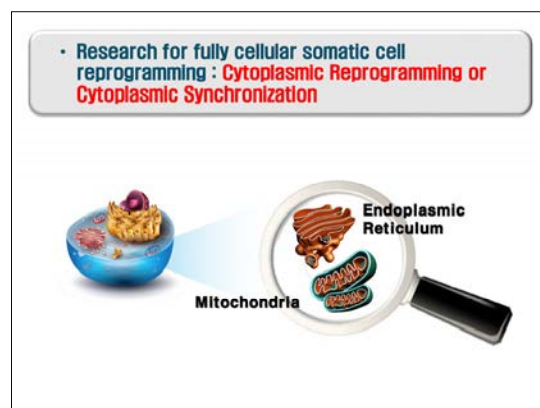
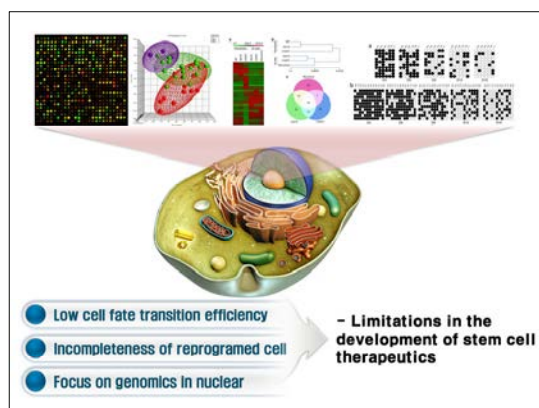
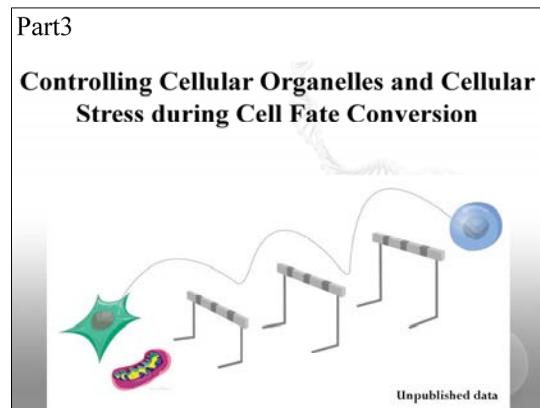
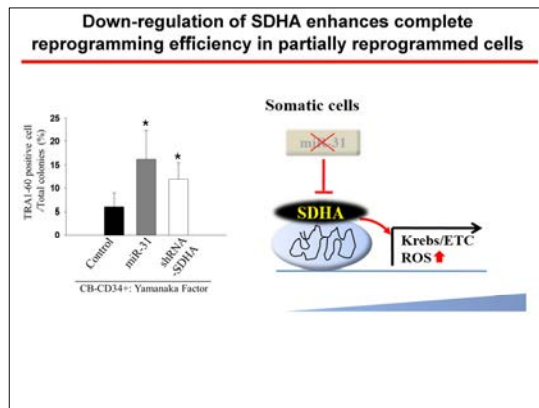
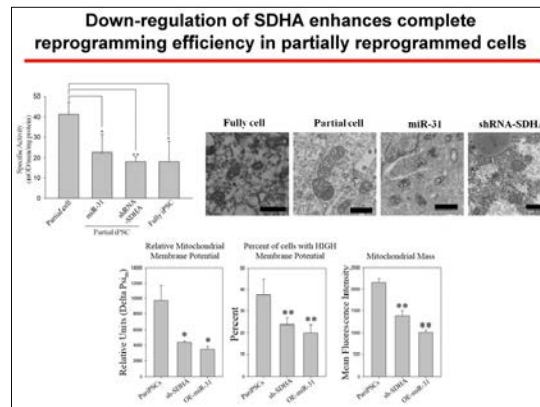
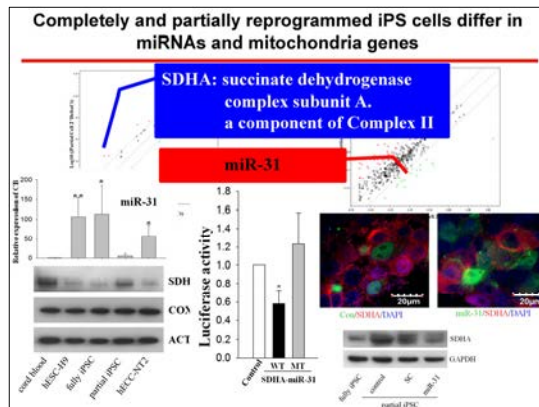
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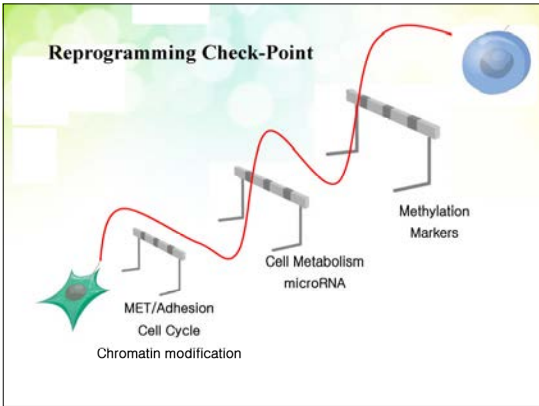
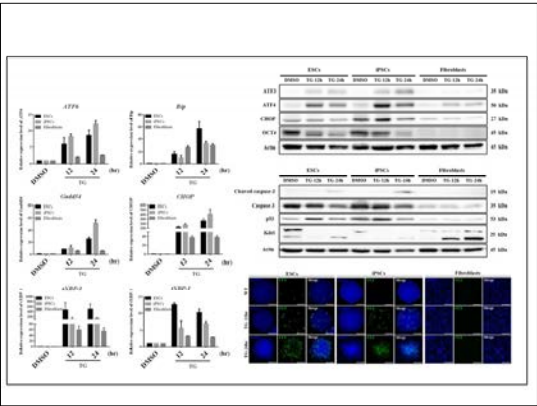
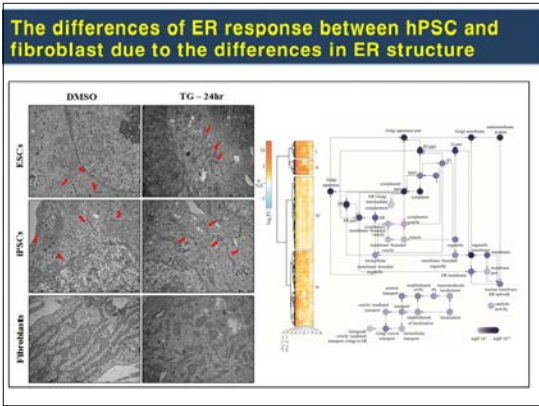
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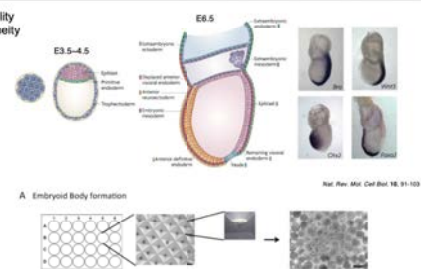
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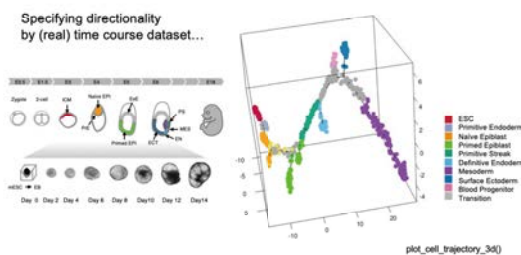
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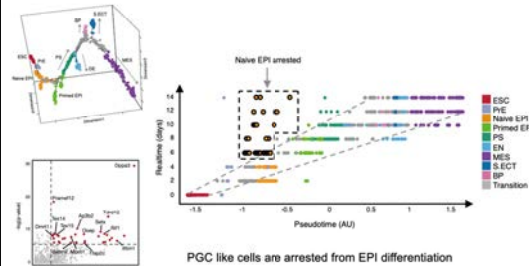


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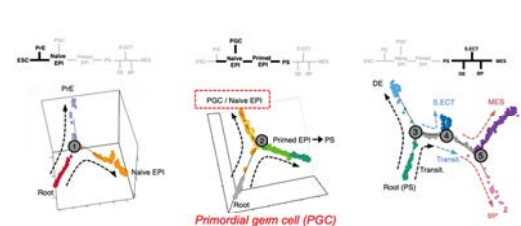
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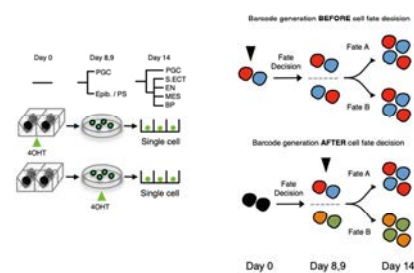
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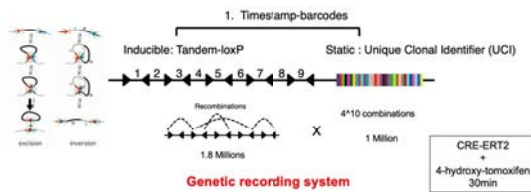
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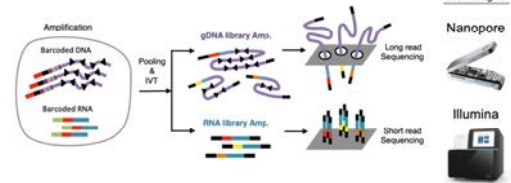
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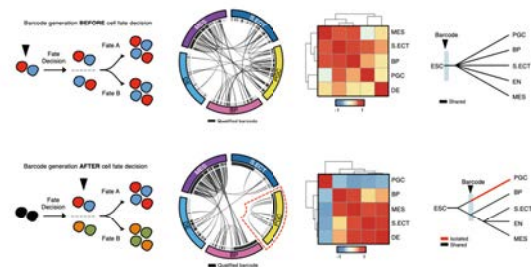
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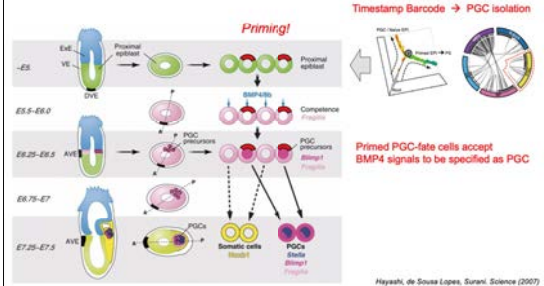
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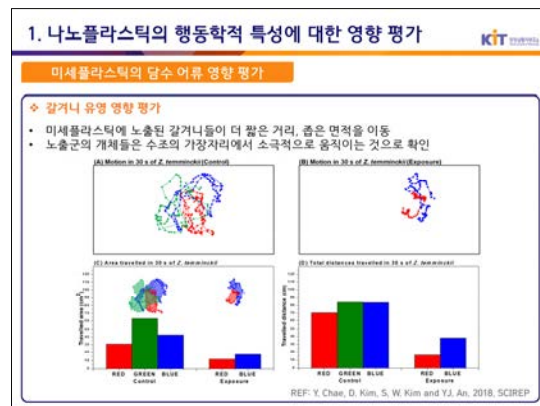
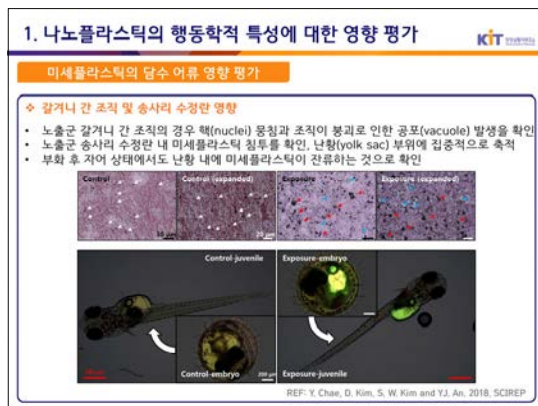
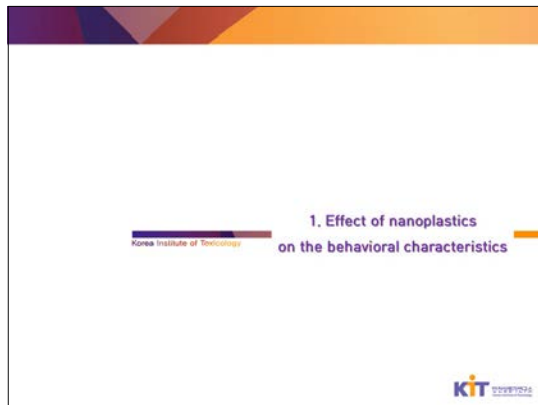
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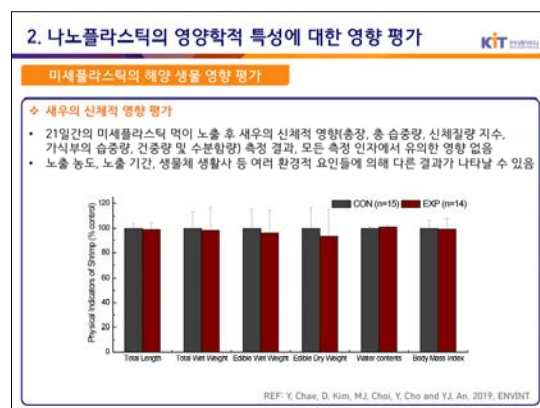
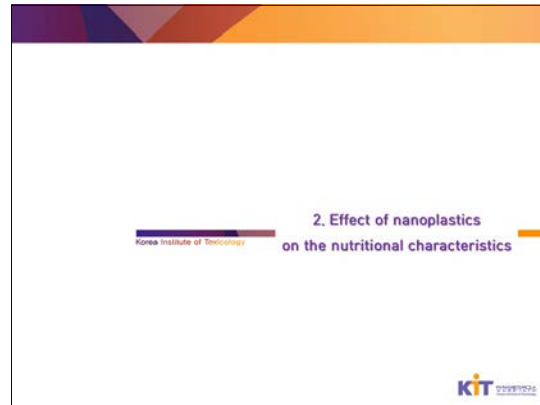
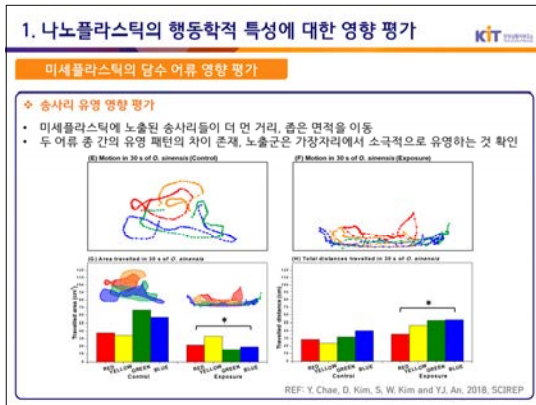


Effect of nanoplastics on the behavioral and nutritional characteristics of aquatic organisms

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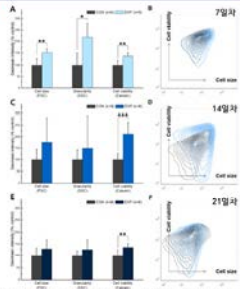


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◆ 새우의 생화학적 영향 평가 - 장 내 미생물 활성

- 대조군 및 노출군 새우의 장내 미생물 활성 비교 결과, 의미 있는 결과를 확인
- 노출 7일 차 (A,B) 노출된 새우의 장 내 미생물의 크기, 세포 조밀도, 세포 활성 모두 대조군에 비해 증가
- 노출 14일 차 (C,D) 미생물의 크기와 세포 조밀도는 차이가 발생하지 않았으나 세포 활성의 경우 7일 차보다 더 큰 차이가 발생
- 노출 21일 차 (E,F) 미생물의 크기와 세포 조밀도는 노출 14일 차와 비교하여 대조군과 더 유사한 수준으로 회복, 세포 활성의 경우에는 여전히 대조군과 유의한 차이 확인
- 세포 활성을 제외한 미생물의 크기와 세포 조밀도는 시간이 지남수록 점차 안정화되는 것을 확인
- 장 내 미생물의 특성이 초기에는 미세플라스틱 노출에 의해 영향을 받았으나 미생물들이 시간이 지남에 따라 점차 적응하는 것으로 확인

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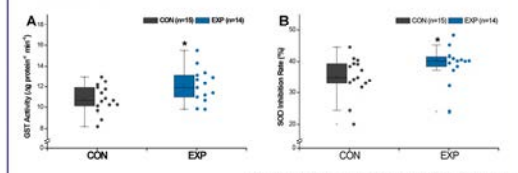
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미세플라스틱의 해양 생물 영향 평가

◆ 새우의 생화학적 영향 평가 - GST 및 SOD 활성

- 간헐장 내 GST와 SOD의 활성의 경우, 대조군과 비교하여 유의하게 증가
- GST와 SOD의 경우 각각 해독 및 항산화 작용에 관여
- 이는 미세플라스틱이 개체에 잠재적 독성물질로 영향을 미칠 수 있으며 산화스트레스를 유발할 수 있다는 것을 의미
- 미세플라스틱이 개체 내에서 해독 및 항산화에 관여하는 효소 활성에 영향을 미칠 수 있다는 가능성을 제시



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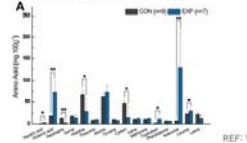
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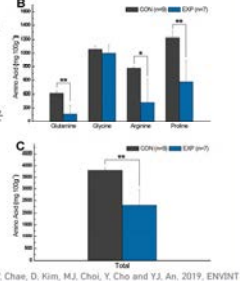
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◆ 새우의 영양학적 영향 평가 - 아미노산 함량

- 조단백과 조지방 함량에는 유의한 영향 없음
- 20개의 아미노산의 경우, 21일간의 노출에 따른 유의한 함량의 변화가 확인
- Asn, Glu, Pro, His, Cys, Arg의 6종 아미노산 함량은 미세플라스틱 노출 후 유의하게 감소
- Glu, Ser, Asp, Trp, Leu의 5종 아미노산 함량은 미세플라스틱 노출 후 유의하게 증가
- 다량의 글루타민, 아르기닌, 프롤린의 함량이 크게 감소, 새우 가식부 내 전체 아미노산 함량은 대조군 대비 60.5% 수준으로 감소



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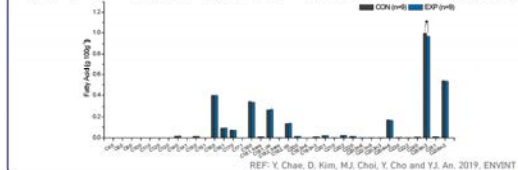


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◆ 새우의 영양학적 영향 평가 - 지방산 함량

- 37종의 지방산 중 에이코사펜타엔산(EPA, C20:5(n-3), 다가 불포화 지방산)의 경우에만 유의한 감소 경향 확인
- 그 외 지방산 함량에는 유의한 변화가 확인되지 않음

- 미세플라스틱과 해양 식량 자원 내 영양성분 조성 간의 상관관계를 밝힌 첫 번째 연구
- 해양 환경 중의 플라스틱 오염이 해양 식량 자원의 질과 영양소에 직접적 영향을 미칠 수 있음
- 플라스틱 오염으로 인하여 해양 식량 자원의 최종 소비자인 인체에 잠재적인 위험 가능성 존재



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3. Significance of research

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생물체의 다양한 구성 단계에 대한 미세플라스틱의 영향을 평가

- 세포(미세조류 및 미생물 등) 및 세포 내 물질(단백질 등)
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▶ 단일 개체 수준을 넘어 생태계에 대한 영향을 다각적 차원에서 평가

미세플라스틱의 생체 내 분포 및 영향을 바이오이미징 이용 평가

- 생체 내 미세플라스틱의 분포와 미세플라스틱으로 인한 생체 영향을 광학현미경, 형광현미경, 공초점레이저주사현미경, 전자현미경 등 다양한 이미징 기법을 활용하여 분석 및 평가

▶ 환경 중에 서식하는 생물체에 대한 영향과 체내 분포를 심층적으로 이해

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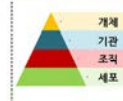
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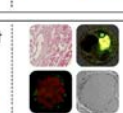
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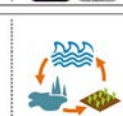
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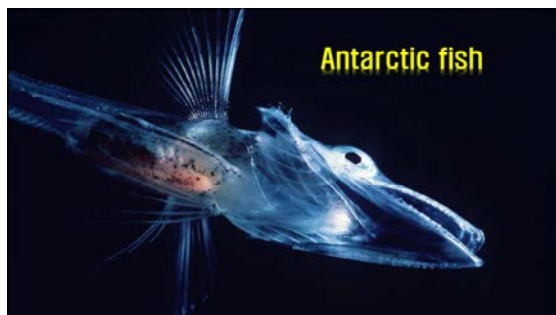
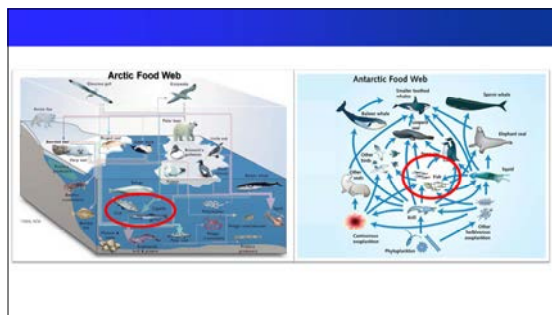
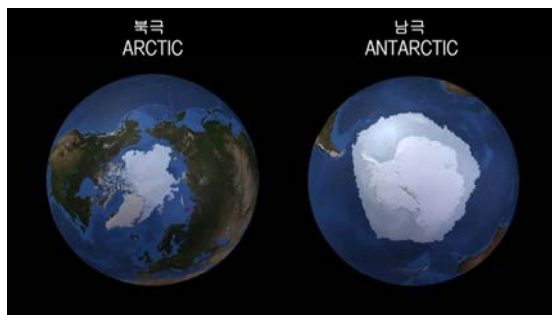
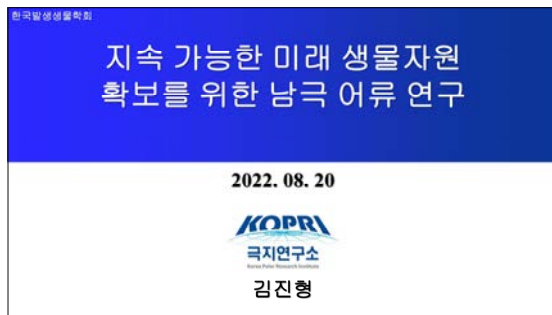
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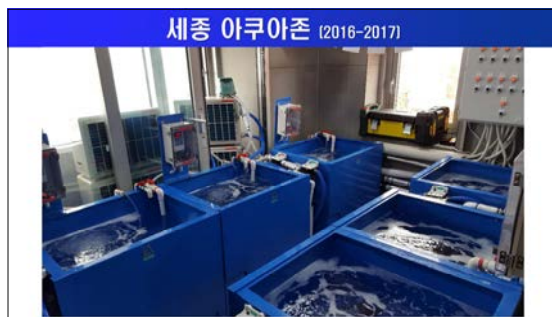
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ICEFISH

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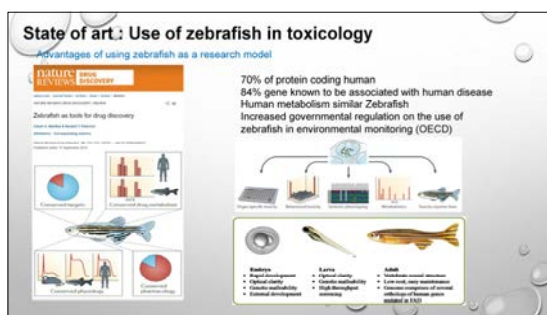
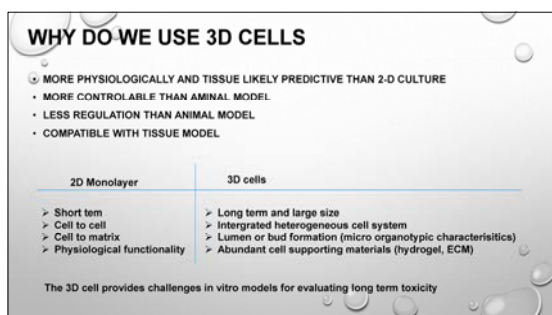
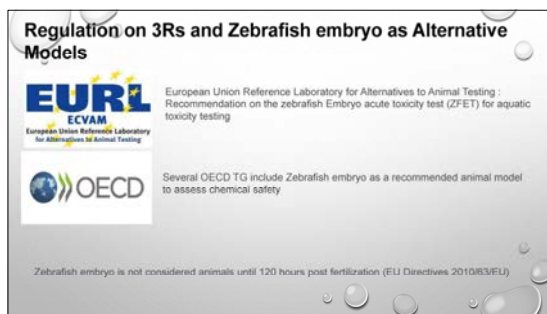
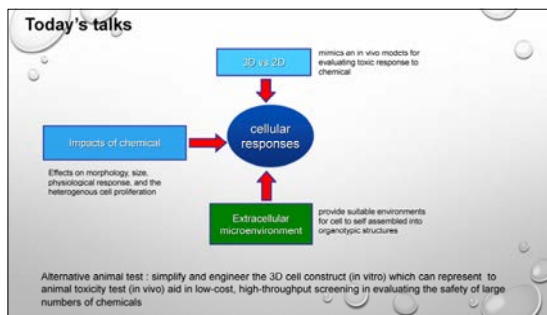
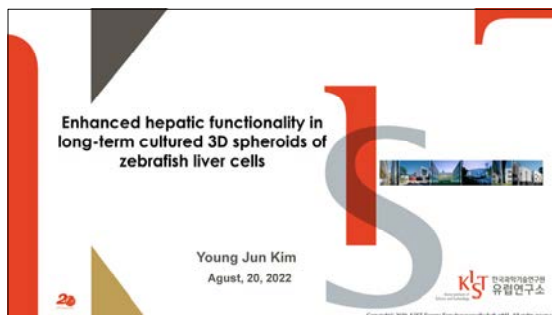


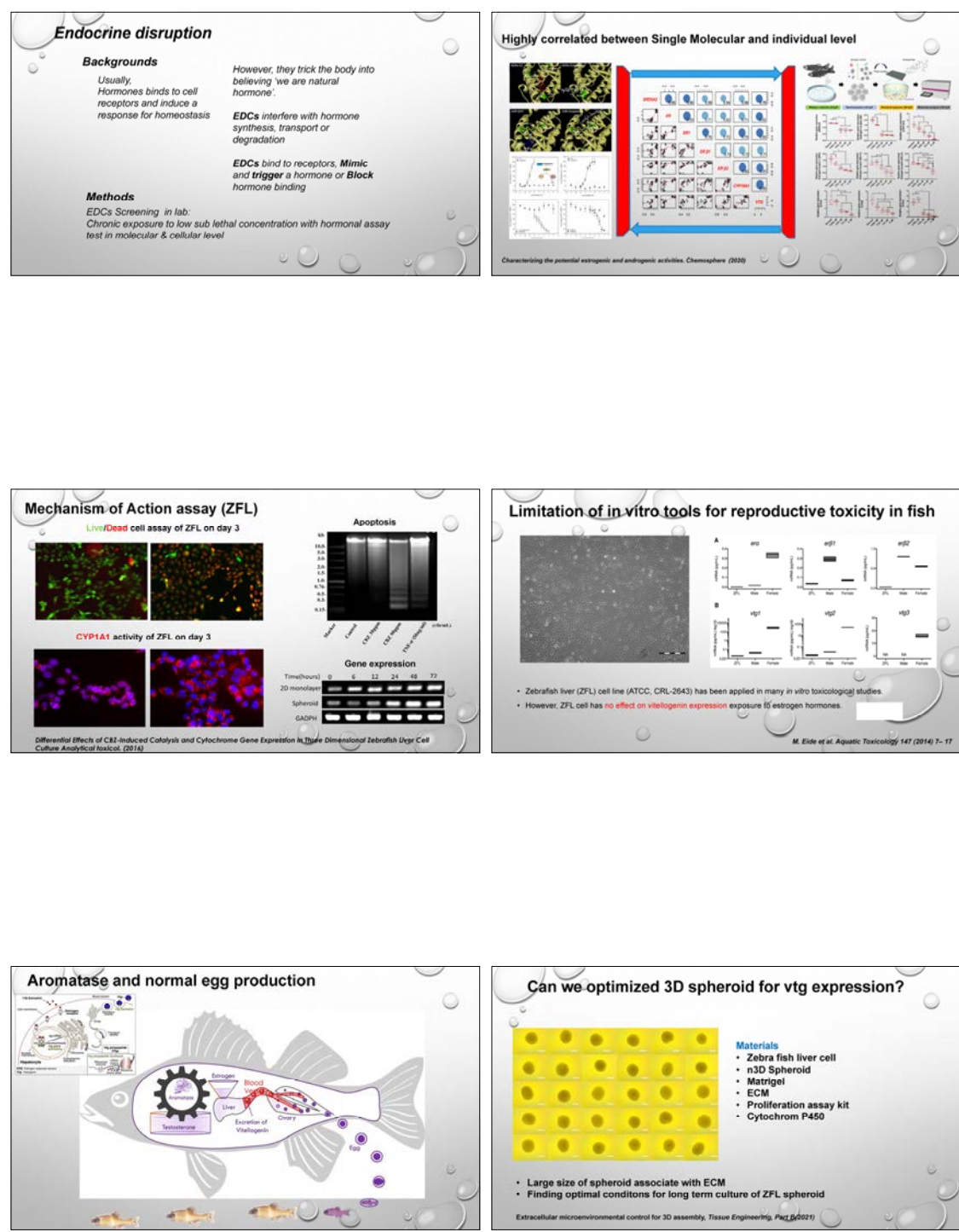


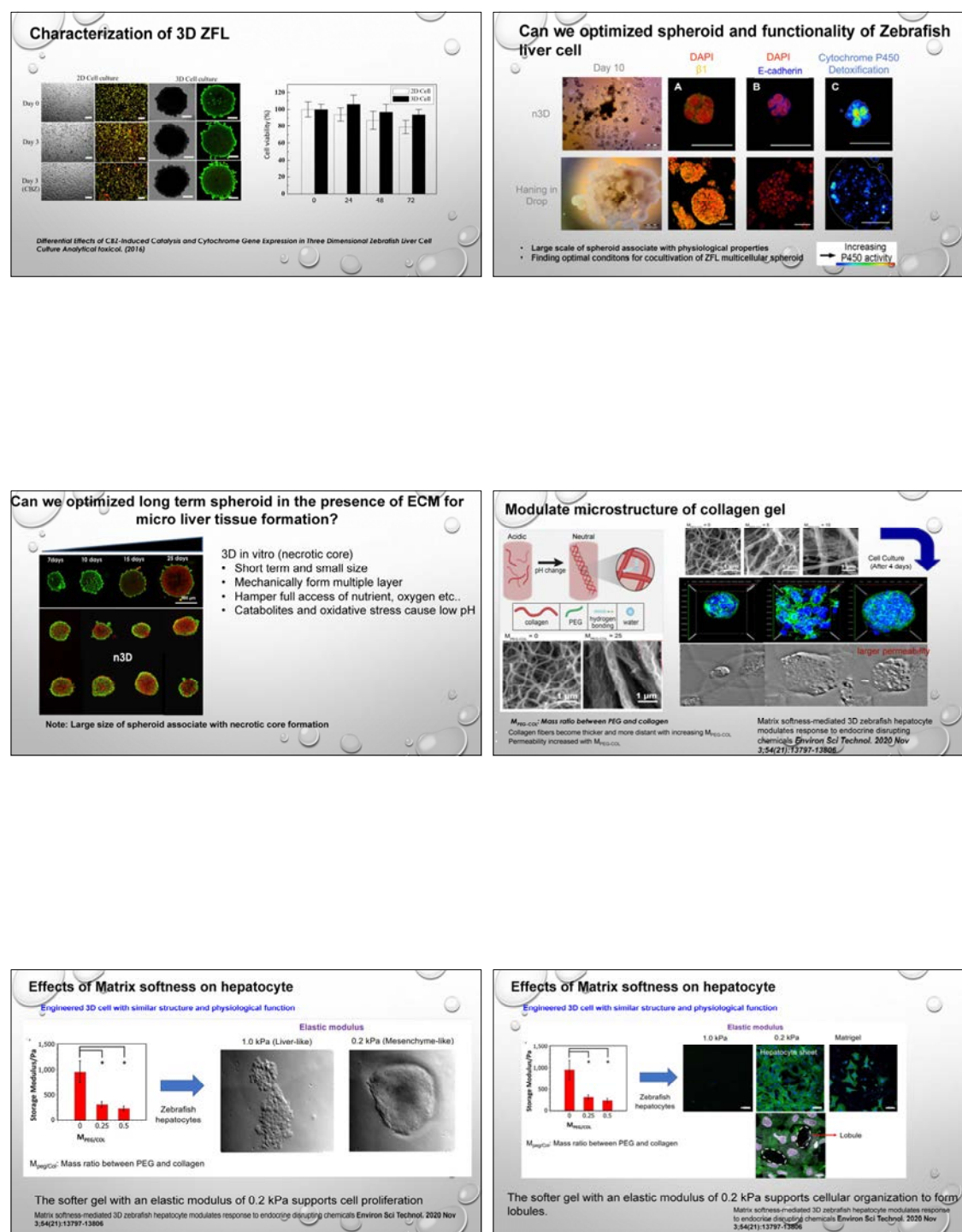
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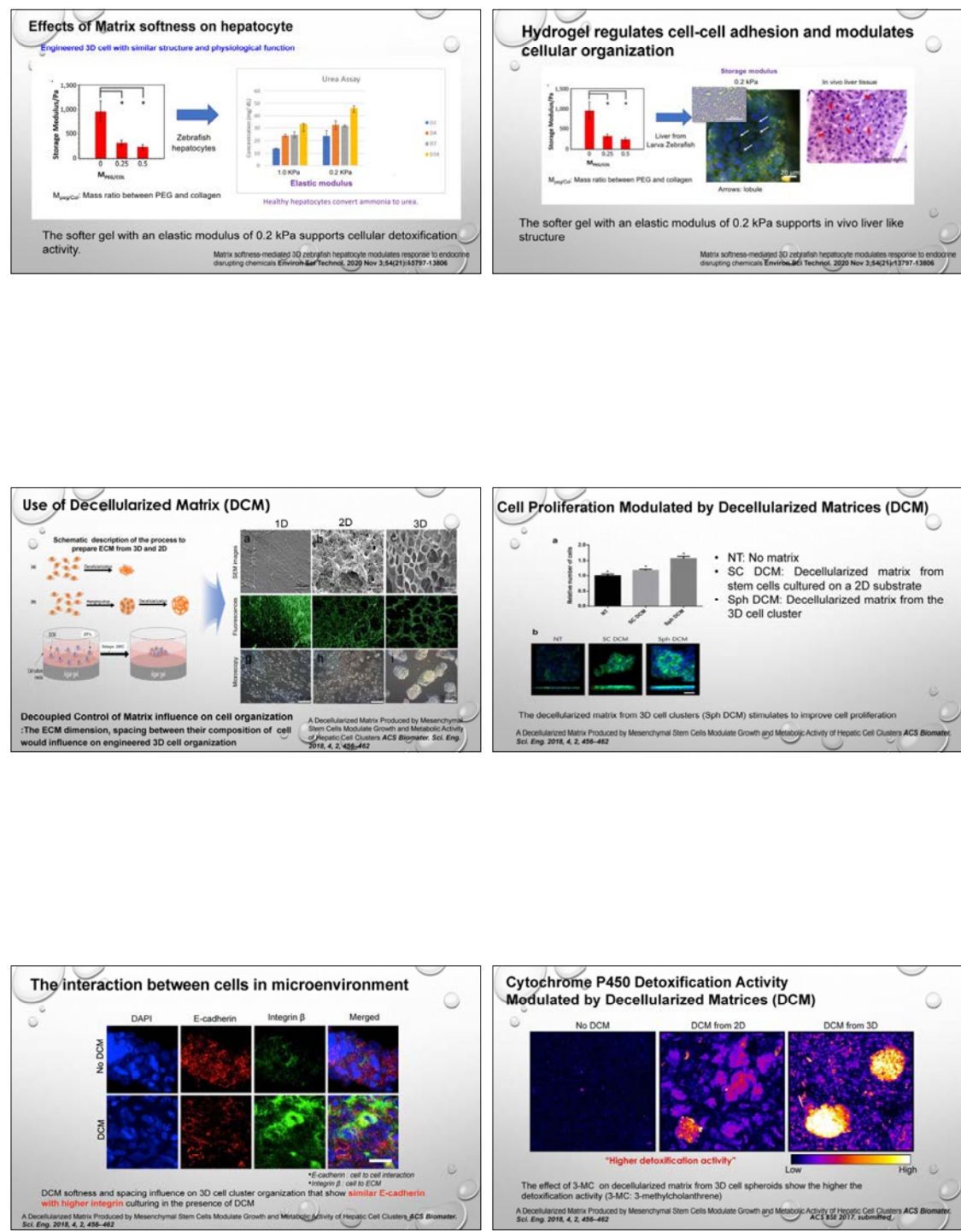
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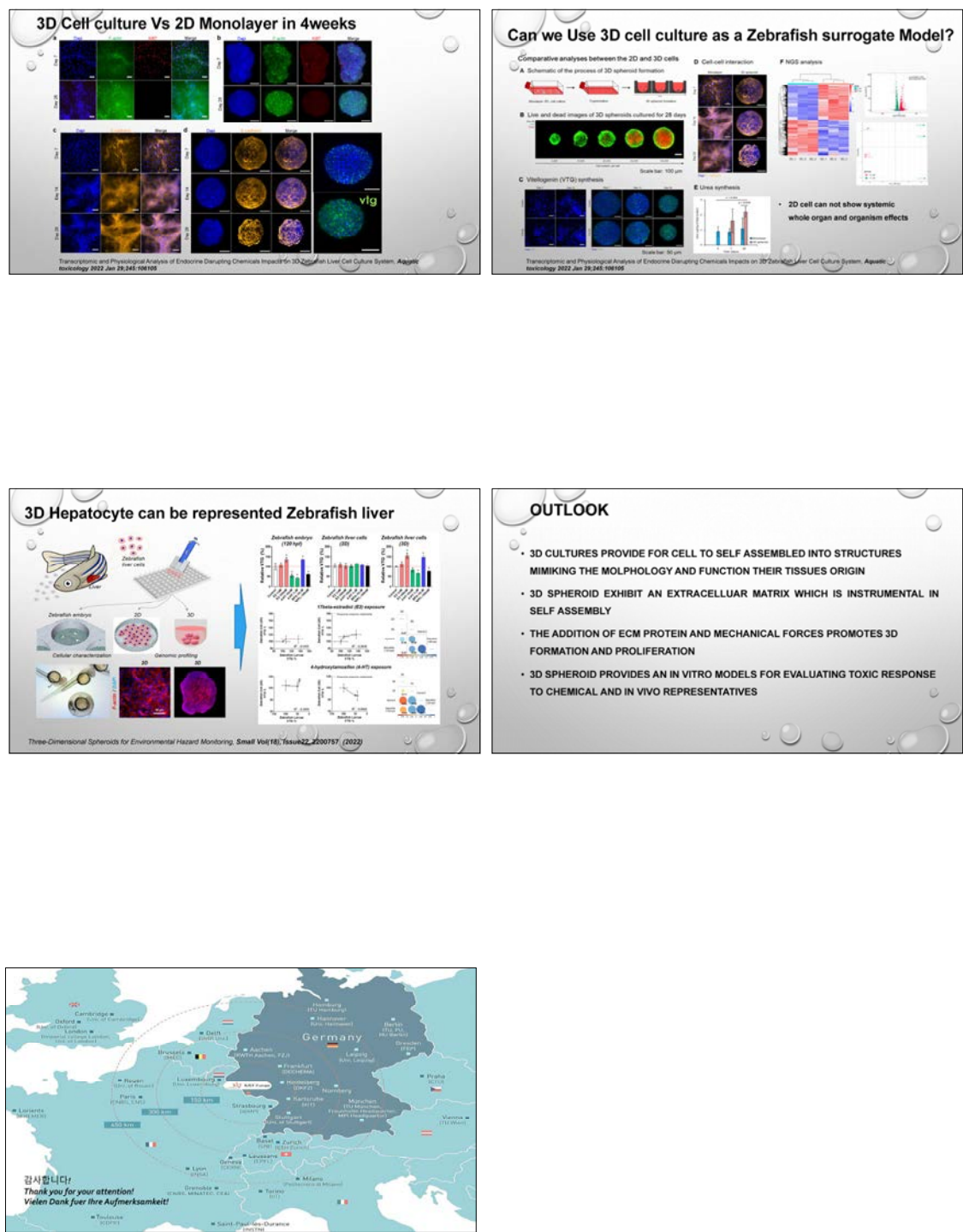
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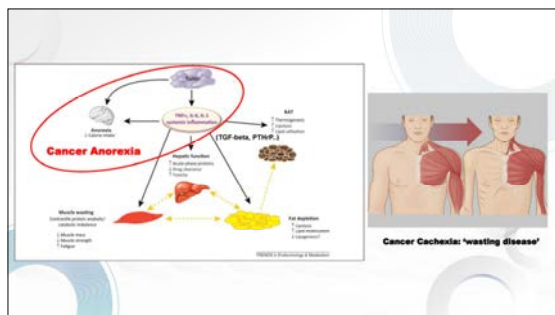
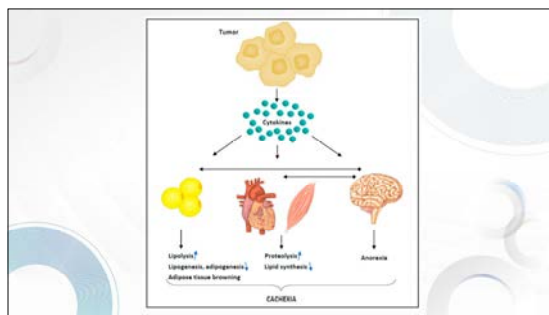
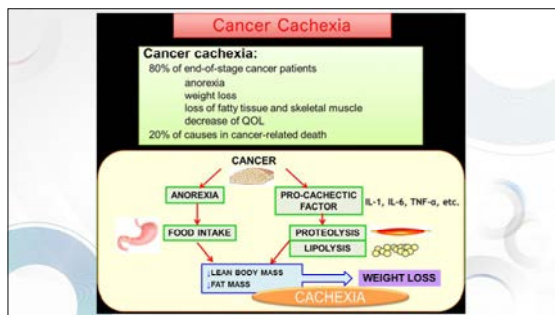
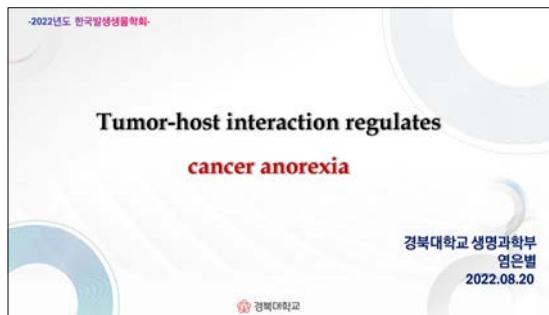


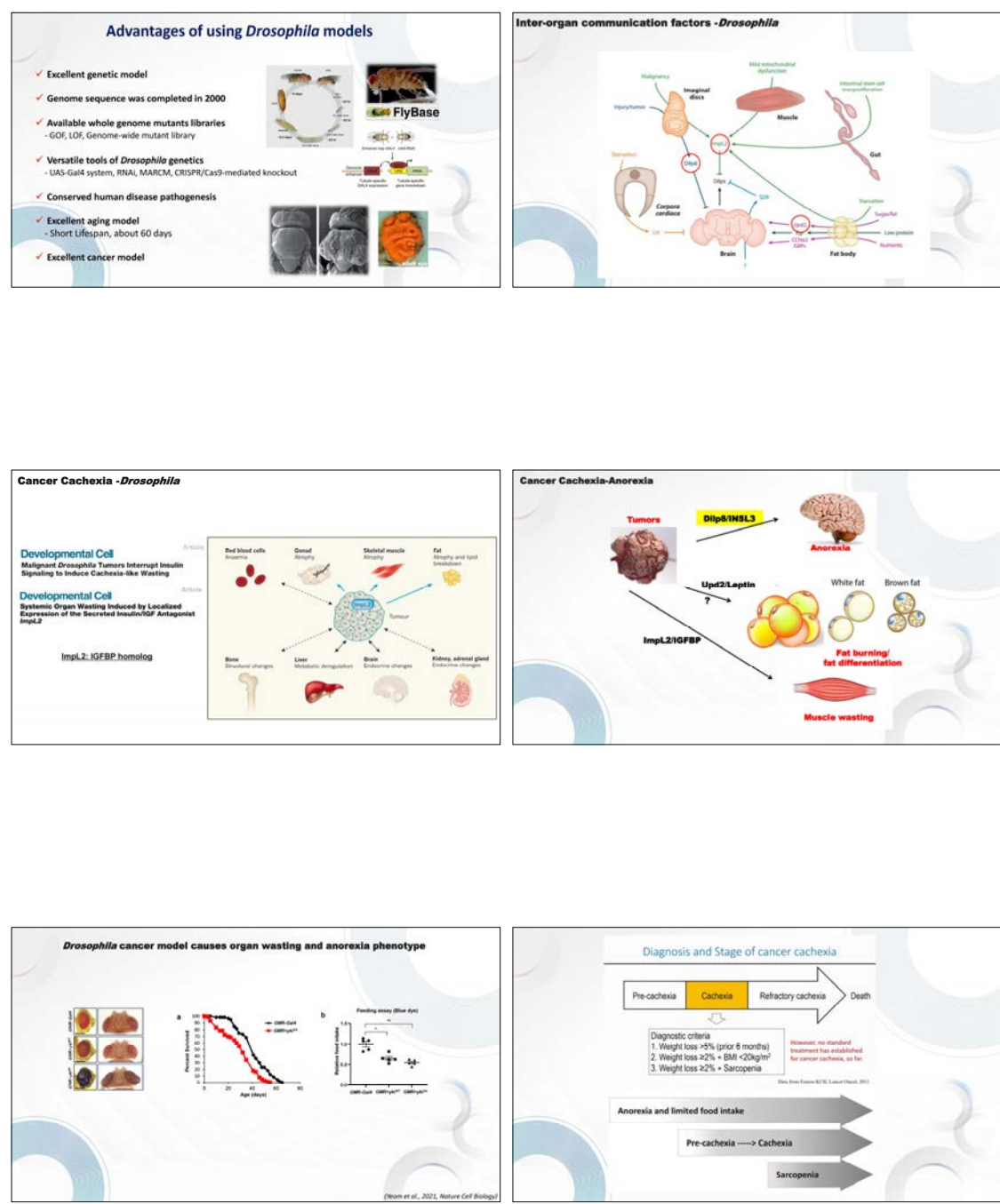


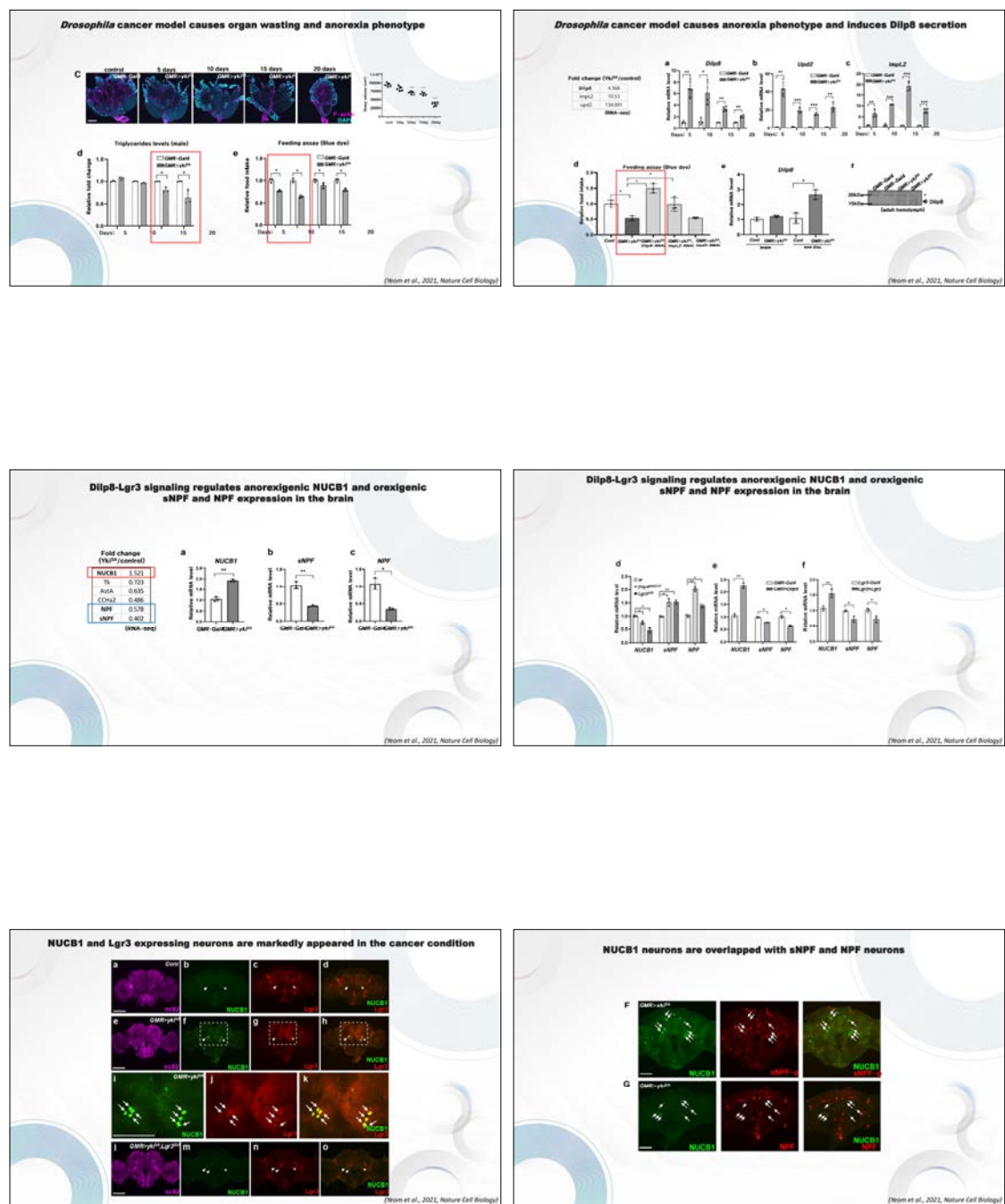
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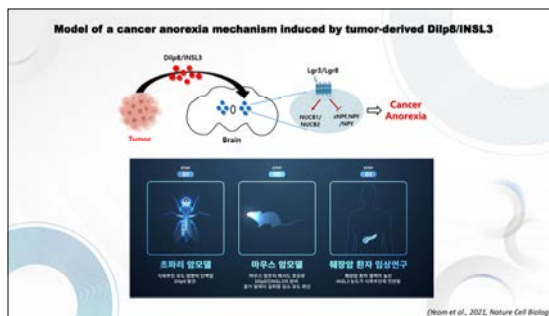
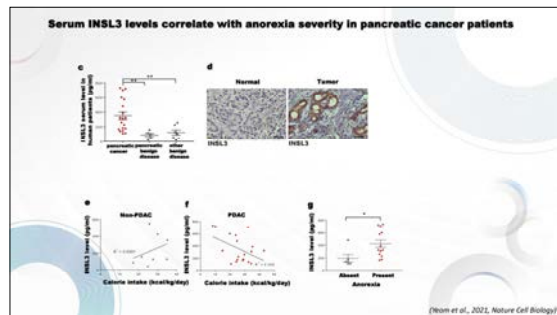
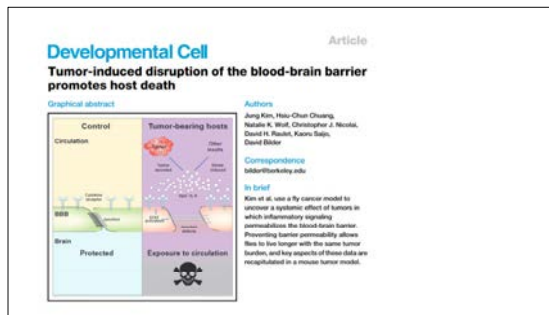
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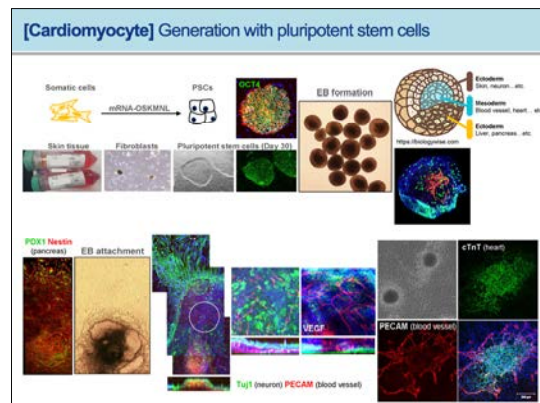
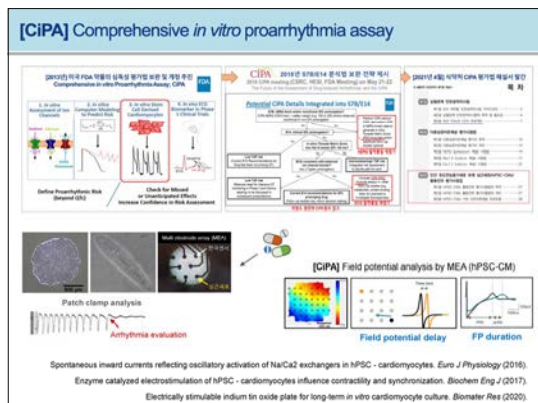
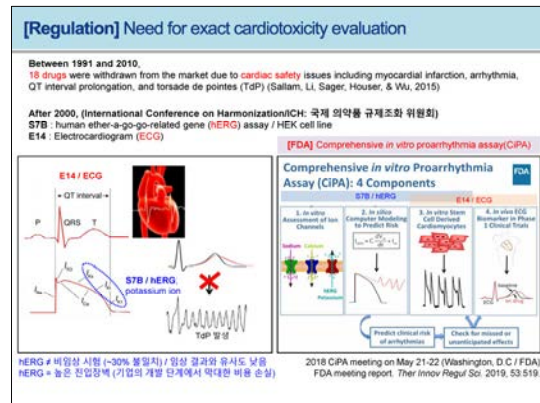
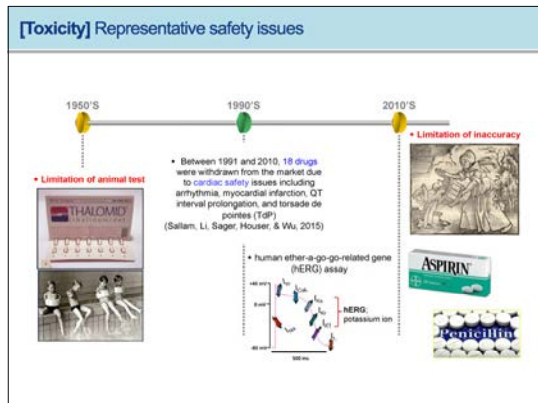
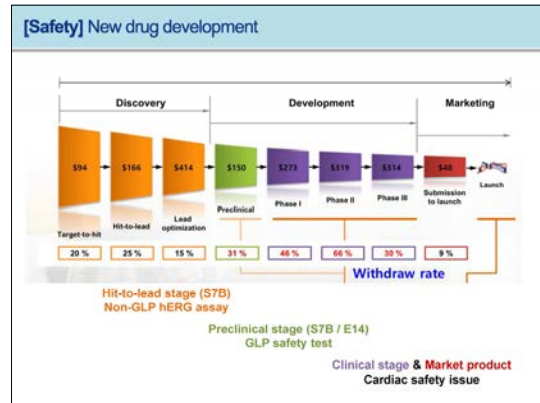

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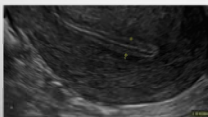
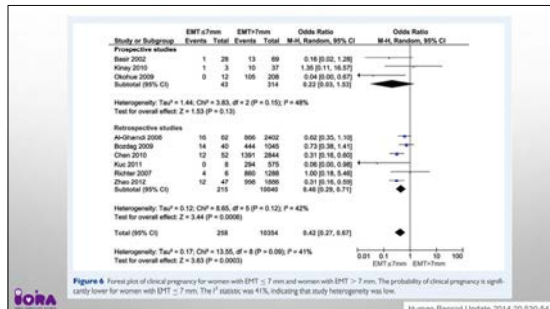
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Refractory endometrium

- Thin endometrium
 - Mostly defined as an endometrial thickness of <7 mm on ultrasound
 - Associated with poor success rates of pregnancy (Kasius et al., Hum Reprod Update 2014;20:530-541)

Cause of thin endometrium

- Asherman syndrome
- History of uterine surgery
- Infection
- Radiation

Medical treatment of thin endometrium


- Luteal estradiol
- Vaginal sildenafil
- Intrauterine infusion of G-CSF
- Pentoxifylline
- Platelet-rich plasma

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Management of thin endometrium in assisted reproduction: a clinical practice guideline from the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society


- limit the accuracy of endometrial measurements
 - such as fibroids, adenomyosis, polyps, uterine orientation, body habitus, previous surgeries, uterine contractions, ultrasound machine quality, interobserver and intra-observer variability, and patient intolerance
- thin endometrium in ART is often defined as endometrial thickness <7 mm or <8 mm
- the incidence of thin endometrium in IVF is between 1% and 2.5% in most studies

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- against the use of aspirin to improve pregnancy rates
- against the use of luteal estradiol to improve pregnancy rates
- insufficient evidence to recommend the use of sildenafil to improve pregnancy rates
- against the use of intrauterine infusion of G-CSF to improve pregnancy rates
- against the use of pentoxifylline, HCG, gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists, platelet-rich plasma or stem cells to improve pregnancy rates



Reprod Biomed Online 2019;29:49-64

The screenshot shows a PubMed search result for a 2020 systematic review. The title is "The role played by granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF) on women submitted to *in vitro* fertilization assisted with thin endometrium: systematic review". The authors are Rylene Naves de Castro Rocha, Rodolpho de Souza Florbiano, Rosane Ribeiro Figueiredo Alencar, and Humana Medicina Reprodutiva - Goiânia, GO, Brazil. The abstract text visible is: "The pieces of evidence in the literature suggest a positive influence of G-CSF on improving endometrial receptivity and pregnancy rates". The literature evidence is noted as conflicting and of hard comparison. The number of studies addressing the theme is small.

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Sildenafil

Effect of sildenafil citrate on treatment of infertility in women with a thin endometrium: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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- Sildenafil citrate is effective
 - improving endometrial thickness, the clinical pregnancy rate, and the biochemical pregnancy rate in women who have a thin endometrium
 - a potential therapeutic intervention for a thin endometrium
- Limitation : heterogeneous studies and differences in timing, dosage, and route of administration

Study	Year	Country	Intervention	Control group	Study period	Number of patients	Referral indication	Study type
Stroven et al. ¹¹	2019	Denmark	Unilateral ABE, administered regional infiltration 20 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral ABE, administered 4 mg of oral acetaminophen 4 times a day for 10 weeks	2019-2020	79 (20/59)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Rodan et al. ¹²	2013	Tanzania	Unilateral ABE, administered regional infiltration 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 8 weeks	Unilateral ABE, administered 4 mg of oral acetaminophen 4 times a day for 8 weeks	2009-2011	60 (40/20)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Tsai et al. ¹³	2010	Japan	Unilateral ABE, administered regional infiltration 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral ABE, administered 4 mg of oral acetaminophen 4 times a day for 10 weeks	2007	23 (13/10)	BP, BCLT	RCT
Phogat et al. ¹⁴	2016	India	Unilateral ABE, administered regional infiltration 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 4 weeks	Unilateral ABE, administered 4 mg of oral acetaminophen 4 times a day for 4 weeks	2014	60 (40/20)	BP, CP, BCLT, other nociceptive patients	RCT
Prasanna Reddy et al. ¹⁵	2016	India	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered at 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered 100 mg CC	2014	60 (40/20)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Adhikari et al. ¹⁶	2019	Spain	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered at 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered 100 mg CC	2019	20 (10/10)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Rodan et al. ¹⁷	2018	Spain	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered at 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered 100 mg CC and acetaminophen 4 times a day for 10 weeks	2017-2018	40 (20/20)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Fahmy et al. ¹⁸	2019	Egypt	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered at 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered 100 mg CC and acetaminophen 4 times a day for 10 weeks	2017	70 (35/35)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
Kamath et al. ¹⁹	2017	Spain	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered at 10 mg bupivacaine 4 times a day for 10 weeks	Unilateral nociceptive infiltration, administered 100 mg CC and acetaminophen 4 times a day for 10 weeks	2013-2014	40 (20/20)	BP, CP, BCLT	RCT
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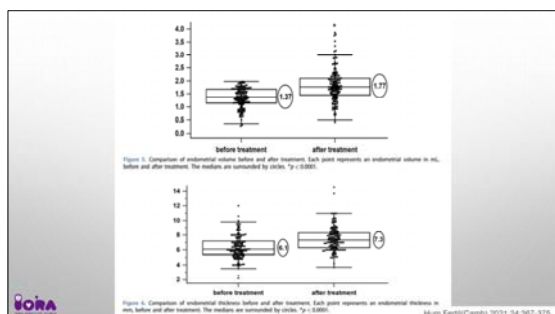
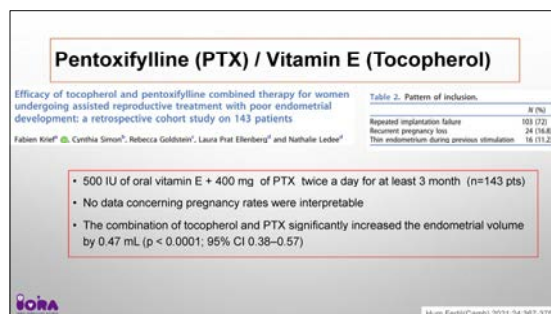
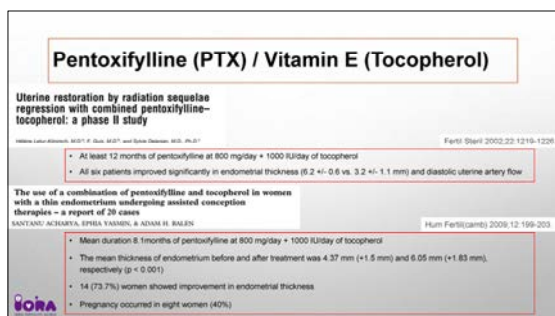
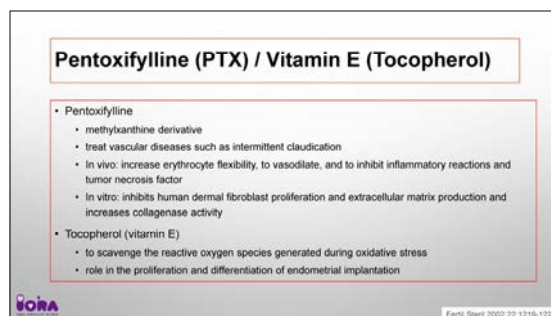
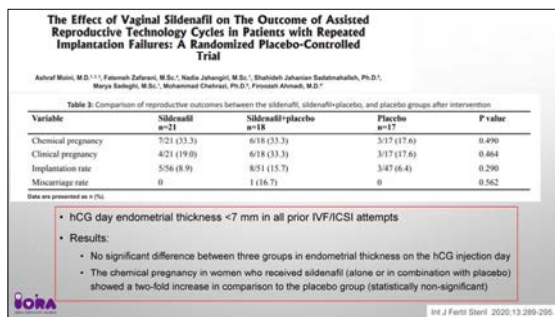
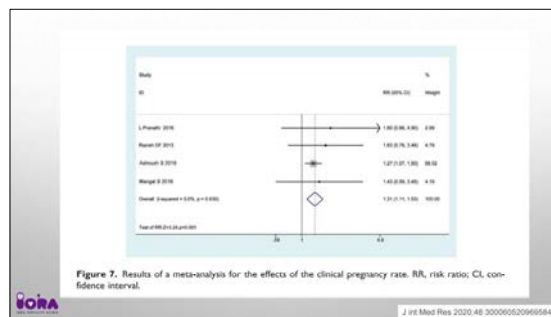
BP, back pain; CP, chronic pain; BCLT, bupivacaine local infiltration; ABE, acetaminophen; CC, closed ganglion cyst; BP, back pain; CP, chronic pain; BCLT, bupivacaine local infiltration; ABE, acetaminophen; CC, closed ganglion cyst.

Study	WMD (95% CI)	% Weight
Rappaport 2013	1.86 (0.94, 2.78)	5.5
Li 2016	1.17 (0.08, 2.26)	2.8
Kucharska 2015	1.82 (1.11, 2.53)	37.0
Kucharska 2016	1.82 (0.75, 2.92)	8.4
Kucharska 2017	0.88 (0.27, 1.49)	3.3
Takanaka et al 2012	2.76 (0.29, 4.45)	16.1
Pooled (Standardized) WMD, $p < 0.001$	1.02 (0.49, 1.56)	100.0

Test of Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 0.0$, $p = 0.998$

WMD, weighted mean difference; CI, confidence interval.

Figure 4. Results of a meta-analysis for the effects of endometrial thickness. WMD, weighted mean difference; CI, confidence interval.



Platelet-Rich Plasma

- Support the regeneration and repair processes of damaged tissues, cells using growth factors present in platelet granularities

Table 1. Dohan- Ehrenfest PRP classification.

Preparation	Acronym	Leukocytes	Fibrin Density
Pure platelet rich plasma	P-PRP	Poor	Low
Leukocyte and platelet rich plasma	L-PRP	Rich	Low
Pure platelet rich fibrin	P-PRF	Poor	High
Leukocyte and platelet rich fibrin	L-PRF	Rich	High

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FIGURE 1 | The potential mechanisms of PRP on endometrial receptivity in assisted reproductive technology. PRP might improve the endometrial receptivity through the improvement of cell proliferation, vascularization, anti-inflammatory properties and the reduction in the degree of fibrosis, with the help of the concentrated peptides, GFs and cytokines in PRP.

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Platelet-Rich Plasma

Table 2. Specification of different PRP kits.

Kit Brand Name	Whole Blood Volume (mL)	Centrifugation	Time (min)	Final Volume of PRP (mL)	Platelet Concentration Compared to Whole Blood (times)	Leukocytes	Activator
ACT (Cytosol, Napco, IL, USA)	9	single	5	2.5	2.5	-	-
RegenUP & PRP (Bogen Lab SA, for research or education, Switzerland)	30	single	5	3	3.4	-	-
CPH (Bogen, Jönköping, Sweden)	25 (10)	single	10	3 (0.5)	3.4	+	TA/TA/TA
RegenUP (Bogen, Jönköping, Sweden)	25 (10)	single	10	3 (0.5)	3.4	+	TA/TA/TA
PRP (Bogen, Jönköping, Sweden)	25 (10)	single	10	3 (0.5)	3.4	+	TA/TA/TA
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PRP (Bogen, Jönköping, Sweden)	25 (10)	single	10	3 (0.5)	3.4	+	TA/TA/TA
PRP (Bogen, Jönköping, Sweden)	25 (10)	single	10	3 (0.5)	3.4	+	TA/TA/TA

CaCl₂—Calcium chloride; TA—Autologous thrombin; TB—Bovine thrombin.

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Figure 6. (a) Schematic representation of double-spin open method of preparation of PRP is shown. (b) Schematic representation of narrow neck tube method of preparation of PRP is shown. (c) Schematic representation of gel separator tube method of preparation of PRP is shown.

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Platelet-rich plasma

Intrauterine infusion of autologous platelet rich plasma in women undergoing assisted reproduction: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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- Intra-uterine administration of PRP increases the clinical pregnancy rate in women experienced frozen-thawed ET cycle
- More randomized clinical trials with larger sample sizes are needed

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Figure 3: Forest plot detailed risk ratio (RR) and 95% confidence intervals for clinical pregnancy rate in the RCT and cohort studies for platelet rich plasma and control groups.

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TABLE 4 | Studies assessing the effect of platelet-rich plasma (PRP) treatment in patients with thin endometrium in early fertilization.

Author	Country	Year of study	PRP	Interventions	Control	Time of PRP infusion	Therapeutic Type	Endometrial thickness	Outcome	P-value
								Group (mm)	Group (mm)	
2015	Spain	2015	PRP	PRP + progesterone	Progesterone	10-12 days after the start of the menstrual cycle	Endometrial thickness	8.67 ± 0.64	8.67 ± 0.64	0.001
2016	Iran	2016	PRP	PRP + progesterone	Progesterone	10-12 days after the start of the menstrual cycle	Endometrial thickness	8.67 ± 0.64	8.67 ± 0.64	0.001
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2020	Iran	2020	PRP	PRP + progesterone	Progesterone	10-12 days after the start of the menstrual cycle	Endometrial thickness	8.67 ± 0.64	8.67 ± 0.64	0.001

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Can autologous platelet rich plasma expand endometrial thickness and improve pregnancy rate during frozen-thawed embryo transfer cycle? A randomized clinical trial

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- Endometrial thickness increased significantly to 8.67 ± 0.64 in PRP group than in controls ($p = 0.001$)
- This increase was higher in women who conceived in PRP group ($p = 0.031$)
- The implantation rate and per-cycle clinical pregnancy rate were significantly higher in PRP group ($p = 0.002$ and 0.044 , respectively) ($p = 0.002$)
- PRP may be effective in improving the endometrial growth, and possibly pregnancy outcomes in women with a thin endometrium

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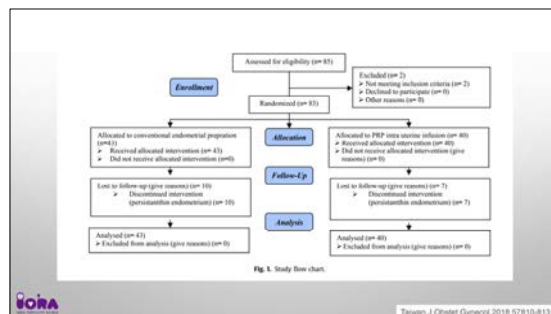


Table 1
Cycle characteristics in the randomized cycle (n = 33 each group)

	PRP group	Control group	P-value
Cycle duration (mean ± SD)	34.27 ± 1.06	34.37 ± 0.95	0.988
No. of Transferrable embryos (mean ± SD)	2.1 ± 0.93	1.91 ± 0.98	0.627
Endometrial thickness (mm) at:			
Day 10	6.89 ± 0.47	6.15 ± 0.27	0.001
Day 12	8.67 ± 0.64	6.18 ± 0.27	0.001

PRP: platelet-rich plasma; DT: 12 endometrial thickness in the 12th day of cycle; Endometrial thickness after intervention; Endometrial quality: A: no fragmentation with equal sized homogeneous Masses; B: 200-500 fragmentation with equal sized homogeneous Masses; C: 200-500 fragmentation with unequal sized Masses; D: 500-1000 fragmentation with unequal sized Masses.

Table 2
Endometrial thickness in women who conceived and didn't conceive in PRP and control group (mm)

	Women who conceived (PRP group) (n = 16)	Women who didn't conceive (PRP group) (n = 16)	P-value
Endometrial thickness (mm)	8.90 ± 0.75	6.34 ± 0.53	0.001
Endometrial thickness (mm)	8.90 ± 0.75	6.34 ± 0.53	0.001

Endometrial thickness after intervention.

Table 3
The outcomes of embryo transfer cycles

	PRP group (n = 16)	Control group (n = 17)	P-value
Implantation rate	21%	9.37%	0.002
Chemical pregnancy	14 (42.4%)	8 (24.2%)	0.191
Per cycle	14 (15.7)	8 (18.0)	0.091
Clinical pregnancy	13 (39.4%)	6 (18.2%)	0.102
Per cycle	13 (14.3)	6 (14.0)	0.044
Ongoing pregnancy	11 (33.3%)	6 (18.2%)	0.200
Per cycle	11 (12.7)	6 (14.0)	0.127
Abortion rate	3 (9%)	2 (5%)	0.613

p value < 0.05 is significant.

보건의료부 고시 제2022-340

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가. 기술명

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- 방법명: Intrauterine Platelet-rich Plasma Treatment for Refractory Thin Endometrium during Frozen Embryo Transfer

나. 사용목적

- 자가용자 재검을 통한 임신율 향상

다. 사용대상

- 기존 치료에 반응하지 않는 7mm 이하의 자가용자 환자

라. 사용방법

- 환자의 혈액을 채취한 후 항응고제를 통해 분리한 자가용자 불임 치료용 자가용자 내로 주입함
- 난임성·유효성 평가결과
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Asherman syndrome

Table 5 American fertility society classification 1988

Classification	Condition
Cavity involved	<1/3 1/3 - 2/3 ≥2/3
Type of adhesions	Filmy Filmy and Dense Dense
Menstrual pattern	Normal Hypo menorrhea Amenorrhea
Prognostic classification	HSG score Hysteroscopy score
Stage I (Mild)	1-4
Stage II (Moderate)	5-8
Stage III (Severe)	9-12

Conforti et al. Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology 2013; 11:118

Table 1 Asherman syndrome: summary of risk factors

Risk factors	Frequency	References
Miscarriage curettage	66.7% (12/17/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Postpartum curettage	21.5% (40/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Curettage section	2% (3/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Trophoblastic disease evacuation	0.6% (1/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Müllerian duct malformation	16% (2/13)	Soliman and Aulok 1985 [11]
Infection (Genital tuberculosis)	4% (7/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Diagnostic curettage	1.6% (3/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Abdominal myomectomy	1.3% (2/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Uterine artery embolization	14 (7/51)	Mari et al. 2007 [12]
Hysteroscopic surgery:		
• myomectomy	6% (1/13)	Takken et al. 2000 [13]
• myomectomy (single myoma)	37.3% (10/27)	Takken et al. 2000 [13]
• myomectomy (multiple myoma)	45.3% (19/28)	Takken et al. 2000 [13]
• endometrial ablation	36.4% (8/22)	Leung et al. 2004 [14]
Resection of RCT	0.2% (1/185)	Schenker and Margalioth 1982 [3]
Uterine compressive sutures for postpartum haemorrhage	18.5% (5/27)	Isatomi et al. 2013 [15]

Conforti et al. Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology 2013, 11:118

PRP for Asherman syndrome

Intrauterine infusion of platelet-rich plasma is a treatment method for patients with intrauterine adhesions after hysteroscopy

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- Group A: PRP Group B: IU balloon Group C: PRP + IU balloon
- Results: The AFS score decreased with an average of 5.18 ± 3.93 , 4.91 ± 4.39 , and 5.15 ± 3.17 comparing the third hysteroscopy with the first operative hysteroscopy in group A, group B, and group C, respectively
- No significant differences were found among these groups ($p=0.734$)
- The rates of chemical pregnancy were 40.0% in group A, 38.9% in group B, and 33.3% in group C without significant differences ($p=0.944$)
- Conclusion: There were no significant differences between intrauterine infusion of PRP and balloon. PRP is a treatment method for IUAs.

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PRP for Asherman syndrome

Platelet-rich plasma in the management of Asherman's syndrome: An RCT

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- Results:
 - did not reveal any significant difference in the menstrual pattern of either the control or test groups before or after treatment ($p = 0.2$)
 - the IUA stage in both groups before and after treatment was similar ($p = 0.2$)
 - the duration of menstrual bleeding in both groups before and after treatment was also similar
- Conclusion:
 - PRP cannot change the menstrual pattern or development of postsurgical AS, as evaluated by follow-up hysteroscopy

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Flowchart illustrating the study design and patient flow:

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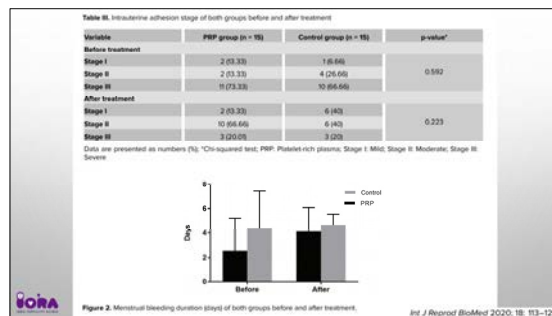
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    A[Enrolled for eligibility (n = 10)] --> B[Asherman Syndrome (Recurrent) (n = 10)]
    B --> C[Randomized to PRP group (n = 5)]
    B --> D[Randomized to control group (n = 5)]
    C --> E[PRP infused into uterine cavity]
    D --> F[Left to follow up (n = 5)]
    E --> G[Left to follow up (n = 5)]
    F --> H[Assessment (n = 5)]
    G --> I[Assessment (n = 5)]
  
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Figure 5. Consort flow diagram of study.

Table 5. Menstrual pattern of both groups before and after treatment

Variable	PRP group (n = 10)	Control group (n = 10)	p-value*
Before treatment			
Amenorrhea	2 (20.0%)	0	
Hypomenorrhea	10 (100.0%)	9 (90.0%)	0.217
Normal menstrual bleeding	3 (30.0%)	6 (60.0%)	
After treatment			
Amenorrhea	0	0	
Hypomenorrhea	6 (60.0%)	6 (60.0%)	0.645
Normal menstrual bleeding	9 (90.0%)	9 (90.0%)	

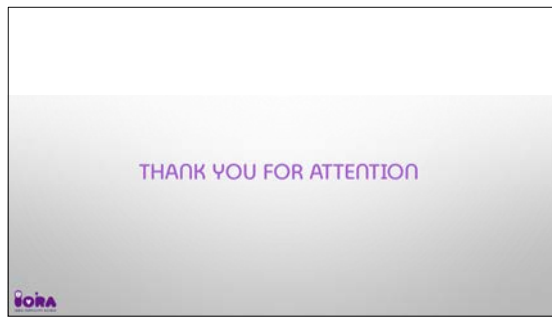
Data are presented as numbers (%). *Chi-squared test. PRP: Platelet-rich plasma.



Conclusion

- Thin endometrium is an infrequent but challenging occurrence in assisted reproduction
- Physicians must balance the prognosis for patients if they proceed with treatment with a thin endometrium or consider alternative treatments
- Currently, there is minimal evidence to support any specific protocols or adjuvants to significantly improve pregnancy outcomes in patients with thin endometrium
- Further research for PRP is needed to confirm the effectiveness

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IUA Classification I

• American Fertility Society (1988)

Scoring/ Characteristics	Extent Cavity Involved	Type of Adhesions	Menstrual Pattern
1	<1/3	Filmy	-
2	1/3 ~2/3	Filmy~Dense	Hypomenorrhea
3	>2/3	Dense	-
4	-	-	Amenorrhea

Stage I (mild: 1~4) , Stage II (Moderate: 5~8), Stage III (Severe: 9~12)

IUA Classification II

• European Society of Gynecological Endoscopy (ESGE) (1995,2017)

I	Thin or filmy adhesion, easily ruptured by hysteroscopic sheath alone and normal cornual area.
II	Singular dense adhesion that cannot be ruptured by the hysteroscopic sheath, but a uterine cavity connected to a separate space, and visualization of both tubal ostia.
Ila	Occluding adhesion only in the region of the internal cervical os with normal upper uterine cavity
III	Multiple dense adhesions connected to a separate space of the uterine cavity and unilateral obliteration of tubal ostia.
IV	Extensive dense adhesion with partial occlusion of the uterine cavity and tubal ostia
Va	Extensive endometrial scarring and fibrosis in combination with grade I/II, accompanied by amenorrhea or pronounced hypomenorrhea.
Vb	Extensive endometrial scarring and fibrosis in combination with grade III / IV, accompanied with amenorrhea.

Techniques using IUA Classification for Treatment

Approach	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
TVS	91~100	78.6~100
SHG	12.8~98	94~100
HSG	21.6~98.0	25.6~98.8
H/S	Gold standard	

HSG → PreOV/TVS → Dx/Tx H/S
SHG

Dorofel B et al. Diagnostic 2020;10:796
Lee et al. Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2021; 22:5175

Treatment Strategy of IUA

1. Treatments (D/C, H/S, hysterotomy)
2. Re-adhesion prevention (IUD, Uterine balloon stent, Foley's catheter, anti-adhesion barriers)
3. Restoring NL. EM. (ERT, ASC)
4. Post OP. assessment & repeat H/S

Hysteroscopic Tx for IUA

- The method of choice
- Outcome
 - NL mense: 75%~100%.
 - CPR : between 25 and 76%
 - LBR after preg : between 25 and 79.7%.
- Recurrence rate (ESGE)
 - GI-GIIa: 21%~25%, GIII: 29.1%,
 - GIV: 38.5%, and GIV 41.9%

Dreisler and Kjer. Int J Women's Health 2019;11:191~198.
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Readhesion Prevention & Restoring EM

- RCT of Hyaluronic acid gel and no Tx.
 - 32% Vs. 14%, $P < 0.05$ ¹
- RCT/Retrospective cohort study for mechanical barriers and Hyaluronic acid
 - Equally effective in mechanical barriers²
 - Significantly more effective than Hyaluronic acid³
- Estrogen alone and ancillary use with mechanical barriers
 - In CPR, 42~53% Vs. 51~100%^{4,5,6,7}

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Second-look Hysteroscopy

- Retrospective cohort study of 151 pts.¹
 - Second-look within 2 weeks to 2 months after primary adhesiolysis
 - Improve the cumulative PR (77% Vs. 56%) and LBR (77% vs 63%)
- A small observational study of 15 pts.²
 - Second-look after 2 weeks
 - Up to four H/S after primary surgery.
 - 46% (7/15) were either pregnant or had delivered

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Personal Treatment Strategy

1. TVS/HSG
2. Diagnostic/operative H/S
3. Foley's catheter (8F, 2.5~3cc) (for minimal/HA) W/ E2VD 5mg IM
4. 7-10 days later, catheter removal and E2VD 5mg IM (weekly 3 times)
5. P4 WBL (100mg) & repeat H/S



Intrauterine adhesion

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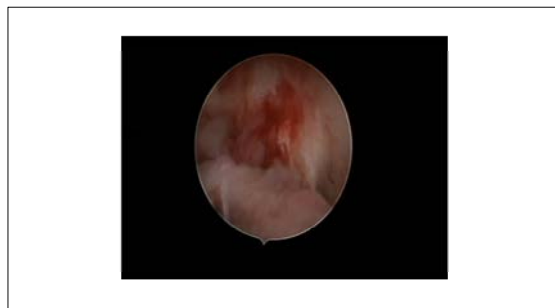
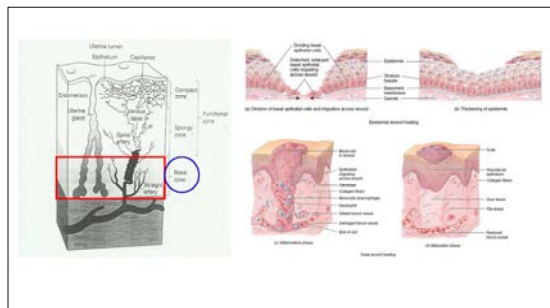


Fibrotic IUA



Histopathologic Findings

Endometrial fibrosis
Stroma → fibrotic tissue change
Glands → inactive columnar epithelium
Not differentiated functional layer and basal layer
Surface- monolayer not response to Hormone and fibrotic synechia
Glands non function, Cystic nature
Whole layer adhesion
Collagen bundles, fibrous stripes
Muscle component
More composition of fibrous tissue



Endometrial Depth vs. Pregnancy rate (IVF-ET)

Endo. Depth	Pregnancy rate	No. of Cases
> 7mm	40.8%	744/1824
< 6mm	14.1%	13/92

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Treatment of IUA

Membranous IUA	Fibrotic IUA
Reversible	Irreversible
Basal layer preserved	Basal layer destructed
Synechiolysis	Synechiolysis
IU Ballooning	IU Ballooning
Hormone tx	Hormone tx
Low dose aspirin, Heparin	Low dose aspirin, Heparin
PRP, 그라신, 프로테스칼	PRP, 그라신, 프로테스칼
Viagra Levitra	Viagra Levitra
Complete removal of membranes	Bone marrow stem cells injection

Autologous Bone Marrow Cells injections (BMI)
into the uterine Wall in case of Thin endometrium

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Treatment of Leukemia Patients



Endometrial Biopsy : 4 patients
Donor derived endometrial cells
Epithelium : 0.2 - 48%
Stromal cell : 0.3 - 52%

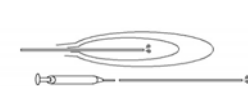
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BM Cells Injection : Where ?

Injection



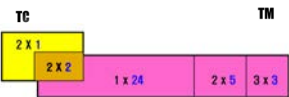
Infusion



BM Cells Injection : How ?

Path	Injection	Infusion
	Transmurally(TM)	Transcervically(TC)
By	Needle	Catheter
Sites	Myometrium near E-M junction	Endometrial Cavity
Volume(cc)	3.5, 4.5, 1.0	0.2
When	Mid proliferative Estrogen priming 中 COH 中	Early proliferative phase COH 初期
Try	45	4
Pregnancy	15	2

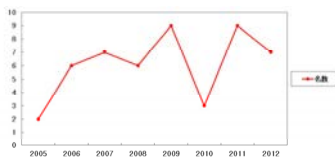
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BM Cells Injection : When ?

- ☐ Early Follicular Phase : COH in IVF-ET
- ☐ Endometrial Estrogen Priming :
Forzen-thawed ET

年度別 患者数



Pregnancy

- COH- IVF-ET FET OD-ET
- IVF-ET FET

	Pregnancy	Aborted	Delivered
IVF-ET	8	1	7
IVF-ET oocytes donation	1	1	0
Frozen-thawed ET	5	3	2
Natural pregnancy	2	1	1
Total	16	6	10

Pregnancy Delivery

No.	Date of BMI	uET	months	Type of pregnancy
2	2005.12.20	2008.8.21	32	IVF-ET
7	2006.8.1	2007.2.27	6	IVF-ET
8	2006.12.7	2007.1.31.NMPP	4	Natural pregnancy
9	2007.11.14	2010.4.8	28	Frozen embryo transfer
11	2007.9.10	2011.3.16	31	FET
12	2007.9.20	2007.10.5	1	IVF-CT
15	2008.5.2	2008.5.14	1	IVF-ET
24	2009.3.5	2009.8.24	4	IVF-ET
26	2009.11.5	2009.12.15	1	IVF-ET
32	2011.8.29	2011.10.4	2	IVF-ET

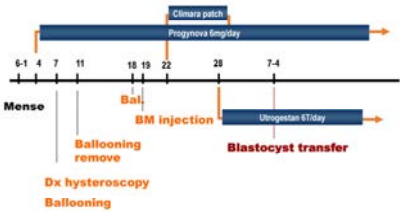
Pregnancy Aborted

No.	Date of BMI	uET	months	Type of pregnancy
6	2007.5.8	2007.7.4	2	FET 46XX
10	2008.1.11	2008.1.29	1	FET IUP at 8weeks
14	2008.1.30	2008.2.6	1	IVF-ET with Donor OD, Progest. Allergy IUP at 8weeks 47XY+2
23	2009.2.27	2009.5.14	2	Natural pregnancy IUP at 8weeks 47XX+22
31	2011.5.19	2012.6.12	1	IVF-ET IUP at 7weeks 47XX+22
35	2012.2.7	2012.2.20	1	FET IUP at 8weeks 62XXXX

Duration: BMI-Pregnancy

Month	No. Patient	%
1	7	44%
2	3	19%
4	2	13%
6	1	6%
28	1	6%
31	1	6%
32	1	6%
Total	16	100%

BM injection and TET



Conclusion I

- Pretreatment procedures : hysteroscopy, fundal dome cuttings, IU Balooning
- Additive therapy :
estrogen priming : progynova, climara patch
luteal support : progesterone in oil, suppository, gel
Immunotherapy : IVIG, solondo(steroid)
vasodilator : viagra, levitra
clotting prevention : astring, fragmin(heparin)
- BMI, 49 cases of 37 patients
- 16 patients were pregnant, 10 patients were delivered, 6 patients aborted
- BMI is one of the treatments in repeatedly failed case of thin endometrium

Patients profiles : Bone marrow cells

Patient	BMI	Initial cell count(x10 ⁶)	Product count(x10 ⁶)	TAMC	Injection volume (ml)	Patient	BMI	Initial cell count(x10 ⁶)	Product count(x10 ⁶)	TAMC	Injection volume (ml)
1	50	9,670	5,000	5.7	0.2	2	30	13,430	15,300	15.3	2.5
2	40	11,260	11,000	11	0.2	22	50	14,760	2,500	2.5	2.5
3	40	12,260	11,930	11.9	1	27	48	22,160	11,650	11.6	2.5
4	50	9,960	6,570	6.4	2.5	27-1	48	21,030	1,670	1.7	2.5
5-1	40	12,040	5,500	5.5	2.5	28	50	15,000	25,000	25.5	2.5
6	50	9,100	8,770	8.8	0.2	29	50	12,160	12,500	12.5	2.5
6-1	50	17,030	8,630	8.4	2.6	29-1	40	13,030	9,300	9.3	0.5
10	50	22,990	28,100	28.1	2.5	29-2	40	22,950	11,600	11.7	2.5
12	50	18,100	12,460	12.6	2.5	30	40	25,030	25,500	25.5	2.5
13	50	10,730	5,700	5.7	2.5	31	30	4,540	2,100	2.1	0.5
14	50	16,920	8,620	8.6	1	31-1	40	6,440	6,000	6	2.5
15	50	10,470	12,030	12.0	2.5	31-2	50	6,560	3,200	3.2	2.5
16	45	7,090	3,450	3.4	1	31-3	40	3,800	3,400	3.3	2.5
17	50	20,720	8,720	8.7	0.5	32	40	11,550	24,500	24.5	2.5
18	40	9,960	7,270	7.2	2.5	33	40	16,960	20,140	20	2.5
18-1	50	15,170	10,900	10.9	2.5	35	50	26,230	32,310	32.3	2.5
19	50	24,550	17,260	17.3	2.5	36	40	24,960	5,600	5.6	2.5
20	40	13,860	7,130	7.1	2.5	37	50	8,830	1,080	1.0	0.5
22	50	12,160	8,630	8.6	2.5	Mean	50	17,360	10,302	10.34	2.43

Patients profiles I

Patient	Age	SHRHR (%)	No. ART (ov/ID)	No. IVF-ET	No. FET	Patient	Age	SHRHR (%)	No. ART (ov/ID)	No. IVF-ET	No. FET
1	40	3	1	6		31	38	6	6	5	5
2	42	4	1	1		32	39	8	3	7	1
3	43	5	1	7	2	33	43	2			
4	44	1	1	1	2	34	38	4	60	0	
5	45	2	2	3	1	35	35	5	1	2	1
6	46	3	2	10	2	36	36	3	3	2	1
7	48	11	2	2		37	37	1	1	1	1
8	48	8	1	1	1	38	35	2	1	2	2
9	49	5	1	2	1	39	39	8	9	1	
10	49	6	2	2	1	40	40	3	3	3	1
11	50	3	3	1	1	41	39	2	2	2	1
12	50	3	3	1	1	42	39	3	3	1	1
13	50	3	4	4	1	43	35	4	0	0	1
14	51	2	1	1	1	44	39	2	2	1	1
15	45	3	3	1		45	42	4	4	1	1
16	41	0	11	7	1	46	35	2	2	2	2
17	38	3	3	1	1	47	37	1	2	0	1
18	37	6	3	4	1	Mean	36	4.69	4.07	3.24	2.29
19	34	7	1	1	2						
20	30	4	1	1							

Patients profiles II : eggs, endometrium

Patient	No. retrieved oocytes	No. transferred eggs	No. good embryos	IME II maximum ID	IME II FET ID	IME II maximum ID	IME II FET ID
1	42	21	10	7	6	7	
2	42	20	10				
3	63	22	12				
4	18	6	6				0
5	26	11	6			6	0
6	140	64	36	1	0	6	0
7	21	6	4	3	1	1	0
8	12	4	2	4	0		0
9	39	10	5	5	5	5	0
10	39	6	4	4	5	4	0
11	62	19	8	7	6	7	9
12	14	5	5	7	7	7	7
13	70	20	22	6	5	6	0
14	44	7	7	6	5	7	7
15	41	9	7	7	7	4	7
16	22	13	10	6	6	5	0
17	8	1	1	6	6	6	0
18	19	11	6	6	7	7	0
19	24	12	7	5	5	5	0
20	7	2	1	4	4	0	0

Patients profile II : eggs, endometrium

Patient	No. retrieved oocytes	No. transferred eggs	No. good embryos	IME II maximum ID	IME II FET ID	IME II maximum ID	IME II FET ID
21	104	21	16	7	7	6	6
22	9	3	4	4	6	5	6
23	63	15	12	5	8	7	7
24	27	6	6	11	6	6	6
25	60	10	9	11	10	5	5
26	19	7	3	4	5	3	9
27	69	16	16	3	7	7	7
28	22	14	11	6	7	6	6
29	24	17	10	4	5	6	6
30	6	5	2				
31	43	20	16	7	7	6	6
32	21	15	10	3	4	5	6
33	22	10	10	4	4	3	4
34	6	4	4	4	4	7	7
35	16	6	1	4	4	5	5
36	17	6	4	3	3	6	6
37	15	10	15	7	7	5	5
Mean	40.64	14.21	8.73	5.84	5.80	5.93	5.86



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The usefulness of artificial intelligence (AI) -based approaches is making them increasingly popular in the medical field; their use is also increasing in the assisted reproductive technology (ART) field to improve *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) outcomes. Artificial intelligence (AI) technology combined with time-lapse not only aims to enhance embryo selection, but can also help the diagnostic accuracy of preimplantation genetic testing (PGT). In particular, it can reportedly offer advantages such as standardized embryo grading, clearer data entry, better patient experiences, greater efficiency in the laboratory, and automated quality control. However, AI, and machine learning are still developed in small and professional samples, their performance is variable, external verification remains insufficient, and the black box characteristics of AI models are inherently difficult to interpret; hence unintended bias can be introduced into the model during training. Although AI seems to offer good predictions, significant limitations, including a common lack of understanding. This can happen in the AI analysis of blastocyst images where we can see patterns we don't want. AI time-lapse may be a promising tool to solve long-standing challenges in reproductive medicine and achieve more objective and promising outcomes for healthy baby births. However, AI time-lapse has not yet fully established its role in the world of reproductive medicine; further, the use of AI time-lapse to improve outcomes has not yet been demonstrated in much papers. Identifying the directed use of this highly promising tool requires new methodologies and studies to identify the advantages and potential limitations of emerging technologies.

Key words: artificial intelligence (AI), time-lapse, IVF outcome, embryo selection

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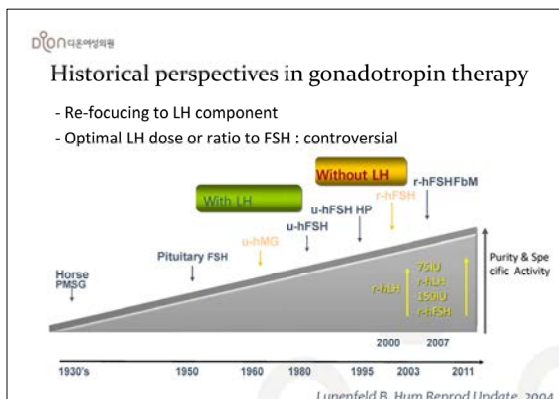
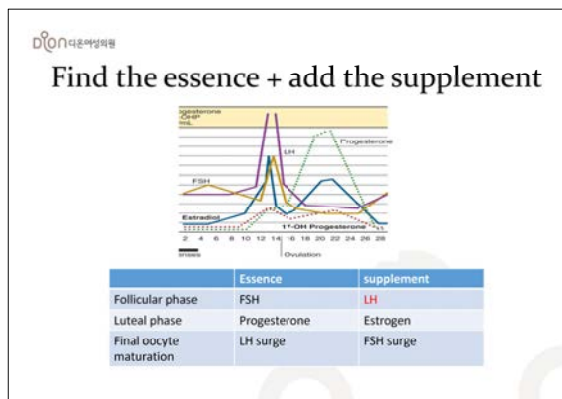
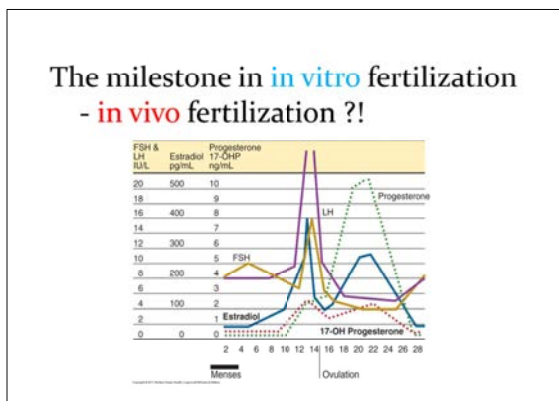
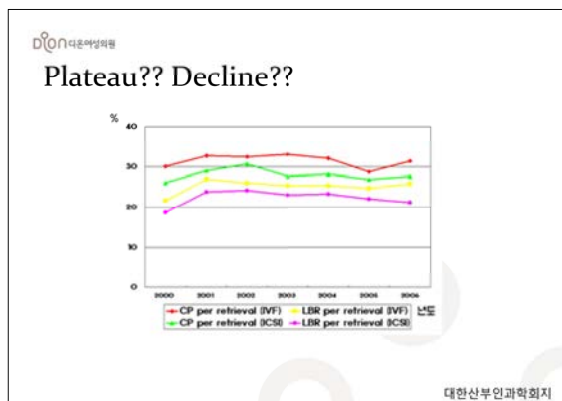
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Development of COS

- Natural cycle IVF: The first IVF baby
- Mild stimulation with CC
- Gonadotropin (hMG, recombinant)
- GnRH agonist/antagonist
- prevention of premature LH surge

➡ Increasing pregnancy rates!!

LH

• Background

- LH-dose-dependent increase of follicular fluid E2, A, T
- MI oocytes were obtained from follicles that had significantly lower E2 & higher T & A
- Oocytes with multiple anomalies were recovered from follicles with significantly higher LH levels

Optimal levels of LH action achieves adequate maturation & maximal competence.

• Clinical studies

- MERIT study (hp-hMG vs. rFSH)
 - Higher concentration of E2, A, T
 - More good-quality embryos
 - PR comparable

LH may be helpful for pts with low serum androgen

LH

• Low serum androgen condition

- Old age (>35YO)
 - Serum A decline steeply with age
- GnRHa long protocol
 - Even in antagonist cycle, beneficial in old age(>35YO)
- Cycle after OC

Better oocyte maturation rate, fertilization rate, implantation rate, clinical pregnancy rate in several clinical studies

LH

• LH inhibits premature luteinization

- LH lower P level on hCG day
- LH enhances the conversion on pregnenolone into androgens
- P increase at the end of stimulation was significantly related to dose of FSH but not of LH
- Recent large cohort study showed that lowest risk of having high P at the end of stim is achieved when LH is administered in a ratio of 0.3-0.6 with respect to the dose of FSH.

Find the essence + add the supplement

	Essence	supplement
Follicular phase	FSH	LH
Luteal phase	Progesterone	Estrogen
Final oocyte maturation	LH surge	FSH surge

Triggering

- Mimicking endogenous LH surge to induce final oocyte maturation & resumption of meiosis

Traditional hCG(LH) trigger

- Prolonged half-life of hCG

- Half-life of LH ~60min vs. half-life of hCG >24h
- Sustained luteotropic activity & induce OHSS

The graph illustrates the hormonal changes during the menstrual cycle. The Y-axis represents hormone levels, and the X-axis represents time. FSH (blue line) shows a small peak followed by a larger peak. LH (red line) shows a very sharp peak. Progesterone (green dashed line) remains low until a sharp rise after ovulation.

- GnRHα given IV can induce LH surge (Nakano et al., 1973)
- GnRHα trigger first used when **GnRHα protocol** introduced (Gonen et al., 1990)

Figure 1

More physiologic LH + FSH surge

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GnRHa trigger

LH-surge after GnRHa triggering versus natural cycle

The graph illustrates the LH surge after GnRHa triggering compared to the natural cycle. The x-axis represents time in hours (0 to 48h). The y-axis represents LH levels. The 'Natural' cycle (black line) shows a gradual rise starting at 0h, reaching a plateau at 14h, and then declining at 20h. The 'GnRHa' cycle (red line) shows a rapid rise starting at 0h, reaching a peak at 4h, and then declining to baseline by 20h.

Time (h)	Natural LH Level	GnRHa LH Level
0	Low	Low
4	Low	High
14	High	Medium
20	High	Low
48	Low	Low

Humaidan et al., 2011

Advantage of GnRHa trigger (vs. hCG)

1. FSH surge
2. Prevent OHSS
 - lower luteotropic potency & duration
3. Decrease the post-trigger E2 exposure
 - Breast cancer pts

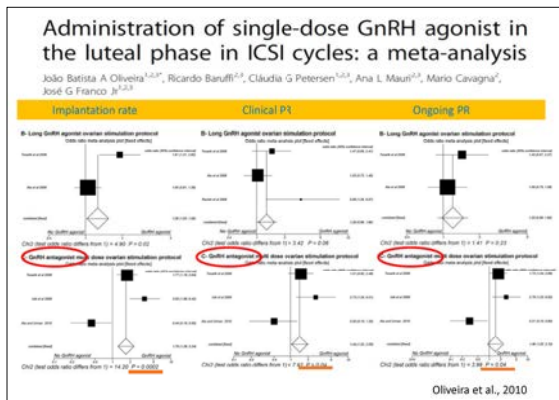
Studies	Study design	OHSS risk	AGONIST triggering arm	HCG triggering arm
Fresh MF cycles with Embryotransfer (ET)				
Fauser et al. (2002)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/32)	0% (0/15)
Humaidan et al. (2005)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/55)	0% (0/47)
Kalliovaara et al. (2005)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/52)	0% (0/54)
Pirard et al. (2004)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/56)	0% (0/06)
Humaidan et al. (2004)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/13)	0% (0/15)
Babayof et al. (2006)	RCT	High	0% (0/15)	31.0% (4/13)
Engmann et al. (2008a, b)	RCT	High	0% (0/39)	31.0% (10/32)
Humaidan et al. (2010)	RCT	Normal/High	0% (0/152)	2.0% (3/150)
Papanikolaou et al. (2011)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/17)	0% (0/18)
Donor MF cycles (no ET)				
Akerman et al. (2004)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/30)	17.0% (3/30)
Galindo et al. (2009)	RCT	Normal	0% (0/104)	8.5% (9/104)
Melo et al. (2009)	RCT	Very high	0% (0/50)	4.0% (2/50)
Somayajulu et al. (2009)	RCT	Very high	0% (0/44)	6.8% (3/44)
Total embryo freezing (no ET)				
Griesinger et al. (2007a, b)	Observ	Very high	0% (0/20)	-
Mancianares et al. (2010)	Observ	Very high	0% (0/42)	-

Dual trigger for normal responder

- Standard dose of hCG + GnRH α
- Overcome implantation defect from GnRH antagonist

Combined administration of gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist with human chorionic gonadotropin for final oocyte maturation in GnRH antagonist cycles for in vitro fertilization.

Abstract
OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the effects of combined administration of gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist with human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) for final oocyte maturation in GnRH antagonist cycles for in vitro fertilization (IVF).
STUDY DESIGN: A total of 120 infertile women undergoing GnRH antagonist multiple dose protocol for controlled ovarian stimulation were recruited and randomized into 2 groups: a study group (n=60) and a control group (n=60). For the study group, both GnRH agonist and recombinant hCG (r-hCG) were injected consecutively for final oocyte maturation when 1 or more follicles reached a mean diameter of 18 mm. For the control group, r-hCG alone was administered for final oocyte maturation.
RESULTS: There were no significant differences in patient characteristics. The 2 groups were also similar with respect to the number of oocytes retrieved, fertilized oocytes and good-quality embryos. **Embryo implantation rate (14.7% vs. 14.5%), clinical pregnancy rate per cycle (53.3% vs. 53.3%), and live birth rate (50.0% vs. 50.0%) were significantly higher in the study group than in the control group ($P = 0.001$, $P = 0.001$, and $P = 0.001$, respectively).**
CONCLUSION: Combined administration of GnRH agonist with r-hCG may be beneficial in improving endometrial receptivity and pregnancy rate in GnRH antagonist cycles for IVF.



Dual trigger for prior low oocyte maturation rate

- > 25% immature oocyte in prior IVF cycle
- However, IVF outcomes remain poor, suggesting an underlying oocyte dysfunction.

Ovarian stimulation outcomes and endocrine profiles between the dual trigger and prior IVF cycle.

Variable	Prior cycle (n = 27)	Dual trigger (n = 27)	P value
Outcome of ovarian stimulation			
Total days of stimulation	10 (8-11)	10 (9-11)	NS
Total dose of gonadotropins (IU)	4,200 (2,575-6,000)	5,400 (3,300-6,750)	0.02
Oocytes retrieved (n)	9 (4-14)	11 (5-16)	0.2
Mature oocytes (n)	3 (1-5)	7 (4-9)	< 0.1
% of mature oocytes	33 (14-50)	63 (35-80)	< 0.1
Fertilization rate (%)	66.7 (40.0-100.0)	63.3 (24.4-90.0)	NS
Embryos transferred (n)	1 (0-2)	2 (0-3)	NS
Endocrine profile			
Peak E ₂ (pg/mL)	1,490 (1,142-2,752)	1,661 (1,163-2,162)	NS
E ₂ day after trigger (pg/mL)	2,032 (1,140-3,427)	1,904 (1,176-2,592)	0.1
P ₄ day after trigger (ng/mL)	2.6 (1.9-4.0)	4.0 (2.9-5.2)	< 0.1
LH day after trigger (IU/L)	NA	54.2 (36.0-81.4)	NA
hCG day after trigger (IU/L)	135 (96-190)	203 (128-297)	< 0.1

NS = not significant; LH = luteinizing hormone; hCG = human chorionic gonadotropin; NA = not applicable.
Griffin. GnRH agonist trigger for low egg maturity. Fertil Steril 2014.

Griffin et al., 2014

Dual trigger for prior low oocyte maturation rate

- > 50% immature oocyte in prior IVF cycle

Table 2. In Vitro Fertilization and Pregnancy Outcomes.

	hCG Trigger (n = 81)	Dual Trigger (n = 81)	P Value
Total oocytes number	5.5 ± 2.7 (4.8-6.2), n = 81	7 ± 4.4 (6.0-8.0), n = 81	.02
MII (number)	2.4 ± 2.2 (2.0-2.9), n = 81	5.3 ± 3.6 (4.4-6.1), n = 81	<.001
MII rate (%)	43.6 ± 29.7 (27.4-49.8), n = 81	77.9 ± 26.4 (68.7-79.2), n = 81	<.001
Fertilized eggs	2.9 ± 2.1 (2.2-3.6), n = 40	4.8 ± 2.7 (4.0-5.6), n = 52	<.001
Fertilization rate (%)	79.6 ± 53 (62.4-96.8), n = 40	82.5 ± 32.8 (73.4-91.7), n = 52	.7
Transferred embryos	1.2 ± 0.8 (0.9-1.4), n = 40	1.3 ± 0.8 (1.1-1.6), n = 52	.5
Frozen embryos	0.8 ± 1.5 (0.3-3.3), n = 31	1.3 ± 1.6 (0.8-1.8), n = 47	.2
Implantation rate (%)	17.3 ± 31.4 (4.4-30.0), n = 26	30.8 ± 39 (18.1-43.4), n = 39	.2
Clinical pregnancy rate (%)	26.9 ± 45.2 (8.6-45.2), n = 22	43.6 ± 50 (27.3-59.9), n = 26	.2
Ongoing pregnancy rate (%)	15.3 ± 26.7 (0.5-30.3), n = 2	31.6 ± 47.1 (16.1-47.1), n = 18	.1

Abbreviations: hCG, human chorionic gonadotropin; MII, metaphase II.

Fabris et al., 2017

Dual trigger for poor responder

- High rate of premature ovulation/luteinization
- Early triggering (15-16mm)
- Shortening duration btw trigger and OPU
- may cause low oocyte maturation rate

How about DUAL trigger?

Dual trigger for poor responder

	Group A: 5000 IU hCG (n = 328)	Group B: 0.1 mg GnRHa + 5000 IU hCG (n = 386)	Group C: 10,000 IU hCG (n = 386)	Group D: 0.1 mg GnRHa + 10,000 IU hCG (n = 312)	P-value*	P-value*
Duration of HMO treatment (days)	8.55 ± 2.40	8.53 ± 2.13	8.55 ± 2.42	8.60 ± 2.14	NS	NS
Total doses of gonadotropins (IU)	1562.42 ± 548.91	1559.65 ± 505.46	1547.31 ± 557.14	1601.44 ± 503.26	NS	NS
Oestradiol on trigger day (pg/mL)	1066.26 ± 781.52	1094.48 ± 634.74	1070.51 ± 772.54	1140 ± 656.07	NS	NS
Progesterone on trigger day (ng/mL)	0.40 ± 0.32	0.41 ± 0.34	0.40 ± 0.31	0.42 ± 0.29	NS	NS
Oestradiol on day after trigger (pg/mL)	1178.74 ± 815.78	1265.54 ± 718.72	1191.88 ± 825.60	1285.70 ± 749.20	NS	NS
Progesterone on day after trigger (ng/mL)	1.38 ± 0.71	1.82 ± 1.14	1.39 ± 0.70	1.89 ± 1.22	<0.001	<0.001
No. of oocytes retrieved	2 (0-9)	3 (0-11)	2 (0-9)	3 (0-11)	<0.001	<0.001
No. of mature oocytes	2 (0-9)	3 (0-10)	2 (0-9)	3 (0-9)	<0.001	<0.001
No. of top-quality embryos	1 (0-5)	1 (0-7)	1 (0-5)	1 (0-4)	NS	NS
No. of viable embryos	1 (0-4)	1 (0-8)	1 (0-4)	1 (0-7)	NS	NS
ICSI rate (%)	106 (32.3)	114 (29.3)	118 (30.5)	97 (31.3)	NS	NS
Oocyte retrieval rate, n (%)	784/1373 (57.1)	1119/1423 (78.6)	886/1532 (58.5)	936/1372 (68.2)	<0.001	<0.001
Mature oocyte rate, n (%)	630/784 (80.4)	999/1119 (89.2)	717/886 (80.8)	820/936 (87.6)	<0.001	<0.001
ICSI rate	552/737 (74.9)	781/1079 (72.4)	623/828 (75.1)	645/990 (65.1)	NS	NS
Fertilization rate, n (%)	11 (3.4)	12 (3.1)	12 (3.5)	11 (3.5)	NS	NS

Zhang et al., 2017

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Dual trigger for poor responder

Table 2 Comparison between hCG and dual-trigger protocols: Outcomes of ovarian stimulations

	Control group (hCG)	Study group (hCG + triptorelin)	P-value
E ₂ on trigger day (pg/ml)	775.29 ± 500.1	628.76 ± 523.4	NS
No. of oocytes Retrieved	3.40 ± 1.36	3.27 ± 1.53	NS
No. of MI oocytes Retrieved	2.85 ± 1.33	2.75 ± 1.42	NS
Fertilization rate (%)	58.63 ± 36.23	73.10 ± 71.80	0.015
No. of embryos transferred	1.67 ± 1.19	2.06 ± 1.11	NS

Table 3 Comparison between hCG and dual-trigger protocols: Outcomes of IVF-CSI cycles

	Control group (hCG)	Study group (hCG + triptorelin)	P-value
Cancellation of embryo transfer (%)	15.4 (20/130)	6.1 (18/297)	0.023
Implantation rate (%)	10.58 ± 2.45	15.02 ± 1.74	NS
Biochemical pregnancy rate per cycle (%)	4.6 (6/130)	2.0 (6/297)	NS
Clinical pregnancy rate per cycle (%)	20.7 (27/130)	33.0 (92/297)	0.035
Live birth rate per cycle (%)	13.1 (17/130)	27.2 (76/297)	0.014
Abortion rate (%)	37.0 (10/27)	17.4 (16/92)	0.037
Twin pregnancy rate (%)	1.5 (2/130)	4.4 (13/297)	NS

Lin et al., 2019

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Recent Meta-analysis

- Four RCT, 527 women
- Significantly **higher pregnancy rate** in dual trigger
- No differences in number of oocytes retrieved, fertilized oocytes, good-quality embryos or implantation rate

Study/year	Study design	Country	Patients (n)	Cycles (n)	Age	BMI	Interventions	Outcome measures
Schacter 2008	RCT	Israel	895	97	33.7 ± 5.8	-	Triptorelin(0.2mgK)+hCG	①②③④
Decler 2014	RCT	Belgium	896	103	34.7 ± 4.7	-	hCG 5000IU	①②③④
Kim 2014	RCT	Korea	401	61	30.6 ± 3.6	23.8 ± 4.6	Triptorelin(0.2mgK)+hCG	①②③④⑤
			59	59	30.5 ± 4.1	30.0 ± 3.6	hCG 5000IU	①②③④⑤
			60	60	36.2 ± 3.7	21.7 ± 2.0	Contracept(1 mgK)+hCG	①②③④⑤⑥
			60	60	35.8 ± 5.8	24.4 ± 2.2	hCG(250ug)	①②③④⑤⑥
Mahajan 2016	RCT	India	38	38	32.4 ± 4.5	25.8 ± 3.9	hupertic(1 mgK)+hCG	①②③④
			38	38	33.3 ± 4.1	24.2 ± 3.2	hCG(5000IU)	①②③④

—The author did not give details of BMI, but the author declared in the exclusion criteria that patients with BMI <18 or >30 kg/m² were excluded.
Outcome measures: ① Number of oocytes retrieved ② Number of mature oocytes retrieved ③ Number of fertilized oocytes ④ Number of viable embryos on day 3 ⑤ Implantation rate ⑥ pregnancy rate.

Ding et al., 2017

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Recent Double-blinded RCT

- 155 normal responder

Table III Embryology outcome, calculated by intention to treat.

	hCG	Dual trigger	Mean difference, (95% CI)	P-value
Number of patients	78	77		
Oocytes (n)	11.1	13.4	2.4 (0.8-3.9)	0.002
Oocytes/n of follicles >10	77.8%	93.4%	16% (5.2-26.7%)	0.005
MI (n)	8.6	10.3	1.7 (0.4-3)	0.009
2PN (n)	6.3	7.8	1.6 (0.4-2.7)	0.007
Cleavage stage embryos (n)	5.6	7.0	1.3 (0.2-2.4)	0.02
Blastocyst (n)	2.9	3.9	1 (0.2-1.9)	0.01
Top-quality blastocyst (n)	1.4	2.4	0.9 (0.4-1.5)	0.001

MI, metaphase 2; 2PN, 2-pronucleate.

Haas et al., HR, 2020

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Table IV Pregnancy outcome, calculated by intention to treat.

	hCG	Dual trigger	Odds ratio	95% CI	P-value
Number of patients included in the analysis	75	74			
Clinical pregnancy rate (fresh transfers)	17/33 (52%)	12/23 (52%)	1.02	0.35-2.98	0.96
Total live/birth rate	28/114 (25%)	42/97 (43%)	2.74	1.32-4.95	0.003
TQE transferred/all embryos transferred	51/114 (45%)	63/97 (65%)	2.29	1.31-3.99	0.003
Clinical pregnancy rate per transfer	28/107 (24%)	42/91 (46%)	2.65	1.33-4.39	0.009
Clinical pregnancy rate per patient	28/75 (37)	42/74 (57%)	2.20	1.14-4.24	0.01
Live birth per transfer	24/107 (22%)	33/91 (36%)	1.98	1.05-3.67	0.03
Cumulative live birth per patient	24/75 (32%)	33/74 (45%)	1.67	0.87-3.32	0.11

Haas et al., HR, 2020

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Double trigger

- For **empty follicle syndrome**
- **GnRHa 40h + standard hCG 34h** prior to OPU
- **GnRHa for FSH surge** overcome impairment in granulosa function, oocyte meiotic maturation or cumulus expansion

Oocyte recovery via FSH surge

Beck-Fruchter et al., 2012

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Double trigger

Current Evidence: 2019 Feb 27; doi: 10.1089/08953908.2019.157621 [Epub ahead of print]

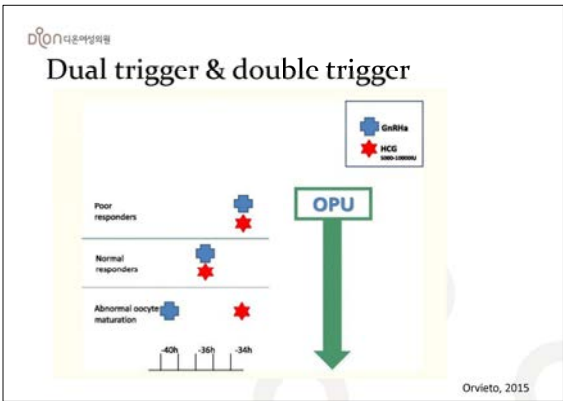
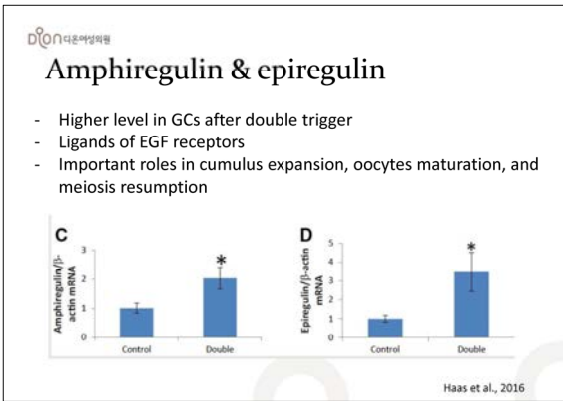
Does double trigger (GnRH-agonist + hCG) improve outcome in poor responders undergoing IVF-ET cycle? A pilot study.

Haas J^{1,2}, Zilberstein E^{1,2}, Nishim B^{1,2}, Mor Simon A^{1,2}, Hovavitz A^{1,2}, Gal F^{1,2}, Orysho B^{1,2,3}.

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Abstract

Many strategies are offered for the treatment of poor responders. However, no compelling advantage for one stimulation protocol over another has been hitherto established. In this study, we aimed to evaluate the role of different modes and timings of final follicular maturation trigger, on in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycle outcome of poor responder patients. In the present randomized controlled study, poor responder patients, according to the Bologna criteria, undergoing controlled ovarian hyperstimulation (COH) using the gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) antagonist protocol were randomly assigned to three different final follicular maturation trigger modes and timing: hCG 36 h before oocyte pick-up (OPU) (hCG trigger), GnRH agonist (GnRHag) 36 h before (OPU) and hCG on day of OPU (GnRHag trigger), and GnRHag and hCG, 40 and 34 h prior to OPU, respectively (double trigger). Pregnancy rate, number of oocytes, and top quality embryos (TQEs). Thirty-three poor responder patients were recruited and randomized to the different study groups. While there were no in-between groups' differences in patients' demographics and stimulation variables, patients in the double trigger group had a significantly higher number of TQE (1.1 ± 0.9 vs. 0.3 ± 0.8 and 0.5 ± 0.7, p < 0.02) as compared to the hCG trigger and the GnRHag trigger groups, respectively, with an acceptable pregnancy rate. Double trigger offers an additional benefit to poor responder patients. Larger studies are required to support this new concept prior to its implementation to IVF practice.



Is there any specific indication for Dual trigger?

Good for all?

Dion's study

- Retrospective cohort study
- 235 infertile couples with 262 completed IVF/ICSI-ET cycles
- Btw January 2017 and September 2018

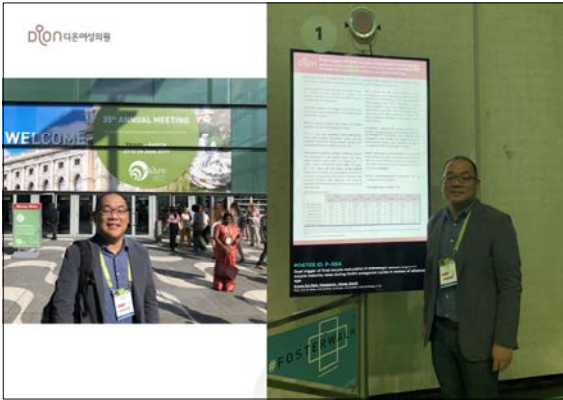
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Thank you once again for having submitted an abstract for our 2019 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 23 to 26 June 2019. Please note that your abstract entitled **"Dual trigger of Real oocyte maturation in overweight women improves oocyte maturity rates during GnRH antagonist cycles in women of advanced age"** was evaluated anonymously by 4 international referees. As a result, your abstract has been accepted for poster viewing.



Dion's study

	< 35 yrs	≥ 35 yrs
Normal wt (BMI < 23 kg/m ²)	Group 1	Group 3
Overweighted (BMI ≥ 23 kg/m ²)	Group 2	Group 4

Table 1. Cycle outcomes in 4 groups.

	Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
	HCS only (n=48)	dual trigger (n=25)	HCS only (n=27)	dual trigger (n=23)	HCS only (n=48)	dual trigger (n=40)	HCS only (n=26)	dual trigger (n=21)
No. of oocytes retrieved	11.6±5.3	13.1±5.6	11.8±5.6	14.2±7.8	9.6±5.6	9.9±6.0	8.5±5.6	10.6±5.4
No. of Mature oocytes	8.2±4.6	8.8±4.3	9.2±5.1	9.9±5.8	6.4±4.8	7.5±4.7	6.2±4.8	8.3±4.8
Maturation rate (%)	70.8	70.8	74.6	70.3	76.6	78.8	76.3*	81.9*
Fertilization rate (%)	69.2	72.0	73.3	77.7	75.6	78.4	74.3	81.4
Good embryo rate (%)	55.8	57.3	48.3	54.1	58.9	61.1	59.4	61.7
Implantation rate (%)	37.3	47.5	39.3	28.0	22.8	15.2	25.0	39.5
Clinical pregnancy rate (%)	41.3	45.4	56.3	46.2	28.6	30.3	28.5**	52.9**

Note: Data are presented as mean ± SD. Student's t test. *, P<0.05, **, P<0.001.

Group 1: young (<35 years), normal weight (BMI < 23 kg/m²); Group 2: young, overweight (BMI ≥ 23 kg/m²); Group 3: old (≥ 35 years), normal weight; Group 4: old, overweight.

There were no significant differences in other groups, even in overall.

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Cost-effectiveness?

- 건강보험 고시

“배란유도(ovulation trigger) 또는 황체기 보강 목적으로 투여하는 leuprolide, triptorelin은 약값 전액을 환자가 부담토록 함.”

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발생공학과 미니돼지모델의 현황 및 미래

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2016년 다보스포럼의 핵심키워드는 ‘4차 산업혁명’과 ‘인공지능’이었습니다. 수많은 분야에서 물밑듯이 쏟아지는 정보들을 빅데이터화하고, 이를 딥러닝하여 실질적인 분야에 활용하는 디지털경제 시대의 태동을 알린 것입니다. 바이오 분야도 다양한 연구 결과/정보를 표준화된 형식으로 디지털화하는 데이터 사이언스가 주목받기 시작하였고, 보다 실효적이고 재현성이 높은 데이터 확보를 위해 생명연구자원의 중요성이 크게 부각되었습니다. 이러한 측면에서 최근 10개의 국가전략자원이 선정되었는데, 이 중 4개가 동물자원이라는 것은 인간과의 다양한 측면에서의 연관성 및 유연관계가 중요했던 것으로 판단됩니다. 바이오의학 연구개발에서도 동물자원에 대한 활용도 제고를 위해 모델동물 클러스터 사업이 과기부를 중심으로 시작되었고, 공유/공통 등의 철학을 담아낼 수 있는 거점은행을 선정하여 본격적인 모델동물 실험자원 및 정보 확보를 추진하게 되었습니다. 본 센터는 현재 국가과학기술연구회 ‘BIG(Big Issue Group)’ 사업과 과기부 모델동물클러스터 ‘미니돼지자원 거점은행’ 사업을 수주/운영함으로써, 인간과 해부생리학적으로 매우 유사한 대표적 중대형 실험동물인 미니돼지로부터 첨단재생의학(인공혈액) 및 인간질환 관련 모델동물 실험자원·분석정보를 확보하기 시작하였습니다. 본 기회를 통해 생명(연) 미래형동물자원센터의 핵심인프라인 발생공학 기술 기반의 미니돼지 모델동물 개발/활용 현황 및 계획을 공유함으로써, 다양한 분야와의 융합을 도모하고, 미래발전 전략 구상을 함께 시작하고 싶은 바램입니다. 이를 통해 4차 산업을 선도하는 바이오강국 도약은 물론, 앞으로 다가올 수 있는 인류 공존 및 생존 문제 해결에 조금이나마 기여하고 공감될 수 있기를 희망합니다.

Key words: 생명연구자원, 미니돼지, 모델동물, 발생공학

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The present of environmental DNA (minuteness of the aquatic ecosystem)

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eDNA, or environmental genes have become one of the most widely used and commonly used familiar scientific terms. It has become a tool for drawing miniatures in that it can extract and express traces and fragments of living things contained in various media, water, soil, air, and soil that make up the earth. It is becoming a science and technology that makes it possible to draw through creative thinking for the purpose of use. Nevertheless, large and small problems and solutions are needed to be addressed.

The purpose of the study is to examine the research case of investigating the biodiversity of water bodies using the sea, estuary, river, and water, and analyzing the stomach contents of living things. eDNA is also used more frequently in ecology. However, the processing and analysis of the produced data is limited, and there are inconsistencies in the reliability of the analyzed and produced biotaxon identification data, the sample medium, and the improvement of quantification and analysis methods. Therefore, in order to secure the reliability and accuracy of biodiversity research using the environmental DNA of the domestic ecosystem, it is a process that actively utilizes the database accumulated through ecological taxonomy and undergoes verification procedures.

Research on environmental DNA is necessary. Environmental DNA research cannot be solved only by applying molecular biology techniques. Interdisciplinary research cooperation such as ecology-taxa identification-genetics-informatics is essential to secure the reliability of the produced data, and researchers dealing with various media can approach it together. It is an area in desperate need of an information-sharing platform that can be used to achieve this goal, and the speed of development will proceed rapidly. Moreover, the accumulated data are expected to grow as big data within a few years.

Key words: eDNA, biodiversity, water ecology

Development of biomarkers and identification of signaling pathways related to reproductive toxicity of pesticides

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In 2017, the toxicity and harmful effects of pesticides have considering worldwide after the announcement existence of pesticides on the egg shell surface. Recently, another pesticide was detected in a product of a famous ice cream company. In addition, it has been reported that decreased population of honey bees due to misuse and abuse of pesticides. Although various toxic researches related to pesticides have been performed on various organs, the reproductive toxic study was not enough performed to now. To understand the toxic mechanism of reproduction, it is needed to study based on molecular levels with physiological monitoring. Therefore, the present study was designed to identify the molecular mechanism of male reproductive toxicity induced by pesticides. First, various concentrations of pesticides (fipronil and bifenthrin) were treated with mouse spermatozoa and induced capacitation. Then, sperm functions (sperm motility, motion kinematics, capacitation status, intracellular ATP level, and cell viability), fertilization, and embryo formation rate were evaluated. In addition, protein profiling to identify differentially expressed proteins (DEPs) after treatment of pesticides was performed by proteomic techniques. Finally, bioinformatics study was conducted to recognize related signaling pathways and establish new pathways. Almost physiological parameters were significantly suppressed in dose-dependent manners. Especially, fertilization and embryonic development rate were dramatically decreased in dose-dependent manners. Fourteen proteins were differentially expressed > 3-fold after treatment fipronil, and 9 proteins were differentially expressed > 3-fold after treatment of bifenthrin. It was confirmed that the DEPs were involved in various signaling pathways such as structure, motility, cell signaling, metabolism, oxidative stress, and so on. Moreover, new signaling pathways were established based on DEPs. It was shown that the interaction between DEPs and other proteins, as well as association with various cell processes and diseases related to reproduction. The present study was the first study to try to understand the male reproductive toxicity of pesticides based on molecular levels and those signaling pathways. Consequently, our results suggest that pesticides may be suppressed the male reproduction system, resulting in infertility. Therefore, we anticipate that the present study provides a new understanding of the reproductive toxicity of pesticides on male reproduction.

Key words: biomarker, signaling pathways, reproductive toxicity, pesticides

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해양생태계는 다양한 물리, 화학 및 생물학적 과정에 의해 복잡하게 영향을 받고 있으며, 특히, 외부로부터 연안으로 유입된 유해화학물질은 해양 서식하는 생물에 대하여 예측 불가능한 형태로 압력을 주고 있다. 따라서 해양환경의 ‘질’, ‘Good Environmental Status(GES)’를 평가하는 것은 매우 복잡하고 전문적이며, 다학제적 접근이 필요한 분야로 알려져 있다. 이미, 2010, 2012년 Intergovernmental Council for the Exploration of the Sea(ICES, 2010, 2012)에서는 “Contaminants and Biological Effects Report”를 통하여 GES의 평가는 유해물질의 화학적 분석결과와 동시에 현장생물의 아치사 수준의 생리화학적 지표(biochemical monitoring)의 결과가 함께 제시될 것을 권고하고 있다. 최근의 연구결과들은 아치사 수준의 생리·화학적 지표가 생물의 군집변화와도 밀접한 연관성이 있음을 과학적으로 증명하고 있어, 검증되고 특이적인 생리화학적 지표를 활용한다면 유해화학물질로 인한 생태계 영향을 조기에, 보다 정밀하게 평가할 수 있을 것으로 생각된다.

먼저 본 연구에서는 생리화학적 기법을 이용하여 해양의 유해인자의 영향을 평가한 여러 사례 중 지난 2007년 발생한 국내 최대규모의 유류유출사고대응연구인 “유류오염 환경영향평가 및 환경복원 연구”를 첫 번째 사례로 소개하고자 한다. 본 연구는 단시간 고농도의 원유가 광범위한 지역으로 확산된 국내해양사고의 최악의 사고이며, 동시에 국내 최대·최장의 과학적 조사연구로서 유출사고로 인한 생태계 영향의 정도, 범위, 회복기간에 대한 다양한 모니터링 및 입증 연구를 담고 있다. 10년간의 장기연구를 통해 해양 유출사고가 해양생태계에 미치는 영향은 매우 복잡적이며, 다양한 생물의 서식지/서식형태에 따른 다양한 회복(복원)주기를 보여주고 있음을 확인할 수 있었다. 두 번째 연구사례는 3단계 총 8년간 수행된 해양환경 유해물질의 평가 및 관리기술개발”연구에 대한 내용이다. 본 연구에서는 다매체내 유해화학물질의 거동과 신규오염물질 분석기법 확립 등 오염평가에 대한 내용을 담고 있을 뿐 아니라, 연안 환경 중 유해물질의 영향을 평가할 수 있는 생리화학적 지표의 개발과 모니터링에 적용에 대한 결과를 담고 있다. 특히 유해물질에 특이적으로 반응하는 어패류생체지표의 남·동·서해안의 배경값을 설정하였고, 울산만/마산만/시화호 등을 포함한 특별관리해역에서 이를 비교·분석하여 우선관리 유해물질목록을 시범도출하였다. 또한, 본 연구에서는 어류의 생체지표분석결과를 Generalized Linear Model(GLM)에 적용한 Fish Biomarker Index를 산출하여 유해화학물질로 인한 영향의 정도를 조사해역별 비교분석할 수 있는 기반을 마련하였다.

육상으로부터 유입되는 다양한 오염원은 해양에 서식하는 생물에게 매우 심각한 압력요인이 되며, 이를 되돌리고 회복할 수 있는 골든타임은 제한적이다. 따라서 서식 생물이 받고 있는 육상기인의 환경적 압력을 보다 재현성 있고 민감한 기법을 이용하여 장기적으로 심화되지 않도록 정책적으로 잘 관리한다면, 건강한 해양생태계를 유지하고 관리하는 데 매우 유용하게 활용될 수 있을 것으로 생각된다. 비록 현재 연구현장과 국가 정책간에는 활용성 부분에 있어 많은 검토와 분야별 이익에 따른 큰 격차가 있으나, 해양생태계가 더 파괴되거나 복원되지 못하는 시점이 오기 전에 선진국의 사례를 참고하여 막대한 시간과 예산이 투입된 연구개발과제에서 발굴된 과학적 연구기법이나 결과를 관리주체가 현장에서 효율적으로 활용할 수 있도록 긴밀한 소통이 필요할 것으로 생각된다.

Key words: marine, ecosystem, protection, pollution, biomarker

Drug-induced renal injury and regeneration in zebrafish model

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신장(콩팥, kidney)은 손상 후 재생(regeneration)이 어려운 장기로 알려져 있다. 신손상 후 회복이 안 되어 말기신부전으로 진행된다면 신기능이 거의 없는 상태에서 평생동안 투석이나 이식과 같은 신대체요법을 받아야 한다. 다양한 약제의 개발과 고령인구의 증가로 약물에 의한 신독성은 점차 늘고 있지만 이에 대한 기전은 많이 밝혀져 있지 않다. 제브라피쉬는 다른 실험모델과 달리 신손상 후 재생과정을 연구할 수 있는 좋은 모델로서 독성약물에 의한 신손상 모델을 확립하고, 재생과정의 기전을 연구하고 치료후보물질을 찾고자 연구하였다.

신손상을 유발하는 독성약제는 젠타마이신, 퓨로마이신 등을 사용하였으며, 성체 제브라피쉬복강내 주입 방식을 통하여 신손상을 유발하였다. 약제투여 후 1~3일에 신손상이 발생하고, 이후부터 7일까지 재생과정이 활발하게 일어나며, 14일쯤에는 재생과정이 거의 완료된다. 비스파틴(visfatin)은 림프구에서 처음 추출되어 pre-B cell colony-enhancing factor(PBEF)-1라고 명명되었으며, nuclear nicotinamide adenosine dinucleotide(NAD^+) salvage/recycling 경로에 관여하여 NAD^+ -dependent enzymes 혹은 protein deacetylase sirtulin(SIRT)-1의 기능을 조절하는 nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase(nampt)라고도 불리고 있는데, 여러 장기에서 연구들이 보고되어 왔고, 에너지 대사와 관련하여 인슐린저항성 기전에 관여하는 아디포킨으로 알려져 있다. 저자들의 연구결과에서 nampt는 약물에 의한 신손상 후 재생과정에서 발현이 증가하였고, 약물투여시 재생과정을 촉진하였는데, 신손상 후 재생과정의 기전에서 중요한 역할을 할 것이라 기대된다.

Key words: 급성신손상, 비스파틴, 신재생, 퓨로마이신, 제브라피쉬

영장류 및 인간화 마우스를 이용한 조혈계 질병 기전 연구

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Given the unique self-renewal and differentiation properties of Hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HSPCs), a small number of genetically modified HSPCs could accomplish lifelong, corrective reconstitution of the entire hematopoietic system in patients with various hematologic disorders. We adapted CRISPR/Cas9 editing of rhesus macaque (RM) hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HSPCs) to create the engineered large animal model of a hematologic disease based on close phylogenetic/functional similarity of RM to human HSPCs. My talk will focus on my recent studies; 1. The impact of aging on hematopoiesis; To investigate the hematopoietic aging, we compared the clonal output of thousands of genetically barcoded HSPCs in aged vs young macaques after autologous transplantation. 2. Engineering HSPCs to enable immunotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia (AML); To avoid a non-tumor toxicity in myeloid cells, we proposed a novel approach to the treatment of AML, CD33 KO HSPC derived hematopoietic system resistant to anti-CD33 CAR-T cells while enabling specific targeting of AML. 3. Modeling clonal hematopoiesis (CH) in non-human primates; Recent population-based genomic studies of human blood cells have identified somatic mutations associated with clonal expansions commonly arising with aging. We identified natural CH mutations equivalent to humans in aged rhesus macaques through error-corrected ultra-deep sequencing with DNMT3A and TET2 mutation being the most frequent. Furthermore, we generated CH models in young macaques via CRISPR/Cas9-mediated gene editing at the top three CH genes, DNMT3A, TET2 and ASXL1, and confirmed significant expansion of multiple HSPC clones with heterozygous TET2 loss-of-function mutations. Our data provide insight into the translational hematology research for aging and cell therapy, which is relevant for designing transplantation and immunotherapy strategies.

Key words: hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells, CRISPR/Cas9, clonal hematopoiesis, CAR-T cells, disease model

Convergent differentiation of multiciliated cells

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Multiciliated cells (MCCs) are epithelial cells that play roles in controlling the flow of bodily fluid. While MCC exists in many different tissues, they have various functions in each tissue. In the airway, they protect the airway by clearing particles in the airway. Also, they control the cerebrospinal fluid in the ependymal tissue. In the oviduct, they transport eggs. In this context, we wonder how different organs have similar MCC structures although their origin is different, and which differences exist in each tissue origin. To understand the characteristics of MCC in multiple organs, we investigated 14 single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) data from nasal epithelial cells, bronchial tubes, fallopian tubes, ependymal cells in the subventricular zone (SVZ) and spinal cord from both human and mouse tissues. By using Seurat and UMAP, we normalized and clustered the scRNA-seq dataset. After identifying multiciliated cells in each data based on well-known cilia-related genes as markers, we integrated those cells together, to analyze their difference. To control the cross-species data integration process, we utilized more than two independent datasets for each tissue, both in humans and mice, and confirmed that the multiciliated cells from the same tissue were more similar than others. In this study, we can find similar expression of common MCC genes and ciliopathies-related genes. It suggests that key functions of MCC are well conserved across the tissues and species. In addition, we analyzed differentially expressed genes (DEGs) of each tissue to see the difference depending on the tissue. We can identify the relationship of precursor cells of MCCs in each tissue.

Key words: scRNA-seq, multiciliated cell, airway, oviduct, ependyma, Integrated analysis

Establishment of a male fertility prediction model with sperm RNA markers in pigs as a translational animal model

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Male infertility is a major problem that can threaten the survival of humans and animals. The clinical acceptance of the current method to diagnose/prognose male fertility is unclear. To solve the male fertility crisis in the humans and animals, the prediction of sperm quality is the most important step. Sperm RNA is the potential marker for male fertility prediction. We hypothesized that the expression of functional genes related to fertilization will be the best target for male fertility prediction markers. To investigate optimum male fertility prediction marker, we compared target genes expression level and a wide range of field data acquired from artificial insemination of boar semen. Among the genes related to acrosomal vesicle exocytosis and sperm-oocyte fusion, equatorin (EQTN), zona pellucida sperm-binding protein 4 (ZP4), and sperm acrosome membrane-associated protein 3 exhibited high accuracy (70%, 90%, and 70%, respectively) as markers to evaluate male fertility. Combinations of EQTN-ZP4, ZP4-protein unc-13 homolog B, and ZP4-regulating synaptic membrane exocytosis protein 1 (RIMS1) showed the highest prediction value, and all these markers are involved in the acrosome reaction. The *EQTN-ZP4* model was efficient in clustering the high-fertility group and may be useful for selection of animal that has superior fertility in the livestock industry. Compared to the *EQTN-ZP4* model, the *ZP4-RIMS1* model was more efficient in clustering the low-fertility group and may be useful in the diagnosis of male infertility in humans and other animals. The appointed translational animal model and established biomarker combination can be widely used in various scientific fields such as biomedical science.

Key words: male fertility, multiple markers, pig model, prediction model, sperm RNA

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Energy pathways involved in the maturation of the Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*

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The Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas* is commercially-important aquaculture species worldwide. In marine bivalves like *C. gigas*, glycogen is used as energy storage for maturation and to provide energy for gametogenic development and maintenance. The stored glycogen is broken down into glucose when needed and used for energy production or blood sugar control. Additionally, it is known that growth factors inactivate glycogen synthase kinase 3 (GSK3) through phosphorylation, promote glycogen synthase (GS) activity, and regulate glucose synthesis and glycogen metabolism. Various signal transductions regulate GSK3 activity, and examples of phosphorylating enzymes capable of inducing such phosphorylation include protein kinase B (Akt). Therefore, this study was confirmed to investigate the relationship between GSK-3 and glycogenolysis/glycogenesis and compare the reproductive cycle of the *C. gigas* to the energy pathway.

Fifty oysters were randomly collected monthly for one year from the long-line culture system in Jaran Bay, Tongyeong, twenty of which were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for histological observation. To confirm changes in the GSK3 mRNA expression, gonads and adductor muscles were subjected to Reverse Transcription PCR (RT-PCR) and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) methods, and the AKT/GSK3 signaling pathway in the gonads was analyzed using western-blot.

The expression of GSK3 mRNA levels in the female gonad was highest in October when spawning occurred after maturation, and the lowest expression was shown in July when spawning and spent. Similarly, in the male gonad, the expression of GSK3 mRNA levels was lowest in July. Also, in the adductor muscle, males and females showed the highest expression in April and low in July and October, when spawning and spent. This pattern was similar to the result confirming that GSK3 mRNA was detected in female and male gonad and adductor muscle by the FISH method. Further observed that matured and spawned oysters from April to July exhibited higher AKT activities and lower GSK3 activities. In conclusion, GSK3 expression appears high at the time of ripe, inhibiting the synthesis of glycogen is used as energy for maturation, and glycogen synthesis occurs for energy storage during degeneration.

Key words: *Crassostrea gigas*, GSK3, energy, glycogen, maturation

Effects of environmental stressors in antioxidant response of scallops

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Scallops are widely known around the world for aqua culturing as a species with an exceptionally high economic value. Specifically, the bay scallop *Argopecten irradians* is a commercially important species of shellfish in Korea and China, as well as the Atlantic Coast of the United States. The population of scallops inhabiting these areas is continuously decreasing due to global climate change. To manage healthy individuals, studying effects of various stressors of the marine environment on scallops is urgently needed, as studies on the endocrine physiology of this species are rare.

A. irradians inhabiting shallow waters is frequently exposed to an environment with rapidly changing salinity caused by sudden fluctuations in water temperature due to the movement of the water layer and the inflow of fresh water. In addition, the temperature of the sea surface has been increasing due to global warming caused by rapid industrialization. Some of impacts of global climate change include glaciers and ice sheets melting, and the salinity of seawater changing, which lead to changes in the environment of the marine ecosystem. This phenomenon not only transforms the one-dimensional ecosystem, but also increases frequency of harmful algal blooms, resulting in toxicity to filter-feeding organisms such as scallops. Industrialization has caused various organic and inorganic pollutants to be continuously discharged into the marine environment, which allows these chemicals to accumulate in marine organisms and to produce toxic reactions. Of these harmful pollutants, benzo[*a*]pyrene (BaP) is an endocrine disrupting substance. This study investigated variations in bay scallops when exposed to important ecological factors of the ocean such as changes in water temperature and salinity, BaP, and domoic acid (DA) (a toxic substance derived from algae), by using molecular endocrinology analysis techniques.

Key words: antioxidants, bay scallops, environmental stress, oxidative stress

Zebrafish as a model system to investigate human liver diseases

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The zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) is becoming a favorite vertebrate model organism in developmental biology. Zebrafish models are critical for advancing our understanding of human pathogenesis and are a popular model for liver diseases allowing researchers to identify therapeutic targets and test novel drugs. The larval transparency of the zebrafish is a great advantage for real-time imaging in hepatic studies.

Part I, Here we describe *epcam* mutants in zebrafish as a helpful model system to investigate Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC), formerly known as primary biliary cirrhosis. PBC is a disease that harms the liver's ability to function. In people with PBC, the bile ducts become injured, then inflamed, and eventually permanently damaged. our findings suggest that *epcam* positively regulates liver development and liver regeneration and plays a potential role in bile duct formation in regenerative response.

Part II. A large number of heritable and acquired diseases are related to the interruption of liver function. Zebrafish can be a valuable model system to investigate a rare inherited disorder Sjogren-Larsson syndrome (SLS). SLS is a rare autosomal recessive condition characterized by significant ichthyosis symptoms, mental retardation, and spasticity due to a defect of the fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase (FALDH), which is related to mutations in the Aldehyde Dehydrogenase 3 Family Member A2 (ALDH3A2) gene. FALDH, a key component of the detoxification pathway of aldehydes arising from lipid peroxidation and the enzymatic function of ALDH3A2 is well-known, but the disease model is necessary to investigate the molecular mechanisms of which fatty aldehyde or of which metabolic liver pathway mainly contributes to the pathogenesis of SLS ichthyosis symptoms.

Even though zebrafish have advanced our understanding of liver diseases as well as liver cancer and regeneration, the disease model is necessary to investigate the molecular mechanisms of inherited and acquired liver diseases as well as liver primary biliary cirrhosis.

Key words: zebrafish, liver diseases, EpCam, primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC), Sjogren-Larsson syndrome (SLS), FALDH, ALDH3A2

Autophagic induction and dual functions of trehalose *via* PI3K/Akt and VPS34/mTOR pathways on porcine oocyte and cumulus cells

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Autophagy, an intracellular recycling system, is essential for the proper meiotic maturation of porcine oocytes. Trehalose, a non-reducing disaccharide, has been reported as a novel mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR)-independent autophagy enhancer in various types of cells. Relevantly, our previous study has indicated that trehalose supplementation during *in vitro* maturation of porcine oocytes improves the developmental competence of parthenogenetic embryos, possibly via autophagic activation. However, the underlying mechanisms remain unclear. To do so, the aim of this study was to address this issue. Here, we found that trehalose indeed plays a role as an autophagy activator by autophagic flux assay, as well as verified by immunoblotting that it promotes phosphatidylinositol-3 kinase (PI3K)/protein kinase B (Akt) inhibition and vacuolar protein sorting 34 (VPS34)/mTOR activation not only in cumulus cells (CCs) but also in oocytes. However, interestingly, the effects and the mechanisms regulated by trehalose were different on them, respectively. In CCs, the autophagy was activated through the improvement of lysosomal function/autophagic clearance viability by upregulation of coordinated lysosomal expression and regulation genes via PI3K/Akt inhibition. Whereas in oocytes, autophagy was activated via induction of VPS34 which directly influences autophagosome formation, and the proper meiotic process was ensured via Akt inhibition and mTOR activation. Taken together, this study, for the first time, elucidates the autophagic and molecular modulation of trehalose during porcine oocyte maturation, thus laying the biological foundations for pharmacological application.

Key words: trehalose, PI3K/Akt, VPS34/mTOR, oocytes, cumulus cells

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Metabolic restructuring and cell fate conversion through controlling cellular organelles

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Even though there have been lots of researches and attention on transcriptome and epigenome, efficiency of cell transformation is still low and many parts of the mechanism of determining the fate of cells are not entirely known. The reason is that the transformation mechanism of cell fate occurring mainly on a nucleus and the changes of many cell organelle within cytoplasm are not sufficiently identical, and in particular that there are few researches or understanding about changes of mitochondrial metabolism and stress of endoplasmic reticulum. In the process of transformation of cell fate, the changes of transcriptome which changes within a nucleus are relatively dynamic, and it is known that morphological/ functional changes of cell organelle existing in cytoplasm also occur simultaneously. We gave it a new name of cytoplasmic reprogramming or cytoplasmic synchronization. It is urgently required to find the mechanism which is comprehensively moderated when the cell fate is transformed through the research on the changes of cell organelle and understanding about the control of cell stress when the cell fate is transformed.

Key words: reprogramming, metabolic shift, organelles, cell fate conversion

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Single-cell lineage recording and tracing unravel epigenetic regulation of cell fate decisions

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My lab's research goal is to understand how cells decide their fate to be specific cell types. This knowledge will foster us to utilize cell-fate decision mechanisms to modulate cell states in various biological systems involving development and disease. With recent technological advances in genomics and single-cell research, we are unraveling heterogeneous cell states in biological systems and demonstrating cell's origin (where each cell comes from) and cell's destination (where each cell progress into). Recently, we combined single-cell transcriptomics and genetic recording to characterize embryoid bodies (EBs), a heterogeneous mixture of three germ layers, differentiation. We mapped transcriptional states along a time course and model cell fate trajectories and branch points as cells progress to distinct germ layers. To validate this inferential model, we proposed an innovative inducible genetic recording technique that leverages recombination to generate cell-specific, timestamp barcodes in a narrow temporal window. We validated trajectory architecture and key branch points, including early specification of a primordial germ cell (PGC)-like lineage from preimplantation epiblast-like cells. We will further identify a temporally defined role of epigenetic regulation of cell fate decisions. To this end, we are developing new single cell technologies recording cell state in molecular level and tracing innate or acquired cell barcodes in developing cells. Our study provides a high-resolution lineage map for developmental or disease model systems, insights into epigenetic determinants of fate specification, and a strategy for lineage mapping of differentiation processes.

Key words: cell fate decision, single cell research, epigenetics, stem cell, embryo development

Effect of nanoplastics on the behavioral and nutritional characteristics of aquatic organisms

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Microplastic (<5 mm) pollution, a major threat to marine environments, is a source of growing concern and it is currently receiving considerable worldwide attention. Especially, nanoplastic (<100 μm) have recently been highlighted as harmful in several studies showing the degradation or fragmentation of microplastics into nanoplastics in the environment. The first study investigated the individual impact, and embryonic uptake of fluorescent nanoplastics on microalgae, daphnia, and two fish species through indirect and direct exposure in a freshwater ecosystem and the second study investigated the changes in certain important biochemical and nutritional indicators of whiteleg shrimp after nanoplastic exposure through food. Overall, our findings indicate that plastic pollution can directly interfere with behavioral and nutritional changes in aquatic organisms, thereby indirectly causing potential health implications for human consumers.

Key words: nanoplastic, food chain, aquatic organism, freshwater, whiteleg shrimp

Chemokine regulates eye morphogenesis in *Xenopus*

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Collective cell migration is a key mechanism underlying organogenesis, but extracellular signals that regulate this type of cell movement are largely unknown. During vertebrate eye morphogenesis, the continuous lateral migration of the neuroepithelial sheet from the ventral midline places the prospective ventral retina in its proper position. I will present evidence showing that chemokine signaling controls this process in *Xenopus*. A chemokine ligand presented as a dorsal high-to-ventral low gradient is required for lateral migration of ventral retinal progenitors, and its signaling components appear to be distinct from those of the conventional chemokine receptor-mediated signaling pathways.

Key words: chemokine, retina, sheet migration, *Xenopus tropicalis*

Enhanced hepatic functionality in long-term cultured 3D spheroids of zebrafish liver cells

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During the last decades, extensive efforts have been made to develop *in vitro* platforms for mimicking fish liver, with the purpose of better understand the acute or progressive impacts of toxicants on the aquatic lower vertebrates. In particular, fish liver cell lines have emerged as a promising culture system for the *in vitro* platforms because it is possible to expand the numbers of *in vitro* assay and pass strict regulatory requirements for primary cell isolation. However, monolayer cell lines exhibit lower transcriptional and physiological responses upon exposure to toxic chemicals than freshly isolated primary cells. To overcome this challenge, we utilized a 3D spheroid-based *in vitro* platform in which the hepatocyte cells self-organized in a spheroid form via E-cadherin bonds, and finally showed augmented transcriptomic and phenotypic regulations of liver cells in comparison to the monolayer cells. We examined this organoid platform by using the zebrafish liver (ZFL) cell line as a model system. The ZFL cells spontaneously clustered into 3D spheroids with long-term viability by optimizing cell seeding density on a non-adherent substrate. Interestingly, 3D ZFL spheroids treated with 17 β -estradiol (E2) and endocrine-disrupting chemicals were activated to synthesize a higher level of vitellogenin (Vtg) than the monolayer cells. Whole transcriptome-sequencing analysis also confirmed that 3D ZFL spheroids hold the increased transcriptional regulations of genes related to reproductive toxicological response and liver functions, such as urea cycle, estrogen receptors, and vitellogenin, compared to monolayer cells. These results could help engineering novel 3D *in vitro* platforms for screening harmful chemicals and understanding the underlying liver toxicity mechanisms in both molecular and cellular levels

지속 가능한 미래 생물자원 확보를 위한 남극 어류 연구

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남극반도를 둘러싼 남극해는 연평균 빙점(-1.9°C)에 이르는 차가운 해수온과 더불어, 고염분, UVR 등 극지 특이적 환경을 지닌다. 남극어류는 현재까지 123종이 보고되었으며, 이중 남극암치아목(Notothenioidei) 어류가 남극해 전체 어류 생물량의 약 90%를 차지한다. 이 어류들은 척박한 극지 환경에 적응해 살아남기 위해서 중 특이적인 적응기작을 통해서 진화해 왔다.

극지연구소는 2016년부터 남극 세종과학기지 및 장보고과학기지 연안에서 채집된 극지 어류를 유지 배양하기 위하여 과학기지 및 국내 극지연구소에 극지 해양생물 전용 아쿠아리움을 구축하였다. 현재 남극 겹정암치, 남극대리석무늬암치, 남극에메랄드암치 등 지금까지 10종의 남극 어류를 국내로 이송하여 장단 기에 걸쳐 유지하였고, 다양한 사육조건 및 먹이 선호도를 조사하여 장기간 유지에 필요한 호조건을 찾고 있다. 이를 통해 극지 어류의 환경 적응기작을 이해하고, 극지방에서 일어나고 있는 급격한 환경변화에 따른 생물 및 생리반응을 이해하기 위한 다양한 실험을 수행하고 있다. 또한, 극지 어류만이 특이적으로 가지게 된 특성을 기반으로 유전자원의 활용 및 기능 유전자를 발굴하기 위한 연구를 수행하고 있다. 전 세계적으로 극지 어류의 생식 및 인공번식에 관해서는 거의 알려진 바가 없다. 따라서 만약 남극 어류의 인공 산란을 유도하여 인공번식을 한다면 지속가능한 많은 흥미로운 결과를 얻을 수 있을 것으로 기대한다.

Key words: 남극 어류, 남극암치아목, 극지, 적응기작, 인공번식

Tumor-derived Dilp8/INSL3 induces cancer anorexia by regulating feeding neuropeptides via Lgr3/8 in the brain

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In patients with advanced-stage cancer, cancer-associated anorexia affects treatment success and patient survival. However, the underlying mechanism is poorly understood. Here, we show that Dilp8, a *Drosophila* homologue of mammalian insulin-like 3 peptide (INSL3), is secreted from tumour tissues and induces anorexia through the Lgr3 receptor in the brain. Activated Dilp8-Lgr3 signalling upregulated anorexigenic nucleobinding 1 (NUCB1) and downregulated orexigenic short neuropeptide F (sNPF) and NPF expression in the brain. In the cancer condition, the protein expression of Lgr3 and NUCB1 was significantly upregulated in neurons expressing sNPF and NPF. INSL3 levels were increased in tumour-implanted mice and INSL3-treated mouse hypothalamic cells showed Nub2 upregulation and Npy downregulation. Food consumption was significantly reduced in intracerebrospinal INSL3-injected mice. In patients with pancreatic cancer, higher serum INSL3 levels increased anorexia. These results indicate that tumour-derived Dilp8/INSL3 induces cancer anorexia by regulating feeding hormones through the Lgr3/Lgr8 receptor in *Drosophila* and mammals.

Key words: cancer anorexia, cachexia, cytokine, tumor-host interaction

Cardiotoxicity evaluation of drugs using human PSC-derived cardiomyocytes

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The use of hERG assay in the assessment of cardiotoxicity for drugs has prevented new drug development even if the drug is effective as the assay overly predicted the risks that are not detected in clinical practice. Moreover, the lack of database for prescribing drugs to patients with inherited arrhythmia has caused the difficulty of relying on clinical results. To overcome the limitations of the hERG assay, the CiPA project using iPSC-CMs has been conducted mainly in the U.S., Japan, and Europe, while the project goals include the construction of a database of 28 drugs. The database of drug cardiotoxicity based on iPSC-CMs for inherited arrhythmia could also be used as indirect data in drug prescription for patients with an underlying disease. In the present study, normal and inherited arrhythmia (IA) iPSC-CMs were used in constructing the database of 28 drugs evaluated through the CiPA project. As a result, 1) the arrhythmia function of the IA iPSC-CMs has been verified in terms of electrophysiology; 2) the IA iPSC-CMs were shown to have relatively high sensitivity towards arrhythmia-induced cardiotoxicity compared to normal iPSC-CMs at low concentrations of the CiPA low-risk drugs, which was an interesting finding. While the results in this study were obtained from *in vitro* analyses of cell lines from patients with LQTS and BrS, the analytic system developed in this study is anticipated to reduce the number of extensive clinical studies in search of optimal drugs for patients with an underlying disease. Based on the findings, further studies should be conducted to establish the databases of *in vitro* assessment of cardiotoxicity using iPSC-CMs obtained from more varied patients regarding the underlying disease, race, gender, and age. This is predicted to lead to the development of a search platform to determine the optimal drug concentration for prescription, as well as the development of new drugs for underlying diseases.

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포스터 초록

Computational fluid dynamics using microfluidic devices and concave chip for 3D-culture system

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The human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs) have extensively researched as a source of developmental biology, regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. In many cases, the cell was cultured 3-dimensionally (3D) to mimic *in vivo* environment. For 3D culturing, spheroids are formed by suspending small clumps of hPSCs but they are heterogeneous because this method lacks of the ability to control the cell number and varies in size and shape. Therefore, in this study, we evaluated a computational fluid dynamics application in an *in silico*-designed and spheroid-based flow integration 3D cell culture chip to illustrate cell culture, drug screening, cytokine delivery, and differentiation of cells in a platform that partially recapitulates the natural environment. As a results, single hPSCs were forced to aggregate and generate uniformly, and the size of spheroid was controlled using 3D cell culture chip of different diameters (approximately 200 μm). Also, 0.05 mL/h or less flow rates induced no physical stress in the 3D cell culture chip. Advanced cell culture technologies can be used to accelerate research and discovery or the preclinical and clinical development of cell and cell-free therapies for urgent medical needs.

Key words: human pluripotent stem cells, 3D-culture system, microfluidic, concave chip, computational dynamic

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Neurotrophin-4 supplementation promotes trophectoderm lineage specification during porcine preimplantation embryonic development

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Neurotrophins are associated with successful implantation and maintenance of pregnancy. The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of neurotrophin-4 (NT-4) on porcine preimplantation embryonic development *in vitro*. Zygotes were treated with different concentrations of NT-4 (0, 1, 10, and 100 ng/mL) during *in vitro* culture (IVC). There was no significant difference in the cleavage rate of all NT-4 supplemented groups compared to the control group at 2 days after parthenogenetic activation (PA), but the blastocyst (BL) formation rate was significantly ($p<0.05$) higher only in the 10 ng/mL NT-4-treated group than the control. To investigate the effect of NT-4 on transcriptomic patterns during IVC, the mRNA expression levels of apoptosis- and trophectoderm (TE) lineage-related genes were evaluated in the NT-4-treated (10 ng/mL) BLs. The mRNA expression level of anti-apoptotic *BCL2L1* ($p<0.05$) was significantly increased in the NT-4-treated BLs than in the control, while the mRNA expression level of pro-apoptotic *BAX* ($p<0.05$) and the ratio of *BAX/BCL2L1* ($p<0.01$) were significantly decreased compared to the control group. In addition, we confirmed that the *CDX2* ($p<0.05$), *PPAG3* ($p<0.01$), and *GATA3* ($p<0.05$) transcript levels, which are known TE-related genes, were significantly increased in the NT-4-treated BLs. Furthermore, we also immunostained and analyzed BLs with SOX2 and CDX2 to determine the effect of NT-4 on the first lineage specification in porcine preimplantation embryonic development. Our results showed that NT-4 supplementation during IVC significantly ($p<0.05$) increased the number of CDX2-expressing cells, while significantly ($p<0.01$) decreased the number of SOX2-expressing cells and the ICM/TE ratio (SOX2/CDX2 ratio) in the PA-derived BLs. Taken together, we suggest that NT-4 supplementation during porcine preimplantation embryonic development can promote TE lineage specification.

Key words: pig, *in vitro* culture of embryos, neurotrophin-4, preimplantation embryonic development

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Treatment of CCL2 during *in vitro* maturation of porcine oocytes increases the efficiency

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Chemokines play an important role in regulating the complex immune system at the maternal-fetal interface during pregnancy. Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 2 (CCL2) is also a key periovulatory chemokine in the cumulus-oocyte complexes (COCs). In this study, we confirmed the effect of CCL2 on the porcine COCs during *in vitro* maturation (IVM) and the subsequent embryonic development after parthenogenetic activation (PA) when several concentrations of CCL2 were treated during IVM. pFF (porcine follicular fluid) was obtained from different follicle sizes to perform the ELISA method. The concentration of CCL2 in pFF was significantly higher as the size of the ovarian follicle increases. RT-PCR and qRT-PCR was also performed to identify the expression level of *CCL2* in porcine follicular cells (Oocytes, Cumulus cells (CCs), Granulosa cells (GCs)) before and after IVM. As a result, the *CCL2* mRNA was expressed in GCs before and after IVM. However, *CCL2* mRNA expression in oocytes and CCs appeared only after IVM. In the qRT-PCR results, the mRNA expression levels were significantly higher in the group that underwent IVM in all porcine follicular cells. During IVM, CCL2 was added to the maturation media (TCM199-PVA) at concentrations of 0 (control), 1, 10, and 100 ng/mL for each group. After IVM, the 100 ng/mL CCL2-treated group ($91.6 \pm 3.6\%$) showed a significantly higher ($p < 0.05$) metaphase II rate compared to the control ($81.8 \pm 1.8\%$). All CCL2-treated groups showed a significant ($p < 0.05$) increase of intracellular GSH levels compared with control. On the other hand, the intracellular ROS levels in all of CCL2-treated oocytes were significantly decreased ($p < 0.05$). In order to investigate the effect of CCL2 treatment on porcine COCs during IVM, various genes were analyzed by qPCR targeting CCs and oocytes. In apoptosis-related genes, pro-apoptotic gene *Bax* levels were significantly decreased in all CCL2-treated CCs and oocytes groups. *CASP3* levels were significantly decreased in the 100 ng/mL treatment group compared to the control in CC and significantly decreased in all treatment groups compared to the control in oocytes. In antioxidant-related genes, the levels of *SOD1* and *SOD2* were significantly increased in the 100 ng/mL group compared to controls in CCs, and the level of *NRF2* was significantly increased in the 10 ng/mL group compared to the control in oocytes. The level of *NPR2*, a gene associated with oocyte meiosis resumption, was significantly decreased in 100 ng/mL treatment CCs group compared to controls. The level of *NPM2*, a maternal effect gene, was significantly increased in the oocytes group treated with 10 ng/mL compared to the control. In CCL2 signaling pathway-related genes, it was confirmed that the *ERK1* level was significantly increased in the 10 ng/mL treatment group compared

to the control in both CCs and oocytes. Upon evaluation of subsequent embryonic development after PA, compared with the control group, the cleavage rate was significantly ($p<0.05$) improved in the 100 ng/mL CCL2-treated group, and the blastocyst formation rate in the 10 ng/mL CCL2-treated group was significantly improved.

In conclusion, the results suggest that CCL2 supplementation at appropriate concentrations in IVM media improves porcine oocyte maturation and the subsequent embryonic potential of PA embryos.

Key words: CCL2, *in vitro* maturation, porcine oocyte

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Miltefosine adversely affects sperm functions by altering the PI3K/AKT signaling pathway

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Miltefosine is a therapeutic agent for leishmaniasis that occurred by *Leishmania* type parasites. Miltefosine is also considered as an AKT inhibitor and utilized in antineoplastic activity including inhibition of AKT that plays an important role in the PI3K/AKT signaling pathway. In spermatozoa, AKT is known to control sperm functions such as sperm motility and acrosome reaction. However, how miltefosine affects PI3K/AKT signaling pathway-related proteins in sperm and its effects on sperm functions have not yet been studied. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate the effect of miltefosine on the PI3K/AKT signaling pathway-related proteins in sperm and reproductive toxicity. Duroc semen was treated with various concentrations of miltefosine (0, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80 μ M) and incubated to induce capacitation. Then, expression levels of PI3K/AKT signaling pathway-related proteins [AKT, phospho-AKT (Thr³⁰⁸ and Ser⁴⁷³), PI3K, phospho-PI3K, PTEN, phospho-PTEN, and PDK1] and tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins were measured. In addition, sperm functions (sperm motility, motion kinematic parameters, and cell viability) were assessed. The results show that expression levels of PI3K/AKT signaling pathway-related proteins except for PI3K, PTEN, and PDK1 were increased in a dose dependent manner. The expression levels of tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins were decreased in a dose dependent manner. Sperm motility and motion kinematic parameters were decreased. There was no significant difference in cell viability. Taken together, these results suggest that miltefosine may induce alteration of PI3K/AKT signaling pathway and suppress the sperm functions. Therefore, we suggest that when taking miltefosine, special attention needs to be paid to reproductive toxicity.

Key words: miltefosine, PI3K/AKT signaling pathway-related proteins, sperm functions, capacitation

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Differentiation of porcine embryonic stem like cells derived from aggregated blastomeres into three germ layers

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Production of high-quality blastocysts via aggregation can be a method to improve porcine embryonic stem-like cells (pESLCs) efficiency. Here, we determined the optimal conditions for blastomere aggregation using phytohemagglutinin-L (PHA-L) and examined PHA-L efficiency by comparing it with Well of the Well (WOW), a general blastomere aggregation method. As a result, we confirmed that treatment with 15 µg/mL PHA-L for 144 h was effective for blastomere aggregation and embryonic development of three zona-free 2-cell stage embryos (TZ2Es) after parthenogenetic activation (PA). The TZ2Es cultured with PHA-L showed a significantly ($p<0.05$) higher blastomere aggregation rate than the WOW method ($93.5\pm1.9\%$ vs. $78.0\pm8.5\%$). In addition, our results demonstrated that TZ2Es aggregation through PHA-L improved the quality of PA-derived blastocysts and improved pESLCs seeding efficiency and quality of colonies. It was also observed that PHA-L-derived pESLC could remain undifferentiated and exhibit typical embryonic stem cell pluripotency markers. It was confirmed that POU5F1, SOX2, and NANOG genes were expressed through immunostaining in pESLCs derived from PHA-L, unlike feeder cells. Interestingly, pESLCs derived from PHA-L showed significantly higher NANOG expression than control (pESLCs from non-aggregated embryos). Finally, we demonstrated that PHA-L-derived pESLCs could contribute to the formation of normal pESLCs by confirming that they are capable of differentiation into endoderm, mesoderm and ectoderm after embryoid bodies (EB) formation. In conclusion, TZ2E aggregation through PHA-L improved the quality of PA-derived blastocysts, as well as pESLC seeding efficiency and quality of colonies. It was also demonstrated that PHA-L-derived pESLCs could remain undifferentiated and exhibit typical Embryonic stem cell pluripotency markers, EB-forming ability, and differentiation into cell lineages of three germ layers. This technique is expected to improve embryo quality and embryonic stem cell establishment efficiency and can be utilized for blastocyst complementation systems and the production of chimeric animals.

Key words: blastomere aggregation, phytohemagglutinin-L, embryonic stem-like cells, parthenogenesis, pig.

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Tetraconazole induces apoptosis and autophagy in mammary epithelial cells

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Pesticide has been used in the agricultural industry from the past to the present. Although it indicates toxicity, it has contributed to reduce agricultural labor by controlling fungi, pests, and plants. However, the residual pesticides affect people who are the ultimate consumers of the food chain. Bovine milk is a primary nutrient source, essential for growth, and a source capable of making a variety of dairy products. The mammary epithelial cell regulates the blood-milk barrier conjunction, which is important to creating a dairy product. In the present study, we investigated the effect of tetraconazole which is one of the fungicides in triazole group on mammary epithelial cells (MAC-T). First, we checked whether tetraconazole regulates cell viability of MAC-T. Results of cell viability analysis revealed that tetraconazole decreased the cell viability in a dose-dependent manner. In addition, we performed annexin/FITC, JC-1, and rhod-2 assays by flow cytometry analysis. Tetraconazole induced cell death with mitochondrial membrane potential and disruption of mitochondrial calcium levels in MAC-T cells. Also, it caused cell cycle arrest and inhibited the expression of proliferating cell nuclear antigen protein by immunofluorescence analysis. The results of western blot analysis showed an increase of cleaved caspase-3, BAX and cytochrome c proteins in tetraconazole-treated MAC-T cells as compared to control. Moreover, it regulated activation of protein kinases belonged to MAPK and PI3K pathways. Collectively, tetraconazole may affect the milk production via regulating bovine mammary epithelial cells.

Key words: tetraconazole, mammary gland, cell death, calcium homeostasis, signal transduction

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Pendimethalin exposure induces bovine mammary epithelial cell (MAC-T) death through excessive ROS production and alterations in the PI3K and MAPK signaling pathways

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Pendimethalin (PDM) is one of the dinitroaniline class herbicides which is used to protect crops from annual grasses. Although PDM is approved in many countries, PDM has been established to be toxic to non-target organisms. There is relatively high possibility of PDM exposure to livestock. However, the effect of PDM on milk production system has not been reported yet. In this study, we investigated the toxicity of PDM in the mammary glands. We used one of the mammary gland cell lines, mammary epithelial cells (MAC-T) of cattle. We treated MAC-T cells with different dosage (0, 2.5, 5 and 10 μ M) of PDM. We found that PDM reduced cell viability and proliferation, and induced cell cycle arrest in MAC-T cells. In addition, PDM caused cell apoptosis, triggered oxidative stress which is producing reactive oxygen species excessively and led the mitochondrial membrane potential (MMP) loss in MAC-T cells. Furthermore, PDM disrupted calcium homeostasis both in cytosol and mitochondria of MAC-T cells and activated the expression of protein which is related to endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress. PDM also altered the PI3K and MAPK signaling pathway. Collectively, our finding suggests that PDM has adverse effect on MAC-T cells and may interrupt producing milk in cattle.

Key words: pendimethalin, MAC-T, apoptosis, ROS, ER stress, cell signaling pathway

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Oxyfluorfen causes apoptosis through MAPK and AKT signaling in bovine mammary gland epithelial cells

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Oxyfluorfen is a compound used as an insecticide that can cause chronic effects on invertebrates, fish, and mammals, causing serious damage to the ecosystem. As a result, it becomes impossible to preserve various creatures, so it is necessary to investigate the toxicity of animals. However, to date, the mechanisms that cause the toxic effects in mammals are not well known. Therefore, this study was conducted to find out the toxic effect using the bovine mammary epithelial cell (MAC-T) with high access to humans. First, through several experiments, changes in the function of MAC-T cells were evaluated when oxyfluorfen were treated at various concentrations (0, 1, 2, 5, and 10 ppm). The results showed a reduction of cell survival and 3D-spheroid formation, cell cycle progression, and mitochondrial membrane potential in oxyfluorfen-treated MAC-T. In addition, phosphorylation of signaling molecules involved in the MAPK pathway was reduced, and phosphorylation of AKT signaling molecules was increased. Also, it was confirmed that early apoptotic cells were increased in a dose-dependent manner, and the apoptosis was ultimately caused by increased expression of pro-apoptotic proteins and decreased expression of anti-apoptotic proteins. Therefore, this toxic effect of oxyfluorfen can lead to the death of bovine mammary gland epithelial cells, resulting in a decrease in milk production capacity, which can eventually cause damage to humans.

Key words: oxyfluorfen, bovine mammary epithelial cells, cell cycle arrest, TAK1, MAPK

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Effect of 4-nonylphenol on sperm functions

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4-Nonylphenol is well-known endocrine-disrupting chemicals and derives from the degradation of nonylphenol ethoxylates. 4-Nonylphenol is used as a surfactant in various industries, which are extensively used in formulation of detergents, plastic food packaging, and textiles. However, the underlying mechanisms of male reproductive dysfunction have been not fully elucidated. The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of 4-Nonylphenol on sperm functions and mechanisms. Firstly, spermatozoa treated with 4-nonylphenol (0, 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 μ M) was incubated for 60 mins. Then, various sperm functions (sperm motility and motion kinematics, capacitation status, intracellular ATP level, and cell viability) were evaluated. Finally, the expression levels of phosphor-PKA substrates and tyrosine phosphorylation proteins were analyzed. As a results, sperm motility and motion kinematics decreased in a dose-dependent manner during capacitation, and intracellular ATP levels were significantly increased in high concentrations of 4-nonylphenol. For this reason, the capacitated sperm may be promoted abnormally. Thus, PKA activity and tyrosine phosphorylation were also significantly altered. The physiological suppression of sperm function may depend on abnormal tyrosine phosphorylation via the alteration of PKA activity. Consequently, 4-nonylphenol induces male infertility via a negative effect on sperm quality, it is substantial to take caution with the continued use of 4-nonylphenol that disrupts male reproductive health.

Key words: 4-nonylphenol, spermatozoa, capacitation, sperm functions

Effects of fibroblast growth factor 7 (FGF7) on *in vitro* growth and maturation of porcine oocytes

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Fibroblast growth factor-7 (FGF7), also known as keratinocyte growth factor (KGF), is a cytokine belonging to the fibroblast growth factor family. As its effect on the growth, maturation and subsequent development of porcine oocytes has not been clarified, the present study will aim to investigate this effect. For the purpose of this study, different concentrations of FGF-7 were added to the *in vitro* maturation (IVM) medium, followed by examination of oocyte size, nuclear maturation and associated GSH levels. Supplemental concentrations of FGF-7 (0, 1, 10 and 100 ng/mL) were provided in IVM medium. After 42 h of IVM, oocyte diameter were significantly increased ($p<0.05$) in all FGF-7-treated groups (1 ng/mL, $108.7\pm0.9\ \mu\text{m}$; 10 ng/mL, $109.4\pm0.3\ \mu\text{m}$; 100 ng/mL, $108.8\pm0.7\ \mu\text{m}$) compared to the control group ($106.3\pm0.3\ \mu\text{m}$). In addition, the 10 ng/mL FGF-7-treated group showed a significant effect in promoting oocyte maturation by increasing the polar body extrusion rate, $83.9\pm1.8\%$ (control), $89.9\pm2.1\%$ (1 ng/mL), $92.6\pm3.4\%$ (10 ng/mL), and $89.1\pm3.6\%$ (100 ng/mL), respectively ($p<0.05$). Furthermore, intracellular GSH levels were significantly increased in the 1 ng/mL FGF-7-treated group ($p<0.05$). Although further studies on the cytoplasmic and developmental mechanisms of FGF-7 are needed, its supplementation during IVM not only increases intracellular GSH levels in porcine oocytes, but also affects oocyte diameter and polar body extrusion. In conclusion, the results of this study suggest that FGF-7 can be used as a supplement to IVM media to regulate oocyte maturation.

Key words: IVM, FGF7, KGF, porcine oocyte

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Characteristics of boar semen treated with Myo-inositol during its liquid preservation

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The quality of boar semen during its liquid preservation at 17°C decreased by oxidative stress. Therefore, antioxidant supplementation can improve the semen quality when it is stored for 7 days. Myo-inositol (Myo-Ins) is an antioxidant that plays a vital role in improving human sperm quality and the rate of fertilization. There is a paucity of studies about Myo-Ins supplementation and its antioxidative role on boar semen. We evaluated the role of Myo-Ins on the viability and acrosome integrity of boar spermatozoa on day 0, 1, 3, 5, and 7 during liquid preservation. Moreover, we also investigated the effect of Myo-ins on the concentration of lipid peroxidation compound malondialdehyde (MDA) in boar semen. The aim of the present study was to assess the effect of different concentrations of Myo-Ins (2, 4, 6, and 8 mg/mL) on boar sperm quality parameters (viability and acrosome integrity) and oxidative stress. The results showed that the viable sperm cells increased significantly ($p < 0.05$) on day 1 (84.5%), 3 (88.0%), and 7 (81.6%) in the 2 mg/mL group compared to the control group on day 1 (80.8%), 3 (80.9%), and 7 (81.6%). The acrosome integrity depicted no significant ($p > 0.05$) results in the treatment groups compared to the control group. However, 2 mg/mL group displayed a significant result ($p < 0.05$) on day 7 (91.9%) compared to the control group (85.2%). Furthermore, MDA content was slightly lower in the treatment groups compared to the control group, but no significant result ($p > 0.05$) was observed. In short, these results suggest that the proper supplementation of Myo-Ins (2 mg/mL) in boar semen extender may improve the boar semen viability, acrosome integrity, and MDA via its antioxidant mechanism during preservation at 17°C.

Key words: boar, semen, viability, acrosome integrity, malondialdehyde

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Growth performance of red-spotted grouper according to water temperature conditions

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Red-spotted grouper *Epinephelus akkara* belonging to the Serranidae family are subtropical species and mainly distributed in tropical and subtropical regions. For red-spotted grouper, the summer season, when the water temperature increases, is a period when body growth is promoted due to active food activities. However, the winter season when the water temperature decreases is a period when food activity and motility decrease and body growth also slows. Therefore, the change in water temperature acts as a very important factor in the red-spotted grouper farming. The aim of this study was to explore the optimum rearing temperature conditions for red-spotted grouper for commercial production. We reared fish under different water temperature conditions (23°C, 26°C, 29°C, and 32°C) for 6 weeks, and the growth performance according to each condition was investigated. And histological changes in liver, intestine, and gonad tissues were observed using histological method. In addition, the change in mRNA expression of corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH), known as a factor responding to stress in the hypothalamus, was investigated. As a result, the 29°C condition showed a faster increase in body weight than the 23°C condition. In addition, the weight gain, growth rate, food supply, feed coefficient, feed efficiency, and condition factor were also advantageously observed under 29°C condition. The hepatosomatic index (HSI) levels showed the lowest at 23°C condition, and the diameter of hepatocytes was observed the largest at 26°C and 29°C conditions. The number of goblet cells in the intestinal villi was observed more at 29°C condition than under other conditions. There was no significant difference in gonadosomatic index (GSI) levels between all experimental groups, and histological observation of ovaries showed that perinucleolar stage (Pn) oocytes in all experimental groups. However, the diameter of oocytes in the 23°C condition tended to be slightly larger than that of other groups. Finally, the expression of CRH mRNA in the brain was higher at 32°C condition than in other conditions. In order to effectively improve the body growth of red-spotted grouper through our experiment, it is considered that the water temperature conditions in the range of 26°C to 29°C are suitable. Our study provides preliminary information on the basic rearing environment for red-spotted grouper farming, and it is thought that it can be used as a reference study to evaluate the suitability of water temperature conditions.

Key words: corticotropin-releasing hormone, growth performance, hepatosomatic index, red-spotted grouper, weight gain

Reproductive potential and cycles in cultured Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*) of sea net cage in South Korea

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Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*, PBT) is one of the commercially important fish species with high market price, and research has been underway in South Korea for the development of effective aquaculture production technology for PBT. However, there have been difficulties in terms of producing fertilized eggs. In order to overcome this problem, it is necessary to understand the reproductive biology of the PBT, but in Korea, the rearing technology up to matured-size has not been carried out smoothly, resulting in few studies on reproductive biology of PBT. Therefore, in this study, in order to increase the aquaculture productivity of PBT, the reproductive cycle of cultured PBT in South Korea was investigated and their reproductive potential was investigated. For this study, PBT samples were obtained from 70 individuals (5~6 year old PBTs / male: 37, female: 33 / fork length: >150 cm, body weight: >70 kg) cultured for commercial purposes in sea net cages near Yokjido Island, Tongyeong. The research period was from April 2020 to March 2021, and environmental data such as water temperature and photoperiod were collected during the period. All gonads of the PBTs were weighed to calculate gonadosomatic index (GSI), and male and female maturity stages were classified through histological analysis of gonads. Male and female gonadal developmental stages were examined, and were presented and classified in percentages by month. In addition, changes in sex steroid hormone (male, testosterone and 11-ketotestosterone; female, testosterone and estradiol-17 β) levels in the plasma of PBTs were evaluated by monthly. As a result, both male and female gonadal developmental stages were classified into four major stages (stages I to IV), and the period of appearance of PBTs with mature gonad was from May to August for males and from June to August for females. Also, as a result of the analysis of GSI and sex steroid hormones of male and female PBTs, both males and females showed a trend of an increase in these values from May, reaching a peak in June, and decreasing thereafter. The water temperature in June to August (the spawning season) was in the range of 22 to 24°C, and the photoperiod was 14 h light: 10 h dark. In comprehensive consideration of the study findings, reproductive potential of PBTs cultured in sea net cages in South Korea was confirmed, and during the study period, gonads that reached reproductive maturity were confirmed in July. This study is the first research investigating reproductive biology of PBT conducted in South Korea, and the findings are expected to be utilized as basic data for future PBT aquaculture research in the country.

Key words: Pacific bluefin tuna, aquaculture, sea net cages, reproductive cycle, gonadal development

Genetic analysis for hierarchical dendrogram of *Charybdis* crab population

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Korean *Charybdis* crab (*Charybdis japonica*) is one of ecologically significant portunid crab species in the Yellow sea, belonging to the family Portunidae, and the order Decapoda. Genomic DNA (gDNA) set apart from two populations of Korean *Charybdis* crab was augmented by PCR experiments. With the aim of accomplishment, this author achieved clustering analyses of Korean *Charybdis* crab (*Charybdis japonica*) in the Yellow Sea of Korea. Two sample collections of crab muscle was gathered in disinfected cylinders, proximately positioned on cold ice, and retained at -79°C until required. PCR inquiry was achieved the genomic DNAs from 22 individuals, consuming different five ONT-primers. The median within-group correspondence was rated via pairwise matching inquiry between the parties within a group. A PHD was generated renowned on SMs to take a cluster tree using Systat version 10. The five oligonucleotides primers (ONT-primers) were spent to yield the number of unique loci shared to each crab population (ULSECP) and number of loci shared by the two crab populations (LSTCP). 305 fragments (FRAGs) were identified in the *Charybdis* crab population A (CCPA), and 344 in the *Charybdis* crab population B (CCPB): 44 number of ULSECP (14.43%) in the CCPA and 110 (31.98%) in the CCPB. 44 number of LSTCP, with an average of 8.8 per primer, were detected in the two crab populations. The bandsharing (BS) value between entity's no. 01 and no. 10 was the lowest (0.371) between the two CCPs. The average bandsharing (ABS) values of individuals in the CCPA (0.575 ± 0.014) were lesser than in those originated from the CCPB (0.705 ± 0.011) ($p < 0.05$). The polar hierarchical dendrogram (PHD) achieved by the five ONT-primers denotes three genetic clusters (GCs): cluster I (CHARYBCRAB 01, 04, 05, 06 and 08), cluster II (CHARYBCRAB 02, 03, 07, 09, 10 and 11) and cluster III (CHARYBCRAB 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22). The longest GD showing significant MDs between two *Charybdis* crab populations was observed in individuals CHARYBCRAB no. 06 and CHARYBCRAB no. 01 (0.632). In due course, individual no. 01 of the CCPA was most distantly related to CCPA no. 06 (GD=0.632).

Key words: BS value; *Charybdis japonica*, CCP, GCs, GD, ONT-primer, PHD, SM.

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해양무척추동물 멍게(*Halocynthia roretzi*)는 척추동물 및 두삭동물(창고기)과 함께 척삭동물문(phylum Chordata)으로 분류된다. 멍게의 수정란은 규칙적인 난할과 비교적 빠른 배아발생 단계를 거쳐 수온 13도에서 약 36시간 후에 척삭동물의 기본형으로 추정되는 올챙이형 유생으로 부화한다. 유생의 꼬리 끝에는 원시생식세포 운명을 포함하는 내배엽가닥(endodermal strand) 구조가 위치하는 데, 이 구조의 특성화 및 발생 기능에 관하여 불명확한 것이 많다. 본 연구에서는 멍게 배아발생 과정에서 꼬리썩(tailbud) 배아의 꼬리 끝에서 특이적으로 발현하는 2종류의 유전자를 클로닝하고 발현 패턴을 조사하였다. RTK 신호전달 과정에서 신호전달 매개자로 기능하는 것으로 알려진 Nck1(non-catalytic region of tyrosine kinase adaptor protein 1)의 멍게 상동체 HrNck1의 전사체는 초기 꼬리썩 배아의 꼬리 끝 부위와 간충직 전구세포에서 발현하였다. 이 발현 패턴은 부화시기까지 지속되었다. 다양한 세포 기능과 관련된 GTP 결합단백질에 속하는 Arf6(ADP-ribosylation factor 6)의 멍게 상동체 HrArf6의 mRNA는 중기 꼬리썩 배아의 꼬리 끝에서 발현하였다. 이 유전자들의 단백질은 다양한 기능을 갖지만, 그중에서 actin cytoskeletal remodeling에 관여하는 것으로 알려져 있다. 따라서 세포골격 재배치를 통한 원시생식세포의 이동을 포함하여 멍게 유생의 변태 과정에서 이 유전자 산물들이 중요한 역할을 할 가능성이 시사된다. 앞으로 이 유전자들의 발생학적 기능을 보다 상세하게 연구하고자 한다.

Key words: *Halocynthia roretzi*, endodermal strand, Nck1, Arf6

Transcriptomic changes in the HPG axis of eel (*Anguilla japonica*) in response to seawater and SPE injection

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Artificial sexual maturation of female eel is induced by repeatedly injecting SPE (salmon pituitary extract) after acclimatizing from freshwater to seawater. However, it is not fully understood what kind of biological changes are caused by these treatments in the body of eels.

In this study, wild female eels were accommodated under four different conditions: FW (freshwater without SPE treatment), SW (seawater without SPE treatment), FW+SPE (freshwater with weekly SPE injection), SW+SPE (seawater with weekly SPE injection) to investigate transcriptomic changes in the HPG (hypothalamus-pituitary-gonad) axis of eels induced by different salinity and SPE injections.

Based on KEGG analysis, salinity increased the expression of genes related to the ‘environmental information processing’ pathway in the brain, pituitary and gonad of eels. SPE injection increased the expression of genes related to ‘signaling molecules and interaction’ and ‘endocrine system’ pathways in the eel brain, and increased the expression of genes related to ‘metabolism’ and ‘genetic information processing’ pathways in the pituitary, and increased the expression of genes related to ‘signal transduction’ and ‘cellular processes’ pathways in gonad. These results indicate that SPE injection may up regulate genes in wider range of pathways than salinity change may do.

There were more SPE sensitive genes than the salinity sensitive genes in reproduction-related pathways (MAPK signaling pathway, Wnt signaling pathway, insulin signaling pathway, neuroactive ligand-receptor interaction, GnRH signaling pathway, oocyte meiosis, progesterone-mediated oocyte maturation, steroid hormone biosynthesis and steroid biosynthesis) in all tissues investigated in this study. These results support the idea that pituitary-derived factors play key roles in the reproduction of eels.

Key words: eel, salinity, SPE injection, sexual maturation, differentially expressed gene analysis

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Production of fertilized eggs from captive-reared broodstock and larval rearing of Korean pomfret, *Pampus argenteus*

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The present study describes the first trial on broodstock development, induced breeding, production of fertilized eggs and larval rearing of Korean pomfret, *Pampus argenteus* in Korea. Korean pomfrets were collected from Tongyeong, southern coastal waters of Korea. These fishes were stocked in 10 m³ flow-through circular tank having water temperature controlling facility for broodstock management. Broodstocks were fed using defrosted squid, oyster and shrimp at a rate of 5% of body weight per day. In March 2022, the water temperature was 18°C and we increased it at a rate of 1°C per 10 days until it reached at 24°C. The fish spawned after 12 days of induction at a temperature 24±0.5°C. Fertilized eggs were collected and stocked in 1 m³ tank for hatching. The diameter of egg and oil droplet were 1.41±0.09 mm and 0.53±0.05 mm, respectively. The eggs hatched out after 42~44 h of rearing at a temperature of 20±1°C. The overall fertilization and hatching rate was found to be 97.40±2.19% and 50.26±30.45%, respectively. Larval rearing was carried out using green water system by addition of chlorella. The newly hatched larvae was 4.36±0.63 mm in total length. The mouth and anus had not yet opened. The mouth opening was formed 48~50 h post hatch. At 21 days post hatching, total length was 6.73±0.59 mm. The present study is the first report of broodstock development, induced spawning and larval rearing of this species in Korea.

Key words: Korean pomfret, natural spawning, fertilized eggs, hatched larvae

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Ethalfuralin induces developmental toxicity via oxidative stress in zebrafish models

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Ethalfuralin is a herbicide belonging to the dinitroaniline family that inhibits weed growth without harming agricultural products. In addition, early exposure to pregnant women and children from herbicide causes serious damages. In previous study, ethalfuralin has been elucidated that it interferes implantation during early pregnancy in other vertebrate models. However, the effect of ethalfuralin exposure has not been reported in embryonic development of zebrafish. In this study, we investigated the effect of ethalfuralin on developmental toxicity using wild type and transgenic models of zebrafish. First of all, we observed a decrease in survival rates as a result of treatment based on LC₅₀. And zebrafish larvae appeared morphological changes including body length, yolk and heart edema by ethalfuralin. According to toxic effects of ethalfuralin, larvae showed apoptotic cell death using acridine orange and TUNEL staining assay. Specifically, ethalfuralin increased mRNA expression level of apoptosis related genes such as *tp53*, *casp3*, *casp8*, *casp9*, and *cyc1*. In addition, we evaluated the effects of ethalfuralin by using *flk1:eGFP* transgenic model and the results indicated disruption of vasculature in brain and intestine. Specifically, ethalfuralin decreased the mRNA expression of angiogenesis related genes. Moreover, it increased relative oxygen species (ROS) production and inflammation with an increase of inflammatory factors such as *cox2a*, *cox2b*, *cxc1-c1c*, *il8*, and *nf-kb*. Furthermore, mitochondrial respiration of larvae were measured through Seahorse assay, and ethalfuralin decreased ATP production compared to control due to mitochondrial dysfunction. Collectively, ethalfuralin may interfere development of zebrafish and ecosystem.

Key words: ethalfuralin, angiogenesis, apoptosis, oxidative stress, inflammation

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The herbicide fluridone induces developmental abnormalities in embryo-larval zebrafish through cardiac malformation

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Fluridone is a well-known herbicide that slowly diffuses throughout the entire water to disturb the growth of undesirable aquatic weed species by inhibiting carotenoid biosynthesis. Since unpredictable environmental pollution from herbicide exposure has been reported in the last few decades, assessing the harmfulness of herbicides is important for regulating their use properly. The aim of this study is to evaluate developmental toxicity of the herbicide fluridone using zebrafish embryos. Our study organizes a relevant concentration of fluridone on account of its sub-lethal toxic effects which shown by the LC₅₀ value. After exposure to fluridone for 96 hours, zebrafish embryos revealed increasing lethality and various developmental malformations including heart and yolk sac edema, shortened body length, spinal curvature, and reduced eye size. Exposure to fluridone caused apoptotic cell death in the anterior region of developing larvae particularly within the brain. Then, we used transgenic zebrafish (*fli1a:eGFP* and *cmlc2;dsRed*) to identify toxic mechanism of fluridone affected cardiovascular development in early stage of zebrafish. Ectopic growth of sub-intestinal vessels (SIVs) is highly inhibited in response to fluridone, and complete development has not been achieved in the vessels of hindbrain region and dorsal aorta. The genetic expression of VEGF signaling molecules were highly decreased, in addition, structural genes involved in cardiovascular system altered by fluridone. In conclusion, fluridone exposure to non-targeted organisms hampered the developmental process during embryogenesis. As zebrafish known as useful vertebrate *in vivo* model to determine toxicological characteristics of herbicides, the results generally indicated whether direct or indirect exposure of fluridone to the communities in aquatic organisms and even humans can evoke the problems related to the survival.

Key words: fluridone, developmental toxicity, cardiovascular malformation, embryos, apoptosis

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Thiobencarb impairs development of zebrafish embryos through oxidative stress, inflammation, and cardiovascular toxicity

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Thiobencarb is a thiocarbamate herbicide which is widely applied to agricultural lands including rice cultivation fields. Because herbicides utilized in paddy fields have a high risk to expose to aquatic ecosystems via drainage systems, adverse impacts of thiobencarb to aquatic organisms have been investigated. For example, thiobencarb-exposed medaka (*Oryzias latipes*) embryos showed delayed hatching and several morphological abnormalities. However, molecular mechanisms underlying embryotoxicity of thiobencarb have not been clarified. Thus, present study aims to demonstrate its toxic mechanisms by using zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) which is a representative model to assess toxicity of environmental contaminants. Thiobencarb reduced survival rates and hatching rates of zebrafish embryos. In addition, zebrafish exposed to thiobencarb showed multiple deformities including pericardial edema, enlarged yolk sac and inward curvature of the spine. Analysis of mRNA expression following thiobencarb treatment showed that these developmental defects were mediated by apoptosis, elevated production of reactive oxygen species and inflammation. Moreover, thiobencarb perturbed development of cardiovascular system. Specifically, zebrafish exposed to thiobencarb showed lower heart rates and impaired cardiovascular structures. Taken together, our study firstly elucidated adverse effects of thiobencarb on developmental stage of zebrafish and provided information for further studies elucidating aquatic risk and its molecular mechanisms of thiobencarb on non-target species.

Key words: developmental toxicity, thiobencarb, zebrafish embryos, oxidative stress, cardiovascular toxicity

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Gonadal structure, sex ratio and main spawning period of *Buccinum osagawai* (Neogastropoda: Buccinidae)

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Research on reproduction of marine organisms provides the information necessary for understanding their basic biology, as well as management of biological resources and development of aquaculture technology. The Buccinidae occur worldwide in all seas from tropical oceans to the cold seas of the Arctic Ocean and the Southern Ocean from the intertidal to the bathypelagic zones. Among them, the genus *Buccinum* is mainly distributed in Japan and along the east coast of Korea, and mainly inhabits muddy sands at a depth of 200 to 500 m. Within the genus *Buccinum*, studies on *B. undatum* have included reproductive cycle and seasonal feeding activity (Martel et al., 1986), reproductive cycle and energetic cost of reproduction (Kideys et al., 1993), reproductive cycle and maternal effects on offspring size and number (Valentinsson, 2002), and growth and reproduction (Heude-Berthelin et al., 2011), while a number of studies on reproduction, including the reproductive cycle and size at sexual maturity (Ilano et al., 2003) of *B. isaotakii*, have been reported. In this study, the information about basic reproductive ecological data and management of biological resources of *B. osagawai* was conducted. Samples were collected from August 2018 to October 2019 with a drum-shaped net on the continental shelf at a depth of 150~250 m in Jumunjin, East Coast of Korea. Specimens were prepared for light microscopy and were stained with Mayer's hematoxylin-eosin (H-E) stain. Histological quantification of oocytes was performed by converting microscope images into JPEG files, then subjecting these to an image analyzer (i-solution, IMT Inc., U.S.A.). Gonadal development was categorized into the following six stages for both male and female according to the degree of dominance of each developmental stage of germ cells and the degree of germ cell spawning: inactive stage (In), early active stage (Ea), late active and mature stage (LM), ripe stage (R), spent and degenerative stage (SD). Sex ratio, and gonad index (GI) were used as biomarkers. The sex of *B. osagawai* is gonochorism and lacks external sexual dimorphism. Mature ovary and testis, was white yellow color and yellow color. The overall sex ratio (F:M) was 1:1.2 (n=537, F=246, M=291), with a high male ratio, but as the individual size increased, the female ratio was a tendency to increase. The gonad consisted of multiple gametogenic acini. The development pattern of oocyte was synchronous development type, in which dominant group of oocytes was identified within the same ovary. According to oogenesis, the size of oocyte and nucleus increased and the stainability in the cytoplasm of oocyte changes form

basophilic to eosinophilic. The size of ripe oocyte was $82.3 (\pm 22.6) \times 125.5 (\pm 22.0) \mu\text{m}$. As the oocytes matured, the follicle cells changed from a simple squamous type to a stratified cuboidal and columnar type. The spermatocyte development pattern was group-synchronous development type, in which multiple stages of germ cell populations were simultaneously identified with the same spermatogenic acinus. The GI for both male and female showed the highest value in June and then decreased sharply, and after August, it was below 2.0. The main spawning season was from June to July, and the GI and stages of gonadal development did not show a pattern of seasonal changes. The main gonadal active season is May-July, and both male and female gonad development and maturation take place in a short period of time, and the recovery period after spawning is long.

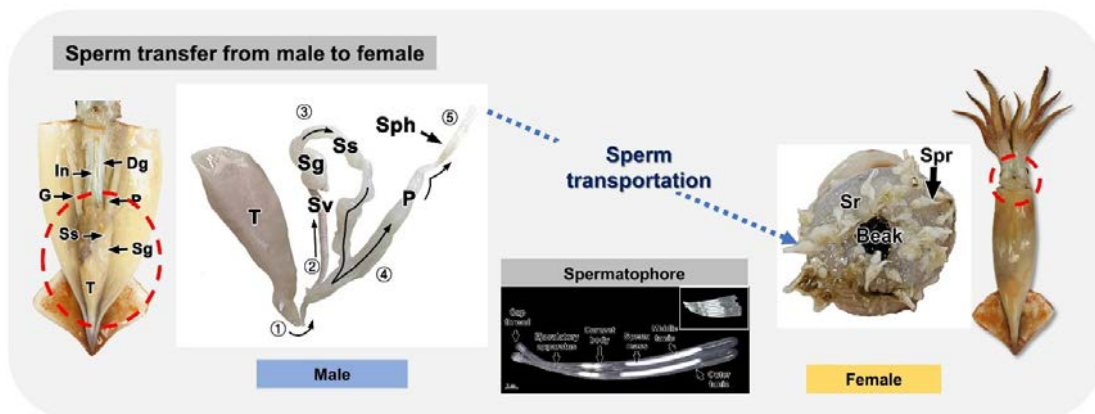
Key words: *Buccinum osagawai*, gonad, sex ratio, main spawning period

Spermatophore formation and transportation of the squid, *Todarodes pacificus* (Oogopsida: Ommastrephidae)

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Cephalopod reproduction has a different reproductive strategy than external fertilization in marine animals. Cephalopods, including *Loligo pealii* (Austin et al., 1964), internal fertilization fish *Neoditrema ransonneti* (Lee et al., 2001), and crustaceans *Carcinus maenas* (Subramoniam, 1993) males form spermatophores, which are responsible for sperm storage and efficient delivery of sperm to females. In cephalopod, females have vary sperm storage organ according to mating type and species. *Loligo forbesi* (Lum-Kong, 1992) and *Sepia apama* (Naude et al., 2005) have seminal receptacles in the buccal area. In *Moroteuthis ingens*, males attach spermatangia directly to female skin (Hoving and Laptikhovsky, 2007). However, studies on the formation and transportation of spermatophore in squid *Todarodes pacificus* have not been conducted. In this study, after dissecting a sample of an adult (mantle length: 193.2 mm) squid *T. pacificus*, the location and morphology of the reproductive organs in the mantle cavity were described with a dissecting microscope. Samples were fixed in 2.5% glutaraldehyde (0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 7.4). Specimens for light microscopy were produced using the paraffin sectioning method. In addition, H-E stain, Masson's trichrome stain and AB-PAS (pH 2.5) reaction were performed. As a result, the sperm formed from the testis of *T. pacificus* passed through the seminal vesicle and a spermatophore was formed in the spermatophoric gland. The formed spermatophore passed through the spermatophoric sac and penis was attached to the seminal receptacle of the female buccal area.



Key words: *Todarodes pacificus*, male, reproductive organ, spermatophore

Prometryn induces failure of organogenesis in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) via disruption of mitochondrial respiration and ROS production

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Herbicides have been used to control undesired weeds to improve the quality and productivity of agricultural products. Prometryn, 2-methylthio-4,6-bis(isopropylamino)-1,3,5-triazine, is one of triazine herbicide widely used to control weeds in celery, carrots, pigeon peas, peanuts, and cotton. However, prometryn threatens environment and human health due to continuous contamination, bioaccumulation, and damage to non-target organisms. In this study, zebrafish (*Danio rerio*), which is a non-target organism of prometryn, was used for the toxicity evaluation and several transgenic zebrafish models enabled visual confirmation of early development of zebrafish. Zebrafish embryos were exposed to 5, 10, and 20 mg/L prometryn for 96 h and loss of viability, shortened body length, yolk sac and heart edema, and abnormal heart rate were observed. Through fluorescence microscopy, deficiency of organ development, reactive oxygen species accumulation, and apoptotic cell death were monitored in zebrafish embryos by prometryn. Mitochondrial bioenergetics were also investigated to determine the effect of prometryn on the electron transport chain activity and metabolic alterations during embryogenesis of zebrafish. Prometryn interfered with the mitochondrial function, ultimately inhibiting energy metabolism and embryonic development. Collectively, our findings provide the developmental toxicity of prometryn in zebrafish during embryogenesis and emphasize the need to consider the toxic effects of prometryn on non-target sites and organisms.

Key words: prometryn, zebrafish, toxicity, developmental toxicity, oxidative stress, mitochondrial dysfunction

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Impermanent female-to-male sex change in the protogynous red-spotted grouper (*Epinephelus akaara*) by 17 α -methyltestosterone treatment

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17 α -methyltestosterone (MT) has been used to artificially induce male fate in many grouper species. In this study, the potentiality of MT-feeding to induce the gonadal sex change in red-spotted grouper (*Epinephelus akaara*) was investigated. 90-day-old red-spotted groupers (total length: 5.98 \pm 0.14 cm, body weight: 3.67 \pm 0.2 g) were fed MT-supplemented diets (10 mg and 40 mg MT/Kg diet) at the sex differentiation phase for 9 weeks and then, MT-feeding withdrawal; fed with a normal commercial diet until termination of the experiment (36 weeks). Gonadal histology and sex steroid (estradiol, E2; testosterone, T) levels were evaluated during the experimental period. MT-feeding induced to develop spermatogenic cyst-like structure, bypassing the formation of an ovarian cavity, and decreasing the plasma E2 levels in the MT-treated group. Over the long term, the sex-reversed testis was observed in the MT-fed group (40 mg MT/Kg diet) with numerous spermatozoa. A significant increase in plasma T levels and subsequent decrease in E2 levels were also observed. Plasma cortisol level was found higher during the gonad transformation phase and returned to the basal level after completion of sex change. Collectively, our results suggest that MT-feeding at a 40 mg/Kg diet can induce impermanent sex change from female to male in *E. akaara*, by increasing the plasma T levels.

Key words: red-spotted grouper, *Epinephelus akaara*, 17 α -methyltestosterone, gonadal sex change

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북방전복의 allatotropin 수용체와 리간드 반응성 연구

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Allatotropin(AT)은 곤충의 일주기 리듬, 소화효소 분비, 이온 수송, 장 수축 및 심박수를 조절하는 펩티드성 호르몬으로 알려져 있다. Allatotropin 수용체(ATR)는 GPCR rhodopsin 계열 subfamily에 속하며, orexin 수용체와 orthologue 관계로 추정되고, AT와 결합하여 세포 내 칼슘 이온을 증가시키는 신호전달경로가 알려져 있다.

본 연구는 해양무척추동물의 AT 및 ATR에 관한 기초적인 정보를 확보하기 위해 북방전복(*Haliotis discus hannai*)의 AT 전구체 및 ATR cDNA를 cloning하고, 분자계통수 분석을 진행하였다. 북방전복의 ATR은 연체동물의 ATR과 단일 clade를 형성하고, AT 전구체는 107개의 아미노산을 암호화하며, 그 중 13개의 아미노산으로 구성된 1개의 성숙형 펩티드를 동정하였다. ATR 발현벡터 및 serum response element(SRE) reporter를 형질도입한 HEK293세포를 이용하여 리간드 반응성을 조사한 결과, 북방전복의 AT 및 AT 2번째 아미노산인 페닐알라린 잔기를 D형으로 이성질체화시킨 AT-D2 모두 농도 의존적으로 ATR의 활성을 증가시켰다. 한편, 북방전복의 GnRH에 대한 SRE reporter 활성은 보이지 않았다. 전복의 조직(뇌신경절, 측측신경절, 생식소, 간췌장, 아가미, 장, 폐각근, 외투막)에서 ATR mRNA 발현을 조사한 결과, 뇌신경절 및 측측신경절, 폐각근에서 높은 발현을 보였다. 본 연구 결과를 종합하면, 북방전복의 ATR은 연체동물문 복족류의 ATR 그룹에 속하는 것으로 밝혀졌고, 북방전복의 AT 및 AT-D2는 북방전복의 ATR의 리간드로 추정된다. 본 연구는 향후 무척추동물의 AT 및 ATR에 대한 기초적인 자료로 사용될 수 있을 것으로 사료된다.

Key words: allatotropin, 북방전복, ATR

Genetic analysis of cultivated *Takifugus obscurus* entities

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The benthic river pufferfish (*Takifugus obscurus*) inhabit the floor regions, laying eggs under rock. They bear yellow stripes laterally with a dark-brown dorsal body and white belly. These pufferfish are rounded- and club-bodied with black spots detected on the pectoral and dorsal fins. This finfish represent a few of the finfish species, which are socioeconomically significant in many seashore regions. In an effort to upgrade river pufferfish aquaculture, this study elucidates the genetic distances and variations between untamed and cultivated river pufferfish populations. A cluster analysis of two cultivated river pufferfish populations was also performed. Genomic DNA (gDNA) examples segregated from *Takifugus obscurus* (cultivated river pufferfish population alpha, CRPPA) and cultivated river pufferfish population beta, CRPPB) gathered at Yesan of Korea, were PCR-enlarged continually. The amount of the acquired gDNA was quantified with the optical density (OD) proportion at 260 nm by a micro-spectrophotometer. The arithmetic mean of within-CRPP similarity was calculated by pairwise comparison between entities within a population. By means of similarity matrices to build a dendrogram, expedited by the PC-package program Systat version 10, a hierarchical CT was constructed. FRA size ranging from 50 to 800 bp. The complication of the banding forms were different spectacularly amid the ON-primers and entities. Most of all, the OPC-02 primer offered DNA précises with further FRAs than the other five ON-primers in the CRPPA population and OPC-16 from CRPPB. The band-sharing value (BSV) of similarity matrix (SM) between individuals numbered 13 and 08 in the cultured population was 0.253, which was the lowest recognized. The oligonucleotides primer (ON-primer) OPC-16 identified 22 unique loci shared within each population reproducing the cultivated river pufferfish population alpha. The OPC-16 primer detected 44 loci shared by the two populations. The average BS values of individuals in the population alpha between beta (0.544 ± 0.007) were lower than in those derived from two cultivated populations (0.733 ± 0.010 and 0.734 ± 0.012 , respectively) ($p < 0.05$). The shortest genetic distance (GD) establishing a substantial molecular difference was create between the cultivated individuals #17 and #15 ($GD = 0.051$).

BP-3 and EHMC combination influence on estrogen levels and GVBD in maturing oocytes of Longchin goby (*Chasmichthys dolichognathus*)

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2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone (oxybenzone, BP-3) and 2-ethyl-hexyl-4-methoxycinnamate (octinoxate, EHMC) are one of the major compounds of sunscreens. In our previous study, we exposed BP-3 (0.5, 5, 50 and 500 ng mL⁻¹) and/or EHMC (0.5, 5, 50 and 500 ng mL⁻¹) were examined in the maturing oocytes of longchin goby (*Chasmichthys dolichognathus*); showed a significant increase of estradiol (E2) level in the BP-3 5 ng mL⁻¹. Therefore, in this study, we investigated the effects of mixture (BP-3 and EHMC) on estrogen (E1 and E2) levels and GVBD using maturing oocytes of longchin goby. The oocytes with average diameters of 800 µm were incubated with different concentrations (BP-3 5 ng mL⁻¹ with EHMC 0, 5, 50, and 500 ng mL⁻¹) for 24 h under 15°C and 20°C water temperature (WT). We analyzed estrogen levels using radioimmunoassay (RIA). GVBD was induced in BP-3 5 ng mL⁻¹ with EHMC 50 ng mL⁻¹ under WT 15°C compared to control. There is no significant difference of E1 levels of all tested groups, but the E1 levels tended to increase in BP-3 5 ng mL⁻¹ under WT 15°C and 20°C without a statistically significant difference. Significant increase of E2 level indicated in BP-3 5 ng mL⁻¹ under WT 15°C compare to control.

Key words: UV filter, BP-3, EHMC, GVBD, estrogen

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불바리(*Epinephelus akaara*) 자어의 성장과 등지느러미 발달

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어류는 자어에서 치어로 발달하는 과정에 다양한 형태적 발달 과정을 갖는다. 바리와 어류의 경우, 자치어 시기 형태적 특징은 등지느러미 제2극과 배지느러미 극이 특이하게 신장되고 발달하면서 치어로 성장하는 변태과정을 겪는다. 이와 같은 종 특이적인 지느러미의 형태적 발달 특징은 바리와 어류의 종자 생산 과정에 있어 초기 자어의 사육 밀도 관리에 있어 중요한 사양관리 요소가 된다. 이 연구는 불바리 종자의 변태과정에 대한 기초자료를 제공하기 위해 불바리 자어의 성장과 등지느러미 발달에 대하여 조사하였다. 인공수정을 통해 얻은 불바리 부화자어는 21.0~25.5°C에서 사육하였고, 로티퍼는 부화 5일부터 30일까지, 알테미아는 20일부터 60일까지 공급하였다. 미립자 사료는 13일부터 소량 공급하였으며, 20일부터 점차 공급량을 증가시켰다. 불바리 자어의 성장과 지느러미 발달 과정을 조사하기 위해 부화 1일부터 72일까지 자어를 임의로 30마리 이상을 채집하여, 광학 현미경을 통해 외부형태 관찰 및 계측하였다. 부화 1일차 자어의 전장은 2.10±0.01 mm이었고, 부화 3일차 전장 2.39±0.01 mm로 성장하였으며, 이 시기에 등 안쪽에서 침체형태의 것이 관찰되었다. 부화 6일차 자어의 전장은 2.62±0.01 mm이었고, 척추에서 극조의 뿌리 부분이 관찰되었다. 이후 부화 9일차 등지느러미 제2극과 배지느러미 극이 돌출하였다. 부화 10일차 자어의 전장은 3.0±0.2 mm이었고, 등지느러미 제2극은 0.2±0.01 mm이었다. 부화 13일차 자어의 등지느러미 제1극이 관찰되었으며, 등지느러미 제1극은 0.5±0.1 mm, 제2극은 1.0±0.1 mm이었고, 제2극 기저부위에 가시 같은 극(spine)이 6개 관찰되었다. 부화 17일차 자어의 꼬리지느러미의 기초적인 줄기가 발달하였고, 부화 19일차 전장은 5.7±0.1 mm이었고, 등지느러미 제2극은 1.9±0.1 mm로 신장되어 전장대비 44%를 차지하였으며, 미세한 톱니형태의 극(spine)이 10~12개로 증가하였고, 좌우대칭 형태로 발달하였으며, 제3극이 관찰되었다. 부화 23일차 뒷지느러미의 기초적인 줄기가 발달하였다. 부화 45일차 자어의 전장은 22.43±0.3 mm이었고, 지느러미 분화가 완료되어 등지느러미 극조는 10~12개, 연조는 15~16개로 분화되었으며, 꼬리지느러미 줄기는 16~17개, 뒷지느러미 줄기는 11개로 분화되어 변태 단계를 끝내고 성어와 유사한 지느러미 형태를 띄었다. 이 연구에서 불바리 자어의 등지느러미 제2극은 10~12개의 미세한 톱니 모양의 극(spine)이 발달하였으며, 제2극의 길이는 전장 대비 최대 44%를 차지하였으나, 이후 성장하면서 비율이 감소하였고, 부화 후 45일경에 지느러미 분화가 완료되어 변태 단계가 종료되었다. 이러한 불바리 자어의 성장과 지느러미 발달양상은 향후 불바리 종자 생산에 있어 초기 사육 밀도 조절 등 사양관리 정보에 중요한 기초자료가 될 것으로 판단된다.

Key words: 불바리, *Epinephelus akaara*, 성장, 변태, 등지느러미

Differentiation and development of hepatopancreatic in red spotted grouper, *Epinephelus akaara*

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Understanding the developmental process of larvae's digestive system in aquaculture is a very basic factor in determining the initial food source selection and feeding timing. The liver is an accessory gland of the digestive tract and is a major organ that regulates various physiological functions such as bile production and secretion and homeostasis control through exocrine and endocrine functions. This study was conducted to provide basic information for understanding the hepatopancreatic differentiation and developmental processes of *Epinephelus akaara* larvae for developing aquaculture techniques. For this study, we investigated the hepatopancreatic differentiation and developmental processes from 1 to 30 day after hatching (dah) by artificial fertilization. For this, we performed sampling on 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 dah and investigated the hepatopancreas development process through the Haematoxylin & Eosin staining process. Larvae were reared at water temperature of 21.0~25.5°C. The feeding regime consisted of rotifers, Artemia, and commercial pellet feed. Larvae were fed with rotifer (*Brachionus rotundiformis*) from 5~30 dah. Newly hatched Artemia were provided from 20~25 dah and enriched Artemia from 26~60 dah. Commercial pellet feed was given starting at 13 dah. At 1 dah, the unabsorbed yolk has been observed and cannot confirm digestive system development. On the 3rd day of hatching, we observed that yolk was almost absorbed. A simple morphology of the digestive tract also has been observed, and pancreatic cells and hepatocytes began to come into view in the anterior part of the digestive tract. The yolk is no longer visible at 5 dah. And the liver morphology has watched for the first time. At the same time, we observed lipid granules in the hepatocytes. Pancreatic tissue was between the liver and the alimentary canal in larvae at 9 dah. It was also between the stomach and rectum. After that, we observed that the liver and pancreatic tissues were extant divided from each other until 30 days after hatching. Therefore, since we observed the liver and pancreatic tissues from 3 dah, it is thought that the liver and pancreatic tissues can influence digestion from this time. Liver and pancreatic tissues were observed respectively from 3 to 30 dah. Therefore, it is necessary to explore the process and timing of differentiation and development of liver and pancreatic tissue. Furthermore, the results of this study are looking forward to contributing to providing basic information in determining the exact feeding time and food source in the seedling production process.

Key words: *Epinephelus akaara*, hepatopancreas, liver, pancreas, development, differentiation

Effect of dietary astaxanthin feed on colour change in red spotted grouper, *Epinephelus akaara*

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Pigments of fish colour include melanin, guanine, uric acid, purin, pterin, and carotenoids. Most pigments are synthesized by themselves in the body and used for expression of body colour. However, carotenoids cannot be synthesized by themselves, so they can only be used as body pigments if they are absorbed through external sources of food. Fish coloration is one of the important factors for increasing the commercial value of red spotted grouper. For this reason, this study was carried out to enhance the value of commerciality by improving the colour of the cultured red spotted grouper using carotenoids. We investigated changes in body colour, histological changes in the intestines, and mRNA expression changes in carotenoid-related factors (*bco2*, *scarb1*, *xdh* mRNA) in the liver and intestines after astaxanthin were subsumed in the red spotted grouper. During the 4weeks experimental period, 1,000 ppm of astaxanthin was adsorbed in the feed and supplied to the experimental group, and general feed was supplied to the control group. As a result of performing HSL chromaticity analysis to compare and analyze body colour changes, the spots and of red saturation abdominal skin of the experimental group were higher than that of the control group. Although there was no difference between the experimental groups in the hepatosomatic index, the size of hepatocyte was observed significantly larger in the experimental group than in the control group ($p<0.05$). There was no difference between groups in the expression of *xdh* mRNA in the liver, and expression of *bco2* mRNA and *scarb1* mRNA in the intestine. Our research suggests that astaxanthin feeding in red spotted grouper can affect improving the red saturation of the body. In addition, it is thought that the size of the hepatocytes increased because astaxanthin was accumulated in the hepatocytes as a lipid. However, there was no change in the expression of carotenoid-related factors in the liver and intestines, and it is thought that research is needed to clarify the mechanism between astaxanthin and somatic coloration in the future.

Key words: astaxanthin, carotenoid, chromatophore, body colour, *Epinephelus akaara*

Development of digestive tract in red spotted grouper, *Epinephelus akaara*

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The digestive tract of fish is an important organ for the digestion and absorption of nutrients. The information on development of digestive tract in larvae is basic data for improving the survival rate of larvae, such as the selection and supply timing of initial food source in the seed production. This study investigated the external shape change and developmental pattern of digestive tract in red spotted grouper according to growth stage. Larvae were reared at water temperature of 21.0~25.5°C. The feeding regime consisted of rotifers, Artemia, and commercial pellet feed. Larvae were fed with rotifer from 5~30 day after hatching (dah). The Artemia were provided from 20~60 dah. Commercial pellet feed was given starting at 13 dah. In order to investigate the external shape and digestive tract development of red spotted grouper, we performed sampling on 1 to 50 dah. The observation on external shape development of larvae was performed through an optic microscope and the developmental process of digestive tract was investigated by histological method through the Haematoxylin & Eosin staining. And the development of goblet cells was observed through Alcian Blue-Periodic Acid Schiff (AB-PAS) staining. At 1 dah, mouth and anus of larvae was closed. The digestive tract was observed in a straight line between ventral side and the yolk. At 3 dah, the yolk of larvae was almost absorbed and was surrounded by liver and some pancreatic tissue. The darkening of the eyes began and the lumen of the digestive tract gradually widened. At 4 dah, the mouth and anus of larvae were opened, rotifer intake was confirmed, and the intestine and rectum were separated. At 5 dah, the intestine of larvae began to rotate, the length of the intestine increased, and lumen was widened. The gastric lumen between the anterior intestine and esophagus was widened and distinguished. At 10 dah, the spines of dorsal fin and pelvic fin in larvae was elongated. The development of mucosal folds in the rectum was observed, and goblet cells were observed in the esophagus by PAS staining. At this time, the larvae have early digestive system such as esophagus, stomach, anterior intestine, midintestine, posterior intestine, and rectum, and the intestinal rotation was completed. At 13 dah, the teeth were observed in the mouth of the larvae, and as they grew, the size and number of teeth increased as they grew. At 15 dah, the lumen of the stomach between the esophagus and anterior intestine gradually widened. At 20 dah, the development of mucosal folds in the stomach was observed. The number of goblet cells increased in the esophagus and the goblet

cells were observed all digestive organs. At 30 dah, the pyloric caeca was observed and the gastric mucosal folds were further development and the gastric gland was observed. At 40 dah, the sphincter was clearly development between the esophagus and stomach, and between the stomach and the anterior intestine. At 50 dah, the gastric lumen was enlarged, the gastric gland was further development. The mucosal folds were more densely distributed in all digestive organs, and a digestive system developed similar to those of adult fish. The information on digestive tract development according to the growth of larvae will contribute to the growth and survival rate of red spotted grouper larvae by systemizing the optimal feeding time during seed production of red spotted grouper.

Key words: red spotted grouper, *Epinephelus akaara*, digestive tract, gastric gland, goblet cell

Increased activity of the Na⁺-leak channel (NALCN) in arterial smooth muscle cells

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Our previous study showed that oxidative stress induces Na⁺ influx through non-selective cation channel in arterial smooth muscle cells. This oxidative stress-induced ion channel currents contributed to the increased arterial contraction. Here, we identified the oxidative stress-activated non-selective cation channel in normal and diabetic arterial smooth muscle cells. Microfluorometric intracellular sodium (Na⁺) measurements, western blotting, organ chamber isometric contraction measurement, microarray and gene transfection techniques were used for this study. We screened H₂O₂-activated ion channels in arterial smooth muscle cells by microarray methods and found that NALCN ion channel mRNA level is increased by H₂O₂. In organ chamber experiments, H₂O₂ contracted arterial rings under normal condition. However, H₂O₂ failed to contract the arterial rings in low-Na⁺ condition (NMDG-Cl bath). The activation of NALCN by H₂O₂ was confirmed in vitro analysis, in which H₂O₂ increased Na⁺ influx in HEK293T cells that were transfected with NALCN channelosome genes. In contrast, activation of Na⁺ influx by H₂O₂ in control HEK293T cells that were *NOT* transfected was minimal. In the pre-diabetic mice model that were fed with high glucose, NALCN levels in arterial tissue were increased. Furthermore, *in vitro* analysis showed that NALCN levels were higher in arterial smooth muscle cells cultured in high-glucose medium than in normal-glucose medium. Taken together, we conclude that NALCN is activated by H₂O₂ and its functional expression is also increased by oxidative stress as well as high glucose. This increased activity of NALCN by oxidative stress and high glucose may contribute to the pathogenesis of various cardiovascular dysfunctions such as diabetic vascular disorder.

Autosumoylation of Ubc9 leads to restore a replicative lifespan defect by loss of Ulp2 SUMO protease

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Post-translational protein modifications by the small ubiquitin-related modifier (SUMO) regulates numerous cellular pathways, including transcription, cell division, and genome maintenance. This modification is reversed by SUMO proteases, Ulp1 and Ulp2, in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. We previously found that *ulp2Δ* cells acquire mutations in genes encoding the SUMO-related enzymes Ubc9 or Uba2/Aos1 during laboratory evolution. Remarkably, despite the complete absence of the *ULP2* gene, these evolved cells exhibit an extended lifespan and do not present any obvious stress sensitivities. This is also accompanied by a reduction in polySUMO conjugate accumulation in most of the isolates. In addition, we identified several alterations in SUMO modification of proteins, and among them SUMO conjugation levels of Ubc9, a budding yeast E2 SUMO enzyme, show severe alterations during adaptive evolution. SUMOylation of Ubc9 causes inactivation of Ubc9's enzymatic activity and functions as a cofactor for other active Ubc9. Ubc9's E2 activity is regulated through interactions between inactive SUMOylated and active Ubc9. Therefore, our results suggest that down-regulation of Ubc9 SUMOylation may be a crucial factor for restoration of a replicative lifespan defect caused by loss of Ulp2.

Key words: SUMO, Ubc9, Ulp2, replicative lifespan, autosumoylation

Regulation of Chi3l1 expression in the uterus according to the estrogen

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In the uterus, unlike other organs, dynamic modification occurs in response to ovarian hormones such as estrogen and progesterone. Chitinase-like proteins, CLPs, which belong to the glycoside hydrolase family 18 of proteins are expressed differently across the species due to mutations in the enzymatic active site of chitinase. Chitinase-3 like 1, Chi3l1, which is expressed in both humans and mice, is the most studied protein among CLPs and is known to play a role in host defense and immune regulation. Although many studies have been conducted in respect of pathology like asthma and cancer with Chi3l1, nothing has been revealed about the expression pattern of Chi3l1 in the physiology of the uterus and estrogen. In this study, according to microarray data, we confirmed that the Chi3l1 mRNA expression in the uterus was induced by 17 β -estradiol treatment in the ovariectomized wild-type mice not in estrogen receptor alpha (ER α) knock-out mice. In addition, the expression of Chi3l1 mRNA was not promoted in the uterus-specific Era conditional knock-out mice with the injection of estradiol. In the uterus of mice, Chi3l1 mRNA and protein expression was significantly regulated during the estrous cycle. The expression was highest in the proestrus stage and gradually decreased until the diestrus stage. Moreover, Chi3l1 mRNA and protein expression was dramatically increased in the uterus of ovariectomized mice by administration of 17 β -estradiol, especially 24 hours after. Progesterone could not induce the expression of Chi3l1 in the uterus. Like the informatics analysis, Chi3l1 was exclusively localized in the luminal and glandular epithelial cells of the uterus. Our study revealed that an increase in Chi3l1 mRNA and protein of uterine epithelial cells can be induced by estrogen. It is known that Chi3l1 also plays the role in epithelial-mesenchymal transition and angiogenesis. This represents a possibility that Chi3l1 has a crucial role in regulating the vigorous changes in the uterus with estrogen.

Key words: uterus, chitinase like protein, chitinase-3 like 1, estrogen, estrogen receptor alpha

The regulation of TAZ expression by estrogen in mouse uterus

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The mouse uterus undergoes many morphological and functional changes. The dynamic modulation is precisely regulated by two steroid hormones, estrogen and progesterone, during the estrous cycle. TAZ known as a transcriptional coactivator, which shuttles between the cytoplasm and the nucleus under the Hippo signaling. Nuclear TAZ is involved in regulation of cell proliferation, organ overgrowth, survival to stress and dedifferentiation. However, the phosphorylation of TAZ at Ser89 leads destabilization of TAZ protein by sequestering into the cytoplasm resulting in proteasomal degradation. Recent studies indicated that estrogen is associated with regulation of TAZ activation via GPER (G protein-coupled estrogen receptor 1) by inhibiting TAZ phosphorylation. But the regulation of TAZ in mouse uterus remains unknown. In this study, we investigated TAZ expression and its regulation in mouse uterus. TAZ mRNA and protein did not show significant change during the estrous cycle. However, immunofluorescence analysis revealed that TAZ nuclear localization is significantly increase at the estrus stage. Interestingly, the phosphorylation of TAZ was changed according to the estrous stage, and it was lowest at the proestrus stage. And the expression level of TAZ mRNA and protein increased time-dependent by estrogen treatment. The expression level of TAZ mRNA was highest at 4 hours (4 h) and protein is significantly accumulated in 6h and 12h after estrogen treatment. Also, immunofluorescence staining showed that nuclear TAZ was significantly increased in 6h and 12h after estrogen treatment compared to control (oil). In conclusion, TAZ expression is regulated and activated by estrogen in mouse uterus, but further analysis is required to determine whether the TAZ expression is regulated by nuclear estrogen receptors ER α and ER β , which are sequence-specific DNA-binding transcription factors or GPER, which is seven-transmembrane-domain receptor that mediates non-genomic estrogen related signaling. This research was supported by a grant from National Research Foundation of The Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning (2021R1A2C1011916).

Key words: TAZ, estrogen, mouse uterus

Small molecule probe development for spermatogonial stem cells through fluorescent compound library screening

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Throughout adult life, male fertility essentially depends on spermatogonial stem cells (SSCs) activity, including self-renewal and differentiation process for the continual generation of functional spermatozoa. Owing to SSCs existing in an extremely low population, the enrichment process is necessarily required for its downstream application. Antibodies for undifferentiated germ cell markers have conferred enrichment of SSCs. Yet, there has been an unmet demand for novel probe development for SSCs due to the absence of a unique validated marker that distinguishes functional SSCs from the undifferentiated germ cell population. To address this, we have performed a cell-based screening of small-molecule fluorescent compounds library on undifferentiated germline stem cell (GSC) lines. Our preliminary results have identified a candidate compound, RSC30, that confers selective staining with GSC lines over the non-GSC models, including mouse fibroblast and differentiated germ cells. In addition, the RSC30-dependent sorting significantly enhances SSCs enrichment from the whole GSC population in an in vitro germ cell clump forming assay without a prominent toxic feature. The further study aims to evaluate RSC30 as the SSC probe with spermatogonial transplantation and identify binding molecules. Our study may contribute a useful tool for SSCs research, especially in non-rodent species where appropriate cell-surface markers are not studied.

Key words: bio-imaging probe, RSC30, spermatogonial stem cell

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Low flow microfluidic chip system-based assay facilitates bisphenol-A treated GC-1 spermatogonial cells cytotoxicity evaluation

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Cells naturally exist in three-dimensional (3D) microenvironments in living organisms with intricate cell-cell interactions and complex *in vivo* milieu supports. The microfluidic chip operates at extremely low flow speed, and these flow characteristics have the advantages in controlling the cell culture environment in the microfluidic chip versus conventional stationary mono-layered 2D culture cannot achieve. The purpose of this study is to observe the effect of endocrine disruptor bisphenol A (BPA) concentrations on the growth of GC-1 differentiated spermatogonia in a single microenvironment. The culture medium and the BPA solution (200 μ M), each flow into the microfluidic channel through the two inlets, form a concentration gradient due to the characteristics of laminar flow. An osmotic pump was used to drive the microfluidic chip at a flow rate. The osmotic phenomenon in the osmotic pump produces an interstitial level flow without an external power source, and in our system, the flow rate was measured to be approximately 9.548×10^{-8} g/s. Twenty thousand GC-1 cells were seeded and cultured overnight and gradient flow of BPA : culture media were applied for 48 hrs. Cells were stained with LIVE/DEADTM Cell Imaging Kit and the whole chip was pictured with Nikon eclipse TE2000-U fluorescent microscope. We observed spatial gradient flow generates BPA concentration-dependent cytotoxicity on GC-1 cells. The results demonstrate the potential of the microfluidics platform for evaluating the cytotoxicity of single reagent with continuous flow.

Key words: microfluidics chip, GC-1 spermatogonial cell: cytotoxicity, bisphenol A

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Artificial skin manufacturing technology using 3D cell printing and skin therapeutic effect

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Previous known artificial skin production methods are manual method and have limitations in productivity and uniformity. This has particular limitations in developing techniques to rapidly prepare therapeutically effective skin substitutes for extensive burns and surgeries requiring skin grafting. To overcome this, we used 3D bioprinting technology to create high productivity and uniform artificial skin and analyzed whether skin-derived extracellular matrix with fibroblasts and keratinocytes has a healing effect on skin wounds. The artificial skin production was possible within 5 minutes with 3D bioprinting technique, and the 3D cell-printed skin substitute showed rapid re-epithelialization and excellent tissue regeneration effect compared to the control group in a mouse wound model. These results are expected to help in the development of technologies that can quickly and easily provide customized skin replacement tissues to patients through 3D bioprinting technology.

Key words: artificial skin, dECM, 3D bioprinting, chimney wound model, mouse

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Microencapsulation-based large-scale cell culture platform in iPSC differentiation

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Research of neural differentiations using stem cells is a promising tool for new drug development cytotoxicity and cell therapeutic application. For this purpose, cell stability and mass production condition are necessary to control neural differentiation. In this present study, we established an optimal microfluidic chip system to generate a large-scale differentiation system of peripheral nerve cells. The optimal condition using an encapsulated-chip for 3D and directory differentiation of peripheral motor neurons showed three differences in the iPSC differentiation approach. Firstly, the microfluidic chip with alginate bead generated large-scale embryonic body (EB) formation and maintained single EB formation without aggregation of EBs during the differentiation process. We compared aggregation formation using two different fluorescence in conditions with/without alginate encapsulation and showed that the alginate encapsulation group prevented 100% aggregation of cell to cell and EB to EB. Secondly, a uniformed alginate bead size of $110 \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$ was induced uniform EB size as $50 \pm 5 \mu\text{m}$, which led to an approximately 3-fold increase in the three germ layer marks such as SOX1 (ectoderm), BRACHYURY (mesoderm), SOX17 (endoderm) compared with non-uniform EB size. Finally, in induction condition with differentiation factors of peripheral motor neuron, alginate encapsulated cells highly upregulated genes expression of OLIG2 and NEUROG2 for motor neuron progenitor marks and HB9 and CHAT for mature motor neuron marks compared with non-encapsulated cells. Our results suggest that alginate bead-based encapsulation by using a microfluidic chip system combined with differentiation factors could be a powerful tool for deriving a high purity of desired cells and for producing large-scale cell culture from human pluripotent stem cells.

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Development of optimal protocol to induce capacitation on boar spermatozoa *in vitro*

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In 1951, Colin Russell Austin and Min Chueh Chang have been identified “capacitation”. It is the special process of ejaculated spermatozoa in female reproductive tracts. The idea of capacitation came from *in vivo* phenomena, whereas the almost knowledge of capacitation are obtained from *in vitro* studies. Therefore, various trials have been performed to establish *in vitro* capacitation methods for applying various studies of reproduction. Although a series of studies have been conducted to develop optimal protocol to induce capacitation, almost studies focused on developing appropriate chemical compounds to induce capacitation for boar spermatozoa *in vitro*. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to develop the optimal incubation time to induce capacitation *in vitro*. Duroc semen were incubated during various time condition (60, 90 and 120 min) to induce capacitation. Then, sperm functions (sperm motility, motion kinematic parameters, and capacitation status) were evaluated. The results were showed that total sperm motility (MOT, %), rapid sperm motility (RPD, %), progressive sperm motility (PRG, %), curvilinear velocity (VCL, $\mu\text{m/s}$) and average path velocity (VAP, $\mu\text{m/s}$) were significantly decreased in time-dependent manners. However, capacitation status was not showed significant alteration. Taken together, these results were indicated that increase of incubation time more than 60 min suppress sperm motility and motion kinematic parameters. Therefore, we suggest that the 60 min may be the best incubation time to induce capacitation without negative effects of sperm motility and motion kinematics for boar spermatozoa *in vitro*.

Key words: boar, spermatozoa, capacitation, *in vitro*, sperm functions

Deguelin suppresses sperm functions via the activating PI3K/AKT pathway during capacitation

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Deguelin is a natural flavonoid compound extracted from *Lonchocarpus*, *Derris*, or *Tephrosia*. It is also known as an AKT inhibitor, and several studies have been shown that Deguelin has the potential as a therapeutic agent for malignant tumors. However, risk of Deguelin on male fertility has not been fully explained yet. Therefore, the aim of the present investigation was to evaluate the effects of Deguelin on sperm functions during capacitation. Firstly, boar spermatozoa were incubated with various concentrations of Deguelin (0.1, 1, 10, 50, and 100 μ M). Then, sperm motility, capacitation status, intracellular ATP level, and cell viability were evaluated. In addition, western blot was performed to investigate the effects of Deguelin on PI3K/AKT pathway and tyrosine phosphorylation. Our results revealed that Deguelin significantly decreased sperm motility and motion kinematics in a dose-dependent manner. Moreover, there was no significant difference in capacitation status, whereas acrosome reaction was decreased in the high concentrations (50 and 100 μ M). Intracellular ATP level was significantly decreased in all treatment groups compared to the control group. However, there was no significant difference in cell viability. In addition, western blot results indicated that Deguelin diminished tyrosine phosphorylation. Unexpectedly, contrary to the previous studies that Deguelin inhibits AKT, our results significantly increased the expression of PI3K/AKT pathway-related proteins. Taken together, our data showed that Deguelin induces detrimental effects on sperm functions due to abnormal PI3K/AKT signaling activation. In conclusion, we provided the first evidence that Deguelin may act by differentially regulation of the PI3K/AKT pathway in spermatozoa. It is also suggested that the harmful effects of Deguelin should be considered when applying Deguelin to cancer treatment.

Key words: deguelin, PI3K/AKT, sperm functions, capacitation, male fertility

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Oryzalin induces oxidative stress in porcine uterine luminal epithelial cells and trophectoderm cells leading to implantation failure

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Oryzalin is one of dinitroaniline type pesticides to inhibit the growth of weeds via inhibition of microtubule synthesis. As studies about deleterious effect of dinitroaniline pesticides on development and reproductive system, we tried to demonstrate the toxic mechanisms of oryzalin on early pregnancy stage using porcine uterine epithelial cells (pLE) and trophectoderm (pTr) cells. pLE and pTr cells are adequate model for studying embryo development and implantation in molecular levels because of its similarity with humans. In our results, oryzalin inhibited the viability and proliferation of pLE and pTr cells, further affect to cell cycle progression. Additionally, oryzalin induced apoptotic cell death and impaired mitochondrial membrane polarity in pLE and pTr cells. Moreover, we confirmed that oryzalin significantly suppressed the ATP production and mitochondrial respiration using Seahorse XF analyzer. Furthermore, oxidative stress was also upregulated in oryzalin-treated pLE and pTr cells, and these effects were ameliorated by N-acetylcysteine, the ROS scavenger. In addition, the phosphorylation of ERK1/2, P38, AKT and P70S6K protein expression were stimulated by oryzalin treatment, but NAC reinstated the phosphorylation status into normal level in pLE and pTr cells. Finally, we verified the alleviation effect by NAC on suppressed migration and proliferation in oryzalin-treated pLE and pTr cells. Collectively, we elucidated the molecular mechanisms that oryzalin-induced oxidative stress impedes on proliferation and migration of pLE and pTr cells during early pregnancy.

Key words: oryzalin, oxidative stress, mitochondria, migration, early pregnancy

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Biomarker in male fertility: Ras-related proteins

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The development of efficient biomarkers for the prediction and diagnosis of male fertility is important to improve animal production and treatment of male infertility in humans. Ras-related proteins (Rab) are members of the Ras superfamily of monomeric G proteins associated with morphologic and motion kinematic functions in spermatozoa. Moreover, it has been reported that Rab2A, one of the Rab proteins can use male fertility-related biomarker. Therefore, the present study was designed to develop additional fertility-related biomarkers among various Rab proteins. First, expression levels of Rab proteins (Rab3A, Rab4, Rab5, Rab8A, Rab9, Rab11, Rab14, Rab25, Rab27A, and Rab34A) from 31 duroc boar spermatozoa were measured before and after capacitation, and then statistical analysis was performed to evaluate the correlation between expression level of Rab proteins and litter size. As a result, It was shown that Rab3A, Rab4, Rab5, Rab8A, Rab9, and Rab25 before capacitation as well as Rab3A, Rab4, Rab5, Rab8A, Rab9, and Rab14 after capacitation were negatively correlated with litter size. Moreover, increasing of litter size was observed in evaluation of the ability of the individual Rab protein to predict litter size depending on calculated cut-off values by ROC. Therefore, we suggest that the Rab proteins may be applied to use fertility-related biomarkers to select superior sires in the livestock industry. In addition, we anticipate that the Rab proteins will be applied to use prognosis and diagnosis of male infertility in humans.

Key words: Ras-related proteins, biomarkers, prediction, male fertility, pig

The essential role of Wnt/ β -catenin inhibition for establishing porcine embryonic stem cells from *in vitro*-derived blastocysts

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Stable pig embryonic stem cells (pESCs) can be a promising tool for understanding human cell fate decisions during early development because pigs are more similar to humans in anatomy and physiology. We developed a simplified culture condition for deriving pESCs by using a minimum of small molecules in knockout serum replacement media. Blastocysts obtained *in vitro* on day 6 were seeded on the feeder cell layer with DMEM/F10 (1:1), DMEM/F12, and α -MEM medium to compare an efficiency of the pESCs establishment according to the type of the basal medium and small molecules. The small molecule conditions were (1) FGF2 (F), (2) FGF2 + IWR-1 (FI), and (3) FGF2 + IWR-1 + CHIR (FIC). All three basal media showed success attachment of the blastocysts to the feeder layer. However, the colony formation was observed only in DMEM/F10 and DMEM/F12 conditions. Both conditions showed negative results for the expression of SOX2 in the F group through immunostaining, while it was expressed homogeneously in the FI and FIC condition. We characterized the obtained pESCs under FI small molecule conditions in the DMEM/F12 which is most defined and simplified medium. Immunostaining data presented homogenous expression of pluripotency markers OCT4, SOX2, NANOG, and SSEA4 in FI condition. When the mRNA expression levels of naive and primed-relative genes were compared, it was found that the levels of FGFR1 and FGFR2, known as primed markers, as well as the core pluripotency markers, Oct4, Sox2, and Nanog transcripts, were significantly higher than those of pESCs in serum condition. Expression of ectoderm, mesoderm, and endoderm markers was confirmed in the result of verification of differentiation potential through embryoid bodies formation. Although further studies are required to adapt feeder-free condition, these findings demonstrate that an inhibition of Wnt/ β -catenin pathway by IWR-1 supplementation are essential to establish pESCs from *in vitro*-derived blastocysts.

Key words: pig embryonic stem cells, FGF2, IWR-1

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Ahnak maintains pivotal functions of vertebrate urinary system

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Various renal abnormalities including hydronephrosis, polycystic and hydroureter had been reported and these symptoms are present in diseases such as DiGeorge syndrome, polycystic kidney disease, renal dysplasia and acute kidney failure. However, major target genes of various renal abnormalities are not elucidated yet. Ahnak plays a role in diverse processes as blood-brain barrier formation, cell structure, migration, cardiac calcium channel regulation, and tumor metastasis. Previous studies have reported that calcium imbalances cause various kidney diseases. Ahnak is expressed in intra-cellular locations such as plasma membrane, cytoplasm and nucleus. In this study, Ahnak localization was confirmed in developing ureteric bud and urothelium in mouse. Hydronephrosis, expanded Bowman's space, loss of urothelium and hydroureter were observed in Ahnak KO mouse. We confirmed that imbalance of calcium homeostasis was observed in Ahnak KO kidney. Moreover, smooth muscle in ureter has reduced peristalsis movement in Ahnak KO. These results indicated that Ahnak plays pivotal roles in kidney and ureter development to maintaining urinary system.

Key words: Ahnak, hydronephrosis, hydroureter, calcium homeostasis, muscle contraction.

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Studies on cephalopod brain molecular atlas in *Octopus minor*

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Cephalopods (e.g. nautilus, cuttlefish, squid, octopus) belong to a class of the phylum Mollusca and have a high intelligence, complex atlas structures, and large brain. However, there are a few studies on cephalopod brain in Mollusca. *Octopus minor*, commonly called long arm octopus, is a highly valuable species of great commercial interest and excellent candidate for aquaculture diversification. In this study, we performed morphological and histological analysis to investigate the structure of *O. minor* adult brain. Then, we confirmed the compartments of central brain separated by commissural neuron using neuronal marker such as neurotransmitter receptor (*SerT*, *TH* and *vGluT*), proliferation marker (*KI-67* and *BTGI*). We also analyzed transcriptome on the adult octopus brain to make anatomic definition based on gene expression classification. Finally, the up-regulated genes selected by Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs) analysis were visualized by *in situ* hybridization to examine the expression of marker genes in central brain. This research is the first step for understanding the molecular atlas of cephalopod adult brain.

Key words: cephalopod, brain, differentially expressed genes, *in situ* hybridization

Dinitramine interferes with implantation during early pregnancy by mitochondrial malfunction and cell cycle arrest in porcine trophectoderm and luminal epithelial cells

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As agricultural production increases, the role of herbicides is also becoming more important. However, several herbicides have been reported to be toxic to non-target species. One of dinitroaniline herbicides, dinitramine is used on crops to hinder the weed growth. The toxicity of dinitramine to aquatic organisms has been reported, but the toxicity to mammals, especially reproductive toxicity, has been rarely investigated. Therefore, we used pTr and pLE cells which are trophectoderm and endometrial luminal epithelial cells established at early pregnancy of pigs respectively to determine the toxicity of dinitramine to female reproductive systems. The survival rate of both cell types was reduced by dinitramine as it induced cell cycle arrest, notably at sub-G1 stage and suppressed DNA replication which trigger apoptosis. Also, dinitramine interrupted intracellular calcium homeostasis and produced reactive oxygen species (ROS) which induced oxidative stress in both cell types. These alterations caused the mitochondrial depolarization and disturbed oxidative phosphorylation. And MAPK pathways which are associated with apoptosis and cell survival, and gene expression levels related to pregnancy were changed by dinitramine. These effects reduced cell mobility and spheroid formation of both pTr and pLE cells. Thus, these results in the present study indicate dinitramine could interfere with implantation during early stages of pregnancy.

Key words: dinitramine, mitochondrial malfunction, cell cycle arrest, implantation failure

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O-GlcNAcylation during tooth development

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Tooth development is regulated by reciprocal interactions between epithelium and mesenchyme through complex signaling regulations, and undergoes different stages; bud, cap and bell stages. However, the detailed fine tuning mechanisms underlying tooth morphogenesis is still unknown. To understand the detailed mechanisms in tooth development, we examined the O-GlcNAcylation, the posttranslational modification which regulates protein stability and activity through the addition or removal of a single sugar (GlcNAc) to the serine or threonine residue of the intracellular proteins, in tooth morphogenesis. For these signaling regulations, it is necessary to examine the O-GlcNAc transferase (OGT) which catalyzes the addition of the O-GlcNAc to the serine and threonine residues of proteins. Immunostainings against OGT, and O-GlcNAc showed tissue specific localizations in developing mice tooth germs at cap, secretory, birth and tooth root forming stages. To evaluate developmental function of the O-GlcNAcylation, we employed the *in-vitro* tooth germs cultivation method at E14.5 for 1 and 2 days with or without treatment of OGT inhibitor. In addition, to evaluate the level of mineralization and morphological changes, we performed renal capsule transplantation for 1 and 3 weeks, after 2 days of cultivation at E14.5. After inhibition of OGT, morphological and molecular alternations were examined using histology, 3-dimentional reconstruction, SEM, immunohistochemistry, RT-qPCR, and *in-situ* hybridization. Overall, inhibition of OGT showed the altered cellular physiology including proliferation, apoptosis, and epithelial rearrangements with significant changes of expression patterns of tooth development related signaling molecules such as β -catenin, Fgf4, and Shh. Moreover, OGT inhibited tooth germs showed the retarded second molar development. Based on our results, we suggest that O-GlcNAcylation would play important roles in mouse molar morphogenesis through protein modification for proper signaling regulations and cell physiology.

Key words: O-GlcNAcylation, tooth development, OGT, signaling regulations

Slit-Robo expression in the leech nervous system: insights into eyespot evolution

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The nervous system is a major organ system in metazoans and the development of nerve system include evolutionarily conserved systems of ligands and receptors, such as the Slit/Robo system, that serve as guidance cues in patterning their respective nerve cords. The number of *slit* and *robo* gene paralogs varies across recent bilaterian genomes. Given the lack of data regarding Slit/Robo in the Lophotrochozoa compared to the Ecdysozoa and Deuterostomia, the present study aims to identify and characterize the expression of Slit/Robo orthologs in leech development. We found one *slit* (*Hau-slit*) and two *robo* genes (*Hau-robo1* and *Hau-robo2*) in the leech *Helobdella austinensis* genome, and that their transcripts are expressed dynamically in late stages of development. Our results were consistent with eyespot development in the Lophotrochozoa. Furthermore, based on comparison of the expression of *slit* and *robo* orthologs in another glossiphoniid leech, *Alboglossiphonia lata*, we provide a new insight into the molecular basis of evolutionary variation of eyespot development among leeches.

Key words: Slit, Robo, gene duplication, axon guidance, eyespot

Interleukin-7 supplementation during *in vitro* culture of porcine parthenote embryos enhances embryonic development and blastocyst quality

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Interleukin-7 (IL-7) has been identified as a vital factor for cell development, proliferation, and survival. IL-7 also can play a significant role in porcine oocyte maturation, but its role in embryonic development has not yet been explored. Here, we found that IL-7 and its binding to IL-7R α (IL-7R) were localized in porcine embryos. We also determine the effects of IL-7 supplementation on porcine embryos during *in vitro* culture (IVC) via analysis of embryonic development after parthenogenetic activation (PA), intracellular glutathione (GSH), and reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels in Day 2 embryos. As a result, the IL-7 and IL-7R proteins were located in the metaphase II state to the blastocyst stage. The cleavage rates were significantly higher ($p<0.05$) in 10- and 100 ng/mL IL-7-treated group (83.4% and 78.4%) than in the control group (63.4%). Day 7 after PA, only the 10 ng/mL IL-7 treated group showed significantly ($p<0.05$) higher blastocyst formation rates (71.3%) compared with the control group (51.9%). Furthermore, 1- and 10 ng/mL IL-7 treatment groups exhibited significantly ($p<0.05$) increased intracellular GSH levels in the control groups. The 10 ng/ml IL-7 treatment group displayed significantly ($p<0.05$) decreased intracellular ROS levels compared with the control group. Then, we examined the apoptosis rates of blastocysts by TUNEL assay. The 1- and 10 ng/mL IL-7 treatment groups (13.8% and 8.7%) displayed significantly ($p<0.05$) decreased apoptosis rates of blastocyst compared with the control group (19.2%). In Day 2 embryos, the mRNA expression of the proapoptotic gene *BAX* was significantly ($***p<0.001$) reduced, and the anti-apoptotic gene *MCL1* level was significantly ($*p<0.05$) increased in 10 ng/mL IL-7-treated embryos compared to control. Interestingly, the mRNA levels of maternal effect genes (MEG; *Filia* and *NPM2*) were significantly ($**p<0.01$) decreased while zygotic genome activation (ZGA)-related genes (*DPPA2* and *EIF1A*) were significantly ($*p<0.05$) increased in the IL-7-treated group compared to the control. The IL-7-treated blastocyst showed significantly ($*p<0.05$ and $**p<0.01$) increased mRNA expression of IL-7 signaling-related genes (*PIK3R1*, *AKT1*, and *ERK2*), and development-related genes (*OCT4* and *NANOG*) compared to control. Moreover, using immunostaining, we demonstrated that supplementation with IL-7 enhanced the expression of phosphorylated STAT5 (pSTAT5), the genuine inner cell mass (ICM) marker SOX2, and the ICM ratio, improving PA blastocyst quality. In conclusion, for the first time, we proved the localization of IL-7 and IL-7R in porcine preimplantation embryos *in vitro*. Furthermore, we suggest

that IL-7 supplementation enhances the embryonic development and ICM ratio by inducing the transcription of genes involved in the developmental competence during porcine PA embryo development *in vitro*.

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Fluroxypyr-1-methylheptyl ester-mediated ROS production and mitochondrial dysfunction trigger apoptosis through MAPK signaling in porcine trophectoderm and uterine luminal epithelial cells

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FPMH (Fluroxypyr-1-methylheptyl ester), a type of synthetic auxin herbicide that hinders plant growth, is widely used in agriculture. Various studies have been conducted on the toxicity of FPMH. However, the toxic effects of FPMH have not been reported for porcine implantation. This study provides a blueprint for the mechanisms of FPMH in the adverse effects on the pre-implantation stage using porcine trophectoderm cell (pTr) and porcine uterine endometrial cell (pLE). The results of this study demonstrate that FPMH can induce the oxidative stress via the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and disrupt the mitochondrial membrane potential. The effects of FPMH can also cause mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) signaling to be phosphorylated. Activated MAPK signaling by FPMH forms crosstalk and elicits cell responses different from normal cells. Under this condition, the proliferation of pTr and pLE cells was decreased and the early and late stage of apoptosis was induced. In addition, FPMH-mediated cytotoxic effects can affect the ability of migration and adhesion between pTr and pLE cells through wound healing assay and 3D spheroid culture. Therefore, the results suggest that FPMH may interfere with the pre-implantation stage, and lead to implantation failure.

Key words: FPMH, implantation, apoptosis, ROS production, mitochondrial membrane potential

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The brain regeneration of *P. excavatus*

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Regeneration is a biological process restoring lost or amputated body parts, exhibiting many differences in regenerative capacity among species. The earthworm, *P. excavatus*, is known as the highest evolutionary form capable of regenerating an anterior portion including a central nerve system (CNS), which is limited to specific animals. However, the molecular mechanisms of how *P. excavatus* regenerates the CNS, especially the brain, are still unclear. In this study, we investigate the morphology of the adult brain of *P. excavatus* and analyze the transcriptomic profile of the brain. We identify five candidate genes, which might function in the normal physiology of the brain. Importantly, we characterize the stages of the regeneration process. Furthermore, we establish transcriptome of the regenerating brain and identify 4 candidate genes associated with regeneration and confirm the spatiotemporal expression of candidates. In addition, we conducted behavioral test to assess the function of the regenerated brain. Our study would provide the groundwork for investigating mechanisms of CNS regeneration.

Key words: regeneration, *P. excavatus*, central nerve system, transcriptome, behavioral test

Functional study of KDM1A and its non-histone target proteins in *Xenopus laevis*

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Lysine specific demethylase 1A (KDM1A or LSD1) is the first discovered enzyme that removes methyl group from the histone H3 protein, specifically both histone 3 lysine 4 and histone 3 lysine 9 mono-, di-methylation (H3K4me1/2, H3K9me1/2) and it is known to regulate both gene activation and suppression via modulating H3K4 and H3K9 methylation status. Even though LSD1 was first known to regulates histone methylation, it was revealed to modulates not only histone proteins but also non-histone protein methylation such as P53, SOX2 and FOXA1. In this study, we focused on the developmental role of *lsd1* and its non-histone target proteins using *Xenopus* embryos. Morpholino oligonucleotides (MO) mediated *lsd1* knockdown in *Xenopus* embryos induced bent axis which represents the defect of convergent extension movements. Moreover, *lsd1* morphants were rescued by injecting exogenous wild type dishevelled (*dsh*) implies *lsd1* is closely related to the Wnt signaling pathways. To investigate non-histone target protein of LSD1, we performed Mass Spec analysis following LSD1 immunoprecipitation and we found that some of candidates were physically interacted with the LSD1 indeed and its spatial expression overlaps with *lsd1*. Taken together, our results indicated the significance of this epigenetic regulators during embryonic development together with identification of its regulatory mechanism.

북방전복(*Haliotis discus hannai*)의 B-type allatostatin 수용체 특성 및 리간드 반응성

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수컷 노랑초파리(*Drosophila melanogaster*)의 정액 속에서 최초로 동정된 성 펩티드(sex peptide, SP)는 성숙 암컷에게 전달되면 교미 거부, 산란량 증가와 같은 교미 후 반응이 유도된다. SP에 의해 활성화 되는 수용체는 성 펩티드 수용체(sex peptide receptor, SPR)라고 명명되었다. SPR은 다양한 무척추동물에 존재 하며, SP 뿐만 아니라 근육억제펩티드(myoinhibitory peptide, MIP)와 반응하여 세포 내 cAMP를 증가시키는 신호전달경로가 알려져 있다.

MIP는 일부 곤충류의 경우 allatostatin-B(AST-B)로 알려져 있으며, N말단과 C말단 양쪽에 트립토판(tryptophan, W) 잔기가 보존되어 있는 WWamide 형태의 신경펩티드이다. MIP는 곤충류의 근육 수축 억제 및 수면 기능 조절, 곤충 앞가슴샘의 ecdysteroids의 생성을 억제하여 탈피를 제어한다. 갯지렁이(*Platynereis dumerilii*) 및 개불(*Urechis unicinctus*)과 같은 해양 환형동물의 부유 유생의 변태를 MIP가 유도하므로, 정착성 유생 발달에 관여하고 있다고 추정된다.

본 연구는 AST-B와 SPR에 관한 정보가 부족한 해양 무척추동물 중 북방전복(*Haliotis discus hannai*)의 AST-B 전구체 및 SPR cDNA를 cloning하고, 분자계통수 분석을 실시하였다. 북방전복의 SPR은 연체동물 문 복족강의 SPR과 같은 clade에 속하고, 북방전복의 AST-B 성숙 펩티드 부위의 WWamide 모티브는 비교·조사한 모든 무척추동물의 AST-B WWamide 모티브 서열과 일치하였다. 또한, 성숙한 전복 암수 개체의 뇌신경절(cerebral ganglion, CG) 등 다양한 조직으로부터 total RNA를 추출하고, real-time polymerase chain reaction 분석 결과, SPR과 AST-B 전구체 유전자 모두 신경절에서 주로 발현됨을 알게 되었다. HEK293세포 및 북방전복의 SPR 발현 벡터를 이용한 transfection 실험을 통해 수용체·리간드 반응성을 확인하였다. 이상의 결과, 북방전복의 SPR은 AST-B의 특이적인 수용체로 추정되며, 본 연구는 향후 해양 무척추동물의 AST-B에 대한 기초자료로 활용될 수 있을 것으로 사료된다.

Key words: sex peptide receptor, myoinhibitory peptide, allatostatin-B, WWamide

Facilitation of alveolar bone formation using an LPAR2 antagonist treatment

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Tooth loss without periodontal disease would be caused by trauma, and most of these clinical cases are required to facilitate bone regeneration for transplantation of dental implant to restore masticatory function. However, it still remains to establish the efficient clinical treatment with its scientific background. In this study, we evaluated the osteogenic efficacy of an LPAR2 (lysophosphatidic acid receptor 2) antagonist, involved in various aspects of cell physiology, using *in vitro* and *in vivo* experimentations. *In vitro* cell cultivation results revealed that the LPAR2 antagonist treatment showed the increased positive reactions of osteogenic differentiation assays, ALP and ARS, in osteoblast rather than hPDLF. Moreover, LPAR2 antagonist treated osteoblast showed the increase expression levels of Runx2 and Tgf- β 1. To confirm these *in vitro* experiment results in *in-vivo* system, LPAR2 antagonist was applied to the tooth loss without periodontal disease model after 5 and 10 days from the tooth extraction. The histomorphometry and micro-computed tomography results showed the facilitated bone formation in LPAR2 antagonist treatment group. These results were confirmed by immunohistochemistry using KI67, Osteocalcin (OCN), PERIOSTIN, and RUNX2. Particularly, altered localization of

PERIOSTIN positive cells suggest that AMC35 would affect cell type dependent manner as was examined in *in vitro* experiment. In addition, well maintained physiological balance between osteoclast and osteoblast was examined in LPAR2 antagonist treated group. Immunostainings against TGF- β 1 and SMAD2/3 showed obvious stronger positive reactions in tooth loss lesion in AMC35 treated group compared with control. Overall, LPA signaling regulations by LPAR2 antagonist treatment on osteoblast in tooth loss lesion would facilitate bone formation with proper bone remodeling.

Key words: LPA signaling, trauma, TGF- β 1, SMAD2/3, osteoblast

Development of protocol to make organoids for 3D bioprinting research

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Parts of limb buds, branchial arch, and cardiac organoids' development starts with the formation of mesenchymal/epithelial complex tissues from PSCs. There are means for induction of an LB-like mesenchymal/epithelial complex tissues from murine pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) *in vitro*. Also LB-like tissues selectively differentiate into forelimb or hindlimb depending on a concentration of retinoic acid. Likewise by manipulating BMP or other signal lines, we can expect to get other appendages like branchial arch or cardiac -like tissues from PSCs and that can be used for research of 3Dbioprinting.

Key words: organoid, 3D bioprinting, limb bud, branchial arch

Expression of luteinizing hormone (LH) subunit in rat stomach

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Luteinizing hormone (LH) is a hormone produced by gonadotrophs in the anterior pituitary gland, and LH production is regulated by GnRH from the hypothalamus. Interestingly, GnRH and LH were demonstrated that these also exist in some extrahypothalamus and extrapituitary regions, respectively. Since GnRH is expressed in rat stomach, we hypothesized and tested that LH is also expressed in the rat stomach. To verify our hypothesis, we examined the presence of LH subunits in adult rat (SD) stomach (divided into forestomach and glandular stomach) using RT-PCR and immunohistochemistry. The PCR revealed the presence of identical products for two LH subunits, Cg α and LH- β , in both part of stomach. The expected product sizes for rat Cg α and LH- β PCR were 232 bp and 259 bp, respectively. Immunohistochemistry results show that two subunits are localized in forestomach and glandular stomach. Both Cg α and LH- β positive signals were detected in the parietal cells, submucosal plexus and mucosa of esophagus-gastric junction. Squamous mucosa has Cg α positive signals, exclusively. In summary, our study demonstrated that the presence and localization of the LH subunits in rat stomach. Our results suggest that the stomach LH might be a auto- and/or paracrine factor, and ongoing studies will be helpful to understand the precise function of the stomach LH.

Key words: LH, stomach, Rat, IHC, PCR

Cell spheroids as a versatile platform called SPHRINTER

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Stem cells have been in the spotlight for the past 2 decades. However, apart from the achievements in the research field, there were no outstanding outcomes in therapeutic field. When stem cells are transplanted into pathogenic region, only about 0.8% of them survived in pathogenic condition. This low number indicate that the first step of stem cell therapy is failure.

When we used Spheroids, as an alternative of single cells, the engraftment rate of spheroid transplantation increased 12.5 times compared to single cell transplantation. However, we faced another problems. In conventional method of forming spheroids, we cannot control the spheroid diameter. Injection needle or nozzle were frequently jammed. Even if the transplantation were successful, 20% of animals were died within a day because of microembolic stroke.

Here we developed Spheroid producing machine called SPHRINTER as a versatile platform for cell therapy. Spheroids are capable of control the spheroid diameter and cell number within minimum error rate (<10%). These spheroids do not clog the injection needle or nozzle and do not induce microembolism.

We expected that SPHRINTER can be applicable to cell therapy, organoid research, alternative for *in vivo* testing, artificial organ, and exosome mass production. Further, we plan to apply it to bacterial cells, fungal cells, and plant cells.

Production of a novel mouse model for Fabry disease

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Patients of the Fabry disease (FD) don't produce enough an enzyme (blood chemical) called α -galactosidase A (α -GAL A). α -GAL A is the lysosomal enzyme and lysosomes function as the primary digestive tract of cells. Enzymes within lysosomes break down or digest particular compounds and intercellular structures. α -Gal A functions to break down complex sugar-lipid molecules called glycolipids, specifically, globotriaosylceramide (GL-3 or Gb3), its deacylated form Lyso-GL-3/Gb3 and related glycolipids, by removing the terminal galactose sugar from the end of these glycolipid molecules. The enzyme deficiency causes a continuous build-up of GL-3/Gb3 and related glycolipids in the body's cells, resulting in the cell abnormalities and organ dysfunction that particularly affect small blood vessels, the heart and kidneys. The GLA gene is located on the X-chromosome and therefore, FD is inherited as an X-linked disorder. Although the *Gla*^{-/-} mice used as a lysosomal storage disease model seem to have a normal, complication-free life span. Recently, overexpression of thrombospondin-1 (TSP-1) secondary to Gb3 accumulation is primarily for the observed LSD-vascular endothelial cells (VECs) dysfunction. The aim of this study is to produce animal models similar to human FD. First of all, we produced the *Gla* knockout mouse by CRIPR/Cas9 system. *Gla*^{-/-} was successfully produced and. Also, human TSP-1 overexpression mice was produced. Then, to generate double transgenic mouse (*Gla*^{-/-}-hTSP-1, DB), crossbred *Gla*^{-/-} and hTSP-1 mice. Generated DB mouse was not expressed *Gla* mRNA and abundantly expressed hTSP-1 gene. To check the human FD-like symptoms, various studies were conducted. In *Gla*^{-/-} and DB mice, Left ventricular posterior wall was thicker and cardiac systolic ability was lower than normal aged mice. Interestingly, DB mice increased inflammation and fibrosis markers. Furthermore, DB mice were decreased number of sweat spots similar to the symptoms of hypohidrosis in human FD patients. These data suggest that DB mice is suitable for studying the pathogenesis of Fabry disease and for preclinical studies of candidate therapies.

Key words: Fabry disease, α -galactosidase A, globotriaosylceramide, double transgenic mice

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Ultrafine particles affect IgE-mediated mast cell and allergic responses

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Acceleration of industrialization and urbanization is causing serious air pollution worldwide, which is well known to have detrimental effects on human health. The atmosphere contains a variety of ultrafine particles with different structures and properties. Ultrafine dust contains many substances that adversely affect health. In particular, ultrafine particles are very tiny and can be quickly absorbed into the body, so there are many studies reporting that ultrafine particles are related to the development of respiratory lesions in cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and allergic diseases. However, there is still deficient research on clear immunological mechanisms in these allergic inflammatory diseases. Hence, we studied how ultrafine particles affect the function of mast cells, which are important immune cells for the initiation and activation of allergic reactions in the body. The ultrafine particles applied in the study were produced by making an ultrafine particle compound that mimics the composition of polluted air derived from exhaust gas in the atmosphere. And we introduced them into mast cell and animal diseases such as passive cutaneous anaphylaxis model to analyze their effects. It was confirmed that ultrafine particles further stimulated the degranulation response of IgE-mediated mast cells in a dose-dependent manner even under conditions that did not affect the cytotoxicity of mast cells themselves set in the *in vitro* experiment. Furthermore, ultrafine particles further increased the activity of mast cell degranulation reaction through calcium-mediated signaling pathway in mast cells by stimulation of ionomycin and thapsigargin. It was verified that the IgE-mediated FcεRI signaling mechanism, which is a representative signaling mechanism of mast cell, is further activated by ultrafine particles. In animal models of IgE-mediated passive cutaneous anaphylaxis disease and ultrafine particles exposed in lung tissue, it was confirmed that hypersensitivity reaction, mast cell infiltration, and mast cell degranulation were further exacerbated. We propose that ultrafine particles influence the activation and allergic response of IgE-mediated mast cells.

Key words: ultrafine particles (UFPs), allergy, mast cell, passive cutaneous anaphylaxis (PCA)

6,8-Diprenylorobol induces cell death of endometriosis via mitochondria dysfunction and disrupting calcium homeostasis

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Endometriosis is known as benign chronic gynecological disorder indicating abnormal presence of endometrial-like tissue in other organs. Main symptoms of endometriosis are pelvic pain, infertility, intestinal pain, and reducing quality of life for reproductive aged women. Due to limitation of hormone therapy for management of endometriosis progression, development of novel therapeutic agents is required. 6,8-diprenylorobol extracted from the *Cudrania tricuspidata* has various physiological effects such as anti-cancer, anti-oxidant, anti-proliferative effects. However, the regulatory mechanisms of 6,8-diprenylorobol have not been confirmed yet in the progression of endometriosis. In this study, the inhibitory effect of 6,8-diprenylorobol was demonstrated on endometriosis like cell lines (VK2/E6E7 and End1/E6E7). Our result showed that 6,8-diprenylorobol inhibited the cell proliferation by cell cycle arrest and increased depolarization of mitochondrial membrane potential, production of ROS and disruption of calcium homeostasis in both VK2/E6E7 and End1/E6E7. Also, we confirmed the toxicity of 6,8-diprenylorobol through the proliferation of primary normal uterine stromal cells and the result revealed that 6,8-diprenylorobol did not affect the proliferation of the primary normal cells. We also examined that the calcium inhibitors, 2-aminoethoxydiphenyl borate (2-APB) and ruthenium red (RUR) relieved the calcium accumulation in 6,8-diprenylorobol treated endometriosis cells. Moreover, 6,8-diprenylorobol decreased downstream of PI3K pathways whereas it activated reactive oxygen species-associated P38 MAPK pathway. In addition, the treatment of 6,8-diprenylorobol inhibited mitochondrial respiration leading to reduction of ATP levels on endometriosis-like cells. Therefore, we propose 6,8-diprenylorobol as novel treatment and adjuvant treatment for preventing human endometriosis progression.

Key word: Ca²⁺ homeostasis, mitochondria dysfunction, anti-proliferation, endometriosis, 6,8-diprenylorobol

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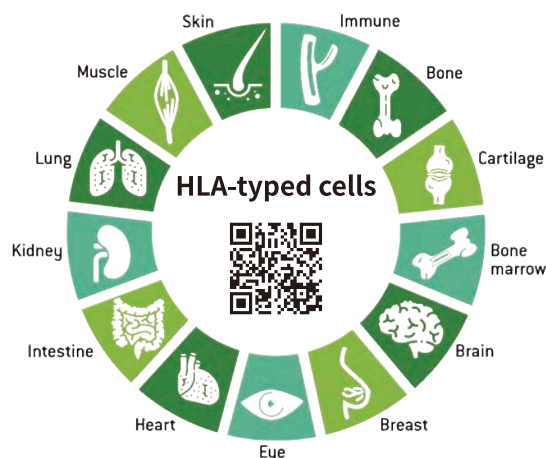
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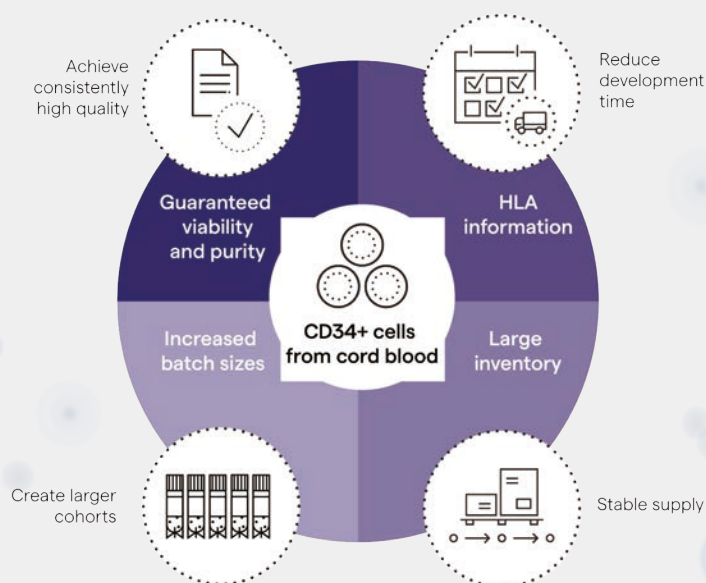
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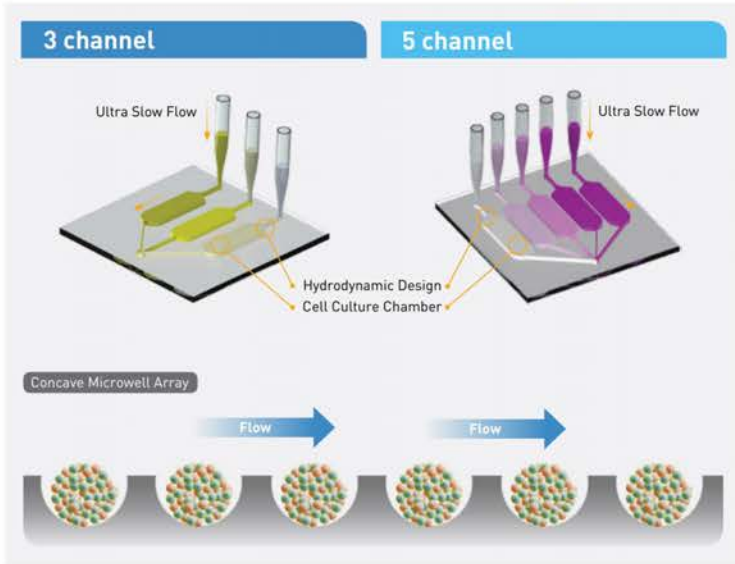
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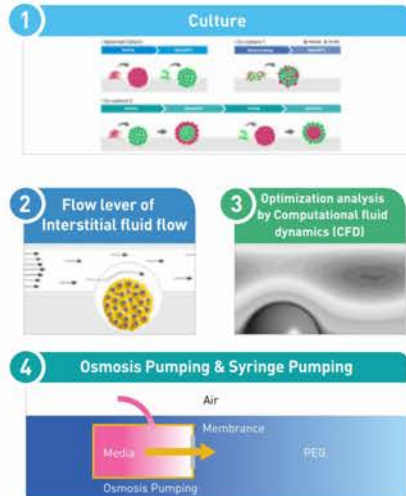
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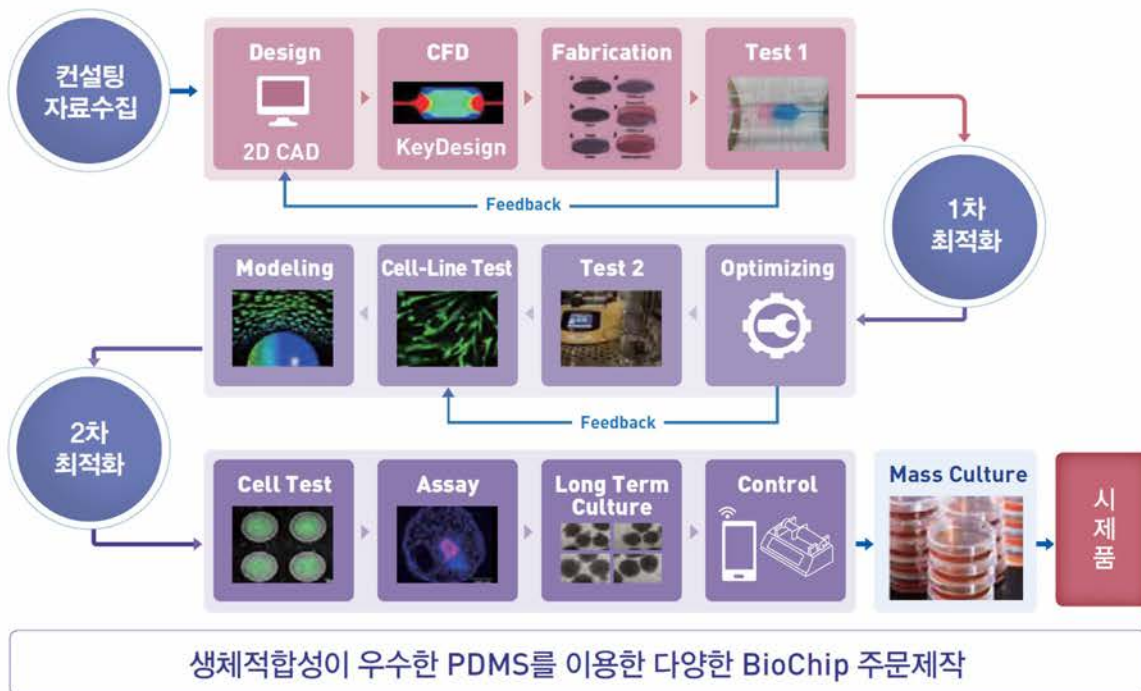


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 - Co & Tri Culture System
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 - Drug Screening
 - Differentiation Efficiency

• Custom Fabrication Service



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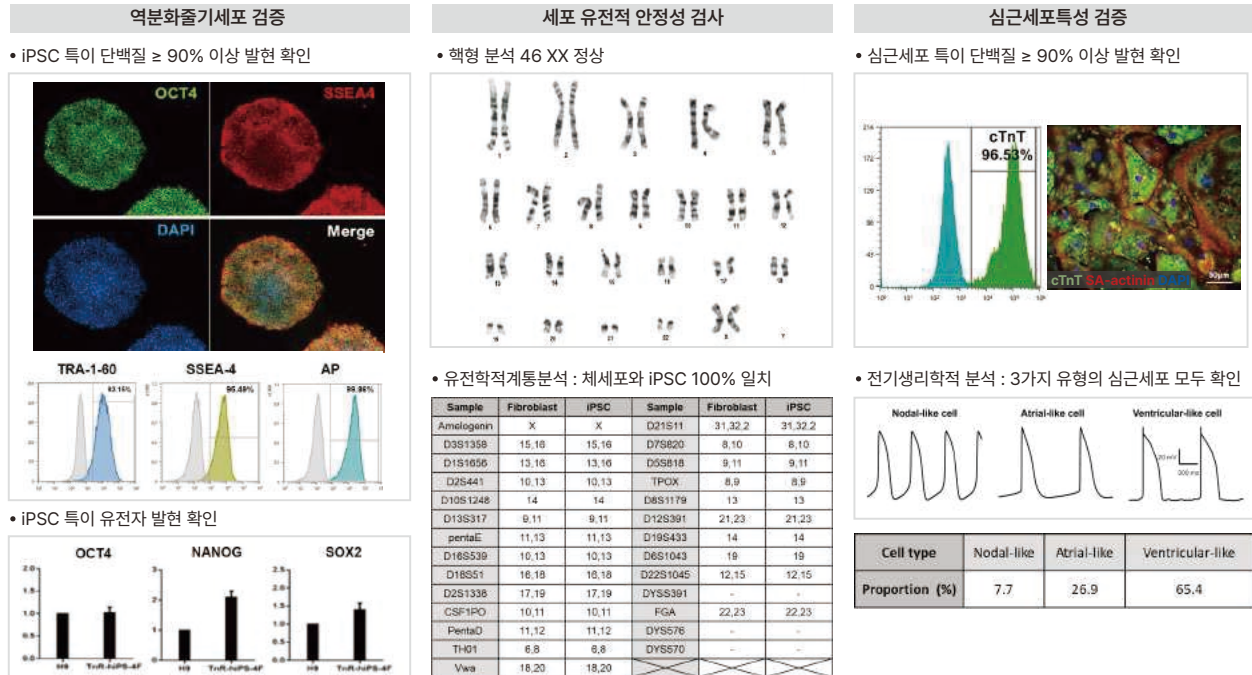
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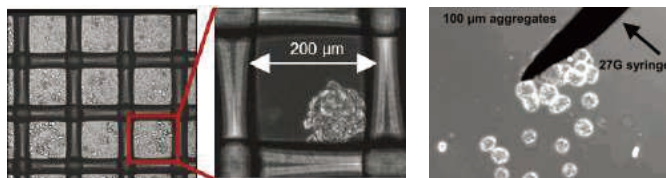


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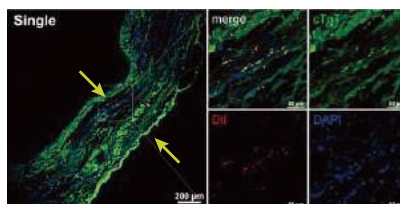


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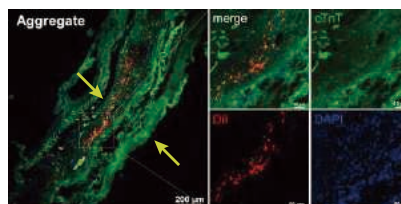
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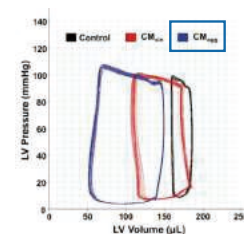
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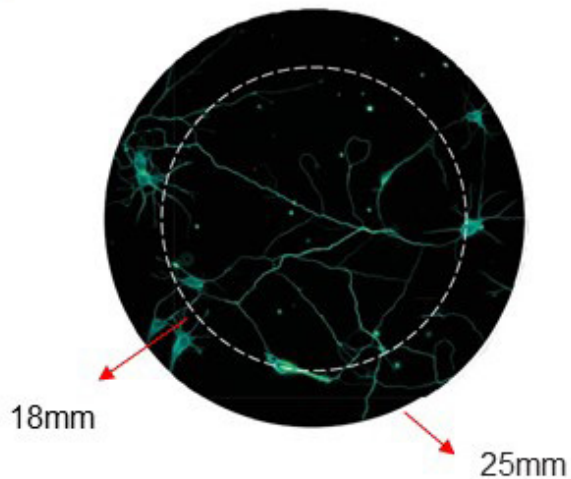
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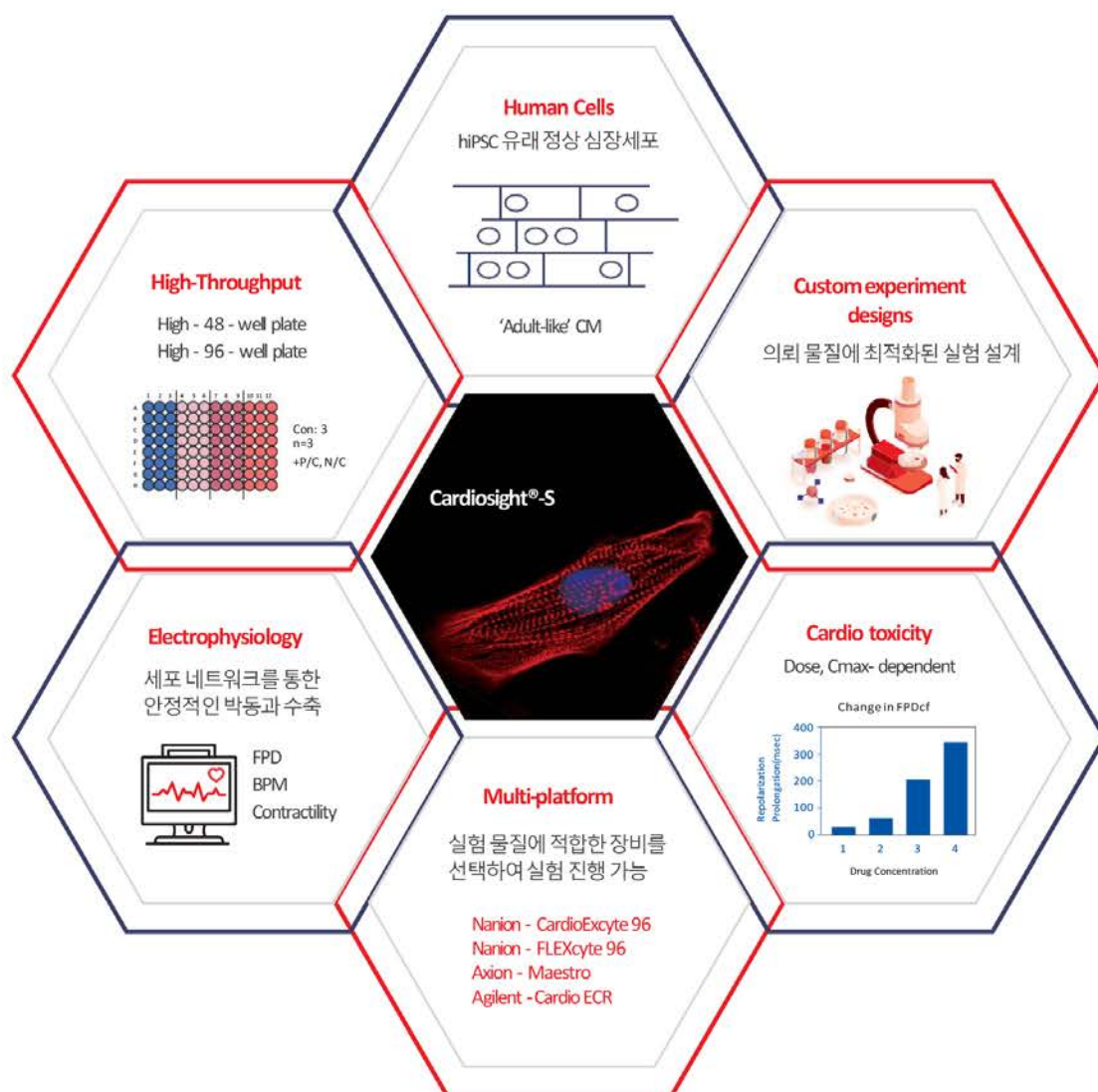
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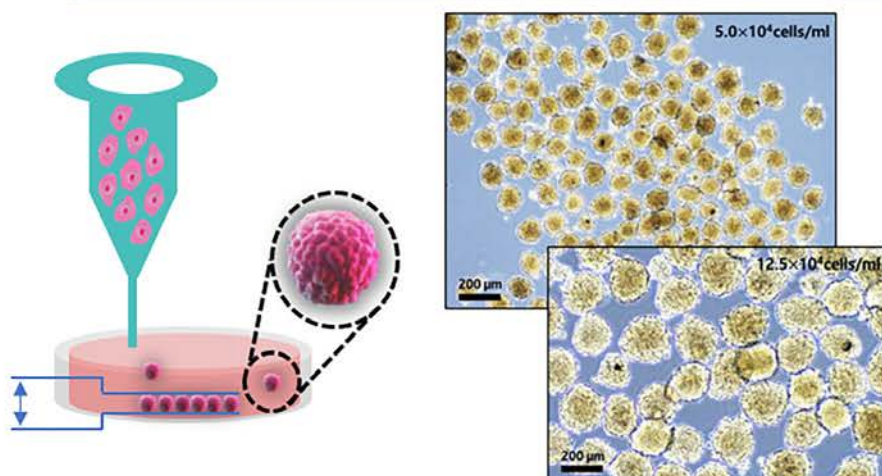
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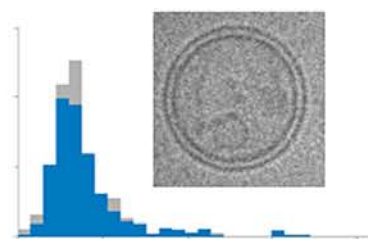
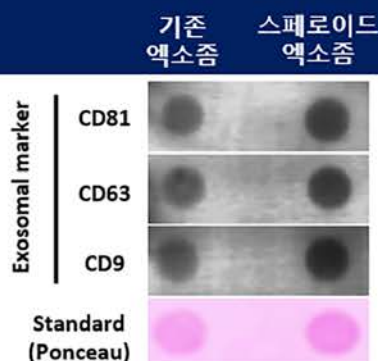
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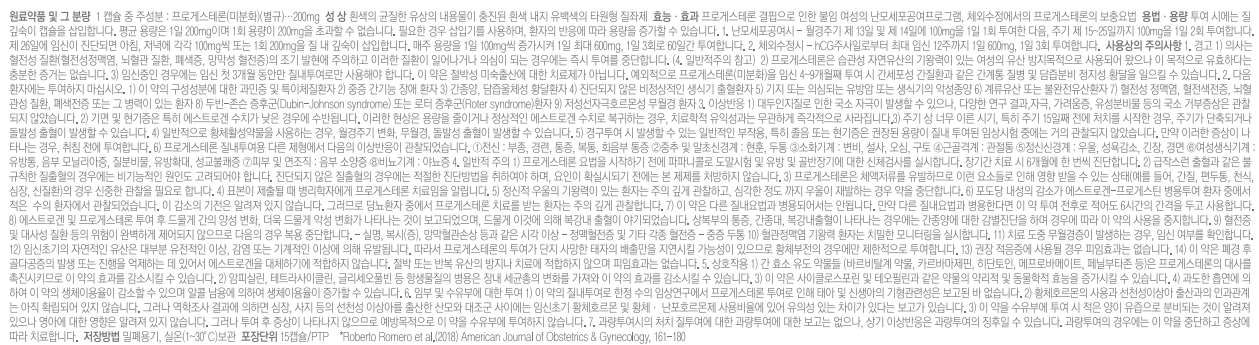
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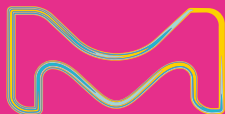
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