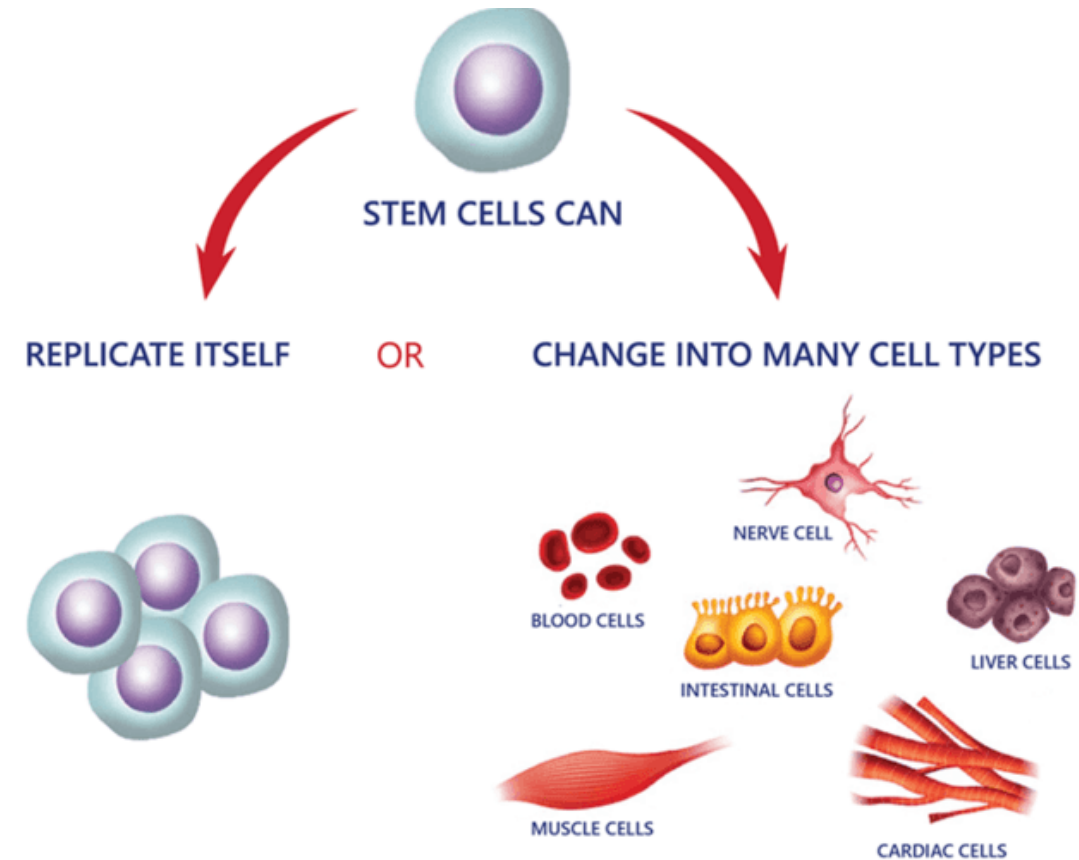


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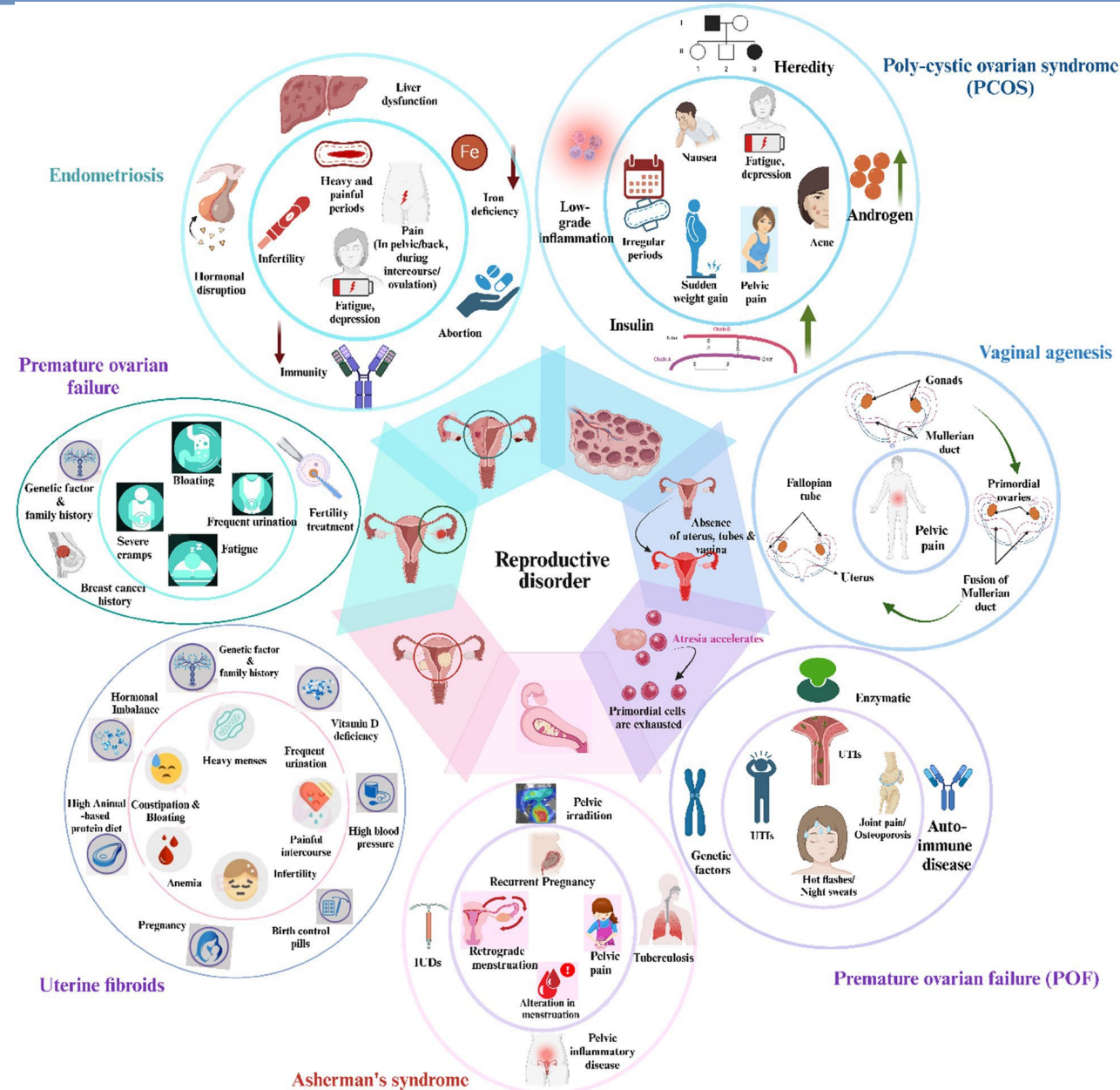
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# What are Stem Cells?

- Stem cells are the body's raw materials
  - can **divide & renew** through cell division for long periods of time
- Stem cells are an unspecialized population
- Stem cells can **give rise to specialized cells** after division in a process called differentiation



# Stem Cells for Female Reproductive Disorders

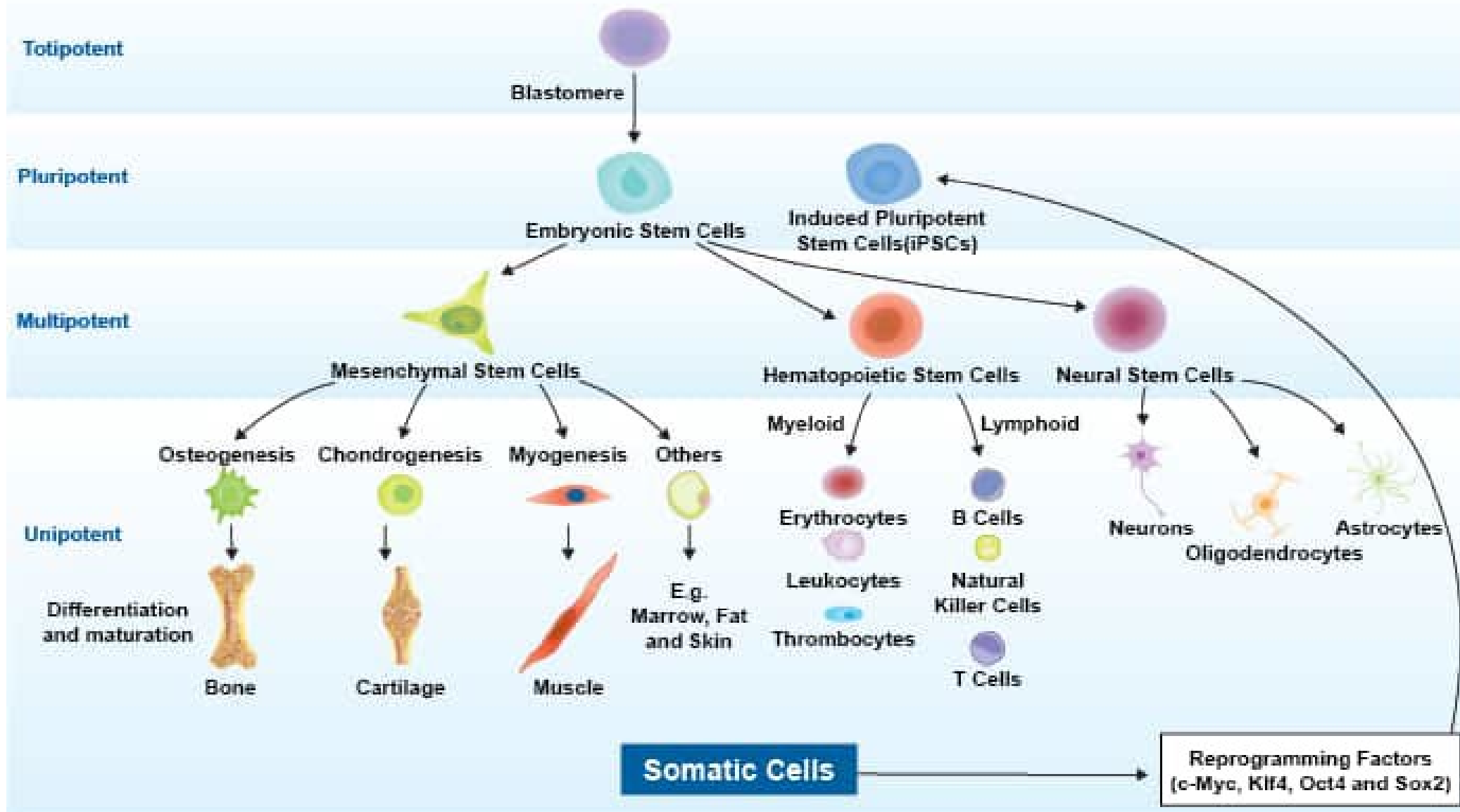


# Potency of Stem Cells

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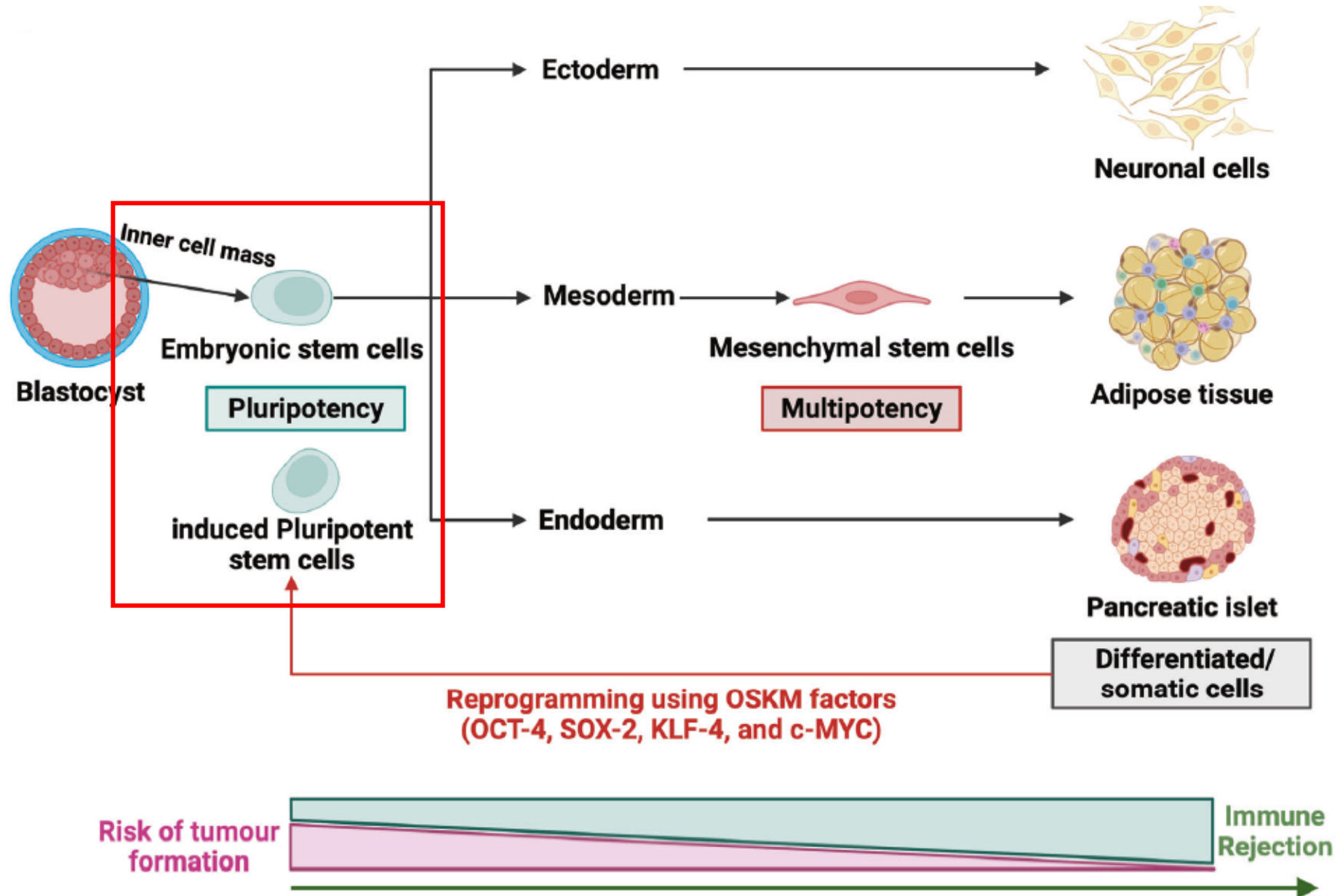
Unipotent

Differentiation and maturation

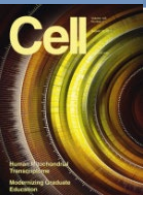
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Reprogramming Factors (c-Myc, Klf4, Oct4 and Sox2)

# Pluripotent Stem Cells



# Embryonic Stem Cells Based Therapy

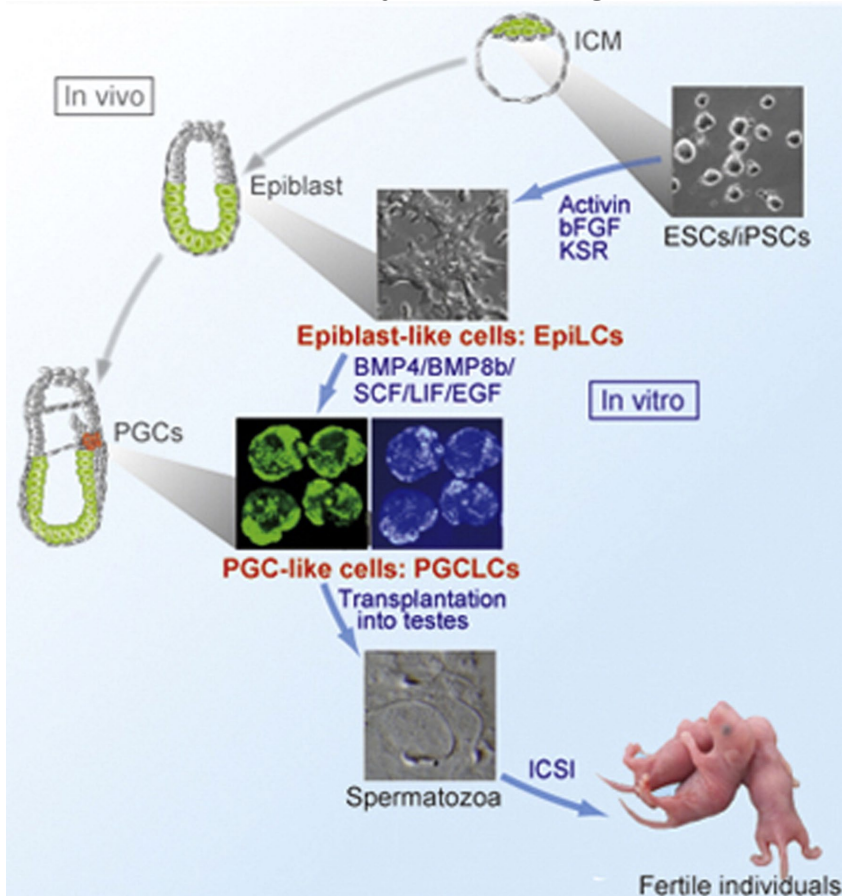


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## Reconstitution of the Mouse Germ Cell Specification Pathway in Culture by Pluripotent Stem Cells

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- Mouse ESCs are converted into primordial germ cells and epiblast like cells, by various growth factors

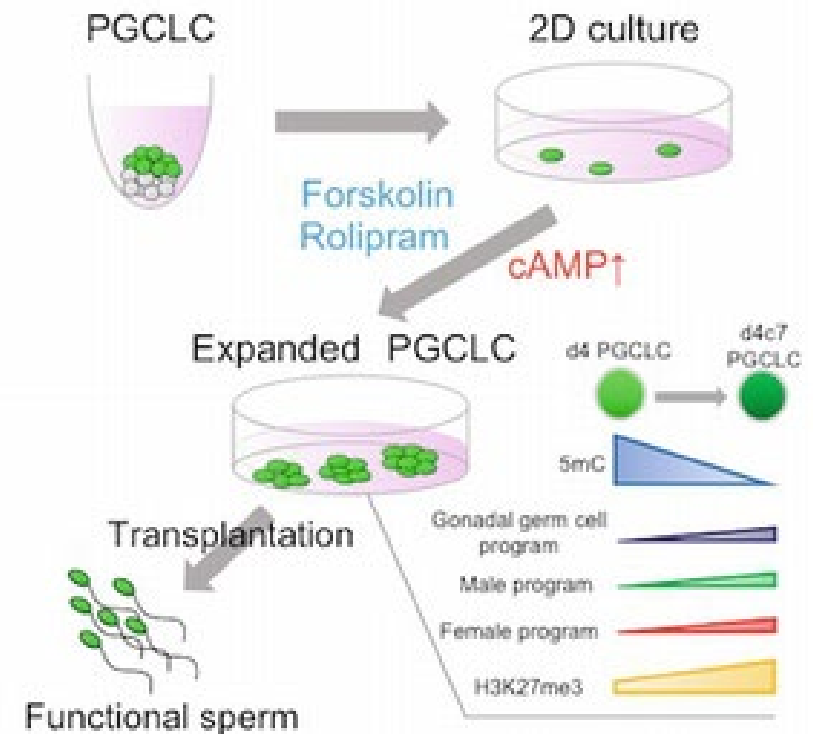


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## *In vitro* expansion of mouse primordial germ cell-like cells recapitulates an epigenetic blank slate

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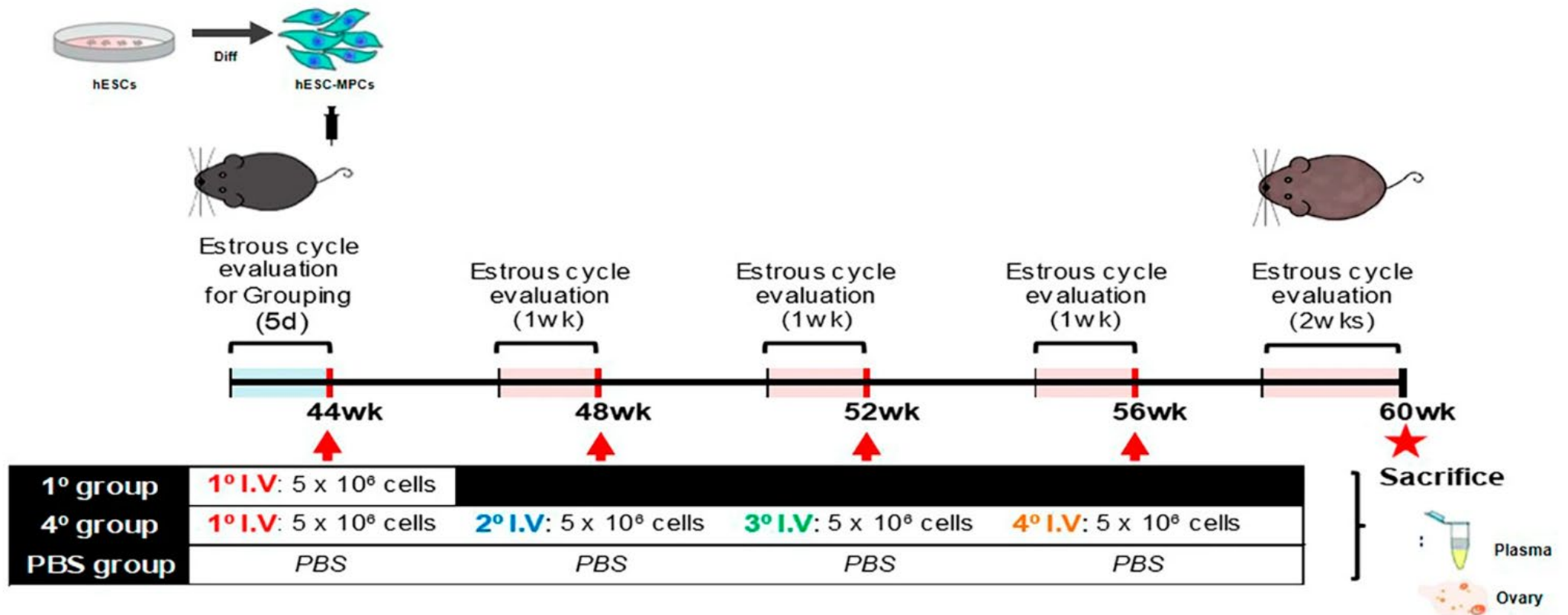
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- No approved stem cell-based therapies for **preserving ovarian function during aging**
- Human CHA-hES15 ESCs (Korea Stem Cell Registry No. hES12010028) → human ESC-MPCs
- Natural perimenopausal mouse model, 10 months of age



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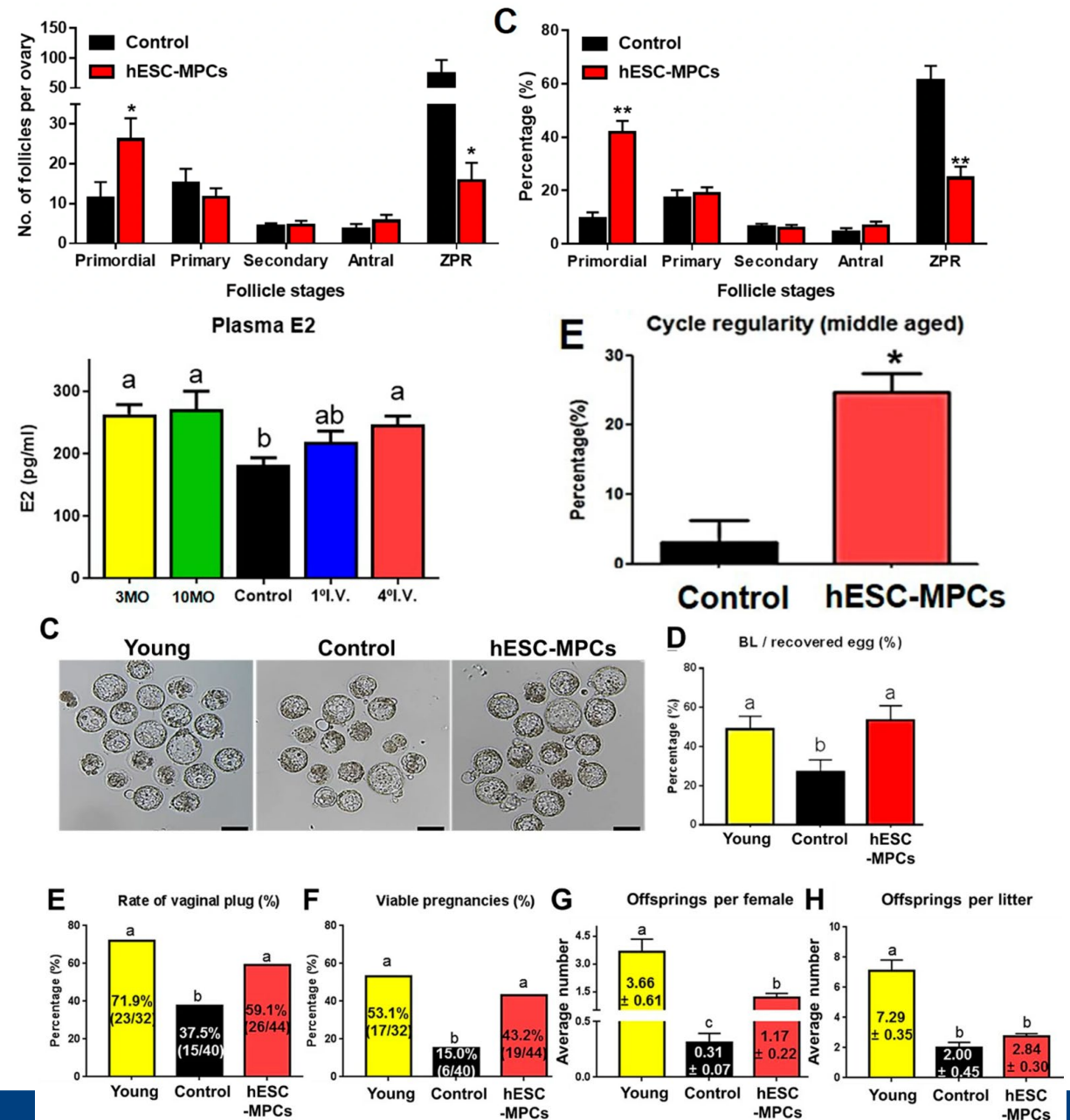
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- Increased primordial follicles
- Normalized estradiol levels
- Restored estrous cycles
- Higher embryonic development & live birth rates



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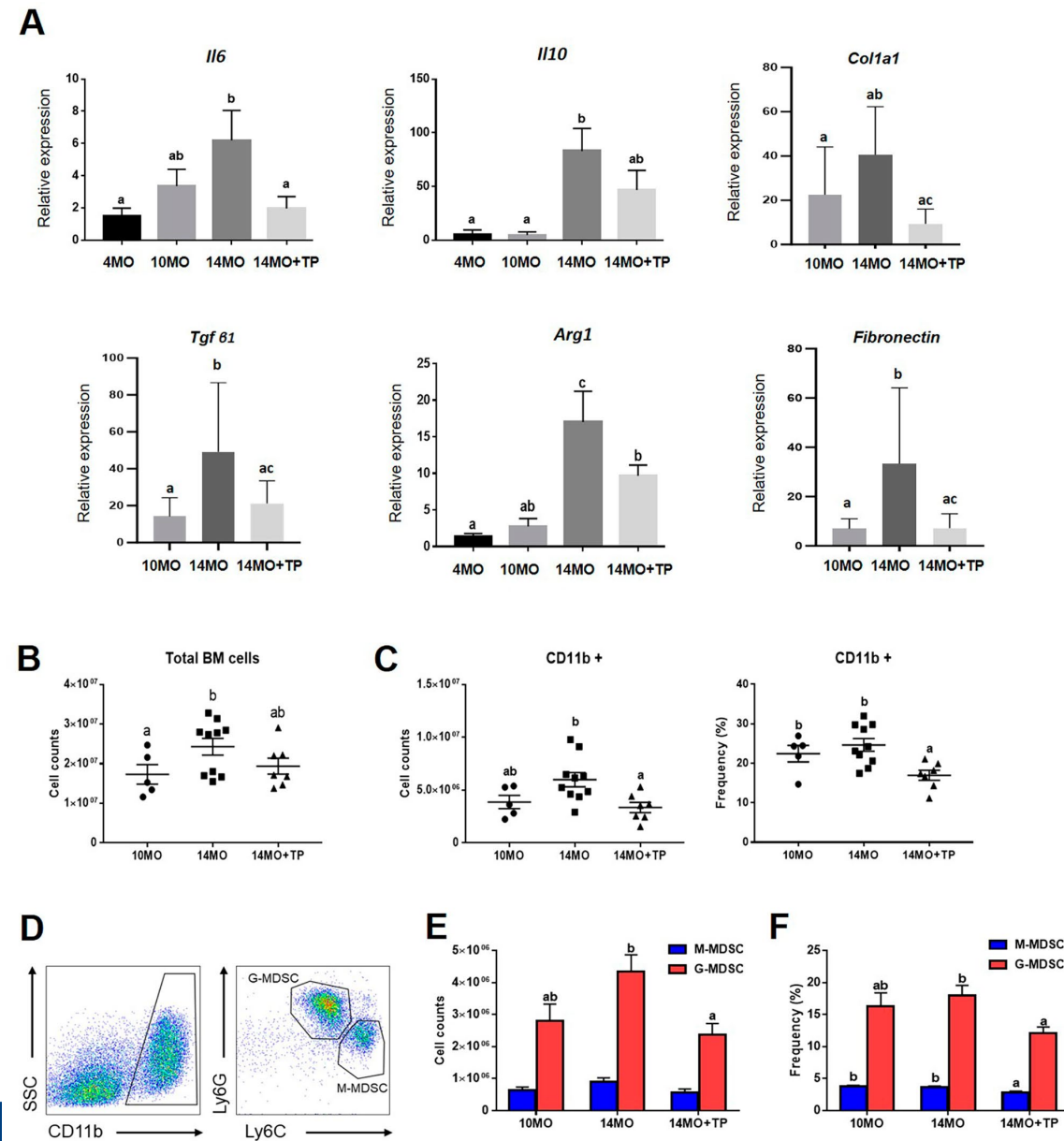
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- Reduced ovarian fibrosis by **downregulating inflammation & fibrosis-related genes** via the suppression of myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) produced in the bone marrow

pro-inflammatory cytokines / pro-fibrotic macrophage / pro-fibrotic genes



# Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Based Therapy

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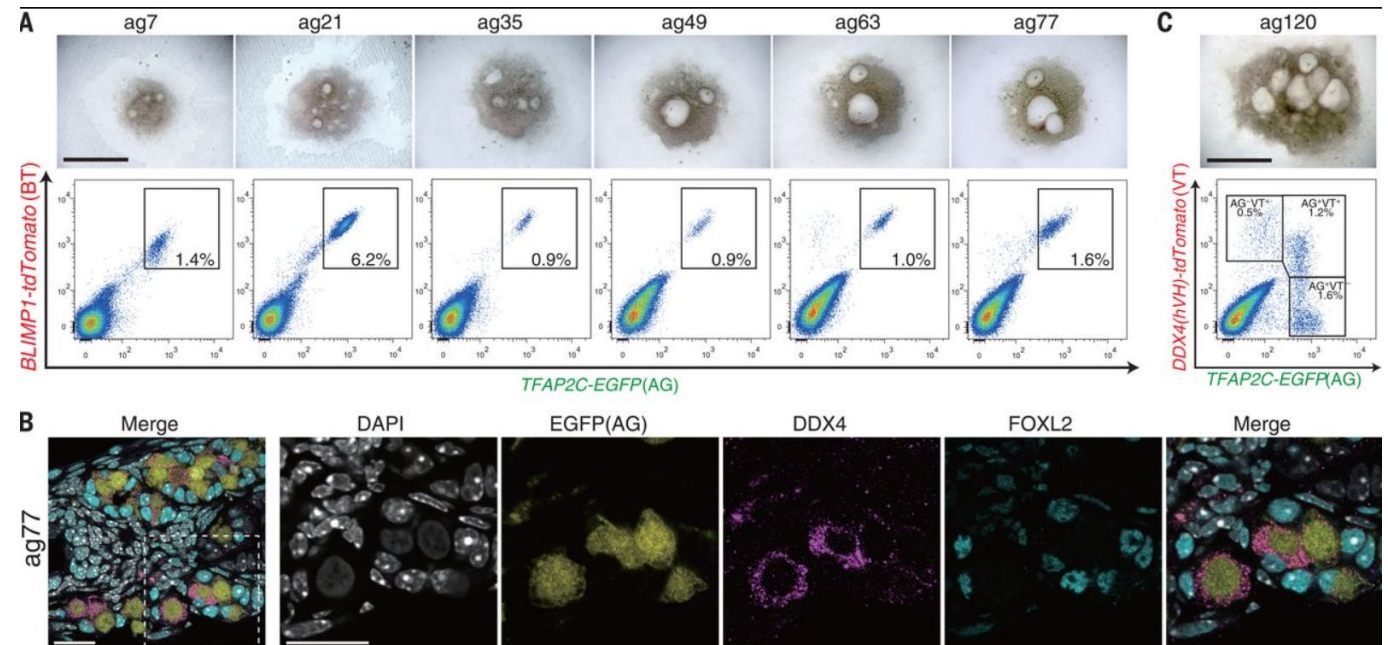
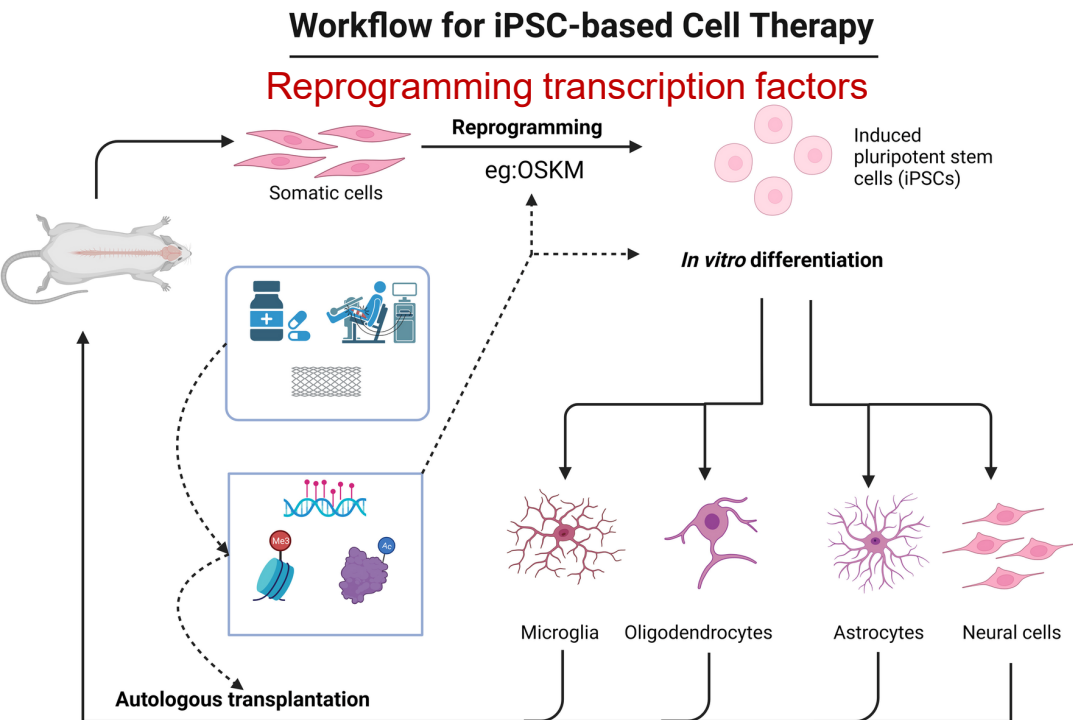
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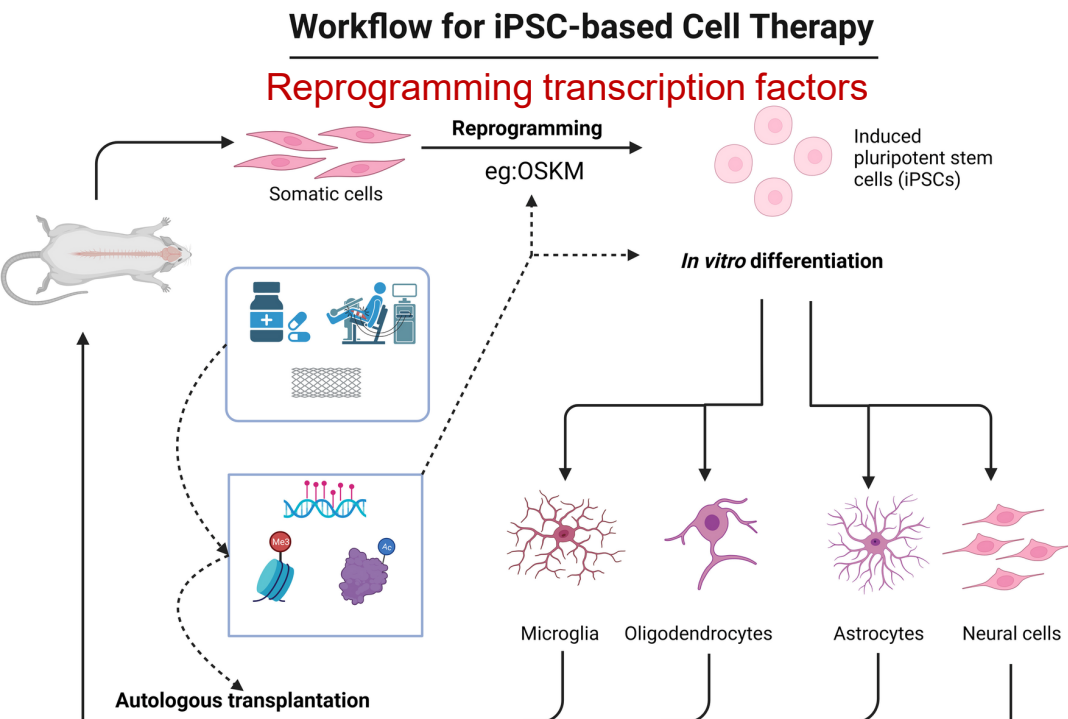
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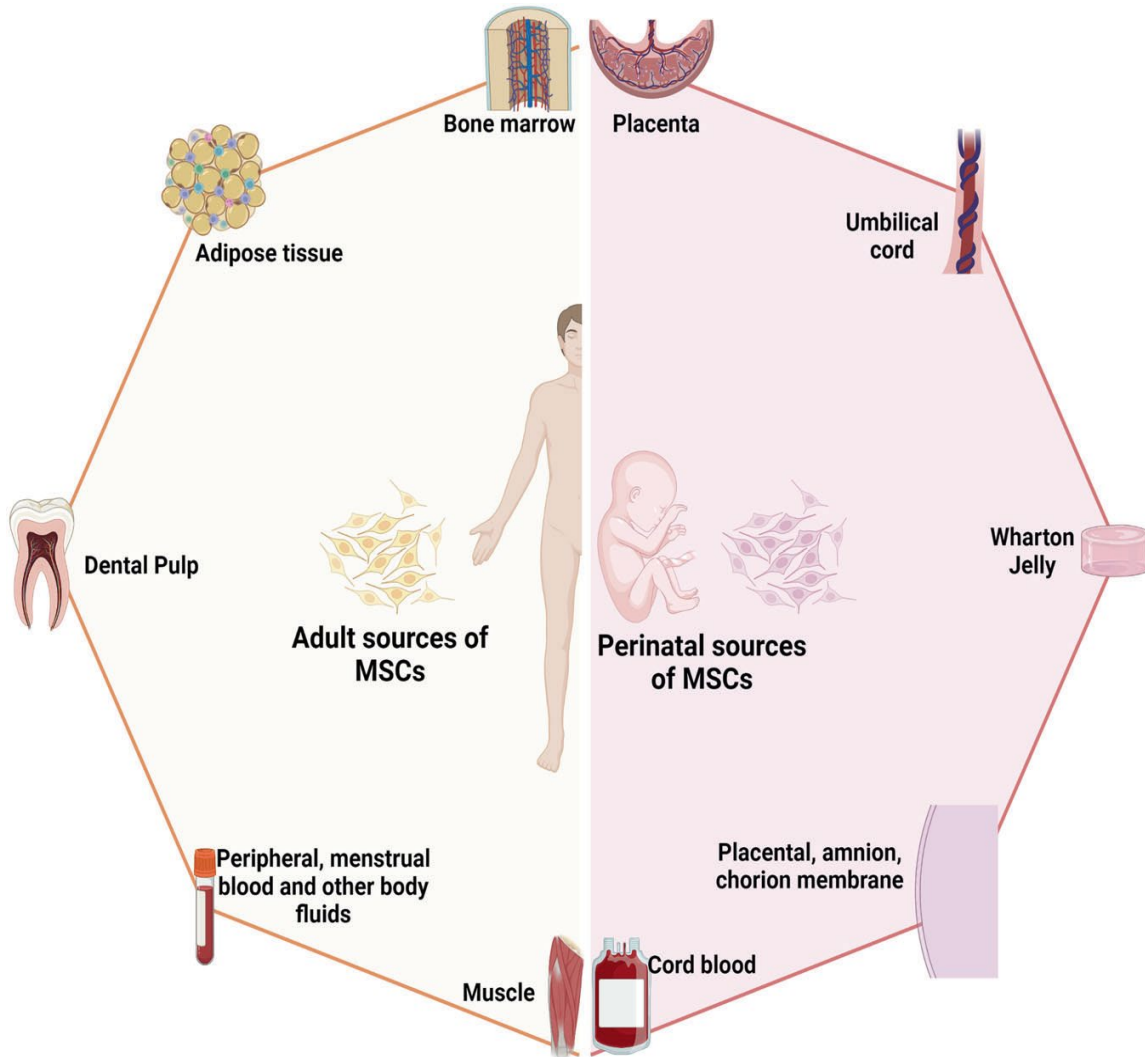
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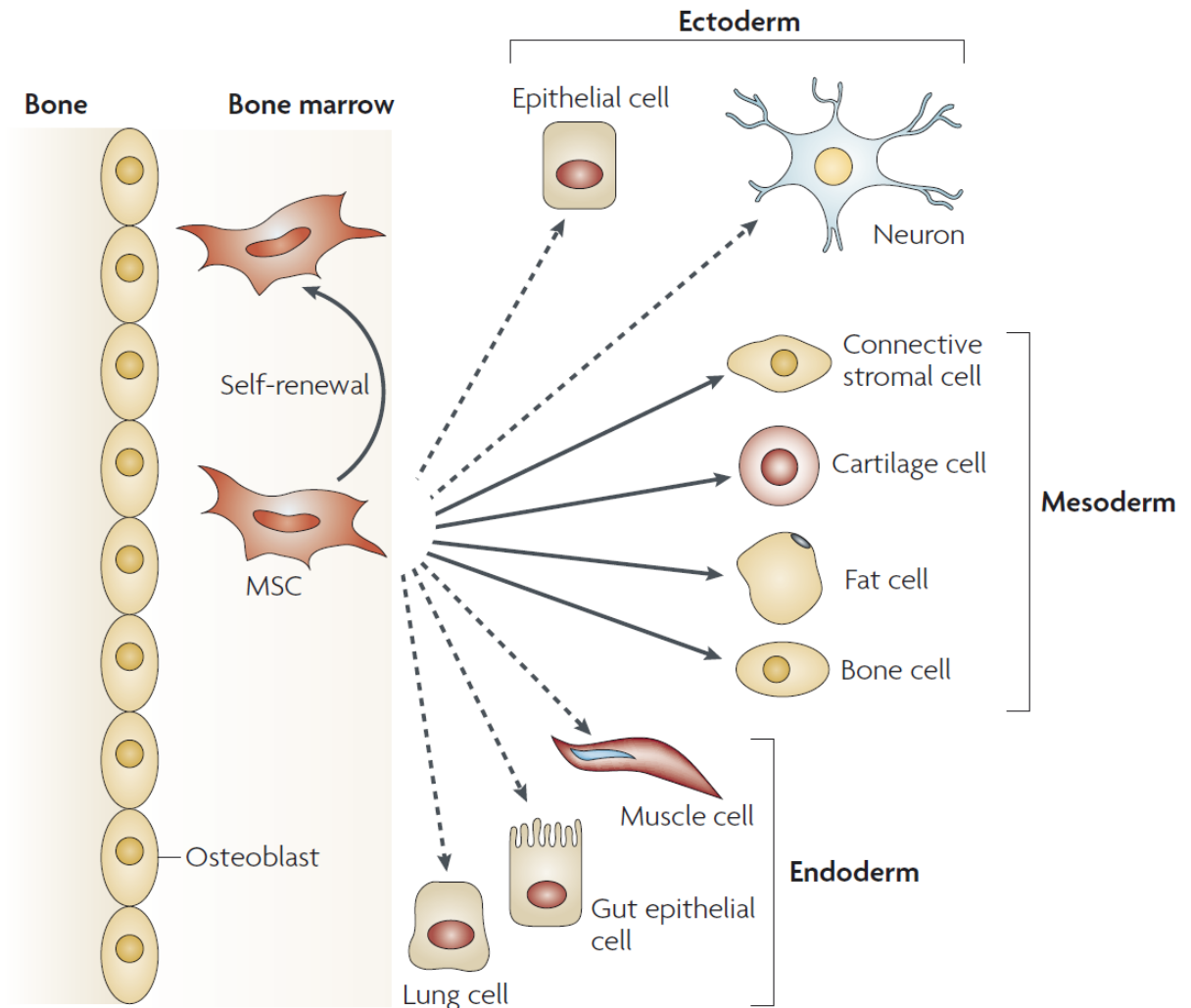
- Genomic instability
- Potential residual epigenetic memory
- Teratoma formation
- Low germ cell differentiation
- Incomplete meiotic progression

# Mesenchymal Stem Cells

- MSCs can be derived from different adult tissues
  - originating from the mesodermal layer of adult tissues

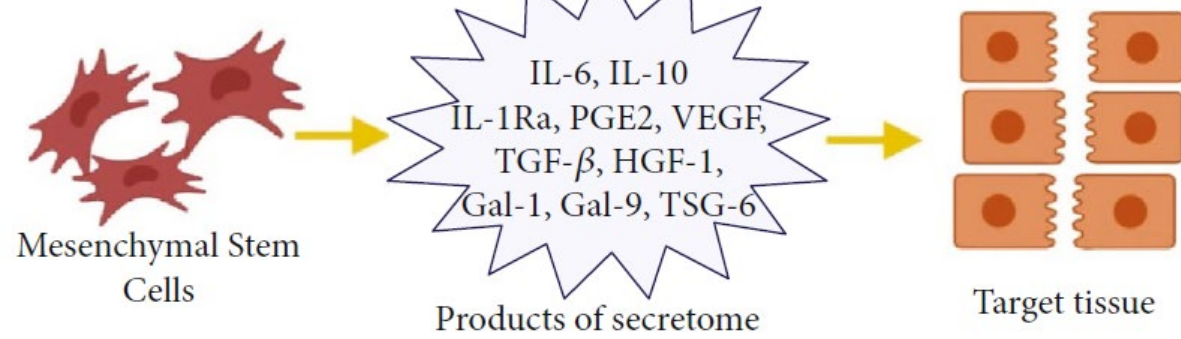


- Proliferative
- Self-renewal
- Differentiation to different lineages

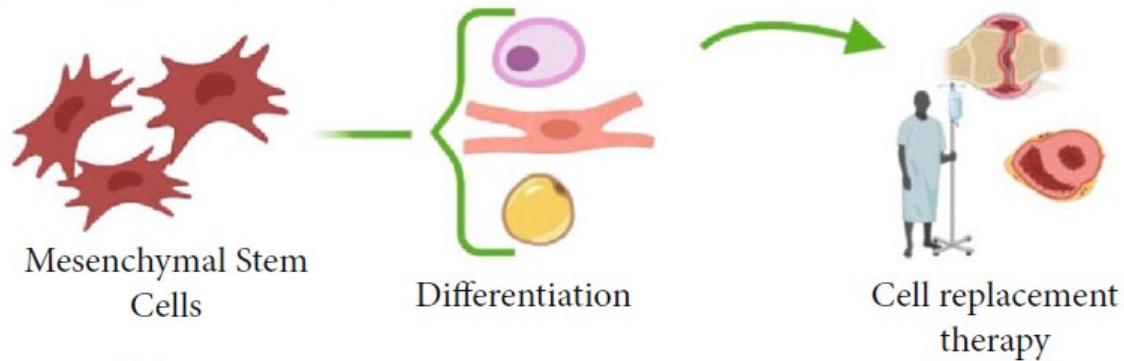


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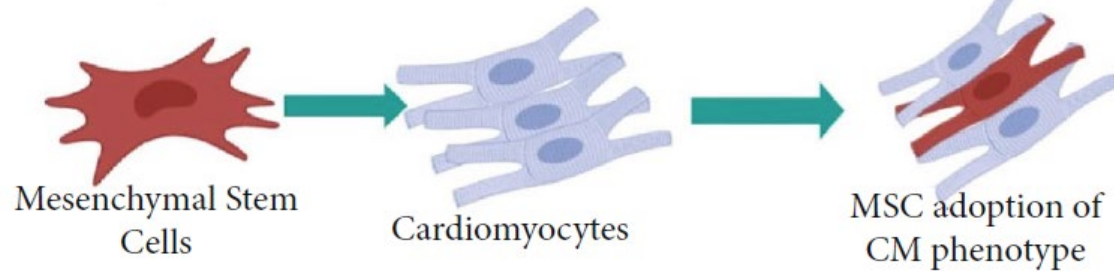
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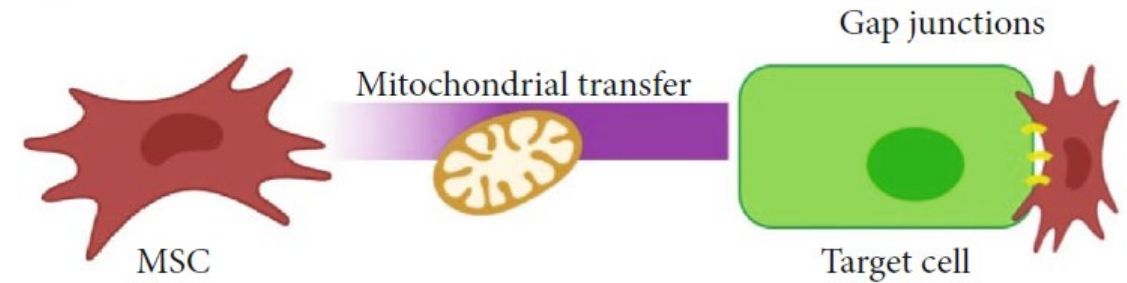
(b) Differentiation potential of MSCs



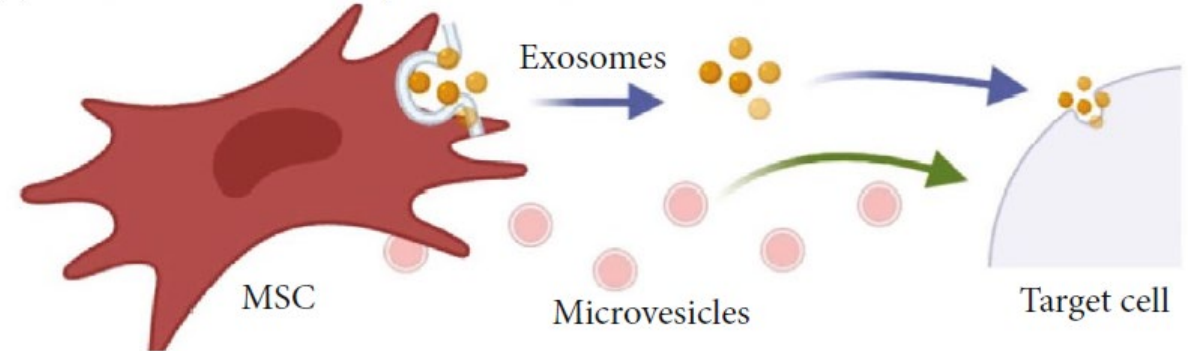
(c) MSC cell fusion



(d) Organelle transfer



(e) Transfer of molecules by exosomes and microvesicles



# MSC = (Multipotent) Mesenchymal Stromal Cells ?

> [Cytotherapy](#). 2006;8(4):315-7. doi: 10.1080/14653240600855905.

## Minimal criteria for defining multipotent mesenchymal stromal cells. The International Society for Cellular Therapy position statement

M Dominici<sup>1</sup>, K Le Blanc, I Mueller, I Slaper-Cortenbach, Fc Marini, Ds Krause, Rj Deans, A Keating, Dj Prockop, Em Horwitz

- Investigators report studies of multipotent mesenchymal stromal cells using different methods of isolation and expansion, and different approaches to characterizing the cells
  - First, MSC must be plastic-adherent when maintained in standard culture conditions
  - Second, MSC must express CD105, CD73 and CD90, and lack expression of CD45, CD34, CD14 or CD11b, CD79 $\alpha$  or CD19 and HLA-DR surface molecules
  - Third, MSC must differentiate to osteoblasts, adipocytes and chondroblasts in vitro

| 구분           | Mesenchymal Stem Cell | Mesenchymal Stromal Cell |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 의미           | 진정한 줄기세포              | 기능적/표현형 기반 세포 집단         |
| self-renewal | 기대됨                   | 제한적/불명확                  |
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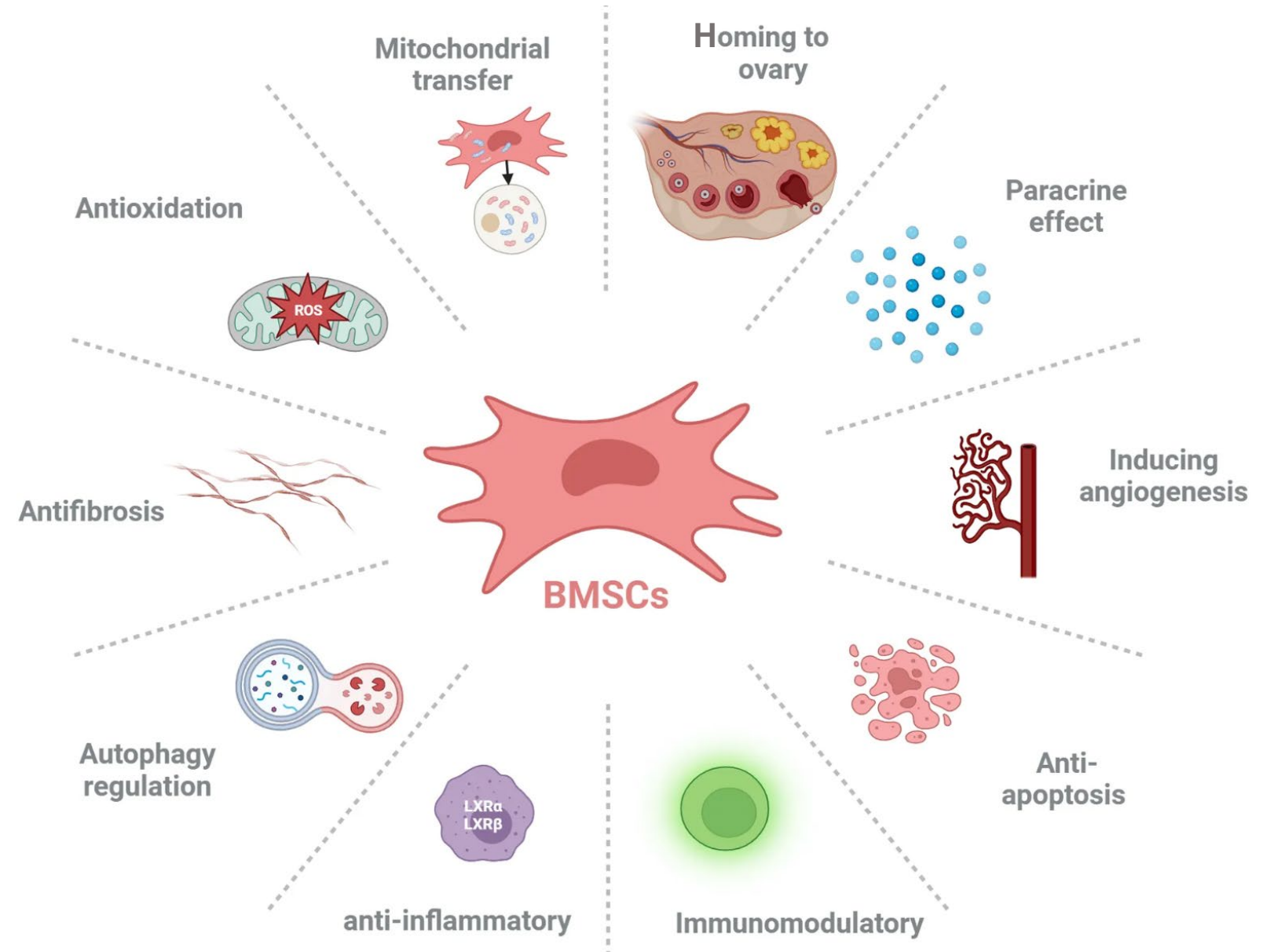
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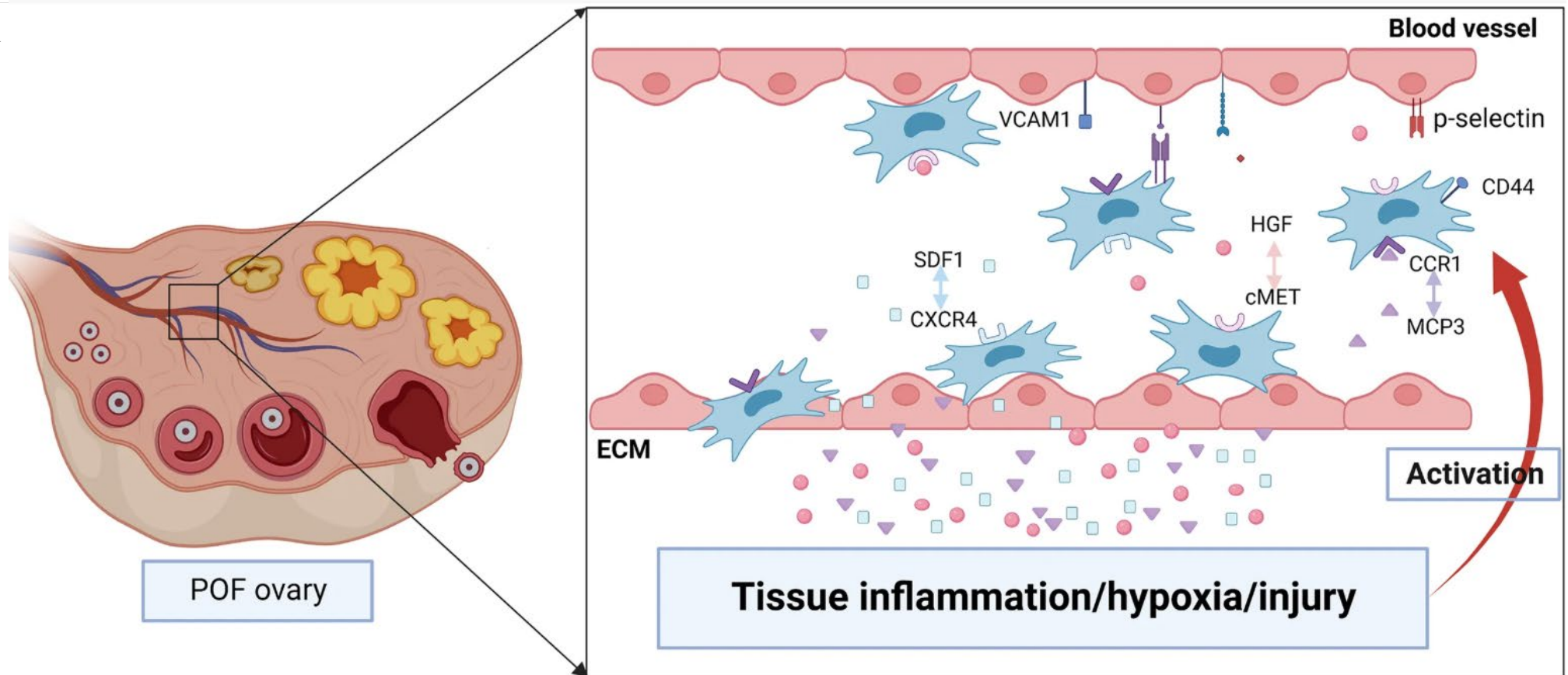
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Bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells  
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- Tissue inflammation, hypoxia or injury
  - chemokines including stromal cell derived factor 1 (SDF1), hepatocyte growth factor (HGF), monocyte chemoattractant protein-3 (MCP3)
  - express BM-MSC specific receptors such as CXC chemokine receptor 4 (CXCR4), cMET, CC chemokine receptor 1 (CCR1)

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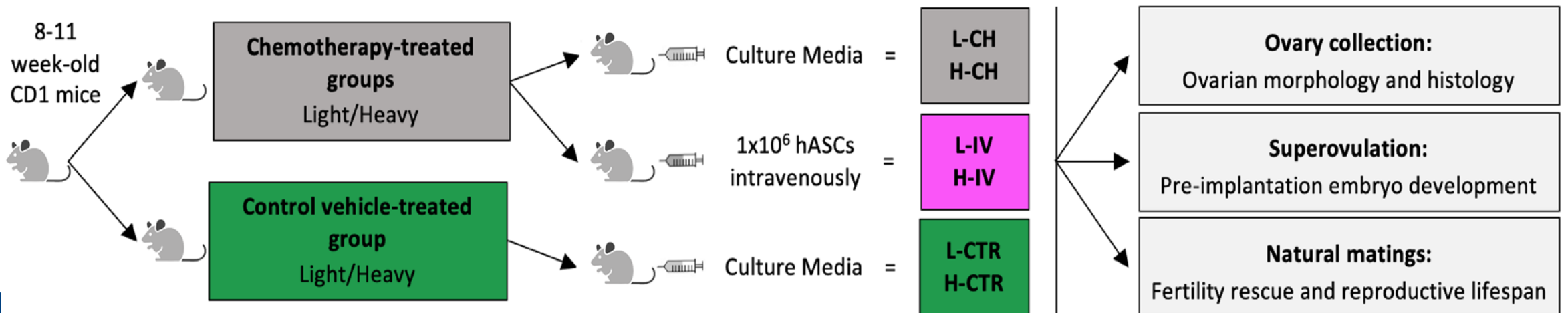
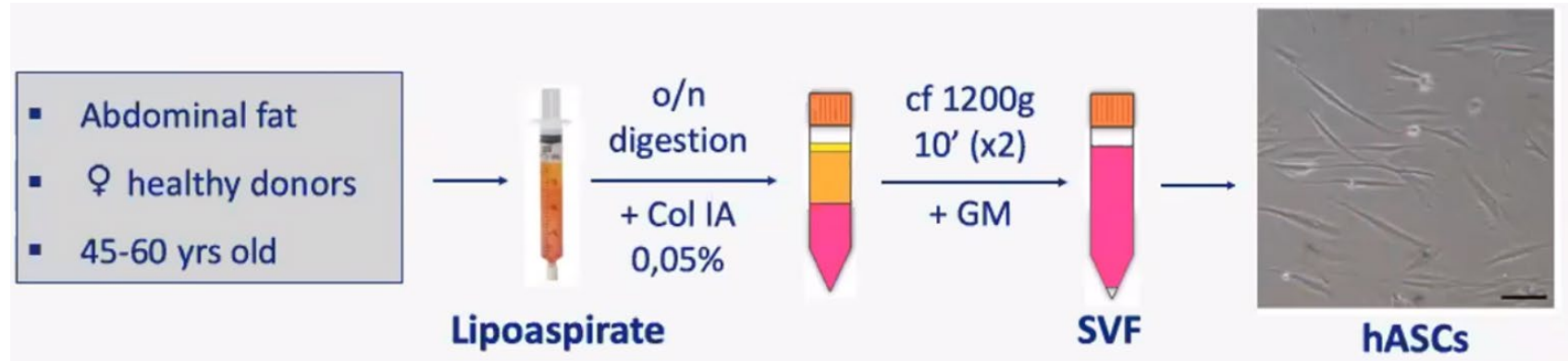
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- $1 \times 10^6$  hASCs were transplanted systemically through the tail vein

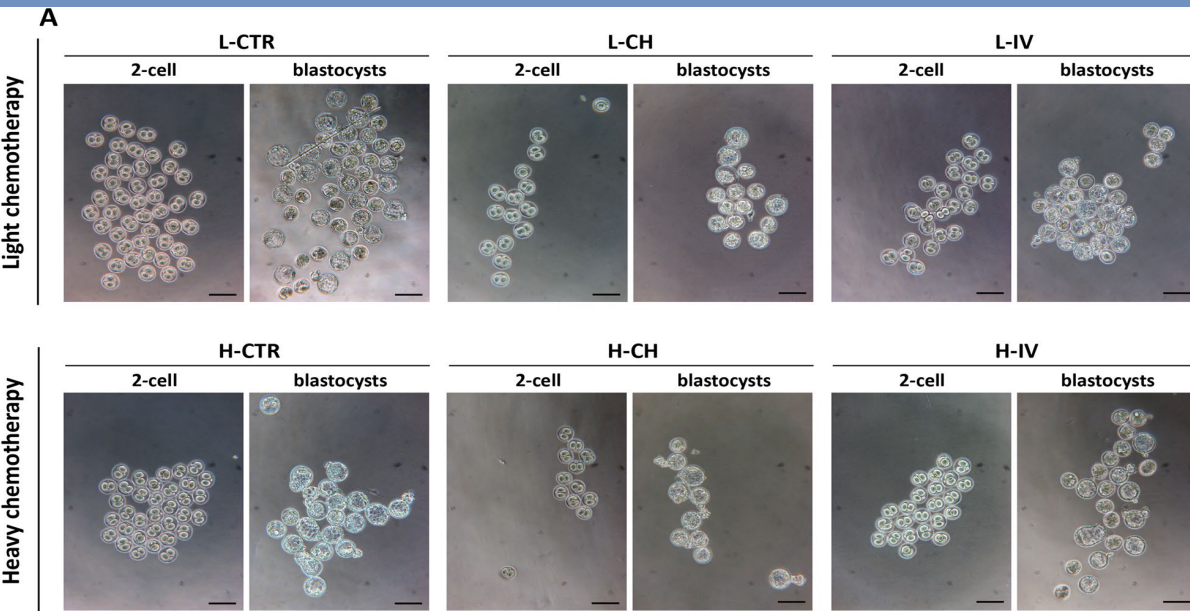
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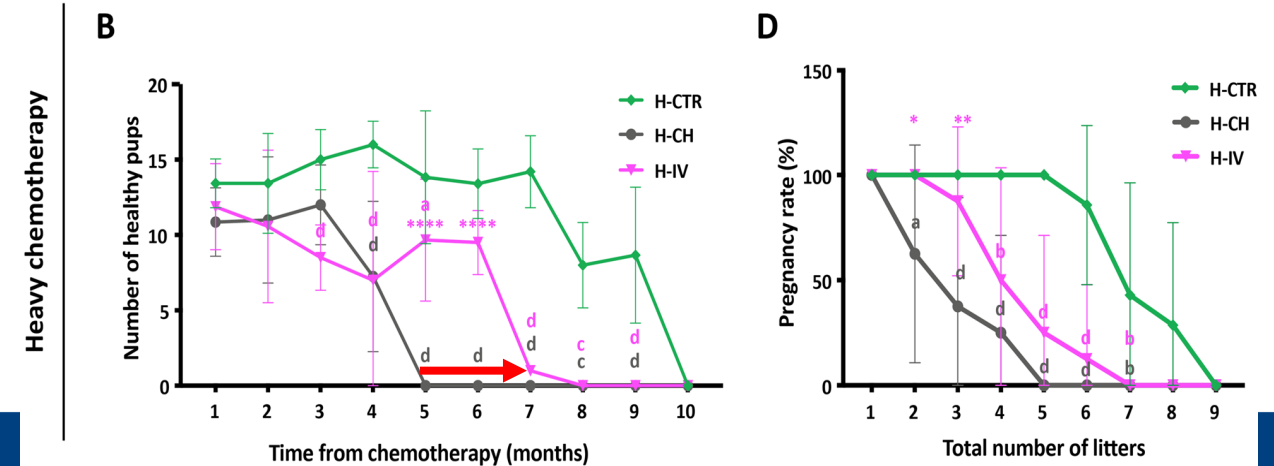
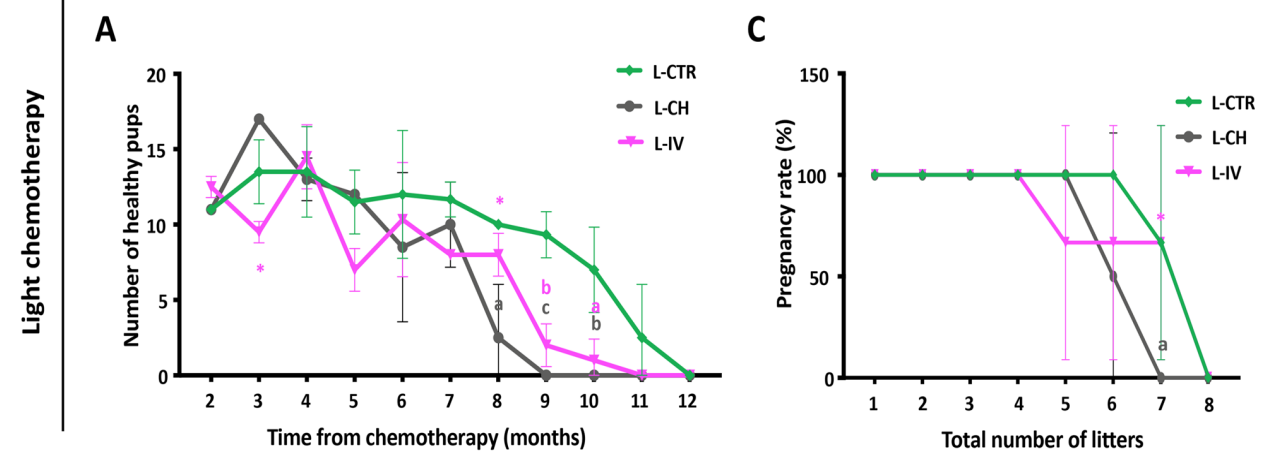
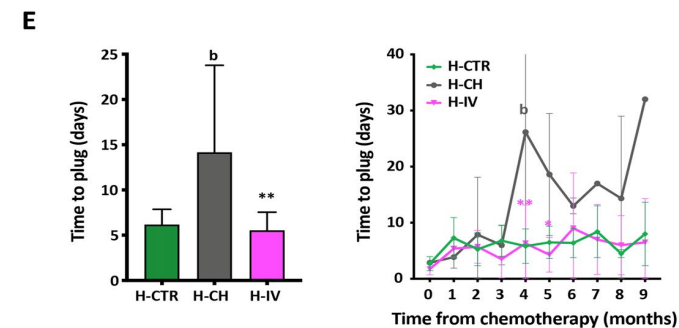
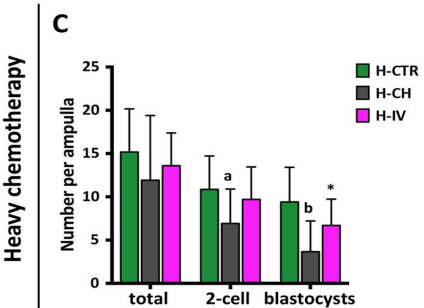
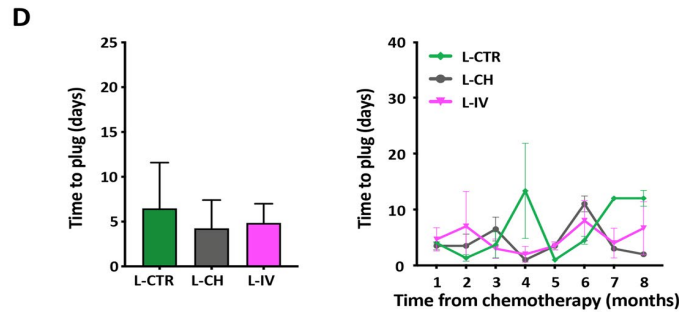
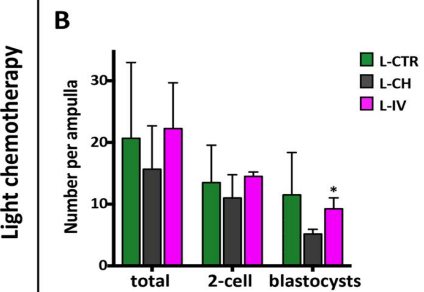




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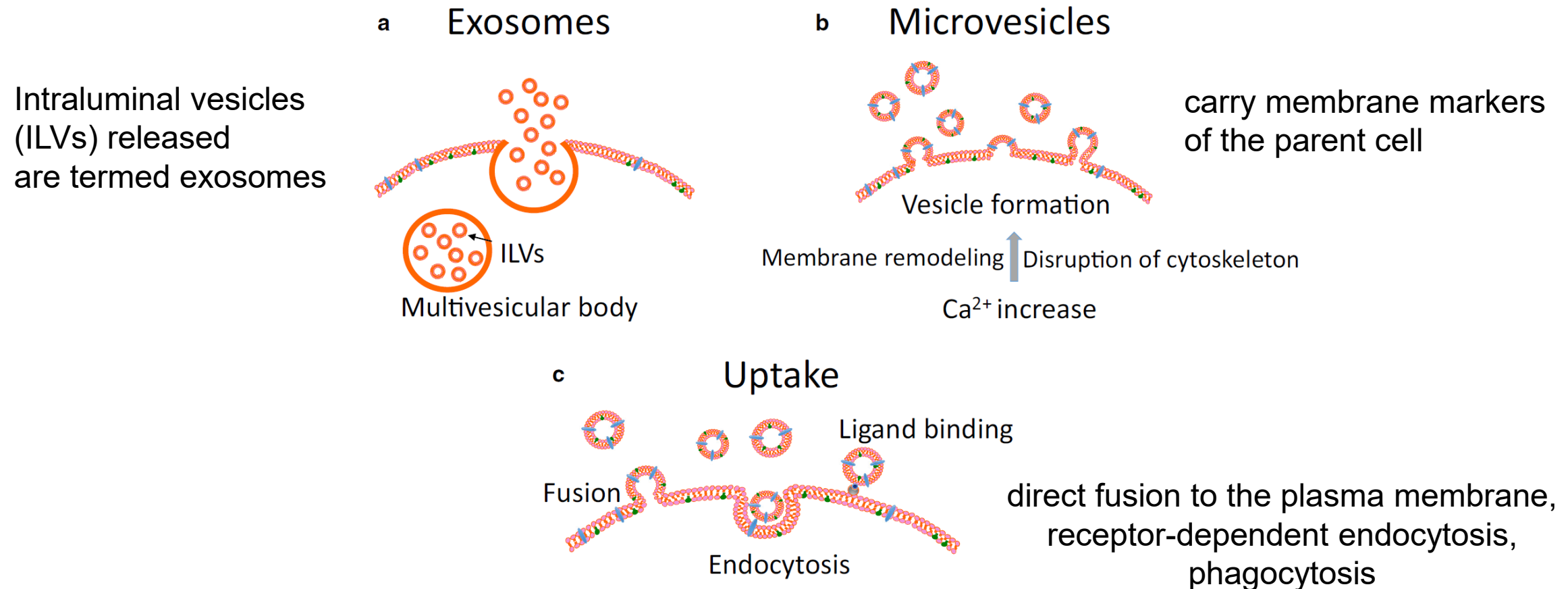


- IV-hASC transplantation improves early post-fertilization development & slows POI



# Mesenchymal Stem Cells Based Therapy - Exosome

- Exosome
  - class of membranous vesicles with diameters of 30–200 nm
  - mediate local cell-to-cell communication by transferring microRNAs & proteins



# Mesenchymal Stem Cells Based Therapy - In Vitro

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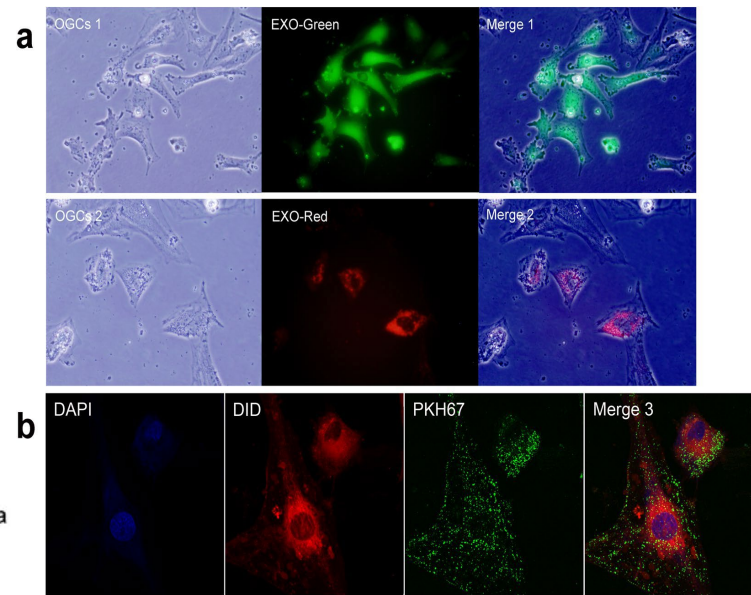
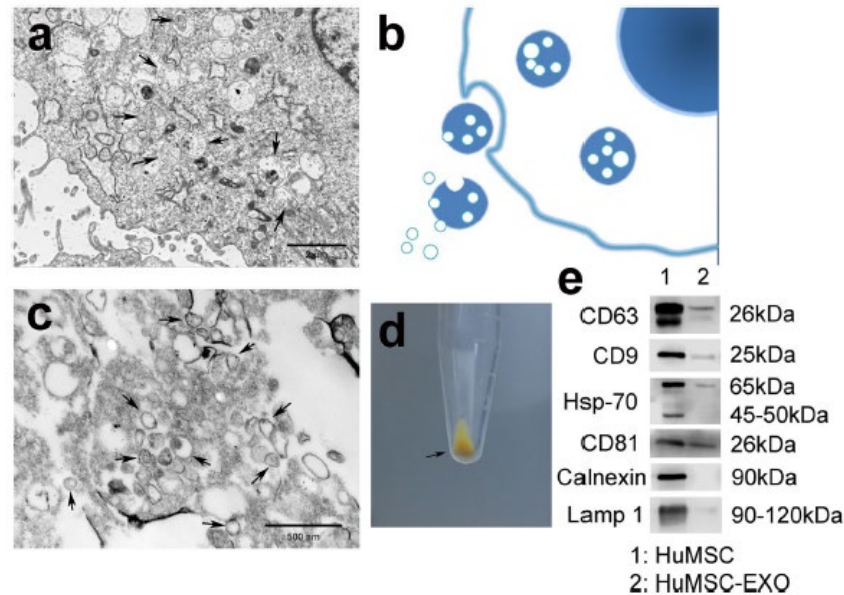
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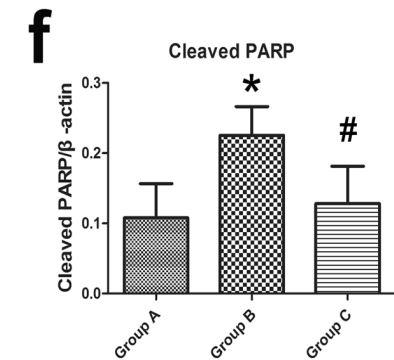
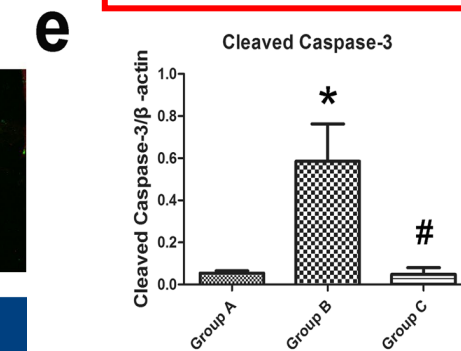
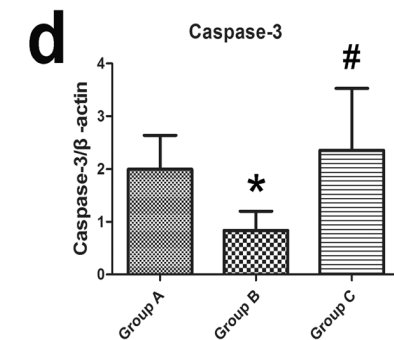
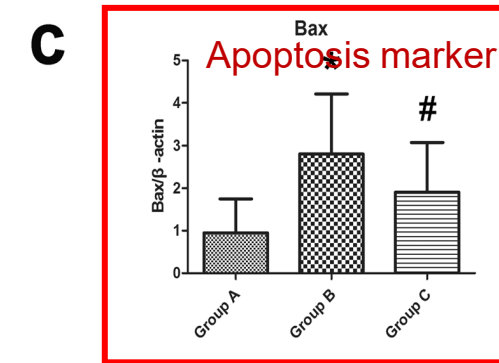
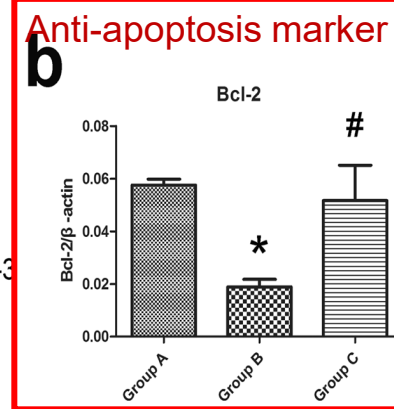
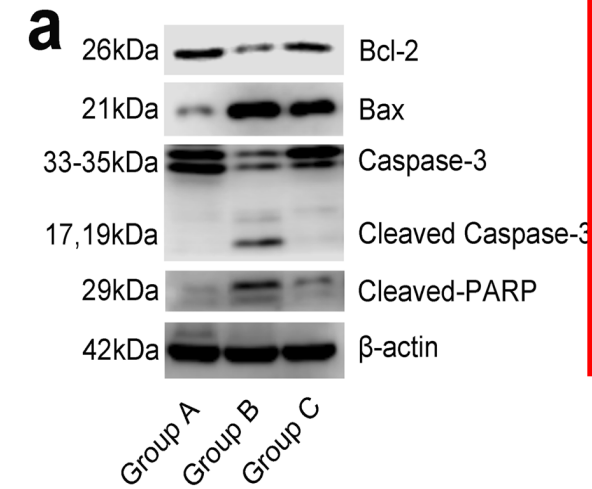
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- Uptake of exosomes of hUC-MSC by ovarian granulosa cells



A) Control B) CTx C) Exo Co-culture



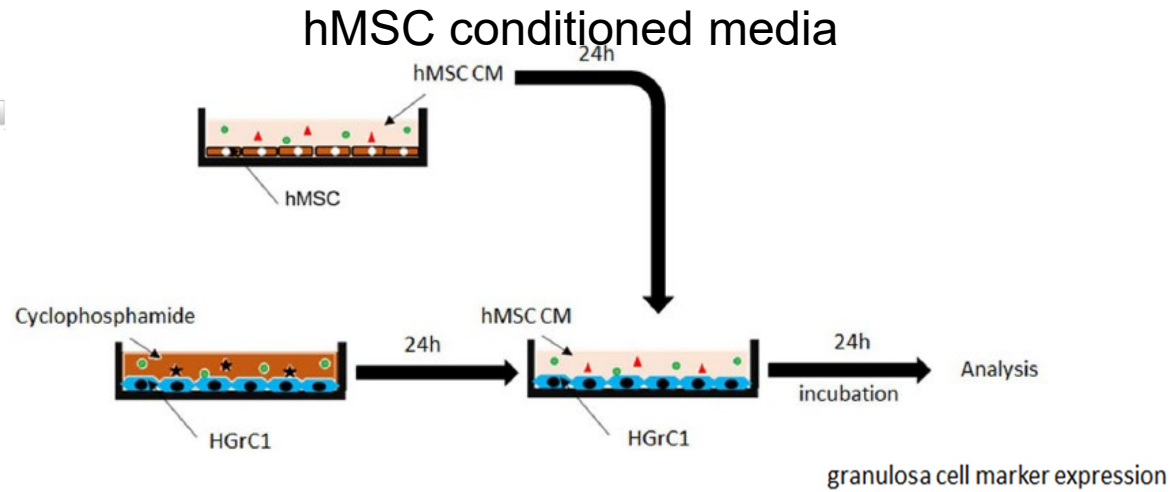
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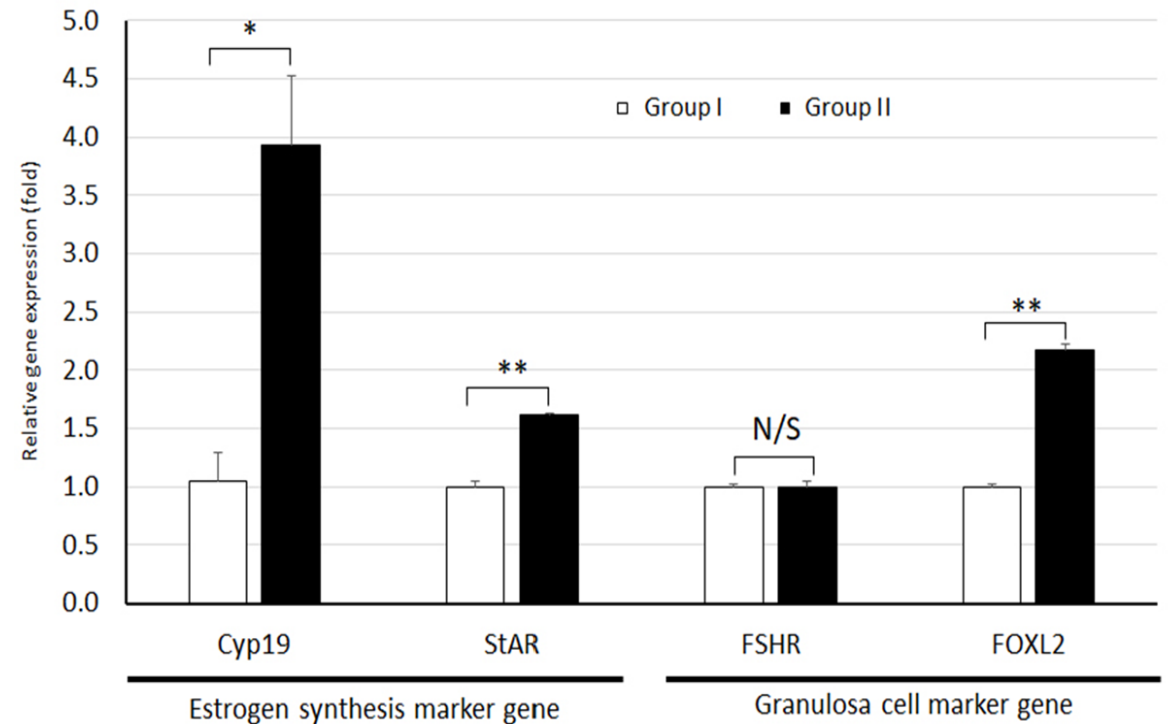
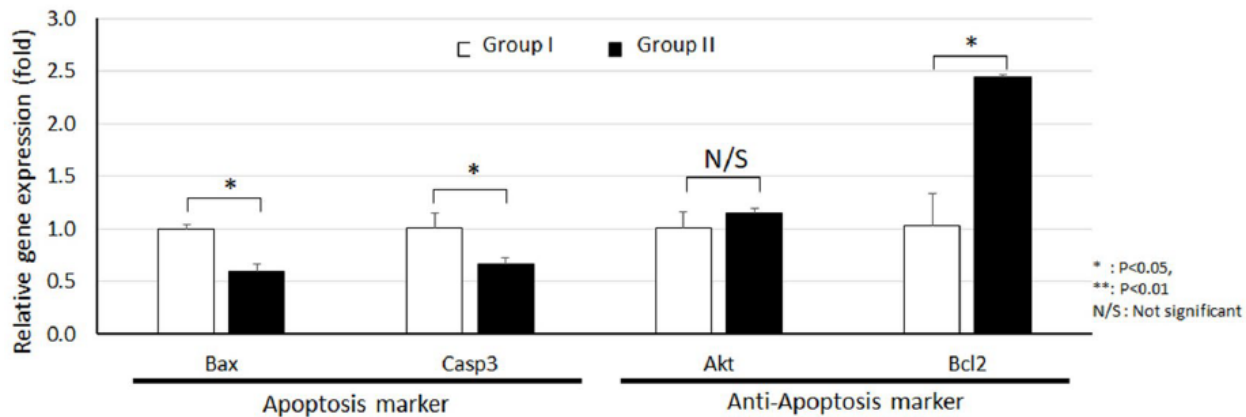
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Control hMSC-CM



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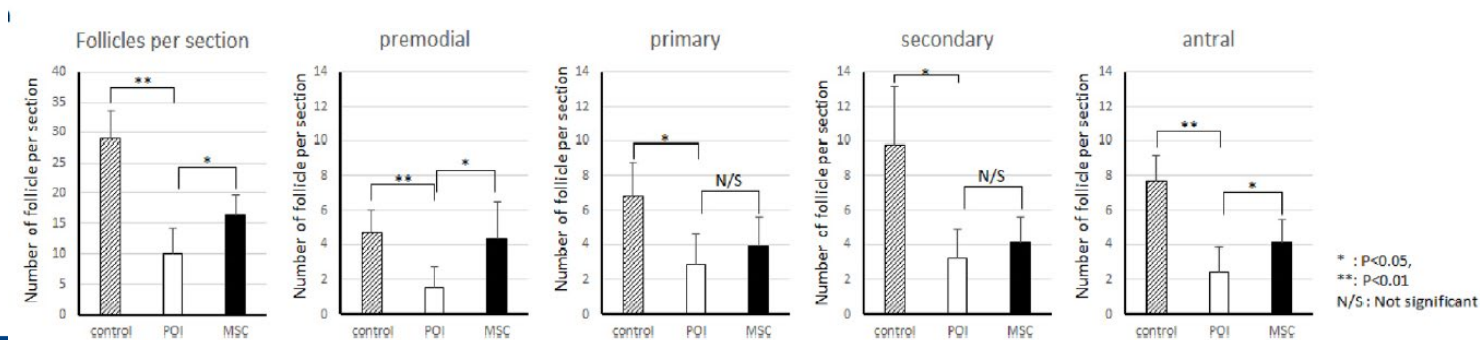
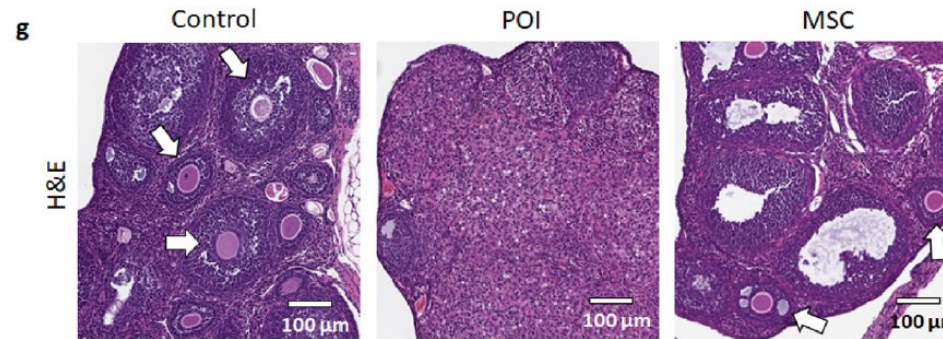
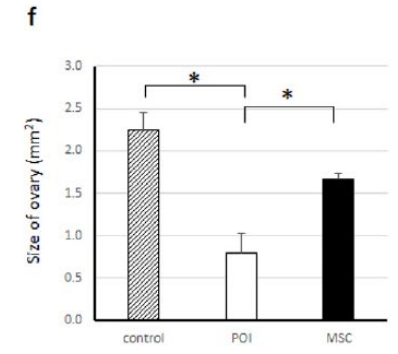
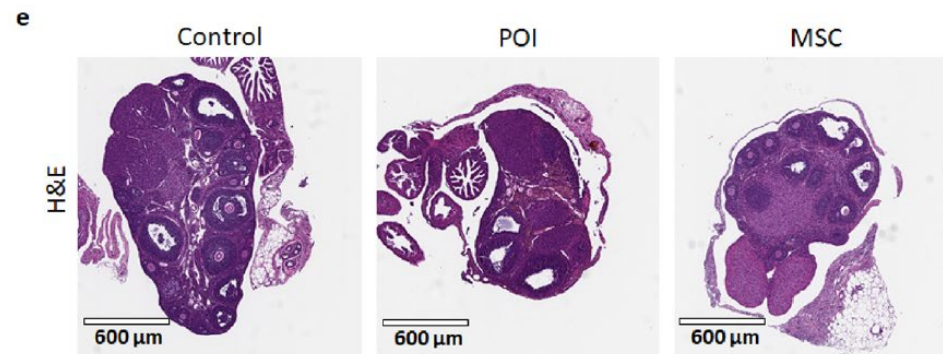
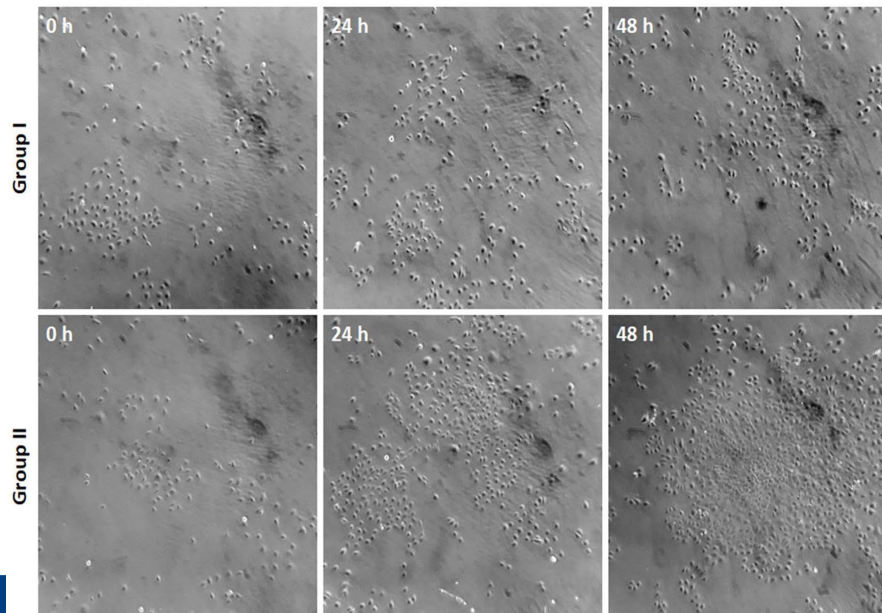
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- hMSC-conditioned media stimulates GC proliferation



# Mesenchymal Stem Cells Based Therapy - In Vivo



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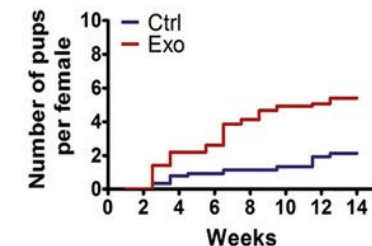
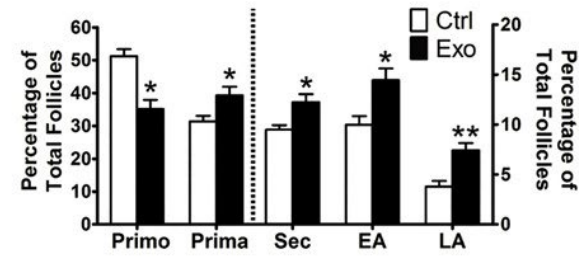
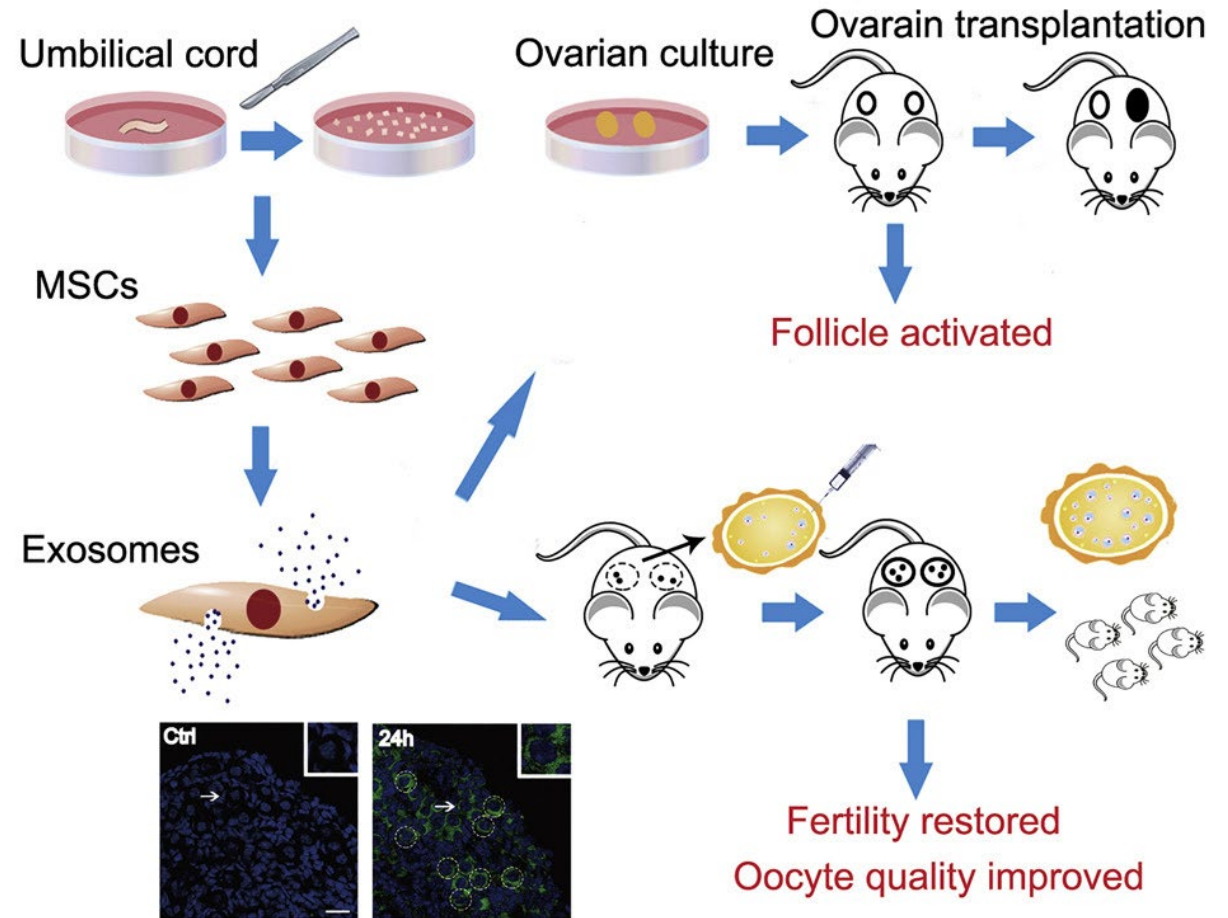
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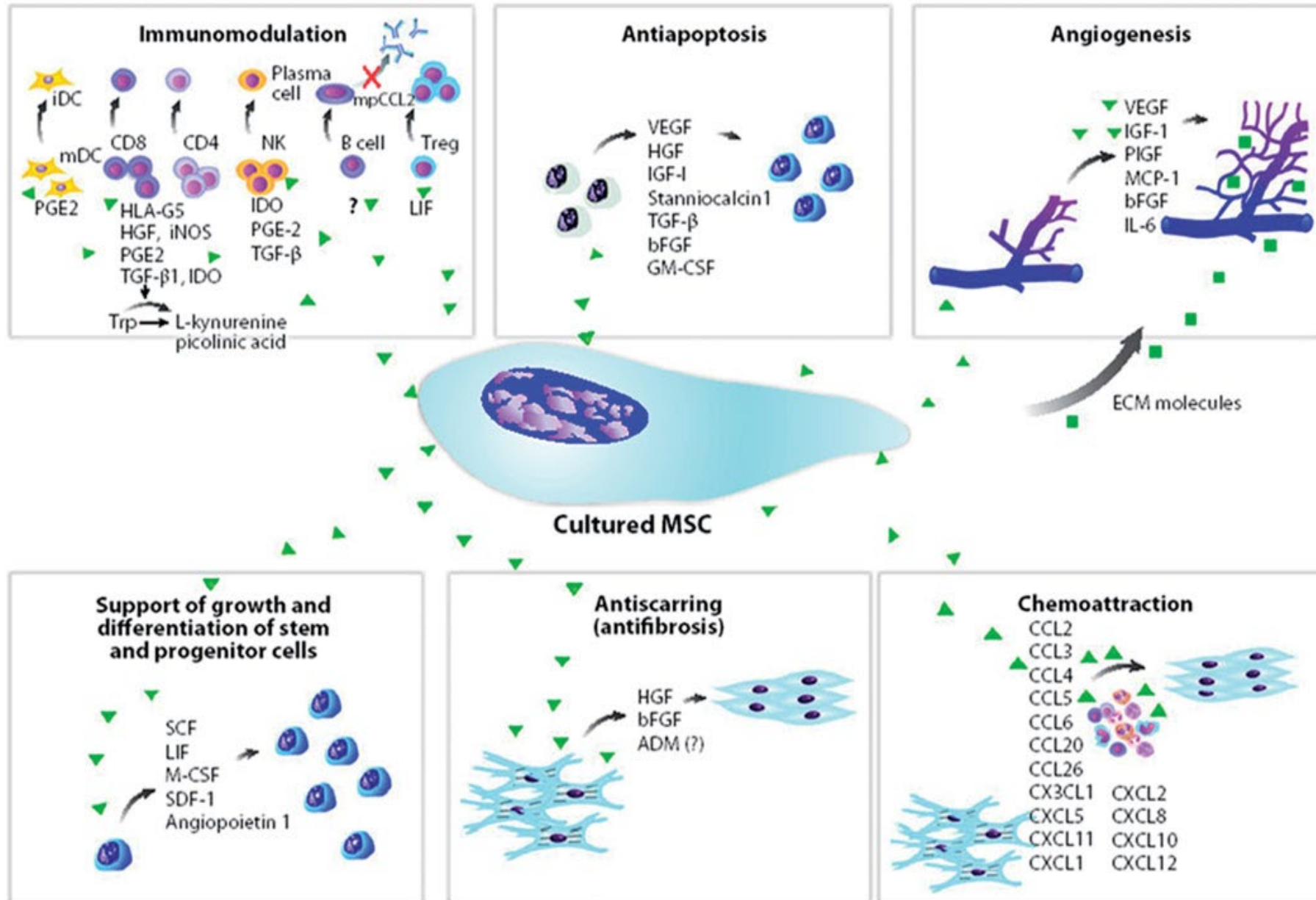
### HucMSC-Derived Exosomes Mitigate the Age-Related Retardation of Fertility in Female Mice

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- Uptake of HucMSC-exos by cultured newborn ovaries of mice
- Activation of the oocyte phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K)/mTOR signaling pathway & acceleration of follicular development
- Stimulatory effects of HucMSC-exos on primordial follicles were through carrying functional microRNAs, such as miR-146a-5p or miR-21-5p



# Mesenchymal Stem Cells Based Therapy



# Autologous BM-MSC Ovarian Transplant

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## CASE REPORT

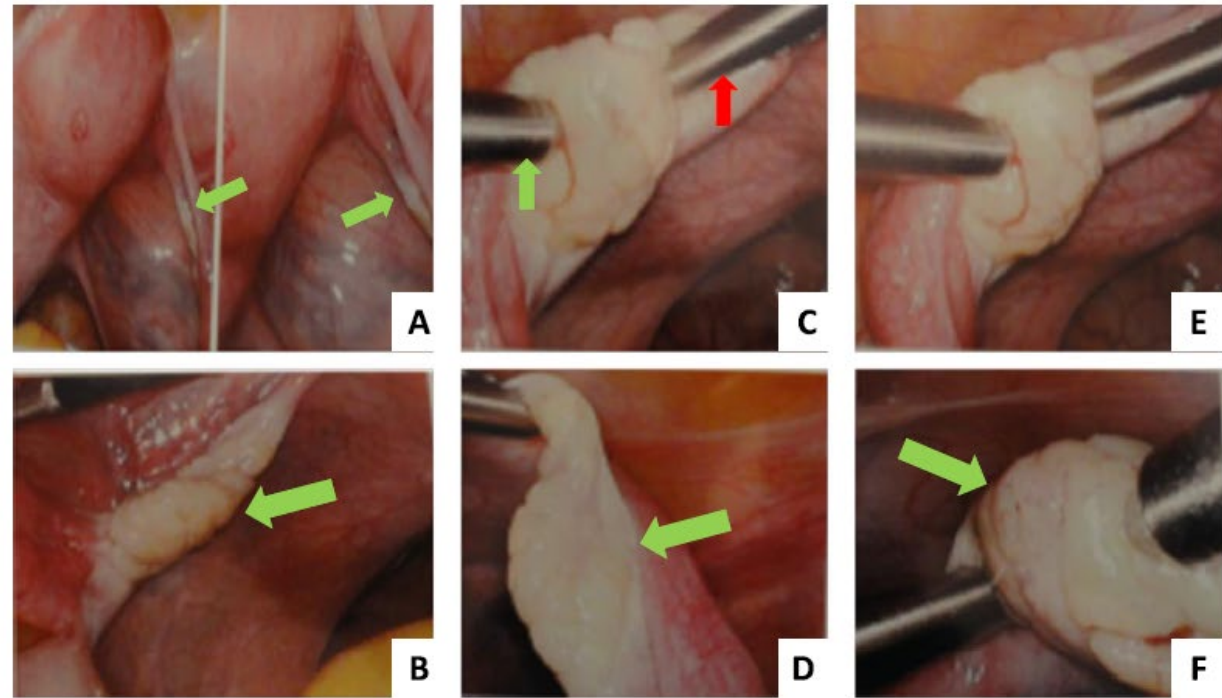
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Intraovarian injection of autologous human mesenchymal stem cells increases estrogen production and reduces menopausal symptoms in women with premature ovarian failure: two case reports and a review of the literature

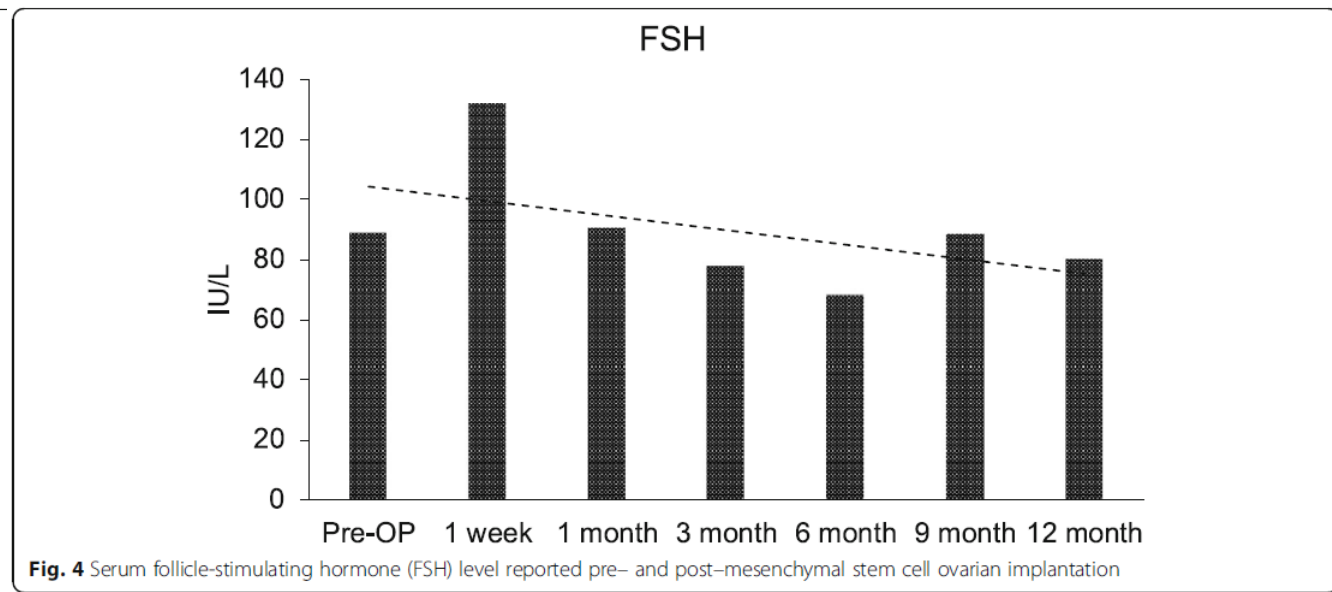
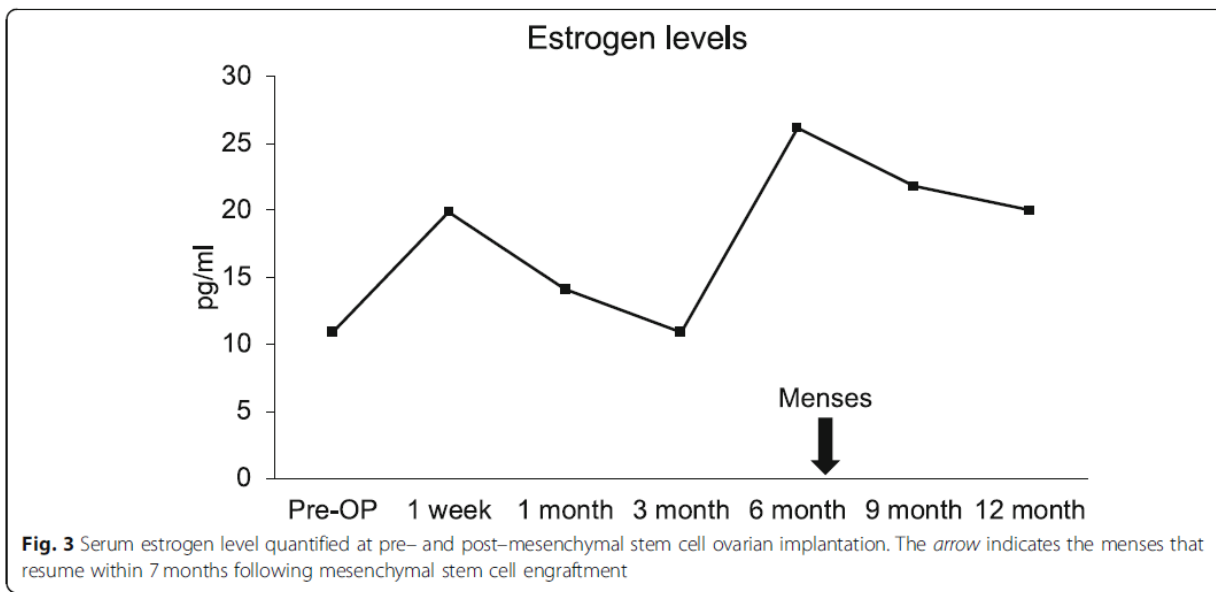
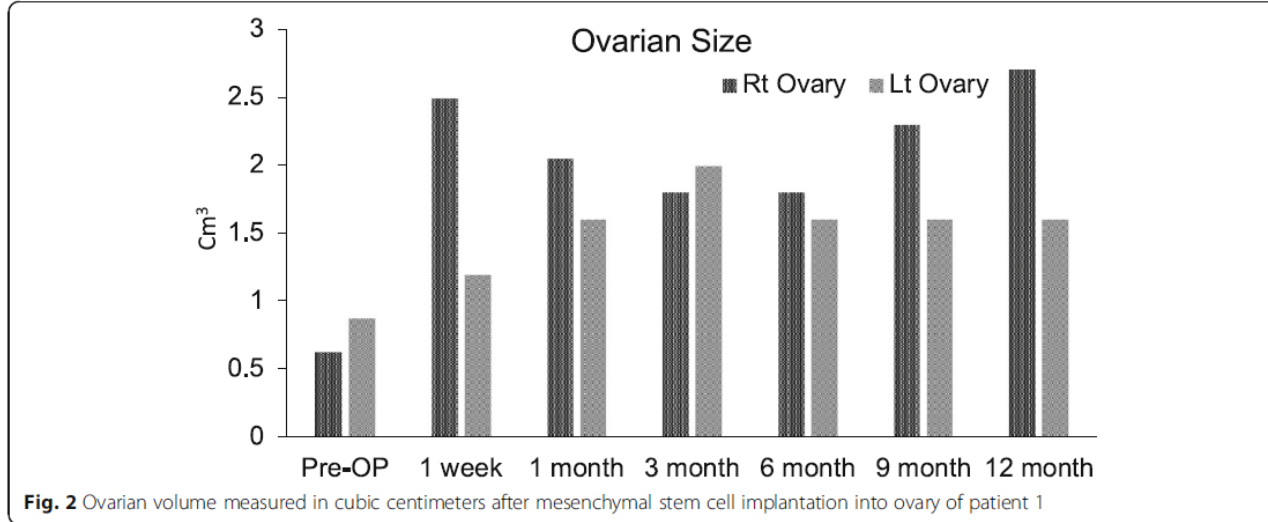
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- Autologous bone marrow-derived MSC injected into the POF patient's right ovary



**Fig. 1** Ovarian morphologic changes after mesenchymal stem cell injection. **a** Atrophic ovary before injection (*green arrows*) (low magnification). **b** Atrophic ovary before injection (*green arrow*) (zoom-in). **c** Laparoscopic grasper (*green arrow*) to stabilize the ovary during injection process via stem cell injector (*red arrow*). **d** Atrophic ovary (*green arrow*) stabilized in place just before injection process. **e** Injection of the stem cells. **f** Ovary (*green arrow*) near end of injection process (Notice the swelling and apparent increase in ovarian size.)

# Autologous BM-MSC Ovarian Transplant



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## Autologous Stem Cells Therapy, The First Baby of Idiopathic Premature Ovarian Failure

Acta Medical International 2016

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- Autologous bone marrow-derived MSC, injected directly into the ovaries
- Among 10 patients
  - 2 cases resumed menstruation after 3 months
  - one of them got pregnancy after 11 months and delivered a healthy full term baby

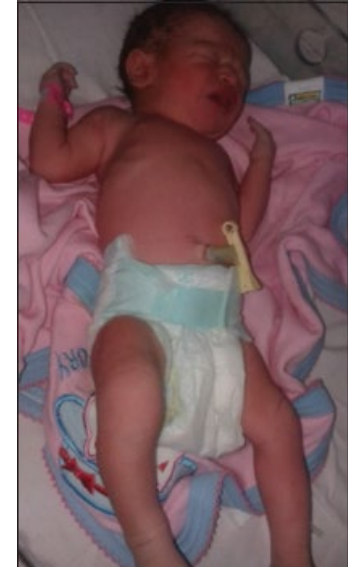


Table 8: Hormonal profile of the pregnant case before and after transplantation (months)

| Case | Before |    |    |      | After                   |    |    |                          |    |    |                          |    |    |     |                           |    |     |     |
|------|--------|----|----|------|-------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|-----|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|
|      | Basal  |    |    |      | 1 month after injection |    |    | 2 months after injection |    |    | 6 months after injection |    |    |     | 10 months after injection |    |     |     |
|      | FSH    | LH | E2 | AMH  | FSH                     | LH | E2 | FSH                      | LH | E2 | FSH                      | LH | E2 | AMH | FSH                       | LH | E2  | AMH |
| Case | 58     | 31 | 11 | <0.1 | 120                     | 35 | 50 | 97                       | 65 | 13 | 64                       | 35 | 20 | 3   | 13                        | 17 | 150 | 5   |

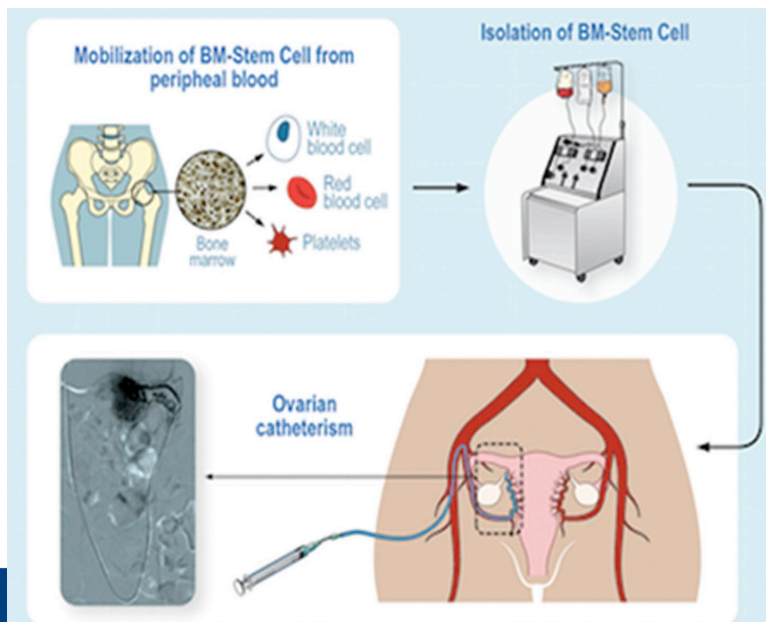
# Autologous BM-MSC Ovarian Transplant

## Autologous stem cell ovarian transplantation to increase reproductive potential in patients who are poor responders Fertil Steril 2018

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- 17 patients, G-CSF 5 days, then stem cell collection
- Intra-arterial catheterization procedure
- Five pregnancies were achieved: 2 after ET, 3 by natural conception



Reproductive outcomes before and after autologous stem cell ovarian transplant.


| Characteristics                       | Previous        | After ASCOT   | PValue |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| FSH dose (IU)                         | 3,623 ± 1,444   | 4,201 ± 1,342 | NS     |
| Days of stimulation                   | 10.5 ± 2.7      | 9.9 ± 3.8     | NS     |
| E <sub>2</sub> day hCG administration | 1,079.4 ± 736.5 | 720.7 ± 512.2 | NS     |
| Antral follicles (total)              | 4 ± 1.9         | 5.8 ± 1.7     | .036   |
| Control ovary                         | 2.5 ± 1.0       | 2.8 ± 1.5     | NS     |
| Infused ovary                         | 1.9 ± 0.7       | 2.9 ± 1.4     | .026   |
| Follicles >16 mm (total)              | 2.6 ± 1.8       | 2.9 ± 1.2     | .05    |
| Control ovary                         | 1.2 ± 1.0       | 1.5 ± 1.1     | NS     |
| Infused ovary                         | 1.2 ± 1.5       | 1.5 ± 1.2     | NS     |
| Punctured follicles (total)           | 4.0 ± 3.1       | 4.7 ± 1.9     | NS     |
| Control ovary                         | 2 ± 2.1         | 1.9 ± 1.0     | NS     |
| Infused ovary                         | 1.5 ± 1.8       | 2.1 ± 1.7     | NS     |
| Retrieved MII (total) <sup>a</sup>    | 2.3 ± 2.0       | 2.6 ± 1.6     | NS     |
| 0                                     | 4               | 2             |        |
| 1                                     | 4               | 10            |        |
| 2                                     | 1               | 4             |        |
| 3                                     | 5               | 5             |        |
| ≥4                                    | 3               | 3             |        |
| No oocyte pick-up                     | 7               | 3             |        |
| Retrieved MII (control ovary)         | 0.5 ± 1.0       | 1.4 ± 1.0     | NS     |
| Retrieved MII (infused ovary)         | 0.3 ± 0.5       | 1.2 ± 1.0     | NS     |
| Total embryos by cycle <sup>a</sup>   | 1.7 ± 1.5       | 2.1 ± 1.6     | NS     |
| 0                                     | 4               | 4             |        |
| 1                                     | 5               | 12            |        |
| 2                                     | 4               | 2             |        |
| ≥3                                    | 3               | 5             |        |
| Embryos (control ovary)               | —               | 1.0 ± 1.2     |        |
| Embryos (infused ovary)               | —               | 1.1 ± 0.9     |        |
| Canceled COS                          | 4/15 (26.6%)    | 1/15 (6.6%)   | NS     |

# Autologous Men-MSC Ovarian Transplant

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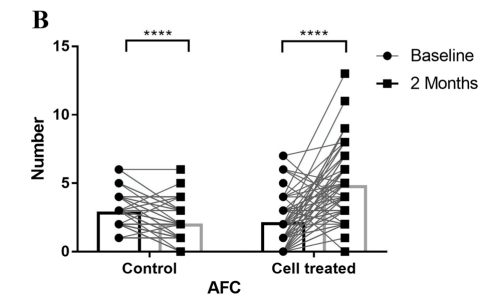
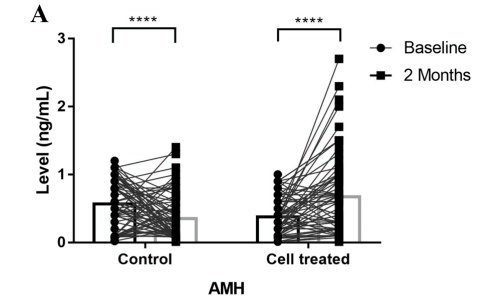
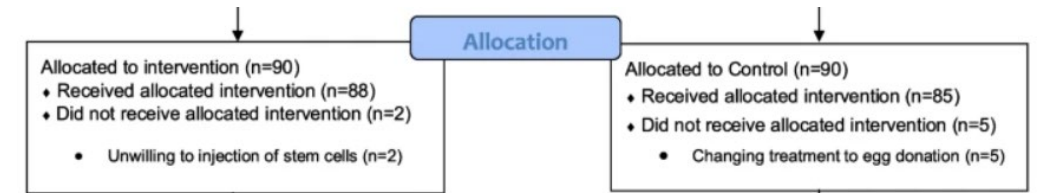
## The effects of intraovarian injection of autologous menstrual blood-derived mesenchymal stromal cells on pregnancy outcomes in women with poor ovarian response

Research | Open access | Published: 15 November 2023

Simin Zafardoust , Somaieh Kazemnejad, Mina Fathi-Kazerooni, Maryam Darzi, Mohammad Reza

Sadeghi, Ali Sadeghi Tabar & Zahra Sehat

- Autologous Men-MSC treatment: quicker, safer and less invasive method of collection and no ethical issues
  - improvement in AMH levels & AFC
  - higher rate of spontaneous pregnancy
  - greater number of mature oocytes & embryos in IVF
  - subgroup analysis: only among individuals <40y



| Parameters            | In ≤ 40years old group |              |         | In > 40years old group |              |         |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|------------------------|--------------|---------|
|                       | MenSC                  | Control      | P-value | MenSC                  | Control      | P-value |
| Spontaneous pregnancy | 12/44 (27.3%)          | 4/44 (9.1%)  | 0.01    | 6/36 (16.6%)           | 2/37 (5.4%)  | NS      |
| Pregnancy after ICSI  | 8/26 (27.6%)           | 2/14 (4.8%)  | 0.009   | 0/23 (0%)              | 2/18 (5.6%)  | NS      |
| Clinical pregnancy    | 20/44 (50%)            | 6/44 (13.6%) | <0.001  | 6/36 (16.7%)           | 4/37 (10.8%) | NS      |
| Live birth rate       | 11/44 (25.0%)          | 4/44 (9.1%)  | 0.02    | 5/36 (13.9%)           | 2/37 (5.4%)  | NS      |

# Other Source of Stem Cells for Ovarian Transplant

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## Evaluation of safety, feasibility and efficacy of intra-ovarian transplantation of autologous adipose derived mesenchymal stromal cells in idiopathic premature ovarian failure patients: non-randomized clinical trial, phase I, first in human

Research | [Open access](#) | Published: 06 January 2021

Volume 14, article number 5, (2021) [Cite this article](#)

### Results

Participants had not shown any early-onset possible side effects and secondary complications during follow-up. The menstruation resumption was observed in four patients which established for several months. In the  $15 \times 10^6$  group, two POF patients had a return of menstruation second months after the intervention. Two other POF patients in  $5 \times 10^6$  and  $10 \times 10^6$  cell groups reported menstruation resumption at 1 month after the intervention. We observed decreased serum FSH levels of less than 25 IU/l in four patients. In two patients in  $5 \times 10^6$  and  $10 \times 10^6$  cell groups, serum FSH showed an inconsistent decline during a 1 year follow up after ADSCs transplantation. The ovarian volume, AMH, and AFC were variable during the follow-up and no significant differences between cell groups ( $p > 0.05$ ).

### Conclusions

We showed the intra-ovarian embedding of ADSCs is safe and feasible and is associated with an inconsistent decline in serum FSH. This should be further investigated with a large RCT.

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## Transplantation of UC-MSCs on collagen scaffold activates follicles in dormant ovaries of POF patients with long history of infertility

Research Paper | Published: 13 March 2018

Premature ovarian failure (POF) is a refractory disease for clinical treatment with the goal of restoring fertility. In this study, umbilical cord mesenchymal stem cells on a collagen scaffold (collagen/UC-MSCs) can activate primordial follicles *in vitro* via phosphorylation of FOXO3a and FOXO1. Transplantation of collagen/UC-MSCs to the ovaries of POF patients rescued overall ovarian function, evidenced by elevated estradiol concentrations, improved follicular development, and increased number of antral follicles. Successful clinical pregnancy was achieved in women with POF after transplantation of collagen/UC-MSCs or UC-MSCs. In summary, collagen/UC-MSC transplantation may provide an effective treatment for POF.

# Mesenchymal Stem Cells Based Therapy – Immune Modulation



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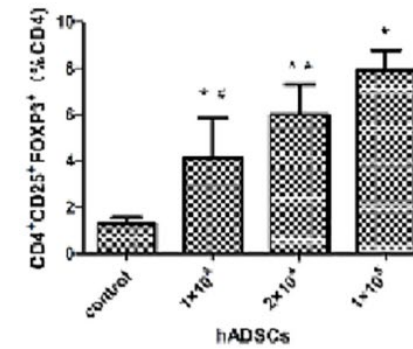


Effects of human adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells combined with estrogen on regulatory T cells in patients with premature ovarian insufficiency

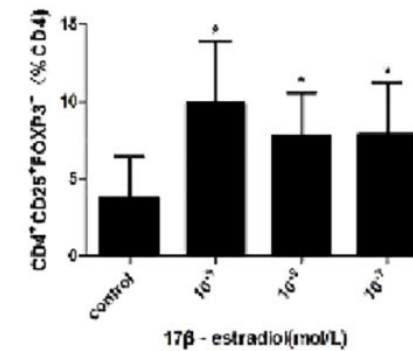
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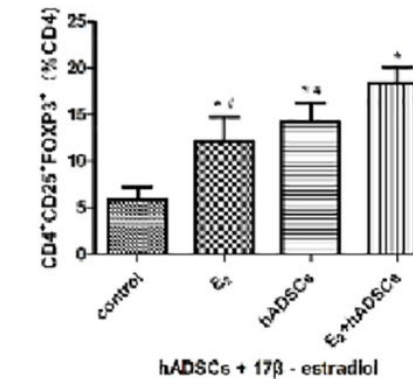
- hAD-SCs increase the proportion of CD4+ CD25+ Foxp3+ Tregs by upregulating the expression level of Foxp3
- 17β-estradiol significantly increases the proportion of CD4+ CD25+ Foxp3+ Tregs in the PBMCs population
- **hAD-SCs & 17β-estradiol** can exert a **synergistic effect** on promoting **immunomodulation of Tregs**
- The combination treatment with hAD-SCs and estrogen may be effective way to improve **immune-induced POI**



hADSCs

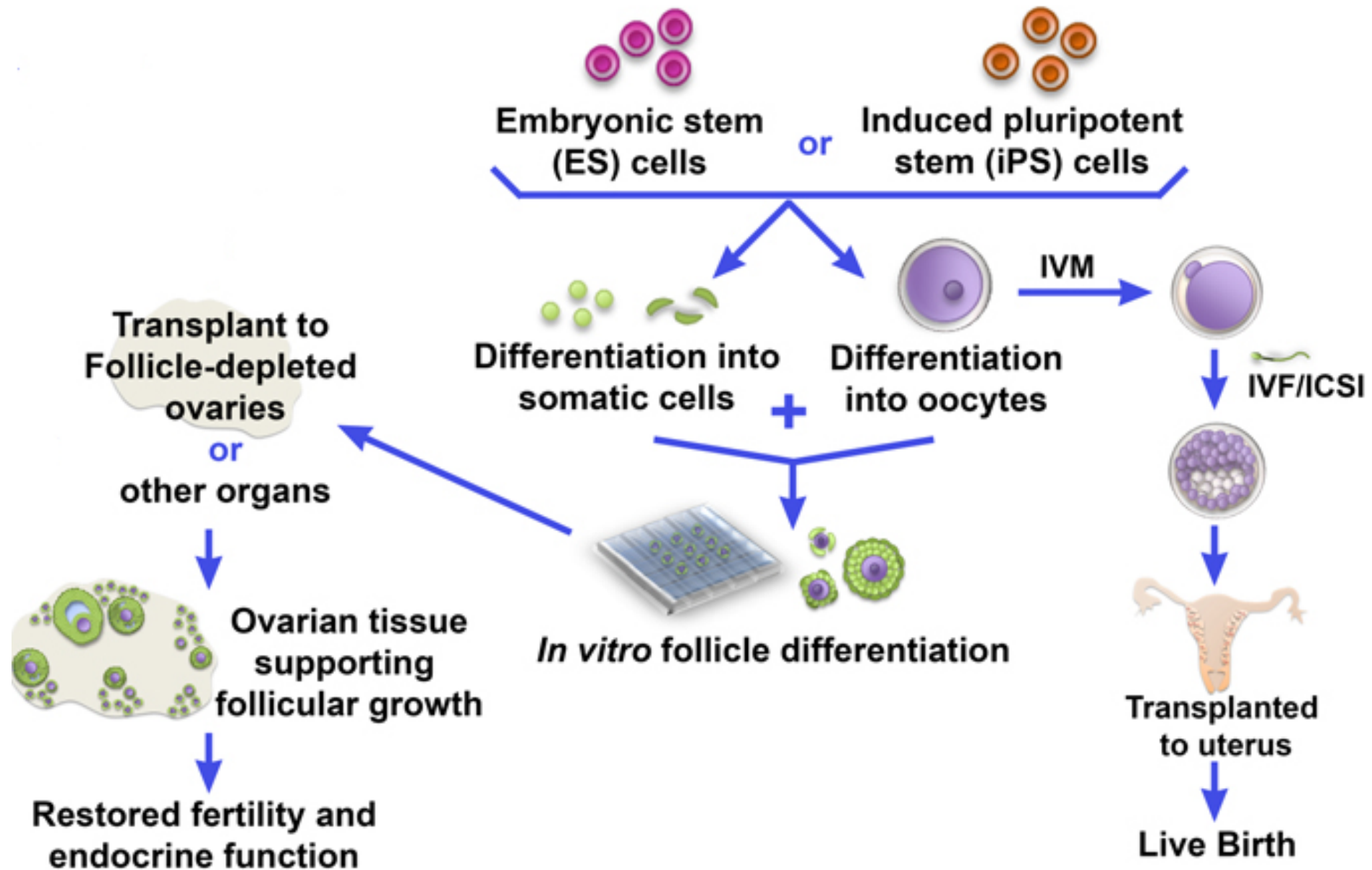


17β-estradiol



hADSCs+17β-estradiol

# Making New Gametes from PSCs



# Mouse Artificial Gametes

## Reconstitution *in vitro* of the entire cycle of the mouse female germ line

primordial germ cell like cells =

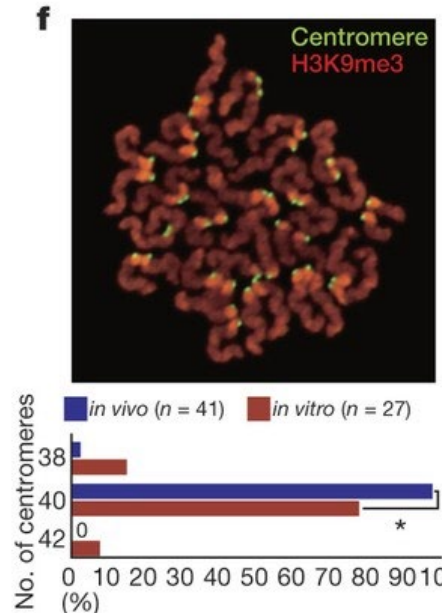
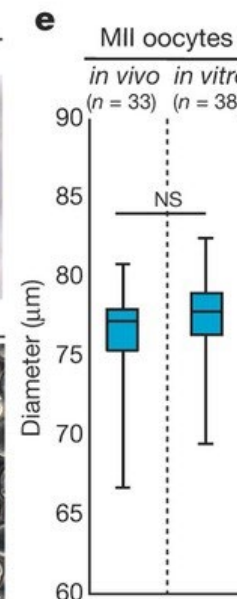
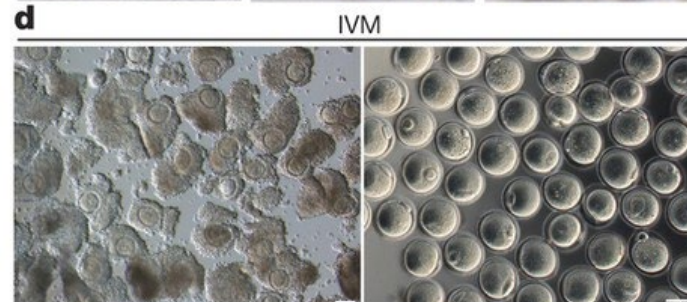
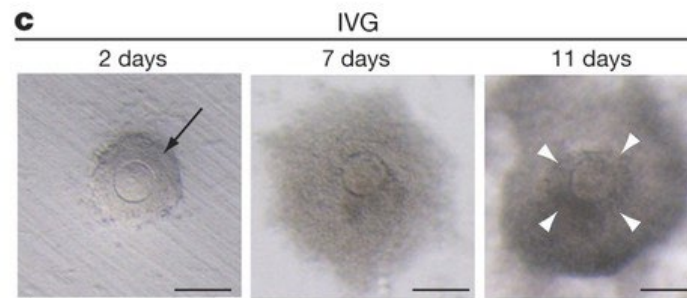
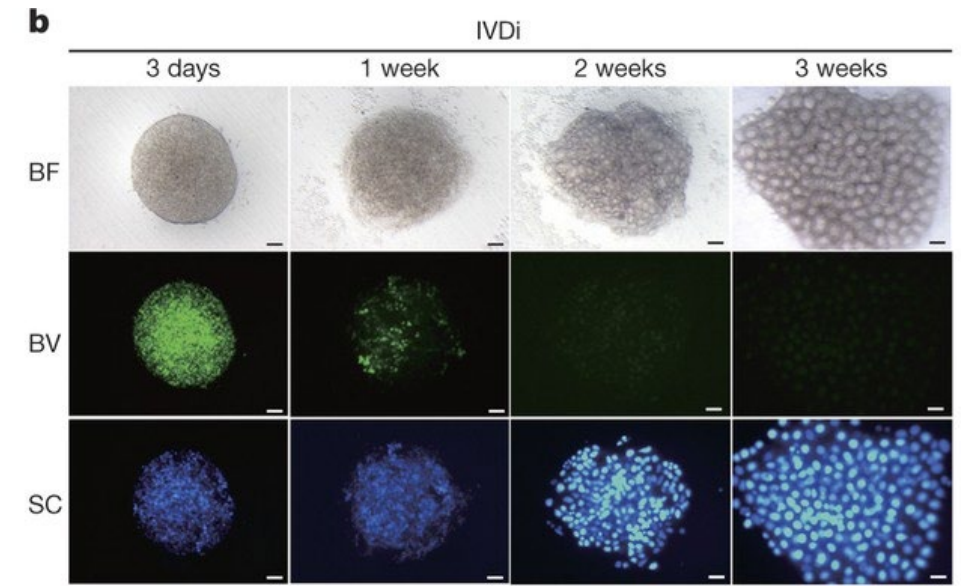
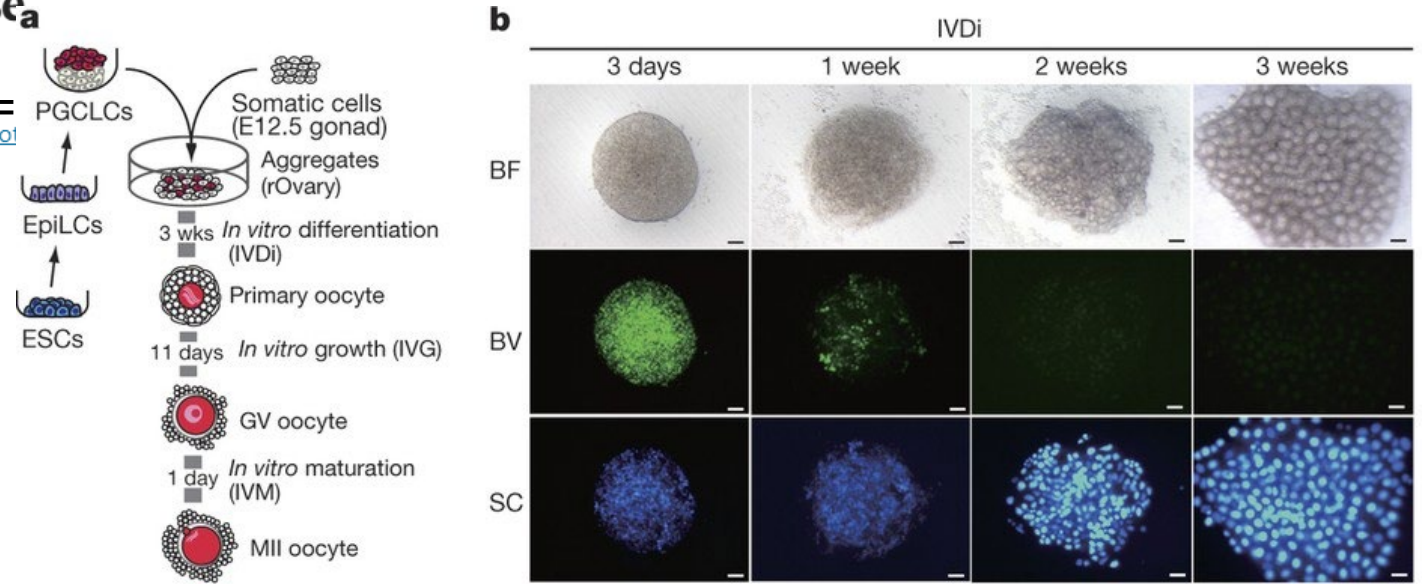
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epiblast-like cells =

- Fully potent mature oocytes were generated in culture from **embryonic stem cells** and from **induced pluripotent stem cells** derived from both embryonic fibroblasts and adult tail tip fibroblasts



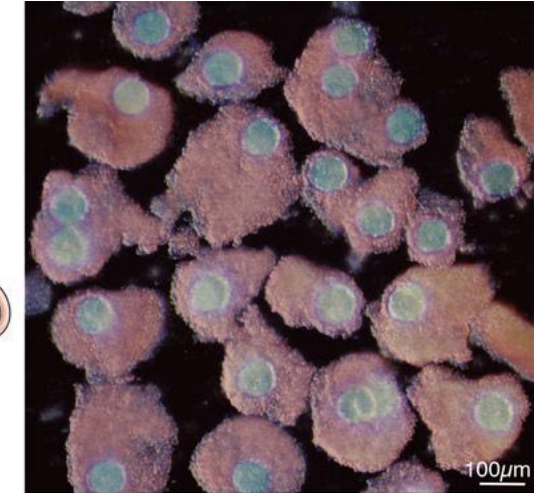
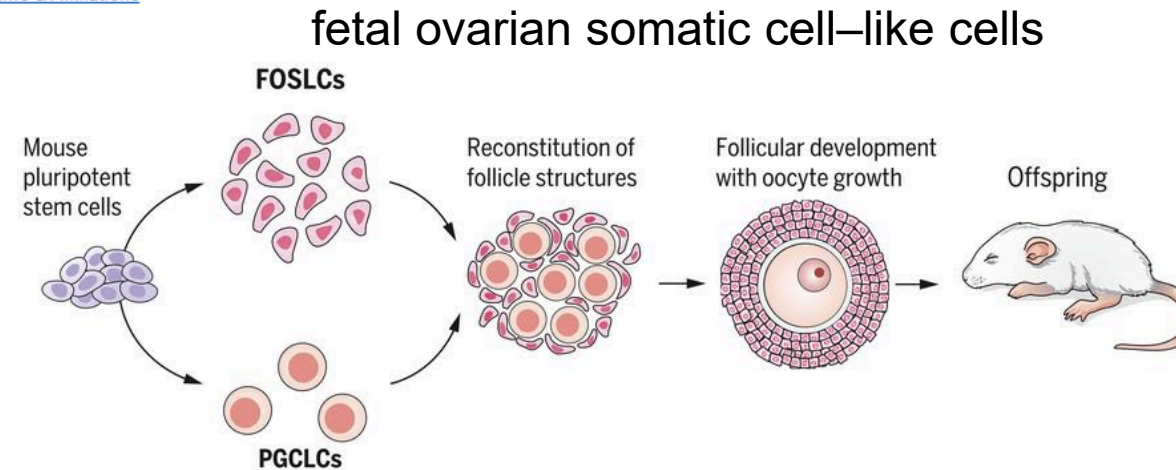
# Generation of Ovarian Follicles from Mouse PSCs

## Generation of ovarian follicles from mouse pluripotent stem cells

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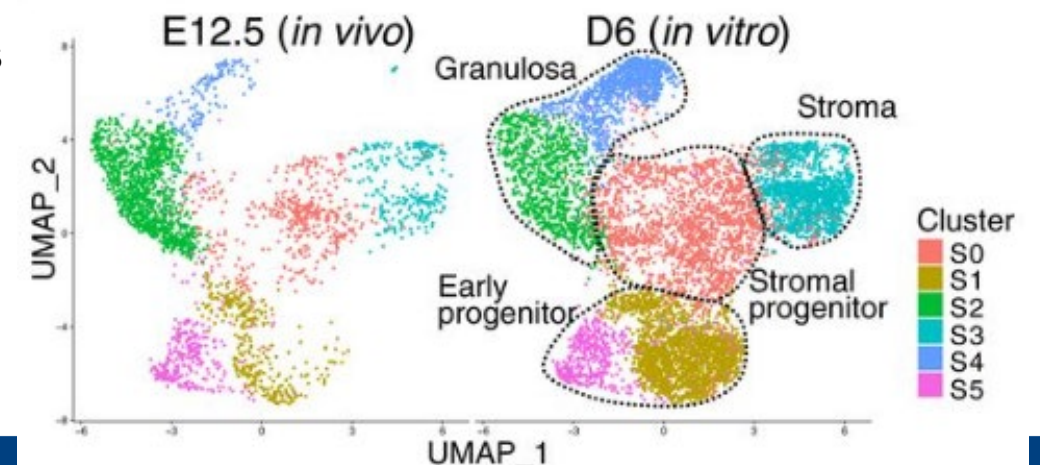
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- When the **embryonic stem cell**–generated ovarian gonadal tissue was combined with early primordial germ cells or in vitro–derived primordial germ cell–like cells, germ cells developed into viable oocytes within the reconstituted follicles
- They could be fertilized and result in viable offspring

Gene expression profiles between gonadal somatic cells



# Generation of Ovarian Follicles from Human iPSCs



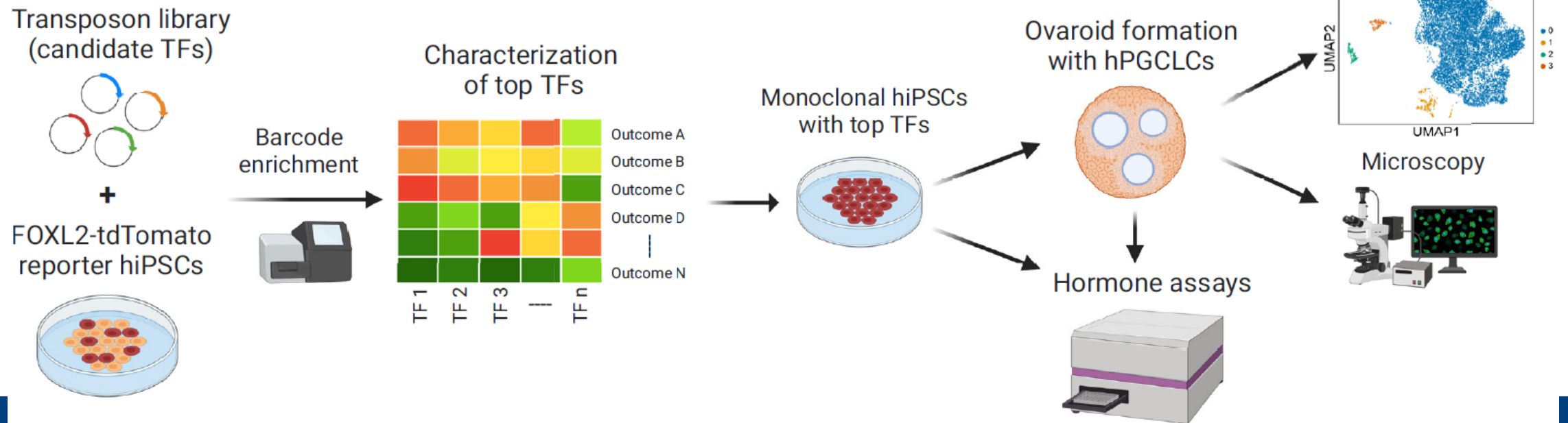
## Directed differentiation of human iPSCs to functional ovarian granulosa-like cells via transcription factor overexpression

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- Generating **human primordial germ cell-like cells (hPGCLCs)** from human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs)
- Simultaneous overexpression of two transcription factors (TFs) can direct the differentiation of hiPSCs to **granulosa-like cells**
  - overexpression of NR5A1 and either RUNX1 or RUNX2



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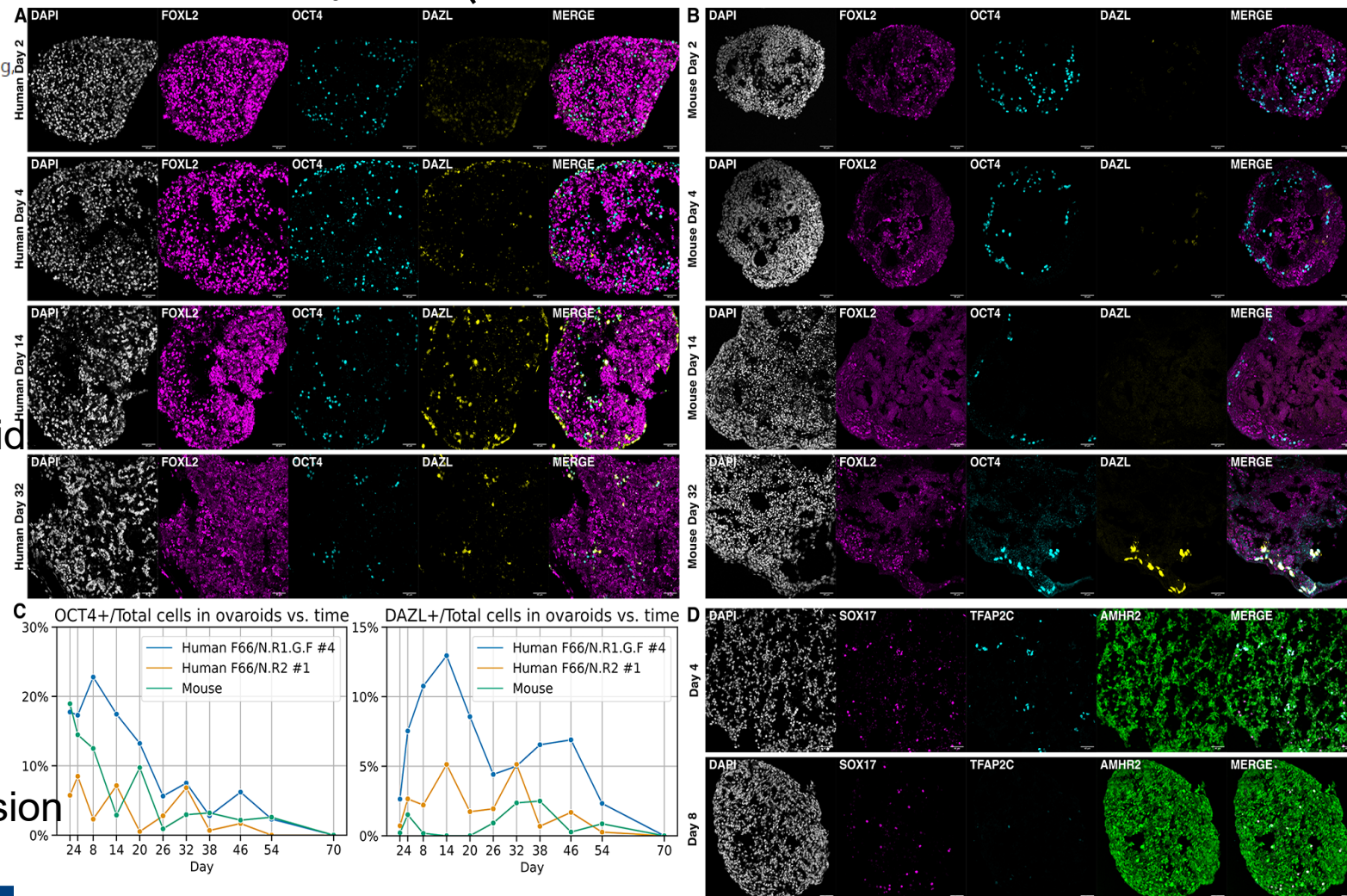
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- Aggregated with hPGCLCs, granulosa-like cells form ovary-like organoid (ovaroids) and support hPGCLC development from the premigratory to the gonadal stage as measured by induction of DAZL expression

granulosa  
germ cell/pluripotent  
Mature germ cell



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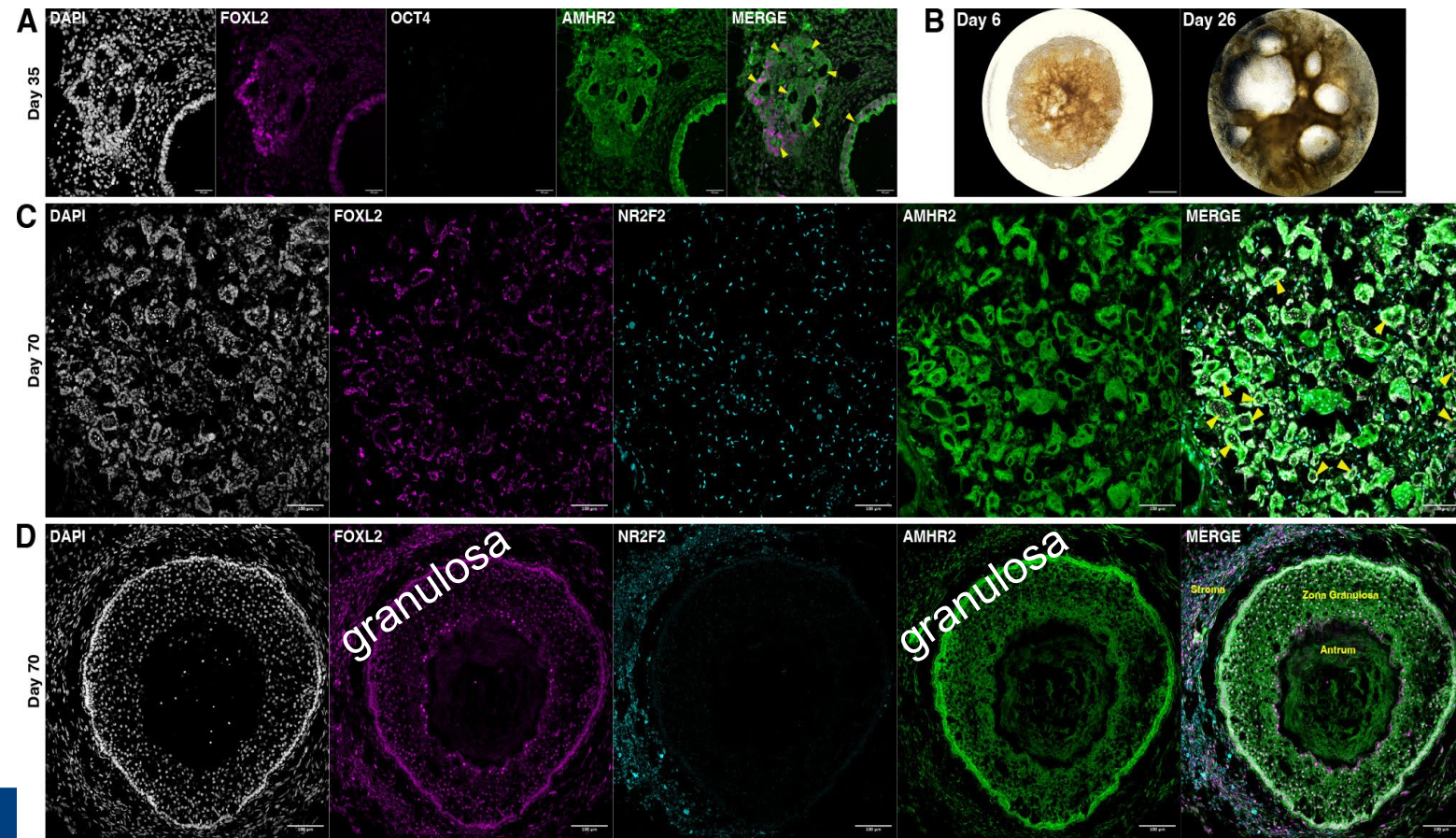
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- Novel tool for understanding the molecular mechanism about the differentiation of somatic cells
- Enable to address the **interaction between germ cells and somatic cells**
- Apply in vitro gametogenesis in various mammalian species

- Whole-ovaroid foaming follicle-like structures after culture
  - Single layers of FOXL2+AMHR2+ cells
  - Antral follicle consisting of FOXL2+AMHR2+ granulosa-like cells arranged in several layers around a central cavity



# Summary

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- Stem cell therapy in FP
  - POI
  - Ovarian aging
- ESC & iPSC based therapy is ongoing
- Mesenchymal stem cells based therapy is on clinical trial
  - various source of stem cell
  - various mechanism: immune modulation, exosome
- Use of stem cells to produce new oocytes and stromal cell to create follicles
  - artificial ovary or reconstructed ovary