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1. Lab information



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Transgenic Animals - Resources



eGFP-C57BL/6 mouse



Balb/c mouse



eGFP SD rat



OG2-GFP mouse



Nude mouse



LacZ SD rat



Acro-GFP mouse



W/Wv mouse



Acomys mouse

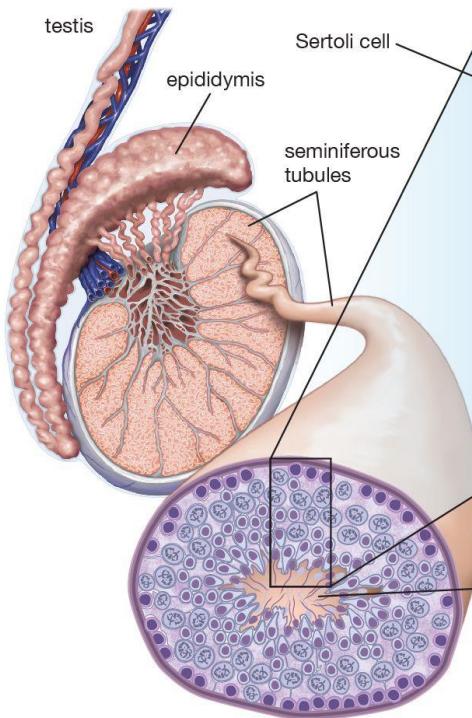
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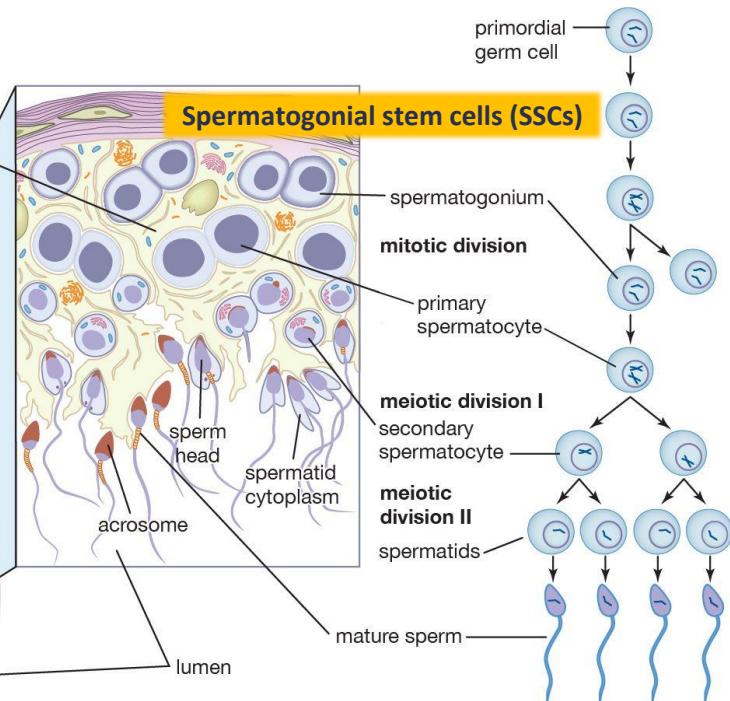
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Male fertility



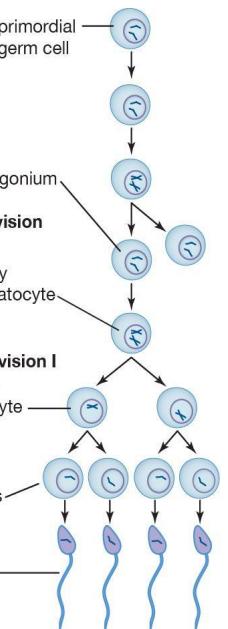
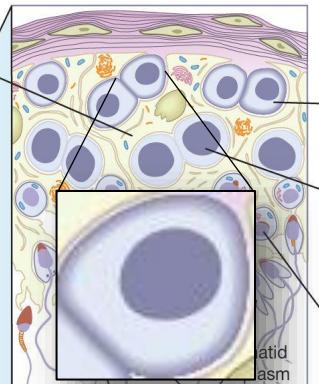
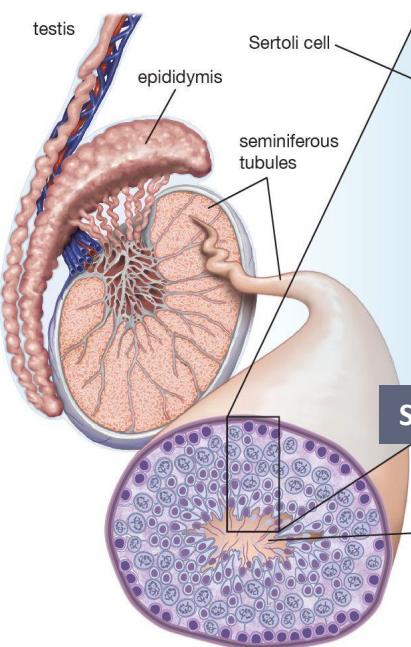
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Spermatogonial stem cells (SSCs)

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Spermatogonial stem cells (SSCs)

Spermatogenesis



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01. Maintenance of male fertility



SSC provides the basis for **maintaining male fertility** through the spermatogenesis process.



02. Genetic information transfer

The only adult stem cells are capable of **transmitting genetic information** to the next generation.



03. Species Permanence

SSCs are Cells as a Source of Species Permanence.

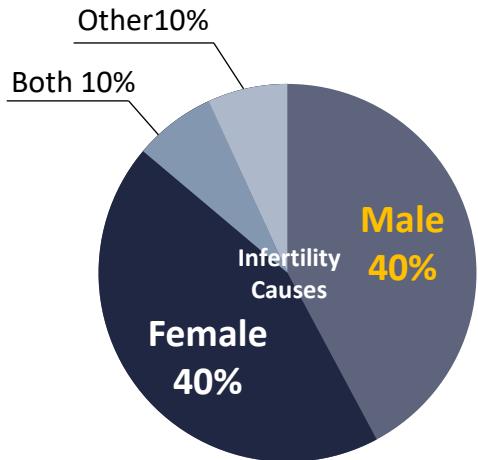
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Importance of SSCs Study

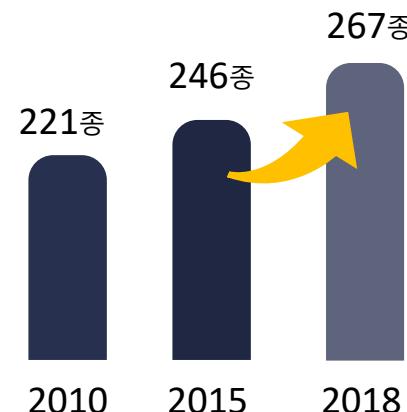
Male infertility

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Endangered animals

[출처: 환경부, 2018 통계연감]



- Among the causes of infertility, “male” and “female” have the same incidence.
- “Male” account for 40% of them.

- The number of endangered species is increasing every year.

Major research fields

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Research fields of SSCs

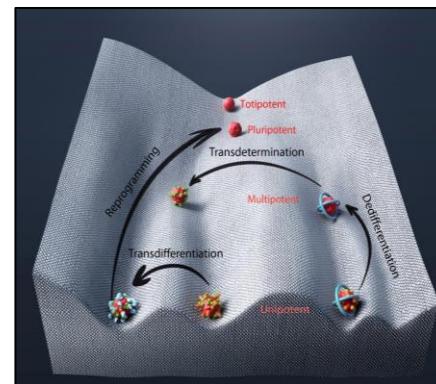
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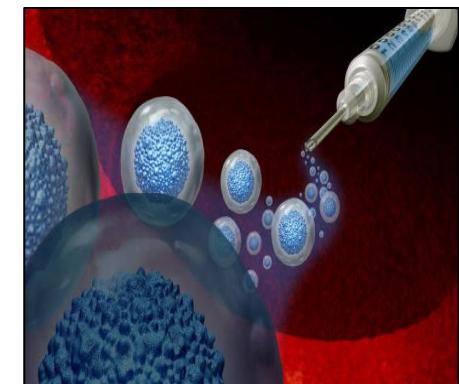
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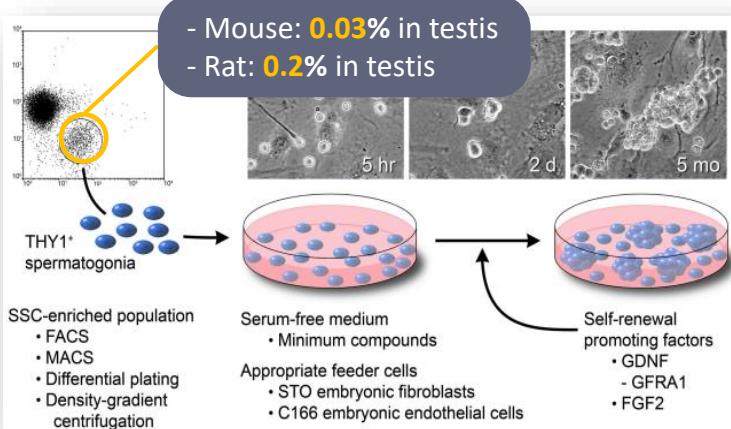
Development of
SSCs specific marker



Major research fields

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In vitro culture system



Species	<i>in vitro</i> culture system
Mice & Rat	Established
Hamster	Established
Rabbit	Established
Pig	Only short term, on going
Bovine	Only short term, on going
Monkey	on going
Human	Established

01. Limited number of SSCs

The limited number of SSCs in the testis **hampers studies** that elucidate biological characteristics and for applying SSCs.

02. Long-term culture system

In livestock species, long- term culture systems for SSCs could **reduce the time and costs for producing transgenic animals and to preserve endangered species**.

Most of culture system for livestock species studies **achieved only short- term SSC cultures**.

Research

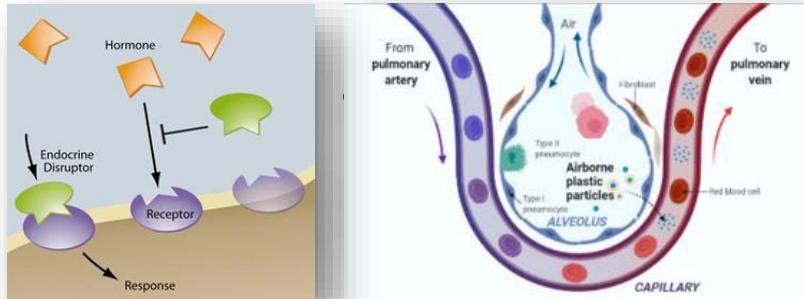
to identification of more stable culture conditions for mice, rats, bovines and monkeys

Major research fields

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Evaluation of hazardous materials

Entrance in human body and animal body



Effects on reproductive system



01. Entrance in body

All of these hazardous substances can enter the body through ***ingestion***, ***inhalation***, and, in the case of particles, ***skin contact***, and reach the testis through blood vessels.

02. Effect on reproductive system

Bisphenol A Affects on the Functional Properties and Proteome of Testicular Germ Cells and Spermatogonial Stem Cells *in vitro* Culture Model

Restoration of PM2.5-induced spermatogonia GC-1 cellular damage by parthenolide via suppression of autophagy and inflammation: An in vitro study

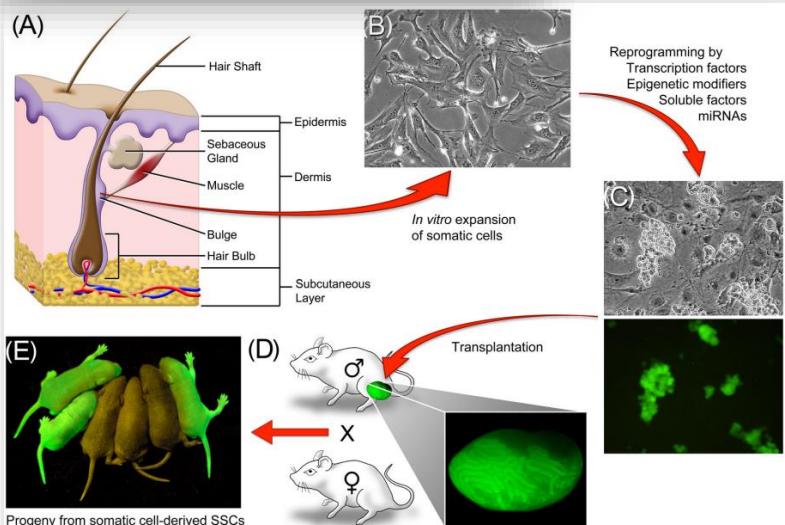
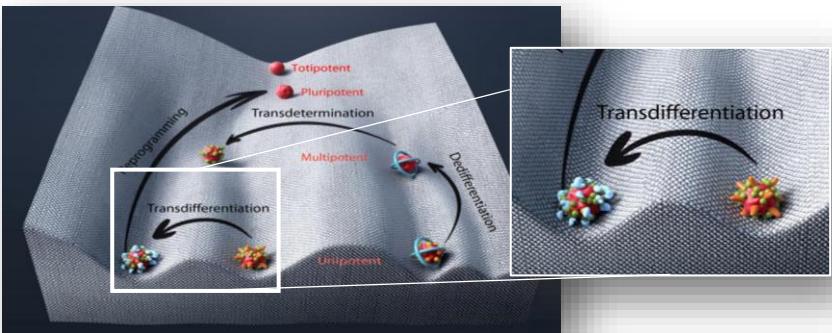
Research

to evaluate the effects of these hazardous substances on SSC, GC1 (B spermatogonia), and GC2 (spermatocyte) cells and to find a way to restore cytotoxicity

Major research fields

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Trans-differentiation



01. Trans-differentiation

Trans-differentiation, also known as *lineage reprogramming*, is the process in which one mature somatic cell is transformed into another mature somatic cell without undergoing an intermediate pluripotent state or progenitor cell type.

02. Induced-SSCs

It can present a new paradigm for male infertility treatment by producing SSCs using autologous adult stem cells and expand the usability of adult stem cells.

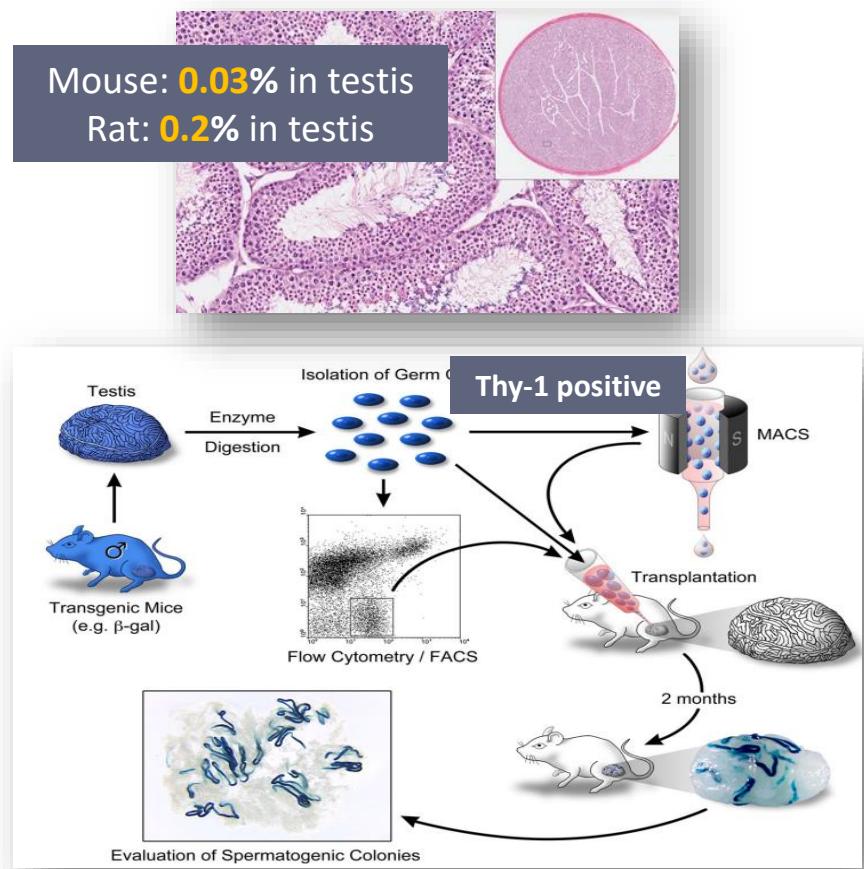
Research

to Induction intercellular conversion of different types of stem cells like hair follicle stem cell, Neuronal stem cell, adipocyte stem cell

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Development of SSCs specific marker



01. Limited number of SSCs

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02. Need for new marker

The most widely used SSCs specific marker (antigen) is **thy-1**.

Efficient purification is essential.

Research

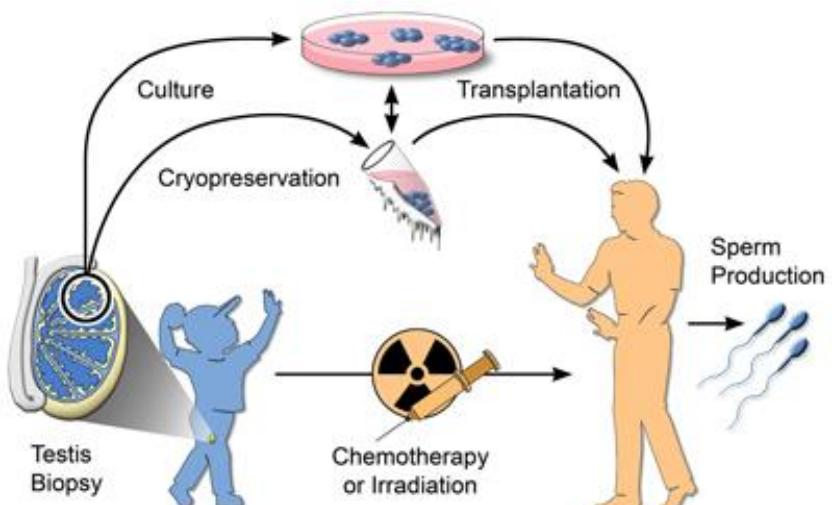
to develop new SSC specific markers that increase the efficiency.

Applications

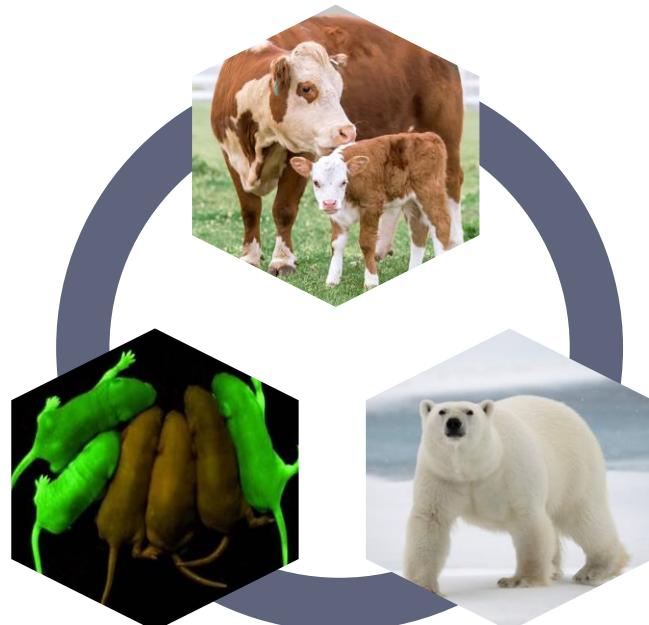
4. Application

Importance of SSC Study

Clinical Application



Animal Application



- Preserve male fertility of cancer survivor
- Treat male infertility

- Preserve and provide valuable animal resource

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