

# Exploring Stem Cells



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# Stem Cells: a hierarchy of potential

- **Totipotent - fertilized oocyte**
- **Pluripotent - capable of forming many cell types, contributing to all 3 germ layers**
- **Multipotent - gives rise to a limited number of cell types**
- **Unipotent - gives rise to a single cell type**

BBC NEWS | Health | Why do we need a stem cell bank?

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/3727663.stm

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**APPLICATION FORM TO ACCESS A HUMAN STEM CELL LINE FROM THE UK STEM CELL BANK**

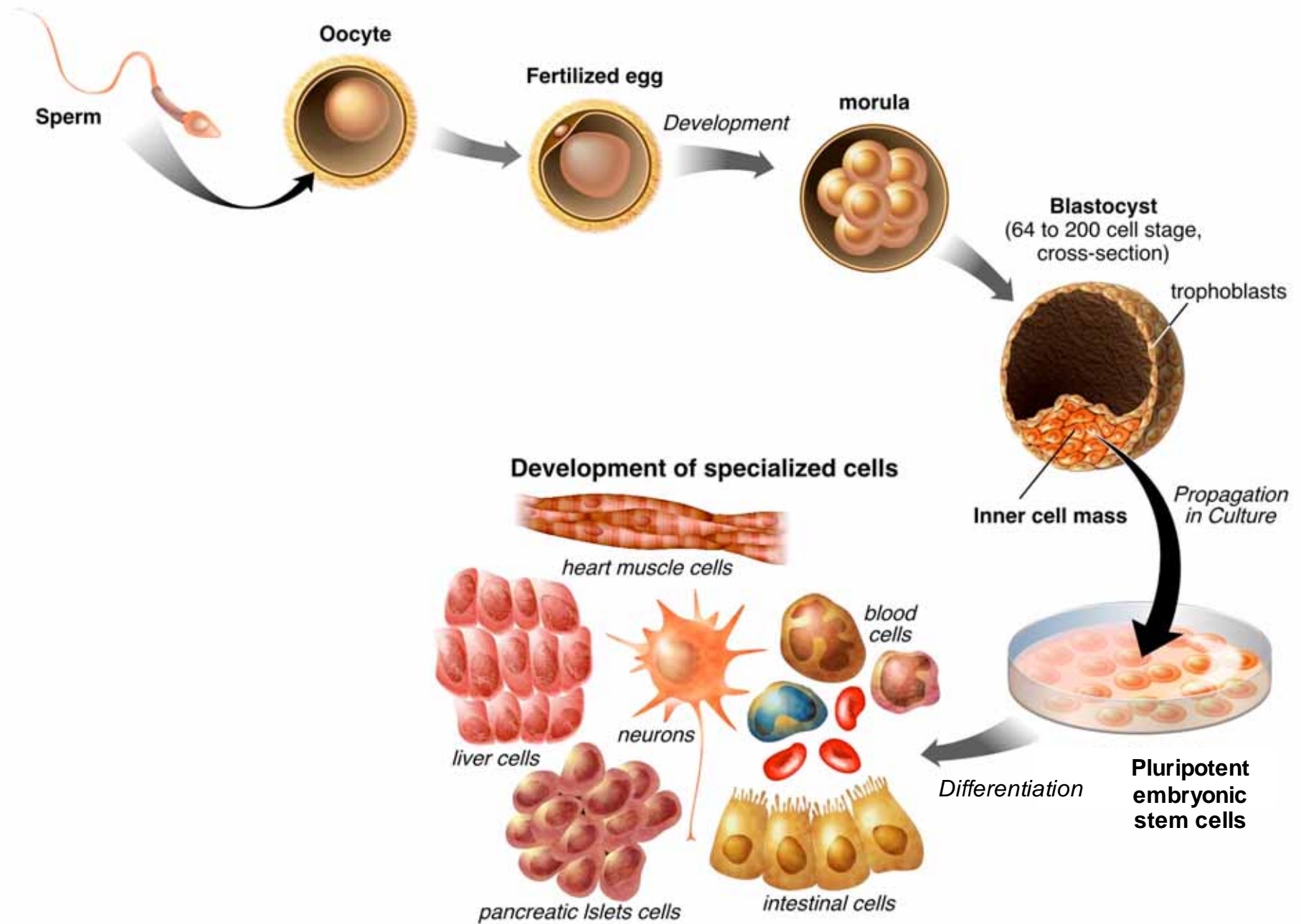
**APPLICATION FORM TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH OR THERAPY DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL LINES ACCESSED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE UK STEM CELL BANK:**

(a) generated in a country other than the UK  
(b) generated in the UK but to be used for a project that has not previously been approved by either the HFEA or the Stem Cell Steering Committee

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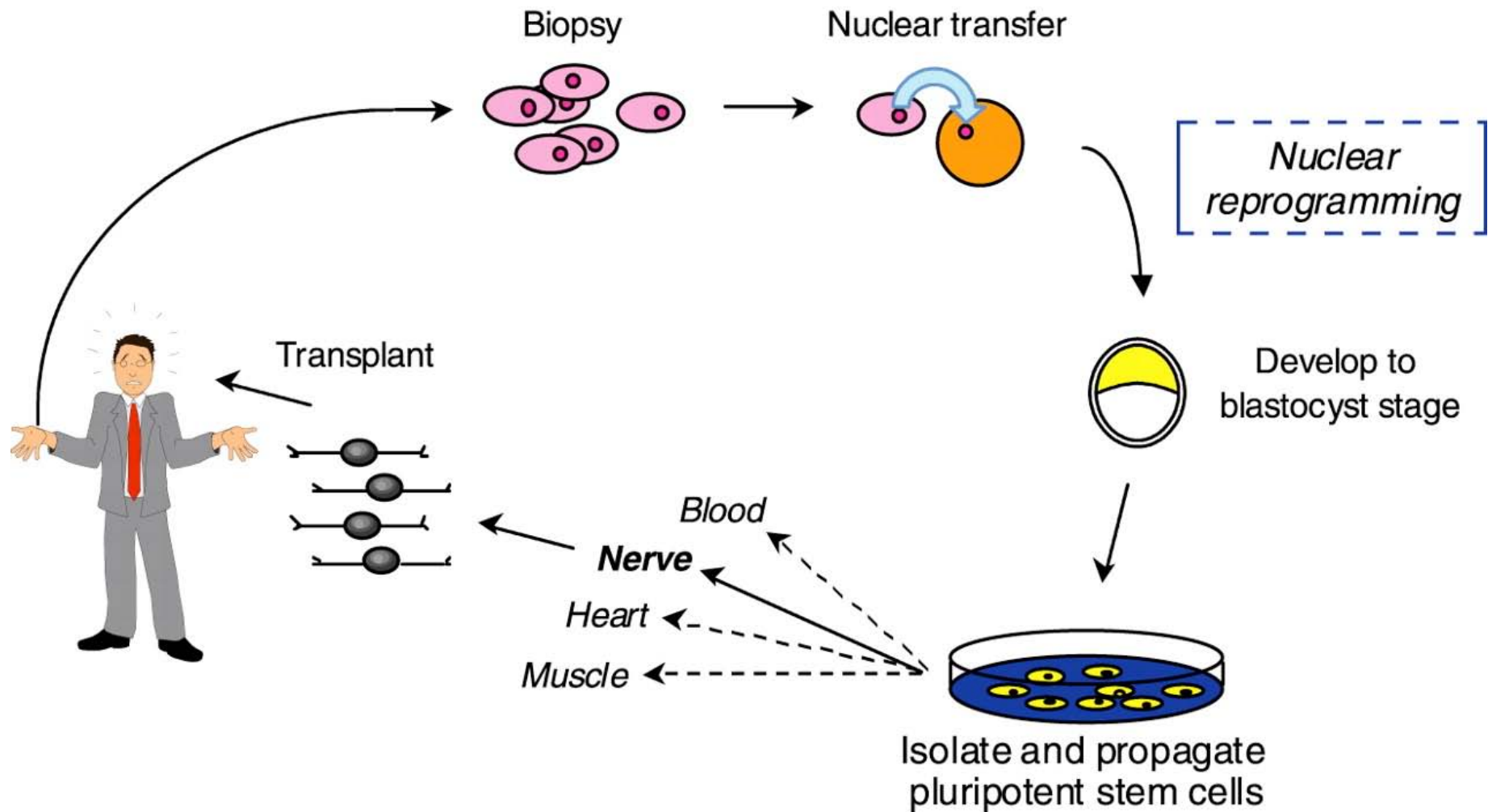
“The bank will hold stem cell lines derived originally from embryonic, foetal and adult tissues”

# Stem Cell Therapy





# Patient-Specific Stem Cell Therapy



**'Therapeutic cloning'**



## Scientist's embryo cloning faked

**An investigation into the work of discredited South Korean cloning scientist Hwang Woo-suk has found further fabrications in his research.**

Dr Hwang's landmark claim to have cloned human embryonic stem cells was false, a university panel concluded.



The investigation's findings have stunned many South Koreans

But the panel, which last month rejected other research by Dr Hwang, has accepted that he did create the world's first cloned dog.

Dr Hwang has admitted errors, but claims his work was sabotaged.

State prosecutors are now expected to look into the case.

BBC Seoul correspondent Charles Scanlon says the conclusion of the university's investigation completes the disgrace of Dr Hwang, who was South Korea's most celebrated scientist.

### No proof

Dr Hwang claimed in a 2004 paper published in the US journal *Science* that his team had produced a line of stem cells from a cloned human embryo.

The achievement was judged to be a major scientific breakthrough in the search for cures for a range of degenerative diseases including diabetes and Parkinson's.

But the nine-member Seoul University panel, which spent a month examining Dr Hwang's



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# Stem cells for the broken heart

- Embryonic stem cells (ECs)
- Skeletal Myoblasts
- Endothelial Progenitor Cells (EPCs)
- Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs)
- Haematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)
- Cardiac Stem Cells (CSCs)
- What cell to use?

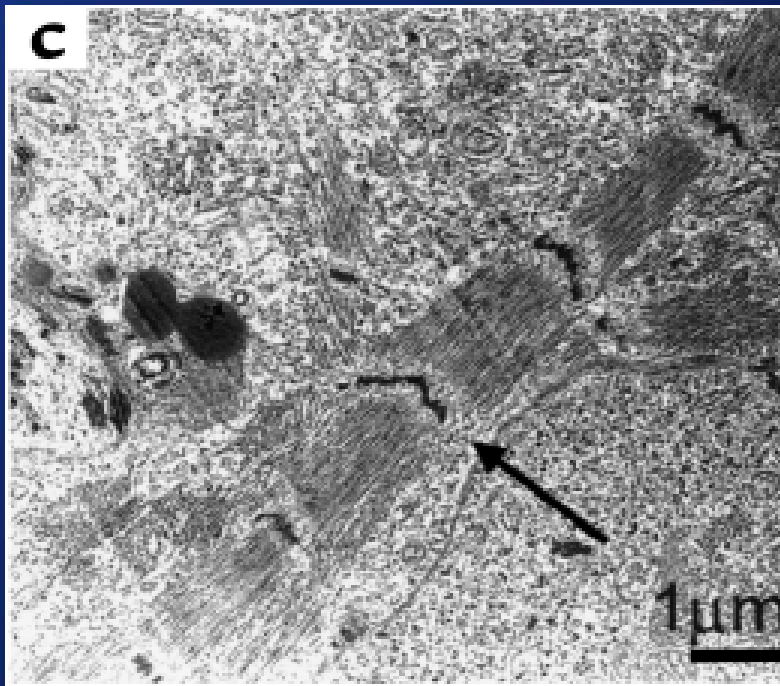




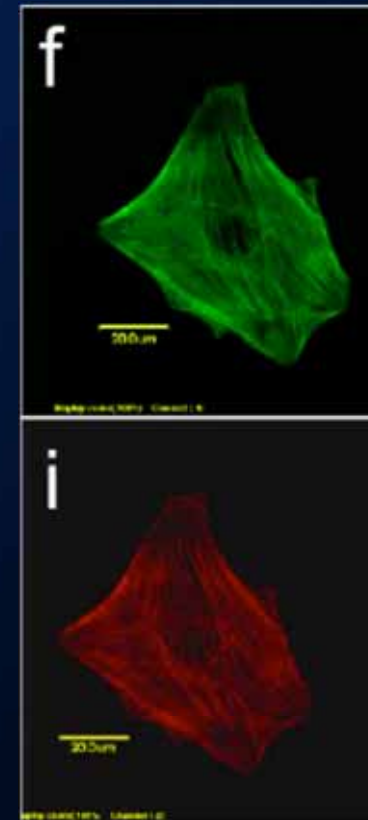
# **Human embryonic stem cells can differentiate into myocytes with structural and functional properties of cardiomyocytes**

*See related Commentary on pages 363–364.*

Izhak Kehat,<sup>1</sup> Dorit Kenyagin-Karsenti,<sup>2</sup> Mirit Snir,<sup>1</sup> Hana Segev,<sup>2</sup> Michal Amit,<sup>2</sup>  
Amira Gepstein,<sup>1,3</sup> Erella Livne,<sup>3</sup> Ofer Binah,<sup>4</sup> Joseph Itskovitz-Eldor,<sup>2</sup> and Lior Gepstein<sup>1</sup>



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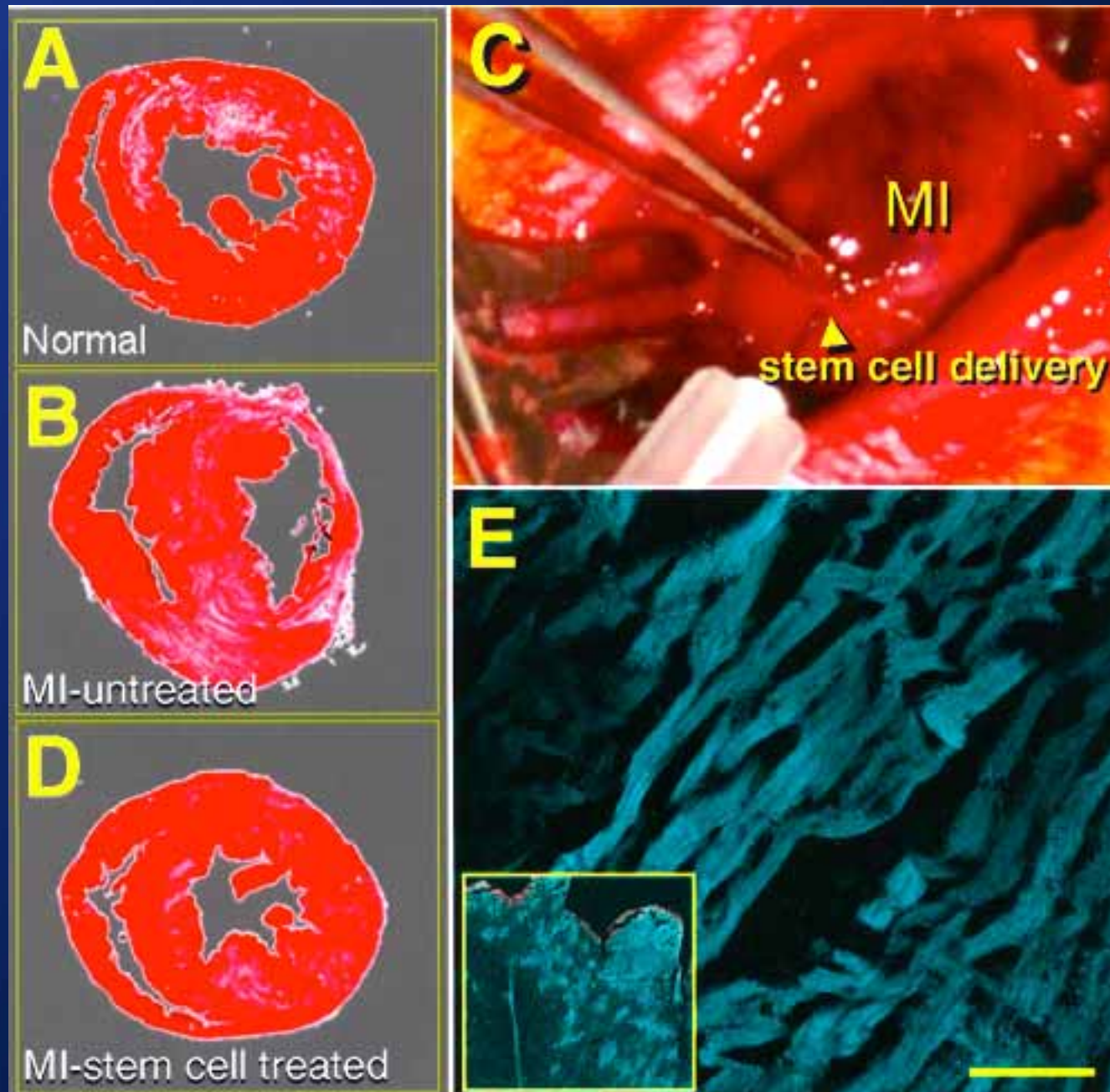


**Immunohistochemistry**



# ES cells: In vivo

- A Behfar et al, Ann N Y Acad Sci, May 2005 1049:189-198.
- mES cells used to repair MI in rats
- Conclusion: ES cells useful and effective promoting sustained repair



A Behfar et al, Ann N Y Acad Sci, May 2005 1049:189-198.

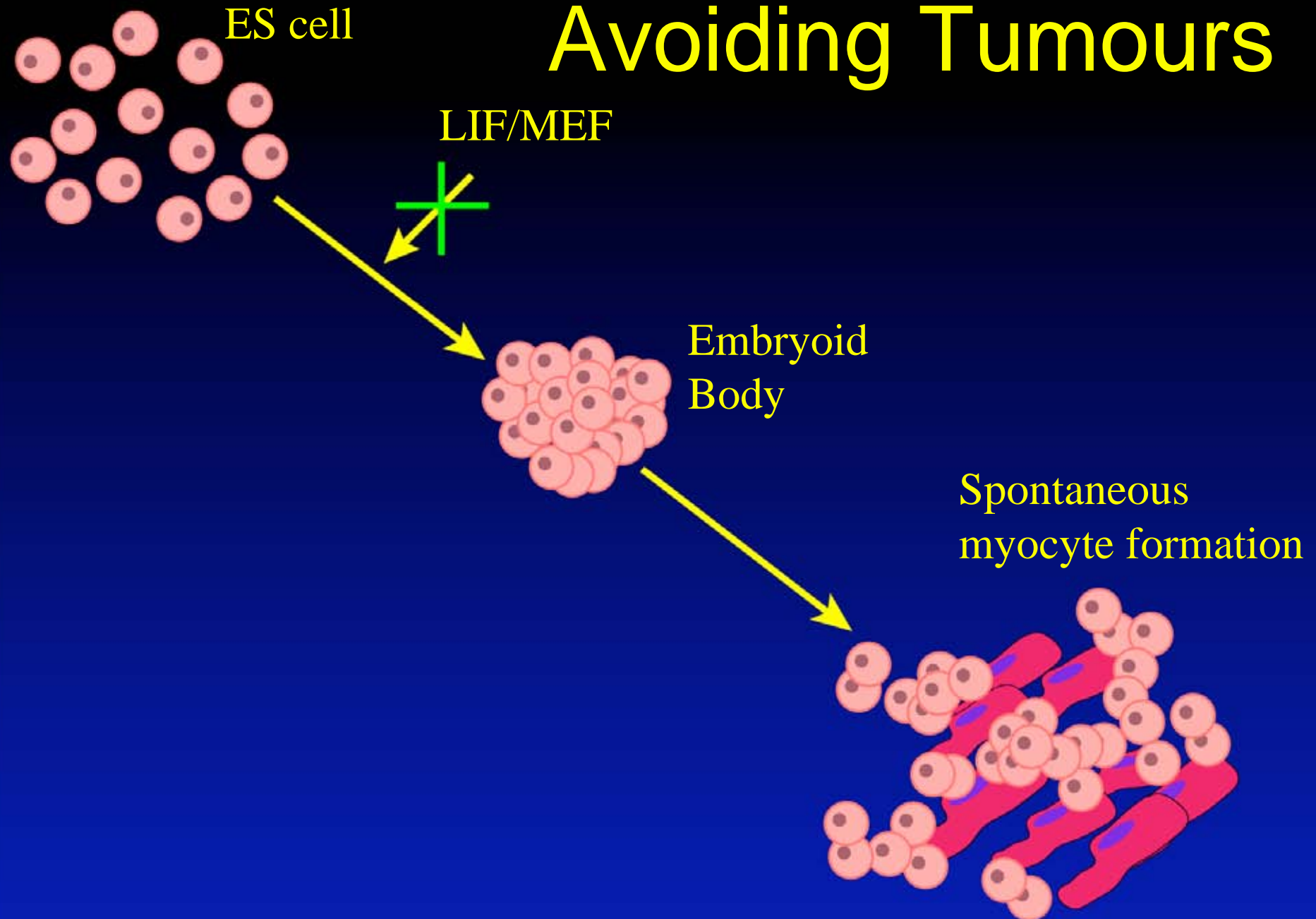


# ES Cells - problems

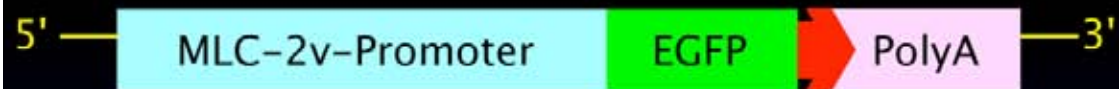
- Transmit Infection (HIV, Hepatitis)
- Tumorigenic potential
- Cultured under non-GMP conditions
  - Xenoproductions
- Immunology (Allogenic)
- Ethical



# Avoiding Tumours



*Mol Med* 2000;**6**:88-95 *PNAS* 2000;**97**:11307-11312



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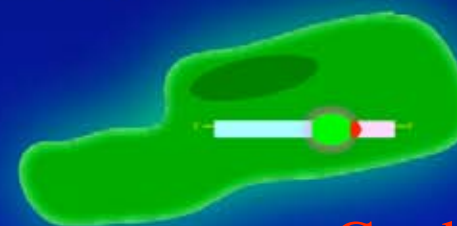
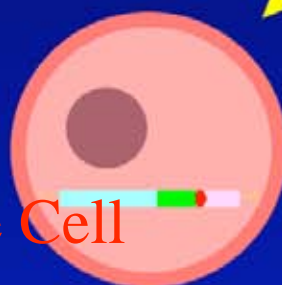
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Differentiation



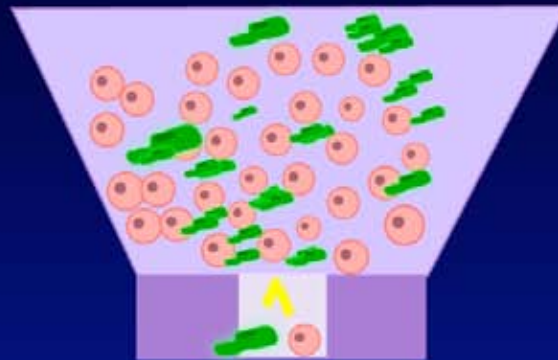
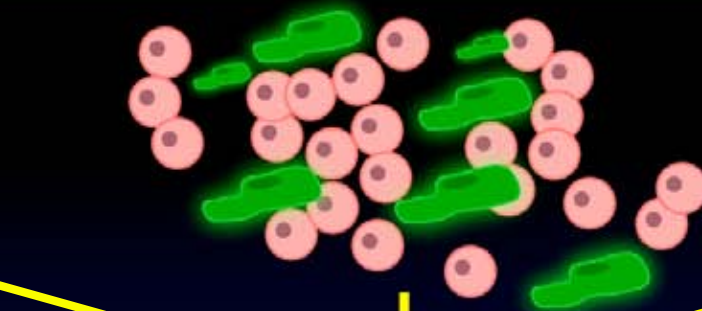
Non-myocyte Cell  
Lines



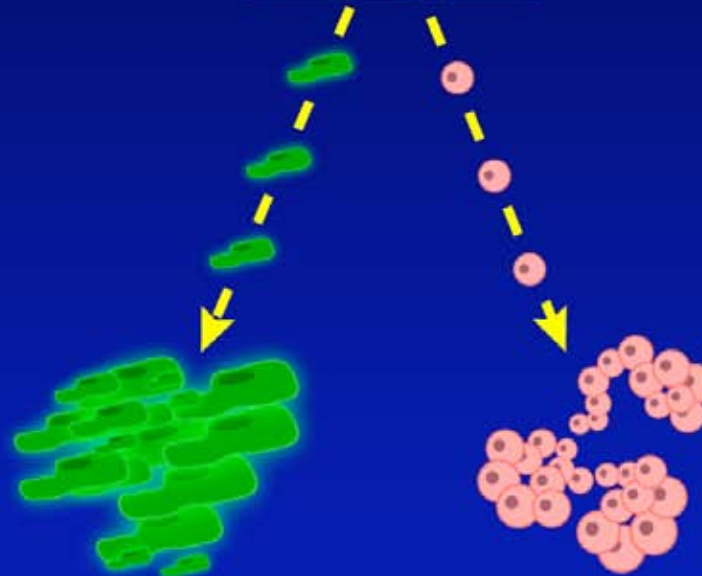
Cardiomyocyte

Digestion

Percoll-Gradient



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# Xenoproductions

- R Passier et al
- Increased cardiomyocyte differentiation from human embryonic stem cells in serum-free cultures.
- Stem Cells 2005, 23(6): p772
- Xu C et al
- Feeder-free growth of un-differentiated human embryonic stem cells.
- Nat. Biotechnol 2001, 19: p971





# The Allogenic Problem

- Somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT)
- Therapeutic cloning
- Adult cell nucleus from the recipient into an enucleated oocyte
- Generates pluripotent ES cells
- Shown to form cardiomyocytes in vitro and in vivo

Genesis 2000,28:156 Nat Biotech 2002;20:689 NEJM 2003,349:275

Sources of adult  
stem cells  
for regenerative  
medicine

# Human Stem Cells for Therapeutic Use



**“50 - 100 million  
stem cells per half  
pound of fat”**

**Can differentiate into  
fat, bone and cartilage**

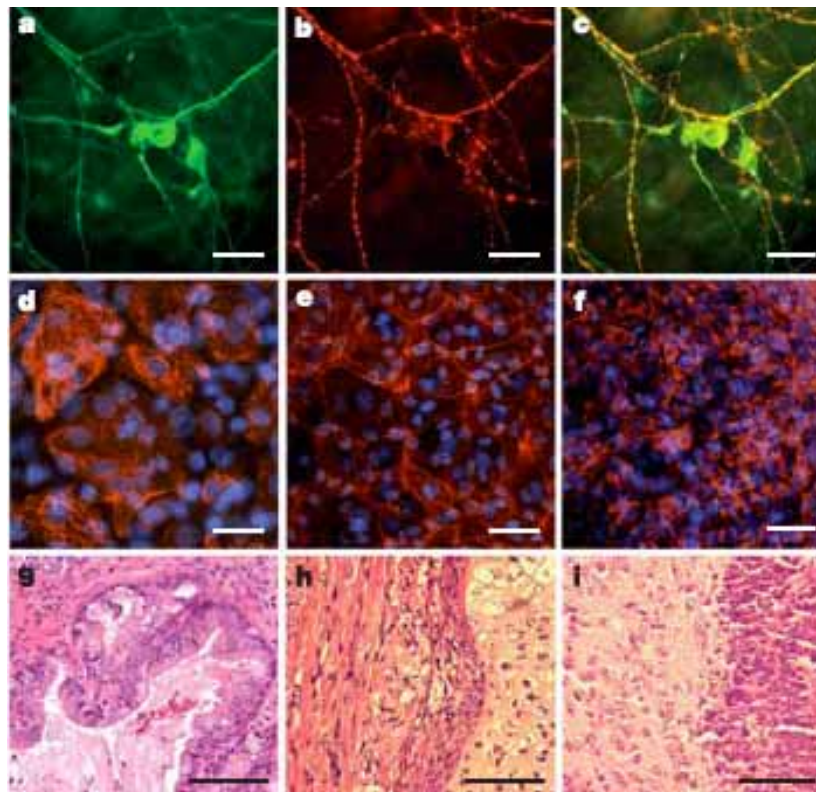
**For: soft tissue  
cosmesis,  
haematopoietic  
support, bone repair,  
CNS injury repair**

**The beaker contains unprocessed liposuc-  
tion waste material. Artecél Sciences uses**

## LETTERS

### Pluripotency of spermatogonial stem cells from adult mouse testis

Kaomei Guan<sup>1\*</sup>, Karim Nayernia<sup>2\*</sup>, Lars S. Maier<sup>1</sup>, Stefan Wagner<sup>1</sup>, Ralf Dressel<sup>3</sup>, Jae Ho Lee<sup>2</sup>, Jessica Nolte<sup>2</sup>, Frieder Wolf<sup>1</sup>, Manyu Li<sup>2</sup>, Wolfgang Engel<sup>2</sup> & Gerd Hasenfuss<sup>1</sup>



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Hepatocytes

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[bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk)  **Health**

 **Department  
of Health**

Mitchell, et al. Stem Cells 2003;21:50-60

We have identified an easily attainable source of primitive, potentially multipotent stem cells from Wharton's jelly, the matrix of umbilical cord.

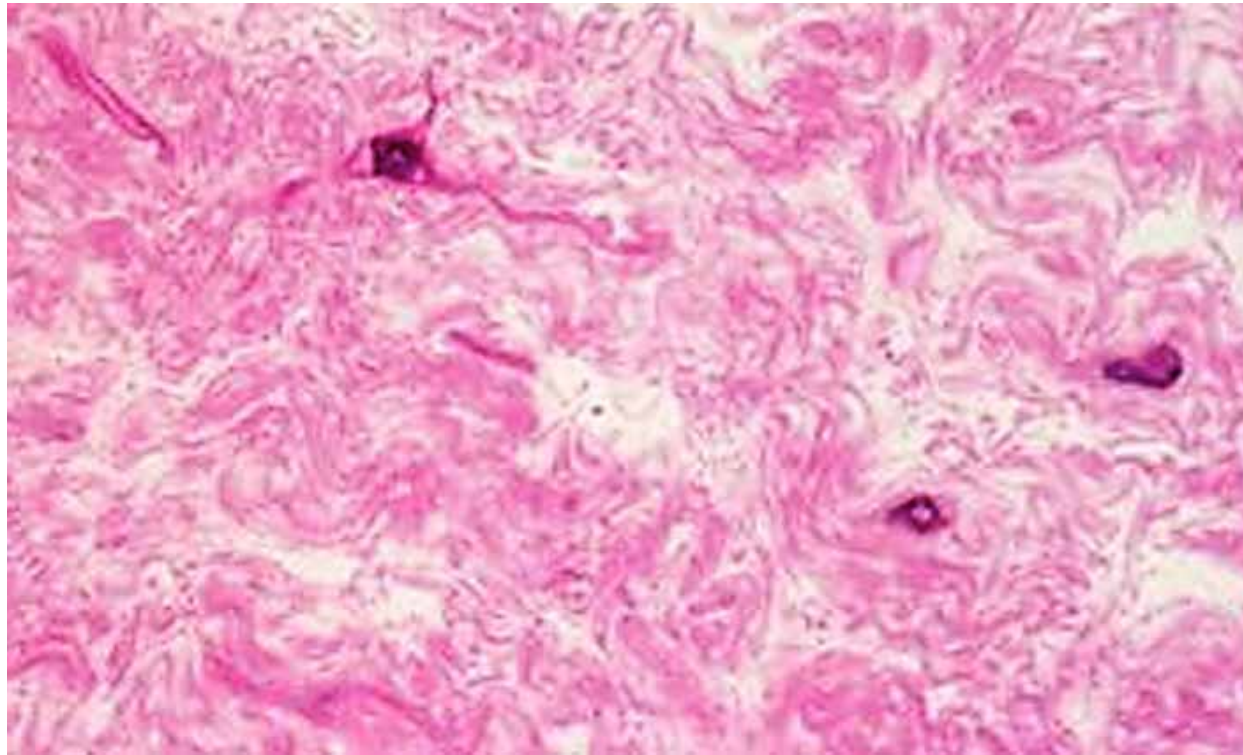


#### **Stem Cells Galore**

"Umbilical cord matrix cells could provide the scientific and medical research community with a non-controversial and easily attainable source of stem cells for developing treatments for Parkinson's disease, stroke, spinal cord injuries, cancers and other conditions." -- **Deryl Troyer**, Ph.D. Veterinary Medicine.

# Wharton's Jelly

a soft connective tissue that occurs in the *umbilical cord* and consists of large stellate fibroblasts and a few wandering cells and macrophages embedded in a homogeneous jelly-like intercellular substance



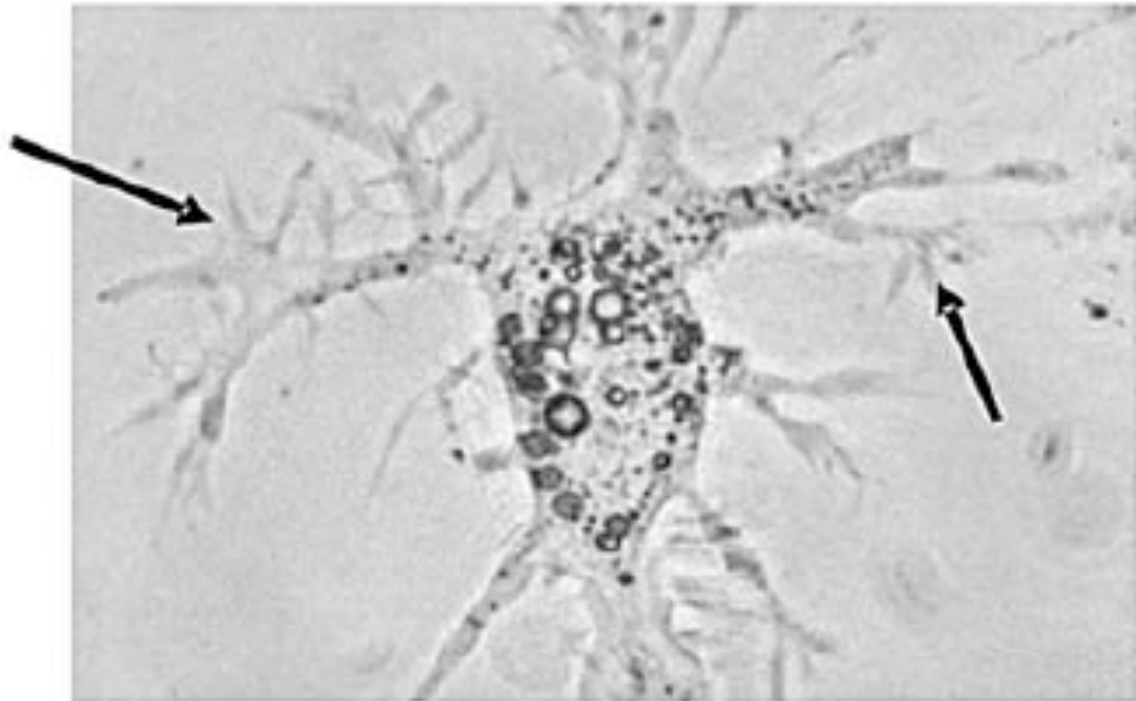
Thomas Wharton:  
*Adenographia: sive glandularum totius corporis descriptio.*  
London, 1656, pp. 243-244.



## Mitchell, et al. Stem Cells 2003;21:50-60

After 3 days the neuron-like cells in these cultures stained positively for several neuronal proteins, including neuron-specific class III  $\beta$ -tubulin, neurofilament M, an axonal growth cone-associated protein, and tyrosine hydroxylase.

Note the multiple neurites with primary and secondary processes (arrows).





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Induction of stem cell-like plasticity in mononuclear cells derived from unmobilised adult human peripheral blood

Ilham Saleh Abuljadayel

*TriStem UK Limited, London, UK*

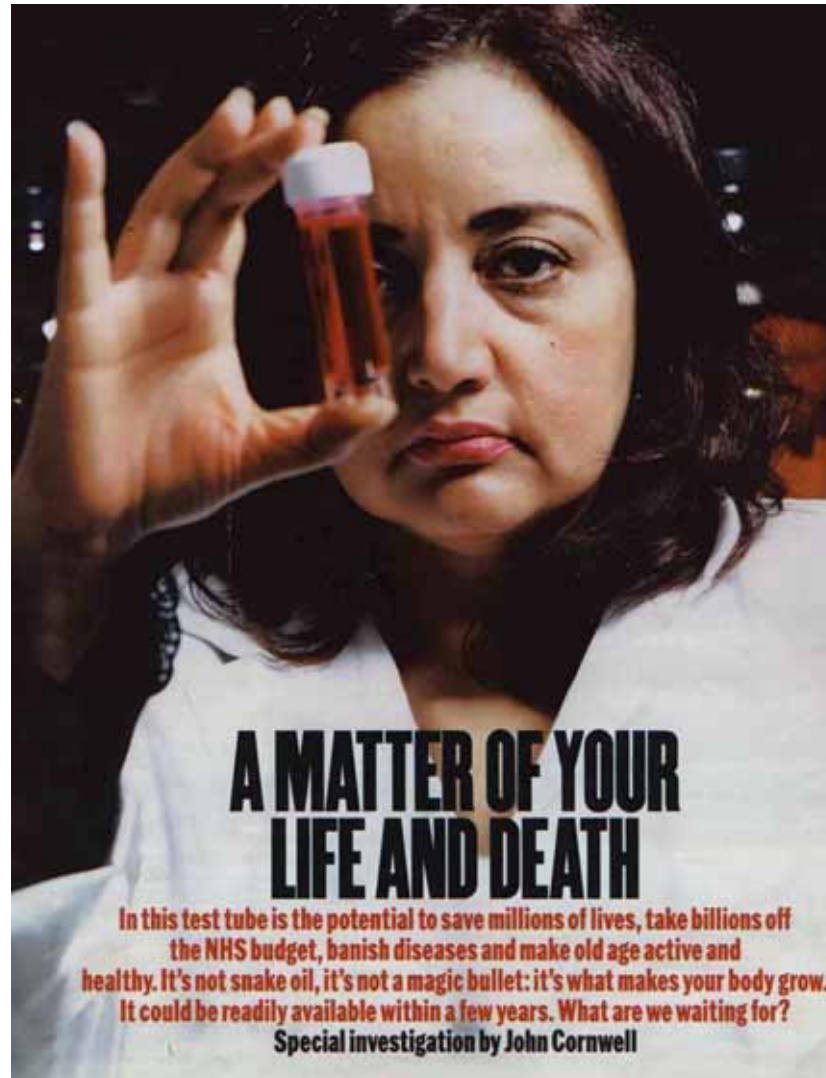
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## “Retrodifferentiation”

# Sunday Times 1.2.04



## **A MATTER OF YOUR LIFE AND DEATH**

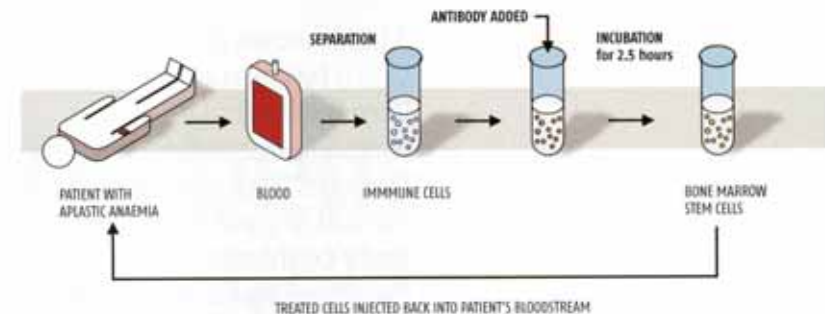
In this test tube is the potential to save millions of lives, take billions off the NHS budget, banish diseases and make old age active and healthy. It's not snake oil, it's not a magic bullet: it's what makes your body grow. It could be readily available within a few years. What are we waiting for?

**Special investigation by John Cornwell**



## STEM CELL PHENOMENON

A new approach to treating aplastic anaemia?



**CR3/43 (Dako)**



# Organ-specific stem cells

**Journal of Pathology**

*J Pathol* 2002; **197**: 419–423.

Published online in Wiley InterScience (www.interscience.wiley.com). **DOI:** 10.1002/path.1187

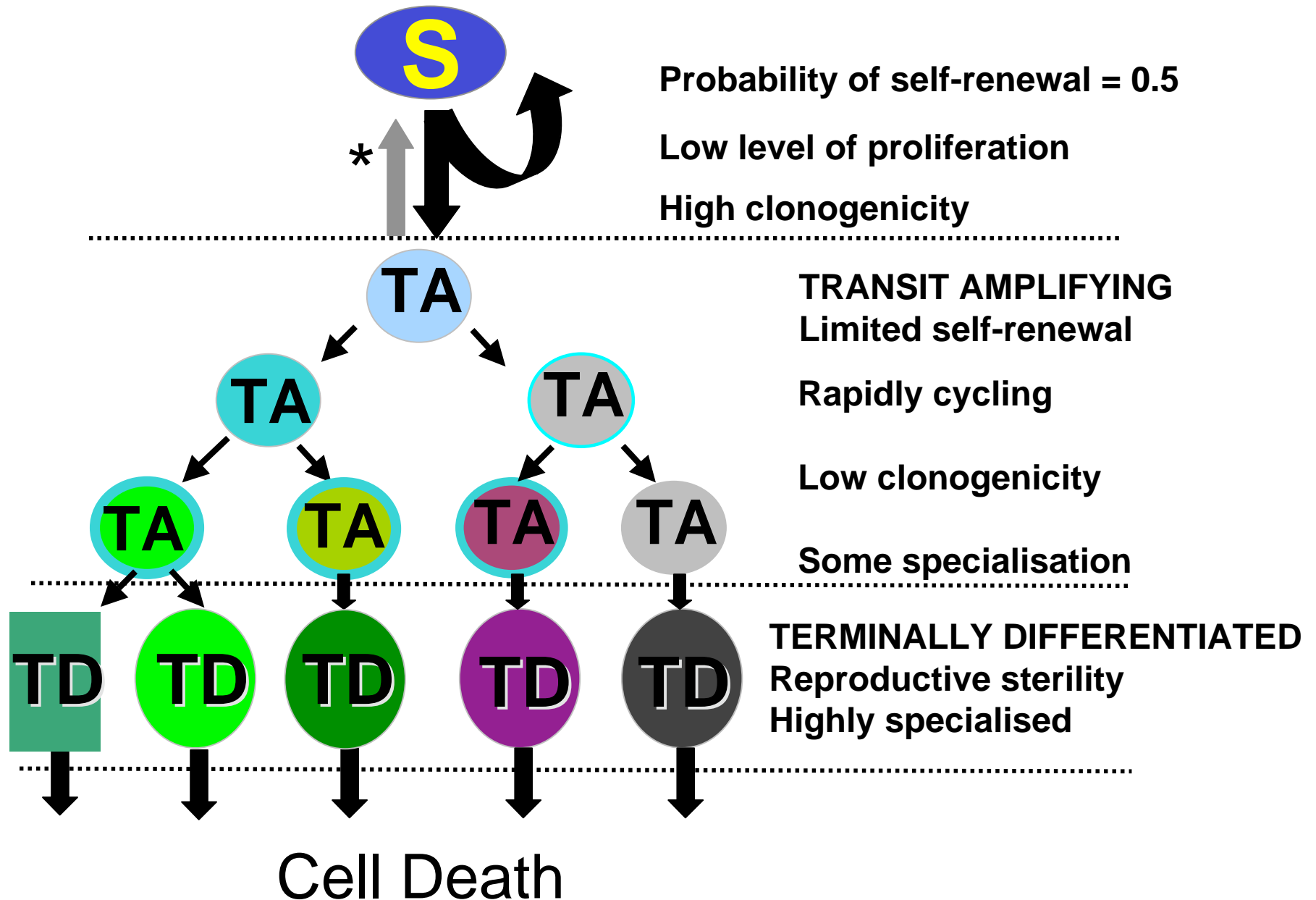
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**Review Article**

## **An introduction to stem cells**

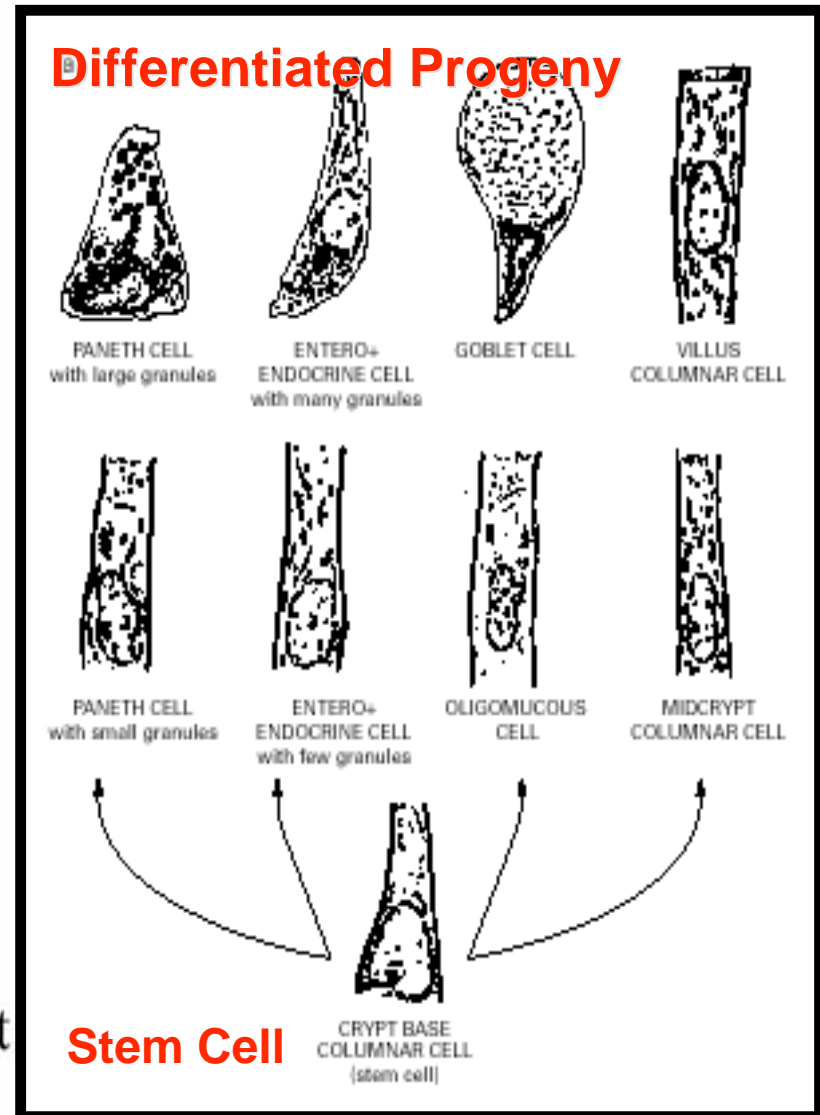
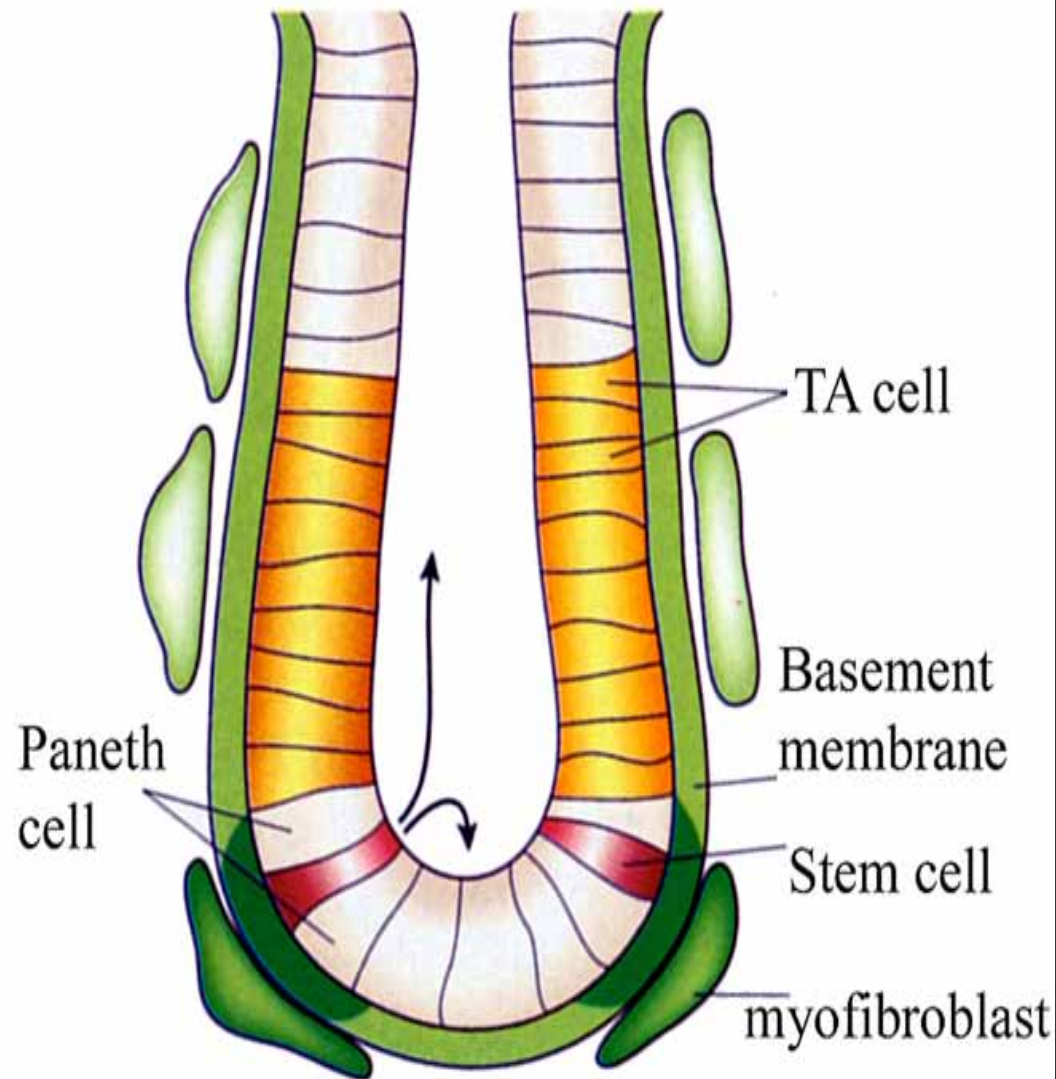
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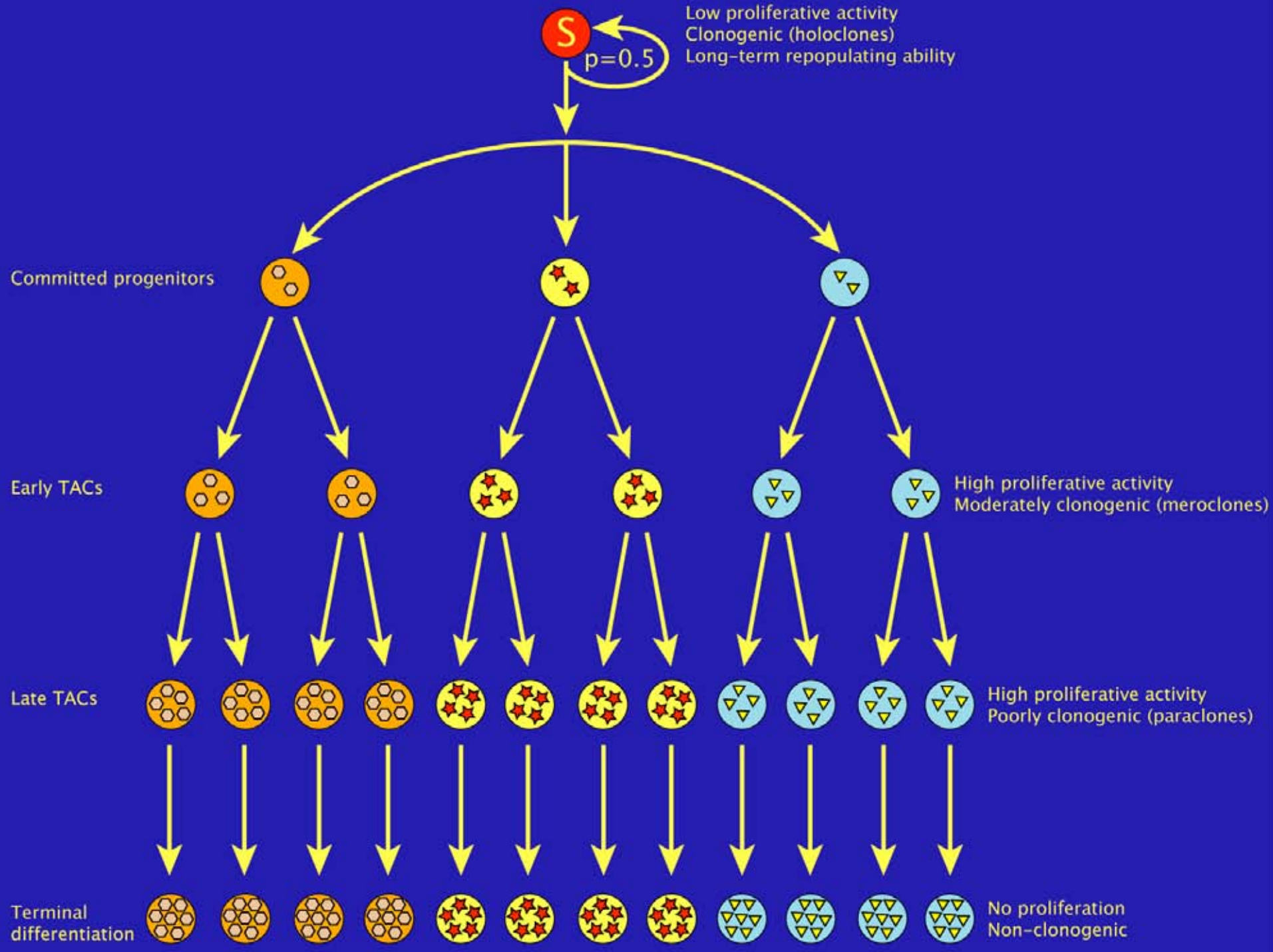
# Adult tissue-specific stem cells





# Adult tissue-specific stem cells: small intestine



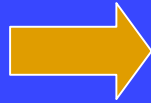


**Normal epithelial cells:** *in vitro* colonies can be classified by properties of the founder cells and by their abilities to be passaged further (Barrandon and Green).

**Holoclonal**  
(Stem)

Expansive growth

Large and smooth  
(30%)



**Meroclonal**  
(Amplifying)

Growth

Wrinkled  
(50%)



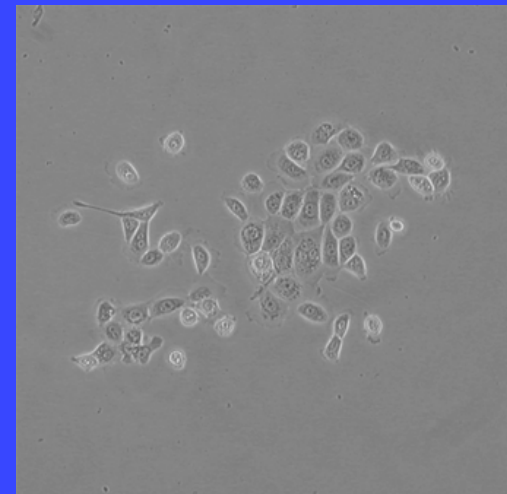
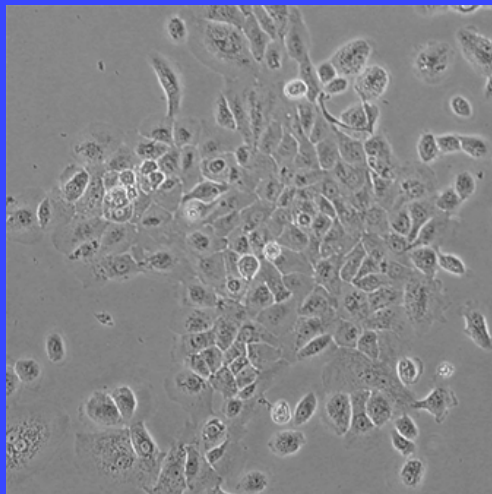
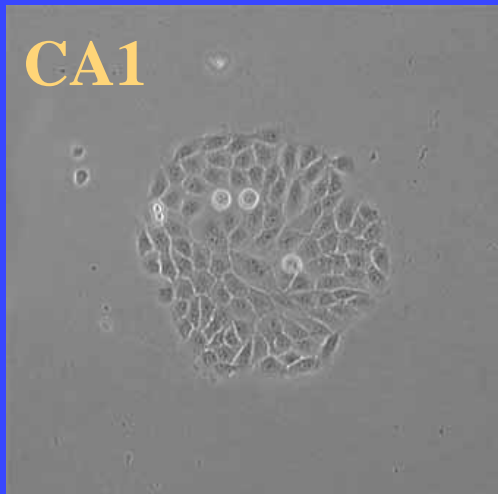
**Paraclonal**  
(Differentiating)

Little growth

Small and irregular  
(20%)

**Malignant epithelial cells:** patterns of colony morphology are found similar to those of normal epithelia.

**CA1**



# Adult Stem Cell Properties

Self-renewal

Relatively undifferentiated

Multilineage differentiation

Slow cycling, but clonogenic

Have immortal template DNA strands (LRCs)?



# Slowly cycling





# Slowly cycling – so label retaining

Research article

Development and disease 5241

## Manipulation of stem cell proliferation and lineage commitment: visualisation of label-retaining cells in wholemounts of mouse epidermis

Kristin M. Braun<sup>1</sup>, Catherin Niemann<sup>1</sup>, Uffe B. Jensen<sup>2</sup>, John P. Sundberg<sup>3</sup>, Violeta Silva-Vargas<sup>1</sup> and Fiona M. Watt<sup>1,\*</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Department of Human Genetics, The Bartholin Building, University of Aarhus, DK-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark

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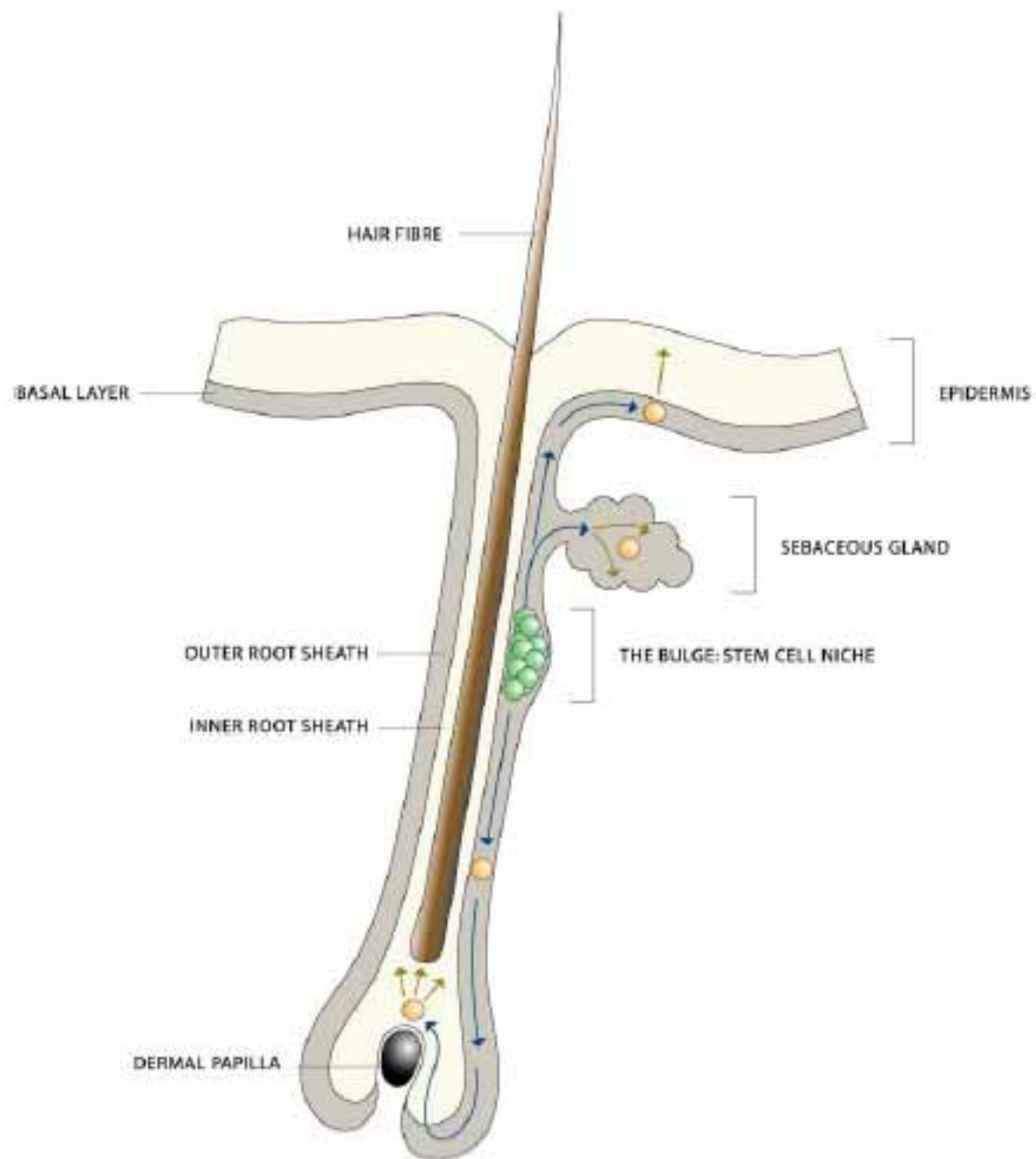
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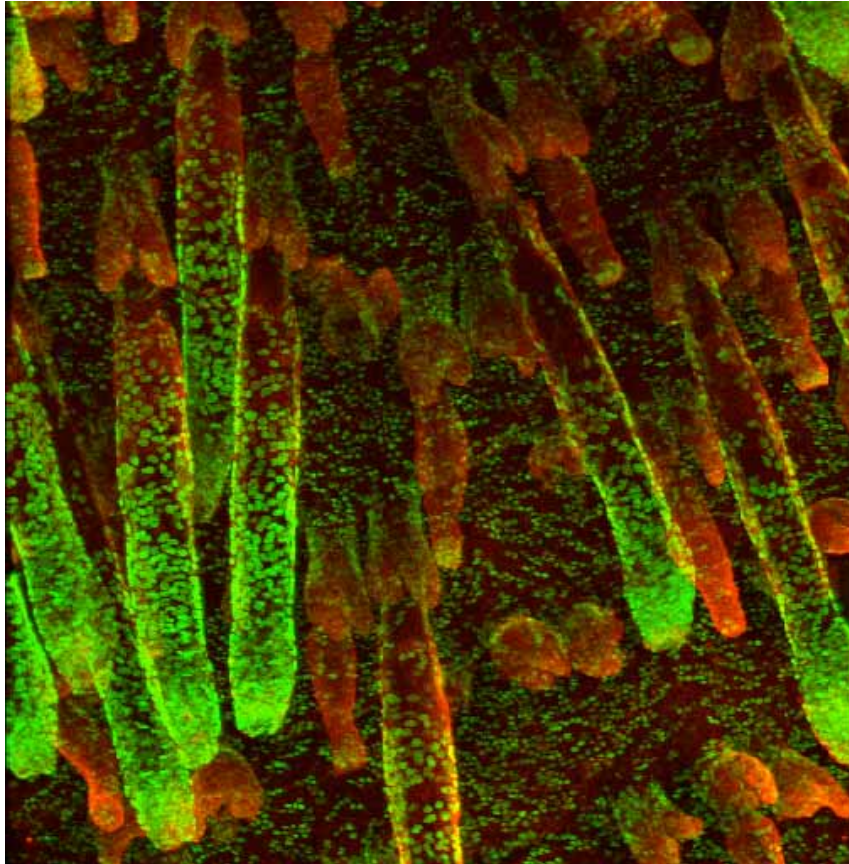
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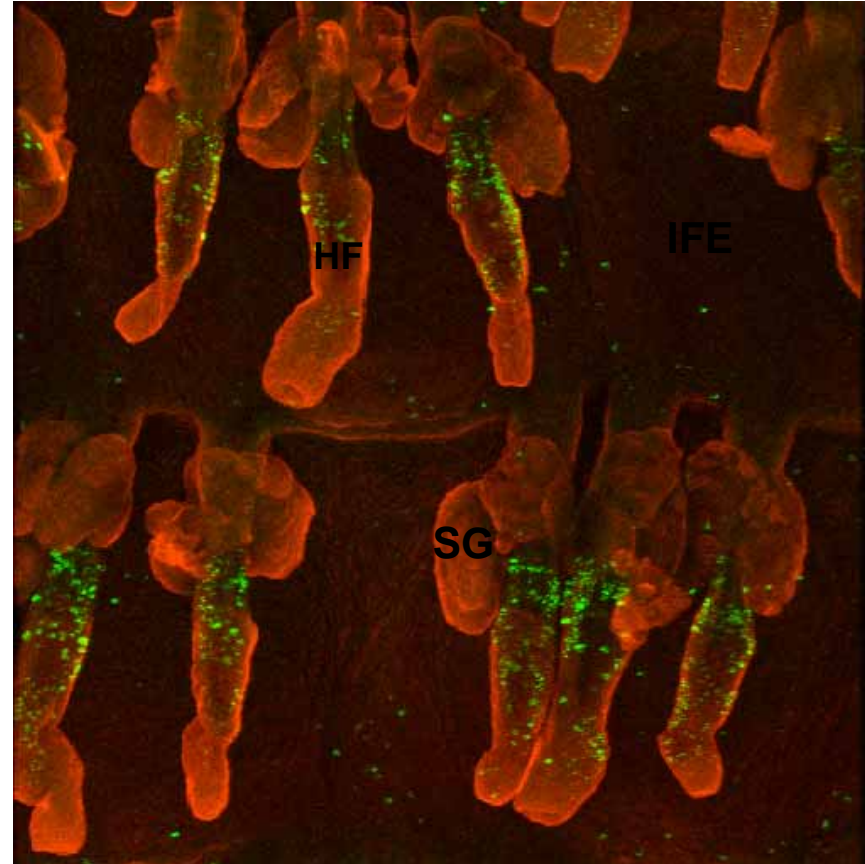
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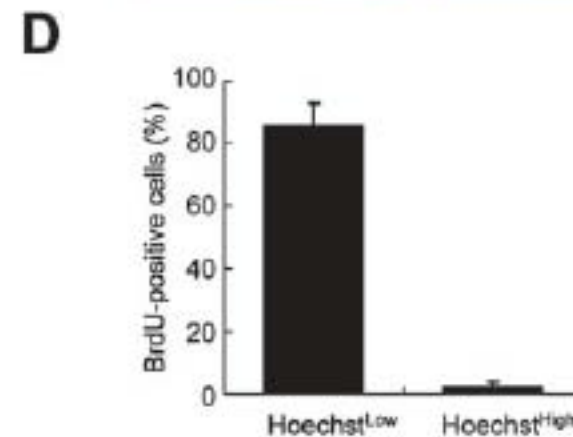
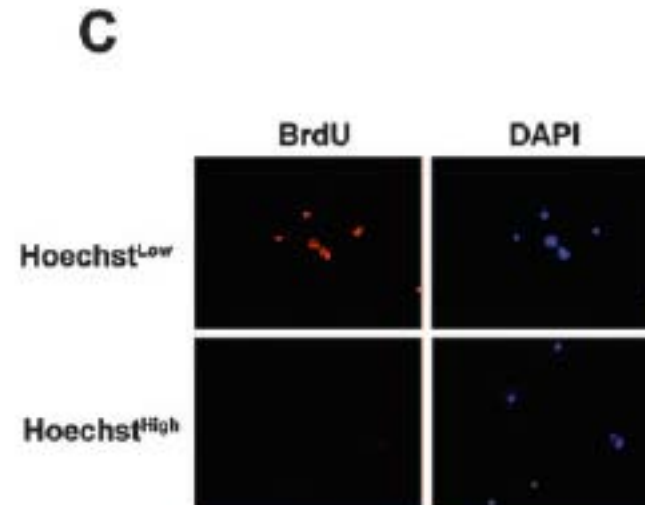
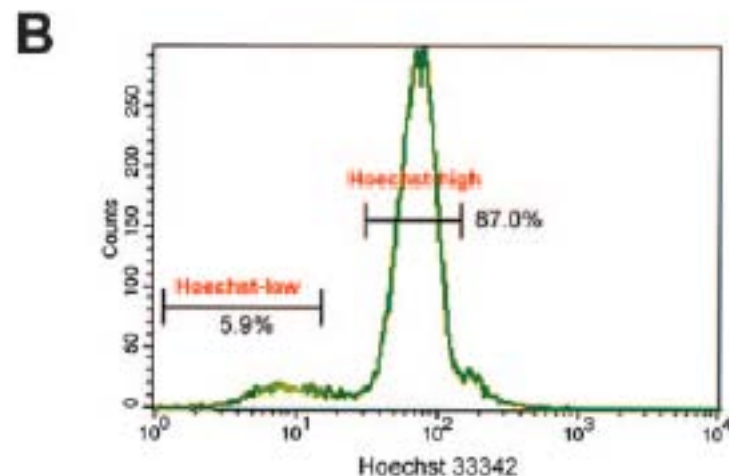
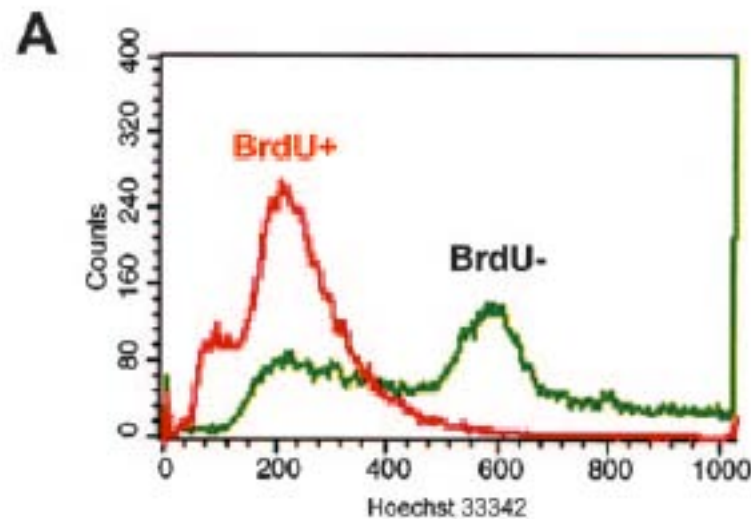
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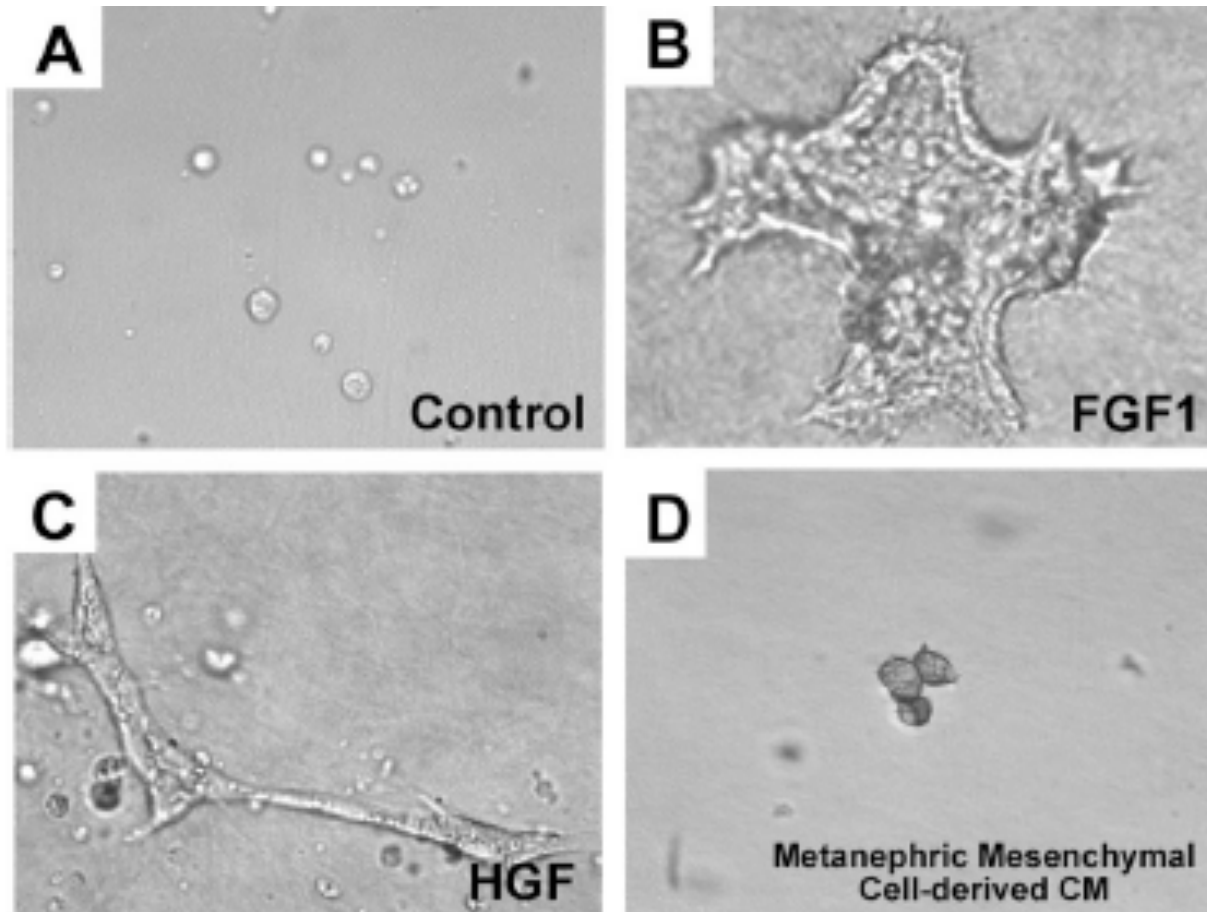
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# Adult Kidney Tubular Cell Population Showing Phenotypic Plasticity, Tubulogenic Capacity, and Integration Capability into Developing Kidney

*J Am Soc Nephrol* 17: 188–198, 2006.



## Properties of Hoechst<sup>low</sup> LRTCs

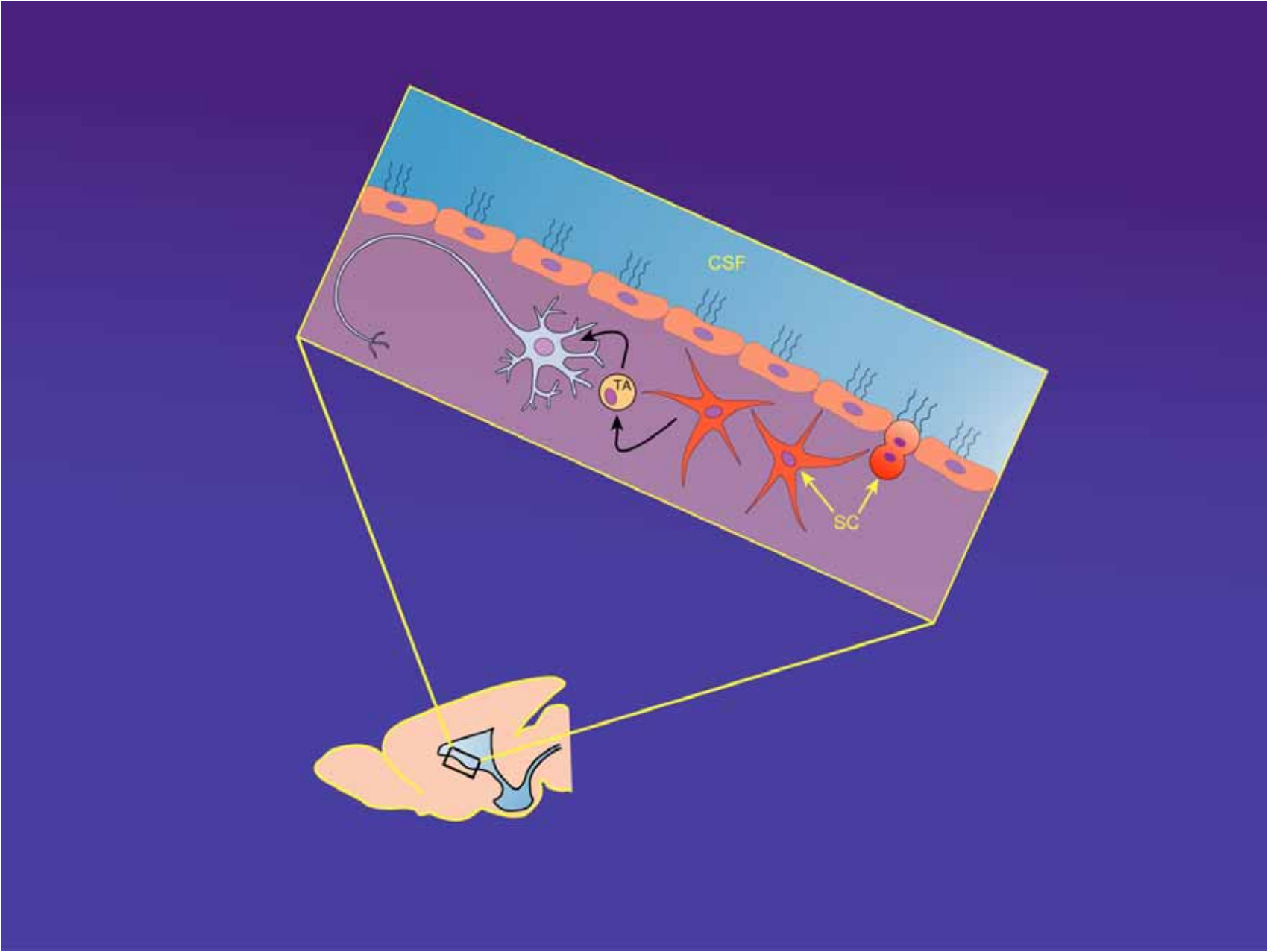


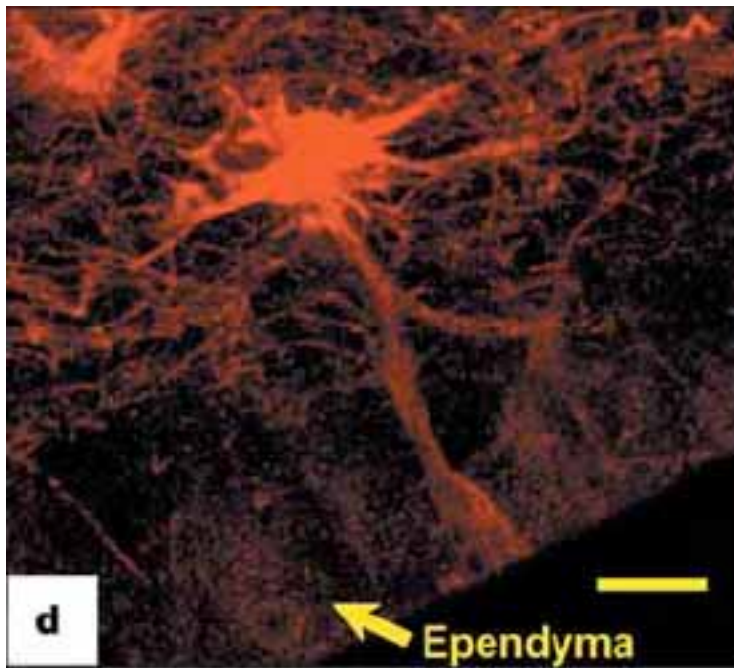


# **Unique astrocyte ribbon in adult human brain contains neural stem cells but lacks chain migration**

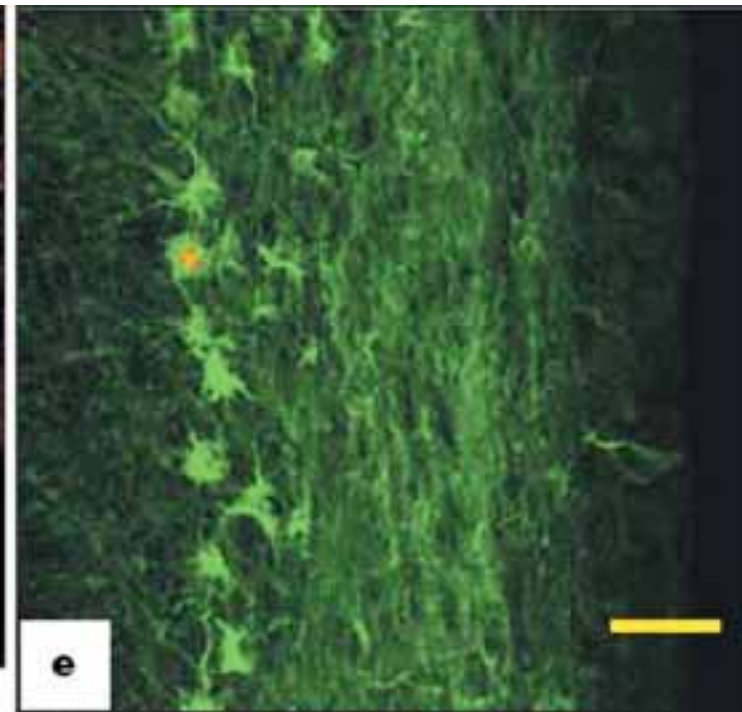
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NATURE | VOL 427 | 19 FEBRUARY 2004 | [www.nature.com/nature](http://www.nature.com/nature)





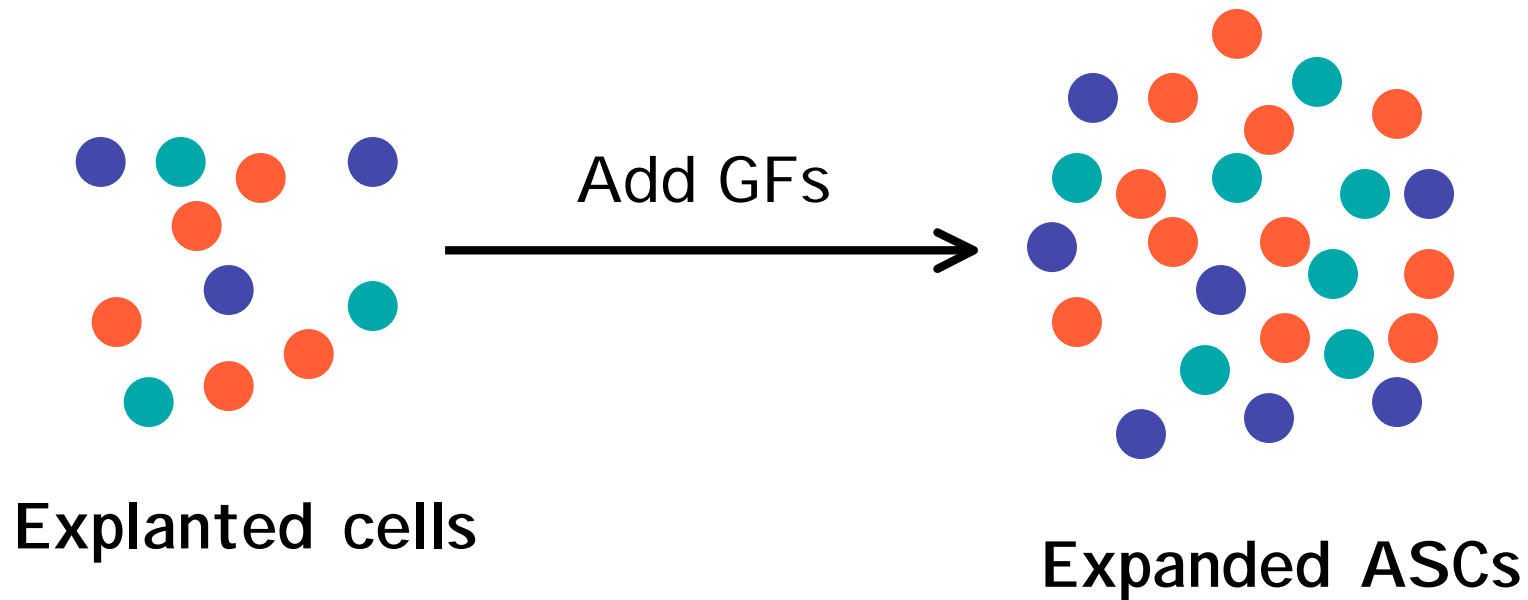
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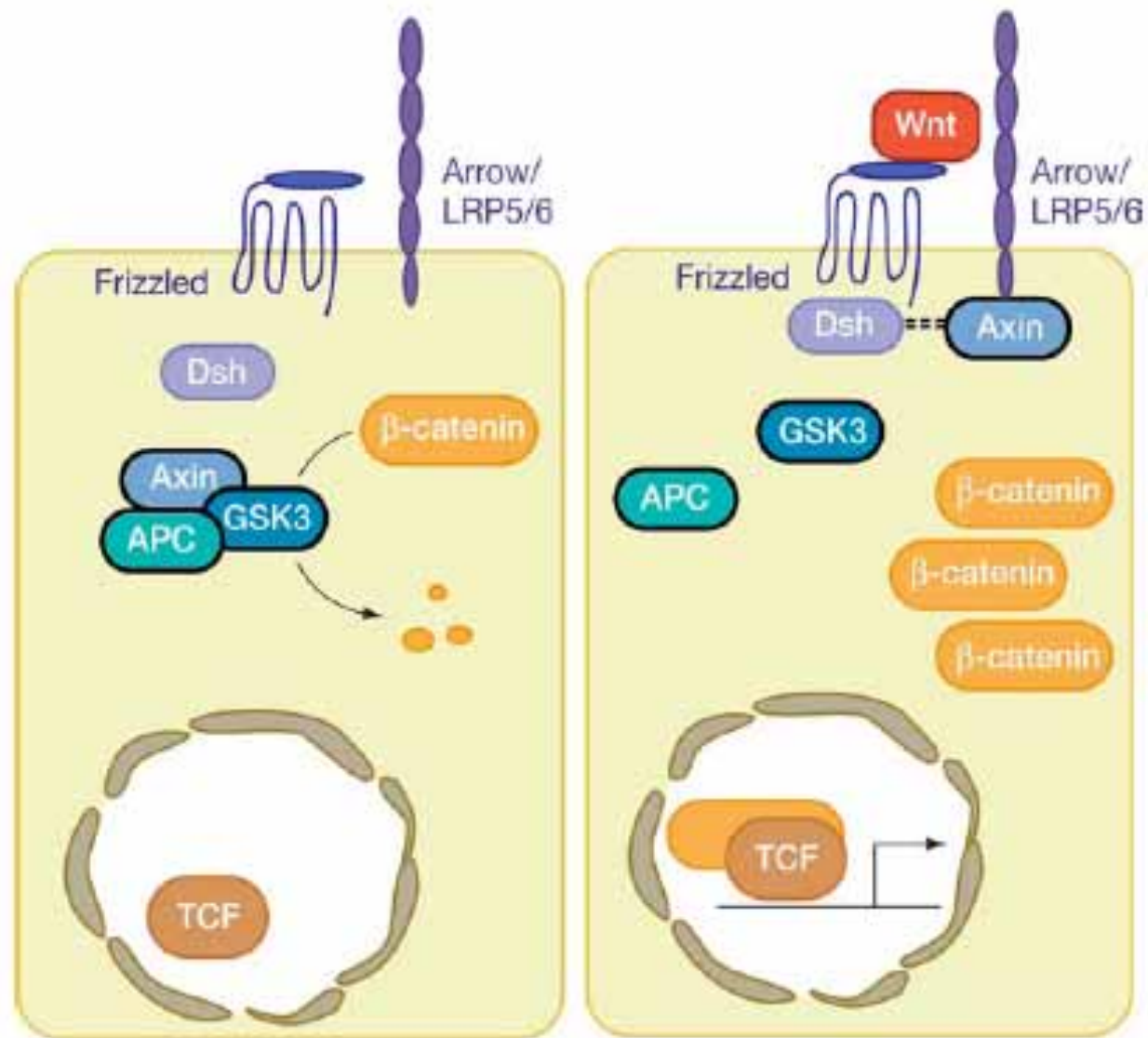


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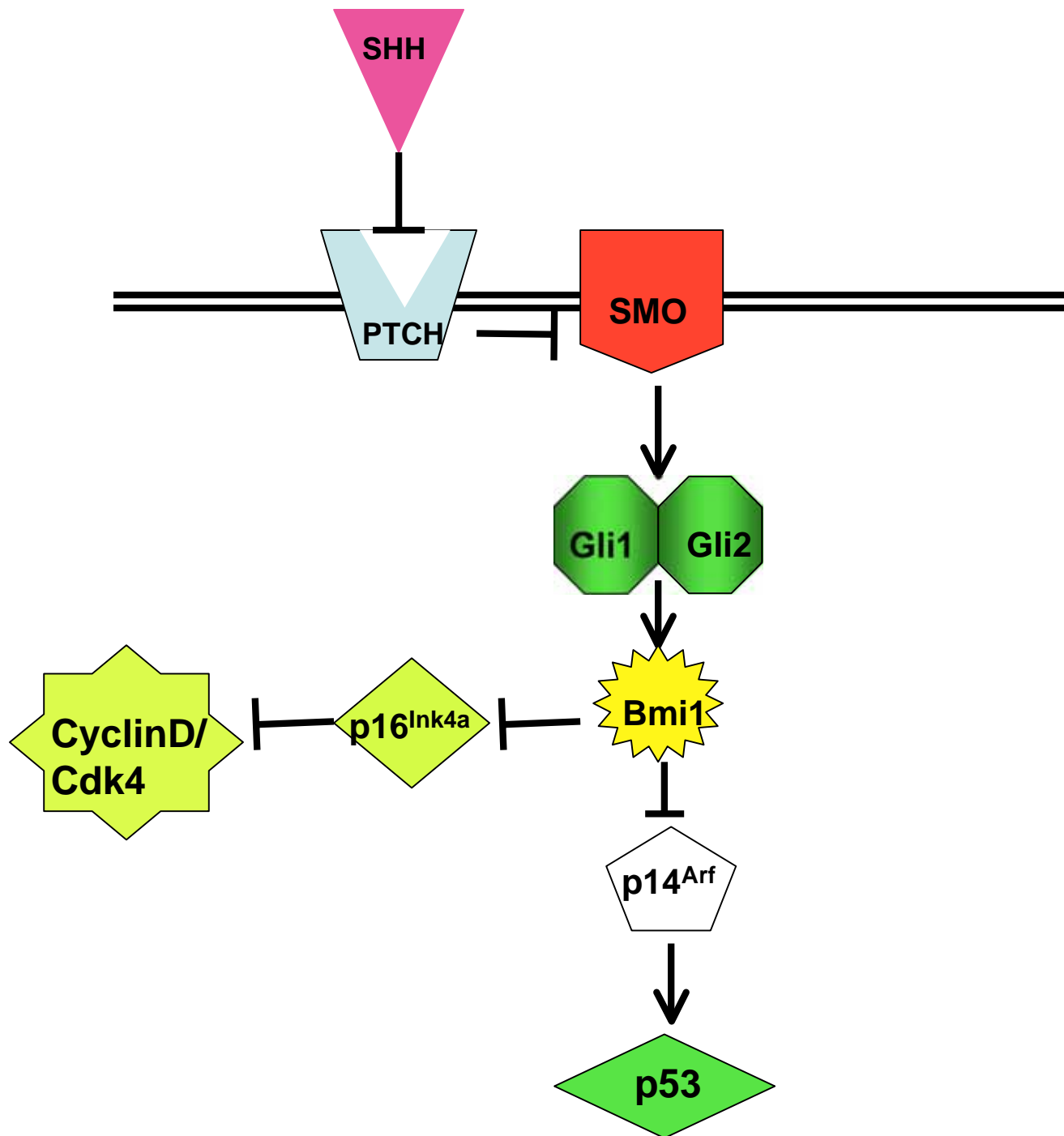
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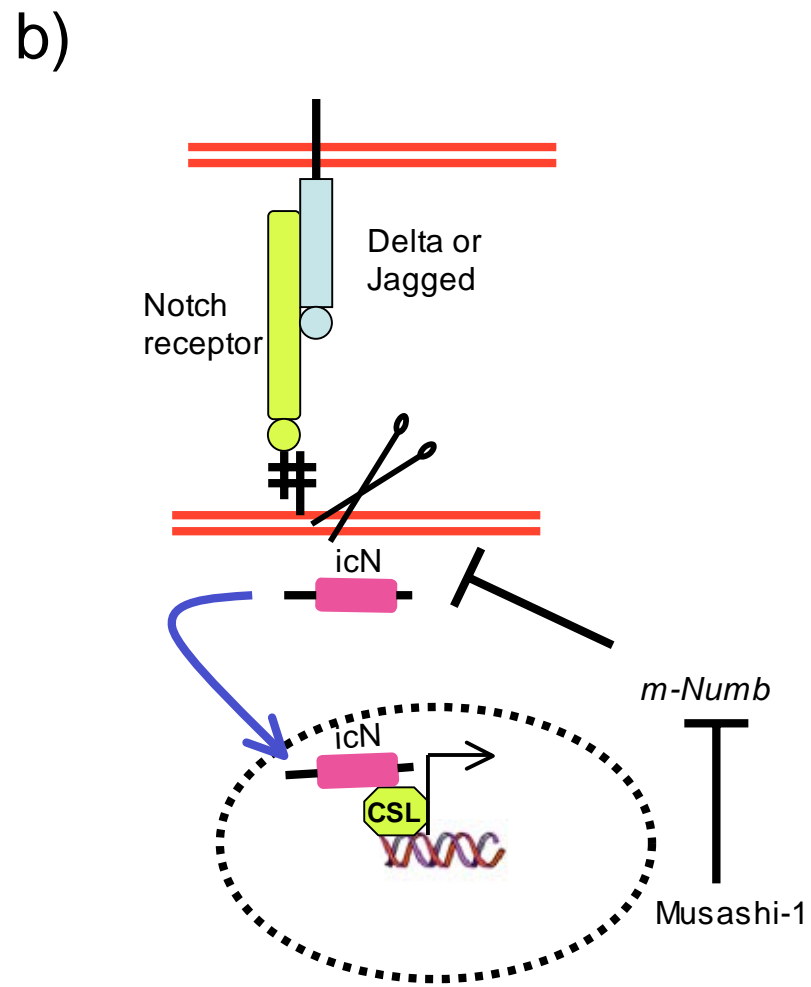
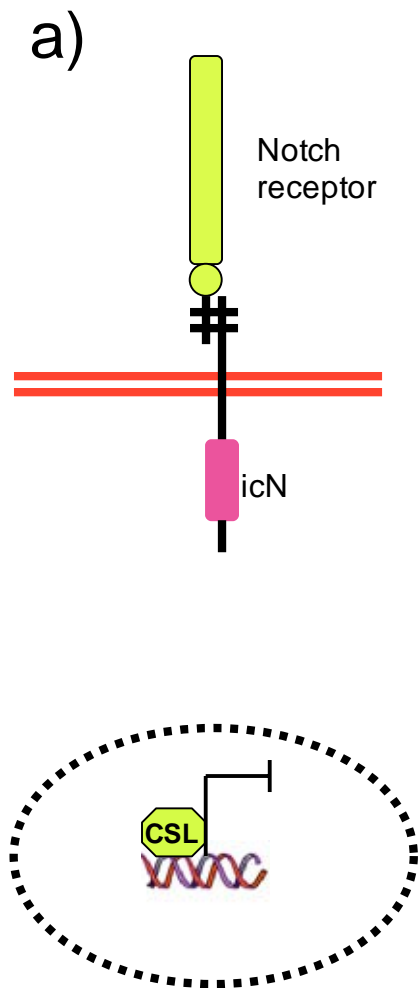
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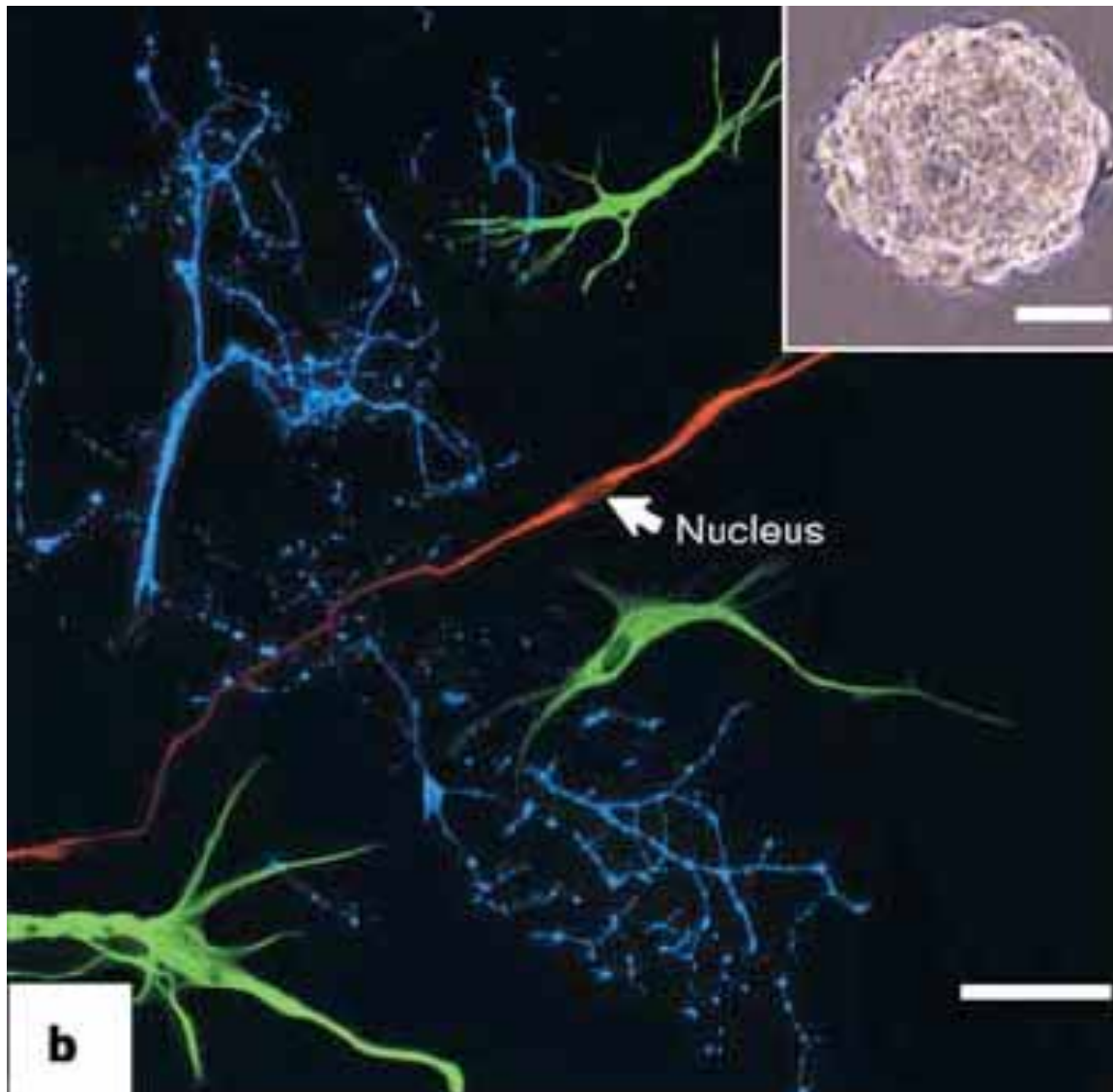






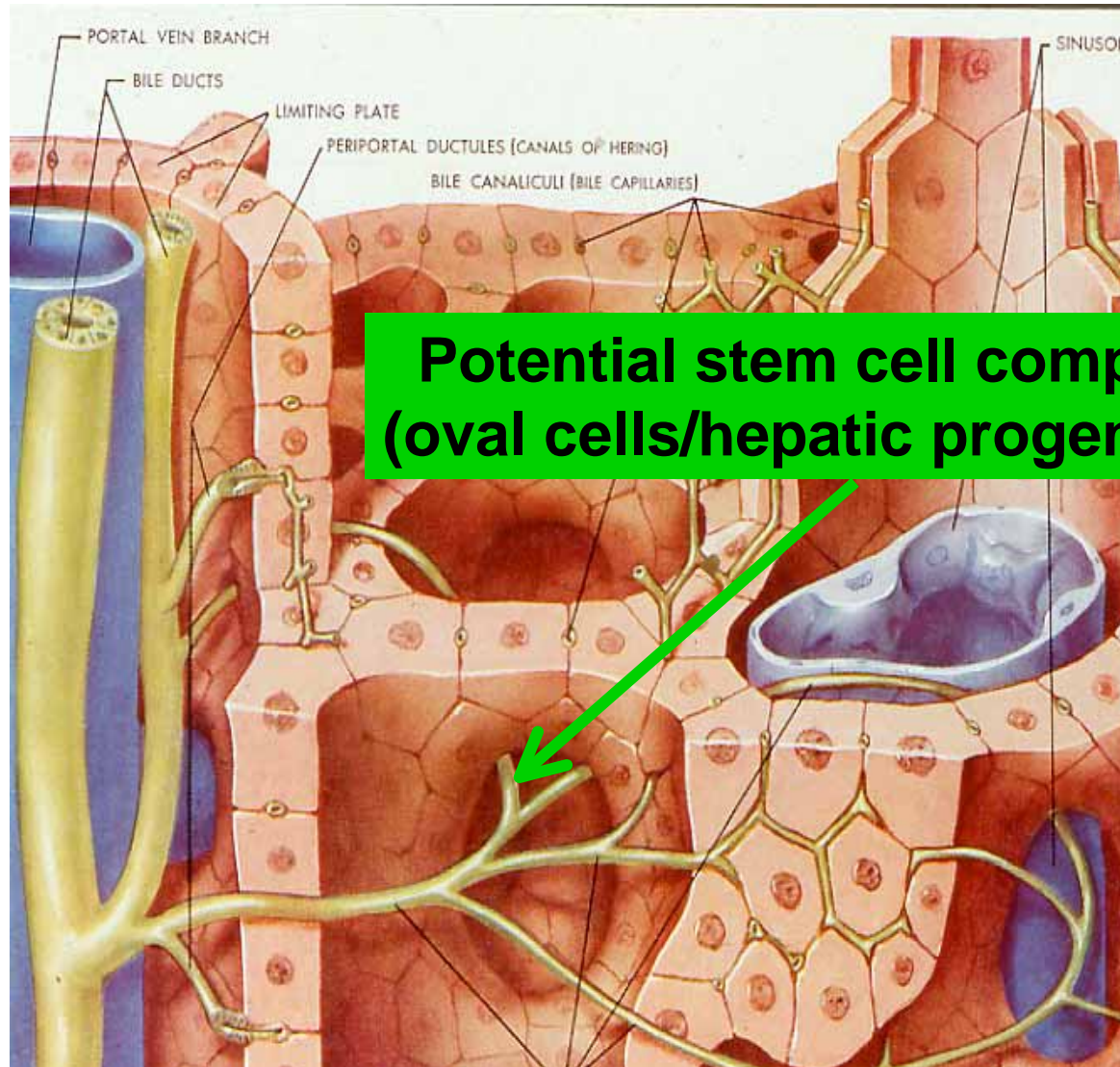


## Trilineage potential in vitro

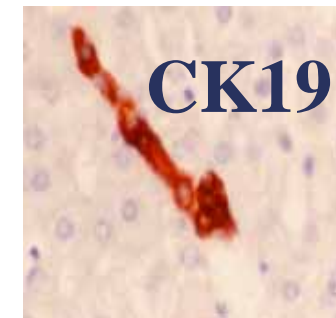


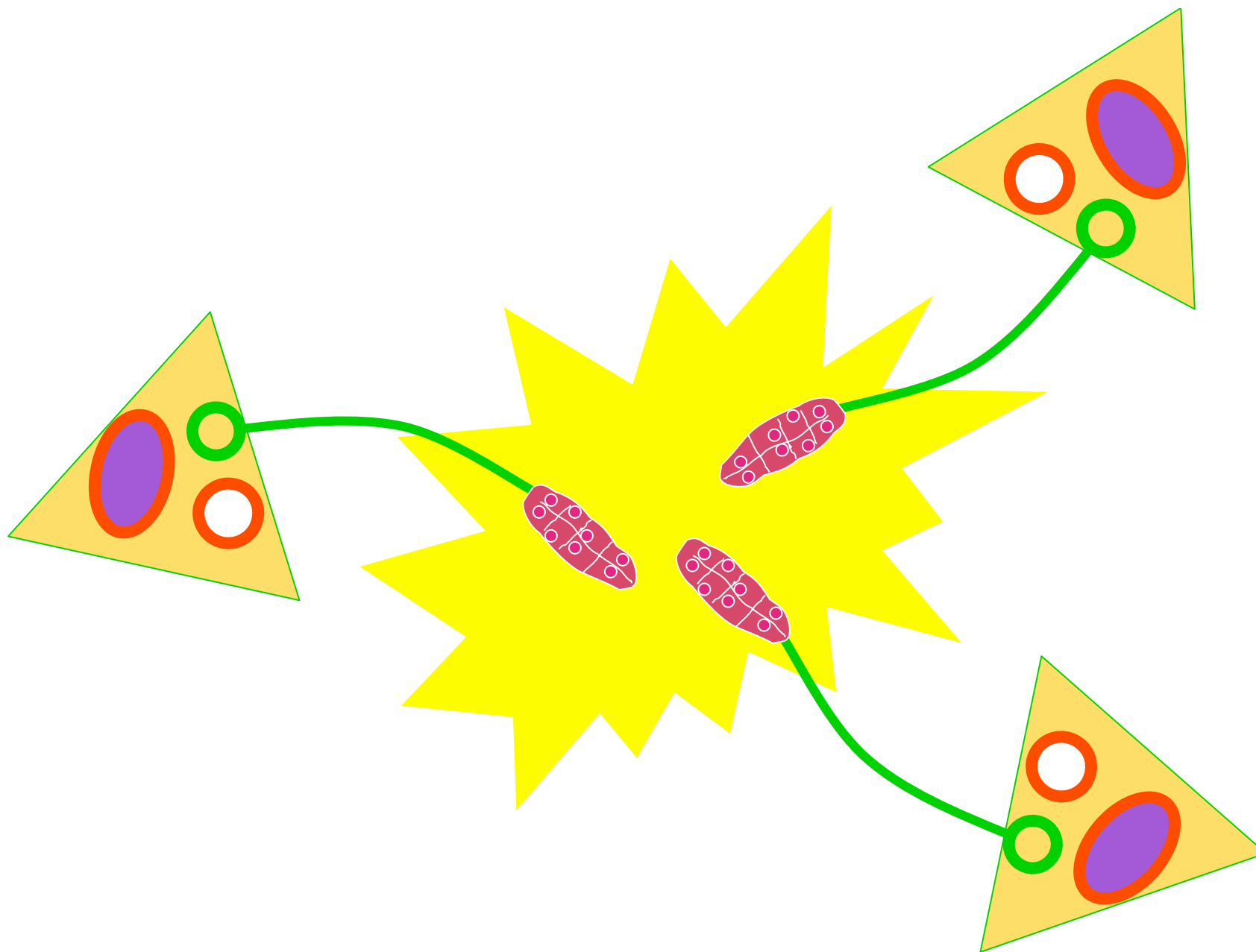
**Are clonogenic**

# The biology of cholangiocytes (in humans)



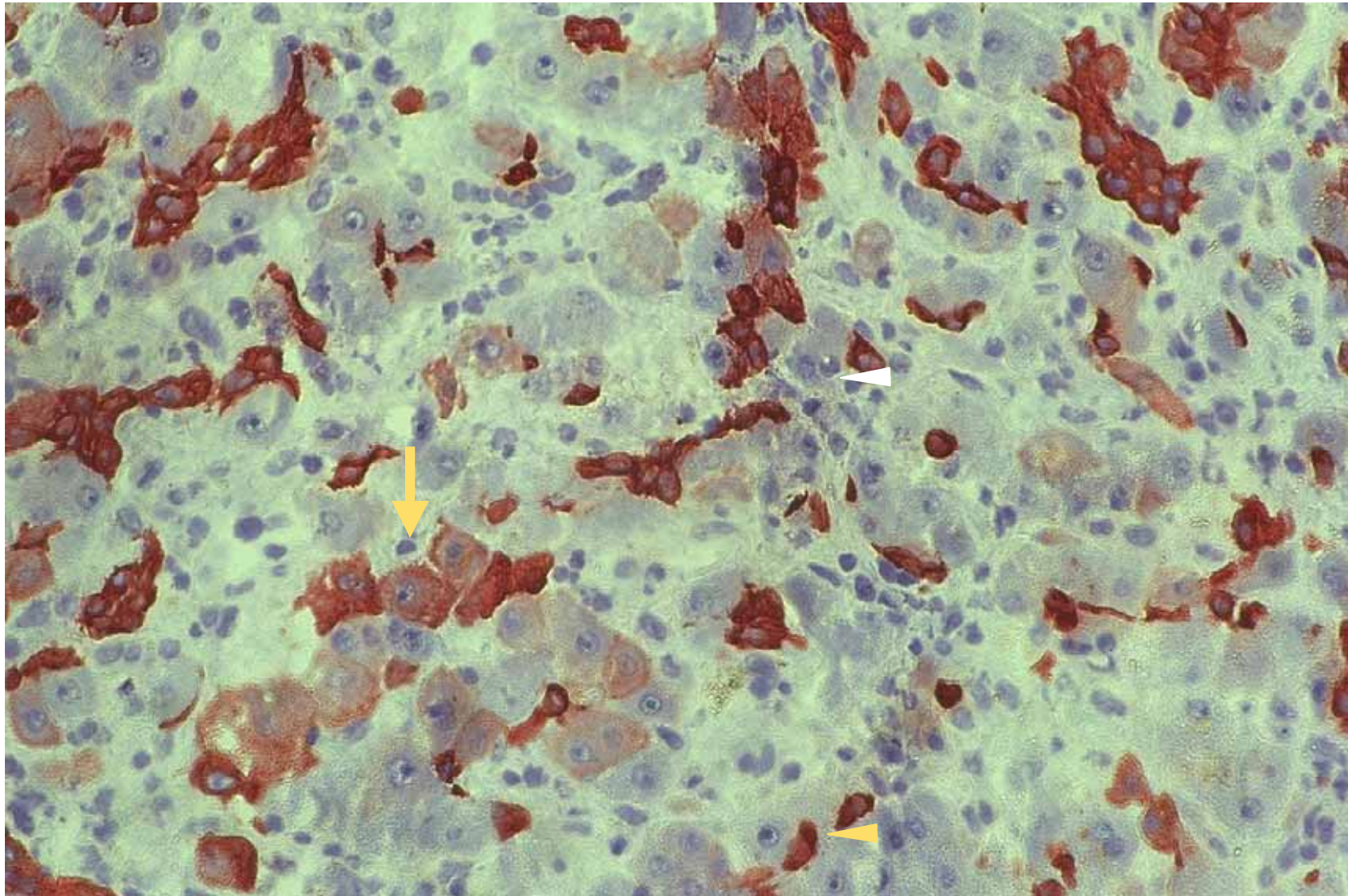
**Potential stem cell compartment  
(oval cells/hepatic progenitor cells)**



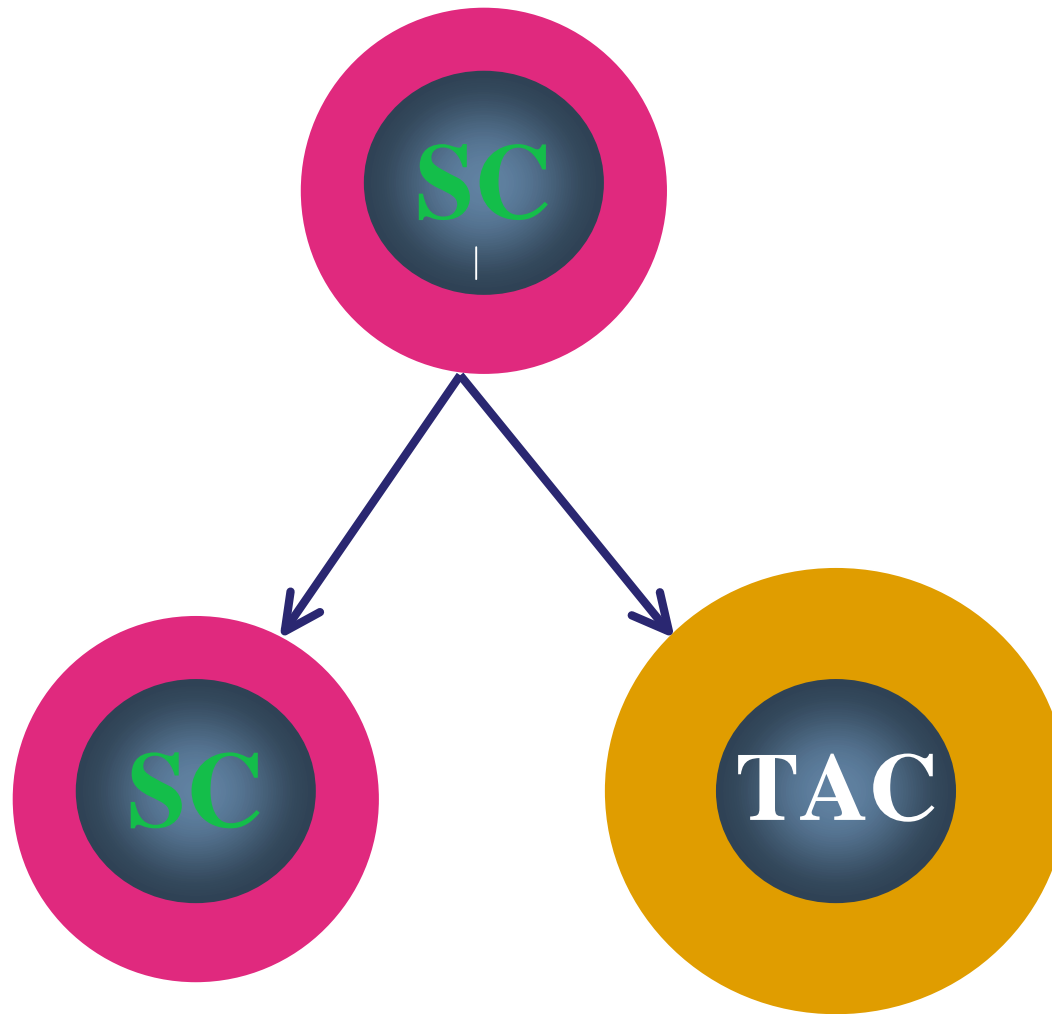




## CK 7: progenitor cells/intermediate hepatocytes in regeneration

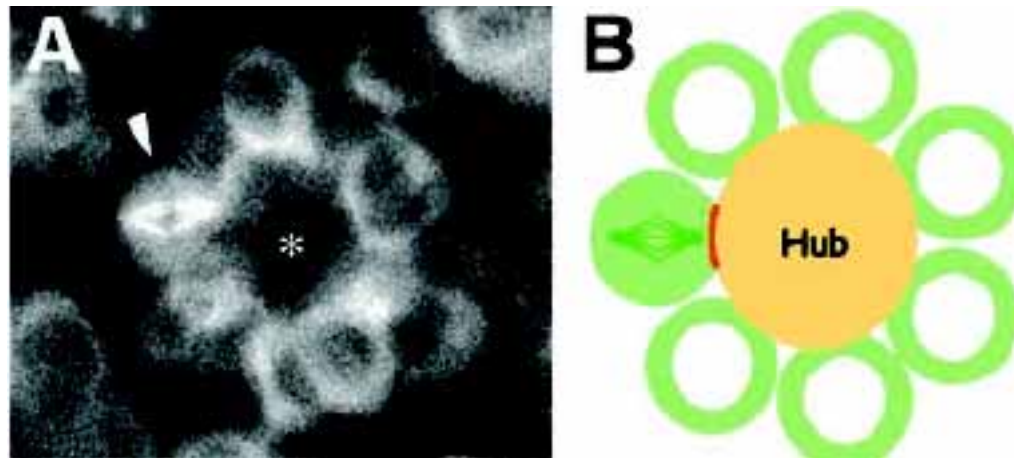


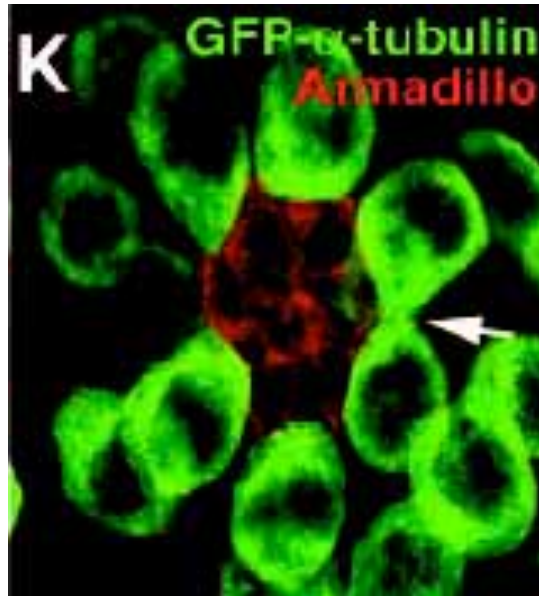
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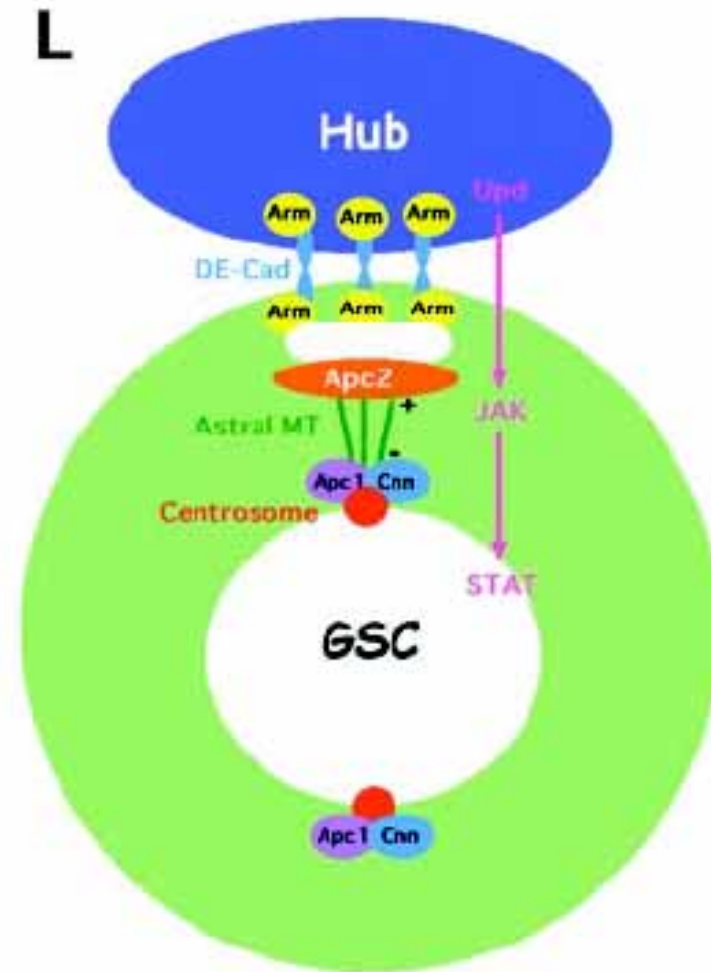
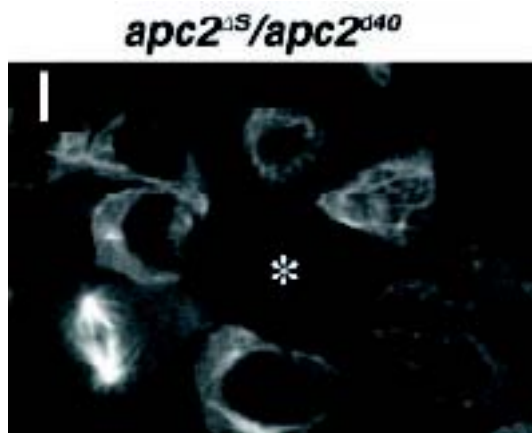
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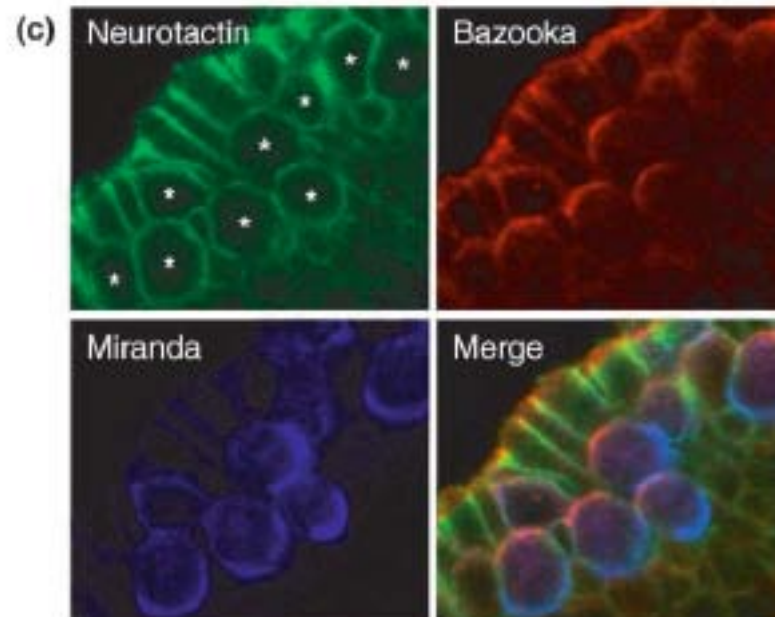
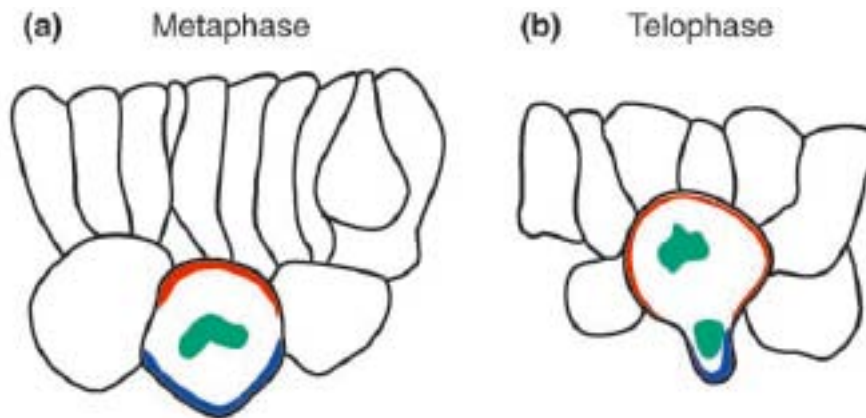


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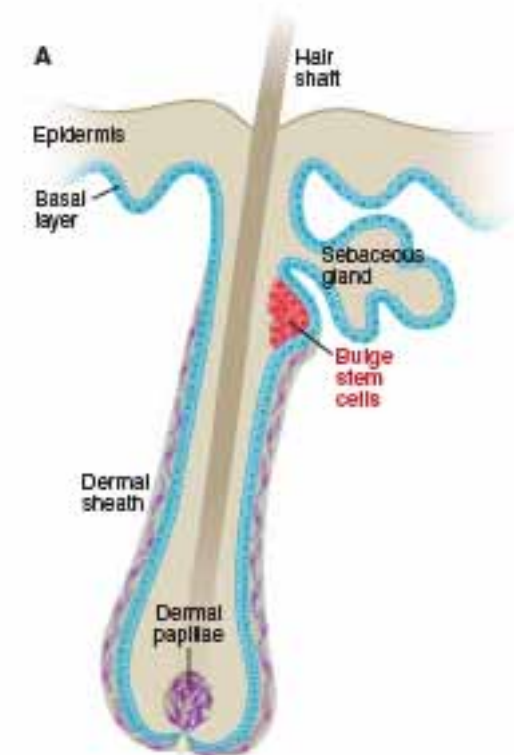
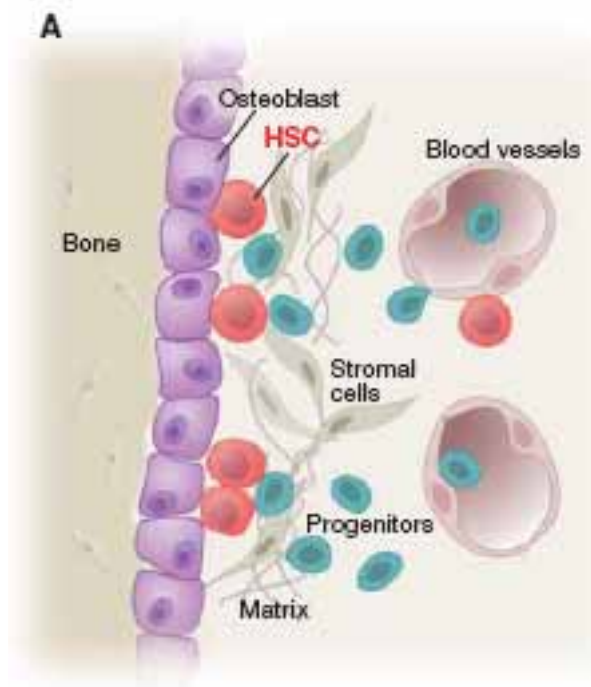
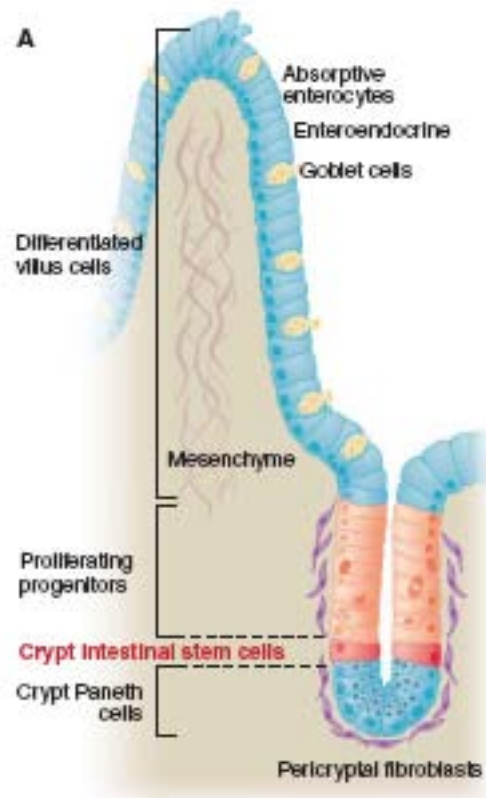


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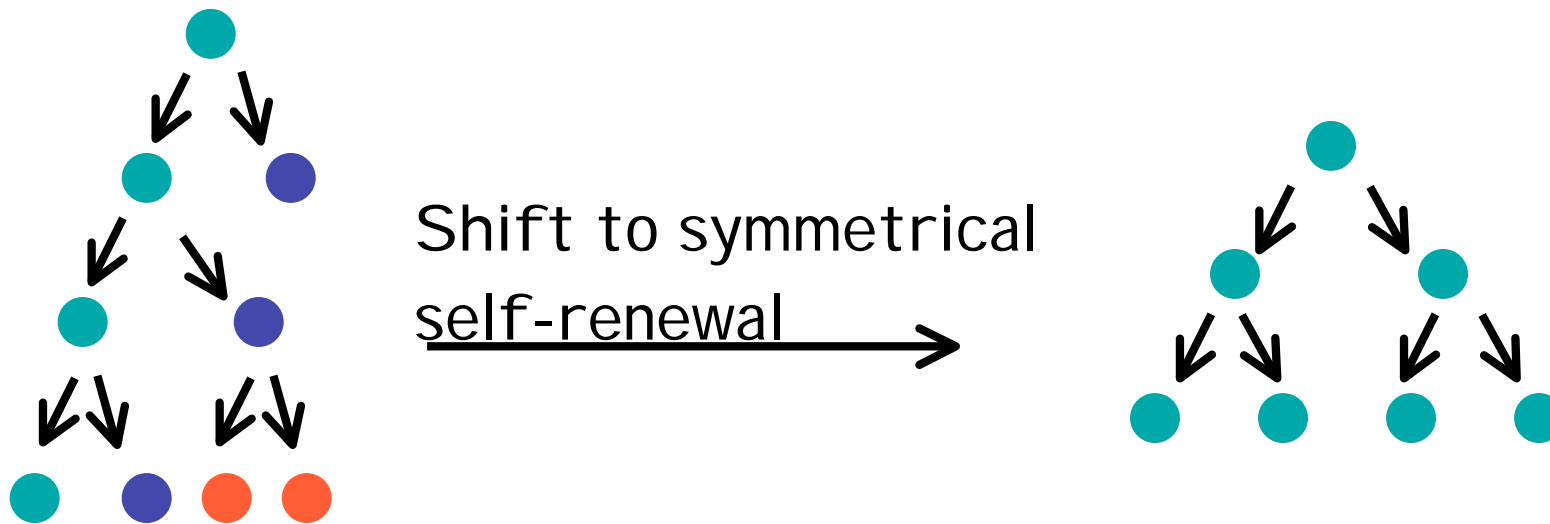


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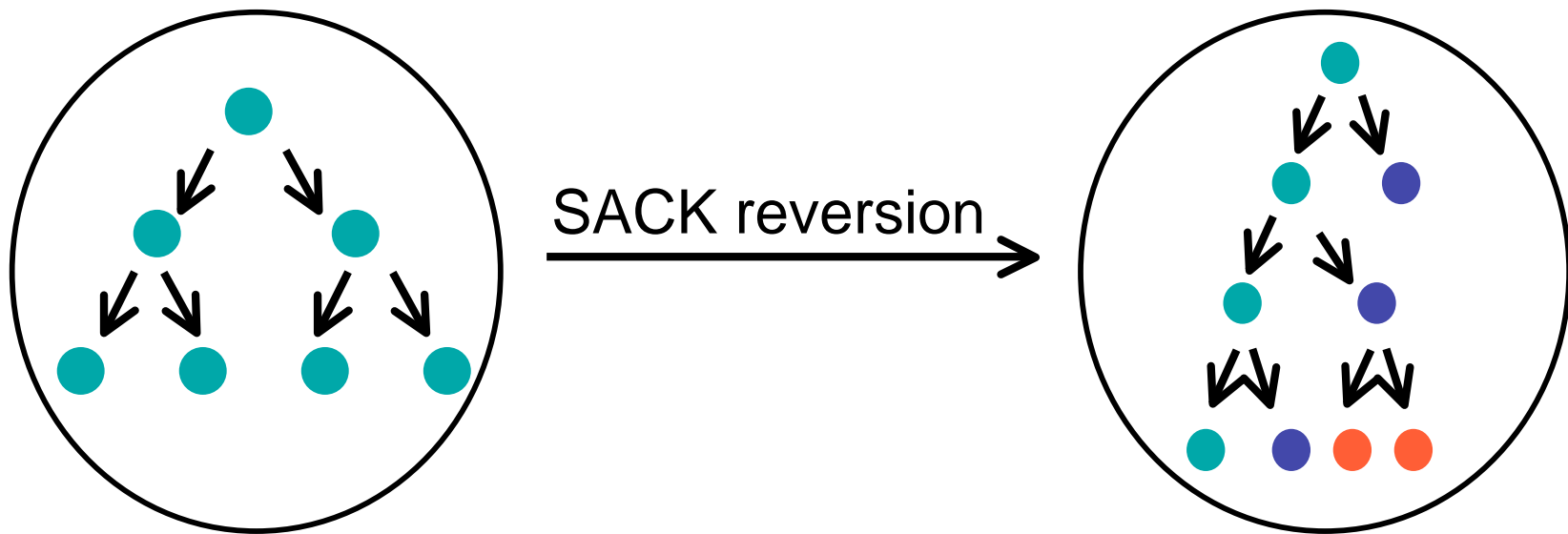


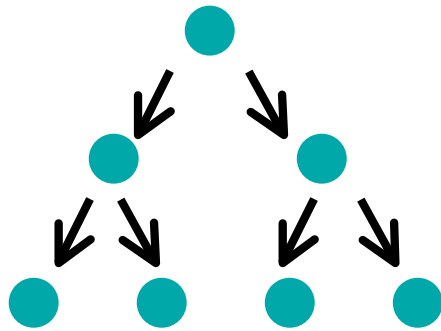
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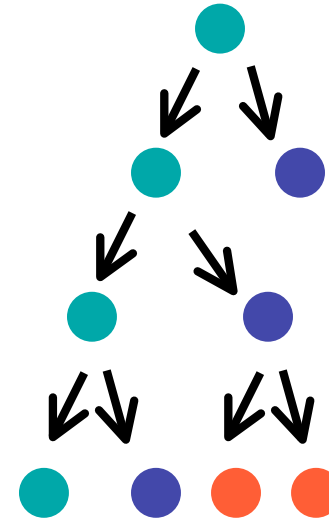


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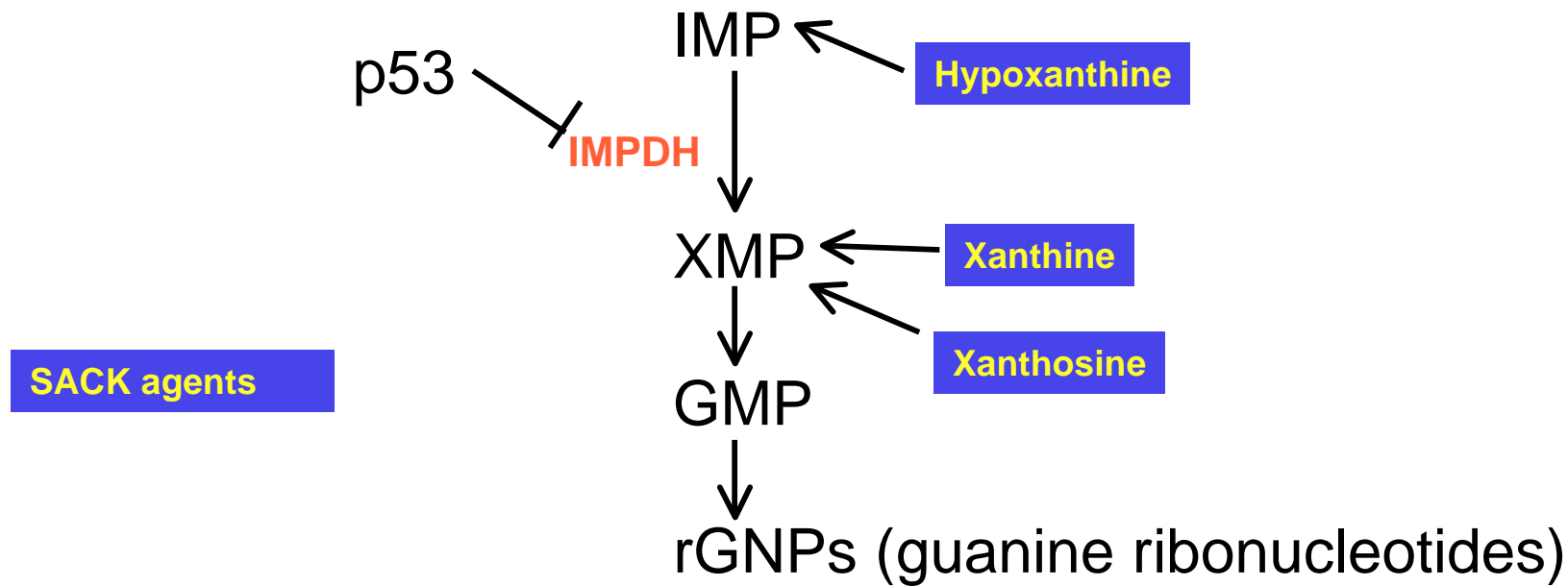




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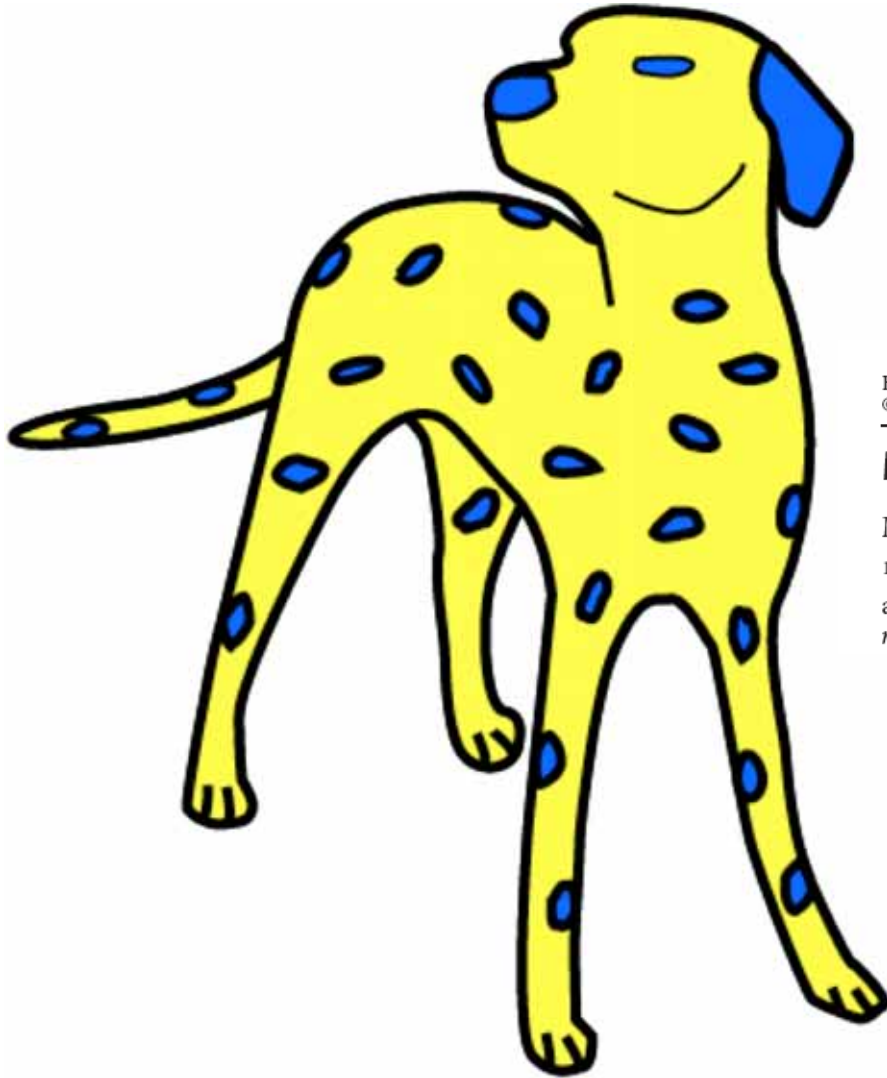


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# Markers?



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## Markers of Adult Tissue-Based Stem Cells

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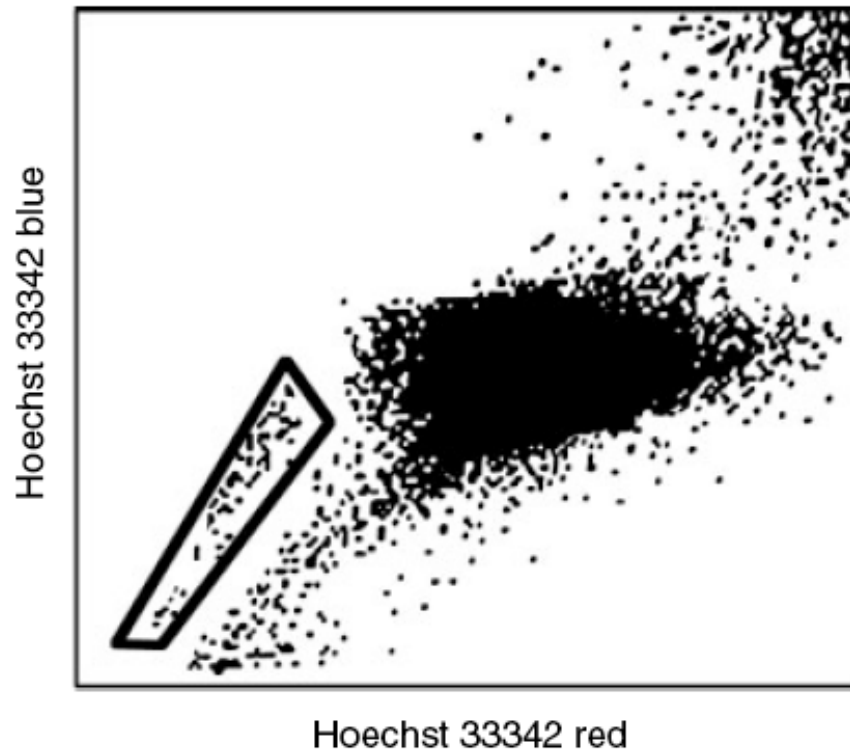


Commentary

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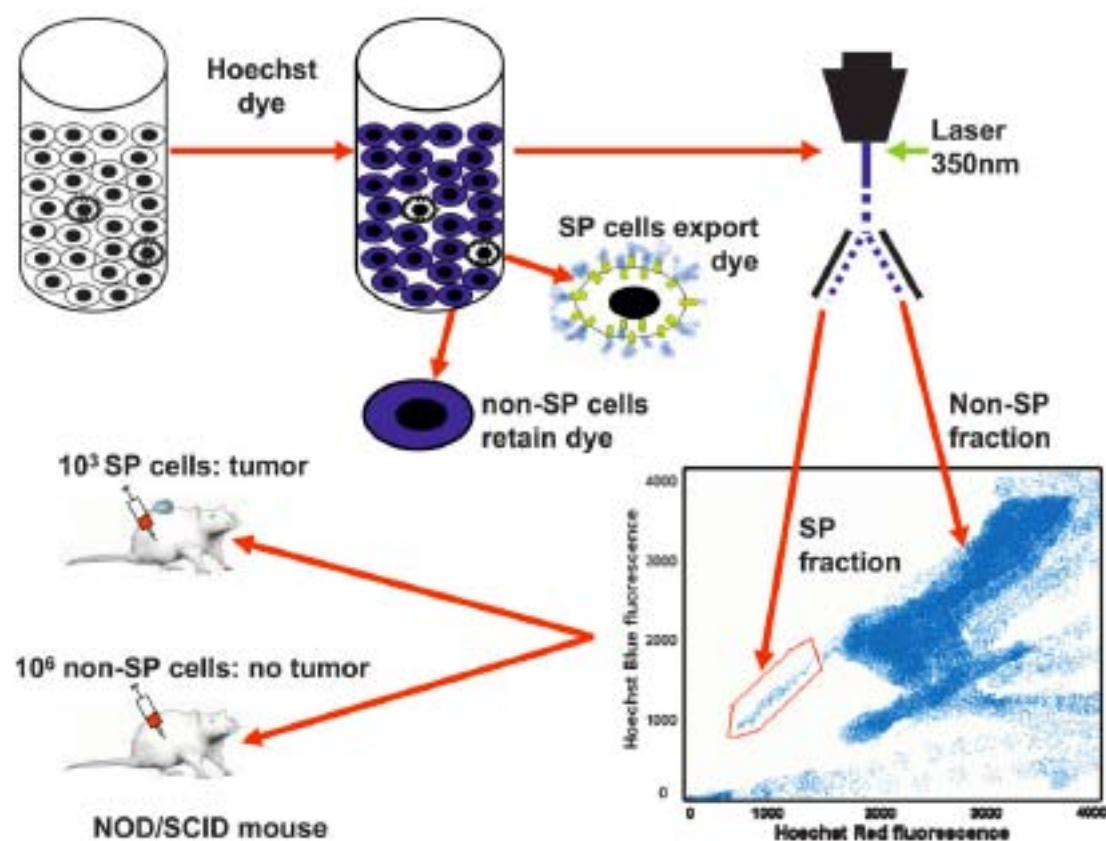


The side population (SP)

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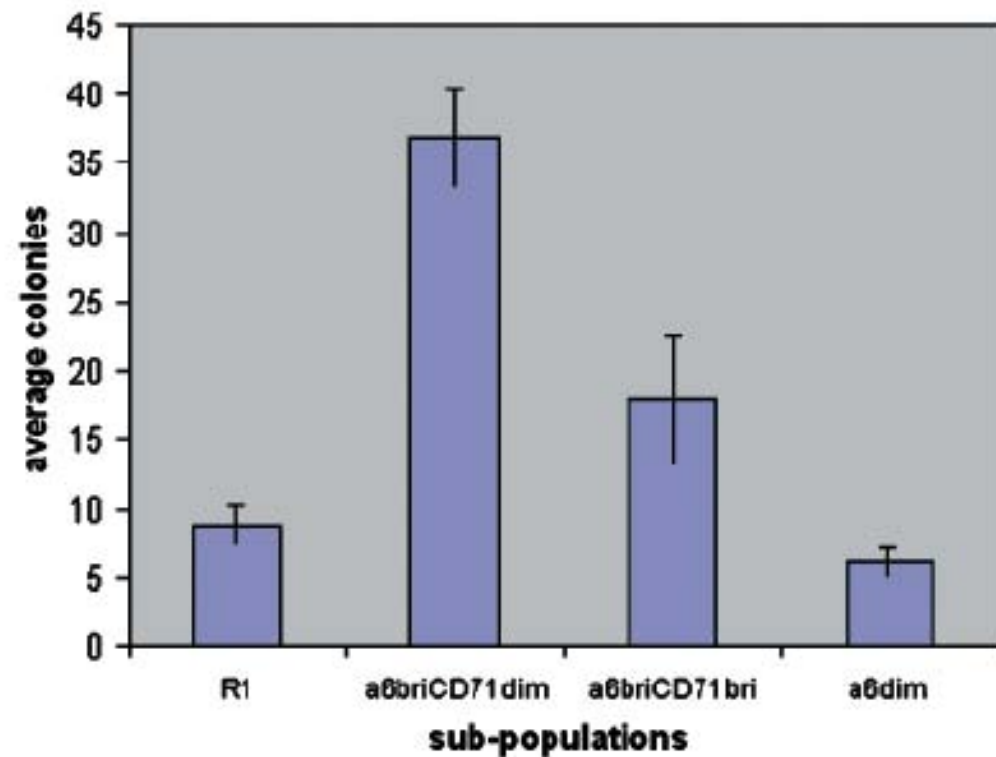
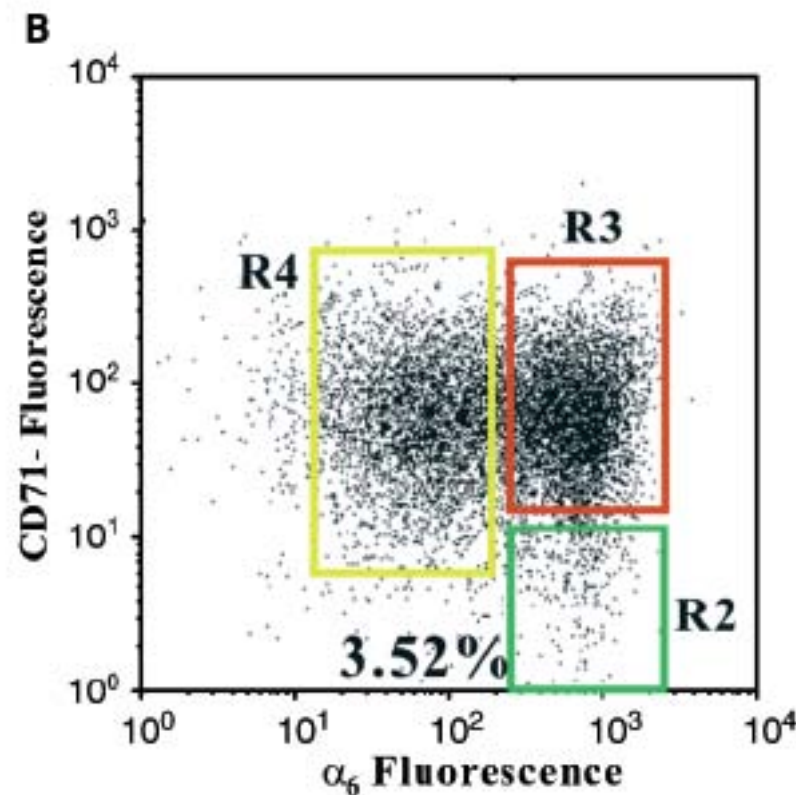
**Location and phenotype of human adult keratinocyte stem cells of the skin**

**$\alpha 6$  CD71<sup>dim</sup>**

- 2-5% of CK14<sup>+</sup> basal cells
- blast-like morphology
- lack CK10
- regenerates full thickness epidermis

**$\alpha 6$  (partners  $\beta 4$  in binding to laminin)  
CD71 (transferrin receptor)**

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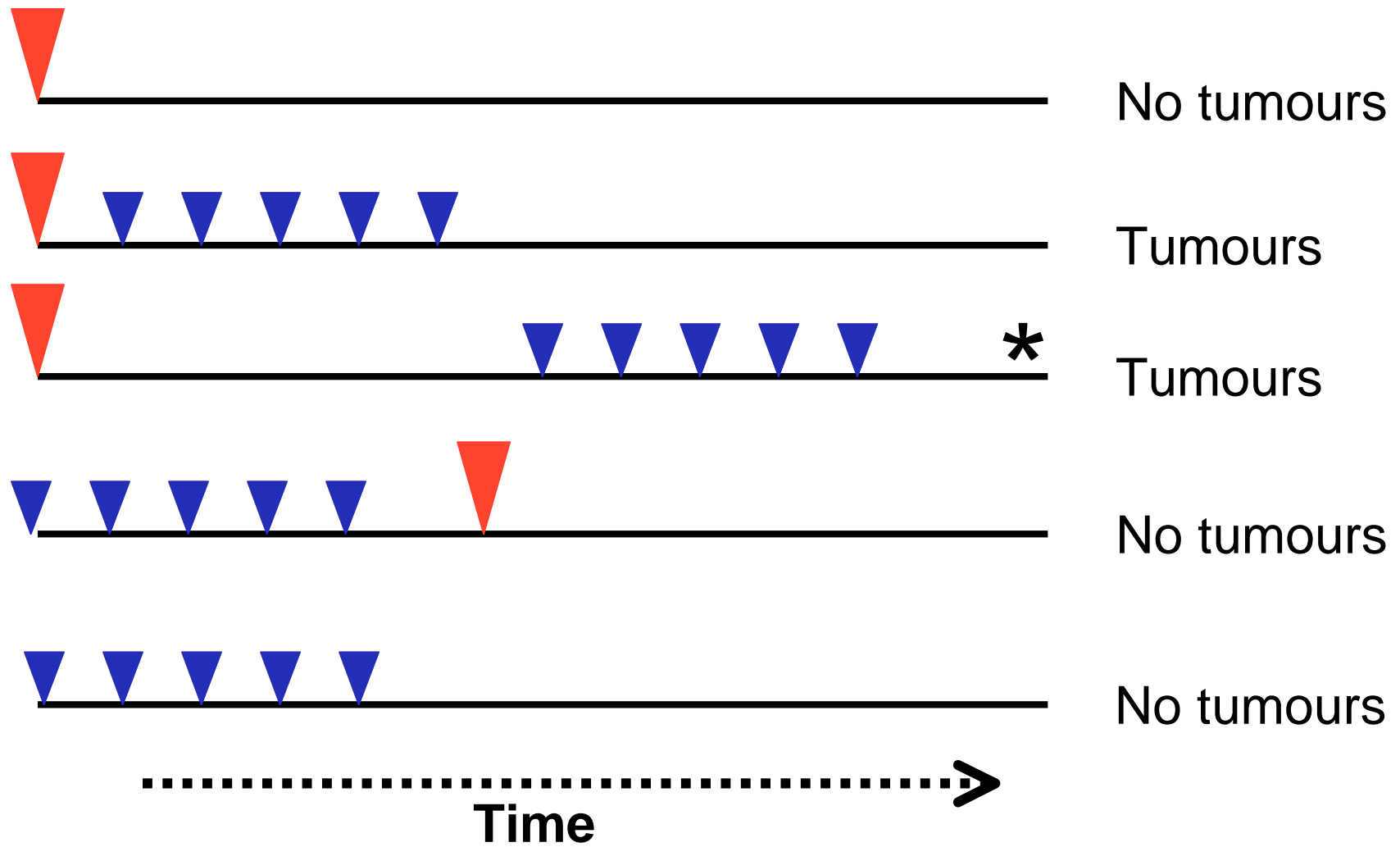
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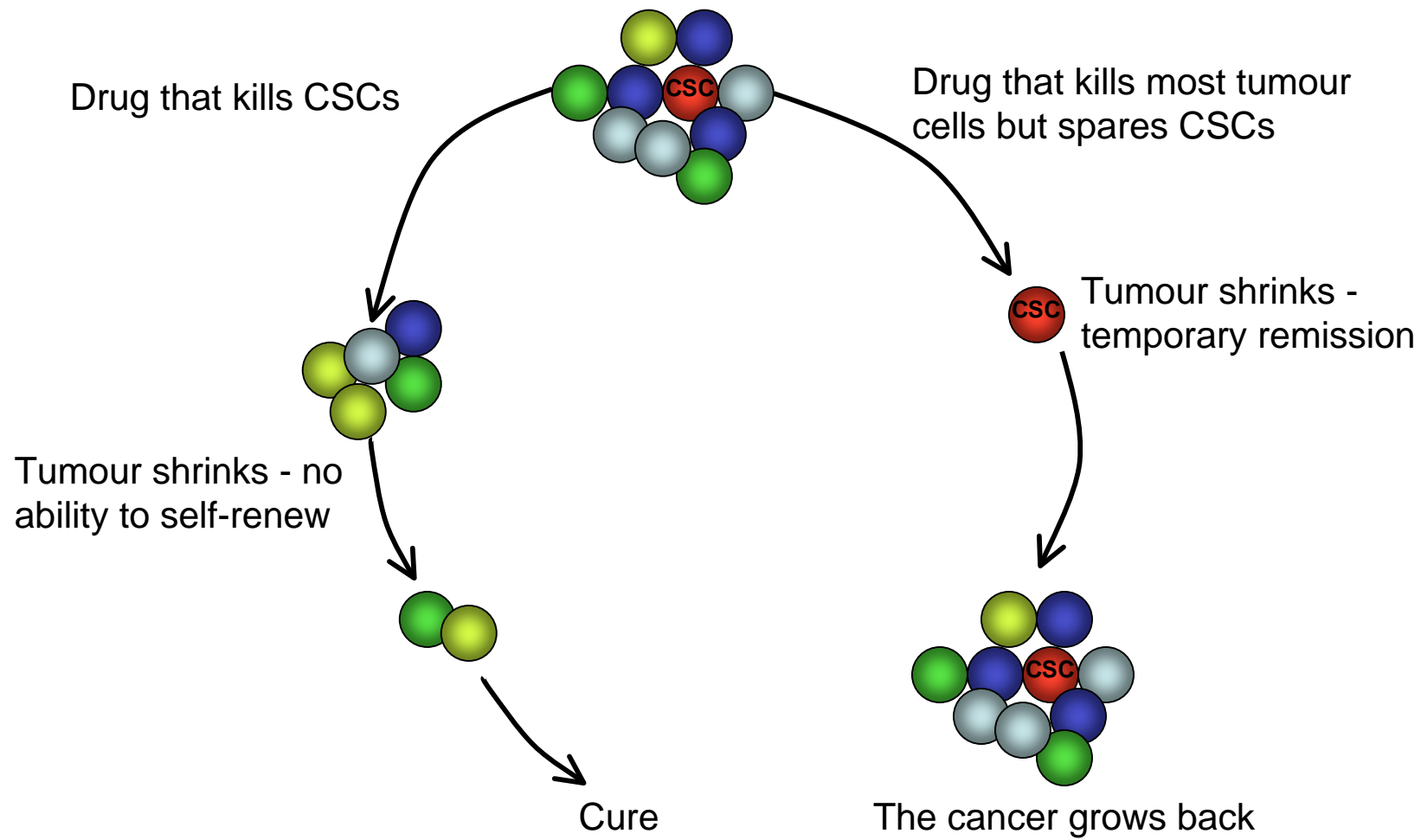


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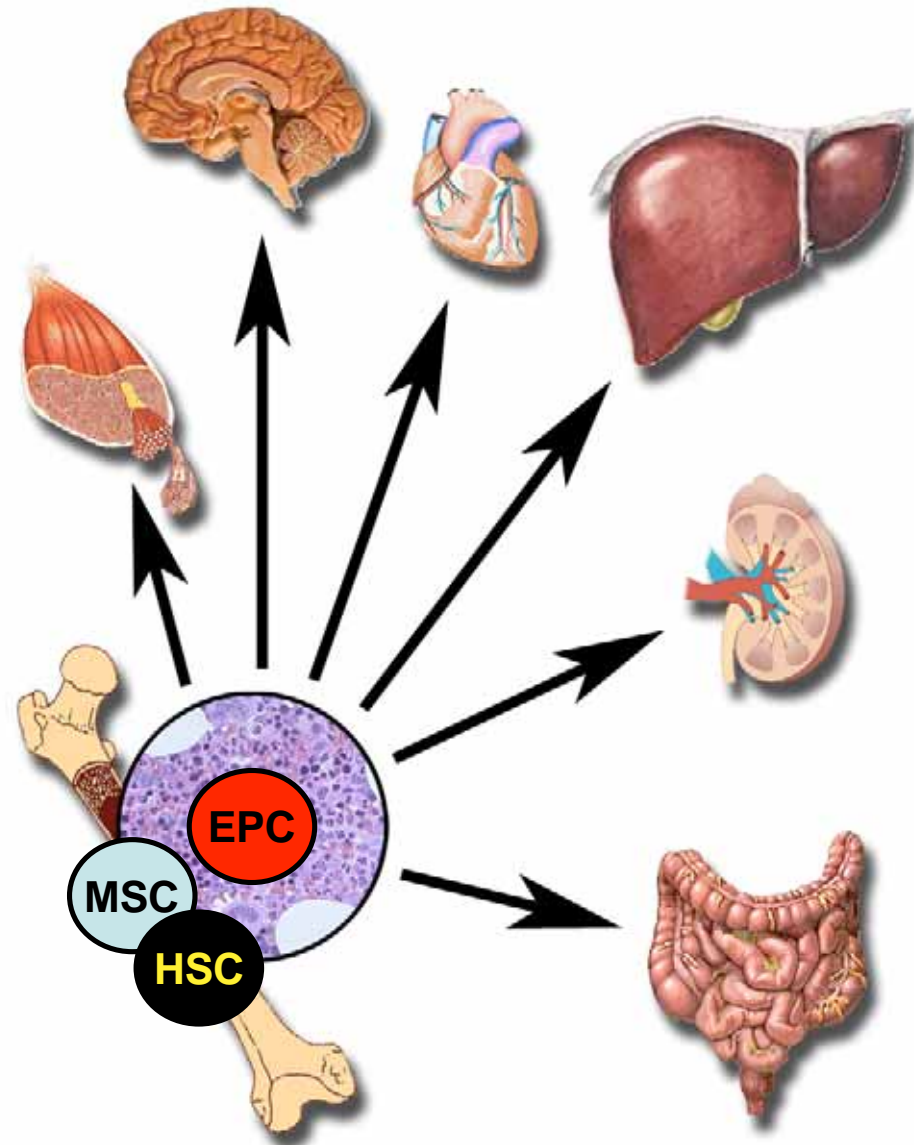
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# Bone Marrow hosts multipotent stem cells



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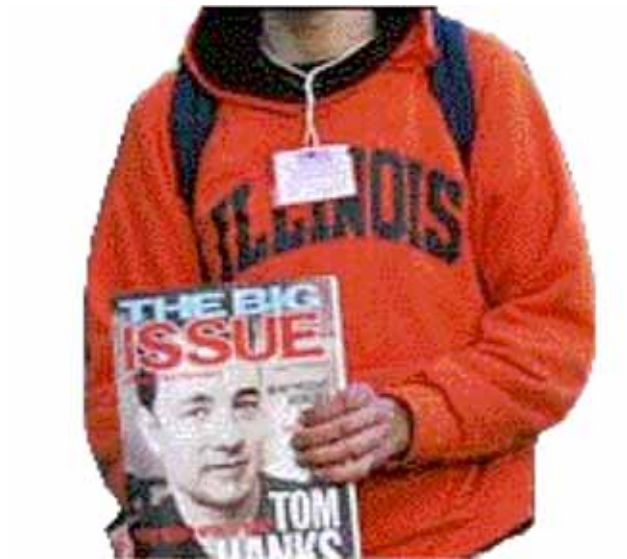
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***Endothelial Progenitor Cells***

***and what else?***

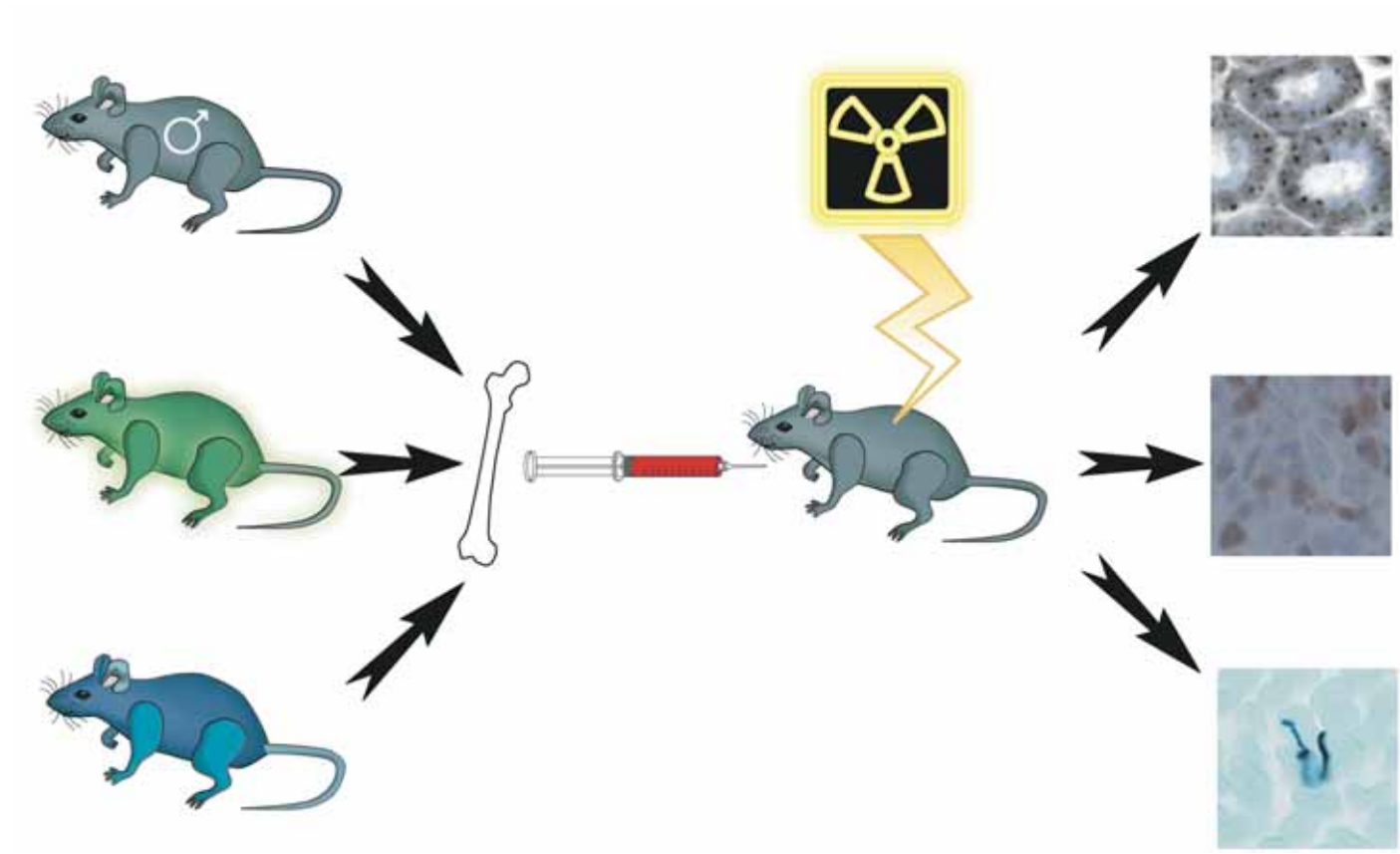
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challenges traditional  
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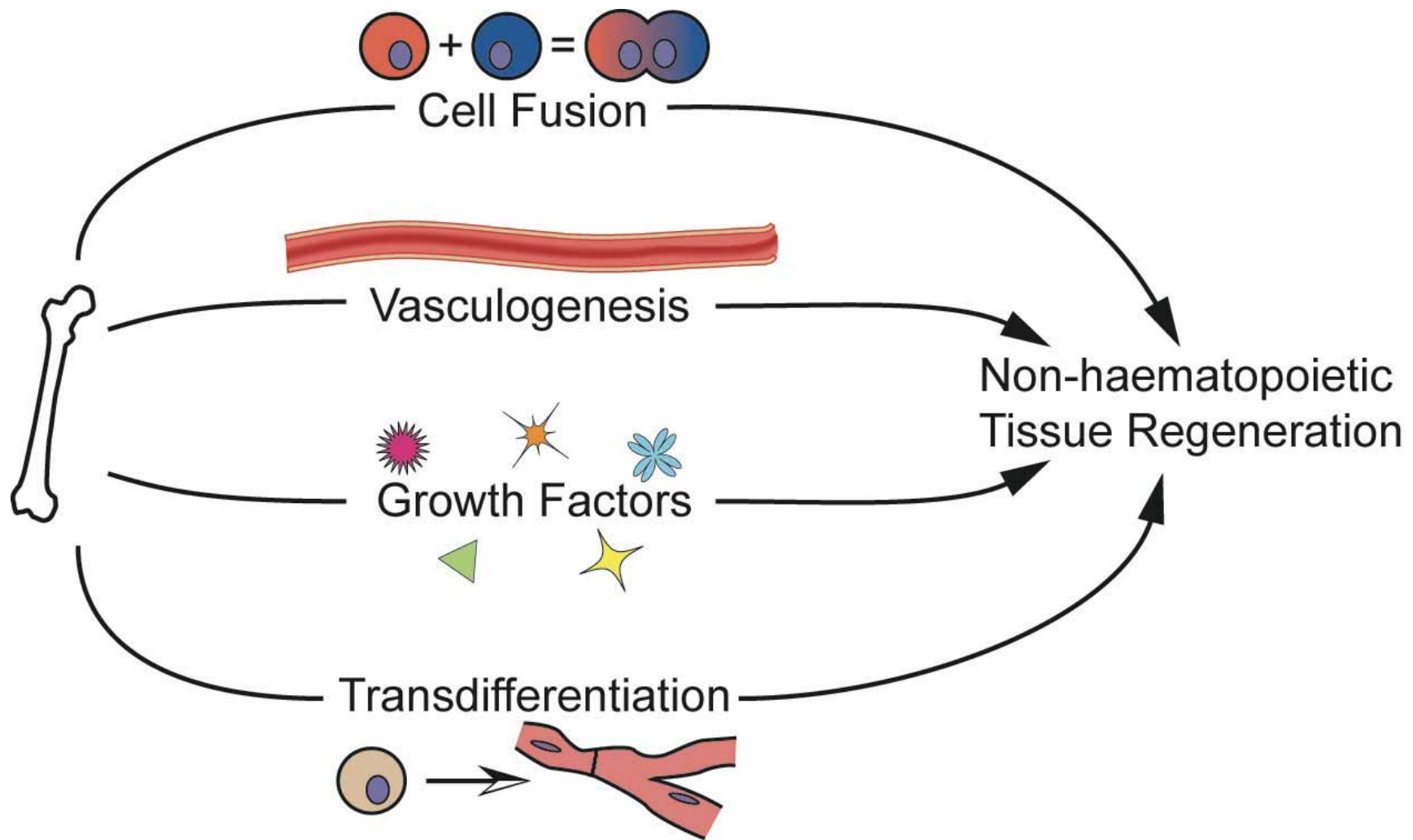
# Stem cell plasticity: the big issues



- Real
- Reproducible
- Fusion
- Function
- Clonogenic?



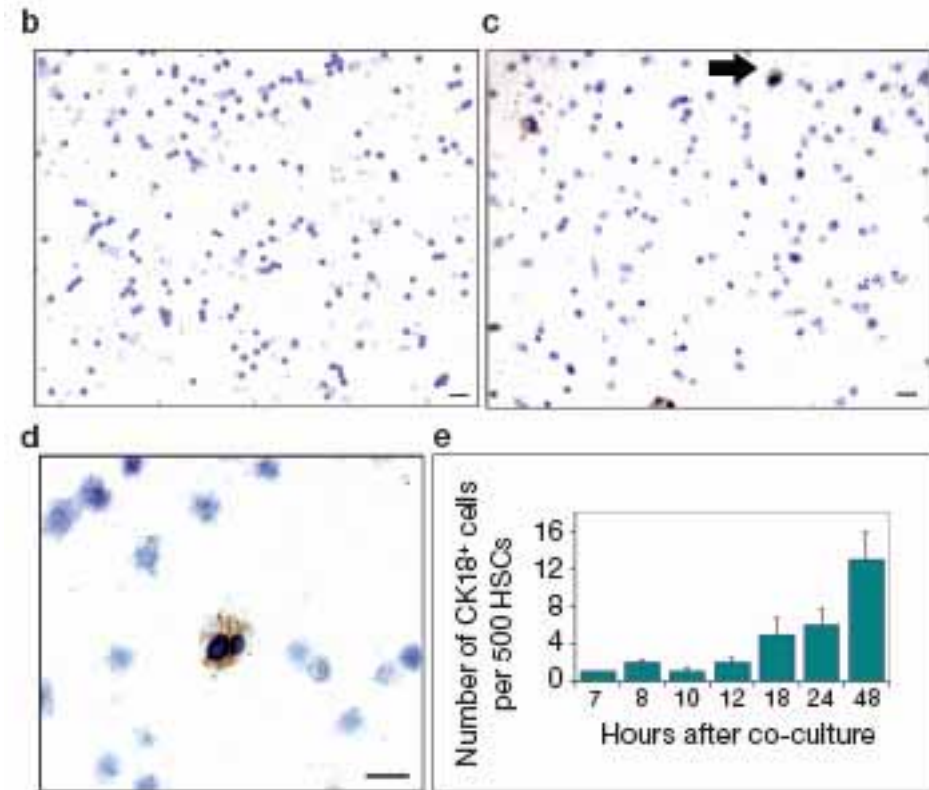
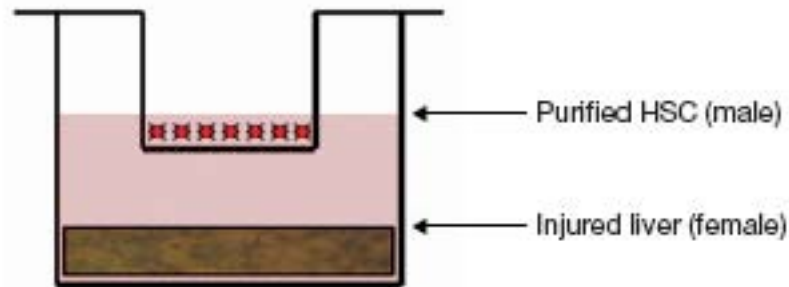






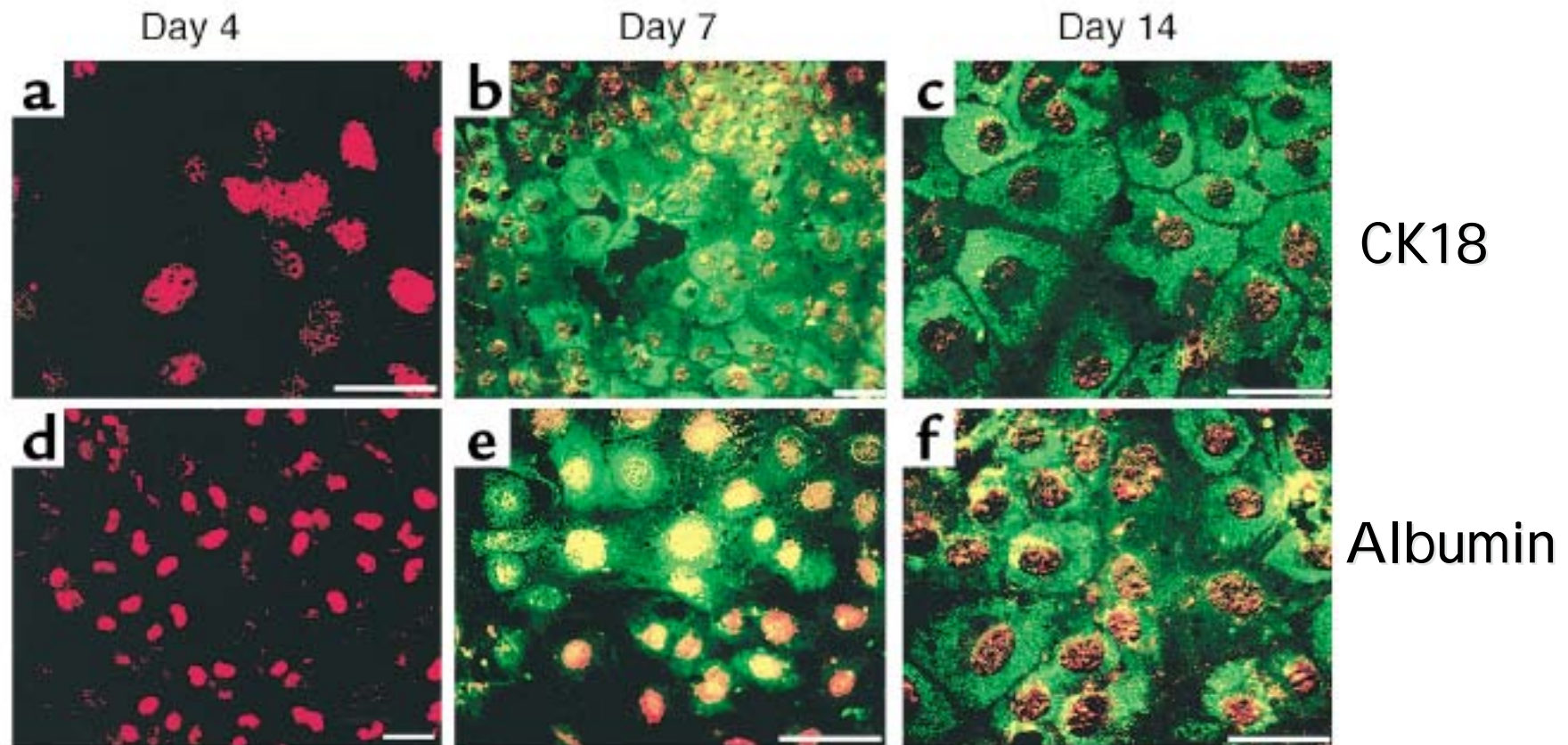
# Hematopoietic stem cells convert into liver cells within days without fusion

Yoon-Young Jang<sup>1</sup>, Michael I. Collector<sup>1</sup>, Stephen B. Baylin<sup>1</sup>, Anna Mae Diehl<sup>2</sup> and Saul J. Sharkis<sup>1,3</sup>



# Multipotent adult progenitor cells from bone marrow differentiate into functional hepatocyte-like cells

Robert E. Schwartz,<sup>1</sup> Morayma Reyes,<sup>1</sup> Lisa Koodie,<sup>1</sup> Yuehua Jiang,<sup>1</sup> Mark Blackstad,<sup>1</sup> Troy Lund,<sup>1</sup> Todd Lenvik,<sup>1</sup> Sandra Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Wei-Shou Hu,<sup>2</sup> and Catherine M. Verfaillie<sup>1,3</sup>



Matrigel + FGF4 + HGF

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## THE TROUBLE WITH REPLICATION

The idea that readers should be able to replicate published scientific results is seen as the bedrock of modern science. But what if replication proves difficult or impossible? **Jim Giles** tracks the fate of one group of papers.

than replication. Her interpretation, though, has undergone something like replication; similar fossils that date from the same period have since been found and described in a way that conforms with her conclusions. In the case of the genome of *Dictyostelium discoideum*<sup>2</sup>, an amoeba, few researchers would see the need to repeat the sequencing from scratch; in any case, the genome stored on the dictybase.org website can be updated should errors be identified.

### Giant's signature

But for other papers from the 4 July issue, textbook status looks a long way off. One of those was authored by Sean Brittain and Terrance Rettig, both then based at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Their finding was an exciting one: they claimed, for the first time, to have seen  $H_3^+$  ions in the disk of gas and dust surrounding a young star<sup>7</sup>.  $H_3^+$  is seen in the atmospheres of Jupiter and Saturn, suggesting that the astronomers had spotted a gas giant in the act of formation.

Yet right from the start, other researchers wondered whether Brittain and Rettig really had seen  $H_3^+$ . The evidence was in the form of distinct frequencies of infrared radiation:  $H_3^+$  emits at three particular frequencies, and Brittain and Rettig reported detecting emissions in only two of those three. Takeshi Oka of the University of Chicago in Illinois wrote a cautiously optimistic News and Views commentary on the finding in the same issue<sup>8</sup> but had his doubts about the result. "We used our earliest observation time to check," he says now. "We couldn't see it."

Over the next year, the two sets of authors exchanged their raw data in a bid to resolve their contradictory results. Such exchanges are never easy, given that the scientists are to some extent putting their reputations on the line. In this case, neither side seems to have completely



The test of time: most papers in this 2002 issue are looking good for their age — but who could tell which would stand up to testing?



Minnesota pitched in with a paper that seemed to offer a peaceful solution. Catherine Verfaillie and her colleagues described how they had isolated fully functioning stem cells from adult human bone marrow<sup>10</sup>. If the results were correct, all the benefits of stem cells could be realized by taking samples from the patient involved — no embryos, no cloning. To those with moral objections this sounded vastly preferable; to others it simply sounded easier. It looked like a win-win situation.

But four years later, the implications of the paper are still far from clear. "People found the paper amazing," says Stuart Orkin, a stem-cell biologist at Harvard University. "But there has been very little published literature since. There

Verfaillie counters that the procedure takes up to six weeks to master and that those who stayed for long enough have cracked it. Some, indeed, have published results<sup>11</sup>.

### Shy journals

Verfaillie adds that her own team has since ironed out problems with the serum it used and will soon publish a comprehensive methods paper describing the new protocol. But researchers who think they have derived pluripotent stem cells from human bone mar-