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Original Article

Reduced HSP70 expression under mild hypothermia is involved in bovine embryo growth suppression

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Effects of chemosynthetic choline plasmalogens on gonadotropin secretion from bovine gonadotrophs

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Cover Story:

Plasmalogens are special types of glycerophospholipids found in the brain and blood that may help control hormone secretion. In this study, Kadokawa et al. explored whether certain laboratory-made choline plasmalogens (CPIs) influence the release of reproductive hormones from cow pituitary cells (Effects of chemosynthetic choline plasmalogens on gonadotropin secretion from bovine gonadotrophs. pp. 201–209). As shown in the cover image, the researchers used computer simulations to predict how CPI molecules might attach to a specific protein on hormone-producing cells, called GPR61. One type of CPI could boost the release of a hormone called FSH, but only when another hormone (GnRH) was present. The other type of CPI had a weaker effect on its own. These results suggest that natural glycerophospholipids in the blood work together with brain signals to regulate fertility.

Ybx1 deficiency impairs spermatid development and male fertility without affecting meiosis in mice: insights into spermatogenesis

Yan HAN, Rui WU, Chaoqun DUAN, Jiemin CHEN, Xing DENG, Wei PENG, Buzhen TAN

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MMP3 mediates E2-induced bovine endometrial cell proliferation by releasing HB-EGF

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Enhancing gene expression studies in bovine embryos fertilized *in vitro*: Identifying stable reference genes across blastocysts with different developmental speeds

Sung-Ho KIM, Sang-Yup LEE, Saet-Byul KIM, Tae-Gyun KIM, Min JANG, Sung-Ho YUN, Seong-Eun HEO, Do-Yoon KIM, Seung-Joon KIM, Won-Jae LEE

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Technology Report

A prospective randomized trial comparing depthereline and busereline for ovulation induction in heat-stressed lactating dairy cows

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Low pH induces amiloride-sensitive expression of leukemia inhibitory factor in endometrial cells

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Enzymatic isolation of porcine preantral follicles impairs oocyte viability and long-term *in vitro* growth

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Cortisol prevents the suppressive effect of LPS on bovine oocyte maturation *in vitro*

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CpG site methylation regulates mouse *Rec8* gene promoter activity

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Mice lacking two testis-specific cytoplasmic poly(A)-binding proteins, PABPC2 and PABPC6, exhibit normal spermatogenesis and fertility

Yuka ISONO, Yuko KAKU, Yoshinori KANEMORI, Shin-ichi KASHIWABARA

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Mechanism of action of IHH in ameliorating thin endometrium

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Pwp1 inhibition impairs the development and early lineage commitment of mouse preimplantation embryos

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Cover Story:

After fertilization, dramatic changes in epigenetic regulations and zygotic genome activation (ZGA) occur, eventually leading to a transition from totipotency to pluripotency. However, the regulation of these processes during preimplantation development remains unclear. Yamamoto *et al.* investigated the functional roles of periodic tryptophan protein 1 (PWP1) in mouse preimplantation embryos (Yamamoto *et al.* *Pwp1* inhibition impairs the development and early lineage commitment of mouse preimplantation embryos, pp. 168–174). The expression of *Pwp1* increased during ZGA, and the PWP1 protein was predominantly localized in the nuclei of the inner cell mass at the blastocyst stage (cover photo). *Pwp1* knockdown reduced the developmental potential of mouse preimplantation embryos, accompanied by prolonged expression of the ZGA-related genes at the morula stage and altered expression of cell lineage-related genes at the blastocyst stage. These findings suggest that PWP1 is essential for the regulation of early embryonic development.

Percentage of follicle number by size over the antral follicle count and its association with subsequent reproductive performance in beef cattle

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Technology Report

Inexpensive thermal containers and insulation materials prevent deterioration of semen parameters for less than 90 minutes

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In vitro embryo production via ovum pick-up (OPU) and intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) in pure and crossbred Japanese Hokkaido native ponies

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Can thermoregulatory response to heat stress be improved in lactating dairy cows? Insights from counter-current heat transfer systems impacting reproduction

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Original Article

Involvement of nuclear receptor corepressor 2 (NCOR2) in estrogen-induced repression of arcuate *KissI* expression in female rats

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Cover Story:

The kisspeptin neurons in the arcuate nucleus (ARC) are the site of estrogen-negative feedback of kisspeptin gene (*KissI*) expression in female mammals. Takizawa *et al.* investigated whether nuclear receptor corepressor 2 (NCOR2), an estrogen receptor α corepressor, is involved in estrogen-induced *KissI* repression using two rat models: proestrous

virgin and late-lactating model rats (Takizawa *et al.*; Involvement of nuclear receptor corepressor 2 (NCOR2) in estrogen-induced repression of arcuate *Kiss1* expression in female rats. pp. 71–84). *Ncor2* (magenta) was expressed in more than 80% of ARC *Kiss1*-expressing cells (green) in female rats, as shown in the cover photograph. Kisspeptin-neuron-specific *Ncor2* knockdown increased the number of *Kiss1*-expressing cells and the intensity of the *Kiss1* signals in the ARC in the proestrous model *Kiss1*-Cre rats but not in the late-lactating *Kiss1*-Cre rats. These findings suggest that NCOR2 in ARC kisspeptin neurons mediates the proestrous levels of estrogen-induced repression of ARC *Kiss1* expression in virgin rats.

Influences of 5-hydroxytryptamine on sperm hyperactivation and *in vitro* fertility in rats

Yuki KOYANO, Masakatsu FUJINOKI

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Factors influencing *in vivo* embryo production in Japanese Black donors: The role of anti-Müllerian hormone and inflammation parameters

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Improving porcine *in vitro* blastocyst development using fetal bovine serum, amino acids, and insulin-transferrin-selenium

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Technology Report

Suppression of porcine polyspermy using mechanical vibrations during *in vitro* fertilization

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Optimization of ovum pick-up-*in vitro* fertilization and *in vitro* growth of immature oocytes in ruminants

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Invited review article

Can Humanity Thrive Beyond the Galaxy?

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Cover Story:

The expansion of humanity into space is inevitable. However, human reproduction within space habitats or on extraterrestrial planets poses profound challenges including harmful mutations caused by cosmic radiation and abnormal development of embryos and fetuses in non-terrestrial gravitational environments. Moreover, colonizing other star systems necessitates the transportation of thousands of individuals from each animal species to the target planet to prevent inbreeding-related degeneration. Looking further ahead, as humans disperse throughout the galaxy, the imperative to preserve all genetic resources from Earth permanently and securely becomes paramount. This review examines the issues that must be addressed to ensure human prosperity in space, as well as the challenges that need to be resolved for the transport and long-term preservation of vast genetic resources.

Original Article

Comparison of vaginal examination methods to evaluate urovagina and purulent vaginal discharge in periostrous dairy cows

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Semen extender triggers a mild physiological inflammatory response in the uterus without disrupting sperm-uterine immune crosstalk *in vitro* in cattle

Malinda HULUGALLA, Alireza MANSOURI, Elham WAEHAMA, Ihshan AKTHAR, Akio MIYAMOTO

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Spermatic RXFP2 expression levels and seminal INSL3 concentrations among beef bull ejaculates with different levels of sperm morphological normality

Hewage Dilhan Anuradha WIMALARATHNE, Kenta ARASHI, Fumiyuki IWAKI, Mitsuhiro SAKASE, DURITAHALA, Hiroshi HARAYAMA, Noritoshi KAWATE

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Chloroquine inhibits artificial oocyte activation induced by ethanol or Sr^{2+} but not by sperm in mice

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Supplementation with serine-enriched non-essential amino acids from minimum essential medium promotes blastocyst development of *in vitro*-fertilized bovine embryos

Nobuhiko ITAMI, Yuji HIRAO

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Technology Report

Artificial insemination of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*): A trial with simple instruments based on criteria for estrous behaviors linked to changes in estradiol levels and follicle development

Shusaku SAWA, Narumi KAWAHIRO, Minami W. OKUYAMA

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