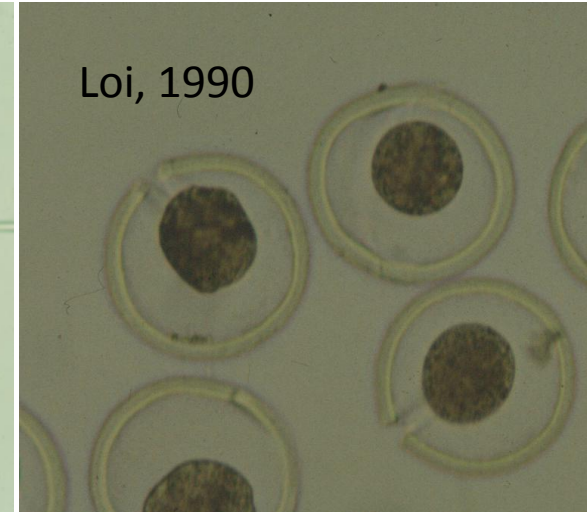
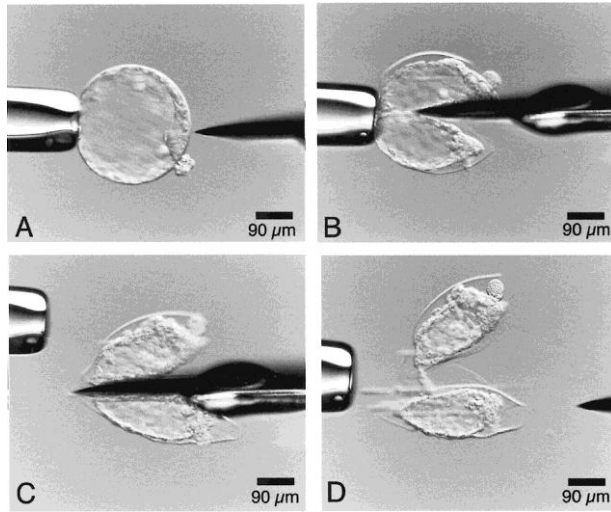
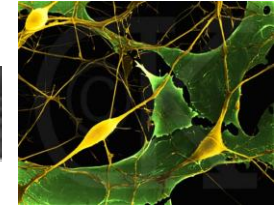
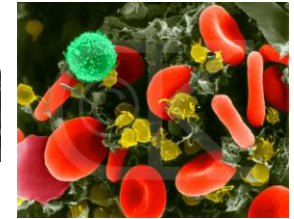
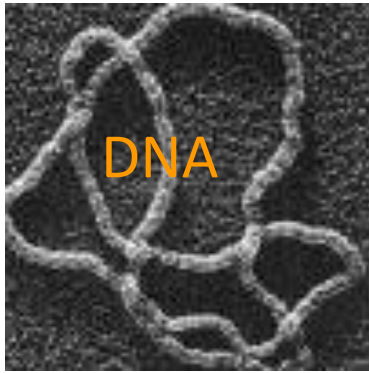


# Splitting e separazione di blastomeri efficienza limitata, massimo 3, eccezionalmente 4 cloni



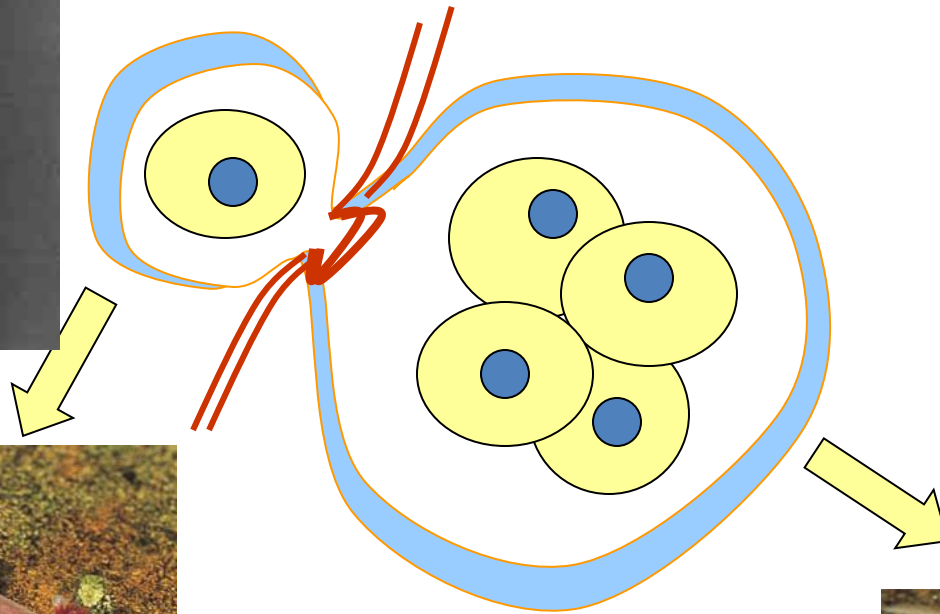
..altre opzioni?

# 1900 – la differenziazione cellulare dovuta a perdita elettiva di “geni”



Perdita di DNA durante il processo differenziativo

# Hans Spemann's experiment (1928)



Blastomeri prima della  
Attivazione genoma embrionario  
Sono totipotenti



L'esperimento "Fantastico" di Spemann

"Fecondare" un oocita con una cellula somatica

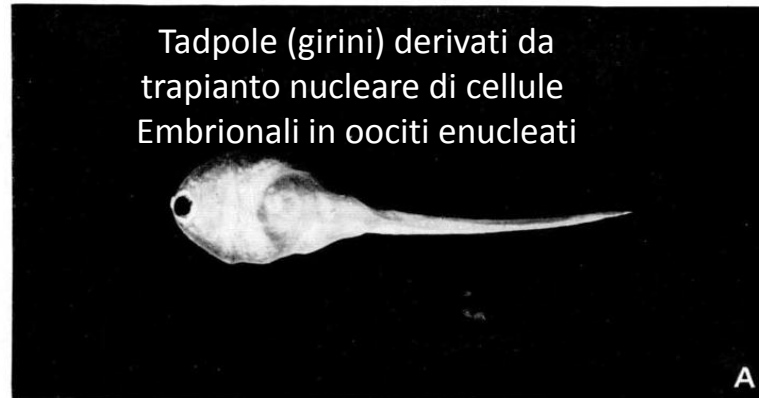
# L'esperimento "fantastico" realizzato nel 1953 da Briggs & King

Transplantation of Living Nuclei of Late Gastrulae  
into Enucleated Eggs of *Rana pipiens*  
by THOMAS J. KING and ROBERT BRIGGS

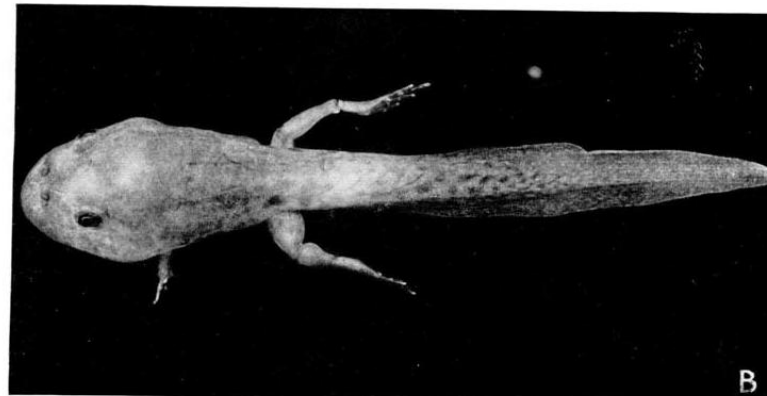
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Robert Briggs (1911-1983)



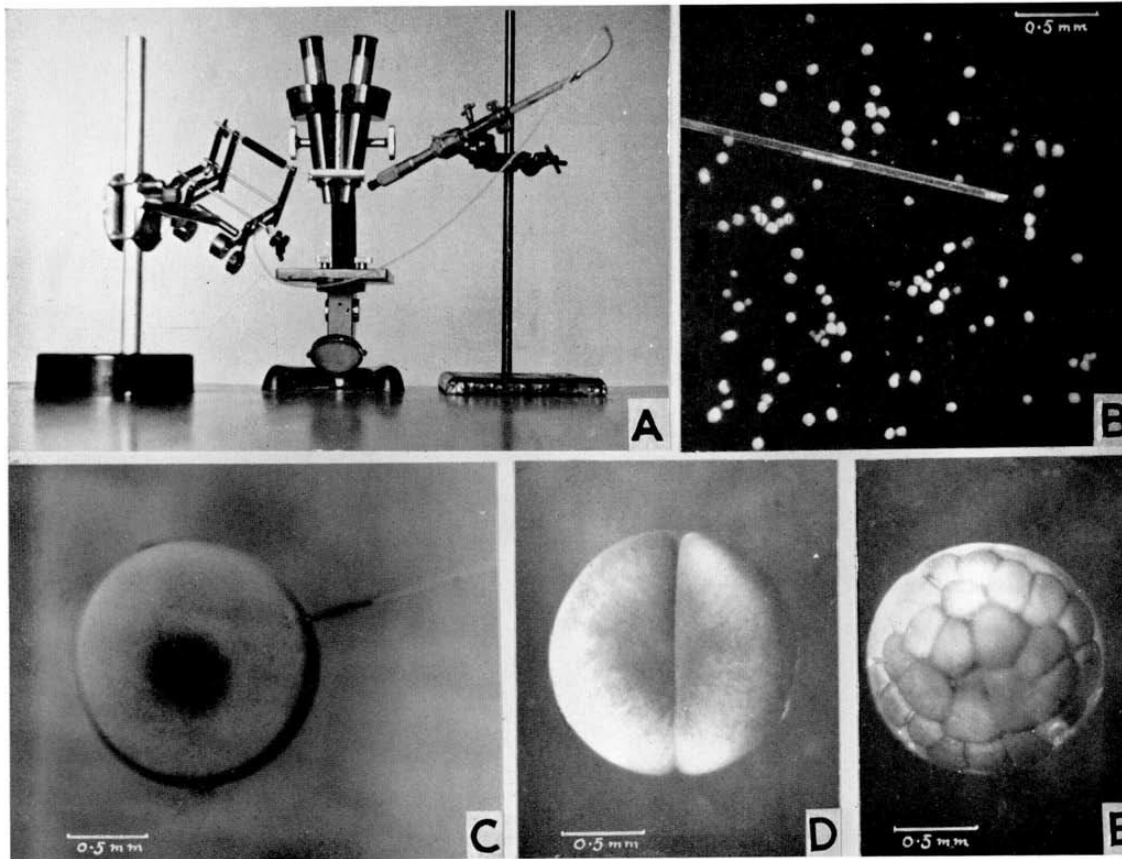
Thomas King 1921-2000



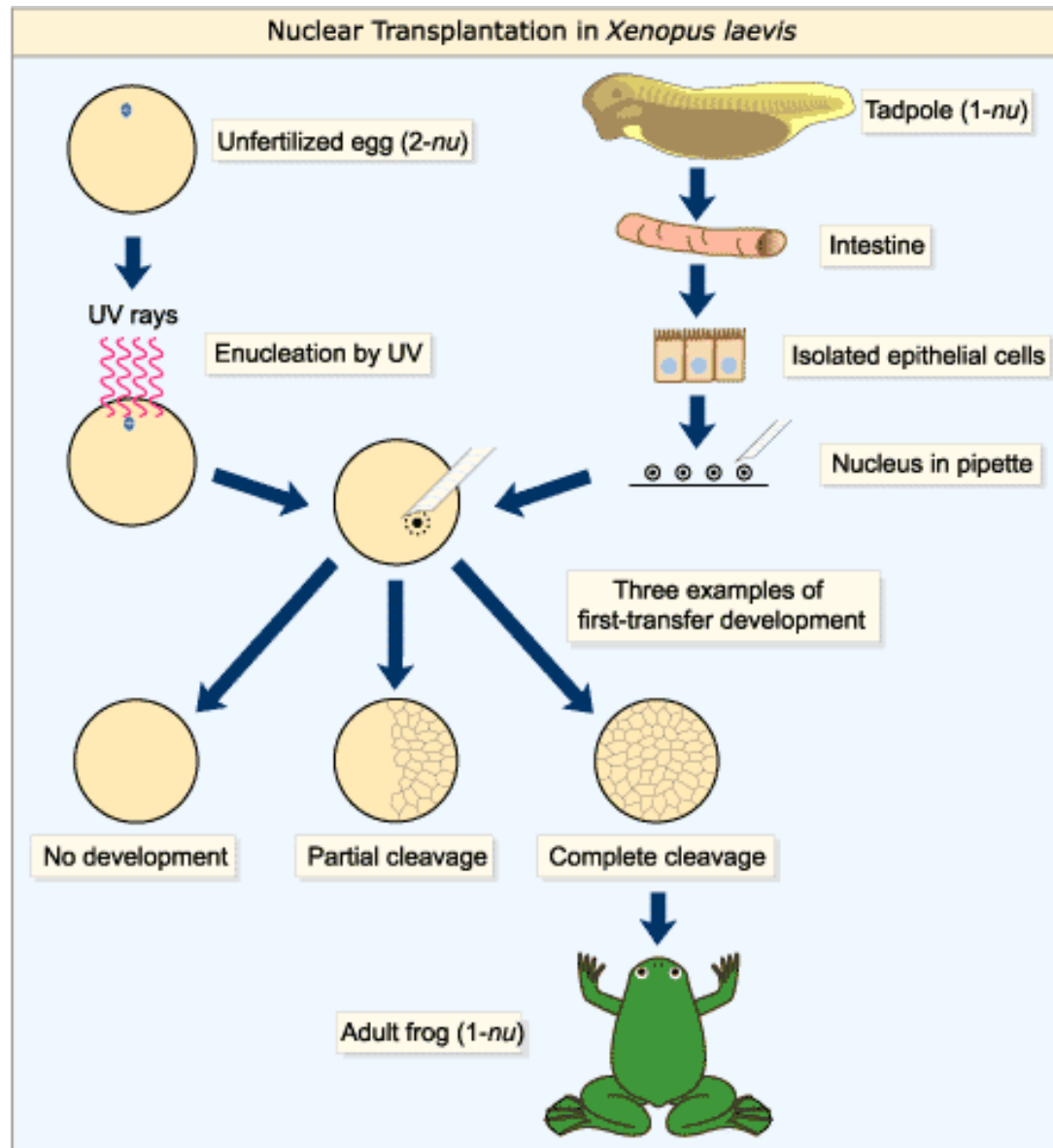
**A Description of the Technique for Nuclear  
Transplantation in *Xenopus laevis***

**by T. R. ELSDALE, J. B. GURDON, and M. FISCHBERG**

**From the Embryology Laboratory, Department of Zoology and Comparative  
Anatomy, Oxford**

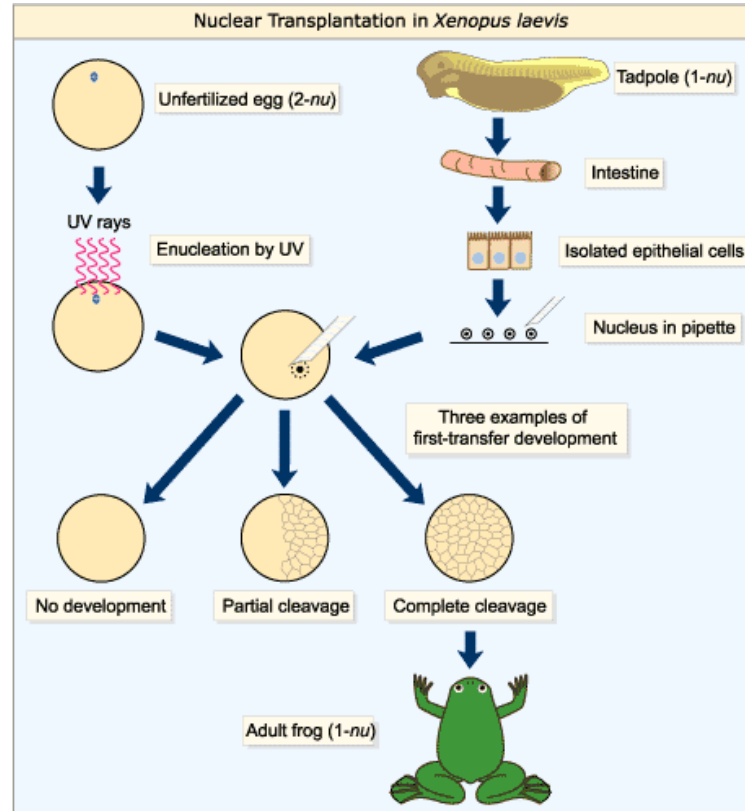


# John Gurdon's experiment (1958)



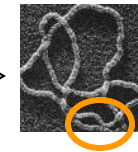
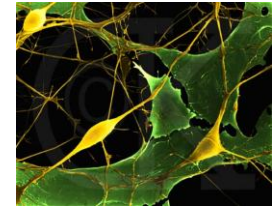
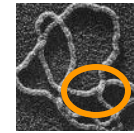
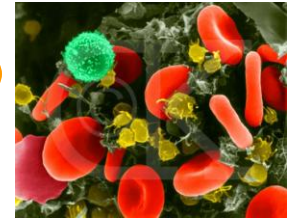
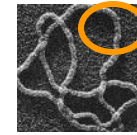
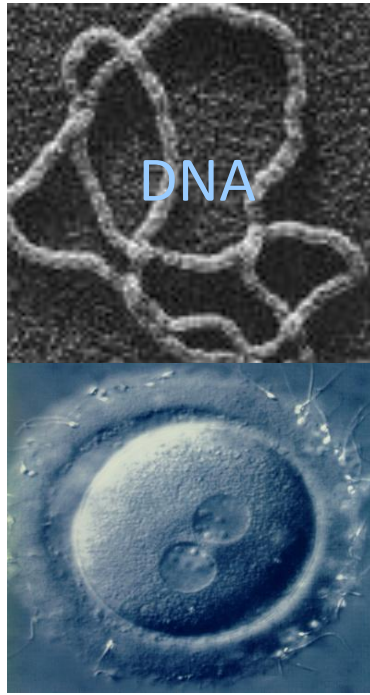
# L'esperimento di John Gurdon

Ha stabilito la "totipotenza" del genoma in tutte le cellule



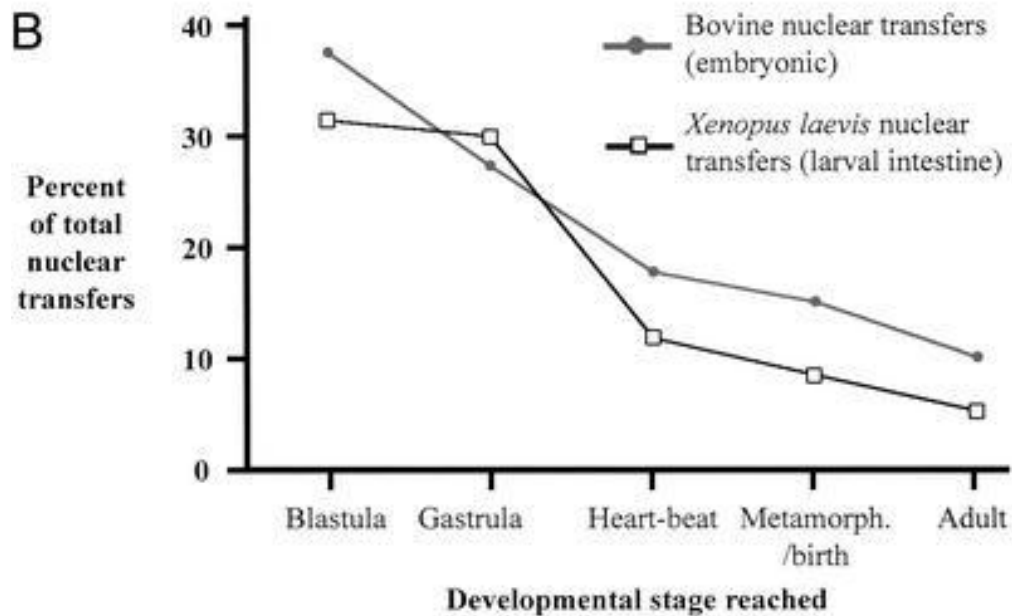
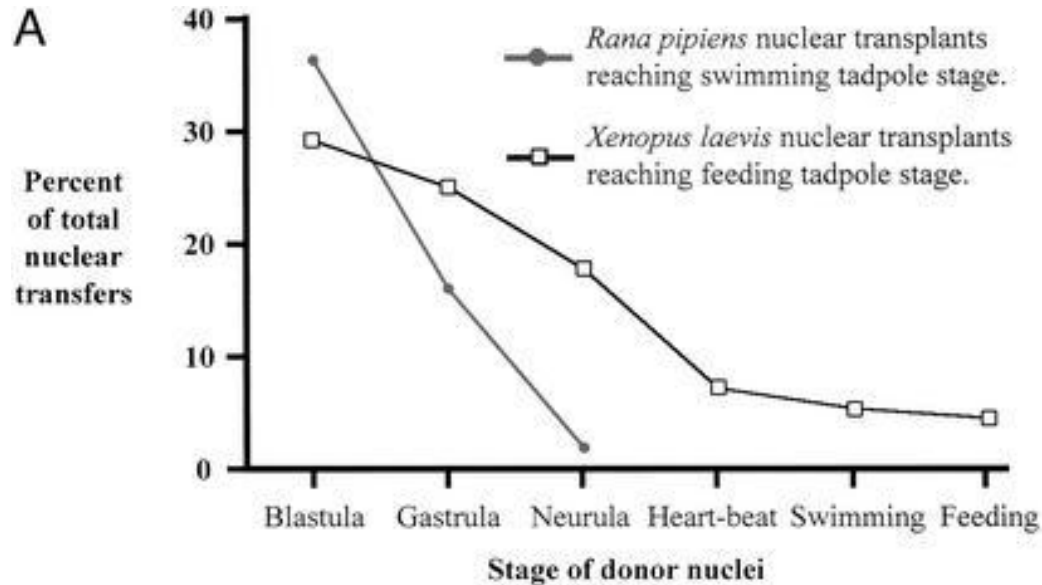


# Moderna teoria della differenziazione cellulare



Il DNA non viene perso durante il processo Differenziativo, ma geni vengono espressi In modo diverso a seconda del tipo cellulare

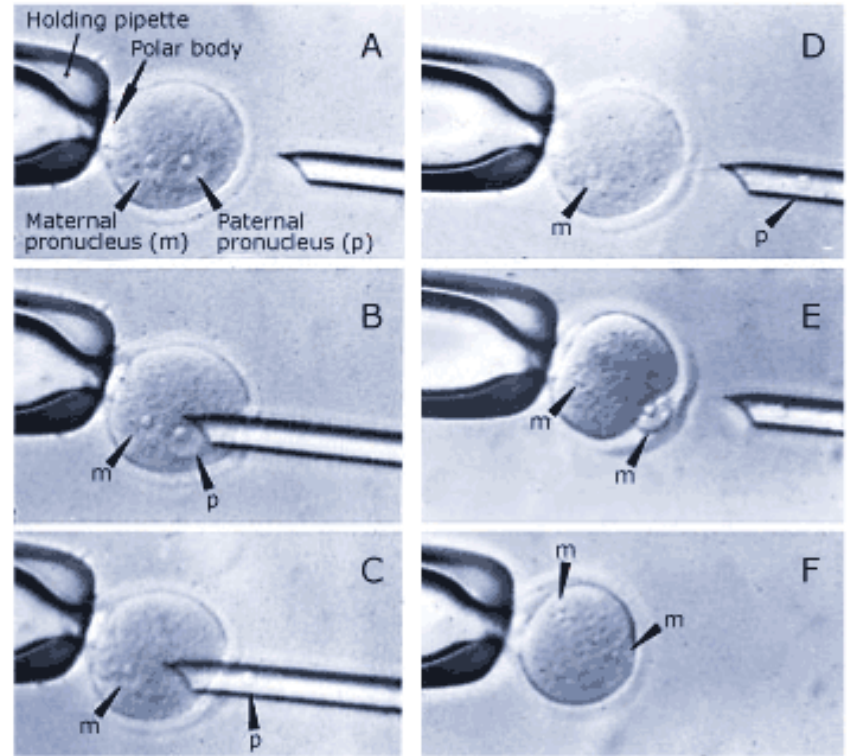
Più avanzato il processo differenziativo, minore la riprogrammazione nucleare  
Dati di Briggs and King, & Gurdon



# McGrath and Solter applicano per la prima volta La tecnica del trapianto nucleare al topo (1983)



*Davor Solter, 1944-*



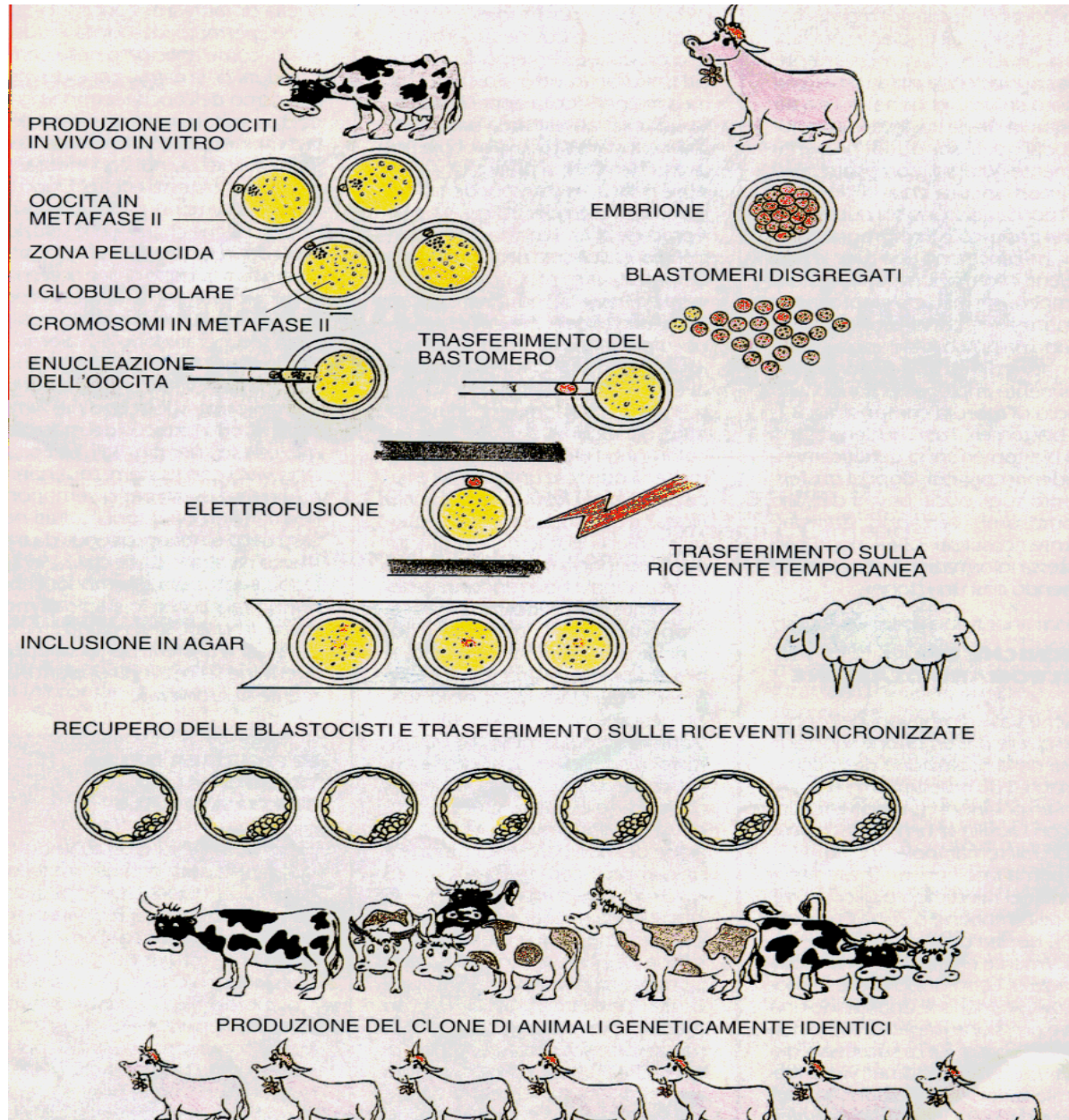
# Clonazione attraverso trapianto nucleare Di specie di interesse zootecnico (pecora)



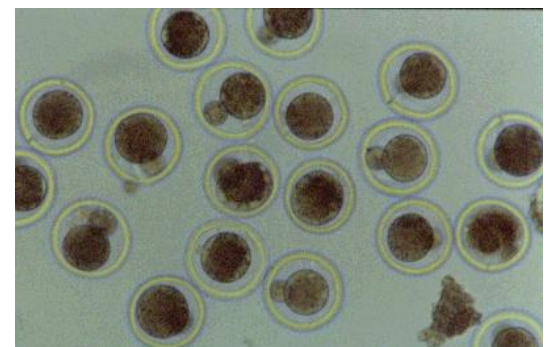
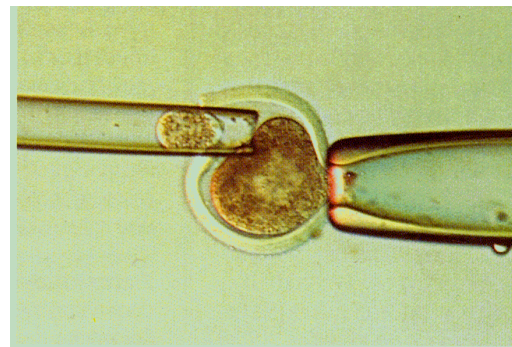
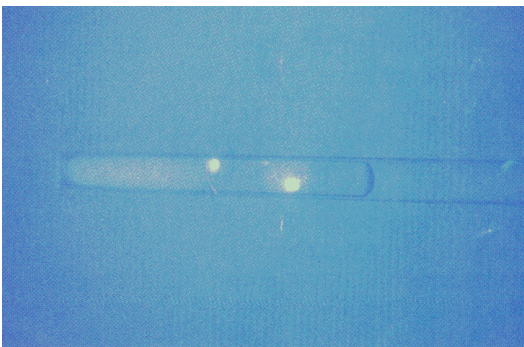
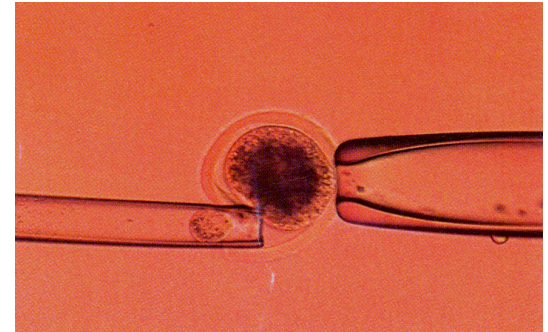
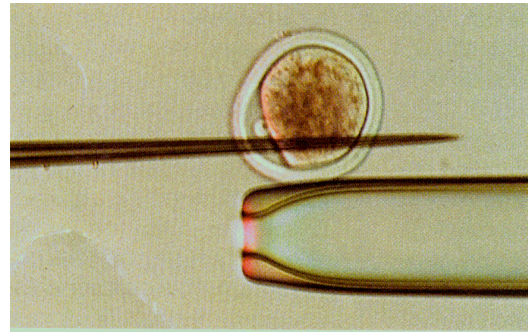
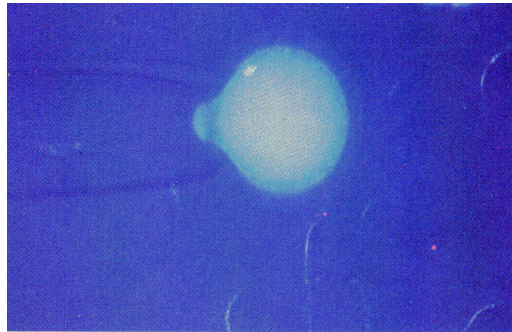
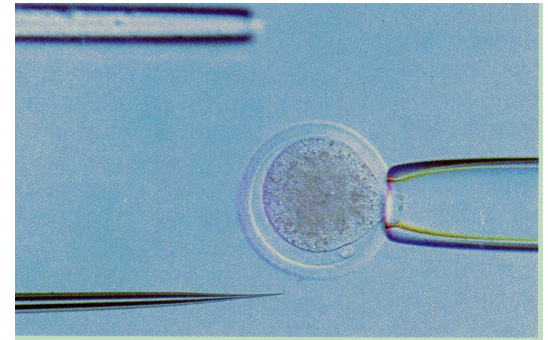
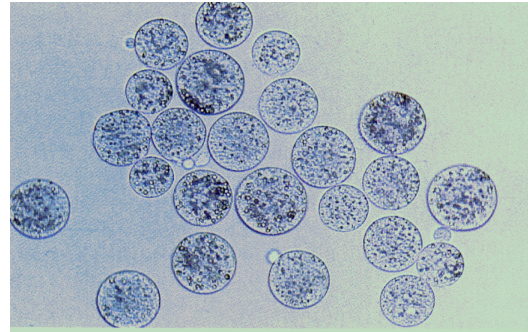
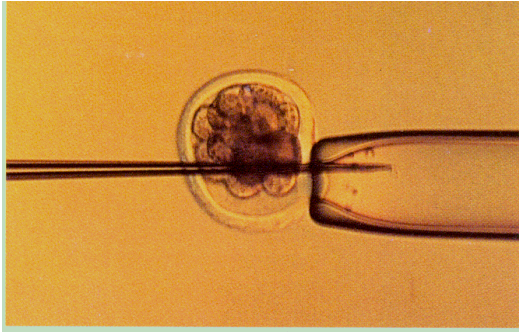
*Steen Willadsen, 1943-*

- **In seguito, numerose compagnie private iniziarono a “vendere” la clonazione come tecnica riproduttiva (Genus, Granada Genetics, Alta Genetics, BEMA, Animal Breeding Service, ArtTech, etc.)**

# Schema di clonazione di embrioni attraverso il trapianto nucleare (Loi, 1991)



# Fasi di micromanipolazione per il trapianto nucleare (Loi, 1992)

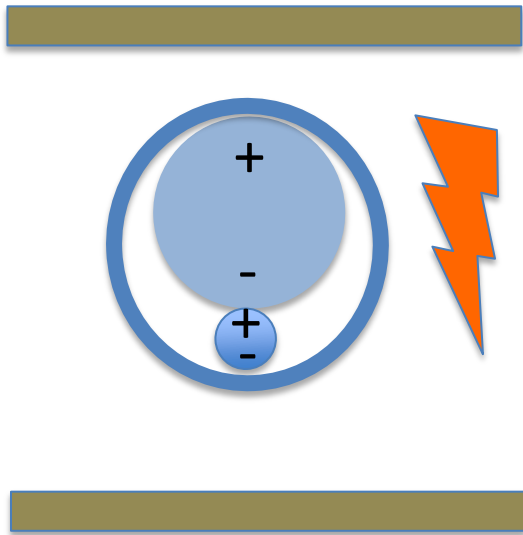
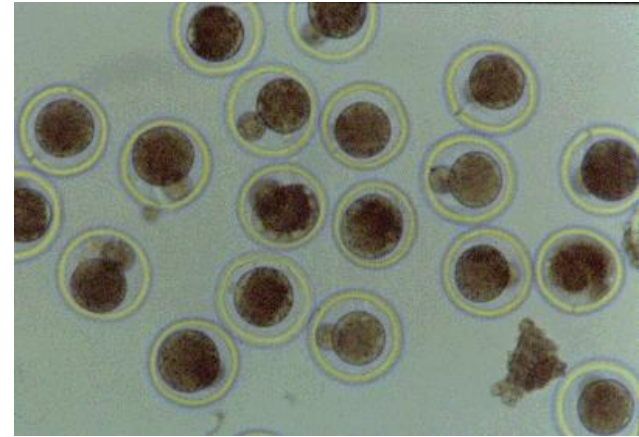


**Fusione membrane indotta da:**

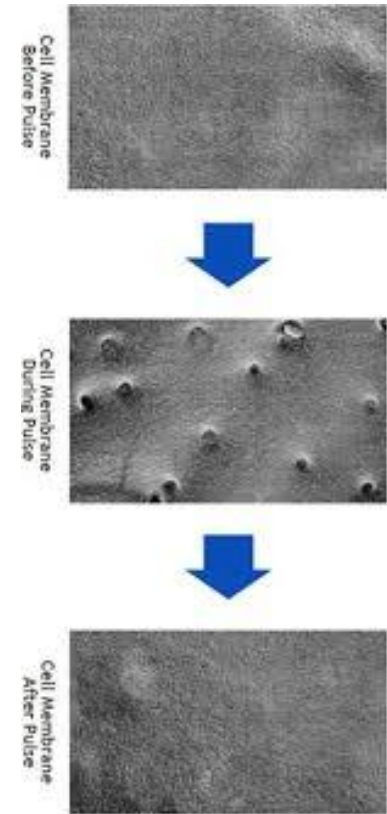
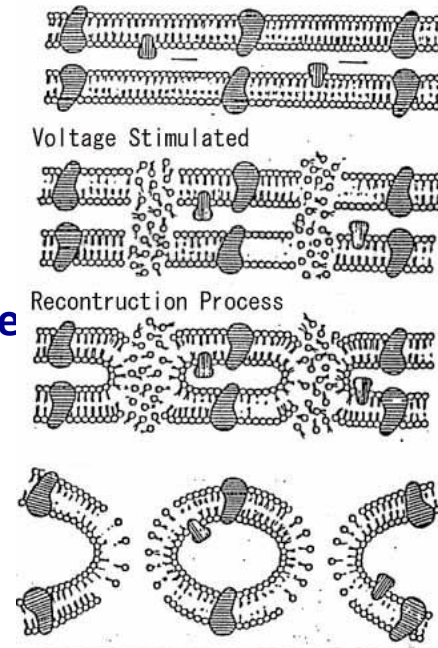
**Virus Sendai inattivo**

**Glicole etilenico**

**Pulse di corrente elettrica diretta  
(1200 kV/cm – 80-120 microsecondi)  
– medium non elettrolitico!!**



**Dipolo rapido  
apre pori transitori  
Nelle due  
membrane contigue  
10 minuti c.a.**



**Tuttavia, bassa efficienza della clonazione con  
Cellule embrionali in quel periodo (Loi, 1992)**



**100 embrioni manipolati per produrre un agnello  
clonato !!!!**

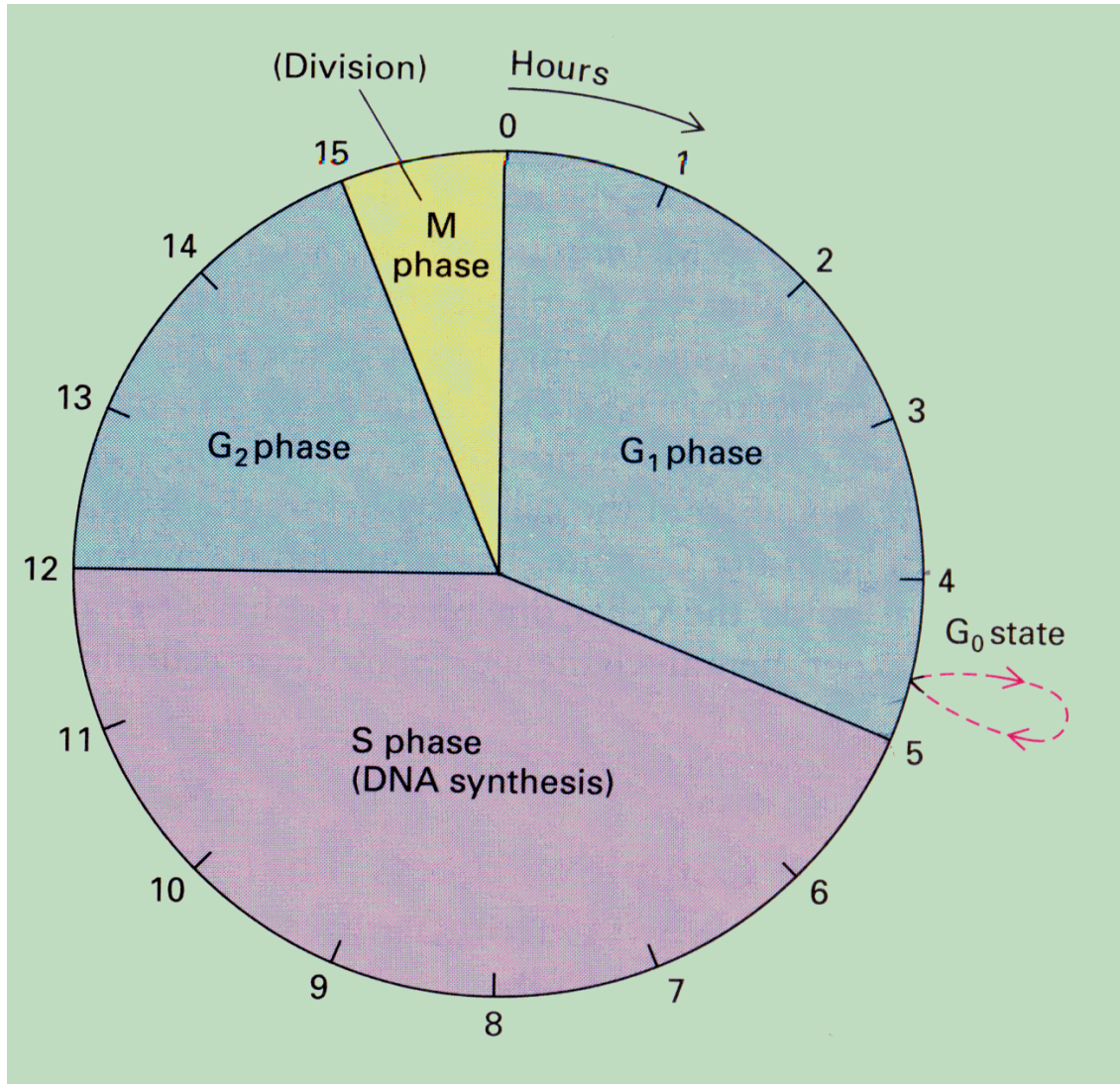


## **Fattori che influenzano l'efficienza della clonazione (con cellule embrionali)**

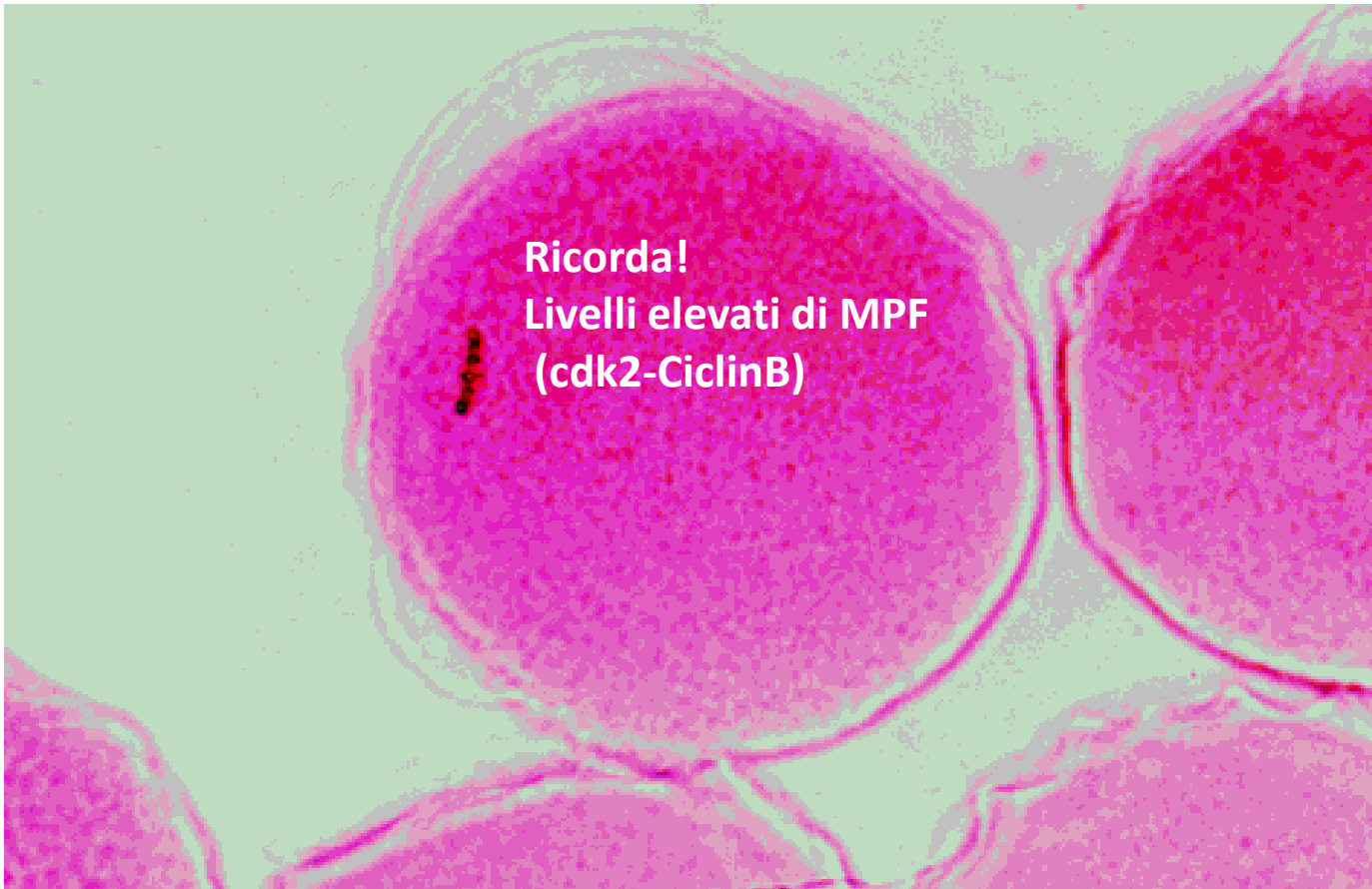
**1) Attivazione dell'oocita**

**2) Compatibilità tra ciclo cellulare dell'oocita e cellula embrionale**

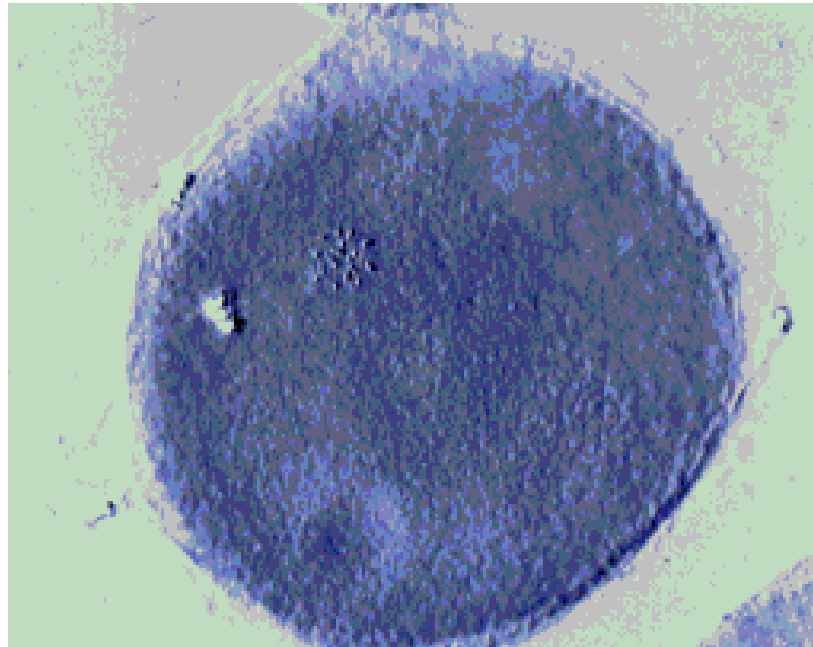
# Cell cycle in eukaryotes



**Gli oociti sui quali viene trasferito il nucleo sono sempre(!) in meiosi (II metafase)**

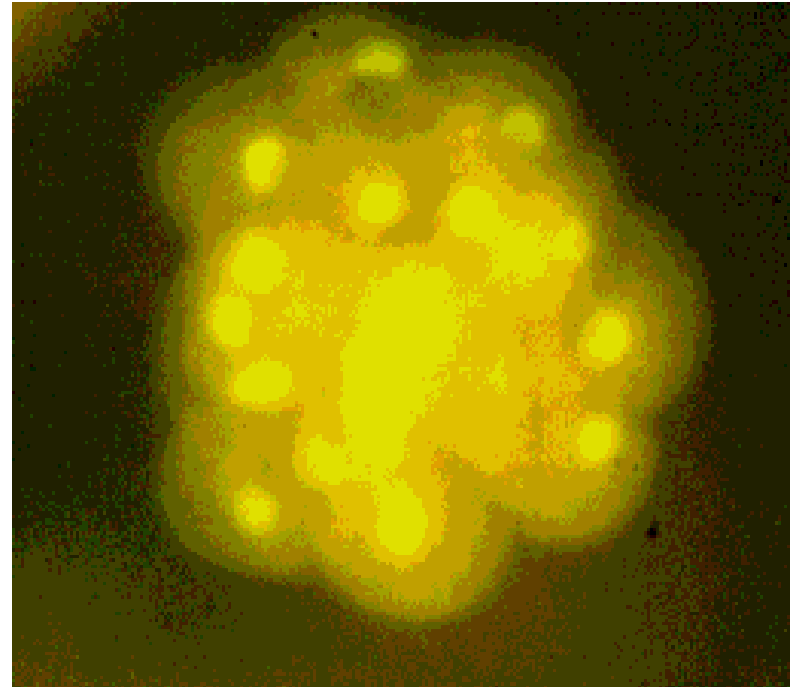
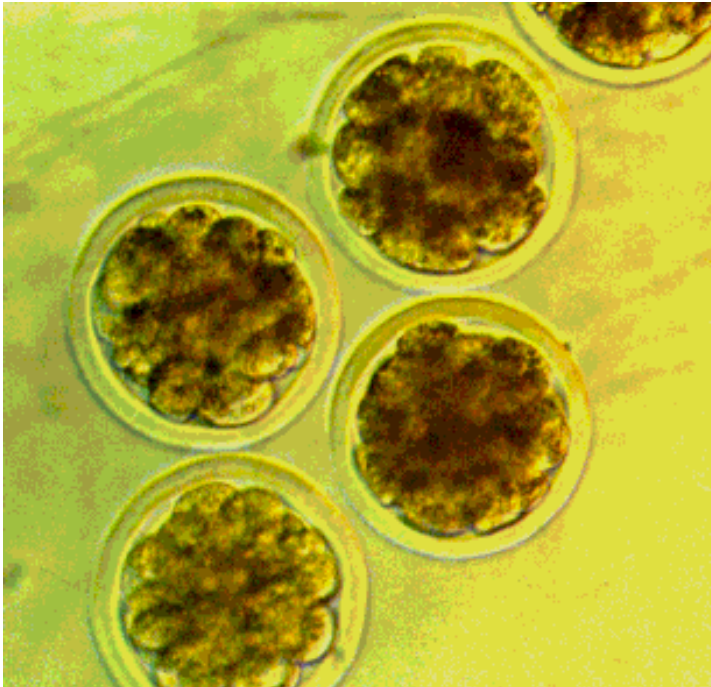


**Quando trasferisco un nucleo in un oocita in metafase II  
il DNA si condensa rapidamente (30 minuti)**



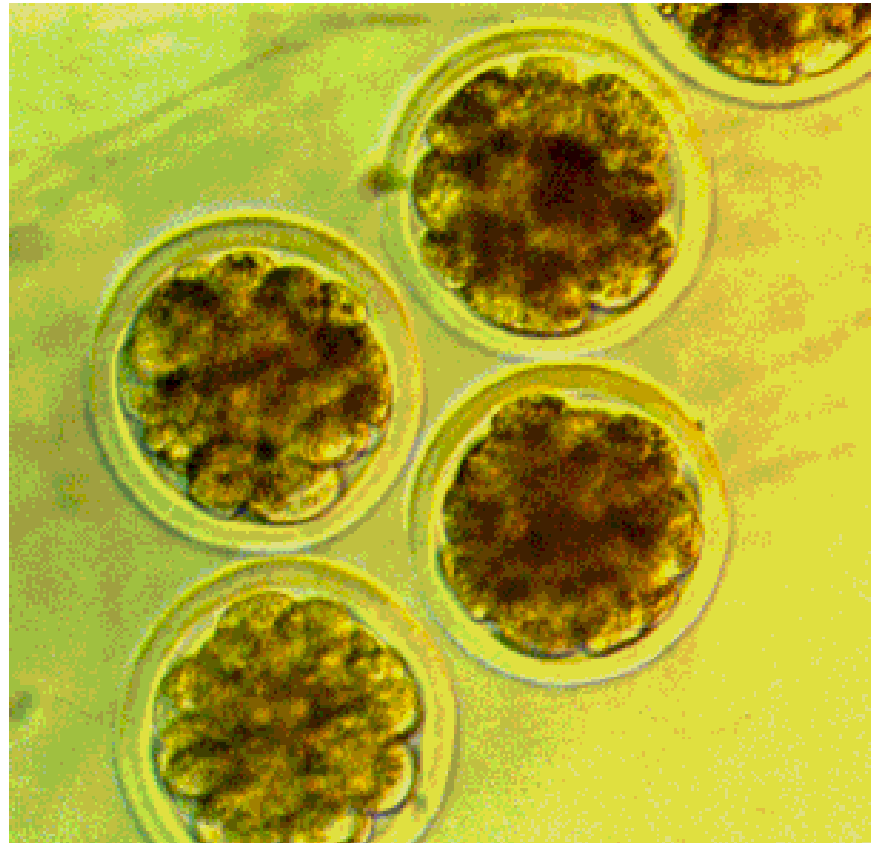
**Fase M (Mitosi/Meiosi) dominante su tutte  
le altre fasi del ciclo cellulare**

**In un embrione preimpianto le cellule (blastomeri) sono quasi tutte (90%) in fase di duplicazione del DNA (fase S)**



**Seguite due strategie per indurre compatibilità tra oocita/nucleo**

**Sincronizzazione dei blastomeri in fase M  
Trattamento degli embrioni prolungato con colcemid**



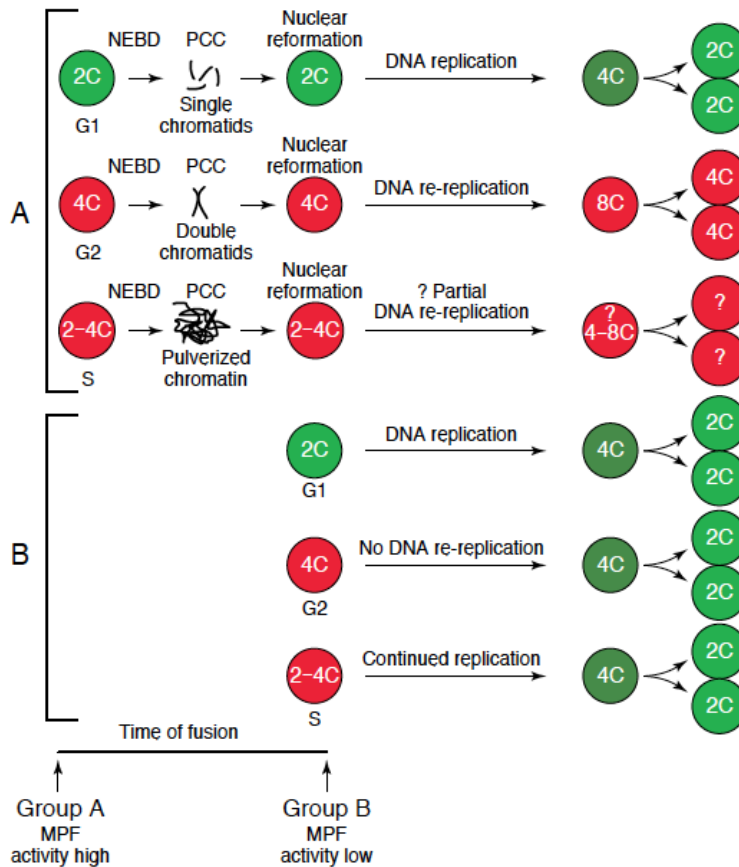
**Usare oociti pre-attivati (universal recipient – Campbell)**

# Cell cycle co-ordination in embryo cloning by nuclear transfer

Keith H. S. Campbell, Pasqualino Loi\*, Pedro J. Otaegui†  
and Ian Wilmut

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**Box 2. Effects of nuclear transfer of karyoplasts at defined cell cycle stages into cytoplasts with either high (group A) or low (group B) maturation-promoting factor (MPF) activity upon DNA synthesis during the first cell cycle and potential effects upon the ploidy of the reconstructed embryo.**



All nuclei transferred at the time of activation (group A), when MPF activity is high, undergo nuclear envelope breakdown (NEBD), which is followed by premature chromosome condensation (PCC). The nuclear envelope is then reformed and DNA synthesis is observed in all nuclei. In this situation it is probable that unless the nucleus is in G1 phase at the time of transfer, re-replication of previously replicated DNA will occur and that at the end of the first cell cycle, the DNA content of the daughter nuclei will be incorrect. The increased amount of DNA present at the end of the first cycle may also adversely affect mitosis, resulting in unequal segregation or possible chromosomal abnormalities.

In contrast, when nuclei are transferred after the disappearance of MPF activity (group B), NEBD and PCC are not observed. Nuclei that are in G1 or S phase initiate or continue DNA synthesis; however, no DNA synthesis is observed in nuclei that are in the G2 phase at the time of transfer.

In this figure red circles represent nuclei that are 'out of phase' in terms of DNA content with the cell cycle stage of the recipient cytoplast; green circles represent nuclei that are 'in phase'.

## Improved Development to Blastocyst of Ovine Nuclear Transfer Embryos Reconstructed during the Presumptive S-Phase of Enucleated Activated Oocytes

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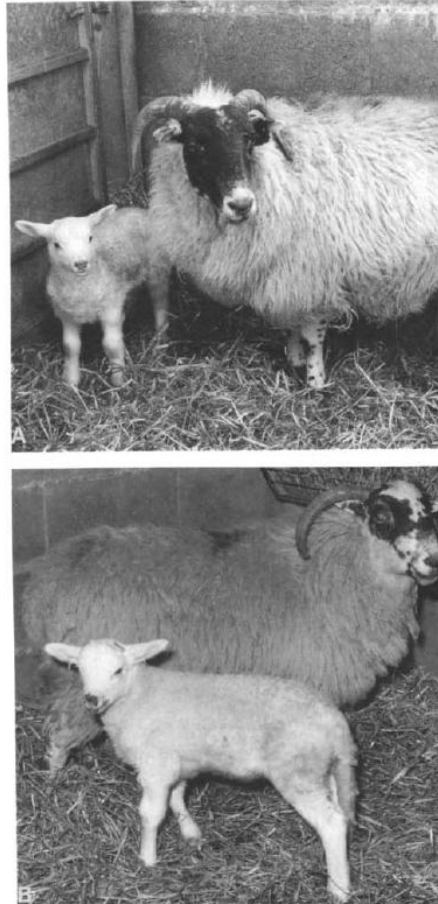
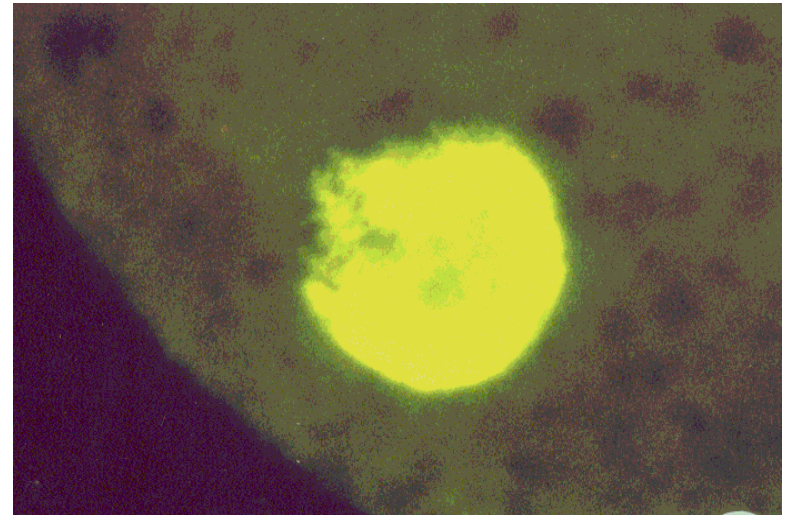
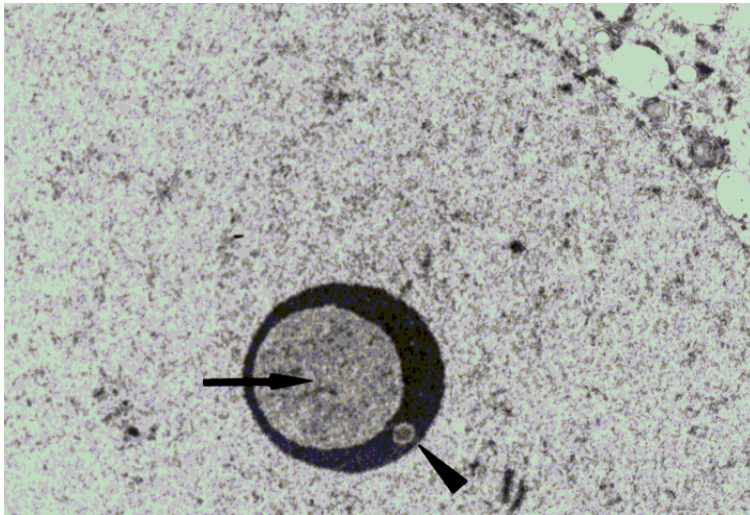


FIG. 4. Lambs born after transfer to final recipients of blastocysts derived from nuclear transfer reconstructed embryos. A) Lamb derived from the control group (0 hpa); B) lamb derived from an embryo reconstructed during the late S-phase (16–18 hpa) of enucleated activated MII oocytes.

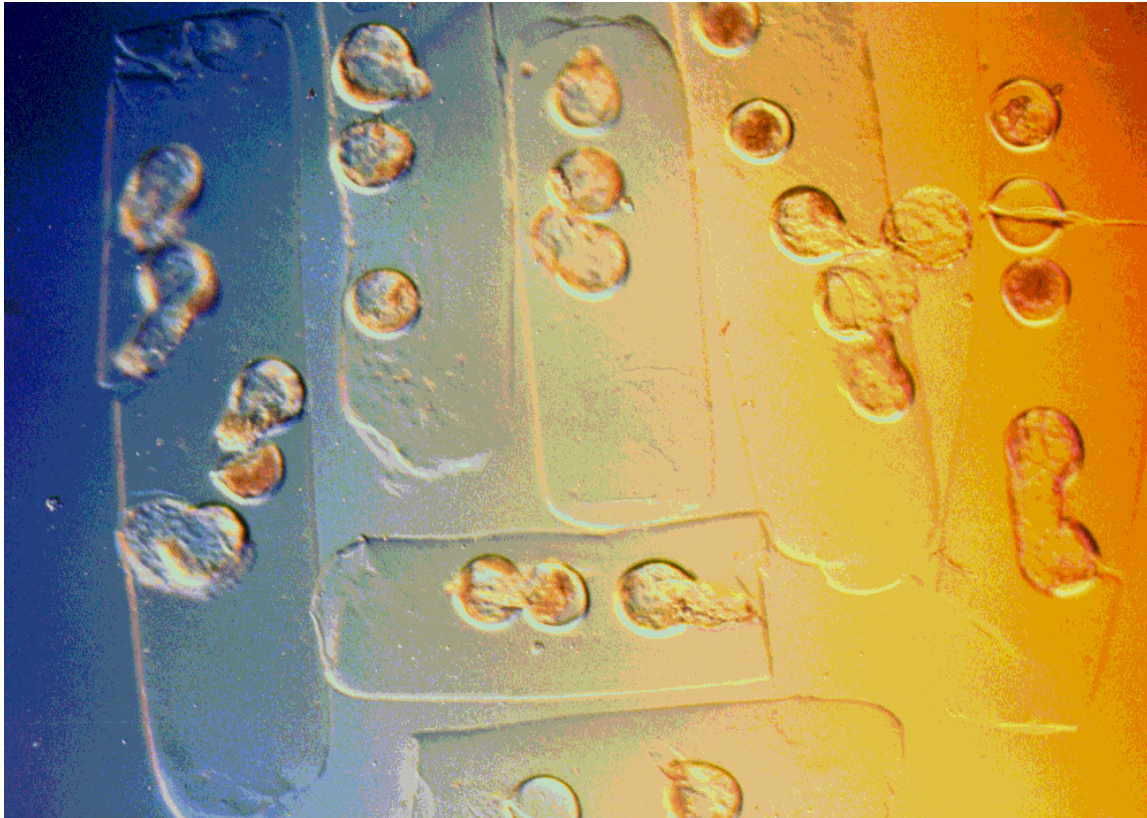


**“Universal Recipient” efficiente ma non pratico –  
necessaria una doppia manipolazione, tempi prolungati**

**Sintesi dei primi inibitori di protein kinase (6-Dimethyl-Amino-Purine 6-DMAP)  
Controllo del ciclo cellulare!**



**6-dimethylaminopurine following ionomycin activation increased the proportion of blastocyst up to 80%.....(Loi et al., 1998)**



BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION 58, 1177-1187 (1998)

## **Development of Parthenogenetic and Cloned Ovine Embryos: Effect of Activation Protocols<sup>1</sup>**

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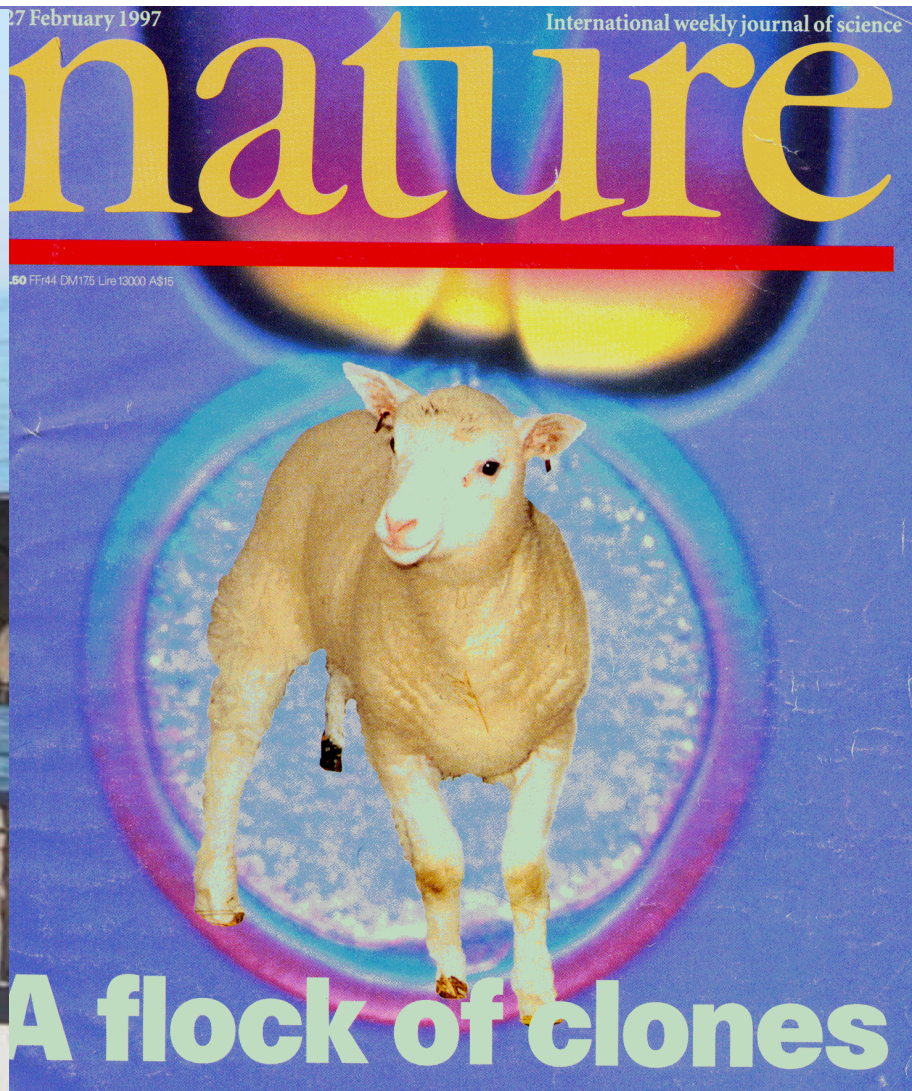
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**Cloni di 7-15 animali normali ottenibili da un singolo embrione.....  
(Loi, et al. Biology of Reproduction 1998)**



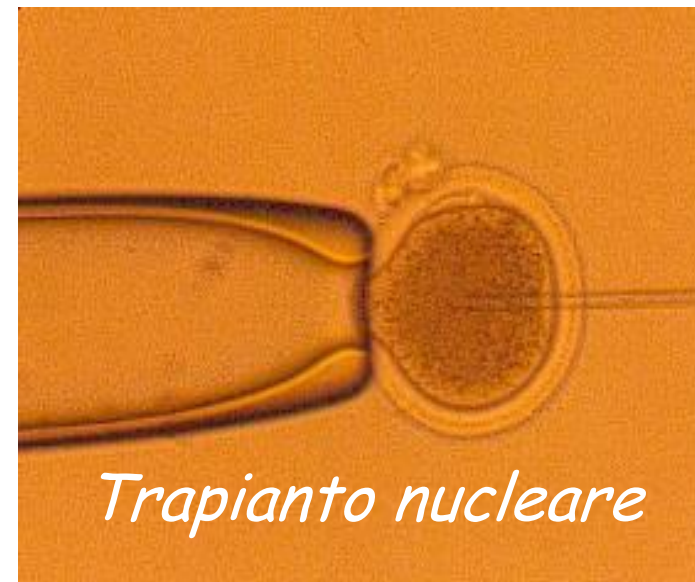
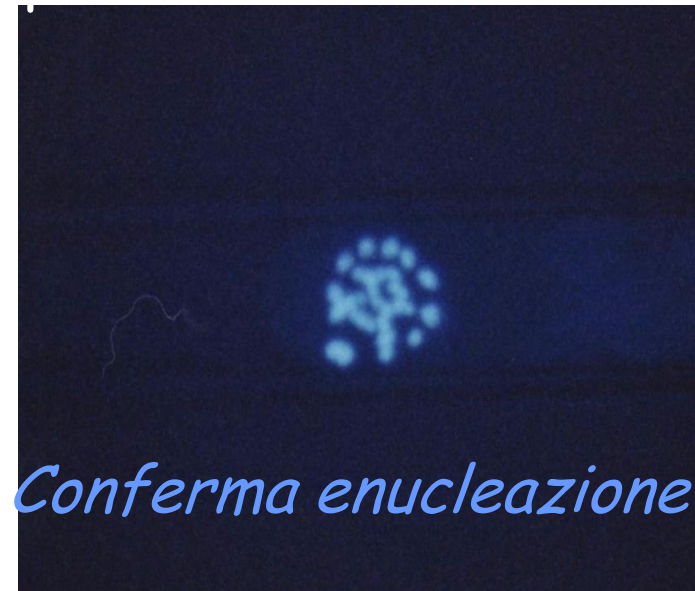


Keith Campbell, 1954-2012

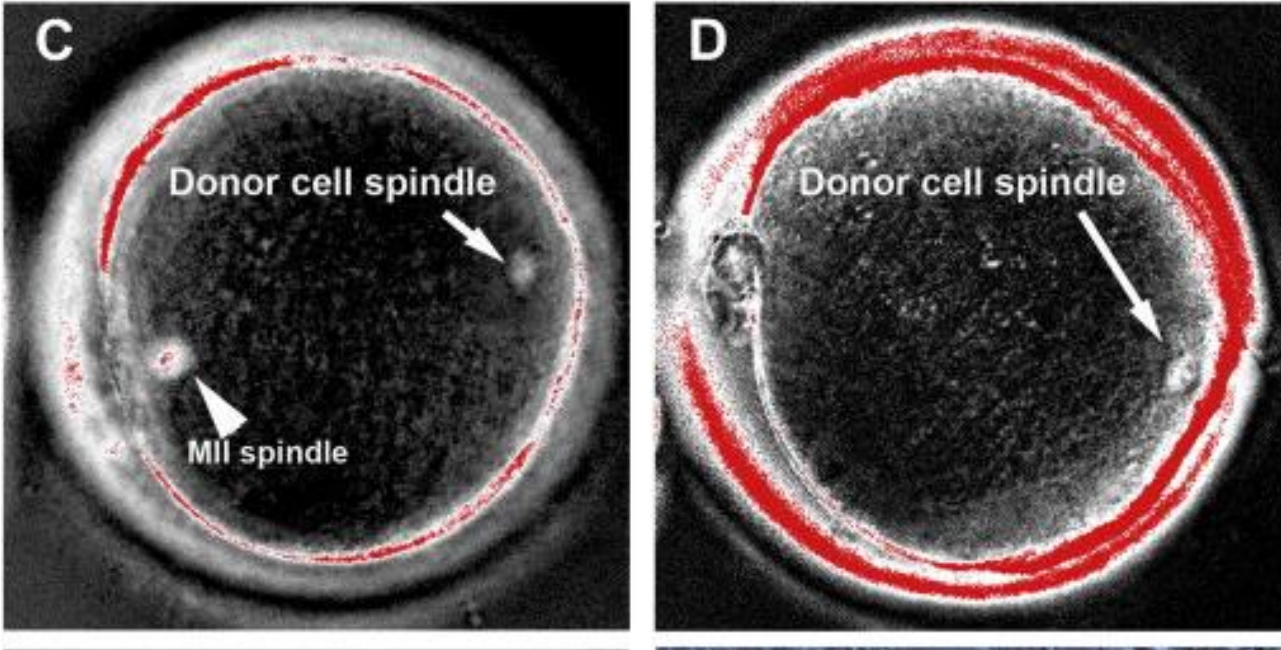


Ian Wilmut, 1943-

# *Clonazione con cellule somatiche*



In oociti con citoplasma trasparente visualizzazione fuso meiotico con Microscopio a luce polarizzata (Poll-Scope)



# La pecora Dolly



**Dolly Patton, American folk singer.....**





# DER SPIEGEL



Wissenschaft  
auf dem Weg zum  
geklonten  
Menschen



## DER SÜNDENBÄU

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SIX APPEAL: Sandown Park meets Jurassic Park as half-a-dozen cloned Cigars fight out a finish in a race of the future.

## Fancy another Cigar?

By Richard Palmer

THE owners of Cigar, the record-breaking racehorse, sent shock waves through the sport of kings yesterday by revealing they are investigating the possibility of cloning him.

Shock cloning plans for barren stallion

...nother near as identical as many people think," said Carlin. "You would have genetically identical horses but whether one would develop into as good a racehorse as its progenitor is very unlikely. They would be raised several years apart. Then if you had different



# Newsweek

March 20, 1997 \$5.95

THE LINCOLN BEDROOM  
Was the White House for Sale?

## Can We Clone Humans?

By Sharon Begley



MARCH 20, 1997

# TIME

CLONE ON THE RANGE?  
BY DOUGLAS GOUPLAND

## Will There Ever Be Another You?

A SPECIAL REPORT ON CLONING





**Prof. Cesare Galli  
Avantea and Univeristà di  
Bologna**

**Italian government 'arrests' cloned bull  
By Associated Press**

**ROME -- Poor Galileo. Just a youngster and  
he's under arrest -- locked in a stall and  
accused of being a freak.**



Dolly è stata imbalsamata  
ed è esposta allo Scottish Museum di Edinburgo

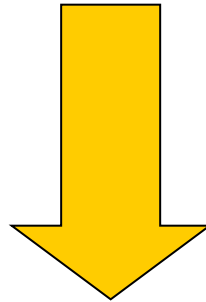


# **Clonazione riproduttiva: applicazioni in:**

**Riproduzione animale**

**Animali transgenici**

**Moltiplicazione di specie minacciate di estinzione**



**..però....bassa efficienza della clonazione 1-5%**

# Clonate praticamente tutte le specie da reddito e di affezione



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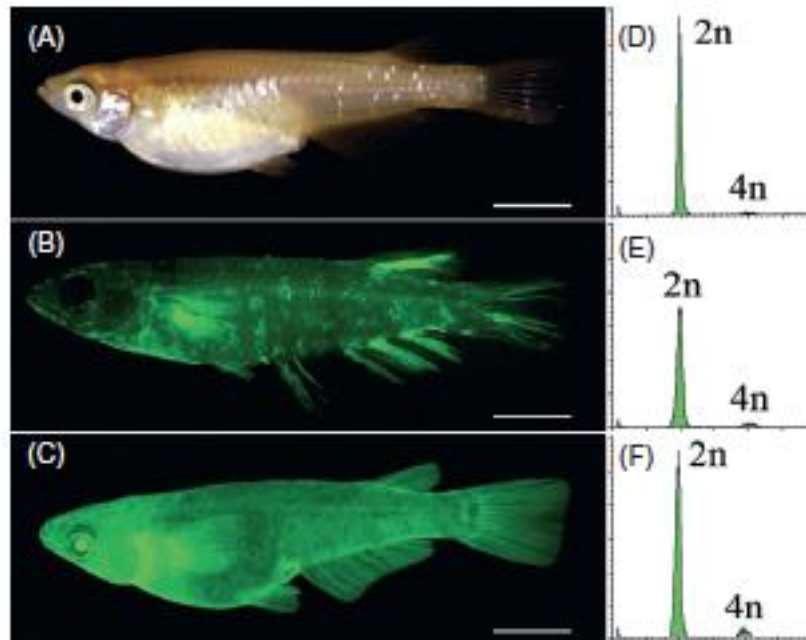


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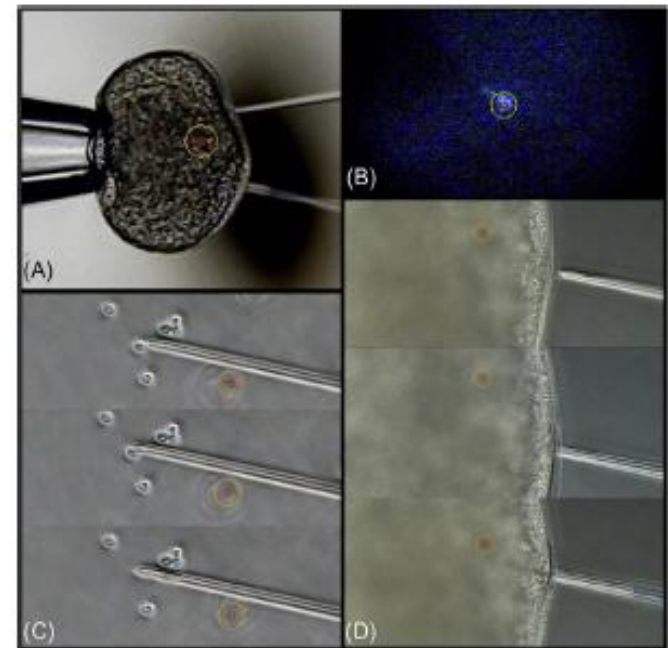
## Clonati anche animali “non convenzionali”

### Medaka Fish



**FIGURE 15.4** Three types of adult nuclear transplants generated in the second examination. (A) Donor clone, NT4. (B) Fluorescent image of chimeric fish, NT5. (C) Fluorescent image of NT fish originated from parthenogenesis of the recipient egg, NT1. (D–F) Ploidy analysis by flow cytometry showing the diploidy of adult fish: (D) NT4, (E) NT5, (F) NT1. Bars represent 5 mm. From *Bubenshchikova et al., (2008)*.

### zebrafish



**FIGURE 16.2** Method for somatic cell nuclear transfer in zebrafish. The egg micropyle is positioned facing the bottom of a Petri dish to visualize the metaphase plate (A). The Hoechst 33342-stained metaphase plate of the egg is ablated using the laser XY clone module (B). The areas under red and yellow circles, when the laser-pulse is introduced by a 40 $\times$  laser-equipped objective lens, would be at 400°C and 100°C, respectively. An individual donor cell is picked up using a beveled-tip needle (C) and is then transferred through a micropyle to an animal pole of the egg (D).

## Clone di bovini (Nuova Zelanda)

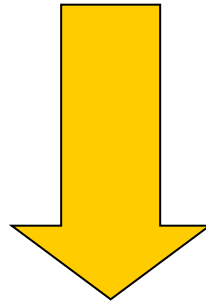


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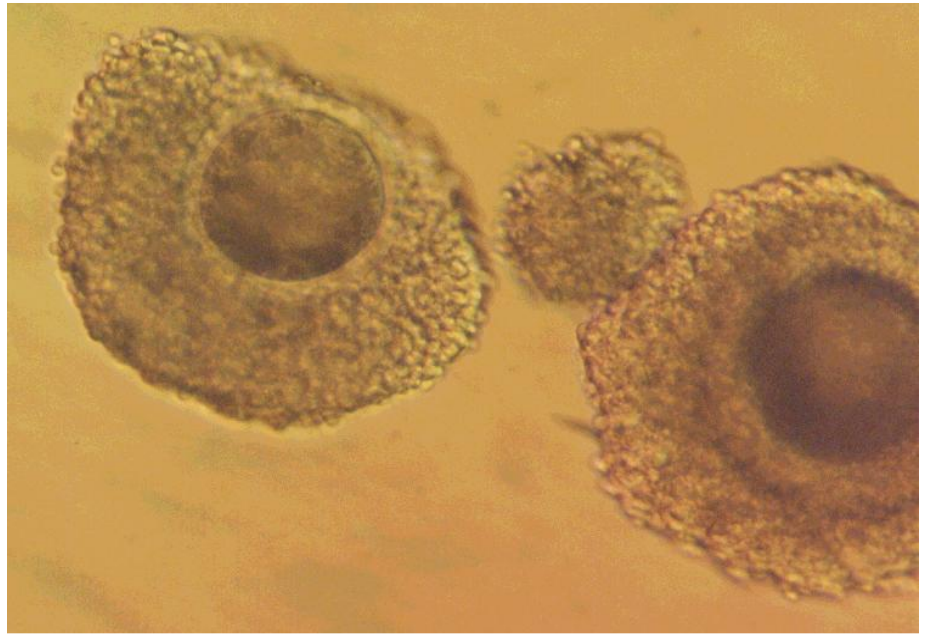
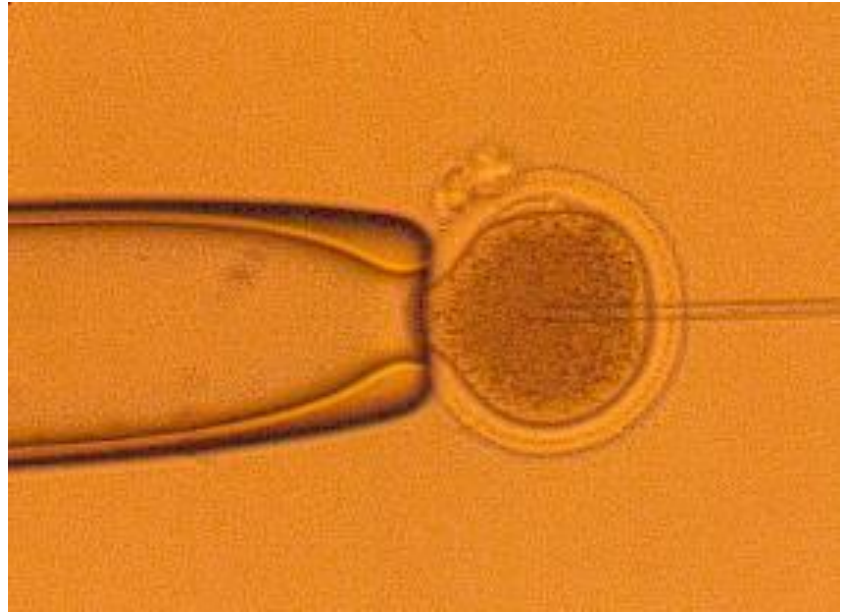
**Moltiplicazione di specie minacciate di estinzione**

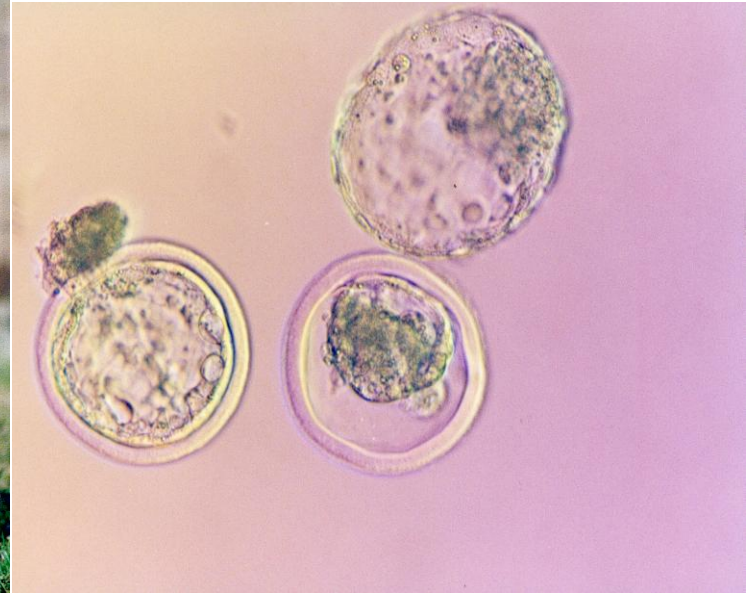


**..però....bassa efficienza della clonazione 1-5%**





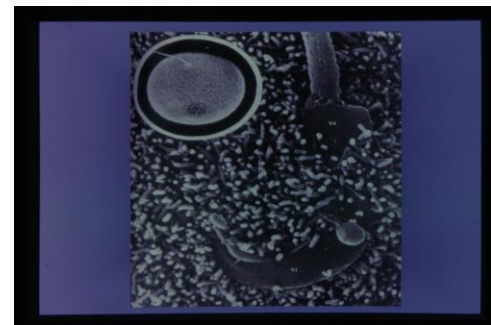
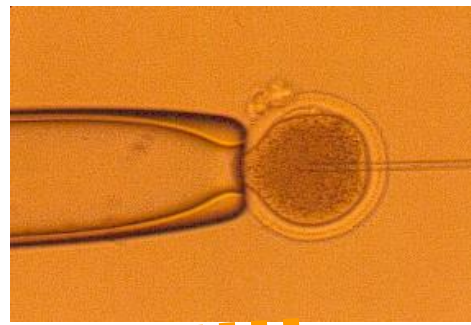




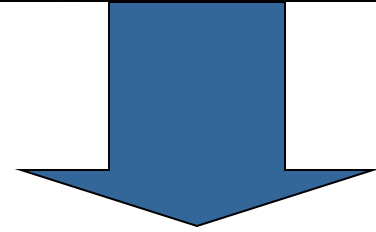
Genetic rescue of an endangered mammal by cross-species  
nuclear transfer using post-mortem somatic cells

*Loi et al., Nature Biotechnology 2001*

..purtroppo, l'efficienza della clonazione  
ancora troppo bassa, 1-5%



Sviluppo embrionale e fetale



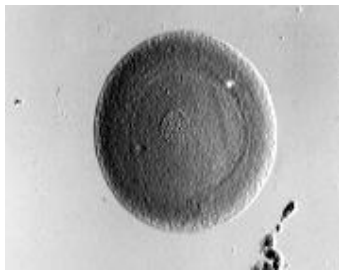
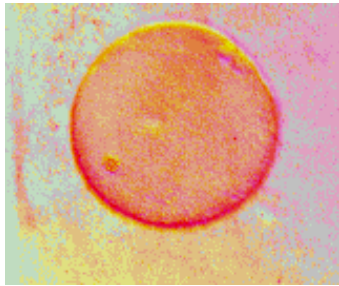
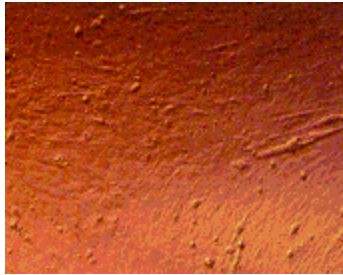
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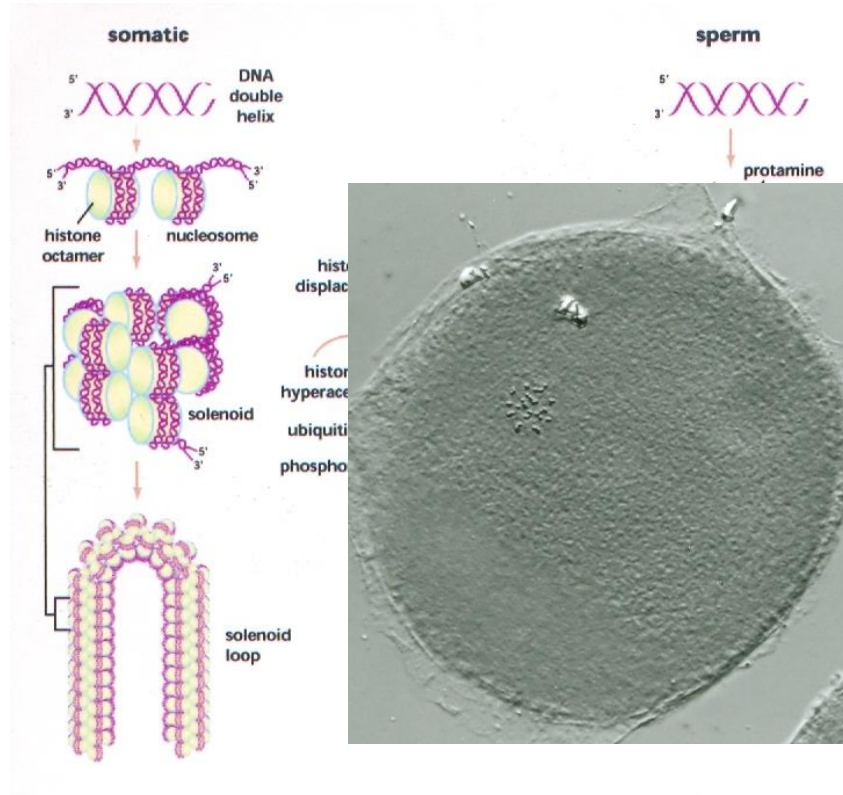
## Elevata mortalità neonatale



# Clonazione con cellule somatiche

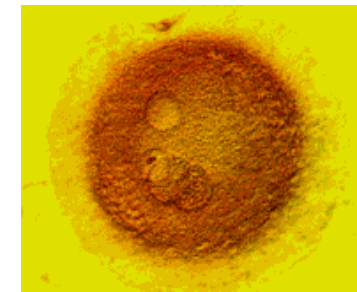
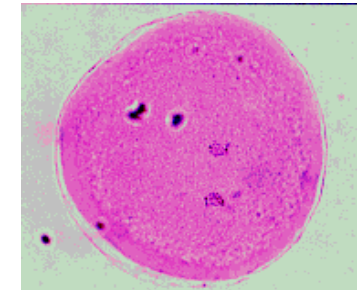
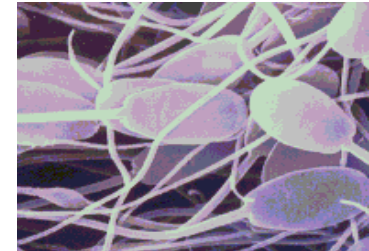


# Rimodellamento nucleare



Bob Crimi

# Fertilizzazione



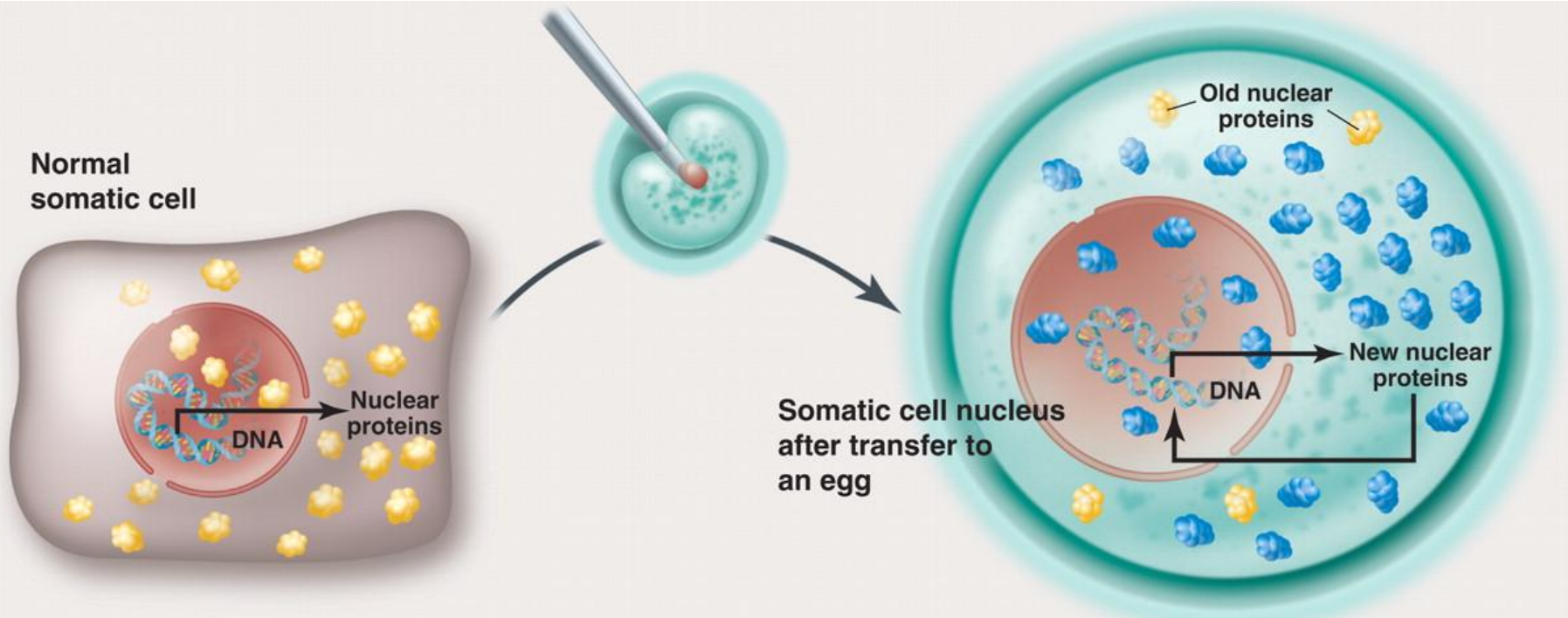
Normale sviluppo???

Principale problema del cloning È l'insufficiente riprogrammazione nucleare

Normale sviluppo???

Si

# Rimodellamento e riprogrammazione nucleare



**Nucleo somatico (rimuovere la membrana!) si espande enormemente nell'ocita:  
nuclear swelling**

**Nuclear swelling espressione morfologica della riprogrammazione nucleare**

# Bassa efficienza: a prescindere dal tipo cellulare (Kato e Tsunoda, 2013)

**TABLE 10.1** Donor Cell Types and Cell Cycle Combination of Successful Nuclear Transfer

Donor Cell Type		Species (Donor-Recipient)		Donor <sup>2</sup> :Recipient Cell Cycle(stage)	
Somatic cells	adult	mammary gland	sheep	G0: MII	
		oviduct	bovine	G0: MII	
		cumulus	bovine, mice, goat, rabbit, cat, sand cat-domestic cat	G0: MII, ? : MII	
		cultured cumulus	ferret, camel	G0: MII	
		granulosa cell	pig, mouflon-sheep	G0: MII	
		cultured granulosa	buffalo	G0: MII	
		follicular epithelial cell	mouse	G0: MII	
		tail tip	mouse	G0: MII	
	bovine, gaur-bovine pig, horse, african wild cat-domestic cat, dog	adult	fibroblasts	bovine, gaur-bovine pig, horse, african wild cat-domestic cat, dog, wolf-dog, Pyrenean ibex-domestic goat	G0: MII, ? : MII
			fibroblast	rabbit	G0: S(2: cell)
			lymphocytes	mouse	? : MII
			anterior pituitary	goat	G0: MII
			bone marrow mesenchyma stem cell	bovine	G0: MII
			natural killer T cell	mouse	? : MII
			hematopoietic granulocytes	mouse	? : MII
			antler stem cell	red deer	G0: MII
			keratinocytes	mouse	? : MII
			iPS	mouse	M: MII
			newborn/young	adult	fibroblast
	Sertoli	mouse			? : MII
	neural stem cell	mouse			? : MII
	fetus	adult	fetal fibroblast	goat, pig, bovine, rat, mose, mule-horse	G0: MII, M: M
			genital ridge cells	pig	G0: MII
			neural cells, premature-early differentiated, differentiated	mouse	? : MII
			keratinocytes	mouse	? : MII
	Embryonic	blastocyst	inner cell mass (ICM) cells	mouse	G1: MII
			mural trophectoderm (TE) cells	mouse	G1: MII
embryonic disc			sheep	G0: MII	
cultured embryonic disc (TNT4)			sheep	G0: MII	
ES-cell		mouse	M: MII, M-M(zygote9, small size, large size: MII)		
EC-cell		mouse	? : MII		
PGCs		day 10.5	mouse	G1: M	
		day 15.5 male	mouse	G0: MII	



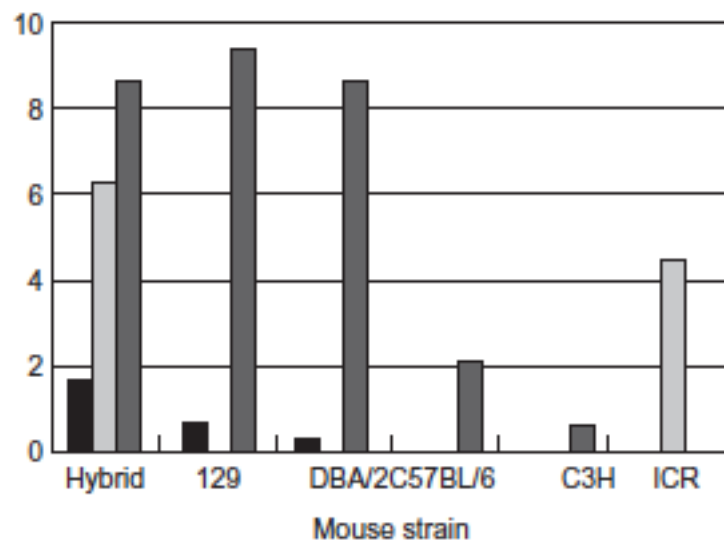
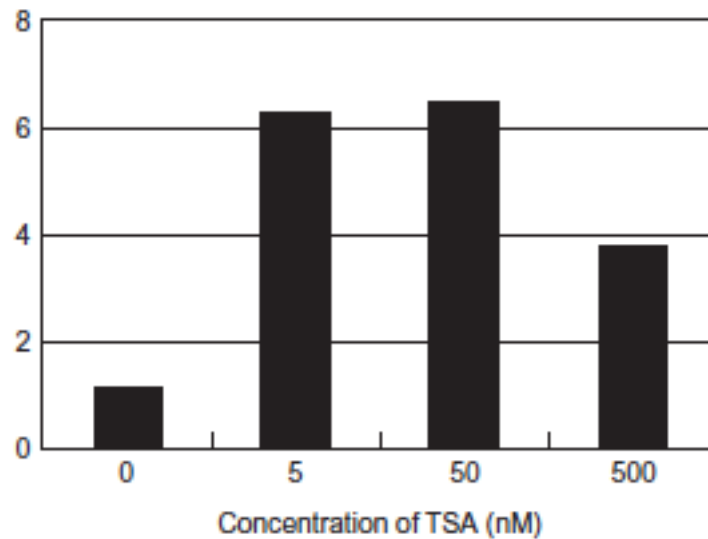
## **Strategie proposte per aumentare la riprogrammazione nucleare**

**Sincronizzare le cellule somatiche in G0: 5 giorni a basse % di siero in coltura  
Keith Campbell 1997 – allontana fattori trascrizione**

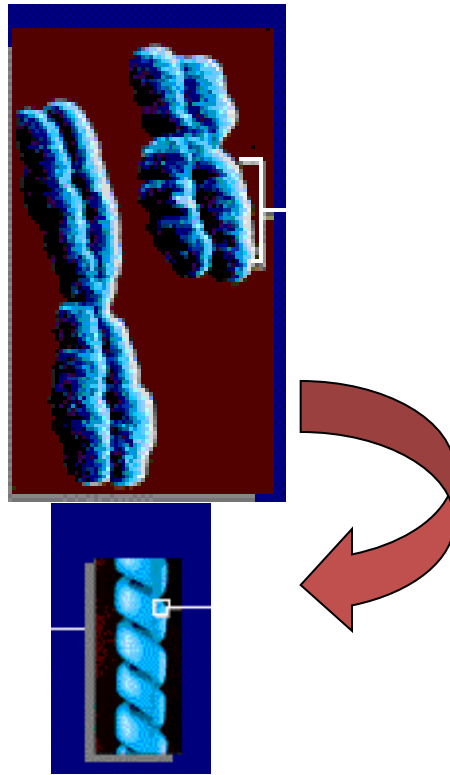
**Prolungata esposizione (4 ore) dei cromosomi somatici nell'oocita enucleato  
Attivazione oocita posticipata – allontana fattori trascrizione  
Yanagimachi 1998**

**Esposizione delle cellule prima e dopo il trapianto nucleare a inibitori  
Di istone de-acetilasi – apre la struttura della cromatina  
Wakayama 2007**

## Strategie proposte per migliorare l'efficienza

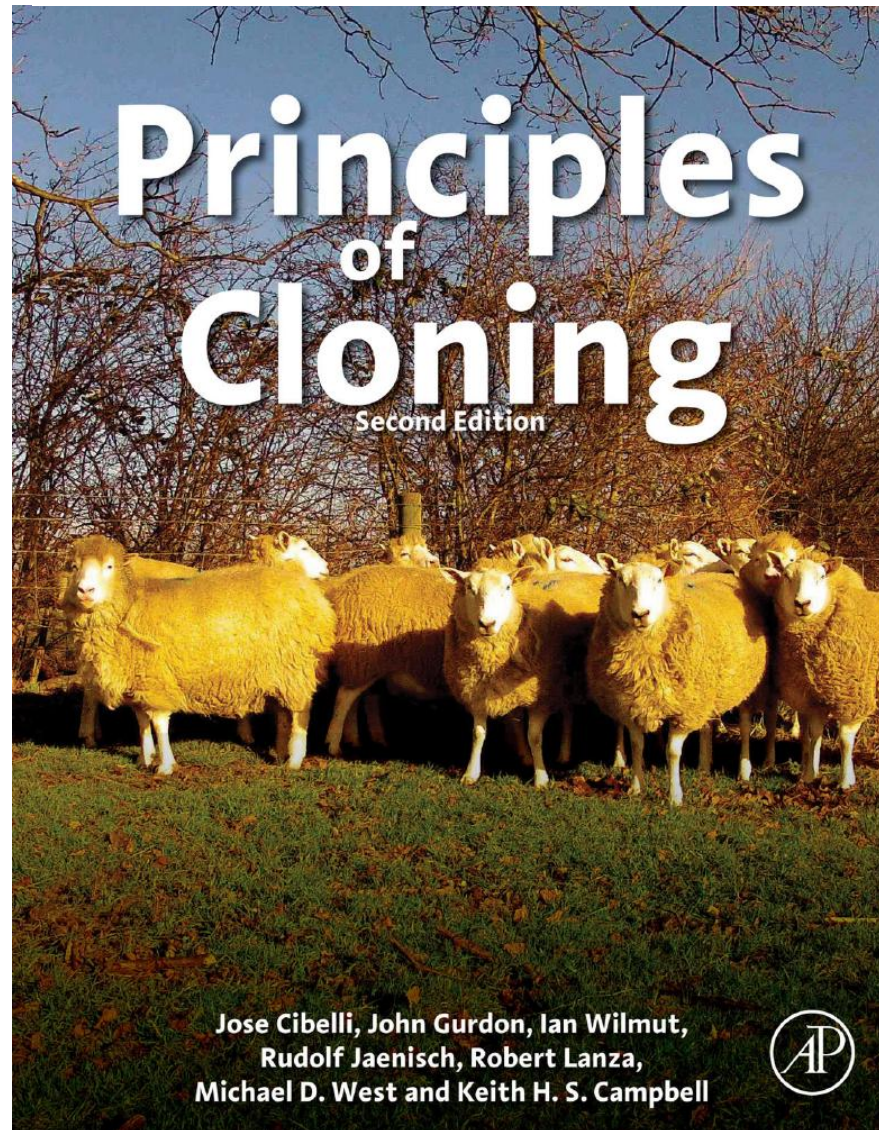


## Loi e Coll...??????



Possiamo organizzare la cromatina  
di una cellula somatica  
Come quella dello spermatozoo?:

*Pasqualino Loi, Jacek Modlinski and  
Grazyna Ptak*



Jose Cibelli, John Gurdon, Ian Wilmut,  
Rudolf Jaenisch, Robert Lanza,  
Michael D. West and Keith H. S. Campbell



## Clonare animali in via di estinzione



The IUCN Species Survival Commission  
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**5485 animals specie animali in via di estinzione,  
180 sono mammiferi**

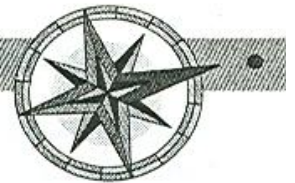
**3500 razze locali minacciate di estinzione (FAOglobal survey 2005)**

Current Biology 2002

News focus

## Can cloning save endangered species?

SCIENCE'S COMPASS



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# DNA Banks for Endangered Animal Species

Oliver A. Ryder, Anne McLaren, Sydney Brenner, Ya-Ping Zhang, Kurt Benirschke

## Azoto liquido golden standard per cryostoccaggio



# FREEZE DRYING



Aggiungi  
 $H_2O$



# Peptidi – vaccini liofilizzati di uso ordinario



“semplici” genomi conservati liofilizzati  
Batteri-lieviti



# Spermatozoi liofilizzati mantengono la potenzialità di generare normali individui (topi)

## Wakayama & Yanagimachi 1998



Figure 1. Vacuum-sealed ampoules with freeze-dried mouse spermatozoa. The white powder at the bottom of each ampoule is the dried CZB medium containing spermatozoa.

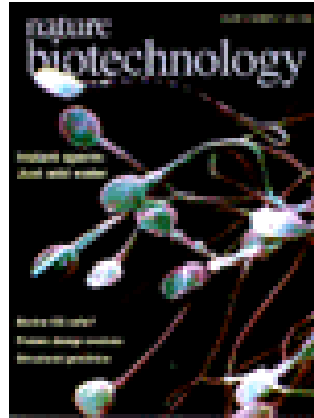
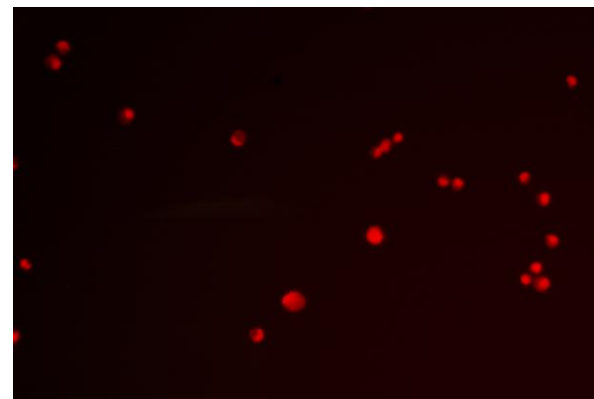
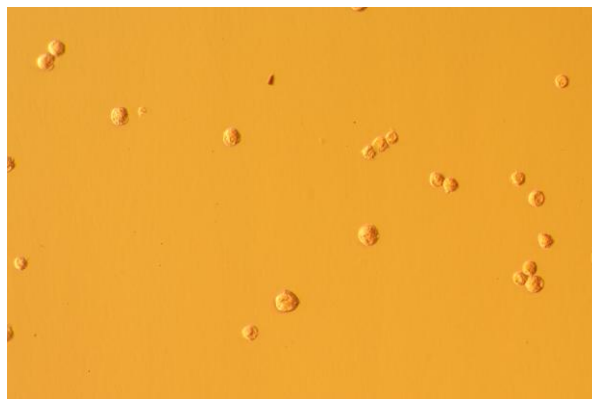


Figure 3. Offspring with a CD-1 (albino) foster mother. These three young developed from B6D2F1 oocytes injected with B6D2F1 spermatozoa that had been kept at room temperature for 1 month after freeze-drying.

...e le cellule somatiche?

# Miei primi esperimenti di trapianto nucleare (1999-2000)



# Ma si possono usare cellule non vitali per il nuclear transfer?



Heat treated granulosa cells  
(55 °C)

BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION 67, 126–132 (2002)

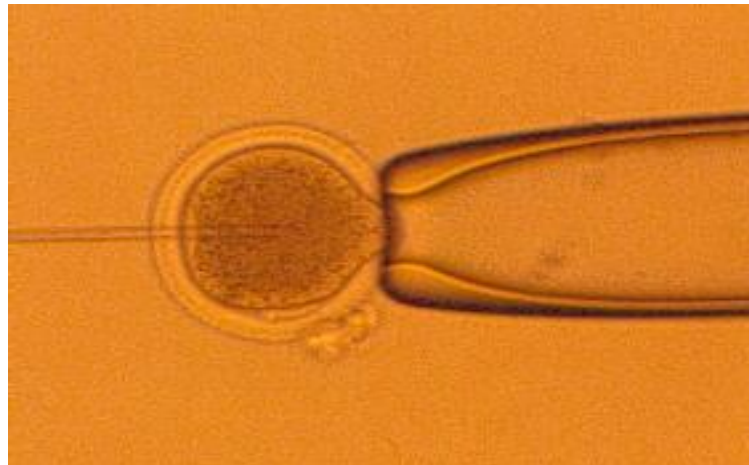
## Nuclei of Nonviable Ovine Somatic Cells Develop into Lambs after Nuclear Transplantation

Pasqualino Loi,<sup>2,3</sup> Michael Clinton,<sup>4</sup> Barbara Barboni,<sup>3</sup> Josef Fulka, Jr.,<sup>5</sup> Pietro Cappai,<sup>6</sup> Robert Feil,<sup>7</sup> Robert M. Moor,<sup>8</sup> and Grazyna Ptak<sup>3,9</sup>

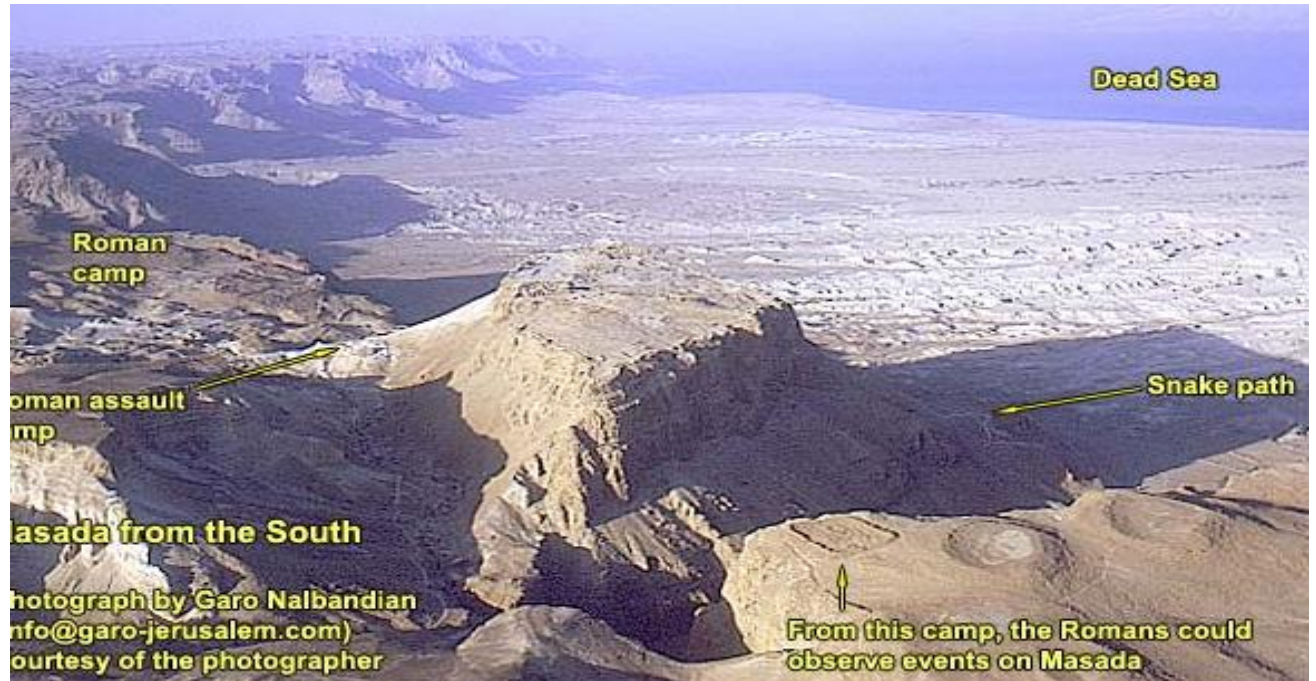
# Fusione cellulare non praticabile con cellule non vitali



..iniezione diretta in oociti enucleati



Donor nuclei	n. injected	n. Cleaved (%)	Blastocysts (%)
Freeze dried	461	-	-
control	320	268 (84)	119 (37)



**הנבטת זרע עץ התמר**

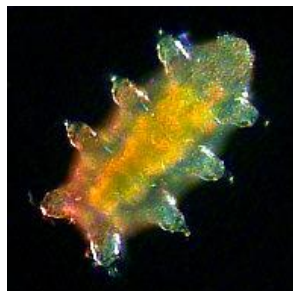
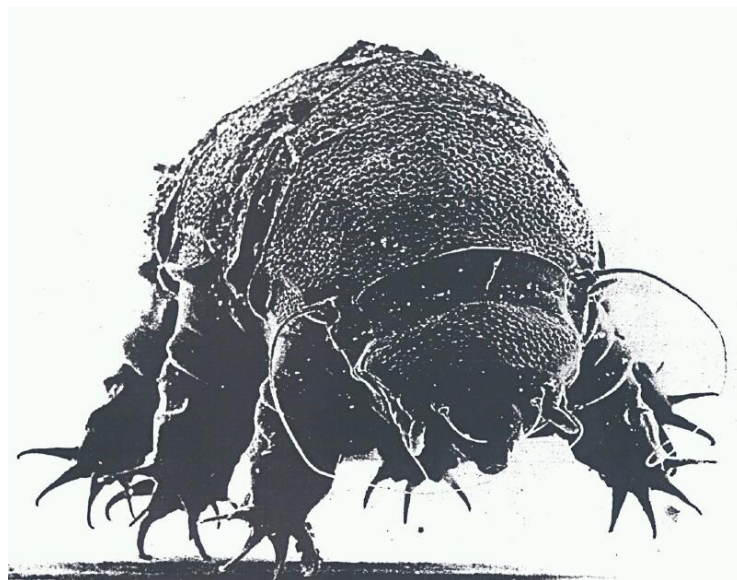


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# Lezioni dalla Natura: trealosio sintetizzato da organismi anidrobionti



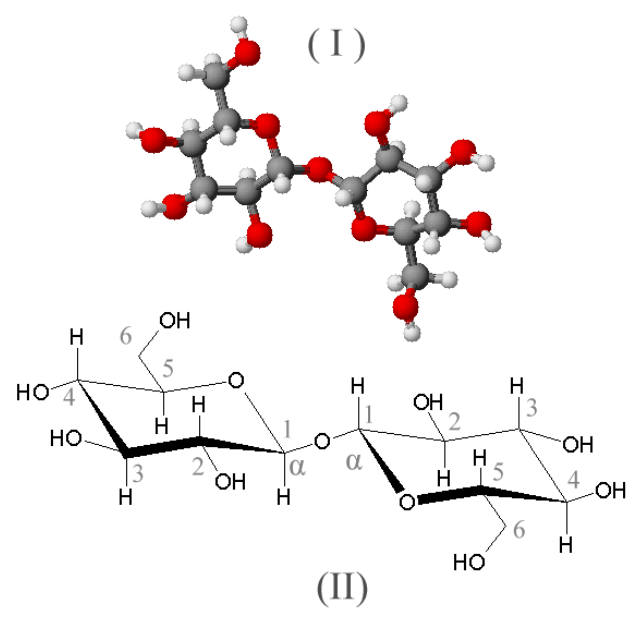
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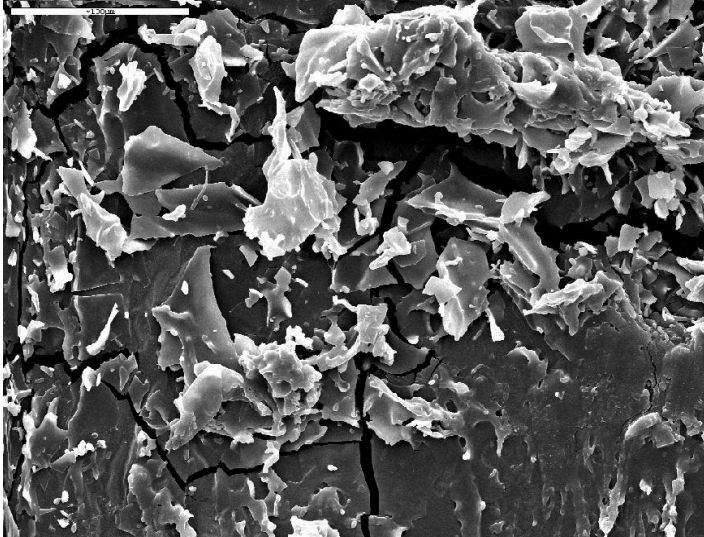
Dried Tardigrade

Crowe and Cooper. 1971. Scientific American

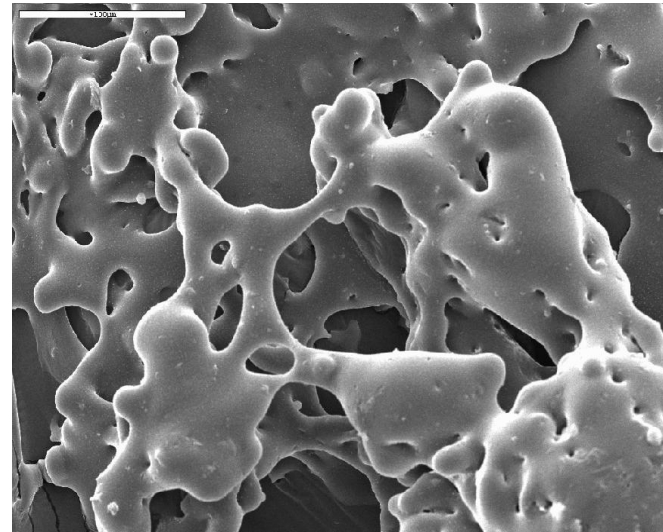
# Thehalose (0.1M in Hepes) inserito nel medium di congelamento



## Effetti del trealosio sulle cellule allo stato anidro



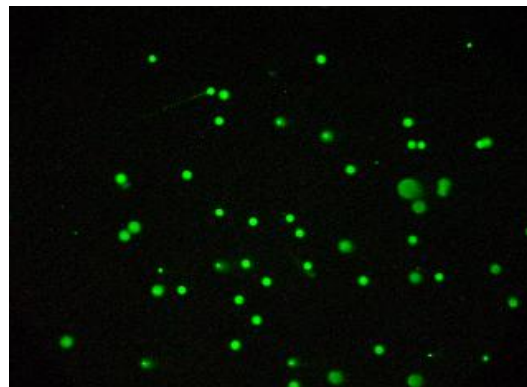
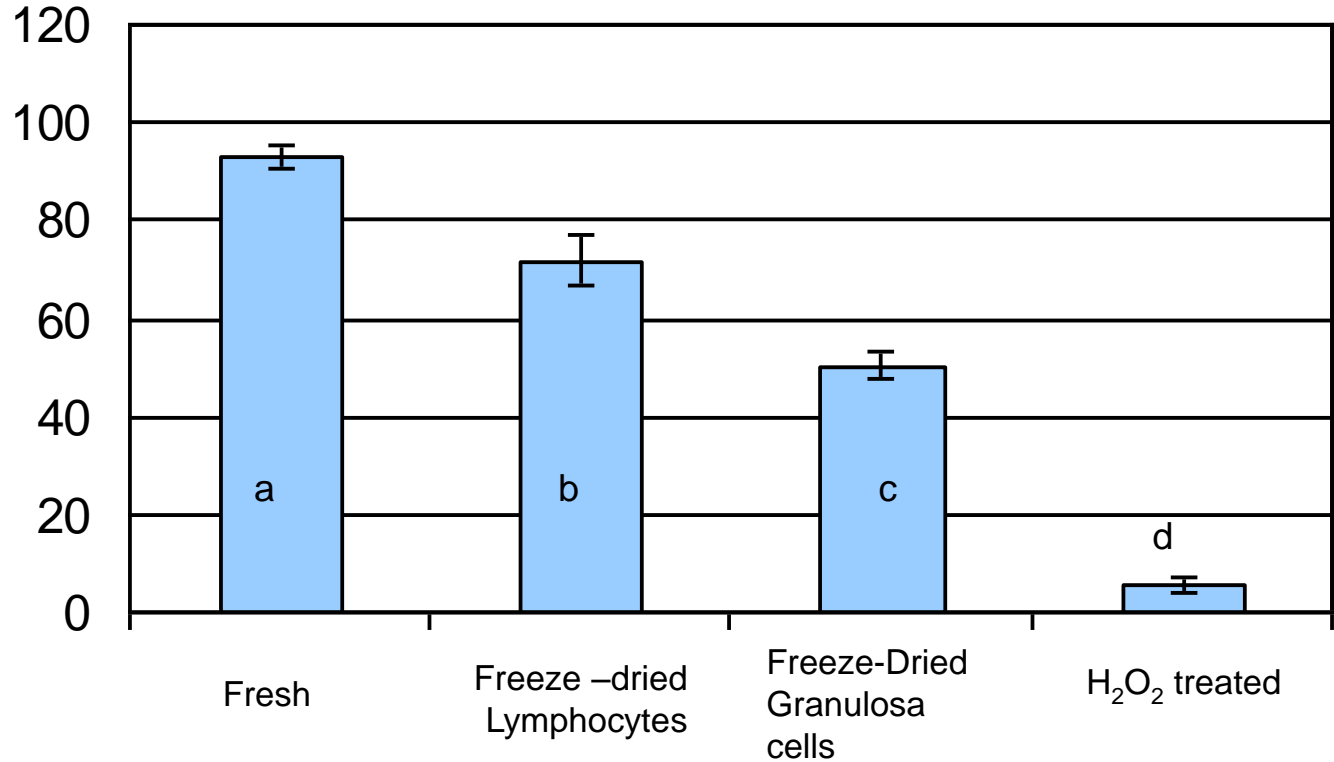
Trehalose - SEM x 150



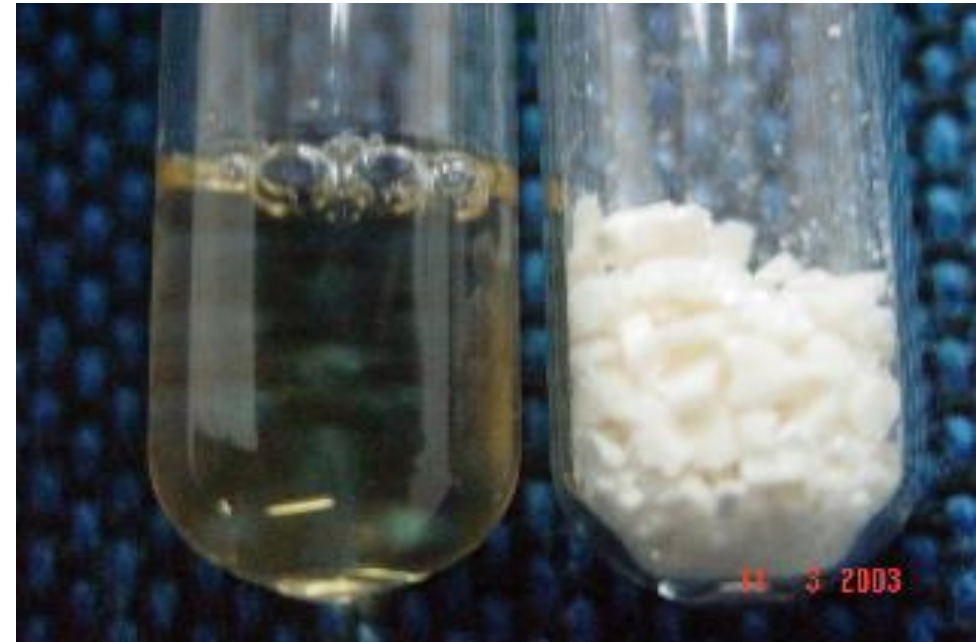
Trehalose + SEM x 150

# Danno cellulare rilevato con Comet assay

%DNA Intact



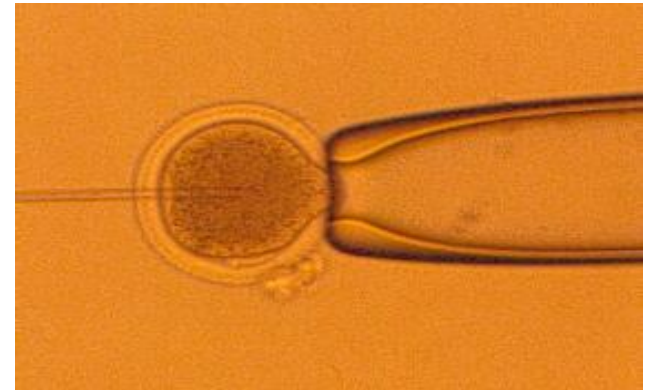
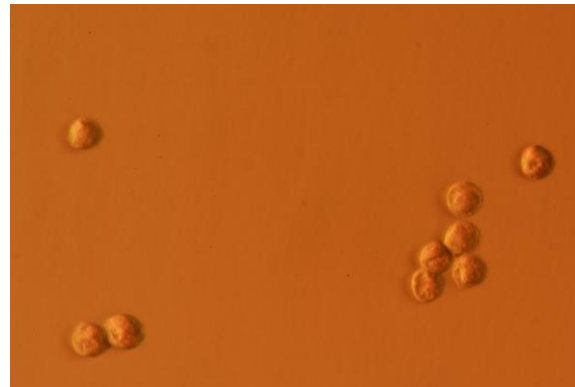
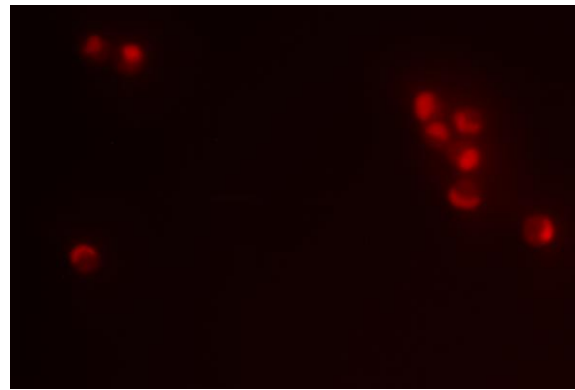
# Cellule della Granulosa liofilizzate



# Cellule della granulosa di pecore di razza Awassi liofilizzate e spedite da Tel Aviv a Teramo



# Trapianto nucleare di cellule liofilizzate



# Freeze-Dried Somatic Cells Direct Embryonic Development after Nuclear Transfer

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## Abstract

The natural capacity of simple organisms to survive in a dehydrated state has long been exploited by man, with lyophilization the method of choice for the long term storage of bacterial and yeast cells. More recently, attempts have been made to apply this procedure to the long term storage of blood cells. However, despite significant progress, practical application in a clinical setting is still some way off. Conversely, to date there are no reports of attempts to lyophilize nucleated somatic cells for possible downstream applications. Here we demonstrate that lyophilised somatic cells stored for 3 years at room temperature are able to direct embryonic development following injection into enucleated oocytes. These remarkable results demonstrate that alternative systems for the long-term storage of cell lines are now possible, and open unprecedented opportunities in the fields of biomedicine and for conservation strategies.



—Full Paper—

# Nuclear Transfer Preserves the Nuclear Genome of Freeze-Dried Mouse Cells

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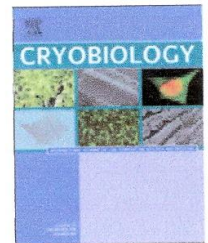


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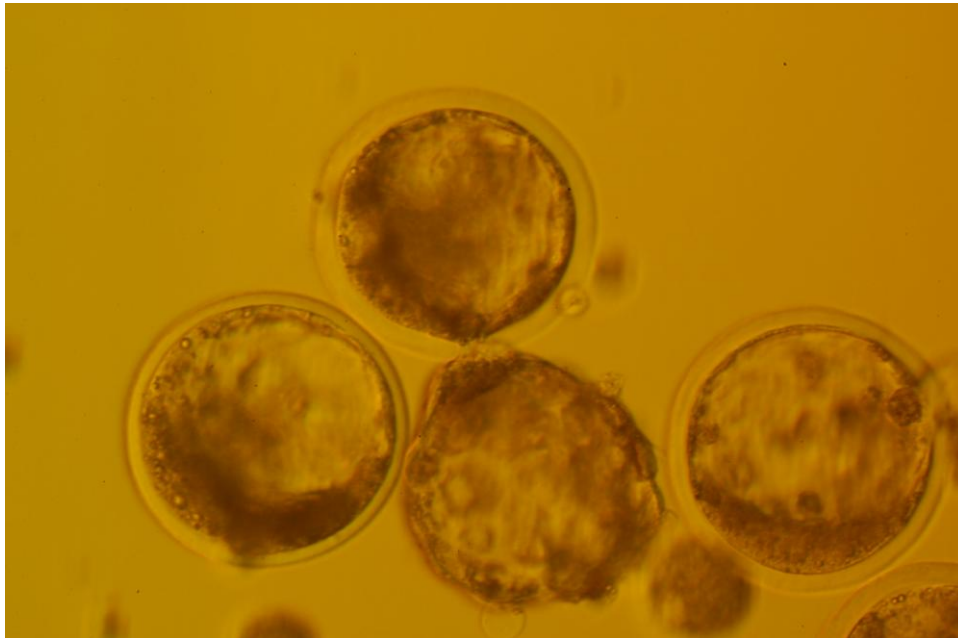
### Lyophilized somatic cells direct embryonic development after whole cell intracytoplasmic injection into pig oocytes ☆

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**Eseguiti due trasferimenti di embrioni clonati da cellule liofilizzate  
la nascita di un normale individuo prova fondamentale**



# Freeze-Drying of Mononuclear Cells Derived from Umbilical Cord Blood Followed by Colony Formation

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## Abstract

**Background:** We recently showed that freeze-dried cells stored for 3 years at room temperature can direct embryonic development following cloning. However, viability, as evaluated by membrane integrity of the cells after freeze-drying, was very low; and it was mainly the DNA integrity that was preserved. In the present study, we improved the cells' viability and functionality after freeze-drying.

**Methodology/Principal Findings:** We optimized the conditions of directional freezing, i.e. interface velocity and cell concentration, and we added the antioxidant EGCG to the freezing solution. The study was performed on mononuclear cells (MNCs) derived from human umbilical cord blood. After freeze-drying, we tested the viability, number of CD34<sup>+</sup>-presenting cells and ability of the rehydrated hematopoietic stem cells to differentiate into different blood cells in culture. The viability of the MNCs after freeze-drying and rehydration with pure water was 88%–91%. The total number of CD34<sup>+</sup>-presenting cells and the number of colonies did not change significantly when evaluated before freezing, after freeze-thawing, and after freeze-drying ( $5.4 \times 10^4 \pm 4.7$ ,  $3.49 \times 10^4 \pm 6$  and  $6.31 \times 10^4 \pm 12.27$  cells, respectively, and  $31 \pm 25.15$ ,  $47 \pm 45.8$  and  $23.44 \pm 13.3$  colonies, respectively).

**Conclusions:** This is the first report of nucleated cells which have been dried and then rehydrated with double-distilled water remaining viable, and of hematopoietic stem cells retaining their ability to differentiate into different blood cells.

# Preservation of Differentiation and Clonogenic Potential of Human Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells during Lyophilization and Ambient Storage

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## Abstract

Progenitor cell therapies show great promise, but their potential for clinical applications requires improved storage and transportation. Desiccated cells stored at ambient temperature would provide economic and practical advantages over approaches employing cell freezing and subzero temperature storage. The objectives of this study were to assess a method for loading the stabilizing sugar, trehalose, into hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HPC) and to evaluate the effects of subsequent freeze-drying and storage at ambient temperature on differentiation and clonogenic potential. HPC were isolated from human umbilical cord blood and loaded with trehalose using an endogenous cell surface receptor, termed P2Z. Solution containing trehalose-loaded HPC was placed into vials, which were transferred to a tray freeze-dryer and removed during each step of the freeze-drying process to assess differentiation and clonogenic potential. Control groups for these experiments were freshly isolated HPC. Control cells formed  $1450 \pm 230$  CFU-GM,  $430 \pm 140$  BFU-E, and  $50 \pm 40$  CFU-GEMM per 50  $\mu$ L. Compared to the values for the control cells, there was no statistical difference observed for cells removed at the end of the freezing step or at the end of primary drying. There was a gradual decrease in the number of CFU-GM and BFU-E for cells removed at different temperatures during secondary drying; however, there were no significant differences in the number of CFU-GEMM. To determine storage stability of lyophilized HPC, cells were stored for 4 weeks at 25°C in the dark. Cells reconstituted immediately after lyophilization produced  $580 \pm 90$  CFU-GM (~40%, relative to unprocessed controls  $p < 0.0001$ ),  $170 \pm 70$  BFU-E (~40%,  $p < 0.0001$ ), and  $41 \pm 22$  CFU-GEMM (~82%,  $p = 0.4171$ ), and cells reconstituted after 28 days at room temperature produced  $513 \pm 170$  CFU-GM (~35%, relative to unprocessed controls,  $p < 0.0001$ ),  $112 \pm 68$  BFU-E (~26%,  $p < 0.0001$ ), and  $36 \pm 17$  CFU-GEMM (~82%,  $p = 0.2164$ ). These studies are the first to document high level retention of CFU-GEMM following lyophilization and storage for 4 weeks at 25°C. This type of flexible storage stability would potentially permit the ability to ship and store HPC without the need for refrigeration.

# *L'Arca di Noè delle banche di cellule liofilizzate*







Recipe for a Resurrection  
Scientists could try to clone a mammoth. Should they?



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REVIEW

## Biological time machines: a realistic approach for cloning an extinct mammal

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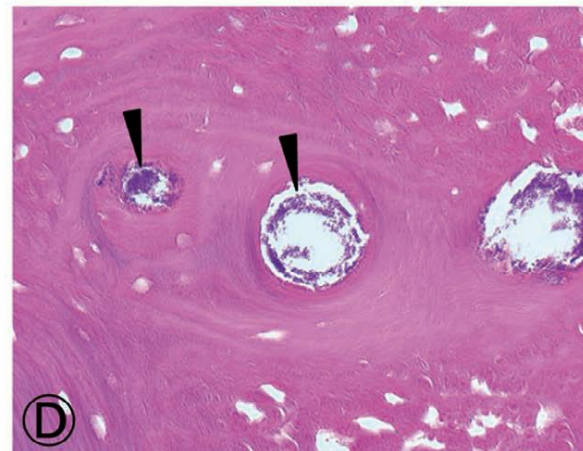
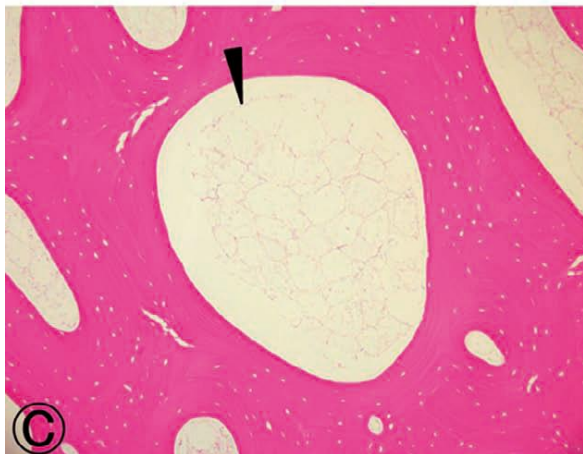
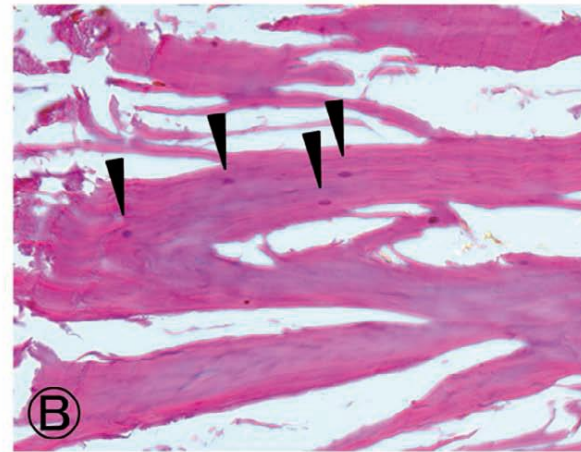
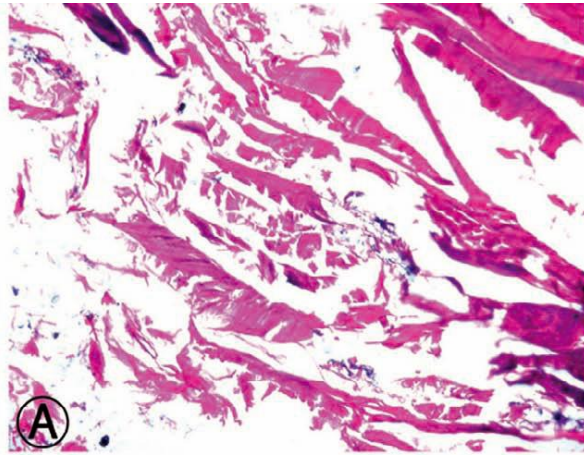
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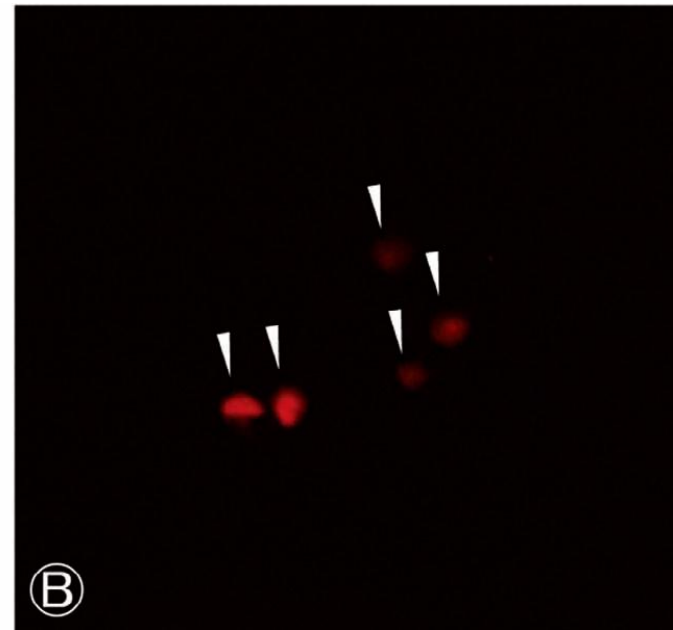


# Possiamo clonare il Mammut

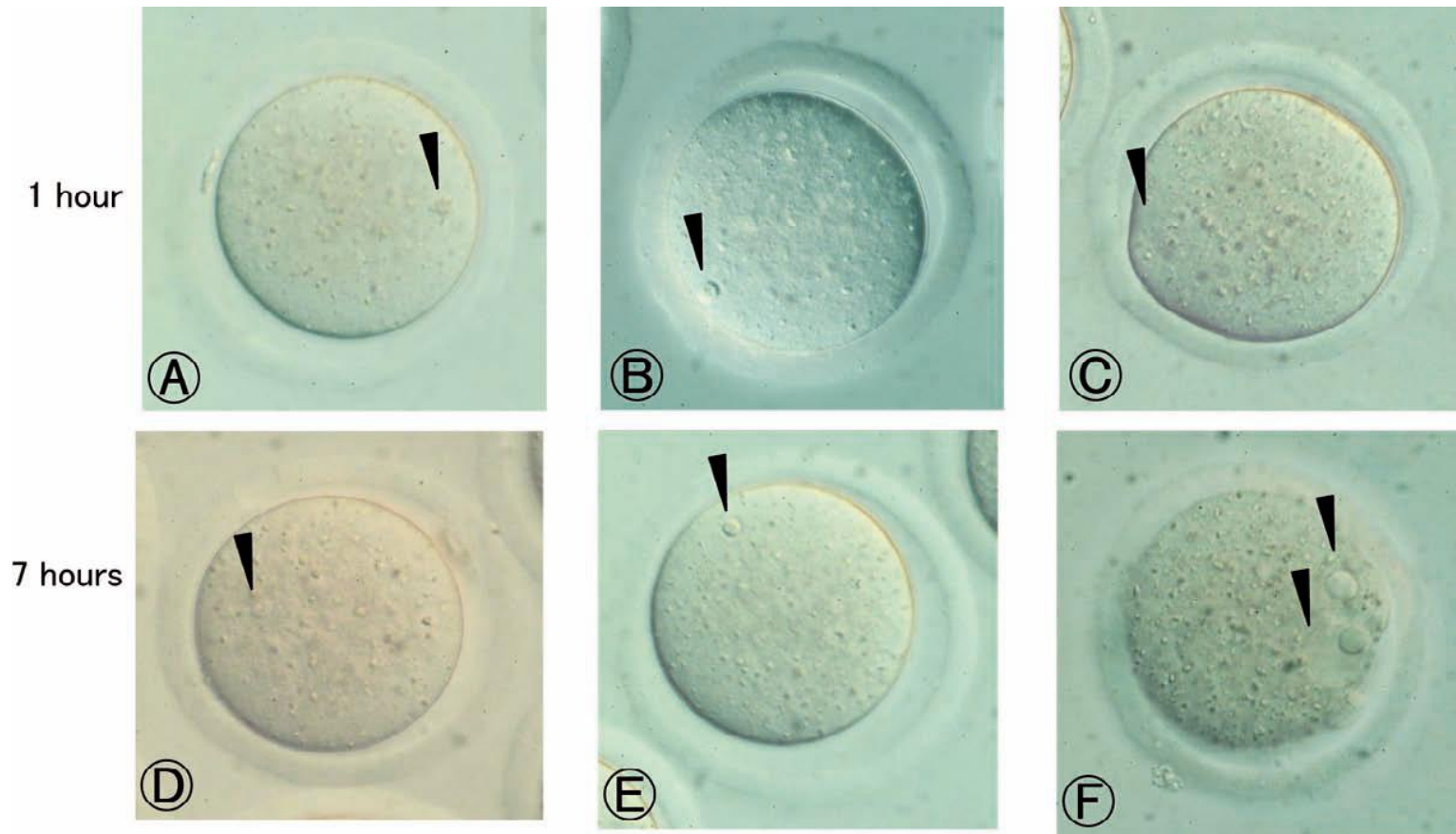
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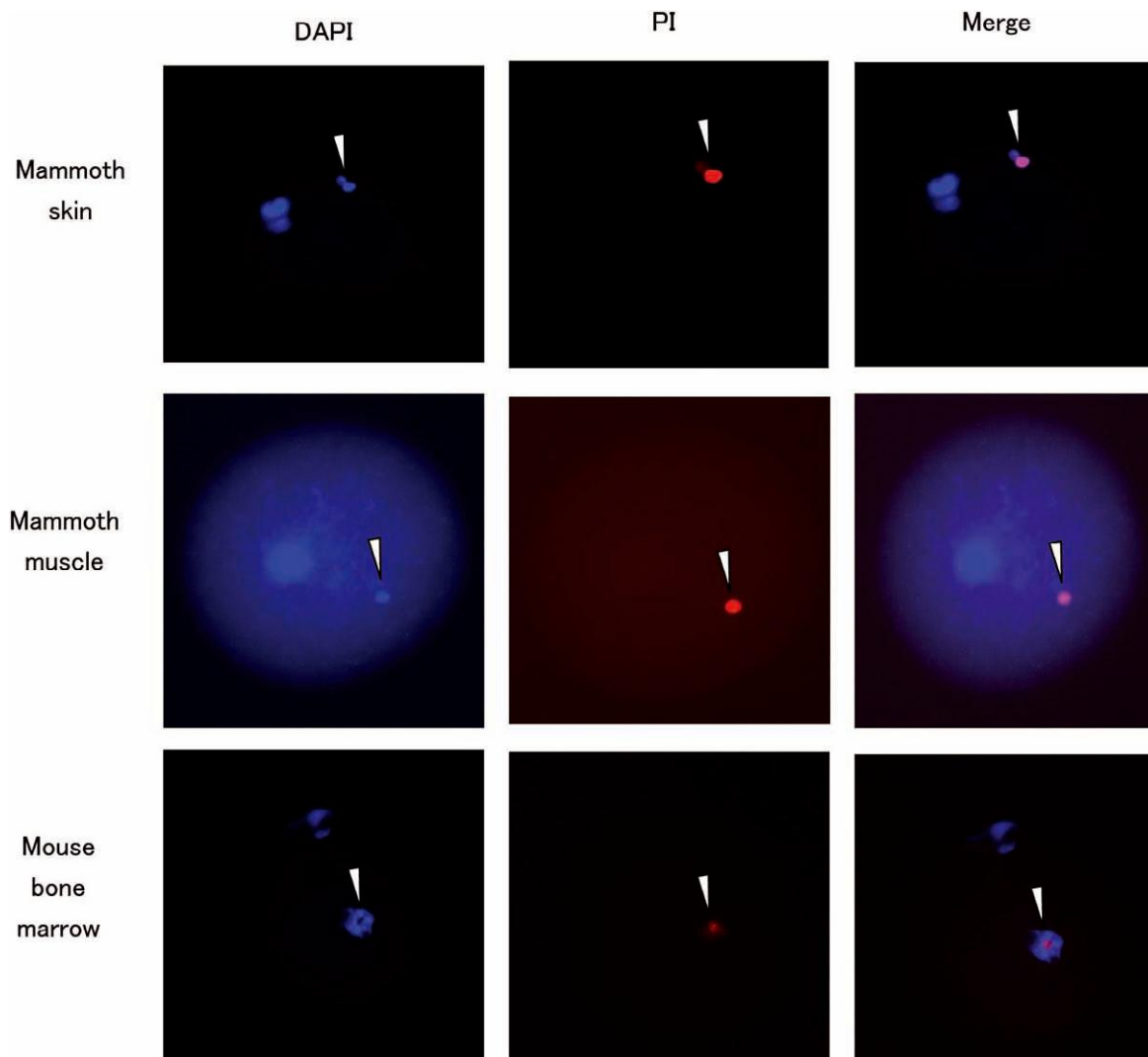


# Nuclei isolati dai tessuti di mammut



# Trapianto nucleare di nuclei di mammut in oociti enucleati di topo





# Altro problema: Disponibilità di femmine riceventi per l'embryo transfer



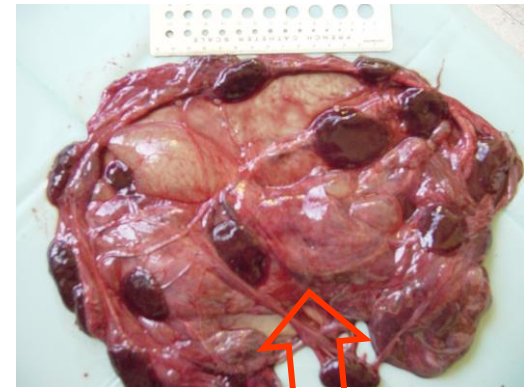
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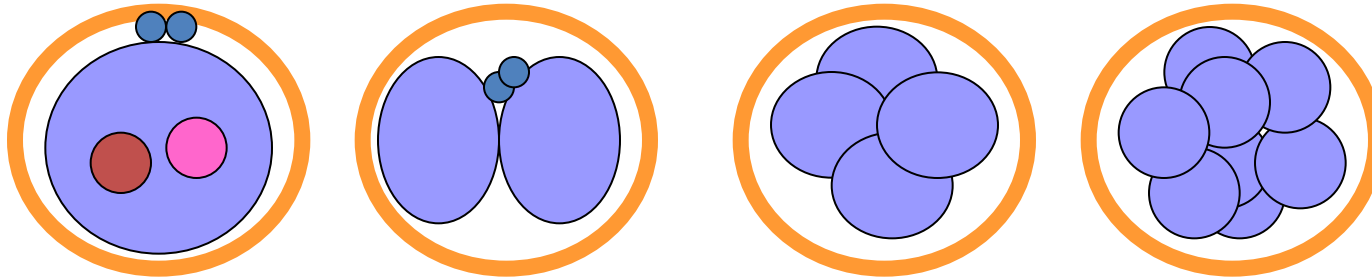
.....si può evitare il rigetto immunologico  
nel caso di trapianto embrionale  
intraspecifico?.....



Trofoblasto dà origine  
alla placenta



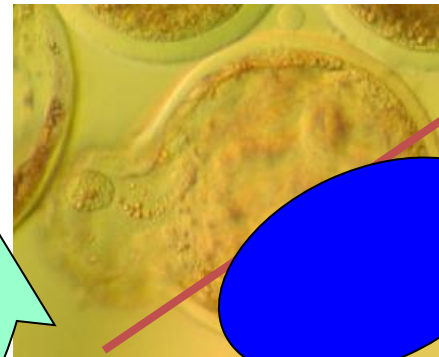
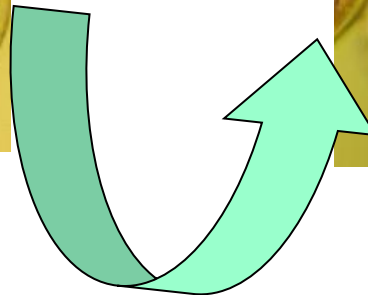
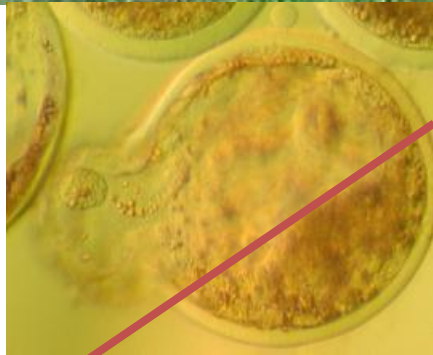
Sviluppo embrionale giorni 0-7



Bottone embrionario  
dà origine al feto



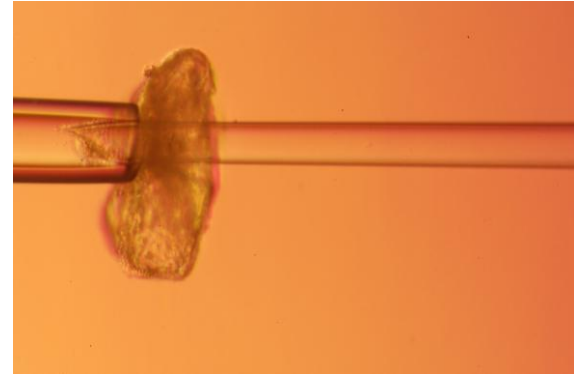
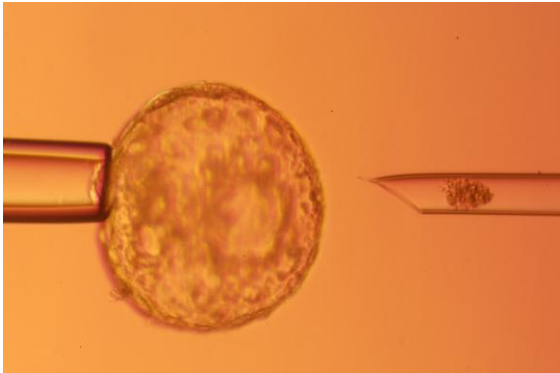
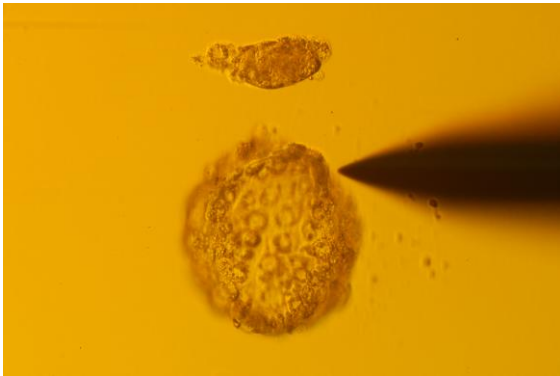
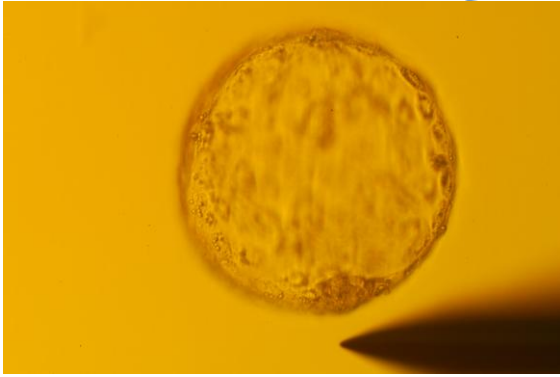
Si può trasferire un embrione di daino  
Nell'utero di una pecora?





# Microchirurgia per il trapianto del bottone embrionario

Loi P. et al., Trends in Biotechnology 2007



# Scambio di trofoblasto tra blastocisti di pecora

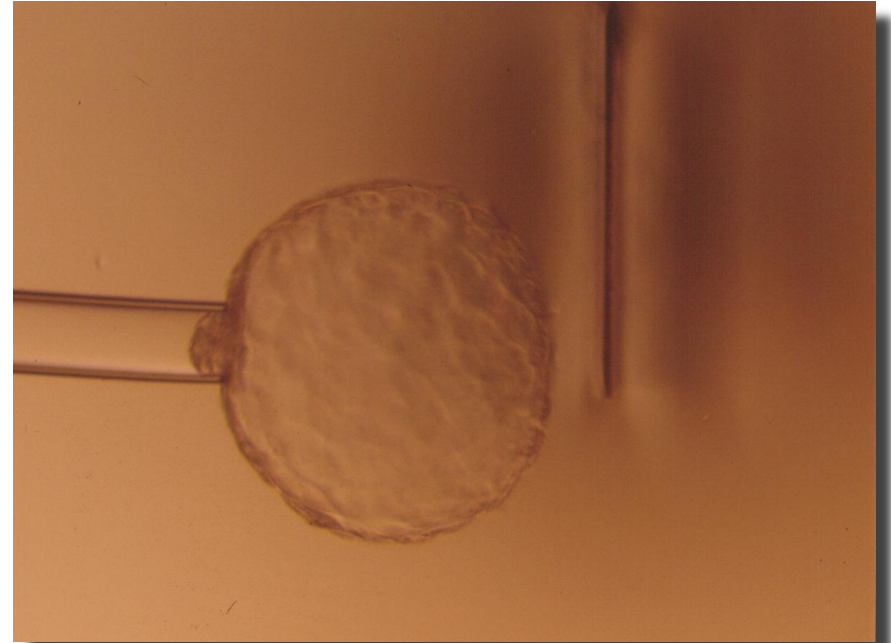
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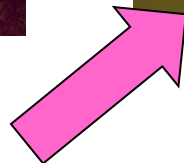
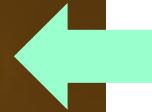
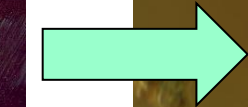
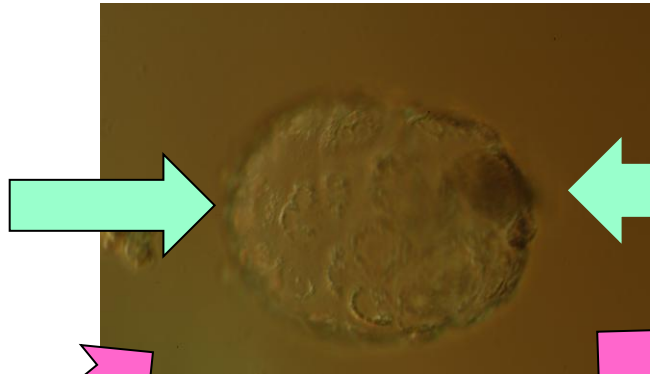
7 blastocisti ricostruite  
trasferite su riceventi sincrone



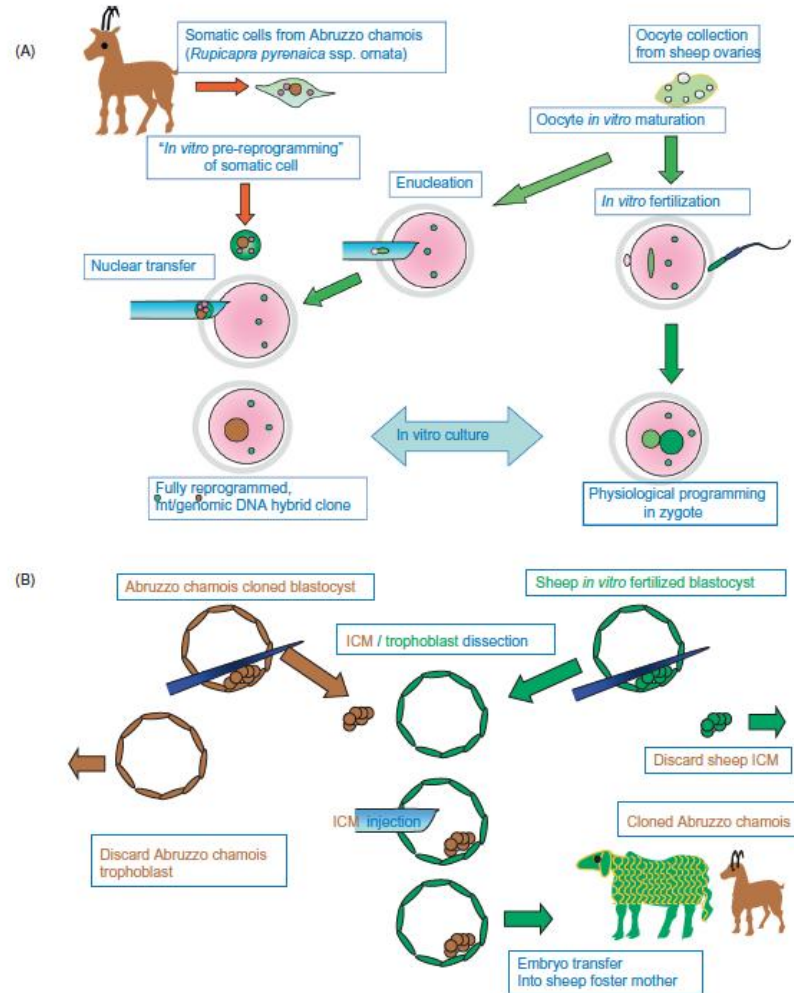
3 agnelli nati



# Blastocisti al giorno 7 di sviluppo



....il sogno.....



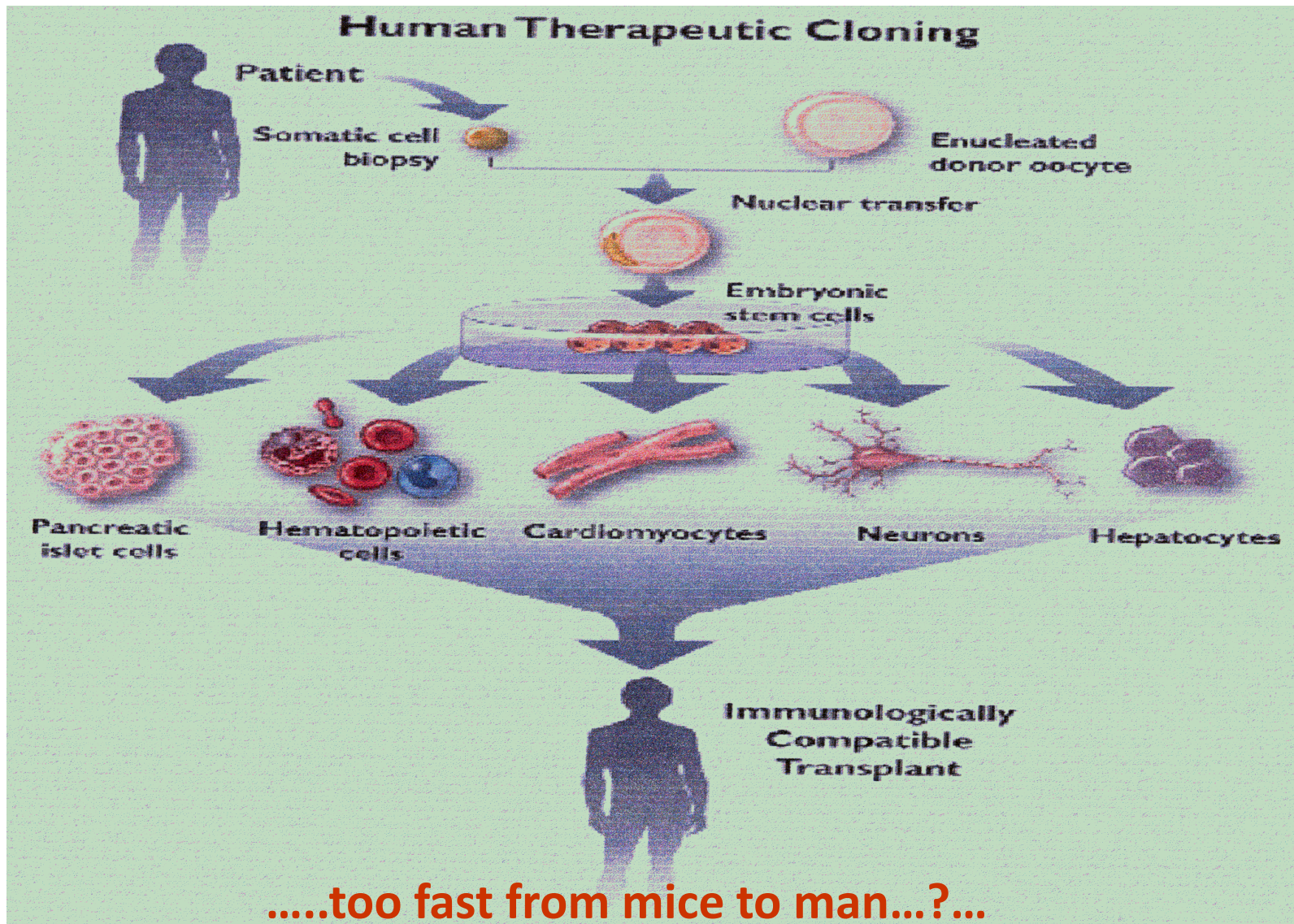
**FIGURE 28.2** "Idealized" procedure for cloning endangered animals (A) Step 1: nuclear transfer. (B) Step 2: ICM-trophoblast exchange and interspecies embryo transfer. ICM, inner cell mass.

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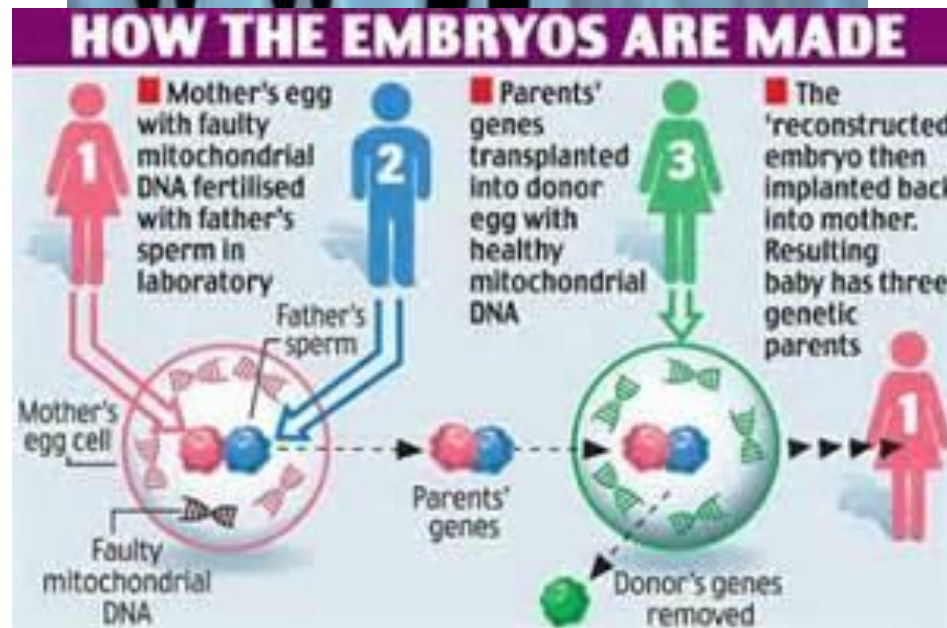
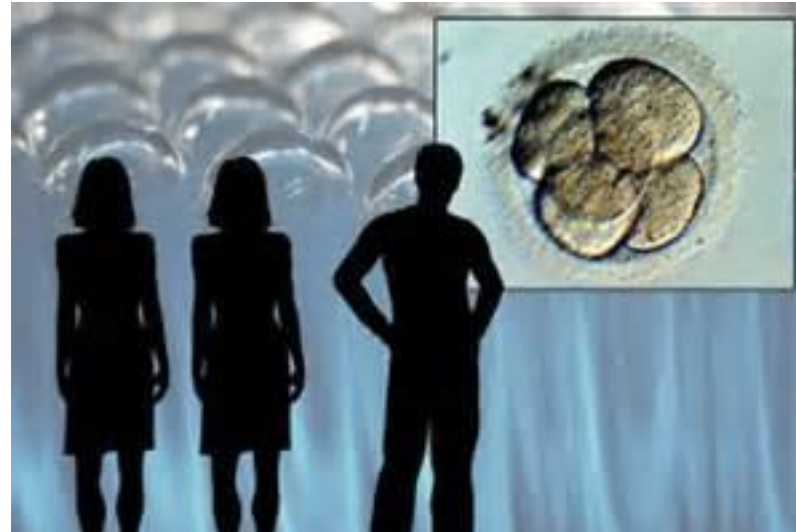
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# “Three parents” babies....?

## Prevenzione patologie dovute a mutazioni del DNA mitocondriale



Micromanipulation for Cytoplasmic exchange

Oocyte with mutated mtDNA



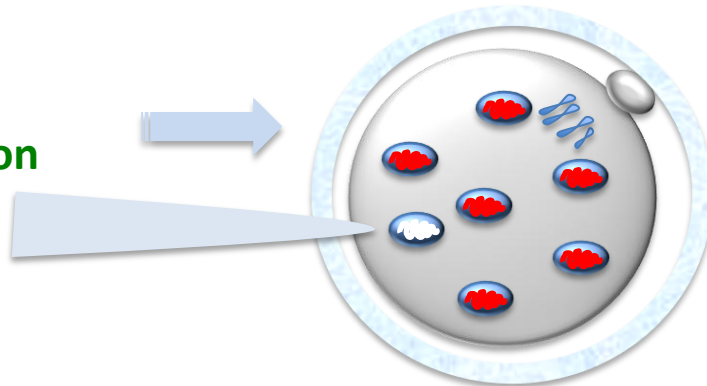
“Healthy” oocyte



Cytoplasm aspiration



Cytoplasm injection



Heteroplasmic oocyte

# Micromanipulation for MII transfer

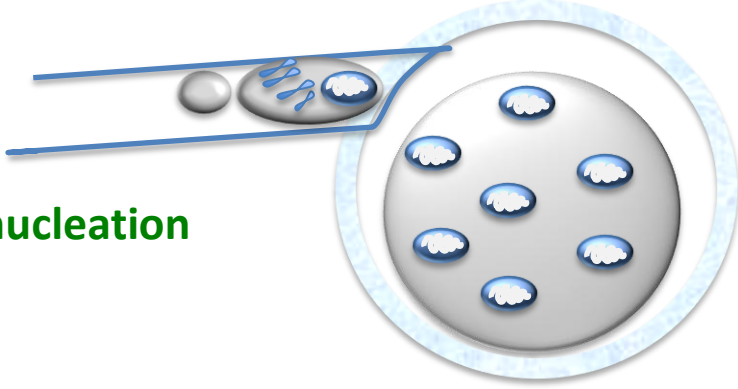
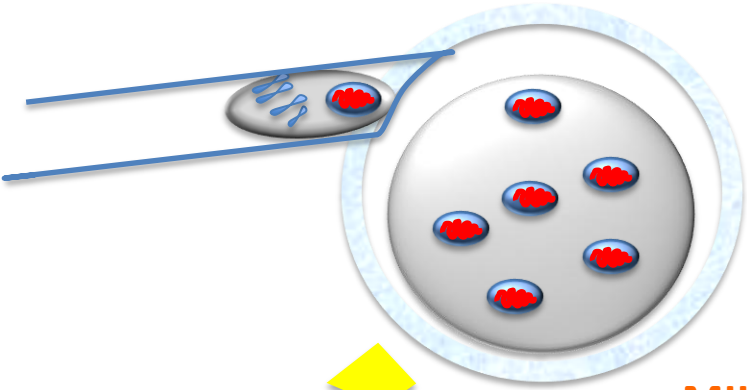
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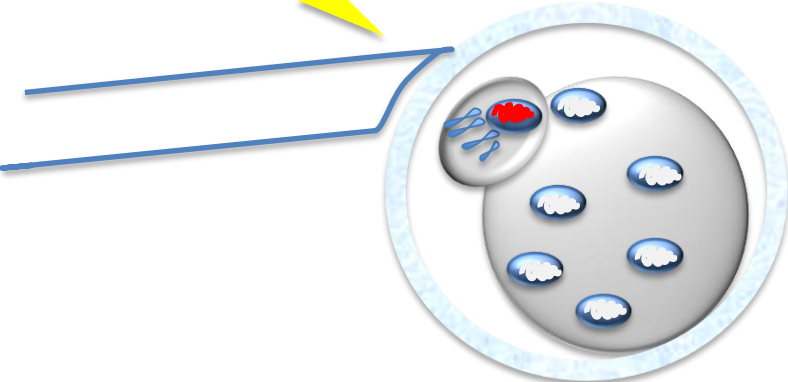
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Enucleation



MTT transfer & electrofusion

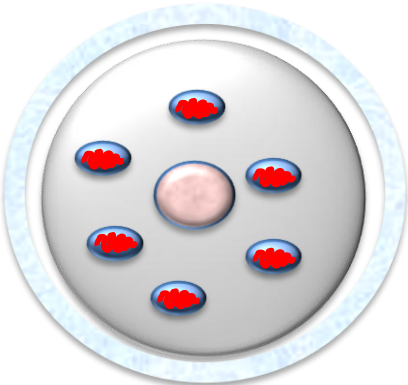


Heteroplasmic, “cured” oocyte



# Micromanipulation for GV Exchange

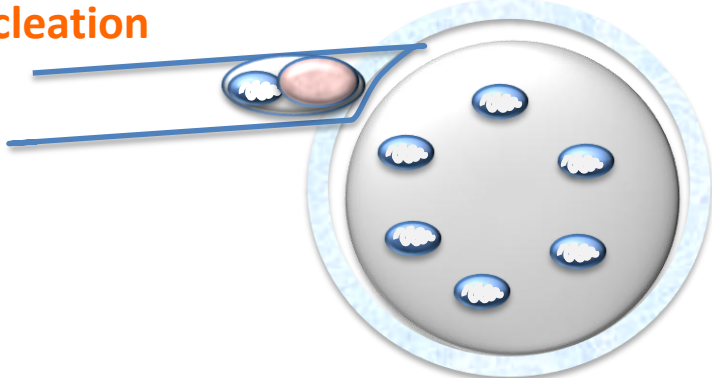
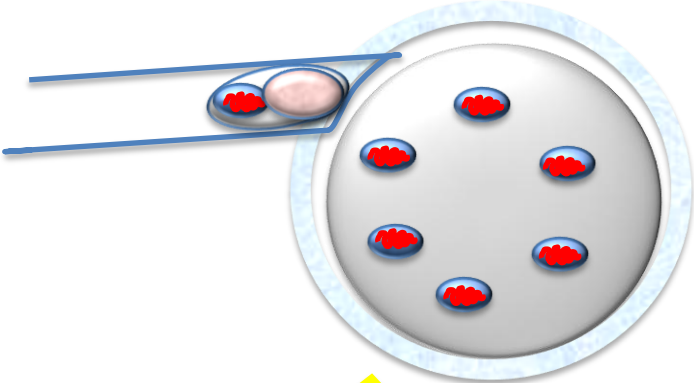
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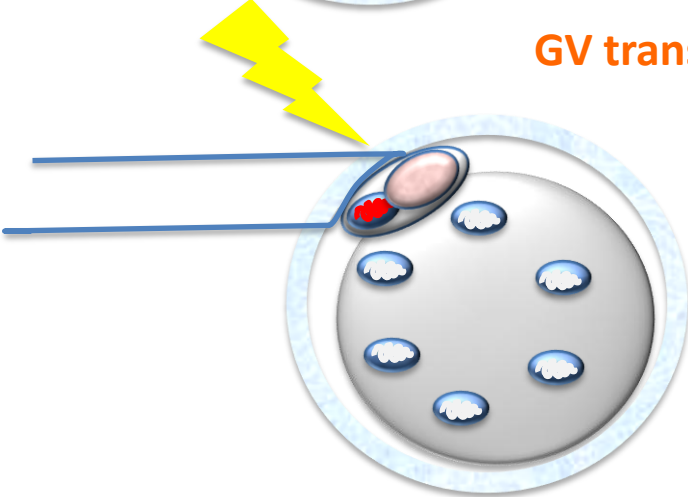
“Healthy” oocyte



## Enucleation



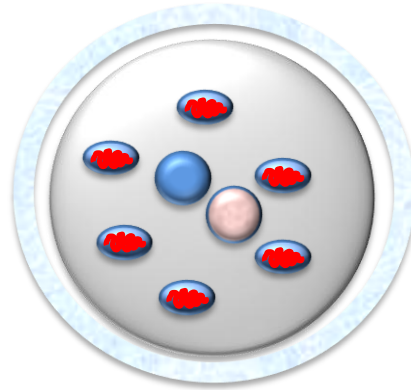
## GV transfer and electrofusion



Heteroplasmic, “cured” oocyte

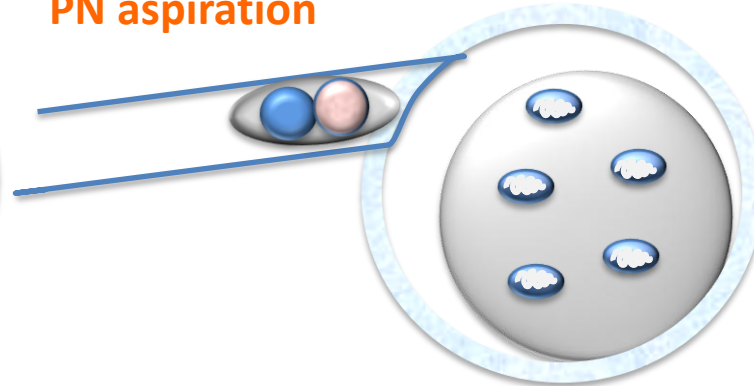
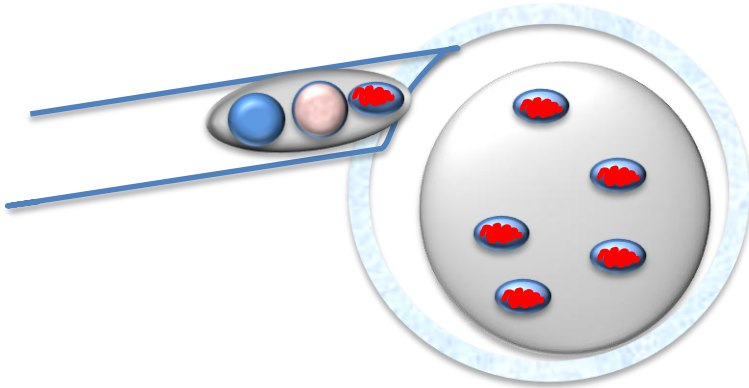
## Micromanipulation for PN exchange

Zygote with  
mutated mtDNA

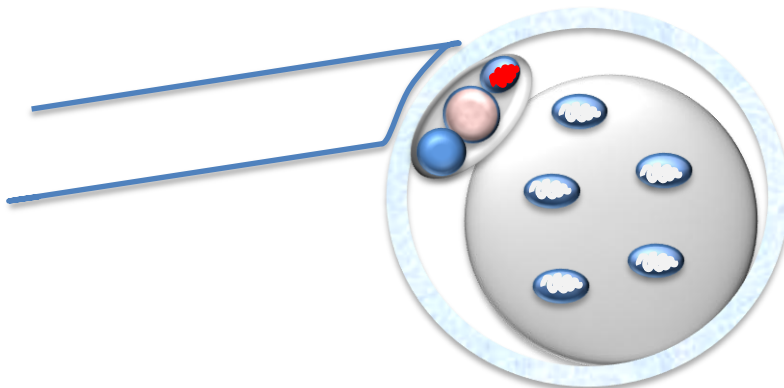


“Healthy” zygote

PN aspiration

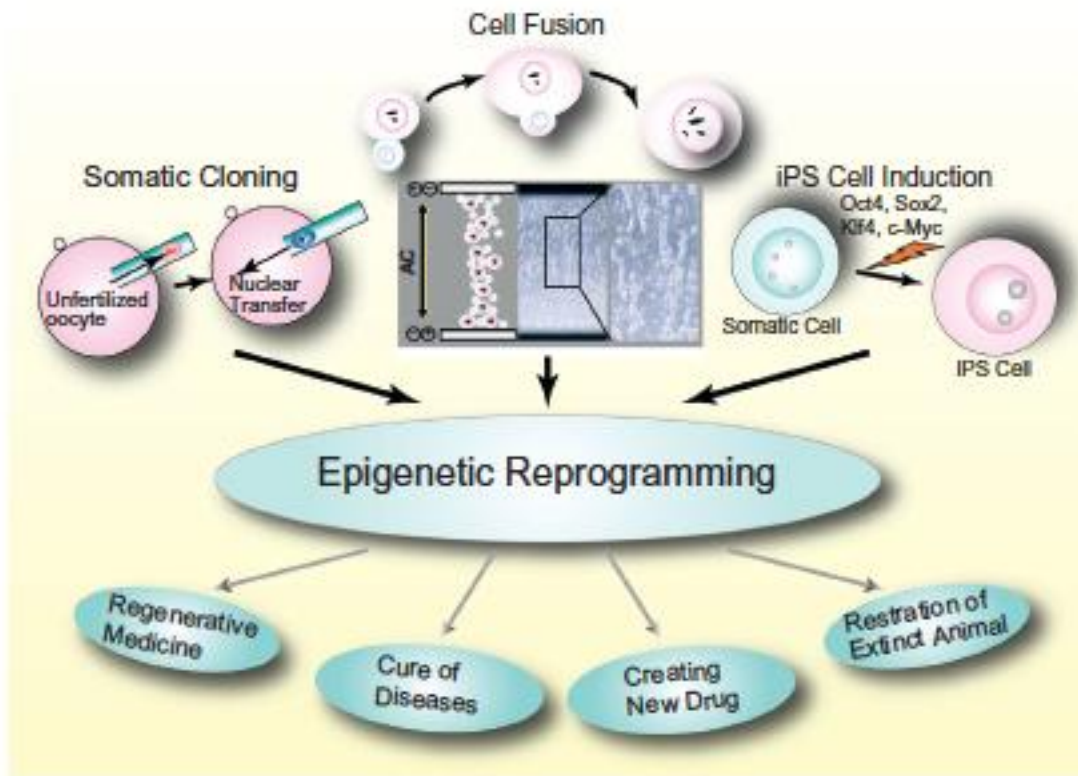


PN transfer & electrofusion



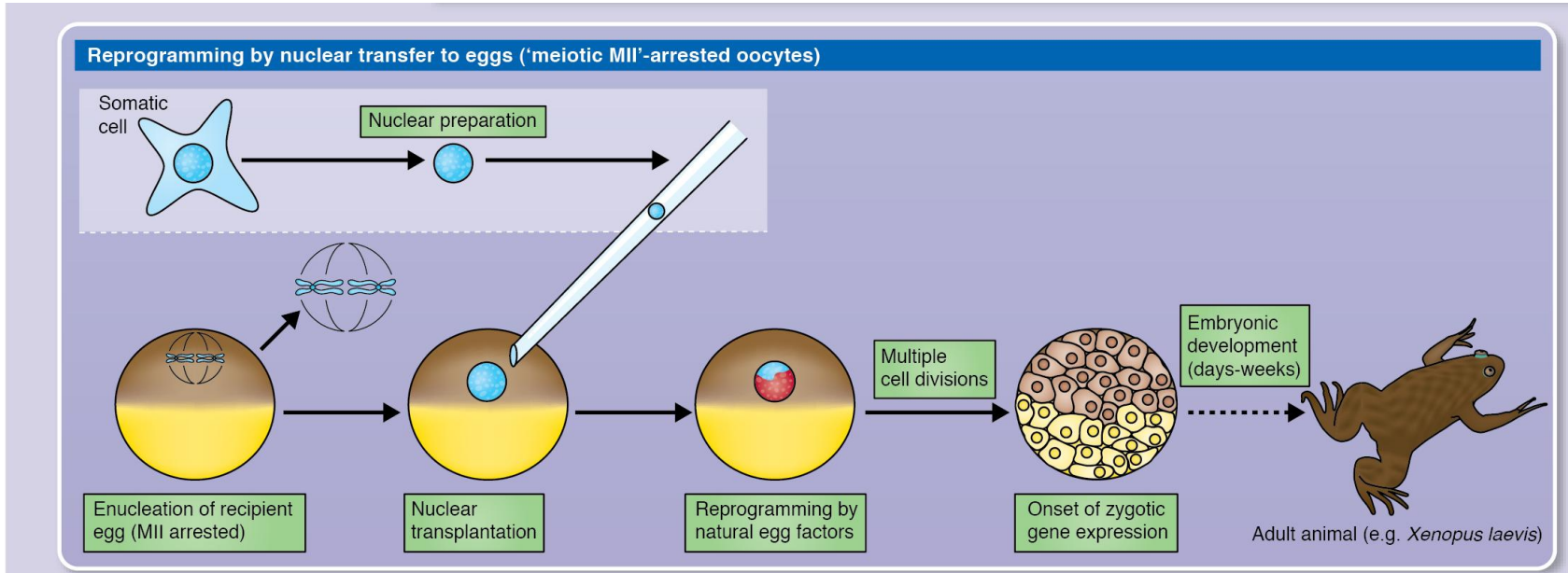
Heteroplasmic,  
“cured” zygote

# Altre opzioni per indurre la riprogrammazione nucleare (nuclear remodelling)



**FIGURE 2.1** Epigenetic reprogramming by somatic cloning, cell fusion, and iPS cell induction. Somatic cloning is a technique for generating cloned animals, while iPS cell induction is a technique for generating pluripotent stem cells *in vitro*. The technology of epigenetic reprogramming can contribute not only to regenerative medicine but also to many other subjects, including the cure of diseases, diagnosis of diseases, screening of drugs, and restoration of extinct animals.

## Riprogrammazione con trapianto nucleare su oocita (canonico)



Riprogrammazione indotta da fattori fisiologici dell'oocita: alta efficienza

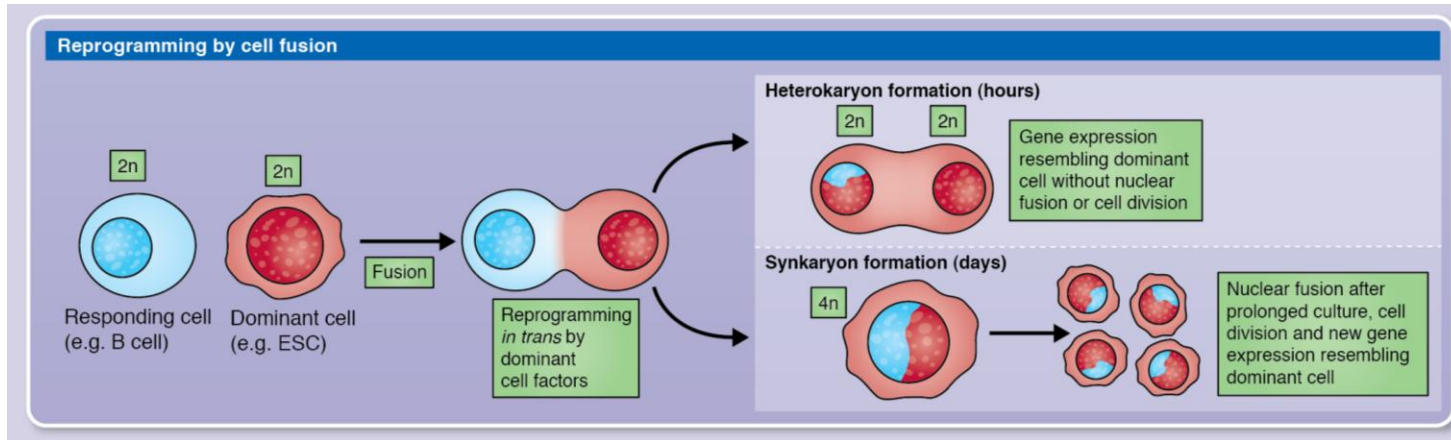
Riprogrammazione sino a sviluppo embrionale, comprese ICM cells (stem cells): alta

Riprogrammazione sino a sviluppo a termine (nati): bassa, alta incidenza anomalie epigenetiche

Impegno tecnico e costi: basso

Applicazioni : clonazione riproduttiva, clonazione terapeutica (isolamento stem cells Per terapia rigenerativa), modelli sperimentali

# Riprogrammazione mediante fusione cellulare: stem cell + cellula differenziata

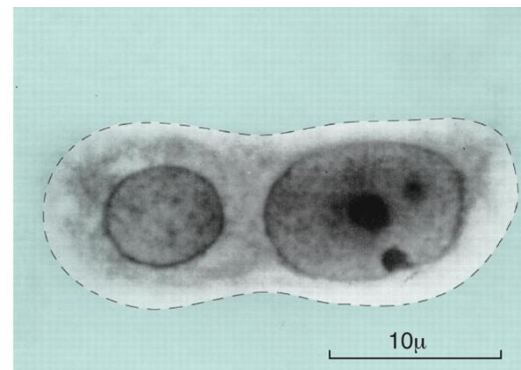
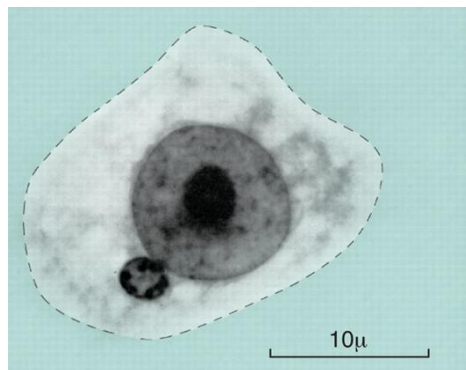


**Fusione indotta con glicole etilenico**

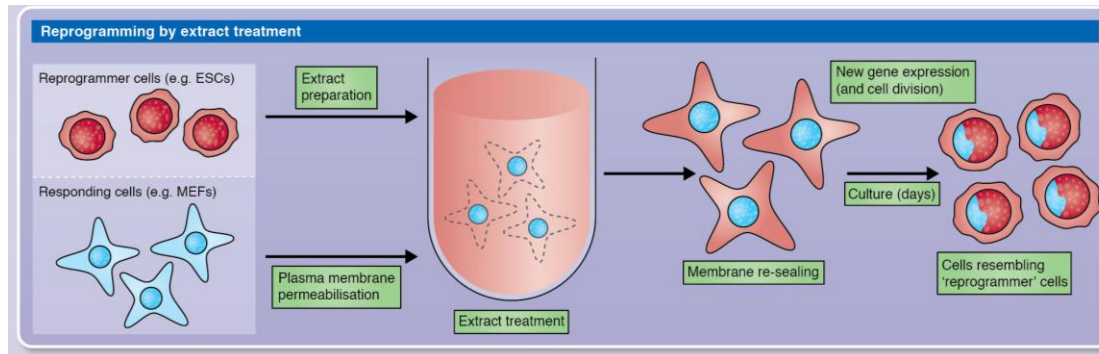
**Riprogrammazione in trans da fattori di staminalità della stem cells**

**Impegno tecnico e costi: basso**

**Applicazioni: cellule tetraploidi alla fine del processo, solo ricerca di base**



## Riprogrammazione con estratti cellulari (Philippe Collas, 2006)



**Esposizione di cellule differenziate (previa permeabilizzazione membrane con streptolisina O) a estratti di stem cells**

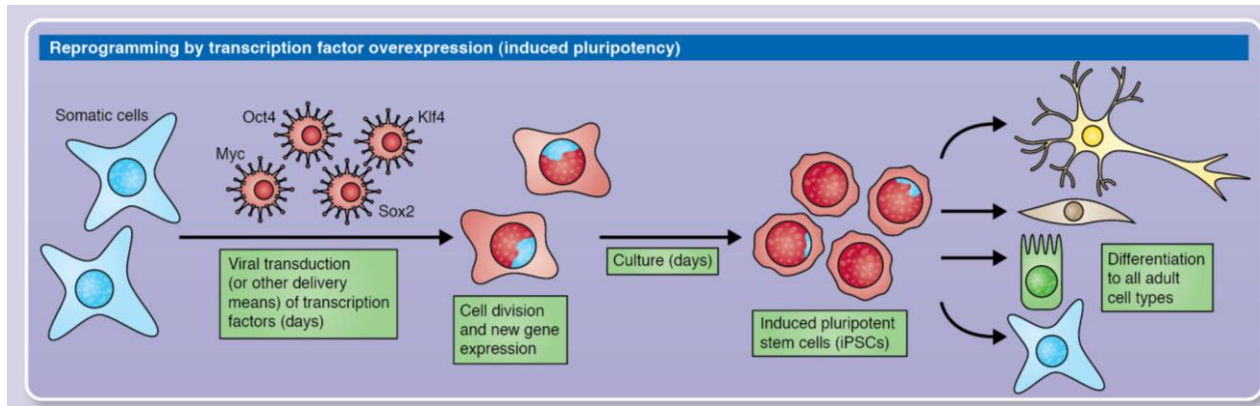
**Riprogrammazione in trans dovuta a mRNA di geni pluripotenti e loro prodotti**

**Efficienza: bassa**

**Impegno tecnico e costi: tecnicamente molto complessa, basso costo**

**Applicazioni: ricerca di base**

## Inducible pluripotent cells (IPS); Yamanaka, 2006



**Riprogrammazione indotta da geni di pluripotenza: Oct4, Sox2, C-Myc, Klf4**

**Efficienza di riprogrammazione: bassa**

**Riprogrammazione sino a generare nati: si, solo con chimerismo, molto bassa**

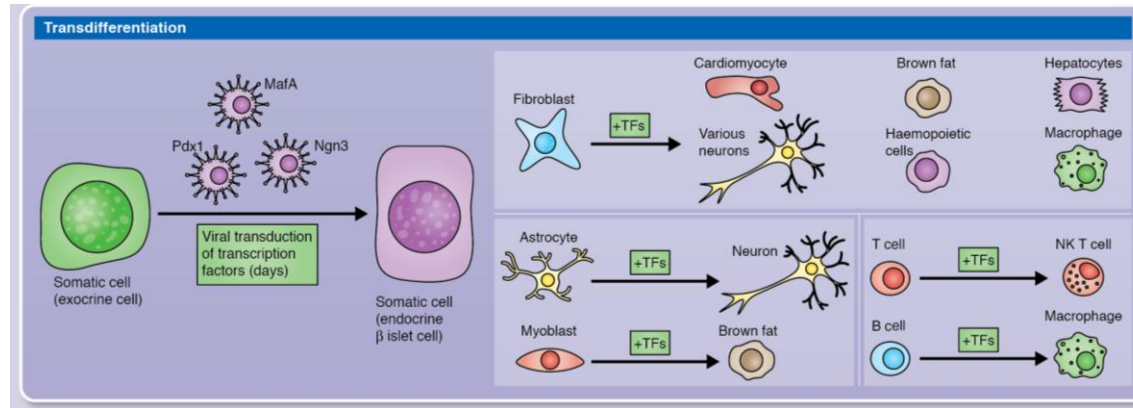
**Impegno tecnico: alto**

**Rischi: C-Myc potenziale carcinogeno, le IPS integrano i quattro vettori nel genoma, Alterazioni della metilazione**

**Applicazioni: terapia rigenerativa (\*\*\*), drug screening, modelli di patologia**

**Per terapia degenerativa: nessun transgene, si usa mRNA o i prodotti dei geni Oct4, Sox2, C-Myc, Klf4**

# Riprogrammazione per “Trans-differenziazione”



**Transformazione di una cellule differenziata in un'altra di derivazione embrionale  
Diversa mediante transfezione di costrutti (virali) codificanti per fattori di trascrizione  
Tessuto-specifici**

**Efficienza: abbastanza alta**

**Impegno tecnico e costi: alto**

**Applicazioni: medicina rigenerativa, ricerca di base**



# Premio Nobel 2012 per la medicina a John Gurdon e Yamanaka

IPS



Nuclear Transfer

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPvidAvzmx0>