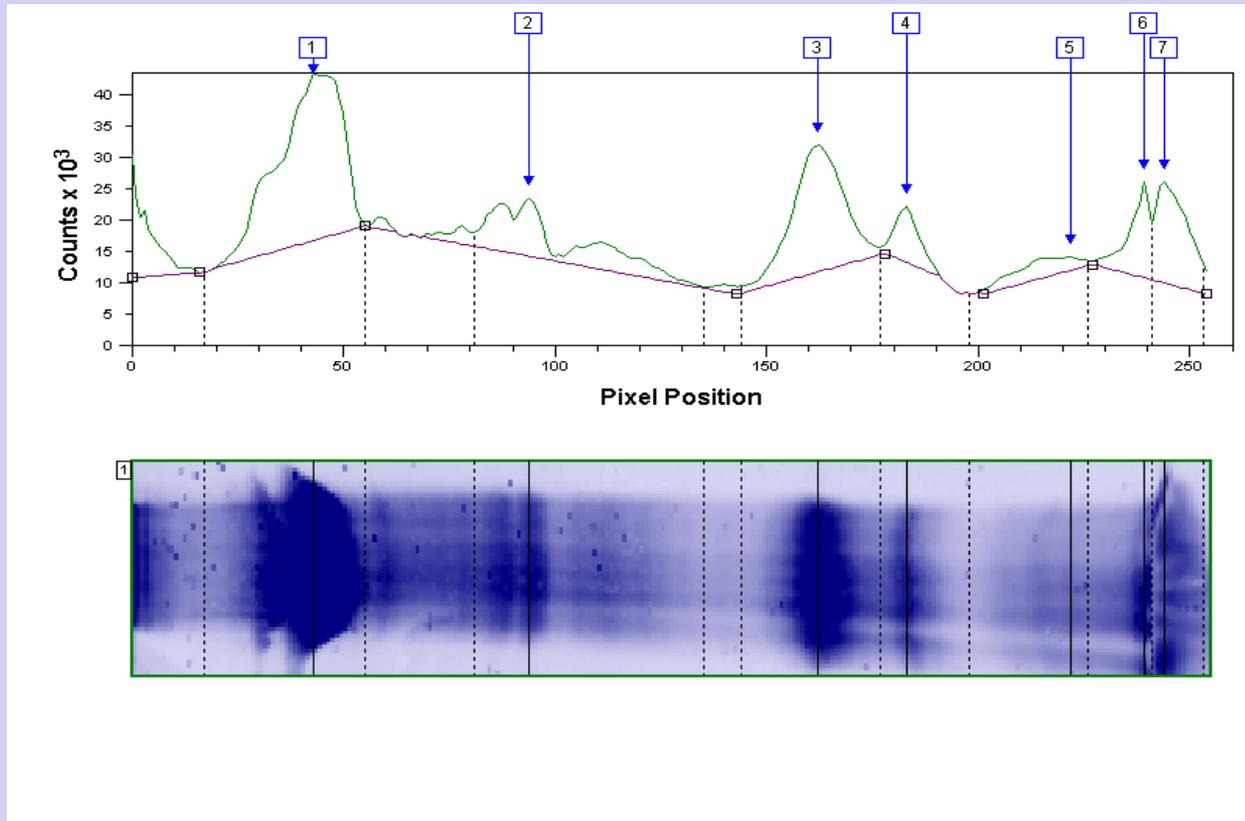


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**The Role of Differentiation Factors in  
Cancer and Degenerative Diseases**

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# MOLECULAR WEIGHT OF DIFFERENT PROTEINS PRESENT IN ZEBRAFISH EMBRYO DURING GASTRULATION PERIOD



- 1) 37% molecular weight of about 97KDa
- 2) 14.6% molecular weight of about 45 KDa
- 3+4) 27.4% molecular weight of about 30-25 KDa
- 5) 4% molecular weight of about 20 KDa
- 6+7) 14% molecular weight of about 14 KDa

**Table 1****List of protein identified using the nano LC-ESI-Q-TOF in Zebrafish embryo at midle-blastula-gastrula stage**

<b>Accession</b>	<b>Protein Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Molecular Weight</b>	<b>pI calculated</b>	<b>Sequence coverage</b>
gi 166795887	vitellogenin 1 precursor	1108	150308	8,68	19
gi 94733730	vitellogenin 1	1039	149825	8,74	21
gi 94733733	novel protein similar to vitellogenin 1 (vg1)	913	149828	8,92	19
gi 94733734	novel protein similar to vitellogenin 1 (vg1)	835	150550	8,83	16
gi 145337918	Vtg1 protein	780	116965	9,07	18
gi 94733731	novel protein similar to vitellogenin 1 (vg1)	762	149911	8,84	19
gi 94732723	novel protein similar to vitellogenin 1 (vg1)	745	147826	8,73	17
gi 159155252*	Zgc:136383 protein	720	124413	8,78	17
gi 68448530	vitellogenin 5	559	149609	8,77	13
gi 92097636	Zgc:136383	402	28924	9,33	36
gi 63100501	Vtg1 protein	345	36580	9,23	28
gi 57864789	vitellogenin 7	341	24490	8,37	40
gi 57864783	vitellogenin 4	334	31304	9,48	27
gi 113678458	vitellogenin 2 isoform 1 precursor	323	181208	8,70	11
gi 125857991	Zgc:136383 protein	171	149328	8,93	9
gi 15209312*	procollagen type I alpha 2 chain	169	147826	9,35	4
gi 57864779	vitellogenin 2	122	69906	7,84	8
gi 11118642	vitellogenin 3 precursor	117	140477	6,92	2
gi 30327889	vitellogenin 6	73	151677	8,84	4

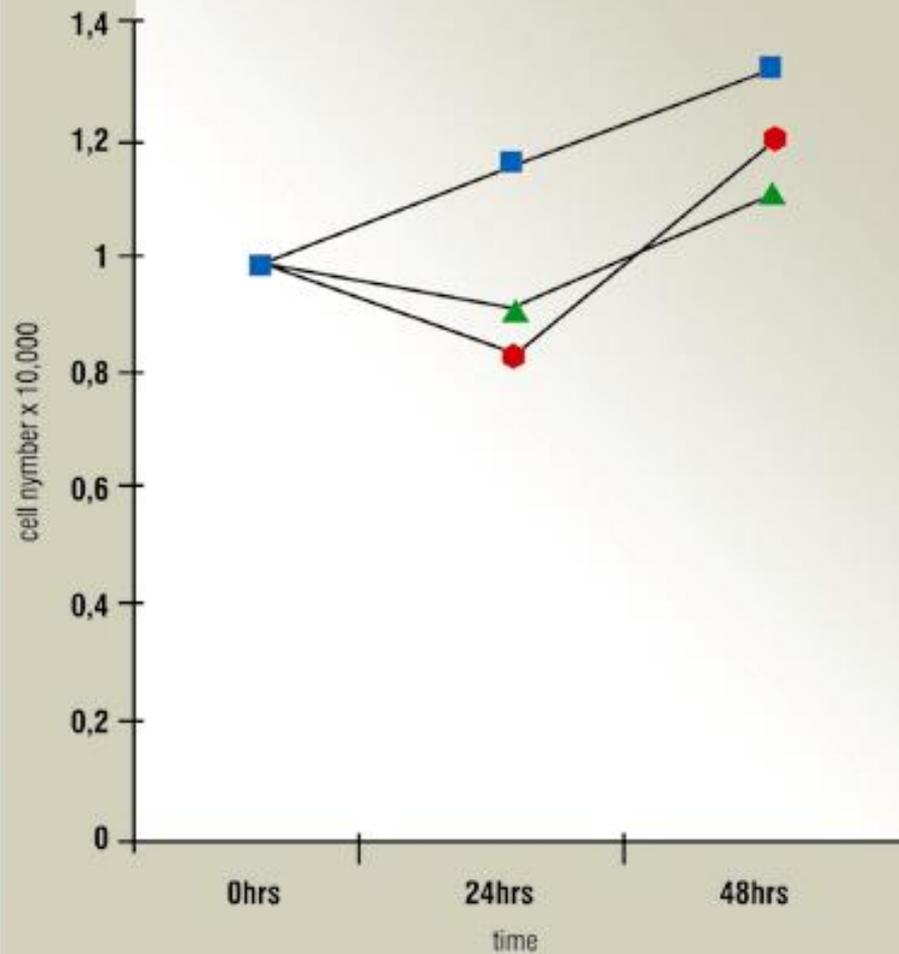
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Accession	Protein Name	Score	Molecular Weight	pl calculated	Sequence coverage
gi 13242157 *	egg envelope protein ZP2 variant A	71	48194	6,04	5
gi 6644111 *	nucleoside diphosphate kinase-Z1	69	17397	7,77	14
gi 18859071*	nucleoside diphosphate kinase 3	69	19558	7,68	7
gi 126632622*	novel prot. cont. a galactose binding lectin domain	67	19245	9,33	13
gi 66773080 *	mitochondrial ATP synthase beta subunit-like	66	55080	5,25	4
gi 38541767*	Ppia protein	60	19745	9,30	13
gi 1865782	HSC70 protein	58	71473	5,18	2
gi 28279108	heat shock protein 8	58	71382	5,32	4
gi 41152402*	histone H2B 3	49	13940	10,31	11
gi 41393113*	collagen, type I, alpha 1b precursor	46	137815	5,39	4
gi 94732492 *	ras homolog gene family, member F	46	24035	9,00	6
gi 47778620 *	tryptophan hydroxylase D2	45	55686	6,56	1
gi 68448517 *	zona pellucida glycoprotein 3.2 precursor	44	47365	4,92	2
gi 326677766 *	PREDICTED: RIMS-binding protein 2-like	41	138659	5,86	0
gi 112419298	Vtg3 protein	40	60622	6,32	2
gi 54400406 *	glutaredoxin 3	39	36541	5,18	11
gi 41152400*	peptidylprolyl isomerase A, like	37	17763	8,26	7

Ions score is  $-10 \cdot \log(P)$ , where P is the probability that the observed match is a random event.

Individual ions scores > 36 indicate identity or extensive homology ( $p < 0.05$ ).

Protein scores are derived from ions scores as a non-probabilistic basis for ranking protein hits.

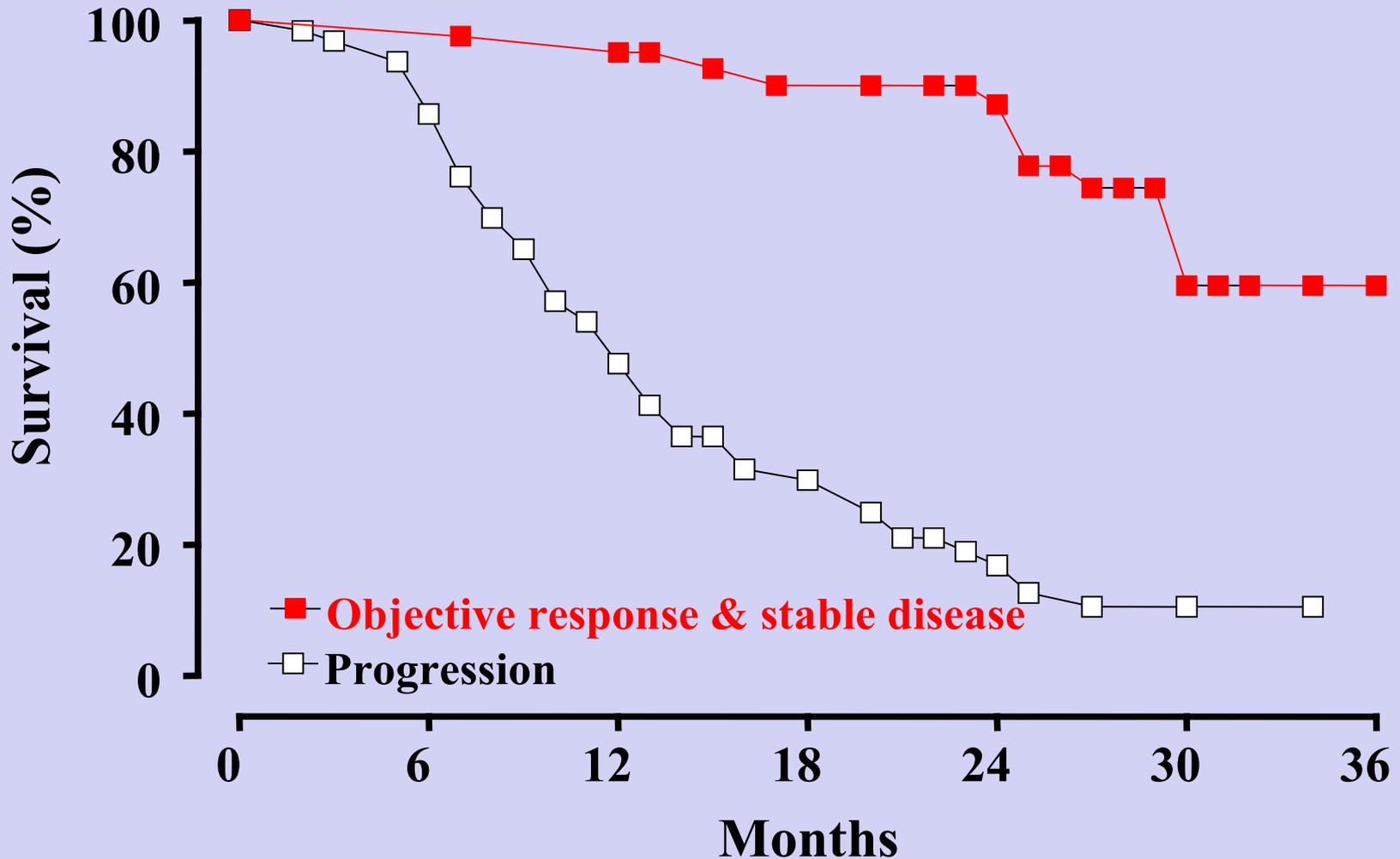


**Fig.12**

Cell proliferation curve of Breast carcinoma after the treatment with zebrafish embryonic proteins.

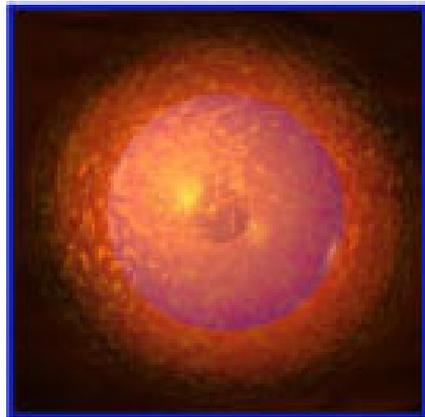
- control cells.
- ▲ stage II (5 somites) treated cells.
- stage III (20 somites) treated cells

# Treatment with stem cell differentiation stage factors of intermediate-advanced HCC: an open randomized clinical trial.



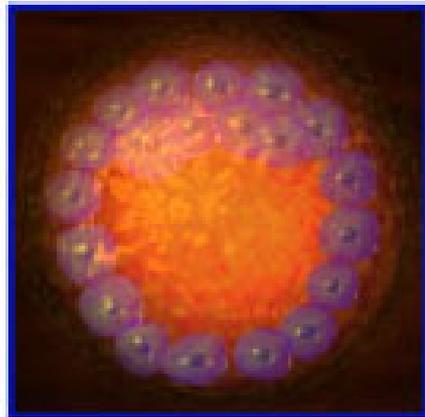
## Stem cells – a definition

- Undifferentiated cells that give rise to all of the body's cells and organs. Three sources of stem cells: embryonic, adult and fetal. Research performed on humans and in animal models.
- Capacity for self-renewal: through repeated cell division, every stem cell can form two identical copies of itself
- ... and multipotency: stem cells can form progeny that can differentiate, i.e. develop into one of the different types of cells that comprise the living organism
- In principle, each one of the human body's 200 different cell types can be cultured from a single immature stem cell.
- Research performed on different tissue types: Hematopoietic (blood); Neural (brain); Mesenchymal (connective tissue, muscles, blood vessels)



Single Cell Embryo

*Totipotent*



5-7 Day Embryo

Embryonic Stem (ES) Cells  
*Pluripotent*



Infant



Adult

“Adult” Stem Cells  
*Multipotent*

Cord Blood Stem Cells  
Placental Stem Cells  
*Multipotent*

# Special characteristics of stem cells

- **Self-renewal** (proliferation)- the ability of a stem cell to clone itself indefinitely by cell division.
- **Asymmetric cell division – more to come**
- **Relocation and Differentiation** are abilities of stem cells to “migrate” to where they’re needed in the body and specialize into a particular type of mature cell

# Stem cell division and differentiation

## LEGEND

A - stem cell

B - progenitor cell

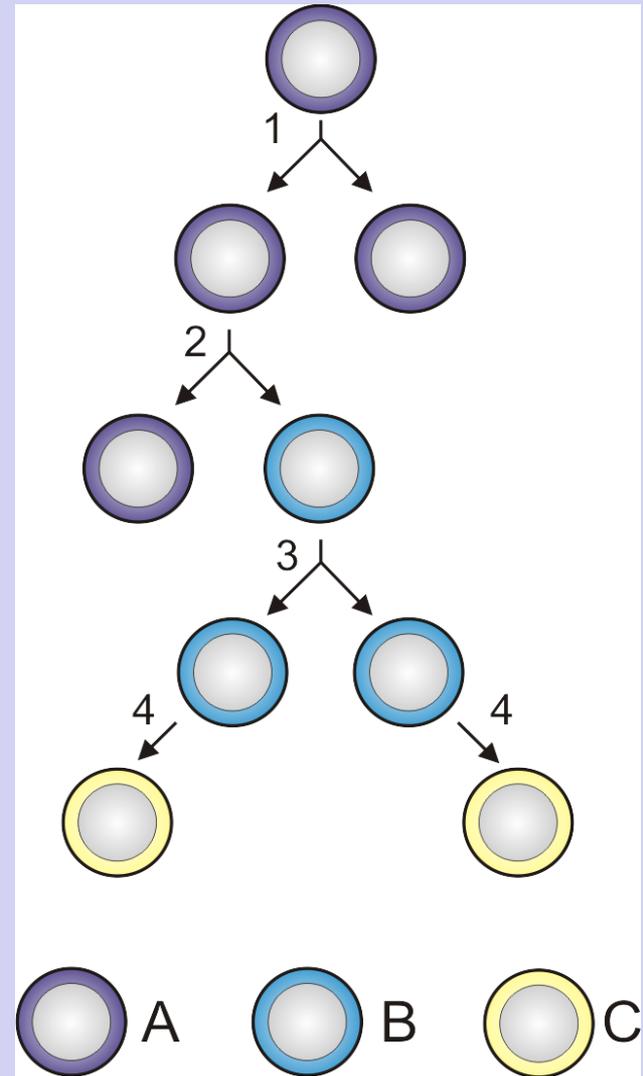
C - differentiated cell

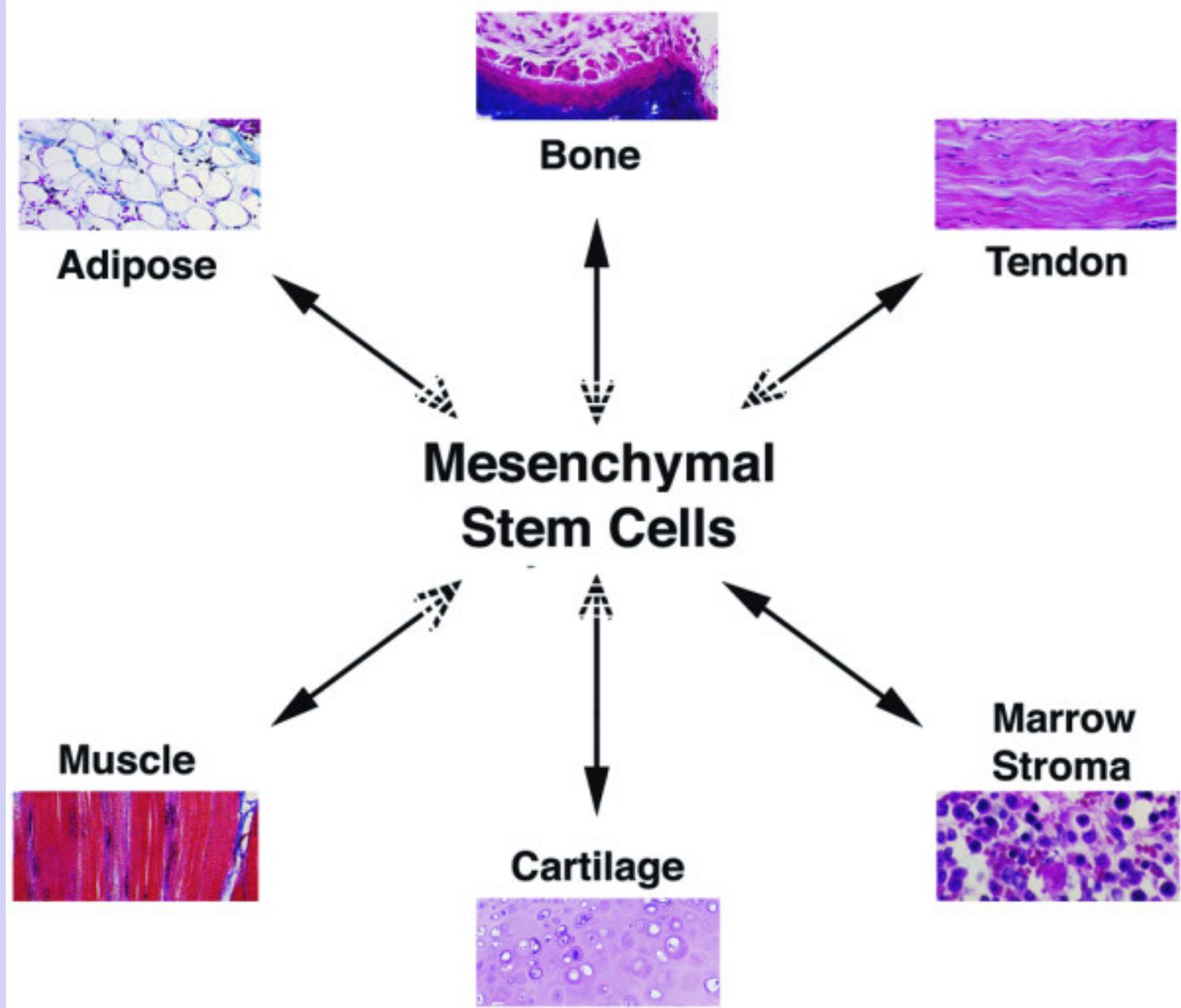
1 - symmetric stem cell  
division

2 - asymmetric stem cell  
division

3 - progenitor division

4 - terminal differentiation



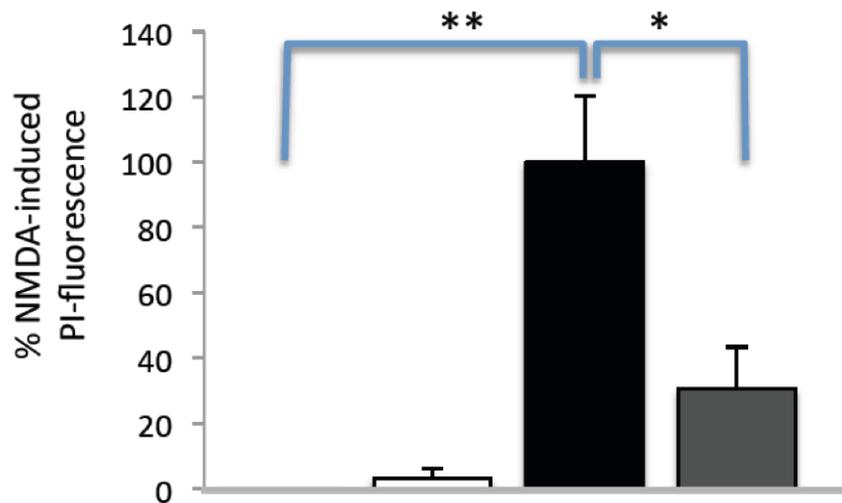
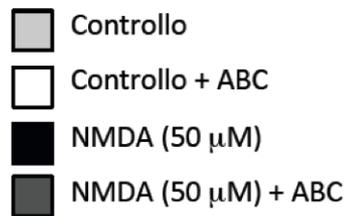
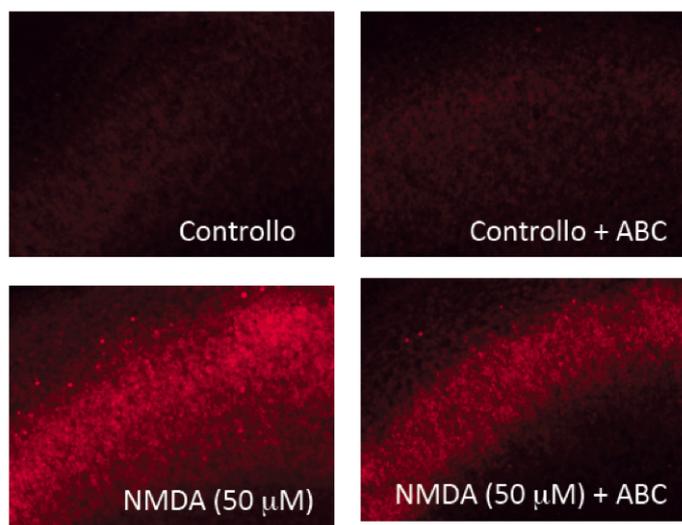


# Potential to cure a variety of diseases

- Blood cells Cancer, immunodeficiencies, inherited blood, diseases, leukaemia
- Bone cells Osteoporosis
- Cartilage cells Osteoarthritis
- Heart muscle cells Heart attacks, congestive heart failure
- Insulin-producing cells Diabetes
- Liver cells Hepatitis, cirrhosis
- Nerve cells Stroke, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis
- Retinal cells Macular degeneration
- Skeletal muscle cells Muscular dystrophy
- Skin cells Skin cells burns, wound healing

Two therapeutic approaches have been distinguished:

- Cellular therapy (i.e. cell transplantation)
- Pharmaceutical approach (signaling substances)



**Figura 2:** Immunofluorescenza con propidio ioduro dell'area CA1 dell'ippocampo 24h dopo il 1h di deprivazione da siero in presenza o assenza della miscela ABC.

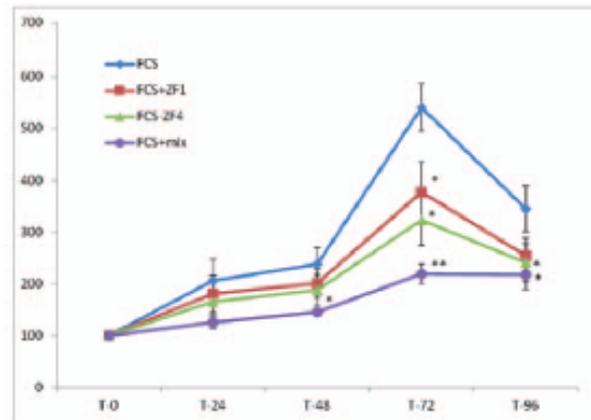


Figure 1.—Cell viability in the presence of FCS and zebrafish embryo derivative. Mean±standard error is shown; \* $P < 0.05$  vs. FCS; \*\* $P < 0.01$  vs. FCS.

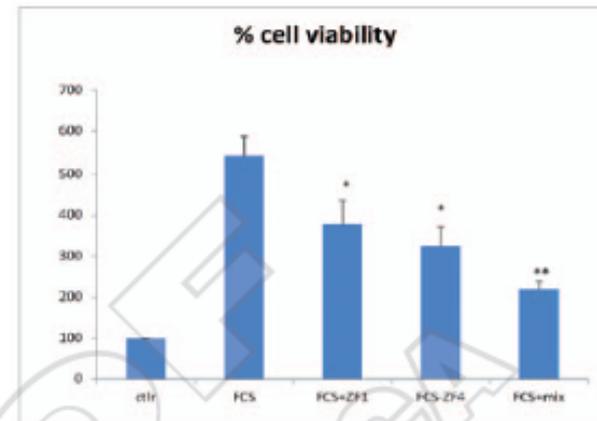


Figure 2.—Cell viability test at 72 hours following stimulation with FCS. Mean±standard error is shown; \* $P < 0.05$  vs. FCS; \*\* $P < 0.01$  vs. FCS.

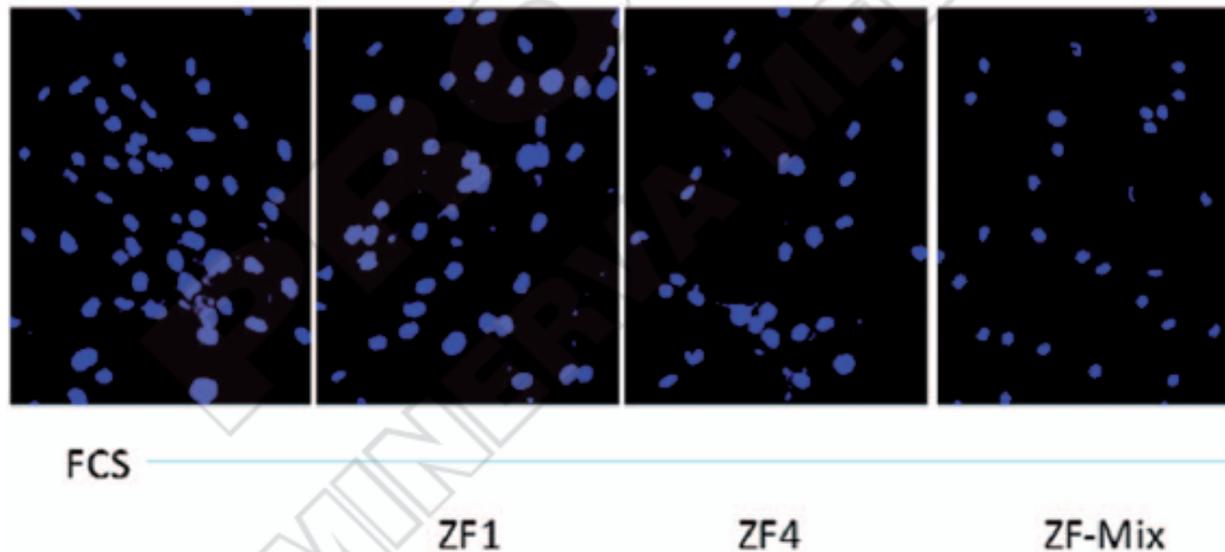
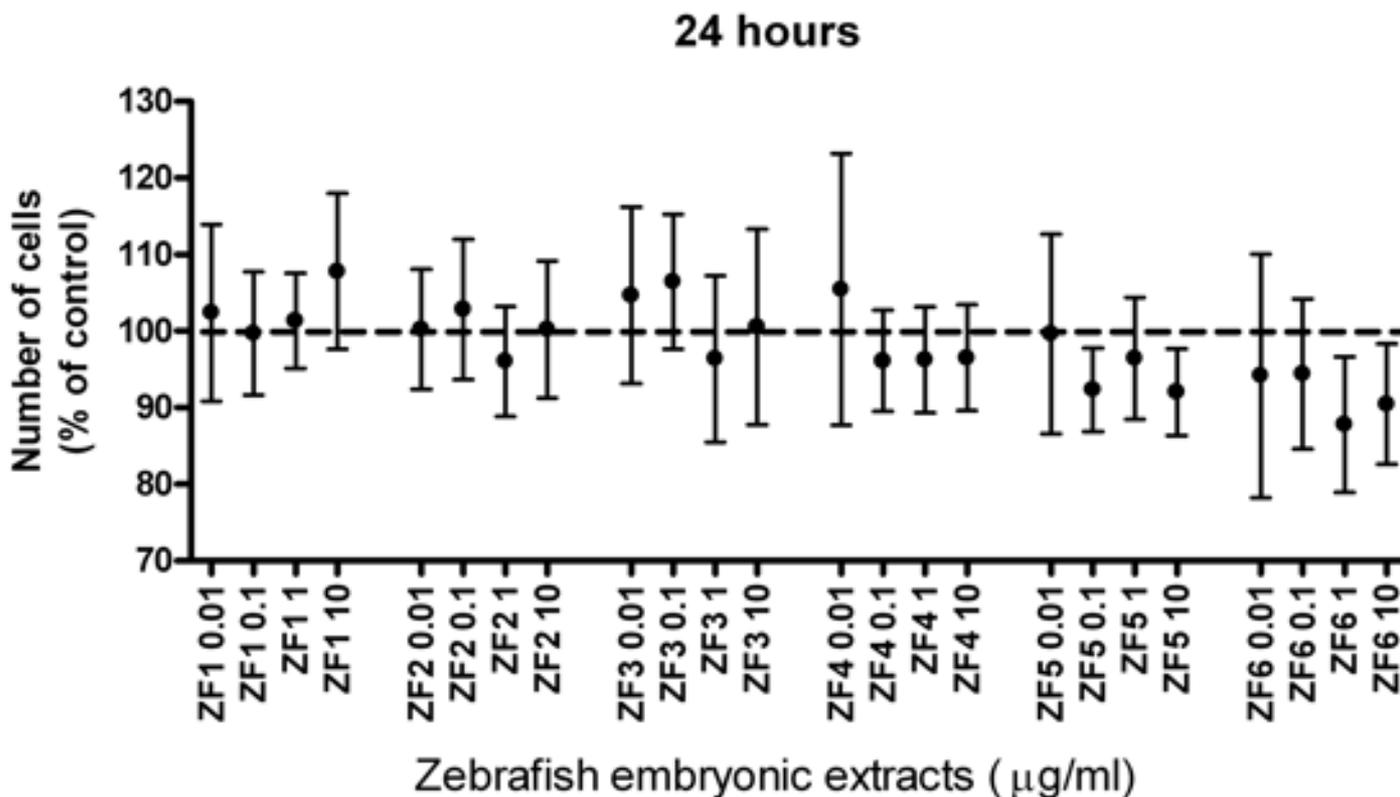


Figure 3.—Immunofluorescence through Hoescht staining.



Saggio di proliferazione:  
estratti di zebrafish: 6 fasi (ZF1-ZF6) a 4 concentrazioni,  
dopo 24 ore di trattamento

## Saggio di proliferazione



Saggio di proliferazione:  
estratti di zebrafish: 6 fasi (ZF1-ZF6) a 4 concentrazioni,  
dopo 72 ore di trattamento

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