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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor-Research, Obstetrics & Gynecology - Reproductive Biology
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute
- Member, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Co-Director PhD Program in Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine, (2017-2019)
- Director, Transgenic Knockout and Tumor Model Service (TKTC) Stanford Cancer Institute, Stanford School of Medicine, (2014- present)
- Director, Human Pluripotent Stem Cells Core Facility Stanford Institute for SCBRM, Stanford School of Medicine, (2010-2019)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Woods Family Faculty Scholar in Pediatric Translational Medicine, MCHRI, Stanford School of Medicine (2019)
- AFAR Junior Investigator Awardee, American Federation for Aging Research (2017)
- Siebel Stem Cell Institute Scholar, Stanford School of Medicine (2014)
- Postdoctoral Training Grant, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine (2009)
- Postdoctoral Training Grant, Max Planck for Molecular Biomedicine, Max Plank Institute for Molecular Biomedicine (2004)
- Honorary fellow member, Examination Board of Zoology and Developmental Biology, University of Pavia, ITALY (2001)
- Scholarship “Borsa Jacobi-Mazzocchi” for the best B.S. thesis in Applied Biomedicine, University of Pavia, ITALY (2001)

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Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Germ cells, preimplantation embryos and pluripotent stem cells at first glance seem to have nothing in common. A more careful look, though, reveals that they are very closely linked to each other. The zygote originates from the fusion of two highly specialized germ cells (the sperm and the oocyte) and

in a few days develops into a blastocyst with a pluripotent cell population (the inner cell mass). These cells diverge from the extraembryonic cells of the trophoectoderm and can give rise to embryonic stem cells, in which a perpetual pluripotent and undifferentiated state is maintained.

The correct establishment of pluripotency guarantees the correct onset of development and therefore its acquisition is a fundamental biological process; any mistake associated with it has profound impact on gestation. A detailed understanding of the mechanisms that induce and regulate pluripotency is critical for the basic understanding of fundamental developmental processes that depend from it like the onset of differentiation and cellular plasticity. This is particularly relevant in consideration of the potential clinical application of human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs).

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (PhD Program)

Publications

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