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**WORLD OF REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 54, 1-2; doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.123752

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Franco J. DeMayo, Thomas E. Spencer, and Editors-in-Chief, Biology of Reproduction

**CRISPR Bacon: A Sizzling Technique to Generate Genetically Engineered Pigs**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 79, 1-3; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.123935

[Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#)**Summary:** The cisgenic and transgenic capabilities of the CRISPR/Cas9 system provides important applications to create animal models and revolutionize all aspects of science in agriculture and human health.**Minireview** Irene I. Lee and J. Julie Kim**Influence of AKT on Progesterone Action in Endometrial Diseases**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 63, 1-10; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119255

[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Author Biosketches](#)**Summary:** This manuscript reviews studies describing increased AKT activity in endometriosis and endometrial cancer and how it dysregulates progesterone action.[Clear](#) [Get All Checked Abstracts](#)**Research Articles****Embryo** Kyung-Bon Lee, Kun Zhang, Joseph K. Folger, Jason G. Knott, and George W. Smith**Evidence Supporting a Functional Requirement of SMAD4 for Bovine Preimplantation Embryonic Development: A Potential Link to Embryotrophic Actions of Follistatin**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 62, 1-10; published ahead of print July 16, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120105

[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Supplemental Data](#)**Summary:** SMAD4 is required for bovine early embryogenesis, and embryotrophic actions of follistatin are dependent on SMAD4. Kristin M. Whitworth, Kiho Lee, Joshua A. Benne, Benjamin P. Beaton, Lee D. Spate, Stephanie L. Murphy, Melissa S. Samuel, Jiude Mao, Chad O'Gorman, Er**Use of the CRISPR/Cas9 System to Produce Genetically Engineered Pigs from In Vitro-Derived Oocytes and Embryos**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 78, 1-13; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.121723

[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Supplemental Data](#)**Summary:** The CRISPR/Cas9s system is used to induce both biallelic and homozygous mutations by both RNA injection into zygotes and somatic cell nuclear transfer at a very high efficiency in pigs. Kyle B. Dobbs, Dominic Gagné, Eric Fournier, Isabelle Dufort, Claude Robert, Jeremy Block, Marc-André Sirard, Luciano Bonilla, Alan D. Ealy, Barbara Loureir**Sexual Dimorphism in Developmental Programming of the Bovine Preimplantation Embryo Caused by Colony-Stimulating Factor 2**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 80, 1-12; published ahead of print July 30, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.121087

[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Supplemental Data](#)**Summary:** The sex of the bovine preimplantation embryo determines the developmental programming response to the embryokine CSF2.[Clear](#) [Get All Checked Abstracts](#)**Female Reproductive Tract** Alison S. Care, Wendy V. Ingman, Lachlan M. Moldenhauer, Melinda J. Jasper, and Sarah A. Robertson**Ovarian Steroid Hormone-Regulated Uterine Remodeling Occurs Independently of Macrophages in Mice**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 60, 1-12; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.113.116509

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**Summary:** In the *Cd11b-Dtr* acute macrophage depletion mouse model, removal of uterine macrophages does not impair the ovarian sex steroid hormone-driven vascular changes or proliferative response of uterine epithelial and stromal cells.

- Gracy X. Rosario, Eiichi Hondo, Jae-Wook Jeong, Rafidah Mutalif, Xiaoqian Ye, Li Xuan Yee, and Colin L. Stewart

**The LIF-Mediated Molecular Signature Regulating Murine Embryo Implantation**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 66, 1-18; published ahead of print July 16, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.118513

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**Summary:** The molecular characterization of LIF regulates the switch from a nonreceptive to a receptive uterine epithelium.

- Julie A.W. Stillley, Debora E. Christensen, Kristin B. Dahlem, Rongbin Guan, Donna A. Santillan, Sarah K. England, Ayman Al-Hendy, Patricia A. Kirby, and D. **FSH Receptor (FSHR) Expression in Human Extragonadal Reproductive Tissues and the Developing Placenta, and the Impact of Its Deletion on Pregnancy in Mice**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 74, 1-15; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.118562

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**Summary:** Follicle-stimulating hormone receptor (FSHR) expressed in specific cell types of the placenta and other extragonadal tissues of the reproductive tract plays a role in fetoplacental development.

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**Gamete Biology**

- Jolanta Guz, Daniel Gackowski, Marek Foksinski, Rafal Rozalski, and Ryszard Olinski

**Comparison of the Absolute Level of Epigenetic Marks 5-Methylcytosine, 5-Hydroxymethylcytosine, and 5-Hydroxymethyluracil Between Human Leukocytes and Sperm**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 55, 1-5; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.121541

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**Summary:** An exceptionally high value of 5-hydroxymethyluracil in sperm (>10-fold higher than in leukocytes) may play a not yet recognized regulatory role in the paternal genome.

- Federica Franciosi, Giovanni Coticchio, Valentina Lodde, Irene Tessaro, Silvia C. Modena, Rubens Fadini, Mariabeatrice Dal Canto, Mario Mignini Renzini, Davi **Natriuretic Peptide Precursor C Delays Meiotic Resumption and Sustains Gap Junction-Mediated Communication in Bovine Cumulus-Enclosed Oocytes**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 61, 1-9; published ahead of print July 30, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.118869

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**Summary:** In vitro exposure of bovine cumulus-enclosed oocytes to natriuretic peptide precursor C (NPPC) delays meiotic resumption for up to 6 h, maintains functional coupling between oocyte and cumulus cells, and increases oocyte developmental competence.

- Claudia Sánchez-Cárdenas, Martha Rocio Servín-Vences, Omar José, Claudia Lydia Treviño, Arturo Hernández-Cruz, and Alberto Darszon **Acrosome Reaction and Ca<sup>2+</sup> Imaging in Single Human Spermatozoa: New Regulatory Roles of [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub>**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 67, 1-13; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119768

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**Summary:** A novel strategy to monitor, concurrently, acrosome reaction and calcium in living human spermatozoa reveals two opposing roles of calcium.

- Sara Scantland, Irene Tessaro, Carolina H. Macabelli, Angus D. Macaulay, Gaël Cagnone, Éric Fournier, Alberto M. Luciano, and Claude Robert **The Adenosine Salvage Pathway as an Alternative to Mitochondrial Production of ATP in Maturing Mammalian Oocytes**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 75, 1-11; published ahead of print July 30, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120931

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**Summary:** The mammalian oocyte utilizes an alternate route for its energy production by recuperating the residuum from the degradation of the key compound that prevents meiosis resumption, namely, cyclic-AMP, by using the adenosine salvage pathway to transform AMP into ATP.

- Zamira Gibb, Sarah R. Lambourne, and Robert J. Aitken

**The Paradoxical Relationship Between Stallion Fertility and Oxidative Stress**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 77, 1-10; published ahead of print July 30, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.118539

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**Summary:** Markers of fertility in Thoroughbred stallion spermatozoa are influenced by the production of reactive oxygen species due to oxidative phosphorylation being the primary mechanism for ATP production.

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#### Mechanisms of Hormone Action

- Haijun Gao, Daniel A. Liebenthal, Uma Yallampalli, and Chandra Yallampalli  
**Adrenomedullin Promotes Rat Trophoblast Stem Cell Differentiation**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 65, 1-6; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120378

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**Summary:** Adrenomedullin promotes but not induces trophoblast stem cell differentiation, and the stimulatory effect of ADM on TSC differentiation is mediated by ADM receptor consisting of CALCRL and RAMP2 and phosphorylation of MTOR.

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#### Ovary

- Svetlana Farberov and Rina Meidan  
**Functions and Transcriptional Regulation of Thrombospondins and Their Interrelationship with Fibroblast Growth Factor-2 in Bovine Luteal Cells**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 58, 1-10; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.121020

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**Summary:** The proapoptotic and antiangiogenic properties of THBS1, coupled with its ability to inhibit FGF2 expression and activity, may be decisive for luteal regression.

- Sudipta Dutta, Connie J. Mark-Kappeler, Patricia B. Hoyer, and Melissa E. Pepling  
**The Steroid Hormone Environment During Primordial Follicle Formation in Perinatal Mouse Ovaries**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 68, 1-12; published ahead of print July 30, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119214

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**Summary:** Fetal mouse ovaries produce steroid hormones, and blocking steroid hormone production reduces the number of oocytes.

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#### Pregnancy

- Hongjuan Ding, Yiyu Zhang, Lun Liu, Hongyan Yuan, Jian Qu, and Rong Shen  
**Activation of Peroxisome Proliferator Activator Receptor Delta in Mouse Impacts Lipid Composition and Placental Development at Early Stage of Gestation**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 57, 1-11; published ahead of print June 11, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.113.116772

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**Summary:** *Ppard* activation elicits dramatic changes of the metabolic activities in placenta, which is correlated to AKT and ERK signaling pathways.

- Xiaoqiu Wang, James W. Frank, Jing Xu, Kathrin A. Dunlap, M. Carey Satterfield, Robert C. Burghardt, Jared J. Romero, Thomas R. Hansen, Guoyao Wu, and  
**Functional Role of Arginine During the Peri-implantation Period of Pregnancy. II. Consequences of Loss of Function of Nitric Oxide Synthase *NOS3* mRNA in Ovine Conceptus Trophoctoderm**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 59, 1-10; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.121202

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**Summary:** Nitric oxide synthase 3, the key enzyme for nitric oxide production by conceptus trophoctoderm, also regulates the availability of arginine in conceptus tissues for synthesis of polyamines that are essential for conceptus survival and development.

- Stella Liong and Martha Lappas  
**Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Is Increased after Spontaneous Labor in Human Fetal Membranes and Myometrium Where It Regulates the Expression of Pro-labor Mediators**

Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 70, 1-19; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120741

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**Summary:** Endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress is increased in laboring fetal membranes and myometrium, and inhibition of ER stress by chemical chaperones decreased the expression of proinflammatory and

prolabor mediators.

- C. Dunand, P. Hoffmann, V. Sapin, L. Blanchon, A. Salomon, F. Sergent, M. Benharouga, S. Sabra, J. Guibourdenche, S.J. Lye, J.J. Feige, and N. Alfaidy  
**Endocrine Gland-Derived Endothelial Growth Factor (EG-VEGF) Is a Potential Novel Regulator of Human Parturition**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 73, 1-10; published ahead of print August 13, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119990  
[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Supplemental Figure](#)  
**Summary:** EG-VEGF protects fetal membranes rupture and controls human parturition.
- Uzma Nadeem, Gang Ye, Mohamed Salem, and Chun Peng  
**MicroRNA-378a-5p Targets Cyclin G2 to Inhibit Fusion and Differentiation in BeWo Cells**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 76, 1-10; published ahead of print August 13, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119065  
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**Summary:** miR-378a-5p inhibits cell fusion and syncytiotrophoblast marker gene expression, in part by targeting cyclin G2 in the BeWo cell model.

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#### Reproductive Technology

- Hua-Yu Lian, Guang-Zhong Jiao, Hui-Li Wang, Xiu-Wen Tan, Tian-Yang Wang, Liang-Liang Zheng, Qiao-Qiao Kong, and Jing-He Tan  
**Role of Cytoskeleton in Regulating Fusion of Nucleoli: A Study Using the Activated Mouse Oocyte Model**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 56, 1-8; published ahead of print July 24, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120188  
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**Summary:** The results suggest that microfilaments and intermediate filaments but not microtubules support nucleolar fusion and that proteins required for nucleolar fusion including microfilaments and intermediate filaments are not de novo synthesized.
- Qian Gao, Hai-Tao Pan, Xian-Hua Lin, Jun-Yu Zhang, Ying Jiang, Shen Tian, Lu-Ting Chen, Miao-E Liu, Yi-Meng Xiong, He-Feng Huang, and Jian-Zhong Shen  
**Altered Protein Expression Profiles in Umbilical Veins: Insights into Vascular Dysfunctions of the Children Born after In Vitro Fertilization**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 71, 1-11; published ahead of print August 6, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120659  
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**Summary:** Altered protein expression profile in umbilical veins of IVF newborns might be helpful for further mechanism study on the vascular dysfunction of IVF children.

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#### Testis

- Sreesha Sree, Karthika Radhakrishnan, Sivankutty Indu, and Pradeep G. Kumar  
**Dramatic Changes in 67 miRNAs During Initiation of First Wave of Spermatogenesis in *Mus musculus* Testis: Global Regulatory Insights Generated by miRNA-mRNA Network Analysis**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 69, 1-11; published ahead of print August 13, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.119305  
[Abstract](#) [Full Text](#) [Full Text \(PDF\)](#) [Supplemental Data](#)  
**Summary:** Integrated networks of differentially expressed miRNAs and mRNAs associated with the initiation of the first wave of spermatogenesis in mouse testis predict the involvement of important miRNA-dependent regulation of gene expression in spermatogenesis.

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#### Toxicology

- Steven Jones, Annie Boisvert, Tam B. Duong, Sade Francois, Peter Thrane, and Martine Culty  
**Disruption of Rat Testis Development Following Combined In Utero Exposure to the Phytoestrogen Genistein and Antiandrogenic Plasticizer Di-(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate**  
 Biol Reprod September 2014 91 (3) 64, 1-14; published ahead of print July 16, 2014, doi:10.1095/biolreprod.114.120907  
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**Summary:** Combined in utero exposure to genistein and di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate induces long-term alterations in male reproductive function in a manner that is different from individual compounds.

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