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Cell differentiation

*the body of the human first form zygote that undergo fast mitosis to produce a lot of cells that were distributed to cells specialized in specific function such as liver cells, bowel cells, epithelial cells, neural cells and etc......

Why zygote needs to be divide?

*Because a single cell can't perform more than one function at the same time so it undergoes differentiation into specialized cells for a given function.

*The zygote has been divided into cells that are 100% identical , So all of these cells will have the same DNA, so we wonder how do each specialize in a different function?

*This is due to gene activity and different gene expression in a particular cell ,to produce a protein for specific function.

For clarification: we have two cells, let's assume A&B......

The DNA of cell A has on one site active gene and on the other site it has inactive gene

In the DNA of cell B we might find this gene -that was active in cell A- inactive gene and vice versa.

Cell fate

Cell Fate: Determines which path that the cell follow it to reach its final functional form.

That's mean it will pass through certain stages and in the end it has several options, for example ending as RBCs or WBCs.

1 –One of these paths: Any cells can undergo mitosis for a certain purposes. One of these purposes, for example renewal, such as the renewal of bowel cells.



2 – other paths:

-Once the cell has grown and differentiated , the cell enters a dormancy stage and does not divide into another cells This stage is called **quiescence ,e.x : neural cells.**

-After the cell grows older it enter the stage called **senescence** and Then it ends up to **apoptosis.**

-The **apoptosis** may occur immediately before the cell reaches the **senescence**. When certain changes occur, it is has to be eliminated because its absence is better than its presence, so that its presence may cause problems.

What are stem cells?

Are cells that retain the ability (this ability is differ among types of stem cells) to renew themselves through cell division and can be differentiated into a wide range of specialized cell types.

All stem cells are unspecialized (undifferentiated) cells ,that's mean these cells don't perform specific function like the cells of liver.

Function:

In embryo: The formation of the fetus and its tissues and organs. (Less specialized than adult stem cells).

In adult: regeneration and renewal.

Differentiation vs.self-renewal

** we all know that the mitosis of cell produces two identical cells, but in the case of stem cells, it's little different.....

- the <u>asymmetrically</u> dividing of the stem cells to give rise to two distinct daughter cells: one copy of the original stem cell for self-renewal as well as a second daughter programmed to differentiate into a non-stem cell fate.

(Asymmetric cell division).

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**How these cells separaed from each other?

This is like the idea of cell polarity, so as we know previously, the apical and basolateral surfaces separated from each other-in addition to the tight junction- via proteins, So that the specialized proteins to work in apical surface go to the apical surface and the specialized proteins to work in basolateral surface go to the basolateral surface.

(For clarification)

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The same thing happen in stem cells

The stem cells divide into two groups of cells one of these groups undergo differentiation and the another groups have to be <u>stem cells for renewal</u> so we need a <u>proteins for keep the Stem properties for renewal stem cells</u> and **proteins that assists in** differentiation.

So the *proteins in the stem cells* divide into three parts:

1-proteins that work in **Both** <u>renewal stem cells</u> + cells that going to differentiate.

2-go to renewal stem cells.

3-go to cells that going to differentiate.

Self-renewal: The ability to go through numerous cycles of cell division while maintaining the undifferentiated state.

Stem-cell niche

A specialized cellular environment that provides stem cells with the support needed for self-renewal.

Stem-cell niche refers to a microenvironment, within the specific anatomic location where stem cells are found, which interacts with stem cells to regulate cell fate.

Stem cell niche might be cells or cells with ECM or soluble factor like Wnt and growth factors .



various niche factors act on **embryonic stem cells** to alter gene expression, and induce their proliferation or differentiation for the development of the fetus.

Within the human body, stem-cell niches maintain **adult stem cells** in a quiescent state, but after tissue injury, the surrounding micro-environment actively signals to stem cells to promote either self-renewal or differentiation to form new tissues.

Potency of stem cells

Cell potency is a cell's ability to differentiate into other cell types.

The ability for stem cells to differentiation is different, that's mean not any stem cell can differentiate into any cell in the body.

Type of potency :

1-<u>Totipotent</u>: (*has the largest ability*) is the ability of a single cell to divide and produce all of the differentiated cells in an organism in addition to extra embryonic tissues like *Placenta*.

Totipotent cells is anembryonic cells.

2-<u>Pleuripotent</u>: a stem cell that has the potential to differentiate into any of the three germ layers: endoderm ,mesoderm, or ectoderm .

In another word this cells can able to differentiate into all body cells with all types.

pluripotent cells is an embryonic cells.

3-<u>Multipotent</u>: :a stem cell that has the potential to differentiate into several type of cells might 3 or 4 or 5 But not more.

Multipotent cells is an adult cells.

4-<u>Unipotent</u>: (**has limited ability**) that gives one type of cells, for example <mark>chondrogenic</mark> cells, which differentiate into chondroblasts.

unipotent cells is an adult cells.



Types of stem cells

There are mainly two types of stem cells: embryonic stem cells, which are derived from embryo, and adult stem cells.

Embryonic stem cells (Totipotent and Pleuripotent)

• Are able to differentiate into all the specialized embryonic tissue

Adult stem cells (Multipotent and unipotent)

• Act as a <u>repair system</u> for the body replacing specialized damaged cells.



The cell cycle

The cell cycle divide into two phases:

Starts with interphase (G_1 ,S and then G_2): cell growth and DNA replication occur in an orderly manner in preparation for cell division.

End up with mitotic phase-M phase- (Mitosis and cytokinesis)1 hour.

A typical eukaryotic cell cycle- divides every 24 hours.

Zygote: no G_1 or G_2 , but rapid S-and M phases.

The cell that does not need division will remain in G_0 phase until it is stimulated by certain stimuli, then it enter G_1 phase and complete the whole cycle until it divides. (These cells enter this phase temporarily).

Some cells (nerve cells) enter a quiescent stage (G₀ phase). (<u>These cells enter this phase permanently</u>).







S-phase DNA damage checkpoint not only provides continual monitoring of the integrity of DNA to ensure that damaged DNA is repaired before it is replicated, but also provides a quality control monitor to promote the repair of any errors that occur during DNA replication, such as the incorporation of incorrect bases or incomplete replication of DNA segments.

Regulators of cell cycle

Cyclins are proteins that accumulate throughout the interphase and are rapidly degraded toward the end of mitosis.

Cyclin-dependent kinases (Cdk's): bind to cyclins to activate them.

Cdk inhibitors: inhibit Cdk activity.

**There are different kinases at different phases ... for example: in G1 phase before restriction point there are Cdk4 and 6/CycD. BUT in the G1 phase after restriction point there are Cdk2 and CycE





Time —

Figure 17.10 Accumulation and degradation of cyclins in sea urchin embryos The cyclins were identified as proteins that accumulate throughout interphase and are rapidly degraded toward the end of mitosis.

Regulation of cell cycle progression



MPF regulation Cdk1 forms complexes with cyclin B during G₂. Cdk1 is then phosphorylated on threonine~ 161 (Thr161), which is required for Cdk1 activity, as well as on tyrosine~ 15 (Tyr15)-and threonine~ 14 (Thr14) in vertebrate cells-which inhibits Cdk1 activity. Dephosphorylation of Tyr15 and Thr14 activates MPF at the G2 to M transition. MPF activity is then terminated to~ ward the end of mitosis by proteolytic degradation of cyclin B, which is followed by dephosphorylation of Cdk1.

