

A fronteira tecnológica da reprodução animal: Como a edição gênica (CRISPR) pode colaborar com a produção animal

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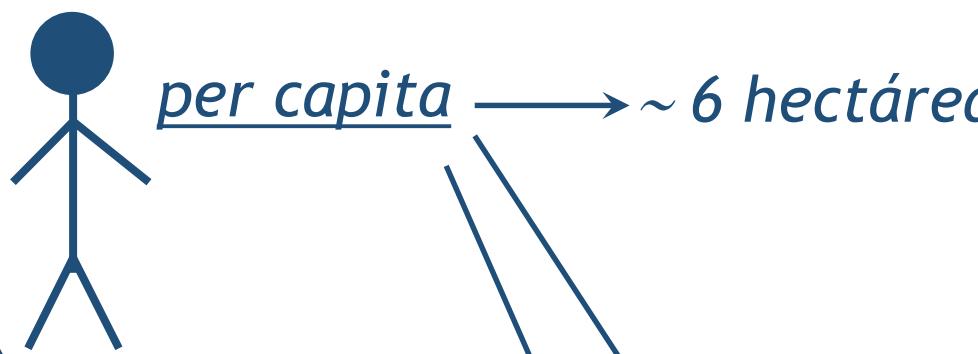
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~ 4 vacas

~ 2 ovejas



- Productividad
- Salud animal
- Bienestar animal
- Impacto ambiental
Cambio climático?
- Trazabilidad total
- Inocuidad



Sustainable Food Production: The Contribution of Genome Editing in Livestock

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Livestock transformation

Disruptive technologies

Global trends



↑ Population



↑ Urbanization



↓ Poverty



Share prosperity



Globalization

Food consequences



↑ Food for humans

↑ Animals for feeding humans



↑ Agriculture for feeding animals and humans

Challenges



↑ Productivity
More with less

No deforestation
Biodiversity
Animal welfare



One Health

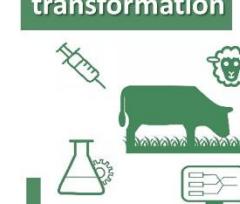


Global warming



Animal health

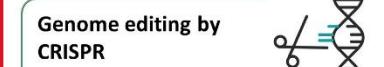
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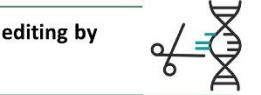
Classical approaches

- Animal health
- Animal feeding
- Genetics
- Reproductive technologies
- Management and data science

Disruptive technologies



Genome editing by CRISPR



- Synthetic foods
- Non-conventional protein sources

Requirements

Research and Development

Investment for livestock transformation

Regulatory changes

Cultural and social changes



Public acceptance of new technologies

Policy-makers and government promoting innovation

CRISPR in livestock

- The CRISPR/Cas system.
- How to produce edited animals.
- CRISPR for livestock improvement.

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Como se faz?

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Genética clásica

Fenotipo



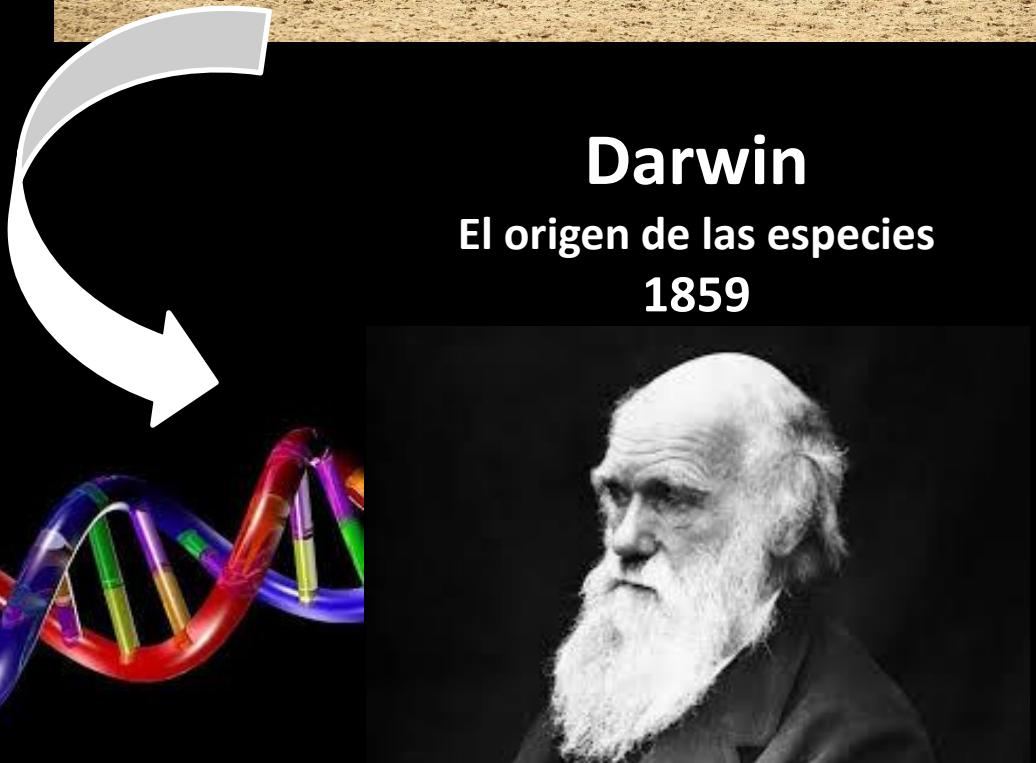
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- Selección natural “Darwinismo”
- Cruzamiento y selección “Mendelismo”
- Selección genómica

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Darwin
El origen de las especies
1859

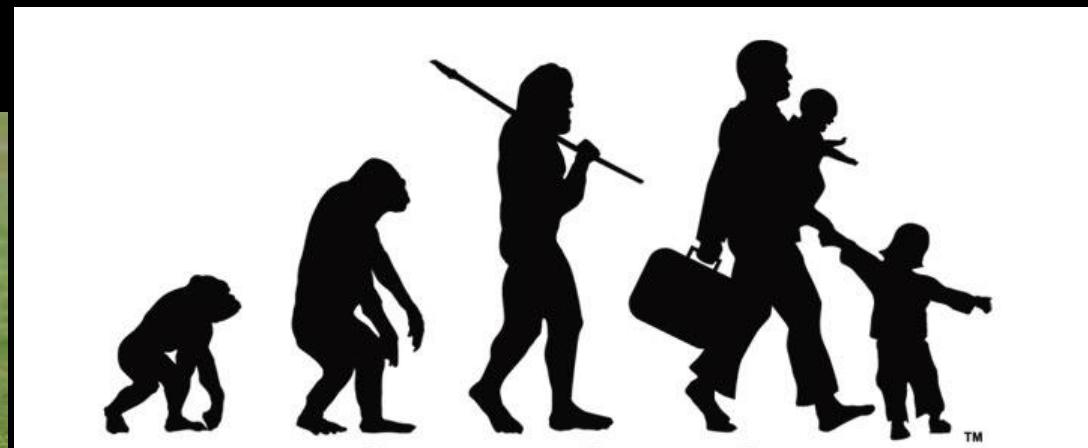
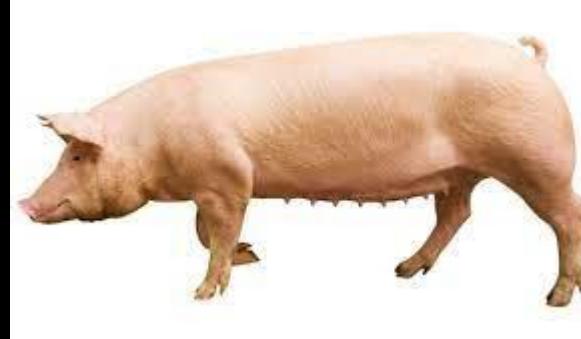


Mendel
Leyes de la herencia
1866

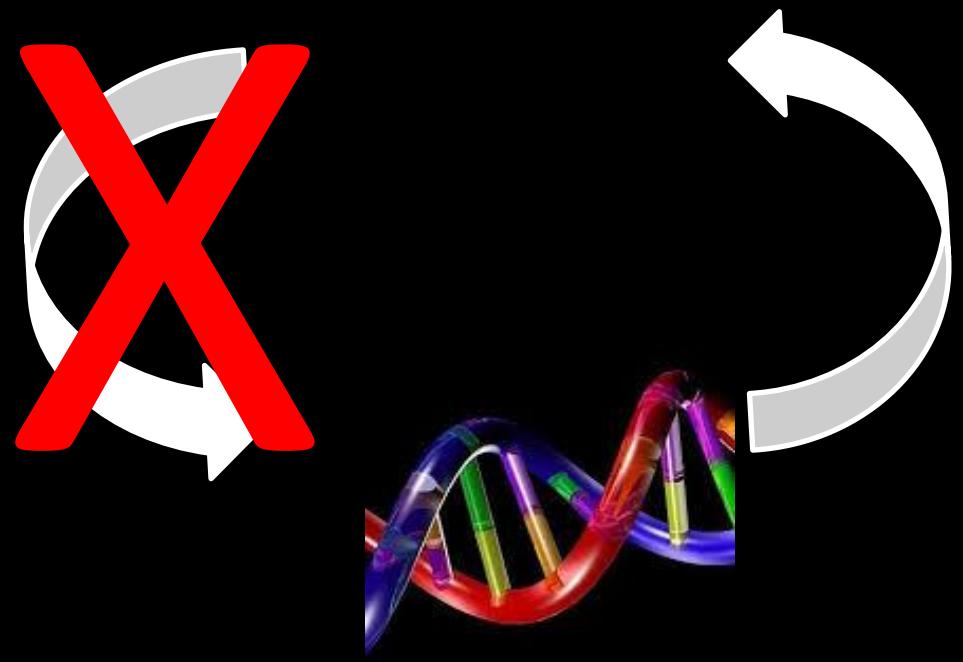


Watson & Crick
La doble hélice del ADN
1953

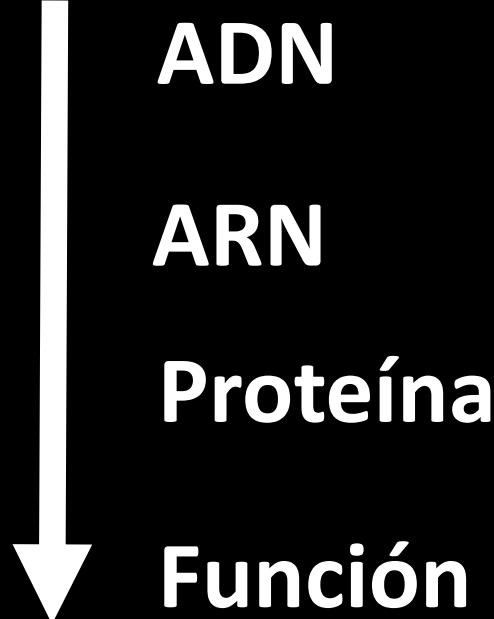




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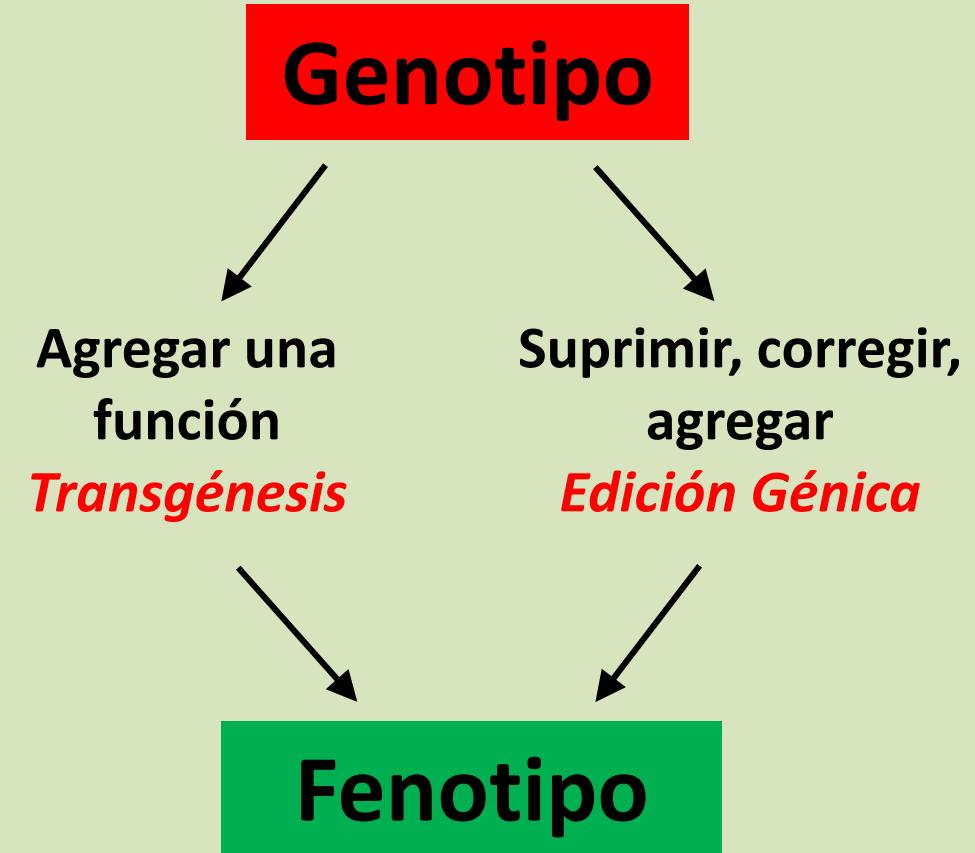


Desde la biología molecular a la biotecnología



Con la Edición Génica (**GE**) podemos alterar el **ADN en la célula** y cambiar el **fenotipo** en el animal.

Genética inversa



Transgénesis

Wild type

Transgenic lambs



ORIGINAL PAPER

Transgenic Res (2015) 24:31–41

Embryo development, fetal growth and postnatal phenotype of eGFP lambs generated by lentiviral transgenesis

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Agregar una función
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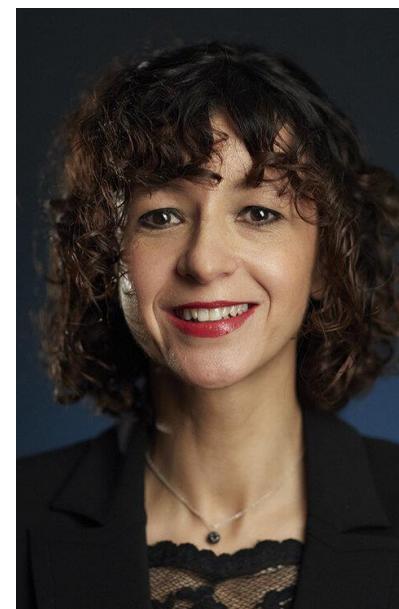
Dawn of the
gene-editing age

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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2020



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**Emmanuelle
Charpentier**

Prize share: 1/2



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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2020 was awarded jointly to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna "for the development of a method for genome editing."



CRISPR/Cas: from prokaryotes...

...to cells

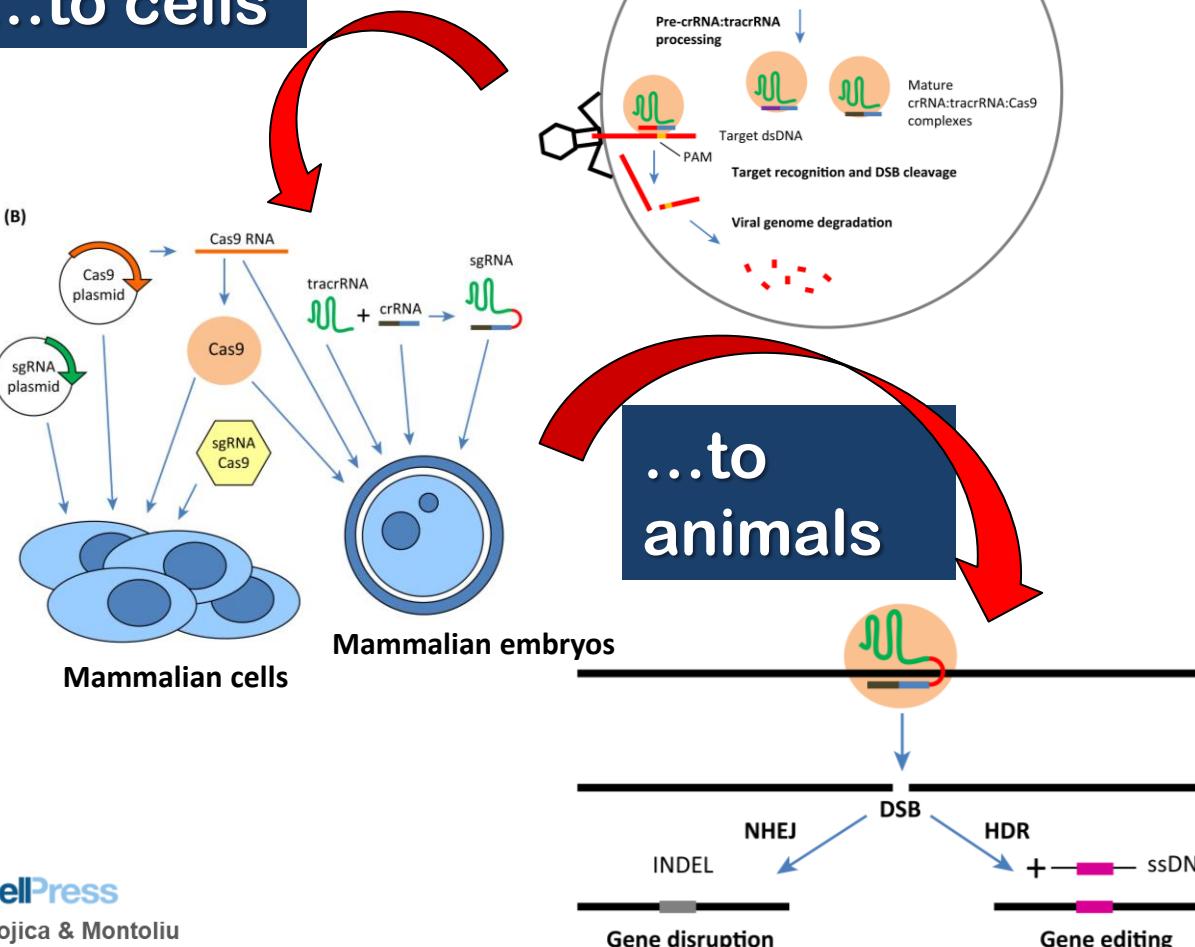


Table 1. Milestones, Discoveries, and Achievements in the History of CRISPR-Cas Technology (1987–2013)

| Year | Milestone | Refs |
|------|---|---------|
| 1987 | First report of CRISPR arrays in Gram-negative bacteria | [14] |
| 1991 | First report of CRISPR arrays in Gram-positive bacteria | [16] |
| 1993 | First report of CRISPR arrays in archaea | [20] |
| 1995 | First insight on CRISPR functionality | [21] |
| 2000 | Large number of regularly spaced repeats are found in bacteria and archaea, suggesting a relevant function | [22] |
| 2002 | Regularly spaced repeats of bacteria and archaea are termed with the acronym CRISPR | [23] |
| 2002 | First identification of CRISPR-associated (cas) genes | [23] |
| 2005 | First identification of CRISPR spacers as homologous to sequences in bacteriophages and plasmids | [24–26] |
| 2005 | First suggestion that CRISPR-Cas systems would represent a bacterial defense mechanism | [24] |
| 2007 | First experimental demonstration that CRISPR-Cas systems are involved in acquired immunity against bacteriophages | [31] |
| 2008 | First experimental demonstration that CRISPR-Cas systems interfere with plasmid horizontal transfer, by targeting DNA | [34] |
| 2008 | First description of the role of CRISPR small RNAs (crRNA) as the guides for CRISPR interference | [33] |
| 2008 | It is anticipated that conserved sequences next to protospacers are important for CRISPR-mediated phage resistance | [37] |
| 2010 | First description of the CRISPR-Cas interference mechanism through Cas proteins cutting target DNA at precise sites | [38] |
| 2011 | Identification of trans-activating crRNAs (tracrRNAs) | [41] |
| 2011 | First successful transfer of a CRISPR-Cas system between two evolutionary distant organisms: from <i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i> to <i>Escherichia coli</i> | [80] |
| 2012 | First reports documenting functional CRISPR-Cas systems reconstructed <i>in vitro</i> and suggesting their potential application as RNA-programmable genome editing tools | [42,48] |
| 2013 | First reports demonstrating the use of CRISPR-Cas tools for efficient genome editing in mammalian cells | [52,53] |
| 2013 | First reports showing efficient genome engineering at multiple loci in mice, through the use of CRISPR-Cas tools | [59–61] |

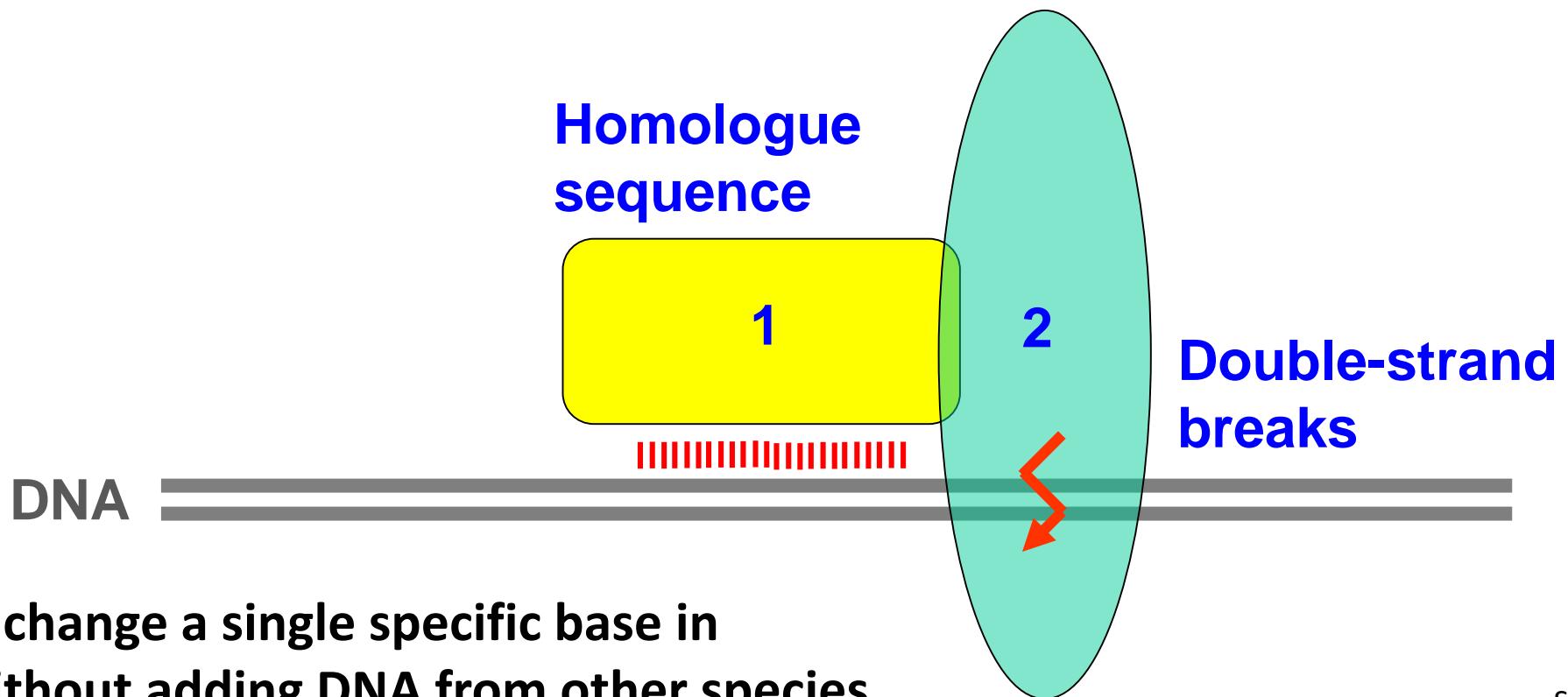
The CRISPR tool: 2 elements



1 - gRNA



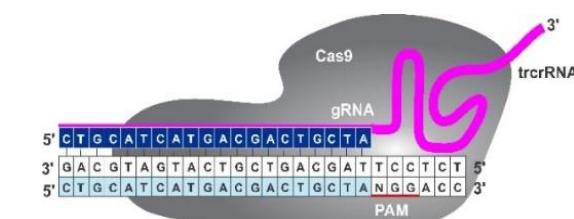
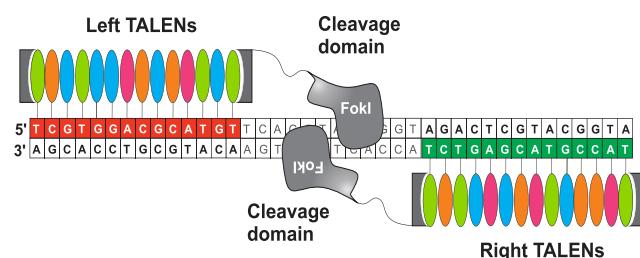
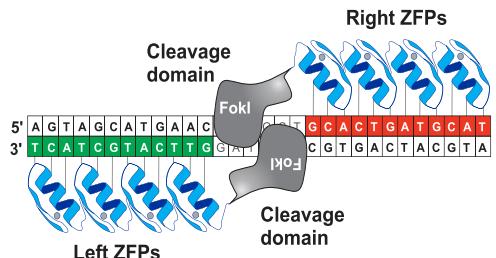
2 – CAS9



It is possible to change a single specific base in the genome, without adding DNA from other species.

Genome editing

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Nucleases

ZFNs

TALENs

CRISPR/Cas

Target genomic sequence

Double DNA strand breaks

DNA-repair mechanisms

Non-Homologous End Joining (NHEJ)



Gene disruption in ~70 % out of frame deletions = STOP codon
Targeted Knockout

Homology-directed repair (single-strand annealing) ssODNs

Precise repair (user-defined)
Targeted integration nucleotides

Homology-directed repair (homologous recombination) several kbDNA donors



Precise repair (user-defined)
Targeted integration expression cassette

DNA analyses

PCR+sequence
T7 endonuclease I
look for frame shift mutations

PCR+sequence
look for specific mutations

PCR+sequence
Southern blot
look for specific mutations

CRISPR in livestock

- The CRISPR/Cas system.
- How to produce edited animals.
- CRISPR for livestock improvement.

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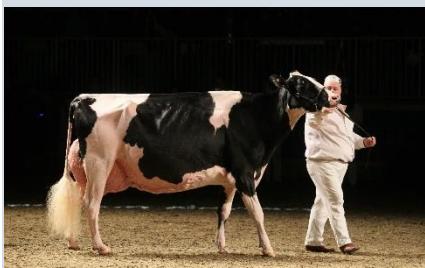
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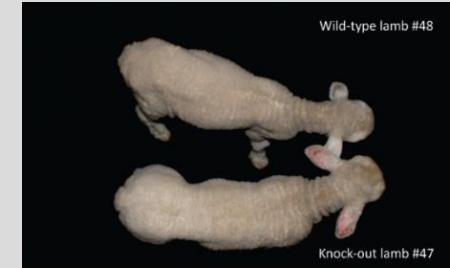


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Advanced Reproductive Technologies (ARTs)

**Não há como trabalhar com
CRISPR se não tivermos sucesso
absoluto nas técnicas de
reprodução assistida.**

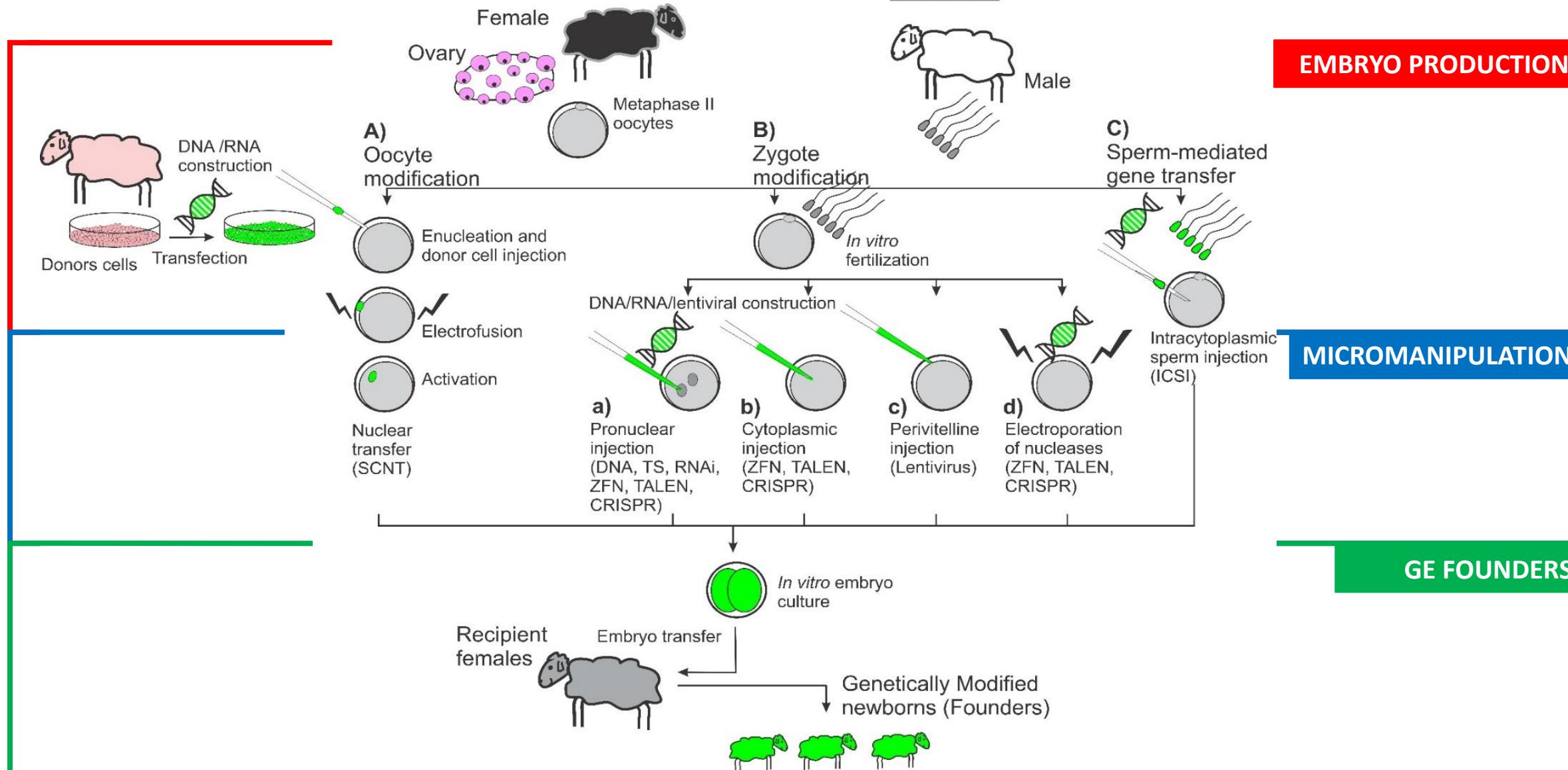
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Review article

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Oocytes from live animals: US-guided follicular aspiration (cattle) Laparoscopic Ovum Pick Up (sheep and goats)



Follicular aspiration: Laparoscopic ovum pick-up (LOPU)



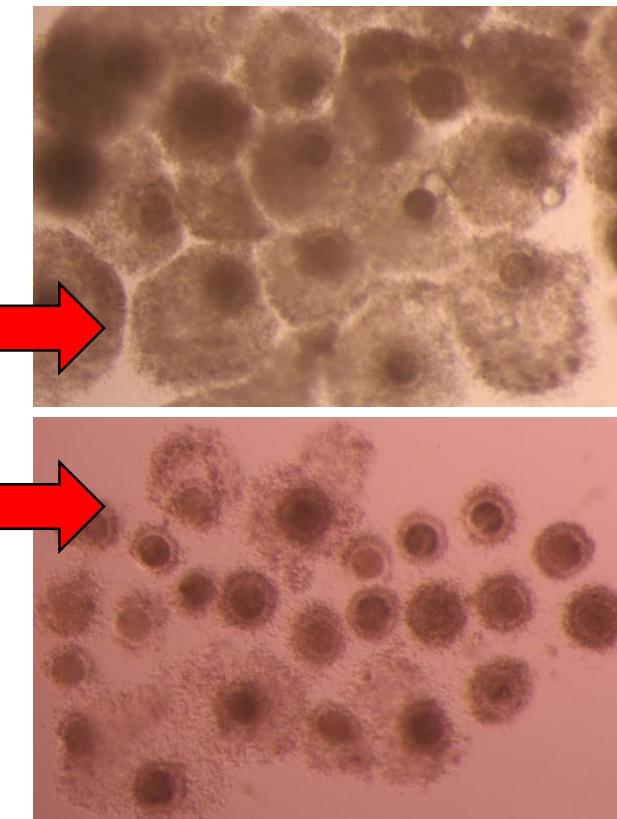
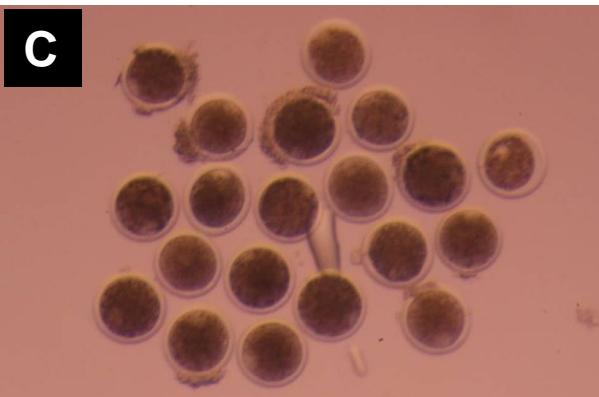
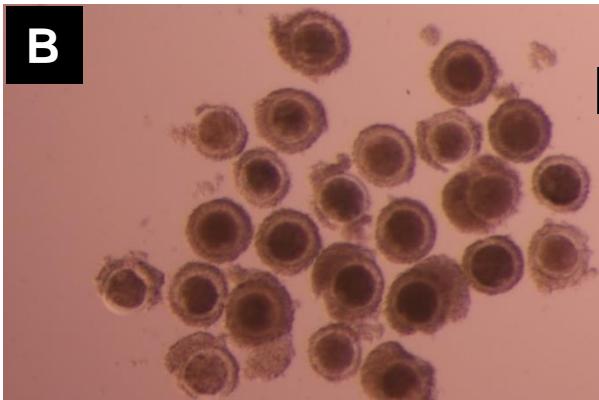
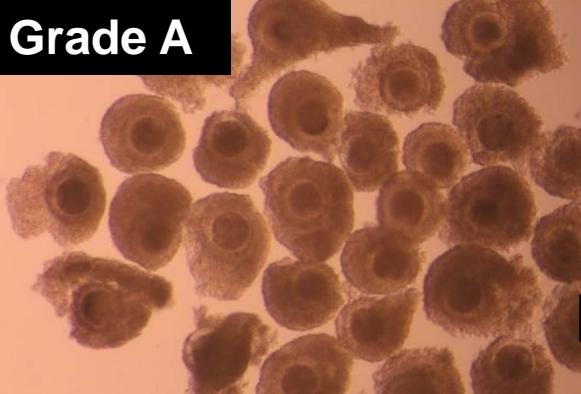
Ovarian follicle



Ovary

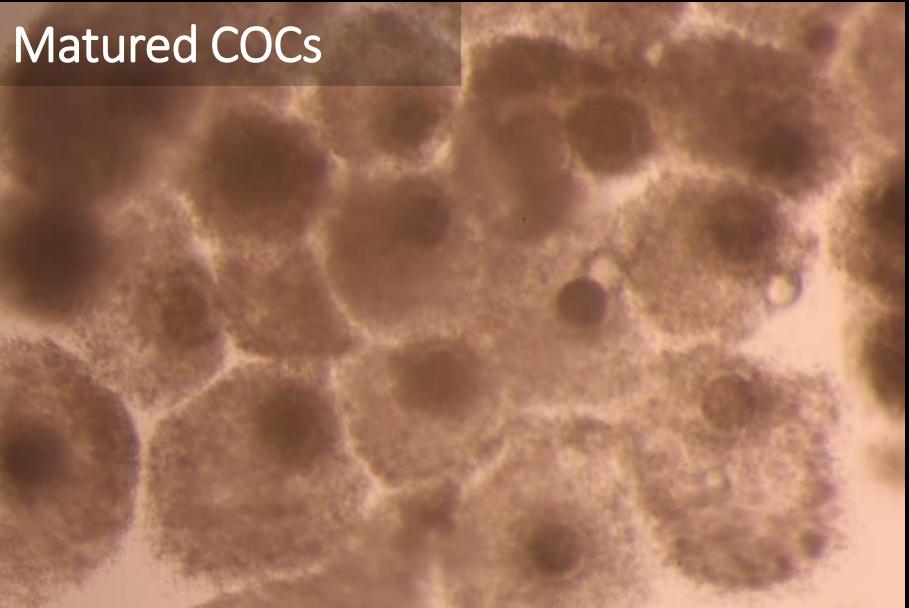


In vitro MATURATION



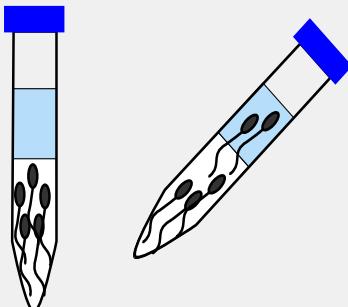
- Nuclear, cytoplasmic and CC maturation.
- During 22h, 39°C, 5% CO₂.
- TCM 199, FSH, LH, estrus sheep serum, ATB, cysteamine.
- pH 7.2 – 7.4; 280 mOsm/kg.
- **~90% success (maturation rate).**

In vitro FERTILIZATION

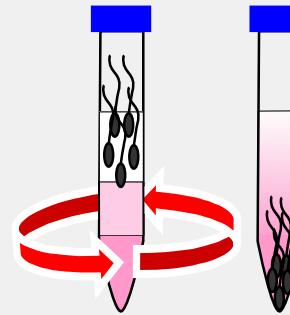


Sperm selection

Swim-up

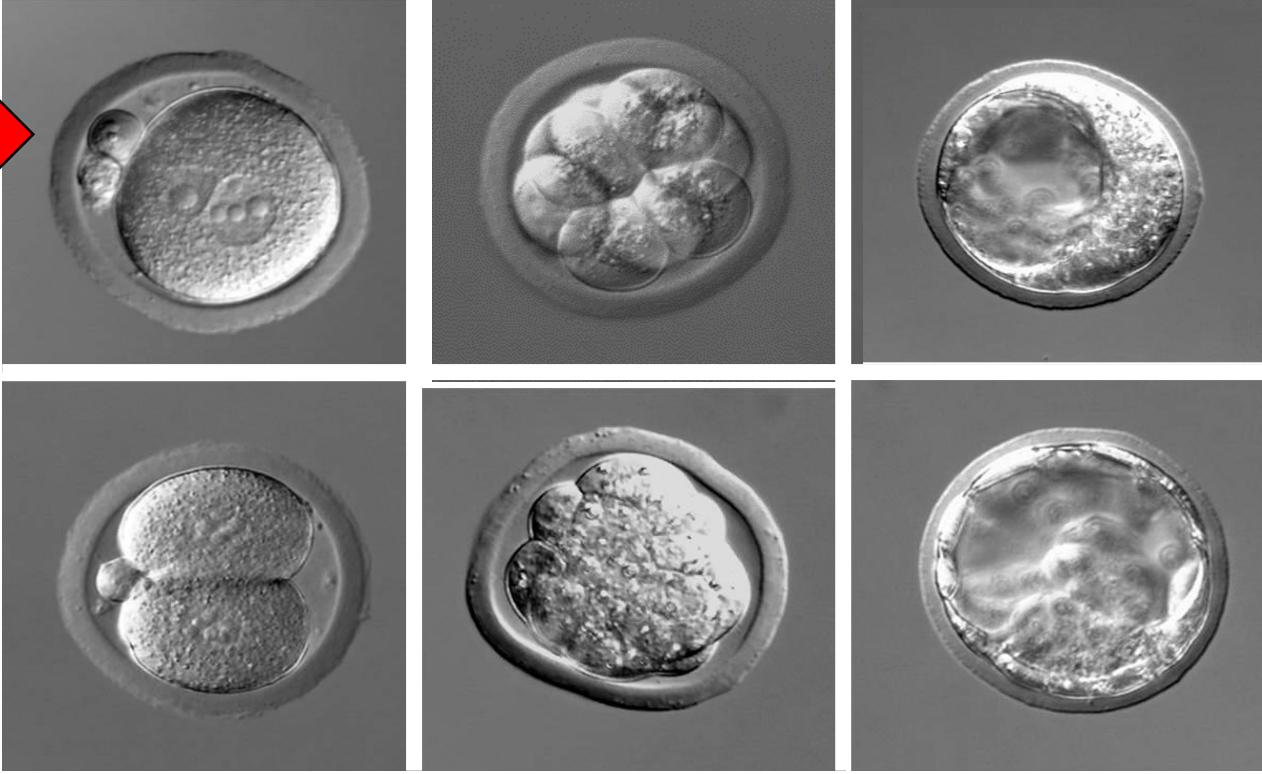


Percoll



- 18-22h in co-incubation.
- SOF + heparin + hypotaurine + estrus sheep serum + ATB.
- 1×10^6 spz in 100 μ l drops with 20-30 COCs.
- **80-90% cleavage rate.**

In vitro CULTURE



Changing IVC medium improves blastocyst yield

| n= 712 COCs | Cleavage rate | Blastocysts/oocytes | Blastocysts/cleaved |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| No change | 82.8% ^a (192/232) | 33.6% ^{ab} (78/232) | 40.6% ^a (78/192) |
| Day 3 | 80.2% ^a (195/243) | 42.0% ^b (102/243) | 52.3% ^b (102/195) |
| Day 2 & Day 4 | 83.1% ^a (197/237) | 30.8% ^a (73/237) | 37.1% ^a (73/197) |

a vs. b, P<0.05.

- 6 days (sheep) and 7 days (goats) in culture.
- SOFaa + BSA.
- 5% O₂, 5% CO₂, 90% N₂; pH 7.2-7.4; 280 mOsm/kg.
- **30-40% development rate** (blastocysts/COCs).

Embryo survival after zygote CRISPR/Cas microinjection in large scale programs (n= 8,520; in four GE programs).

Embryo development of CRISPR/Cas microinjected sheep zygotes subjected to *in vitro* culture.

| | n | Cleavage rate | Blastocyst rate | Blastocyst/cleaved |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Microinjected zygotes | 7,819 | 69.1 % (5,400/7,819) | 20.0 % (1,560/7,819) | 28.9 % (1,560/5,400) |
| Control zygotes* | 701 | 84.0 % (589/701) | 44.9 % (315/701) | 53.4 % (315/589) |
| P-value | | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |

*Each session includes about 10% of non-microinjected zygotes serving as control group.

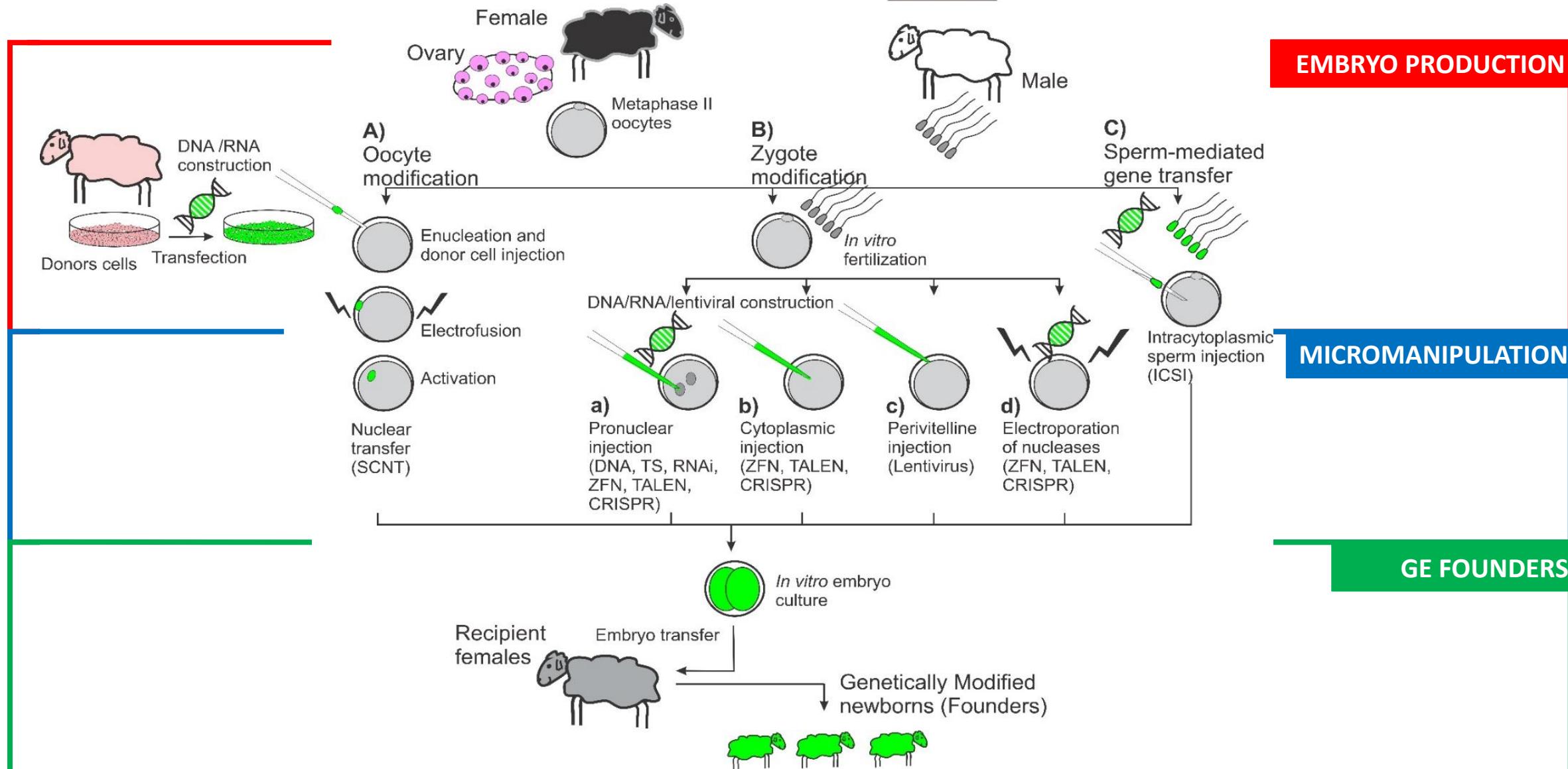
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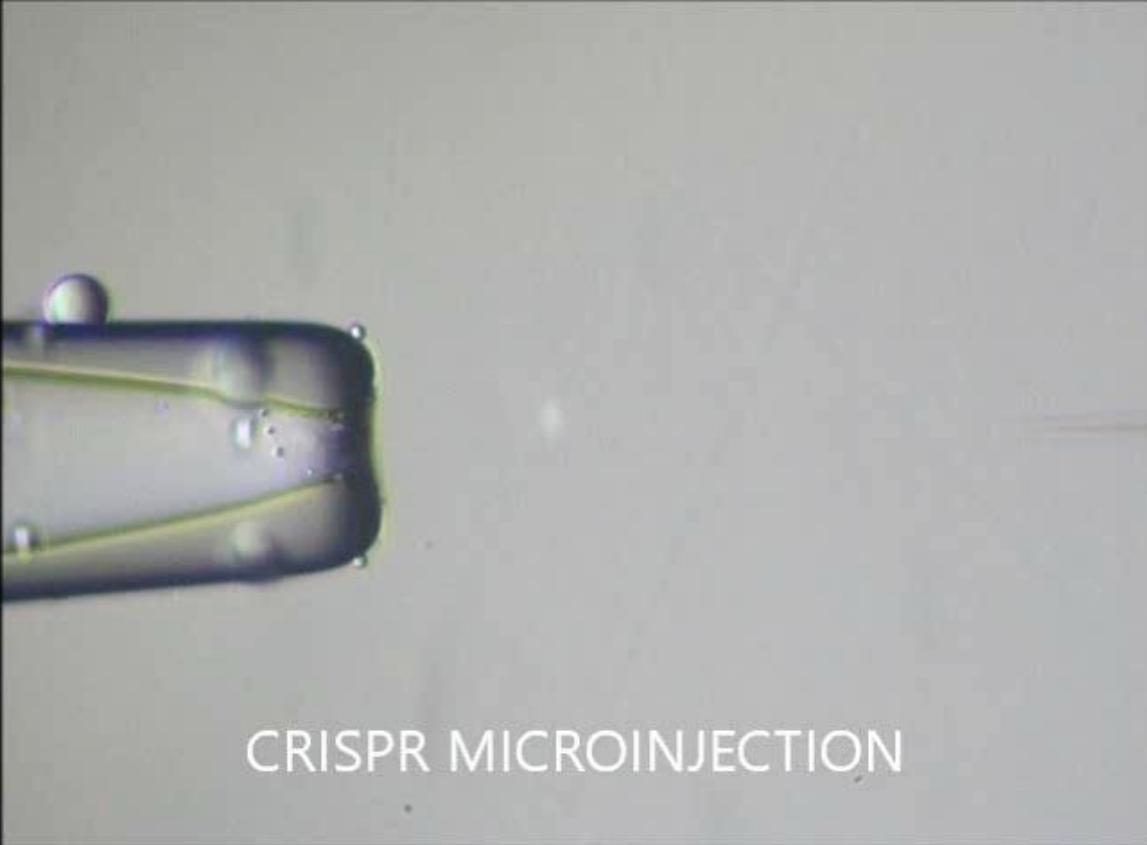


Laboratory of micromanipulation



Embryo micromanipulation

Cytoplasmic injection of CRISPR/Cas



Efficiency of CRISPR/Cas system in KO lambs produced by NHEJ mechanism.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Efficient Generation of Myostatin Knock-Out Sheep Using CRISPR/Cas9 Technology and Microinjection into Zygotes

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CRISPR/Cas9 microinjection into zygotes and embryo development.

PLOS ONE

August 25, 2015

| No. zygotes | Cleavage rate on Day 2 | Morulae and Blastocysts on Day 6 | No. of embryos on Day 6/ cleaved | Mutant embryos at blastocyst stage |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CRISPR injection | 216 | 63,9% (138/216) ^a | 25,0% (54/216) ^a | 39,1% (54/138) ^a |
| Buffer injection | 183 | 60,7% (111/183) ^a | 20,2% (37/183) ^a | 33,3% (37/111) ^a |
| Non-injected | 173 | 86,1% (149/173) ^b | 35,8% (62/173) ^b | 41,6% (62/149) ^a |

For different superscripts, P<0.05.

CRISPR/Cas9 system is a highly efficient method to produce mutant lambs.

| Embryos on Day 30 | Pregnant ewes | Fetal loss | Mutant/ born lambs | Biallelic/ mutant lambs | Homozygous/ mutant lambs |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| CRISPR/Cas9 efficiency | 41.5% (22/53) | 65.5% (19/29) | 0.0% (0/22) | 45.5% (10/22) | 80.0% (8/10) |

Efficiency of CRISPR/Cas system induced to Homology Directed Repair (HDR) mechanism.

Otoferlin gene editing in sheep via CRISPR-assisted ssODN-mediated Homology Directed Repair

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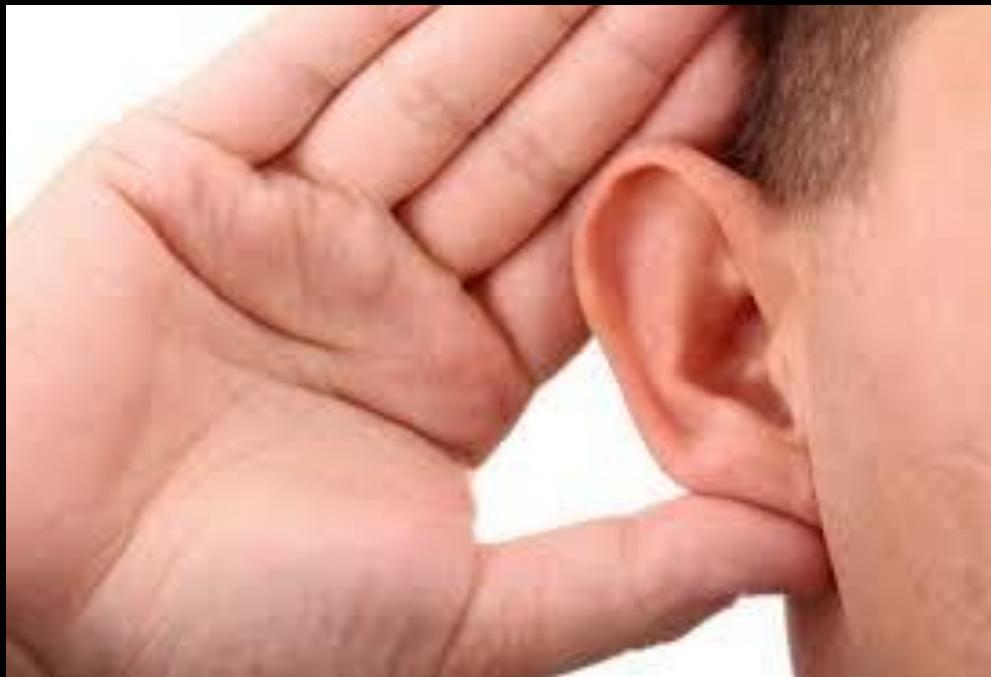
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Menchaca et al.,
2020.

| | Overall results | Cas9 mRNA vs. Cas9 RNP | | | | | <i>P</i> value |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| | | mRNA 50 ng/μl | RNP 100 ng/μl | RNP 250 ng/μl | RNP 500 ng/μl | | |
| Number of recipient females | 247 | 103 | 48 | 49 | 47 | — | |
| Number of transferred embryos | 1,316 | 629 | 218 | 236 | 233 | — | |
| Pregnant/transferred recipients | 25.1% (62/247) | 16.5% ^a (17/103) | 45.8% ^b (22/48) | 24.5% ^a (12/49) | 23.4% ^a (11/47) | <0.05 | |
| Embryos alive at 30 d of gestation | /8 | 19 | 33 | 14 | 12 | — | |
| Fetal losses (from 30 d of gestation to birth) | 6.4% (5/78) | 5.3% (1/19) | 6.1% (2/33) | 7.1% (1/14) | 8.3% (1/12) | NS | |
| Lambs born | 73 | 18 | 31 | 13 | 11 | — | |
| Lamb survival rate* | 89.0% (65/73) | 77.8% (14/18) | 93.5% (29/31) | 100% (13/13) | 81.8% (9/11) | NS | |
| Mutants/lambs born | 17.8% (13/73) | 27.8% ^a (5/18) | 5.5% ^b (2/31) | 7.7% ^b (1/13) | 45.5% ^a (5/11) | <0.05 | |
| KI/mutant lambs | 61.5% (8/13) | 60.0% (3/5) | 50.0% (1/2) | 100% (1/1) | 60.0% (3**/5) | NS | |
| KI/total lambs | 11.0% (8/73) | 16.7% (3/18) | 3.2% (1/31) | 7.7% (1/13) | 2.7% (3**/11) | NS | |

CRISPR in Biomedicine: Deafness lambs



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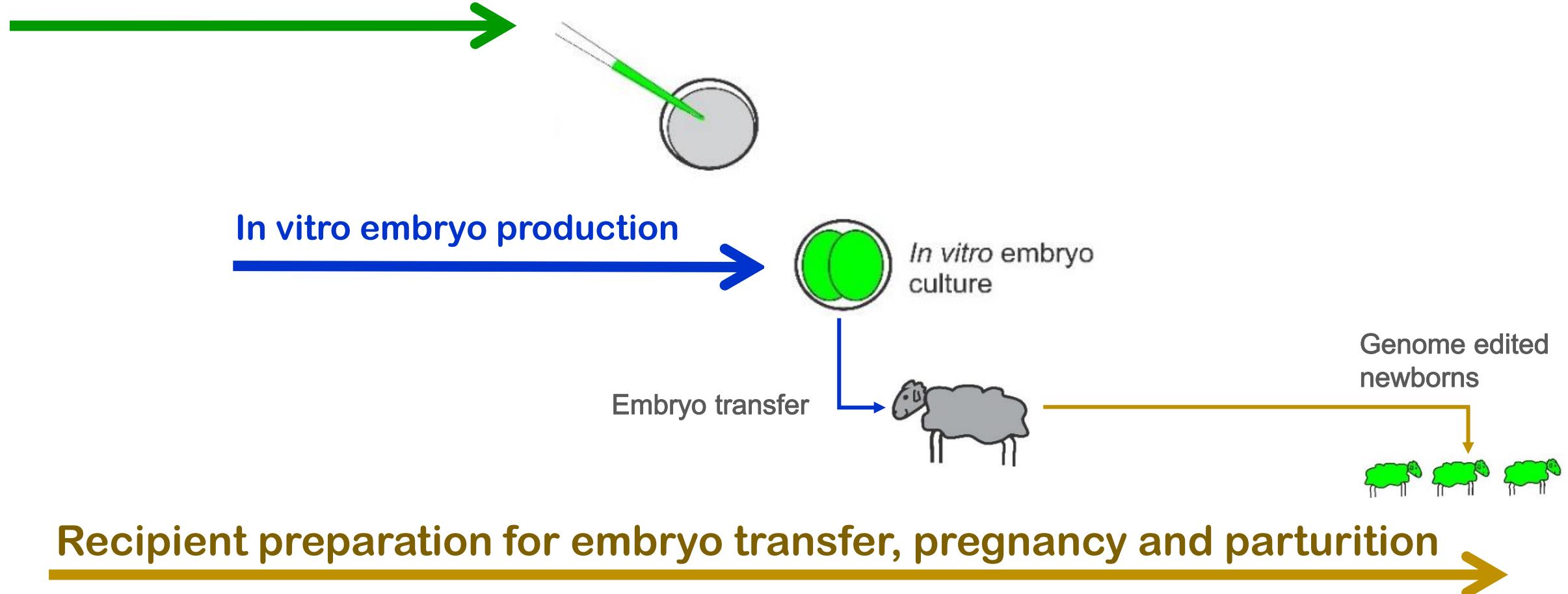
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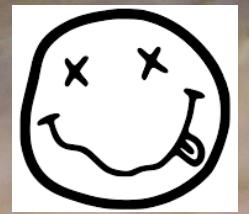


Beyond CRISPR and embryo manipulation, let's go to the field.

CRISPR/Cas design and *in vitro* analysis (in cells and embryos), and then to the Program.



Embryo transfer: CRYOPRESERVATION?

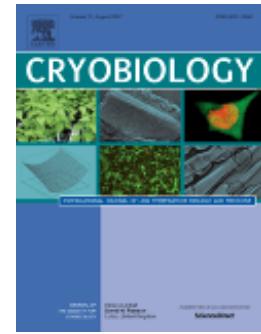
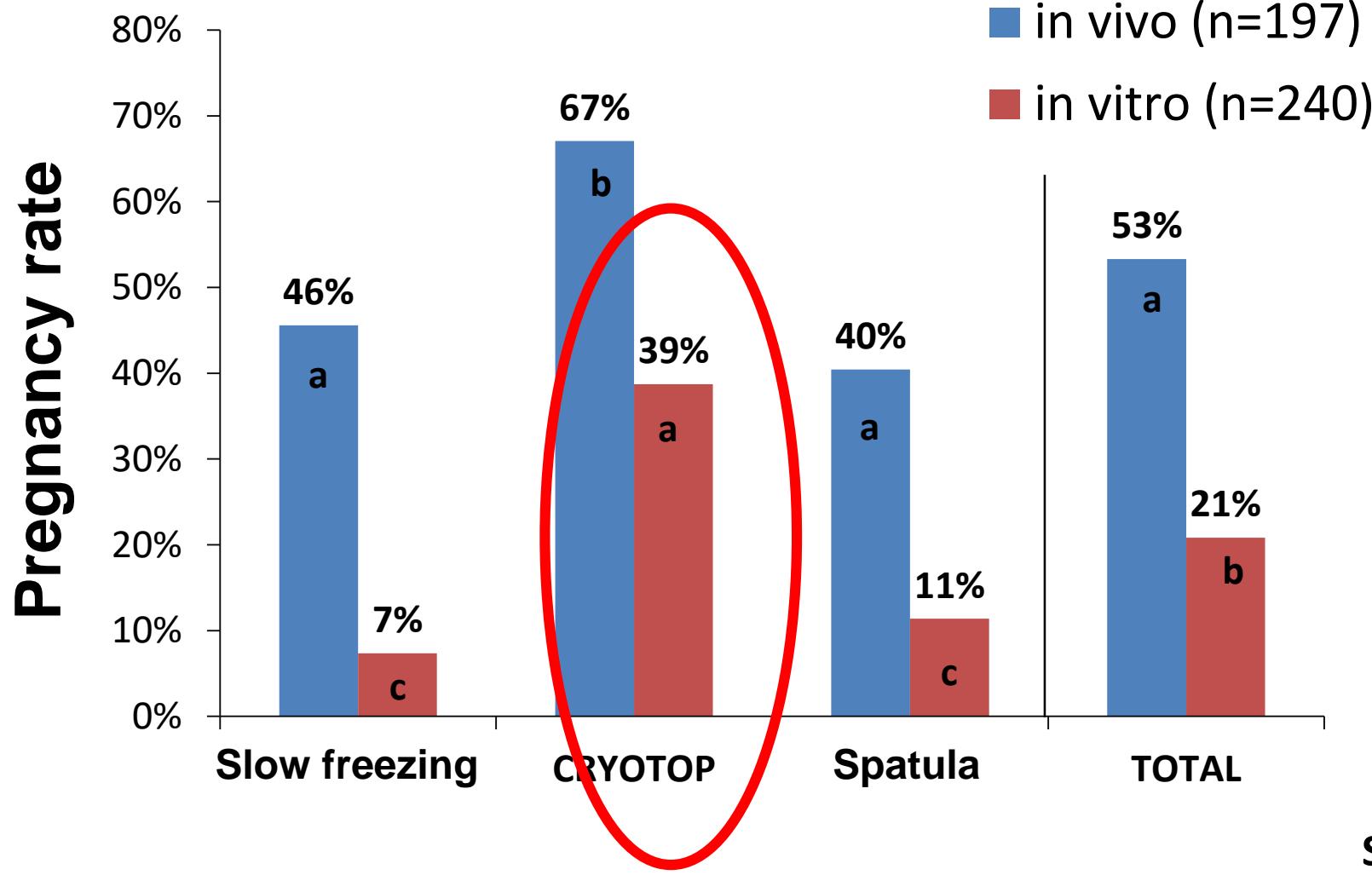


Can any embryo survive?
in vitro produced +
Microinjected zygotes

Pregnancy rate *in vivo* vs. *in vitro* embryos



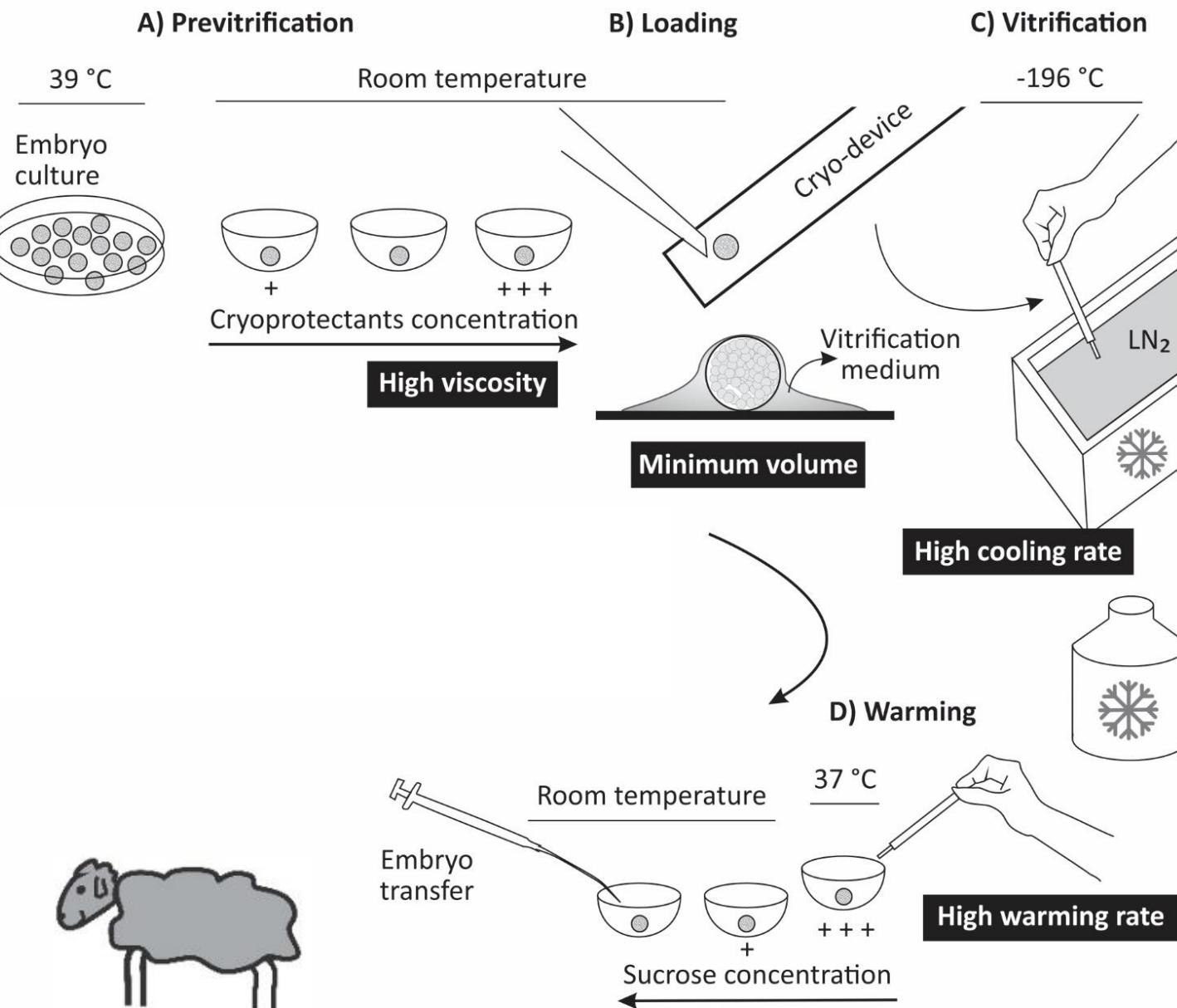
n= 437 embryos



Santos-Neto et al., *Cryobiology* (2015).
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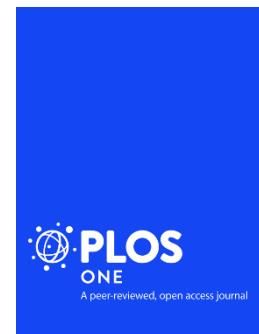
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VITRIFICATION protocol for minimum volume methods



$$\text{Probability of vitrification} = \frac{\text{Cooling/warming rate} \times \text{Viscosity}}{\text{Volume}}$$

Arav, 2014.



Santos-Neto et al., 2015; Cryobiology.
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Menchaca et al., 2018; Anim Reprod.

Vitrification by the minimum volume Cryotop method in CRISPR/Cas embryos

Pregnancy outcomes obtained with vitrified blastocysts produced by CRISPR/Cas microinjected zygotes.

| No. of recipients | No. of transferred embryos | Pregnant/transferred recipients | Embryo survival/transferred embryos | Birth/pregnant embryos |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vitrified embryos | 159 | 474 | 30.8% (49/159) | 14.8% (70/474) ^a |
| Fresh embryos | 25 | 75 | 48.0% (12/25) | 21.3% (16/75) ^a |
| <i>P</i> -value | | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.30 |

*Each embryo transfer (ET) session includes 10-20% fresh embryos serving as control group. Data from 5 ET sessions (replicates).

Can we transfer 2-day embryos into the uterine horn?

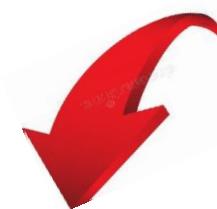


Can we transfer 2-day embryos into the uterine horn?

Why?

- To avoid oviductal ET.
- To avoid *in vitro* culture.

Sheep & goats



Sheep,
goats, cattle

Why not?



Embryo transfer in sheep (CRISPR microinjected zygotes)

INTO THE OVIDUCT

2-day embryos



Embryo transfer in sheep (CRISPR microinjected zygotes)

INTO THE OVIDUCT

2-day embryos

UTERINE HORN

6-day blastocysts



- Faster
- Easier
- Less invasive
- Pregnancy rate?

What happen if we
transfer 2-day embryos
into the uterine horn?

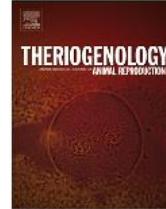
Embryo transfer of 2-day embryos into the uterine horn (n= 538 embryos).

Effect of the site of embryo transfer (*i.e.*, **Oviduct vs. Uterine horn**) on Day 2 after in vitro fertilization.
Ovine zygotes were subjected to **CRISPR/Cas microinjection**.

| Site of embryo transfer | No. of recipients | No. of transferred embryos | Pregnant/transferred recipients | Embryo survival/transferred embryos (Pregnancy 30 d after ET) | Birth/pregnant embryos |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Oviduct | 50 | 262 | 24.0% (12/50) | 6.9% (18/262) | 72.2% (13/18) |
| Uterine horn | 52 | 276 | 25.0% (13/52) | 6.2% (17/276) | 100.0% (17/17) |

P= NS

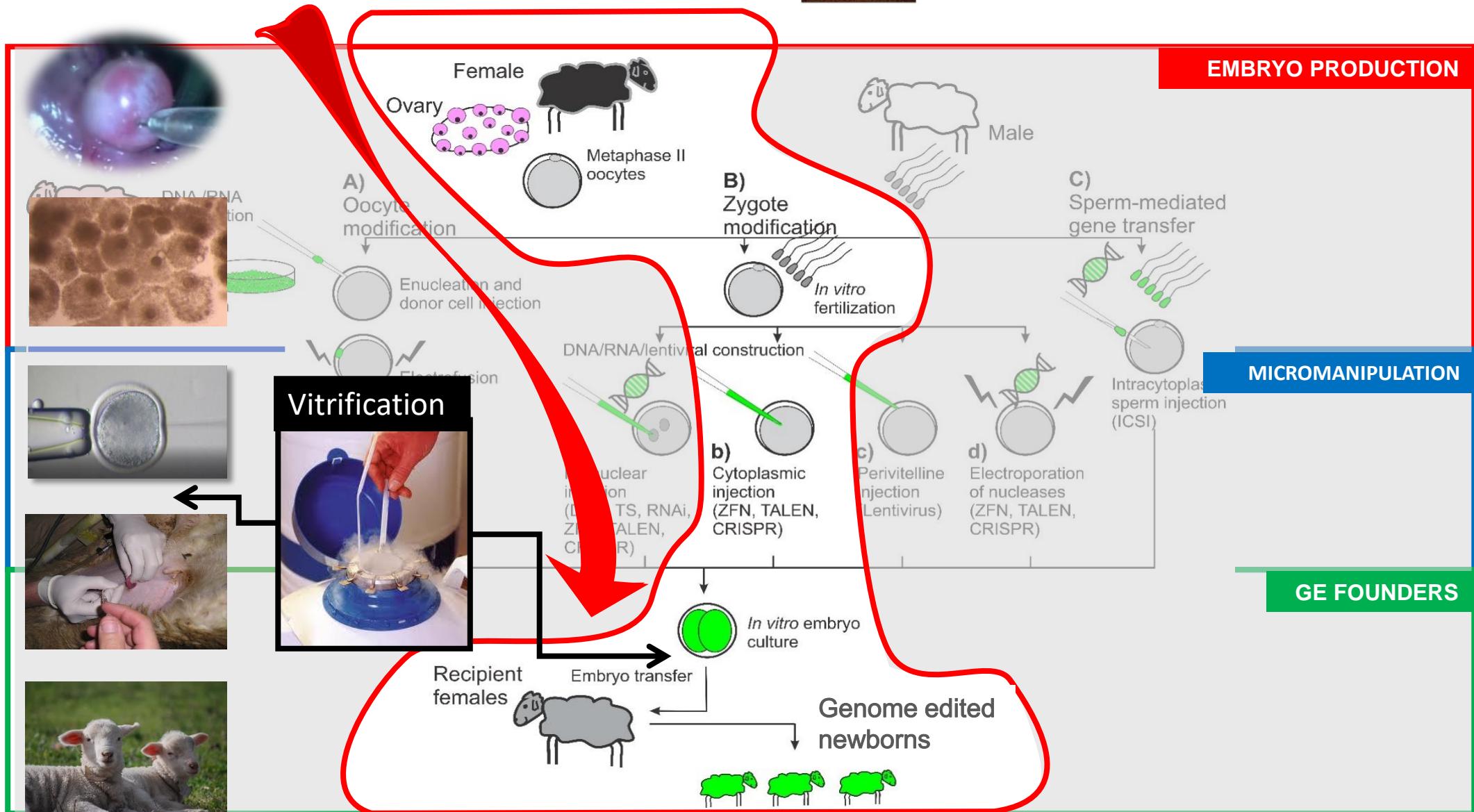
Genetic engineering (GE) basic pipeline



Review article

New insights and current tools for genetically engineered (GE) sheep and goats

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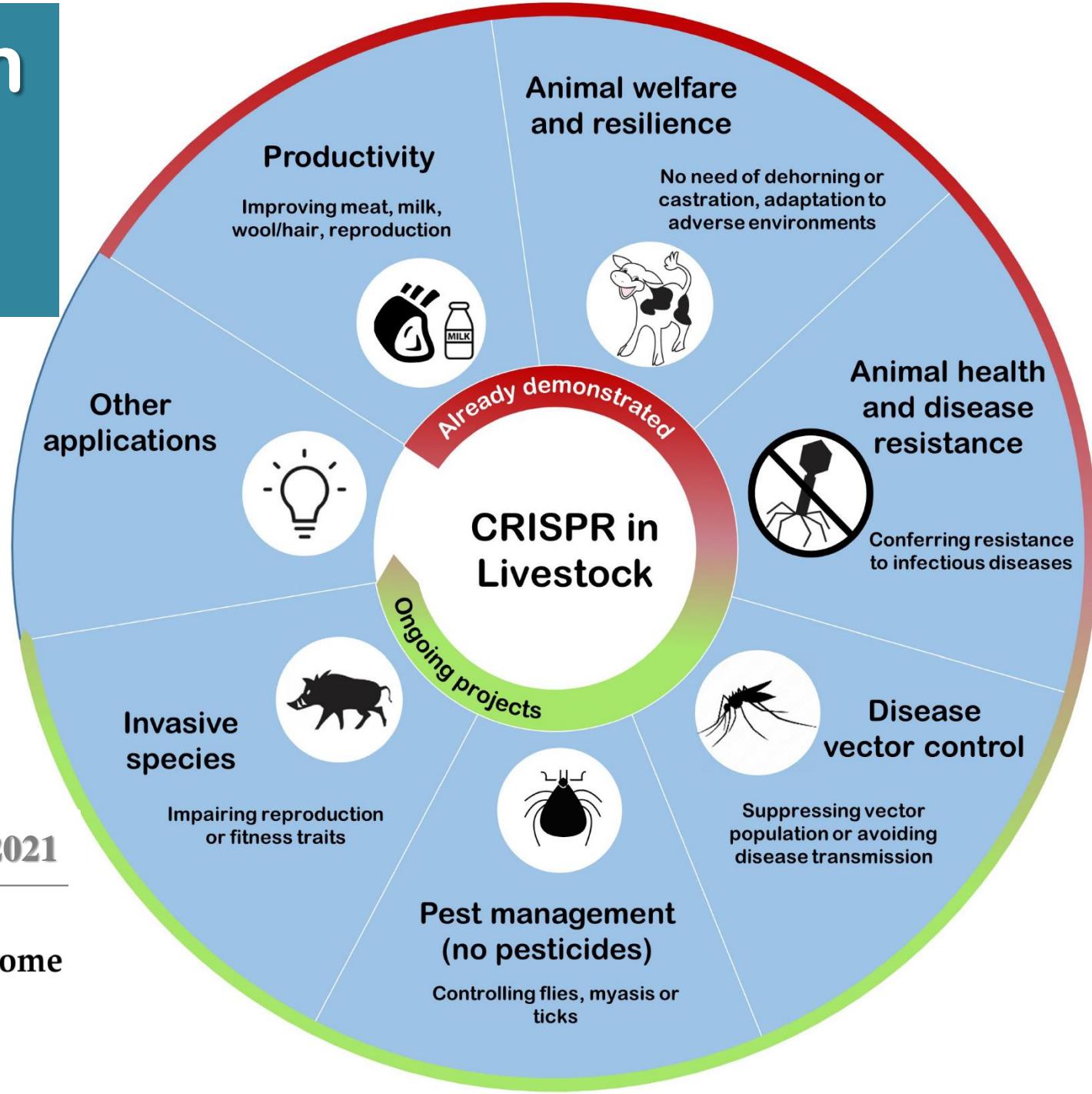


CRISPR in livestock

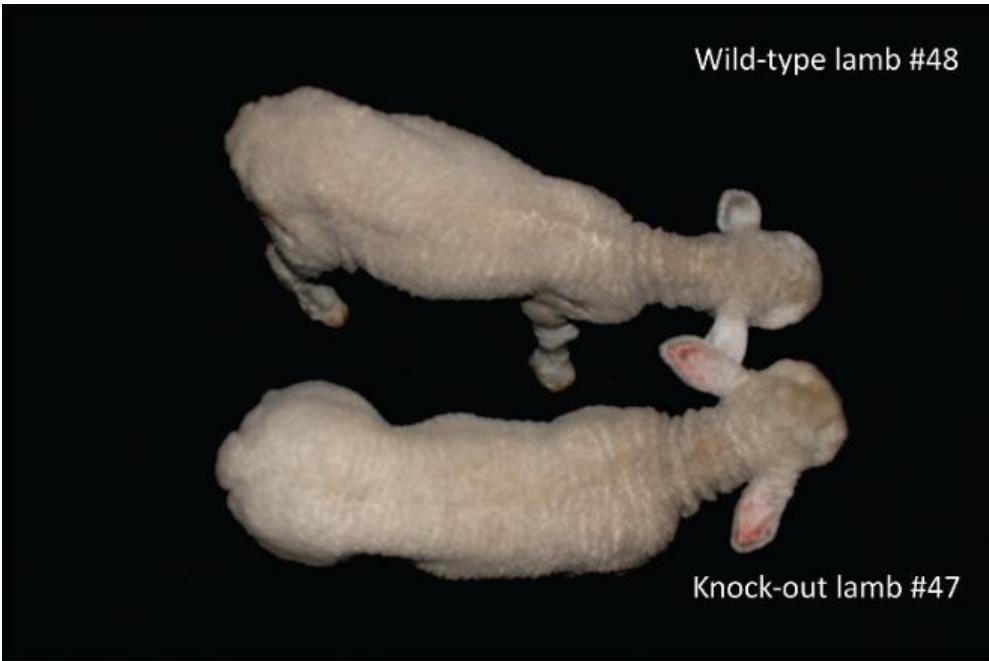
- The CRISPR/Cas system.
- How to produce edited animals.
- CRISPR for livestock improvement.

*Que?
Como se faz?
Para que?*

Potential contribution of Genome editing in Livestock



Double purpose animals



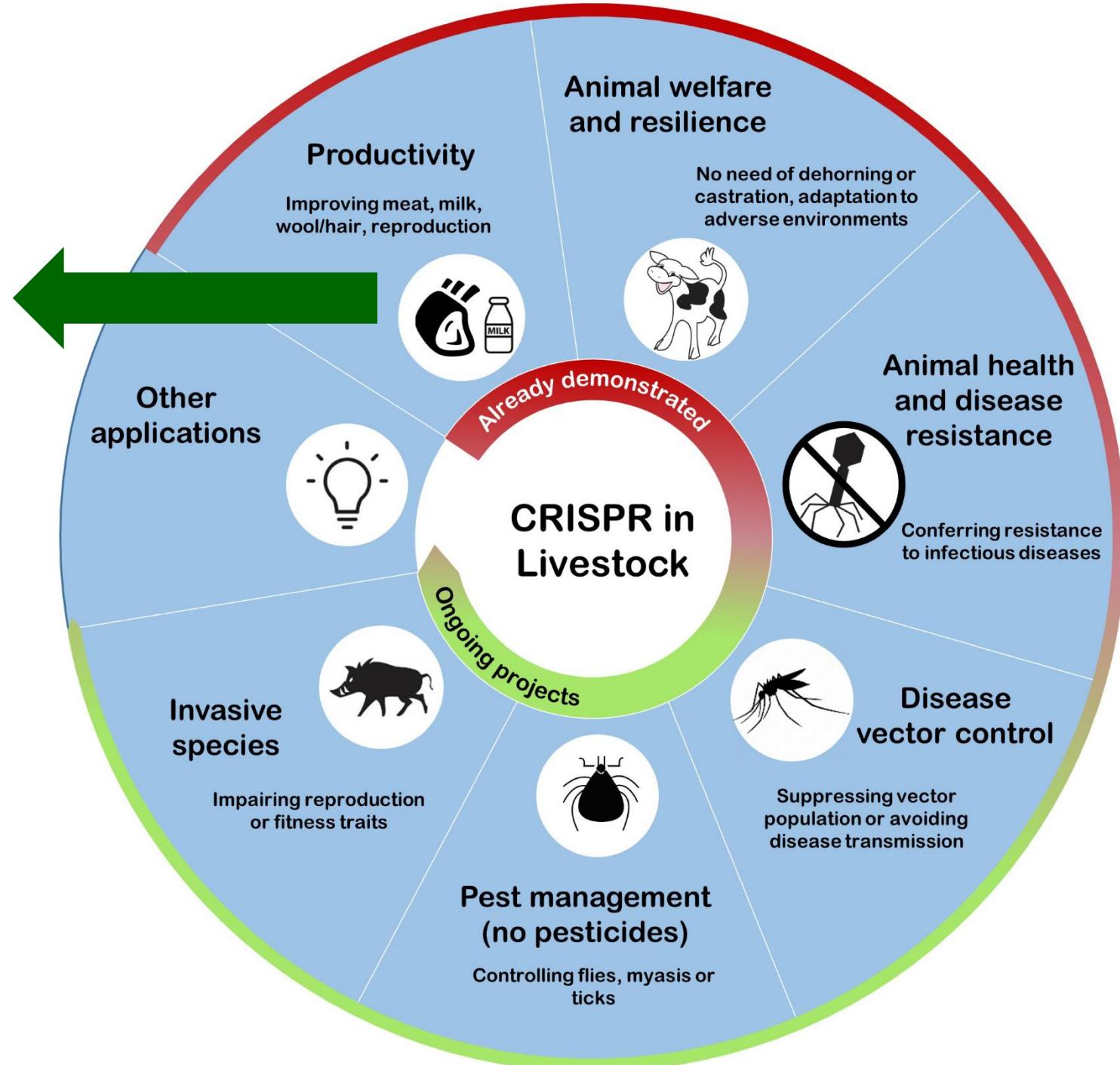
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Superfine wool

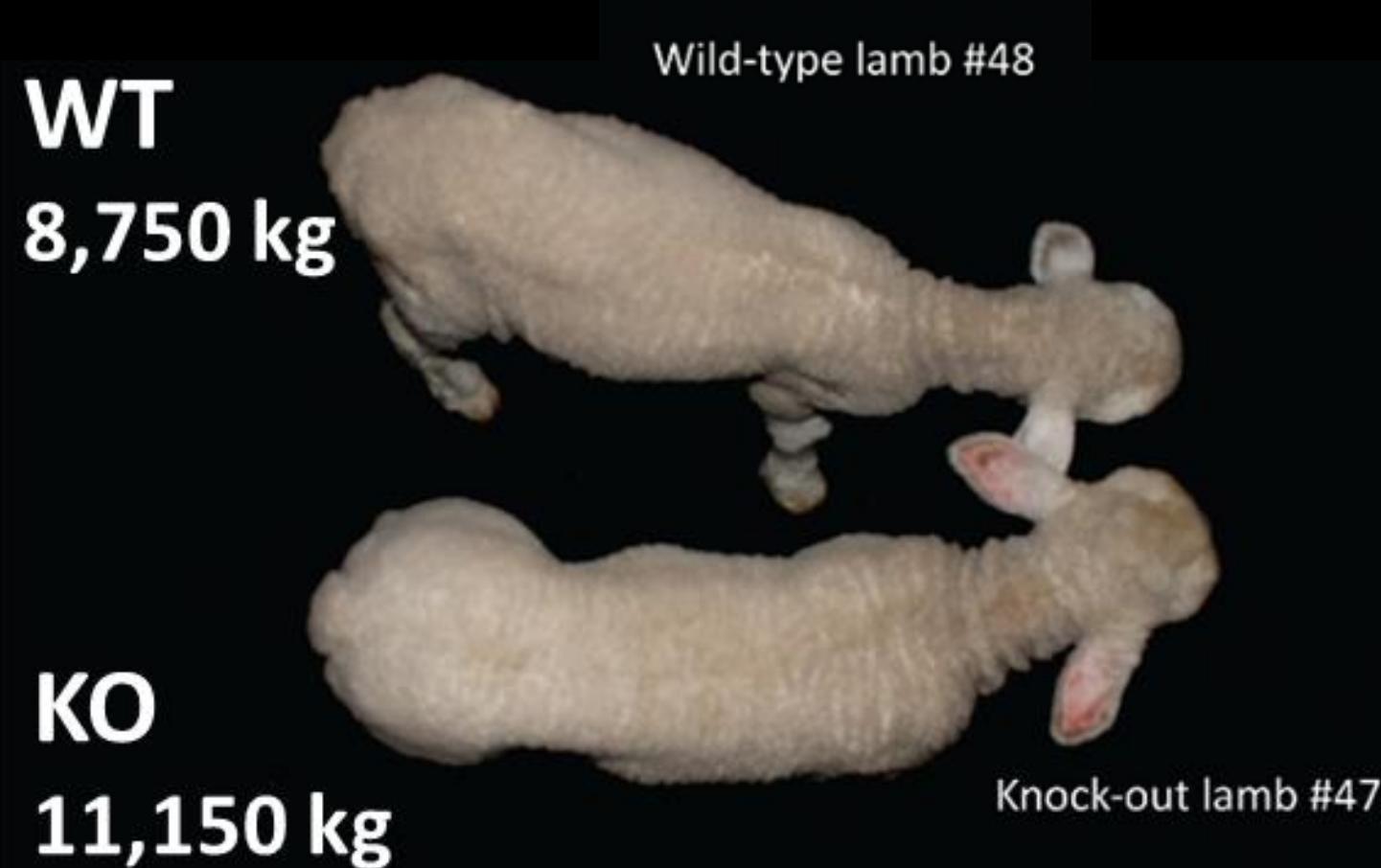
e.g., Australian Merino sheep



Meat breeds

e.g., Texel sheep





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Corderos de 30 días comparando un animal Wild Type (WT) con uno producido mediante la técnica CRISPR (KO).

Superfine Merino wool



Meat breeds



Classical
genetics
~10,000 years

CRISPR
few months

More wool



More meat

Genome editing beyond research

Producing Healthier, Happier Animals
and More Sustainable Farming

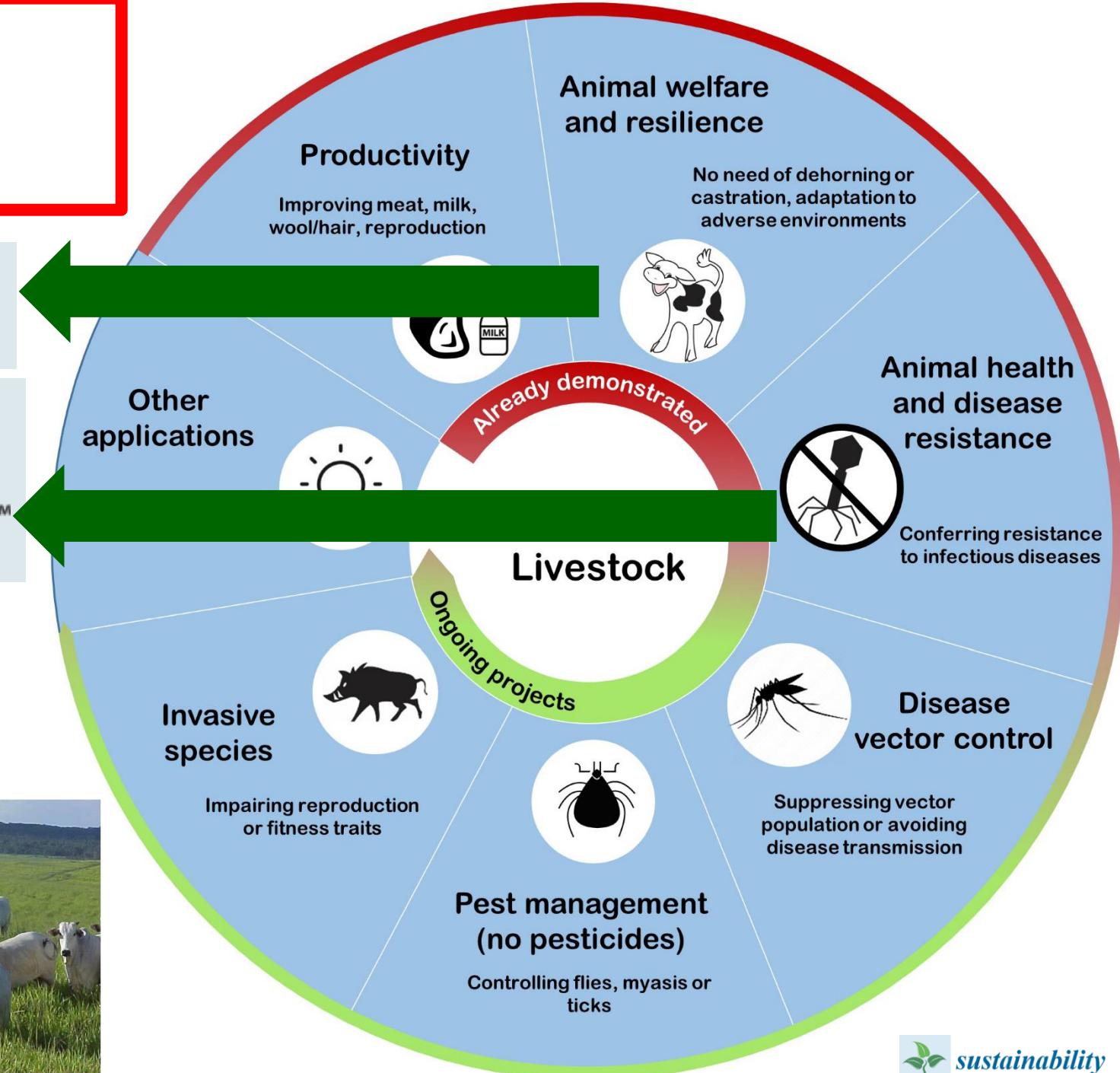
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Production of hornless dairy cattle from genome-edited cell lines

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Recombinetics and Semex Form Alliance to Improve Animal Well-being

May 29, 2018

Precision Breeding Partnership to Eliminate the Need to Dehorn Cattle

Recombinetics has formed an alliance with Semex, a Canadian-based, farmer-owned cattle



genetics organization, to implement a precision breeding program that improves animal health and well-being through hornless dairy cattle genetics.





Tropical slick-haired cattle breeds.

Criollo composite cattle breeds (**A**) Senepol, (**B**) Carora, and (**C**) Romosinuano, exhibit the slick hair coat which has been associated with thermo-tolerance in tropical and sub-tropical climates. The slick phenotype is characterized as a fine, sleek hair coat with fewer hair follicles, shorter hair length, and larger sweat glands. *Huson et al., 2014; Frontiers in Genetics.*

FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Makes Low-Risk Determination for Marketing of Products from Genome-Edited Beef Cattle After Safety Review

Decision Regarding Slick-Haired Cattle is Agency's First Enforcement Discretion Decision for an Intentional Genomic Alteration in an Animal for Food Use

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For Immediate Release: March 07, 2022

Summary

Acceligen submitted genomic data and other information to FDA to demonstrate that the IGA contained in PRLR-SLICK cattle is the equivalent to naturally occurring mutations that occur in conventionally raised cattle with a history of safe use as a source of human food. These mutations result in the same short, slick haircoat seen in cattle with the IGA, and people have safely eaten food products derived from cattle with the slick haircoat for years.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/155706/download>





Annual losses:
>600 million USD in USA
>1,500 million € in Europe

Gene-edited pigs are protected from porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus

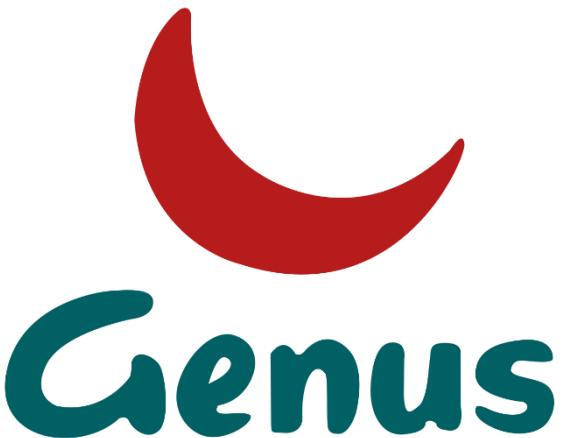
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Pigs Lacking the Scavenger Receptor Cys of CD163 Are Resistant to Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus 1 Infection

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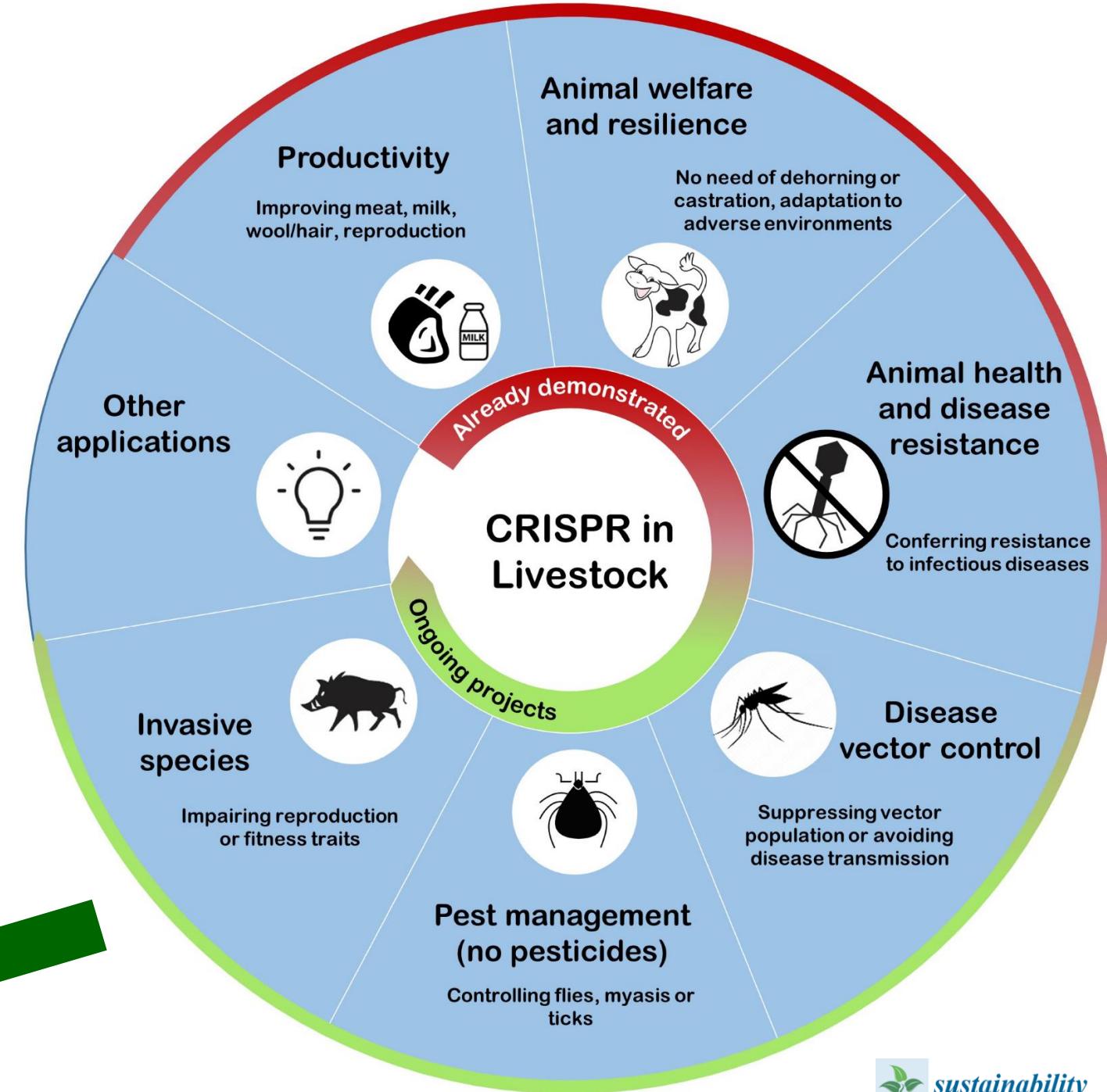
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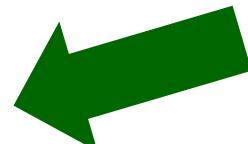
PRRSV
resistant pigs



CRISPR-based Gene drive



Pest management in
livestock/agriculture



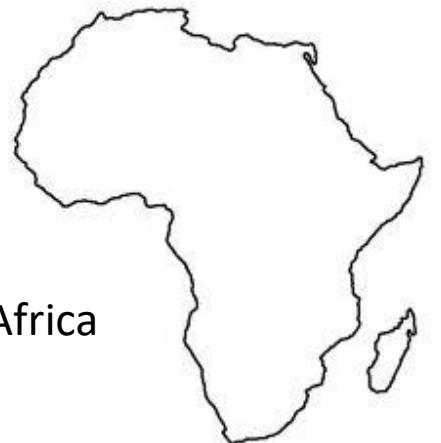
CRISPR para controlar plagas: Gene drive



CRISPR/Cas-based Gene drive



Malaria



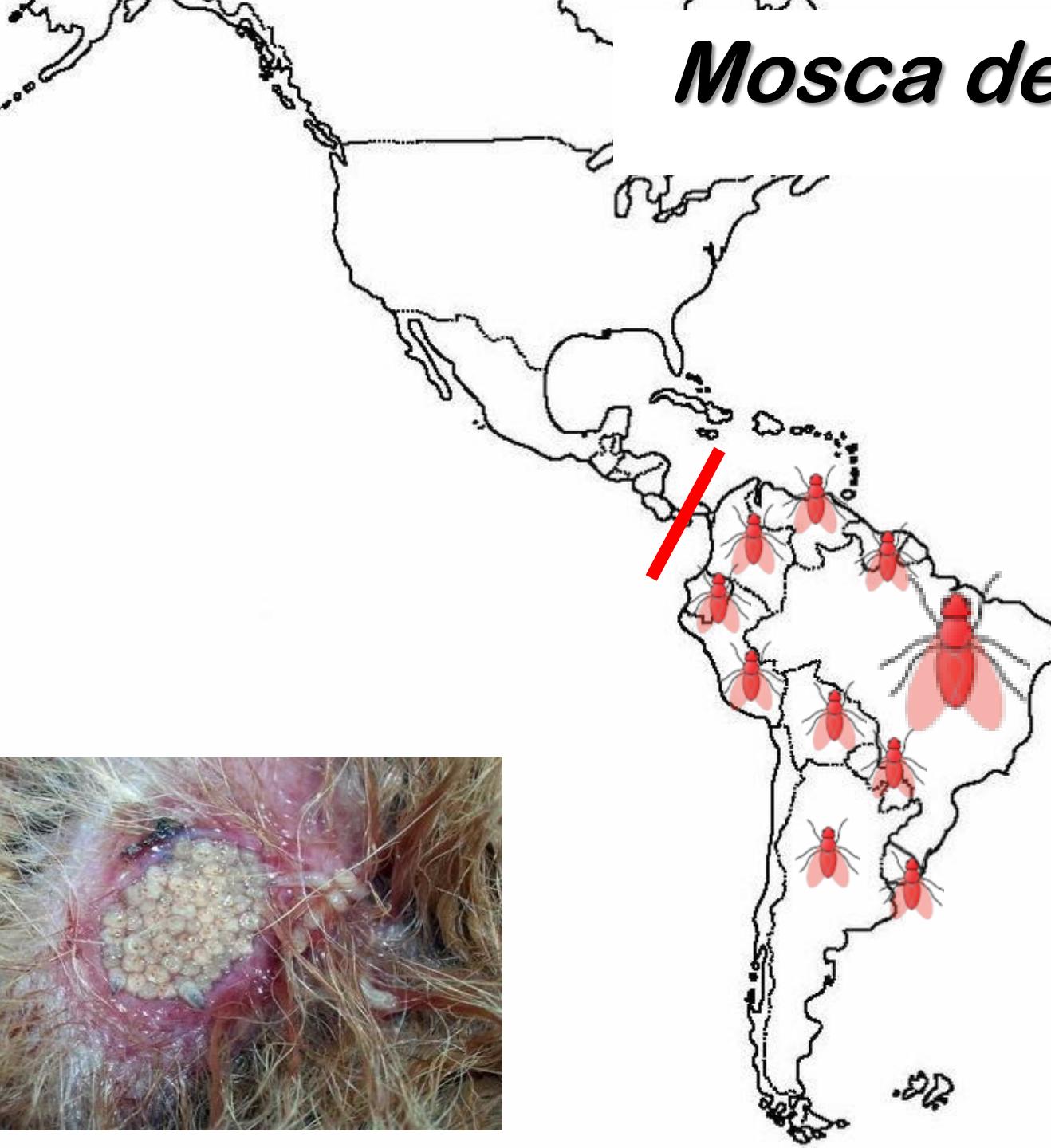
**Global efforts:
B&M Gates Foundation supports
11 projects in Gene drive**

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| The Hebrew University of Jerusalem | Global Health | MARCH 2020 | GLOBAL (+1) | \$1,419,813 |
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| The Pirbright Institute | Global Health | JULY 2019 | GLOBAL | \$3,589,679 |
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Mosca de la bichera (Screwworm)

Cochliomyia hominivorax



**Big problem in
South America**



Mosca de la bichera (Screwworm)

Cochliomyia hominivorax

Sustainability?

Pesticides: 6 Million tons/yr

Bernhardt et al., 2017

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Losses in South America US\$ 3.5 bill/year



Also in humans



Animal welfare?



Natural breeding



Allele 1



Allele 2

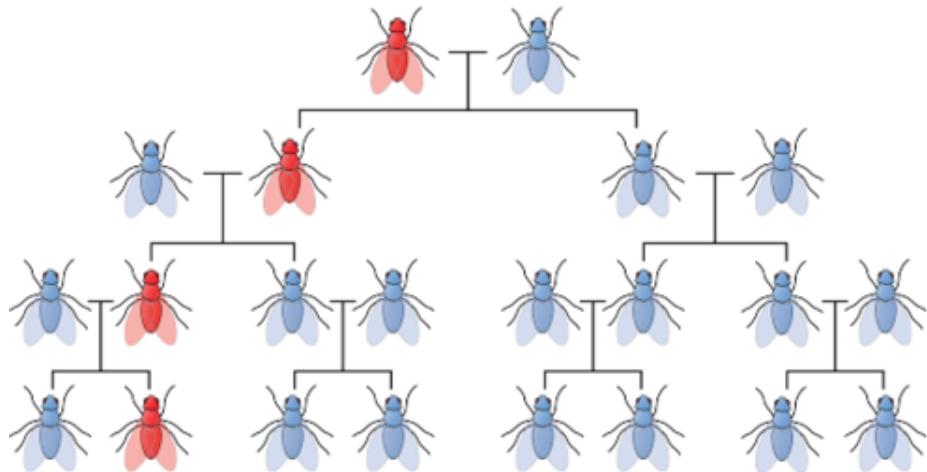
Breeding



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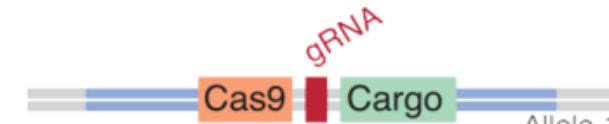


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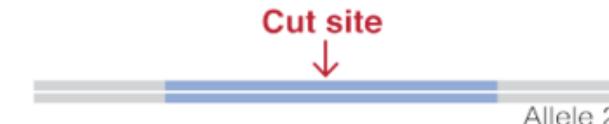


The genetic trait is lost in the wild population

Gene drive by CRISPR



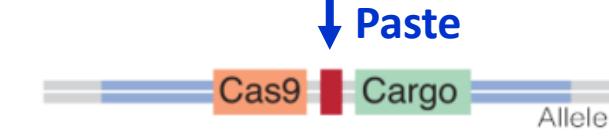
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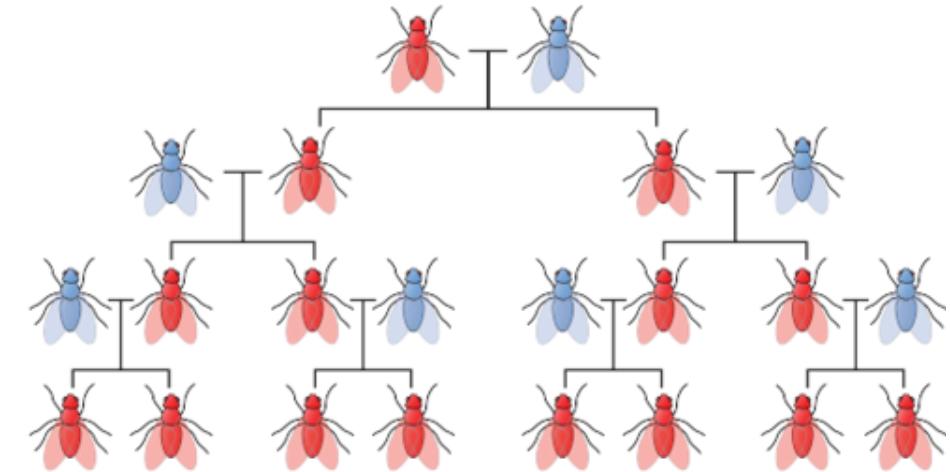
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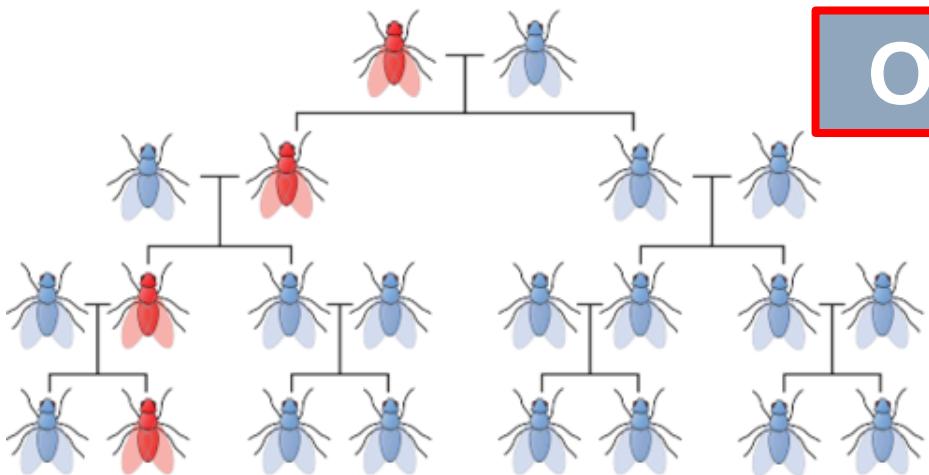


The trait is always inherited in all the progeny

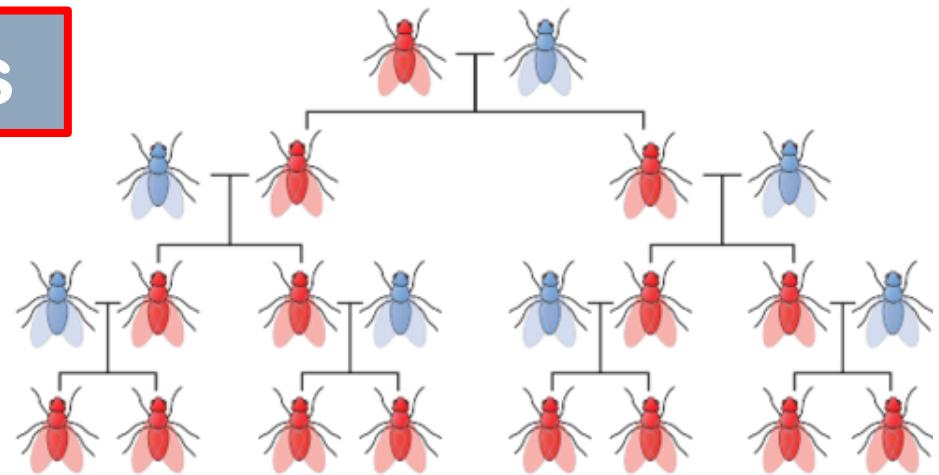


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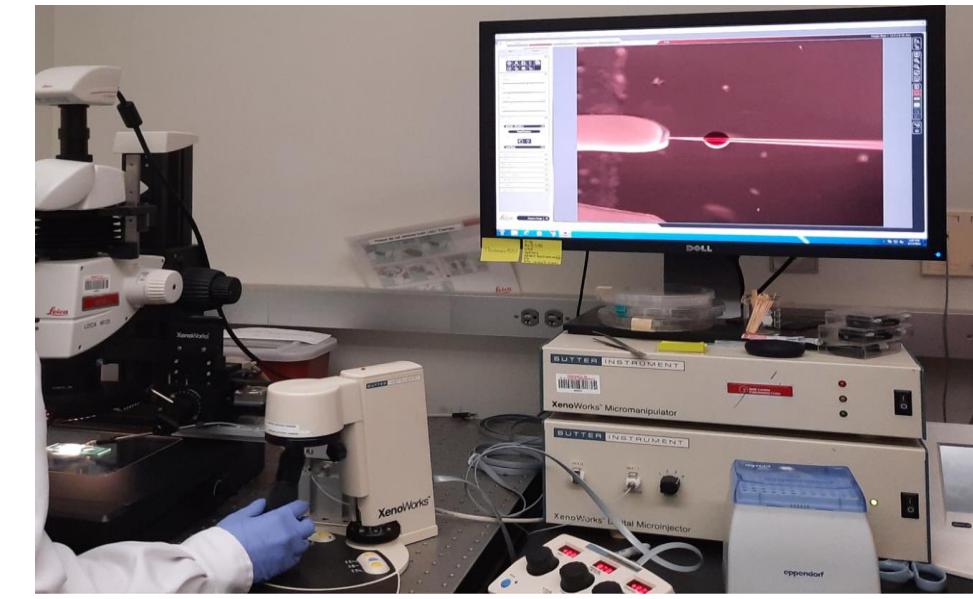
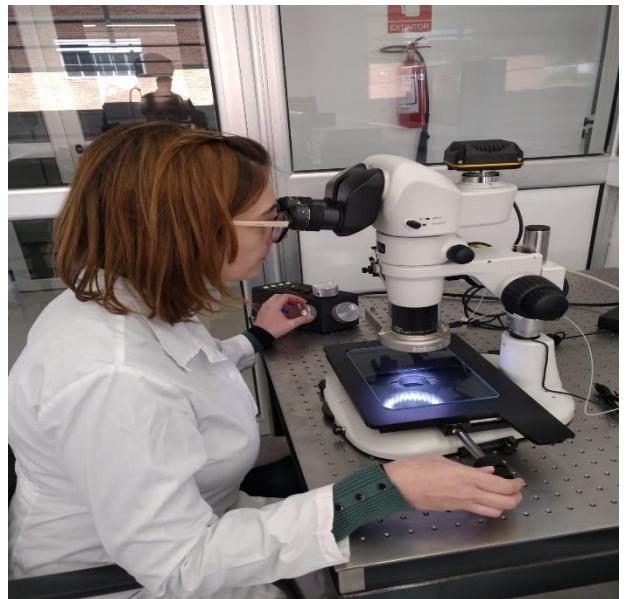
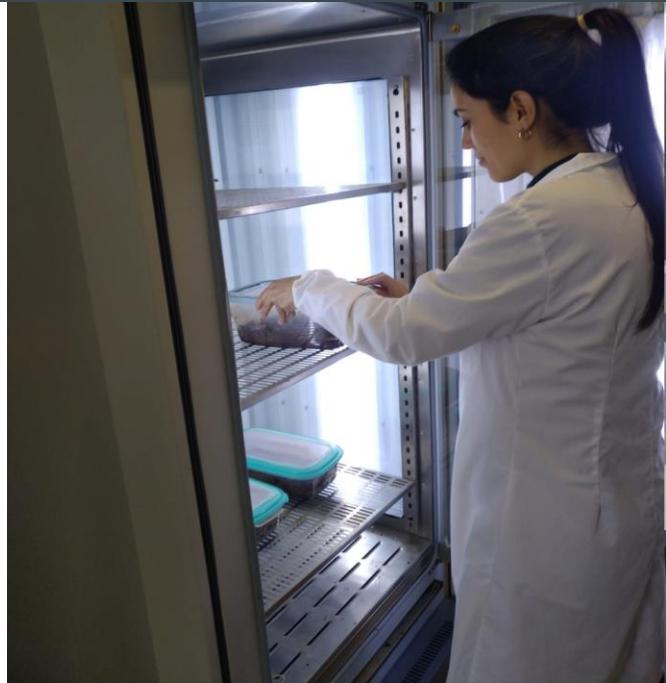
Only males



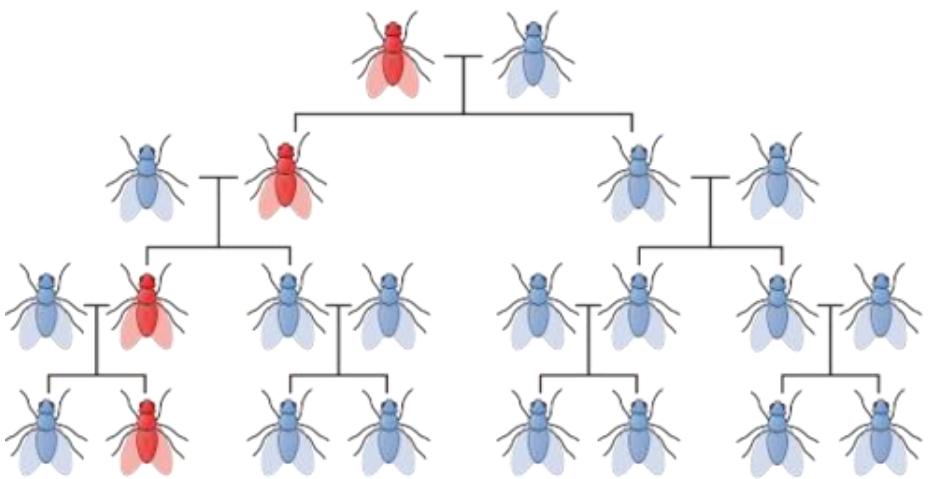
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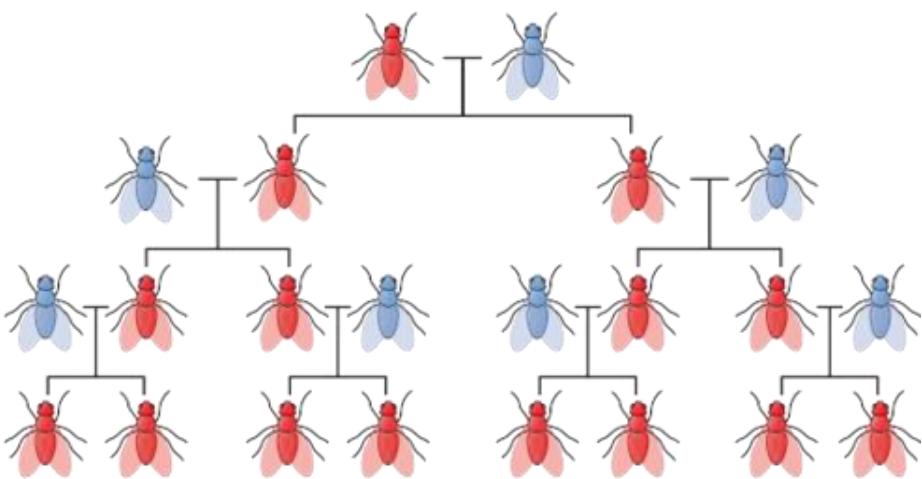
CRISPR/Cas system, fly rearing, and embryo microinjection:



Garrafa?



El gen de interés se pierde en la población

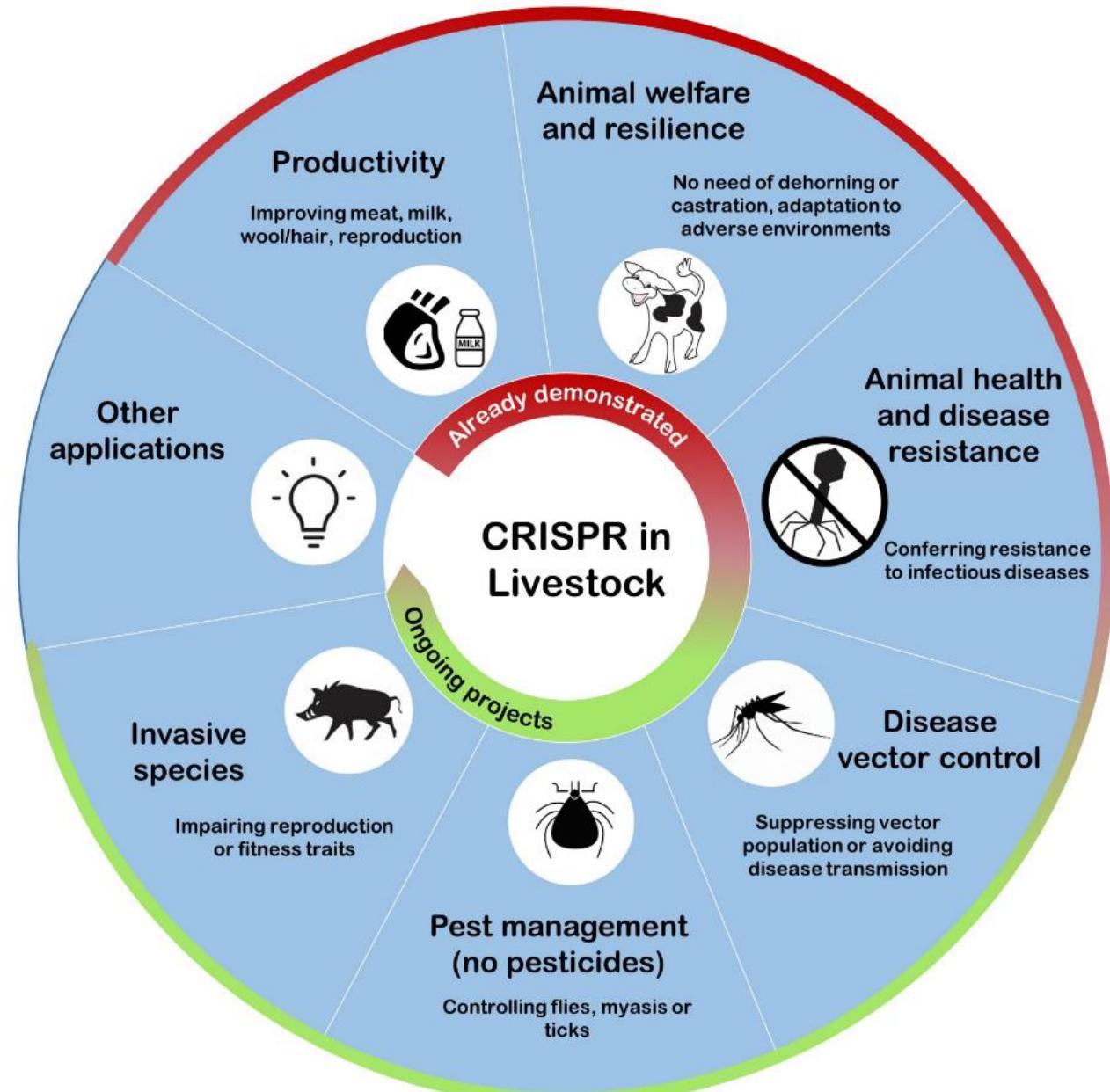


El gen de interés siempre se hereda

CRISPR in livestock

Preguntas y nuevas ideas??

*Que?
Como?
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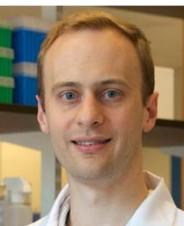
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Obrigado.

