

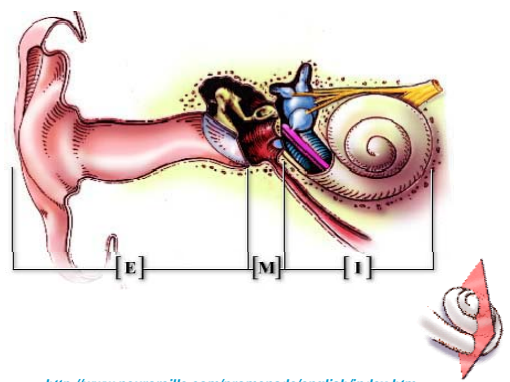
**“Neural stem cells for Hearing Impairment.”**



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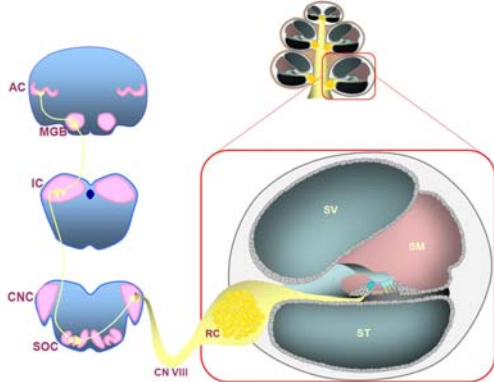
- Stem cells & Hearing Restoration
- Cell types and sources of grafting
- How do transplanted cells work ?
- Timing of Stem cell transplantation

**The Cochlea**



<http://www.neuroreille.com/promenade/english/index.htm>

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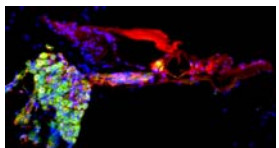
Jongkamonwiwat et al., CDT 2010

**Hearing Impairment**

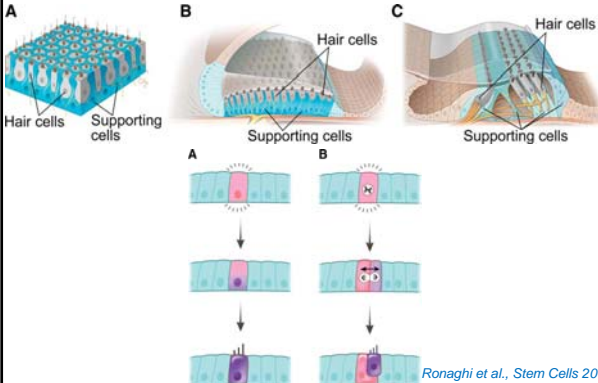
Sensorineural Hearing Loss

- Genetic
- Disease
- Aging
- Trauma
- Medication
- Noise

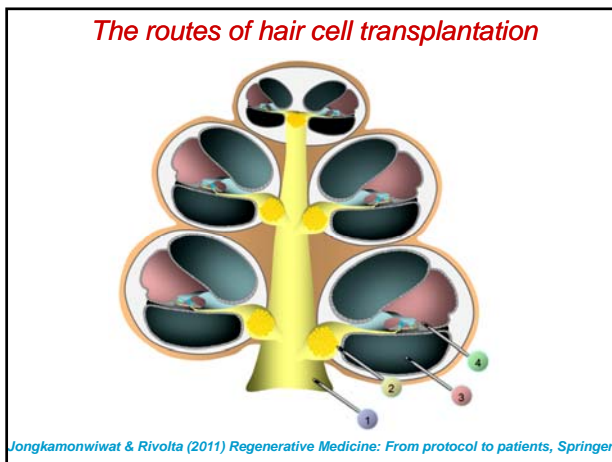
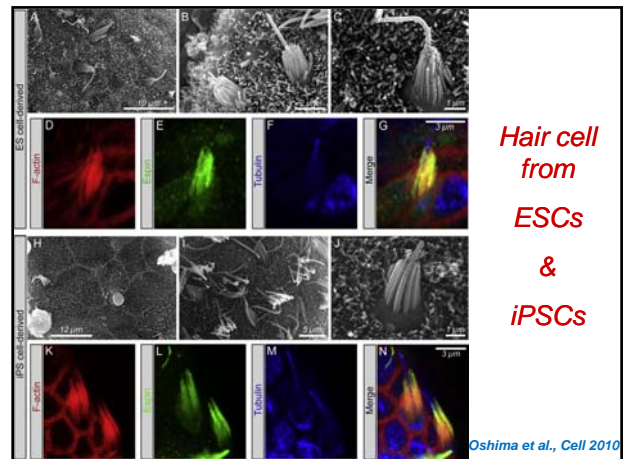
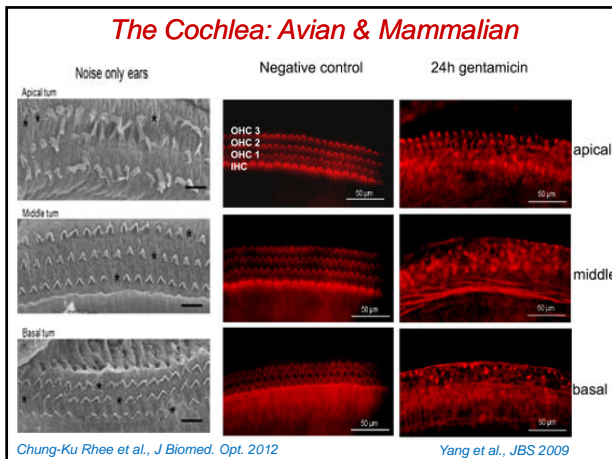
Abnormalities in the hair cells of the organ of Corti in the cochlea



**The Cochlea: Avian & Mammalian**



Ronaghi et al., Stem Cells 2011



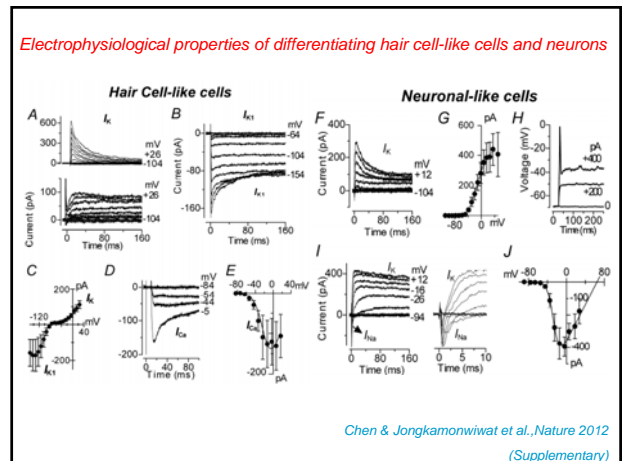
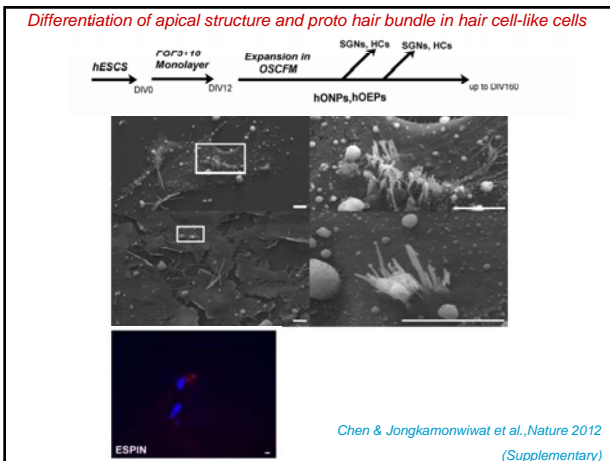
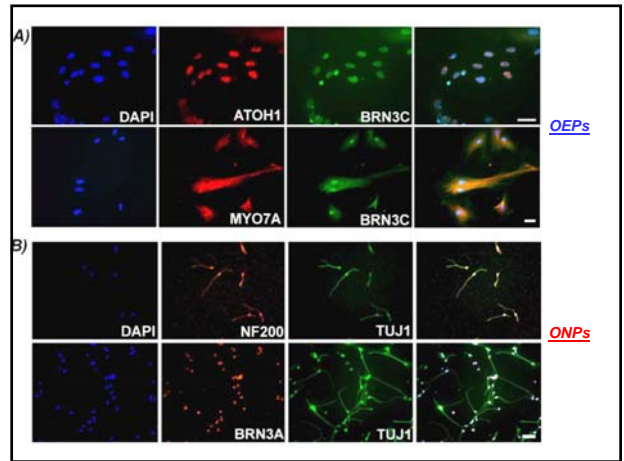
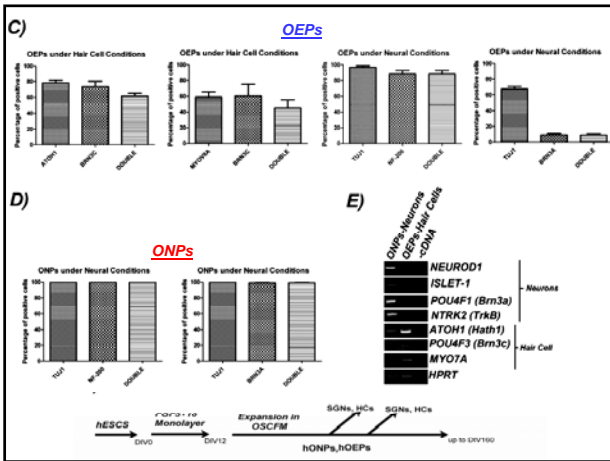
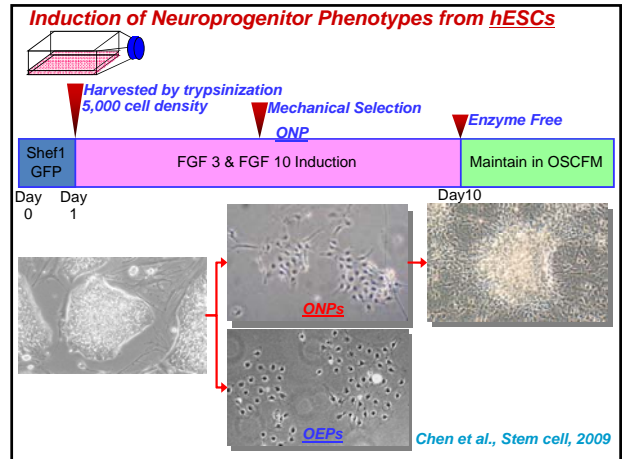
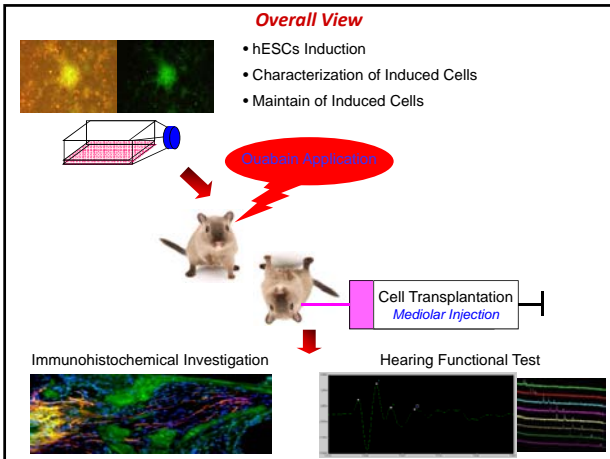
### Cochlear Implant

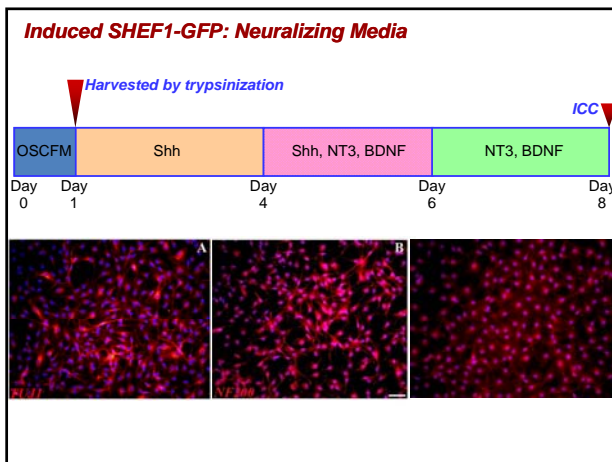
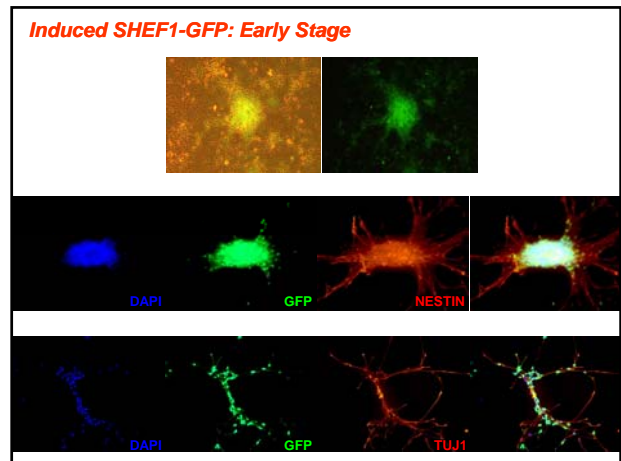
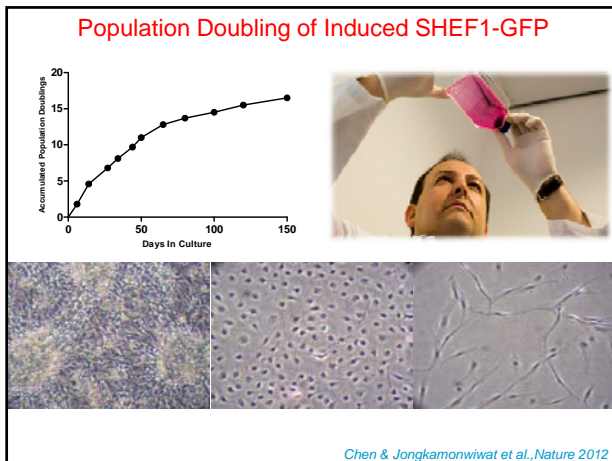
Surgically implanted electronic device that provides a sense of sound. Directly stimulating any functioning auditory nerves inside the cochlea with an electric field.

People with mild or moderate sensorineural hearing loss are generally not candidates for cochlear implantation.



 <b>Adult Stem Cell</b>	 <b>ESCs</b>	 <b>iPSCs</b>
Demonstrated success in some treatments May be genetically matched to patient	Can produce all cell types Relatively easy to maintain & grow	Genetically matched to patient Can produce all cell types
Produce limited number of cell types Not found in all tissue Difficult to identify, isolate, maintain and grow in laboratory	Risk of creating teratomas (tumors) from implanting undifferentiated cell <b>Ethical concern : Destruction of human blastocyst</b>	Processes involved with retro-viruses Long-term transplantation effects has not been proved





### Deafness induction and Cell transplantation

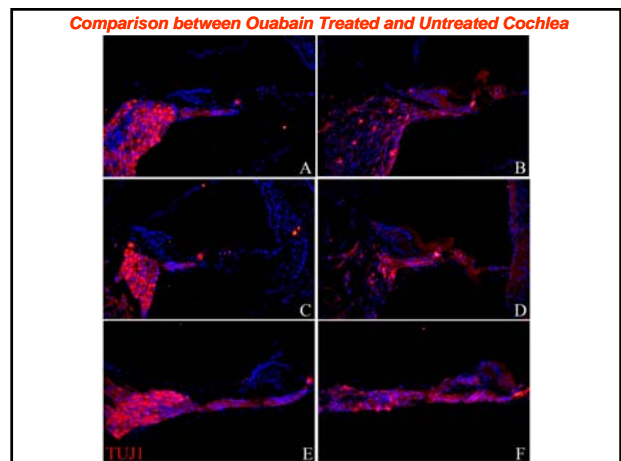
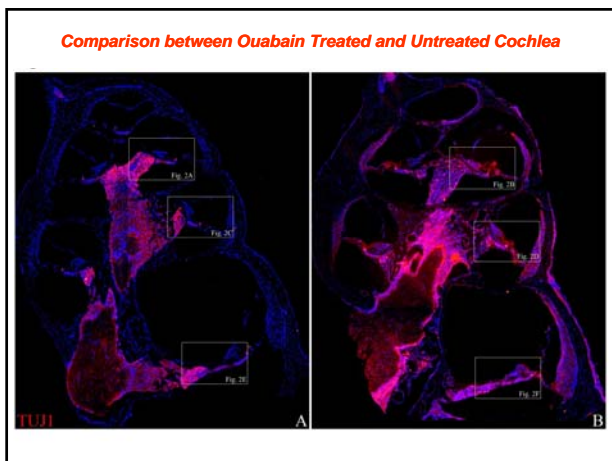
Ouabain: Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase Inhibitor

Ouabain induces apoptotic cell death in type I spiral ganglion neurons.

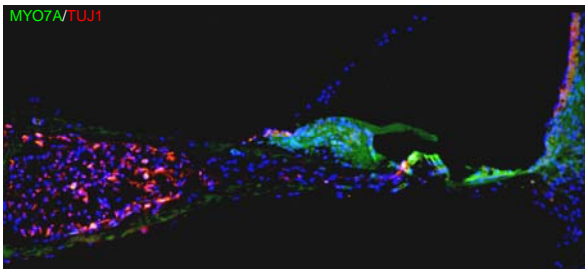
Lang H. et al., 2005

Application Dose: 20µl of 1mM Ouabain (Sigma, O-3125) in NSS  
Applied to RW membrane for 30 minutes  
Removed by small piece of cotton wick

Lang H. et al., 2008

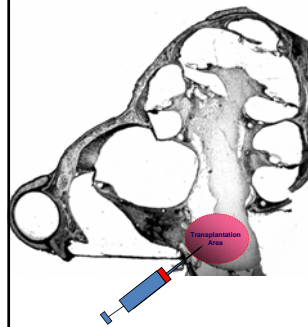


**Persistence of Hair cells in Ouabain treated cochlea**

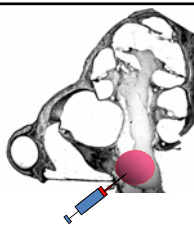


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**Deafness induction and Cell transplantation**

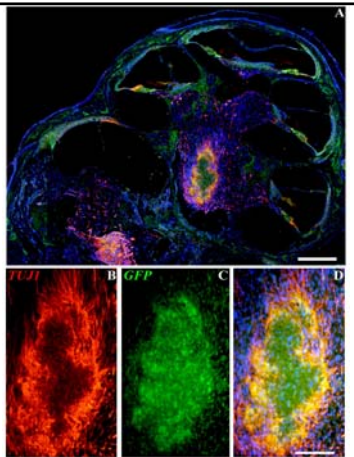


- A Nanoliter Microinjection System (WPI) with 33gauge needle
- 3  $\mu$ l (~5x10<sup>4</sup>) of cell suspension in DMEM store at 4°C
- Daily injection of cyclosporine (15 mg/kg s.c.) starting 1 day before surgery and terminating the day before sacrifice.

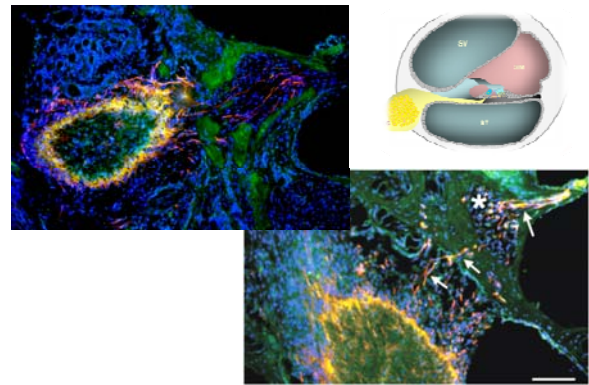


Short Term Transplantation:  
Forming of Ectopic ganglion  
in the cochlear modiolus

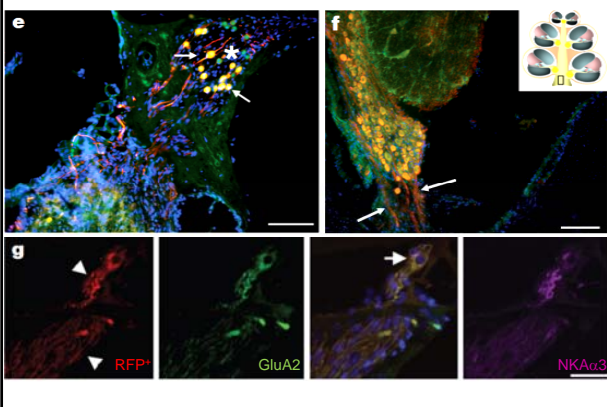
Neuronal Differentiation of  
Transplanted cells



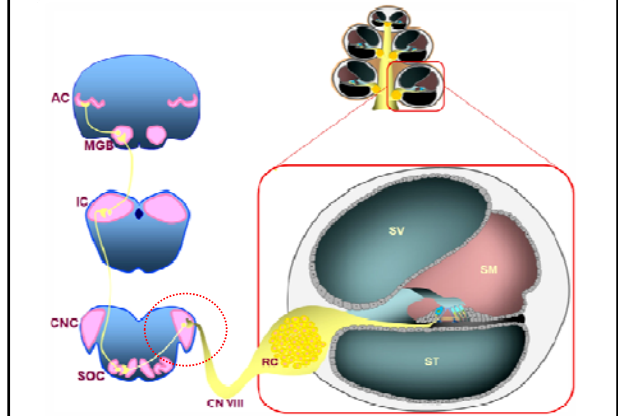
**Immunohistochemistry Staining after Transplantation**



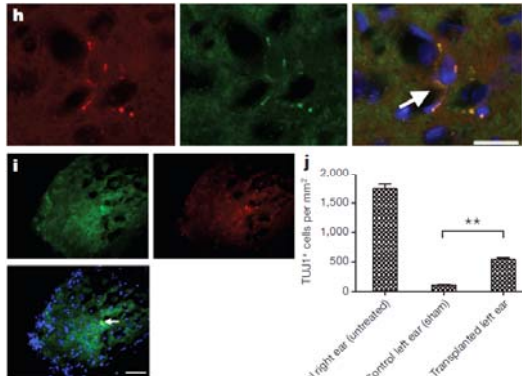
**Immunohistochemistry Staining after Transplantation**



**Reorganization at the level of brainstem auditory nucleus**

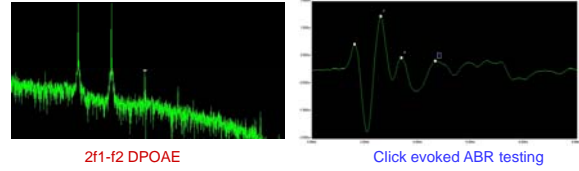


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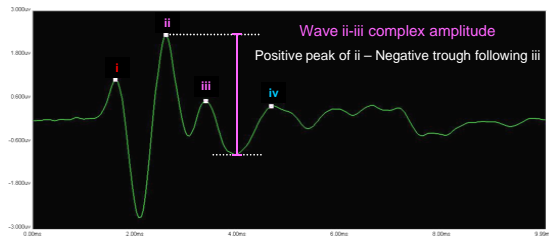
**Hearing Measurement**

Auditory brainstem responses (ABR) and Distortion product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAE) have been applied to the evaluation of peripheral auditory function.



The purpose of this study was to measure click evoked ABR testing and 2f1-f2 DPOAE as detectors of sensorineural damage induced by ouabain treatment and also trace the recovery after transplantation.

**Waveform nomenclature**



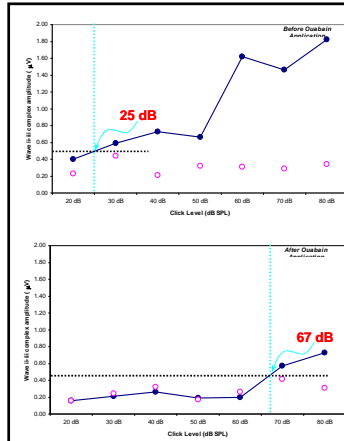
Wave i: The wave occurring at 1-2 ms  
 Waves ii and iii: The complex double-waves at 2-3.5 ms  
 Wave iv: The large wave at 4-5 ms

Burkard et al.(1993)

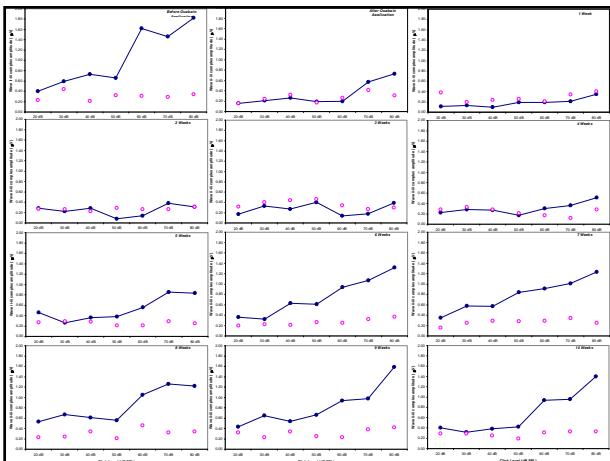
**ABR Threshold:**

Stimulus level that evoked a peak-to-peak voltage 2 S.D. above the mean background activity.

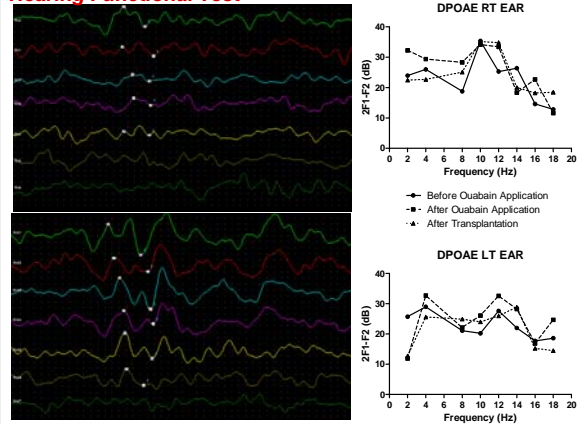
Mean Background = 0.31 µV  
 S.D.= 0.08  
 2S.D.=0.16  
 2 S.D.+ Mean Background= 0.47

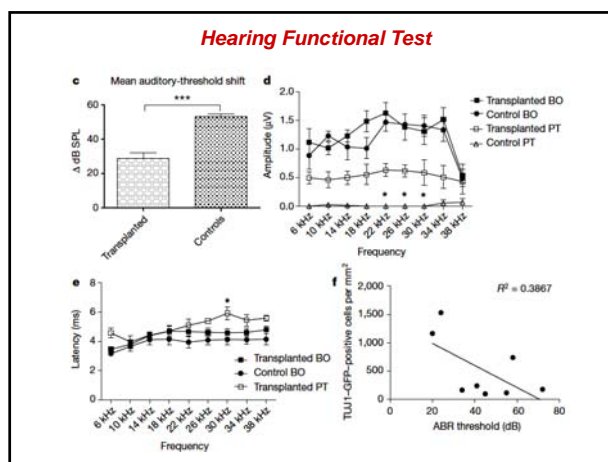
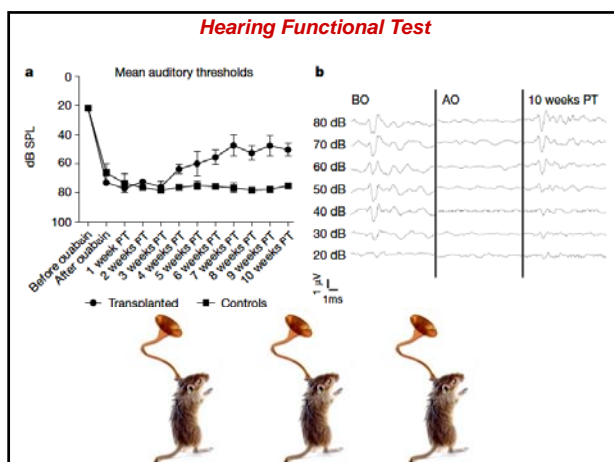


Mean Background = 0.27 µV  
 S.D.= 0.09  
 2S.D.=0.18  
 2 S.D.+ Mean Background= 0.45



**Hearing Functional Test**





### Transplanted cells Quantification

	Untreated ear (right)		Ouabain-treated ear (left)		% Periph. +	% total (Type I)
	TUJ1+ mm-2	Periph. + mm-2	TUJ1+ mm-2	Periph. + mm-2		
Apical Turn	1848.73 ± 187.5	105.2 ± 5.9	88.7 ± 30.5	85.7 ± 13.6	96.6%	4.8 % (0.16%)
Mid Turn	1773.1 ± 93.9	169.6 ± 19	127.2 ± 11.7	101.9 ± 31.5	80.1%	7.1 % (1.41%)
Basal Turn	1607.77 ± 205.4	134.1 ± 28.9	121.5 ± 33.5	101.2 ± 3.6	83.3%	7.5% (1.25%)
<b>Mean Total</b>	<b>1743 ± 71.5</b>	<b>136.3 ± 18.6</b>	<b>112.5 ± 11.9</b>	<b>96.2 ± 5.2</b>	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>6.4% (0.94%)</b>

	Control animal (untreated, right ear)	Control animal (ouabain, left ear)	Transplanted animals (left ear)	
	TUJ1+ mm-2	TUJ1+ mm-2	TUJ1+ mm-2	% TUJ1+/GFP+
Apical Turn	1848.73 ± 187.5	88.7 ± 30.5	498.17 ± 166.8	95.36 ± 1.9
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From 5x10<sup>4</sup> transplanted cells

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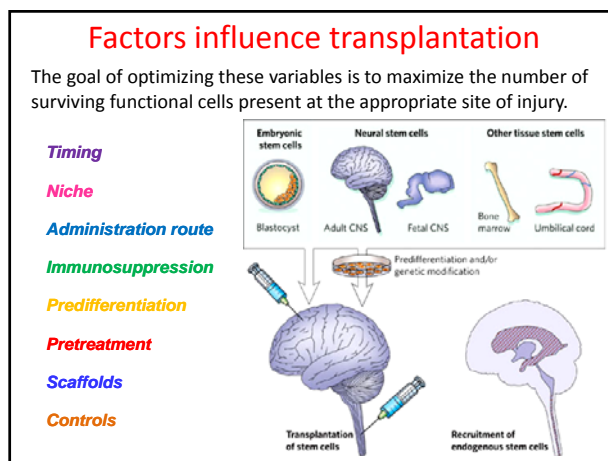
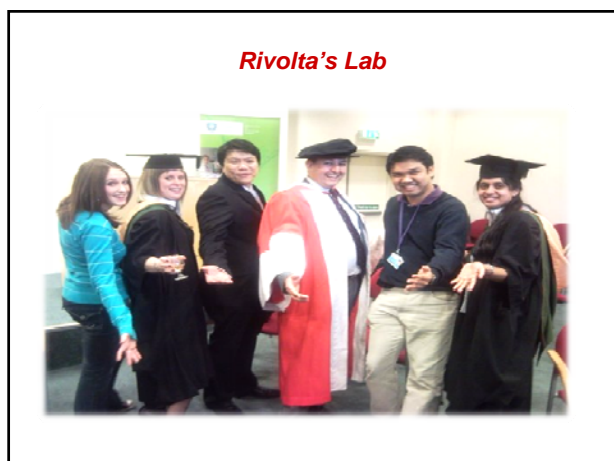
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### How do transplanted cells work?

- Neurotransmitters released from the graft tissue.
- Release of the neurotrophic/growth factors (BDNF, glial derived neurotrophic factor [GDNF], NGF, etc.) acting as local pumps to support cell function and to prevent cascade of apoptosis.
- Regenerating neuronal population further prevents subsequent cell death.
- Re-establishment of local interneuronal connections and synaptic connectivity between the host and graft.
- Limit glial reaction and prevent retrograde degeneration.
- Improvement of regional oxygen tension.
- Cell differentiation and integration.

# Stroke

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Stem Cell Therapies as an Emerging Paradigm in Stroke (STEPS) : Bridging Basic and Clinical Science for Cellular and Neurogenic Factor Therapy in Treating Stroke

The STEPS Participants

The Stem Cell Therapies as an Emerging Paradigm in Stroke (STEPS) meeting was organized to bring together clinical and basic researchers with industry and regulatory representatives to assess the critical issues in the field and to create a framework to guide future investigations.

**Table 1. Considerations for Animal and Human Testing of Cellular Therapy**

- Mechanism of action
  - Trophic factors
  - Cell replacement
  - Local environment support
  - Other
- Pathological substrate
  - Ischemic versus hemorrhagic
  - Peri-infarct versus intra-infarct
- Location of pathology
  - Cortical versus subcortical
  - Brainstem
- Timing after stroke
  - Acute
  - Subacute
  - Chronic

## STEP I

**Table 2. Guidance on Cell Delivery Approaches**

- Establish compatibility of cells with delivery device and determine optimal cell density and delivery volume necessary for efficacy
- Intracerebroventricular: requires further safety and feasibility study
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- Intra-arterial: requires demonstration that cells do not lead to microembolism and brain infarcts
- IV: cells may need homing signal to brain; demonstration that cells do not cause organ toxicity or interfere with organ physiology

**Table 4. Guidance on Dosing**

- Determine MTD from the literature
- Determine dose-response curve
- Initial clinical trials should be based on animal studies of the optimal dose
- Dose ranges will likely be negotiated with FDA and historical MTD

MTD indicates maximum tolerated dose.

**Table 3. Guidance on Devices to Assist in Cell Delivery**

- Establish cell compatibility with device and establish maximal cell density and delivery volume
- Establish animal and human compatibility
- Biodegradability for implanted devices with long-term safety evaluation

## STEP II

**Stem Cell Therapy as an Emerging Paradigm for Stroke (STEPS) II**  
Sean I. Savitz, Michael Chopp, Robert Deans, S. T. Carmichael, Donald Phinney and Larry Wechsler

Drafted new recommendations to create a framework to guide future investigations in cell-based therapies for stroke

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### The scientific challenges of human stem cells

Basic Research Phase

**Building Scientific Capacity**

- Creating Career Development Pathways
- Training Courses
- Establishing Infrastructure
  - novel cell culture methods
  - expanding cell lines
  - cell sorting methods

**Proving Long Term Stability of Cells**

- Characterization of Embryonic Stem Cells
- Genetic Stability

**Understanding Cell Cycle Control**

- Regulation/Control of Cell Division

**Understanding Cell Specialization**

- Growth Factors
- Gene Regulation

**Evaluating Cell-Host Interactions**

- Immunology
- Transplantation Biology

The state of the science currently lies in the development of fundamental knowledge of the properties of human pluripotent cells.

These therapies will always be applied as "combination therapy" with rehabilitation.

tPA (thrombolytic) Neuroprotective

G-CSF, IV Cell based therapy

Administered Cells

**24 hrs:** Neuroprotective  
**ACTIVE BRAIN REMODELING:** Multiple targets: expression of chemokines, microglia, neurogenesis, synaptogenesis  
**1 month:** Neurorestorative - early: Intracerebral IV, IA  
**REMODELING COMPLETE:** Neurorestorative - late: Intracerebral route; scaffolds



