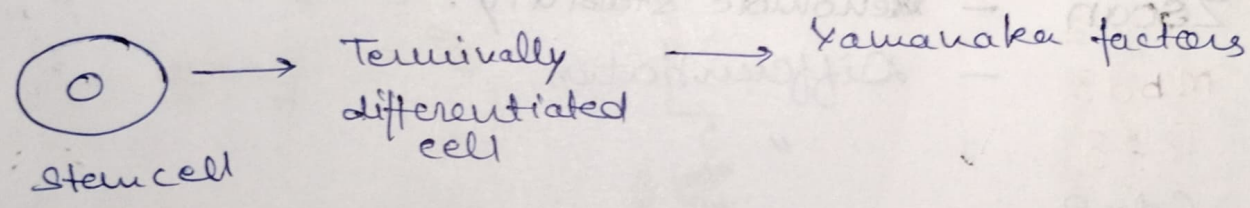


stem cell signaling

→ self renewal and differentiation potential

→ Yamanaka factors - Sox-2, Oct 4, Klf-4, & c-Myc.

- i) Octamer binding transcription factor-4 (Oct 4)
 - ii) Sex determining region 4 box-2
 - iii) Kruppel-like factor-4. (Klf-4)
 - iv) c-myelocytomatosis (c-Myc)
- plays key role in maintenance of pluripotency.

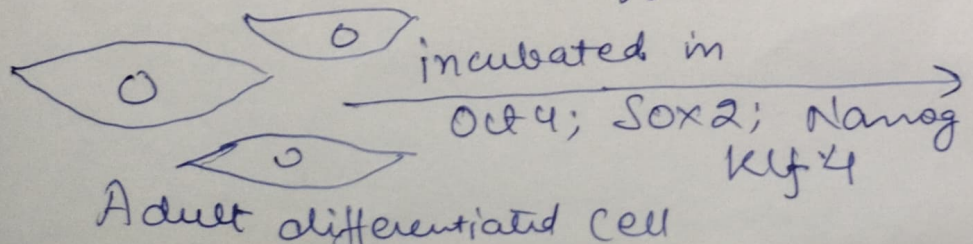


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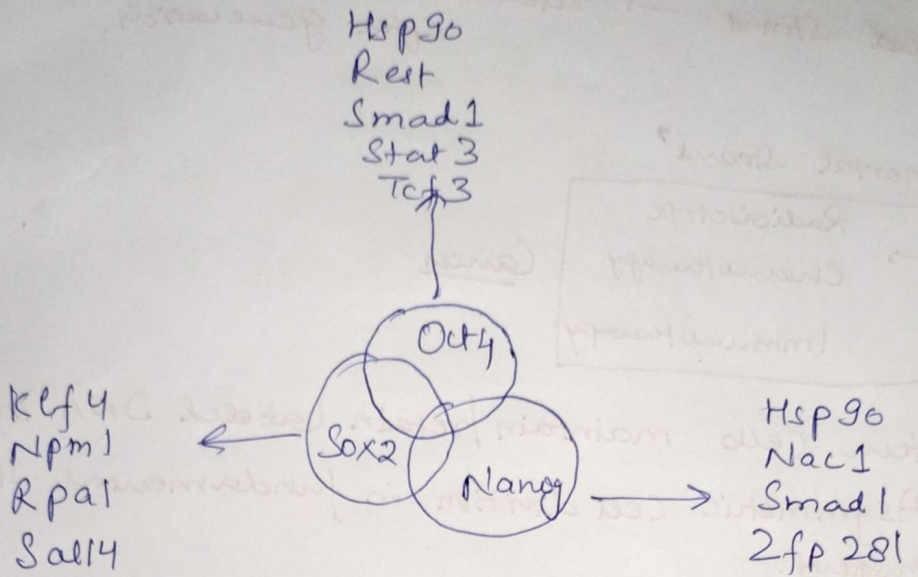
Yamanaka Factors

Takahashi and Yamanaka → maintenance of Pluripotency

→ induced pluripotent stem cell were produced by exogenous expression of transcriptional pluripotency program in adult differentiated cell



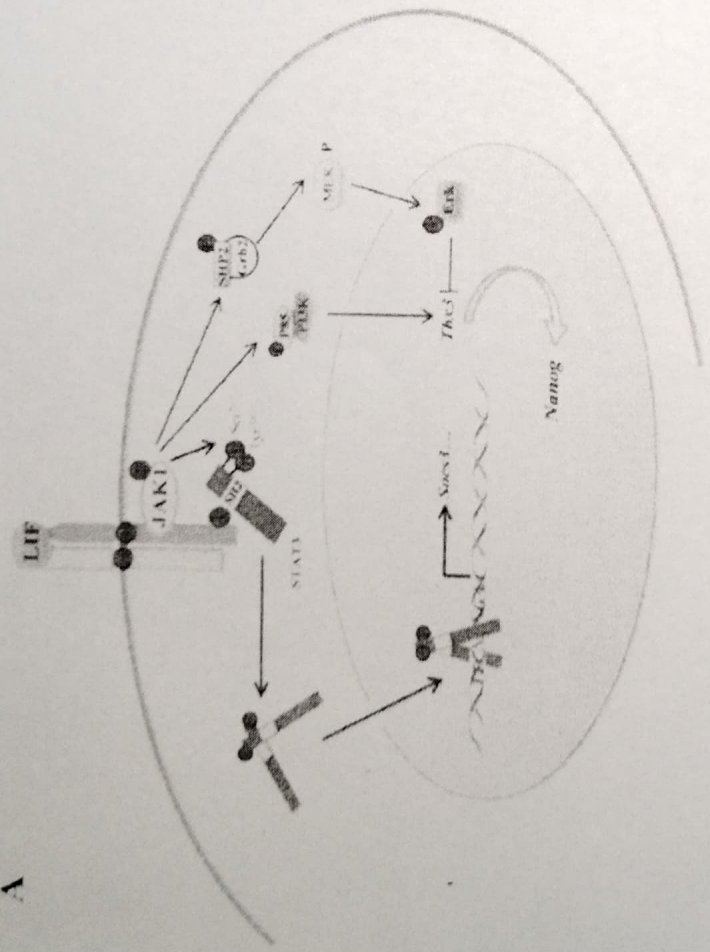
Process was known as induced pluripotency
Stem Cell → Pluripotent line & ESC.



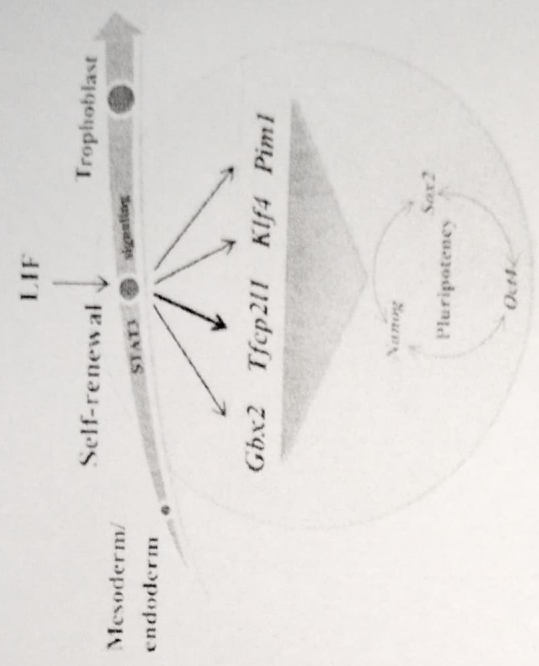
Core pluripotency TF's interact \bar{c} each other and also interact with many transcriptional regulators to maintain stem cell pluripotency.

- Oct4 — Core factor
- Sox2 — Core factor
- Nanog — Core factor
- Klf 4/5 — self renewal
- c-myc — "
- Tbx 3 — "
- Esrrb — "
- Tcf -211 — "
- Tfe -3 — "
- Zscan — Genomic stability.
- Mbd3 — Differentiation
- Tcf3 — "
- Cdx2 — "
- Gata 4/6 — "
- Tfap2c — "
- Sox17 — "

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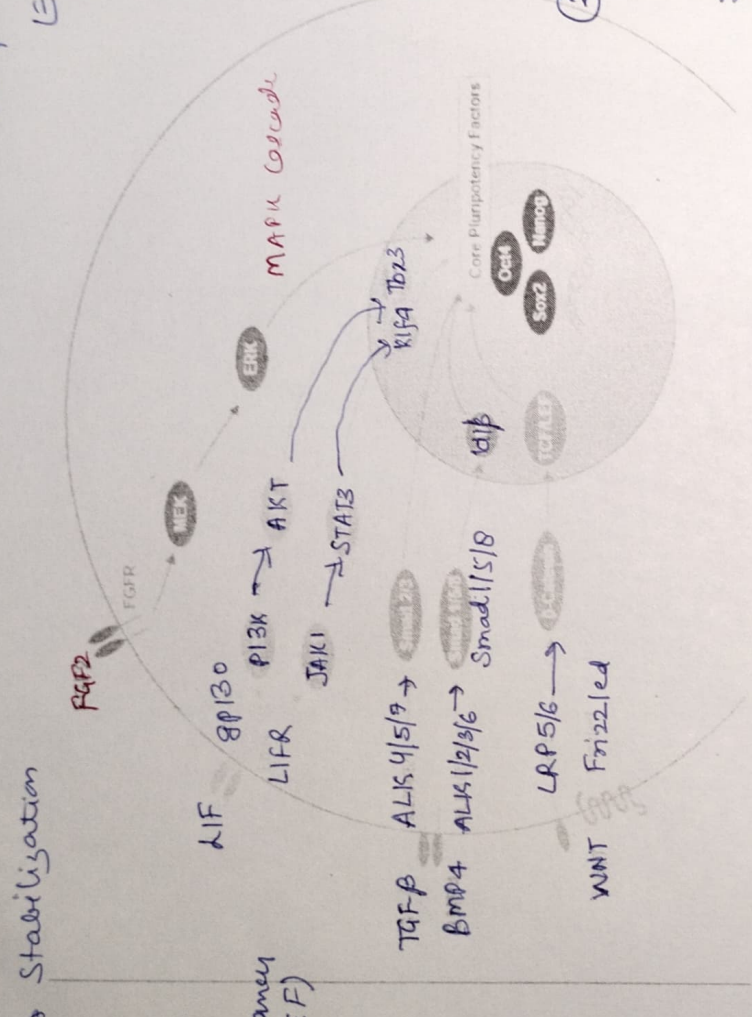
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LIF/JAK/STAT3 signaling pathway in mouse ESC self-renewal. a Binding of LIF to its membrane receptor results in recruitment of JAKs and phosphorylation of STAT3 at Tyrosine 705. Activated STAT3 dimerizes and translocates into nucleus to activate transcription. LIF also activates PI3K/AKT and SHP2/MAPK pathways that are not essential for mouse ESC self-renewal. b STAT3 activation level is critical for maintaining mouse ESC self-renewal. Multiple downstream target genes have been identified to connect STAT3 signaling to core pluripotency network

④ WNT - Involved in cellular proliferation; adhesion; migration.

WNT sig → Stabilization of β -Catenin
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 β -Catenin + T-cell factor / Lymphoid enhancer factor (TCF/LEF)
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 Oct4 & Nanog
 mESC
 hESC



① FGF2 :- regulates various cellular processes Cell proliferation; mig; diff & survival

ERK/MAPK → FGF2 / Tyrosine Kinase Receptor

involved in the maintenance of hESC pluripotency.
 ERK/MAPK - not required for mESC maintenance
 ERK/MAPK → activated → Differentiation.

② LIF sig → Simultaneous activating JAK/STAT3 & PI3K/AKT
 Imp. role in murine ESC pluripotency
 JAK/STAT3* → Ind? of Klf4 → Sox2
 Tbx3 → Nanog

Kinase Modulating Pathways

Several kinase signal transduction pathways modulate the core pluripotency transcription factors in response to both intrinsic and extrinsic stimuli, preserving stem cell self-renewal and differentiation potential. Synergy between these pathways ensures the maintenance of pluripotency.

- ③ * TGF- β pathway → i) Differentiation; proliferation; programmed cell death & 2) Imp. for maintenance of mESCs and hESCs.
- i) TGF- β + BMP4 → Smad1/5/8 act. → Induction of inhibitor of DNA-binding/differentiation (Id) protein for maintenance of mESCs.
- ii) TGF- β + Activin → Smad2 for maintenance of hESCs.

Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs)

HSCs ; MSCs → multipotent → mesenchymal Stromal Cells
↓
MSCs → Adult Stem Cells.

Properties of MSCs

- i) Plastic Adherent properties
- ii) Self-renewal capacity
- iii) multi-lineage differentiation (eg., Osteocytes, adipocytes and chondrocytes)
- iv) Characteristic cell marker expression.

MSCs → umbilical cord; bone marrow, adipose tissue, dental pulp, menstrual blood, &

→ Mesoderm derived.

→ In-vitro MSCs may be induced to transdifferentiate into ENDOERMAL LINEAGE CELLS, β -CELLS and HEPATOCYTES.

→ Can also induced to form ectodermal lineage like oligodendrocytes and neurons.

Functions Of MSCs.

→ Tissue maintenance and repair

→ The potential for differentiation provides the mechanism for tissue self repair following injury, disease or senescence.

→ They also contribute to homeostatic functions they regulate immune responses through various regulation involving cell contact, and secreted factors involving both innate and adaptive immunity.

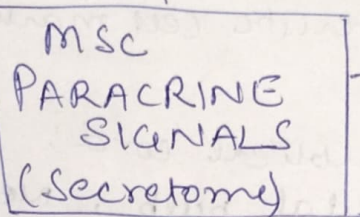
→ MSCs release a variety of bioactive molecules referred as "SECRETOME" including GFs, enzymes, adhesion proteins & cytokines.

Modulation of Immune Response

HGF
IDO
IL-6
IL-10
TGF- β

Modulation of Apoptosis

HGF
IGF-1
TGF- β
TIMP-1/2
VEGF



Modulation
of ~~Apoptosis~~
Angiogenesis
Angiopoietin-1
FGF-2
HGF
IGF-1
VEGF

Modulation of Inflammation

TNF- γ
IL-6
IL-10
TNF- α
IL-1~~A~~