

**TRAINING MATERIALS FOR PRACTICAL WORKS.**

**BASICS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

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**Practical work №1.**  
**Objects used in Animal biotechnology.**

**Aim of the work:** Acquaintance students with the objects used in Animal biotechnology.

**Safety Work**

**A) Before beginning any laboratory exercise you should:**

- Carefully read all instructions noting all safety procedures for the laboratory exercises assigned for the given laboratory period;
- Store all unnecessary personal items in the cubbyholes in the laboratory;
- Wash your hands with disinfectant soap
- Wipe down the lab bench with disinfectant
- Only have materials required for the exercise on the lab bench.

**B) At the end of each laboratory period you should:**

- Place all cultures in the proper incubators or racks
- Dispose of all materials as required by the instructor
- Check to see that all Bunsen burners are off and the gas valve is completely closed.
- Wipe the lab bench with disinfectant (figure 9)
- Carefully wash your hands with disinfectant soap.

**Students successfully completing this laboratory training should be able to:**

Locate and properly use basic emergency equipment such as eye wash stations, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, a telephone, etc.

***Necessary Equipment, Material :***

**Safety Equipment**

Identify and know the location of the following safety equipment in the lab:

The nearest safety shower and eye- wash station .

The nearest fire extinguisher/fire pull .

The nearest fire blanket

The nearest fire alarm pull station.

The first aid kit .

The lab bench disinfectant

The nearest emergency phone (located on the wall in each lab).

The evacuation route.

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1. R. Renaville and A. Burny (eds.), *Biotechnology in Animal Husbandry*, 2001. Kluwer Academic Publishers. Printed in the Netherlands. P. 209-223.
2. *Animal Biotechnology. Technologies, Markets & Companies* – Edited by Prof. K.K. Jain. Jain PharmaBiotech. A Jain Pharma Biotech Report. 2013. 215 p.

**Additional visual material for study:**

Video “Safety Equipment / Lab Safety” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liHEYtnKf0>  
[https://youtu.be/rneeZlxyl\\_Y](https://youtu.be/rneeZlxyl_Y)

## **Practical work №2.**

### **Cell potency. Totipotency, multipotency, pluripotency of animal cells..**

**Aim of the work:** Acquaintance students with the safety rules of work in biotech laboratory.

Cellular differentiation is the process in which a cell changes from one cell type to another. Usually, the cell changes to a more specialized type. Differentiation occurs numerous times during the development of a multicellular organism as it changes from a simple zygote to a complex system of tissues and cell types.

***In vitro fertilisation (IVF)*** is a process of fertilisation where an egg is combined with sperm outside the body, in vitro ("in glass"). The process involves monitoring and stimulating a woman's ovulatory process, removing an ovum or ova (egg or eggs) from the woman's ovaries and letting sperm fertilise them in a liquid in a laboratory. After the fertilised egg (zygote) undergoes embryo culture for 2–6 days, it is implanted in the same or another woman's uterus, with the intention of establishing a successful pregnancy.

***Artificial insemination (AI)*** is the deliberate introduction of sperm into a female's cervix or uterine cavity for the purpose of achieving a pregnancy through in vivo fertilization by means other than sexual intercourse. It is a fertility treatment for humans, and is common practice in animal breeding, including dairy cattle (see Frozen bovine semen) and pigs.

***Embryo transfer*** refers to a step in the process of assisted reproduction in which embryos are placed into the uterus of a female with the intent to establish a pregnancy. This technique (which is often used in connection with in vitro fertilization (IVF)), may be used in humans or in animals, in which situations the goals may vary. Embryo transfer can be done at day two or day three, or later in the blastocyst stage, which was first performed in 1984. Factors that can affect the success of embryo transfer include the Endometrial receptivity, Embryo quality and Embryo transfer technique.

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#### **Internet resources:**

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Anatomy\\_and\\_Physiology\\_of\\_Animals/Reproductive\\_System](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Anatomy_and_Physiology_of_Animals/Reproductive_System)

<http://people.ucalgary.ca/~browder/transgenic.html>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK207576/>

#### **Additional visual material for study:**

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/fsa-3119.pdf>

<http://www.fao.org/3/X6500E03.htm#:~:text=Embryo%20transfer%20is%20an%20artificial,where%20they%20develop%20to%20term.>

Video “Embryo Transfer: Beef Part 2” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkUcMnOd8g8>

## **Practical work №3.**

### **Methods for assessment of the of the somatic cells, gametes and embryos viability.**

**Aim of the work:** Acquaintance with the methods for assessment of the of the somatic cells, gametes and embryos viability.

*Assays to Detect Apoptosis:* A variety of methods are available for detecting apoptosis to determine the mechanism of cell death. The Caspase-Glo® Assays are highly sensitive, luminescent assays with a simple “add, mix, measure” protocol that can be used to detect caspase-8, caspase-9 and caspase-3/7 activities. If you prefer a fluorescent assay, the Apo-ONE® Homogeneous Caspase-3/7 Assay is useful and, like the Caspase-Glo® Assays, can be multiplexed with other assays. A later marker of apoptosis is TUNEL analysis to identify the presence of oligonucleosomal DNA fragments in cells. The DeadEnd™ Fluorometric and the DeadEnd™ Colorimetric TUNEL Assays allow users to end-label the DNA fragments to detect apoptosis

***Necessary Equipment, Material and Reagents:***

1. Fluorescent Microscope,
2. TUNEL assay kits
3. Slides
4. Cover slides.

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**Additional visual material for study:**

Video “Click-iT® Plus TUNEL apoptosis assays”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJAK762VtjI>

**Practical work №4.  
Cloning method using the somatic cell  
nuclear transplantation.**

**Aim of the work:** Acquaintance with the methods of embryonic cloning. Cloning method using the somatic cell nuclear transplantation.

Embryo cloning is a scientific advancement, that can -- when used responsibly -- provide innumerable benefits. As suggested by the name, it is the process of cloning, or creating a copy, of an embryo. Somatic cell nuclear transfer is one type of cloning technique that relies on the transfer of genetic material from one organism to another.

*Embryo Cloning Techniques.* While there are a number of techniques that can be used in embryonic cloning, somatic cell nuclear transfer, or SCNT, is one of the most common. In SCNT, scientists start by removing the DNA-containing nucleus -- which houses all of the organism's genetic material -- from a somatic, non-reproductive cell. This nucleus is then transferred to an egg cell, whose nucleus and DNA have also been extracted. After a series of laboratory "tweaks," the egg cell with the new DNA is allowed to grow into an embryo which, through a process of embryo transplant, is transferred to a surrogate mother, and is carried to term.

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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK207576/>

**Additional visual material for study:**

Video “Cloning process” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyr2OVvjia4>

**Practical work №5.**

**The principles of genetic engineering in  
Animal biotechnology.**

**Aim of the work:** Acquaintance with the principles of genetic engineering in Animal biotechnology.

The genetic engineering, often used with trivia, involves sophisticated techniques of gene manipulation, cloning and modification. Many authors consider this term as synonymous as genetic modification, where a synthetic gene or foreign DNA is inserted into an organism of interest. Organism that receives this recombinant DNA is considered as genetically modified (GMO).

Its production are summarized in simplified form in five steps:

- 1) Isolation of interested gene,
- 2) Construction, gene of interested is joined with promoters (location and control the level of expression), terminator (indicates end of the gene) and expression marker (identify the gene expression),
- 3) transformation (when the recombinant DNA is inserted into the host organism),
- 4) Selection (selection of those organisms that express the markers),
- 5) Insertion verification of recombinant DNA and its expression.

<https://www.intechopen.com/books/genetic-engineering/genetic-engineering-and-cloning-focus-on-animal-biotechnology>.

Genetically engineered farm animals can be created to enhance food quality (9). For example, pigs have been genetically engineered to express the  $\Delta 12$  fatty acid desaturase gene (from spinach) for higher levels of omega-3, and goats have been genetically engineered to express human lysozyme in their milk. Such advances may add to the nutritional value of animal-based products.

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**Additional visual material for study:**

1. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3078015/>

2. Video “Vitrification of embryos and oocytes”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ8TBqr\\_-Xw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ8TBqr_-Xw)