

Supplemental Material to: Induction of autophagy improves embryo viability in cloned mouse embryos

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Supplementary Table 1. List of Primers used in this work.

| Gene | Accession No. | Primer sequence (5'-3') | Product size | Efficiency | R ² |
|-------|---------------|--|--------------|------------|----------------|
| H2afz | NM_016750 | F: CTGAAGTAGTGGGTTTTGATTG R: GGGATATGACCTTTATTGAGCT | 147 | 99.0% | 0.998 |
| Hprt1 | NM_013556 | F: CAGCGTCGTGATTAGCG R: GCCTCCCATCTCCTTCAT | 160 | 97.3% | 0.999 |
| Lc3 | NM_026160 | F: TTCTTCCTCCTGGTGAATGG R: GTGGGTGCCTACGTTCTCAT | 216 | 97.2% | 0.991 |
| c-mos | NM_020021 | F: CGCCACGACAACATAGTTCG R: ACCGTAGATGACTTGGTGTAGAG | 123 | 95.7 % | 0.998 |
| Plat | NM_008872 | F: AACGCAGACAACCTTACCAACA R: GTTCGCTGCAACTTCGGAC | 131 | 104.6% | 0.995 |
| Gdf9 | NM_008110 | F: GTCACCTCTACAATACCGTCCG R: CACCCGGTCCAGGTAAACA | 119 | 100.0 % | 0.999 |
| H1oo | NM_138311 | F: AGTTGGCAAGGCCACGATG R: TGACCTCTTTCGGTTTCGCC | 110 | 98.0% | 0.999 |

F, forward; R, reverse.

Supplementary Table 2. The effect of rapamycin in activation medium on SCNT embryo developmental rate.

Development rate of SCNT embryo treated with rapamycin and pp242.

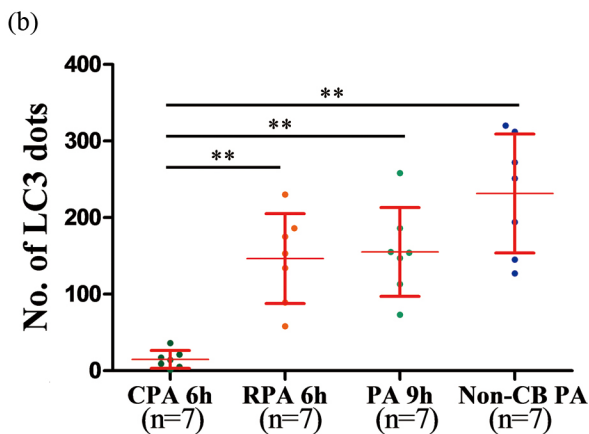
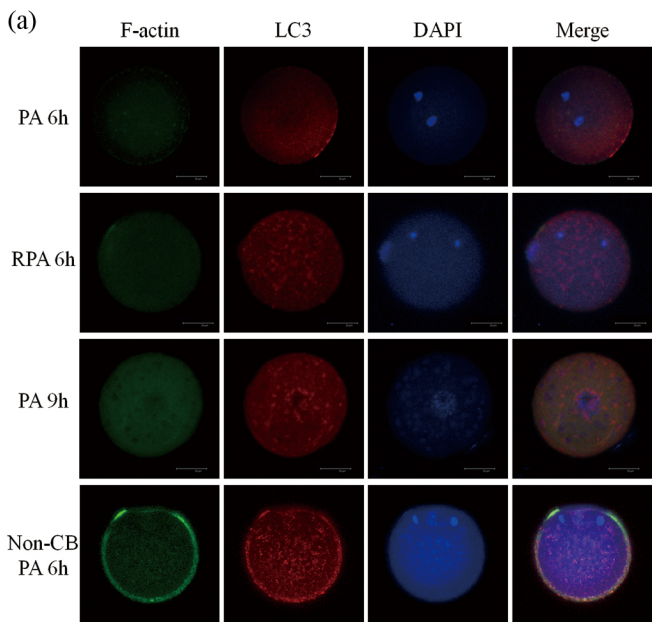
| | N | 2-Cell (%) | 4-Cell (%) | Morula (%) | Blastocyst (%) |
|-----------|-----|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Control | 681 | 100 | 83.5±12.9 | 68.1±8.4 | 41.5±9.2 |
| Rapamycin | 686 | 100 | 94.6±8.3 | 81.5±7.5* | 68.5±14.3* |
| PP242 | 167 | 100 | 96.3±1.3* | 78.9±6.3* | 68.7±7.4* |

Values were calculated as mean ± SD. *p < 0.05.

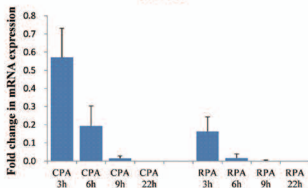
Supplementary Figure 1. Double staining of F-actin and LC3. (A) PA embryos were stained by phalloidin (green) and LC3 anti body (red) 6h or 9h after activation. Nuclei were visualized by DAPI. RPA, rapamycin treated PA; Non-CB PA, activate without CB. Scale bar, 20µm. (B) Quantification of LC3 dots in PA embryos. Each value represents the mean ±s.e.m. *p < 0.05; **p <0.01; ns, not significant

Supplementary Figure 2. Degradation of selected maternal mRNA after activation in PA embryos. mRNA was isolated from embryos 3 h, 6 h, 9 h and 22 h after activation, Reverse-transcribed using oligo (dT) primer, and subjected to qPCR to examine the changes in the relative amounts of *c-mos*, *Plat*, *Gdf9* and *H100* mRNAs. The values of the MII oocytes were set as onefold. Three independent experiments were performed and averaged values are shown. *p < 0.05; **p <0.01.

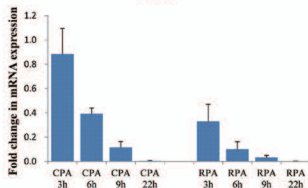
Supplementary Figure 3. Full-length western blotting assay for conversion of LC3-I to LC3-II.



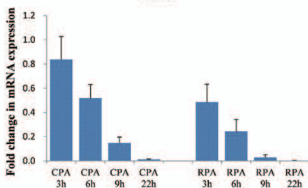
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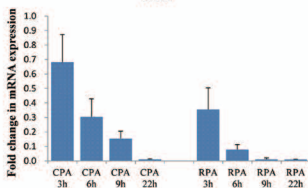
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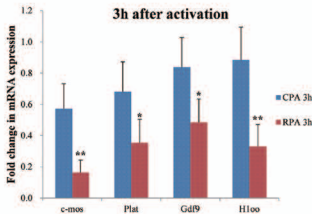
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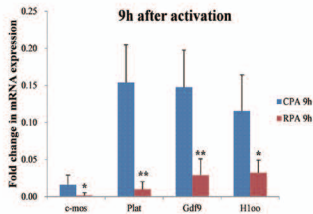
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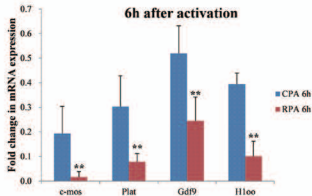
3h after activation



9h after activation



6h after activation



22h after activation

