

Special Issue

Livestock Reproduction: Sperm Capacitation and In Vitro Fertilization

Message from the Guest Editor

Mammalian sperm must undergo further maturation after ejaculation before they are capable of fertilization. This maturation process, referred to as capacitation, is essential for sperm to fertilize oocytes both in vitro or in vivo.

Much information on the mechanisms of capacitation has been gained in the last 20 years and the primary goal of this special issue is to address what is the status of that knowledge, new approaches, and how capacitation can be determined in vitro. The second goal of this special issue is to understand how best to promote in vitro fertilization, the success of subsequent embryo development, and how the capacitation status of sperm affects embryo development outcomes.

The information in the issue will enhance our understanding of molecular and physiological changes in sperm that promote fertilization, as well as how to successfully fertilize oocytes in vitro that lead to a viable embryo.

We look forward to your contributions.

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