

Functionally active extracellular vesicles are released and taken up by zona-intact bovine embryos produced in vitro

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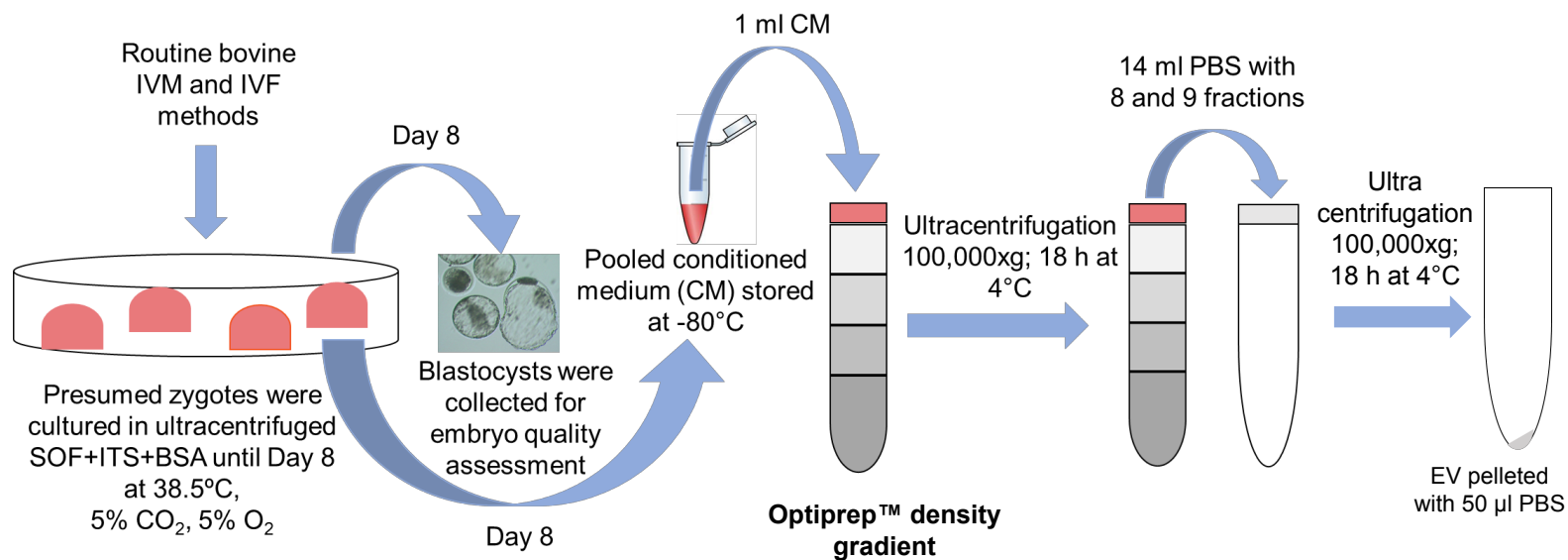
Study question

Are extracellular vesicles (EVs), as putative autocrine factors, released into the culture medium by bovine embryos and are they able to cross the zona pellucida?

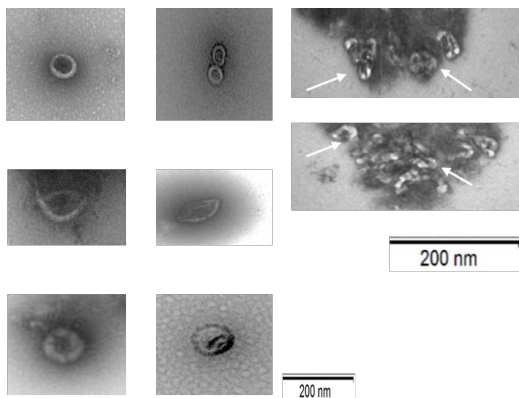
Summary answer

Extracellular vesicles were isolated from EV-free media conditioned by bovine embryos. After fluorescent labeling of EVs, they were taken up and internalized by zona-intact bovine embryos.

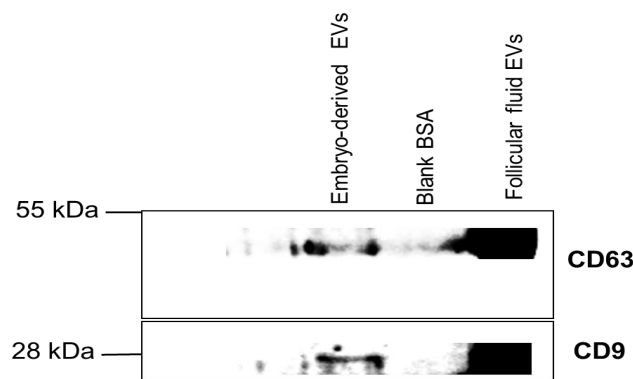
Experimental Design



EV identification

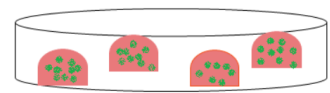


Electron Microscopy



Western Blot

EV labeling



Embryo-derived EVs were labelled with PKH67 dye and co-cultured with embryos for 24 h



Embryo derived-EV : uptake by embryo

