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**Embryology and complete development of Frog**

***Kingdom: Animalia***

 ***Phylum: Chordata***

***Subphylum: Vertebrata***

***Superclass: Tetrapoda***

 ***Class: Amphibia***

* **Amphibians are live the first part of their lives in the water and the last part on the land, have skin does not contain the scales.**
* **When they hatch from their eggs, amphibians have gills so they can breathe in the water.**
* **They also have fins to help them swim, just like fish. Later, their bodies change, growing legs and lungs enabling them to live on the land.**
* **The word "amphibian" means two-lives, one in the water and one on land.**
* **Like fish and reptiles, amphibians are cold-blooded.**
* **This means their bodies don't automatically regulate their temperature.**
* **They must cool off and warm up by using their surroundings.**

**Growing up from Egg to Adult**

* **Begins his life with water most amphibians hatch from the eggs, which is placed in the water or wetland.**
* **And begin their life cycle in the form of larvae live in water.**
* **Amphibians live in water, but spends most of his life on land, and most of them back almost to the water for mating and reproduction.**
* **They can grow lungs to breathe air and limbs for walking on the ground.**
* **The transformation isn't the same in all amphibians, but they all go through some sort of** **metamorphosis.**

**Metamorphosis**

**Stage 1**

* **The life of a frog begins when the tadpole hatches from the egg.**

**Stage 2**

* **A tadpole has gills and swims in the water. Legs begin to develop.**

**Stage 3**

* **After a period of time the tadpole has fully developed legs and lungs.**

**Stage 4**

* **The tail is being absorbed and the frog is able to spend more time on land.**

**Stage 5**

* **The frog is fully developed and can live on land or in water.**

**Reproduction in frogs**

* **Frogs typically lay their eggs in ponds, or lakes.**
* **Their larvae, or tadpoles, have gills, a tail, but no legs, and need to live in water. If fact, they are quite similar to a fish.**
* **Tadpoles develop into adult frogs in water (Figure below). During this transformation, they develop lungs, lose their tails and form their four legs.**
* **When a female presence with a male whose release the eggs.**
* **The male then fertilizes the eggs and, in some species, also guards them.**
* **Frogs first begin life in the water.**
* **Some female frogs may lay as many as six thousand eggs.**
* **Each egg is in a ball of jelly.**
* **In 6-21 days the egg will hatch and the tadpole will wiggle out of the jelly ball.**

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**Development of Frog**

* **1. Embryology - the science dealing with the embryo and its development**
* **2. EMBRYOGENY/EMBRYOGENESIS - the development of the embryo**
* **3. EMBRYO - the juvenile stage of an animal while it is contained in the egg (within the egg membranes) or in the maternal body**

**Stages of Embryogenesis**

**Fertilization, zygote, cleavage , Blastulation, Gastrulation , Fate Map, Morphogenetic movements, Neurulation , organ formation**

**Sperm:**

* **Male gamete- It is haploid- microscopic-0.03mm.,long-with flagella, a head, a middle piece and tail.**
* **Head is cylindrical and long which is formed of acrosme and nucleus.**
* **The middle piece is short.**
* **It contains two centrioles and mitochondria.**
* **The tail is long.**
* **It contains an axial filament.**
* **The tail consists of two regions namely main piece and end piece.**

**Egg(Ovum):**

* + **Egg is the male gamete.**
* **It is also called ovum which is haploid and produced by the ovary.**
* **As the shell is absent, the egg is non-cledoic.**
* **Since it contains a large amount of yolk, the egg is megalecithal egg.**
* **Since the yolk is present on one side, the egg is telolecithal egg.**
* **The egg of frog is spherical in shape with 2 mm in diameter.**
* **The egg is surrounded by 3 membranes namely an inner plasma membrane, a middle vitelline membrane and an outer jelly coat.**
* **The egg cytoplasm is called ooplasm**
* **It has two regions namely peripheral cortex and central endoplasm**
* **The cortex contains dark brown pigment granules and cortical granules. And yol platelets**
* **The endoplasm contains nucleus**
* **The nucleus is situated at animal pole**
* **Vegetal pole contains yolk**

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**Fertilization:**

* **Fertilization is the fusion of sperm with egg resulting in the formation of zygote.**
* **Fertilization is external**
* **It is monospermy., i.e., only one sperm fuses with the egg**
* **After fertilization, the vitelline membrane becomes elevated called Fertilization membrane**
* **The space between the membrane and surface of the egg is called previtelline membrane filled with a fluid called previtelline fluid**
* **The egg pronucleus and sperm pronucleus fuse to form the zygotic nucleus. This process is called amphimixis**

**Grey crescent**

* **Just below the equator, a crescent like area appears which is grey in colour called grey crescent.**
* **The grey crescent will become the posterior side and the opposite region will become the anterior side of the future embryo which leads to the formation of bilateral symmetry**
* **The first cleavage bisects the crey crescent into two equal halves**
* **The grey crescent material function as the organizer and when it is removed from the embryo, the embryo fails to develop further**

**CLEAVAGE**

* **During this stage, a number of cell divisions subdivides the originally single cell of the zygote into a ball of smaller cells - MORULA**

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* **Cleavage is the division of zygote into many cellular units called blastomeres.**
* **The frog, the entire egg divides and hence the cleavage is called total or holoblastic**
* **The blatomeres are dissimilar in size and so the cleavage is unequal**
* **First cleavage: The first cleavage is meridional and passes through the egg centre. It results in two equal blastomere**
* **Second cleavage: it is meridional but at right angle to the first. It divides the first two blastomeres to produce four cells.**
* **Third cleaveage: The third cleavage is latitudinaloccuring slightly above the equatori.e., towards the animal hemisphere which results in the production of 8 blastomeres**
* **The small 8 blastomeres are called micromeres at animal hemisphere and the large 8 blastomeres are called macromeres which are found at the vegetal hemisphere**
* **The Fourth cleavage is double which produces 16 blastomeres out of which are 8 animal pole micromeres and 8 vegetal pole macromeres.The furrows aremeridional**
* **The Fifth cleavage: The fifth cleavage is also double. The furrows are latitudinal.One bisects the micromeres in the animal hemisphere and the other cuts the macromeres in the vegetal hemisphere.lts in 32 blastomeres.**

**Blastulation:**

* **Development of blastula is Blastulation**

**Blastula:**

* **Cleavage results an embryonic stage called Blastula**
* **It develops from the zygote which is spherical in shape with a cavity inside called blastocoel**
* **This small cavity develops among the blastomeres or segmentation cavity calledblastocoels**
* **The surrounding blastmeres secrete an albuminous fluid called blastocoel jelly**
* **This stage of embryo is called blastula**
* **The blastocoel increases in volume and the blastomeres arrange themselves in layers around the blastocoels**
* **These layers are called blastoderm formed of blastomeres with micromeres and macromeres**
* **The blastoderm is two-cell thick in the animal pole and many cell thick in the vegetal pole**
* **As the blastula is a hollow sphere, it is called coeloblastula**

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**Fate map:**

* **Fatemap is a chart showing the end result of the different areas of an embryo.**
* **Towards the end of cleavage the organ forming areas are well marked**
* **The macromeres of the vegetal pole develop into the endoderm**
* **The notochord area lies infront of the macromeres**
* **Inbetween the endoderm and the notochord area, lies the prochordal area**
* **On either side of the prochordial material lies the mesoderm**
* **The micromeres of the animal pole develop into ectoderm**
* **The micromeres present adjacent to the notochord and mesoderm develop into the neurectoderm**
* **The micromeres present away from it develop into the epidermal ectoderm**

**Fate Map**

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**Gastrulation in Frog**

* **Gastrulation is the development of gastrula from blastula**
* **The blastula has a single layer of cells, the blastoderm But the gastrula has three**

**germinal layers**

* **During gastrulation, the blastomeres are arranged in three layers such as Ectoderm, Endoderm and Mesoderm called Germinal layers**

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**Morphogenetic movements**

* **The movement of blastomeres from one place to another during gastrulation is called Morphogenetic movements which gives a definite shape to the embryo**
* **There are two types of morphogenetic movements such as Epiboly and Emboly**
* **Epiboly is the movement of cells on the surface of the embryo.**
* **Convergence, extension etc., are epibolic movements**
* **Emboly is the movement of cells into the embryo**
* **Invagination, Involution and Divegence, etc., are embolic movements**
* **During gastrulation, the following events occur:**
1. **The groove appears below the grey crescent**
2. **The macromeres move into the embryo through this groove and form endoderm**
3. **The movement of endoderm into the embryo is called invagination**
4. **The groove deepens into the embryo to form a cavity called Archenteron**
5. **The opening of the archenteron to the outside is called blastopore**
6. **The blastopore has four lips namelydorsal lip, ventral lip and two lateral lips**
7. **A mass of endoderm cells protrude out through the blastopore called yolk plug**

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