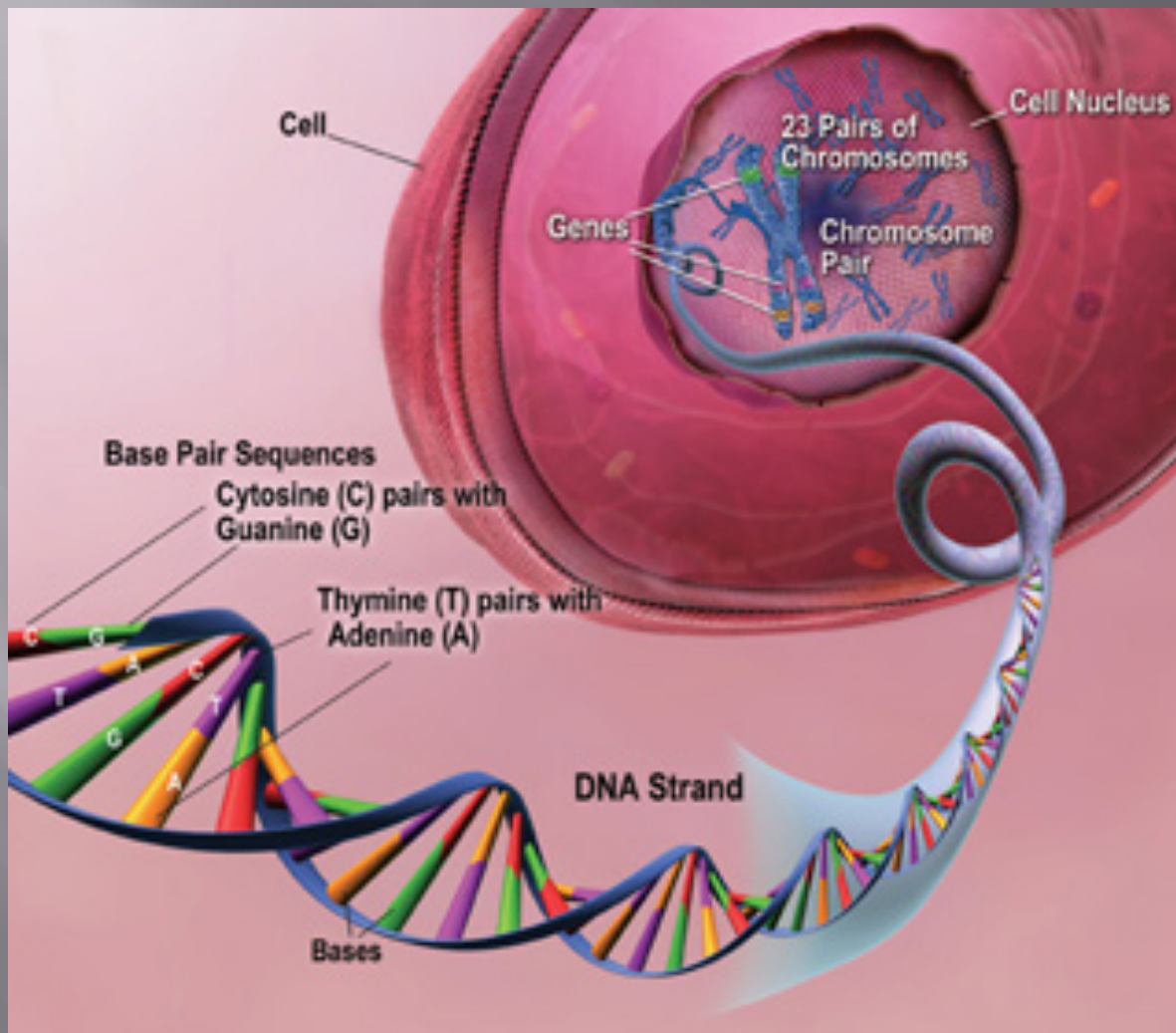


Η ΚΑΤΑΤΜΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ DNA ΤΩΝ ΣΠΕΡΜΑΤΟΖΩΑΡΙΩΝ



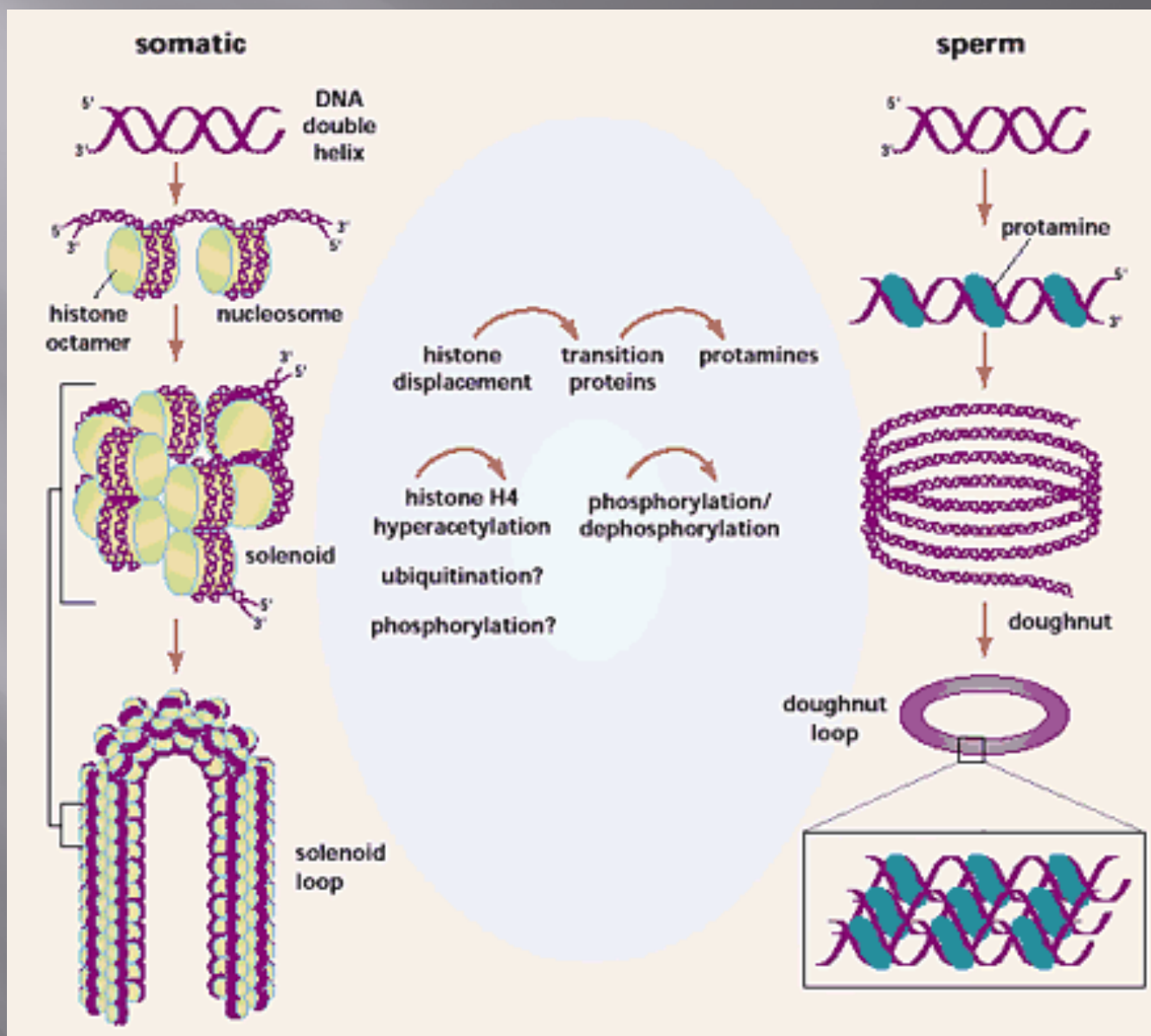
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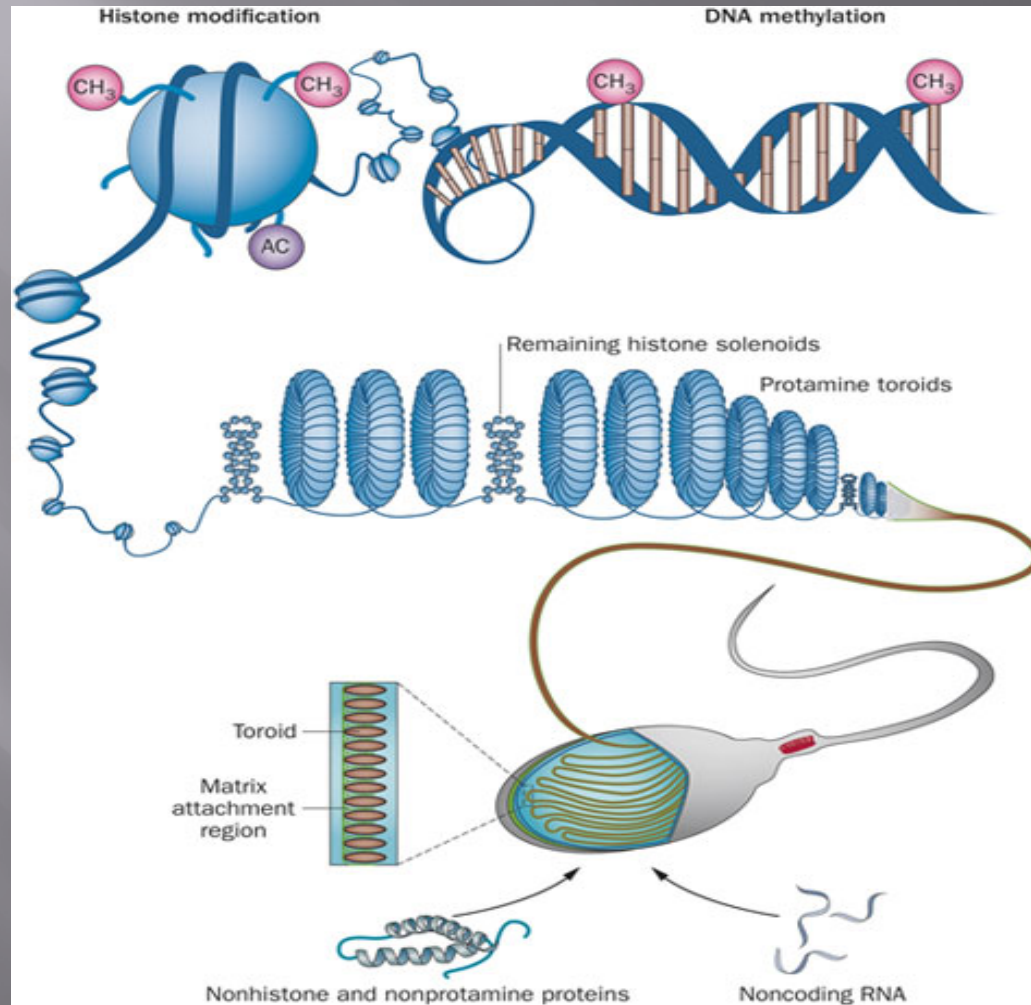


Η συμπύκνωση της χρωματίνης

Στο DNA του σπερματοζωαρίου οι ιστόνες αντικαθίστανται από προταμίνες - P1 και P2, με αποτέλεσμα :

- ▣ ο πυρήνας να γίνεται πιο συμπαγής οπότε το DNA προστατεύεται από εξωτερικούς παράγοντες (Kosower et al 1992)
- ▣ να μεταφέρεται με αυτή την μορφή στο ωάριο (Balhorn et al., 2000)





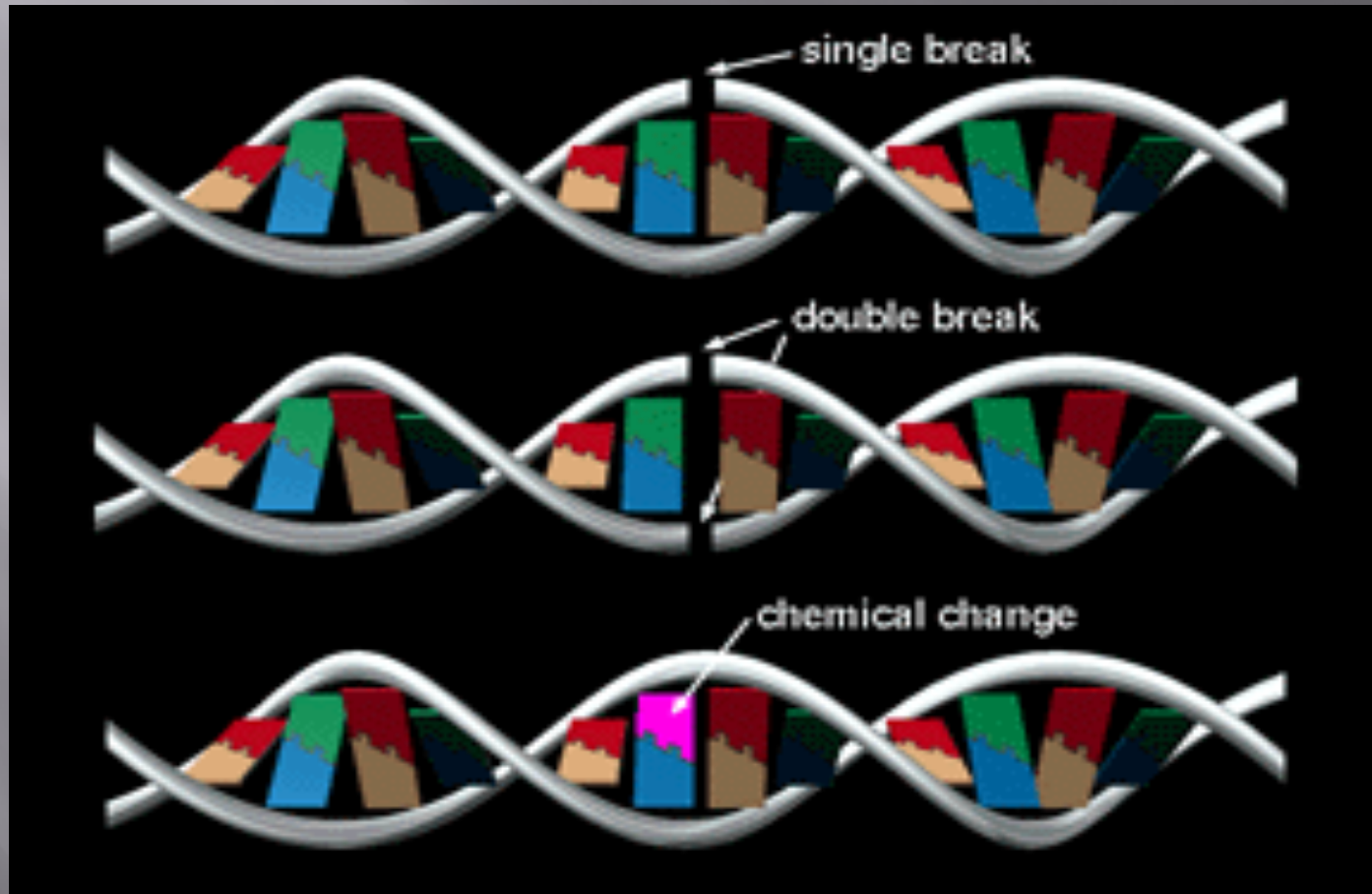
Προταμίνες και ιστόνες

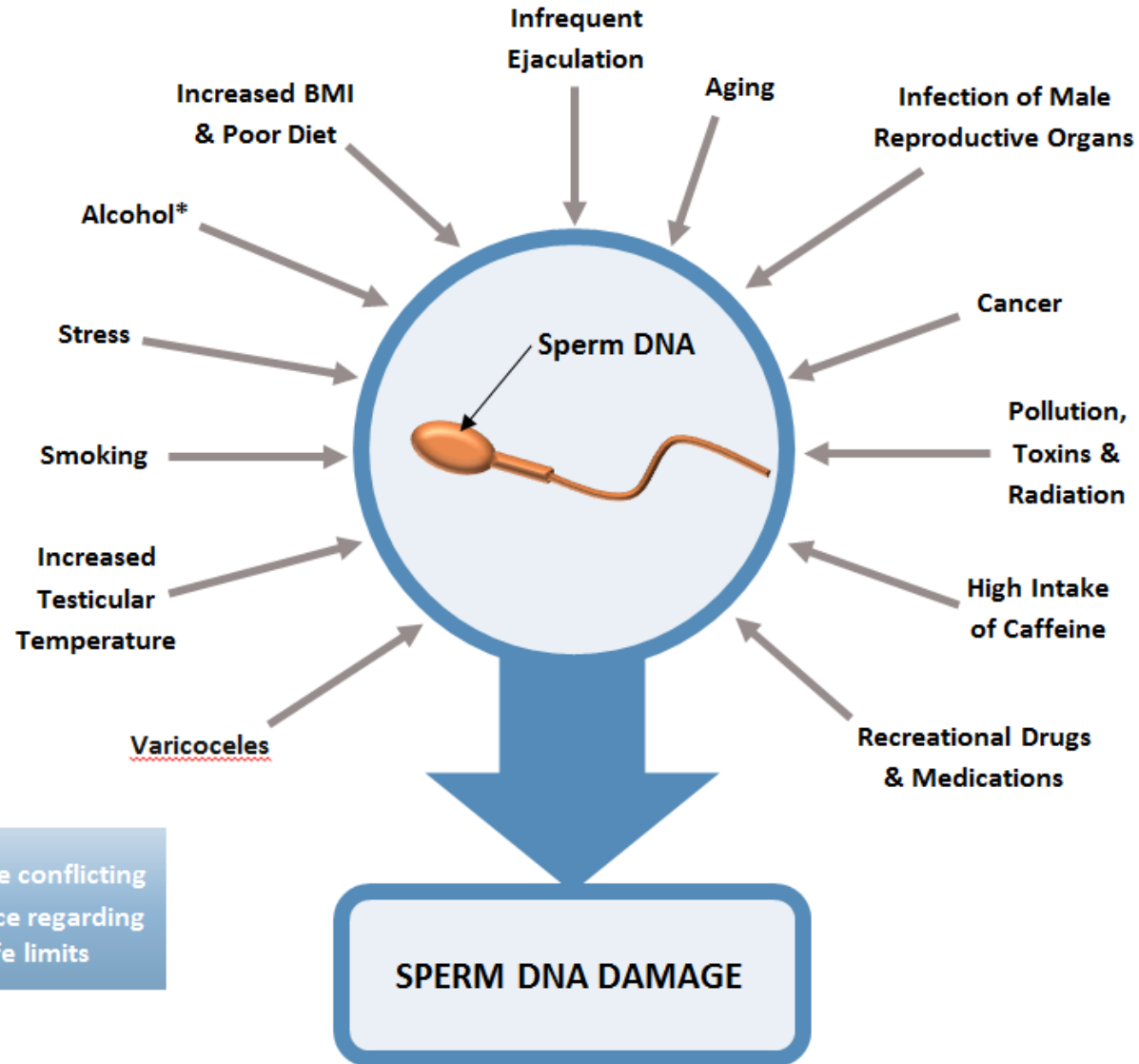
- ▣ Ένα ποσοστό της τάξης του 5–15% του DNA του σπερματοζωαρίου είναι συνδεδεμένο με ιστόνες (Tanphaichitr et al., 1978; Wykes and Krawetz, 2003)
- Το DNA που είναι συνδεδεμένο με ιστόνες περιλαμβάνει γονίδια που είναι σημαντικά για την κυτταρική διαφοροποίηση και την ανάπτυξη του εμβρύου στα πρώτα στάδια

..... suggests that histone bound DNA in sperm cells is associated with gene families that are important for cell differentiation and early embryo patterning

(Hammoud et al., 2009)

Αιτίες που προκαλούν την κατάτμηση





* Some conflicting evidence regarding safe limits

Ενδογενείς παράγοντες

- ▣ 1) Ελαττωματική συμπύκνωση της χρωματίνης
- ▣ 2) Ελεύθερες ρίζες
- ▣ 3) Διαφυγή από το μονοπάτι της απόπτωσης

1) Ελαττωματική συμπύκνωση της χρωματίνης

- Η αλλαγή των ιστονών από τις προταμίνες γίνεται με την βοήθεια της τοποισομεράσης (topoisomerase) και μπορεί να δημιουργηθούν θραύσεις στην αλυσίδα του DNA πιθανά λόγω “torsional stress”

(Boissonneault, 2002; Kwan et al., 2003)

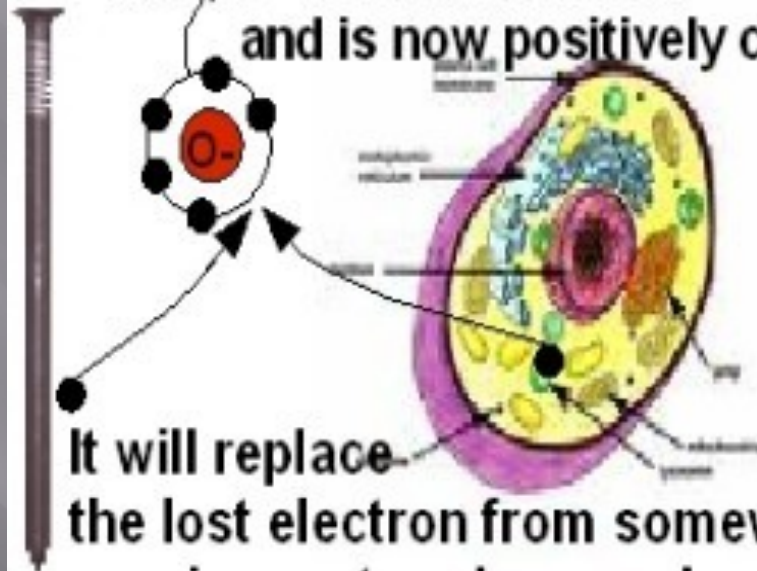
(Sakkas et al., 1999; Marcon and Boissonneault, 2004)

- ▣ Αν δεν είναι πλήρης η αλλαγή τότε θα εμφανιστούν θραύσεις στην μία είτε και στις 2 αλυσίδες του DNA στα ώριμα σπερμαροζωάρια

(Marcon and Boissonneault, 2004)

2) ΟΞΕΙΔΩΤΙΚΟ ΣΤΡΕΣ

A Free Radical Is an
Oxygen Molecule which
has  lost an **Electron**
and is now positively charged



It will replace
the lost electron from somewhere,
causing rust or damage, hopefully
to a nail and not to one of our cells !

2) ΟΞΕΙΔΩΤΙΚΟ ΣΤΡΕΣ

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Reactive Oxygen Species and Sperm Function—In Sickness and In Health

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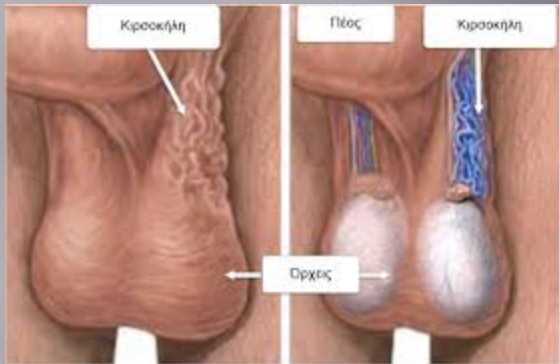
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Infertile men older than 40 years are at higher risk of sperm DNA damage

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INVITED REVIEW

Male Fertility

Summary evidence on the effects of varicocele treatment to improve natural fertility in subfertile men

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Ακτινοβολία και κατάρτηση



Sperm quality and DNA damage in men from Jilin Province, China, who are occupationally exposed to ionizing radiation

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Research Article

Sperm DNA Fragmentation Index and Hyaluronan Binding Ability in Men from Infertile Couples and Men with Testicular Germ Cell Tumor

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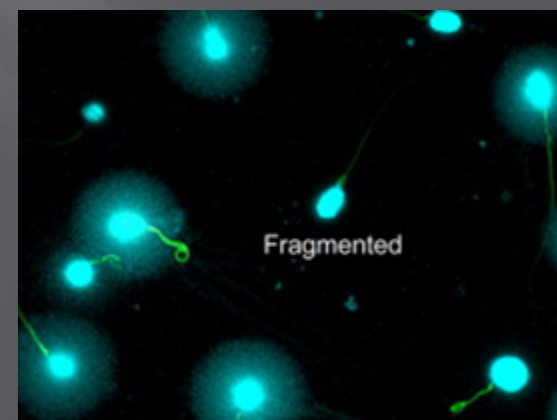
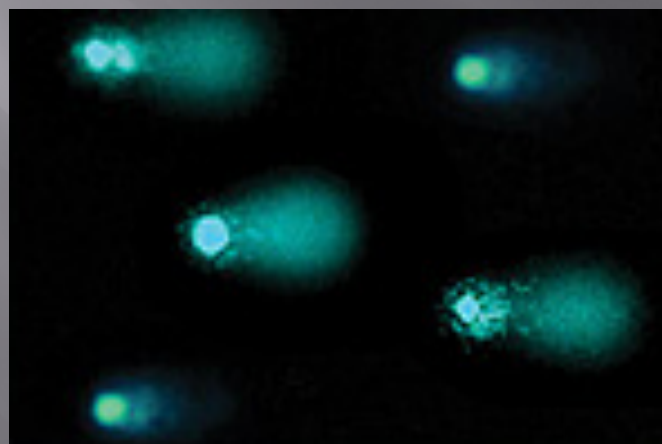
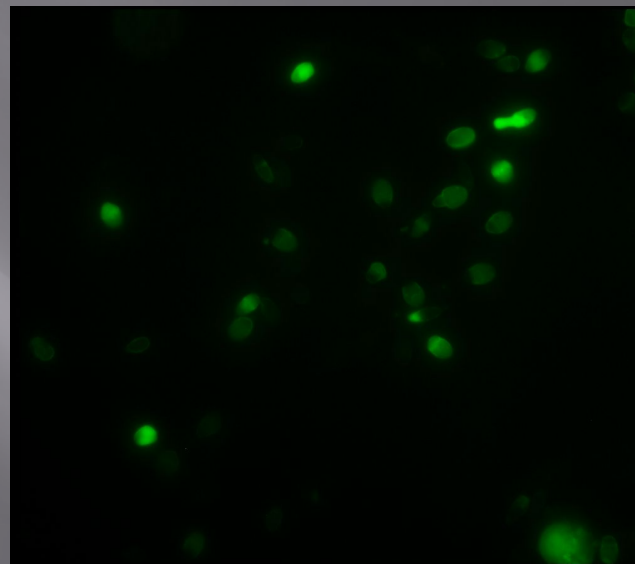
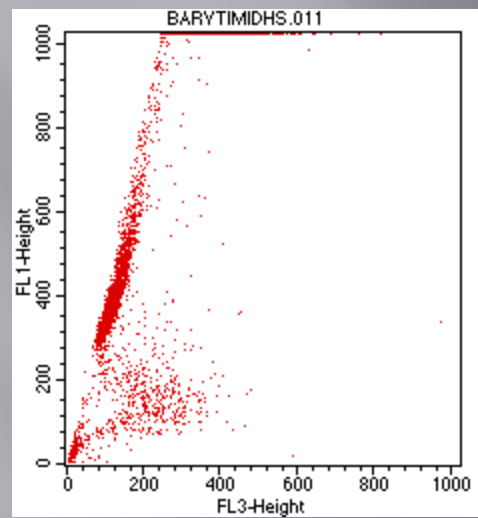
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Εργαστηριακές μέθοδοι

1. **SCSA** – Sperm chromatin structure assay
2. **Tunel** – terminal deoxy nucleotide transferase mediated
3. **Comet** – single cell gel electrophoresis
4. **SCD** – Sperm chromatin dispersion



Εργαστηριακές μέθοδοι

Όλες οι μέθοδοι ανιχνεύουν θραύσεις στην μία ή και στις δύο αλυσίδες του DNA

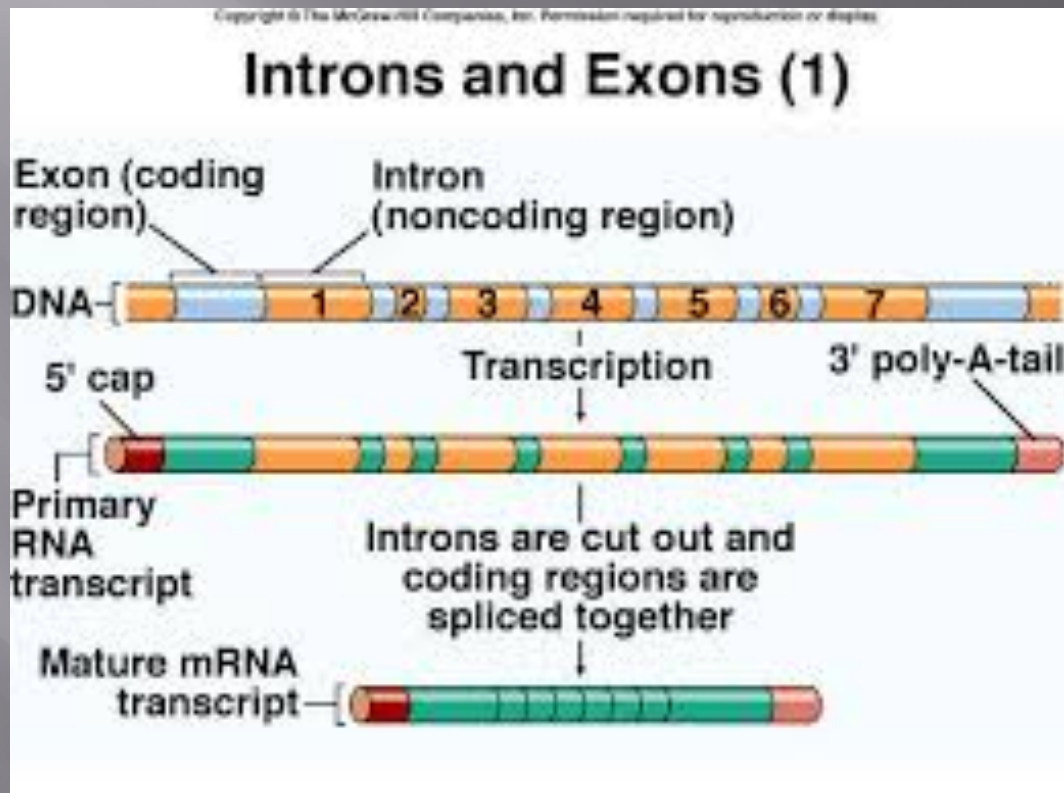
- ▣ Οι Tunel και Comet μετρούν άμεσα την διακοπή στο DNA
- ▣ Οι SCSA και SCD μετρούν την επιδεκτικότητα του DNA στην μετουσίωση

Εργαστηριακές μέθοδοι Γενικά

SCSA-Tunel-Comet-SCD

- ▣ Όλες οι μέθοδοι υπολογίζουν το ποσοστό των σπερματοζωαρίων με «σπασμένο DNA» και συγκρίνουν το αποτέλεσμα με κάποιο όριο, υποθέτοντας ότι όσο μεγαλύτερο το ποσοστό τόσο μεγαλύτερη και η βλάβη στο δείγμα

Εσόνια και εξόνια



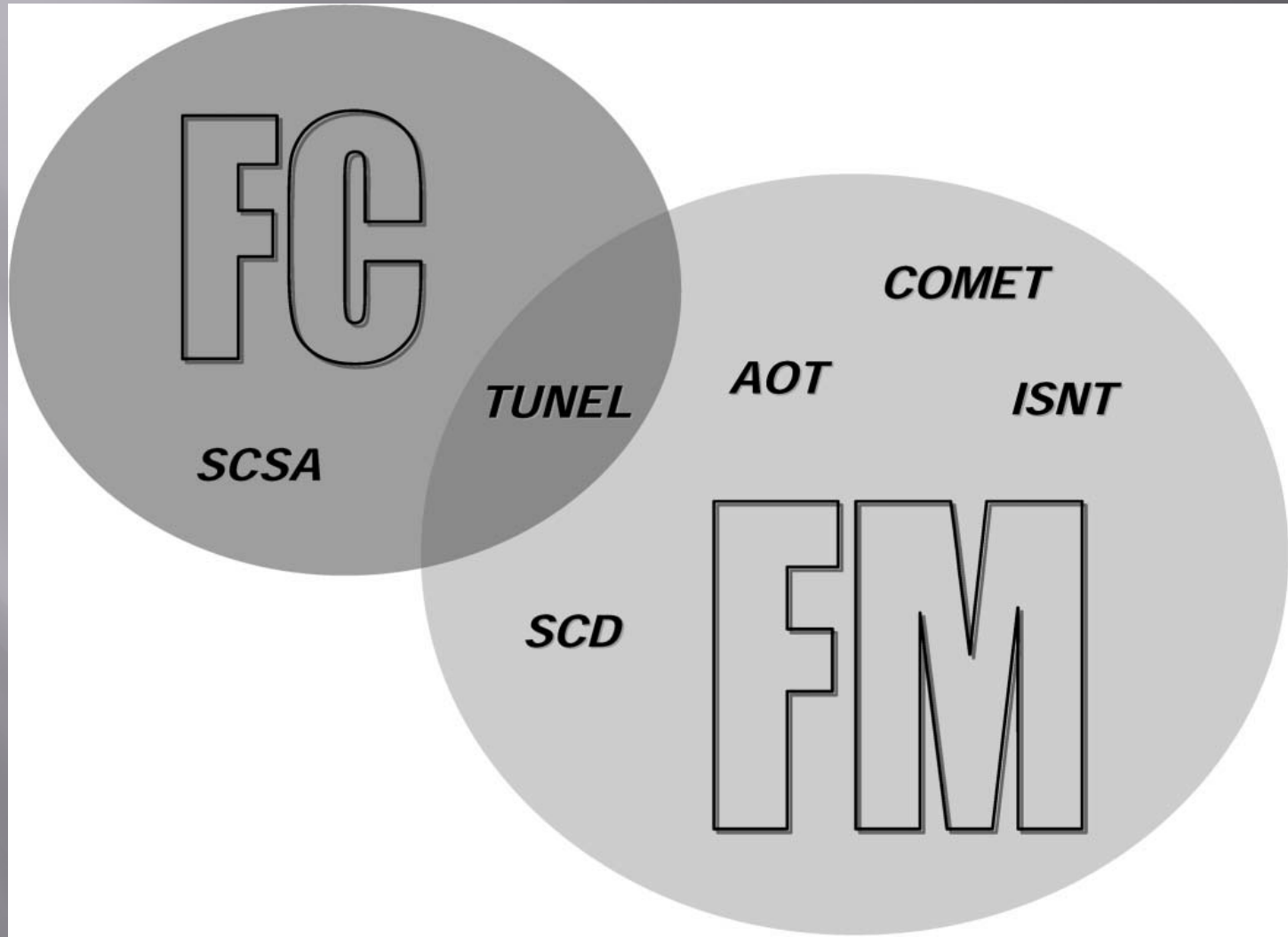
Εργαστηριακές μέθοδοι Γενικά

- ▣ Δεν ξεχωρίζουν επίσης αν είναι σε εσόνιο ή εξόνιο
- ▣ Οι μέθοδοι δεν μπορούν να ξεχωρίσουν τα γονίδια στα οποία υπάρχει το σπάσιμο.



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Έλεγχος κατάτμησης Πότε ???

- ▣ Έλεγχος ανδρικής γονιμότητας
- ▣ Ανεξήγητη υπογονιμότητα
- ▣ Αποτυχία σε IUI
- ▣ Αποτυχία στο IVF
- ▣ Αποβολές

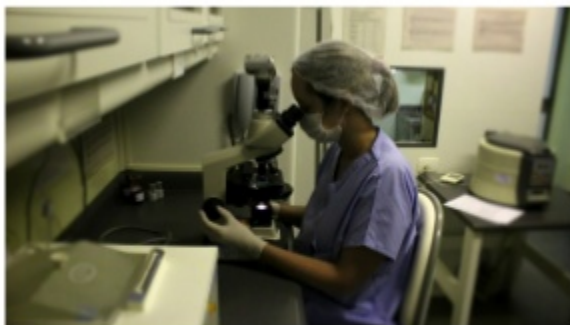
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- ▣ Highly abnormal ($>30\%$) DNA fragmentation rates have also been identified in $\sim 8\%$ of infertile men with a normal semen analysis;

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Frequency of Elevated SDF in Men with Normal Semen Analysis (WHO 2010)



**Androfert 2013; N=860; SCD test;
cutoff value of 20%**



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Sperm chromatin structure assay in prediction of in vitro fertilization outcome

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.....The results suggest that ICSI might be a preferred method of in vitro treatment in cases with high DFI...

Clinical utility of SDF tests

I.ASRM, 2013

1. Does SDF test predict male fertility with natural conception?

- ✓ Fair evidence (Level B) that increased SDF is associated with reduced fertility
- ✓ Insufficient evidence (Level C) to use the test as a predictor of fertility since cut-points have not been clearly established and validated.

2. Does SDF test predict pregnancy with IUI?

Insufficient evidence (Level C) to recommend the use of SDF tests to predict pregnancy with IUI.

3. Is SDF predictive of pregnancy with in IVF?

✓ Insufficient evidence (Level C) to recommend routine use of SDF testing for patients undergoing IVF.

4. Is SDF predictive of pregnancy with IVF and ICSI?

✓ Insufficient evidence (Level C) to recommend routine DNA integrity testing for patients undergoing IVF/ICSI.

5. Is SDF predictive of pregnancy loss?

- ✓ Insufficient evidence (Level C) to recommend routine DNA integrity testing to predict pregnancy loss.

▪ **Recommendation**

There is insufficient evidence to recommend the routine use of SDF testing in evaluation and treatment of infertile couple {level C}

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Unexplained Infertility

High SDF is found in men with normal semen analysis

Saleh *et al.* (7); Oleszczuk *et al.* (69)

SDF is an independent predictor of male fertility status

Bungum *et al.* (70); Oleszczuk *et al.* (69)

SDF levels can predict the likelihood of natural pregnancy

Evenson *et al.* (6)

Recurrent pregnancy loss

High SDF is associated with greater incidence of abortion

Ford *et al.* (71); Khadem *et al.* (72); Absalan *et al.* (73)

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Varicocele

Significant association between SDF and varicocele has been detected

Zini and Dohle (63); Esteves *et al.* (23)

Varicolectomy improves percentage of SDF resulting in improved pregnancy rates

Zini and Dohle (63); Smit *et al.* (64); Ni *et al.* (65)

Little is known about the effect of low grade varicocele on SDF. High SDF has been reported in clinical varicocele, particularly grades 2 and 3; improvement of SDF in all grades of varicocele have been reported after varicolectomy

Sadek *et al.* (67); Ni *et al.* (65); Krishna Reddy *et al.* (68)

Lifestyle risk factors

Age, obesity, smoking and environmental/occupational exposures have detrimental effects on SDF

Shi *et al.* (86); Bosch *et al.* (87); Slotter *et al.* (88); Yang *et al.* (89); Elshal *et al.* (90); Tunc *et al.* (91); Rybar *et al.* (92); Kort *et al.* (93); Wijesekara *et al.* (94); Sanchez-Pena *et al.* (95); Rahman *et al.* (96)

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Recurrent IUI failure

High SDF is associated with lower IUI pregnancy rates

Duran *et al.* (74); Bungum *et al.* (70)

IVF and ICSI failures

SDF modestly affect IVF pregnancy rates

Zini and Sigman (75); Osman *et al.* (76); Jin *et al.* (77)

SDF does not affect ICSI pregnancy rates

Zini and Sigman (75); Zhao *et al.* (78)

High SDF is associated with greater incidence of abortion in both IVF and ICSI

Zini and Sigman (75); Zini *et al.* (79); Simon *et al.* (80); Lin *et al.* (81); Robinson *et al.* (82)

Testicular sperm have lower SDF than ejaculated sperm

Moskovtsev *et al.* (83); Greco *et al.* (84); Esteves *et al.* (24)

Higher IVF/ICSI success rates with testicular sperm

Esteves *et al.* (24); Greco *et al.* (84); Pabuccu *et al.* (85)

Should sperm DNA fragmentation testing be included in the male infertility work-up?



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Will the results change practice? Will testing add to the information already provided when taking a medical history?

Yes. Clearly, those men who have high levels of sperm DNA damage...

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There are patients with normal semen parameters and high DNA-F; does this mean all men should be tested during work-up?

Again, the answer must be **yes**...

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Is DNA testing better than any previous andrological test?

Yes. It is, however, being withheld from clinical use...

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