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## *DIMORPHISME SEXUEL DU RENOUVELLEMENT CELLULAIRE DE LA CORTICOSURRÉNALE*

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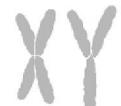
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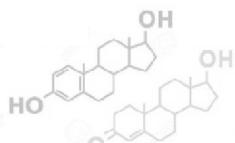
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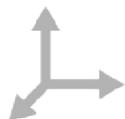
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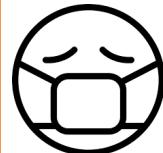
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# SEX SPECIFICITY OF THE ADRENAL CORTEX



## DISEASE PREVALENCE

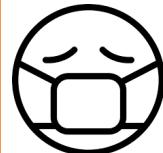
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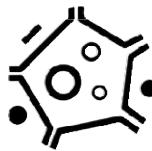


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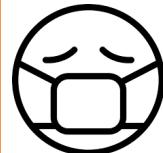
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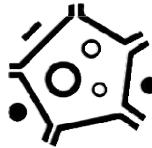


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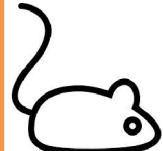
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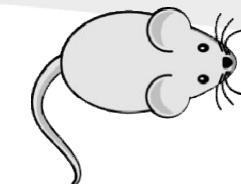
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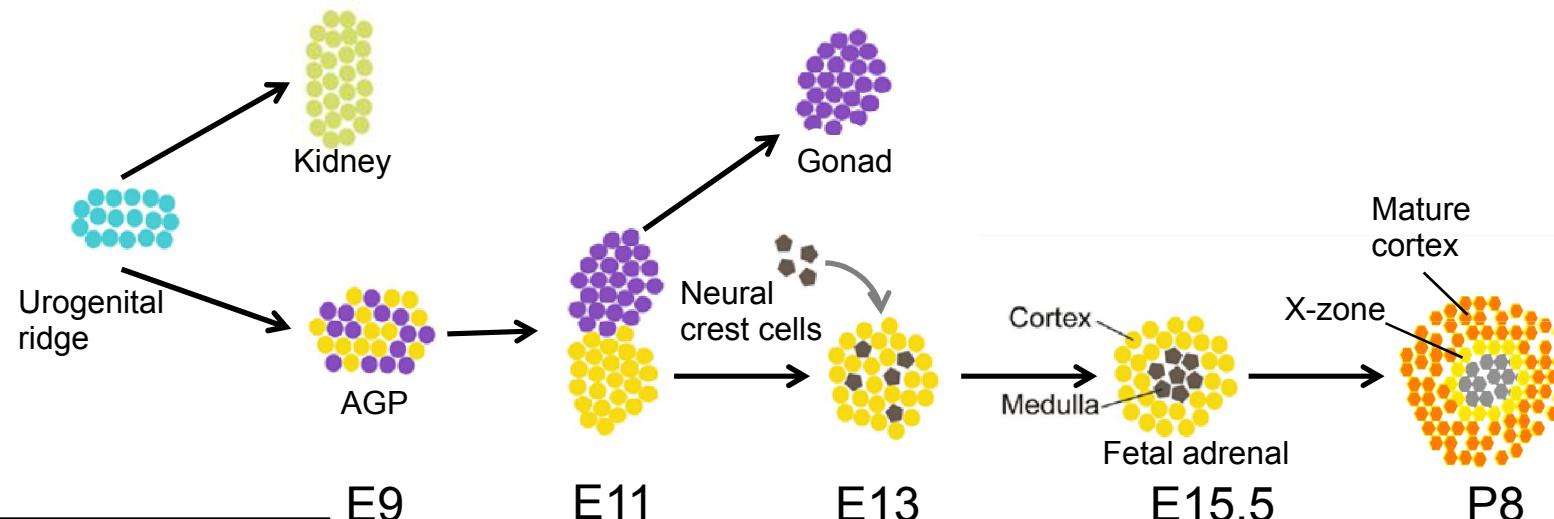
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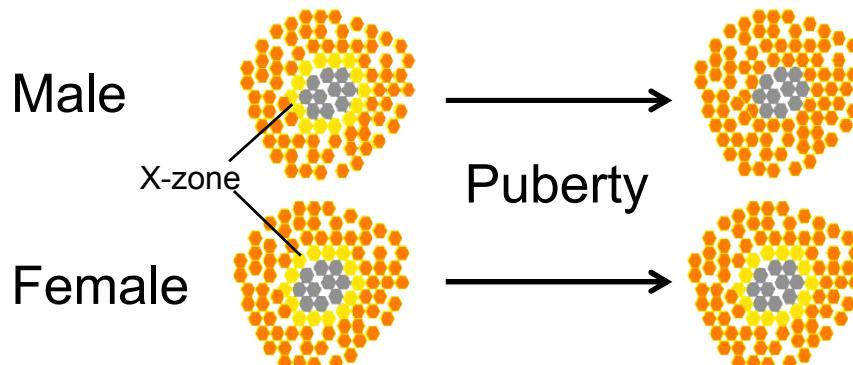


## Development



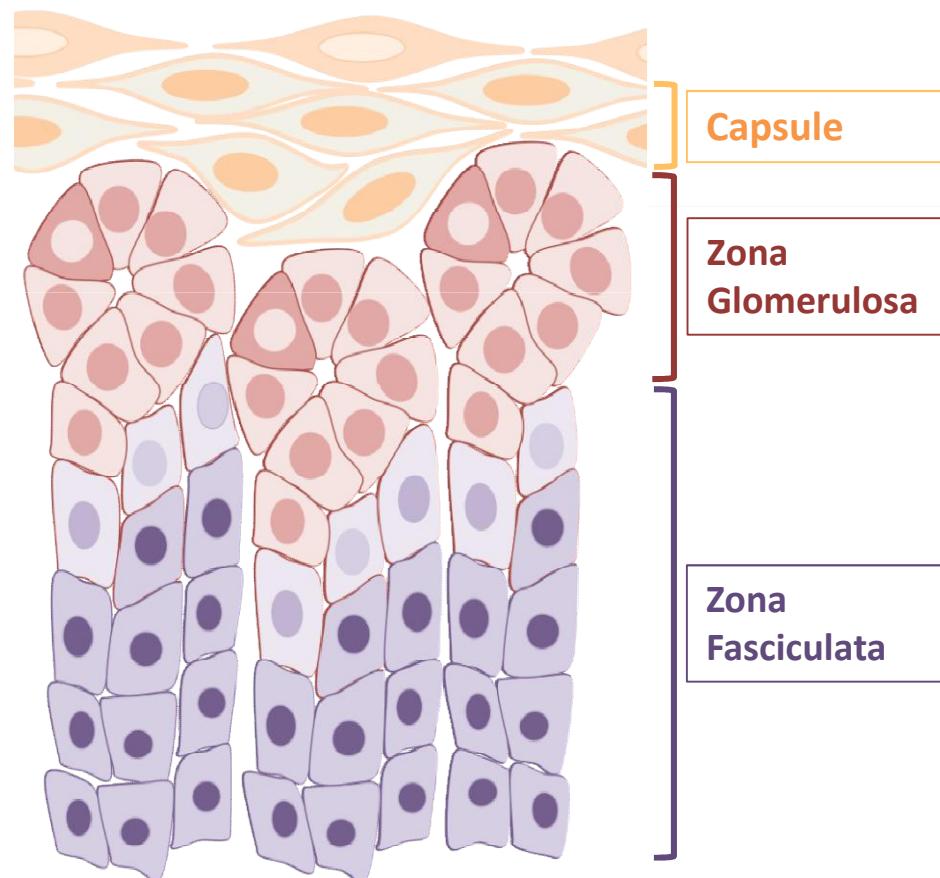
## At puberty

- Loss of the X-zone, remnant of the fetal adrenal, in the male

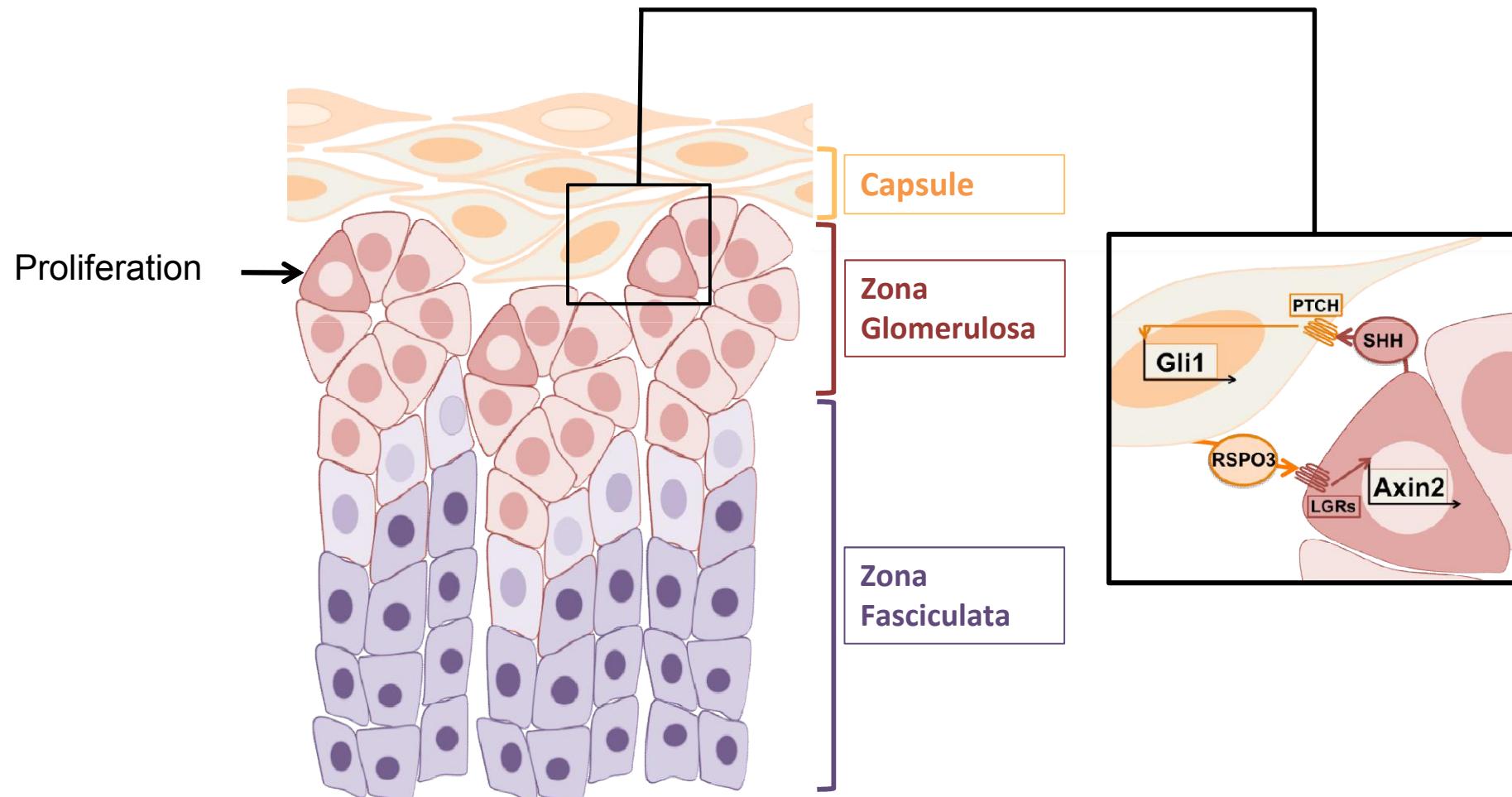


Modified from Pihlajoki et al.  
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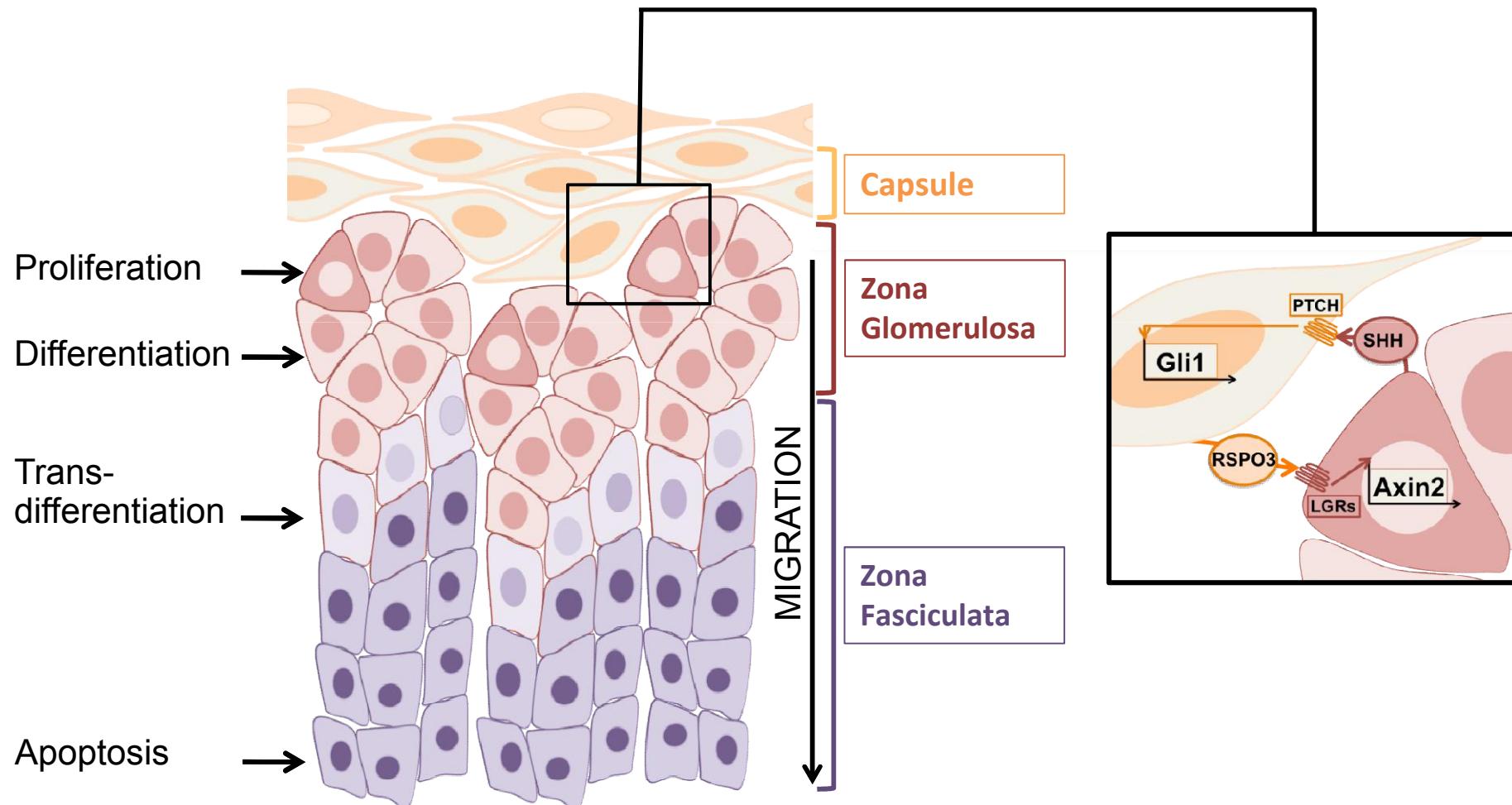


# ADRENAL CORTEX HOMEOSTASIS



- SHH mark a progenitor cell population
- Rspo3 is required to maintain proliferation and zonation of the adrenal cortex

# ADRENAL CORTEX HOMEOSTASIS



- Cells from the zG transdifferentiate into zF as they centripetally migrate
- Equilibrium between proliferation and apoptosis to maintain the cortex

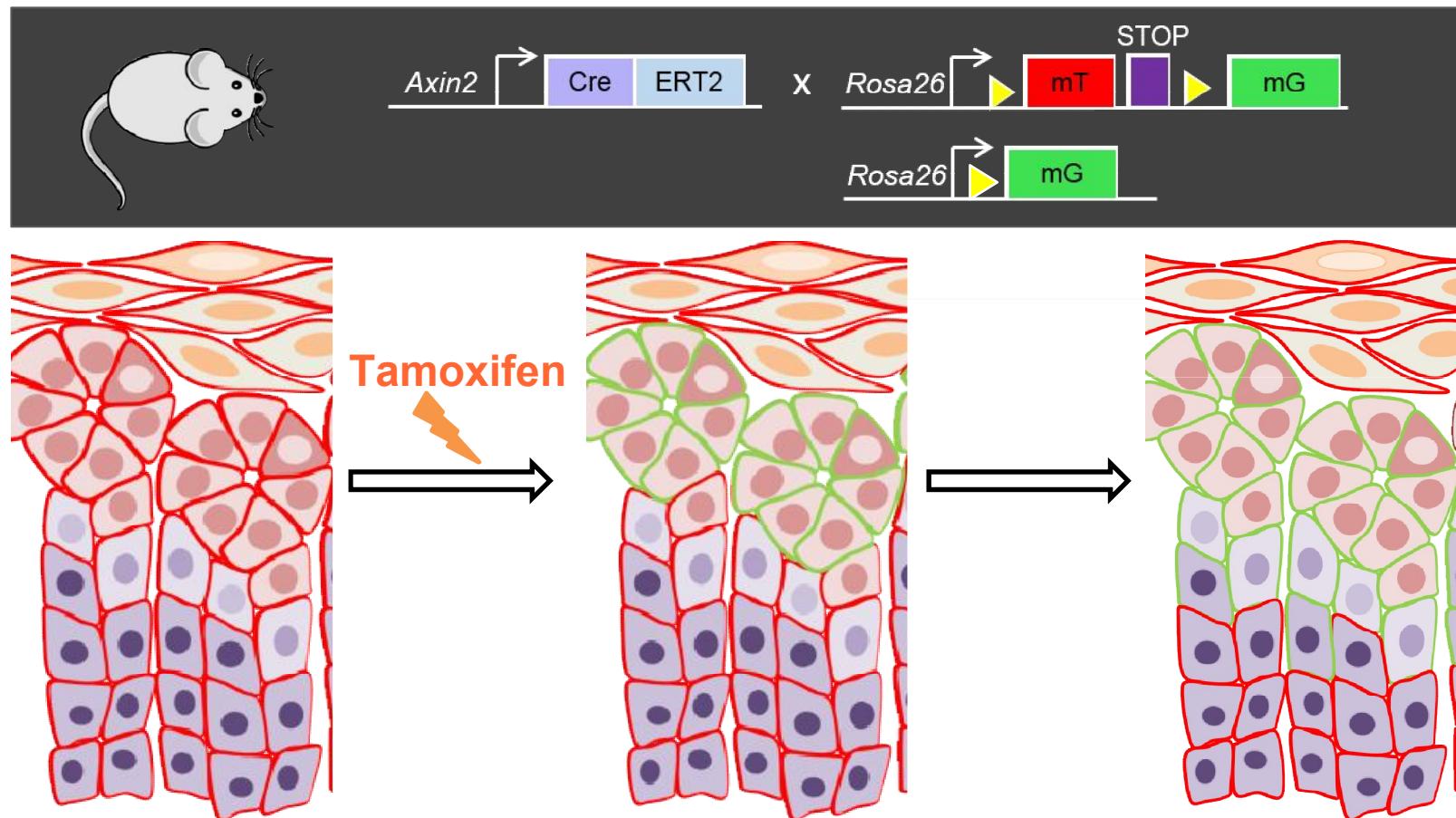


## STUDY AIM

Is adrenal cortex homeostasis sexually dimorphic?

What is driving the sexual dirmorphism?

# LINEAGE TRACING EXPERIMENT



- Label a specific cell population
- Follow the fate of the cells and their descendants



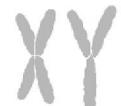
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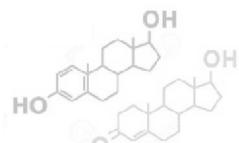
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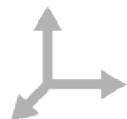
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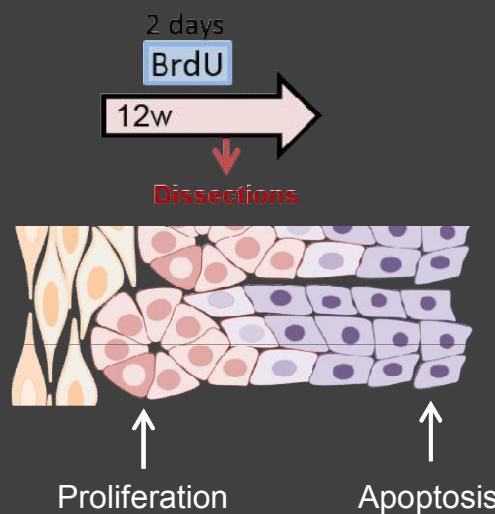
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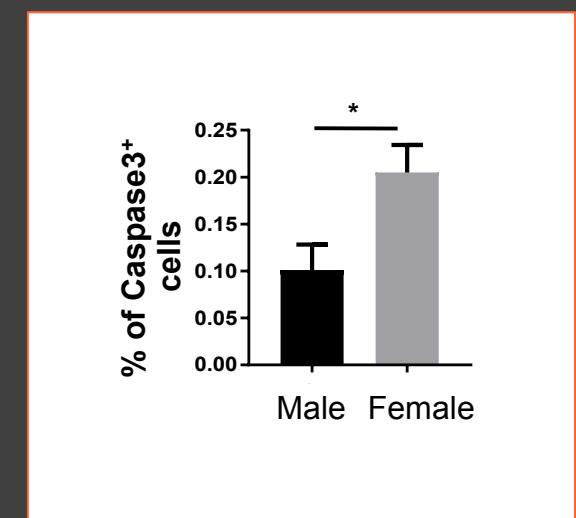
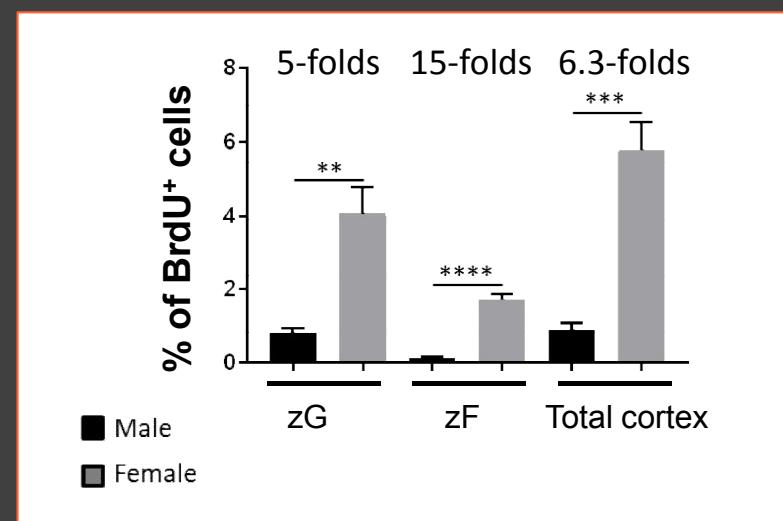
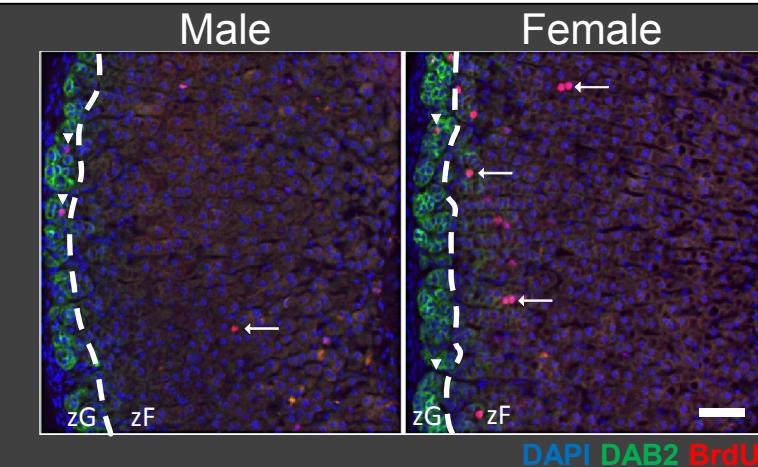
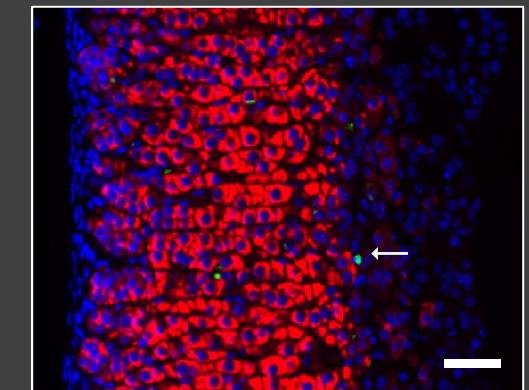
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# PROLIFERATION ANALYSIS

## Proliferation

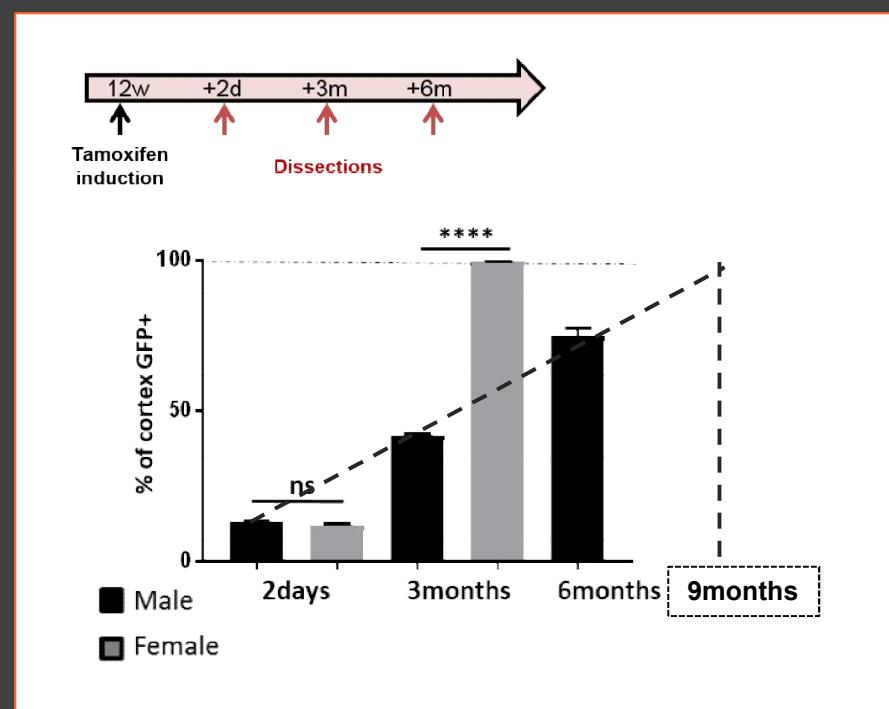
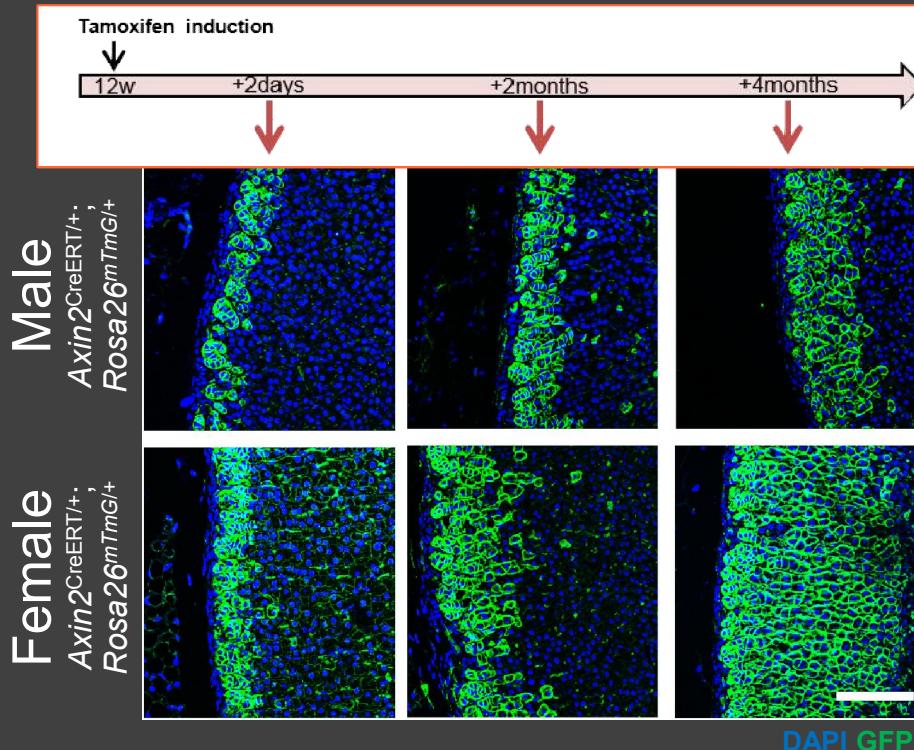
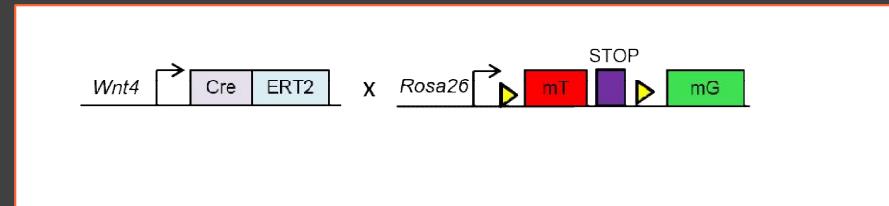
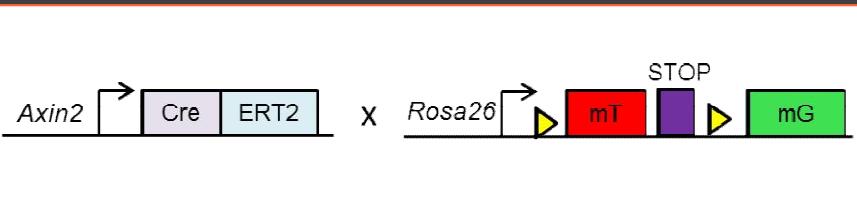


## Apoptosis



- Proliferation and apoptosis are increased in the female cortex

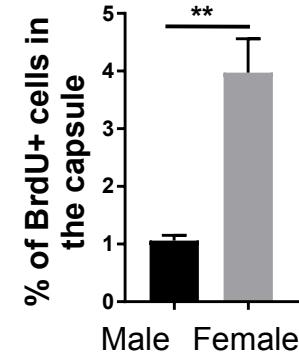
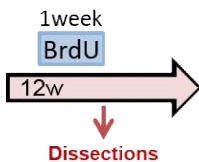
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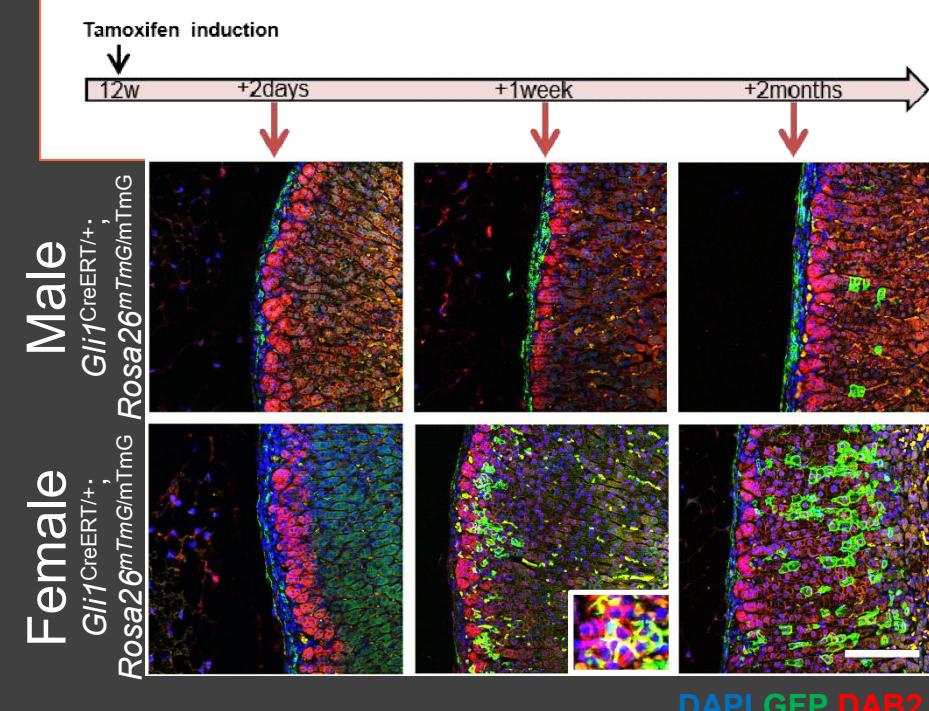
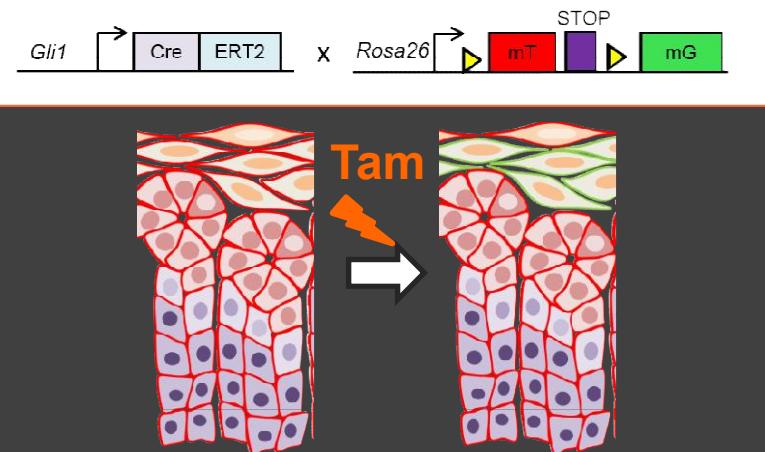
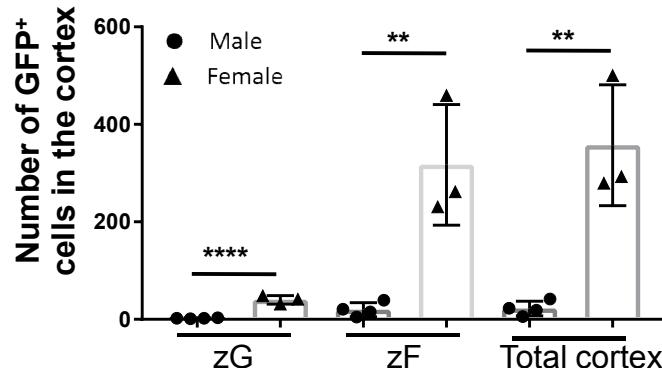
- Cellular renewal of the adrenal cortex is increased in females

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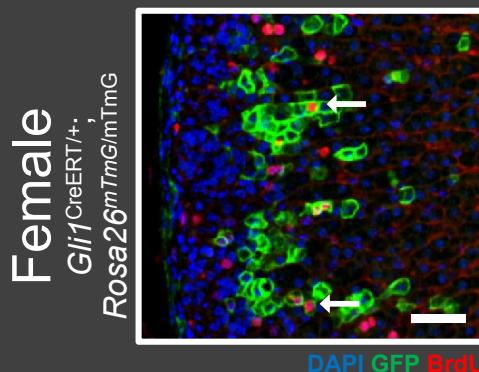
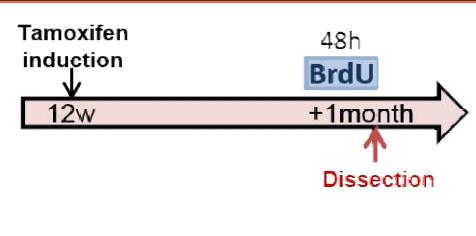
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## Recruitment



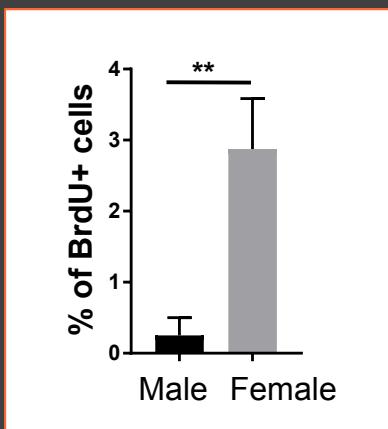
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- Females show an increased proliferation in the capsule (4x)

- During adrenal homeostasis, capsular cells are recruited to replenish the female cortex

- Once they have reached the zF, the capsular cells can re-enter the cell cycle and proliferate.





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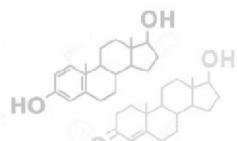
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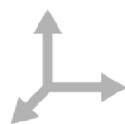
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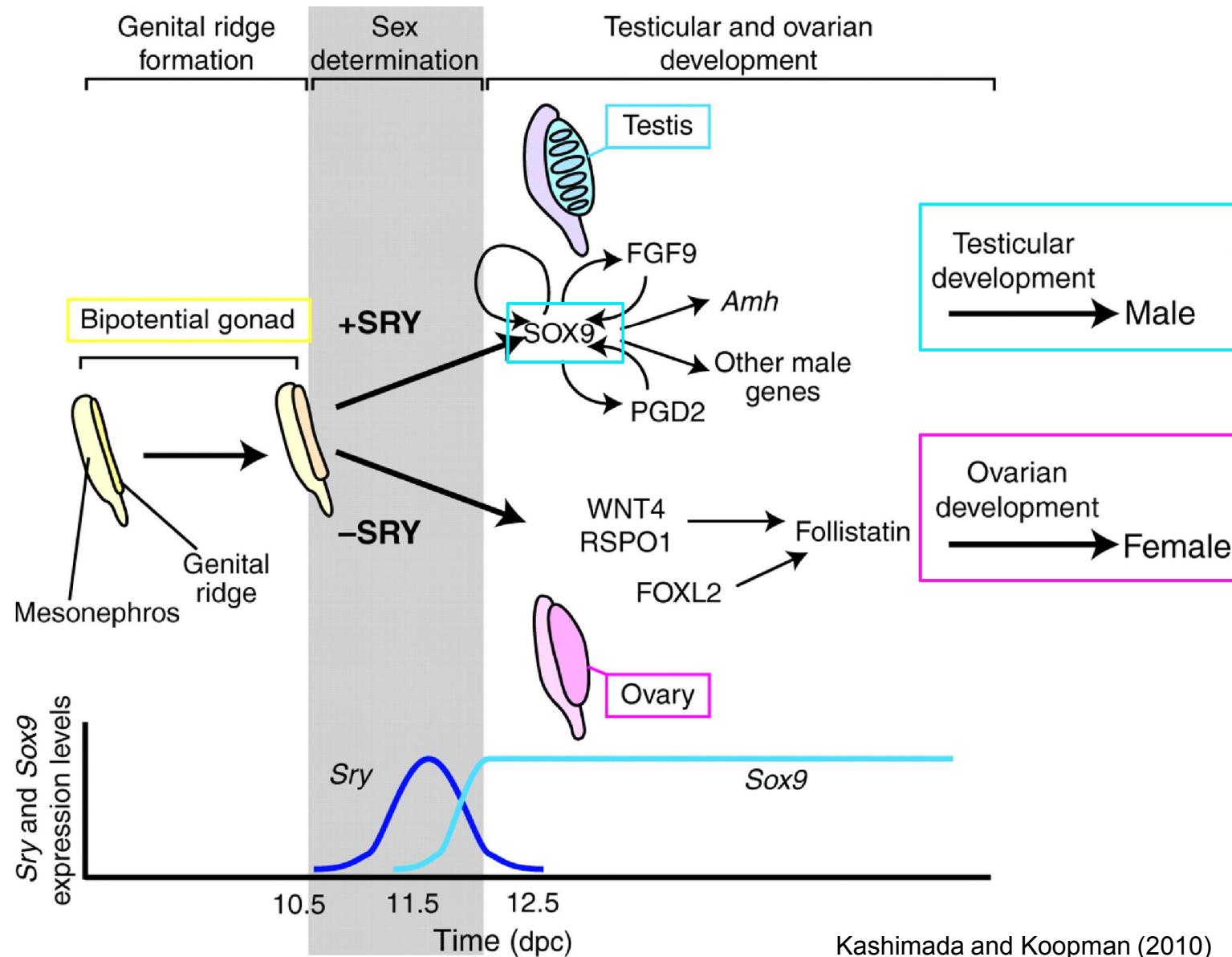


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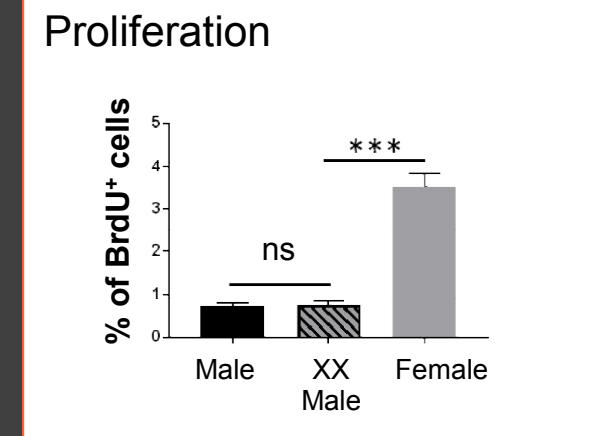
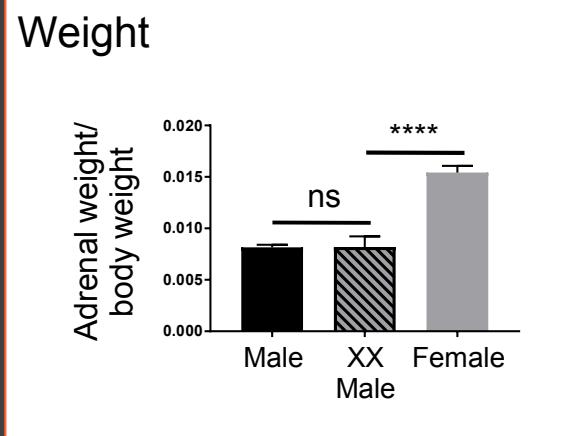
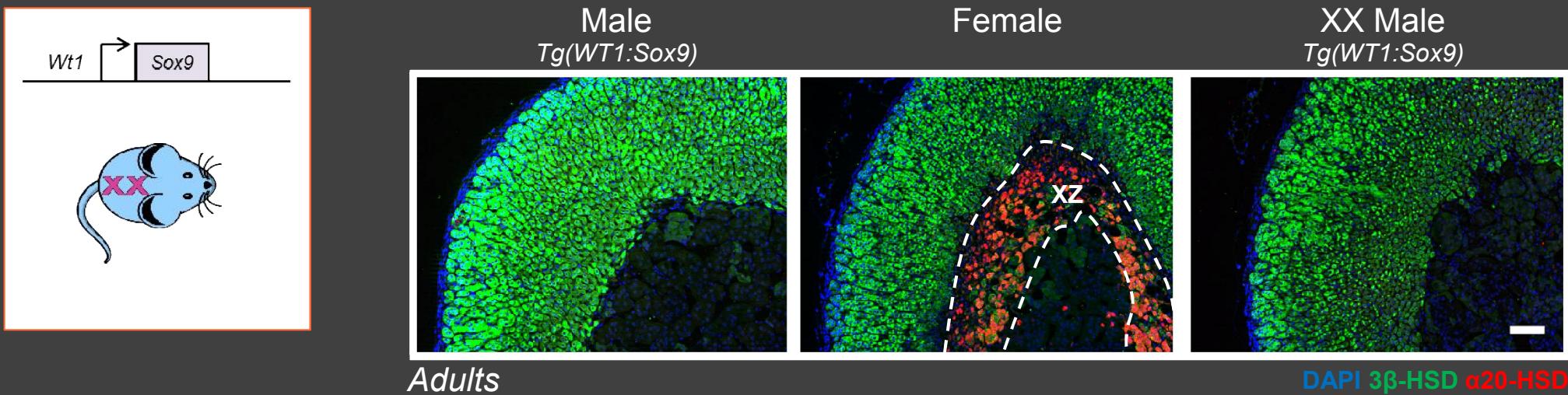
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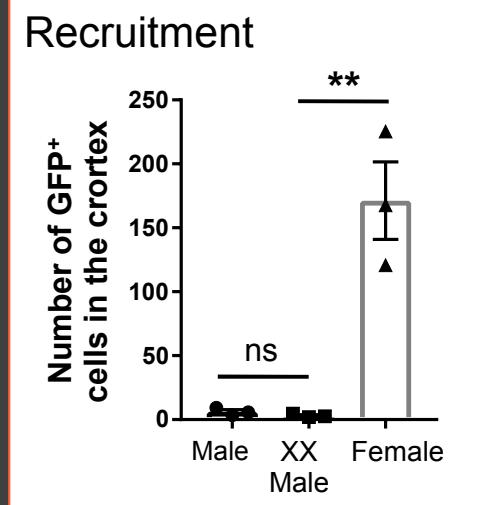
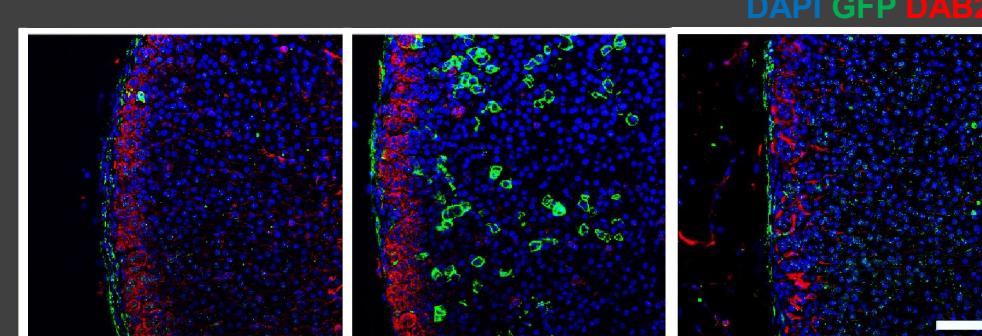
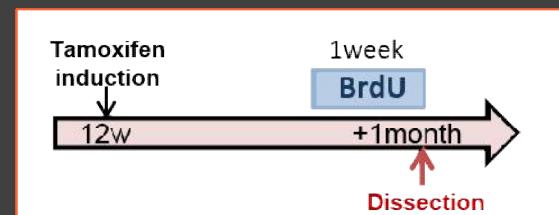
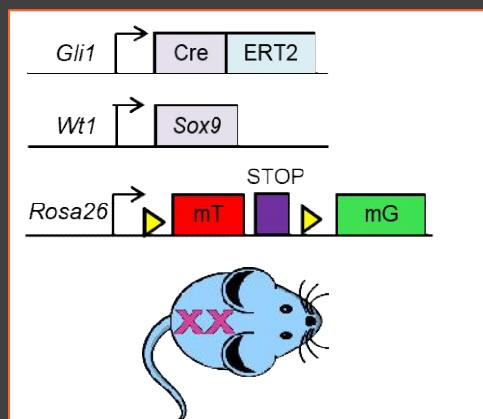


Kashimada and Koopman (2010)

# ADRENAL CORTEX IN SEX REVERSAL MOUSE MODEL



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XY Male  
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 $Rosa26^{mTmG/mTmG}$ ;

XX Female  
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- Capsular stem cell activity follows the gonadal rather than the chromosomal sex



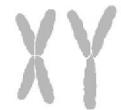
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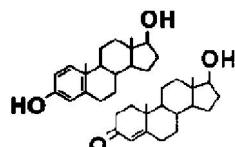
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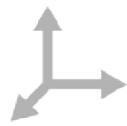
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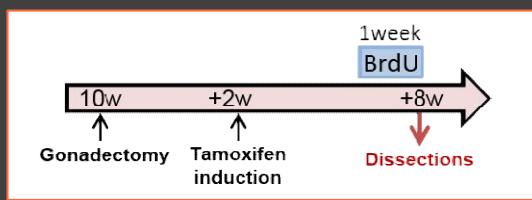


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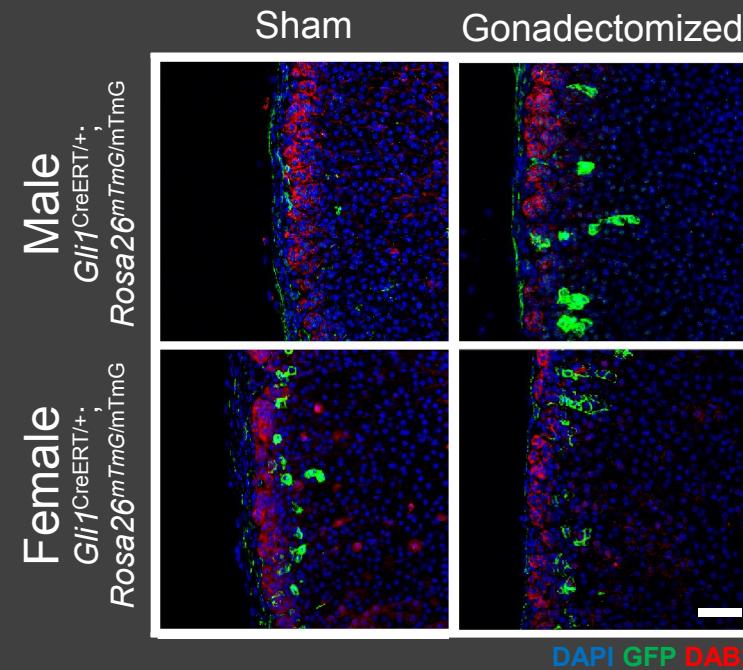
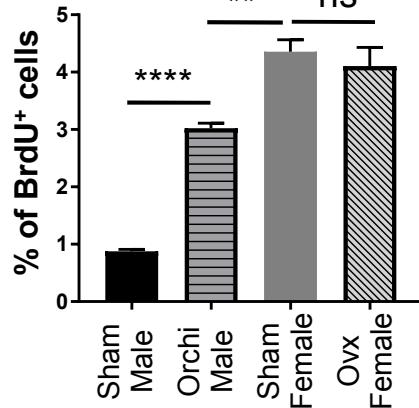


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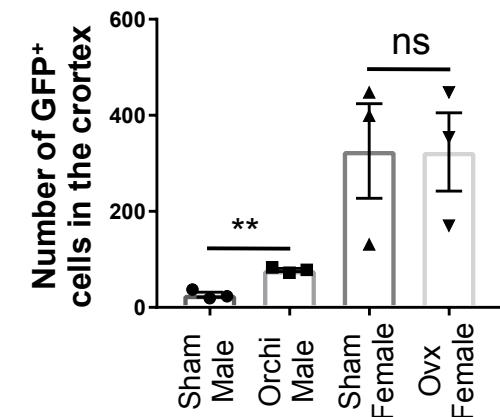
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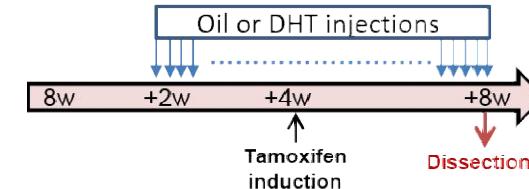
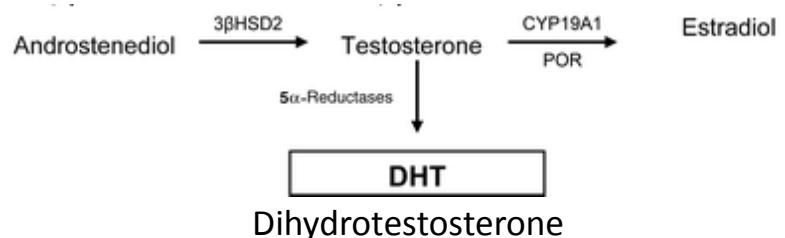


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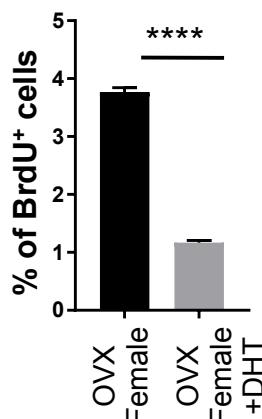


- Testis removal induce increased proliferation and recruitment of capsular cells

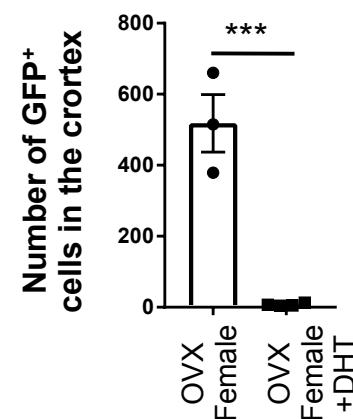
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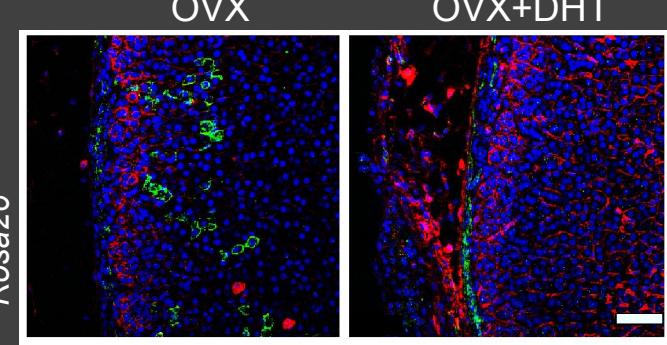


## Recruitment



## Female

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- DHT treatment in gonadectomized females inhibits capsular cell proliferation and recruitment



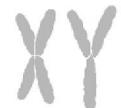
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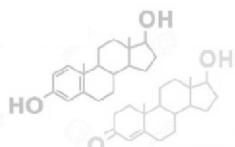
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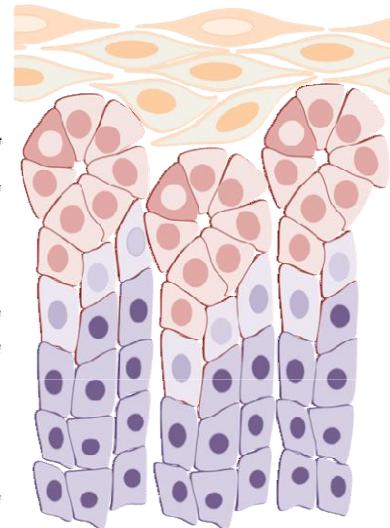
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Differentiation →

Trans-differentiation →  
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Apoptosis →

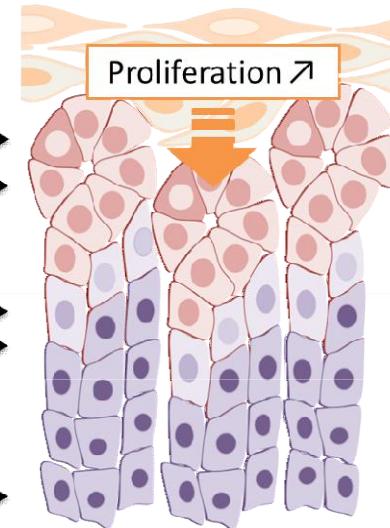


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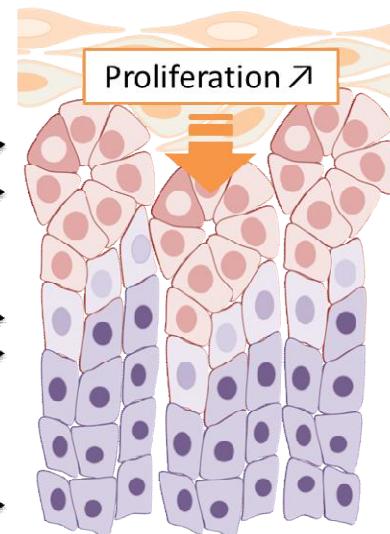
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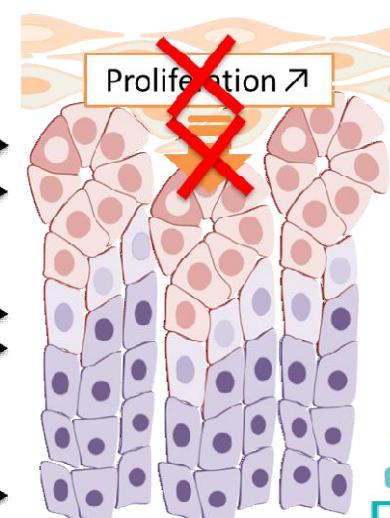
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# CONCLUSIONS

- HIGH CELLULAR TURN OVER IN THE ADRENAL CORTEX
- INCREASED CELLULAR RENEWAL IN FEMALES
- PROLIFERATION AND CONTRIBUTION OF CAPSULAR CELLS TO THE FEMALE CORTEX
- DHT INHIBITS CAPSULAR CELLS ACTIVITY



# PERSPECTIVES



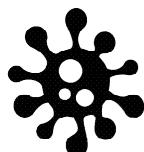
- MECHANISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SEXUAL DIMORPHISM



- APPLY TO HUMAN



- PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS



- APPLY TO DISEASE MODEL

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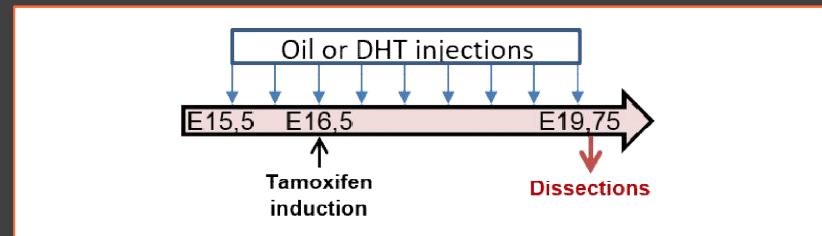
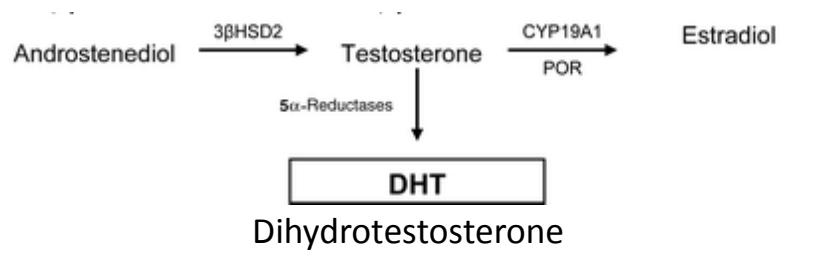
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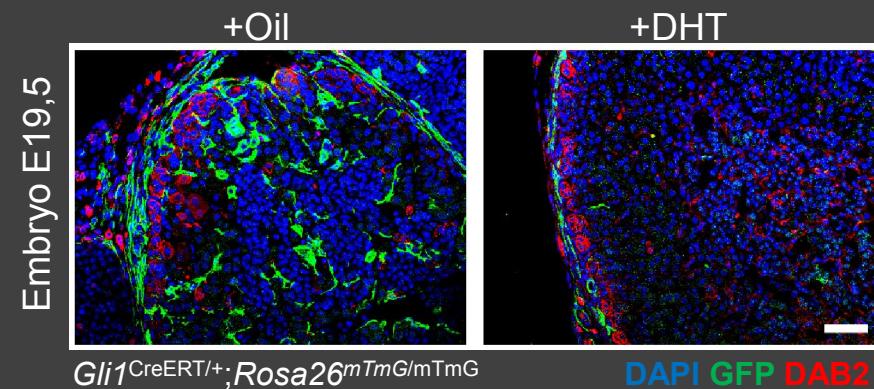
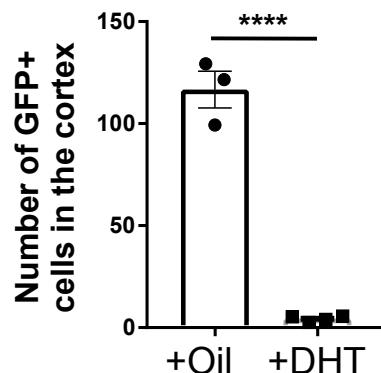
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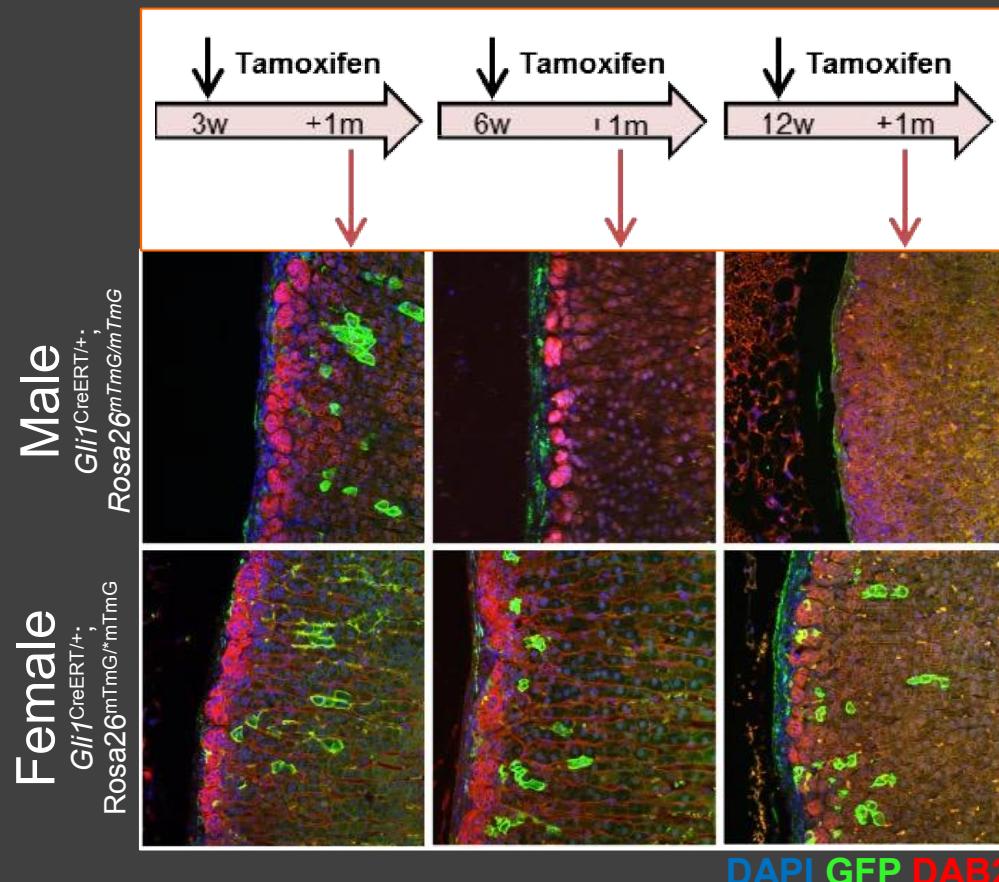
## Recruitment



- DHT treatment in embryos inhibits capsular cell proliferation and recruitment

# TIMING OF PUBERTY

- Recruitment of capsular stem cell is lost at puberty in males



# ADRENAL CORTEX IN SEX REVERSAL MOUSE MODEL

