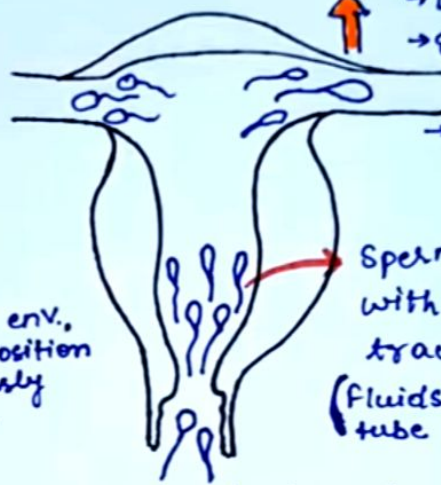


CAPACITATION OF SPERM :-

After capacitation of sperm

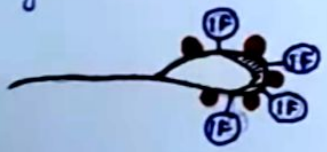
- Loosening of membrane
- Enhanced release of enzymes from acrosome
- ↑ motility of sperm.



Sperms on coming in contact with fluids in female genital tract
(fluids of uterine tube & fallopian tube)

D/t cholesterol env., cholesterol deposition continuously occurs.

But ↓ activity due to **Inhibitory factors, cholesterol** secreted by epithelia of genital ducts.



→ **DECAPACITATION OF SPERMS**

- IF, cholesterol
- Toughens the membrane
 - prevents release of enzyme from acrosome
 - ↓ motility of sperm

→ Wash away of Inhibitory factors

→ In vagina ; In uterine cavity

Absence of cholesterol environment

Removal of cholesterol present.

→ Memb. permeability for Ca^{++} ↑ see

- Ca^{++} ↑ activity of flagellum (↑ power of motion)
- Ca^{++} weakens memb. covering acrosome

→ **CAPACITATION OF SPERMS**

ACROSOME REACTION :-

Reaction between acrosome of sperm & receptors on zona pellucida of ovum



Hyaluronidase & proteolytic enzymes

Depolymerises hyaluronic acid polymer in intercellular cement that holds granulosa cells together

Digests proteins in structural elements of tissue cells that still adhere to ovum



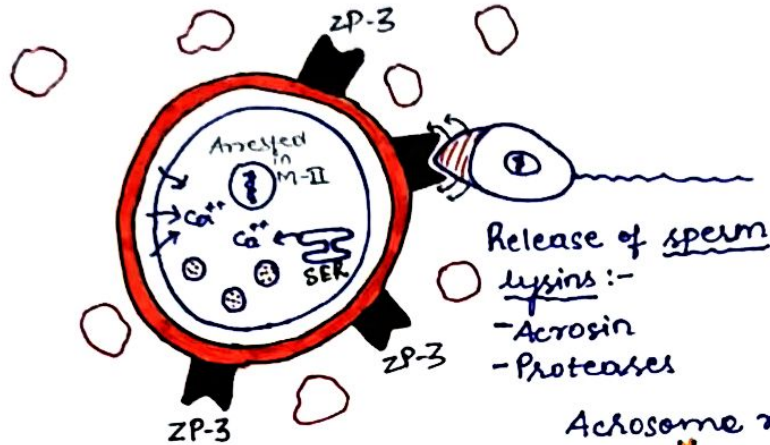
Intercellular cement

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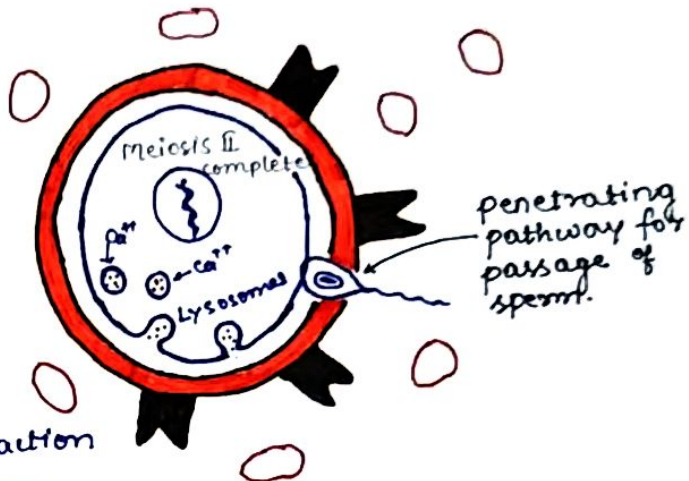


proteolytic enzymes

Hyaluronidase



Release of sperm
lysins :-
 - Acrosin
 - Proteases

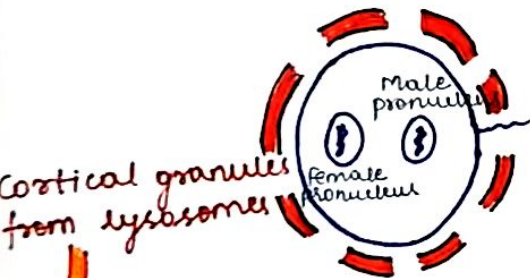


Acrosome reaction

forms penetrating pathway in ZP for passage of sperm.

↑ Ca²⁺ inside cell

→ stimulate lysosomes to release cortical granules by exocytosis



permeating all portions of ZP

prevent binding of additional sperms & fall off of already binded sperm

prevents polyspermy



Diploid zygote