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Front Cover Picture: Human embryo at the developmental stage of 40 days and SSL of 15 mm. Embryo-maternal communication at this stage is established via the umbilical cord, which is visible in our picture clearly with particular distinction by the blood filled umbilical vessels. The placental tissue is shown at the left side, including the structures of the chorionic villi somewhat out of focus but nevertheless undoubtedly.

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