



The cover illustration shows a simplified model of the early stages of mammalian embryogenesis up to the morula and early blastula stage. In her project, BIF fellow Victoria Rodriguez Vaello is examining how the pluripotent stem cells of the embryo transition from the naive to the primed pluripotency state, and what role alternative splicing plays in this process. Read more on page 24.

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