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Production of Transgenic Animals

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Methods used to produce transgenic animals

- microinjection
- embryonal stem cells
- liposomes
- retroviruses
- DNA-coated projectiles
- sperm-mediated gene transfer
- nuclear transfer/cloning

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Microinjection Methodology

- Produce single-cell fertilised embryos
- Microinject DNA into one pronucleus
- Culture embryos to blastula stage
- Transfer embryos to recipient mothers
- Screen progeny by Southern blots



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Constraints on selection of transgenes

- Size
- Appropriate tissue-specific expression
- Regulation of expression
- Host compatibility with gene product
- Substrates and co-factors available when required