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Title of project	Cell Community in Early Mammalian Development
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Abstract of	Early mammalian embryonic development is characterized by its highly regulative potentials,
Research Project	along with the specific event of implantation in the uterus. To understand the cell-cell
	interactions occurring within embryos, a basis for regulative development, we will study the
	embryo as a "cell community" with spatiotemporal behavior.
	To achieve this aim, detailed cell behavior, genes and gene products within the developing
	embryos will be examined using interdisciplinary approaches including live imaging, and
	mathematical analyses. We will uncover principles on how information relating to the future
Term of	body axes is produced within an embryo, and how this information is reflected in embryonic
Project: 2009-2013	shape.