

## *In Vitro* Reconstitution of the Mitochondria-Associated ER Membranes (MAM) using *Xenopus* egg extracts



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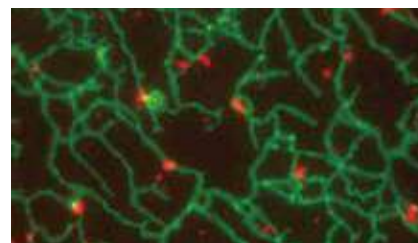
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### Research summary

The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is physically connected to mitochondria at a region called the mitochondria-associated membrane (MAM), which plays important roles in regulating not only mitochondrial activity but also various fundamental phenomena such as cell growth, apoptosis and autophagy. In this study, we will develop a novel *in vitro* system that recapitulate the MAM structure using fractionated *Xenopus* egg extracts for the purpose of analyzing the molecular architecture and biological function of the MAM.

#### Figure

A microscopic picture showing that mitochondria (red) are deposited along the ER tubule network (green) formed in egg extracts.



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