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Human Reproduction

Cortical reaction:

- (a) Immediately after the entry of a sperm into the egg, the later shows a cortical reaction to check the entry of more sperms.
- (b) In this reaction, the cortical granules present beneath the egg's plasma membrane release chemical substance between the ooplasm and the plasma membrane (vitelline membrane).
- (c) These substances raise the vitelline membrane above the egg surface. The elevated vitelline membrane is called fertilization membrane.
- (d) The increased space between the ooplasm and the fertilization membrane and the chemical present in it effectively check the entry of other sperm.
- (e) If polyspermy occurs, that is more than one sperm enter the secondary oocyte, the resulting cell has too much genetic material to develop normally
 - The haploid gametes fuse together to form diploid zygote. As the zygote moves towards the uterus, the mitotic division starts and form cleavage to change into 2, 4,8,16 celled blastomeres.
 - The blastomeres with 8 to 16 cells are called morula. Morula divide to change into blastocysts .The blastomeres in the blastocyst are arranged into an outer layer called **trophoblast** and an inner group of cells attached to trophoblast called the **inner cell mass**.The outer layer of blastocyst is called trophoblast that attach with endometrium of uterus, called **implantation** that leads to pregnancy.