

Scientists make breakthrough with retinal tissues from stem cells

A research team said it has produced stratified retinal tissues from human embryonic stem cells for the first time in history. The results, achieved by a team of researchers from the Riken Center for Developmental Biology and Sumitomo Chemical Co., were published in the U.S. magazine *Cell Stem Cell* on Thursday. Yoshiki Sasai, group director at the center, said: "This is a great step forward to enable practical applications of regenerative medicine. The result can be used in the treatment of intractable eye diseases."

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