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4. Research profile

Research activity of the laboratory is oriented towards recognition of immuno-endocrine changes accompanying the origin and course of pathological states in reproductive organs of females of farm-animals. The subject of the studies is determine in inflamed porcine uterus synthesis and metabolism of arachidonic acid derivatives as well as participation of these substances in contractile activity of uterus. The effect of inflammatory mediators on production of arachidonic acid derivatives in fetal membranes and uterus of pregnant pigs is also examined. Further area of studies concern the influence of nerve fibers supplying ovaries on the course of cystic degeneration in this gland in the connection with endocrine changes as well as a role of growth factors in the development of this disease. Besides, an object of our interest is also recognition of the effect of elevated steroid levels, occurred in the course of pathological states of endocrine glands on chemical coding of neurons providing ovaries and on the steroidogenic activity of gonads.

5. Key technologies and tools

Genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, endometrial cells and tissue culture

6. Selected publications (max. 5)

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