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 ZFIN Zebrafish Developmental Stages

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<h2 align="center">Zebrafish Developmental Staging Series</h2>

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<p>Select a stage name below to get a detailed description and images. You can

 also browse the zebrafish <a href="/action/ontology/search">Anatomical

 Ontology</a> (AO) to show anatomical terms that are present at that stage.</p>

<p>(h = hours of development at 28.5&deg;C)</p>

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 <td>2 X 2 array of blastomeres</td>

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 <td>11 blastomere tiers; single row of YSL nuclei; asynchronous cell cycle

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 YSL nuclei in two rows</td>

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 <td><a href="blast\_stgs.html#Oblong">Oblong</a></td>

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 <td>Blastodisc flattening; multiple rows of YSL nuclei</td>

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 <td><a href="blast\_stgs.html#Dome">Dome</a></td>

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 <td>Yolk cell bulging toward animal pole as epiboly begins</td>

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 <td>5.25 h</td>

 <td>Blastoderm remains of uniform thickness</td>

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 <td>Embryonic shield visible from animal pole; 50%-epiboly</td>

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 zone visible</td>

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 <td>Axis and neural plate; brain and notochord rudiments</td>

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 100%-epiboly</td>

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 <td>10.33 h</td>

 <td>First somite furrow</td>

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 keel</td>

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 <td>14 h</td>

 <td>Pronephros forms</td>

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 (24 - 48 h)</td>

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 <td>Day 5</td>

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