## Wholemount lacZ lineage tracing

This is best for lineage tracing of whole embryo , while BDA is much better for section.

• Fix $\beta$ -gal mRNA injected embryos in MEMFA for $\underline{20 \text{ min}}$ or less. Note: Longer fixation will kill $\beta$ -Gal protein.	Solutions: β-gal solution:	
• (Wash in PBS for 10 min at room temperature) x 4.	$0.5 \text{M K}_3 \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	8 µl
• Stain in Xgal solution overnight at 4°C or for 4 h at room temperature.	$0.5M \text{ K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	8 μl
• (Wash with PBS for 5 min at room temperature) x 2.	0.5M MgCl <sub>2</sub>	4 µl
• Re-fix in MEMFA for 2 h at room temperature.	Xgal (0.1g/ml in DMSO)	4 μl
	PBS	976 μl