



Severe seminal alteration: Consequences on embryo and offspring?

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Assisted reproductive techniques in Latin America: the Latin American Registry, 2013



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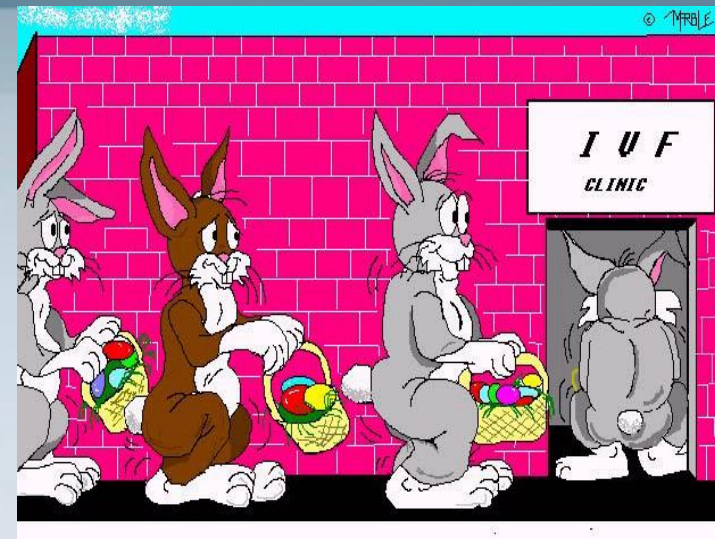
Table 1 Assisted reproduction technique procedures and access in 2013.

Country	Number of clinics	Assisted reproductive techniques							Total ^d	Access ^e
		IVF–ICSI ^a	IVF ^b	ICSI ^b	FET	Oocyte donation	Oocyte donation (FET)	Fertility preservation ^f		
Argentina	27	7769	749	6255	2481	1655	815	396	12,720	1368
Bolivia	2	280	195	71	17	46	3	840	346	141
Brazil	56	17,042	1060	14,974	5833	1159	579	0	24,613	512
Chile	8	1646	130	1405	543	170	84	61	2443	634
Colombia	9	967	288	613	182	209	95	5	1453	136
Ecuador	6	654	206	391	159	208	72	145	1093	297
Guatemala	1	99	52	47	16	20	1	9	136	39
Mexico	28	4476	1494	2648	929	1421	378	31	7204	251
Nicaragua	1	100	29	67	0	10	0	0	110	72
Panama	2	408	0	362	83	56	17	5	564	710
Paraguay	1	37	9	22	2	0	0	2	39	24
Peru	6	1404	470	837	390	587	306	98	2687	367
Dominican R.	1	49	18	30	6	36	2	0	93	40
Uruguay	2	340	35	239	52	56	19	5	467	652
Venezuela	8	1223	438	638	219	294	136	19	1872	274
Total	158	36,494	5173	28,599	10,912	5927	2507	1616	55,840	425

Registro Latino Americano de Reproducción Asistida bebés nacidos: 1990 - 2012

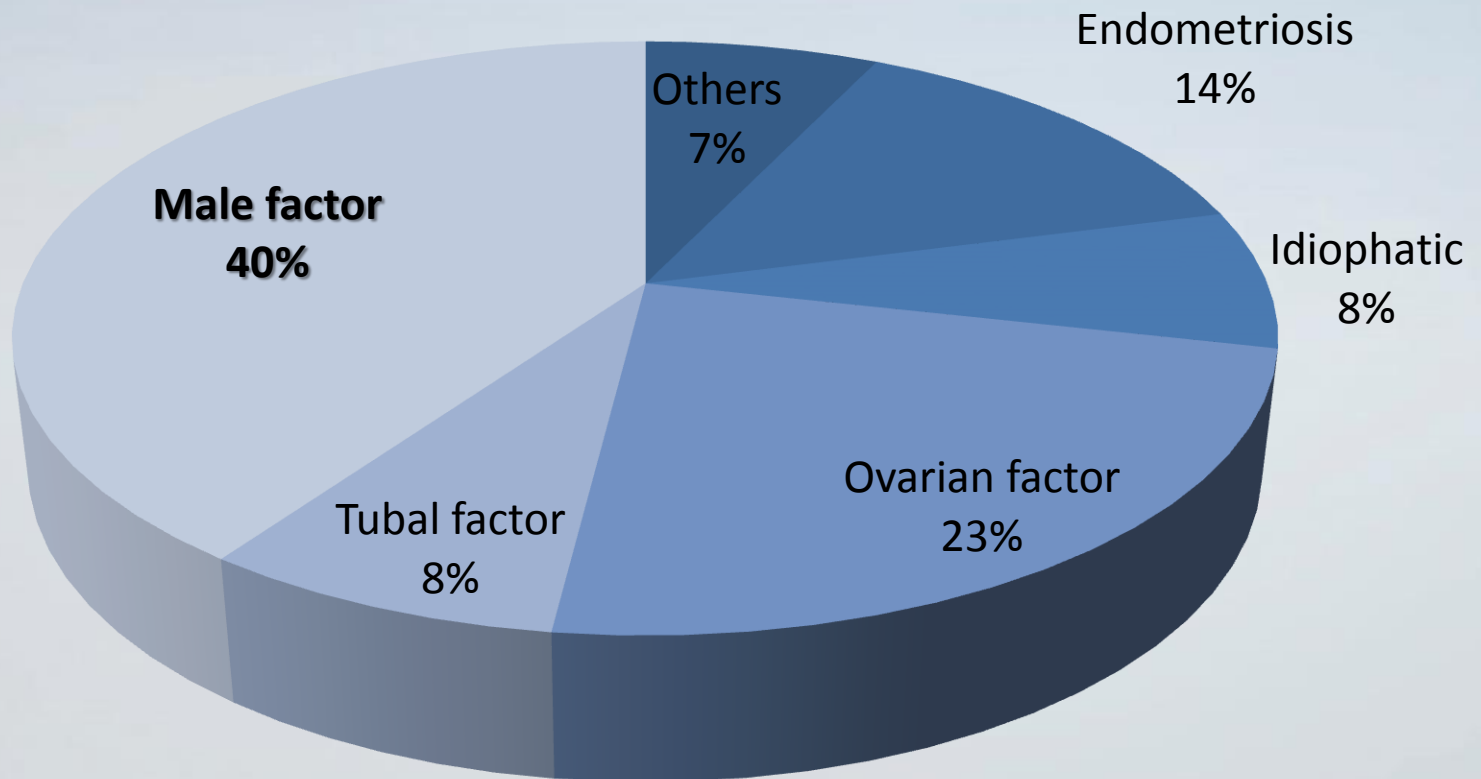


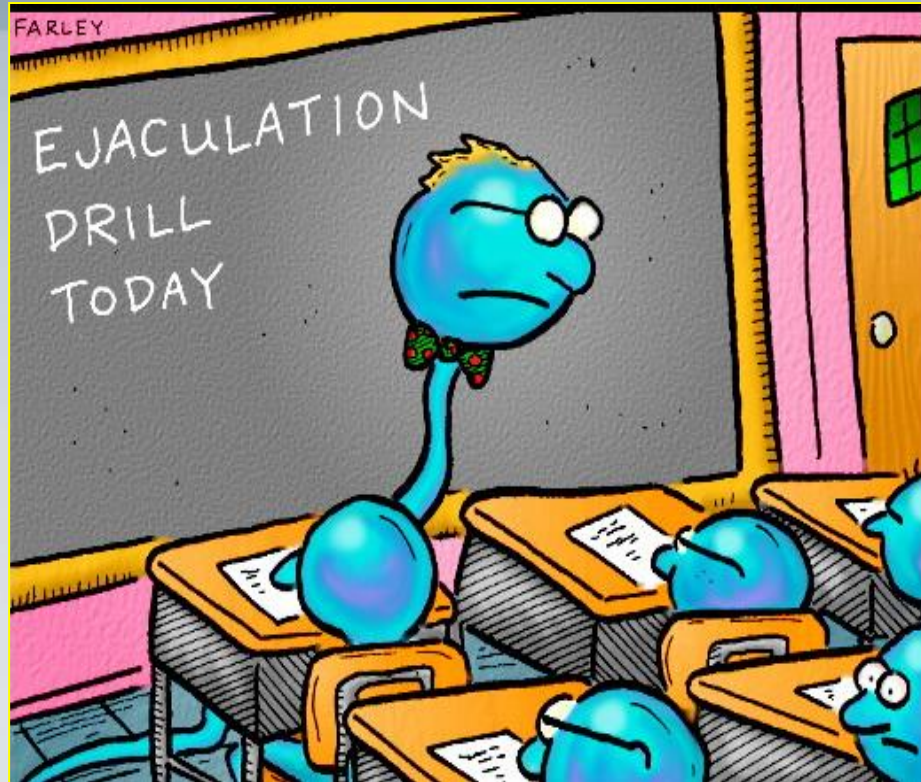
- ❖ USA: 1-2%
- ❖ Europe / Japan: 4%
- ❖ Denmark - Finland: 6-8%



- ❖ Brasil: 30.000 IVF-ICSI cycles / year
- ❖ ~ 6,000 children born: ~ 0,2%

Distribution of ICSI procedures Fertility Medical Group 2005 - 2016





*Sperm quality
Consequences on embryo*

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Total motile sperm count has a superior predictive value over the WHO 2010 cut-off values for the outcomes of intracytoplasmic sperm injection cycles

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➤ **Definition:** $TMSC = \text{volume} \times \text{conc/ml} \times \% A+B / 100\%$

- 518 ICSI cycles
- TMSC: normal > 20 millions spz

Table 4 Comparison of ICSI outcomes between normal and abnormal TMSC groups

Variables	Normal TMSC group (n = 328)	Abnormal TMSC group (n = 190)	p-value
Paternal age (year-old)	37.4 ± 4.8	38.1 ± 6.1	0.187
Maternal age (year-old)	35.4 ± 3.9	33.5 ± 4.0	<0.001
Number of aspirated follicles	17.8 ± 9.7	20.8 ± 11.2	0.002
Number of obtained oocytes	12.7 ± 7.2	15.1 ± 8.1	0.001
Number of mature oocytes	9.7 ± 5.5	11.2 ± 6.2	0.003
Number of injected oocytes	9.4 ± 4.3	10.2 ± 4.9	0.067
Fertilization rate (%)	84.9 ± 14.4	81.1 ± 15.8	0.016
Number of obtained embryos	8.2 ± 3.8	8.7 ± 4.4	0.204
Number of transferred embryos	2.2 ± 0.6	2.2 ± 0.5	0.469
Implantation rate (%)	25.1 ± 36.0	25.8 ± 35.2	0.832
Pregnancy rate (%)	134/328 (40.9)	94/190 (49.5)	0.060
Miscarriage rate (%)	29/162 (17.9)	23/78 (29.5)	0.041

SD, standard deviation; TMSC: total motile sperm count.

Table 5 Linear and binary regression analysis results for the influences of TMSC and WHO cut-off values on ICSI outcome

Variables	Method	OR or RC	CI or R^2	<i>p</i> -value
Fertilization rate	Concentration	3.994	1.4%	0.015
	Motility	0.097	0.0%	0.957
	Progressive motility	2.299	0.5%	0.163
	Morphology	8.735	0.9%	0.047
	TMSC	3.784	1.5%	0.013
	Normal TMSC	-0.253	0.1%	0.592
Formation of high-quality zygotes on D1	Concentration	1.64	1.09–2.46	0.018
	Motility	1.34	0.85–2.12	0.208
	Progressive motility	1.22	0.80–1.85	0.355
	Morphology	0.89	0.65–1.22	0.461
	TMSC	1.13	1.01–1.28	0.049
	Normal TMSC	0.99	0.97–1.02	0.629
Formation of high-quality embryos on D2	Concentration	0.93	0.76–1.09	0.101
	Motility	0.91	0.79–1.06	0.222
	Progressive motility	1.06	0.92–1.22	0.420
	Morphology	0.84	0.60–1.18	0.314
	TMSC	1.18	1.03–1.35	0.013
	Normal TMSC	0.97	0.94–1.01	0.098
Formation of high-quality embryos on D3	Concentration	0.91	0.79–1.06	0.229
	Motility	0.93	0.79–1.09	0.379
	Progressive motility	1.00	0.85–1.17	0.969
	Morphology	1.18	0.83–1.67	0.354
	TMSC	1.12	1.07–1.29	0.037
	Normal TMSC	0.98	0.95–1.02	0.319
Formation of blastocyst on D5	Concentration	1.11	0.97–1.27	0.116
	Motility	1.03	0.90–1.19	0.660
	Progressive motility	0.91	0.70–1.23	0.303
	Morphology	1.13	0.83–1.55	0.427
	TMSC	1.16	1.04–1.26	0.011
	Normal TMSC	1.00	0.97–1.04	0.802
Blastocyst expansion grade on D5	Concentration	0.83	0.66–1.05	0.120
	Motility	1.01	0.79–1.29	0.948
	Progressive motility	1.08	0.85–1.38	0.533
	Morphology	0.99	0.57–1.71	0.962
	TMSC	1.27	1.01–1.60	0.042
	Normal TMSC	1.03	0.98–1.07	0.287

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Epididimal
spermatozoa

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spermatozoa

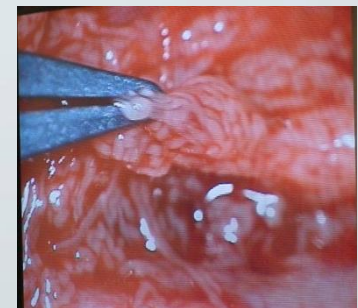
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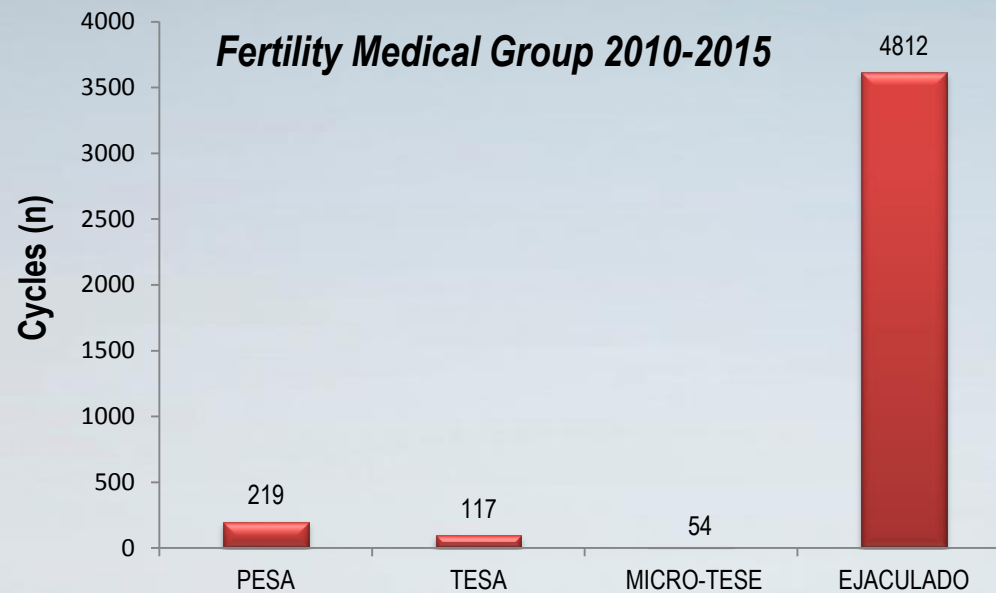


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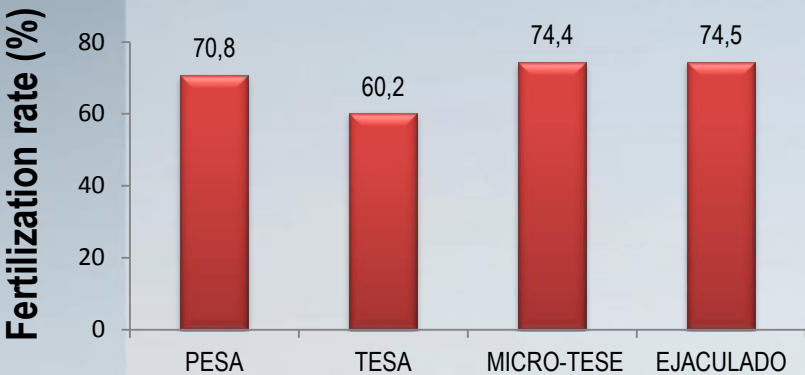
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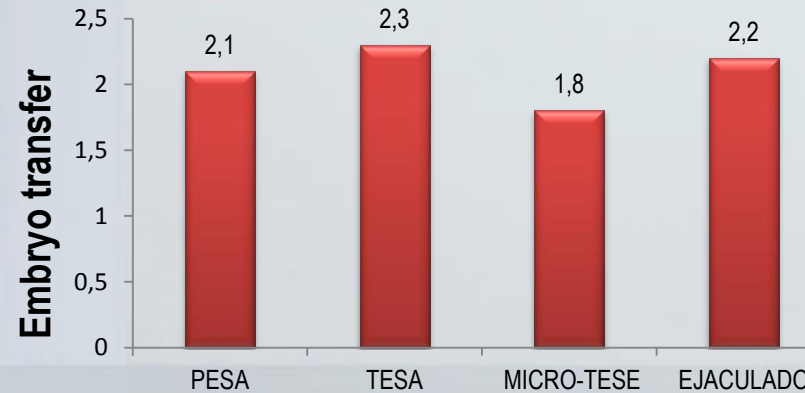
	PESA	TESA	MICRO-TESE	EJACULATE
Cycles (n)	219	117	54	4812
Age $\pm$ SD	34.9 $\pm$ 4.6	34.8 $\pm$ 5.4	32.2 $\pm$ 2.7	35.8 $\pm$ 4.7
Follicles $\pm$ SD	20.4 $\pm$ 15.4	18.1 $\pm$ 11.3	15.9 $\pm$ 14.4	15.8 $\pm$ 12.4
Oocytes retrieved $\pm$ SD	14.2 $\pm$ 10.8	13.3 $\pm$ 9.3	11.0 $\pm$ 11.4	11.0 $\pm$ 9.0
Oocytes micromanipulated $\pm$ SD	9.8 $\pm$ 6.4	8.9 $\pm$ 5.1	8.0 $\pm$ 6.9	7.8 $\pm$ 5.8

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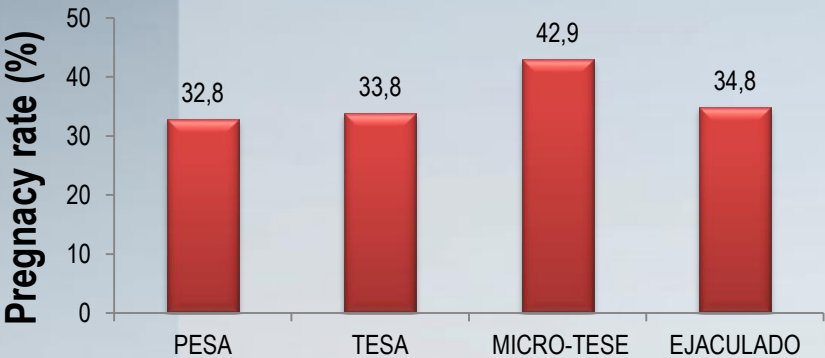
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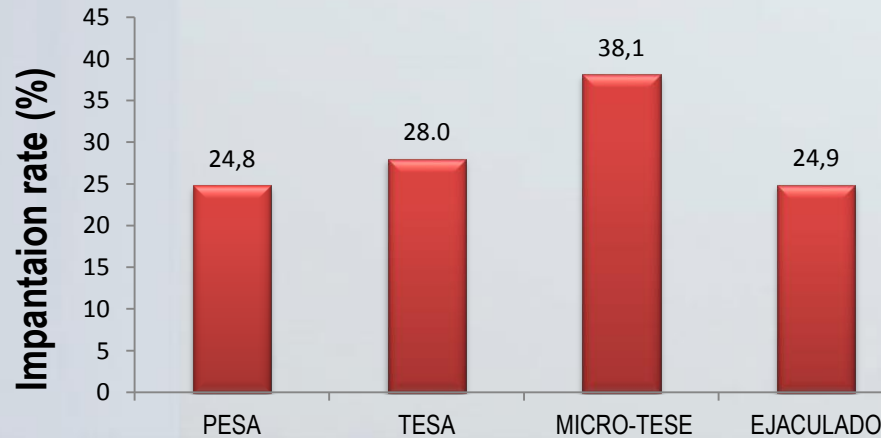
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Abnormal fertilization rate (%)	13.2 ± 6.3 (6.5–19.5)	12.7 ± 5.3 (7.9–18.0)	0.9437
Fertilization failure rate (%)	28.9 ± 8.9 (20.2–37.8)	22.1 ± 6.0 (15.8–28.1)	0.1081
Non-cleaved rate (%)	9.87 ± 5.9 (4.2–15.8)	7.46 ± 3.9 (3.5–11.4)	0.4406
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Abnormal fertilization rate (%)	13.2 ± 6.3 (6.5–19.5)	13.98 ± 6.8 (7.3–20.7)	0.4421
Fertilization failure rate (%)	28.9 ± 8.9 (20.2–37.8)	35.65 ± 11.8 (27.6–47.4)	0.0023
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Pregnancy rate (%)	31.9 ± 9.0 (23.0–41.0)	29.7 ± 9.2 (21.1–38.9)	0.4166
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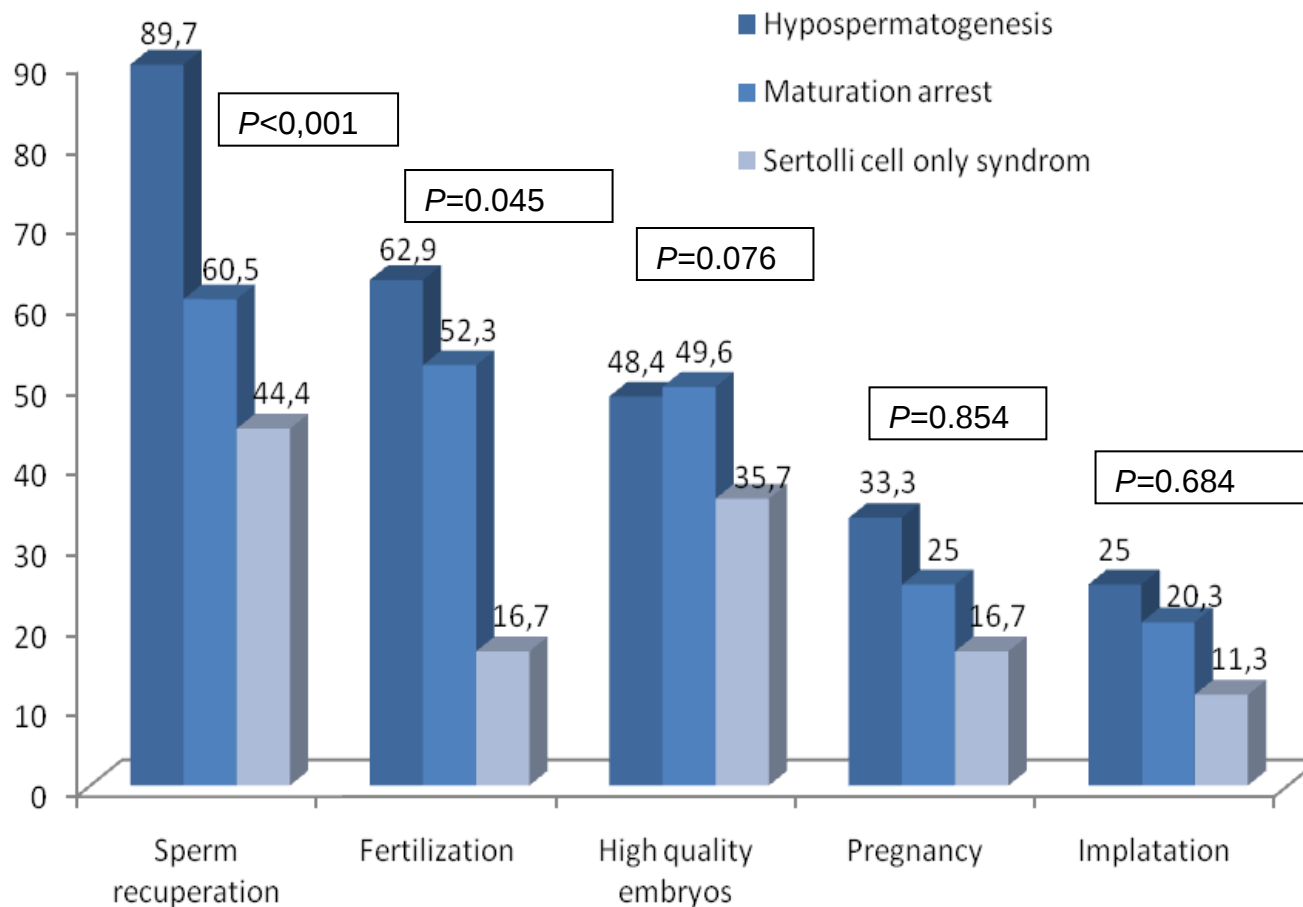
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Review

Intracytoplasmic morphologically selected sperm injection results in improved clinical outcomes in couples with previous ICSI failures or male factor infertility: a meta-analysis



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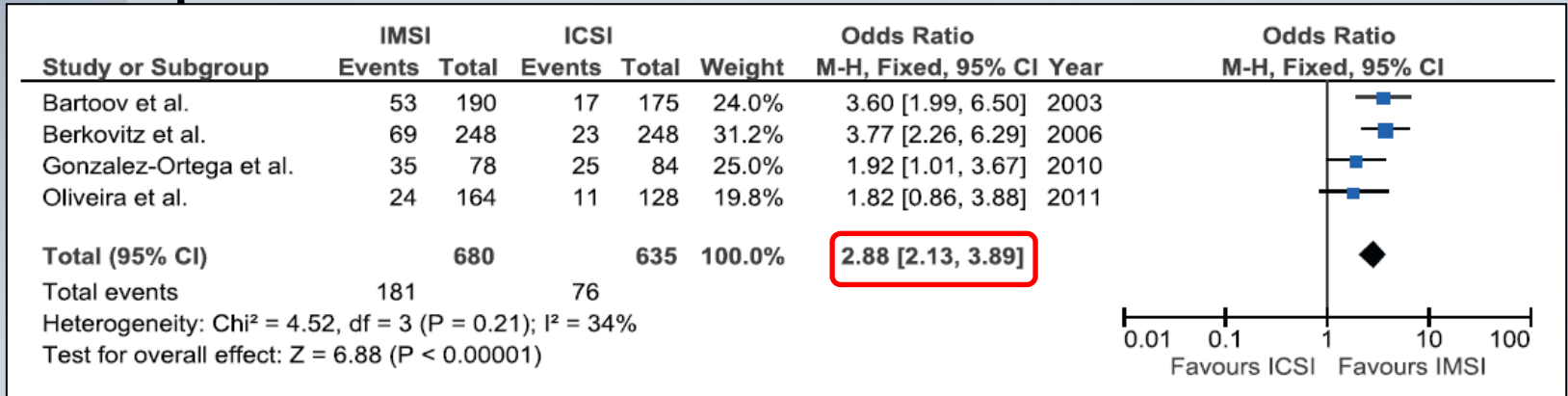
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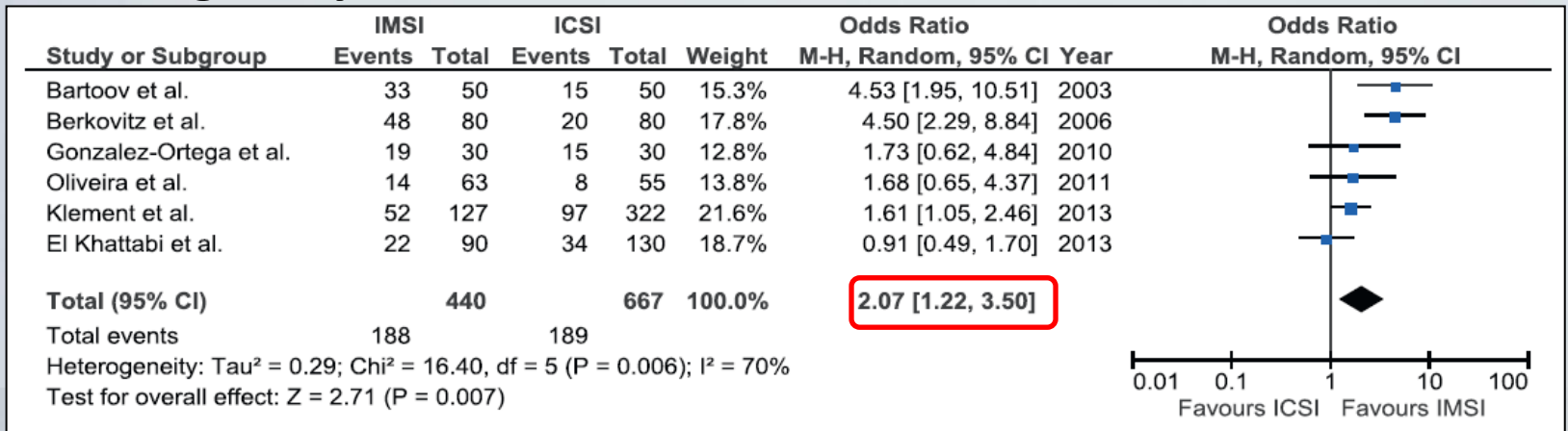
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ICSI Failure (IF)

Implantation

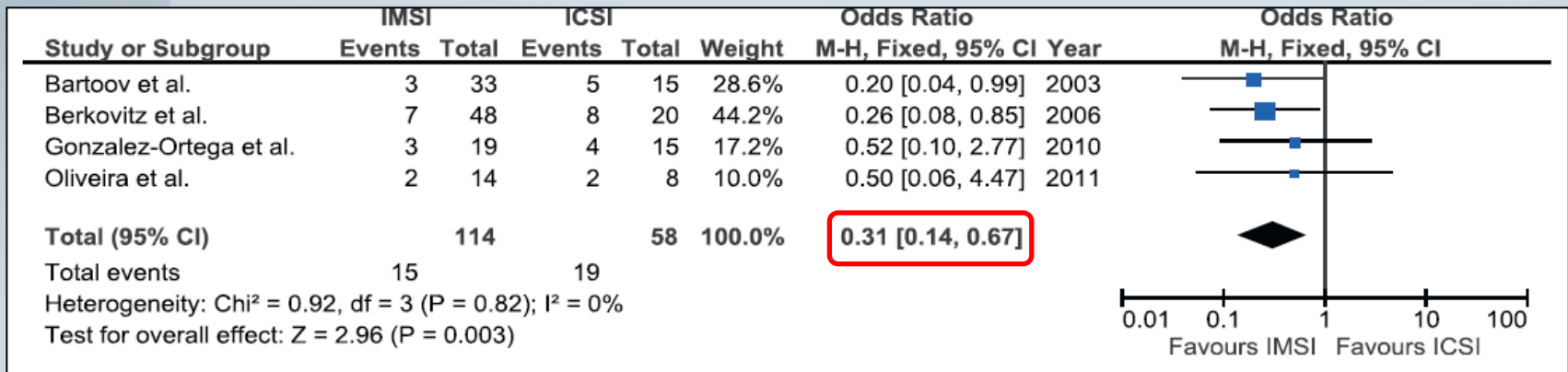


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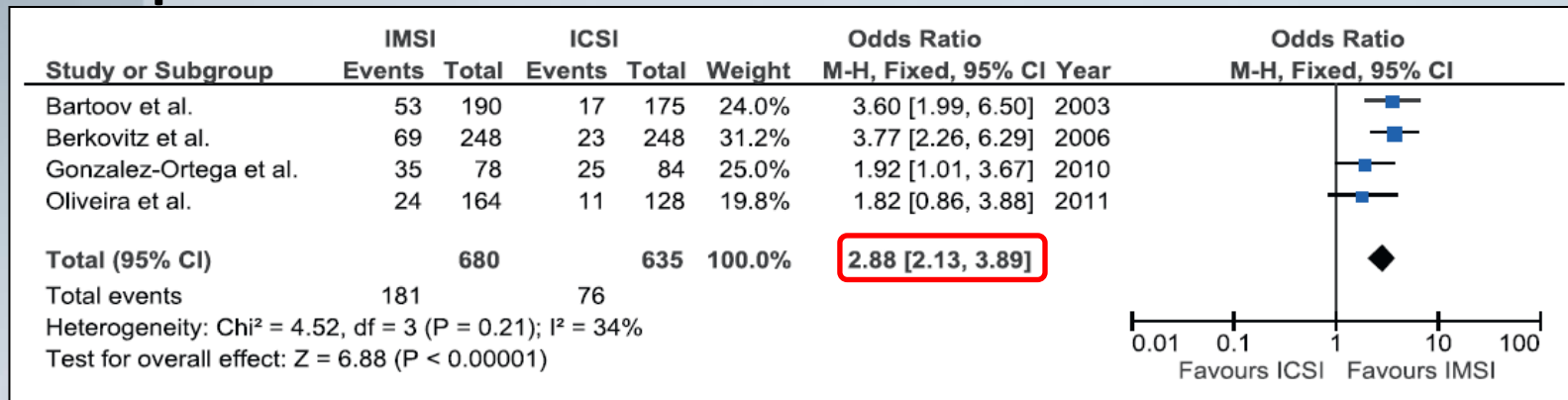
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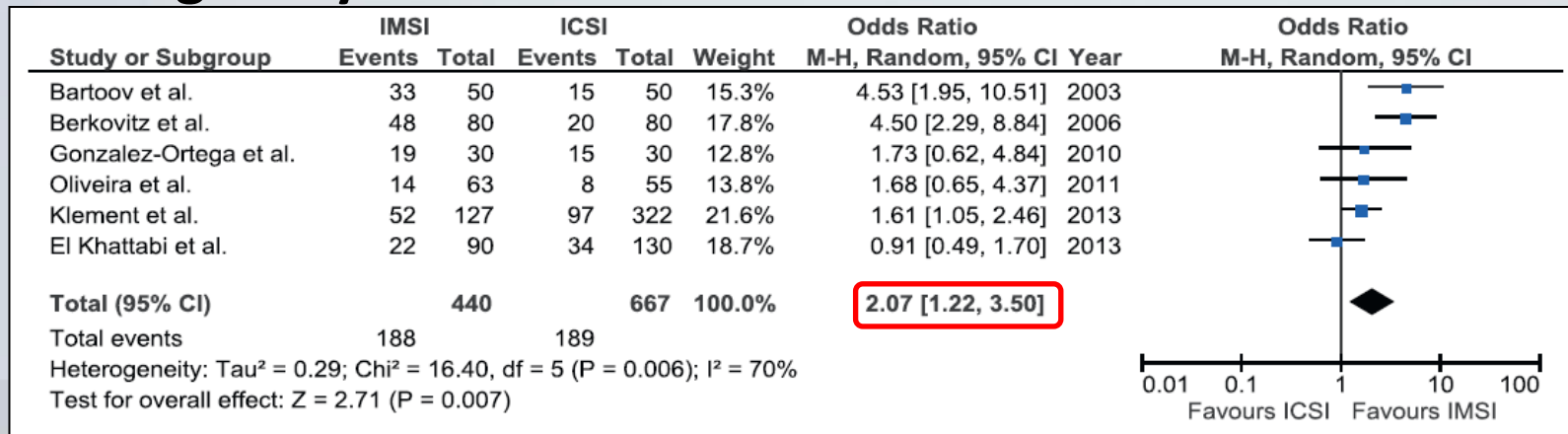


Male Factor

Implantaion



Pregnancy



Morphological nuclear integrity of sperm cells is associated with preimplantation genetic aneuploidy screening cycle outcomes

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Patient(s): Couples who underwent IVF-PGS cycle, as a result of advanced maternal age, were randomly allocated into two groups: intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI; n = 60) or intracytoplasmic morphologically selected sperm injection (IMSI; n = 60).

Morphological nuclear integrity of sperm cells is associated with preimplantation genetic aneuploidy screening cycle outcomes

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IMSI:

- Lower incidence of sexual chromosomes aneuploidy (23,5% x 15,0%) OR= 0,57 (0,37-0,90; p= 0,015)
- Lower incidence of chaotic embryos (27,5% x 18,8%) OR=0,64 (0,43-0,96; p=0,032)
- Lower chance of cycle cancellation (11,8 % x 2,5%) OR=0,26 (0,11-0,62; p=0,001)

Conclusion(s): Spermatozoa free of nuclear morphological malformations were found to be significantly associated with the lower incidence of aneuploidy in derived embryos, resulting in lower rates of cycle cancellation.

Messages

- The worse is the seminal analysis (TMSC), the worse is the sperm behavior on ART cycles
- The non-ejaculated sperm is worse in comparing with the ejaculated in terms of fertilization. But once the oocyte is fertilized, they are as good as the first one
- The worse is the testicle histology, the worse is the sperm retrieved
- The selection techniques, to obtain the best sperm, promote better results on ART cycles (the better sperm, the better outcome)



Sperm quality
Consequences on offspring

Obstetric and perinatal outcomes in singleton pregnancies resulting from IVF/ICSI: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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ART: obstetric and perinatal outcomes

Outcome	Overall effect: RR (IC-95%)
Antipartum hemorrhage	2,49 (2,30 a 2,69)
Congenital anomalies	1,67 (1,33 a 2,09)
Hypertension	1,49 (1,39 a 1,59)
Premature rupture of membranes	1,16 (1,07 a 1,26)
Caesarean Section	1,56 (1,51 a 1,60)
Birth weight< 2.500 g	1,65 (1,56 a 1,75)
Birth weight < 1.500 g	1,93 (1,72 a 2,17)
Perinatal mortality	1,87 (1,49 a 2,37)
Delivery at 37 weeks	1,54 (1,47 a 1,62)
Delivery at 32 weeks	1,68 (1,48 a 1,91)
Transfer to NICU	1,58 (1,42 a 1,77)
Gestacional diabetes	1,48 (1,33 a 1,66)
Induction of labour	1,18 (1,10 a 1,28)
Small for gstacional age	1,39 (1,27 a 1,53)

Why do singletons conceived after assisted reproduction technology have adverse perinatal outcome? Systematic review and meta-analysis

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Birth criteria – Preterm (PT)

1982 – 2012, PUBMED, Cochrane, 65 studies

- Fertile x Subfertile (AOR= 1,35)
- FIV/ICSI x subfertile (AOR= 1,55)

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- 334.628 *birth and fetal death, 2004-2008*
- 3 groups:
 - ART: 11.271, subfertile: 6.609, fertile: 316.748

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- ART singleton x subfertile: > preterm and low birth weight
(AOR=1,23 – 1,26, respectively)
- ART and subfertile x fertile: > preterm and low birth weight
(OR= 1,3)

Perinatal outcome of singleton siblings born after assisted reproductive technology and spontaneous conception: Danish national sibling-cohort study

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Setting: Denmark, from 1994 to 2008. 

Patient(s): Pairs of siblings (13,692 pairs; n = 27,384 children) conceived after IVF, intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), frozen embryo replacement (FER), or spontaneous conception subcategorized into five groups according to succession: [1] IVF-ICSI vs. spontaneous conception (n = 7,758), [2] IVF-ICSI vs. FER (n = 716), [3] FER vs. FER (n = 34), [4] IVF-ICSI vs. IVF-ICSI (n = 2,876), and [5] spontaneous conception vs. spontaneous conception (n = 16,000).

- ART children (all treatments) 65 g lighter x Natural conceived pars
- ICSI/FIV x Natural conceive: > risk lower birth weight (OR= 1,4) and preterm delivery (OR= 1,3)

Assisted reproductive technology and perinatal outcomes: conventional versus discordant-sibling design

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TABLE 4

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Association among ART and low birth weight, preterm birth, low Apgar score, and SGA.

Type of analysis	ART group, n (%)	Non-ART group, n (%)	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	P value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value
Conventional analysis	n = 32,762	n = 3,863,480				
Low birth weight	2,762 (8.4)	230,048 (6.0)	1.46 (1.40, 1.51)	< .001	1.38 (1.32, 1.43)	< .001 ^a
Preterm birth	3,813 (11.6)	307,327 (8.0)	1.52 (1.47, 1.58)	< .001	1.51 (1.46, 1.56)	< .001 ^b
Low Apgar (<7)	424 (1.3)	45,599 (1.2)	1.09 (0.99, 1.21)	.059	0.99 (0.90, 1.09)	.888 ^c
SGA ^d	593 (1.8)	67,350 (1.7)	1.04 (0.96, 1.13)	.316	1.11 (1.03, 1.21)	.01 ^b
Discordant-sibling pair analysis^e	n = 6,458	n = 6,458				
Low birth weight	436 (6.8)	314 (4.9)	1.41 (1.24, 1.62)	< .001	1.33 (1.13, 1.56)	< .001 ^a
Preterm birth	627 (9.7)	516 (7.9)	1.24 (1.11, 1.38)	.001	1.20 (1.07, 1.34)	.002 ^b
Low Apgar (<7)	64 (1.0)	84 (1.3)	0.76 (0.55, 1.06)	.101	0.75 (0.54, 1.05)	.096 ^c
SGA ^d	94 (1.4)	75 (1.2)	1.25 (0.93, 1.69)	.132	1.22 (0.88, 1.68)	.237 ^b

^a Adjusted for maternal age, year of birth, parity, infant's sex, gestational age, and time since last recorded delivery.

^b Adjusted for maternal age, year of birth, parity, infant's sex, and time since last recorded delivery.

^c Adjusted for maternal age, year of birth, parity, infant's sex, gestational age, delivery type, and time since last recorded delivery.

^d 2 SD lower than the mean birth weight for gestational age and sex.

^e One sibling was conceived naturally, and the other one was conceived through ART.

Dhalwani. ART and perinatal outcomes. *Fertil Steril* 2016.

Rectangular Snip

Neonatal outcome of 724 children born after ICSI using non-ejaculated sperm

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Overall ***neonatal health in terms of birth parameters, major anomalies and chromosomal aberrations*** of children born by the use of non-ejaculated sperm ***seems reassuring*** in comparison to the outcome of children born after the use of ejaculated sperm.

Birth Defects



Birth defects in children conceived by in vitro fertilization and intracytoplasmic sperm injection: a meta-analysis

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- 124.468 children: FIV/ICSI compared with Natural conceived
- RR Congenital anomalies: **1,37** (95%; CI: 1,26-1,48)
- FIV (46.890) x ICSI (27.754): **no difference**
(RR: 1,05, 95%; CI: 0,91-1,02)

Assisted reproductive technology and birth defects: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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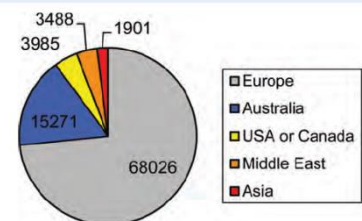


Figure 1 Number of ART infants included in meta-analysis by region of birth.

Pooled estimate all studies $n=45$
 $\text{Chi}^2=82.26$, $P=0.000$, $I^2=47\%$



1.32

1.24

1.42

0.1

0.2

0.5

1

2

5

10

Fewer defects ART

More birth defects ART

Figure 2 Meta-analysis of all ART and birth defect studies ($n = 45$ studies).

Pooled estimate singletons $n=23$
 $\text{Chi}^2=19.61$, $P=0.607$, $I^2=0\%$



1.36

1.30

1.43

0.1

0.2

0.5

1

2

5

10

Fewer defects ART

More birth defects ART

Figure 3 Meta-analysis of ART singletons and birth defects ($n = 23$ studies).

Pooled estimate multiples $n=27$
 $\text{Chi}^2=34.06$, $P=0.134$, $I^2=24\%$



1.11

0.98

1.26

0.1

0.2

0.5

1

2

5

10

Fewer defects ART

More birth defects ART

Figure 4 Meta-analysis of ART multiples and birth defects ($n = 27$ studies).

Risk of childhood mortality in family members of men with poor semen quality

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- Relationship between Fertility and Congenital Malformations
- The increased risk of congenital birth defects may not be due to the ART, but rather genetic or environmental factors that link the two outcomes
- ***An increased risk of death due to Congenital Malformations (CM) in First Degree Relatives (FDR), but not Second DR, of men with lower semen parameters***

A systematic review and meta-analysis of DNA methylation levels and imprinting disorders in children conceived by IVF/ICSI compared with children conceived spontaneously

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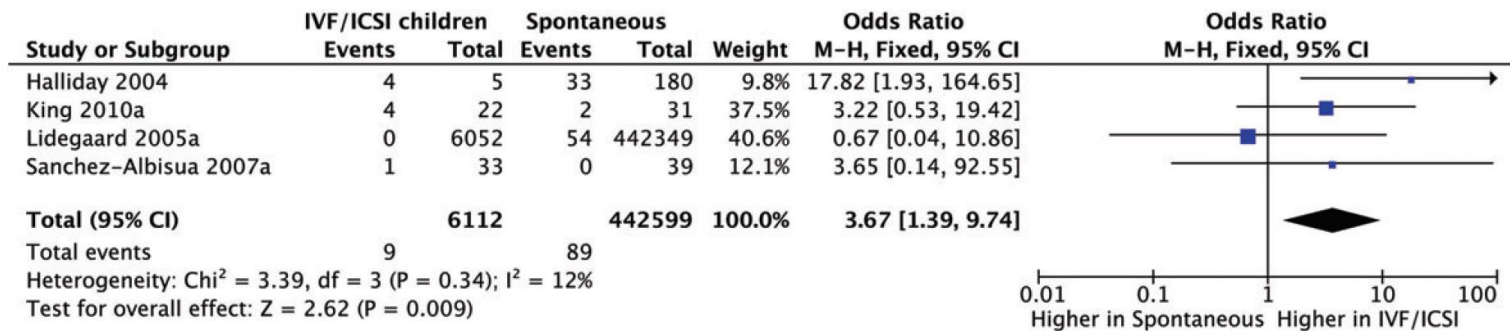


Figure 4 Forest plot analyses for risk of any imprinting disorder between IVF/ICSI versus spontaneously conceived children.

- **Conclusions:** There was an increase in imprinting disorders in children conceived through IVF and ICSI

Assisted reproduction treatment and epigenetic inheritance

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- In human sperm from compromised spermatogenesis, sequence-specific DNA hypomethylation is observed repeatedly.
- Transmittance of sperm and oocyte DNA methylation defects is possible.
- **ART can induce epigenetic variation that might be transmitted to the next generation.**

Messages

- Worse obstetric and perinatal outcomes in children conceived after ART
- Increase preterm delivery and low birth weight comparing ART x subfertile x fertile children
- Neonatal outcome ejaculated x non-ejaculate sperm: no difference
- Increase birth defects in ART children
- Increased risk of death due to Congenital Malformations (CM) in First Degree Relatives (FDR) of men with lower semen parameters
- Increased risk of Imprinting Disorders in ICSI/IVF children related to compromised spermatogenesis