Title:
ESTRADIOL-TO-GONADOTROPIN RATIO AS PREDICTOR OF IN VITRO FERTILIZATION SUCCESS

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Introduction:
There are currently no markers that effectively correlate with cycle-specific oocyte yield, euploid embryo yield, and ultimately, in vitro fertilization (IVF) success. We hypothesize that patients with a greater response to gonadotropin stimulation, as demonstrated by the ratio of peak estradiol (E2) level to total dose of gonadotropins (G), will have better odds of achieving a higher yield of euploid embryos than will poor responding patients.

Methods:
Patients who underwent IVF and pre-implantation genetic testing for aneuploidy (PGT-A) from 6/25/2015 to 5/20/2017 were included in this retrospective study. 1,885 cycles were evaluated for peak E2 (pg/ml), total dose of gonadotropins (G, IU), E2/G ratio (pg/ml-IU), and confounders including age, anti-mullerian hormone level (AMH, ng/ml), and body mass index (BMI, kg/m2). The primary outcome was total number of euploid embryos; secondary outcomes were number of retrieved oocytes, mature oocytes, and fertilized oocytes. Odds of additional embryo or oocyte were modeled by multivariable logistic generalized estimating equations.

Results:
Accounting for confounders, E2/G ratio was significantly and positively associated with all outcomes. A 0. 5-unit increase in E2/G above the mean was associated with one additional euploid embryo (odds ratio [OR] 1. 74, 95% CI 1. 53-1. 98, P<. 001), higher counts of oocytes retrieved (OR 3. 13, 95% CI 2. 65-3. 70, P<. 001), mature oocytes (OR 2. 92, 95% CI 2. 43-3. 49, P<. 001) and fertilized oocytes (OR 1. 92, 95% CI 1. 65-2. 24, P<0. 001).
**Conclusions:**
Optimal stimulation is essential to achieving IVF success. The association between E2/G and yield of euploid embryos may serve as a novel marker and predictive tool for patients undergoing IVF with PGT-A.

**Support:**
None