

Comparison of different techniques for assessing semen concentration

Supplementary table 1: Mean values \pm standard deviation and coefficient of variation (CV) of semen concentration ($\times 10^6/\text{mL}$) obtained with different counting techniques—Neubauer chamber, spectrophotometer (SpermaCue) and CASA system.

Different conc. measurements $\times 10^6/\text{ml}$	Ejaculates				
	1	2	3	4	CV (%)
Neubauer chamber	295 \pm 22.9	413 \pm 18.9	241 \pm 13.2	250 \pm 17.3	6.16 \pm 1.41
SpermaCue	278 \pm 9.3	413 \pm 12.4	238 \pm 11.2	274 \pm 11.7	3.83 \pm 0.79
CASA	336 \pm 13.2	457 \pm 15.3	287 \pm 14.8	314 \pm 14.2	4.24 \pm 0.78

Within the same columns, different superscripts show significant difference at $p < 0.05$.

Optimization of the best soy lecithin concentration added to the basic extender

Supplementary table 2: Basic semen parameters (mean \pm SD) were evaluated after devitrification and compared to those in the basic extender alone.

Semen parameters (%)	Basic extender	Soy lecithin			
		1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %
Motility	3.5 \pm 1.1 ^a	47.6 \pm 7.5 ^b	37.2 \pm 6.7 ^c	32.4 \pm 8.9 ^c	20.9 \pm 6.1 ^d
Progressive motility	1.9 \pm 1.0 ^a	39.6 \pm 2.5 ^b	22.7 \pm 3.7 ^c	16.7 \pm 2.8 ^c	6.6 \pm 0.28 ^a
Morphologically normal	59.4 \pm 8.5 ^a	71.4 \pm 7.2 ^b	66.8 \pm 10.5 ^b	63.4 \pm 10.3 ^{ab}	52.5 \pm 9.5 ^a
Viability	35.9 \pm 1.9 ^a	59.2 \pm 2.8 ^b	54.5 \pm 2.2 ^b	39.7 \pm 2.1 ^a	31.6 \pm 1.1 ^a

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