

Intrauterine Blood Plasma Platelet-Therapy Mitigates Persistent Breeding-Induced Endometritis, Reduces Uterine Infections, and Improves Embryo Recovery in Mares

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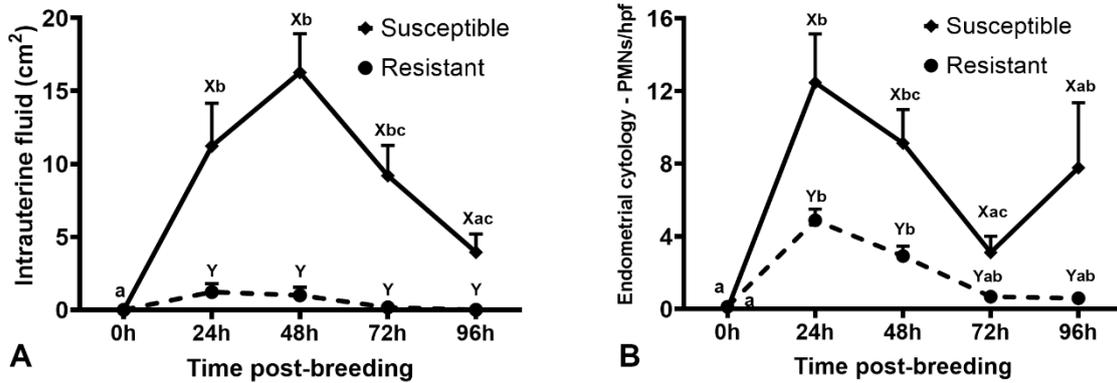


Figure S1. The post-breeding inflammatory response in mares after the sperm challenging. Mares were categorized as susceptible (n = 12) and resistant (n = 7) to persistent-breeding induced endometritis (PBIE) immediately pre-(0h) and post-sperm challenging (24–96h). (A) Intrauterine fluid accumulation measured at the uterine bifurcation; (B) Mean PMNs counted in endometrial cytology in five high-power fields (hpf). Different superscripts denote the effects of time (^{abc}) and differences between mares within each time point (^{xy}) ($P < 0.05$).

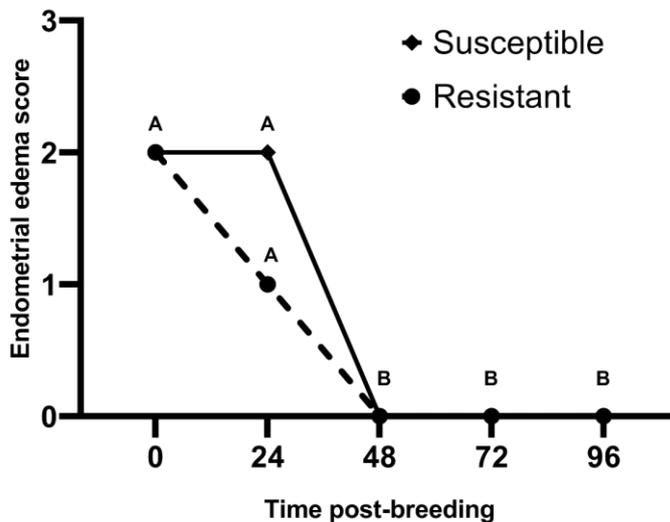


Figure S2. Endometrial edema score (median) in mares after the sperm challenging. Mares were categorized as susceptible (n = 12) and resistant (n = 7) to persistent-breeding induced endometritis (PBIE) immediately pre-(0h) and post-sperm challenging (24–96h). Score 0, No edema; 1, Mild edema; 2, Moderate edema; 3, Evident edema; 4, Exacerbated edema. Different superscripts denote the effects of time (^{A,B}) ($P < 0.05$).

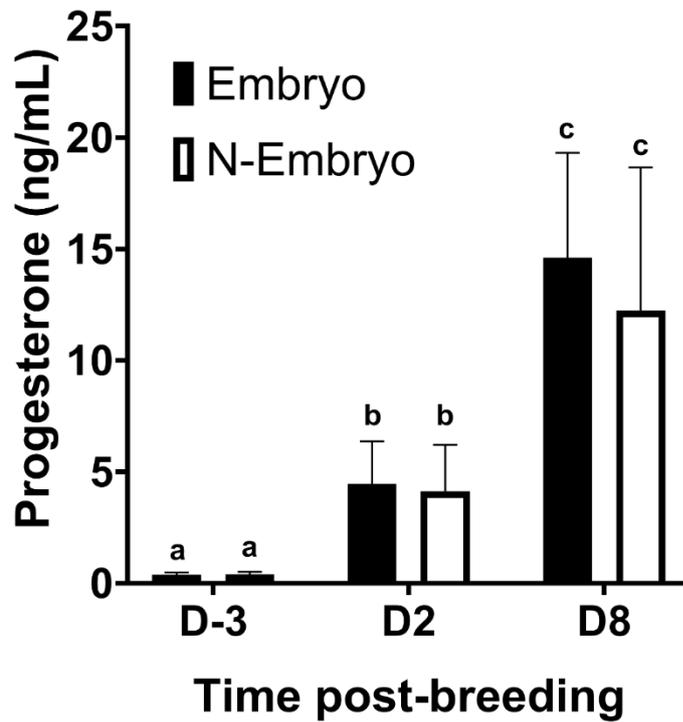


Figure S3. Circulating progesterone concentrations pre- and post-ovulation in mares susceptible to persistent breeding-induced endometritis with a positive (Embryo) or negative (N-Embryo) embryo flushing at eight days post-ovulation. Assessments were carried out from the early onset of estrus (D-3), 48 h post-ovulation (D2) and on the day of embryo flushing, eight days post-ovulation (D8).

Table S1. Semen parameters for the breeding doses used for breeding mares assigned to (Control), platelet-rich (PRP), or -poor plasma (PPP). All ejaculates (n = 26) were obtained from a single fertile stallion.

Parameters	Control	PRP	PPP
Volume (mL)	13.3 ± 1.0	15.4 ± 1.3	14.7 ± 0.9
Total sperm concentration ($\times 10^9$)	2.7 ± 0.14	2.5 ± 0.15	2.6 ± 0.9
Total motility (%)	80.5 ± 1.7	80.3 ± 2.1	81.0 ± 1.0
Progressive motility (%)	74.0 ± 2.0	74.4 ± 2.0	75.0 ± 1.4

Data represented as Mean ± SEM.