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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<.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