



# Optimisation des résultats en IAC

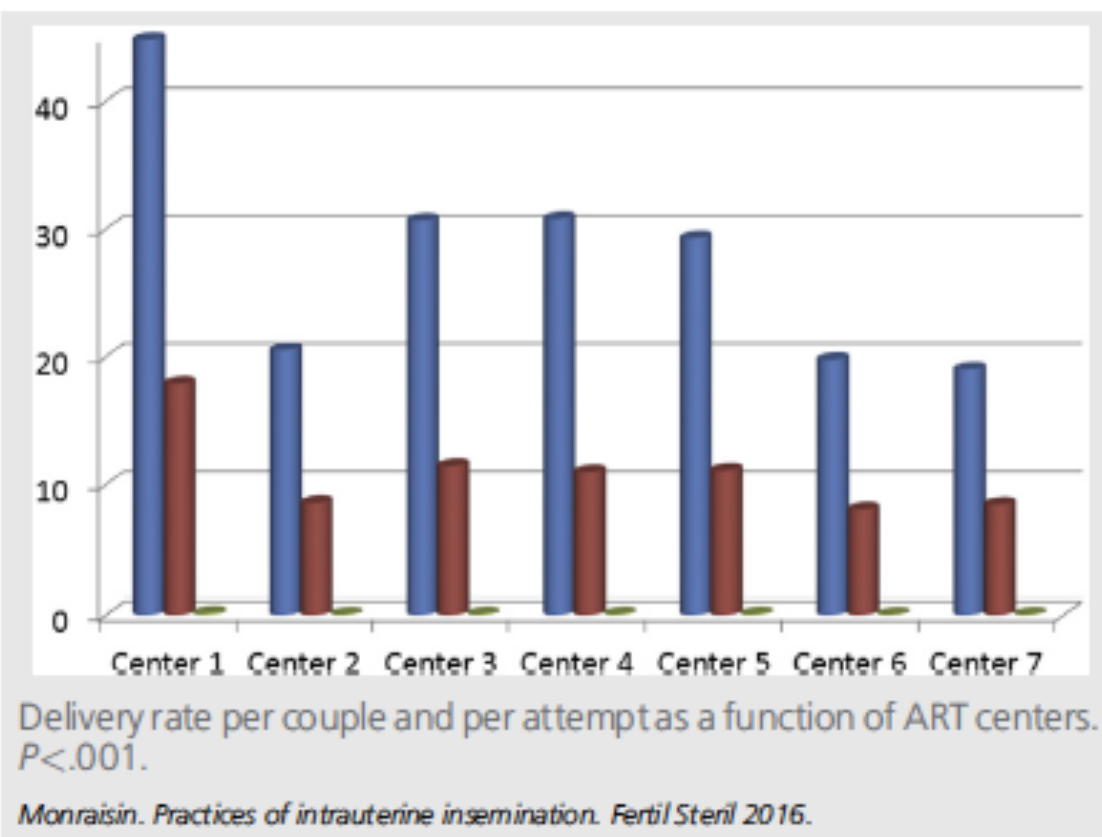
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# *Introduction*

- ◆ Résultats des IIU
- ◆ Indications des IIU
- ◆ Optimisation des protocoles de stimulations
- ◆ Facteurs pronostics succès

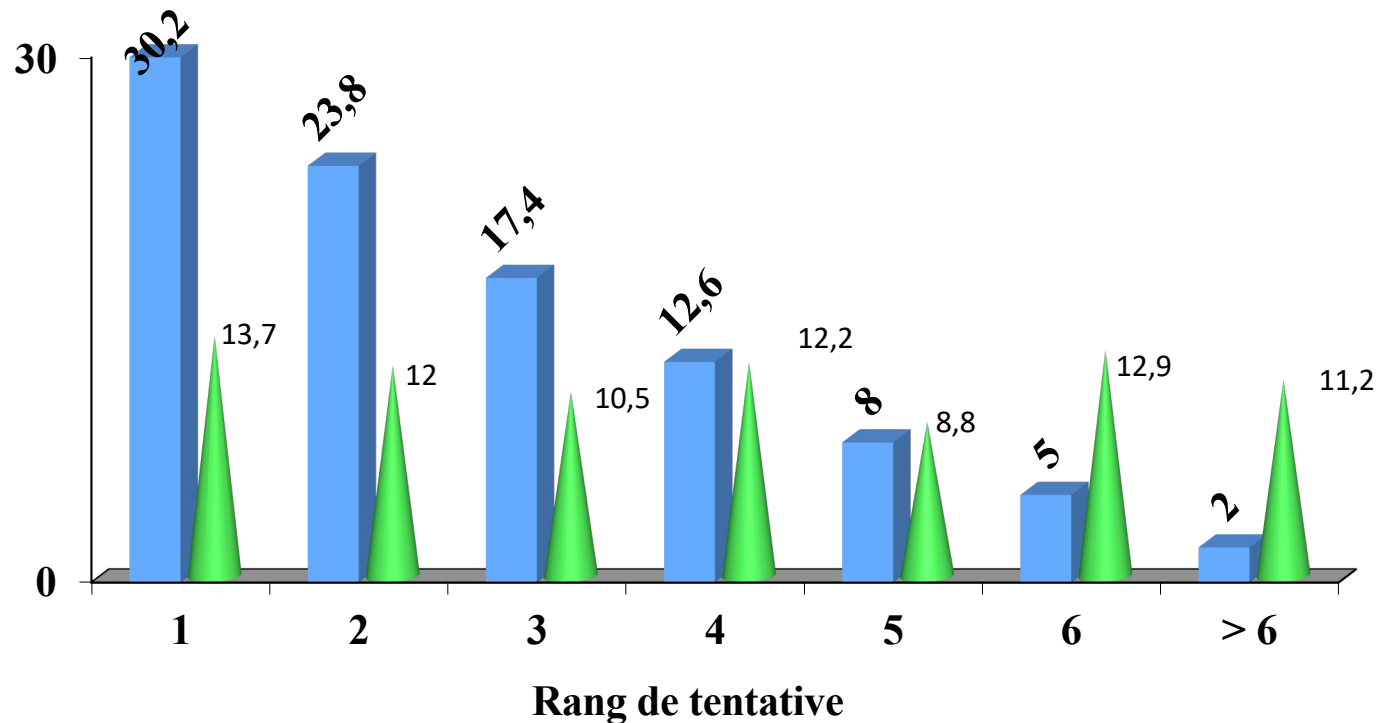
# Résultats 7 centres français

FIGURE 1



1827 cycles sur 1 an  
 $2,6 \pm 1,3$  nb tent  
 $33 \pm 4,8$  Age

# Résultats Sagesse sur 3987 cycles



■ % cycles ■ % grossesse

# Indication IIU (1)

## ◆ Anomalie de glaire cervicale

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Y at'il encore un intérêt test Huhner?

✓ NON



	Non fait	Positif	Déficient	Négatif	P
N	416	95	86	110	NS
Taux de grossesse	31 %	32 %	37 %	30 %	

# Indications IIU (2)

## ◆ Anomalie masculine modérée

Table I. Rate of clinical pregnancies/cycle depending on the NMSI

	Group					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
NMSI ( $\times 10^6$ )	$n < 1$	$1 \leq n < 2$	$2 \leq n < 5$	$5 \leq n < 10$	$n \geq 10$	
Cycles	96	173	471	1119	705	2564
Pregnancies	3	15	56	165	92	331
% pregnancies/cycle	3.13%	8.67%	11.89%	14.75%	13.05%	12.91%

Global  $\chi^2 = 14.74$ ;  $df = 4$ ;  $P = 0.005$ . In the  $2 \times 2$  comparison: group 1 was significantly different from group 3 ( $\chi^2 = 6.57$ ;  $P = 0.01$ ); group 1 was significantly different from group 4 ( $\chi^2 = 10.02$ ;  $P = 0.002$ ); group 1 was significantly different from group 5 ( $\chi^2 = 7.96$ ;  $P = 0.005$ ); and group 2 was significantly different from group 4 ( $\chi^2 = 4.61$ ;  $P = 0.03$ ).

Au moins 1 Million de spermatozoides mobiles inseminés

# *Indication IIU (3)*

## ◆ Endométriose modérée

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# Indication IIU (4)

## ◆ Infertilité inexpliquée

### 1.8 Unexplained infertility

#### 1.8.1 Ovarian stimulation for unexplained infertility

- 1.8.1.1 Do not offer oral ovarian stimulation agents (such as clomifene citrate, anastrozole or letrozole) to women with unexplained infertility. **[new 2013]**
- 1.8.1.2 Inform women with unexplained infertility that clomifene citrate as a stand-alone treatment does not increase the chances of a pregnancy or a live birth. **[new 2013]**
- 1.8.1.3 Advise women with unexplained infertility who are having regular unprotected sexual intercourse to try to conceive for a total of 2 years (this can include up to 1 year before their fertility investigations) before IVF will be considered. **[new 2013]**
- 1.8.1.4 Offer IVF treatment (see [recommendations 1.11.1.3-4](#)) to women with unexplained infertility who have not conceived after 2 years (this can include up to 1 year before their fertility investigations) of regular unprotected sexual intercourse. **[new 2013]**

1.9.1.3 For people with unexplained infertility, mild endometriosis or [mild male factor infertility](#), who are having regular unprotected sexual intercourse:

- do not routinely offer intrauterine insemination, either with or without ovarian stimulation (exceptional circumstances include, for example, when people have social, cultural or religious objections to IVF)
- advise them to try to conceive for a total of 2 years (this can include up to 1 year before their fertility investigations) before IVF will be considered. **[2016]**



*TUI study :RCT*  
*intrauterine insemination with clomiphene*  
*citrate stimulation compared with expectant*  
*management*

- ◆ 201 couples with unexplained infertility
- ◆ 3 cycles comparing :
  - IUI –Clomiphene Citrate
  - Expecting management

# Results

- ◆ IUI-C was associated with an increase in CLBR compared to EM group [31%] vs.[9%]  $P = 0.0003$ ;
- ◆ 3 fold increase after IUI !
- ◆ IUI should be proposed to couples with unexplained infertility

# *CC compared to FSH in IIU for unexplained infertility Super study*

- ◆ 24 centers in Nederland
- ◆ 369 cycles randomised for CC treatment
- ◆ 369 for FSH

# Results

- ◆ Ongoing pregnancy
  - 113 (31% )after FSH-IUI
  - 97 (26%) after CC-IUI (ns)
- ◆ Multiple pregnancy
  - 5 (1%) FSH-IUI
  - 8 (2%) CC-IUI (ns)
- ◆ Should prefer for unexplained infertility
  - CC-IUI
- ◆ Less expensive
- ◆ As effective as FSH

# Controverse sur Traitement CC/FSH

**Table 3**

Clinical pregnancy and live birth rates in unexplained and mild male infertility subgroups.

	rFSH protocol n = 109	CC protocol n = 110	p value
<b>Unexplained infertility</b>			
Clinical pregnancy per patient (%)	43/94 (60.6%)	28/87 (32.2%)	<0.01*
Live birth rate per patient (%)	38/94 (40.4%)	19/87 (21.8%)	<0.01*
Live birth rate per patient <sup>a</sup> (%)	42/94 (44.7%)	25/87 (28.7%)	<0.05*
<b>Mild male infertility</b>			
Clinical Pregnancy per patient (%)	4/15 (26.7%)	3/22 (13.6%)	NS
Live birth rate per patient (%)	3/15 (20%)	3/22 (13.6%)	NS
Live birth rate per patient <sup>a</sup> (%)	5/15 (33.3%)	3/22 (13.6%)	NS

<sup>a</sup> Live births resulting from spontaneous pregnancy are

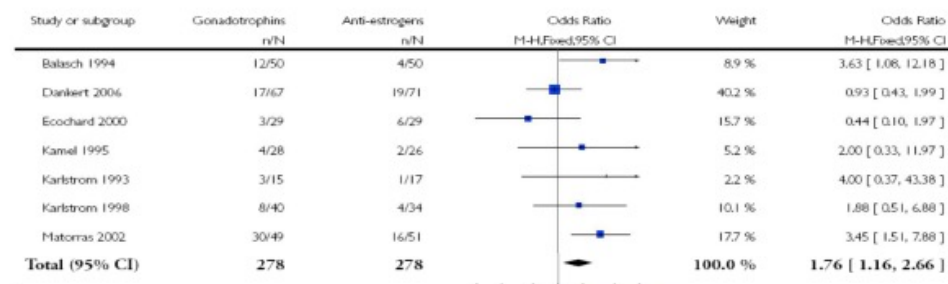
\* Shows significant difference.

## Analysis 1.2. Comparison 1 anti-estrogens versus gonadotrophins, Outcome 2 pregnancy rate per couple.

Review: Ovarian stimulation protocols (anti-oestrogens, gonadotrophins with and without GnRH agonists/antagonists) for intrauterine insemination (IUI) in women with subfertility

Comparison: 1 anti-estrogens versus gonadotrophins

Outcome: 2 pregnancy rate per couple



0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10 20 40  
Favours anti-E2 Favours gonadotrophin

(Continued ...)

Ovarian stimulation protocols (anti-oestrogens, gonadotrophins with and without GnRH agonists/antagonists) for intrauterine insemination (IUI) in women with subfertility (Review)  
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# *IIU/IVF unexplained infertility :RCT*

- ◆ Unexplained infertility 1 year
- ◆ 23-37 years
- ◆ 101 couples
  - 1 to 3 cycles IIU with FSH
- ◆ 106 couples
  - 1 IVF cycle long agonist protocol

# Résultats

- ◆ IUI group
  - 11 spontaneous pregnancies
  - 24,7 % live birth
- ◆ IVF group
  - 25 spontaneous pregnancies
  - 31,1 % live birth
  - 3 OHSS
- ◆ 147 000 £ for IUI
  - 8166 £ for newborn
- ◆ 316 000 £ for IVF
  - 10560 £ for newborn



# Comments

- ◆ IVF shouldn't be first line for unexplained infertility
- ◆ Regarding the number of spontaneous pregnancies
  - One more year expecting management for the women < 35 should be considered

# Reaction of the NICE

*The NICE guidelines of 2013 advised that first-line treatment for unexplained infertility should be expectant management for two years followed by IVF. IUI was not recommended. UK journalists covering ESHRE's Annual Meeting this year followed up data presented by Farquhar et al (that LBRs were three times higher with IUI than with expectant management) and were told by the NICE press office that NICE planned to update their guidance in light of this latest research. 'This new paper will be considered as part of that update,' NICE told the Daily Telegraph (above).*

# *Indication IIU (6)*

◆ Anovulation

◆ Dysovulation

*Anovulatory women not conceiving after 6 ovulatory cycles with CC. Should we switch to FSH and or add IUI ? RCT*

◆ 666 women randomized

- 173 CC
- 162 CC+IUI
- 165 FSH
- 166 FSH+IUI

# Results (1)

- ◆ Overall CC pregnancy
  - 42%
- ◆ Overall FSH pregnancy
  - 53%
  - RR 0,79 (0,68-0,92)
- ◆ IUI
  - 49%
- ◆ No IUI
  - 45%
  - RR 1,08 (0,93-1,26)

# *Results (2)et commentaire*

- ◆ Time to pregnancy
  - 4,6 month CC
  - 4,2 month FSH
  - 4,3 month IUI
  - 4,5 month without IUI
  
- ◆ Advantage to switch for FSH
- ◆ No need to add IUI

# *Indications IIU (7)*

## *Mauvaise réponse à la FIV?*

Mise au point

Réponse insuffisante à la stimulation en vue de FIV : maintenir la ponction ou choisir l'insémination ?<sup>☆</sup>

*In vitro fertilization versus conversion to intrauterine insemination in patients with poor response to controlled ovarian hyperstimulation*

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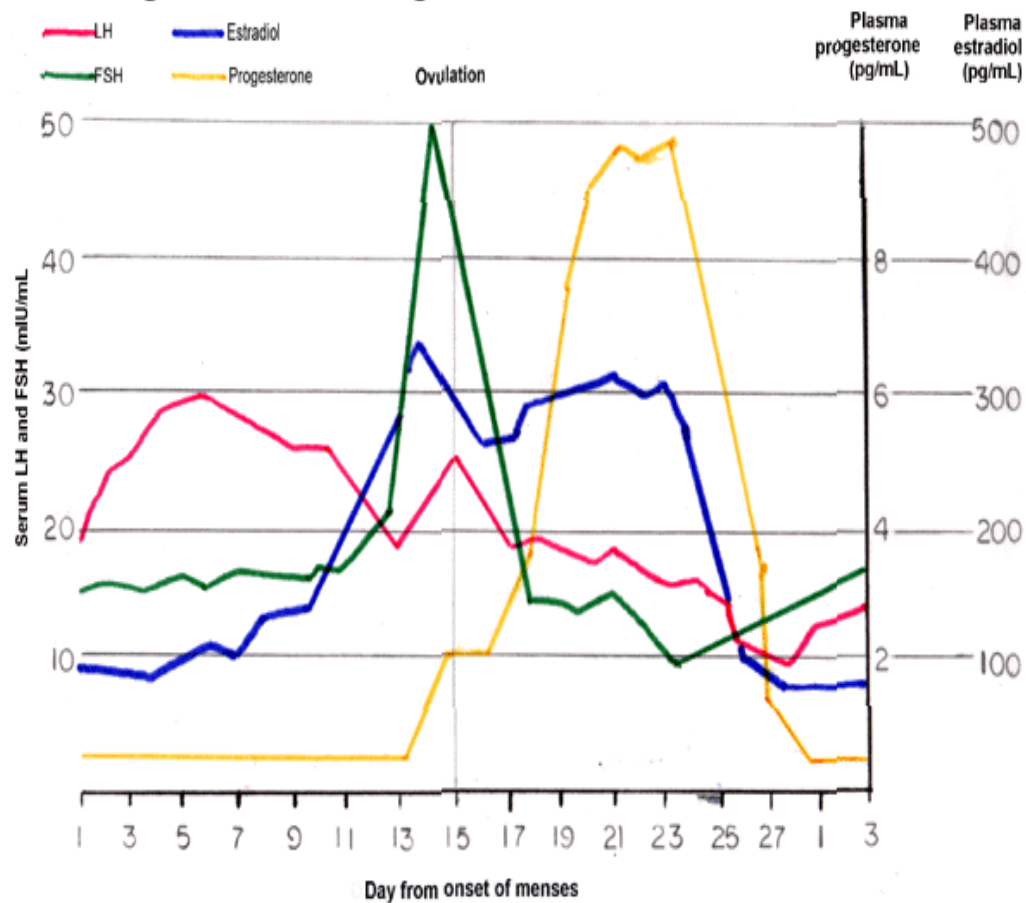
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Etude CONFIRM en cours



# Monitorage ovulation

Figure 4. Hormonal changes during the normal menstrual cycle



# Y a t'il un intérêt à doser la progestérone en fin phase folliculaire en IIU ?

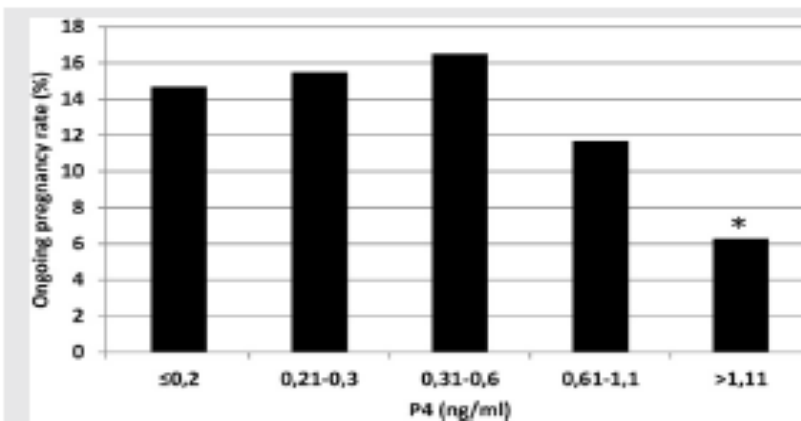
**TABLE 1**

Clinical characteristics of the study population, according to P level.

Characteristic	<0.20 ng/mL (n = 619)	0.21–0.30 ng/mL (n = 474)	0.31–0.60 ng/mL (n = 681)	0.61–1.10 ng/mL (n = 430)	> 1.11 ng/mL (n = 254)	Pvalue
Age (y)	35.0 (34.7–35.3)	35.3 (35.0–35.6)	35.1 (34.8–35.4)	35.3 (34.9–35.7)	35.4 (34.9–35.9)	.720
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	22.5 (22.2–22.8)	23.0 (22.8–23.2)	22.8 (22.7–22.9)	23.2 (22.8–23.6)	23.5 (23.0–24.0)	.524
Endometrial thickness (mm)	9.4 (9.3–9.5)	9.3 ± (9.2–9.4)	9.3 (9.1–9.5)	9.2 (9.1–9.3)	9.4 (9.2–9.6)	.628
Length of stimulation (d)	10.1 (9.8–10.4)	10.0 (9.7–10.3)	10.4 (10.1–10.7)	10.4 (10.1–10.7)	10.0 (9.4–10.4)	.069
Doses of FSH (IU)	525 (507–543) <sup>a</sup>	541 (509–573) <sup>b</sup>	601 (576–626) <sup>a,b</sup>	598 (568–628) <sup>a</sup>	644 (607–681) <sup>a,b</sup>	< .001

Note: Data are shown as mean (range). BMI = body mass index.  
<sup>a,b</sup> P < .05.

**FIGURE 1**



Significant differences in ongoing pregnancy rates, depending on P (P4) concentration. \*P < .05.

Requena. Progesterone affects outcomes in IUI. Fertil Steril 2015.

# Y a-t'il un intérêt à utiliser les antagonistes dans les IUI

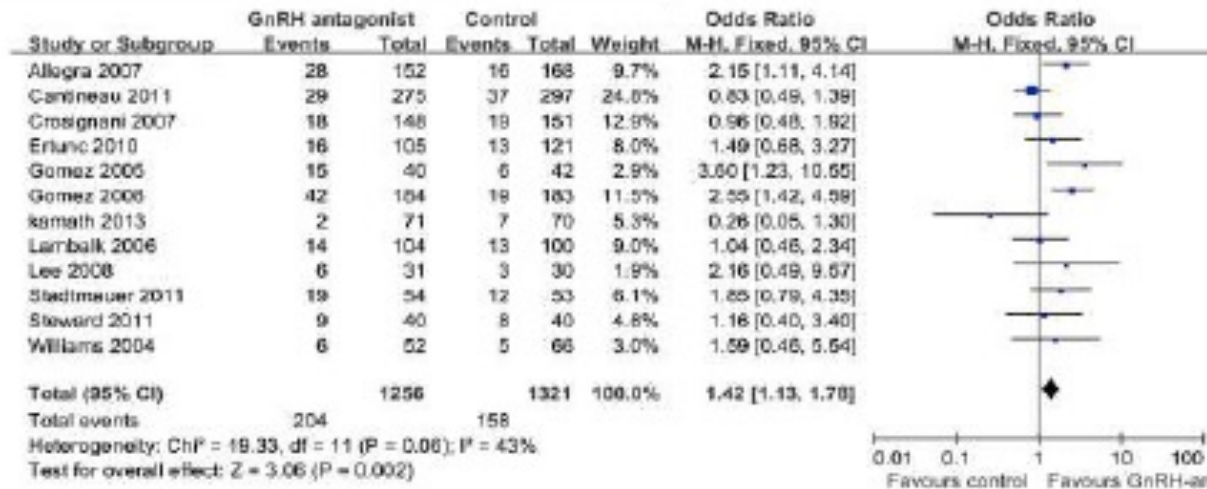
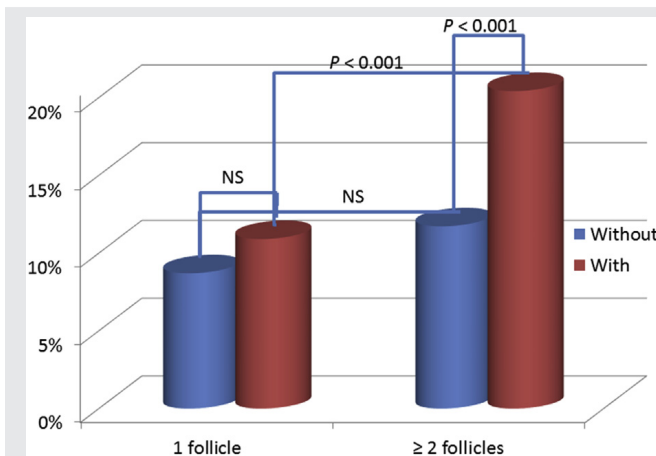


Figure 2. Forest plot of odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence interval (CI) of pooled trials comparing GnRH antagonist and control for clinical pregnancy rate.

FIGURE 3



Delivery rate per attempt as a function of the number of mature follicles and with or without the use of a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) antagonist.

Monraisin. Practices of intrauterine insemination. Fertil Steril 2016.

2014  
12 RCT

Luo et al, PlosOne, 2014

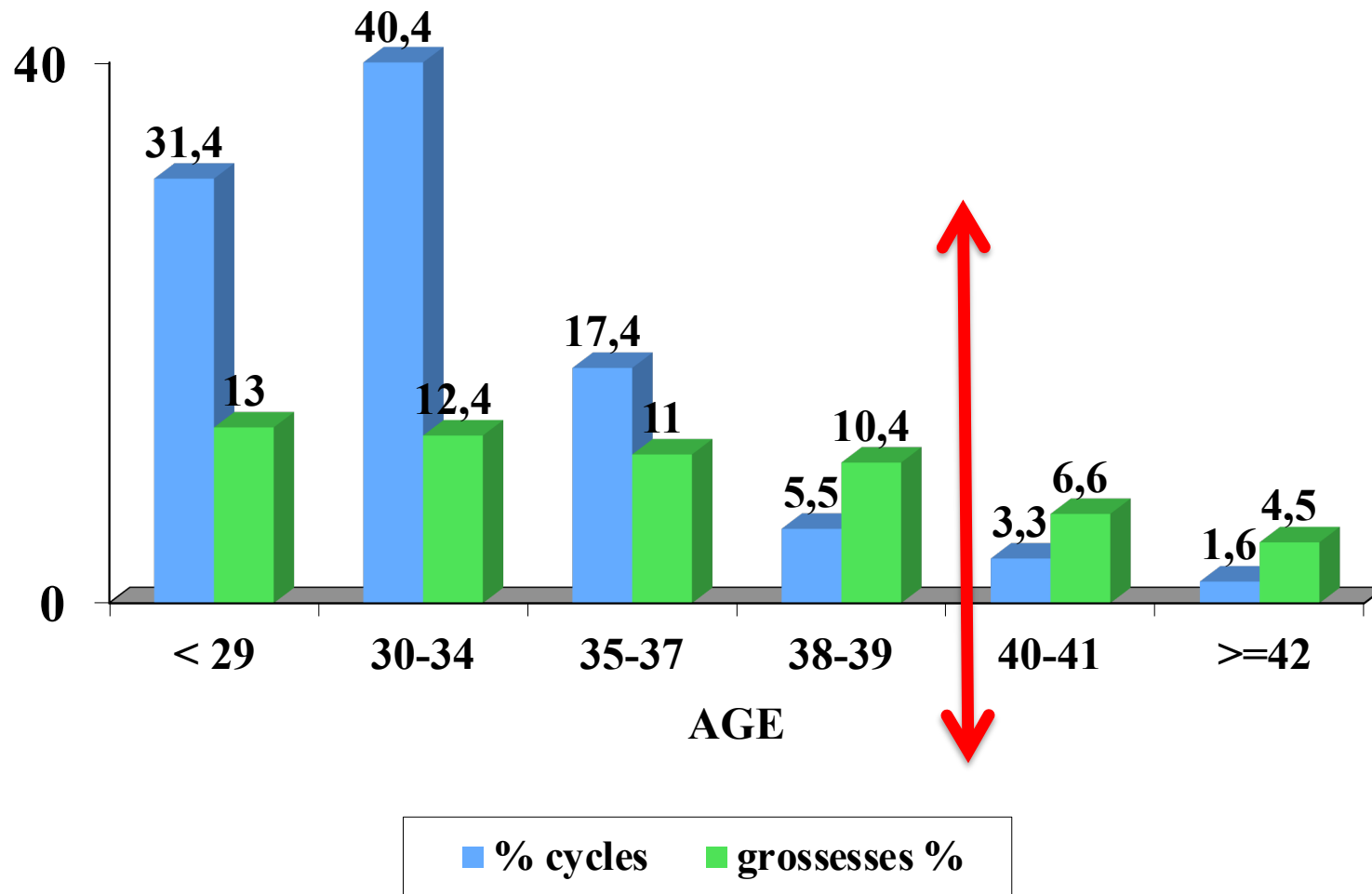
Pas si un foll  
Oui si 2 foll

Quid des G X ?

# *Prognostic factors influencing IUI success (1)RCT*

- ◆ Female age is the most important
    - Sharp decline after 40 years
    - Still acceptable up to 42 for sperm donors
  - ◆ Pregnancies decrease with one patent tube
  - ◆ Weight
  - ◆ Smoking women /men
  - ◆ Male age
- } Still controversial

# Résultats IIU selon âge



# *Prognostic factors influencing IUI success (2)*

- ◆ Sperm quality is the most important male factor
  - IMC (inseminated motile count) > 1-2 million
- ◆ Benefit of ovarian stimulation for
  - Unexplained infertility
  - Moderate mild endometriosis
  - Mild male factor

# *Prognostic factors influencing IUI success (3)*

- ◆ IUI should be performed after 12-36h after HCG injection
- ◆ Bed rest still controversial
- ◆ Interest of progesterone luteal support with ovarian stimulation+IUI



# *Conclusion*

- ◆ Regain d'intérêt pour IIU/FIV dans l'infertilité inexpliquée
- ◆ Baisse d'intérêt dans trouble isolé de l'ovulation/ rapport programmé
- ◆ Place dans les situations de mauvaise réponse en cours d'évaluation

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