

# Endometrium preparation in frozen embryo transfer :

## Nature or Artificial



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# 台灣的冷凍植入週期佔 83.3% (111年)

圖 22 97 年至 111 年本國籍人工生殖治療週期數、活產週期數與活產嬰兒數

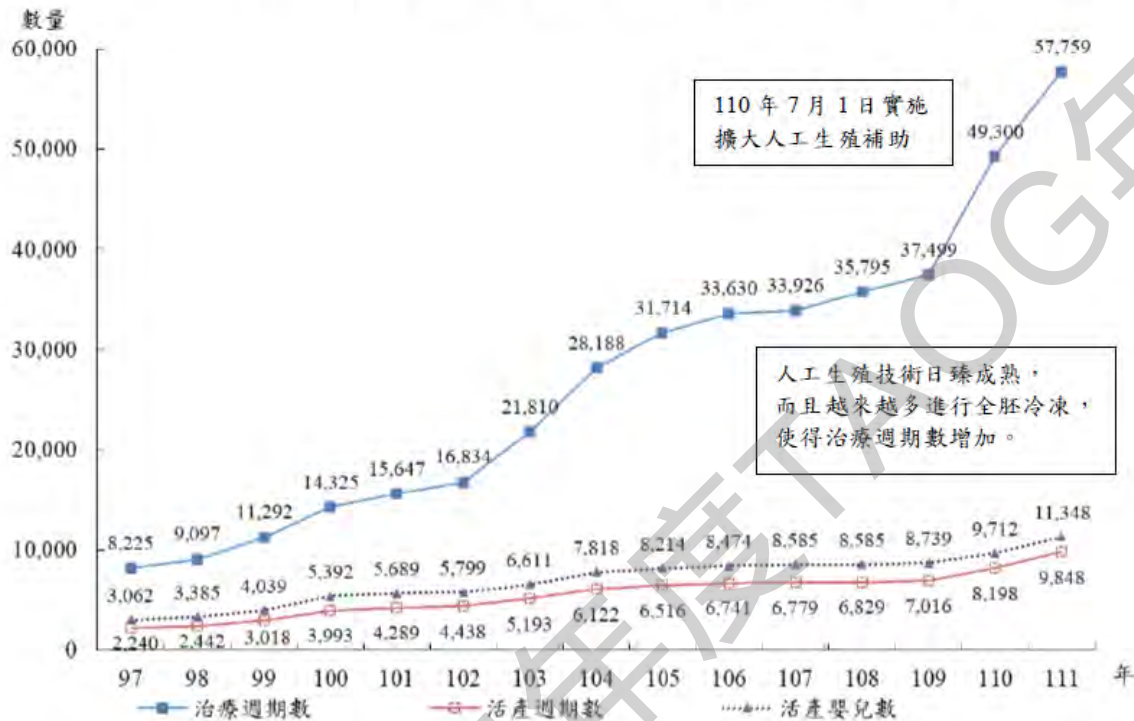


表 5 110 年人工生殖植入類型百分比

| 植入類型   | 植入週期數  | 單位：週期/% |
|--------|--------|---------|
|        |        | 百分比     |
| 配偶間    | 24,211 | 95.1    |
| 新鮮     | 5,714  | 22.4    |
| 冷凍     | 18,497 | 72.7    |
| 捐贈精卵   | 1,245  | 4.9     |
| 新鮮     | 128    | 0.5     |
| 冷凍     | 1,117  | 4.4     |
| 全部植入週期 | 25,456 | 100.0   |

**110年 FET 佔 77.1%**

表 5 111 年人工生殖植入類型百分比

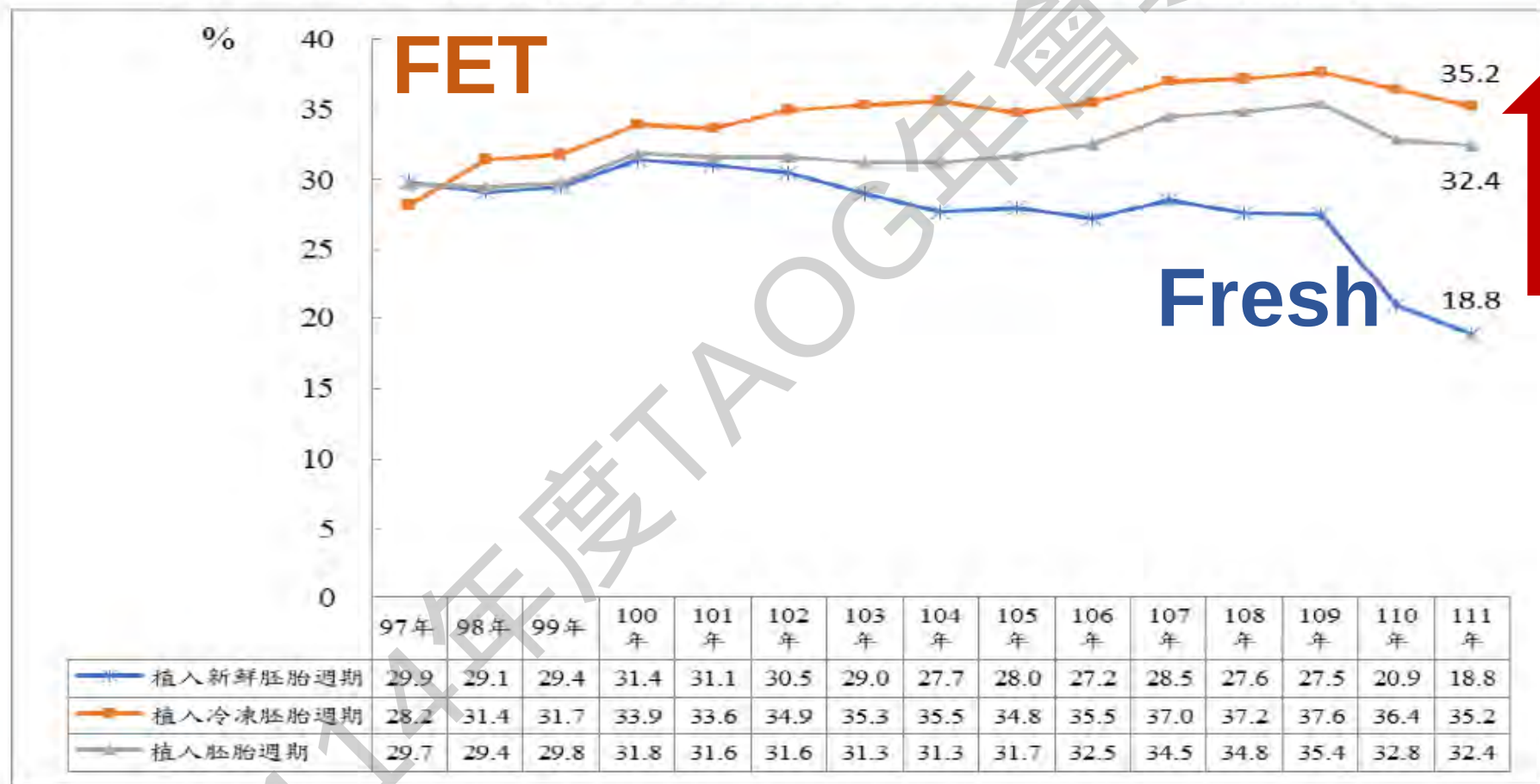
| 植入類型   | 植入週期數  | 單位：週期/% |
|--------|--------|---------|
|        |        | 百分比     |
| 配偶間精卵  | 29,430 | 94.8    |
| 新鮮     | 5,061  | 16.3    |
| 冷凍     | 24,369 | 78.5    |
| 捐贈精卵   | 1,604  | 5.2     |
| 新鮮     | 146    | 0.5     |
| 冷凍     | 1,458  | 4.7     |
| 全部植入週期 | 31,034 | 100.0   |

**111年 FET 佔 83.3%**

**美國 70-80% 歐洲 40-60%**

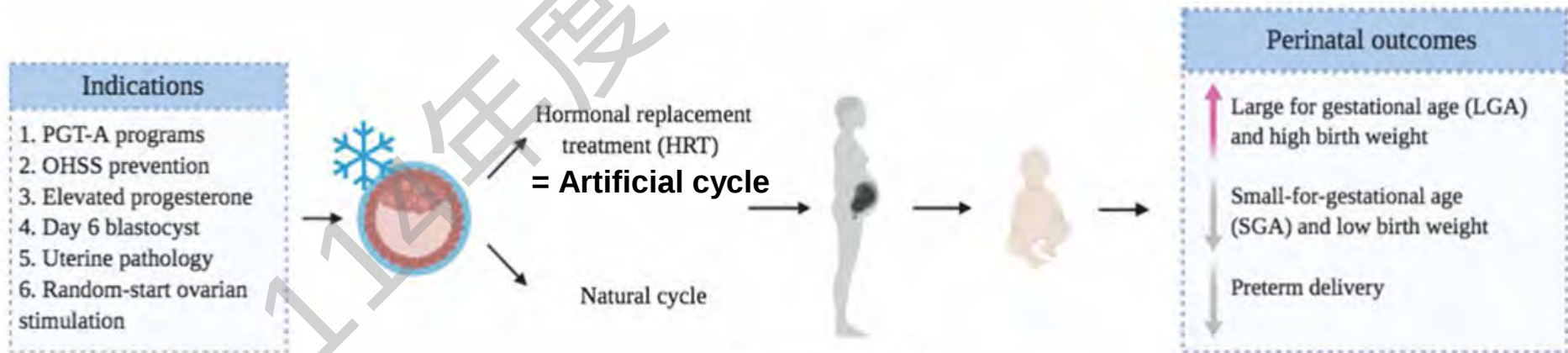
# 98年以後 植入週期活產率 冷凍>新鮮

圖 27 97 年至 111 年本國籍植入新鮮胚胎與冷凍胚胎之植入週期活產率



# Freeze all strategy 增加

1. 植入前基因檢測
2. 減少 OHSS risk, 黃體素上升, D6 blastocysts
3. 子宮內膜容受性: 減少卵巢刺激對內膜容受性的影響
4. Uterine pathology ( polyp, adenomyosis)
5. Random start ovarian stimulation
6. 胚胎冷凍保存的進步



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# LGA、HDP、PPH 的風險

冷凍>新鮮

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE Reproductive epidemiology

## Perinatal and maternal outcome after vitrification of blastocysts: a Nordic study in singletons from the CoNARTaS group

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### Sweden and Denmark

registry-based cohort study, 2002–2015

singletons born after FET and fresh ET

3650 children born after transfer of **vitrified blastocysts**,

8123 children born after transfer of slow-frozen cleavage stage embryos

4469 children born after transfer of **fresh blastocysts**

**Table III** Crude and adjusted odds ratios of perinatal and maternal outcome in singleton deliveries after vitrified blastocyst transfer (BT) compared with slow-frozen cleavage stage transfer (CT) and fresh BT, 2002–2015.

|                       | Vitrified BT vs. slow-frozen CT |                         | Vitrified BT vs. fresh BT |                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                       | Crude OR (95% CI)               | aOR* (95% CI)           | Crude OR (95% CI)         | aOR* (95% CI)           |
| Male sex              | 1.15 [1.07–1.25]                | <b>1.16 [1.05–1.27]</b> | 1.00 [0.92–1.09]          | <b>1.03 [0.93–1.13]</b> |
| <37 weeks             | 1.20 [1.03–1.40]                | <b>1.33 [1.09–1.62]</b> | 0.82 [0.70–0.97]          | 0.86 [0.71–1.04]        |
| <32 weeks             | 0.93 [0.64–1.35]                | 0.98 [0.60–1.62]        | 0.78 [0.53–1.16]          | 0.84 [0.81–1.39]        |
| ≥42 weeks             | 1.01 [0.87–1.17]                | 1.01 [0.85–1.20]        | 1.87 [1.54–2.26]          | <b>1.61 [1.31–1.98]</b> |
| <1500 g               | 0.92 [0.74–1.13]                | 1.17 [0.65–2.11]        | 0.82 [0.51–1.32]          | 0.92 [0.50–1.70]        |
| <2500 g               | 0.92 [0.60–1.42]                | 0.91 [0.70–1.19]        | 0.59 [0.47–0.73]          | <b>0.57 [0.44–0.74]</b> |
| ≥4000 g               | 1.02 [0.93–1.12]                | 1.06 [0.95–1.18]        | 1.81 [1.62–2.03]          | <b>1.68 [1.48–1.92]</b> |
| >4500 g               | 0.99 [0.83–1.18]                | 0.93 [0.76–1.15]        | 1.96 [1.55–2.48]          | <b>1.77 [1.35–2.31]</b> |
| SGA < -2 SD           | 0.87 [0.68–1.12]                | 0.85 [0.63–1.13]        | 0.56 [0.43–0.72]          | <b>0.58 [0.44–0.78]</b> |
| <b>LGA &gt; +2 SD</b> | 1.07 [0.92–1.26]                | 1.10 [0.91–1.32]        | 1.72 [1.41–2.10]          | <b>1.48 [1.18–1.84]</b> |
| Apgar <7 at 5 min     | 1.20 [0.90–1.61]                | 1.19 [0.84–1.68]        | 1.74 [1.20–2.52]          | <b>1.79 [1.19–2.70]</b> |
| Apgar <4 at 5 min     | 1.70 [0.93–3.10]                | <b>2.42 [1.07–5.48]</b> | 1.77 [0.86–3.62]          | 1.56 [0.72–3.38]        |
| Birth defects, any    | 0.99 [0.82–1.21]                | 1.16 [0.91–1.47]        | 0.85 [0.69–1.05]          | 0.99 [0.77–1.27]        |
| Perinatal death       | 0.52 [0.18–1.50]                | 0.97 [0.17–5.73]        | 0.70 [0.20–2.39]          | 0.40 [0.07–2.16]        |
| Neonatal death        | 0.58 [0.22–1.56]                | 0.93 [0.26–3.38]        | 0.68 [0.23–2.03]          | 0.67 [0.18–2.44]        |
| <b>HDP</b>            | 1.08 [0.92–1.26]                | 0.97 [0.81–1.17]        | 1.39 [1.16–1.67]          | <b>1.47 [1.19–1.81]</b> |
| Placental abruption   | 1.06 [0.62–1.80]                | 1.78 [0.93–3.40]        | 0.50 [0.29–0.84]          | 0.65 [0.37–1.16]        |
| Placenta previa       | 1.58 [1.13–2.22]                | 1.48 [0.98–2.24]        | 0.38 [0.28–0.51]          | <b>0.35 [0.25–0.48]</b> |
| <b>PPH†</b>           | 1.09 [0.95–1.25]                | 1.03 [0.88–1.25]        | 1.59 [1.34–1.89]          | <b>1.68 [1.39–2.03]</b> |
| Induction of labour   | 1.10 [1.01–1.20]                | <b>1.14 [1.03–1.27]</b> | 1.46 [1.31–1.62]          | <b>1.67 [1.48–1.88]</b> |
| Cesarean section      | 1.12 [1.03–1.22]                | <b>1.17 [1.05–1.30]</b> | 1.13 [1.03–1.25]          | <b>1.15 [1.03–1.29]</b> |

BT: blastocyst transfer; CT: cleavage stage transfer; OR: odds ratio; CI: confidence interval; SGA/LGA: small/large for gestational age; HDP: hypertensive disorders in pregnancy; PPH: postpartum hemorrhage.

\*Adjusted for country of birth of child, year of birth of child, maternal age, BMI, parity, smoking, parental educational level, fertilisation method (VF/ICSI), single embryo transfer, number of gestational sacs and child's sex.

\*\*Only Swedish data.

Bold indicates statistical significance.

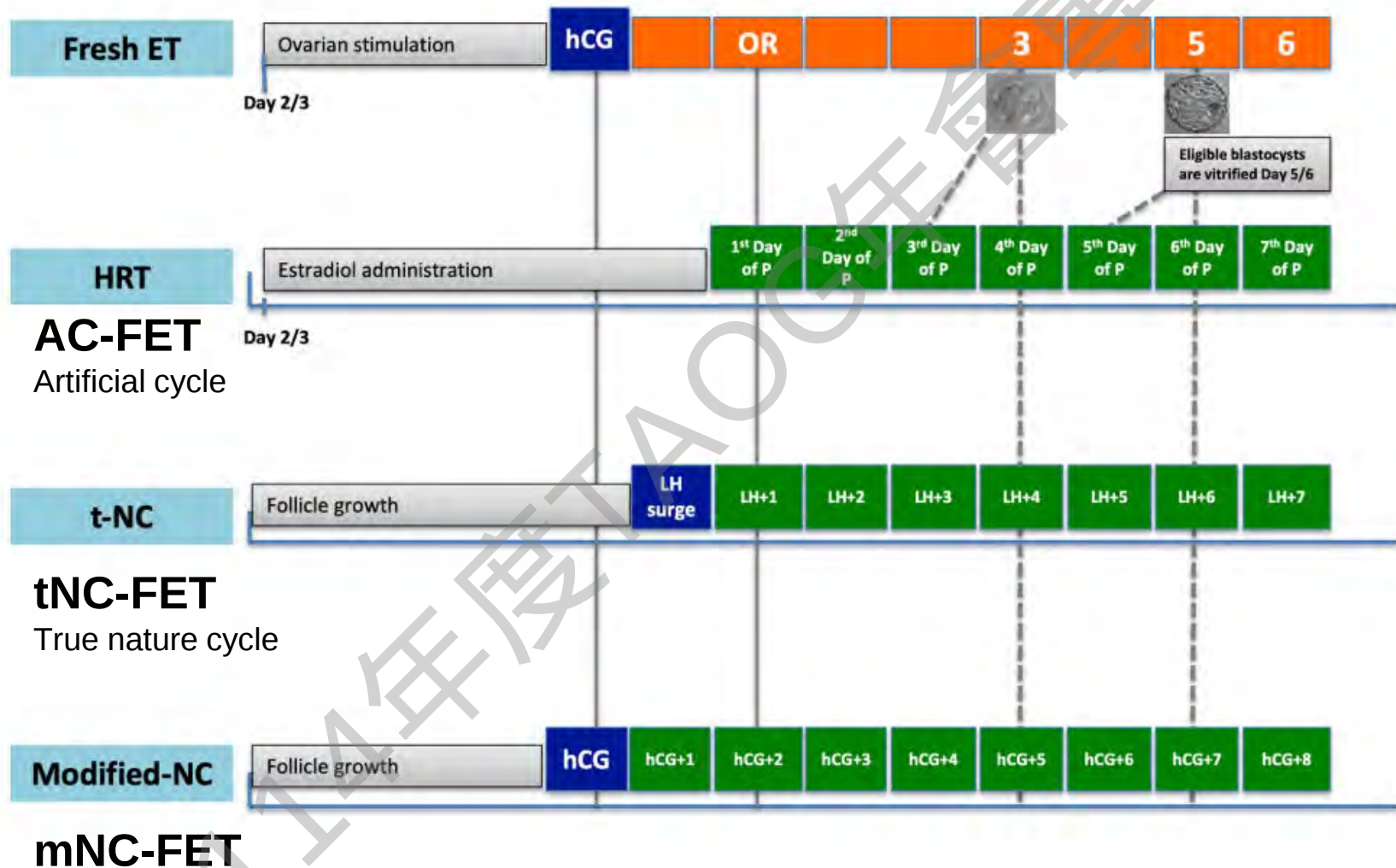
Large gestational age(LGA),

Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy (HDPs)

Postpartum hemorrhage (PPH)

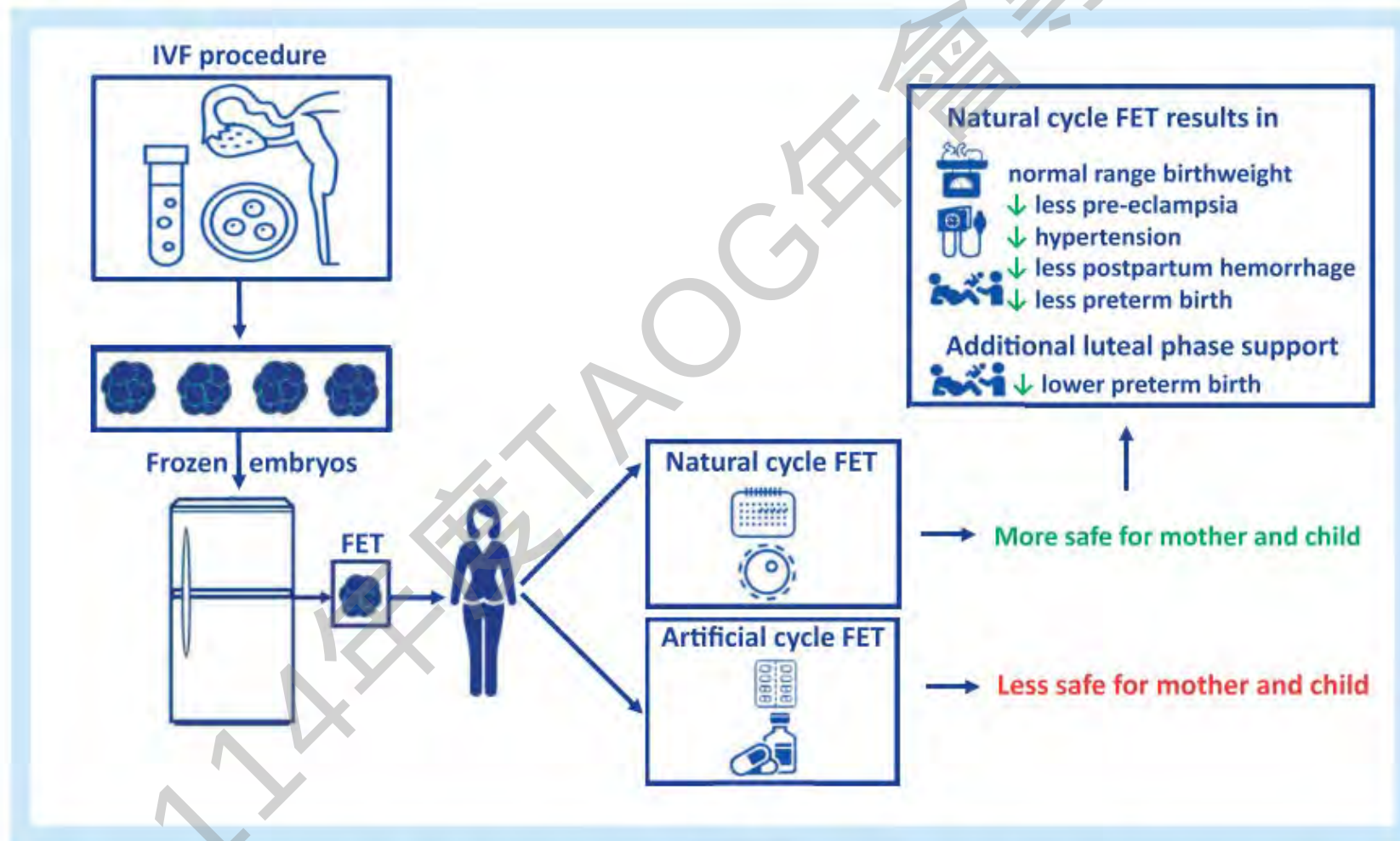
FET 比 fresh ET  
LGA、HDP、PPH的風險高

# EM preparation of FET



# 自然週期FET可降低產婦/新生兒併發症

## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Natural cycle FET decreases the risk of adverse obstetric and neonatal outcomes compared with artificial cycle FET. FET: frozen embryo transfer.

# AC-FET : NC-FET : fresh ET

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## SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

### Assessing obstetric outcomes: A systematic review and meta-analysis comparing fresh, artificial, and natural thaw embryo transfer cycles

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## Australia systematic review and meta-analysis

1947-2022 23 studies, 279798 ET

- 26573 fresh ET
- 115182 NC-FET (tNC-FET, mNC-FET)
- 138043 AC-FET

### Outcomes :

hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP),  
gestational diabetes (GDM),  
preterm birth (PTB), post-partum hemorrhage (PPH)  
large for gestational age (LGA).

## 比較

1. AC-FET vs NC-FET
2. AC-FET vs Fresh ET
3. NC-FET vs Fresh ET.

OBS complications: (systematic review and meta-analysis)

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# AC-FET > NC-FET > fresh ET

NC-FET (tNC+mNC)

| Outcome Measure                           | AC-FET vs NC-FET                                     | AC-FET vs Fresh ET                                  | NC-FET vs Fresh ET                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           | ArtThawET vs NatThawET                               | ArtThawET vs Fresh ET                               | NatThawET vs Fresh ET                                |
| Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (HDP) | No. of studies: 17/21<br>OR = 1.76<br>CI = 1.66-1.86 | No. of studies: 5/21<br>OR = 2.13<br>CI = 1.89-2.40 | No. of studies: 3/21<br>OR = 1.20<br>CI = 1.11-1.29  |
| Pre-Term Birth (PTB)                      | No. of studies: 13/15<br>OR = 1.18<br>CI = 1.13-1.23 | No. of studies: 1/15<br>OR = 1.21<br>CI = 0.85-1.73 | No. of studies: 1/15<br>OR = 0.07<br>CI = 0.00-1.21  |
| Post-Partum Haemorrhage (PPH)             | No. of studies: 6/8<br>OR = 2.61<br>CI = 2.30-2.97   | No. of studies: 2/8<br>OR = 3.52<br>CI = 3.06-4.04  | No. of studies: 2/8<br>OR = 1.25<br>CI = 1.14-1.38   |
| Gestational Diabetes (GD)                 | No. of studies: 14/17<br>OR = 0.94<br>CI = 0.88-0.99 | No. of studies: 2/17<br>OR = 1.20<br>CI = 0.78-1.83 | No. of studies: 1/17<br>OR = 2.95<br>CI = 0.12-73.90 |
| Large for Gestational Age (LGA)           | No. of studies: 14/17<br>OR = 1.11<br>CI = 1.07-1.15 | No. of studies: 3/17<br>OR = 2.12<br>CI = 1.77-2.56 | No. of studies: 2/17<br>OR = 1.85<br>CI = 1.66-2.07  |

AC-FET > NC-FET > fresh ET

AC-FET > NC-FET

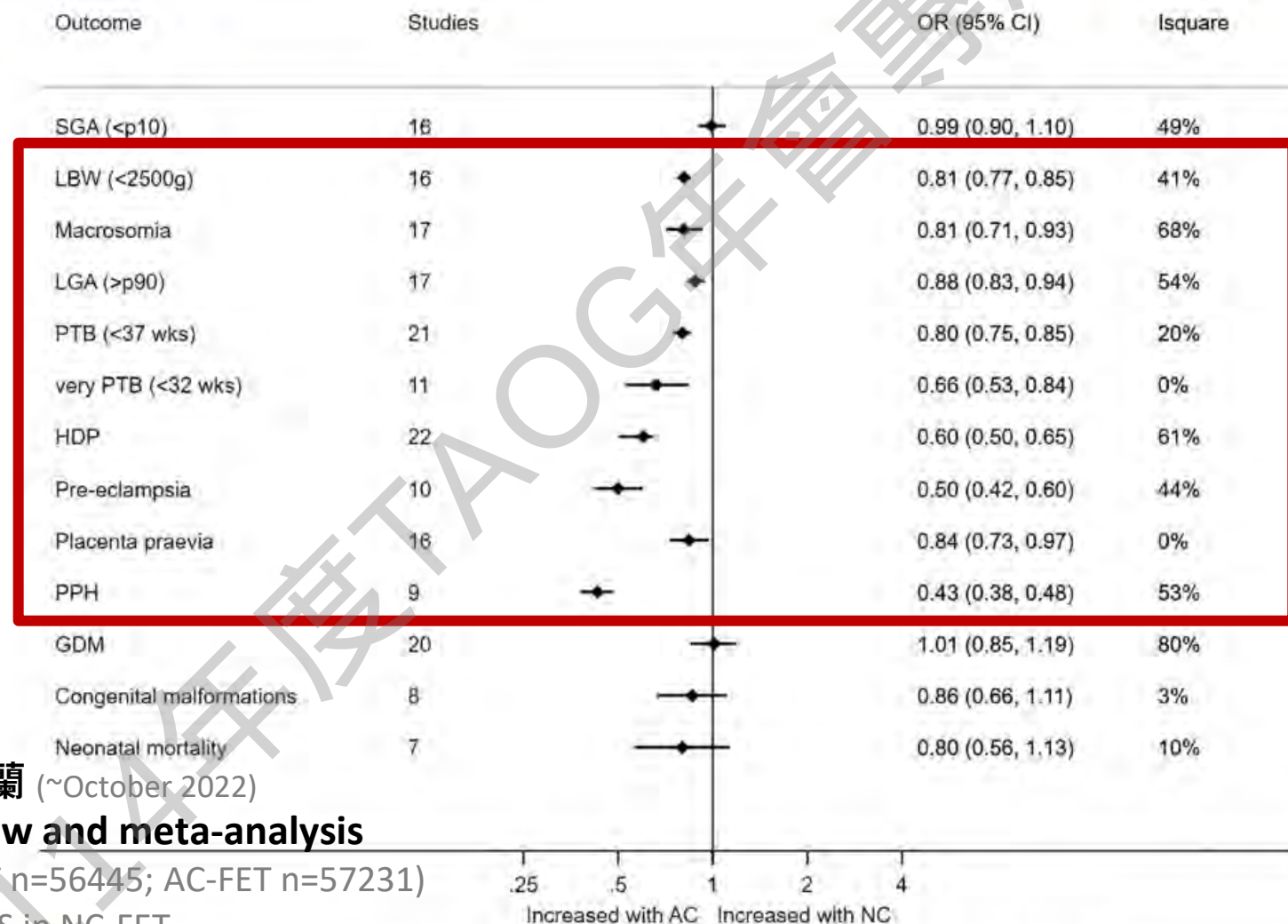
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# Neonatal , OBS outcomes: AC-FET > NC-FET (systematic review and meta-analysis)

胎兒低體重  
巨嬰  
胎兒過大  
早產  
極低體重早產  
妊娠高血壓疾患  
子癲前症  
前置胎盤  
產後大出血



Netherlands 荷蘭 (~October 2022)  
systematic review and meta-analysis

30 studies (NC-FET n=56445; AC-FET n=57231)

19 studies used LPS in NC-FET

Figure 3. Summary of all averaged secondary outcomes for NC-FET versus AC-FET, expressed as odds ratio with 95% CI. NC: natural cycle; AC: artificial cycle; OR: odds ratio.

# NC-FET (vs. AC-FET)

## 改善Obstetric and neonatal outcomes



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Obstetric and neonatal outcomes after natural versus artificial cycle frozen embryo transfer and the role of luteal phase support: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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30 studies  
56445 NC-FET  
57231 AC-FET  
19 studies NC-FET+ LPS

| Outcomes             | Present analysis               |        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                      | NC-FET                         | AC-FET |
| Birthweight          | ↓                              | ↓      |
| LGA                  | ↓                              | ↓      |
| Macrosomia           | ↓                              | ↓      |
| SGA                  | =                              | =      |
| LBW                  | ↓                              | ↓      |
| Early pregnancy loss | ↓                              | ↓      |
| GDM                  | =                              | =      |
| HDP                  | ↓                              | ↓      |
| PE                   | ↓                              | ↓      |
| PPH                  | ↓                              | ↓      |
| Placenta previa      | ↓                              | ↓      |
| PTB                  | ↓                              | ↓      |
| Very PTB             | ↓                              | ↓      |
| Cong malformations   | =                              | =      |
| Neonatal mortality   | =                              | =      |
| Stratification PCOS  | ↓ LGA, EPS, very PTB in AC-FET |        |
| Stratification LPS   | ↓ PTB and placenta previa      |        |

=: no difference; ↓: increased risk; ↓: reduced risk. LGA: large for gest

# AC-FET會增加子癲前症風險

## NC-FET、Fresh IVF子癲前症風險同自然懷孕

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Table 4. Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy as a Function of Method of Conception for the Prospective Cohort Study of Obstetric Outcomes

| Hypertensive Disorder of Pregnancy                  | Method of Conception      |                           |                            |                       | P Value |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|                                                     | AC-FET<br>Prog FET (n=94) | NC-FET<br>Nat FET (n=127) | Fresh<br>Fresh IVF (n=146) | 自然懷孕<br>Spont (n=143) |         |
| Gestational hypertension                            | 3 (3.2)                   | 4 (3.2)                   | 0                          | 3 (2.1)               | 0.11    |
| Preeclampsia                                        | 12 (12.8)                 | 5 (3.9)                   | 7 (4.7)                    | 7 (4.9)               | 0.05    |
| sPE                                                 | 9 (9.6)                   | 1 (0.8)                   | 4 (2.7)                    | 3 (2.1)               | 0.005   |
| Early-onset preeclampsia                            | 0                         | 1 (0.8)                   | 1 (0.7)                    | 0                     | 0.84    |
| HELLP syndrome                                      | 0                         | 0                         | 2 (1.4)                    | 0                     | 0.26    |
| Chronic hypertension with superimposed preeclampsia | 1 (1.1)                   | 2 (1.6)                   | 1 (0.7)                    | 3 (2.1)               | 0.78    |
| Eclampsia                                           | 0                         | 0                         | 0                          | 0                     |         |

NC-FET, Fresh IVF 子癲前症風險與自然懷孕相似

# 缺乏黃體CL (嚴重)子癩前症增加

Table 3. Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy as a Function of CL Category for the Prospective Cohort Study of Obstetric Outcomes

| Hypertensive Disorder of Pregnancy                  | CL Category |              |               |                   | PValue |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|
|                                                     | 0 CL (n=94) | 1 CL (n=290) | >1 CL (n=153) | Fresh IVF (n=146) |        |
| Gestational hypertension                            | 3 (3.2)     | 8 (2.8)      | 3 (2.0)       | 0                 | 0.14   |
| Preeclampsia                                        | 12 (12.8)   | 14 (4.8)     | 9 (5.9)       | 7 (4.7)           | 0.06   |
| sPE 嚴重子癩前症                                          | 9 (9.6)     | 4 (1.4)      | 6 (3.9)       | 4 (2.7)           | 0.004  |
| Early-onset preeclampsia                            | 0           | 1 (0.3)      | 1 (0.7)       | 1 (0.7)           | 1      |
| HELLP syndrome                                      | 0           | 0            | 0             | 2 (1.4)           | 0.06   |
| Chronic hypertension with superimposed preeclampsia | 1 (1.1)     | 5 (1.7)      | 0             | 1 (0.7)           | 0.41   |
| Eclampsia                                           | 0           | 0            | 0             | 0                 |        |

Table 5. Multivariable Model Results for the Prospective Cohort Study of Obstetric Outcomes

| Variable     | Level                                        | AOR   | 95% CI      | P Value |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Preeclampsia |                                              |       |             |         |
| CL number    | 0 vs 1 CL                                    | 2.73  | 1.14–6.49   | 0.02    |
| FET          | Programmed FET vs modified natural-cycle FET | 3.55  | 1.20–11.94  | 0.03    |
| sPE 嚴重子癩前症   |                                              |       |             |         |
| CL number    | 0 vs 1 CL                                    | 6.45  | 1.94–25.09  | 0.003   |
| FET          | Programmed FET vs modified natural-cycle FET | 15.05 | 2.59–286.27 | 0.01    |

0 CL(嚴重)子癩前症  
發生率明顯較高

子癩前症:

0CL的是1CL的2.73倍

嚴重子癩:

0CL的是1CL的6.45倍

子癩前症:

AC的是mNC的3.55倍

嚴重子癩:

AC的是mNC的15.05倍

0 CL 是子癩前症的獨立預測因子

# 黃體可能影響孕期動脈適應

## Preeclampsia

### Increased Preeclampsia Risk and Reduced Aortic Compliance With In Vitro Fertilization Cycles in the Absence of a Corpus Luteum

頸動脈-股動脈脈波傳播速度 (cfPWV)

在 0 CL 群體 **未顯著下降**

表示血管僵硬度未正常降低

頸動脈-股動脈脈波傳播時間 (cfPWTT)

在 0 CL 群體中 **未正常增加**,

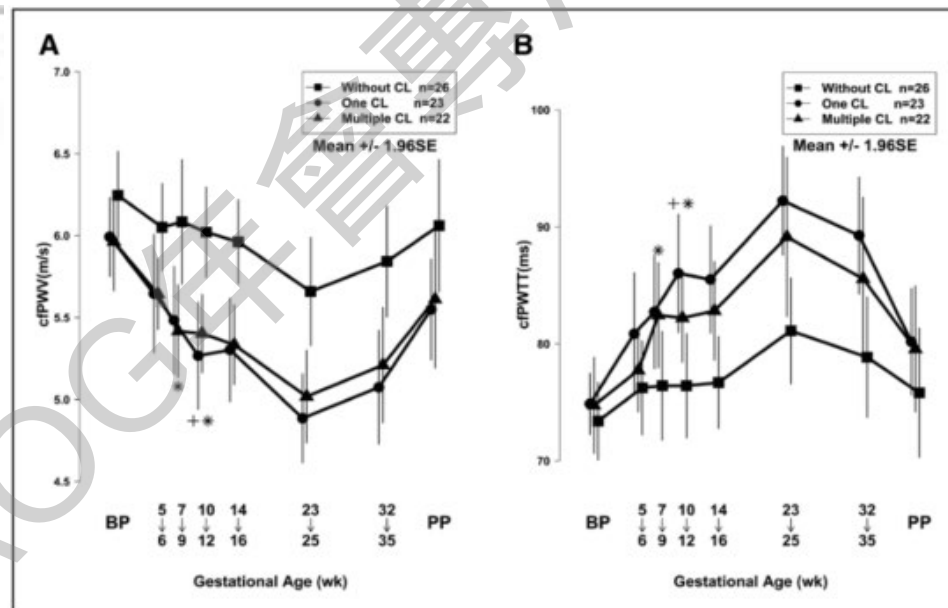
顯示血管適應能力較差。

缺乏黃體的孕婦，主動脈順應性降低，  
導致血管僵硬度增加，增加子癲前症風險

正常懷孕時動脈適應增加 pulse wave velocity (PWV) 下降  
(cfPWV 下降1m/s 維持至22-25周，才回復未懷孕前)，與子癲前症相關

黃體分泌 血管活性激素 (如 Relaxin)，影響母體血流動力學。

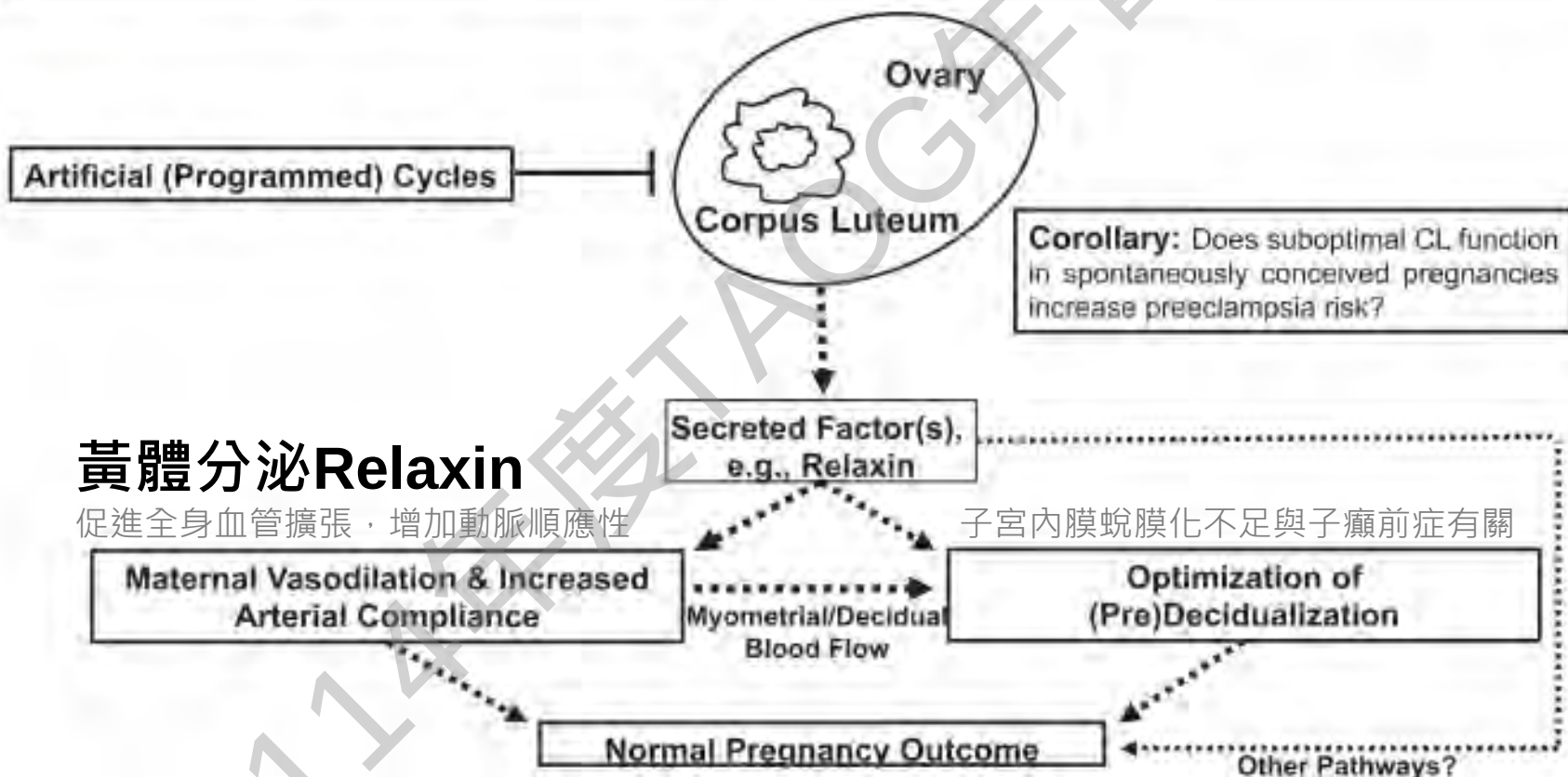
這些異常在 妊娠前 10-12 週最明顯，對於子癲前症的發展很重要



# 黃體corpus luteum與子癲前症關係

**FIGURE 7**

**Integrative hypothesis of CL and endometrial origins of preeclampsia**



# 黃體CL不影響著床但影響持續懷孕

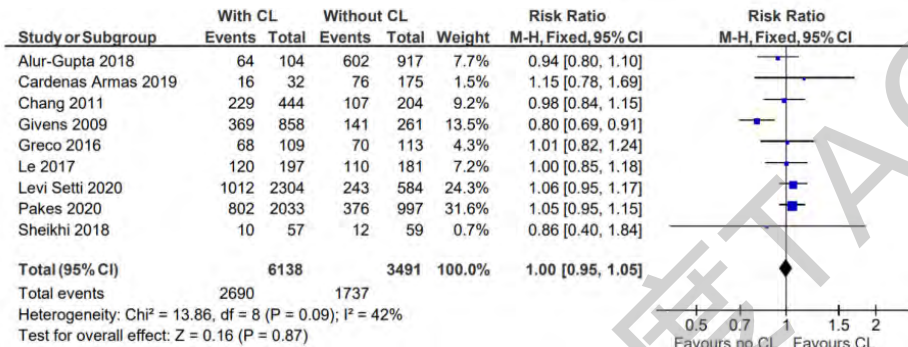
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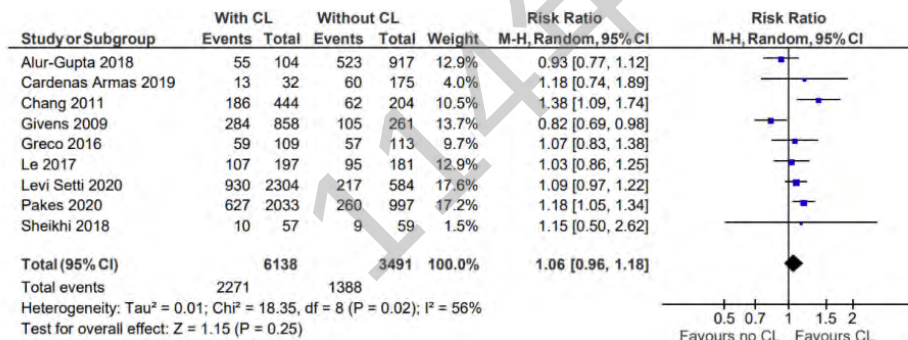
## BMJ Open Treatment outcomes of blastocysts thaw cycles, comparing the presence and absence of a corpus luteum: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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### Rate of hCG(+) CL(-)=CL(+)



### Clinical pregnancy Rate CL(-)=CL(+)



Australia 2017-2020.

meta- analysis : 2 RCT, 7 cohort studies.

比較有/無CL 對FET懷孕outcomes 的影響

positive hCG results (RR 1.0, 95% CI 0.95 to 1.05)

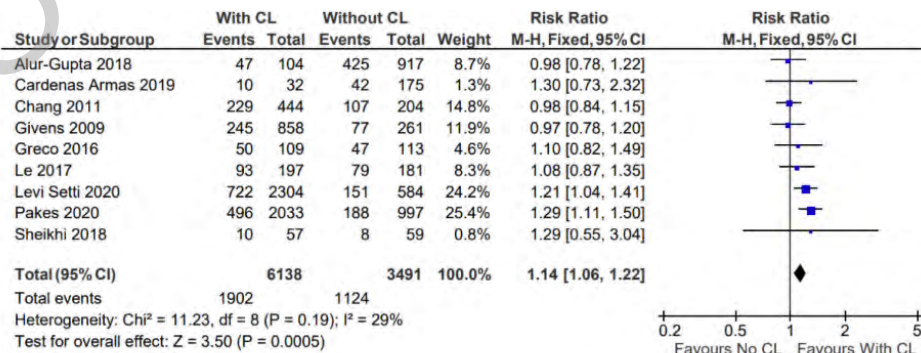
clinical pregnancies (RR 1.06, 95% CI 0.96 to 1.18)

兩組間沒有差異

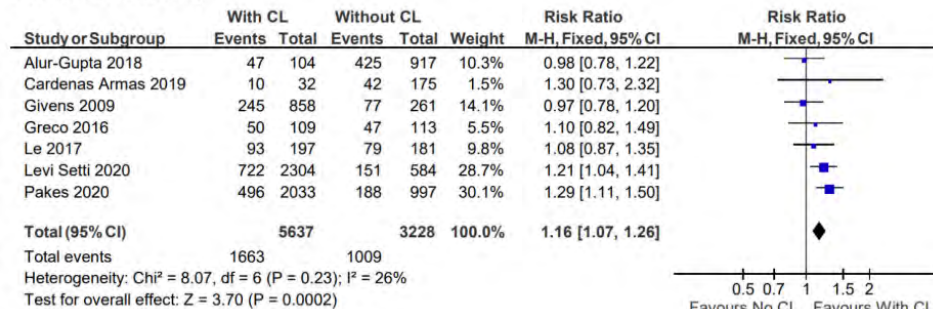
live births: CL(+)(RR 1.14, 95% CI 1.06-1.22)

NC-FET明顯較高

### Live Births and OPR CL(-)<CL(+)



### Live Births Rates Only



# 黃體CL不影響著床但影響持續懷孕

Open access

Original research

**BMJ Open** Treatment outcomes of blastocysts thaw cycles, comparing the presence and absence of a corpus luteum: a systematic review and meta-analysis

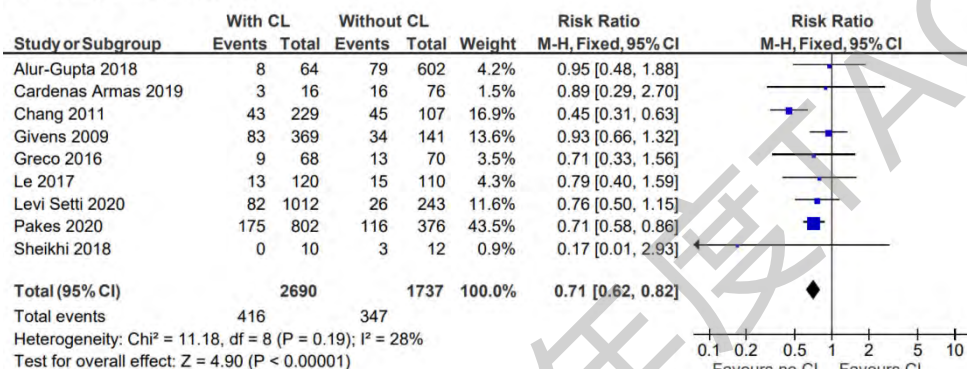
**Australia 2017-2020.**

meta- analysis : 2 RCT, 7 cohort studies.

比較有/無CL 對FET懷孕outcomes 的影響

Biochemical pregnancy rates  
(early miscarriage) **CL(-)>CL(+)**

## Biochemical Pregnancy Rates



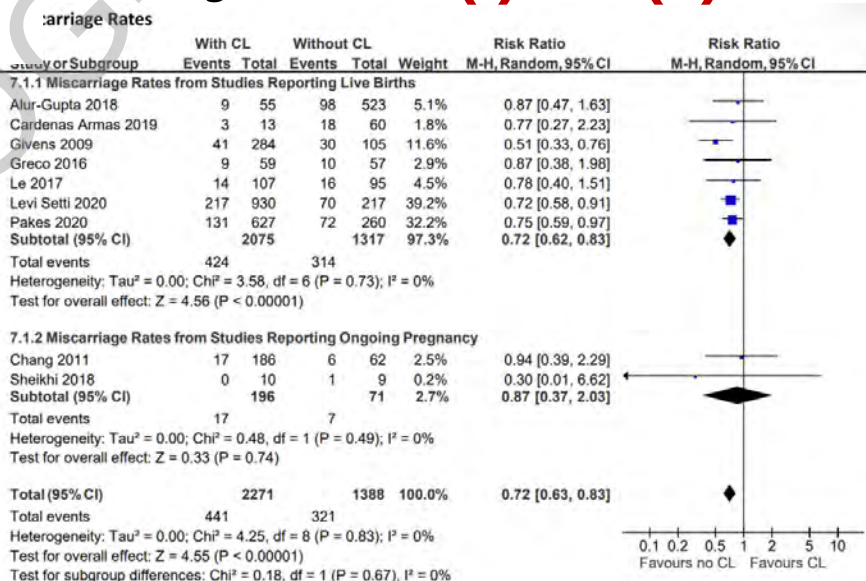
## Pregnancy losses

early miscarriage CL(+) RR 0.71 (0.62 - 0.82)

Miscarriages(<20wks) CL(+) RR 0.72 (0.62 - 0.83)

**Pregnancy losses 在有黃體CL(+)明顯較低**

## Miscarriage Rate **CL(-)>CL(+)**



# Pregnancy rate **AC=mNC=SC**

## Early Pregnancy loss rate **AC>mNC>SC**

Human Reproduction Open, pp. 1-10, 2022  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/hropen/hoac007>

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Impact of endometrial preparation on early pregnancy loss and live birth rate after frozen embryo transfer: a large multicenter cohort study (14 421 frozen cycles)**

### France

multicenter retrospective cohort study  
 9 reproductive health units  
 2012 - 2016.

FET cycles : 14421 cycles

(**AC: n=8139; NC: n=3126; SC: n=3156**)

3844 pregnancies (hCG > 100 IU/l)

(AC: n=2214; NC: n=812; SC: n=818).

Primary outcome: pregnancy loss rate at 10 weeks of gestation.

### AC:

E2: 4-6mg oral or vaginal

P4: micronized progesterone 400-800mg  
 vaginal ~ 9wks

**mNC:** hCG+LPS

**SC:** menopure 50-75IU + hCG

(DF>16mm) +LPS

**黃體CL不影響著床但影響持續懷孕**

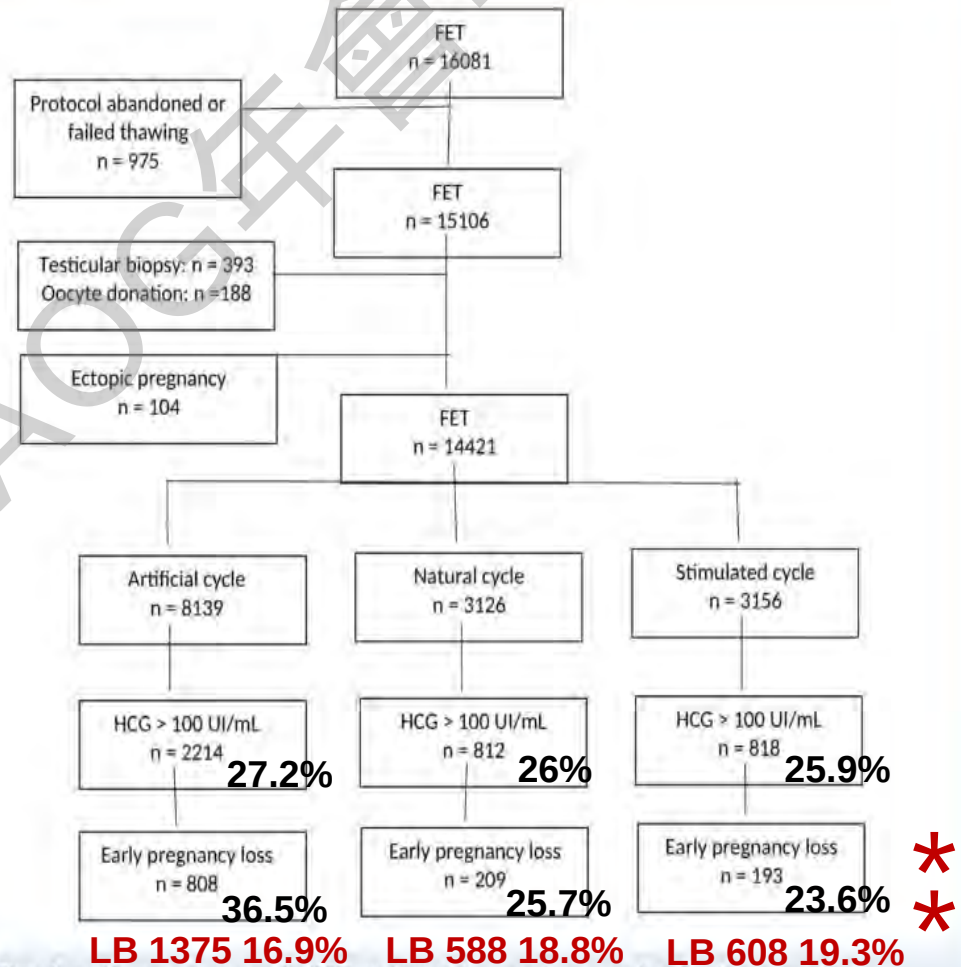


Figure 1. Flow chart of frozen embryo transfer (FET), endometrial preparation protocols and early pregnancy loss.

# Early pregnancy loss rate **AC>NC>SC** LBR **AC<NC<SC**

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**Table 1** Patient characteristics and outcomes of frozen-thawed embryo transfer according to endometrial preparation protocol. 14421 cycles (AC: n=8139; NC: n=3126; SC: n=3156)

|                                                               | Total population | Artificial cycle (AC) | Natural cycle (NC) | Stimulated cycle (SC) | P       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Number of FET                                                 | 14 421           | 8 139                 | 3 126              | 3 156                 |         |
| Age (years), mean $\pm$ SD                                    | 34.2             | 34.1 $\pm$ 4.7        | 34.3 $\pm$ 4.5     | 34.2 $\pm$ 4.4        | 0.70    |
| Primary infertility, n (%)                                    | 7326 (50.8)      | 4182 (51.4)           | 1513 (48.4)        | 1541 (48.8)           | 0.004   |
| Length of infertility (days), mean $\pm$ SD                   | 2042 $\pm$ 1054  | 2054 $\pm$ 1059       | 2015 $\pm$ 1004    | 2035 $\pm$ 1088       | 0.92    |
| History of early pregnancy loss, n (%)                        | 2064 (14.3)      | 1134 (13.9)           | 476 (15.2)         | 454 (14.4)            | 0.21    |
| BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), mean $\pm$ SD                       | 23.4 $\pm$ 5.4   | 23.8 $\pm$ 5.2        | 22.7 $\pm$ 5.8     | 23.6 $\pm$ 5.2        | 0.07    |
| Smoking, n (%)                                                | 3390 (23.5)      | 1923 (23.6)           | 736 (23.5)         | 731 (23.2)            | 0.87    |
| ICSI, n (%)                                                   | 8321 (57.7)      | 4638 (57.0)           | 2036 (65.1)        | 1647 (52.2)           | <0.0001 |
| Endometrial thickness (mm), mean $\pm$ SD                     | 9.3 $\pm$ 2.5    | 9.1 $\pm$ 2.6         | 9.8 $\pm$ 2.3      | 9.1 $\pm$ 2.2         | 0.02    |
| Number of embryos transferred, mean $\pm$ SD                  | 1.4 $\pm$ 0.5    | 1.4 $\pm$ 0.5         | 1.3 $\pm$ 0.5      | 1.5 $\pm$ 0.5         | 0.09    |
| Biochemical pregnancy (hCG 10–100 IU/ml) per pregnancy, n (%) | 461 (10.7)       | 251 (10.2)            | 95 (10.5)          | 115 (12.2)            | 0.20    |
| Pregnancy with HCG >100 IU/ml per FET, n (%)                  | 3844 (26.7)      | 2214 (27.2)           | 812 (26.0)         | 818 (25.9)            | 0.20    |
| Early pregnancy loss per pregnancy with HCG >100 IU/ml, n (%) | 1210 (31.5)      | 808 (36.5)            | 209 (25.7)         | 193 (23.6)            | <0.005  |
| Live birth per FET, n (%)                                     | 2571 (17.8)      | 1375 (16.9)           | 588 (18.8)         | 608 (19.3)            | <0.003  |

FET, frozen embryo transfer.

**流產率AC>NC>SC**→黃體CL不影響著床但影響持續懷孕

**Pregnancy rate** AC: 26.7%; NC: 27.2%; SC: 26% P 0.02 **AC=NC=SC**

**Early pregnancy loss rate** AC: 36.5%; NC: 25.6%; SC: 23.6% P<0.005 **AC>NC>SC**

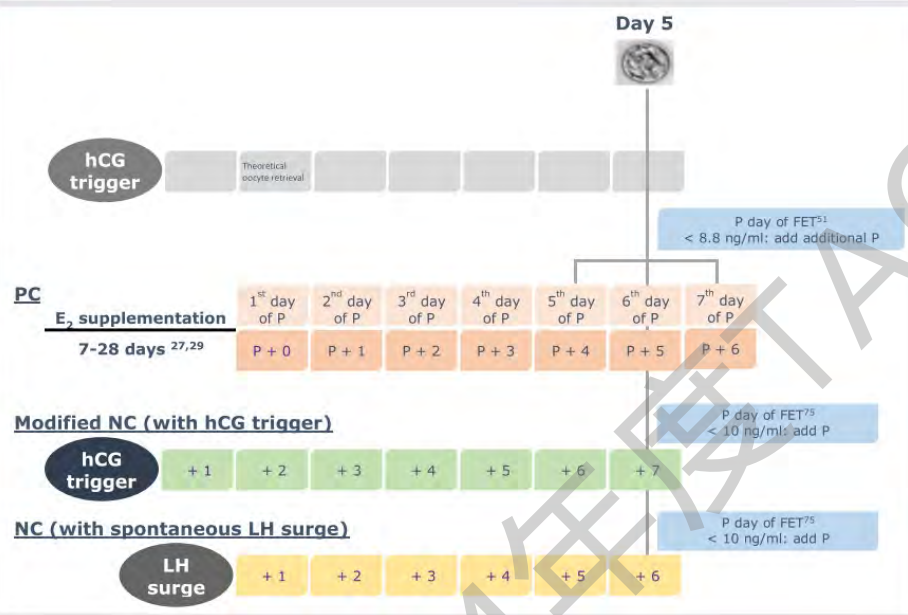
**LBR** AC: 16.9%; NC: 18.8%; SC: 19.3% P<0.003 **AC<NC<SC**

# 懷孕併發症及懷孕率及取消率 AC:mNC:NC

Livebirth rate after one frozen embryo transfer in ovulatory women starting with natural, modified natural, or artificial endometrial preparation in Viet Nam: an open-label randomised controlled trial

Vu N A Ho, Teen D Pham, Nam T Nguyen, Rui Wang, Robert J Norman, Ben W Mol, Tuong M Ho, Lan N Vuong

FIGURE 1



**476 AC:** E2 8mg- EM $\geq$ 7mm + Vag P4 800mg/d

**476 mNC:** DF>16mm $\rightarrow$  +hCG(Ovitrelle 250  $\mu$ g)

**Cancel:** no follicle >16mm after D21

**476 NC:** TVS since DF>14mm, LH>180%,

**Cancel:** no LH surge till D21

**Vietnam, 2021-2023**  
**randomised, open-label**

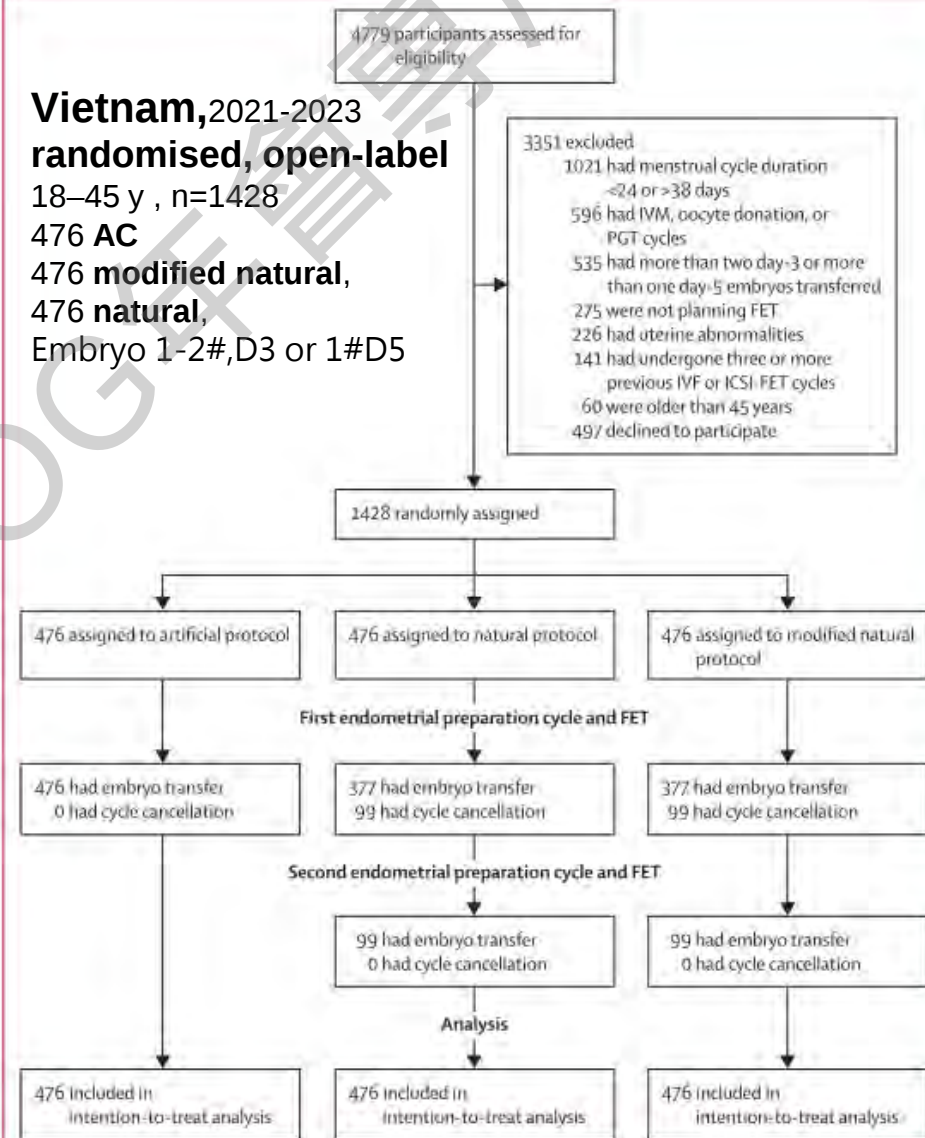
18–45 y, n=1428

476 AC

476 modified natural,

476 natural,

Embryo 1-2#, D3 or 1#D5



# NC, mNC 取消率高

|                                                              | Natural cycle strategy (n=476) | Modified natural cycle strategy (n=476) | Artificial cycle strategy (n=476) | p value                              |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                                |                                         |                                   | Natural vs artificial cycle strategy | Modified natural vs artificial cycle strategy |
| Completed first endometrial preparation as randomly assigned | 377 (79%)                      | 377 (79%)                               | 476 (100%)                        | ..                                   | ..                                            |
| Endometrial preparation cycle cancellation                   | 99 (21%)                       | 99 (21%)                                | 0                                 | ..                                   | ..                                            |
| Second artificial endometrial preparation                    | 99 (21%)                       | 99 (21%)                                | 0                                 | ..                                   | ..                                            |

## 取消1st FET 週期

NC 99 位(21%)

66.7% 沒有濾泡產生

32% 沒有LH surge

mNC 99 位(21%)

66.7% 沒有濾泡產生

18.2% 沒有長大的濾泡

15.1% 非預期排卵

AC 沒有取消

**Table S1: Reasons for cancellation in the first frozen embryo transfer cycle of the natural and modified natural cycle protocol groups**

| Reasons                                 | Natural cycle (n=99) | Modified natural cycle (n=99) |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| No development of follicles             | 67 (67.7)            | 66 (66.7)                     |
| No developing follicles ( $\geq 16$ mm) | -                    | 18 (18.2)                     |
| No onset of luteinising hormone surge   | 32 (32.3)            | -                             |
| Unexpected spontaneous ovulation        | -                    | 15 (15.1)                     |

$$AC = NC/mNC$$

**Table S2: Fertility outcomes after first endometrial preparation**

|                                    | Natural cycle  | Modified natural cycle | Artificial cycle | Relative risk (95% confidence interval) |                                       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                    |                |                        |                  | Natural vs. artificial cycle            | Modified natural vs. artificial cycle |
| <b>PER PROTOCOL</b>                | <b>(n=377)</b> | <b>(n=377)</b>         | <b>(n=476)</b>   |                                         |                                       |
| Live birth, n (%)                  | 127 (33.7)     | 117 (31.0)             | 162 (34.0)       | 0.99 (0.78; 1.25)                       | 0.91 (0.72; 1.16)                     |
| After day-3 embryo transfer        | 44/181 (24.3)  | 42/182 (23.1)          | 43/214 (20.1)    | 1.21 (0.79; 1.85)                       | 1.15 (0.75; 1.76)                     |
| After day-5 embryo transfer        | 83/196 (42.4)  | 75/195 (38.5)          | 119/262 (45.4)   | 0.93 (0.70; 1.23)                       | 0.85 (0.63; 1.13)                     |
| Positive pregnancy test, n (%)     | 171 (45.4)     | 160 (42.4)             | 232 (48.7)       | 0.93 (0.76; 1.13)                       | 0.87 (0.71; 1.06)                     |
| Clinical pregnancy, n (%)          | 157 (41.6)     | 144 (38.2)             | 205 (43.1)       | 0.97 (0.79; 1.19)                       | 0.89 (0.72; 1.10)                     |
| Ongoing pregnancy, n (%)           | 130 (34.5)     | 122 (32.4)             | 165 (34.7)       | 0.99 (0.79; 1.25)                       | 0.93 (0.74; 1.18)                     |
| Implantation, n (%)                | 172/516 (33.3) | 155/529 (29.3)         | 216/633 (34.1)   | 0.98 (0.83; 1.15)                       | 0.86 (0.72; 1.02)                     |
| Ectopic pregnancy, n (%)           | 3 (0.8)        | 8 (2.1)                | 4 (0.8)          | 0.95 (0.19; 4.30)                       | 2.53 (0.80; 9.46)                     |
| Miscarriage <12 weeks, n (%)       | 24 (6.4)       | 14 (3.7)               | 36 (7.6)         | 0.84 (0.50; 1.40)                       | 0.49 (0.26; 0.89)                     |
| Miscarriage 12 to <20 weeks, n (%) | 3 (0.8)        | 5 (1.3)                | 3 (0.6)          | 1.26 (0.23; 6.82)                       | 2.10 (0.52; 10.3)                     |
| Multiple pregnancy, n (%)          | 7 (1.9)        | 8 (2.1)                | 8 (1.7)          | 1.10 (0.39; 3.08)                       | 1.26 (0.47; 3.43)                     |
| Multiple delivery, n (%)           | 7 (1.9)        | 8 (2.1)                | 7 (1.5)          | 1.26 (0.43; 3.69)                       | 1.44 (0.52; 4.12)                     |

1<sup>st</sup> FET: NC/mNC/AC

LBR : 33.7% 31% 34% 無差異

CPR: 41.6% 38.2% 43.1% 無差異

OPR: 34.5% 32.4% 34.7% 無差異

Miscarriage(<12Wks): 6.4% 3.7% 7.6%無差異

# OBS outcomes (GDM/HDP), perinatal outcomes <sup>23</sup>

## NC=mNC=AC, Preeclampsia ??

|                                                                      | Natural cycle strategy* (n=476) | Modified natural cycle strategy* (n=476) | Artificial cycle strategy* (n=476) | RR                      |                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                      |                                 |                                          |                                    |                         | Natural then artificial cycle vs artificial cycle<br>Modified natural vs artificial cycle |
| <b>Obstetric outcomes</b>                                            |                                 |                                          |                                    |                         |                                                                                           |
| Preterm delivery 20 to <28 weeks' gestation, singletons              | 0                               | 0                                        | 1 (<1%)                            | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Preterm delivery 28 to <32 weeks' gestation, singletons              | 0                               | 2 (<1%)                                  | 0                                  | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Preterm delivery 32 to <37 weeks' gestation, singletons              | 15 (3%)                         | 11 (2%)                                  | 7 (1%)                             | 2.14 (0.90 to 5.61)     | 1.57 (0.62 to 4.27)                                                                       |
| Preterm delivery 20 to <28 weeks' gestation, twins                   | 1 (<1%)                         | 0                                        | 0                                  | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Preterm delivery 28 to <32 weeks' gestation, twins                   | 1 (<1%)                         | 0                                        | 0                                  | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Preterm delivery 32 to <37 weeks' gestation, twins                   | 4 (<1%)                         | 4 (<1%)                                  | 2 (<1%)                            | 2.00 (0.39 to 14.40)    | 2.00 (0.39 to 14.40)                                                                      |
| Gestational diabetes <b>GDM</b>                                      | 44 (9%)                         | 37 (8%)                                  | 32 (7%)                            | 1.37 (0.88 to 2.18)     | 1.16 (0.72 to 1.87)                                                                       |
| Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy                                  | 10 (2%)                         | 8 (2%)                                   | 12 (3%)                            | 0.83 (0.35 to 1.93)     | 0.67 (0.26 to 1.61)                                                                       |
| Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy per ongoing pregnancy <b>HDP</b> | 10/177 (6%)                     | 8/164 (5%)                               | 12/165 (7%)                        | 0.78 (0.33 to 1.80)     | 0.67 (0.26 to 1.62)                                                                       |
| <b>Perinatal outcomes</b>                                            |                                 |                                          |                                    |                         |                                                                                           |
| Singleton birthweight, g (469 babies)                                | 3178.4 (463.2)                  | 3147.1 (515.2)                           | 3245.9 (450.3)                     | -67.5 (-170.1 to 35.1)† | -98.8 (-210.3 to 12.7)†                                                                   |
| Twin birthweight, g (52 babies)†                                     | 2370.0 (444.7)                  | 2598.9 (342.2)                           | 2300.0 (434.8)                     | 70.0 (-260.7 to 400.7)† | 298.9 (-24.2 to 622.1)†                                                                   |
| Singleton birthweight, very low                                      | 0                               | 1 (<1%)                                  | 1 (<1%)                            | ..                      | 1.00 (0.04 to 25.30)                                                                      |
| Singleton birthweight, low                                           | 6 (1%)                          | 8 (2%)                                   | 5 (1%)                             | 1.20 (0.36 to 4.16)     | 1.60 (0.53 to 5.30)                                                                       |
| Singleton birthweight, high                                          | 5 (1%)                          | 5 (1%)                                   | 4 (<1%)                            | 1.25 (0.33 to 5.05)     | 1.25 (0.33 to 5.05)                                                                       |
| Singleton birthweight, very high                                     | 1 (<1%)                         | 0                                        | 0                                  | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Major congenital abnormalities§                                      | 1 (<1%)                         | 2 (<1%)                                  | 1 (<1%)                            | 1.00 (0.04 to 25.3)     | 2.00 (0.19 to 43.00)                                                                      |
| Admission to NICU                                                    | 15 (3%)                         | 8 (2%)                                   | 18 (4%)                            | 0.83 (0.41 to 1.65)     | 0.44 (0.18 to 0.99)                                                                       |
| Stillbirth                                                           | 0                               | 0                                        | 0                                  | ..                      | ..                                                                                        |
| Neonatal mortality                                                   | 1 (<1%)                         | 0                                        | 1 (<1%)                            | 1.00 (0.04 to 25.30)    | ..                                                                                        |

NC/mNC/AC

OBS outcomes (GDM/HDP), perinatal outcomes 無差異

# Endometrium preparation protocols for FET

## Hormone replacement treatment (HRT)(AC)

HRT with/without GnRH-a suppression

## True natural (t-NC) cycle

t-NC with/without luteal phase support

## Modified natural (modified-NC) cycle

Modified-NC with/without luteal phase support

## Mild ovarian stimulation (Mild-OS)

- Clomiphene Citrate (CC)
- Aromatase Inhibitor(Letrozole)
- Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)



### Preparation of the Endometrium for Frozen Embryo Transfer: A Systematic Review

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# HRT-FET , AC-FET protocol

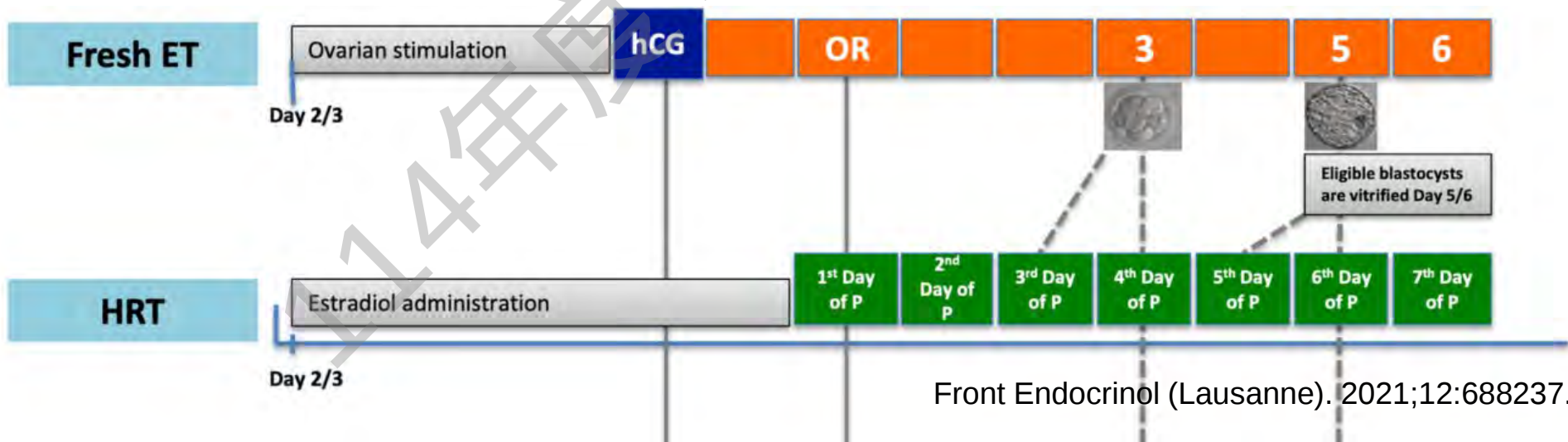
**Estrogen** Start on D1-3 (7 – 36 days)

- Fixed regimen (6mg daily)
- Step-up regimen ( D1-7 2mg/d, D7-12 4mg, D13~ 6mg)

D12 -14 → TVS : **EM >7mm** and **leading follicle (N)**

**Progesterone**

- Day3 embryos FET on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> day of P administration
- Day5/6 blastocysts FET on the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> day of P administration



# Nature cycle protocol

超音波：since D10

EM >7mm , follicle collapse D0(FC+5)

**LH surge** daily check (LH surge +6/+7/+8/+9) <黃琹琦醫師>

Dominant follicle >14mm, LH >17IU/ml,  
followed by E2 drop >30% in the next day (Irani et al., 2017)

LH  $\geq 10$  IU/l (Groenewoud et al., 2012) LH  $\geq 15$  IU/l (Ursillo et al., 2021)

LH >20 IU/l (Chantal et al., 2019)

LH  $\geq 180\%$  of the mean of the preceding values (Testart et al., 1981)

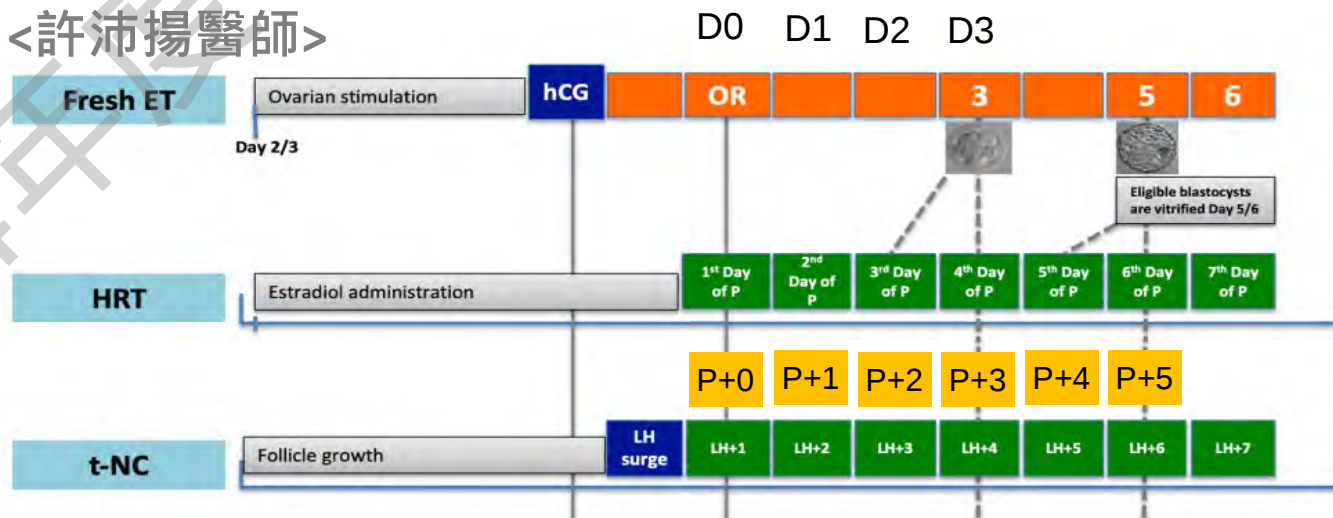
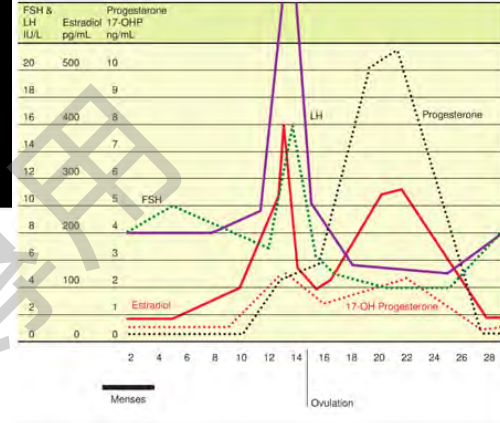
**P上升 ( P+5 )** <許沛揚醫師>

D0:  $1 < P \leq 3$  ng/mL

D1:  $3 < P \leq 6$

D2:  $6 < P \leq 8$

D3:  $8 < P \leq 10$



# 改善自然週期靈活性策略

## Modified natural (modified-NC) cycle

- HCG → Flexibly HCG
- NPP (natural proliferative-phase protocol)  
= Progesterone-modified natural cycle (P4mNC)

## Mild ovarian stimulation (Mild-OS)

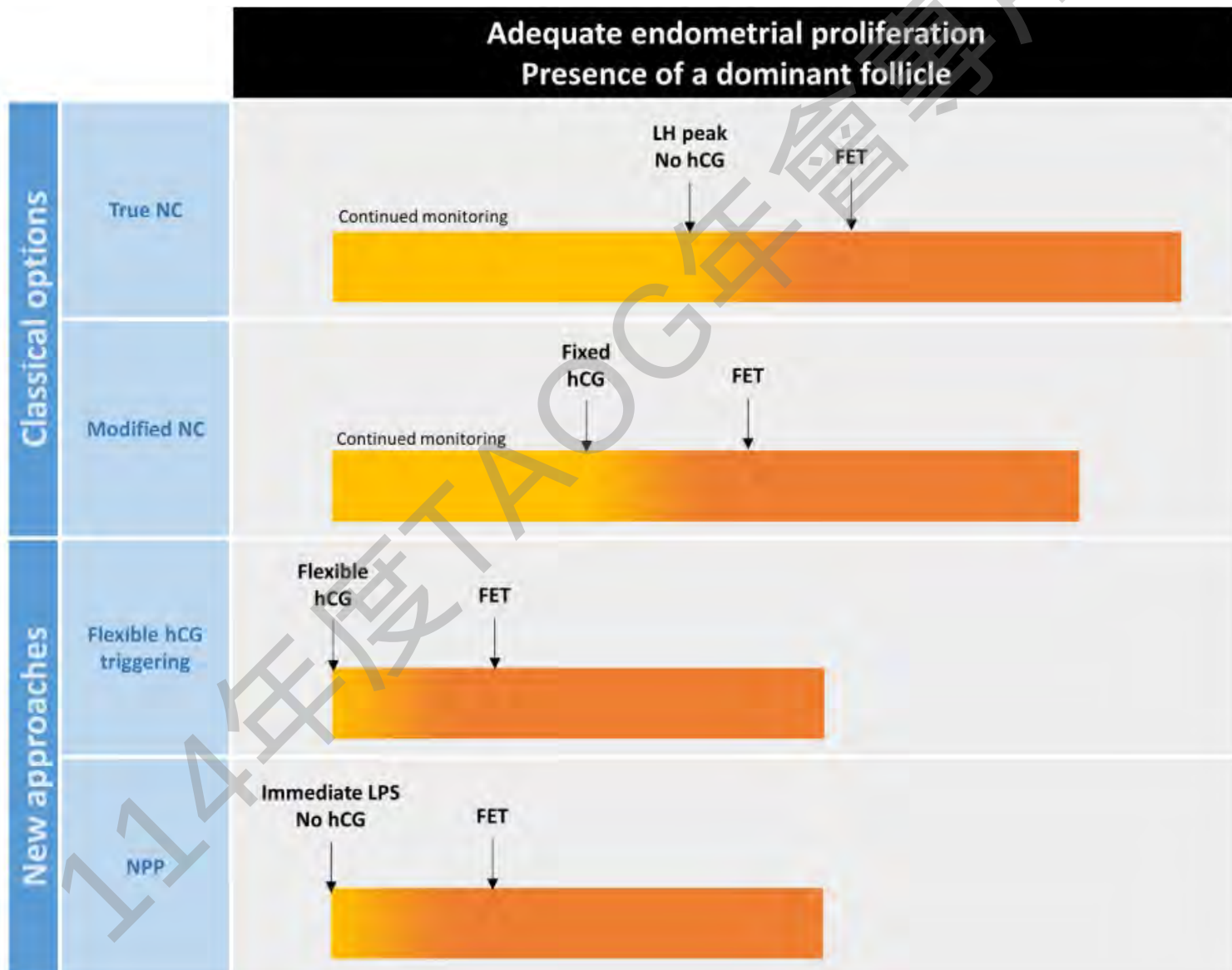
- Clomiphene Citrate (CC)
- Aromatase Inhibitor (Letrozole)
- Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)

解決無排卵問題 → SC (Mild-OS)

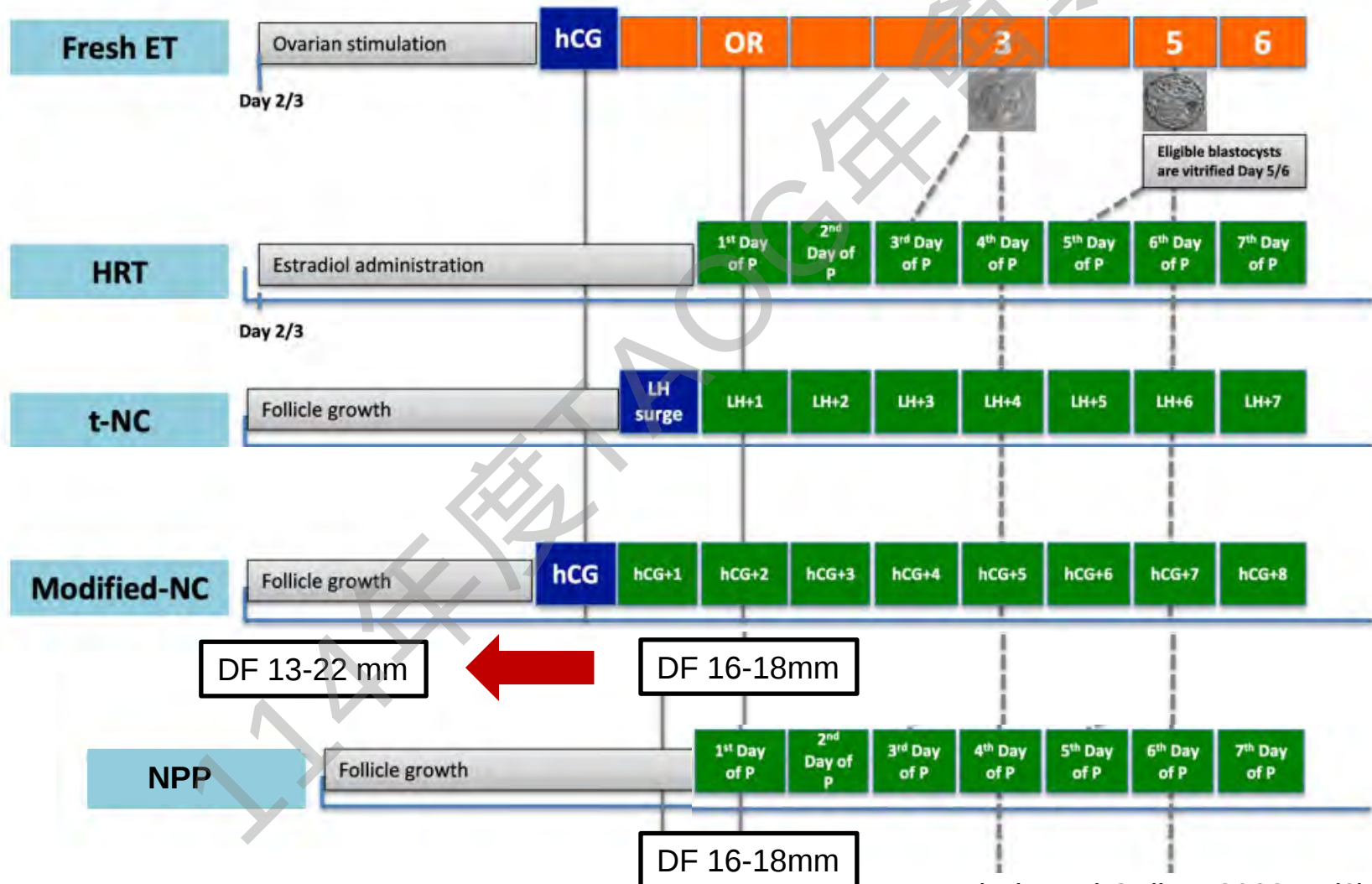
減少週期監測 → hCG, NPP

降低週期取消率, 提高NC-FET 靈活性 → hCG, NPP

# Nature cycle- 傳統 及 創新



# Nature cycle- 傳統 及 創新



# hCG - Modified natural cycle protocol

## HCG trigger

過去

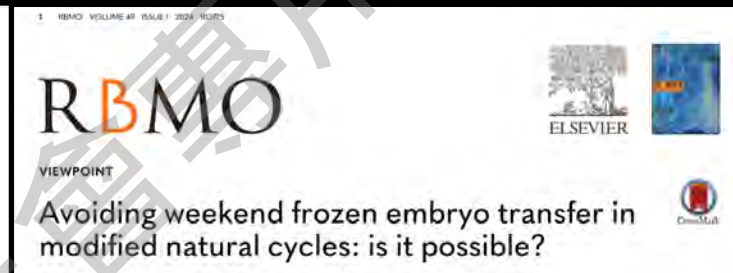
**Follicle 17(16-20) mm ,EM  $\geq 7$ mm  $\rightarrow$  +HCG**

新法 **Flexibly HCG**

**Follicle 13 -22 mm (1-1.5mm/d) ,EM  $\geq 7$ mm, P4<1.5 ng/ml  $\rightarrow$  +HCG**

Flexible range of 5-7 days for FET

優勢: 可以有彈性.用藥少.有黃體保護



# CPR, OPR, 流產率 **NC = mNC**

Human Reproduction, Vol.35, No.5, pp. 1073-1081, 2020  
Advance Access Publication on May 12, 2020 doi:10.1093/humrep/deaa026

human reproduction ORIGINAL ARTICLE Infertility

**To trigger or not to trigger ovulation in a natural cycle for frozen embryo transfer: a randomized controlled trial**

比利時 n=260, 26-35 y/o, No LPS

**130 tNC group:** TVS+ FSH/LH/E2/P D9-11, LH surge "180% above last value", confirmed the next day "drop in E2+ P rise >1.5ng/ml" → LH+5 ET(D4 embryo)

**130 mNC group:** (37 spontaneous LH surge)  
DF ≥ 17mm + EM ≥ 6mm → uhCG 5000IU (pregnyl®) hCG+6 ET(D4 embryo)

**Table III Outcome parameters of the NC-FET versus the modified NC-FET group according to the intention-to-treat analysis.**

|                                | NC-FET (group A)<br>N = 125 | Modified NC-FET<br>(group B) N = 123 | P-value     | Relative Risk<br>(95% CI)   | Risk difference<br>(95% CI)   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Biochemical pregnancy rate     | 46 (36.8%)                  | 40 (32.5%)                           | 0.48        | 0.88<br>(0.63;1.24)         | -0.04<br>(-0.16;0.07)         |
| Biochemical pregnancy losses   | 4 (3.2%)                    | 4 (3.2%)                             | 0.98        | 1.01<br>(0.26;3.97)         | 0.00<br>(-0.04;0.04)          |
| <b>Clinical pregnancy rate</b> | <b>42 (33.6%)</b>           | <b>36 (29.3%)</b>                    | <b>0.46</b> | <b>0.87<br/>(0.60;1.26)</b> | <b>-0.04<br/>(-0.16;0.07)</b> |
| Extra-uterine pregnancies      | 2 (1.6%)                    | 0 (0.0%)                             | 0.16        | 0<br>-                      | -0.02<br>(-0.04;0.01)         |
| Early miscarriages             | 6 (4.8%)                    | 6 (4.9%)                             | 0.98        | 1.01<br>(0.34;3.06)         | 0.00<br>(-0.05;0.05)          |
| Ongoing pregnancy rate         | 34 (27.2%)                  | 30 (24.4%)                           | 0.61        | 0.90<br>(0.59;1.37)         | -0.03<br>(-0.14;0.08)         |

CPR, OPR 兩者無差異,

Biochemical pregnancy rate, pregnancy loss, miscarriage 沒有差異

NC-FET組回診頻率較高 NC-FET group (4.05±1.39) mNC-FET group (3.03±1.16, P = <0.001)

Hum Reprod. 2020;35(5):1073-81.

# Flexible hCG-mNC 是否可行?

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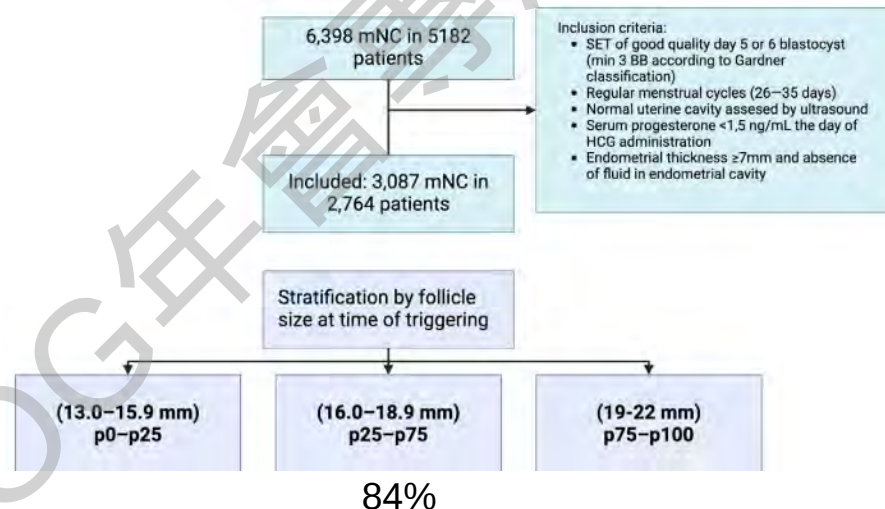
## Modified natural cycle allows a window of 7 days for frozen embryo transfer planning



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**Spain**, 2020–2022. multicentre, retrospective observational study  
3087 single FET in mNC, +/- PGT-A  
good-quality D5/6 blastocyst (> 3BB)  
TVS D1–3 confirm ovarian quiescence  
**DF:13–15.9mm,16–18.9mm,19–22mm**

+ rHCG: serum P4 <1.5 ng/ml, EM  $\geq 7$  mm  
LPS: mP4 200 mg bid (2 days after rHCG)  
FET: rHCG+7

**TABLE 3** AOR FOR ONGOING PREGNANCY RATE AFTER ADJUSTING FOR POSSIBLE CONFOUNDERS

| Follicle grouping comparisons                 | aOR | 95% CI  | P-value |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| 13–15.9 mm (n = 124) vs 16–18.9 mm (n = 2014) | 2.4 | 0.7–7.6 | 0.15    |
| 19–22 mm (n = 949) vs 16–18.9 mm (n = 2014)   | 0.8 | 0.5–1.1 | 0.1     |

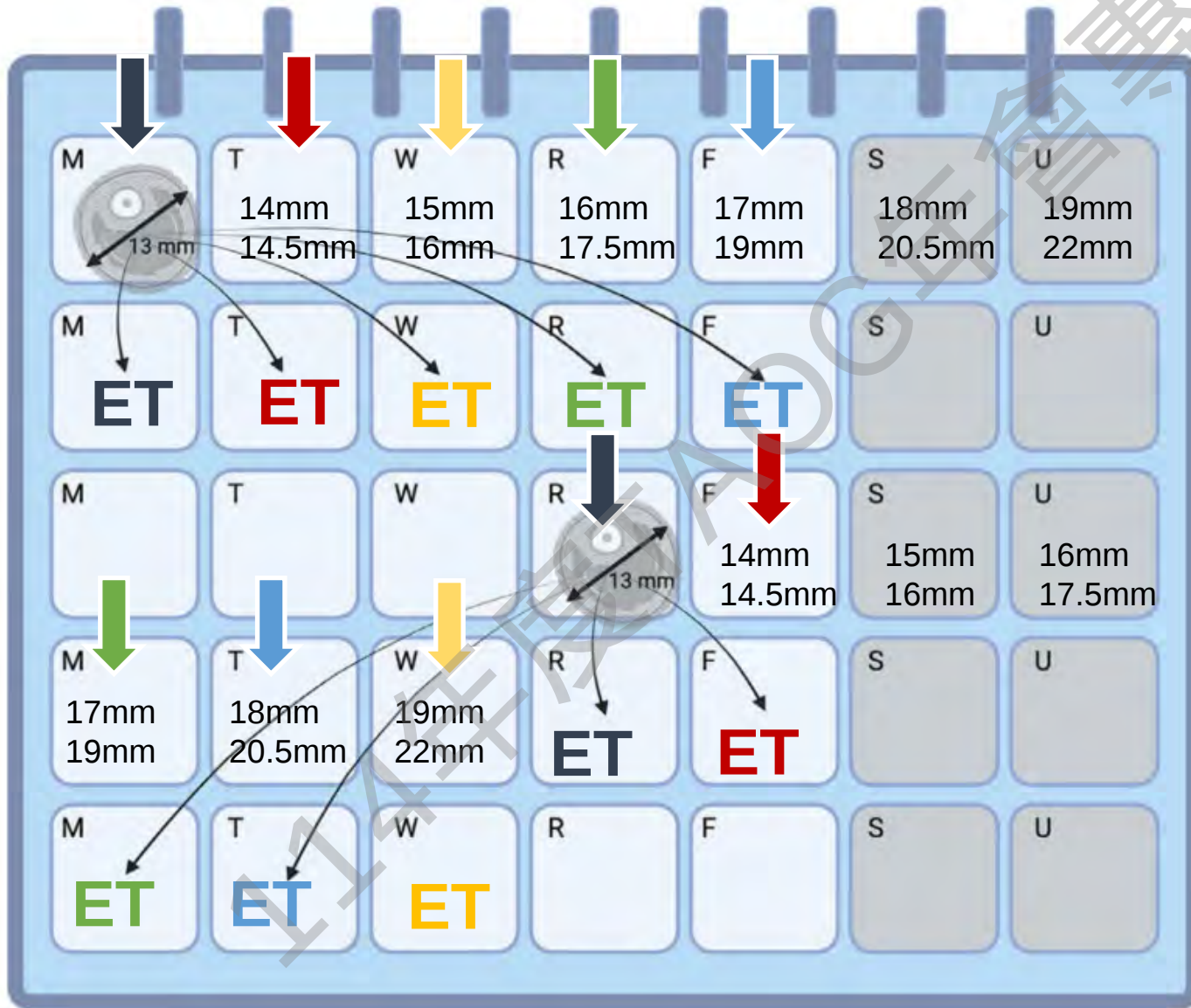
Confounders controlled for were the use of preimplantation genetic testing for aneuploidies and egg donation.

aOR, adjusted odds ratio.

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**在DF不同大小時打hCG → OPR沒有差異**

# hCG-mNC 可以較有彈性



# Progesterone-modified natural cycle (P4mNC), Natural proliferative phase (NPP) protocol

## Natural proliferative phase (NPP)

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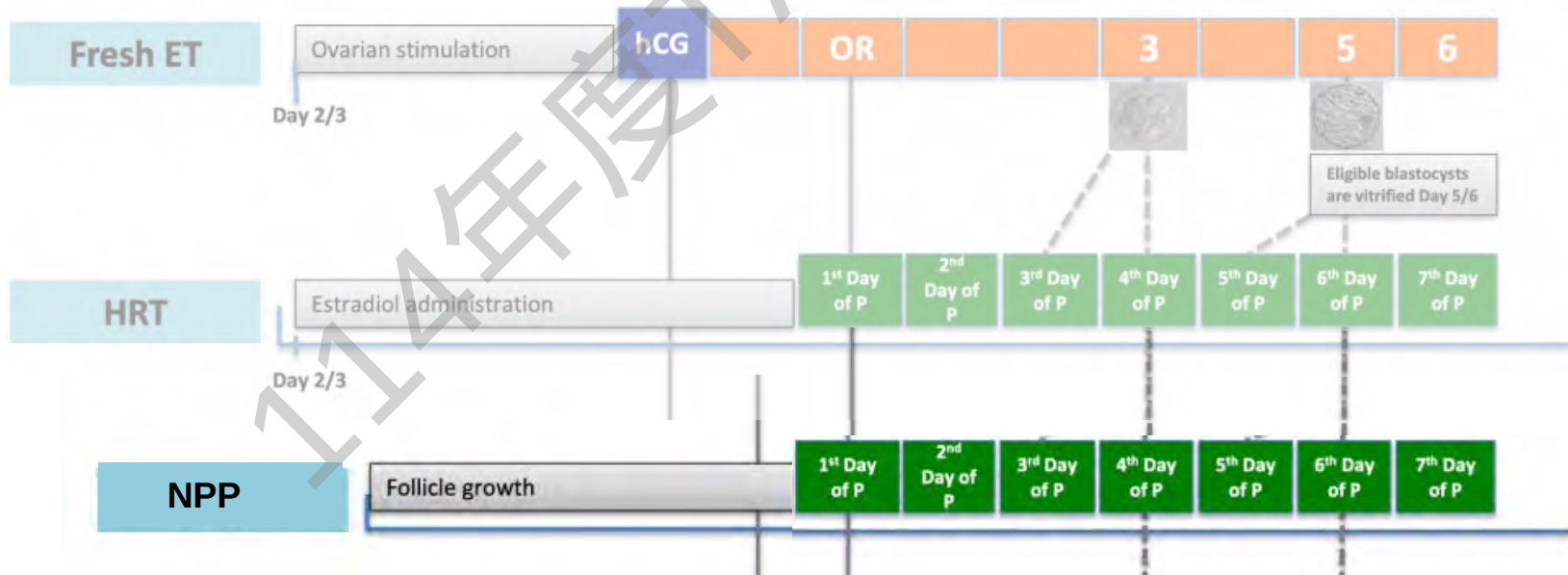
D10-12(Interval 28days) + P

D8-10 (interval <28 days) +P (low ovarian reserve)

EM>7mm, Follicle 16-18 (14) mm, LH surge (N)

→ Start Exogeneous progesterone

優勢: 方便追蹤. 用藥減少. 有黃體保護



# P4mNC使用黃體素P4卻不會抑制排卵？

黃體素加入時機: DF 16-18mm, EM >7mm

**Late follicular phase**

內生性LH surge快要發生

此時給予P4不會阻止排卵

Corpus luteum還是會產生

黃體素可能會抑制排卵，因黃體素會抑制腦下垂體分泌LH，  
黃體素需要 6 天以上的持續使用才能完全抑制 LH surge  
P4mNC在接近濾泡成熟時使用，不會干擾LH surge 及排卵



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# 懷孕結果 **NPP(P4mNC) = AC**

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## Progesterone-modified natural cycle preparation for frozen embryo transfer



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## Russia, 2017-2019

### retrospective cohort study,

723 FET (PGT-A)- single euploid blastocyst

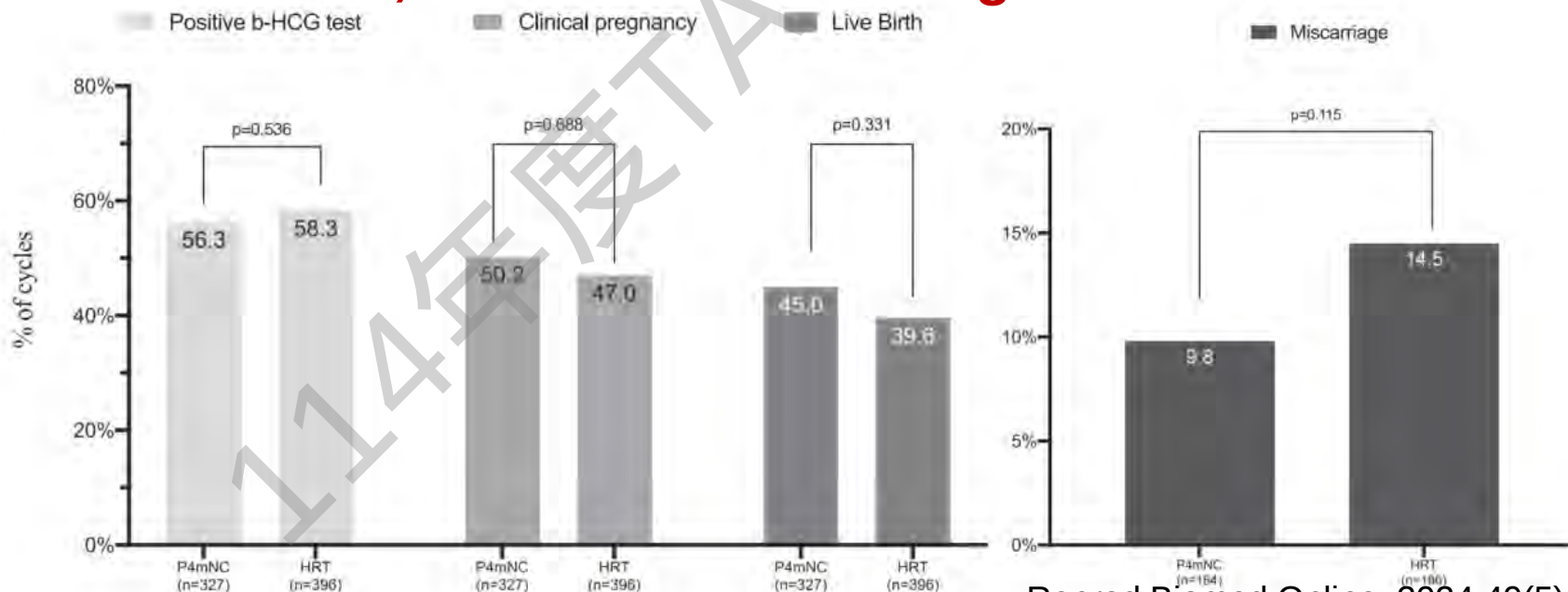
327 **P4mNC-FET**: EM>7mm, DF>16mm +mP4 200mg P4 bid~ stop on 9<sup>th</sup> days B-hCG test

396 **HRT-FET**: E(oral or transdermal)

EM>7mm +mP4 600mg mP4 qd

micronized vaginal progesterone (Utrogestan)

**P4mNC 的CPR,LBR較高，miscarriage rate較低 但無統計意義**



# AC:NC( $\pm$ hCG):NPP(P4mNC)



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## Reproductive endocrinology

### Natural proliferative phase frozen embryo transfer—a new approach which may facilitate scheduling without hindering pregnancy outcomes

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Portugal, 2010–2022

### single center retrospective cohort study

5791 FET cycles

**2226 AC:** E2 6mg-EM $\geq$ 7mm, P4 $\leq$ 1.5ng/mL-

+P4 400mg BID~11wks

**3216 NC(tNC/mNC):** EM $\geq$ 7mm, DF  $\geq$  16mm,

P4 $\leq$ 1.5ng/mL,

LH  $\leq$ 18UI/mL(+hCG 44%); LH>18UI/mL (-hCG)

+P4 400mg BID~8wks

**349 NPP:** EM $\geq$ 7mm, DF  $\geq$  14mm, P4 $\leq$ 1.5ng/mL-

+P4 200mg BID~11wks

Rescue im P4 100mg QOD, if P4<8.5ng/mL on FET day

**AC:26%,NC:1.3%, NPP:2.9% P<0.01**

**AC/NPP~11wks , NC~8wks**

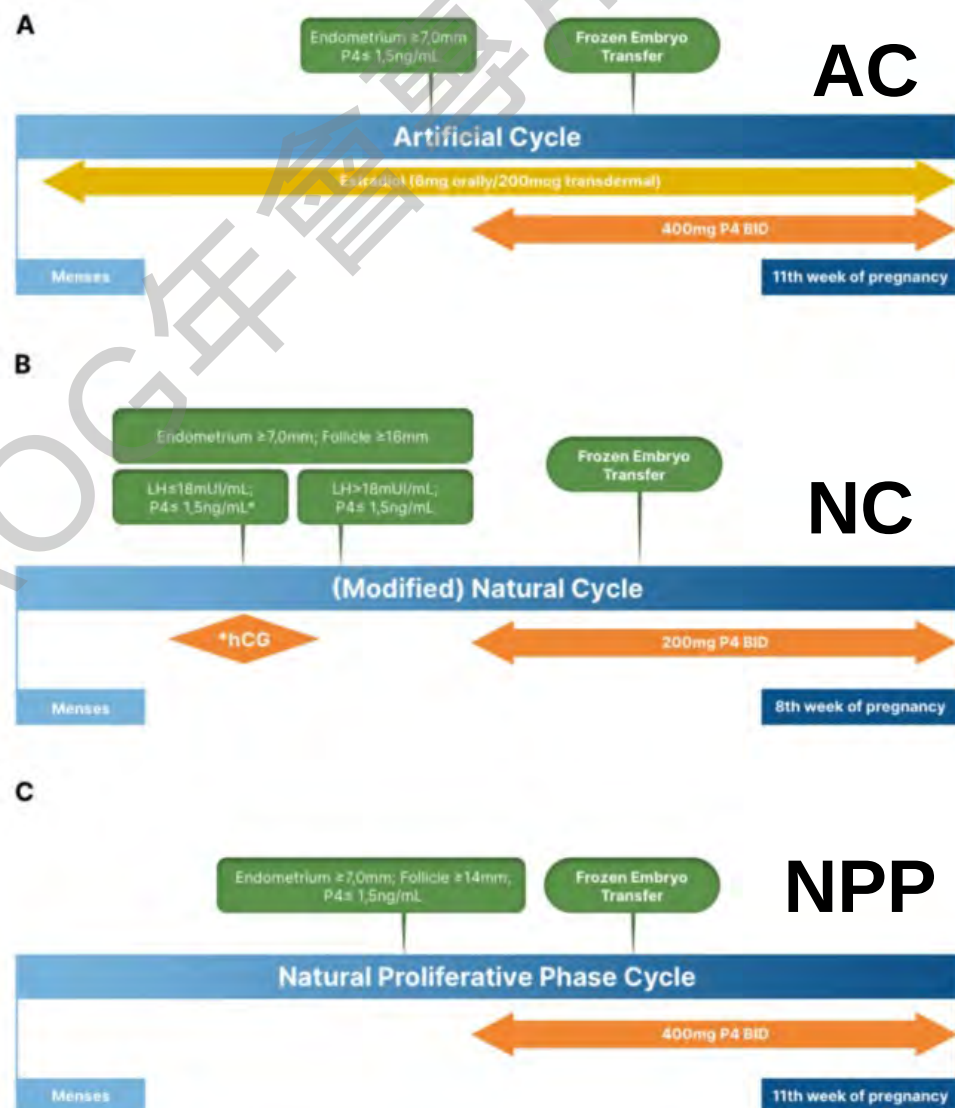


Figure 1. Summary of the different endometrial preparations for frozen embryo transfer included in the study. (A) Artificial cycle, (B) natural cycle, and (C) natural proliferative phase cycle. P4, progesterone; BID, twice per day.

# CPR, LBR **AC < NPP = NC** GDM **AC = NPP = NC** 38 HDP, miscarriage, 1<sup>st</sup> 孕期出血 **AC > NPP = NC**

**Table 2.** Comparison of pregnancy outcomes after frozen embryo transfer considering each subgroup with confounder adjustment.

|                                                   | AC (n = 2226)                               | NPP (n = 349)                       | NC (n = 3216)                  | P-value                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| hCG-positive pregnancy                            | 1343 (60.4%) <b>0.96</b><br>(0.93–0.99)     | 219 (62.8%) 1.01<br>(0.96–1.07)     | 1978 (61.6%) Reference         | 0.56                         |
| <b>Clinical pregnancy</b> <b>AC &lt; NPP = NC</b> | 1122 (50.5%) <b>0.94</b><br>(0.91–0.96)     | 199 (57.0%) 1.01<br>(0.95–1.07)     | 1748 (54.4%) Reference         | <b>&lt;0.01<sup>†</sup></b>  |
| <b>Miscarriage</b> <b>AC &gt; NPP = NC</b>        | 466/1335 (34.9%) <b>1.11</b><br>(1.07–1.15) | 43/218 (19.7%) 0.98<br>(0.92–1.04)  | 491/1962<br>(25.0%) Reference  | <b>&lt;0.01<sup>*†</sup></b> |
| <b>Live birth</b> <b>AC &lt; NPP = NC</b>         | 848/2206 (38.4%) <b>0.91</b><br>(0.88–0.94) | 168/342 (49.1%) 1.02<br>(0.96–1.09) | 1437/3182<br>(45.2%) Reference | <b>&lt;0.01<sup>*†</sup></b> |

Pairwise  $P < 0.05$  for the following comparisons:

\* AC versus NPP.

† AC versus NC.

**NPP 的 CPR, LBR 較高，miscarriage rate 較低**

**Table 3.** Perinatal outcome after frozen embryo transfer from different subgroups. **AC 第一孕期出血比例較高，HDP 較高**

|                                                                   | AC (n = 804)    | NPP (n = 160)  | NC (n = 1348)    | P-value                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>First trimester bleeding</b> <b>AC &gt; NPP = NC</b>           | 246/655 (37.6%) | 25/144 (17.4%) | 163/1110 (14.7%) | <b>&lt;0.01<sup>*†</sup></b> |
| Second/third trimester bleeding                                   | 39/653 (3.7%)   | 8/144 (5.6%)   | 41/1110 (3.7%)   | 0.08                         |
| Preterm rupture of membranes                                      | 41/655 (6.3%)   | 7/144 (4.9%)   | 44/1101 (4.0%)   | 0.10                         |
| Gestational diabetes <b>AC = NPP = NC</b>                         | 113/653 (17.3%) | 22/144 (15.3%) | 159/1113 (14.3%) | 0.24                         |
| <b>Gestational hypertensive disorders</b> <b>AC &gt; NPP = NC</b> | 92/636 (14.5%)  | 13/138 (9.4%)  | 95/1099 (8.6%)   | <b>&lt;0.01<sup>†</sup></b>  |
| <b>Gestational age at delivery (weeks)</b>                        | 38.5 (2.8)      | 39.1 (4.7)     | 38.8 (2.6)       | <b>0.02<sup>†</sup></b>      |

Pairwise  $P < 0.05$  for the following comparisons:

\* AC versus NPP.

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Rescue im P4, if  $P4 < 8.5 \text{ ng/mL}$  **AC: 26%, NC: 1.3%, NPP: 2.9%  $P < 0.01$**

**AC 需要 Rescue P4 的比例較高**

# CPR.OPR.LBR AC<SC(Letrozole) miscarriage AC>SC(Letrozole)

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Full length article

What is the optimal means of preparing the endometrium in frozen-thawed embryo transfer cycles among anovulatory women? A retrospective cohort study

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**China**, 2020-2021,

**retrospective cohort study**

**5,322 anovulatory women**

**694 Letrozole stimulated cycles**

oral letrozole (Femara) 5 mg daily MC day 5–9

(If DF<12mm+hMG 75IU/d)

DF>17 mm, EM ≥ 7 mm, → 10,000 IU hCG

600 mg of vag mP4 (Utrogestan) 2 days later

**4628 AC-FET**

Oral estradiol valerate (Progynova) 10-12 days

→ TVS : no DF. EM ≥ 7 mm , P4 level < 1.5 ng/ml,

→vag mP4

Table 2

Clinical outcomes between artificial cycle and letrozole.

| Characteristic        | AC (n = 4628)       | Letrozole (n = 694) | P-value      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Biochemical pregnancy | 2927/4628 (63.25 %) | 456/694 (65.71 %)   | 0.209        |
| Clinical pregnancy    | 2721/4628 (58.79 %) | 427/694 (61.53 %)   | 0.172        |
| Ongoing pregnancy     | 2113/4628 (45.66 %) | 348/694 (50.14 %)   | <b>0.027</b> |
| Miscarriage           | 516/2721 (18.96 %)  | 53/427 (12.41 %)    | <b>0.001</b> |
| Ectopic pregnancy     | 32/4628 (0.69 %)    | 6 (0.86 %)          | 0.614        |
| Live birth            | 2093/4628 (45.22 %) | 344/694 (49.57 %)   | <b>0.032</b> |
| Singletons            | 1947/4628 (42.07 %) | 316/694 (45.53 %)   | 0.085        |
| Twins                 | 146/4628 (3.15 %)   | 28/694 (4.04 %)     | 0.224        |

AC, artificial cycle.

Table 3

Crude and adjusted odds ratios of clinical outcomes comparing artificial cycle versus letrozole frozen-thawed embryo transfer protocol.

| Characteristic        | Crude OR (95 %CI) | Adjusted OR (95 %CI)     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Biochemical pregnancy | 1.11 (0.94, 1.32) | <b>1.20 (1.01, 1.43)</b> |
| Clinical pregnancy    | 1.12 (0.95, 1.32) | <b>1.20 (1.02, 1.43)</b> |
| Ongoing pregnancy     | 1.20 (1.02, 1.40) | <b>1.28 (1.08, 1.51)</b> |
| Miscarriage           | 0.61 (0.45, 0.82) | <b>0.59 (0.43, 0.80)</b> |
| Ectopic pregnancy     | 1.25 (0.52, 3.01) | 1.06 (0.41, 2.72)        |
| Live birth            | 1.19 (1.01, 1.40) | <b>1.27 (1.08, 1.50)</b> |

Analyses were adjusted for female age at embryo transfer, AFC, BMI, and number of oocytes retrieved. CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio.



|                                   | NC-FET 自然週期                                           | AC-FET 人工週期                                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Miscarriage<br>PTB<br>CPR,OPR,LBR | 著床率相同，流產率低或相同<br><b>低</b><br>高或相近                     | 高或相同<br><b>高</b><br><b>低</b> 或相近                      |
| GDM                               | 相同                                                    | 相同或低                                                  |
| 子癲前症                              | <b>低</b> (因為有黃體生成)                                    | <b>高</b>                                              |
| HDP,PPH,前置胎盤                      | <b>低</b> 或相同                                          | <b>高</b> 或相同                                          |
| LGA, macrosomia                   | <b>低</b> (BW較低.SGA相同)                                 | <b>高</b>                                              |
| 內膜準備<br>荷爾蒙使用                     | 無需外源性E2與P4<br>有黃體 可加LPS                               | 需長時間服用E2與P4<br>無黃體 + LPS(單用Vag較差)                     |
| 回診及監測                             | 密切監測 LH/E2/P4與超音波                                     | 回診及抽血次數少                                              |
| 靈活性                               | <b>難掌控時間 取消率較高 (21%)</b>                              | 取消率較低 較易掌控時間                                          |
| 適用族群                              | 排卵正常的女性<br>有子癲風險因子女性                                  | 排卵異常或無排卵者<br>卵巢衰竭或切除.較無限制                             |
| 改善方案                              | <b>Flexible hCG</b><br><b>NPP(P4mNC)</b><br><b>SC</b> | <b>懷孕後考慮加Aspirin</b><br><b>LPS補充</b><br>莊蕙瑜醫師 製表 2025 |

# 不建議會排卵的病人使用AC-FET

排卵女性應優先採用**自然週期**，個人化監測與LPS

無排卵女性應考慮**誘導排卵SC**與LPS。

POI, 無卵巢女性使用**人工週期**，應設法改善缺乏CL問題

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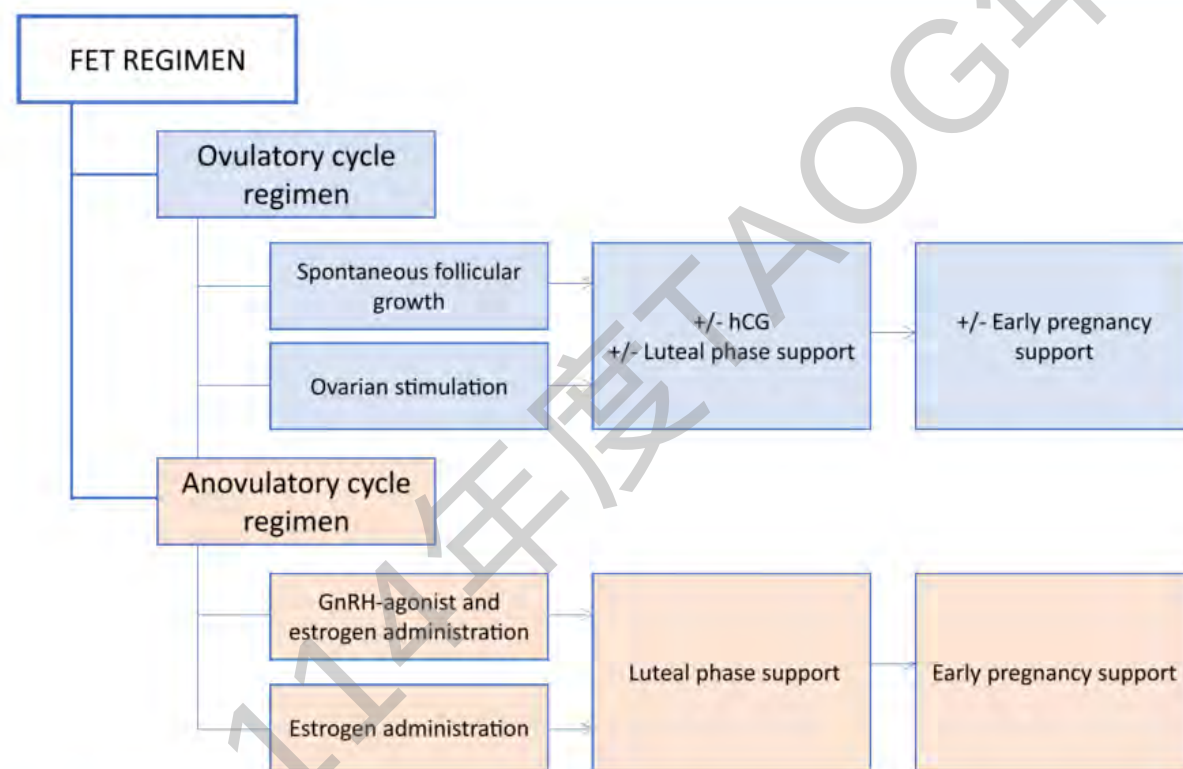
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OPINION

Should any use of artificial cycle regimen for frozen-thawed embryo transfer in women capable of ovulation be abandoned: yes, but what's next for FET cycle practice and research?

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**Figure 1.** FET regimens can, in principle, be distinguished as ovulatory versus anovulatory cycles. For both cycle types, a variety of different medication regimens and monitoring regimens have been described in the literature. FET, frozen-thawed embryo transfer.

# 建議不排卵女性採用SC取代AC

**Table 3.** Meta-analyses presenting risk estimates of obstetric outcomes in pregnancies resulting from different FET protocols

|                                           | Moreno-Sepulveda et al., 2021                             | Wu et al., 2021                                         | Busnelli et al., 2022                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Comparison vs. reference group            | HRT FET vs. NC-FET                                        | HRT FET vs. INC-FET                                     | HRT FET vs. mNC-FET                                       |
| Risk estimate                             | RR (95% CI)                                               | OR (95% CI)                                             | OR (95% CI)                                               |
| Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy (HDP) | 10 studies<br>50 219 participants<br>RR 1.64 (1.37–2.00)* |                                                         | 12 studies<br>139 182 participants<br>OR 1.90 (1.64–2.20) |
| Preeclampsia                              | 4 studies<br>22 856 participants<br>RR 2.13 (1.89–2.38)*  |                                                         | 8 studies<br>31 697 participants<br>OR 2.11 (1.87–2.39)   |
| Pregnancy induced hypertension (PIH)      | 3 studies<br>8 483 participants<br>RR 1.39 (0.98–1.96)*   | 2 studies<br>4 927 participants<br>OR 1.82 (1.37–2.38)* | 3 studies<br>7 347 participants<br>OR 1.85 (1.15–3.03)*   |
| Placenta previa                           | 7 studies<br>57 356 participants<br>RR 1.18 (0.81–1.69)*  | 2 studies<br>4 089 participants<br>OR 1.20 (0.43–3.45)* | 10 studies<br>147 997 participants<br>OR 1.27 (1.05–1.54) |
| Placenta abruption                        | 4 studies<br>46 986 participants<br>RR 1.64 (1.02–2.63)*  |                                                         |                                                           |
| Placenta accreta                          | 2 studies<br>35 755 participants<br>RR 5.56 (3.03–10.0)*  |                                                         | 2 studies<br>106 009 participants<br>OR 6.29 (2.75–14.40) |
| Postpartum haemorrhage                    | 4 studies<br>23 343 participants<br>RR 2.56 (2.22–2.86)*  | 1 study<br>2 503 participants<br>OR 2.08 (1.61–2.78)*   | 6 studies<br>24 558 participants<br>OR 2.53 (2.19–2.93)   |
| Caesarean section                         | 7 studies<br>70 020 participants<br>RR 1.19 (1.10–1.30)*  |                                                         | 12 studies<br>167 632 participants<br>OR 1.62 (1.53–1.71) |
| Gestational diabetes mellitus             | 9 studies<br>56 628 participants<br>RR 0.93 (0.68–1.25)*  | 1 study<br>4 897 participants<br>OR 1.01 (0.79–1.30)*   | 3 studies<br>7 347 participants<br>OR 1.20 (0.96–1.52)*   |

CI, confidence interval; FET, denotes frozen embryo transfer; mNC-FET, modified natural cycle-FET; NC-FET, natural cycle-FET; OR, odds ratio; RR, risk ratio; INC-FET, true natural cycle-FET.

\*Reciprocal value of the original.

The future of frozen-thawed embryo transfer in hormone replacement therapy cycles

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oligo-ovulation

Anovulation

PCOS

→ 建議使用SC

Letrozole±hMG

~25-30% 對letrozole沒反應

AC:NC

PIH RR1.39

HDP RR 1.64

Preeclampsia RR 2.13

Pl. abruption RR 1.64

Pl. accreta RR 5.56

PPH RR 2.56

# 高風險孕婦給予Aspirin可降低子癲前症發生率

Table 1. Clinical Risk Assessment for Preeclampsia<sup>a</sup>

| Risk level            | Risk factors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Recommendation                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High <sup>b</sup>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of preeclampsia, especially when accompanied by an adverse outcome</li> <li>Multifetal gestation</li> <li>Chronic hypertension</li> <li>Pregestational type 1 or 2 diabetes</li> <li>Kidney disease</li> <li>Autoimmune disease (ie, systemic lupus erythematosus, antiphospholipid syndrome)</li> <li>Combinations of multiple moderate-risk factors</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  | Recommend low-dose aspirin if the patient has $\geq 1$ of these high-risk factors                                                                                                   |
| Moderate <sup>c</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nulliparity</li> <li>Obesity (ie, body mass index <math>&gt;30</math>)</li> <li>Family history of preeclampsia (ie, mother or sister)</li> <li>Black persons (due to social, rather than biological, factors)<sup>d</sup></li> <li>Lower income<sup>d</sup></li> <li>Age 35 years or older</li> <li>Personal history factors (eg, low birth weight or small for gestational age, previous adverse pregnancy outcome, <math>&gt;10</math>-year pregnancy interval)</li> <li>In vitro conception</li> </ul> | <p>Recommend low-dose aspirin if the patient has <math>\geq 2</math> moderate-risk factors</p> <p>Consider low-dose aspirin if the patient has 1 of these moderate-risk factors</p> |
| Low                   | Prior uncomplicated term delivery and absence of risk factors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Do not recommend low-dose aspirin                                                                                                                                                   |

**Aspirin reductions severe preeclampsia RR 0.47 (0.26–0.83)**

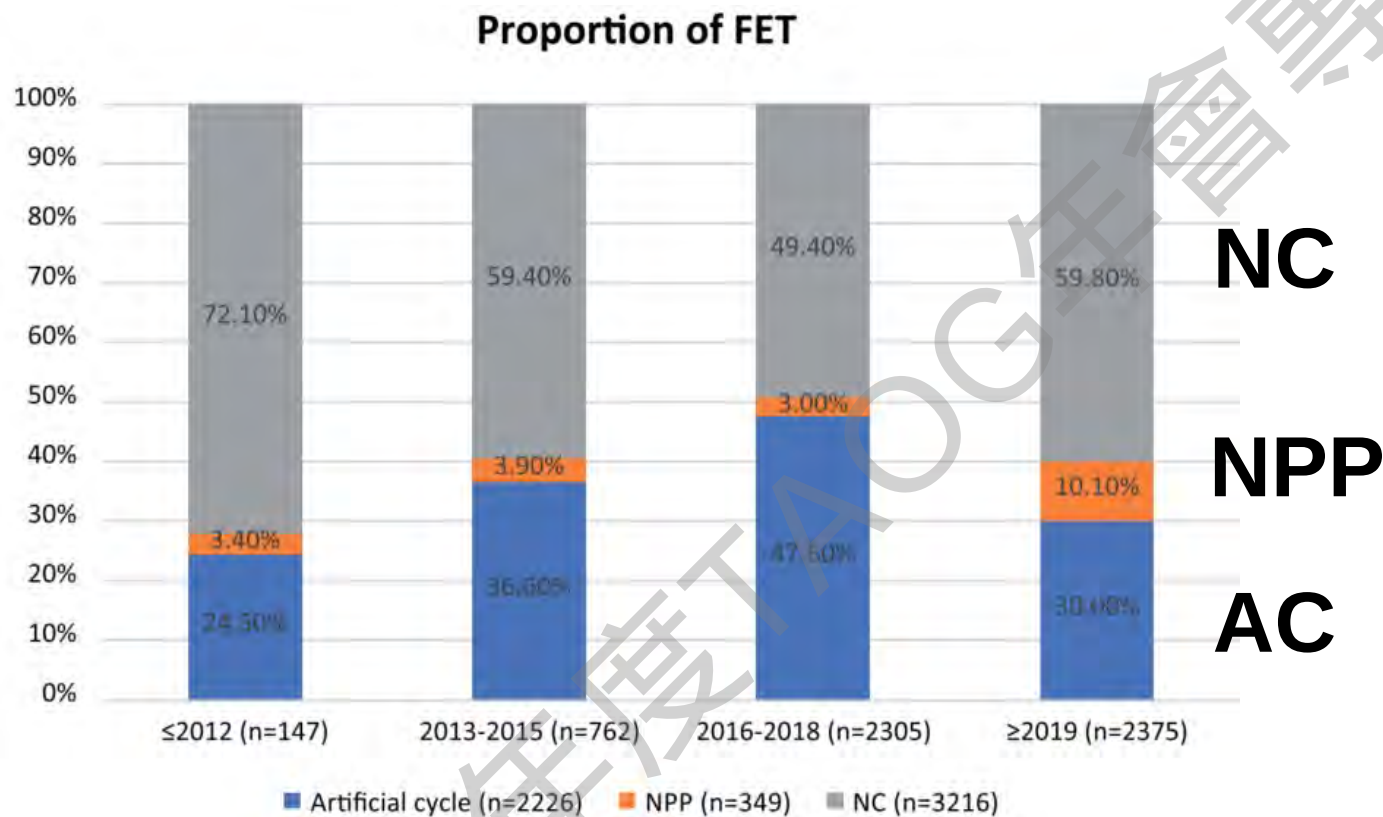
**Aspirin使用明顯降低子癲前症早產 OR 0.38 (0.2-0.74)**

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# 單一中心使用比例 (IVI Lisboa)



Portugal, 2010-2022 **即使推崇NC 還是使用許多AC**  
 single center retrospective cohort study (IVI Lisboa)

5791 FET cycles (2226 AC, 349 NPP, and 3216 NC)

# NC-FET美國臨床實踐中的應用調查

匿名問卷調查，發送至 441 家美國 ART 診所，回應率 49% ( 216 份回覆 )

**83% 179診所提供 NC-FET , 52% 93 診所有施行限制**

NC $\geq$ 25% **24%** 50% 76%

NC<25% **76 %**



Natural cycle frozen embryo transfer: a survey of current assisted reproductive technology practices in the U.S

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# NC-FET美國臨床實踐中的應用調查

美國ART診所對 NC-FET 的未來展望

**45%** 因新研究對NC-FET改觀

**41%** 對新研究持保留態度

**21%** 感受患者要求 NC-FET 增加

**65%** 診所對 NC-FET 持正面態度

**56%** 預期未來 NC-FET 使用率會增加

# NC

安全  
藥少

Flexibly

# hCG

# NPP

簡單  
方便

# AC