



# The Author Reply: Effect of Sperm DNA Fragmentation on Embryo Quality in Normal Responder Women in IVF and ICSI

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter containing valuable comments regarding our paper.

We fully recognize the shortcomings of our paper that were pointed out (retrospective design, small sample size). We apologize for having a small number of cases; if there were more cases, it would have been possible to analyze them except for the male factor infertility. Male factor infertility is usually diagnosed by the conventional semen analysis, but semen from men with male factor infertility may show variable sperm DNA fragmentation (SDF) level. Here, we just wanted to see if the embryo quality differs by SDF levels, regardless of the diagnosis of infertility.

Although the current SDF testing methods have several advantage and disadvantages, we still have a lot of experience with Halosperm assay, and have published many related papers.<sup>1-4</sup> The problem of Halosperm assay itself is that we cannot help it, but we are building data by standardizing Halosperm assay through many experiences. We believe that better information can be provided by applying various SDF testing methods to semen samples.

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