Reply: Delivery of normal babies from embryos originating from oocytes showing the presence of smooth endoplasmic reticulum aggregates

Dear Sir,

We appreciate the interest shown in our recent publication in *Human Reproduction* regarding the delivery of normal healthy babies from embryos originating from oocytes with ‘smooth endoplasmic reticulum (SER) aggregates’ dysmorphism (Mateizel et al., 2013).

We reported normal healthy babies after transfer of embryos originating from these SER-positive oocytes; therefore, the main message of our publication was to not exclude *a priori* for intracytoplasmic sperm injection and/or embryo transfer the oocytes displaying SER (as advised by Alpha Scientists in Reproductive Medicine and ESHRE Special Interest Group Embryology, 2011). Concurrently, we advised, as mentioned by Ebner et al. (2013) in his Letter to the Editor, for a cautious approach of these SER cycles, as we still feel the need for more investigation before we may conclude on the safe use of these oocytes.

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