

Transvaginal Ultrasound-guided Oocytes Collection in Superovulated Korean Native Cows

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The present study was carried out to evaluate the effect of superovulation treatments on ovarian responses, oocyte recovery rates and grades of collected oocytes using an ultrasound-guided transvaginal approach in Korean native cows.

Superovulation in cows was induced with two different regimens; 1) FSH-decreasing dose (n=8); the cows were received twice per day for three days of the total dose of 400mg of FSH-p, 2) FSH-single dose (n=9); the cows were administered a single dose of 400mg of FSH-p in 25% PVP. The observation of visible follicles and collection of oocytes were performed 12 hours following the last FSH in FSH-decreasing dose group and 48 hours after the FSH-single dose injection. All visible follicles larger than 6 mm were punctured and aspirated with a 6.5 MHz convex-array ultrasound transducer designed for intravaginal use.

The mean number of visible follicles (>6 mm) was significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher in the FSH-decreasing dose treatment (22.8 ± 1.9) and FSH-single dose treatment (20.6 ± 2.0) groups than the non-treatment group (7.0 ± 0.8). The mean recovery rate of oocytes was not significantly ($P < 0.05$) different between the treatment and control groups, but the mean number of collected oocytes was significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher in the FSH-decreasing dose treatment (12.6 ± 1.5) and FSH-single dose treatment (11.8 ± 3.6) groups than the non-treatment group (3.7 ± 0.5).

In conclusion, the FSH-single dose treatment at superovulation in cows for ultrasound-guided aspiration might increase the number of aspiratable follicles and the recovery rate of follicular oocytes as the FSH-decreasing dose treatment.