

Pre In vitro fertilisation (IVF) pipelle biopsy following a previous unsuccessful IVF cycle

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Management of implantation failure (i.e. attaching of the embryo to the lining of the womb) despite transfer of good quality embryos remains challenging in IVF clinics. Recent studies suggests that the outcome of the in vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment can be improved if a gentle scratching is done to the lining of the womb before the treatment cycle.

We propose a gentle scratching to the lining of the womb in the cycle before the IVF cycle by a simple outpatient procedure to see if it improves the pregnancy rates.

Who can participate?

Women between 23-37 years of age undergoing an IVF cycle with a history of one or more previous unsuccessful IVF cycles despite having good quality embryos transferred.

What does the study involve?

Local scratching of the endometrium (lining of the womb) of 64 patients in the cycle before the IVF treatment cycle, who were selected by computer generated randomised numbers from a total of 128 patients. The gentle scratching (biopsy) is to be performed on Day 21 of the cycle preceding IVF, after informed consent. The other 64 patients with no intervention will serve as controls. The biopsy is done using a pipelle sampler which is a flexible transparent polypropylene sheath. The procedure requires no local anesthesia or cervical dilatation.

What is the possible benefits and risks of participating?

There are no added disadvantages and risks over and above the routine IVF treatment. The pipelle biopsy sampler is an extremely safe outpatient procedure, however, some women experience light period pain during the sampling and maybe some discharge after the procedure. We cannot promise the study will help you but the information we get from this study will help improve the treatment of people with IVF failure despite the transfer of good quality embryos.

Where is the study run from?

Homerton Fertility Centre, Homerton University Hospital, London, UK

When is the study starting?

May 2012. The study is expected to run for six months.

Who is funding the study?
Homerton Fertility Centre.

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Scientific

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Study information

Scientific Title
A randomised controlled study of pre IVF pipelle biopsy of the endometrium in women with previous unsuccessful IVF treatment

Study objectives
Does the gentle scratching to the lining of the womb in the cycle preceding IVF result in a higher clinical pregnancy rate (a fetal heart beat seen on ultrasound examination) in the subsequent IVF treatment cycle?

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
NRES Committee London - Harrow, 16/03/2012

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
Single centre randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Subfertility

Interventions

Intervention group: Local scratching of the endometrium (lining of the womb) of 64 patients in the cycle before the IVF treatment cycle. The biopsy is to be performed on Day 21 of the cycle preceding IVF, after informed consent. It is done by a pipelle sampler which is a flexible transparent polypropylene sheath. The procedure requires no local anesthesia or cervical dilatation.

Control group - No intervention

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Clinical pregnancy rate

Key secondary outcome(s)

Implantation rate (number of embryos transferred divided by number of pregnancies)

Completion date

25/10/2012

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Between 23- 37 years of age
2. At least one previous unsuccessful IVF cycle
3. At least one good quality embryo transferred in the previous unsuccessful cycle

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Female

Key exclusion criteria

1. Age less than 23 and more than 37 years
2. Previous poor quality embryos

Date of first enrolment

25/04/2012

Date of final enrolment

25/10/2012

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre**Fertility Unit**

London

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Homerton University Hospital

ROR

<https://ror.org/00x444s43>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name

Homerton University Hospital NHS Trust (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration