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A dietary supplement of Myo-inositol and folic acid improves ovulatory function and egg quality

Objective: Myo-inositol and folic acid are the key ingredients in Pregnitide[®], which is an odorless, tasteless colorless powder that dissolves in liquid. Preliminary European research, on Pregnitide[®], demonstrates improve cycle regulation/duration and improved overall quality of ovary follicles. A prospective Internet-based study was conducted with an online application that monitors infertile and records self-track menstrual cycle.

Materials and Methods: 152 women who have the polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) and were considered infertile, were recruited for the 6-month HIPPA compliant trial. Informed consent was obtained. 100 untreated controls were also followed. Demographic, self-reported variables and adverse events were monitored.

Results: 152 women were recruited with an average age of 28 (range 20-38). The average Body Mass Index was 30 (range: 22-33). Most of the participants were Caucasian (76%) and 20% had taken a previous fertility supplement. The average days of logged information were 49; with 7556 events logged in total. Approximately 60% of patients on the supplement conceived during the 6-month trial, compared to 45% of controls. 30% of the pregnitide[®] pregnancies occurred within the first 3 months. Responders analysis revealed that younger women (average age 28) with an average BMI of 27. There was a bi-modal distribution of pregnancies an initial peak at 1 month and then another spike at 5 months of consistent use. More women on pregnitide reported cycle consistent regularity than those in the control group. 6% requested unenrollment for mild adverse events.

Conclusions: Pregnitide[®] may offer a simple non-medical intervention that helps regulate ovulatory cycles and improve egg quality. There is a bimodal distribution with respect to pregnancies occurrence which may signify that there are two PCOS sub-type women trying to conceive- mild cases (achieve within 1 month), and a later group which may have more moderate or refractory issues that have impacted egg quality.

Biography

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