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Moderate heat treatment increases the penetrability of zonae pellucidae of salt-stored mammalian oocytes by spermatozoa

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The Publisher apologises for an error that appeared in Table 1 in the above paper. The correct version appears below.

Table 1 Penetration of spermatozoa through the zona pellucida of salt-stored bovine oocytes

Storage solution	Storage period (months)	Heat treatment ^a	Oocytes		No. (mean \pm SD) of spermatozoa in the perivitelline space
			Total no.	Penetrated (%)	
2 M ammonium sulphate + 20 mM Hepes + 0.5% dextran	4	–	10	0	0
		+	8	88	5.5 \pm 5.3
2 M ammonium sulphate + 12 mM NaHCO ₃ + 0.5% dextran	3	–	18	0	0
		+	35	97	9.2 \pm 8.6
	6	–	20	0	0
		+	22	95	5.8 \pm 4.6
None (control)	0		43	72 ^b	

^a 75 °C, 10–12 min.

^b Inseminated living ova at 2-cell stage were recorded as penetrated.