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# Title: Two Live Birth After Stem Cell Ovarian Auto-Transplantation In PR Women.

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**Introduction:** Advanced maternal age is the main cause of infertility nowadays; in fact both oocyte quantity and quality are seriously impaired in aged patients. These women are known as poor responders (PR) to controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) and oocyte donation is their only realistic option. Previous studies suggest regenerative effects of bone marrow transplant in ovarian niche of damaged ovaries and raise the possibility that dormant follicles or somatic cells may benefit from the influence of BM-derived cells or soluble factors. **Objective:** To assess bone marrow derived stem cell ovarian autologous transplantation (SCOT) competence to optimize ovarian reserve in PR.

**Methods:** A prospective pilot study with 12 PR women (Age:38yr[37-39] with 4yr[3-5] infertility) was developed at Hospital La Fe(NCT02240342). Patients were considered as their own control as cellswere injected in just one ovary. BM-derived stem cells were mobilized to peripheral blood with G-CSF and isolated by aphaeresis. A volume of aphaeresis containing  $50x10^6$  non-selected CD133+ cells was delivered into one utero-ovarian artery by cathetherism. Serum AMH and AFC were monitored up to 5 months and compared to basal levels. COS was induced when AFC rose following standard procedures.

**Results:** Ovarian reserve markers improved in 67% of the PR patients and 42% increased both AFC ( $\geq$ 3 foll) and AMH ( $\geq$ 2SD). Higher AFCs were seen 15-21 days after SCOT as compared to the basal AFCs(p=0.04). Two of the recruited patients *were withdrawn from the study after SCOT*. A total of 30 COS were initiated in 10 patients, starting 80 [32,141] days after SCOT (20% cancellation). Oocyte pick-up was successfully performed in 76.6% initiated COS and 3.4% were empty-follicles. A total of 49MII and 28 embryos were obtained. Eighteen embryos underwent CGH analysis, 2 of them were euploid and therefore transferred in single ET. A total of 3 pregnancies were achieved (2 after ET and one spontaneous) during the follow-up period and 2 healthy babies have been born (1 miscarriage).

## **Conclusions:**

SCOT improved ovarian function and oocyte quantity allowing pregnancy in PR women whose only clinical option was oocyte donation.

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