Supplementary Material

A combination of bovine serum albumin with insulin–transferrin–sodium selenite and/or epidermal growth factor as alternatives to fetal bovine serum in culture medium improves bovine embryo quality and trophoblast invasion by induction of matrix metalloproteinases

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**Fig. S1.** Schematic diagram showing invasion assay. The Matrigel invasion chamber inserts containing polyethylene terephthalate membrane with 8 μm-diameter pores coated with Matrigel (20 μg/filter) and placed in each well of a 24-well tissue culture plate. Three blastocysts were located on culture insert and suspended in same media used for embryo production. Under the Matrigel IVC1 medium was added to each culture well and changed to IVC2 after 72 h then refreshed on a daily basis. The invasion assay was performed under a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO2 in air at 37°C for 10 days.