

Supplementary Material

Expanded equine cumulus–oocyte complexes exhibit higher meiotic competence and lower glucose consumption than compact cumulus–oocyte complexes

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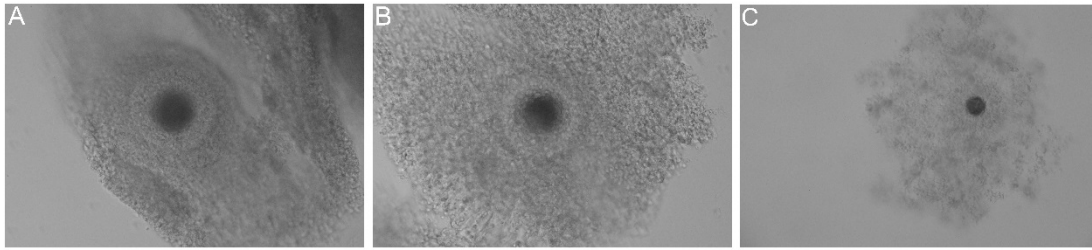


Fig. S1. Classification of equine COCs obtained by follicular scraping. Equine follicles were scraped and the cells present in the Petri dish as well as the COCs were carefully evaluated. If any signs of expansion were found in the dish or cumulus, the oocytes were classified as expanded. (A) compact COC; (B) and (C) expanded COCs. The micrographs shown were obtained at 20 \times .