Decreased expression of mitochondrial genes in

human unfertilized oocytes and arrested embryos.

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Abstract

The present study is the first report to present globally decreased mitochondrial gene expression levels in human compromised oocytes and embryos. These data support the notion that the down-regulation of mitochondrial RNA by defective oxidative phosphorylation genes possibly affects oocyte quality including ertilization and further embryo development.