

Photostimulation in the Process of the Cryopreservation of Sperm Cells

Editorial

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It is an important issue that genetic resources are kept and transferred to the next years. The process of cryopreservation of semen which has a wide usage area such as reproduction biotechnology, species protection and clinical applications is of great importance in this sense. It will be ensured that the semen is frozen in a way to ensure adequate fertilization, artificial insemination applications will be more practical and economical and more accurate and reliable pedigree records will be kept. In addition, the use of animals with high genetic capacity in large populations will become possible.

Developments in the light of recent research have been directed towards increasing fertility capabilities, after thawing sperm cells particularly by photostimulation effect in different spectrum areas [7].

Because of the unique properties, single-wave length, stable radiation and high power, lasers are found in many areas of our lives. Thanks to its narrow focusing advantages, laser sources are increasingly recognized in various industries [4, 5, 8].

Recently, it has been shown that the *in vitro* conditions of boar sperm cells increase in resistance and capacitation under intense irradiation of red LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights and fertility ability is increased *in vivo* as well [7]. Consistent results have also been obtained in species such as humans, dogs, bulls, rams and rabbits using devices and systems such as low energy lasers and visible light lamps at wave lengths ranging from 400nm to 800nm [1]. It can be said that these results have two main reflections. The first is the idea of increasing the reproductive activity of domestic animals with simple structured light emitting devices, in which sense the introduction of such devices has started at least in the field of pig breeding (MaxiPig®; Iul S.L.; Barcelona, Spain). The second is to optimize the mechanism of stimulation of sperm cells by specific light rays. This is important as it can provide invaluable information on the function of sperm cells and at the same time optimum strategies can be developed to improve the *in vivo* reproductive performance of domestic animals. Further more,

in the light of the studies, photostimulation applications related to the evaluated wave lengths do not change or decrease the levels of free oxygen radicals [2, 3, 6]. This poses a positive situation against the harmful effects of free oxygen radicals formed during the cryopreservation process.

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