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Highlights

- We investigated whether fertility and hormones influenced assertiveness in women
- High estradiol and low progesterone were positively associated with high assertiveness
- High assertiveness was positively associated with high sexual motivation
- We propose that high assertiveness when fertile may promote mate selectivity
- High assertiveness when fertile may safeguard against indiscriminate mate choice

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