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Key message

Intrafollicular paraoxonase (PON) activities are higher in large follicles compared with small ones in women undergoing ovarian stimulation, indicating that PONs activities may increase during follicle maturation. The activity of PON3 was higher in follicles from fertile women than from patients, thus suggesting the involvement of the enzyme in fertility.

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