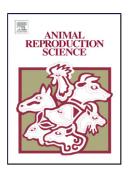
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## ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study was to evaluate the effects of Percoll volume on recovery rate, sperm quality, and embryo development kinetics in *in vitro* production of cattle embryos. Straws of conventional and sex-sorted semen were allocated to three different volumes of Percoll: 300  $\mu$ L of each Percoll gradient (90%, 60%, and 30%), Control; 100  $\mu$ L of each Percoll gradient, P100; and 200  $\mu$ L of each Percoll gradient, P200. Sperm quality, fertilization rate, and embryo morpho-kinetic development using time lapse cinematography up to 48 h post-insemination were evaluated. For conventionally processed semen, sperm motility, vigor,

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