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Abstract

The coculture with somatic cells is an alternative to improve suboptimal *in vitro* culture (IVC) conditions and promote embryo development. Several cell types have been used for this purpose, but there is no information about using luteal cells in short-term coculture with embryos. Consequently, this study aimed to assess the effect of a short-term coculture of early bovine embryos-luteal cells on the *in vitro* development and embryo quality. Presumptive embryos were cultured from day 0 to day 2 in medium alone (control) or cocultured with bovine luteal cells (BLC-1). Then, embryos from both groups were cultured in medium alone from day 2 to day