Ovarian follicular wave emergence after treatment with progestogen and estradiol in cattle

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RESUMEN

An experiment was designed to evaluate the effects of treatment with progestogen and estradiol-17 β (E-17 β), in combination, at different stages of development of the dominant follicle, on follicular development and subsequent wave emergence. Cross-bred beef cows (n = 12) and heifers (n = 25) were randomly allocated to one of four treatment groups on Day 0 (ovulation). Treatment groups were untreated control animals and those that were given progestogen ear implants on Day 2, 5 or 8 and injected intramuscularly with 5 mg E-17 β in sesame oil on Day 3, 6 or 9, respectively. Ovarian ultrasonography was performed daily from