

Spermatoanalysis

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Reproduction

- the basic property of living organisms
- the ability to form the basis of a system, which is the same as the founding system
- allows to preserve the species and time continuity of life, to develop, increase the number of individuals, ensure the survival of the genetic lineages
- sexual and asexual, or their alternation (metagenesis)
- the level of reproduction is an indicator of the well-being of an organism in a given environment
- an indicator of the balance of conditions in the external and internal environment of the organism

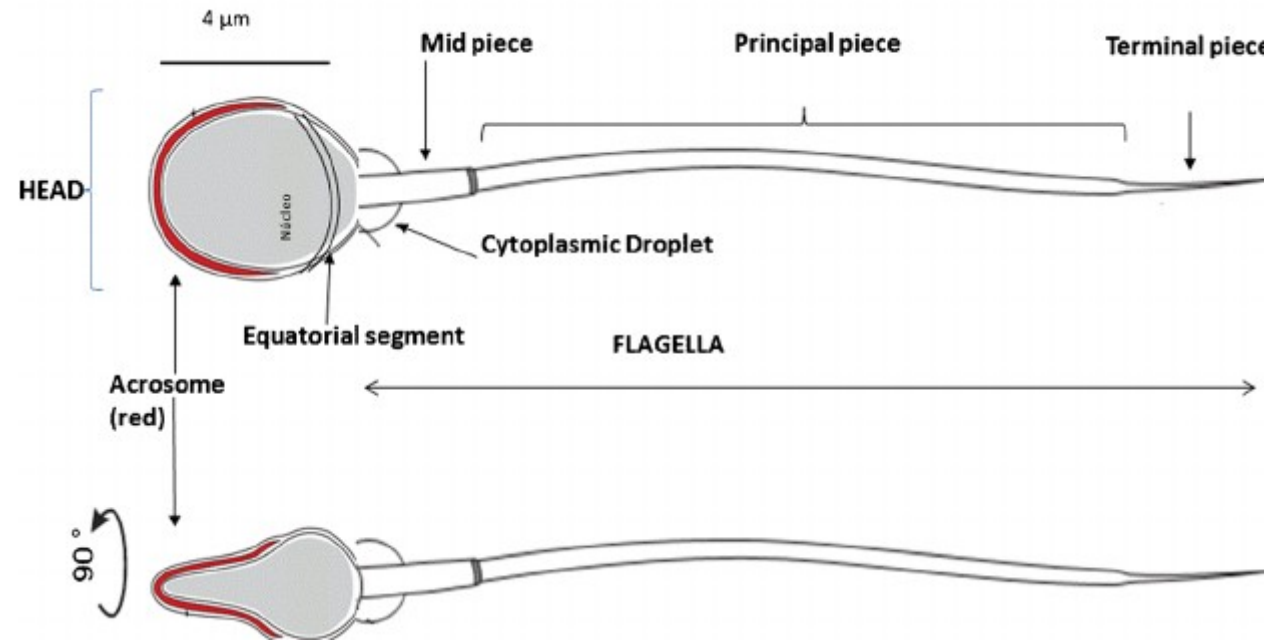
Male fertility

Fertility:

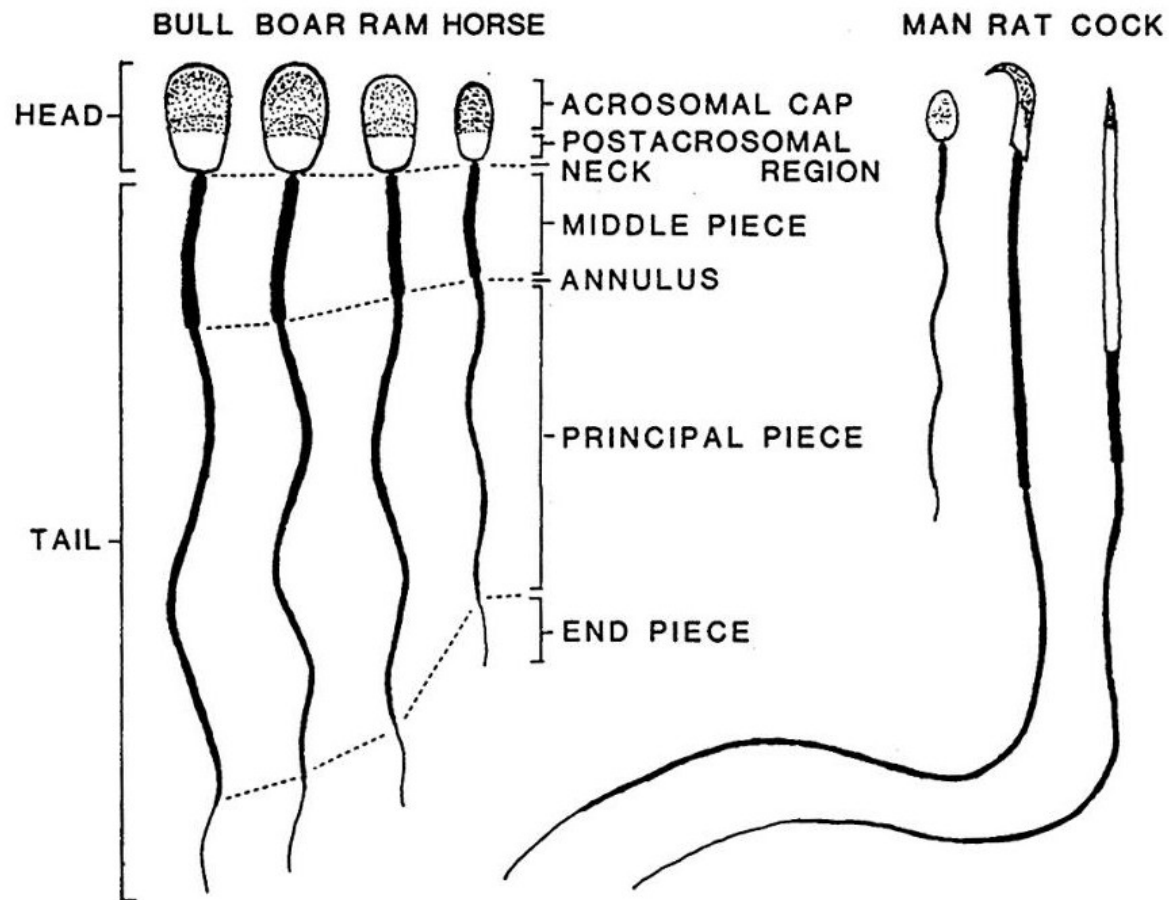
- basic biological property
- a prerequisite for the time existence of the species
- complex feature based on the ability to have healthy offsprings in the optimal number (in a given time period)
- determined by a number of genes (polygenic inheritance)
- heritability, (h^2) of fertility indicators is low, fertility of animals is decided mainly by environmental conditions (eg. breeding conditions)
- SPG (spermiogram) = basic examination of a semen sample, evaluation of male fertility:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9_XkaXCXqc

Spermatozoa

- head, neck, tail
- the head: flattened, the nucleus with condensed chromatin; cca 2/3 of the nucleus covered by the acrosome (enzymes important for fertilization).
- the neck: short (cca 1 μm)
- the tail = middle piece + principal piece + end piece;
- the middle piece: axonema (arrangement of microtubules), a sheath of mitochondria.
- the principal piece: axonema



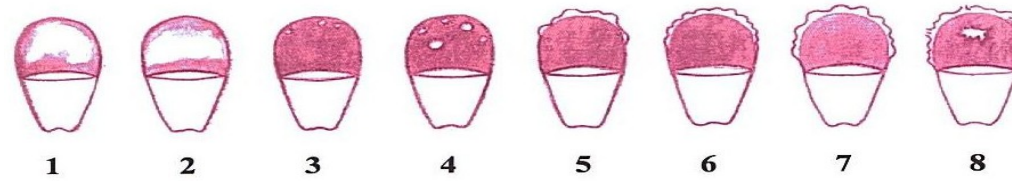
Spermatozoa in different animal species



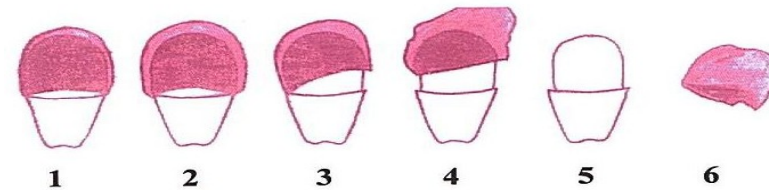
Animal Science, www.ansci.wisc.edu.edu

| | <i>Sus</i> (μm) | <i>Homo</i> (μm) |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Head | | |
| length | 8,7 | 4,0-5,0 |
| width | 4,6 | 2,5-3,5 |
| Flagellum | | |
| middle piece | 10 | 5,0-6,5 |
| main piece | 30 | 38,5-40 |
| Total length | 48,2 | 47,5-51,5 |

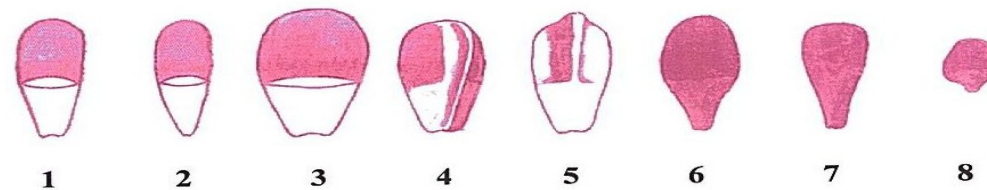
Morfology abnormalities



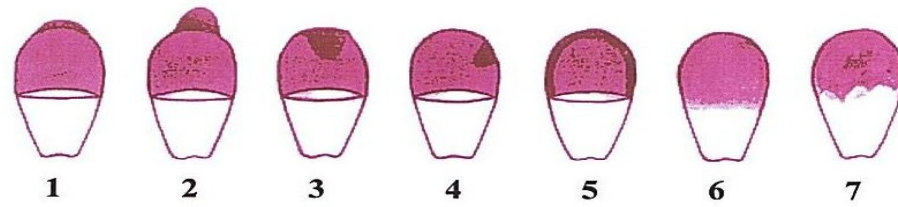
- A**
- 1 – 2 změny homogenity akrozomové hmoty
 - 3 – 4 vakuoly v akrozomové hmotě
 - 5 – 6 bulózní edém lehkého stupně
 - 7 – 8 bulózní edém těžkého stupně



- B**
- 1 – 2 zbobtnání akrozomu
 - 3 – 4 uvolnění akrozomu
 - 5 hlavička bez akrozomu
 - 6 volný akrozom



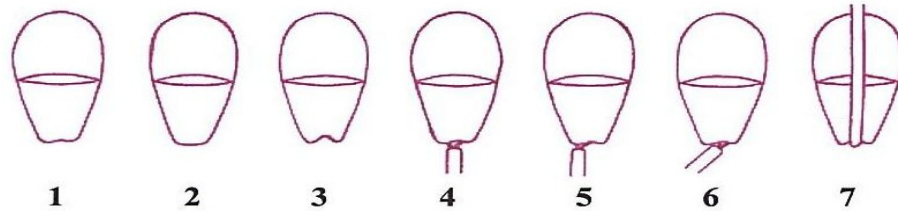
- C**
- 1 – 2 zúžená hlavička
 - 3 velká – gigantická hlavička
 - 4 – 5 hřebenovitá hlavička – krista
 - 6 – 7 teratoidní formy
 - 8 abortivní forma



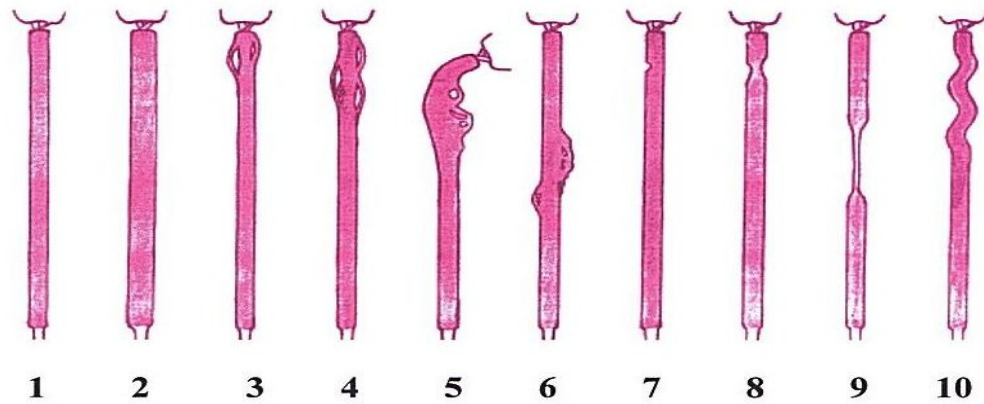
- 1 – 4 **perzistující akroblast**
 5 **homogenní kondenzace akrozomální hmoty**
 6 – 7 **ztráta struktury ekvatoriálního segmentu**



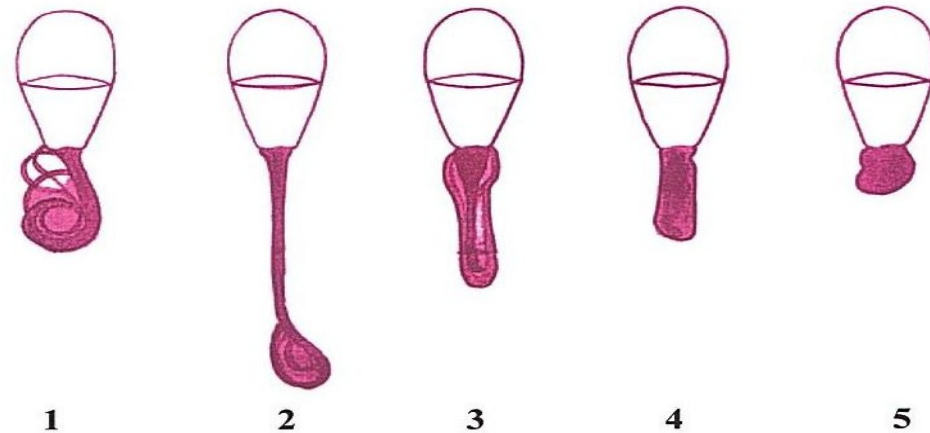
- 1 **nehomogenní struktura kalíšku jádra**
 2 **kondenzovaná hmota kalíšku jádra**
 3 **uvolnění kalíšku jádra**
 4 – 5 **zúžená hlavička v oblasti pars posterior**
 (hruškovité hlavičky)
 6 – 7 **diadémový defekt**



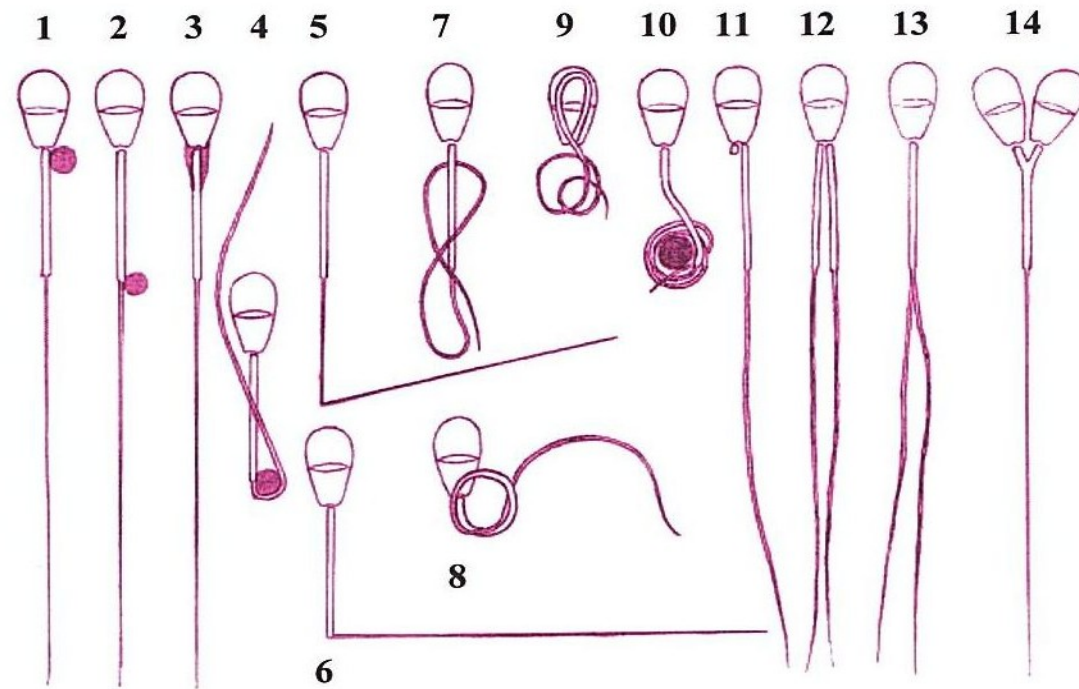
- 1 **normální báze hlavičky spermie**
 2 **příliš rovná báze**
 3 **příliš vyklenutá báze**
 4 **normální uložení bičíku**
 5 **abaxiální uložení**
 6 **paraaxiální uložení**
 7 **retroaxiální uložení**



- 1 normální spojovací část
- 2 zesílená spojovací část
- 3-4 rozvolnění mitochondriální spirály
- 5-6 pseudokapénka
- 7-9 absence mitochondriální spirály
- 10 vývrtkovitý tvar spojovací části

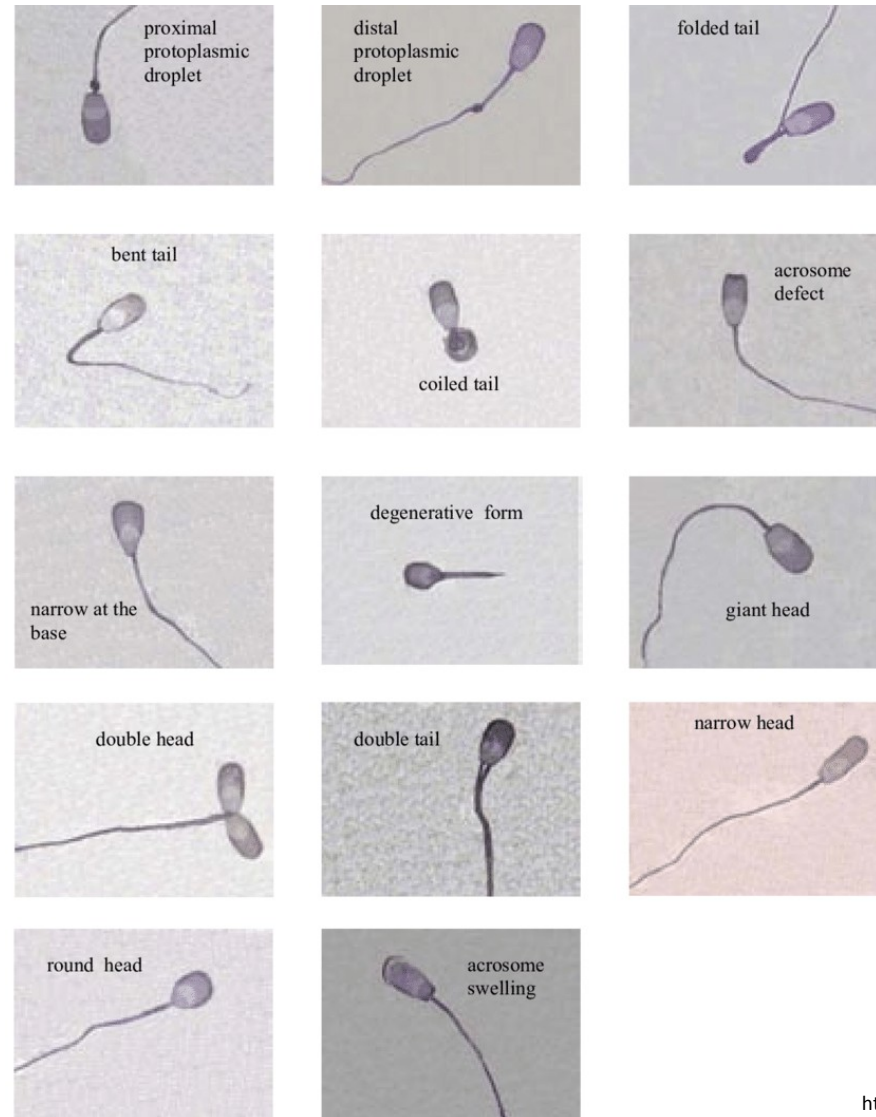


- 1 stočený bičík ve vaku povrchové membrány
- 2-4 hypogenese bičíku spermie
- 5 agenese bičíku spermie



- I**
- 1 proximální protoplazmatická kapénka
 - 2 distální protoplazmatická kapénka
 - 3 retardovaný protoplazmatický relikv na krčku spermie
 - 4 jednoduché ohnutí bičíku
 - 5 – 6 zlomení bičíku
 - 7 – 10 různé stupně svinutí bičíku
 - 11 zdvojení bičíku s jednostrannou agenesí
 - 12 totální zdvojení bičíku
 - 13 zdvojení hlavní části bičíku
 - 14 zdvojení iniciální partie spojovací části bičíku při zdvojení hlaviček

Boar (domestic pig) – morphology abnormalities



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Morphologically-abnormal-spermatozoa-monitored_fig1_242709808

Basic values of native semen in men

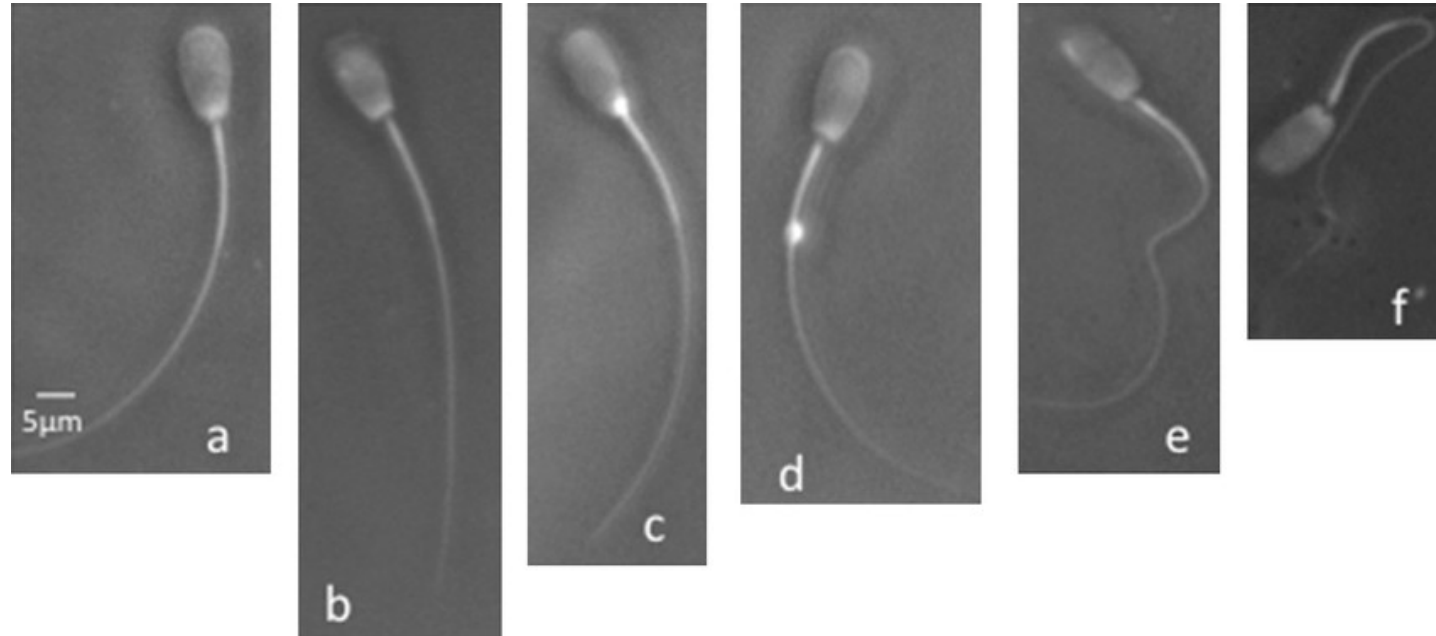
WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen 2010:

Note: reference values in 2009 for men: 20 mil./ml, motility 50 % (25 % progressive motility), morphology 30 %; **reference values in 1960:** 80 mil./ml

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| total sperm count (mil./ejaculate) | 39 mil. |
| liquefaction | do 60 minut |
| pH of liquefied sample | 7,2-7,8 |
| sperm concentration | 15 mil./ml |
| vitality (eosin staining) | 58 % |
| total motility | 40 % (progressive + non progressive) |
| progressive motility (linear) | 32 % |
| normal morphology (head, neck and tail morphology) | 4 % |
| presence of white blood cells, prokaryotic cells | |

Basic values of native semen in boars

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| pH | 7,2 |
| sample volume | > 100 ml |
| sperm concentration | > 150 mil./ml |
| total motility | > 70 % |
| abnormal sperm morphology inc. cytoplasmic droplets | < 25 % |



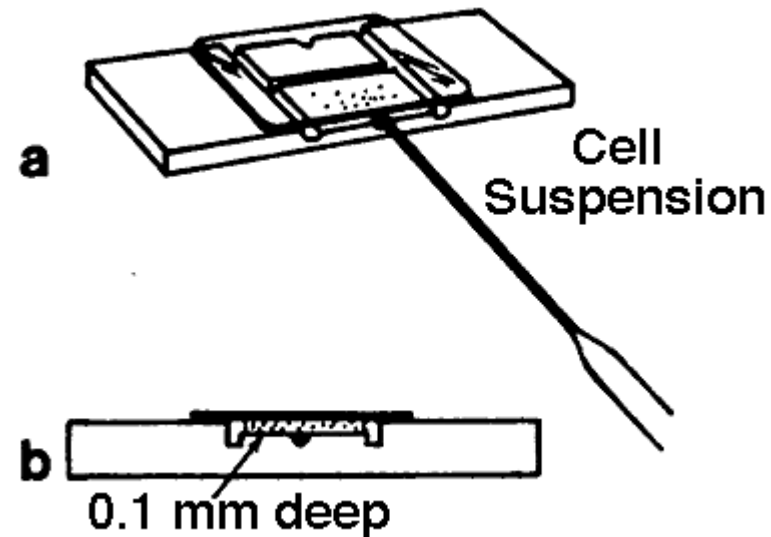
a) normal morphology; b) abnormal acrosome; c) proximal droplet; d) distal droplet; e+f) bent flagellum

Basic findings and abnormalities:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| normozoospermia | see reference values |
| oligozoospermia | low sperm count |
| asthenozoospermia | reduced sperm motility |
| teratozoospermia | pathological shapes |
| cryptozoospermia | less than 1 mil./ml |
| azoospermia | semen contains no sperm cells |
| nekrozoospermia | dead sperm cells |
| OAT syndrome | oligo-astheno-teratospermia |

Sample evaluation using Bürker chamber (BCh):

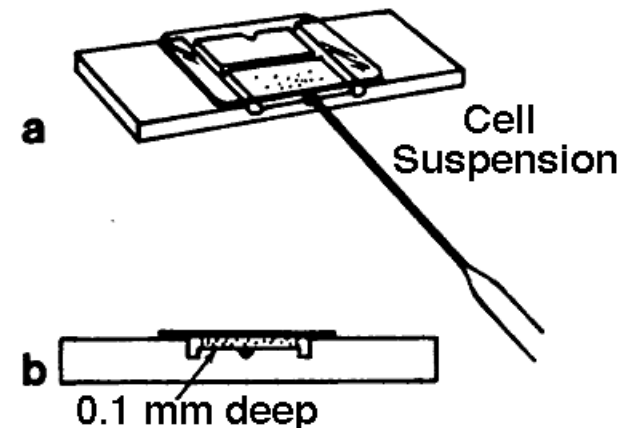
- Bürker chamber = a counting-chamber device originally designed and usually used for counting blood cells.



<https://cz.vwr.com/store/product/2991822/komurky-pocitaci-burker>, http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/jjp1/equine/lab_supplement/hemocytometer/Hemocytometer%20use.html

Sample evaluation using Bürker chamber

- a) evaluate the sample under a microscope as you received it. Is a dilution of the sample necessary (compare your sample with this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9_XkaXCXqc)? Find a suitable dilution if necessary.
- b) sample dilution: mix 50 μl of the sample with μl of buffered physiological saline solution in a test tube. Mix the sample well and apply under the cover glass of the Bch. Wait 3 minutes. Then evaluate the sample under the light microscope using the magnification from 200 x to 400 x. **Evaluate the sample in 10 squares of Bch, unless otherwise indicated.** Count the cells inside the square and on 2 sides (see graphic materials). Calculate the concentration of the sample →



http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/jjp1/equine/lab_supplement/hemocytometer/Hemocytometer%20use.html

Sample evaluation using Bürker chamber

b) concentration assessment (c): count motile and immotile cells separately (= motile cells in 10 squares + immotile cells in 10 squares) , then calculate \underline{c} :

$$c = (\text{total number of counted cells} \times \text{dilution}) / (\text{number of squares} \times \text{square area} \times \text{chamber depth})$$

c) motility assessment:

i) total motility in %:

$$\text{total motility in \%} = \underline{c} \text{ of motile sperm cells} / \text{total } \underline{c}$$

ii) % of cell with progressive motility: evaluate min. 100 cells (optimally 200 cells), calculate % of cells with progressive movement (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9_XkaXCXqc, Progressive motility = sperm swimming in a mostly straight line or in large circles = generally healthy, functioning sperm).

d) morphology evaluation: evaluate min. 100 cells (optimally 200 cells), calculate % of cells with normal morphology, calculate abnormalities of head, neck and tail separately

e) record the presence of bacteria, white blood cells and other abnormalities

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