Discard excess (unused) media following warming.

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**Intended use**
SpermSlow™ is for slowing down the movement of the sperm to allow for the selection of the most mature, viable spermatozoa for intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI).

This product is for ART treatment, whether the cause of infertility is male or female. The product should only be used by professionals trained in ART treatment.

**Composition**
- Human serum albumin (HSA)
- Hyaluronate
- Glucose and derived metabolites
- Physiological salts
- Amino acids
- Vitamins
- Nucleotides
- Recombinant Human Insulin
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Gentamicin sulphate 10µg/ml

**Quality control testing**
- Sterility tested (Ph.Eur., USP)
- Endotoxin tested ≤ 0.1 EU/ml (Ph.Eur., USP)
- Sperm survival tested ≥ 80%
- Performance tested
- Viscosity tested

**Notes:** The results of each batch are stated on a Certificate of Analysis, which is available on www.origio.com

**Storage instructions and stability**
The products are aseptically processed and supplied sterile.
Store in original container at 2-8°C, protected from light.

**Precautions and warnings**
Do not use the product if:
1. Product packaging appears damaged or if the seal is broken.
2. Expiry date has been exceeded.

Caution: All blood products should be treated as potentially infectious. Source material from which this product was derived was found negative when tested for antibodies to HIV, HCV, and non-reactive for HBsAg, HCV RNA and HIV-1 RNA. No known test methods can offer assurance that products derived from human blood will not transmit infectious agents.

The potential risk of reproductive or developmental toxicity due to the use of ART media has not been determined and is still unknown.

**Notes:**
Dispose of the device in accordance with local regulations for disposal of medical devices.

SpermSlow™ allows for an active selection of mature spermatozoa when performing ICSI. SpermSlow™ is not a general immobilising agent (such as PVP); therefore it has quite different characteristics.

The active ingredient in SpermSlow™ is hyaluronate (HA), which is naturally occurring in the human body. HA forms a ‘grid’ that mature spermatozoa will bind to. Therefore, only mature spermatozoa are slowed by SpermSlow™, while immature spermatozoa will move freely.

In order to get the full benefit from SpermSlow™ please follow the instructions carefully.

**Instructions for use**
1. Remove SpermSlow™ and holding medium from storage at 2-8°C and leave at room temperature for 10 minutes.
2. Pre-equilibrate the holding medium and the ICSI dish at 37°C for a minimum of 30 minutes.
3. Pipette 2x10µl of SpermSlow™ onto the bottom of the ICSI dish, which should be kept at 37°C during the whole procedure (1 drop in centre, 1 drop at the rim of the dish).
4. Depending on the number of oocytes used in the ICSI procedure, pipette a corresponding number of 5-10µl droplets of holding medium.
5. Introduce a small amount e.g. 1-5µl of prepared and washed sperm close to the SpermSlow™ drop in the centre of the ICSI dish.
6. Use the pipette tip to create a junction between the sperm droplet and the SpermSlow™ drop in the centre.
7. Immediately cover the ICSI dish with pre-equilibrated Liquid Paraffin and place it in a CO₂ incubator at 37°C for 15 minutes prior to use.
8. Wash/rinse the injection pipette in pre-equilibrated Sperm Preparation Medium.
9. After 1 minute expel the Sperm Preparation Medium from the injection pipette into the dish with the Sperm Preparation Medium. The injection pipette is now coated to avoid sperm and SpermSlow™ adhering to the needle.
10. Place an oocyte in each droplet of holding medium.
11. Aspirate 5-6 mm SpermSlow™ from the SpermSlow™ drop at the rim of the ICSI dish.
12. Carefully select a mature spermatozoon from near the junction between the sperm droplet and the SpermSlow™ drop. Mature spermatozoa will be bound to the Hyaluronate in SpermSlow™. Therefore, look for the spermatozoon with the best morphology, and which has a moving tail but no forward motion (i.e. is ‘moving in place’).

Spermatozoa moving freely in the SpermSlow™ drop are immature spermatozoa and should not be selected.