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# EXPOSURE TO PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID DECREASES THE NUMBER OF ANTRAL FOLLICLES IN THE OVARIES OF MICE

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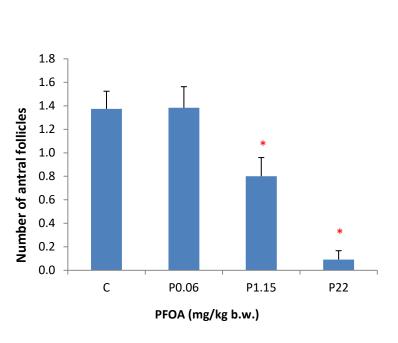


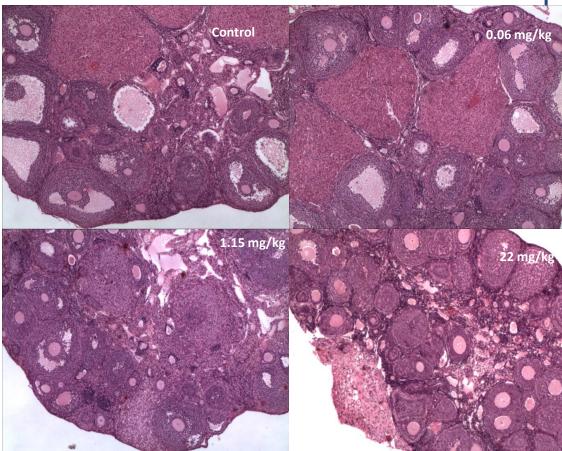
#### **Materials and methods**

- Female Swiss mice, aged 40 days at the beginning of the experiment, were divided into 4 groups and exposed 14 days to PFOA in drinking water at doses of 0, 0.06, 1.15, and 22 mg/kg BW/day.
- After fixation in Bouin's solution, ovarian tissues were dehydrated, embedded in paraffin, and sectioned at 5 μm.
- The sections were subsequently stained with hematoxylin and eosin. To determine the number of antral follicle, every fifth ovarian section was analyzed under an Olympus light microscope.
- Statistical analysis was performed using STATISTICA® version 13.0 (StatSoft, Inc). Data from control and treated mice were compared using One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) for multiple comparisons, followed by Dunnett post-hoc tests.

#### Results of the research









#### **Discussion**

- PFOA exposure leads to a significant dose-dependent decrease in the number of antral follicles when compared with control
- PFOA may adversely affect ovarian folliculogenesis and potentially impair reproductive function.



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