

Table 1. I_{SK} Response to GnRH in Voltage-Clamped Gonadotrophs

Treatment	C _m (pF)	Baseline I _m (pA/pF)	1 nM GnRH Response ¹				
			Oscillations Number	Oscillations Frequency (Hz)	Peak I _{SK} (pA/pF)	² Mean I _{SK} (pA/pF)	³ Area/osc (pA·s/pF)
No steroid (n = 41)	7.04 ± 0.15 ^a	0.9 ± 0.1 ^a	15 ± 1 ^a	0.14 ± 0.01 ^a	9.6 ± 0.8 ^b	3.7 ± 0.4 ^b	27 ± 3 ^b
E ₂ pretreatment ⁴ (n = 34)	7.20 ± 0.20	1.1 ± 0.1	14 ± 2	0.15 ± 0.01	5.7 ± 0.6	2.2 ± 0.3	16 ± 2

Mean ± SEM; V_m = -66 mV; 1 min GnRH exposure

¹Current response to GnRH was taken as time from the first detectable I_m change from baseline after start of GnRH exposure until the current returned to baseline. Within this time period the baseline corrected peak and mean I_m and area under the response were determined on records filtered at 100 Hz post-acquisition using Clampfit (pClamp software suite). Oscillation frequency was determined from the number of oscillations and the length of the response.

²Average I_{SK} during the response to GnRH

³Area under the I_{SK} response divided by the number of oscillations

⁴E₂, 0.2 nM, 2 – 5 days

^aNo steroid and E₂ pretreatment values are not different from each other.

^bNo steroid value significantly different from E₂ pretreatment value, *P* < 0.008