

**Supplemental Table 1. Baseline Pre-Randomization Volunteer Characteristics**

<u>General</u>	<u>PRE</u> (N = 20)	<u>POST</u> (N = 22)	<u>P Value</u>
Age (yr)	24 ± 0.65	63 ± 1.3	P < 0.001
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	24 ± 0.67	25 ± 0.81	P = 0.26
AVF (cm <sup>2</sup> )	30 ± 4.1	76 ± 9.6	P < 0.01
<u>Hormones</u>			
LH (IU/L)	5.2 ± 0.74	38 ± 2.5	P < 0.001
FSH (IU/L)	4.3 ± 0.54	80 ± 5.6	P < 0.001
E <sub>2</sub> (pg/mL)*	92 ± 16	< 35	P < 0.001
SHBG (nmol/L)	82 ± 11	58 ± 8	P = 0.064
T (ng/dL)**	30 ± 3.1	20 ± 2.8	P = 0.004
Prolactin (µg/L)	11 ± 1.3	7 ± 0.34	P = 0.008
Albumin (g/L)	4.6 ± 0.05	4.3 ± 0.036	P < 0.001
IGF-I (µg/L)	446 ± 27	210 ± 18	P < 0.001
IGFBP-1 (µg/L)	13 ± 2.3	24 ± 3.6	P = 0.030
IGFBP-3 (mg/dL)	5.5 ± 0.16	4.6 ± 0.20	P = 0.002

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\* Multiply by 3.68 for pmol/L.

\*\*Multiply by 0.0347 for nmol/L.

**Supplemental Table 2. Summary of three-way ANCOVA estimates of the individual and joint effects of age, E<sub>2</sub> status and peptidyl secretagogue on pulsatile GH secretion**

P values		A. <i>Post hoc</i> Tukey's HSD for Age and E <sub>2</sub> Comparisons				
Overall	< 0.001		POST + E <sub>2</sub>	POST - E <sub>2</sub>	PRE + E <sub>2</sub>	PRE - E <sub>2</sub>
Age	< 0.001	POST + E <sub>2</sub>	1.0			
E <sub>2</sub> status	0.006	POST - E <sub>2</sub>	NS	1.0		
Peptide	< 0.001	PRE + E <sub>2</sub>	< 0.001	< 0.001	1.0	
Age x E <sub>2</sub>	0.674	PRE - E <sub>2</sub>	0.097	< 0.001	0.094	1.0
Age x Peptide	0.014	B. <i>Post hoc</i> Tukey's HSD for Age and Peptide Comparisons				
E <sub>2</sub> x Peptide	0.117		POST/GHRH	POST/GHRP-2	PRE/GHRH	PRE/GHRP-2
All 3 factors	0.181	POST/GHRH	1.0			
*Covariate	0.002	POST/GHRP-2	NS	1.0		
		PRE/GHRH	0.028	NS	1.0	
		PRE/GHRP-2	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	1.0
		C. <i>Post hoc</i> Tukey's HSD for E <sub>2</sub> and Peptide Comparisons				

	GHRH + E <sub>2</sub>	GHRP-2 + E <sub>2</sub>	GHRH - E <sub>2</sub>	GHRP-2 - E <sub>2</sub>
GHRH + E <sub>2</sub>	1.0			
GHRP-2 + E <sub>2</sub>	< 0.001	1.0		
GHRH - E <sub>2</sub>	NS	< 0.001	1.0	
GHRP-2 - E <sub>2</sub>	NS	0.011	0.027	1.0

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\*covariate = mean of intrasubject GH concentrations prior to secretagogue infusion

NS denotes  $P > 0.05$

HSD denotes (multiple-comparison) honestly significantly different.

**Supplemental Table 3. Regression analysis****A. Pulsatile GH secretion as dependent variable**

<u>Regression Model</u>	<u>Independent Variables(s)</u>	<u>Stimulus</u>	<u>R<sup>2</sup> value</u>	<u>P value</u>	
<u>Univariate</u>	AVF	GHRH	0.22	0.002	
		GHRP-2	0.28	< 0.001	
	BMI	GHRH	0.17	0.006	
		GHRP-2	0.10	0.038	
<u>Multivariate*</u>	AVF	GHRH	0.22	0.002	
	AGE + E <sub>2</sub>	GHRP-2	0.60	< 0.001	
			Age		< 0.001
			E <sub>2</sub>		< 0.001

**B. Basal GH secretion as dependent variable**

<u>Multivariate*</u>	Age + E <sub>2</sub>	No stimulus	0.22	0.009
			Age	0.037
			E <sub>2</sub>	0.039

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\*allowable covariates were age, AVF and E<sub>2</sub> concentrations