

**Table 2. Number of TUNEL-labeled and fragmented nuclei in normally developing human embryos of good morphology**

Developmental stage	<i>n</i>	Embryo age, days	Mean no nuclei $\pm$ SEM (range)	Total no nuclei*	TUNEL-labeled nuclei	Fragmented nuclei
4-cell	9	2–3	4.4 $\pm$ 0.4 (3 - 7)	40	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
5- to 8-cell	17	2–4	7.7 $\pm$ 0.5 (4 - 12)	131	0 (0%)	1 (0.8%)
9- to 16-cell	11	3–4	12.7 $\pm$ 1.4 (7 - 22)	140	0 (0%)	2 (1.4%)
Morula	12	4–5	20.0 $\pm$ 3.2 (10 - 51)	240	17 (7.1%)	11 (4.6%)
Blastocyst	17	4–6	42.4 $\pm$ 7.2 (10 - 128)	721	79 (11%)	49 (7.7%) <sup>†</sup>
Total	66					

\*Includes fragmented, mitotic, and TUNEL-labeled nuclei.

<sup>†</sup>The number of fragmented nuclei was not determined for two blastocysts; these have been excluded for calculation of percentage.