## On-chip oocyte denudation from cumulus-oocyte complexes for assisted reproductive therapy

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## **Supporting Information**

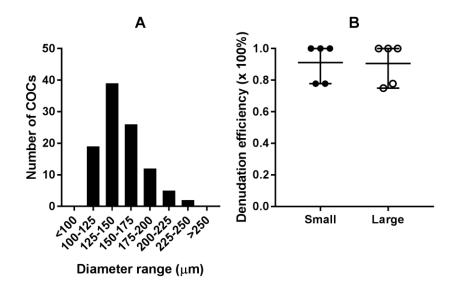


Figure S1. Count of COCs falling within different diameter ranges (A) and the effect of COC size on denudation efficiency (B). A total of 103 GV stage COCs from 11 mice were measured to generate the size distribution. In (B), the group of small COCs have an average diameter of 125  $\mu$ m whereas those large COCs have an average diameter of 175  $\mu$ m.

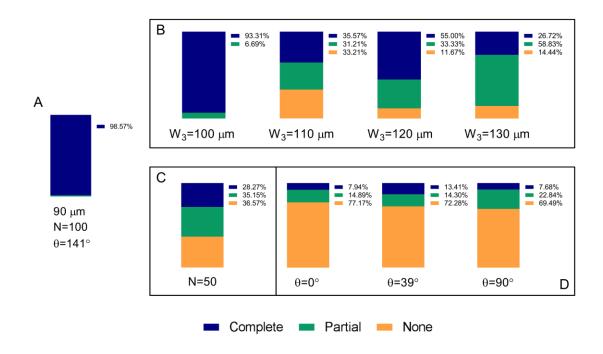


Figure S2. Breakdown of denudation outcome into three categories. Complete: oocytes are completely denuded; Partial: oocytes are partially denuded with only a portion of zona pellucida exposed; None: oocytes are fully enclosed within the corona radiate. (A) The optimal condition features  $W_3$ =90 µm, N=100 and  $\theta$ =141°. (B) Effect of constriction width ( $W_3$ ) on the denudation score. (C) Effect of repeating number (N). (D) Effect of teeth tilting angle ( $\theta$ ). The percentages are the mean of multiple replicates for each condition.

Table S1. Results of in vitro fertilization (IVF) on oocytes denuded on a chip or manually

Denudation method	Experiment No.	Number of oocytes inseminated	Number of two- cells (%ª)	Number of blastocysts (%b)
On-chip	#1	42	24 (57.1)	24 (100)
	#2	59	48 (81.4)	46 (95.8)
	#3	61	50 (81.9)	47 (94)
	#4	40	19 (47.5)	18 (94.7)
	#5	65	43 (66.2)	41 (95.3)
	#6	59	46 (77.9)	45 (97.8)
Manual	#1	37	23 (62.2)	22 (95.7)
	#2	54	37 (68.5)	35 (94.6)

#3	52	27 (51.9)	23 (85.2)
#4	51	36 (70.6)	36 (100)
#5	71	30 (42.3)	25 (83.3)
#6	54	45 (83.3)	45 (100)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Percent of survived oocytes developed to two-cell embryos <sup>b</sup> Percent of two-cell embryos developed to blastocysts

Table S2. Results of intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) on oocytes denuded on a chip or manually

Denudation method	Experiment No.	Number of oocytes survived injection	Number of two- cells (%ª)	Number of blastocysts (%b)
On-chip	#1	14	14 (100)	11 (78.6)
	#2	16	15 (93.8)	10 (66.7)
	#3	18	18 (100)	13 (72.2)
	#4	16	13 (81.3)	10 (76.9)
	#5	10	10 (100)	9 (90)
	#6	12	12 (100)	10 (83.3)
	#7	12	12 (100)	9 (75)
	#8	14	13 (92.9)	8 (61.5)
Manual	#1	7	6 (85.7)	5 (83.3)
	#2	13	13 (100)	10 (76.9)
	#3	11	11 (100)	8 (72.7)
	#4	10	8 (80)	7 (87.5)
	#5	6	4 (66.7)	2 (50)
	#6	11	9 (81.8)	7 (77.8)
	#7	14	13 (92.9)	12 (92.3)
	#8	11	11 (100)	8 (72.7)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Percent of survived oocytes developed to two-cell embryos <sup>b</sup> Percent of two-cell embryos developed to blastocysts