

## **INRAFREEZE KIT INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:**

We recommend using centrifugation cushion to increase semen doses output, however INRAFreeze kit can be used without cushion.

## 1. WITH CENTRIFUGATION CUSHION

IMV-Technologies Research and Development recommends the following:

1<sup>st</sup> dilution:

-Dilute at 35° C (approximately 50 million spz/ml) with INRA 96 extender in 50 ml conical tubes

-Set the tubes in a water bath at 22° C for 10 min.

-Add 2 ml of centrifugation cushion (Maxifreeze) at the bottom of the tubes

-Centrifuge at room temperature for 20 min at 1,000 g

-After centrifugation, sperm cells will lay on top of the cushion

- -Remove supernatant
- -Remove cushion

2<sup>nd</sup> dilution and freezing:

-With the ready-to-use INRAFreeze extender at ambient temperature, extend the sperm pellet to reach a final concentration of 100 million spz/ml

-Keep the tubes at 4° C for 75 min before filling straws

-Dip the straws in liquid nitrogen

-Store in liquid nitrogen at -196° C

## 2. WITHOUT CENTRIFUGATION CUSHION

1st dilution:

-Dilute at 35° C (50 million spz/ml) with INRA 96 extender into 50 ml conical tubes -Set the tubes in a water bath at 22° C for 10 min.

-Centrifuge at room temperature for 10 min at 600 g

2nd dilution and freezing:

-With the ready-to-use INRAFreeze extender, calculate the final volume needed to reach a concentration of 100 million spz/ml and extend the sperm pellet in half of that volume -Double check concentration to confirm the additional volume of extender will reach the desired concentration of 100 million spz/ml

-Keep the tube at 4° C for 75 min before filling straws

-Freeze the straws (-60° C/min from +4° C to -140° C)

-Dip straws in liquid nitrogen and store at -196° C