

Historical comment on the debate: embryo implantation is the rubicon for the GnRH antagonist, and answer

Dear Sir,

I read with great interest, firstly the article of opinion focused on antagonists and their potential effects on implantation (Hernandez, 2000), and secondly the comment of Diedrich *et al.* in order to classify the relationship between the result and doses of antagonist used (Diedrich *et al.*, 2001).

At the end of the reply, the authors mentioned that Caesar was cited wrongly and emphasized that the correct citation is 'veni, vidi, vici'.

In order to keep the historical truth in our Journal, it is important to point out that it's a mistake. Caesar pronounced this famous sentence not when he crossed the Rubicon river, but several years afterwards in a war against the son of Farnaces, King of the Ponto (in the Turkey of today), not in Italy.

The correct citation is there in the first article.

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