



# Camel Semen Collection, Processing and Preservation

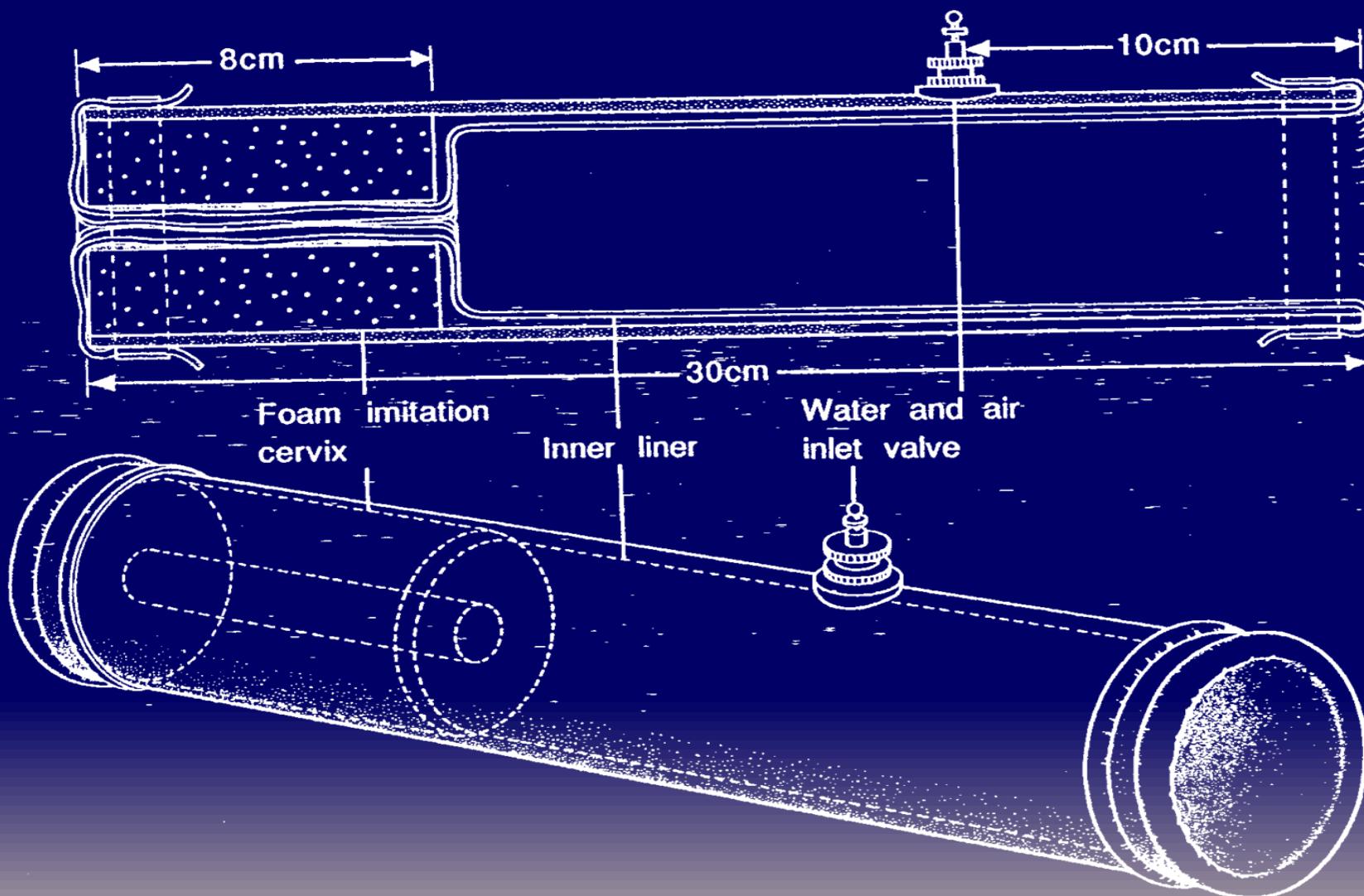
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# Modified Artificial Vagina

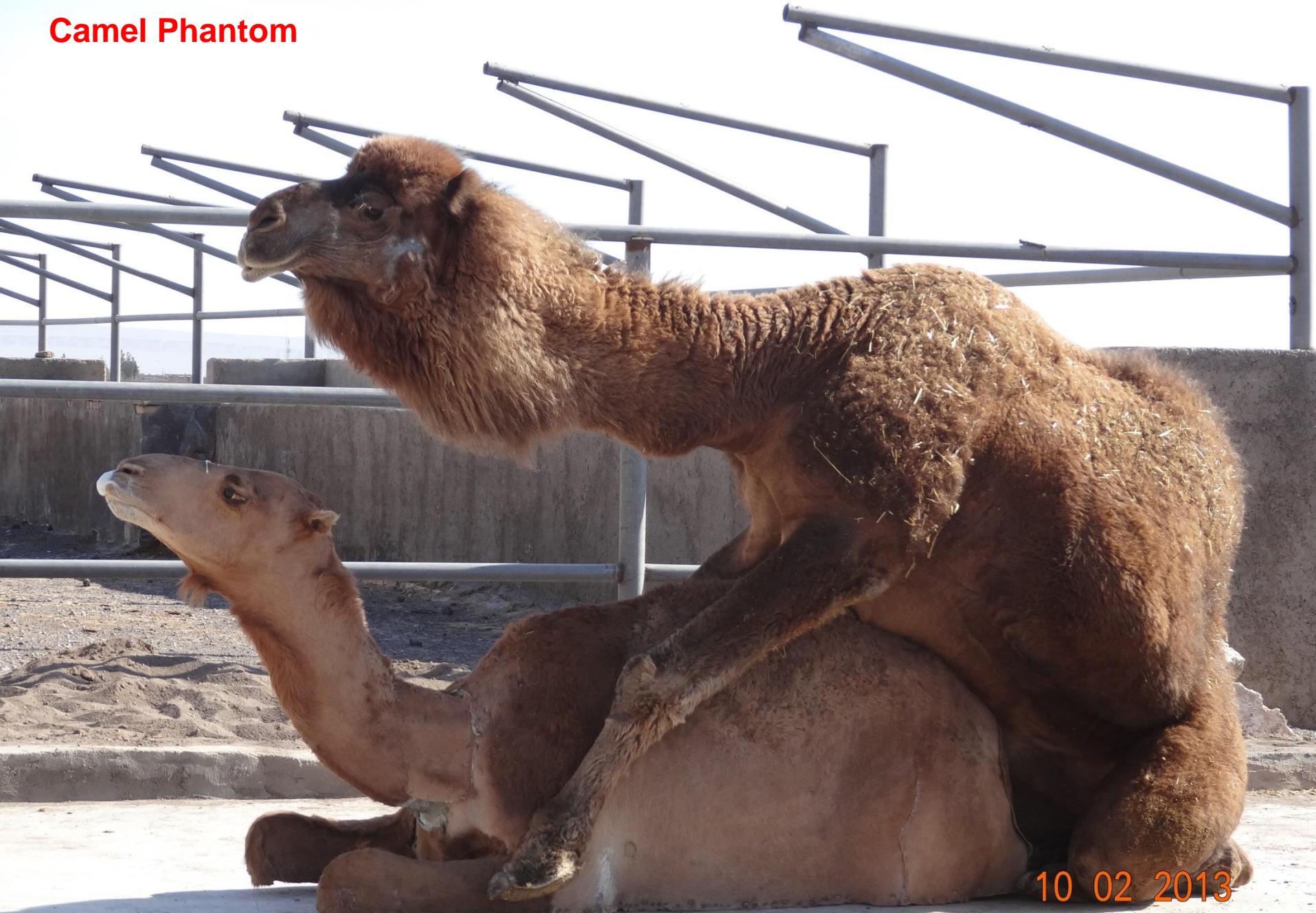


# Preparation of Artificial Vagina





# Camel Phantom



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**Semen viscosity is a great problem  
in semen processing in camel**



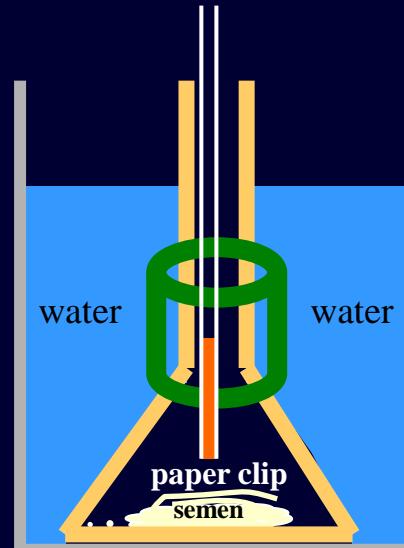
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# Semen Processing



dispensing diluent



Parameters	N	Mean $\pm$ SE	Min	Max
Collection time (min)	63	5.3 $\pm$ 0.29	2.5	11
Volume (ml)	69	8.2 $\pm$ 0.7	1.2	26
Osmolality (mOsm/kg)	53	<b>316.1<math>\pm</math>1.48</b>	300	348
PH	44	<b>7.4 <math>\pm</math> 0.3</b>	7.1	7.9
Concentration ( $\times 10^6$ /ml)	52	414.8 $\pm$ 25.24	133	945
Motility (%)	27	62.4 $\pm$ 1.57	46	77
Live (%)	26	85.6 $\pm$ 1.15	65	93

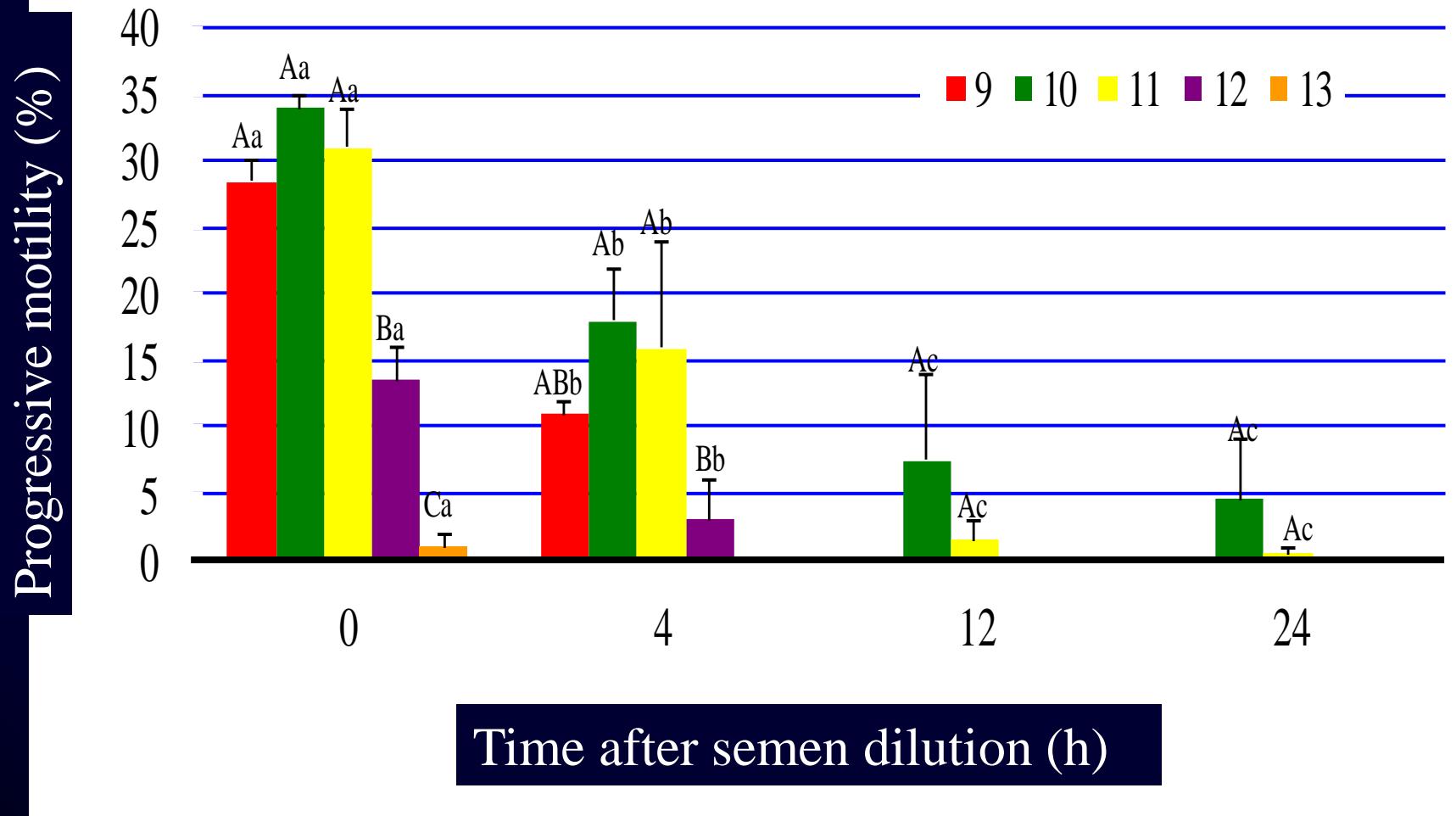
Mosaferi, S. et al. (2005). Theriogenology, 63: 92-101.

# Lactose

Concentration (%)	Osmolality (mOsm/kg)
9	290
10	333
11	350
12	376
13	419

PH:6.9

# The effect of different lactose osmolality on ...



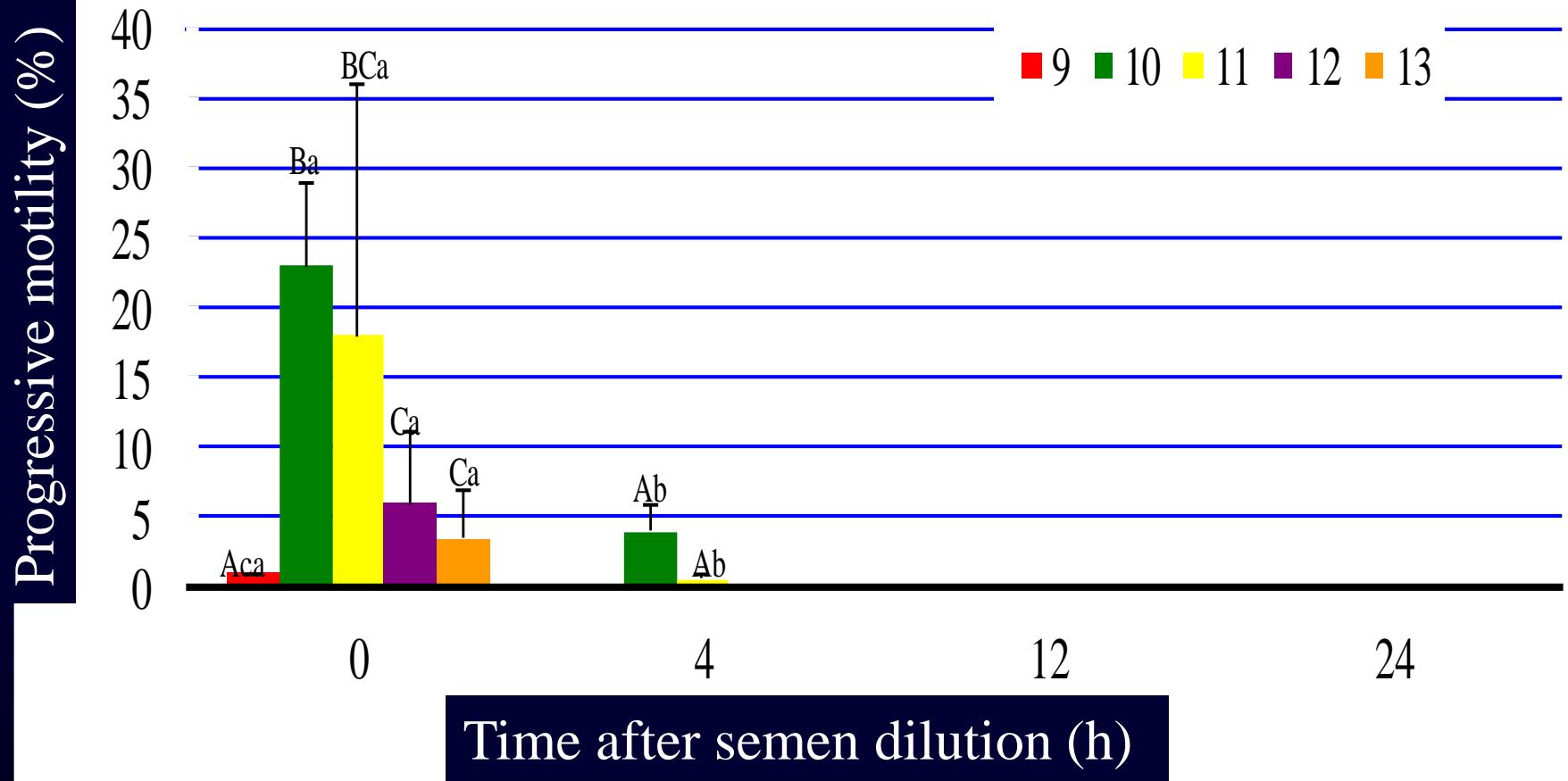
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# Sucrose

Concentration (%)	Osmolality (mOsm/kg)
9	292
10	331
11	356
12	386
13	410

PH:6.9

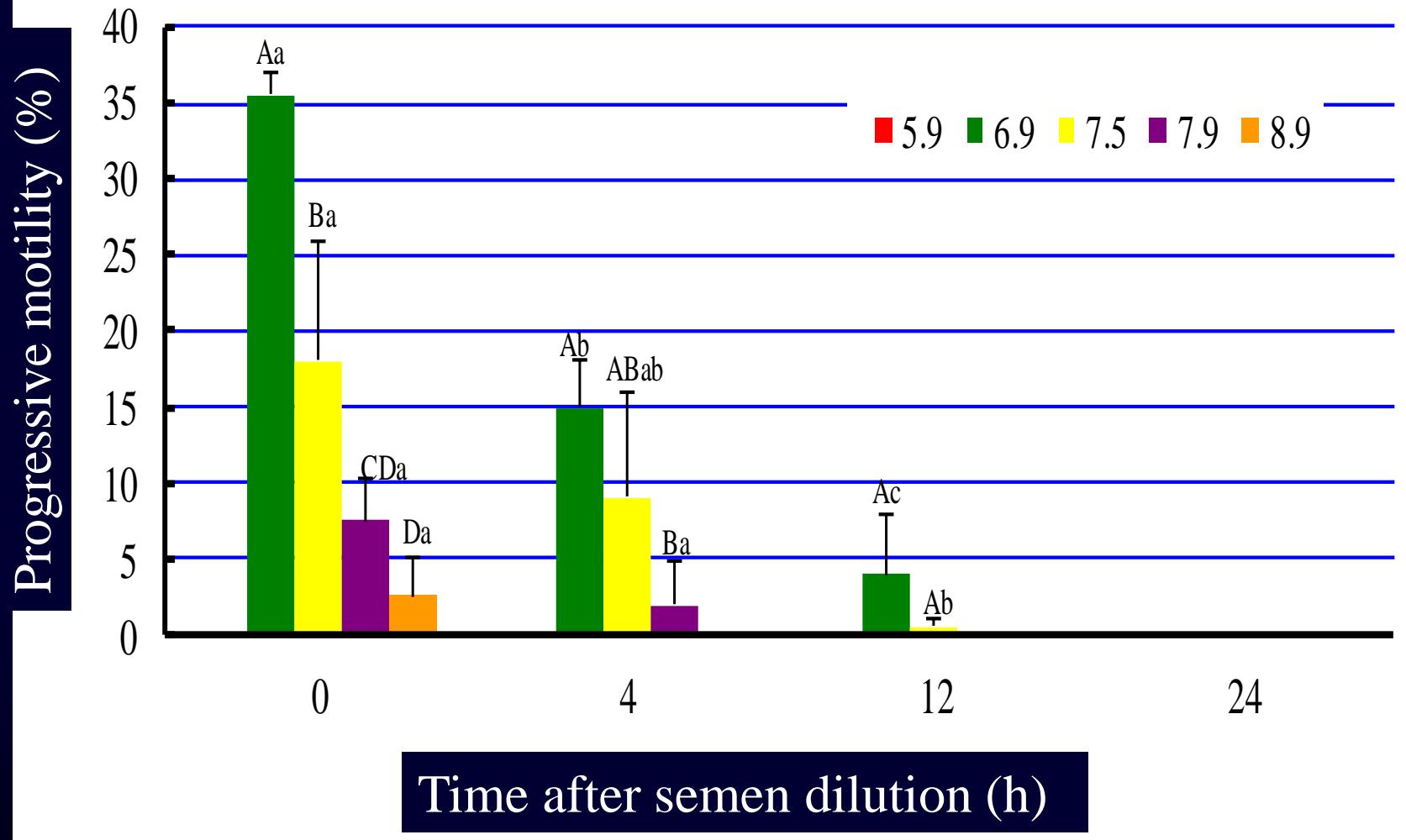
# The effect of different sucrose osmolarity on ...



10% Lactose = Osmolality: 333 mOsm/kg

PH: 5.9, 6.9, 7.5, 7.9, 8.9

# The effect of different pH on ...



Natural osmolality and pH of semen:

**316.1±1.48**

**7.4 ± 0.3**

The best osmolality and pH of  
Lactose and Sucrose extenders:

**330**

**6.9**

# Tris-based extender (SHOTOR Diluent)

Osmolality (mOsm/kg)	Concentration (mM)			
	Fructose	Glucose	Citric acid	Tris
270	33.3	33.3	64.2	214
300	44.4	44.4	64.2	214
330	49.9	66.6	64.2	214
360	72.1	72.1	64.2	214
390	88.8	88.8	64.2	214

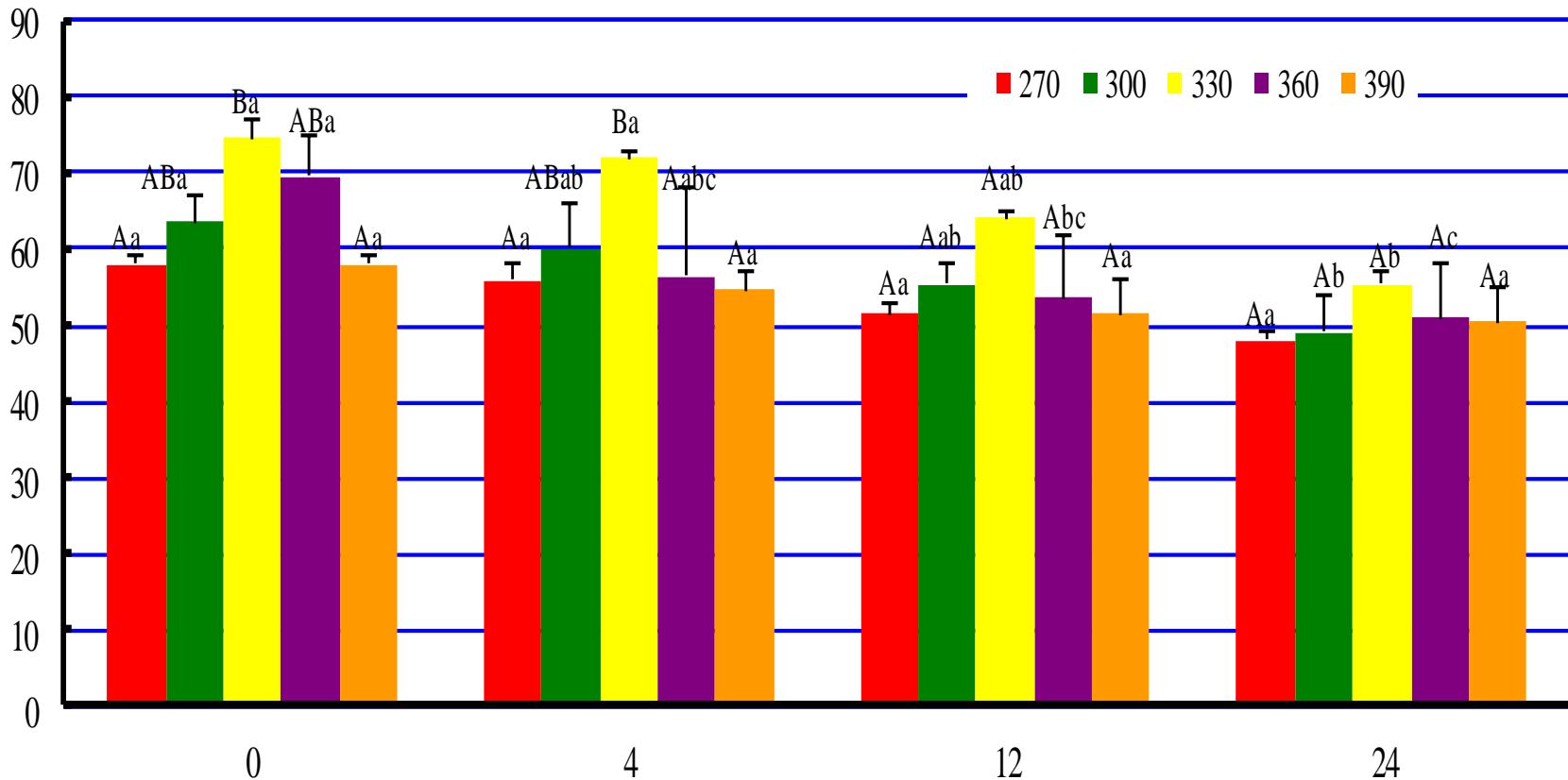
*SHOTOR means camel in persian language.*

PH:6.9

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# The effect of different Tris concentration on ...

Progressive motility (%)



Time after semen dilution (h)

Tris based extender without citric acid

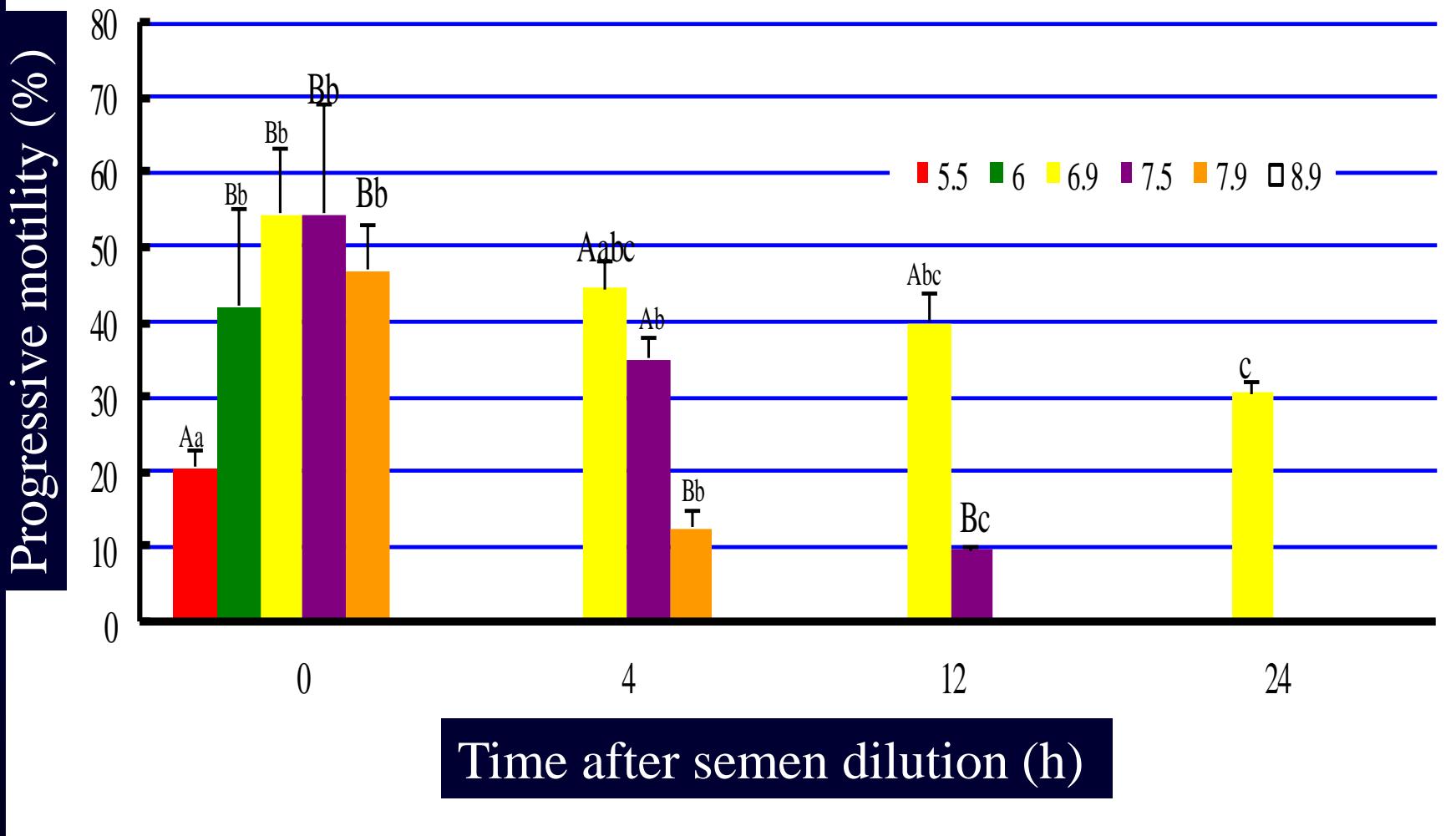
Osmolality: 330 mOsm/kg

pH: 8.9

PH was adjusted with citric acid to:

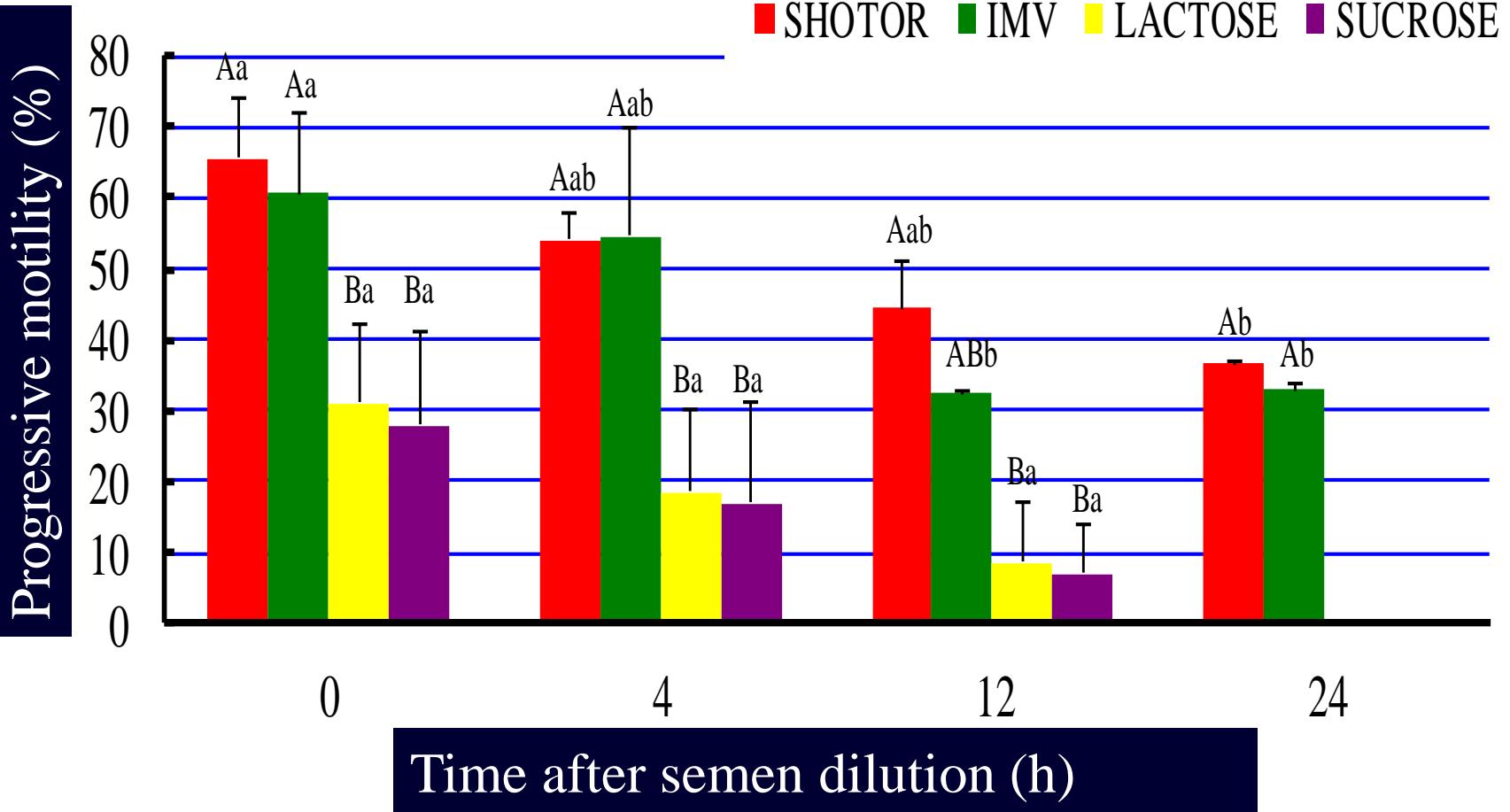
5.5, 6, 6.9, 7.5, 7.9, 8.9

# The effect of different PH on ...



10% Lactose  
10% Sucrose  
SHOTOR diluent  
**Green buffer (IMV)**

# The effect of different diluents on ...



# Cryopreservation Trials

Rate of Cooling to 4°C

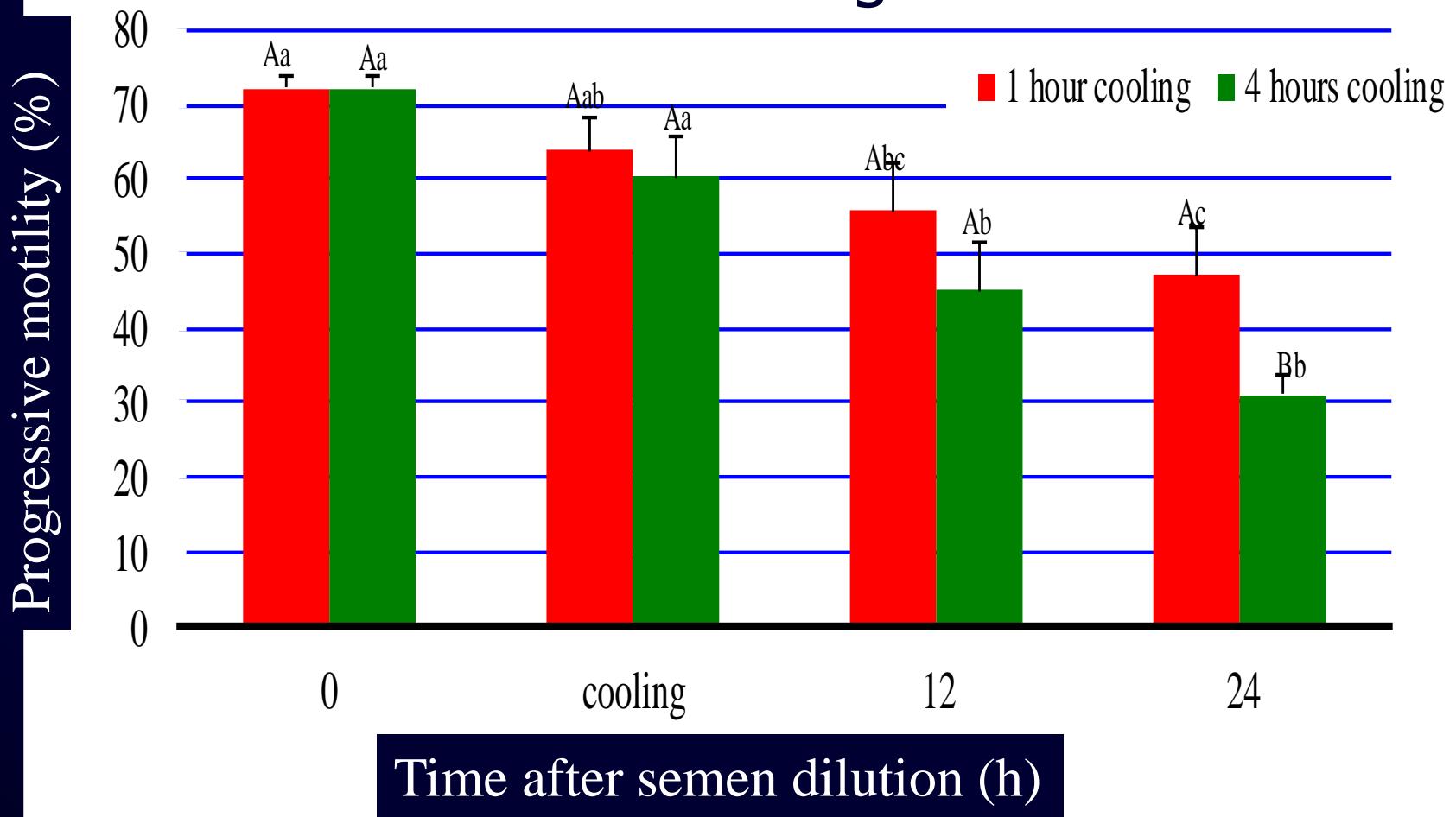
Percentage of Glycerol

SHOTOR diluent v.s IMV extenders

# Rate of Cooling

SHOTOR diluent  
Cooling to 4°C in 1 hour  
Cooling to 4°C in 4 hours

# The effect of cooling rate on ...



Niasari-Naslaji, A. et al. (2007). Theriogenology, 68: 618-625.

# Percentage of Glycerol

4, 6 and 8%

# Freezing and Thawing Procedure



Add 1<sup>st</sup> extender  
(w/o glycerol)



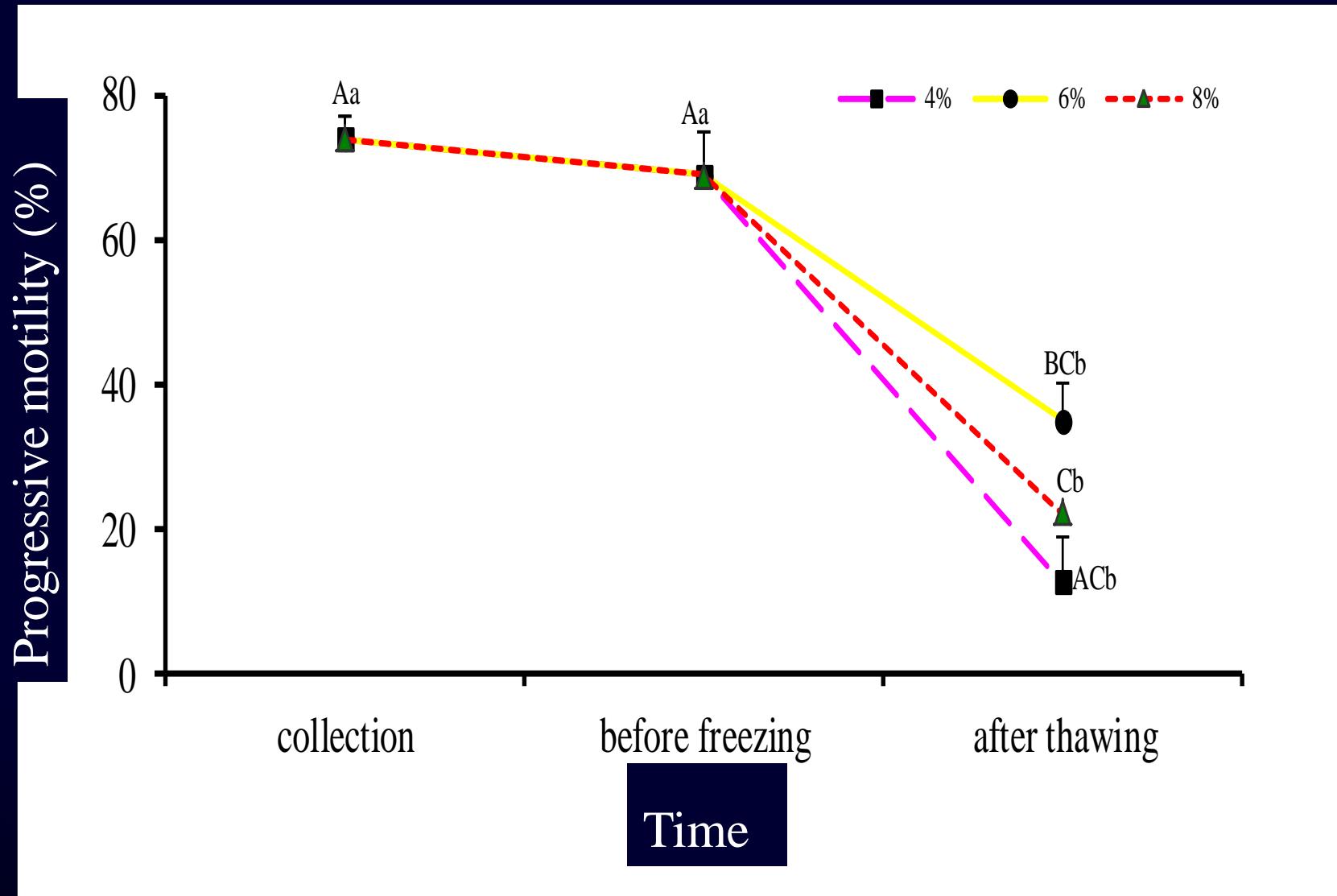
- Add 2nd extender  
(with glycerol)
- Fill in 0.5 ml straws



Plunge into  
LN2

Thawing at 40°C for 20 seconds

# The effect of Glycerol concentration on ...



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