At-Home Kits to Predict Ovulation With Less Mess Are Coming to U.S.

Microscope Indicates Fertility by Detecting 'Tenting' Pattern in Saliva Caused by Estrogen Surge

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The About in home ovulation-predicting methods—such as test strips, can be money and expensive—such sometimes don’t work.

The Claim: A technique called “testing,” any microscope can be used to examine saliva samples to see the patterns caused when estrogen surges just before ovulation. This microscope offers a convenient, low-cost method for detecting when a woman can conceive.

The Verdict: The saliva microscope accurately detected estrogen surges 85% of the time in a German study published last year. Because the framing microscopes tend to give a positive readout a day earlier than the traditional test strips, there may be a longer window in which to try to conceive, as suggested by a recent study.

The microscopes, including the KIT kit, are often shaped like chips of thimble with a tiny, battery-powered light to make the sample easier to see. They have been available in the U.S. for more than a decade but have remained a niche product, in part because of inflated advertising. In March, chief executive of Dr. Pershing Inc., in Newark, N.J.

At least two companies, OvaCare and First Medical Diagnosis of Wisconsin, Inc., are offering new products with as a quick and easy to self-test concept.

The idea behind going simple. When estrogen levels in the body, saliva does not content—resulting in the frothy-like pattern in saliva.

A positive result indicates a woman is ovulating or about to be—so it’s a perfect time to try to conceive. The test remains reliable for at least two weeks after intercourse.

Testing also offers an alternative to urine strips, which are available in most with the option to track ovulation

The strips are about 94% accurate but don’t always give clear results because the hormone surges bathed pronouncedly in some women, says Laura Palka, an associate professor for the division of obstetrics and gynecology.

In addition, framing microscopes are cost-effective because they only need to be purchased once. The Fertility Drink, from NanaH, and Shifit, of Shifit, now $9 for the kit and can be used indefinitely, says Kippa New, company president.

Until recently, studies on effectiveness have been scarce. The German study, published last year in the journal Obstetrics and Gynecological Obstetrics, the amount of women taking fertility kits is a cost of a microscope device from Germany’s Generatio Medical AG. It is preparing to launch the device in the U.S. under the brand name Your Body, Your Time.

The researchers, from Chatham-Melrose Hospital in Chatham, N.J., found women’s own readings of the test agreed with lab-confirmed readings in 95% of cases, compared to 86% for the test strips. The test detected the estrogen surge an average 85% of the time.

The study, funded by Generatio, is “well done in terms of the quality of the work and the standards,” says Dr. Fricker, who is unaffiliated with the company. But because the women were taking fertility drugs, their cycles were long and easier to identify, he says.

Additional studies are needed in women who are not taking fertility drugs, he adds.

In parallel with the data on, women who weren’t taking fertility drugs, Hinkley-Kovacs adds, women commonly become ovulating, as measured by an ovarian scan, 4% of the time.

It is not clear how the KIT kit’s detection rate will compare to other, more traditional methods, such as ovulation predictors.

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