

**Table 2.** Baseline characteristics of the two study groups.

| Characteristics                    | Natural Cycle<br>n=497 | HRT Cycle<br>n=97  | p       |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Age (years)                        | 36 [33 - 38]           | 34 [31 - 37]       | 0.002   |
| BMI (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )           | 21.4 [19.5 - 24.2]     | 22.2 [19.8 - 25.7] | 0.05    |
| Smoking                            | 82 (17%)               | 11 (11%)           | 0.23    |
| Previous deliveries                | 87 (18%)               | 7 (7%)             | 0.009   |
| Previous pregnancy                 | 180 (36%)              | 28 (29%)           | 0.20    |
| Duration of infertility (years)    | 3 [2 - 4]              | 4 [3 - 5]          | 0.003   |
| Previous completed IVF cycles      |                        |                    | 0.81    |
| 0                                  | 328 (66%)              | 66 (68%)           |         |
| 1                                  | 115 (23%)              | 21 (22%)           |         |
| 2                                  | 40 (8%)                | 6 (6%)             |         |
| ≥ 3                                | 14 (3%)                | 4 (4%)             |         |
| Previous gynecology surgery        | 135 (27%)              | 30 (31%)           | 0.46    |
| AFC                                | 14 [10 - 20]           | 20 [14 - 30]       | < 0.001 |
| Regular cycles                     | 465 (94%)              | 40 (41%)           | < 0.001 |
| Indication to IVF                  |                        |                    | < 0.001 |
| Unexplained                        | 107 (21%)              | 7 (7%)             |         |
| Endometriosis                      | 65 (13%)               | 8 (8%)             |         |
| Tubal factor                       | 66 (13%)               | 10 (10%)           |         |
| Disovulatory                       | 3 (1%)                 | 25 (26%)           |         |
| Male factor                        | 168 (34%)              | 19 (20%)           |         |
| Genetic                            | 34 (7%)                | 5 (5%)             |         |
| Mixed                              | 55 (11%)               | 23 (24%)           |         |
| Blastocyst cryopreservation reason |                        |                    | 0.004   |
| Supernumerary embryos              | 260 (52%)              | 33 (34%)           |         |
| Enhanced risk of OHSS              | 188 (38%)              | 53 (55%)           |         |
| PGT                                | 33 (7%)                | 5 (5%)             |         |
| Other reasons                      | 16 (3%)                | 6 (6%)             |         |

Data is presented as Median (Interquartile Range-IQR) or Number (%).