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IFFS Comment on the article, *Ovarian stimulation for IVF treatment increases risk of borderline ovarian tumours later in life*, which appeared in *Human Reproduction* on 27 October, 2011.

Mr Richard Kennedy (Coventry, UK), General Secretary of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) commented:

“Over the last decade, several reports have considered the long term risks of ovarian stimulation practised as part of the IVF process. These reports have been generally reassuring in terms of risk of ovarian cancer. This new research has highlighted the presence of an increased risk of borderline tumours in a national cohort and has once again posed a question about the long term risks of ovarian stimulation further confounded by the known underlying risks for these patients. The IFFS remains of the view that the long term risks are low but calls for continued vigilance through reporting of long term outcomes with international collaboration”.