**STEP 1:** Exclude all treatments starting before 2004

**STEP 2:** Exclude all participants who were younger than 23 or older than 39

**STEP 3:** Exclude all cycles which have not used "long" GnRH agonist down-regulation

**STEP 4:** Limit cycles to those using only one of the gonadotrophins by excluding all cycles which use a combination treatment. Allow hMG-HP, rFSH, Gonal-f®, Puregon®, Menopur®, Merional®

**STEP 5:** Exclude duplicate cycles

**STEP 6:** Exclude cycles involving only frozen embryo transfer, not associated with a stimulated cycle (i.e. no information for the stimulated cycle in which the frozen embryo was generated)

**STEP 7:** Exclude cycles which contained no information or <50 IU in the 'total gonadotrophin' field.

**STEP 8:** Exclude cycles with >25 gonadotrophin treatment days or >300IU per day

**STEP 9:** Use information from all fields to interpret outcome