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'Can't get enough of you baby': IVF clinic says vibrations from Barry White's deep soul tracks 'help embryos to develop'

- Fertility clinic using Barry White hits to boost the chances of IVF embryos
- Songs such as 'Can't get enough of you baby' have become most popular
- Vibrations mimic what the embryo goes through in the first five days of life
- His music was thought to be a cause of the US birth boom of the mid-1970s

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His distinctive bass-baritone voice has no doubt helped may couples to conceive. Now hits from superstar Barry White are being used to boost the chances of IVF embryos. A renowned fertility clinic has carried out a scientific study which claims musical vibrations increase the success of IVF. Songs from the late soul legend such as 'Can't get enough of you baby' have become the most streamed music through the iPods fitted in the incubators where embryos are developing. Dr Hans Arce, a fertility consultant at the Institut Marques Ireland, in County Kildare, said there is science behind the built-in music system which plays the velvet tones of Barry White.

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Songs from Barry White have become the most streamed music through iPods fitted in the incubators at the Institut Marques Ireland, Co Kildare, where embryos are developing

He explained how the music vibrations help to mimic the process the embryo goes through in the first five days of life when it travels through the Fallopian tubes of the mother until it gets to the womb.

'The embryo is never static in the Fallopian tubes in a woman. It's like being in a river where the water is constantly washing your skin away,' he said.

'The thing is in the lab, embryos spend five days in a petri dish without being washed away. The reason for the music is not just that it is beautiful, it's the vibrations the music causes.

'There is also a theory that possibly these acoustic vibrations can cause a mechanical effect in the embryo itself, enhancing its growth.

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'We studied to see how it improved to see how much it improved the fertilisation of eggs and it did. It does work.

'An iPod has been built inside the incubator. We have the music and also we have photos the patients can see of their embryos live. It's a really beautiful process.'

Barry White's seductive bass baritone has long been one of the most popular choices for couples to play and his name was even mentioned in a report on the US birth-rate boom of the mid-1970s.

The new Kildare clinic of the group - which reports a high success rate of 89 per cent in In-Vitro Fertilisation with donor egg treatments - will have a specialist medical team from the group's headquarters in Barcelona join 23 professionals already working here.

Dr Arce said the Institut, which has treated thousands of patients, says the idea came about after looking at studies into how babies respond to music in pregnancy.

In a study carried out on pregnant mums, Mozart and Bach topped the list for reactions from babies growing in the womb, but Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody was third on the list, with eight out of 10 foetuses reacting to the rock song.

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Six out of 10 babies responded to Adele's biggest hit, Someone Like You, while a similar number reacted to the Grammy-winning guitarist Carlos Santana.

He said: 'It's a funny thing. They open their mouth. The kids are listening to music and opening their mouths so it looks like they are singing.'

The scientific study, carried out in more than 1,000 patients, discovered foetuses can hear from week 16 - when they measure 11cm on average.

The clinic has also invented a device called a Babypod, which is inserted internally into the mother so that a baby can hear music.

The Babypod is also being used by couples after they have an embryo implanted to help the pregnancy process.

'I think around 10 per cent of my patients are using this as part of the fertility treatment process. We are using it as a study right now,' said Dr Arce.

'Mothers are using the Babypod once or twice a day.'

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