



FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION AND PELVIC FLOOR DYSFUNCTION

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Female sexual Dysfunction and Pelvic floor disfunction

How to evaluate female sexual Dysfunction?

Physiotherapy treatment of female Sexual Dysfunction

Er-Yag laser treatment implications in female sexual dysfunction

Vaginal therapies in menopausal sexual and orgasmic dysfunction

Implications in the Mediterranean Setting & Discussion

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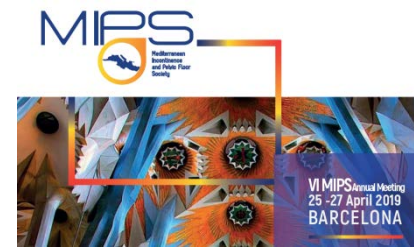
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- **Sexual health** is a right for the healthy or sick individual human being.



Important to the **practice of urogynaecology**:

- Assessment of how **pelvic floor dysfunction** affects sexual health.
- Measure the changes after treatments.

Use of validated questionnaires (*generic and specific*).



How to ask, to evaluate and to measure

- **Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI)**
- Sexual dysfunction = FSFI scores ≤ 26

Good generic instrument for research purposes.



Assessment of SEXUAL OUTCOMES with SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRES

PISQ

A new instrument to measure sexual function in women with urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Temple, Texas

(Am J Obstet Gynecol 2001;184:552-8.)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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**A short form of the Pelvic Organ Prolapse/Urinary Incontinence
Sexual Questionnaire (PISQ-12)**



The Pelvic Organ Prolapse Incontinence Sexual Questionnaire, IUGA-revised (PISQ-IR)

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PISQ-IR

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A new measure of sexual function in women with pelvic floor disorders (PFD): the Pelvic Organ Prolapse/Incontinence Sexual Questionnaire, IUGA-Revised (PISQ-IR)

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PISQ-IR: Pelvic Organ Prolapse/Urinary Incontinence Sexual Questionnaire, IUGA-Revised

The PISQ-IR is a validated evaluation tool which can be used clinically as well as in research for assessment of female sexual function (FSF) in women with female pelvic floor disorders. The PISQ-IR is the result of an IUGA panel, made up of recognized experts with clinical and academic experience in the areas of female sexual function, urogynecology, and outcomes research, to re-evaluate the PISQ. The goals of the re-evaluation panel were to address deficits in the PISQ by refining the measurement properties of the questionnaire, enhancing the ability to assess outcomes in women who are not sexually active and in women with anal incontinence, and developing an instrument for international use.

A single-score version of the PISQ-IR has also been validated. Please note the single-score version is not currently available for translation.

Translating the PISQ-IR

IUGA members may apply to translate the PISQ-IR into other languages. IUGA will endorse completed translations which have followed the official translation protocol. Validated translations will be posted and available for use on the IUGA website. Investigators are also strongly encouraged to submit their translation/validation research for publication in the *International Urogynecology Journal*. If you are interested in translating the PISQ-IR into another language, please contact office@iuga.org.

PISQ-IR



The effects of pelvic floor disorders (PFDs) on sexual health.

- urinary incontinence (UI)
- pelvic organ prolapse (POP)
- anal incontinence (AI)

Remain **controversial** (**no impact / negative impact**) .

Fashokun TB, Harvie HS, Schimpf MO, et al. Sexual activity and function in women with and without pelvic floor disorders. Int Urogynecol J. 2013;24:91–7.

Handa VL, Cundiff G, Chang HH, Helzlsouer KJ. Female sexual function and pelvic floor disorders. Obstet Gynecol. 2008;111:1045–52.

Rogers RG. Sexual function in women with pelvic floor disorders. Can Urol Assoc J. 2013;7:S199–201.



Pelvic floor symptoms have been shown to be associated with : low sexual arousal, infrequent orgasm and dyspareunia*.

* Handa VL, Cundiff G, Chang HH, Helzlsouer KJ. Female sexual function and pelvic floor disorders. *Obstet Gynecol.* 2008;111:1045–52.



Sexual dysfunction is common in women with LUTS and UI

- **FSFI**: Up to 45% of the women with **urinary incontinence (UI)** and **Lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS)** complain of sexual dysfunction.
- 34% reporting **hypoactive sexual desire**, 23% **sexual arousal disorder**, 11% **orgasmic deficiency**, and 44% **sexual pain disorders** (*dyspareunia or non coital genital pain*)*

* **Salonia A**, Zanni G, Nappi RE, Briganti A, Dehò F, Fabbri F, et al. Sexual dysfunction is common in women with lower urinary tract symptoms and urinary incontinence: results of a cross-sectional study. **Eur Urol.** 2004;45:642–8.



PISQ-IR:

Women with **anal incontinence** (AI) have similar rates of sexual activity but **poorer sexual function** than women without*.

* Cichowski SB, Komesu YM, Dunivan GC, Rogers RG. The association between fecal incontinence and sexual activity and function in women attending a tertiary referral center. Int Urogynecol J. 2013;24:1489–94.



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Pelvic floor dysfunctions (UI, OAB, AI, POP)
are independent risk factors for sexual disorders?

Is Pelvic Floor Dysfunction an Independent Threat to Sexual Function? A
Cross-Sectional Study in Women With Pelvic Floor Dysfunction



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- Overall, there are a **higher rates of sexual dysfunctions**, related to desire, arousal, and orgasm in women with PFD however, this relation might be explained by **factors unrelated to the pelvic floor** (*aging, dyspareunia, atrophy, and partner issues*).



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urinary leakage during sexual activity
Coital urinary incontinence



- **COITAL URINARY INCONTINENCE (CI)** is a complain of involuntary loss of urine during coitus, occurring during penetration or at orgasm .



Prevalence of urinary leakage during sexual activity

Author	Method	N	patients	Coital UI	What stage
Hilton 1988	questionnaire Case-control	324	urogynecologic clinic	24%	75% penetration 25% orgasm
Lam 1992	Population Random sample	441	with SUI	12 %	
Vierhout 1993	questionnaire	196	gynecologic clinic	34%	77% penetration 74% orgasm
Nygaard 1995	Mailed questionnaire	224	annual gynecologic examination	77% had UI 36% coital	
Moran 1999*	Retrospective	2153	urogynecologic clinic	10,6%	80 %penetration 20% orgasm
Burrows 2004	Retrospective	330	urogynecologic clinic	20%	
Lambrechtsen 2006	prospective	90 Consec.	urogynecologic clinic	32%	

* Only 22 (10%) of 228 women with coital UI complained without direct question

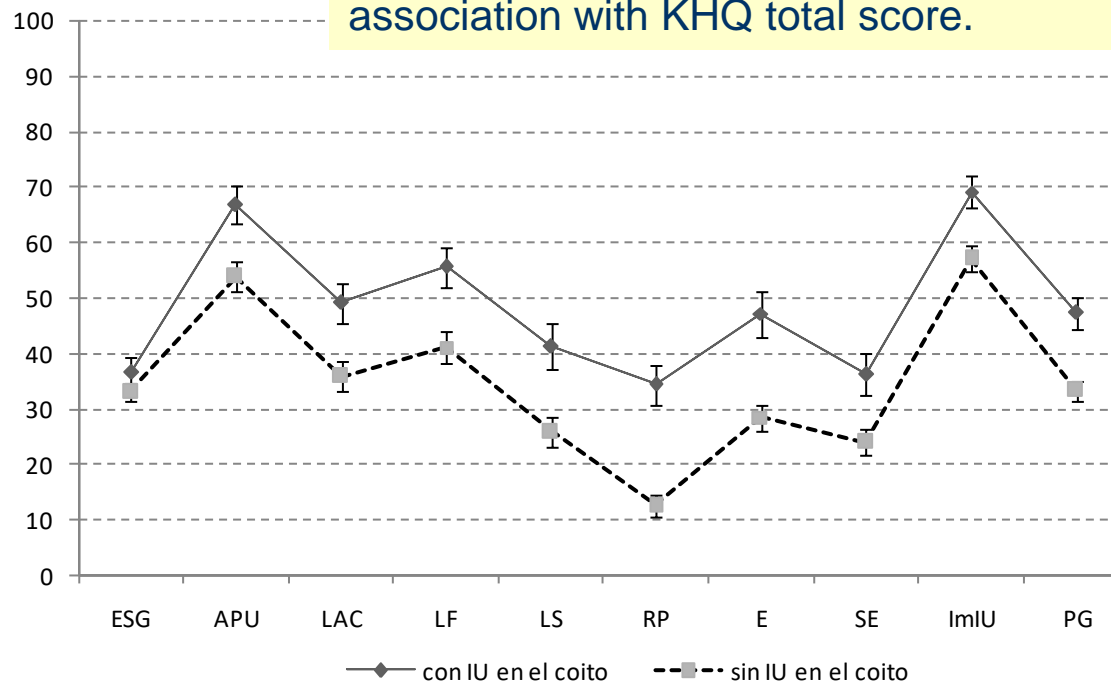
Impact on QoL of coital incontinence

- Women with **coital urinary incontinence** had a higher scores (worse QoL) in all dimensions of KHQ

N= 633
women
seeking
treatment
for UI.
(36,2%) *

* positive answer
in KHQ

In a multiple regression model **adjusted with age, BMI and all other urinary symptoms studied**. The strongest independent association with KHQ total score.



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Female Urology – Incontinence

Urinary Incontinence at Orgasm: Relation to Detrusor Overactivity and Treatment Efficacy

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Urodynamic finding	Coital incontinence at orgasm (n = 49)	Coital incontinence during penetration (n = 83)
Detrusor overactivity	34 (69.4%)	13 (15.7%)
Urodynamic stress incontinence	5 (10.2%)	40 (48.2%)
Urodynamic mixed incontinence	0	11 (13.2%)
Inconclusive urodynamics	10 (20.4%)	19 (22.9%)



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Coital Incontinence in Women With Urinary Incontinence: An International Study



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**53,8%
Coital UI**

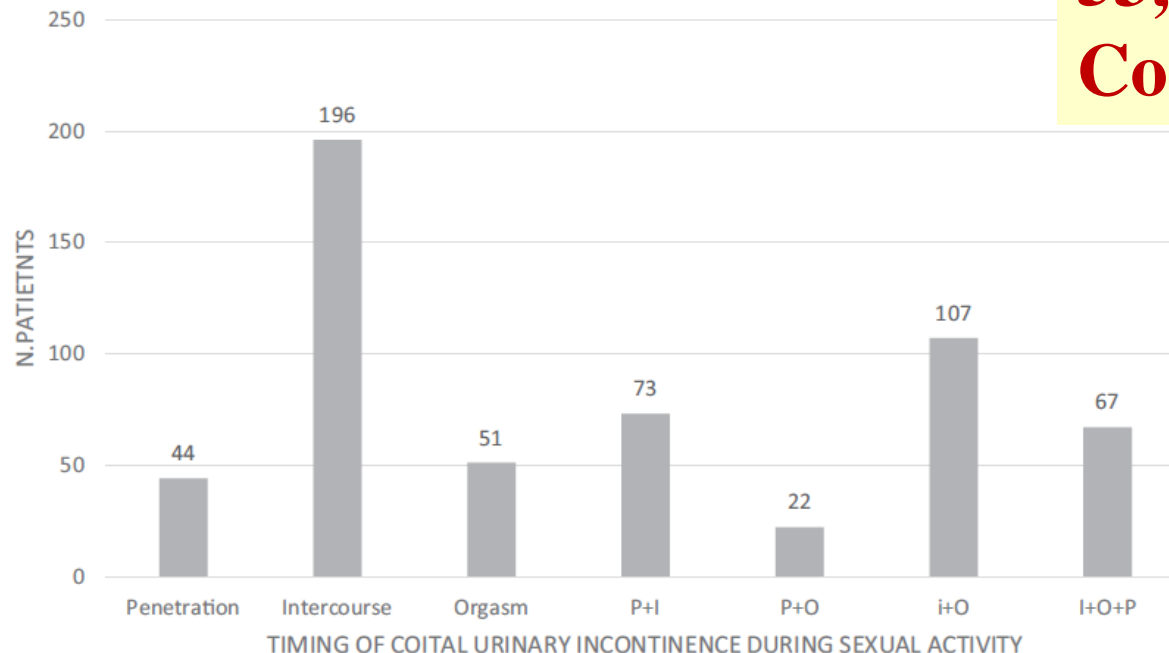


Figure 1. Patients with coital urinary incontinence according to the timing of occurrence during coitus. I = intercourse; O = orgasm; P = penetration.



Multicenter international study 1.041 women with UI

Table 3. Univariate analysis and multivariate logistic regression final model for coital incontinence during penetration, intercourse, and orgasm vs clinical data

Clinical data	Univariate analysis		Logistic regression	
	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)
Coital incontinence during penetration				
SUI	<.0001	51 (29.8–90)	<.0001	56.6 (32.12–100.0)
Cesarean delivery	.0045	0.7 (0.52–0.99)	.062	0.6 (0.43–1.02)
Previous hysterectomy	.001	1.8 (1.27–2.50)	<.0001	2.7 (1.66–4.44)
Previous failed anti-incontinence surgery	.0032	1.5 (1.03–2.19)	.035	1.7 (1.04–2.94)
BMI >25 kg/m ²	.748	1.0 (0.77–1.43)		
Coital incontinence during intercourse				
Mixed urinary incontinence >SUI	<.0001	2.3 (1.77–2.98)	<.0001	2.5 (1.91–3.31)
Cesarean delivery	<.0001	0.8 (0.62–1.03)	.001	0.6 (0.47–0.82)
Previous hysterectomy	<.0001	2.1 (1.62–2.90)	<.0001	2.9 (2.09–4.03)
Previous failed anti-incontinence surgery	<.0001	2.3 (1.68–3.21)	<.0001	2.6 (1.87–3.72)
BMI >25 kg/m ²	<.0001	1.8 (1.42–2.34)	<.0001	1.9 (1.50–2.56)
Coital incontinence during orgasm				
Mixed urinary incontinence >UUI	<.0001	2.3 (1.63–3.23)	<.0001	3.6 (2.51–5.39)
UUI	<.0001	4.1 (2.88–6.02)	<.0001	8.2 (5.35–12.54)
Cesarean delivery	.005	0.6 (0.48–0.87)	<.0001	0.3 (0.27–0.54)
Previous hysterectomy	<.0001	2.4 (1.80–3.30)	<.0001	4.04 (2.79–5.87)
Previous failed anti-incontinence surgery	.005	1.6 (1.15–2.32)	.08	1.41 (0.95–2.09)
BMI >25 kg/m ²	.264	1.1 (0.88–1.56)		

BMI = body mass index; OR = odds ratio; SUI = stress urinary incontinence; UUI = urgency urinary incontinence.



IUGA-ICS Join report on the terminology for assessment of sexual function (2018)

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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION



An international Urogynecological association (IUGA)/international continence society (ICS) joint report on the terminology for the assessment of sexual health of women with pelvic floor dysfunction

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ICS-IUGA Terminology : Haylen et al Int Urogynecol J (2018) 29:647-666.

1. Coital urinary incontinence: urinary incontinence occurring during or after vaginal intercourse¹
2. Orgasmic urinary incontinence (NEW): urinary incontinence at orgasm
3. Penetration urinary incontinence (NEW): urinary incontinence at penetration (penile, manual, or sexual device)
4. Coital urinary urgency (NEW): Feeling of urgency to void during vaginal intercourse.
5. Post coital LUT symptoms (NEW): Such as worsened urinary frequency or urgency, dysuria, suprapubic tenderness.



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Impact of SUI surgery



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Impact of incontinence surgery on sexual function

Systematic review and Meta-Analysis Jha et . J Sex Med 2012 ; 9:34-43

Table 2 Change in sexual function following all incontinence surgery

S No	Study	Procedure (total cases)	Improvement % (N)	No change % (N)	Deterioration % (N)
1	El Enen et al. [23]	TOT (62)	11 (7)	86 (53)	3 (2)
2	Sentilhes et al. [24]	TVT/TOT (145)	31.2 (45)	53.9 (78)	14.9 (22)
3	Jha et al. [3]	TVT (62)	50 (31)	42 (26)	8 (5)
4	Murphy et al. [26]	TVT (36)	38.9 (14)	52.8 (19)	8.3 (3)
		TVT-O (103)	37.1 (38)	61 (63)	1.9 (2)
5	Elzevier et al. [27]	TOT (44)	18.2 (8)	68.2 (30)	13.6 (6)
				73.5 (25)	5.9 (2)
6	Women with surgery for SUI without POP			—	9.9 (10)
7				28.3 (15)	47.2 (25)
				24.4 (10)	63.4 (26)
8				53.7 (29)	9.3 (5)
9	Ghezzi et al. [14]	TVT (53)	34 (18)	62.2 (33)	3.8 (2)
10	Elzevier et al. [15]	TVT (65)	26.1 (17)	72.3 (47)	1.6 (1)
11	Glavind et al. [17]	TVT/IVS (48)	25 (12)	60.4 (29)	6.6 (7)
12	Mazouni et al. [10]	TVT (55)	1.8 (1)	74.4 (41)	23.8 (13)
13	Maaita et al. [18]	TVT (43)	5 (6)	71 (31)	14 (6)
14	Byung [29]	TVT (94)	21.3 (20)	64.9 (61)	13.8 (13)
		TOT (57)	15.8 (9)	66.7 (38)	17.5 (10)
15	Hasse [30]	Burch (14)	7 (1)	93 (13)	—
16	Abdel-Fattah et al. [31]	TOT/ TVT-O (199)	94 (188)	1.4 (3)	4.3 (8)
17	Ward and Hilton [32]	Burch (79)	47 (37)	—	—
		TVT (98)	54 (53)	—	—
18	Marszalek et al. [34]	TVT (52)	33.3 (17)	52.4 (28)	14.3 (7)

TOT = transobturator tape; TVT = tension-free vaginal tape.

Impact of Incontinence Surgery on Sexual Function: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Women with surgery for SUI without POP

No differences with TVT vs TOT/TVT-O

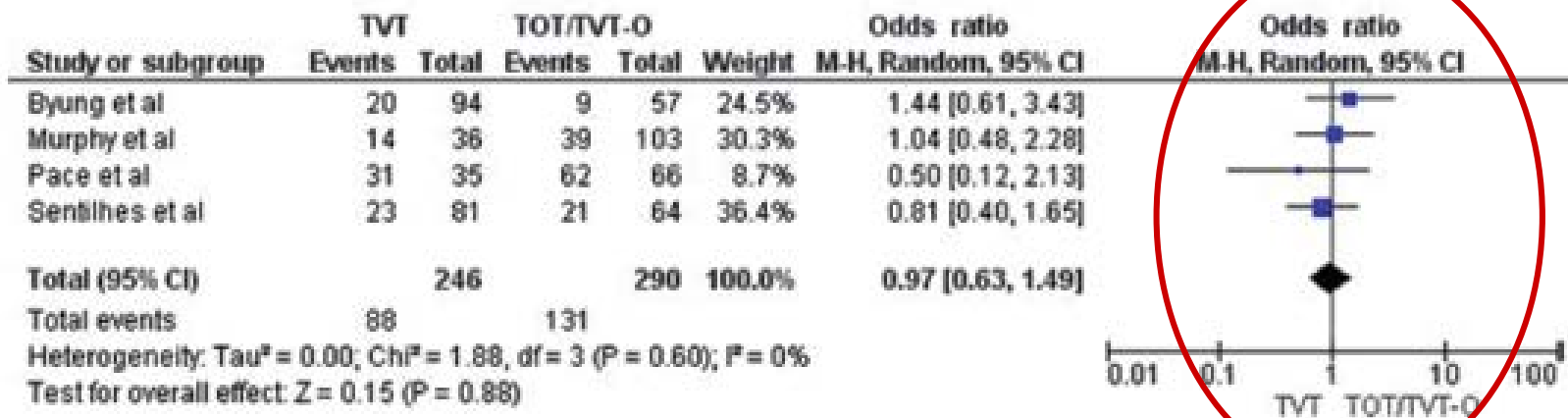
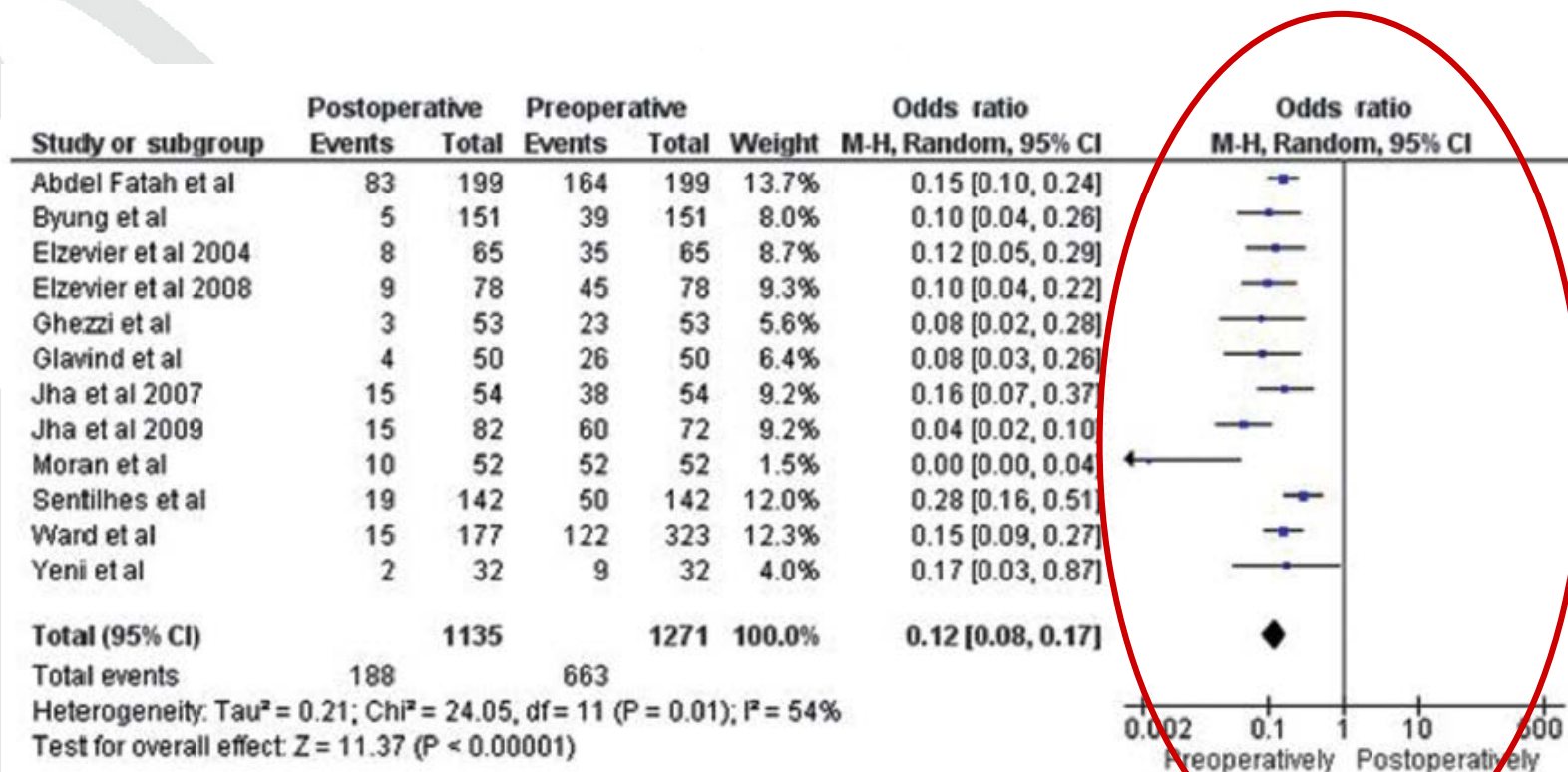


Figure 3 Comparison of TVT vs. TOT/TVT-O for improvement.



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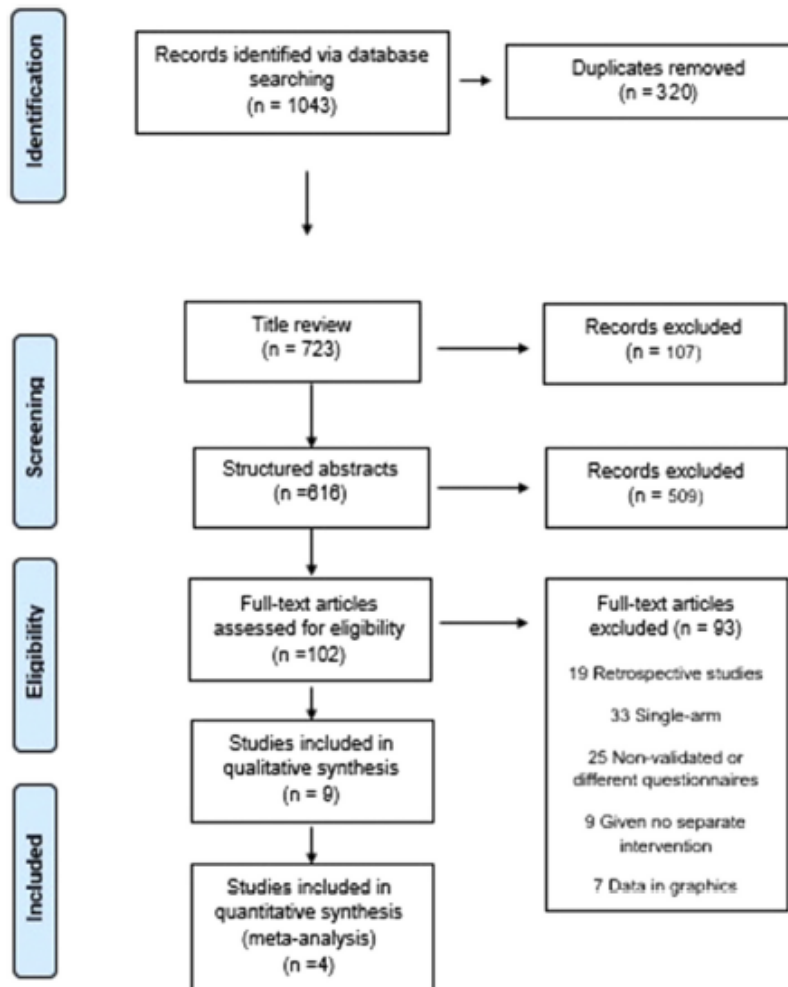


- **Coital urinary incontinence decreases significantly after SUI surgery (OR 0.11; 95% CI 0.07,0.17).**

Impact of incontinence surgery on sexual function

2018

Female Sexual Function After Surgery for SUI



SEXUAL MEDICINE REVIEWS

REVIEW

Female Sexual Function Following Surgical Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



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The impact of SUI surgery on sexual function is uncertain because of the imprecision of the effect and inconsistency among studies.

Most questionnaires utilized were not validated

Figure 1. Flow diagram of selected studies. Figure 1 is available in color online at www.smrjsexmed.org.



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Impact of POP surgery



FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION AND PELVIC FLOOR DYSFUNCTION

Impact of POP surgery Native tissue surgery

A systematic review and meta-analysis of the impact of native tissue repair for pelvic organ prolapse on sexual function

Int Urogynecol J (2015) 26:321–327

Study or Subgroup	Preoperative			Postoperative			Weight	Mean Difference	
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total		IV, Fixed, 95% CI	
Altman et al 2011	33.1	6.7	73	35.1	0.7	73	42.3%	-2.00	[-3.55, -0.45]
Azar et al 2008	15.9	10	60	21.9	11.1	60	7.1%	-6.00	[-9.78, -2.22]
Dua et al 2012	59.88	28.1	123	82.28	26	123	2.2%	-22.40	[-29.17, -15.63]
Fayyad et al 2008	59.5	45.9	101	71	43.7	101	0.7%	-11.50	[-23.86, 0.86]
Milani et al 2011	31.5	7.2	28	34.7	5.7	28	8.7%	-3.20	[-6.60, 0.20]
Novi et al 2006	83.6	8.2	50	89.1	7.1	50	11.2%	-5.50	[-8.51, -2.49]
Paraiso et al 2006	29	8	42	36	5	42	12.4%	-7.00	[-9.85, -4.15]
Pauls et al 2007	25.16	6.67	26	24.63	6.58	26	7.8%	0.53	[-3.07, 4.13]
Sokol et al 2012	32	6.5	17	35	4	16	7.6%	-3.00	[-6.66, 0.66]
Total (95% CI)			520			519	100.0%	-3.79	[-4.80, -2.79]
Heterogeneity: $\chi^2 = 48.95$, $df = 8$ ($P < 0.00001$); $I^2 = 84\%$									
Test for overall effect: $Z = 7.39$ ($P < 0.00001$)									

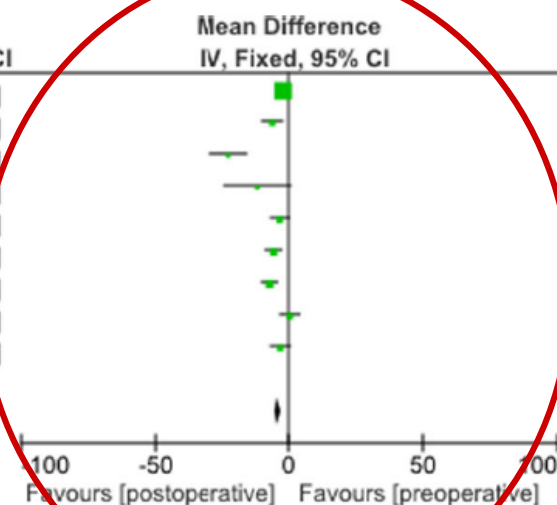


Fig. 2 Sexual function before and after surgery

The study concluded that **sexual function is significantly improved after POP vaginal surgery with native tissue**



PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE SURGERY AND SEXUAL FUNCTION

VAGINAL POP SURGERY USING

DISPAREUNIA before and after **native tissue repair**

47 % of women showed improvement

39 % no change

18 % deterioration

4 % had new-onset dyspareunia.

Jha S, Gray T. A systematic review and meta-analysis of the impact of native tissue repair for pelvic organ prolapse on sexual function. Int Urogynecol J. 2015 ;26:321-7.



PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE SURGERY AND SEXUAL FUNCTION

VAGINAL POP SURGERY WITH / WITHOUT MESH

- After anterior polypropylene mesh repair, **no significant differences** in sexual function or *de novo* dyspareunia were identified when compared with anterior colporrhaphy

Maher C, Feiner B, Baessler K, Christmann-Schmid C, Haya N, Marjoribanks J. Transvaginal mesh or grafts compared with native tissue repair for vaginal prolapse. The Cochrane data base of systematic reviews. 2016;2:CD012079.

Maher C, Feiner B, et al. Surgical management of pelvic organ prolapse in women. Update in: Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2016 Nov 30;11:CD004014.

Table 4. Summary of Findings Tables comparing Anterior Colporrhaphy and Polypropylene Mesh for Anterior Compartment Prolapse. Reproduced from the 2016 Cochrane review on anterior compartment prolapse.

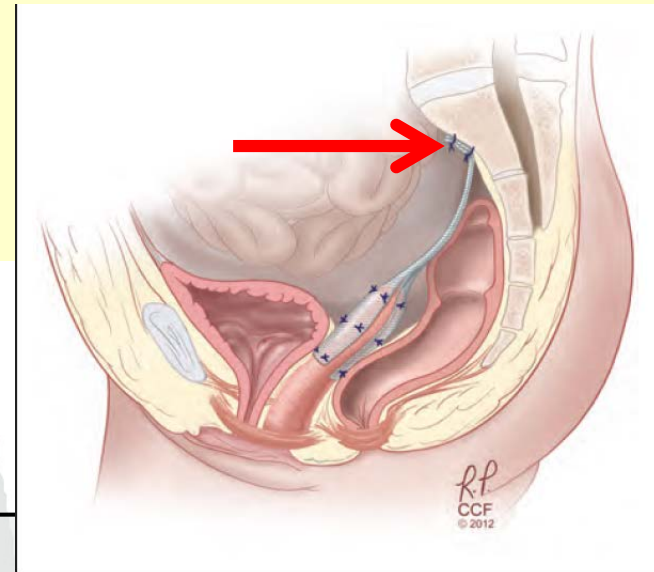
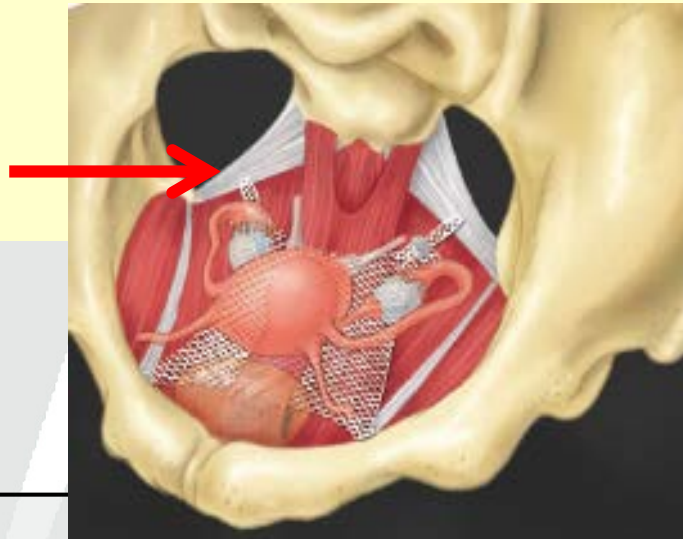
Outcomes	Anterior Repair (Colporrhaphy)	Polypropylene Mesh	Relative effect (95% CI)	No of Participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)
Awareness of prolapse	256 per 1000	143 per 1000 (110 to 187)	RR 0.56 (0.43 to 0.73)	974 (7 studies)	⊕⊕⊕⊖ moderate ¹
Repeat surgery – Prolapse	16 per 1000	7 per 1000 (4 to 13)	RR 0.44 (0.24 to 0.81)	1619 (12 studies)	⊕⊕⊕⊖ moderate ¹
Repeat surgery - Surgery for prolapse, SUI or mesh exposure	56 per 1000	91 per 1000 (64 to 128)	RR 1.62 (1.15 to 2.28)	1518 (12 studies)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ low ^{2,3}
Recurrent anterior compartment prolapse	406 per 1000	138 per 1000 (101 to 187)	RR 0.34 (0.25 to 0.46)	1481 (11 studies)	⊕⊕⊕⊖ moderate ¹
Apical or posterior compartment prolapse	93 per 1000	172 per 1000 (94 to 313)	RR 1.85 (1.01 to 3.37)	300 (2 studies)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ low ^{4,5}
Stress urinary incontinence (de novo)	86 per 1000	133 per 1000 (88 to 202)	RR 1.55 (1.02 to 2.35)	939 (6 studies)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ low ^{5,6}
De novo dyspareunia	36 per 1000	67 per 1000 (34 to 132)	RR 1.86 (0.94 to 3.66)	583 (8 studies)	⊕⊕⊕⊖ moderate ⁷



PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE SURGERY AND SEXUAL FUNCTION

EFFECTS OF VAGINAL vs ABDOMINAL POP SURGERY

- Some anatomic aspects of the POP repair : **vaginal depth, axis, and depth of mesh placement,** are different in vaginal and abdominal approach.



Anatomical outcomes 1 year after pelvic organ prolapse surgery in patients with and without a uterus at a high risk of recurrence: a randomised controlled trial comparing laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy/cervicopexy and anterior vaginal mesh

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The inclusion criteria were:

women requiring POP surgery (30–75 years of age)

primary or recurrent symptomatic POP

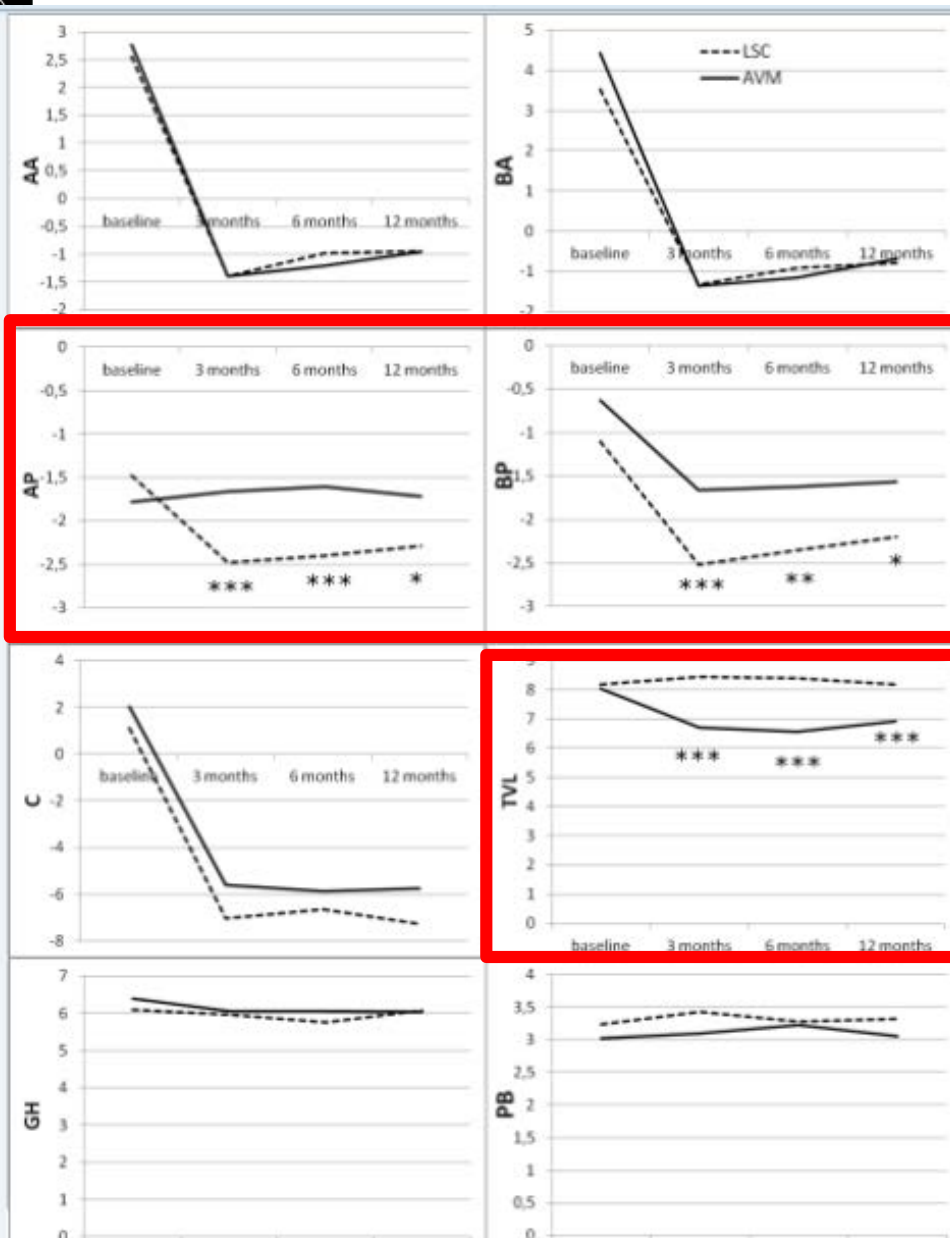
severe POP (stage 3 or greater anterior POP with a stage 2 or greater apical POP).

no previous mesh surgery

Randomization

60 anterior vaginal mesh

60 laparoscopic cervico/colposacropepy



No statistically significant differences were found among POP-Q anterior vaginal wall points between groups.

Better results were obtained with **LSC-CS** in **posterior** vaginal wall points and total **vaginal length**

Three patients (7%) with **dyspareunia de novo** in the LSC-CS group, while 7 women (19%) in the **AVM** group (NS).

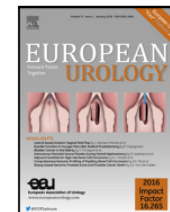
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There was no difference in symptoms, quality of life, improvement, composite definition of success, anatomical results rates between groups **except for the vaginal apex and length, and dyspareunia , in favour of abdominal (LS).**



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Conclusions: LS is a valuable option for primary repair of cystocele in sexually active patients. LS is safer than TVM, but may not be feasible in all cases. Both techniques offer same functional outcomes, success rates, and anatomical outcomes, but sexual function is better preserved by LS.

Patient summary: Our study demonstrates that laparoscopic sacropexy (LS) is a valuable option for primary repair of cystocele. LS offers equivalent success rates to vaginal mesh procedures, but is safer with a lower rate of complications and reoperations, and sexual function is better preserved.



FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION AND PELVIC FLOOR DYSFUNCTION

Conclusions

- Sexual dysfunctions are prevalent in women with pelvic floor disorders
- **Assessment and management** of this problem is necessary **when it causes distress.**
- **Validated questionnaires (FSFI, PISQ)**



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Conclusions

- **Coital incontinence** common in women with LUTS.
- When counseling women undergoing surgery for stress incontinence and coital incontinence, they may be told that **coital incontinence is likely to improve.**



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Conclusions:

- With the surgical reconstructive **treatment of the prolapse**, in most cases, **activity and sexual function improves or stays the same.**

- **Insufficient information are available to provide evidence-based recommendations for POP repair.**
Continued longitudinal investigation will be important to better understand female sexual function after POP repair



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Conclusions

- The most common factor negatively influencing the evaluation of sex life after surgery is **dyspareunia**.
- Further investigation into this group of patients may allow us to **understand factors contributing to patients' dyspareunia**, which may improve our treatment approach



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