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Efficacy of high-intensity focused electromagnetic device for treatment of female urinary incontinence

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Objectives

To evaluate the efficacy of high-intensity focused electromagnetic technology (HIFEM) assisted pelvic floor muscle training for treatment of female urinary incontinence.

Patients & Methods

This is a single centre prospective study from January 2020 to March 2023, including 71 women (60±14.5 years, 3±3 deliveries) with stress, urge or mixed urinary incontinence were enrolled.

They received HIFEM assisted pelvic floor muscle training for total of 6 sessions (2 sessions per week) and 28 minutes per session.

The primary outcome was objective evaluation to assess changes in 1- hour pad test and secondary outcome was subjective evaluation with overactive bladder symptom score (OABSS), urinary distress inventory, short form (UDI-6) and self-reported changes in quality of life (QoL).

Results

After the sixth session, patients with stress urinary incontinence benefits the most with reduction in the 1-hour pad test by $3.4g \pm 8.07g$ (p = 0.019). Subjective assessment including UDI-6 and QoL reduced by 1.4 ± 3.1 (p = 0.021) and 1 ± 1.2 (p = 0.04) respectively. No statistically improvements in patients with urge and mixed urinary incontinence both objectively and subjectively.

Conclusion

HIFEM assisted pelvic floor muscle training is an effective management for women with stress urinary incontinence with both subjective and objective improvements, which can positively enhanced their quality of life.

