

THE LOWER URINARY TRACT SYMPTOMS INFLUENCE THE SLEEP DISORDER

Hypothesis / aims of study

Generally, in the aged people there are many patients with lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) and sleep disorder (SD). The nocturnal frequency is the worst impact on the quality of life (QOL) in LUTS. There are many causes of nocturnal frequency including nocturnal polyuria, reduction of nocturnal bladder capacity, SD and so on. However we often wonder whether nocturnal frequency goes ahead of SD. To elucidate the therapeutic target for nocturnal frequency and SD we evaluated the correlation between LUTS and SD.

Study design, materials and methods

From October 2007 to February 2007, consecutively 519 new patients were analyzed by some questionnaires and examinations. The LUTS was assessed by International Prostate Symptom Score (I-PSS), Overactive Bladder Symptom Score (OABSS) (Ref. 1), uroflowmetry and residual urine by ultrasound. The sleep disorder was assessed by Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) (Ref. 2).

Results

Of total 519 mean age was 57.4 years old (range 16 to 93), 314 (60.5%) were male and 205 (39.5%) were female. The sleep quality of old generation was lower than age matched healthy volunteers in Japan. Total I-PSS, OABSS and the nocturnal frequency correlated with PSQI (Spearman's $r=0.3025$, $P=0.0001$, $r=0.2301$, $p=0.0014$ and $r=0.2152$, $P<0.0001$, respectively). The patients of serious and mild score in I-PSS (20~35 points and 8~19 points) were significantly higher PSQI than the patients of slight score (0~7 points) ($p<0.0001$ and $p<0.0001$, respectively) (Fig. 1). The patients with overactive bladder (OAB) were higher PSQI than non OAB patients ($p=0.0013$) (Fig. 2).

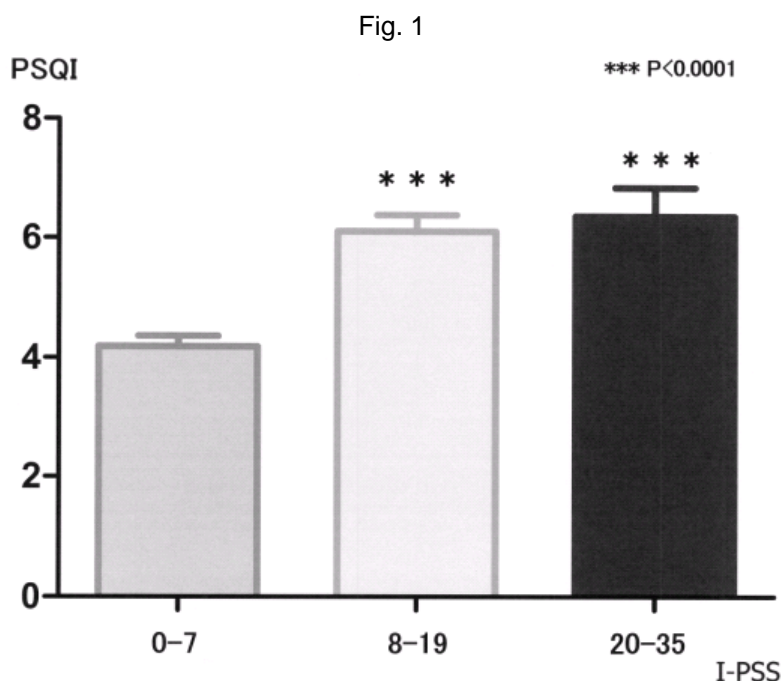
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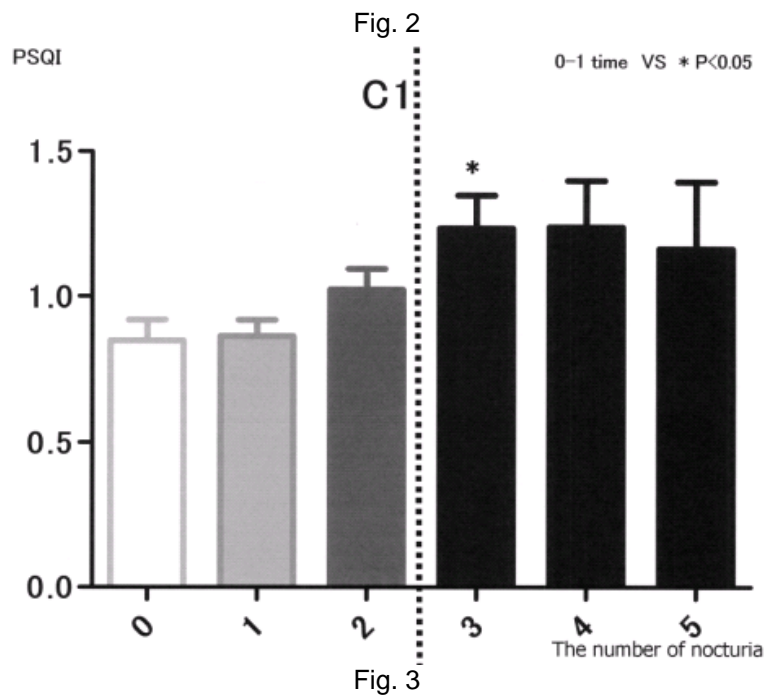
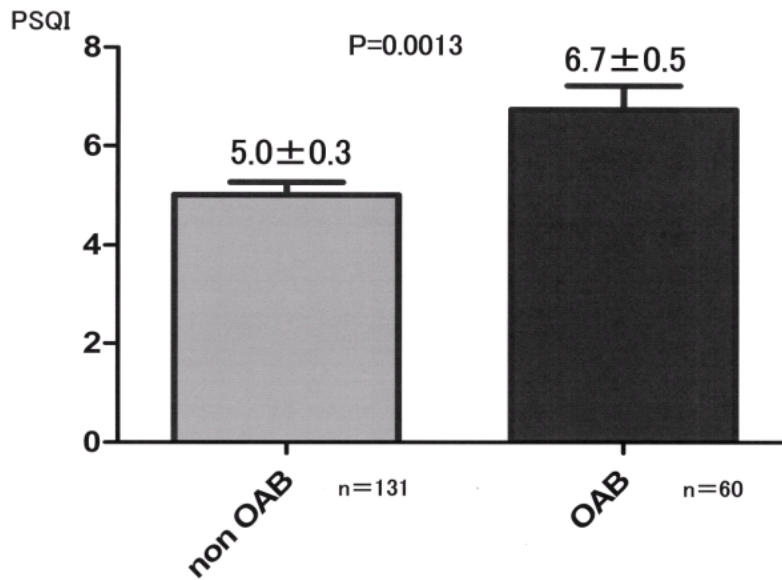
The results of the present study have revealed that not only storage symptoms but voiding symptoms got worse sleep quality. The improvement of LUTS results in the reduction of SD.

When 3 to 2 times decreased in the number of nocturnal frequency, the sleep quality and efficiency were significantly improved ($p<0.05$ and $p<0.001$, respectively) (Fig. 3).

Concluding message

Using α 1-blocker and/or anticholinergic agent for LUTS treatment, resulting in 3 to 2 times decreased in nocturnal frequency, the sleep quality and efficiency may be changed for better.





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