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INTRODUCTION:

There is a strong association between sexual dysfunction and impaired quality of life: women's self-esteem, sense of wholeness and her interpersonal relationships. One of the most common causes of female sexual dysfunction is vaginal surgery. The aim of this study is to evaluate how vaginal surgery (POP surgery) change female sexual life compared with the standard female sexual answer.

MATERIAL AND METHODS.

Retrospective study using the Female Sexual Function Index self-administered questionnaire translated and validate in Spanish, in a sample of 239 women from Castilla and Leon (Spain) (Group control) and 141 patients operated vaginally for POP . The FSFI is a self report measure of female sexual function, with 19 questions which study six domains: desire, arousal, lubrication, orgasm, satisfaction and pain. The results have been evaluated by the program SPSS v15, statistics were obtained with chi2 test.

RESULTS:

We have obtain statistics differences in all sexual domain, speaking about general population, women older than 40, and women older than 50. Desire is the only one domain were there is no differences in women older than 50.

	Group control	POP population
Sexual reports	78.2%	61.7%
Number reports	6.12±4.9	2.61±2.68
Number children	1.23±1.08	2.69±1.5

FSFI	Group control	POP population
Desire	5.41±1.94	4.68±2.08
Arousal	13.14±5.48	11.13±6.7
Lubrication	14.88±5.9	12.10±7.05
Orgasm	10.61±4.67	8.9±5.49
Satisfaction	11.26±.052	9.88±4.8
Pain	11.34±11.34	9.96± 5.4
Total score	25.04±8.12	14.5±10.83

CONCLUSION.

Vaginal surgery for POP treatment has an important repercussion in female sexual function which should be advice before surgery.

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