

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAXIMUM URETHRAL CLOSURE PRESSURE AND LEAK POINT PRESSURE IN WOMEN WITH STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE

Hypothesis / aims of study

It is said that abdominal leak point pressure (ALPP) and urethral closure pressure (MUCP) measurement show variability because of the variations in measurement protocols.

This study is to investigate the relationship between maximum urethral closure pressure (MUCP) and abdominal leak point pressure (ALPP) by cough (CLPP) and valsalva (VLPP), and the relationship between these urodynamic findings and bladder neck opening and urethral hypermobility in an upright position during video-urodynamics in women with stress urinary incontinence (SUI).

Study design, materials and methods

We recruited 21 female patients who underwent video-urodynamics for evaluation to SUI from Jun 2012 to May 2014 retrospectively: mean age 64.1 years old (48- 84). We performed videourodynamics including urethral pressure profile in supine position and the measurement of ALPP (CLPP, VLPP) in an upright position, bladder neck opening and mobility in an upright position with 10 female patients. We set funnel-shaped bladder neck as bladder neck opening and Type2 (Blaivas and Olsson modified this classification system) as urethral hypermobility. We divided MUCP into 3 groups (MUCP < 20cmH₂O or 30, 30cmH₂O > MUCP < 60cmH₂O, > 60cmH₂O) and ALPP into 2 groups (< 60cmH₂O, > 60cmH₂O) from previous studies. Statistical tests were analysed by Pearson's correlation coefficient test and Spearman's correlation coefficient by rank test (p < 0.05).

Results

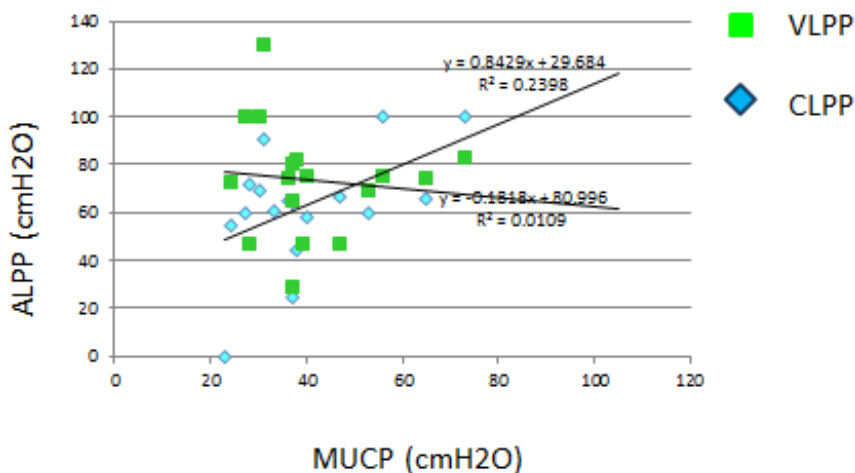
Mean MUCP was 42±19.7cmH₂O, and mean VLPP was 62.3±24.1cmH₂O, mean CLPP was 73.5±23.7cmH₂O. There were no patients with MUCP < 20cmH₂O. There was no significant correlation between VLPP and CLPP (p=0.057, r=0.378). 4 patients (80%) with MUCP < 30cmH₂O group had ALPP < 60cmH₂O. The VLPP correlated with MUCP (r=0.49) greater than CLPP (r=0.10). Cystography in upright position demonstrated bladder neck opening in 7 patients: 1 patient (25%) with MUCP < 30cmH₂O, 6 patients (50%) with 30cmH₂O > MUCP < 60cmH₂O, and no patient with MUCP > 60cmH₂O (p=0.036, rs=0.696). Urethral mobility more than 2cm by Valsalva was seen in 5 patients: 1 patient (25%) with MUCP < 30cmH₂O, 4 patients (33.3%) with 30cmH₂O > MUCP < 60cmH₂O, and no patient with MUCP > 60cmH₂O (p=0.173, rs=0.455).

Interpretation of results

There was no significant correlation between VLPP and CLPP and CLPP tended to be higher than VLPP in this study. The VLPP correlated with MUCP greater than CLPP. CLPP had wide variety than VLPP. Bladder neck opening in upright position was involved in MUCP.

Concluding message

We showed the relationships among video-urodynamics findings in women with SUI. It would suggest that VLPP and CLPP are caused by different factors and bladder neck opening in upright position is related to MUCP. And it might be useful to obtain more detail evaluation for SUI that performing the combination of MUCP and ALPP (VLPP, CLPP), bladder neck opening and urethral mobility.



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