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რედაქციაში სტატიის წარმოდგენისას საჭიროა დავიცვათ შემდეგი წესები:

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- 8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფჩხილებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.
- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# CORRELATION OF SPINOPELVIC PARAMETERS WITH DISABILITY STATUS IN PATIENTS WITH DEGENERATIVE LUMBAR DISEASES

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# Abstract.

Lumbar degenerative disease usually manifests in spine clinics. This study examines the spino-pelvic characteristics of lumbar degenerative disease patients as well as the clinical ramifications in the Indian population which help in early identification of sagittal spine anomalies.

**Purpose:** To study the spinopelvic parameters and correlate them with disability status in patients with degenerative lumbar diseases.

Methods and study design: This cross-sectional observational study focused on patients aged 40 to 60, diagnosed with degenerative lumbar spine diseases, seen at the Orthopedics Outpatient Department. Thorough history, clinical examination, and disability assessment were conducted using the modified Oswestery Disability Questionnaire (ODI). Radiological evaluation included measuring spinopelvic parameters—Pelvic Incidence (PI), Pelvic Tilt (PT), Sacral Slope (SS), and Lumbar Lordosis (LL)—correlated with disability. Disability status was determined through the Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability (ODI) Questionnaire.

Results: Among the study population, the difference in mean of Pelvic Tilt, Sacral slope, Lumbar lordosis, Pelvic incidence across disability status was not statistically significant. BMI and sacral slope showed positive correlation to sacral slope and negative correlation to Pelvic Tilt, Lumbar Lordosis, ODI. Conclusion: This study concluded there was no association between spinopelvic characteristics and level of disability in degenerative lumbar disease. Early detection of spinopelvic changes can aid in early intervention, slow down disease progression, and lessen impairment brought on by degenerative disc diseases.

**Key words.** Lumbar vertebrae, lumbar disc disease, physiotherapy.

#### Introduction.

In spine clinics, lumbar degenerative diseases are a common occurrence, encompassing various conditions like degenerative lumbar spondylolisthesis, lumbar spinal stenosis, and degenerative disc disease. Individuals affected often experience symptoms such as low back pain, difficulty walking, numbness, and tingling in the lower limbs, as well as difficulty maintaining continuous upright posture [1]. Some cases of lumbar degenerative diseases progress over time, leading to chronic pain and limitations in daily activities.

Recognizing the importance of comprehensive care for lumbar

degenerative diseases, there is a growing emphasis on evaluating spinopelvic features. Spino-pelvic sagittal parameters consist of spinal and pelvic parameters. The Sagittal Vertical Axis (SVA) serves as a crucial measure of sagittal balance, while Thoracic Kyphosis (TK) and Lumbar Lordosis (LL) denote the spinal curvature angles. Pelvic Incidence (PI), a stable metric reflecting pelvic morphology throughout adulthood, is a key pelvic parameter. Sacral Slope (SS), influenced by pelvic position, determines the curvature of the lower lumbar spine, closely associated with LL. Pelvic Tilt (PT) indicates pelvic flexion or posterior tilt, influencing pelvic spatial orientation. When the pelvis flexes, PT decreases, while it increases with posterior pelvic tilt [2]. These pelvic orientations play a vital role in maintaining sagittal balance.

Understanding and assessing these spinopelvic parameters are essential for developing effective management strategies tailored to individual patients with lumbar degenerative diseases [3]. By comprehensively evaluating spinal and pelvic characteristics, clinicians can better understand and address the complex interplay between spinal alignment, pelvic morphology, and postural dynamics, thereby optimizing patient care and outcomes. Different pelvic parameters are present in patients with degenerative lumbar diseases (DLD). Finding the risk factors for the onset of degenerative lumbar illnesses and determining the severity of clinical symptoms may both be aided by investigating the pelvic parameters. Spinopelvic radiographic measurements are essential tools for assessing spine alignment.

Spino-pelvic sagittal parameters's normal values differ substantially from person to person. Sagittal parameters in the elderly differ from those in young people due to degenerative deformities. To restore the sagital balance and improve the effectiveness of treatment, the sagital spine alignment must be properly corrected. Therefore, early detection of any abnormalities in the parameters of the sagittal spine aids in better treatment outcomes and may even be utilised as a prognostic indication. In this study, the spino-pelvic parameters of patients with lumbar degenerative illness are examined, along with the clinical implications in the Indian population.

# Materials and Methods.

This cross-sectional observational study was conducted in the Orthopedics department of a tertiary care hospital in Pondicherry, after the approval of ethical committee over a period of one and half years (January 2021 -June 2022). Patients

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with degenerative lumbar spine diseases were assessed clinically and radiologically. A study by Qiang et al. [4] was used to calculate sample size and it was calculated to be 65 patients. Patients presenting to the Orthopedics Outpatient Department with symptomatic low back ache with or without leg pain and diagnosed to have a degenerative lumbar spine disease who are in the age group of 40 to 60 years were included. Patients who have undergone any previous spine surgery, those with spinal disease due to trauma or tumour and patients with limb length discrepancy were excluded.

All the patients satisfying the study criteria underwent a thorough history taking and clinical examination and disability assessment with the help of modified Oswestery disability questionnaire (ODI). The patient was subjected to radiological evaluation of the lumbosacral spine with hip joint lateral view with the patient in erect identical posture.

The Figure 1 shows the Positioning of the patient for taking X ray LS spine lateral. The radiographic procedures required for the treatment of the patient, namely, pinopelvic parameters namely Pelvic incidence (PI), Pelvic tilt (PT), Sacral Slope (SS) and Lumbar lordosis(LL)are measured, documented, and correlated. The Pelvic Incidence (PI) represents the algebraic sum of the Sacral Slope (SS) and the Pelvic tilt (PT): PI = SS + PT were measured from each radiograph.



**Figure 1.** Positioning of the patient for taking X ray LS spine lateral.

Figure 2 shows the Plain radiograph LS spine lateral of a 43-year-old female with diagnosis of L3-L4 Degenerative spondylolisthesis. Disability status was assessed using Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability (ODI) Questionnaire and data was

analysed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) Software Version 22. Descriptive status, mean, SD were repeated for necessary outcome variables. t-Test were performed to check whether there is significant difference in pelvic parameters among patients with degenerative lumbar diseases. The values obtained were compared with standardized values for Indian population and correlated.



Figure 2. Plain radiograph LS spine lateral of a 43-year-old female with diagnosis of L3-L4 Degenerative spondylolisthesis with parameters measured Lumbar Lordosis - 44.8 degrees, Sacral slope - 33.6 degrees, Pelvic tilt - 19.5 degrees, Pelvic incidence - 61.4 degrees, ODI - 46% Severe disability).

#### Results.

A meticulous examination of the data ensued, employing the elegant measures of mean and standard deviation for quantitative variables, while categorical variables were adorned with the regal garments of frequency and proportion. To embellish the presentation further, the data was adorned with a tapestry of visual delights, including bar diagrams, pie diagrams, and box plots, each offering a unique perspective on the data's intricate patterns. Delving deeper into the fabric of the data, the association between categorical explanatory variables and quantitative outcomes was meticulously scrutinized. The illustrious ANOVA method was invoked to bestow upon us insights into statistical significance, allowing us to discern the subtle nuances within our data. For correlation between two continuous variables, we turned to the venerable Pearson correlation, an elegant ballet of numbers that reveals the intricate interplay between our variables. With reverence, we interpreted correlation values, assigning them to categories of

**Table 1.** Comparison of mean of parameter across disability status (N=65).

Parameter		<b>Between Groups</b>	Between Groups		
	Minimal	Moderate	Severe	Crippled	
PELVIC TILT	$12.1 \pm 0.001$	$15.28 \pm 8.22$	$14.72 \pm 8.97$	$6.80 \pm 1.55$	0.568
SACRAL SLOPE	$34.90 \pm 0.001$	30.30 ±8.24	$34.78 \pm 7.48$	30.55 ±11.24	0.216
LUMBAR LORDOSIS	$22.00 \pm 0.001$	$32.58 \pm 14.03$	$35.86 \pm 12.7$	$32.100 \pm 13.85$	0.664
PELVIC INCIDENCE	$47.00 \pm 0.001$	$45.38 \pm 9.68$	$49.62 \pm 8.44$	$37.400 \pm 12.86$	0.188

weak, moderate, strong, or very strong, each telling a tale of the data's underlying structure. Negative signs whispered tales of opposing forces, while positive signs heralded harmonious positive alliances between variables. We judged the P-value, for a value less than 0.05 signaled a proclamation of statistical significance.

In data analysis, the venerable SPSS software, in its majestic version 22, served as our trusted conductor, guiding us through the pathways of statistical inquiry with precision. Among the study population, the mean age was  $49.41 \pm 6.03$  with a female preponderance of 56.2%. The mean height of patients in our study population was  $159.95 \pm 9.84$ , the mean weight was  $65.86 \pm 10.99$  and the mean BMI was  $25.7 \pm 3.08$ .

In our study on 65 patients, the mean Pelvic Tilt was  $14.79 \pm 8.36$ . the mean Sacral Slope was  $31.9 \pm 8.15$ , the mean Lumbar Lordosis was  $33.52 \pm 13.45$  and the mean Pelvic Incidence was  $46.6 \pm 9.48$ .

Among the study population with Disability Status, 33.85% of them were Severe, 61.54% of them were Moderate, 3.08% of them were Crippled. The table 1 shows the Comparison of mean of parameter across disability status.

The difference in mean of Pelvic Tilt, Sacral slope, Lumbar lordosis, Pelvic incidence across disability status was not statistically significant. (p value >0.05). There was no correlation found between BMI Vs Sacral slope and correlation found between BMI Vs Pelvic Tilt, Lumbar Lordosis, ODI. There was no correlation found between ODI Vs Pelvic Tilt, Pelvic Incidence, Sacral Slope, Lumbar Lordosis. The mean Oswestry Disability Index score in our study was  $0.44 \pm 0.14$ .

# Discussion.

The significance of spino-pelvic parameters in musculoskeletal disorders remains a topic of intrigue, with clinical implications underscored by numerous publications linking Pelvic Incidence (PI) to degenerative disc diseases. Duval-Beaupe're et al. [5] elucidated the pivotal role of pelvic parameters in describing pelvic position relative to the sacrum, prompting spinal adaptations reflected in Lumbar Lordosis (LL), which increases as Sacral Slope (SS) rises to maintain trunk balance upright. Understanding factors contributing to suboptimal health status is imperative for informed clinical decision-making. Studies on adult spinal deformity patients have highlighted spinopelvic malalignment's correlation with diminished patient-reported health status, guiding surgical planning. However, Gao et al.'s retrospective study suggested a weak association between sagittal radiographic parameters and pretreatment health-related quality of life (HRQOL) in Degenerative lumbar scoliosis patients. Fu et al.'s multicenter prospective analysis revealed age-specific variations in radiological parameters' correlation with pain and disability, emphasizing differing tolerances to sagittal malalignment across age groups. In elderly patients, sagittal malalignment drove pain and disability, while scoliosis magnitude correlated with these factors in younger adults with adult spinal deformity [6-9]. In our study, among the study population, the mean age was  $49.41 \pm 6.03$  years. Among the study population, 56.25% of them were female, 43.75% of them were male. The mean Pelvic Tilt was  $14.79 \pm 8.36$ , the mean Sacral Slope was  $31.9 \pm 8.15$ , the mean Lumbar Lordosis was  $33.52 \pm 13.45$ , the mean Pelvic Incidence was  $46.6 \pm 9.48$ . and the mean ODI was  $0.44 \pm 0.14$  in our study. These values were statistically significant and was similar to the normal values of the spinopelvic parameter as mentioned by Singh Et al in his study [10].

We also noted a negative correlation between BMI and sacral slope and there was positive correlation found between BMI and pelvic tilt, lumbar lordosis and ODI. This result was consistent with a study conducted by Se'bastien Schuller et al. [11].

In the current investigation, no discernible correlation was observed between Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) scores and pelvic tilt, pelvic incidence, sacral slope, and lumbar lordosis. The multifaceted nature of degenerative lumbar diseases entails various factors influencing clinical symptoms, with considerable heterogeneity observed among patients experiencing low back pain. Variables such as age, gender, occupation, and individual pain perception exert notable influences on symptomatology. Our study underscores the pivotal role of spinal-pelvic parameters, including their ratios, in shaping the clinical presentation of severe degenerative lumbar diseases. While previous research has highlighted the association between pelvic and spinal morphologies and degenerative disc diseases, our findings diverge as we found no significant correlation between disability index and pelvic parameters. This outcome aligns with the study conducted by Zhengguang Wang et al., where lumbar lordosis correlated with pelvic tilt, but no correlation was evident between sacral slope and pelvic incidence. Notably, their study's larger sample size and multicentric nature may contribute to this discrepancy, as prior correlation assessments between pelvic parameters and disability status in degenerative spinal diseases were not undertaken in the South Indian population.

Similarly, Sayf S. A. Faraj et al. discovered statistically significant correlations between pelvic parameters and ODI, alongside sagittal radiographic parameters, yet no significant correlations were observed with health-related quality of life (HRQOL). This finding echoes recent studies focusing on adult spinal deformity patients, indicating a limited association between HRQOL scores and spinopelvic parameters.

In the context of degenerative lumbar scoliosis, which presents distinct pathophysiological features, a parallel association with pelvic parameters akin to our study's findings was noted. Chapman et al.'s evaluation of symptomatic De Novo

Degenerative Lumbar Scoliosis (DNDLS) similarly revealed a very weak overall association between HRQOL scores and spinopelvic parameters, consistent with our study's outcomes. These collective findings underscore the intricate interplay between spinal-pelvic parameters and clinical symptomatology, highlighting the importance of comprehensive assessments in understanding and managing degenerative lumbar diseases. There is no correlation in our study maybe because of the small sample size and single centric study conducted by us; correlation of pelvic parameters and disability status in degenerative lumbar diseases has not been done much and need further study to arrive at a final conclusion [12-14].

#### Conclusion.

Degenerative disc diseases can develop due to malalignment in spinopelvic parameters. This can be identified at the earliest and lifestyle modifications can be done to prevent the accelerated disease progression.

- 1. In the current study, which was carried out by us to determine the relationship between spinopelvic parameters and level of disability in degenerative lumbar disease, we discovered that neither factor was correlated.
- 2. Early detection of spinopelvic changes can aid in early intervention, slow down disease progression, and lessen impairment brought on by degenerative disc diseases.

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