

Review of: "A Study to Assess the Effect of Pelvic Floor Muscle Strengthening Exercises on Urinary Incontinence in Patients with Cervical Cancer Undergoing Radiation Therapy at a Tertiary Cancer Centre"

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Thnaks to allow me to review this study.

I suggest:

- 1. title: try to be more direct, such as "Impact of Pelvic Floor Muscle Strengthening Exercises on Urinary Incontinence in Cervical Cancer Patients during Radiation Therapy: A Tertiary Cancer Centre Study"
- 2. at the end of the introduction, add the aim of your study
- 3. move "SD" and mantain only +/- for standard deviation
- 4. in the introduction talk about the importance of pelvic floor rehabilitation in several disorders: neurological disease (Vecchio M, Chiaramonte R, DI Benedetto P. Management of bladder dysfunction in multiple sclerosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis of studies regarding bladder rehabilitation. Eur J Phys Rehabil Med. 2022 Jun;58(3):387-396. doi: 10.23736/S1973-9087.22.07217-3; Özden F, Tümtürk İ, Özkeskin M, Bakırhan S. The effect of pelvic floor muscle training on urinary incontinence in patients with stroke: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Ir J Med Sci. 2023 Jun;192(3):1481-1495. doi: 10.1007/s11845-022-03083-x.)
- 5. in the discussion: add a paragraph about the importance having a holistic rehabilitation approach for cancer patients, encompassing motor, vocal, swallowing, and pelvic aspects of care. This comprehensive strategy aims to address the diverse rehabilitation needs of individuals undergoing cancer treatment, 1. motor, 2. vocal (Cocuzza S, Bonfiglio M, Chiaramonte R, Serra A. Relationship between radiotherapy and gastroesophageal reflux disease in causing tracheoesophageal voice rehabilitation failure. J Voice. 2014 Mar;28(2):245-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jvoice.2013.08.008), 3. swallowing (Kristensen MB. Managing eating problems after cancer. Maturitas. 2023 Dec;178:107843. doi: 10.1016/j.maturitas.2023.107843); 4. intestinal (Chiaramonte R, Bonfiglio M, Caramma S, Condorelli R. The Role of Rehabilitation in the Treatment of Constipation in Oncological Patients. J Clin Med. 2023 Aug 2;12(15):5083. doi: 10.3390/jcm12155083.) 5. pelvic.
- 6. before the paragraph "intervention": explain what statistical software you used, and describe the statistical tests you used
- 7. put the description of the exercises in a table
- 8. are the figures yours? who is the artist painting them?

