EFFECTIVE PARAMETERS OF URODYNAMIC STUDY BEFORE PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE SURGERY AND VALIDATION OF CONCOMITANT SURGERY ON URINARY OUTCOMES: RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Objective
To evaluate effective parameters of preoperative urodynamic study (UDS) before performing surgery for pelvic organ prolapse (POP) and to validate effectiveness of concomitant surgery on urinary outcomes.

Methods
This was a retrospective cohort study of 308 patients who had UDS before POP surgery from January 2006 through December 2010 at Yonsei University Severance Hospital, Seoul, Korea. The patients who were diagnosed with stress urinary incontinence (SUI) by positive result of UDS (group 1) had a concomitant sling operation with POP surgery. And the patients were not diagnosed with SUI by negative result of UDS (group 2) did not.

Results
The prevalence rate of de novo SUI in group 2 (3.1%, n=4) higher than group 1 (1.7%, n=3), but there was no statistically significant difference between the two groups. We checked 5 parameters of UDS (valsalva leak point pressure, maximal urethral closing pressure [MUCP], maximal flow rates, detrusor pressure at maximal flow [PdetMax], maximal cystometric capacity confidence). PdetMax and MUCP was statistically significant parameter in postoperative de novo SUI (odds ratio [OR], 1.020; 95% confidence intervals [CI], 1.001-1.038) and postoperative de novo urgency urinary incontinence (UUI; OR 0.969; 95% CI, 0.942-0.996).

Conclusion
This study suggests that results of preoperative UDS and concomitant surgery can be associated with prevalence rate of postoperative de novo SUI. Focused on prevalence of postoperative urinary complications, concomitant surgery was better than only prolapse surgery. PdetMax in SUI and MUCP in UUI were statistically significant parameters of UDS related on urinary outcome.

Keywords: Urodynamic study; Stress urinary incontinence; Pelvic organ prolapse
30 years, the demand for treatment of POP will increase by 45%, commensurate with an increase in the population of women older than 50 years of age [2,3]. POP is a common and increasingly recognized condition for which women seek help and undergo surgical management. Available data reveal variations in the incidence of POP with parity, age, and race. Approximately 200,000 inpatient surgical procedures for POP are performed annually in the United States. The lifetime risk of an American woman undergoing a single surgery for POP or UI by 80 years is about 11% [4]. It is difficult to diagnose with SUI by preoperative urodynamic study (UDS) because POP can functionally mask SUI. And surgery for POP may unmask occult SUI in some cases [5]. Therefore numerous studies have been done on the effectiveness of concomitant prophylactic anti-incontinence surgery at the time of POP surgery and whether preoperative UDS can predict SUI following POP surgery. According to the literature, 36% to 80% of women with advanced vaginal prolapse are at risk of SUI after vaginal reconstructive surgery and they required a concurrent surgery for POP and incontinence repair [6-10]. Many studies reported that prophylactic anti-incontinence surgery led to better surgical outcomes. On the other hand, some studies reported that there was no statistically significant difference and preoperative SUI could be corrected by only prolapse surgery in some cases. Also, other studies argued that concomitant surgery caused postoperative side effects such as voiding difficulty, bladder outlet obstruction or overactive bladder (OAB). Hence, the effectiveness of concomitant surgery is still controversial. Moreover it is difficult to predict postoperative SUI following POP surgery because multiple factors affect the results, so when to perform concomitant or staged operation has been argued to date [11]. Therefore we evaluated whether preoperative UDS could predict the necessity of concomitant surgery and which parameters of UDS could be effective. We checked the effectiveness of concomitant surgery, so we can prevent unnecessary concomitant surgery if it is found to be ineffective and improve patients’ satisfaction after the surgery and postoperative urinary outcomes.

Materials and Methods

This was a retrospective cohort study of 536 patients who underwent POP surgery from January 2006 to December 2010 enrolled at Yonsei University Severance Hospital. Among them, 228 patients were excluded under the following conditions: having no preoperative UDS, missing any data of UDS parameters and lost during follow-up. Finally 308 patients and their medical records were reviewed and divided into two groups. Group 1 included 177 patients who were diagnosed with SUI by positive result of preoperative UDS and had a concomitant sling operation such as transobturator tape, tension free vaginal tape (TVT) with POP surgery. Group 2 included 131 patients who were not diagnosed with SUI by negative result of preoperative UDS and therefore did not have a concomitant surgery. All patients underwent POP surgery such as anterior and posterior repair, perineorrhaphy, abdominal sacrocolpopexy, iliococcygeous hitch with mesh, iliococcygeous uteropexy with mesh, paravaginal repair and iliococcygeous colposuspension, but mainly sacrocolpopexy or colposuspension including anterior and posterior repair. There was no patient who had only posterior repair and perineorrhaphy, which could be less related with unmasking of POP. There was no significant difference of POP surgical methods between the two groups. All patients were followed at one month, six months and one year. After those follow-up periods, the patients were followed up once a year to evaluate urinary outcomes including de novo SUI, urgency urinary incontinence (UUI) and OAB based on the postoperative subjective symptoms of the patients. OAB was described by urgency, frequency, nocturia and cases that needed medications. And correction failure of SUI was excluded in patients of this study. We defined “de novo” as it resolved after the surgery and appeared newly after one month follow-up. All 308 patients had preoperative UDS, and we compared 5 parameters of UDS-Valsalva leak point pressure (VLPP), maximal urethral closing pressure (MUCP), maximal flow rates (Qmax), detrusor pressure at maximal flow (PdetMax) and maximal cystometric capacity (MCC) to evaluate whether the parameters of preoperative UDS affected postoperative de novo SUI, UUI and OAB. Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS ver. 18.0 (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA). Univariate analysis was performed by using Pearson’s chi-square test or Fisher’s exact test. Logistic regression analysis was performed to determine the significant parameters of UDS affecting postoperative urinary outcomes. Statistical significance was defined as P-value<0.05.

Results

1. Overall cohort
The mean age of the patients was 63.85 years (standard deviation, 9.36). There was no significant difference of basal character
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1) Group 1
Group 1 was composed of 177 patients who were diagnosed with SUI by positive result of preoperative UDS and underwent anti-incontinence surgery at the time of POP surgery. The de novo rate of SUI was 1.7% (n = 3), the rate of UUI was 3.4% (n=6) and the rate of OAB was 9.6% (n = 17) (Table 2).

There were 2 patients (1.3%) that had postoperative urinary retention and only 1 patient had revision operation. There were 29 patients (16.8%) in group 1 who had immediate postoperative voiding difficulty, but it was not statistically significant compared with the 20 patients (15.4%) in group 2 (P=0.938). They recovered completely by foley catheter reinsertion, foley catheter training, and medications and did not complain of any voiding difficulty at discharge.

2) Group 2
Group 2 was composed of 131 patients who were not diagnosed with SUI by negative result of preoperative UDS and underwent POP surgery alone. The de novo rate of SUI was 3.1% (n=4), the rate of UUI was 3.1% (n=4) and the rate of OAB was 9.2% (n = 12). The prevalence rate of de novo SUI was higher than that of group 1, but there was no statistically significant difference compared with the result of group 1 (Table 2).

Also, there was no statistically significant difference of UUI, OAB between the two groups. We compared 5 parameters of preoperative UDS (VLPP, MUCP, Qmax, PdetMax, MCC) to prove whether there was any significant difference between the two groups. PdetMax was a statistically significant parameter in postoperative de novo SUI (odds ratio [OR], 1.020; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.001-1.038; P = 0.034). And MUCP was a statistically significant parameter in postoperative de novo UUI (OR, 0.969; 95% CI, 0.942-0.996; P = 0.023). The other parameters did not show any statistically significant deference between the two groups (Table 3).

Discussion
In this study, the prevalence rate of postoperative de novo SUI in group 2 patients who had POP surgery alone was higher than that of group 1 patients who had concomitant surgery, but there was no statistically significant difference. However, higher prevalence rate suggested that concomitant surgery could be related with postoperative de novo SUI.

Yuan et al. [12] reported that POP and SUI shared common patho-

### Table 1. Basal characteristics between group 1 and group 2

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<td>Age (yr)</td>
<td>64.23 (9.06)</td>
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<td>Body mass index (kg/m²)</td>
<td>24.23 (2.70)</td>
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<td>Parity (time)</td>
<td>3.56 (1.91)</td>
<td>3.21 (1.37)</td>
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<td>Previous vaginal delivery (time)</td>
<td>3.44 (1.47)</td>
<td>3.18 (1.38)</td>
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<td>Menopausal age (yr)</td>
<td>49.50 (4.04)</td>
<td>49.29 (7.45)</td>
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<td>POP-Q (0-4)</td>
<td>3.31 (0.63)</td>
<td>3.20 (0.50)</td>
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<td>Previous abdominal surgery</td>
<td>40 (30.5)</td>
<td>54 (30.5)</td>
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Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation or number (%). Pearson’s chi-square test or Fisher’s exact test were used. POP-Q, pelvic organ prolapse quantification.

### Table 2. Postoperative de novo SUI, UUI, and OAB

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<td>SUI</td>
<td>3 (1.7)</td>
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<td>UUI</td>
<td>6 (3.4)</td>
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<td>OAB</td>
<td>17 (9.6)</td>
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Values are presented as number (%). Pearson’s chi-square test or Fisher’s exact test were used. SUI, stress urinary incontinence; UUI, urgency urinary incontinence; OAB, overactive bladder.
expressed as odds ratio (95% confidence intervals) and P-value (if it was significant).

Table 3. Postoperative de novo SUI, UUI, and OAB

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<td>SUI</td>
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<td>UUI</td>
<td>1.001 (0.991-1.010)</td>
<td>0.969 (0.942-0.996)</td>
<td>1.026 (0.983-1.071)</td>
<td>1.006 (0.999-1.013)</td>
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<td>OAB</td>
<td>1.000 (0.994-1.006)</td>
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Logistic regression analysis.

SUI, stress urinary incontinence; UUI, urgency urinary incontinence; OAB, overactive bladder; VLPP, valsalva leak point pressure; MUCP, maximal urethral closing pressure; Qmax, maximal flow rates; PdetMax, detrusor pressure at maximal flow; MCC, maximal cystometric capacity.

Physiological etiologies and often coexisted with one another. Then concomitant prophylactic anti-incontinence measures should be taken at the time of POP repair to prevent the postoperative unmasking SUI. In other previous study, the preliminary results of TVT as a prophylactic procedure in clinically continent women with severe prolapse and occult SUI were encouraging. Long-term follow-up was required to confirm the durability of these results [13]. The majority of the previous studies implied that concomitant prophylactic surgery caused better surgical outcomes.

In contrast, there was no statistically significant difference of concomitant surgery according to the study of Borstad et al. [14] but the prevalence of postoperative SUI was less in the group who had concomitant surgery than the group who had no concomitant surgery. However 27% (almost one third) of patients were cured of SUI by prolapse surgery alone, which meant that some preoperative SUI could be corrected by only prolapse surgery. Some studies showed although concomitant surgery was performed to prevent secondary surgery to repair incontinence, it caused postoperative side effects such as voiding difficulty, bladder outlet obstruction or OAB, so the effectiveness of concomitant surgery and the time of the surgery have been still controversial.

One study surveyed the literature to evaluate whether SUI surgery should be performed at the time of POP repair and a surgical algorithm was possible and reported their discussion on this topic at the Incontinence-Research Society (ICI-RS) meeting in 2010. Surgical practice regarding SUI surgery at the time of POP repair varied widely and there was conflicting research articles that supported different approaches. Ongoing trials should provide more information to help construct better algorithms. And other approaches for designing prediction models for this problems might be useful [15]. According to Serati et al. [16], UDS should be considered mandatory for women with POP, especially if scheduled for surgery, since misleading counseling could result in unpleasant and unexpected events. Moreover, in order to validate concomitant surgery on urinary outcomes, it is necessary to compare patients who was performed concomitant surgery with those who was not, if patients were diagnosed as SUI before surgery. As stated in the study of Latini and Kreder [4], and Reena et al. [5], since POP could mask SUI, SUI might not turn up on UDS, it was necessary to compare patients who had POP and performed concomitant surgery with those was performed only POP surgery regardless of SUI diagnosis. However, since it is hard to find out cases with not performing surgery when patients are diagnosed as SUI, we divided into two groups (one with concomitant surgery and the other with only POP surgery), and figured out the effectivity of concomitant operation in both groups with and without postoperative complications.

Focused on the prevalence rate in this study, postoperative urinary outcomes occurred less frequently after concomitant surgery compared with POP surgery alone. But we have some limitations of this study, it were postoperative urinary outcomes based on only subjective symptoms patients had complained during follow-up and POP surgery not assorted. We included all kinds of POP surgery that might affect the surgical outcomes. Therefore we can draw a proper conclusion if we study to build more exact criteria of the postoperative urinary outcomes and with more patients classified by each POP surgery.

Other doctors demonstrated that preoperatively 67.9% of the women in their study were found to have occult SUI in 78 consecutive women were without any symptoms or signs of SUI. Also 64.2% of the women with a positive result to the preoperative Pyridium pad test after pessary insertion were found to have urinary incontinence postoperatively. Therefore preoperative testing is useful to identify women with genitourinary prolapse who have occult SUI and women with a positive result may need a systematic clinical evaluation and urodynamic studies to characterize the incontinence [6].

Indeed, whether urodynamic evaluation has an impact on the choice of, or outcome of surgery still remains controversial. Many studies were conducted on the effectiveness of preoperative UDS parameters, and the patients who had higher preoperative MUCP.
caused better surgical outcomes. However there was another opinion, they insisted that preoperative UDS parameters were not related with postoperative urinary outcomes [17], and other studies had not shown any difference in surgical outcomes on preoperative UDS parameters [18,19]. And the predictive value of VLPP is inconsistent. Kilicarslan et al. [20] noted that high VLPP was associated with better outcomes, whereas other studies have failed to prove any impacts of preoperative leak point pressures on surgical outcomes [21,22]. Other Korean doctors showed patients with preoperative Qmax<15 mL/sec had a tendency of postoperative voiding dysfunction [23]. Despite conflicting results of many studies, urodynamic study is suggested as the most accurate method for predicting surgical outcomes.

Thus, we compared parameters of preoperative UDS seemed to affect postoperative de novo SUI, UUI, and OAB. The result was that the patients who had postoperative SUI showed statistically higher PdetMax than those who did not and the patients who had postoperative UUI showed statistically lower MUCP than those who did not.

It was difficult to compare about this in each group, because patients with postoperative complications were small in number. We compared preoperative parameters of UDS in patients who had postoperative SUI, UUI, OAB in any surgery. It would be significant in that it was possible to see the preoperative parameters of UDS effective on postoperative complications.

This study has some limitations, we evaluated postoperative de novo SUI, UUI, and OAB based on only subjective symptoms of the patients, and we could not classify mixed form of incontinence and the patients who had symptoms of SUI, UUI, and OAB preoperatively. On the other hand, the strengths of this study were that all surgeries were performed by the same operator and we compared patients with similar POP-quantification stage.

The studies on this topic are ongoing, but still controversial because anatomical defects that cause POP and SUI are so complicated and their etiologies are multifactorial. Therefore, it is difficult to predict surgical outcomes after repair operations. Even though we have some limitations in this study, the effectiveness of concomitant surgery definitely existed in comparison to the prevalence rate. In conclusion, we think more studies with various aspects, objective indicators are warranted to evaluate postoperative urinary outcomes. Also a larger number of patients should be included in future long-term studies to objectively assess the effectiveness of parameters of preoperative UDS and validate concomitant surgery.

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골반장기탈출증 수술 전 시행하는 요역동학 검사에서 수술 후 결과에 영향을 미치는 유용한 지표와 동시 수술의 타당성: 후향적 코호트 연구

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목적
본 연구는 골반장기탈출증을 가진 환자들의 수술 전에 시행하는 요역동학 검사에서 수술 후 결과 및 합병증과 관련된 유용한 지표를 알아보고, 골반장기탈출증 교정술과 복압성 요실금교정술을 동시에 시행하는 경우 그 타당성을 입증하기 위한 목적으로 시행되었다.

연구방법
2006년 1월부터 2010년 12월까지 연세대학교 세브란스병원에 등록된 수술 전 요역동학 검사 및 골반장기탈출증 수술을 시행한 308명의 환자를 대상으로 후향적 코호트 연구를 시행하였다.

결과
수술 후 복압성 요실금의 유병률은 수술 전 요역동학 검사상 복압성 요실금을 진단받지 않아 골반장기탈출증 수술만 시행한 그룹 2 (3.1%, 4명)에서 복압성 요실금을 진단받아 요실금교정 수술을 동시에 시행한 그룹 1 (1.7%, 3명)보다 높게 나타났으나 통계적으로 유의한 차이는 없었다. 우리는 valsala 우발 요누출 시 복압, 최대요도 폐쇄압, 최대요속, 최대요속 시 배뇨근압력, 최대 방광압의 5가지 요역동학 검사 지표를 비교하였다. 수술 후 복압성 요실금에서는 최대요속 시 배뇨근압력(교차비, 1.029; 95% 신뢰구간, 1.001-1.038)이, 절박성 요실금의 경우 최대요도 폐쇄압(교차비, 0.969; 95% 신뢰구간, 0.942-0.996)이 통계적으로 유의한 지표로 나타났다.

결론
수술 후 합병증의 유병률에 중점을 두면, 동시 수술은 골반장기탈출증 수술만 하는 경우보다 더 나은 결과를 나타내며 수술 전 요역동학 검사에서도 의미 있는 지표가 있어 그 시행이 필요하다.

중심단어: 요역동학 검사, 복압성 요실금, 골반장기탈출증, 수술적 치료