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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Intrapartum risk factors for levator trauma. BJOG: an International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2010, 117, 1485-1492.	1.1	295
2	Minimal criteria for the diagnosis of avulsion of the puborectalis muscle by tomographic ultrasound. International Urogynecology Journal, 2011, 22, 699-704.	0.7	285
3	Levator avulsion is a risk factor for cystocele recurrence. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2010, 36, 76-80.	0.9	163
4	The Effect of Childbirth on Hiatal Dimensions. Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2009, 113, 1272-1278.	1.2	156
5	The effect of levator avulsion on hiatal dimension and function. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2009, 201, 89.e1-89.e5.	0.7	138
6	Avulsion injury and levator hiatal ballooning: two independent risk factors for prolapse? An observational study. Acta Obstetrica Et Gynecologica Scandinavica, 2012, 91, 211-214.	1.3	126
7	How much does the levator hiatus have to stretch during childbirth?. BJOG: an International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2009, 116, 1657-1662.	1.1	112
8	Tomographic ultrasound imaging of the pelvic floor: which levels matter most?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2009, 33, 698-703.	0.9	100
9	Prevalence of anal sphincter injury in primiparous women. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2013, 42, 461-466.	0.9	98
10	The time factor in the assessment of prolapse and levator ballooning. International Urogynecology Journal, 2012, 23, 175-178.	0.7	91
11	A simplified method for determining hiatal biometry. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2011, 51, 540-543.	0.4	83
12	Sonographic appearance of transobturator slings: implications for function and dysfunction. International Urogynecology Journal, 2011, 22, 493-498.	0.7	82
13	Urethral mobility and urinary incontinence. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2010, 36, 507-511.	0.9	76
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15	The effect of pregnancy on hiatal dimensions and urethral mobility: an observational study. International Urogynecology Journal, 2012, 23, 1561-1567.	0.7	71
16	The use of 3-dimensional ultrasound of the pelvic floor to predict recurrence risk after pelvic reconstructive surgery. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2014, 54, 206-211.	0.4	71
17	Can levator avulsion be predicted antenatally?. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2010, 202, 586.e1-586.e6.	0.7	69
18	Diagnosis of levator avulsion injury: a comparison of three methods. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2012, 40, 693-698.	0.9	68

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19	Levator defects can be detected by 2D translabial ultrasound. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2009, 20, 807-811.	0.7	66
20	Does levator ani injury affect cystocele type?. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2010, 36, 618-623.	0.9	61
21	Can ballooning of the levator hiatus be determined clinically?. <i>American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2012, 206, 246.e1-246.e4.	0.7	61
22	Anal sphincter trauma and anal incontinence in urogynecological patients. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2015, 46, 363-366.	0.9	57
23	Does the Epi-No® birth trainer prevent vaginal birth-related pelvic floor trauma? A multicentre prospective randomised controlled trial. <i>BJOG: an International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2016, 123, 995-1003.	1.1	56
24	Does the Epi-No® Birth Trainer reduce levator trauma? A randomised controlled trial. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2011, 22, 1521-1528.	0.7	55
25	Rectal intussusception is associated with abnormal levator ani muscle structure and morphometry. <i>Techniques in Coloproctology</i> , 2011, 15, 39-43.	0.8	54
26	What is abnormal uterine descent on translabial ultrasound?. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2015, 26, 1783-1787.	0.7	53
27	Transobturator mesh for cystocele repair: a short- to medium-term follow-up using 3D/4D ultrasound. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2008, 32, 82-86.	0.9	51
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29	The prevalence of abnormal posterior compartment anatomy and its association with obstructed defecation symptoms in urogynecological patients. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2016, 27, 939-944.	0.7	49
30	Residual defects of the external anal sphincter following primary repair: an observational study using transperineal ultrasound. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2014, 44, 704-709.	0.9	48
31	The urethral motion profile: A novel method to evaluate urethral support and mobility. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2008, 48, 337-342.	0.4	45
32	Assessment of pelvic organ prolapse: a review. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2016, 48, 681-692.	0.9	45
33	Do women notice the impact of childbirth-related levator trauma on pelvic floor and sexual function? Results of an observational ultrasound study. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2014, 25, 1389-1398.	0.7	44
34	The repeatability of sonographic measures of functional pelvic floor anatomy. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2015, 26, 1667-1672.	0.7	44
35	Impact of levator trauma on pelvic floor muscle function. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2014, 25, 375-380.	0.7	42
36	Mesh contraction: myth or reality?. <i>American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2011, 204, 173.e1-173.e4.	0.7	41

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37	Does levator trauma "heal"? Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2012, 40, 570-575.	0.9	41
38	Pelvic floor muscle biometry and pelvic organ mobility in East Asian and Caucasian nulliparae. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2015, 45, 599-604.	0.9	41
39	Perineal and vaginal tears are clinical markers for occult levator ani trauma: a retrospective observational study. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2016, 47, 224-227.	0.9	41
40	Cystocele recurrence after anterior colporrhaphy with and without mesh use. European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, 2014, 172, 131-135.	0.5	39
41	The Urethral Motion Profile Before and After Suburethral Sling Placement. Journal of Urology, 2010, 183, 1450-1454.	0.2	38
42	Can levator avulsion be repaired surgically? A prospective surgical pilot study. International Urogynecology Journal, 2013, 24, 1011-1015.	0.7	34
43	What is normal bladder neck anatomy?. International Urogynecology Journal, 2016, 27, 945-950.	0.7	34
44	Medium- to Long-term Follow-up of Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury. Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, 2019, 62, 348-356.	0.7	32
45	Avulsion of the puborectalis muscle is associated with asymmetry of the levator hiatus. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2011, 37, 723-726.	0.9	31
46	Do women notice the effect of childbirth-related pelvic floor trauma?. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2012, 52, 277-281.	0.4	31
47	Pelvic organ prolapse in Caucasian and East Asian women: a comparative study. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2019, 53, 541-545.	0.9	31
48	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy: how low does the mesh go?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2017, 49, 404-408.	0.9	29
49	Does levator avulsion cause distension of the genital hiatus and perineal body?. International Urogynecology Journal, 2013, 24, 1161-1165.	0.7	28
50	Pelvic floor ultrasonography: an update. Minerva Ginecologica, 2013, 65, 1-20.	0.8	28
51	How to determine "ballooning" of the levator hiatus on clinical examination: a retrospective observational study. International Urogynecology Journal, 2013, 24, 1933-1937.	0.7	26
52	Stress urinary incontinence after transobturator mesh for cystocele repair. International Urogynecology Journal, 2009, 20, 421-425.	0.7	25
53	Does levator avulsion increase urethral mobility?. European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, 2010, 153, 215-219.	0.5	25
54	Imaging of slings and meshes. Australasian Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, 2014, 17, 61-71.	0.3	25

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55	Temporal latency between pelvic floor trauma and presentation for prolapse surgery: a retrospective observational study. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2015, 26, 1185-1189.	0.7	25
56	Tomographic ultrasound imaging of the pelvic floor in nulliparous pregnant women: limits of normality. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2012, 39, 698-703.	0.9	24
57	The Effect of Childbirth on Urethral Mobility: A Prospective Observational Study. <i>Journal of Urology</i> , 2010, 184, 629-634.	0.2	23
58	Mobility of the perineal body and anorectal junction before and after childbirth. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2012, 23, 729-733.	0.7	23
59	Anterior compartment mesh: a descriptive study of mesh anchoring failure. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2013, 42, 699-704.	0.9	23
60	Is pelvic organ support different between young nulliparous African and Caucasian women?. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2016, 47, 774-778.	0.9	22
61	Postprocessing of pelvic floor ultrasound data: How repeatable is it?. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2014, 54, 553-557.	0.4	20
62	Correlations between Sonographic and Urodynamic Findings after Mid Urethral Sling Surgery. <i>Journal of Urology</i> , 2018, 199, 1571-1576.	0.2	18
63	Atraumatic normal vaginal delivery: how many women get what they want?. <i>American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2018, 219, 379.e1-379.e8.	0.7	18
64	Defect-specific rectocele repair: medium-term anatomical, functional and subjective outcomes. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2015, 55, 487-492.	0.4	17
65	Does childbirth play a role in the etiology of rectocele?. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2015, 26, 737-741.	0.7	17
66	The relationship between urethral mobility and parity. <i>BJOG: an International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2010, 117, 1220-1224.	1.1	16
67	Levator function and voluntary augmentation of maximum urethral closure pressure. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2012, 23, 1035-1040.	0.7	16
68	Changes in urethral mobility and configuration after prolapse repair. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2019, 53, 124-128.	0.9	16
69	Impact of subsequent pregnancies on pelvic floor functional anatomy. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2018, 29, 1517-1522.	0.7	15
70	How comparable is clinical grading of obstetric anal sphincter injury with that determined by four-dimensional translabial ultrasound?. <i>Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> , 2020, 56, 618-623.	0.9	15
71	Digital rectal examination in the evaluation of rectovaginal septal defects. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2017, 28, 1401-1405.	0.7	14
72	The evolution of transperineal ultrasound findings of the external anal sphincter during the first years after childbirth. <i>International Urogynecology Journal</i> , 2016, 27, 1899-1903.	0.7	13

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74	Can we identify the limits of the puborectalis/pubovisceralis muscle on tomographic translabial ultrasound?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2012, 40, 219-222.	0.9	12
75	The association between different measures of pelvic floor muscle function and female pelvic organ prolapse. International Urogynecology Journal, 2015, 26, 1777-1781.	0.7	12
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78	Ultrasound imaging of slings and meshes in urogynecology. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2021, 57, 526-538.	0.9	11
79	Does childbirth alter the reflex pelvic floor response to coughing?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2012, 39, 569-573.	0.9	10
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81	How Valid Is Tomographic Ultrasound Imaging in Diagnosing Levator and Anal Sphincter Trauma?. Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, 2019, 38, 889-894.	0.8	10
82	Association of urinary and anal incontinence with measures of pelvic floor muscle contractility. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2016, 47, 642-645.	0.9	8
83	The Association Between Levator-Urethra Gap Measurements and Symptoms and Signs of Female Pelvic Organ Prolapse. Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, 2016, 22, 442-446.	0.6	8
84	The mesh debate: Transvaginal anterior anchored mesh should not be abandoned. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2017, 57, 105-107.	0.4	8
85	Vaginal Birth and Pelvic Floor Trauma. Current Obstetrics and Gynecology Reports, 2019, 8, 15-25.	0.3	8
86	Imaging Characteristics of Episiotomy Scars on Translabial Ultrasound. Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, 2021, , .	0.8	8
87	A comparison of two different mesh kit systems for anterior compartment prolapse repair. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2014, 54, 212-217.	0.4	7
88	Warping of the levator hiatus: how significant is it?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2016, 48, 239-242.	0.9	7
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92	Total vaginal length: Does it matter for assessing uterine prolapse?. International Urogynecology Journal, 2019, 30, 1279-1282.	0.7	6
93	Parity and anal sphincter trauma. International Urogynecology Journal, 2020, 31, 553-556.	0.7	6
94	Does pregnancy affect pelvic floor functional anatomy? A retrospective study. European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, 2021, 259, 26-31.	0.5	6
95	Levator avulsion is not associated with symptom bother of female pelvic organ prolapse. Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics, 2015, 292, 629-633.	0.8	5
96	Pelvic organ support several years after a first birth. International Urogynecology Journal, 2017, 28, 1499-1505.	0.7	5
97	OP24.08: How much does the puborectalis muscle have to stretch in childbirth?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2008, 32, 395-395.	0.9	3
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100	Persistent levator co-activation is not associated with symptoms or bother of obstructed defecation. International Urogynecology Journal, 2020, 31, 2611-2615.	0.7	2
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102	Is urethral pressure associated with parity and delivery mode?. International Urogynecology Journal, 2022, 33, 3435-3439.	0.7	2
103	OP24.14: The effect of avulsion on levator hiatal biometry and function. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2008, 32, 397-397.	0.9	1
104	Is the Visual Analogue Scale inferior to the Pelvic Organ Prolapse Distress Inventory for assessing symptom bother of pelvic organ prolapse?. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 2021, 61, 918-921.	0.4	1
105	Is age at menarche a predictor of maternal birth trauma?. Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2022, 59, 677-681.	0.9	1
106	Surgical repair of bilateral levator ani muscles with ultrasound guidance: comment. International Urogynecology Journal, 2013, 24, 355-355.	0.7	0
107	Comment on Vergeldt et al.: Risk factors for pelvic organ prolapse and its recurrence: a systematic review. International Urogynecology Journal, 2016, 27, 651-652.	0.7	0
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109	Letter to the Editor re Schmidt, U. and D. Taylor (2021). "Erosion of soft tissue by polypropylene mesh products." Journal of the mechanical behavior of biomedical materials 115: 104281. Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials, 2022, 126, 104546.	1.5	0
110	Has the prevalence of levator avulsion after forceps delivery changed over the last six decades? A retrospective study in a urogynaecological population. European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, 2021, 264, 184-188.	0.5	0