

# Effects of Human Placenta Extract Laennec on Quality of Life and Physical Performance in Patients with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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potentiating the restoration of the body's adaptive resources, in

first decade of the 20th century, after discovering new techniques for placenta's extracts and suspensions preparation (Gromova

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patients with verified diagnosis "Chronic fatigue syndrome" (CFS). **Material and methods:** The study patients with CFS, randomized into 2 groups: the experimental group (HPEL, 24 people) - patients by 10 intravenous Laennec infusions, 4 ml each, 2 times/week, for 5 weeks and passive control group pers.). Before, after, and 5 weeks follow-up treatment efficacy was evaluated by severity of chronic Fatigue inventory), state anxiety and depression level (STAI and STDI) and Health related Quality (QoL, questionnaire SF-36v2), exercise tolerance (cardiopulmonary exercise test with gas analysis), meters. **Results:** The HPEL patients showed a significant reduction in index of chronic fatigue values, accompanied by significant decrease in situational depression, anxiety, improvements in subjective

fatigue was not verified as CFS, improvement of fatigue was

significantly higher in CTRL group.

the efficacy and safety of HPE Laennec intravenous infusions in treatment of patients with verified diagnosis of CFS.

## HPE Laennec Infusion Program

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### METHODS

#### Participants and Randomisation

collected patients' reports on possible side effects and adverse

and liver, inflammatory parameters), consulting by neurologist to

#### Evaluation of Psychological Status and Functional Exercise Capacity

38 patients with verified diagnosis of CFS (G 93.3), 18 men and 20

Table 1. No statistically significant differences occurred between

by the certified biochemical laboratory (NPO "Efs", Moscow)

**Table 1.**

Demographic information and characteristics of the subjects

| Demographic and clinical information                             | HPEL(n=23)      | CTRL(n=13)      | P value |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Sex:Male – n (%)   | 10 (43.5%)      | 7 (53%)         | ns      |
| Age, years   | 45.4 (30.61)    | 44 (28.62)      | ns      |
| Smoking – n (%)  | 4 (17.4%)       | 3 (23%)         | ns      |
| Height, cm   | 171.4 (158-190) | 172.9 (156-178) | ns      |
| Weight, kg   | 75 (60-102)     | 75 (60-102)     | ns      |
| <b>Comorbidities and medication</b>                              |                 |                 |         |
| Arterial Hypertension – n (%)                                    | 5 (21.7%)       | 2 (15.4%)       | ns      |
| Hypotensive therapy– n (%)                                       | 5 (21.7%)       | 2 (15.4%)       | ns      |
| Diabetes Mellitus T2 – n (%)                                     | 1 (4.3%)        | -               | ns      |
| Hypoglycaemic therapy  | 1 (4.3%)        | -               | ns      |
| Decreased VO2 peak (<84% predicted individual values), ml/kg/min | 16 (69.6%)      | 6 (46.2%)       | 0.032   |

scores were computed by first transforming and summarized in an

36 Health Survey. The 36 items reflect the eight scales: physical

scale is computed by first transforming the raw scores into a range

The subjects' improvement in exercise tolerance was checked by Cardiopulmonary stress test (Fitmate D (COSMED, Italy)

-4,6 -7,5 -10,0 Ts. Peak oxygen uptake (VO

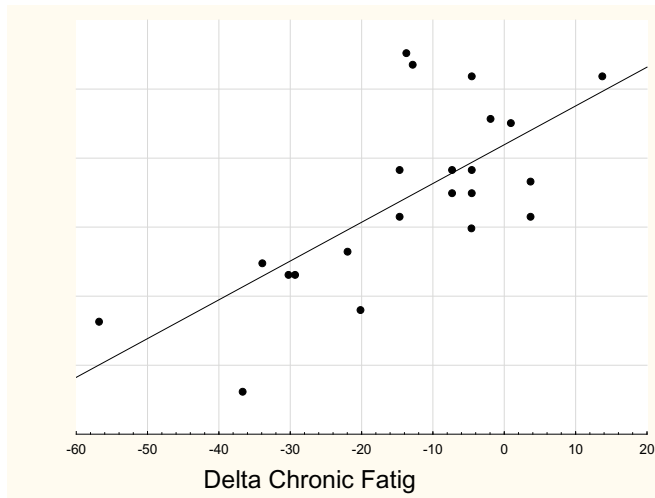
higher than at the baseline. CTRLs showed no significant change

### **Functional Exercise Capacity**

T, the total exercise time to exertion and other parameters of no significant difference. After the treatments HPEL group showed peak, which were significantly high than

statistic significant difference between the groups in time to reach T (Table 3). SBP max at the maximum significantly, but not in CTRL.

|    |                              |      |              |                           |                           |
|----|------------------------------|------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6  | % VO <sub>2</sub> peak       | HPEL | 78.4 ± 17.4  | 87.2 ± 17.2 <sup>#</sup>  | 85.9 ± 16.9 <sup>*</sup>  |
|    |                              | CTRL | 85.2 ± 14.6  | 77.5 ± 10.1               | -                         |
| 7  | VO <sub>2</sub> T, ml/kg/min | HPEL | 17.3 ± 3.6   | 19.9 ± 4.3 <sup>*</sup>   | 20.4 ± 4.9 <sup>*</sup>   |
|    |                              | CTRL | 21.8 ± 2.8   | 19.5 ± 2.4                | -                         |
| 8  | % VO <sub>2</sub> T          | HPEL | 66.4 ± 5.3   | 70.1 ± 5.9 <sup>#</sup>   | 71.6 ± 5.1 <sup>..*</sup> |
|    |                              | CTRL | 72.8 ± 9.5   | 64.5 ± 9.9                | -                         |
| 9  | SBP max, mmHg                | HPEL | 162.5 ± 17.4 | 145.8 ± 16.3 <sup>#</sup> | 142.6 ± 9.0 <sup>*</sup>  |
|    |                              | CTRL | 157.1 ± 11.8 | 160.5 ± 14.9              | -                         |
| 10 | DBP max, mmHg                | HPEL | 87.2 ± 8.5   | 83.7 ± 5.7                | 92.3 ± 6.1 <sup>..*</sup> |
|    |                              | CTRL | 98.1 ± 8.1   | 96.6 ± 8.3                | -                         |



We discovered a high significant negative relationship between  
 significant positive relationship between the differences of the CFI

There were no significant changes in the immune, hormonal  
 inter-individual variability recorded parameters and confirm the  
 absence of specific laboratory indicators of immune response and

only in cholesterol metabolism (a significant reduction in total cholesterol from  $5.76 \pm 1.18$  to  $4.83 \pm 1.07$  Mmol/L,  $p = 0.042$  and LDL cholesterol from  $3.55 \pm 1.18$  to  $2.93 \pm 0.99$  Mmol/L  $p = 0.039$ ), that confirms hepatoprotective and normalizing lipid metabolism

period of time. In concordance to Kong et al., who did not find

## DISCUSSION

condition. Aside from the adverse effects to patients' health,

Multiple positive effects of Laennec infusion on CFS

We found statistically significant relevant improvements in

of individual strength (CIS), based on subjects' self-reports, and fatigue was not verified by neurologist as CFS.

HRQoL subscales in sample group with verified primary diagnosis

in different patients' categories (Spielberg et al., 2004). In CFS subjects HPE infusions reduce fatigue, potentiate physical fitness

To our knowledge this is the first study that investigated the effects of HPE Laennec intravenous infusions on CFS patients' parameters. We observed significant increase in HPEL subjects'

significantly in CTRL.



