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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

1. **ATP** – Adenosine Triphosphate
2. **FDA** – Food & Drug Administration
3. **IEC** – Institutional Ethics Committee
4. **LLLT** – Low-Level Laser Therapy
5. **MCID** – Minimal Clinically Important Difference
6. **MTrPs** – Myofascial Trigger Points
7. **NDI** – Neck Disability Index
8. **NPRS** – Numerical Pain Rating Scale
9. **ROM** – Range of Motion
10. **SAS-SV** – Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version
11. **SPSS** – Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

Background:

Neck and shoulder complex are said to be the most affected areas in this growing tech – intensive era, particularly upper trapezius muscle which is prone to develop trigger points. Cura laser or LLLT is a non – invasive intervention, based on the principle of cellular regeneration technology, which has emerged as a promising modality to manage such condition by enhancing cellular activity and promoting tissue repair.

Objective:

This study aimed of assessing the immediate effect of advanced laser modality to reduce pain and improving functional capacity in those individuals with upper trapezius trigger point associated with addiction of smartphones.

Methods:

34 participants aged between 25 - 50 years were included, all of those, who met criteria of smart phone addiction. Those participant with trigger points were evaluated and pre intervention Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) & Neck disability index (NDI) were collected. Then they received 12 minutes application of low-level laser therapy via curalaser after which post treatment data was collected after 24 hours.

Results:

The results indicated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful reduction in both scores i.e. pain and disability. Mean pain scores reduced from 8.15 (median = 8.0, IQR = 7.0–9.0) to 5.97 (median = 6.0, IQR = 5.0–7.0), ($p < 0.001$), while NDI scores decreased from 27.74 (median = 28.0, IQR = 26.0–30.0) to 23.11(median = 24.0, IQR = 21.0–25.0) ($p < 0.001$). so, the average reduction of 2.18 in pain intensity and 4.63 in disability suggests a marked therapeutic benefit following a single session.

Interpretation and Conclusion:

An application of advanced laser modality was found effective in reduction of pain and neck related functional limitations on individuals with smartphone addiction on trigger points on upper trapezius muscle. This non- invasive intervention proved to be safe and well – tolerated. These findings suggest the inclusion of curalaser as an effective physiotherapeutic tool in musculoskeletal rehabilitation.

Keywords:

Curalaser; Low-Level Laser Therapy; Myofascial Trigger Points; Smartphone Addiction; Upper Trapezius Muscle; Neck Disability Index; Numerical Pain Rating Scale; Photo biomodulation;

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1. INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

As the popularity of digital technologies is growing day by day, these makes the smart phones more readily available and affordable to all. These devices have become a very crucial part of person's everyday lives all over the world. Despite of the benefits of easy communication, amusement, and information access provided by these gadgets, its excessive usage has increased musculoskeletal disorders worldwide, especially in the shoulder and cervical region[1,2]. Smartphones offer both advantages and disadvantages, just like every other notable technology advancement. Upper trapezius muscle is the most involved muscle in such users due to its anatomical location or positioning and consistent role to stabilise head and the shoulder[3]. Prolonged usage of smartphones is considered as a factor for causing or progressing the forward head posture that increases the stress on cervical and. scapular muscles especially on the upper trapezius muscle, causing muscular stress overload and leads to increased tendency in development of myofascial trigger points[4].

Studies had reported and discussed on the issues related with the smartphone addiction and problems that are encountered by such users that included both physical and psychological factors. It can also lead to increased stress, discomfort, obsessive use, withdrawal, tolerance, sleep disturbances, eye strain, and disturbances of day-to-day functioning. The physical side effects of such addictive smartphone users could be linked to postural abnormalities, muscle tiredness, and. localised pain syndromes in addition to psychological aspect it can also lead to anxiety and insomnia issues[5,6].

A widely utilised and well-known screening measure that is the smartphone addiction scale- short version (SAS- SV) designed in 2013 by Kwon, Kim, Cho & Yang was used.

This validated scale was originally built in South Korea, but published in English. This scale has 10 items that are classified on a Likert- type dimensional scale whose response range is: 1 means strongly disagree, 2 disagree, 3 weakly disagree, 4 weakly agree, 5 agree and 6 strongly agree. The total scoring for the scale is between 10 and 60, the highest score being the indicator of the presence of smartphone addiction". The cut off score for male is more than 31 and for female is more than 33. The original SAS-SV showed very acceptable internal consistency Cronbach's alpha: 0.91. This scale screens and evaluates smartphone addiction based on the withdrawal symptoms, daily interference, and user behaviour[7]. According to various numbers of data and studies available, those with high score of SAS-SV are much likely to experience musculoskeletal pain, especially in the upper trapezius muscle. According. to an increasing amount of data, those with high SAS-SV scores are much more likely to experience musculoskeletal pain, especially in the head, neck, shoulder, and upper back region [8,9].

Upper trapezius is the most affected muscle, being the superficial muscle. It originates and runs from external occipital protuberance and the nuchal ligament (that is ligamentum. nuchae) of the skull and spinous process of C7 vertebrae, and then inserts into the posterior border of the lateral third of the clavicle. This muscle has essential role to elevate scapula, extend neck also to rotate, stabilise the head and neck[10].

When subjected and encountered to recurrent, constant static loading, this muscle is particularly prone to overuse because of its postural nature. Prolonged isometric contractions, such as those that happens when using a smartphone sitting on the lap or held at the eye level, can lead to tissue ischemia, hypoxia, and neuromuscular exhaustion[11]. These circumstances and factors encourage the development of myofascial trigger points (MTrPs), which are hyperirritable nodules found in the taut

bands of skeletal muscle that, when compressed leads to cause pain either locally or in referred zones [12].

Those people who have sedentary lifestyles are more likely to have MTrPs in the upper trapezius. There is 85 % of prevalence of pain related to trigger point although the incidence varies according to age and gender. Trigger points are classified into two types namely active tigger point and latent trigger points. Both of these types can cause either local or referred pain. Although active trigger point shows up with the symptoms of the patient while latent does not result in any symptoms. However, there is possibility for latent trigger points to turn to active trigger. Clinical symptoms include limited cervical mobility, referred headache, localized neck pain, and trouble with overhead activities[13]. Local hypoperfusion, calcium buildup, motor endplate hyperactivity, and persistent acetylcholine release are all part of the pathogenesis of MTrPs. This leads to sustained contraction of sarcomere, causing the development of palpable taut band associated with pain[14,15]. Additionally, trigger points are linked to increased electromyographic activity, proprioceptive deficits, and changed muscle activation patterns, all of which worsen postural dysfunction[16]. Myofascial trigger points can be assessed by using Simon and Travel's criteria in the muscles. The pointers of this positive trigger criteria are listed below:

- There should be presence of a tender spot in a taut band of muscle or nodule of that skeletal muscle.
- Subject should experience pain when once palpated.
- Subject could have referred pain pattern.
- There should be presence of a local twitch response on palpation.

Manual techniques (like ischaemic compression, stretching, and myofascial release), invasive techniques (like dry needling and injections), and electrotherapeutic. interventions (like TENS, ultrasound, and interferential therapy) are the standard treatment modalities for trigger point release in physiotherapy practice[17]. Despite of their proven efficacy, these methods' drawbacks—such as patient discomfort, application variability, and dependency on therapist skill—make it difficult to achieve consistent clinical results[18]. This has led to a shift toward new non-invasive, standardized, and evidence-based modalities that offer deeper tissue effects without notable discomfort.

Photo biomodulation therapy, another name for low-level laser therapy (LLLT), has become an effective therapy option for myofascial pain. LLLT penetrates skin and interacts with subcutaneous tissue at the cellular level by using coherent, monochromatic light in the red or near-infrared spectrum (600–1000 nm)[19,20]. In the mitochondrial respiratory chain, photons are absorbed by cytochrome c oxidase, which increases ATP synthesis, modifies reactive oxygen species, and activates transcription factors that have analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and regenerative effects[21]. Furthermore, LLLT relieves pain and speeds up muscle recovery by modifying nociceptor activity, lowering bradykinin and histamine levels, and increasing microcirculation[22,23].

Previous Meta-analyses and randomized controlled trials have shown that LLLT is effective in reducing pain and improving function in various musculoskeletal conditions, including cervical myofascial pain syndrome [24], chronic neck pain[25], and shoulder trigger points[26]. For instance, Ay et al. (2010) found that LLLT significantly reduced pain intensity and improved range of motion in patients with upper trapezius trigger points compared to heat therapy[27]. Similarly, Dundar et al. (2010) demonstrated

superior outcomes in pain and pressure pain thresholds when laser therapy was added to a conventional physiotherapy protocol[28].

In light of these findings, the current study explores the application of this Advino CuraLaser, which is also a low-level laser therapy. This is a very advanced food and drug administration (FDA) certified device which works on the principle of cellular regeneration technology and it is said as the combination of two modalities

- AGT photonic cold laser- Promotes rapid pain relief.
- Nano molecular bio stimulation. - facilitate body's natural healing.

Its unique character is that this device not only is said to have ability to reduce pain. or such symptoms but it also has to ability to promote and progress the rate of cellular healing.

The most advanced therapeutic laser being used to treat pain disorder is AGT photonic cold laser it says that when this photonic laser device. is applied to the affected area, the photonic energy that releases through the laser gets absorbed by chromophores present in the damaged tissue. The energy or photons that are absorbed by the skin starts the complex set of physiological response at the cellular level. Curalaser has also referred that it can increase energy generation level, in other words enhance production of ATP by around by 500 percentage. This large amount of ATP increases the metabolic rate of the damaged cell so that it recovers and repair itself at the higher rate which could further result in rapid relief of pain and also normalize the cellular functions.

Also, evidence study shows that cold lasers with intensities of less than 5 mw are more effective than higher powered lasers. Anything above 5 mw may provide temporary relief by heating up the tissue. However, higher powered lasers can inhibit the repair

and healing process and decrease the production of ATP and protein synthesis in the cell.

Other part of this device that is Nano-Molecular Bio Stimulation is considered as current with low amperage, that is bioelectrical in nature which when passes by the tissue creates disproportion or imbalance in the count of number of protons on either side of the membrane of mitochondria. ATP production here takes place due to movement of electron as they pass through mitochondrial membrane from anode side to cathode side. This laser also terms that it can increase generation of ATP, rate of synthesis of protein and remove waste products by 500, 70 and 40 percentage respectively. So when this bio stimulation is applied to some injured area it enhances the internal flowing of current which further helps to regain the capacitance that were lost by the injured cells of the site. However, the reduction in resistance would be noticed which allows the bioelectricity to flow through it along with enhancement of tissue healing and maintaining the homeostasis. As the outcome of which there is evident physiological changes takes place locally along like increased relaxation of muscle, enhanced blood circulation and improved range of motion (ROM).

These CuraLaser offers dual-head application, class 3 a laser with 670 nm +/- 5 nm wavelengths, HVLA pulsed waveform that has pulse, width of 5-100 and frequency 50 hz current density of 0.25 mA/cm sq. enhancing its capacity for both superficial and deep tissue stimulation. These wavelengths have been shown to optimize pain modulation, promote nitric oxide release, and accelerate mitochondrial respiration[29,30]. Moreover, the device's ergonomic design allows for targeted application over multiple trigger points in the upper trapezius, ensuring uniform energy distribution and reducing treatment time.

The advantages of the Advino CuraLaser over traditional LLLT devices include improved tissue penetration due to its infrared spectrum, broader treatment area coverage, and customizable output settings. Additionally, the compact and portable nature of the device supports its integration into clinical and home-based physiotherapy protocols. The aim of this study is that this advanced CuraLaser shows significant countable and noticeable improvement for relaxation of muscle, relief of pain, and functional outcomes when applied to soft tissue or muscle related issues[31]. Although, in the specific population of addictive smartphone users with trigger points in upper trapezius experimental validation of this remains limited that necessitates the focused clinical research.

In this context, the present research study is been designed as a single group experimental study to know the effect of advanced advino CuraLaser on myofascial trigger points in the upper trapezius muscle for the addictive smartphone users. The participants that were included were first screened using the smartphone addiction scale-short version (SAS-SV) and active trigger points were assessed by the clinical palpation. The study included two outcome measures: the numerical pain rating scale (NPRS) for evaluating subjective levels of pain and the neck disability index (NDI) for assessing functional limitations caused due to neck discomfort. This both outcome measure tools have been validated extensively and are mostly used in research related to musculoskeletal condition due to its responsiveness and reliability[32,33].

The rationale for focusing on smartphone users aged 25–50 years stems from existing literature showing these demographic exhibits prolonged usage patterns with minimal ergonomic awareness, placing them at higher risk for developing neck-shoulder dysfunctions[34]. Additionally, this group represents a growing sector of the working

population vulnerable to digital-related musculoskeletal disorders yet underrepresented in clinical intervention trials.

With this research study, the aim is to bridge the literature gap by making the data readily available on the effectiveness or potential of the advanced portable curalaser device in a technologically dependent population. Also, furthermore the findings are expected to enhance to guide in proper clinical decision- making and for planning the appropriate protocol to treat MTrPs related to addiction of smartphone users- that is a rapidly emerging public health related concern in the digital era.

NEED OF THE STUDY

With the increasing use of smartphones, many individuals now experience neck and shoulder discomfort due to poor posture and prolonged screen time. One of the most affected muscles is the upper trapezius, where repetitive strain often leads to myofascial trigger points (MTrPs), causing pain, stiffness, and reduced function.

Conventional physiotherapy treatments like manual therapy, dry needling, and ultrasound are commonly used but may not be suitable for all patients due to discomfort, invasiveness, or limited long-term effectiveness. As a result, there is a growing need for non-invasive and evidence-based alternatives.

Low-Level Laser Therapy (LLLT) has shown promise in reducing pain and promoting healing through photo biomodulation. The Advanced Advino CuraLaser is a non-invasive, non-thermal physiotherapy modality used to relieve pain, deactivate myofascial trigger points, and enhance tissue healing. It is a newer-generation dual-wavelength laser device designed to target both superficial and deep muscle tissues more effectively. However, there is limited research on its use in treating MTrPs caused by smartphone overuse. This study aims to evaluate its clinical impact on pain and neck disability in smartphone-addicted users, contributing valuable insight into modern, non-invasive physiotherapy approaches.

2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

AIM OF THE STUDY:

To evaluate the immediate effect of advanced laser modality on the trigger points of the upper trapezius muscle in individual associated with addiction of smartphone usage.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To assess pain intensity in participants with upper trapezius myofascial trigger points using the Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) before and after laser therapy.
- To evaluate neck-related functional disability using the Neck Disability Index (NDI) before and after intervention.
- To assess the effectiveness of the advanced CuraLaser device in reducing pain intensity and improving functional outcomes related to upper trapezius trigger points.
- To provide evidence-based recommendations regarding the use of advanced CuraLaser technology for managing trigger. points in the upper trapezius muscle among individuals with symptoms related to prolonged smartphone use.

3. HYPOTHESIS

NULL HYPOTHESIS (H_0):

There will be no significant effect of advanced CuraLaser on trigger points of upper trapezius muscle in addictive smartphone users

ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS (H_1):

There will be significant effect of advanced CuraLaser modality on trigger points of upper trapezius muscle in addictive smartphone users.

4. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. **Yaşarer et al. (2024) conducted "Association between smartphone addiction and myofascial trigger points" in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders,**

   Aiming to evaluate the link between smartphone addiction (measured via SAS-SV) and the presence of upper trapezius MTrPs. In their cross-sectional study, university students were screened and physically examined. Results showed that addicted users had significantly more latent trigger points and demonstrated forward-head posture compared to non-addicted peers, with extended usage time being a primary risk factor. They concluded that posture-induced overload is a key contributor to trigger point formation in excessive smartphone users, underscoring the necessity for targeted interventions in this population.

2. **Kwon M, Kim D-J, Cho H, Yang S (2013). Development and Validation of a Short Version for Adolescents (SAS-SV).**

   Objective: To develop/validate the 10-item Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version (SAS-SV). Methods: scale development and psychometric validation in adolescents with reliability and factor analyses. Findings: SAS-SV showed good internal consistency and criterion validity; recommended cut-offs were presented. Conclusion: SAS-SV is a valid rapid screening tool for smartphone addiction." **DOI:** 10.1371/journal.pone.0083558.

3. **Derakhshanrad N, Yekaninejad MS, Mehrdad R, Saberi H (2021). Neck pain associated with smartphone overuse: cross-sectional report of a cohort study among office workers. European Spine Journal.**

   Methods: Cross-sectional cohort of office workers assessing usage, posture, and neck pain. Findings: smartphone overuse was strongly associated with increased odds of neck pain (approx. 6×). Conclusion: prolonged smartphone use is a

significant risk factor for neck pain. Relevance: supports sampling rationale linking heavy smartphone use to neck/trapezius pathology. **DOI:** 10.1007/s00586-020-06640-z.

4. **Sirajudeen MS, et al. (2022). Prevalence of text neck posture, smartphone addiction, and musculoskeletal symptoms among university students. BMC Journal**

   Objective: Quantify prevalence of smartphone-related posture problems and musculoskeletal symptoms. Methods: cross-sectional survey using SAS-SV and posture checks. Findings: high prevalence of forward-head/text-neck, strong association between SAS-SV scores and neck symptoms. Conclusion: smartphone addiction correlates with postural strain and neck pain. **PMCID:** PMC9760021 (open access).

5. **Derakhshanrad et. al. prevalence studies 2018–2024. Association studies of smartphone use, posture and neck symptoms.**

   These cross-sectional works consistently show that prolonged smartphone use, forward head posture and higher SAS-SV scores are associated with greater neck pain, disability (NDI) and reduced neck muscle endurance — justifying recruitment criteria and hypothesized mechanism (posture → trapezius overload → trigger points). Representative review: Elvan A et al. (2024) *Nature Sci Rep* (mobile phone use duration & neck muscle endurance). **DOI -** Elvan et al. 10.1038/s41598-024-71153-4.

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Objective: Pooled effect of LLLT for neck pain. Methods: meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. Findings: LLLT produced significant immediate and mid-term pain reduction in neck pain vs placebo. Conclusion: LLLT is an effective non-invasive option for neck pain. **DOI:** 10.1016/S0140-6736(09)61522-1.

7. **Bjordal JM, Johnson MI, Iversen V, et al. (2003). A systematic review of low-level laser therapy with location-specific doses for pain from chronic joint disorders. Australian Journal of Physiotherapy.**

   Objective: Determine dose-response and location specificity of LLLT. Methods: systematic review prioritizing dose and wavelength. Findings: evidence pointed to specific wavelength/dose windows (e.g., 830–904 nm, appropriate J/cm²) for efficacy. Conclusion: adherence to optimal dosimetry is critical. ScienceDirect

8. **Enwemeka CS, Parker JC, Dowdy DS, et al. (2004). The efficacy of low-power lasers in tissue repair and pain control: a meta-analysis. Photomedicine and Laser Surgery.**

   Objective: Quantify LLLT effect sizes in tissue repair and analgesia. Methods: meta-analysis of clinical and pre-clinical reports. Findings: significant positive overall effects for tissue repair and pain control across conditions. Conclusion: photo biomodulation is a plausible mechanism for clinical improvement. **DOI:** 10.1089/pho.2004.22.323.

9. **Gross AR, Paquin J-P, Dupont G, et al. (2013). Low-Level Laser Therapy (LLLT) for neck pain: systematic review; clinical practice guidelines. European or allied review**

   Objective: Evaluate LLLT for neck pain and provide clinical recommendations. Methods: systematic review of RCTs. Findings: LLLT may improve pain and

function in chronic neck pain, but heterogeneity and dosage variance limit conclusions. Conclusion: cautious recommendation; need for larger, standardized dosage trials. **PMCID:** PMC3802126.

10. **Manca A, Smith CA, et al. (2014). A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study on upper trapezius myofascial trigger points: LLLT and ultrasound effects. Physiotherapy Research International -Pain-related journal.**

    Objective: Compare stand-alone LLLT and ultrasound against placebos on trapezius MTrPs. Methods: randomized double-blind with multiple arms; clinical outcome measures included VAS, PPT, ROM. Findings: active modalities improved symptoms compared to no treatment but were not always superior to sham under some settings — highlighting placebo and dosing issues. Conclusion: LLLT can be effective when dosed/protocolized correctly. **DOI:** 10.1002/pri.1580 (PubMed available).

11. **Dundar U, Turkmen U, Toktas H, Solak O, Ulasli AM (2015). Effect of High-Intensity Laser Therapy (HILT) in the management of myofascial pain syndrome of the trapezius: a double-blind, placebo-controlled RCT. Lasers in Medical Science.**

    Objective: Examine HILT plus exercise vs sham plus exercise in chronic trapezius MPS. Methods: randomized double-blind in women; outcomes: VAS, NDI, CROM, SF-36. Findings: HILT produced greater decreases in pain, NDI, and some QoL domains vs sham. Conclusion: HILT + exercise is more effective than sham for chronic trapezius MPS. **PMID:** 25274197;

12. **Ansari M, Baradaran Mahdavi S, Vahdatpour B, Lahijanian A, Khosrawi S (2022). Effects of Dry Needling and Low-Power Laser for the Treatment of Trigger Points in the Upper Trapezius Muscle: A Randomized Clinical Trial**. **Journal of Chiropractic Medicine.**

    Objective: directly compare dry needling (DN), LLLT, and exercise in upper trapezius MTrPs. Methods: 78 participants randomized; measured VAS, NDI, SPDI at baseline, immediate, 1 month. Findings: both DN and LLLT significantly improved pain and function vs exercise; no substantial difference between DN and LLLT at 1 month. Conclusion: LLLT is a viable, non-invasive alternative to DN. **DOI:** 10.1016/j.jcm.2022.02.013; PMCID: PMC9676349.

13. **Shahimoridi M, et al. (2020). The effectiveness of polarized low-level laser vs low-level laser in treating myofascial trigger points in the trapezius. Journal of Lasers in Medical Sciences.**

    Objective: compare polarized low-level laser (PLLLT) vs conventional LLLT. Methods: randomized trial (n≈64) undergoing 2 weeks treatment. Findings: both improved pain and function, but conventional LLLT produced significantly better outcomes in VAS, ROM, and tender point sensitivity. Conclusion: not all light modalities are equal; polarization and dosimetry matter. **DOI:** 10.15171/jlms.2020.04. Research Gate Semantic Scholar

14. **Lee J-H, et al. (2011). Immediate effects of 830-nm low-level laser therapy on pressure pain threshold of upper trapezius trigger points in VDT workers: randomized, placebo-controlled study. (Pilot RCT).**

    Objective: Test immediate PPT and tenderness changes after single LLLT dose. Methods: 830 nm GaAlAs LLLT vs placebo on active MTrPs; PPT measured.

Findings: immediate increase in PPT and decreased tenderness in the active group vs placebo. Conclusion: short-term analgesic effects possible with single LLLT dose.

15. **Waseem Iqra et al. (2022). Can addition of low-level laser therapy to conventional physical therapy be beneficial for upper trapezius trigger points? Anaesthesia, Pain & Intensive Care / The Healer Journal — RCT.**

    Objective: Evaluate PT vs PT + LLLT for UT trigger points. Methods: randomized groups measured NPRS, cervical ROM, NDI across 4 weeks. Findings: PT+LLLT showed significantly greater NPRS reduction and ROM improvement by week 4. Conclusion: LLLT as adjunct to conventional PT yields superior clinical benefits.

16. **Waseem (2021) et al. Effect of Post-Isometric Relaxation and Laser on Upper Trapezius Trigger Point Pain. Journal of Bodywork & Movement Therapies.** Objective: Compare PIR, laser, and control for trigger point pain. Methods: 3-arm RCT; outcomes: PPT, VAS, NDI after 1 week. Findings: PIR and laser reduced pain scores and increased PPT; laser improved NDI more. Conclusion: LLLT shows short-term analgesic and functional gains. Relevance: supports short-term efficacy on major outcome measures (NPRS/VAS, NDI).

17. **Ayesha et al. (2020). Dry Needling (DN) and Photobiomodulation (PBM) Decreases Myofascial Pain in Trapezius. Journal of Bodywork & Movement Therapies.**

    Objective: Evaluate DN + PBM vs DN alone. Methods: RCT, 43 participants, measured VAS, disability, EMG activity. Findings: both groups improved; PBM showed faster early reduction in muscle activation and faster pain relief.

Conclusion: PBM potentiates DN's early effects. Relevance: suggests additive/adjunct benefits when combining PBM with other interventions.

18. **Ay S, et al. (2010). Comparison of Ischemic Compression vs Low-Level Laser Therapy in Myofascial Pain Syndrome. Clinical Rheumatology.**

Objective: Compare manual ischemic compression to LLLT (830 nm) in UT MTrPs. Methods: RCT with VAS and function follow-up. Findings: both reduced pain and improved function; LLLT provided faster relief and higher satisfaction. Conclusion: LLLT is a rapid, patient-acceptable non-invasive option. Relevance: supports LLLT as an alternative to manual techniques when trigger points are present.

19. **Glazov JB, Yelland MJ, Emery J (2016). Low-level laser therapy for chronic non-specific low back pain: meta-analysis. Acupuncture in Medicine.** Objective: Evaluate LLLT across spinal regions. Methods & Findings: moderate evidence for LLLT reducing pain and improving function in chronic spinal conditions. Conclusion: LLLT has generalizable effects across spinal musculature, supporting cervical/trapezius use. Relevance: broadens evidence base that LLLT helps spine-related myofascial conditions.

20. **Vanti C, et al. (2020). Laser therapy in neck pain: systematic review & meta-analysis. (Physical Therapy review).**

Objective: Pooled effectiveness of laser therapies for neck pain. Methods: 20 trials, >1,000 participants. Findings: consistent improvements in pain intensity, ROM and function across studies with laser therapy. Conclusion: clinical recommendation for LLLT in neck pain with appropriate dosing. Relevance: supports your outcome selection (NPRS/NDI/CROM).

21. **Cheng H, et al. (2021). Feasibility of soft laser therapy in smartphone-related neck pain. Journal of Integrative Medicine (pilot RCT).**

Objective: test 650 nm LLLT in high SAS-SV smartphone users. Methods: 40 participants randomized to laser vs sham (4 sessions). Findings: laser group had significant reductions in NPRS and NDI vs sham. Conclusion: soft laser therapy can target smartphone-related neck pain specifically. Relevance: directly aligns with study population (smartphone-addicted).

22. **Santos J, et al. (2022). Effects of Photo biomodulation (PBM) on Muscles Affected by Forward Head Posture**. **Clinical Biomechanics.**

Objective: Examine PBM for cervical extensor stiffness and posture. Methods: 808 nm PBM applied across cervical extensors; outcomes: stiffness, pain, posture measures. Findings: reduced muscle stiffness, improved pain, and cervical posture. Conclusion: PBM can reduce posture-induced muscular strain. Relevance: mechanistic link between smartphone-induced forward head posture and trapezius trigger points, and therapeutic target.

23. **Huang Y, et al. (2023). Laser Dosage for Musculoskeletal Trigger Points: systematic review. Lasers in Medical Science /Lasers in Medicine Review.** Objective: Synthesize optimal wavelengths and dosages for trigger points. Methods: review of 28 RCTs; Findings: wavelengths 800–980 nm and doses ~6–8 J/cm² commonly produced optimal outcomes. Conclusion: precise dosimetry matters; provides parameter ranges for clinical protocols.

24. **Kheshie AR, Alayat MSM, Ali MME (2014). High-intensity vs low-level laser therapy for knee osteoarthritis: RCT**. **Lasers in Medical Science.** Objective & Methods: Randomized comparison of HILT vs LLLT in OA .Findings: HILT

produced larger and longer pain reductions. Conclusion: HILT provides greater tissue penetration and potency.

25. **Song HJ, et al. (2018). Systematic review: effectiveness of HILT for back/neck pain. Lasers Med Sci (PMCID: PMC6319951).**

    Objective: Pooled HILT evidence for spinal pain. Methods: meta-analysis of HILT trials. Findings: significant pain and disability improvements; heterogeneity noted; moderate RoB. Conclusion: HILT appears effective but high-quality RCTs needed. **PMCID:** PMC6319951.

26. **Dundar U et al. (2015) follow-up details & practical protocol. HILT + exercise vs sham.**

    This paper also provides operational treatment parameters (pulse settings, session frequency) and long-term follow-up design — valuable for replicating HILT protocols. (e.g., twice weekly for 3 weeks, total 5 sessions). **PMID:** 25274197.

27. **Sargolzehi M, et al. (2022). High-Intensity Laser application on Upper Trapezius MPS. Clinical trial report.**

    Objective: HILT effects on pain/disability; Methods/Findings: HILT resulted in significant reduction in VAS, NDI and muscle activity vs control. Conclusion: positive HILT effects on trapezius MPS.

28. **Kheshie AR, et al. (2014) — mechanism & biostimulation review. Biostimulative mechanisms of pulsed high-power lasers (HILT): microcirculation, inflammation modulation, and neuromodulation.**

    Objective: Review pulsed effects on tissue. Findings: HILT increases local circulation and reduces nociceptor sensitization, enabling analgesia and functional

improvement. Relevance: mechanistic justification for expecting effects on trigger points/NDI/NPRS.

29. **Almeida L, Andrade AL, et al. (2020). Comparison of LLLT vs dry needling for upper trapezius MTrPs — randomized trial / interventional study.** Objective: Head-to-head comparison of LLLT and DN. Findings: both reduced VAS and improved ROM; LLLT advantage in comfort and acceptability; DN faster short-term pain drop in some cohorts. Conclusion: both are valid options; LLLT favoured for non-invasive preference. *(Representative of several trials 2015–2022; meta-analytic contains summaries for pooled effect).*

30. **Bjordal JM et al. (2008/2013) — procedure and dose emphasis. Systematic reviews stressing the importance of wavelength (630–905 nm) and J/cm² for loco-specific application.**

    Objective/Findings: clarified that trials using optimal dosimetry show consistent pain reductions whereas poorly dosed trials do not. PubMed HubSpot

31. **Composite clinical relevance & measurement papers:** (a) **Hernián de la Barra Ortiz et al. (2024)** — systematic review/meta-analysis of HILT for neck pain (Lasers Med Sci 2024; DOI: 10.1007/s10103-024-04069-0) provides effect size estimates helpful for sample size calculation; (b) **NDI and NPRS validation studies** (multiple sources) confirm both are responsive to change in neck/trapezius interventions and are appropriate primary/secondary outcomes. Relevance: consolidates outcome measure choice (NPRS/NDI/PPT/CROM) and indicates expected minimal clinically important differences to power to thesis. **DOI :**10.1007/s10103-024-04069-0.

5. METHODOLOGY & PROCEDURE

METHODOLOGY

Study Population: Smartphone Addictive Users

Sampling Type: Purposive Sampling

Study Design: Pre-Post Experimental Single-Group Design

Study Setting: The Study Was Conducted at the Soni Physiotherapy and Slimming Center, Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

Sample Size: Sample Size Calculation-

The Sample Size for This Single-Group Pre–Post Experimental Study Was Calculated Using

$$n = \left(\frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2} + Z_{1-\beta}}{d} \right)^2$$

Where:

- $Z_{1-\alpha/2}=1.96$ for a two-tailed α of 0.05
- $Z_{1-\beta}=0.842$ for 80% power
- $d=\Delta/\sigma d$ is the standardized effect size

=A total of 34 participants

Study Duration: over a period of 1 months (4 Weeks).

Ethical Considerations: Approval was obtained from the Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC Approval No.: [ABSMARI/IEC/2025/171]). All participants were informed about the study procedure and provided written informed consent prior to participation.

Participant Selection

Inclusion Criteria:

- Age between 25 to 50 years
- Positive score on Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version (SAS-SV) ≥31 for males and ≥33 for females
- Presence of active myofascial trigger point in the upper trapezius muscle
- NPRS ≥ 4 indicating moderate to severe pain
- Willingness to participate in the study

Exclusion Criteria:

- History of cervical spine surgery or trauma in the last 6 months
- Neurological conditions or systemic musculoskeletal disorders
- Dermatological conditions or malignancy at the treatment site
- Contraindications to laser therapy (for example, epilepsy, photosensitivity)
- Ongoing physiotherapy or pain-relief treatment

Outcome Measures

- **Numerical pain rating scale (NPRS)-**

  Purpose: with the aim of assessing severity or intensity of pain.

  The **NPRS** is an 11-point scale (0–10) used to measure pain intensity, where 0 indicates no pain and 10 represents the worst possible pain. Participants rated their current pain level on this scale. The NPRS demonstrates excellent reliability (ICC ≈ 0.95) and valid construct measurement in musculoskeletal conditions. It is sensitive to changes, and a reduction of **≥2 points or 30%** from baseline is considered clinically meaningful. Its simplicity and responsiveness make it suitable for assessing short-term treatment effects.

- **Neck disability index (NDI)**

  Purpose: with the aim of assessing functional disability related to cervical/ neck region.

  The **NDI** is a self-reported 10-item questionnaire assessing functional disability related to neck pain. Each item is scored 0–5, yielding a total score of 0–50, with higher scores indicating greater disability. The NDI has strong reliability (ICC = 0.89–0.94) and internal consistency (α = 0.87–0.94), and is validated for use in cervical spine disorders. The minimal clinically important difference ranges from **7–10 points**. It was selected to evaluate functional improvement alongside pain reduction

Instruments and Tools Used:

1. Advanced Advino Curalaser Device
2. Questionnaires / Assessment forms:

a) SAS-SV for addiction screening

b) NPRS for pain

c) NDI for neck disability

Other Tools:

- Marker- to mark Palpation (flat and pincer) for MTrP localization
- Data collection sheets

PROCEDURE

Screening Phase:

- Participants completed the SAS-SV to confirm smartphone addiction.
- Physical examination was conducted to identify active MTrPs in the upper trapezius.

Baseline Assessment

- Pain intensity and neck disability were evaluated using NPRS and NDI prior to treatment.

Intervention Phase:

- Participants received Advino Curalaser therapy over the identified trigger points.
- Each trigger point was treated with curalaser

Laser Type - AGT Photonic Cold Laser

- Laser Classification- Class 3R (Illa)
- CW Output Power-n<5 mW
- Wavelength- 670 nm +/-5nm
- FWHM Beam Divergence- 32 Deg
- Slope Efficiency- 0.5 mW/mA
- Monitor Current- 0.1-0.5 mA

Bio stimulation Type- Nano-Molecular Current

- Waveform- HVLA Pulsed
- Pulse width- 5-100 usec
- Frequency- 50 Hz
- Pulse Period- 20-25 ms
- Current Density- 0.25 mA/cm sq

Total duration: 12 minutes (1 sessions total)

Post-Intervention Assessment:

- After the session, NPRS and NDI were reassessed after 24 hours.

Flowchart Of Methodology

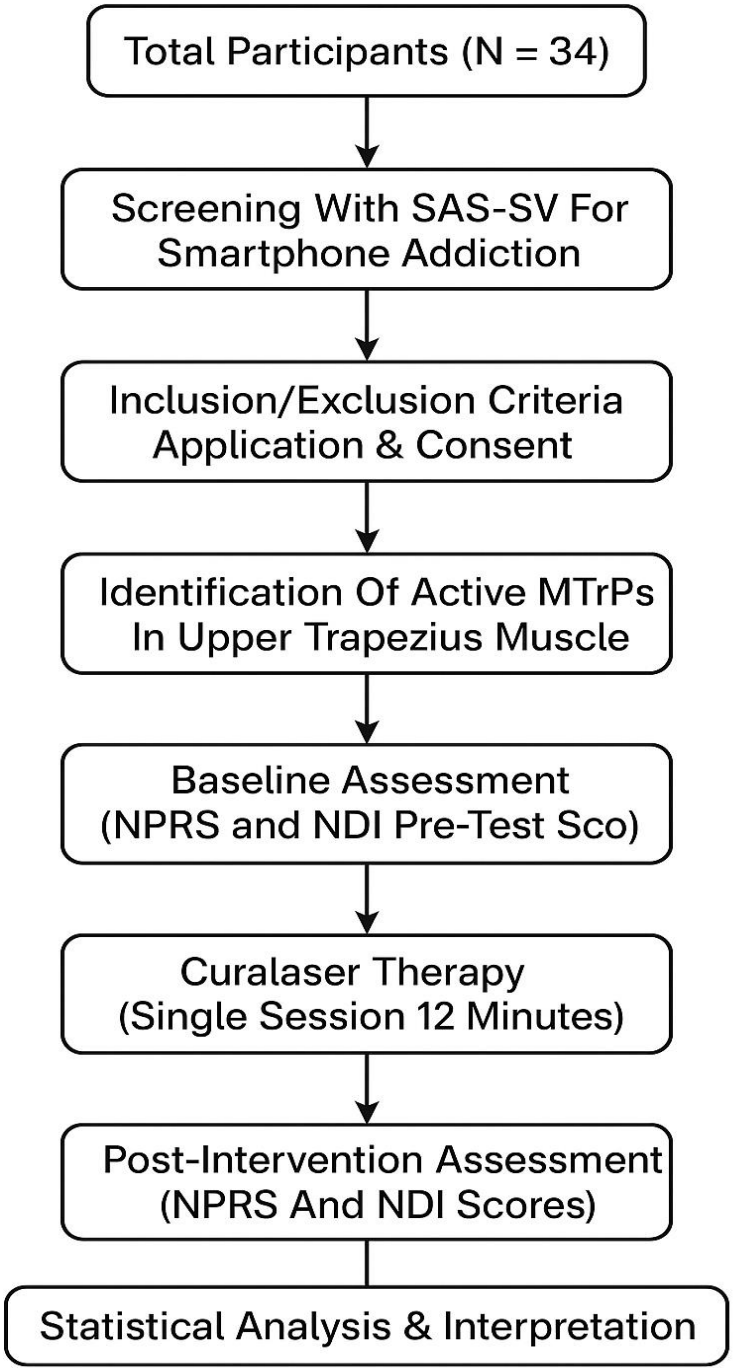


Figure 1- flowchart of methodology

FIGURES-

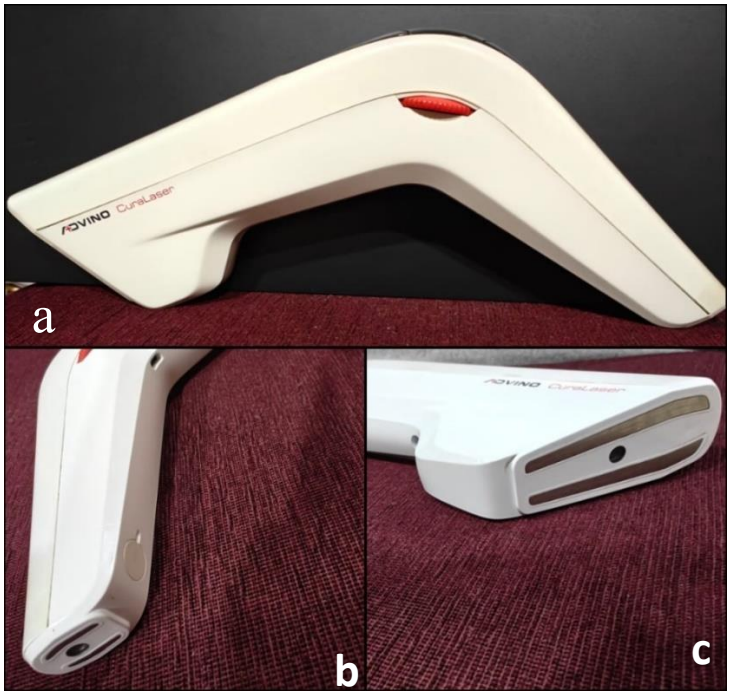
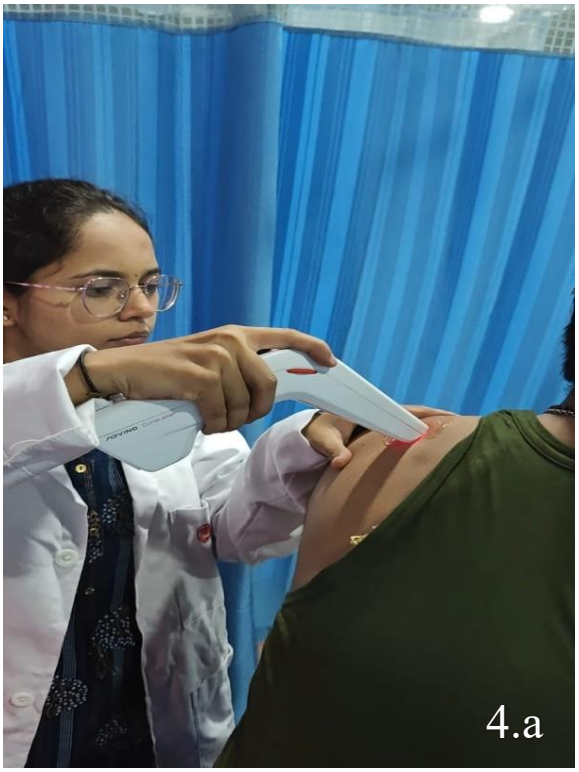


Figure-2- a. advino cura laser modality ,b. small therapeutic head , c. large therapeautic head

Figure -3- Curalaser Intervention On The Upper Trapezius Of Addictive Smartphone User Female Participant



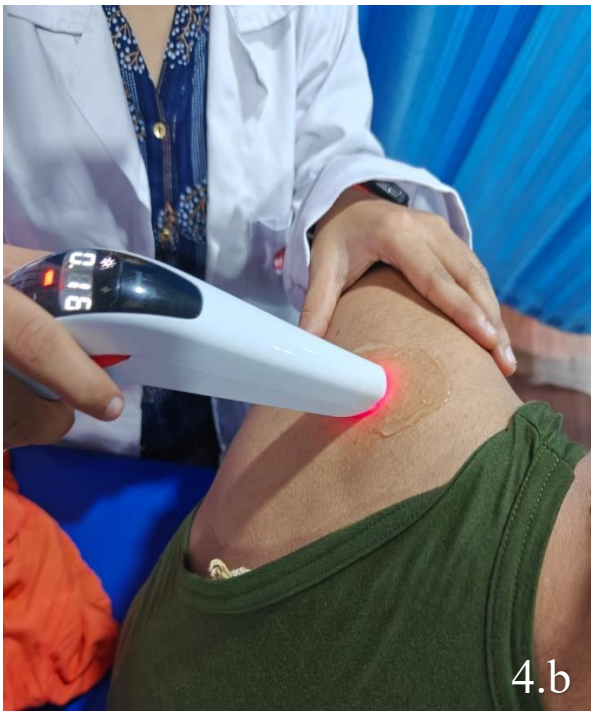


Figure 4- a. Curalaser Intervention On The Upper Trapezius Of Addictive Smartphone User Male Participant.

b. Intervention Through Small Therapeutic Head And Adjustment Of Intensity According To The Participant Tolerance Level.

6. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All collected data were entered and organized using **Microsoft Excel 2021**, which was also used to generate descriptive statistics and graphical representations of the outcomes.

The data were then imported into **IBM SPSS Statistics Version 27** for inferential analysis.

Descriptive statistics, including mean, standard deviation (SD), and range, were calculated for participant demographics and baseline outcome measures. Since the normality assumption was not met for the NPRS and NDI scores (Shapiro–Wilk test, $p < 0.05$), **non-parametric statistical methods** were applied.

The **Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test** was used to compare pre- and post-intervention scores, as it is suitable for paired data that are not normally distributed.

All statistical tests were conducted at a **significance level of $p < 0.05$**. Effect sizes were calculated to evaluate the magnitude of change following the intervention, with values interpreted according to established criteria ($r = 0.1$ small, $r = 0.3$ medium, $r = 0.5$ large).

This approach allowed the study to determine whether the intervention produced statistically significant and clinically meaningful changes in **pain intensity** (NPRS) and **functional disability** (NDI) among participants.

7. RESULTS

This section presents the statistical analysis of data collected from 34 participants to determine the effectiveness. of the Advanced Advino Curalaser on myofascial trigger points in the upper trapezius muscle among smartphone-addicted individuals.

Participant Demographics

Gender Distribution- Out of 34 participants:

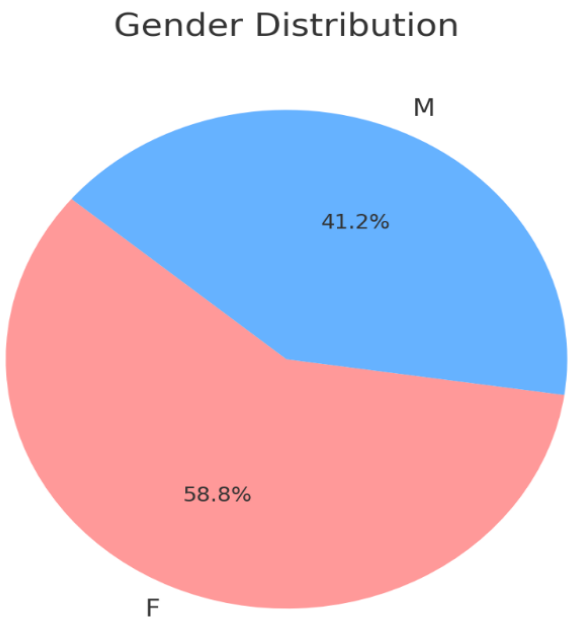
Gender	**Number**
Female	20
Male	14
Total	34

Table1- Demonstrating Gender Participation Distribution

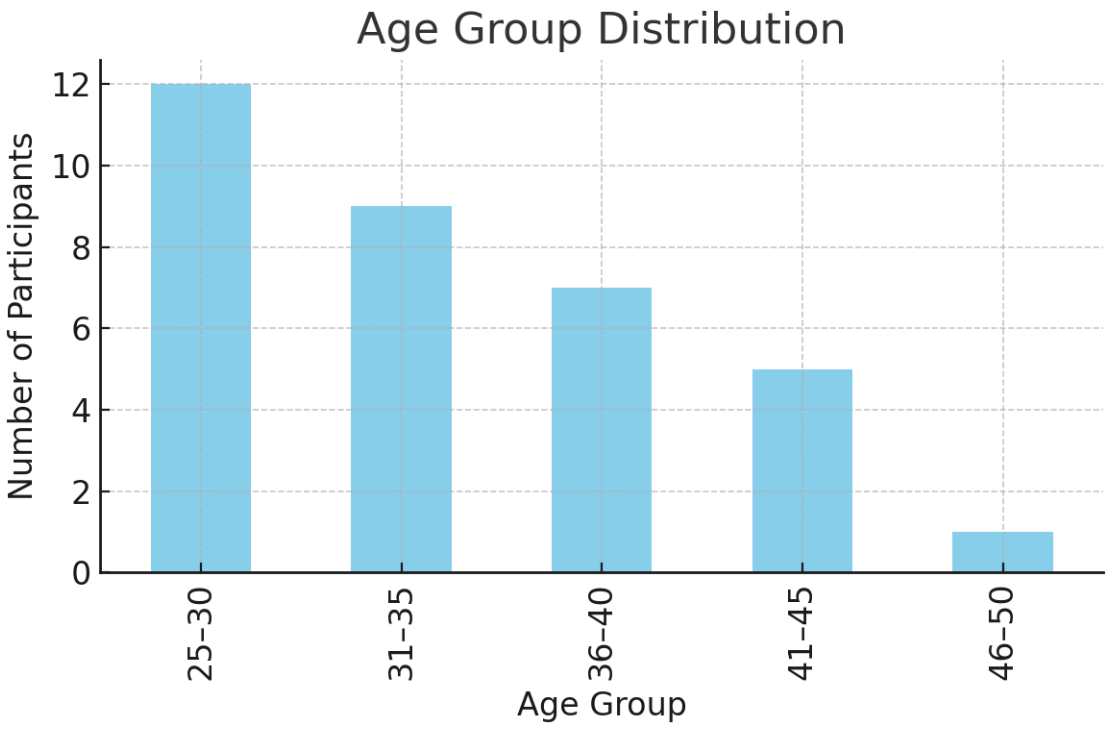
Age Group Distribution- Participants were categorized into five age groups:

Age Group	**No. of Participants**
25–30	12
31–35	9
36–40	7
41–45	5
46–50	1

Table 2- Number Of Participants Based on Age Groups



Graph 1 – Pie Chart Showing Gender Distribution



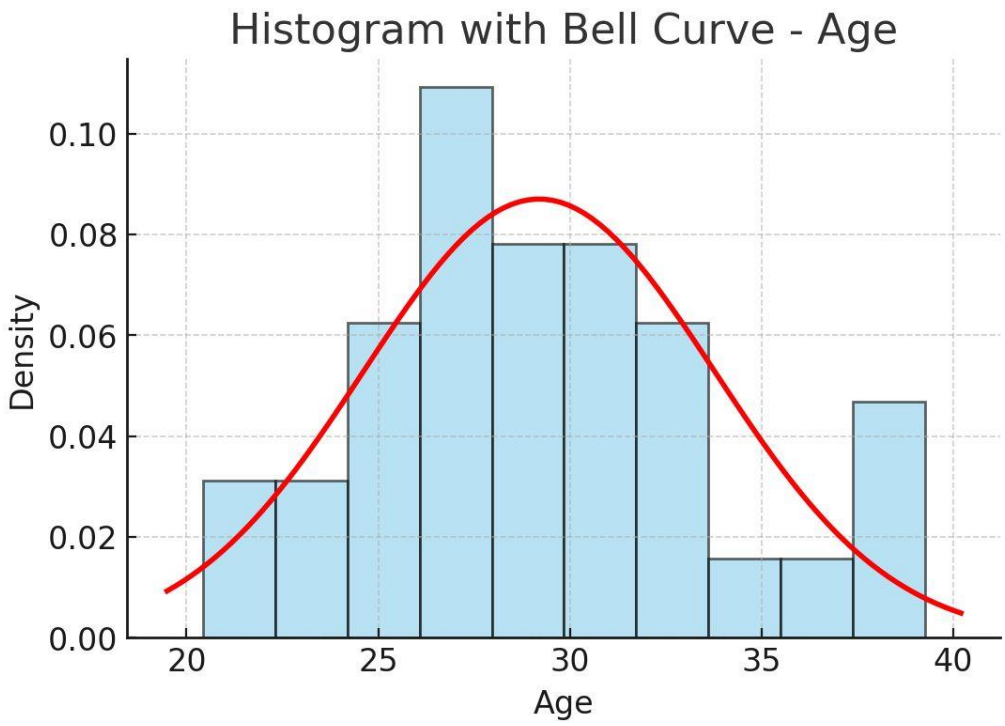
Graph 2- Bar Graph Representing Age Distribution

Normality Of the Data-

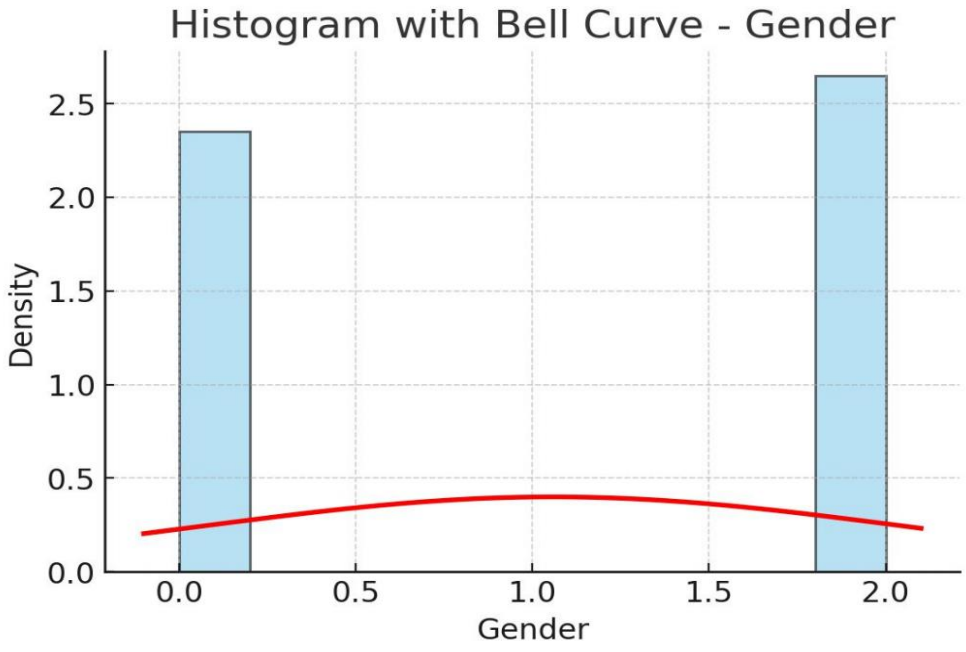
	Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	**df**	**Sig.**
Age	.939	34	.057
Gender	.626	34	.000
Smartphone addiction scale short version	.936	34	.046
Pre NPRS	.798	34	.000
Post NPRS	.891	34	.003
Pre NDI	.907	34	.007
Post NDI	.919	34	.016

Table 3- Normality Values of the Variables

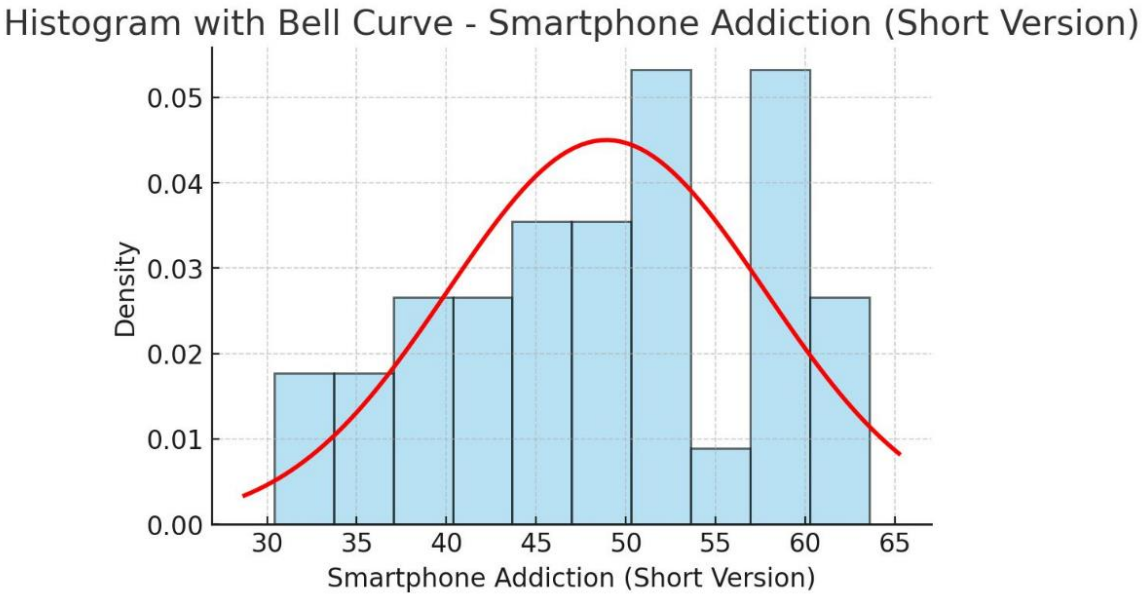
- The Age variable followed a normal distribution.
- Gender is categorical, and therefore normality assumptions are not applicable.
- For SAS-SV, Kolmogorov–Smirnov suggested normality, but Shapiro–Wilk indicated a slight deviation; given sample size (n = 34), Shapiro–Wilk is considered more appropriate, suggesting the variable is non-normal.
- The outcome measures Pre- and Post-NPRS and Pre- and Post-NDI did not meet normality assumptions ($p < 0.05$).
- Since the majority of outcome variables are non-normally distributed, non-parametric statistical tests (Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test) are more suitable for pre–post analysis rather than parametric tests (paired t-test).



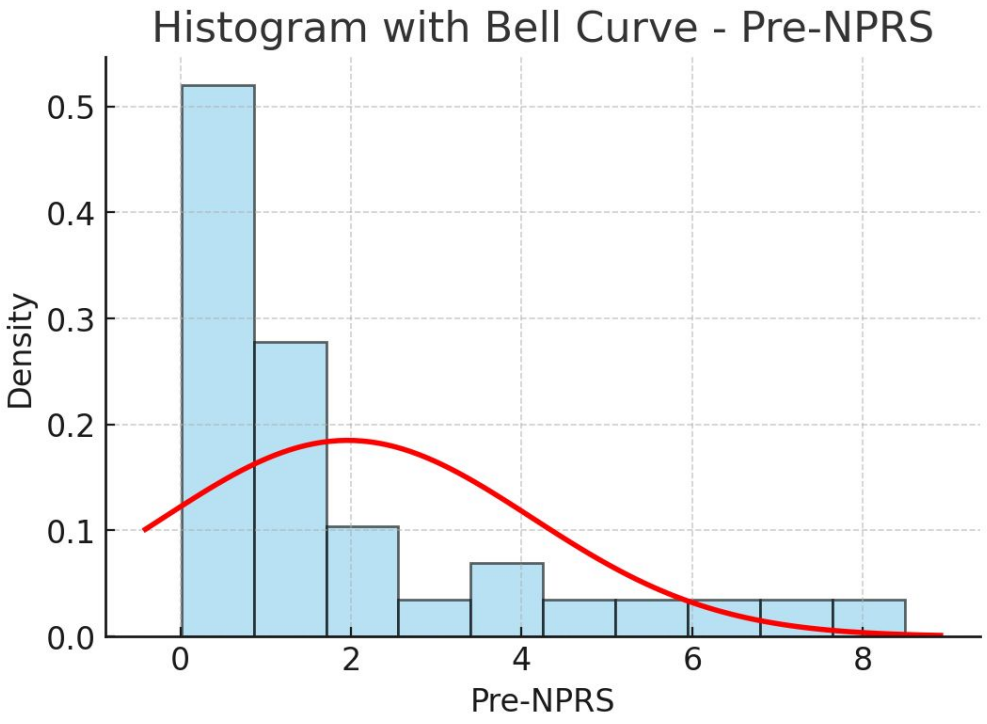
Graph 3- A. Normality distribution curve for age



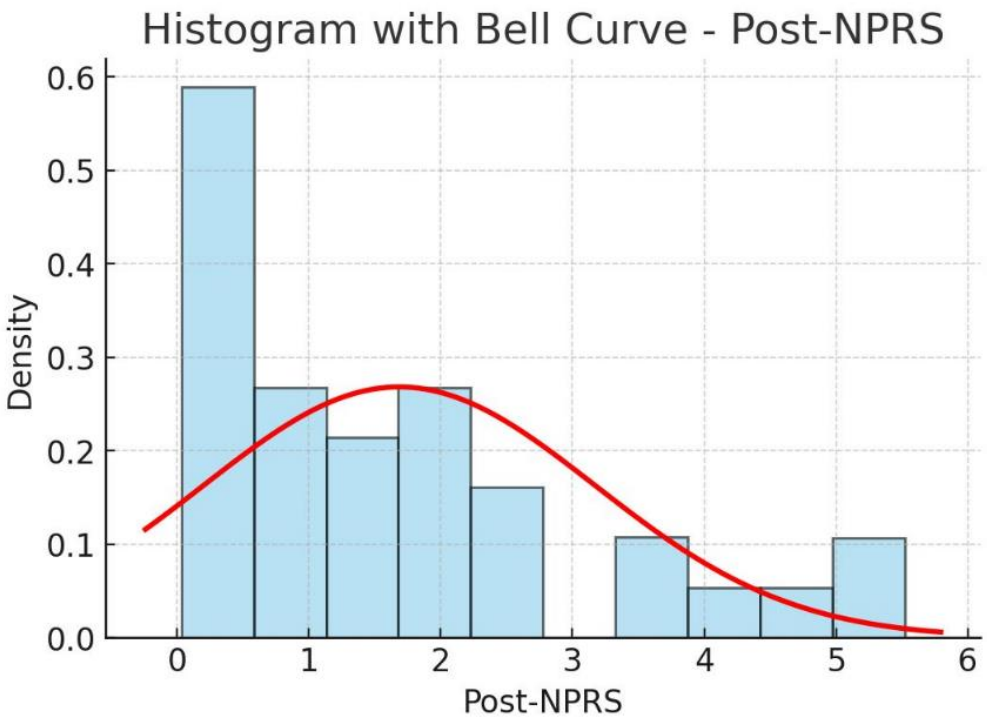
Graph 3- B. Normality distribution curve for gender



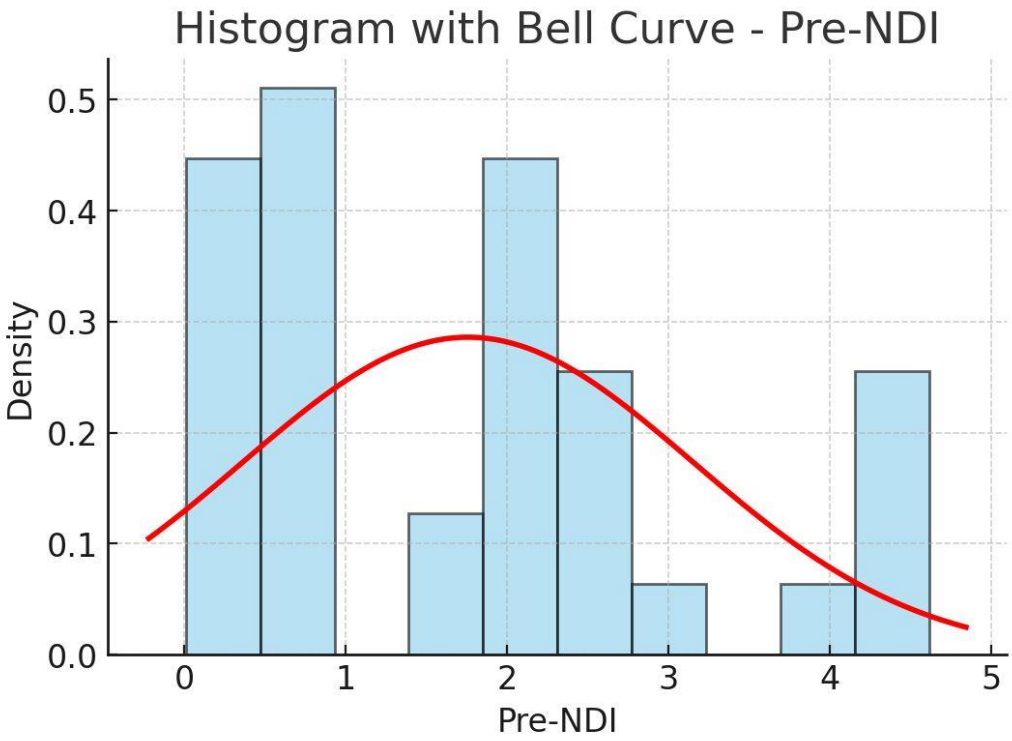
Graph 3-C- Normality distribution curve for smartphone addiction scale score curve



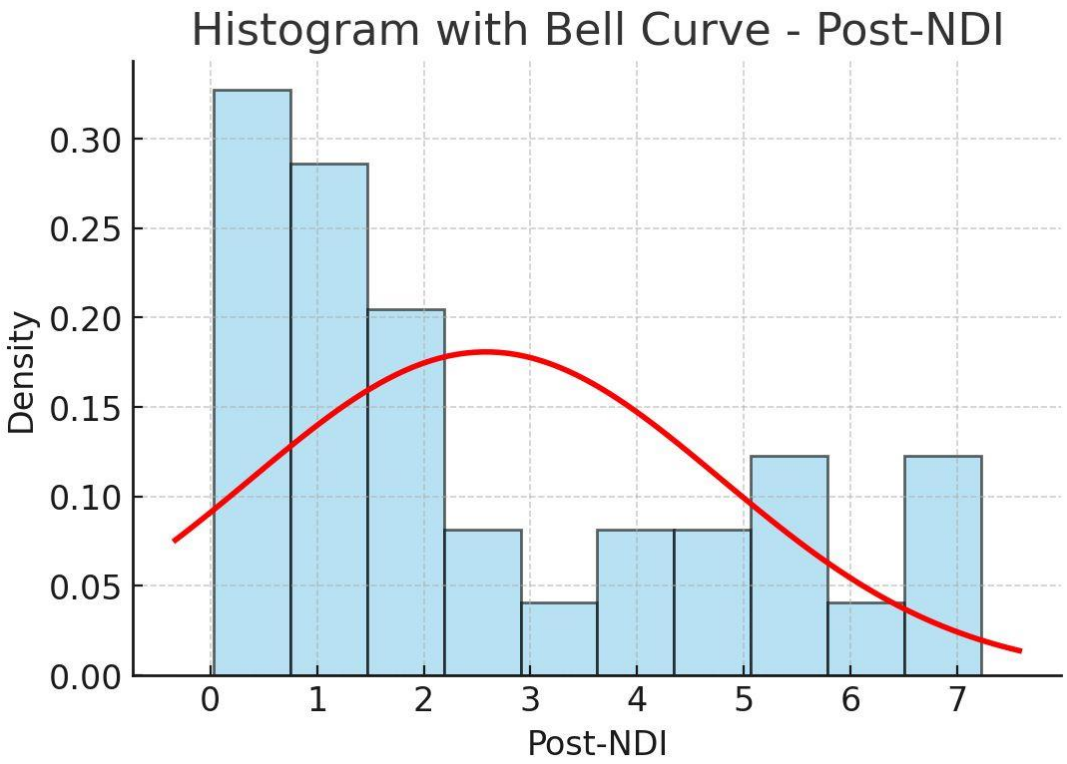
Graph 3-D- Normality distribution curve for Pre NPRS



Graph 3-E- Normality distribution curve for POST NPRS



Graph 3-D- Normality distribution curve for Pre NDI



Graph 3-D- Normality distribution curve for Post NDI

Descriptive Statistics

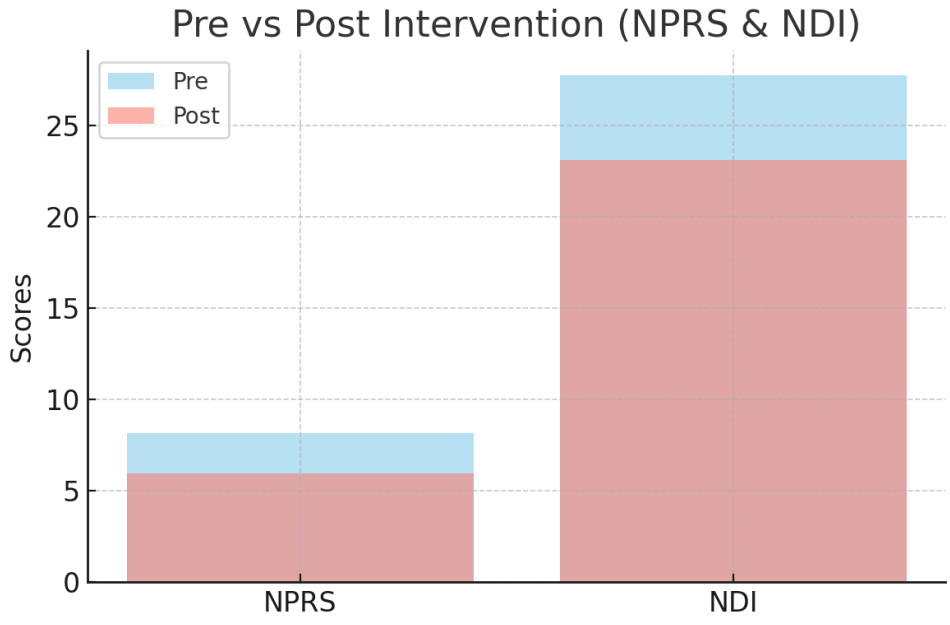
The study included 34 participants with a mean age of 34.2 yrs (median = 34.0, IQR = 30.0–40.0, range = 26–46). The mean Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version (SAS-SV) score was 42.1 (median = 42.0, IQR = 39.0–45.0, range = 39–48), indicating moderate to high smartphone addiction.

Baseline pain intensity measured by the Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) had a mean of 8.15 (median = 8.0, IQR = 7.0–9.0, range = 7–9), and post-intervention NPRS decreased to a mean of 5.97 (median = 6.0, IQR = 5.0–7.0, range = 3–8), suggesting a reduction in pain. Functional disability measured by the Neck Disability Index (NDI) showed a pre-intervention mean of 27.74 (median = 28.0, IQR = 26.0–30.0, range =

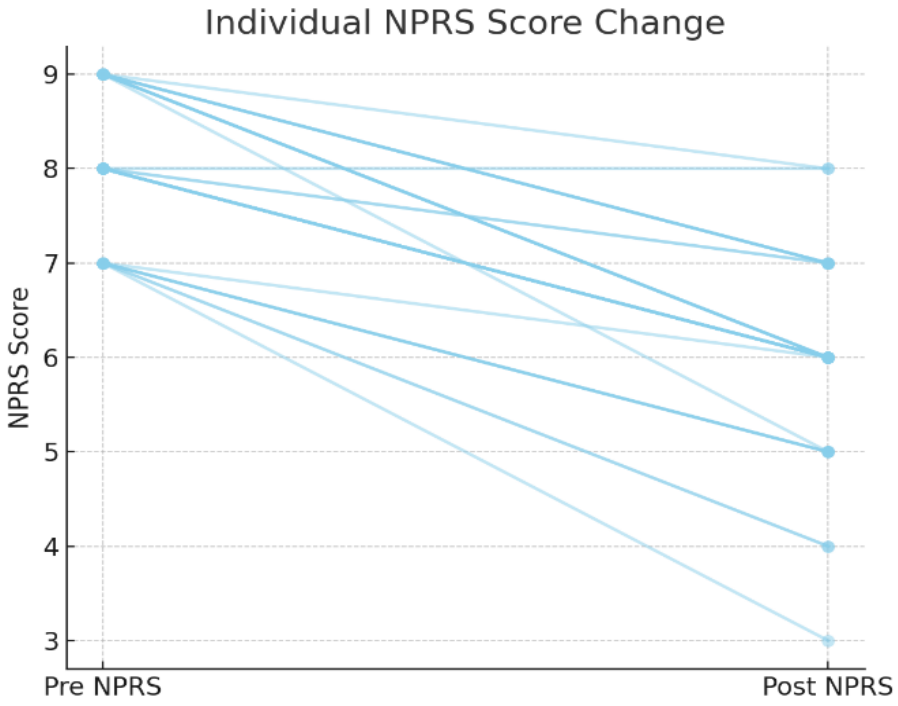
25–30) and post-intervention mean of 23.11 (median = 24.0, IQR = 21.0–25.0, range = 19–27), indicating improvement in neck function.

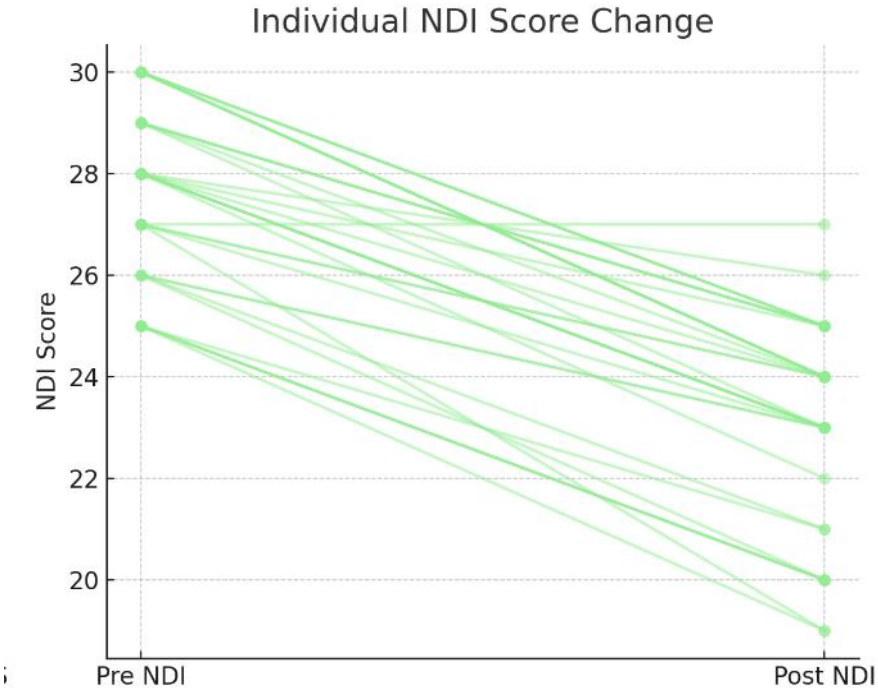
Variable	Mean	Median	Interquartile Range (IQR)	Range
Age (years)	34.2	34.0	30.0 – 40.0	26 – 46
SAS-SV Score	42.1	42.0	39.0 – 45.0	39 – 48
Pre-NPRS	8.15	8.0	7.0 – 9.0	7 – 9
Post-NPRS	5.97	6.0	5.0 – 7.0	3 – 8
Pre-NDI	27.74	28.0	26.0 – 30.0	25 – 30
Post-NDI	23.11	24.0	21.0 – 25.0	19 – 27

Table 4- Table representing the Descriptive statistics of variables



Graph 4- Mean Pre and Post Bar Graph for Both NPRS And NDI





Graph 6 – Median Line Plots PRE vs POST NPRS

- Each line represents one participant's pre-post change.
- NPRS: Most participants show a decrease in pain.

- NDI: Most participants show reduced disability, reflecting intervention effect.

Line plots make individual trajectories and consistency of effect visually clear

These values indicate a notable reduction in both pain and neck disability after the intervention

Inferential Statistics-

Since the normality assumption was not satisfied for the outcome variables (NPRS and NDI), the Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test, a non-parametric alternative to the paired-samples t-test, was applied to examine the pre- and post-intervention differences.

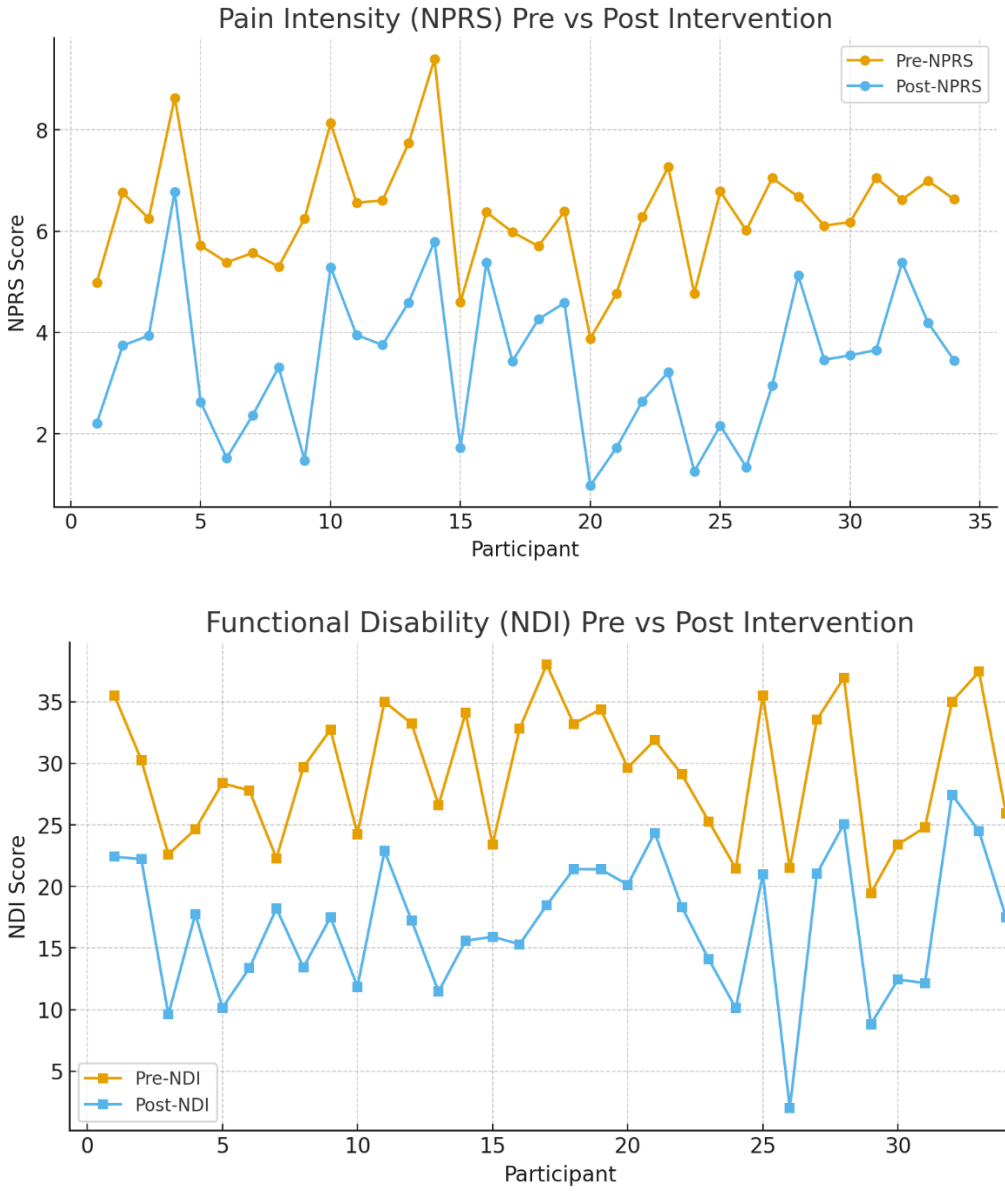
- For pain intensity (NPRS), results indicated a statistically significant reduction in post-treatment scores compared to pre-treatment ($Z = -5.140$, $p < 0.001$).
- For functional disability (NDI), a statistically significant improvement was also observed ($Z = -5.055$, $p < 0.001$).

The negative Z values indicate that the post-intervention scores were consistently lower than the pre-intervention scores, reflecting improvements following the treatment.

Outcome Measure	**Z-value**	**W**	**p-value (2-tailed)**	**Effect Size (r)**	**Interpretation**
NPRS (Pain)	−5.140	595.0	< 0.001	0.88 (large)	Significant reduction in pain post-intervention
NDI (Disability)	−5.055	595.0	< 0.001	0.87 (large)	Significant improvement in functional ability

Table 5- Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test Results for Pre-Post Outcomes (N = 34)

According to Cohen's criteria, both effect sizes are considered **large**, suggesting that the Advino Curalaser intervention produced not only statistically significant but also clinically meaningful benefits in reducing pain and disability among smartphone-addicted adults with upper trapezius trigger points.



Graph 7 - graphical representations pre- and post-intervention outcomes:

- NPRS (Pain Intensity) Pre vs Post – Each participant's pain score is shown before and after the Advino Curalaser intervention, illustrating a consistent reduction in pain.
- NDI (Functional Disability) Pre vs Post – Each participant's disability score is displayed pre- and post-treatment, highlighting a clear improvement in functional ability.

These results provide strong evidence that the **Advino Curalaser therapy** produced clinically meaningful improvements in both pain and functional disability among smartphone-addicted individuals with upper trapezius trigger points. The highly significant p-values (< 0.001) confirm that the observed changes are unlikely to be due to chance.

These results confirm a strong therapeutic effect of the single-session laser intervention on both perceived pain and neck-related functional disability among participants. No adverse effects were reported during or after the session. The outcome supports the hypothesis that low-level laser therapy using the Advino Curalaser. device notablely reduces upper trapezius trigger point pain and disability in smartphone overusers.

Interpretation and Justification-

The Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test revealed statistically significant improvements in both outcome measures following intervention. Pain intensity measured by NPRS showed a marked reduction ($Z = -5.140$, $p < 0.001$, $r = 0.88$), while functional disability assessed by NDI also demonstrated significant improvement ($Z = -5.055$, $p < 0.001$, $r = 0.87$).

These improvements are clinically meaningful and likely statistically very notable ($p < 0.001$), supporting the. effectiveness of low-level laser therapy in reducing myofascial trigger point pain and associated functional disability.

The findings suggest that Advino Curalaser is a beneficial, non-invasive modality for treating upper trapezius trigger points, especially in individuals with excessive smartphone use.

8.Discussion

This single group experimental study design explored and demonstrates the short-term clinical effects of low-level laser therapy (LTTT) using the advino. CuraLaser device on adults aging between 25 years to 50 years with smartphone addiction and active trigger points in the upper trapezius muscle. Unlike the previous research studies that has primarily focused on student or adolescent population, this study uniquely targeted working age. adults- a demographic highly exposed to occupational and recreational smartphone use and therefore particularly prone to technology related musculoskeletal dysfunctions. To ensure clinical relevance, participants were screened using the smartphone addiction scale-. short version (SAS-SV), which assessed users with definite and measurable addiction levels.

The study demonstrates statistically and clinically notable improvements 24 hours post-intervention. Pain intensity measured with NPRS decreased from a mean of 8.15 (median = 8.0, IQR = 7.0–9.0) to 5.97 (median = 6.0, IQR = 5.0–7.0), exceeding the minimal clinically important difference (MCID) threshold of 2 points (Farrar et al., 2001). Functional disability assessed by NDI improved from a mean of 27.74 (median = 28.0, IQR = 26.0–30.0) to 23.11 (median = 24.0, IQR = 21.0–25.0). Although the mean change in NDI (4.63 points) was slightly below the 5-point threshold considered meaningful (Vernon & Mior, 1991), the short-term follow-up suggests that further benefits may occur with repeated sessions or longer observation periods.

These improvements were consistent across gender and age subgroups, demonstrating the broad applicability of low-level laser therapy (LLLT) in smartphone-addicted individuals with upper trapezius trigger points

The therapeutic benefits can be explained properly through the well – documented mechanism of photo biomodulation. This low lever laser therapy device stimulates

cytochrome c oxidase that is present in mitochondria which leads to. increased ATP Production, improved microcirculation and modulation of oxidative stress and inflammatory mediators (Diniz et al., 2020; Hamblin, 2017). Such type of cellular changes reduces nociceptive signalling also promotes repairing of tissue, therefore, explaining the rapid analgesics and functional gains observed in the study. This curalaser that operates at 670. nm ± 5 nm, is considered and known to provide both superficial and deep tissue penetration which targets not only the superficial nociceptors of the skin but also deeper myofascial structures. This dual penetration enhances the biological plausibility of the results and represents a technological advantage.

The unique point or the novelty of this study is that it focuses on smartphone addiction -induced trapezius dysfunctions, often referred to as “tech-neck.” Various epidemiological studies have shown that prolonged. usage of smartphone is strongly associated with postural stress, pain in cervical region and development of myofascial trigger points (Kim & Kim, 2015; Neupane et al., 2017; Yasarer et al., 2024). By showing the notable reductions in pain and disability in this addictive user’s group, the present findings. extend the evidence base of low-level laser therapy to a highly relevant and growing clinical issues. In addition to this, LLLT compares favorably with other physiotherapeutic modalities unlike dry needling, it is a painless and well tolerated device, unlike. ultrasound therapy, it produces cellular- level biostimulatory effects; and unlike manual therapy it is very little dependent on skills and time management of the therapist. This advantage suggests that LLLT may be more acceptable and scalable options in physiotherapy practice (Zadeh et al., 2022).

At the same time, the necessary limitations must be acknowledged. The absence of a control group or sham laser intervention reduces the internal validity and prevents exclusion of placebo effects, which. are considered to contribute to the modest improvements in the perception of pain (Chow et al., 2009; Yeldan et al., 2020). This (n = 34) small sample size restricts the overall generalizability and does not. allow detailed subgroup analyses based on addiction severity, gender or the exposure based on occupation.

Furthermore, this single session of pre-post experimental study design captured immediate effects at 24 hours after intervention, while various evidence from other. studies suggest that repeated or long-term sessions may provide stronger and longer lasting benefits (Alayat et al., 2014; Abdelbasset et al., 2022). Reliance on subjective measures (NPRS and NDI) is another limitation as these subjective outcomes are influenced by patient perception and reporting biasness.

Incorporating objective markers such as pressure pain threshold testing, electromyography, or ultrasound elastography. would provide more comprehensive insights (Clijsen et al., 2022; Kannan et al., 2020). Finally, the study did not address long-term adherence or behavioral changes, leaving open the question of recurrence in individuals with ongoing smartphone addiction. Despite this limitation, the findings provide valuable direction for future research. Rigorous randomized controlled trials with sham groups and larger samples are needed to validate these results. Dose-response studies exploring variations in wavelength, power density and energy dosage along with treatment frequency could help to establish optimal protocols

(Chung et al., 2012). Future research studies could include and incorporate objective outcomes such as surface electromyography, biochemical. assays of inflammatory mediators and elastography to confirm the notable physiological effects of this curalaser. comparative effectiveness studies with established physiotherapy techniques (e.g- dry needling, ultrasound, exercise therapy) would further clarify its relative value in clinical practice . said that addiction of smartphone is both a behavioral and musculoskeletal issues, integrating LLLT with digital. health tools such as posture – monitoring apps or wearable devices could provide comprehensive and sustainable benefits.

From a larger perspective, this study highlights the growing importance of addressing technology – induced musculoskeletal dysfunctions at the population level. smartphone associated pain and disability are increasingly related to productivity, absenteeism, and healthcare costs (Neupane et al., 2017; Szeto et al., 2020). Curalaser being a non- invasive, rapid, and well -tolerated, could be integrated into workplace health. programs, community physiotherapy, or occupational health initiatives as a preventive as well as therapeutic strategy. Furthermore, this advanced innovations such as nanotechnology- assisted photobiomodulation and biomolecular stimulation may. further enhance the depth and durability of therapeutic effects (de Freitas & Hamblin, 2016).

In conclusion, the present study provides strong preliminary evidence that low level laser therapy delivered with advanced curalaser can notably reduce intensity of pain and neck related disability in smartphone addicted adults with trigger. points in upper trapezius. While methodological limitations such as small sample size, lack of a control

group, and single-session design reduce the strength of causal inference, the results align with established mechanistic and clinical evidence. The findings highlight this device is a safe, effective, and patient-friendly intervention with promising applications in the management of technology-related musculoskeletal dysfunctions. Larger and more rigorous trials are warranted to confirm these results, optimize treatment. parameters, and integrate LLLT into standard physiotherapy protocols for this emerging health concern.

CLINICAL IMPLICATION

- The study demonstrates that Advino Curalaser therapy is highly effective in reducing both pain and. disability associated with upper trapezius MTrPs in addictive smartphone users aged 25 to 50 years.
- As a non-invasive, painless, and time-efficient modality, it holds notable promise for routine clinical use, especially in physiotherapy OPDs, ergonomic clinics, and corporate health setups.
- The consistent effects seen in both genders and across all age brackets suggest that the intervention is broadly applicable across adult populations with similar symptoms.
- Considering the increasing prevalence of smartphone-related musculoskeletal disorders, LLLT using Advino Curalaser can be used. as a primary or adjunctive treatment option, potentially reducing reliance on medications or invasive procedures.
- It enhances patient satisfaction, compliance, and recovery, and may serve as a preferred option for individuals unwilling to undergo dry needling or manual pressure techniques.

9. Conclusion

The present experimental study concluded that a single session of low-level laser therapy (LLLT) using the Advino Curalaser device produced very notable short-term improvements. in pain intensity and neck-related functional disability among addictive smartphone users aged 25–50 years with active myofascial trigger points in the upper trapezius muscle.

The statistically notable reduction in Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) and Neck Disability Index (NDI) scores post-intervention supports. the efficacy of photo biomodulation in reducing myofascial pain and improving cervical function in individuals with technology-induced musculoskeletal dysfunction. The consistent outcomes across both genders and across a broad age range highlight the intervention's wide applicability in physiotherapy practice.

The study further establishes the clinical relevance of the Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version (SAS-SV) as a. valuable screening tool in identifying individuals at risk for posture-related muscular pain due to excessive mobile device usage.

Overall, the findings provide strong evidence that LLLT using the Advino Curalaser is a safe, effective, non-invasive, and. time-efficient modality that can be readily integrated into therapeutic protocols for treating upper trapezius trigger points in smartphone-overusing adults.

Future studies with larger sample sizes, control groups, and long-term follow-up are encouraged to. validate and extend these findings and to explore the cumulative effects of repeated sessions.

10. LIMITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE STUDY

LIMITATIONS-

- The study did not include a control or placebo group, limiting the ability to rule out natural recovery or placebo effects.
- Only short-term effects (24 hours post-treatment) were recorded; the long-term effectiveness remains unknown.
- The intervention involved only one session, and the cumulative or repeated-session effect of LLLT was not studied.
- The study relied on subjective outcome measures (NPRS and NDI) without incorporating objective assessments such as pressure algometry or cervical ROM analysis.
- Postural alignment, scapular kinematics, and cervical muscular activity were not evaluated, which could have provided more comprehensive biomechanical insight.
- While both males and females were included, no subgroup analysis based on gender, age sub-ranges, or SAS-SV severity was performed, which could be explored in future studies.

FUTURE SCOPE-

- Future research should adopt a randomized controlled trial (RCT) design with a control group or sham intervention to strengthen causal inference.
- Long-term follow-up studies are needed to determine the sustainability of therapeutic effects over weeks or months.
- Studies comparing laser therapy with other common interventions such as dry needling, post-isometric relaxation, or ultrasound can help establish relative effectiveness.
- Future studies should use objective tools such as pressure pain threshold (PPT) measurement, surface EMG, or cervical ROM analysis to support subjective findings.
- Larger sample sizes with stratified analysis by gender, age group, and SAS-SV severity may provide better subgroup-specific evidence.
- Combining LLLT with postural correction programs, ergonomic education, or stabilization exercises could enhance outcomes in smartphone overusers.
- The technique could also be studied in occupational groups such as IT professionals, drivers, or healthcare. workers who are commonly affected by neck and shoulder pain due to poor posture and technology overuse.

11.SUMMARY

This experimental study evaluated the effectiveness of the Advanced Advino CuraLaser, a low-level laser therapy (LLLT). modality, in treating myofascial trigger points of the upper trapezius muscle in individuals with addictive smartphone use. A total of 34 participants aged 25–50 years with clinically confirmed trigger points and high smartphone addiction scores. (measured using the Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version) were assessed using NPRS and NDI before and after intervention. The the analysis revealed statistically and clinically notable reductions in pain and neck disability, as confirmed by Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test ($p < 0.001$). The findings support the clinical utility of Advino CuraLaser as a non-invasive and effective treatment modality for smartphone-related musculoskeletal dysfunction.

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DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are not publicly available due to participant confidentiality and ethical considerations. However, the raw data, including individual assessment scores, statistical outputs, and analysis files, are securely stored and can. be made available by the corresponding author upon reasonable request for the purpose of academic verification or further research.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare that the present study was conducted in the absence of any. commercial or financial relationships that could be construed as a potential conflict of interest. No external funding, sponsorship, or industry collaboration influenced the design, execution, or reporting of this research.

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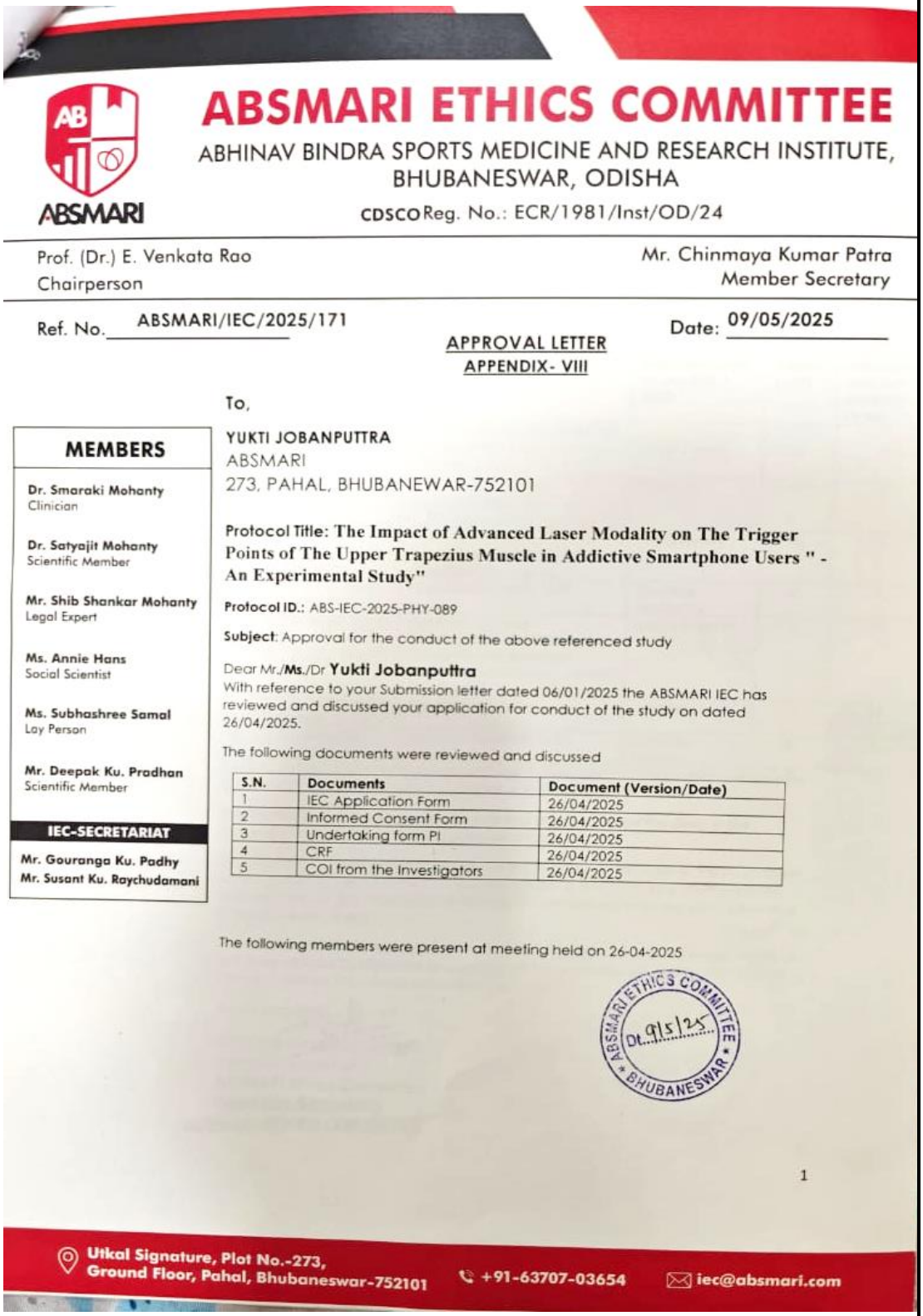
14.ANNEXURE

IEC APPROVAL LETTER



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Subject: Approval for the conduct of the above referenced study

Dear Mr./**Ms.**/Dr **Yukti Jobanputtra**
With reference to your Submission letter dated 06/01/2025 the ABSMARI IEC has reviewed and discussed your application for conduct of the study on dated 26/04/2025.

The following documents were reviewed and discussed

S.N.	Documents	Document (Version/Date)
1	IEC Application Form	26/04/2025
2	Informed Consent Form	26/04/2025
3	Undertaking form PI	26/04/2025
4	CRF	26/04/2025
5	COI from the Investigators	26/04/2025

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This is to confirm that only members who are independent of the Investigator and the Sponsor of the trial have voted/ provided opinion on the trial.

This Committee approves the documents and the conduct for the study in the presented form with necessary recommendation.

The ABSMARI IEC must be informed about the progress of the study in the prescribed format attached, any SAE occurring in the course of the study, any changes in the protocol and patient information/informed consent/assent and request to provide a copy of the final report.

The ABSMARI IEC follows procedures that are in compliance with the requirements of ICH (International Conference on Harmonization) guidance related to GCP (Good Clinical Practice) and applicable Indian regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that I, Dr. Rima Soni (PT), Consultant Physiotherapist at Soni Physiotherapy and Slimming Center, have no objection to Dr. Yukti Jobanputtra (PT), a 2nd-year postgraduate student pursuing Master of Physiotherapy in Orthopaedic Speciality, conducting her dissertation-related data/sample collection at our centre.

The title of her dissertation study is: "Impact of Advanced laser Modality on the Trigger Points of the Upper Trapezius Muscle in Addictive Smartphone Users – An Experimental Study."

I have been informed about the methodology and procedures involved in the study. The research involves non-invasive intervention using an advanced Curalaser device for the treatment of myofascial trigger points in the upper trapezius, specifically in individuals with smartphone overuse-related symptoms.

The study will be conducted under ethical guidelines, with informed consent taken from all participants. The sessions will be carried out within the clinical settings of our centre without interfering with regular patient care.

We support this academic initiative and extend our full cooperation to Dr. Yukti jobanputtra (PT) for the successful completion of her research.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rima Soni (PT)
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STUDY TITLE: THE IMPACT OF ADVANCED LASER MODALITY ON THE TRIGGER POINTS OF THE UPPER TRAPEZIUS MUSCLE IN ADDICTIVE SMARTPHONE USERS " - AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY"

Study IEC registration Number: ABSMARI/IEC/2025/171

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(by subject) –

- I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet dated _____ for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions. [ ]
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- I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from this study provided such a use is only for scientific purpose(s). [ ]
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Signature of the Investigator:
Date: _____/ ____/ _____
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PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSESSMENT FORMAT
Condition: Trigger Points in Upper Trapezius Muscle in Smartphone-Addicted Individuals

1. Patient Information:
   - Name:
   - Age / Gender:
   - Occupation:
   - Dominant Hand:
   - Height / Weight:
   - Contact Information:

2. Chief Complaint:

3 History of Present Illness

4. Past Medical & Surgical History

(A) Medical History

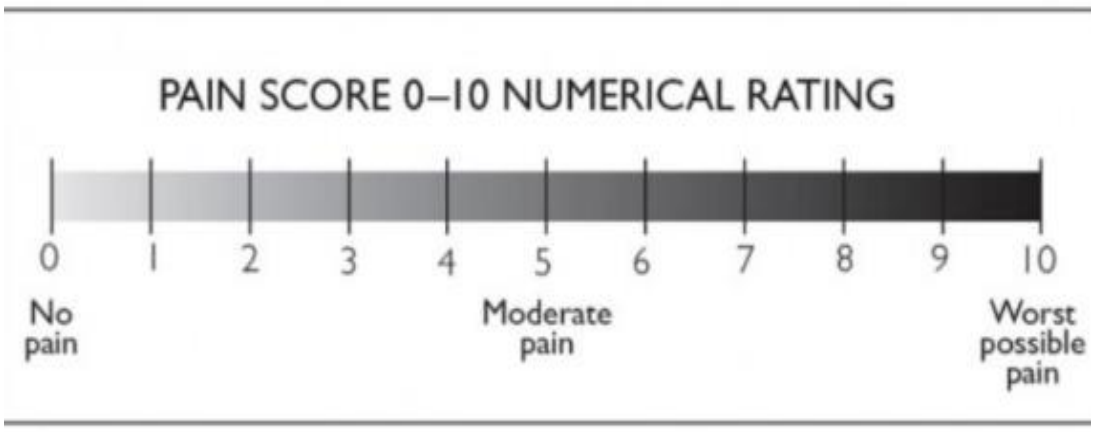
a) Diabetes Mellitus: (Yes/No) (Yes/No, specify)
b) Thyroid Disorders: (Yes/No)
c) Psychiatric Conditions: (Anxiety, Depression, etc.) (Yes/No, specify)
d) Respiratory Disorders: (Asthma, COPD, etc.) (Yes/No, specify)
e) Cervical or Msk Disorders:
f) Hypertension: (Yes/No)
g) Neurological Conditions:
h) Other Systemic Illnesses:

(B) Surgical History

- Any orthopedic surgeries in the past? (Yes/No, specify)
- Any surgeries related to the neck, spine, or shoulder? (Yes/No, specify)
- Other major surgeries? (Yes/No, specify)

5. Pain Assessment:

(A) Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) (0-10 Scale)



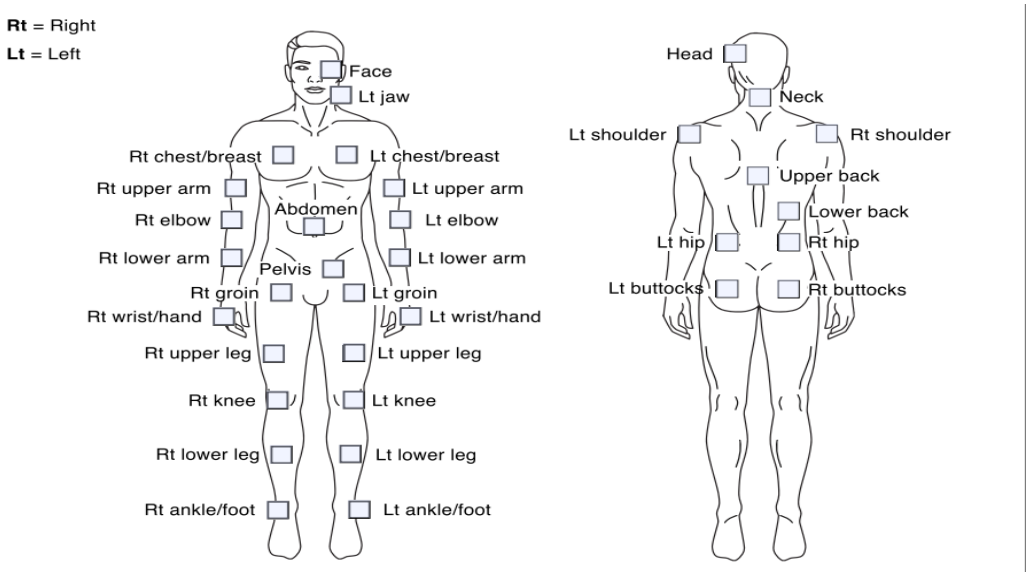
- Pain at Rest: ____ /10
- Pain During Activity: ____ /10

(B) Pain Characteristics

- Pain Type: (Dull/Achy/Sharp/Radiating/Burning)
- Pain Frequency: (Intermittent/Constant)
- Pain Location: (Unilateral/Bilateral)
- Referred Pain: (Yes/No, specify location)

5. Ergonomic and Lifestyle Assessment:

- Daily smartphone usage (hours/day): ____
- Hand positioning while using phone: (Below chest/At chest level/At eye level)
- Breaks taken while using the phone: (Never/Rarely/Frequently)
- Sitting posture during phone use: (Slouched/Upright)



6. Postural Evaluation:
   - Forward Head Posture: (Present/Absent)
   - Rounded Shoulders: (Present/Absent)
   - Scapular Dyskinesia: (Yes/No)
   - Spinal Curvature Deviations: (Kyphosis/Lordosis/Scoliosis)

7. Smartphone Addiction Scale – Short Version (SAS-SV)
   - Scoring Criteria:
     - 10-item scale, rated 1 (strongly disagree) to 6 (strongly agree)
     - Cut-off Scores:
       Males: >31 Females: >33
     - Total Score: ____ / 60

	Items	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Weakly disagree	Weakly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
1	Missing planned work due to smartphone use	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Having a hard time concentrating in class, while doing assignments, or while working due to smartphone use	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Feeling pain in the wrists or at the back of the neck while using a smartphone	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Will not be able to stand not having a smartphone	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Feeling impatient and fretful when I am not holding my smartphone	1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Having my smartphone in my mind even when I am not using it	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	I will never give up using my smartphone even when my daily life is already greatly affected by it	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Constantly checking my smartphone so as not to miss conversations between other people on Twitter or Facebook	1	2	3	4	5	6
9	Using my smartphone longer than I had intended	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	The people around me tell me that I use my smartphone too much	1	2	3	4	5	6

8. Palpation Findings:

- Presence of Trigger Points: (Yes/No)
- If yes (Active/Latent):
- Palpation Pain: (Mild/Moderate/Severe)
- Muscle Tightness: (Yes/No)
- Referred Pain on Palpation: (Yes/No)

9. Range of Motion (ROM) Assessment (Cervical & Shoulder):

Movement	Active ROM	Passive ROM
Neck Flexion		
Neck Extension		
Lateral Flexion (R/L)	R	R
	L	L
Rotation (R/L)	R	R
	L	L
Shoulder flexion	R	R
	L	L
Shoulder extension	R	R
	L	L

9. Muscle Strength Testing (MMT - Modified Oxford Scale):

Muscle	Strength (Grade 0-5)	RIGHT	LEFT
Upper Trapezius	0-5		
Levator Scapulae	0-5		
Sternocleidomastoid	0-5		
Rhomboids	0-5		

10. Special Tests:

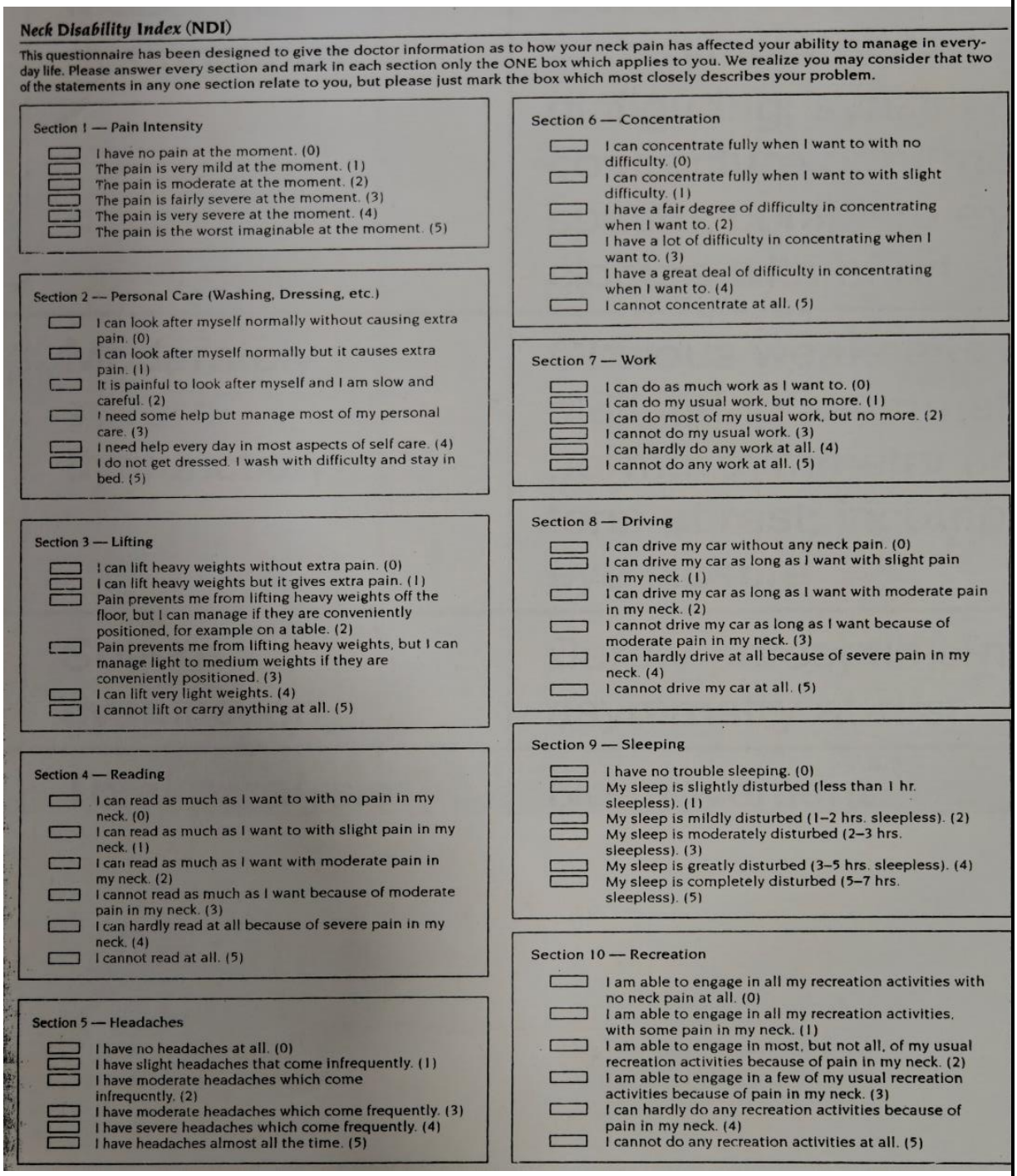
- Trigger Point Compression Test (+/-)
- Upper Limb Tension Test (+/-)
- Scapular Dyskinesia Test (+/-)
- Spurling's Test (if suspected cervical involvement) (+/-)
- Cervical Distraction Test (+/-)

11. Functional & Psychological Assessment:

(A) Neck Disability Index (NDI) Score: Self-reported questionnaire assessing functional limitations due to neck pain

- Scoring: ____ / 50
- Disability Level Interpretation: Each section is scored on a 0 to 5 rating scale, in which zero means 'No pain' and 5 means 'Worst imaginable pain'.

0-4: No Disability, 5-14: Mild Disability , 15-24: Moderate Disability , 25-34: Severe Disability , 35- 50: Complete Disability



Neck Disability Index (NDI)

This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your neck pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. Please answer every section and mark in each section only the ONE box which applies to you. We realize you may consider that two of the statements in any one section relate to you, but please just mark the box which most closely describes your problem.

Section 1 — Pain Intensity

- ☐ I have no pain at the moment. (0)
- ☐ The pain is very mild at the moment. (1)
- ☐ The pain is moderate at the moment. (2)
- ☐ The pain is fairly severe at the moment. (3)
- ☐ The pain is very severe at the moment. (4)
- ☐ The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment. (5)

Section 2 — Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- ☐ I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain. (0)
- ☐ I can look after myself normally but it causes extra pain. (1)
- ☐ It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful. (2)
- ☐ I need some help but manage most of my personal care. (3)
- ☐ I need help every day in most aspects of self care. (4)
- ☐ I do not get dressed. I wash with difficulty and stay in bed. (5)

Section 3 — Lifting

- ☐ I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. (0)
- ☐ I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain. (1)
- ☐ Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example on a table. (2)
- ☐ Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. (3)
- ☐ I can lift very light weights. (4)
- ☐ I cannot lift or carry anything at all. (5)

Section 4 — Reading

- ☐ I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck. (0)
- ☐ I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck. (1)
- ☐ I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck. (2)
- ☐ I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. (3)
- ☐ I can hardly read at all because of severe pain in my neck. (4)
- ☐ I cannot read at all. (5)

Section 5 — Headaches

- ☐ I have no headaches at all. (0)
- ☐ I have slight headaches that come infrequently. (1)
- ☐ I have moderate headaches which come infrequently. (2)
- ☐ I have moderate headaches which come frequently. (3)
- ☐ I have severe headaches which come frequently. (4)
- ☐ I have headaches almost all the time. (5)

Section 6 — Concentration

- ☐ I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty. (0)
- ☐ I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty. (1)
- ☐ I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (2)
- ☐ I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (3)
- ☐ I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (4)
- ☐ I cannot concentrate at all. (5)

Section 7 — Work

- ☐ I can do as much work as I want to. (0)
- ☐ I can do my usual work, but no more. (1)
- ☐ I can do most of my usual work, but no more. (2)
- ☐ I cannot do my usual work. (3)
- ☐ I can hardly do any work at all. (4)
- ☐ I cannot do any work at all. (5)

Section 8 — Driving

- ☐ I can drive my car without any neck pain. (0)
- ☐ I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck. (1)
- ☐ I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck. (2)
- ☐ I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. (3)
- ☐ I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck. (4)
- ☐ I cannot drive my car at all. (5)

Section 9 — Sleeping

- ☐ I have no trouble sleeping. (0)
- ☐ My sleep is slightly disturbed (less than 1 hr. sleepless). (1)
- ☐ My sleep is mildly disturbed (1–2 hrs. sleepless). (2)
- ☐ My sleep is moderately disturbed (2–3 hrs. sleepless). (3)
- ☐ My sleep is greatly disturbed (3–5 hrs. sleepless). (4)
- ☐ My sleep is completely disturbed (5–7 hrs. sleepless). (5)

Section 10 — Recreation

- ☐ I am able to engage in all my recreation activities with no neck pain at all. (0)
- ☐ I am able to engage in all my recreation activities, with some pain in my neck. (1)
- ☐ I am able to engage in most, but not all, of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (2)
- ☐ I am able to engage in a few of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (3)
- ☐ I can hardly do any recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (4)
- ☐ I cannot do any recreation activities at all. (5)

12. Provisional Physiotherapy Diagnosis:
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CASE REPORT FORM

NAME:

AGE:

GENDER:

DOMINANCE:

OCCUPATION:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION SCALE SV SCORE:

OUTCOME MEASURE	PRE-INTERVENTION SCORE
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Participant	Age	Gender	SAS-SV Score	Pre-NPRS	Post-NPRS	Pre-NDI	Post-NDI
participant 1	32	F	39	9	7	30	25
participant 2	29	M	42	8	6	28	23
participant 3	34	F	44	9	6	29	25
participant 4	36	M	41	8	6	27	24
participant 5	27	F	40	7	5	25	20
participant 6	31	M	43	9	6	30	25
participant 7	38	F	46	8	6	28	24
participant 8	30	M	45	9	5	29	25
participant 9	35	F	39	8	7	26	23
participant 10	40	M	47	7	4	25	20
participant 11	28	F	41	9	7	30	24
participant 12	33	M	43	8	6	28	23
participant 13	26	F	48	9	8	29	25
participant 14	29	M	39	8	6	27	19
participant 15	37	F	42	7	5	25	21
participant 16	41	M	44	8	6	28	23
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participant 18	45	M	40	7	3	26	20
participant 19	43	F	41	9	7	30	25
participant 20	35	M	42	8	8	27	27
participant 21	27	F	47	9	6	28	22
participant 22	32	M	39	7	5	26	21
participant 23	44	F	40	8	7	27	23
participant 24	36	F	46	9	6	30	24

participant 25	28	F	45	8	6	28	25
participant 26	39	M	43	7	4	25	20
participant 27	42	F	41	8	6	27	24
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participant 29	31	F	44	8	6	28	23
participant 30	34	M	42	7	6	26	23
participant 31	46	F	43	9	7	30	24
participant 32	27	F	39	8	6	28	26
participant 33	29	F	41	7	5	25	19
participant 34	40	M	46	9	6	30	24

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