Tackling breast edema: from concept to reality

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Background

- Radiotherapy & breast conserving surgery
 - Safe
 - Good survival
 - Good cosmetic outcomes

But it is a risk factor for breast edema

Background

- Breast edema
 - Volume increase of 1 2 cup sizes
 - Incidence 0-90.4% overall (different assessments/ definitions used)
 - Objective assessments:

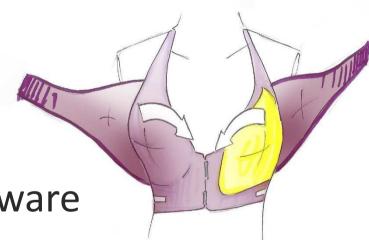
$$US = 19 - 90.4\%$$



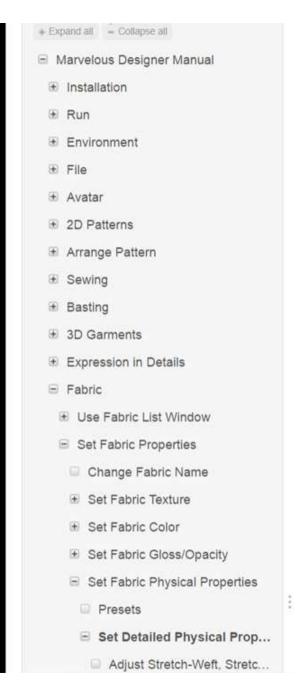
Verbelen et al., 2014 Breast Cancer Research and Treatment

Methods

Patient and healtcare professionals interviews



- Marvellous Designer software
 - Product engineering
 - Fabric specifications
 - Different cup sizes/female constitution (avatars)



Set Detailed Physical Properties

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Results

Concept

- Basic bra with woven cup
- Inlay, inflatable compression pad



Results

- Closing in the front
 - Magnetic closing

Pressure in relation to cup sizes and constitution



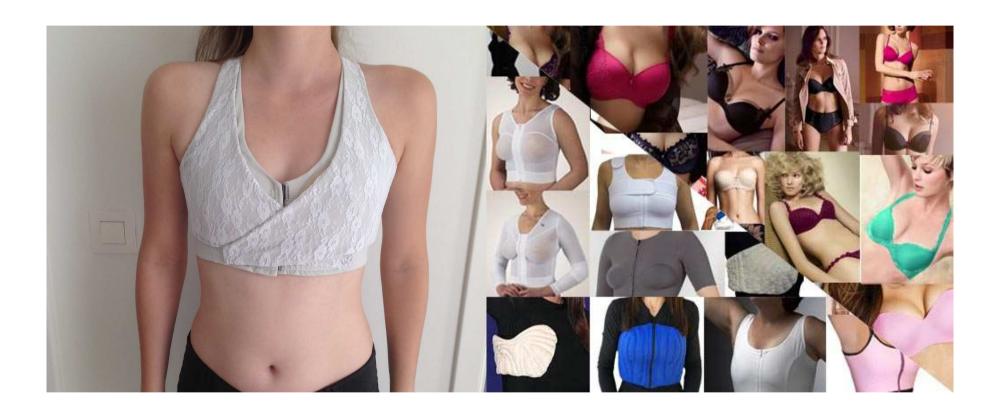
50,00 mmHg

25,00 mmHg

0,00 mmHg



Concept bra



CoBra-trial (NTR 5726)

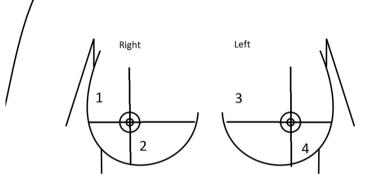
Custom made CoBra-Healthy

Several compression bras already available, some are custom made.

Research question:

What is the magnitude of the pressures delivered by a custom made compression bra, currently available?

CoBra- Healthy





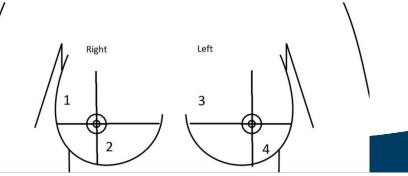
Healthy	Age	Weigth	Length	ВМІ	Bra size
1	40	54 kg	175 cm	18	70-75 A
2	35	85 kg	159 cm	34	85 D
3	33	67 kg	159 cm	27	85 B
4	60	71 kg	165 cm	26	110 C



CoBra-Healthy

Pressure mmHg*	Q1 T0	Q2 T0	Q3 T0	Q4 T0	Q1 TOPA	Q2 TOPA	Q3 TOPA	Q4 TOPA	Q1 T1	Q2 T1	Q3 T1	Q4 T1
Healthy1	8	7	7	9	6	8	8	9	6	8	5	9
Healthy2	7	9	6	12	6	11	5	14	4	9	4	11
Healthy3	7	8	7	7	6	14	6	9	6	14	6	9
Healthy4	6	10	7	9	6	11	5	10	6	11	5	10

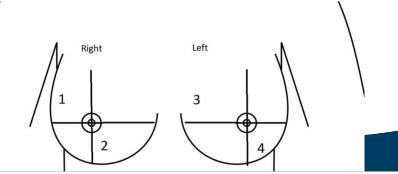
* All pressures measured in standing position



CoBra-Healthy

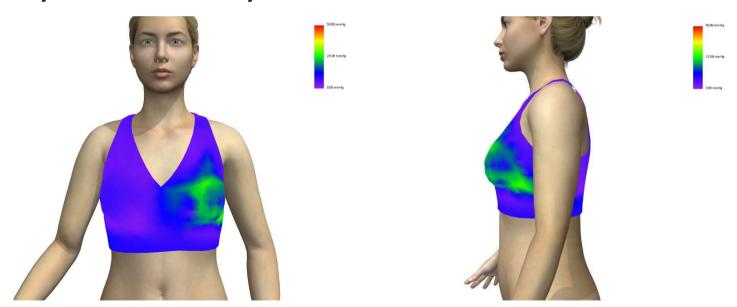
Pressure mmHg*	Q1 T0	Q2 T0	Q3 T0	Q4 T0	Q1 T1	Q2 T1	Q3 T1	Q4 T1	Q1 range	Q2 range	Q3 range	Q4 range
Healthy1	9	7	10	9	7	6	5	8	6-13	5-11	3-9	6-11
Healthy2	8	8	6	10	5	3	3	6	3-6	2-4	3-5	5-8
Healthy3	7	17	6	11	6	7	3	6	4-9	6-7	2-5	5-9
Healthy4	6	17	6	12	5	9	4	7	3-8	7-10	3-7	6-10

* All pressures measured in supine position



Preliminary conclusions

 Pressures of the CoBra correlate to the mathematical model of the basic bra but are systematically lower



Preliminary conclusions

- Pressures of CoBra are not in range of Cl1 compression:
 - Overall range in stand = 4-14 mmHg
 - Overall range supine = 2-17 mmHg

Q3 has the lowest pressure (range 4-8 mmHg)

