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Comparative analysis of the results of electrical measurements taken during selected cosmetic and physical therapy treatments

Streszczenie. W artykule przedstawiono wyniki pomiarów pola elektromagnetycznego w gabinecie kosmetycznym oraz w laboratorium „Urządzeń do fizykoterapii” Politechniki Lubelskiej dla wybranych 6 urządzeń. Pomiary wykonano przy użyciu miernika ESM 100 Firmy Maschek oraz miernikiem NHT 3DL firmy Microrad dla różnych poziomów składowych elektrycznych. Uzyskane wyniki zaimplementowano do oprogramowania Statistica 13.3 w celu zaobserwowania trendów. (Analiza porównawcza wyników pomiarów elektrycznych wykonanych podczas wybranych zabiegów kosmetycznych i terapeutycznych).

Abstract. The article presents the results of electromagnetic field measurements in the beauty salon and in the laboratory of "Physical therapy devices" of the Lublin University of Technology for selected 6 devices. Measurements were made using the ESM 100 meter by Maschek and the NHT 3DL meter by Microrad for the various electrical components levels. The obtained results were implemented in the Statistica 13.3 software in order to observe the trends.

Słowa kluczowe: pomiary pola elektromagnetycznego, bezpieczeństwo zabiegów kosmetycznych, składowa elektryczna PEM, fizykoterapia.

Keywords: electromagnetic field measurements, safety of cosmetic procedures, electric component of EMF, physical therapy

Introduction

The influence of the EM field on human organisms is still the subject of research in many research centers around the world. EM radiation is the factor we live in. Despite many years of intensive research on the impact of the EM field on human health, there is no clear answer to the question: "Are the effects of the impact negative?" Depending on the value of the frequency and duration of exposure, we can talk about a negative or positive impact of the EM field on organisms[1]-[6].

Therapies using the EM field in medicine are used in the modern world in clinical treatment. In medicine, research techniques such as hyperthermia, diathermy, etc. are developed. The positive effect of EM field in treatment is currently used in such areas as: magnetostimulation, magnetotherapy, etc.[7]-[11].

Along with the positive impact of the EM field, there is speculation about the negative impact of the EM field. Research is also conducted, to some extent, forced by social concerns related to the introduction of 5G and 6G wireless networks. On the one hand, society expects fast data transmission, ideal cell phone coverage everywhere, and on the other hand, it is full of concerns. Still, despite such a large number of experimental studies performed, it is difficult to draw unequivocal conclusions as to the impact of the EM field on human organisms. The influence of the EM field on people during telephone conversations is investigated [12]-[17].

In the area of the interest of researchers around the world, special attention is paid to the effects of the EM field on humans, both during work and when resting or sleeping.

Many people spend a lot of time in various cosmetic procedures or post-traumatic therapy. The aim of the research by the authors of the article was to measure the levels of the electric component of the electromagnetic field.

The article presents the results of experimental tests carried out with two ESM-100 meters by Maschek and NHT 3DL by Microrad for the electrical component levels of the electromagnetic field during the operation of selected devices used in cosmetology and physical therapy[18],[19]. The obtained results of measurements of selected devices were compared with the regulations in force in Poland: Regulations of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Policy .

Method and Materials

In the experimental tests, the levels of the electromagnetic field intensity for the electric component in the vicinity of the devices for cosmetic treatments were measured. Measurements were carried out using the ESM-100 meter by Maschek (Fig. 1), with the use of dedicated software for this meter. The ESM 100 meter is a universal broadband device used to measure the electrical and magnetic components of electromagnetic fields. The tests were carried out for the "all" frequency band from 5Hz to 400kHz. The measuring range of the Maschek ESM 100 meter for the levels of the electric field strength E is from 0.1 V/m to 100 kV/m and the magnetic induction B value is from 1 nT to 20 mT. Due to the frequency range of the selected devices, measurements were also made using the NHT3DL broadband meter in the frequency range with the 01E measuring probe operating in the frequency range from 100kHz to 6.5 GHz, allowing measurements in the industrial, scientific, medical and telecommunications sectors. Detailed parameters of the meter are presented in the work [19],[20].

Table 1. Technical parameters of the analyzed devices [21]-[23]

No.	The type of devices	Technical data
1	Laser HS- 320C, Photorejuvenation Treatment System with RF Function	AC 230V, 50/60Hz
2	Laser (2) EunSung Global, Magic Polar ESM-7100MO,	150W, 100-240V, 50/60Hz
3	Cryomax	220-240V, 50/60Hz, 220VA Max
4	EunSung Global, Spring ESM-4300MO	150W, 100-240V, 50/60Hz
5	Polaris 2 ASTAR	Power consumption 230 V, 50/ 60 Hz, 50 VA
6	Multitronic MT-3,	Power supply 230 V/ 50 Hz / 70 VA

The above-mentioned devices (Table 1) are equipped with many beauty salons, as well as students of Biomedical Engineering at the Lublin University of Technology, during

the laboratory classes "Devices in physical therapy", have the opportunity to experimentally test the levels of electromagnetic fields of selected devices used in physical therapy. Technical parameters of the analyzed devices are presented in Table 1. In the beauty salon, measurements of devices marked as 1, 2, 3 presented in table 1 were carried out. Next, the analysis of devices used for physical therapy marked in table 1 as 4, 5, 6 was performed.

Figure 1 shows a measuring stand in a beauty salon offering, among others, cosmetic treatments with the HS-320C device, which uses RF (1MHz) waves during treatments.



Fig. 1. Measuring station in an authentic beauty salon offering cosmetic treatments with the HS-320C device

The tests were carried out according to the same measurement methodology for each device in accordance with the PN_T 0658-3: 2002 standard [24]-[25]. The measurement time was 6 minutes. Due to the available broadband devices, the obtained values of the electric component of the electromagnetic field were compared with the lowest normative values in a given frequency range.

Result and discussion

The presented results of selected measurements of the electric component of the electric field using the NHT3DL meter with the E01 measuring probe and EST 100. The obtained RMS values were analyzed with the legal regulations in force in Poland.

Figure 2 shows the results of electric field measurements for the Laser HS-320C device.

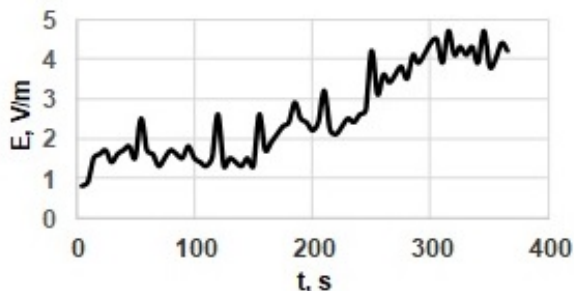


Fig.2. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the Microrad NHT 3DL meter for device no. 1

For the device no. 1, the maximum value recorded in the beauty salon was $E = 4.7$ V/m.

Figure 3 shows the electric field measurements for the EunSung Global Laser.

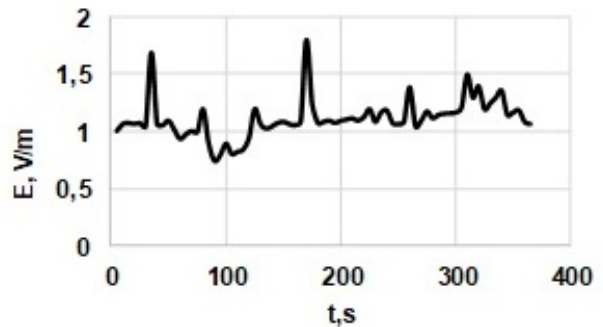


Fig. 3. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the Microrad NHT 3DL meter for device no. 2

Highest recorded value of $E = 1.8$ V/m.

The next analysis was carried out for the Cryomax device, marked as no. 3. The maximum value of the electric component of the electric component of the electromagnetic field during testing of the device no. 3 in a beauty salon is $E = 2.61$ V/m.

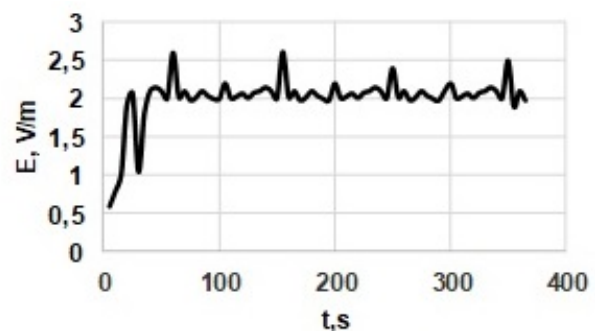


Fig.4. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the Microrad NHT 3DL meter for the operating device no. 3

Another analysis was carried out for the EunSung Global, Spring ESM-4300MO device, marked as no. 4. The maximum value of the electrical component of the electromagnetic field during testing of the device no. 4 in a beauty salon is $E = 1.7$ V/m.

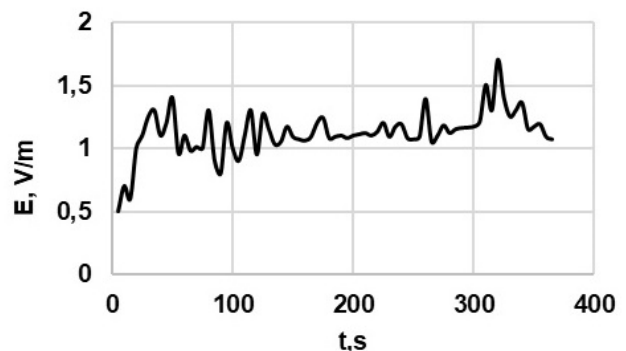


Fig.5. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the Microrad NHT 3DL meter for device no. 4

The results of measurements carried out in the "Laboratory of Physical Therapy Devices" of the Lublin University of Technology are presented for devices no. 5 and 6 (table 1) in Figs 6 and 7.

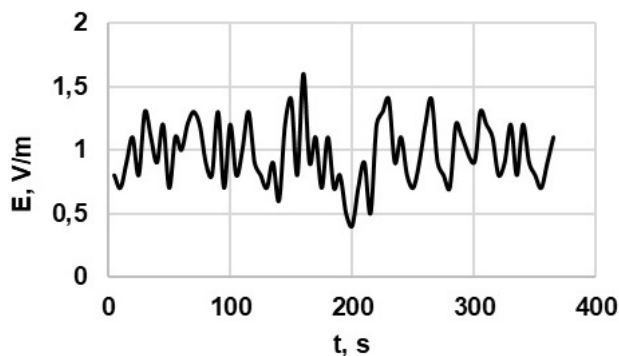


Fig. 6. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the ESM 100 meter for the device no. 5

For the Polaris 2 ASTAR device, on which, among others, students perform laboratory exercises, the highest recorded value is $E = 1.6 \text{ V/m}$.

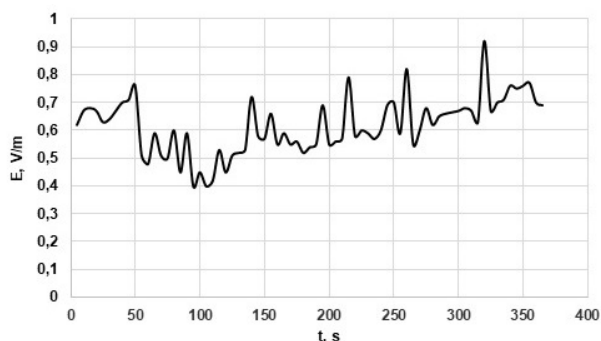


Fig.7. The course of the electric component of the electromagnetic field measured with the ESM 100 meter for device no. 6

For the Multitronic MT-3 device, on which, among others, students perform laboratory exercises, the highest recorded value is $E = 0.92 \text{ V/m}$.

In order to observe the regularities in the studied phenomena of the EM field in connection with the large amount of measurement data (sampling time of the measuring probe 2 seconds), a statistical analysis was performed. On the basis of the performed measurements, a statistical analysis was performed using the Statistica 13.3 software.

The electromagnetic field characteristics are presented in Table 2 giving the mean, minimum, maximum and range of variability.

Table 2. Characteristics of the electric component of the analyzed

No.	Mean	Min	Max	St
1	2.55	0.8	4.7	1.12
2	1.1	0.75	1.8	0.16
3	2.01	0.6	2.61	3.1
4	1.12	0.5	1.70	1.7
5	0.97	0.4	1.60	2.4
6	0.61	0.4	0.92	0.1

The average value of electric fields for the analyzed devices ranges from 0.61-2.55 V/m. the parameters of the tested test are high in the range of 0.4 to 4.7 V/m. In order to verify this hypothesis, the differences between the indications of the tested devices are shown in fig. 8.

It can be observed that the highest values of the electric field obtained during the measurements occur in the selected device no.1 (Laser HS-320C).

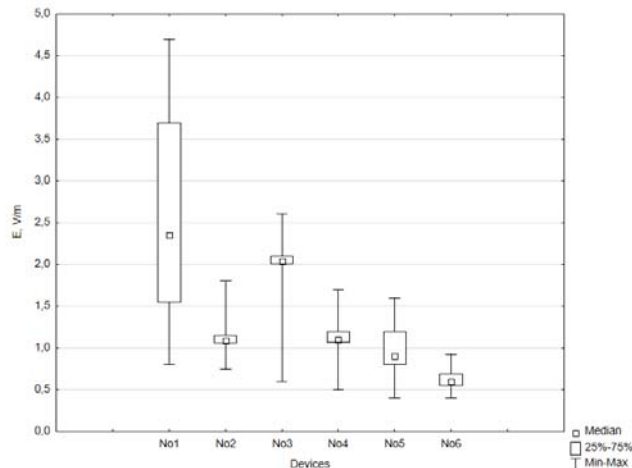


Fig.8. Box plots of the measurement of electric field using devices, standard deviation value

Conclusions

During the measurements of electromagnetic field, both during the cosmetic procedures and selected physiotherapeutic treatments, with the use of two types of meters, no increase in the value of the electromagnetic field was found, the value of which would exceed in individual frequency bands the regulation of the Regulation of the Minister of Health on permissible electromagnetic fields in the environment that apply to people undergoing treatments cosmetic. When analyzing the Regulation of the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Policy of June 12, 2018 on the maximum allowable concentrations and intensities of factors harmful to health in the work environment, it can be concluded that the normative values for equipment operators were not exceeded [27],[28].

It is very important to monitor the safety of devices in the human environment, to check whether the standards are complied with, and whether people are actually not exposed to too high levels of the electromagnetic field. It is important to take care of the health of both working people, including students who test physiotherapeutic devices during laboratory classes and have contact with electromagnetic devices and those who undergo rehabilitation and use treatments in beauty salons.

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