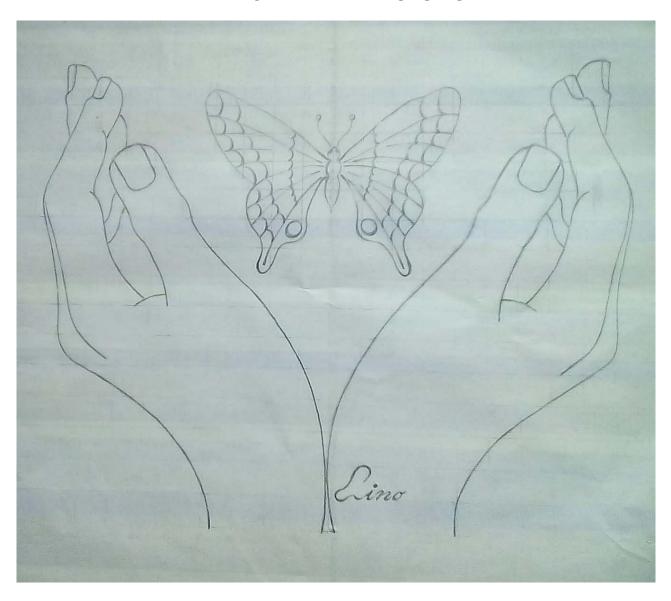
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EFFICACY OF POLIMAG TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETIC NEUROPATHY: MEDICAL AND NURSING ASPECTS.

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ABSTRACT

Aim: The aim of our study is to evaluate the efficacy of POLIMAG^(R) in the treatment of peripheral neurological complications of type II diabetes mellitus, i.e. diabetic neuropathy of the lower limbs. Materials and Methods: 30 subjects were enrolled in our pilot study. In relation to their age and difficulties in reaching the hospital or the dedicated clinic, the pilot study was completed on 10 patients (5 women and 5 men) with an average age of 77 years (with a minimum age of 65 years and a maximum age of 89 years) affected by neurological complications of the lower limbs and with a history of type II diabetes mellitus. All enrolled subjects voluntarily agreed to undergo an evaluation using the Semmes Weinstein Test during hospitalization and the subsequent outpatient follow-up before and after treatment with POLIMAG^(R). Using a non-invasive method based on the measurement of skin sensitivity with a thin wire (Semmes W. test), the ability to discriminate the pressure exerted with a 10 g thin wire was evaluated before (T0) and after 1 month of treatment (T1). All patients were asked to give informed consent to the processing of personal data. **Results**: Data analysis allows us to highlight an improvement in diabetic neuropathy perceived by the patient after 1 month of therapy, even if the variations do not reach statistical significance. **Discussion:** From the data in the table, a change in skin sensitivity assessed by the Semmes W. test emerges, even if statistical significance is not achieved. Given the small number of the sample, it is not possible to perform analyses with subdivision into category subgroups. Statistical

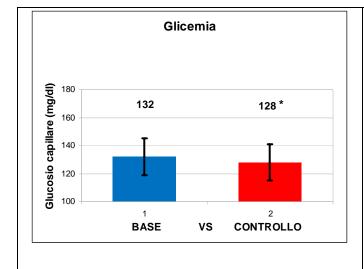
analysis allowed us to highlight a non-statistically significant change in the degree of diabetic neuropathy at 1 month. Follow-up evaluations at 3 months are necessary to confirm any further improvement in the clinical picture related to diabetic neuropathy. **Conclusions:** The pilot study we conducted allowed us to highlight an improvement in the degree of diabetic neuropathy assessed by the Semmes W. test during treatment with Polimag. Due to the small size of the study sample caused by poor patient compliance with the follow-up, and the revaluation of treatment performed after only 1 month of therapy, further studies are needed to expand the group of patients under treatment and the related follow-up by extending the control evaluation to 3 months from the start of therapy with POLIMAG.

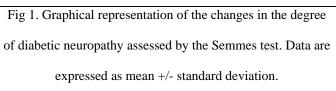
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	Base	Control	Probability (P)
Glucose (mg/dl)	132,000 + 23,102	128,000 + 21,802	P = 0,206
Semmes W. (10 gr)	2,800 + 0,422	2,500 + 0,527	P= 0,081

Tab. 1 Descriptive analysis of data relating to the treatment of diabetic neuropathy with POLIMAG. The data relating to the Semmes W. test are expressed as mean value \pm - Standard Deviation. The probability is considered significant only if P < 0.050.

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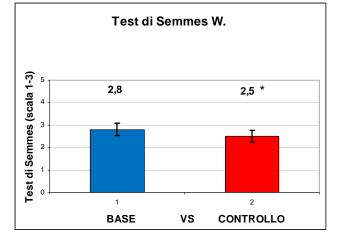


Fig 2. Graphical representation of the changes in the degree of diabetic neuropathy assessed by the Semmes test.

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