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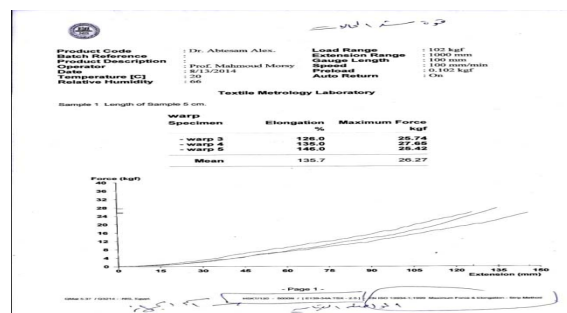
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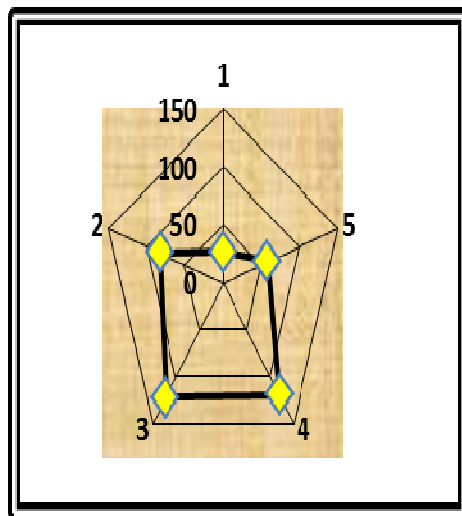
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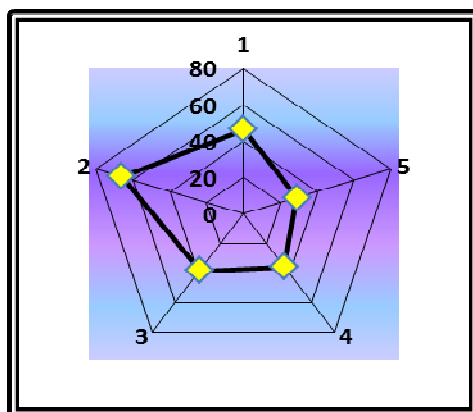
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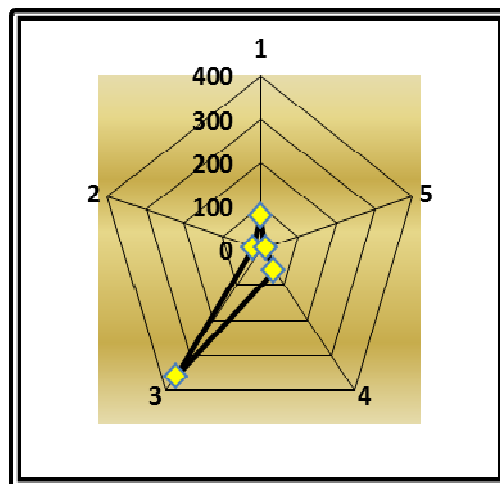
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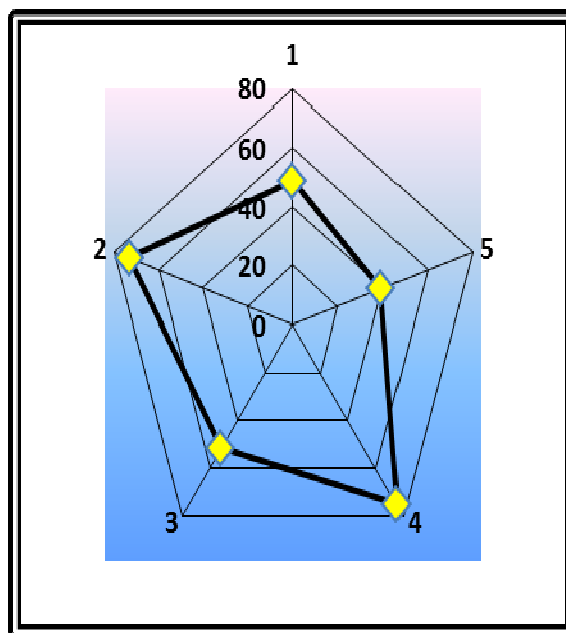
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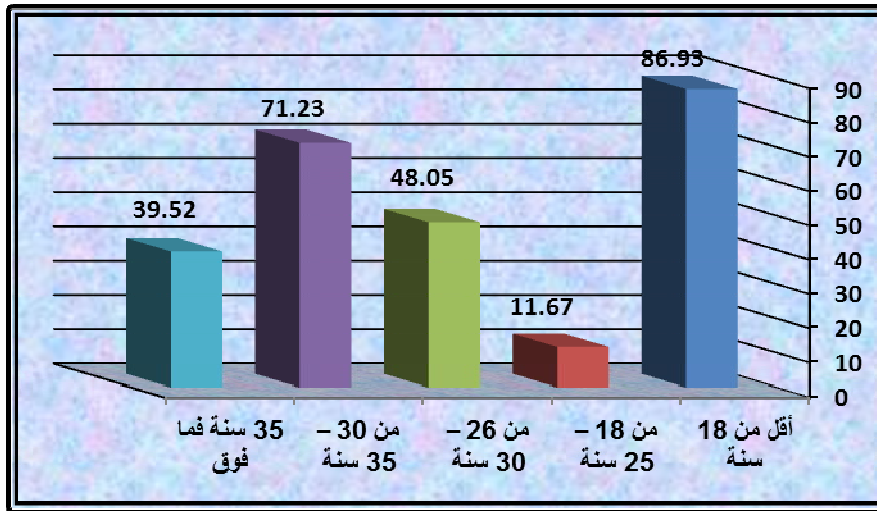
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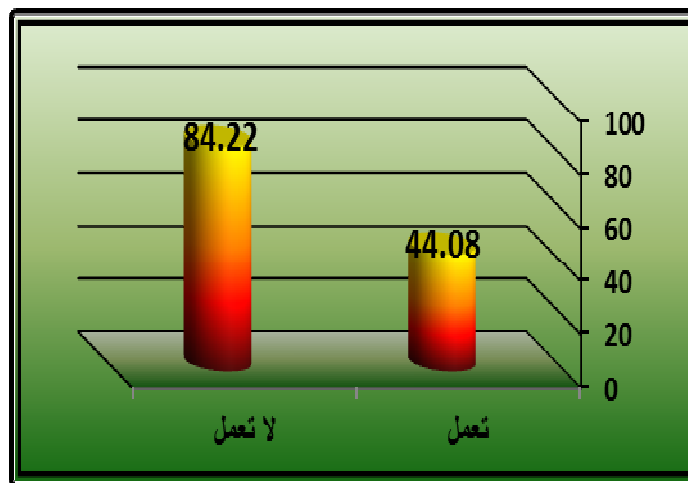
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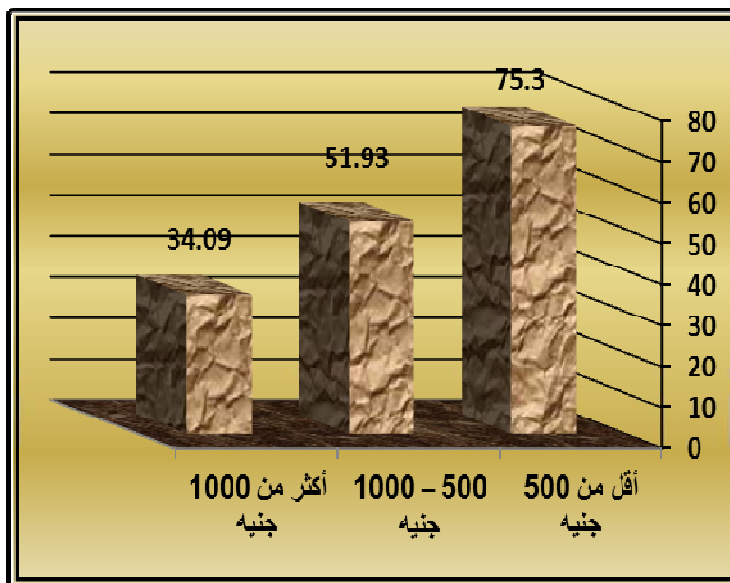
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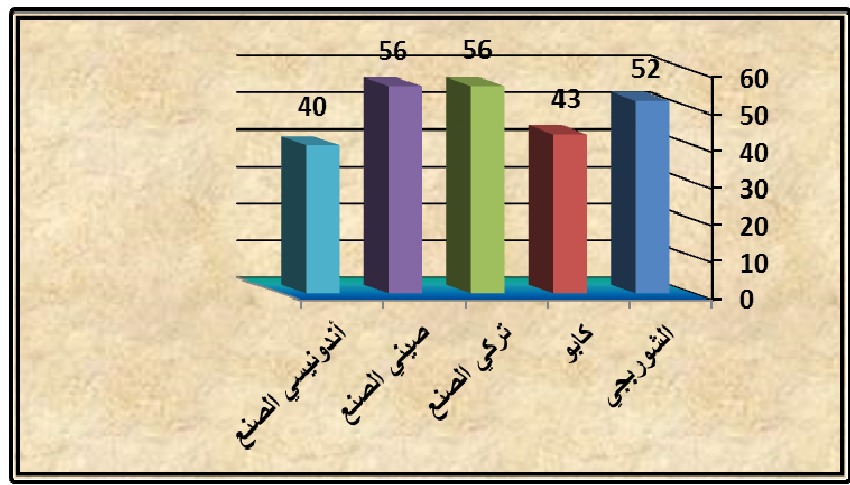
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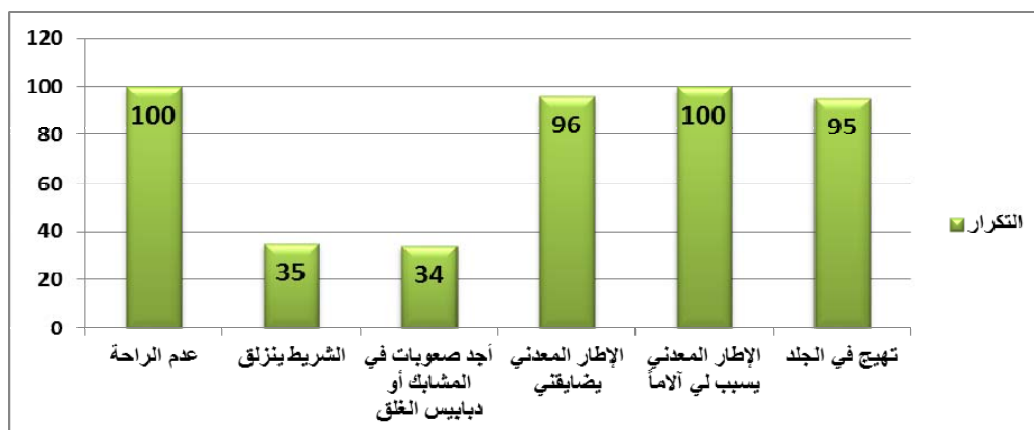
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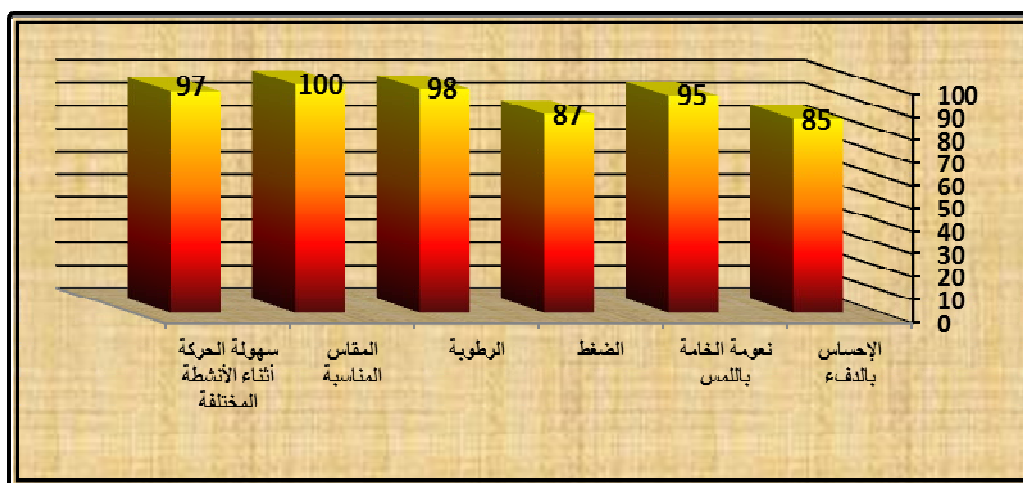
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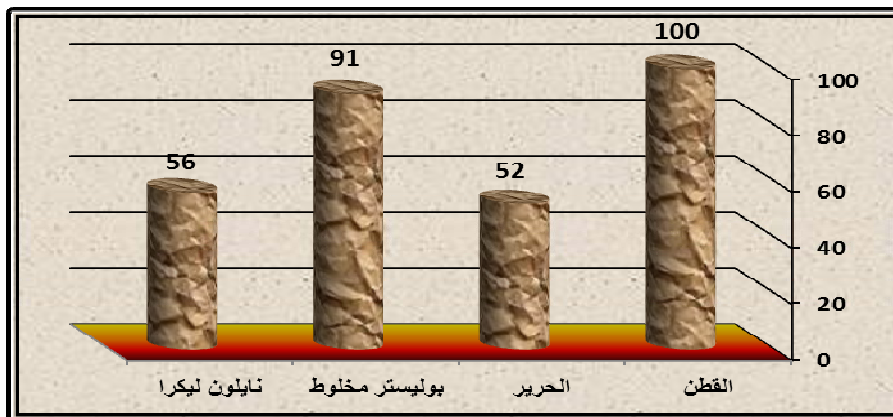
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The Relationship between Female Bra Fabrics and Comfort through Subjective and Objective Evaluation

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ABSTRACT

The pressure comfort is one of the most important criteria in evaluating the comfort degree of clothing. Since the women's bras are worn and directly touch the human body for long time, this study was conducted to investigate characteristics of clothes whether natural or artificial to evaluate the comfort that given by bras through subjective and objective criteria. A focus group discussion was implemented for 10 female from different ages where a qualitative questionnaires were rounded up with them in order to acquire in-depth information about the issue, then a questionnaire was designed to measure female awareness and attitude towards their consideration in selecting bras. With respect to the objective evaluation, five samples of different materials were tested at The National Center of Standardizations and Measurements, Cairo to identify tensile strength in vertical direction, explosion strength in all direction representing in cup area, air-permeability, and weigh of fabric.

Results revealed that cotton textile is the best in air-permeability and fabric weight and this sample enhance women to move easily, besides the sample weight is too small due to small layers of fibers, therefore the porosity is high and air increasing allowing humidity, temperature and smooth enough to provide human body with comfort, and this test was proven before by Scurr White and Hedger (2011) while the synthetic material has not similar distinguished value like the natural in air-permeability whether in one direction or in all directions, and this is what was confirmed previously by Chen et al (2001). The study also proved convergence in women sample attitude through the subjective evaluation, although the study affirmed that the conception comfort was variable from one person to another and this is proved in a previous study by Eonyou Shin (2013). The subjective evaluation for the sample revealed that conception of comfort is respectively appropriated fitting (100%), moisture (98%), easily moving (97%), touching and smooth (95), while sense of warm is (85%)