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## WHAT KERDOE'S VEGETATIVE INDEX REALLY REFLECTS?

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### Abstracts

**Background.** Index I Kerdö, the author proposed back in 1966, ie before the era HRV, to quantify the autonomic tone continues to be widely used. We set a goal to analyze the relationships Kerdö's Vegetative Index (KVI) with parameters of HRV and EEG, as well as with Mineralocorticoide, Calcitonin and Parathyryn Activities. **Methods.** In basal conditions in men, patients with chronic pyelonephritis and cholecystitis in remission, recorded Blood Pressure and Heart Rate (“Omron-4MP”, Netherland), HRV (“Cardiolab+VSR”, KhAI Medica, Ukraine) and EEG (“NeuroCom Standard”, KhAI Medica, Ukraine). In urine determining the concentration of Phosphates, Calcium, Potassium and Sodium. **Results.** No correlation ascertained between KVI and LF/HF Ratio ( $r=-0,18$ ) and Baevskiy's Vegetative Index ( $r=0,17$ ). However, KVI weakly correlated with Power Spectrum Density (PSD) LF ( $r=-0,35$ ), (VLF+LF)/HF Ratio ( $r=-0,32$ ) and Baevskiy's Stress Index ( $r=0,32$ ) as well as with Parathytin Activity ( $r=0,33$ ), estimated by Urina Phosphates/Calcium Ratio. Medium strength correlation ( $r=0,56$ ) found between KVI and Baevskiy's Activity Regulatory Systems Index in Orthostase. However, the strongest correlations of KVI proved with Amplitude of  $\alpha$ -Rhythm Ongoing EEG ( $r=0,57$ ) and PSD P4- $\alpha$  ( $r=0,65$ ). Canonical correlation between KVI, on the one hand, and the parameters of EEG, HRV and Parathyryn Activity, on the other hand, was very strong:  $R=0,933$ ;  $R^2=0,870$ ; Adjusted  $R^2=0,758$ ;  $F_{(18)}=7,8$ ;  $\chi^2_{(18)}=62$ ;  $p<10^{-5}$ . **Conclusion.** Kerdö's Vegetative Index reflects above all Amplitude of  $\alpha$ -Rhythm EEG and its Power Spectrum Density in Parietal and Central loci, less options HRV, but is not marker of sympatho-vagal balance.

**Keywords:** Kerdö's Vegetative Index, HRV, EEG, correlations.

## Abbreviations

AMo/ $\Delta$ X Ratio	Bayevskiy's Vegetative Balance Index.
AMo/ $2 \cdot \Delta$ X $\cdot$ Mo Ratio	Bayevskiy's Stress Index.
ANS	Autonomic nervous system.
EEG	Electroencephalogram.
HFnu	Normalized power in HF band, a derived index that is computed by dividing HF by some suitable denominator representing the total relevant power, as discussed in the text.
HF power	Power in the High Frequency band of the HRV spectrum, often between 0.15–0.40 Hz, often reported in units of milliseconds-squared.
HRV	Heart rate variability (usually measured as summaries of heart period variability).
KVI	Kerdö's Vegetative Index.
LF/HF Ratio	Spectral HRV index HRV sympatho-vagal balance represents Ratio HRV computed as (LF/HF).
LFnu	Normalized power in LF band, a derived index that is computed by dividing LF by some suitable denominator representing the total relevant power, as discussed in the text.
LF power	Power in the Low Frequency band of the HRV spectrum, often between 0.04 – 0.15 Hz, often reported in units of milliseconds-squared.
PSD	Power Spectrum Density in Parietal and Central loci.
PSNS	Autonomic parasympathetic nervous system.
SA	Node Sino-atrial pacemaker node of the heart.
SNS	Autonomic sympathetic nervous system.
VLF power	Power in the Low Frequency band of the HRV spectrum, often with band limits strictly greater than 0.00 Hz and less than 0.04 Hz, often reported in units of milliseconds-squared.

## INTRODUCTION

Index I Kerdö, the author proposed back in 1966 [4], ie before the era HRV [1], to quantify the autonomic tone, continues to be widely used. However, in previous studies of School Truskavets' Spa [2,6,7,8,11,12] was found only a weak correlation Kerdö's Vegetative Index (KVI) with parameters of HRV, characterizing autonomic tone. On the other hand, we have established the existence of the relationship between the parameters of HRV and Ongoing EEG as in healthy men [10] and in patients with chronic pyelonephritis [9]. So we set a goal, the last contingent of people to analyze the relations KVI parameters of HRV and EEG, as well as with Mineralocorticoids, Calcitonin and Parathyroid Activities.

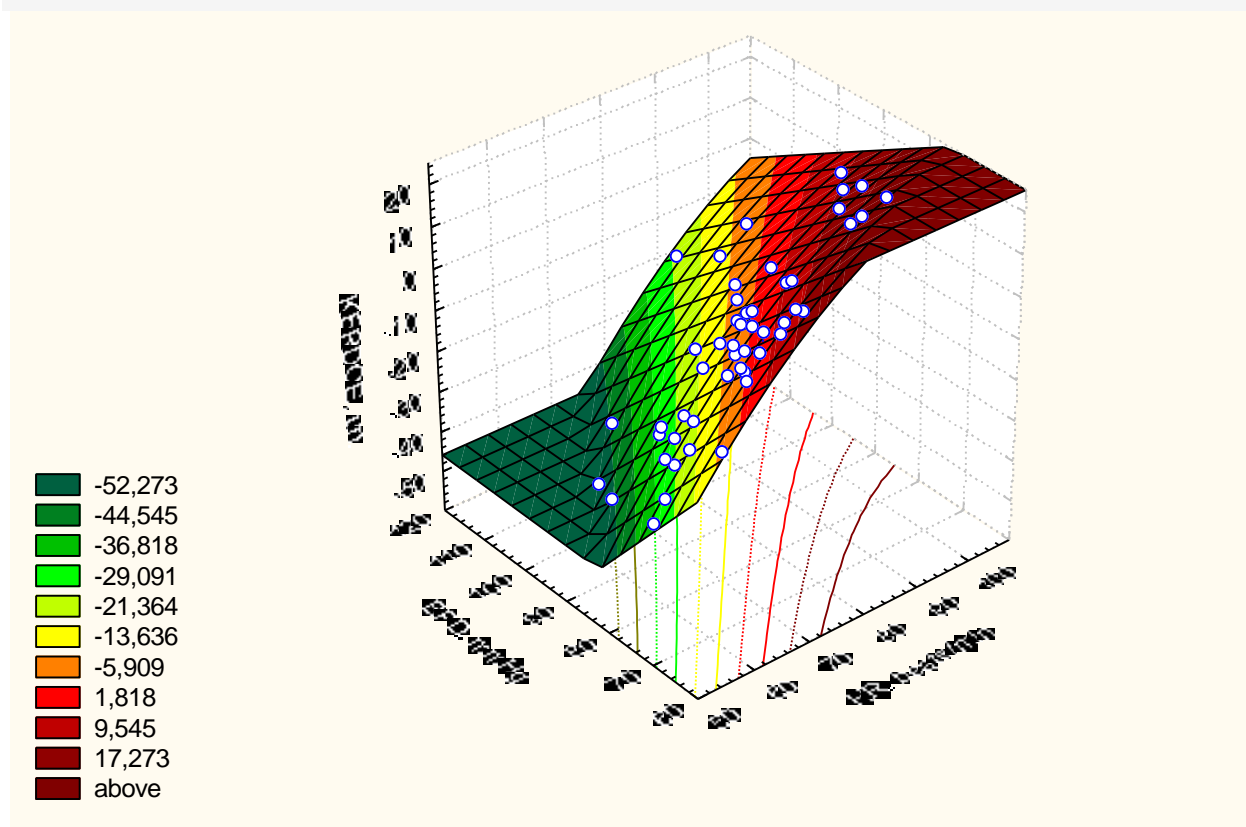
## MATERIAL AND METHODS

We examined 43 volunteer men (30÷66 old) treated at the Truskavets' spa accord to the diagnosis of chronic pyelonephritis and cholecystitis in remission. In the morning on an empty stomach recorded Blood Pressure and Heart Rate ("Omron-4MI", Netherland) to calculate Kerdö's Vegetative Index (KVI) [4], electrocardiogram in II lead to assess the parameters of HRV [1] (software and hardware complex "KardioLab+HRV" production "KhAI-MEDICA" Kharkiv) and background EEG in 16 monopolar leads (software and hardware complex "NeuroCom" the same production) [9,10]. In the urine collected during the day, determined concentration of Phosphates, Calcium, Potassium and Sodium. Used unified methods [3].

Results processed by methods of cross-correlation and canonical analyses, using the software package "Statistica 5.5".

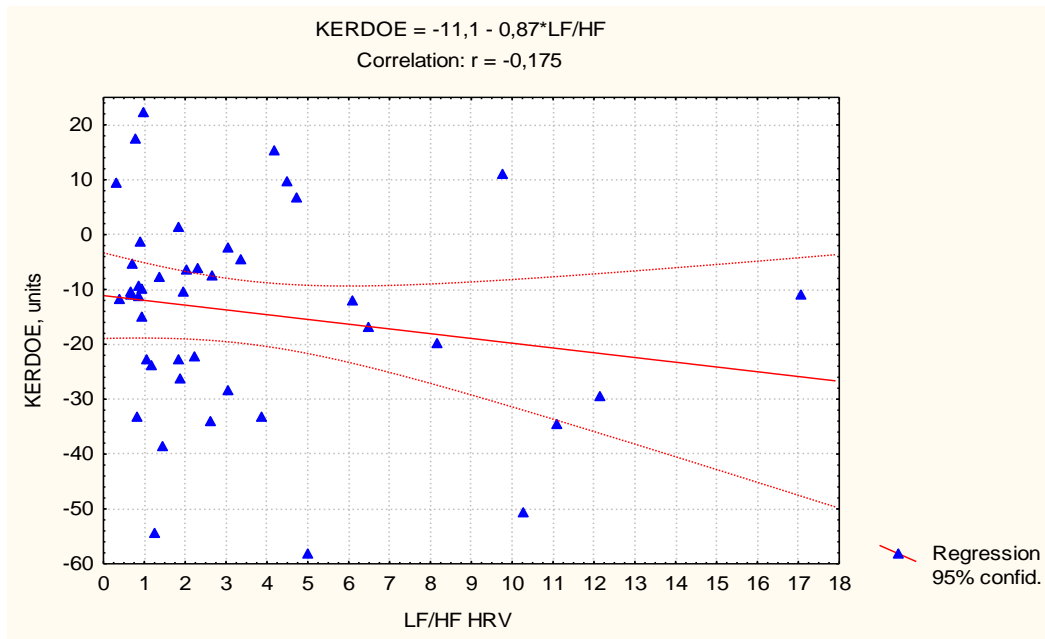
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The value Heart Rate is in the range 50÷100 beats/min, Diastolic Blood Pressure: 60÷115 mm Hg, it gives KVI in the range -59÷22 units (Fig. 1), covering the states vagotonia, eutonia and sympathicotonia.



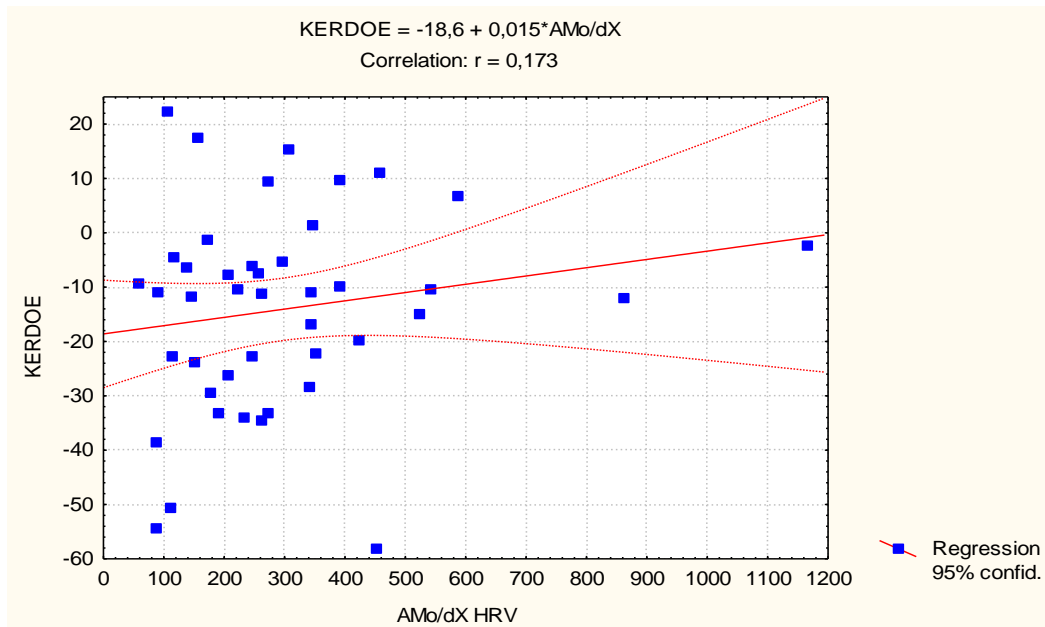
**Fig. 1. Relationships between Heart Rate (X-line), Diastolic Blood Pressure (Y-line) and Kerdö's Vegetative Index (Z-line)**

Conventionally, that sympatho-vagal balance represents LF/HF Ratio HRV. Beyond expectation we found out only very weak, besides negative, correlation between LF/HF Ratio and KVI (Fig.2).



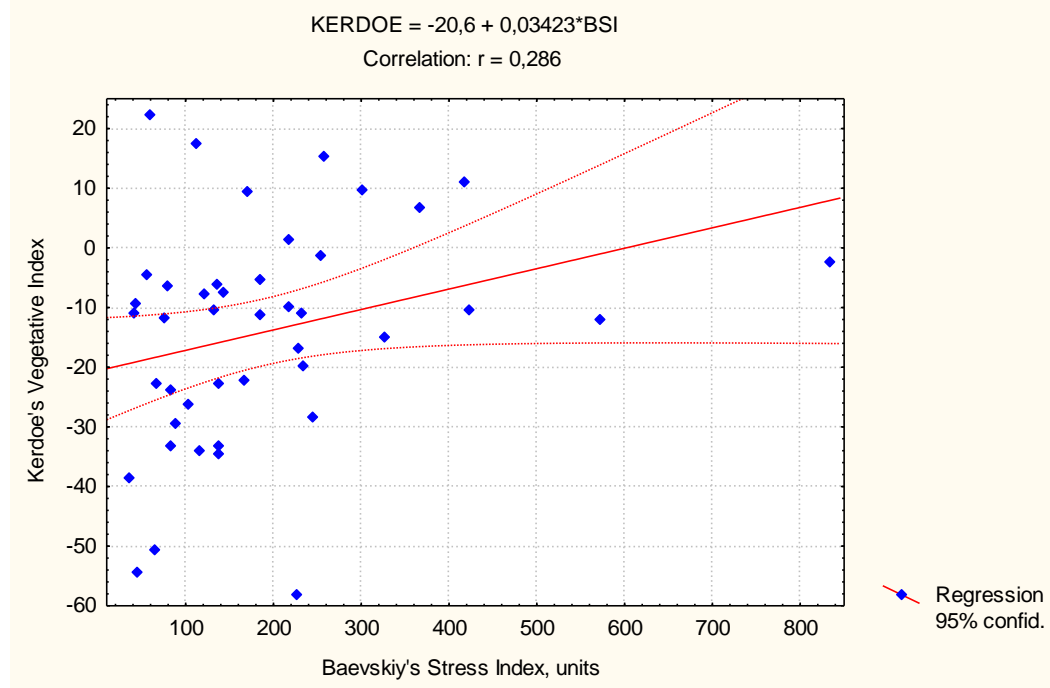
**Fig. 2. Correlation between LF/HF Ratio (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

Bayevskiy's Vegetative Balance Index as AMo/ $\Delta$ X Ratio correlates with KVI also very weak (Fig.3).



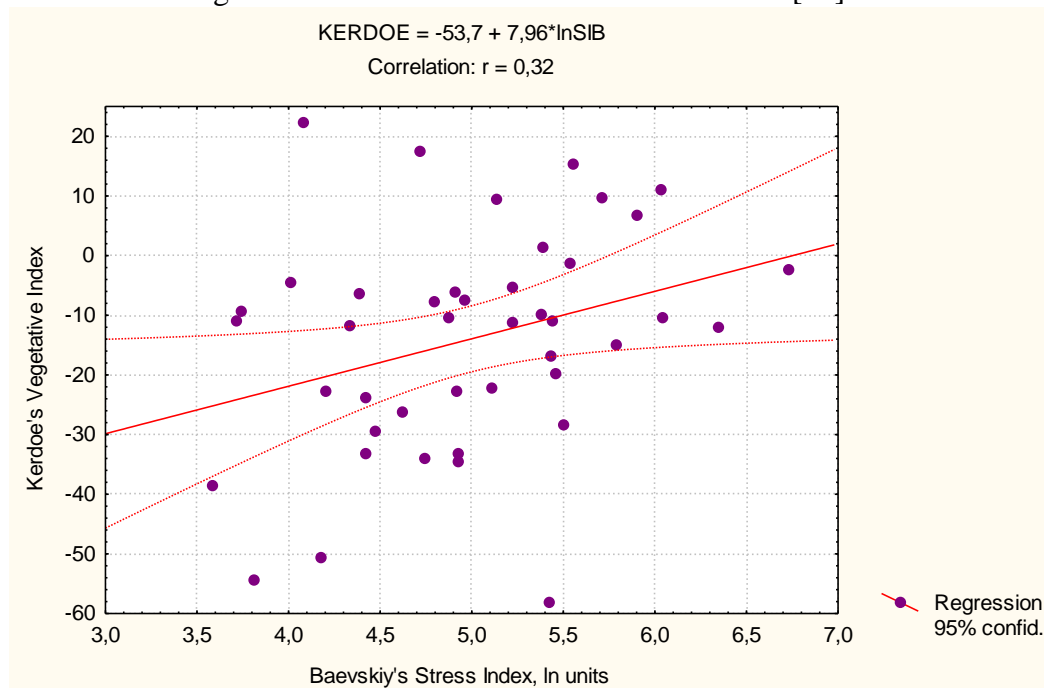
**Fig. 3. Correlation between Bayevskiy's Vegetative Balance Index (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

But Bayevskiy's Stress Index as  $AMo/2 \cdot \Delta X \cdot Mo$  Ratio correlates with KVI already significantly moderately (Fig. 4), due to Mo, which closely correlates with HR.



**Fig. 4. Correlation between Bayevskiy's Stress Index (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

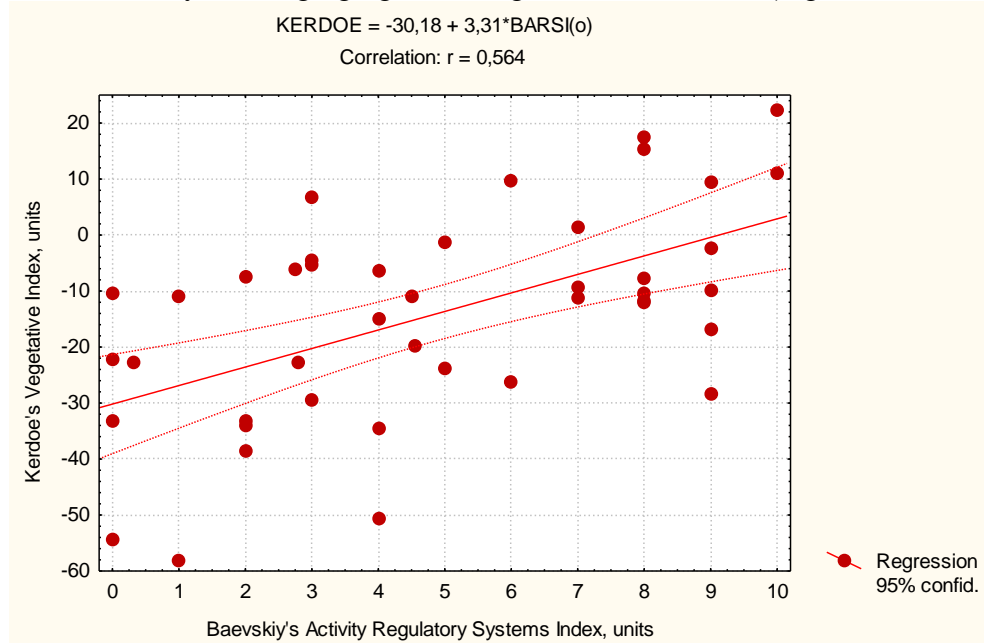
Natural logarithm of Bayevskiy's Stress Index correlates with KVI a bit stronger (Fig. 5). It was found out the analogical size of coefficient of correlation before [11].



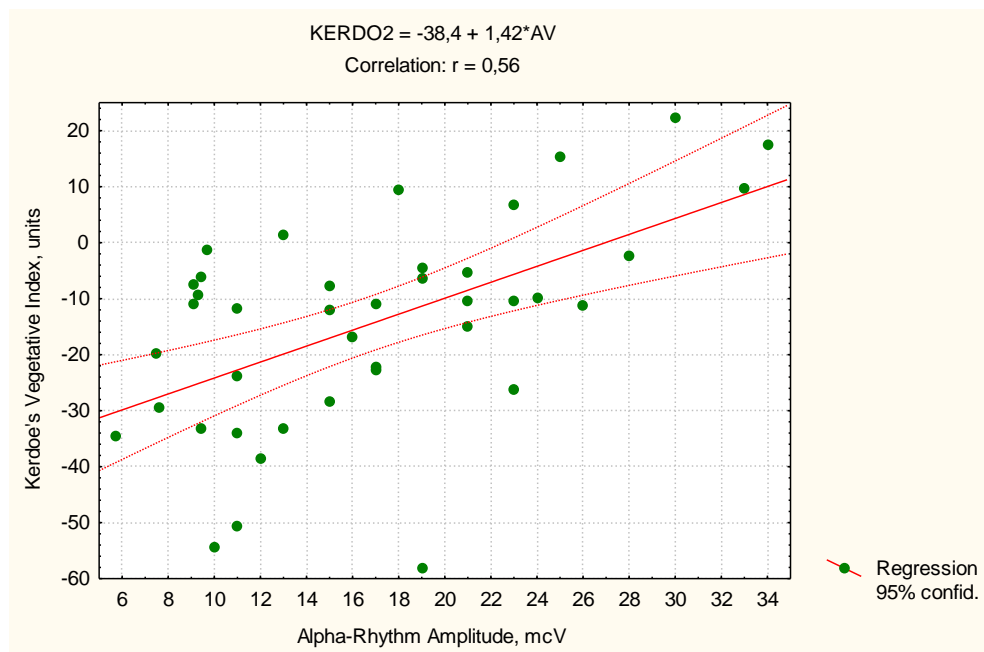
**Fig. 5. Correlation between natural logarithm of Bayevskiy's Stress Index (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

At the same time, KVI weakly but significantly correlated with Power Spectrum Density (PSD) LF ( $r=-0,35$ ) and (VLF+LF)/HF Ratio ( $r=-0,32$ ).

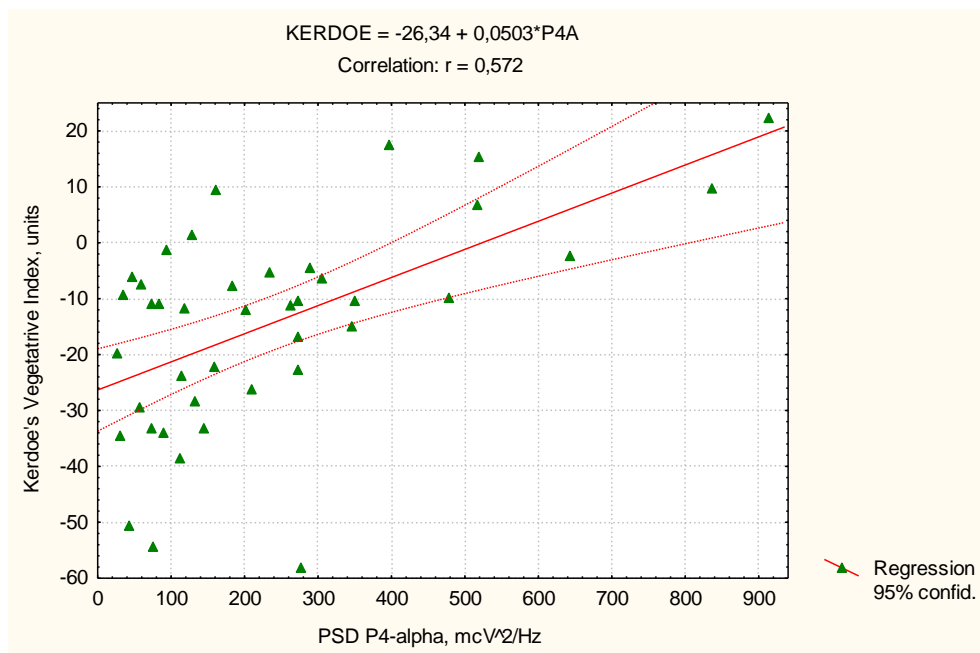
Medium strength correlation found between KVI and Baevskiy's Activity Regulatory Systems Index in Orthostase (Fig. 6). Analogical size of coefficient of correlation of KVI proved with Amplitude of  $\alpha$ -Rhythm Ongoing EEG (Fig. 7) and PSD P4- $\alpha$  (Fig. 8).



**Fig. 6. Correlation between Bayevskiy's Activity Regulatory Systems Index (in orthostase) (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

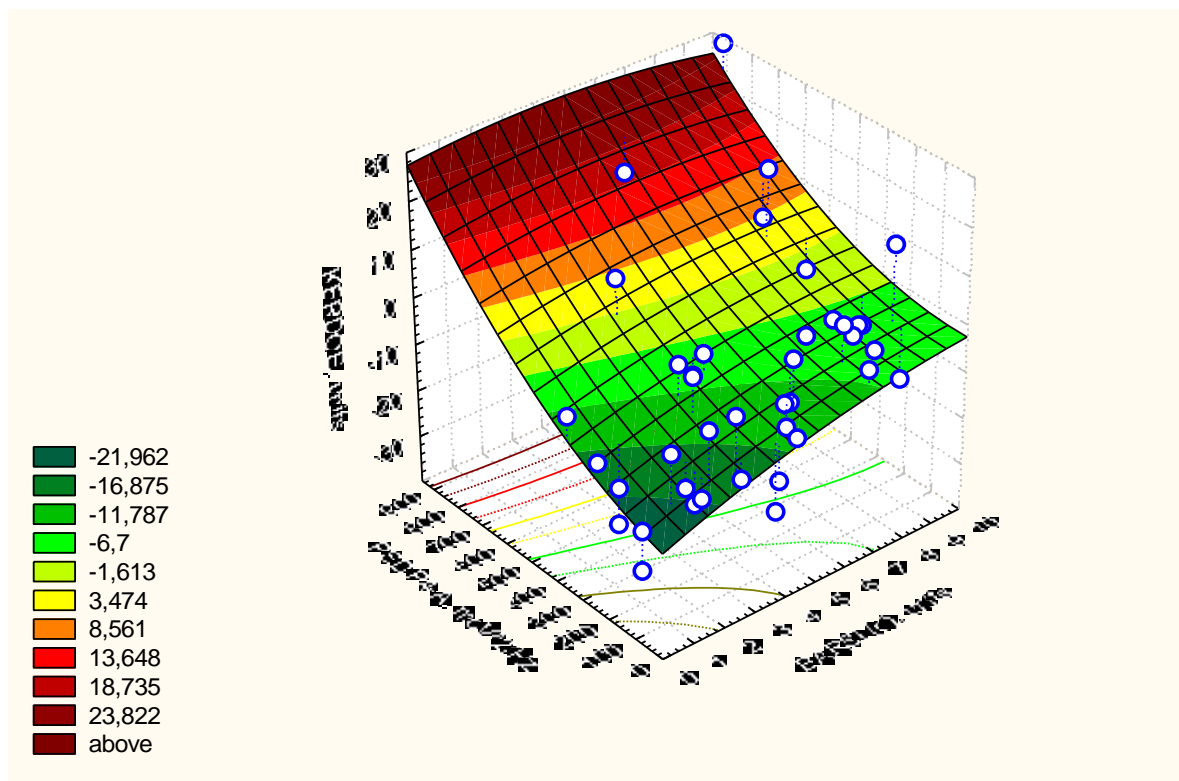


**Fig. 7. Correlation between  $\alpha$ -Rhythm Amplitude (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**



**Fig. 8. Correlation between PSD  $\alpha$ -Rhythm in locus P4 (X-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

Both parameters are taken together predetermine a size KVI on 49% (Fig. 9, Table 1).



**Fig. 9. Relationships between Bayevskiy's Activity Regulatory Systems Index in orthostase (X-line), PSD  $\alpha$ -Rhythm in locus P4 (Y-line) and Kerdoe's Vegetative Index (Z-line)**

**Table 1. Regression Summary for Dependent Variable: KVI**

$R=0,717$ ;  $R^2=0,514$ ; Adjusted  $R^2=0,488$ ;  $F_{(2,4)}=19,6$ ;  $p<10^{-5}$ ; Std. Error of estimate: 9,9.

		Beta	St. Err. of Beta	B	St. Err. of B	$t_{(37)}$	p-level
Intercpt	r			-26,1	3,024	-8,64	$10^{-6}$
PSD P4- $\alpha$	0,65	,535	,123	,035	,008	4,33	$10^{-3}$
BARSI(o)	0,52	,318	,123	1,424	,554	2,57	,014

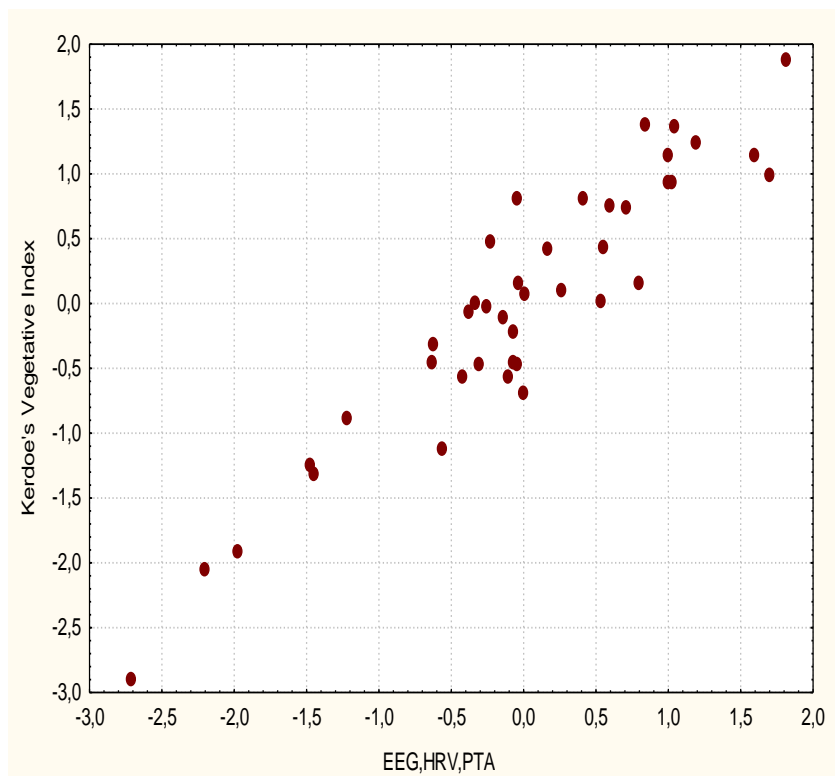
In addition, found out substantial positive correlation KVI with Index  $\alpha$ -Rhythm EEG and its Power Spectrum Density in various loci as well as  $\theta$ -Rhythm in locus O2 and  $\delta$ -Rhythm in locus C4, while negative correlation with PSD  $\beta$ -Rhythm in loci P3 and O2. Separate attention is deserved by correlation KVI with Parathytin Activity, estimated by Urina Phosphates/Calcium Ratio (Table 2).

**Table 2. Regression Summary for Dependent Variable: KVI**

$R=0,933$ ;  $R^2=0,870$ ; Adjusted  $R^2=0,758$ ;  $F_{(18)}=7,8$ ;  $\chi^2_{(18)}=62$ ;  $p<10^{-5}$ ; Std. Error of estimate: 6,8.

n=40		Beta	SE of Beta	B	SE of B	$t_{(21)}$	p-level
Intercpt	r			-33,8	10,7	-3,15	,005
PSD P4- $\alpha$	<b>0,65</b>	3,527	0,540	0,2326	0,0356	6,54	$10^{-5}$
PSD C4- $\alpha$	<b>0,57</b>	-2,383	0,508	-0,3015	0,0643	-4,69	$10^{-4}$
PSD P3- $\alpha$	<b>0,54</b>	-1,382	0,368	-0,0845	0,0225	-3,76	,001
BARSI (in orthost.)	<b>0,52</b>	0,315	0,107	1,4105	0,4780	2,95	,008
PSD F7- $\alpha$	<b>0,47</b>	0,957	0,296	0,4057	0,1254	3,24	,004
PSD O2- $\alpha$	<b>0,46</b>	-1,615	0,321	-0,1346	0,0267	-5,04	$10^{-4}$
PSD T6- $\alpha$	<b>0,44</b>	-0,508	0,206	-0,1652	0,0670	-2,47	,022
Index $\alpha$ -Rhythm	<b>0,43</b>	0,603	0,203	0,3123	0,1053	2,97	,007
PSD O1- $\alpha$	<b>0,42</b>	1,821	0,375	0,1383	0,0285	4,85	$10^{-4}$
PSD Fp1- $\alpha$	<b>0,42</b>	-3,409	0,836	-0,7697	0,1887	-4,08	,001
PSD Fp2- $\alpha$	<b>0,40</b>	3,618	0,798	0,7752	0,1711	4,53	$10^{-4}$
PSD P4- $\alpha$ , %	<b>0,35</b>	-0,466	0,163	-0,4049	0,1419	-2,85	,009
PSD O2- $\theta$	<b>0,35</b>	-1,103	0,246	-0,7133	0,1591	-4,48	$10^{-4}$
PSD C4- $\delta$	<b>0,32</b>	0,629	0,171	0,1359	0,0369	3,68	,001
Parathyrin Activity	<b>0,33</b>	0,510	0,140	12,28	3,36	3,66	,001
(VLF+LF)/HF	<b>-0,32</b>	-0,333	0,097	-0,6067	0,1769	-3,43	,003
PSD P3- $\beta$ , %	<b>-0,33</b>	0,673	0,176	0,7649	0,2000	3,82	,001
PSD O2- $\beta$ , %	<b>-0,43</b>	-0,633	0,180	-0,5229	0,1490	-3,51	,002

The transferred parameters predetermine a size KVI on 76% (Table 2, Fig. 10).



**Fig. 10. Canonical correlation between parameters EEG, HRV and Parathyroid Activity (X-line) and Kerdö's Vegetative Index (Y-line)**

The got results are given by grounds for a conclusion that Kerdö's Vegetative Index reflects above all Amplitude of  $\alpha$ -Rhythm EEG and its Power Spectrum Density in Parietal and Central loci, less options HRV, but is not marker of sympatho-vagal balance.

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