

Letter to the Editor**Orgasmilalia: A proposed new term for human coital vocalization) and its classification****Sachi Sri Kantha, Ph.D.**

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Dear Editor,

In a 1932 study entitled 'Das Koitale Wort (coital speech)', Frankel¹ had noted 'our knowledge on the words and sounds emitted during coitus is limited'. Since then, quite a few researchers²⁻¹⁰ have studied human coital vocalization between coital partners during orgasm. Nevertheless, a lack of proper terminology and classification to describe this unique phenomenon among humans hinder further advances.

As emphasized previously by Pastorek¹¹, for the purposes of specificity, clarity, and relational usage, generation of new terminology is a need of times. As such, I propose a new term '*orgasmilalia*' (human coital vocalization or human copulatory vocalization) to this type of vocalization. This term is derived from combining the adjectival form 'orgasmic', as promoted by Masters and Johnson^{12,13} (but the last alphabet 'c' clipped for convenience) plus '*lalia*' (Greek *lalein* – to babble or speak). A classification for varied patterns of orgasmilalia is given below:

1. Anorgasmilalia - non generation of oral sound by coital partners.
2. Subdued (or muffled) orgasmilalia - sound generated by coital partners living with family members, including in-laws and older children, sharing same room or adjacent room.
3. Eu-orgasmilalia^{4,6,8} - typical true pattern of sound generated by coital partners, in the absence of any sort of interference.
4. Forced orgasmilalia⁷ - generation of oral sound under forced situation (e.g actors in porno movies) by coital partners.
5. Pseudo-orgasmilalia^{2,5} - oral sound generated by coital partners faking orgasm (e.g Meg Ryan character in '*When Harry met Sally*' (1989) romantic comedy movie.
6. Orgasm-allied non-oral sound during coitus¹⁰ (such as flaturia)

It should be emphasized that orgasmilalia differs from other medical terms (such as coprolalia, glossolalia, palilalia) which describe language

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disorders⁹, in that orgasmilalia occurs frequently in healthy coital partners. Among the six types indicated above, type 6 orgasm-allied non-oral sound (such as flaturia) during coitus may indicate some health concerns in coiting women.¹⁰

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