

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of motor-cognitive dual task training and virtual reality based training effects on the attentional demands of gait initiation in older adults

Protocol summary

Summary

The main purpose of this study is to find which type of treatment (cognitive-motor intervention or virtual reality method) is more effective to improve the postural control of older adults. It is estimated 20 healthy older adults are sufficient for this study. The inclusion criteria for healthy older adults are the following: Age \geq 65 years old, be free from any severe cardiopulmonary disease, neurological disorder, musculoskeletal impairment or any history of falls in the prior 6 months. Subjects are excluded from either group if had any dizziness, fatigue, vigorous physical activity or stress before testing. After baseline evaluation, subjects are randomly allocated to one of the two groups: (1) cognitive-motor dual-task training, (2) virtual reality based training. Cognitive-motor dual-task training is balance training while simultaneously engaging in a secondary cognitive task. Virtual reality based training is balance training in a virtual environment using programs of Wii fit. Participants in these groups are attended 12-16 sessions, 3 sessions per week, and 60 minutes per session. The outcome measurements take place at 3 time points: (1) before initiation of intervention (baseline), (2) after completion of training, (3) 8 weeks after completion of training. The outcome measurements are initial swing step time, initial stance step time, initial swing step time variability, initial stance step time variability, verbal reaction time, verbal reaction accuracy, and attention allocation index of these parameters.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2015052022341N1**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment start date

2013-08-23, 1392/06/01

Expected recruitment end date

2015-05-26, 1394/03/05

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison of motor-cognitive dual task training and virtual reality based training effects on the attentional demands of gait initiation in older adults

Public title

Comparison of motor-cognitive dual task training and

virtual reality based training effects on the attentional demands of gait initiation in older adults

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Age \geq 65 years old; BBS score $>$ 40; TUG score \leq 20; ABC score \geq 50%; MMSE score \geq 24; HADS- depress subscale score \leq 7; Have no severe cardiopulmonary disease, neurological disorder and musculoskeletal impairment; Have no history of falls in the prior 6 months Exclusion criteria: had vigorous physical activity before testing; had dizziness, fatigue, and stress during testing

Age

From **65 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **20**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Single blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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2013-08-03, 1392/05/12

Ethics committee reference number

130/888/92/3

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

elderly

ICD-10 code

G31.1

ICD-10 code description

Senile degeneration of brain, not elsewhere classified

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Initial swing step time

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks after completion of training

Method of measurement

foot switch sensor- software of Biometrics DataLog

2**Description**

Initial stance step time

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks after completion of training

Method of measurement

foot switch sensor- software of Biometrics DataLog

3**Description**

Initial swing step time variability

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks after completion of training

Method of measurement

foot switch sensor- excel software

4**Description**

Initial stance step time variability

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks after completion of training

Method of measurement

foot switch sensor- excel software

5**Description**

Verbal reaction time

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks after completion of training

Method of measurement

Recorder - Sound Forge Pro

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Description

Verbal reaction accuracy

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks
after completion of training

Method of measurement

Recorder - Sound Forge Pro

7

Description

Attention allocation index

Timepoint

before training, after completion of training, 8 weeks
after completion of training

Method of measurement

excel software

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Balance training while simultaneously engaging in a secondary cognitive task. Participants in this group are attended 12-16 sessions, 3 sessions per week, and 60 minutes per session.

Category

Behavior

2

Description

Balance training in a virtual environment using programs of Wii fit. Participants in this group are attended 12-16 sessions, 3 sessions per week, and 60 minutes per session.

Category

Behavior

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?

Yes

Title of funding source

Rehabilitation Faculty

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

empty

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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