

Clinical Trial Protocol

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A comparison effect of traditional and total body resistance exercise (TRX) exercises on scapular kinematics, range of motion, ratio of external rotation to internal rotation strength, proprioception and shoulder muscles activation in overhead athletes with shoulder impingement syndrome

Protocol summary

Study aim

The survey effect of traditional and TRX exercises on scapular kinematics, range of motion, ratio of external rotation to internal rotation strength, proprioception and shoulder muscles activation in overhead athletes with shoulder impingement syndrome

Design

in this study, 33 athletes with shoulder impingement syndrome were selected by physiotherapist. Then they were randomly divided into three groups

Settings and conduct

This research is conducted in Kerman School of Sport Sciences for 8 weeks in three groups.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Unilateral pain for more than one week in the Acromion process; Pain during flexion and abduction versus resistance; Positive test for Neer, Hawkins and supraspinatus empty can; Pain when touched in Humerus tuberosity; Physical examination by the physiotherapist and confirmation of shoulder impingement syndrome. Exclusion criteria: Systemic illnesses; neck pain at rest or neck pain during active cervical movements; History of neck pain or treatment to neck over the past 12 months; History of spinal or upper limb surgery; History of spinal or upper limb fractures; Presence of a positive sulcus sign; Presence of a positive load and shift test

Intervention groups

The first intervention group that received traditional exercises. The second intervention group received the TRX training. The control group received their usual daily activities.

Main outcome variables

scapular kinematics, range of motion, ratio of external

rotation to internal rotation strength, proprioception and shoulder muscles activation levels

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2017-12-01, 1396/09/10

Expected recruitment end date

2017-12-21, 1396/09/30
Actual recruitment start date
 2017-12-01, 1396/09/10
Actual recruitment end date
 2018-01-20, 1396/10/30
Trial completion date
 empty

Scientific title
 A comparison effect of traditional and total body resistance exercise (TRX) exercises on scapular kinematics, range of motion, ratio of external rotation to internal rotation strength, proprioception and shoulder muscles activation in overhead athletes with shoulder impingement syndrome

Public title
 effect exercise on impingement syndrome

Purpose
 Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
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Age
 From **18 years** old to **43 years** old

Gender
 Male

Phase
 N/A

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
 Target sample size: **36**
 Actual sample size reached: **33**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
 Randomized

Randomization description
 The randomization of this study is Restricted. Method of implementation randomization is the block randomization, which to randomize subjects into groups that result in equal sample sizes. This method is used to ensure a balance in sample size across groups over time. At first, the sample size will be evaluated by the physiotherapist in terms of Inclusion and Exclusion criteria. The block size will be determined by the researcher and should be a multiple of the number of groups (with three treatment groups, block size of either 33). than For each person in the sample, a code is determined which is placed in the envelope . Envelopes will be shuffled together and the envelope will be exited

and re-shuffled. The first envelope in the first group is the second envelope in the second group and etc. for Allocation concealment will be used of method Sequentially numbered, sealed, opaque envelopes. After a random sequence created based on the sample size of the research, a number of envelopes are prepared and each random sequence created on the card is recorded and the cards are inserted into the envelopes respectively. In order to maintain a random sequence on the outer surface of the envelope, the numbering is done in the same order and will be pasted in the envelopes. At the time of the start of the registration of the participants, one of the envelopes will be opened based on entry of the participants, and the participant's group will be revealed

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

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1

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Ethics committee reference number

IR.Kmu.REC.1396.16

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Shoulder impingement syndrome

ICD-10 code

M75.4

ICD-10 code description

Impingement syndrome of shoulder

Primary outcomes

1

Description

scapular kinematics

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

motion analyzer

2

Description

range of motion

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

motion analyzer

3

Description

ratio of external rotation to internal rotation strength

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

Handheld Dynamometer

4

Description

proprioception

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

leighton flexometer

5

Description

shoulder muscles activation

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

motion analyzer

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

traditional exercises: These exercises are customary and based on previous studies that were used to rehabilitate

the shoulder impingement syndrome. These exercises will be performed in 8 weeks and 3 Session in each week and each Session 45 minutes. This 45 minutes includes 10 minutes of warming up to 30 minutes of main exercises and 5 minutes of cooling. The tool is used in these exercises thraband and free weights

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

TRX exercises: These exercises are also based on the latest available resources for shoulder joint rehabilitation. these exercises will be performed in 8 weeks and 3 Session in each week and each Session 45 minutes. This 45 minutes includes 10 minutes of warming up to 30 minutes of main exercises and 5 minutes of cooling. The tool used in these exercises is suspension strap TRX

Category

Rehabilitation

3

Description

Control group: This group performs its usual daily and sporting activities

Category

N/A

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Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Public

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Academic

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Yes

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Not applicable

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

With the permission of the supervisor All information is being shared after non-identifiable

When the data will become available and for how long

Start access 6 months after printing results in article and
By obtaining permission from the relevant university

To whom data/document is available

There is no limit

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Except for personal data, there are no restrictions on the rest

From where data/document is obtainable

Contact Mr. Aboozar Saadatian

What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

Contact with Mr. Abuoozar Saadatian and coordination with the Department of Sports injury at Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman. Information is available.

Comments