

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The Comparison efficacy of exercise therapy with and without Kinesio taping on pain, and electromyography muscle activity in the female with patellofemoral pain syndrome

Protocol summary

Study aim

The aim of the present study was to compare the effect of 8-week exercise therapy with and without Kinesio taping on pain and onset activation levels of the Vastus Medialis (VM) relative to the Vastus Lateralis (VL) in the female with Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome (PFPS).

Design

The present study is semi-experimental. The statistical population of this study was 20-30-year-old women with patellofemoral pain that referring to physiotherapy medical clinic. A total of 30 women suffering from PFPS were included in this study and randomly assigned to two groups of exercises therapy and exercises therapy with Kinesio type.

Settings and conduct

This semi-experimental study was conducted at Sports Medicine Rehabilitation Laboratory of Bu-Ali Sina University. Subjects were evaluated at the baseline and after eight weeks of intervention. All subjects participating in this study were unaware of other groups. Our collaborators in the lab and coworker analytics sections worked blindly with no background in this study.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: History of pain in the anterior part of the knee for 6 months. Having 20 to 40-year-old.
Exclusion criteria: A History of the patella dislocated. History of the ligament rupture, meniscus, and knee joint capsule injury. History of lower limb surgery. Pain in the hip and ankle joint.

Intervention groups

The exercise therapy group carries out special exercises for pain syndrome. The exercise therapy with Kinesio taping carries out special exercises for patellofemoral pain syndrome when applying to tape on the knee joint.

Main outcome variables

Pain, Onset activation levels of the Vastus Medialis (VM) relative to the Vastus Lateralis (VL)

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

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Recruitment complete

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Trial completion date

2018-07-11, 1397/04/20

Scientific title

The Comparison efficacy of exercise therapy with and without Kinesio taping on pain, and electromyography muscle activity in the female with patellofemoral pain syndrome

Public title

The effects of Kinesio taping and exercise therapy in the treatment of patellofemoral pain syndrome

Purpose

Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Knee pain during up and down stairs Not having a history of surgery in lower extremity Positive results for Clark test and Apprehension Patella test

Exclusion criteria:

Patella dislocation history History of lower limb surgery History of ligament rupture, meniscus and knee joint capsule injury Pain in hip and ankle joint

Age

From **20 years** old to **30 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Care provider
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

Sample size

Target sample size: **45**

Actual sample size reached: **45**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Subjects were randomly assigned to study groups. At the baseline, sealed envelopes were prepared by the researcher. The inside of envelopes contained the name of study groups (experimental or control group) which each subject should randomly select and picked one. Then after opening the envelopes, the subject was allocated to the groups.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

All subjects participating in this study were unaware of other groups. The laboratory manager who was responsible for doing all the tests neither knew subjects grouping nor talk with them in this regard. The research colleague who has done the data analyzing were also unaware of subjects grouping.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Patellofemoral pain syndrome

ICD-10 code

M22.2

ICD-10 code description

Patellofemoral disorders

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Felling pain in knee

Timepoint

In baseline and after 8 weeks training

Method of measurement

The pain intensity measured by Visual Analog Scale.

2

Description

Delayed onset of electromyographic activity of vastus medialis relative to vastus lateralis

Timepoint

In baseline and after 8 weeks intervention

Method of measurement

Electromyography muscle activity was assessed by Mega Win ME6000 device.

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group 1: exercise therapy. Patients in this group performed selective exercises for patellofemoral pain syndrome three times a week for eight weeks. The exercise programme includes warm-up, strengthening and stretching exercises.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Intervention group 2: exercise therapy with Kinesio taping. In this group before training, for each subject knee taping performed with Kinesio tape. After that patient performed selective exercises for patellofemoral pain syndrome three times a week for eight weeks. The 3NS TEX Kinesio type was used in this study. The training program was similar to intervention group 1.

Category

Rehabilitation

3

Description

Control group: daily routine activities. In the control group, subjects did not receive intervention within eight weeks.

Category

Other

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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

The University of Bu-Ali Sina

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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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is 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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

The main information will be shared with readers.

When the data will become available and for how long

Six months to one year after the publication of the relevant articles

To whom data/document is available

Academic researchers

Under which criteria data/document could be used

If the corresponding author discretion

From where data/document is obtainable

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

According to the author's opinion, the file data can be shared.

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