

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Effects of retrowalking training protocol on Gait Kinematics and kinetics parameters of patients with medial knee osteoarthritis

Protocol summary

Study aim

The aim of this study was to compare the Gait Kinematics and kinetics parameters in male patients according to severity of knee osteoarthritis during gait

Design

This study was performed with a pretest-posttest design including 21 healthy men and 42 male patients with knee osteoarthritis who were divided into experimental and control groups .

Settings and conduct

Backward gait training protocol including 6 weeks study, 3 sessions per weeks . Each exercise session began with warm up exercises , followed by backward gait exercises and ended up by cool-down exercises. Backward gait training protocol including Interval training (3 set, 2-4-6 reps), continuous training (2sets,2 and 3 minutes), Stretching exercises(3 minute),Strength training , Exercise intensity increased in the second week. Patients were stopped immediately once they report pain or discomfort during retro gait.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

The patients were knee osteoarthritis according to the Kelgerand and Lawrence index with grade 2 and 3 osteoarthritis. All patients were able to perform activities of daily living including walking, running, up and down stairs, Radiological symptoms of osteoarthritis in the knee, pain and tenderness on the medial side of the knee. All patients with knee OA were not in the acute phase of the disease. Not having history of trauma, injury or surgery, lower limb fracture , and joint threatening diseases, The lack of a long history of drug use and non-drug addiction.

Intervention groups

The experimental group performed backward gait training for six weeks.

Main outcome variables

A) kinematics parameters (the Spatial, Temporal, Distance variables and ROMs), B) kinetics parameters (vertical ground reaction forces, Peak adduction moment

and adduction moment impulse). A Vicon motion analysis system with six T-series cameras and a Kistler force plate used to record.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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2015-05-31, 1394/03/10

Expected recruitment end date

2015-08-06, 1394/05/15

Actual recruitment start date

2015-06-05, 1394/03/15

Actual recruitment end date

2015-08-06, 1394/05/15
Trial completion date
 2016-01-27, 1394/11/07

Scientific title
 Effects of retrowalking training protocol on Gait
 Kinematics and kinetics parameters of patients with
 medial knee osteoarthritis

Public title
 Effect of Backward Gait on Biomechanical Walking
 Parameters in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis

Purpose
 Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
 All patients were able to perform activities of daily living
 including walking, running, up and down stairs The
 patients were knee osteoarthritis according to the
 Kelgerand and Lawrence index with grade 2 and 3
 osteoarthritis
Exclusion criteria:
 No patient had problems in standing and walking
 Radiological symptoms of osteoarthritis in the knee, pain
 and tenderness on the medial side of the knee. All
 patients with knee OA were not in the acute phase of the
 disease The lack of consumption (non-steroid anti-
 inflammatory) from a week before entering the study.
 Not having history of trauma, injury or surgery, and lower
 limb fracture Not having history of joint threatening
 diseases (Osteonecrosis, diabetes, osteoporosis,
 rheumatoid arthritis, musculoskeletal neurological
 disease) The lack of a long history of drug use and non-
 drug addiction

Age
 From **45 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender
 Male

Phase
 3

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
 Target sample size: **66**
 Actual sample size reached: **63**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
 Not randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
 Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
 Not used

Assignment
 Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids
 empty

Ethics committees

1

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Ethics committee reference number

IR.UMSHA.REC.1394.110

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

medial knee Osteoarthritis

ICD-10 code

M17

ICD-10 code description

Osteoarthritis of knee

Primary outcomes

1

Description

kinematics parameters (the Spatial, Temporal, Distance
 variables and ROMs)

Timepoint

This study was performed with a pretest-posttest design
 in two groups (healthy and patient) and an experimental
 group (subjects with medial knee osteoarthritis).

Method of measurement

A Vicon motion analysis system with T-Series cameras
 were used to measure the Kinematics parameters. The
 Kinematics parameters of gait including were calculated
 by Vicon Nexus 1.8.5 software in pretest-posttest trials.
 All data were then extracted by Polygon 3.5.1.

2

Description

kinetics parameters (vertical ground reaction forces,
 Peak adduction moment and adduction moment impulse)

Timepoint

This study was performed with a pretest-posttest design
 in two groups (healthy and patient) and an experimental
 group (subjects with medial knee osteoarthritis).

Method of measurement

A Vicon motion analysis system with four T-Series

cameras and two Kistler force plates were used to measure parameters by Vicon Nexus 1.8.5 , Polygon 4.1.2 software .

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: The subjects were 21 healthy men and 42 male patients with knee osteoarthritis who were divided into experimental and control groups according to the Kellgren and Lawrence radiologic scale and the visual analogue scale. The effects of retro-gait training protocol on Kinematics and kinetics parameters knee osteoarthritis gait hasn't been considered in the literature. Effects of retro walking: reducing shear force, increasing extensor moment and to gain flexibility around knee, decrease in eccentric quadriceps activity , patellofemoral joint stresses that are often associated with anterior knee pain. Therefore, these advantages make retro-gait a safe and effective component of rehabilitation programs. The experimental group performed backward gait training for six weeks, 3 sessions per weeks. Subjects accomplish a five minute warm-up on followed by backward gait exercises. Backward gait training protocol including Interval training (3 set, 2-4-6 reps), continuous training (2sets, 2 and 3 minutes), Stretching exercises (3 minute), Strength training , Exercise intensity increased in the second week. Patients were stopped immediately once they report pain or discomfort during retro gait. Each exercise session began with warm up exercises , followed by backward gait exercises and ended up by cool-down exercises.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Control group: The 42 patients with knee OA were divided into experimental and control groups according to the Kellgren and Lawrence radiologic scale and the visual analogue scale. Participants in the control group did not receive any training.

Category

Other

3

Description

Control group: Furthermore, among the staff of the university 21 healthy male peers were selected as normal controls. The participants in the normal control group did not receive any training during the study period.

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

Islamic Azad University

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Private

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)**

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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

The data are available for research use

When the data will become available and for how long

1398

To whom data/document is available

clinical researchers working in academia

Under which criteria data/document could be used

For other people who work at universities

From where data/document is obtainable	data/document
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What processes are involved for a request to access	Comments