

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Effectiveness of Kinesio Taping versus Mulligan's Mobilization with Movement in Sub-acute Lateral Ankle Sprain in Footballers - A Randomized Controlled Trial

Protocol summary

Study aim

The purpose of this study was to compare the effectiveness of KT with conventional physical therapy and MWM with conventional physical therapy on pain, disability, and function in footballers with sub-acute lateral ankle sprains.

Design

Parallel group, single-blind, randomized control trial

Settings and conduct

30 subjects will be studied at the Dr. AQ Khan Physio Clinic, Multan. Participants and assessors will be blinded. During the first visit, the researcher will complete a thorough case history and lumbar regional assessment. Patients will be assessed using the Foot and Ankle Ability Measure score for function and the Numeric Pain Rating Scale for pain. Treatment will then be continued according to the allotted group intervention. All participants will receive a total of 12 treatment sessions over a 4-week period, which will consist of 3 treatment sessions per week. The researcher will take a follow-up survey after 12 sessions. A follow-up assessment will be done at the end of 12 sessions as the post-treatment reading.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: age between 13 and 17 years; male athletes; more than two years' participation in a football career; history of recurrent ankle sprains with an average of six months since their last sprain; feeling of ankle instability during training. Exclusion criteria: current assisted ambulation; acute ankle trauma occurring within 7 days of injury incident; medial ankle instability; grade III ankle sprains; a sprain sustained in the previous 12 months; connective tissue disorder; inability to bear weight through the affected extremity immediately after injury; chronic ankle injury on the contralateral side.

Intervention groups

Group A: Kinesio taping with conventional physical therapy. Group B: Mulligan's Mobilization with Movement with conventional physical therapy.

Main outcome variables

Pain and function

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

KTvMWM LAS

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20210205050256N3**

Registration date: **2023-06-19, 1402/03/29**

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Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

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Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Age between 13 to 17 years Male athletes More than two years' participation in football career History of recurrent ankle sprain with the average of six (five) months since their last sprain Feeling of ankle instability during training

Exclusion criteria:

Current assisted ambulation Acute ankle trauma occurring within 7 days of injury incident Medial ankle instability Grade III ankle sprains A sprain sustained in the previous 12 months Connective tissue disorder Inability to bear weight through the affected extremity immediately after injury Chronic ankle injury on the contralateral side

Age

From **13 years** old to **17 years** old

Gender

Male

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Outcome assessor

Sample size

Target sample size: **30**

Actual sample size reached: **30**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Non-probability, convenient sampling will be used. Subjects will be randomly distributed to two groups using the lottery method of randomization. Slips will be prepared from 1 to 30. They will be homogeneous in shape, color, and size etc. Furthermore, they will be shuffled and placed in a box. The selected 15 slips will be allocated to Group 1, who will receive kinesiotaping with conventional physical therapy, and the other 15 will be allocated to Group 2, who will receive Mulligan's mobilization with movement with conventional physical therapy.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

Every patient will be assessed by independent assessor at the start and end of total treatment sessions to keep the assessment unbiased.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

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PT/2022/REC/IRB/023

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

Ankle sprain

ICD-10 code

S93.4

ICD-10 code description

Sprain of ankle

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

Pain

Timepoint

before intervention and 4 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS)

2**Description**

Function

Timepoint

Before intervention and 4 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: Kinesio Taping with Conventional Physical Therapy: 1st Session: 1. Lymphatic correction approach for the lateral ankle: Requirement: 1 Kinesio Fan strip (5-Strip cut) Position of the subject: Long sitting or supine lying with the lower leg extended and the ankle in plantar flexion (Stretch position) .Protocol: The lymph node on the lateral side of the ankle joint area to which lymph drainage is being directed should be placed just above the base of the fan incision. Apply the fan's tail over the edematous area with zero to very little tension (0-15 percent available).2. Application for Achilles tendon correction: Requirement: 1 Kinesio Y strip. Position of the subject: Lower leg pronated lying outside the plinth. Protocol: At the heel, apply the tape end without applying tension. Hold the tape end to make sure that there won't be any tension on the tape's base. With the patient stretched out, apply moderate to severe tension (50-75%) along the length of the tendon. Keep in mind to relax the muscles around your muscle belly. Slide the hand holding the base up to the position of maximum tension. Apply the tape's base or tails with the proper amount of tension for insertion at the origin.2nd and 3rd Session:1. Application for tibialis anterior muscle: Requirement: 1 Kinesio Y strip. Position of the subject: Supine lying with the affected lower leg out of the plinth. Protocol: The little toe's plantar area receives the base of the Y-strip application. The tail and the lateral malleolus are then placed along the muscle's path till the head of the fibula. This insert-to-origin technique uses paper-off or very light-to-light tension (between 15 and 25 percent of the available). 2. Application for peroneus longus and brevis muscle: Requirement: 1 Kinesio Y strip. Position of the subject: Supine lying with the affected lower leg out of the plinth. Protocol: The base of the heel is covered by the base of Y strip. Both the tail and the muscle's path stop at the lateral aspect of the tibia. The tail passes anteriorly to the lateral malleolus. This insert-to-origin technique uses paper-off or very light-to-light tension (between 15 and 25 percent of the available). However, this group was also given conventional treatment, which was a hot pack for 10 minutes and ankle isometrics to maintain blood circulation and muscle strength. Therapeutic ultrasound therapy was also applied. The experimental results suggest the following parameters: Frequency: 1 MHz, Intensity: 1.5 W/cm², Duration: 10 minutes, and Mode: Continuous. There were three sessions in total.

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

Intervention group: Mulligan's Mobilization with Movement with Conventional Physical Therapy: Position of the subject: A Mulligan's mobilization belt (non-elastic seatbelt) will be applied over the patient's pelvis, distal tibia, and fibula, with foam padding the Achilles tendon, while the patient is in a relaxed stance on a bench. Hand placement: With one hand's web space, stabilize the talus and forefoot near the anterior joint line. To ensure a constant alignment of the distal leg and foot, the other hand will be placed anteriorly over the proximal tibia and fibula to guide the knee over the second and third toes. Application of the technique: During slow active dorsiflexion to the end of the pain-free range, the therapist translated backward, applying tension to the seatbelt and causing a posteroanterior tibial glide. The seat belt was maintained perpendicular to the long axis of the tibia throughout the movement, and it was released after returning to the starting position. Total number of glide: 10 Repetition per set, 3 sets per session, with 1 minute rest between the sets. This group also received conventional treatment, which was a hot pack for 10 minutes and ankle isometrics to maintain blood circulation and muscle strength. Therapeutic ultrasound therapy was also applied. The experimental results suggest the following parameters: Frequency: 1 MHz, Intensity: 1.5 W/cm², Duration: 10 minutes, and Mode: Continuous. There were three sessions in total.

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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

TIMES Institute

Proportion provided by this source

20

Public or private sector

Private

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

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Country of origin

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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

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

Statistical Analysis Plan

Not applicable

Informed Consent Form

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

Clinical Study Report

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

make this available

Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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