

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of core stability exercises on balance, endurance of trunk muscles and sports performance of taekwondo poomsae athletes with trunk defect

Protocol summary

Study aim

Investigation of the Effect of Core Stability Training on Balance, Trunk Muscle Endurance, and Athletic Performance of Poomsae Taekwondo Athletes with Trunk Impairment

Design

A controlled clinical trial with parallel groups, single-blind, randomized, phase II, conducted on 30 participants. Randomization will be performed using the RAND function in Excel.

Settings and conduct

All tests are conducted once before the intervention (training protocol) and once again after the intervention, and the results are recorded for each participant. Following the pre-tests, an eight-week core stability training program is implemented, consisting of three sessions per week, totaling 24 sessions. Each session lasts 60 minutes (10 minutes of warm-up and cool-down, 40 minutes of training program) and is conducted in groups at the Barzegari Taekwondo Academy.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Male athletes active in Poomsae who regularly participate in sports activities. Age range between 18 and 25 years. Athletes' sports experience of at least 5 years and a maximum of 10 years. Athletes with trunk impairment are identified using the Tuck Jump Test. Exclusion criteria: Absence from two consecutive training sessions; presence of obvious dislocations or fractures in any part of the body; having other neurological disorders that may affect balance and muscle strength; having bone disorders or non-specific low back pain; sustaining a fracture or injury during training.

Intervention groups

Intervention group: Performs core stability exercises.
Control group: Receives no intervention and only continues their daily activities.

Main outcome variables

Balance, trunk muscle endurance, and athletic performance

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2025-12-22, 1404/10/01

Expected recruitment end date

2026-03-01, 1404/12/10

Actual recruitment start date

empty
Actual recruitment end date
empty
Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
The effect of core stability exercises on balance, endurance of trunk muscles and sports performance of taekwondo poomsae athletes with trunk defect

Public title
The Effect of Core Stability Training on Functional Components in Poomsae Taekwondo Athletes

Purpose
Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Male athletes active in the poomsae discipline who regularly engage in their sports activities. They should be within the age range of 18 to 25 years. The athletes have a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years of sports experience. Athletes with trunk impairment are identified using the Tuck Jump Test.

Exclusion criteria:
They should not have been absent from two consecutive training sessions. They should not have any apparent dislocations or fractures. They should not have any other neurological diseases that might affect balance and muscle strength. They should not have bone diseases or non-specific low back pain (without a clear and specific cause). They should not sustain a fracture or injury during training.

Age
From **18 years** old to **25 years** old

Gender
Male

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **30**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
The individuals will be randomly placed in one of the two study groups with the help of a random number table and will receive the corresponding intervention.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded

Blinding description
Participants will be kept blind and will not be informed about how they are allocated to the study groups.

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee in biomedical research of Guilan university

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Approval date

2024-10-21, 1403/07/30

Ethics committee reference number

IR.GUILAN.REC.1403.145

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Taekwondo athletes with neuromuscular deficits in the trunk

ICD-10 code

M62.9

ICD-10 code description

Disorder of muscle, unspecified

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Balance

Timepoint

Measurement of balance tests before and after an eight week study

Method of measurement

Stork Balance Test and Star Excursion Balance Test

2

Description

Trunk Muscle Endurance

Timepoint

Measurement of trunk muscle endurance tests before and after an eight week study

Method of measurement

Trunk flexion test at 60°, Biering-Sorensen test, Right and left side bridge tests, Plank test

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Description

Sport Performance

Timepoint

Measurement of Sport performance tests before and after an eight week study

Method of measurement

Taekwondo kick test series

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Core stability exercises for eight weeks, three days per week, 60 minutes per session

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Control group: During the eight weeks, the control group performed their regular Taekwondo training three days per week.

Category

Rehabilitation

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Barzegari Taekwondo Academy

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

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

No

Title of funding source

University of Guilan

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

Person responsible for general inquiries

Contact

Name of organization / entity

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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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

All data of the measured variables can be shared after de-identifying the participants.

When the data will become available and for how long

Data access begins from 2026

To whom data/document is available

Only for researchers affiliated with academic and scientific institutions.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Scientific use for improvement and comparison with other studies is permitted.

From where data/document is obtainable

Email address for correspondence with the researcher to obtain necessary information:
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What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

The applicant must send the reason for using the documents via email, and after being reviewed by the researcher, a response will be provided as soon as possible. mehrdadnft1579@gmail.com

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