

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the effect of treadmill walking on elderly balance

Protocol summary

Summary

Objectives: to examine the effectiveness of forward and backward walking on treadmill to improve balance performance in elderly people. Design: randomized controlled trial. Setting: Shiraz university of medical sciences faculty of rehabilitation. Subjects: 29 community dwelling older adults who had Berg Balance Scale more than 30 were able to walk without aid divided to two groups, control(15) and experimental (14). Intervention: subjects in experimental group participated in 30 min of walking on treadmill three times per week for 4 weeks. Control group had their ordinary activity in their normal life. Measurement: using the force platform system to evaluate balance ability and postural sway. Anteroposterior (AP) and mediolateral (ML) displacement of center of pressure (COP) and AP ,ML and total velocity were measured. Data were collected in two different tests during quiet standing and tandem position and standing on foam before and after intervention in both groups.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment start date

2012-09-19, 1391/06/29

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2012-10-20, 1391/07/29

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Evaluation of the effect of treadmill walking on elderly balance

Public title

Evaluation of the effect of the treadmill walking on elderly balance

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 60 year-old and community dwelling older people and more with the Berg Balance Scale more than 30. Exclusion criteria: older adults with cardiopulmonary diseases , hypertension , hypotension, vertigo, severe pain and weakness in musculoskeletal systems ,orthopedic problem such as fractures , arthroplasty.

Age

From **60 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 29

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

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

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2012-07-26, 1391/05/05

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ct-91-6161

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

balance in elderly people

ICD-10 code

R26

ICD-10 code description

Abnormalities of gait and mobility

Primary outcomes

1

Description

displacement and velocity of Center Of Pressure

Timepoint

before and after intervention

Method of measurement

by a Force Platform

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Berg Balance Test

Timepoint

before and after intervention

Method of measurement

clinical assesment

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group : 30 minutes walking on treadmill 5 minutes warm up ,10 minutes forward walking, 10 minutes backward walking and 5 minutes cool down. speed was self-selected according to their ability 3 times for 4 weeks.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Control group had their normal life and activity.

Category

N/A

Recruitment centers

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
Shiraz university of medical sciences

Proportion provided by this source
100

Public or private sector
empty

Domestic or foreign origin
empty

Category of foreign source of funding
empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding
empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
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Study Protocol
empty

Statistical Analysis Plan
empty

Informed Consent Form
empty

Clinical Study Report
empty

Analytic Code
empty

Data Dictionary
empty