

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The Effect of Neuromuscular Exercises in Combination with Cognitive-Motivational and Mindfulness Interventions on Pain, Function, Neurofeedback Factors, Kinesiophobia, and Self-Reported Knee Instability Improvement in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis

Protocol summary

Study aim

the effect of neuromuscular Exercises with combining cognitive-motivational and mindfulness interventions on pain relief, function, Knee contracture, knee confidence, Kinesiophobia and self-report instability in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee

Design

Double-blind clinical trial (patient and researcher) with parallel groups and control group, assignment in groups based on random number (G-Power statistical software), then each number will be written in an envelope and the envelope will be placed in the bag when the patient is admitted separately Present to each patient and each patient randomly removes a number from the bag and opens it and announces it to the researcher and the number of each person is recorded in the file by the researcher) The study will be performed with a pre-test-post-test plan .

Settings and conduct

Patients were admitted to Omid Clinic under the supervision of a specialist physician in Hamadan. Study of a double-blind clinical trial (researcher and patient). The experiments were performed in the correctional movements laboratory of Bu Ali Sina University.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: age over 40 years with a score of at least 2 in the KL criterion, chronic knee pain, failure to use any type of psychological intervention Exclusion criteria: Age under 40 years, uncontrolled diabetes (BMI> 40kg / m²), neuromuscular disorders (stroke, stiffness, tumor, MS and Parkinson's), fractures and surgery in the lower extremities

Intervention groups

Group one: Neuromuscular exercises with motivational cognitive interventions Group 2 - Neuromuscular exercises with mindfulness and neurofeedback

interventions

Main outcome variables

Pain, Physical function, Quality of life, knee proprioception, Knee contracture, Balance, knee flexion ROM, Kinesiophobia, Knee instability, Foot pressure, Neurofeedback variables

General information

Reason for update

Modify the sampling date

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment end date

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Scientific title

The Effect of Neuromuscular Exercises in Combination with Cognitive-Motivational and Mindfulness Interventions on Pain, Function, Neurofeedback Factors, Kinesiophobia, and Self-Reported Knee Instability Improvement in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis

Public title

The Effect of Neuromuscular Exercises in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis

Purpose

Other

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Age over 40 years Having clinical criteria for osteoarthritis of the knee of the College of Rheumatology Have a score of at least 2 on the Kelgren and Lawrence criteria Chronic knee pain for at least 3 months Pain score 8-6 of the VAS scale Without use any type of psychological intervention / other counseling during periods that subjects are studying.

Exclusion criteria:

Age under 40 years Body mass index greater than or equal to (BMI > 40kg / m²), Additional orthopedic injuries in the lower extremities Neuromuscular disorders that interfere with daily functioning (such as stroke, uncontrolled muscle stiffness, MS and Parkinson's) that interfere with the exercise program Fractures and surgery in the lower extremities Taking psychiatric medication or seeing a behavioral specialist in the past six months that prevents you from exercising

Age

From **40 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator

Sample size

Target sample size: **45**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Subjects will be randomized based on Random Number Generator software and then assigned to three groups based on SNOSE allocation concealment. Participants will be randomly assigned to one of the groups of neuromuscular exercises with motivational cognitive

interventions, neuromuscular exercises with mindfulness interventions and control group. So that 15 people were identified for group one, 15 people for group two and 15 people for control group.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

In this study, the researcher will have no information about the exercises and interventions assigned to the groups, the subjects will be unaware of the existence of parallel groups, as well as the possibility of not informing the person who is analyzing the data. There will be groups and exercises assigned to them

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

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2021-02-24, 1399/12/06

Ethics committee reference number

IR.RAZI.REC.1400.006

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

Knee osteoarthritis

ICD-10 code

M17.2

ICD-10 code description

Bilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis of knee

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

Evaluation of pain on a visual scale of pain

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

visual scale of pain(VAS)

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Function

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Western Ontario and McMaster Universities
Osteoarthritis Index(WOMAC)

2

Description

Quality of Life

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

The World Health Organization Quality of Life(SF36)

3

Description

Kinesiophobia

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Tampa scale

4

Description

Knee contracture

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Universal goniometer

5

Description

Balance

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Berg balance scale-Biodex Stability System (BSS)

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Description

Neurofeedback factors

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

With ProCamp Infini device and Infinity Biography software

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Description

Sole pressure distribution

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

with foot pressure measurement system(FScan II)

8

Description

Knee instability

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Felson Questionnaire

9

Description

knee proprioception

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Universal goniometer

10

Description

knee flexion (ROM)

Timepoint

Before the intervention, after 45, 60 days after the start of Neuromuscular Exercises

Method of measurement

Universal goniometer

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Neuromuscular Exercises with Motivational Cognitive Interventions

Category

Other

2

Description

Intervention group: Neuromuscular Exercises with Mindfulness and Neurofeedback Interventions

Category

Other

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Description

Control group: Neuromuscular training group In this group, exercises will be performed three times a week for 6 weeks and 60 minutes in 2 to 3 sets with 10-15 repetitions and rest and three levels between exercises and sets. Difficulty was considered for each exercise. These exercises will be performed on both healthy and diseased feet, although the focus is on the injured foot.

Category

Other

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Description

Intervention group 1: Neuromuscular exercises with cognitive-motivational interventions such as control group Neuromuscular exercises in addition to ten - 15 minutes of motivational interview exercises in the form of motivational speeches designed according to the table and showing motivational images and functional images to the elderly in person and online In 8 sessions along with 8 weeks of neuromuscular training

Category

Other

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Description

Intervention group 2 :Performing neuromuscular exercises Like the control group, with mindfulness exercises based on stress reduction for ten to fifteen minutes per session along with 8 weeks of neuromuscular exercises

Category

Other

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

Razi University

Proportion provided by this source

25

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)

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

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

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

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

Data Dictionary

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