

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of adding hamstring stretching exercises to core stability exercises on pain, range of motion, sense of position, fear of movement and function of pre-elderly women with non-specific chronic back pain

Protocol summary

Study aim

The effect of adding hamstring stretching exercises to core stability exercises on pain, range of motion, sense of position, fear of movement and function of pre-elderly women with non-specific chronic back pain

Design

Clinical trial with control group with parallel groups, single blinded, randomized, on 30 patients.

Settings and conduct

The location of the study will be Dr. Shakri's pain clinic in Zahedan city. The study population will be selected from those who refer to this clinic with chronic non-specific back pain problems. After the tests, they will be divided into intervention and control groups according to the entry and exit criteria. The study will be single blind, so that the samples will not know the details of the tests and exercise groups.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: being female, suffering from non-specific chronic back pain; age range 48 to 58 years; suffering from hamstring shortness. Exclusion criteria: Receiving treatment related to non-specific chronic back pain in the last month; Back pain caused by a fracture or protrusion of a lumbar disc; Diseases that affect the research process; Cardiovascular diseases or diabetes; Cancer; Osteoporosis; Surgery in the lower limbs, abdomen or chest and spine; Back pain caused by trauma; Accompanying structural changes in the tissues of the back or hamstring muscles.

Intervention groups

Intervention group: core stability exercises and hamstring stretching exercises; Control group: core stability exercises

Main outcome variables

Pain, range of motion, impaired sense of position, fear of movement; performance weakness

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20250113064372N1**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2025-02-28, 1403/12/10

Expected recruitment end date

2025-03-15, 1403/12/25

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty	
Scientific title	The effect of adding hamstring stretching exercises to core stability exercises on pain, range of motion, sense of position, fear of movement and function of pre-elderly women with non-specific chronic back pain
Public title	Hamstring stretching exercises and core stability exercises in back pain
Purpose	Treatment
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	
Inclusion criteria:	Women with non-specific chronic back pain Being at the age of 48 - 58 years Hamstring contracture
Exclusion criteria:	Receiving treatment related to non-specific chronic back pain in the last month Back pain caused by a fracture or protrusion of a lumbar disc Diseases that affect the research process Cardiovascular diseases or diabetes Cancer Osteoporosis Surgery in the lower limbs, abdomen or chest and spine Back pain caused by trauma Accompanying structural changes in the tissues of the back or hamstring muscles
Age	From 48 years old to 58 years old
Gender	Female
Phase	N/A
Groups that have been masked	Participant
Sample size	Target sample size: 30
Randomization (investigator's opinion)	Randomized
Randomization description	Through a drawing a piece of paper and in the presence of the people themselves, each person will be given a number from 1 to 30. The numbers will be written on paper, folded and placed in a container (container number 1). Then, in another container, the names of the groups (15 sheets per group) will be folded and placed inside the container (container number 2). Then, the "drawing a piece of paper" process will be done in the presence of the participants. One person will draw the number and group and one person will do this to record and write the numbers. All people will be grouped in the same way.
Blinding (investigator's opinion)	Single blinded
Blinding description	Participants participate in the study with the assumption that they will receive a similar exercise.
Placebo	Not used
Assignment	Parallel
Other design features	

Secondary Ids	empty
Ethics committees	
1	
Ethics committee	
Name of ethics committee	Ethics Committee in Research of Sistan and Baluchistan University
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Approval date	2024-11-09, 1403/08/19
Ethics committee reference number	IR.USB.REC.1403.031
Health conditions studied	
1	
Description of health condition studied	Chronic non-specific low back pain
ICD-10 code	M54.5
ICD-10 code description	Low back pain
Primary outcomes	
1	
Description	Pain level
Timepoint	Before the start of the intervention, one day after the end of the intervention
Method of measurement	Visual Analogue Pain Scale,
2	
Description	Range of motion
Timepoint	Before the start of the intervention, one day after the end of the intervention
Method of measurement	sorensen test,
3	
Description	Sense of situation

Timepoint

Before the start of the intervention, one day after the end of the intervention

Method of measurement

repositioning error

4**Description**

Fear of movement

Timepoint

Before the start of the intervention, one day after the end of the intervention

Method of measurement

Five times sit to stand test

5**Description**

Performance

Timepoint

Before the start of the intervention, one day after the end of the intervention

Method of measurement

Roland-Morris Disability Questionnaire, Oswestry disability index ,

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups**1****Description**

Intervention group: core stability exercises and hamstring stretching exercises to increase the flexibility of this muscle. Exercises will be performed three times a week for 8 weeks

Category

Rehabilitation

2**Description**

Control group: core stability exercises ,three times a week for 8 weeks

Category

Rehabilitation

Recruitment centers**1****Recruitment center****Name of recruitment center**

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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

Sistan and Baluchestan University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

20

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