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The Efficacy of Active Exercise Program for Work-related Chronic Low Back Pain

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The purpose of present study is to examine the relative efficacy of two active exercise programs for work-related chronic low back pain and to figure out how much they are affecting lumbar's mechanical stability.

Subjects are 43 employees with work-related chronic low back pain, and they were randomly divided into two groups with general physiotherapy groups, lumbar exercise groups for lumbar deep muscle reconditioning. Active exercise programs were done 3 times a week, for 6 months, and subjects are tested of Pain intensity(VAS), Oswestry Disability Index, Lumbar stability. All subjects were reassessed with same measurement with Pre-study, 2 weeks after study, 3 months, 6 months.

After applying two active exercise programs, pain intensity

recored among four time-points for each group decreased significantly ($p<0.05$) even though they didn't show significant difference among two groups. Oswestry Disability Index showed significant difference among two groups on 6 months and Index of lumbar exercise groups decreased significantly compare to physiotherapy group($p<0.05$). Lumbar region incline angle showed significant difference among two groups on 2 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and lumbar group decreased significantly rather than physiotherapy groups ($p<0.05$).

Key Word: Physiotherapy group, Oswestry disability Index, Lumbar region incline angle, Work-related chronic low back pain, VAS(visual analog scale)

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II. 연구 대상 및 방법

1. 연구대상

(Lehto, 1989; Nordgren, 1980; Johansen, 1995). 43

44 (paraspinal muscle) (psoas) (cross-sectional Area) L4 (ratio) 3

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2. 연구방법

1) 연구그룹의 연구방법

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1. Modalities



Hot pack



Ultrasound



TENS



Traction

2. Instruction on ergonomic principles and home exercise

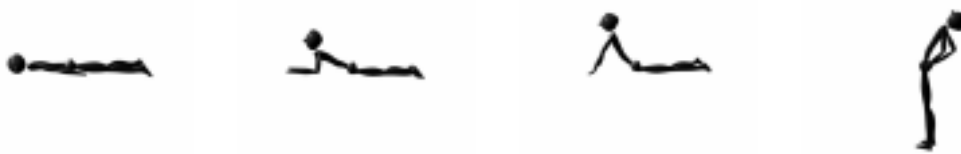


Fig 1. Physiotherapy used by Modalities and exercise on ergonomic principle

) 가 (Brodie, 1990). (3) (stability)

(Extension) VAS 가 (lumbar region incline angle)

30 (Mckenzie, 1988)(Fig. 1). , 1kg

(2) 0 10 , 90° (center of gravity line) (top)

1 0 , 10 (reproducibility) , 3m

(warm-up) (Treadmill, Intertrack 6200, Taeha Inc, Korea) 10 가

가 (Trampoline, SafeUSA, USA) 5 (2)

30 가 (hip Raiser, abdominal trainer, pulley, dips, Lojer Inc, Finland) Oswestry (Disability Index) (Fairbank, 1980).

(cool-down) (treadmill) 5 , , , , X² (Chi-squared test)

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(hip flexor) (hamstring) 10 (0, 2, 3, 6) 가

10 (Thue, 1997; Evjenth & Hamberg, 1989)(Fig. 2). 1 6 student t-test

2) 연구평가방법

(1)

VAS(Visual Analog Scale)

$$\text{Disability Index} = \frac{\text{the number of sections answered}}{\text{total score}} \times 100$$

1. Warming up



2. Exercise using training device



3. Cool down and Stretching exercise



Fig 2. Lumbar exercise for lumbar muscle reconditioning. Exercise using training device : Using 4 different training/Loier, Finland devices, Intensity is 60% of the maximum strength, 10 repetitions, 5 series, breaks 3 minute, speed slowly.

Group	Mean	SD	n	%
Control	42.1	12	22	54.6%
Intervention	43.1	10	21	47.6%

13 (59.1%), 9 (40.9%) , (Table 1).

10 (47.6%), 11

(52.4%) .

III. 연구결과

1. 연구 대상자의 일반적인 특성

17 (77.3%) , 14

(66.7%)

1) 인구학적 특성

7 (31.8%) , 43

43, 3 (14.3%) .

2) 직업관련 만성요통의 특성

Table 1. The general characteristics of the study participants

Characteristic	PG(n=22)	LEG(n=21)	p value [†]
Sex: Female, n (%)	9(40.91)	11(52.38)	0.2382
Age(yr)	42.09±13.76	43.05±13.93	0.8219*
Married, n (%)	17 (77.27)	14 (66.67)	0.3718
Current smoker, n (%)	7 (31.82)	3 (14.29)	0.0546
High education, n(%)	12 (54.55)	10 (47.62)	0.2636

Values are means±SD.

†calculated by Chi-squared test

* calculated by t-test

PG, physiotherapy group; LEG, lumbar exercise group

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가 38.4 , 31.1 가

8 (36.4%), 가 7.91,

11 (50.0%), 6.43 가

3 (13.6%)

10 (p<0.05)(Table 3). 가

(47.6%), 가 (Visual Analog

8 (38.1%), 3. 대조군과 운동군의 전·후 차이비교 Scale)

3 (14.3%)

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(Table 2).

2. 연구 전·후에 따른 두 그룹간의 차

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5.07 , 5.45 6 3.21

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. Oswestry (Disabilty Index) Oswestry 42.8 6

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7.95 7.81 6.43 가 (p<0.05)(Table 4).

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Table 2. Characteristics of work-related low back pain

Variable	PG(n=22)	LEG(n=21)	pvalu [†]
LBP duration (yr)	6.41±3.53	6.43±4.02	0.8190
Symptom area, n (%)			0.5073
Low back	6 (27.3)	6 (28.6)	
Low back & low extremity	11 (50.0)	8 (38.1)	
Low back & low extremity and muscle weakness paraesthesia	5 (22.7)	7 (33.3)	
Duration of Symptom, n (%)			0.8728
less than an hour	3 (13.6)	8 (38.1)	
from a hour to a day	7 (31.8)	7 (33.3)	
from a day to a week	4 (18.2)	3 (14.3)	
from a week to two weeks	0 (0)	2 (9.5)	
from two weeks to 4 weeks	2 (9.1)	0 (0)	
from a month to 3 months	2 (9.1)	0 (0)	
more than 3 months	4 (18.2)	1 (4.8)	
Pain-free	1 (4.6)	1 (4.8)	
Sporadic	12 (54.6)	16 (76.2)	
Often	1 (4.6)	2 (9.5)	
Continuous	8 (36.4)	2 (9.5)	
Type of work, n (%)			0.7789
Office working/sedentary	8 (36.4)	10 (47.6)	
Light manual handling	11 (50.0)	8 (38.1)	
Heavy manual handling	3 (13.6)	3 (14.3)	
Work status, n (%)			0.8728
Full time	10 (45.5)	8 (38.1)	
Part time	3 (13.6)	3 (14.3)	
Retired/Unemployed	3 (13.6)	5 (23.8)	
Homemaker	6 (27.3)	5 (23.8)	

Values are means±SD

† calculated by Chi-squared test

PG, physiotherapy group; LEG, lumbar exercise group.

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가 0.90 가
가 1kg
가 90°

Table 3. Comparative difference among two groups before and after

Variable	PG(n=22)	LEG(n=21)	p value
Before			
VAS	5.07±2.08	5.45±1.56	0.4980
ODI	39.55±12.92	42.86±9.53	0.3464
LIA	7.95±2.75	7.81±2.93	0.8678
After 2weeks			
VAS	4.36±1.91	4.38±1.60	0.9745
ODI	36.67±13.17	36.67±9.60	1.000
LIA	8.09±2.18	7.05±2.77	0.1759
After 3months			
VAS	3.20±1.81	3.33±1.99	0.6832
ODI	35.61±13.11	35.48±9.86	0.9710
LIA	8.14±2.17	6.57±2.06	0.0199
After 6months			
VAS	3.46±1.52	3.21±1.99	0.9745
ODI	38.41±10.63	31.11±9.31 [*]	0.0216
LIA	7.91±2.31	6.43±1.91	0.0276

Values are means±SD.

* Significantly(p<0.05) different from physiotherapy group.

† Significantly(p<0.05) different from lumbar exercise group.

PG, physiotherapy group; LEG, lumbar exercise group; VAS, visual analog scale; ODI, oswestry disability index; LIA, lumbar region incline angle.

Table 4. Comparative difference among four time-points for each group

variable	before	after	p value
PG			
VAS	5.07±2.08	3.46±1.52 [*]	0.0054
ODI	39.55±12.92	38.41±10.63 [*]	0.1784
LIA	7.95±2.75	7.91±2.31	0.9256
LEG			
VAS	5.45±1.56	3.21±1.99 [*]	0.0038
ODI	42.86±9.53	31.11±9.31 [*]	<.0001
LIA	7.81±2.93	6.43±1.91	0.0035

Values are means±SD.

* Significantly(p<0.05) different from 0week.

† Significantly(p<0.05) different from 2weeks.

‡ Significantly(p<0.05) different from 3months.

PG, physiotherapy group; LEG, lumbar exercise group; VAS, visual analog scale; ODI, oswestry disability index; LIA, lumbar region incline angle.

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