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- CP Cerebral palsy
- ROM Range of motion
- ADL Activities of daily living
- FSE First swing excursion
- NoOS Number of Oscillations
- DOS Duration of Oscillations
- MD Mean deviation
- SD Standard deviation.
- M Mean

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#### **ABSTRACT**

#### AIM OF THE STUDY

**Background and Purpose:** The Bobath neuro developmental treatment approach advised against the use of resistive exercise, as proponents felt that increased effort would increase spasticity. The purpose of this study was to test the premise that the performance of exercises with maximum efforts will increase spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy (CP).

#### **OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

To study the effects of Quadriceps femoris strengthening on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

#### HYPOTHESIS

#### **Null Hypothesis:**

Quadriceps femoris strengthening has no effect on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy

#### **Alternate Hypothesis:**

Quadriceps femoris strengthening has effect on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy

# METHODOLOGY

**SUBJECTS:** Thirty children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy ranging age from 5 to 8 years participated in a Quadriceps femoris strengthening program.

## **DURATION :** 6 weeks

#### **TREATMENT SESSION: - 3** Days/week

#### **METHOD:**

Knee muscle spasticity was assessed bilaterally using the pendulum test to elicit a stretch reflex immediately before and after different forms of Quadriceps femoris muscle exercise (isometric and isotonic) during a single bout of exercise training. Pendulum test outcome measures were: (1) first swing excursion, (2) number of lower leg oscillations and (3) duration of the oscillations. Pre test and post test was conducted.

### **STUDY SETTING:**

Clinical set up study

## **STUDY DESIGN:**

Quasi experimental study

## **STUDY SAMPLING:**

Convenient sampling

#### **SAMPLE SIZE:**

30 Samples

#### **SOURCE OF DATA:**

Madha Medical College and Hospital, Kovur

Paediatric Therapy centre, Perambur, Chennai

Care and Cure Physio clinic, Perambur, Chennai

SJC Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai

Private cases from Nemelicherry, Thiruninravur, Kolathur.

# **Study Duration:**

Total duration was six weeks.

3 days per week

# SAMPLING CRITERIAS

# **Inclusion Criteria:**

- Diplegic spasticity
- Subjects of age of 5 to 8 yrs
- Good general health
- Ability to follow simple commands
- Ability to extend the knee from 90 to 45 in sitting position
- Not taking any pharmacological agent for reducing spasticity

# **Exclusion criteria:**

- Subject below 5 and above 8 yrs of age
- Hip flexor tightness
- Hip adductor tightness
- TA tightness
- Fractures of Hip and knee
- Pain or orthopaedic problems affecting the legs
- Unstable seizures

## Materials used:

Couch, goniometre, pendulum exercise. towel, etc..

## **DATA ANALYSIS:**

The pre and post test data has been collected from the subjects. The data has to be analyzed in statistics using the paired t test and simple t test.

## RESULTS

There were changes in spasticity following Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercise . i.e spasticty has not increased after Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercise .

# CONCLUSION

The results do not support the premise that exercises with maximum efforts increase spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Cerebral Palsy is considered a neurological disorder caused by a non-progressive brain injury or malformation that occurs while the child's brain is under development. Cerebral palsy (CP) is defined as a clinical syndrome characterized by a persistent disorder of posture or movement due to a non-progressive disorder of the immature brain.

The prevalence of cerebral palsy is 2 to 2.5 per 1,000 live births and its incidence may be increasing secondary to improved care in neonatal intensive care units and improved survival of low birth-weight infant. Most children with CP will have spasticity as the main motor disorder.

It can be classified either according to which body areas is affected: hemiplegia, diplegia, tetraplegia, or the movement disorder type: spastic, athetoid, ataxic and hypotonic cerebral palsy

Spasticity in children can result from any disease process that affects the upper motor neuron within the central nervous system. Spasticity is a major challenge for rehabilitation of children with cerebral palsy. Spasticity is defined as a velocity dependent increased resistance to passive muscle stretch, or alternatively as inappropriate involuntary muscle activity associated with upper motor neuron paralysis. Spasticity can result in functional problems with daily living activities (ADL) such as gait, feeding, washing, toileting and dressing.

Spastic cerebral palsy is caused by damage to the motor cortex and the pyramidal tracts of the brain, which connect the motor cortex to the spinal cord. Understanding the function of the motor cortex and pyramidal tracts helps to explain how damage to these systems affects movement in those with spastic cerebral palsy.

#### **Damage to the Motor Cortex**

The motor cortex is located in the cerebral cortex, which is the largest part of the brain. The motor cortex is composed of several parts that are responsible for relaying signals to other parts of the brain to control movement.

The most important aspect of the motor cortex in relation to cerebral palsy is its regulation of voluntary movement. Damage to this region of the brain makes voluntary movement harder to control and less fluid, or "spastic".

#### **Damage to the Pyramidal Tracts**

The pyramidal tracts in the brain are the roads of communication between the cerebral cortex and the nerves in the spinal cord. If pyramidal tracts are damaged, the motor cortex can't send proper signals to the spinal cord. The spinal cord is one half of the central nervous system, with the other half being the brain and brain stem. These parts of the brain are essential for sensory functions such as sight, touch and movement.

The motor cortex and pyramidal tracts may be damaged by:

- Prenatal brain hemorrhage or infection
- Lack of oxygen to the brain during birth
- Brain trauma or infection after birth

Over time, spasticity may also cause problems, such as muscle pain or spasms, trouble moving in bed, difficulty with transfers, poor seating position, impaired ability to stand and walk, dystonic posturing muscle, contracture leading to joint deformity, bony deformation, joint subluxation or dislocation and diminished functional independence.

Muscle strengthening as a treatment intervention has gained in popularity in the past 10 years since earlier concerns that strengthening would increase spasticity and produce abnormal movement patterns appear unfounded. This review critically analyses the current literature to determine the evidence of the effectiveness of muscle strengthening in children with cerebral palsy. It is reassuring to see that in more recent years there has been an increase in the quality of studies performed to examine the effects of strengthening in children with cerebral palsy.

# **CLASSIFICATION OF CEREBRAL PALSY**

Cerebral Palsy: Topographic

- Monoplegic
- Hemiplegic
- Quadraplegic
- Diplegic

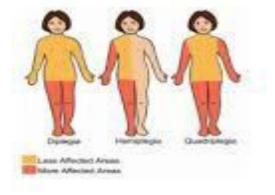


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# **TYPES OF CEREBRAL PALSY**

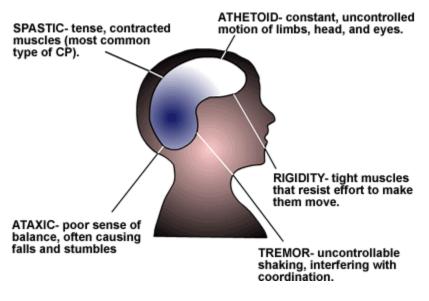


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## AIM OF THE STUDY

The aim of this Study is to test the premise that the performance of Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercises with maximum efforts will increase spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy (CP).

#### **NEED FOR THE STUDY**

Cerebral palsy related to genetic abnormalities cannot be prevented, but however it is, a few of the risk factors for congenital cerebral palsy can be managed or avoided. One of the major risk factor is the spasticity. The Bobath neuro developmental treatment approach advised against the use of resistive exercise, as proponents felt that increased effort would increase spasticity. The purpose of this study was to test the premise that the performance of Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercises with maximum efforts will increase spasticity in children with cerebral palsy (CP) and this study could further pave the way for future research.

# **OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

The objective of this study is to test the premise that the performance of Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercises with maximum efforts will increase spasticity in children with cerebral palsy (CP).

# HYPOTHESIS

#### Null hypothesis Ho:

Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercise has no effect on spasticity in children with cerebral palsy.

### Alternate Hypothesis H1:

Quadriceps femoris strengthening has effect on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy

#### **OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS**

#### **Cerebral Palsy:**

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a disorder of movement and posture that appears during infancy or early childhood. It is caused by non progressive damage to the brain before, during, or shortly after birth. CP is not a single disease but a name given to a wide variety of static neuro motor impairment syndromes occurring secondary to a lesion in the developing brain. The damage to the brain is permanent and cannot be cured but the consequences can be minimized. Progressive musculoskeletal pathology occurs in most affected children.

#### **Spasticity** :

Spasticity (from Greek *spasmos*-, meaning "drawing, pulling") is a feature of altered skeletal muscle performance with a combination of paralysis, increased tendon reflex activity and hypertonia. It is also colloquially referred to as an unusual "tightness", stiffness, or "pull" of muscles.

Clinically, spasticity results from the loss of inhibition of motor neurons, causing excessive velocity-dependent muscle contraction. This ultimately leads to hyperreflexia, an exaggerated deep tendon reflex. Spasticity is often treated with the drug baclofen, which acts as an agonist at GABA receptors, which are inhibitory.

#### Spastic cerebral palsy:

Spastic cerebral palsy is the most common type of cerebral palsy. The muscles of people with spastic cerebral palsy feel stiff and their movements may look stiff and jerky. Spasticity is a form of hypertonia, or increased muscle tone. This results in stiff muscles which can make movement difficult or even impossible.

#### **Isometric quadriceps exercises:**

Isometric quadriceps exercises aim to strengthen the quads by contracting the muscle, with no or very little movement of the knee joint. They are ideal exercises for early stage rehab to prevent muscle wasting.

#### Isotonic exercise:

Isotonic Exercise when a contracting muscle shortens against a constant load, as when lifting a weight. Isotonic exercise is one method of muscular exercise. In contrast, isometric exercise is when muscular contractions occur without movement of the involved parts of the body.

#### The first swing excursion:

The first swing excursion was the best predictor of the degree of spasticity in persons with CP. It is the first of the knee joint extension.

#### Number of oscillations:

It is the number of times which the cerebral palsy child is able to perform the oscillations.

#### **Duration of oscillations:**

It is the time taken for the number of oscillations which the cp child is able to perform.

#### **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Cerebral palsy (CP) is an unprogressive chronic encephalopathy that leads to neurological disorder (SCHOLTES, DALLMEIJER, RAMECKERS ET AL., 2008; SCHOEN, RICCI AND OLIVEIRA, 2003; DAMIANO, DODD AND TAYLOR, 2002; DARRAH, WESSEL, NEARINGBURG ET AL., 1999).

There are many different types of cerebral palsy, with <u>spastic cerebral palsy</u> being the most common (Lehman et al., 2008).

The study by Andersson et al. (2003) examined mobility in adults with cerebral palsy, and spasticity as well.

Spasticity as a velocity-dependent hyperexcitability of the muscle stretch reflex, consistent with the definition proposed by Lance in 1980

Spastic diplegia is highly prevalent in CP (SCHOEN,RICCI AND OLIVEIRA, 2003; SOUZA AND FERRARETO, 1998) whereby about 70% of children with diplegia have bilateral spasticity compromising the motor control of lower limbs, though they are able to walk.

Literature reviews have shown that the restrict capacity to generate force is as debilitating or more than it is the muscle spasticity, potentially causing more restriction to the movement than the spasticity itself (ROSS AND ENGSBERG,2007;SCHOLTES, DALLMEIJER, RAMECKERS ET AL., 2008).

Minimizing the harmful effects of spasticity has been the rehabilitation focus for these patients (FLETT, 2003; NORDMARK, JARNLO and HAGGLUND, 2000)

The progressive loss of the muscle strength, as this, together with spasticity, interferes directly with the motor rehabilitation strategies (SCHOLTES, DALLMEIJER, RAMECKERS et al., 2008; ROSS and ENGSBERG, 2007; DAMIANO and ABEL, 1998).

Damiano and Abel (1998) reported that in spite of fundamental importance in the normal motor control, the deficiencies of strength in the cerebral palsy child and the respective correlations with the motor capacity have been little investigated.

Studies have shown the benefits of strengthening exercises applied on CP patients. Isotonic, isometric, and isokinetic exercises have been utilized to faster increasing muscle strength and improvement of the motor function (BERRY, GIULIANI and DAMIANO, 2004; DAMIANO, KELLY and VAUGHN, 1995; FOWLER, HO, NWIGWE et al., 2001).

Dr. Karel Bobath and Dr. Berta Bobath developed a theory in the 1940's suggesting that strengthening a spastic muscle would increase the contraction, thus increasing the spasticity

Ross and Engsberg, on the other hand, discovered that there was no correlation between strength and spasticity

Fowler et al. (2001) specifically examined whether or not performance of exercises with maximum efforts would increase spasticity in people with cerebral palsy. Twenty-four participants with cerebral palsy performed three different forms of <u>quadriceps femoris</u> exercises (isometric, isotonic, and isokinetic). Knee spasticity was measured bilaterally immediately before and after the exercises using the pendulum test to obtain a stretch reflex. The measurements taken by Electrogoniometers in the Pendulum test included the first swing excursion, number of lower leg oscillations, and duration of the oscillations. The results of the study showed no increase in quadriceps femoris spasticity after maximum efforts.

The pendulum test, first described by Wartenberg, involves lifting the relaxed leg against gravity and releasing it, causing it to swing freely. The pendulum test has been reported to yield reliable measurements and to be sensitive to variation in spasticity in people with CP.

Bohannon assessed the reliability of measurements obtained with the pendulum test in people without known neurological impairments to quantify knee joint motion

ANDERSSON ET AL. (2003) examined the effects of progressive strength training on seven individuals with cerebral palsy

SALEM & GODWIN examined ten children with cerebral palsy to assess mobility after task-oriented strength training. Five children were assigned to the experimental group, and five were in the control group. The children placed in the experimental group received task-oriented resistance training focusing on lower body strengthening, while the children in the control group focused on improving balance through reinforcement and normalization of movement patterns through conventional physical therapy (Salem & Godwin). Mobility was measured using the Gross Motor Function Measure and the Timed "Up and Go" test.

BLUNDELL ET AL. (2003) examined eight children between the ages of four and eight, with cerebral palsy, who participated in a training program that lasted four weeks. The participants underwent exercises that were similar to daily tasks in order to increase functional ability.

JAN S.TECKLIN (2002) Strengthening training program can be used with children as young 5to 9 years. For the therapist to develop a training program, the child must be able to lift a load two or three times before fatigue in order to strengthen the muscles.

NYSTROM EEK ET AL. (2008) investigated the influence of strength training on gait in children with cerebral palsy.

DODD, K.J., TAYLOR, N.F., & GRAHAM, H.K. (2003), *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*, 45, 652-657. Strength training in young people with cerebral palsy concluded that the evidence supports strength training for increasing strength in children with CP without increasing spasticity or muscle tightness<sup>14</sup>

AN ELECTRONIC SEARCH was performed in May 2008 of the following databases: MEDLINE, Embase, CINAHL, PubMed, Database of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE), the Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro), and Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. Keywords used in the search included 'cerebral palsy', 'treatment outcome', 'physical therapy (specialty)/or physical therapy modalities/ or physiotherapy'. The Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine Levels of Evidence (May 2001) were used to assign a level of evidence for each study

The current evidence for strengthening suggests that targeted strength training can improve the strength of particular muscle groups for children with CP in GMFCS levels I-III as measured at the body function and structure level without provoking increases in spasticity.

## **DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY**

#### **STUDY DESIGN**

A Quasi experimental study design was conducted.

#### SAMPLE SIZE

30 individuals who fulfilled the inclusion and exclusion criteria were selected.

## **SAMPLE DESIGN**

Convenient Sample

#### **STUDY SET UP**

Madha Medical College and Hospital, Kovur

Paediatric Therapy centre, Perambur, Chennai

Care and Cure Physio clinic, perambur, Chennai

SJC Hospital, Periyar Nagar, Chennai

Private cases from Nemelicherry, Thiruninravur, Kolathur.

#### **STUDY DURATION**

Total duration was six weeks.

3 days per week

# VARIABLES

Dependent variables: Spasticity of Lower limb

Independent variable: Quadriceps strengthening Exercise

# **SAMPLING CRITERIAS**

# **Inclusion Criteria:**

- Diplegic spasticity
- Subjects of age of 5 to 10 yrs
- Ability to follow simple commands
- Good trunk control
- Good Hip control
- Quadriceps weakness

## **Exclusion criteria:**

- Subject below 2 yrs of age
- Hip flexor tightness
- Hip adductor tightness
- TA tightness
- Fractures of Hip and knee
- Pain or orthopaedic problems affecting the legs
- Unstable seizures

# **MEASUREMENT TOOLS**

The measurement tools used are:

- 1. First swing excursion
- 2. Number of Lower leg oscillations
- 3. Duration of oscillations

# MATERIALS USED

# COUCH



Figure :3

# GONIOMETRE



Figure :4

# PILLOW



Figure :5

# **STOP WATCH**





# TOWEL



Figure :7

# METHOD

Knee muscle spasticity was assessed bilaterally using the pendulum test to elicit a stretch reflex immediately before and after 3 different forms of right Quadriceps femoris muscle exercise (isometric, isotonic) during a single bout of exercise training. Pendulum test outcome measures were: (1) first swing excursion, (2) number of lower leg oscillations, and (3) duration of the oscillations.

## **Quadriceps strengthening exercises**

Isometric quadriceps exercises aim to strengthen the quadriceps by contracting the muscle, with no, or very little movement of the knee joint. They are ideal exercises for early stage rehab to prevent muscle wasting.





- a) **Static quadriceps** Patient is made to sit in the long seated position with back support. Due to quadriceps weakness knee will be in slight flexion. The patient is asked to press the knee against the floor up to the maximum limit of straightening the knee maintaining the foot in neutral positions.
- b) **Dynamic quadriceps strengthening** The patient is made to sit on a high sitting chair with the legs dangling with knee in 90 degree flexion initially without weight bring the

knee into 90 degree extension or the maximum extension range possible from 90 degree knee flexion. Once the patient is able to do and maintain the knee in full extension without weight then gradually repeat the exercise with gradual increase in weight, depending on the age and capacity of the patient.

c) **Squats-** The patient is made to stand with bilateral weight bearing with or without support with maintaining the heel in neutral position, the patient is made to squat down then gradually come up with extending the knee up to the maximum limit.

# **Goniometric Measurement**



Figure: 9

# **Quadriceps Isometric Exercise**



Figure :10

# Isotonic Exercise



Figure: 11

## STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

## **Intra-Group Analysis (Within Group Analysis)**

### **Objective:**

To study the effect of Quadriceps strengthening Exercise (both "Isometric Exercise" and "Isotonic Exercise") in improving various measures such as FSE, NoOS, and DOS on left and right side.

### **Hypothesis:**

Null Hypothesis, $H_0$ :  $\mu_d = 0$ (i.e., there is no significant effect of treatments in improving FSE/NoOS/DOS)

Alternate Hypothesis,H<sub>1</sub>:  $\mu_d > 0$  or  $\mu_d < 0$  (*One-tailed test*) (i.e., there is significant effect of treatments in improving FSE/NoOS/DOS)

In this case,  $\mu_d$  = mean difference in scores between Pre and Post treatment; d = difference  $\rightarrow$  d = Post Test Score – Pre Test Score

Level of significance,  $\alpha = 0.05$ 

Test to be applied: Paired Sample t-test

Test Statistic:  $t = \frac{\mu_d - 0}{s_d / \sqrt{n}}$ 

#### **DATA ANALYSIS**

### <u>1. FSE – Right Side</u>

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of FSE – Right Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means-FSE-Right side

	FSE_R2	FSE_R1
Mean	78.0417	77.1667
Variance	11.7143	10.9548
SD	3.4226	3.3098
Observations	60	60
<b>Pearson Correlation</b>	0.9824	
Hypothesized Mean		
Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	10.5583	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.0000	
t Critical one-tail	1.6711	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0000	
t Critical two-tail	2.0010	

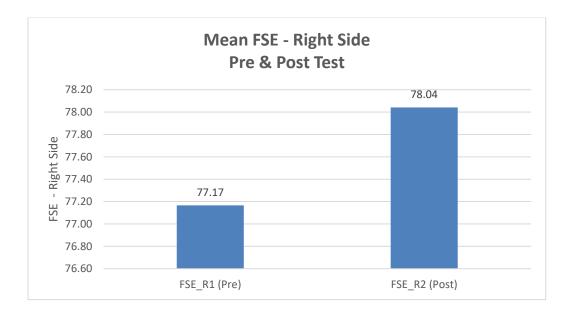
t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

#### Table: 1

**Result:** There is significant improvement in FSEon rightside due to the treatment (t = 10.56, p < 0.05). The mean value of FSE-right side is increased from 77.17 (SD = 3.31) to 78.04 (SD = 3.42) and this improvement is visually presented as follows:

# Mean First Swing Excursion - Right Side

# Pre & Post Test



Graph:1

### 2. NoOS – Right Side

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of NoOS – Right Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means -NoOS Right side

	NoOS_R2	
	(Post)	NoOS_R1(Pre)
Mean	4.6667	3.9333
Variance	0.4209	0.2582
SD	0.6488	0.5081
Observations	60	60
<b>Pearson Correlation</b>	0.6255	
Hypothesized Mean		
Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	11.0000	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.0000	
t Critical one-tail	1.6711	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0000	
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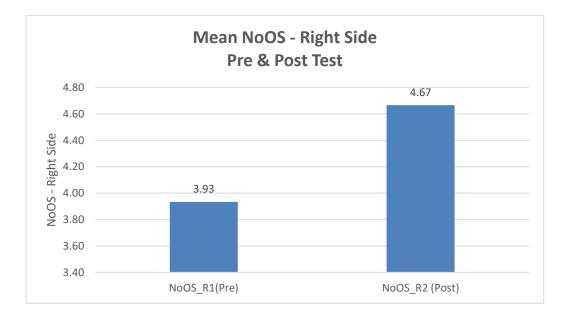
#### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

#### Table: 2

**Result:** There is significant improvement in NoOS on right side due to the treatment (t = 11.00, p < 0.05). The mean value of NoOS-right side is increased from 3.93 (SD = 0.51) to 4.67 (SD = 0.65) and this improvement is visually presented as follows:

# Mean Number of Lower leg Oscillations- Right Side

# Pre & Post Test



Graph: 2

### 3. DOS – Right Side

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of DOS – Right Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means -DOS Right side

	DOS_R2 (Post)	DOS_R1 (Pre)
Mean	3.2500	3.2567
Variance	0.1653	0.2981
SD	0.4065	0.5460
Observations	60	60
Pearson Correlation	0.7369	
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	-0.1399	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.4446	
t Critical one-tail	1.6711	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.8892	
t Critical two-tail	2.0010	

#### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

#### Table:3

**Result:** There is no significant change in DOS on right side due to the treatment (t = -0.1399, p = 0.4446 > 0.05). The mean value of DOS-right side before (Mean = 3.26, SD = 0.55) and after (Mean=3.25, SD = 0.41) the treatment is approximately same (i.e., Mean  $\approx$  3.3).

# 4. FSE – Left Side

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of FSE – Left Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means-FSE- Left side

	FSE_L2(Post)	FSE_L1 (Pre)
Mean	78.0000	77.1667
Variance	11.1186	11.1921
SD	3.3345	3.3455
Observations	60	60
<b>Pearson Correlation</b>	0.9861	
Hypothesized Mean		
Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	11.5798	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.0000	
t Critical one-tail	1.6711	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0000	
t Critical two-tail	2.0010	

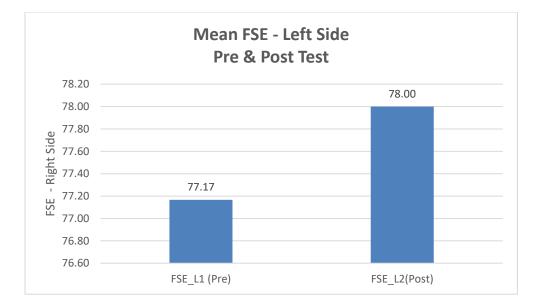
t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

### Table: 4

**Result:** There is significant improvement in FSEon left-side due to the treatment (t = 11.58, p < 0.05). The mean value of FSE on left-side is increased from 77.17 (SD = 3.34) to 78.00 (SD = 3.34) and this improvement is visually presented as follows:

# Mean First Swing Excursion – Left Side

# Pre & Post Test



Graph: 3

### 5. NoOS – Left Side

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of NoOS – Left Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means- NoOS-Left side

	NoOS_L2	
	(Post)	NoOS_L1 (Pre)
Mean	4.9667	4.3000
Variance	0.7446	0.5525
SD	0.8629	0.7433
Observations	60	60
<b>Pearson Correlation</b>	0.5179	
Hypothesized Mean		
Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	6.4918	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.0000	
t Critical one-tail	1.6711	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0000	
t Critical two-tail	2.0010	

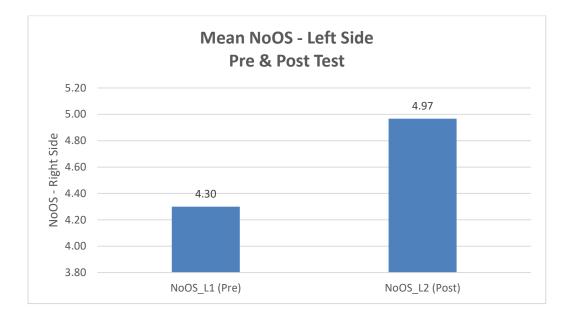
#### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

#### Table: 5

**Result:** There is significant improvement in NoOSon left-side due to the treatment (t = 6.49, p < 0.05). The mean value of NoOS on left-side is increased from 4.30 (SD = 0.74) to 4.97 (SD = 0.86) and this improvement is visually presented as follows:

# Mean Number of Oscillations - Left Side

# Pre & Post Test



Graph: 4

### 6. DOS – Left Side

Testing the Pre and Post-test scores of DOS – Left Side using Paired t-test and the corresponding output is shown below:

#### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means-DOS- Left side

	DOS_L2	
	(Post)	DOS_L1 (Pre)
Mean	3.1667	3.1667
Variance	0.1243	0.1243
SD	0.3526	0.3526
Observations	60	60
<b>Pearson Correlation</b>	1.0000	
Hypothesized Mean		
Difference	0	
Df	59	
t Stat	#DIV/0!	
P(T<=t) one-tail	#DIV/0!	
t Critical one-tail	#DIV/0!	
P(T<=t) two-tail	#DIV/0!	
t Critical two-tail	#DIV/0!	

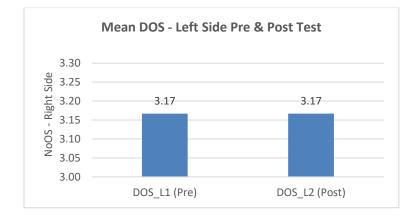
#### t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means

#### Table:6

**Result:** The mean value (3.1667) and standard deviation (0.3526) of DOS on left-side are appears to be same before and after the treatment, due to which the Paired t-test cannot be performed for this data. This suggests that there is no significant change in the score of DOS left-side due to the treatment.

# Mean Duration of Oscillations – Left side

# Pre test and Post test



Graph : 5

### RESULTS

From the above results, we see that on both left and right-side, there is significant improvement in FSE and NoOS values, while there is no significant change in the value of DOS due to the effect of Quadriceps strengthening on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

#### DISCUSSION

A fundamental problem in the interpretation and application of Bobath concepts is that their clinical view of "spasticity" differs substantially from the definition that is widely adopted and supported today. The Bobaths described spasticity as a phenomenon that could be assessed by observing a patient move. They stated that hypertonus is caused by tonic reflexes (tonic labyrinthine, asymmetrical tonic neck reflexes; symmetrical tonic neck reflexes; associated reactions; and positive and negative supporting reactions), and they included co-contraction and "abnormal coordination" in their description of spasticity. They were critical of clinicians who measured spasticity at the "local muscular" level. Clearly, their descriptions differed from the definition accepted by neuroscientists in 1980 and used for the present study. In this definition, spasticity is a velocity-dependent increase in muscle stretch reflexes resulting from hyperexcitability of the stretch reflex, as one component of the upper motor neuron syndrome.

Children with CP did not demonstrate a greater difference in quadriceps femoris muscle spasticity immediately following strengthening exercises. Thesis finding refutes the premise that the performance of exercises with maximum efforts will result in a large, or detrimental, increase in spasticity. The maximum possible change in spasticity in either direction was substantially less than the change that was believed to create a clinically perceptible change. Confidence intervals are a means of providing insight into the maximum difference that would be likely if there were a large subject population. Confidence intervals was less than 0.05 which proved the effectiveness of improvement in the treatment in post test.

The considerable variation in spasticity within the group of subjects with CP was a potential confounding variable that could have been masked in the ANOVA. We recruited a greater number of subjects with CP and created subgroups based on severity of spasticity, and the statistical tests performed did not result in significant findings. These groups, however, were not equal and contained a small number of subjects. Despite these limitations, we believe that the severity of spasticity was not an important factor. The change in mean first joint excursion following exercise, our most sensitive measure was slightly greater for subjects with CP and no detectable quadriceps femoris muscle spasticity was detected.

The Thesis was started with the intention to refute the premise that Quadriceps strengthening increases spasticity. The two hypothesis stated in the thesis are Null Hypothesis and alternate Hypothesis.

The Null Hypothesis stated that there is no significant change in spasticity before and after Quadriceps strengthening which means that the spasticity remains the same without any increase or decrease before and after Quadriceps strengthening. However it is, the null hypothesis was rejected in the study.

The second hypothesis, alternate hypothesis which was stated as there is significant change in spasticity before and after Quadriceps strengthening which indicates that there is improvement in Quadriceps strengthening which has led to slight decrease in spasticity. Pendular exercises were conducted after each Quadriceps strengthening, in between isometrics and isotonics. The three outcome measures First Swing Excursion, Number Of Oscillations and Duration of Oscillations were analysed before and after Quadriceps strengthening. Pre and Post test was conducted.

The FSE in some of the CP children involved in the study showed a slight increase which indicates the increase in the degree of range of motion during post test. As a result, it can be stated that the spasticity can be decreased slightly after Quadriceps strengthening. The FSE has increased from 77.17 degree of ROM in pre test to 78.04 degree ROM in the post test showing the improvement. So when the FSE increases every time during post test, range of motion tends to improve which ultimately leads to decrease in spasticity.

When the range of motion of FSE increases during post test, the subsequent outcome measure which is the number of oscillations also increases during post test. The NoOS has increased from 3.93 in pre test to 4.67 in the post test showing the improvement. From the post test, it was evident that FSE and NoOS are directly proportional. It ultimately states that when FSE increases during post test, spasticity decreases. As a result of decreased spasticity, it becomes easier for the cerebral palsy children involved in the study, to increase the number of pendular exercises and thereby increases the number of oscillations.

The post test gives a clear picture that FSE and NoOS are directly proportional, but however it is, FSE and NoOS with DOS are inversely related. This is due to the fact when FSE increases during post test, NoOS also increases and the patients who are the cerebral palsy children involved in the study are able to perform more number of oscillations within limited number of DOS which remains stagnant without any increase or decrease.

In most of the cerebral palsy children involved in the study, there showed an increase in FSE and NoOS, but the DOS was neither increased nor decreased and it is maintained in the same level.

In contrary to the null hypothesis which was rejected, there were significant changes in spasticity during post test as per alternate hypothesis which was proved to be true. Although there is no marked improvement, spasticity has decreased to a certain extent after post test preventing the exaggeration of spasticity.

However it is, analysis of the post test of all the cerebral palsy children involved in the study revealed that there were no deteriorating effects of Quadriceps strengthening on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

#### CONCLUSION

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The results of this study do not support the premise that Quadriceps femoris strengthening exercises with maximum efforts increase spasticity in children with Cerebral palsy based on the outcome measures. These results, considered along with the results of other studies that have demonstrated improvements in force production in individuals with CP, suggest that there are no detrimental effects associated with muscle strengthening programs. Results may promote the use of strengthening exercises in children with CP where muscle weakness may contribute to functional problems.

### LIMITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# LIMITATIONS

- > The subjects involved in study were of a particular age group i.e below 10 years
- $\succ$  The subjects were less
- Duration of study was short

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- > The study can include age group of above 14 years
- > The study can include adolescent cp cases.
- The study can be conducted to study a greater improvement in ROM after strengthening exercise
- The study can be conducted to study about improvement in gait pattern after strengthening exercise
- > The number of subjects included in the study can be more.
- > The study can be conducted with longer duration

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### **14. ANNEXURE**

## **14.1 PATIENT CONSENT FORM**

## **Topic of project:**

A study to assess the effects of Quadriceps femoris strengthening on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy

### **Investigator: S.MANJULA**

Purpose of this Research: You, The parents of CP children are invited to participate in this study on A study to assess the effects of Quadriceps femoris strengthening on spasticity in children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy. From the information collected and studied in this project, I hope to learn more about the effects of Quadriceps strengthening on spasticity.

Procedures: With your consent, I would like to collect health information about your son/ daughter who is a cerebral palsy child. Only researchers will have access to the final data, and you can refuse to be part of the study. You can also stop at any point during the study. Your results will never be shared with anyone other than the researchers.

Benefits: You may receive direct benefit from this study. But I cannot guarantee that you will receive any benefits from this study.

Extent of Anonymity and Confidentiality: At no time will the researchers release the results of this study to anyone other than individuals working on this study without your written consent. It is possible that the Institutional Review Board (IRB) may view this study's collected data for auditing purposes. The IRB is responsible for the oversight of the protection of human subjects involved in research.

Compensation: You will not be paid to participate in this study.

Freedom to withdraw: Your decision whether or not to participate in this study depends on your own wish. If you read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue your participation at any time without penalty. Your identity will not be disclosed in any published and written material resulting from the study.

Subject's responsibilities: I voluntarily agree to participate in this study. I

have the following responsibilities:

- Report to my test sessions on time.
- Report to each test sessions as scheduled.
- Complete the testing as described to me to by the investigator the best of my ability.
- To be honest about my child's medical history.

Subject's permission: I have read the consent form and the conditions of this project. I have had all my questions answered. I hereby acknowledge the above and give my voluntary consent on behalf of my child.

Date:

Subject signature:

Should I have any pertinent questions about this research or its conduct, and research subject's rights, and whom to contact in the event of a research related injury to the subject, I may contact:

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ANNEXURE

14.2 EVALUATION FOR	RM			
DEMOGRAPHIC DETA	ILS			
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	•			
NAME OF PATIENT	:	(	GENDER :	<b>M/ F</b>
DATE OF BIRTH MONTHS	:		AGE :	YRS
MOTHER/GUARDIAN N	AME :			
CONTACT NO	:			
ADDRESS	:			
MEDICAL HISTORY 1. PREGNANCY Measles Others:	: Jaundice	Diabetes	Hyperter	nsion
2. BIRTH HISTORY Pi Others : 3. FAMILYHISTORY	: Nat reterm/Full 1 :		n/	
4. PREVIOUS TREATMI	ENT :			
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# SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT

- 1. What can the child do?
- 2. What can the child not do?
- 3. What is interfering?

4. Impairments (only describe impairments relevant to the individual child)

- Mental function
- Sight, hearing
- Speech
- Feeding
- Pain
- Respiratory or cardiac function
- Continence
- Skin condition
- 5. Activities
- Learning and applying knowledge
- Communication
- Self-care; dressing, bathing, brushing teeth
- Physical activity (highest level of activity, duration or distance?

# 6.Participation

- Domestic life (how he spends his day?)
- Interpersonal relationships
- Community and social life

# 7.Environment

- Appliances
- Transport
- Accessibility in home (type of house, no. of rooms, no. of people sleeping per room, available amenities, space move around) and other areas

• Support of community and family involvement

## **OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT**

## TONE

Describe tone in Quadriceps femoris.

# **PENDULAR EXERCISE**

	PRE	TEST		POST	TEST	
EXERC	FIRST	NO OF	DURATI	FIRST	NO OF	DURATI
ISE	SWING	OSCILL	ON OF	SWING	OSCILL	ON OF
	EXCU	ATIONS	OSCILL	EXCU	ATIONS	OSCILL
	RSION		ATIONS	RSION		ATIONS
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# ROM

If full range of motion, document FROM.

If range is limited, measure limitation with goniometer and record accurately.

JOINT	MOVEMENT	NORMAL ROM	RIGHT	LEFT
KNEE FLEXION				
KNEE EXTENSION				

# ACTIVITY

## START AT HIGHEST FUNTIONAL LEVEL!

# FUNCTION IN HIGHEST LEVEL.

### If ambulant, describe walking

Running

Jumping

Hopping left and right

Stair climbing

Throwing and catching a ball

### SHORT TERM AIMS

Must be functional aims (likely to be achieved in the next few treatment sessions)

### **SOAP NOTES**

Including progress and any changes...

# 14.3 MASTER CHART

S.No	NAME OF	TYPE OF		Р	RE -TES	ST			POST - TEST					
	THE PATIENT	EXERCISE	RIGHT		LEFT		RIGHT			LEFT				
			FSE	NoOS	DOS	FSE	NoOS	DOS	FSE	NoOS	DOS	FSE	NoOS	DOS
1	Alex 5yrs	Isometric Exc	77	4	3	76	4	3	78	5	3	78	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	72	5	3.1	73	5	3.5	72.5	5	3	74	5	3.5
2	Ashwanth	Isometric Exc	78	4.5	3.5	80	5	3	78	4.5	3.5	80.5	6	3
		lsotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	6	3	79.5	6	3
3	Belshiya	Isometric Exc	80	5	3	79	5	3	80.5	6	3	80	6	3
		lsotonic Exc	79	4	3	80	5	3	79	5	3	81	5	3
4	Christina	Isometric Exc	78	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79	6	3
		lsotonic Exc	77	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	78.5	5	3
5	Irene	lsometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79	4	3	78.5	6	3
		Isotonic Exc	81	4	3	79	4	3	83	4	3	80	5	3
6	Jason	Isometric Exc	77	3	5	77	3	3	78	4	4	77.5	4	3
		Isotonic Exc	78	4	3	77	4	3	78.5	5	4	77	4	3
7	Jeniifer	lsometric Exc	80	4	4	79	4	4	80	4	4	79.5	6	4
		Isotonic	81	4	4	80	3	4	82	5	4	81	4	4

		Exc												
8	Jeshwanth	Isometric Exc	78	4.5	3.5	80	5	3	78	4.5	3.5	80.5	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	5	3	80	6	3
9	John peter	lsometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79.5	5	3	78.5	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	81	4	3	79	4	3	82	5	3	79.5	4	3
10	Joshua	Isometric Exc	78	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79	6	3
		lsotonic Exc	77	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79.5	6	3
11	Kevin	lsometric Exc	77	4	3	76	4	3	78	5	3	78	6	3
		lsotonic Exc	72	5	3.1	73	5	3.5	72.5	5	3	73	6	3.5
12	Lishan	Isometric Exc	78	4	3.5	80	5	3	79	4	3.5	80	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	5	3	79	5	3
13	Mathew	lsometric Exc	68	4	3	67	3	4	68.5	4	3	67.5	5	4
		lsotonic Exc	67	4	3	66	3	4	68	5	3	66.5	5	4
14	Praveenesh	lsometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79.5	4	3	78.5	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	81	4	3	79	4	3	82.5	5	3	79	4	3
15	Preethi	lsometric Exc	77	3	5	77	3	3	78	3	4	79	4	3
		lsotonic Exc	78	4	3	77	4	3	78.5	4	4	77.5	4	3

16	Rohith	Isometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79.5	4	3	78.5	3	3
		Isotonic Exc	81	4	3	79	4	3	81.5	4	3	79.5	4	3
17	Roselin	Isometric Exc	80	4	4	79	4	4	81	5	4	79.5	6	4
		Isotonic Exc	79	4	4	79	3	4	81	5	4	80	5	4
18	Ruben	Isometric Exc	78	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79	5	3
		Isotonic Exc	77	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79	6	3
19	Salomi	Isometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79.5	3	3	78.5	5	3
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21	Sherbin	Isometric Exc	77	4	3	76	4	3	78	5	3	78	5	3
		Isotonic Exc	72	5	3.1	73	5	3.5	72.5	6	3	74	6	3.5
22	Shijon	Isometric Exc	78	4	3.5	80	5	3	79.5	4	3.5	82	5	3
		Isotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	5	3	79.5	5	3
23	Shinoj	Isometric Exc	77	3	5	77	3	3	77.5	4	4	78	4	3
		Isotonic Exc	78	4	3	77	4	3	78.5	4	4	77.5	4	3
24	Shiny	Isometric	78	4	3.5	80	5	3	79	4	3.5	80.5	5	3

		Exc												
		Isotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	5	3	79.5	5	3
25	Sophia	Isometric Exc	77	3	5	77	3	3	79	4	4	78	4	3
		lsotonic Exc	78	4	3	77	4	3	78.5	5	4	78	4	3
26	Sunitha	Isometric Exc	79	3	3	78	4	3	79	4	3	78.5	3	3
		lsotonic Exc	81	4	3	79	4	3	82	5	3	79.5	4	3
27	Suraj	Isometric Exc	78	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	79	5	3
		Isotonic Exc	77	4	3	78	5	3	78.5	5	3	78.5	5	3
28	Susan	Isometric Exc	68	4	3	67	3	4	68	4	3	69	6	4
		lsotonic Exc	67	4	3	66	3	4	67.5	5	3	66.5	3	4
29	Tejaswin	Isometric Exc	77	4	3	76	4	3	78	5	3	78	5	3
		lsotonic Exc	72	5	3.1	73	5	3.5	72.5	6	3	74	6	3.5
30	Vetrivel	Isometric Exc	78	4	3.5	80	5	3	78	5	3.5	82	5	3
		Isotonic Exc	77	4	3	79	5	3	79	4	3	79.5	6	3