The feasibilty and energy expenditure of adults with a spastic bilateral cerebral palsy playing Wii-Sports.

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Ethical review Approved WMO **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders congenital

Study type Interventional

Summary

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NL-OMON32028

Source

ToetsingOnline

Brief titleCOMBAT-CP

Condition

- Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders congenital
- Neuromuscular disorders

Synonym

bilateral spastic cerebral palsy, CP

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

Intervention

Keyword: cerebral palsy, energy expenditure, feasibility, Wii-Sports

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

Feasibility:

The feasibility of adults with bilateral spastic CP to play Wii-Sports will be determined with custom made questionnnaires. Examples of questions are:"Can the subject hold the Wii-controller?", "Is the subject physical capable to play Wii-Sports?", "Can the subject play Wii-Sports for 10 minutes continuously?".

Energy expenditure:

The amount of oxygen uptake in the blood (VO2) is used to measure the energy expenditure of the subjects while playing Wii-Sports. The VO2 is expressed in L/min (absolute VO2) or ml/kg/min (relative VO2) or in ml//FFM(kg)/min (relative VO2 per fat free mass). The VO2 is measured with the Cosmed K4 b2 (COSMED, Rome, Italië), a portable system for pulmonary gas exchange analysis.

Secondary outcome

Metabolic equivalent (MET):

Energy expenditure during Wii-Sports will also be expressed in Metabolic equivalents (METs) to compare the results with energy expenditure data from playing actual sports. A MET is a multiple of oxygen consumption in rest (in this study we use the energy expenditure during sitting).

Heart rate (HR):

De heart rate (HR) is the amount of times the heart beats per minute (bpm). The HR is measured with the Cosmed K4 b2.

Perceived exertion:

Perceived exertion is how hard you feel like your body is working. It is based on the physical sensations a person experiences during physical activity, including increased heart rate, increased respiration or breathing rate, increased sweating, and muscle fatigue. Perceived exertion will be measured with the Modified Borg Scale after Wii-Sports tennis and boxing.

Study description

Background summary

People with bilateral spastic cerebral palsy (CP) have in general an inactive lifestyle and poor physical fitness compared to healthy individuals. Sufficient physical excercise and a good physical fitness have a positive effect on daily functioning, quality of life, and the chance of developing cardiovascular disease. It is, therefore, important that treatment programs are being developed that improve the physical activity level and physical fitness of people with spastic bilateral (CP). A possible tool to improve the physical activity level and physical fitness could be Wii-Sports. However, before using Wii-Sports we have to know whether people with spastic bilateral CP palsy can play Wii-Sports and what their energy expenditure is while playing Wii-Sports.

Study objective

The aim of this study is to determine the feasibility and energy expenditure of adults with a spastic bilateral CP playing Wii-Sports.

Study design

This is an cross-sectional intervention study. Custom made questionnnaires will be used to determine wether adults with spastic bilateral CP can play

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Wii-Sports. To determine the energy expenditure during Wii-Sports the subjects will play Wii-Sports tennis and boxing for 15 minutes each, with a 10 minute rest between the sports. During the game the subjects wear the Cosmed K4 b2 to measure the oxygen uptake (L/min), which is used to calculate the energy expenditure (Kcal/min).

Intervention

The subjects play two Wii-Sports games (tennis and boxing) for 15 minutes each with a 10 minute rest between the games. If a subject is not able to play the games while standing up he or she can sit in a (weel)chair to play the games.

Study burden and risks

The risks associated with participation to this study are minimal. The subjects participating were already tested for performing a maximum excercise test in a previous CP-study (MEC 238.672/2004/7, Erasmus MC Rotterdam). Before starting the energy expenditure measurement the subjects are again checked for cardial and pulmonary problems with the checklist of the Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q). Besides this, the subject can decide by himself the intensity of playing Wii-Sports. The physical burden during Wii-Sports will most presumably not be higher than during a maximum oxygen consumption test which the subjects have performed during the previous CP-study. Also, a medical doctor will be available during the study.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- bilateral spastic cerebral palsy
- born between 1-5-1959 en 1-5-1979

Exclusion criteria

- Other disorders than CP which influence physical activity and fitness (e.g. lung disease, rheumatoid arthritis)
- disorders for which maximum physical strain is too riskfull
- not understanding the research tasks due to congnitive disorders or language
- total weelchair-dependant

Study design

Design

Study type: Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 01-11-2008

Enrollment: 10

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Type:	Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 14-07-2008

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

(Rotterdam)

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register ID

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