



Gravi disabilità motorie e alterazioni muscolo-scheletriche:

La presa in carico riabilitativa

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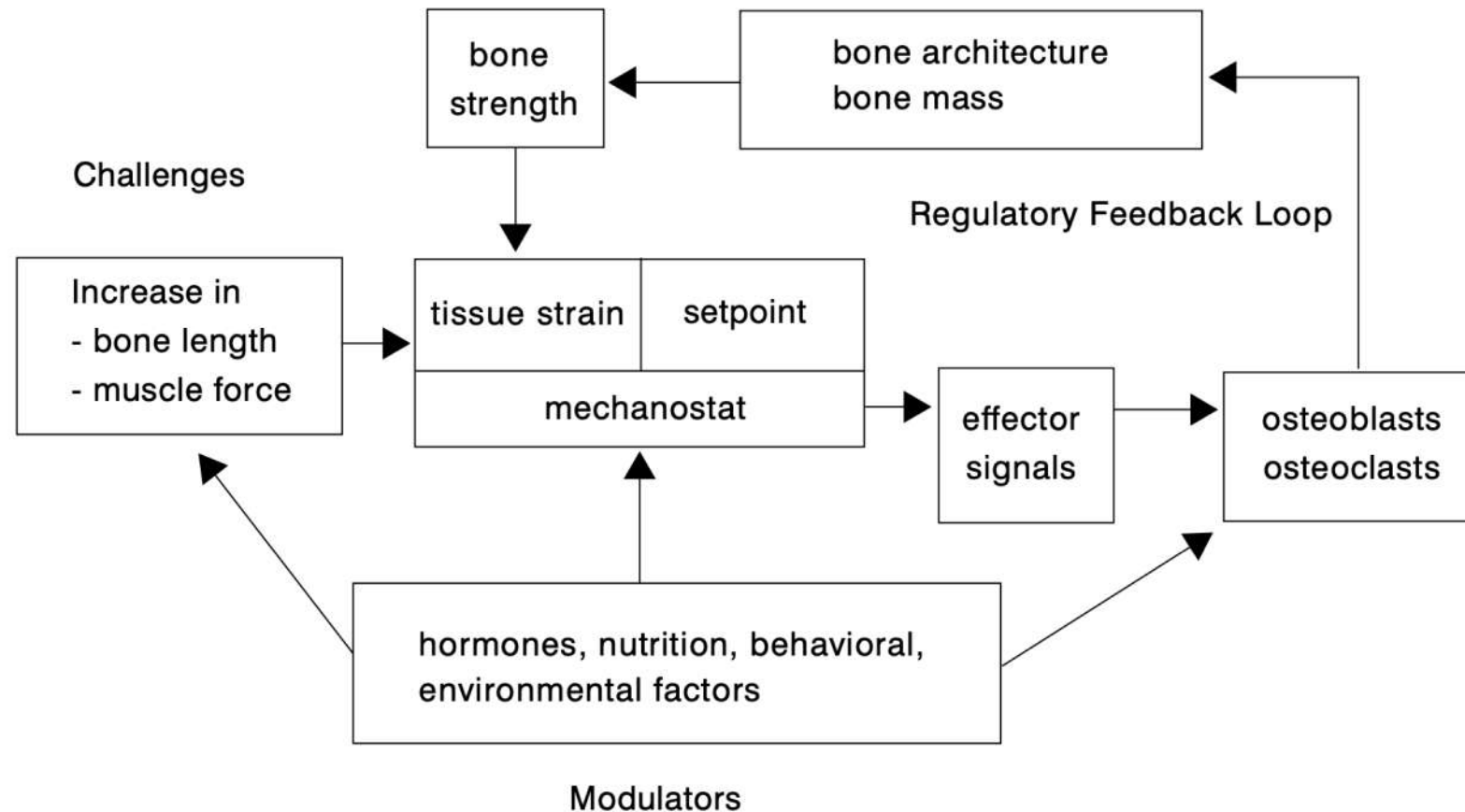
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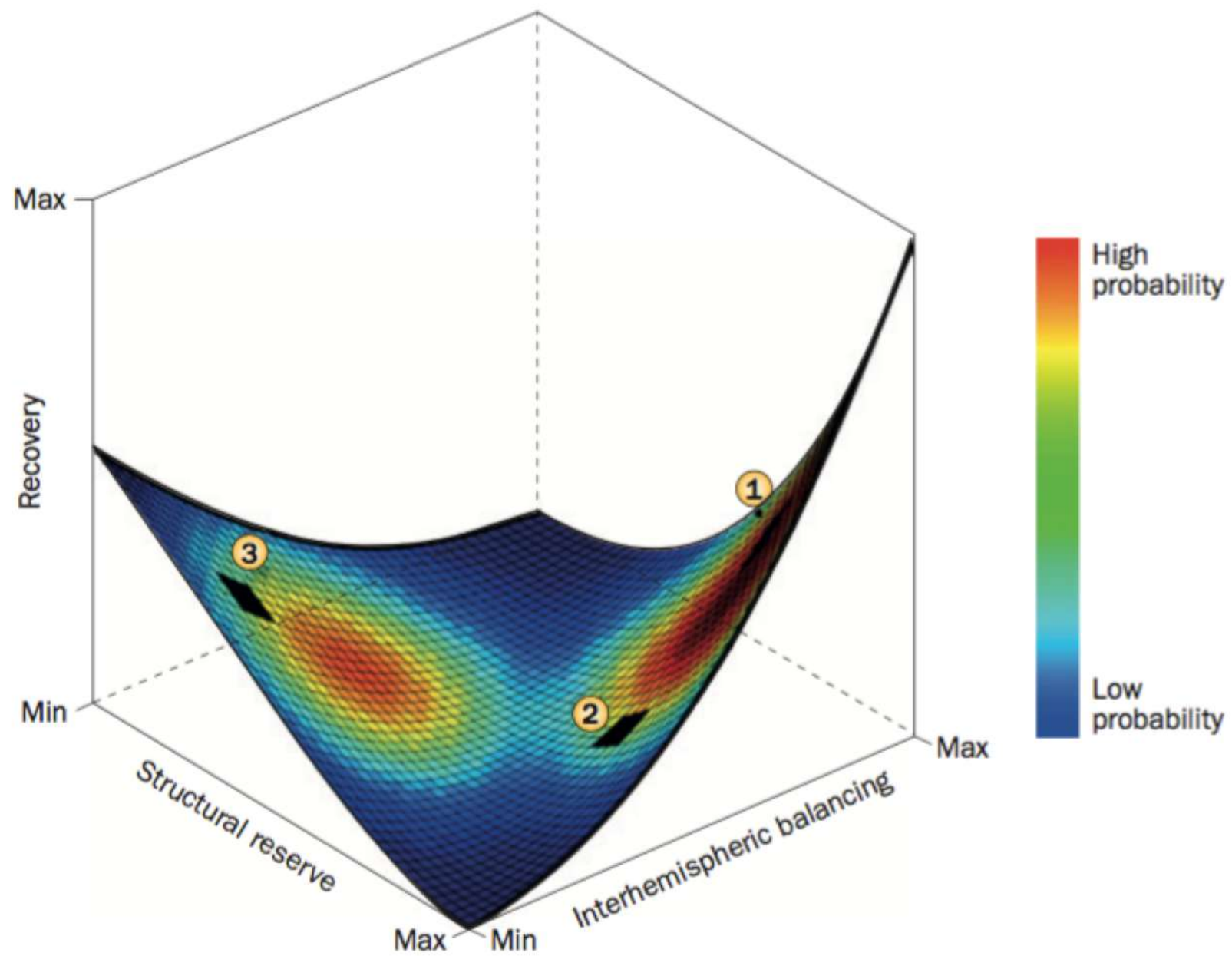


Chronic stroke: an oxymoron or a challenge for rehabilitation?

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Aging after stroke: how to define post-stroke sarcopenia and what are its risk factors?

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- ▣ Sarcopenia varied between 18% and 25% depending on the diagnostic criteria used.
- ▣ A significant difference was seen in the prevalence of low hand grip strength on the affected side (96%) when compared to the contralateral side (25%).
- ▣ The prevalence of slow gait speed was 86% while low ASM was present in 89% of the subjects.
- ▣ ASM loss, bone loss and fat deposition were significantly greater in the affected upper limb than in the affected lower limb.
- ▣ **Time since stroke was a factor associated with bone and muscle loss in the affected upper limb**

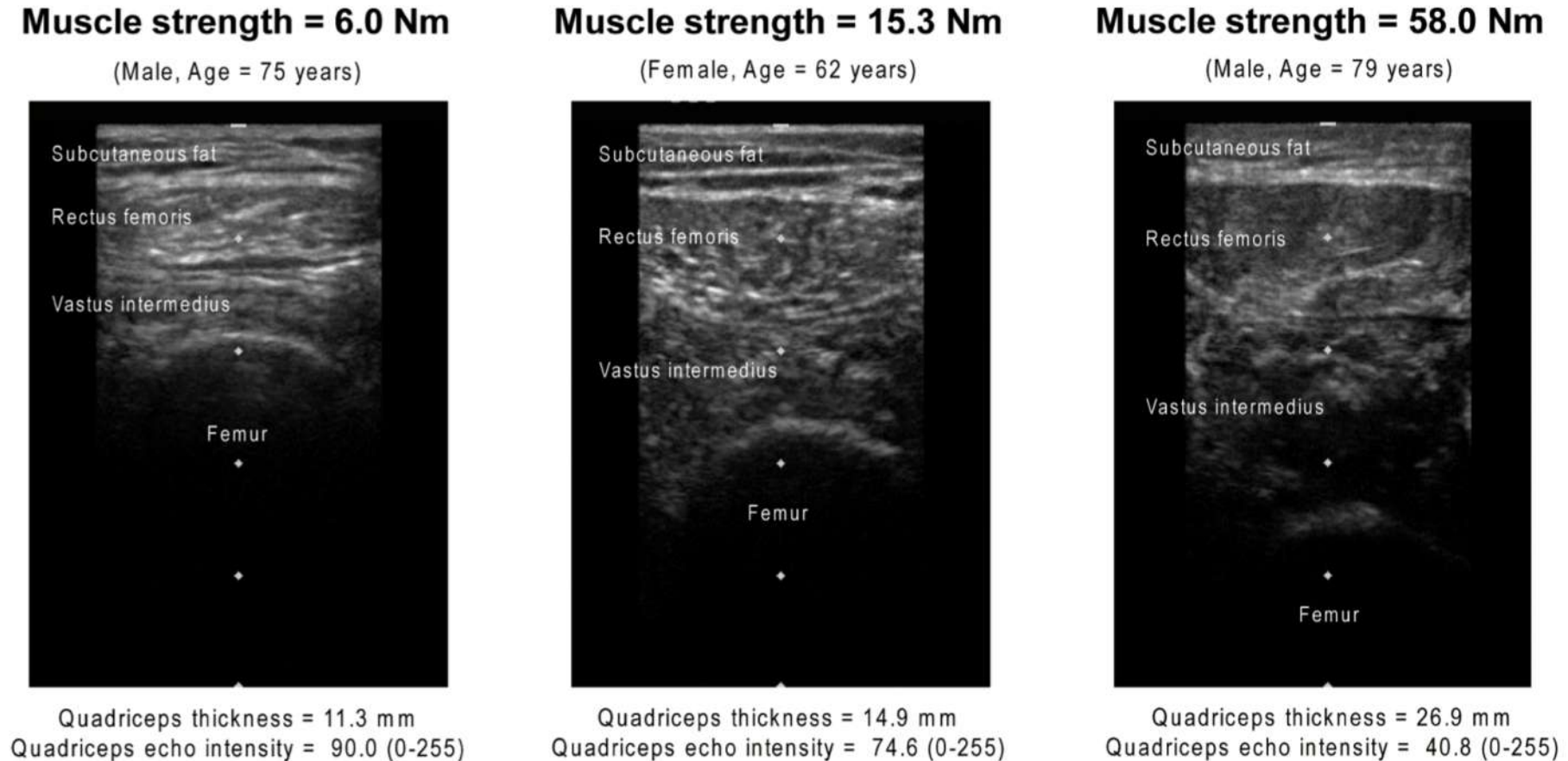
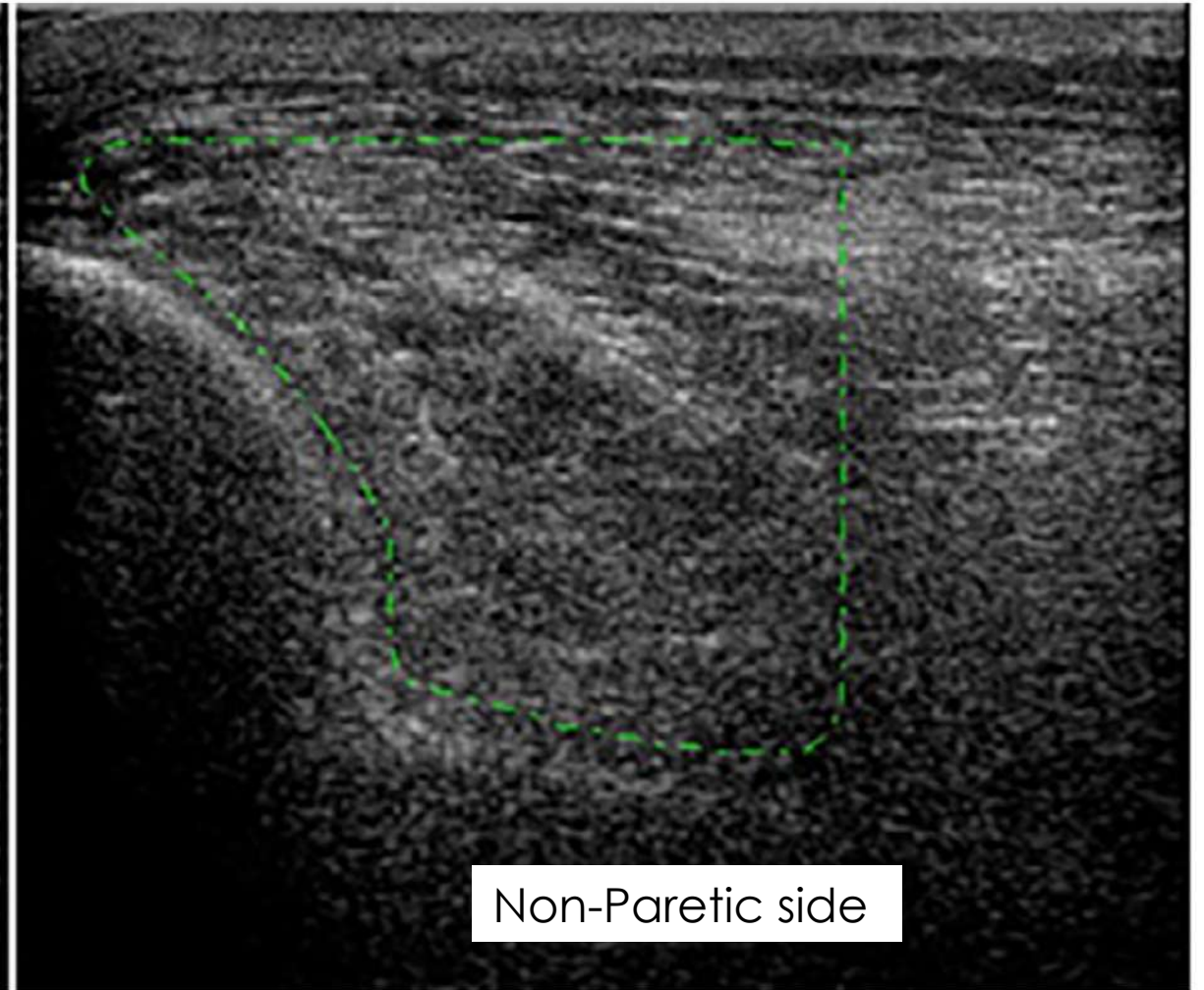
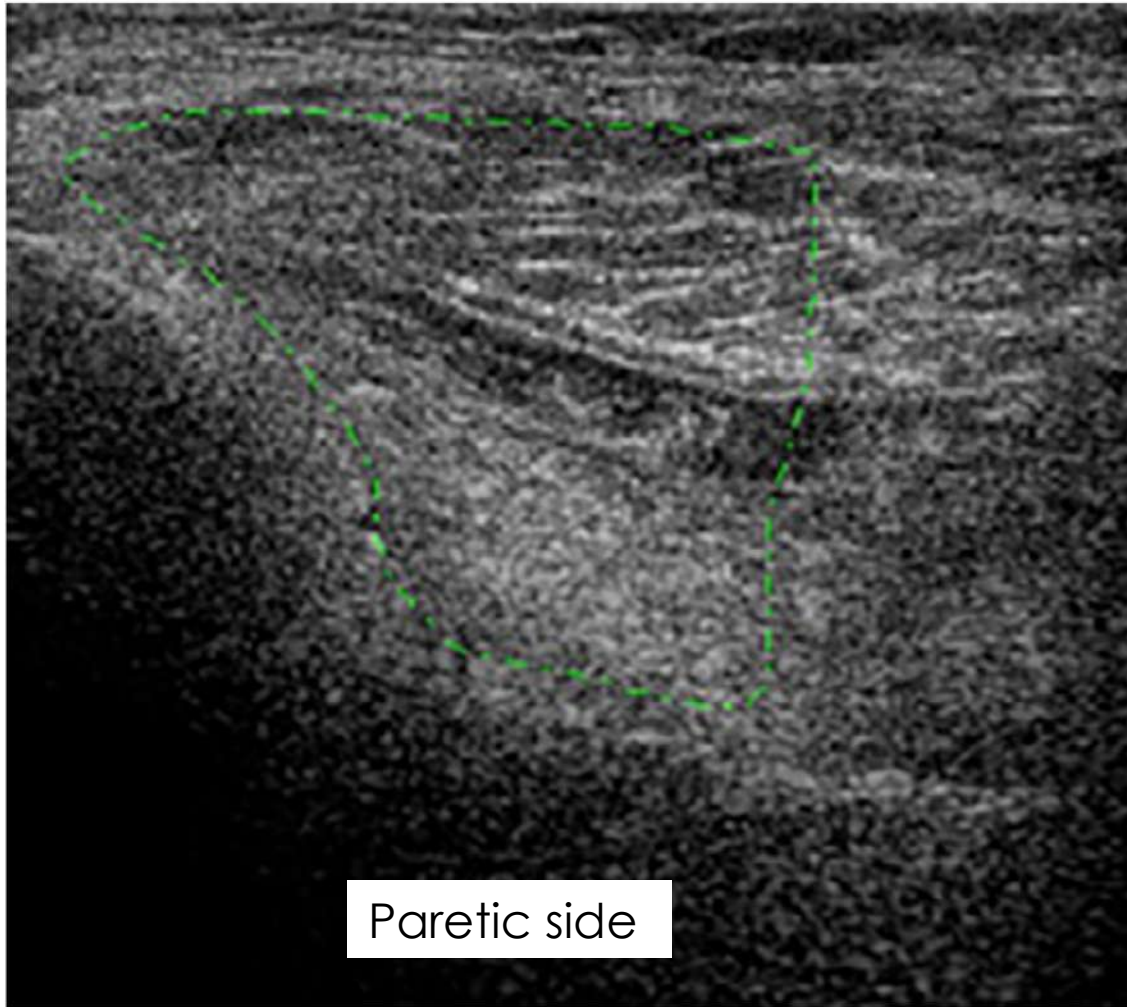


Fig 1. Typical ultrasound images of the paretic lower extremity.



Echogenicity

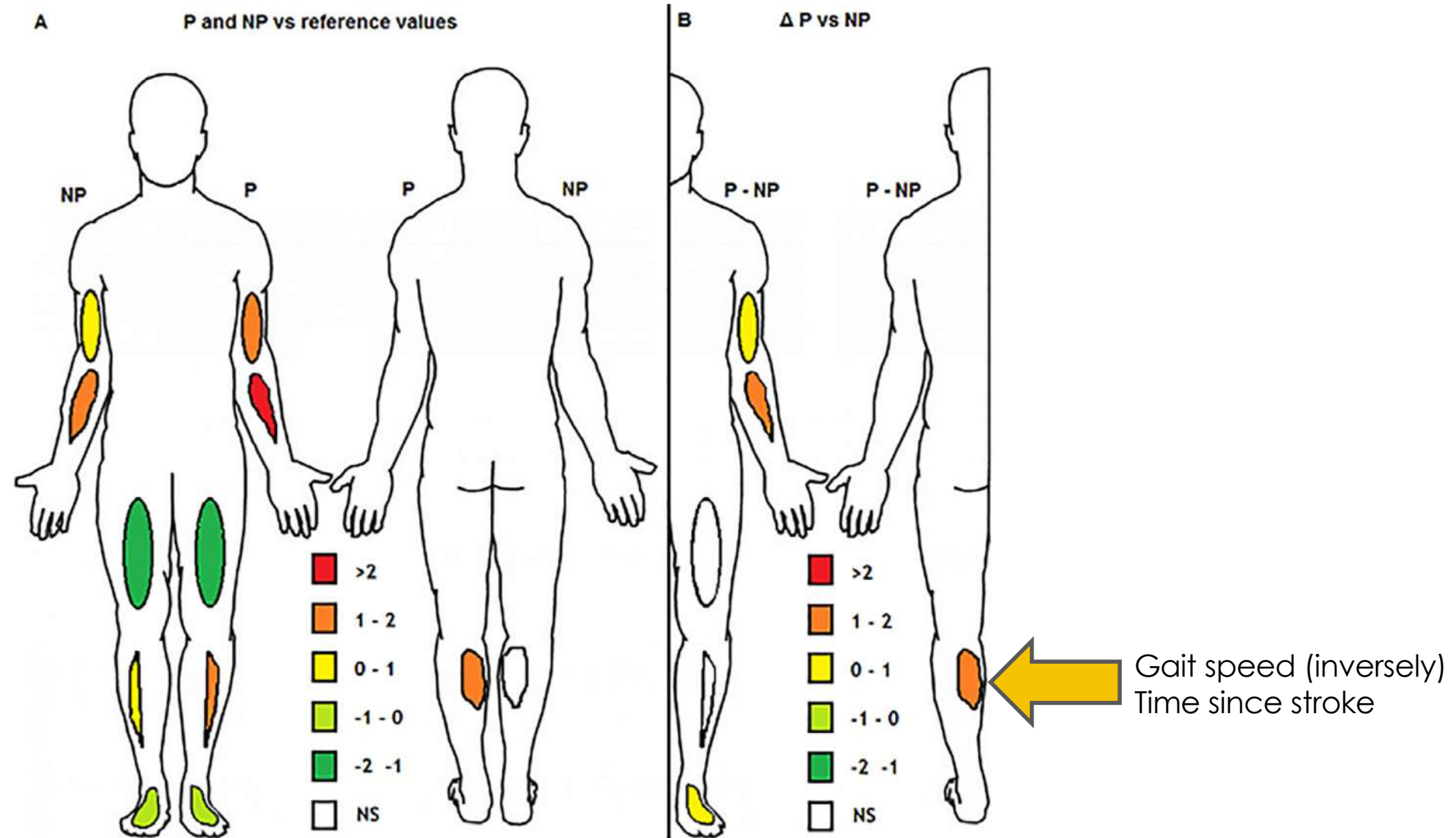


Fig. 2. Mean echogenicity of 6 muscles expressed in z-scores. NP = Non-paretic side, P = Paretic side, NS = Not significantly different. Left panel: Colored muscles are significantly different from reference values. Right panel: Colored muscles are significantly different between paretic and non-paretic side. Note: positive z-scores indicate reduced muscle quality.

Thickness

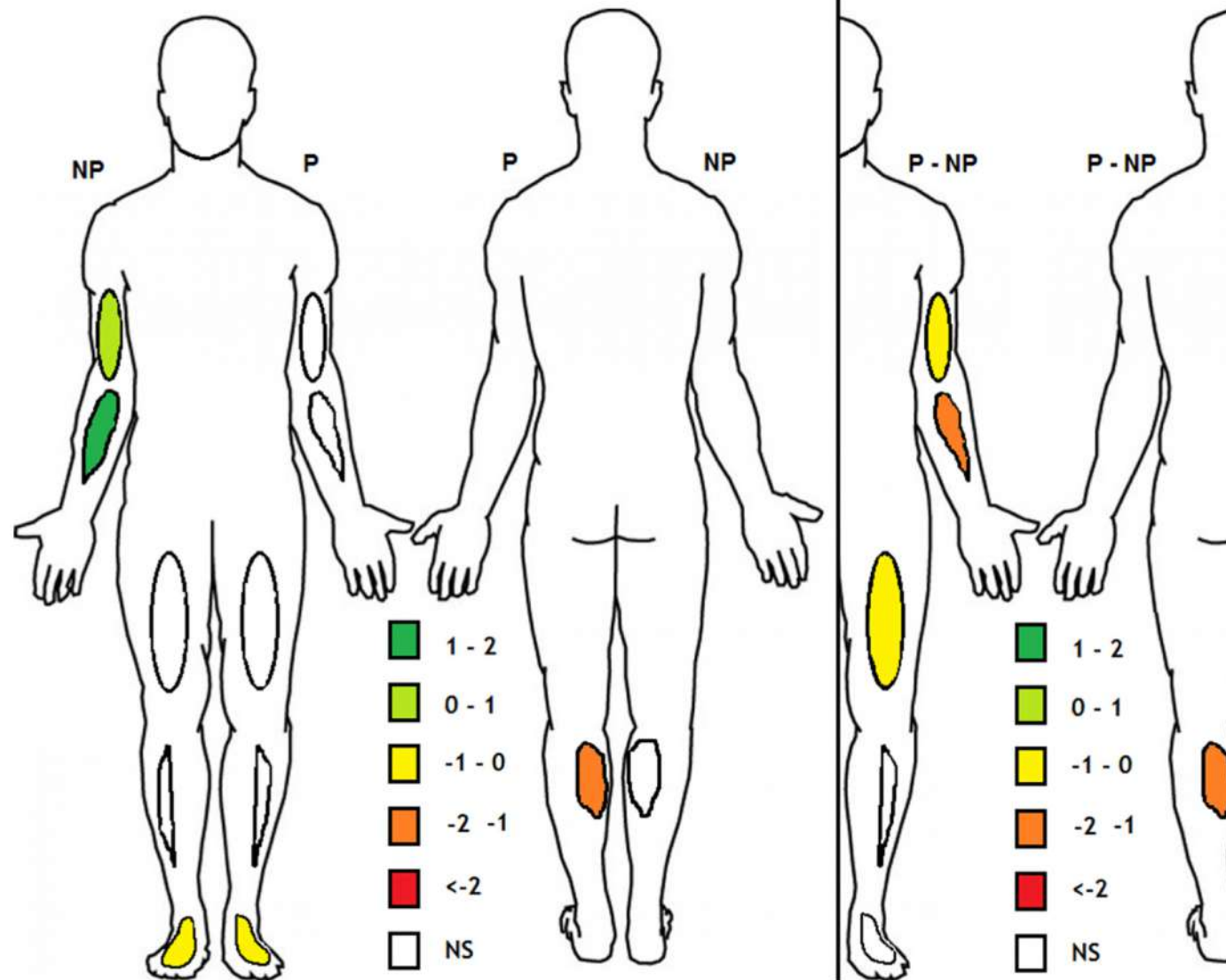


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Poststroke chronic disease management: towards improved identification and interventions for poststroke spasticity-related complications

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This paper ... is based on the recognised **need for long-term care following stroke**, especially in view of the global increase of disability due to stroke. It is proposed that the aftermath of stroke be considered a chronic disease requiring a multifactorial and multilevel approach.

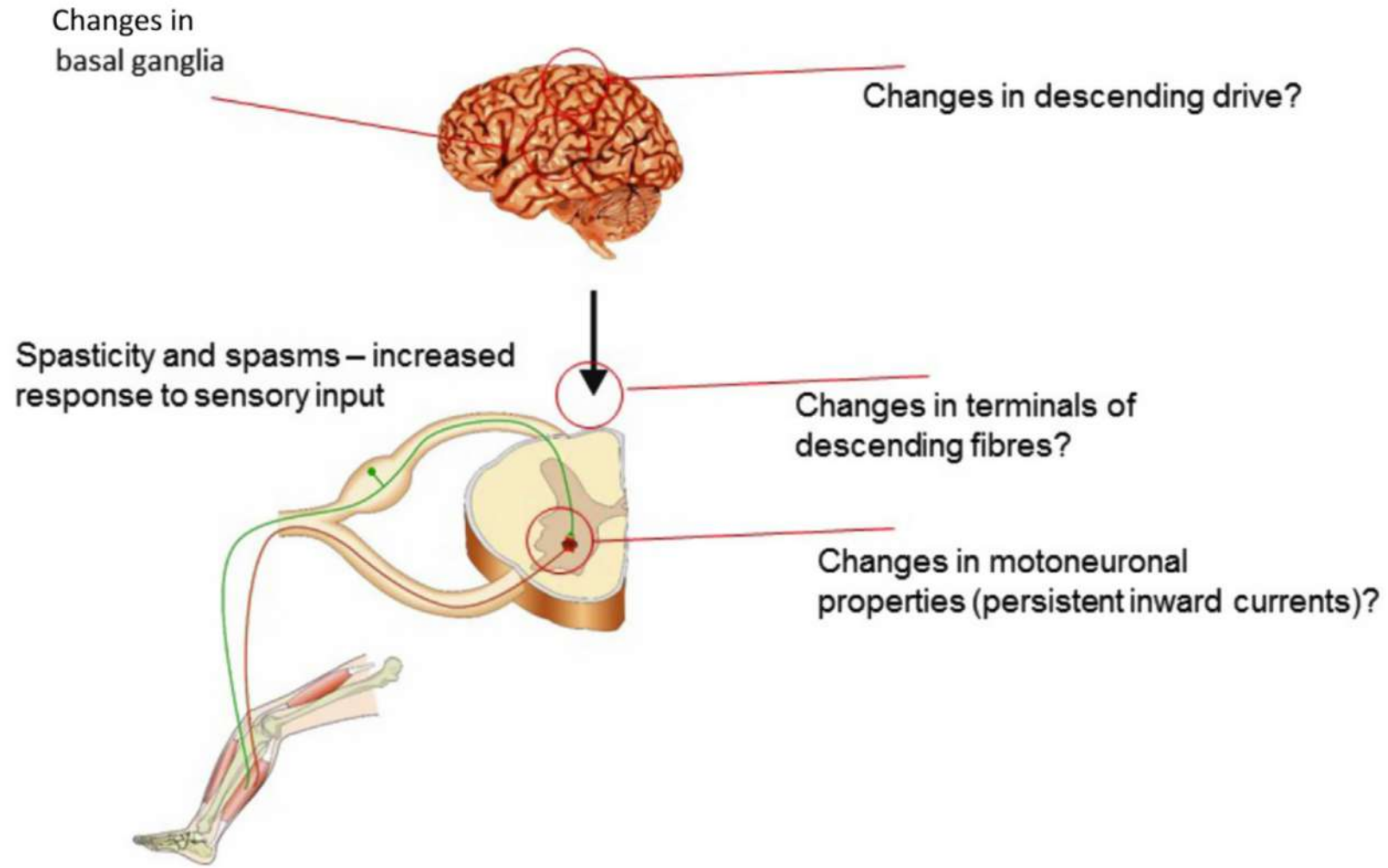
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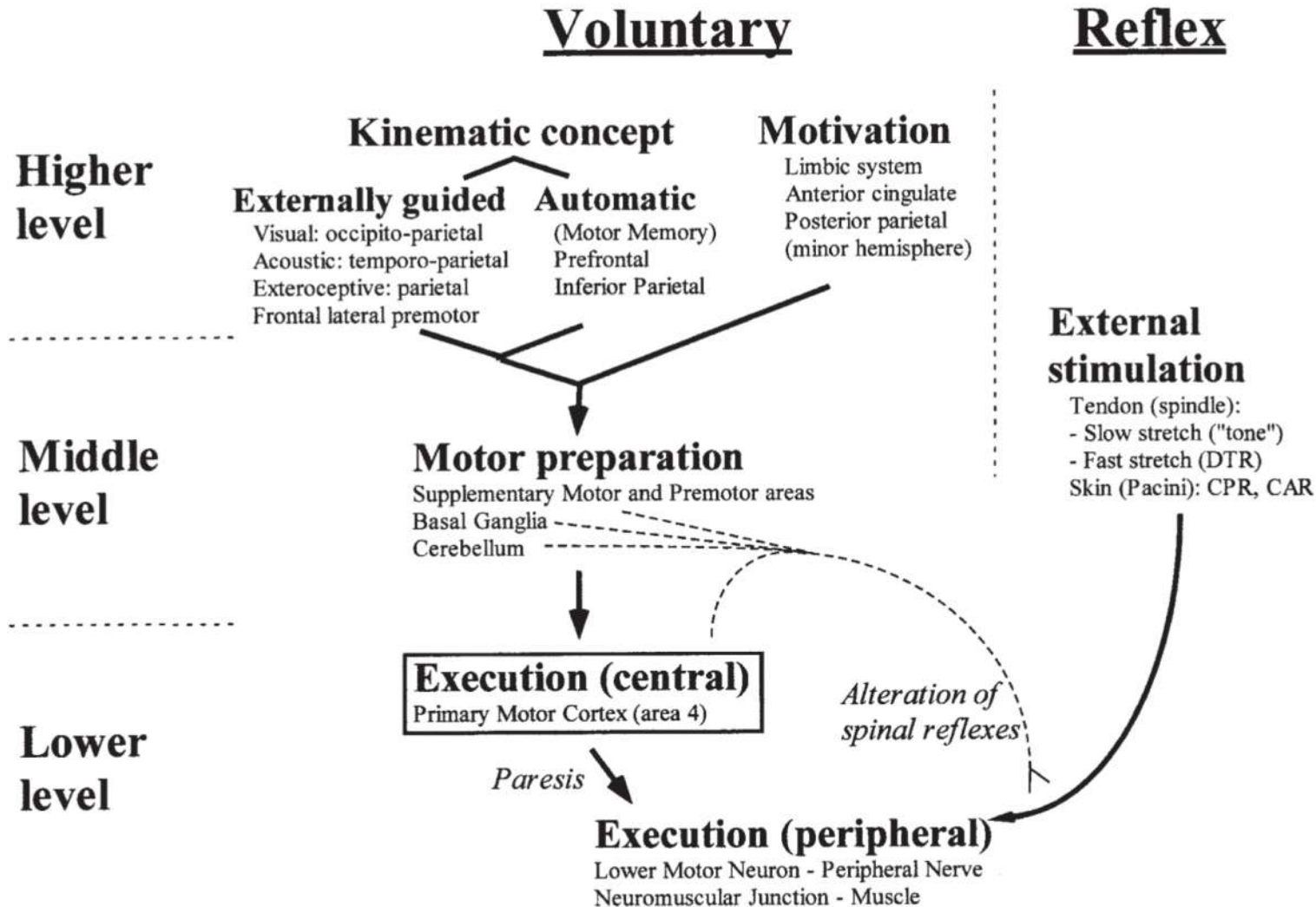
- ▣ Spasticity had a protective role for muscle loss in the affected lower limb, and walking had a protective role for bone loss in the lower limb.
- ▣ Clinicians also need to understand potential protective roles of some factors, such as spasticity and walking for the muscles in the lower limb.



Main features of spastic paresis, with their deforming and disabling properties and their clinical measurability. FRA, flexor reflex afferents.

	Symptom name	Condition of detection	Trigger	Deforming capacity	Disabling level	Measurability at bed side
Muscle disorder	Spastic Myopathy	Rest	N/A	High	High	Estimation possible
Neurological disorder						
Paresis	Stretch-sensitive paresis	Effort	N/A	None	Moderate	No
Muscle overactivity types	Spasticity	Rest	Phasic stretch	None	Low	Yes
	Spastic Dystonia	Rest	None	High	High	No
	Spastic Cocontraction	Effort	Effort directed to agonist	None	High	No
	Extrasegmental cocontraction (synkinesis)	Effort	Effort	Moderate	Moderate	No
	Nociceptive (FRA) spasms	Rest or effort	FRA stimulation	Moderate	High	No

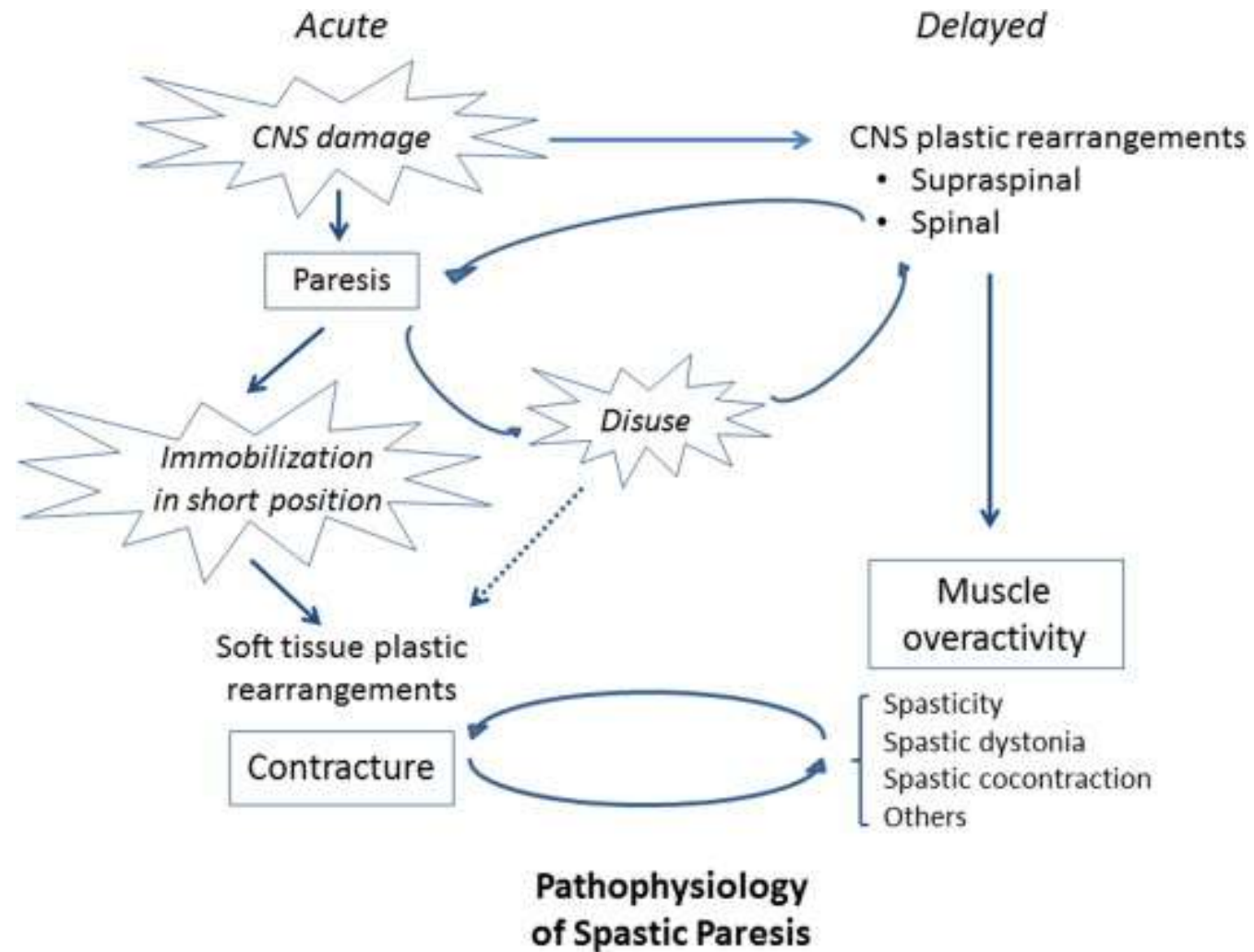
Movement Command



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PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF SPASTIC PARESIS. I: PARESIS AND SOFT TISSUE CHANGES

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Rectus Femoris Characteristics in Post Stroke Spasticity: Clinical Implications from Ultrasonographic Evaluation

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Table 2. Descriptive statistics: unaffected vs. hemiparetic sides.

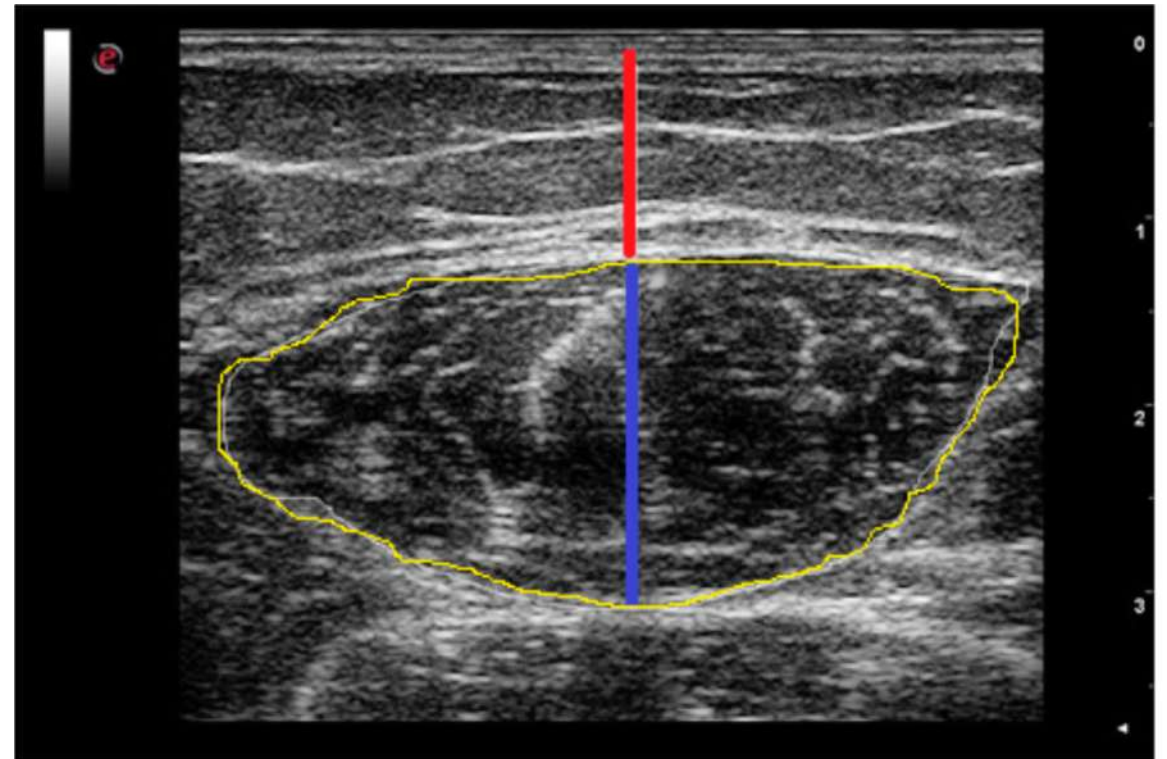
	Hemiparetic Side (N = 47)	Unaffected Side (N = 47)	Test
	25th–75th percentile Median	25th–75th percentile Median	Statistics
MD (cm)	0.76/1.28 1.08	0.69/1.05 0.92	$P = 0.09$
MT (cm)	1.29/1.84 1.62	1.30/1.78 1.52	$P = 0.4$
CSA (cm ²)	4.15/6.47 5.41	4.28/6.55 5.33	$P = 0.89$
MEI	69.8/98.0 85.7	66.5/91.3 80.4	$P = 0.46$

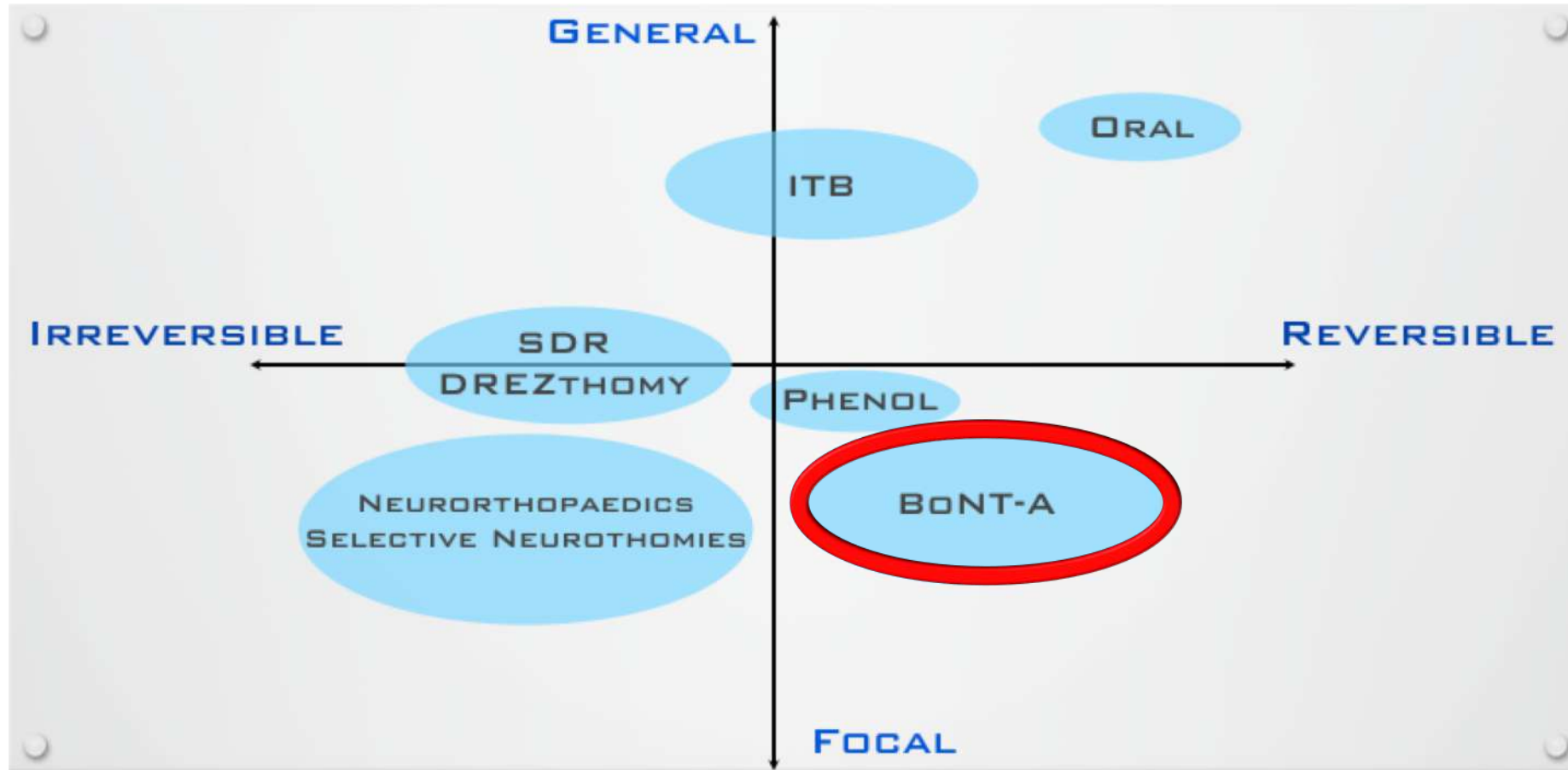
Abbreviations: MD—muscle depth; MT—muscle thickness; CSA—cross-sectional area; MEI—mean echo intensity.

Table 3. Descriptive statistics: treated vs. untreated rectus femoris (RF).

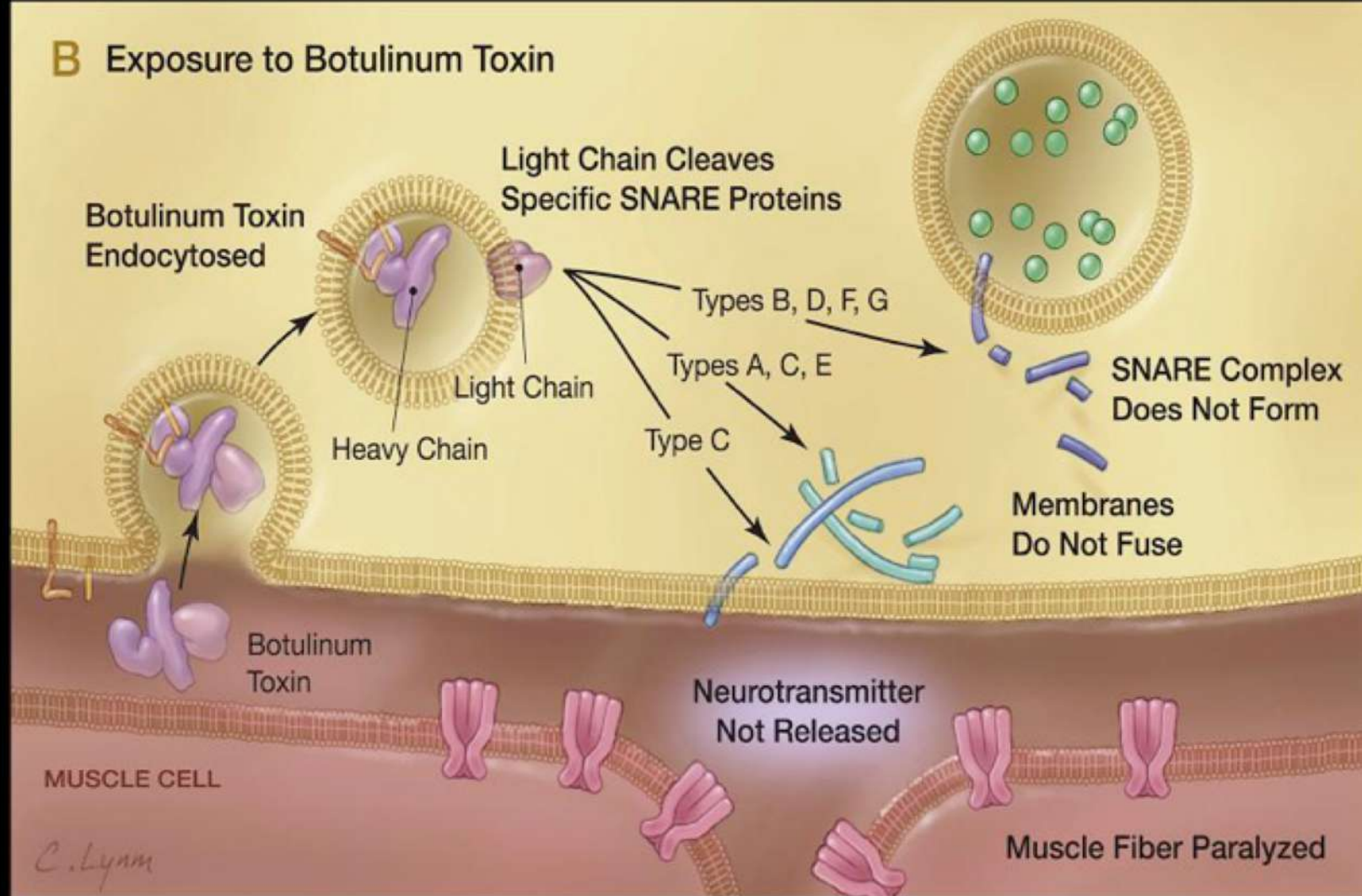
	Hemiparetic Side Treated RF (N = 37)	Hemiparetic Side Untreated RF (N = 10)	Test
	25th–75th percentile Median	25th–75th percentile Median	Statistics
MD (cm)	0.79/1.35 1.11	0.69/1.17 0.97	$P = 0.36$
MT (cm)	1.34/1.82 1.63	1.18/2.00 1.56	$P = 0.6$
CSA (cm ²)	4.18/6.37 5.45	3.70/6.46 5.26	$P = 0.76$
MEI	72.6/97.0 84.5	61.4/115. 4 89.8	$P = 0.90$

Abbreviations: MD—muscle depth; MT—muscle thickness; CSA—cross-sectional area; MEI—mean echo intensity.









B Exposure to Botulinum Toxin



Triceps Surae Muscle Characteristics in Spastic Hemiparetic Stroke Survivors Treated with Botulinum Toxin Type A: Clinical Implications from Ultrasonographic Evaluation

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Stroke and muscle-bone relationship





- ❑ Substantial bone changes in the paretic limbs occurred particularly in the **first few months** after stroke onset.
- ❑ Early intervention, muscle strength training, and long-term management strategies may be important to enhance bone health post-stroke.

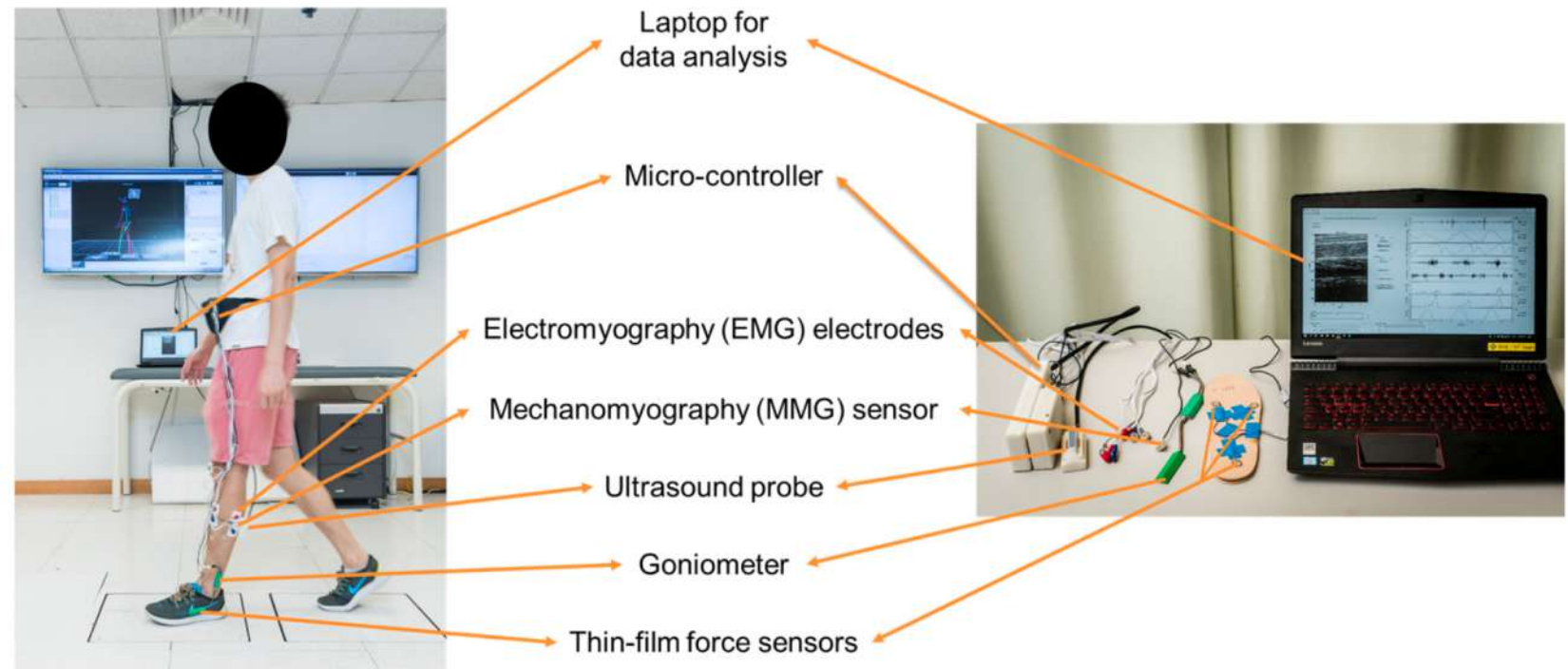
Non-pharmacological interventions for bone health after stroke

- ▣ Statistically significant changes between the intervention and parallel/placebo group in **bone mineral density, bone mineral content, cortical thickness** and **bone turnover markers** with **specific physical and vibration therapies** ($p < 0.05$).
- ▣ **Falls** were higher in the intervention group, but no fracture was reported.

Brief Report

How Paretic and Non-Paretic Ankle Muscles Contract during Walking in Stroke Survivors: New Insight Using Novel Wearable Ultrasound Imaging and Sensing Technology

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The effects of whole-body vibration therapy on bone turnover, muscle strength, motor function, and spasticity in chronic stroke: a randomized controlled trial

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Conclusion. The WBV protocol used in this study did not induce additional effects on bone turnover, knee muscle strength and paretic leg motor function among chronic stroke patients. WBV may have potential to modulate spasticity, but this requires further investigation.

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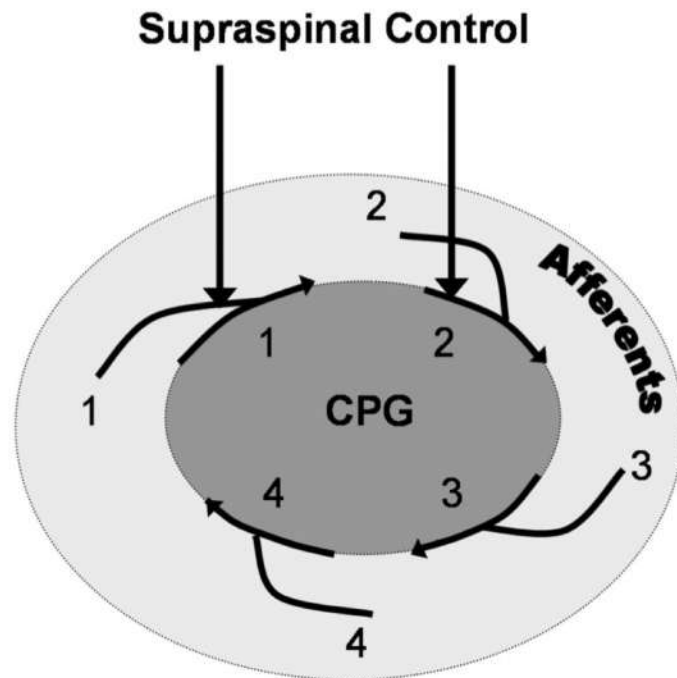
Effects of different vibration frequencies on muscle strength, bone turnover and walking endurance in chronic stroke

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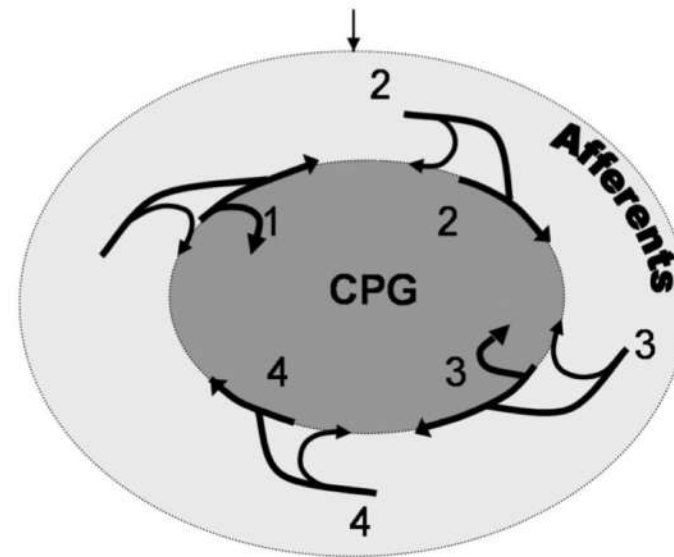
- Both WBV protocols were effective in improving leg muscle strength and reducing bone resorption.
- Comparatively greater improvement in paretic eccentric leg strength was observed for the 30 Hz protocol

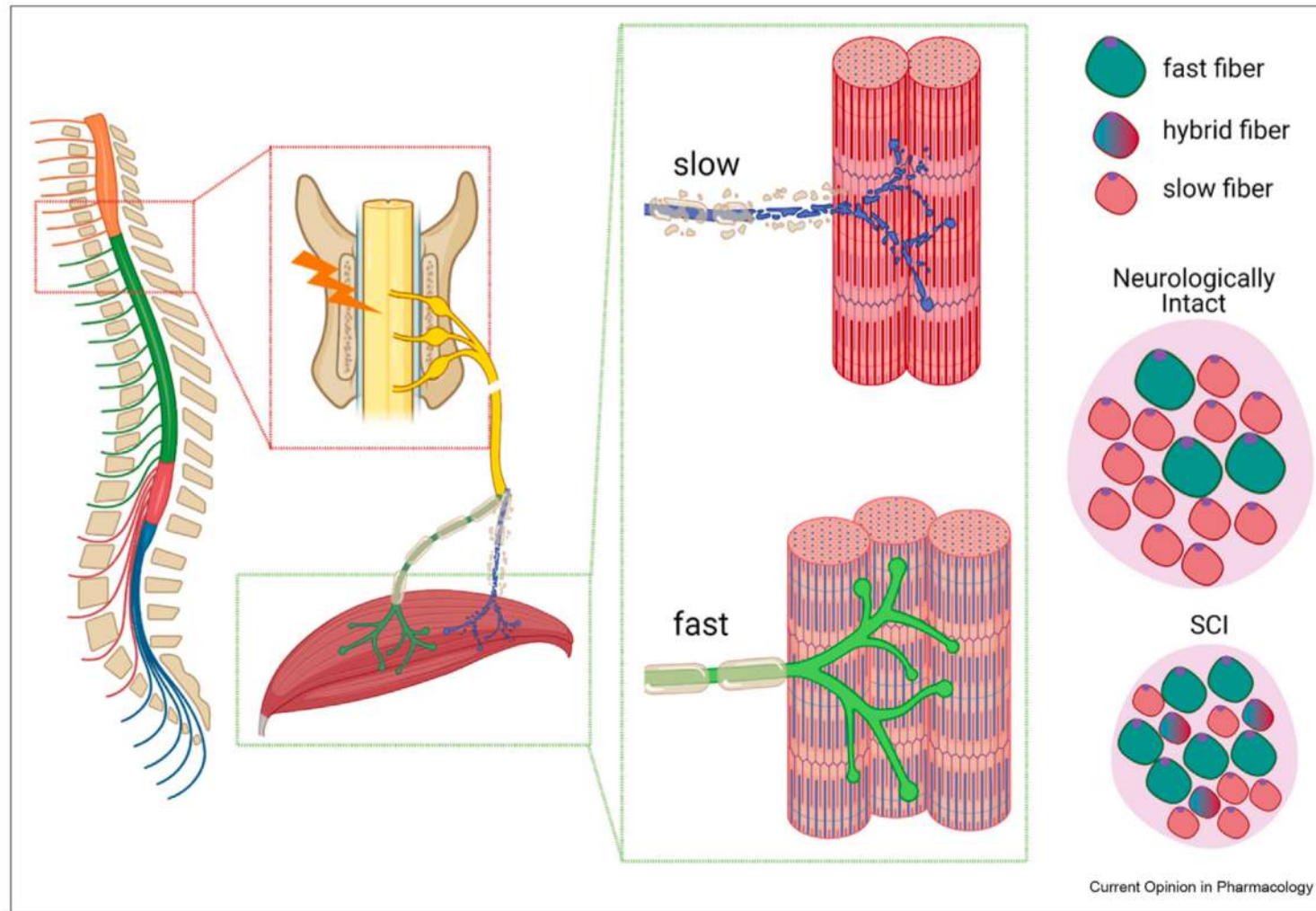
Spinal cord injury

A Intact neuromotor system



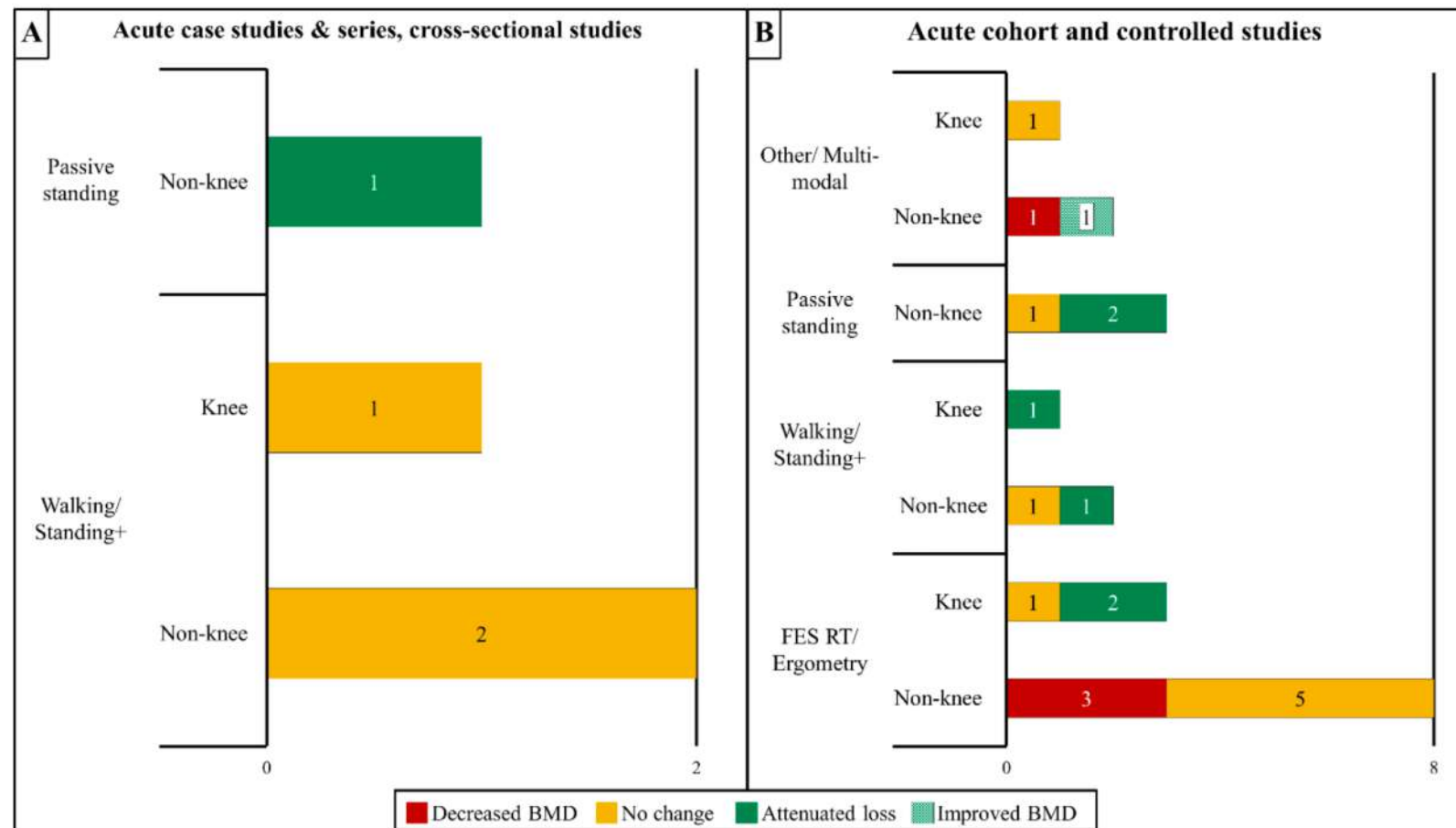
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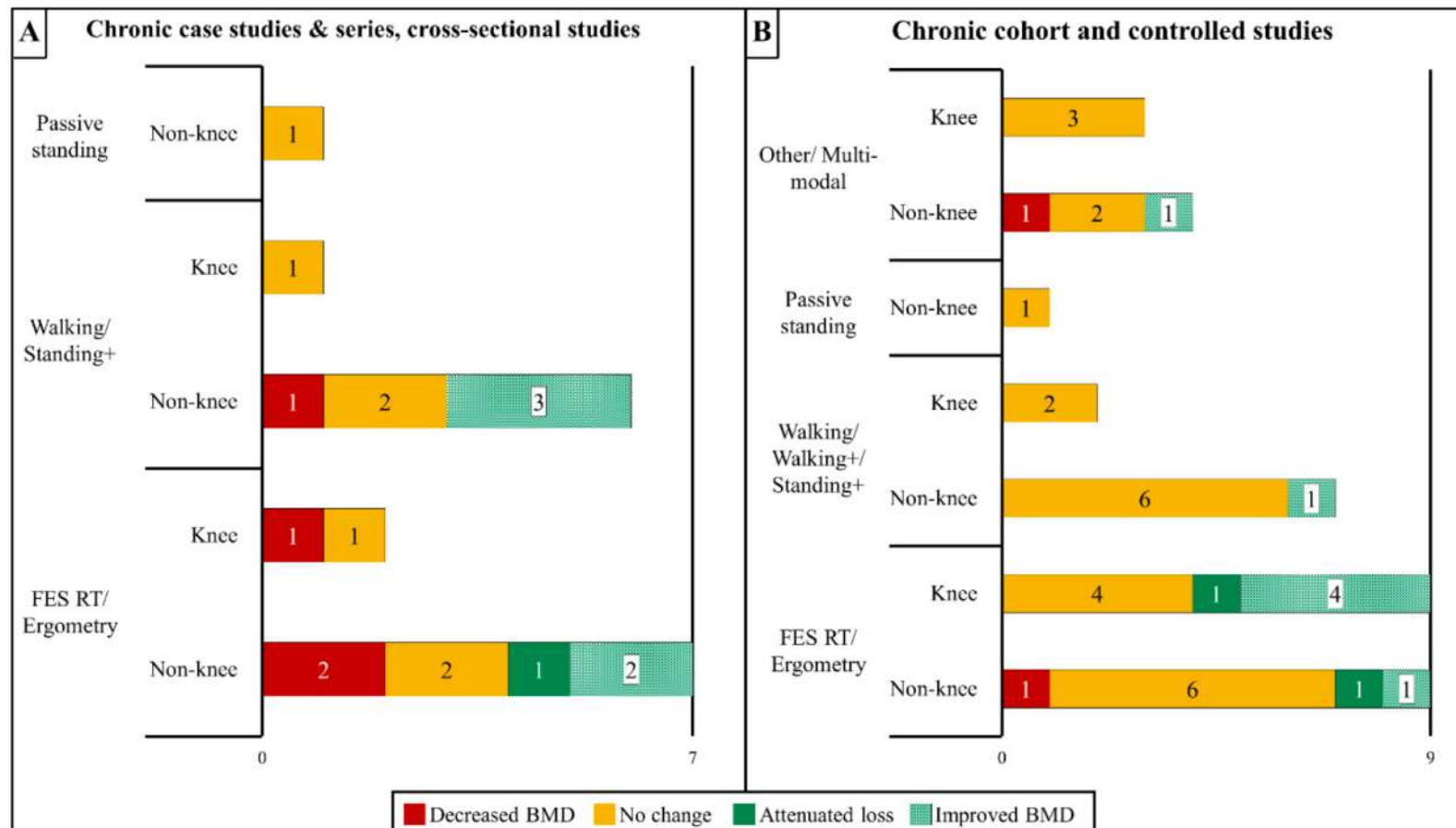


Pathophysiology of skeletal muscle loss after severe spinal cord injury (SCI). SCI results in impaired neural drive, motor neuron atrophy, and pathological changes to the neuromuscular junction that combine to produce low muscle force generating capacity and/or paralysis. Collectively, these deficits impact the rapid rate of muscle atrophy and the repeated denervation–reinnervation cycles that influence the slow-oxidative to fast-glycolytic muscle fiber-type transition in paralyzed muscles. Figure was generated in BioRender.

Effects of activity-based physical therapy



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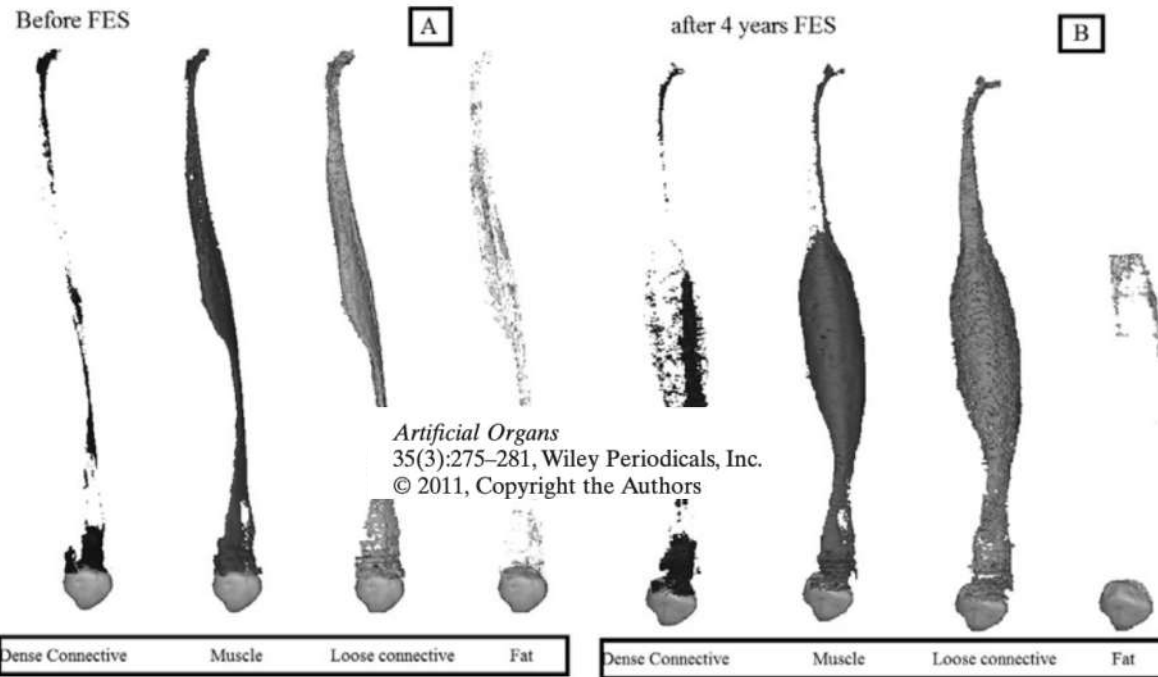


Effects of activity-based physical therapy

- No known ABPT completely prevents bone loss that develops in the lower extremities over the acute/subacute post-SCI period, regardless of the skeletal site that is evaluated.
- No ABPT has shown universal success in increasing BMD at the highly fracture-prone sites surrounding the knee.
- However, a small subset of trials that evaluated FES modalities reported attenuated BMD loss at the distal femur and/or proximal tibia in persons with acute to subacute SCI and increased BMD in those with chronic SCI

Effects of activity-based physical therapy

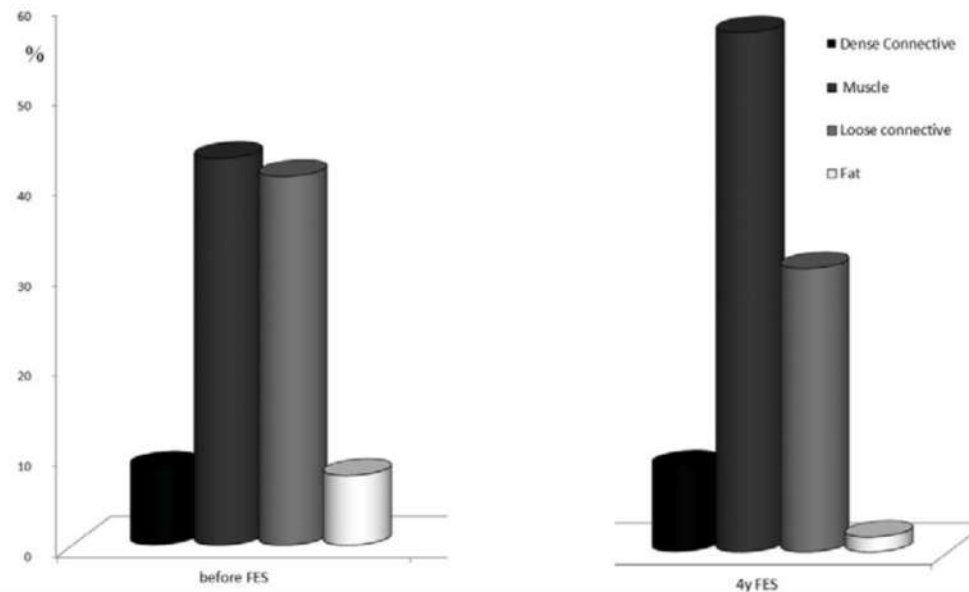
- Need to target ABPTs to the specific region(s) where BMD improvements are most warranted
- Need to use a training intensity, frequency, and duration that is sufficient to improve BMD
- Higher total work output was associated with greater BMD gain



Monitoring of Muscle and Bone Recovery in Spinal Cord Injury Patients Treated With Electrical Stimulation Using Three-Dimensional Imaging and Segmentation Techniques: Methodological Assessment

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FIG. 4. 3-D appearance and histogram showing distribution of fat, loose connective, muscle fibers, and dense connective in LMN patient after 4 (A) and 8 years (B) postinjury during which the muscles were stimulated with FES (Patient 2).



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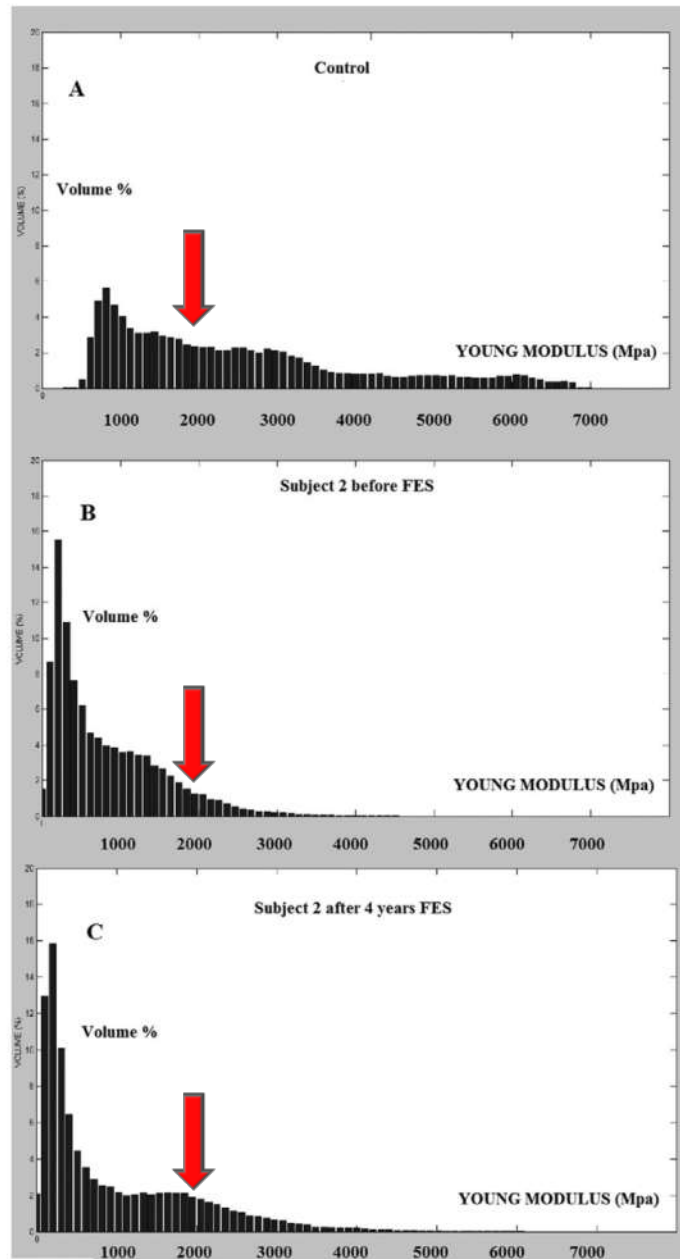


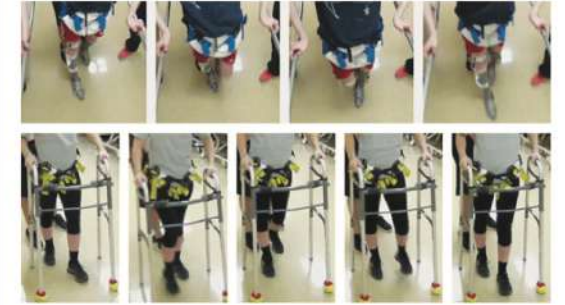
FIG. 5. Young's modulus distribution (MPa) in the left patellar bone for: control (A), subject 2 before FES treatment (B), and subject 2 after 4 years of FES treatment (C). The Young's modulus value is measured in Mega Pascal (MPa), display values between (0, 7000), on the x-axis (MPa), and the volume as percentage (%) on the y-axis.

BRIEF REPORT

Recovery of Over-Ground Walking after Chronic Motor Complete Spinal Cord Injury

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A Over-Ground Walking with Stimulation after Training



B



C





Robotic Walking to Mitigate Bone Mineral Density Decline and Adverse Body Composition in Individuals With Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury

A Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial

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TABLE 2. A summary of BMD and body composition characteristics between the RLT and ABT groups

DXA Outcomes	RLT (<i>n</i> = 8)				ABT (<i>n</i> = 8)				Between Group	
	Pre	Post	Δ (95% CI)	ES	Pre	Post	Δ (95% CI)	ES	<i>P</i>	ES
Bone mineral density (g/cm ²)										
Spinal BMD	0.97 ± 0.09	0.97 ± 0.10	0.00 (−0.09 to 0.09)	0.09	0.98 ± 0.13	0.98 ± 0.15	0.00 (−0.14 to 0.14)	0.09	0.96	0.03
Hip BMD	1.25 ± 0.07	1.24 ± 0.08	0.01 (−0.08 to 0.06)	0.31	1.23 ± 0.27	1.20 ± 0.25	0.03 (−0.29 to 0.23) ^a	0.43	0.13	0.12
Femoral neck BMD	1.15 ± 0.14	1.13 ± 0.14	0.02 (−0.16 to 0.12)	0.31	1.21 ± 0.30	1.15 ± 0.27	0.06 (−0.34 to 0.22) ^a	0.86	0.16	0.09
Fat mass										
Whole-body FM, kg	18.53 ± 9.18	18.29 ± 8.32	0.24 (−8.83 to 8.34)	0.17	25.93 ± 10.60	23.46 ± 9.57	2.47 (−12.37 to 7.43)	0.42	0.38	0.35
Appendicular FM, kg	7.86 ± 3.20	7.85 ± 3.03	0.010 (−3.06 to 3.04)	0.07	12.15 ± 4.28	11.03 ± 3.11	1.12 (−4.79 to 2.55)	0.47	0.44	0.46
Trunk FM, kg	10.67 ± 6.19	10.37 ± 5.60	0.30 (−6.79 to 6.19)	0.32	13.78 ± 6.91	12.43 ± 6.74	1.35 (−8.04 to 5.34)	0.52	0.28	0.25
Whole-body fat, % FM	28.62 ± 10.36	28.18 ± 9.56	0.44 (−10.25 to 11.3)	0.22	34.79 ± 7.13	32.47 ± 5.33	2.32 (−4.43 to 9.07)	0.67	0.40	0.20
Appendicular fat, % FM	44.56 ± 6.35	44.76 ± 6.90	0.20 (−6.29 to 6.69)	0.10	49.04 ± 9.20	49.97 ± 9.69	0.93 (−8.33 to 10.19)	0.40	0.57	0.24
Trunk fat, % FM	55.44 ± 6.35	55.24 ± 6.90	0.20 (−6.69 to 6.29)	0.10	50.96 ± 9.20	50.03 ± 9.69	0.93 (−10.19 to 8.33)	0.40	0.57	0.24
Gynoid FM, kg	2.84 ± 1.13	2.82 ± 1.21	0.20 (−1.17 to 1.13)	0.22	4.16 ± 1.45	3.62 ± 1.03	0.54 (−1.77 to 0.69) ^a	0.62	0.28	0.28
Subcutaneous fat, cm ²	172 ± 103	170 ± 100	2 (−101.48 to 97.48)	0.42	244 ± 115	227 ± 108	17 (−126.32 to 92.32)	0.22	0.88	0.30
Visceral fat, cm ²	144 ± 100	142 ± 104	2 (−101.98 to 97.98)	0.12	152 ± 92	129 ± 82	23 (−108.39 to 62.39) ^a	0.72	0.08	0.01
Fat-free soft tissue mass (kg)										
Whole-body FFSTM	41.34 ± 3.96	41.94 ± 4.63	0.60 (−3.62 to 4.82)	0.52	43.11 ± 11.45	43.91 ± 12.51	0.80 (−10.95 to 12.55)	0.27	0.96	0.04
Appendicular FFSTM	17.96 ± 2.26	18.30 ± 2.38	0.34 (−1.93 to 2.61)	0.22	19.65 ± 6.32	20.01 ± 6.73	0.36 (−6.04 to 6.76)	0.27	0.88	0.06
Leg FFSTM	12.78 ± 2.03	13.20 ± 2.35	0.42 (−1.73 to 2.57)	0.17	14.50 ± 4.79	14.77 ± 5.16	0.27 (−4.61 to 5.1)	0.32	0.51	0.12
Arm FFSTM	5.10 ± 1.21	5.44 ± 1.24	0.34 (−0.86 to 1.54) ^a	0.87	5.24 ± 1.65	5.59 ± 1.75	0.35 (−1.32 to 2.02) ^a	0.87	0.96	0.01

Data are presented as mean ± SD and mean difference ± 95% CI. Medium to large effect sizes are indicated in bold.

^a Statistical significance is accepted at *P* < 0.05.

Pre, week 0 measurement; post, week 24 measurement.



Effect of hybrid FES exercise on body composition during the sub-acute phase of spinal cord injury

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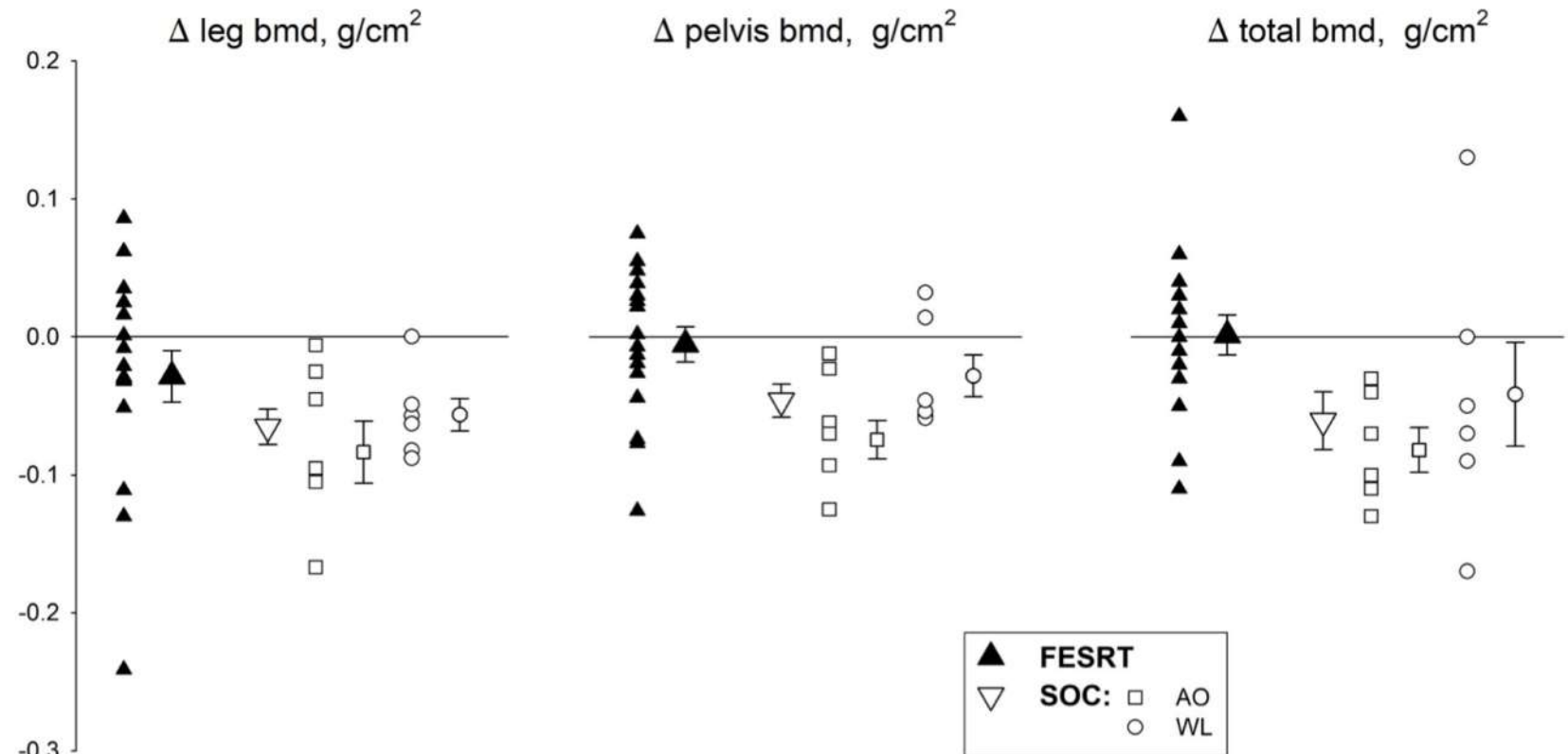


Fig 3. Bone density changes. Individual and group mean legs, pelvis and total bone mineral density compared between FESRT and SOC and subgroups AO and WL. Results of regression analysis indicated significantly lower time dependent decrease in total BMD and pelvis BMD of FESRT group compared to SOC ($p = 0.039$ and $p = 0.028$ respectively). Although the results for legs BMD were not statistically significant, a similar tendency was detected for this variable ($p = 0.14$, R-squared = 0.21).

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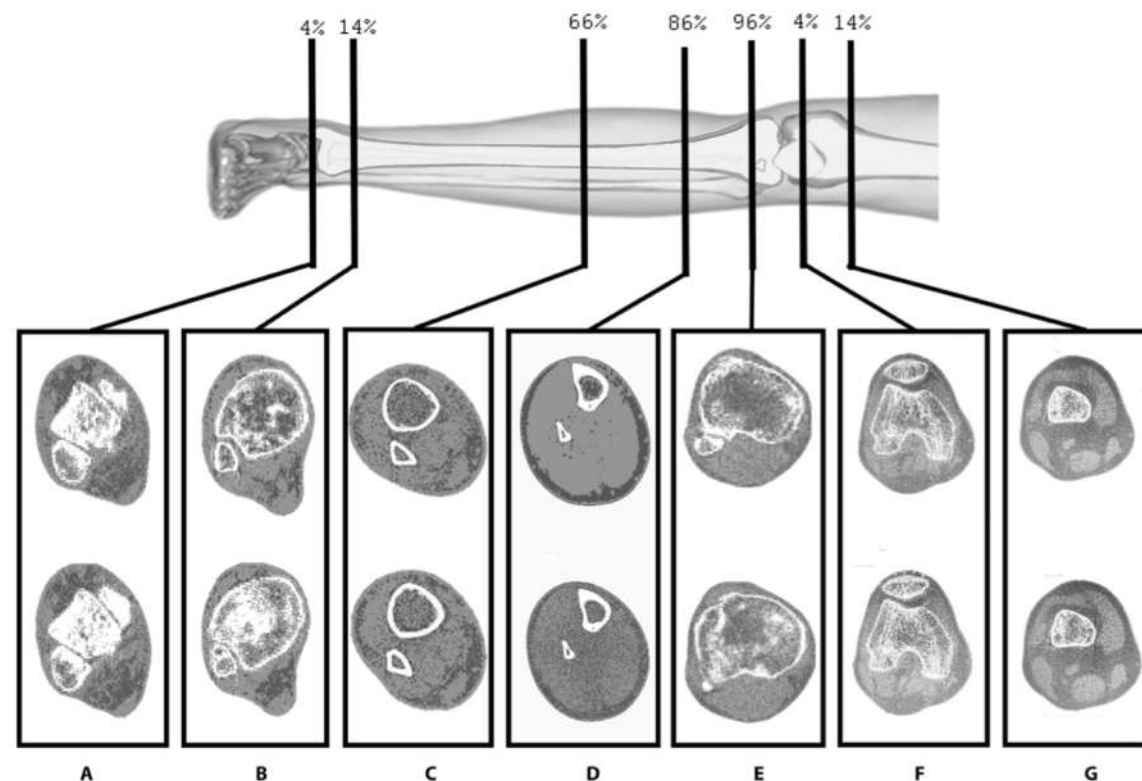
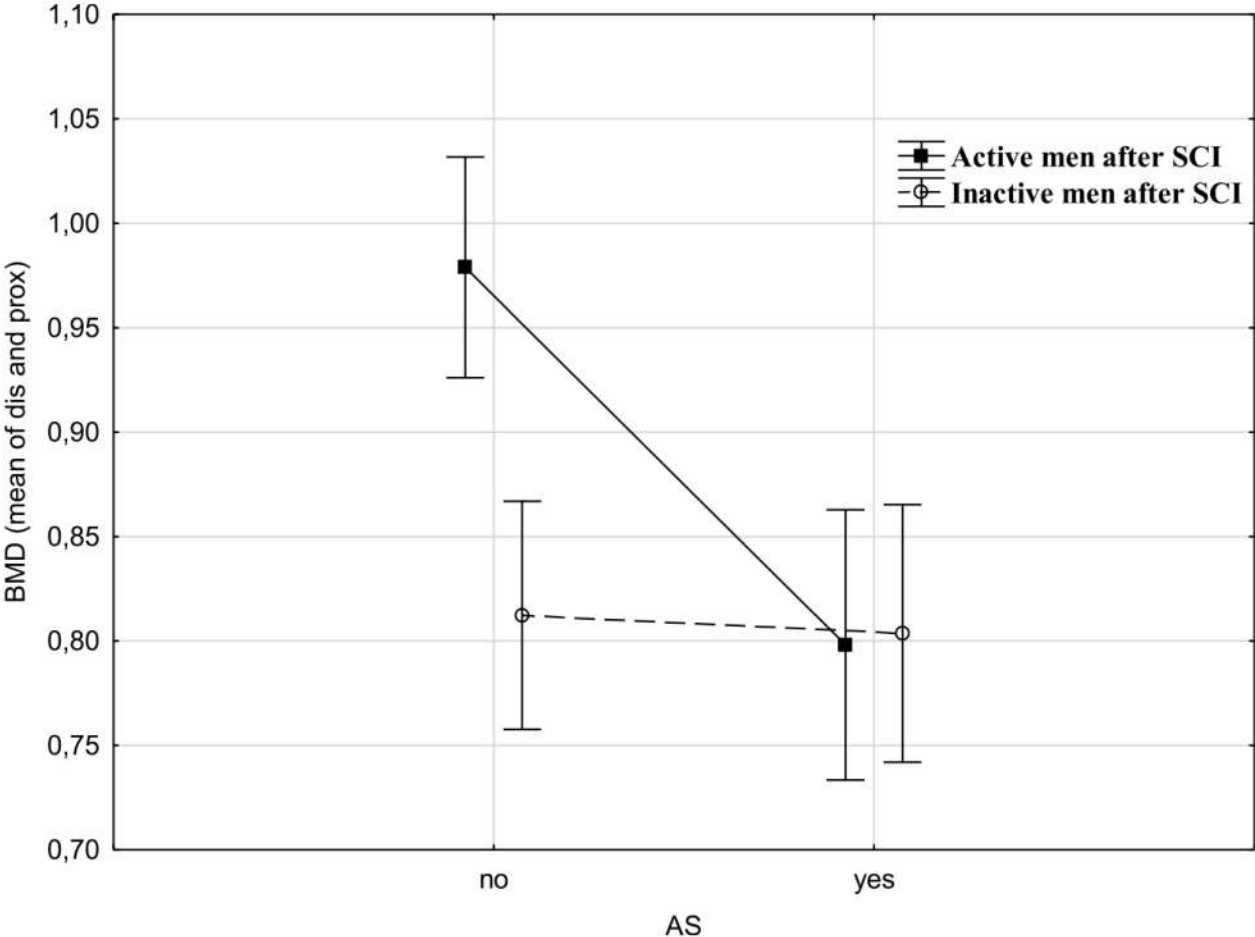


Fig. 7 BMD changes at t1 (first row) to t2 (second row). Images correspond to pQCT sections of the Tibia 4%, 4%, 14%, 86% and 96% for **A–E** respectively and Femur 4% and 14% for **F, G** respectively. Reference lines for these scans were the malleolus for **A–D** and the tibial plateau for **D–G**. pQCT images **A, C, F, G** correspond to P1 and **B, D, E** correspond to P2.

Forearm bone mineral density in adult men after spinal cord injuries: impact of physical activity level, smoking status, body composition, and muscle strength

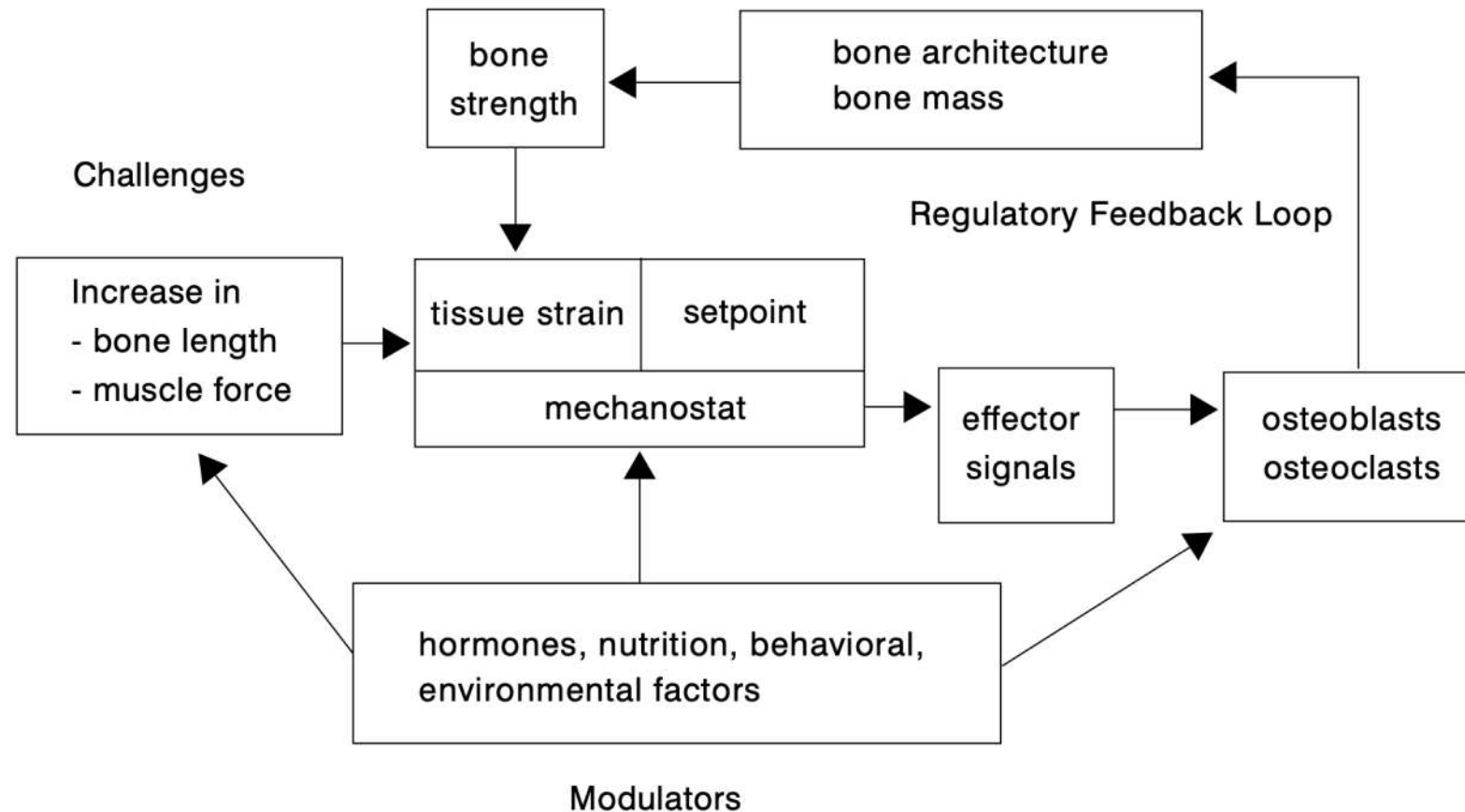
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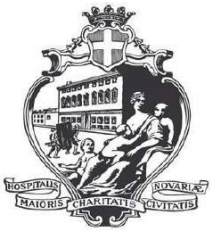


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Editorial: Long term disability in neurological disease: A rehabilitation perspective

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