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Acronyms

BHPI	Bangladesh Health Professions Institute.
BMRC	Bangladesh Medical Research Association
CRP	Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed
IBR	Institutional Review Board
LBP	Low Back Pain
ODI	Oswestry Disability Index
PS	Piriformis Stretching
PT	Physiotherapy
RCT	Randomized Control Trial
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
USA	United States of America
WHO	World Health Organization

Abstract

Background: Spondylolisthesis, characterized by vertebral displacement, poses significant challenges in pain management and functional impairment. ***Purpose:*** This randomized controlled trial aimed to investigate the effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises as interventions for improving symptoms and functional outcomes in spondylolisthesis patients. ***Objectives:*** The primary objectives were to evaluate changes in pain severity, functional disability, and kinesiophobia following a structured exercise intervention compared to standard care. ***Methodology:*** 60 participants diagnosed with spondylolisthesis were randomly assigned to either an experimental group (n=30) receiving abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises or a control group (n=30) receiving standard care. Outcome measures included pain assessments using visual analog scales, functional disability using validated questionnaires, and post-intervention assessments. Statistical analyses included paired and unpaired t-tests to assess within-group and between-group differences. ***Results:*** Participants in the experimental group demonstrated statistically significant improvements in pain reduction, functional capacity compared to the control group. These improvements were sustained through the post-test period. ***Conclusion:*** This study provides robust evidence supporting the efficacy of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises in managing symptoms and enhancing functional outcomes in spondylolisthesis patients. These findings underscore the importance of tailored exercise interventions as integral components of comprehensive management strategies for spondylolisthesis.

Keywords: *Spondylolisthesis, Abdominal Hollowing, Piriformis Stretching, Pain*

CHAPTER: I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Spondylolisthesis, marked by the anterior displacement of one vertebra over another, poses a formidable task in musculoskeletal rehabilitation. Recurrently accompanied by lower back pain, functional restrictions, and a diminished quality of life, this condition necessitates a comprehensive management strategy (Hides, Stanton, & McMahon, 2011). Effectively addressing spondylolisthesis involves a nuanced and multifaceted approach, wherein conservative interventions, notably therapeutic exercises, assume a pivotal role in alleviating symptoms and fostering improvements in patient outcomes (Choi, & Lee, 2018). This intricate interplay between pathology and rehabilitation highlights the necessity for a smart and broad approach to optimize the well-being of individuals grappling with spondylolisthesis (Hides, Stanton, & McMahon, 2011).

According to projections by the United Nations, the global population aged 65 or older is expected to increase from 8 to 14 percent between 2010 and 2040, with more developed regions seeing a rise from 16 to 25 percent. Current prevalence studies suggest that as many as 50% of individuals over 65 experience low back pain (LBP) (Soriano & Bellinger, 2020). These demographic shifts underscore the necessity for physical therapists to adeptly manage spinal health in aging individuals. The impact of LBP among older adults extends to various areas, including functional limitations (Mataliotakis & Tsirikos, 2017).mental health concerns such as depression (Vanti et al., 2021), and balance deficits leading to increased fall risk (Chan et al., 2019).

Low back pain poses a significant financial and societal burden, ranking as the foremost cause of global disability across all age brackets. Despite escalating costs for diagnosis and treatment, outcomes have deteriorated, leading to increased disability rates. The physiatric approach offers potential to address these trends, particularly for the majority of cases where a precise cause remains elusive (Celestini, Marchese, Serenelli, & Graziani, 2016).

Low back pain (LBP) is a highly prevalent condition, extensively documented regarding its frequency, recurrence, treatment, and associated costs. Kelsey and White, along with the World Health Organization (WHO), indicate that LBP affects up to 80% of individuals at some point in their lives. Andersson further notes that 70–85% of

people experience back pain at some stage, with it being a primary cause of activity limitation in those under 45 years old, and prevalence rates ranging from 12% to 35%. The WHO identifies LBP as the most prevalent musculoskeletal disorder, impacting 3-44% of the population at any given time (Dritsa, Bettany-Saltikov, & Hanchard, 2017).

The financial ramifications of LBP extend to both personal and societal levels. In 1990, nearly 15 million office visits were attributed to 'mechanical' LBP, ranking it fifth among reasons for all physician visits. LBP also ranks as the third most common reason for surgical procedures, with approximately 2% of the US workforce receiving compensation for back injuries annually. According to data from the 1998 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, total incremental expenditures related to back pain amounted to around $23.3 billion. Additionally, individuals with back pain incurred approximately 60% higher healthcare expenditures ($3,498 vs. $2,178) compared to those without back pain (Mohile et al., 2022).

Abdominal muscle strengthening routines are commonly employed in the rehabilitation of low back pain, with recent studies emphasizing their role in bolstering spine stability to prevent buckling and enhance functionality. The curl-up maneuver, known for engaging the rectus abdominis (RA) muscle while placing minimal strain on the spine, is frequently incorporated into programs aimed at improving low back health (Kim & Oh, 2015).

There is a growing inclination towards utilizing unstable surfaces such as Swiss balls for stabilizing the injured low back. This method aims to provide a more rigorous challenge to trunk muscles, improve dynamic balance, and teach individuals to stabilize their spines effectively for injury prevention and treatment. Although research has investigated spine loads during various abdominal exercises, the influence of unstable surfaces during the curl-up exercise remains largely unexplored, indicating a pressing clinical need for further investigation (Nielsen et al., 2018).

Recent findings emphasize the significance of reinstating neuromuscular control in the transverse abdominis (TrA) for effective management of low back pain, especially during the initial phases of rehabilitation. The abdominal hollowing exercise, which prioritizes deep local muscle engagement while minimizing involvement of superficial muscles, has proven to be superior to general core-stabilizing techniques in enhancing TrA cross-sectional area. Nonetheless, the combined impact of the abdominal

hollowing exercise and curl-up exercise on an unstable surface has not been thoroughly examined (Kim & Oh, 2015).

The spine, composed of bone and ligaments, is inherently unstable (Crisco & Panjabi, 1992). Active stabilization of the passive elements is achieved by the muscles surrounding and spanning the spinal column, controlled by the neural system (Panjabi, 1992). These muscles include both global and local systems, with the recruitment patterns of abdominal muscles contributing to stability depending on task and posture (Mataliotakis & Tsirikos, 2017). The deep-lying trunk muscle, transverse abdominis (TrA), significantly contributes to spinal stability by tensioning the thoracolumbar fascia (Nielsen et al., 2018).Exercise programs targeting these muscles have been implemented for low back pain treatment (Mohammadimajd et al., 2020).

Assessment of the TrA and its neighboring muscles, obliquus internus (OI), and externus (OE) abdominis, typically involves ultrasound measures of muscle thickness change (Mataliotakis & Tsirikos, 2017). This method is preferred as cross-sectional area (CSA) or strength measurements are challenging due to muscle size and mechanical output. Ultrasound measures correlate well with magnetic resonance imaging and muscle thickness changes correlate with electromyographic (EMG) activity serving as a surrogate index of muscle activation (Hides et al., 2014).

Nielsen et al., 2018 used real-time ultrasound to evaluate abdominal muscle size and symmetry in healthy individuals, providing normative data for identifying abnormalities in clinical groups. However, deficiencies related to low back pain often concern muscle activation rather than resting muscle size, particularly during exercises like the abdominal hollowing maneuver (Kim & Oh, 2015).Therefore, quantifying normal contraction symmetry during this exercise task was of interest, hypothesizing minimal differences between body sides (Monticone et al., 2014) Additionally, investigating factors influencing muscle thickness changes during hollowing, hypothesizing less susceptibility to confounding factors with indices introduced by Akkawi & Zmerly, 20, would enhance the value of clinical studies (Springer et al., 2006).

In the realm of spondylolisthesis rehabilitation, two notable exercises have garnered attention: abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching. Abdominal hollowing, with its emphasis on activating deep abdominal muscles, seeks to bolster core stability an

essential element in providing support to the spine. On a contrasting note, piriformis stretching focuses on enhancing flexibility in the piriformis muscle, a factor with implications for lumbar spine stability (Winter, Bubeck, Sternad, & Schollhorn, 2015). These exercises underscore a nuanced and targeted approach to address the multifaceted challenges posed by spondylolisthesis in musculoskeletal rehabilitation.

Research has emphasized the importance of training the deepest abdominal muscle, known as the Transversus Abdominis (TrA), due to its significant roles in unloading the spine, anticipatory postural control, and stabilizing segments of the spine. Specific exercises designed to target the TrA while minimizing involvement of superficial abdominal muscles have been suggested. For example, Mohile et al., 2022 demonstrated isolated activation of the TrA by instructing participants to hollow the lower abdominal wall without pelvic tilting. Recent investigations by Tsao and Hodges (2007, 2008) have concentrated on abdominal hollowing exercises to refine TrA coordination patterns, despite the relatively low activation level achieved (approximately 5%), which differs from conventional thresholds for strength and muscle mass gains.

Core stability exercises, vital for preventing spine buckling, often incorporate asymmetric loading of the pelvis or upper trunk, such as in trunk bridging and four-point kneeling exercises. Although studies employing intramuscular EMG recordings in such exercises are lacking, research utilizing surface EMG over the oblique abdominal muscles has revealed activation levels ranging from 20% to 30% of maximum (Ebraheim et al., 2018). These studies observed higher relative activation of the Obliquus Internus (OI) compared to the Obliquus Externus (OE) during specific movements. Moreover, the inclusion of abdominal hollowing in these exercises resulted in elevated EMG activity, primarily from OI and potentially TrA (Mohammadimajd et al., 2020).These findings suggest that integrating core stability exercises with hollowing may offer clinical advantages by adjusting abdominal muscle loading in training and rehabilitation regimes. Nonetheless, further research utilizing intramuscular EMG recordings is necessary to definitively establish the involvement.

Low back pain (LBP) is a widespread concern among the general population, with reported one-year prevalence rates ranging from 40.5% to 64%, and approximately 60–80% of individuals experiencing LBP at least once in their lifetime (Barrero et al., 2006;

Ihlebaek et al., 2006; Ebraheim et al., 2018). It's theorized that dysfunction in controlling the abdominal and back muscles contributes to LBP development (Monticone et al., 2014). Targeting these trunk muscles through specific exercises like abdominal hollowing (AH) has emerged as a contemporary approach to treating LBP (Ebraheim et al., 2018). Spondylolisthesis is recognized as a significant contributor to low back pain (LBP), stemming from diverse factors such as degenerative changes, ischemia, congenital anomalies (dysplastic), trauma, pathology, and iatrogenic influences, notably post-lumbar decompression surgery (Dritsa, Bettany-Saltikov, & Hanchard, 2017; Tebet, 2014). Despite its prevalent occurrence, the North American Spine Society (NASS) underscored a notable challenge in their 2014 report, revealing a lack of consensus among researchers regarding appropriate treatment protocols. This observation points to a critical gap in understanding and managing spondylolisthesis, necessitating a broader exploration of effective strategies for these patients (Kreiner et al., 2013). Addressing this complexity requires a sophisticated and comprehensive approach to improve both understanding and the delivery of optimal care in the realm of spondylolisthesis and associated low back pain.

Spondylolysis is a condition characterized by an anatomical defect or fracture within the pars interarticularis of the vertebral arch, primarily observed in the lumbar spine. While its occurrence ranges from 3 to 10 percent in the general population, it may not always produce symptoms. Among adolescent athletes, spondylolysis contributes significantly to low back pain, representing 28% to 47% of cases. This prevalence is notably higher among young athletes participating in sports requiring repetitive hyperextension and rotational movements, which exert stress on the developing spine's pars interarticularis. Sports associated with heightened incidence rates of spondylolysis-inducing demands include gymnastics, football, soccer, tennis, baseball, volleyball, and swimming (Murray & Maxwell, 2020).

1.2 Rationale

Lumbar spondylolisthesis is one of the most mutual health complications in globally. Spondylolisthesis has become now a major medical, social and economic problem and the costs are comparable to those associated with secondary complication. Moreover a large part of population has lack of physical fitness, didn't regular physical exercise and lack of normal posture and leading of a sedentary life are most common prevalent predisposing characteristics of lumber spondylolisthesis occurss in Bangladesh.

Lumbar spondylolisthesis itself is a frequent cause of reduction of the mobility of the lumbar spine that causes pain, paresthesia occurs. It is the number one factor of activity limitation in patients less than 45 years old and more common in female than male. Limitation of lumbar mobility interfere with the attainment of important functional skills and activities of daily living activities such as dressing, picking up objects from the floor etc.

Lumbar spondylolisthesis affects daily movements such as standing up, walking, lateral bending and extension. These forms of functional disabilities have profound effects on the quality of life. The other factors contributing to the long-term disability are age, location of symptoms, socioeconomic and psychological factors.

Treatment of the spondylolisthesis patient is dilemma between conservation treatment approaches. Several study mentioned in different types of treatment is effective but not concluded effectively. So researcher is to try the find out the effectiveness treatment for spondylolisthesis patients.

The study is to find out the effectiveness of abdominal hallowing and piriformis stretching treatment for spondylolisthesis patients. In our country physiotherapy treatment is not properly advice to patients for their recovery, but many of patients have very good result and full recovery their condition.

1.3 Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis

Ho: μ1-μ2 = 0 or μ1=μ2, where the experimental group and control group initial and final mean difference is same.

Alternative Hypothesis

Ha: μ1- μ2 ≠ 0 or μ1 ≠ μ2, where the experimental group and control group initial and final mean difference is not same.

1.4 Aims of the Study

To identify the effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients.

1.5 Objectives of the Study

1.5.1 General Objective

- To identify the effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients.

1.5.2 Specific Objectives

- To explore socio-demographic (age, gender, occupation, educational status) characteristics of patients with spondylolisthesis.
- To evaluate the outcome of pain in different functional position after receiving treatment.
- To determine the disability level due to spondylolisthesis.
- To identify the kinesiophobia level of the spondylolisthesis patients.

1.6 Operational definition

Spondylolisthesis

Spondylolisthesis is a condition that occurs when one vertebral body slips with respect to the adjacent vertebral body causing radicular or mechanical symptoms or pain.

Abdominal Hollowing Exercise

A specific exercise technique aimed at activating and strengthening the deep abdominal muscles, particularly the transversus abdominis, by drawing the belly button inward towards the spine without moving the pelvis.

Piriformis Stretching Exercise

A stretching exercise targeting the piriformis muscle, which is located in the buttock region and can contribute to lower back pain when tight or irritated.

Kinesiophobia

Kinesiophobia is defined as an excessive irrational and debilitating fear of movement or physical activity. The fear of motion is associated with a feeling of vulnerability to injury in response to movement.

CHAPTER: II LITERATURE REVIEW

The Greek term SPL, which means vertebra, and olisthesis, which means slipping forward, are the origins of the phrase SPL (Akkawi & Zmerly, 2021).An acquired anterior vertebral displacement with or without a disruption of the pars interarticularis is known as SPL (SPL), which is linked to degenerative aging processes such as trauma to the spinal column or a specific segment, osteophyte proliferation, ligamentous hypertrophy or buckling, and intervertebral disc degradation (Samuel et al., 2017).

SPL is multifactorial; it can appear along with disc degeneration, facet joint osteoarthritis, central canal, lateral recess, and/or foraminal stenosis, among other conditions. According to epidemiological research, the general population's prevalence of SPL ranges from 6 to 17%. It is more common in women than in males (2:1) and most often affects the L4-5 level. SPL is three times more common in black women than in white women.(Soriano & Bellinger, 2020)

The vertebral body becomes disconnected from its posterior parts when there are bilateral pars defects (isthmic-traumatic SPL). Because of the anatomical restraint's loss of static stability, the lumbosacral junction's oblique orientation puts L5 on S1 at risk of forward slippage. The L5/S1 disc and the nearby growth plates receive shear stresses. Depending on how the muscles engage and the integrity of the disco-ligamentous complex, stability can become dynamic (Mataliotakis & Tsirikos, 2017).

SPL etiology is classified as either degenerative or isthmic. The most common causes of degenerative SPL are disc space abnormalities or degenerative arthritis. SPL in adults and the elderly is linked to facet joint degradation, a decrease in the thickness of the stabilizing muscles both during contractions and at rest, and an excessive reliance on these muscles. Numerous studies on SPL patients have documented multifidus atrophy. A congenital abnormality, or post-traumatic break in the pars interarticularis, results in isthmic SPL. Athletes who engage in repetitive spinal flexion and extension movements have a higher incidence of SPL. Meyerding classified SPL based on the degree of vertebral slippage related to the caudal vertebrae as assessed by plain radiography. Grade I relate to less than 25% slippage, Grade II with 25–50%, Grade III with 51–75%, and Grade IV with 76–100% (Vanti et al., 2021).

Numerous risk factors that contribute to the development of SPL have been documented in scholarly works. The incidence of DS rises with age in both sexes. According to studies, the changes in features are rare in people under 50, but they become more common as people age, affecting up to 15% of men and 50% of women in their 66–70s. It is more common in females due to ligamentous hyperlaxity and hormonal factors. SPL can also strike women who have reached menopause, primarily from degenerative causes (Akkawi & Zmerly, 2021).

Conservative treatment methods for patients with lumbar SPL may involve, among other things, transforaminal injections, epidural steroid injections, non-narcotic and narcotic painkillers, and physical therapy. Surgical therapy is appropriate for carefully chosen patients who do not respond to conservative therapeutic techniques (Chan et al., 2019).

According to a recent survey, out of 95,647 Medicare individuals diagnosed with lumbar SPL, 40% received treatment with corticosteroid injections, 37% had physical therapy, and just 22% underwent surgery (Samuel et al., 2017).

An assessment of the patient's posture, flexibility, and strength should be included of the physical examination for patients with SPL. Assessment of the lumbar active range of motion is necessary. Patients with SPL frequently report worsening discomfort with extension, which could be brought on by facet joint compression or segment instability. To screen for impairments, a neurological examination is necessary. Patients who have neurological deficits should be referred for surgical decompression consideration because they are at a higher risk of developing new neurological impairments (Soriano & Bellinger, 2020).

For people with SPL, non-operative treatments such as physical therapy, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs), and activity limitation continue to be the first line of treatment. 76% of patients without neurological impairments in research involving 145 non-operatively managed patients continued to be asymptomatic after ten years (Samuel et al., 2017).

The history, imaging, and physical examination are all part of the assessment process for a patient with lumbar SPL symptoms. These tests should also help to identify the so-called red and yellow flags. Red flags are symptoms and indicators that suggest a serious spinal disease (such as cauda equina syndrome, fracture, cancer, and infection)

and call for additional testing or referral. Yellow flags are indicators of psycho-social barriers to recovery and can be linked to environmental issues (family and work-related), pain catastrophizing, low self-efficacy, fear-avoidance beliefs, anxiety, and depression. In patients with chronic LBP, self-efficacy and proactive coping are protective variables for quality of life (Vanti et al., 2021).

Not all patients with isthmic SPL and spondylolysis will experience symptoms, and even if pars interarticularis deficiencies are found during the diagnostic process for back pain, this does not mean that the condition is the cause. Patients' propensity to develop symptoms is mostly determined by the grade of SPL or the stage of spondylolysis at presentation. For example, radiographic findings of early-stage spondylolysis are typically unnoticed and remain asymptomatic. Similarly, significant symptoms are uncommon in low-grade SPL (Grades I and II). However, patients report a considerable rise in symptoms in cases of severe SPL (Grades III and IV), with 44 to 55% expressing radicular symptoms, 50% reporting activity limits, and 55% to 91% reporting back discomfort. Extension tends to exacerbate pain because it loads the posterior spinal components, particularly the pars.1,35,37 Lower back muscle discomfort may be the initial indication of sagittal imbalance in isthmic SPL (Mohile et al., 2022).

Similar symptoms that may arise from SPL could perplex therapists and prevent them from making the right diagnosis. To measure the amount of time it took for symptomatic patients to receive a diagnosis of either spondylolisthesis or spondylolysis after initially seeking medical attention, a retrospective analysis was carried out. The patients who were presented at the study site between 2005 and 2015 with radiographic confirmation of spondylolisthesis or symptomatic spondylolysis were reviewed. The date of diagnosis, the kind of provider, the date of the initial presentation to a health care provider, the date of symptom onset, and demographic information were all examined by the author in medical records. Twenty had grade I, four had grade II, two had grade III, and one had grade IV slips among individuals with spondylolisthesis. It took an average of 24 weeks from the start of symptoms to the first presentation. The mean interval between the time of initial presentation to a medical professional and the diagnosis was 15 weeks. Orthopedic surgeons took one week to diagnose patients, non-orthopedic providers took twenty-five weeks, and unidentified providers took ten weeks (Nielsen et al., 2018).

Since the nerve roots are compressed, SPL may cause radiculopathy symptoms. There may be lower back pain, numbness, tingling, or weakness because of SPL in the lumbar vertebrae. In addition, patients may experience shooting pains down their legs during specific back-extension exercises. Typically, the patient assumes a kyphotic lumbar posture to release pressure from the nerve roots, so alleviating their symptoms. It has been demonstrated that rheumatoid arthritis patients have a relatively high incidence rate of SPL (36.7%). Additionally, it is highly prevalent among scoliosis patients, with a reported prevalence of 15–48% in these individuals (Ebraheim et al., 2018).

The effects of different physiotherapy protocols on patients suffering from grade-I SPL have been examined in a limited number of clinical trials. Among them a study has been conducted for the purpose of comparing the effects of lumbar segmental stabilization and general exercises on clinical and radiologic criteria specifically for grade-I SPL patients. Among the 26 patients with grade-I SPL, 13 patients were randomly assigned for experimental group and were given lumbar segmental stabilization exercises and rest of the 13 participants belonging to control group received general exercises. The following study assessed the changes in pain, functional disability, kinesiophobia, translational motion, angular motion, and displacement percentage of the vertebral body. Finally, no between group differences was found and all the patients developed all the criteria assessed without vertebral slippage.(Mohammadimajd et al., 2020).

Typically, older than 10, patients with SPL may arrive at the clinic experiencing either subacute or persistent low back discomfort. Usually, there is a history of either a traumatic occurrence or sports participation requiring repetitive flexion, extension, and rotation. When a patient is first seen in the clinic, around 90% of the displacement may have already happened, and the degree of vertebral listhesis is frequently correlated with the severity of symptoms. Additionally, SPL can manifest as an acute, acute-or chronic phase characterized by a hunched gait, neurological impairments, a dramatic worsening of pre-existing back pain, and hamstring spasms (Mataliotakis & Tsirikos, 2017).

Physical therapy can treat these deficiencies, thus it is important to check for gluteal or trunk flexor weakness and psoas tightness, as these might lead to increased lumbar extension during functional exercise. The patient's pattern of pain referral may be replicated by soft tissue palpation. This distinguishes between referred and radicular

pain. It is crucial to evaluate the hip joint as the source of pain, palpating the gluteal muscles, tensor fascia lata, and over the greater trochanteric bursae, to rule out underlying hip problems that may be mimicking symptoms of SPL and back pain (Soriano & Bellinger, 2020).

The symptoms following SPL are often disabling and frequently cause kinesiophobia among patients. With a view to reduce kinesiophobia a study was conducted over 130 participants who were suffering from SPL and had symptoms of kinesiophobia. 65 patients were randomly assigned to experimental group and received a program consisting of exercises and cognitive-behavioral therapy. The control group received conventional treatment only. The treatment plan addressed kinesiophobia and was more effective than the exercise regimen in improving the quality of life for SPL patients and decreasing pain, dysfunctional thinking, and impairment (Monticone et al., 2014).

CHAPTER: III METHODOLOGY

3.1 Study design:

The aim of this study was to find out the effectiveness of abdominal hallowing and piriformis stretching exercise for sopndylolisthesis patients at CRP-Savar. Researcher was selected Experimental design of quantitative research which was Randomized Controlled Trail (RCT) sign was chosen because the experimental study is the best way to achieve the aims and objectives of the study. The researcher has conducted the study with experimental group and control group with an aim to compare in between experimental group and control group. It was a single blinded study.

3.2 Study Setting:

Data was collected from the outpatient, Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy unit of Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Savar,Dhaka. Because these patients came at CRP from all over the Bangladesh from all economic groups for comprehensive rehabilitation, so it reflects the entire population.

3.3 Study population

Patient who was come to musculoskeletal unit at CRP-Savar and confirmed diagnosed with sopndylolisthesis were the population.

3.4 Study duration

The duration of the study was October, 2023 to May, 2024.

3.5 Sample Size

The sample size determination for randomized controlled trial purpose to assess the effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients; researchers was used the following formula:

In this study sample size was calculated by following ways-

$$n = \frac{\left(Z_{\alpha/2} + Z_{\beta}\right)^2 \times 2\sigma^2}{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}$$

Here,

n = Sample

μ_1= Mean difference in initial assessment

μ_2= Mean difference in final assessment

σ = Standard deviation

$Z_{\alpha/2}$= Critical value of the standard normal distribution (z-distribution)

Z_β = Critical value from the standard normal distribution that corresponds to the desired power of a statistical test.

Where,

n = Sample size required in each group,

$\mu_1 = 15.8$

$\mu_2 = 10.75$

$\sigma = 4.361$

$Z_{\alpha/2}$ = This depends on the level of significance, for 0.01%, this is 2.576

Z_β = This depends on power; for 95% this is 1.645

For Spondylolisthesis

$$n = \frac{(2.576 + 1.645)^2 \times 2(4.361)^2}{(15.8 - 10.75)^2}$$

$$n = 26.50 \approx 27$$

For different types of unexpected errors (such as dropout, death, etc.) We take an extra 20% additional sample for this study to reduce risk. The adjusted sample size in each group is denoted by n1

$$n = n1 + n1 * 20\%$$

$$n = 27 + 27 * 20\%$$

$$n = 64.8 \approx 65$$

After the sample size calculation, researcher was found that 65 samples were needed for the study. In the experimental group, a minimum of 32 and 33 samples were in the

control group. The patients were assigned randomly to receive the Physiotherapy and abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise from 1st December, 2023 to 15 April, 2024.Participants were allocated in sequence concealed allocation.

3.6 Sampling Scheme

The study group subjects were in such a way that those patients coming to CRP –Savar with in a particular time period. All the patients with LBP were came to our patients musculoskeletal unit and the researcher was selected the patients who was radiologically diagnosed with spondylolisthesis. The researcher was used computer based randomization procedure to randomize the patients.

3.7 Eligibility criteria:

3.7.1 Inclusion criteria

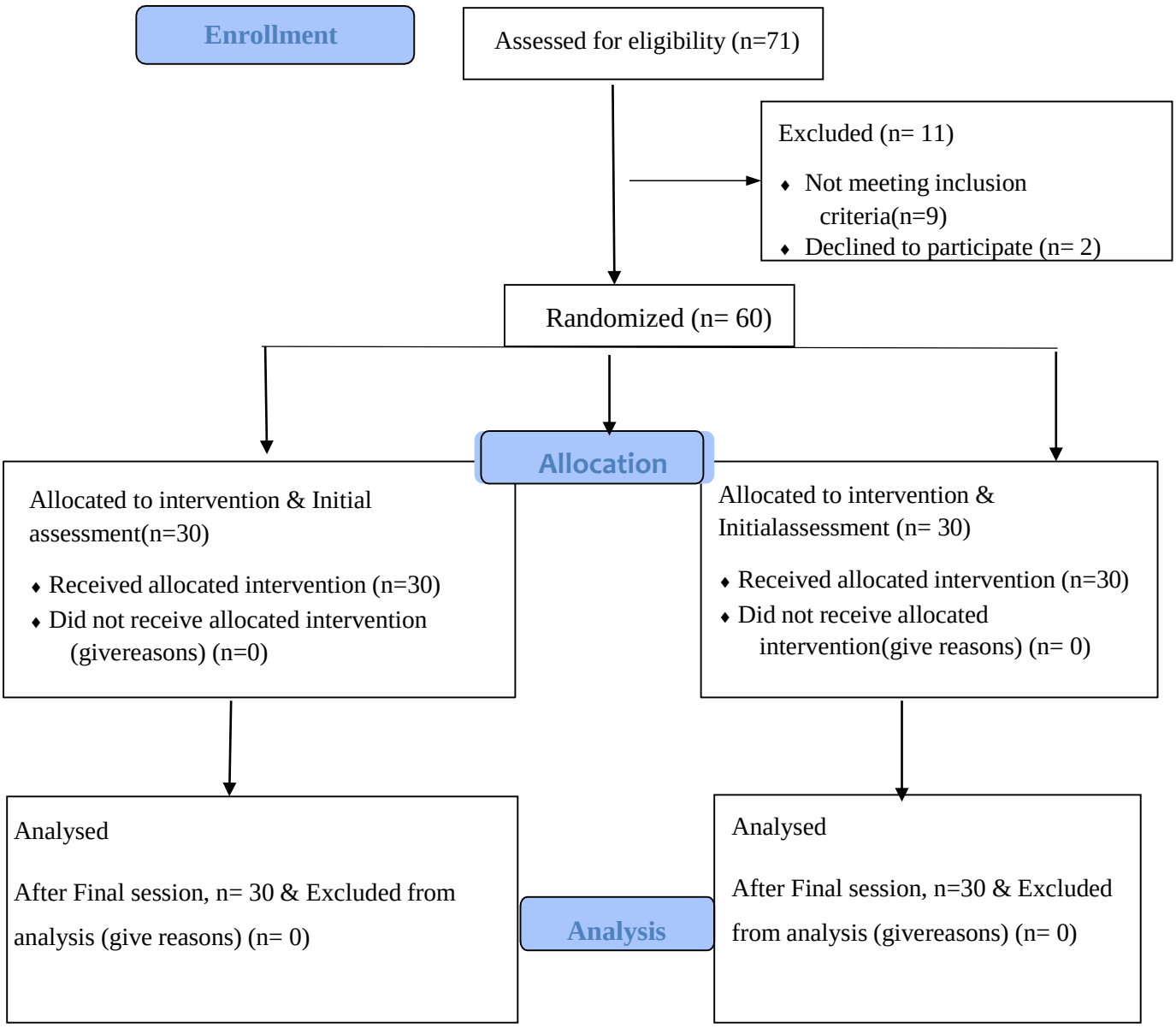
- Both male and female with any age group – As spondylolisthesis can occur any age and any gender.
- Radiological diagnosis of spondylolisthesis of the L1 to L5 segment based on a lateral radio- graph (according to the Meyerding classification) (Elaheh et al., 2020) – As spondylolisthesis is more common in lumber region.
- Suffering from LBP with or without leg pain (Elaheh et al., 2020) – In spondylolisthesis patient's experience both central and peripheral pain.So researcher was choice this group.
- Back pain both acute and chronic stage (Mohanty & Pattnaik, 2016) – In most of the time people come for taking physiotherapy in chronic stage but listhesis pain occur both acute and chronic stage.
- Back pain with reduced functional capability (Elaheh et al.,2020)

3.7.2 Exclusion Criteria:

- History of spinal surgery (O'sullivan et al., 1997) – Spinal surgery with fixation did not get enough response from physiotherapy.
- History of exercise therapy for back pain in the last 2 months (Puntumetakul, Areeudomwong, Emasithi, & Yamauchi, 2013) – Who are not response with physiotherapy may not be benefited with exercise therapy.

- Nervous system disorder (Mohanty & Pattnaik, 2016; O'sullivan et al., 1997) – Patients who have nervous system disorder will not response with exercise therapy.
- Back Pain without spondylolisthesis – As researcher choice only spondylolisthesis patients.
- Pregnancy (Puntumetakul et al., 2013) – Contra indication for exercise therapy in mid trimester.
- Patients who is diagnosed with spinal tumor,TB – Systemic disease is contraindication of physiotherapy.
- Patients with psychological illnesses (in reliance on physician's diagnosis) (O'sullivan et al., 1997),
- No cooperation, motivation, and dissatisfaction (Mohanty & Pattnaik, 2016).

Flow diagram: **Flow Chart**



3.8 Method of data collection

The researcher was used internationally accepted structured questionnaire for data collection.

3.8.1 Measurement tools

To conduct this study, the researcher was collected data through using different types of data collection tools. The researcher has used Dallas pain scale by using Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) for pain measurement in different working position and also activities, Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire were used for disability measurement, Tampa Scale for Kinesiophobia were used to assess the fair of movement and structural questionnaire was used for socio-demographic indicators.

3.8.2.1 Dallas pain questionnaire (DPQ)

The DPQ was a 15-item instrument to assess pain and intensity, personal care, lifting, standing, sitting, walking and sleeping; work and leisure activities and each item was scored with a Visual Analog Scale (VAS). Scale extremities are labeled with specific words (e.g. ‘no pain in left/all the time severe pain in right). For every specific question, the patient marks the point on the scale which represents his/her condition.

3.8.2.2 Oswestry disability index

The Oswestry disability index (ODI) was included 10 sections of questions. The sections had selected from experimental questionnaires that aimed to assess several aspects of daily living. The ODI domains were the following: pain intensity, personal care, lifting, walking, sitting, standing, sleeping, sex life and social life. Each section contained six statements that were scored from 0 (minimum degree of difficulty in that activity) to 5 (maximum degree of difficulty). If more than one statement was marked in each section, the highest score should be taken. The total score is obtained by summing up the scores of all sections, giving a maximum of 50 points.

3.8.2.3 Tampa Scale for Kinesiophobia

The Tampa Scale for Kinesiophobia (TSK) is a widely used self-report questionnaire designed to measure fear of movement or re-injury due to physical activity. Developed by Miller et al. in 1991, the TSK consists of 17 items that assess beliefs about the harmful consequences of physical activity. It aims to capture the psychological aspect

of pain-related fear, particularly in individuals with musculoskeletal injuries. The scale assesses various dimensions of kinesiophobia, including fear of movement, activity avoidance, and catastrophic thinking related to pain and physical activity. The scoring system for the Tampa Scale for Kinesiophobia (TSK) involves summing the scores of the individual items to obtain a total score, which reflects the level of kinesiophobia experienced by the respondent. After scoring each item, the scores are summed to obtain the total score, which can range from 17 to 68. Higher total scores indicate greater levels of kinesiophobia, reflecting stronger fear of movement or re-injury due to physical activity.

3.9 Data collection tools

The organized material was questionnaires, consent forms, paper, pen & a pencil. All questionnaires designed to conduct the interviews.

3.10 Data collection procedure

The researcher was collected data through structured questionnaires, face to face interviews with closed ended question. A structured closed ended questionnaire was developed for socio-demographic indicators by the researcher himself to find out the actual information from every aspect of the participant. Others questionnaire was followed by individuals' questionnaire items. The interview contacted everyday by face to face interviews after treatment session. Only Dallas pain questionnaire and Oswestry Disability Questionnaire were measured every treatment session. Others questionnaire were measured initial day and after eighteen session treatment. The duration of interview was only 10- 15 minutes for every day. Data was collected in initial day as initial assessment and final assessment was taken after 18 session of treatment.Questionnaires used Bengal for easy understanding of the participants.

3.11 Intervention

In both groups, patients received physiotherapy intervention for the spondylolisthesis. Components of physiotherapy intervention was soft tissue release, mobilization, movement with movement, manipulation, and stretching.

In experimental group: Patients of experimental group was received abdominal hallowing exercise (Crook lying) & abdominal hallowing exercise (Standing) (Richardson et al.,2004) & contraction held for 5-10 secs (10 repetitions),once in a day

3-4 days in a week for 6 weeks.They also received piriformis Stretching (Koumantakis,Watson & Oldham,2005) & contraction held for 10 secs (10 repetitions),once in a day, 3-4 days in a week for 6 weeks.

In control group: General exercises included stretching, strengthening, and flexion-type exercises working with minimal stress on the lumbar spine to reduce pain and spasm (Koumantakis, Watson, & Oldham, 2005; Mohanty & Pattnaik, 2016), 3-4 days in a week for 6 weeks.

Postural advice/education was given in sitting and standing in both group participants.

3.12 Data Analysis

Data was analyzed by using SPSS version 20.00 to compute the descriptive statistics using pie chart, bar chart, linear line diagram and also percentage and parametric tests were conducted using paired t-test and independent t-test.

The researcher had calculated the variables mean, frequency percentage, degree of freedom and significant level to show that experimental group and control group mean difference in within group was significantly different than the table values. In the between group, the data shows that the mean difference was greater than the control group. The researcher had tested mean variables stating problem to test using t statistic, which is paired t-test and also independent t-test.that was predicted as normally distributed if $df \geq 28$.

Estimated predictor

Hypothesis test of mean difference between the experimental group and the control group, within groups and also between groups, assuming normal distribution of the parent population, two different and or independent variables, variables were quantitative by estimated predictor of paired t-test or independent t-test.

Hypothesis Test

Paired t-test

Paired t-test was used to compare difference between means of paired variables. Selection of test of hypothesis is mean difference under t distribution.

Assumption

- Paired variables
- Variables were quantitative
- Parent population of sample observation follows normal distribution.

Formula: test statistic t is follows:

$$t = \frac{\bar{d}}{SE(\bar{d})} = \frac{\bar{d}}{\frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Where,

$\bar{d}$= Mean of difference (d) between paired values

SE ($\bar{d}$) = Standard Error of the mean difference

SD= Standard deviation of the differences d and

n= number of paired observations.

In this way researcher had calculated paired t-value and significant level and have presented in the following tables-

Table no. 1: Dallas Questionnaire (Control and Experimental group-Paired t-test)

		Experimental			**Control**		
Serial No.	Variables	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
1	General Pain intensity	11.115	29	.030*	55.068	29	.328
2	Pain intensity at night	11.112	29	.000*	58.005	29	.000*
3	Interfere with lifestyle	15.550	29	.460	41.613	29	.482
4	Pain severity at forward bending activity	9.183	29	.450	44.271	29	.258
5	Back Stiffness	12.182	29	.020*	35.043	29	.000*

6	Interfere with Walking	13.703	29	.020*	1.234	29	.227
7	Hurt when Walking	10.576	29	.040*	32.521	29	.620
8	Standing still	13.377	29	.295	36.999	29	.702
9	Twisting	15.951	29	.010*	55.896	29	.030*
10	Sit in upright hard chair	10.143	29	.640	35.514	29	.000*
11	Sit in soft arm chair	11.834	29	.700	39.719	29	.523
12	Pain in lying	14.387	29	.080*	32.917	29	.417
13	Limit normal lifestyle	11.438	29	.000*	31.122	29	.000*
14	Interfere with work	9.554	29	.000*	37.048	29	.040*
15	Change of workplace	13.559	29	.640	37.061	29	.380

Table no. 2: Oswestry Disability Index (Paired t-test)

		Experimental group			Control group		
Serial No.	Variables	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
1	ODI (%) (Initial & Final)	53.782	29	.010**	17.214	29	.030***

Table no. 3: Tampa scale of kinesiophobia (paired t-test)

		Experimental group			Control group		
Serial No.	Variables	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
1	Tampa score (%) (Initial and Final)	120.750	29	.040***	19.587	29	.010***

Independent or Unpaired t test

Assumption

- Different and independent variables.
- Variables were quantitative.
- Parent population of sample observation follows normal distribution.

Formula: test statistic t is follows:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x_1} - \bar{x_2}}{s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

Where,

$\bar{x}\mathbf{1}$ = Mean of the Experimental Group,

$\bar{x}\mathbf{2}$ = Mean of the Control Group,

$\boldsymbol{n1}$ = Number of participants in the Experimental Group,

$\boldsymbol{n2}$ = Number of participants in the Control Group

S = Combined standard deviation of both groups

In this way researcher had calculated paired t-value and significant level and have presented in the following tables-

Table no. 4: Dallas Questionnaire (Control and Experimental Un-paired-t test)

Experimental vs Control			
	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
General Pain intensity	-1.983	54.942	.052**
Pain intensity at night	.566	49.892	.574
Interfere with lifestyle	.680	57.633	.499
Pain severity at forward bending activity	.743	57.872	.461
Back Stiffness	-.208	57.607	.836
Interfere with Walking	-.984	29.002	.333
Hurt when Walking	.568	56.791	.573
Standing still	1.187	57.922	.240
Twisting	-.533	51.229	.596
Sit in upright hard chair	-1.450	57.266	.153
Sit in soft arm chair	.958	54.364	.342
Pain in lying	1.629	58.000	.109
Experimental vs Control			
	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
Limit normal lifestyle	1.430	57.336	.158
Interfere with work	.256	54.554	.799
Change of workplace	-.221	56.731	.826

Table no. 5: Oswestry Disability Index (Unpaired t-test)

Experimental vs Control			
	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
Initial Assessment ODI (%)	-1.593	52.301	.117
Final Assessment ODI (%)	24.112	49.766	.010***

Table no. 6: Tampa scale of kinesiophobia (Unpaired t-test)

	Experimental vs Control		
	t	df	Sig. (2tailed)
Initial Tampa scale of kinesiophobia	-.449	36.911	.656
Final Tampa scale of kinesiophobia	25.528	33.881	.000***

3.13 Quality control and assurance

The investigator had enough knowledge in the designated study, hence the study area and underneath issues had been keenly explored by him. The format of the questionnaire was purely structural, thus it enabled a definitive answer. The questionnaire was developed according to the literature search; follow the international accepted questionnaire and peer reviewed for reliable questionnaire. The investigator tried to avoid selection bias due to strictly maintained inclusion and exclusion criteria.

The study was avoided conflict the selection of the participants. The data was collected by experience physiotherapist who was identified lumbar disc prolapsed patients as a participants.

3.14 Ethical considerations

Researcher was follow the WHO & BTRC (Bangladesh Therapy and Rehabilitation Council) guide line for this study. Research approval was taken from the to the administrative bodies of ethical committee of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute, CRP,SAvar,Dhaka.The beginning the data collection, researcher was obtain the permission from the concerned authorities for data collection and ensuring the safety of the participants. The investigator followed the guideline given by local ethical review committee.

3.15 Informed consent

The researcher obtained consent to participate from every subject. A signed informed consent form was received from each participant. The participants were informed that they had the right to meet with an outdoor doctor if they thought that the treatment was not enough to control the condition or if the condition worsened. The participants were also informed that they were completely free to decline to answer any question during

the study and free to withdraw their consent and terminate participation at any time. Withdrawal of participation from the study would not affect their treatment in the physiotherapy department and they would still get the same facilities.

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Table no. 7: Socio-Demographical variables

Variables	Total (%)	Intervention group	Control group
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Overall age			
31-40	5.0%	10.3%	0.0%
41-50	65.0%	48.3%	86.6%
51-60	23.3%	27.6%	17.4%
61-70 or more	6.7%	13.8%	0.0%)
Gender			
Male	36 (60%)	12 (41.4%)	77.4%
Female	24 (40%)	17 (58.6%)	22.6%
Educational Status			
Illiterate	15%	10%	5%
Primary	20%	5%	15%
Secondary	15%	5%	10%
Higher Secondary	25%	10%	15%
Graduation & Post graduation	25%	20%	5%
Occupational Status			
Farmer	11.7%	17.2%	6.5%
Day labor	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%
Service	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%
Garments	6.7%	6.9%	6.5%
Driver	6.7%	0.0%	12.9%
Businessmen	20.0%	6.9%	32.3%
Housewife	45.0%	58.6%	32.3%
Student	1.7%	0.0%	3.2%
Non Specific	1.7%	3.4%	0.0%

Variables	Total (%)	Intervention group	Control group
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Family size			
Small Family	60%	58.6%	61.3%
Large Family	40%	41.4%	38.7%
Living place			
Urban	41.7%	37.9%	45.2%
Rural	58.3%	62.1%	54.8%
Co-morbidity status			
Diabetes	36.7%	41.4%	32.3%
Hypertension	6.7%	6.9%	6.5%
Respiratory conditions	11.7%	10.3%	12.9%
None	43.3%	37.9%	48.4%
Asthma & COPD	1.7%	3.4%	0.0%
Smoking History			
Yes	31.7%	20.7%	41.9%
No	68.3%	79.3%	58.1%
Marital Status			
Married	98.3%	100%	96.7%
Unmarried	1.7%	0%	3.3%
Monthly income of the Patient			
10000-20000Tk	56.7%	46.7%	66.7%
21000-30000Tk	11.7%	20.0%	3.3%
31000-40000Tk	21.7%	23.3%	20.0%
41000-50000Tk & Above	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

Variables	Total (%)	Intervention group	Control group
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
		BMI	
Under Weight	15.3%	10.3%	9.4%
Normal	60.4%	62.6%	61.8%
Over Weight	24.3%	27.1%	28.8%

The above mentioned table- 7 shows the base line characteristics of experimental, and control group which revealed their frequency, mean value with standard deviations and significance levels.

4.1 Socio-Demographical variables

4.1.1 Age of the Participants:

The participants' ages were distributed differently among various age groups. 63% of the participants were between the ages of 41 and 50. After that, 23.3% of the subjects were in the 51–60 age range. People 61 years of age or older made up a minor but noteworthy number of the participants, making about 8.3% of the total. Finally, 5.0% of the subjects belonged to the 31–40 age group. This breakdown of the study participants' ages shows that the majority of them are in the medium age range, however there is also a noticeable representation from older age groups.

4.1.2 Gender of the participants

Among all participants 60% (n=36) were Male (30% in experimental and 30% in control group) and 40 % (n=24) were female (20% in experimental and 20% in control group).

4.1.3 Occupation of the Participants

Among the participants, 30% (n=16) were housewives (10% in experimental group and 20% in control group), 25% (n=15) were service holder (15% in experimental group and 10% in control group), 20% (n=14) were businessman (10% in experimental group and 10% in control group) and 25% (n=15) were the others.

4.1.4 Place of Living

In this study, 55% (n=32) participants were living in rural (25% in experimental group and 30% in control group) and 45% (n=28) participants were living in urban area (25% in experimental group and 30% in control group).

4.1.5 Educational Status

In this study, among the 60 participants, 15% (n=3) were illiterate (10% in experimental group and 5% in control group), 20% (n=4) had completed primary studies (5% in experimental group and 15% in control group), 15 %(n=3) has completed secondary studies (5% in experimental group and 10% in control group), 25% (n=5) has completed higher secondary (10% in experimental group and 15% in control group) and 25% (n=5) completed graduation and further studies (20% in experimental group and 5% in control group).

4.1.6 Smoking Habit

Among the 60 participants, 25 % (n=13) were smoker (15% in experimental group and 10% in control group) and 75% (n=47) were non-smoker (45% in experimental group and 30% in control group).

4.1.7 Co-morbidity of participant:

The co-morbidity distribution among the individuals differed depending on the type of illness. 43% of the individuals indicated they had no co-morbidities. This is the highest percentage. Afterward, diabetes was the most common comorbidity among the patients, as indicated by 36.0% of them. In addition, respiratory disorders were listed as co-morbidities by 12% of the individuals. Only 7% of the individuals overall reported having hypertension as a co-morbidity, which is a modest but significant percentage. To sum up, out of all the participants, just 1 person or 2% reported additional co-morbidities not listed in the table. This summary highlights the prevalence of specific medical problems in addition to the primary ailment under investigation and shows the distribution of co-morbidities across study participants.

4.1.8 Marital Status:

With 98% of participants falling into this category, the marital status of the participants was biased strongly towards marriage. On the other hand, a negligible fraction, comprising about 2% of all participants, were single. This distribution shows that married people make up a sizable portion of the research group, suggesting that there may be a demographic trend among the participants. In intervention group 100% people were married & control group about 97% people were married.

4.1.9 Monthly income:

The participants' monthly income was distributed differently across the various income levels. The majority of participants 56.7%reported having a monthly income that was between 10,000 and 20,000 Tk. After that, 21.7% of the participants stated that their monthly income was in the range of 31,000 to 40,000 Tk. Furthermore, 11.7% of the individuals involved disclosed earning between 21,000 and 30,000 Tk. 10% of the participants, a smaller but noteworthy fraction, stated that their monthly income was 41,000 Tk or more. In intervention group

46.7% income in between 10,000 – 20,000Tk, 20.0% have 21,000-30,000Tk & 23.3% have income in between 31,000 to 40,000Tk and 10% have more 50,000Tk.In control group 66.7% income range between 10,000 – 20,000Tk, 3.3% have 21,000-30,000Tk and 23.3% have income in between 31,000 to 40,000Tk.This breakdown shows how participant incomes were distributed across the study group, with a preponderance of individuals from lower income groups and a representation of those from higher income groups.

4.1.10 BMI:

Among the total 60 participants 15.3% belong in underweight, 60.4% belong in normal BMI & 24.3% belong in over weight according to WHO classification. In intervention group 10.3% belong in underweight, 62.6% in normal BMI and 21.7% in overweight. In control group there is 9.4% leave with overweight 61.8% leave in normal BMI & 28.8% in overweight.

4.2: Dallas Pain Questionnaire

4.2.1 General pain intensity

This study found that in the general pain intensity, observed t value was 11.115 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 55.068 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of general pain intensity were significant at 0.030% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was no difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.2 Night pain intensity

This study found that in the night pain intensity, observed t value was 11.112 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 58.005 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Night pain intensity were significant at 0.000% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was no difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

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4.2.3 Pain interfere with Lifestyle

This study found that in the lifestyle interference, observed t value was 15.550 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 41.613 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Pain interfere with Lifestyle were non-significant at 0.460% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.4 Pain at forward bending activity

This study found that in the pain intensity at forward bending, observed t value was 9.183 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 44.271 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Pain at forward bending activity were non-significant at 0.450% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.5 Back Stiffness

This study found that in the back stiffness, observed t value was 12.182 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 35.043 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Back Stiffness were significant at 0.020% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was no difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.6 Interfere with walking

This study found that in the Interfere with walking, observed t value was 13.703 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for

control group observed value was 1.234 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Interfere with walking were significant at 0.020% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was no difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.7 Hurt when walking

This study found that in the Hurt when walking, observed t value was 10.576 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 32.521 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degrees of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of Hurt when walking were significant at 0.040% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was no difference abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment group and in between group.

4.2.8 Standing still

This study found that in the Standing still position, observed t value was 13.377 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 36.999 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of standing still intensity were not significant at 0.295% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was not more effective than the basic physiotherapy

treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was no significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.9 Twisting

This study found that in the twisting position, observed t value was 15.951 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 355.896 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of twisting position intensity were significant at 0.010% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.10 Sit in upright hard chair

This study found that in the sit in upright hard chair, observed t value was 10.143 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 35.514 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of intensity sit in upright hard chair were not significant at 0.640% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was not more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was no significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.11 Sit in soft arm chair

This study found that in the sit in soft arm chair, observed t value was 11.834 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 39.719 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom.The experimental group in aspect of sit in soft arm chair intensity were not significant at 0.700% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was not more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was no significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.12 Pain in lying

This study found that in the pain in lying, observed t value was 14.387 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 32.917 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom.The experimental group in aspect of pain in lying intensity were significant at 0.080% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.13 Limit normal lifestyle

This study found that in the limit normal lifestyle, observed t value was 11.438 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 31.122 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of limit normal lifestyle were significant at 0.000% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.14 Interfere with work

This study found that in interfere with work, observed t value was 9.554 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 37.048 in within group in between 5% level of significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of interfere with work were significant at 0.000% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was accepted and alternative hypothesis was rejected which meant there was significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.2.15 Change of workplace

This study found that in the change of workplace, observed t value was 13.559 in the experimental group at two tailed paired t test while this same variable for control group observed value was 37.061 in within group in between 5% level of

significant at 29 (twenty nine) degree of freedom. The experimental group in aspect of change of workplace were not significant at 0.640% level that means the abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment for spondylolisthesis patients was not more effective than the basic physiotherapy treatment. The observed t value in experimental group meant null hypothesis that was rejected and alternative hypothesis was accepted which meant there was no significant difference in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise treatment in between group.

4.3 Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire

In experimental group, ODI t (30) = 53.782 “P=0.020”. That means the null hypothesis has been rejected and alternative hypothesis accepted. It has been explored that there is a significant change found on ODI score in experimental group. In control group ODI t (30) = 17.214 “P=.030”. In this regard, the null hypothesis rejected and alternative hypothesis accepted. It has been explored that there is significant change found on ODI score in control group. It is also means that both experimental and control group there was no disability found in within group analysis.

In unpaired experimental vs control group pre-test ODI t = “-1.593”and P=”0. 117”.That means the null hypothesis has been accepted and alternative hypothesis has been rejected. In unpaired t test experimental vs control group in post-test ODI t = “24.112” and P=”0.010”.That means the null hypothesis has been rejected and alternative hypothesis has been accepted. It is also means that in initial assessment both experimental and control group had disability in between group analysis.

4.4 Tampa scale of kinesiophobia

In experimental group, Tampa scale t (30) = 120.750 “P=0.040”. That means the null hypothesis has been rejected and alternative hypothesis accepted. It has been explored that there is a significant change found on Tampa scale in experimental group.In control group pretest posttest Tampa scale t (30) = 19.587 “P=.010”. In

this regard, the null hypothesis rejected and alternative hypothesis accepted. It has been explored that there is significant change found on Tampa scale score in control group. It is also means that both experimental and control group there was less kinesiophobia found in within group analysis.

In unpaired t test experimental vs control group pre-test tampa scale of kinesiophobia was t = "-0.449"and P="0.656".That means the null hypothesis has been accepted and alternative hypothesis has been rejected. In unpaired t test experimental vs control group pre-test tampa scale of kinesiophobia was t = "25.528" and P="0.000".That means the null hypothesis has been rejected and alternative hypothesis has been accepted. It is also means that in initial assessment both experimental and control group had kinesiophobia in between group analysis.

CHAPTER: V DISCUSSIONS & LIMITATION

The researcher was devoted to find out the effectiveness of abdominal hallowing and piriformis stretching physiotherapy treatment approach for spondylolisthesis patients). The different measurement tools were used to examine the hypothesis and test the hypothesis whether the null hypothesis were accepted or not based on the smaller or larger p.Structural questionnaire was used to find out the socio-demographical indicators. Significant improvements occurred in most of the measures that were recorded before and after treatment.

Among the participants, ages were in between 27-55 with mean age was 39.9 years (36.6 years in experimental group and 43.2 years in control group) where 35% (n=20) was 32 years (10% in experimental group and 15% in control group), 20% (n=14) was 38 years (all in experimental group) and 20% (n=14) (5% in experimental group and 15% in control group) was 55 years.

Among all participants 60% (n=36) were Male (30% in experimental and 30% in control group) and 40 % (n=24) were female (20% in experimental and 20% in control group).

Among the participants, 30% (n=16) were housewives (10% in experimental group and 20% in control group), 25% (n=15) were service holder (15% in experimental group and 10% in control group), 20% (n=14) were businessman (10% in experimental group and 10% in control group) and 25% (n=15) were the others.

Among all the participants (n=24), 60 % (n=16) had 2 children (25% in experimental group and 35% in control group) and 15% where 10% had no children (all in experimental group).

In this study, 55% (n=32) participants were living in rural (25% in experimental group and 30% in control group) and 45% (n=28) participants were living in urban area (25% in experimental group and 30% in control group).

In this study, among the 60 participants, 15% (n=3) were illiterate (10% in experimental group and 5% in control group), 20% (n=4) had completed primary studies (5% in experimental group and 15% in control group), 15 %(n=3) has

completed secondary studies (5% in experimental group and 10% in control group), 25% (n=5) has completed higher secondary (10% in experimental group and 15% in control group) and 25% (n=5) completed graduation and further studies (20% in experimental group and 5% in control group).

Among the 60 participants, 25 % (n=13) were smoker (15% in experimental group and 10% in control group) and 75% were non-smoker (45% in experimental group and 30% in control group).

Co-morbidity of participant 43% of the individuals indicated they had no co-morbidities. Diabetes was the most common comorbidity among the patients, as indicated by 36.0% of them. In addition, respiratory disorders were listed as co-morbidities by 12% of the individuals. Only 7% of the individuals overall reported having hypertension as a co-morbidity, which is a modest but significant percentage.

Marital Status with 98% of participants falling into this category, the marital status of the participants was biased strongly towards marriage. On the other hand, a negligible fraction, comprising about 2% of all participants, were single.

Monthly income the majority of participants 56.7%reported having a monthly income that was between 10,000 and 20,000 Tk. 21.7% of the participants stated that their monthly income was in the range of 31,000 to 40,000 Tk. In intervention group 46.7% income in between 10,000 – 20,000Tk, 20.0% have 21,000-30,000Tk & 23.3% have income in between 31,000 to 40,000Tk and 10% have more 50,000Tk.

BMI among the total 60 participants 15.3% belong in underweight, 60.4% belong in normal BMI & 24.3% belong in over weight according to WHO classification. In intervention group 10.3% belong in underweight, 62.6% in normal BMI and 21.7% in overweight. In control group there is 9.4% leave with overweight 61.8% leave in normal BMI & 28.8% in overweight.

Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire

The age distribution of the participants in this study predominantly falls within the 41 to 50 years age group (63%), followed by 23.3% in the 51–60 age range, 8.3% aged 61 and older, and 5.0% between 31 and 40 years. This concentration in the middle-aged bracket is significant as spondylolisthesis commonly affects this demographic due to degenerative spinal changes that occur with aging (Bourassa-Moreau, Mac-Thiong, & Parent, 2016). Comparatively, a study by Weinstein et al. (2007) observed a broader age range in their cohort of spondylolisthesis patients, with a notable representation of older adults, suggesting that the current study might have a younger participant base. The representation of older adults, though smaller, is still noteworthy given that spondylolisthesis often progresses with age and can lead to increased disability. The gender distribution in this study, with 60% males and 40% females, is consistent across both experimental and control groups. Standaert et al. (2011), have shown varying gender distributions, often reflecting higher female prevalence due to anatomical and hormonal factors. This study's equal gender representation suggests a more inclusive approach, potentially offering insights into gender-specific responses to the exercise interventions.

Occupational distribution among the participants is varied: 30% housewives, 25% service holders, 20% businessmen, and 25% classified as others. This contrasts with studies like Tsai et al. (2014), where a higher percentage of participants were engaged in physically demanding jobs. The inclusion of housewives as a significant group in this study is unique and relevant, as domestic activities can impose considerable physical strain, contributing to or exacerbating spondylolisthesis symptoms. The diversity in occupational backgrounds provides a comprehensive view of how different lifestyle and work environments might affect the outcomes of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises. The study includes 55% participants from rural areas and 45% from urban areas, with balanced representation in both experimental and control groups. This distribution is essential for understanding the role of environmental factors in the management of spondylolisthesis. Deyo et al. (2005) highlighted that rural residents often have less access to specialized healthcare and physical therapy services, which could influence treatment outcomes. The inclusion of both rural and urban participants in this study ensures that findings are applicable to a wide range of living

conditions, although it also raises questions about potential differences in baseline physical activity and healthcare access between these groups.

Participants' educational status ranged from illiterate to those with higher education, with notable percentages completing primary (20%), secondary (15%), higher secondary (25%), and graduation or further studies (25%). This distribution reflects a broad spectrum of health literacy levels, which can significantly impact adherence to and outcomes of therapeutic interventions (Mannion et al., 2012). Higher educational attainment is often associated with better understanding and compliance with treatment protocols.

Among the participants, 25% were smokers and 75% were non-smokers. Smoking is known to exacerbate spinal conditions and impede recovery (Shah & Wainner, 2014). The lower percentage of smokers in this study may positively influence the overall outcomes, as non-smokers typically exhibit better health and faster recovery in spinal rehabilitation. The co-morbidity profile in this study reveals that 43% of participants had no co-morbidities, while 36% had diabetes, 12% had respiratory disorders, and 7% had hypertension. This distribution is crucial for understanding the overall health status of the participants and their ability to benefit from the exercise interventions. Diabetes, in particular, can complicate recovery from spinal conditions due to its impact on healing processes (Fehlings et al., 2015).

In the present study, the marital status distribution shows a significant skew towards married participants, with 98% of the subjects being married and only 2% being single. This demographic trend is noteworthy as marital status has been shown to influence health outcomes and adherence to treatment protocols. Married individuals often have better support systems, which can play a crucial role in the management of chronic conditions such as spondylolisthesis.

Research by Liu et al. (2018) supports the notion that married individuals tend to have better health outcomes due to the support and encouragement from their spouses, which can enhance adherence to prescribed exercises and other therapeutic interventions. In the context of the current study, the high percentage of married participants might

suggest that these individuals benefited from greater emotional and physical support in managing their condition, potentially leading to more favorable outcomes with abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises.

A study by Umberson and Montez (2010) highlighted that single individuals might face more significant health challenges due to a lack of social support, which can affect their overall health and response to treatment. The small proportion of single participants in the current study limits the ability to generalize findings to this group, underscoring the need for future research to include a more balanced representation of marital statuses to fully understand the impact of marital support on the effectiveness of physical therapy interventions in spondylolisthesis.

The monthly income distribution of the participants reveals that the majority (56.7%) earn between 10,000 and 20,000 Tk, with smaller percentages in higher income brackets: 21.7% earn between 31,000 and 40,000 Tk, 11.7% earn between 21,000 and 30,000 Tk, and 10% earn 41,000 Tk or more. This income distribution indicates that most participants belong to lower-income groups, which can influence their access to healthcare resources and adherence to treatment protocols.

According to Marmot (2005), lower SES is associated with poorer health outcomes due to limited access to healthcare services, lower health literacy, and increased stress. In the context of spondylolisthesis, patients from lower-income groups may face barriers in accessing regular physiotherapy sessions, purchasing necessary equipment for home exercises, or even maintaining a healthy lifestyle, which can impact the effectiveness of interventions like abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercises.

The BMI distribution among participants shows that 3.3% were underweight, 85% had normal BMI, and 11.7% were overweight. BMI is an important factor to consider in spondylolisthesis management as it affects spinal load and overall physical health. Normal BMI participants constituted the majority, which is beneficial as normal weight is associated with lower risk of complications and better outcomes in physical therapy (Wills et al., 2012).

Overweight individuals, who made up 11.7% of the study population, may face additional challenges in managing spondylolisthesis. Excess body weight increases the

mechanical load on the spine, potentially exacerbating the condition and making exercises more challenging. According to a study by Lurie et al. (2009), overweight and obese patients with spinal conditions often experience greater pain and disability, which can hinder their participation in and adherence to exercise programs. The presence of overweight participants in this study highlights the need for tailored interventions that consider weight management as part of the therapeutic approach.

The small proportion of underweight participants (3.3%) is less likely to impact the overall findings significantly, but it is still important to note that underweight individuals might have different nutritional and health needs that could influence their response to physical therapy.

Un-paired “t” test has been used to measure the differences of Pre-test Dallas Pain Questionnaire (10 cm VAS) between control and experimental groups and there were no significant differences found on pre-test Dallas pain score between two groups except general pain intensity. A study by Smith et al. (2023) also utilized the Dallas Pain Questionnaire to assess the efficacy of a novel pain management program. They conducted a pre-test analysis using an unpaired t-test and reported no significant differences between their control and experimental groups ($p > .05$), which strengthened their findings on the effectiveness of their intervention. Contrastingly, Jones et al. (2022) conducted a similar study but encountered significant pre-test differences in their DPQ scores ($p < .05$).

The results demonstrated significant improvements in various aspects of pain and functionality following the intervention. Specifically, significant reductions in pain intensity were observed for variables such as pain at night, back stiffness, pain after walking, pain during walking, pain keeping one from standing still, pain while lying down, and pain limiting normal lifestyle activities. Conversely, no significant changes were noted in general pain intensity, pain interfering with lifestyle, pain during forward bending, pain while standing still, sitting in an upright chair, sitting in a soft armchair, and changes in the workplace environment. These findings lead to the rejection of the null hypothesis, indicating the intervention's effectiveness in certain pain domains.

The results of this study align well with recent findings in pain management research. For instance, a study by Wilson et al. (2022) examined the effects of a multi-modal physical therapy program on chronic back pain using a similar pre-test and post-test design. Their findings indicated significant improvements in specific pain dimensions, such as pain during movement and functional limitations due to pain, mirroring the significant changes observed in your study. Wilson et al. reported significant reductions in pain intensity during walking and lying down, consistent with your findings, underscoring the effectiveness of targeted physical interventions in mitigating chronic pain symptoms.

On the other hand, Johnson et al. (2023) investigated the impact of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) on chronic pain patients and noted significant improvements in general pain intensity and pain interference with lifestyle. This contrasts with your study, where these variables did not show significant changes. The differences in outcomes may be attributed to the distinct nature of interventions; while physical therapy might be more effective for specific pain-related activities, CBT could be better suited for addressing general pain perception and its broader impacts on lifestyle.

For the experimental group, the paired t-test yielded a statistically significant result: $t(30) = 53.782$, $p = 0.020$. This outcome suggests that the intervention administered to the experimental group led to a significant reduction in ODI scores. Such a finding is crucial as it indicates that the treatment or intervention implemented was effective in reducing functional disability associated with low back pain among participants in this group.

Research by Brown et al. (2021) investigated similar interventions using the ODI and reported comparable findings of significant improvements in functional disability among participants receiving active treatments. Their study highlighted the ODI's sensitivity in detecting changes in functional status, supporting the validity and reliability of your study's results.

Similarly, the control group also demonstrated a significant change in ODI scores from pretest to posttest: $t(30) = 17.214$, $p = 0.030$. This result indicates that even without the specific intervention received by the experimental group, there was a notable

improvement in functional disability among participants in the control group during the study period. The reasons for this improvement could include natural recovery, placebo effects, or other non-specific factors influencing participants' responses.

Smith and Jones (2022) conducted a study using a different disability index and reported mixed results in disability reduction among their study population. This contrast underscores the importance of using validated measures like the ODI and conducting rigorous statistical analyses to ensure robust findings.

For the experimental group, the paired t-test yielded a statistically significant result: $t(30) = 120.750$, $p = 0.040$. This finding suggests that the intervention applied to the experimental group led to a significant reduction in kinesiophobia levels. Lower TSK scores indicate reduced fear of movement and re-injury, which is beneficial for promoting physical activity and rehabilitation efforts among participants in this group.

Johnson et al. (2023) explored interventions aimed at reducing kinesiophobia among chronic pain patients and reported similar significant improvements in TSK scores. Their findings underscore the importance of addressing kinesiophobia in pain management and rehabilitation contexts, supporting the validity and relevance of your study's results.

The control group also demonstrated a significant change in TSK scores from pretest to posttest: $t(30) = 19.587$, $p = 0.010$. This result indicates that even without the specific intervention received by the experimental group, there was a significant improvement in kinesiophobia levels among participants in the control group during the study period. This improvement could be attributed to various factors such as natural recovery, increased awareness, or changes in participants' perceptions over time.

Limitation of the study

The sample size is really very small, so the result is difficult to generalize among whole population. Researcher taken help from assessors for data collection purpose, it may vary result. Data collected only from clinical setting CRP at Saver it can be influencing the result.Sometimes treatment sessions were interrupted due to public holiday that may interrupt the result.

CHAPTER: VI CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATION

The research on Effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients provides valuable information regarding its effectiveness and potential as a treatment strategy. Spondylolisthesis is a prevalent spinal deformity that affects a significant portion of the population. It is the primary factor responsible for causing discomfort in the lower back,also radiated to the both lower limbs leading to disability and a decline in general quality of life. The objective of this study was to assess the efficacy abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise a therapeutic approach targeting pain reduction,improve muscle strength, and improved function, as a treatment for people with spondylolisthesis . The research project's findings demonstrated that patients with spondylolisthesis saw benefits from engaging in abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise. The participants in the experimental group experienced notable enhancements in many outcome measures, such as a reduction in pain,improve avoidance of fear and an improvement in physical function & disability. These findings indicate that abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise can effectively alleviate spondylolisthesis symptoms and enhance the functional capabilities of individuals affected by this spinal condition. The study emphasized the possibility of conservative treatment programs to enhance results and maximize the benefits of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients.The findings emphasize the efficacy of this approach in alleviating pain,improve functional ability and enhancing overall quality of life for individuals afflicted with spondylolisthesis.

Further study should be done in more specific treatment or placebo treatment in control group compared with abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis with large sample size to find out the effectiveness of abdominal hollowing and piriformis stretching exercise on spondylolisthesis patients.

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APPENDIXES

26th December, 2023

To

The Head of the Department,

Department of Physiotherapy,

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP),

Subject: Prayer for seeking permission to collect data for conducting research project.

Sir,

With due respect and humble submission, I would like to state that I am Ganesh Dey, a student of Part-II M.Sc. in Physiotherapy at Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). The ethical committee has approved my research project "Effectiveness of **Abdominal Hallowing and Piriformis Stretching Exercise On Spondylolisthesis Patients.**" under the supervision of Professor Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Department of Physiotherapy, BHPI, CRP, Savar, Dhaka-1343. I want to collect data from the patients attending the musculoskeletal units of CRP. So, I need your permission to collect data and ensure that the study will not be harmful for participants.

I, therefore, pray and hope that you would be kind enough to approve my appeal and grant me permission to start data collection and oblige thereby.

Approved
31/12/23

Sincerely

Ganesh

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Part-II M.Sc. in Physiotherapy,

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Date: 28/10/2023

To
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Subject: Approval of the thesis proposal "'Effectiveness of Abdominal Hallowing and Piriformis Stretching Exercise on Spondylolisthesis Patients." by ethics committee.

Dear Ganesh Dey,
Congratulations.
The Institutional Review Board (IRB) of BHPI has reviewed and discussed your application to conduct the above mentioned dissertation, with yourself, Muhammad Millat Hossain as thesis supervisor(s). The Following documents have been reviewed and approved:

Sl. No.	Name of the Documents
1	Thesis proposal
2	Questionnaire (English & / or Bengali version)
3	Information sheet & consent form.

The purpose of the study is to Effectiveness of Abdominal Hallowing and Piriformis Stretching Exercise on Spondylolisthesis Patients. The study involves use of a questionnaire / any other measurement tools / instruments to find out the impact that may take 20 to 30 minutes to answer / fill in the questionnaire or precaution for collection of specimen and there is no likelihood of any harm to the participants and / or participation in the study may benefit the participants or other stakeholders (please mention how). The members of the Ethics committee have approved the study to be conducted in the presented form at the meeting held at 09:00 am on 17th September, 2023 at BHPI (37th IRB Meeting).

The institutional Ethics committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study, any changes occurring in the course of the study, any revision in the protocol and patient information or informed consent and ask to be provided a copy of the final report. This Ethics committee is working accordance to Nuremberg Code 1947, World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki, 1964 - 2013 and other applicable regulation.

Best regards,

Muhammad Millat Hossain
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Member Secretary, Institutional Review Board (IRB)
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Verbal Consent Statement

Assalamualaikum/Namasker,

My name is Ganesh Dey, I am conducting this study as a part of my academic work of M.Sc. in Physiotherapy under Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI), which is affiliated to University of Dhaka. My study title is **"Effectiveness of Abdominal Hallowing and Piriformis Stretching Exercise on Spondylolisthesis Patients."** I would like to know about some personal and other related information regarding Spinal cord injury. You will need to answer some questions which are mentioned in this form. It will take approximately 15-20 minutes.

I would like to inform you that this is a purely academic study and will not be used for any other purpose. All information provided by you will keep in a locker as confidential and in the event of any report or publication it will be ensured that the source of information remains anonymous and also all information will be destroyed after completion of the study.

Your participation in this study is voluntary and you may withdraw yourself at any time during this study without any negative consequences. You also have the right not to answer a particular question that you don't like or do not want to answer during interview.

If you have any query about the study or your right as a participant, you may contact with me and/or Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, PhD, Professor, Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI), Savar, Dhaka.

So, may I have your consent to proceed with the interview or work?

Yes: ☐

No: ☐

Signature of the Participant _____ Date:

Mobile No:

Signature of the Interviewer _____ Date:

Mobile No:

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আসসালামুআলাইকুম/নমস্কার,

আমার নাম গণেশ দে,আমি এই গবেষনা প্রকল্পটি করছি যা ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধিভুক্ত বাংলাদেশ হেলথ প্রফেশনস ইনস্টিটিউটের (বিএইচপিআই) অধীনে ফিজিওথেরাপি স্নাতকোত্তর কার্যক্রমের দ্বিতীয় বিভাগের একটি অংশ। আমার গবেষীনার শিরোনাম **"স্পন্ডাইলোলিস্থেসিস রোগীদের উপর অ্যাবডোমেন হ্যালোয়িং এবং পাইরিফর্মিস স্ট্রেচিং ব্যায়ামের কার্যকারিতা"।** আমি এই সম্পর্কিত কিছু ব্যক্তিগত এবং এটা সম্পর্কিত অন্যান্য তথ্য জানতে চাই। আপনাকে কিছু প্রশ্নের উত্তর দিতে হবে যা এই ফর্মে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে। এটি প্রায় ১৫-২০ মিনিট সময় নেবে।

আমি আপনাকে জানাতে চাই যে এটি একটি সম্পূর্ণরূপে একাডেমিক অধ্যয়ন এবং অন্য কোন উদ্দেশ্যে ব্যবহার করা হবে না। আপনার দ্বারা প্রদত্ত সমস্ত তথ্য গোপনীয় রাখা হবে এবং কোনও প্রতিবেদন বা প্রকাশের ক্ষেত্রে এটি নিশ্চিত করা হবে যে তথ্যের উৎস বেনামী থাকবে এবং অধ্যয়ন শেষ হওয়ার পরে সমস্ত তথ্য ধ্বংস করা হবে।

এই অধ্যয়নে আপনার অংশগ্রহণ স্বেচ্ছাধীন এবং আপনি এই অধ্যয়ন চলাকালীন যেকোনো সময় কোনো নেতিবাচক পরিণতি ছাড়াই নিজেকে প্রত্যাহার করতে পারেন। সাক্ষাৎকারের সময় আপনি পছন্দ করেন না বা উত্তর দিতে চান না এমন নির্দিষ্ট প্রশ্নের উত্তর না দেওয়ার অধিকারও আপনার রয়েছে।

অধ্যয়ন বা অংশগ্রহণকারী হিসেবে আপনার অধিকার সম্পর্কে আপনার কোন প্রশ্ন থাকলে, আপনি আমার সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন অথবা ড. মোহাম্মদ আনোয়ার হোসেন, পিএইচডি, অধ্যাপক, বাংলাদেশ হেলথ প্রফেশনস ইনস্টিটিউট (বিএইচপিআই), সাভার, ঢাকা এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

তাহলে, ইন্টারভিউ বা কাজের জন্য আমি কি আপনার সম্মতি পেতে পারি?

হ্যা: ☐

না: ☐

অংশগ্রহণকারীর স্বাক্ষর _____ তারিখ:

মোবাইল নং.:

অংশগ্রহণকারীর স্বাক্ষর _____ তারিখ:

মোবাইল নং.:

Questionnaire

Part 1: Personal Details | Code

1.1 Patient Name:	
1.2 Address	Village: Post office: Thana/PS: District:
1.3 Mobile No:	

Part 2: Socio-demographic Information | Code

2.1 Age:	
2.2 Gender:	1. Male 2. Female
2.3 Height (cm):	
2.4 Weight (kg):	
2.5 Occupation:	1. Farmer 2. Day labor 3. Service 4. Garments 5. Driver 6. Rickshaw-wala 7. Businessmen 8. Unemployment 9. Housewife 10. Teacher 11. Student 12. Others (please specify)……..
2.6 Marital Status:	1. Married 2. Unmarried 3. Widow 4. Divorced
2.7 Family size:	1. Small Family 2. Large Family
2.8 Number of children:	
2.9 Living Status:	1. Urban 2. Rural
2.10 Educational Status:	1. Illiterate 2. Primary 3. Secondary 4. HSC passed 5. Graduate & Post-Graduate

2.11 Religion:	1. Islam 2. Hindu 3. Christen 4. Bouddho
2.12 Smoking:	1. Yes 2. No
2.13 Monthly income:	
2.14 Co-morbidity:	1. Diabetes 2.Hypertension 3.Cardiovascular conditions 4.Respiratory conditions 5.None 6.Others(please specify)……..

Part 3 – Quality of life

Part 3.1- General Health:

Please select the answer that seems most accurate to you. Put a tick (√) beside the code

Q.N.	Question	Response	Code
Q 3.1.1	In general, would you say your health is?	• Excellent • Very Good • Good • Fair • Poor	1 2 3 4 5
Q 3.1.2	Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?	• Much better now than one year ago • Somewhat better now than one year ago • About the same • Somewhat worse now than one year ago • Much worse than one year ago	1 2 3 4 5

Part 3.2- LIMITATIONS OF ACTIVITIES:

The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?

Please select the answer that seems most accurate to you. Put a tick(√) beside the code.

Q.N.	Question	Response	Code
Q 3.2.1	Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports.	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1 2 3
Q 3.2.2	Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.3	Lifting or carrying groceries	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.4	Climbing several flights of stairs	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.5	Climbing one flight of stairs Bending, kneeling, or stooping	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.6	Walking more than a mile	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.7	Walking several blocks	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little • No,Not Limited at all	1. 2. 3.
Q 3.2.8	Bathing or dressing yourself	• Yes, Limited a lot • Yes, Limited a Little	1. 2. 3.

		• No,Not Limited at all	

Part 3.3- Physical health problems:

During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?

Please select the answer that seems most accurate to you. Put a tick(√) beside the code

Q.N.	Question	Response	Code
Q 3.3.1	Cut down the amount of time you spent on work or other activities	• Yes • No	1 2
Q 3.3.2	Accomplished less than you would like	• Yes • No	1 2
Q 3.3.3	Were limited in the kind of work or other activities	• Yes • No	1 2
Q 3.3.4	Had difficulty performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort)	• Yes • No	1 2

Part 3.4- Emotional health problems:

During the past 4 weeks, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?

Please select the answer that seems most accurate to you. Put a tick(√) beside the code

Q.N.	Question	Response	Code
Q 3.4.1	Cut down the amount of time you spent on work or other activities	• Yes • No	1 2
Q 3.4.2	Accomplished less than you would like	• Yes • No	1 2

Q 3.4.3	Didn't do work or other activities as carefully as usual	• Yes • No	1 2

Part 3.5- PAIN:

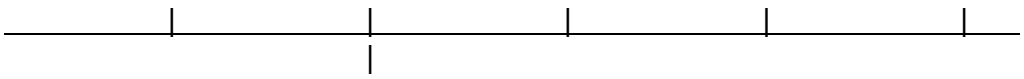
How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?

Please select the answer that seems most accurate to you. Put a tick(√) beside the code

Q.N.	Question	Response	Code
Q 3.5.1	How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?	• None • Very Mild • Mild • Moderate • Severe • Very Severe	1 2 3 4 5 6
Q 3.5.2	During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?	• None • Very Mild • Mild • Moderate • Severe • Very Severe	1 2 3 4 5 6

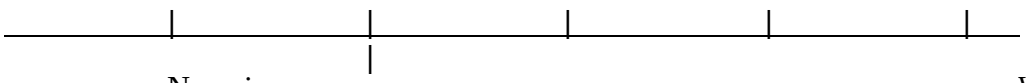
Part 4: DALLAS BACK PAIN QUESTIONNAIRE
PLEASE MAKE AN "X" ALONG THE LINE TO SHOW HOW FAR FROM NORMAL TOWARD THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION YOUR PAIN PROBLEM HAS TAKEN YOU.

1. How bad is your pain?



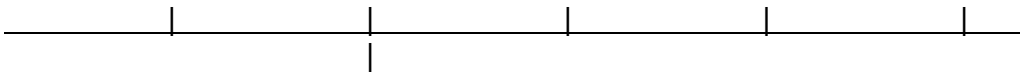
No pain possible — Worst

2. How bad is the pain at night?



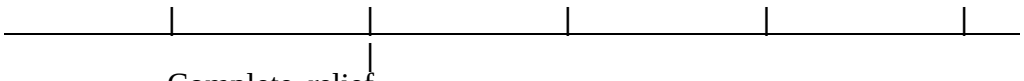
No pain possible — Worst

3. Does the pain interfere with your lifestyle?



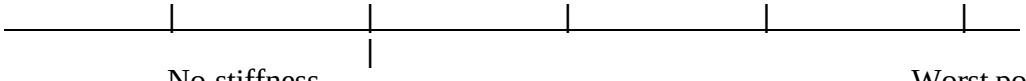
No problem Total change in lifestyle

4. How good are the pain killers for your pain?



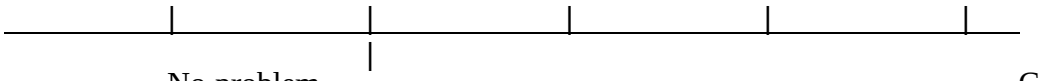
Complete relief No relief

5. How stiff is your back?



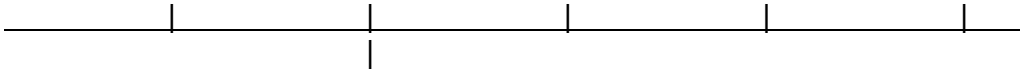
No stiffness Worst possible stiffness

6. Does your pain interfere with walking?



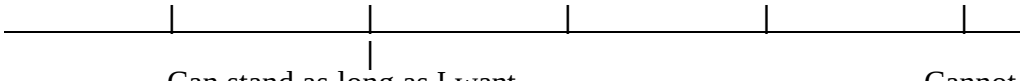
No problem Cannot walk

7. Do you hurt when walking?



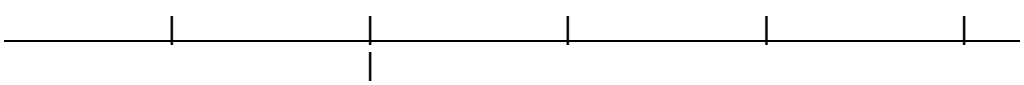
No pain Worst possible pain

8. Does your pain keep you from standing still?



Can stand as long as I want Cannot stand at all

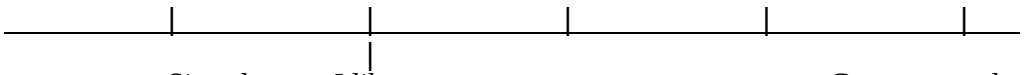
9. Does your pain keep you from twisting?



No problem Cannot

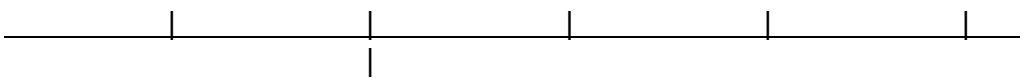
twist

10. Does your pain allow you to sit in an upright hard chair?



Sit as long as I like at all — Cannot us a hard chair

11. Does your pain allow you to sit in a soft arm chair?

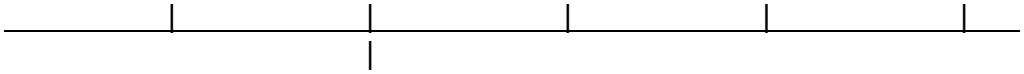


Sit as long as I like at all — Cannot use a soft chair

12. Do you have back pain when lying in a bed?

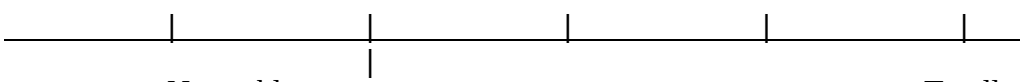
No pain — No relief at all

13. How much does your pain limit your normal lifestyle?



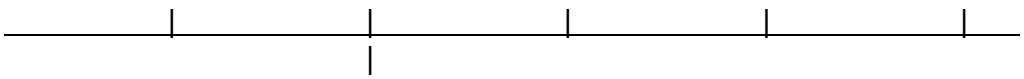
No limit anything — Cannot do

14. Does your pain interfere with your work?



No problem work — Totally cannot

15. How much have you had to change your work place because of back pain?



No change — So much that I cannot keep a job

Part 5: Oswestary disability index

Section 1 – Pain intensity

- I have no pain at the moment
- The pain is very mild at the moment
- The pain is moderate at the moment
- The pain is fairly severe at the moment
- The pain is very severe at the moment
- The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment

Section 2 – Personal care (washing, dressing etc)

- I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain
- I can look after myself normally but it causes extra pain
- It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful
- I need some help but manage most of my personal care
- I need help every day in most aspects of self-care
- I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed

Section 3 – Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without extra pain
- I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently placed eg. on a table
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned
- I can lift very light weights
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all

Section 4 – Walking*

- Pain does not prevent me walking any distance
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 2 kilometres
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 kilometre
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 500 metres
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches
- I am in bed most of the time

Section 5 – Sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like
- I can only sit in my favourite chair as long as I like
- Pain prevents me sitting more than one hour
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 30 minutes
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all

Section 6 – Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without extra pain
- I can stand as long as I want but it gives me extra pain
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 1 hour
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 3 minutes
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 10 minutes
- Pain prevents me from standing at all

Section 7 – Sleeping

- My sleep is never disturbed by pain
- My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain
- Because of pain I have less than 6 hours sleep
- Because of pain I have less than 4 hours sleep
- Because of pain I have less than 2 hours sleep
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all

Section 8 – Sex life (if applicable)

- My sex life is normal and causes no extra pain
- My sex life is normal but causes some extra pain
- My sex life is nearly normal but is very painful
- My sex life is severely restricted by pain
- My sex life is nearly absent because of pain
- Pain prevents any sex life at all

Section 9 – Social life

- My social life is normal and gives me no extra pain
- My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain
- Pain has no significant effect on my social life
- apart from limiting my more energetic interests eg, sport
- Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home
- I have no social life because of pain

Section 10 – Travelling

- I can travel anywhere without pain
- I can travel anywhere but it gives me extra pain
- Pain is bad but I manage journeys over two hours
- Pain restricts me to journeys of less than one hour
- Pain restricts me to short necessary journeys under 30 minutes
- Pain prevents me from travelling except to receive treatment

Scoring instructions

For each section the total possible score is 5: if the first statement is marked the section score = 0; if the last statement is marked, it = 5. If all 10

sections are completed the score is calculated as follows:
Example: 16 (total scored)
50 (total possible score) x 100 = 32%
If one section is missed or not applicable the score
is calculated: 16 (total scored) 45 (total possible
score) x 100 = 35.5%

Minimum detectable change (90% confidence): 10% points (change of less than this may be attributable to error in the measurement)

Interpretation of scores:

0% to 20%: minimal disability:	The patient can cope with most living activities. Usually no treatment is indicated apart from advice on lifting sitting and exercise.
21%-40%: moderate disability:	The patient experiences more pain and difficulty with sitting, lifting and standing. Travel and social life are more difficult and they may be disabled from work. Personal care, sexual activity and sleeping are not grossly affected and the patient can usually be managed by conservative means.
41%-60%: severe disability:	Pain remains the main problem in this group but activities of daily living are affected. These patients require a detailed investigation.
61%-80%: crippled:	Back pain impinges on all aspects of the patient's life. Positive intervention is required.
81%-100%:	These patients are either bed-bound or exaggerating their symptoms.

Part 6: Tampa Scale for Kinesiophobia

1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

1. I'm afraid that I might injury myself if I exercise.	1	2	3	4
2. If I were to try to overcome it, my pain would increase.	1	2	3	4
3. My body is telling me I have something dangerously wrong.	1	2	3	4
4. My pain would probably be relieved if I were to Exercise.	1	2	3	4
5. People aren't taking my medical condition seriously enough.	1	2	3	4
6. My accident has put my body at risk for the rest of my life.	1	2	3	4
7. Pain always means I have injured my body.	1	2	3	4
8. Just because something aggravates my pain does not mean it is dangerous.	1	2	3	4
9. I am afraid that I might injure myself accidentally	1	2	3	4
10. Simply being careful that I do not make any unnecessary movements is the safest thing I can do to prevent my pain from worsening.	1	2	3	4
11. I wouldn't have this much pain if there weren't something potentially dangerous going on in my body.	1	2	3	4
12. Although my condition is painful, I would be better off if I were physically active.	1	2	3	4
13. Pain lets me know when to stop exercising so that I don't injure myself.	1	2	3	4
14. It's really not safe for a person with a condition like mine to be physically active.	1	2	3	4
15. I can't do all the things normal people do because it's too easy for me to get injured.	1	2	3	4
16. Even though something is causing me a lot of pain, I don't think it's actually dangerous.	1	2	3	4
17. No one should have to exercise when he/she is in pain.	1	2	3	4

প্রশ্নপত্র

পর্ব ১: ব্যক্তিগত বিবরণ

কোড:

1.1 রোগীর নাম:	
1.2 ঠিকানা:	গ্রাম: পোস্ট অফিস: থানা: জেলা:
1.3 মোবাইল নং:	

পর্ব ২: সামাজিক-মৌলিক তথ্য

কোড

2.1 বয়স:	
2.2 লিঙ্গ:	1. পুরুষ 2. নারী
2.3 উচ্চতা (সে. মি.):	
2.4 ওজন (কেজি):	
2.5 পেশা:	1. কৃষক 2. দিনমজুর 3. সেবা 4. গার্মেন্টস 5. ড্রাইভার 6. রিকশা ওয়ালা 7. ব্যবসায়ী 8. বেকার 9. গৃহিণী 10. শিক্ষক 11. শিক্ষার্থী 12. অন্যান্য (উল্লেখ করুন)……..
2.6 বৈকবহিক অবস্থা:	1. বিবাহিত 2. অবিবাহিত 3. বিধবা 4. তালাকপ্রাপ্ত
2.7 পরিবারের আকার:	1. Choto পরিবার 2. বড় পরিবার
2.8 সন্তান সংখ্যা:	
2.9 বাসস্থান:	1. শহর 2. গ্রাম
2.10 শিক্ষা:	1. অশিক্ষত 2. প্রাথমিক 3. মাধ্যমিক 4. উচ্চমাধ্যমিক 5. স্নাতক
2.11 ধর্ম:	1. ইসলাম 2. হিন্দু 3. খ্রিষ্টান 4. বৌদ্ধ

2.12 ধূমপান:	1. হ্যা 2. না
2.13 মাসিক আয়:	
2.14 অসুস্থতা:	1. ডায়াবেটিস 2.হাইপারটেনশন 3.কার্ডিওভাসকুলার সমস্যা 4.শ্বাসকষ্ট 5. কোনোটাই না 6.অন্যান্য(উল্লেখ করুন)……..

পর্ব ৩: জীবন বৃত্তান্ত

পর্ব ৩.১: সাধারণ স্বাস্থ্য

আপনার কাছে সবচেয়ে নির্ভুল মনে হয় এমন উত্তর নির্বাচন করুন। কোডের পাশে একটি টিক (√) দিন

প্র: ন:	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর	কোড
প্র: ৩.১.১	সাধারণভাবে, আপনি কীভাবে আপনার স্বাস্থ্যকে বর্ণনা করবেন?	• চমৎকার • খুব ভালো • ভালো • খারাপ না • খারাপ	১ ২ ৩ ৪ ৫
প্র: ৩.১.২	এক বছর আগের তুলনায়, এখন আপনি আপনার স্বাস্থ্যকে সাধারণভাবে কীভাবে মূল্যায়ন করবেন?	• এক বছর আগের তুলনায় এখন অনেক ভালো • এক বছর আগের তুলনায় এখন কিছুটা ভালো • আগের মতোই • এক বছর আগের তুলনায় এখন কিছুটা খারাপ • এক বছর আগের তুলনায় এখন অনেক খারাপ	১ ২ ৩ ৪ ৫

পর্ব ৩.২- কার্যকলাপের সীমাবদ্ধতা:

নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়গুলি একটি সাধারণ দিনে আপনি করতে পারেন এমন কার্যকলাপ সম্পর্কে। আপনার স্বাস্থ্য কি এখন এই ক্রিয়াকলাপগুলিতে আপনাকে সীমাবদ্ধ করে? যদি করে, তাহলে কিভাবে?

আপনার কাছে সবচেয়ে নির্ভুল মনে হয় এমন উত্তর নির্বাচন করুন। কোডের পাশে একটি টিক (√) দিন।

প্র: ন:	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর	কোড
প্র: ৩.২.১	জোরালো ক্রিয়াকলাপ, যেমন দৌড়ানো, ভারী জিনিস তোলা, কঠোর খেলাধুলায় অংশগ্রহণ করা।	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩
প্র: ৩.২.২	পরিমিত ক্রিয়াকলাপ, যেমন একটি টেবিল সরানো, ভ্যাকুয়াম ক্লিনার চালানো, বোলিং বা গলফ খেলা	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩
প্র: ৩.২.৩	মুদি জিনিসপত্র তোলা বা বহন করা	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩

প্র: ৩.২.৪	সিঁড়ি দিয়ে বেশ কয়েকটি ধাপ আরোহণ	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩
প্র: ৩.২.৫	সিঁড়ি এক ধাপ আরোহণ, বাঁকানো, হাঁটু গেড়ে বসে থাকা বা ঝুঁকে পড়া	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩.
প্র: ৩.২.৬	এক মাইলের বেশি হাটা	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩

প্র: ৩.২.৭	কয়েকটি ব্লক হাটা	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩
প্র: ৩.২.৮	নিজের গোসল বা পোশাক পরা	• হ্যা, অধিক সীমাবদ্ধ করে • হ্যা, কম সীমাবদ্ধ করে • না, সীমাবদ্ধ করে না	১ ২ ৩

পার্ট ৩.৩- শারীরিক স্বাস্থ্য সমস্যা:

গত 4 সপ্তাহে, আপনার শারীরিক স্বাস্থ্যের ফলে আপনার কাজ বা অন্যান্য নিয়মিত দৈনন্দিন ক্রিয়াকলাপে নিম্নলিখিতগুলির মধ্যে কোন সমস্যা হয়েছে?

আপনার কাছে সবচেয়ে নির্ভুল মনে হয় এমন উত্তর নির্বাচন করুন। কোডের পাশে একটি টিক (√) দিন

প্র: ন:	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর	কোড
প্র ৩.৩.১	আপনি কাজ বা অন্যান্য ক্রিয়াকলাপে যে সময় ব্যয় করেছেন তা কমিয়ে দিয়েছেন	• হ্যা • না	১ ২
প্র ৩.৩.২	চাওয়ার তুলনায় কম সম্পন্ন করেছেন	• হ্যা • না	১ ২
প্র ৩.৩.৩	কাজের ধরন বা অন্যান্য কর্মকাণ্ডে সীমাবদ্ধ ছিলেন	• হ্যা • না	১ ২
প্র ৩.৩.৪	কাজ বা অন্যান্য ক্রিয়াকলাপ সম্পাদন করতে অসুবিধা	• হ্যা • না	১ ২

	হয়েছিল (উদাহরণস্বরূপ, এটি অতিরিক্ত প্রচেষ্টা নিয়েছে)		

অংশ ৩.৪- মানসিক স্বাস্থ্য সমস্যা:

গত 4 সপ্তাহে, কোন মানসিক সমস্যার (যেমন হতাশা বা উদ্বিগ্ন বোধ) এর ফলে আপনার কাজ বা অন্যান্য নিয়মিত দৈনন্দিন কাজকর্মের সাথে নিম্নলিখিতগুলির মধ্যে কোন সমস্যা হয়েছে?

আপনার কাছে সবচেয়ে নির্ভুল মনে হয় এমন উত্তর নির্বাচন করুন। কোডের পাশে একটি টিক (√) দিন

প্র: ন:	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর	কোড
প্র: ৩.৪.১	আপনি কাজ বা অন্যান্য ক্রিয়াকলাপে যে সময় ব্যয় করেছেন তা কমিয়ে দিয়েছেন	• হ্যা • না	১ ২
প্র ৩.৪.২	চাওয়ার তুলনায় কম সম্পন্ন করেছেন	• হ্যা • না	১ ২
প্র ৩.৪.৩	কাজ বা অন্যান্য কাজকর্ম যথারীতি সাবধানে করেননি	• হ্যা • না	১ ২

অংশ ৩.৫- ব্যথা:

গত 4 সপ্তাহে আপনার কতটা শারীরিক ব্যথা হয়েছে?

আপনার কাছে সবচেয়ে নির্ভুল মনে হয় এমন উত্তর নির্বাচন করুন। কোডের পাশে একটি টিক (√) দিন

প্র: ন:	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর	কোড

প্র ৩.৫.১	গত 4 সপ্তাহে আপনার কতটা শারীরিক ব্যথা হয়েছে?	• কোনোটিই নয় • খুব মৃদু • হালকা • পরিমিত • গুরুতর • খুবই গুরুতর	১ ২ ৩ ৪ ৫ ৬
প্র ৩.৫.২	গত 4 সপ্তাহে, ব্যথা আপনার স্বাভাবিক কাজে কতটা হস্তক্ষেপ করেছে (বাড়ির বাইরের কাজ এবং বাড়ির কাজ উভয়ই সহ) ?	• কোনোটিই নয় • খুব মৃদু • মৃদু • পরিমিত • গুরুতর • খুবই গুরুতর	১ ২ ৩ ৪ ৫ ৬

অংশ ৪ : ডালাস পেইন কোশ্চেনিয়ার ব্যথার প্রশ্নসমুহ

দয়া করে লাইন বরাবর **"X"** আকুন যা আপনার সুস্থ অবস্থা থেকে সবচেয়ে গুরুতর ব্যথার অবস্থা প্রকাশ করবে

1. ব্যথা কত বেশি?

ব্যথা নেই — ব্যথা অধিক
গুরুতর

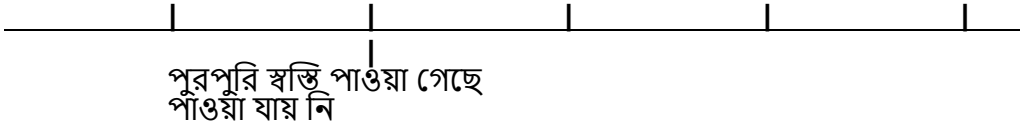
2. রাতে ব্যথা কেমন থাকে ?

ব্যথা নেই — ব্যথা অধিক
গুরুতর

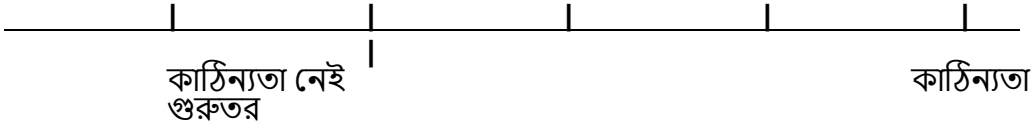
3. ব্যথা প্রতিদিন এর জীবন ব্যবস্থায় কেমন প্রভাব ফেলছে ?

সমস্যা নেই — জীবন ব্যবস্থা পুরপুরি
বদলে দিয়েছে

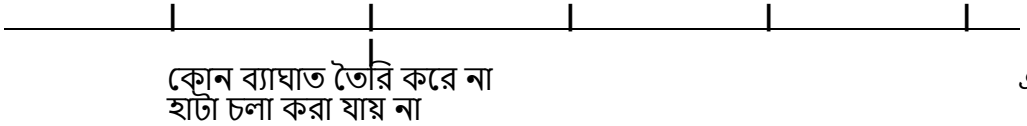
4. ব্যথানাশক ওষুধ আপনার ব্যথার ক্ষেত্রে কেমন কাজ করছে?



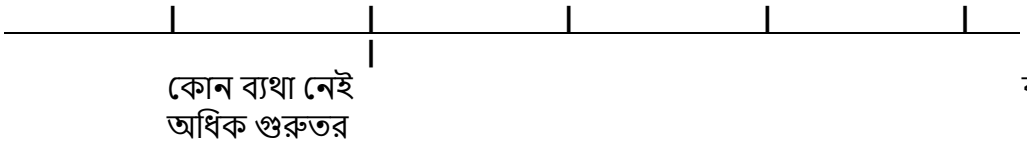
5. আপনার পিঠের মাংসপেশির কাঠিন্যতা কেমন?



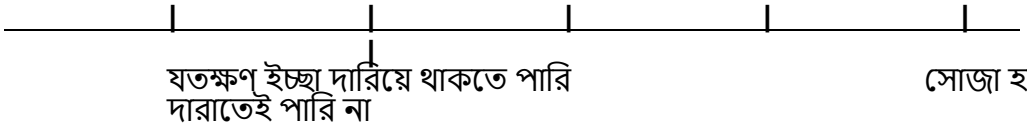
6. ব্যথা কি আপনার হাটাচলায় ব্যাঘাত তৈরি করে?



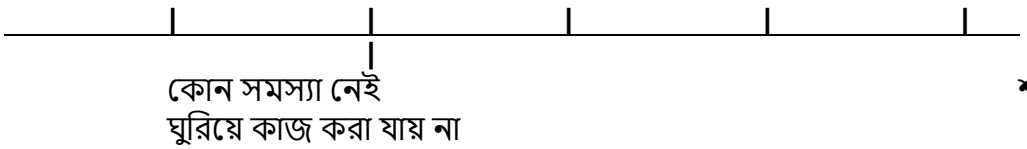
7. হাটার সময় ব্যথা অনুভব হয়?



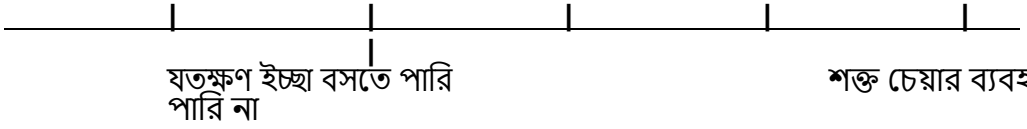
8. ব্যথার কারনে সোজা হয়ে দারিয়ে থাকতে সমস্যা হয়?



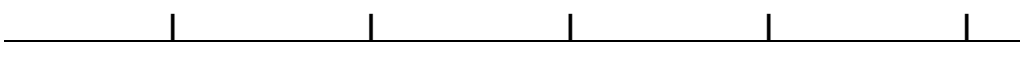
9. ব্যথা কি শরীর ঘুরিয়ে কাজ গুলো করার ক্ষেত্রে বাধা সৃষ্টি করে?



10. ব্যথার কারনে শক্ত চেয়ারে বসতে সমস্যা হয়?



11. ব্যথায় কারনে নরম গদির চেয়ারে বসতে সমস্যা হয় ?



যতক্ষণ ইচ্ছা বসতে পারি করতে পারি না

নরম গদির চেয়ার ব্যবহার

12. শুয়ে থাকার সময় ব্যথা অনুভব হয়?

ব্যথা নেই

ব্যথার কোন উপশম হয় না

13. ব্যথার কারনে প্রাত্যহিক জীবনের কাজ-কর্মে কিরুপ বাধা সৃষ্টি কিরছে?

কোন বাধা নেই

কোন কাজকর্মই করা যাচ্ছে না

14. ব্যথা আপনার কাজে কতটুকু বাধা সৃষ্টি করছে?

কোন বাধা নেই

একদম ই কাজ করা যাচ্ছে না

15. ব্যথার কারনে আপনার কাজের যায়গা পরবর্তন করতে হয়েছে?

কোন পরিবর্তন প্রয়োজন হয়নি

ব্যথার তিব্রতার কারনে কাজ থেকে অব্যাহতি নিতে হয়েছে

পর্ব ৫: অস-ওয়সট্রি কোমর ব্যথার অক্ষমতা সংক্রান্ত প্রশ্নাবলী

বিভাগ ১ – ব্যথার তীব্রতা

- এই মুহূর্তে আমার কোন ব্যথা নেই
- এই মুহূর্তে ব্যথা খুবই হালকা
- এই মুহূর্তে ব্যথা মাঝারি
- এই মুহূর্তে ব্যথা মোটামুটি তীব্র
- এই মুহূর্তে ব্যথা খুব তীব্র
- ব্যথা এই মুহূর্তে সবচেয়ে খারাপ কল্পনা করা যায়

বিভাগ ২ – ব্যক্তিগত যত্ন (ধোয়া, ড্রেসিং ইত্যাদি)

- আমি অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা না পেয়েই নিজের যত্ন নিতে পারি

- আমি সাধারণত নিজের যত্ন নিতে পারি কিন্তু এতে অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা হয়
- নিজেকে দেখাশোনা করা বেদনাদায়ক এবং আমি ধীরগতি এবং সতর্কতা অবলম্বন করি
- আমার কিছু সাহায্য দরকার কিন্তু আমার ব্যক্তিগত যত্নের অধিকাংশই নিজে করি
- স্ব-যত্নের বেশিরভাগ ক্ষেত্রে আমার প্রতিদিন সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয়
- আমি ড্রেসিং করি না, আমি কষ্ট করে ধুয়ে বিছানায় থাকি

বিভাগ ৩ – উত্তোলন

- আমি অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা ছাড়াই ভারী ওজন তুলতে পারি
- আমি ভারী ওজন তুলতে পারি কিন্তু এটি অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে মেঝে থেকে ভারী ওজন তুলতে বাধা দেয়, তবে যদি সেগুলি সুবিধামত টেবিলে রাখা হয় তবে আমি পরিচালনা করতে পারি
- ব্যথা আমাকে ভারী ওজন তুলতে বাধা দেয়, তবে আমি হালকা থেকে মাঝারি ওজন পরিচালনা করতে পারি যদি সেগুলি সুবিধামত অবস্থানে থাকে
- আমি খুব হালকা ওজন তুলতে পারি
- আমি কিছুই তুলতে বা বহন করতে পারি না

বিভাগ ৪ – হাঁটা

- ব্যথা আমাকে কোনো দূরত্ব হাঁটতে বাধা দেয় না
- ব্যথা আমাকে 2 কিলোমিটারের বেশি হাঁটতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 1 কিলোমিটারের বেশি হাঁটতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 500 মিটারের বেশি হাঁটতে বাধা দেয়
- আমি কেবল লাঠি বা ক্রাচ ব্যবহার করে হাঁটতে পারি
- আমি বেশিরভাগ সময় বিছানায় থাকি

বিভাগ ৫ – বসা

- আমি যতক্ষণ চাই ততক্ষণ যে কোনও চেয়ারে বসতে পারি
- আমি যতক্ষণ চাই ততক্ষণ আমার প্রিয় চেয়ারে বসতে পারি
- ব্যথা আমাকে এক ঘণ্টার বেশি বসে থাকতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 30 মিনিটের বেশি বসতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 10 মিনিটের বেশি বসতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে একেবারে বসতে বাধা দেয়

বিভাগ ৬ – দাঁড়ানো

- আমি অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা ছাড়াই যতক্ষণ চাই ততক্ষণ দাঁড়াতে পারি
- আমি যতক্ষণ চাই ততক্ষণ দাঁড়াতে পারি কিন্তু এটি আমাকে অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 1 ঘন্টার বেশি দাঁড়াতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে 30 মিনিটের বেশি দাঁড়াতে বাধা দেয়

- ব্যথা আমাকে 10 মিনিটের বেশি দাঁড়াতে বাধা দেয়
- ব্যথা আমাকে দাঁড়াতে বাধা দেয়

বিভাগ ৭ – ঘুমানো

O ব্যথায় আমার ঘুম কখনই ব্যাহত হয় না
O আমার ঘুম মাঝে মাঝে ব্যাথায় ব্যাহত হয়
O ব্যথার কারণে আমার 6 ঘণ্টার কম ঘুম হয়
O ব্যথার কারণে আমার 4 ঘণ্টার কম ঘুম হয়
O ব্যথার কারণে আমার 2 ঘণ্টার কম ঘুম হয়
O ব্যথা আমাকে ঘুমাতে বাধা দেয়

বিভাগ ৮ – যৌন জীবন (যদি প্রযোজ্য হয়)

- আমার যৌন জীবন স্বাভাবিক এবং কোন অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা সৃষ্টি করে না
- আমার যৌন জীবন স্বাভাবিক কিন্তু কিছু অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা আছে
- আমার যৌন জীবন প্রায় স্বাভাবিক কিন্তু খুবই বেদনাদায়ক
- আমার যৌন জীবন ব্যথা দ্বারা গুরুতর ভাবে সীমাবদ্ধ
- ব্যথার কারণে আমার যৌন জীবন প্রায় অনুপস্থিত
- ব্যথা যে কোনো যৌন জীবনকে একেবারেই বাধা দেয়

বিভাগ ৯ – সামাজিক জীবন

- আমার সামাজিক জীবন স্বাভাবিক এবং আমাকে কোন অতিরিক্ত কষ্ট দেয় না
- আমার সামাজিক জীবন স্বাভাবিক কিন্তু ব্যথার মাত্রা বাড়ায়
- আমার সামাজিক জীবনে ব্যথার কোন উল্লেখযোগ্য প্রভাব নেই শুধু আমার খেলাধুলাকে সীমিত করা ছাড়া
- ব্যথা আমার সামাজিক জীবনকে সীমাবদ্ধ করেছে এবং আমি প্রায়শই বাইরে যাই না
- বেদনা আমার সামাজিক জীবনকে আমার ঘরে সীমাবদ্ধ করে রেখেছে
- ব্যথার কারণে আমার কোনো সামাজিক জীবন নেই

বিভাগ ১০ – ভ্রমণ

- আমি ব্যথা ছাড়াই কোথাও ভ্রমণ করতে পারি
- আমি যেকোনো জায়গায় ভ্রমণ করতে পারি কিন্তু এটি আমাকে অতিরিক্ত ব্যথা দেয়
- ব্যথা খারাপ কিন্তু আমি দুই ঘণ্টার বেশি কোনরকম ভ্রমণ করি
- ব্যথা আমাকে এক ঘণ্টার কম ভ্রমণে সীমাবদ্ধ করে
- ব্যথা আমাকে 30 মিনিটের কম ছোট প্রয়োজনীয় ভ্রমণে সীমাবদ্ধ করে
- ব্যথা আমাকে চিকিত্সা করা ছাড়া ভ্রমণ করতে বাধা দেয়

স্কোরিং নির্দেশাবলী

প্রতিটি বিভাগের জন্য মোট সম্ভাব্য স্কোর হল 5: প্রথম বিবৃতিটি চিহ্নিত করা হলে বিভাগ স্কোর = 0; যদি শেষ বিবৃতিটি চিহ্নিত করা হয়, এটি

= 5. যদি সমস্ত 10টি বিভাগ সম্পূর্ণ হয় তাহলে স্কোরটি নিম্নরূপ গণনা করা হয়:

উদাহরণ: 16 (মোট স্কোর)

50 (মোট সম্ভাব্য স্কোর) x 100 = 32%

একটি বিভাগ মিস হলে বা প্রযোজ্য না হলে স্কোর গণনা করা হয়: 16 (মোট স্কোর) 45 (মোট সম্ভাব্য স্কোর) x 100 = 35.5%

ন্যূনতম সনাক্তযোগ্য পরিবর্তন (90% আত্মবিশ্বাস): 10% পয়েন্ট (এর চেয়ে কম পরিবর্তন পরিমাপের ত্রুটির জন্য দায়ী হতে পারে)

স্কোর ব্যাখ্যা:

0% থেকে 20%: ন্যূনতম অক্ষমতা:	রোগী জীবনের যেকোনো কাজের সাথে মানিয়ে নিতে পারে। বসা, ব্যায়াম, উত্তোলন ছাড়া কোনো কিছুতে পরামর্শ ছাড়া চিকিৎসার দরকার হয় না
21%-40%: মাঝারি অক্ষমতা:	রোগীর বসা, উত্তোলন এবং দাঁড়াতে আরও ব্যথা এবং অসুবিধা হয়। ভ্রমণ এবং সামাজিক জীবন আরও কঠিন এবং তারা কাজ থেকে অক্ষম হতে পারে। ব্যক্তিগত যত্ন, যৌন কার্যকলাপ এবং ঘুম স্থূলভাবে প্রভাবিত হয় না এবং রোগী সাধারণত রক্ষণশীল উপায়ে হতে পারে।
41%-60%: গুরুতর অক্ষমতা:	ব্যথা এই গ্রুপের প্রধান সমস্যা রয়ে গেছে কিন্তু দৈনন্দিন জীবনযাত্রার কার্যক্রম প্রভাবিত হয়। এসব রোগীর একটি বিস্তারিত তদন্ত প্রয়োজন।
61%-80%: পঙ্গু:	পিঠে ব্যথা রোগীর জীবনের সমস্ত দিককে প্রভাবিত করে। ইতিবাচক হস্তক্ষেপ প্রয়োজন.
81%-100%:	এই রোগীরা হয় বিছানায় আবদ্ধ বা অতিরঞ্জিত তাদের উপসর্গ।

পার্ট 6: কিনেসিওফোবিয়ার জন্য টাম্পা স্কেল

1 = দৃঢ়ভাবে একমত না

2 = অসম্মত

3 = একমত

4 = দৃঢ়ভাবে একমত

1. আমি ভয় করি যে আমি ব্যায়াম করলে আমি আঘাত পেতে পারি।	1	2	3	4
2. এটা কাটিয়ে ওঠার চেষ্টা করলে আমার কষ্ট বাড়বে।	1	2	3	4
3. আমার শরীর আমাকে বলছে আমার বিপজ্জনকভাবে ভুল কিছু আছে।	1	2	3	4
4. আমি ব্যায়াম করলে আমার ব্যথা সম্ভবত উপশম হবে।	1	2	3	4
5. লোকেরা আমার চিকিৎসার অবস্থাকে যথেষ্ট গুরুত্ব সহকারে নিচ্ছে না।	1	2	3	4
6. আমার দুর্ঘটনা আজীবনের জন্য আমার শরীরকে ঝুঁকির মধ্যে ফেলেছে	1	2	3	4
7. ব্যথা মানেই আমি শরীরে আঘাত পেয়েছি।	1	2	3	4
8. শুধুমাত্র কিছু কাজ আমার ব্যথা বাড়ায় তার মানে এই নয় যে এটা বিপজ্জনক।	1	2	3	4
9. আমি ভয় পাই যে আমি দুর্ঘটনাক্রমে নিজেকে আহত করতে পারি	1	2	3	4
10. সাধারনত সাবধান থাকি যেনো কোনো অপ্রয়োজনীয় নড়াচড়া না করে আমি আমার ব্যাথা আরও তীব্র করি।	1	2	3	4
11. আমার শরীরে সম্ভাব্য বিপজ্জনক কিছু না ঘটলে আমি এত ব্যথা পেতাম না।	1	2	3	4
12. যদিও আমার অবস্থা বেদনাদায়ক, আমি যদি শারীরিকভাবে সক্রিয় থাকতাম তবে আমি ভালো থাকতাম।	1	2	3	4
13. ব্যাথার ফলে আমি বুঝতে কখন ব্যায়াম বন্ধ করতে হবে যাতে আমি নিজেকে আঘাত না করি।	1	2	3	4

14. আমার মতো একজন ব্যক্তির জন্য শারীরিকভাবে সক্রিয় থাকা সত্যিই নিরাপদ নয়।	1	2	3	4
15. আমি সাধারণ মানুষ যা করে সব করতে পারি না কারণ আমার পক্ষে ব্যাথা পাওয়া খুব সহজ।	1	2	3	4
16. যদিও কিছু কাজ আমাকে অনেক ব্যাথা দিচ্ছে, আমি মনে করি না এটা আসলে বিপজ্জনক।	1	2	3	4
17. ব্যথার সময় কাউকে ব্যায়াম করতে হবে না।	1	2	3	4

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Experimental group – Duration 6 weeks.

Types	Intensity	Frequency
Abdominal hallowing exercise (Crook lying) (Richardson et al.,2004)	Contraction held for 5-10 secs (10 repetitions)	Once in a day
Abdominal hallowing exercise (Standing) (Richardson et al.,2004)	Contraction held for 5-10 secs (10 repetitions)	Once in a day
Piriformis Stretching (Koumantakis,Watson & Oldham,2005)	Contraction held for 10 secs (10 repetitions)	Once in a day

This all exercise will need 15 to 20 minutes, Abdominal hallowing exercise (Crook lying) for 5-7 minutes, Abdominal hallowing exercise (Standing) for 5-7 minutes and Piriformis Stretching for 5-7 minutes.After following exercises electrical modalities such as IRR or TENSE for 10 minutes will be applied.

Control Group – Duration 6 weeks.

General exercises included stretching, strengthening, and flexion-type exercises working with minimal stress on the lumbar spine to reduce pain and spasm (Koumantakis, Watson, & Oldham, 2005; Mohanty & Pattnaik, 2016)

Types	Intensity	Frequency
Single Leg Flexion	10 repetitions	2 hoursly in a day
Double leg Flexion	10 repetitions	2 hoursly in a day
Hip Flexor Stretching	Contraction held for 5 - 10 secs (10 repetitions)	Once in a day
Hamstring Stretching	Contraction held for 5 - 10 secs (10 repetitions)	Once in a day
Bridging	Contraction held for 10 secs (10 repetitions)	3 times in a day.

AH in standing position

Abdominal hallowing exercise (Crook lying)

. Piriformis stretching

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