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Dear Editor,
We revised the manuscript again as suggested (in red) and provided herein a cover letter giving a detailed point-by-point response to the concerns.

Referee 1:
I am not so comfortable about the statistical method used. So a statistician should be consulted. If statistical method is appropriate and after correction of “considerably damage” as “considerable damage” the manuscript can be accepted for publication.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Revising: Following Referees suggestion and help, we have made the statistical analysis for all the data by using one-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni test. We have rewritten the paragraph “Statistical analysis” in the Method section (page 6, paragraph 2), and the Footnote of Table 1. Since the outcomes (P value) of the ANOVA test are all the same as the other test as we showed previously, all statistical reports throughout the manuscript are kept as they were, except adding a supplementary explanation “after 2nd week training” (page 7, paragraph 2, line 3).
“considerably damage” has been corrected (page 2, paragraph 3, line 1 and page 9, line 3 from the bottom).

Referee 2:
Thanks for the author's response. The questions have been answered, but I still have some comments.
Minor Essential Revisions#
1. I still found some grammar mistakes in this article, for instance, Page4 P2 "(slope gradient 0%, (slope gradient 0%, ZH-PT-1 Treadmill", repeated sentence.
Revising: The duplications have been removed (page 4, paragraph 2, line 3).
2. Page7 P1 Line5, "n=20" should be deleted.

Revising: This unnecessary report has been removed (page 7, paragraph 1, line 3).

Please carefully revise your manuscript with editor's help before publication.

Revising: Yes, we have done that by our best.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Revising: We followed the report and made one-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni test as we answered to the Referee 1, although the P-value did not changed.

We hope that you with these explanations and changes will find the paper acceptable for publication in BMC Nephrology.

Yours sincerely,

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