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Title: Effect of wearing a Dorsiflexion Assist Orthosis on mobility, perceived fatigue and exertion during the six-minute walk test in people with Multiple Sclerosis: A Randomised Cross-Over Protocol

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Dear BMC neurology,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have designed a study that investigates the very important clinical questions concerning the relationship between mobility and fatigue for people with Multiple Sclerosis (PWMS).

Our study aims to examine the effect of a simple orthotic device, and will generate an enormous amount of data in relation to disability characteristics, fatigue, exertion and movement analysis. We believe that the large volume of data collected in this study will lead to a better understanding of under-published areas of gait characteristics in moderate PWMS, motor fatigue, spasticity and balance. We are confident that this protocol will lead to further studies analysing medical and rehabilitation interventions aimed at influencing mobility, and fatigue in PWMS.

This registered trial has ethical approval and has not been submitted for publication in any other journal and does not breach any copyright.

Conflict of Interest

The Physiological Profile Assessment (FallScreen) is commercially available through Neuroscience Research Australia