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Cardiorespiratory Exercise Test in Children with Cerebral Palsy

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Introduction

Children with cerebral palsy (CP) have lower aerobic exercise capacity, and a higher oxygen cost for activities of daily living compared with typically developing children, and the oxygen cost increases with increasing disability. Progressive exercise testing on a cycle ergometer or treadmill may be useful for evaluating exercise tolerance and cardiopulmonary response to exercise in children with CP. However, studies on cardiopulmonary exercise tests(CPX) have been rarely reported in CP. The purpose of this study is to investigate the applicability of the modified Naughton protocol in children with CP, GMFCS level I and II.

Method

Thirty-seven children with CP (21 GMFCS level 1 and 16 GMFCS level 2; median age, 7.0 years) participated in this study. The children underwent CPX with continuous monitoring of the ECG, blood pressure, peak oxygen uptake (VO₂peak), minute ventilation (VE), and respiratory exchange ratio (RER) according to the modified Naughton protocol. Gross motor capacity was measured by Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM) 88, GMFM 66, Pediatric Balance Scale (PBS), Timed Up and Go (TUG) test, and 6-minute walk test (6MWT).

Results

All children with CP successfully performed CPX according to the modified Naughton protocol. 43% (16 out of 37) performed maximal exercise test based upon RER. There was moderate to high correlation between the exercise time of the treadmill test and GMFM66 ($r=.714$, $p=.000$), GMRM88 ($r=.717$, $p=.000$), PBS ($r=.690$, $p=.000$), TUG ($r=-.537$, $p=.001$), and 6MWT ($r=.706$, $p=.000$). There was low-moderate correlation between the VO₂peak and GMFM66 ($r=.353$, $p=.032$), GMRM88 ($r=.369$, $p=.000$) PBS ($r=.460$, $p=.004$), and 6MWT ($r=.409$, $p=.012$).

Conclusions

Assessment of cardiorespiratory fitness(VO₂max) using modified Naughton protocol was feasible in children with CP (GMFCS level I, II). Exercise time of CPX showed strong

correlation with motor capacity. However, VO₂peak showed weak correlation with motor capacity.

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