

# Short-Term Pain Relief in Low Back Pain with Repetitive Peripheral Magnetic Stimulation



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## Introduction

- This study aimed to investigate the effect of repetitive peripheral magnetic stimulation (rPMS) on low back pain treatment, based on the stimulation intensity

## Subjects and Methods

### Study design & Study participants

- A randomized, crossover study was conducted, enrolling eight patients with low back pain.
- Participants were randomly allocated to two groups to receive either one session of low-intensity rPMS (10%) (n=4) or high-intensity rPMS (40%) (n=4) with a one-week washout period.
- rPMS was delivered using a magnetic stimulator (Salus Talent Pro®, REMED company) over the lumbar area at the pain site while sitting or lying prone, with a frequency of 20Hz and an on-off period of 5s-5s for 20 minutes.

### Measurement method

- The primary outcomes were measured using the numeric pain rating scale (NRS) before, immediately after, 1 day, and 3 days after the intervention.

### Statistical analysis

- The Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test was used to compare differences between the groups at each visit.

**Table 1.** Patients' characteristics, mean  $\pm$  SD or %.

rPMS patients (n=8)	
Age	68.00 $\pm$ 8.00
Sex, n (%)	
Male	6 (75)
Female	2 (25)
Location, n (%)	
L1	2 (25)
L3-4	4 (50)
L5-S1	2 (25)
NRS (at baseline)	5.50 $\pm$ 1.04

**Table 2.** CFB Scores for NRS score

Intensity	NRS (CFB) Mean (95% CI)		
	10 %	40 %	p-value
Day 0 (After treatment)	-1.75 $\pm$ 0.75	-2.25 $\pm$ 0.75	0.686
Day 1	-1.50 $\pm$ 0.87	-2.00 $\pm$ 0.41	0.886
Day 3	-0.75 $\pm$ 0.75	-1.75 $\pm$ 0.63	0.486

CFB, change from baseline; NRS, numeric pain rating scale

\* p<0.05, by Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test

## Result

- Subject characteristics are described in Table 1.
- There was no significant difference between the two groups immediately, 1 day, and 3 days after the intervention. The results are summarized in Table 2.

## Conclusion

- The comparative analysis between the low-intensity and high-intensity groups of rPMS treatment did not reveal significant differences.
- This suggests that the intensity of rPMS treatment may not significantly impact the treatment of patients with low back pain.
- Therefore, these results may provide flexibility in selecting treatment intensity and delivering personalized treatment for individual patients when applying rPMS treatment.