Bimanual coordination in young adults, older adults and MS patients

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Ethical review Approved WMO

Status Recruitment stopped **Health condition type** Demyelinating disorders

Study type Interventional

Summary

ID

NL-OMON42944

Source

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Brief title

Bimanual coordination

Condition

• Demyelinating disorders

Synonym

Multiple sclerosis

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

Intervention

Keyword: aging, bimanual coordination, multiple sclerosis, transcranial magnetic stimulation

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

We will determine the deviation in delivered force from the target line during unimanual, bimanual and hand-foot coordination tasks. Inhibition measures: SICI, IHI, iSP and the associated force will be measured.

Secondary outcome

Not applicable.

Study description

Background summary

Normally, motor tasks performed with the right hand are controlled by motor areas in the left, contralateral hemisphere. However, if the task requires more effort also the right, ipsilateral hemisphere becomes active. This phenomenon is seen in older adults and patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) in less effortful tasks. Whether this ipsilateral activation functions as a compensation mechanism or this is a mere effect of decreased inhibition in control subjects and patients is unknown. If this activation is functional, this could implicate that when MS patients become older that they have less resources left to compensate for age-related deficits. Therefore we would like to study the difference in uni- and bimanual performance in young adults, older adults and patients with MS. We use a hand-leg task to control for effort-related differences in the tasks.

Study objective

We aim to determine the difference in uni- and bimanual coordination between young adults, older adults and MS patients. Additionally we want to determine the relation between the different measures of cortical inhibition and task performance.

Study design

This is an intervention study during which subjects perform multiple motor tasks with one or both hands and one foot. During the tasks TMS responses will be evoked.

Intervention

Subjects will perform different coordination tasks with one hand, two hands and one hand and one foot during which the motor cortex is stimulated with magnetic stimulation.

Study burden and risks

Subjects visit the department of Neuroscience twice for 2 hours. During the experiments, subjects receive electrical stimulation of the ulnar nerve and magnetic stimulation of the motor cortex. There are no known risks to either stimulation method. Subjects also need to fill in a questionnaire (Oldfield questionnaire) to determine their handedness.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis righthandedness

Exclusion criteria

Migraine Epilepsy Pregnancy or suspicion of pregnancy Metal implants in the head

Study design

Design

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Other

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 07-11-2016

Enrollment: 70

Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 01-11-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

Date: 07-12-2016

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

ID: 25379

Source: Nationaal Trial Register

Title:

In other registers

Register ID Other 25269

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