

# BIOMECHANICAL STATUS OF MODEL EXERCISES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CORRECTION OF FUNCTIONAL STADIUM AND THE FIRST STAGE OF KYPHOSIS

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## Abstract

The aim of this research was to find an ideal model of set of exercises from an initial position lying on chest, that would be used for prevention and correction of a functional stage and the first stage of kyphosis as most frequent health and sociable issue among children in development that have this deformity as a result of various external and internal factors affecting their growth and development. The research is conducted on 12 entities (exercises) for establishing their homogeneity as well as their connectivity the method of qualitative mechanical analysis was applied. The results of the biomechanical analysis from the binary matrix were processed by algorithm ALPROBI HERACLIT and SPSS 18.0. All the provided condensed data. *The proposed complex of exercises has a coefficient of full biomechanical similarity (CFBS= .829).* The greatest values were obtained at the exercises.No1.Moving of the shoulders, scapula and the head backwards towards the spine. (MOVSHOUHBACKSP., No3. Moving of the shoulders with the clasped hands behind the nape towards the spine while moving the scapulas towards the spine. (MOVSHUINTHBEHNTOWSPSCS) and No 4. Moving of the shoulders backwards by arms spreading perpendicularly to the floor. (MOVSHOBCKARSPRPERFL). For the effect as well as the improvement of the muscle contraction in the future the electromyographic method would be applied through which we would have a concise preview of the efficiency of the exercises from the suggested set of exercises and particularly the exercises that showed the highest coefficient of force of connectivity that would be frequently repeated in the treatment.

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## 1. Introduction

Kyphosis is deformity of the spine with a posterior rounding mostly in the thoracic part of the spine (Rathod et al., 2021). The most frequent causes of this deformity are unknown. There are various theories such as the constitutional weakness of the spine, traumatic damage of the growing area of the vertebrae, as a result of inflammatory, endocrines, metabolic and other factors (Roghani et al., 2016). This deformity appears most frequently in the period of growth and development, so we can distinguish three periods when a child goes through pathological changes of the spine (Radzevičienė et al., 2016). A stage of standing up (stages of walking of a child), the whole process of a child's standing up should happen naturally and not as a result of a premature desire of impatient parents. (Katzman et al., 2010). Every premature standing up of a child could contribute to one of such deformities. The period of a child attending school, a great amount of the time is spent in specific positions such as a sedentary position on a chair at a desk which is most frequently very hard and leads towards incorrect posture and posture deformity such as the kyphosis. (Henry et al., 2018). The puberty period, period in which a turbulent changes occur and the swift

development of the bones and the lack of the muscle strength, which easily leads to deformity. (Boyd-Clark et al.,2002). Rounding of the spine which occurs as a result of rachitis or other malformations in the period of childhood is in a shape of an arch while the tuberculosis humps have more triangular shape (Levy et al.,2018). Such bent posture is called kyphotic posture. Such hump is a result of insufficient ability of the ligaments and muscles under certain mechanical influences to hold the spine in a correct position. (Geiger et al.,2007). The diagnosis of this deformity is being made by clinical examination and x-ray (Harrison et al., 2000). The functional kyphosis disappears when one is in a lying position, but the structural kyphosis persists. The x-ray is made in a profile position, mostly standing. (Geiger et al.,2007). The correct posture requires long term and controlled exercising in order to strengthen the postural muscles which should take the role of stabilizers of the posture (Tarasi et al.,,2019).In the hardest phases of the kyphosis malformations, a kyphosis corset or a plaster is suggested while in the hardest cases a surgical intervention is necessary.(Yoon et al.,2017)No matter the stage of the deformity including the hardest cases, exercises are indispensable and without them the curing protocol is impossible. (Hrysomallis et al.,2001) Exercise therapy related to the postural muscles should be precisely and correctly defined, through planning and programming of selected set of exercises. (Naderi et al.,2019) EffectFor creation of an ideal set of exercises that would provide the required results in the overall kinesiological protocol, a method of qualitative biomechanical analysis should be applied, by which an ideal set of exercises would be made for kyphosis treatment as one of the most frequent malformation of the spine among the youth. (Busscheret al.,2010).

## **2. Methods**

### ***Sample of entities***

1. Moving of the shoulders, scapulas and the head backwards towards the spine. (MOVSHOUHBACKSP).
2. Moving the scapulas and the arms behind back towards the spine. (MOVSCARMBBCKSP).
3. Moving of the shoulders with the clasped hands behind the nape towards the spine while moving the scapulas towards the spine. (MOVSHUINTHBEHNTOWSPSCS).
4. Moving of the shoulders backwards by arms spreading perpendicularly to the floor. (MOVSHOBCKARSPRPERFL).
5. Raising of the part of the thoracic spine with bent elbows by 90 degrees and moving the scapulas towards the spine. (RAIPTHOSPBELB90MOVSTOWSP).
6. Moving of the elbows backwards with clasped hands behind nape. (MOVELBBACKINTHN).
7. Moving of the shoulders and the hands backwards. (MOVSHOUHBACK),
8. Moving the head backwards with great resistance with the hands behind the nape. (MOVHBACKGRRESHBEHN),
9. Moving of the torso backwards, arms are in an initial position by torso and lifting them with rotation of the palms up. (MOVTORBACKAINIPOSTORLIFROTPALUP).

10. Moving of the torso backwards with the arms stretched above the head with clasped hands. (MOVTORBACKASTRABHINTH).

11. Positioning of the arms above head in parallel position as an initial position and moving them towards the nape of the head with bent elbows and clasped hands. (POSAAHPARAINIPOSMOV TOWNH BELBINTH).

12. Moving of the thoracic part of the spine with arms along the torso initial position and moving the arms backwards to the position of 90 degrees bent elbows with palms up. (MOVTHOPSPAALTORINIPOSMOVBACKPOS90ELBPALUP).



# Data processing

The basic motor stereotypes are analyzed by the method of qualitative biomechanical analysis, while the results will be given in an ordinary matrix that provides information about the basic biomechanical characteristics of each entity (exercise). (Tufekchievski et al., 2012). The entity represents a vector, where the numeric value 1 indicates the possessiveness of a biomechanical characteristic, and 0 indicates the non-possessiveness of a biomechanical characteristic in that entity. The rows represent the vectors of the entities while the columns represent the vectors of the biomechanical variables. From the basic matrix, primarily, the coefficients of biomechanical similarity are determined among the analyzed entities. Then full biomechanical similarity is determined i.e. homogeneity as well as the force of the biomechanical similarity among the entities. (Aliu, 2021). This procedure is described in the ALPROBI Heraclitus algorithms and SPSS 18.0.

## 3. Results and Discussion

**Table 1.** Biomechanical characteristics of a sample of complex exercises from initial position lying on the chest (kiphosis)

<b>КИФОЗА</b>						<b>Варијабли за одредување на анатомско-функционалната структура на движењата</b>																	<b>Варијабли за одредување на механичката структура на движењата</b>																																
5.2.	<b>Примерок на комплекс вежба</b>	<b>Цел на вежбениот</b>			<b>Почетна положба</b>				<b>Завршна положба</b>																																														
		<b>Примерок на варијабли</b>																																																					
		ИСТЕГ	ЛАКТЕ	ЛЕДЪРЖ	ПЛЕКТРА	ПЕСЕД	ПЛОКЛЕК	ПЛОСЬ-РЕК	ЭПЛЕКТРА	ЭПСЕД	ЭПОКЛЕК	ЭПСЬ-РЕК	ИКЕЗГ	ИКЕЗП	ИКЕЗВШЦ	ИКЕКСШЦП	ИКЕФШРШЦ	ИКЕЗРШЦ	ИКЕФШШЦ	ИКЕЗШЦ	ИКЕВШЦ	ИКЕФШС	ИКЕФШЦС	ИКЕЗШС	ИКЕЗШЦС	ИКЕЗШЦС	ИКЕЗШЦС	ИКЕФШЦС	ИКЕФШЦС	ИКЕФШЦС	ИКЕФШЦС	ГОЛ ПОТОВ	НИСНИТ	ЛЪВРТ	ЗАКНИСРПР	ОТВИСНПР	ДИФЕРОРАМ	ДИХСОРАМ	КУСТАРАТ	ПРАТРАТ	МАЛЕРАЗ	УКЕМАР	ГОЛМАР	УКЕМАТ											
		1	2	3	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												
1	Подигнување на рамениците и главата со доближување на лопатките врз РС	(ПОДРИГ ДОБЛПРС)	1			1								1	1	1													1																										
2	Подигнување на рамениците со раце во задрачунување и доближување на лопатките врз РС	(ПОДРИРАЗЧЛПРС)	1			1				1					1	1	1																																						
3	Подигнување на рамениците со раце во задрачунување со вкрстени раце и доближување на лопатките врз РС	(ПОДРАМРАЗДВРАДЛРС)	1			1				1						1	1	1																																					
4	Подигнување на рамениците со рацете во одрачунување и доближување кон подот и со доближување на лопатките на РС	(ПОДАМОДДЛПРС)	1			1				1						1	1	1																																					
5	Подигнување на рамениот дел од ребриот столб со свиткани лакти под агол од 90° зад тило и припојување на лопатките на РС	(ПОДРПСЛКАЗОЛРС)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
6	Подигнување на свиткани лакти зад тил	(ПОССВЗБДТ)	1			1				1						1	1	1																																					
7	Подигнување на рамениот појас и рацете	(ПОДРИПР)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
8	Подигнување на главата од тло со силен отпор со раце поставени зад тил	(ПОДТЛОТПРЗБДТ)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
9	Подигнување на трупот со раце во узрачување и движење на дланките кон горе	(ПОДТРЭРДВЛГ)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
10	Подигнување на трупот и рацете пред глава со испрелетени вкрстени прсти	(ПОДТРПРГШПР)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
11	Подигнување на испрвени раце од тло во свиткани лакти поставени на тил	(ПОДРСВЗБДТ)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	
12	Подигнување на градниот дел на ребриот столб со раце во узрачување до свиткување на лактите	(ПОДРАРСУЗСВЛ)	1			1				1						1	1	1				1																																	

**Table 2.** Normed measures of biomechanical similarity (inter-similarity), coefficient of full biomechanical similarity and coefficients of biomechanical connection force of a sample of complex exercises from initial position lying on

	Cosine of Vectors of Values											
	(ПОДРИГДС)	(ПОДРИРАЗ)	(ПОДРАМРА)	(ПОДАМРОД)	(ПОДРПСЛ)	(ПОССВЛЗА)	(ПОДРПР)	(ПОДГТЛОТ)	(ПОДТРУЗР)	(ПОДТРПРГ)	(ПОДРСВЛЗ)	(ПОДРДРСРУЗСВЛ)
(ПОДРИГДС)	1.000	.972	.972	1.000	.922	.890	.879	.723	.847	.860	.809	.827
(ПОДРИРАЗ)	.972	1.000	.944	.972	.896	.865	.854	.703	.823	.836	.836	.804
(ПОДРАМРА)	.972	.944	1.000	.972	.896	.919	.854	.757	.823	.836	.786	.804
(ПОДАМРОД)	1.000	.972	.972	1.000	.922	.890	.879	.723	.847	.860	.809	.827
(ПОДРПСЛ)	.922	.896	.896	.922	1.000	.872	.858	.718	.830	.839	.839	.858
(ПОССВЛЗА)	.890	.865	.919	.890	.872	1.000	.783	.737	.751	.765	.718	.734
(ПОДРПР)	.879	.854	.854	.879	.858	.783	1.000	.636	.977	.800	.845	.864
(ПОДГТЛОТ)	.723	.703	.757	.723	.718	.737	.636	1.000	.651	.670	.622	.636
(ПОДТРУЗР)	.847	.823	.823	.847	.830	.751	.977	.651	1.000	.774	.819	.837
(ПОДТРПРГ)	.860	.836	.836	.860	.839	.765	.800	.670	.774	1.000	.870	.845
(ПОДРСВЛЗ)	.809	.836	.786	.809	.839	.718	.845	.622	.819	.870	1.000	.934
(ПОДРДРСР)	.827	.804	.804	.827	.858	.734	.864	.636	.837	.845	.934	1.000
<b>КЦБС</b>	<b>.829</b>											
<b>КСБП</b>	(ПОДРИГДС)	(ПОДРИРАЗ)	(ПОДРАМРА)	(ПОДАМРОД)	(ПОДРПСЛ)	(ПОССВЛЗА)	(ПОДРПР)	(ПОДГТЛОТ)	(ПОДТРУЗР)	(ПОДТРПРГ)	(ПОДРСВЛЗ)	(ПОДРДРСРУЗСВЛ)
	<b>.882</b>	<b>.864</b>	<b>.869</b>	<b>0.882</b>	<b>.859</b>	<b>.811</b>	<b>.839</b>	<b>.689</b>	<b>.816</b>	<b>.814</b>	<b>.808</b>	<b>.815</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>

the chest (kyphosis)

From the analysis of the obtained results in the inter-similarity matrix from tab. 2, it can be determined that the greatest similarity is observed between the exercises No.1 Moving of the shoulders, scapulas and the head backwards towards the spine. (MOVSHOUHBACKSP) and No.4 Moving of the shoulders backwards by arms spreading perpendicularly to the floor. (MOVSHOBCKARSPRPERFL).**.990**. The largest similarity coefficients range from **.922** to **.990**. The smallest similarity is present between exercises No.8. Moving the head backwards with great resistance with the hands behind the nape (MOVHBACKGRRESHBEHN) **.622** and No. 11 Positioning of the arms above head in parallel position as an initial position and moving them towards the nape of the head with bent elbows and clasped hands. (POSAAHPARAINIPOSMOVTOUWHBELBINTH).The smallest similarity coefficients range from **.622** to **.718**.The coefficient of full biomechanical similarity is **CFBS= .829**. According to the obtained results, the highest values of the **CBCF** coefficient of biomechanical connection force of one exercise with all other highest values were obtained in exercises No.1.Moving of the shoulders, scapulas and the head backwards towards the spine. (MOVSHOUHBACKSP).**.882**.No.4.Moving of the shoulders backwards by arms spreading perpendicularly to the floor. (MOVSHOBCKARSPRPERFL) **.882** and . No.3 Moving of the shoulders with the clasped hands behind the nape towards the spine while moving the scapulas towards the spine. (MOVSHUINTHBEHNTOWSPSCS) **.869**.

#### 4. Conclusion

Analysis of the data provided direct towards the statement that the suggested exercises possess great homogeneity. According to the obtained results the highest values of one exercise with all the other of the exercises (**CBCF**), the highest values of are obtained in the following exercises No.1. Moving of the shoulders scapulas and the head backwards towards the spine (MOVSHOUHBACKSP) **.882**, No.3.Moving

of the shoulders with the clasped hands behind the nape towards the spine while moving the scapulas towards the spine (MOVSHUINTHBEHNTOWSPSCS) .869 and. No 4. Moving of the shoulders backwards by arms spreading perpendicularly to the floor (MOVSHOBCKARSPRPERFL) .882. The obtained results from the research are a quality example in the planning and programming that would be used in the prevention and correction of the kyphosis (functional stadium and the first stage). For the establishing of the effect of the above mentioned exercises on the postural muscles in an individual as well as in groups that have the functional and the first stage of kyphosis, not excluding the ones that are in more serious phase of malformation. In the future, the electromyographic method would be applied that would precisely define the effect of the chosen exercises as well as the duration of the improvement of the muscle contraction. (Lim et al., 2022). By application of these exercises in one treatment by physicians who more efficiently and for less time would contribute to solve the issues referring to this deformity including the possibility this to be applied in the exercises which are used for different deformities of the spine.

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