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Due to differences in muscle strength, anthropometry, and hormones, females tend to have a higher rate of CTD than males (Lassen, 2005). There were also few studies conducted to compare the gender difference on postures for the computer

users (Won, 2009; Yang, 2012). We believe that daily intensive use of the smartphone may contribute to a poor posture and increase the risk to obtain musculoskeletal symptoms.

Purpose:

The present study aims to compare the working postures between male and female workers when they were using different information technology devices. The researchers also want to evaluate the effect of working conditions on their postures.

Methods:

Twenty-one females and twenty males were recruited. The National Cheng Kung University Hospital IRB has approved this study, and all the participants signed a consent form before participation. During the experiment, the participants were requested to perform computer texting and smartphone texting with the adjusted chair and desk to match their anthropometry. Each task lasted for thirty minutes. Six motion capture cameras were used to catch head, neck and upper extremity postures during computer and smartphone tasks. Surface EMG data were recorded from the muscles of cervical erect spinae (RCES, LCES) bilaterally, upper trapezius (Rtra, Ltra) bilaterally, bilateral extensor digitorum (RED), and bilateral flexor digitorum superficialis (RFDS) muscles using Delsys (Bagnoli eight-channel EMG system, USA). Three-way ANOVA with repeated measures on condition and time factors were

used for postural data analysis. The significant level was set at $p < 0.05$.

Results:

Totally there were 41 subjects complete the experiment. The demographic data was shown as in Table 1.

Table 1. Demographic data for all subjects.

	All participants (N=41)		
	Male (N=20)	Female (N=21)	p value
Age (years)	29.5 (8.40)	30.4 (9.63)	0.744
Height (m)	173.5 (4.57)	159.6 (4.83)	<0.001*
Weight (kg)	67.7 (8.22)	53.9 (6.98)	<0.001*
BMI (kg/m ²)	22.6 (3.10)	21.2 (3.27)	0.195
Body fat (%)	14.8 (6.02)	28.4 (5.80)	<0.001*
Arm length (cm)	58.6 (2.71)	54.9 (2.52)	<0.001*
Shoulder width (cm)	44.9 (3.63)	39.1 (1.68)	<0.001*
Chair height (cm)	43.9 (1.63)	43.5 (5.32)	0.794
Desk height (cm)	67.6 (2.02)	65.0 (5.58)	0.064
Computer words (N)	1595 (607.939)	1342 (586.90)	0.189
Phone words (N)	607 (185.47)	593 (236.73)	0.838

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Table 2. Angle mean between two conditions.

Repeated measures	All participants (N=41)		
	computer	phone	P value
cc	165.56 (8.23)	159.19 (9.99)	* <0.001
low	67.65 (5.82)	62.637 (9.09)	* <0.001
e	112.00(11.92)	94.161(20.41)	* <0.001
w	166.97(5.61)	168.54 (5.37)	0.149
shoulder	27.15(7.95)	23.12(7.30)	*0.002
head	74.59(8.25)	82.60(5.77)	* <0.001
neck	59.55(6.70)	68.84(11.18)	* <0.001

Table 3. angle range between two conditions.

Repeated measures	All participants (N=41)		
	computer (SD)	phone (SD)	P value
cc	6.71(3.23)	2.91(1.81)	* <0.001
low	4.87(2.30)	3.00(2.56)	* <0.001
e	14.81(6.37)	4.52(3.83)	* <0.001
w	13.96(4.42)	15.44(7.79)	0.204
shoulder	14.24(5.02)	2.63(1.93)	* <0.001
head	7.79(3.87)	3.36(2.65)	* <0.001
neck	5.87(2.03)	2.45(1.80)	* <0.001

Table 4. Angle mean between genders in phone typing condition.

	All participants (N=41)		
	phone		P value
	male	female	
cc	159.44(9.94)	158.93(10.10)	0.860
low	65.04(9.65)	60.73(8.10)	*0.043
e	94.72(19.23)	90.53(21.42)	0.481
w	168.33(5.69)	167.73(5.05)	0.645
shoulder	22.51(6.82)	23.72(7.77)	0.549
head	82.75(5.31)	82.27(6.22)	0.681
neck	71.58(9.72)	67.39(12.09)	0.176

Table 5. Angle range between genders in computer typing conditions.

	All participants (N=41)		
	computer		
	male	female	P value
cc	6.60(2.94)	7.36 (3.45)	0.360
low	4.35(2.39)	5.23(2.21)	0.119
e	15.40(6.22)	14.50(6.57)	0.575
w	12.01(3.42)	15.47(4.73)	*0.010
shoulder	14.52(4.94)	14.13(5.13)	0.736
head	6.46(2.91)	9.02(4.36)	*0.026
neck	5.51(2.02)	5.47(2.06)	0.941

For the muscle control, our results showed that there was a significant main effect on conditions for most of the muscles except cervical extensors (Table6). The participants tended to have a higher muscle activity during computer task as compared to phone task. During computer task, females had higher EMG for both finger flexors as compared to males (Table 7). During phone use, females had higher EMG for right upper trapezius as compared to males (Table 8).

Table 6. EMG between two conditions.

	All participants (N=41)		
	Computer	Phone	P value
Rtra	0.074(0.106)	0.034(0.088)	*<0.001
Ltra	0.104(0.092)	0.037(0.022)	*<0.001
RCES	0.258(0.098)	0.250(0.107)	0.604
LCES	0.236(0.127)	0.241(0.098)	0.630
RED	0.087(0.039)	0.046(0.029)	*<0.001
RFDS	0.066(0.036)	0.032(0.021)	*<0.001
LED	0.106(0.043)	0.046(0.033)	*<0.001
LFDS	0.083(0.044)	0.043(0.029)	*<0.001

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	All participants (N=41)		
	computer		
	male	Female	P value
Rtra	0.137(0.082)	0.133(0.125)	0.872
Ltra	0.102(0.114)	0.125(0.067)	0.327
RCES	0.252(0.087)	0.262(0.107)	0.679
LCES	0.231(0.123)	0.289(0.127)	0.104
RED	0.084(0.039)	0.106(0.037)	0.064
RFDS	0.056(0.026)	0.084(0.038)	*0.006
LED	0.108(0.044)	0.111(0.042)	0.832
LFDS	0.073(0.032)	0.099(0.048)	*0.025

Table 8.EMG between genders in phone typing condition.

	All participants (N=41)		
	Phone		
	male	Female	P value
Rtra	0.030(0.033)	0.050(0.118)	*0.034
Ltra	0.032(0.022)	0.044(0.021)	0.064
RCES	0.260(0.101)	0.266(0.113)	0.856
LCES	0.227(0.095)	0.263(0.098)	0.135
RED	0.039(0.029)	0.053(0.029)	0.052
RFDS	0.032 (0.023)	0.036(0.019)	0.480
LED	0.045(0.031)	0.050(0.034)	0.553
LFDS	0.044(0.028)	0.044(0.030)	0.915

Discussion

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According to Gold's observational study (2012), they found the mobile device users tend to have a flexed neck, as well as a non-neutral typing side wrist. However, we did not have similar finding for the wrist posture. The difference might be due to different mobile devices (touch screen) were used in the current study.

Our results showed that males had greater low-cervical angle than females only during the phone typing task. On the other hand, females had greater head flexion range and wrist deviation range as compared to males only during the computer task. Our study hypothesized that female workers might demonstrate different postures while they were using different information technology devices. Previous studies have provided evidence on gender difference for the computer users. For example, Won et al. (2009) compared the difference of upper extremity posture between male and

female computer workers and found that the range of motion for wrist, shoulder and shoulder external rotation were higher for women (Won et al. 2009). Our previous study (Yang and Cho, 2012) has shown that male computer users had larger head and neck flexion angles than females. Gold (2012) found that male users tend to have a more protracted shoulder and female users have a more flexed elbow.

Similar trend was found between male and female computer users for the shoulder, elbow flexion, and wrist deviation angles. This study used a similar design like our previous study but smartphone task was added. It was also found male smartphone users had larger lower-cervical angle as compared with females only during the smart phone use. We thought higher average postural angles for men might be due to gender difference on their anthropometry. Due to their anthropometry difference, if without proper intervention, we speculate that the male participants might be at a higher risk to obtain musculoskeletal disorders in this region than females. We also found that females had greater head flexion range and wrist deviation range as compared to males during the computer task. This result may indicate female computer users tend to demonstrate more extreme postures in these two regions. When designing computer task for female users, we need to pay special attention to these two regions.

For the muscle control, our results showed that there was a significant main effect

on conditions for most of the muscles except cervical extensors. The participants tended to have a higher muscle activity during computer task as compared to phone task. Pressing computer keyboard requires a higher muscle force than texting on the smart phones. Therefore, proper design of break and exercises to relax their muscles is essential for those computer workers.

During computer task, females had higher EMG for both finger flexors as compared to males. During phone use, females had higher EMG for right upper trapezius as compared to males. These results reflect that computer task is a more effort demanding task which requires higher muscle activity as compared to the smartphone task, especially for finger flexors of the female subjects. Females may use their right arm to operate their smart phone than males. Therefore, female workers might need to take more breaks if they are going to conduct a long time task.

Smartphone addicts, also called phubbers, who might spend a lot of time on using this device. Therefore cumulative time effect cannot be neglected. We found most subjects increased their elbow flexion but decreased their shoulder flexion as time passed, which make them to have a closer view to their smartphone. This might increase their potential to develop symptoms to their elbows as well as eyes.

Conclusion:

The result of the current study showed more neck and head flexion angle during smartphone texting as compared with computer texting, and that may led to more complaints of cervical discomfort for smartphone users. Our results also suggested male smart phone users had a more flexed low-cervical posture which may increase the risk of musculoskeletal symptoms in this region. Females had greater head flexion range and wrist deviation range which may indicate they tend to demonstrate more extreme postures in these two regions. When considering the musculoskeletal symptoms among IT device users, gender issue cannot be neglected.

Implications:

The results suggested that the male participants might be at a higher risk of musculoskeletal symptoms than females since they had a more flexed lower cervical posture. However, females might need to use more muscle activity than males to perform the computer task. Smartphone users may demonstrate more extreme postures for head and neck as compared to computer users. Future studies on IT device users should consider the effect of gender on postures and include kinetic data for further analysis.

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參加世界生物力學大會 2014(July6-11) 波士頓記行

參加世界生物力學大會是非常偶然的。我的學生本來說要去法國馬賽，但是我上次參加的會議是在歐洲，因此，他查到有個會議在波士頓看起來也不錯。既然主題與我的專長符合，就決定開始準備投稿。剛好成老師在系務會議裡提及，他也要去參加這個會，於是我們就一起準備出發了！

飛機從桃園飛到波士頓連轉機時間要二十一個小時，這充分考驗了我這個中年人的耐力。幸好一路平安，我終於飛到睽違已久的波士頓。我在 1991-1993 是在波士頓念書的。睽違了二十年，我終於有空回來看看校園、看看老師。

第一天會場烏龍記。原本要註冊的我們因為大會電腦當機，只好選擇拿完資料就走。下午逛了逛市區回味一下當年在此念書的時光。

第二天的 keynote speech 是有關 Larva 運動行為，由加州大學柏克萊分校 Dr. Koehl 演講，他談到浮游生物如何在不穩定的水流中運動以尋求自身的穩定(moving in an unsteady world)，他會因為水流的運動試著改變密度或運動型態，這個題目算是讓我見識到生物力學的另一面。晚上有開幕接風小宴，大會非常大器的提供了龍蝦三明治等美食，讓我們剛到就吃到波士頓的土產，十分開心。

第三天主要是去聽 Dr. Viceconti 主講的題目：**Musculoskeletal Biomechanics in the age of virtual physiological human**。他主要提到骨骼肌肉系統生物力學運用在不同年紀的人類活動上。當然，還有今天的重點是 PhD 學生的競賽，自從上次我參加 AWP ACPT 之後，我就非常喜歡聆聽這一類的競賽，因為這些參與比賽的同學都是未來在生物力學界的後起之秀。

第四天除了聽演講外，主任也要報告他的 poster，我也抽空看了許多海報，獲得最新的研究資訊，包括 U of Waterloo 一篇與我學生研究相近的海報。機械系的朱老師也在同一天報告，大家中午聚在一起聊天，也讓不同領域的學者有交流的機會。晚上則有晚宴活動，主持人報告了這次活動參予的一些統計數字，包括 58 個國家，4200 位參予者，算是相當盛大的一個會。

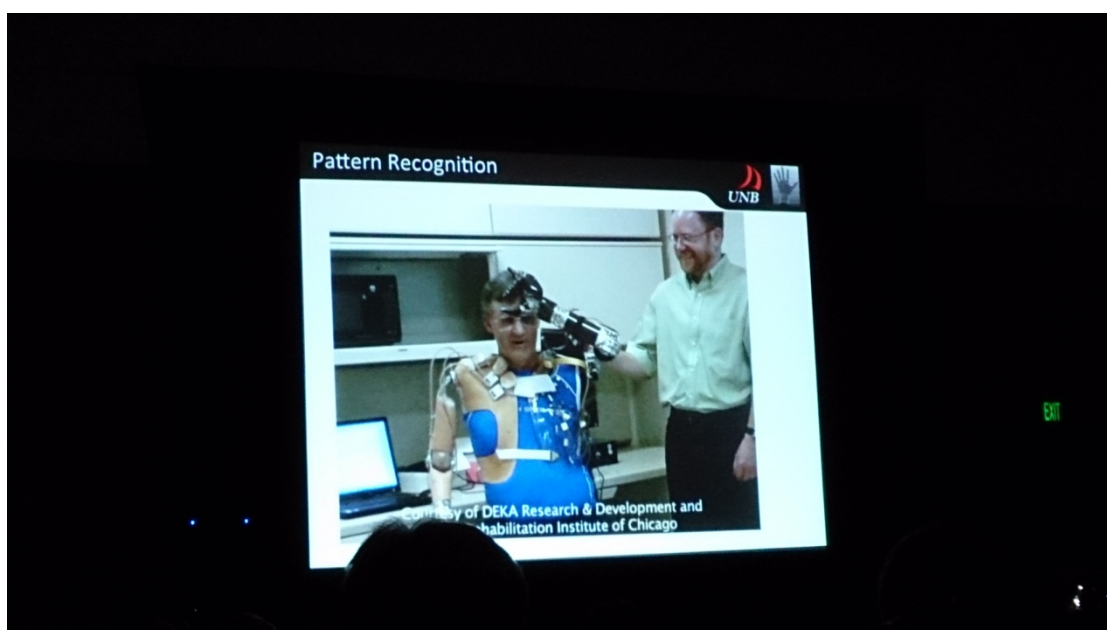
第五天聽 Dr. Englehart 的演講主要是提到 Power upper limb prosthesis，也去聽了一系列的有關 upper limb rehabilitation 的演講。我想生物力學在復健領域的應用這方面應該算是有相當多的創新。

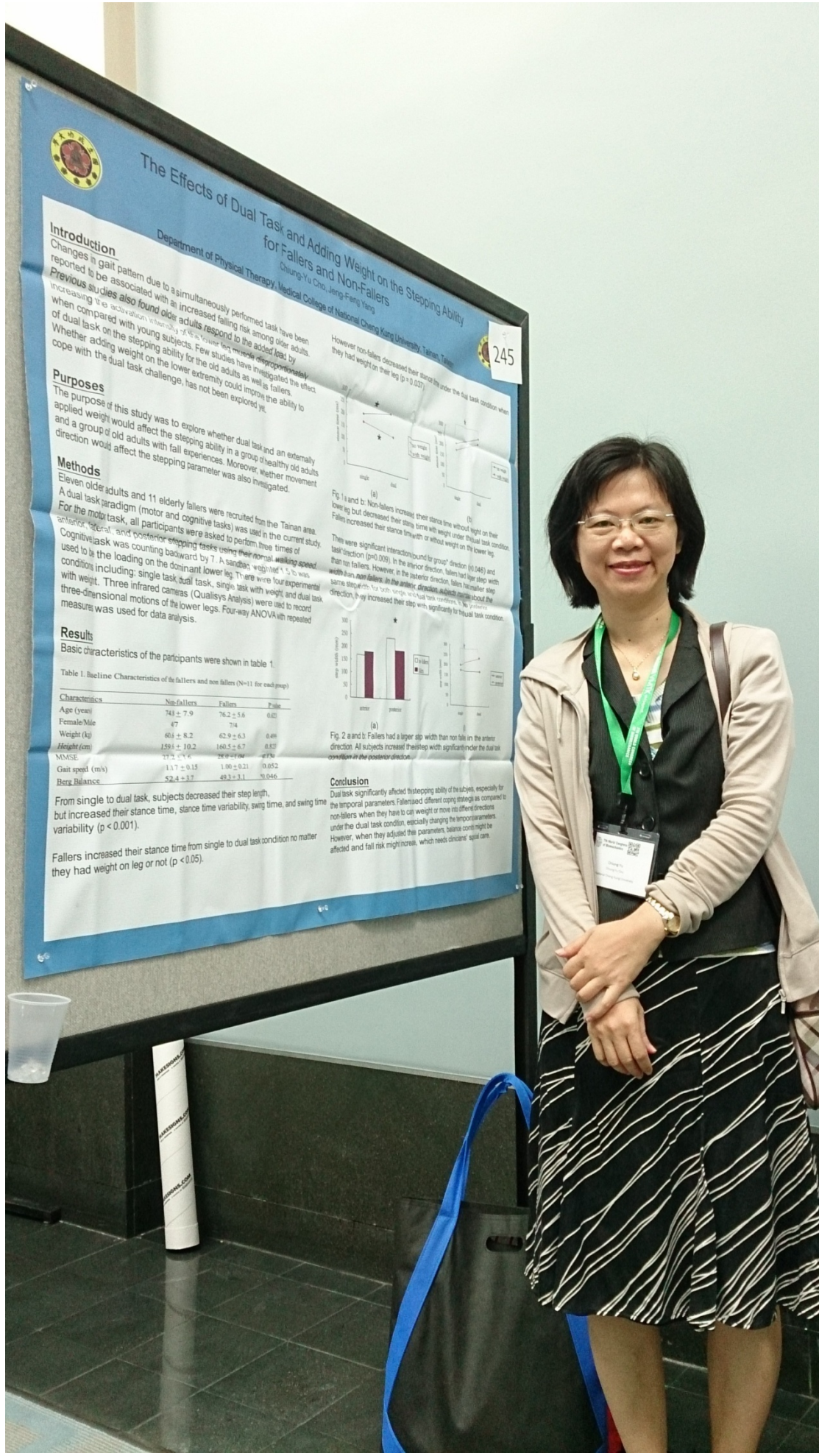
第六天演講題目 Dr. Guiliak Biomechanics and mechanobiology in the development of new therapy in osteoarthritis，他從 OA 受傷與形成的機轉講起，到最近的人工

生物組織的研發，做了相當精闢而深入的演講。中午有我的海報展示，也認識鄰座 Pittsburg U 的學生與其指導教授 Dr. Knooze。中午貼海報時還與鄰座日本學者交流，算是相當有收穫的一天。下午約好與老師吃飯，老師已經 64 歲明年就要退休了，我們已經二十年沒見面，還好還認得彼此，我們談著匹此這些年的改變與研究，真的是時光飛逝。

大會閉幕後，我又偷閒一天留在這裡逛逛，Boston 我的兩年碩士生涯在這裡度過，真是令人難忘的地方。

帶回資料有大會手冊與會議內容隨身碟。





The Effects of Dual Task and Adding Weight on the Stepping Ability for Fallers and Non-Fallers

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Introduction

Changes in gait pattern due to a simultaneously performed task have been reported to be associated with an increased falling risk among older adults. **Previous studies also found older adults respond to the added task by increasing the activation intensity of the lower leg muscles disproportionately when compared with young subjects.** Few studies have investigated the effect of dual task on the stepping ability for the old adults as well as fallers. Whether adding weight on the lower extremity could improve the ability to cope with the dual task challenge, has not been explored yet.

Purposes

The purpose of this study was to explore whether dual task and an externally applied weight would affect the stepping ability in a group of healthy old adults and a group of old adults with fall experiences. Moreover, whether movement direction would affect the stepping parameter was also investigated.

Methods

Eleven older adults and 11 elderly fallers were recruited from the Tainan area. A dual task paradigm (motor and cognitive tasks) was used in the current study. For the motor task, all participants were asked to perform three times of anterior, lateral, and posterior stepping tasks using their normal walking speed. Cognitive task was counting backward by 7. A sandbag weighted 1.5 to 3 kg was used to be the loading on the dominant lower leg. There were four experimental conditions including: single task, dual task, single task with weight, and dual task with weight. Three infrared cameras (Qualisys Analysis) were used to record three-dimensional motions of the lower legs. Four-way ANOVA with repeated measures was used for data analysis.

Results

Basic characteristics of the participants were shown in table 1.

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the fallers and non fallers (N=11 for each group)

Characteristics	Non-fallers	Fallers	P-value
Age (year)	74.1 ± 7.9	76.2 ± 5.8	0.82
Female/Male	4/7	7/4	
Weight (kg)	60.3 ± 8.2	62.9 ± 6.3	0.49
Height (cm)	159.1 ± 10.2	160.5 ± 8.7	0.12
MMSE	27.2 ± 4.6	26.6 ± 5.8	0.76
Gait speed (m/s)	1.17 ± 0.15	1.00 ± 0.21	0.152
Berg Balance	52.4 ± 3.7	49.3 ± 3.1	0.046

From single to dual task, subjects decreased their step length, but increased their stance time, stance time variability, swing time, and swing time variability ($p < 0.001$).

Fallers increased their stance time from single to dual task condition no matter they had weight on leg or not ($p < 0.05$).

However non-fallers decreased their stance time under the dual task condition when they had weight on their leg ($p < 0.027$).



Fig 1 a and b: Non-fallers increase their stance time without weight on their lower leg but decreased their stance time with weight under the dual task condition. Fallers increased their stance time with or without weight on the lower leg.

There were significant interaction found for group*direction (0.046) and task condition (0.008). In the anterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers. However, in the posterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers. In the anterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers. In the posterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers. In the anterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers. In the posterior direction, fallers had longer step width than non-fallers.

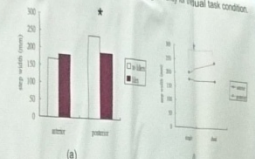


Fig 2 a and b: Fallers had a larger step width than non fallers in the anterior direction. All subjects increased their step width significantly under the dual task condition in the posterior direction.

Conclusion

Dual task significantly affected the stepping ability of the subjects, especially for the temporal parameters. Fallers used different coping strategies compared to non-fallers when they have to cope with or move into different directions under the dual task condition, especially changing the temporal parameters. However, when they adjusted these parameters, balance control might be affected and fall risk might increase, which needs clinicians' special care.

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本篇研究發現手機使用者在頭、頸的彎曲角度明顯比使用電腦大，對於手機使用者鄰床物理治療師應該提醒他們更注意他們頭頸部位的姿勢與症狀。而男性手機使用者比女性更明顯地增加了下頸部彎曲的角度，這可能造成此部位的骨骼肌肉系統症狀增加。女性電腦使用者則在頭彎曲與手腕尺側屈曲角度範圍較男性明顯增加，這意味著她們容易在此兩部位呈現較極端的姿勢。我們的研究結果建議在介入電子資訊處理器使用者的骨骼肌肉系統症狀時，不但要注意他們在使用時的姿勢，同時也要考慮性別差異。未來研究將朝智慧型手機使用者的生理與心理問題做進一步的探討。