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2 Quadriceps foam rolling and rolling massage increases hip flexion and extension passive  
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## ABSTRACT

34  
35       Increases in joint range-of-motion may be beneficial for improving performance and  
36 reducing injury risk. This study investigated the effects of different self-massage volumes and  
37 modalities on passive hip range-of-motion. Twenty-five recreationally resistance-trained men  
38 performed four experimental protocols using a counterbalanced, randomized, and within-  
39 subjects design; foam rolling (FR) or roller massage (RM) for 60 or 120-second. Passive hip  
40 flexion and extension range-of-motion were measured in a counterbalanced and randomized  
41 order via manual goniometry before self-massage (baseline) and immediately, 10-, 20-, and  
42 30-minute following each self-massage intervention. Following FR or RM of quadriceps,  
43 there was an increase in hip flexion range-of-motion at Post-0 (FR:  $\Delta=19.28^\circ$ ; RM:  
44  $\Delta=14.96^\circ$ ), Post-10 (FR:  $\Delta=13.03^\circ$ ; RM:  $\Delta=10.40^\circ$ ), and Post-20 (FR:  $\Delta= 6.00^\circ$ ; RM:  
45  $\Delta=4.64^\circ$ ) for all protocols, but not exceed the minimum detectable change at Post-10 for  
46 RM60 and RM120, and Post-20 for FR60, FR120, RM60, and RM120. Similarly, hip  
47 extension range-of-motion increase at Post-0 (FR:  $\Delta=8.56^\circ$ ; RM:  $\Delta=6.56^\circ$ ), Post-10 (FR:  
48  $\Delta=4.64^\circ$ ; RM:  $\Delta=3.92^\circ$ ), and Post-20 (FR:  $\Delta=2.80^\circ$ ; RM:  $\Delta=1.92^\circ$ ), but not exceed the  
49 minimum detectable change at Post-10 for FR60, RM60, and RM120, and Post-20 for FR60,  
50 FR120, RM60, and RM120. In conclusion, both FR and RM increased hip range-of-motion  
51 but larger volumes (120- vs. 60-second) and FR produced the greatest increases. These  
52 findings have implications for self-massage prescription and implementation, in both  
53 rehabilitation and athletic populations.

54 **Key words:** flexibility, massage, self-massage, self-myofascial release, self-manual therapy.

55 **TEXT**

56 **Introduction**

57 Self-massage (SM) prior to exercise is becoming increasingly popular and may be  
58 performed by different tools (i.e. foam rolling (FR) and roller massage (RM)). The main  
59 effects are related to acute increases in passive range-of-motion (PROM) (Škarabot et al.,  
60 2015; Beardsley and Škarabot, 2015; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>). Although similar, FR and RM  
61 differ in the area of the underlying pressure; that is, FR covers a larger contact area and  
62 therefore allows a larger work in the target region. For example, Monteiro et al. (2017<sup>a</sup>; 2018)  
63 tested the effect of FR and RM in PROM and found that both tools increased PROM, but FR  
64 produced better effect than RM. This finding disagrees with conclusions of Grabow et al.  
65 (2018), who tested three different RM pressures (low, moderate, and higher) and did not  
66 found differences between them.

67 SM induced changes in PROM and may be influenced by both modality and volume.  
68 To the best of our knowledge, only Monteiro et al. (2017<sup>a</sup>; 2018) tested different modalities  
69 (FR and RM) on hip flexion and extension PROM and both studies found similar results with  
70 increases in hip PROM for FR and RM, but higher effects for FR. Additionally, only three  
71 pieces of papers have examined the effects of different SM volume on PROM (Bradbury-  
72 Squires et al., 2015; Couture et al., 2015; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>) and all researches found a  
73 dose-dependent response and indicate trends for better effects for 120-second. For example,  
74 Bradbury-Squires et al. (2015) performed 20- and 60-second of RM on the quadriceps and  
75 observed increases of 5 and 8 degrees, respectively. Monteiro et al. (2017<sup>a</sup>) performed 60-  
76 and 120-second of SM on the hamstrings and observed increases in both hip flexion, and  
77 extension PROM, immediately after intervention. In contrast, Couture et al. (2015) performed  
78 20-second (two sets of 10-second) and 120-second (four sets of thirty-second) of hamstrings

79 FR and observed similar results ( $67.30^\circ$  and  $67.41^\circ$ , respectively) for knee extension ROM  
80 following each condition, but not statistically, possibly due to short duration of individual  
81 sets.

82 Many athletes and recreationally active individuals perform SM during a warm-up,  
83 between warm-up sets, or even between working sets, as it believed that greater PROM can  
84 be achieved which may enhance performance or reduce injury risk. Current highlighted  
85 findings suggest that effect of SM on PROM can be both local and global (Aboodarda et al.,  
86 2015; Kelly and Beardsley, 2016; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>bc</sup>), which can allow for practitioners  
87 to improve their patients' PROM without endangering the potentially-sensitive tissue  
88 surrounding the muscle group of interest. Until now research on SM has primarily focused on  
89 immediate effects of SM, and there has been little research on the duration of these acute  
90 changes (Halperin et al., 2014; Škarabot et al., 2015; Monteiro et al., 2018). Therefore, the  
91 purpose of this study was to investigate the acute effects of different foam rolling and rolling  
92 massage volumes applied to the anterior thigh on hip flexion and extension PROM over time.

## 94 **Methods**

### 95 *Participants*

96 Twenty-five recreationally resistance-trained men (age:  $26.2 \pm 4.0$  years; height:  
97  $176.7 \pm 8.1$  cm; weight:  $65.0 \pm 23.1$  kg; body mass index:  $27.1 \pm 6.0$ ), with no prior SM  
98 experience, and who were free of musculoskeletal injury or pain were recruited for this study  
99 based on *a priori* sample size calculation (Beck, 2013). Men were recruited both for  
100 convenience and the flexibility negative difference compared to women (Mier and Shapiro,  
101 2013; Chino and Takahashi, 2018). An *a priori* sample size calculation (effect size =1.83;  $1-\beta$   
102 = 0.95;  $\alpha = 0.05$ ) using G\*Power (Faul et al., 2007) found that 12 subjects would be  
103 sufficient to investigate the question posed; however, 25 participants were recruited. Subjects

104 were instructed to refrain from participating in any lower body exercise or strenuous activity  
105 throughout the duration of the study. Anthropometric data were obtained using standard  
106 procedures: body mass (Techline BAL – 150 digital scale, São Paulo, Brazil) and height  
107 (Stadiometer ES 2030 Sanny, São Paulo, Brazil). Prior to the study all participants were  
108 provided verbal explanation of the study, and they read and signed an informed consent  
109 document after which they and completed a Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire. The  
110 study was approved by the local ethics review board and all procedures were in accordance  
111 with the Declaration of Helsinki.

### 112 *Experimental design*

113 A single-blind, counterbalanced, randomized, within-subject design (Figure 1) similar  
114 to that of Monteiro et al. (2017<sup>b</sup>) was used. Subjects visited the laboratory on five occasions  
115 during a thirteen-day period with at least forty-eight hours between each session. The first  
116 visit was used to familiarize subjects with all procedures while experimental protocols were  
117 performed during the remaining four sessions. Following baseline measures, subjects  
118 completed the FR and RM conditions for 60 (FR60 and RM60) and 120 (FR120 and RM  
119 120) seconds and retesting immediately (Post-0) following intervention. To assess the effects  
120 of SM on PROM over an extended period, hip extension and flexion were measured again at  
121 10 (Post-10), 20 (Post-20), and 30 (Post-30) minutes post intervention. Subjects remained  
122 lying in rest between measures. These time points have been chosen to make the results more  
123 comparable to previous work (MacDonald et al., 2013; Halperin et al., 2014; Jay et al., 2014).  
124 Only the dominant leg was tested as referenced to the leg that they would kick a ball with  
125 (Škarabot et al., 2015).

126 **[Insert Figure 1]**

### 127 *Self-massage protocol*



128           The FR interventions utilized a foam roller with a hard inner core enclosed in a layer  
129 of ethylene vinyl acetate foam (Foam Roller Brazil, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil), which has  
130 been shown to produce more pressure on the soft tissue than a conventional foam roller  
131 without a hard core (Curran, Fiore and Crisco, 2008). Foam rolling sessions were performed  
132 in a plank position with the upper thigh of the dominant leg on the foam roller. While keeping  
133 the knee of the dominant leg extended, participants were instructed to use their arms and non-  
134 dominant leg to propel themselves backward and forward on the foam roller between the  
135 acetabulum and quadriceps tendon in fluid, dynamic motions. Subjects were encouraged to  
136 support as much as possible of their entire bodyweight with the foam roller thus maximizing  
137 pressure on the limb. For a better representation of free-living training environments, subjects  
138 were free to choose the pace with which they performed the foam rolling. Participants were  
139 instructed to maintain pressure resulting in a self-rated score of 8 out of 10 on the pain level  
140 scale (Halperin et al., 2014).

141           The RM interventions were performed with a self-massage stick (Stick Trigger Point  
142 Technologies, Austin, Texas, USA). Subjects massaged themselves along the anterior aspect  
143 of the thigh while in a seated position with the dominant knee resting and extended. The RM  
144 was applied at different angles to target all areas of the anterior thigh. Subjects were  
145 instructed to roll between the acetabulum and quadriceps tendon in fluid dynamic motions.  
146 The application of RM pressure was controlled by a pain level scale in which a score of one  
147 represented no pain at all and a score of 10 represented maximal tolerable pain. Participants  
148 were instructed to maintain pressure resulting in a self-rated score self-rated score of 8 out of  
149 10 on the pain level scale (Halperin et al., 2014).

150 *Joint range of motion measurement*



176 Bonferroni post-hoc test. Potential differences between baseline values were checked with  
177 paired T-tests. Eta-squared ( $\eta^2$ ) was reported as a measure of effect size for significant main  
178 effects and main interactions within the ANOVA. Additionally, Cohen's  $d$  effect sizes were  
179 calculated using the formula  $d = \frac{M_d}{s_d}$ , where  $M_d$  is the mean difference and  $s_d$  is the standard  
180 deviation of differences. Cohen's  $d$  effect-sizes were defined as small ( $\geq 0.2$ ), medium ( $\geq$   
181 0.5), and large ( $\geq 0.8$ ) (Cohen, 1988). An alpha level of 0.05 was used. All analyses were  
182 performed using SPSS version 21 (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

183 To ensure that our measures were greater than measurement error, minimum  
184 detectable change (MDC) scores were calculated at the 95% level. To calculate MDC,  
185 standard error of measurement (SEM) was calculated first, using the formula  
186  $SEM = SD_{\text{test 1}} \sqrt{1 - ICC}$ , where  $SD_{\text{test 1}}$  is the standard deviation of scores from the first test  
187 and ICC is the test-retest intraclass correlation coefficient. Then, MDC at the 95% level was  
188 calculated using the formula  $MDC = 1.96(SEM)\sqrt{2}$ .

189

## 190 **Results**

191 The minimum detectable change and effect size of PROMs for each condition and  
192 time point are presented in Table 1 and Table 2.

193 **[Insert Table 1]**

194 **[Insert Table 2]**

195 At baseline, there were no statistical differences ( $p > 0.05$ ) between conditions for hip  
196 flexion or extension. Measurement reliability was determined by calculating an intraclass  
197 correlation coefficient for baseline hip flexion (FR60 = 0.811; FR120 = 0.839; RM60 =

198 0.634; RM120 = 0.725), which corresponds to a minimum detectable change of 7.82°, 7.28°,  
199 11.49°, and 10.67°, respectively, and hip extension (FR60 = 0.683; FR120 = 0.762; RM60 =  
200 0.607; RM120 = 0.690), which corresponds to a minimum detectable change of 3.66°, 4.56°,  
201 4;56°, and 3.94°, respectively.

202 A significant difference was found by ANOVA for hip flexion in FR60 ( $F_{(21,153)} =$   
203 46.608), FR120 ( $F_{(23,151)} = 15.136$ ), RM60 ( $F_{(18,156)} = 29.900$ ), and RM120 ( $F_{(21,156)} = 21.152$ )  
204 with a volume  $\times$  time interaction (FR60:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.191$ ; FR120:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 =$   
205 0.257; RM60:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.098$ ; RM120:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.116$ ). Hip flexion PROM  
206 (Table 1; Figure 3) increased in Post-0 as compared to baselines values and remained  
207 increased for Post-20.

208 **[Insert Figure 3]**

209 A significant difference was found by ANOVA for hip extension in FR60 ( $F_{(9,165)} =$   
210 33.300), FR120 ( $F_{(10,164)} = 29.957$ ), RM60 ( $F_{(6,166)} = 49.668$ ), and RM120 ( $F_{(8,166)} = 31.248$ )  
211 with volume  $\times$  time interaction (FR60:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.039$ ; FR120:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 =$   
212 0.184; RM60:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.123$ ; RM120:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $\eta^2 = 0.124$ ). Hip flexion PROM  
213 (Table 2; Figure 4) increased in Post-0 as compared to baselines values and remained  
214 increased for Post-20.

215 **[Insert Figure 4]**

216 FR produced greater increase in hip flexion PROM than RM in Post-0 ( $p < 0.001$ ) and  
217 Post-10 ( $p < 0.001$ ) (Table 1). FR induced in hip extension PROM were superior than RM in  
218 Post-0 ( $p < 0.001$ ) and remained for Post-20 ( $p < 0.001$ ) (Table 2). For both conditions,  
219 higher volume (120-second) produced greater changes in PROM.

220

## 221 **Discussion**

222           The purpose of this study was to investigate the acute effects of different foam rolling  
223 and rolling massage volumes applied to the anterior thigh on hip flexion and extension  
224 PROM over time. Despite the popularity of SM, to the best of our knowledge, this is only the  
225 third study (Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>; 2018) that has directly compared the acute effects of FR  
226 and RM on hip PROM, and the first study that has performed this comparison for several  
227 different volumes (time of application; 60- vs 120-second). A major and novel finding of this  
228 investigation is that, although RM and FR appear as similar interventions they differ in the  
229 magnitude of their effect on PROM and that this magnitude is influenced by the volume of  
230 SM. The main effect confirms our initial hypothesis, which suggested different volumes (60-  
231 and 120-second) and SM tools (FR and RM) produce different changes in PROM; the greater  
232 PROM with FR is probably due to a higher-pressure area under target tissue during SM  
233 techniques. The current results for type of SM agree with previous research which has found  
234 that FR facilitates greater increases in PROM than RM (Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>; 2018), and  
235 that these increases in PROM were present well after the intervention. Although not  
236 measured, the pressure between the modalities likely differed, as well as the contact area. In  
237 order to minimize these effects, subjects were instructed to maintain pressure resulting in a  
238 self-rated score self-rated score of 8 out of 10 on the pain level scale (Halperin et al., 2014).

239           Both modalities (FR and RM) resulted in increased PROM for 20-minute post SM  
240 intervention. Findings from previous research investigating the effect of SM volume on  
241 PROM are conflicting. The majority of studies have found increases in PROM immediately  
242 post SM interventions (Škarabot et al., 2015; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>), but not 30-minutes post  
243 intervention (Jay et al., 2014; Monteiro et al., 2018), while some studies have found no effect  
244 of volume on PROM (Bradbury-Squires et al., 2015; Couture et al., 2015; Vigotsky et al.,  
245 2015). For example, Škarabot et al. (2015) observed increases (9.1%) in ankle PROM after

246 90-second (3 sets of 30-second) of FR for the calf muscles when performed as a combination  
247 of FR and static stretching and the effect lasted less than 10-minute. Similarly, Monteiro et al.  
248 (2017<sup>a</sup>) found increases in hip flexion and extension PROM immediately after performed 60-  
249 and 120-second of hamstring SM for both tools and a better PROM response was found for  
250 FR in compare than RM and 120-second than 60-second. These results are consistent with  
251 those found in this study and all indicate that both modalities (FR and RM) increase the  
252 PROM for at least 20-minute post intervention. Additionally, the results confirm the trends  
253 indicated above (Bradbury-Squires et al., 2015; Couture et al., 2015; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>a</sup>)  
254 and points to higher volumes (120- > 60-second) promoting better acute PROM responses.

255 Our results confirmed the initial hypothesis of this present study, which  
256 suggested that SM conditions increased global effects (Aboodarda et al., 2015; Kelly  
257 and Beardsley, 2016; Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>d</sup>; 2018). It is understood that this may be a  
258 global effect i.e. when one area of the body is treated, the effects are extending to  
259 neighboring regions by a central component response (Monteiro et al., 2017<sup>bc</sup>). This  
260 phenomenon has been shown previously. Aboodarda et al. (2015) found increases in  
261 pressure pain threshold on the calf (21% and 15.9%, respectively) at 30-second and 15-  
262 minute post-intervention after heavy rolling massage of the contralateral calf.  
263 Additionally, Kelly and Beardsley (2016) demonstrated a crossover effect, whereby FR  
264 the ipsilateral calf not only increased ipsilateral plantar flexion PROM, but also  
265 contralateral plantar flexion PROM after 3 sets of 30-second of plantar flexors foam  
266 rolling of the dominant leg. Furthermore, Monteiro et al. (2017<sup>b</sup>) performed 60- and  
267 120-second with different self-massage tools on the hamstrings and observed increases  
268 in both hip flexion, and extension, immediately after intervention. Finally, Monteiro et  
269 al. (2017<sup>d</sup>) founded increases in overhead deep squat performance after perform FR in  
270 different area (lateral thigh, plantar surface of the foot, and lateral side of the trunk). The

271 findings of this investigation and others (Aboodarda et al., 2015; Behm et al., 2016;  
272 Chaouachi et al., 2017; Kelly and Beardsley, 2016) show evidence that global changes  
273 do indeed occur, which can allow for practitioners to improve their patients' PROM  
274 without endangering the potentially-sensitive tissue surrounding the muscle of interest.

275         There is a possibility that improvements in PROM (similar found in the present study)  
276 have origin in a neurophysiological and/or mechanical response (Vigotsky and Bruhns,  
277 2015). The first one, indicated that manual therapies promote analgesia and consequently  
278 increases in pain tolerance (Aboodarda, Spence and Button, 2015; Amann et al., 2009;  
279 Bazzichi et al., 2010; Drew et al., 2008; Vigotsky and Bruhns, 2015), and subsequently  
280 increases in PROM. This phenomenon is related to supraspinal mediators, such as central  
281 pain modulation, which have been professed to modulate pain perception (Aboodarda,  
282 Spence and Button, 2015; Behm et al., 2015; Vigotsky and Bruhns, 2015). To date, this is the  
283 main hypothesis related to the global effects of PROM. Although questionable, mechanical  
284 mechanisms are also plausible (Beardsley and Škarabot, 2015). From a mechanical stand  
285 point the increases in PROM could be due changes in fascia properties including fascial  
286 adhesions, myofascial trigger points, and viscoelastic properties of tissue and remodeling of  
287 collagen and elastin (Schleip, 2003<sup>ab</sup>; Adstrum et al., 2017; Stecco and Schleip, 2016). These  
288 changes may increase the tissue compliance and consequently PROM, but the mechanisms  
289 behind these are not fully understood as indicated by Eriksson Crommert et al. (2014) and  
290 Vigotsky et al. (2015), who founded show that the change in passive stiffness as a result of  
291 SM is unlikely to occur and/or last long enough. For example, Vigotsky et al. (2015) did not  
292 find changes in rectus femoris length in the modified Thomas test after a FR intervention.  
293 Furthermore, Eriksson Crommert et al. (2014), observed the effect of massage on the medial  
294 gastrocnemius stiffness with Shear Imaging Elastography, to determine how long changes  
295 PROM persist after massage. Authors found a significant decrease in PROM directly after

296 massage (-5.2%) and no difference following 3-minute of rest ( $p = 0.83$ ). These results  
297 indicate that muscle stiffness returned to baseline values in a short amount of time.  
298 Nevertheless, this type of study design has an important limitation when evaluating PROM  
299 since the authors performed testing bilaterally (one limb for massage condition and the other  
300 as a control).

301         There are a number of limitations/delimitations to bear in mind when interpreting the  
302 findings in this study. Firstly, the investigator was blinded as to which intervention was  
303 performed, but not blinded as to whether the participant performed an intervention, and this  
304 may have affected the answers found in subsequent protocols. Secondly, the SM pace was not  
305 controlled within or between individuals. This can be considered as both a limitation and a  
306 strength of this design. Specifically, the lack of control reduces the internal validity of the  
307 results, as the number/duration of each roll could possibly influence the outcome.  
308 Conversely, the freedom to choose the pace duration of each roll enhances the ecological  
309 validity of the findings, as it better represents real-life training scenarios. Thirdly, the pain  
310 level after foam rolling and roller massage were not controlled for. Foam rolling has probably  
311 led to increased pressure on the target area and therefore decrease in pain tolerance. This  
312 could trigger a protective cascade effect and lower ROM gains. Finally, our experimental  
313 design did not have a control group for comparisons.

314         In conclusion, SM (FR and RM) of the anterior thigh resulted in significant acute  
315 increases in hip flexion and extension ROM that lasted at least 20-minute post intervention;  
316 however, FR and higher volumes (120- vs. 60-second) induced the greatest increases in  
317 PROM. These findings may have direct implications for both clinicians and athletes as it  
318 indicates that when performing SM is used to increase hip PROM, FR should be utilized and  
319 performed for at least 120-second per muscle. Since the effect of SM appears to last for 20-



320 minute, SM performed immediately prior to competition, could be advantageous for athletes  
321 participating in events where increased PROM is required. This information may also be  
322 useful in developing proper SM prescription in both rehabilitative and athletic practice  
323 settings; since increased ROM might help improve training outcomes. Nonetheless, future  
324 studies should examine if different pressures applied during SM affects PROM and how  
325 additional modes of applying such pressure (i.e., tools) affects this outcome.

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**TABLES**452 **Table 1.** Passive hip flexion range-of-motion minimum detectable change and effect size.

	FR60		FR120		RM60		RM120	
	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>
Post-0	19.28°	3.01	17.24°	1.08	14.64°	2.34	14.96°	1.93
Post-10	13.04°	2.02	12.36°	0.75	8.32°	1.36	10.40°	1.33
Post-20	6.00°	0.95	5.16°	0.23	3.20°	0.58	4.64°	0.68
Post-30	-0.72°	-0.12	-0.36°	-0.02	-1.60°	0.29	-1.36°	-0.20

453 FR60 = foam rolling for 60-seconds; FR120 = foam rolling for 120-seconds; RM60 = rolling massage for 60-seconds; RM120 = rolling massage

454 for 120-seconds; Post-0 = immediately after intervention; Post-10 = 10-minutes after intervention; Post-20 = 20-minutes after intervention; Post-

455 30 = 30-minutes after intervention; MDC = minimum detectable change; *d* = Cohen's *d* effect size.

456 **Table 2.** Passive hip flexion range-of-motion minimum detectable change and effect size.

	FR60		FR120		RM60		RM120	
	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>	MDC	<i>d</i>
Post-0	6.96°	2.58	8.56°	2.48	6.56°	3.48	6.32°	3.11
Post-10	3.60°	1.45	4.64°	1.48	3.04°	1.88	3.92°	1.57
Post-20	0.64°	0.29	2.80°	0.85	1.04°	0.65	1.92°	0.87
Post-30	-0.48°	-0.23	2.80°	0.39	0.40°	-0.24	0.24°	0.12

FR60 = foam rolling for 60-seconds; FR120 = foam rolling for 120-seconds; RM60 = rolling massage for 60-seconds; RM120 = rolling massage for 120-seconds; Post-0 = immediately after intervention; Post-10 = 10-minutes after intervention; Post-20 = 20-minutes after intervention; Post-30 = 30-minutes after intervention; MDC = minimum detectable change; *d* = Cohen's *d* effect size.

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## CAPTIONS TO FIGURES

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459 immediately after intervention; Post-10 = 10-minutes after intervention;  
460 Post-20 = 20-minutes after intervention; Post-30 = 30-minutes after  
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463 hip flexion.

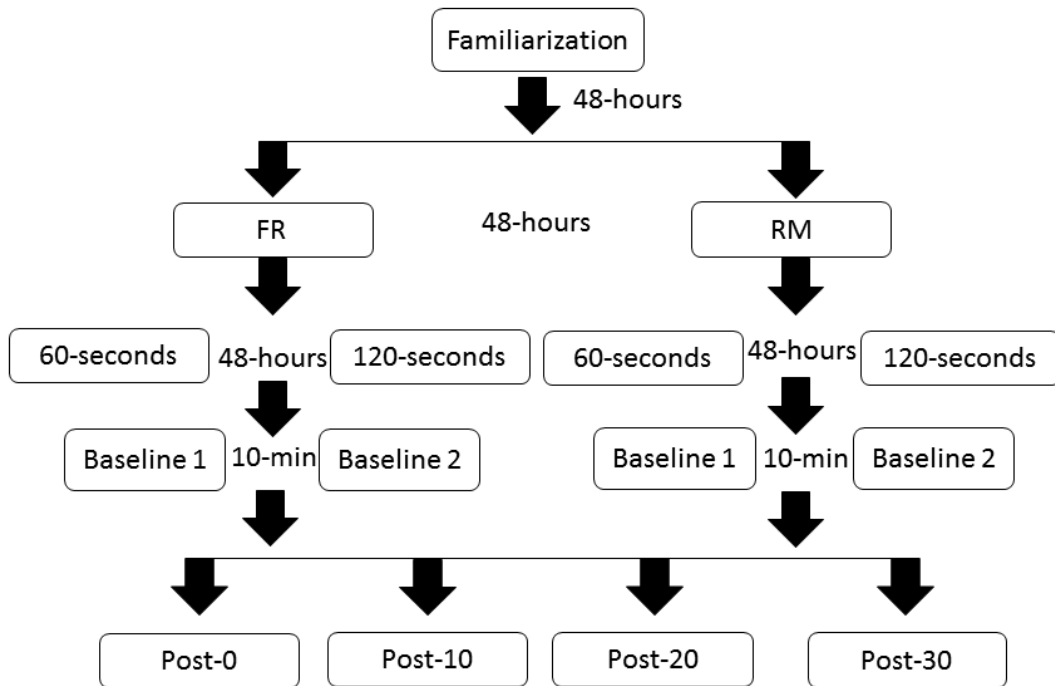
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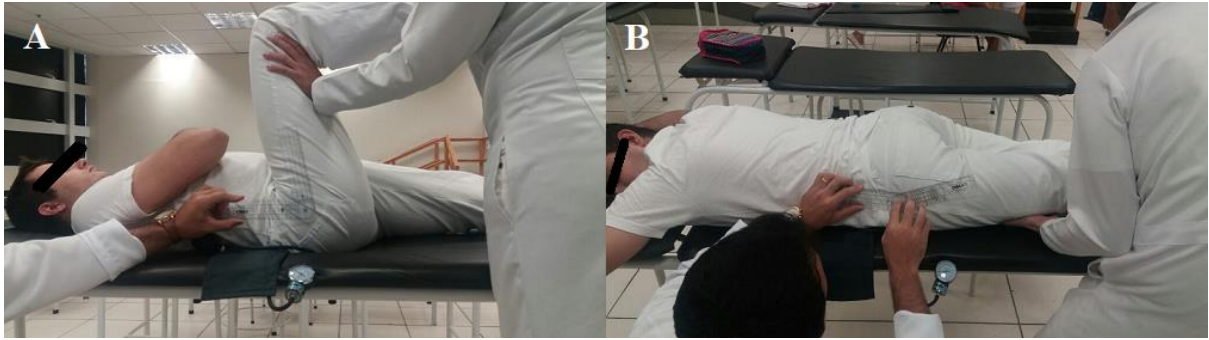
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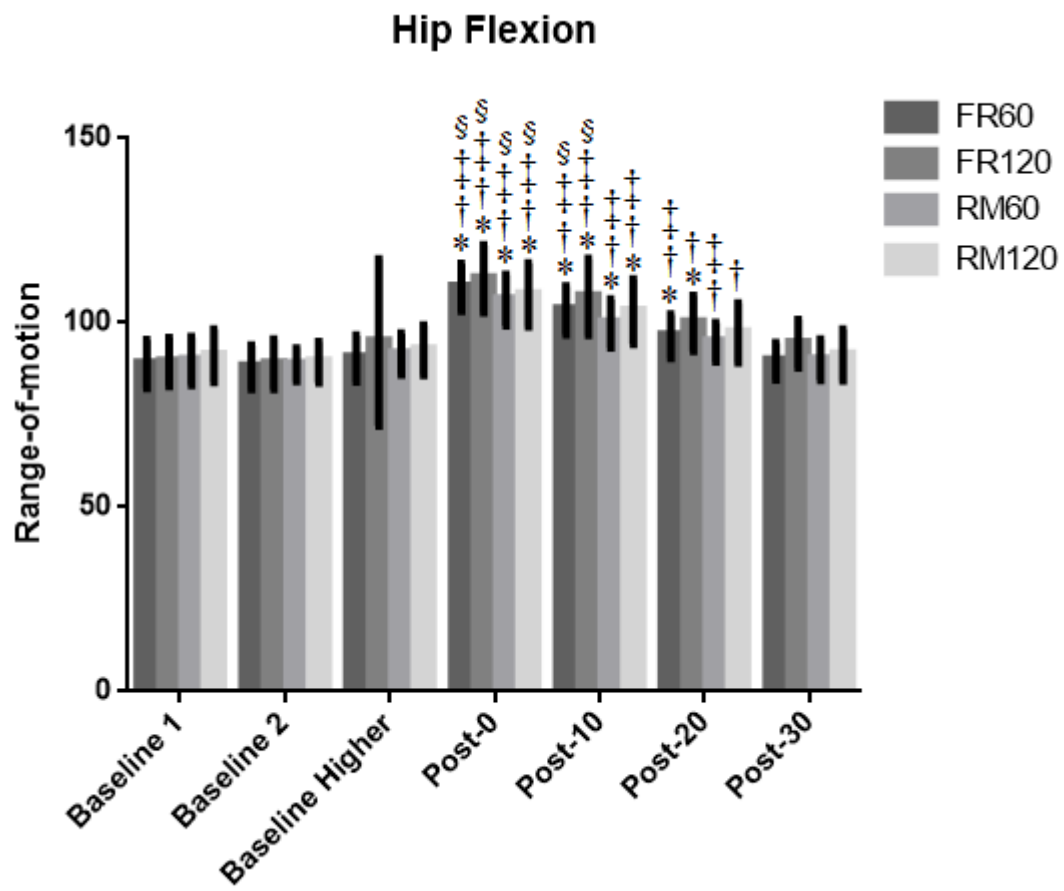
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