# Light Intensity Activity: a possible contribution to delay frailty

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# Physical Activity as a Preventative Factor for Frailty: The Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study

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## aim

to characterize self reported light intensity activity (LIPA) of people aged 75 and above, and investigate its association with functional capacity.

# methods

65 participants



79.48 ± 4.98

functionally independent

no cognitive impairment

geriatric outpatient clinic

Ethical Approval | November 2016 up to February 2017

#### **Physical Function** < 10 predict frailty and falls

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#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Short Physical Performance Battery and all-cause mortality: systematic review and meta-analysis

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#### Abstract

Background: The Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB) is a well-established tool to assess lower extremity physical performance status. Its predictive ability for all-cause mortality has been sparsely reported, but with conflicting results in different subsets of participants. The aim of this study was to perform a meta-analysis investigating the relationship between SPPB score and all-cause mortality.

Methods: Articles were searched in MEDLNB; the Cochrane Library, Google Scholar, and BioMed Central between July and September 2015 and updated in January 2016. Indusion criteria were observational studies, >50 participants; stratification of population according to SPPB value, data on alf-acuse mortality. English language publications. Twenty-four articles were selected from available evidence. Data of interest (lee, clinical characteristics, information after stratification of the sample into four SPPB groups (Dat. -3, -4, 6, -9, Io-12) were retrieved from the articles and/or obtained by the study authors. The odds ratio (OR) and/or hazard ratio (HR) was obtained for all-acuse mortality according to SPPB category (with SPPB scores 10–12 considered as reference) with adjustment for age, sex, and body mass index.

**Results:** Standardzed data were obtained for 17 studies (n = 16534, mean age 76 ± 3 years). As compared to SPPB scores 10–12, values of 0–35 (OR 325, 95%cl 286–379), 4–6 (OR 2.14, 95%cl 1.92–239), and 7–9 (OR 150, 95%cl 1.92–230), and 7–9 (OR 150, 95%cl 1.92–10), were ach associated with an increased its of all-cause mortality. The association between poor performance on SPPB and all-cause mortality remained highly consistent independent of follow-up length. subsets of participants, geographic area, and age of the population. Random effects meta-regression showed that OR for all-cause mortality with SPPB values 7–9 was higher in the younger population, diabetics, and men.

Conclusions: An SPPB score lower than 10 is predictive of all-cause mortality. The systematic implementation of the SPPB in clinical practice settings may provide useful prognostic information about the risk of all-cause mortality: Moreover, the SPPB could be used as a surrogate endpoint of all-cause mortality in this needing to quantify benefit and health improvements of specific treatments or rehabilitation programs. The study protocol was published on PROSPERD (CR2AV2)5024016.

Keywords: Short Physical Performance Battery, All-cause mortality, Physical function, Meta-analysis

# methods

	Characterization of Physical Activity		
			code:
Date:			
Day of the week			for researchers' use
	1		Classification in METs
Time of Day	What was I doing?	For how long?	
	example		
8.30h	in the kitchen, preparing breakfast, standing	10 minutes	
10.00h	shopping groceries, walking	15 minutes	
14.30h	watching TV, sitting	2 hours	

#### **Self Reported PA**

8 hour entries valid recommended for clinical practice

Guralnik et al., 1994; Guralnik et al., 1995; Guralnik et al., 2000; Pavasini et al., 2016; Copeland et al., 2017; Ainsworth, 2009

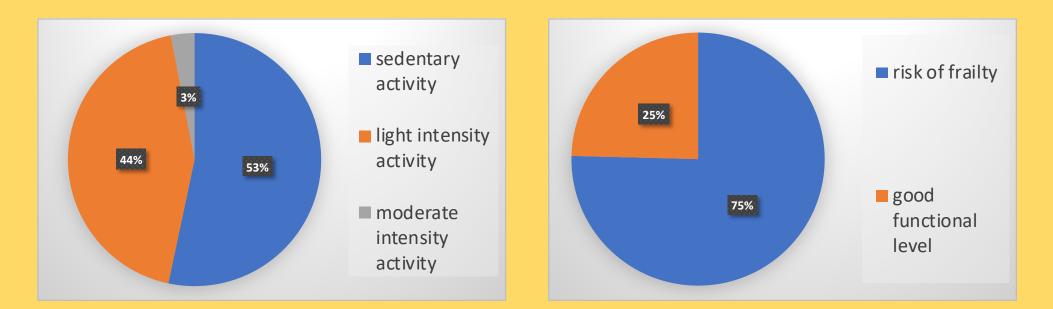
# results



- 40 (61.5%) females & 25 males
- 50.8% were married & living with spouse
- 26.1% lived alone
- 64.6% basic education

		Light Intensity Physical Activity mean±SD	Physical Function mean±SD
Gender	Female	268.33±107,79	7.44±2.41
	Male	269.95±108.74	7.49±2.44
	P value	0.647	0.195
Age	75-79	267.60±95.94	7.43±2.43
	80-84	271.46±107.30	7.46±2.40
	85-89	304.29±114.06	8.48±2.13
	90-96	<b>274.49±112.00</b>	7.6±2.46
	P value	0.518	0.032*
Educational Level	Basic education (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)	268.33±107.79	7.44±2.41
	Secondary education (12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	273.28±108.74	7.48±2.40
	Higher education	326.36±100.52	7.61±2.42
	P value	0.842	0.413

#### results



#### positive low association between time spent in light intensity PA and physical function (*rho=0.45*, p=0.01)

## discussion

daily average of 4h 30m in light intensity activity, significantly associated with functional capacity

sedentary time increase due to the decrease of time spent in **LIPA**(Sparling, Howard, Dunstan, & Owen, 2015)

LIPA may bring a significant contribution for functional capacity and autonomy



#### Tools

self reported LIPA | lower than studies using accelerometry (Loprinzi, 2013, 2017)

well guided daily use of diaries | detailed PA routines | enable tailored interventions

#### Sample

Low level of physical functioning could be explained by the older mean age of the participants (Gill et al., 2016) and/or recruitment location

# Future study

light intensity physical activity amongst frail older adults seems to be an alternative to moderate intensity

use activity diaries to help customize interventions





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