

# EFFECTS OF FOOT EXERCISES IN LONG-DISTANCE

## RUNNERS: A PILOT CONTROLLED TRIAL







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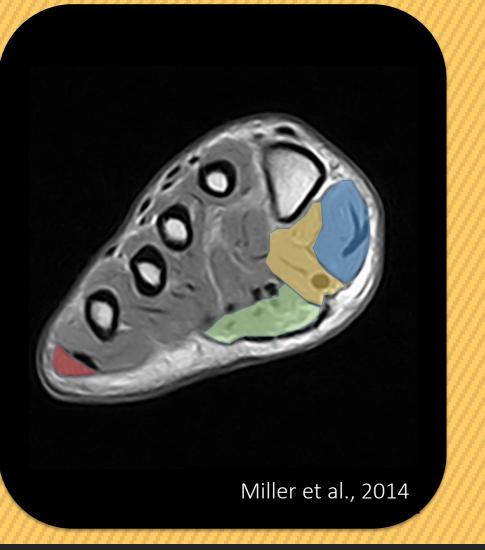
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On account of the easy accessibility, distance running is practiced worldwide and its popularity continues to expand with the growing interest in disease prevention.

We proposed a randomized, prospective controlled and parallel clinical trial with blind assessment aiming to establish prophylactic measures for recreational runners while improving foot-ankle functionality and biomechanics.

To evaluate the feasibility of the proposed exercise protocol, and the effectiveness of the protocol on foot health and functionality, foot muscle trophism, and forces while running.

### Methods



Intervention Group

8 weeks exercise program

Assessment

Procedure

Remotely supervised

Program

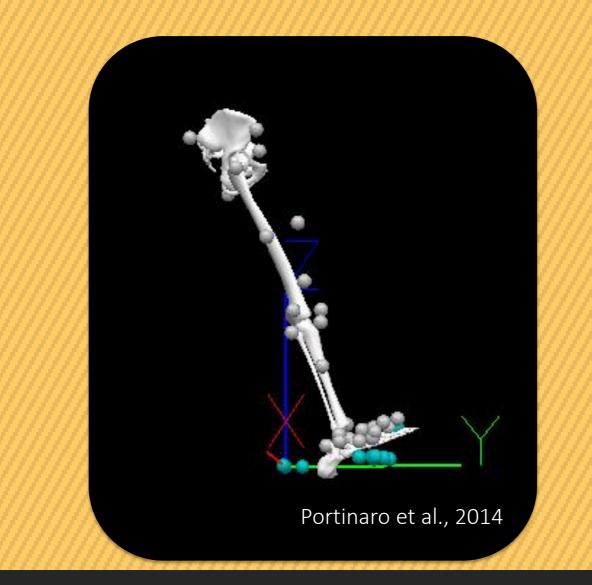
**Assessment** 

Procedure

Running injuries incidence

evaluation

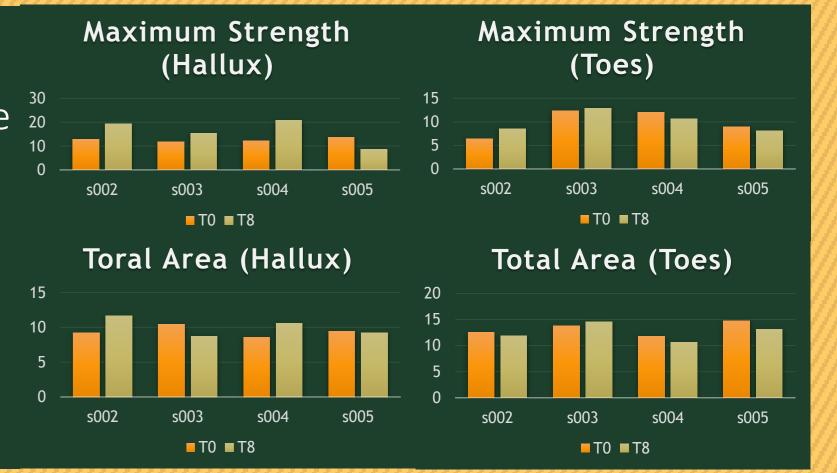




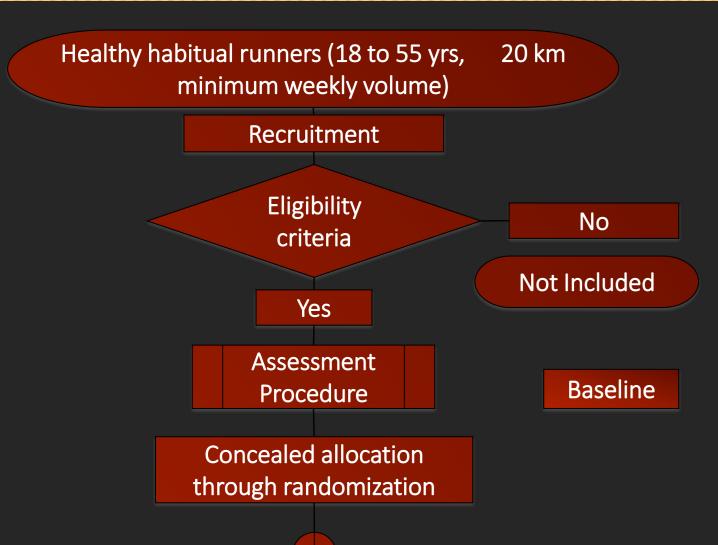
### Foot strength

In general, better performance of the 10 lintervention group than the control subject

- CG = S005
- IG = S002, S003, S004



### Foot muscle trophism – MRI



8 weeks

16 weeks

12 months

Mathematical and Statistical

analysis

**Control Group** 

8 weeks Placebo Program

Assessment

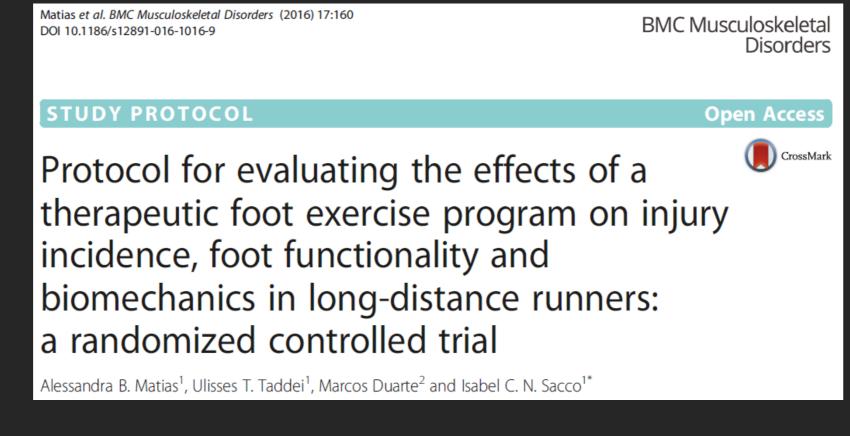
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**Assessment** 

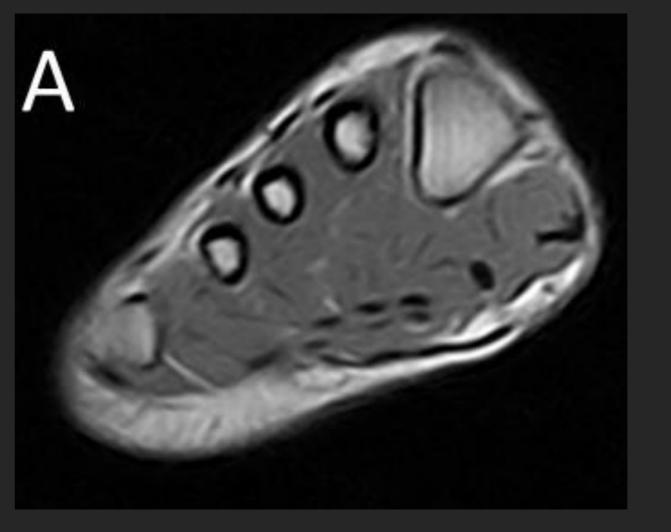
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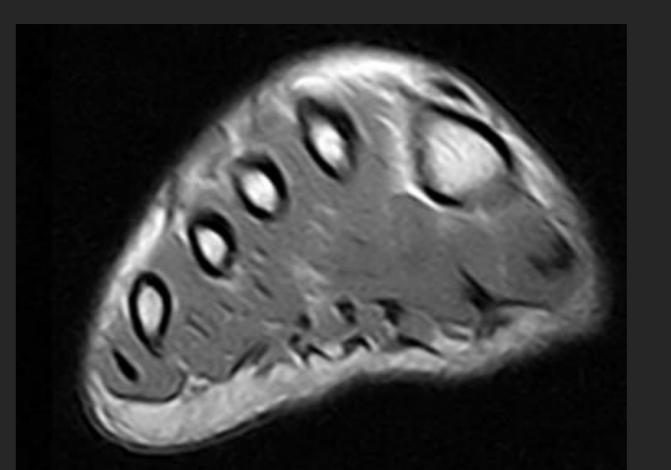
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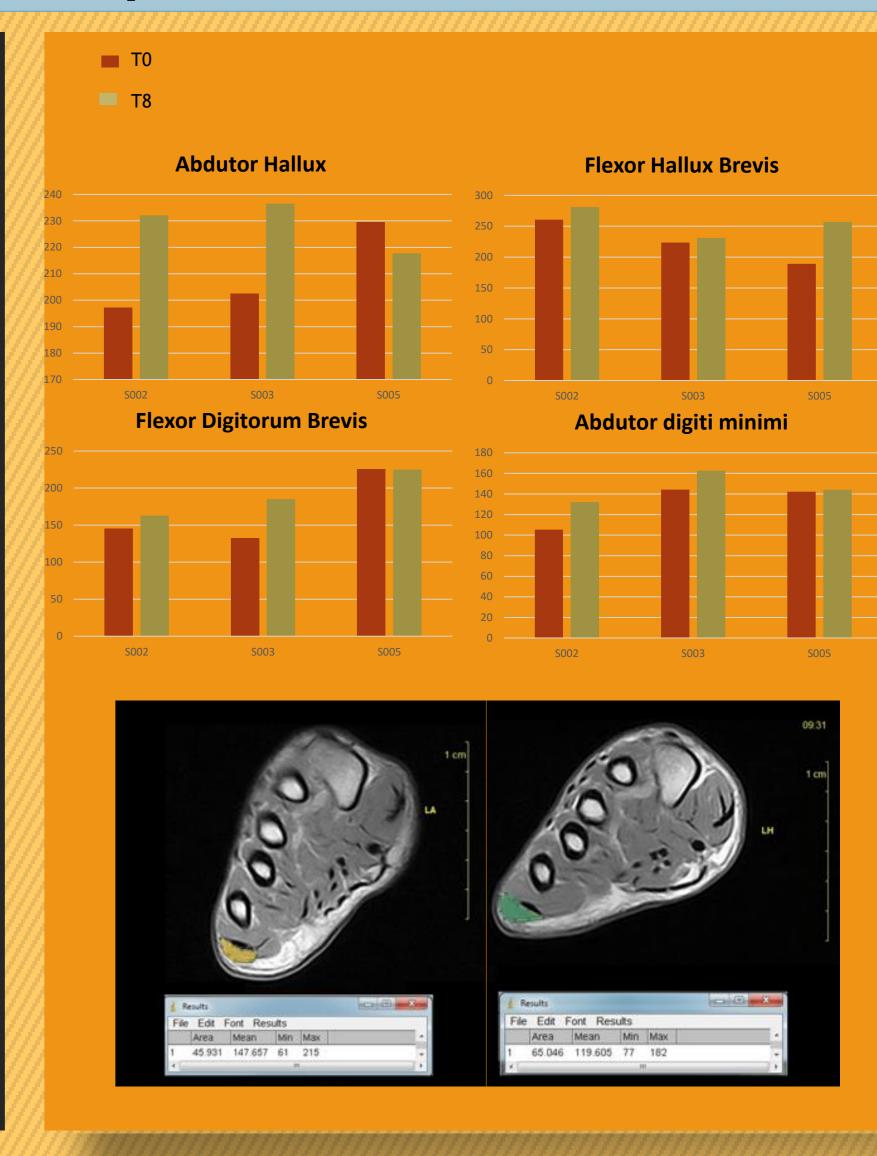
evaluation



		S002	S003	S004	S005	Median
Age (years)		29	32	35	29	30.5
Height (m)		1.8	1.8	1.6	1.82	180.0
Body Mass (kg)	T0	80	74	65	96.5	77.0
	T8	78.2	76.2	65	96.5	77.2
Body mass index	T0	24.69	22.84	25.39	28.98	25.04
	T8	24.07	23.46	25.39	28.98	24.73
FPI	TO	3	3	6	5	4.0
	T8	2	3	4	5	3.5
Left Arch Index	T0	0.238	0.245	0.262	0.262	0.3
	T8	0.262	0.293	0.26	0.244	0.3
Right Arch Index	T0	0.175	0.275	0.242	0.264	0.3
	T8	0.195	0.279	0.249	0.263	0.3
Sex		Male	Male	Male	Male	-

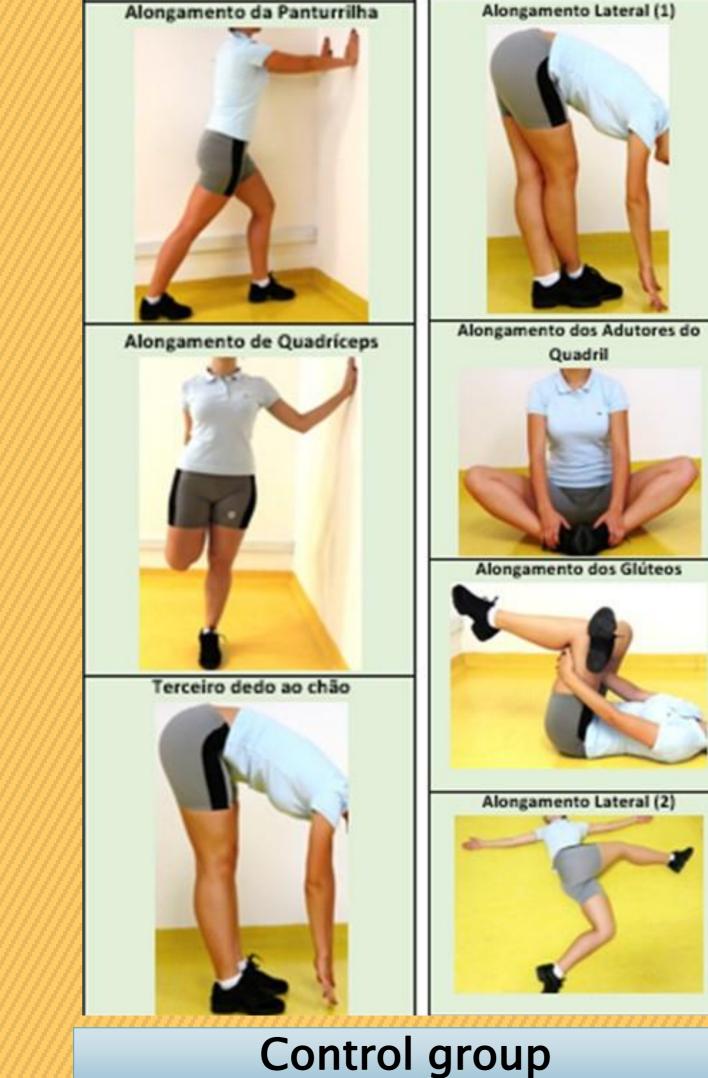




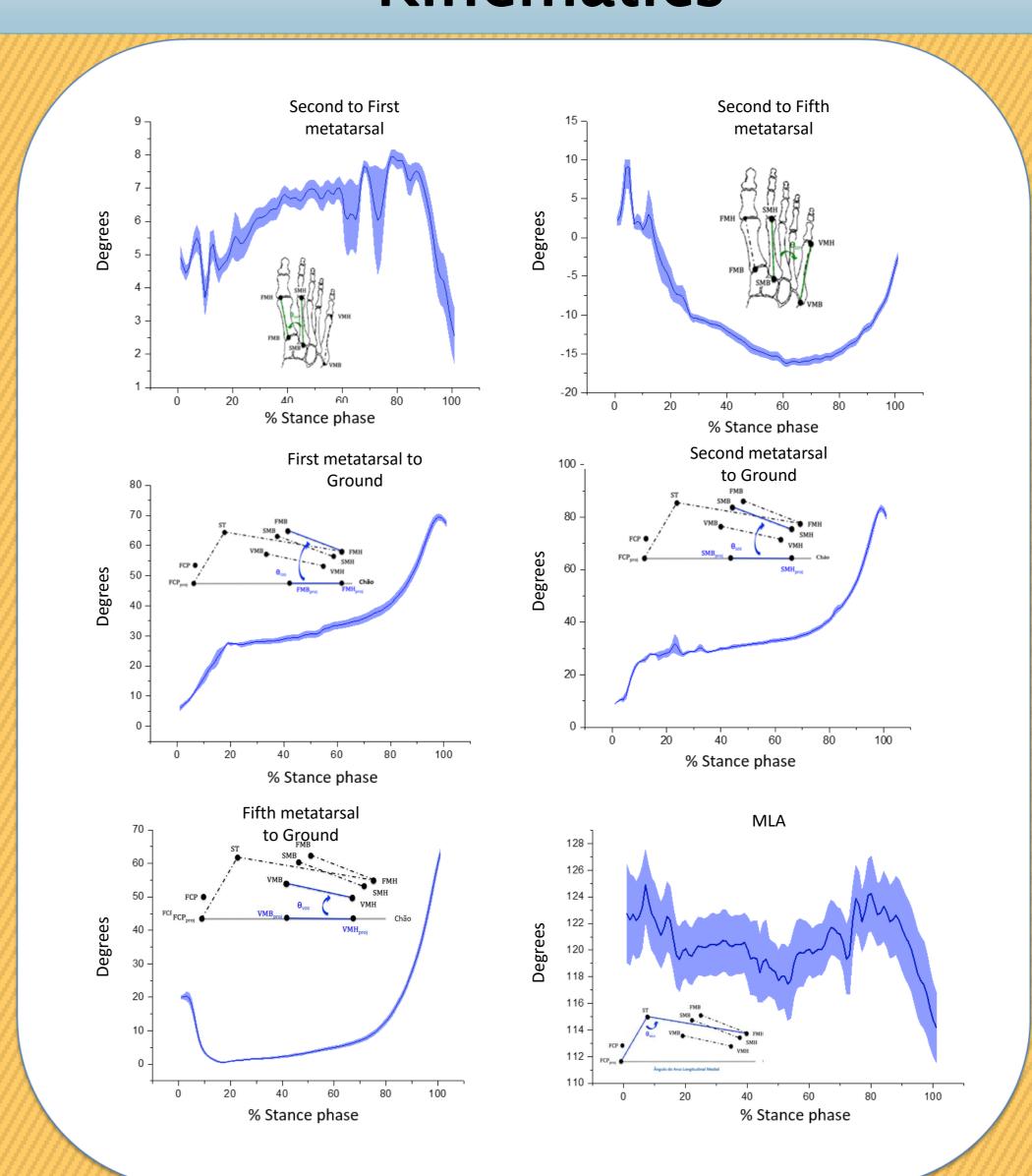


### Intervention protocol

# Programação: Massagem Programação: Programação: Giner os dedos Programação: Giner os dedos Programação: Ander com direitos fechados Ander os manter os Sedos aflastados Intervention group



### Kinematics



### IN SUMMARY

- The protocol is Feasible;
- The population is interested and accessible;
- Results suggests certain biomechanical alterations on IG despite the short sample;
- Investigate foot dynamic deformation according to Perl et al. (2012);
- Improve the training protocol making it shorter;
  - Calculate injury incidence in 12 months and 1000 hours of practice;
- Follow a larger sample (n=111).

