

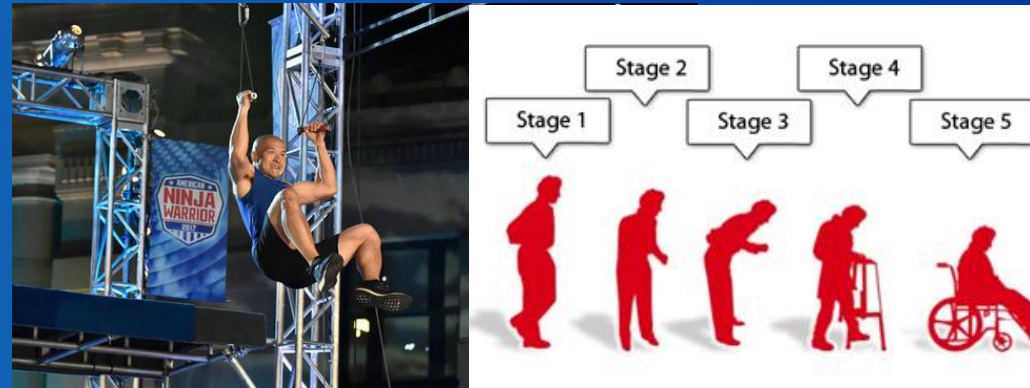
# The Exercise Prescription for Parkinson's Disease

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# Objectives

- At the conclusion of this presentation, you should:
  - ◆ Know the importance of performing:
    - ★ **progressive resistance exercise twice a week**
    - ★ **endurance training 3 times per week**
    - ★ **flexibility exercises**
    - ★ **balance training 2 times per week.**

# Exercise



Why study progressive resistance exercise?

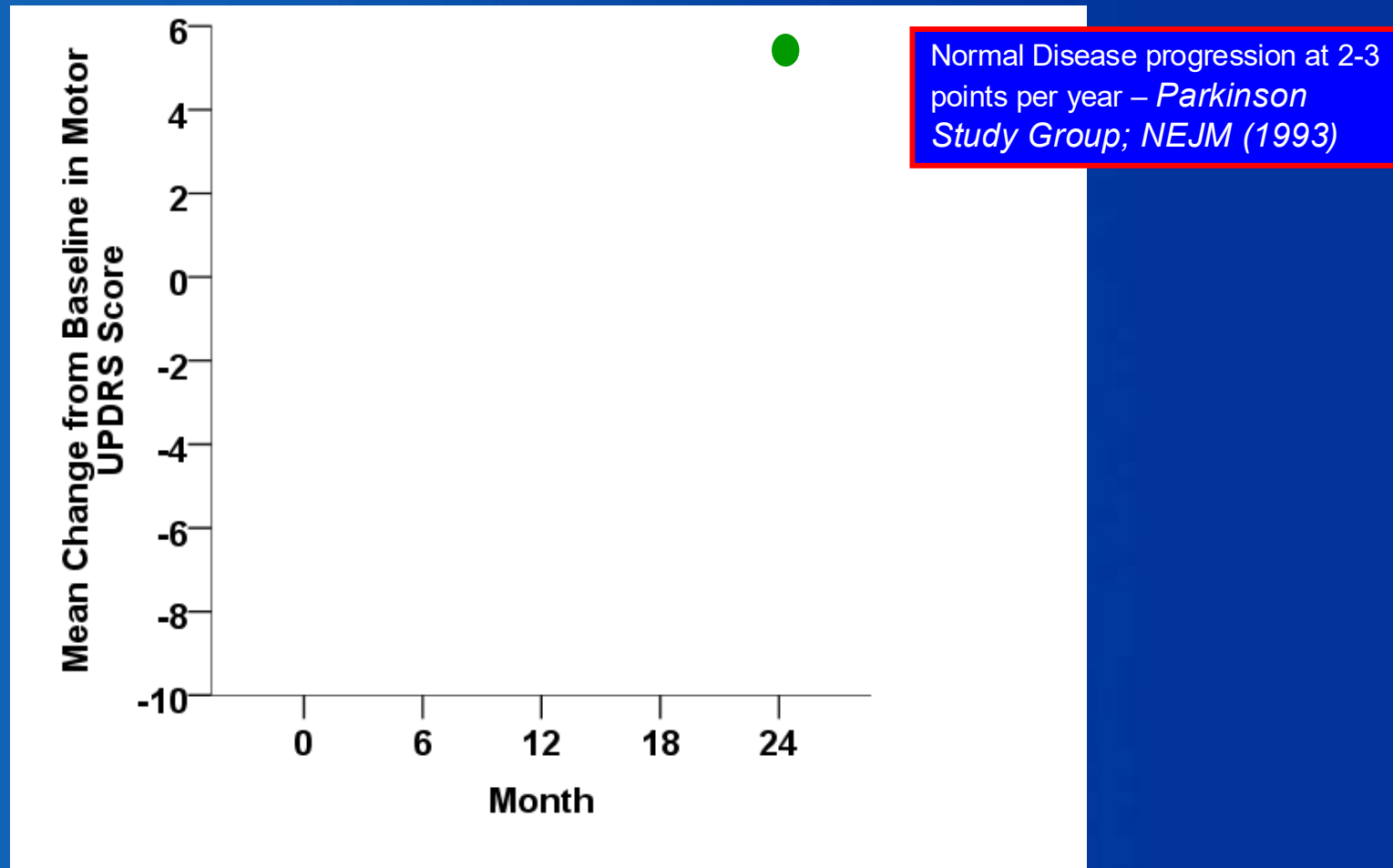
# Rationale for Progressive Resistance Exercise

- **Increase brain volume and cortical thickness**  
Suo et al. Molecular Psychiatry (2016)
- **Reverse progression of white matter hypointensities**  
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- **Angiogenesis**  
Jiang et al. J PhysTher Sci (2016)
- **Increase levels of neurotrophic factors such as brain derived neurotrophic factor (in males)**  
Nuvagen Forti et al. J Frailty Aging (2017)

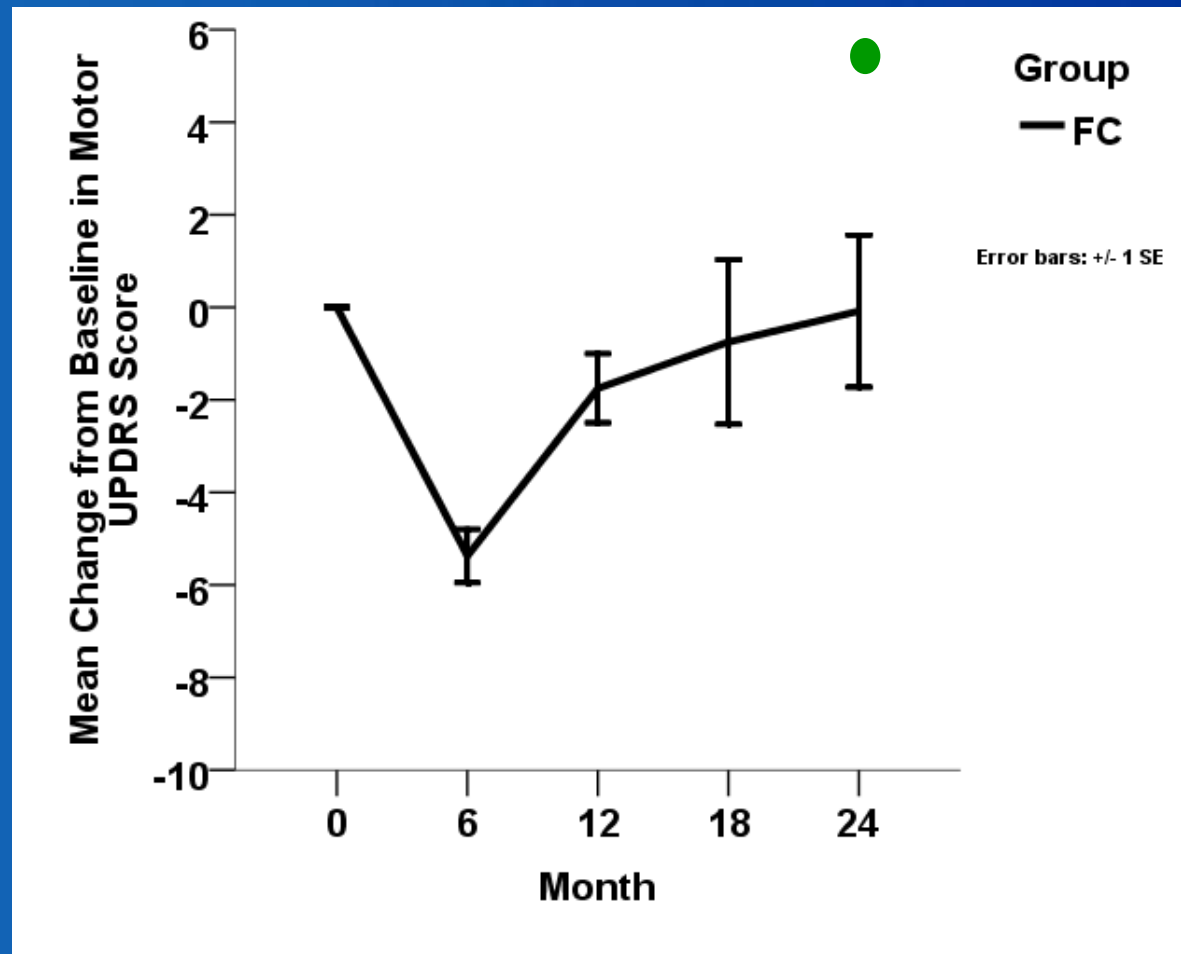
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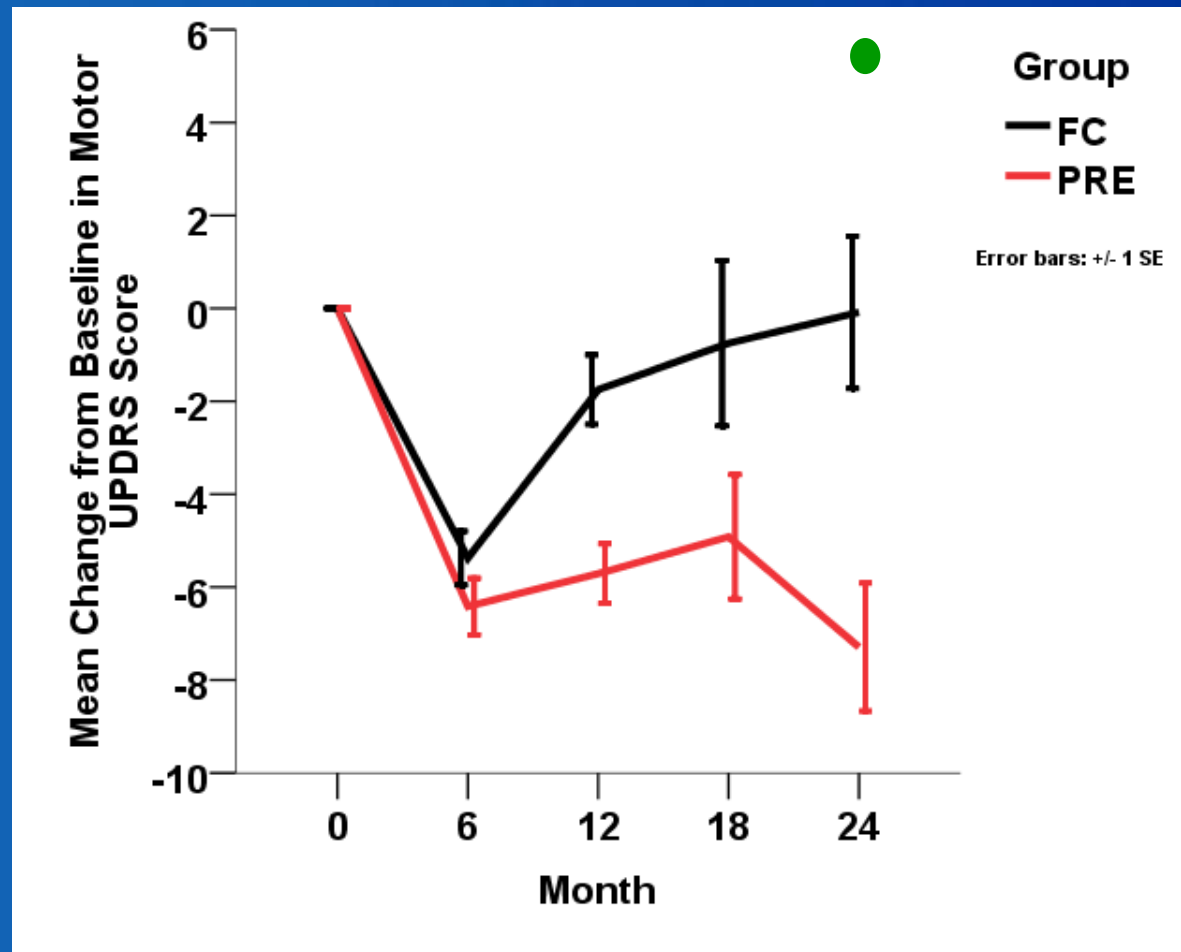
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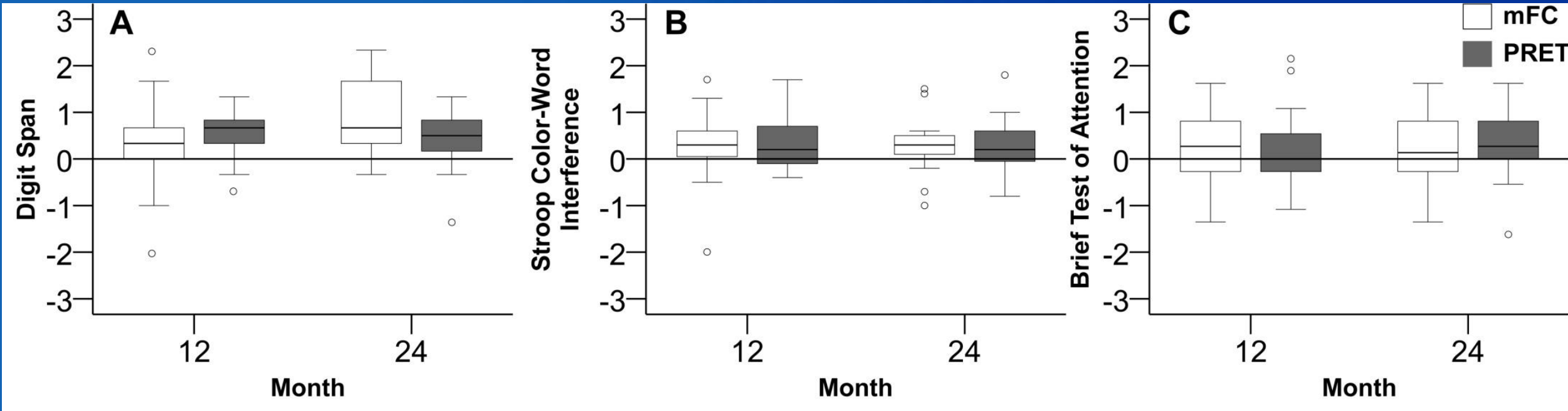
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# Cognitive Outcomes Improve

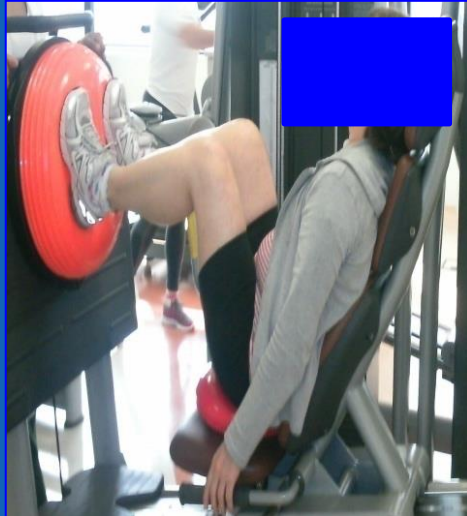


David et al. Movement Disorders 2015

Voted the best original research article for 2015 by the editorial board of Movement Disorders

# Progressive Resistance Exercises with Instability

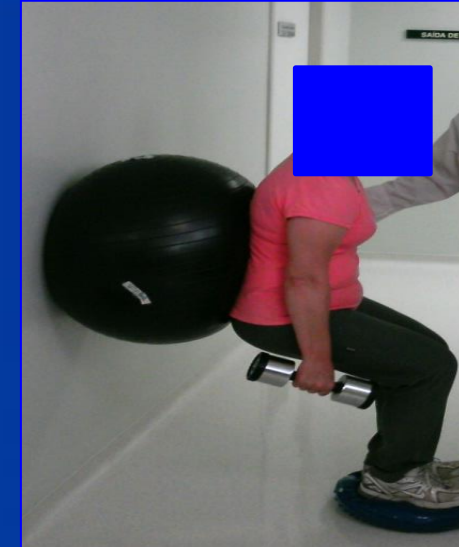
## Leg Press



## Plantar Flexion



## Half-squat



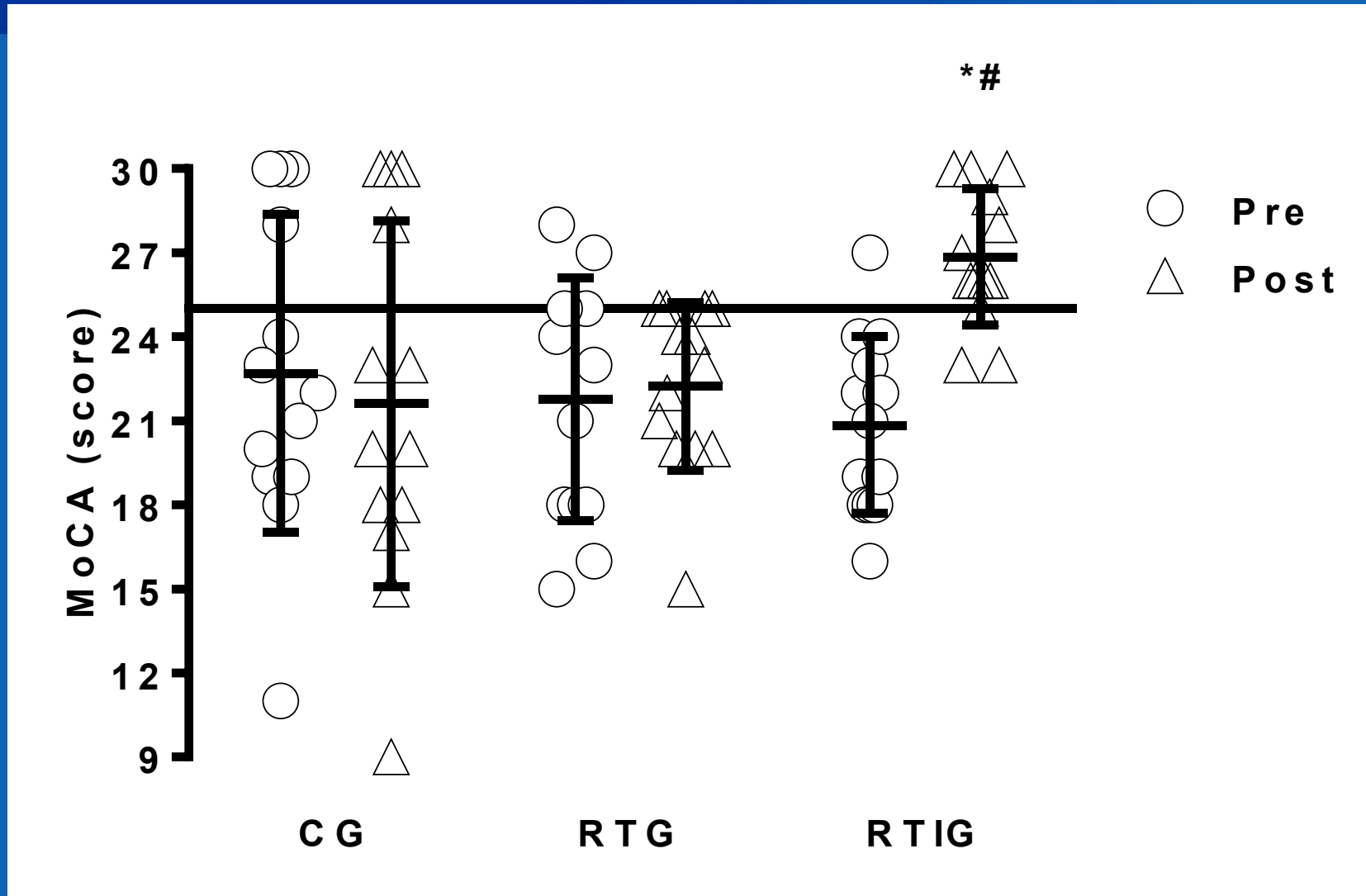
## Latissimus dorsi pull- down



## Chest Press



# Individual Montreal Cognitive Assessment Scores



# Rationale for Endurance Exercise

- Increased dopamine metabolism
- Angiogenesis
- Neurogenesis
- Increase  $\text{VO}_2$  max
- Possibly improve walking economy
- Neuroplasticity
- Anti-inflammatory effect
- Improve mitochondrial function and oxidative stress
- Increase brain connectivity
- Increase levels of neurotrophic factors such brain derived neurotrophic factor

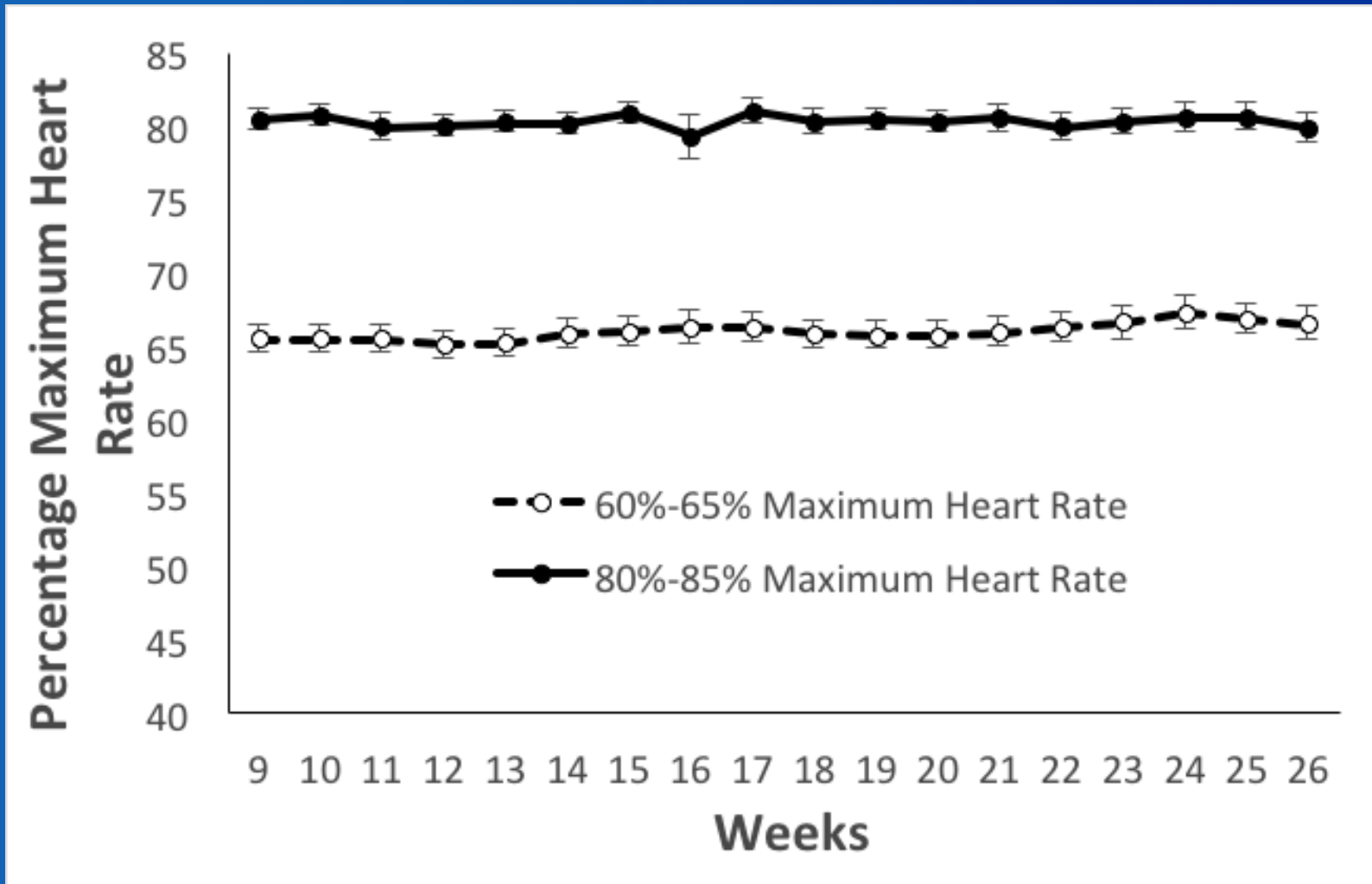
# Study in PARKinson's disease of eXercise [SPARX]

Schenkman et al. JAMA Neurology 2018

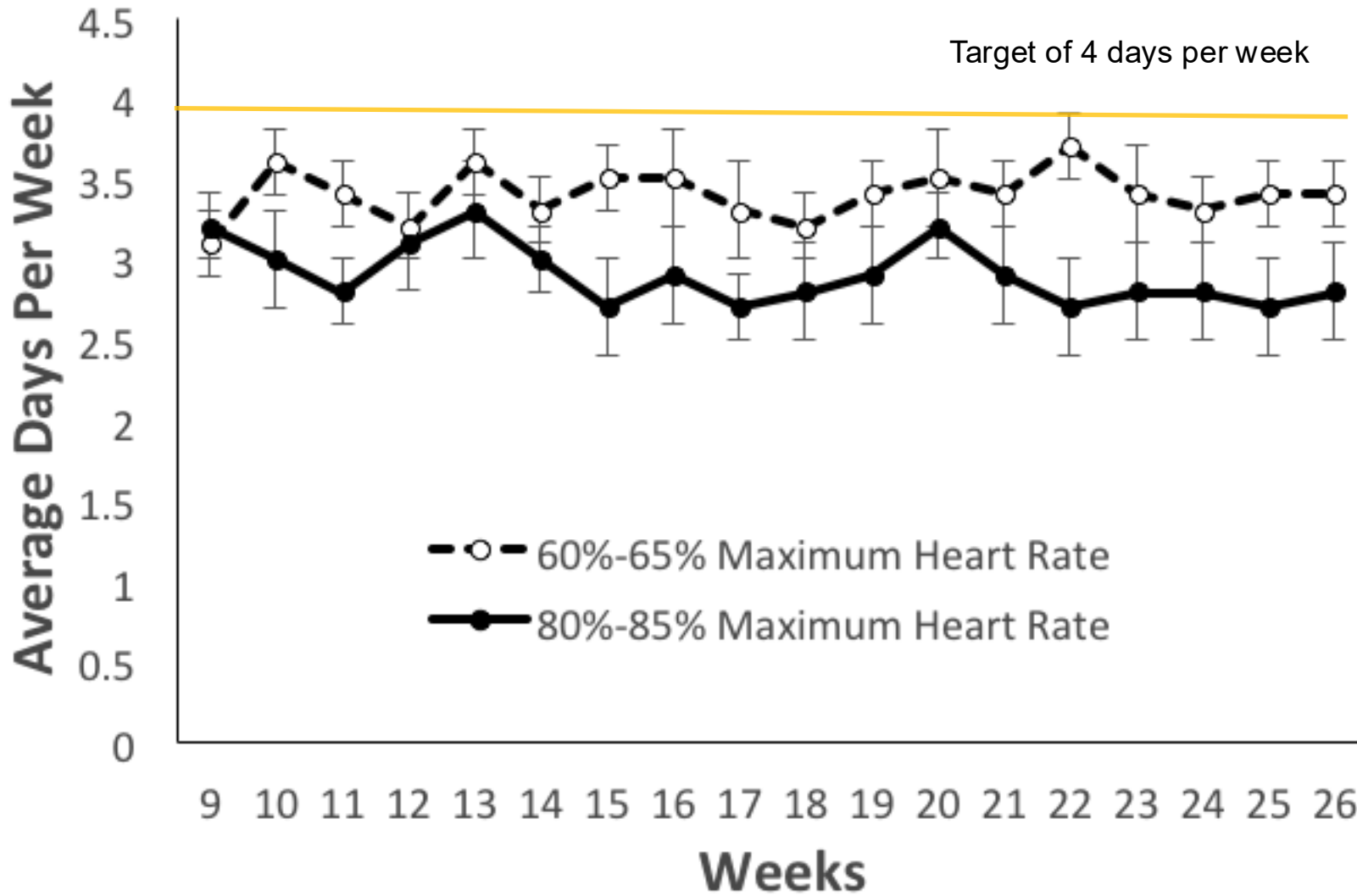
## Purpose

- The **feasibility** and **safety** of high-intensity endurance exercise was unknown. Can patients who have not yet taken medication for PD exercise at high intensity (80 – 85% max heart rate) for 4 days a week? Is it safe?
- The effect on motor signs of Parkinson's disease had not been established. **Do the effects observed warrant a Phase 3 Clinical Trial?**

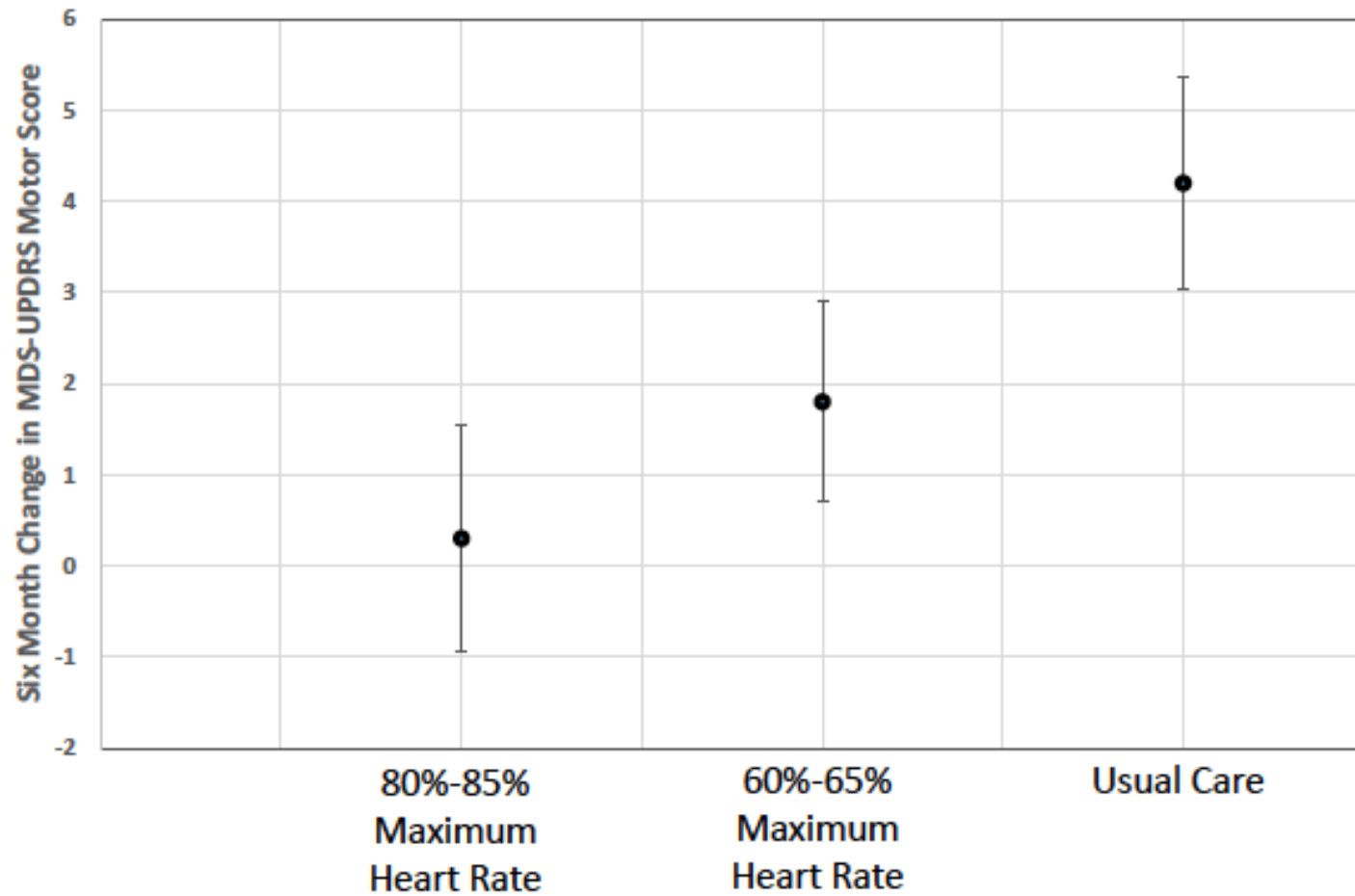
# Percentage Maximum Heart Rate



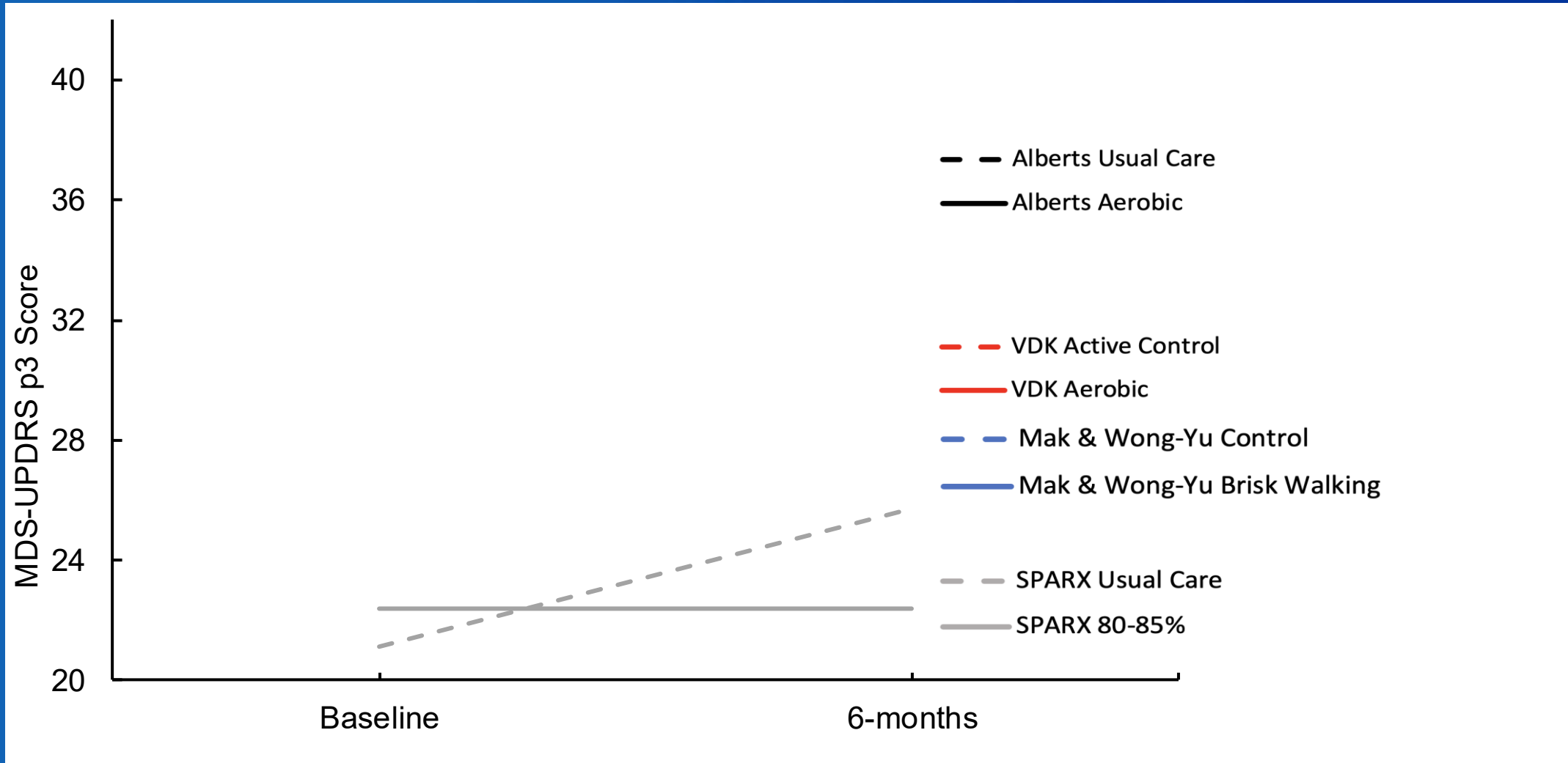
# Average Number of Days Per Week



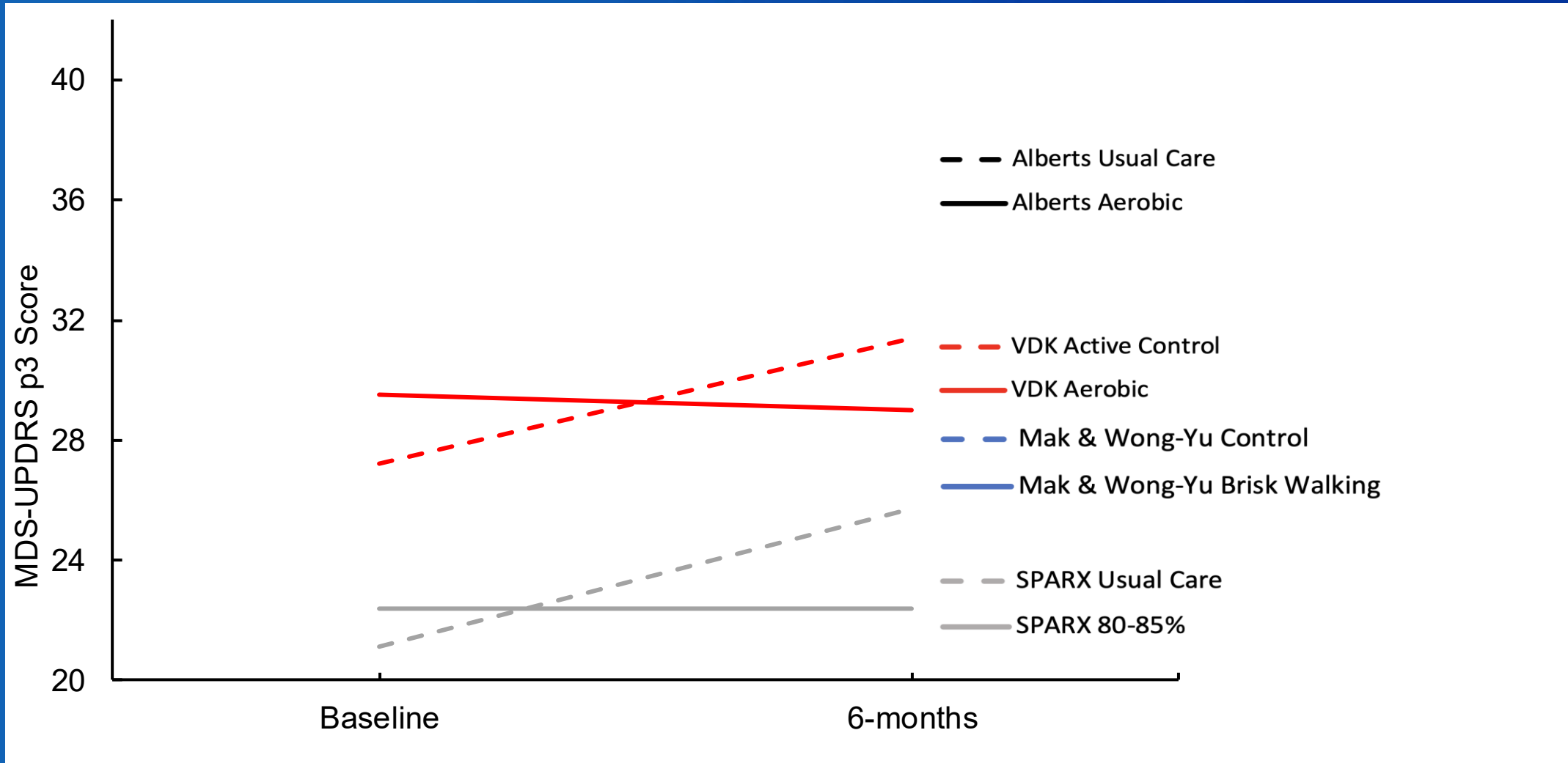
# MDS-UPDRS PART III SCORES



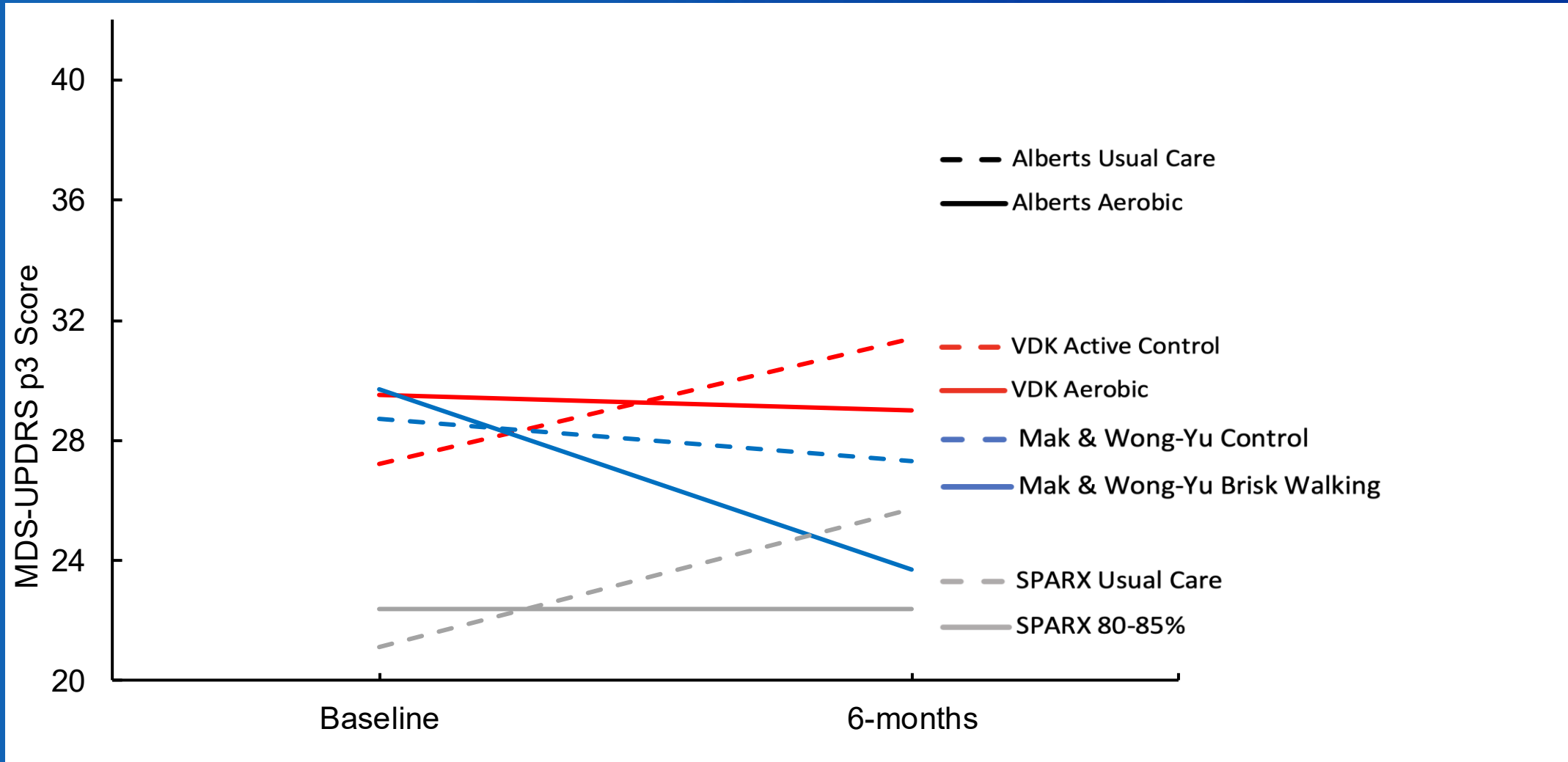
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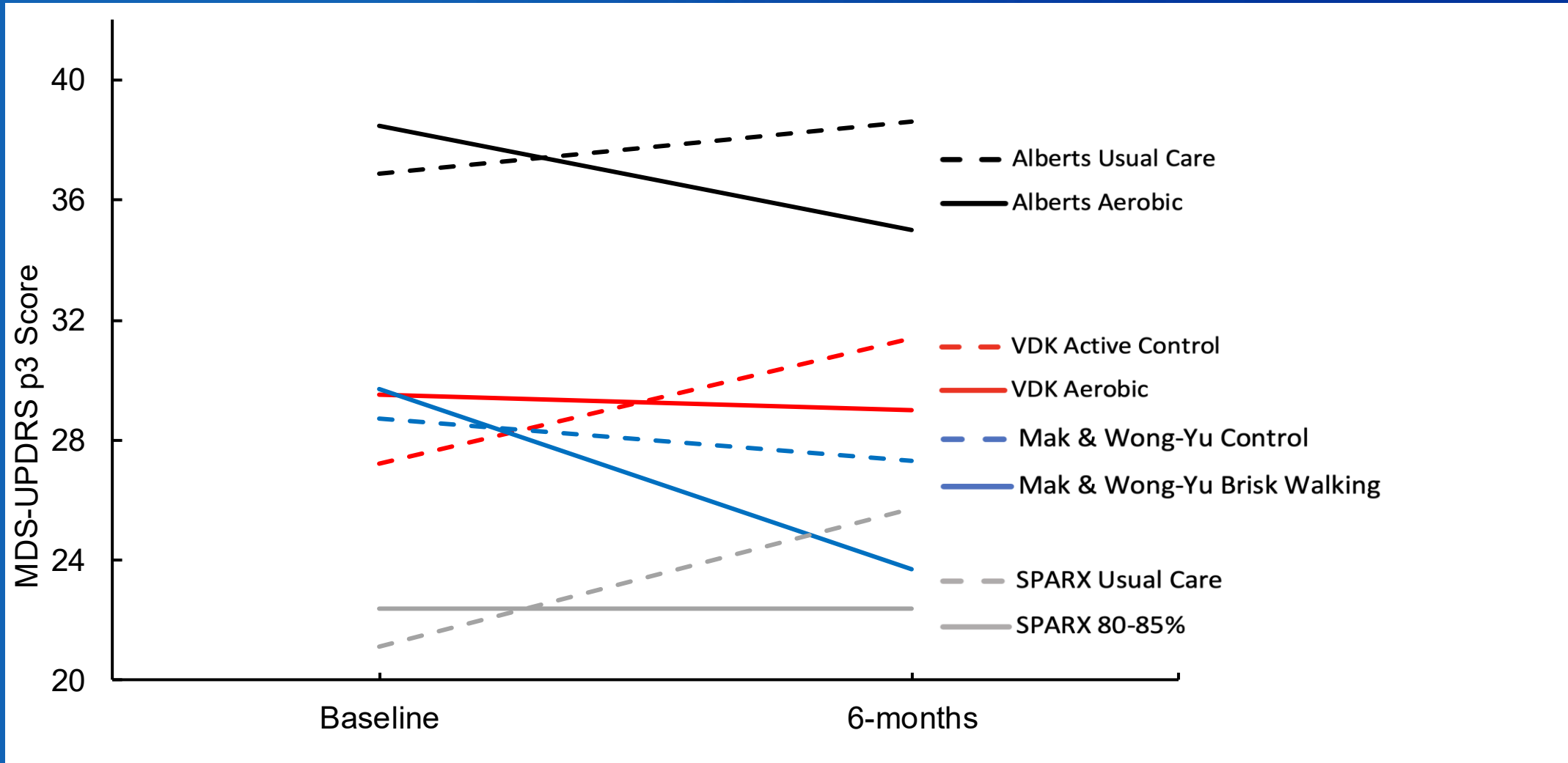
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# Increased Dopamine Transporter

**Fig. 1: Dopamine Transporter Levels Pre- and Post-Exercise.**

From: [Intense exercise increases dopamine transporter and neuromelanin concentrations in the substantia nigra in Parkinson's disease](#)

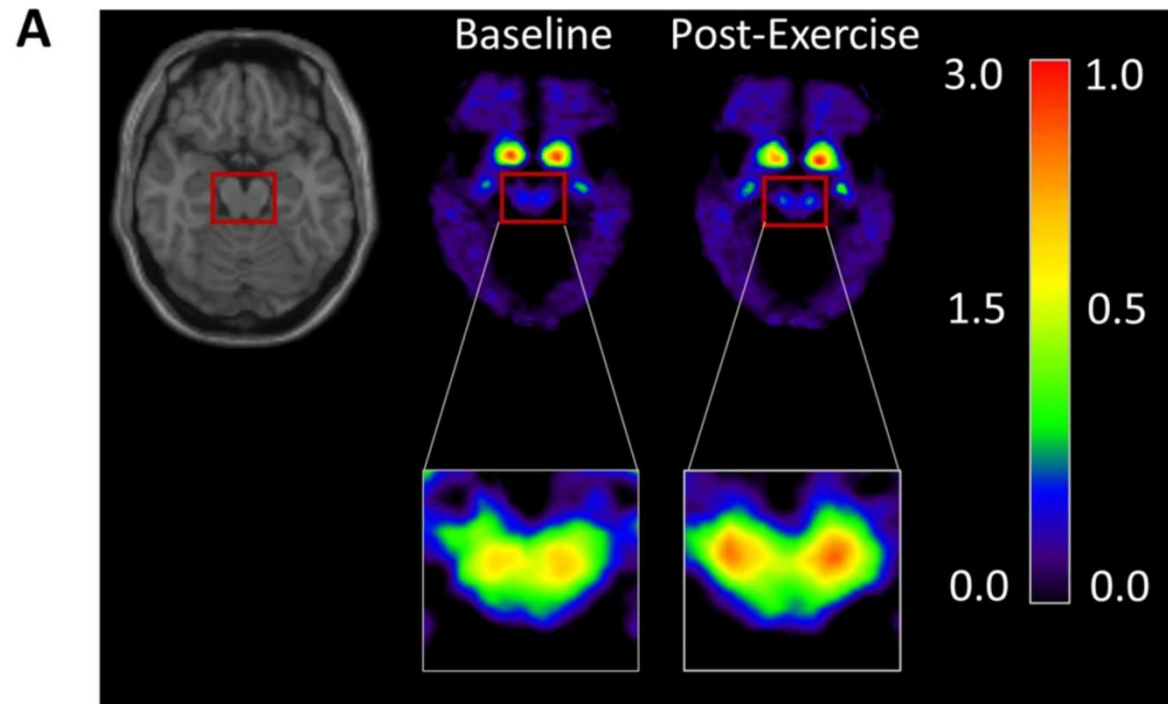
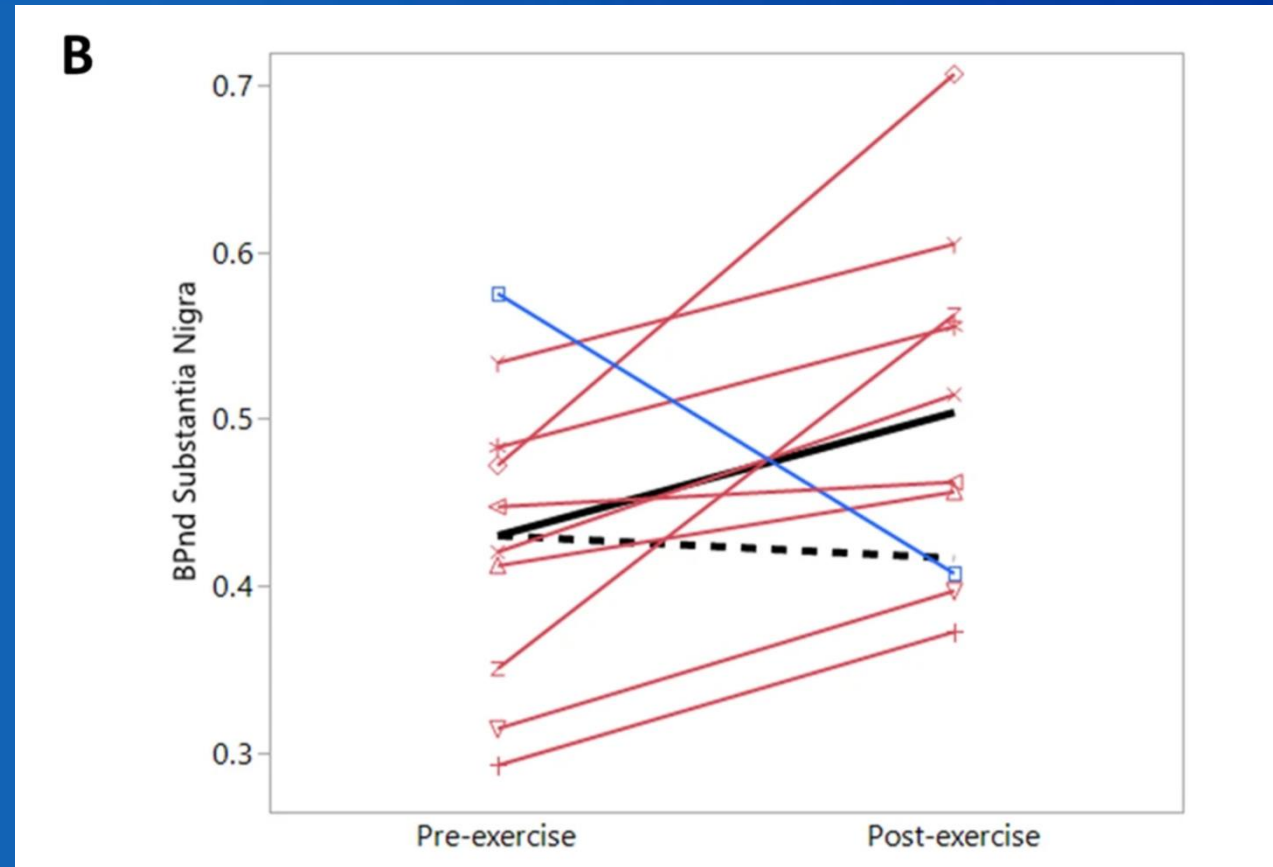


Fig. 1 Dopamine Transporter Levels Pre- and Post-Exercise.

A Average  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FE-PE2I DAT BPND images before and after six months of exercise. The red box including the midbrain and SN is enlarged.

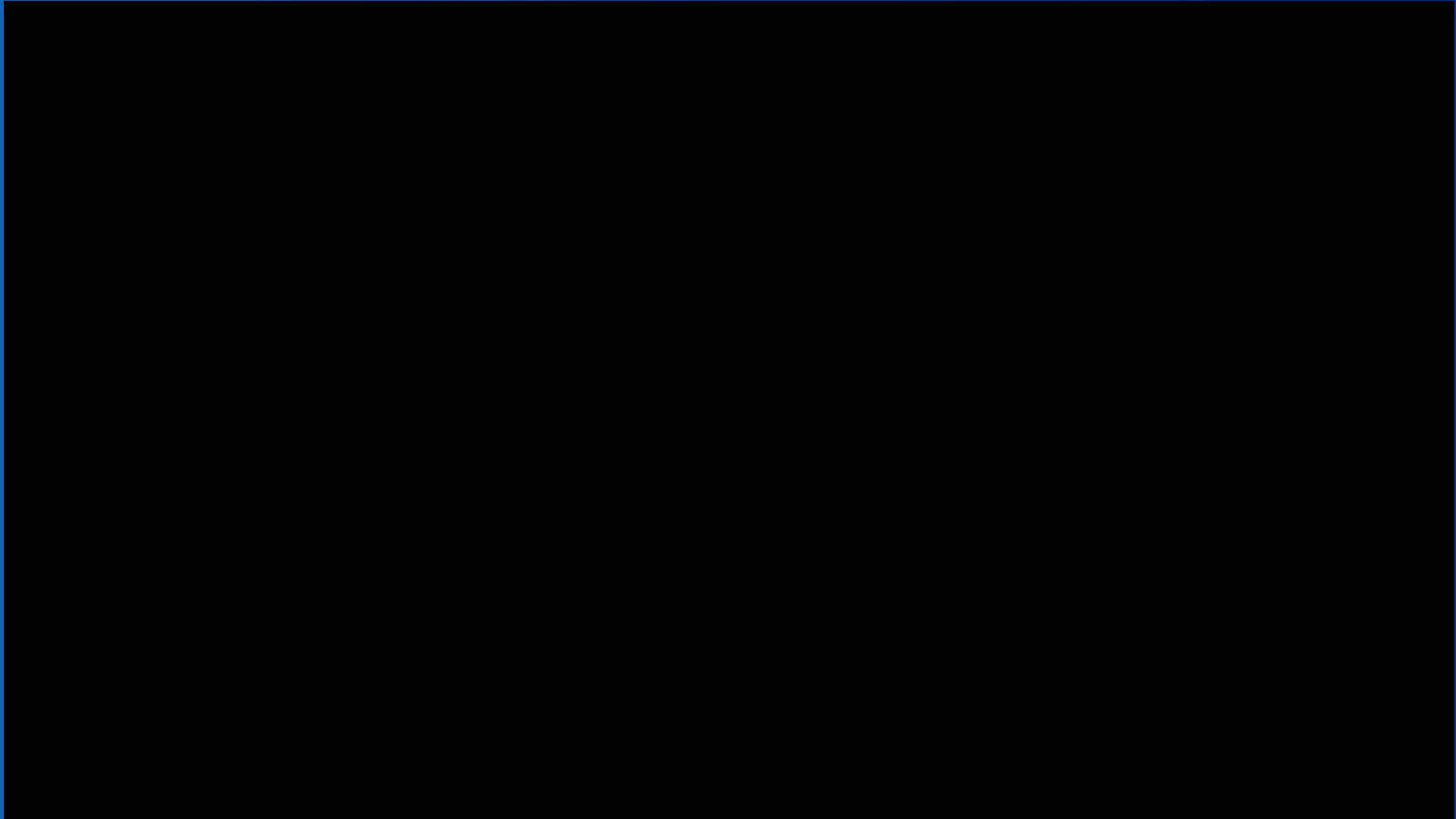
Note: The left side of the color bar (0.0–3.0) corresponds to the DAT BPND in the striatum and the right side (0.0–1.0) to the DAT BPND in the SN shown in the inset images. BPND is unitless. Orientation is axial.

# SN pre- and post-exercise by study participant



B 18F-FE-PE2I BPND in the SN pre- and post-exercise by study participant. Individual lines are red if an increase was observed, blue if a decrease was observed. The solid black line represents the mean of our cohort, the dashed black line represents the expected decrease from the pre-exercise average in the absence of intervention<sup>25</sup>.

# Endurance Exercise Film Clip



# Other Exercise Modalities

■ **Cycling** With 17 million residents and 23 million bicycles, the Netherlands already has more bikes than people!!

■ **Aqua Aerobics**

■ **Move Big**

■ **Dance**

■ **Boxing for Parkinson's Disease**

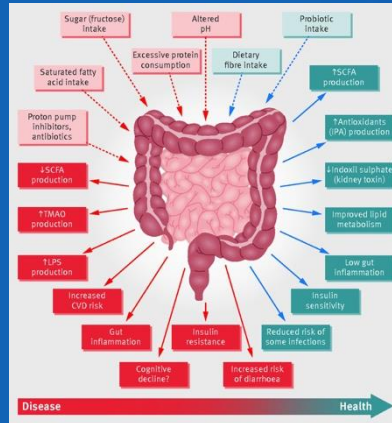


**Dose quantification is hard.**

# Boxing for Parkinson's Disease



# Think Like an Athlete



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Table 1  
 The exercise prescription for Parkinson's disease

FITT	FITT Recommendations for people with parkinson's disease			
	Aerobic	Resistance	Flexibility	Neuromotor
Frequency	3–4 days / week	2–3 days / week	2–3 days / week with daily being most effective	2–3 days / week
Intensity	High-intensity (80–85% HRmax) for mild – to – moderate PD; Moderate intensity (60–65% HRmax) for deconditioned individuals or those with more advanced PD; attempt to progress to 80%–85% HRmax	30%–60% of 1RM for beginners; 60–80% 1RM for advanced	Full extension, rotation, or stretch to the point of slight discomfort	N/A
Time	≥ 30 minutes accumulated high-intensity exercise (not including warm up/cool down or rest-intervals) Progress to total of 150 min/week	1–3 sets of 8–12 repetitions Progress to 2–3 hours/week	Hold static stretch for 10–30 s; 2–4 repetitions of each exercise	30–60 min
Type	Prolonged, rhythmic activities using large muscle groups (e.g., walking, running, cycling, swimming, rowing, elliptical)	Major muscle groups of upper and lower body – challenging all major muscle groups on nonconsecutive days. Avoid free weights for those in advanced disease stage, use weight machines, body weight, resistance bands instead	Slow static stretches for all major muscle groups working on increasing range of motion.	Exercises involving motor skills (e.g., balance, agility, coordination, gait, dual tasks) multidirectional step training and instability training

FITT, Fitness, Intensity, Time, Type; HRmax, maximum heart rate; PD, Parkinson's Disease; 1RM, one repetition maximum.

# How to Get People to Exercise!!

- The challenge is how to implement programs that have clear and obvious therapeutic benefit.
- Options include:
  - ◆ Physical therapy – prescription and tune ups
  - ◆ Individual training – personal trainers – exercise facilities
  - ◆ Group training
  - ◆ Train caregivers to administer exercise interventions
  - ◆ Dyad training
  - ◆ Computer apps and support groups

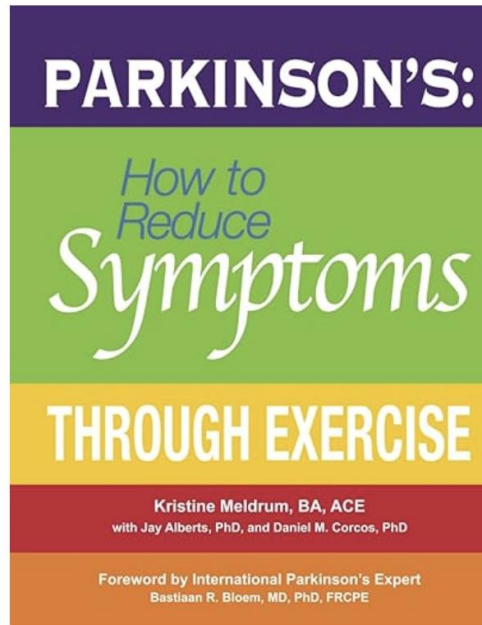
# What am I looking for in my exercise sessions/Why do I do it?

- Acute benefits of exercise – many people just feel better after exercise.
  - Adrenergic effect
- Chronic effects of exercise
  - Brain
  - Bone
  - Muscle
  - Cardiorespiratory system
  - Immune system
- Sign and symptom effects in Parkinson's disease
- May influence disease progression

# Why is exercising important?

- 1) Maintain physical function
- 2) Avoid frailty/sarcopenia
- 3) Maintain cognition
- 4) Optimize physiological functions
- 5) Delay mortality

# Parkinson's: How to Reduce Symptoms Through Exercise



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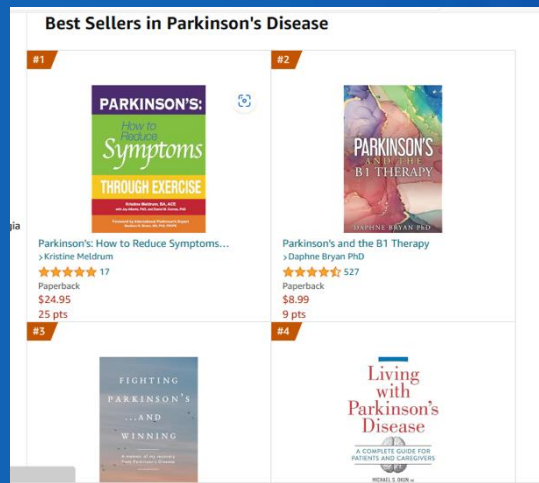
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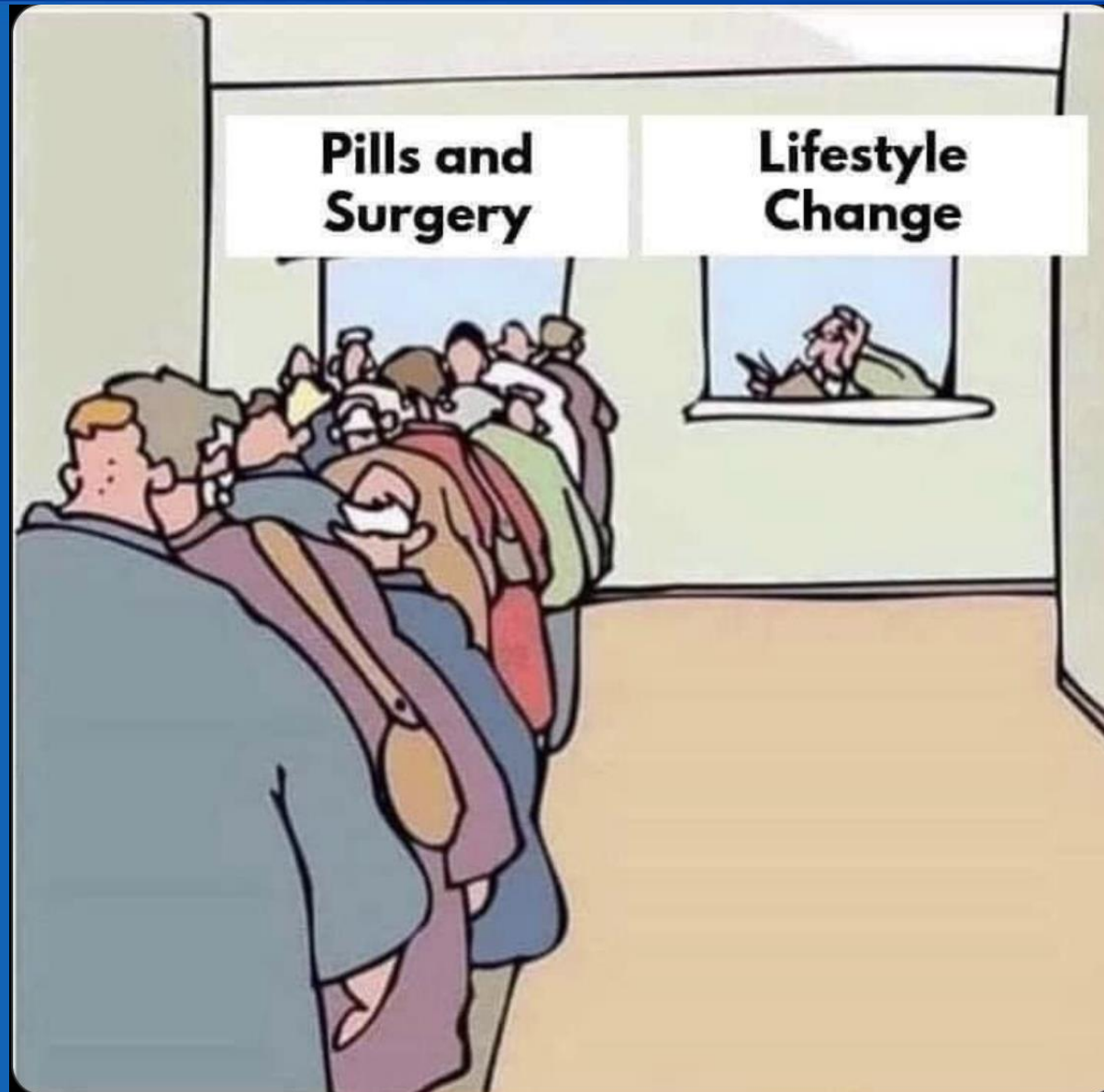
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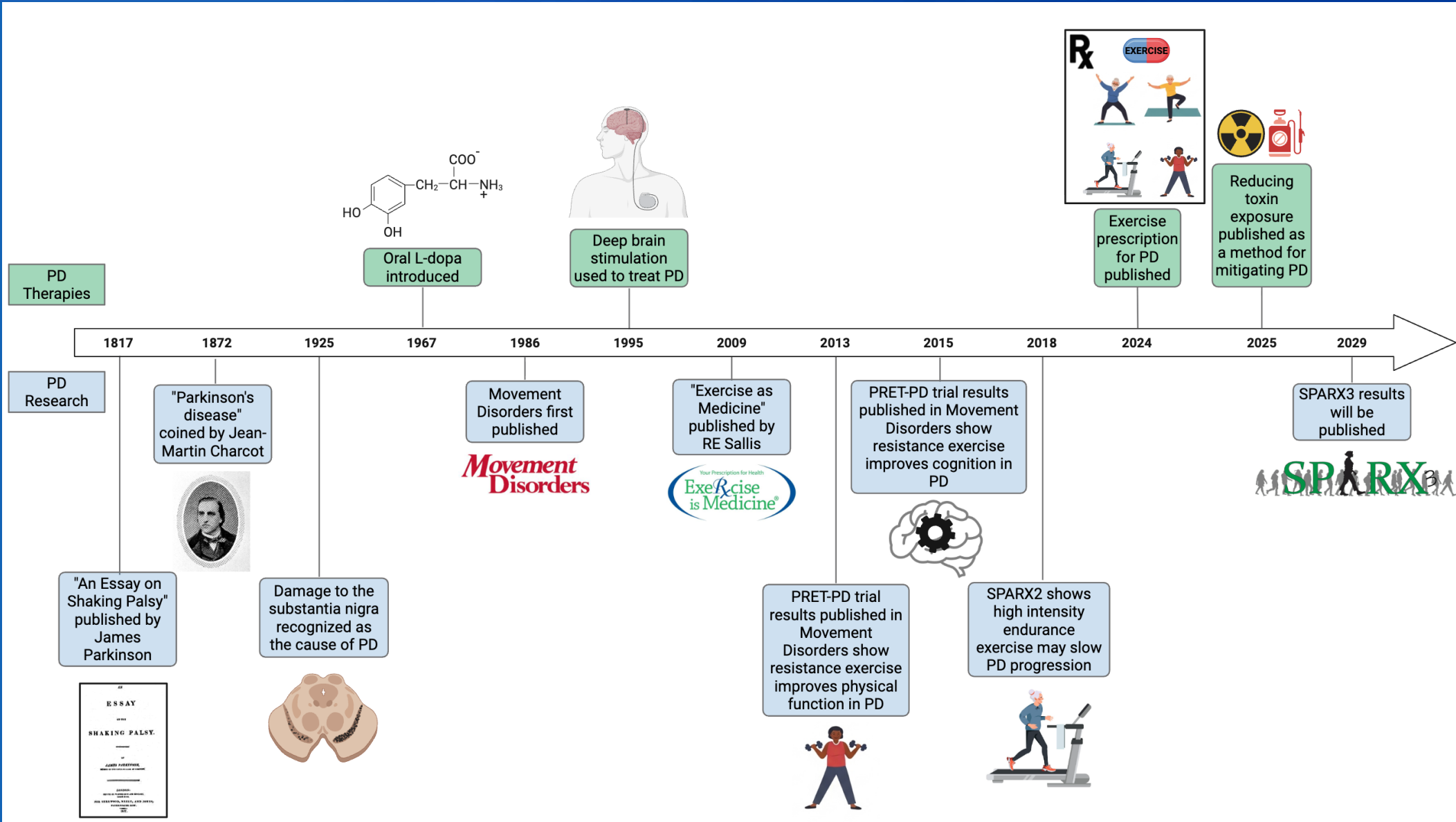
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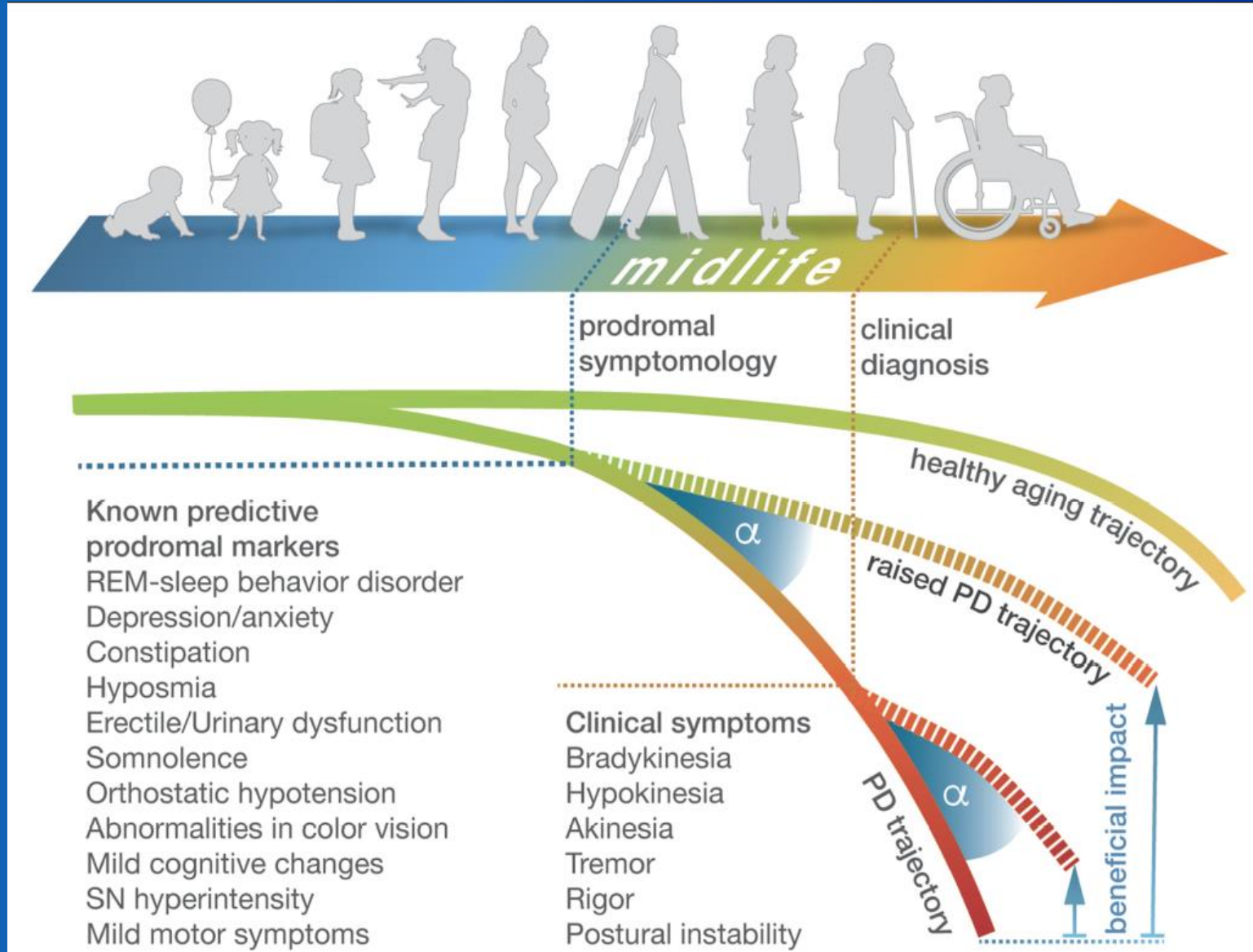
# Need to Shift The Balance



# What Are The Four Treatments for Parkinson's Disease?



# Healthspan



Kilzheimer A, Hentrich T, Burkhardt S and Schulze-Hentrich JM (2019) The Challenge and Opportunity to Diagnose Parkinson's Disease in Midlife. *Front. Neurol.* 10:1328. doi: 10.3389/fneur.2019.01328

# Practice What You Preach



# Thank You

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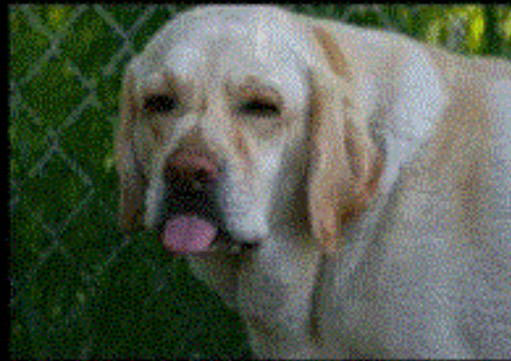
**BEFORE I WORKOUT**



**DURING MY WORKOUT**



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