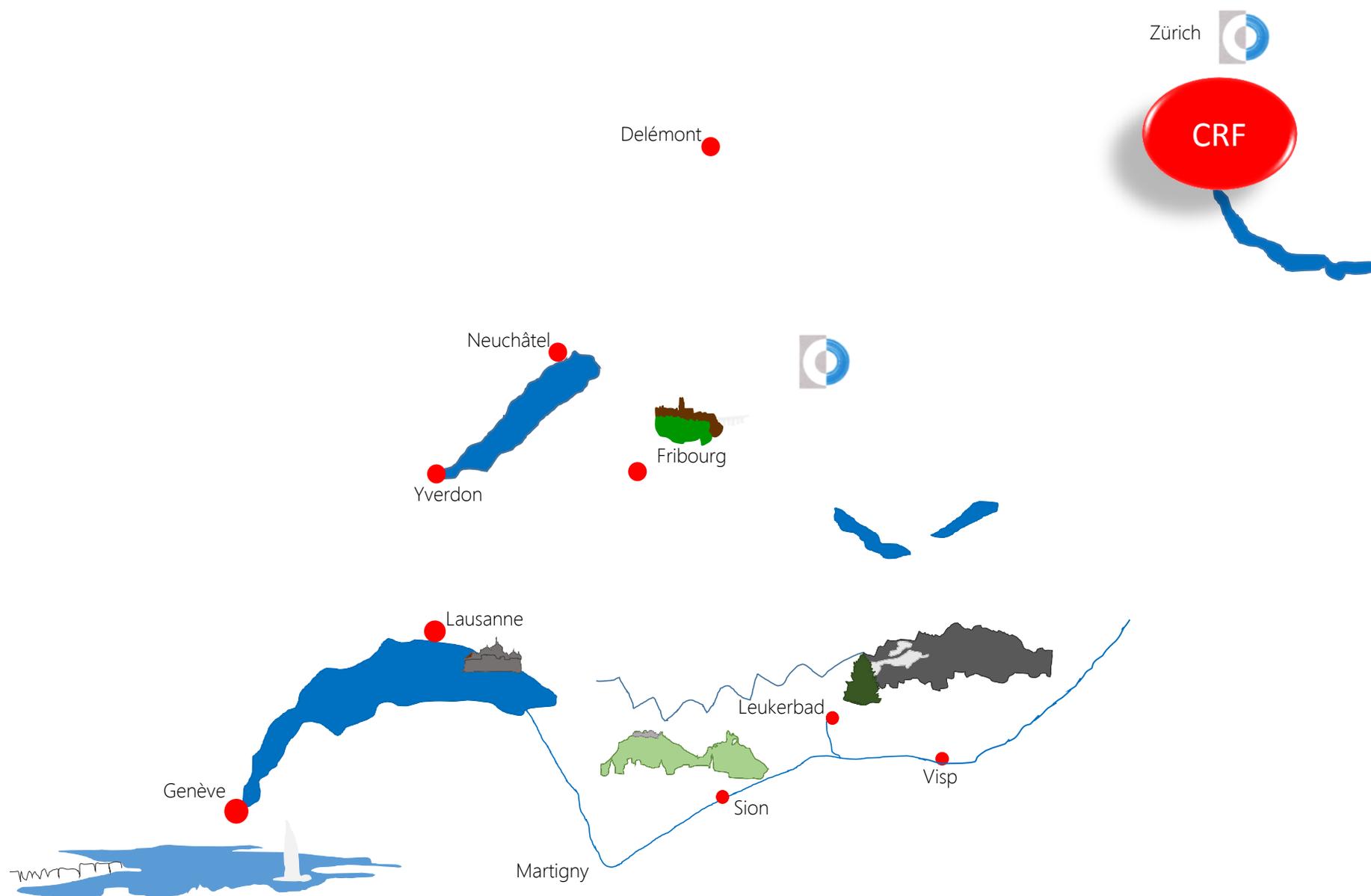


Das Keele STarT Back Screening Tool – ein Instrument zur abgestuften Therapiezuweisung bei Kreuzschmerzen

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Interessenskonflikt

Ich liebe den **Örebro Musculoskeletal Pain Screening Questionnaire** und ich **hasse Cut-Offs**.

Also gebt acht: Wenn ich etwas negatives über den STarT Back sagt, wisst ihr warum...



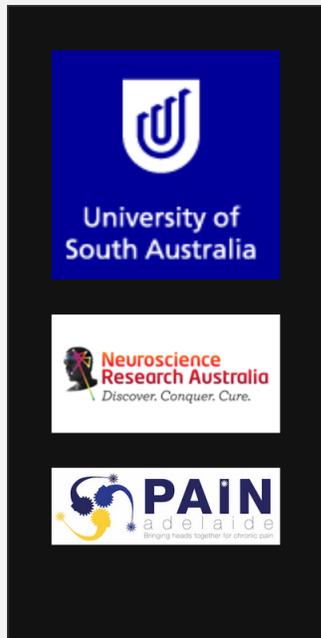
Dieser Vortrag ist mit Vorsicht zu geniessen
Etwa so, wie wenn ein Mercedes Händler
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R.I.P. Prescriptive Clinical Prediction Rules

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such... restricting
unn... from those who don't need it,
and crowdsourcing in research have helped

Chad Cook: "As the self-appointed medical examiner of this blog, I'm taking this opportunity to pronounce that pCPRs are dead."

"...but it is my hope that we can distance ourselves from pCPRs. Prescriptive CPRs lived a wild, short and controversial life, and wish them well on the other side. But we won't miss them."

Search...

PEOPLE WITH PERSISTENT PAIN NEEDED FOR A 15 MINUTE SURVEY

Dr Manasi Gaikwad, from the Body in Mind Research Group is doing a PhD on the experiences of people with persistent pain. Her work so far has focussed on the use of Vitamin D

STarT = Subgroups for Targeted Treatment

8 bekannte Risikofaktoren: Schmerzen die ins Bein ausstrahlen, Schmerzen ausserhalb Rücken, Einschränkungen im Alltag, beunruhigende Gedanken, Katastrophisierung, Selbst-eingeschätzte Prognose, Angst-Vermeidungsverhalten, Depressive Gedanken

Drei Gruppen, basierend auf der Prognose:

Niedriges Risiko

Mittleres Risiko

Hohes Risiko

Three subgroups based on their prognosis (low, medium and high-risk)

Thinking about the **last 2 weeks** tick your response to the following questions:

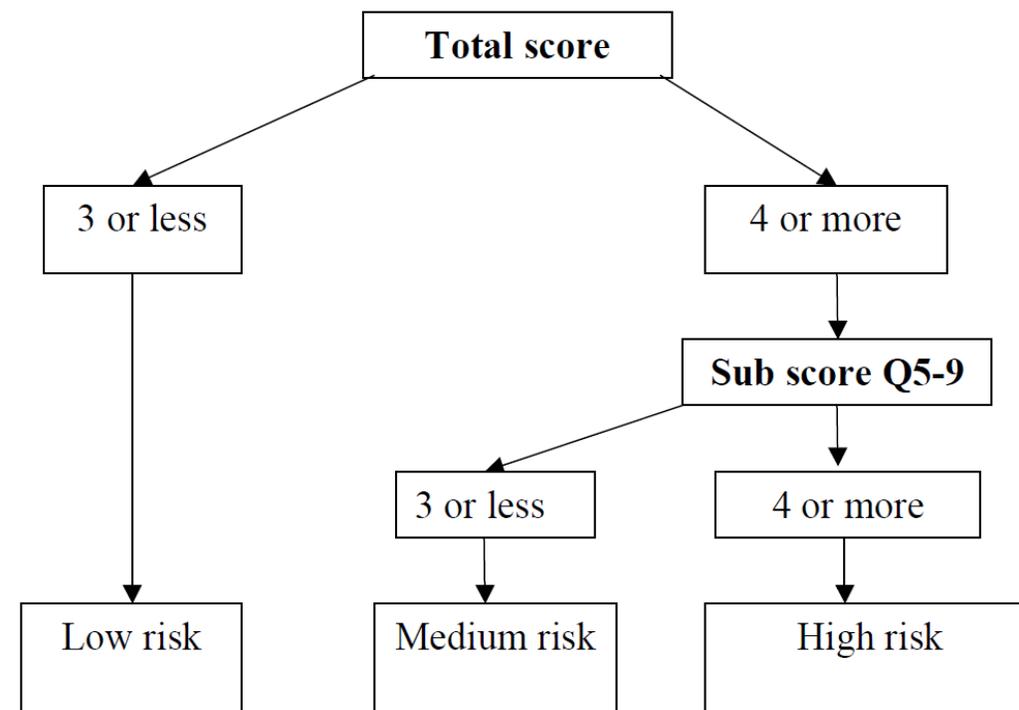
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6 Worrying thoughts have been going through my mind a lot of the time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9. Overall, how **bothersome** has your back pain been in the **last 2 weeks**?

Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very much	Extremely
<input type="checkbox"/>				
0	0	0	1	1

Total score (all 9): _____ **Sub Score (Q5-9):** _____

The STarT Back Tool Scoring System



https://www.keele.ac.uk/media/keeleuniversity/group/startback/Keele_STarT_Back9_item-7.pdf

STarT-G-Fragebogen

Denken Sie bitte an **die vergangenen zwei Wochen** beim Beantworten der folgenden Fragen:

	Trifft nicht zu	Trifft zu		
1. Im Verlauf der vergangenen zwei Wochen haben meine Rückenschmerzen zeitweise in ein Bein (oder in beide Beine) ausgestrahlt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Im Verlauf der vergangenen zwei Wochen hatte ich zeitweise Schulter- oder Nackenschmerzen .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Wegen meiner Rückenschmerzen bin ich nur kurze Strecken gegangen .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Während der vergangenen zwei Wochen habe ich mich wegen der Rückenschmerzen langsamer als üblich angezogen .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Für eine Person in meinem Zustand ist es wirklich nicht ratsam, körperlich aktiv zu sein.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Ich mache mir häufig Sorgen .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7. Ich fühle, dass ich schreckliche Rückenschmerzen habe und dass sie nicht mehr besser werden .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8. Im Allgemeinen hatte ich keine Freude an den Dingen, die ich sonst gerne mache.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
9. Insgesamt, wie störend waren Ihre Rückenschmerzen in den vergangenen zwei Wochen?				
überhaupt nicht	wenig	mäßig	stark	äußerst stark
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Übersetzt und validiert von Bernard Aebischer & Sven Karstens

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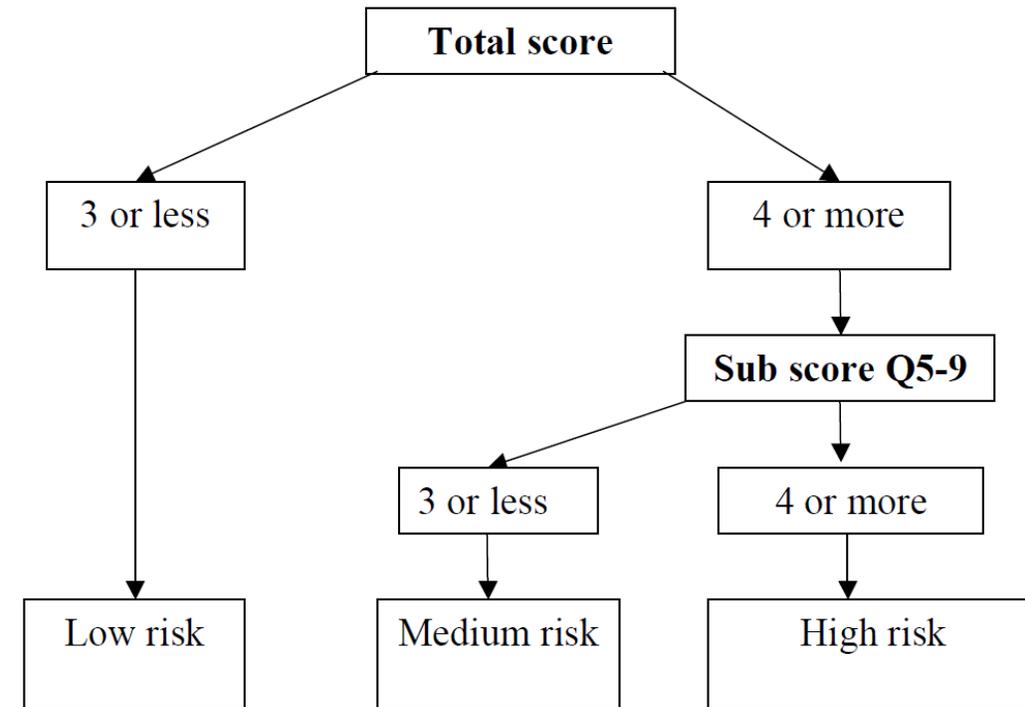
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Total (alle 9): _____ Sub Score (Item 5 – 9): _____

The STarT Back Tool Scoring System



Faculties	Research	News and events	Business	Alumni
			Psychometrics	/pubmed/21296465
M van Hooff, W van Lankveld, P Anderson, A Apeldoorn, F van Hartingsveld, R Ostelo m.vanhooff@maartenskliniek.nl			Formal translation, Patient face validity	Dutch translation (Psychometric testing in progress)
So Teele Kaarma-Tonne Tartu University Hospital teele.kaarma@gmail.com			Formal translation	Estonian Translation
Christophe Demoulin and Olivier Bruyere Christophe.Demoulin@ulg.ac.be			Formal translation, Patient face validity	French translation http://www.archpublichealth.com/content/70/1/12 (Psychometric testing in progress)
Bernhard Aebischer and Sven Karstens Sven Karstens s.karstens@hochschule-trier.de			Informal translation, Patient face validity, Psychometrics	German translation Validation of the German Translation
Azimi Parisa parisa.azimi@gmail.com			Patient face validity	http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00776-013-0506-y
Luca Scascighini luca.scascighini@supsi.ch			Informal translation	Italian translation
Mika Kawaguchi, Ko Matsudaira Department of Medical Research & Management for Musculoskeletal Pain, 22nd Century Medical and Research Center, the University of Tokyo mika_kawaguchi@jp-css.com			Formal translation, Patient face validity, Psychometrics	Japanese translation Japanese generic condition tool (A formal validated version is due early 2016, article on psychometric validation is under preparation.)
Shuo Luan, Chao Ma and Shaoling Wu Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hospital (Primary sponsor), Boji Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University and Central Hospital of Guangzhou Panyu District, China 15916751161@163.com			Formal translation, Patient face validity	Mandarin translation (A psychometric tested version is due late 2013)

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Overall, how bothersome has your back pain been in the last 2 weeks?

Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very much	Extremely
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Get score

Low Risk. Recommended action - support self-management

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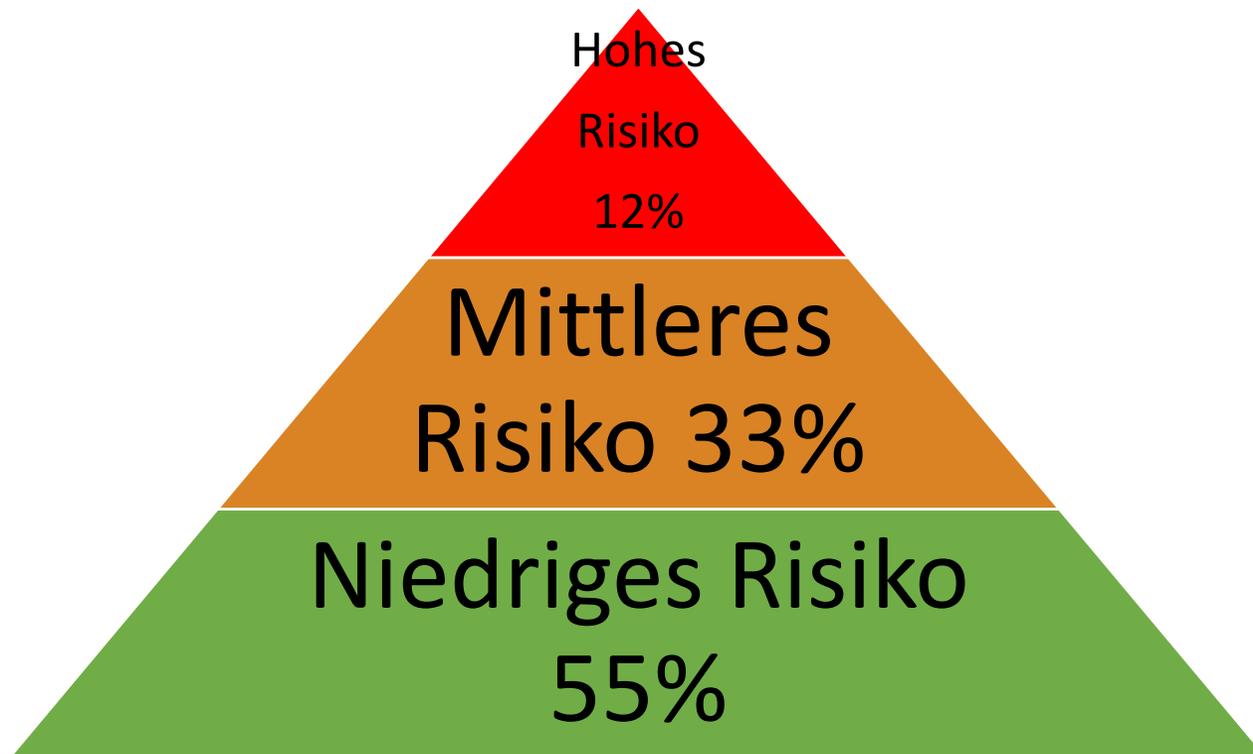
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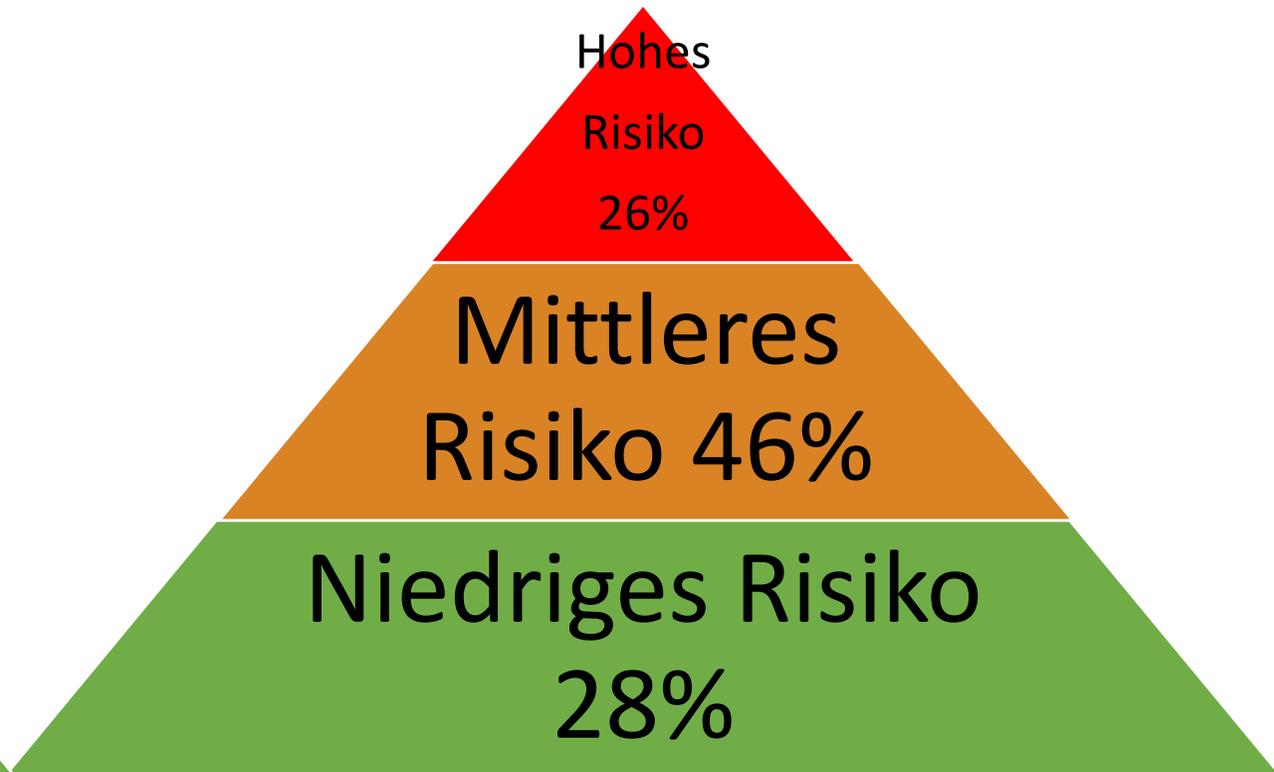
High Risk. Recommended action - consider referral to augmented Physiotherapy.

Verteilung Risikogruppen

Primary Care Data



RCT Hill 2010



Normwerte

Baseline

Subgroups as classified by the Screening Tool			TSK score	HADS - Anxiety subscale score	HADS - Depression subscale score	RMDQ score	PCS score	EUROQOL-5D SCORES	Pain intensity	Gender	AGE
High risk group 26.6%	N	Valid	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
		Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mean		45.2500	10.8750	10.3750	15.0000	29.4375	.2863	6.2917	1.50	51.56
	Std. Error of Mean		1.39194	.85574	.84101	1.00416	2.54127	.08432	.37128	.129	4.791
Medium risk group 40.0%	N	Valid	24	24	24	24	24	24	23	24	24
		Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Mean		39.1667	6.7917	6.7500	10.0833	16.2500	.5109	5.1528	1.33	53.38
	Std. Error of Mean		.94728	.69673	.70261	.89060	2.21838	.06265	.38593	.098	3.419
Low risk group 33.3%	N	Valid	18	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
		Missing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mean		37.5556	5.4000	3.1000	3.5500	9.4000	.7445	3.4167	1.35	41.05
	Std. Error of Mean		.92962	.67823	.61087	.67072	1.25110	.02697	.43788	.109	3.169

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/media/keeleuniversity/group/startback/normative.pdf>

Werbung

RePHerence

Reference values for **Ph**ysiotherapy

Nationales Projekt zur Erstellung einer Cloud-basierten Datenbank für Normwerte

Age group (years)	Number of STS repetitions									
	Men					Women				
	p2.5	p25	p50	p75	p97.5	p2.5	p25	p50	p75	p97.5
20–24	27	41	50	57	72	31	39	47	55	70
25–29	29	40	48	56	74	30	40	47	54	68
30–34	28	40	47	56	72	27	37	45	51	68
35–39	27	38	47	58	72	25	37	42	50	63
40–44	25	37	45	53	69	26	35	41	48	65
45–49	25	35	44	52	70	25	35	41	50	63
50–54	24	35	42	53	67	23	33	39	47	60
55–59	22	33	41	48	63	21	30	36	43	61
60–64	20	31	37	46	63	20	28	34	40	55
65–69	20	29	35	44	60	19	27	33	40	53
70–74	19	27	32	40	59	17	25	30	36	51
75–79	16	25	30	37	56	13	22	27	30	43

Beispiel aus: Strassmann, A., Steurer-Stey, C., Dalla Lana, K., Zoller, M., Turk, A. J., Suter, P., & Puhan, M. A. (2013). Population-based reference values for the 1-min sit-to-stand test. *International journal of public health*, 58(6), 949-953.

STarT Back

Der Fragebogen ist nur der Startpunkt!!



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Matched treatments

The STarT Back approach uses the STarT Back tool to stratify patients with back pain into low, medium and high risk groups for ongoing disability. For each group there is a different treatment package matched to their level of risk.

- Low risk package
- Medium risk package
- High risk package

6 Sitzungen zu 45 bis 60 Minuten in 6 Monaten



Low Risk

- Gute Prognose
- Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe
- Sorgen, Ängste etc. des Patienten ansprechen und informieren
- Eine Sitzung meistens genug (?)
- Assessment um medizinische Probleme, aber auch Sorgen, Ängste, und soziale Aspekte zu untersuchen
- Kurze körperliche Untersuchung, auch um Vertrauen zu gewinnen
- Medikamente anschauen und Beratung
- Befunde ansprechen
- Aktivität und Selbsthilfe empfehlen
- Vermeiden von nicht hilfreichen “Diagnosen” und Medikamenten
- Mündliche und schriftliche Information abgeben
- Erklären, dass Prognose gut ist, dass aber jederzeit wieder ein Termin abgemacht werden kann.

Medium Risk

- Aufbauend auf Assessment der Low Risk Intervention
- Ziel: Funktion verbessern, inclusive Rückkehr zur Arbeit
- Einfluss des Schmerzes auf Aktivität und Partizipation vermindern, auch wenn Schmerz unverändert bleibt.
- Angepasst Selbsthilfe
- Sorgen und Ängste angehen, auch adequate körperliche Untersuchung
- Massgeschneiderte Therapie entsprechend der körperlichen Untersuchung und den Sorgen, Ängsten etc des Patienten
- Physiotherapie, meist nur wenige Sitzungen
- Spezifische Physiotherapie wenn klare Befunde aus der körperlichen Untersuchung (z.B. Manuelle Therapie, spezifische Übungen)
- Allgemeine funktionelle körperliche Aktivität wenn keine klaren Zusammenhänge zwischen körperlichen Untersuchung und Rückenschmerzen
- Klare determinierte Therapieziele auf Aktivität und Partizipationsebene
- Manche Patienten werden zum Spezialisten überwiesen (Orthopäden, Schmerzlinik, etc.).

High Risk

High risk-group

In addition to the first clinic session described above, all high-risk patients were recommended for referral to ongoing physiotherapy treatment with one of four physiotherapists who attended a total of nine days training. The training was designed to standardise the pathway for high-risk patients as follows:

- Individualised 45-minute physiotherapy sessions focussed on restoring function using combined physical and psychological approaches and targeting physical and psychological obstacles to recovery.
- Treatments were held in NHS community outpatient premises with guidance that patients should receive up to 6 sessions over a 3-month period.
- The first session re-assessed/examined the patient and included a differential diagnosis particularly for patients with referred leg pain/radiculopathy, and biopsychosocial assessment to explore patient concerns, adopting cognitive behavioural principles to address unhelpful beliefs and behaviours.
- Therapists were trained to use ‘stem & leaf’ questions to identify unhelpful beliefs and behaviours.
- Physical treatment modalities (exercise and manual therapy) were integrated with psychologically informed techniques to provide a credible explanation for symptoms, reassurance, education, collaborative goal setting, problem solving, pacing, graded activity, and relaxation.
- There was a specific focus on the prognostic psychological indicators identified by the STarT Back Tool such as low mood, anxiety, pain-related fear and catastrophising.
- Reasons for psychological distress were addressed using enhanced communication skills with a focus on promoting appropriate levels of activity, return to normal activities and the management of future back pain recurrences.
- Patient expectations about prognosis and implications for function were addressed and the role of active self-management emphasised. Advice about sleep and work was provided and if necessary a return to work plan implemented.
- Patients were encouraged to put management plans into practice between treatment sessions and help was given to problem solve any difficulties that arose.
- Monthly group mentoring sessions were held for physiotherapists to discuss individual cases and consolidate the training throughout the trial, with supervision provided from a Consultant Physiotherapist (pain management expertise) and a Professor of Clinical Psychology.
- Therapists were advised to refer non-responders on for further investigations or secondary care interventions.

Bringts das?

- Es genügt nicht, nur die Frage zu beantworten, ob wir eine genügend gute Triage oder Prognose machen können.



Kohortenstudie: Prädiktive Werte

- Es muss auch untersucht werden, ob der Einsatz des Tools und der stratifizierten (angepassten) Therapie etwas bringt.



RCT: Mit Tool besser als ohne Tool

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No STarT Back Screening Tool

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73 low risk (36 [49%] referred for physiotherapy)
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No STarT Back Screening Tool
30 Minuten Assessment und
initiale Behandlung
(Information)

Niedriges Risiko
Keine Physiotherapie zusätzlich

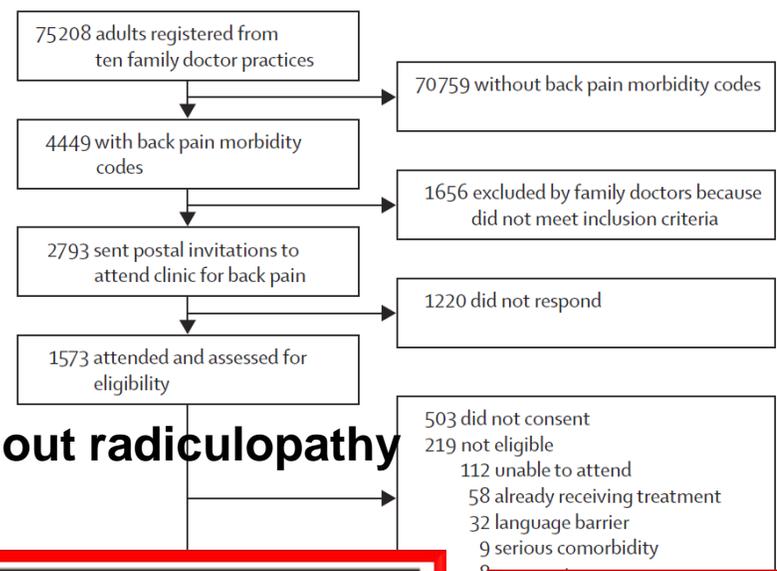
Mittleres Risiko

Hohes Risiko

Zusätzliche
Physiotherapie

Hill, Jonathan C., et al. "Comparison of stratified primary care management for low back pain with current best practice (STarT Back): a randomised controlled trial." *The Lancet* 378.9802 (2011): 1560-1571.

Back pain with or without radiculopathy

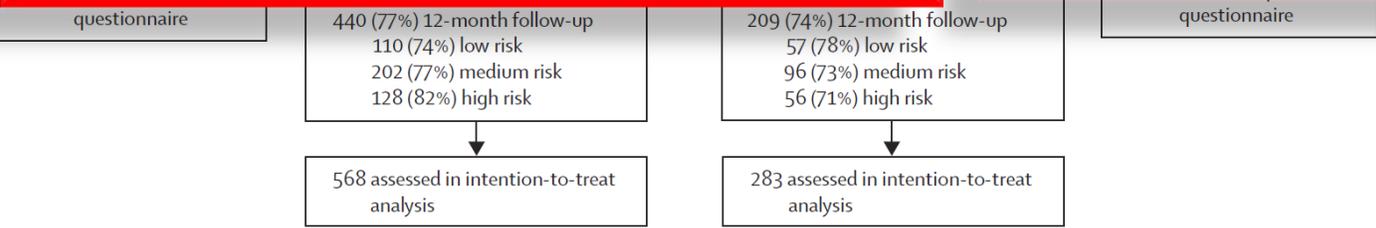


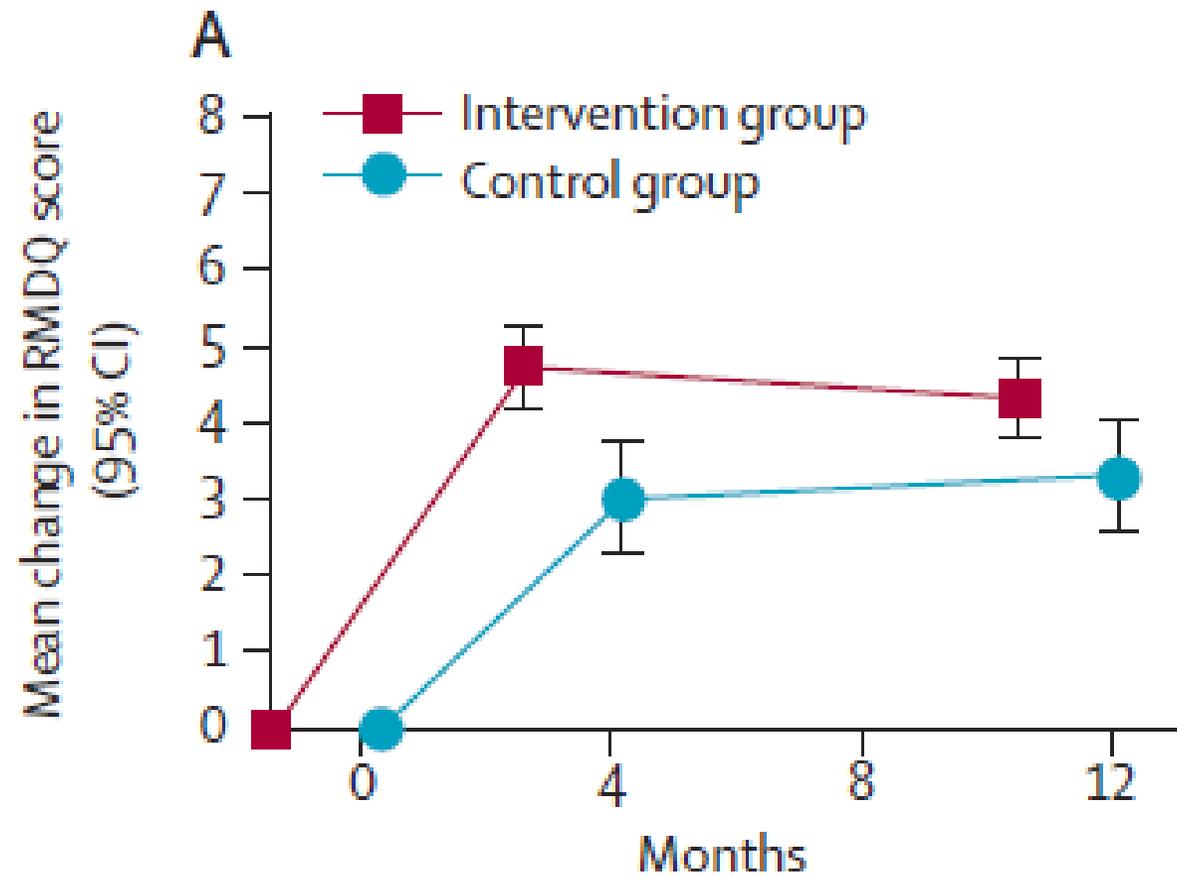
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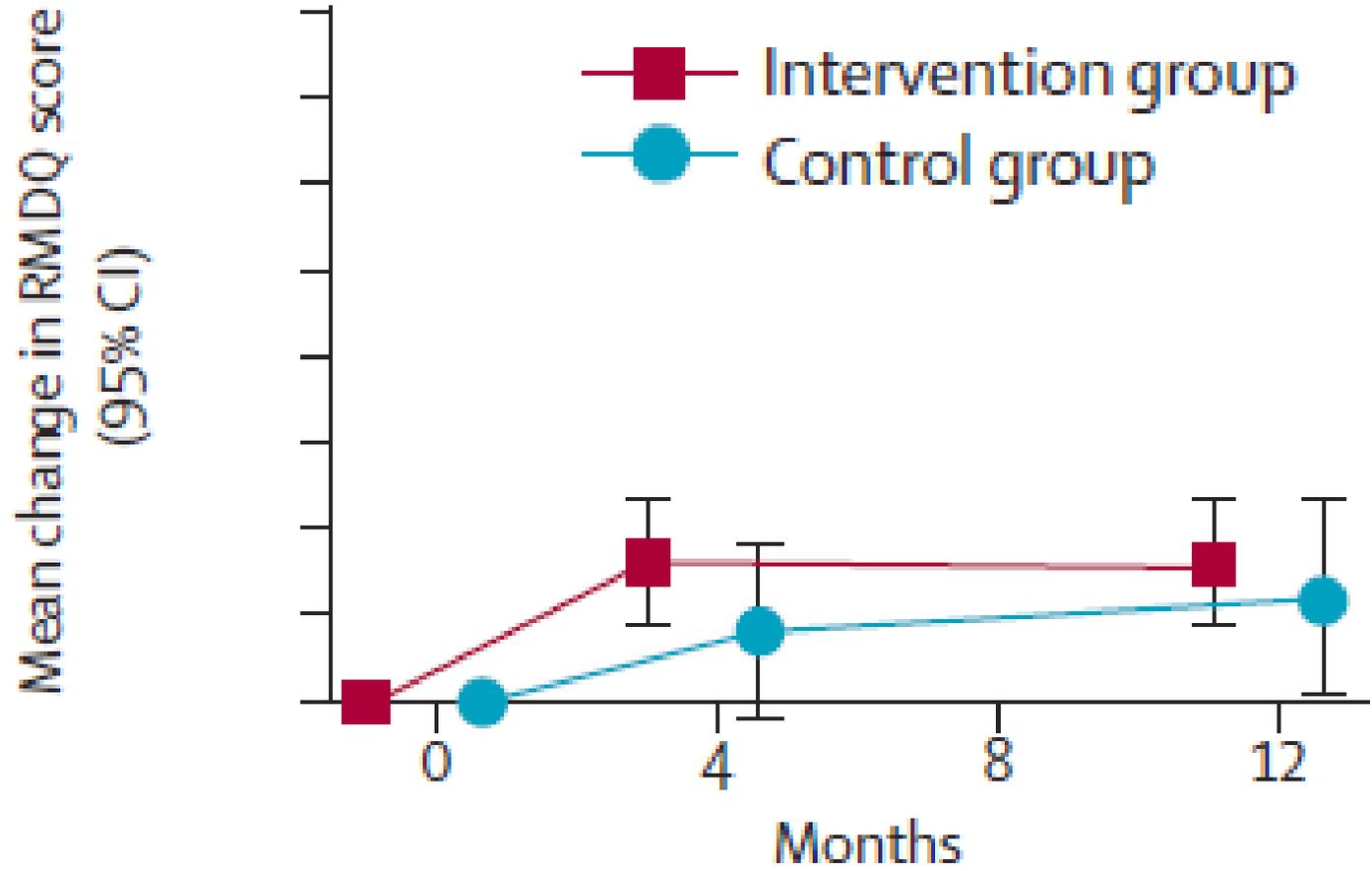
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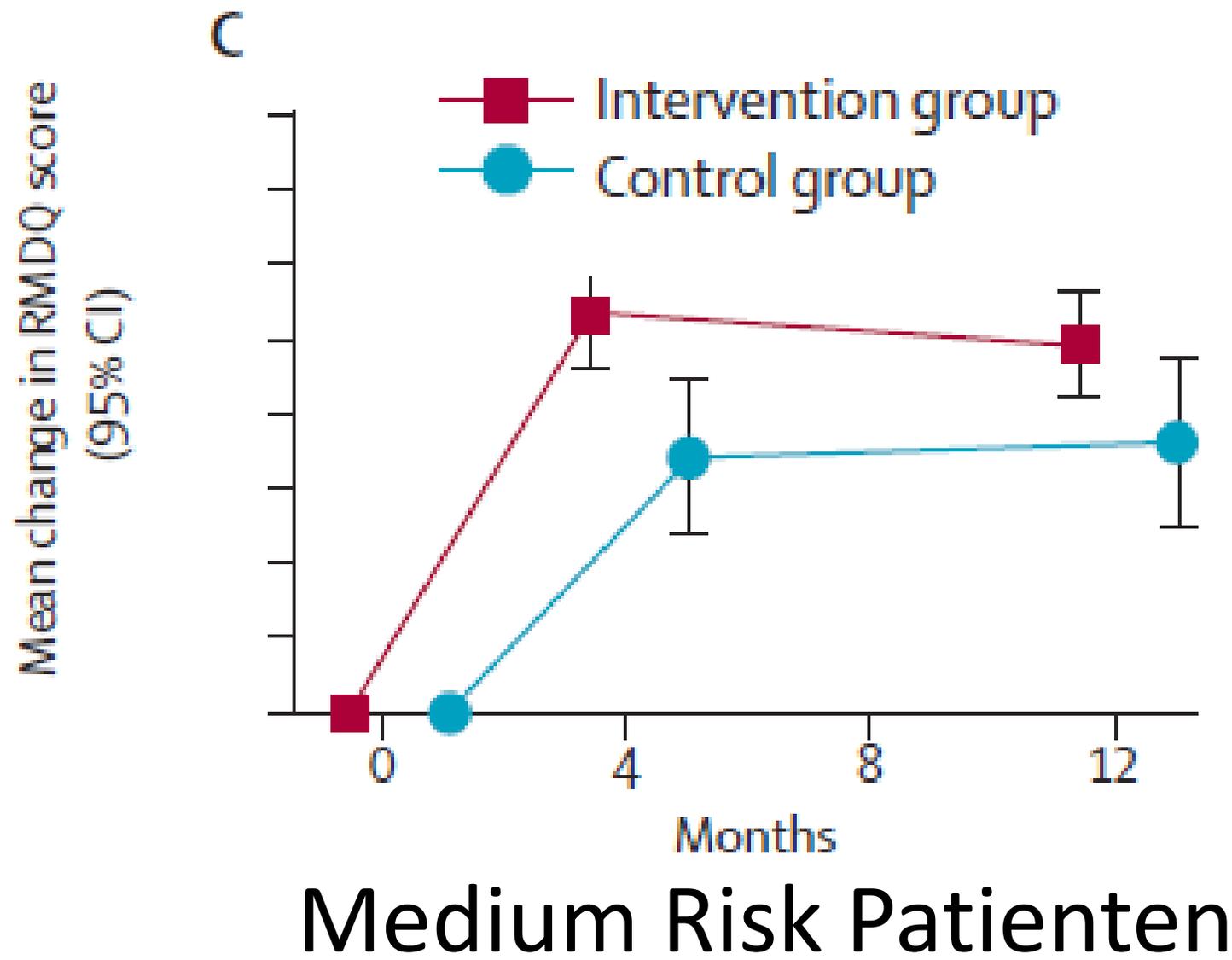


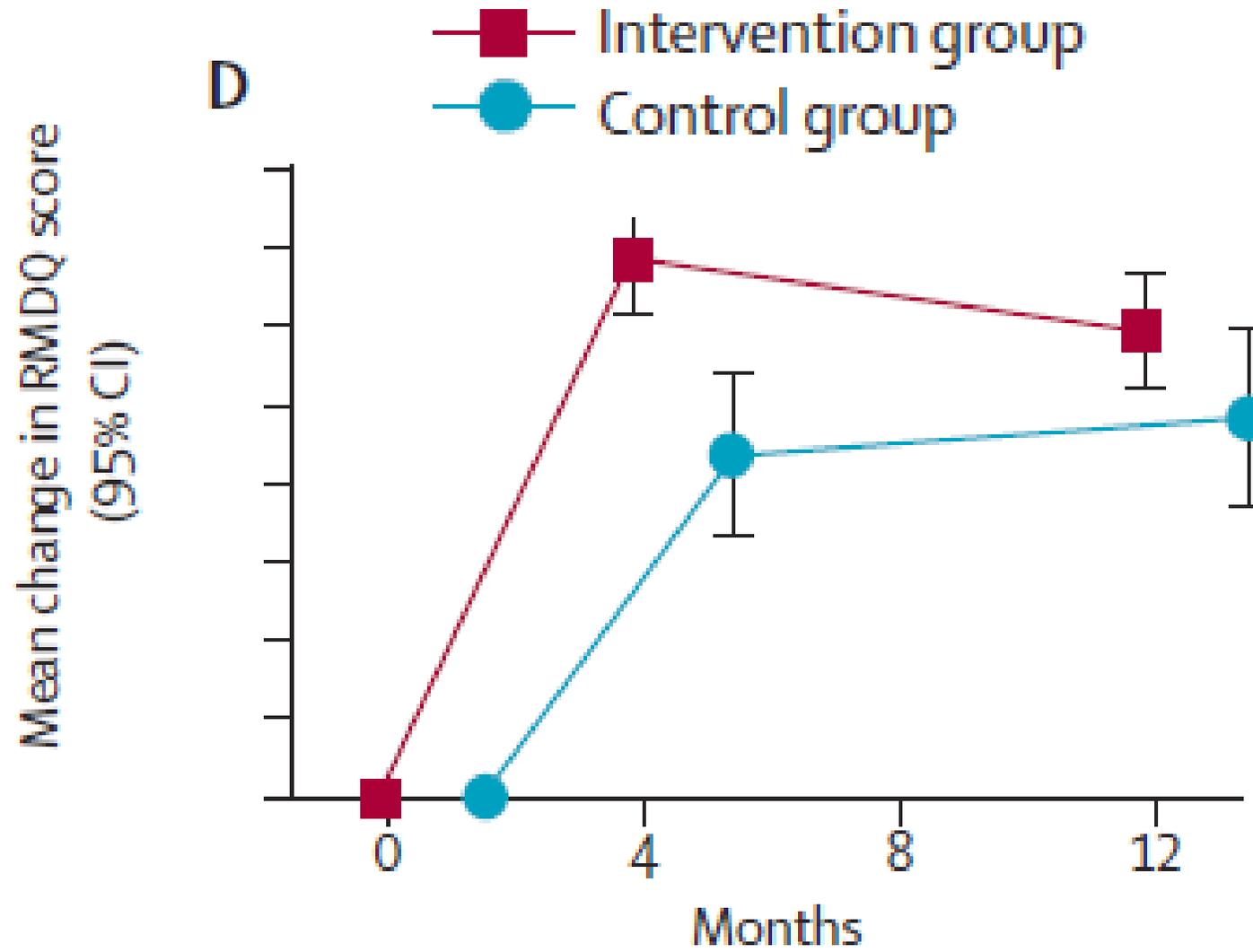
Alle Patienten

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Low risk Patienten



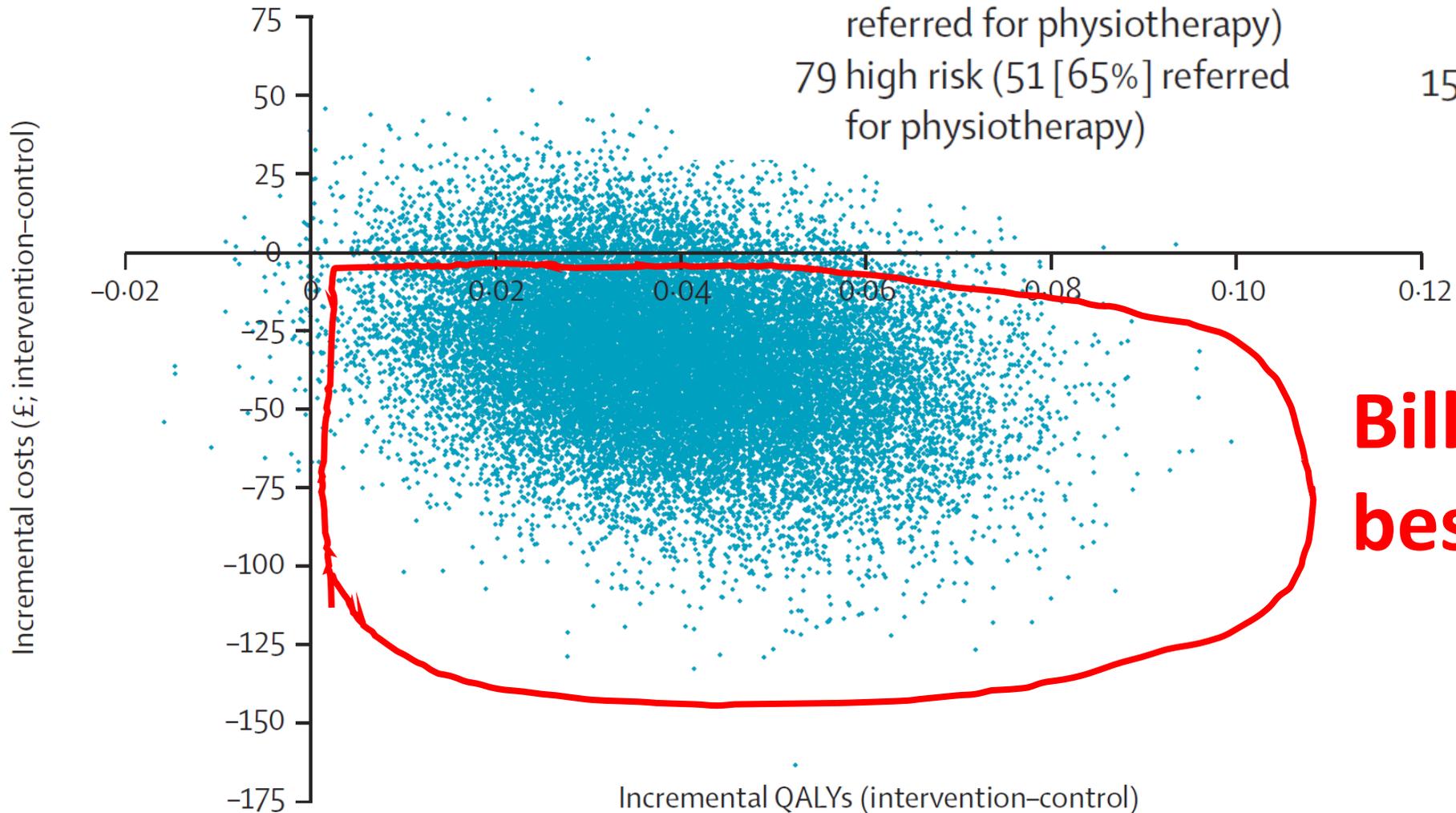


High Risk Patienten

Kosten-Nutzen Analyse

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148 low risk (11 [7%] referred for physiotherapy)
263 medium risk (259 [98%] referred for physiotherapy)
157 high risk (all referred for physiotherapy)

Nehmen wir 1000 Patienten mit unspezifischen Rückenschmerzen (mit oder ohne Radikulopathie)

- ~250 werden in der low risk Gruppe sein.
- ~123 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie nicht angewandt wird.
- ~18 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie angewandt wird.

105 Patienten werden mit Startback **nicht** behandelt

Nehmen wir 1000 Patienten mit unspezifischen Rückenschmerzen (mit oder ohne Radikulopathie)

- ~463 werden in der medium risk Gruppe sein
- ~278 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie nicht angewandt wird.
- ~463 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie angewandt wird.

185 Patienten werden mit Startback mehr behandelt

Nehmen wir 1000 Patienten mit unspezifischen Rückenschmerzen (mit oder ohne Radikulopathie)

- ~276 werden in der medium risk Gruppe sein
- ~180 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie nicht angewandt wird.
- ~276 werden behandelt, wenn STarT Back Strategie angewandt wird.

96 Patienten werden mit Startback mehr behandelt

2.7 Mal mehr... und trotzdem billiger

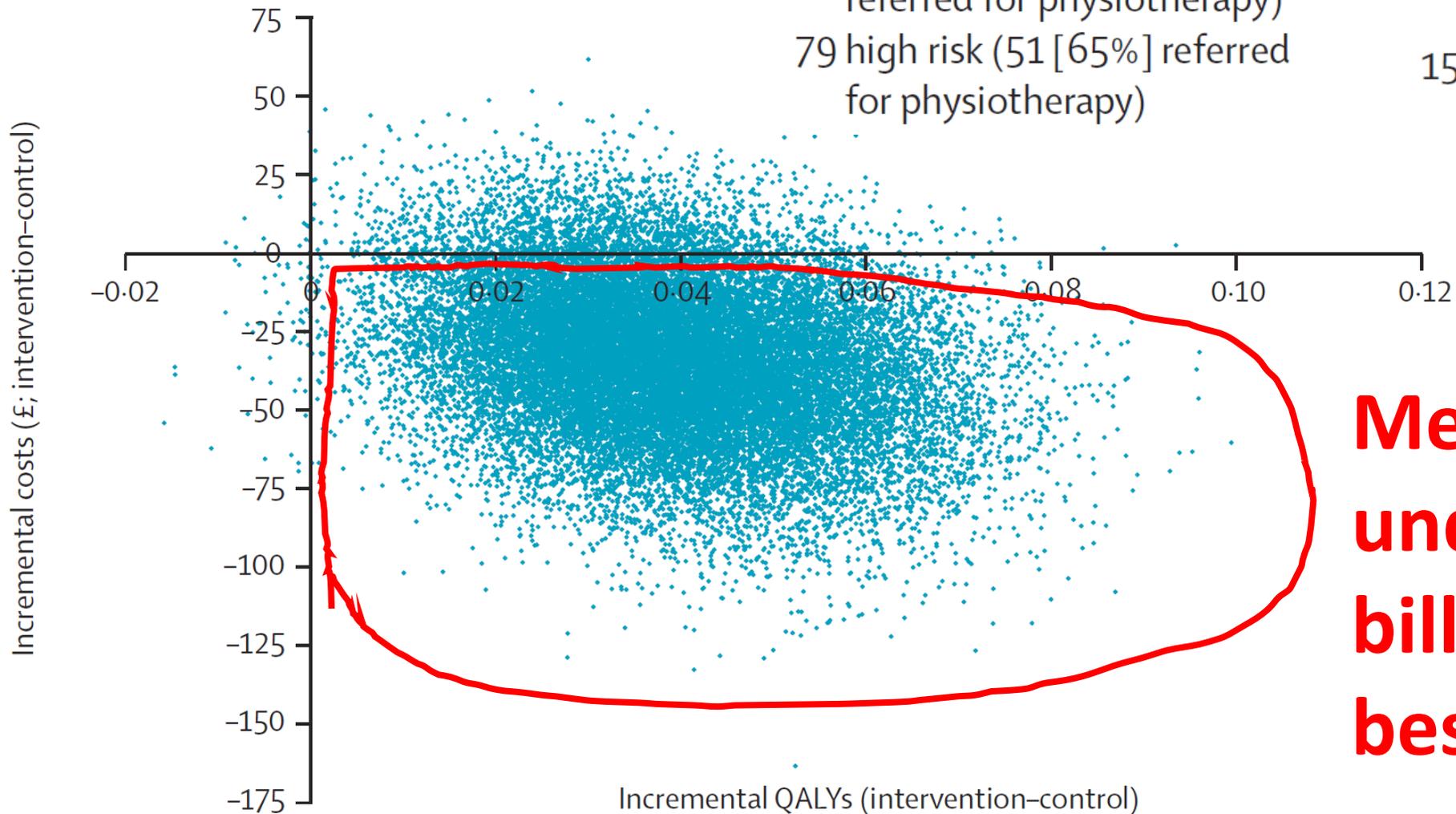
Webappendix 4a: Cost components analysed in the economic evaluation of the STarT Back trial. Values are mean (sd) back pain-related resource use and costs (£) per patient, by treatment group, for patients providing health care utilisation data at 12 months (n=567), unless stated otherwise.

Resource/cost component	Resource use (units)		Cost (£)	
	Intervention (n = 386)	Control group (n = 181)	Intervention (n = 386)	Control group (n = 181)
Study back pain clinic and physiotherapy	4.02 (2.6)	4.04 (3.7)	107.50 (92.8)	92.77 (83.2)
Primary care contacts:				
General Practitioner	1.08 (2.1)	1.30 (2.1)	33.54 (63.6)	40.27 (63.9)
Practice Nurse	0.12 (0.9)	0.12 (0.5)	1.33 (9.8)	1.27 (6.0)
Hospital-based care:				
NHS Consultant	0.22 (0.8)	0.24 (0.7)	25.15 (86.5)	27.63 (79.7)
Private Consultant	0.04 (0.3)	0.04 (0.3)	4.82 (36.1)	4.72 (30.5)
NHS x-ray	0.05 (0.2)	0.10 (0.4)	1.66 (7.5)	3.18 (11.2)
NHS CT scan	0.01 (0.1)	0.01 (0.1)	1.04 (12.4)	1.10 (10.5)
NHS MRI scan	0.07 (0.3)	0.08 (0.3)	12.06 (48.5)	14.83 (53.0)
NHS blood tests	0.02 (0.1)	0.03 (0.2)	0.27 (2.1)	0.48 (3.8)
NHS epidural injections	0.01 (0.1)	0.01 (0.1)	2.72 (23.2)	2.31 (21.4)
Private diagnostic tests (combined)	0.01 (0.1)	0.01 (0.1)	0.93 (12.9)	0.99 (13.3)
Private epidural injections	0.00 (0.1) ^a	0.01 (0.1)	0.55 (10.4)	1.14 (15.2)
Other health care professionals:				
Additional (non-study) NHS physiotherapy	0.59 (2.0)	1.14 (2.7)	17.25 (57.5)	33.13 (75.6)
Private physiotherapy	0.06 (0.6)	0.22 (1.2)	1.86 (17.2)	6.42 (35.5)
NHS 'other'	0.04 (0.5)	0.12 (0.9)	1.45 (17.0)	3.53 (26.8)
Private 'other'	0.30 (1.6)	0.14 (0.9)	8.52 (44.6)	4.38 (27.2)
Out-of-pocket treatments: ^b				
Non-opioid analgesics	87 (23)	36 (19)	1.23 (4.7)	1.14 (3.9)
Weak opioid analgesics	33 (9)	19 (10)	0.68 (8.0)	0.27 (0.8)

Noch einmal weil es so schön ist...

283 (33%) control group
73 low risk (36 [49%] referred for physiotherapy)
131 medium risk (78 [60%] referred for physiotherapy)
79 high risk (51 [65%] referred for physiotherapy)

568 (67%) intervention group
148 low risk (11 [7%] referred for physiotherapy)
263 medium risk (259 [98%] referred for physiotherapy)
157 high risk (all referred for physiotherapy)



**Mehr Physio
und trotzdem
billiger und
besser**

Modified STarT Back für andere Problemregionen

- Prognostische Validität gleich gut für andere Regionen
- Die Schwellenwerte des originalen STarT Back Tool (4 oder mehr Punkte von 9) können nicht direct auf die anderen Regionen umgesetzt werden.
- Man muss also weitere Forschung abwarten, bevor man es in der Praxis einsetzen kann.

Table 1 Identifying optimal modified STarT Back Tool cut-points for each pain region using (1) Youden's J statistic and (2) a clinically defined maximum specificity of 0.7

Pain region	Modified STarT Back Tool cut-point	PhysioDirect trial data			SAMBA study data		
		Sens	Spec	Youden's	Sens	Spec	Youden's
Neck	3	0.967	0.451	0.418	1	0.556	0.556
Neck	4	0.833	0.668	0.501	1	0.644	0.644
Neck	5	0.767	0.777*	0.544	0.769	0.756*	0.525
Neck	6	0.467	0.87*	0.337	0.615	0.867*	0.482
Neck	7	0.3	0.959*	0.259	0.538	0.911*	0.449
Neck	8	0.067	0.99*	0.057	0.462	0.956*	0.418
Back	3	0.903	0.329	0.232	0.987	0.333	0.32
Back	4	0.832	0.491	0.323	0.935	0.454	0.389
Back	5	0.708	0.652	0.36	0.857	0.546	0.403
Back	6	0.442	0.818*	0.26	0.792	0.686	0.478
Back	7	0.23	0.921*	0.151	0.558	0.821*	0.379
Back	8	0.088	0.979*	0.067	0.273	0.913*	0.186
Upper limb	3	0.882	0.538	0.42	0.907	0.576	0.483
Upper limb	4	0.711	0.72*	0.431	0.86	0.681	0.541
Upper limb	5	0.513	0.853*	0.366	0.791	0.79*	0.581
Upper limb	6	0.303	0.929*	0.232	0.674	0.848*	0.522
Upper limb	7	0.158	0.973*	0.131	0.581	0.933*	0.514
Upper limb	8	0.039	0.989*	0.028	0.163	0.976*	0.139
Lower limb	3	0.9	0.47	0.37	0.904	0.505	0.409
Lower limb	4	0.77	0.618	0.388	0.851	0.664	0.515
Lower limb	5	0.57	0.789*	0.359	0.754	0.771*	0.525
Lower limb	6	0.36	0.895*	0.255	0.64	0.86*	0.5
Lower limb	7	0.21	0.971*	0.181	0.43	0.93*	0.36
Lower limb	8	0.05	0.996*	0.046	0.237	0.972*	0.209
Multisite pain	3	0.933	0.443	0.376	0.946	0.434	0.38
Multisite pain	4	0.833	0.656	0.489	0.946	0.566	0.512
Multisite pain	5	0.733	0.787*	0.52	0.911	0.663	0.574
Multisite pain	6	0.567	0.902*	0.469	0.857	0.711*	0.568
Multisite pain	7	0.333	0.934*	0.267	0.643	0.771*	0.414
Multisite pain	8	0.1	0.984*	0.084	0.357	0.94*	0.297

Grey shaded row indicates Youden's optimal score cut-point for predicting 6-month outcome.

*Specificity was >0.7 according to predefined clinical criteria.

Cut-Offs versus Wahrscheinlichkeiten

Subgruppen versus Profile

Von der offiziellen STarT Back Webseite:

“The STarT Back tool was always intended for, and has been used in the context of a consultation with a health care professional to aid clinical decision-making (not as a stand alone tool) and to support the targeting of appropriate intervention.”

$\leq 3 \rightarrow$ low risk

≥ 4 & psych score $\leq 3 \rightarrow$ medium risk

≥ 4 & psych score $\geq 4 \rightarrow$ high risk

Cut off: Einfach und Klar

Current risk of the subject: 0.436



Wahrscheinlichkeiten: nicht klar, ermöglicht aber die Berücksichtigung von anderen Faktoren und dem Bauchgefühl

Current risk of the subject: 0.436

Fall Risk



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Health profile of the subject:

- Does the subject use a walking aid? Yes No Use prevalence
- Dizziness or unsteadiness last year? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject suffer Parkinson? Yes No Use prevalence
- Urinary incontinence last year? Yes No Use prevalence
- Fear of falling (Deshpande)? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject suffer rheumatic disease? Yes No Use prevalence
- History of previous strokes? Yes No Use prevalence
- Is the subject female? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject use antiepileptics? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject suffer any pain? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject use antihypertensives? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject use sedatives? Yes No Use prevalence
- History of previous falls? Yes No Use prevalence
- Does the subject live alone? Yes No Use prevalence

Visual stereognosis:

Use prevalence

Age:

Use prevalence

CESD:

Use prevalence

MMSE score:

Use prevalence

physical activity level:

Use prevalence

Hearing impairment?:

Use prevalence

Visual acuity (3 meter):

Use prevalence

Contrast sensitivity?:

Use prevalence

Subject's number of IADL:

Use prevalence

Profil

Example of a Patient's Profile



Schlussfolgerung

- Stratifizierte Therapiezuweisung bringtts
- STarT Back ist nur der Start, Therapie muss angepasst werden
- Brachte der STarT Back die Verbesserung oder die umfassende Therapiestrategie?

Diskussion

Wie setzen wir das in der Schweiz um?



Herzlichen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit



Low risk-group

Patients allocated to the 'low risk-group' received the one-off clinic appointment described above, were reassured that further treatment was unlikely to be beneficial or necessary and were encouraged not to seek further treatment. They were, however, advised that if their symptoms deteriorated they should re-visit their GP. They were therefore discharged from further physiotherapy care at the end of the clinic consultation. Physiotherapists were responsible for providing good clinical governance to their patients and were allowed to over-rule the stratified tool if they believed the pathway being recommended for a patient was inappropriate.

Medium risk-group

In addition to the first clinic session described above, all medium-risk patients were recommended for referral to ongoing physiotherapy treatment with one of five physiotherapists who attended three days training. The training was designed to standardise the pathway for medium-risk patients as follows:

- Individualised 30-minute physiotherapy sessions focussed on restoring function and targeting physical characteristics (disabling back pain, referred leg pain and co-morbid pain).
- Treatments were held in NHS local community physiotherapy outpatient premises staffed with guidance that patients should receive up to 6 sessions over a 3-month period.
- The first session re-assessed/examined the patient and included making a differential diagnosis particularly for patients with referred leg pain/radiculopathy.
- The main focus of treatment was to reduce back-related disability. A tailored management plan was negotiated using evidence-based treatments, including advice and explanation, reassurance, education, exercise, manual therapy and acupuncture.
- Consistent with evidence based guidelines,¹⁰ bed rest, traction, massage and electrotherapy were not included in the treatment protocol.
- Moderate levels of psychological prognostic indicators were addressed, but specific training on techniques to target psychological factors was not provided for physiotherapists treating the medium risk-group of patients.
- Therapists were advised to refer non-responders on for further investigations or secondary care interventions, with supervision provided if required from a spinal specialist physiotherapist.

High risk-group

In addition to the first clinic session described above, all high-risk patients were recommended for referral to ongoing physiotherapy treatment with one of four physiotherapists who attended a total of nine days training. The training was designed to standardise the pathway for high-risk patients as follows:

- Individualised 45-minute physiotherapy sessions focussed on restoring function using combined physical and psychological approaches and targeting physical and psychological obstacles to recovery.
- Treatments were held in NHS community outpatient premises with guidance that patients should receive up to 6 sessions over a 3-month period.
- The first session re-assessed/examined the patient and included a differential diagnosis particularly for patients with referred leg pain/radiculopathy, and biopsychosocial assessment to explore patient concerns, adopting cognitive behavioural principles to address unhelpful beliefs and behaviours.
- Therapists were trained to use 'stem & leaf' questions to identify unhelpful beliefs and behaviours.
- Physical treatment modalities (exercise and manual therapy) were integrated with psychologically informed techniques to provide a credible explanation for symptoms, reassurance, education, collaborative goal setting, problem solving, pacing, graded activity, and relaxation.
- There was a specific focus on the prognostic psychological indicators identified by the STarT Back Tool such as low mood, anxiety, pain-related fear and catastrophising.
- Reasons for psychological distress were addressed using enhanced communication skills with a focus on promoting appropriate levels of activity, return to normal activities and the management of future back pain recurrences.
- Patient expectations about prognosis and implications for function were addressed and the role of active self-management emphasised. Advice about sleep and work was provided and if necessary a return to work plan implemented.
- Patients were encouraged to put management plans into practice between treatment sessions and help was given to problem solve any difficulties that arose.
- Monthly group mentoring sessions were held for physiotherapists to discuss individual cases and consolidate the training throughout the trial, with supervision provided from a Consultant Physiotherapist (pain management expertise) and a Professor of Clinical Psychology.
- Therapists were advised to refer non-responders on for further investigations or secondary care interventions.

Vergleich zum Örebro Musculoskeletal Pain Screening Questionnaire

- OMPSQ:
 - Fear-Avoidance: 2 items from Fear Avoidance Beliefs Questionnaire; 1 item from Pain and Impairment Relationship Scale
 - Coping : 1 question from the Coping Strategies questionnaire
 - Tense/Relaxed: 1 item
 - Anxiety: 1 item
 - Depression: 1 item
 - Patient's own perception of likeliness to recover: developed for OMPSQ
 - ADL: 5 items from Activities of Daily Living for Patients with Chronic Pain scale
 - Experience of pain: 1 item pain location; 1 item for duration of current episode; 2 items pain intensity (now and 3 months), 1 item frequency of pain
 - Sick days: 1 item days off work during the past 12 months because of pain

Ein paar interessante Links zum Thema

- <https://www.keele.ac.uk/sbst/startbacktool/sbtoolonline/>
- <http://www.keele.ac.uk/media/keeleuniversity/group/startback/STarT%20Back%20implementation%20presentation.pptx>