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The effect of pulse electromagnetic field stimulation training on the neuro-agility of netball players

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Introduction

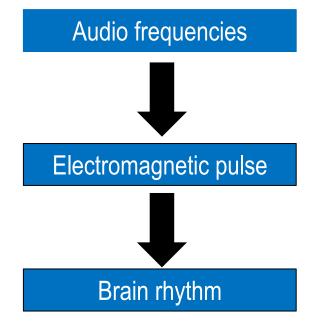
- Neuro-agility

Skill related fitness (SRF)

Coordination

Agility
Balance
Coordination
Power
Reaction time
Speed

- Pulse electromagnetic field (PEMF) stimulation
 - Bellabee device







NAPTM

- Neurolink™

" You cant improve what you cant measure "

Flexibility in learning and thinking

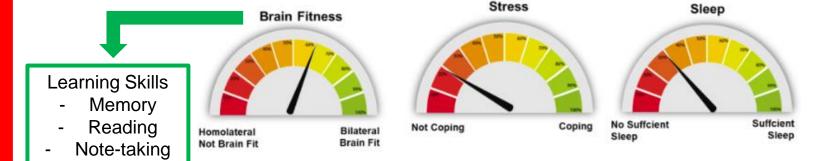
Speed and ease of learning and thinking

NEURODESIGN

7 Neurophysiological components

NEUROAGILITY

6 Brain Drivers







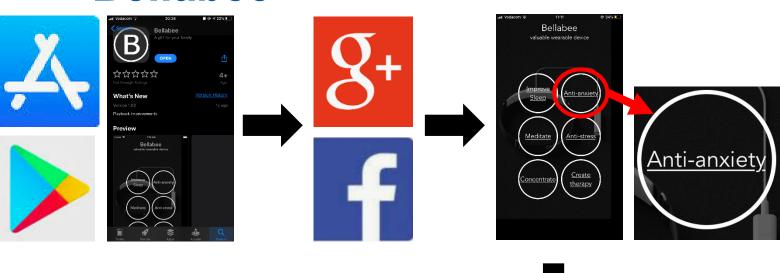




- Listening Concentration

Bellabee

- FDA approved
- Safe to use
 - 200 micro-teslas
- Balance brainwaves
 - Energise / relax









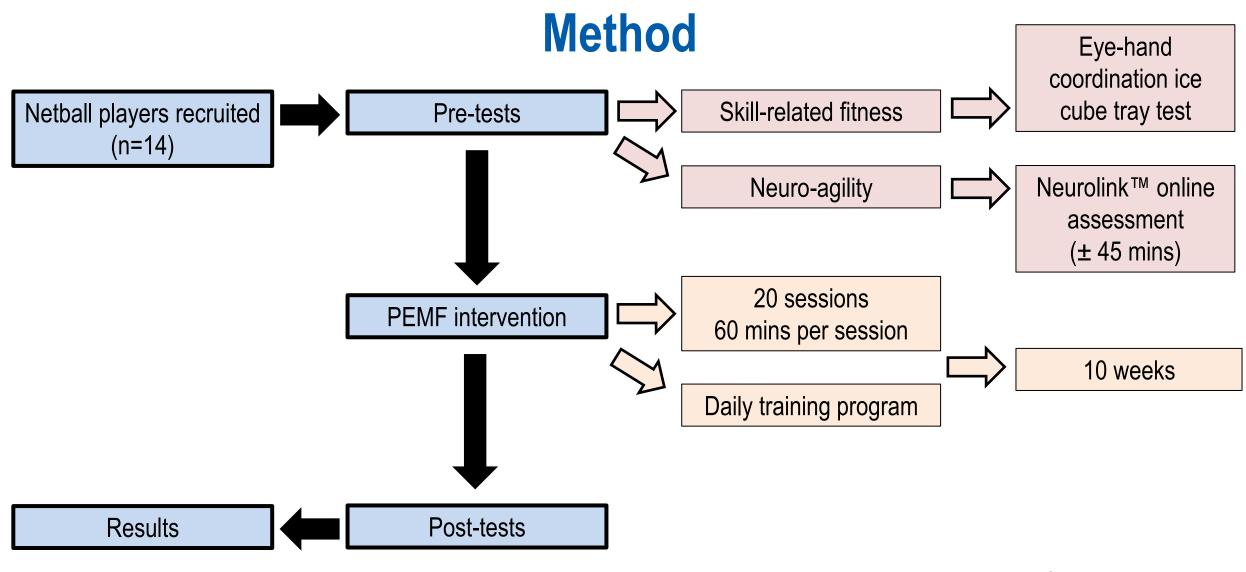




Aim

To determine whether pulse electromagnetic field (PEMF) stimulation is an effective intervention, as part of a training program, in improving netball players' neuro-agility and their performance.







Results - Brain Drivers

| | Pre-intervention (mean ± SD) | Post-intervention (mean ± SD) | Difference (mean ± SD) | Asymp. Sig. (2- tailed) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Brain Fitness | 4.93 ± 1.816 | 6.71± 1.73 | 1.79 ± 1.968 | 0.007* |
| Stress | 7.64 ± 1.75 | 7.93 ± 1.83 | 0.29 ±1.708 | 0.436 |
| Sleep | 6.21 ± 2.17 | 7 ± 1.55 | 0.79 ± 1.567 | 0.094 |
| Movement | 7.5 ± 1.45 | 8.14 ± 1.4 | 0.64 ± 1.630 | 0.151 |
| Attitude | 7.79 ± 1.14 | 7.86 ± 1.18 | 0.07 ± 0.961 | 0.776 |
| Food | 6.36 ± 1.23 | 7.14 ± 1.4 | 0.79 ±1.423 | 0.061 |



^{*} *p* < 0.05

Results - Learning Skills

| | Pre-intervention (mean ± SD) | Post- intervention (mean ± SD) | Difference (mean ± SD) | Asymp. Sig. (2- tailed) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| General | 7.23 ± 2.547 | 8.46 ± 1.599 | 1.23 ± 2.292 | 0.080 |
| Memory | 7.23 ± 1.671 | 8 ± 1.754 | 0.77 ± 1.671 | 0.119 |
| Reading | 4.77 ± 2.006 | 5.54 ± 2.274 | 0.77 ± 1.250 | 0.041* |
| Note-taking | 6.46 ± 2.240 | 7.69 ± 1.727 | 1.23 ± 2.423 | 0.099 |
| Listening | 4.15 ± 2.143 | 5.54 ± 1.946 | 1.38 ± 1.643 | 0.008* |
| Concentration | 5.23 ± 2.547 | 6.77 ± 1.846 | 1.54 ± 2.373 | 0.043* |

^{*} *p* < 0.05



Results – Neuro-agility

| | Pre-intervention (mean ± SD) | Post- intervention (mean ± SD) | Difference (mean ± SD) | Asymp. Sig. (2- tailed) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Neuro-agility (%) | 62.43 ± 9.905 | 73.93 ± 9.327 | 11.5 ± 13.031 | 0.010* |

^{*} *p* < 0.05



Results - Skill Related Fitness

| | Pre-test | Post-test | Difference | Asymp. Sig. (2- |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | (mean ± SD) | (mean ± SD) | (mean ± SD) | tailed) |
| Eye-hand coordination (sec) | 24.80 ± 4.185 | 9.3 ± 3.268 | -15.5 ± 5.462 | 0.005* |



^{*} *p* < 0.05

Conclusion

- PEMF training as part of a training program
 - Improves neuro-agility and SRF significantly
 - Moderate positive correlation (Spearman's rho = 0.367)

- Impact
 - Team won South African championship

- Potential in this method of training in becoming more commonly used



Limitations

- Limitations
 - Small sample size
 - Population variance (female, 15-19 years old, sport-related skills, same training program)



Future Studies

- Future Studies



- Effect of PEMF, as part of a training program, on health-related fitness
- Effect of PEMF, as part of a training program, on SRF in more depth
- Effect of training program on performance
- Effect of PEMF on performance

Strength
Flexibility
Muscular endurance
Cardiovascular endurance
Body composition



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