Difficulty* Physical Group (N = 55)Activity None Some Considerable Extreme P Value** Climbing stairs 46 (84%) Orthotic 8 (15%) 0(0%)1 (2%) 0.822

Control		49 (89%)	2 (4%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Lifting objects	30 (54%)	17 (31%)	7 (13%)	1 (2%)	0.634
Control		37 (67%)	13 (24%)	4 (7%)	1 (2%)	

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Orthotic	Carrying	30 (54%)	14 (25%)	10 (18%)	1 (2%)	0.071
Control	objects	40 (73%)	8 (15%)	6 (11%)	1 (2%)	

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Control		46 (84%)	7 (13%)	2 (4%)	0 (0%)	

Control

**The p value represents the significance of the difference between the treated and control groups.

TABLE E-1. Data on Physical Activities

40 (84%) 7 (13%) 2 (4%) 0 (0%)

Overall 0.909

*The values are given as the number of subjects, with the percentage, based on fifty-five patients, in parentheses.

TABLE E-2. Data on Functional Activities

Group (N = 55)

Orthotic

Control

Orthotic

Functional

Making beds

Vacuuming

Activity

Control		47 (85%)	8 (15%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Bending	35 (64%)	16 (29%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)	0.436
Control		40 (73%)	10 (18%)	4 (7%)	1 (2%)	
Orthotic	Sweeping	44 (80%)	9 (16%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	0.479
Control		47 (85%)	7 (13%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Ironing	44 (80%)	10 (18%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)	0.973
Control		50 (91%)	5 (9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Reaching up	49 (89%)	6 (11%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0.062
Control		51 (93%)	4 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Shopping	38 (69%)	14 (25%)	3 (5%)	0 (0%)	0.012
Control		49 (89%)	5 (9%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Cooking	47 (85%)	7 (13%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	0.117
Control		52 (95%)	3 (5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Laundry	42 (76%)	11 (20%)	2 (4%)	0 (0%)	0.240
Control		46 (84%)	8 (15%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Mopping	39 (71%)	14 (25%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	0.074
Control		47 (85%)	7 (13%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	
Orthotic	Picking up	31 (56%)	22 (40%)	2 (4%)	0 (0%)	0.213
Control	objects	39 (71%)	12 (22%)	2 (4%)	2 (4%)	
Orthotic	Washing dishes	47 (85%)	8 (15%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0.228
Control		44 (80%)	6 (11%)	4 (7%)	1 (2%)	
Overall						0.128
*The values as	re given as the number	of subjects, with	the percentage, ba	ased on fifty-five pa	tients, in parentheses.	
**The p value	represents the significa-	ance of the differ	rence between the	treated and control	groups.	

Some

4 (7%)

11 (20%)

14 (25%)

Considerable

3 (5%)

0 (0%)

2 (4%)

P Value**

0.362

0.108

Extreme

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0(0%)

Difficulty*

48 (87%)

44 (80%)

39 (71%)

None

Difficulty* Self-Care Group (N = 55)Activity None

Orthotic Control Orthotic

Control Orthotic

TABLE E-3. Data on Self-Care Activities

Using toilet

Dressing

Grasping

None	Some	Considerable	Extreme	P Value**
55 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0.313
54 (98%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
53 (96%)	2 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0.159

0(0%)

0(0%)

0(0%)

0(0%)

0.634

0.228

objects 52 (95%) 3 (5%) 0(0%)0(0%)Control Putting on 47 (85%) 7 (13%) Orthotic 1 (2%) 0(0%)

**The p value represents the significance of the difference between the treated and control groups.

55 (100%)

53 (96%)

socks and shoes Control 51 (93%) 4 (7%) 0(0%)0(0%)Overall

0(0%)

2 (4%)

^{0.012}

^{*}The values are given as the number of subjects, with the percentage, based on fifty-five patients, in parentheses.