



## **COMPARISON OF STATIC AND DYNAMIC BALANCE IN FOOTBALL PLAYERS WITH AND WITHOUT SOCCER SHOES**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Aim:** To compare static and dynamic balance in football players with and without soccer shoes.

**Background:** Balance is the condition in which all the forces acting on the body are balanced such that the center of mass is within the base of support. Balance depends on cutaneous and proprioceptive inputs from feet to central nervous system for stability and locomotion

**Methodology:** This was a comparison study. 60 football players with age group between 18 to 25 years were included in the study. Static and Dynamic balance was assessed using single leg stance test and modified Star Excursion Balance Test (M-SEBT) on the same subject. Static balance was assessed using single leg stance test, which had two components- eyes open and eyes closed on one subject first with barefoot and then with soccer shoes and reading was recorded. Dynamic balance was assessed using M-SEBT test in three directions anterior, posteromedial and posterolateral and reading was recorded. results were statistically analysed.

**Results:**

1. Data was not normally distributed
2. Static balance was assessed with single leg stance test with eyes open and eyes close and it was found out to be better in barefoot subjects as compared to subjects wearing soccer shoes (p value <0.001)
3. Dynamic balance was assessed with modified SEBT test and it was found out to be better in subject wearing soccer shoes as compared to in barefoot subject (p value < 0.001)

**Conclusions:** static balance was better in barefoot subjects as compared to subjects wearing soccer shoes whereas dynamic balance was better in subjects wearing soccer shoes as compared to bare foot subjects.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Balance is the condition in which all the forces acting on the body are balanced such that the center of mass is within the base of support. Balance relies on rapid, continuous feedback from visual, vestibular and somatosensory structure and then executing smooth and co-ordinated neuromuscular actions. Static balance is the ability to maintain postural stability and orientation with the center of mass over the base of support and the body at rest. Dynamic balance is the ability to maintain postural stability and orientation with the center of mass over the base of support while parts of the body are in motion. Factor influencing balance are Center of mass, Base of support and Muscles and Joints. System influencing balance are Sensory, Motor and central nervous system.<sup>[6]</sup> Firm ground cleats are perhaps the most commonly used cleat type; they

generally vary from 10-14 on the outsole plate. Studs provide and address pivot points, impact points, and stability in order to maintain control and comfort for the average player.<sup>[7]</sup>

Static and dynamic balance depends on cutaneous and proprioceptive inputs from feet to central nervous system for stability and locomotion. Footwear act as sensory filter between feet and external environment. Soccer boot allow stability while changing direction. Stud facilitate the foot sticking to ground and stability in order to maintain control of movement by keeping low center of gravity on a field. Soccer players require complex movement to complete football task balanced on one leg. For passing, receiving, kicking, crossing and dribbling movement are completed while balancing on one leg. Player need balance because they are moving and adjusting body position constantly.<sup>[8]</sup>

Uni-pedal stance test is to assess static balance. It is a simple test for measuring static balance that can be used in a variety of settings and requires minimal equipment. The Uni-pedal

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stance test is described as a method of quantifying static balance ability. Reliability of Uni-pedal stance test eyes open is 0.989-0.996 and 0.996-0.999 for eyes closed.<sup>[5]</sup>

mSEBT(modified Star Excursion Balance Test) used to detect dynamic balance deficits, and to evaluate dynamic balance improvement in individuals after following a preventive training program. Measures dynamic balance, while a person maintains balance on a single leg and simultaneously reaches as far as possible with the other leg along the reach line of three directions anterior, posteromedial and posterolateral. Reliability of mSEBT is 0.87 to 0.94.<sup>[1]</sup>

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study Design

Type of study : comparative study  
 Population: football players  
 Duration of study: 12 months

### Sample Design

Type of sampling: convenient sampling  
 Sample size : 60  
 Location : metropolitan city

### Materials Used

Soccer shoes  
 Measuring tape  
 Pen  
 Pencil  
 Stopwatch  
 Uni-pedal stance test  
 Modified Star Excursion Balance Test

### Inclusion Criteria

- Football players willing to participate in study
- Football player age group 18 to 25

### Exclusion Criteria

- Player Having musculoskeletal problem
- Player having history of neuromuscular trauma
- Vestibular problem
- Visual problem
- Player with flatfoot
- Ankle instability
- Ankle sprain
- Concussion in 12 week before study
- Fracture less than 6 month

### Procedure

- 60 subject who are willing to participate will be included in the study.
- All participate will be screened as per inclusion and exclusion criteria.
- Purpose of the study and procedure will be explained to the subject prior to the study.
- A written informed consent will be taken from all subject prior to participation.

For static test uni-pedal stance test will be performed on participant's standing barefoot first, then with soccer shoes. For Uni-pedal stance test the participant's will be asked to stand on non-dominant leg with arms crossed on chest or place hand over hips and bend the other knee without touching the

weight bearing leg. In barefoot, first with eyes open: Once standing in starting position keeping eyes open, the subject is asked to raise dominant leg and keep the leg raised without touching other leg. Time to administer: 2 minutes. The timer starts once foot is lifted off the ground. The timer is stopped when subject's foot either touches the floor, makes contact with the other leg, moves his/her stance foot or moves arms out of the testing position. Mean of 3 trials test reading will be recorded. Then in barefoot with eyes closed mean of 3 trials test reading will be recorded. Again with the same participants uni-pedal stance test will be performed with soccer shoes, both eyes open and eyes closed and each test 3 trials mean value will be recorded.

For dynamic test Modified Star Excursion Balance Test will be performed on participant's standing barefoot first then, with soccer shoes. Modified Star Excursion Balance Test will be performed by standing in the middle of the point marked formed by 3 lines extending out at 135 degree from each other. Participants will be allowed to practice reaching in each of the 3 direction 3 to 6 times following 5 minutes rest time before the trials. Then participants will be asked to stand on non-dominant leg with barefoot and reach as far as possible along the each lines and return back to center point. The reach limit will be marked and average will be noted of 3 trials. The test will be repeated if subject:

1. Transfer weight onto reach foot
2. Fails to maintain unilateral stance
3. Moves the stance leg
4. Fails to return reach foot to starting position
5. Fails to keep the hands on the hips

Between each 3 trials 2 minutes rest will be given. Again the mSEBT will be performed with the same participants standing on non-dominant leg with soccer shoes. 3 trial average reading will be recorded

## RESULTS

1. Data was not normally distributed
2. Comparison of Static balance between barefoot and soccer shoes subject was done using Mann-Whitney U test and it was found to be statistical significant with p value (<0.0001) in both the component eyes open ( p value <0.001) and eyes closed ( p value <0.0001) this indicates that static balance was found to be better in subjects with barefoot
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### Statistical Analysis

**Table 1** Subjects characteristic

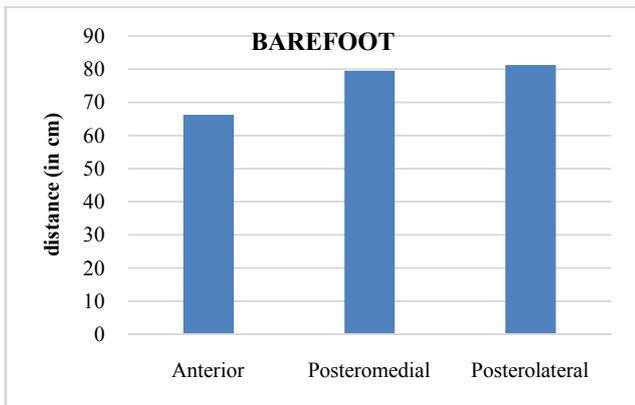
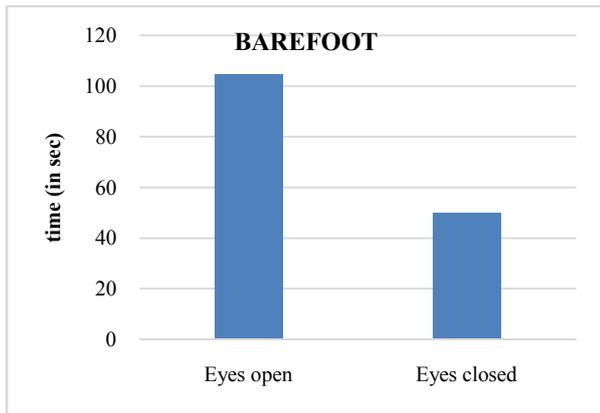
VARIABLES	MEAN±
AGE	22.1 ± 1.98
LIMB LENGTH (in cm)	91.96 ± 2,65
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	23.09 ± 1.12

**Table 2** Data of static and dynamic balance with barefoot and soccer shoes subjects

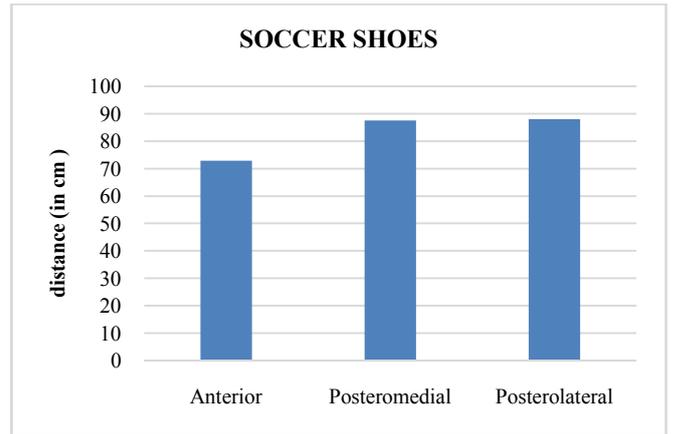
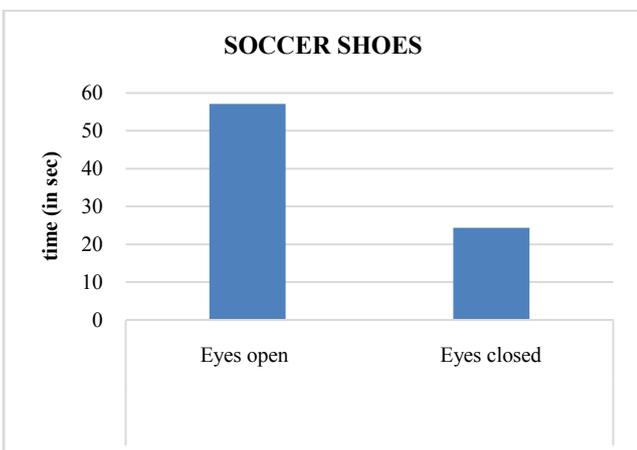
Static balance	Barefoot	Soccer shoes	P value
	MEAN $\pm$ SD	MEAN $\pm$ SD	
EYES OPEN in (time)	104.83 $\pm$ 11.20	57.14 $\pm$ 5.90	<0.001
EYES CLOSE in (time)	50.03 $\pm$ 4.80	24.38 $\pm$ 4.06	<0.0001

Dynamic balance	Barefoot	Soccer shoes	P value
	Mean $\pm$ sd	Mean $\pm$ sd	
Anterior (in cm)	66.26 $\pm$ 4.99	72.84 $\pm$ 4.27	<0.0001
Posteromedial (in cm)	79.49 $\pm$ 5.38	87.52 $\pm$ 5.13	<0.0001
Posterolateral (in cm)	81.28 $\pm$ 4.95	87.99 $\pm$ 5.19	<0.0001

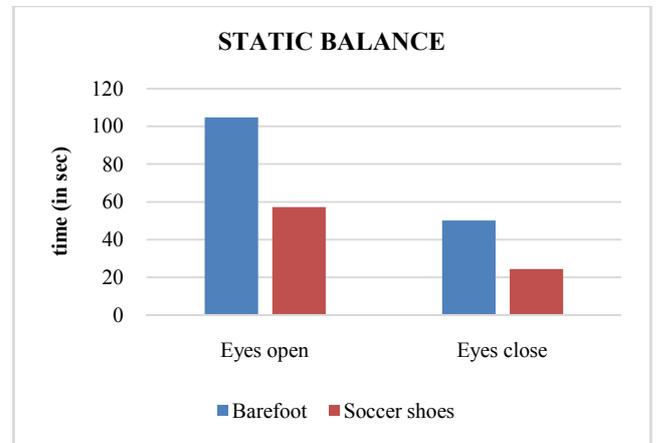


**Graph 1** Graph of static and dynamic balance with barefoot subjects



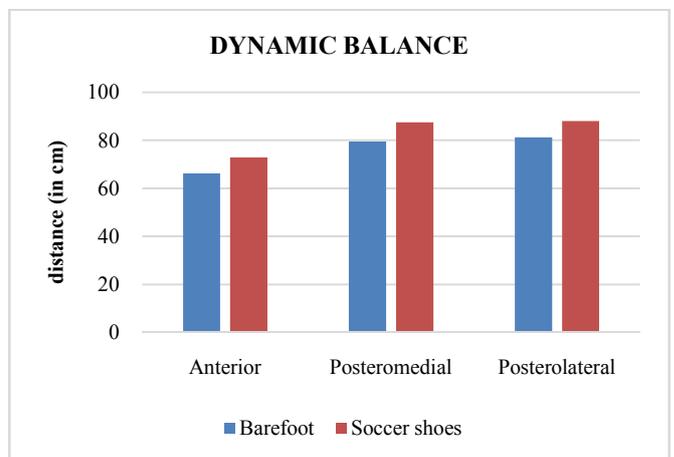
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**Graph and Table:** Following Graph and Table of comparison static balance with barefoot and soccer shoes subjects measured in seconds



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## DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study was to compare static and dynamic balance in football players with and without shoes. In this study, 60 subjects with age group 18-25 years were included. The modified SEBT scale and single leg stance was used to assess dynamic balance and static balance respectively. The results showed that static balance was better in barefoot subjects as compared to subjects wearing soccer shoes whereas dynamic balance was better in subjects wearing soccer shoes as compared to barefoot subjects.

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Postural stability is actively controlled by the central nervous system, which processes the afferent visul, otolithic, and somato-sensorial information. footwear may influence the quality of sensory feedback from the feet and act as a sensory

filter between the feet and the external environment. Thus stability is better in subjects with soccer shoes thus improving balance in subjects with soccer shoes. The probable reason for poor dynamic balance in subjects with barefeet might be that in barefeet the base of support is lesser as compared to base of support in subjects with soccer shoes, also because there is no filtering of sensory input there are no imposing demands to make postural modifications on the body as compared to subjects with soccer shoes in whom the filtering of sensory input imposes demand on body to make postural modifications thus improving stability<sup>8</sup>.

## CONCLUSION

Thus our study concluded that static balance is more in barefoot subjects as compared to subjects wearing soccer shoes whereas dynamic balance is more in subjects wearing soccer shoes as compared to bare foot subjects.

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