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VALIDATION OF THE LUMBAR SPINE MODEL AND ANALYSIS OF LUMBAR LOADS IN AIRPORT BAGGAGE HANDLERS



Outline

- Introduction by the Host
- Loading an aircraft
 - Validation of the lumbar spine model
 - Analysis of lumbar loads in airport baggage handlers
- Final words from the host
- Questions and answers



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AnyBody Modeling System

Musculoskeletal analysis

AnyBody Managed Model Repository

Wide range of simulation options

- Motion capture
- Ground reaction force prediction
- Imaging \rightarrow Patient-specific anatomy
- Man-machine simulations



Rasmussen et. al. (2011), ORS Annual Meeting









Load Cases for Finite Element Analysis

Surgical Planning and **Outcome Evaluation**





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Low back load in airport baggage handlers

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Introduction

Part of the Copenhagen Airport Cohort

- Aim to describe and analyze causes of musculoskeletal injuries in airport baggage handlers in Copenhagen Airport
- Cohort of 3396 present and previous baggage handlers



Real life baggage handlers





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Real life baggage handlers





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Real life baggage handlers





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Background

- High prevalence of musculoskeletal complaints in baggage handlers. (Undeutsch, 1982; Stålhammer, 1986; Bern, 2013)
- The job as a baggage handler is characterized by:
 - Heavy lifting and non neutral working positions are common.
 - Asymmetrical lifting

(Brauer, 2013; Stålhammer, 1986; Riley, 2009; Tapley, 2005)



Background

- Heavy lifting and lifting in awkward positions is known to increase the load on the spine. (Stålhammer, 1986; Gallagher, 2001)
- The increased spinal load is a known riskfactor for back pain. (Coenen et al, 2013 & 2014; Waters et al, 2014)





Purposes

- To develop a generically useful tool to examine specific lumbar compression in a valid manner.
- To investigate the spinal loading in common work tasks for baggage handlers.



Methods

 Wilke et al. published estimates of intra-discal pressures during various dayly activities

(Wilke et al 1999 & 2001)

 A pressure gauge was inserted in the L4/L5 disc and data was recorded different activities





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Methods

- AnyBody I⁻ dynamics-
- Modificatic repository
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- Compress the L5
- Muscle act
 - 3rd or
 - Min/m



















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Methods

Intra-discal pressure estimates were converted to force using:

$$F = PAC_{corr}$$

 Where P is the estimated pressure, A is the area of the disc (1800 mm²), and C_{corr} is a correction constant of 0.77 (Dreischarf et al, 2013)





Min/max criterion

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Position/Estimate	Wilke in vivo (N)	3 rd order polynomial (N)	Difference (N / %)	Min/Max- criterion (N)	Difference (N / %)
Lying supine	139	110	-29 / -21	138	-1 / 0
Sitting relaxed	457	279	-178 / -39	290	-167 / -37
Standing	693	522	-171/ -25	548	-145 / -21
Sitting straight	610	417	-193/ -32	424	-1867 30
Standing flexed (60°)	1525	1520	-5 / 0	1730	205 / 13
Lift close to body	1525	1302	-223 / -15	1553	28 / 2
Max flexed	2218	1661	-558 / -25	2375	157 / 7
Lift stretched arms	2495	2208	-287 / -11	2581	86 / 3
Lift flexed back (60°)	3188	3173	-15 / -1	3350	162 / 5



Discussion

- High agreement between intra-discal pressure and modeled compression force with min/max muscle recruitment.
- Good trend agreement regardless of muscle recruitment criterion. (r = 0.995 resp. 0.993)
- Agreement improves when forces increase



Discussion – strength & limitations

- Intra-discal pressure during dynamic movements model calculated load in one timepoint.
- The positions of the model were not exactly similar to the in vivo estimates.
- Segment properties of the model were based on antropometric fractions rather that data from the subject.
- Comparison with in vivo measurements.



Conclusion

- Model shows high agreement with in vivo intra-discal pressure
- The model responds adequately to changes in positions
- Assumptions in the model can question the validity



AIM

• We wanted to investigate the spinal loading in common work tasks for baggage handlers under dynamic consitions.



Material

- One professional baggage handler (male, 48 years, 1.81 m., 87 kg, 17 years seniority.)
- Stooped and kneeling baggage handling
- 20 kg, 15 kg and 10 kg suitcases were recorded





Methods

- A custom built motion capture system
- Eight synchronized highspeed HD cameras, sampling at 75 Hz
- Two (AMTI OR6-7) force platforms in the stooped task
- Four force platforms in the kneeling task
- Full body marker setup consisting of 38 markers
 + three suitcase markers





Musculoskeletal models

- Inverse dynamics based models in AnyBody Modeling System v. 5.3
- Based on the *GaitFullBody* model in the AnyBody Managed Model Repository (AMMR) v. 1.5.
- Kinematic data was used to drive the model.
- Spine model was included



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Data output

- Compression force
- Shear force
- Rotator moment









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Task	Weight (Kg)	Compression (N) (peak/median/IQR)	Shear (N) (peak/median /IQR)	Rotator moment (Nm) (peak/median/ IQR)
Kneeling	20	6561/3862/1860	200/123/66	69/9/79
Stooped	20	11542/7285/3712	551/337/177	165/94/60
Kneeling	15	7591/3376/1748	201/41/72	66/-2/75
Stooped	15	13410/4279/1886	578/127/84	152/82/74
Kneeling	10	6938/3012/1223	203/126/171	47/-22/66
Stooped	10	16636/7677/1215	345/106/148	173/81/31



Discussion

- Highest compression force in the stooped 10 kg task.
- The compression force exceeded the recommendations suggested by NIOSH (3400 N) in all tasks.
- Above to the average maximum compression tolerance cadaver studies (6180 N). (Jäger et al, 2001)
- Small shear forces. 1000 N for single cycles (<100) and 700 N for continuos work (Gallagher & Marras, 2012)



Discussion - strengths & limitations

- One subject and one trial
- Model allows analysis of 3D asymmetrical lifting
- Generically useful model to investigate lifting
- High level of detail



Perspectives

- The models from the present study can be used on any lifting situation
- Optimization of lifting tasks
- Data can be used to prioritize job rotations
- The use of data in epidemiologic study



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Time for questions:

