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## Theoretical discrimination index of postural instability in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

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**Objective:** To assess the usefulness of a theoretical postural instability discrimination index (PIth) in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

**Methods:** Prospective regression analyzes were performed to identify the biomechanical determinants of postural instability unrelated to lower limb motor deficits from gait initiation factors. PIth was constructed using a logit function of biomechanical determinants. Discriminatory performance and performance differences were tested.

**Results:** Backward displacement of the pression center (APAamplitude) and active vertical braking of the mass center (Braking-index) were the biomechanical determinants of postural instability. PIth =  $-0.13 \times APAamplitude - 0.12 \times Braking-index + 5.67$ , (P < 0.0001, RSquare = 0.6119). OR(APAamplitude) and OR(Braking-index) were 0.878 and 0.887, respectively, i.e., for a decrease of 10 mm in APAamplitude or 10% in Braking-index, the postural instability risk was 11.391 or 11.274 times higher, respectively.

PIth had the highest discriminatory performance (AUC 0.953) with a decision threshold value  $\geq$  0.587, a sensitivity of 90.91%, and a specificity of 83.87%, significantly increasing the sensitivity by 11.11%.

**Conclusion:** PIth, as objective clinical integrator of gait initiation biomechanical processes significantly involved in dynamic postural control, was a reliable and performing discrimination index of postural instability with a significant increased sensitivity, and may be useful for a personalized approach to postural instability in ALS.

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