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Effects of Aromatherapy Massage on Pain, Physical Function, Sleep Disturbance and Depression in Elderly Women with Osteoarthritis*

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Abstract

Purpose: This study was to investigate the effects of aromatherapy massage on pain, physical function, sleep disturbance and depression in elderly women with osteoarthritis. **Method:** The study design was a quasi-experiment design with a non-equivalent control group pre and post-test. The study pool included elderly female patients older than 65years old suffering from osteoarthritis. **Results:** Pain in the experimental group after the aromatherapy massage was significantly decreased than that in the control group. The physical disability in the experimental group after the aromatherapy massage was significantly decreased than that in the control group. The sleep disturbance in the experimental group after the aromatherapy massage was significantly decreased than that in the control group. The depression in the experimental group after the aromatherapy massage

was significantly decreased than that in the control group. **Conclusion:** Aromatherapy may be adopted as an effective nursing intervention for osteoarthritis.

Key words : Osteoarthritis, Pain, Depression

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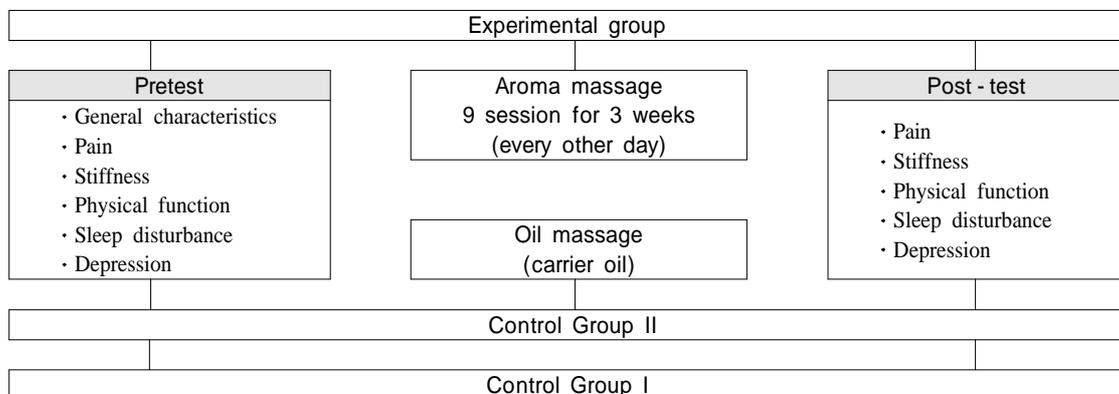
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<Figure 1> Research design

<Table 1> General characteristics of the subjects

Characteristics	Group	Mean ± SD	F	p
Age(years)	Aroma	73.9 ± 4.90	.65	.526
	Oil	75.4 ± 4.08		
	Control	75.5 ± 5.56		
Height(cm)	Aroma	147.3 ± 5.24	3.07	.054
	Oil	147.1 ± 5.66		
	Control	151.3 ± 7.29		
Body weight(kg)	Aroma	49.3 ± 6.24	.45	.641
	Oil	49.9 ± 6.44		
	Control	52.1 ± 14.8		
Duration of disease	Aroma	156.9 ±135.0	.07	.936
	Oil	145.2 ± 98.8		
	Control	156.9 ±116.0		
Number of family members	Aroma	1.80± 1.15	.41	.666
	Oil	1.65± .93		
	Control	1.95± 1.05		

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<Table 2> General characteristics of the subjects

Characteristics		Aroma f(%)	Oil f(%)	Control f(%)	Total f(%)	χ^2	p
Occupation	Agriculture	16(80)	12(60)	13(65)	41(68)	1.43	.490
	None	4(20)	8(40)	7(35)	18(30)		
Religion	Yes	9(45)	11(55)	12(60)	32(53)	.94	.626
	No	11(55)	9(45)	8(40)	28(47)		
Education	No	17(85)	17(85)	18(90)	52(87)	.32	.851
	Primary school	3(15)	3(15)	2(10)	8(13)		
Marital status	Married	7(35)	6(30)	8(40)	21(35)	.44	.803
	Unmarried	13(65)	14(70)	12(60)	39(65)		
Physical exercise	Yes	6(30)	2(10)	4(20)	12(20)	2.50	.287
	No	14(70)	18(90)	16(80)	48(80)		
Sleep (hours/day)	Under 6	7(35)	11(55)	10(50)	28(47)	1.74	.419
	Above 7	13(65)	9(45)	10(50)	32(53)		
Smoking	Yes	1(5)	3(15)	3(15)	7(12)	1.29	.524
	No	19(95)	17(85)	17(85)	53(88)		
Drinking [†] (timesr/week)	Never	17(85)	13(65)	14(70)	44(73)	2.22	.330
	Under 1/wk	3(15)	7(35)	6(30)	16(27)		

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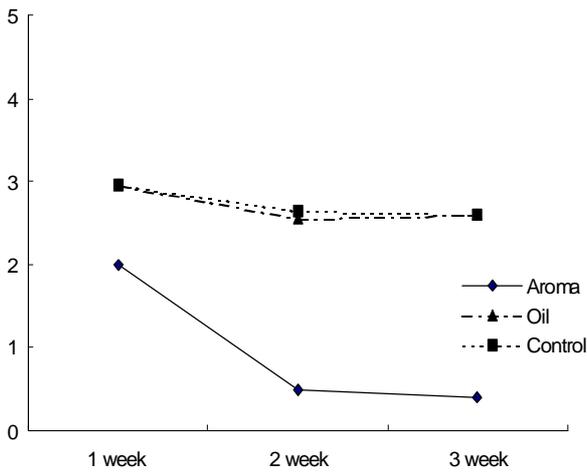
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<Figure 2> Effect of the intervention on the frequency of analgesics used weekly

<Table 3> Differences in pain before and after the intervention

Variables	Group	Pretest	Post - test	Difference	F	p
		Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD		
Pain	Aroma	13.2±2.08	4.95±2.14	8.20±2.07 ^a	102.5	.001
	Oil	12.6±3.49	10.7 ±3.31	1.90±1.58 ^b		
	Control	12.0±2.52	9.80±2.48	2.15±0.81 ^b		
Frequency of analgesics in 3 weeks	Aroma		2.75±1.92 ^a		65.7	.001
	Oil		8.10±1.86 ^b			
	Control		8.20±1.32 ^b			

Duncon Post hoc ; a, b

<Table 4> Differences in physical function, sleep disturbance and depression before and after the intervention

Variables	Group	Pretest	Post - test	Difference	F	p
		Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD		
Physical function	Aroma	40.9±6.44	18.6±6.16	22.05±4.55 ^a	135.9	.001
	Oil	40.7±7.62	34.9±6.28	5.75±3.92 ^b		
	Control	36.4±8.42	32.6±8.08	3.80±2.88 ^b		
Sleep disturbance	Aroma	35.7±3.75	23.3±2.40	12.45±2.14 ^a	43.8	.001
	Oil	34.5±5.31	32.9±4.75	1.50±3.91 ^b		
	Control	34.1±7.06	33.2±5.97	0.85±4.83 ^b		
Depression	Aroma	24.7±5.66	16.1±2.79	8.60±4.59 ^a	19.7	.001
	Oil	23.8±5.54	23.0±3.60	0.75±4.22 ^b		
	Control	23.1±6.25	21.9±4.12	1.10±4.58 ^b		

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