

Tables and Figures

Table 1 Neuromuscular disorders (NMD) of children completing study

	NMD (n=30)	
	Unsupported (22)	NIV(8)
Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)	13	4
Congenital muscular dystrophy	2	0
Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA2/3)	2	2
Congenital myopathy	3	2
Myasthenia gravis	1	0
Myotonic dystrophy	1	0

Table 2 Characteristics of participants in children with neuromuscular disease (NMD) and controls

Parameter	NMD	Controls
Age mean (\pm SD) years	11.5 (\pm 3)	12 (\pm 2)
Gender (M/F)	21/9	18/12
Weight median(range) (kg)	39 (19.8 to 60)	43(24 to 54)
Height median(range) (cm)	140.3 (114 to 166)	143 (123 to 166)
BMI median (range) (Kg/m ²)	20.8(10 to 28)	17.6(15.1 to 19)

Table 3 Pulmonary Function Tests

NMD (n=30)	Controls	P Value*
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	Unsupported (n=22)	NIV (n=8)	All	(n=30)	
Age mean year (\pm SD)	11.5 (\pm 2.8)	14 (\pm 2.1)	12.3 (\pm 3.0)	12 (\pm 2)	NS
Gender (M/F)	16/6	6/2	21/9	17/13	NS
BMI kg/m ² median(range)	19.9 (11 to 28)	21.7 (10 to 25)	20.8 (10 to 28)	17.6 (15.1 to 19)	0.024
FEV ₁ (si)mean % (\pm SD)	83 (\pm 21.9)	72 (\pm 17.9)	78 (\pm 21.9)	95 (\pm 5.2)	<0.001
FVC (si) mean% (\pm SD)	78 (\pm 20.5)	70 (\pm 24.5)	75 (\pm 20.5)	98 (\pm 4.8)	<0.0001
FEV ₁ (su)%	83 (\pm 24.1)	53 (\pm 22.2)	72 (\pm 22.1)	94 (\pm 6)	<0.0001
FVC(su)% mean (SD)	70 (\pm 22)	58 (\pm 18.8)	66 (\pm 21)	94(\pm 4)	<0.0001
FEV ₁ /FVC% mean (SD)	86 (\pm 7)	85 (\pm 7)	86 (\pm 7)	95	0.003
% Δ FVC(si- su) mean(SD)	7 (\pm 8)	12 (\pm 6)	9 (\pm 11)	4 (\pm 3)	0.03
% diff Δ FVC(si-su)	8.9	17	12	4	0.03
PSQ-22 Median (range)	0.28 (0.12 to 0.5)	0.31 (0.2 to 0.5)	0.30 (0.12 to 0.5)	0.25	NS
mESS median(range)	5 (0 to 6)	9 (0 to 7)	7 (0 to 6)	5	NS

Comparison was made using paired *t* tests between children with NMD (all) and controls

Abbreviations NMD = Neuromuscular disorders, NIV= Nocturnal non-invasive ventilation, FEV₁(si) = Forced expiratory volume 1 sec in sitting position, FVC(si)= Forced vital capacity in sitting position, FVC(su)= Forced vital capacity in supine position, Δ FVC(si-su)= Absolute change change in spirometry, PSQ-22= Pediatric sleep questionnaire, % diff Δ FVC=% change mESS= Modified Epworth sleepiness scale

Table 4 Polysomnography data from children with neuromuscular disease

Polysomnography data (n=30)			
	All NMD (n=30)	SB (n=22)	NIV (n=8)
TST min mean(\pm SD)	351(\pm 8.8)	371(\pm 10.2)	323(\pm 8.6)
Non-REM% mean(\pm SD)	77(\pm 15)	76(\pm 14)	81(\pm 8.8)
REM% mean(\pm SD)	23(\pm 7.8)	24(\pm 12)	19(\pm 10)
Arousal index /hr (\pm SD)	7.6(\pm 11)	5.4(\pm 5)	10.2(\pm 10.2)
Baseline saturation(\pm SD)	96 (\pm 5)	98(\pm 4)	94(\pm 4)
Minimum mean (\pm SD)saturation	88.4 (\pm 4.2)	91(\pm 3.9)	87(\pm 2.2)
AHI (total)/hr mean(\pm SD)	6.9(\pm 5.9)	7.4(\pm 5.8)	11.4(\pm 6.0)
OAHI mean(\pm SD)	5.2(\pm 4.0)	4.2(\pm 3.9)	8.9(\pm 6.5)
Central AHI mean(\pm SD)	3.3(\pm 2.2)	3.2(\pm 1.2)	2.5(\pm 3.6)
REM AHI/hr mean(\pm SD)	14.1(\pm 5.3)	14.8(\pm 10.2)	18.3(\pm 7.0)
CO ₂ baseline mean (\pm SD)	44 (\pm 3.5)	42(\pm 4.7)	43(\pm 2.1)
CO ₂ REM mean (\pm SD)	50(\pm 4.4)	47(\pm 4.7)	52 (\pm 1.3)
CO ₂ rise mean (non-REM to REM mmHg)	6(\pm 2.7)	5(\pm 1.8)	9(\pm 2.0)

Results presented as mean (\pm SD) unless otherwise stated

TST =total sleep time, SWS= Slow wave sleep,AHI=Apnoea hypopnea index,OAHI=obstructive apnoea hypopnea index

SB- spontaneously breathing, NIV= non-invasive ventilation

Figure 1 FVC% in supine spirometry vs TcCO₂ from baseline to REM sleep

