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Background: Familial Mediterranean fever (FMF) is an auto-inflammatory disease commonly affects people from Mediterranean basin. It is characterized by acute self-limiting inflammatory attacks of serous membranes. The disease is commonly associated with musculoskeletal symptoms of lower extremities such as arthritis, exercise induced leg pain, as well as protracted febrile myalgia. The term of anaerobic exercise capacity describes the ability of performing quick and explosive tasks such as stair climbing and brisk walking. It is well known that anaerobic exercise capacity is closely related to functional status.

**Objectives:** To assess the relationship between anaerobic exercise capacity and lower extremity functionality in patients with FMF.

Methods: Twenty-eight FMF patients (57% female) were included in the study. Median age was 33.5 (IQR 25/75: 23.3/44.3) years, median body mass index was 24.3 (IQR 25/75: 21.0/27.8) kg/m² median time since symptom onset was 20.0 (IQR 25/75: 11.5/24.5) years, median time since diagnosis was 10.0 (IQR 25/75: 3.75/17.5) years, and median colchicine dosage was 1.5 (IQR 25/75: 1.0/1.5) mg/day. Anaerobic exercise capacity was measured with Wingate Anaerobic Test by using a cycle ergometer. Peak power (watt/kg) and average power (watt/kg) were calculated. Stair climbing, standing from a chair, and walking were assessed by using 9-step stair climb test, 10-repetition chair stand test, and 6-minute walking distance, respectively. Spearman's rank-order correlation test was used to analyse the relationships between anaerobic exercise capacity and lower extremity functional tests.

**Results:** The results of the anaerobic exercise capacity and lower extremity functional test scores of patients with FMF were summarized in table 1. Moderate relationships were found between both peak and average anaerobic exercise capacities and lower extremity functional status tests (Table 1, p<0.05). Six-minute walking distance has the strongest association with both peak (rho: .672, p<0.001) and average (rho: .689, p<0.001) anaerobic exercise capacity.

Table 1. Anaerobic exercise capacity scores and lower extremity functionality as well as the relationships between anaerobic capacity and functional tests in patient with familial Mediterranean fever.

Characteristics	Median (IQR 25/75) (n:28)	The correlation results, rho, p values	
		Peak Power (watt/kg)	Average Power (watt/kg)
9-step stair climb test (seconds)	5.7 (5.1/6.4)	590*	648*
10-repetition chair stand test (seconds)	16.6 (13.7/18.7)	p:0.001 493* p:0.008	p: 0.001 476* p:0.010
6-minute walking distance (meters)	594.1 (551.1/643.3)	.672* p<0.001	.689* p<0.001
Peak power (watt/kg) Average power (watt/kg)	5.8 (4.1/7.9) 4.6 (3.1/5.9)	p 10.001	p 101001

IQR 25/75: Interquartile range between 25th and 75th percentiles; kg: kilograms, \*Spearman's rank-order correlation test, p<0.05.

**Conclusion:** According to our results, anaerobic exercise capacity is related to lower extremity functional status in patients with FMF. Improving anaerobic capacity by using optimal rehabilitation programs including speed and agility exercises may help to improve anaerobic exercise capacity, and consequently lower extremity functionality in those patients.

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## FUNCTIONAL STATUS ASSESSMENT THROUGH SELF-REPORTED QUESTIONNAIRES IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES

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Background: Health and disease status assessment is of paramount importance in rheumatic diseases. Self-report functional status questionnaires provide a cost and time-efficient means of systematic evaluation for physicians. The Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ) is one of the most utilized comprehensive measures of outcome, and is divided in 8 sections of activity domains, namely, dressing, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip and outside activities. Other disease-specific instruments such as the Western Ontario and McMaster Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC) share most of the functional domains

evaluated by HAQ, whereas Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) and WOMAC share domains mostly regarding pain and stiffness. Here, we present the results of the application of self-administered surveys in a third-level reference center in Mexico.

**Objectives:** Determine the functional status and most affected activity domains of patients with rheumatic diseases measured by generic (HAQ) and disease-specific (WOMAC and BASDAI) questionnaires in a reference center of northeastern Mexico.

Methods: We carried out a cross-sectional study in Rheumatology consultation in University Hospital "Dr. José Eleuterio González" in Monterrey, Mexico from August 2019 to December 2020. Nursery personnel systematically applied self-reported questionnaires HAQ, WOMAC and BASDAI in patients during their medical follow-up. Patient-reported outcomes were categorized by HAQ activity domains and/or pain and stiffness symptoms in WOMAC and BASDAI. Demographical characteristics were retrieved as well.

**Results:** Demographic characteristics are shown in Table 1. HAQ showed a higher prevalence of difficulty performing daily activities in the Grip domain. WOMAC question regarding heavy domestic duties had the higher degree of difficulty, as well as pain ascending stairs and stiffness after awakening. Fatigue was the most severe symptom in BASDAI, followed by pain in areas tender to touch and pressure and stiffness after awakening.

Conclusion: Disease activity and functional status impact is present on a mild-moderate level in self-reported questionnaires in the Rheumatology consultation of a northeastern center of reference in Mexico. The most affected domain in patients with rheumatic diseases is Grip domain, the most affected daily activities to perform are heavy domestic duties and the most prevalent symptoms are pain ascending stairs and stiffness after awakening as measured by HAQ, WOMAC and BASDAI, respectively.

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Table 1. Clinical and demographic characteristics of self-reported questionnaires HAQ, WOMAC and BASDAI.

HAQ	n = 293
Female, n (%) Age in years, mean (SD) Mean score WOMAC Female, n (%) Age in years, mean (SD) Mean score BASDAI Male, n (%)	53.96 (95.6%) 51.96 (14.2) 0.8 n = 59 56 (94.9%) 61.64 (9.19) 35.6% n = 8 5 (62.5%)
Age in years, mean (SD) Mean score	42.12 (14.77) 4.98

 $HAQ, Health Assessment \ Questionnaire; WOMAC, Western \ Ontario \ and \ McMaster \ Osteoarthritis \ Index; \ BASDAI, \ Bath \ Ankylosing \ Spondylitis \ Disease \ Activity \ Index; \ SD, \ standard \ deviation.$ 



Figure 1. HAQ, WOMAC and BASDAI questions arranged by HAQ activity domains and/or symptoms showing the prevalence of difficulty degree per activity.

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INFLUENCE OF THE TYPE OF PAIN SYNDROME ON THE SEVERITY OF ANXIETY-DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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