

SUPPLEMENTARY DIGITAL MATERIAL 6

Supplementary Table X.—Measurement properties of the included studies in other NMDs: validity.

Articles	Subtype NMD	Walking test	Type of variables studied	Type of validity	Compared to	Results (95% CI)	Validity					
							COSMIN	Criterion quality and/or criteria rating	Hypotheses testing for construct validity			
Gidaro <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷¹	FSH and LGMD2	NA	(i) Velocity distance walked per hour (ii) 95th centile length (iii) 95th centile velocity	Median	Construct	Lower limb MMT	(i) $\rho=0.842$; $P<0.05$ $\rho=0.333$; $P>0.05$ $\rho=0.915$; $P<0.05$ $\rho=0.866$; $P<0.05$	(ii) (iii) (iv)	Very good	NA	+	
Iosa <i>et al.</i> , 2007 ⁶⁷	FSHD	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	velocity		Construct	FCS	$\rho = -0.51$, $P=0.09$		Very good	NA	+	
Aprile <i>et al.</i> , 2013 ²⁴		NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1) Velocity Step length (3)Stride width	(2)	Construct	(i)CSS (ii)10MWT time (iii)2MWD	(1) (i) $\rho = 0.7$, $P<0.002$ (ii) $\rho = 0.8$, $P<0.0003$ (iii) $\rho=0.7$ $P<0.01$ (2)(i) $\rho=0.7$ $P<0.003$ (ii) $\rho=0.9$ $P<0.00001$ (iii) $\rho=0.6$ $P<0.002$ (3) (i) $\rho = 0.6$, $P< 0.002$ (ii) $\rho = 0.7$, $P<0.005$ (iii) $\rho = 0.7$, $P<0.005$		Very good	NA	NA	+
Eichinger <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁶⁸		6MWT	6MWD		Construct	(i) FCS (ii) MMT LEXT	(i) $\rho=-0.57$; $p <0.0001$ (ii) $\rho=0.79$; $P <0.0001$		Very good	NA	+	
Huisenga <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁶⁹		iTUG	(1) velocity double support	(2)	Construct	(i) FCS (ii) MMT LEXT	(1) (i) $\rho=-0.65$ ($p=0.005$) (ii) $\rho=0.52$ ($p=0.03$)	adequate	NA	NA	+	
Statland <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷⁰			TUG duration, cadence, DS		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Martino <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷²	HSP	15x7 m walkway (CS)	Velocity		Construct	SPRS	$\rho= 0.38$ ($P=0.09$)		Very good	NA	?	
Claeys <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁴	LOPD	6MWT, 10MWT and TUG	6MWD, 10MWT and TUG times		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	

Vanherpe et al., 2020⁷³		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jacques et al. 2018⁷⁵	Muscular Dystrophies	10MWT (CS)	Velocity	Construct	knee extension isometric maximal voluntary contraction	$\rho = 0.484, P=0.030$	Very good	NA	?
Prahm et al., 2014⁷⁶	NMD	6MWT	6MWD	Construct	HR	$\rho = 0.731 [0.573-0.886], P<0.001$	Very good	NA	+
Andersen et al., 2016⁴⁵		2MWT and 6MWT	2MWT velocity	Criterion	6MWT velocity	$\rho = 0.99, p=0.001$	Very good	+	+
Knak et al., 2017⁷⁷		(i)2MWT and (ii)6MWT	2MWD and 6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Takeuchi et al., 2008⁷⁹	SBMA	6MWT	6MWD	Construct	(i)Limb Norris Score (ii)Norris Bulbar score (iii) 0.557; P <0.001 and ALSFRS-R	(i) $\rho=0.632; P <0.001$ (ii) $\rho=0.510; P <0.002$ (iii) $\rho=0.557; P <0.001$	Very good	NA	+
Montes et al., 2010⁸⁸	SMA	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1) Velocity (2) double support (3) support base	Construct	6MWD	1) first $\rho= 0.966 P<0.01$; last $\rho= 0.982 P<0.01$ 2) first $\rho= -0.357 p=0.145$; last $\rho= -0.293 p=0.238$ 3) first $\rho= -0.602 p=0.008$; last $\rho= -0.631 p=0.005$	Very good	NA	+
Elsheikh et al., 2020⁸⁵		6MWT	6MWD	(i) Content construct	Lower limbs maximal voluntary isometric contraction	(i) 97% of participants realized the 6MWT (i) $\rho=0.83 (P<0.0001)$	Very good	NA	+
Stolte et al., 2020⁸⁰		6MWD		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rodriguez-Torres et al., 2020⁸⁴		6MWD		Construct	6MWD	Model with hip extensors and abductors, knee flexors, ankle dorsiflexors and plantar flexors strength scores explained 67% of the variability observed in 6MWT (beta = 0.670, P=0.003), correlation between strength of hip abductors and knee flexors strength and 6MWD ($\rho = 0.62, P=0.001$)	Very good	NA	+

Montes et al., 2014⁸⁷	6MWD	Construct	Total leg strength measured by MMT	$\rho=0.733; p=0.016$	Very good	NA	+	
Dunaway et al., 2016⁸³	6MWD	(1)Convergent (2) Discriminative validity of 6MWT between types 3a and 3b (3)Criterion	(1) MMT lower limbs (2) 6MWT between types 3a and 3b disease severity was established (F=5.707; P=0.024)	(1) $\rho=0.676$ p=0.002 (2) (3) $\rho=0.558$; P=0.038	Very good	-	+	
Montes et al., 2017⁸⁹	10MWT	(i) velocity (ii) stride length (iii) initial double support assesed by instrumented footwear (SoleSound)	(1) criterion validity	(i)velocity, (ii)stride length and (iii)initial double support assessed with GaitRite	(1) (i) RMSE (SD) = 1.74 (0.83) and $\rho=1.00$ (ii) RMSE (SD) = 1,83 (0,80) and $\rho=0.99$ (iii) RMSE (SD) = 0.015 (0.004) and $\rho=0.94$	Very good	+	NA
Dunaway et al., 2014⁸⁶	TUG	TUG time	Convergent	(i) 10MWT (ii) 6MWT (iii)HFMSE (iv)MMT lower limbs	(i) $\rho=0.691$; p=0.009 (ii) $\rho=-0.514$;p=0.050 (iii) $\rho=-0.717$; $p=0.003$ (iv) $\rho=0.783$; p=0.001	Very good	NA	+
Bartels et al., 2019⁸²	ESWT	ESWT time	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	?
Bartels et al., 2020⁸¹		ESWT time	Convergent validity	MRC knee flexion	MRC knee flexion= - 8.9 after ESWT(P=0.011)	Very good	NA	?
Montano et al., 2022⁷⁸ , Primary mitochondrial myopathy	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Supplementary Table XI.—Measurement properties of the included studies in other NMDs: reliability.

Articles	Subtype of NMD	Walking test	Type of variables studied	Design	Reliability		COSMIN	Quality criteria rating
Gidaro <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷¹	FSH and LGMD2	NA	(i) Median Velocity (ii) distance walked per hour (iii) 95th centile length (iv) 95th centile velocity	Inter-session (1 month)	ICC > 0.9 for all variables	for all adequate	+	
Iosa <i>et al.</i> , 2007 ⁶⁷	FSHD	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aprile <i>et al.</i> , 2013 ²⁴		NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1)Velocity (2) Step length (3)Stride width	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Eichinger <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁶⁸	6MWT		6MWD	Test-retest	ICC= 0.99 (lower confidence limit 0.98)	adequate	+	
Huisingga <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁶⁹	iTUG		(1) velocity (2) double support	Test-retest	(1) ICC=0.99 ICC=0.99	(2) very good	+	
Statland <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷⁰	iTUG		TUG duration, cadence, DS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Martino <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷²	HSP	15x7 m walkway (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Claeys <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁴	LOPD	6MWT, 10MWT and TUG	6MWD, 10MWT and TUG	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vanherpe <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁷³		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jacques <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁷⁵	Muscular Dystrophies	10MWT (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prahm <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁷⁶	NMD	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Andersen <i>et al.</i> , 2016 ⁴⁵		2MWT and 6MWT	2MWT velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Knak <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁷⁷		(i)2MWT and (ii)6MWT	2MWD and 6MWD	Test-retest (1- 2 weeks)	ICC=0.99, P<0.001, 95% CI [0.98–1.00] for 2MWT and 6MWT	very good	+	
Takeuchi <i>et al.</i> , 2008 ⁷⁹	SBMA	6MWT	6MWD	Test-retest (1 month)	ICC= 0.982 (P<0.001)	adequate	+	

Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2010 ⁸⁸	SMA	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1) Velocity (2) double support (3) support base	NA	NA	NA	NA
Elsheikh <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁵	6MWT	6MWD	Test-retest (6 weeks apart)	ICC=0.85	adequate	+	
Stolte <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁰		6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Rodriguez-Torres <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁴		6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁸⁷		6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Dunaway <i>et al.</i> , 2016 ⁸³		6MWD	Test-retest (4 weeks apart)	ICC: 0.992; 95% CI, 0.979–0.997	very good	+	
Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁸⁹	10MWT	(i) velocity (ii) stride length (iii) initial double support assesed by instrumented footwear (SoleSound)	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Dunaway <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁸⁶	TUG	TUG time	Test-retest (4 weeks apart)	ICC=0.948 [0.838–0.985]	95%CI	very good	+
Bartels <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁸²	ESWT	ESWT time	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Bartels <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸¹		ESWT time	Test-retest (4 weeks apart)	ICC=0.91 [0.77–0.97]	95%CI	very good	+
Montano <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁸	Primary mitochondrial myopathy	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Supplementary Table XII.—Measurement properties of the included studies in other NMDs: measurement error.

Articles	Subtype of NMD	Walking test	Type of variables studied	Measurement error		
				Results (95% CI)	COSMIN	Quality criteria rating
Gidaro <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷¹	FSH and LGMD2	NA	(i) Median Velocity (ii) distance walked per hour (iii) 95th centile length (iv) 95th centile velocity	NA	NA	NA
Iosa <i>et al.</i> , 2007 ⁶⁷	FSHD	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	velocity	NA	NA	NA
Aprile <i>et al.</i> , 2013 ²⁴		NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1)Velocity (2) Step length (3)Stride width	NA	NA	NA
Eichinger <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁶⁸		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Huisingga <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁶⁹		iTUG	(1) velocity (2) double support	NA	NA	NA
Statland <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷⁰			TUG duration, cadence, DS	NA	NA	NA
Martino <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷²	HSP	15x7 m walkway (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA
Claeys <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁴	LOPD	6MWT, 10MWT and TUG	6MWD, 10MWT and TUG times	NA	NA	NA
Vanherpe <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁷³		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Jacques <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁷⁵	Muscular Dystrophies	10MWT (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA
Prahm <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁷⁶	NMD	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Andersen <i>et al.</i> , 2016 ⁴⁵		2MWT and 6MWT	2MWT velocity	NA	NA	NA
Knak <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁷⁷		(i)2MWT and (ii)6MWT	2MWD and 6MWD	(i) SEM= 4.9 m (3.4%); MDD95= 13.7 (9.3%); (ii) SEM=14.0 m (3.4%) MDD95= 38.8 m (9.3%); LoA 95% CI (i) -13.9 to +22.5 m (ii) – 40.8 to+63.3 m	very good	?

Takeuchi <i>et al.</i> , 2008 ⁷⁹	SBMA	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2010 ⁸⁸	SMA	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1) Velocity (2) double support (3) support base	NA	NA	NA
Elsheikh <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁵		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Stolte <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁰			6MWD	SEM=55.5m	very good	?
Rodriguez-Torres <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸⁴			6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁸⁷			6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Dunaway <i>et al.</i> , 2016 ⁸³			6MWD	NA	NA	NA
Montes <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁸⁹		10MWT	(i) velocity (ii) stride length (iii) initial double support assessed by instrumented footwear (SoleSound)	NA	NA	NA
Dunaway <i>et al.</i> , 2014 ⁸⁶		TUG	TUG time	NA	NA	NA
Bartels <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁸²		ESWT	ESWT time	NA	NA	NA
Bartels <i>et al.</i> , 2020 ⁸¹			ESWT time	NA	NA	NA
Montano <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁸	Primary mitochondrial myopathy	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA

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Supplementary Table XIII.—Measurement properties of the included studies in other NMDs: responsiveness and feasibility.

Articles	Subtype of NMD	Walking test	Type of variables studied	Responsiveness			Feasibility	
				Results (95% CI)	COSMIN	Quality criteria rating	Outcomes	Results
Gidaro <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷¹	FSH and LGMD2	NA	(i) Median Velocity (ii) baseline at 3 months distance walked = -2% per hour (iii) 95th centile length (iv) p=0.017 velocity	(i) change from baseline at 3 months = -2% p=0.02; (ii) SRM=0.904; (iii) SRM = 95th centile 1.254; P=0.025	Adequate	+	NA	NA
Iosa <i>et al.</i> , 2007 ⁶⁷	FSHD	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aprile <i>et al.</i> , 2013 ²⁴		NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1)Velocity (2) Step length (3)Stride width	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Eichinger <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ⁶⁸		6MWT	6MWD	MDC95=34.3 m	very good	?	NA	NA
Huisingsa <i>et al.</i> , 2018 ⁶⁹		iTUG	(1) velocity (2) double support TUG duration, cadence, DS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Statland <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ⁷⁰			TUG duration -0.6% inadequate 90%CL [-5.2, 4.1], cadence -0.2% 90%CL[-2.0, 1.6] and Double support 1.3% 90%CL[-6.7, 9.1]	NA	?	NA	NA	NA
Martino <i>et al.</i> 2019 ⁷²	HSP	15x7 m walkway (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Claeys <i>et al.</i> , 2022 ⁷⁴	LOPD	6MWT, 10MWT and TUG	6MWD, 10MWT and TUG times	6WMT: decrease of 83,8m at 24 months of follow-up (P<0,003) no difference in 10MWT and TUG (P>0,005)	inadequate	?	NA	NA

Vanherpe et al., 2020⁷³	6MWT	6MWD	6MWD: significant decrease over years since onset (P=0.0002)	?	NA	NA	NA
Jacques et al. 2018⁷⁵	Muscular Dystrophies	10MWT (CS)	Velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prahm et al., 2014⁷⁶	NMD	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Andersen et al., 2016⁴⁵		2MWT and 6MWT	2MWT velocity	NA	NA	NA	NA
Knak et al., 2017⁷⁷		(i)2MWT and (ii)6MWT	2MWD and 6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Takeuchi et al., 2008⁷⁹	SBMA	6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Montes et al., 2010⁸⁸	SMA	NA (Motion analysis in CS)	(1) Velocity (2) double support (3) support base	NA	NA	NA	NA
Elsheikh et al., 2020⁸⁵		6MWT	6MWD	NA	NA	% of SMA people to be able to realize a 6MWT	97%
Stolte et al., 2020⁸⁰			6MWD	SMA type 2 very good MCID=71.7m, SMA type 3 MCID=47.8m	+	NA	NA
Rodriguez-Torres et al., 2020⁸⁴			6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Montes et al., 2014⁸⁷			6MWD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dunaway et al., 2016⁸³			6MWD	MDC90=24.0	very good	+	NA
Montes et al., 2017⁸⁹	10MWT	(i) velocity (ii) stride length (iii) initial double support assesed by instrumented footwear (SoleSound)	NA	NA	% of SMA people to be able to walk safely with SoleSound	100%	
Dunaway et al., 2014⁸⁶	TUG	TUG time	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Bartels et al., 2019⁸²	ESWT	ESWT time	NA	NA	NA	(i) Reduced time to limitation (i) 50% Yes (ii) 100% Yes (ii) Measurement completion (iii) 100% Yes (iv) 9.2 (7.4–10) min (iii) Comprehensibility (iv) and muscle fatigue 7(6-9) Acceptability		
Bartels et al., 2020⁸¹		ESWT time	NA	NA	NA	(1) Time to limitation in SMA (1) 861, 95% CI[218–1200] (2) people (Mdn (s)) (2) SMA SMA: 73.3% and Healthy controls: versus Healthy Controls drop 0% out (%)		
Montano et al., 2022⁷⁸	Primary mitochondrial myopathy	6MWT	6MWD	MCID = 33.3 m	very good	?	NA	NA

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