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	Cit/Met group (n=21)			Placebo group (n=22)			Group difference	
	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 26 (SD)	Change from baseline to week 13 (95% CI)	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 26 (SD)	Change from baseline to week 13 (95% CI)	Difference (95% CI)	p value
MFM D1 sub-score (%)	61.8 (11.0)	57.5 (14.0)	-4.1 (-8.8 to 0.6)	59.0 (10.8)	49.5 (14.1)	-9.6 (-14.2 to -5.1)	5.5 (-1.0 to 12.1)	0.10
MFM total score (%)	80.6 (6.5)	80.1 (6.2)	-0.2 (-2.6 to 2.3)	78.9 (5.6)	76.0 (7.2)	-3.2 (-5.6 to -0.8)	3.0 (-0.4 to 6.5)	0.08
MFM D2 sub-score (%)	96.2 (4.8)	97.0 (2.3)	1.1 (-0.3 to 2.5)	95.5 (4.2)	95.6 (3.7)	-0.2 (-1.5 to 1.2)	1.3 (-0.6 to 3.2)	0.18
MFM D3 sub-score (%)	90.9 (6.9)	93.0 (4.9)	2.4 (0.0 to 4.7)	89.2 (8.7)	91.3 (8.9)	1.9 (-0.4 to 4.1)	0.5 (-2.7 to 3.8)	0.76
Strength (N)	174.6 (66.6)	171.3 (72.7)	-3.2 (-17.3 to 10.9)	160.6 (52.1)	148.9 (61.5)	-11.8 (-25.5 to 2.0)	8.6 (-11.2 to 28.4)	0.39
6MWD (m)	373.0 (91.6)	339.0 (102.3)	-32.5 (-65.8 to 0.8)	358.5 (55.2)	330.8 (89.3)	-31.6 (-64.6 to 1.3)	-0.8 (-47.7 to 46.0)	0.97
10m Walk Test (s)	6.3 (1.8)	6.9 (2.2)	0.6 (-0.2 to 1.5)	6.6 (1.5)	7.9 (3.3)	1.4 (0.5 to 2.3)	-0.8 (-2.1 to 0.5)	0.21
Supine up (s)	9.0 (5.5)	11.7 (8.5)	2.5 (-1.4 to 6.5)	10.1 (6.4)	12.7 (10.6)	3.7 (-0.4 to 7.8)	-1.1 (-6.8 to 4.5)	0.69
Pre-specified subgroup analysis for the primary outcome (MFM D1 sub-score)								
6MWD at baseline ≥350m (n=28)	67.1 (9.2)	63.7 (9.8)	-2.9 (-7.1 to 1.4)	61.5 (12.1)	52.3 (12.7)	-9.7 (-13.6 to -5.8)	6.8 (1.0 to 12.6)	0.02
6MWD at baseline <350m (n=15)	53.2 (8.2)	47.4 (14.4)	-5.8 (-18.1 to 6.4)	53.5 (4.0)	43.6 (16.1)	-9.8 (-22.9 to 3.2)	4.0 (-13.9 to 21.8)	0.63
								<i>p</i> for interaction 0.65
Post-hoc subgroup analysis for the primary outcome (MFM D1 sub-score)								
Usage of corticosteroids (n=31)	59.9 (10.1)	53.4 (13.2)	-6.5 (-13.1 to 0.1)	59.6 (11.1)	50.9 (14.3)	-8.8 (-13.8 to -3.8)	2.3 (-6.0 to 10.6)	0.58
No usage of corticosteroids (n=13)	63.8 (12.1)	62.1 (14.0)	-1.3 (-9.1 to 6.5)	54.7 (9.7)	41.0 (11.2)	-15.3 (-30.0 to -0.6)	14.0 (-3.0 to 31.0)	0.09
								<i>p</i> for interaction 0.18

Abbreviations: Cit/Met= L-citrulline and metformin; SD= standard deviation; CI= confidence interval; MFM= motor function measure; D1= first dimension of the MFM, referring to the “transfer and standing posture”; D2= second dimension referring to the proximal and axial motor functions; D3= third dimension referring to the distal motor function; 6MWD= 6 minutes walking distance; QMT= quantitative muscle testing; MRI= magnetic resonance imaging; FF= fat fraction; T2= transverse relaxation times; m= meters; n= sample size

eTable 2. Overall Study Results Week 13 in the ITT Population

	Cit/Met group (n=23)			Placebo group (n=24)			Group difference	
	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 13 (SD)	Change from baseline to week 13 (95% CI)	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 13 (SD)	Change from baseline to week 13 (95% CI)	Difference (95% CI)	p value
MFM D1 sub-score (%)	60.1 (11.9)	59.2 (15.2)	-1.8 (-5.0 to 1.5)	58.0 (10.8)	54.6 (11.9)	-3.8 (-7.0 to -0.6)	2.1 (-2.5 to 6.6)	0.37
MFM total score (%)	79.4 (7.4)	80.9 (7.4)	1.1 (-1.0 to 3.2)	78.7 (5.5)	77.7 (6.6)	-1.1 (-3.1 to 0.9)	2.2 (-0.7 to 5.1)	0.14
MFM D2 sub-score (%)	95.7 (5.3)	96.2 (5.0)	0.4 (-1.5 to 2.3)	95.6 (4.0)	96.0 (4.6)	0.4 (-1.3 to 2.2)	-0.1 (-2.6 to 2.5)	0.96
MFM D3 sub-score (%)	89.9 (9.0)	94.2 (6.0)	3.8 (1.7 to 5.8)	89.7 (8.6)	90.3 (7.1)	0.8 (-1.1 to 2.8)	2.9 (0.1 to 5.8)	0.04
Strength (N)	164.8 (71.6)	177.7 (73.8)	8.8 (-2.0 to 19.7)	156.4 (51.8)	149.0 (51.4)	-9.4 (-20.1 to 1.3)	18.3 (3.0 to 33.5)	0.02
6MWD (m)	362.0 (94.7)	362.6 (91.6)	-4.0 (-22.5 to 14.5)	356.7 (55.3)	336.5 (74.0)	-19.2 (-37.3 to -1.2)	15.2 (-10.7 to 41.2)	0.24
10m Walk Test (s)	6.7 (2.2)	6.8 (1.9)	0.2 (-0.2 to 0.6)	6.8 (1.5)	7.1 (2.0)	0.4 (0.0 to 0.8)	-0.2 (-0.7 to 0.4)	0.48
Supine up (s)	10.1 (6.6)	10.7 (8.1)	1.00 (-2.0 to 4.0)	10.4 (6.2)	12.4 (10.0)	2.7 (-0.3 to 5.6)	-1.7 (-5.8 to 2.5)	0.43
Pre-specified subgroup analysis for the primary outcome (MFM D1 sub-score)								
6MWD at baseline ≥350m (n=29)	67.1 (9.2)	66.9 (12.9)	-0.0 (-4.0 to 4.0)	60.7 (12.1)	58.3 (11.9)	-3.2 (-6.9 to 0.5)	3.1 (-2.4 to 8.7)	0.25
6MWD at baseline <350m (n=18)	51.0 (8.6)	48.1 (11.2)	-3.6 (-10.1 to 2.8)	52.6 (4.5)	47.7 (8.9)	-4.6 (-11.5 to 2.3)	0.9 (-8.5 to 10.4)	0.83
<i>p</i> for interaction 0.58								
Post-hoc subgroup analysis for the primary outcome (MFM D1 sub-score)								
Usage of corticosteroids (n=33)	58.5 (10.8)	54.5 (13.1)	-4.1 (-8.0 to -0.1)	58.5 (11.1)	55.6 (12.1)	-3.4 (-6.5 to -0.3)	-0.7 (-5.7 to 4.4)	0.78
No usage of corticosteroids (n=14)	61.8 (13.4)	64.9 (16.3)	2.1 (-5.4 to 9.7)	54.70 (9.7)	47.9 (9.0)	-7.3 (-20.8 to 6.2)	9.5 (-6.4 to 25.4)	0.21
<i>p</i> for interaction 0.15								

Abbreviations: Cit/Met= L-citrulline and metformin; SD= standard deviation; CI= confidence interval; MFM= motor function measure; D1= first dimension of the MFM, referring to the “transfer and standing posture”; D2= second dimension referring to the proximal and axial motor functions; D3= third dimension referring to the distal motor function; 6MWD= 6 minutes walking distance; QMT= quantitative muscle testing; MRI= magnetic resonance imaging; FF= fat fraction; T2= transverse relaxation times; m= meters; n= sample size

eTable 3. Changes in Biomarkers Week 26 in the ITT Population

	Cit/Met group (n=23)			Placebo group (n=24)			Group difference	
	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 26 (SD)	Change from baseline (95% CI)	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 26 (SD)	Change from baseline(95% CI)	Difference (95% CI)	p value
S CK (U/l)	13574.1 (6946.3)	10399.4 (5363.0)	-2334.1 (-4867.7 to 199.6)	12443.4 (8976.2)	12640.0 (6876.6)	-356.5 (-2978.7 to 2265.6)	-1977.5 (-5622.6 to 1667.6)	0.28
S CK MB (µg/l)	332.9 (187.2)	265.6 (128.4)	-49.8 (-101.6 to 2.1)	304.5 (192.4)	310.5 (125.5)	-7.2 (-57.4 to 42.9)	-42.5 (-114.5 to 29.5)	0.24
S ASAT (U/l)	280.7 (140.4)	214.7 (98.5)	-64.3 (-105.5 to -23.2)	289.5 (147.1)	271.8 (102.7)	-15.8 (-57.0 to 25.3)	-48.5 (-106.8 to 9.8)	0.10
S ALAT (U/l)	377.7 (165.1)	311.1 (156.8)	-56.0 (-105.2 to -6.9)	402.8 (136.0)	382.7 (146.2)	-16.5 (-65.1 to 32.2)	-39.6 (-109.1 to 29.9)	0.26
S LDH (U/l)	1170.7 (423.2)	978.5 (404.3)	-145.0 (-272.6 to -17.5)	1090.3 (409.2)	1074.5 (312.2)	-38.1 (-164.8 to 88.6)	-106.9 (-286.1 to 72.2) -1.0	0.23
S GGT (U/l)	10.6 (2.7)	10.1 (3.2)	-0.5 (-1.6 to 0.6)	9.9 (2.7)	10.3 (2.7)	0.5 (-0.7 to 1.7)	(-2.6 to 0.6)	0.21
S Bilirubin (µmol/l)	7.5 (6.5)	6.0 (5.3)	-1.2 (-2.2 to -0.2)	4.8 (2.7)	4.2 (2.5)	-1.2 (-2.2 to -0.2)	0.0 (-1.4 to 1.5)	0.98
S alkaline Phosphatase (U/l)	100.3 (25.6)	91.2 (25.3)	-9.1 (-16.0 to -2.3)	101.4 (35.8)	99.8 (34.7)	-0.1 (-7.2 to 6.9)	-9.0 (-18.9 to 0.8)	0.07
S Creatinine (µmol/l)	15.0 (3.8)	16.2 (5.8)	0.9 (-0.8 to 2.6)	16.1 (4.5)	16.2 (4.3)	-0.0 (-1.7 to 1.6)	0.9 (-1.4 to 3.3)	0.43
U sum BCAA (mmol/mol)	24.8 (8.6)	23.1 (6.1)	-1.6 (-5.4 to 2.2)	24.7 (6.2)	25.0 (11.0)	0.3 (-3.4 to 4.0)	-1.9 (-7.2 to 3.4)	0.47
U sum EAA (mmol/mol)	331.0 (141.0)	294.7 (133.7)	-44.7 (-137.3 to 47.8)	354.3 (104.6)	385.0 (278.3)	38.9 (-51.7 to 129.5)	-83.7 (-213.4 to 46.1)	0.20
U sum NEAA (mmol/mol)	1105.7 (453.6)	866.6 (314.2)	-279.8 (-474.1 to -85.4)	1210.3 (369.9)	1127.2 (574.1)	-44.2 (-234.4 to 146.1)	-235.6 (-508.7 to 37.5)	0.09
U sum all (mmol/mol)	1471.5 (573.6)	1208.7 (447.1)	-313.8 (-595.7 to -31.9)	1598.9 (438.1)	1549.5 (827.3)	-0.5 (-276.5 to 275.4)	-313.2 (-709.3 to 82.8)	0.12
U sum all without NAA (mmol/mol)	1461.5 (572.8)	1184.4 (432.8)	-328.2 (-606.4 to -49.9)	1589.3 (438.1)	1537.3 (821.0)	-3.0 (-275.3 to 269.3)	-325.2 (-716.1 to 65.7)	0.10

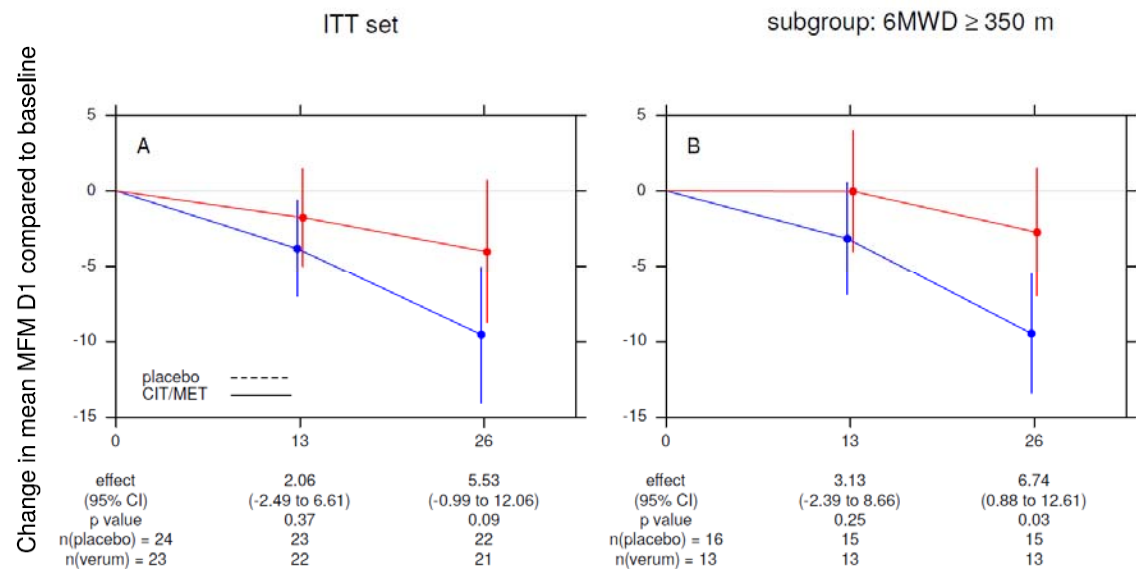
Abbreviations: Cit/Met= L-citrulline and metformin; SD= standard deviation; CI= confidence interval; S= serum; CK= Creatinekinase; CK-MB = Creatinekinase-MB isotype; ASAT= Aspartate aminotransferase; ALAT = Alanine aminotransferase; LDH= lactate dehydrogenase; GGT= gamma-glutamyltransferase; U = Urine; sum = summated; BCAA = branched chain amino acids; EAA= essential amino acids; NEAA= non-essential amino acids, NAA = nitroergic amino acids (Ornithin, Citrulline, Arginine)

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	Cit/Met group (n=23)			Placebo group (n=24)			Group difference	
	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 13 (SD)	Change from baseline (95% CI)	Mean at baseline (SD)	Mean at week 13 (SD)	Change from baseline (95% CI)	Difference (95% CI)	p value
S CK (U/l)	13574.1 (6946.3)	11120.7 (5548.2)	-1938.5 (-4446.5 to 569.5)	12443.4 (8976.2)	12351.4 (7333.8)	-524.8 (-3058.7 to 2009.1)	-1413.7 (-4974.7 to 2147.3)	0.43
S CK MB (µg/l)	332.9 (187.2)	284.6 (146.6)	-34.6 (-81.1 to 11.8)	304.5 (192.4)	284.2 (107.2)	-27.6 (-73.2 to 18.0)	-7.1 (-72.3 to 58.1)	0.83
S ASAT (U/l)	280.7 (140.4)	233.4 (99.5)	-50.7 (-92.6 to -8.7)	289.5 (147.1)	272.8 (118.1)	-12.8 (-55.3 to 29.8)	-37.9 (-97.8 to 22.0)	0.21
S ALAT (U/l)	377.7 (165.1)	335.8 (147.2)	-44.8 (-85.8 to -3.7)	402.8 (136.0)	397.6 (147.8)	-2.8 (-43.8 to 38.2)	-42.0 (-100.1 to 16.2)	0.15
S LDH (U/l)	1170.7 (423.2)	1059.2 (393.3)	-99.7 (-209.7 to 10.2)	1090.3 (409.2)	1054.5 (349.7)	-43.7 (-149.6 to 62.2)	-56.0 (-209.2 to 97.1)	0.46
S GGT (U/l)	10.6 (2.7)	10.1 (2.4)	-0.5 (-1.4 to 0.4)	9.9 (2.7)	11.0 (3.4)	1.1 (0.1 to 2.1)	-1.6 (-3.0 to -0.3)	0.02
S Bilirubin (µmol/l)	7.5 (6.5)	6.8 (5.8)	-0.7 (-1.7 to 0.2)	4.8 (2.7)	4.5 (2.9)	-0.6 (-1.5 to 0.4)	-0.2 (-1.5 to 1.2)	0.81
S alkaline Phosphatase (U/l)	100.3 (25.6)	94.0 (19.2)	-7.3 (-14.0 to -0.7)	101.4 (35.8)	96.9 (26.9)	-1.6 (-8.2 to 5.0)	-5.7 (-15.1 to 3.6)	0.22
S Creatinine (µmol/l)	15.0 (3.8)	15.9 (4.3)	0.6 (-0.8 to 2.0)	16.1 (4.5)	16.7 (3.5)	0.7 (-0.7 to 2.1)	-0.1 (-2.1 to 1.8)	0.89
U sum BCAA (mmol/mol)	24.8 (8.6)	22.7 (9.1)	-2.1 (-6.2 to 1.9)	24.7 (6.2)	23.8 (11.0)	-0.9 (-4.9 to 3.1)	-1.2 (-6.9 to 4.5)	0.67
U sum EAA (mmol/mol)	331.0 (141.0)	279.3 (150.2)	-57.7 (-117.9 to 2.5)	354.3 (104.6)	335.6 (156.6)	-12.9 (-71.8 to 46.1)	-44.8 (-129.3 to 39.6)	0.29
U sum NEAA (mmol/mol)	1105.7 (453.6)	794.6 (391.4)	-343.1 (-515.5 to -170.7)	1210.3 (369.9)	1048.5 (475.0)	-131.1 (-299.9 to 37.6)	-212.0 (-454.2 to 30.3)	0.08
U sum all (mmol/mol)	1471.5 (573.6)	1122.3 (546.5)	-386.6 (-618.7 to -154.5)	1598.9 (438.1)	1418.2 (619.0)	-144.8 (-372.0 to 82.4)	-241.8 (-567.9 to 84.3)	0.14
U sum all without NAA (mmol/mol)	1461.5 (572.8)	1096.6 (538.8)	-402.3 (-632.0 to -172.7)	1589.3 (438.1)	1408.0 (616.0)	-145.5 (-370.3 to 79.3)	-256.8 (-579.5 to 65.9)	0.12

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eFigure. Changes in Mean Motor Function Measure Subscore D1 at Weeks 13 and 26 Compared to Baseline



(A) in the intention-to-treat population and (B) for the stable sub-group with a 6 minutes walking distance ≥ 350 m at baseline.