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The influence of the sit ski position on performance and daily life activity – a case report

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Medical history

- 24 year old male athlete
- Menigomyelocele
- Hydrocephalus
- Malformation (Pelvis, Legs)

Medical history (x-ray)



Classification

	Light R	Ligth L	Pin R	Pin L
L3	2	2	2	2
L4	0	0	0	1
L5	0	0	0	1
S1	0	0	0	0

• ASIA Sensibility Test

Classification

		Muscle Strength R	Muscle Strength L
Нір	Flex	5	5-
	Ext	0	0
	Abd	0	0
	Add	5	5-
Knee	Flex	5	5-
	Ext	5-	5-
Ankle	DorsFlex	0	0
	PlanFlex	0	0

• Muscle testing

Classification

class LW 11,5

Sitting position - old





Sitting position - new





Inspiration from other sports

Handbike







Most common sitting positions in competition





P1 normal



P2 knee high





P3 kneeing





P4 long sit



Vicon analysis

Old position

New postion



Vicon analysis

Old position

New postion



Electromyogram - front



• M. rectus abdominis

Electromyogram - back



- M. multifidus
- M. erector spinae
- M. latissimus dorsi

Electromyogram M. latissimus dorsi



Electromyogram M. multifidus



Electromyogram M. erector spinae



Electromyogram M. rectus abdominis



Funktional improvements

- Better control of the sit ski
- Better curve technique

- At uphill climb:
 - Slightly lower frequency of moving cyclus
 - Probably because of longer cyclus way

Improvement in daily life activity

• Athlete is now able to lift his wheelchair into the luggage trunk of his car by himself

• in general: improved core stability

Missing facts

• Spiroergometry with both sit skis

Moving cyclus analysis
– cyclus frequency and cyclus way

• Is the new sit ski more effective/economic?

Sitting positions









FORCE PRODUCTION, BALANCE CONTROL AND MUSCLE ACTIVATION IN DIFFERENT SITTING POSITIONS – PILOT STUDY FOR DISABLED SIT SLEDGE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIERS

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