



# *Return to sport after ankle sprain*

## *The Ankle-Go*

*A new score for return to sport after lateral ankle sprains*

# What are the targets of your patient ?



## Which mandatory skills?

- Force ++
- CoD, landing ++
- Uneven ground ++
- Plyométrics ++
- Double task ++

TABLE 3  
Ankle Activity Score

Category	Sports and Activities	Ankle Activity Score <sup>a</sup>			Category	Sports and Activities	Ankle Activity Score <sup>a</sup>					
		T	C	R			T	C	R			
10	American football	10	9	8	5	Diving	5	5	4			
	Basketball	10	9	8		Scuba diving	5	5	4			
	Gymnastics	10	9	8		Skating, in-line skating	5	5	4			
	Handball	10	9	8		Track and field: track events	5	5	4			
	Rugby	10	9	8		Triathlon	5	5	4			
	Soccer	10	9	8		Weightlifting, body building	5	5	4			
9	Hockey	9	8	7	All competitive sports of categories 4 and 3 with seasonal conditioning	5						
	Korfball	9	8	7	Heavy physical work	5						
	Martial arts: judo, karate, kung fu, taekwondo	9	8	7	4	Alpine skiing and snowboarding	4	4	4			
	Orienteering	9	8	7		Bowling/curling	4	4	4			
	Rhythmic gymnastics	9	8	7		Golf	4	4	4			
	Volleyball	9	8	7		Mountain biking/bmx	4	4	4			
8	Boxing	8	7	6		Power lifting	4	4	4			
	Freestyle snowboarding	8	7	6		Sailing	4	4	4			
	Ice hockey	8	7	6	Physical work	4						
	Tennis	8	7	6	3	Cycling	3	3	3			
	Wrestling	8	7	6		Equestrian	3	3	3			
	7	Aerobics, fitness	7	6		5	Motorsports, technical sports	3	3	3		
Badminton		7	6	5		Rowing, kayaking	3	3	3			
Baseball		7	6	5		Shooting, archery	3	3	3			
Cross-country running		7	6	5		Water polo and swimming	3	3	3			
Modern pentathlon		7	6	5	Able to walk on any uneven ground	3						
Squash		7	6	5	2	No sports, everyday activities not limited	2					
Surfing, windsurfing		7	6	5		1	Able to walk on even ground, but everyday activities limited	1				
Table tennis		7	6	5			0	Unable to walk, disabled because of ankle problems	0			
Track and field: field events		7	6	5				6	Dancing	6	5	4
Water skiing		7	6	5					Fencing	6	5	4
6		Floorball	6	5					4	Floorball	6	5
		Mountain and hill climbing	6	5	4				Mountain and hill climbing	6	5	4
	Nordic skiing	6	5	4	Nordic skiing	6			5	4		
	Parachuting	6	5	4	Parachuting	6	5		4			
	Softball	6	5	4	Softball	6	5		4			
	Special professions and working activities <sup>b</sup>	6			Special professions and working activities <sup>b</sup>	6						

<sup>a</sup>T, top level (international elite, professional, national team, or first division); C, lower competitive levels; R, recreational level (participation should be considered only if it exceeds 50 hours per year).

<sup>b</sup>Special professions include ballet dancer, professional soldier, special rescue worker, stuntman, and so forth.

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## Return to Participation (RTP)

The athlete can take part in rehabilitation, training (modified or unrestricted) or sport, but at a lower level than their objective of returning to competition.

The athlete is physically active, but not yet "ready" (medically, physically and/or psychologically) for competition.

It is possible to train for performance, but this does not automatically mean a return to competition.

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## Retour to sport (RTS)

The athlete has returned to their defined sport, but is not achieving the desired level of performance.

Some athletes may be satisfied to reach this stage, and this may represent an RTS success for that individual.

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## Retour to Performance (RTPerf)

This extends the RTS element. The athlete has progressively returned to their defined sport and is at or above their pre-injury level.

For some athletes, this stage may be characterised by personal best performance or expected personal progression in performance.

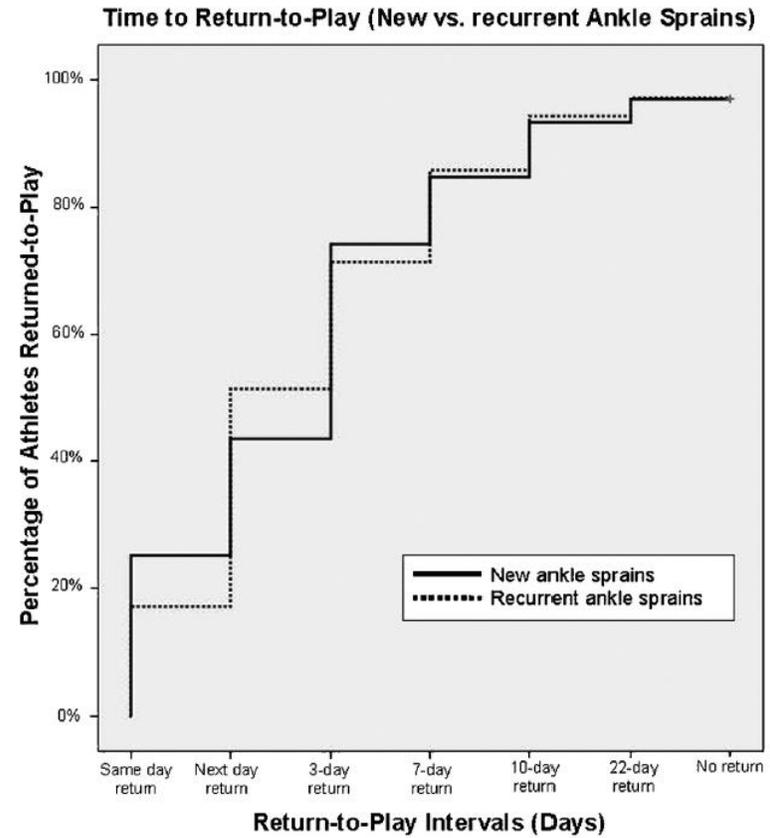
# RTS *criteria* ??



*There are currently **no published evidence-based criteria to inform RTS decisions** for patients with an LAS injury.*

*=> RTS decisions following LAS injury are **generally time-based**.*

# A timed base decision...



*“median RTP for an ankle sprain for a high-school athlete is **approximately 1–3 days** regardless of injury history.”*

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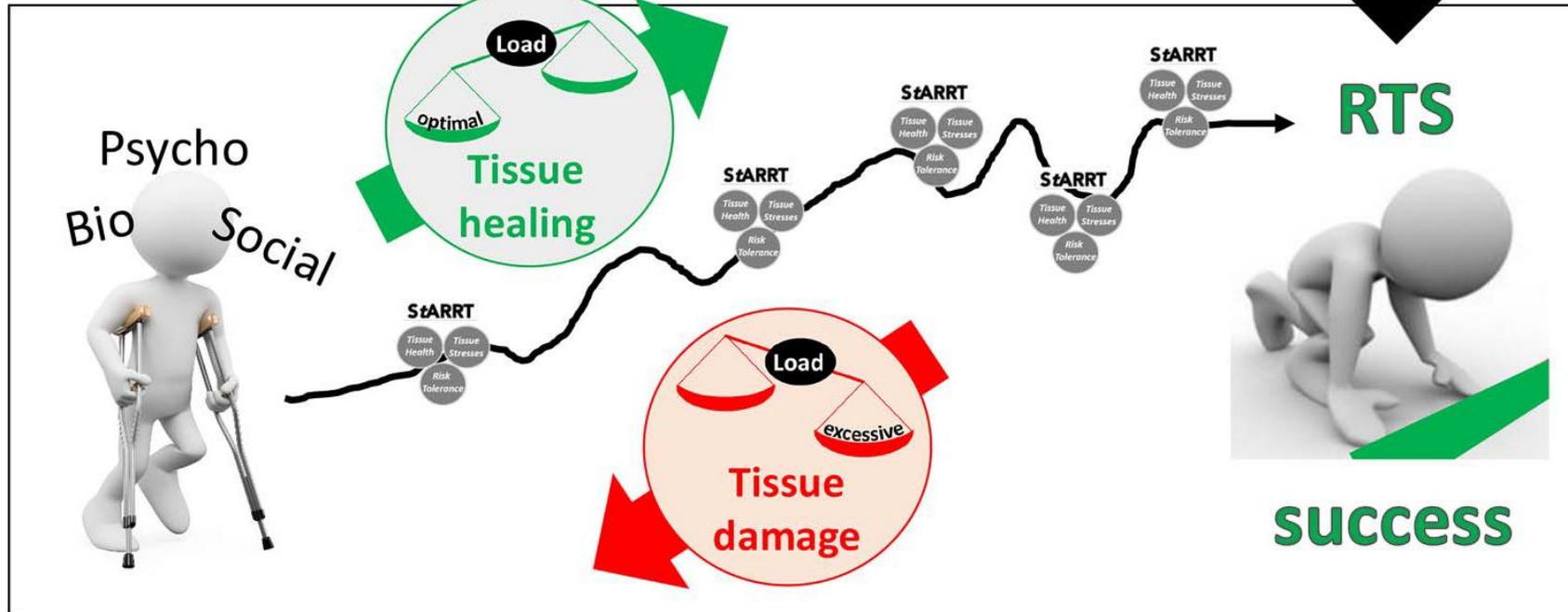


*“premature RTS may be one factor that contributes to the high prevalence  
of recurrent ankle problems.”*

# 1. INJURY MANAGEMENT



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# RTP criteria following LAS

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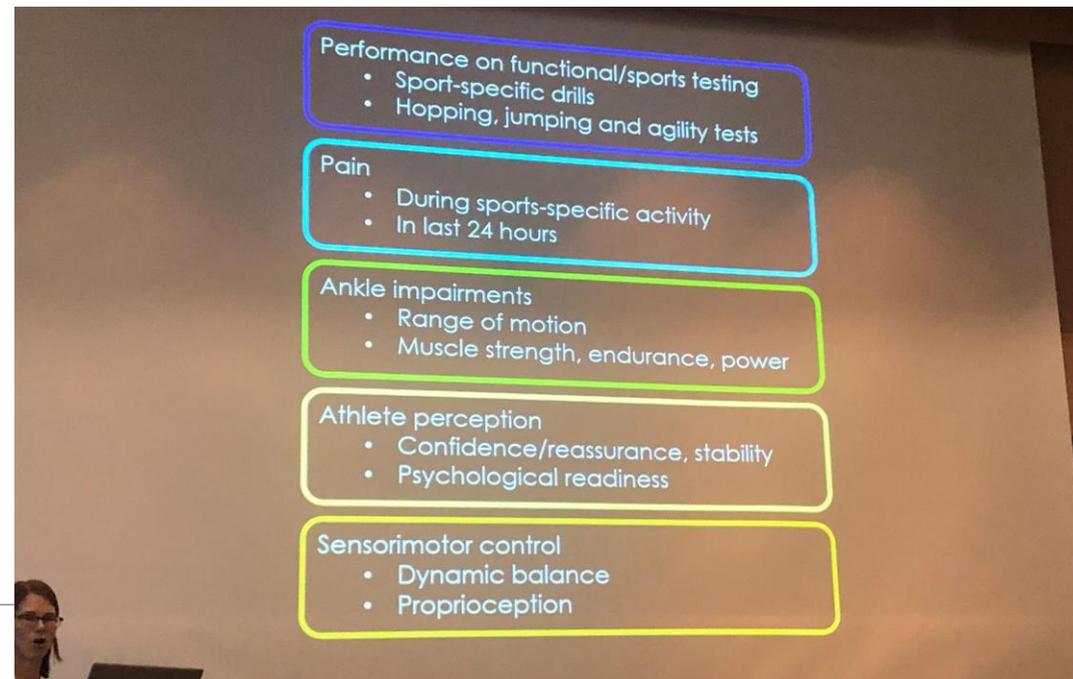
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## **Delphi survey in three stages**

**155 health professionals from all over the world working in elite or competitive sport.**

**3 surveys structured in the form of questions, with closed and open response questions.**

**"Experts were asked to indicate their agreement that the assessment evidence should or should not support the RTS decision after an acute lateral ankle sprain."**

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# RTS criteria ??

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## Pain severity

- During sport participation
- Over last 24 hours

## Ankle impairments

- Ankle range of motion
- Ankle muscle strength, endurance and power

## Athlete perception

- Perceived ankle confidence/reassurance
- Perceived ankle stability
- Psychological readiness

## Sensorimotor control

- Proprioception
- Dynamic postural control/balance

## Sport/functional performance

- Hopping and jumping
- Agility
- Sport-specific activities
- Ability to complete a full training session

Original research

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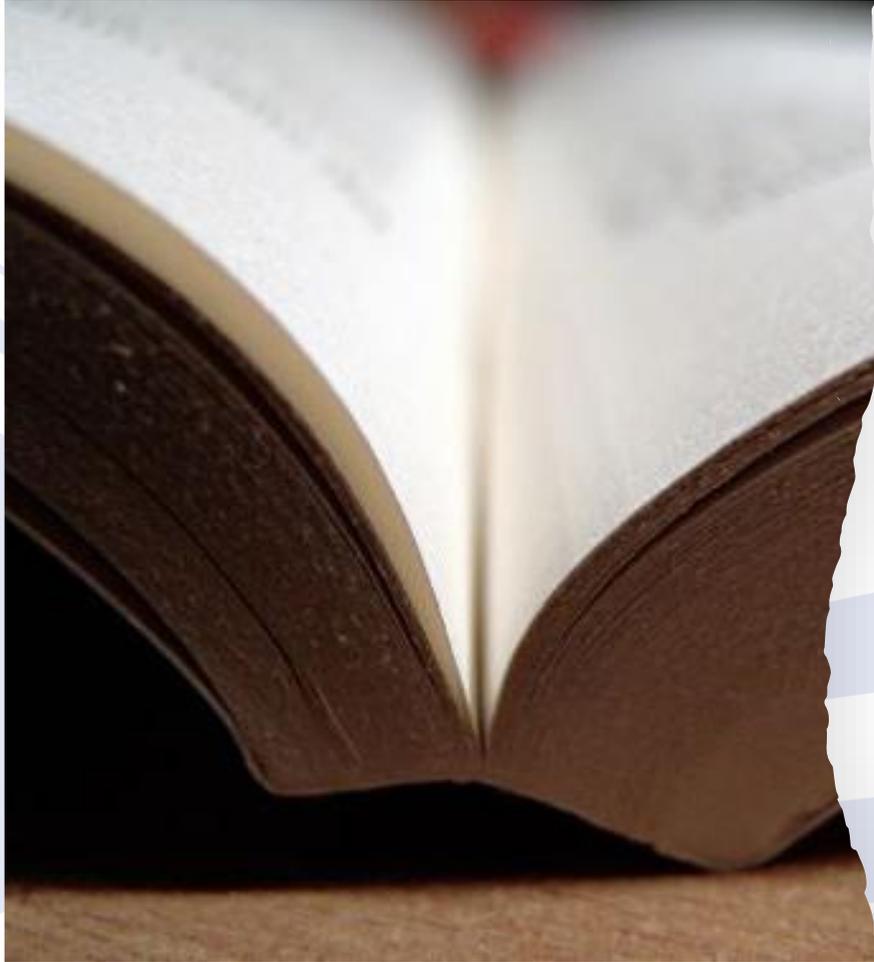
**Table 2** Consensus on assessment items that should be included in the return to sport decision after an acute lateral ankle sprain, indicating the round of inclusion and level of agreement

Assessment item to be included	Round (1–3)	Agreement (%)
Sport-specific activities	1	98
Pain severity during sport participation	1	93
Ankle range of motion	1	90
Ankle muscle strength	1	87
Hopping	1	87
Agility	1	87
Completion of a full training session	3	87
Jumping	1	84
Pain severity over the last 24 hours	1	81
Perceived ankle reassurance/confidence	1	81
Proprioception	1	74
Perceived ankle stability	1	74
Psychological readiness	1	74
Ankle muscle endurance	1	73
Dynamic postural control/balance	1	73
Ankle (and lower limb) muscle power*	2	72

\*Lower limb muscle power and ankle muscle power were initially presented to panellists as separate items, but 96% of panellists agreed that these items would be assessed together.

**Table 3** Consensus on assessment items that should not be included in the return to sport decision after an acute lateral ankle sprain, indicating the round of exclusion and level of agreement

Assessment item not to be included	Round (1–3)	Agreement (%)
Structural integrity of the ligaments on imaging	2	89
Pain severity over the last week	3	88
Pain severity on palpation	3	88
Health-related quality of life	2	85
Hip and knee muscle endurance	3	85
Ankle muscle length	3	85
The Functional Movement Screen	2	84
Aerobic fitness	3	84
Anaerobic fitness	3	82
Ligamentous laxity	2	81
Ankle joint arthrokinematics	3	78
Ankle muscle reaction time	3	76
Acute:chronic workload	3	76
Lower limb and/or trunk kinematics	2	75
Hip and knee muscle strength	3	74
Foot biomechanics	2	74
Straight-line running speed	3	72
Patient-reported foot and ankle function (using questionnaires such as the Foot and Ankle Ability Measure <sup>34</sup> or Foot and Ankle Outcome Score <sup>35</sup> )	3	70



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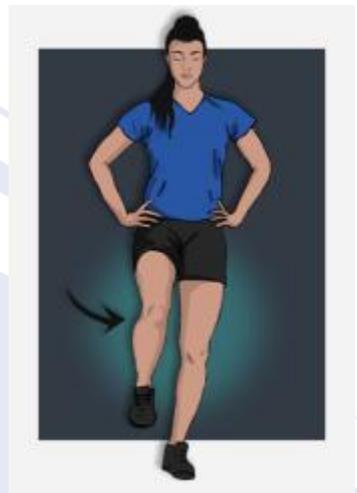
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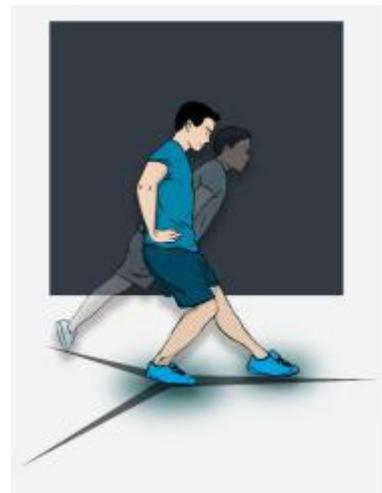
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Single Leg Stance (firm)



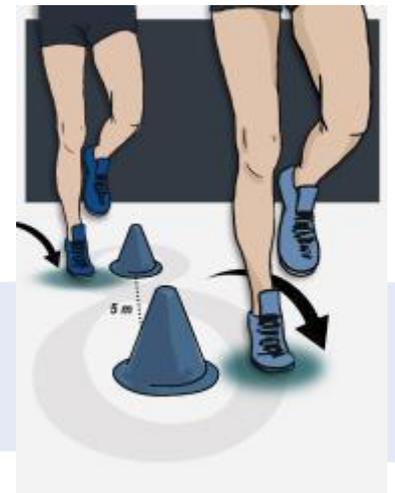
mSEBT



Side Hop Test



Figure of Eight



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**Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)**  
 Activities of Daily Living Subscale

Please Answer **every question** with **one response** that most closely describes your condition within the past week.  
 If the activity in question is limited by something other than your foot or ankle mark "Not Applicable" (N/A).

No Difficulty	Slight Difficulty	Moderate Difficulty	Extreme Difficulty	Unable to do	N/A
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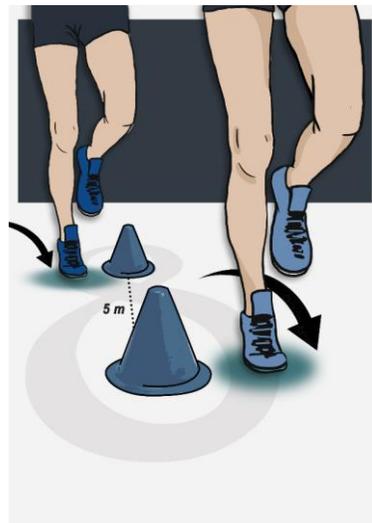
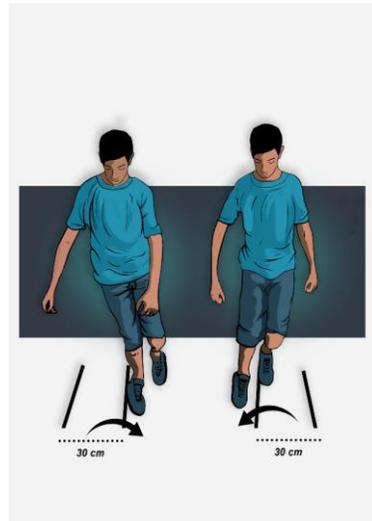
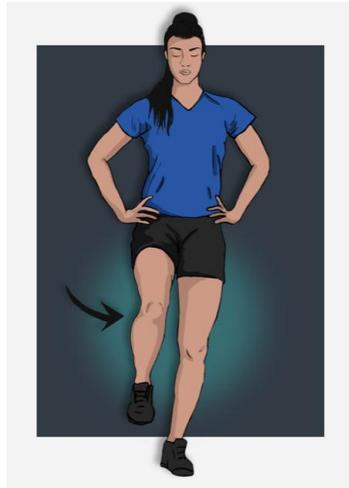



**ALR-RSI scale**

Please answer the following questions referring to your main sport prior to injury. For each question, tick a box   between the two descriptions to indicate how you feel right now relative to the two extremes.

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Outcomes	Proposed cut off score	MDC	MCID
<b>Functional performance testing</b>			
Single Leg Stance on firm surface	< 3 errors	0.6 errors	NR
Foot lift Test	< 5 lifts	3 errors	NR
Star Excursion Balance Test (normalized to the leg length)			
Composite score (COMP)	COMP >90%	COMP = 6.7%	
Anterior (ANT)	ANT asymmetry <4.5% or 4cm	ANT =5.87%	NR
Posteromedial (PM)	PM >91%	PM =7.84%	
Posterolateral (PL)	PL >91%	PL =7.55%	
Side Hop Test (44)	<10s	5.82s	NR
Figure-of-8 Hop Test (44)	<12s	4.59s	NR

# Single leg stance

- Participants stand barefoot on the tested limb, look straight ahead and are then instructed to keep their **eyes closed and their hands on their hips for 20s.**
- The test must be performed with the weight-bearing leg at **~5° of knee flexion** and with the hip and knee of the **non-weight-bearing limb slightly flexed.**
- The examiner counts the number of **balance errors** that occur during the test.

*ICC= 0.93 and SEM of 0.45 with a MDC of 0.6 errors*



Familiarization is allowed with several practice trials before performing the test. The total number of errors committed in the trial of each leg are used for analysis

# Single leg stance

**TABLE 2** | Single leg stance test on firm surface derived from the Balance Error Scoring System (BESS).

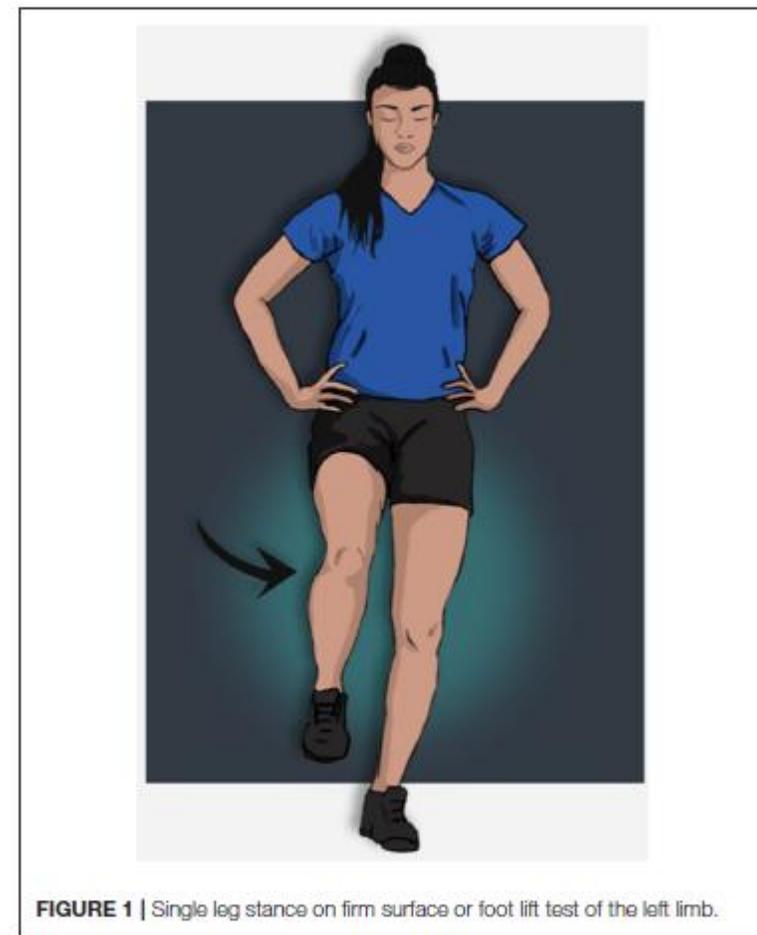
**Balance errors assessed by the examiner**

- Lifting hands off iliac crest
- Opening eyes
- Stepping, stumbling or falling
- Moving hip into more than 30° of flexion or abduction
- Lifting forefoot or heel
- Remaining out of the test position more than 5 s

## Score calculation ( /3)

- > 3 errors = 0
- 1-3 errors = 1
- 0 errors = 2
  
- If the patient does not report feelings of instability during the test : + 1

*ICC= 0.93 and SEM of 0.45 with a MDC of 0.6 errors*



# Star Excursion Balance Test

## Score calculation ( /7):

### ➤ COMP score:

< 90% = 0

90-95% = 2

> 95% = 4

### ➤ ANT score $\geq$ 60% : +1

### ➤ PM score $\geq$ 90% : + 1

### ➤ If the patient does not report feelings of instability during the test: + 1

Table 1 2021 Updated Recommendations for the SEBT Procedure

Important criteria	Recommendations
Number of directions	Three (ANT, PM, and PL) representing a “Y” instead of eight. <sup>13,16,31</sup> See the proposed compact versions (Figure 3).
Setup of the test	Demonstration prior to the test by the experimenter (or video). <sup>7,17</sup>
Number of familiarization trials	Four in each direction for both limbs, until familiarization with procedure. <sup>7,17</sup>
Number of recorded trials	Three per direction. <sup>7,17</sup> <i>Performances should be stabilized.</i> Switch from one leg to the other between each direction to avoid fatigue. <sup>18</sup>
Hand position	Hands should remain on the hips to target lower limb performance. <sup>14,21</sup>
Foot placement	Barefoot (or socks), the most distal aspect of the great toe on 0 (crossroad of three lines) during the entire procedure. Need to be standardized across studies. This method avoids possible foot placement errors. <sup>14</sup>
Failure criteria	(a) Subject falls or loses his/her balance (the reaching foot touch the ground). (b) Subject shifts his/her weight on the reach limb when contacting the floor or contacts the floor at multiple times or miss the tape measure. (c) Stance foot moves or heel rises or any part of the foot lifts from the ground. (d) Hands are removed from the hips.
Parameter	(a) Mean of the three trials for each direction and limb. <sup>46</sup> (b) Calculation of the composite score (mean of three directions) for normalized (in percentage) and nonnormalized (in centimeters) scores. (c) Qualitative analysis of the movement. <sup>56,57</sup>
Limb length normalization	Scores are expressed as a percentage of the tested lower limb length ( <i>from ASIS to medial malleolus preferably, or lateral malleolus</i> ). <sup>21</sup>

Note. ASIS = anterior and superior iliac spine; ANT = anterior; PL = posterolateral; PM = posteromedial; SEBT = Star Excursion Balance Test.



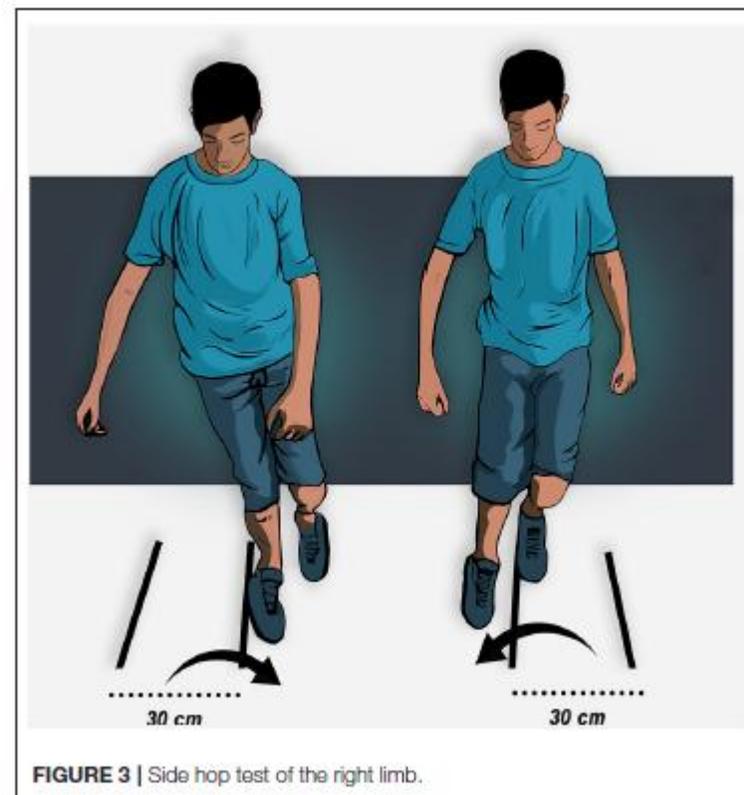
ICC values were **0.88** (0.83–0.96), **0.87** (0.80–1.0), and **0.88** (0.73–1.0) for the anterior (ANT), posteromedial (PM) and posterolateral (PL) directions, respectively. MDC were 5.9%, 7.8%, and 7.6% for ANT, PM, and PL directions respectively

# Side Hop Test

## Score calculation ( /5):

- $>13s = 0$
- $10 - 13s = 2$
- $< 10 s = 4$

If the patient does not report feelings of instability during the test : **+ 1**



*ICC= 0.84 and SEM of 2.1s with a MDC of 5.8s*

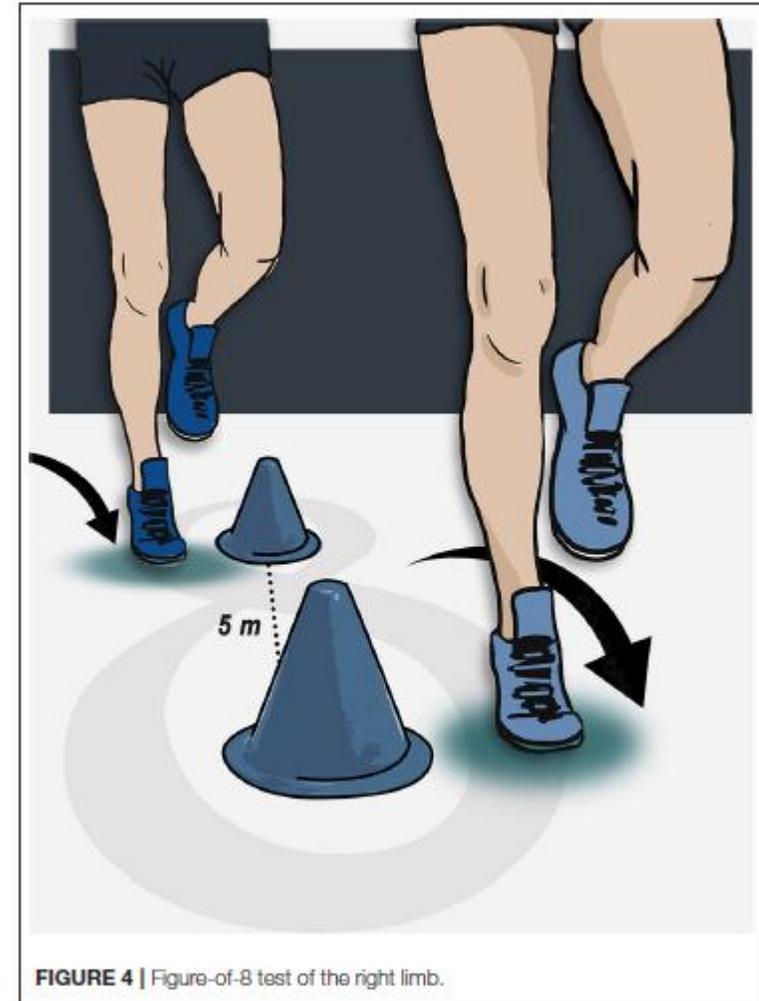
# Figure of 8

## Score calculation ( /3):

- $> 18s = 0$
- $13 - 18s = 1$
- $< 13 s = 2$

If the patient does not report feelings of instability during the test : **+ 1**

*ICC= 0.95 and SEM of 1.7s with a MDC of 4.6s*



# FAAM<sub>ADL</sub> & FAAM<sub>sport</sub>

## Score calculation ( /4):

- FAAM<sub>ADL</sub>  
< 90 % ADL = 0

90- 95 % ADL = 1

95 % ADL = 2

- FAAM<sub>sport</sub>  
< 80 % sport = 0

80- 95 % sport = 1

95 % sport = 2

**Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)**  
Activities of Daily Living Subscale

Please Answer every question with one response that most closely describes your condition within the past week.  
If the activity in question is limited by something other than your foot or ankle mark "Not Applicable" (N/A).

	No Difficulty	Slight Difficulty	Moderate Difficulty	Extreme Difficulty	Unable to do	N/A
Standing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking on even Ground	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking on even ground without shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking up hills	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking down hills	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Going up stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Going down stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking on uneven ground	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Stepping up and down curbs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Squatting	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Coming up on your toes	<input type="checkbox"/>					

*ICC= 0.89 with a MCID of 8 pts*

**Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)**  
Sports Subscale

Because of your foot and ankle how much difficulty do you have with:

	No Difficulty at all	Slight Difficulty	Moderate Difficulty	Extreme Difficulty	Unable to do	N/A
Running	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Jumping	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Landing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Starting and stopping quickly	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cutting/lateral Movements	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Ability to perform Activity with your Normal technique	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Ability to participate In your desired sport As long as you like	<input type="checkbox"/>					

*ICC= 0.87 with a MCID of 9 pts*

ALR-RSI scale

Please answer the following questions referring to your main sport prior to injury. For each question, tick a box  between the two descriptions to indicate how you feel right now relative to the two extremes.



**Score calculation ( /3):**

< 55 % = 0

55 – 63 % = 1

64 – 76 % = 2

>76 % = 3

*ICC= 0.92 with a MDC of 13,5%*

**1.Are you confident that you can perform at your previous level of sport participation?**

Not at all confident             Fully confident

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**2.Do you think you are likely to re-injure your ankle by participating in your sport?**

Extremely likely             Not likely at all

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**3.Are you nervous about playing your sport?**

Extremely nervous             Not nervous at all

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**4.Are you confident that your ankle will not give way by playing your sport?**

Not at all confident             Fully confident

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**5.Are you confident that you could play your sport without concern for your ankle?**

Not at all confident             Fully confident

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**6.Do you find it frustrating to have to consider your ankle with respect to your sport?**

Extremely frustrating             Not at all frustrating

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**7.Are you fearful of re-injuring your ankle by playing your sport?**

Extremely fearful             No fear at all

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**8.Are you confident about your ankle holding up under pressure?**

Not at all confident             Fully confident

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**9.Are you afraid of accidentally injuring your ankle by playing your sport?**

Extremely afraid             Not at all afraid

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**10. Do thoughts of having to go through surgery and rehabilitation prevent you from playing your sport?**

All of the time             None of the time

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**11. Are you confident about your ability to perform well at your sport?**

Not at all confident             Fully confident

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**12. Do you feel relaxed about playing your sport?**

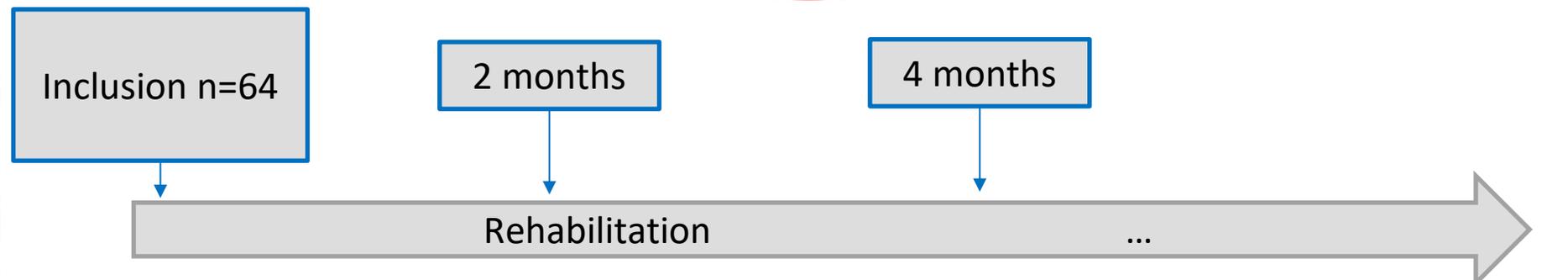
Not at all relaxed             Fully relaxed

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

	TESTS		RAW VALUES	POINTS	MAXIMUM SCORE	
<b>FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE TESTING</b>	<b>Single leg stance test</b>		> 3 errors	0	<b>3</b>	
			1 - 3 errors	1		
			0 error	2		
			No apprehension	+1		
	<b>Star excursion balance test (SEBT)</b>		< 90%	0	<b>7</b>	
			90 - 95%	2		
			> 95%	4		
			Anterior (ANT) > 60 %	+1		
			Posteromedial (PM) > 90 %	+1		
			No apprehension	+1		
	<b>Side hop test</b>		> 13 s	0	<b>5</b>	
			10 - 13 s	2		
			< 10 s	4		
			No apprehension	+1		
	<b>Figure-of-8 hop test</b>		> 18 s	0	<b>3</b>	
			13 - 18 s	1		
< 13 s			2			
No apprehension			+1			
<b>PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURE</b>	<b>Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)</b>		<b>Activities of Daily Living</b>		<b>2</b>	
	<b>Sport</b>		< 80 %	0	<b>2</b>	
			80 – 95 %	1		
			> 95 %	2		
	<b>Ankle ligament reconstruction-return to sport after injury (ALR-RSI)</b>		< 55 %	0	<b>3</b>	
			55-63 %	1		
			63 – 76 %	2		
			> 76 %	3		
<b>Ankle-GO</b>					<b>25</b>	

# Prospective cohort

n=64	2 months			4 months		
	Same level (n=0)	Lower level (n=15)	No sport (n=49)	Same level (n=32)	Lower level (n=20)	No sport (n=12)
<b>ANKLE GO</b>	-	10.3±3.6 <sup>§</sup>	7.1±4.1	17.2±3.5 <sup>**</sup>	12.4±4.1	9.3±3
<b>FAAM<sub>adl</sub> (%)</b>	-	92.1±5.4 <sup>§</sup>	82.9	96.8±4.4 <sup>**</sup>	92.4±5.9 <sup>§</sup>	86.2±10.5
<b>FAAM<sub>sport</sub> (%)</b>	-	73.8±13.1	55.4±22.9	89.3±10.4 <sup>**</sup>	75.9±17 <sup>§</sup>	62.5±19.4
<b>ALR RSI (%)</b>	-	60.3±13.8 <sup>§§</sup>	40.3±21	80.9±15.5 <sup>**</sup>	58.8±18.1	50.4±21
<b>SLS (errors)</b>	-	2.7±2.5	3.7±3	1.6±1.9	1.9±1.8	2.2±1.8
<b>mSEBT COMP (%)</b>	-	84.6±6.4 <sup>§</sup>	78.7±7	86.8±6.5 <sup>*</sup>	83.7±7	81.4±7
<b>SHT (s)</b>	-	20.4±9.6	22.6±11.5	11.3±3.8 <sup>*</sup>	14.3±7.4	16.8±5.6
<b>F8T (s)</b>	-	17±5	22.1±10	12.5±2.5 <sup>*</sup>	14.5±4.8	17.1±6.9

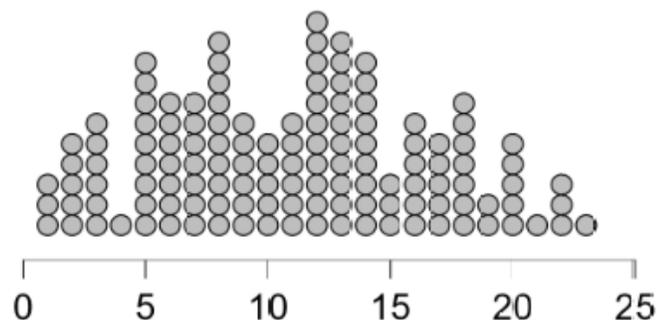


- ✓ FAAM<sub>avq</sub> /2pts
- ✓ FAAM<sub>sport</sub> /2pts
- ✓ ALR-RSI /3pts
- ✓ Single Leg Stance /3pts
- ✓ Star Excursion Balance Test /7pts
- ✓ Side Hop Test /5pts
- ✓ Figure of 8 Test /3pts

→ **Total score Ankle-GO:** /25points

Healthy (n=30)	
ANKLE GO (pts)	19.6 ±3.4
FAAM <sub>adl</sub> (%)	99.8 ±0.5
FAAM <sub>sport</sub> (%)	98.9 ±2.2
ALR-RSI (%)	96 .1±5.2
SLS (errors)	1.2 ±1.4
mSEBT COMP (%)	91.9 ±6.7
SHT (s)	11.6 ±2.7
F8T (s)	11.7 ±2.2

# Preliminary results



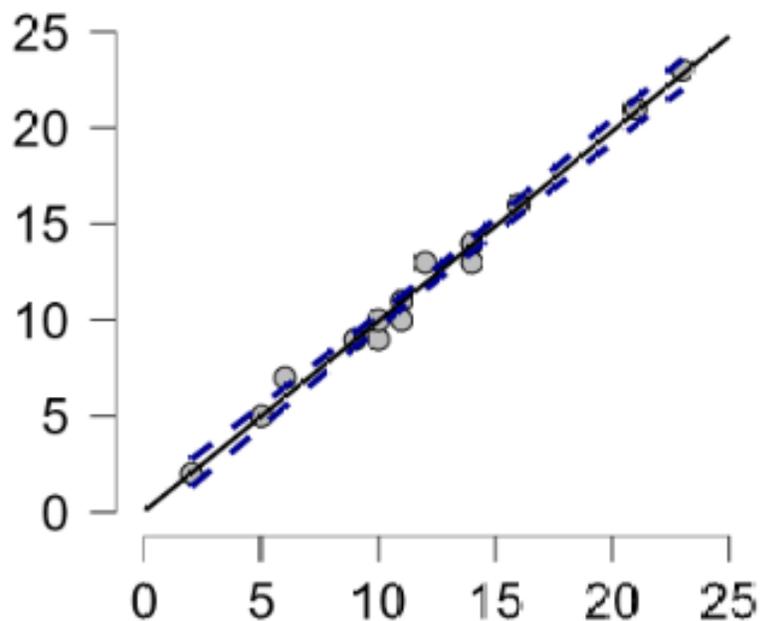
	Inter-Item Correlation Matrix							Cronbach's alpha if item deleted	Correlation with total score
	SLS	SEBT	SHT	F8T	FAAM <sub>adt</sub>	FAAM <sub>sport</sub>	ALR RSI		
<b>SLS</b>	-							.760	.480
<b>SEBT</b>	.281	-						.730	.683
<b>SHT</b>	.311	.354	-					.712	.765
<b>F8T</b>	.355	.424	.671	-				.729	.804
<b>FAAM<sub>adt</sub></b>	.298	.383	.389	.467	-			.744	.696
<b>FAAM<sub>sport</sub></b>	.076	.263	.271	.397	.600	-		.755	.607
<b>ALR RSI</b>	.128	.385	.382	.494	.437	.608	-	.730	.714
<b>ANKLE GO</b>	.480	.683	.765	.804	.696	.607	.714	-	-

Cronbach's alpha = **0.79**

**Floor and Ceiling effect, Internal consistency & construct validity**

# Preliminary results

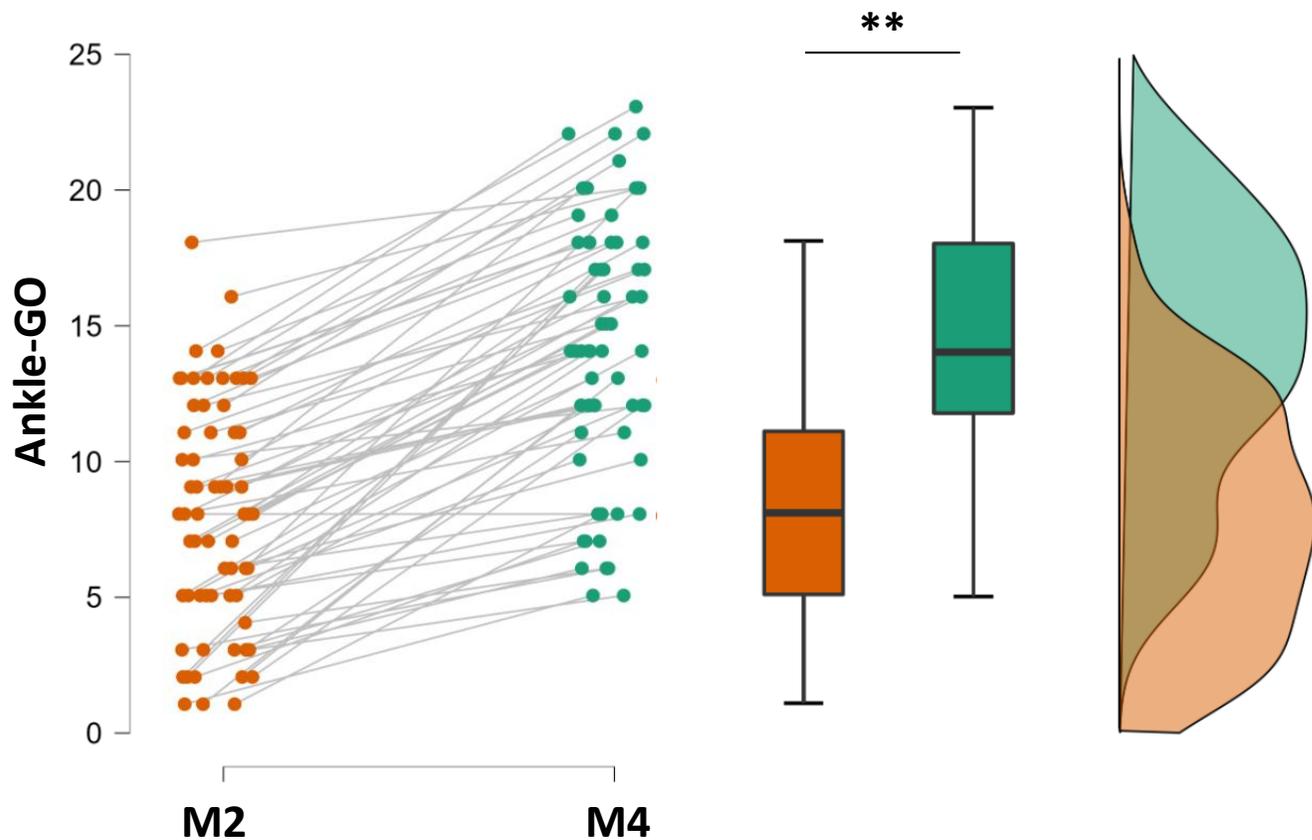
Test Retest: ICC=**0.99** with a **SEM of 0.41pts** and **MDC of 1.2pts**



## Test re-test reliability

# Preliminary results

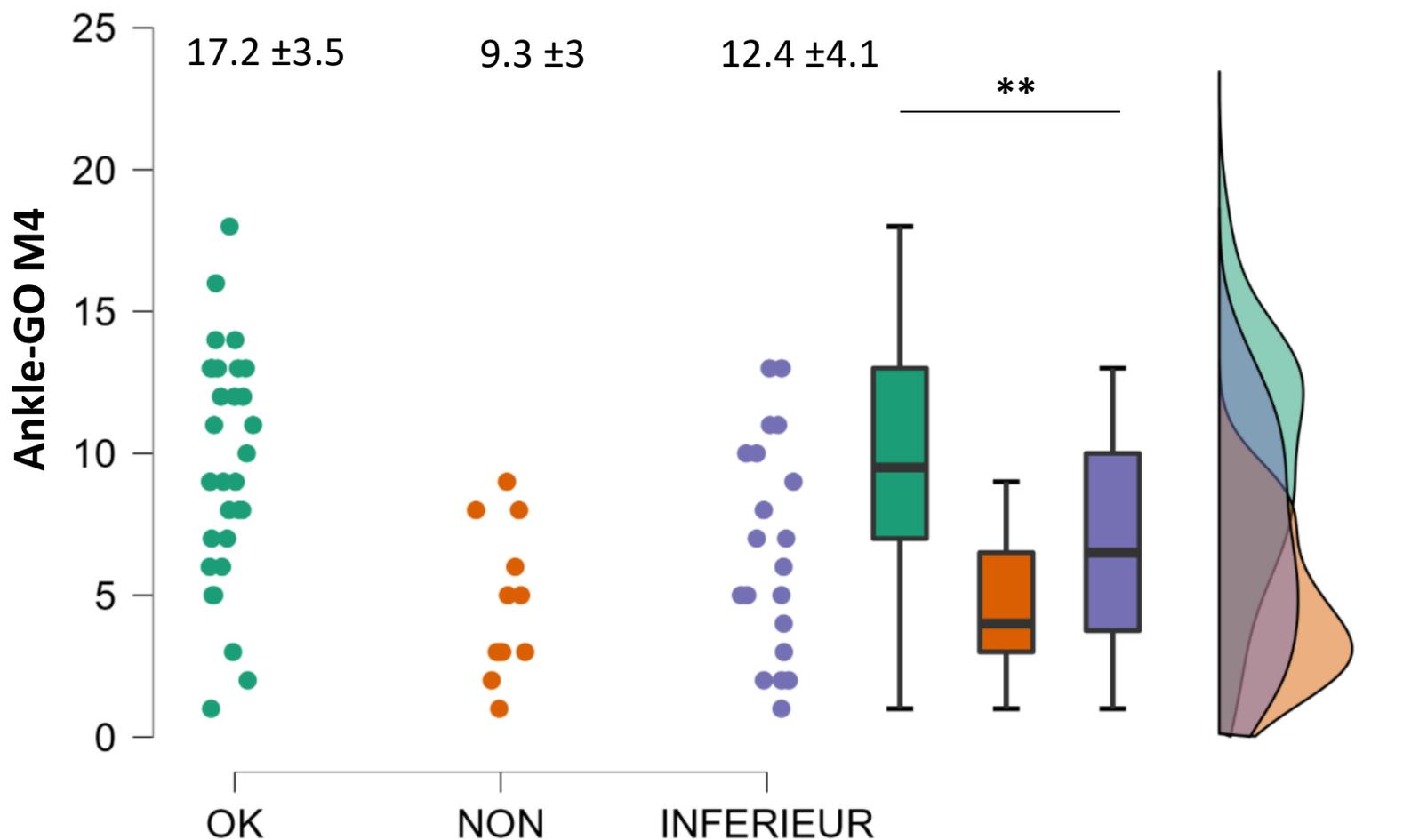
( $7.8 \pm 4.2$  vs  $14.2 \pm 4.8$ ,  $p < 0.001$  ;  $d = -1.899$ )



**Discriminant validity**

n=64		M2	M4
<b>FAAM<sub>adl</sub></b>	Raw	85.1 ± 14.4 [25 ; 100]	93.5 ± 7.5 [65.5 ; 100]
	Score	0.8 ± 0.9 [0 ; 2]	1.3 ± 0.8 [0 ; 2]
<b>FAAM<sub>sport</sub></b>	Raw	59.7 ± 22.3 [15.6 ; 96.9]	80.1 ± 17.7 [31.3 ; 103.1]
	Score	0.2 ± 0.5 [0 ; 2]	0.8 ± 0.8 [0 ; 2]
<b>ALR RSI</b>	Raw	45 ± 21.2 [6.7 ; 83.3]	68.3 ± 21.5 [15 ; 99.2]
	Score	0.6 ± 1 [0 ; 3]	1.8 ± 1.3 [0 ; 3]
<b>SLS</b>	Raw	3.5 ± 2.9 [0 ; 10]	1.8 ± 1.8 [0 ; 7]
	Score	1.6 ± 0.8 [0 ; 3]	2.1 ± 0.8 [0 ; 3]
<b>mSEBT (COMP)</b>	Raw	80 ± 7.3 [61.2 ; 93.1]	84.9 ± 7 [69.9 ; 97.9]
	Score	2.3 ± 1.2 [0 ; 5]	3.3 ± 1.5 [0 ; 7]
<b>SHT</b>	Raw	22 ± 11.1 [6.5 ; 52]	13.3 ± 5.8 [7 ; 39]
	Score	1.2 ± 1.4 [0 ; 5]	2.6 ± 1.7 [0 ; 5]
<b>F8T</b>	Raw	21 ± 9.4 [9.5 ; 45]	14 ± 4.6 [9.5 ; 35]
	Score	1.2 ± 0.9 [0 ; 3]	2.3 ± 0.8 [0 ; 3]
<b>ANKLE GO</b>	Score	<b>7.8 ± 4.2 [1 ; 18]</b>	<b>14.2 ± 4.8 [5 ; 23]</b>

# Preliminary results



*Of the 64 patients in the predictive validation component:*

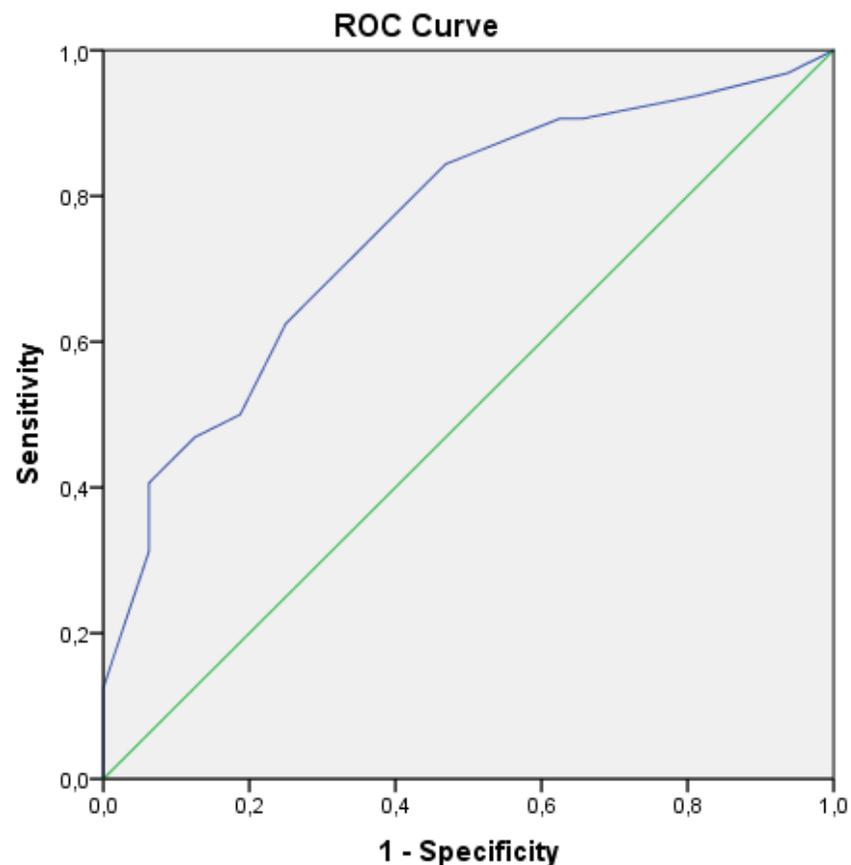
*\_ 32 patients (50%) returned to their preinjury level of sport at 4 months.*

*\_ 12 patients (19%) had not attempted to sport at 4 months*



**Predictive Ability for Returning to Preinjury Level of Sport or Higher**

# Preliminary results



*Two-month, ANKLE GO score showed a good predictive ability for a return to preinjury level at 4 months ( $AUC=0.77$  ;  $95\%CI : 0.64-0.88$  ;  $p<.001$ ).*

*A Youden index of 0.38 was observed at a score of **8 points** corresponding to a sensitivity of 72% and specificity of 66%.*



**Predictive Ability for Returning to Preinjury Level of Sport or Higher**



What about  
Full recovery ?

# Coper OR Non-coper ?

## CAI Patients

1st LAS

- More than 1 year ago

Feeling of instability

- Episodes of giving way/ recurrences
- CAIT < 24

Loss of function

- In ADL activities (FAAMadl <90%)
- Sport activities (FAAMsport <80%)



## LAS COPER

1st LAS

- More than 1 year ago

No instability

- No « giving-way » or recurrences
- CAIT > 24

No loss of function

- Back to pre-injury level
- Feeling of full recovery



# Full Recovery prediction

**Original research**

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Ankle-GO > 11 pts

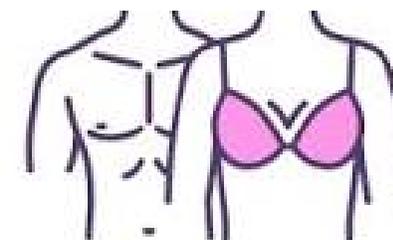


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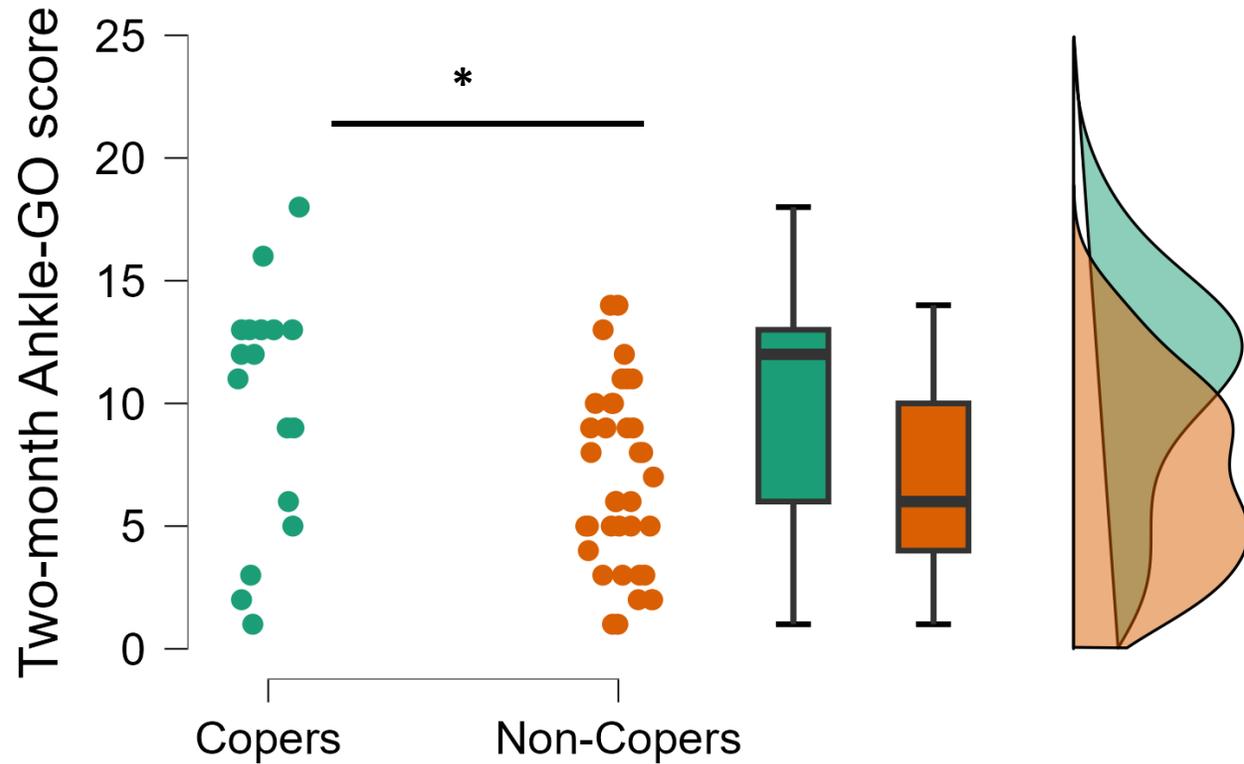
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Males



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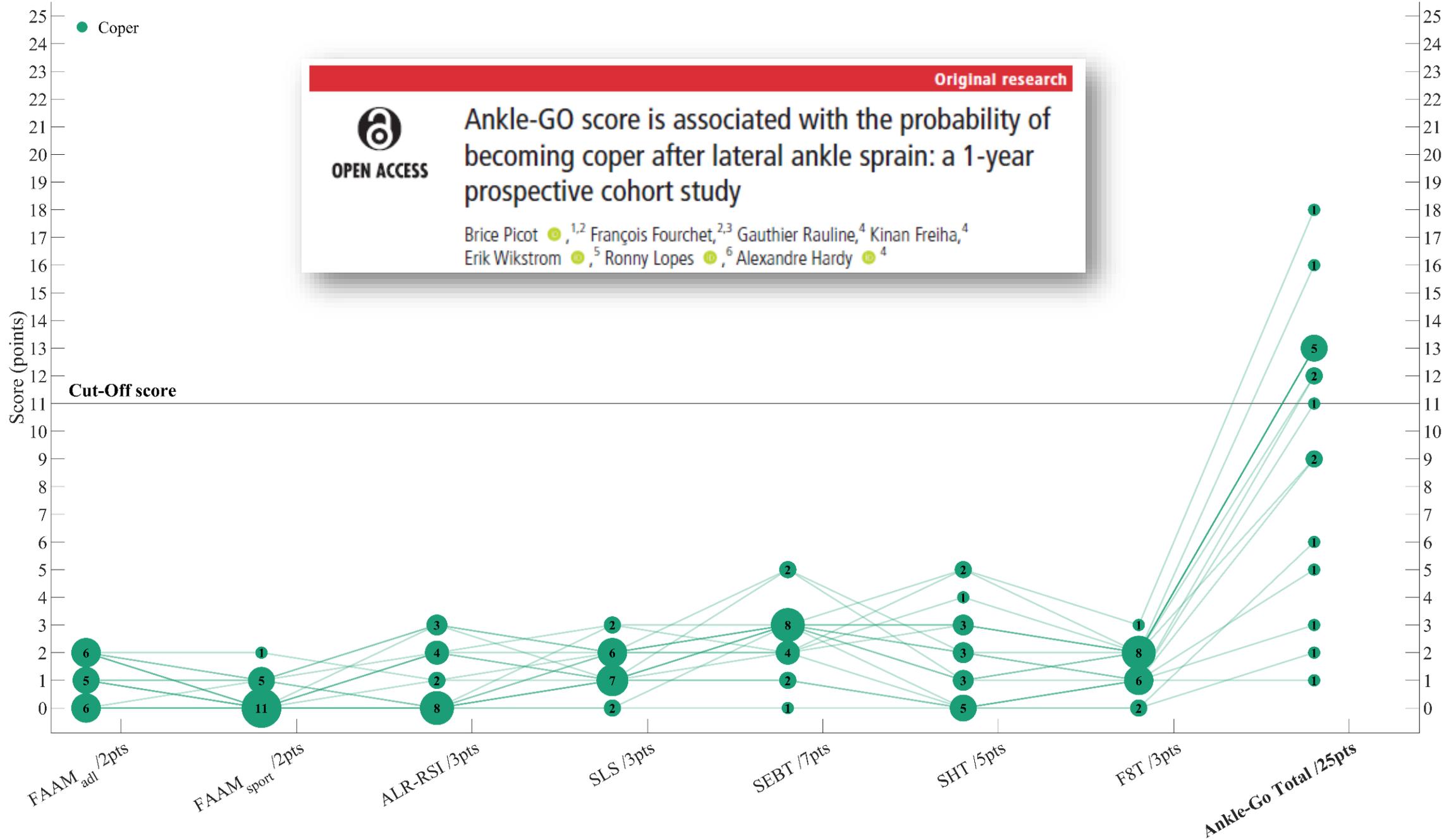
# Benefits of having a cluster of tests



**Table 3** Distribution of the raw values (mean±SD or median±IQR for non-parametric tests) of the 2-month Ankle-GO score according to the recovery status (copers vs non-copers) 1 year after lateral ankle sprain

	Copers (n=17)	Non-copers (n=37)	P value
FAAM <sub>adl</sub> (%)*	92.9±8.3	84.5±14.3	0.058
FAAM <sub>sport</sub> (%)*	71.9±34.4	59.4±34.4	0.097
ALR-RSI (%)*	55.8±46.7	46.7±29.2	0.083
SLS (errors)*	2±4	4±3	0.232
SEBT COMP (%)	82.3±6.2	78.4±7.8	0.079
SEBT ANT (%)	63±5.2	59.2±7.2	0.054
SEBT PM (%)	95.2±7.1	90.7±9.1	0.079
SEBT PL (%)	90.3±9.9	85.3±11	0.118
SHT (s)	17.5±11.2	23.7±11.2	0.065
F8T (s)*	14.5±5	19±16	0.057

\*Non-parametric test (data are expressed in median and IQR with Mann-Whitney U tests).  
 ALR-RSI, Ankle Ligament Reconstruction Return to Sport after Injury; ANT, Anterior; COMP, Composite score; FAAM<sub>adl-sport</sub>, Foot and Ankle Ability Measures-Activities of daily living & sport subscales; F8T, Figure of Eight Test; PL, posterolateral; PM, posteromedial; SEBT, Star Excursion Balance Test; SHT, Side Hop Test; SLS, Single Leg Stance.

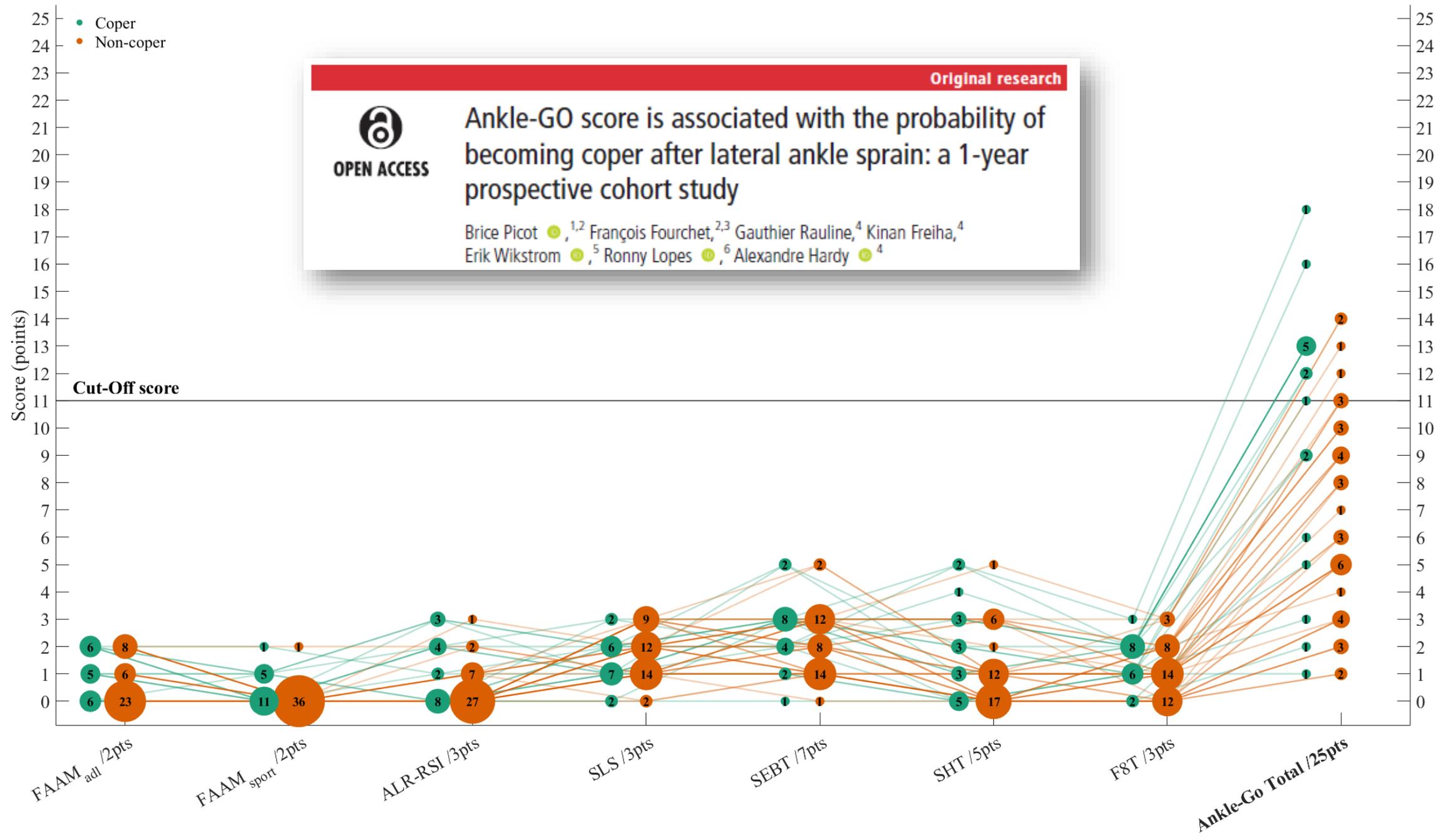


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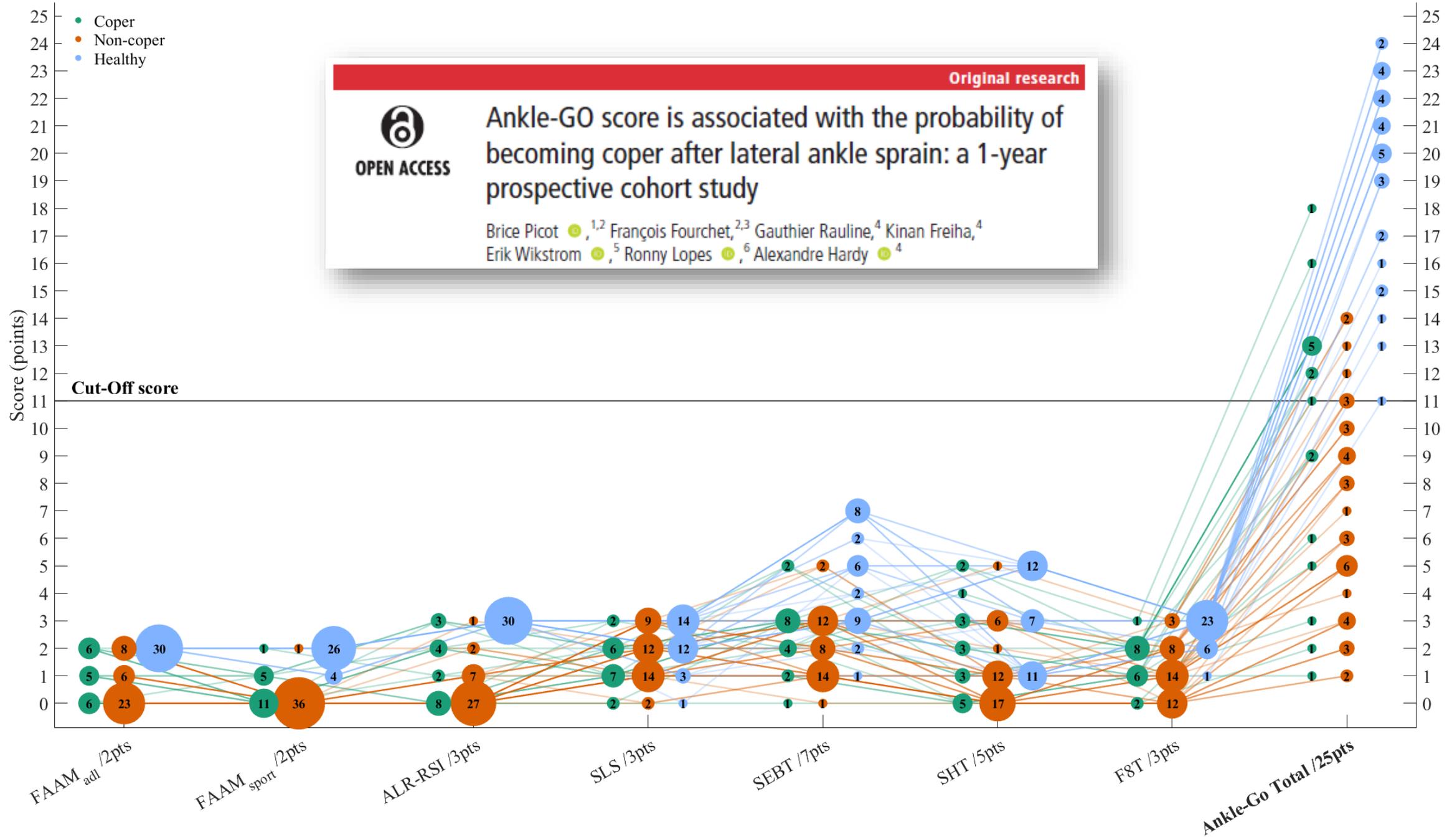


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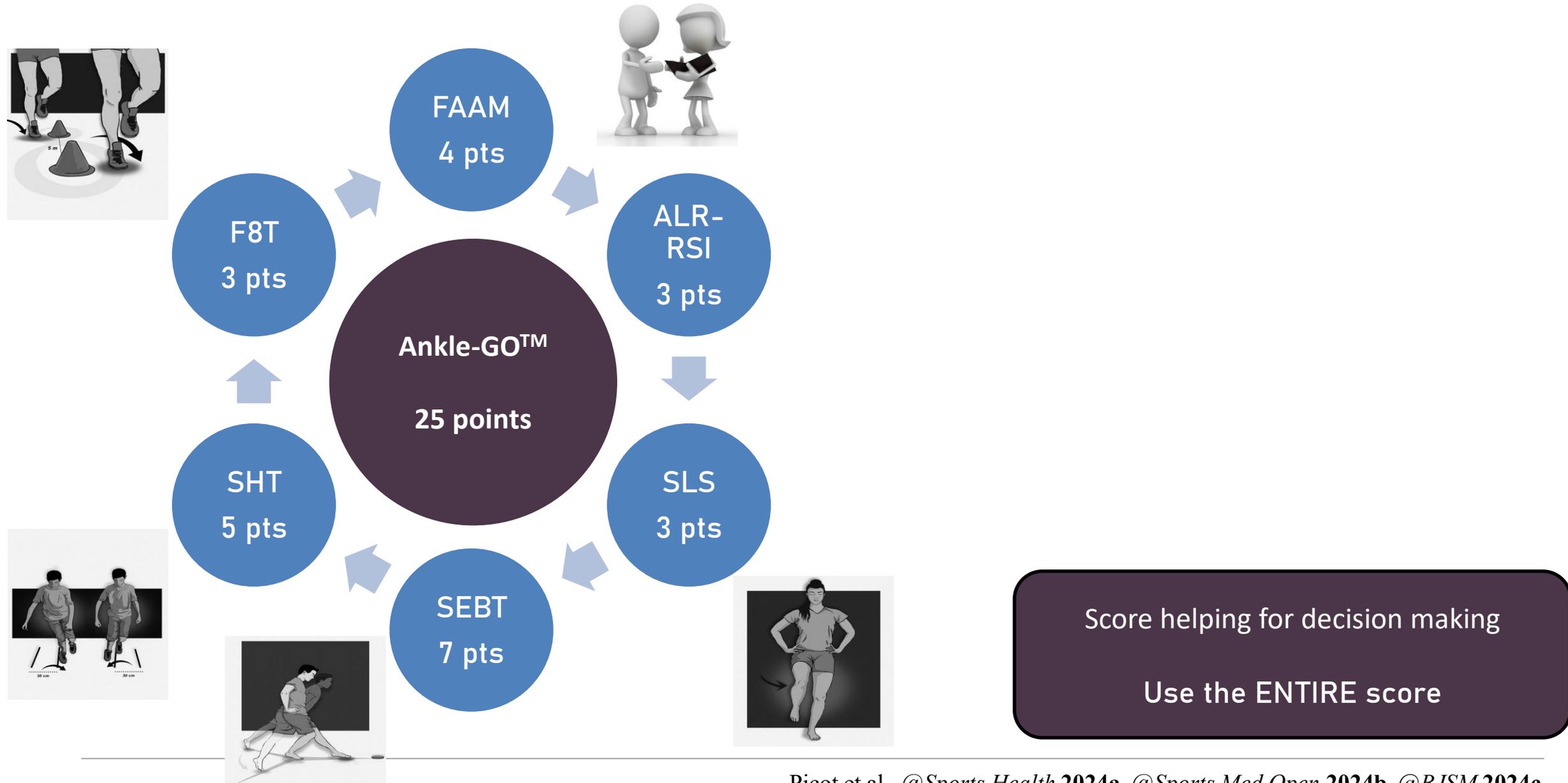
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# Ankle-GO™ score



# Interpreting the score in practice

Score AnkleGo : 13 / 25

Date blessure : 10/07/2024  
Type de sport : Saut, pivot, contact (football, handball, rugby, basketball, sport de combat...)  
Circonstance : Sport  
Niveau sportif : Loisir/Amateur  
Poids : 90 kg  
Taille : 1.87 m  
Âge : 37 ans

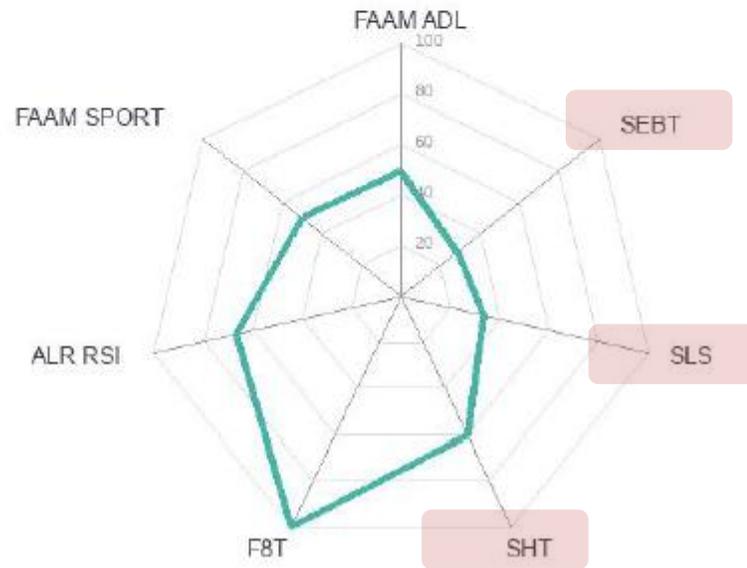
## GUIDING THE END OF REHABILITATION

Ankle-Go



SCAN ME

Ankle GO Score (%)



# Interpreting the score in practice



## Auto-évaluation du 16/10/2024 (cheville lésée)



### FAAM ADL / Score : 1 / 2

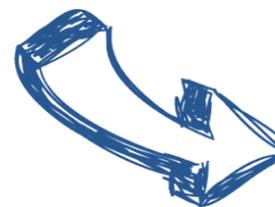
Se tenir debout	4 - Pas de difficulté
Marcher sur un terrain régulier	4 - Pas de difficulté
Marcher pied nu sur un terrain régulier	4 - Pas de difficulté
Monter une pente	3 - Difficulté légère
Descendre une pente	4 - Pas de difficulté
Monter les escaliers	3 - Difficulté légère
Descendre les escaliers	4 - Pas de difficulté
Marcher sur un terrain irrégulier	3 - Difficulté légère
Monter et descendre d'un trottoir	4 - Pas de difficulté
S'accroupir	4 - Pas de difficulté
Se mettre sur la pointe des pieds	3 - Difficulté légère
Faire les premiers pas (le matin au réveil /après une position assise prolongée)	2 - Difficulté modérée
Marcher 5 minutes ou moins	4 - Pas de difficulté
Marcher environ 10 minutes	4 - Pas de difficulté
Marcher 15 minutes ou plus	4 - Pas de difficulté
Les tâches ménagères	4 - Pas de difficulté
Les activités de la vie quotidienne	4 - Pas de difficulté
Les soins personnels	4 - Pas de difficulté
Un travail léger à modéré (se tenir debout, marcher...)	4 - Pas de difficulté
Un travail lourd (pousser/ tirer, grimper...)	3 - Difficulté légère
Les activités de loisirs	4 - Pas de difficulté

Total : 77/84 soit 92%

### FAAM SPORT / Score : 1 / 2

Courir	3 - Difficulté légère
Sauter	3 - Difficulté légère
Se réceptionner d'un saut	4 - Pas de difficulté
Démarrer et s'arrêter rapidement	4 - Pas de difficulté
Faire des pas chassés / des déplacements latéraux	4 - Pas de difficulté
Activités sportives à faible impact (peu de chocs)	4 - Pas de difficulté
Capacité à exécuter votre activité sportive avec votre technique habituelle	3 - Difficulté légère
Capacité à exécuter votre sport aussi longtemps que vous le souhaitez	4 - Pas de difficulté

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- Dorsal flexion ?
  - Sural triceps ?
  - Sense of position?
- => Running on uneven ground

# Interpreting the score in practice



## Tests fonctionnels du 15/10/2024 (cheville lésée)



### Figure Of 8 / Score : 3 / 3

Quel est le meilleur temps réalisé lors du test ?	11.1 s
Sensation d'instabilité sur la cheville lors du test ?	Non

### Side Hop Test / Score : 3 / 5

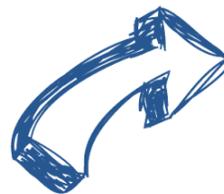
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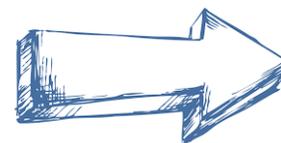
Combien d'erreurs ont été commises ?	Plus de 3 erreurs
Sensation d'instabilité sur la cheville lors du test ?	Non

### Star Excursion Balance Test / Score : 2 / 7

Longueur de la jambe d'appui (EIAS-malléole médiale):	100 cm
Distance atteinte dans la direction antérieure :	58 cm   57 cm   60 cm   Moy. 58.33 cm
Distance atteinte dans la direction postéro médiale :	104 cm   104 cm   104 cm   Moy. 104 cm
Distance atteinte dans la direction postéro latérale :	87 cm   88 cm   89 cm   Moy. 88 cm
Sensation d'instabilité sur la cheville lors du test ?	Non



Static balance exercises



Dorsal flexion?  
Evertors strength?

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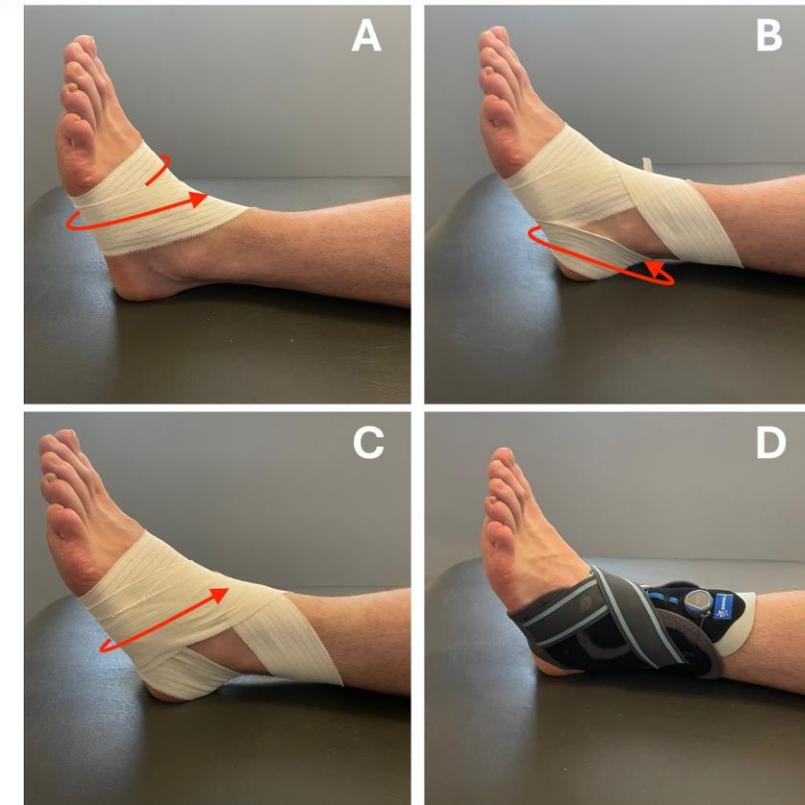
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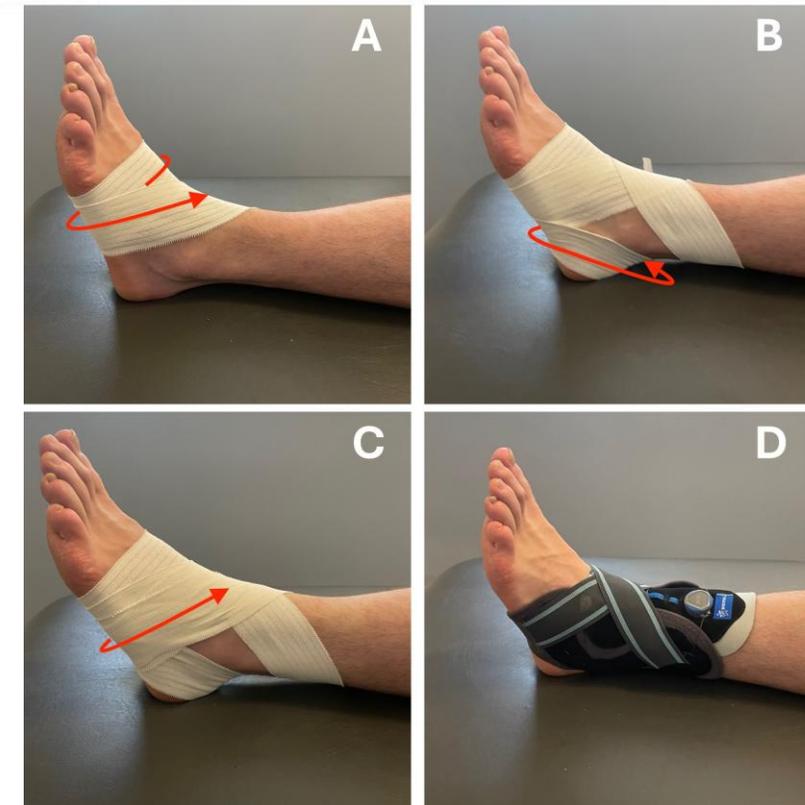
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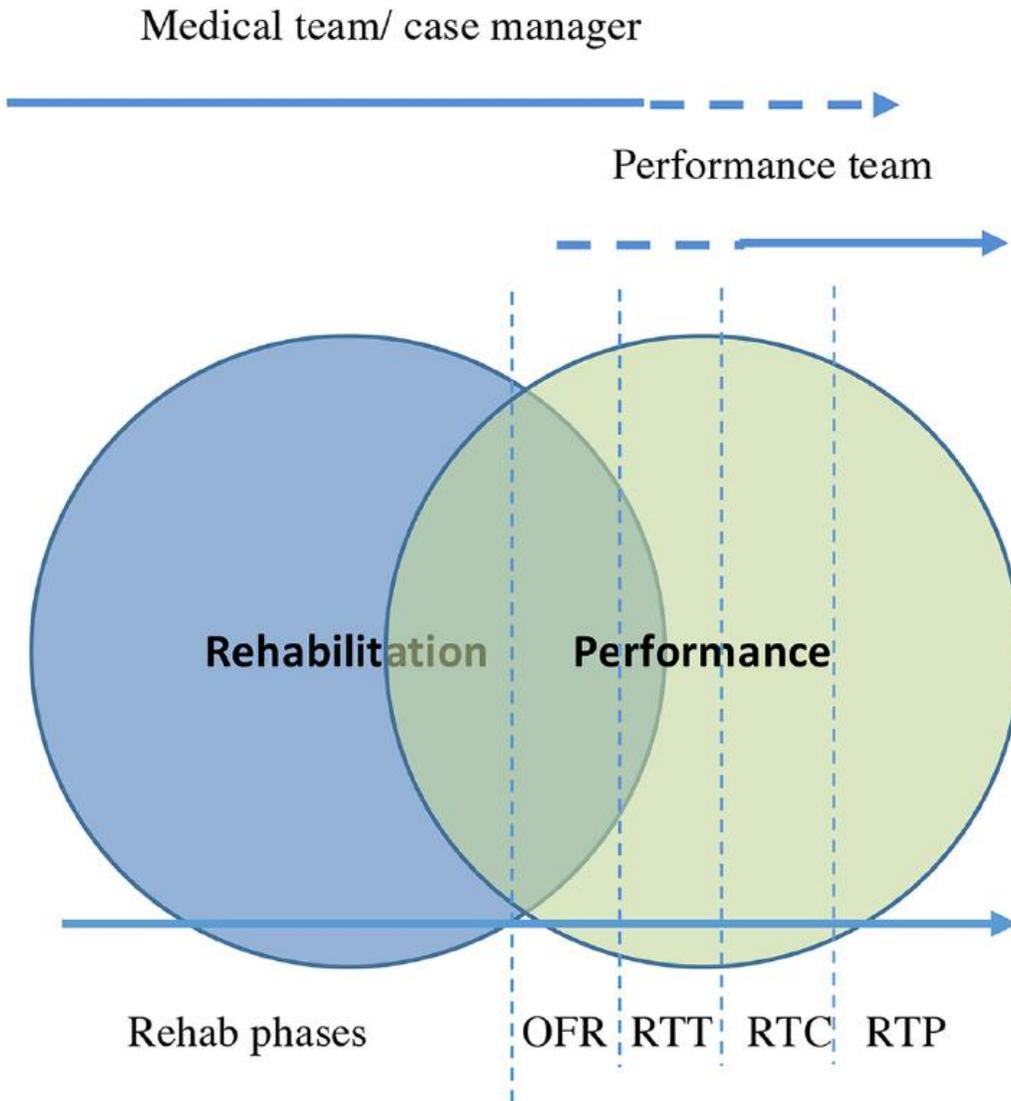


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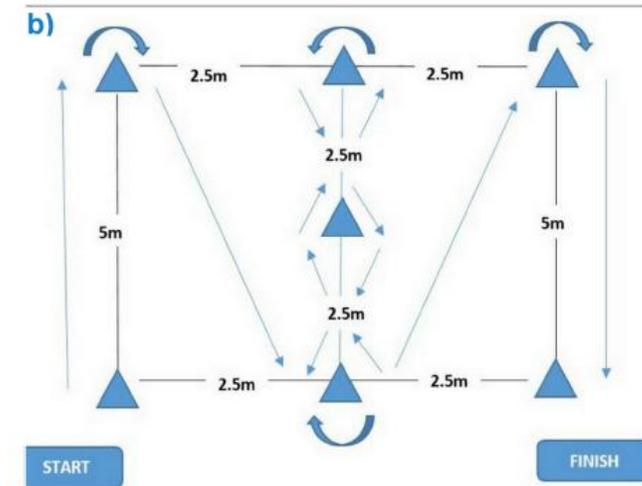


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30 m sprint (s)	5.67 ± 0.58	4.97 ± 0.63	<0.001*	1.16 [0.72-1.60]
MICODT (s)	14.52 ± 0.78	12.57 ± 0.87	<0.001*	2.38 [1.78-2.987]
COD (s)	5.81 ± 0.45	5.14 ± 0.51	<0.001*	1.39 [0.92-1.85]

# CONCLUSION

No time-based rehabilitation and RTS!

- Assess the deficits (ROAST & Ankle-GO™)  
→ For guiding the RTS

Risk management

- RTP management
- Ankle support / Tape

Control to chaos:

Sports-based rehabilitation

CoD?

Deceleration ?

Recreation

Double task, VR ?



	TESTS		RAW VALUES	POINTS	MAXIMUM SCORE
<b>FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE TESTING</b>	Single leg stance test		> 3 errors	0	3
			1 - 3 errors	1	
			0 error	2	
			No apprehension	+1	
	Star excursion balance test (SEBT)		< 90%	0	7
			90 - 95%	2	
			> 95%	4	
			Anterior (ANT) > 60 %	+1	
			Posteromedial (PM) > 90 %	+1	
			No apprehension	+1	
	Side hop test		> 13 s	0	5
			10 - 13 s	2	
			< 10 s	4	
			No apprehension	+1	
	Figure-of-8 hop test		> 18 s	0	3
			13 - 18 s	1	
< 13 s			2		
No apprehension			+1		
<b>PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURE</b>	Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)		Activities of Daily Living		2
			< 90 %		
			90 – 95 %		
	Sport		> 95 %		2
			< 80 %		
			80 – 95 %		
	Ankle ligament reconstruction-return to sport after injury (ALR-RSI)		> 95 %		3
			< 55 %		
			55-63 %		
			63 – 76 %		
		> 76 %		3	
<b>Ankle-GO</b>					<b>25</b>