Abstract

Title: Influence of horse breed and type of terrain on activation of the abdominal

muscles in hippotherapy.

Purposes: The aim of the study is to find out if horse breed and type of terrain

approaches muscle activation in the position of unassisted sitting

Methods: The study is of intraindividual character and incudes theoretical and

practical part. The activation of abdominal muscles was measured by using

surface electromyography and kinematic analysis.

Results: There was difference between muscle activation with a different type of

terrain. Horse breed does not influence a muscle activation but the

individual biomechanic of each horse.

Key words: hippotherapy, hipporehabilitation, horse breed, activation of abdominal

muscles, unassisted seat, therapeutic horseback riding, electromyography