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The Effectiveness of Targeted
Treatment Pathway of a
Comprehensive Patientempowered Active Back Program
for Low Back Pain Patients in
Tuen Mun Hospital









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Triage low back pain patients (Hill et al, 2011)



Low/Medium/High-risk subgroup



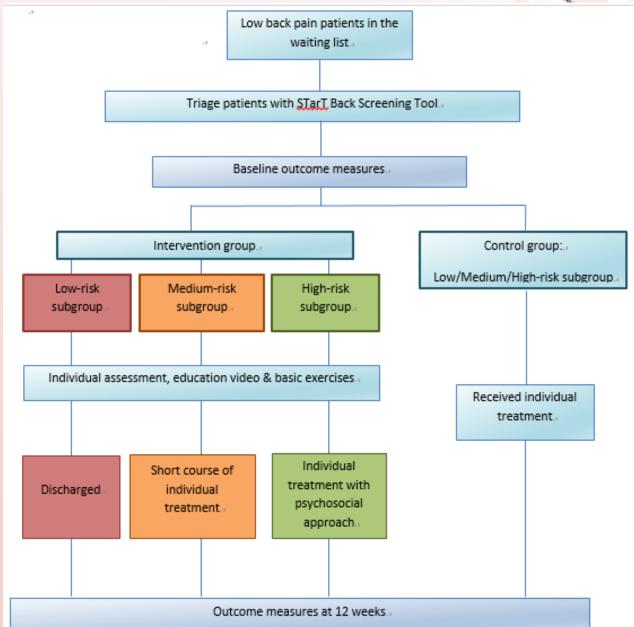
Better functional outcomes

A comprehensive patient-empowered active back program was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of targeted treatment on different subgroups of low back pain patients

#### Method: Workflow







## **Targeted Treatment Pathway for Active Back Program** (intervention group) - Aug 2015 - Jan 2016

**Individual Assessment** 



Back Care Video



**Group Exercises** 













Low-risk group: Discharge with exercise pamphlet

Medium-risk group: Short course of individual treatment

High-risk group: Individual treatment with psychosocial approach





#### Results

Intervention group	N=70		24 male 46 female
Control group	N=50	Age: 48.2 <u>+</u> 12.3 years	<ul><li>14 male</li><li>36 female</li></ul>

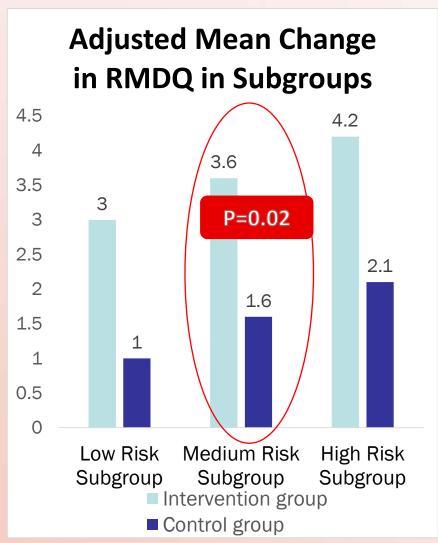


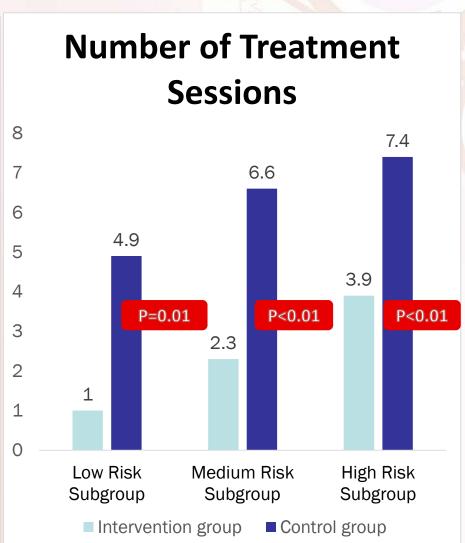


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### Conclusion

The comprehensive patient-empowered active back program together with targeted treatment pathway was effective in improving the functional disability with less treatment sessions for low back pain patients after being stratified into different risk subgroups.