



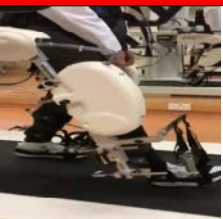
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**Innovating Robotic Assisted Gait Therapy in HKEC
Will Advance Technology Enhances Clinical Outcomes?**



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Stroke (Hong Kong)



Yearly **26000**

Mortality **3000**

4th Killer

3 months after stroke

20% WC bound

70% Walking Disability

10% Independent Walk

(Eich et, 2009)

Stroke Patients

Restoration of Walking

is highly relevant for

Community Reintegration

(Eich et al, 2009)

Gait Training

New (2015) Robotic Assisted Gait Therapy (RAGT)



Gluteus maximus
Posterior capsule
A Heel strike (initial contact)

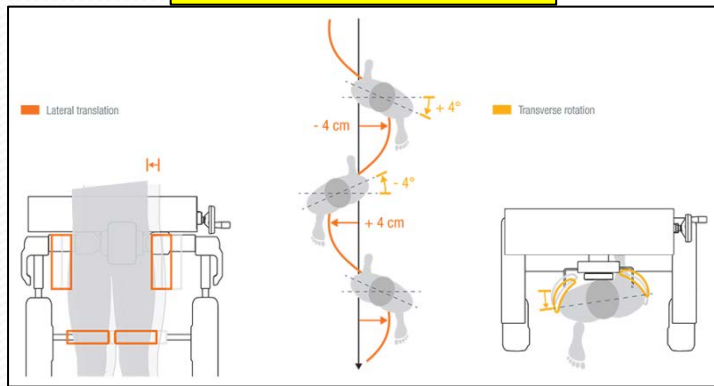
Double support (10%)

Stance Cycle

Quadriceps femoris
Tibialis anterior
Initial swing (40%)

Robotic-assisted Gait Therapy (RAGT) System

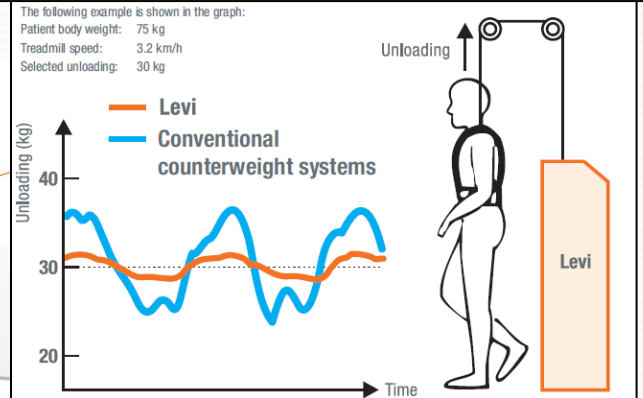
Free-D System



Joint Motion System



Dynamic Counterweight System



Augmented Performance Feedback System



Robotic-assisted Gait Therapy – Indications

- **Stroke**
- **Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)**
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Cerebral Palsy (CP)
- Orthopedic problems

RAGT for Stroke

• RAGT <i>↑ motor function</i> more than any other interventions	Level 1a
• RAGT for post stroke significantly <i>↓ spasticity</i>	Level 1b
• RAGT had significant greater <i>↑ aerobic capacity</i> than control associated with the cardiovascular fitness	Level 1b
• RAGT combination with PT <i>↑ the chance of achieving independent walker</i> than people who receive gait training without these devices	Level 1a
• RAGT <i>↑ walking speed</i> over the usual practice	Level 1b
• RAGT <i>↑ activities of daily living</i> and <i>mobility</i> when compared to the usual therapy	Level 1b
• RAGT <i>↑ muscle strength</i> than usual therapy	Level 1b
• RAGT <i>↑ mobility</i> than control	Level 1a
• RAGT <i>↑ balance</i> than control	Level 1a

RAGT for Spinal Cord Injury

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| • RAGT <i>↑ walking ability</i> | Level 1a |
| • RAGT <i>↑ walking speed</i> than therapist-assisted interventions | Level 1b |
| • RAGT <i>↑ motor score</i> when compared to overground mobility | Level 1b |
| • RAGT <i>↑ kinematic and kinetic parameters</i> better than control | Level 1b |

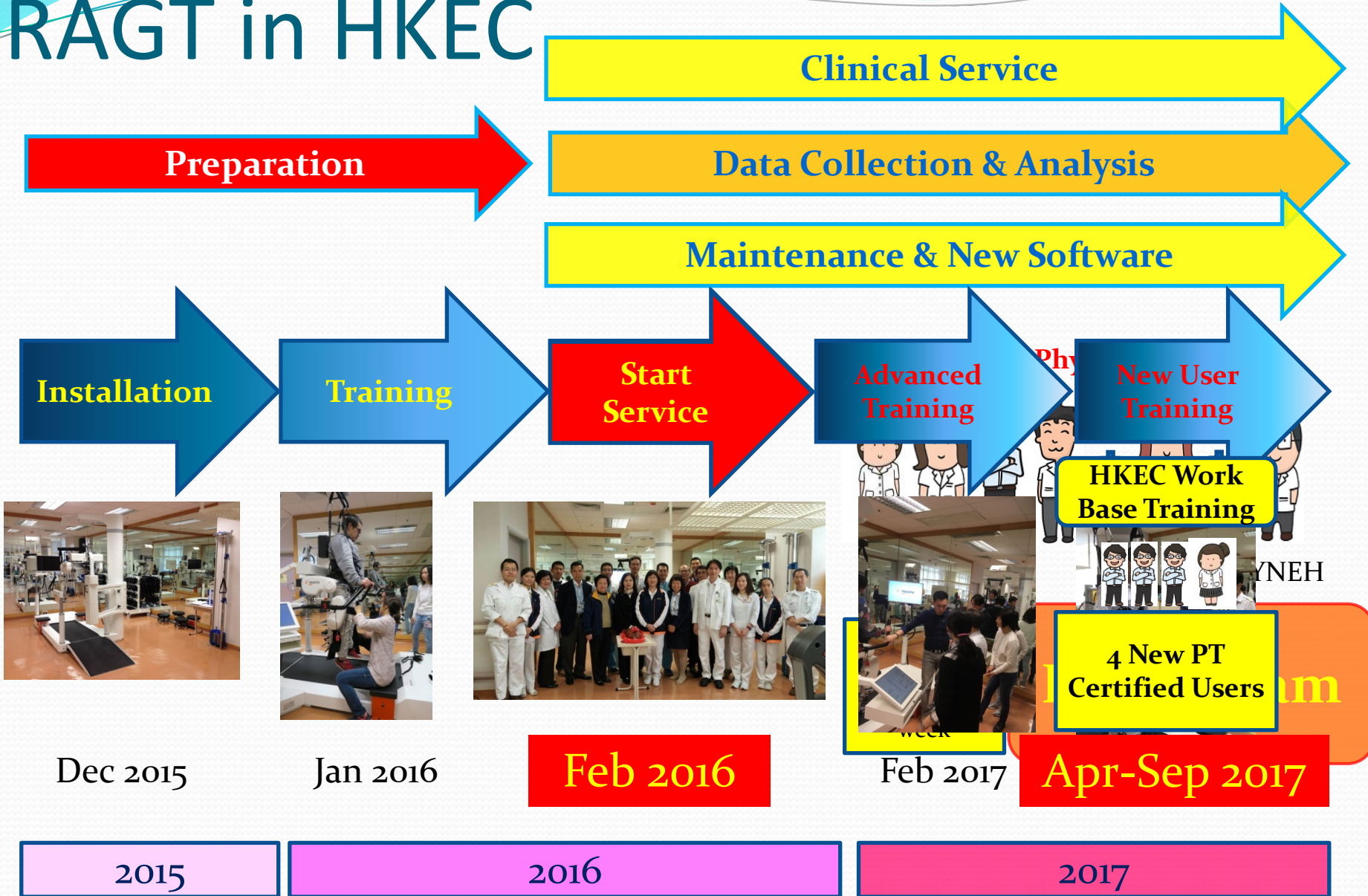
RAGT for Parkinson's disease

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| • RAGT <i>↑ walking function</i> (velocity, step length and stride length) as compared to treadmill | Level 1b |
| • RAGT <i>↑ balance</i> and <i>functional mobility</i> | Level 1b |

RAGT for Multiple Sclerosis

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| • RAGT <i>↑ walking speed</i> | Level 1b |
| • RAGT <i>↑ balance</i> | Level 1b |
| • RAGT <i>↑ quality of life</i> | Level 1b |

RAGT in HKEC



Clinical Effectiveness

Objective

- To evaluate the **additional clinical benefits** for neurological patients who received **combined RAGT** and **conventional physiotherapy**.

Conventional
Physiotherapy

vs

RAGT
Conventional
Physiotherapy



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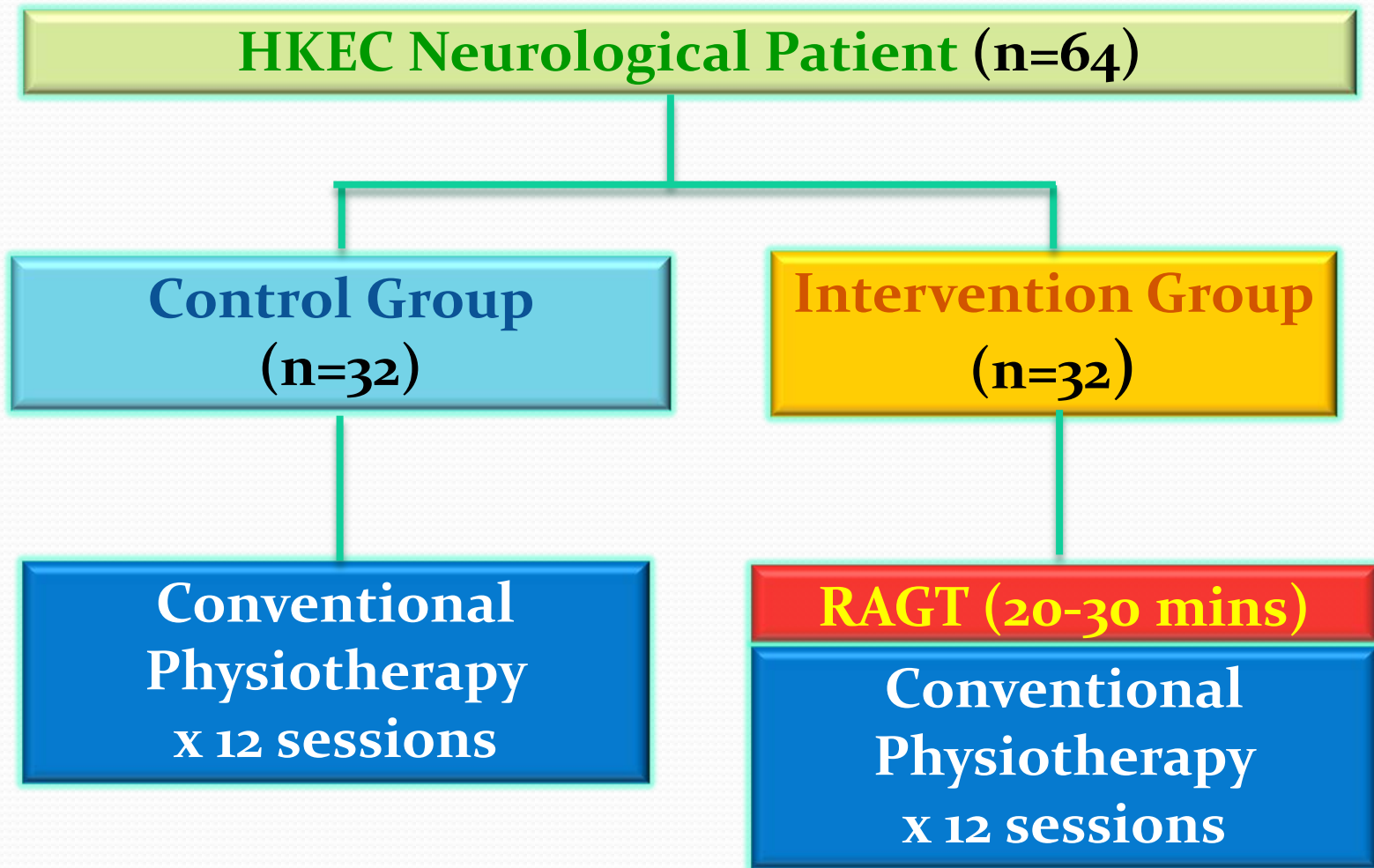
Study Design

Pre-test and **post-test** study design

Between group study design



Methodology



Outcome measurement

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Modified Functional Ambulation Classification (MFAC)
- Ambulatory Level (1 - 7)

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Modified Rivermead Mobility Index (MRMI)
- Motor Function (0 - 40)

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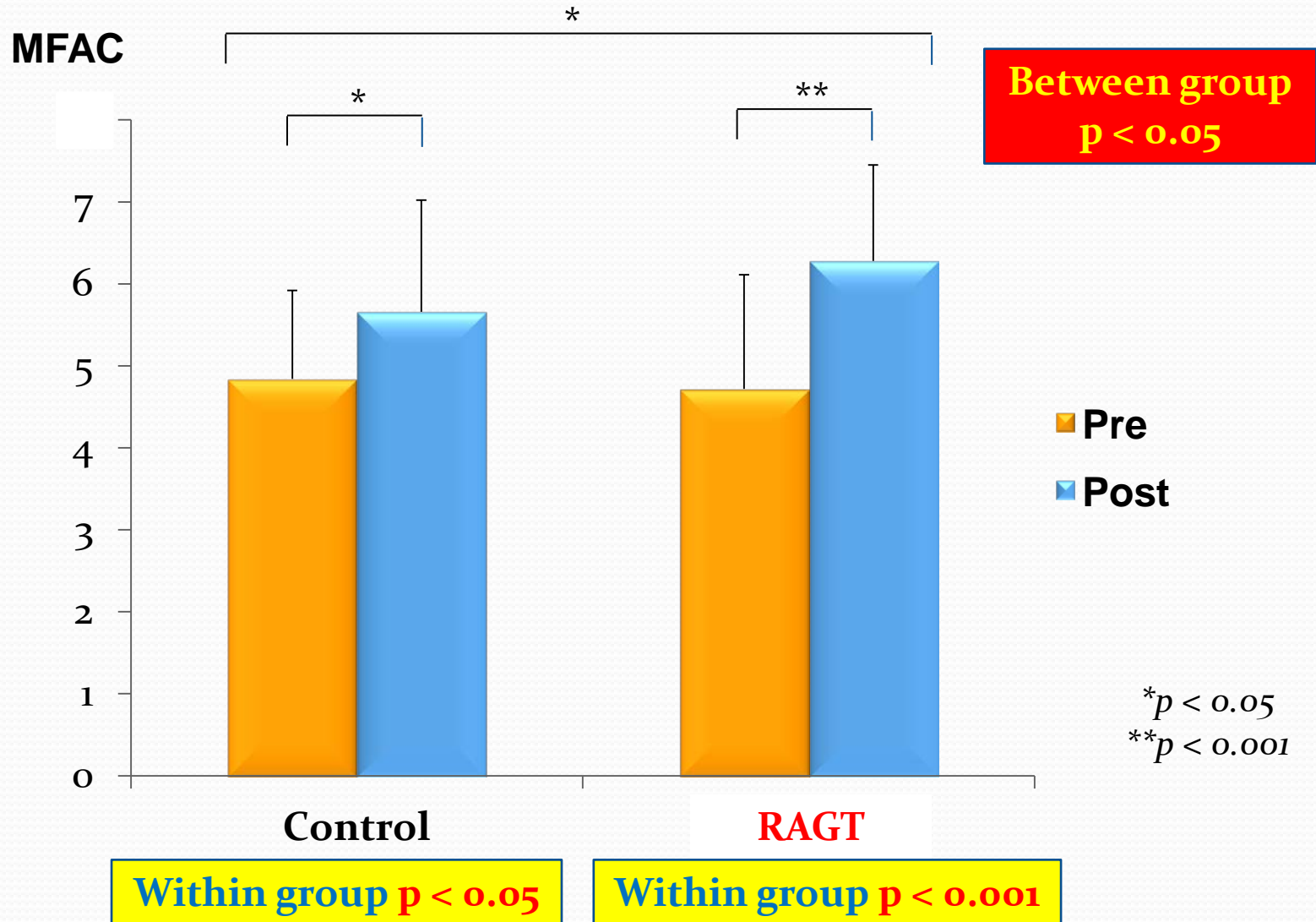
Berg Balance Score (BBS)
- Balance Ability (0- 56)

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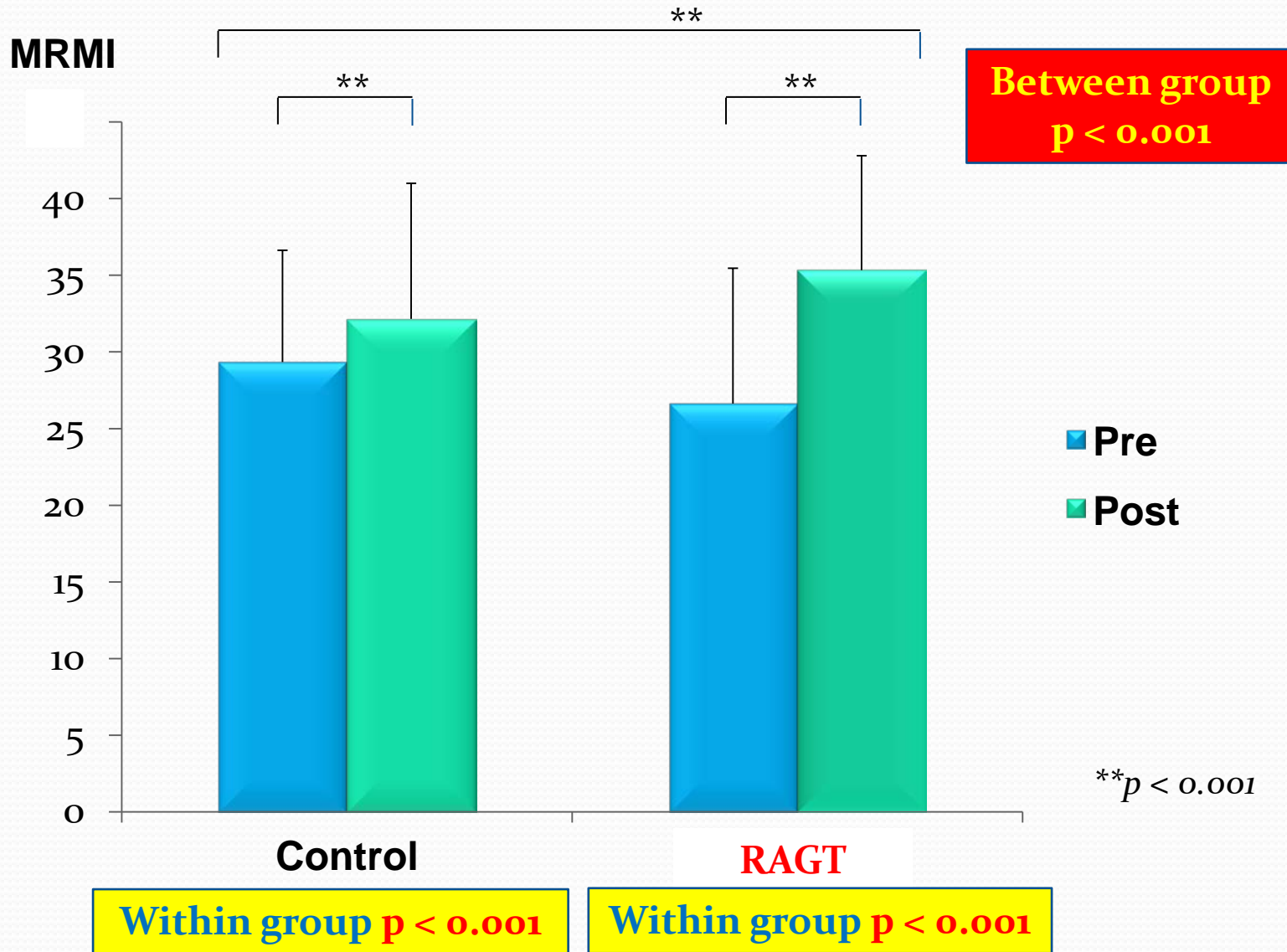
Functional Independence Measure (FIM)
- Functional Level (1 - 7)

- Transfer
- Walking
- Stair Climbing

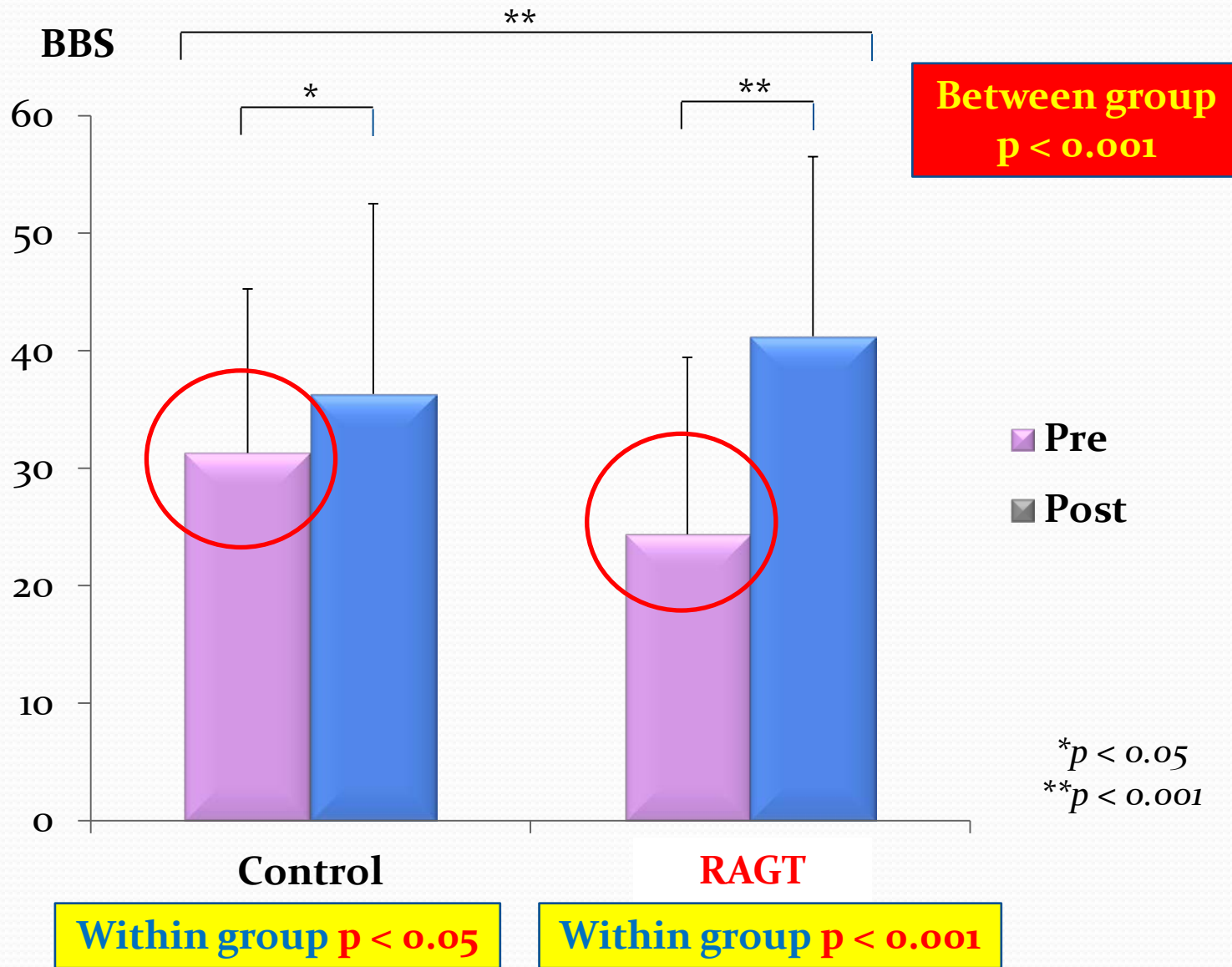
Outcome- MFAC (Ambulatory Level)



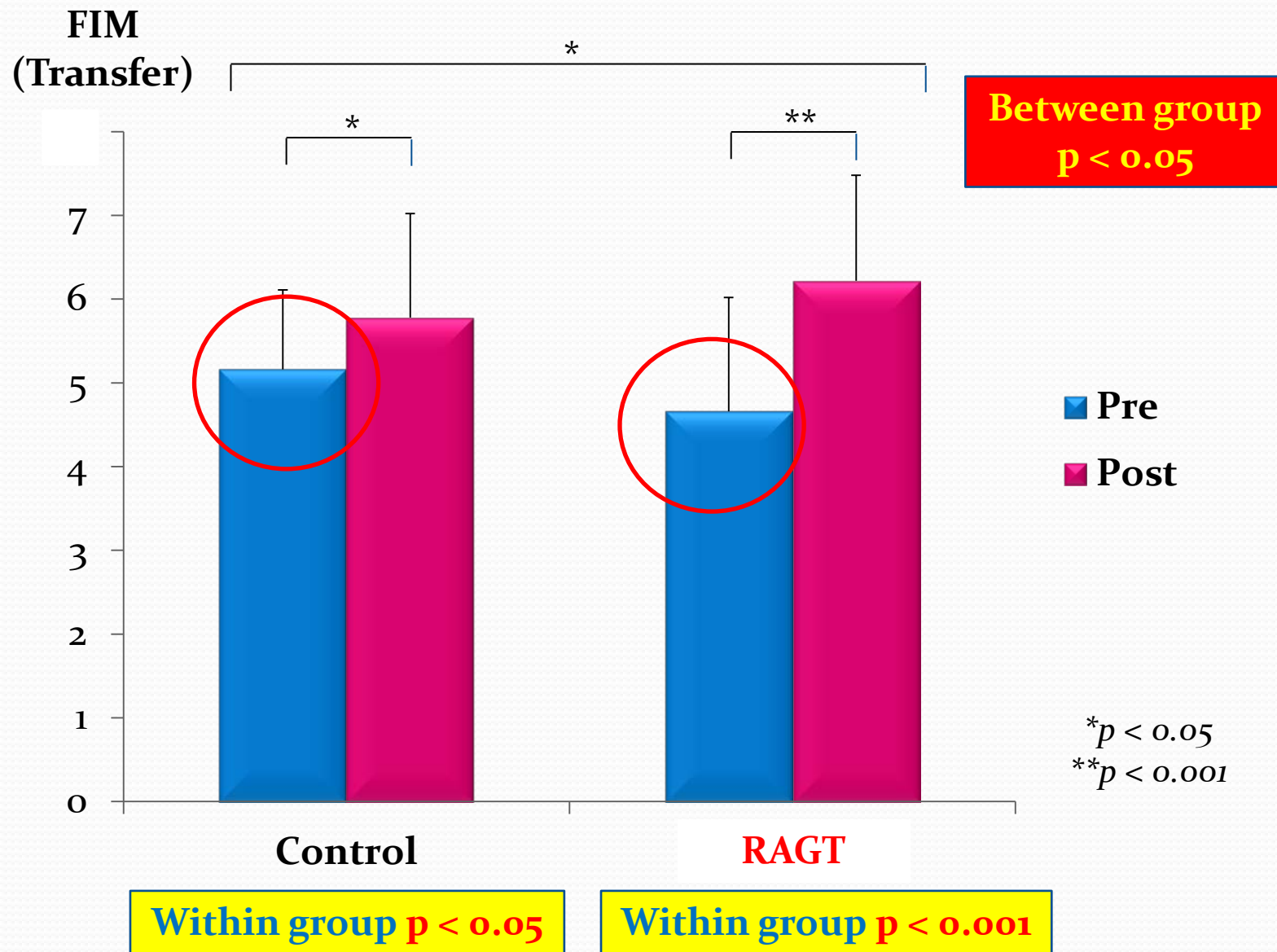
Outcome- MRMI (Motor Function)



Outcome- BBS (Balance Ability)

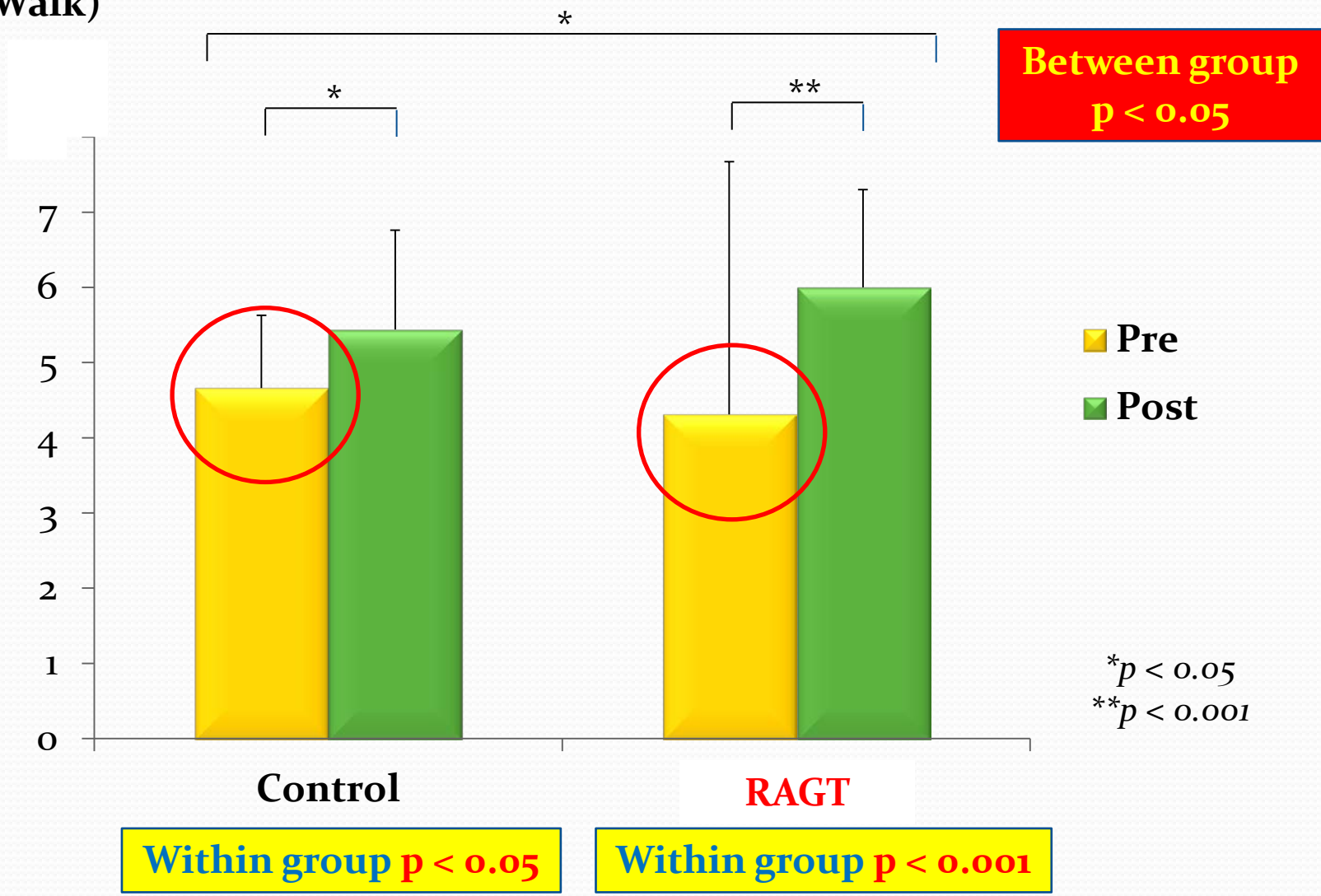


Outcome- FIM (Transfer)

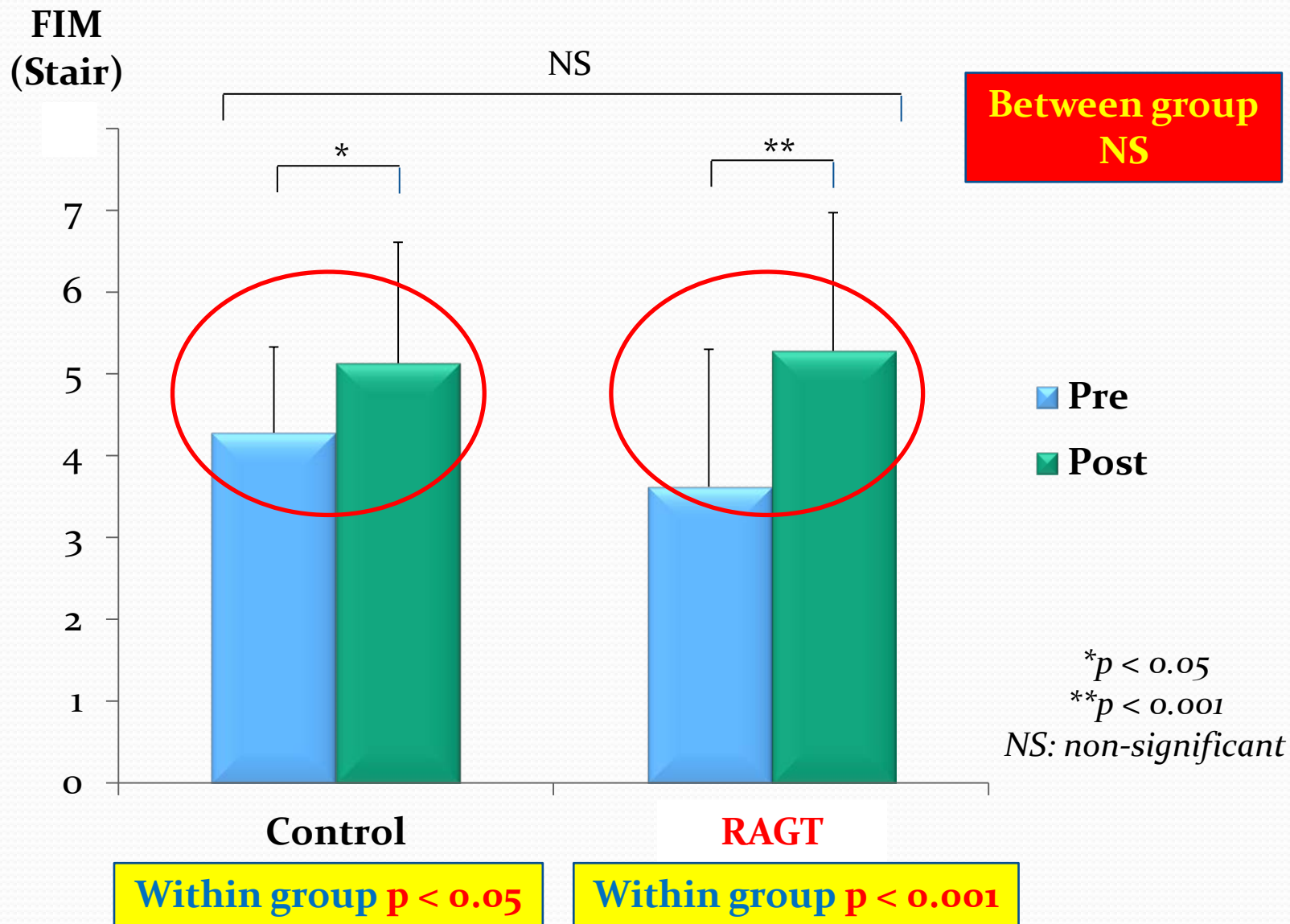


Outcome- FIM (Walk)

FIM
(Walk)



Outcome- FIM (Stair Climbing)



Qualitative Outcome

Satisfaction Survey

RAGT group

- Part A – **Improvement** of gait performance
 - pattern, endurance, speed, stability
- Part B – Satisfaction of **service**
 - duration, frequency, safety, staff's instructions

>95% patients

100% patients

Conclusion

Clinical Service

Innovative Technology

- Frees therapists from “**mechanical work**”
- Longer & more **intensive** training
- More **physiologic gait** pattern
- **Early** mobilization
- **Safe** environment

Clinical Effectiveness

RAGT + Conventional PT

- **Additional** improvement

Significant Improvement in

- **Ambulatory** ability (MFAC)
- **Motor** function (MRMI)
- **Balance** ability (BBS)
- **Functional** ability (FIM)

Recommendation

- Clinical service: **New certified PT** support
- Further study:
 - Larger **sample size**
 - Other **patient groups**
 - Different **disease group: SCI, PD**
 - Different **walking status**
 - Further **analysis**

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