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Abstract

Effect of the Type of Computer on Computerized Neurobehavioral Performance Tests

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Objectives: It is difficult to carry and set up a large numbers of computers when computerized neurobehavioral tests are performed to many subjects. There are difficulties in mobilizing and resetting desktop computers and so, the use of desktop computers will decrease due to the recent increasing popularity of laptop computers. However, it is essential that there is no difference between the tests performed on a laptop and on a desktop computer. This study was conducted to estimate the effect that the type of computer has on computerized neurobehavioral performance tests.

Methods: Three types of computers were applied. Type 1 was a normal laptop computer. Type 2 was a laptop computer that was remodeled and equipped with a modified keyboard. A common desktop computer with a remodeled keyboard as type 3. The computerized tests included Simple Reaction Time, Choice Reaction Time, Symbol Digit, and Finger Tapping Speed. A total of 60 subjects were examined by the identical tester in the same testing conditions. The computers were randomly allocated, which were used in the test and let examinees take tests with the separate computers.

Results: There were no significant differences among the computers for the results of the Simple Reaction Time and Finger Tapping Speed tests. The mean reaction time, error number of Choice Reaction Time and mean reaction time, correct mean reaction time, error number of Symbol Digit produced significantly different results among the three types of computers.

Conclusion: This study indicates that with only a laptop computer the Simple Reaction Time test using the space bar was useful. But with the laptop computer, the Choice Reaction Time

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test using the four-direction key and the Symbol Digit test using the upper end number key were unsuitable. The keyboard should be developed further for the Choice Reaction Time and Symbol Digit tests. Among the three computers, we recommend the use of the desktop computer with the remodeled keyboard which the examinees are familiar with and the laptop computer with the remodeled keyboard.

Key Words: Neurobehavioral, Type of computer

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Table 1. General characteristics of study subjects

Characteristic	Non-Exposure (n=30)	Exposure (n=30)	Total (n=60)
Age(yrs.)*			
20-29	8 (26.7%)	7 (23.3%)	15 (25.0%)
30-39	22 (73.3%)	3 (10.0%)	25 (41.7%)
40-49	0 (-)	16 (53.3%)	16 (26.7%)
50	0 (-)	4 (13.4%)	4 (6.7%)
Sex †			
Male	14 (46.7%)	28 (93.3%)	42 (70.0%)
Female	16 (53.3%)	2 (6.7%)	18 (30.0%)
Educational level*			
Middle school	0 (-)	6 (20.0%)	6 (10.0%)
High school	9 (30.0%)	20 (66.7%)	29 (48.3%)
College or above	21 (70.0%)	4 (13.3%)	25 (41.7%)

*:Distribution is significantly different between non-exposure and exposure workers (p 0.05).

†: Distribution is significantly different between non-exposure and exposure workers (p 0.001).

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Table 2. Neurobehavioral test scores by the type of computer at the total workers (N=60)

Neurobehavioral test	Notebook *	Notebook+keyboard [†]	Desktop+keyboard [‡]	F	Significance (p-value)
Simple Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	352 (115)	350 (114)	325 (82)	1.194	.305
SD of mean reaction time	74 (54)	83 (59)	79 (44)		
Choice Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	696 (206) [¶]	636 (134)	622 (130) [¶]	3.515	.032
SD of mean reaction time	119 (57)	106 (41)	108 (48)		
No of error	1.90 (1.16) [¶]	1.55 (1.09)	1.28 (0.92) [¶]	5.068	.007
Symbol Digit §					
Mean Reaction time	2,690 (812) [¶]	2,448 (652)	2,376 (684)	3.124	.046
SD of mean reaction time	1,073 (816)	920 (701)	786 (598)		
Mean Reaction time, correct	2,707 (809) [¶]	2,447 (655)	2,380 (689) [¶]	3.423	.035
SD of mean reaction time, correct	1,043 (763)	912 (696)	784 (597)		
No of error	1.76 (1.07) [¶]	1.33 (0.79)	1.25 (0.65) [¶]	6.223	.002
Finger Tapping Speed					
Dominant hand	66.9 (10.3)	69.1 (10.4)	69.4 (12.4)	0.871	.421
SD of dominant hand	2.51 (2.90)	2.46 (3.09)	2.13 (4.17)		
Nondominant hand	59.8 (9.3)	61.5 (10.3)	62.1 (11.6)	0.719	.489
SD of nondominant hand	2.99 (4.33)	1.91 (2.19)	1.92 (2.03)		

The values are expressed as mean (standard deviation).

Significance is measured by one-way ANOVA.

*:Laptop computer.

[†]:Laptop computer equipped with modified keyboard.

[‡]:Ordinary desktop computer equipped with modified keyboard.

[§]:Parameters of Simple Reaction Time, Choice Reaction Time and Symbol Digit are measured in msec.

:Parameters of Finger Tapping Speed are the number of taps in 10s.

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Table 3. Neurobehavioral test scores by the type of computer at the non-exposure

Neurobehavioral test	workers (N=30)			F	Significance (p-value)
	Notebook *	Notebook+keyboard [†]	Desktop+keyboard [‡]		
Simple Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	310 (54)	314 (47)	305 (55)	0.229	.796
SD of mean reaction time	47 (13)	50 (16)	47 (9)		
Choice Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	602 (89)	594 (89)	596 (91)	0.074	.929
SD of mean reaction time	105 (39)	98 (37)	105 (37)		
No of error	1.23 (0.62)	1.13 (0.89)	1.16 (0.83)	0.123	.884
Symbol Digit[§]					
Mean Reaction time	2,107 (396) [¶]	1,983 (209)	1,933 (197) [¶]	3.871	.026
SD of mean reaction time	848 (620)	646 (526)	598 (562)		
Mean Reaction time, correct	2,109 (398) [¶]	1,974 (213)	1,927 (198) [¶]	6.160	.046
SD of mean reaction time, correct	850 (630)	649 (530)	597 (562)		
No of error	1.43 (0.81)	1.03 (0.76)	1.06 (0.63)	2.667	.075
Finger Tapping Speed					
Dominant hand	77.1 (7.3)	73.1 (7.4)	74.5 (11.3)	1.078	.345
SD of dominant hand	2.30 (2.08)	2.06 (2.34)	1.80 (2.20)		
Nondominant hand	62.6 (7.6)	64.3 (9.2)	65.4 (9.6)	0.760	.470
SD of nondominant hand	1.56 (2.09)	2.06 (2.25)	1.80 (2.05)		

The values are expressed as mean (standard deviation).

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Table 4. Neurobehavioral test scores by the type of computer at the exposure workers (N=30)

Neurobehavioral test	Notebook *	Notebook+keyboard [†]	Desktop+keyboard [‡]	F	Significance (p-value)
Simple Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	393 (143)	386 (147)	346 (98)	1.139	.325
SD of mean reaction time	101 (65)	116 (136)	82 (46)		
Choice Reaction Time[§]					
Mean Reaction time	789 (246)	678 (158)	649 (157) [¥]	4.433	.015
SD of mean reaction time	131 (68)	113 (43)	110 (57)		
No of error	2.56 (1.19)	1.96 (1.12)	1.40 (1.00) [¥]	8.261	.001
Symbol Digit[§]					
Mean Reaction time	3,306 (686)	2,914 (612)	2,818 (714) [¥]	4.432	.015
SD of mean reaction time	1,296 (930)	1,193 (754)	972 (581)		
Mean Reaction time, correct	3,293 (675)	2,910 (622)	2,824 (718) [¥]	4.327	.016
SD of mean reaction time, correct	1,236 (841)	1,175 (750)	969 (580)		
No of error	2.10 (1.21)	1.63 (0.71)	1.43 (0.62) [¥]	4.425	.015
Finger Tapping Speed					
Dominant hand	62.8 (11.2)	65.1 (11.5)	64.4 (11.6)	0.317	.729
SD of dominant hand	2.73 (3.57)	2.86 (3.70)	2.46 (5.50)		
Nondominant hand	57.2 (10.2)	58.7 (10.7)	58.8 (12.6)	0.194	.824
SD of nondominant hand	3.23 (4.63)	2.53 (3.99)	2.16 (2.13)		

The values are expressed as mean (standard deviation).

Significance is measured by one-way ANOVA.

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