

# 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SAFER FALLING FOR OLDER PEOPLE THROUGH JUDO

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**Research Group:**  
Research in Physical Activity,  
Quality of Life, and Physical  
Education

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# Theoretical Foundations

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# 1. Theoretical Foundations

## Dissemination and regional impact

- Disseminate the program across multiple forums
- Presented in Málaga, Carmona, Sevilla.
- Supported by public institutions and through the Mentor 10 Project.
- Governmental initiative, promote programs for older adults





# 1. Theoretical Foundations

## Population ageing and fall prevention



- **Ageing situation**
  - Increased life expectancy and reduced birth rate.
  - WHO: 1 in every 6 people will be over 60 years old by 2030.
- **Health impacts**
  - Biggest public health challenges..
  - 68,400 fatal falls annually.
  - Frequent, risk of injury and affect social, psychological and physical.
- **Risk factors**
  - Decreases in physical and cognitive function.
  - Frailty significantly increases fall risk.
  - Increase muscle loss.
  - Importance of these programs to reduce fall risk.

# 1. Theoretical Foundations

## Programs results and benefits

**Prevention of frailty.**

**Ability to land safely during controlled falls and ability to get up from the floor.**

**Reduced risk of falls and accidents.**



**Enhanced strength, balance and mobility.**

**Reduced fear of falling and increased confidence.**

**Positive impact on physical, social and psychological health.**

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# Objectives



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## 02. Objectives

### General Objective

- To assess and implement the **effects of a fall-teaching** workshop based on the JUA program in a group of older adults within maintenance gymnastics classes.

### Specific Objective

- To measure **fall competence** and **physical performance** using the Strömqvist-Bååthe Test, evaluating **self-efficacy, motor skill and fall technique** in older adults after a fall-teaching workshop based on the JUA program.



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**Design and  
Methodology**

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## 3. Design and Methodology

### Design

- Experimental: Control Group (CG) and Experimental Group (EG), with pre- and post-intervention measurements.
- Sample selected non-probabilistically and incidentally (convenience sampling).

### Sample Characteristics

Variable	EG (n=22)	CG (n=23)
<b>Age</b>	63 a 90 years(75.77 ± 7.12)	61 a 83 years (75.96 ± 5.09)
<b>BMI</b>	26.60-44.55 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (35.07 ± 4.71)	26.24-43.37 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (33 ± 3.98)
<b>Muscle mass</b>	15.3%-33.1% (22.23 ± 4.17%)	16.1%-29.1% (21.14 ± 3.82%)
<b>Marital status</b>	17.4% widower and single 26.1% married and accompanied	20.8% widower and single 12.5% married and accompanied
<b>Profession</b>	21.7% housewives 8.7% retired teacher/madamss Comercials, nurses and cleaners	58.3% housewives Teachers, professors and cleaners

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# 3. Design and Methodology

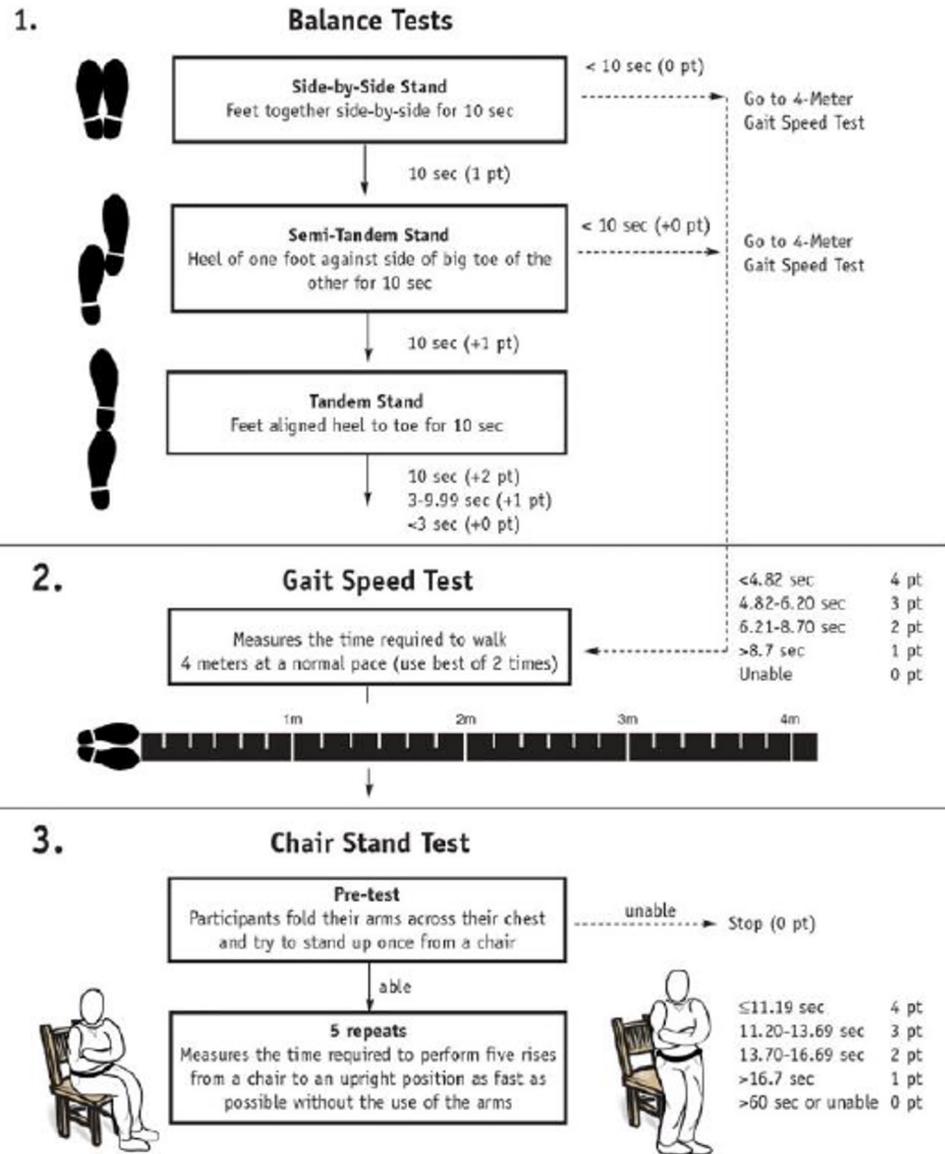
## Inclusion and exclusion criteria

- **Inclusion Criteria:**
  - 60 years or older
  - Men and women
  - No pre-existing pathologies
  - Ability to perform exercise without medical restrictions
- **Exclusion Criteria:**
  - Medical reasons contraindicating exercise
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Chest pain, dizziness or angina during exercise
  - Uncontrolled hypertension (160/100 mmHg)

Participants received detailed information about the intervention (signed informed consent and image-use authorisation)



## Short Physical Performance Battery



## 3. Design and Methodology

**Instruments: Measure Physical performance and Fall competence**

### 1. Physical performance: **Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB Test)**

- **Balance**

- Three positions (feet together, semi-tandem, tandem).

- **Gait speed**

- Time to walk 4 metres.

- **Lower-limb strength**

- Five chair stands.

Score: 0–4 for each test. Max 12 points.

# 3. Design and Methodology

## 2. Fall competence: **Strömqvist-Bååthe Test (SBFC)**

- **Self-efficacy**
  - The subject is asked: “How confident are you...?”
  - The response determines whether the test is performed. This procedure is followed for both backward (BF) and lateral (LF) falls.
  
- **Motor skills and Falling technique**
  - Once the subject has demonstrated self-efficacy, the test is administered. Both BF and LF are evaluated.

Score: 0–4 for each test. Max 8 points.



Name/Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Testleader: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

### "Strömqvist - Bathe Test" - measuring Falling Competence - Sideways:

1a) How confident are you laying down on your side, lift your head and roll from side to side?

- YES, SURE (go to 1b)
- UNSURE (stop test)
- NO/REFUSES (stop test)

1b) Performs the exercise - Lays down on the side, can lift head and roll from side to side.

- Successful (go to 2a)
- Cannot get down on the mat (stop test)
- Cannot lift the head off the mat (stop test)
- Cannot roll from side to side (stop test)
- Cannot get up from the mat independently (stop test)

2a) How confident are you sitting down on your buttocks (legs forward) and fall sideways?

- YES, SURE (go to 2b)
- UNSURE (stop test)
- NO/REFUSES (stop test)

2b) Performs the exercise - Falls sideways from sitting down (legs forward) no instruction given:

- Successful (go to 3a)
- Puts down hand/hands (stop test)
- Does not hold up head (stop test)
- Falls on stomach (stop test)
- Hits the shoulder (stop test)
- Falls flat on the back (stop test)
- Other injury prone maneuver: (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop test)

3a) How confident are you falling sideways from a squatting or one kneeling position (one knee up)?

- YES, SURE (go to 3b)
- UNSURE (stop test)
- NO/REFUSES (stop test)

3b) Falls sideways from squatting or kneeling position, no instruction given:

- Successful (go to 4a)
- Puts down hand/hands (stop test)
- Does not hold up the head (stop test)
- Falls on the stomach (stop test)
- Hits the shoulder (stop test)
- Falls flat on the back (stop test)
- Other injury prone maneuver: (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop test)

4a) How confident are you falling sideways from a standing up position?

- YES, SURE (go to 4b)
- UNSURE (stop test)
- NO/REFUSES (stop test)

Name/Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Testleader: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

4b) Stands up and falls sideways, no instruction is given:

- Successful (=4p)
- Puts down hand/hands (stop test)
- Does not hold up the head (stop test)
- Falls on the stomach (stop test)
- Hits the shoulder (stop test)
- Falls flat on the back (stop test)
- Does not bend leg/s and lower center of gravity (stop test)
- Other injury prone maneuver: (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop test)

POINTS BACKWARD FALL \_\_\_\_\_

Scale:

0 point = Fails exercise 1a = Refuses, unsure or cannot lay down on the floor and rise independently or fails 1b.

1 point = Successful Exercise 1b = Can successfully lay down on the floor and rise independently but fails 2a or 2b.

2 points = Successful Exercise 2b = Can successfully fall backwards from sitting down on the floor but fails 3a or 3b

3 points = Successful Exercise 3b = Can successfully fall backwards from a squatting position but fails 4a or 4b.

4 points = Can successfully fall backwards from a standing position without any harmful maneuver (exercise 4b).

"Strömqvist-Bathe Test" for measuring Falling Competence Backwards, Sideways & Forward: Copyright: K. Strömqvist Bathe & M. Tonkonogi,

University of Dalarna, developed 2018 - 2019. English translation May 2023.

Tests may be used free of charge by trained test leaders with the acknowledgement of the correct test name as well as simple registration of the use by e-mail to: ksb@du.se stating: when and how the test will be used as well as name of point of contact, e-mail and name of institution/club/company

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## 3. Design and Methodology

### Intervention



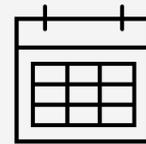
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Sport center  
Tiro de Línea,  
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Black belt 1°  
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March -  
May 2024



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12 sesiones  
3 per week



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60 minutes

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# 3. Design and Methodology

## Data Analysis

- Software: SPSS v.29
- ❓ Descriptive analysis to determine sample characteristics
- ❓ Normality test to assess data distribution
- ❓ Wilcoxon test (non-parametric): to compare related groups
- ❓ Significance at  $p < 0.05$



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# Results and Discussion



## PUNCTUATIONS SPPB AND SBCT

Variable	EG					CG				
	Pre-Test		Post-Test		p-value	Pre-Test		Post-Test		p-value
	$\bar{x}$ (DS)	Min-Max	$\bar{x}$ (DS)	Min-Max		$\bar{x}$ (DS)	Min-Max	$\bar{x}$ (DS)	Min-Max	
Balance	1,82 (0,58)	0-2	1,95 (0,21)	1-2	,276	1,74 (0,44)	1-2	1,78 (0,42)	1-2	,655
Gait speed	4,00 (0,00)	4-4	4,00 (0,00)	4-4	1,000	3,96 (0,20)	3-4	4,00 (0,00)	4-4	,317
Lower-limb strength	3,32 (1,04)	1-4	3,86 (0,46)	2-4	<b>,010</b>	3,09 (1,16)	1-4	3,74 (0,54)	2-4	<b>,008</b>
Motor skills and falling technique BF	0,91 (0,75)	0-2	2,64 (1,62)	0-4	<b>&lt;,001</b>	0,96 (1,10)	0-4	0,48 (0,593)	0-4	,053
Motor skills and falling technique LF	1,05 (0,89)	0-3	2,64 (1,62)	0-4	<b>&lt;,001</b>	0,70 (1,02)	0-4	0,41 (0,50)	0-1	,131

Note:  $\bar{x}$  = mean, SD = standard deviation,  $p < 0.05$  in the Wilcoxon test, BF = Backward fall, LF = Lateral fall.

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## **A Judo-Based Exercise Program to Reduce Falls and Frailty Risk in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Feasibility Study**

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## 4. Results y Discussion

### Fall Competence (SBCT): Self-efficacy

How confident are you...?



EG: 56,5% al 73,9%  
CG: 37,5%



EG: 8,7% al 60,9%  
CG: 4,2%



EG: 4,3% al 56,5%  
CG: 4,2%

## MOTOR SKILLS AND FALLING TECHNIQUE (SBCT)

Variable	EG				GG			
	Pre-Test <i>N</i> (%)		Post-Test <i>N</i> (%)		Pre-Test <i>N</i> (%)		Post-Test <i>N</i> (%)	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1b_BF	15 (65,2)	5 (21,7)	17 (73,9)	-	13 (54,2)	-	9 (37,5)	2 (8,3)
2b_BF	5 (21,7)	8 (34,8)	17 (73,9)	-	6 (25,0)	3 (12,5)	1 (4,2)	8 (33,3)
3b_BF	20 (87,0)	2 (8,7)	14 (60,9)	-	2 (8,3)	-	-	1 (4,2)
4b_BF	-	-	10 (43,5)	3 (13,0)	1 (4,2)	-	-	-
1b_LF	15 (65,2)	3 (13,0)	17 (73,9)	-	10 (41,7)	1 (4,2)	8 (33,3)	3 (12,5)
2b_LF	7 (30,4)	5 (21,7)	17 (73,9)	-	7 (29,2)	3 (12,5)	-	8 (33,3)
3b_LF	1 (4,3)	1 (4,3)	14 (60,9)	1 (4,3)	1 (4,2)	-	-	-
4b_LF	-	-	10 (43,5)	3 (13,0)	1 (4,2)	-	-	-

Note: 1bBF = Lies on back, lifts head off the mat, places arms at sides, and then gets back up from the floor without assistance. 2bBF = Falls backward from a sitting position (legs forward) without instructions given. 3bBF = Falls backward from a squatting position (no instructions given). 4bBF = Falls backward from a standing position (no instructions given). 1bLF = Lies on side, can lift head and roll from side to side. 2bLF = Falls sideways from a sitting position (legs forward) without instructions. 3bLF = Falls sideways from a squatting or kneeling position without instructions given. 4bLF = Gets up and falls sideways without instructions given.

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# 5: Conclusion

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## 5. Conclusion



Significant improvement in fall competence



Improvements in balance and lower-limb strength



Effective intervention for fall prevention

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