

Innovation pathways of nervous system that send

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Innovation of transport and industry have led to provocative motion environments, to cars, trains, funfair rides, aircraft, and simulators. 1 Thus Motion sickness is a common problem in people travelling by train, airplane, boat and especially cars. Also people experience motion sickness from virtual reality, displays and also smart phones. 2 Susceptibility to motion sickness is higher in individuals suffering from spatial disorientation (35.05%), migraine (26.

31%), gastrointestinal disorders (26.82%) and those who are more sensitive to unpleasant odors (24.64%). Females (27.3%) are more susceptible to motion sickness than males (16.8%). 6 Initial symptoms is discomfort in stomach, followed by nausea. With rapid worsening of symptoms there can be salivation changes, dizziness, retching and sopite related symptoms.

3, 4 The primary functions of the vestibular system are spatial orientation, maintenance of balance, and stabilizing of vision through vestibular-ocular reflexes. 15 Motion is sensed by the brain through three different pathways of nervous system that send signals coming from inner ear (sensing motion, acceleration, gravity), the eyes (vision), and the deeper tissues of body surface (proprioceptors). When there is an unintentional movement of the body, the brain responds to unfamiliar motion stimuli which are transmitted to vestibular nuclei. This unfamiliar motion stimuli is sensed by vestibular labyrinth, the eyes and proprioceptors and travel to vestibular nuclei, then through cerebellum to vomiting centre located in the parvocellular formation of medulla oblongata, this conflict among the brain and the three pathways

lead to motion sickness. 16 Currently the “neural mismatch theory” states that motion sickness can originate from within a single sensory system (e. g. , canal-otolith interaction), or between two or more sensory systems (e. g. visual-vestibular interaction). 19, 20 As the vestibular system plays a crucial role in the inducement of motion sickness, vestibular habituation exercises will help reduced motion sickness. Repetitive vestibular stimulation can therefore cause changes in Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex (VOR) and at the same time a reduction in sensitivity to motion sickness. 30 Habituation exercises are based on the mechanism that repeated exposure to a provocative stimulus (e. g. head movements) will lead to a reduction of the motion-provoked symptoms.

32 These exercises cause a habituation effect characterized by decreased sensitivity and duration of symptoms can occur in as quickly as 2 weeks but can take as long as 6 months. 31 Effects of breathing strategy have explored by number of experts. Paul Lehrer a leading researcher in area of relaxation training showed that breathing approach can be quite successful in reducing physiologic activation of the sympathetic nervous systems.

33 A commonly used Diagnostic Criteria for Identifying the Severity of acute motion sickness and the Diagnostic Scale, referred to as Motion Sickness Assessment Questionnaire which is a reliable method for scoring overall motion sickness with the use of four subscales is used in this study for rating these symptoms of motion and to differentiate motion sickness symptoms along four dimensions: gastrointestinal, central, peripheral, and sopite-

related. 36 Motion sickness affects nearly all people who travel by land, sea, or air, little documentation exists regarding prevention and management. Repeated recurrence of sickness is not desirable or practical to daily living. Limited evidence is available for Controlled breathing and visual-vestibular habituation training for motion sickness that won't provoke the undesirable symptoms and can last for upwards of a year. Thus aim of this study was to help determine the effectiveness of visual vestibular habituation and controlled breathing for motion sickness. The research questions were:

Is visual-vestibular habituation and controlled breathing effective for motion sickness? Will there be any difference in severity of motion sickness when treated with visual vestibular habituation and controlled breathing for motion sickness?