ESC Project: The influence of strangers in physical activity promotion. A randomized pilot trial

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Heatlh benefits associated with regular Physical Activity (Bize, Johnson, & Plotnikoff, 2007)

Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality (WHO, 2010)

SDI (Ryan & Deci, 2000)

Purpose: to analyze the association between social contagion through strangers and PA and SB, in adults













Methods

- Randomized pilot trial
- 16 adults (18-64 years), both genders, with four groups:



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Experimental Group 1

 Primed with a promotional **brochure** about PA and SB

Experimental Group 2

 Primed with strangers doing PA (dialogue, people walking and a video)

Experimental Group 3

 Primed with strangers in **SB** (dialogue, people seating and a video)

Control Group

 Exposed to a video about healthy nutrition

Pre-test and Post-test PA and SB were measured objectively by ActiGraph wGT3X accelerometers for seven consecutive days, **before** and **after** the intervention











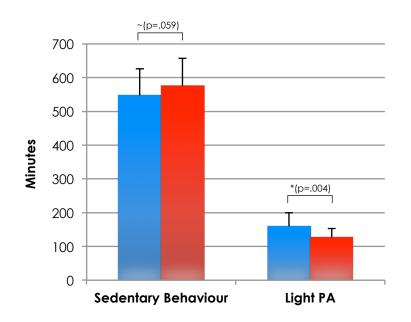


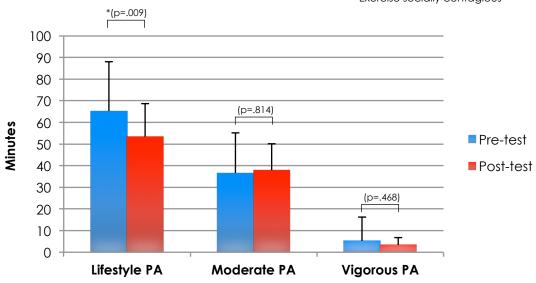


Results



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Discussion





 This is only preliminary data to help testing this experimental design for a larger and innovative research.













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