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Results

Sample characteristics

The study included 21 participants who were recruited from local memory clinics.

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Intent to treat analyses

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		Time 1 Baseline	Time 2 4 Weeks	Time 3 8 Weeks	p value Time 2-Time 1	p value Time 3-Time 1	p value Time 3-Time 2
Cognitive outcomes	MoCA	25.1 ± 2.6	26.1 ± 2.6	26.3 ± 2.8	0.199	0.090	0.889
	HADS-Anxiety	4.1 ± 3.2	3.8 ± 3.1	2.8 ± 2.0	0.787	0.203	0.314
	HADS-Depression	2.5 ± 2.2	2.2 ± 1.8	1.3 ± 1.3	0.572	0.040	0.016
	AMPS-Mindfulness	36.9 ± 15.9	45.5 ± 7.9	44.5 ± 11.7	0.029	0.036	0.654
Physical function outcomes	QoL-AD	42.9 ± 5.2	46.3 ± 4.2	45.4 ± 4.5	0.004	0.080	0.356
	mPPT	13.6 ± 1.7	14.0 ± 1.5	14.5 ± 0.8	0.492	0.043	0.052
	Berg	54.1 ± 1.8	54.7 ± 1.8	55.0 ± 1.3	0.011	0.005	0.277
	DGI	21.7 ± 2.8	23.0 ± 1.5	23.7 ± 0.5	0.046	0.045	0.120
	TUG	7.3 ± 1.2	6.6 ± 0.8	6.2 ± 0.8	0.022	0.001	0.084
	STS 5	11.4 ± 2.7	10.0 ± 1.8	9.6 ± 1.7	0.018	0.021	0.081
	Grip strength	25.4 ± 8.5	25.8 ± 10.2	26.5 ± 9.6	0.645	0.162	0.139

*Mean ± Standard Deviation; Significant p-values are in BOLD
 MoCA: Montreal Cognitive Assessment; HADS: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale; AMPS: Applied Mindfulness Process Scale; QoL-AD: Quality of Life in Alzheimer's Disease; mPPT: Mini Physical Performance Test; DGI: Dynamic Gait Index; TUG: Timed Up and Go; STS5: Five Times Sit to Stand

Table 2: Results from Intent to Treat (ITT) Analyses (n=11).

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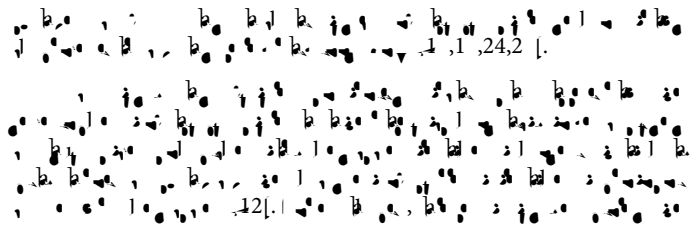
Physical performance outcomes: ... (4.1 vs. 4, p = 0.012), ... (21. vs. 23.4, 0.01), ... (.3 vs. .2, 0.001) ... (11.4 vs. ..., 0.014). ... (13. vs. 14.4, 0.0) ... (2.4 vs. 2, 0.0).

Discussion

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