

# Biomechanical Impairments in Femoroacetabular Impingement Syndrome: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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# Introduction

What is Femoroacetabular Impingement Syndrome?

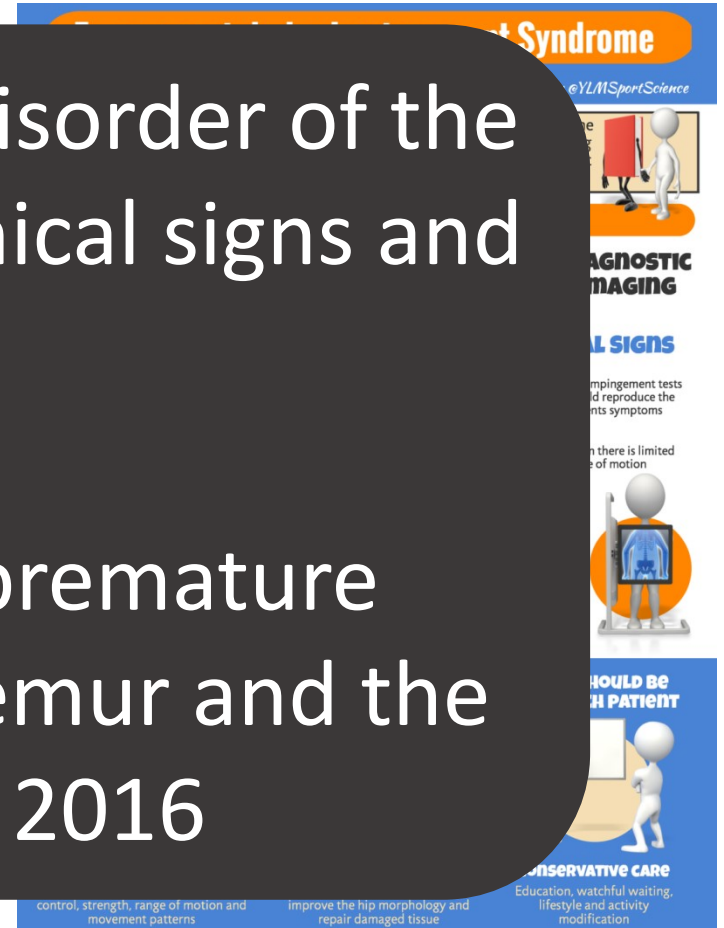
“FAI is a motion-related clinical disorder of the hip with a triad of symptoms, clinical signs and imaging findings.

It represents a symptomatic premature contact between the proximal femur and the acetabulum” Griffin et al 2016

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# Introduction

Imaging findings  
alone



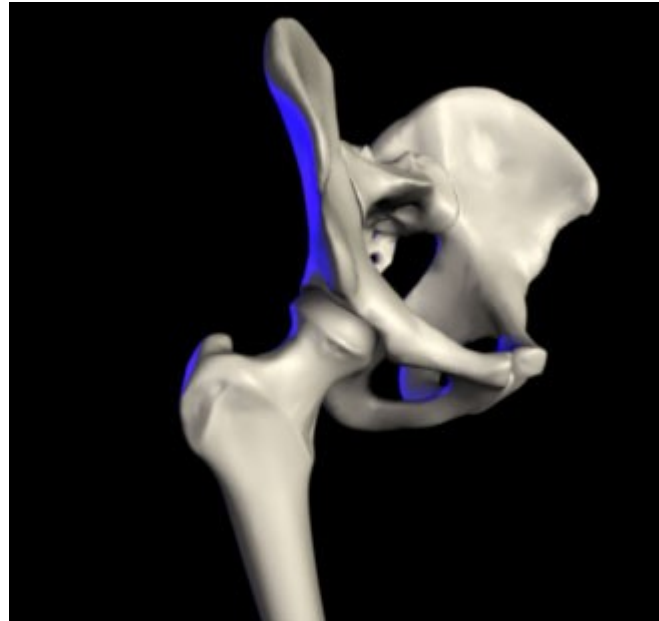
FAI

- Cam morphology: prevalent in 60%-90% of athletic populations<sup>2-5</sup>
- Why do some develop FAI and others not?
- Since FAI is a movement related condition
  - Do biomechanical impairments play a role in symptom development

2. Johnson et al 2012  
3. Agricola et al 2012  
4. Siebenrock et al 2011  
5. Lahner et al 2014

# Aim

*Identify differences in hip biomechanics in people with FAI compared with controls during everyday activities (e.g. walking and squatting)*



# Methods

Systematic review of the literature  
Medline, CINAHL, Scopus, SPORTDiscuss and Embase

**Femoroacetabular  
Impingement**  
“cam morphology”  
“pincer morphology”  
“FAI”

**Biomechanics**  
“kinematics”  
“kinetics”  
“joint torque”

Reference checking, citation tracking and manual searching of ahead of print listing

# Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

## Inclusion

- Investigated people with FAI, compared with:
  - Asymptomatic control group OR;
  - Asymptomatic Limb
- Investigated everyday activities
- 3-D motion capture devices

## Exclusion

- Data replicated as a smaller sample of previous research
- Editorials
- Reviews
- Book Chapters
- Abstracts

# Data Extraction

Movement Patterns  
(in stance)

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graph TD; A[Movement Patterns (in stance)] --> B[Kinematics]; A --> C[Joint Torques];
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Kinematics

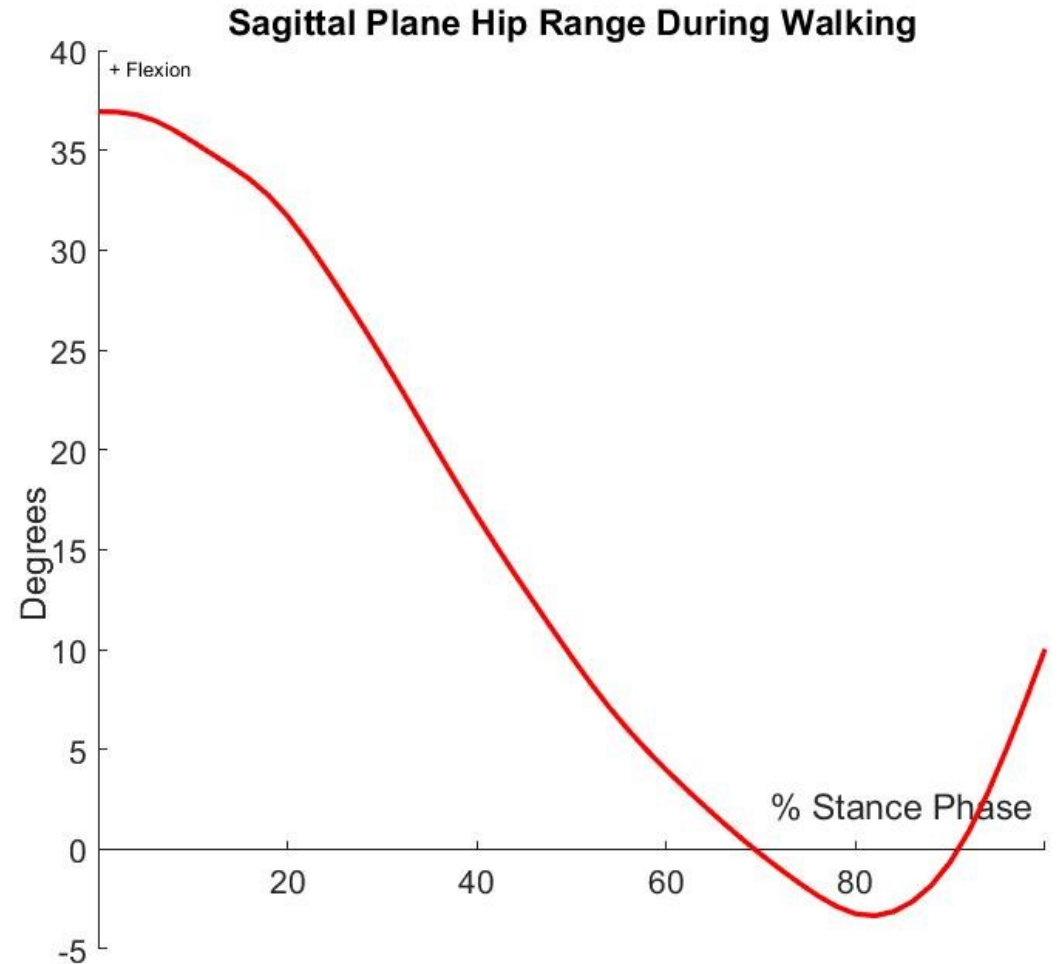
Joint Torques



# Data Extraction

## Kinematics “Joint Range”

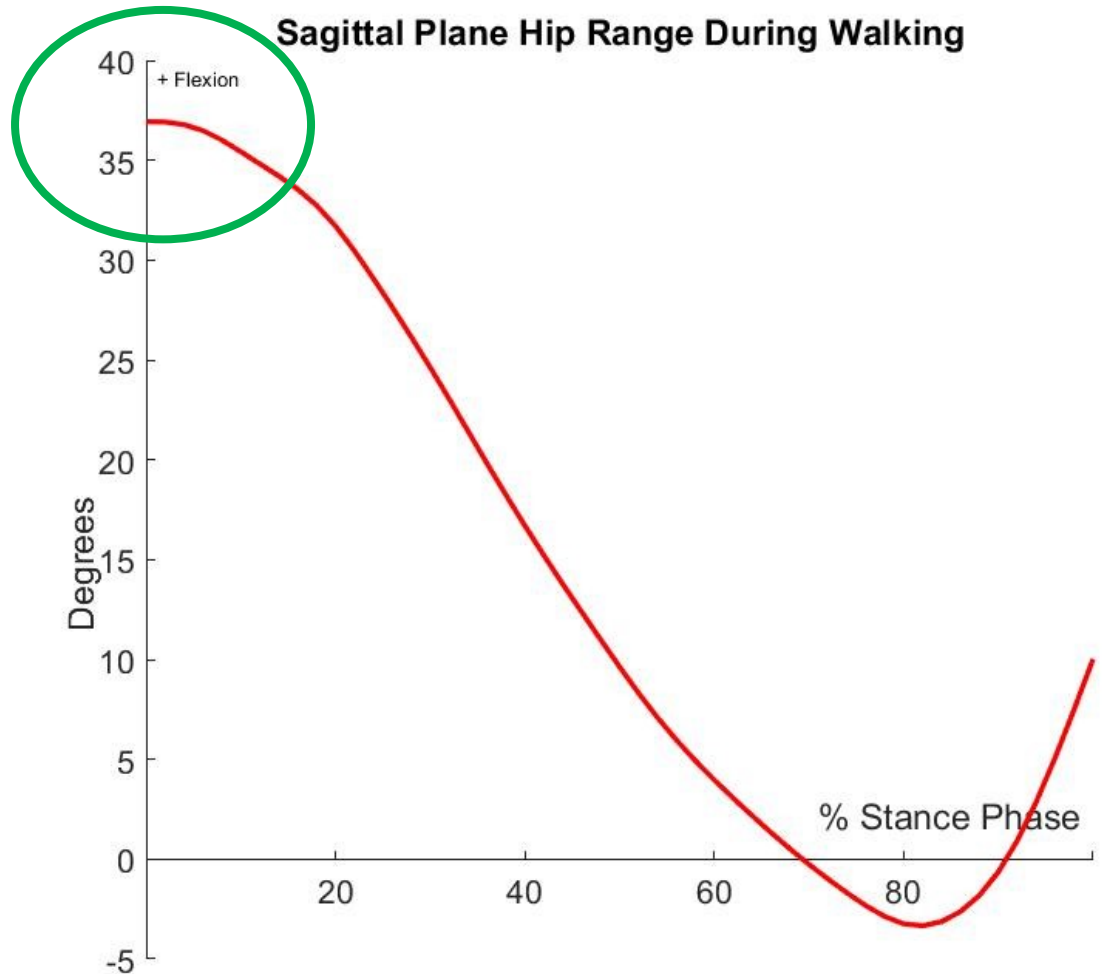
- Peak range
  - Sagittal (flexion/extension)
  - Frontal (abduction/adduction)
  - Transverse (Internal/external rotation)
- Total range of motion
  - Sagittal, frontal, transverse



# Data Extraction

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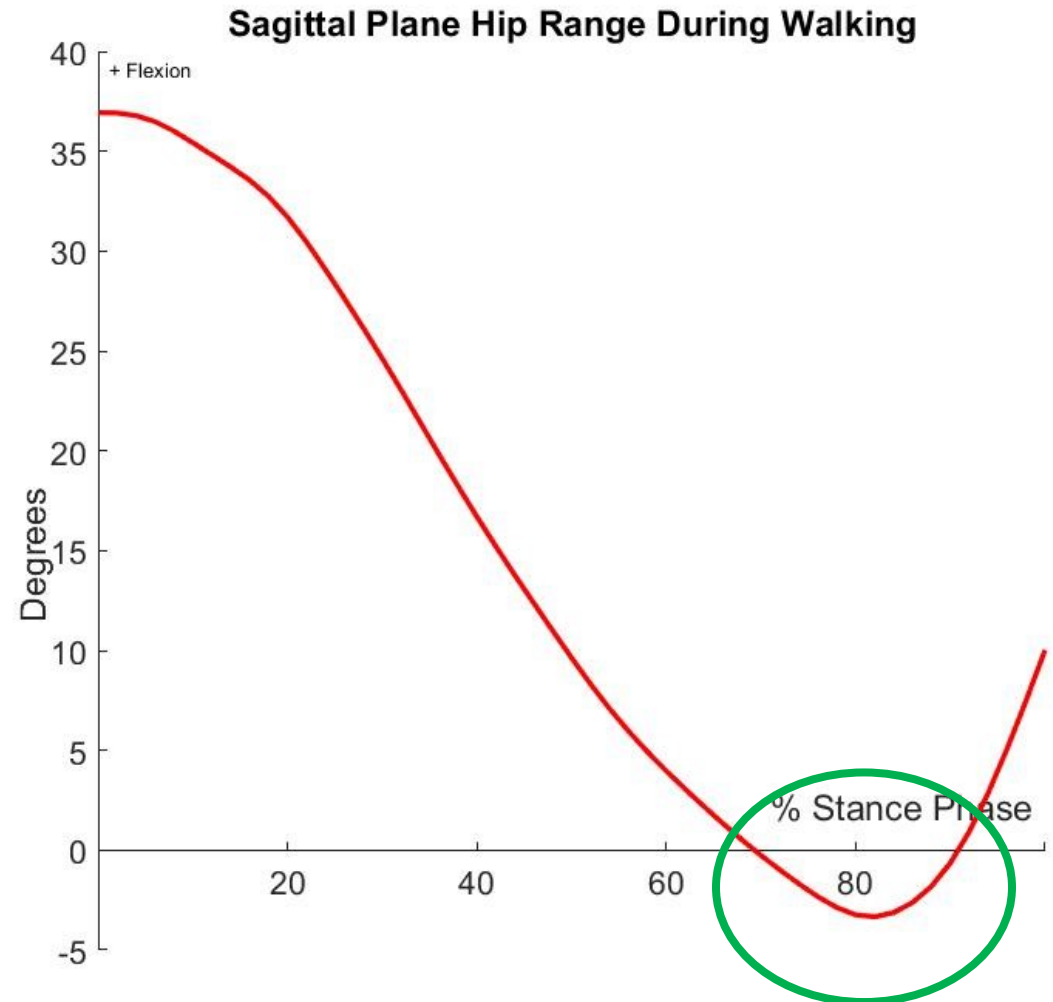
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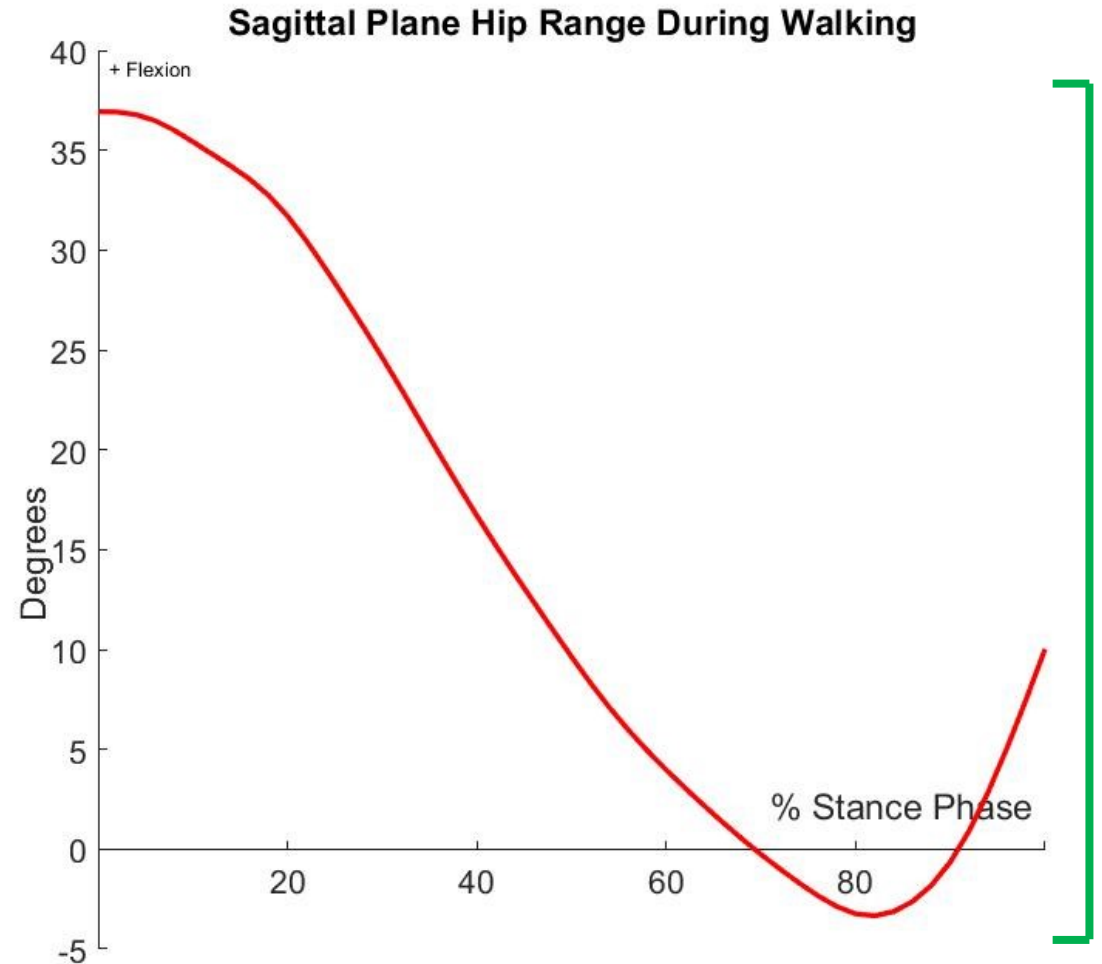
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# Data Extraction

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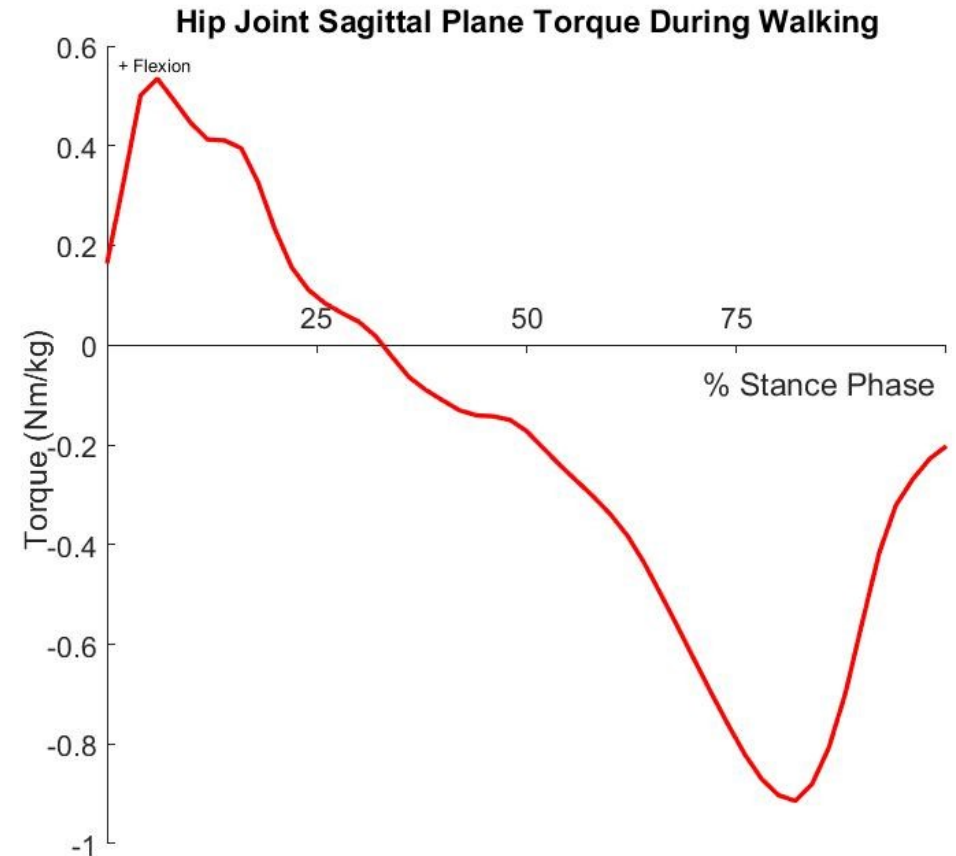
- Peak range
  - Sagittal (flexion/extension)
  - Frontal (abduction/adduction)
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- Total range of motion
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# Data Extraction

## Joint Torque “External Joint Torque”

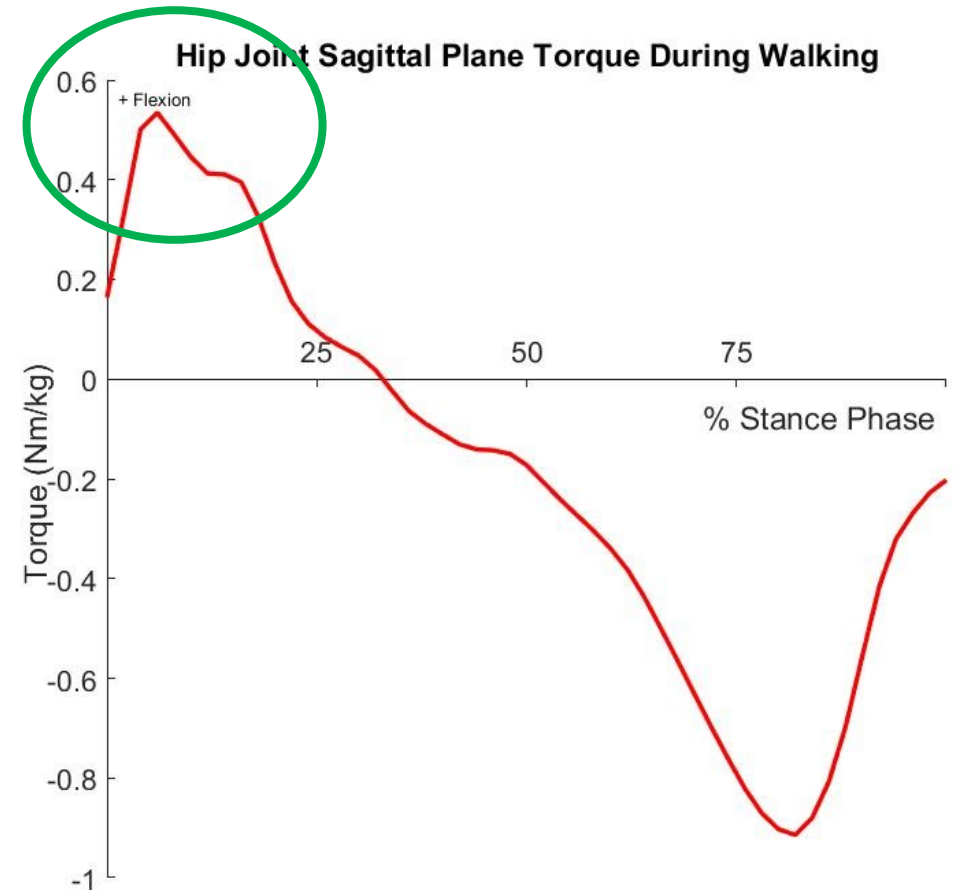
- Peak joint torque
  - Sagittal (flexion/extension)
  - Frontal (abduction/adduction)
  - Transverse (Internal/external rotation)



# Data Extraction

## Joint Torque “External Joint Torque”

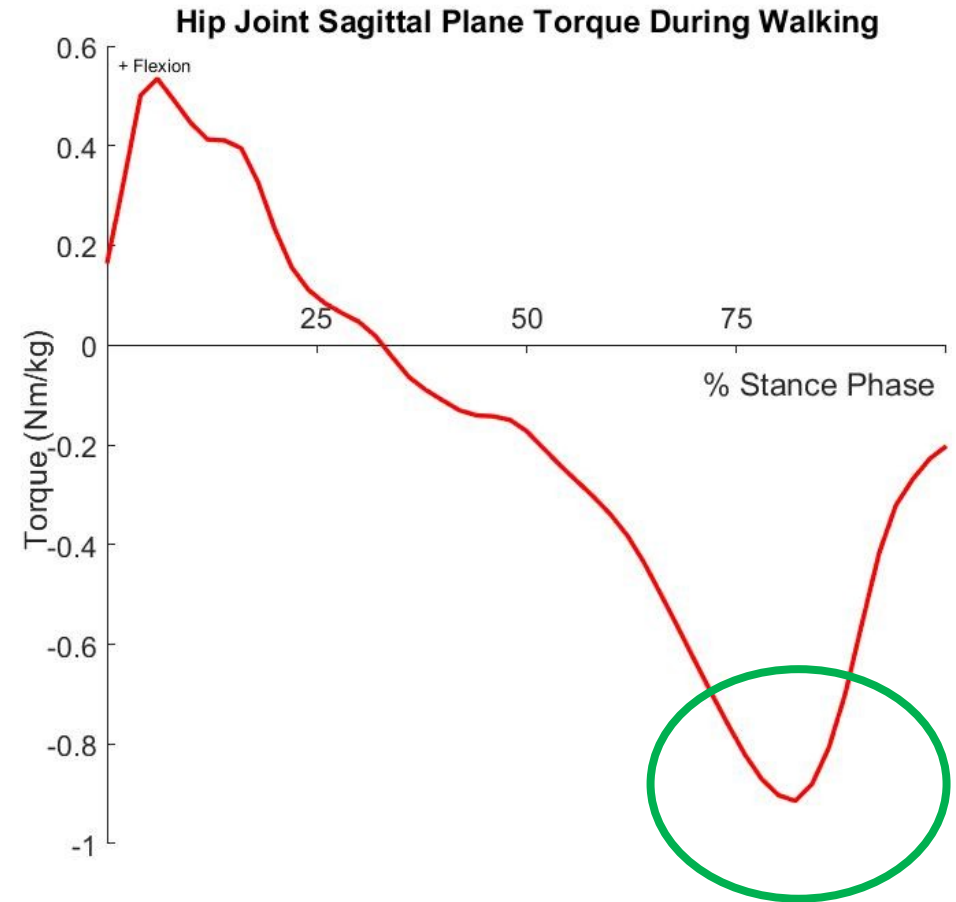
- Peak joint torque
  - Sagittal (flexion/extension)
  - Frontal (abduction/adduction)
  - Transverse (Internal/external rotation)



# Data Extraction

## Joint Torque “External Joint Torque”

- Peak joint torque
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# Data analysis

Reporting quality assessment:  
Epidemiological Appraisal Instrument<sup>6</sup>

Data pooled in a meta-analysis

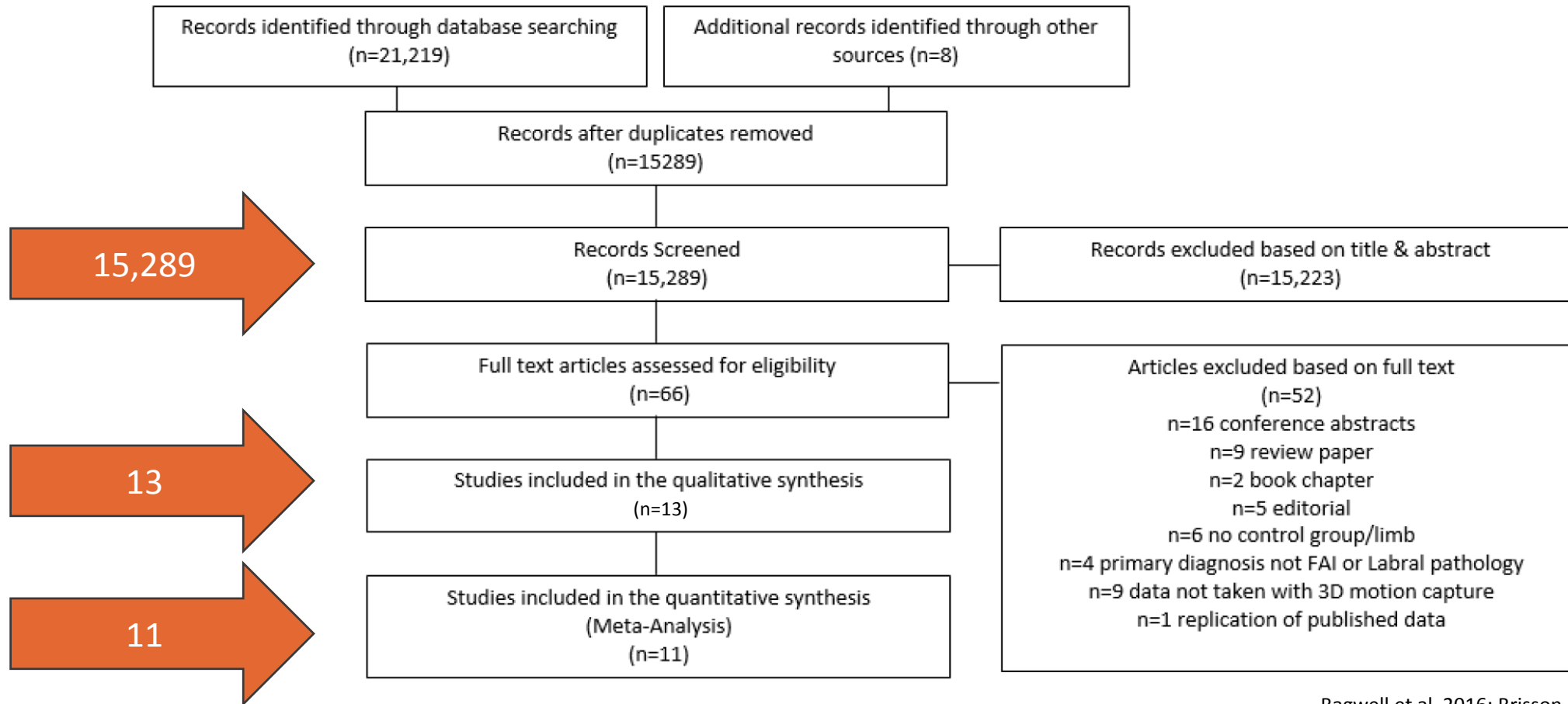
Unable to be pooled:  
Qualitative synthesis

6. Genaidy et al, 2007





# Results



**Figure 1:** Study selection flow chart

Bagwell et al, 2016; Brisson et al, 2013; Diamond et al, 2016; Hammond et al, 2017; Hetsroni et al, 2015; Hunt et al, 2013; Kenned et al, 2009; Kumar et al, 2014; Lamontagne et al, 2009; Ng et al, 2015; Rylander et al, 2013; Samaan et al, 2016; Samaan et al, 2016

# Results

Category	n
Studies	13
FAI Participants	205 (151 men)
<i>Age Range</i>	<i>24.1-40.1</i>
Control Participants	236 (158 men)
<i>Age Range</i>	<i>27.1-43.2</i>

## Tasks Investigated

- Walking (7)
- Squatting (4)
- Sit to Stand (1)
- Step up (2)
- Drop Landing (1)

# Results

## Reporting Quality

- High (total score  $> 70\%$ ) = 0
- Moderate ( $50 > \text{total score} \leq 70$ ) = 9
- Low (total score  $\leq 50$ ) = 4

**QUALITY** 

# Limitations

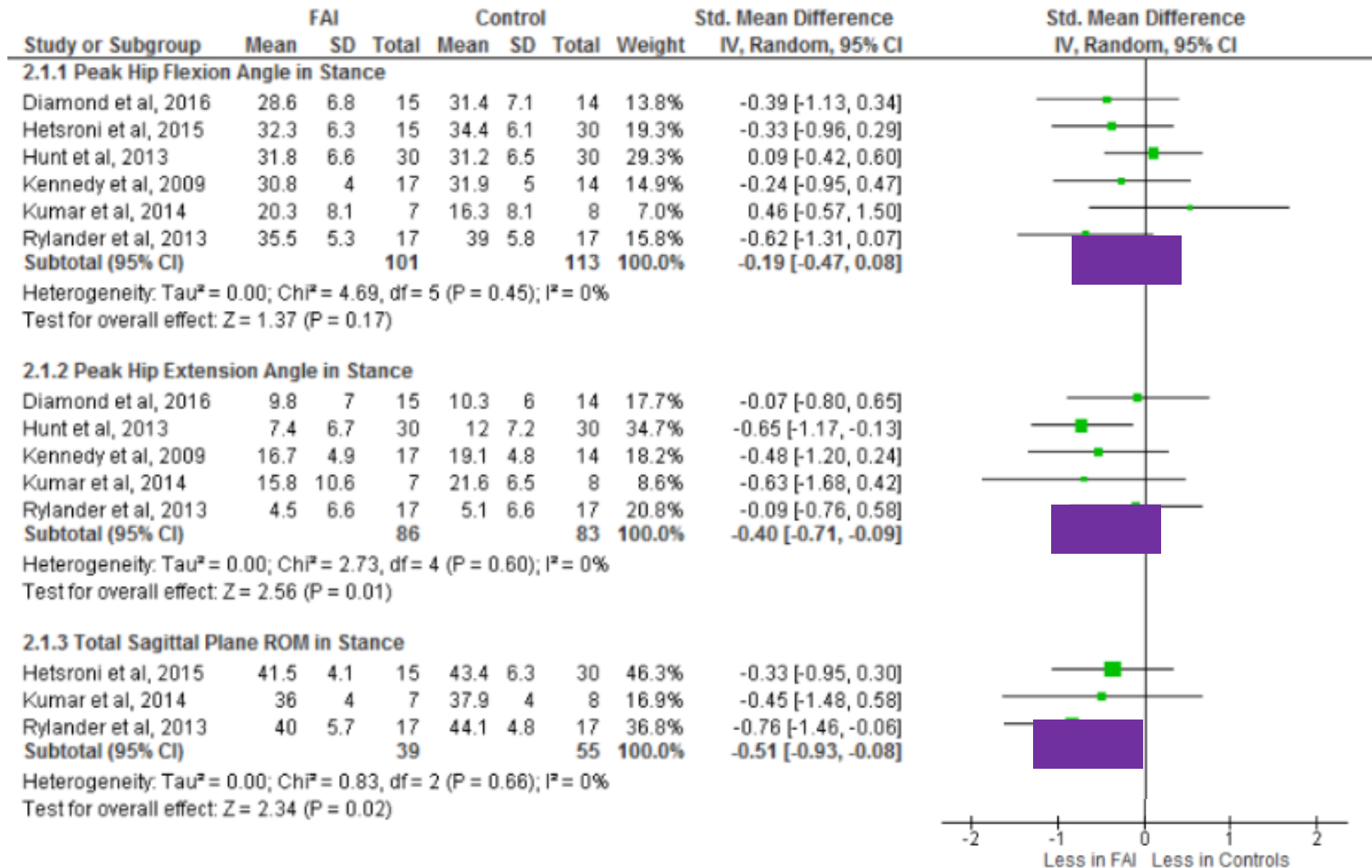
Walking speed and cadence of walking were not included



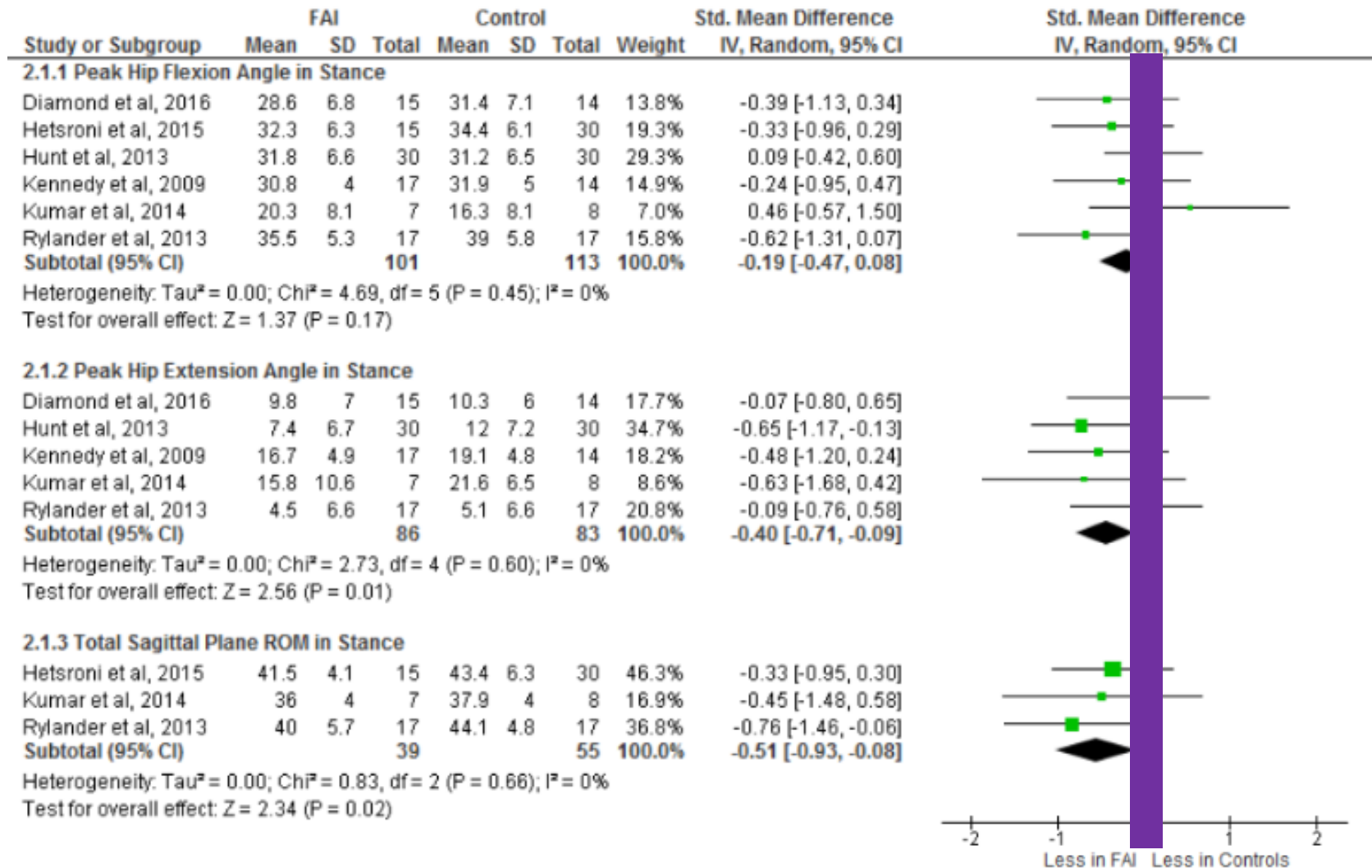
Recruited from orthopaedic clinics



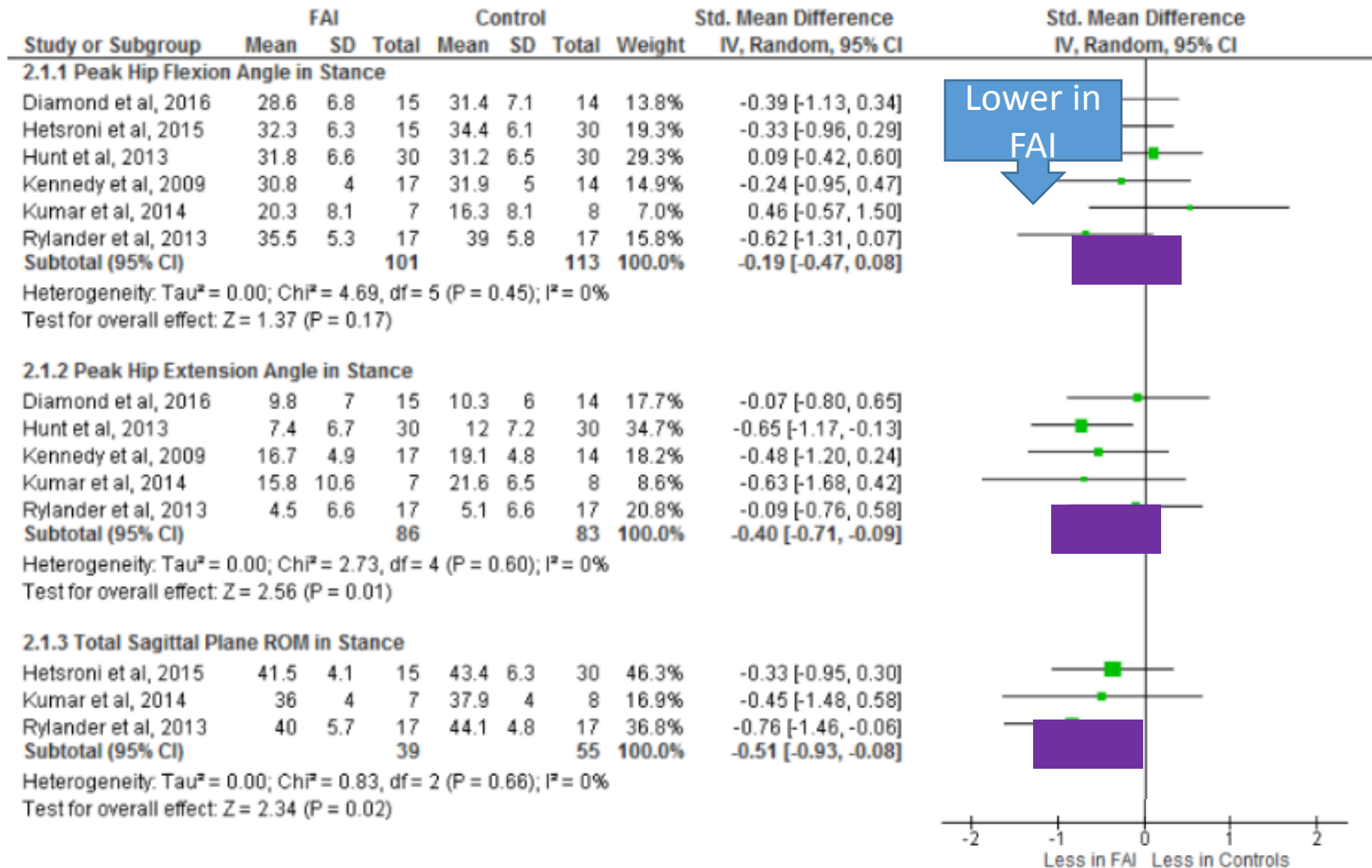
# Results: Walking - Sagittal plane



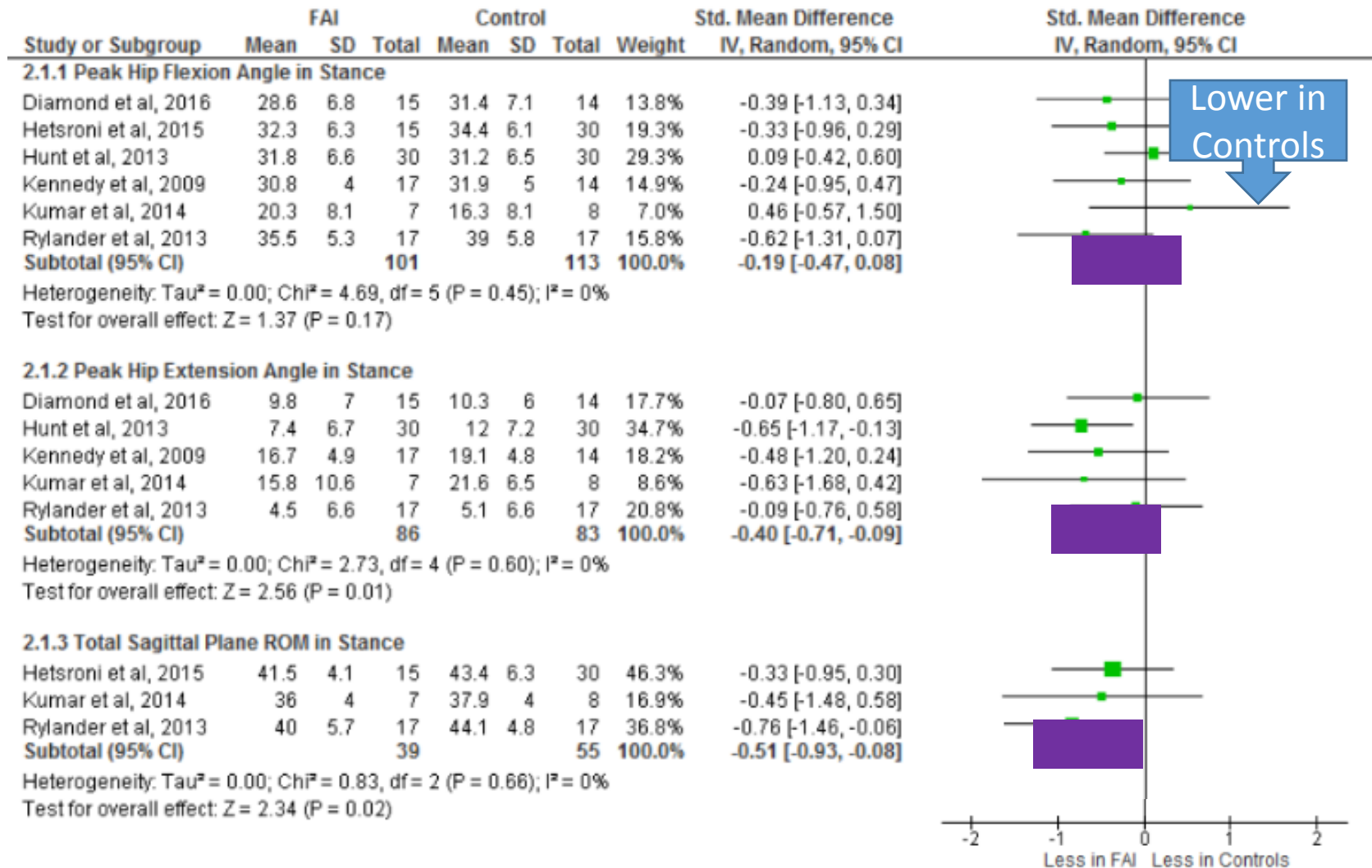
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# Results: Walking - Sagittal plane

Study or Subgroup	FAI			Control			Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total		
<b>2.1.1 Peak Hip Flexion Angle in Stance</b>								
Diamond et al, 2016	28.6	6.8	15	31.4	7.1	14	13.8%	-0.39 [-1.13, 0.34]
Hetsroni et al, 2015	32.3	6.3	15	34.4	6.1	30	19.3%	-0.33 [-0.96, 0.29]
Hunt et al, 2013	31.8	6.6	30	31.2	6.5	30	29.3%	0.09 [-0.42, 0.60]
Kennedy et al, 2009	30.8	4	17	31.9	5	14	14.9%	-0.24 [-0.95, 0.47]
Kumar et al, 2014	20.3	8.1	7	16.3	8.1	8	7.0%	0.46 [-0.57, 1.50]
Rylander et al, 2013	35.5	5.3	17	39	5.8	17	15.8%	-0.62 [-1.31, 0.07]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>101</b>			<b>113</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.19 [-0.47, 0.08]</b>

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 4.69, df = 5 (P = 0.45); I<sup>2</sup> = 0%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 1.37 (P = 0.17)

## 2.1.2 Peak Hip Extension Angle in Stance

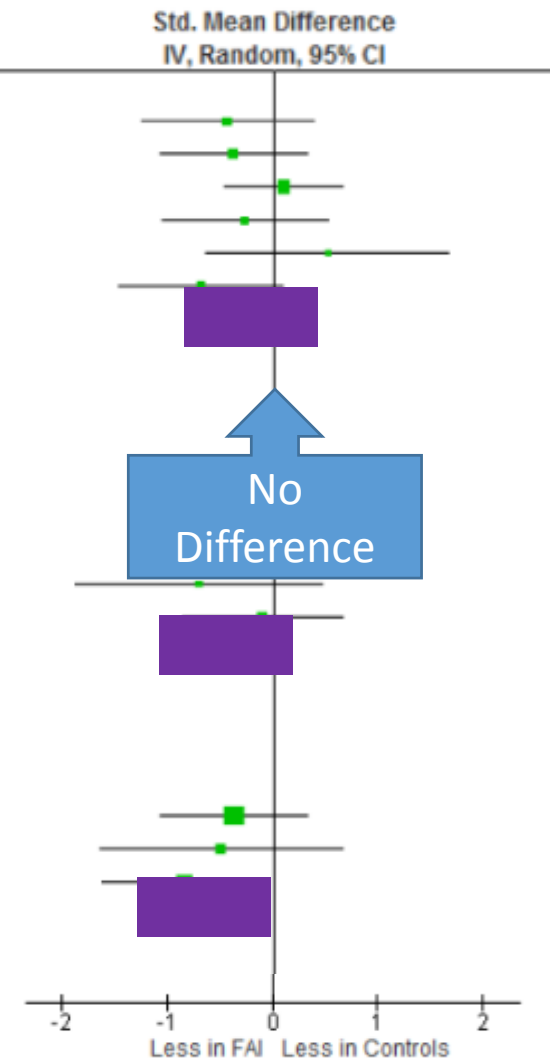
Diamond et al, 2016	9.8	7	15	10.3	6	14	17.7%	-0.07 [-0.80, 0.65]
Hunt et al, 2013	7.4	6.7	30	12	7.2	30	34.7%	-0.65 [-1.17, -0.13]
Kennedy et al, 2009	16.7	4.9	17	19.1	4.8	14	18.2%	-0.48 [-1.20, 0.24]
Kumar et al, 2014	15.8	10.6	7	21.6	6.5	8	8.6%	-0.63 [-1.68, 0.42]
Rylander et al, 2013	4.5	6.6	17	5.1	6.6	17	20.8%	-0.09 [-0.76, 0.58]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>86</b>			<b>83</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.40 [-0.71, -0.09]</b>

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 2.73, df = 4 (P = 0.60); I<sup>2</sup> = 0%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 2.56 (P = 0.01)

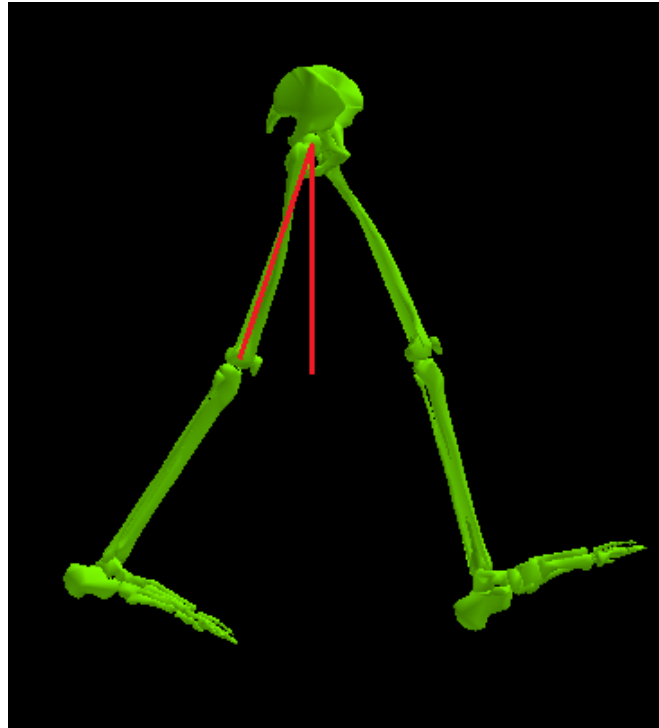
## 2.1.3 Total Sagittal Plane ROM in Stance

Hetsroni et al, 2015	41.5	4.1	15	43.4	6.3	30	46.3%	-0.33 [-0.95, 0.30]
Kumar et al, 2014	36	4	7	37.9	4	8	16.9%	-0.45 [-1.48, 0.58]
Rylander et al, 2013	40	5.7	17	44.1	4.8	17	36.8%	-0.76 [-1.46, -0.06]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>39</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.51 [-0.93, -0.08]</b>

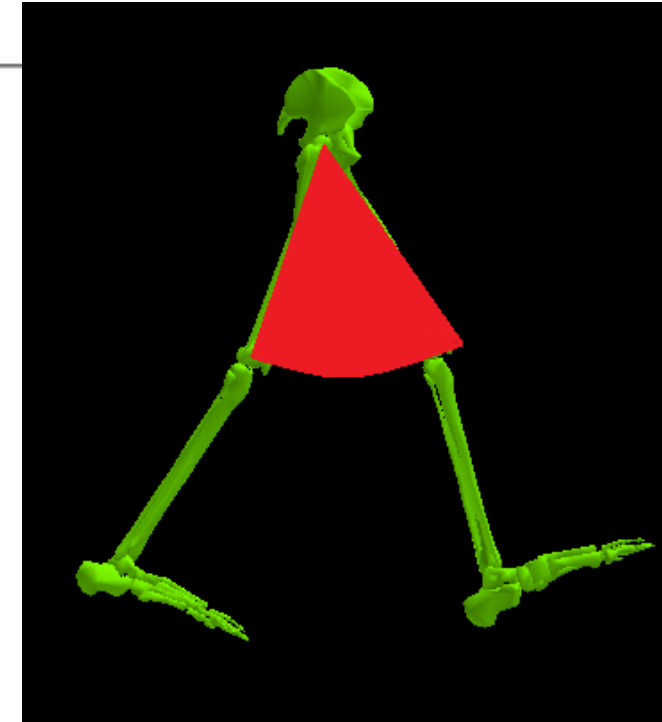
Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 0.83, df = 2 (P = 0.66); I<sup>2</sup> = 0%  
 Test for overall effect: Z = 2.34 (P = 0.02)



# Results: Walking - Sagittal plane



Control				Std. Mean Difference	
Mean	SD	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI	
1.4	7.1	14	13.8%	-0.39	[-1.13, 0.34]
4.4	6.1	30	19.3%	-0.33	[-0.96, 0.29]
1.2	6.5	30	29.3%	0.09	[-0.42, 0.60]
1.9	5	14	14.9%	-0.24	[-0.95, 0.47]
6.3	8.1	8	7.0%	0.46	[-0.57, 1.50]
39	5.8	17	15.8%	-0.62	[-1.31, 0.07]
		<b>113</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.19</b>	<b>[-0.47, 0.08]</b>
P = 0.45); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%					
0.3	6	14	17.7%	-0.07	[-0.80, 0.65]
12	7.2	30	34.7%	-0.65	[-1.17, -0.13]
9.1	4.8	14	18.2%	-0.48	[-1.20, 0.24]
1.6	6.5	8	8.6%	-0.63	[-1.68, 0.42]
5.1	6.6	17	20.8%	-0.09	[-0.76, 0.58]
		<b>83</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>[-0.71, -0.09]</b>
P = 0.60); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%					



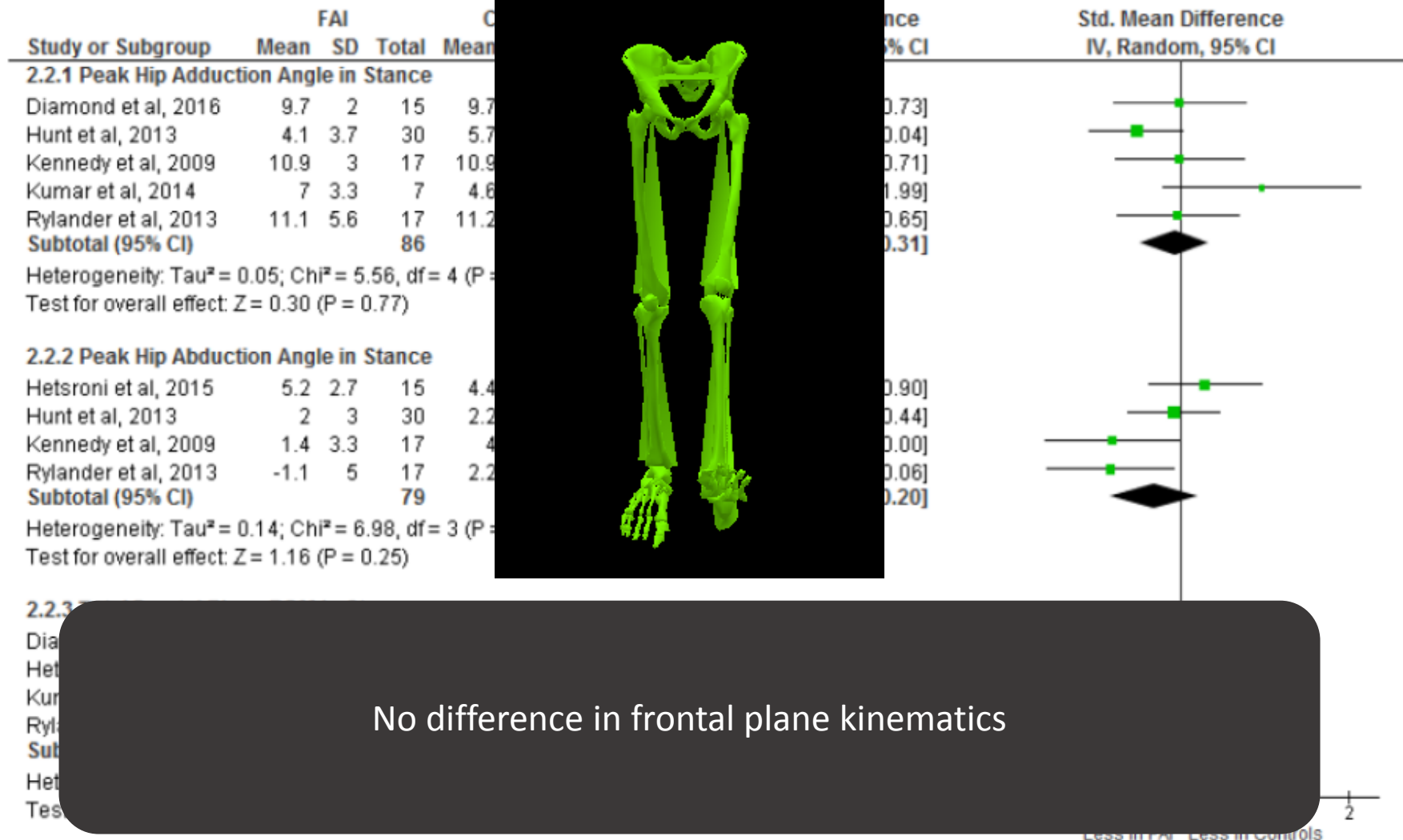
Smaller peak hip extension angle  
(SMD -0.40, 95% CI -0.71 to -0.09)

Less total sagittal plane ROM  
(-0.51, -0.93 to -0.08)

30	46.3%	-0.33	[-0.95, 0.29]
8	16.9%	-0.45	[-1.48, 0.58]
17	36.8%	-0.76	[-1.46, -0.06]
55	100.0%	-0.51	[-0.93, -0.08]
I <sup>2</sup> = 0%			

Less in FAI Less in Controls

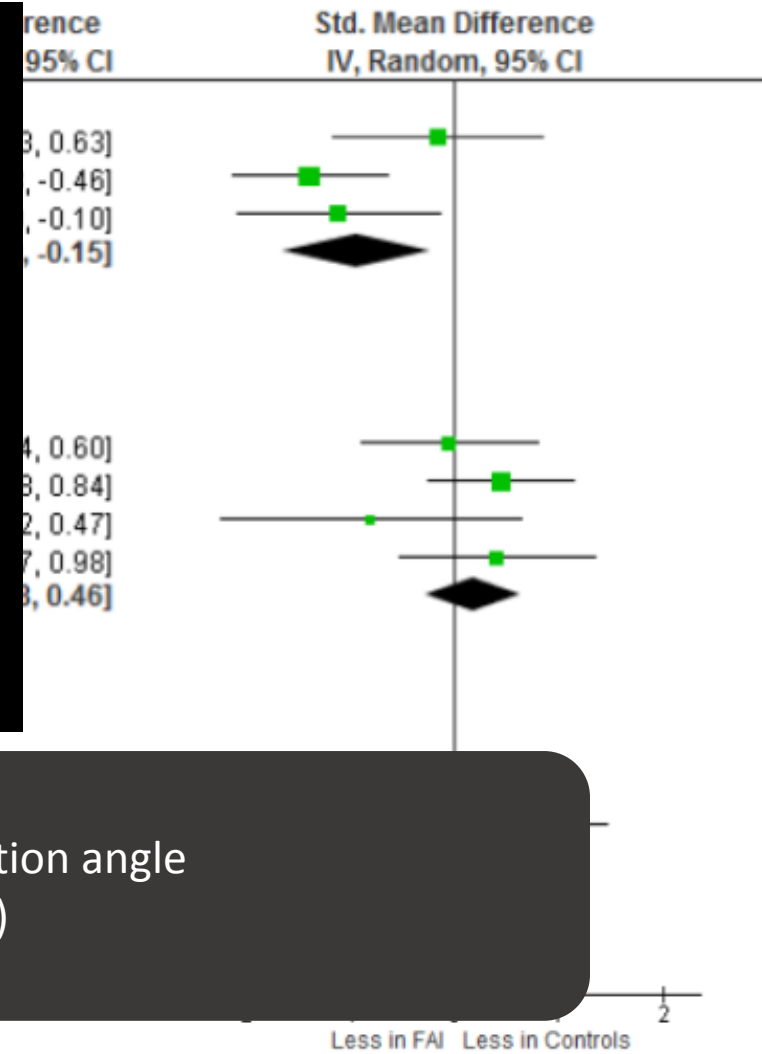
# Results: Walking - Frontal Plane



No difference in frontal plane kinematics

# Results: Walking - Transverse Plane

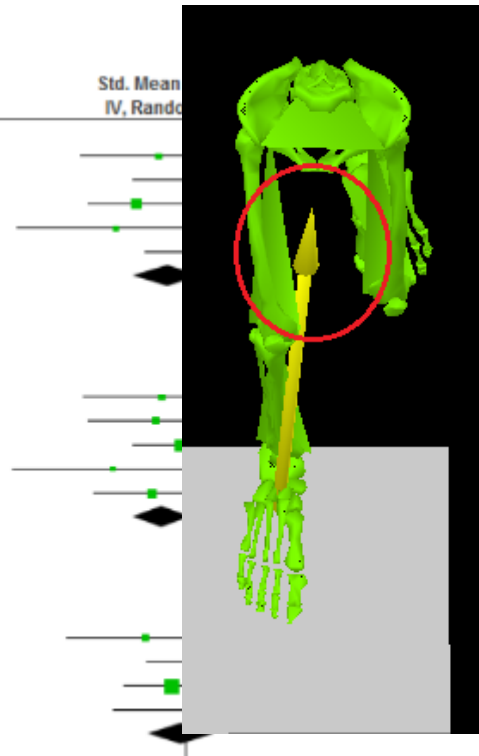
Study or Subgroup	FAI			Controls		Mean Difference	95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD		
<b>2.3.1 Peak Hip Internal Rotation Angle in Stance</b>							
Diamond et al, 2016	0.4	5.3	15	1	1	0.3	[0.63]
Hunt et al, 2013	3.1	4.2	30	8.2	5	-0.1	[-0.46]
Rylander et al, 2013	6.5	5.6	17	11	5	-0.1	[-0.10]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>62</b>			<b>-0.15</b>	<b>[-0.15]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.10; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 3.79, df = 2 (P = 0.15)							
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.55 (P = 0.01)							
<b>2.3.2 Peak Hip External Rotation Angle in Stance</b>							
Hetsroni et al, 2015	14.8	8.9	15	15.1	13	0.3	[0.60]
Hunt et al, 2013	9.7	7.8	30	7.1	7	-0.4	[-0.84]
Kumar et al, 2014	4.6	5.9	7	7.7	4	-0.1	[-0.47]
Rylander et al, 2013	4.7	5.6	17	3	5	0.7	[0.98]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>69</b>			<b>0.1</b>	<b>[0.46]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 2.86, df = 3 (P = 0.43)							
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.86 (P = 0.39)							
<b>2.3.3 Total Transverse Plane ROM in Stance</b>							
Hetsroni et al, 2015							
Kumar et al, 2014							
Rylander et al, 2013							
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>							
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.00, df = 0 (P = 1.00)							
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.00 (P = 1.00)							



Smaller peak hip internal rotation angle  
(-0.67, -1.19 to -0.16)

# Results: Walking - Joint Torques

Study or Subgroup	FAI			Control			Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total		
<b>2.4.1 Peak Hip Flexion Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.66	0.13	10	0.7	0.15	13	15.2%	-0.27 [-1.10, 0.56]
Diamond et al, 2016	7.1	3.2	15	6.4	4.1	14	18.7%	0.19 [-0.54, 0.92]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.48	0.15	30	0.56	0.16	30	31.4%	-0.51 [-1.02, 0.01]
Kumar et al, 2014	1.02	0.22	7	1.17	0.17	8	9.9%	-0.73 [-1.78, 0.33]
Samaan et al, 2016	1.36	0.26	15	1.29	0.39	34	24.8%	0.19 [-0.42, 0.80]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>77</b>			<b>99</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.19 [-0.54, 0.16]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.03; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 5.04, df = 4 (P = 0.28); I <sup>2</sup> = 21%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.06 (P = 0.29)								
<b>2.4.2 Peak Hip Extension Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.98	0.23	10	1.05	0.31	13	13.5%	-0.24 [-1.07, 0.59]
Diamond et al, 2016	4.3	2.2	15	5	2.3	14	17.3%	-0.30 [-1.04, 0.43]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.56	0.39	30	0.58	0.6	30	36.2%	-0.04 [-0.55, 0.47]
Kumar et al, 2014	0.71	0.19	7	0.83	0.1	8	8.2%	-0.76 [-1.82, 0.30]
Samaan et al, 2016	0.72	0.21	15	0.81	0.27	34	24.8%	-0.35 [-0.96, 0.26]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>77</b>			<b>99</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.25 [-0.55, 0.06]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 1.68, df = 4 (P = 0.80); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.60 (P = 0.11)								
<b>2.4.3 Peak Hip Abduction Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.2	0.05	10	0.23	0.08	13	17.6%	-0.42 [-1.26, 0.41]
Diamond et al, 2016	6	2.6	15	5.2	2.2	14	22.8%	0.32 [-0.41, 1.06]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.07	0.07	30	0.08	0.07	30	47.8%	-0.14 [-0.65, 0.37]
Kumar et al, 2014	0.89	0.23	7	0.84	0.12	8	11.8%	0.26 [-0.76, 1.28]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>62</b>			<b>65</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.04 [-0.39, 0.31]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 2.22, df = 3 (P = 0.53); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.21 (P = 0.84)								



Subgroup	FAI			Control			Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total		
<b>Peak Hip Adduction Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.68	0.11	10	0.79	0.16	13	19.2%	-0.75 [-1.61, 0.11]
Diamond et al, 2016	8.6	1.7	15	8.5	2.2	14	26.6%	0.05 [-0.68, 0.78]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.75	0.13	30	0.8	0.14	30	54.2%	-0.37 [-0.88, 0.15]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>55</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.33 [-0.71, 0.05]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 2.00, df = 2 (P = 0.37); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.72 (P = 0.09)								
<b>Peak Hip Internal Rotation Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.11	0.04	10	0.12	0.03	13	20.3%	-0.28 [-1.11, 0.55]
Diamond et al, 2016	1	0.4	15	1	0.3	14	26.3%	0.00 [-0.73, 0.73]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.09	0.05	30	0.11	0.06	30	53.5%	-0.36 [-0.87, 0.15]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>55</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.25 [-0.62, 0.13]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.63, df = 2 (P = 0.73); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.30 (P = 0.19)								
<b>Peak Hip External Rotation Torque</b>								
Brisson et al, 2013	0.14	0.03	10	0.19	0.07	13	17.4%	-0.85 [-1.72, 0.01]
Diamond et al, 2016	1.2	0.4	15	1.4	0.5	14	24.0%	-0.43 [-1.17, 0.31]
Hunt et al, 2013	0.12	0.04	30	0.15	0.03	30	46.7%	-0.84 [-1.37, -0.31]
Kumar et al, 2014	0.12	0.12	7	0.18	0.07	8	12.0%	-0.59 [-1.63, 0.46]
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>			<b>62</b>			<b>65</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.71 [-1.07, -0.35]</b>
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.93, df = 3 (P = 0.82); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.96 (P = 0.0001)								

Smaller peak hip external rotation torque  
(-0.71, -1.07 to -0.35)

# Squat

- People with FAI:
  - Unable to squat as deep as controls

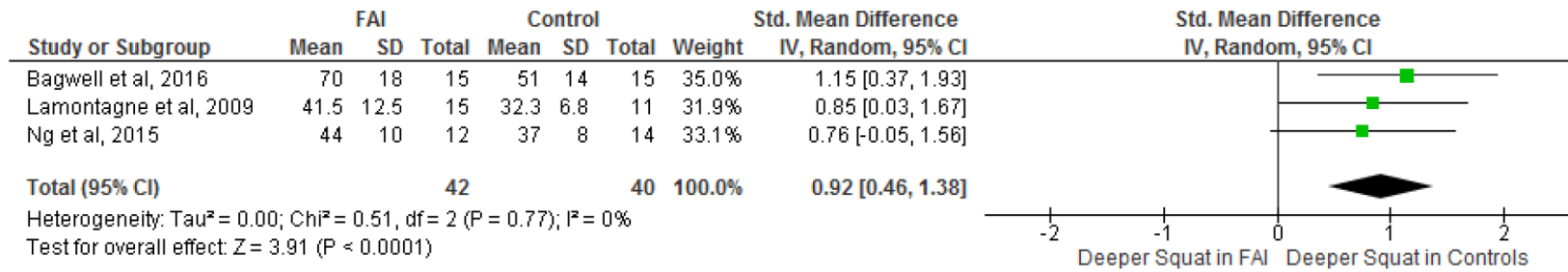


Figure 3 Meta-analysis of squat depth, FAI vs Controls

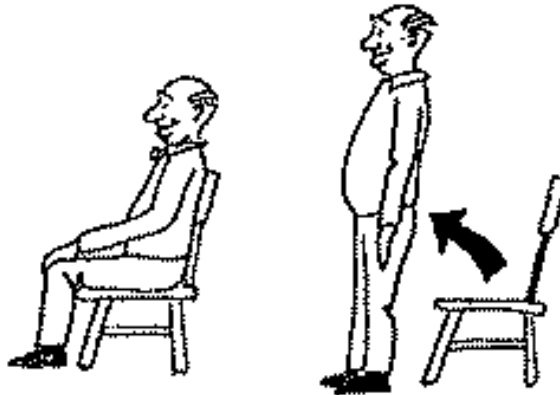
- No difference in hip flexion ROM
- WHY?
  - Is it poor motor programming as opposed to a fear avoidance behaviour

# Additional Tasks

Stair ascent



Sit to Stand



Drop Landing

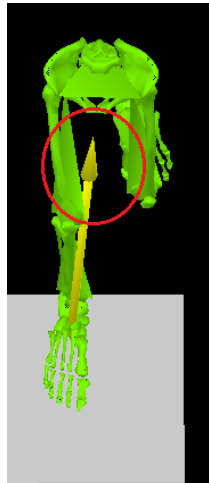


Insufficient evidence to draw conclusions for clinical practice on these tasks

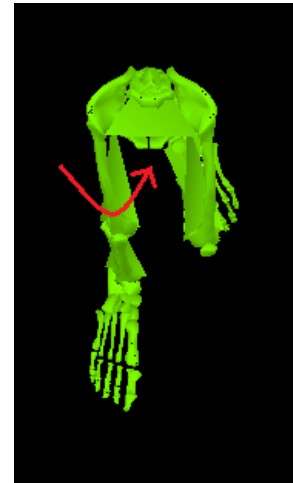
Image sources: Wikimedia, sketchite.com, Women's Running Magazine

# Discussion: Walking

- Internal rotation is often reported as painful<sup>21</sup>
- Results



Smaller peak hip external rotation torque



Smaller peak hip internal rotation angle

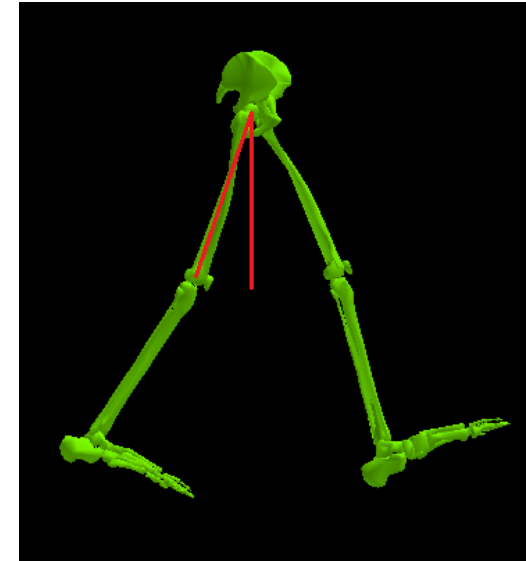
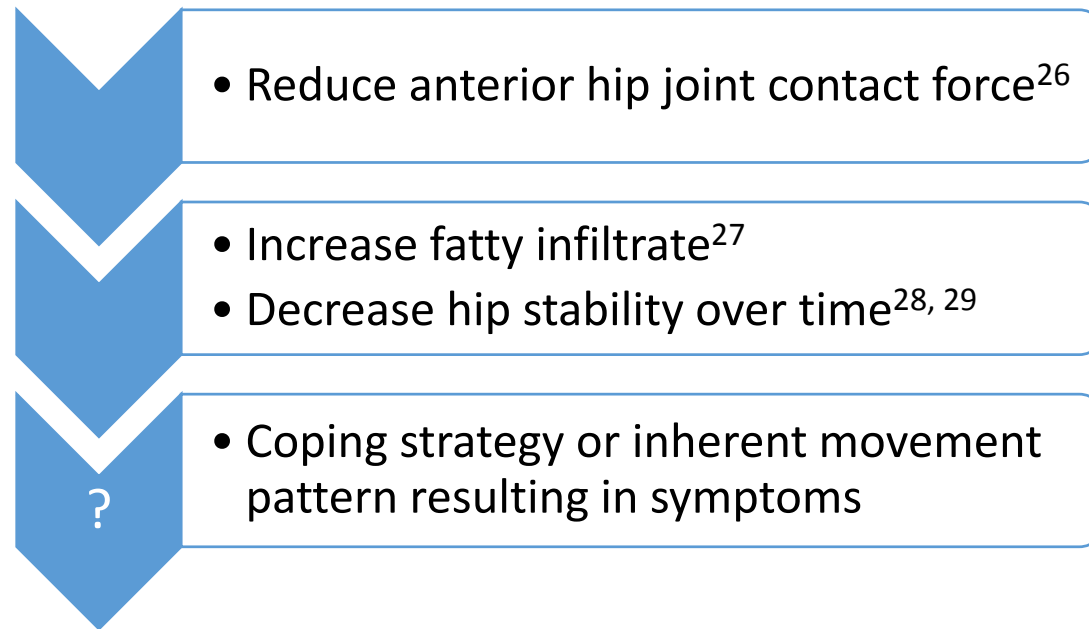
- May be strategies to avoid a painful position

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# Discussion: Walking

- Lower peak hip extension during stance phase of walking
- Consistent with a variety of hip conditions
  - Early OA,<sup>22</sup> Late OA,<sup>23, 24</sup> THR<sup>25</sup>



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- 24. Hurwitz et al. 1997
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- 28. Semciw et al. 2011
- 29. Semciw et al. 2014

# Where to from here?

- Review demonstrates:
  - Minimal biomechanical information on FAI
  - No literature available on sport specific activities
- Long term effects are unknown:
  - No studies evaluating changes in joint health
  - Longitudinal studies assist in understanding disease progression

Impairments

Protective

Watch this space

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# Thankyou and Questions?




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