

BÖLÜM 2

MOTOR KONTROLDEN BİLİŞE: EGZERSİZİN YAŞLANAN SİNİR AĞLARI ÜZERİNDEKİ CANLANDIRICI GÜCÜ

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Yaşlı yetişkin nüfusu günümüzde tarihin gördüğü en büyük ve hareketsiz yaşam tarzı en yüksek olan popülasyona sahiptir. Yaşın doğal ilerlemesi motor nöron dejenerasyonuna yol açabilir. Bu da sinir iletiminin yavaşlamasına, sinir kaybına ve motor fonksiyonların azalmasına neden olur. Yavaş sinir iletimi, bireyin tepki süresini olumsuz yönde etkileyerek düşme riskini artırabilir. Egzersiz müdahalelerinin yaşa bağlı sinir bozulmasını azaltmadaki potansiyel rolünü belirlemek için detaylı değerlendirmelere araştırmaya ihtiyaç bulunmaktadır.

Yaşlanma, kişinin yaşam kalitesini etkileyen fizyolojik ve morfolojik değişikliklerle karakterize çok boyutlu bir süreçtir ve motor becerilerdeki düşüşler dördüncü on yıl kadar erken bir dönemde ortaya çıkar (Shields ve ark., 2025;Choy, Brauer, Nitz 2003).). Kanıtlar, özellikle 60 yaşından sonra işlevsel becerilerin önemli ölçüde azaldığına ve periferik sinir sisteminin (PSS) bozulmasının birincil nedenlerden biri olabileceğine dair inancı desteklemektedir (Verdú ve ark.,2000; Lexell, 1997). Ne yazık ki, kas kütlesini ve işlevini korumaya odaklanan sarkopeniyle ilgili önemli araştırmalar olmasına rağmen, periferik sinir işlevini korumak için karşı önlemlere yönelik kolektif araştırma asgari düzeydedir.

Periferik sinirlerin bozulması, daha az sayıda işlevsel motor nöron aksonunun ve/veya motor aksonların bozulmasının bir yansımasıdır. Bu sonuçlar, hedef etkili kası besleyen sinir uyarısının daha yavaş iletilmesine neden olur ve daha yavaş hareketler veya azalmış hareketlilik gibi işlevsel sonuçlara yol açabilir; bunların

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