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Hip joint biomechanics at different horse paces as a method for joint function testing

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ABSTRACT

Biomechanical research of the hip joint is a method for testing the integral function of the joint. To assess hip joint movement amplitude and character, we developed a biomechanical research method to assess healthy people and patients with I and II degree hip joint arthrosis while riding a horse at different paces. The study found that the curve obtained in patients at trot differed significantly from that of healthy people. A difference in the angle magnitude and amplitude range of hip joint movement and in biomechanical curve height and width was also found. Inclusion of biomechanical curve as a criterion for hip joint function assessment is therefore proposed.