

**Table 1** Characteristics of studies utilizing virtual reality

Researcher	Sample	Experimental design	Groups	Intensity frequency duration	Assessment	Outcomes measures	p-value	Follow-up	PEDro score
1 Yang et al. <sup>36</sup>	23 PD patients	RCT	VR balance board therapy (n=11)  Conventional Physiotherapy (n=12)	50min 2times/week 6weeks  50min 2times/week 6weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 2-weeks follow-up	BBS DGI TUG PDQ-39 UPDRS III  BBS DGI TUG PDQ-39 UPDRS III	↑* p<0.001 ↑ p<0.001 ↑* p<0.001 - ↑* p=0.007 - - p=0.345 -  ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 - ↑ p=0.007 - - p=0.345 -	↑* p<0.001 ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 - ↑ p=0.007 - - p=0.345 -	7/10/2018
2 Liao et al. <sup>33</sup>	36 PD patients (35 follow-up)	RCT	VR Wii Fit (n=12)  Traditional Exercise (n=12)  Passive Control group (n=12)	60min 2times/week 6weeks  60min 2times/week 6weeks  Fall prevention education	Baseline Post-Intervention 2-weeks follow-up	OCP LOS SOT PDQ-39 FES-I TUG  OCP LOS SOT PDQ-39 FES-I TUG  OCP LOS SOT PDQ-39 FES-I TUG  OCP LOS SOT PDQ-39 FES-I TUG	↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑*  - NS - - NS - ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑ p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑*  - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS -	↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑*  - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS -	7/10/2018
3 Liao et al. <sup>34</sup>	36 PD patients (35 follow-up)	RCT	VR Wii Fit (n=12)  Traditional Exercise (n=12)  Passive Control group (n=12)	60min 2times/week 6weeks  60min 2times/week 6weeks  Fall prevention education	Baseline Post-Intervention 2-weeks follow-up 1-month follow-up	LWP FGA MS SOT  LWP FGA MS SOT  LWP FGA MS SOT  LWP FGA MS SOT	↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑*  ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑ p<0.05 ↑  - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS -	↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑*  ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑* p<0.05 ↑* ↑ p<0.05 ↑  - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS -	7/10/2018
4 Yen et al. <sup>20</sup>	42 PD patients (32 follow-up)	RCT	Customized VR balance board therapy (n=14)  Conventional	30min 2times/week 6weeks 30min	Baseline Post-Intervention 4-weeks follow-up	SOT VRT  SOT	↑ p<0.001 ↑ - NS -  ↑ p<0.001 ↑	↑ p<0.001 ↑ - NS -  ↑ p<0.001 ↑	7/10/2018

5	Gandolfi et al. <sup>44</sup>	76 PD patients (70 follow-up)	RCT	Balance Training (n=14) Passive Control group (n=14)	2times/week 6weeks -	VRT	-	NS	-	
				TeleWii Intervention group (n=38)	50min 2times/week 6weeks 7weeks	SOT	-	NS	-	
				Sensory Integration Balance Training (n=38)	50min 3times/week 7weeks	VRT	-	NS	-	
6	Lee et al. <sup>32</sup>	20 PD patients	RCT	Wii K-Pop Dance Festival (n=10)	75min 5times/week 6weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 1-month follow-up	BBS	↑*	p<0.001 ↑	6/10/2018
				Passive Control Group (n=10)	45min 5times/week 6weeks		ABC	↑	p<0.001 ↑	
7	Van Den Heuvel et al. <sup>31</sup>	33 PD patients (31 follow-up)	RCT	Visual Feedback Training (n=17)	60min 2times/week 6weeks 5weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 6-weeks follow-up	10MWT	↑	p=0.02 -	8/10/2018
				Conventional Balance Training (n=16)	60min 2times/week 5weeks		DGI	↑	p=0.005 ↑	
8	Ribas et al. <sup>39</sup>	20 PD patients	RCT	VR Wii Fit (n=10)	30min 2times/week 6weeks 12weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 60-days follow-up	PDQ-8	↑	p<0.001 ↑	10-Jul
				Conventional Physiotherapy (n=10)	30min 2times/week 12weeks		BBS	-	NS	
							FSS	↑	p=0.002 -	
							6MWT	-	NS	
							PDQ-39	-	NS	
							BBS	-	NS	
							FSS	-	NS	
							6MWT	-	NS	
							PDQ-39	-	NS	

9	Pompeu et al. <sup>24</sup>	32 PD patients	RCT	VR Wii Fit (n=16)	60min 2times/week 7weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 60-days follow-up	UPDRS II BBS UST MCA UPDRS II BBS UST MCA	↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05 ↑ p<0.05	↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑	10-May
				Conventional Physiotherapy (n=16)	60min 2times/week 7weeks					
10	Shen & Mak <sup>43</sup>	51 PD patients (44 3month follow-up; 35 12month follow-up)	RCT	Computerized Dancing System (n=26)	60min 3times/week 4weeks + 20min 5times/week 4weeks + 60min 3times/week 4weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 3-months follow-up 12-months follow-up	ABC Gait speed Stride length SLS ABC Gait speed Stride length SLS	↑ p=0.025 ↑ p<0.017 ↑ p<0.017 - NS - p=0.370 ↑ p<0.017 - p=0.083 - NS	↑ ↑ ↑ - - ↑ - -	10-Jul
				Active Control Group (n=25)	60min 3times/week 4weeks +20min 5times/week 4weeks +60min 3times/week 4weeks					
11	Pedreira et al. <sup>26</sup>	44 PD patients	RCT	Nintendo Wii (n=22)	50min 3times/week 4weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention	UPDRS PDQ-39	↑ p<0.05 ↑ p=0.012	↑ ↑	10-Jun
				Conventional Physiotherapy (n=22)	50min 3times/week 4weeks					
							UPDRS PDQ-39	- NS - p=0.733	- -	

↑Significant improvement compared to baseline

- Not (significant) improvement compared to baseline

\* Significant difference between/among groups

**Abbreviations:** PD, Parkinson's disease; RCT, randomized controlled trials; NS, not stated; BBS, berg balance scale; DGI, dynamic gait index; TUG, timed up and go; PDQ-39/PDQ-8, Parkinson's disease questionnaire - 39/8; UPDRS, unified Parkinson's disease rating scale; OCP, obstacle-crossing performance; LOS, limits of stability; SOT, sensory organization test; FES, falls efficacy scale; LWP, level walking performance; FGA, functional gait assessment; MS, muscle strength; VRT, verbal reaction time; ABC, activities-specific balance confidence; 10MWT, 10-meter walk test; MBI, modified barthel index; BDI, beck depression inventory; FRT, functional reach test; SLS, single leg stance; HAD, hospital anxiety and depression; MFI, multidimensional fatigue inventory; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test; FSS, fatigue severity scale; UST, unipedal stance test; MCA, montreal cognitive assessment

**Table 2** Characteristics of studies utilizing treadmill training

Researcher	Sample	Experimental design	Groups	Intensity frequency duration	Assessment	Outcomes measures	p-value	Follow-up	PEDro Score
1	Picelli et al. <sup>36</sup>	17 PD patients	RCT	Treadmill Training group (n=9)  Control group (n=8)	45min 3times/week 4weeks  -	Baseline Post-Intervention  FAB  6MWT MCA TMT A TMT B MI 10MWT BDI UPDRS FAB 6MWT	↑ p=0.011  ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.017 ↑ p=0.018 ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.010 ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.012 ↑ p=0.013 - p=0.705 - p=0.362	-  ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.017 ↑ p=0.018 ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.010 ↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.012 ↑ p=0.013 - p=0.705 - p=0.362	8/10/201 8

6MWT	↑ p=0.008
MCA	↑ p=0.017
TMT A	↑ p=0.018
TMT B	↑ p=0.008
MI	↑ p=0.010
10MWT	↑ p=0.008
BDI	↑ p=0.012
UPDRS	↑ p=0.013
FAB	- p=0.705
6MWT	- p=0.362

2	Picelli et al. <sup>41</sup>	60 PD patients	RCT	Robotic Gait Training (n=20)	45min 3times/week 4weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 3-month follow-up	MCA TMT A TMT B MI 10MWT BDI UPDRS	- p=0.227 - p=0.735 - p=0.345 - p=1.000 - p=0.624 - p=0.914 - p=0.285	7/10/2018
				Treadmill Training (n=20)	45min 3times/week 4weeks		10MWT 6MWT Stride length Cadence BBS PFS UPDRS	↑ p=0.004 ↑ ↑ p=0.015 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p=0.001 ↑ ↑ p=0.022 ↑	
				Conventional Gait Training (n=20)	45min 3times/week 4weeks		10MWT 6MWT Stride length Cadence BBS PFS UPDRS	↑ p=0.004 ↑ ↑ p=0.015 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p=0.001 ↑* ↑ p=0.022 ↑*	
3	Harro et al. <sup>28</sup>	20 PD patients (19 follow-up)	RCT	Speed-Dependent Treadmill Training group (n=10)	30min 3times/week 6weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 3-month follow-up	10MWT 6MWT Stride length Cadence BBS PFS UPDRS	- NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS - - NS -	10-Jun
				Rhythmic Auditory-Cued group (n=10)	30min 3times/week 6weeks		CGS FGS 6MWT FGA CGS FGS 6MWT FGA	- p=0.13 - ↑ p=0.01 ↑ ↑ p=0.03 - ↑ p=0.001 ↑ ↑ p=0.02 ↑ - p=0.08 ↑ ↑ p=0.01 ↑ ↑ p=0.003 ↑	
4	Schlick et al. <sup>35</sup>	20 PD patients (13 follow-up)	RCT	Treadmill Training with visual cues (n=10)	20-45min 2-3times/week 5weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 2-month follow-up	Gait speed Stride length Cadence TUG FGQ UPDRS III Gait speed Stride length	↑ p=0.000 - ↑ p=0.001 - - p=0.665 - ↑ p=0.006 - - NS ↑ ↑ p=0.019 - ↑ p=0.001 - ↑ p=0.002 -	10-Jun
				Treadmill Training (n=10)	20-45min 2-3times/week				



Study ID	Author	Number of patients	Design	Intervention	Duration	Assessments	Outcomes		
							Effect size	p-value	Date
8	Bello et al. <sup>25</sup>	22 PD patients	RCT	Treadmill Training group (n=11)	24min 3times/week 5weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 1-month follow-up	CS Chair Arising OFS-R OFS-L 20MWT TU-T TAC CS Chair Arising OFS-R OFS-L	↑ p=0.008 ↑ p=0.002 ↑ p=0.050 - p=0.182 - p=0.286 - - p=0.182 - p=0.929 - p=0.284 - p=0.721 ↑ p=0.041 - p=0.373	10-Apr
9	Canning et al. <sup>22</sup>	18 PD patients (17 follow-up)	RCT	Home-based Treadmill Walking (n=9)	30-40min 4times/week	Baseline Post-Intervention 6-weeks follow-up	PGS PC PSL MGS MC MSL TUG UPDRS PGS PC PSL MGS MC MSL TUG UPDRS	↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.001 ↑ ↑ p<0.05 ↑ - NS - - NS - ↑ p<0.010 ↑ ↑ p<0.05 - - NS - ↑ p<0.001 - ↑ p<0.001 - - NS - NS - NS - NS - NS - NS - NS - NS	10-Aug
10	Harro et al. <sup>29</sup>	20 PD patients (19 follow-up)	RCT	Speed-Dependent Treadmill Training group (n=10)	30min 3times/week 6weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention 3-month follow-up	RST BBS LOS MCT SOT SOT-Falls ABC-16 PDQ-39 RST	↑ p=0.045 ↑ - p=0.12 - ↑ p=0.046 - - p=0.89 - ↑ p=0.019 - ↑ p=0.045 - - p=0.23 - ↑ p=0.016 - ↑ p=0.037 ↑	10-Jun
				Rhythmic Auditory-Cued	30min				

				group (n=10)	3times/week 6weeks		BBS	↑ p=0.017	↑		
				Treadmill Training – Low frequency (n=10)	45min 2times/week 10 sessions	Baseline Post-Intervention 2-month follow-up 4-month follow-up	LOS	- p=0.86	-		
				Treadmill Training – Intermediate frequency (n=10)	45min 3times/week 10 sessions		MCT	- p=0.91	-		
				Treadmill Training – High frequency (n=10)	45min 3times/week 10 sessions		SOT	↑ p=0.049	↑		
11	Pelosin et al. <sup>38</sup>	30 PD patients	RCT				SOT-Falls	- p=0.22	-		
							ABC-16	- p=0.24	-		
							PDQ-39	- NS	-		
							10MWT	↑ p<0.001	↑↑--↑	-	6/10
							TUG	↑ p=0.001		↑-	
							BBS	- NS		--	
							FES	↑ p=0.013			
							Falls number	↑ p=0.011			
							10MWT	↑ p<0.001	↑	-	
							TUG	↑ p<0.001	↑	↑	
							BBS	- NS	-	-	
							FES	↑ p<0.001	↑	-	
							Falls number	↑ p=0.002	↑	↑	
							10MWT	- p=0.80	-	-	
							TUG	- p=0.212	-	-	
							BBS	- NS	-	-	
							FES	- p=0.79	-	-	
							Falls number	- p=0.653	-	-	
12	Nadeau et al. <sup>30</sup>	45 PD patients	RCT	Speed Treadmill Training (n=17)	60min 3times/week 24weeks	Baseline Mid-Intervention (12weeks) Post-Intervention	Gait speed	↑ p<0.01	↑		10-Apr
							Stride length	↑ p<0.001	↑		
							Cadence	- NS	↑		
							Step width	- p=0.36	-		
							6MWT	↑ p<0.05	↑		
							MDS-UPDRS	- NS	-		
							PDQ-39	- p=0.07	-		
							MMSE	- p=0.12	-		
							BDI-II	- p=0.09	-		
							ABC	- p=0.12	-		
				Mixed Treadmill Training (n=14)	60min 3times/week 24weeks		Gait speed	↑ p<0.01	↑		
							Stride length	- NS	↑		
							Cadence	↑ p<0.05	↑		
							Step width	- p=0.49	-		
							6MWT	↑ p<0.05	-		
							MDS-UPDRS	- NS	-		
							PDQ-39	- p=0.07	-		
							MMSE	- p=0.12	-		
							BDI-II	- p=0.09	-		
							ABC	- p=0.12	-		
				Control group (n=14)	60min 3times/week 24weeks		Gait speed	- p=0.90	-		
							Stride length	- NS	-		
							Cadence	- NS	-		
							Step width	- NS	-		



				audial cues (n=20)	4weeks				
				Conventional Gait Training with visual & audial cues (n=20)	20min 7times/week 4weeks				
17	Shulman et al. <sup>42</sup>	80 PD patients	RCT	Treadmill Training – Higher intensity (n=26)	30min 3times/week 12weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention	6MWT Gait speed Stride cycle UPDRS III 6MWT Gait speed Stride cycle	↑ p<0.001 * ↑ p<0.001 * ↑ p<0.001 - ↑ p<0.001 ↑ p<0.001 ↑ p<0.001 ↑ p<0.001	
				Treadmill Training – Lower intensity (n=26)	50min 3times/week 12weeks				
18	El-Tamawy et al. <sup>23</sup>	30 PD patients	RCT	Stretching and Resistance Training (n=28)	3times/week 12weeks				10-Apr
				Treadmill Training with vibratory stimuli & PNF (n=15)	51-70min 3times/week 8weeks	Baseline Post-Intervention	Gait speed Distance Stride length Cadence Gait speed Distance Stride length Cadence	↑ p=0.07 - p=0.16 ↑ p=0.049 - p=0.09 - p=0.33 ↑ p=0.001 - p=0.06 ↑ p=0.02 ↑ p=0.008 - p=0.61 ↑ p=0.019 - p=0.91 - p=0.63 - p=0.93 ↑ p<0.001	10-Jun
				Conventional Physiotherapy (n=15)	45min 3times/week 8weeks				

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\* Significant difference between/among groups

**Abbreviations:** PD, Parkinson's disease; RCT, randomized controlled trial; NS, not stated; FAB-it, frontal assessment battery; 6MWT, 6-minute walk test; MCA, montreal cognitive assessment; TMT A – B, trail marking test part A – part B; MI, memory with interference; 10MWT, 10-meter walk test; BDI, beck depression index; UPDRS, unified parkinson's disease rating scale; BBS, berg balance scale; PFS, parkinson's fatigue scale; TUG, timed up and go; FGQ, freezing of gait-questionnaire; CGS, comfortable gait speed; FGS, fast gait speed; FGA, functional gait assessment; SLS, single leg stance; DGI, dynamic gait index; FES, falls efficacy scale; 20MWT, 20-meter walking time; TU-T, timed up and turn; TAC, turning around a chair; CS, climbing stairs; OFS-R, one foot standing-right; OFS-L, one foot standing left; PGS, preferred gait speed; PC, preferred cadence; PSL, preferred stride length; MGS, maximal gait speed; MC, maximal cadence; MSL, maximal stride length; VAS-F, visual analogue scale to evaluate fatigue severity; RST, rapid step-up test; LOS, limits of stability; MCT, motor control test; sot, sensory organization test; ABC-16, activities-specific balance confidence; PDQ-39, parkinson's disease questionnaire-39; MDS-UPDRS, movement disorder society-unified parkinson's disease rating scale; MMSE,mini-mental scale examination; SF-12 PCS, short form-12 physical health composite score; SF-12 MCS, short form-12 mental health composite score; 10MCS, 10-meter comfortable speed; 10MFS, 10-meter fast speed; 15MFS, 15-meter fast speed; MS, muscle strength