Table 2 Quality analysis of studies for the literature review

Study	Study design	Participants	Purpose of study	Treatment and intervention	Assessment and questionnaires	Main findings
Schneider et al. ²⁰	Single-blind randomized controlled trial	31 participants aged 12-30 years who were referred for participation	To determine if a combination of vestibular rehabilitation and cervical spine physiotherapy decreased the time until medical clearance in individuals with prolonged post-concussion symptoms	Control: rest followed by gradual exertion Experimental: combined cervical and vestibular physiotherapy exercises	Demographic variables, history of concussion, history of dizziness, headache, neck pain and unsteadiness, number of years playing sport and other sports played NPRS, ABC, DHI, SCAT2, DVA, HTT, modified MST, FGA, CFE, and JPE	Participants who received a combination of cervical and vestibular physiotherapy were more likely to achieve medical clearance before 8 weeks when compared with rest in individuals with persistent symptoms following SRC.

To examine the severity of dizziness symptoms and gait and balance dysfunction reported by people who were referred for vestibular rehabilitation after concussion

To investigate

the effect of

rehabilitation

dizziness and

dysfunction,

and whether

the amount of recovery during vestibular rehabilitation was different between adults and children

on reducing

gait and

balance

vestibular

At first visit and weekly and monthly visits.

across the lifespan hat returned to a follow up visit at a tertiary balance center for

84 of 114

patients

VRT following a sport-related concussion

VRT program in relation to each patient's impairments and functional limitations in dizziness, ocular motor function, and gait and balance function. Gaze stabilization exercises, standing balance, walking with balance, and canalith repositioning maneuvers were of the most prescribed exercises.

A tailored

Patients with persistent dizziness and gait and balance dysfunction following a concussion improved after an individualized VRT

program.

Self-report measures:

Retrospective et al.15 cohort study

Alsalaheen

Verbal rating scale from 0-100, ABC, DHI

Balance measures:

DGI, FGA, gait speed, TUG, FTSTS, SOT of the CDP

Alsalaheen Retrospective et al. 16 case series

60 patients (40 female and 20 males) with a mean age of 15 who were referred to a tertiary balance center for VRT

To examine the relationship between selfreported symptoms, cognitive performance, and balance performance in adolescents with protracted recovery referred to vestibular physical therapy after concussion

A tailored VRT program in relation to each patient's impairments and functional limitations in dizziness, ocular motor function, and gait and balance function. Gaze stabilization exercises in sitting and standing positions, standing balance, and walking with balance challenge were prescribed most often. The relationship between symptoms, cognitive measures, and

At first visit as well as weekly and monthly visits

39 (65%) participants

Self-report measures:

In all cases, there was a significant association between poor cognitive performance and poor selfreported ABC scores and balance performance scores.

balance scores were evaluated.

> Verbal rating scale from 0-100, ABC, DHI

No significant relationship was found between processing speed to any of the measures collected during VRT.

Balance measures:

FGA, DGI, gait speed, TUG, FTSTS, SOT of the CDP

Cognitive measures:

ImPACT, PCSS

Kleffelgaard et al.14

Single-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial

65 patients aged 16-60 years with mild-tomoderate traumatic brain injury

To investigate the effects of group-based vestibular rehabilitation in patients with traumatic brain injury

Control:

Group-based vestibular rehabilitation twice weekly for 8 weeks

At first visit as well as two postintervention follow-ups.

Statistically significant betweengroup mean difference was found in self-report measures at first postintervention follow-up; however, no

Experimental: Group-based VRT, tailored VRT exercises, home exercise program, and

exercise diary.

Self-report measures:

differences
were found at
second postintervention
follow-up.
There are no
differences
between
groups in any
of the
outcome
measures at

baseline.

DHI, HLMAT,

Psychological measures: HADS

RPCSQ

Balance Measures: BESS