

Table 1 Data (Author, Objectives, Study type, variables, results and evidence) of the articles selected in this study

Music therapy						
Author, year, country.	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence (Oxford)	
Shabani et al. 2016, Iran ²⁹	To evaluate the effect of MT on the physiological and behavioral pain responses of PMTs during and after phlebotomy.	Randomized clinical trial N= 20	Physiological measures (HR, SpaO ₂), pain assessment (NFCS) and sleep.	MT is effective; benefits in the analyzed parameters. MT is effective after painful procedures such as phlebotomy.	1B	
Standley et al. 2012, USA ³⁰	Evaluate the effect of MT on premature newborns and develop best practice <i>guidelines for MT in the NICU</i> .	Meta-analysis (30 RCTs) N = 1,243	Physiological measurements (HR, RR, SpaO ₂ , BP), sucking/swallowing capacity, weight gain, behavior and length of stay.	Significant benefits, especially in live and early MT (BW < 1000g and GA < 28 weeks). Suggests inclusion of MT in NICU protocols for PMTs : music to pacify, improve sucking/swallowing and multimodal stimulation.	1A	
Hartling et al. 2009, Canada ³²	To evaluate the effectiveness of MT in full-term neonates or PMTs .	Systematic review (9 RCTs) N = 388	Physiological measures (HR, RR and SpaO ₂), behavior, pain (RIPS, NFCS, NIPS, MCS) and facial expression (MAX).	Benefits during painful procedures. May improve oral feeding in PMT when combined with other non-invasive therapies. Inconclusive study due to heterogeneity.	1B	
Bergomi et al. 2014, Italy ³³	Evaluate the use of MT compared to the use of Sucrose or another standard procedure.	Randomized Clinical Trial N= 35	Physiological measures (HR and SpaO ₂), behavioral (PIPP) and sleep.	Use of MT and glucose are effective and safe in controlling pain in PMTs . Heterogeneity of studies limits definitive conclusions.	1B	
Polkki et al. 2014, Finland ³⁴	To evaluate the effectiveness of MT on pain in premature newborns for painful procedures in the NICU.	Systematic review (2 RCTs) N= 41	Physiological measures (HR, RR, BP, SpaO ₂), behavioral (facial expression, movement), sleep and pain (NIPS, NFCS).	Effective and safe pain relief for PMTs in NICU. They meet the NICU's criteria for good clinical and ethical practices.	1A	
Breast-feeding						
Author, year, country	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence and degree of recommendation	
Singh et al. 2016, India ³⁶	To evaluate the analgesic effect of breastfeeding during heel puncture in healthy newborns.	Randomized Clinical Trial N= 60	Physiological measurements (HR, SpaO ₂ , BP) and crying time.	Breastfeeding is effective as analgesia during painful procedures in newborns. They recommend universal use during a painful stimulus.	1B	
Benoit et al. 2017, Canada ³⁷	To evaluate the effectiveness of breastfeeding and milking in reducing pain caused by the procedure in PMTs (30-36 weeks) and full-term newborns.	Systematic review (21 RCTs) N= 2,336	Physiological parameters (HR), crying time and pain (PIPP, NIPS, DAN, NFCS).	Breastfeeding is effective and more beneficial than milking, being enhanced associated with skin-to-skin contact and the use of local anesthetics. Limited evidence on the use of breast milk alone and in PMTs.	1A	
Zhu et al. 2014, China ³⁸	To evaluate the effectiveness of breastfeeding, MT and combined techniques in relieving pain in healthy newborns during heel puncture.	Randomized clinical study N = 250	Pain (NIPS), crying time and latency.	Clinical evidence of pain relief caused by heel puncture with breastfeeding, which is superior to that of MT. No benefit in associated techniques.	1B	
Gentle containment						
Author year, country	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence and degree of recommendation	
Obeidat et al. 2009 USA ³⁵	Determine the effectiveness of gentle restraint during invasive procedures in PMTs.	Systematic review (5 RCTs) N = 132	Physiological measures (HR, SpaO ₂), pain (NIPS) and sleep.	Benefits in reducing pain in premature newborns undergoing painful procedures.	1B	
Kangaroo method						
Author year, country	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence and degree of recommendation	

Cordero et al. 2015. Spain ³⁹	To analyze the effectiveness of Kangaroo Care during painful procedures in reducing pain in newborns.	Systematic review (21 RCTs) N = 2,030	Physiological measurements (HR, SpaO ₂), pain (NIPS, PIPP), EEG and cortisol.	Benefits in reducing painful sensations and improving behavioral response. It must be applied at least 30 minutes before the painful procedure.	1A
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Sound exhibition

Author, year, country	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence and degree of recommendation
Almadhoob et al. 2015. Canada ⁴⁰	Determine the effects of reducing sound in PMTs (< 32 weeks) or MBP (< 1500g) on growth, NPMD and sleep pattern.	Systematic review (1 RCT) N = 34	Weight, height and BMI, hearing (AABR and EOA), sleep, DNPM index (Bayley II), suction or NGT time, MV time, supplemental O ₂ , comorbidities and length of stay.	Lower sound exposure can reduce the resulting stress on the cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological and endocrine systems, promoting growth and reducing adverse effects. There was a significant difference in the DNPM Index. Insufficient sample for definitive conclusions.	1B

Luminous exposure

Author year, country	Goals	Kind of study	Variables analyzed	Results/Conclusions	Level of evidence and degree of recommendation
Morag et al. 2016. Canada ¹⁶	To evaluate the effectiveness of LC on the growth of PMT newborns at corrected age 3-6 months and the differences between gestational ages.	Systematic review (9 RCTs) N= 525	Physiological measures (HR, RR, Spa O ₂), sleep, DNPM (BSID), cortisol, weight gain, length of stay and MV, diet and comorbidities.	Greater weight gain, lower incidence of ROP, shorter crying time and hospital stay. Small sample without definitive conclusions.	1B

Subtitles:	GA: Gestational age.	NIRS: Near infrared spectroscopy.
MT: Music therapy.	NICU: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.	DAN: Douleur Aigu du Nouveau - Née. ^k
HR: Heart Rate.	RCT: Randomized Clinical Trial.	AABR: Automated auditory brainstem response.
RR: Respiratory rate.	USA: United States of America.	OAE: Evoked otoacoustic emissions.
BP: Systemic blood pressure.	NBAS: Neonatal Behavior Assessment Scale. ^f	VM: Mechanical ventilation.
SpaO ₂ : Partial oxygen saturation.	MBP: Very low weight.	LC: Luminosity cyclical.
ROP: Retinopathy of prematurity.	NNS: Non-nutritive sucking.	BSID: Bayley Scales of Infant Development. ^l
PMT: Premature.	NIPS: Newborn and Infant Pain Scale. ^g	MAX: Facial Movement Coding System. ^m
DNPM: Neuropsychomotor development.	PIPP: Preterm Infant Pain Profile Scale. ^h	MCS: Movement Coding System.
RN: Newborn.	NFCS: Neonatal Facial Activity. ⁱ	EEG: Electroencephalogram.
BW: Birth weight	RIPS: Riley Infant Pain Scale. ^j	

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