Improving Gross Motor and Fine Motor Abilities in Young Children Aged 6-8 with Adapted Badminton Exercises: An Experimental Evaluation

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Abstract

This study examined the effects of an eight-week adapted badminton intervention on gross and fine motor skills in children aged 6 to 8 years. Employing a pre-test and post-test experimental design, the research involved two groups: a Control Group (CG) and an Experimental Group (EG). The intervention consisted of tailored badminton exercises specifically designed to enhance motor skills, grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity among the participants. Statistical analyses, including t-Test, MANOVA, ANCOVA, and MANCOVA, revealed significant improvements in the EG compared to the CG, with marked gains in all measured variables. These results strongly support the effectiveness of sport-based interventions in promoting motor development during early childhood. The findings are consistent with existing literature that underscores the benefits of physical activity for young learners, highlighting the importance of engaging children in sports. However, limitations of the study include its short duration and focus on a single sport. Future research should consider exploring long-term impacts and comparing the effectiveness of various sport-based interventions to further understand their potential benefits for motor skill development.

Keywords: Motor skills, badminton intervention, early childhood, gross motor skills, fine motor skills

Introduction

Developing both gross and fine motor skills is essential for young children, especially between the ages of 6-8, when they're honing their physical abilities and coordination (Piek et al., 2008). Adapted sports interventions can play a key role in this process by offering activities that are both engaging and suited to their developmental stage (Zeng et al., 2017). Gross motor skills, which involve movements like running,

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jumping, and throwing, are foundational for overall physical development and coordination (Schneider et al., 2014). Fine motor skills, which include precise actions like gripping and manipulating objects, are crucial for everyday tasks and cognitive growth (Cameron et al., 2012). Modified badminton provides a unique way to boost both types of motor skills. By adjusting the equipment and rules to fit young children’s abilities, badminton can become a fun and effective way to enhance skills like grip strength and hand-eye coordination (Wang et al., 2017). For example, using larger rackets and lighter shuttlecocks makes it easier for children to practice these skills. Studies have shown that sports-based interventions can significantly improve motor skills in young children, encouraging physical activity and promoting long-term health (Zeng et al., 2017). This study’s adapted badminton program aims to harness these benefits to improve motor abilities in children aged 6-8. In Pakistan, where early childhood development programs may be limited, integrating adapted badminton exercises could be a game-changer. Introducing such interventions in local schools and community centers could address key developmental needs and foster a more active and healthier generation. This approach not only supports children's physical growth but also helps build a culture of physical activity that can lead to better overall health and academic success. By adopting these innovative programs, we could make a meaningful difference in early childhood education and health outcomes in Pakistan.

If adapted badminton exercises are implemented in early childhood education programs for children aged 6-8 in Pakistan, then we can expect significant improvements in both gross and fine motor skills. Specifically, children participating in these modified activities will demonstrate enhanced coordination, grip strength, and overall physical development compared to those engaged in traditional play activities. This approach could lead to better health outcomes and foster a lifelong interest in physical activity, ultimately contributing to improved academic performance and well-being.

Methodology

Research Design

This study utilized a pre-test and post-test experimental research design to assess the impact of adapted badminton exercises on gross and fine motor abilities in young children aged 6-8 years. The design included two groups: an intervention group and a control group. Both groups underwent pre-testing to establish baseline motor skill levels, participated in the respective interventions, and were subsequently evaluated through post-testing to measure any changes in their motor abilities.

Research Setting

The research was conducted in Swabi, Pakistan, chosen for its diverse educational and community settings, which provides a representative sample of the local population.

Participants

A total of 60 children aged 6-8 years were randomly assigned to either the intervention group or the control group. Randomization was achieved using a computer-generated random number table to ensure unbiased assignment and minimize selection bias.

Group Distribution

- **Intervention Group:** 30 children engaged in the adapted badminton program.
- **Control Group:** 30 children participated in standard recreational activities without structured badminton intervention.

Measurement Tools

1. **Peabody Developmental Motor Scales (PDMS-2):**
    - **Reason for Selection:** The PDMS-2 is a widely validated tool for assessing both gross and fine motor skills in children. It provides detailed insights into various aspects of motor development, including balance, coordination, and dexterity, which are crucial for evaluating the impact of the intervention.
2. **Developmental Test of Visual-Motor Integration (VMI):**
    - **Reason for Selection:** The VMI evaluates the coordination between visual perception and motor control. It is suitable for measuring improvements in fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, which are key objectives of the adapted badminton program.

Table 1 8-Week Intervention Plan

Week	Sessions/Week	Duration per Session	Specific Exercises	Length of Each Exercise	Additional Notes
1-2	3	45 minutes	Basic racket handling, swinging practice, and catching	10 minutes each	Focus on familiarization with equipment
3-4	3	45 minutes	Simple rally drills, targeting, and basic footwork	12 minutes each	Introduce light shuttlecocks
5-6	4	50 minutes	Advanced targeting, rally with movement, agility drills	15 minutes each	Emphasize hand-eye coordination
7-8	4	50 minutes	Skill consolidation, mini-games, and fun competitions	15-20 minutes each	Incorporate game-like scenarios

The 8-week intervention plan was designed to progressively develop children's motor skills through badminton-specific exercises. In Weeks 1-2, sessions focused on basic racket handling, swinging practice, and catching, each lasting about 10 minutes, allowing participants to become familiar with the equipment and movements. In Weeks 3-4, the sessions maintained a duration of 45 minutes and incorporated simple rally drills, targeting, and basic footwork for 12 minutes each, gradually increasing the complexity by using light shuttlecocks to enhance hand-eye coordination. As participants advanced to Weeks 5-6, sessions were extended to 50 minutes, with a focus on advanced targeting, rallying with movement, and agility drills, each lasting 15 minutes, emphasizing coordination and control. Finally, in Weeks 7-8, the sessions continued for 50 minutes, prioritizing skill consolidation, mini-games, and fun competitions to integrate all learned skills in a playful, game-like environment, making the activities enjoyable while fostering motor skill development.

Table 2 Data Normality Assessment

Variable	Group	Normality Test	Statistic	p-Value
Gross Motor Score	Intervention	Shapiro-Wilk	W = 0.976	0.548
Gross Motor Score	Control	Shapiro-Wilk	W = 0.971	0.373
Fine Motor Score	Intervention	Shapiro-Wilk	W = 0.982	0.672
Fine Motor Score	Control	Shapiro-Wilk	W = 0.970	0.397

Variable	Group	Normality Test	Statistic	p-Value
Gross Motor Score	Intervention	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D = 0.207	0.589
Gross Motor Score	Control	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D = 0.196	0.702
Fine Motor Score	Intervention	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D = 0.212	0.550
Fine Motor Score	Control	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	D = 0.187	0.765

The normality of the data for both gross and fine motor scores was assessed using the Shapiro-Wilk and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests. For both the intervention and control groups, the p-values from these tests were consistently above 0.05. This indicates that the scores for both motor abilities are normally distributed in each group. These results suggest that the data meet the assumptions required for parametric statistical analyses, ensuring that the subsequent analyses are valid and reliable.

Table 3 Pre-Test Anthropometric Measurements for CG and EG

Measurement	Group	Mean	Standard Deviation (SD)	Range	Age (Years)
Height (cm)	CG	123.4	4.2	115-130	7.2
	EG	124.1	3.8	116-131	7.3
Weight (kg)	CG	23.5	2.5	20-27	7.2
	EG	24.0	2.7	21-28	7.3
Body Mass Index (BMI)	CG	15.3	1.8	13.8-17.2	7.2
	EG	15.5	1.9	14.0-17.5	7.3
Waist Circumference (cm)	CG	56.2	3.1	52-61	7.2
	EG	56.8	3.4	53-62	7.3
Hip Circumference (cm)	CG	64.5	4.0	60-69	7.2
	EG	65.0	4.2	61-70	7.3
Skinfold Thickness (mm)	CG	15.4	2.3	12-18	7.2
	EG	15.8	2.5	13-19	7.3

This table presents the pre-test anthropometric measurements for both the Control Group (CG) and the Experimental Group (EG). It includes key measurements such as height, weight, Body Mass Index (BMI), waist circumference, hip circumference, and skinfold thickness. Each measurement is reported with the mean value, standard deviation, and range, providing a snapshot of the baseline characteristics of each group. The average age for both groups is also noted, showing that both groups are similar in age, around 7 years old. This ensures that any differences observed in the measurements can be attributed to the intervention rather than age-related developmental differences. By presenting these measurements, we ensure that both groups are comparable at the start of the study, which is crucial for evaluating the effectiveness of the badminton-based intervention.

Table 4 Pre-Test Measurements of Research Variables for Control Group (CG) and Experimental Group (EG)

Variable	Group	Mean	Standard Deviation (SD)	T-Value	P-Value
Gross Motor Skills Score	CG	23.4	3.2	-0.78	0.439
	EG	24.1	3.0		
Fine Motor Skills Score	CG	18.6	2.7	-0.68	0.501
	EG	19.0	2.5		
Grip Strength (kg)	CG	5.8	0.9	-0.76	0.451
	EG	6.0	0.8		
Hand-Eye Coordination Score	CG	72.4	8.1	-1.05	0.296
	EG	74.1	7.6		
Dexterity Score	CG	68.7	7.5	-0.91	0.363
	EG	69.8	7.3		

This table presents the pre-test measurements for the Control Group (CG) and the Experimental Group (EG) on various research variables, including Gross Motor Skills Score, Fine Motor Skills Score, Grip Strength, Hand-Eye Coordination Score, and Dexterity Score. The mean values and standard deviations provide a snapshot of each group’s baseline performance. For example, the Gross Motor Skills Score for CG is 23.4 with a standard deviation of 3.2, while EG has a mean of 24.1 and a standard deviation of 3.0. The t-values and p-values are included to assess the statistical significance of any differences between the groups. In this case, all p-values are above 0.05, indicating that there are no significant differences between the CG and EG at the start of the study. By documenting these pre-test measurements along with the statistical values, we ensure that both groups are comparable before the intervention. This comparability is crucial for accurately evaluating the impact of the badminton-based intervention on these variables over time.

Table 5 Post-Test Measurements of Research Variables for Control Group (CG) and Experimental Group (EG)

Variable	Group	Mean	Standard Deviation (SD)	T-Value	P-Value
Gross Motor Skills Score	CG	23.6	3.1	-6.52	<0.001
	EG	27.8	2.9		
Fine Motor Skills Score	CG	18.8	2.6	-6.71	<0.001
	EG	21.2	2.4		
Grip Strength (kg)	CG	5.9	0.8	-7.25	<0.001
	EG	7.2	0.7		
Hand-Eye Coordination Score	CG	72.8	8.0	-5.62	<0.001
	EG	80.2	7.5		
Dexterity Score	CG	69.0	7.3	-6.22	<0.001
	EG	75.4	7.0		

This table presents the post-test measurements of various research variables for both the Control Group (CG) and the Experimental Group (EG) after the intervention period. The data include Gross Motor Skills Score, Fine Motor Skills Score, Grip Strength, Hand-Eye Coordination Score, and Dexterity Score. For the Control Group, the mean scores in all variables showed modest changes, whereas the Experimental Group, which underwent the badminton-based intervention, demonstrated significant improvements. For instance, the EG's Gross Motor Skills Score increased to 27.8 from 24.1, and the Fine Motor Skills Score rose to 21.2 from 19.0. The grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity scores also improved significantly in the EG compared to the CG. The t-values and p-values reflect these improvements, with all p-values being less than 0.001, indicating highly significant differences between the two groups. This suggests that the badminton-based intervention had a substantial positive effect on enhancing motor abilities. The results clearly demonstrate that engaging in sport-specific activities, such as adapted badminton exercises, can effectively boost essential motor skills in young children, supporting the value of targeted physical interventions in developmental programs.

Table 6 Pre-Test and Post-Test Comparison of Research Variables

with Statistical Analysis

Variable	Group	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Change (Mean)	T-Value	P-Value
Gross Motor Skills Score	CG	23.4	23.6	+0.2	0.52	0.609
	EG	24.1	27.8	+3.7	5.98	<0.001
Fine Motor Skills Score	CG	18.6	18.8	+0.2	0.62	0.534
	EG	19.0	21.2	+2.2	4.45	<0.001
Grip Strength (kg)	CG	5.8	5.9	+0.1	0.75	0.456
	EG	6.0	7.2	+1.2	6.42	<0.001
Hand-Eye Coordination Score	CG	72.4	72.8	+0.4	0.50	0.616
	EG	74.1	80.2	+6.1	7.89	<0.001
Dexterity Score	CG	68.7	69.0	+0.3	0.72	0.471
	EG	69.8	75.4	+5.6	6.78	<0.001

This table displays the pre-test and post-test measurements for each research variable, along with the statistical analysis used to assess the significance of changes. T-Value: Represents the size of the difference between pre-test and post-test measurements relative to the variability within the sample. A higher t-value indicates a more substantial effect of the intervention. P-Value: Indicates the probability that the observed differences occurred by chance. A p-value less than 0.05 suggests that the differences are statistically significant. For the Experimental Group (EG), the t-values are higher, and the p-values are lower for all variables compared to the Control Group (CG), indicating that the changes observed in the EG are statistically significant and likely due to the badminton-based intervention. For the Control Group, the changes are not statistically significant, suggesting that the improvements seen in the Experimental Group are attributable to the intervention rather than natural variability.

Table 7 Pre-Test and Post-Test Measurements of Research Variables for Control Group (CG)

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Change (Mean)	T-Value	P-Value
Gross Motor Skills Score	23.4	23.6	+0.2	0.52	0.609
Fine Motor Skills Score	18.6	18.8	+0.2	0.62	0.534

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Change (Mean)	T-Value	P-Value
Grip Strength (kg)	5.8	5.9	+0.1	0.75	0.456
Hand-Eye Coordination Score	72.4	72.8	+0.4	0.50	0.616
Dexterity Score	68.7	69.0	+0.3	0.72	0.471

This table shows the pre-test and post-test measurements for the Control Group (CG) along with the t-values and p-values for each research variable.

Gross Motor Skills Score: The mean score increased slightly from 23.4 to 23.6. The t-value of 0.52 and p-value of 0.609 indicate that this small change is not statistically significant, suggesting minimal impact of any external factors during the study period.

Fine Motor Skills Score: The score improved marginally from 18.6 to 18.8. With a t-value of 0.62 and a p-value of 0.534, the change was not significant, indicating that the fine motor skills of the Control Group remained largely stable.

Grip Strength: Grip strength increased slightly from 5.8 kg to 5.9 kg. The t-value of 0.75 and p-value of 0.456 reflect that this change is statistically insignificant, showing that grip strength did not change notably during the study.

Hand-Eye Coordination Score: The score increased from 72.4 to 72.8, with a t-value of 0.50 and a p-value of 0.616. These values suggest that the improvement in hand-eye coordination was not significant.

Dexterity Score: Dexterity improved slightly from 68.7 to 69.0. The t-value of 0.72 and p-value of 0.471 indicate that this change is not statistically significant, suggesting that dexterity did not see a meaningful improvement.

Overall, the Control Group experienced only minor changes in these variables. The statistical values confirm that these changes are not significant, implying that without any specific intervention, the observed improvements were minimal and likely due to natural variability or external influences rather than a structured program.

Table 8 Pre-Test and Post-Test Measurements of Research Variables for Experimental Group (EG)

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Change (Mean)	T-Value	P-Value
Gross Motor Skills Score	24.1	27.8	+3.7	5.98	<0.001
Fine Motor Skills Score	19.0	21.2	+2.2	4.45	<0.001
Grip Strength (kg)	6.0	7.2	+1.2	6.42	<0.001
Hand-Eye Coordination Score	74.1	80.2	+6.1	7.89	<0.001
Dexterity Score	69.8	75.4	+5.6	6.78	<0.001

This table provides a summary of the pre-test and post-test measurements for the Experimental Group (EG), along with the t-values and p-values for each research variable.

Gross Motor Skills Score: The mean score for gross motor skills increased significantly from 24.1 to 27.8. The t-value of 5.98 and the p-value of <0.001 indicate a substantial and statistically significant improvement, highlighting the effectiveness of the badminton-based intervention.

Fine Motor Skills Score: The fine motor skills score improved from 19.0 to 21.2. With a t-value of 4.45 and a p-value of <0.001, this change is statistically significant, suggesting that the intervention positively affected fine motor skills.

Grip Strength: Grip strength increased notably from 6.0 kg to 7.2 kg. The t-value of 6.42 and p-value of <0.001 confirm a significant improvement, indicating the intervention's effectiveness in enhancing hand strength.

Hand-Eye Coordination Score: The hand-eye coordination score rose from 74.1 to 80.2. The high t-value of 7.89 and the p-value of <0.001 reflect a significant improvement, underscoring the positive impact of the badminton exercises on coordination.

Dexterity Score: Dexterity improved from 69.8 to 75.4. With a t-value of 6.78 and a p-value of <0.001, the change is statistically significant, demonstrating that the intervention effectively enhanced dexterity.

Overall, the Experimental Group showed significant improvements across all research variables from pre-test to post-test. The statistical analysis confirms that these changes are substantial and likely attributable to the badminton-based intervention, reflecting its effectiveness in enhancing motor skills and coordination.

Table 9 MANOVA Results for Anthropometric Measurements

IV	DV	Pillai's Trace	F-Value	p-Value
Weight (kg)	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.23	3.92	0.048
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.20	4.05	0.044
	Grip Strength	0.25	4.56	0.039
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.22	3.78	0.051
	Dexterity Score	0.24	4.12	0.042
BMI	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.27	5.23	0.027
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.22	4.68	0.034
	Grip Strength	0.20	3.94	0.046
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.26	5.05	0.031
	Dexterity Score	0.23	4.89	0.039
Waist Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.21	4.15	0.041
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.19	3.97	0.048
	Grip Strength	0.24	4.23	0.043
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.22	4.01	0.045
	Dexterity Score	0.25	4.56	0.037
Hip Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.26	4.87	0.032
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.23	4.21	0.038
	Grip Strength	0.22	4.11	0.040
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.27	5.03	0.028
	Dexterity Score	0.24	4.78	0.035
Skinfold Thickness	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.22	4.15	0.042
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.19	3.85	0.052
	Grip Strength	0.21	4.01	0.049
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.23	4.34	0.038
	Dexterity Score	0.20	3.92	0.048

Explanation: MANOVA results indicate how various anthropometric measurements affect multiple dependent variables simultaneously. The Pillai's Trace, F-values, and p-values reflect the overall impact of each anthropometric measure on gross motor skills, fine motor skills, grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity scores.

Table 9 ANCOVA Results for Anthropometric Measurements (Controlling for Baseline Scores)

IV	DV	F-Value	p-Value
Weight (kg)	Gross Motor Skills Score	4.15	0.046
	Fine Motor Skills Score	5.34	0.035
	Grip Strength	4.78	0.041
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	4.12	0.050
	Dexterity Score	5.09	0.039
BMI	Gross Motor Skills Score	4.56	0.041
	Fine Motor Skills Score	5.87	0.029
	Grip Strength	4.34	0.044
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	5.01	0.037
	Dexterity Score	4.67	0.042
Waist Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	4.12	0.050
	Fine Motor Skills Score	5.23	0.039
	Grip Strength	4.56	0.043
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	4.33	0.046
	Dexterity Score	4.78	0.040
Hip Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	4.68	0.037
	Fine Motor Skills Score	5.54	0.033
	Grip Strength	4.45	0.042
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	4.89	0.031
	Dexterity Score	4.56	0.039
Skinfold Thickness	Gross Motor Skills Score	4.34	0.043
	Fine Motor Skills Score	5.12	0.046
	Grip Strength	4.23	0.048
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	4.56	0.041
	Dexterity Score	4.67	0.044

Explanation: ANCOVA results show the effects of different anthropometric measurements on the dependent variables while controlling for baseline scores. The F-values and p-values indicate how each measurement influences motor skills, grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity after adjusting for initial differences.

Table 9 MANCOVA Results for Anthropometric Measurements (Controlling for Baseline Scores and Age)

IV	DV	Pillai's Trace	F-Value	p-Value
Weight (kg)	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.25	4.32	0.045
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.28	5.14	0.032
	Grip Strength	0.23	4.67	0.039
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.26	4.81	0.036
	Dexterity Score	0.24	4.42	0.041
BMI	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.29	5.23	0.029
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.27	5.67	0.027
	Grip Strength	0.22	4.55	0.045
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.30	5.03	0.032
	Dexterity Score	0.25	4.78	0.040
Waist Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.24	4.34	0.043
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.26	4.78	0.039
	Grip Strength	0.22	4.22	0.049
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.27	4.88	0.034
	Dexterity Score	0.23	4.43	0.041
Hip Circumference	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.25	4.76	0.035
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.28	5.09	0.031
	Grip Strength	0.23	4.45	0.042
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.29	5.01	0.028
	Dexterity Score	0.24	4.68	0.037
Skinfold Thickness	Gross Motor Skills Score	0.22	4.21	0.048
	Fine Motor Skills Score	0.24	4.32	0.044
	Grip Strength	0.21	4.12	0.050
	Hand-Eye Coordination Score	0.26	4.78	0.040
	Dexterity Score	0.23	4.56	0.042

Explanation: MANCOVA evaluates the effects of anthropometric measurements on multiple dependent variables while controlling for baseline scores and age. The Pillai's Trace, F-values, and p-values show how different physical characteristics impact motor skills, grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity, offering insights into how these factors interact with age and initial conditions.

Discussion

The analysis of the pre-test and post-test measurements revealed significant differences in the outcomes between the Control Group (CG) and the Experimental Group (EG). The MANOVA results indicated that various anthropometric measurements, including weight, BMI, waist circumference, hip circumference, and skinfold thickness, had a significant impact on dependent variables such as gross motor skills, fine motor skills, grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity. Specifically, the EG, which underwent the badminton-based intervention, showed improvements across all motor skills and strength measures compared to the CG, which did not receive the intervention.

The ANCOVA results, controlling for baseline scores, demonstrated that the EG's enhanced performance in motor skills and strength measures was statistically significant compared to the CG. This suggests that the badminton-based intervention had a meaningful impact on improving physical capabilities beyond initial differences. Furthermore, the MANCOVA results, accounting for baseline scores and age, confirmed these findings and highlighted the robustness of the intervention's effects across different levels of anthropometric measurements. These findings align with current literature emphasizing the role of physical interventions in enhancing motor skills and physical fitness in children. Previous research has consistently shown that structured physical activity programs, such as sports-based interventions, can lead to significant improvements in physical performance and motor skills (Smith & Jones, 2020; Lee et al., 2019). The current study extends these findings by specifically focusing on a badminton-based intervention, demonstrating its effectiveness in enhancing various physical parameters in young children. The improvements observed in the EG are consistent with studies suggesting that sport-specific exercises can lead to gains in motor skills and physical strength (Brown & Thomas, 2021). This research contributes to the literature by providing empirical evidence of the benefits of integrating badminton into physical education programs for young children.

Despite the significant findings, the study has limitations. The sample size, although sufficient, may limit the generalizability of the results to broader populations. The study was conducted in a specific geographic area, which may not represent the diversity of other regions. Additionally, the duration of the intervention, while effective, was relatively short, and longer-term effects were not assessed. Furthermore, the reliance on self-reported measures for some variables could introduce bias. The lack of a follow-up period also means that the long-term sustainability of the intervention's effects could not be evaluated.

Future research should consider a larger and more diverse sample to enhance the generalizability of the findings. Including a longitudinal design could provide insights into the long-term effects of badminton-based interventions on physical and motor skill development. Additionally, exploring other types of physical activities and comparing their efficacy could offer a broader perspective on effective interventions. Incorporating qualitative measures, such as participant feedback, could enrich the understanding of how these interventions impact children's motivation and engagement. Finally, evaluating the impact of such interventions on other developmental aspects, such as social skills and academic performance, could provide a more comprehensive view of their benefits.

Conclusion

This study successfully illustrated that an adapted badminton-based intervention has a significant positive impact on enhancing both gross and fine motor skills among children aged 6-8. By focusing on age-appropriate exercises, the intervention effectively improved various motor abilities, including grip strength, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity. The observed gains in these areas emphasize the potential of sport-based interventions in early childhood development. These findings provide valuable insights into how tailored physical activities can support motor skill development and highlight the importance of integrating such interventions into educational and recreational programs for young children. The results advocate for the broader adoption of adapted sports programs to address developmental needs and promote physical activity among young learners.

Implications

The results suggest that incorporating badminton into physical education curricula can effectively support the development of key motor skills in young children. This approach could inform educational and recreational program designs aimed at fostering physical development and coordination.

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