

Supplementary Materials

Table S1. Association of baseline CPM and TSP with the effects of treatments on pain intensity and self-perceived improvement.

	Painful MT (n = 19)			Pain-free MT (n = 19)		
	CPM parallel	CPM sequential	TSP	CPM parallel	CPM sequential	TSP
PPT C7, t statistic (p value)	0.94 (0.363)	1.36 (0.195)	-0.55 (0.587)	-0.26 (0.800)	-0.95 (0.357)	-0.00 (0.996)
PPT trapezius, t statistic (p value)	1.03 (0.320)	2.48 (0.025)	-0.35 (0.730)	0.22 (0.826)	-0.87 (0.395)	0.70 (0.495)
PPT extensor ulnaris, t statistic (p value)	0.19 (0.853)	0.61 (0.551)	-0.38 (0.710)	0.32 (0.753)	-0.37 (0.718)	-0.45 (0.660)
PPT tibialis anterior, t statistic (p value)	0.93 (0.368)	0.144 (0.170)	-0.56 (0.581)	0.14 (0.894)	-1.45 (0.167)	0.20 (0.894)
Pain intensity post-treatment, t statistic (p value)	-0.69 (0.499)	0.88 (0.393)	-0.43 (0.674)	0.85 (0.408)	1.59 (0.131)	0.96 (0.352)
Pain intensity post-7 days, t statistic (p value)	-0.70 (0.498)	-0.89 (0.392)	-0.78 (0.449)	-2.61 (0.019)	-0.14 (0.892)	-0.07 (0.944)
GROC post-treatment, z statistic (p value)	-0.85 (0.396)	-0.37 (0.714)	-0.28 (0.779)	-0.81 (0.416)	-0.74 (0.456)	-0.39 (0.697)
GROC post-7 days, z statistic (p value)	-2.23 (0.026)	0.44 (0.659)	1.48 (0.140)	1.08 (0.278)	0.38 (0.707)	0.46 (0.648)

* Significant differences ($p < 0.01$). MT: manual therapy; CPM: conditioned pain modulation; TSP: temporal summation of pain; PPT: pressure pain threshold; GROC: global rating of change

Table S2. Association of expectations, pain catastrophism and pain anxiety with the effects of treatments on pain intensity and self-perceived improvement.

	Painful MT (n = 19)	Pain-free MT (n = 19)
	Expectations	Expectations
PPT C7, F statistic (p value)	0.35 (0.709)	2.40 (0.125)
PPT trapezius, F statistic (p value)	0.10 (0.902)	5.43 (0.017)
PPT extensor ulnaris, F statistic (p value)	0.29 (0.751)	0.64 (0.541)
PPT tibialis anterior, F statistic (p value)	0.97 (0.400)	0.52 (0.602)
Pain intensity post-treatment, F statistic (p value)	0.31 (0.738)	0.65 (0.537)
Pain intensity post-7, days, F statistic (p value)	6.15 (0.013)	0.55 (0.591)
GROC post-treatment, Chi² (p value)	1.06 (0.588)	1.76 (0.414)
GROC post-7 days, Chi² (p value)	0.75 (0.687)	0.21 (0.901)

* Significant differences ($p < 0.01$). MT: manual therapy; PPT: pressure pain threshold; GROC: global rating of change

Table S3. Number of subjects by treatment assignment and assessor's guess

Assignment	Assessor's response			
	Painful MT	Pain-free MT	Don't know	Total
Painful MT	6	1	10	17
Pain-free MT	3	3	12	18
Total	9	4	22	35

MT: manual therapy