

**Abstract**

**A Study of Risk Factors Related to Low Back Pain  
in Civil Airmen**

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The purposes of this study were to investigate risk factors of low back pain in civil airmen and to use this information as basis for the back rehabilitation. Subjects of this study were randomly selected 276 civil airmen who had been employed at four airports in Seoul. These data were analyzed by  $\chi^2$  test, t-test, ANOVA, and multiple logistic regression using SAS. The results were as follows: 1) The prevalence of low back pain among 276 civil airmen was 64.9%. 2) The most common cause of low back pain was load lifting (stewardess), long sitting (aircrew A), and long sitting plus training (aircrew B). 3) There were no statistically significant associations among age, height, body weight, and low back pain. 4) No statistically significant relationships were found among the average monthly working time, total working time, average monthly rest time, working year and low back pain. 5) There was statistically significant relationship between abnormal posture and low back pain ( $p < .01$ ). 6) There was statistically significant relationship between fatigue and low back pain among stewardess and aircrew B. 7) There was a statistically significant relationship between job satisfaction and job-related stress ( $p < .05$ ). 8) In stewardess, higher satisfaction score was associated with less likelihood of low back pain (odds ratio = .80).

The results of this study indicate that civil airmen developed chronicity of low back pain due to unfit seat, poor habitual posture, fatigue symptom, and stress or other risk factors. Therefore, there is a need to improve the working environment for the prevention of posture-related low back pain.

**Key Words:** Low back pain; Aircrew; Fatigue; Posture.

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( , 1992; , 1994) (Frymoyer , 1991).

가 , , 가 가 (1994)

가 가 (inflight incapacitation of pilot) ( , ) 87 , . 4 3 .

( , 1990), ( , 1991), ( , 1989), ( , 1995), ( , 1997), (Froom, 1987), (Sheard , 1996)

( , 1992). 가, 가

( , 1988; , 1996; , 1995; Froom , 1986; Mcmillan , 1996; Luna , 1997).

가

가

2. A , B , C D

1985

30% 가 (Levy , , , , , 1988). 1990 243

가 . 가 . 500  
 3. 가 . 327  
 가. 가 , , 65.4% . 가  
 가 , 156 , A 52 , B 68  
 276 .

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( , Simonson (1952)  
 1992). flicker fusion frequency (FFF)  
 ( A: , B: )  
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 15 , 15  
 (Molumphy , 1985). 2

(1989)가  
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 ” 5 , “ ” 1  
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 A, B, C, D 가 가  
 270 ,  
 A 100 , B 130 (5 8 ) “ ”  
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 20 , A 10 , B 10 가

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276

179

64.9%

77.1%,

A

50.0%, B 52.2%가

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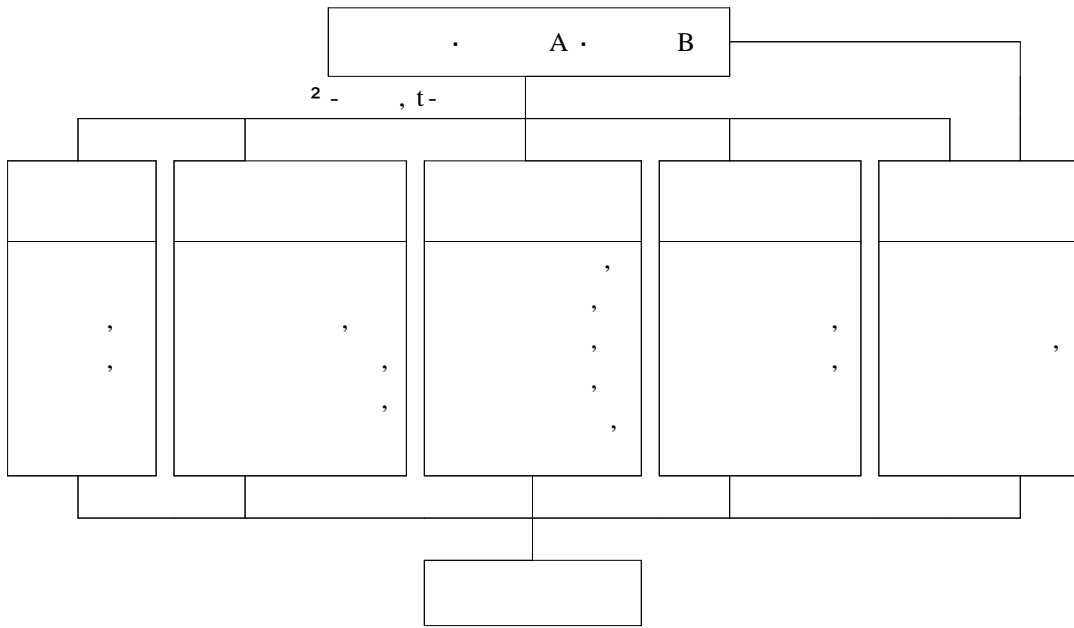
A

B

( 3).

2.

	A	B	(%)
38( 22.9)	26( 50.0)	33( 47.8)	97( 35.1)
118( 77.1)	26( 50.0)	35( 52.2)	179( 64.9)
156(100.0)	52(100.0)	68(100.0)	276(100.0)



1.

3.

276 , A가 35.4 , B 30.2 25.9 7.9 , A가 8.4 , B 5.3 ,  
 166.2 cm, A ( ) 42 , A가 76.1  
 173.3 cm, B가 173.4 cm , B 84.5 ,  
 ( 5).

52 kg, A가 70.4 kg,  
 B 68.6 kg ,

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( 4). B  
 가 ,  
 가 ,

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84.1 A, B ,  
 , A가 59.1 , B 16.1 가  
 (p<.01). A  
 3,457 , A가 2,782 가 11.1 ,  
 , B 1,016 , 가 ( 6).

3.

		(n=115)	A(n=26)	B(n=34)
		83(72.2)	2( 7.7)	4(11.8)
		2( 1.7)	14(53.9)	10(29.4)
		1( .9)	2( 7.7)	8(23.5)
		8( 6.9)	3(11.5)	1( 2.9)
		7( 6.1)	1( 3.8)	4(11.8)
		14(12.1)	4(15.4)	7(20.6)
	3	24(20.9)	1( 3.8)	5(14.7)
	1	41(35.6)	4(15.4)	8(23.5)
	1-3	36(31.3)	10(38.5)	7(20.6)
	3	14(12.2)	11(42.3)	14(41.2)
		74(64.6)	25(96.2)	29(85.3)
가	가	41(35.6)	1(3 .8)	5(14.7)
		45(39.1)	19(73.1)	17(50.0)
	가	27(23.5)	4(15.4)	7(20.6)
	.	29(25.2)	2( 7.7)	2( 5.9)
		14(12.2)	1( 3.8)	8(23.5)

4.

		(n=156)	A(n=52)		B(n=34)		
( )		26.3 ± 2.4*	25.8 ± 2.1	35.6 ± 6.4	35.1 ± 4.2	30.4 ± 3.7	29.9 ± 2.4
(cm)		166.5 ± 3.0	166.0 ± 2.8	172.5 ± 4.1	174.1 ± 4.2	173.3 ± 4.6	173.6 ± 4.3
(kg)		51.7 ± 2.9	51.9 ± 4.1	70.1 ± 9.7	70.8 ± 7.2	68.1 ± 6.3	68.8 ± 5.6

\* ±

5.

	(n=156)		A (n=52)		B (n=68)	
	83.7 ± 7.5*	84.2 ± 6.4	57.2 ± 17.8	61.1 ± 22.2	17.1 ± 6.1	16.8 ± 7.0
	3662.8 ± 2231.2	3398.0 ± 1677.1	2630.0 ± 2248.1	2929.2 ± 3278.9	1033 ± 837.4	1001.7 ± 644.3
	8.1 ± 3.4	7.9 ± 3.4	8.0 ± 2.5	9.0 ± 3.0	5.2 ± 2.7	5.5 ± 2.8
( )	45.6 ± 25.8	41.6 ± 20.9	72.8 ± 46.6	79.3 ± 67.3	85.3 ± 39.5	82.8 ± 31.2
* ±						

6.

	(n=156)		A (n=52)		B (n=67)	
	28(80.0)	88(75.2)	10(38.5)	19(73.0)	28(87.5)	29(82.9)
	7(20.0)	29(24.8)	16(61.5)	7(27.0)	4(12.5)	6(17.1)
OR	.76		4.34*		.69	
	22(62.8)	92(78.6)	6(23.1)	20(76.9)	19(61.3)	30(85.7)
	13(37.2)	25(21.4)	20(76.9)	6(23.1)	12(38.7)	5(14.3)
OR	2.17*		11.11***		3.79**	
	28(80.0)	80(68.4)	17(65.4)	17(65.4)	32(100.0)	35(100.0)
	7(20.0)	37(31.6)	9(34.6)	9(34.6)	0	0
OR	.54		1.0		0	
	18(51.4)	65(55.6)	17(65.4)	17(65.4)	19(59.4)	22(62.9)
	17(48.6)	52(44.4)	9(34.6)	9(34.6)	13(40.6)	13(37.1)
OR	1.18		1.0		1.04	
	20(57.1)	52(53.0)	24(92.3)	24(92.3)	30(93.7)	34(97.1)
	15(42.9)	55(47.0)	2(7.7)	2(7.7)	2(6.3)	1( 2.9)
OR	.70		1.0		2.27	

\* p<.05 \*\* p<.01 \*\*\* p<.001 OR=odds ratio

6. B  
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 가 , 가 , A,  
 A B 가 B  
 , , 가 가 B  
 , A B 가 A  
 가 ( 7).  
 가 가 ( ).

7.

	(n=153)		A(n=52)		B(n=67)	
	20(57.1)	85(72.0)	6(23.1)	10(38.5)	7(21.9)	16(45.7)
	15(42.9)	33(23.0)	20(76.9)	16(61.5)	25(78.1)	19(54.3)
2	2.780*		1.444		4.214**	
	8(22.9)	38(32.2)	4(15.4)	8(30.8)	5(15.6)	10(28.6)
	27(77.1)	80(67.8)	22(84.6)	18(69.2)	25(71.4)	25(84.4)
2	1.121		1.733		1.612	
	16(45.7)	59(50.0)	8(30.8)	9(34.6)	7(21.9)	17(48.6)
	19(54.3)	59(50.0)	18(69.2)	17(65.4)	18(51.4)	25(78.1)
2	.198		.087		5.182**	

\*p<.05 \*\*p<.01

8.

	(n=156)		A(n=52)		B(n=68)	
	12.0 ± 1.9	11.1 ± 2.0	12.0 ± 2.3	11.3 ± 2.1	12.7 ± 1.9	12.6 ± 2.1
F	4.928*		1.563		.116	
	15.7 ± 2.7	16.0 ± 3.0	13.4 ± 2.3	14.6 ± 1.8	13.3 ± 2.5	14.5 ± 1.8
F	.176		4.305*		5.475*	

\*p<.05



7. ( 9).  
 가 (p<.05), A B Stepwise 가 가  
 가 A B 14.1 가  
 가 (p<.05),( 8). 1.4  
 8. 가 ( 10).  
 가 B Stepwise A 가  
 가 4.9 , 가  
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 Stepwise ( 11).  
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9. : ( )

	p	Odds Ratio(95% )
- .2249	.0328	.8(.650 .982)

10. : ( A)

	p	Odds Ratio(95% )
2.6464	.0003	14.1(3.41 58.327)
.3504	.0278	1.4(1.04 1.940)

11. : ( B)

	p	Odds Ratio(95% )
1.5984	.0139	4.9(1.384 17.670)
.4130	.0053	1.5(1.131 2.021)

가 A B  
 가 가 .  
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 64.9% ,  
 77.1%, A 50.0%, B (Andersson , 1987; Biering-Sorensen ,  
 52.2%가 1986),  
 가 가  
 50 80% ( , 1989; , 1997; , (Reisbord, 1985).  
 1990; Biering-Sorensen , 1986; Cailiet, 가  
 1981; Nachemson, 1983) 가 35.6%가 A 3.8% B  
 . Froom (1987) 14.7% . 가가  
 73% , Sheard (1996) ,  
 A B  
 82%  
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 가 ,  
 ,  
 (Astrand, 1987; 가 가  
 Reisbord Greenland, 1985) (heavy work load)  
 ( , 1993; Lloyd  
 , 1986)가 ,  
 가 .  
 가  
 , 75.2%  
 50.0% B 77.1% A A 73.0% B 82.9%  
 . Kelsey(1975)  
 A 가  
 가 (p<.05).  
 , 1 . Sheard(1996)  
 , 58%가  
 Biering-Sorensen(1986)  
 (Chaffin, 1987; Snook, 1982).  
 3 12 35.6% 가 , Andersson (1987) 가  
 A 36 42.3%  
 B 3 41.2% 가 . 가 가  
 3 12.2% 가

가 , , , , 가 , , , , (sports activity) , , , , (Leino, 1993). , 1993; , 1985; Astrand, 가 1987), 가 B(95.6%)가 (54.2%) Troup (1981) ( ). ( , 1989; , 1991; , 1997; Biering-Sorensen , 1989; Frymoyer, 1987; Leino, 1993). Biering-Sorensen(1984) 30 60 1 (isometric endurance) 가 1.8 1 가 Vanharanta (1987) stooping posture . Andersson (1987) 4 가 . Nachemson(1966) 50% 가 1.4 가 ( , 1995; Takla, 1994). (1984) , , , , Damkot FFF test Biering-Sorensen Thomasen(1986) , , , (Simonson, 1952).

A 가 , B 가 .  
 (p<.05), FFF ,  
 가 1 가  
 ( , 1996).  
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 B 22.7 , 가  
 가 15.9 A  
 13.9 B 13.9 A  
 B  
 Astrand(1987)  
 Biering - Sorensen Thomasen(1986)  
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 A B  
 500  
 327 (65.4%)  
 276 (55.2%)  
 Frymoyer(1992) 1998 4 15 5 9  
 SAS 2\_  
 가 , t- , ,  
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 가 1.  
 276 64.9% (179 ) ,  
 77.1%, A ( )가 50.0%,  
 B ( ) 52.2% .  
 2. 72.2%가 “  
 ” , A 53.9%가  
 “ ” , B

52.9%가 “ ” 14 ( A), 4.9 ( B) ,  
가 1  
3. 14.1 ( A), 4.9 ( B)  
가 .  
4. , , , , ,  
가 .  
5. , B 가 .  
(p<.05), A 가 ,  
가 .  
(p<.05).  
6. 가 . , , .  
(p<.05), B . 1993;26(1):20- 36.  
'93 . 1989.  
(p<.01). A . 1994.  
7. 가 . . 1993;36(9):47- 52.  
<.05), A 가 B (p . 1997.  
<.05). 가 (p . 1991;3(1):123- 143.  
8. 가 1 . 21  
(1970- 1990). . 1992;  
.8 2(2):55- 64.  
A B . 1994.  
가 , .  
, 가 . 1993;17(2):  
259- 268.

- . 1995.  
. 1994;18(2):242-247.  
. 1989.  
. 1988;  
36(52):67-79.  
. 1985; 6:437-447.  
. 1996;6(3):54-61.  
. 1990;11(2):  
93-115.  
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1.		(%)	
		A	B
	18( 10.1)	14( 10.9)	24( 11.5)
	1( .6)	14( 10.9)	1( .4)
	3( 1.7)	11( 8.6)	29( 11.9)
	11( 6.2)	11( 8.6)	17( 7.0)
	50( 28.3)	10( 7.8)	26( 10.7)
	2( 1.1)	17( 13.3)	42( 17.2)
	23( 13.0)	10( 7.8)	3( 1.2)
	11( 6.2)	6( 4.7)	9( 3.7)
	5( 2.8)	0	2( .8)
	4( 2.3)	0	4( 2.3)
	0	6( 4.7)	50( 20.5)
	0	0	1( .4)
	1( .6)	1( .8)	12( 4.9)
	8( 4.5)	0	2( .8)
	40( 22.6)	27( 21.1)	21( 8.6)
	0	1( .8)	0
	177(100.0)	128(100.0)	244(100.0)
가			

2.		(%)	
		A	B
가	가	48( 9.0)	9( 8.4)
가	가	36( 6.8)	2( 1.8)
		98(18.5)	23(21.5)
가 , ,	가	48( 9.0)	18(16.8)
가	가	102(19.2)	12(11.2)
가	가	83(15.6)	10( 9.3)
			9( 5.8)



		A	B
		79(14.9)	35(22.4)
		34( 6.4)	11( 7.1)
가	,	32( 9.6)	16(14.7)
	,	47(14.1)	18(16.5)
	,	47(14.1)	10( 9.2)
		41(12.3)	14(12.8)
		16( 4.8)	13(11.9)
		65(19.5)	15(13.8)
		31( 9.3)	5( 4.6)
		54(16.1)	16(14.7)
	,	83(26.3)	32(39.5)
	,	45(14.2)	8( 9.9)
		21( 6.7)	5( 6.2)
가		30( 9.5)	4( 4.9)
	가	17( 5.4)	7( 8.6)
		38(12.0)	2( 2.5)
		39(12.3)	9(11.1)
		42(13.3)	13(15.1)