

## Additional file 1:

### Descriptive statistics of pain dimensions comparing the language versions

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#### 1 Localizations (Tables A1-A3)

**Table A1.** Pain localizations in the last 3 months of the dancers in the total sample (n = 72) and in the language versions (n = 36 each)

	<b>Total (n = 72) n (%)</b>		<b>English (n =36) n (%)</b>		<b>German (n = 36) n (%)</b>		<b>p-value</b>	
<b>Head and torso</b>								
Head	7 (9.7)		1 (2.8)		6 (16.7)		0.12 <sup>b</sup>	
Neck /cervical spine	39 (54.2)		20 (55.6)		19 (52.8)		0.81 <sup>a</sup>	
Upper back/ thoracic spine	24 (33.3)		14 (38.9)		10 (27.8)		0.32 <sup>a</sup>	
Lower back/ lumbar spine/ iliosacral joint	47 (65.3)		24 (66.7)		23 (63.9)		0.80 <sup>a</sup>	
Stomach	5 (6.94)		2 (5.6)		3 (8.3)		1.00 <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Upper extremity</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>
Shoulder/ upper arm	13 (18.1)	13 (18.1)	8 (22.2)	8 (22.2)	5 (13.9)	5 (13.9)	0.36 <sup>a</sup>	0.36 <sup>a</sup>
Elbow/ forearm	7 (9.7)	5 (6.9)	5 (13.9)	2 (5.6)	2 (5.6)	3 (8.3)	0.43 <sup>b</sup>	1.00 <sup>b</sup>
Wrist/ hand	13 (18.1)	14 (19.4)	7 (19.4)	7 (19.4)	6 (16.7)	7 (19.4)	0.76 <sup>a</sup>	1.00 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Lower extremity</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>right</b>	<b>left</b>
Hip joint	17 (23.6)	26 (36.1)	10 (27.8)	15 (41.7)	7 (19.4)	11 (30.6)	0.41 <sup>a</sup>	0.33 <sup>a</sup>
Upper thigh	9 (12.5)	8 (11.1)	7 (19.4)	6 (16.7)	2 (5.6)	2 (5.6)	0.15 <sup>b</sup>	0.26 <sup>b</sup>
Knee	26 (36.1)	28 (38.9)	13 (36.1)	14 (38.9)	13 (36.1)	14 (38.9)	1.00 <sup>a</sup>	1.00 <sup>a</sup>
Lower leg	6 (8.3)	12 (16.7)	5 (13.9)	8 (22.2)	1 (2.8)	4 (11.1)	0.199 <sup>b</sup>	0.21 <sup>a</sup>
Ankle joint	16 (22.2)	22 (30.6)	9 (25.0)	12 (33.3)	7 (19.4)	10 (27.8)	0.57 <sup>a</sup>	0.61 <sup>a</sup>
Rear-/midfoot	9 (12.5)	8 (11.1)	4 (11.1)	3 (8.3)	5 (13.9)	5 (13.9)	1.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.71 <sup>b</sup>
Forefoot (right*)	15 (20.8)	17 (23.6)	4 (11.1)	6 (16.7)	11 (30.6)	11 (30.6)	0.04 <sup>a</sup>	0.17 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Chi<sup>2</sup>-test, <sup>b</sup>Fisher's exact test, \*p<0.05

**Table A2.** Most severely affected pain region of the dancers in the total sample (n = 72) and in the language versions (n = 36 each) according to superior categories of pain regions

	<b>Total (n = 72)</b> n (%)	<b>English (n = 36)</b> n (%)	<b>German (n = 36)</b> n (%)	<b>p-value</b>
Head and torso	30 (41.7)	13 (36.1)	17 (47.2)	0.64 <sup>b</sup>
Upper extremity	6 (8.3)	3 (8.3)	3 (8.3)	
Lower extremity	36 (50.0)	20 (55.6)	16 (44.4)	

<sup>b</sup>Fisher's exact test

**Table A3.** Accompanying symptoms of the most severely affected pain region (not = 0, somewhat = 1, fairly = 2, very = 3) of the dancers in the total sample (n = 72) and in the language versions (n = 36 each)

	<b>Total (n = 72)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR)	<b>English (n = 36)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR)	<b>German (n = 36)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR)	<b>p-value</b>
Tight/hard/tense	2.0 (2.0)	2.0 (2.0)	2.0 (2.0)	0.92 <sup>c</sup>
Restricted in mobility	2.0 (1.0)	2.0 (1.0)	2.0 (1.0)	0.61 <sup>c</sup>
Less resilient*	2.0 (1.0)	1.0 (1.5)	2.0 (0)	0.00 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup>Mann-Whitney-U-test; \*p<0.05

## 2 Subjective sensation of pain (Table A4)

**Table A4.** Sensory and affective pain quality (does not apply = 0, applies a little = 1, applies mostly = 2, applies exactly = 3) of the dancers in the total sample (n = 72) and in the language versions (n = 36 each)

	<b>Total (n = 72)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>English (n = 36)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>German (n = 36)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Sensory pain quality</b>				
Dull	0 (1.0) [4 (5.6)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.5 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.38 <sup>c</sup>
Pressing	1.0 (2.0) [5 (6.9)]	1.0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	1.0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.55 <sup>c</sup>
Cramping	0.5 (1.0) [4 (5.6)]	0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.28 <sup>c</sup>
Pulling	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	1.0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	2.0 (1.5) -	0.69 <sup>c</sup>
Tearing	0 (2.0) [4 (5.6)]	1.0 (2.0) [3 (8.3)]	0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.48 <sup>c</sup>
Shooting*	0 (1.0) [4 (5.6)]	0 (0) [3 (8.3)]	1.0 (3.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.002 <sup>c</sup>
Stabbing	0 (2.0) [6 (8.3)]	0 (2.0) [4 (11.1)]	1.0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.34 <sup>c</sup>
Sharp	0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.93 <sup>c</sup>

<b>Affective pain quality</b>				
Tiring/exhausting	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	1.0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	1.0 (2.0) -	0.67 <sup>c</sup>
Fearful*	0 (1.0) [4 (5.6)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.5 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.046 <sup>c</sup>
Wretched	0 (1.0) [6 (8.3)]	0 (0) [3 (8.3)]	0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	0.12 <sup>c</sup>
Terrible	0 (1.0) [5 (6.9)]	0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.67 <sup>c</sup>
Paralyzing	0 (1.0) [5 (6.9)]	0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.49 <sup>c</sup>
Unbearable	0 (1.0) [4 (5.6)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.99 <sup>c</sup>

$\tilde{x}$  = median, IQR = interquartile range, <sup>c</sup>Mann-Whitney-U-test; \*p<0.05

### 3 Temporal course of pain (Table A5)

**Table A5.** Pain duration, pain frequency (only once = 0, rarely = 1, frequently = 2, permanently = 3), type of pain occurrence, pain occurrence under mechanical stimuli (rarely = 1, frequently = 2, permanently = 3) of the dancers in the total sample (n = 72) and in the language versions (n = 36 each)

	<b>Total (n = 72)</b>	<b>English (n = 36)</b>	<b>German (n = 36)</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Pain duration</b> n (%)				
Maximum of one week	9 (12.5)	6 (16.7)	3 (8.3)	0.86 <sup>b</sup>
Between one and 6 weeks	11 (15.3)	6 (16.7)	5 (13.9)	
Between 6 and 12 weeks	8 (11.1)	4 (11.1)	4 (11.1)	
Between 3 and 6 months	13 (18.1)	7 (19.4)	6 (17.7)	
Longer than 6 months	29 (40.3)	13 (36.1)	16 (44.4)	
Missing [n (%)]	[2 (2.8)]	-	[2 (5.6)]	
<b>Pain frequency</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	2.0 (0) [2 (2.8)]	2.0 (1.0) -	2.0 (0) [2 (5.6)]	0.27 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Type of pain occurrence</b> n (%)				
Suddenly/ a single event	9 (12.5)	6 (16.7)	3 (8.3)	0.48 <sup>b</sup>
Over time/ creeping	41 (56.9)	19 (52.8)	22 (61.1)	
Within 24 hours after work	12 (16.7)	7 (19.4)	5 (13.9)	
In another way	9 (12.5)	3 (8.3)	6 (16.7)	
Missing [n (%)]	[1 (1.4)]	[1 (2.8)]	-	

<b>Pain occurrence under mechanical stimuli</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR), Missing [n (%)]				
When weight-bearing*	2.0 (0) [4 (5.6)]	2.0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	2.0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.01 <sup>c</sup>
During movement	2.0 (1.0) [5 (6.9)]	2.0 (1.0) [1 (2.8)]	2.0 (0) [4 (11.1)]	0.46 <sup>c</sup>
At rest	1.0 (1.0) [3 (4.2)]	1.0 (1.0) [3 (8.3)]	1.0 (1.0) -	0.72 <sup>c</sup>

$\tilde{x}$  = median, IQR = interquartile range; <sup>b</sup>Fisher's exact test, <sup>c</sup>Mann-Whitney-U-test; \*p<0.05

#### 4 Pain behavior (Table A6)

**Table A6.** Psychosocial motives of working with pain (does not apply = 0, applies a little = 1, applies mostly = 2, applies exactly = 3) of the dancers in the total sample (n = 71) and in the language versions (English: n = 35, German: n = 36)

	<b>Total</b> <b>(n = 71)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>English</b> <b>(n = 35)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>German</b> <b>(n = 36)</b> $\tilde{x}$ (IQR) Missing [n (%)]	<b>p-value</b>
The pain's not so bad, so there's no need for a break.*	1.0 (1.0) [2 (2.8)]	2.0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.9)]	0.04 <sup>c</sup>
The pain is a natural consequence of dancing.	1.0 (1.0) [1 (1.4)]	1.0 (1.0) -	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.78 <sup>c</sup>
I don't want to let my company down.	2.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	2.0 (2.0) -	1.0 (3.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.97 <sup>c</sup>
I feel existential/ financial pressure.*	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	2.0 (3.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.0001 <sup>c</sup>
I feel pressure from superiors (training leader, choreographer).	0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	1.0 (1.0) -	0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.51 <sup>c</sup>
I feel pressure from colleagues.	0 (1.0) [3 (4.2)]	0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.55 <sup>c</sup>
I don't want to be considered unreliable.	1 (3.0) [2 (2.8)]	2.0 (2.0) -	1.0 (3.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.61 <sup>c</sup>
I don't want to lose my role.	1.0 (2.0) [3 (4.2)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.9)]	1.5 (3.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.49 <sup>c</sup>
I don't want to lose my status.*	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	0 (2.0) [1 (2.9)]	2.0 (3.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.02 <sup>c</sup>
I have concerns my dancing skills are going down.*	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	0 (2.0) [1 (2.9)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.02 <sup>c</sup>
I have concerns my body is getting out of its aesthetic form.	1.0 (2.0) [2 (2.8)]	0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	1.0 (2.0) [1 (2.8)]	0.19 <sup>c</sup>
I want to impress the audience.	0 (1.0) [3 (4.2)]	0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.31 <sup>c</sup>

Dancing is more important to me than my health.	0 (1.0) [3 (4.2)]	0 (1.0) [1 (2.9)]	1.0 (1.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.11 <sup>c</sup>
Dancing is my passion – I just have to keep dancing.	1.0 (2.5) [3 (4.2)]	1 (2.0) [1 (2.9)]	2.0 (2.0) [2 (5.6)]	0.16 <sup>c</sup>

$\tilde{x}$  = median, IQR = interquartile range, <sup>c</sup>Mann-Whitney-U-test; \*p<0.05