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A STUDY TO ASSESS THE EFFECT OF TACTILE –KINESTHETIC

STIMULATION ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS

AND NEUROBEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG LOW

BIRTH WEIGHT NEONATES ADMITTED IN NICU OF SELECTED HOSPITALS

AT INDORE CITY.



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ABSTRACT:

Low Birth Weight Neonates may be grossly handicapped at birth by Virtue of their weight and in some cases associated relative immaturity of vital organs and lack of immunological response. This handicap exposes them to high risk of infection, respiratory distress syndrome and other neonatal complications resulting in high rate of perinatal mortality and morbidity. The requirement of adequate intervention to prevent the mortality and morbidity among low birth weight neonates. Purpose: To study the effect of Tactile and Kinesthetic Stimulation on Physiological Parameters and Neurobehavioral Development among Low Birth Weight Neonates. Objectives: To assess the effect of Tactile –Kinesthetic Stimulation on Physiological Parameters and Neurobehavioral Development

among Low Birth Weight Neonates. Material and Method: This was a quantitative quasi-experimental pretest -posttest control group design. The sample size was 104, divided in to 52 for each group of control and experimental group. Probability simple random sampling technique was used for the selection of sample. Each group was having 52 samples and experimental group was received Tactile –Kinesthetic Stimulation. .Study was conducted in SAIMS hospital, Bhandari hospital & Research Center, Dolphin hospital in Indore. Data collection was done by using demographic data of the samples, observation schedule was used to assess the Physiological parameters and Brazelton Neurobehavioral Assessment Scale was used to (BNAS) to assess the neurobehavioral development of low birth weight neonates. Result: The Tactile and Kinesthetic Stimulation had good effect for low birth weight neonates that physiological parameters were increased and neurobehavioral development was changed in experimental group. Conclusion: The Tactile –Kinesthetic Stimulation is remarkably good effect on Physiological Parameters and Neurobehavioral Development of Low Birth Weight Neonates.

KEY WORDS: Tactile-Kinesthetic Stimulation, Physiological Parameters, Neurobehavioral Development, Low Birth Weight Neonates, Brazelton Neurobehavioral Assessment Scale (BNAS).

1. INTRODUCTION:

Neonatal period is the single-most hazardous period in the life. The newborn confronts with more dramatic challenges during the transition from dependent intrauterine to Independent post natal life.. Low-birth weight babies are more likely than babies of normal weight to have health problems during the newborn period. Tactile and kinesthetic stimulation improves neurodevelopment of low birth weight neonates.

2.REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Revealed a systematic review on Low Birth Weight Policy in India conducted the purpose of this policy brief is to increase attention to, investment in, and action for a set of cost-effective interventions and policies that can help Member States and their partners in reducing rates of low birth weight .neonates.

Study conducted an experimental study on Comparison of kangaroo mother care and tactile kinesthetic stimulation in low birth weight babies in Karnataka, India. The weight and parental bonding of all the neonates before and after intervention were recorded. It has shown that the importance of Tactile/Kinesthetic stimulation of Low Birth Weight neonates.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study uses the quantitative research approach. A quasi experimental study with two group pre-test post-test control group design was considered best sited to the study. This design was used since the study evaluated the effect of Tactile –Kinesthetic Stimulation (independent variable) on physiological parameters and neurobehavioral development of low birth weight neonates (dependent variables). The investigator adopted Probability simple random sampling for Data Collection.

- **3.1. Setting:** Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences (SAIMS) Hospital, Bhandari Hospital and Research Center (BHRC), Dolphin Children Hospital.
- **3.2. Population:** Low Birth Weight Neonates admitted in NICU.
- **3.3. Sample Size:** 104

3.4. Inclusion Criteria:

- Mothers who were willing to participating her Low Birth Weight Neonates in the study.
- Low Birth Weight Neonates have less than 2500gm were admitted in NICU.
- Low Birth Weight Neonates have less than 37 weeks gestational age were admitted in NICU.

3.5. Exclusion Criteria:

- Those mothers who were not willing to participate her low Birth Weight Neonates in the study.
- Low Birth Weight Neonates with severely sick and having congenital anomalies were admitted in NICU.
- Low Birth Weight Neonates have less than 1500grms. and less than 28 weeks gestational age were admitted in NICU.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE TOOL

1) Socio demographic data of neonates and mothers.

This section included items seeking information on socio-demographic data of the neonates and their mothers.

Section A: Demographic variables of neonates: This section consists of 5 items such as age, gender, body weight, gestational age and birth order of the child.

Section B: Demographic variables of mothers. This section consists of 7 items such as age, educational status, occupation, family income, type of delivery, nutritional status and area of living.

2) Observation Schedule to assess the physiological parameters:

This section of the tool consisted of 7 items for physiological parameters such as

• Body Temperature (o C), Heart rate (per minute), Respiration rate (per minute), Oxygen saturation (%), Body Weight (gm), Skin observation, Feeding patterns.

Observation assessment Record consisted of seven items, the scoring done was as follows: Normal parameters – 2, Abnormal Parameters – 1, Total Score — 14

Grading was done as below.

Grade	Category
0—5	Poor
6—9	Average
1014	Good

3) Brazelton Neurobehavioral Assessment Scale (BNAS)

This section of the tool consisted of 7 clusters under which, 1-6 clusters consist of 24 items, and 7th cluster consisted of 15 items. Researcher had used Brazelton Neurobehavioral Assessment Scale (BNAS) 9 point rating scale for the assessment of neurological status of low birth weight neonates and 4 point rating scale for the assessment of reflexes of low birth weight neonates.

- Habituation: These are Response decrement to light, Response decrement to rattle, Response decrement to bell and Response decrement to foot probe.
- Orientation:- These are animate visual, animate auditory and Inanimate visual, inanimate auditory.
- Motor system: These are General Tone, Motor maturity, Pull-to-sit, Activity level.
- Range of state: These are peak of excitement, rapidly of build up, irritability and lability of states.

- State Regulation: These are cuddliness, consolability, self quieting, and hand to mouth.
- Autonomic system: These are tremulousness, startles, lability of skin colour and smiles.

This section consisted 24 items, the scoring done was as follows:

- 1-3= Mild Response, 4-6= Moderate Response, 7-9= Sever Response, Total Score=216.
- Reflexes:-These are Plantar, Babinski, Ankle clonus, Rooting, Sucking, Glabella, Passive resist –legs, Passive resist –arms, Palmar ,Placing, Blinking, Crawling, Tonic neck reflex, Moro and Tonic dev. head and eyes.

Observation Assessment tool consisted of 15 items, the scoring was done as follows:

3=Hyperactive Response, 2=Normal Response, 1=Hypoactive Response 0= Not able to Response, Total Score =45.

Grading was done as below.

Grade	Category
1 - 15	Poor
16 - 30	Average
31 - 45	Good

5. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

This part deals with the overall analysis of samples related to physiological parameters and neurobehavioral development of low birth weight neonates admitted in NICU of selected hospitals at Indore city in terms of frequencies, percentage, average, and t value, U-test and Z-test.

Assessment of base line observation of selected demographical and other parameters of low birth weight neonates and their mothers in experimental and control group.

Table 1. FREQUENCY AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES OF NEONATES

Age	Experimental		Control	
Age (days)	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
1	21	40.4	23	44.2
2	31	59.6	29	55.8
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Gestational Age	Experimental		Control	
(weeks)	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
29-31	8	15.4	3	5.8
>31-33	16	30.8	14	26.9
>33-35	14	26.9	19	36.5
>35-37	14	26.9	16	30.8
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Gender	Experimental		Control	
Genuer	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Male	31	59.6	22	42.3
Female	21	40.4	30	57.7
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Baseline Weight	Experimental		Control	
(gram)	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
1500-1800	18	34.6	7	13.5
>1800-2100	11	21.2	20	38.5
>2100-2400	23	44.2	25	48.1
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Birth order	Experimental		Control	
Dirin oraer	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
First	32	61.5	24	46.2
Second	15	28.8	25	48.1
Third	4	7.7	2	3.8
Fourth and more than fourth	1	1.9	1	1.9
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Table no. 2. DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES OF MOTHERS OF NEONATES

Age of mother	Experi	Experimental		trol
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
18-22	33	63.46	29	55.76
23-27	14	26.92	16	30.77
28-32	04	7.69	06	11.54
33-37	01	1.93	00	00
More than 37	00	00	01	1.93
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Educational status	Experimental		Control	
of mother	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Illiterate	10	19.2	9	17.3
Primary or Middle	25	48.1	21	40.4
education	23	40.1	21	40.4
Secondary or				
higher secondary	12	23.1	9	17.3
education				
Graduate or Post	5	9.6	13	25.0
graduate	3	9.0	13	23.0
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Occupational status of	Experim	ental	Con	trol
mother	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Business	2	3.8	1	1.9
Government job	4	7.7	8	15.4
Private job	7	13.5	11	21.2
House wife	39	75.0	32	61.5
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0
Socio-Economic status	Experim	ental	Control	
of family	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Low Income Group	17	32.7	15	28.8
Middle Income Group	33	63.5	31	59.6
High Income Group	2	3.8	6	11.5
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Tuna of deliners	Experimental		Control	
Type of delivery	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Normal	37	71.2	20	38.5
Cesarean	15	28.8	32	61.5
Forceps	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Nutritional status	Experimental		Control	
Ivaimionai saitas	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Vegetarian	20	38.5	16	30.8
Non-Vegetarian	32	61.5	36	69.2
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0

Area of residence	Experim	ental	Control		
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	
Urban	30	57.7	29	55.8	
Rural	22	42.3	23	44.2	
Total	52	100.0	52	100.0	

SECTION 2

Table 3. ASSESSMENT OF PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS AMONG SUBJECTS AT BASELINE AND POST ADMINISTRATION IN GROUPS

Di i i i i i i		Experimental (n ₁ =52)					Control (n ₂ =52)				
Physiological P	Physiological Parameter		Baseline		Post		Baseline		ost		
		N	%	n	%	N	%	n	%		
Temperature	Abnormal	52	100.0	9	17.3	52	100.0	43	82.7		
(°C)	Normal	0	0.0	43	82.7	0	0.0	9	17.3		
Heart Rate (Per	Abnormal	48	92.3	5	9.6	52	100.0	21	40.4		
min)	Normal	4	7.7	47	90.4	0	0.0	31	59.6		
Respiratory	Abnormal	52	100.0	1	1.9	52	100.0	32	61.5		
Rate (Per min)	Normal	0	0.0	51	98.1	0	0.0	20	38.5		
Oxygen	Abnormal	52	100.0	6	11.5	52	100.0	4	7.7		
Saturation (%)	Normal	0	0.0	46	88.5	0	0.0	48	92.3		
Waish ((ans ms)	Abnormal	52	100.0	5	9.6	52	100.0	41	78.8		
Weight (gram)	Normal	0	0.0	47	90.4	0	0.0	11	21.2		
Skin	Abnormal	52	100.0	6	11.5	52	100.0	44	84.6		
observation	Normal	0	0.0	46	88.5	0	0.0	8	15.4		
Feeding	Abnormal	52	100.0	0	0.0	52	100.0	41	78.8		
Patterns	Normal	0	0.0	52	100.0	0	0.0	11	21.2		

Table 4. DISTRIBUTION AND COMPARISON OF SCORE FOR PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS BETWEEN BASELINE (PRE) AND POST ADMINISTRATION (POST) OBSERVATIONS

Score for physiological		Experimental				Control				
parameters		Baseline		Post		Baseline		Post		
Score	Category	N	%	N	%	n	%	N	%	
0-5	Poor	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	
6-10	Average	52	100.0	5	9.6	52	100.0	41	78.8	
11-14	Good	0	0.0	47	90.4	0	0.0	11	21.2	
T	otal	52	100.0	52	100.0	52	100.0	52	100.0	

Table 5. SIGNIFICANCE OF PHYSIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS OF NEONATES IN EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS BETWEEN BASELINE (PRE-TEST) AND POST ADMINISTRATION (POST-TEST)

Physiological	Sampling	Spr	ead	Z-	20.1
Parameter	Stage	Mean	± SD	value	LOS
Experimental group (n ₁ =52)				
Temperature	Baseline	35.54	± 0.85	9.30	p<0.001#
(°C)	Post	36.88	± 0.46	9.30	p<0.001
Heart Rate (Per	Baseline	107.96	± 10.75	11.85	p<0.001#
min)	Post	128.33	± 9.84	11.85	p<0.001
Respiratory Rate	Baseline	56.62	± 3.40	18.97	p<0.001#
(Per min)	Post	39.77	± 5.83	10.97	p<0.001
Oxygen Saturation	Baseline	90.27	± 2.39	5.40	p<0.001#
(%)	Post	93.08	± 2.42	3.40	p<0.001
Weight (gram)	Baseline	1957.69	± 272.54	29.44	p<0.001#
Weight (gram)	Post	2286.98	± 270.69	29.44	p~0.001
Physiological	Baseline	7.08	± 0.27	38.53	p<0.001#
Parameter (Score)	Post	13.38	± 1.14	36.33	p~0.001
Control group (n2=52)				
Temperature	Baseline	35.78	± 0.56	10.86	p<0.001#
(°C)	Post	36.05	± 0.47	10.80	p<0.001
Heart Rate (Per	Baseline	110.85	± 6.88	10.10	n <0.001#
min)	Post	121.85	± 9.87	10.10	p<0.001#
Respiratory Rate	Baseline	56.31	± 2.75	18.41	p<0.001#
(Per min)	Post	52.25	± 3.03	18.41	p<0.001
Oxygen Saturation	Baseline	90.96	± 1.81	1.79	p>0.05°
(%)	Post	91.54	± 1.96	1.79	p>0.03
Weight (guam)	Baseline	2046.92	± 218.71	23.67	p<0.001#
Weight (gram)	Post	2186.77	± 232.24	25.07	p<0.001
Physiological	Baseline	7.00	± 0.00	11.02	p<0.001#
Parameter (Score)	Post	9.65	± 1.74	11.02	p<0.001

The mean differences are not significant (insignificant) at the 0.05 level of significance. The mean differences are highly significant at the 0.001 level of significance. [LOS-Level of significance; Degrees of freedom are 51]

SECTION 3

Table 6. SIGNIFICANCE OF NEUROBEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEONATES IN EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS BETWEEN BASELINE (PRE-TEST) AND POST ADMINISTRATION (POST-TEST)

	Neurobehavioral	Sampling	Spread		Z -	LOS
	Parameter	Stage	Mean	$n \pm SD$	value	LOS
	Habituation score	Baseline	12.33	± 2.68	35.41	p<0.001*
	Habituation score	Post	23.31	± 2.56	35.41	p<0.001
GROUP	Orientation	Baseline	12.79	± 2.76	34.94	p<0.001*
≥	Orientation	Post	23.23	± 2.41	34.54	p<0.001
	Motor System	Baseline	12.15	± 3.04	39.19	p<0.001*
7	Motor System	Post	23.92	± 2.67	39.19	p~0.001
Ę	Range of State	Baseline	13.02	± 3.40	45.74	p<0.001*
- ≦	Range of State	Post	24.40	± 3.09	45.74	p~0.001
EXPERIMENTAL	State Regulation	Baseline	12.77	± 2.02	39.76	p<0.001*
E E	State Regulation	Post	23.94	± 2.22	39.70	p<0.001
E	Autonomic System	Baseline	13.62	± 2.08	38.48	p<0.001*
- 🖻	Autonomic System	Post	23.81	± 2.38	30.40	p<0.001
	Neurobehavioral	Baseline	76.67	±11.32	99.41	p<0.001*
	Score Total	Post	142.62	± 10.62	77.41	p/0.001
	Habituation score	Baseline	12.33	± 2.51	4.35	p<0.001*
	Habituation score	Post	13.31	± 3.08	4.33	p~0.001
	Orientation	Baseline	12.77	± 2.56	8.17	p<0.001*
₽	Orientation	Post	14.52	± 2.95	0.17	p~0.001
GROUP	Motor System	Baseline	12.25	± 2.87	10.42	p<0.001*
8	Motor System	Post	14.98	± 3.30	10.42	p<0.001
1	Range of State	Baseline	13.10	± 3.12	15.95	p<0.001*
≳	Range of State	Post	16.56	± 2.71	15.95	p~0.001
E	State Pegulation	Baseline	12.88	± 1.88	11.12	p<0.001*
5	Range of State State Regulation	Post	16.29	± 2.20	11.12	p<0.001
C	Autonomio System	Baseline	13.48	± 1.94	16.58	p<0.001*
	Autonomic System	Post	18.00	± 2.72	10.58	p<0.001
	Neurobehavioral	Baseline	76.81	±10.60	30.93	
	Score Total	Post	93.65	±11.36	30.93	p<0.001*

The mean differences between groups are highly significant at the 0.001 level of significance. [LOS-Level of significance; Degrees of freedom are 51]

Table 7. COMPARISON OF ITEMWISE NEUROBEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN EXPERIMENTAL AND CONTROL GROUPS AT BASELINE AND POST ADMINISTRATION

		Mann Whitney U and Z statistics							
			eline (n ₁		Post (n ₂ =52)				
		U	Z	p-value	U	Z	p-value		
8.8	Light	1347.0	0.03	>0.05°	276.0	7.09	<0.001		
	Bell	1351.5	0.00	>0.05°	317.0	6.83	<0.001		
fabituation: Response Jecramant to	Rattle	1340.5	0.08	>0.05°	227.0	7.46	<0.001		
= =	Foot probe	1340.0	0.08	>0.05°	389.0	6.33	<0.001		
	Animate visual	1350.0	0.01	>0.05°	322.5	6.80	<0.001		
Orientati	Inanimate visual	1335.0	0.12	>0.05°	393.5	6.32	<0.001		
on	Animate auditory	1335.5	0.11	>0.05°	437.0	6.04	<0.001		
	Inanimate auditory	1330.0	0.15	>0.05°	388.0	6.39	<0.001*		
	Tone	1347.0	0.03	>0.05°	447.5	5.97	<0.001		
Motor	Maturity	1334.5	0.12	>0.05°	272.0	7.15	<0.001		
Motor System	Pull-to-sit	1310.0	0.28	>0.05°	374.0	6.47	<0.001		
	Activity level	1308.5	0.29	>0.05°	421.0	6.16	<0.001		
tate	Peak of excitement	1313.0	0.26	>0.05°	535.5	5.39	<0.001		
Range of State	Rapidity of build-up	1281.5	0.47	>0.05°	461.5	5.91	<0.001		
E E	Irritability	1278.5	0.50	>0.05°	383.0	6.45	<0.001		
~	Lability of states	1319.0	0.22	>0.05°	491.0	5.72	<0.001		
.9	Cuddliness	1299.0	0.38	>0.05°	347.0	6.75	<0.001		
State Regulatio n	Consibility.	1252.0	0.69	>0.05°	4.05.5	6.33	<0.001		
2 5 5 T	Self-quieting	1194.5	1.12	>0.05°	485.0	5.88	<0.001		
	Hand-to-mouth	1201.5	1.03	>0.05°	207.0	7.58	<0.001		
.2	Tremulousness	1329.5	0.16	>0.05°	669.0	4.58	<0.001		
	Startles	1304.0	0.32	>0.05°	599.5	5.01	<0.001		
Autonomic System	Labiality of skin color	1333.5	0.12	>0.05°	678.0	4.48	<0.001		
•	Smiles	1349.0	0.02	>0.05°	771.5	3.96	<0.001		

The differences based on ranks between groups are not significant (insignificant) at the 0.05 level of significance. The differences based on ranks between groups are highly significant at the 0.001 level of significance.

Table 8. ASSESSMENT OF REFLEXES TO JUDGE THE NEUROBEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT AT BASELINE IN EXPERIMENTAL GROUP AND CONTROL GROUP

	Reflexes at Baseline (%)									
Reflex	Ex	perimen	tal (n ₁ =	52)	Control (n ₂ =52)					
(Baseline)	NAR	HPO	NLR	HYR	NAR	HPO	NLR	HYR		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
Plantar	1.9	76.9	21.2	0.0	0.0	82.7	17.3	0.0		
Babinski	1.9	53.8	44.2	0.0	0.0	61.5	38.5	0.0		
Ankle clonus	3.8	55.8	40.4	0.0	3.8	46.2	50.0	0.0		
Rooting	5.8	32.7	61.5	0.0	5.8	21.2	71.2	1.9		
Sucking	3.8	59.6	36.5	0.0	1.9	48.1	48.1	1.9		
Glabella	0.0	69.2	30.8	0.0	0.0	71.2	28.8	0.0		
Passive resist-legs	1.9	69.2	28.8	0.0	1.9	59.6	38.5	0.0		
Passive resist-arms	1.9	57.7	40.4	0.0	1.9	44.2	53.8	0.0		
Palmar	1.9	59.6	38.5	0.0	0.0	69.2	30.8	0.0		
Placing	3.8	59.6	36.5	0.0	3.8	57.7	38.5	0.0		
Blinking	3.8	51.9	44.2	0.0	5.8	42.3	46.2	5.8		
Crawling	3.8	88.5	7.7	0.0	1.9	84.6	13.5	0.0		
Tonic neck reflex	3.8	71.2	25.0	0.0	1.9	57.7	40.4	0.0		
Moro	1.9	26.9	71.2	0.0	1.9	25.0	73.1	0.0		
Tonic devhead & eyes	0.0	55.8	44.2	0.0	0.0	57.7	42.3	0.0		

[NAR-Not able to response; HPO-Hypoactive response; NLR-Normal response and HYR-Hyperactive response]

Table 9. ASSESSMENT OF REFLEXES TO JUDGE THE NEUROBEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT AT POST 10th DAY IN EXPERIMENTAL GROUP AND CONTROL GROUP

	Reflexes after administration (%)								
Reflex	Exp	erimen	tal (n ₁ =	52)	Control (n ₂ =52)				
(Post 10 th day)	NAR	HPO	NLR	HYR	NAR	HPO	NLR	HYR	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Plantar	0.0	1.9	76.9	21.2	0.0	80.8	19.2	0.0	
Babinski	0.0	1.9	53.8	44.2	0.0	61.5	38.5	0.0	
Ankle clonus	0.0	3.8	57.7	38.5	3.8	46.2	50.0	0.0	
Rooting	0.0	5.8	32.7	61.5	5.8	21.2	71.2	1.9	
Sucking	0.0	3.8	61.5	34.6	1.9	42.3	53.8	1.9	
Glabella	0.0	0.0	69.2	30.8	0.0	65.4	34.6	0.0	
Passive resist-legs	0.0	1.9	69.2	28.8	1.9	42.3	55.8	0.0	
Passive resist-arms	0.0	1.9	57.7	40.4	1.9	36.5	61.5	0.0	
Palmar	0.0	1.9	61.5	36.5	0.0	57.7	42.3	0.0	
Placing	0.0	1.9	61.5	36.5	3.8	42.3	53.8	0.0	
Blinking	0.0	3.8	50.0	46.2	5.8	38.5	50.0	0.0	
Crawling	0.0	3.8	88.5	7.7	1.9	63.5	34.6	0.0	
Tonic neck reflex	0.0	3.8	71.2	25.0	1.9	44.2	53.8	0.0	
Moro	0.0	1.9	26.9	71.2	1.9	25.0	73.1	0.0	
Tonic devhead &	0.0	55.8	44.2	0.0	0.0	53.8	46.2	0.0	
eyes									

[NAR-Not able to response; HPO-Hypoactive response; NLR-Normal response and HYR-Hyperactive response]

6.DISCUSSION

In present study the gestational age wise distribution of neonates in experimental group and control group, was different. Sixteen (30.8%) neonates of experimental group had gestational age more frequently from 31-33 weeks but gestational age from 33-35 weeks recorded among nineteen (36.5%) neonates of control group more frequently. Each 26.9% neonates in experimental group had gestational age from 33-35 weeks and 35-37 weeks but 36.5% and 30.8% neonates of control group had in same groups of gestational age from 33-35 weeks and 35-37 weeks respectively. The age of neonates as per gestation from 29 to 31 weeks was noted among 15.4% of experimental group and 5.8% of control group. Similar findings have been observed in 2015 on low birth weight babies with mean gestational age of 29 weeks .this proves that such interventions have more effectiveness on >29 weeks of gestational age.

In the present study at post 10th day after administration of tactile-kinesthetic stimulation in experimental group, the mean temperature (36.88 °c), heart rate (128.33 per minute), respiratory rate (39.77 per minute), oxygen saturation (93.08 %) and weight (2286.98 gram) of neonates was significantly differ and improved as compared to baseline mean temperature (35.54 °c), heart rate (107.96 per minute), respiratory rate (56.62 per minute), oxygen saturation (90.27 %) and weight (1957.69 gram) of neonates.the differences in total score between baseline and post administration for experimental group (6.30 point) and control group (2.65 point) were confirmed statistically highly significant (p<0.001). The findings of the study are in accordance with the findings of study conducted by (2001), this study has proven that tactile/kinesthetic stimulation has a significant effect on physiological parameters of low birth weight neonates.

In the present study at post 10th day after administration of tactile-kinesthetic stimulation, the differences in total physiological score between baseline and post administration for experimental group (6.30 point) and control group (2.65 point) were confirmed statistically highly significant (p<0.001).

After administration of tactile-kinesthetic stimulation the differences in total score between baseline and post 10th day after administration for experimental group (65.95 point) were much higher than control group (16.84 point) and that further confirmed statistically highly significant (p<0.001). Conducted a study to find out the effectiveness of oil massage on neurobehavioral responses of LBW babies. This study has proven that likewise tactile and kinesthetic stimulation or ,oil massage also have effect on the neuromuscular development of low birth weight.

In this present study average score for reflexes (35.29 point) noted after administration of tactile-kinesthetic stimulation among neonates of experimental group was significantly higher and improved as compared to baseline average score for reflexes (20.31 point) among neonates. The differences in total score for reflex among neonates of experimental group (14.98 point) between baseline and post 10th day were much higher than neonates of control group (1.08 point) and that further confirmed statistically highly significant (p<0.001). The findings of the study are comparable with the findings of study conducted by (2010), the study proved that massage gives better adaptive behavior and reflexes to newborns.

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