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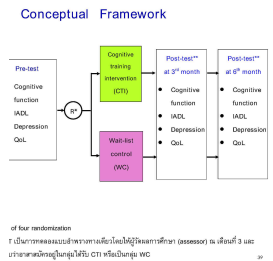
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## Abstract

**Aim:** Cognitive training intervention (CTI) in the elderly is associated with a risk reduction of dementia; however, the effects of interactive computerized-CTI in old ages have been inconclusive. The present study aimed to determine the effects of low-technology CTI in community-based populations.

**Methods:** The study was a 2-arm parallel single-blinded randomized controlled intervention trial. The primary endpoint assessed the treatment effect by examination of global cognitive function, utilizing the Thai Mental State Examination (TMSE), at the 12th week (T1), while the secondary endpoint evaluated the carry-over effect at the 24th week (T2).

**Results:** Eighty-six eligible participants were recruited from a senior society on the edge of Bangkok. At baseline (T0), the mean age and TMSE score among CTI (n=44) and wait-list (n=42) groups were similar (age;  $66.66 \pm 5.52$  and  $67.52 \pm 6.46$ ; TMSE;  $28.84 \pm 1.38$  and  $28.83 \pm 1.12$ , respectively). For the CTI group, the mean number of cognitive training sessions was  $14.82 \pm 7.62$ . By using intention-to-treat analysis at the primary endpoint, the mean difference score of TMSE in the CTI groups was significantly higher than the wait-list group ( $\Delta\text{TMSE}_{\text{between group at T1-T0}} = 0.57$ ;  $95\% \text{CI} = 0.07 \text{ to } 1.08$ ;  $p = 0.026$ ) while the effect size was 0.48. At the secondary endpoint, there was no significant difference observed between the CTI and wait-list groups ( $\Delta\text{TMSE}_{\text{between group at T2-T0}} = 0.33$ ;  $95\% \text{CI} = -0.23 \text{ to } 0.88$ ;  $p = 0.248$ ) while the effect size was 0.25.

**Conclusions:** CTI showed a significant treatment effect for improvement in global cognitive function in healthy Thai elderly but did not demonstrate a carryover effect.

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## Guidelines

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## Materials

### 1. Materials for primary outcome

The primary outcome was the evaluation of global cognitive function with the use of Thai Mental Status Examination (TMSE)<sup>12</sup>, of which total score is 30 and is divided into six categories: orientation (score of 6), registration (3), attention (5), calculation (3), language (10), and recall (3). The average total score among Thai elderlies (60-70 years old) who are free from underlying diseases and psychoactive substances is  $27.38 \pm 2.02$ . According to this examination, elderlies who scored higher than 23 were considered normal.

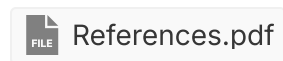
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- Attention-concentration with Digit Span Forward
  - Working memory with Digit Span Backward
  - Secondary verbal memory with Word List Learning in Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale — cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog)<sup>13</sup>
  - Psychomotor speed with Trail-Making Test A
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  - Visuoconstructional-perceptual ability with Constructional praxis in Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale — cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog)
  - Language fluency with Letter and Category Fluency Test
- 2.2 Assessment of Elderlies' Quality of Life was composed of
- Thai Geriatric Depression Scale-15 (TGDS-15)
  - Older People's Quality of Life Questionnaire (OPQOL-Brief)

## References



## Troubleshooting

## Safety warnings

 No safety warnings

## Before start

### - Target Population

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### - Population to be studied

Thai elderly people with the minimum age of 55 years in the elderly center or the Center of the Development of Quality of Life for the Elderly who were literate and not diagnosed with dementia or MCI and participate in activities held by the elderly center.

### - Sample

Thai elderly people with the minimum age of 55 years who joined activities at the elderly center showed interest and willingness in being part of the study. Criteria for sample selection are as follows.

### Inclusion criteria

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3. It had approximately 200 members who were at least sixty years old. This number was sufficient for the volunteer recruitment in this study. (Based on the participation rate at 50%)
4. It had an activity room that could accommodate at least 50 people.

### - Sample size

The sample size was estimated using a 1:1 ratio 2-sample parallel RCT with a continuous outcome.

The statistical significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$

The power ( $\beta$ ) was set at 0.80

When values were substituted in the formula,  $\mu_{con}$ , the mean of TMSE in normal elderlies obtained from the literature review, was 27.80 and  $\sigma$  was 1.57.

The effect size was set at 1.0 (difference of the mean of TMSE between the treatment and control group).

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#### - Identification of the Study End Point

This project lasted 24 weeks (6 months) with two points of time when the outcome was investigated.

1. In the 12th week of the study, when the participants in the control group received their last CTs, both primary and secondary outcomes were measured to point out their immediate effect.
2. In the 24th week when the participants in the treatment group received their last CT, both primary and secondary outcomes are examined to see it sustain effect of CT. However, between the 12th and the 24th week, no CTs were arranged.

#### - Statistical method

1. Data analysis with descriptive statistics was implemented to analyze the participants' personal data, which were frequency and percent. In case the data showed normal distribution, mean, standard deviation (SD), 95% confidence interval (95% CI) were applied; whereas when the data were irregularly distributed, median and interquartile range (IQR) were used instead.
2. Comparative analysis of primary outcome and secondary outcome in the treatment and control group was carried out using an independent sample t-test because the study aimed to measure the resulting mean of the cognitive function of the two groups: the treatment group who received CT and the wait-list control group.
3. The comparison between the primary and secondary results was performed twice, in the third and sixth month, to examine the treatment effect (immediate effect) and carryover effect (sustained effect) respectively.
4. When some participants terminated their participation or missed their follow-ups or appointments, Intention-To-Treat (ITT) analysis was carried out in comparison with Per-Protocol analysis (PP) based on the data of all participants who passed the screening and were selected as the control group regardless of their study protocol completion.

## Study design

- 1
  - 1:1 ratio 2-arm parallel single-blinded intervention randomized controlled trial study design (RCT) with a single-blinded assessor.
  - All cognitive function outcomes were assessed by trained blinded psychologists not involved in the recruitment process and experimental phase.
  - Study Endpoint Classification: Efficacy Study
  - Intervention Model: Parallel
  - Number of Arms: 2
- 1.1 **Allocation**
  - Randomized controlled trial, Block of four techniques
- 1.2 **Arm 1**
  - Intervention Name: Cognitive training program + usual recreational group activities
  - Type: Experimental
  - Classification: Cognitive + behavioral intervention
  - Descriptions: The CTI referred to a non-pharmacological intervention that involved a kind of restorative strategy to improve cognitive performance in healthy elderly. The exercises in the CTI for this study combined 6 cognitive functions (i.e. complex attention, executive function, learning and memory, language, visuoconstruction-perceptual ability, and social cognition). The CTI was implemented twice per week with 30 minutes allocated to each session (24 sessions in 12 weeks). The sessions were led by the author who guided the participants through each activity systematically. Each session comprised of 8 sections of 3-minutes each following the same format: 1) check-in and introduction, 2) cognitive domain practices (6 sections), and 3) summary and feedback section. There was a 1-minute break after each section ended to enable participants to recover. The CTI was run by an audio-visual digital video disk created by the authors which explained instruction and demonstration in each lesson and involved an individual paper-pencil workbook. The CTI employed speed tests, matching activities, gap completion, and short-answer questions.
- 1.3 **Arm 2**
  - Intervention Name: Wait-list group
  - Type: Usual recreational group activities
  - Classification: Behavioral intervention
  - Descriptions: Wait-list groups voluntarily attended additional activities following a regular schedule at the elderly center such as aerobic exercises, ballroom dance, folk Thai dance, fitness drills, yoga, Tai Chi, Karaoke, musical instrument lessons, Mandarin-Chinese or English lessons, and practice with dharma and meditation.
- 1.4 **Objectives/ Hypothesis/ Assumption**



Primary objective: To investigate how cognitive training intervention affects cognitive function in the elderly with normal cognitive function.

Hypothesis: The elderly whose cognitive function is normal and undergoes cognitive training possess more competent cognitive function performance than those with normal cognitive function but receive no cognitive training.

Assumption:

1. All participants understand and sincerely answer all questions.

2. The present study determines that a cognitive training program (CT) is the only available restorative strategy.

## 2 **-Investigational product, dosage & route of administration**

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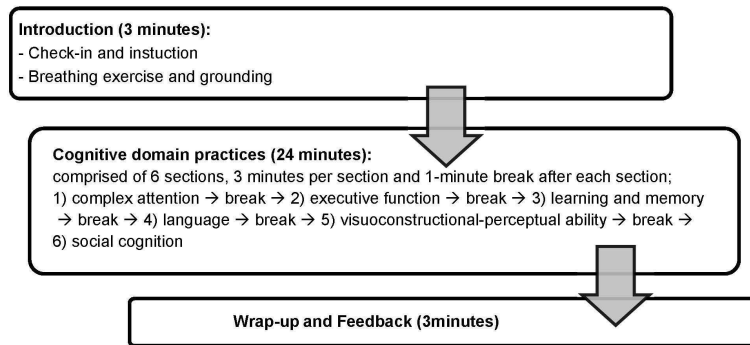
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-Comparator, dosage & mode of administration

The comparator was the participants in the control group who were also in the wait-list control group. While on the waitlist, the participants in the control group were still able to join all the activities held by the elderly club.



**Figure 2** Cognitive training intervention (CTI) protocol.

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Cognitive training intervention (CTI) protocol.

A	B
Cognitive functions	Exercises
1. complex attention	· Speed tests, catching the errors
2. executive function	· Problem-solving task, matching game

A	B
3. learning and memory	· Match-up game, gap completion
4. language	· Reading short passages and answering the questions
5. visuoconstruction-perceptual ability	· Counting cube
6. social cognition	· Topic discussion

The exercises targeted 6 cognitive functions

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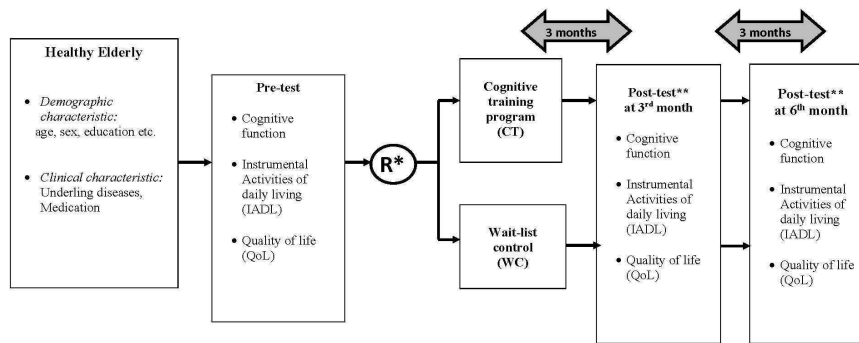
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### 4 **Conceptual Framework**

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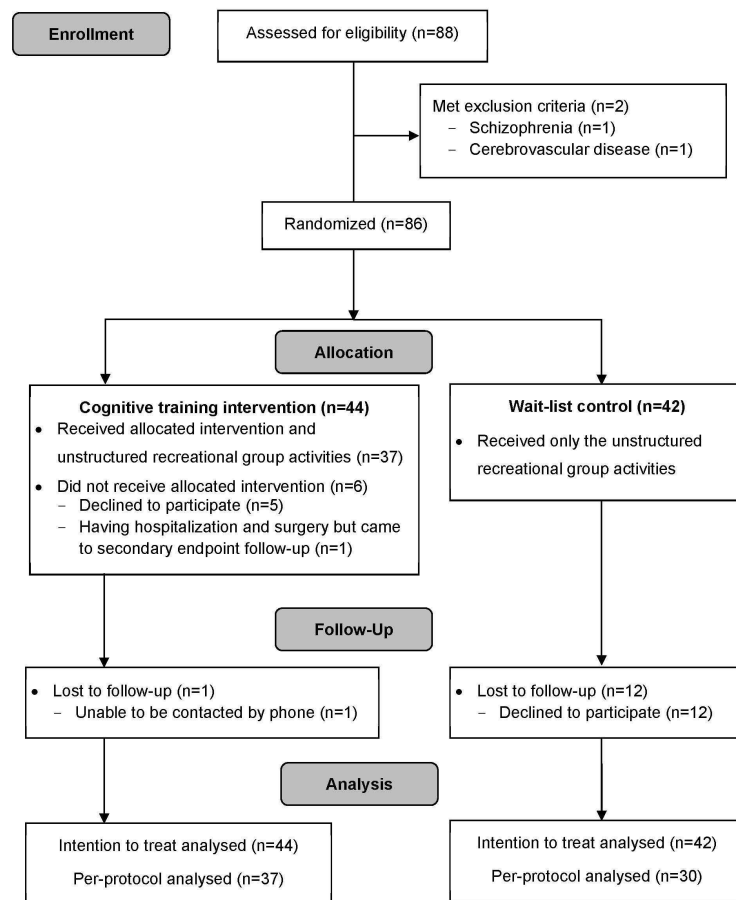


*Remark* \* R, Block of four randomization; \*\* 1:1 ratio 2-arm parallel single-blinded intervention RCT (All cognitive function outcomes were assessed by trained blinded psychologists not involved in the recruitment process and experimental phase.)

## Conceptual Framework

## Enrollment

### 5 Assessed for eligibility



**Figure 1** Flow diagram of randomization.

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## Expected results

### 6 Expected results

In this research study, two outcomes were identified: primary and secondary outcome with the use of several tools as follows.

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#### Outcomes Measurements:

- 1) The **primary outcome** measured global cognitive function by employing the Thai Mental State Examination (TMSE), a neuropsychiatric test for standard mental status examinations for the Thai elderly. The total score of the TMSE is 30 points and the cut-off point for the diagnosis of normal (healthy) Thai elderly is over 23 points.

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- 2) The **secondary outcomes**:

- a. **Eight cognitive subdomains**: the neuropsychological assessment battery was used to evaluate the 8 cognitive subdomains

Cognitive subdomain	Test	Instruction
1. Attention-concentration	Digit Span Forward	<p>"I am going to say some numbers and when I am through, repeat them to me exactly as I said them".</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>3-8-6</p> <p>5-1-2</p> <p>3-4-1-7</p> <p>6-1-5-8</p> <p>8-4-2-3-9</p> <p>.....</p>
2. Working memory	Digit Span Backward	<p>"I am going to say some more numbers, but when I am through you must repeat them to me in the backward order."</p> <p>Example:</p>

## Outcome measurements (1)

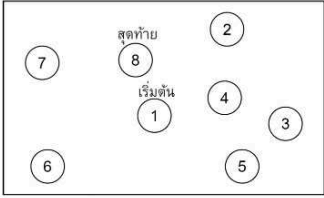
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		<p>5-1</p> <p>2-8</p> <p>9-4-6</p> <p>7-3-5</p> <p>8-3-5-9</p> <p>.....</p>
3. Verbal memory	Word List Learning of Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale — cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog): Thai version	<p>The subject is given three trials to learn a list of high-frequency, high imagery nouns. The 10 words are printed in block letters on white cards.</p> <p>Use the word cards that match the word list for each visit. The word list should be identified prior to each visit by reviewing the study case report forms.</p> <p>For each word, indicate on the case report form if the subject did or did not remember it.</p> <p>At the start of the first trial, the tester gives the following instructions verbatim:</p> <p>"I am going to show you some words printed on these cards one at a time. Please read each word out loud and try to remember it, because later I will ask you to try to remember all of the words I have shown you. Ready? Read the word and try to remember it."</p> <p>After the presentation, the tester asks the subject to try to recall as many of the words as possible by saying: "Good, now tell me all the words you can remember."</p> <p>Two more learning and recall trials follow.</p> <p>Example: เกือบ ถ่าย สักสิ โฟ คัด ...</p>

## Outcome measurements (2)

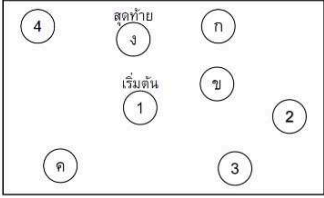


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		At the end of the third trial, inform the subject that (s)he will be asked to recall these words again by saying, "I will ask you to recall those words again at the end of the test."
4. Psychomotor speed	Trail-Making Test A	"Please draw a line, going from a number to a number in ascending order. Begin here [point to (1)] and to the end. End here [point to (8)] Example: 
5. Executive function	Trail-Making Test B	"Please draw a line, going from a number to a letter in ascending order. Begin here [point to (1)] and draw a line from 1 then to 0 then to 2 and so on. End here [point to (4)] Example:

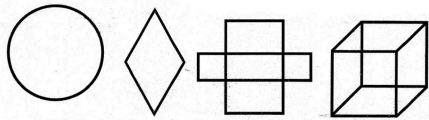
### Outcome measurements (3)

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6. Visuoconstructional-perceptual ability	Constructional praxis of Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale — cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog)	This test assesses the subject's ability to copy 4 geometric forms ranging from a very simple one (circle) to a fairly difficult one (cube). The forms should be presented one at a time in the following order: Circle → Two Overlapping → Rectangles Diamond (Rhombus) → Cube The tester should give the subject a lead pencil with an eraser along with the first drawing. The tester says the following instructions verbatim to the subject: "On this piece of paper is a shape. Try to draw another one that looks just like this, somewhere on the page." (Tester may point to the shape.) The figures must be presented one at a time. At the completion of each drawing, remove the completed form from the table and then present the next figure to the subject. Figures:

### Outcome measurements (4)



		
7. Delayed recall memory	Word List Learning of Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale — cognitive subscale (ADAS-cog): Thai version	The examiner gives the following instruction: "You read some words earlier, which I asked you to remember. Tell me as many of those words as you can remember."
8. Language fluency	Letter "S"	"Tell me as many words as you can think of that begin with a certain letter of the alphabet that I will tell you in a moment. You can say any kind of word you want, except for proper nouns, numbers, or words that begin with the same sound but have a different suffix. I will tell you to stop after one minute. Now, tell me as many words as you can think of that begin with the letter S. ...[time for 60 sec]....Stop."

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#### b. Psychosocial outcomes

##### i. Depression: the Thai Geriatric Depressive Scale-15 (TGDS-15)

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Secondary outcomes: Psychosocial outcome measurements

## 7 **Identification of the Study End Point**

This project lasted 24 weeks (6 months) with two points of time when the outcome was investigated.

1. In the 12<sup>th</sup> week of the study, when the participants in the control group received their last CTs, both primary and secondary outcomes were measured to point out their immediate effect.

2. In the 24<sup>th</sup> week when the participants in the treatment group received their last CT, both primary and secondary outcomes are examined to see it sustain effect of CT. However, between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> week, no CTs were arranged.

ตารางที่ 2 ขั้นตอนการดำเนินการศึกษาทดลอง

Visit ที่ 1; Wk ที่ 0	Pre-test ได้แก่ TMSE, L-IADL, TGDS และ OPQOL-Brief		
Randomization			
เริ่มการทดลอง	กลุ่ม Intervention		กลุ่ม Control
Visit ที่ 2; Wk ที่ 1	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 3; Wk ที่ 1	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 4; Wk ที่ 2	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 5; Wk ที่ 2	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 6; Wk ที่ 3	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 7; Wk ที่ 3	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 8; Wk ที่ 4	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 9; Wk ที่ 4	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 10; Wk ที่ 5	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 11; Wk ที่ 5	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 12; Wk ที่ 6	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 13; Wk ที่ 6	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 14; Wk ที่ 7	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 15; Wk ที่ 7	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 16; Wk ที่ 8	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 17; Wk ที่ 8	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 18; Wk ที่ 9	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 19; Wk ที่ 9	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 20; Wk ที่ 10	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 21; Wk ที่ 10	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 22; Wk ที่ 11	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 23; Wk ที่ 11	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 24; Wk ที่ 12	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 25; Wk ที่ 12	CTI		WC
Visit ที่ 26; Wk ที่ 12	1 <sup>st</sup> End Point TMSE, Neuropsychological assessment, TGDS และ OPQOL-Brief		
ระหว่าง Wk ที่ 13 – 23	ไม่ได้รับ CTI แต่เข้าร่วมกิจกรรมในชมรมผู้สูงอายุตามปกติ		เข้าร่วมกิจกรรมในชมรมผู้สูงอายุตามปกติ
Visit ที่ 27; Wk ที่ 24	2 <sup>nd</sup> End Point TMSE, Neuropsychological assessment, TGDS และ OPQOL-Brief		
End			

หมายเหตุ CTI = Cognitive training intervention;

WC = Wait-list control เข้าร่วมกิจกรรมในชมรมผู้สูงอายุตามปกติระหว่างสัปดาห์ที่ 1-12

Experimental phase, Primary and Secondary Endpoint Measurement