

Table S1. Study characteristics: study design, population.

| Author and Year | Study Design and Population | Study Aim | Perturbation Method and Instrument | Compensatory Protective Step Strategies | Variables and Measuring Instrument |
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| Raffegeau et. al. (2019) [56] | Quasi-experimental. n= 54; W (72±5 years) and M (72±5 years). | Examine gender differences in the performance of adaptive locomotor tasks and evaluate potential contributing factors. | Trip: Walking in a walkway 8 meters: forward walking, backwards walking and obstacle crossing. | - | Step width, step speed and step length. Approach distance, toe-clearance and landing distance (<i>Motion capture technology, reflective marker and video camera</i>). |
| Wang Y. et. al. (2020)[64] | Quasi-experimental. n= 40 MW; (67.9 ±5.5 years). | Investigate the extent to which an obstacle-induced trip paradigm in older adults could reduce trip-induced falls. | Trip a walking in a walkway 7 meters. The obstacle of metal turns on with electromagnets. | Lowering strategy. Elevating strategy. Obstacle crossing. | COM position and velocity, pre-post trip (<i>Force platform</i>). Toe clearance, recovery step length, trunk angle (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Wang S. et. al. (2017)[27] | Quasi-experimental. n=195 MW ;(72.3±5.3 years). | Investigate whether the recovery foot placement would determine the slip types, the likelihood of fall, and the severity of fall. | Slip was induced by movables platforms, low-friction, in a walkway 7 meters. | - | Deceleration time recovery foot, step time, liftoff and touchdown foot, and trunk angle (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). COM, hip and wrist impact velocity (<i>Force platform</i>). |
| Wang S. et. al. (2020)[58] | Quasi-experimental. n= 195;(72.3±5.3 years). | Chart a recovery rate curve for gait-slips. Investigate and determine the optimal recovery zone. | Slip: was induced by movables platforms, low-friction, in a walkway 7 meters. | - | COM position and velocity (<i>Force platform</i>). Step length, limb support, foot touchdown, recovery foot liftoff and touchdown (<i>Camera motion capture system and retro-reflective markers</i>). |
| Rogers et. al. (2021)[75] | Randomized controlled trials. n=78 MW; four group: (73.6±6.5 years), (73.7±6.3 years), (72.5±7.2 years) and (70.8±4.4 years). | Compare the effects different training prospective falls among older adults. | Waist-pull: Perturbation medial-lateral (ML) was applied by a motorized system. | Single Lateral step. Unloaded limb step (crossover step and medial-lateral step) Collisions between the limbs. | Number of recovery steps, step length, step time, step speed and walking speed. (<i>An instrumented walkway system</i>). |

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| Batcir et. al. (2018)[76] | Observational. n=47; OA (≥ 70 years) and YA (age range 20-30 years). | Valuate the inter-observer reliability and agreement of balance recovery responses, kinematic parameters of stepping, and step threshold. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied by a mechatronic device. A computer program provides unexpected surface translation in different directions. | Unloaded leg sidestep. Loaded leg sidestep. Cross-over step. Leg collision. Leg abduction. Multiple steps. | Step initiation, step initiation phase, foot-contact, first recovery stepping duration, first step length, multiple-step duration, multiple-step length and COM distance (<i>Motion capture system, video camera and reflective markers</i>). |
| Werth et. al. (2021)[29] | Quasi-experimental. n=97 MW; YA (24 ± 4 years), middle-aged (52 ± 5 years) and OA (72 ± 5 years). | Assess whether volitional step can discriminate between individuals with single or multiple stepping after loss of balance. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied with a pneumatic release system. | Single step Multiple steps | Reaction time, swing time, maximal step velocity, step length, rate of increase in BoS foot take-off and foot touchdown. (<i>Camera motion capture system and retroreflective marker</i>) |
| Wang S. et. al. (2019) [63] | Quasi-experimental. n=112 MW. (67.7 ± 5.9 years) | Develop a model based on healthy older adults' normal gait pattern to accurately predict fall-risk following an unexpected. | Slip: was induced by movables platforms, low-friction, in a walkway 7 meters. | Forward Slip. | Step length, step width, gait speed, COM (<i>Retroreflective marker, camera motion capture system and force platform</i>). Angle and velocity (<i>Retroreflective marker, camera motion capture system</i>). |
| Wojcik et. al. (1999)[30] | Quasi-experimental. n=20 M; YA (mean age 25 years) and OA (mean age 73.4 years). | Examine the single-step balance recovery capabilities of older women. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied with a lean-control cable. | <i>Forward step:</i> -Single step -Multiple step failure | Reaction time, weight transfer, step time, step length and step velocity (<i>Optoelectronic motion analysis system and infrared diodes</i>). |
| Batcir et. al. (2020) [37] | Quasi-experimental. n=83 MW; non-faller (79.6 ± 5.1 years), one-time fallers (78 ± 5.5 years) and fallers (78.5 ± 4.7 years). | Investigate the differences in balance recovery to a lateral balance loss between non-fallers, recurrent fallers, and older adults who had fallen only once. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied by a system of perturbation multi-directional unannounced underfoot perturbations. | Single step. Multiple-step. Loaded leg sidestep. Unloaded leg sidestep. Crossover step. Leg abduction. | Step initiation duration, step duration, step length, COM path displacement (<i>Ariel Performance Analysis System, video camera and reflective markers</i>). |

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| Crenshaw et. al. (2018)[42] | Quasi-experimental. n=112 W; (76.6 ±7.5 years). | Quantify the relationships between established measures of fall risk and compensatory stepping thresholds in older adult women. | Walking a walkway 7.5meters. Trip: obstacle crossing. Disturbances with a computer-controlled treadmill. | Obstacle crossing. Anterior or posterior single-stepping. Anterior or posterior multiple-stepping. | Gait: gait speed, stride time, stride in double-support and step width (<i>Retro-reflective markers, motion analysis system and video camera</i>). Trip: Peak lateral speed COM during crossing step and crossing step (<i>Retro-reflective markers</i>). |
| Carbonneau et. al. (2014)[40] | Quasi-experimental. n=52 MW; YA (32.4±7.7 years), middle-aged (54.3±5.6 years) and OA (75±5.8 years). | Determine the effects of age and loss of balance direction on the threshold of balance recovery, in younger, middle-aged and older adults. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied with a lean-control cable. | - | Reaction time, weight transfer time, step time, mean and maximum step velocity, step length, step width and step height (<i>Optoelectronic position sensors and markers</i>). Before liftoff and after touchdown (<i>Force platforms</i>). |
| Lockhart. et. al. (2005)[28] | Quasi-experimental. n=42 MW; YA (22.6±2.1 years), middle-age (46.9±13.6 years) and OA (75.5±6.8 years). | Investigate the process of initiation, detection, and recovery of inadvertent slips and falls. | Slip with vinyl tile. The vinyl tile surface was covered with motor oil to reduce the coefficient of friction. | - | Step length, Step length index, heel contact velocity, velocity of the whole-body COM and friction demand. (<i>Performance Analysis System, video camera and reflective markers</i>). |
| Yungher et. al. (2012)[67] | Quasi-experimental. n=20 MW; (Mean age 72.8 years). | Measure the changes over time of protective stepping within a single session of repeated lateral perturbations in older adults. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by a perturbation system in the right and left lateral direction. | Lateral sidestep. Unloaded crossover step by front body. Unloaded crossover step by behind the body. Unloaded step medially. | Number of steps, number strategies steps, number of collisions, medial-lateral distance, onset and cessation step time, mean velocity, leg length. (<i>Reflective markers and camera motion analysis system</i>) |
| Grabiner et. al. (2012)[71] | Randomized controlled trial. n=52 W; training group (65.9 ± 7.8 years) and control group (58.8±4.7 years). | Determine the extent to which a task-specific training protocol decreased the number of falls by middle-age and older women after a laboratory-induced trip. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was induced by a microprocessor-controlled, stepper motor-driven treadmill. Trip: the foam obstacle has a 5cm high. | - | During initial acceleration phase, during the constant velocity phase, during the deceleration phase, trunk flexion angle and velocity, and recovery step length. (<i>Reflective markers and motion capture system</i>). |

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| Rogers et. al. (2001)[57] | Quasi-experimental. n=50 MW; adults (31±7 years) and OA: non-faller (71±5 years) and faller (74± 8 years). | Investigate whether the protective stepping for balance recovery is altered with age and history of falling. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by a motor-driven pull system. | - | First-step liftoff time, step distance, step duration, COM displacement and velocity (<i>Motion analysis system, video camera and reflective markers</i>). |
| Ochi et. al. (2014)[52] | Quasi-experimental. n=29 W; non-faller (81.4 ± 3.4 years) and faller (82.8 ± 4.5 years). | Compare leg muscle activation patterns during recovery steps after a forward fall between. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied with the release of the tether. | - | Step length and knee angle (<i>markers in the floor and a video camera</i>). Lift-off phase, step phase and stance phase, onset time and time to first peak (<i>load cell, foot switch and video data</i>). |
| Pijnappels et. al. (2005) [55] | Quasi-experimental. n=23 MW; YA (27.1± 4.3 years) and OA (67.6±2.7 years). | Investigate whether older adults react less than young adults during the primary phase of recovery after tripping. | Trip: walking over a platform. A force plate was mounted in the platform and 21 aluminum obstacles were hidden over a total distance of 1.5 m. | Elevating strategy. Lowering strategy. | <i>Kinematic</i> : heel strike, toe-off, obstacle foot contact. <i>Time</i> : stance phase, swing phase and double support duration. <i>Clearance</i> : stride length, hip height and hip displacement. (<i>Video camera and infrared-light markers</i>). |
| Okubo et. al. (2019)[73] | Randomized controlled trial. n=44 MW; an intervention group (73.3±5.9 years) and control group (70.8±4.9 years). | A reactive balance training program with slips and trips would reduce perturbation-induced falls in older adults. | Slip and trip: the perturbation was applied in a 10m walkway. Both perturbations were concealed. Slip was induced by a movable tile on two hidden rails. Trip were induced using by a foot sensor. | <i>Trip</i> : Elevating strategy. Lowering strategy. Slip: Backward stepping. Forward stepping. | <i>Gait</i> : speed, cadence and step length. <i>Trip and slip</i> : MoS, COM position, step length, step height and trunk degree. In addition, foot contact slip, slip speed and slip distance (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Pavol et. al. (2001)[68] | Quasi-experimental. n=79 MW; (72±5 years). | Identify the mechanisms whereby healthy older adults fell following an induced trip. | Trip: the perturbation was induced using a concealed, pneumatically driven, metal, mechanical obstacle. | Elevating strategy or reaching strategy. Lowering strategy. | Trunk angle, hip velocity, time trip, step length, stride length, foot toe-off, time ground contact, step duration and ankle velocity (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Bosquée et. al. (2021)[39] | Quasi-experimental. n=44; YA (24 ± 3 years), middle-aged (53 ± 5 years) and OA (72 ± 5 years). | Examine the relationship between the stability recovery performance during lean-and-release task and a tripping-task | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied by a custom-built pneumatic break and release system. Trip: the perturbation induced using a | <i>Tether-release method</i> Single step. Multiple steps. | MoS, foot touchdown and BoS (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |

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| Mille et. al (2013)[22] | Quasi-experimental. n=75 MW; YA (23.5±3.2 years) and OA: non-faller (72.5±5.9 years) and faller (75.2±7.8 years). | Determine the protective stepping response evoked by different directions of externally applied waist-pull perturbations of balance and to identify the changes in stepping attributable to aging and in relation to the risk of falling. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by a motor-controlled waist-pull system. | Single step or forward step. Multiple steps. Lateral Loaded step. Lateral Unloaded step. Collision step. Unloaded mediolateral steps. Crossover step. Collision step. | Number of steps, onset time, step duration, step clearance, global step length (<i>Camera motion analysis system, reflective markers</i>). |
| Young et. al. (2013)[66] | Quasi-experimental. n=39 MW: fallers (73.4±1.1 years) and non-fallers (74.6±1.6 years). | Determine how leg preference affected balance recovery strategies following a perturbation balance. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was induced by a motor waist-pull system. | Lateral sidesteps. Unloaded crossover step. or crossover step. Medial sidestep. | Numbers and types of steps. (<i>Observation, camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Rieger et. al (2020)[74] | Randomized controlled trial. n=30 MW; intervention group (70.33±3.99 years) and control group (71.67±4.96 years). | Investigate the effects of a single session gait training with perturbations in AP direction on ML gait stability and assessed whether these effects are retained. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied in a 3-D instrumented dual-belt treadmill. | Crossover step. | Step time, stance time, swing time, step length, step width trunk velocity and COM (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Carty et. al (2012)[41] | Quasi-experimental. n=151 MW. (71.6±4.6 years) | Investigate balance recovery in the anterior-posterior direction exhibited by older adults. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied through the disengagement of an electromagnet. | Single step. Multiple steps. | MoS, BoS and velocity COM (<i>Force platform</i>). Toe off duration and foot contact duration (<i>Camera motion capture system, reflective markers</i>). |
| Graham et. al. (2015)[45] | Quasi-experimental. n=117 MW. (72±4.9 years) | Identify the biomechanical factors that distinguish between older adults who can recover with a single step forward lean. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied through the disengagement of an electromagnet located in-series with the cable. | Single step. Multiple steps. | Step length, step time, trunk angle and angular velocity at toe off (<i>Camera motion capture system, reflective marker</i>). Foot contact (<i>Platform</i>). |

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| Mansfield et. al (2010)[72] | Randomized controlled trial. n=30 MW; intervention group (70.3±4.7 years) and control group (69.1±3.8 years). | Evaluate a perturbation-based balance training program. | Waist-pull and surface-translation: the perturbations were applied with an unpredictable system of support surface motion (motion platform) and cable pulls. | Multiple steps. Lateral step. Foot collisions. | Frequency of multiple-step, lateral step and collisions during lateral step reactions, and step distance. <i>Reaction time (Motion capture system, video camera and reflective markers). Foot-off and foot-contact (Force platforms).</i> |
| Pavol et. al. (1999)[54] | Quasi-experimental. n= 79 MW. (72±5 years). | Determine the proportion of falls that resulted from trip induced during gait. | Trip: the perturbation was induced using a concealed pneumatically, driven metal, mechanical obstacle. | - | Step time, step length, stride length, step width and average trunk flexion angle. <i>(Motion capture system and reflective markers).</i> |
| Singer et. al (2015)[60] | Quasi-experimental. n= 20; YA (25±5 years) and OA (67±6 years). | Determine the age-related biomechanical differences during recovery from posterior and anterior perturbations. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied through the disengagement of an electromagnet. | Single step Multiple step | Reaction time, step time, recovery time <i>(Camera motion capture system and reflective markers). Step length and peak COM velocity (Reflective markers and plate platform).</i> |
| Yang et. al. (2014)[65] | Quasi-experimental. n= 187 MW; (71.9±5.1 years). | Evaluate the degree to which these stability measurements could predict an impending fall. | Slip: the perturbation was applied by a sliding device along a 7m walkway. The device consisted of two low frictions. | - | Step length, step width and step time. <i>(Camera motion capture system and retro-reflective markers)</i> |
| Batcir et. al. (2022)[24] | Quasi-experimental. n= 84 MW; (79.3±5.2 years). | Explore whether different kinematic patterns and strategies occur in the first recovery single-step and multiple-step. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied by motor driven treadmill device. The treadmill provided a right or left unannounced surface translation. | Single-step. Multiple-step. Loaded-leg sideway stepping. Unloaded-leg sideway stepping. Cross-over stepping. Hip Abduction. Leg Collisions. | Step initiation, step duration, step length, step velocity, total recovery duration, recovery step path length and total estimated COM. <i>(Motion capture system, retro-reflective markers and video camera)</i> |
| Luchies et. al. (1999)[48] | Quasi-experimental. n= 24; YA (21±2.5 years) and OA (68±4.1 years). | Investigate if performance on an involuntary step task was comparable to | Waist-pull: the perturbation was produced using electronically released weight and cable system. | - | Liftoff time, landing time, time, weight transfer time, step duration, step length and step height <i>(Landmark motion, optoelectronic motion analysis system).</i> |

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| | | performance on a voluntary step task. | | | |
| Owings et. al. (2001)[53] | Quasi-experimental. n= 79 MW. (72±5 years). | Determine if the mechanisms biomechanical that contributed to failed recoveries in the treadmill would be the same by from a trip. | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied by a motorized treadmill. | - | Reaction time, step length, recovery step, onset, toe-off and ground contact, step length, trunk angle at onset, toe-off and ground contact. And trunk velocity at toe-off and ground contact (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Thelen et. al. (1997)[61] | Quasi-experimental. n= 20; YA (24.3 mean years) and 10 OA (mean age 71.3 years). | Measure the largest forward body lean angle that could regain standing balance by taking a single, rapid step. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was induced by releasing the lean-control cable. | - | Reaction time, transfer time, step time, step length and step velocity (<i>Optoelectronic motion capture system and diodes markers</i>). |
| Cronin et. al. (2013)[43] | Quasi-experimental. n= 81 MW. (70±3 years). | Compare the timing and magnitude of activation of the major leg muscles during balance recovery. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was induced by the disengagement of an electromagnet. | Single step. Multiple steps. | Step length, step time, ankle and knee angle (<i>Motion capture system, retro-reflective markers and video camera</i>). |
| Troy and Grabiner (2005)[62] | Quasi-experimental. n= 13 MW. (72±5 years). | Examine how older adults restore dynamic equilibrium after three types of large postural disturbances. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was induced by the disconnection of an electromagnet. Surface-translation the perturbation was induced by a motorized treadmill. Trip: the perturbation was induced by a pneumatically powered obstacle. | - | Maximum step height, step length of the leading and trailing limbs, peak vertical velocity, and peak horizontal velocity of the leading and trailing feet (<i>Reflective markers</i>). |
| Mille et. al. (2005) [50] | Quasi-experimental. n=20 W; YA (24±1.4 years) and OA (73.3±6.3 years). | Determine age-related differences in protective stepping behavior in response to lateral waist-pull perturbations of postural balance. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by a motor-driven waist-pull system. | Single step. Multiple steps. Loaded sidestep. Unloaded medial step. Unloaded crossover step. Collisions between feet. | Number of steps, step strategies and collisions between feet. Onset and end step, step displacements, step clearance and trunk angular displacements (<i>Camera Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |

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| Dijkstra et. al. (2015)[44] | Quasi-experimental. n=25 MW; OA (68±7 years) and YA (28±4 years). | Determine whether young and older adults exhibit similar improvements in compensatory stepping over repeated exposure to external perturbations. | Surface-translation the perturbation was induced by surface translations. | Side-step. Cross-over step. | First step latency, first step length, number of steps and identification of lateral step strategy (<i>Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Nagano et. al. (2015)[51] | Quasi-experimental. n=15;(72.5±4.8 years). | Understand how older adults control lower limb stepping responses to preserve balance following unanticipated forward falling. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied by disconnection to the electromagnet system. | Single-step. Multiple-steps. | Initial reaction, foot contact, step length, step width, step velocity, COM velocity and MoS (<i>Motion capture system, video camera, reflective markers</i>). |
| Kim et. al. (2013)[47] | Quasi-experimental. n= 41 MW; YA (22.7±3.35 years) and OA (68±7.19 years). | Assess the effects of perturbation type (MP vs LP) and advancing age on recovery step and trunk Kinematics. | Perturbing shoes: the perturbation was applied by instrumented sandals. Each sandal has two electronically-controlled hinged flaps concealed. | - | Walking speed and step width (<i>Optoelectronic camera system and infrared-emitting diode markers</i>). |
| Borrelli et. al. (2019)[38] | Quasi-experimental. n= 48 MW; (72.7±5.6 years). | The balance stability of the different evoked first step reactions and the stability of single and multistep strategies of older adults to lateral waist-pull perturbations. | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by the waist-pull system. The system includes a stepper- motor driven linear drive table, cable and belt connection, in-line load cell, position transducer, floating electromechanical latch, and spring pre-tensioner. | Laterals sidestep. Unloaded sidesteps: Cross-over step to the front. Cross-over step to the back. Medial sidestep. Multiple steps. Inter-limb collisions. Single step. | MoS, step initiation and step termination step length, swing time, first step BoS-COM and COM velocity (<i>Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Borrelli et. al. (2021)[23] | Quasi-experimental. n= 71 MW; (72.7±5.5 years). | Compare the space-temporal stepping parameters and MoS between a single lateral sidestep and each step of a two-step (unloaded sidesteps - followed by a | Waist-pull: the perturbation was applied by the waist-pull system. The system includes a stepper- motor driven linear drive table, cable and belt connection, in-line load cell, position transducer, floating | Laterals sidestep. Unloaded sidesteps: Cross-over step to the front. Cross-over step to the back. Medial sidestep. | Step unloading onset, step loading, time between limb unloading onset and loading (<i>Motion capture system, reflective markers</i>). COM displacement at step loading, and COM velocity at step loading (<i>Motion capture system, reflective</i> |

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| | | lateral sidestep) protective stepping sequence. | electromechanical latch, and spring pre-tensioner. | Multiple steps. Inter-limb collisions. Single step. Single lateral sidestep. Unloaded sidesteps followed by a lateral sidestep. | <i>markers</i>). Lift-off and touch down (<i>Force platform</i>). |
| Shulman et. al. (2019)[59] | Quasi-experimental. n= 34 MW; OA (75.6±5.3 years) and YA (21.7±2.6 years). | Discern age related alterations in proactive and reactive Dynamic postural control of gait initiation. | Perturbations of the support surface: the perturbation was applied by force plates. The force platform was mounted on top of a custom robotic platform. | - | Toe-off, heel contact, step length, step width, step time and whole-body COM velocity (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Allin et. al. (2020)[70] | Randomized controlled trial. n= 34 MW; (age range 61-75 years). | Evaluate the effects of perturbation-based balance training targeting slipping and tripping on laboratory induced slips and trips. | Slip: the perturbation was induced by spreading a thin layer of vegetable oil over a section of the walkway. Trip: the perturbations was induced using a tripping obstacle that was initially concealed and level with the walkway. | <i>Trip</i> Elevating strategy. Lowering strategy. | Gait speed, step length and minimum toe clearance. <i>Slip and trip</i> : onset, touchdown, minimum hip height and MoS at touchdown. Slip: slip end, peak slip speed, distance and COM velocity relative. Trip: trunk angle at touchdown, recovery step length and stepping strategy (<i>Camera motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |
| Graham et. al. (2014)[46] | Quasi-experimental. n= 15 M; OA (70±3.9 years) and YA (34±2.6 years). | Determine the muscular contributions to the stepping phase of recovery from forward loss of balance with a single step, and multiple steps. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied through the disengagement of an electromagnet located in- series with the cable. | Single steps. Multiple steps. | Step length, step time, toe-off, mind swing foot contact and reaction force (<i>Motion capture system, reflective markers</i>) |
| Mansfield et. al. (2009)[49] | Quasi-experimental. n= 40 MW; YA (age range 22-28 years) and OA (age range 64-79 years). | Determine if previously reported age-related differences in change-in- support reactions are dependent on perturbation method, under conditions where other confounding factors are controlled. | Surface-translation: the perturbations were delivered via rapid horizontal translation of the computer-controlled motor-driven motion platform. Cable-pull/ Waist-pull: the perturbations were applied by dropping a weight of subject, using a computer and | - | <i>Step reaction</i> : frequency of multiple-step reactions, stepping pattern, frequency lateral step and collisions between the swing and stance limbs (<i>Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). <i>Initial step</i> : onset, foot-off, foot contact, step length, and swing duration (<i>Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>). |

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| Lee et. al. (2014)[26] | Quasi-experimental. n= 26; YA (two groups (26.5±3.4 years) - (25.3±4.6 years)) and OA (two groups (69.2±10.2 years) - (71±6.7 years)). | Examined forwards stepping despite considerable bio-mechanical and visual differences between the forwards and backwards directions | Surface-translation: the perturbation was applied by a motorized computer-controlled platform. | - | Step length, foot lift-off and landing step (<i>Platform conductive strips</i>). Step reaction time and angular velocity step (<i>Gyroscopes and force platform</i>). |
| Aprigliano et. al. (2017)[36] | Quasi-experimental. n= 20; YA (24.4±2.5 years) and OA (66.3±5.1 years). | Verify whether aging modifies the intralimb coordination underlying corrective responses induced by unexpected perturbations. | : the perturbation was applied by a split-belt treadmill whose belts can be independently controlled the perturbations. | - | Duration of the stride and stance phase, step length, and width step. (<i>Motion capture system and reflective markers</i>) |
| Nnodim et. al. (2016)[31] | Quasi-experimental. n=8 MW; (72±6.4 years). | Identify if there are interference between the motor and the cognitive after a gait-destabilizing perturbation. | Perturbing shoes: the perturbation was applied by an instrumented shoe. The footwear has two retractable connected a program. | - | Gait sped, step width, step length and step time (<i>Motion capture system and diode markers</i>) |
| Chen et. al. (1994)[21] | Quasi-experimental. n= 48 MW; YA (mean age 23.4 years) and OA (mean age 72.8 years). | Test that neither age, gender, nor available response times affect the strategies used to step over an obstacle appearing with short available response times. | Trip: the perturbation was applied by a virtual obstacle with a light projected onto the 8m walkway. | Short step strategy. Long step strategy. | Pre crossing obstacle and crossing obstacle: step length, step time. Post crossing obstacle: toe distance and heel distance. Step strategy: Number of steps deliberate (<i>Walkway with conducting surface and computer</i>) |
| Bianca Te et. al. (2023) [77] | Observational. n= 515 OA (mean age 82.7 years) | Determine the relative importance of falls an absence of stepping responses, versus steps that were inappropriate in size or direction. | Analyzed video footage of falls experienced by residents. | Multiple steps. | Number of steps, direction of the steps, length of the first and second sept. (<i>Digital video cameras</i>) |
| Wang S. et. al. (2023) [69] | Quasi-experimental. n=298 OA (69.6±6.33 years) | Develop prediction models to predict trip-related fallers with different recovery | Trip: the perturbations was induced by an obstacle device which consisted of a hinged metal plate and a pair of | Lowering strategy. Elevating strategy. | <i>Gait</i> : gait speed, trunk angle, COM state, step length, gait duration, toe clearance, swing time, and step time. <i>Joint kinematics</i> : hip angle, knee angle, and foot angle for both limbs |

| | | strategies using machine-learning methods | electromagnets. Walking in a walkway 7 meters. | | <i>(Motion capture system and reflective markers)</i> |
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| Tashiro et. al. (2021) [70] | Quasi-experimental. n=W; OA (77.8±6.9 years). | Determine the relationship between protective lateral stepping ability and FOF among older community-dwelling individuals. | Tether-release method: the perturbation was applied through a cable was released suddenly after a random delay ranging. | Single-step. Multiple stepping. Lateral steppers. Crossover steppers. Medial steppers. | Types of steps. <i>(observation)</i> |

Design Research and Population: (Mean ± Standard Deviation); Men (M); Women (W); Men and Women (MW) Youngers Adults (YA) and Older Adults (OA). Variables and Measuring Instrument: Margin of Stability (MoS); Center of Mass (COM) and Base of Support (BoS).