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# Monitoring of Exercises Practice and Sports Performance - The use of Biomarkers for Monitoring and Control of Internal Training Loads



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## Abstract

**Background:** The level of innate ability and ability to respond to training with improved performance are basic in sport. However, the improvement in sports performance depends greatly on the optimization of distribution of the training and recovery loads prescribed to the athletes. Identifying what the “physiological price” of training and competitions is fundamental. Although numerous evolutions have been implemented in recent years, in favor of the development of sportsmen and athletes of high performance, protocols of follow-up, choice of periodization and distribution of training loads are still mostly reproductions and unproductive. Physiological adaptations are mostly monitored through external training load (ETL) and by rating of perceived exertion (RPE), by inaccuracy can generate important cumulative physiological wear and favor of illness in athletes and / or loss of performance for athletes. A systematic review of the literature evidences the relevant participation of the reactive oxygen species (ROS) as well as inflammatory responses during exercise. A new reflection then arises, the need to monitor the internal training load (ITL) from Biomarkers, making the training process more controlled, directly impacting less illness and more performance for the athletes.

**Methods:** “Bio flexible” model Periodization of training, from biochemical markers, oxidative stress and DNA fragmentation (ITL), together with performance parameters in the training (ETL).

**Results:** Emphasis for a World Record 50m Butterfly; Olympic gold medal 2016; World championship 2015 beach volleyball and 2018 second best time in the history of Brazil 10'02 100m athletics.

**Keywords:** Biomarkers; Sport Training; Monitoring; Performance; Illness

**Abbreviations:** ETL: External Training Load; RPE: Rating of Perceived Exertion; ROS: Reactive Oxygen Species; ITL: Internal Training Load

## Introduction

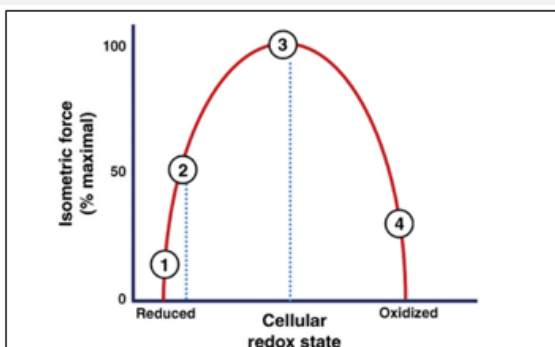


Figure 1: Adapted from Reid et al., 1993; Vollaard et al., 2005; Yavari et al., 2015; Reid, 2016; Becatti et al., 2017

In general, the quantification of the Internal Training Load is from the [Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE)] and the training

quantified by the scale of 6 to 20 of Borg Foster [1], Foster [2]. The value found multiplied by the time in training minutes and thus establish a scale for classification of the training session, posteriorly of the block and so on despite the undisputed control of this protocol, there are some questions about the reliability the values indicated by sportsmen or high-performance athletes in moments with higher levels of physiological and psychological stress. However, to ensure optimal exercise prescription for athletes and optimal training for high performance athletes, studies indicate that associated on RPE, the acute phase markers associated with oxidative stress markers along with the impact on DNA fragmentation may be better parameters Helvio[6]. In a systematic review of the literature this statement is justified with there is a relevant participation of the reactive oxygen species (ROS) as well as inflammatory responses during exercise

(Pingitore et al., 2015, Davison et al., 2016). A new reflection then arises, the need to monitor the internal training load (ITC) Pingitore [3], Davison [4] its impact of force, power and performance Beccatti [5] (Figure 1).

### Conclusion

The use of markers, markers of acute phase, mainly to define optimal intensities and volumes during specific training and some competitions; the use external loads always associated with internal loads; the establishing an individualized database of each athlete for future decision making based on individuality may favor better performance and avoid illness sports-related, such as ITRS (upper respiratory tract infections) and immunosuppression [6-12].

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