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## **TEMI CALDI IN CARDIOLOGIA DELLO SPORT I**

**Solo il COVID ha avuto impatto sugli sportivi o anche il “lockdown”?**

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I have no conflict of interest.



Not shaking hands



Work from home



Social distancing



Stay at home



Maximal group size:



Sports clubs closed



Schools closed



Bars/restaurants



# Global Physical Activity Questionnaire (GPAQ) Analysis Guide





Lavoro “AGILE”....?

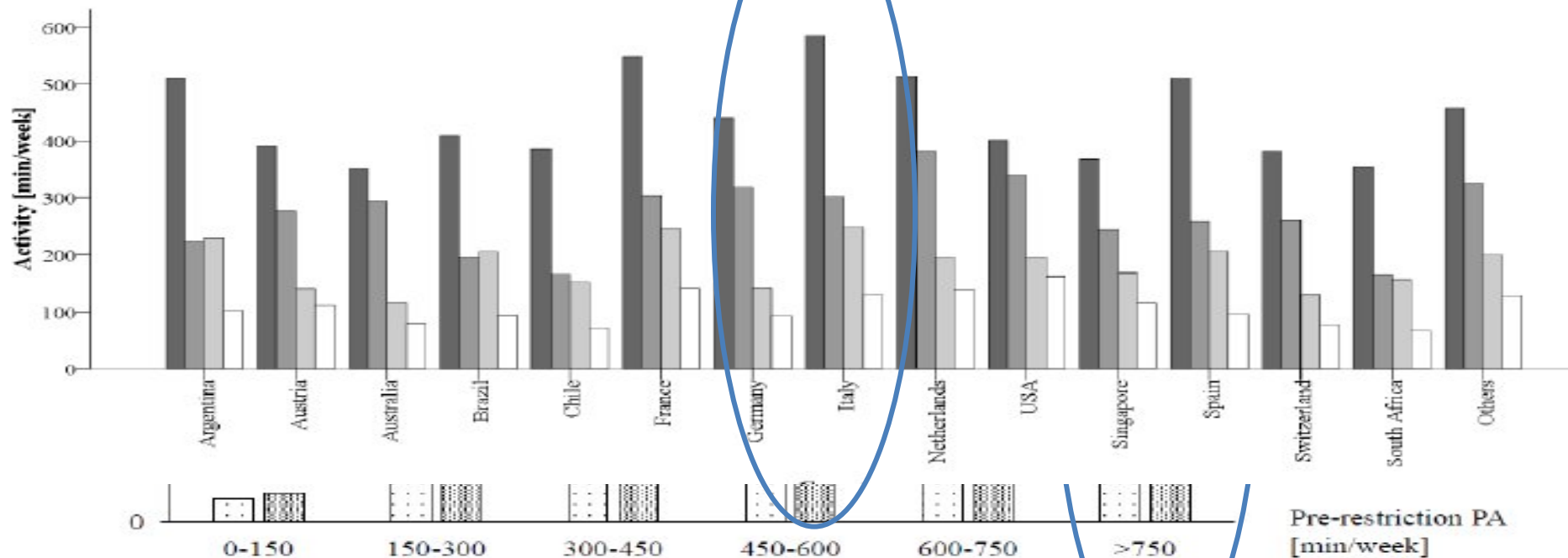
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# Una pandemia nella pandemia?



Time  
[min/week]



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Training Duration and Practice across Continents

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**Table 1** Demographic characteristics of participants (n = 12,526)

Characteristics	Number (%)
<b>Sex</b>	
Male	8265 (66)
Female	4229 (34)
Other	32 (0)
<b>Age category, years</b>	
18–29	8419 (67)
30–39	2431 (19)
40–49	1078 (9)
50–59	468 (4)
≥ 60	121 (1)
Missing	9 (–)
<b>Continent</b>	
Asia	4777 (38)
Europe	4305 (34)
Africa	1375 (11)
South America	973 (8)
North America	907 (7)
Oceania	189 (2)
<b>Athlete's status</b>	
Amateur	6453 (51)
Semiprofessional	2765 (22)
Professional	3222 (26)
Other	86 (1)
<b>Main sports</b>	
Soccer	2696 (22)
Athletics	1306 (10)
Cycling	679 (5)
Volleyball	602 (5)
Basketball	522 (4)
Triathlon	503 (4)
Handball	403 (3)
Rugby	365 (3)
Swimming	348 (3)
Judo	313 (3)
Table tennis	254 (2)

**Table 1** (continued)

Characteristics	Number (%)
Missing	159 (–)
<b>Athlete classification</b>	
World class	1674 (13)
International	2565 (21)
National	4482 (36)
State	3038 (24)
Recreational	763 (6)
Missing	4 (–)
<b>Are you currently in lockdown?</b>	
Yes	7955 (64)
No	4568 (36)
Missing	3 (–)
<b>Lockdown experience, weeks</b>	
≤ 4	1809 (15)
5–8	4256 (35)
9–12	5839 (48)
≥ 12	278 (2)
Missing	344 (–)
<b>Number of household members</b>	
1 (live alone)	815 (7)
2	2012 (16)
3	2468 (20)
4	3376 (27)
≥ 5	3767 (30)
Missing	88 (–)



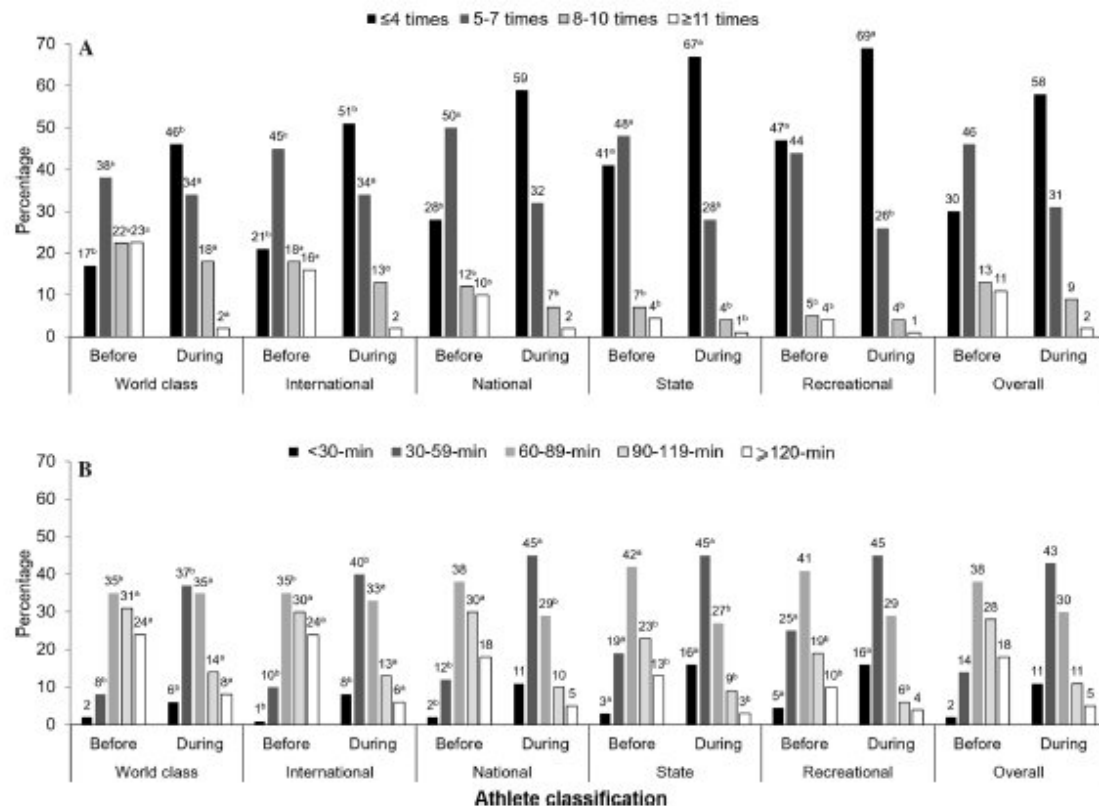


What the governing authority allowed during lockdown	Number (%)
Exercising at home only	8330 (67)
Using available spaces for exercise around my housing area/compound	5256 (42)
Outdoor cycling	3354 (27)
Running in a recreational park or stadium	3317 (27)
Outdoor hiking or trekking in non-public facilities	2577 (21)
Receive/borrow equipment from sports bodies or institutes and train at home	2105 (17)
Access to gymnasium (muscle strengthening/resistance training)	579 (5)
Access to sports academy or institute's school or university's facilities	510 (4)
Other	100 (1)

As athletes could select multiple answers for all questions, the numbers do not total 12,526 or 100%

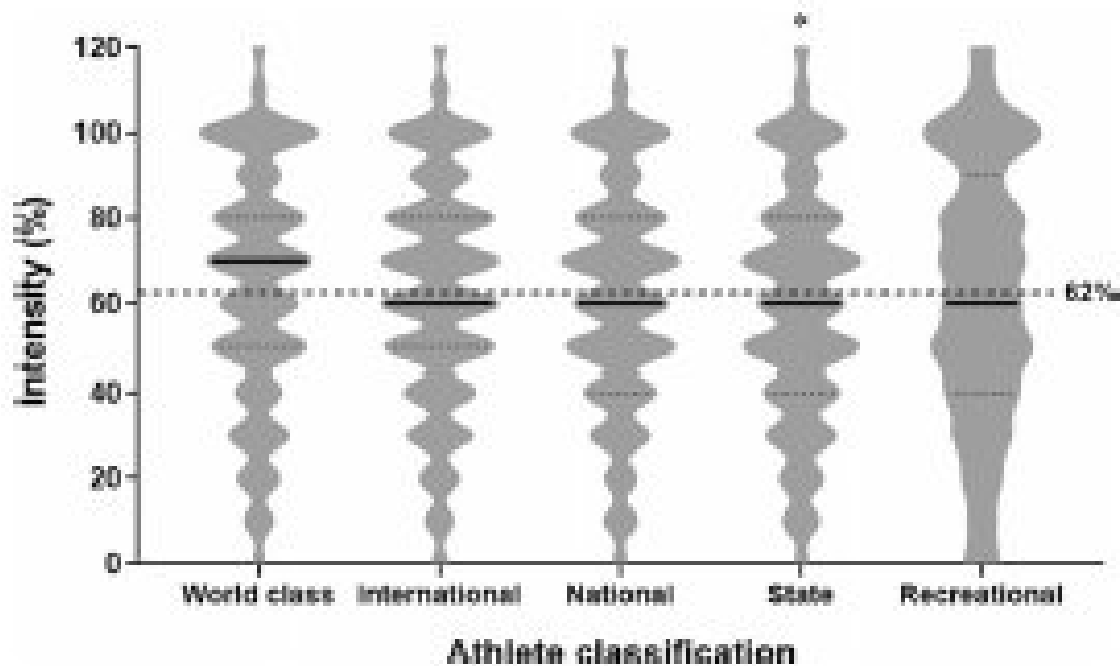


## Training frequency and duration





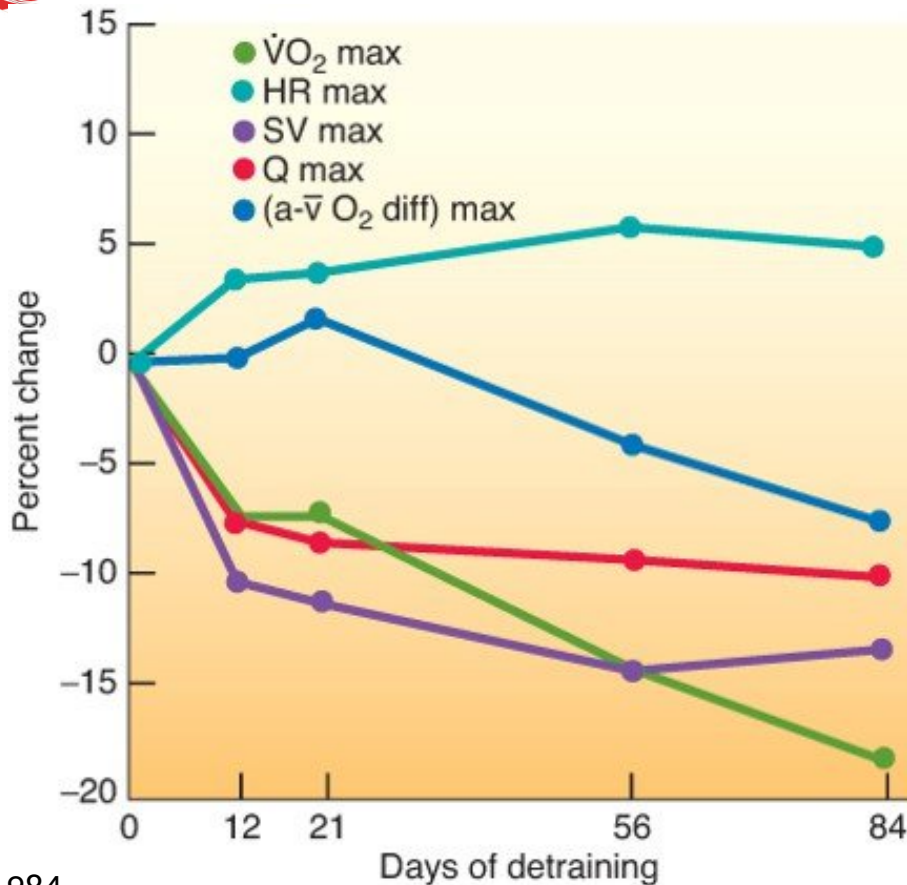
## Intensity of Training





	MVPA (min/week)		SB (min/day)	
	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	112 (60-210)	45 (26-105)	300 (240-480)	360 (240-480)
Female	90 (45-210)	45 (15-90)	300 (180-420)	360 (240-480)
<b>Age</b>				
18-25	105 (45-182)	45 (20-77)	360 (300-480)	480 (360-600)
26-35	120 (60-255)	45 (30-90)	300 (180-480)	420 (300-480)
36-45	90 (45-195)	60 (30-120)	300 (180-420)	360 (240-480)
46-55	90 (45-221)	45 (15-102)	240 (180-360)	300 (180-420)
56-65	135 (45-240)	45 (15-90)	240 (180-300)	300 (150-360)
>65	60 (45-105)	45 (30-90)	300 (180-360)	360 (240-360)
<b>Sport level</b>				
Sedentary	45 (15-120)	45 (15-75) <sup>a</sup>	360 (240-480)	420 (300-540)
Recreational	105 (60-210)	45 (29-90) <sup>a</sup>	300 (180-420)	360 (240-480)
Competitive	142 (105-240)	90 (45-135) <sup>a</sup>	300 (240-420)	390 (285-480)
Professional	360 (165-645)	90 (75-150) <sup>a</sup>	240 (150-300)	360 (150-480)

Cavarretta,  
unpublished data



## After 21 days (3 weeks) of no training:

- Stroke volume is reduced.
- Blood plasma volume is reduced.
- Total peripheral resistance is increased.
- Left ventricle heart volume and wall thickness decreases.
- Citrate Synthase (CS) activity decreases 20% (1-2.5% per day). This enzyme plays a key role in aerobic energy production in mitochondria.





# Cambiamenti cardiometabolici dovuti all'inattività

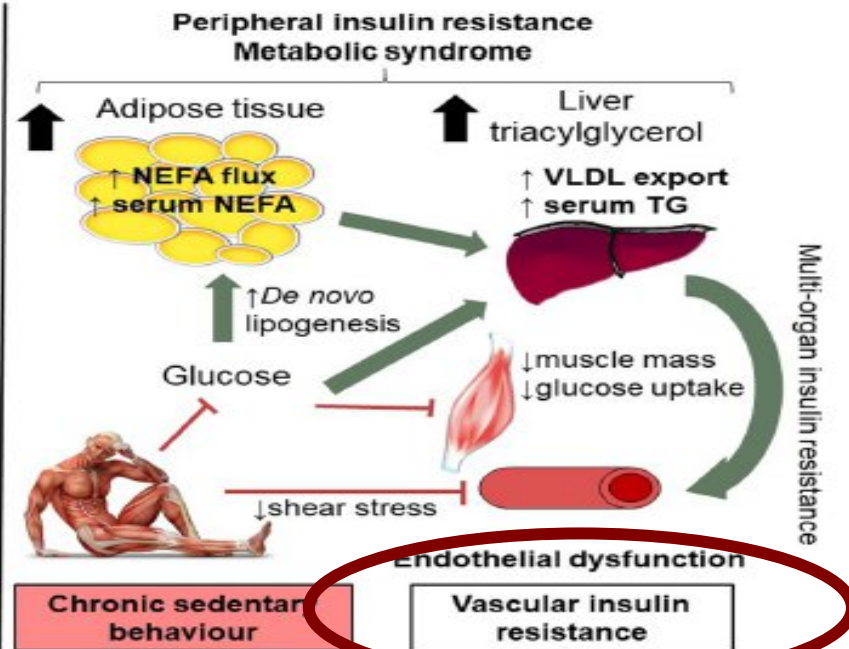
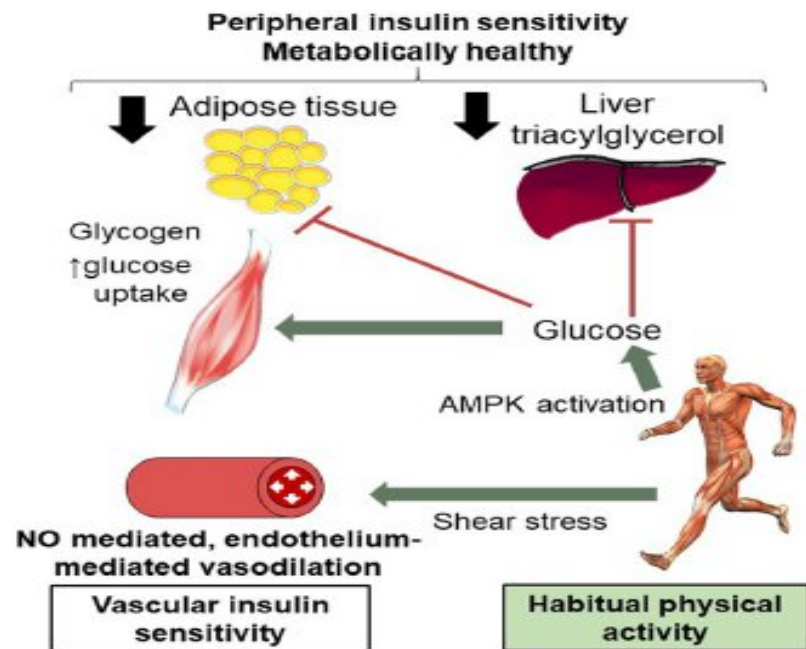
**Table.** Changes In Metabolic and Physical Characteristics With Reduced Daily Steps

Characteristic	Mean (95% CI)				P Value
	Preintervention	Reduced Steps			
		1 wk	2 wk	3 wk	
Study 1					
Steps per day, No.	6203 (5135-7271)	1394 (1261-1528)			<.001 <sup>a</sup>
OGTT					
Plasma insulin AUC, pmol/L/3h	757 (488-1026) <sup>b</sup>	1157 (812-1501)	1218 (818-1618)	1352 (1025-1678)	<.02 <sup>b</sup>
Study 2					
Steps per day, No.	10 501 (8755-12 247)		1344 (1272-1416)		<.001 <sup>a</sup>
OGTT					
Plasma insulin AUC, pmol/L/3h	599 (489-709)		942 (443-1440)		.04 <sup>c</sup>
Plasma C-peptide AUC, pmol/L/3h	4310 (3676-4944)		5795 (3911-7678)		.03 <sup>c</sup>
OFTT					
Plasma insulin AUC, pmol/L/8h	216 (186-245)		323 (255-392)		.001 <sup>a</sup>
Plasma C-peptide AUC, pmol/L/8h	2380 (2001-2759)		3040 (2550-3529)		.002 <sup>a</sup>
Plasma triglycerides AUC, μmol/L/8h	9566 (7828-11 303)		11 580 (9308-13 852)		.02 <sup>a</sup>
Fat mass					
Total fat mass, kg	12.0 (9.3-14.7)		11.9 (9.4-14.5)		.69 <sup>a</sup>
Intra-abdominal fat mass, mL	693 (485-902)		740 (552-929)		.05 <sup>a</sup>
Total fat-free mass, kg	55.7 (52.6-58.7)		54.5 (52.0-57.3)		<.001 <sup>a</sup>
BMI	22.1 (20.7-23.6)		21.8 (20.4-23.2)		.001 <sup>a</sup>

Olsen JAMA 2008



# Effetti cardiometabolici a breve termine (14gg) dovuti all'inattività



...induzione del danno endoteliale !

Bowden Front Physiol 2021



**Table 2.** Variations of body composition and of left ventricular mass observed in professional soccer players during the regular season ( $n = 23$ )

Variable	Pre season	1 month	Mid season	End season
FFM (kg)	$64.3 \pm 6.0$	$65.5 \pm 6.4$	$66.4 \pm 6.4^*$	$66.3 \pm 5.0^*$
Body fat (%)	$14.6 \pm 4.0$	$11.9 \pm 2.9^*$	$11.0 \pm 2.6^*$	$11.0 \pm 3.0^*$
LVM (g)	$195.0 \pm 25.8$	$201.8 \pm 32.1$	$212.5 \pm 32.6^{*†}$	$213.5 \pm 22.9^{*†}$
LVMi ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ )	$98.3 \pm 13.6$	$101.7 \pm 15.3$	$107.2 \pm 13.5^{*†}$	$106.2 \pm 13.8^*$
LVM/height ( $\text{g}/\text{m}$ )	$108.2 \pm 14.7$	$111.8 \pm 17.9$	$117.8 \pm 16.4^{*†}$	$119.0 \pm 13.7^{*†}$
LVM/height <sup>2.7</sup> ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^{2.7}$ )	$39.8 \pm 6.6$	$41.1 \pm 7.5$	$43.4 \pm 7.5^{*†}$	$44.2 \pm 6.8^{*†}$
LVM/FFM ( $\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	$3.1 \pm 0.4$	$3.1 \pm 0.5$	$3.2 \pm 0.4^*$	$3.2 \pm 0.4^*$

Values are mean  $\pm$  SD;  $^*p < 0.05$  vs. baseline measurements;  $^{\dagger}p < 0.05$  vs. 1-month measurements; FFM, fat-free mass; LVM, left ventricular mass; LVMi, left ventricular mass index.



**Figure 1.** Correlation between  $\Delta$  left ventricular mass index and  $\Delta$  fat-free mass (end season – pre season) obtained by echocardiography and by dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry in professional soccer players during the regular season. FFM, fat-free mass; LVMi, left ventricular mass index.

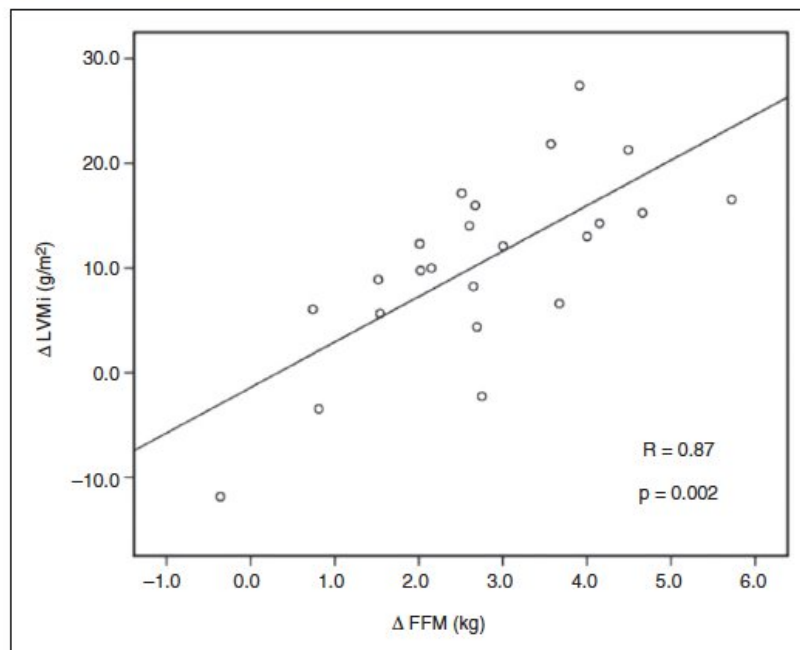
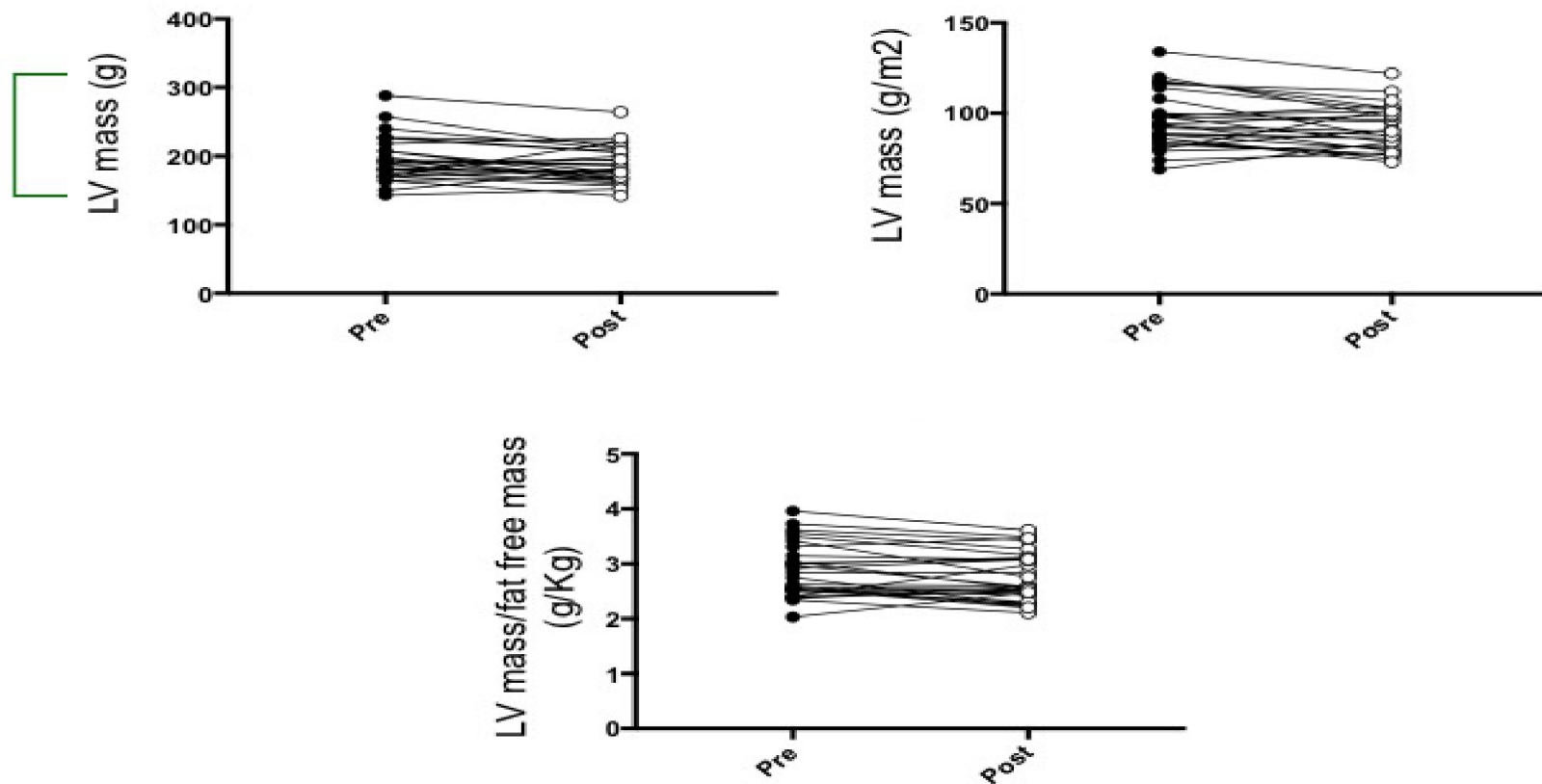
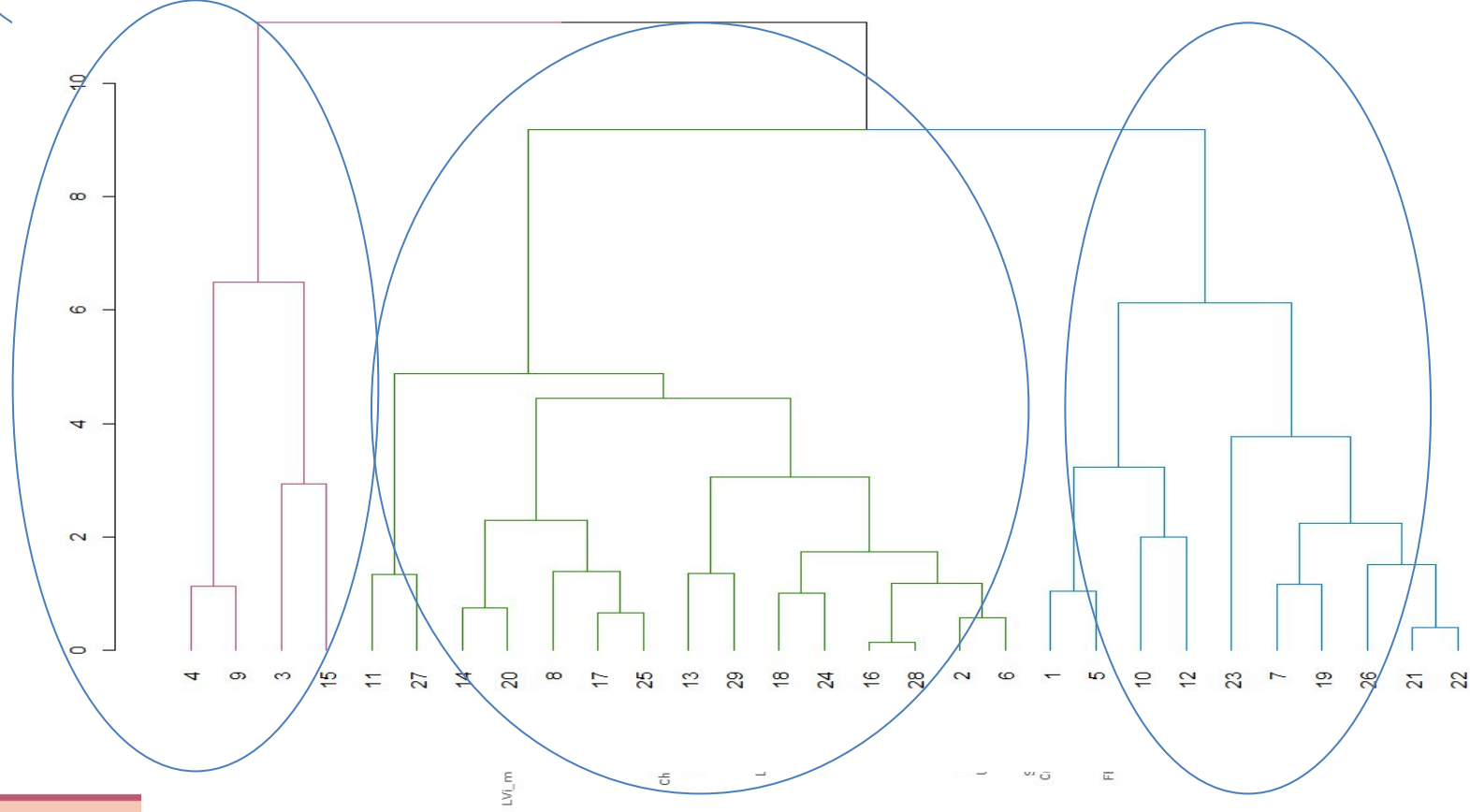
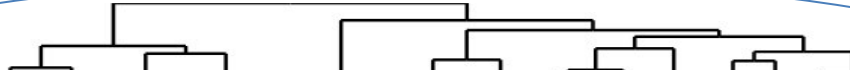


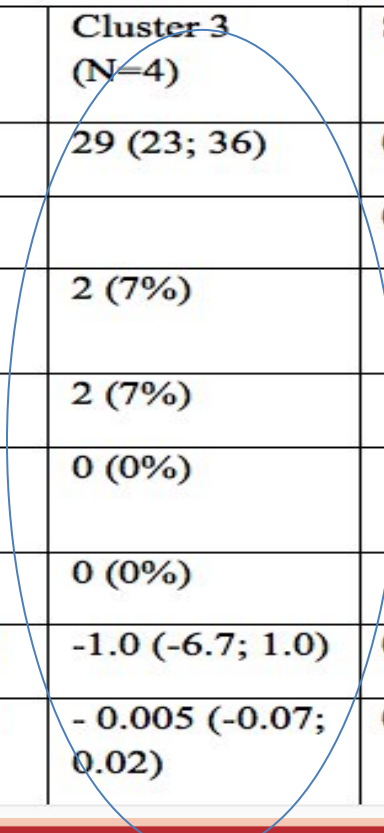
Table 2. Echocardiographic data and pulmonary function of Football athletes at COVID-19 lockdown.



E/E ratio	4.4 (3.9; 5.1)	4.5 (3.5; 5.2)	0.639
EF (%)	65 (60; 66)	61.6 (60; 64)	0.059
RV basal diameter, mm	34 (32; 38)	38 (36; 39)	0.134
Tricuspid TDI s-wave, cm/s	0.13 (0.12; 0.15)	0.14 (0.12; 0.15)	0.141





**Table 4. Characteristics of Soccer players based on cluster analysis.**


	Cluster 1 (N=10)	Cluster 2 (N=15)	Cluster 3 (N=4)	Significance
<b>Age, y</b>	31.5 (27; 33)	24 (22; 27)	29 (23; 36)	0.032
<b>Play role</b>				0.021
<b>Goalkeeper, n (%)</b>	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	
<b>Defender, n (%)</b>	5 (17%)	5 (17%)	2 (7%)	
<b>Midfielder, n (%)</b>	2 (7%)	8 (28%)	0 (0%)	
<b>Forward, n (%)</b>	3 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
<b>Weight, Kg</b>	- 0.25 (-2; 1)	1.0 (0.0; 4.0)	-1.0 (-6.7; 1.0)	0.011
<b>BMI,</b>	-0.08 (-0.5; 0.3)	0.3 (0.0; 1.1)	- 0.005 (-0.07; 0.02)	0.008



## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Impact of detraining process experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic on the selected physical and motor features of football players

**Table 3.** Percentage Distributions between the Pretest-Posttest Results of Selected Physical Properties

Parameters	Mean % Difference
Body Weight	0.11
Body Muscle Mass	-3.19
Body Fat Mass	21.75
Body Fat Percentage	21.24
BMI	0.18
Waist-Hip Ratio	4.36

**Table 4.** Percentage Distributions between the Pretest-Posttest Results of Selected Motoric Properties

Parameters	Mean % Difference
30 m Speed	-0.26
Flexibility	-6.65
Peak Power	-5.54
Average Power	-5.98
Minimum Power	-9.244
Fatigue Index	-3.764

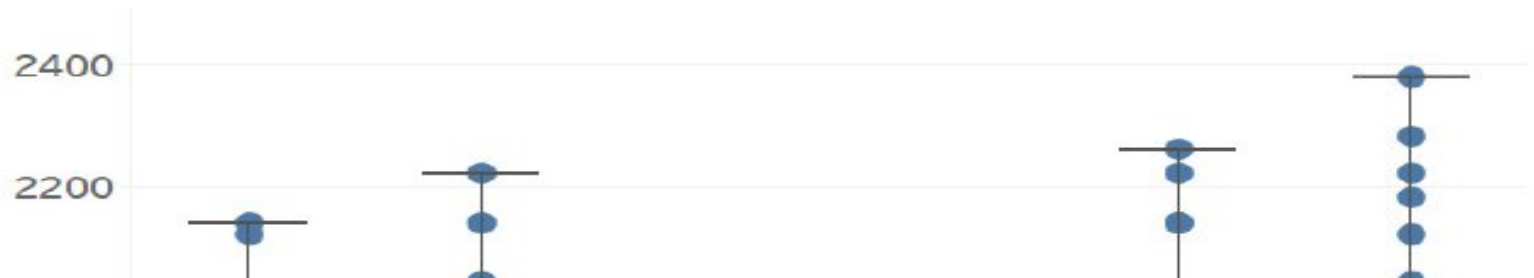


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**Est** **Table 1.** Training intervention of the studied players during the lockdown in Poland (11 March 2020 **n**  
**th** –6 May 2020).

Pav	Week	Number of Training Sessions per Week	Duration of a Training Session	Aim	Training Measures	Methods of Control	tion;
	1–3	4/week	60 min	Stability/ROM Low intensity	Individual training	Video analysis, RPE	
	4	5/week	60 min	Stability/ROM Low intensity	Individual training	Video analysis, RPE	
	5–6	6/week	60–75 min	Stability / aerobic endurance High intensity	Running/ individual training	Distance, time, map, RPE	
	7–8	6/week	60–75 min	Stability / aerobic endurance High intensity	Running/ individual training	Distance, time, map, RPE	

RPE— Borg scale.



Mean Cardiorespiratory Endurance among the Six Time Periods

Measurements	Months	T 1 M = 1710.8 (m) ±294.52 (m)	T 2 M = 1730.8 (m) ±266.50 (m)	T 3 M = 1580.0 (m) ±237.38 (m)	T 4 M = 1701.7 (m) ±179.75 (m)	T 5 M = 1837.5 (m) ±248.14 (m)	T 6 M = 1890.0 (m) ±262.16 (m)
T 1	January 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
T 2	March 2020	$p > 0.05$	-	-	-	-	-
T 3	May 2020	$p < 0.01$	$p < 0.001$	-	-	-	-
T 4	June 2020	$p > 0.05$	$p > 0.05$	$p < 0.01$	-	-	-
T 5	July 2020	$p < 0.01$	$p < 0.05$	$p < 0.001$	$p < 0.001$	-	-
T 6	January 2021	$p < 0.001$	$p < 0.001$	$p < 0.001$	$p < 0.001$	$p > 0.05$	-

SD ± standard deviation; M—mean; T 1—January 2020—Start of tests; T 2—March 2020—1 week before the lockdown; T 3—May 2020—1 week after the lockdown; T 4—June 2020—4 weeks after the lockdown; T 5—July 2020—8 weeks after the lockdown; and T 6—January 2021—finishing the study after a year-long cycle.





## In conclusion

- The lockdown-induced detraining was present in athletes at all level of performance
- The prevention and control measures during lockdown gave rise to challenging factors that aggravated further problems and resulted in public health complications.
- The pandemic had physical, nutritional, and psychological consequences that affected the health status of athletes.
- Sports practice must be safe and healthy, in order to reduce the risk of infection





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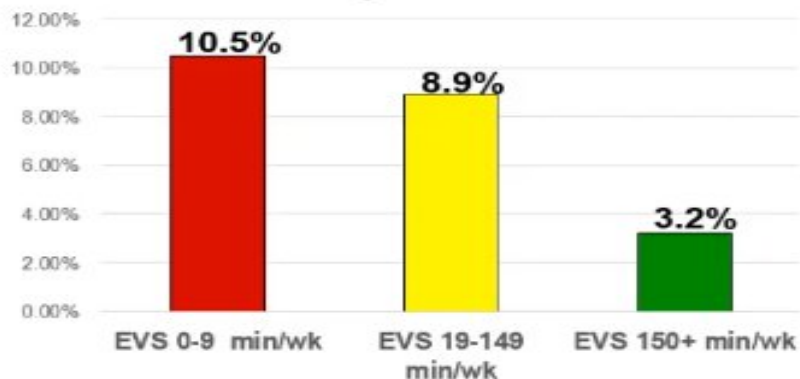




## Original research

# Physical inactivity is associated with a higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes: a study in 48,440

## EVS and Percent Hospitalized



## EVS and Percent Deceased

