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**PRESCRIZIONE DELL'ESERCIZIO FISICO NEL CARDIOPATICO:**

**KEY POINTS**

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## Advances in Heart Failure

### Exercise Training as Therapy for Heart Failure Current Status and Future Directions

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**EXERCISE TRAINING IS RECOMMENDED TO CARDIAC PATIENTS  
AT A CLASS 1 EVIDENCE LEVEL.**

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# ***EXERCISE TRAINING IN HEART DISEASES: KEY PONTs***

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**The optimal “dose” of exercise, defined in terms of volume and intensity of exercise, required to achieve improvement in functional and prognostic parameters**

**Defining the optimal dose of exercise to maximize health outcomes is now considered a priority**

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# ***EXERCISE TRAINING IN HEART DISEASES: KEY POINTS***

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- DIFFERENCES IN INDIVIDUAL INTERNAL TRAINING LOAD***
  - CONTRIBUTIONS DOCUMENTED AT THE LEVEL OF A PATIENT'S GROUP MAY NOT FULLY APPLY TO EACH MEMBER OF THAT GROUP***
  - A GROUP OF CHF PATIENTS EXERCISING AT 40–70% HRR MAY BE WORKING AT INDIVIDUALLY DIFFERENT RELATIVE INTENSITIES.***
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# ***EXERCISE TRAINING IN HEART DISEASES***

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**There is a general consensus that exercise training should be individually tailored to the patient's clinical and functional status**

Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee.

*Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee Report, 2008.*

Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2008.

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# ***LONG-TERM EXERCISE TRAINING IN HEART DISEASES***

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***HOW TO PRESCRIBE LONG-TERM EXERCISE  
TRAINING OUTSIDE MEDICALLY-SUPERVISED  
SETTINGS CONSIDERING CHANGES IN  
INDIVIDUAL PHYSICAL CAPACITY OVER TIME  
IS UNKNOWN.***

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# RPE SESSION

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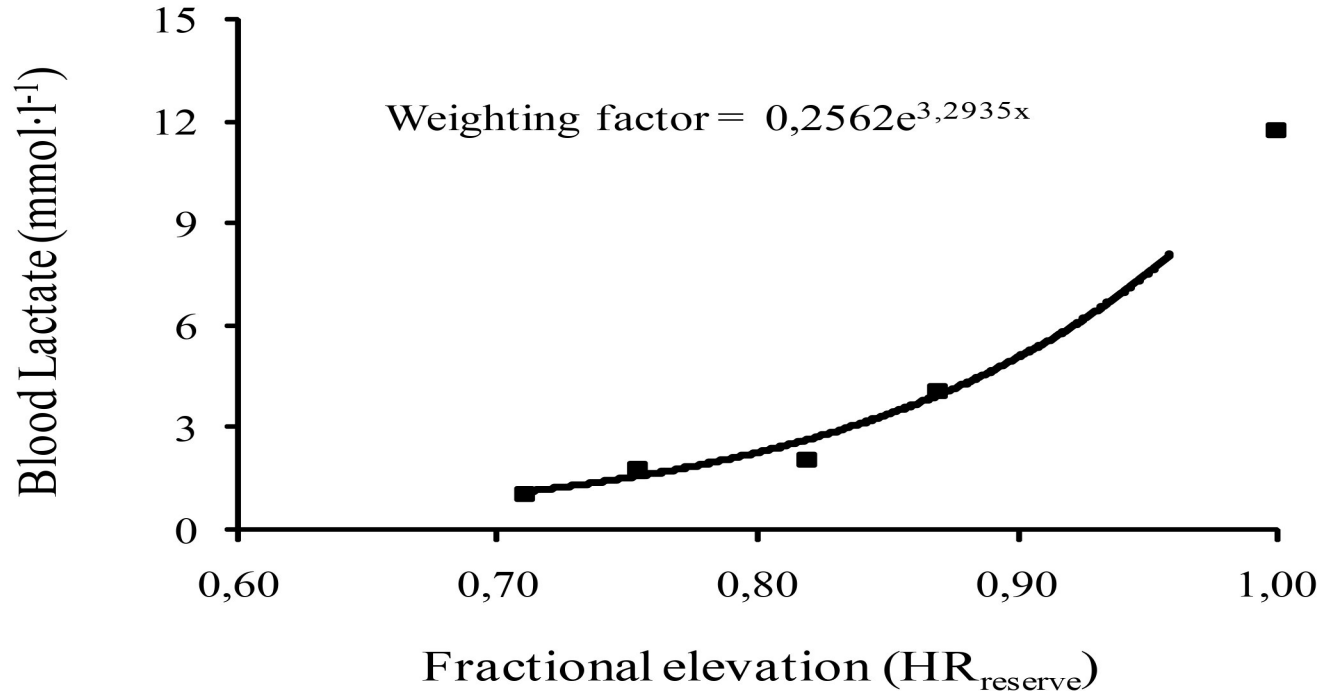
***BY THIS METHOD, INTERNAL TRAINING  
LOAD IS QUANTIFIED BY MULTIPLYING  
THE RPE OF THE WHOLE TRAINING  
SESSION, USING THE BORG 10-POINTS  
CATEGORY SCALE, BY ITS DURATION.***

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# INDIVIDUALIZED TRIMP (TRIMP<sub>i</sub>)

$$\text{TIME (min)} \times \Delta \text{ HR (HR}_{\text{exe}} - \text{HR}_{\text{rest}} / \text{HR}_{\text{max}} - \text{HR}_{\text{rest}}) \times Y_i$$

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# ***TRIMP***

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***THE TRIMP ALLOWS CONTINUOUS UPDATING OF  
TRAINING LOAD ACCOUNTING FOR INCREMENTS  
IN AEROBIC FITNESS WITH TRAINING  
PROGRESSION AND ENABLES WEEKLY  
TRAINING LOAD ADJUSTMENTS***

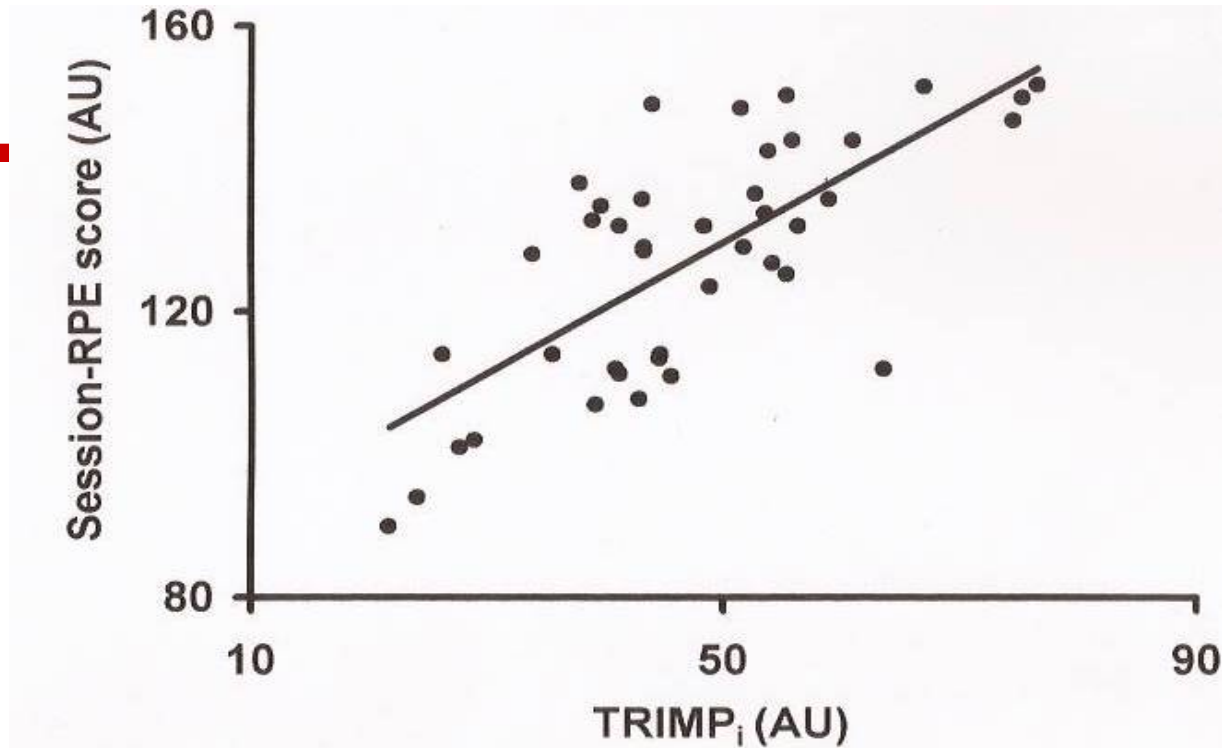
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# ***SESSION-RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION***

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***THE SESSION-RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION (RPE), PROVIDES AUTONOMIC AND FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY CHANGES SUPERIMPOSABLE TO THOSE OBSERVED WITH CONSOLIDATED, HR-BASED, METHODS (e.g. TRIMP)***

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Relationship between session-RPE training load and TRIMPi method



## Validation of rate of perceived exertion-based exercise training in patients with heart failure: Insights from autonomic nervous system adaptations



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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Exercise prescription in cardiac patients is based on heart rate (HR) response to exercise. How to prescribe long-term exercise training outside medically-supervised settings also considering changes in individual physical capacity over time is unknown. In this study we hypothesized that in patients with chronic heart failure (CHF) the session-rate of perceived exertion (RPE), a subjective-based training methodology, provides autonomic and functional capacity changes superimposable to those observed with HR-based Training Impulses (TRIMPI) method.

**Methods:** Twenty patients with stable CHF were randomized to either aerobic continuous training (ACT) or aerobic interval training (AIT) for 12 weeks. For each TRIMPI-guided exercise session, the session-RPE was recorded. By this method, internal training load (TL) is quantified by multiplying the RPE of the whole training session, using the Borg CR10-scale, by its duration. Heart rate variability (HRV), and baroreflex sensitivity (BRS) were assessed at baseline and at 3 weeks intervals.

**Results:** Significant correlations were found between TRIMPI and individual session-RPE, for both ACT and AIT ( $r = 0.63$  to  $0.81$ ), ( $P < 0.05$ ). The same occurred when ACT and AIT groups were pooled together ( $r = 0.72$ ;  $P < 0.01$ ). R-R interval, HRV and BRS were significantly and very highly correlated with weekly RPE-session ( $r^2$  ranged from  $0.77$  to  $0.97$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ). A significant relationship between session-RPE and performance at the 6MWT was also found.

**Conclusions:** Session-RPE is an easy-to-use, inexpensive and valid method for exercise prescription and health maintenance, consistent with objective physiological indices of training, that could be used for long-term physical activity in patients with CHF.

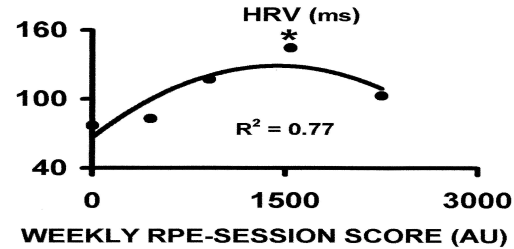
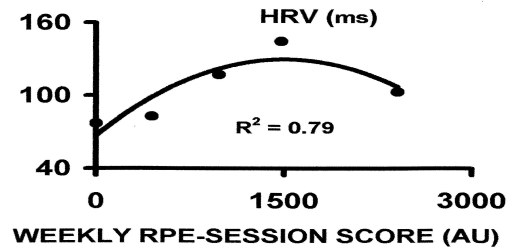
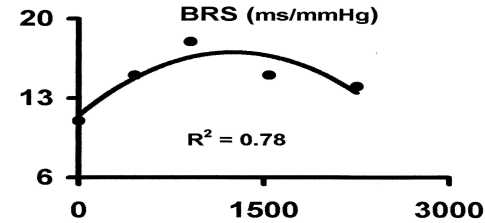
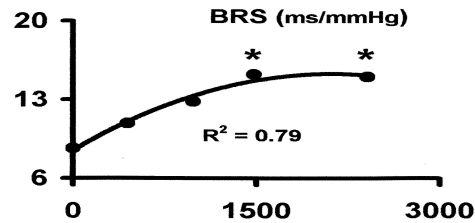
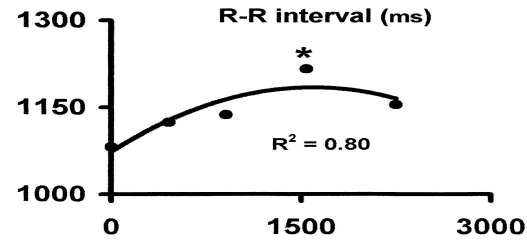
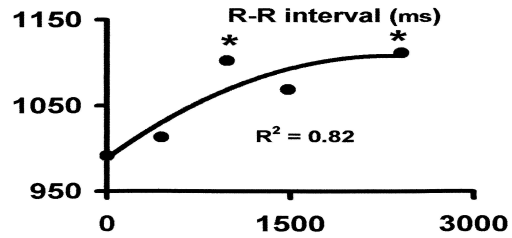
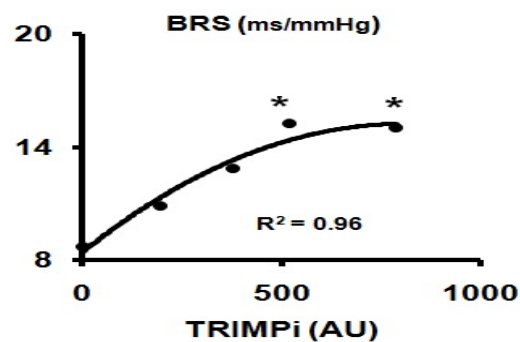
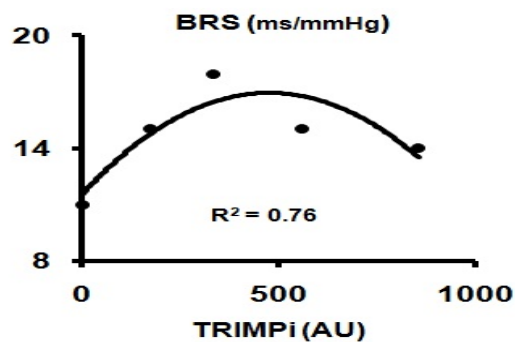
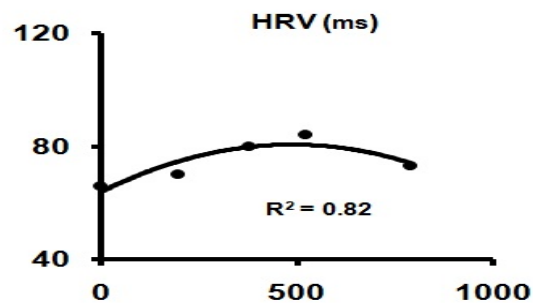
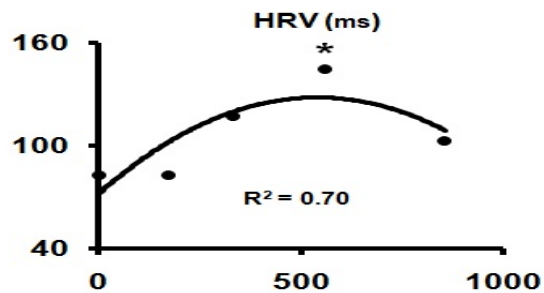
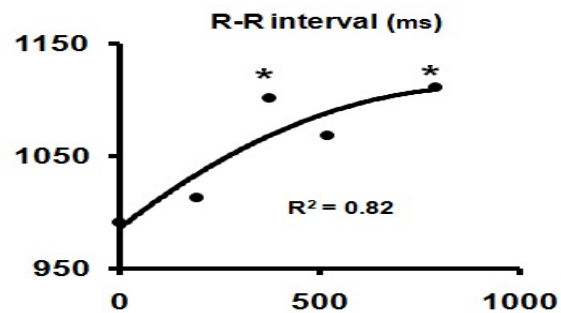
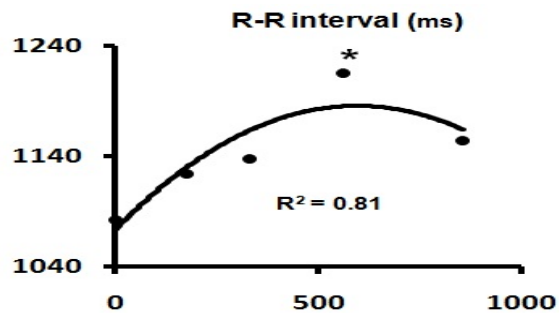


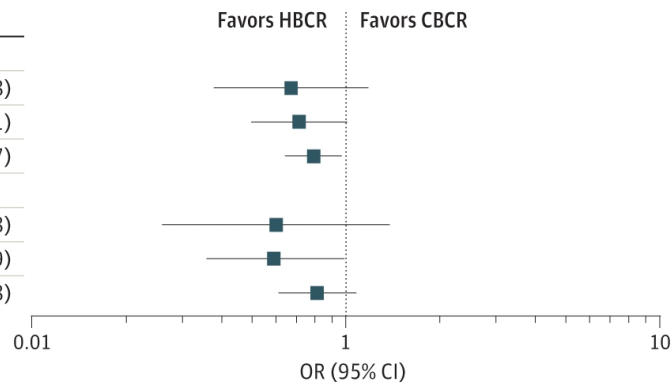
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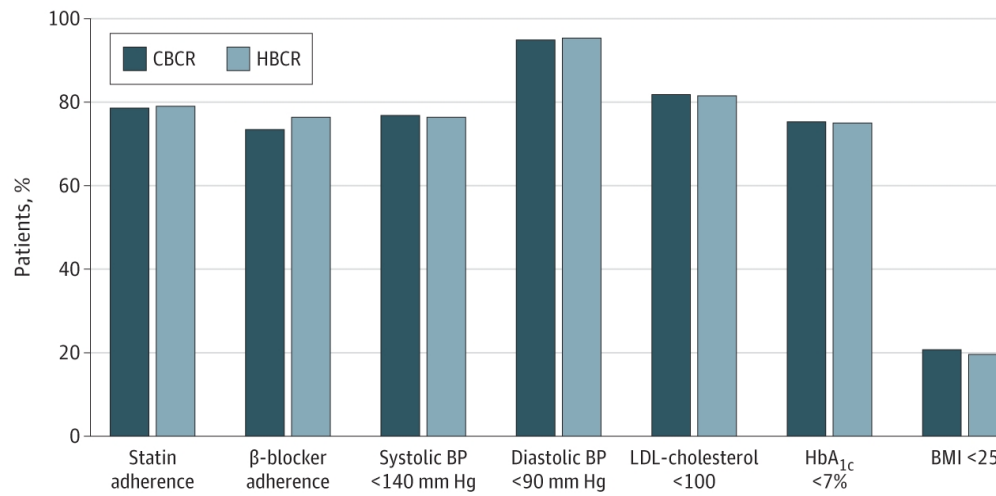


**A** Hospitalizations

Hospitalization	OR (95% CI)
All-cause	
30-d	0.67 (0.38-1.18)
90-d	0.71 (0.50-1.01)
12-mo	0.79 (0.64-0.97)
Cardiovascular-related	
30-d	0.60 (0.26-1.38)
90-d	0.59 (0.36-0.99)
12-mo	0.81 (0.61-1.08)



**B** Medication adherence and cardiovascular risk factor control at 12 mo



# **REMARKS**

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***SESSION-RPE IS AN EASY-TO-USE AND VALIDATED METHOD FOR EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE, THAT COULD BE USED FOR LONG-TERM, OUT-OF-HOSPITAL, SELF-SELECTED, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PATIENTS WITH CARDIAC DISEASES.***

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# **CONCLUSIONS**

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***RPE-session METHOD REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD IN THE INDIVIDUALIZATION OF AEROBIC TRAINING TAILORED TO THE ACTUAL PATIENT'S CLINICAL and FUNCTIONAL STATUS.***

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