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Does plyometric exercise improve jumping performance in volleyball athletes?

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective: What are the effects of plyometric interventions on jumping performance in volleyball players?

Rationale: Plyometric exercise can be used to improve volleyball player's jump

performance. However, an overview regarding the effect of plyometric exercise on volleyball player's is lacking.

Condition being studied: Systematic review and meta-analysis on plyometric intervention in volleyball players from any sex or age.

METHODS

Search strategy: Electronic databases (PubMed, Web of Science and Scopus) were searched for relevant publications. Keywords and synonyms were entered in various combinations in all fields: (volleyball OR volleyball athletes OR volleyball players)" AND (strength training OR resistance training OR power training OR strength exercise OR ballistic exercise OR plyometrics exercise OR weightlifting exercise OR complex exercise).

Participant or population: Apparently healthy volleyball athletes, with no restrictions on their playing level, sex, or age.

Intervention: Chronic plyometric training program.

Comparator: Passive or active control groups.

Study designs to be included: Systematic review and meta-analysis.

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Information sources: Electronic databases (PubMed, Web of Science and Scopus) were searched for relevant publications.

Main outcome(s): The vertical jump, horizontal jump, countermovement jump,

drop jump and squat jump were chosen as the main outcome.

Additional outcome(s): None.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The instrument used to assess the quality of reviews and meta-analysis was AMSTAR 2, which is an updated form of AMSTAR, where the group of experts considered that the reviews should address all aspects of conducting a systematic review and the challenges of including non-randomized studies. Assessment method: Yes = 1 point, Yes Partial = 0.5 and No = 0, totalizing 16 points.

Strategy of data synthesis: A summary of scope and findings reported of the review studies (author, year, country, participants, duration, outcomes, protocols and conclusions).

Subgroup analysis: None.

Sensitivity analysis: None.

Language: English.

Country(ies) involved: Brazil.

Keywords: volleyball; sport science; sport performance.

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