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METHODS

Participant or population: Soccer players.

Intervention: Cognitive tasks used to induce mental fatigue.

Comparator: Mental fatigue vs. low/non mental fatigue.

Study designs to be included: RCT.

Eligibility criteria: English language; prior cognitive task induces mental fatigue; soccer players; decision-making skill was outcome.

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Main outcome(s): Effects of mental fatigue on soccer decision-making skill.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: PEDro scale (www.pedro.org.au).

Strategy of data synthesis: All data about mental fatigue influences decision-making skills among soccer players will be together, whatever in small-side games, full-game or lab.

Subgroup analysis: Male and female.

Sensitivity analysis: To adjust for publication bias, a sensitivity analysis was conducted using the trim and fill method, with L0 as the default estimator for the number of missing studies.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: mental fatigue; decisionmaking; soccer performance; soccer players.

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