Effect of Post-activation potentiation on Sports Performance of Athletes: A Systematic Review

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INPLASY registration number: This protocol was registered with the International Platform of Registered Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (INPLASY) on 29 March 2023 and was last updated on 29 March 2023 (registration number INPLASY202330120).

INTRODUCTION

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Condition being studied: Compared to traditional training, post-activation potentiation is a new dynamic warm-up method that can significantly improve athletes' sports performance, including power, endurance, speed, and jumping ability.

METHODS

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**Intervention:** Post-activation potentiation was the main intervention.

**Comparator:** None.

**Study designs to be included:** Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) will be included.

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**Information sources:** Ebscohost, Scopus, PubMed, Web of Science, and Google Scholar.

**Main outcome(s):** Power test, speed test, endurance test, agility test, flexibility test, jumping ability test after Post-activation potentiation.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Data from all studies were scored on a PEDro scale of three to five. All studies were penalized for criteria involving concealment of assignments, blinded participants, evaluators, therapists, and intent for a treatment analysis. Because the intervention is strength training and comes with the risk of professionalism and sports injuries, it is challenging to blind participants, evaluators, and therapists. However, research can ensure that all subjects receive treatment. Two reviewers will independently assesses.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** None.

**Subgroup analysis:** None.

**Sensitivity analysis:** None.

**Language restriction:** English.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

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