

NOTES TO AUTHORS

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What is already known on this topic? – 2-3 sentences in a shaded quote box

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What is already known on this topic?

The ACE gene might be the "speed/endurance gene". Alu Insertion polymorphism is associated with endurance (cycling, long distance running), unlike Deletion polymorphism which is associated with sprint/power events (sprints, velodrome cycling, short distance swimming, etc.). There are no data available on field hockey players.

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What this study adds? 3-7 sentences in a shaded quote box

An example:

What this study adds?

This is the first study to examine the effect of an athlete's ACE genotype on actual field hockey players' motor skills and aerobic endurance. We did not detect significant genotype effects of ACE on the analyzed traits; however, a tendency for decreased performance of individuals with DD genotype was noticeable for vertical jump, power peak and power average.

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Table 1. Descriptive statistics and comparative analysis of maximal oxygen uptake (VO_2max in $\text{ml}/\text{kg}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$) between genotypes of the I/D *UCP2* gene polymorphism

<i>UCP2</i>		DD					ID					II				
Sex	<i>N</i>	\bar{x}	<i>SD</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>N</i>	\bar{x}	<i>SD</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>N</i>	\bar{x}	<i>SD</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	
F	42	45.65	6.14	32.30	59.00	36	45.66	7.18	30.60	59.80	7	45.07	7.60	35.00	54.80	
M	72	54.01 ^a	6.20	40.30	79.00	70	55.60	7.32	42.30	76.80	12	59.07 ^a	9.04	49.70	74.90	

Analysis of variance did not show statistically significant differences between mean values of recorded maximal oxygen uptake in groups represented by DD, ID, II genotypes. a - difference observed between DD and II genotypes at *p* value 0.052 in males.

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