

**Efecto de la fatiga en el rendimiento y la toma de decisiones
técnico-tácticas en el fútbol**

**Effects of fatigue on performance and technical-tactical
decision-making in soccer**

**Efeitos da fadiga no desempenho e na tomada de decisões
técnico-tácticas no futebol**

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Resumen

Los esfuerzos cortos de alta intensidad que se realizan en deportes como el fútbol o el baloncesto podrían fatigar el sistema nervioso central (SNC). Para demostrarlo, se utilizaron los umbrales Flicker Fusion (UFF), un método utilizado para medir la fatiga del SNC y la función cognitiva, luego de una prueba de habilidad para repetir carreras (RSA), en la que se observó una disminución de los UFF, lo que indica fatiga del SNC. Por esta razón, la fatiga no solo se debe a factores musculares sino también a factores que afectan al SNC. Varios estudios han demostrado los efectos de la fatiga inducida por tareas combinadas cognitivas y motoras (Repeated Interval Loughborough Soccer Passing Test, partidos de entrenamiento de 90 minutos), y por tareas aisladas, tanto cognitivas (tarea Stroop de colores) como motoras (cargas físicas de alta intensidad), sobre el rendimiento técnico-táctico del jugador de fútbol. El objetivo de esta investigación es estudiar el efecto de la fatiga inducida mediante la Prueba de velocidad anaeróbica basada en la carrera (RAST) sobre el rendimiento en el tiempo de ejecución (TE) y la toma de decisiones (TD) en acciones técnico-tácticas de fútbol en situación de laboratorio. Se diseñó un estudio



cuasiexperimental, longitudinal y comparativo, con pretest y postest. Se evaluó a dos grupos de futbolistas ($n=34$) divididos en un grupo de control ($n=18$) y un grupo experimental ($n=16$), en dos ocasiones y en dos momentos diferentes, utilizando el Stroop Task Football Test. Teniendo en cuenta el p valor, el tamaño del efecto y la potencia estadística, se observan diferencias antes y después del RAST en las variables índice total (IT) y tiempo de ejecución (TE), pero no en la toma de decisiones (TD). Por otro lado, el grupo de control permaneció estable en ambos momentos. Se concluye que, aunque la elección sea correcta no es suficiente con demorarse en la TD en este deporte en cualquier circunstancia o condición.

Palabras clave: fatiga, fútbol, rendimiento, sistema nervioso central, tiempo de ejecución, toma de decisiones.

Abstract

Short-term high intensity-efforts in sports such as soccer or basketball could fatigue the central nervous system (CNS). To demonstrate this, Flicker Fusion Thresholds (UFF), a method used to measure CNS fatigue and cognitive function, were used after a Running Repeat Ability (RSA) test, and CNS fatigue was observed due to decreased UFF. Therefore, fatigue is not only due to muscular factors, but also to factors affecting the CNS. Several studies have demonstrated the effects of fatigue induced by combined cognitive and motor tasks (Repeated Interval Loughborough Soccer Passing Test, 90-minute training matches) and by isolated cognitive (Color Stroop task) or motor tasks (high-intensity physical load) on the technical-tactical performance of soccer players. The aim of this research is to study the effect of RAST-induced fatigue on performance in execution time (ET) and decision-making ability (DMA) in technical-tactical actions in soccer in laboratory situation. A quasi-experimental, longitudinal, pretest-posttest comparative study was designed. Two groups of soccer players ($n=34$), divided into a control group ($n=18$) and an experimental group ($n=16$), were evaluated twice at two different times. Taking into account the p-value, effect size and statistical power, there are differences before and after RAST in the variables total index (TI) and execution time



(ET), but not in decision making (DMA). On the other hand, the control group remained stable at both time points. In conclusion, delaying the TD, even if the call is correct, is not sufficient in this sport under any circumstances or conditions.

Keywords: fatigue, soccer, performance, central nervous system, execution time, decision making.

Resumo

Esforços curtos e de alta intensidade no futebol ou no basquete podem causar fadiga no sistema nervoso central (SNC). Para demonstrar isso, foi utilizado o Threshold Flicker Fusion (UFF), método para medir a fadiga do SNC e a função cognitiva, após um teste de capacidade de repetição de corrida (RSA), no qual se observou a fadiga do SNC devido à diminuição da UFF. Por esse motivo, a fadiga não se deve apenas a fatores musculares, mas também a fatores que afetam o SNC. Vários estudos demonstraram os efeitos da fadiga induzida por tarefas cognitivas e motoras combinadas (Repeated Interval Loughborough Soccer Passing Test, partidas de treinamento de 90 minutos) e por tarefas cognitivas isoladas (tarefa de stroop colorido) e por tarefas cognitivas isoladas (Stroop Task Football Test) ou motoras (cargas físicas de alta intensidade) no desempenho técnico-tático do jogador de futebol. O objetivo desta pesquisa é estudar o efeito da fadiga induzida pelo RAST no desempenho em tempo de execução (TE) e na tomada de decisão (TD) em ações técnico-táticas no futebol em situação de laboratório. Foi criado um estudo quase experimental, longitudinal e comparativo, com pré e pos-testes. Dois grupos de jogadores de futebol ($n=34$), divididos em grupo de controle ($n=18$) e grupo experimental ($n=16$) foram avaliados duas vezes em dois momentos diferentes por meio do Stroop Task Football Test. Levando em consideração o valor de p , o tamanho do efeito e o poder estatístico, há diferenças antes e depois do RAST nas variáveis índice total (IT) e tempo de execução (TE), mas não na tomada de decisão (TD). Por outro lado, o grupo de controle manteve-se estável em ambos os momentos. Em conclusão, atrasar o TD, mesmo que a escolha seja correta, não é suficiente neste esporte em qualquer circunstância ou condição.



Palavras-chave: fadiga, futebol, desempenho, sistema nervoso central, tempo de execução, tomada de decisão.

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