

Significance of Adaptation Indicators Among Highly-Qualified Athletes in Terms of Transmeridian Trips Influence Taking into Account Gender and Specialization

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Abstract—The article considers the significance of temporary adaptation markers among highly-qualified racing skiers at the final stage of a yearly cycle of training during the flight to the east. On the basis of correlational analysis of dynamic indices rows of morphological state, cardiovascular and vegetative nervous system functional state, biochemical markers of adaptation, received in everyday monitoring among 16 highly-qualified racing skiers (men, women, age -26,5 \pm 3,1 years old, sports experience- 16,9 \pm 3,7 years). They specialize in disciplines with different methodical orientation (distance and sprint). We revealed informative indices of temporary adaptation, differentially significant for temporary adaptation irrespective of gender and specialization, for adaptation taking into account gender characteristics and strict methodical orientation of the training process.

Keywords—temporary adaptation; racing skiers; men; women; distance training; sprint training; final stage of training.

I. INTRODUCTION

Organism adaptation of highly-qualified athletes to tense muscular activity in terms of the main starts of the season becomes more complicated because of several factors, including individual characteristics of an athlete. They include the level of physical readiness, acclimatization experience and competitive practice experience, the main start of the season location, its chronobiological and climatic-geographical characteristics in terms of considerable differences from the place of living.

Transmeridian trip leads to disbalance of inner and outer daily rhythms of a new zone time with resulting functional abilities deterioration because of inner rhythms transformation heterochrony in vital systems during the period of desynchronosis. It is reflected in central nervous system, hormonal, vegetative nervous and cardiovascular system functioning and causes adaptation mechanisms tension [1] - [11].

The problem of athlete's adaptation processes optimization as the base for the best performance in every case of training for the main start of a season in terms of chrono-zone factor influence is provided with the significant markers of adaptation determination with further their changeability revelation at the stages of extreme desynchronosis and after overcoming it in terms of precompetitive training and competitions, taking into account the results of performance. This forms the base of training planning optimization taking into account methodical orientation and individualization of training.

Significant markers of adaptation revelation, as a rule, is realized on the basis of functional state indices changeability, which provide physical working capacity being oriented toward phase character of desynchronosis reduction processes [1]-[3]. This reflects composite influence of different factors- age, gender, specific specialization in a kind of sport, disguising the influence of chrono-zone effect itself.

The aim of the research work is to specify the importance of adaptation indicators of highly-qualified athletes' functional state in terms of transmeridian trip influence, taking into account gender and specialization.



II. METHODS

The research was held by the example of training highly-qualified skiers for the stage of World Cup. It was organized in terms of XXIII Olympic Games-2018 (Republic of Korea, mountain-skiing complex Alpenziya - low-hill terrain; air temperature-within the range -9,3 till 0,2°C, humidity-67%), which underlined the main influence of desynchronosis factor (6 hour shift in time) on adaptation processes.

Three groups of racing skiers took part in the research. They had direct 8-hours flight Moscow- Seoul and arrived in Pyeongchang (Republic of Korea) 9 days before the beginning of the competitions. The groups included athletes of different gender and methodical orientation of training: men, the group of distance training; men, the group of sprint training; women, the group of distance training; in general 16 people, which is presented in table I.

The methods of general indicators estimation during adaptive processes in everyday monitoring are the following: the indices determination of psychological state (subjective health state, appetite and the desire to train estimation), morphological state (height and body weight, muscular and fat mass using calipermetry), cardiovascular and vegetative nervous system (blood pressure - systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP), pulse blood pressure-PBP, HR (rate) at rest and orthostatic test using tonometry, puslometry and electrocardiography (ECG)), biochemical indices of blood (oxygen-transporting system, protein, and mineral metabolism, fermentative activity). Athletes were examined in the morning, every day during 12 days of pre-competitive (9 days) and competitive (3days) training.

TABLE I. AGE-RELATED AND QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC OF RACING SKIERS GROUPS

	N	Age	Experience	Qualification/ title		
Group	people	years	years	ms (master of sport)	wca (World- class athlete)	Mms (Merited Master of Sports)
		X±σ	X±σ	%	%	%
Men – distance	8	26,8 ± 3,3	$17,0 \pm 3,3$	62,5	37,5	-
Men – sprint	2	25,0 ± 4,2	$15,5 \pm 6,4$	50,0	ı	50,0
Women – distance	6	25,3 ± 2,4	14,5 ± 1,7	100,0	-	-
Total	16	26,5 ± 3,1	16,9 ± 3,7	63,2	26,3	10,5

III. RESULTS

According to the observation results we made several conclusions, based on phase character of physical readiness indices dynamics and functional state of athletes of different specialization and gender in groups. We revealed the leading functional indices of adaptation to the training loads, combined with time factor influence: regulation mechanisms

of vegetative-vascular system (PBP, BP and HR in orthostasis); the main hormones dynamics, which determine the balance of metabolism (cortisol and free testosterone, their ratio); the level of protein (general protein, urea) and carbohydrate (glucose and insulin) metabolism indices, the level of magnesium, aspartate aminotransferase activity (AAT); subjective estimation of sleep quality and the desire to train [7].

At the same time, for functional state indices we didn't define differentiation of gender, specific specialization and priority time factor influence on adaptation of highly-qualified athletes' organism.

For this purpose we realized correlation analysis of dynamic rows of indices. They consider morphological level, cardiovascular and vegetative system, biochemical markers of adaptation and psychological state, between the groups of athletes: men-sprint and men-distance; men-distance and women-distance; men-sprint and women-distance.

According to the results of correlation analysis 4 blocks of indices were defined. They are connected with the individual characteristics of the training loads bearing; gender; methodical orientation of training; the influence of chronozone factor, which is presented in table II.

TABLE II. INTERCONNECTION OF ORGANISM FUNCTIONAL STATE INDICES AMONG HIGHLY QUALIFIED RACING SKIERS DURING 12 DAYS OF PRE-COMPETITIVE AND COMPETITIVE TRAINING

	Men	Men - Women	
Indices	sprint - distance	sprint - distance	distance
Hemoglobin	0,66	-	-
Hemoglobin	0,69	-	-
Glucose	0,59	-	0,47
Calcium	-	-	0,50
Phosphor	-	-	0,64
Urea	0,67	-	-
General protein	0,51	0,60	0,85
Cortisol	0,91	0,84	0,73
General testosterone	0,56	-	-
Free testosterone	0,88	-0,77	-0,75
DHT			
dihydrotestosterone	0,54	0,53	0,63
SBP standing	0,61	0,48	0,57
HR lying	0,60	-	-
HR sitting	0,80	-	-
HR standing	0,55	-	-
Muscle mass, kg	0,84	-	-
Muscle mass,%	0,86	-	-
Fat mass, kg	0,67	-	-
Fat mass,%	0,72	-	-

The indices, which are mainly connected with individual readiness for the load bearing, include the indices not connected according to variability in terms of the interested time: psychological state, body weight, BP (blood pressure) and PBP at rest and orthostatic test; biochemical



indices of blood, which estimate activity of insular function (insulin), iron concentration, water-mineral metabolism indices (magnesium), ferments activity (alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate amino transferase (AST), creatine phosphokinase (CPK)), protein metabolism index (creatinine).

The indices, which differentiate the influence of gender identity, are reflected by the interconnection between the groups of one gender, but of different methodical orientation (men, who train and compete in distance and sprint distances): the dynamics of muscular and fat components, heart rate, the level of hemoglobin and hematocrit, glucose concentration in blood, the level of urea, general testosterone concentration.

The indices, which differentiate the influence of specialization, are reflected by the interconnection between the groups of different gender, but of the same methodical orientation (women and men, who train and compete in distance distances): glucose concentration in blood, calcium, phosphor, reflecting muscular activity tension.

There are indices, which are directly connected with all groups, irrespective of gender and specific specialization, which can be explained as markers of own chronozone adaptation: cortisol, general protein concentration in blood, lesser — dihydrotestosterone concentration, systolic blood pressure in standing position.

Moreover, there is interconnection between all groups of athletes according to the level of free testosterone, positive one- between the groups of men, negative one-between the group of women and two groups of men of different methodical orientation of training.

IV. CONCLUSION

Summarizing, we may conclude that adaptation to tense muscular activity in terms of chronic biological factor functioning is conditioned by the whole spectrum of influences, including gender identity, the specificity of the kind of sport, individual peculiarities of physical readiness on the basis of priority influence of hormonal shifts. They are reflected in the main metabolism hormones changes – cortisol and testosterone. This should be taken into account during means and methods of control planning over training athletes not only for the main starts of the season, but also for any competitions in terms of considerable time shift.

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