A photograph of several volleyball players in yellow jerseys with black accents, jumping over a net. The jerseys have "GUAGUAS LAS PALMAS GRAN CANARIA" printed on them. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators. The text is overlaid in yellow and white.

LOW BACK PAIN ON ELITE VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS – Identification of biomorphological risk factors

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LOW BACK PAIN

- An important and common health problem of the so called industrialized society
 - Main cause of incapacity and absenteeism from work;
 - Repercussions: Social,
Pshicological,
Economical;
 - Volleyball- high risk 
 - incidence
 - prevalence

(Aagaard, 1996; Ferreti et al, 1992; Silva, 2001)

LOW BACK PAIN ON VOLLEYBALL

LOW BACK PAIN
Athletes



LOW BACK PAIN
Adult Population

Similar condition and consequences

(Micheli et al, 1995)

INTIMATELY CONNECTED to:

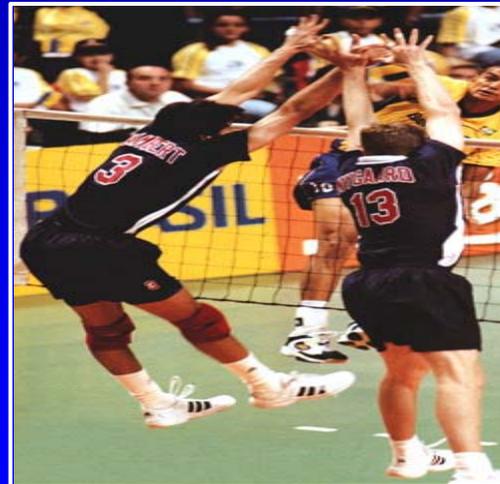
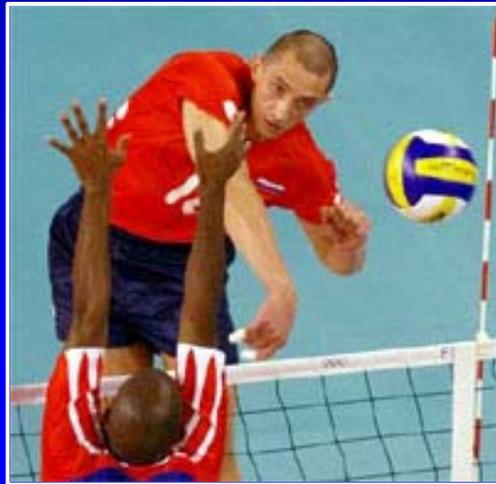
- **morphological characteristics,**
- **technical gesture,**
- **age,**
- **other pathologies.**

(Gal, 2001)

LOW BACK PAIN ON VOLLEYBALL

- **Severity and extension of these complaints determine the athlete's competitive capacity**

(Sousa, 2003)



SAMPLE

-  **Federated Volleyball Athletes;**
-  **More than 12 years old;**
-  **All Registered Teams on Madeira Volleyball Association - Autonomous Region of Madeira**



- 2 Weekly Trainings /2 Hours Each

SAMPLE

- Questionnaire - 301 Athletes

185 Female
116 Male

249 Without LBP
52 With LBP

- Questionnaire + Battery of Tests - 124 Athletes

83 Female
41 Male

83 Without LBP
41 With LBP

- Age

Average - 17.49 Years

Standart Deviation – 5.83

INSTRUMENTS

📖 **Self Answer Questionnaire adapted to Volleyball and LBP**

📖 **2 Anthropometric Cases:**

📖 **2 Anthropometers**

📖 **2 Large Sliding Calipers**

📖 **2 Skinfold Calipers**

📖 **2 Anthropometric Tapes**



INSTRUMENTS

- **1 Stadiometer**
- **1 Sitting Height Table**
- **2 Skinfold Calipers**
- **1 Acrylic Base**
- **2 Make-Up Pencils**
- **1 Weighting Scale**
- **1 Chair**
- **1 Matrisse**

PROCEDURES

- **Pre-test – Questionnaire;**
- **Questionnaire distributed during a training session to all present athletes;**
- **Answer Rate – 100%**
- **Anthropometric Tests – ISAK (2006)**



DATA TREATMENT

- 📁 **Descriptive and Exploratory Statistics;**
- 📁 **Multivariate Logistics Analysis;**
- 📁 **Level of Significance : $p \leq 0.05$;**

**Data Treatment Instrument: S.P.S.S.
14.0 for Windows.**

RESULTS – Questionnaire

LBP 2005 Prevalence

17.3% (+++ 18 years)

Causes:

-  Indirect Trauma – 55.8%
-  Overload/ Overuse - 34.6%

- Occurences:

- . During training sessions – 88.5%
- . During Competition- 11.5%

RESULTS - Questionnaire

Technical Gesture:

- . Spike - 53.8%
- . Serve - 28.8%

- LBP Condition:

Without Complaints

46.2%

Spontaneous Resolution

With Complaints

46.2%

Didn't STOP Training

RESULTS

Questionnaire / Anthropometric Measures (AM)

Anthropometric Data:

 Male sample presented higher average values

 Weight

 Stature

 BMI

RESULTS

Questionnaire / Anthropometric Measures (AM)

Multivariate Logistics Analysis:

Age + Female Gender + AM \longleftrightarrow LBP

Abdominal Skinfold – Risk · 1.2/ mm fold

Age – Risk · 1.3/ year

Age + Male Gender + AM \longleftrightarrow LBP

Age – Risk · 1.4/ year

RESULTS

Questionnaire / Anthropometric Measures (AM)

 **Age Range 15/16 + Gender + AM**  **LBP**
Bicipital Skinfold – Risk · 1.6/ mm fold

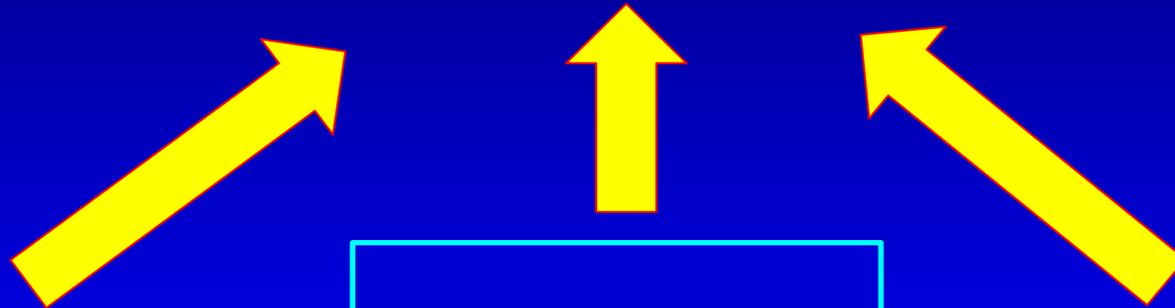
 **Age Range ≥ 18 + Gender + AM**  **LBP**
Age – Risk · 1.2/ year

DISCUSSION

Anthropometric Characteristics

•Risk Factors

AGE



Silva, 2001
Chard, 1987
Lund, 1985

Oliveira, 1998
Lindner, 1996
Burton, 1996

Grimmer, 2000
Salminen, 1999
Kujala, 1992

DISCUSSION

Anthropometric Characteristics

•Risk Factors

ABDOMINAL SKINFOLD



Hen, 1997
Lean, 1998
Toda, 2000
Hicks, 2005

BICIPITAL SKINFOLD



No specific
literature support



Thank you !

