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# RESTING METABOLIC RATE IN ADOLESCENT ATHLETES:

The development and validation of new equations, and comparison to previous models

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## ENERGY BALANCE

is an important factor not only for performance and recovery, but also for the growth and maturation of adolescent athletes<sup>1,2</sup>



## RESEARCH

on RMR (and associated prediction equations) in adolescent athletes is sparse.

# Are current RMR Prediction Equations valid for adolescent athletes?

**126**  
COMPETITIVE  
ATHLETES

**97**  
FEMALE

**29**  
MALE

**13 - 19**  
YEARS OLD

**8**

DIFFERENT TEAM &  
INDIVIDUAL SPORTS  
REPRESENTED



# TESTING



Most Existing prediction equations underestimate RMR in adolescent athletes

**Mass (BM, FFM and FM) and sex were the greatest determinants of RMR**

Including maturity (assessed as years to peak height velocity) did not improve prediction of RMR

**We suggest the following equation be used to predict RMR in adolescents**

$$\text{RMR} = 11.1 \times \text{BM (kg)} + 8.4 \times \text{height (cm)} - (340 \text{ Male, or } 537 \text{ Female})$$

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