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USE OF URINARY TITIN FRAGMENT AS A POTENTIAL BIOMARKER FOR MUSCLE DAMAGE DUE TO DIFFERENT EXERCISE CONFIGURATIONS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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THESIS ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to reveal the relationship between the kinematics of urinary titin fragment concentration and other muscle damage markers in the evaluation of exercise-induced muscle damage, and to create a perspective for the future use of this potential biomarker. In this systematic review, the PRISMA declaration was taken as a guide. The literature search was conducted through 5 different databases (Pubmed, Web of Science, Medline, Scopus, Science Direct). Criteria for including the reviewed studies in the compilation; (1) healthy individuals; (2) studies involving muscle damage resulting from exercise intervention; (3) Use of at least one serum muscle damage biomarker or imaging technique; (4) at least one of the following evaluations: muscle pain, maximum voluntary contraction, muscle strength, and joint range of motion; (5) muscle damage markers were reported with repeated measurement results. A total of 9 studies were included in the current systematic review by complying with the established criteria. When the studies are examined; urinary titin fragments showed significant correlations with other markers. As a result, it appears that UTF may be an important biomarker of exercise-induced muscle damage and can be used as a new and potential biomarker to detect muscle damage sensitively.

APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS

In the future, the development of rapid and cost-effective kits for assessing urinary titin fragments (UTF) will make it easier and more practical for coaches and sports scientists to monitor exercise-induced muscle damage during field measurements.

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