Evaluating Strength Endurance In Arm And Leg Muscle Groups: Insights And Recommendations For Training Interventions

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Abstract:
Background: In recent years, numerous studies by various authors have focused on investigating the factors influencing strength endurance and developing effective training interventions to improve it.
Aims: The objective of our study is to evaluate the strength endurance of participants in the arm and leg muscle groups by assessing their ability to sustain muscular effort over specific durations. By examining the performance of individuals in controlled exercise settings, we aim to gain further insights into the factors influencing strength endurance and provide practical recommendations for training interventions.
Method: The researcher selected the research population consisting of weightlifters (quadriceps) from Al-Kadhimiya Club for the year 2023-2023. The total number of weightlifters was eight, with ages ranging from 25 to 30 years. We have used several tests such as Strength Endurance Tests for Arms and Legs, Arm Strength Endurance Test, and Test Name: Prone Incline Arm Curl (60 s).
Results: For the prone incline arm curl test, there was a significant increase in repetitions from the pre-test (mean = 17.180, SD = 2.994) to the post-test (mean = 21.100, SD = 2.280). The mean difference was -3.833, with a t-value of -6.379. The p-value was 0.001, indicating a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test.
Conclusion: In summary, our study provides evidence that both the prone incline arm curl and back squat exercises can effectively enhance strength endurance in the arms and legs. These findings contribute to the understanding of targeted training interventions to improve muscular performance and may guide the development of tailored exercise programs for individuals aiming to enhance their strength endurance capabilities.
Keywords: Keywords: strength endurance, arm muscle groups, leg muscle groups, physical performance, training interventions, athletic performance.

I.   Introduction:

The field of applied physiology in physical education and sports plays a vital role in understanding and improving human performance. One key aspect of physical performance is strength endurance, which refers to the ability of muscles to sustain effort over a specific duration. Evaluating and enhancing strength endurance is of great interest to researchers, coaches, and athletes alike, as it directly impacts athletic performance and overall physical fitness.

In recent years, numerous studies by various authors have focused on investigating the factors influencing strength endurance and developing effective training interventions to improve it. These studies have contributed valuable insights into the physiological mechanisms underlying strength endurance and the potential strategies for its enhancement. Understanding the current state of research in this area is crucial for designing evidence-based training programs and optimizing athletic performance.

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To establish the context and significance of our study, it is essential to review relevant recent literature in the field of applied physiology in physical education and sports. Several notable studies by different authors have explored the effects of various training protocols, exercise modalities, and interventions on strength endurance. For instance, Johnson, Thompson, and Brown (2021) investigated the impact of resistance training

protocols on muscular strength and endurance in young adults, while Davis, West, and Baer (2022) examined the effects of different training interventions on strength and endurance in female athletes. Additionally, Williams, Simmons, and Stephens (2023) explored the effects of high-intensity interval training on strength and endurance performance.

These studies, along with others in the field, provide valuable insights into the relationship between different training interventions and strength endurance, but there remains a need for further research in this area. By focusing specifically on evaluating strength endurance in the arm and leg muscle groups, our study aims to contribute to the existing body of knowledge and provide practical implications for training programs in physical education and sports. Through our investigation, we hope to shed light on the mechanisms and factors influencing strength endurance, ultimately leading to evidence-based recommendations for optimizing athletic performance and promoting physical fitness. By understanding the specific demands of sustained muscular effort in the arms and legs, we can develop targeted training strategies that enhance strength endurance and improve overall athletic performance.

In the following sections, we will describe our methodology, present and analyze our results, and discuss the implications of our findings. By addressing the objective of evaluating strength endurance in the arm and leg muscle groups, our study aims to make a significant contribution to the field of applied physiology in physical education and sports, providing valuable insights for practitioners, athletes, and researchers alike.

II. Materials and Method

Participants:

The researcher selected the research population consisting of weightlifters (quadriceps) from Al-Kadhimiya Club for the year 2023-2023. The total number of weightlifters was eight, with ages ranging from 25 to 30 years. Two weightlifters were excluded from the study due to their refusal to undergo blood tests, resulting in a final sample size of six weightlifters. The researcher deliberately chose the research sample in order to achieve the study objectives.

We have conducted homogeneity tests for the indicators of age, training age, height, and weight.

Table 1. Participant Characteristics

Variables	Units	Mean	Median	SD	Skewness
Weight	KG	85.1000	83.5000	6.60303	0.681
Height	CM	1.7784	1.8100	0.55845	0.112
Age	Year	26.5100	26.0000	1.870	0.802
Training Age	Month	36.60	36	1.350	0.444

Tests Used in the Research:

We have used a battery of tests in our study such as:

-Strength Endurance Tests for Arms and Legs:

    a) Arm Strength Endurance Test:

- Test Name: Prone Incline Arm Curl (60 s).

- Purpose of the Test: To measure the strength endurance of the arm muscles.

- Tools Used: Stopwatch, whistle, recording sheet, counter.

- Test Procedure: From a prone incline position, the subject performs arm curls and returns to the initial position, repeating this action as many times as possible.

- Recording: The subject's score is the maximum number of arm curls that can be repeated within 60 seconds.

    b) Leg Strength Endurance Test:

- Test Name: Back Squat for 30 seconds at 50% intensity.

- Purpose of the Test: To measure the strength endurance of the leg muscles during the downward descent and full ascent movement.

- Tools Used: Iron bar weighing 20 kg, iron plates of varying weights (1.25, 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20 kg), iron clamps (2).

Procedures: Determine a percentage of 50% of the individual's maximum load in kilograms for each participant in the experimental group, and calculate the repetitions performed during the performance period. The experimenter holds the iron bar at a distance wider than the shoulders after it has been loaded.

Test Procedure: The initial position for this test involves placing the weight column on the shoulders after the experimenter holds the iron bar at a distance wider than the shoulders and leans against the neck, gripping it with the hands at a distance greater than the width of the hands. The distance between the feet is shoulder-width apart, maintaining a flat back position and high chest. After taking the weight column from the clamps and with

the assistance of the auxiliary team, the experimenter performs full knee flexion and complete extension with the iron bar as many times as possible within 30 seconds while maintaining the initial position.

Recording: The experimenter records the number of correct attempts performed within a 30-second time frame.

Statistical analyses

The statistical analysis was conducted using paired t-tests to compare the pre-test and post-test measurements of speed and acceleration using SPSS software.

III. Results

The table 2 illustrates the mean, standard deviation, pre-test and post-test of the strength endurance test (for arms and legs), as well as the mean difference, standard deviation of the difference, calculated t-value, significance level, and the results for the research sample.

Table 2. Comparison of Speed and Acceleration Measurements for Prone Incline Arm Curl and Back Squat Tests Before and After Training

| Sig Level | SD | Mean | SD | Post-test | | Pre-test | | Measurement Unit | Physical Test Variables Measurement |
				Accele ration	Speed	Acceler ation	Speed		
0.001	**6.379**	**0.600**	**-3.833-**	**2.280**	**21.100**	**2.994**	**17.1 80**	**Repetitions**	**Prone Incline Arm Curl 60 sec**
0.000	**25.000**	**0.166**	**-4.166-**	**1.032**	**19.665**	**1.048**	**15.5 00**	**Repetitions**	**Back Squat 30 seconds**

Our results show the mean and standard deviation of the pre-test and post-test measurements for two physical tests: prone incline arm curl for 60 seconds and back squat for 30 seconds. The mean difference, t-value, and significance level are also provided.

For the prone incline arm curl test, there was a significant increase in repetitions from the pre-test (mean = 17.180, SD = 2.994) to the post-test (mean = 21.100, SD = 2.280). The mean difference was -3.833, with a t-value of -6.379. The p-value was 0.001, indicating a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test.

Similarly, for the back squat test, there was a significant improvement in repetitions from the pre-test (mean = 15.500, SD = 1.048) to the post-test (mean = 19.665, SD = 1.032). The mean difference was -4.166, with a t-value of -25.000. The p-value was 0.000, indicating a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test.

Overall, these findings suggest that both the prone incline arm curl and back squat exercises resulted in significant improvements in performance, as indicated by the increased number of repetitions in the post-test compared to the pre-test.

IV. Discussion

Our study aimed to assess the participants' ability to sustain muscular effort over a specified duration (60 seconds for the arm test and 30 seconds for the leg test) and evaluate their strength endurance in the respective muscle groups (arms and legs).

Our results show the mean and standard deviation of the pre-test and post-test measurements for two physical tests: prone incline arm curl for 60 seconds and back squat for 30 seconds. The mean difference, t-value, and significance level are also provided. These results are similar to those found in others studies (Smith, et al., 2018; Miller, et al., 2019; Jones, et al., 2017).

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V. Conclusion:

In conclusion, our study aimed to evaluate the strength endurance of participants in the arm and leg muscle groups by assessing their ability to sustain muscular effort over specific durations. The results of our investigation reveal significant improvements in performance following the implementation of both the prone incline arm curl and back squat exercises.

The findings demonstrate that participants exhibited an increased number of repetitions in the post-test compared to the pre-test, indicating enhanced strength endurance in both the arms and legs. These results suggest that engaging in these exercises can effectively improve muscular endurance within the specified time frames.

The observed improvements in performance highlight the potential benefits of incorporating these exercises into training regimens aimed at enhancing strength endurance. These findings may have practical implications for individuals seeking to improve their overall muscular endurance and performance in activities that require sustained effort.

However, it is important to consider the limitations of our study, such as the specific population tested and the limited duration of the training intervention. Further research is warranted to explore the long-term effects of these exercises on strength endurance and to assess their applicability to different populations and training contexts.

In summary, our study provides evidence that both the prone incline arm curl and back squat exercises can effectively enhance strength endurance in the arms and legs. These findings contribute to the understanding of targeted training interventions to improve muscular performance and may guide the development of tailored exercise programs for individuals aiming to enhance their strength endurance capabilities.

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