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Dietary intake in track and field athletes during a competitive training period.

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INTRODUCTION

+ Nutrition becomes a key factor for an optimal performance during sport practice, specially in elite sport (Burke and Maughan, 2007).

+ Each athletic discipline has specific nutrition requirements according to its energetic demands.

+ Is it nutrition knowledge of the Spanish elite athletes appropriate?

+ Basis of a support project to the RFEA athletes (Sponsorized C.S.D)



INTRODUCTION

DIETARY INTAKE:

- + Recall weighed of food intakes (5 days x 3 mayor daily meals)
- + Digital scales Mettler Toledo® (±1g).
- + Software Nutritionist First Data Bank (San Bruno, Ca).
- + Compared with Dietary Reference Intake (DRI´s).



+ 24 hour activity questionnaire (recall). Period of 5 days.





METHODOLOGY

	Age (yr)	Weight (kg)	Height (m)	BMI (kg/m²)	Training (h/wk)
F (n=8)	19.9±2.1	56.4±7.1	1.71±0.04	19.3±1.7	14.3±4.7
M (n=12)	23.4±2.7	68.5±11.4	1.79±0.07	21.3±2.2	16.4±3.3







ENERGY INTAKE (EI) & ESTIMATED ENERGY REQUERIMENTS (EER)

RESULTS





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MACRONUTRIENTS INTAKE BY GENDER



* p<0.05; ** p<0.01





SUBOPTIMAL MICRONUTRIENTS INTAKE EXPRESSED AS %RDA







NUTRIENTS DENSITY

	Ca	Mg	К	Vit. E	Folate	Vit. K	Vit. D
		mg/1(000 kcal	µg/1000 kcal			
F	122±18	401±163	1424±203	3.7±1.4	155±66	34±22	1.2±0.8
М	122±41	409±71	1345±264	3.1±1.6	135±45	30±9	0.8±0.3



CONCLUSIONS.

- Considering the last recommendations for competitive period (Burke, Maughan, & Shirreffs, 2007) marginal carbohydrates and elevated lipids intakes were found in both groups.
- Although female athletes' intakes were lower in terms of energy and higher in marginal micronutrients; however, their nutrient density values were similar than in males.



CONCLUSIONS.

- Female athletes have to increase calcium intakes, this target could be fulfilled increasing the consumption of fortified calcium food (cereals and dairy).
- Nutritional counseling, intervention and education would be required in order to generate effective changes in the diet quality of elite athletes.



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THANK YOU

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