Effects of Halotherapy as an Adjunct to Preseason Training on Respiratory and Aerobic Outcomes in Elite Female Football Players: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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CONSORT 2025 checklist of information to include when reporting a randomised trial*

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Trial registration	2	Name of trial registry, identifying number (with URL) and date of registration	2, 19
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Changes to trial protocol	10	Important changes to the trial after it commenced including any outcomes or analyses that were not prespecified, with reason	N/A
Trial setting	11	Settings (e.g., community, hospital) and locations (e.g., countries, sites) where the trial was conducted	3, 4
Eligibility criteria	12a	Eligibility criteria for participants	4
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Intervention and comparator	13	Intervention and comparator with sufficient details to allow replication. If relevant, where additional materials describing the intervention and comparator (e.g., intervention manual) can be accessed	3-9
Outcomes	14	Pre-specified primary and secondary outcomes, including the specific measurement variable (e.g., systolic blood pressure), analysis metric (e.g., change from baseline, final value, time to event), method of aggregation (e.g., median, proportion), and time point for each outcome	3-9
Harms	15	How harms were defined and assessed (e.g., systematically, non-systematically)	N/A
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Randomisation:			
Sequence generation	17a	Who generated the random allocation sequence and the method used	4
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Allocation concealment mechanism	18	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (e.g., central computer/telephone; sequentially numbered, opaque, sealed containers), describing any steps to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned	4
Implementation	19	Whether the personnel who enrolled and those who assigned participants to the interventions had access to the random allocation sequence	4
Blinding	20a	Who was blinded after assignment to interventions (e.g., participants, care providers, outcome assessors, data analysts)	4
	20b	If blinded, how blinding was achieved and description of the similarity of interventions	4
Statistical methods	21a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes, including harms	9
	21b	Definition of who is included in each analysis (e.g., all randomised participants), and in which group	4-5
	21c	How missing data were handled in the analysis	N/A
	21d	Methods for any additional analyses (e.g., subgroup and sensitivity analyses), distinguishing prespecified from post-hoc	9
Results			

Participant flow, including flow diagram	22a	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended intervention, and were analysed for the primary outcome	4-5
	22b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons	4-5
Recruitment	23a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up for outcomes of benefits and harms	4-6
	23b	If relevant, why the trial ended or was stopped	N/A
Intervention and comparator delivery	24a	Intervention and comparator as they were actually administered (e.g., where appropriate, who delivered the intervention/comparator, how participants adhered, whether they were delivered as intended [fidelity])	3-9
	24b	Concomitant care received during the trial for each group	5-9
Baseline data	25	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	3
Numbers analysed, outcomes and estimation	26	For each primary and secondary outcome, by group: ● the number of participants included in the analysis ● the number of participants with available data at the outcome time point ● result for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval) ● for binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect size	9-13
Harms	27	All harms or unintended events in each group	5
Ancillary analyses	28	Any other analyses performed, including subgroup and sensitivity analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from post-hoc	9
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*We strongly recommend reading this statement in conjunction with the CONSORT 2025 Explanation and Elaboration and/or the CONSORT 2025 Expanded Checklist for important clarifications on all the items. We also recommend reading relevant CONSORT extensions. See www.consort-spirit.org.

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