

Validity and reliability of the 30-s continuous jump for anaerobic power and capacity assessment in combat sport

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43 **INTRODUCTION**

44 The anaerobic capacity (AC) is defined as the maximal amount of energy that can be
45 generated over a given period of time using anaerobic sources of energy (i.e., phosphagen and
46 glycolytic energy pathways) [Green 1994]. It has been well demonstrated that AC depends on
47 exercise type, involved muscle group [Bangsbo et al. 1990]. Both anaerobic power (AP) and AC
48 must be excellent allowing competitors to repeat high intensity bouts of activity with minimal rest
49 period such in combat sports. In these contact sports, high fitness level requires complex skills and
50 tactical excellence for success, however, one very important component to success is to perform
51 powerful and fast blows, which depend significantly of AP and AC.

52 Martial arts (e.g., karate, taekwondo, kickboxing) have specific psychophysiological demands
53 [Alesi et al. 2014; Padulo et al. 2014] and requires well-developed muscle power in both the upper
54 and lower limbs [Tabben et al. 2013]. These sport characteristics demonstrate the importance of
55 anaerobic fitness development via AP and AC to achieve high fitness level. Among these aspects
56 of fitness, muscle strength of the lower limbs is particularly important because it is crucial for
57 kicking. To measure the anaerobic metabolism in lower limbs, researchers of the Wingate
58 institution developed the Wingate test (WAnT) in cycle ergometer as a method of measuring
59 maximal anaerobic power (peak and mean), as well as anaerobic fatigue. However, procedures of
60 WAnT evaluate the mechanical outcomes (i.e., mechanical power, jumping performance)
61 representing an estimation of anaerobic power instead of measurements of metabolic variables that
62 represents the anaerobic capacity [Minahan, Chia, and Inbar 2007].

63 Recently, several studies have reported the possibility to estimate separately the oxygen
64 equivalents from phosphagen and glycolytic energetic pathways during running and cycling using
65 the fast component of excess post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC_{fast}) and net blood lactate
66 accumulation ($\Delta_{[La]}$) respectively [Zagatto et al. 2016a]. Bertuzzi et al. [2010] and Miyagi et al.

67 [2017], reported that the sum of both correspond to the AC predicted level. This procedure may
68 help to estimate separately each metabolism and its relevance using specific exercise [Zagatto et
69 al. 2016b]. This method could be also used to estimate the anaerobic capacity in combat sports
70 such karate in association with short and briefs efforts such as jumping or pedalling (i.e. Wingate
71 test). It is almost important to mention that efforts to develop and exploit valid testing design and
72 procedures are seriously hampered by a significant and continuing lack of basic scientific
73 knowledge concerning the AC and AP in combat sport such as karate and especially in children
74 fighters. In fact, immaturity of anaerobic metabolism in this population is a major concern, and
75 there are several possible reasons for a lower glycolytic activity compared with adult. As such, the
76 aim of this study was to determine the test–retest reliability and concurrent validity of the
77 continuous jump test performed over 30s (CJ30s) for anaerobic capacity evaluation of children
78 athletes in kicking combat sports, using WAnT as a reference tool. To the best of our knowledge,
79 this study is the first attempt to determine the anaerobic capacity and power by jump test due to
80 increased activity of lower limbs during the fight; then, we aimed to improve the ecological validity
81 compared to cycling Wingate test.

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83 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

84 **Participants**

85 Thirteen children female karateka (Age:11.07±1.32 years; body weight: 41.76±15.32 kg;
86 body height: 152±11.52 cm; training experience: 4.38±2.14 years) volunteered to participate in this
87 study. The parents reviewed and signed consent forms approved by the local Ethics Committee for
88 Human Research (ECHR) of the University of Split: “Ethical Committee of the Faculty of
89 Kinesiology (ECFK)”. The “Ethical Committee of the Faculty of Kinesiology” approved the entire

90 study design which has been conducted according to the principles expressed in the Declaration of
91 Helsinki. Participants trained on a regular basis (three sessions per week) during 2 years and they
92 were currently competing at the national level. Inclusion criteria included the absence of the
93 following: contraindications to maximal exercise testing (e.g., cardiovascular or pulmonary
94 disease); metabolic syndrome symptoms (e.g., hypertension, impaired fasting glucose), joint &
95 muscle injuries.

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97 **Experimental Procedures**

98 Participant were tested in three separate sessions with an interval of 48-h between each
99 session. The first and second sessions were used to determine the reliability of the Continuous
100 Jump test (CJ30s), while the third session was used to perform Wingate Anaerobic Test (WAnT)
101 that was considered as standard test to investigate concurrent validity.

102 Anthropometric measurements were performed during the first session. Participants were
103 familiarized with testing procedures to negate learning effect. Participants avoided physical activity
104 during the 48 h preceding each test. Participants were asked to abstain from high glycemic loads,
105 saturated and trans-fatty acids, caffeine, alcohol, drugs, vitamins or supplements, and low-fiber
106 diets for the duration of the study. All tests were performed in the morning 2h postprandial and
107 under same condition (temperature: ~24°C inside laboratory) to avoid any circadian effect [Ammar
108 et al. 2015]. During the tests the participants remained 10-min sitting in a chair to measure the
109 resting blood lactate value (baseline), as well as after the tests the same procedures was adopted
110 (i.e., 10-min of resting) to measure the blood lactate response and mainly the fast component of
111 excess post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC-fast).

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113 **CJ₃₀ testing**

114 The CJ30s was preceded by five joint mobility exercises (one set of 10-s) with emphasis
115 on the lower limbs and 2 jumps with 1-min in-between. The CJ30s consisted of maximal
116 continuous vertical jumps performed for 30s in according to Dal Pupo et al. [2014]. Participants
117 were required to keep the trunk as vertical as possible, and hands were placed on hips. According
118 to recommendations of the protocol, participant was also asked to flex their knees at $\sim 90^\circ$ in the
119 transition between negative/positive phases [Padulo et al. 2013], which is considered the best
120 angular position to maximize the vertical jump performance [Gheller et al. 2015]. To better
121 replicate each jump (i.e. braking phase corresponding at knee 90° , $\sim 5^\circ$ as tolerance [Gheller et al.
122 2015]; previously standardized 90° with goniometer/accelerometer) an electronic “Bip” audio
123 feedback (SpinItalia, Roma) via computer was used when each participant reached the knee at 90° .
124 The electronic audio feedback [Vando et al. 2014] includes a customized accelerometer with
125 sample rate 100-Hz (SpinItalia, Roma), secured by elastic band (Wetrap) on the rectus femoris (in
126 the middle), connected via Bluetooth to the Notebook and managed from Bridge software
127 (LagalaColli_Bridge V. 8.4.14.5). Verbal feedback will be provided to the subject during the test
128 to encourage them to maintain maximum performance (i.e., explosive continuous jump) until the
129 end of the test. All jumps was assessed with OptojumpNext (Microgate, Italy) [Attia et al. 2017].

130 The maximal jump height (H_{MAX}), the mean jump height of the first four jumps (H_{MEAN_4J}),
131 the mean jump height of all jumps (H_{MEAN}) and the fatigue index were calculated. The fatigue index
132 was obtained considering the first (H_{MEAN_4J}) and the last (H_{MEAN_end4J}) four jumps of the test [Maud
133 and Foster 2009], according to Eq:

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$$Fatigue\ Index = [(H_{MEAN_4J} - H_{MEAN_end4J}) / H_{MEAN_4J}] \times 100$$

135 The H_{MEAN_4J} was used as indicator of peak power in an attempt to determine an analogous measure
136 in the CJ30s. This is similar to WAnT and is generally obtained during the first 5th seconds of the
137 test.

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139 **Wingate anaerobic test (WAnT)**

140 Wingate anaerobic test (WAnT) was performed with a specific cycle-ergometer (Monarch,
141 Peak Bike 894e, MONARK, Sweden), according to the protocol used by Inbar et al. [1996].
142 Participants were adjusted on cyclo-ergometer (the seat higher in relationship of the length leg and
143 the distance of the handlebar [Padulo, Di Capua, and Viggiano 2012;Padulo et al. 2015]) and
144 performed a warm-up of 5-min in the cycle ergometer with a load of 35W. A maximal sprint
145 between 3 and 5-s was performed at the end of each minute. The test started 2-min after the warm-
146 up. WAnT was performed at maximal intensity for 30-s with a load corresponding to 7.5% of body
147 mass (previously calculated). Resistance was applied after 3-s and the revolution per minute
148 reached almost 70 of maximal acceleration with no load. Participants were instructed to remain
149 seated throughout the test and received verbal encouragement to sustain their maximum effort
150 throughout the test. A one-minute period of cycling with no load was included at the end of the
151 test. The following variables were obtained in WAnT with the Monark Software (Monark ATS
152 Software, MONARK, Sweden): Peak power, mean power, lowest power and fatigue index [Maud
153 and Foster 2009] calculated according to Eq. :

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$$Fatigue\ Index = [(Peak\ power - lowest\ power) / Peak\ power] \times 100$$

155 **Physiological and Metabolic measurements**

156 Arterialised blood samples (20 ul) were collected from the earlobe at rest and after and after
157 (1st, 3th and 5th minutes of recovery) WAnT and CJ30s respectively. Lactate concentration was
158 determined through a portable lactate scout Lactate Pro LT-17 (ArkRay Inc. Kyoto, Japan), which
159 was calibrated before each measurement according to the manufacturer's manual. The highest
160 blood lactate concentration measured after the test was assumed as peak value and the net blood
161 lactate concentration ($\Delta_{[La]}$) was determined by the difference between peak and baseline values.

162 The oxygen uptake (VO_2) and carbon dioxide production were measured and recorded
163 breath-by-breath (Figure 1) using a metabolimeter system (K5, Cosmed, Italy) for the duration of
164 the test (i.e. 10' at baseline – warm-up – 30s exercise – 15 minutes at rest). Before each test, the
165 gas analyzer was calibrated using a high-precision gas mixture (5.06% CO_2 and 16.02% O_2) and
166 the spirometer with a 3-liter syringe (Hans Rudolf, Kansas City, Missouri, USA), in accordance
167 with the manufacturer's instructions. During the calibration process the gas analyzer was fixed on
168 a pedestal to avoid any influence of the external load (i.e. metabolimeter's weight) during the jumps
169 or pedaling; while the Omnia software (Cosmed, Italy) was able to discriminate with markers each
170 phase. Energetic contributions from phosphagen (E_{PCr}) and glycolysis ($E_{[La]}$) were estimated
171 during both tests (CJ30s and WAnT). The E_{PCr} contribution was considered as the $EPOC_{fast}$, which
172 was estimated by multiplication of the amplitude and the time constant of the fast component of a
173 bi-exponential model, while the $E_{[La]}$ energy was estimated by $\Delta_{[La]}$, considering a value of 1
174 $mmol \cdot L^{-1}$ to be equivalent to 3 mL O_2/kg body mass [di Prampero and Ferretti 1999]. Both
175 energetic pathways were calculated using the the GEDAE-LaB software by Bertuzzi et al. [2016].
176 Finally, the anaerobic capacity corresponded sum of both E_{PCr} and $E_{[La]}$.

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178 **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

179 The data are expressed as mean and standard deviation (SD). The test–retest reliability was
180 determined by calculating the intra-class correlation coefficient (ICC). The ICC values were
181 classified as follows: <0.4 = poor reliability; 0.4–0.75 = fair to good reliability; and >0.75 =
182 excellent reliability [Fleiss 1991]. Pearson’s correlation coefficients were used to establish the
183 correlation between WAnT and CJ30s parameters. Considering the strong reliability of test–retest
184 previously analyzed, the retest data were randomly selected to compare with WAnT parameters.
185 The following criteria were adopted for interpreting the magnitude of correlation between
186 variables: <0.1, trivial; 0.11–0.3, small; 0.31–0.5, moderate; 0.51–0.7, large; 0.71–0.9, very large;
187 and 0.91–1.0, almost perfect [Hopkins et al. 2009]. The analyses were performed with the
188 Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS Inc. v.17.0, Chicago, USA) and MedCalc® (v.11,
189 USA) and the level of significance was fixed with $P<0.05$.

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191 RESULTS

192 Table 1 shows the test and retest values of the CJ30s and WAnT parameters. No significant
193 difference were found and the H_{MAX} , H_{MEAN} , fatigue index, blood lactate response and E_{PCr}
194 presented ICC ranging from good to excellent while the fatigue index, $\Delta_{[La]}$, $E_{[La]}$ and anaerobic
195 capacity presented ICC ranging fair to good reliability. These results demonstrated that both
196 mechanical variables (jump performance) as well as anaerobic capacities were reliable.

197 In WAnT, the values obtained were: peak power = $5.41\pm 1.26 \text{ W}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$; mean power =
198 $3.92\pm 0.95 \text{ W}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$; fatigue index = $57.70\pm 13.52\%$; lactate peak = $6.77\pm 2.25 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, and
199 anaerobic capacity = $2.05\pm 0.74 \text{ LO}_2$. The E_{PCr} and $E_{[La]}$ estimated during WAnT were 1.41 ± 0.50
200 and $0.84\pm 0.61 \text{ LO}_2$. Large correlations were found between anaerobic capacity of CJ30s and
201 WAnT ($r= 0.730$, $P= 0.003$; Figure 2), the blood lactate between CJ30s and WAnT found ($r=$

202 0.713, $P= 0.009$), demonstrating the concurrent validity. In addition, moderate correlations of
203 fatigue index between CJ30s and WAnT ($r= 0.640$, $P= 0.014$), the mean height of the first four
204 jumps of CJ30s and the WAnT's peak power ($r= 0.572$, $P= 0.032$), the mean vertical jump height
205 of CJ30s and the mean power of WAnT ($r= 0.589$, $P= 0.021$) were found. In addition, The E_{PCR}
206 measured during CJ30S and WAnT was significantly correlated ($r=0.645$ with $p=0.0127$), as well
207 as the $E_{[La]}$ ($r=0.807$ with $P=0.0005$) respectively (Figure 3).

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209 **DISCUSSION**

210 The main findings of the current study were the validation of reliability of anaerobic
211 capacity measured during CJ30s and the significant and large correlation between anaerobic
212 capacity estimated during CJ30s and Wingate test reporting the concurrent validity. In addition, we
213 found interesting significant correlation between E_{PCR} and $E_{[La]}$ measured during both tests.
214 Moreover, we found moderate and significant correlations between CJ30s and Wingate test for
215 mechanical outcomes.

216 It is well demonstrated that prepubertal children have reduced activity of
217 phosphofructokinase-1 and lactate dehydrogenase enzymes markedly observed during intense
218 efforts [Ratel et al. 2002]. In fact, Hebestreit et al. [1996] found that during a maximal 30-s all-out
219 effort the blood lactate concentration was $5.7 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ in prepubertal boys compared to 14.2
220 $\text{mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ in adults. Similar results were also found in the current study. In fact, the peak blood
221 lactate values were 5.76 ± 2.03 to 6.02 ± 1.58 for both CJ30s tests and $6.77\pm 2.25 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ for
222 WAnT. Such results could also explain the lower glycolytic capacity and the immaturity of
223 anaerobic metabolism in children.

224 As we know, the anaerobic capacity represents the maximal amount of energy that can be
225 resynthesized during a specific exercise and for isolate muscle grouping and for a specific period
226 of time [Bangsbo et al. 1990]. Therefore, determination of the anaerobic capacity is more
227 dependent of each exercise mode (i.e. CJ30s vs. WAnT). The anaerobic capacity estimated using
228 the net blood lactate concentration and the fast component of EPOC was validated initially by
229 Bertuzzi et al. [2010] for cycler ergometer and afterward reinforced by Miyagi et al [2017] for
230 cycling and for Zagatto et al. [2016a] for treadmill running, reporting similar findings to maximal
231 accumulated oxygen deficit. In addition, this procedure was widely reliable [Zagatto et al. 2017b],
232 sensitive to distinguish individuals with different training status [Zagatto et al. 2017b], significantly
233 correlated with running performance [Zagatto et al. 2017a] and sensitive enough to detect
234 alterations in glycolytic metabolism responses following buffer supplement ingestion [Brisola et
235 al. 2015].

236 Hence, the lower glycolytic capacity in prepubertal children can explain the lower
237 anaerobic capacity reported in this study (1.77 ± 0.88 during CJ30s and 2.05 ± 0.74 LO_2 during
238 Wingate test) compared to adults (i.e., ~ 3.6 to 4.0 LO_2 [Miyagi et al. 2017]).

239 It is important to recognize the limitations of the immature musculoskeletal system, which
240 is structurally different than the mature system of adult and young individuals. The maximal
241 anaerobic power exerted by muscle on force-velocity testing is then low.

242 The WAnT was widely used for anaerobic power testing in combat sports. Quergui et al
243 [2014] observed a peak power ranging 9.8 $W\cdot kg^{-1}$ and the mean power ranging to 10.3 and 6.5 to
244 7.2 $W\cdot kg^{-1}$ during WAnT in kickboxing athletes. In the current study, the peak power was
245 5.41 ± 1.26 $W\cdot kg^{-1}$ while the mean power corresponded to 3.92 ± 0.95 $W\cdot kg^{-1}$, which were lower

246 than in kickboxing athletes, even in karateka's that have the kick as a matters determinant during
247 the fight.

248 High-level kickboxing performance requires high neuromuscular activation of lower limbs
249 [Tabben et al. 2014]. Phosphagens thus act as energy-storage molecules and are especially useful
250 during brief and short muscular activity such as actions in Karate sport [Doria et al. 2009].
251 Therefore, the estimation of E_{PCr} during jump test and during WAnT is an effective method that
252 will deliver athletes with best knowledge of their own abilities during maximal efforts.

253 Interestingly, the current findings showed significant correlation between E_{PCr} from CJ30s
254 and WAnT ($r=0.645$). This result demonstrates the possibility to estimate the phosphagen energy
255 system using jumps. In addition, the E_{PCr} values reported in the current study (1.10 ± 0.43 and
256 1.33 ± 0.40 LO_2 during CJ30s and Wingate test respectively) are similar to those found in adult
257 sedentary individuals (~ 1.4 LO_2), slight lowers than moderately trained runners (~ 1.4 LO_2), but
258 that were estimated in treadmill running [Zagatto et al. 2017b].

259 Despite of importance of anaerobic metabolism to karate, few information concerning to
260 this topic is found in the literature, mainly about the phosphagen energy system. In this way, when
261 some information is found, mainly about other combat sports, in general are reported the capacity
262 of mechanical power instead some information about the bioenergetical metabolism. This study
263 advances in the literature in this matter, bring a valid procedure to estimate the anaerobic capacity
264 and anaerobic power, as well as to estimate the energetic contribution from phosphagen and
265 glycolytic energy systems in a simple and ease effort, jumping, instead of only to measure the peak
266 and mean mechanical power. This point is very relevant due the anaerobic power does not represent
267 anaerobic capacity and vice-versa [Andrade et al. 2015;Minahan, Chia, and Inbar 2007]. In
268 addition, despite of the Wingate test to be a excellent procedure to measure the mechanical

269 anaerobic power for lower limbs, the effort performed during Wingate test does not mimic the
270 effort events performed during karate, and therefore, to use jumps test seems more adequate. We
271 recommend that in future study need to investigate the relationship between anaerobic capacity and
272 power, as well as each energetic metabolism with karate performance, possibility using the ranking
273 performance within a player category. In fact, this information could elucidate if the anaerobic
274 metabolism is also relevant to performance in children such it is relevant for adult athletes.

275 **CONCLUSIONS**

276 A 30s continuous jumps test may be more practical tests compared with other longer tests
277 (e.g., 60-s) with an improved validity and reliability. It is a specific exercise test for kicking combat
278 sports which involve anaerobic alactic power, explosive power expressed in the stretch-shortening
279 cycle movements. In addition, the use of a simple variable, i.e., jump height, rather than mechanical
280 power has greater practical application and/or clinical relevance for coaches and physical trainers
281 in combat sports. Because of its simple instrumentation, the CJ30s test is more easy than other
282 methods of anaerobic power/capacity assessment performed in the area of kicking combat sports

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377 **Table 1.** Reliability measures of the anaerobic capacity, maximum height, mean height, fatigue index and blood lactate peak between
 378 test–retest sessions of the continuous jump test.

Variable	Mean ± SD		ICC	CI (95%)
	Test	Retest		
H _{MAX} (cm)	18.58±2.64	18.74±2.44	0.884	0.662-0.965
H _{MEAN} (cm)	13.63±1.63	13.79±1.55	0.742	0.341-0.917
FI (%)	31.82±17.10	32.48±12.02	0.657	0.186-0.886
[La] _{peak}	5.76±2.03	6.02±1.58	0.522	0.033-0.809
Δ _[La] (mmol L ⁻¹)	4.18±1.66	4.66±1.64	0.653	-0.092-0.893
E _{PCr} (LO ₂)	1.15±0.48	1.10±0.41	0.588	0.128-0.840
E _[La] (LO ₂)	0.63±0.44	0.67±0.46	0.828	0.565-0.939

379 H_{MAX} = maximal jump height; H_{MEAN} = mean height considering all jumps; FI = fatigue index; LAC_{PEAK} = blood lactate peak; E_{PCr} =
 380 Anaerobic Alactic; E_[La] = Anaerobic Lactic; ICC= Intra-class Correlation Coefficient; CI= confidence interval.

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383 Figure Capture

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385 **Figure 1**

386 Oxygen uptake pre, during and post a Wingate anaerobic test (WanT) and CJ30 (30s continuous
387 jumps test)

388 **Figure 2**

389 Anaerobic Capacity (LO₂) relationship between the Wingate anaerobic test (WanT) and CJ30
390 (30s continuous jumps test)

391 **Figure 3**

392 Anaerobic Capacity (LO₂) relationship between ($E_{PCr}=A$ and $E_{[La]}=B$) the Wingate anaerobic test
393 (WanT) and CJ30 (30s continuous jumps test)

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Figure 1.JPEG

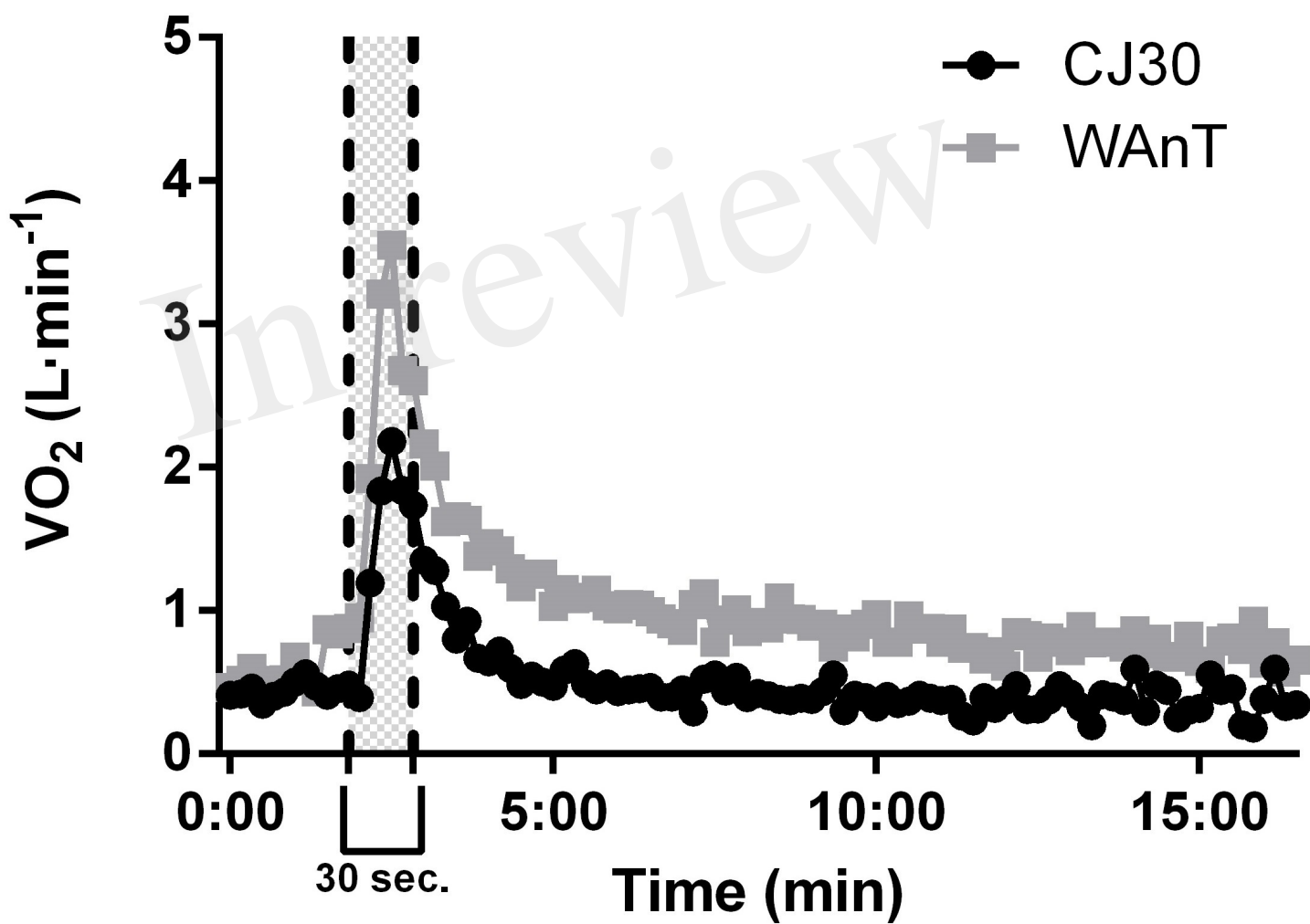


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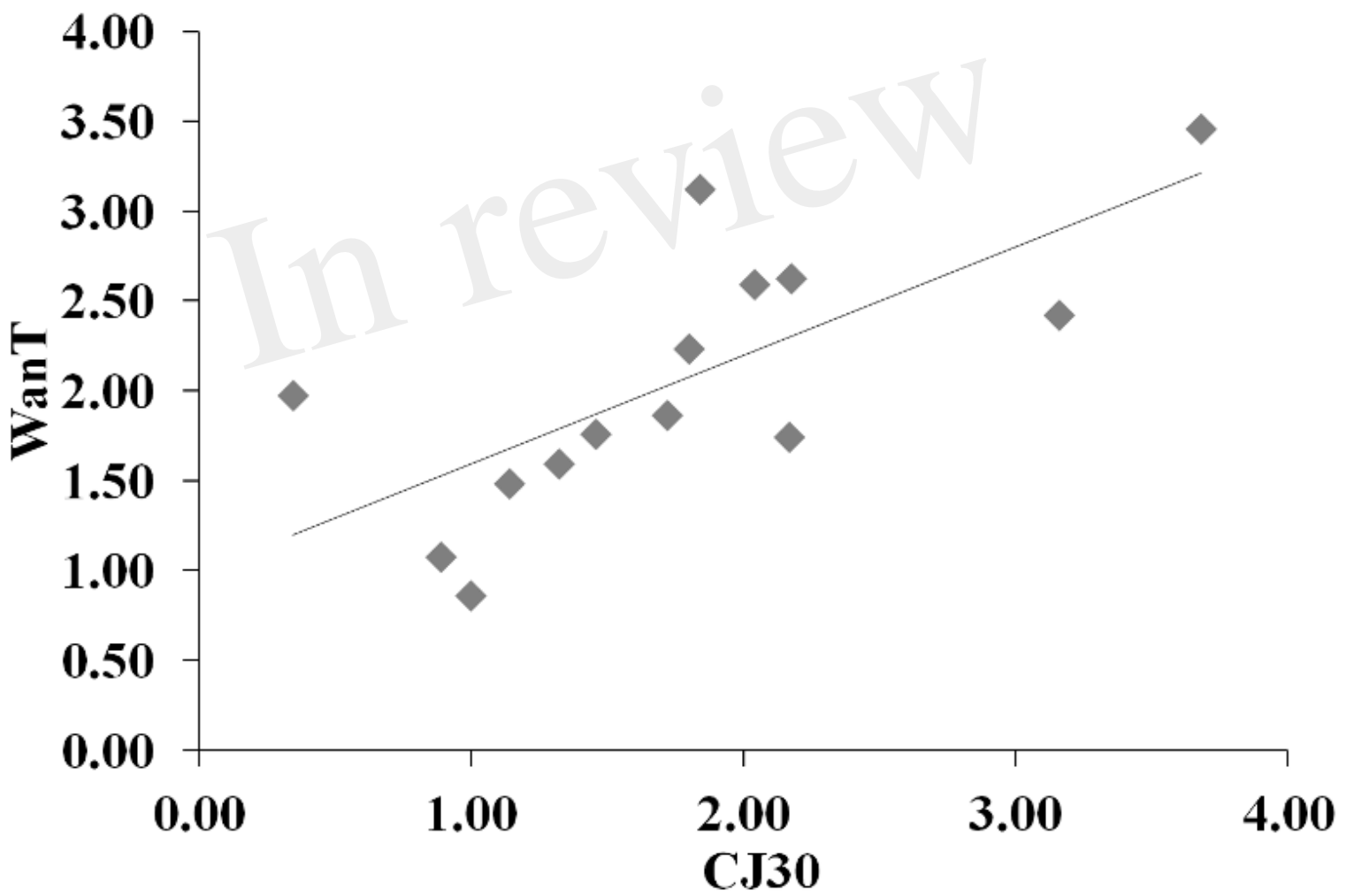


Figure 3.TIF

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