Correction of estimation bias of predictive equations of energy expenditure based on wrist/waist-mounted accelerometers

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17 **Abstract**

18 **Background:** Using wearable inertial sensors to accurately estimate energy expenditure (EE)
19 during an athletic training process is important. Due to the characteristics of inertial sensors,
20 however, the positions in which they are worn can produce signals of different natures. To
21 understand and solve this issue, this study used the heart rate reserve (HRR) as a compensation
22 factor to modify the traditional empirical equation of the accelerometer EE sensor and examine
23 the possibility of improving the estimation of energy expenditure for sensors worn in different
24 positions.

25 **Methods:** Indirect calorimetry was used as the criterion measure (CM) to measure the EE of 90
26 healthy adults on a treadmill (5 speeds: 4.8, 6.4, 8.0, 9.7, and 11.3 km/h). The measurement was
27 simultaneously performed with the ActiGraph GT9X-Link (placed on the wrist and waist) with
28 the Polar H10 Heart Rate Monitor.

29 **Results:** At the same exercise intensity, the EE measurements of the GT9X on the wrist and waist
30 had significant differences from those of the CM ($p < 0.05$). By using multiple regression analysis
31 — utilizing values from vector magnitudes (VM), body weight (BW) and HRR parameters —
32 accuracy of EE estimation was greatly improved compared to traditional equation. Modified
33 models explained a greater proportion of variance (R^2) (wrist: 0.802; waist: 0.805) and
34 demonstrated a good ICC (wrist: 0.863, waist: 0.889) compared to Freedson's VM3 Combination
35 equation (R^2: wrist: 0.384, waist: 0.783; ICC: wrist: 0.073, waist: 0.868).

36 **Conclusions:** The EE estimation equation combining the VM of accelerometer measurements,
37 BW and HRR greatly enhanced the accuracy of EE estimation based on data from accelerometers
38 worn in different positions, particularly from those on the wrist.

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Introduction

Regular exercise is a cost-effective and efficient method of promoting and maintaining physical health and performance. Additionally, high levels of physical activity are closely related to the decreased risk and mortality rates of chronic diseases (*Delisle et al., 2010*; *Kokkinos & Myers 2010*; *Lawrence et al., 2014*; *González et al. 2017*). In recent years, the accelerated development of smart products have made modern life more dependent on technology. This has resulted in a faster pace of life and significantly increased the pressures of work and life, leaving less time for exercise and rest. An increase in obesity rates across developing/developed countries has been associated with this technological era (*Żukiewicz-Sobczak et al., 2014*; *Poobalan & Aucott, 2016*). Obesity has a detrimental impact on human health; it is now widely recognized that regular exercise and increased physical fitness is important to maintain one's health. Both the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) have developed physical activity guidelines with recommendations for sufficient volumes and intensities of energy expenditure (EE). It is also recommended that treatment plans within the healthcare system include regular assessments of physical activity (*Garber et al. 2011*; *ACSM, 2019*; *AHA 2019*).

When assessing body weight management, inaccurate EE measurement can result in insufficient or excessive intake of nutrients, leading to a decreased amount of muscle tissues or the increased development of adipose tissues, respectively. This may also have significant implications for a person's health; the body's cardiovascular system, endocrine system, musculoskeletal system, thermoregulation, growth, and physical development can all be impacted (*Arieli & Constantini, 2012*; *Burrows et al., 2016*). Typical measurement methods of quantifying the EE and intensity of physical activity are doubly labelled water (DLW) and indirect calorimetry (*Gao et al., 2012*; *Brage et al., 2015*; *Beltrame et al., 2016*; *Lee et al., 2016*; *Westerterp, 2017*). Nevertheless, because of the costs and technical expertise required for these techniques, these methods are not commonly accessible in community settings. Due to continuous improvement of accelerometer-based wearable sensors, it is now easier to estimate EE and exercise intensity. As wearable sensors are easy-to-use and economical, and because they can continuously measure physical activity for a number of days (*Shih, Ho & Shiang, 2014*; *Montoye et al., 2015*; *Menai et al., 2017*; *Xu et al., 2018*), they have become a "popular" accessory for both general population and professional athletes who are undertaking exercise training.

The development of EE estimation equations has largely relied on treadmill exercise tests and daily activity tests as the experimental parameters, where the vector magnitude (VM) activity counts are used for the subsequent calculations (*Crouter, Clowers & Bassett, 2006*; *Lyden, et al., 2011*; *Sirichana et al., 2017*). The accelerometer-based wearable inertial sensors on the market are usually placed on the wrist or waist to provide referential EE estimates for different types of activities. Although some researchers reported that the wrist-mounted device can be used to estimate EE (*Welch et al., 2013*; *White et al., 2016*; *Sirichana et al., 2017*), recent research has

78 demonstrated that waist-mounted devices worn closer to the body centre of mass can provide EE
79 estimates that are more accurate than those of wrist-mounted devices (*Hildebrand et al., 2014*;
80 *Tudor-Locke, Barreira & Schuna, 2015*; *Chomistek et al., 2017*). It is also important to note that
81 accelerometers can cause overestimation or underestimation of EE based on different exercise
82 types or intensities (i.e. cycling, uphill exercise, etc) (*Schneller et al. 2015; Tarp, Andersen &*
83 *Østergaard, 2015*; *Yang et al., 2018*; *Kuo et al., 2018*; *Chang et al. 2019*).
84   The smart watch is currently a popular device worldwide and is widely discussed as a means
85 to monitor EE. In recent years, the technology of combining the smart watch with the optical heart
86 rate sensor has matured, improving HR (heart rate) monitoring. Due to the limitations of
87 accelerometers, wearing the device on different parts of the body can produce acceleration signals
88 of different natures and create bias in the data. Therefore, some researchers have used HR to
89 modify customized exercise volumes in order to correct the measurement error caused by different
90 wearing positions, to better estimate EE, and to obtain corrected parameters for modifying the EE
91 estimation equation (*Domene & Easton 2014*; *Oppert et al., 2016*; *Kuo et al., 2018*). Our previous
92 study found that adding HRR parameters to the estimation equation could increase the accuracy of
93 EE estimation more than HR parameters (*Chang et al. 2019*). Therefore, we hypothesised that the
94 accuracy of EE estimation from wrist- and waist-worn accelerometers may be improved by
95 applying a HRR correction. The purpose of this research was to modify the traditional EE
96 estimation equation (*Freedson's VM3 Combination equation, 2011*), which is suitable for devices
97 worn on different parts of the body.
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Materials & Methods
Study design

In this study, indirect calorimeter and accelerometer monitoring devices were used to measure the
EE of healthy adults, and an accelerometer-based HR monitoring device was simultaneously used
to measure their HR during the exercise tests. The HRR parameters were used to modify the EE
estimation equation to make it applicable to both wrist- and waist-mounted devices. The study
procedures were approved by the Institutional Review Board of Fu Jen Catholic University
(Approval number: C106056). All participants were informed of the study procedures and
provided written informed consent prior to the testing.

Subjects

Ninety healthy adults voluntarily participated in this study. People who had exercise
contraindications, were taking drugs that could change the metabolic rate, or had cardiovascular
abnormalities were excluded from this research, as such circumstances could prevent them from
completing the test safely. Subjects were asked to wear experimental devices and complete a one-

115 hour test (including the time spent mounting the device on the body) in a laboratory at a room
116 temperature of 23°C (on average). If a subject failed to complete the test (e.g., failed to maintain
117 a specified speed or withdrew before completion), the test was terminated immediately, and the
118 subject's personal information and data were removed from the dataset. The subjects'
119 anthropometric data are listed in *Table 1*.
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121 **Measurement of EE by indirect calorimeter and accelerometer methods**
122 Regarding the indirect calorimeter method, the Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing System (Vmax
123 Encore 29 System, VIASYS Healthcare Inc, Yorba Linda, CA) was adopted to conduct the
124 metabolic criterion measure (CM). The device was warmed up for at least 15 minutes and then
125 calibrated before each of the tests. Test subjects wore a Hans-Rudolph mask that covered the nose
126 and mouth. A sampling line and flow sensor connected to the mask were used to measure the
127 volume and composition of inspired and expired air.
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129 Regarding the accelerometer method, the ActiGraph GT9X-Link (ActiGraph Corporation,
130 Pensacola, FL, USA) was used. This device measures accelerations across 3-axis and is small (3.5
131 cm x 3.5 cm x 1 cm) and lightweight (~14 g). Before each test, the ActiLife6 software (version
132 6.12.1, Cary, NC, USA) was used to initialize the GT9X-Link and set the compatible chest-
133 mounted Polar H10 Heart Rate Monitor (Polar Electro Oy, Finland). The sampling frequency of
134 the monitoring device was 30 Hz, and the activity count and HR data were collected in 10-second
135 epochs. The user manual of the ActiGraph recommends that the GT9X-Link was affixed to the
136 wrist of the subject's non-dominant hand and the right hip on the midaxillary line (one on wrist,
137 the other on waist) by an adjustable soft elastic belt. The test subjects were arranged to take one
138 test at a time, and five treadmill speeds walking/running tests were conducted in a randomized
139 order. During the process, VO_2 (oxygen uptake) by indirect calorimetry, HR and accelerometer
140 counts for all tests were simultaneously and continuously recorded. The times of the Vmax and
141 GT9X-Link were synchronously initiated according to the clock of the ActiGraph.
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143 **Treadmill test**
144 Subjects were requested to perform walking/running tests at speeds of 4.8, 6.4, 8.0, 9.7, and 11.3
145 km/h. Each speed test was at least 3 minutes, and all tests were separated by two-minute breaks
146 (test method adapted from *Tudor-Locke, Barreira & Schuna, 2015*). If the subject failed to
147 complete the test safely (e.g., was unable to maintain the treadmill speed) or the subject's heart
148 rate exceeded the safety limit (220 minus the participant's age) during the exercise test, the test
149 was terminated and any relevant data was deleted from the analysis.
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151 **Data analysis**

152   All ninety of the test subjects completed the exercise tests safely, therefore all Vmax, HR and
153   GT9X-Link data were outputted into Microsoft Excel. The Vmax and HR data were used to
154   calculate the parameters of the 10s-by-10s time series and were synchronized with the ActiGraph
155   GT9X-Link accelerometer data. The data processing followed the approach of *Lyden et al. (2011)*
156   whereby the first 120 seconds of each speed were removed to ensure that the participant achieves
157   stability in movement under the exercise intensity. The VO_2 and carbon dioxide output (VCO_2)
158   were calculated to determine EE by Weir's equation: EE (Kcals·min^{-1}) = 3.491 (VO_2 in L/min) +
159   1.106 (VCO_2 in L/min) (*Weir, 1949*). The GT9X-Link data were analyzed by the GT9X-Link, and
160   the EE was calculated based on the *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)*. The equation
161   is as follows: Kcals·min^{-1} = 0.001064 VM + 0.087512 BW - 5.500229. All of the EE values were
162   divided by the weight for standardization and are presented in kcal·min^{-1}·kgw^{-1}. The equation HRR
163   = HR_{max} − HR_{rest} refers to the difference of HR_{max} and HR_{rest} for each phase of the test. HR_{rest} is
164   the pre-test measure of resting HR.

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166   **Statistical analysis**
167   The statistical software IBM SPSS Statistics version 20 (IBM Corp., New York, NY, USA) was
168   used for statistical analysis. All data were summarized as means ± standard deviations. In order to
169   understand how device placements affected EE estimation across different speeds, and the
170   difference between criterion measured EE (CMEE) and device measured EE, one-way ANOVA
171   with Games-Howell post hoc test, Cohen's d effect size (ES) and Mean Absolute Percentage Error
172   (MAPE) were all calculated accordingly. Linear regression was used to modify the EE estimation
173   model with the variables of VM activity counts, body weight and HRR. Validity and reliability of
174   EE estimation was further evaluated using the criterion validity, namely the Pearson coefficient of
175   determination (r) and Intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC), respectively. The significance level
176   was set to $\alpha = 0.05$.

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178   **Results**
179   The CMEE and GT9X EE (wrist and waist) data of the treadmill tests and the ES, MAPE and ICC
180   of these two systems' measurement results are summarized in *Table 2*. The ANOVA test results
181   of the CMEE and GT9X EE accelerometer data of the wrist- and waist-mounted devices indicated
182   that in all speed test results, CMEE and GT9X EE data had significant differences ($p < 0.001$), and
183   CMEE was higher than GT9X EE ($p < 0.001$, t-test with Games-Howell post hoc). The EE
184   variation, estimated by the wrist-mounted device, was less than the CMEE and the waist-mounted
185   device, resulting in a non-homogeneous condition. Therefore, the Game-Howell post hoc was used
186   for verification. As shown in that *Table 2*, the GT9X EE (wrist and waist) values were lower than
187   those of the CMEE, the wrist data had a high degree of difference in effect size (ES: 1.58 to 11.54)
188   and MAPE (21.4 to 63.9%), and there was no significant correlation (r) in each individual speed
189   as well as there being poor validity (ICC = 0.073). The waist data indicated a lower degree of

190 difference in effect size (ES: 0.36 to 1.08) and MAPE (4.7 to 10.4%). A significant correlation
191 was achieved at speeds 4.80, 6.42, and 9.66 km/h (r = 0.529, 0.428, and 0.210, respectively) as
192 well as good validity (ICC = 0.868).
193   *Table 3* presents the results of multiple regression analysis of the EE estimation model
194 composed of VM activity counts, body weight and HRR. The two modified models had high
195 coefficients of determination (R^2 = 0.802 to 0.805) and a small standard error of estimate (SEE).
196 The criterion validity (r and ICC) results of CMEE and EE of different device positions estimated
197 from the *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)* and modified models are listed in *Table*
198 *4*. From that table, it can be seen that the r and ICC values of the modified models (r: wrist = 0.895,
199 waist = 0.897, very strong correlation; ICC: wrist = 0.863, waist = 0.889, good ICC) were greater
200 than those of *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)* (r: wrist = 0.620, waist = 0.885, strong
201 to very strong correlation; ICC: wrist = 0.073, waist = 0.868, poor to good ICC).
202
203 Discussion
204 This study examined the effects of device measurement position on accelerometer outputs in
205 estimating EE, and explored the possibility of modifying the estimation equation used previously.
206 The main finding of this study was that the modified equation with HRR parameters significantly
207 improved the accuracy of the estimated EE of the wrist-mounted device, while the waist-mounted
208 device offers no significant improvement. From the results, it was clear that, when tested at
209 different speeds, criterion measurement provided higher EE values than the wrist- and waist-
210 mounted devices ($p < 0.05$), except for waist EE at 4.8 km/h ($p > 0.05$). This study adopted
211 *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)*, and the measurement results indicated that,
212 although this equation underestimated the EE of devices worn on the waist, it still provided a good
213 forecast (MAPE: 4.7 to 10.4%, ICC = 0.868). In addition, the EE estimated value bias of the wrist
214 position was the greatest, and it was observed that as the speed increased, the GT9X EE prediction
215 value of wrist did not increase significantly with speed and had poor prediction ability (MAPE:
216 21.4 to 63.9%, ICC = 0.073). If wrist-mounted monitoring is adopted, it will affect not only EE
217 estimates, but it potentially could also affect health and/or fitness outcomes for the user. According
218 to our previous study, HRR parameters can be used to calibrate differences in physical fitness and
219 standardize an individual's physical fitness level (*Chang et al. 2019*). In this study, HRR
220 parameters were also added to the traditional estimation equation (*Freedson's VM3 Combination*
221 *equation, 2011*). This addition indeed improved the validity of the EE estimates of wrist- and
222 waist-mounted devices. The ICC of modified models in the wrist position was 0.863, and that of
223 the waist position was 0.889. This strongly suggests that the combination of HRR, accelerometer
224 outputs and body weight can increase the accuracy of EE estimates for devices worn on different
225 parts of the body.
226   Accelerometer-based EE sensors carry out calculations using VM activity counts produced
227 during physical activity. A limitation of the accelerometers in the sensors is that they can create
228 different vibration signals due to differences in the positions in which the devices are worn. In

229   other words, with the same exercise intensity, VM activity counts can increase or decrease due to
230   differences in device positions, leading to bias in EE estimates. In the current study, it was found
231   that the speed measurement results of the wrist position were underestimated ($p < 0.05$), that there
232   was a large ES (wrist: 1.58 to 11.54), and that the bias could increase following increases in speed.
233   The accelerometer-based EE estimation models were built on a database of healthy adults in which
234   the subjects wore accelerometers on the waist for exercise tests (*Crouter, Clowers & Bassett, 2006;*
235   *Lyden et al., 2011*), therefore, such models are more suitable for estimating the EE measured from
236   the waist-mounted devices. Despite a significant difference between the GT9X EE data of the
237   waist-mounted device and the criterion measurement in all speed tests ($p < 0.05$), it still provided
238   a lower degree of difference in the ES (waist: 0.36 to 1.08), good validity (r = 0.885) and reliability
239   (ICC = 0.868). Therefore, when ignoring the difference in vibration signals produced by devices
240   worn in different positions, this kind of non-standard measurement methods (i.e. physical activity
241   sensors) may create different levels of bias.
242   As the waist is located closer to the center of body mass than wrist, it is the ideal position for
243   wearing an accelerometer device for measuring a subject's overall physical activity. Recent
244   researchers have also confirmed that compared to wrist-mounted accelerometer-based devices,
245   waist-mounted devices can provide more valid (and/or reliable) estimates of EE (*Hildebrand et*
246   *al., 2014; Tudor-Locke et al., 2015; Chomistek et al., 2017*). Nevertheless, smart watches and
247   wrist-mounted sensors have become a trend in recent years. Therefore, it is necessary to increase
248   the accuracy of wrist-mounted EE monitoring devices. Furthermore, it is important to note that EE
249   (metabolism) is a complicated physiological mechanism that cannot be accurately measured using
250   only the accelerometer. In addition, physical activity may be misclassified if accelerometers are
251   placed in different positions which then produce signals of different strengths. Based on the results
252   of the current investigation, when the EE estimation equation is modified it is recommended to
253   take physiological parameters into consideration. All physical activity involves muscle
254   contraction, which has an energy cost. When the skeletal muscle is moving, the autonomic nervous
255   system will regulate the functions of the cardiovascular system to satisfy the energy and
256   metabolism demands. Moreover, the control of the autonomic nervous system over HR is a
257   dynamic regulation process (*Fisher, Young & Fadel, 2015; Dong, 2016; Chen et al., 2017*). Much
258   previous research has also indicated a close linear correlation between HR and VO_2 which is why
259   changes in HR can be used to evaluate exercise intensity (*Strath et al. 2001; Bouchard & Trudeau*
260   *2008; Villars et al. 2012; Domene & Easton, 2014; Rousset et al. 2015; Colosio et al., 2018*).
261   As a result, many researchers have suggested that accelerometer-based EE sensors can be
262   used in conjunction with HR monitoring devices to increase the accuracy of EE estimates. *Domene*
263   *& Easton (2014)* indicated that Latin dance has relatively more gestures than other forms and
264   discussed the validity of combining wrist- and waist-mounted triaxial accelerometers with heart
265   rate measuring devices, and they evaluated the physiological and activity parameters of Latin
266   gestures. In their study, they recruited 22 dancers to estimate their EE using accelerometer and HR
267   data, and they modified the estimation equation based on the EEs measured using indirect

268   calorimetry. Their results determined that wrist-mounted accelerometers combined with HR data
269   provide accuracy comparable to criterion measurement (indirect calorimetry) results. *Kuo et al.*
270   *(2017)* discussed the possibility of improving the EE of uphill hiking using an EE estimation model
271   established based on accelerometer and HR parameters. Their results indicated that the estimation
272   equation could also increase the accuracy of estimating the EE of uphill hiking when the
273   parameters of the accelerometer and HR changes were included. *Chang et al. (2019)* also studied
274   the accuracy of EE estimates in an uphill walking or running activity using accelerometers, where
275   HR and HRR were used to modify the traditional empirical equation of accelerometers as
276   compensation factors. They found that, compared with HR, HRR provides better estimates when
277   it is combined with the parameters of the accelerometer. The results of this study are consistent
278   with those of previous research. As it has been proven that the initial value of HR can be variable
279   due to an individual's physical fitness or psychological factors and can affect the accuracy of EE
280   estimation, HRR can therefore be used as a compensation factor to correct for the user's physical
281   fitness and improve the estimate of exercise intensity, making the estimate closer to the actual
282   value. The mean error rates of GT9X-EE and CMEE derived from the modified models were 8.0%
283   for the wrist and 5.2% for the waist. The difference shows that the EE estimate of wrist-mounted
284   devices greatly reduced the mean error rate (from 47.4% to 8.0%) and increased the validity (r:
285   0.620 to 0.895), and reliability (ICC: 0.073 to 0.863).

286   It is important to accurately measure or estimate EE during physical activity or exercise. A
287   key factor in enhancing training outcomes is ensuring individuals have an adequate energy
288   balance, that is, energy intake and EE are matched. Inaccurate EE estimates can result in
289   insufficient or excessive intake of nutrients, leading to decreases in muscle tissues or increases in
290   adipose tissues, respectively. Such changes can not only affect an individual's athletic performance
291   but also have a negative impact on their health. Moreover, HRR, which is the difference between
292   maximal heart rate and resting heart rate, can correct for excessive resting heart rates caused by
293   differences in physical fitness and be used for estimating EE or exercise intensity. This study and
294   our previous study strongly indicate that the prediction equation contains HRR parameters, the
295   main difference between *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)* (traditional EE prediction
296   equation) and the modified model is the HRR factor, which has better EE prediction ability than
297   the traditional EE prediction equation. Including HRR not only improved the reliability and
298   effectiveness of estimates but also increased the accuracy of the estimation model, particularly that
299   of devices worn on the wrist.

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301   Conclusions

302   In conclusion, the *Freedson's VM3 Combination equation (2011)* is unlikely to accurately measure
303   the EE by using wrist-mounted accelerometer-based physical activity sensors, for the values can
304   be somewhat underestimated. This study reports that the vector magnitude parameters of
305   accelerometer, body weight and HRR parameters can improve EE estimates, particularly those
306   based on data from wrist-mounted accelerometer-based physical activity sensors. Although most

307 of the commercial smart watches today have built-in accelerometer-based physical activity
308 monitoring modules and optical heart rate sensors on the bottom, it is interesting to note that the
309 data of these two devices are not integrated. Therefore, we suggest that the data of these two
310 devices and our study results can be combined to develop a more accurate and reliable form of EE
311 measurement technology.

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Anthropometric characteristics of participants.

1 **Table 1:**

2 **Anthropometric characteristics of participants.**

	Age (yrs)	Height (cm)	BMI (kg/m^2)	Body weight (kg)	Sex
Mean	22.90	168.05	22.52	63.90	49 males, 41
SD	4.15	7.62	3.25	12.06	females

Comparison of measured EE by Vmax (CMEE) and estimated EE by GT9X-EE in 5 treadmill walking/running tests (mean ± SD).

1   **Table 2:**

2   **Comparison of measured EE by Vmax (CMEE) and estimated EE by GT9X-EE in 5 treadmill**

3   **walking/running tests (mean ± SD).**

Position	Treadmill Speed (km/h)	CMEE (kcal·kgw^{-1}·min^{-1})	GT9X-EE (kcal·kgw^{-1}·min^{-1})	ES	MAPE (%)	r	ICC
Wrist	4.80	0.070 ± 0.009	0.055 ± 0.010*	1.58	21.43	0.105	
	6.42	0.111 ± 0.014	0.065 ± 0.008*	4.03	41.44	0.030	
	8.04	0.148 ± 0.010	0.071 ± 0.005*	9.74	52.03	-0.169	0.073
	9.66	0.172 ± 0.012	0.072 ± 0.005*	10.88	58.14	-0.165	
	11.28	0.202 ± 0.015	0.073 ± 0.005*	11.54	63.86	-0.130	
Hip	4.80	0.070 ± 0.009	0.066 ± 0.013	0.36	5.71	0.529**	
	6.42	0.111 ± 0.014	0.104 ± 0.021*	0.39	6.31	0.428**	
	8.04	0.148 ± 0.010	0.141 ± 0.026*	0.36	4.73	0.110	0.868
	9.66	0.172 ± 0.012	0.163 ± 0.023*	0.49	5.23	0.210**	
	11.28	0.202 ± 0.015	0.181 ± 0.023*	1.08	10.40	0.162	

4   **Notes.**

5   * Significantly different from CMEE, $p < 0.05$.

6   ** Significant correlation with CMEE, $p < 0.001$.

7   Mean values ± standard deviation (SD); CMEE, criterion measure energy expenditure; GT9X, ActiGraph GT9X-Link

8   accelerometer; ES, Effect size (Cohen's d); Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) = {[| (Predicted value - Actual

9   value) | /Actual value] * 100}/n; r, Pearson coefficient of determination; ICC, intraclass correlation coefficient.

Modified models to predict EE (kcal·kgw^{-1}·min^{-1}) from VM, BW, and HRR.

1 **Table 3:**

2 **Modified models to predict EE (kcal·kgw^{-1}·min^{-1}) from VM, BW, and HRR.**

Position	Prediction equation	R^2	SEE
Wrist	EE = 0.000003 VM - 0.000461 BW + 0.000585 HRR + 0.078066	.802	0.021
Hip	EE = 0.000009 VM - 0.000299 BW + 0.000682 HRR + 0.046825	.805	0.021

3 **Notes.**

4 VM, vector magnitudes; BW, body weight in kgw; HRR, heart rate reserve; R^2, coefficient of determination; *SEE*,
5 standard error of estimate.
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Validity and reliability analysis of traditional prediction equation and modified prediction equations.

1   **Table 4:**

2   **Validity and reliability analysis of traditional prediction equation and modified prediction equations.**

	Freedson's VM3 Combination		Modified models	
Position	r	ICC	r	ICC
Wrist	0.620	0.073	0.895	0.863
Hip	0.885	0.868	0.897	0.889

3   **Notes.**

4   r, Pearson coefficient of determination; ICC, intraclass correlation coefficient.