## Nutrition Status and Physical Fitness Athletes (VO<sub>2</sub> MAX) Among Rowing Athletes Riau Province

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**Background**: Proper nutrition and physical fitnessathletes (VO<sub>2</sub> MAX) is an important consideration for athletes who seek to maximize performance.

**Objective**: The objective of this study was to analyze nutrition status, and fitness level of rowing athletes RIAU Province.

**Methods**: The study was observational with cross sectional design. This study was conducted on 20 athletes (3 women and 17 man)and sampling technique was convenience *sampling*. The data used were primary anthropometry (weight and height) and level of fitness results of balke test (VO<sub>2</sub> MAX values). The data was then analyzed using correlation chi square test

**Results**: The baseline findings revealed that the prevalence of overweight was 25.0%. The results of this study showed most of the rowingathletes had normal nutritional status. The average value of VO2 max that male were  $45.17 \pm 4.32$  ml/kg/min, while the average value of VO2 max female were below compare to male sex, amounting to  $42.61 \pm 1.63$  ml/kg/min. There were no correlation between nutrition status (p = 0.276) with physical fitness of rowing athletes in Riau Province

**Conclusions**: Physical fitness (VO<sub>2</sub> MAX) of rowing athletes in Riau Province not only influenced by nutritional status, but also could be influenced by other factors

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