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4 **Association of Concussion History with Neuromechanical Responsiveness Asymmetry**

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15 **Context:** Detection of subtle changes in brain sensorimotor processes may enable clinicians to
16 identify athletes who would derive greatest benefit from interventions designed to reduce risk for
17 future injury and progressive neurological or musculoskeletal dysfunction.

18 **Objective:** To derive a generalizable statistical model for identification of athletes who possess
19 subtle alterations in sensorimotor processes that may be due to previous concussion.

20 **Design:** Cross-sectional cohort study.

21 **Setting:** Residential Olympic training center sports medicine clinic.

22 **Participants:** A primary cohort of 35 elite athletes, along with a second cohort of 40 different
23 elite athletes who performed identical tests the preceding year.

24 **Interventions:** Two upper extremity tests of visual-motor reaction time and two tests of whole-
25 body reactive agility were administered. The whole-body tests required lateral or diagonal
26 responses to virtual reality targets, which provided measures of reaction time, speed,
27 acceleration, and deceleration.

28 **Main Outcome Measure:** Sport-related concussion history (SRC Hx), which was reported by
29 54% (19/35) of the athletes in the primary cohort and 45% (18/40) of the athletes in the second
30 cohort.

31 **Results:** Univariable analyses identified 12 strong predictors of SRC Hx, which we combined to
32 create a composite metric with maximum predictive value. Composite lateral asymmetry for
33 whole-body reactive movements and persisting effects of previous musculoskeletal injury
34 yielded a logistic regression model with exceptionally good discrimination (AUC = .845) and
35 calibration (predicted-observed probabilities within 7 subgroups: $r = .959$; $P = .001$). Application
36 of the derived model to compatible data acquired from another cohort of elite athletes

37 demonstrated very good discrimination (AUC = .772) and calibration (within 8 subgroups: r =
38 .849, $P = .008$).

39 **Conclusions:** Asymmetry in whole-body reactive movement capabilities may be a manifestation
40 of a subtle abnormality in the functional connectivity of brain networks that might be relevant to
41 previously reported associations between SRC Hx and musculoskeletal injury occurrence.

42 **Key Words:** reactive agility, logistic regression, musculoskeletal injury risk.

43 Emerging evidence strongly suggests that sport-related concussion (SRC) can have long-
44 term adverse effects on neurocognitive function.¹⁻⁴ Current clinical assessment methods do not
45 appear to be sufficiently sensitive for detection of subtle changes in functional connectivity of
46 brain networks that have been documented by advanced neuroimaging and neurophysiological
47 tests.⁵ A self-reported history of SRC (SRC Hx) has been associated with a 5-fold relative risk
48 for subsequent SRC,⁶ but exact neurophysiological mechanisms have not been elucidated. An
49 increasingly recognized consequence of SRC is 2–3 times greater risk for musculoskeletal
50 (MSK) injury,⁷ which is independent of MSK injury history (MSK Hx).⁸ Slowed information
51 processing may represent an important long-term effect of SRC that interferes with efficient
52 performance of visually guided motor actions.⁸⁻¹² Because abnormalities have been found to
53 persist beyond resolution of overt signs and symptoms,¹³ the availability of a clinical test that
54 provides evidence of impaired visual-motor performance capabilities could prove to be valuable.

55 The term perception-action coupling refers to interdependencies between perceiving and
56 acting within an environment that affords opportunities and imposes constraints.¹⁰
57 Neuromechanical responsiveness specifically refers to the generation of forces to meet the
58 demands of rapidly changing environmental challenges, which includes maintenance of dynamic
59 joint stability during exposure to unexpected external forces.¹⁴ Advanced neuroimaging methods
60 have identified the temporo-parietal cortex of the right hemisphere as a key area for
61 interpretation of visual inputs from both visual hemifields,¹⁵ as well as kinesthetic inputs from
62 both extremities.¹⁶ Disruption of neural signaling from the right temporo-parietal cortex to the
63 prefrontal cortex could result in diminished, inaccurate, or absent responses to salient visual
64 stimuli,¹⁷ thereby leading to suboptimal reactive capabilities.

65 Both upper extremity visual-motor reaction time (VMRT) and whole-body reactive
66 agility (WBRA) test metrics have been shown to discriminate between elite athletes who self-
67 report versus deny SRC Hx.¹⁸ A 3-factor prediction model that included metrics relating to
68 peripheral to central VMRT ratio, left to right VMRT difference, and WBRA lateral movement
69 speed asymmetry provided 100% positive predictive value and 90% negative predictive value.
70 Slow responsiveness to peripheral visual stimuli has been associated with disruption of white
71 matter tracts in the corpus callosum, which may represent an indirect measure of the time
72 required to transfer information between brain hemispheres.¹⁹ Right hemisphere specialization
73 for processing of visual-spatial information from both visual hemifields is responsible for
74 asymmetrical responsiveness to visual stimuli that normally favors the left visual hemifield.²⁰
75 Disruption of attention network connectivity can produce neglect of stimuli in the left visual
76 hemifield,^{21,22} which provides a plausible explanation for an observed reversal of responsiveness
77 asymmetry that favored the right visual hemifield among athletes with SRC Hx.¹⁸

78 Previous studies have demonstrated strong associations of dichotomized VMRT and
79 WBRA metrics with both self-reported SRC Hx and subsequent musculoskeletal injury.^{14,18,23}
80 Dichotomous categorization of continuous variables is a very common predictive modeling
81 procedure that provides an easily interpretable estimation of relative risk for a positive diagnostic
82 or prognostic outcome.²⁴ Model calibration is arguably the most important property of a
83 predictive model, which refers to estimation of an individual's absolute risk for a specified
84 outcome.²⁵ Unfortunately, determination of an optimal cut point for maximum discriminatory
85 power typically has poor generalizability beyond the cohort used to derive the model,²⁶ and
86 calibration is rarely assessed and reported.^{24,25,27} Feature engineering refers to a machine learning
87 classification procedure that creates new predictive variables from an existing set to develop a

88 model that is both simpler and more generalizable.²⁸ In comparison to machine learning,
89 regression modeling reflects human domain knowledge in model specification, and there is no
90 evidence that machine learning provides superior models.²⁷ Thus, the purpose of this study was
91 to develop a simple, well-calibrated, and generalizable logistic regression model for clinical
92 identification of elite athletes with neuromechanical performance deficiencies that could be due
93 to persisting effects of a previous SRC.

94 **METHODS**

95 A cohort of 35 healthy elite athletes who were temporarily residing at an Olympic
96 training center volunteered to respond to survey questions and participate in tests of
97 neuromechanical responsiveness (Table 1). The Institutional Review Board of the University of
98 Tennessee at Chattanooga approved all study procedures, which included the informed consent
99 of each participant. Surveys included the Sport Fitness Index,²⁹ which included questions about
100 SRC Hx and MSK Hx, and the Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Survey.³⁰ The athletes performed
101 60-s VMRT tests involving manual contact with randomly illuminated buttons on a height-
102 adjustable board (Dynavision D2™ System; Dynavision International; West Chester, OH), and
103 WBRA tests requiring lateral or diagonal movements in response to the appearance of visual
104 targets on a virtual reality display (TRAZER® Sports Stimulator; Traq Global Ltd; Westlake,
105 OH).

106 Following a practice trial, each athlete performed two different versions of a 60-s VMRT
107 dual-task test, both of which included the Eriksen flanker test on a centrally located
108 tachistoscope. One test required the athlete to verbally indicate the center arrow direction of 20
109 displays (>>>>>, <<<<<, >>><>>, or <<<><<), whereas a second test used the center arrow
110 direction as a cue for the correct direction of 48 manual responses to pairs of illuminated buttons

111 in corresponding locations on opposite sides of the board. One WBRA test required the athlete to
112 perform 20 lateral (Lat) movements in response to virtual reality targets that were randomly
113 displayed on the right (10 targets) or left (10 targets) of a 48 cm x 86 cm monitor. Whole-body
114 displacement of 1.8 m was required to deactivate the targets. A second WBRA test required the
115 athlete to perform 16 diagonal (Diag) movements in combinations of right-left and forward-
116 backward (Fo-Ba) directions, which required 2.5 m of displacement to deactivate the targets.
117 Time elapsed between target appearance and 0.2 m of body core displacement defined reaction
118 time (RT), which was averaged for the 10 trials in each direction. Other measures derived from
119 the virtual reality motion analysis system included averaged values for speed (Spd), acceleration
120 (Acc), and deceleration (Dec). Asymmetry (Asym) represents the absolute difference between
121 performance values for opposite movement directions divided by the better of the 2 performance
122 values (RT Asym, Spd Asym, Acc Asym, and Dec Asym).

123 **Statistical Analysis and Model Development**

124 Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) analysis quantified the association of each
125 continuous variable with SRC Hx. Variables that demonstrated a clearly definable cut point on
126 the ROC curve were converted into binary variables that were used to perform cross-tabulation
127 analysis with calculation of the odds ratio (OR). Each binary predictor that demonstrated an OR
128 > 3 was entered as a continuous variable to assess its possible contribution to a multivariable
129 logistic regression model. A backward-entry stepwise procedure identified the simplest model
130 with good discrimination and calibration. Entry of various combinations of the continuous
131 variables continued until no improvement in model performance was apparent. Predicted
132 probabilities assigned to the individual athletes were used to create 7 subgroups of equal size,
133 with each the subgroups representing athletes with comparable predicted probability for SRC

134 Hx. Predicted probabilities were plotted against the observed prevalence of SRC Hx within the
135 subgroups to provide a visual representation of internal model calibration,^{24,31} and a bivariate
136 correlation coefficient was calculated to quantify the relationship. To assess the generalizability
137 of a derived model that included variables measured in an earlier study,²⁰ the logistic regression
138 intercept and beta coefficients were used to calculate predicted probabilities for SRC Hx within a
139 validation cohort of 40 elite athletes (Table 2). Model discrimination was considered very good
140 if predicted probability for SRC Hx yielded an area under the curve (AUC) value $> .75$.²⁵
141 Assessment of external model calibration for the validation cohort of 40 athletes followed the
142 same procedure used for internal model calibration, which involved creation of 8 subgroups of
143 equal size. All analyses were performed with SPSS[®] version 25 (IBM Corporation; Armonk,
144 NY).

145 RESULTS

146 Sport-related concussion occurrence at 4.6 ± 5.3 years prior to testing (range: 3 months to
147 18 years) was reported by 54% (19/35) of the athletes in the derivation cohort. The number of
148 previous SRCs ranged from 1 to 3, with 32% (6/19) reporting a single SRC and 68% (13/19)
149 reporting 2 or 3 SRCs. Concussion occurrence within the previous 12 months was reported by
150 37% (7/19). Table 3 presents the results of univariable analyses, with variables ordered by
151 magnitude of AUC. Asymmetry metrics for WBRA tests represented 10 of the 12 strongest
152 associations, with the two strongest from the Lat test. Exploratory analyses identified a
153 composite value derived from the average of RT Asym, Spd Asym, Acc Asym, and Dec Asym
154 for the WBRA Lat test as providing the best single-factor prediction model (AUC = .760, 65.7%
155 accuracy, Nagelkerke $R^2 = .310$, and Hosmer and Lemehsow Goodness of Fit $P = .728$). Further
156 exploratory analyses identified persisting effects of previous MSK Hx as an important covariate.

157 A 6-level response option to the first question of the 10-item Sport Fitness Index rated the extent
158 to which moderate to severe joint or muscle injuries have limited participation in sport-related
159 activities over the past several years (persistent, frequent, occasional, infrequent, rare, or never).
160 Although the total score derived from responses to all 10 items was a strong predictor of SRC
161 Hx, the response to the first item improved logistic regression model performance to the greatest
162 extent. The addition of MSK Hx as a covariate with Composite Lat Asym provided a
163 substantially improved model (AUC = .845, 77.1% accuracy, Nagelkerke $R^2 = .485$, and Hosmer
164 and Lemeshow Goodness of Fit $P = .994$).

165 Because WBRA Lat test data and Sport Fitness Index responses were available from a
166 previous study,¹⁸ the 2-factor logistic regression model intercept (0.07) and beta coefficients for
167 Composite Lat Asym (20.33) and MSK Hx (-0.98) were used to calculate predicted probabilities
168 for 40 athletes who were not among those who comprised the model derivation cohort. Sport-
169 related concussion occurrence at 2.2 ± 2.4 years prior to testing (range: 1 months to 7 years) was
170 reported by 45% (18/40) of the athletes in the model validation cohort. The number of previous
171 SRCs ranged from 1 to 8, with 39% (7/18) reporting a single SRC and 61% (11/18) reporting 2
172 or more SRCs. Concussion occurrence within the previous 12 months was reported by 56%
173 (10/18).

174 Discrimination provided by the calculated probabilities was very good (AUC = .772;
175 75.0% classification accuracy). Figure 1 presents calibration plots for both the model derivation
176 cohort ($r = .959$; $P = .001$; intercept = .001; beta = .999) and the model validation cohort ($r =$
177 $.849$; $P = .008$; intercept = .115; beta = .881). Figure 2 provides a comparison of ROC curves
178 derived from application of the same logistic regression model for calculation of SRC Hx
179 probability for individual athletes in both cohorts. Table 4 presents a comparison of prediction

180 accuracy for Composite Lat Asym cut points of $\geq 10\%$ and $\geq 15\%$, without consideration of
181 MSK Hx. To illustrate the practical implications of the study findings, ROC analysis was used to
182 define optimal cut points for Composite Lat Asym ($\geq 18\%$ vs $< 18\%$) and MSK Hx (Adverse:
183 persistent, frequent, or occasional response vs Favorable: infrequent, rare, or never response) for
184 the combined cohorts ($n = 83$). Figure 3 depicts the prevalence of SRC Hx for combinations of
185 the binary classifications of Composite Lat Asym and MSK Hx.

186 **DISCUSSION**

187 The combination of WBRA asymmetry and self-reported persisting effects of previous
188 MSK injury demonstrated a strong association with SRC Hx. Our findings are consistent with
189 those reported by other investigators who used virtual reality and motion tracking to detect an
190 effect of SRC on the whole-body movement capabilities of athletes.^{12,32} Slowing of neural
191 processing speed is a well-documented, long-term effect of SRC, which almost certainly affects
192 visually guided movements that required integration of cognitive and motor processes.¹¹ Because
193 the volume and spatial distribution of white matter is not symmetrical between brain
194 hemispheres, diffuse axon injury could logically be expected to slow neural processing to a
195 greater extent in one hemisphere compared to the other. This study identified the same ≥ 15 ms
196 cut point for dual-task VMRT right–left difference reported previously,¹⁸ but the strength of
197 association did not meet the $OR \geq 3.0$ criterion used to identify the set of strongest predictors.

198 The combination of WBRA values for RT Asym, SpdAsym, AccAsym, and DecAsym to
199 create the continuous Composite Lat Asym variable appears to have provided $\geq 10\%$ and $\geq 15\%$
200 binary classifications with good generalizability for different cohorts.²⁶ Cut points differed
201 substantially between the derivation and validation cohorts for separate analyses of the Lat
202 WBRA metrics (RT Asym $\geq 30\%$ vs $\geq 23\%$, Spd Asym $\geq 10\%$ vs $\geq 8\%$, Acc Asym $\geq 12\%$ vs \geq

203 3%, Dec Asym $\geq 14\%$ vs $\geq 22\%$). We derived the Composite Lat Asym cut point $\geq 18\%$ from
204 ROC analysis of continuous data for the combined cohorts to simplify test result interpretation.
205 In contrast to the combination of WBRA metrics to create a composite variable, deconstruction
206 of the Sport Fitness Index score to consider only its most discriminating item identified an
207 important secondary factor that substantially improved model discrimination and calibration.

208 Previous literature pertaining to functional asymmetry has focused on differing lower
209 extremity performance capabilities represented as nondominant to dominant, injured to
210 uninjured, or left to right ratios.^{33,34} Although bilateral differences in isolated measures of
211 strength, power, postural balance, gait, jump landing, and hopping appear to be important injury
212 risk factors, measures of dynamic whole-body activity reflect complex sensorimotor integration
213 that controls interlimb coordination.³⁵ The observed WBRA asymmetry do not simply represent
214 a bilateral difference in extremity performance capabilities, because both extremities contribute
215 to the whole-body displacements in both lateral movement directions. For example, deactivation
216 of a right-side target typically involves a left extremity push-off, a right extremity landing, a left
217 extremity landing with push-off, and a right extremity landing for reversal of motion back
218 toward the center starting position.

219 Persisting effects of prior MSK injury, such as joint laxity, muscle weakness, loss of
220 proprioceptive afference, and restricted range of motion, could certainly contribute to
221 asymmetrical whole-body movement capabilities. Thus, the WBRA asymmetry we observed
222 may have been due to persisting effects of MSK injury, persisting effects of SRC, or a
223 combination of both factors. Among athletes who exhibited a composite lateral movement
224 asymmetry $< 18\%$ and who reported a favorable MSK Hx, the prevalence of SRC Hx was only
225 18.8% (6/32). Among those who exhibited $\geq 18\%$ asymmetry and who reported a favorable

226 MSK Hx, the prevalence of SRC Hx was 90.9% (10/11). Among those who exhibited $\geq 18\%$
227 asymmetry and who reported an adverse MSK Hx, the prevalence of SRC Hx was 100% (6/6).
228 The cross-sectional design of this study did not allow for determination of the temporal order of
229 previous SRC and MSK injury occurrences, but our analysis results suggest that either type of
230 injury may be responsible for asymmetrical lateral movement capabilities. Despite the possible
231 confounding effect of MSK Hx, composite WBRA asymmetry for lateral movements appears to
232 have very good discriminatory value for identification of SRC Hx cases at asymmetry thresholds
233 of 10% and 15% (Table 4).

234 The relatively small size of both the derivation and validation cohorts represents an
235 important limitation, along with an insufficient number of female athletes for conclusive
236 determination of an effect of sex on the measures. Reliance on athlete self-report of SRC Hx can
237 be viewed as a limitation, but the strength of the association might have been equal or greater if a
238 definitive record of past injuries had been available. Another limitation is lack of published data
239 validating WBRA measures derived from the Kinect™ depth camera (Microsoft; Redmond,
240 WA), which is a component of the virtual reality motion tracking system. However, the Kinect™
241 depth camera has been shown to provide 3-D coordinate measurements within 3 m at a level of
242 accuracy comparable to that for measurements derived from a multiple-camera system for
243 locating reflective markers.^{36,37}

244 Unpublished data analyzed by the lead author of this report were recently acquired to
245 assess test-retest reliability for 3 WBRA test sessions separated by 24 hours (Briles, Johnson,
246 Hogg, et al; report available at: [https://www.utc.edu/graduate-athletic-](https://www.utc.edu/graduate-athletic-training/pdfs/research/2019/trazer-validity-reliability.pdf)
247 [training/pdfs/research/2019/trazer-validity-reliability.pdf](https://www.utc.edu/graduate-athletic-training/pdfs/research/2019/trazer-validity-reliability.pdf)). Eighteen college-age participants
248 completed a total of 40 movement patterns per test session (5 each for forward, backward, right,

249 left, forward-right, forward-left, backward-right, and backward-left). Intraclass correlation
250 coefficients were .536 for RT, .847 for Spd, .919 for Acc, and .948 for Dec. The available
251 evidence supports the validity and reliability of our WBRA measurements, but more research is
252 needed to confirm that they are sufficiently precise for use as clinical indicators of impaired
253 neural processing and elevated injury risk.

254 The long-term effect of SRC on visually guided motor actions may be an overlooked
255 phenomenon that interferes with proper execution of complex movements.⁸⁻¹² Because SRC Hx
256 appears to have a profound effect on risk for subsequent SRC,⁶ as well as risk for MSK injury,^{7,8}
257 assessment and training of neuromechanical responsiveness may prove to be an important
258 advance in the prevention of sports injuries. Future research involving advanced neuroimaging
259 and electrophysiological methods might identify neural correlates of whole-body performance
260 asymmetries, which would provide a means to assess the potential for neuroplastic adaptations to
261 specific training protocols.

262 **CONCLUSIONS**

263 Our finding of a strong association between WBRA asymmetry and self-reported SRC
264 Hx suggests that a subtle cognitive-motor impairment may persist long after complete resolution
265 of overt signs and symptoms, which may elevate risk for a future injury. Persisting effects of
266 previous MSK injury may explain WBRA asymmetry in the absence of SRC Hx, or SRC Hx and
267 previous MSK injury may have an interactive effect. Our model demonstrated very good
268 calibration and strong discriminatory power for both the derivation and validation cohorts, which
269 support its potential use for identification of individual athletes who are most likely to derive
270 greatest benefit from a targeted training intervention for improvement of whole-body reactive
271 movement capabilities.

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Table 1. Characteristics of Model Derivation Cohort (N = 35)

	Concussion History			No Concussion History		
N	19			16		
Age (years)	26.1 (18–34)			25.1 (18–35)		
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Sex	10 (53%)	9 (47%)		10 (62%)	6 (38%)	
Height (cm)	176.0 ± 10.8	162.6 ± 6.0		175.0 ± 8.8	167.6 ± 4.8	
Mass (kg)	81.1 ± 10.4	58.7 ± 8.2		71.4 ± 8.7	63.1 ± 9.5	
	Right	Left	Neither	Right	Left	Neither
Hand Dominance	15	3	1	13	3	0
Sport Type:						
Bobsled/Skeleton	4			1		
Boxing	0			4		
Figure Skating	3			3		
Gymnastics	2			2		
Wrestling	9			4		
Modern Pentathlon	1			2		
Sport Fitness Index	67.0 (34–90)			75.4 (40–98)		
Depression, Anxiety, & Stress Scale	13.8 (0–44)			14.4 (2–48)		

Table 2. Characteristics of Model Validation Cohort (N = 40)

	Concussion History			No Concussion History		
N	18			22		
Age (years)	25.3 (19–34)			23.0 (18–33)		
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Sex	11 (61%)	7 (39%)		17 (77%)	5 (23%)	
Height (cm)	176.9 ± 6.6	167.6 ± 8.4		180.9 ± 9.6	169.9 ± 10.5	
Mass (kg)	86.5 ± 18.1	64.0 ± 11.2		78.6 ± 17.8	69.4 ± 15.3	
	Right	Left	Neither	Right	Left	Neither
Hand Dominance	17	0	1	17	4	1
Sport Type:						
Bobsled/Skeleton	4			2		
Boxing	0			6		
Figure Skating	3			4		
Gymnastics	1			1		
Wrestling	9			4		
Multi-Event*	1			5		
Sport Fitness Index	55.4 (30–94)			66.2 (24–98)		
Depression, Anxiety, & Stress Scale	12.4 (0–38)			11.9 (0–37)		

^a Multi-Event includes modern pentathlon, track & field, triathlon, and weightlifting.

Table 3. Results of Univariable Analyses

Variable	AUC	Cut point	<i>P</i>	PPV	NPV	+LR	-LR	OR	(90% CI)
WB Lat Acc Asym	.740	≥ .12	.012	77%	67%	2.74	0.42	6.50	(1.86, 22.67)
WB Lat RT Asym	.738	≥ .30	.031	72%	65%	2.19	0.46	4.77	(1.43, 15.87)
WB D/B Dec Asym	.717	≥ .24	.003	100%	59%	14.45 ^a	0.58	24.39 ^a	(2.05, ∞) ^a
WB D/F Dec Asym	.671	≥ .13	.034	70%	67%	1.97	0.42	4.67	(1.40, 15.60)
Sport Fitness Index	.666	≤ 64	.053	73%	59%	2.34	0.59	3.97	(1.20, 13.14)
WB D/B Spd Asym	.605	≥ .16	.037	88%	56%	5.90	0.67	8.75	(1.35, 56.79)
WB Lat Spd Asym	.602	≥ .10	.021	79%	62%	3.09	0.52	5.96	(1.62, 21.90)
WB D/F RT Asym	.566	≥ .08	.056	62%	83%	1.38	0.17	8.18	(1.21, 55.18)
WB Lat RT Avg	.561	≥ 460 ms	.037	88%	56%	5.90	0.67	8.75	(1.35, 56.79)
WB D/B Acc Asym	.559	≥ .21	.132	73%	54%	2.25	0.71	3.15	(0.86, 11.58)
WB D/B RT Asym	.549	≥ .75	.131	83%	52%	4.21	0.79	5.36	(0.80, 35.91)
WB Lat Dec Asym	.520	≥ .14	.104	79%	54%	2.95	0.72	4.08	(0.94, 17.74)

Abbreviations: AUC, area under curve; *P*, Fishers exact test one-sided *P*-value; PPV, positive predictive value; NPV, negative predictive value; +LR, positive likelihood ratio; -LR, negative likelihood ratio; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval;

WB, whole-body; D/B, diagonal/backward; D/F, diagonal/forward; Acc, acceleration; Dec, deceleration; RT, reaction time; Spd, speed; Asym, asymmetry; Avg, average.

^a Values estimated by adding 0.5 to each 2 x 2 cell to eliminate division by zero.

Table 4. Identification of Sport-Related Concussion Cases by Lateral Whole-Body Reactive Agility Composite Asymmetry for Reaction Time, Speed, Acceleration, and Deceleration

Asymmetry	Cohort ^a	<i>P</i>	PPV	NPV	+LR	−LR	OR	(90% CI)
≥ 10%	Derivation	.074	64%	70%	1.50	0.36	4.15	(1.10, 15.62)
	Validation	.054	62%	68%	1.80	0.51	3.52	(1.17, 10.56)
≥ 15%	Derivation	.031	72%	65%	2.19	0.46	4.77	(1.43, 15.87)
	Validation	.089	75%	59%	3.32	0.76	4.39	(1.01, 19.03)

Abbreviations: *P*: Fishers exact test one-sided *P*-Value; PPV: positive predictive value; NPV: negative predictive value; +LR: positive likelihood ratio; −LR: negative likelihood ratio; OR: odds ratio; CI: confidence interval.

^a Sport-related concussion prevalence: derivation cohort 54.3% (19/35); validation cohort 47.5% (19/40).

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Figure 1. Logistic regression model predicted probabilities versus observed prevalence of sport-related concussion history within subgroups of equal size: A. Derivation cohort of 35 elite athletes. B. Validation cohort of 40 elite athletes.

Figure 2. Receiver operating characteristic curve for logistic regression model predicted probability of SRC Hx within model derivation cohort (solid line) and model validation cohort (dashed line).

Figure 3. Prevalence of sport-related concussion history (SRC Hx) for combinations of binary classifications of WBRA Composite Lateral Asymmetry ($< 18\%$ versus $\geq 18\%$) and persisting effects of musculoskeletal injury history (Favorable MSK Hx versus Adverse MSK Hx).

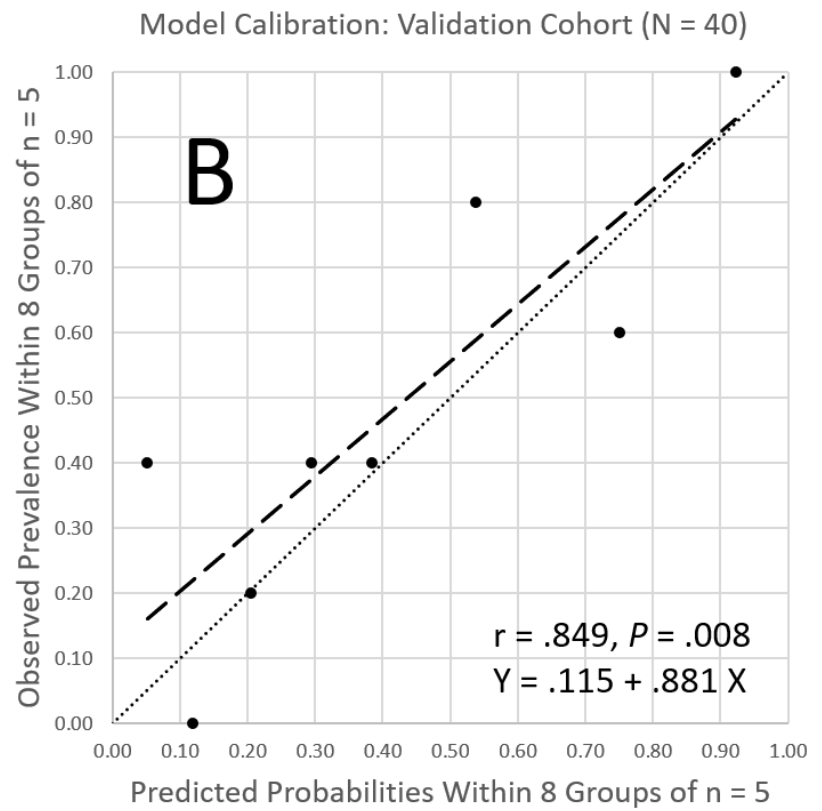
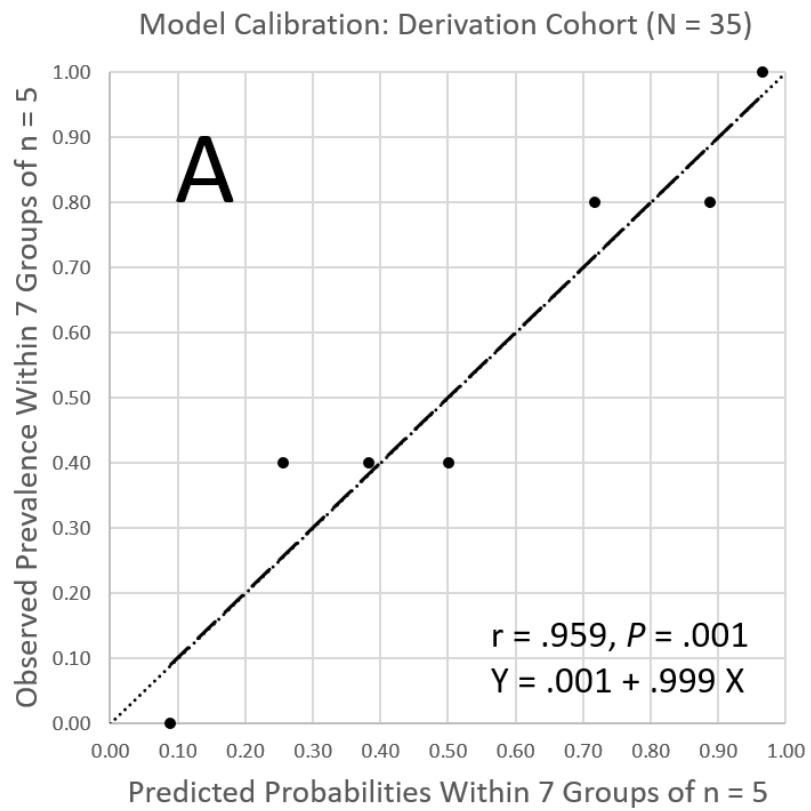


Figure 1

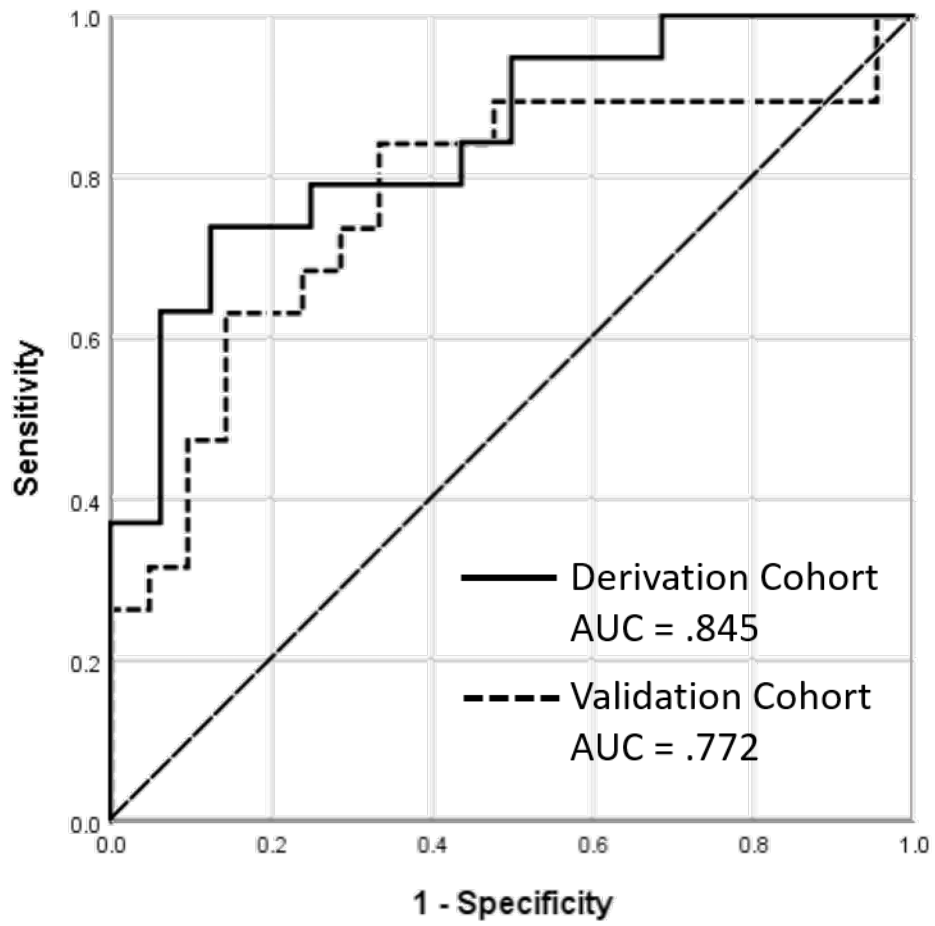


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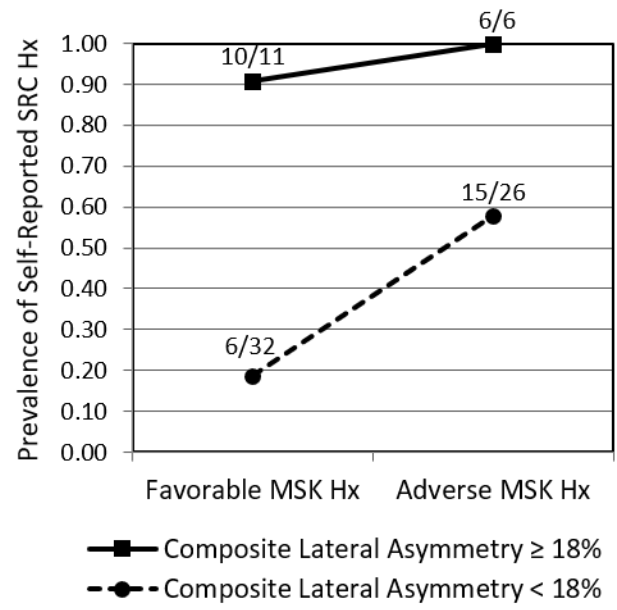


Figure 3