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EDUCATION

10/2000 - 07/2004	B.S. in Human Movement Science (110 / 110), University of Udine, Udine, Italy.
11/2004 - 07/2007	M.S. in Sport Sciences (110 / 110 cum laude), University of Udine, Udine, Italy.
01/2008 - 12/2010	Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology, University of Udine, Udine, Italy.
10/2009 - 04/2010	Visiting researcher (Spinal Cord Injury), UCLA, Los Angeles, USA.
01/2012 - 10/2012	Research fellowship (Exercise Physiology), University of Udine, Udine, Italy.
10/2012 - 01/2015	Postdoctoral associate (Spinal Cord Injury), University of Louisville, Louisville, USA.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

11/2022 – Present	Ricercatore a tempo determinato di tipo B (Assistant Professor, tenure track) Department of Medicine University of Udine, Italy
02/2015 – 10/2022	Assistant Professor (term) Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center Department of Neurological Surgery University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
01/2016 - 10/2022	Scientific Director Metabolic, Neuromuscular and Skeletal research core Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
06/2016 – 10/2022	Associate (secondary) Faculty Appointment Department of Physiology University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
04/2017	Visiting Professor (temporary appointment) Department of Human Movement Science University of Napoli "Parthenope, Napoli, Italy.
03/2018	Visiting Professor (temporary appointment) Department of Medicine University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

2009 - 2012	American Congress of Sports Medicine (Member)
2012 – Present	Society for Neuroscience (Member)

05/2017 Session Chairman - Retraining the Skeletal Muscle System: Implications after Aging,

Disuse or CNS Trauma

21st Annual Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust Symposium

Louisville, KY, USA.

2016 – 2019 Judging Member, poster presentations

Research!Louisville and Society for Neuroscience, Louisville Chapter.

Louisville, KY, USA.

10/2018 – 09/2021 President-elect; President; past-President

Society for Neuroscience, Louisville Chapter

Louisville, KY, USA.

05/2022 Session Chairman – Hypoxia: the Good (the Bad and the Ugly)

27th Annual Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust Symposium

Louisville, KY, USA.

06/2022 – 12/2024 Society for Neuroscience's committee member for Trainee Professional Development

Awards

HONORS AND AWARDS

National award "Stefano Benetton" for graduation thesis in sport sciences

Stefano Benetton Foundation

Treviso, Italy

National award: "Mountain and sport: sustainable development"

Italian Government.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Grant

2017 Invited ad hoc reviewer

Defense Medical Research and Development Program - Neuromusculoskeletal

Injuries Rehabilitation Research Department of Defense, USA.

2020 Invited reviewer

Catwalk Trust Project Grant

Neurological Foundation, New Zealand.

2021 Invited *full panel* reviewer

FY21 Spinal Cord Injury Research Program, Congressionally Directed Medical

Research Programs

Department of Defense, USA.

Ph.D. Committee

2015-2018 Committee Member (Candidate: Robert Stallard)

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.

2017 External reviewer (Candidate: Giuseppe Bellistri)

Institute of Bioimaging and Molecular Physiology Italian National Research Council, Milano, Italy.

2019-2022 External reviewer (Candidate: Federica Gonnelli)

Department of Medicine

University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

Habilitation committee

2021 Committee Member for the appointment of Assistant Professorship in Kinesiology

(Candidate: Mitja Gerževič, PhD)

Euro-Mediterranean University, Piran, Slovenia.

Human Movement Science committees, University of Udine

2023 Erasmus study abroad (coordinator, BSc and MSc programs)
2023 Students' internships (coordinator, BSc and MSc programs)
2023 Quality control and improvement (member, MSc program)
2023 Master program teaching (member)

2023-24 Contract lecturing evaluation (MSc, member)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching

2023-24 (i) Sciences and Techniques of Preventive and Adapted Physical Activities (Graduate

program *STAMPA*; 60hrs; Instructor) University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

10/2011 – 07/2012 (i) Injury prevention and sport rehabilitation (Graduate) - Course director

(ii) Fitness and Wellness (Undergraduate) - Instructor

(iii) Analysis of posture and human movement (Undergraduate) - Instructor

(iv) Physical testing (Undergraduate) - Instructor

School of Sport Sciences

University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

04/2017 (i) Human motor control (Graduate) - Visiting professor

Master in Human Movement Science

University of Napoli "Parthenope", Napoli, Italy.

03/2018 (i) Human motor control (Graduate) - Visiting professor

Master in Sport Sciences

University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

Thesis supervisor

2006 –2010 Co-mentor of 11 undergraduate theses (Candidates: Anna Stefani, Alessandra

Bressani, Stefano Micoli, Roberto Iezzi, Alessandro de Guidi, Silvia Masiero,

Antonio Borriello, Elena Scotti, Giordano Francesco Jr., Manfredi Zampar, Alberto

Botter)

Bachelor in Human Movement Science (n = 10) and Medical Biotechnologies (n = 1)

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University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

2008-2011; 2019 Mentor (n = 1) and co-mentor (n = 3) of graduate theses (Candidates: Ingrid Mattiuz,

Enrico Di Doi, Alessandro Ganzini, Federica Gonnelli)

Master in Sport Sciences

University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

Research career development awards advisor

2021 – 2023 Candidate: Andrew Smith, PT, PhD

NIH, Comprehensive Opportunities in Rehabilitation Research Training, K12 award

(awarded).

Postdoctoral associates supervisor

2015 - 2016	Dr. Lian He (Mentor)
2016 - 2017	Dr. Ahmed Shalaby (Co-mentor)
2017 - 2019	Dr. David Arpin (Mentor). Awarded with: (i) Helmsley Restorative Medicine Trainee
	fellowship (2018); (ii) 3 rd place poster presentation, SfN Louisville Chapter (2019).
2020 - 2022	Dr. Collin Bowersock (Mentor). Awarded with: Todd Crawford Scholarship (2021);
	Neilsen Foundation's 2022 SCIRTS Postdoc grant application: invited to full

Students' supervisor in a research setting

proposal submission.

05-07/2014; 09-11/2015	Nicole Bryant (undergraduate)
05-07/2017	Elizabeth Levay (undergraduate)
04-05/2018	Ethan Adams (undergraduate)

04-06/2018; 08-10/2019 Federica Gonnelli (graduate). Awarded with: 2019 Panathlon thesis award (Italy).

06-07/2022 Sacha Keenan (High school Summer Intern)

Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.

Principal Advisor for professional paper

08-12/2019 Hanna Martin

MSc in Clinical Investigation Sciences

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.

Invited lectures

06/23/2010	Bilateral deficit during explosive lower limb extension: on its causes and adaptations to bed rest. Faculty of Human Movement Science, University of Verona, Verona, Italy.
03/12/2011	Novel approach for hamstrings active strengthening by Safe Leg. XX International Congress of Sports Rehabilitation and Traumatology. March 12, 2011, Bologna, Italy.
05/14/2015	Effects of lumbosacral spinal cord epidural stimulation for standing after chronic complete

paralysis in humans. Neuroscience Grand Rounds, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.

06/18/2015 Epidural stimulation for standing: interaction among sensory information, training and stimulation parameters. Seminar Series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.

07/22/2015 Lumbosacral spinal cord epidural stimulation for standing after chronic complete paralysis in humans. Dept. Medical and Biological Sciences, University of Udine, Udine, Italy.

- 10/01/2015 Effects of lumbosacral spinal cord epidural stimulation for the recovery of motor function after chronic complete paralysis in humans. Institute of Molecular Bioimaging and Physiology, National Research Council, Milano, Italy.
- 01/29/2016 Recovery of motor function for standing via lumbosacral spinal cord epidural stimulation and activity-based rehabilitation in chronic complete paraplegics. Seminar Series, Bioengineering Department, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
- 02/19/2016 Effects of stand and step training with epidural stimulation on motor function for standing and muscle properties. Seminar Series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
- 03/02/2018 Task-specificity and variability of activity-based training with spinal cord epidural stimulation affect the recovery of standing in motor complete SCI individuals. Seminar Series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
- O3/21/2018 Spinal cord epidural stimulation and activity-based training for lower limb motor function recovery in individuals with chronic motor complete spinal cord injury. Seminar Series, Dept. of Medicine, University of Udine, Udine, Italy.
- 02/08/2019 Neurophysiological markers predicting independent standing enabled by spinal epidural stimulation in humans with motor complete spinal cord injury. Seminar Series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA.
- 02/25/2020 Spinal cord epidural stimulation for lower limb motor function recovery in individuals with chronic motor complete spinal cord injury. World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, *Webinar*.
- 03/23/2020 Spinal cord epidural stimulation and recovery of motor function after chronic, complete spinal cord injury: details matter! American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, *Webinar*.
- 10/30/2020 Updates on motor and neuromuscular recovery by epidural stimulation after severe SCI. Seminar Series, Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, University of Louisville, *Webinar*.
- 05/04/2021 The human spinal cord is smarter than we think lessons learnt from 'complete' spinal cord injured individuals receiving epidural stimulation. Exercise Physiology Seminar Series, Dept. of Medicine, University of Udine, *Webinar*.
- 12/03/2021 Spinal cord epidural stimulation for motor recovery after complete spinal cord injury. Seminar series *Talk with the experts*, University of Pavia, *Webinar*.
- 03/14/2022 Recovery of Upright Postural Control with Epidural Stimulation and Robotic Postural Training in Individuals with Chronic Motor Complete Spinal Cord Injury. Gordon Research Conference "Bridging Neural Engineering and Neurobiology Edge Effects to Divergent Innovation". Ventura, CA.
- 07/27/2022 Spinal Cord Epidural Stimulation to Promote Standing Motor Function Recovery After Motor Complete Spinal Cord Injury. "*Moving beyond isolated systems*" Symposium. Louisville, KY.

Invited interviews

- ASIA (American Spinal Injury Association) SCI Science Perspectives Podcast focus on 2022 AISA TROHNS Award for a research project on recovery of standing by spinal cord epidural stimulation and characteristics of cord MRI.
- 02/2022 DiSCIS (Discussions in Spinal Cord Injury Science) Podcast focus on motor recovery by spinal cord epidural stimulation and characteristics of cord MRI.
- "UofL Today with Mark Hebert" radio interview focus on foam rolling massage and physical performance.
- "UofL Today with Mark Hebert" radio interview focus on recovery of standing motor function in an individual with complete paralysis.

09/2015

"Ask Dr. Nandi" TV interview - focus on recovery of standing in individuals with complete paralysis implanted with spinal cord epidural stimulation.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Active research grant funding

1. DOH01-TRANS4-2022 Agrawal (PI) 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2027 2.4 calendar (20% effort)

"Improving Balance after spinal cord injury using a robotic upright stand trainer"

The major goal is to implement a novel robotic stand trainer to investigate and train standing postural control in individuals with spinal cord injury.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Direct Subaward Costs: \$802,000 Total subaward costs: \$962,500

2. W81XWH2010348 Boakye (PI) 07/01/2020-06/30/2023 0.12 calendar

U.S. Department of Defense UofL Grant ID: OGMB200253

'Epidural Stimulation Improvement of Neurogenic Bowel After Acute Spinal Cord Injury - A Large Animal Study"

The major goal of this research is improving bowel function after spinal cord injury in a large animal study. This three-year study is expected to provide evidence of the best neuromodulatory strategy for improving bowel function after spinal cord injury.

Role: Co-Investigator

Direct Costs: \$1,250,000; Total Costs: \$1,846,434

Pending research grant funding

1. 1R01HD112388-01 Behrman (PI) 07/01/2023-06/30/2028 2.4 calendar "Sensorimotor principles to optimize trunk muscle activation in children with spinal cord injury"

The main objective of this proposal is to define biomechanical- and neurophysiology-based principles of trunk muscle activation in children with SCI, which will be pivotal to guide and enhance future activity-based, restorative training targeting intrinsic trunk control in this population.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

2. 1R01NS133507-01 Boakye (PI) 07/01/2023-06/30/2028 2.4 calendar "MRI optimization and prediction of stepping by epidural stimulation after SCI"

The overall objective of this proposal is to use a large animal model for histological validation of MRI measures of residual neural tissue and stimulator placement that can serve as biomarkers of epidural stimulation response.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Completed research funding

1. ES_BI-2017(Harkema) Harkema (PI) 03/23/2017-12/31/2022 2.4 calendar

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation UofL Grant ID: CCDN171218

"Task and physiological specific stimulation for recovery of autonomic function, voluntary movement and standing using epidural stimulation and training after severe spinal cord injury"

The major goal is to determine the level of functional gain that can be achieved in voluntary control of movements below the level of injury and autonomic nervous system function as a result of activation of spinal circuits with epidural stimulation with or without task-specific training in humans with complete motor paralysis.

Role: Co-Investigator

Direct Costs: \$7,934,243; Total Costs: \$8,690,519

Behrman (PI) Rejc (Pilot Study PI)

01/2018 - 12/2018

Kosair Charities

2.

Pilot Study: "Activity-based training and skeletal muscle in children with spinal cord injury"

This funding established the Kosair Charities Center for Excellence in Pediatric Neurorecovery, Rehabilitation, and Research to transform the lives of children affected by spinal cord injury, brain injury, cerebral palsy, and other neurological disabilities. This major goal of this study was to examine the skeletal and muscular impact of activity-based training on children with spinal cord injury.

Role: PI – Pilot study

3. Harkema (PI) Rejc (Co-I)

02/2012 - 6/2018

Leona M & Harry B Helmsley Charitable Trust

"Recovery of Function, Health and Quality of Life for People with Paralysis"

The major goal is to restore motor function and quality of life in patients with spinal cord injury using epidural stimulation and locomotor training therapies.

4. Harkema (PI) Rejc (Co-I)

12/2015 - 12/2019

Leona M & Harry B Helmsley Charitable Trust

"Center for Restorative Medicine"

The Center for Restorative Medicine is an interdisciplinary, collaborative program in medical research for spinal cord injury.

5. Research Grant Rejc (PI) 01/2019 – 04/2020

University of Louisville School of Medicine

Toward the recovery of postural control in individuals with severe spinal cord injury.

Focuses on the effects of sensory stimulation to modulate standing postural control after SCI.

6. DOH01-C31290GG-3450000 Agrawal (PI) Rejc (Site Co-PI) 8/2016 - 8/2021 New York State Spinal Cord Injury Research Board/Columbia University

"TPAD- Tethered Pelvic Assist Device and Epidural Stimulation for Recovery of Standing in SCI"
The major goal is to improve the effectiveness of stand/balance training during SCI rehabilitation using a cable-driven robotic device.

7. Harkema (PI) Rejc (Co-I)

07/01/2019 - 06/30/2022

Kessler Foundation

UofL Contract ID: CCDN200245

"Understand the Role of Lumbosacral scES in Recovery in Individuals with Severe SCI"

The major goal is to understand the role of lumbosacral spinal cord epidural stimulation in recovery of autonomic nervous system function and motor function, and the interaction between stimulation and

training for these systems.

Not funded

-NIH NINDS R01-NS126276

Rejc (PI)

04/01/2022-03/31/2027

Spinal cord lesion determinants of successful motor recovery promoted by epidural stimulation.

-NIH NIBIB R01-NS126313 Agrawal (PI) Rejc (Co-PI) 06/01/2022 – 05/31/2027 Improving Posture and Balance Control in Individuals with SCI using a Robotic Stand Trainer.

-U of L School of Medicine. Rejc (PI)

2016

Impact of stand and step training with epidural stimulation on aerobic metabolism in chronic complete paraplegics.

-Nielsen Foundation. Rejc (PI) 2016

Recovery of standing balance control after severe spinal cord injury.

-Nielsen Foundation. Rejc (PI) 2017

Do spinal stimulation and training promote health after paralysis?

-Department of Defense. Rejc (PI) 2019

Neurophysiological biomarkers for standing rehabilitation with epidural stimulation in individuals with chronic complete spinal cord injury.

-U of L-ExCITE Product Development Grant – Cycle #7. Rejc (PI) 2019

Machine learning-based computer software for enhancing recovery of standing in humans with severe spinal cord injury. (invited to full proposal submission).

-Nielsen Foundation Rejc (PI) 2019

Epidural stimulation for standing rehabilitation after complete paralysis. (invited to full proposal submission).

PATENTS

- -A. Shalaby, S. Mesbah, A. El-Baz, E. Rejc and S. Harkema. "Automated segmentation of tissue in magnetic resonance imaging". PCT/US2018/064760
- -S Harkema, E Rejc, S. Mesbah. "Determination of stimulation parameters for muscle activation". US Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 16/906,443 (2020).
- -S Harkema, E Rejc, S. Angeli C, Hubscher C, Herrity A, Chen Y, Aslan S. "Closed loop control system". U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/945,702.

EDITORIAL WORK

-Guest Editor in: Wearable Technologies.

Special Issue "Neuromodulation, Robotics, and Wearable Technologies - Promoting

Sensorimotor Function".

02/2022 Rejc, E., Ichiyama, R. M., Angeli, C. A., eds. (2022). Advances in Spinal Cord Epidural

Stimulation for Motor and Autonomic Functions Recovery After Severe Spinal Cord

Injury. Lausanne: Frontiers Media SA. doi: 10.3389/978-2-88974-391-9 (E-book)

09/2019 – 09/2021 Guest Associate Editor in *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*.

Research Topic: "Advances in Spinal Cord Epidural Stimulation for Motor and

Autonomic Functions Recovery after Severe Spinal Cord Injury".

2014 – 2022 Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for: Human Movement Science (2014), System (2014), Journal

of Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions (2015), Journal of Neurotrauma (2016), The Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine (2019), Annals of Neurology (2020), Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology (2020), Frontiers Systems Neuroscience (2021), Science Advances (2021), Nature Medicine (2022), Nature Communications (2022), Science

Robotics (2022).

PUBLICATIONS

Original articles published on international journals indexed in Pubmed (* senior / corresponding author)

h-index (Scopus): 21 Total citations (Scopus): 1948

- -) Angeli C, Rejc E, Boakye M, Herrity A, Mesbah S, Hubscher C, Forrest G, Harkema S. Targeted selection of stimulation parameters for restoration of motor and autonomic function in individuals with spinal cord injury. Submitted to: Neuromodulation
- -) Smith A, Draganich C, Thornton W, Berliner J, Lennarson P, **Rejc E**, Sevigny M, Charlifue S, Tefertiller C, Weber K. A single dermatome clinical prediction rule to predict independent walking one year after traumatic spinal cord injury. Submitted to: JAMA Network Open
- 46) Gonnelli F, **Rejc E**, Floreani M, Lazzer S. Effects of NMES-elicited versus voluntary low-level conditioning contractions on explosive knee extensions. J Musculoskelet Neuronal Interact. 2022 Dec 1;22(4):465-473.
- 45) Bowersock C, Pisolkar T, Omofuma I, Luna T, Khan M, Santamaria V, Stein J, Agrawal S, Harkema S, **Rejc E***. Robotic upright stand trainer (RobUST) and postural control in individuals with spinal cord injury. J Spinal Cord Med. *in press*
- 44) *Rejc E**, *Angeli CA, Ichiyama RM*. Editorial: Advances in Spinal Cord Epidural Stimulation for Motor and Autonomic Functions Recovery After Severe Spinal Cord Injury. Front. Syst. Neurosci., 06 Jan 2022.
- 43) Smith AC, Angeli CA, Ugiliweneza B, Weber KA, Bert RJ, MohammadJavad N, Mesbah S, Boakye M, Harkema SJ, Rejc E*. Spinal cord imaging markers and recovery of standing with epidural stimulation in individuals with clinically motor complete spinal cord injury. Exp Brain Res. 2022 Jan;240(1):279-288.
- 42) Floreani M, Rejc E, Gambin S, Vavassori L, Lazzer S. Effects of gravitational and iso-inertial resistance trainings using rating of perceived exertion on lower limbs muscle force and power abilities and metabolic cost of walking in healthy older adults. J Sports Med Phys Fitness. 2022 Jul;62(7):910-920.
- 41) *Ibáñez J, Angeli C, Harkema SJ, Farina D, Rejc E**. Recruitment order of motor neurons promoted by epidural stimulation in individuals with spinal cord injury. J Appl Physiol (1985). 2021 Sep 1;131(3):1100-1110.
- 40) Gonnelli F, **Rejc** E*, Giovanelli N, Floreani M, Porcelli S, Harkema SJ, Willhite A, Stills S, Richardson T, Lazzer S. Long-pulse high-frequency neuromuscular electrical stimulation promotes higher fractional oxygen extraction in healthy able-bodied but not in spinal cord injured individuals during low-level fatiguing contractions. Eur J Appl Physiol. 2021 Jun;121(6):1653-1664.
- 39) Mesbah S, Ball T, Angeli C, **Rejc E**, Dietz N, Ugiliweneza B, Harkema S, Boakye M. Predictors of Volitional Motor Recovery with Spinal Cord Epidural Stimulation in Individuals with Chronic Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury. Brain. 2021 Mar 3;144(2):420-433.
- 38) **Rejc E***, Smith AC, Weber KA, Ugiliweneza B, Bert RJ, MohammadJavad N, Boakye M, Harkema SJ, Angeli CA. Spinal cord imaging markers and recovery of volitional leg movement with spinal cord epidural stimulation in individuals with clinically motor complete spinal cord injury. Front. Syst. Neurosci. doi: 10.3389/fnsys.2020.559313.
- 37) Ditterline B, Harkema SJ, Willhite A, Stills S, Ugiliweneza B, Rejc E*. Epidural stimulation for cardiovascular function increases lower limb lean mass in individuals with chronic motor complete spinal cord injury. Exp Physiol. 2020 Oct;105(10):1684-1691.
- 36) Arpin D, Ugiliweneza B, Forrest G, Harkema SJ, Rejc E*. Optimizing neuromuscular electrical stimulation pulse width and amplitude to promote central activation in individuals with severe spinal cord injury. Front Physiol. 2019 Oct 18;10:1310.

- 35) Mesbah S, Gonnelli F, Angeli CA, El-Baz A, Harkema SJ, Rejc E*. Neurophysiological markers predicting recovery of standing in humans with chronic motor complete spinal cord injury. Sci Rep. 2019 Oct 9:9(1):14474.
- 34) Khan M, Luna T, Santamaria V, Omofuma I, Martelli D, **Rejc E**, Stein J, Harkema S, Agrawal S. Stand Trainer with Applied Forces at the Pelvis and Trunk: Response to Perturbations and Assist-As-Needed Support. IEEE Trans Neural Syst Rehabil Eng. 2019 Sep;27(9):1855-1864.
- 33) Mesbah S, Shalaby AM, Stills S, Soliman AM, Willhite A, Harkema SJ, Rejc E, El-baz AS. Novel Stochastic Framework for Automatic Segmentation of Human Thigh MRI Volumes and Its Applications in Spinal Cord Injured Individuals. PLoS One. 2019 May 9;14(5):e0216487.
- 32) **Rejc** E*, Angeli C. Spinal cord epidural stimulation for lower limb motor function recovery in individuals with motor complete spinal cord injury. Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am. 2019 May;30(2):337-354.
- 31) Šimunič B, Koren K, Rittweger J, Lazzer S, Reggiani C, Rejc E, Pišot R, Narici M, Degens H. Tensiomyography detects early hallmarks of bed-rest-induced atrophy before changes in muscle architecture. J Appl Physiol (1985). 2019 Apr 1;126(4):815-822.
- 30) *Arpin D, Forrest G, Harkema S, Rejc E**. Submaximal marker for investigating peak muscle torque using NMES after paralysis. J Neurotrauma. 2019 Mar 19;36(6):930-936.
- 29) Aslan S, Legg Ditterline BE, Park MC, Angeli CA, Rejc E, Chen Y, Ovechkin AV, Krassioukov A, Harkema SJ. Epidural Spinal Cord Stimulation of Lumbosacral Networks Modulates Arterial Blood Pressure in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury-Induced Cardiovascular Deficits. Frontiers in Physiology, May 2018,9:565.
- 28) Giovannelli N, Vaccari F, Floreani M, **Rejc E**, Copetti J, Garra M, Biasutti L, Lazzer S. Short-term effects of rolling massage on energy cost of running and power of the lower limbs. Int J Sports Physiol Perform. 2018 Nov 1;13(10):1337-1343.
- 27) Floreani M, **Rejc E**, Taboga P, Ganzini A, Pišot R, Šimunič B, Biolo G, Reggiani C, Passaro A, Narici M, Rittweger J, di Prampero PE, Lazzer S. Effects of 14 days of bed rest and following physical training on metabolic cost, mechanical work, and efficiency during walking in older and young healthy males. PLoS One. 2018 Mar 12;13(3):e0194291
- 26) **Rejc E**, Floreani M, Taboga P, Botter A, Toniolo L, Cancellara L, Narici M, Simunic B, Pisot R, Biolo G, Passaro A, Rittweger J, Reggiani C, Lazzer S. Loss of maximal explosive power of lower limbs after two weeks of disuse and incomplete recovery after retraining in older adults. J Physiol. 2018 Feb 15;596(4):647-665
- 25) *Rejc E*, *Angeli C*, *Atkinson D*, *Harkema S*. Motor recovery after activity-based training with spinal cord epidural stimulation in a chronic motor complete paraplegic. Scientific Reports 2017 7: 13476
- 24) Giovanelli N, Taboga P, **Rejc E**, Lazzer S. Effects of strength, explosive and plyometric training on energy cost of running in ultra-endurance athletes. Eur J Sport Sci. 2017 Aug;17(7):805-813
- 23) *Rejc E*, *Angeli C*, *Bryant N*, *Harkema S*. Effects of stand and step training with epidural stimulation on motor function for standing in chronic complete paraplegics. J Neurotrauma. 2017 May 1;34(9):1787-1802.
- 22) Passaro A, Soavi C, Marusic U, **Rejc E**, Sanz JM, Morieri ML, Nora ED, Kavcic V, Narici MV, Reggiani C, Biolo G, Zuliani G, Lazzer S, Pišot R. Computerized cognitive training and brain derived neurotrophic factor during bed rest: mechanisms to protect individual during acute stress. Aging (Albany NY). 2017 Feb 3;9(2):393-407.
- 21) Moreno C, Mattiussi G, Nunez F, Messina G, Rejc E*. Intratissue Percutaneous Electolysis (EPI®) combined with Active Physical Therapy for the treatment of Adductor Longus Enthesopathy-related Groin Pain: a randomised trial. J Sports Med Phys Fitness. 2017 Jan 23 [Epub ahead of print]
- 20) Nagahara R, Botter A, **Rejc E**, Koido M, Shimizu T, Samozino P, Morin JB. Concurrent Validity of GPS for Deriving Mechanical Properties of Sprint Acceleration. Int J Sports Physiol Perform. 2017 Jan;12(1):129-132

- 19) Porcelli S, Pugliese L, **Rejc E**, Pavei G, Bonato M, Montorsi M, La Torre A, Rasica L, Marzorati M. Effects of a Short-Term High-Nitrate Diet on Exercise Performance. Nutrients. 2016 Aug 31;8(9).
- 18) Giovanelli N, Taboga P, **Rejc E**, Simunic B, Antonutto G, Lazzer S. Effects of an Uphill Marathon on Running Mechanics and Lower-Limb Muscle Fatigue. Int J Sports Physiol Perform. 2016 May;11(4):522-9.
- 17) *Rejc E*, *Angeli C*, *Harkema S*. Effects of Lumbosacral Spinal Cord Epidural Stimulation for Standing after Chronic Complete Paralysis in Humans. PLoS One. 2015 Jul 24;10(7):e0133998.
- 16) **Rejc E***, di Prampero PE, Lazzer S, Grassi B, Simunic B, Pisot R, Antonutto G, Narici M. A 35-day bed rest does not alter the bilateral deficit of the lower limbs during explosive efforts. Eur J Appl Physiol. 2015 Jun;115(6):1323-30
- 15) **Rejc** E*, di Prampero PE, Lazzer S, Grassi B, Simunic B, Pisot R, Antonutto G, Narici M. Maximal explosive power of the lower limbs before and after 35 days of bed rest under different diet energy intake. Eur J Appl Physiol. 2015 Feb;115(2):429-36.
- 14) Lazzer S, Salvadego D, Taboga P, **Rejc E**, Giovanelli N, di Prampero PE. Effects of the Etna Uphill Ultra-Marathon on Energy Cost and Mechanics of Running. Int J Sports Physiol Perform. 2015 Mar;10(2):238-247.
- 13) Lazzer S, Taboga P, Salvadego D, **Rejc E**, Simunic B, Narici M, Buglione A, Giovanelli N, Antonutto G, Grassi B, Pisot R, di Prampero PE. Factors affecting metabolic cost of transport during a multi-stage running race. J Exp Biol. 2014 Mar 1;217(Pt 5):787-95.
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