

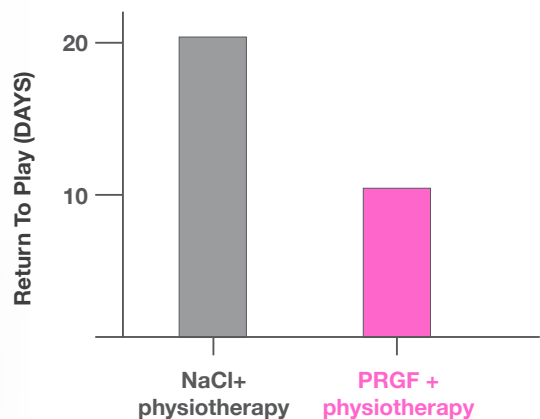
## HAMSTRING MUSCLE INJURY

### PLATELET-RICH PLASMA IN HAMSTRING MUSCLE INJURIES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYERS: A PROSPECTIVE BLIND RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL



**THE USE OF ENDORET<sup>®</sup> TECHNOLOGY EXERTS A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON PAIN RELIEF AND ALLOWS RETURN TO PLAY IN HALF THE TIME COMPARED TO THE CONTROL GROUP**

40 professional soccer players with an ACUTE HAMSTRING INJURY were randomly treated either with NaCl or with Plasma Rich in Growth Factors (PRGF) injections, both associated to rehabilitation to optimize recovery.



**AT FOLLOW UP OF 6 MONTHS, NO RE-INJURIES WERE OBSERVED AFTER THE TREATMENT**

# ABSTRACT

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Platelet-rich plasma in hamstring muscle injuries in professional soccer players. A pilot study.

## BACKGROUND

**This study evaluated the efficacy of a single injection of Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) in the management of hamstring injuries (grade 2a and 2b according to the British Athletics Muscle Injury Classification) in professional soccer players.**

## METHODS

Forty professional male soccer players with an acute hamstring injury, verified by MRI, were randomly treated either conservatively (physiotherapy, exercises) or with a combination of conservative methods and injections of PRP.

## RESULTS

The time to return to sport (RTS) in the PRP group ( $11.4 \pm 1.2$  days) was significantly shorter than in the other group ( $21.3 \pm 2.7$  days;  $p < 0.05$ ). There were no episodes of reinjury in both groups at a minimum of 6 months of follow-up.

## CONCLUSIONS

The use of PRP exerts a beneficial effect on pain relief and allows earlier return to sport.