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1 **Lack of agreement of in vivo raw bioimpedance measurements obtained from two single**
2 **and multi-frequency bioelectrical impedance devices**

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26 **ABSTRACT**

27 **Background:** It is important for highly active individuals to accurately assess their
28 hydration level. Bioelectrical impedance (BIA) can potentially meet these needs but its
29 validity in active individuals is not well established. **Methods:** We compared whole-body
30 bioimpedance measurements obtained from multi-frequency bioelectrical impedance
31 spectroscopy (BIS, Xitron 4200) at a 50 kHz frequency with those determined by a phase-
32 sensitive single-frequency device (SF-BIA, BIA-101, RJL/Akern Systems) in two
33 populations: active adults and elite athletes. **Results:** One hundred twenty-six participants,
34 including active males involved in recreational sports (N=25, 20–39 yr) and elite athletes
35 (females: N=26, 18–35 yr; males: N=75, 18–38 yr) participated in this study. Reactance (Xc),
36 Resistance (R), Impedance (Z), and phase angle (PhA) were obtained by BIS and SF-BIA.
37 Small but significant differences (R:-9.91±15.09Ω; Xc:-0.97±2.56Ω; Z:-9.96±15.18Ω;
38 PhA:0.12±0.2°) were observed between the bioimpedance equipment in all measured
39 variables (p<0.05) though differences were within the devices' technical error of
40 measurements. Device-specific values were highly (p<0.0001) correlated [R^2 ranged from
41 0.881 (Xc) to 0.833 (R)], but slopes and intercepts were different (p<0.0001) from 1 and 0,
42 respectively. Relatively large limits of agreement were observed for R (-40 to 21Ω), Xc (-6 to
43 4Ω), PhA (-0.4 to 0.5°), and impedance (-40 to 20Ω). **Conclusion:** Bioimpedance
44 measurements from the current single and multifrequency devices should not be used
45 interchangeably. The of lack of agreement between devices was observed in determining
46 individual values of R, Xc, Z, and PhA of highly active populations possibly due to
47 methodological and biological factors.

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49 **Key Words:** athletes, resistance, reactance, phase angle, body composition.

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52 **INTRODUCTION**

53 The assessment of balance fluid loss and intake is relevant in sports and should be
54 monitored over the athletic season for assuring that athletes' performance is maximized while
55 health is not compromised. Bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA) is a non-invasive and
56 practical technique that can meet this need(1).

57 Several BIA methods and instruments have been widely used to assess the structure
58 and function of biological entities(2). Alternating current is introduced into the body by
59 modern BI electronic devices at single or multiple frequencies. Passive bioelectrical
60 measurements can be related to physiological or body composition parameters.

61 For whole-body and localized assessments, the BIA method uses a phase-sensitive
62 impedance device that applies a low-level, constant alternating current with a tetrapolar
63 surface electrode placement on the hands and feet(2, 3) or a defined region of the body(4, 5).
64 It measures impedance (Z), a complex quantity, that involves a purely resistive component,
65 resistance (R) (from water and electrolytes in fluids and tissues) and the capacitance
66 associated with cell membrane integrity and cell interfaces, reactance (X_c)(6).

67 Measurement of the time delay between the application of voltage and current
68 penetration at the cell membrane and tissue level is assessed by the complex electronic
69 circuitry, and is identified as the phase angle (PhA). Using a simple mathematical approach,
70 the impedance value for the body is distinguished into R and X_c components as Z (sin phase
71 angle) and Z (cos phase angle), correspondingly, of a R - X_c series circuit. A 50-kHz
72 frequency is usually utilized by the phase-sensitive BIA device (SF-BIA) to measure PhA
73 and Z , and calculate R and X_c (6).

74 Tetrapolar multifrequency BIA instruments, specifically bioelectrical impedance
75 spectroscopy (BIS), determine frequency-specific Z ranging from 5kHz to 1MHz. At each
76 frequency, the equipment measures R and X_c and calculates the Z and PhA(7).

77 Several factors such as sex, age, fluid distribution and body mass index (BMI) affect
78 PhA values among healthy persons(8). Therefore, PhA is considered an index of the cell
79 membrane integrity and vitality with higher values indicating greater cellularity, cell function
80 and integrity in individuals with normal hydration(6).

81 Technical concerns related with the use of different BIA instruments may compromise
82 the use of reference or cut-off values proposed for PhA as an indicator of nutritional and
83 physiological status. Genton et al.(9) found that PhA differed significantly in older adults
84 measured with different BIA devices (Eugedia, RJL-101, and 4000 Xitron). In a multi-ethnic
85 sample of children, Tanabe et al(10) found significant differences in Xc values obtained with
86 Xitron4200 and RJL BIA.

87 Recognizing the relevance of raw BIA parameters in health and disease along with the
88 availability of different devices, it is still unclear whether SF-BIA and multifrequency
89 devices would provide similar R, Xc, and PhA values, if obtained in a highly active
90 population. Therefore, the present study aims to determine the accuracy of raw BIA values
91 obtained from BIS (Xitron4200) compared to a phase-sensitive SF-BIA (BIA-101,
92 RJL/Akern Systems).

93 **METHODS**

94 **Participants**

95 A total of 126 participants (25 highly active, men involved in recreational sports and
96 101 national-level athletes (75 males and 26 females) from a multitude of sports (handball,
97 volleyball, basketball, rugby, swimmers, athletics, triathlon, pentathlon, judo, tennis and
98 soccer) participated in this study. Athletes were evaluated during the competitive period of
99 the season.

100 The inclusion criteria were: (1)physical activity level >2.0 or >10 hr of sport-specific
101 training per week(11); (2)negative test outcomes for performance-enhancing drugs; and
102 (3)not taking any medications or supplements at the time of the measurements. Informed
103 consent was obtained from each participant and/or guardian if under the age of legal consent
104 prior to testing. All procedures were approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of
105 Lisbon and the investigation was conducted according to the guidelines reported in the
106 Declaration of Helsinki(12).

107 **Body composition measurements**

108 All body composition measurements were performed in the morning (8:00 to
109 10:00A.M) after an overnight fast lasting (≥ 12 hr) with at least 15hr from the last exercise
110 session.

111 *Anthropometric measurements*

112 All participants were weighed to the nearest 0.01kg in minimal clothing using the
113 scale interfaced with the plethysmograph (BOD POD[®] Cosmed, Rome, Italy), while stature
114 was measured to the nearest 0.1cm using a wall stadiometer (Seca, Hamburg, Germany)
115 according to standardized procedures reported elsewhere(13). Circumferences, skinfolds and
116 breadths were obtained according to the International Society for the Advancement of
117 Kinanthropometry protocols(14) by one certified anthropometrists. A total of 4 somatotypes
118 were identified based on Carter and Heath equations(13) namely: Central, Ectomorph and
119 Mesomorph-Ectomorph, Endomorph and Endomorph-Mesomorph, and Mesomorph.

120 *Body composition*

121 Total and regional fat mass (FM), fat-free mass (FFM), lean soft tissue (LST) and
122 bone mineral content (BMC) were determined by dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (Hologic

123 Explorer W, QDR for windows version 12.4, Waltham, MA, USA) as described in detail
124 elsewhere(15).

125 *Bioelectrical Impedance*

126 For both BI devices (SF-BIA and BIS), measurements were performed in a random order
127 (time difference 30 seconds) after a 10-min period of rest with the participant in a supine
128 position. Four electrodes were placed on the dorsal surfaces of right foot and ankle and right
129 wrist and hand. A $240 \mu\text{A}_{\text{RMS}}$ alternating current at 50 kHz was introduced into the distal
130 electrode of each pair (source electrode), and the voltage drop across the body was measured
131 using the proximal electrode (detector electrode). Low-impedance electrodes (Impedimed,
132 IU0GELTD, Pinkenba, QLD, Australia), specifically 270 Ω , 0.9 Ω , and 270 Ω for R,
133 Xc, and Z, respectively, were used for measuring raw parameters obtained from single and
134 multifrequency devices.

135 *Single-Frequency Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis*

136 Whole body R and Xc were obtained by BIA using a single- frequency, phase-sensitive 50
137 kHz (BIA-101, RJL/Akern Systems, Firenze, Italy)(16).

138 Prior to each test, the technical validity of SF-BIA instrument was determined with a
139 precision circuit (R=383 Ω , and capacitance=46 Ω). Measured resistance and reactance values
140 were within the tolerance of the precision circuit ($\leq 10\Omega$ and $\leq 5\Omega$, respectively). The
141 biological reliability determined using low-impedance electrodes (Impedimed,139
142 IU0GELTD, Pinkenba, QLD, Australia) in 10 participants in our laboratory was 0.3% and
143 0.9% for R and Xc, respectively(16).

144 *Multispectral Frequency Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis*

145 Whole-body R, Xc, PhA, and Z at frequency 50kHz were also determined by using a
146 BIS model 4200 (Xitron Technologies, San Diego, CA, USA)(17). Prior to each test, the
147 technical validity of this device was determined using a manufacture-provided electronic
148 Verification Module (option TS4201). The circuit consists of a 1% 681Ω resistor in parallel
149 with a series 1% 909Ω resistor and 5% 3.3nF capacitor. The manufacture's verification
150 process did not yield raw BI values but modelled or calculated R, Xc, and Z that were within
151 the tolerance of the device(7). The biological reliability determined in 6 participants in our
152 laboratory for R and Xc at 50Hz was 0.6% and 1.5%, respectively.

153 *Bioelectrical impedance vector analysis*

154 Bioelectrical impedance vector analysis (BIVA) was applied using the SF-BIA device
155 (17), adjusting individual vectors for height (R/H, ohm/m, and Xc/H, ohm/m) to eliminate the
156 conductor length effect, and projecting the vectors in the cartesian plane defined by R/H and
157 Xc/H (R-Xc graph). The characteristics of the individuals were compared with the concentric
158 tolerance ellipses (50%, 75%, and 95% of cases) representing the variability of an Italian
159 population used as the reference population to compare our Portuguese sample(18). The
160 major axis of the tolerance ellipses refers to hydration status (under-hydrated individuals
161 tending towards the upper pole; over-hydrated individuals toward the lower one), and the
162 minor axis indicates cell mass, where the left side corresponds to a high cell mass (i.e. more
163 soft tissue). Individuals with values outside the 75% tolerance ellipse (3 females and 7 males)
164 were removed from the sample in order to rule out possible bias in method comparison due to
165 variations in hydration status.

166 **Statistical analysis**

167 Descriptive statistics were performed, and all variables were checked for normality.
168 Paired sample t-tests were used to compare the mean values obtained from both devices.

169 Comparison parameters included the analyses of the coefficient of determination and the
170 standard error of estimations. It was also investigated if the slope and intercept differed from
171 1 and 0, respectively (line of identity). Additionally, agreement between methods was
172 assessed using the Bland-Altman approach(19), including the analysis of the correlation
173 between the mean and the difference of the methods.

174 IBM SPSS Statistics version 25.0, 2017 (IBM, Chicago, Illinois, USA) was used for
175 data analysis. Statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$.

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177 **RESULTS**

178 Table 1 presents the demographic and body composition characteristics of the
179 participants. Compared to the SF-BIA device, the BIS instrument provided significantly
180 ($p < 0.05$) lower values of R, Xc and Z but higher values of PhA at 50kHz.

181 *table 1 here*

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183 Although the methods were highly correlated for all raw BIA outcomes, the slope and
184 intercept significantly differed from 1 and 0, respectively (Table 2).

185 *Table 2 here*

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187 We observed a significant interaction term of somatotype and BIS in determining R
188 ($p < 0.001$) and Xc obtained by SF-BIA ($p < 0.001$). For R, significant interactions ($p < 0.001$)
189 were found for each somatotype category, with coefficients of 1.026 for central, 1.032 for
190 ectomorph plus mesomorph ectomorph, 1.040 for endomorph plus endomorph mesomorph,
191 and 1.022 for mesomorph somatotypes. For reactance, significant interactions ($p < 0.001$) were
192 found for each somatotype category, with coefficients of 0.974 for central, 0.973 for

193 ectomorph plus mesomorph ectomorph, 0.979 for endomorph plus endomorph mesomorph,
194 and 0.974 for mesomorph somatotypes.

195 The Bland-Altman plots displayed in Figure 1 illustrate agreement between methods
196 according to somatotypes observed in the sample.

197 *Figure 1 here*

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199 We observed a significant difference of -9.91Ω for R, -0.97Ω for Xc, 0.42° for PhA,
200 and -0.95Ω for Z. The limits of agreement ranged from -40.1 to 20.6Ω for R, -6.1 to 4.2Ω for
201 Xc, from -0.4 to 0.5° for PhA and -40.3 to 20.4Ω for Z. A significant trend between the mean
202 and the difference of the methods was found for R ($r=-0.26$; $p=0.003$) and Z ($r=-0.26$,
203 $p=0.004$).

204 The greatest magnitude of differences was observed for the category endomorph and
205 endomorph mesomorph (R: -14.95Ω , Xc: -1.32Ω , PhA: 0.08° , and Z: -14.95Ω), whereas the
206 lowest differences (R: -7.58Ω , PhA: 0.02° , and Z: -7.63Ω) was observed for mesomorph
207 participants.

208 We additionally investigated the effect of age, weight, height, total and regional BMC,
209 FM, FFM, and LST on differences between the methods. Age was associated with the
210 difference of the methods for R ($r=0.264$, $p=0.007$) and Z ($r=0.264$, $p=0.007$), which means
211 that in younger participants BIS tend to display lower values of R and Xc compared to SF-
212 BIA, whereas in older participants the opposite is observed. Legs and appendicular FM,
213 separately, were negatively associated with the difference of the methods for R (arms= -0.189 ,
214 $p=0.033$; legs= -0.231 , $p=0.009$; appendicular= -0.227 , $p=0.010$) and Z (arms= -0.186 , $p=0.03$;
215 legs= -0.228 , $p=0.010$; appendicular= -0.225 , $p=0.011$). These observations mean that in
216 athletes with a higher adiposity in the limbs, BIS tend to display lower values of R and Z,

217 exhibiting higher values of R and Z, compared to SF-BIA, in those with a lower appendicular
218 FM.
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220 **DISCUSSION**

221 The main finding of this study was the lack of agreement between Akern and Xitron
222 4200 at 50 kHz in the individual determination of raw measured parameters, despite the high
223 association observed at the group level in a highly active populations.

224 The main difficulty in understanding the differences between methods in determining
225 R, Xc, Z, PhA using Akern and Xitron instruments is related to different technology used to
226 provide the validity and reliability of these values. Akern is a phase-sensitive instrument that
227 measures PhA and Z, and calculates R and Xc(6) based on the trigonometric equation.
228 According to the Xitron manual(7) R and Xc are determined and Z and PhA are calculated.
229 Akern uses a single frequency (50kHz) whereas Xitron employs a best fit evaluation over
230 many frequencies.

231 Several validation studies were performed using BIA methods for water estimation in
232 healthy adults SF-BIA-RJL/AKERN(20-22) or Xitron BIS(22-25) but only four studies
233 compared raw parameters measures using single and multifrequency BIA devices in
234 hemodialysis patients(26), body builders(27), older adults(9) and children(10) though only
235 Genton et al.(9) and Tanabe et al.(10) provided comparison parameters between devices for
236 the raw data. The authors compared BIS with RJL-101 in a sample of multi-ethnic infants and
237 pre-school children observing an R^2 of 95% for Xc(10). A nonsignificant mean bias was
238 observed for R with limits of agreement of $\pm 16\Omega$ whereas BIS significantly underestimated
239 Xc by 3.84Ω with limits of agreement of $\pm 3.6\Omega$. Our results partially extend Tanabe et al.(10)
240 findings for Xc as an R^2 of 81% was observed. Genton et al.(9) found that PhA was

241 significantly underestimated in older adults measured by Xitron4000 and RJL-101
242 instruments, with a difference of -1.50 ± 0.24 , which is appreciable.

243 The differences observed may be due to the effects of modelling but it could be
244 argued that modelling provides a better measure at any single frequency since the effects of
245 individual error at any discrete frequency of measurement is minimized by the averaging
246 effect of the modelling(28). However, errors associated with modelling are recognized, and
247 technical inadequacy issues, namely the effects of stray capacitance and lead position
248 reported(29, 30). Nevertheless, these modelling associated errors occur at higher frequencies
249 and unlikely at frequency 50kHz which was virtually identified in our equipment.

250 As body shape differs among athletes participating in different sports, individuals
251 were categorized according to the somatotype. We observed that somatotype was a factor
252 affecting the differences in measurements of bioimpedance variables between methods,
253 probably because body shape is generally accepted to be constant in BIA theory(19). This
254 observation was particularly relevant in endomorph and endomorph-mesomorph participants,
255 as a trend to display lower values of R, Xc and Z, and higher values of PhA when using BIS
256 compared to SF-BIA was found. The significant trend in displaying lower values of R and Z
257 in participants with higher adiposity in the limbs, should be noted. Taking together these
258 observations are difficult to be explained. Indeed, differences in raw data between devices,
259 regardless of using the single and multifrequency approach have been previously
260 observed(31).

261 Differences in biological variability in determining R and Xc from BIS-Xitron and
262 SF-BIA Akern should be underscored, with a larger error observed by Xitron (0.6% for R and
263 1.5% for Xc) compared to Akern (0.3% for R and 0.9% for Xc). The differences of 9.91Ω
264 observed for R (representing a 2.0% mean difference) and of $\sim 1\Omega$ for Xc (representing a
265 1.5% mean difference) are relatively close to the biological variability of the devices.

266 Therefore, we should recognize that the technical error of measurements observed in both
267 devices might actually question the meaning of the significant differences observed. Still,
268 small differences in PhA (<0.5 degrees) may compromise an accurate classification of
269 athletes by performance level(32), as well survival prediction in advanced cancer
270 patients(33). Additionally, these discrepancies reinforce the need for using device-specific
271 reference values of BIA raw data such as PhA and BIVA.

272 Despite the high association observed between devices, raw BIA data should not be
273 used interchangeably given the individual errors and the significant trend between the
274 differences and the magnitude of R and Z values, making it difficult to develop calibration
275 models. Many laboratories and clinical centers still use the BIS-Xistron equipment. The point
276 of this comparison is to demonstrate that not all BI devices yield comparable measurements
277 in vivo. Thus, understanding the degree of agreement between devices is important, in
278 particular if we expect to understand the magnitude of the error involved in data collected,
279 interchangeably, by these devices. A comprehensive review of the factors affecting
280 impedance measurements and the call for standardization has been recently highlighted by
281 Brantlov et al(34). As reported by Lukaski et al(6) a mandatory future goal for impedance
282 companies is to establish international manufacturing standards, synchronization of
283 technology and cross-calibration of the electrical accuracy of different instruments.

284 It is important to underscore strengths of this study. Specifically, the unique sample of
285 active adults and elite athletes with varying body physiques and the exploration of possible
286 confounders in the between-methods differences, and the use of classic BIVA to eliminate
287 dehydrated participants, rolling out potential bias due to variations in hydration status.
288 However, a few limitations should also be addressed. The results of the between-methods
289 agreement are limited to a highly active population. When BIVA was used to eliminate
290 dehydrated participants, we assumed that our Portuguese participants presented similar

291 characteristics of the reference population (Italian individuals). Another concern is the
292 physical characteristics of the electrodes used, as manufacturers of BIAs recommend the use
293 of specific electrodes. Although the current electrodes (Impedimed) provide low impedance
294 values (27.14 Ω) they were not specifically designed to be used in an Akern or Xitron
295 instruments and rather by an IU0GELTD device. Lastly, given the cross-sectional design,
296 future longitudinal studies are required to determine between-devices agreement, tracking
297 raw-BIA the season.

298 In conclusion, BIS and SF-BIA-Akern raw parameters were highly related in very
299 active males and elite athletes. However, due to the relatively large limits of agreement the
300 methods should not be used interchangeably. Methodological and biological underlying
301 assumptions, specifically with respect to the electronic accuracy of the instruments used and
302 the different somatotypes observed, may be responsible for the lack of agreement between
303 BIS and SF-BIA for measuring raw BIA parameters in highly active individuals.

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318 **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

319 None.

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425 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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427 **Figure 1** - Bland-Altman analysis of the agreement between methods for resistance,
428 reactance, phase angle, and impedance. The middle solid line represents the mean differences
429 between bioelectrical impedance spectroscopy (BIS) at 50 kHz and the reference method (SF-
430 BIA, Akern). The upper and lower dashed line represents 95% limits of agreement (± 1.96
431 SD). The trend line represents the degree of association between the differences of the
432 methods and the mean of both methods, as illustrated by the coefficient of correlation (r), and
433 according to somatotype.

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435 **Table 1. Participants' characteristics and body composition**

	Female	Male	Whole Sample
	Mean \pm SD	Mean \pm SD	Mean \pm SD
	(N=25)	(N=101)	(N=126)
Age (yr)	208 \pm 4.4	22.7 \pm 5.2	22.3 \pm 5.1
Weight (kg)	62.5 \pm 8.1	76.5 \pm 11.5	73.6 \pm 12.2
Height (cm)	167.8 \pm 6.9	180.8 \pm 8.9	178.1 \pm 10.0
BMI (kg/m ²)	22.2 \pm 2.3	23.4 \pm 3.0	23.1 \pm 2.9
Waist circumference (cm)	71.9 \pm 2.1	77.6 \pm 4.5	76.2 \pm 4.7
Arm circumference (cm)	28.2 \pm 2.6	30.9 \pm 3.3	30.4 \pm 3.4
Calf circumference (cm)	37.9 \pm 10.7	38.2 \pm 6.0	38.2 \pm 7.2
BMC (kg)	2.5 \pm 0.5	3.1 \pm 0.6	3.0 \pm 0.6
Fat (kg)	14.4 \pm 4.2	11.0 \pm 4.7	11.7 \pm 4.8
Fat (%)	22.9 \pm 5.3	14.3 \pm 4.3	16.1 \pm 5.7
FFM (kg)	47.9 \pm 6.3	64.1 \pm 9.0	60.8 \pm 10.7
LST (kg)	45.5 \pm 5.9	61.2 \pm 8.5	58.0 \pm 10.2
R _{SF-BIA} (Ω)	497.7 \pm 74.3	482.1 \pm 54.9	485.3 \pm 59.4
R _{BIS50*} (Ω)	485.5 \pm 63.1	472.7 \pm 53.3	475.4 \pm 55.4
Xc _{SF-BIA} (Ω)	65.3 \pm 8.1	65.4 \pm 7.4	65.4 \pm 7.6
Xc _{BIS50*} (Ω)	64.7 \pm 7.7	64.3 \pm 7.2	64.4 \pm 7.3
PhA _{SF-BIA} (Ω)	7.5 \pm 0.8	7.8 \pm 0.8	7.7 \pm 0.8
PhA _{BIS50*} (Ω)	7.6 \pm 0.8	7.8 \pm 0.8	7.8 \pm 0.8
Z _{SF-BIA} (Ω)	502.0 \pm 74.4	486.5 \pm 55.0	489.7 \pm 59.5
Z _{BIS50*} (Ω)	489.9 \pm 63.2	477.1 \pm 53.4	479.8 \pm 55.5

436 Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; BMC, bone mineral content; FFM, fat free mass;
 437 LST, lean soft tissue; BIS₅₀, bioelectrical impedance spectroscopy at 50 kHz; R, Resistance;
 438 Xc, Reactance; PhA, phase angle; Z, Impedance; SF-BIA, single-frequency BIA.

439 * Different from reference method, p<0.05

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441 **Table 2. Regression and concordance correlation coefficient analysis for R,**
 442 **Xc, PhA, and Z estimates using BIS at 50 kHz and the reference method**
 443 **(SF-BIA, Akern).**

	r	SEE	Slope	Intercept
R	0.966	14.31	0.902†	37.509‡
Xc	0.939	2.53	0.906†	5.159‡
PhA	0.957	0.22	0.925†	0.621‡
Z	0.966	14.41	0.902†	37.920‡

444 Abbreviations: BIS, bioelectrical impedance spectroscopy; R, Resistance; Xc,
 445 Reactance; PhA, phase angle; Z, Impedance; r, coefficient of correlation; SEE,
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* Different from reference method, p<0.05

Table 2. Regression and concordance correlation coefficient analysis for R, Xc, PhA, and Z estimates using BIS at 50 kHz and the reference method (SF-BIA, Akern).

	r	SEE	Slope	Intercept	CCC	Precision (ρ)	Accuracy (C_b)
R	0.966	14.31	0.902†	37.509‡	0.9498	0.9664	0.9829
Xc	0.939	2.53	0.906†	5.159‡	0.9302	0.9307	0.9909
PhA	0.957	0.22	0.925†	0.621‡	0.9548	0.9568	0.9979
Z	0.966	14.41	0.902†	37.920‡	0.9495	0.9660	0.9829

Abbreviations: BIS, bioelectrical impedance spectroscopy; R, Resistance; Xc, Reactance; PhA, phase angle; Z, Impedance; r, coefficient of correlation; SEE, standard error of estimation; CCC, concordance correlation coefficient.

†Slope significantly different from 1, $p < 0.05$.

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