Table 1. Descriptive statistics for anthropometrics per group

| Maturation | Group | Sample size | Age | Height | Body mass | PHV |
|---------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Stage | | | | | | |
| Pre-PHV | PT | 10 | 12.7 ± 0.3 | 159.6 ± 8.9 | 56.0 ± 11.0 | -1.5 ± 0.4 |
| | TST | 10 | 12.6 ± 0.3 | 156.9 ± 6.3 | 50.3 ± 14.4 | -1.4 ± 0.6 |
| | CT | 10 | 12.7 ± 0.3 | 158.3 ± 7.6 | 53.5 ± 10.7 | -1.5 ± 0.7 |
| | CON | 10 | 12.8 ± 0.2 | 157.0 ± 9.2 | 54.9 ± 10.6 | -1.5 ± 0.6 |
| Post-pubertal | PT | 10 | 16.4 ± 0.2 | 179.5 ± 5.7 | 67.8 ± 6.1 | 1.3 ± 0.3 |
| | TST | 10 | 16.3 ± 0.3 | 177.5 ± 5.3 | 64.9 ± 5.3 | 1.3 ± 0.3 |
| | CT | 10 | 16.2 ± 0.3 | 178.3 ± 5.4 | 65.3 ± 7.2 | 1.3 ± 0.6 |
| | CON | 10 | 16.2 ± 0.3 | 179.0 ± 5.2 | 67.2 ± 8.4 | 1.2 ± 0.4 |

Note: PT = plyometric training, TST = traditional strength training, CT = combined training, CON = control group

 Table 2. Overview of the plyometric training program

| Week | Exercise | Sets | Repetitions | Total Foot Contacts |
|------|---|------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Drop landings | 3 | 6 | 74 |
| | Vertical jumps in place | 3 | 6 | |
| | Horizontal jumps | 3 | 6 | |
| | SL forward hop and stick | 2 | 10 | |
| 2 | Drop landings | 3 | 6 | 76 |
| | SL forward hop and stick | 2 | 10 | |
| | Split squat drop lands | 3 | 6 | |
| | SL lateral hop and stick | 2 | 10 | |
| 3 | Box jumps | 3 | 6 | 78 |
| | Pogo hopping | 3 | 8 | |
| | Multiple horizontal bilateral rebounds | 4 | 3 | |
| | "Ankling" drill | 3 | 8 | |
| 4 | Power skipping | 3 | 10 | 80 |
| | Unilateral pogo hops | 2 | 10 | |
| | Multiple horizontal rebounds | 5 | 3 | |
| | Multiple horizontal rebounds over hurdles | 5 | 3 | |
| 5 | Unilateral pogo hops | 2 | 10 | 83 |
| | Alternate leg bounding | 3 | 8 | |
| | Multiple bounding | 3 | 8 | |
| | Multiple horizontal rebounds over hurdles | 5 | 3 | |
| 6 | Drop jumps | 4 | 4 | 88 |
| | Alternate unilateral horizontal jumps | 3 | 8 | |
| | Power skipping | 3 | 8 | |
| | Alternate leg bounding | 3 | 8 | |

Table 3. Overview of the combined training program

| Week | Exercise | Sets | Repetitions |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| 1 | Drop lands | 3 | 6 |
| | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | Broad jump | 3 | 6 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |
| 2 | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | SL forward hop and stick | 2 | 10 |
| | Split squat drop lands | 3 | 6 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |
| 3 | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | Pogo hopping | 3 | 8 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |
| | Multiple bilateral bounds | 4 | 4 |
| 4 | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | Alternate leg bounds | 3 | 10 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |
| | Multiple bilateral bounds + hurdles | 5 | 3 |
| 5 | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | Alternate leg bounds | 3 | 8 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |
| | Unilateral pogo hopping | 2 | 10 |
| 6 | Drop jumps | 4 | 4 |
| | Back squat | 3 | 10 |
| | Power skipping + hurdles | 3 | 8 |
| | Barbell lunge | 3 | 10 |

Table 4. Changes in running speed and jump performance for pre-PHV subjects post-6-week training intervention (mean + sd)

| Variable/Maturity | Condition | PT | TST | CT | CON |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Group | | | | | |
| 10 m acceleration (s) | Pre | 2.3 ± 0.2 | 2.3 ± 0.2 | 2.2 ± 0.2 | 2.2 ± 0.2 |
| Pre-PHV | Post | 2.2 ± 0.2^{b} | 2.2 ± 0.2^{a} | 2.1 ± 0.2^{b} | 2.2 ± 0.2 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.38 | 0.11 | 0.32 | 0.00 |
| 10 m acceleration (s) | Pre | 1.9 ± 0.1 | 1.9 ± 0.1 | 1.9 ± 0.1 | 1.9 ± 0.1 |
| Post-PHV | Post | 1.9 ± 0.1 | 1.8 ± 0.1^{b} | 1.8 ± 0.1^{b} | 1.9 ± 0.1 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.06 | 0.36 | 0.62 | 0.04 |
| 20 m speed (s) | Pre | 3.4 ± 0.2 | 3.4 ± 0.3 | 3.4 ± 0.3 | 3.3 ± 0.3 |
| Pre-PHV | Post | 3.3 ± 0.2^{b} | 3.4 ± 0.3 | 3.3 ± 0.3^{b} | 3.3 ± 0.3 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.45 | 0.04 | 0.31 | 0.02 |
| 20 m speed (s) | Pre | 2.7 ± 0.3 | 2.8 ± 0.2 | 2.8 ± 0.2 | 2.7 ± 0.3 |
| Post-PHV | Post | 2.6 ± 0.3^{b} | 2.7 ± 0.2 | 2.6 ± 0.2^{a} | 2.7 ± 0.3 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.34 | 0.08 | 0.50 | 0.02 |
| SJ (cm) | Pre | 24.6 ± 4.9 | 22.3 ± 4.9 | 24.1 ± 4.3 | 23.4 ± 4.6 |
| Pre-PHV | Post | 28.3 ± 4.6^{b} | 24.8 ± 4.6^{b} | 28.2 ± 4.6^{b} | 23.5 ± 4.2 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.77 | 0.52 | 0.96 | 0.03 |
| SJ (cm) | Pre | 32.3 ± 6.4 | 32.4 ± 5.0 | 33.2 ± 5.4 | 34.2 ± 4.6 |
| Post-PHV | Post | 32.7 ± 6.3 | 34.6 ± 5.1^{b} | 37.4 ± 5.5^b | 34.2 ± 4.6 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.07 | 0.45 | 0.79 | 0.00 |
| RSI (mm/ms) | Pre | 1.0 ± 0.2 | 0.9 ± 0.2 | 1.0 ± 0.3 | 1.0 ± 0.2 |
| Pre-PHV | Post | 1.1 ± 0.2^{b} | 1.0 ± 0.2^{b} | 1.0 ± 0.3^{b} | 1.0 ± 0.2 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.53 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.04 |
| RSI (mm/ms) | Pre | 1.4 ± 0.2 | 1.4 ± 0.2 | 1.4 ± 0.2 | 1.4 ± 0.3 |
| Post-PHV | Post | 1.5 ± 0.2^{b} | 1.4 ± 0.2 | 1.4 ± 0.2^{b} | 1.4 ± 0.3 |
| | Effect size (Cohen's d) | 0.27 | 0.05 | 0.28 | 0.01 |

asignificantly different from pre-test (p < 0.05); bsignificantly different from pre-test (p < 0.01)PT = plyometric training group; TST = traditional strength training group; CT = combined training group; CON = control group; SJ = squat jump; RSI = reactive strength index