The biceps-worn Verity provides valid and reliable heart rate measures during variable intensity outdoor activities like trail running

Validity and Reliability of Heart Rate from Biceps-worn Devices During Trail Running

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INTRO

- 20+ million people participate in trail running
- Biceps worn devices may cause less chafing, but validity and reliability is yet to be determined

RESULTS

 Verity met threshold for both validity tests and both reliability tests for maximum and average HR OH1 met threshold for validity for maximum HR but not average HR or reliability measures

DISCUSSION

 It is important to conduct both validity and reliability testing when making decisions on wearable technology and appropriate use cases, particularly in outdoor environments

	Maximum			Average		
Validity	HR	MAPE (%)	CCC	HR	MAPE (%)	CCC
H10	185 (12)			163 (13)		
Verity	185 (12)	0.63	0.977	160 (15)	1.60	0.930
OH1	185 (12)	1.62	0.762	157 (13)	3.29	0.597
Reliability	HR	CV (%)	ICC	HR	CV (%)	ICC
Verity 1	185 (12)			160 (11)		
Verity 2	185 (12)	0.33	0.982	161 (11)	0.50	0.988
OH1 1	183 (11)			158 (12)		
OH1 2	180 (12)	1.51	0.635	158 (13)	2.49	0.569

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METHODS

- N = 17 participants (F = 7)
- 10-min run out, then return to trailhead
- Validity: Mean Absolute Percent Error (MAPE), Lin's Concordance Correlation (CCC)
- Reliability: Coefficient of Variation (CV), Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (ICC)
- Polar Verity and OH1
- Thresholds: MAPE<10%, CCC>0.90, CV<10%, ICC>0.70











