

Overview of the University of Michigan Training Program

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Middle Distance Training

- Middle of the swim continuum between 50 & 1500
- · Most common among freestylers
- Good combo fast twitch fibers/anaerobic speed and slow twitch aerobic/endurance
- Wide range of training both speed & endurance fun & variety

3 Main Groups

- 100 200- 400 / 500 Anaerobic angle (Ian Thorpe)
- 1500/1650 400/500 200 Aerobic angle (Grant Hackett)
- 200 400/500 Real MD VO2 max angle (Klete Keller)

Middle Distance Characteristics

- Like to train
- Good sense of pace
- · Ideal stroke rate
- 4 6 beat kick

MD @ Michigan / CW

	200 Yards	200 Meter
Keller	1:34.10	1:46.13
Vanderkaay	1:34.22	1:47.25
Borges	1:34.31	1:48.09
Ketchum	1:34.19	1:48.67
Hurd	1:35.5	1:48.89
Piersma	1:34.70	1:48.97
Malchow	1:36.10	1:49.22
-111 V 17	500 Yard	400 Meter
Keller	4:12.12	3:44.11
Vanderkaay	4:12.55	3:49.67
Dolan	4:08.75	3:48.99
Hurd	4:15.80	3:49.08
Piersma	4:14.55	3:49.72
Thompson	4:14.71	3:51.70
Malchow	4:17.48	3:52.60

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Jon's Threshold Program Use

- Select any of the threshold distances swum straight or interval average time or any single test distance of 500, 400, 200 time.
- To check the level of effort take heart rates at 0-10 sec; 30-40 sec; 1:00 1:10 after test.
- Sample (30 25 20 = 75 bpm)
- Select spreadsheet (write over it). Enter name, stroke, time (no colons). Hit enter and all new training paces appear.

Endurance Training Categories

- Basic aerobic training EN-1
 - · 5% below threshold
 - · WHITE and PINK Color Codes
 - low intensity
 - short rest 10 20 sec rest
 - heart rate 130 150 bpm

Anaerobic Threshold Training – EN-2

RED Color Code

- · Optimal intensity for endurance improvement
- 10-20 sec rest
- 40 60 min durations
- Lactate 3 4 mM
- Heart rate 150 170

BLUE Color Code

- 15 to 30 sec rest
- 20 40 minutes duration
- Uncomfortable
- Slightly above threshold 4-5 mM
- Heart rate 160 180 duration

Maximum VO2 Training EN-3

- 7% faster than (Red) Threshold pace
- :30 1:30 seconds rest
- PURPLE Color Code
 - Ideal for race pace training 400 1500
 - Intensity high
 - Lactate 5 8 mM, buffering & tolerance
 - Duration 1500 to 2000 (100's & 200's)
 - Heart rate 180 190

Wed PM Main Set: VO2 max Middle Distance 400 meters

4 X 400 on 10:00 Broken swim

200 dive on 3:00 (Going out 400 pace 1:52) soft kick 100 push on 2:00 (55.0) supple kick

2 X 50 push on 1:00 (best you can come home :26 + :26) hard kick

Add up for 400 meters

3:39

Total distance = 1600

4 minutes active rest recovery

Sat AM Main Set: VO2 max Middle Distance 200

4 X 200 on 8:00 Broken swim

50 dive on 1:30 (Going out 200 pace :22.0) soft legs 100 push on 2:30 (mid 100 of the 200 pace :48.0) supple legs 50 dive on 1:30 (best you can come home :22.0) hard legs

Add up for 200 meters 1:32

3 to 4 sec under goal time.

Active rest recovery 2:00

Total distance = 800

Lactate Production SP-2

- Using GREEN Color Code %
- Can be used for training and testing

Training for 100 6 X 50 at 8:00, 92% best time
Training for 200 6 X 100 at 8:00, 92% of best time
Training for 400 6 X 200 at 8:00, 94% -96% of best time

- Great correlations to goal times
- Use 3-4 active rest between swims
- Maximum lactate production / buffering
- Maximum heart rates

100 Yard/Meter Anaerobic Training Paces

	-					No.		
GOAL	94%	93%	92%	91%	90%	89%	88%	87%
:42.00	:44.68	:45.16	:45.65	:46.15	:46.67	:47.19	:47.73	:48.28
:43.00	:45.74	:46.24	:46.74	:47.25	:47.78	:48.31	:48.86	:49.43
:44.00	:46.81	:47.31	:47.83	:48.35	:48.89	:49.44	:50.00	:50.57
:45.00	:47.87	:48.39	:48.91	:49.45	:50.00	:50.56	:51.14	:51.72
:46.00	:48.94	:49.46	:50.00	:50.55	:51.11	:51.69	52.27	:52.87
:47.00	:50.00	:50.54	:51.09	:51.65	:52.22	:52.81	:53.41	:54.02
:48.00	:51.06	51.61	:52.17	5275	:53.33	53.93	:54.55	:55.17
:49.00	:52.13	:52.69	:53.26	:53.85	:54.44	:55.06	:55.68	:56.32
:50.00	:53.19	:53.76	:54.35	:54.95	:55.56	:56.18	:56.82	57.47
:51.00	:54.26	:54.84	:55.43	:56.04	:56.67	57.30	:57.95	:58.62
:52.00	:55.32	:55.91	:56.52	:57.14	:57.78	:58.43	:59.09	:59.77
:53.00	:56.38	:56.99	:57.61	:58.24	:58.89	:59.55	1:00.23	1:00.9
:54.00	:57.45	:58.06	:58.70	:59.34	1:00.00	1:00.67	1:01.36	1:02.07
:55.00	:58.51	:59.14	:59.78	1:00.44	1:01.11	1:01.80	1:02.50	1:03.22
:56.00	:59.57	1:00.22	1:00.87	1:01.54	1:02:22	1:02.92	1:03.64	1:04.37
:57.00	1:00.64	1:01.29	1:01.96	1:02.64	1:03.33	1:04.04	1:04.77	1:05.52
:58.00	1:01.70	1:02.37	1:03.04	1:03.74	1:04.44	1:05.17	1:05.91	1:06.67
:59.00	1:02.77	1:03.44	1:04.13	1:04.84	1:05.56	1:06.29	1:07.05	1:07.82
1:00.00	1:03.83	1:04.52	1:05.22	1:05.93	1:06.67	1:07.42	1:08.18	1:08.97

200 Meter/Yard Percentage Chart

200 Meter/Yard Percentage Chart								
GOAL	96%	95%	94%	93%	92%	91%	90%	89%
1:30:00	1:33.75	134.74	1:35.74	1:36.77	1:37:83	1:38.90	1:40.00	1:41.12
1:31.00	1:34.79	1:35.79	1:36.81	1:37.85	1.38.91	1:40.00	1:41.11	1:42.25
1:32.00	1:35.83	1:36.84	1:37.87	1:38.92	1:40.00	1:41.10	1:42:22	1:43.37
1:33.00	1:36.88	1:37.89	1:38.94	1:40.00	1.41.09	1:42.20	1:43.33	1:44.49
1:34.00	1:37.92	138.95	1:40.00	1:41.08	1:42.17	1:43.30	1:44.44	1:45.62
1:35.00	1:38.96	1:40.00	1:41.06	1:42.15	1:43.26	1:44.40	1:45.56	1:46.74
1:36.00	1:40:00	1.41.05	1:42.13	1:43.23	1:44:35	1:45.49	1:46.67	1:47.87
1:37.00	1:41.04	1:42:11	1:43.19	1:44.30		1:46.59	1:47.78	1:48.99
1:38.00	1:42.08	1:43.16	1:44.26	1:45.38		1:47.69	1:48.89	1:50.11
1:39.00	1:43.13	1:44.21	1:45.32	1:46.45	1:47.61	1:48.79	1:50.00	1:51.24
1:40:00	1:44.17		1:46:38	1:47.53		1:49.89	1:51.11	1.52.38
1:41.00	1:45.21	1:46:32	1:47.45	1:48.60	1:49.78	1:50.99	1:52.22	1:53.48
1:42:00	1:46.25	1:47:37	1:48.51	1:49.68	1.50.87	1:52.09	1:53.33	1:54.61
1:43.00	1:47.29	1:48.42	1:49.57	1:50.75	1.51.96	1:53.19	1:54.44	1:55.73
1:44:00	1:48.33	1.49.47	1:50.64	1:51.83	1.53.04	1:54.29	1:55.56	1:56.85
1:45.00	1:49.38	1:50.53	1:51.70	1:52.90	1.54.13	1:55.38	1:56.67	1:57.98
1:46.00	1:50.42	1:51.58	1:52.77	1:53.98	1.55.22	1:56.48	1:57.78	1:59.10
1:47.00	1:51.46	1:52.63	1:53.83	1:55.05	1:56.30	1:57.58	1:58.89	2:00.22
1:48.00	1:52:50	1.53.68	1:54.89	1:56.13	1.57.39	1:58.68	2:00:00	2:01.35
1.49.00	1:53.54	1:54.74	1:55.96	1:57 20	1:58.48	1:59.78	2:01.11	2:02.47
1:50:00	1:54:58		1.57.02	1.58.28		200.88	202.22	20360
1:51.00	1:55.63	1.58.84	1:58.09	1:59.35	2:00.65	2:01.98	2:03:33	2:04.72
1:52:00	1:56:67	1:57.89	1:59:15	2:00.43	2:01.74	203.08	2:04.44	2:05:84
1:53.00	1.57.71	1:58.95	2:00:21	201.51	2.02.83	2:04:18	2:05:56	2:06:97

Alactic / Speed Training SP-3

- Short, fast, explosive sprints, 10 25 meters
- 5.0 10.0 sec
- 6 10 repetitions
- 1:00 2:00 rest
- · Lactate build up is minimal
- · Heart rate below maximum
- Ideal for 50 100 200 swimmers at any time of the season

Annual Training Plan at the University of Michigan



Collegiate Season

- 1st Macrocycle (12 weeks)
 - 6 weeks aerobic training/skill development/ heart rate
 < 150
 - 6 weeks aerobic anaerobic threshold VO2MAX lactate
 - · Major competition (one week taper)
- 2nd Macrocycle (15 weeks)
 - · 3 weeks aerobic endurance training
 - 10 weeks all training zones and energy systems more emphasis VO2max and lactate production – This period includes 3-4 dual meets per month (short course)
- 3rd Macrocycle
 - · 3 week taper period
 - 80% short course
 - · Strength reduced to maintenance and dropped
 - Training resistance gradually reduced from 70,000 per week to 30,000-20,000 meters/yards per week

Summer Season

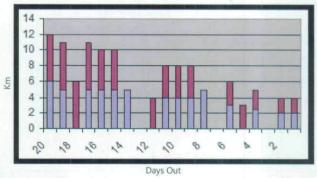


Summer Season

- 2nd Macro
 - · 15 weeks
 - All training zones and energy systems especially VO-2MAX and Lactate work
 - · This period included competition every 3rd weekend
 - · Long course

- 3rd Macro
 - 3 weeks gradual taper
 - US Nationals or International Competition

Middle Distance - 3 Week Taper



Day 1 Micro Cycle - Mid Season

Monday AM	Monday PM
Aerobic Technique	Dryland - Stretching
Pull Set/Free 2000 -	1 hour general work
3000	Main set:
Kick/Endurance- 800- 1200	Threshold work 2000 - 3000 meters
Hypoxic swim free Fin swim/ IM	Energy system EN2
7000 meters	7000 meters

Day 2 Micro Cycle – Mid Season

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Tues AM	Tuesday PM
Aerobic/Recovery	Strength Train -
Skill / drill work	Stretching
Kick / speed power	1 hr general work
Swim specific power Parachutes	Main set: Active rest work
Stretch cords / tethered swim; negative work & positive speed assistance Sprints 7000 meters	

Tues PM Main Set: Active Rest

- A. 3 X (300 free + 100 casual on 1:30)
 Descend 300's 1 thru 3
- B. 3 X (200 free + 100 casual on 1:30) Descend 200's 1 thru 3
- C. 3 X (100 free + 100 casual on 1:30) Descend 100's 1 thru 3
- D. 3 X (4 X (50 casual + 50 free pace) 1st round + 1.0 sec per 50 :27's 2nd round at pace :26's 3rd round at -1.0 sec per 50 :25's Total distance = 3900

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Day 3 Micro Cycle - Mid Season

Wednesday AM	Main set:
OFF	VO2MAX work or Rainbow set (white to green
Wednesday PM	intensities) or Lactate work or
Dryland / Stretching	Broken swims or
1 Hr General Work	Test sets
i ni General Work	6000 meters

Middle Distance Week at a Glance

Monday	Thursday	Distance Free with D'men
Tuesday	Friday	Middle Distance Free – active rest
Wed PM	Sat AM	Freestyle –VO2 max, Lactate peak, or test set
The Process	Sunday	Off

Distance @ Michigan / CW

	1650 yards	1500 meters
Thompson	14:26.62	14:56.81
Vendt	14:29.0	14:59.0
Hurd	15:04.23	15:09.44
Vanderkaay	14:36.54	15:14.78
Siciliano	14:41.84	15:14.94
Dolan	14:29.31	15:18.18

IM @ Michigan / CW

10 - 5 1 - 1 200	400 Yard	400 Meter
Dolan	3:38.18	4:11.76
Namesnik	3:44.14	4:13.67
Wouda	3:44.32	4:15.53
von Richter	3:44.81	4:19.62
Sayao	3:46.50	4:19.66
Barrowman	3:45.00	4:19.75

Monday PM Main Set: Threshold

A, 6 X 200 on 2:30 (3 white EN-1 2:14; 3 red EN-2 2:08) HR 23-25/10sec 30 sec extra rest

B. 3 X 800 on 9:30 (Descend 1 thru 3) 400/400 white (EN-1) 4:32-4:32 400/400 pink (EN-1) 4:29-4:29

400/400 red (EN-2) 4:18-4:18 HR 25-28/10 sec

Total Main Set: 4200

Distance Micro Cycle

	Mon	Tues	Wed
	Aerobic Tech	Aerobic drills / Fins	Off
AM	Pull / Free	Kick (2.0)	Or
	3.0 - 4.0	Pull / Power	Make ups
	Kick quality	Parachutes	
	Drills	Fins	
	EN1-2	Rec / EN1-2	
	7000	7000	
PM	Threshold work 60 min +/- 10 min EN2 - 3	Active rest slow / fast (subjective) EN1-2 8000	VO2max ((M) Lactate rainbow set Red, blue, purple, green EN2-3 SP
	8000		8000

Dryland: M, W, F (Medicine ball, VASA, Swimbench, Breast-Bench, Jumps

Distance Micro Cycle

	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M D	Aerobic Tech Orills Oull / Free Hypoxic 2.0 Cick Cick Fins Swim	Aerobic Stroke Work Kick Power Parachutes, Cords Technique Rec / EN1-2	Rainbow set, or VO2 Max, or Test set
	Rec / EN1-2 7000	7000	EN2-3 – SP 8000
M n	Threshold work 50 nin +/- 10 min EN2 – 3 SP	Active rest slow / fast (subjective) EN1-2 8000	Off

Weights: T, TH, SAT Weekly total =80.0 Dryland: M, W, F (Med ball, VASA, Swimbench, Breast-Bench, Jumps

Distance Free - White to VO2 Max

(Main series only) EN1 - EN3
Threshold pace 1:04.0
3 x 400 at 4:50 White pace 4:24.0
3 x 400 at 3:40 Pink pace 3:15.0
3 x 200 at 2:30 Red pace 2:04.0
8 x 100 at 1:40 Blue pace 59.0
8 x 100 at 2:00 Purple pace 58.0
Total main set 4,300

Wed PM Main Set: VO2 max Middle Distance 500 yards

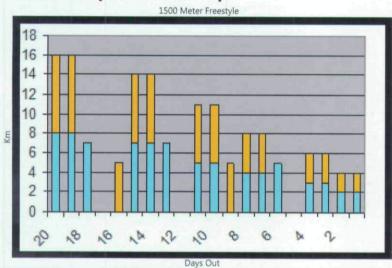
4 X 500 on 12:00 Broken swim 200 dive on 3:00 (Going out 500 pace 1:42-1:45) 150 push on 2:30 (VO2 max pace 1:17 – 1:19) 100 dive on 2:00 (VO2 max pace :50-:51) 50 push on 1:00 (best you can come home :23-:24) Add up for 500 yards 4 to 6 sec under goal time. 4:12 to 4:19

Total distance = 2000

Test Sets: VO2 Max EN3 For 1650 yards, Thompson 2001

30 x 100 Free at 1:30 Average pace 51.5 Prediction = 52.5/100 for 1650 Prediction = 14:26.25 Actual time = 14:26.25

Chris Thompson 3 Week Taper



Lactate Production for Distance Swimmers SP-2

- Using GREEN Color Code %
- Can be used for training and testing
 Training for 400 6 X 200 at 8:00,
 94% -96% of best time
- · Great correlations to goal times
- Use 3-4 active rest between swims
- · Maximum lactate production / buffering
- · Maximum heart rates

200 time correlations to distance World Class Distance Swimmers GH, IT, MP, KK, CT, EV, LJ

Hold 91.72% of 200 time for 1500 m Hold 95.51% of 200 time for 400 m Hold 95.95% of 400 time for 1500 m

400 IM Characteristics

- Distance based training (Dolan, Namesnik, Wouda, Vendt, Phelps)
- · Breaststroke is a must
- · Cannot hide weakness in long course
- Good sense of pace
- · Importance of stroke transitions

200 Meter / Yard Percentage Chart

GOAL	96%	95%	94%	93%	92%	91%	90%	89%
1,30.00	1:33.75	13474	1:35.74	1:36.77	1/37/83	138.90	1:40:00	1:41.12
13100	1:34.79		1:36.81	1.37.85		1:40:00	1:41:11	1.42.25
1:32.00	1:35.83	1.30.84	1:37.87	1:38.92		1:41.10	1:42:22	1:43.37
1:33.00	1:36.88		1:38.94	1:40:00		1:42:20	1.43.33	1:44:49
1:34.00	1:37.92		1:40.00	1:41.08		1:43.30	1:44.44	1.45.62
1:35.00	1:38.96		1.41.06	1.42.15		1:44.40	1.45.56	1:46:74
1:36.00	1:40:00		1:42:13	1:43.23		1.45.49	1:46.67	1.47.87
1:37:00	1:41.04	1.4211	1:43.19	1:44.30		1:46.59	1:47.78	1:48.99
1:38.00	1:42.08		1:44.26	1:45.38		1:47.69	1:48.89	1:50 11
1:39.00	1:43.13	1,4421	1:45:32	1:46.45		1:48.79	1:50:00	1.51.24
1:40.00	1:44.17		1.4638	147.53		1:49.89	1.51.11	15236
1:41.00	1:45.21		1:47.45	1:48.60		1:50.99	1:52:22	1:53.48
1:42.00	1:46.25		1:48.51	1:49.68		1:52:09	1:53:33	1.54.61
1:43.00	1:47:29	1.48.42	1:49.57	1:50.75		1:53.19	1.54.44	1:55.73
1:44:00	1:48:33	1.49.47	1.50.64	1:51.83		1:54:29	1:55.56	1.56.85
1:45.00	1:49.38	150.53	1:51.70	1:52.90		1:55.38	1:56.67	1.57.98
1:46:00	1:50.42		1:52.77	1.53.98		1:56.48	1:57.78	1.59.10
1:47:00	1.51.46		1:53.83	1:55.05		1:57.58	1:58.89	20022
1:48:00	1:52:50		1:54.89	1:56:13		1.58.68	2:00.00	20135
1:49:00	1:53.54	15474	1.55.96	1.57.20	159.48	1.59.78	201.11	20247
1.50.00	1:54:58		1:57.02	1:56:28		200.88	20222	
1:51.00	1:55.63		1.58.09	1:59:35		2:01.98	203.33	2.04.72
1:52.00	1:56.67	1.57.89	1:59.15	200.43		2:03:08	204.44	205.84
1:53.00	1:57.71		2:00:21	201.51		20418	205.56	20697

400 IM

	Mon	Tues	Wed	
PM	Aerobic Tech Pull / Free	Aerobic drills / Fins Kick (2.0)	Off Or	
	3.0 – 4.0 Kick Drills EN1-2 7000	Pull / Stroke Parachutes / Power/ - buckets, Cords +/- Rec / EN1-2 7000	Make ups	
	Threshold work 60 min +/- 10 min EN2 - 3	Active rest slow / fast (subjective) BREAST / IM EN1-2	VO2max ((M) Lactate rainbow set Red, blue, purple, green EN2-3 SP	
	8000	8000	7000	

Weights: T, TH, SAT Dryland: M, W, F (Medicine ball, VASA, Swimbench, Breast-Bench, Jumps

	Thurs	Fri	Sat
AM	Aerobic Tech Drills Pull / Free Hypoxic Kick Breast Kick Breast Fins Swim Rec / EN1-2 7000	Aerobic Pull Kick Kick Breast Parachutes / Power/ - buckets, Cords +/- Technique Rec / EN1-2 7000	Lactate VO2 Max EN2-3 – SP 8000
PM	Threshold work 50 min +/- 10 min EN2 – 3 SP 8000	Active rest slow / fast (subjective) BACK / IM EN1-2 8000	Off

Weights: T, TH, SAT Weekly total =76.0 Dryland: M, W, F (Med ball, VASA, Swimbench, Breast-Bench, Jumps

IM Threshold Workout / Meters

(Main series only) EN2 2-4 Cycles

> 4 x 100 IM at 1:30 Dec 1-4 1 x 400 IM at 5:30 90%

4 x 100 Free at 1:20 EN1 (White/Pink pace) 1 x 400 Free at 4:40 EN2 (Red/Threshold)

:30 sec extra between cycles

Pulse check, 25-28 for 10 sec Total main set 3,200 - 6,400

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IM Active Rest Workout

(Main series only) EN1 - EN3

6 x [100 Back + 100 EZ Breast]

Desc. 1-3 to 400 Im pace

6 x [100 Breast + 100 EZ]

Desc 1-3 to 400 IM pace

Transition Work:

6 x [100 Back/Breast/50 + 100 EZ Free] Desc 1-3

6 x [100 Back/Free/50 + 100 EZ Free] Desc 1-3

Total main set 4,800

IM - VO2 MAX Workout

(Main series only)

3 cycles at or near race pace

1 x 100 Fly

2:00 dive

2 x 100 Back 2:00 push

3 x 100 Breast 2:00 push

4 x 100 Free

2:00 push

300 EZ recovry between cycles

Total main set 3,000

Test Sets: Anaerobic/Lactate Production 400 IM Meters - Dolan

6 x 200 IM at 8:00 min - Dive

200 Flv 2:07.0 200 Back 2:04.5 Breast 2:31.5 200 3 x 200 Free 1:57.0

Average velocity 2:05.66 Prediction $+ 2 \times avg = 4:11.32$

Weights

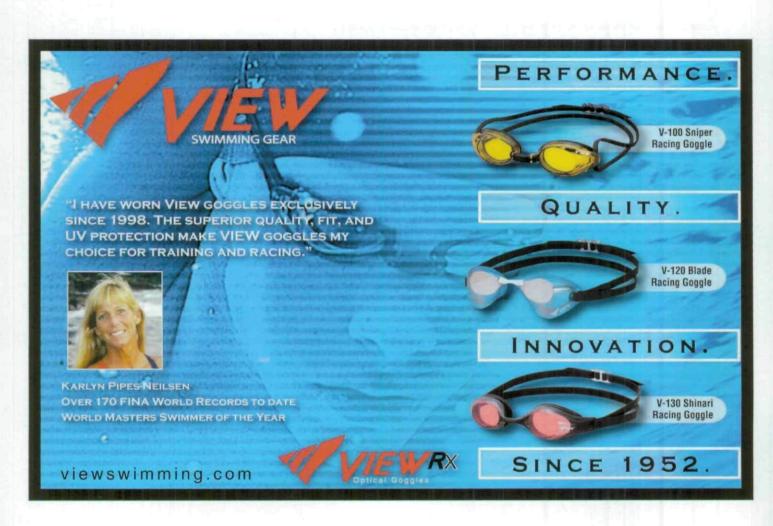
- Upper body
- Lower body
- Core

Dryland

- Stretching
- Swimbench
- VASA trainer
- **Plyometrics**
- Medicine ball
- Stretch cords

Recommended Reading

"The Swim Coaching Bible" Edited by Hannula & Thornton Human Kinetics Publisher



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