

Table II. Technical characteristics of the high-level soccer players in the FA Premier League (FAPL) and La Liga (LIGA)

	Central Defender		Full Back		Central Defensive Midfielder		Central Attacking Midfielder		Wide Midfielder		Forward	
	(CD)		(FB)		(CDM)		(CAM)		(WM)		(F)	
	LIGA n= 624	FAPL n= 1704	LIGA n= 212	FAPL n= 132	LIGA n= 616	FAPL n= 1356	LIGA n= 82	FAPL n= 76	LIGA n= 100	FAPL n= 50	LIGA n= 262	FAPL n= 724
Percentage of successful pass	77.00	75.00	79.00	81.00	78.00	77.00	78.00	80.00	77.00	80.00	74.00	70.00
Number of pass toward the opposite goal	15.32 ±4.49	15.16 ±4.52	18.28 ±4.93	20.30 ±4.28	14.13 ±4.14	14.52 ±3.90	13.42 ±3.99	13.06 ±3.40	14.44 ±4.34	14.46 ±4.00	6.52 ±2.60	7.79 ±3.05
Number of ball possession	43.40 ±9.70	41.22 ±10.10	54.38 ±10.70	58.88 ±8.90	53.60 ±9.80	53.22 ±9.50	60.96 ±9.20	57.12 ±8.30	55.30 ±9.70	56.24 ±8.90	41.52 ±7.20	43.04 ±7.60
Total time duration of possession ball (sec)	43.89 ±14.20	41.72 ±15.40	54.40 ±15.60	59.76 ±13.80	63.61 ±17.09	60.76 ±16.20	84.04 ±17.40	76.09 ±18.40	67.23 ±18.00	77.85 ±22.40	55.87 ±16.30	54.19 ±16.00
Number of touch per possession	1.76 ±0.34	1.74 ±0.39	1.79 ±0.32	1.84 ±0.79	2.03 ±0.45	2.01 ±0.41	2.26 ±0.43	2.24 ±0.45	2.03 ±0.55	2.24 ±0.54	2.16 ±0.54	2.01 ±0.55
Total heading duels	4.6 ±1.9	14.9 ±2.8	3.3 ±1.6	10.7 ±2.2	4.1 ±2.0	8.2 ±1.9	2.5 ±1.3	6.7 ±2.5	2.7 ±1.6	8.6 ±2.1	6.3 ±3.0	18.5 ±6.9
Percentage of success in heading duels	59.44	61.89	61.48	59.41	48.99	47.55	40.19	39.21	46.46	49.05	39.38	34.98
Total ground duels	7.2 ±3.0	19.8 ±3.5	6.9 ±2.9	24.2 ±3.6	11.0 ±4.1	30.2 ±4.9	12.7 ±4.3	30.7 ±4.9	8.9 ±3.5	27.2 ±3.9	12.4 ±4.2	28.8 ±4.8
Percentage of success in ground duels	56.04	55.84	54.20	55.42	50.13	49.96	50.75	50.74	49.66	49.67	47.70	46.61

\*  $P \leq 0.05$  ; \*\*  $P < 0.01$  ; \*\*\*  $P < 0.001$

\*: significant difference between the LIGA and FAPL

\$\$\$: significant higher value of the total distance covered in sprint when their teams is 'in ball possession'