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Abstract

The primary aim of this study was to investigate the stability of the six-repetition maximum (6RM) deadlift over the length of a typical microcycle and whether the fatigue induced by maximal effort testing detrimentally impacted preparedness. Twelve participants performed four testing sessions, comprising a one-repetition maximum test and three 6RM tests separated by 48 hours. Countermovement jumps were performed before each testing session, and barbell velocity was measured during each warm-up set to assess changes in preparedness. The 6RM deadlift was not statistically different between any of the testing sessions ($p = 0.056$; $\eta_p^2 = 0.251$). Similarly, there were no significant differences in jump height or other CMJ variables between sessions ($p > 0.05$). There were small to moderate differences in mean barbell velocity between the first and second 6RM test ($g = 0.24-0.88$), while there were only small differences in mean velocity (MV) between the second and third 6RM test at some of the warm-up loads (40% 6RM: $g = 0.20$; 80% 6RM: $g = -0.47$). Taken collectively, these data indicate that 6RM deadlift strength is stable over five-days and does not appear to induce sufficient fatigue to impact vertical jump performance or rating of perceived exertion despite some changes in barbell velocity.

Key Words: Velocity-based training; strength testing; reliability; vertical jump

Introduction

Resistance training is prescribed by strength and conditioning professionals when seeking to improve the physical qualities that underpin successful sports performance. To achieve this goal, resistance training loads have typically been prescribed as a function of a known maximum (i.e., the athlete's one repetition maximum [1RM]).^{1,2} Although this is the traditional method of prescribing resistance training loads, some researchers have suggested that 1RM testing is excessively dangerous for non-strength athletes and that relative intensities based upon the 1RM do not adequately account for day-to-day fluctuations in strength.^{3,4}

When the literature is carefully examined, however, 1RM strength does not appear to be as highly variable as suggested by some authors.⁵⁻⁷ For example, Banyard et al.⁵ reported that back squat 1RM did not differ meaningfully when assessed three times within the course of a typical microcycle. When assessed after the performance of a lower-body resistance exercise not performed to failure (5 x 5 squats @ 80% 1RM), Vernon et al.⁶ also reported that back squat 1RM did not meaningfully differ from the pre-exercise test at any point over the 96-hours following the exercise bout. Similarly, Ruf et al.⁷ reported that the deadlift 1RM did not differ between days. Taken collectively, 1RM strength does not appear to vary day-to-day by a magnitude likely to affect the prescription of training loads when using traditional percentage-based methods.

It is, however, important to note that an athlete's 1RM is not the only test used by strength and conditioning professionals to prescribe training loads. Often, a percentage of the RM corresponding to the number of repetitions prescribed in a set is used.⁸⁻¹⁰ Moreover, given the absolute loads used as part of 1RM testing, strength and conditioning professionals often opt to use higher volume testing protocols such as a 5 or 6 RM test when assessing dynamic maximum strength.¹ Given the increase in volume this entails compared to 1RM testing and the performance of an increased volume of resistance exercise to volitional failure, it is plausible that there is an increase in accumulated fatigue associated with this form of strength testing.¹¹ An increase in fatigue induced by moderate volume strength testing may, in turn, impact both the athlete's day-to-day maximum strength but also their preparedness to train.⁶ Preparedness is commonly assessed by monitoring whether changes in vertical jump performance,¹² changes in barbell velocity,⁶ or changes in perceived exertion (RPE) occur in response to training.¹³ If moderate volume RM strength displays an increased level of variability in comparison to a 1RM because of any increase in fatigue, this would detrimentally

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9 79 As such, the primary aim of this study was to determine whether 6RM deadlift strength varied
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11 81 assess the impact of moderate volume xRM testing (i.e. the 6RM) on common subjective and
12 82 objective markers of preparedness such as vertical jump performance,¹⁴ barbell velocity,^{6, 15}
13 83 and perceived exertion.¹⁶ We hypothesised that 6RM strength and CMJ jump height would not
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22 87 **Methods**

23 88 ***Experimental approach***

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25 89 A within-participant repeated measures design was used to determine whether 6RM deadlift
26 90 strength changed over the course of a five-day microcycle. Participants volunteered to attend
27 91 the laboratory on four occasions in this study. During the first session (T0), signed informed
28 92 consent was obtained, anthropometric data (height, body mass etc.) was recorded, and the
29 93 participant's 1RM was assessed. The next three sessions (T1-T3) entailed the assessment of
30 94 the participant's 6RM deadlift strength on each occasion, with barbell velocity captured during
31 95 each warm-up and maximal effort repetition. Before commencing each of the 6RM deadlift
32 96 tests, participants performed a series of maximal CMJs, which served as a measure of
33 97 preparedness.^{6, 17} Sessions T0 and T1 were separated by 72 hours, and sessions T1 to T3 were
34 98 each separated by 48 hours. All sessions were performed at the same time of day (± 1 hour) to
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105 Based on a detectable effect size of $f = 0.2$, an alpha level of $\alpha = 0.05$, an expected strong
106 correlation between repeated measures ($r = 0.9$), and an expected power of 0.8 ($1 - \beta = 0.82$), a
107 minimum sample size of 10 participants was estimated using G*Power software (version
108 3.1.9.4).¹⁸ To account for a potential 20% drop-out rate, 12 participants (age = 27 ± 5 years,
body mass = 87.9 ± 13.8 kg; height = 1.76 ± 0.07 m, 1RM deadlift = 172.3 ± 26.3 kg, relative

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4 109 1RM = $2.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$) were recruited to take part in this study. Participants were included
5 110 in the study if they were between the ages of 18-40, could deadlift $>1.5 \times$ body mass, and had
6 111 been performing regular resistance training for more than one year. Before undertaking any
7 112 experimental protocols, participants were provided information regarding the potential risks
8 113 and benefits of participating in the study and voluntarily returned signed informed consent,
9 114 according to the approval granted by the Edith Cowan University Human Research Ethics
10 115 Committee (Project 2020-01193).
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117 ***Countermovement Jump Testing and Analysis***

118 After a standardized dynamic warm-up containing bodyweight (BW) exercises, dynamic
119 stretches and submaximal vertical jumps, participants performed five maximal CMJs while
120 standing on dual portable force plates (PS-2141, PASCO Scientific, CA, USA).¹⁹ Participants
121 were instructed to stand as still as possible with their hands on their hips for at least one second
122 before a countdown of “3, 2, 1, Jump!”.¹⁷ Upon receiving the “Jump!” instruction, participants
123 jumped “as high and as fast as possible”. Each trial was separated by one minute of rest. Trials
124 were repeated if a stable pre-jump force-trace was not maintained or the participant’s hands
125 left their hips during the movement.¹⁷ Unfiltered vertical ground reaction force data were
126 collected at 1000 Hz using PASCO Capstone software (version 2.3; PASCO Scientific, CA,
127 USA) and exported for offline analysis as a summated force-time curve in a custom Excel
128 spreadsheet (Microsoft Corp, WA, USA). BW was calculated as the average force during a
129 one-second quiet standing period.²⁰ The first meaningful change in force was identified as BW
130 ± 5 SDs.¹⁷ A backwards search of the force-time data was then performed to identify the last
131 instance of BW, which indicated the start of the jump.²⁰ Impulse was calculated by integrating
132 net force with respect to time using the trapezoid rule.²¹ Centre of mass velocity was then
133 calculated by dividing successive samples of impulse by body mass.²¹ Centre of mass
134 displacement was calculated by integrating centre of mass velocity with respect to time using
135 the trapezoid rule.²¹ Take-off and landing were identified according to the methods outlined by
136 Lake et al.¹⁹ and subphases of the CMJ were identified based on previous recommendations.²²
137 Jump height (JH) was calculated from the vertical velocity at take-off plus the vertical
138 displacement of the subject’s centre of mass at take-off.²³ Mean force during each CMJ
139 subphase, time-to-take-off, and eccentric displacement (i.e., lowest centre of mass position)
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5 143 As the use of discrete variables may mask the presence of fatigue,²⁵ the CMJ force-time curves
6 144 were trimmed in a custom R script (version 4.2)²⁶ and exported as text files for statistical
7 145 analysis as a continuous waveform. Specifically, trials were trimmed to between movement
8 146 onset (first sample where force was <97.5% BW) and take-off (the first sample where force
9 147 <20 N).^{22, 25} The trimmed force-time curve data were smoothed using a fourth-order, zero-lag
10 148 digital Butterworth filter with a 36 Hz cut-off frequency.²⁷ This cut-off frequency was
11 149 determined via residual analysis.^{28, 29} After net force was calculated by subtracting BW from
12 150 the force-time curve and subsequently divided by individual body mass to account for
13 151 differences in body mass between participants, the trials were then time-normalised to 101
14 152 nodes (0-100% of movement time) and exported as text files for statistical analysis.
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24 154 ***Maximum Strength Testing***

25 155 1RM deadlift testing during T0 was performed according to the methods outlined by Ruf et al
26 156 ⁷. Briefly, participants performed three repetitions with a standard Olympic barbell and plates
27 157 (Eleiko, Halmstad, Sweden), at 20, 40, and 60% of their estimated 1RM. Single repetitions
28 158 were then performed at 80 and 90% of their estimated 1RM. A maximum of five 1RM attempts
29 159 were allowed, with five minutes of rest between each attempt. During the 6RM testing sessions,
30 160 participants performed a modified version of the protocol outlined by Haff ¹. Participants
31 161 performed five repetitions at 40% of their estimated 6RM, five repetitions at 60% of their
32 162 estimated 6RM, three repetitions at 80% of their estimated 6RM, and three repetitions at 90%
33 163 of their estimated 6RM. The first 6RM attempt in T1 was set at ~83% of the participant's
34 164 1RM.³⁰ During T2 and T3, the load for the first 6RM attempt was set at the last successfully
35 165 performed attempt in the preceding session. During all repetitions, participants were instructed
36 166 to perform the concentric phase as fast as possible while keeping their feet flat on the ground.⁷
37 167 If a 1RM or 6RM attempt was successful, the load was increased by a minimum of 2.5
38 168 kilograms, with the exact magnitude determined through discussion between the participant
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40 170 attempt at the same load. The load of the last successful attempt was recorded and used for
41 171 subsequent analysis. After each warm-up set and maximal attempt, RPE was recorded.^{31, 32}
42 172 Three minutes of rest was allotted between warm-up sets and five minutes of rest was allotted
43 173 between maximal attempts.^{1, 7} Further, ~1.5 seconds separated each repetition during the 6RM
44 174 test to ensure the participant did not 'bounce' the barbell.³³ Barbell velocity was recorded
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10 180 ***Statistical Analyses***

11 181 After checking the normality of distribution via visual inspection of Q-Q plots and the Shapiro-
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14 184 separate one x three (time) repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA). Where the
15 185 assumption of sphericity was violated, the Greenhouse-Geisser correction was applied.
16 186 Significance was set at $p < 0.05$. Where non-normal distributions occurred (eccentric
17 187 displacement, concentric mean force), differences between sessions were assessed using a
18 188 Friedman test. Differences between sessions in RPE during each warm-up set were also
19 189 assessed using a Friedman's test. Differences between sessions in barbell MV were assessed
20 190 by calculating Hedge g effect sizes (ES),³⁵ with the magnitude of the difference interpreted as
21 191 trivial (< 0.2), small ($0.2-0.6$), moderate ($> 0.6-1.2$), large ($> 1.2-2.0$) and very large (> 2.0).³⁶
22 192 ESs were also used to assess the magnitude of any difference found for the other dependent
23 193 variables. Statistical analyses were performed in the R programming language (version 4.2).²⁶
24 194 Repeated measures ANOVAs were performed using the *afex* package (version 1.1-1),³⁷
25 195 Friedman's tests were performed using the *PMCMRplus* package (version 1.9.4),³⁸ and ESs
26 196 were calculated in a custom script.³⁵ Bias corrected and accelerated 95% CIs for the ESs were
27 197 calculated via bootstrap resampling.³⁹ The smallest detectable difference was calculated as
28 198 $1.96 \times \sqrt{2} \times \text{SEM}$ in a custom script, where SEM is the standard error of the measurement.⁴⁰
29 199 Between-session reliability was assessed by calculating the intra-class correlation coefficient
30 200 ($\text{ICC}_{3,1}$) and coefficient of variation (CV) using the *SimplyAgree* package (version 0.1.0).⁴¹⁻⁴³
31 201 ICCs were interpreted based on the lower bound of the 95% CI, with values of < 0.5 , $0.5-0.75$,
32 202 $> 0.75-0.9$, and > 0.9 indicating poor, moderate, good, and excellent relative reliability,
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37 206 Waveform analysis of the CMJ net force-time curve data was performed via statistical
38 207 parametric mapping (SPM) using the open-source *spld* Python package (version 0.4.8).⁴⁵
39 208 Differences in net force-time curve data between sessions were assessed using a one x three
40 209 (session) repeated measures ANOVA, with significance set at $p = < 0.05$. The scalar output

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8 213 **Results**

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10 214 There were no significant differences in deadlift 6RM between sessions ($p = 0.056$; $\eta_p^2 = 0.251$)
11 215 (Figure 1). Further, CMJ jump height ($p = 0.451$; $\eta_p^2 = 0.07$), time-to-take-off ($p = 0.207$; η_p^2
12 216 $= 0.134$), eccentric displacement ($\chi^2 = 2.167$; $p = 0.339$), yielding mean force ($p = 0.249$; $\eta_p^2 =$
13 217 0.12), braking mean force ($p = 0.451$; $\eta_p^2 = 0.065$), and concentric mean force ($\chi^2 = 2.167$; $p =$
14 218 0.339) were not significantly different between testing sessions (Figure 2). There were also no
15 219 significant between-session differences in RPE during any of the warm-up sets (Figure 4).
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29 225 There were small differences in MV at 40% 6RM and 60% 6RM and moderate differences in
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32 228 T3, with slower MV during T3. There was a small difference in MV at 80% 6RM, with a faster
33 229 MV occurring in T3. There were trivial differences in MV at 60 and 90% 6RM between T2
34 230 and T3 (Figure 3). Excellent relative reliability and good CV values were found for the deadlift
35 231 6RM (Table 1). Moderate relative reliability was found for jump height, along with good CV
36 232 values (Table 1). Moderate to good relative reliability and good to poor CVs were found for
37 233 mean force during each CMJ sub-phase (Table 1). MV during each warm-up set demonstrated
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55 240 **Discussion**

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7 245 the current study is that 6RM deadlift strength was not statistically different between testing
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9 246 sessions, and the fatigue induced by the repeated maximal effort strength tests did not
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In alignment with previous research demonstrating the stability of lower-body 1RM strength when tested in a fresh state,^{5, 7} after 24 hours of sleep loss,⁴⁶ or after a resistance training bout that is not performed to failure,⁶ we determined that the deadlift 6RM did not differ between sessions. Furthermore, excellent relative reliability and good CVs, in alignment with previous research investigating the test-retest reliability of 1RM strength,⁴⁷ were found. Of interest in the present study is that even when more volume is performed during the maximal effort strength testing (i.e., six repetitions vs one repetition), on average strength appears to be stable between testing sessions separated by 48 hours. However, there was a small amount of intra-individual variation (Figure 1), which highlights that when using percentage-based methods for controlling training intensity, some level of autoregulation on the part of the athlete may be required. For example, strength and conditioning professionals may prescribe a target relative intensity zone specific to the number of repetitions in each set (i.e. 4 sets of six repetitions at 80-85% 6RM), with the athlete then adjusting the barbell load depending on their training status on the given day provided they stay within the prescribed target zone.^{8, 9} This classic approach to load prescription accounts for intra-individual variation and allows the athlete to autoregulate their training, while ensuring appropriate training loads are prescribed.

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Although lower-body maximum strength did not change between sessions, MV during each warm-up set did vary between sessions (Figure 3). Specifically, MV declined between the first

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9 280 of Vernon et al. ⁶, we found that, in general, MV had returned to baseline levels at 60 and 80%
10 281 6RM by T3. Divergent changes in MV occurred at 40% 6RM and 80% 6RM. Specifically, a
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12 282 slower MV was found during T3 at 40%, while a faster MV was found at 80% 6RM. When
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16 284 fact that 6RM strength was unchanged, we would suggest that it is questionable whether
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23 288 meaningful if the underlying physical quality (maximum strength) does not change is also
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38 297 It is also of interest that lower-body dynamic performance as assessed using the CMJ was
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48 302 al. ⁴⁸ reported that CMJ height had returned to baseline levels after a similar resistance training
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52 304 in jump height occurred in the present study. Moreover, there were no significant differences
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3 311 and was not significantly different to baseline at 48 hours. Taken collectively, this indicates
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15 318 When interpreting the results of this study, some limitations should be kept in mind. First,
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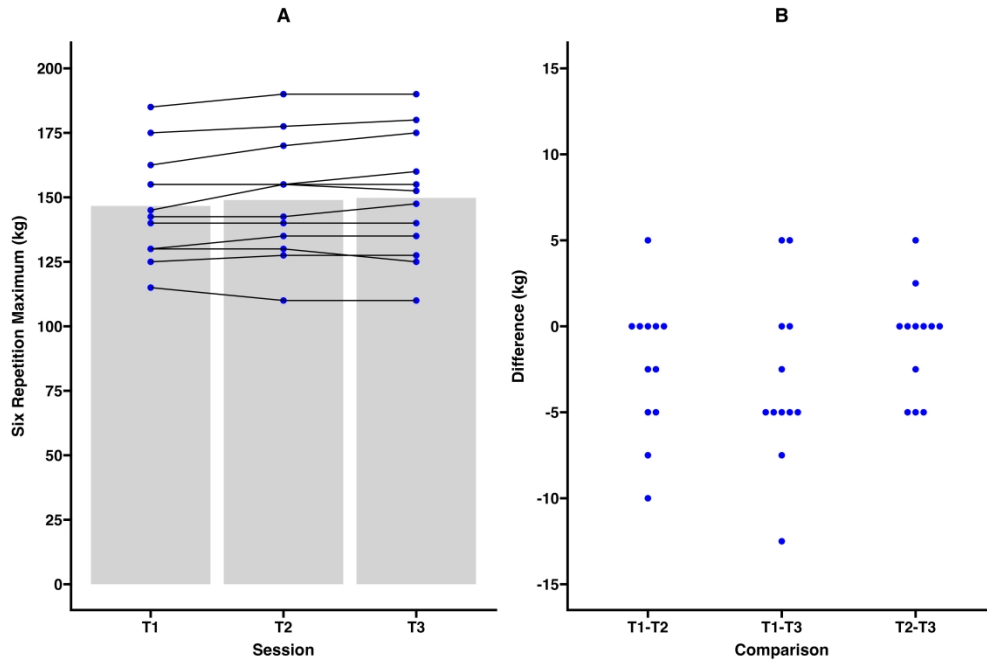
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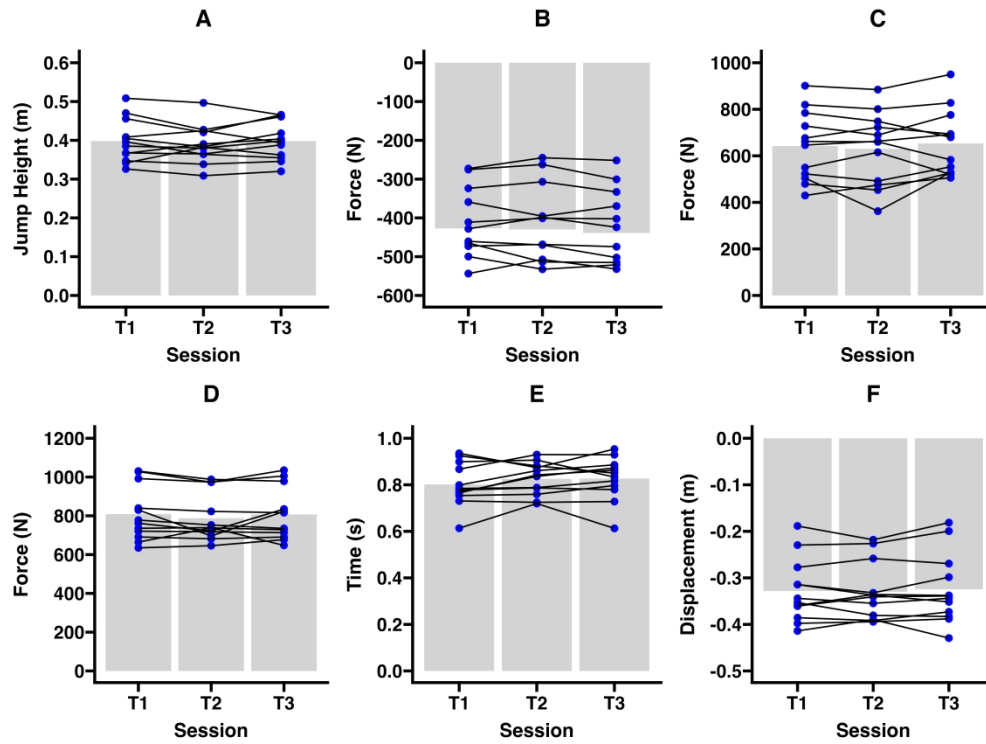


Figure 2. Countermovement jump variables in each session. A) Jump height; B) Yielding mean force; C) Braking mean force; D) Concentric mean force; E) Time-to-take-off; F) Eccentric displacement.

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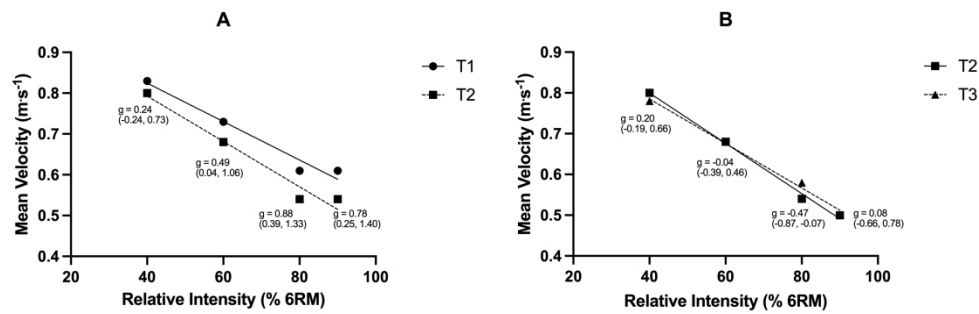


Figure 3. Effect size comparisons between mean velocity during each warm-up set. g = Hedges g effect size.

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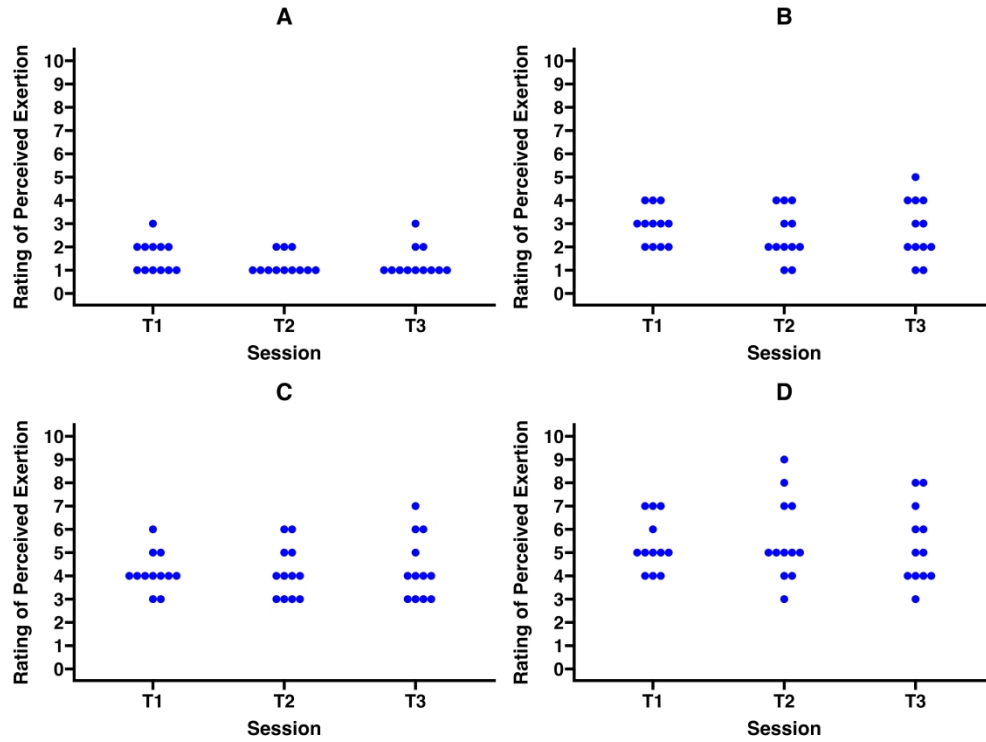


Figure 4. Rating of perceived exertion responses during each warm-up set. A) 40% 6RM; B) 60% 6RM; C) 80% 6RM; D) 90% 6RM.

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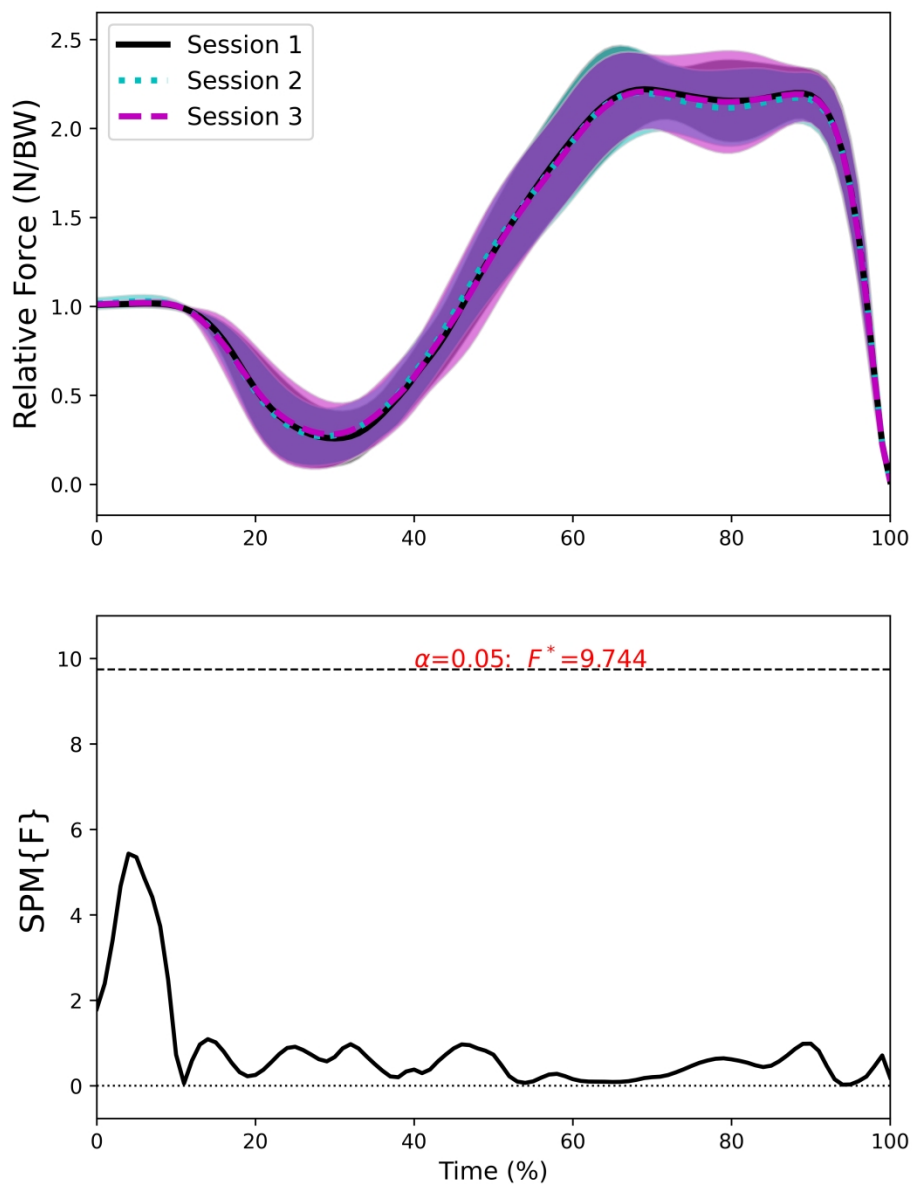


Figure 5. Time-normalised relative force-time curves during the countermovement jump from each 6RM testing session (upper panel) and the associated SPM repeated measures ANOVA F statistic {F} for differences between the curves (lower panel). SPM = statistical parametric mapping.

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Table 1. Reliability statistics for all variables

Variable	Comparison					
	T1 – T2		T1 – T3		T2 – T3	
	ICC (95% CI)	CV (95% CI)	ICC (95% CI)	CV (95% CI)	ICC (95% CI)	CV (95% CI)
6RM	0.98 (0.95, 0.99)	1.94 % (1.12, 2.72)	0.98 (0.92, 0.99)	2.39 % (1.37, 3.34)	0.99 (0.98, 1.00)	1.45 % (0.87, 2.02)
Jump Height	0.89 (0.71, 0.96)	4.47 % (2.60, 6.35)	0.90 (0.74, 0.96)	4.17 % (2.40, 5.76)	0.86 (0.65, 0.95)	4.62 % (2.65, 6.42)
Yielding Mean Force	0.97 (0.91, 0.99)	4.84 % (2.76, 6.84)	0.98 (0.94, 0.99)	3.58 % (2.06, 5.14)	0.98 (0.96, 0.99)	3.35 % (1.91, 4.76)
Braking Mean Force	0.94 (0.84, 0.98)	5.92 % (3.63, 8.12)	0.93 (0.82, 0.98)	5.87 % (3.34, 8.23)	0.87 (0.67, 0.95)	8.51 % (4.84, 12.10)
Concentric Mean Force	0.93 (0.82, 0.98)	4.28 % (2.42, 5.97)	0.95 (0.85, 0.98)	3.95 % (2.21, 5.57)	0.89 (0.72, 0.96)	5.28 % (3.02, 7.43)
Time-to-Takeoff	0.81 (0.53, 0.93)	4.42 % (2.56, 6.19)	0.80 (0.52, 0.92)	5.06 % (2.90, 7.08)	0.82 (0.56, 0.93)	4.18 % (2.53, 5.87)
Eccentric Displacement	0.96 (0.88, 0.98)	4.20 % (2.50, 6.01)	0.96 (0.89, 0.99)	4.42 % (2.58, 6.28)	0.95 (0.87, 0.98)	4.68 % (2.88, 6.54)
MV 40% 6RM	0.63 (0.22, 0.85)	7.47 % (4.48, 10.40)	0.54 (0.09, 0.81)	9.66 % (5.61, 13.40)	0.79 (0.51, 0.92)	7.02 % (4.03, 9.80)
MV 60% 6RM	0.44 (-0.04, 0.76)	11.40 % (6.67, 15.60)	0.32 (-0.18, 0.69)	13.90 % (8.18, 18.60)	0.81 (0.54, 0.93)	6.91 % (4.03, 9.57)
MV 80% 6RM	0.56 (0.12, 0.82)	8.85 % (5.17, 12.70)	0.71 (0.36, 0.89)	8.51 % (5.04, 11.70)	0.75 (0.42, 0.90)	7.16 % (4.10, 10.10)
MV 90% 6RM	0.12 (-0.40, 0.56)	15.8 % (9.25, 21.00)	0.16 (-0.34, 0.59)	16.5 % (9.75, 22.20)	0.33 (-0.18, 0.70)	9.19 % (5.22, 12.20)

Note: ICC = intra-class correlation coefficient; CI = confidence interval; CV = coefficient of variation; MV = mean velocity; 6RM = six repetition maximum

Table 2. Standard error of the measure and smallest detectable difference for each variable

Variable	SEM	SDD
6RM Deadlift (kg)	2.87	7.96
Jump Height (m)	0.02	0.05
Yielding Mean Force (N)	20.70	57.38
Braking Mean Force (N)	37.70	104.5
Concentric Mean Force (N)	34.20	94.80
Time-to-Takeoff (s)	0.04	0.1
Eccentric Displacement (m)	0.01	0.04
MV 40% 6RM ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	0.06	0.17
MV 60% 6RM ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	0.08	0.22
MV 80% 6RM ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	0.05	0.14
MV 90% 6RM ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	0.08	0.23

Note: SEM = Standard error of the estimate; SDD = Smallest detectable difference, 6RM = six repetition maximum; MV = mean velocity