

**Table S1. Results of statistical tests.**

Response	ANOVA		Preferred v. Low		Preferred v. High		Low v. High	
	Chi-Sq	P	t-ratio	P	t-ratio	P	t-ratio	P
$\Delta z_{arch}$	258	<0.0001	5.8	<0.0001	-10.1	<0.0001	-15.9	<0.0001
peak $F_{beam1}$	144	<0.0001	3.6	0.0006	-8.1	<0.0001	-11.7	<0.0001
peak $F_{beam2}$	50	<0.0001	0.7	0.49	-5.7	<0.0001	-6.5	<0.0001
$\Delta \theta_{mid}$	228	<0.0001	5.4	<0.0001	-9.6	<0.0001	-14.9	<0.0001
peak $M_{mid}^a$	43	<0.0001	2.2	0.04	-4.3	0.0002	-6.4	<0.0001
FSA <sup>b</sup>	8.3	0.016	244	0.19	325	0.001	221	0.46
$k_{beam1,load}^{a,c}$	9.7	0.008	-1.1	0.26	1.9	0.12	3.1	0.010
$k_{beam1,unload}^a$	68.6	<0.0001	-2.3	0.028	5.7	<0.0001	8.1	<0.0001
$k_{beam2,load}^{a,e}$	11.8	0.003	-2.4	0.038	0.9	0.37	3.3	0.006
$k_{beam2,unload}^a$	86.7	<0.0001	-3.3	0.002	5.8	<0.0001	9.2	<0.0001
$k_{mid,load}^{a,c}$	12.7	0.002	-0.54	0.59	2.8	0.016	3.4	0.004
$k_{mid,unload}^a$	101	<0.0001	-2.3	0.028	5.7	<0.0001	8.1	<0.0001
$k_{leg,load}^a$	101.0	<0.0001	-7.2	<0.0001	2.4	0.021	9.6	<0.0001
$k_{leg,unload}^{a,d}$	68.6	<0.0001	-2.3	0.028	5.7	<0.0001	8.1	<0.0001
$k_{ankle,load}^{a,c}$	81.6	<0.0001	-4.9	<0.0001	4.0	0.0002	9.0	<0.0001
$k_{ankle,unload}^{a,d}$	582.6	<0.0001	-7.7	<0.0001	15.7	<0.0001	23.8	<0.0001
$k_{knee,load}^{a,d}$	40.7	<0.0001	-3.3	0.003	3.0	0.004	6.4	<0.0001
$k_{knee,unload}^{a,f}$	30.2	<0.0001	-3.4	0.003	2.0	0.052	5.7	<0.0001

Except where noted otherwise, omnibus tests were Type 3 ANOVAs conducted on model variance from linear mixed models where participant identity was set as a random variable.

Except where noted otherwise, post-hoc tests were pairwise comparisons, with the P-value

corrected using a Holm-Bonferroni correction. The sample size for all tests is N=27 participants, except where noted otherwise. FSA was included as a covariate in all tests of quasi-stiffness ( $k$ ) variables.

<sup>a</sup> Variable log-transformed to achieve normality for parametric statistical tests.

<sup>b</sup> Variable could not be made normal by transformation, so non-parametric tests used. Friedman's test used as omnibus test, and Wilcoxon signed-rank tests used as post-hoc paired tests (statistic for these tests is  $W$  rather than  $t$ -ratio).

<sup>c</sup> FSA had a significant, positive association with the variable.

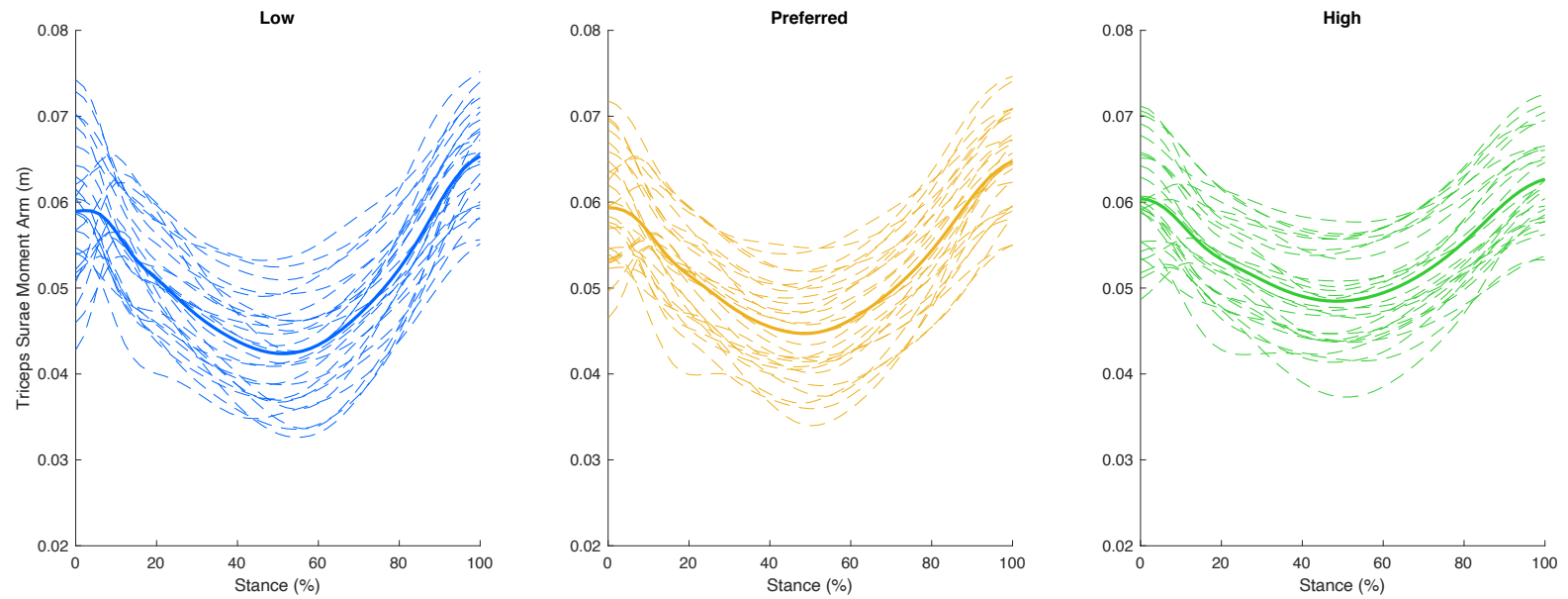
<sup>d</sup> FSA had a significant, negative association with the variable.

<sup>e</sup> Had to remove three subjects (S04, S13, S31), each of whom exhibited outlier values.

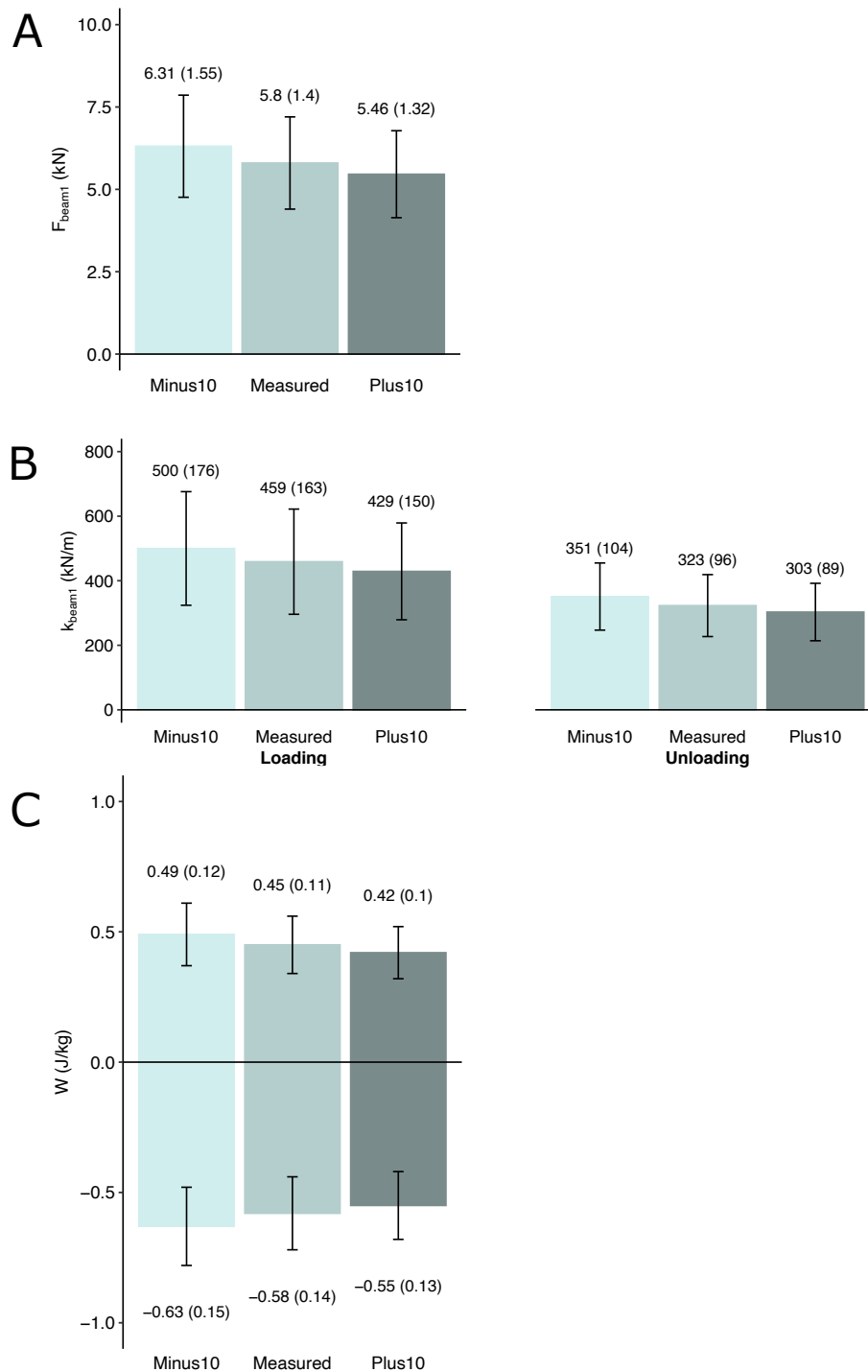
<sup>f</sup> Had to remove three subjects (S02, S06, S10, S15), each of whom exhibited outlier values.

## Table S2

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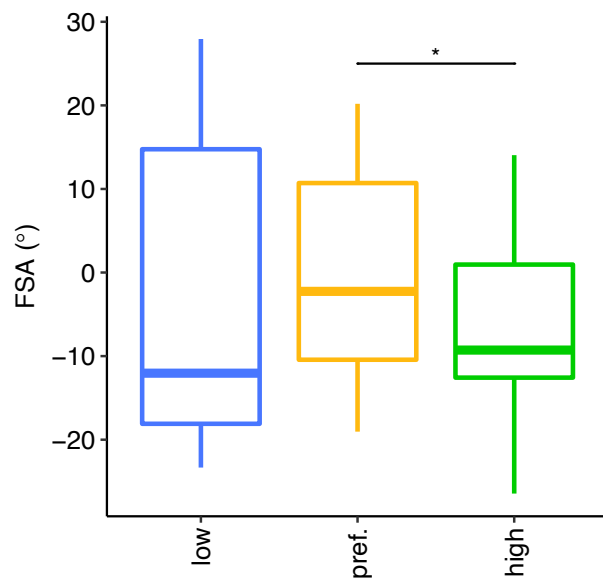


**Fig. S1. Average triceps surae moment arm values across stance phase among different running frequency conditions.** Dashed lines represent averages from all steps for individual participants, and solid lines indicate average of all participants.



**Fig. S2. Effects of adjusting triceps surae moment arm length by -10% ('Minus10') and +10% ('Plus10'), relative to the actual distance measured ('Measured').** Bars represent average values calculated from all participants (N=27) during preferred frequency runs, and error

bars represent  $\pm$  one standard deviation. Numbers above/below bars indicate *mean (s.d.)*. (A) Beam1 bending force ( $F_{beam1}$ ) differs by 16% on average between  $\pm 10\%$  moment arm length values. (B) Beam1 stiffness ( $k_{beam1}$ ) differs by 17% and 16% during the ‘loading’ and ‘unloading’ periods of stance, respectively, between  $\pm 10\%$  moment arm length values. (C) Beam1 positive and negative work ( $W_{beam1}$ ) values differ by 15% and 14%, respectively, between  $\pm 10\%$  moment arm length values.



**Figure S3. Average foot strike angle (FSA) among frequency conditions (N=27).** Values above 0 represent rearfoot strikes, and values below 0 represent forefoot strikes. Asterisk denotes significant difference among running conditions.