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# MECHANICAL, CARDIORESPIRATORY, AND MUSCULAR OXYGENATION RESPONSES TO SPRINT INTERVAL EXERCISES UNDER DIFFERENT HYPOXIC CONDITIONS

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## Introduction

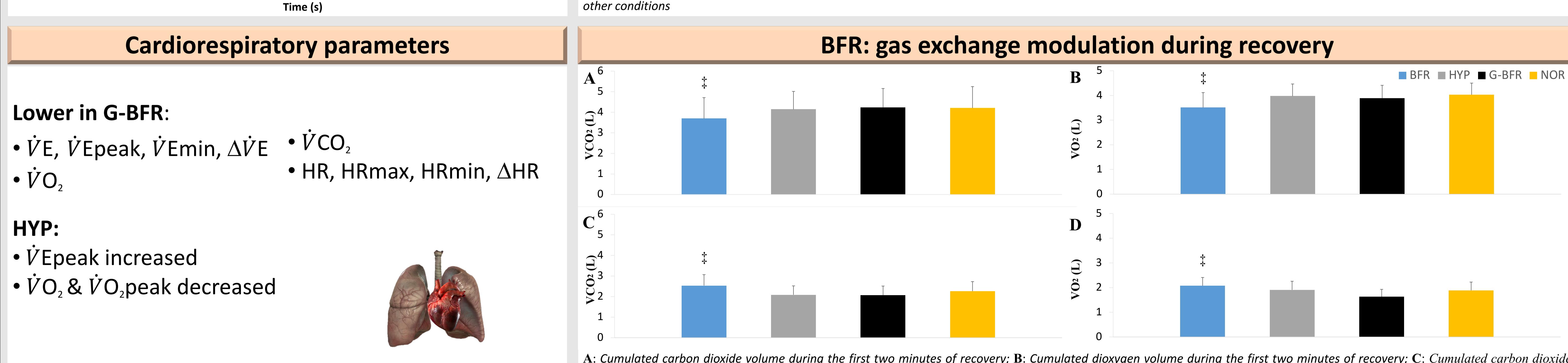
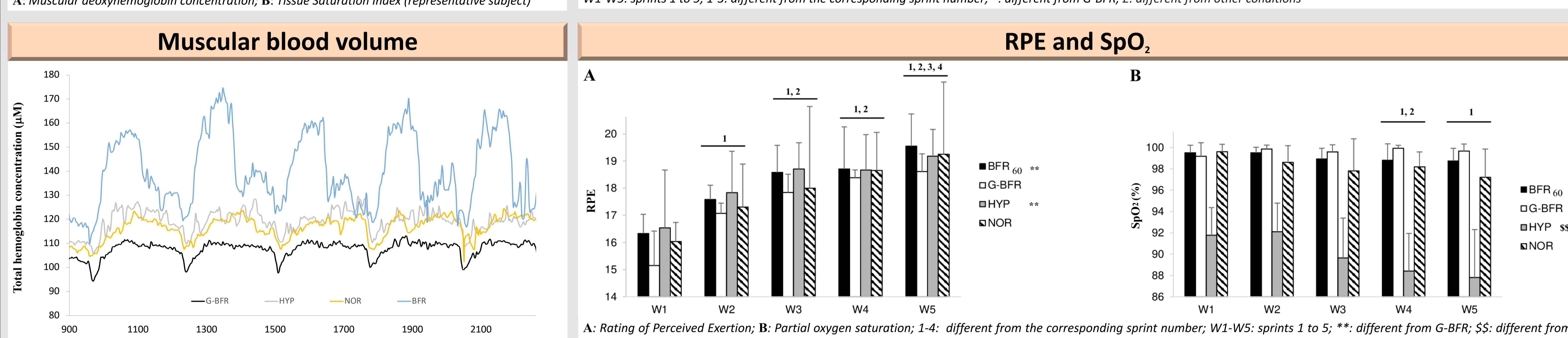
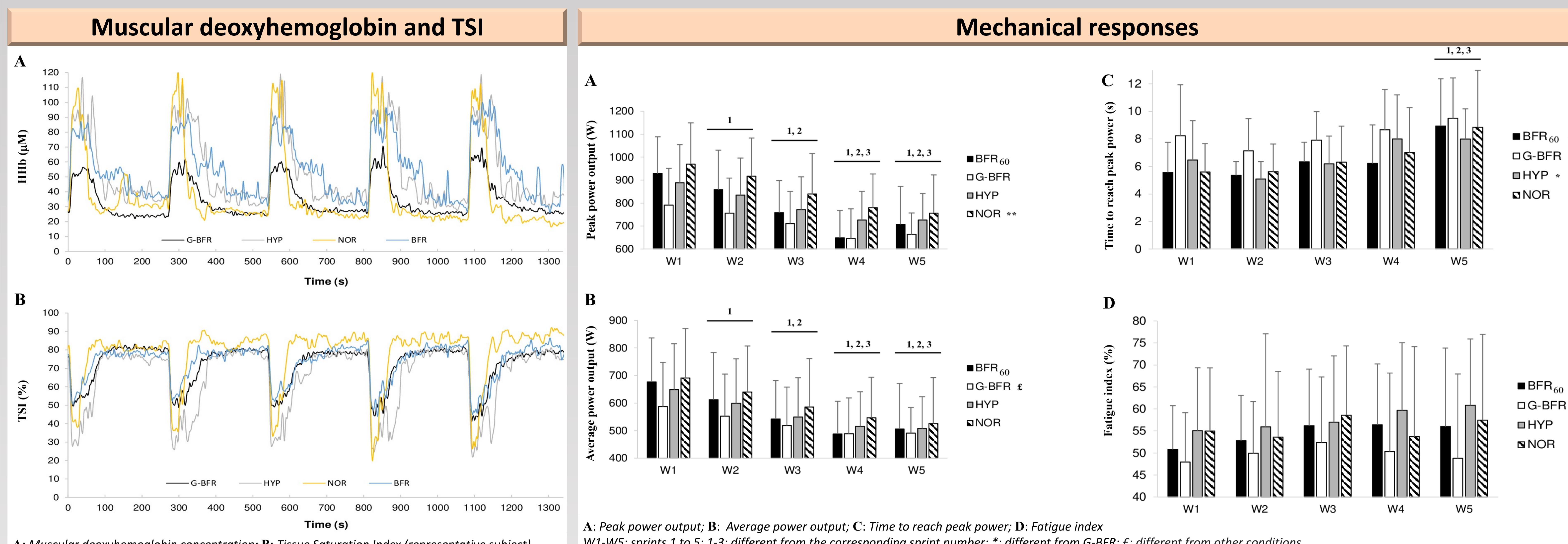
Sprint interval training (SIT) is a training method in vogue that shortly improves aerobic performance and repeated sprint ability [1,2]. An additional hypoxic stress added to repeated sprint sessions amplifies some training adaptations [3]. However, little is known about the use of hypoxia during SIT protocols and their acute effects on mechanical, cardiorespiratory, and muscle oxygenation outcomes. The aim of the study was to compare the responses to SIT exercises under different hypoxic conditions.

## Methods

13 young men performed 4 SIT sessions (5x30 s all-out with 4 min of passive recovery) under different conditions in a random order:

NORMOXIA (NOR)	HYPOXIA (HYP)	Blood Flow Restriction (BFR <sub>60%</sub> )	Gravity-induced BFR (G-BFR)
< 400 m above sea level (SL)	F <sub>iO<sub>2</sub></sub> =13% (4000 m above SL)	Compression cuffs 2 min post-sprints	Supine position

## Results



## Conclusions

G-BFR: minor mechanical and cardiorespiratory stress but ischemic effect [4]

BFR: blood accumulation in muscles → metabolic stress

HYP: preserved performance with systemic hypoxia

