

## Kompressionsbekleidung

Anwendbarkeit und Limitation zur Leistungs- & Regenerationsförderung

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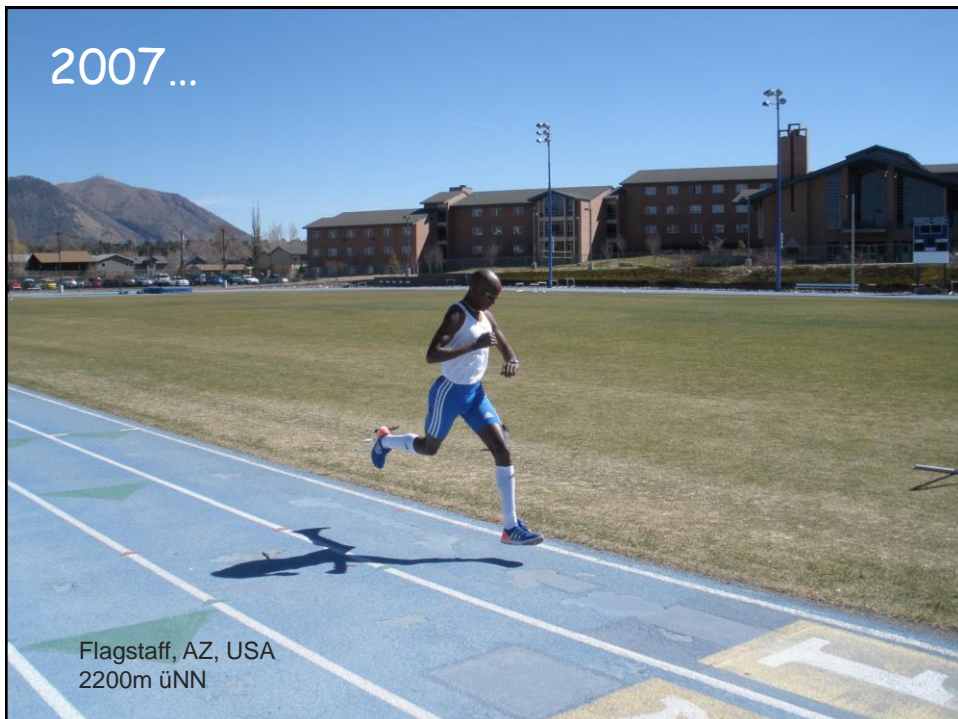
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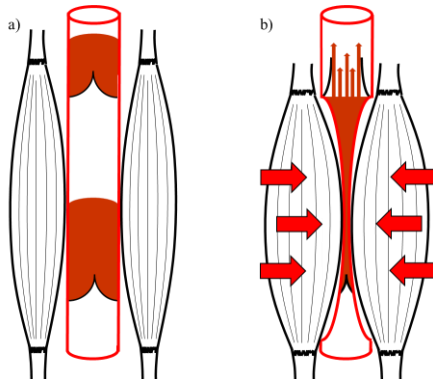


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## Herkunft der Kompressionsbekleidung

- Klinische Studien bei Patienten mit venöser Insuffizienz:  
→ gesteigerter Blutfluss mittels Kompressionsbekleidung

Agu et al. 2004  
Ibgebuna et al. 2003  
Lawrance et al. 1980  
Lewis et al. 1976



- Umverteilung vom oberflächlichen in das tiefere Venensystem
- Verbesserte Funktion der Muskelpumpe
- Erhöhter venöser Blutfluss
- Erhöhte Muskeloxygenierung

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## Different types of compression clothing do not increase sub-maximal and maximal endurance performance in well-trained athletes

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15 Ausdauerathleten  
( $VO_{2max}$ : 63.7+4.9 ml/min/kg)  
15 min bei 70%  $VO_{2max}$   
+ maximale Ausbelastung

Table 1. Responses of different physiological and perceptual values when wearing different types of compression clothing at different time points (mean  $\pm$  s).

Variable		Compression				Best effect size	Best P
		None	Socks	Tights	Whole-body		
Oxygen uptake ( $ml \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot min^{-1}$ )	rest	4.9 $\pm$ 1.3	5.1 $\pm$ 0.7	5.1 $\pm$ 0.7	5.0 $\pm$ 0.8	0.19	0.60
	submax	41.1 $\pm$ 5.6	41.6 $\pm$ 7.1	40.8 $\pm$ 6.7	40.1 $\pm$ 6.6	0.21	0.32
	max	39.9 $\pm$ 13.6	62.9 $\pm$ 7.3	60.3 $\pm$ 8.9	61.1 $\pm$ 8.6	0.31	0.26
Lactate ( $mmol \cdot l^{-1}$ )	rest	0.80 $\pm$ 0.19	0.90 $\pm$ 0.38	1.12 $\pm$ 0.43	0.95 $\pm$ 0.25	0.96	0.99
	submax	1.50 $\pm$ 0.44	1.53 $\pm$ 0.43	1.64 $\pm$ 0.41	1.56 $\pm$ 0.48	0.33	0.20
	max	7.59 $\pm$ 2.88	7.30 $\pm$ 2.28	7.64 $\pm$ 2.45	7.11 $\pm$ 2.11	0.23	0.16
Oxygen saturation (%)	rest	96.3 $\pm$ 0.6	96.5 $\pm$ 1.1	96.6 $\pm$ 0.9	96.6 $\pm$ 1.1	0.57	0.13
	submax	95.7 $\pm$ 0.9	96.0 $\pm$ 0.8	95.9 $\pm$ 1.1	96.1 $\pm$ 1.2	0.38	0.22
	max	95.6 $\pm$ 1.3	95.3 $\pm$ 1.2	95.4 $\pm$ 1.4	95.6 $\pm$ 1.3	0.24	0.26
Oxygen partial pressure (mmHg)	rest	76.6 $\pm$ 4.5	81.9 $\pm$ 4.5	80.5 $\pm$ 4.6	82.3 $\pm$ 5.6	0.69	0.09
	submax	75.8 $\pm$ 4.2	77.4 $\pm$ 5.1	77.2 $\pm$ 5.3	77.6 $\pm$ 4.1	0.43	0.20
	max	81.2 $\pm$ 5.3	80.9 $\pm$ 5.0	81.9 $\pm$ 5.2	83.4 $\pm$ 6.1	0.45	0.09
pH	rest	7.40 $\pm$ 0.01	7.40 $\pm$ 0.02	7.40 $\pm$ 0.02	7.40 $\pm$ 0.02	0.00	0.24
	submax	7.40 $\pm$ 0.03	7.40 $\pm$ 0.02	7.40 $\pm$ 0.02	7.40 $\pm$ 0.01	0.00	0.23
	max	7.28 $\pm$ 0.06	7.30 $\pm$ 0.04	7.29 $\pm$ 0.05	7.30 $\pm$ 0.05	0.39	0.46
Ratings of perceived exertion	submax	13.2 $\pm$ 1.5	12.6 $\pm$ 1.5	13.1 $\pm$ 1.0	12.7 $\pm$ 1.1	0.40	0.15
	max	18.6 $\pm$ 1.1	18.2 $\pm$ 1.1	18.3 $\pm$ 1.0	18.4 $\pm$ 1.2	0.36	0.10
	Time to exhaustion (s)	max	319 $\pm$ 130	280 $\pm$ 76	296 $\pm$ 90	281 $\pm$ 91	0.28

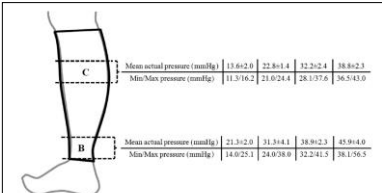
Keine Unterschiede in allen erhobenen Parametern  
( $VO_2$ , Laktat, Herzfrequenz, Belastungsempfinden, etc.)

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**Original article**

## Cardio-respiratory and metabolic responses to different levels of compression during submaximal exercise

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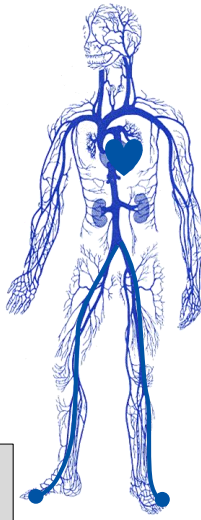


	13.6±2.0	22.8±1.4	32.2±2.4	38.8±2.3	
C	Mean actual pressure (mmHg)	11.3±16.2	21.0±24.4	28.1±37.6	36.5±43.0
B	Mean actual pressure (mmHg)	21.3±2.0	31.3±4.1	38.9±2.3	45.9±4.0
	Min/Max pressure (mmHg)	14.0/25.1	24.0/38.0	32.2/41.5	38.1/56.5

Figure 1 Area of pressure measurement (indicated by the dotted lines) as well as the corresponding mean, minimum (Min) and maximum (Max) pressure at B-level (ankle's point of minimum girth) and C-level (i.e. calf's maximum girth)

**15 Läufer (VO<sub>2max</sub>: 57.2±4.0 mL/min/kg)**



→ Läufe bei 70% VO<sub>2max</sub> mit 0, 10, 20, 30, 40 mmHg Druck auf den Wadenbauch



Keine Unterschiede in Schlagvolumen, a-v DO<sub>2</sub>, VO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>-Sättigung, Herzfrequenz und Blutlaktat, etc.

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### Literaturrecherche Born et al. 2013

### Performance

- Max. power/strength
- Sprint
- Jumping height
- TLim
- VO<sub>2</sub>
- VO<sub>2max</sub>
- HR
- pO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>
- Lactate
- RPE

### Recovery

- Recovery of max. strength/power
- Recovery of sprinting
- Recovery of jumping height
- Body temperature
- Creatin kinase
- Further marker of muscle damage
- Lactate
- Plasma pH
- HR
- Muscle swelling
- DOMS

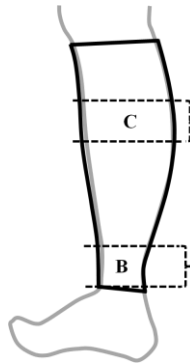
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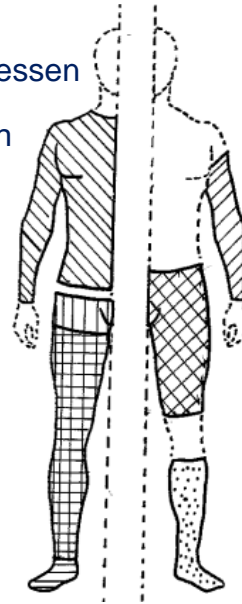
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## Kompressionsarten

- 18 Studien die den Druck tatsächlich messen
- 10 Studien mit „gradueller“ Kompression



Sperlich et al. 2010, 2011



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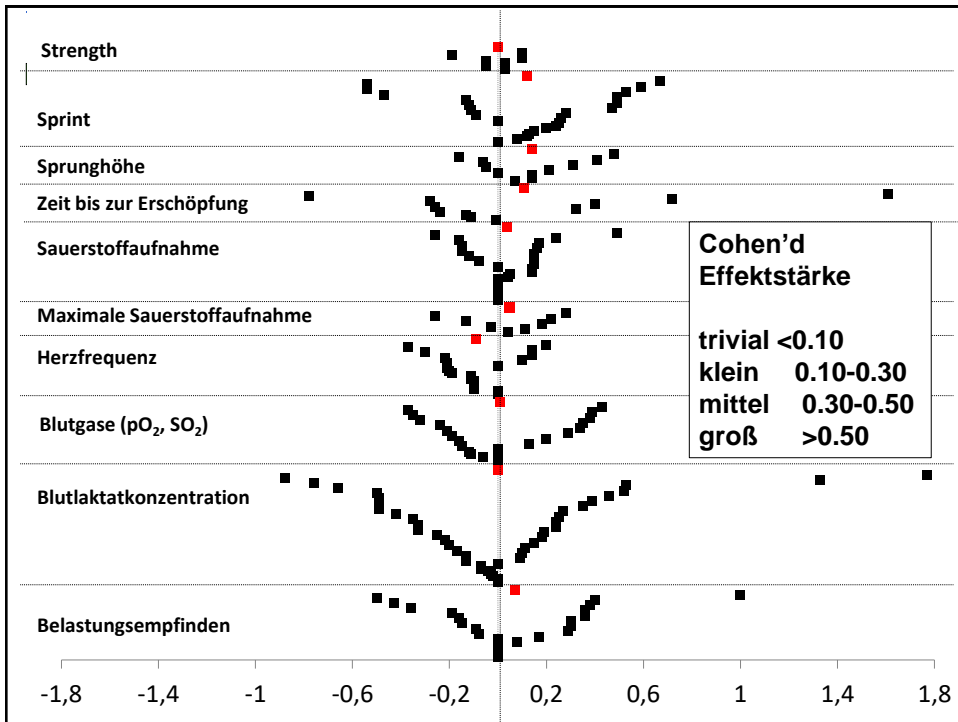
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**Bringing Light Into the Dark: Effects of Compression Clothing on Performance and Recovery**  
Dennis-Peter Born, Billy Sperlich, and Hans-Christer Holmberg

Kompression & „Leistung“

A photograph of a male runner in a white tank top and blue shorts running on a blue track. The background shows a large brick building and mountains under a clear blue sky. The text 'Kompression & „Leistung“' is overlaid at the bottom in a white box.

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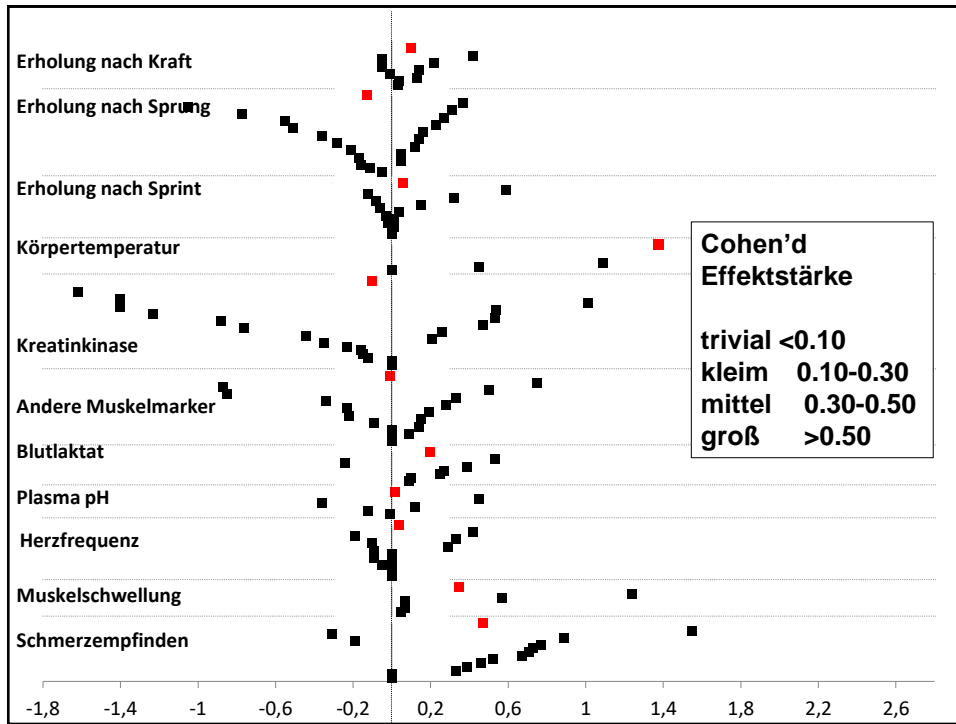
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### Beispiel Skifahren

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**RESEARCH ARTICLE** Open Access

**Is leg compression beneficial for alpine skiers?**

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**Mit Kompression:**

- Kniewinkel -10°
- Weniger Muskeloszillation (-20-25%)
- Weniger Muskelschmerz

10-min warm up at 1.5 W·kg<sup>-1</sup>

1-min

3-min Vibration at 60 Hz, 6-8 mm

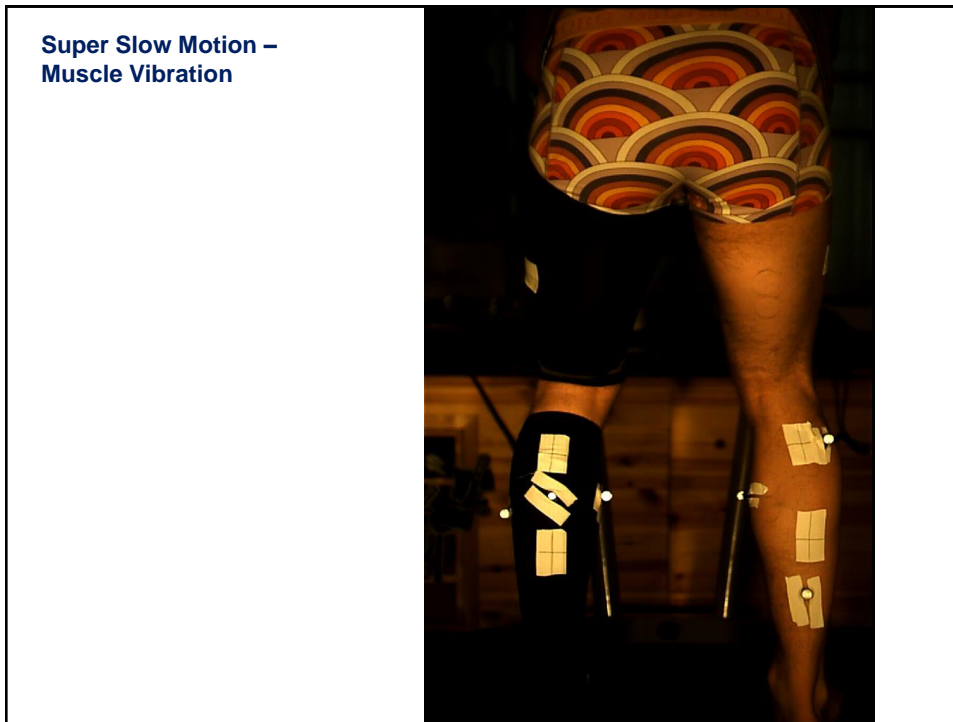
5-min Recovery

NIRS, Gas exchange, HR, EMG, knee angle, accelerometry

0, 20 or 40 mmHG leg compression

T [min]

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**Muscle Oxygenation Asymmetry in Ice Speed Skaters:  
Not Compensated by Compression**

Dennis-Peter Born, Christoph Zinner, Britta Herlitz, Katharina Richter,  
Hans-Christer Holmberg, and Billy Sperlich

**Figure 1** — Temporal changes in (A) tissue-oxygenation index (TSI) and (B) total hemoglobin (tHb) in both right and left vastus lateralis muscles comparing the 3000-m race simulation with leg-compression clothing and normal racing suit only. Not all standard deviations were illustrated for the sake of clarity since the magnitude was comparable for both legs and types of garments.

“Elite ice speed skaters show an asymmetry in tissue oxygenation of both vastus lateralis muscles during 3000 m events remaining during the long gliding phases along the straight sections of the track. **Based on our data, we conclude no performance enhancing benefits from wearing leg compression under a normal racing suit.**”

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**A novel compression garment with adhesive silicone stripes improves repeated sprint performance – a multi-experimental approach on the underlying mechanisms**

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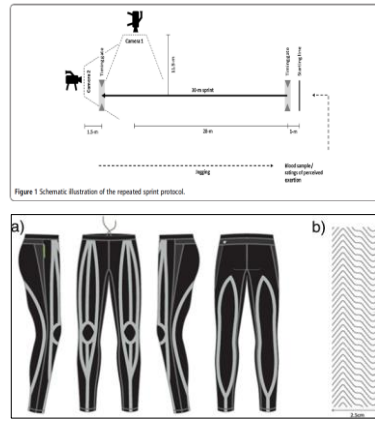
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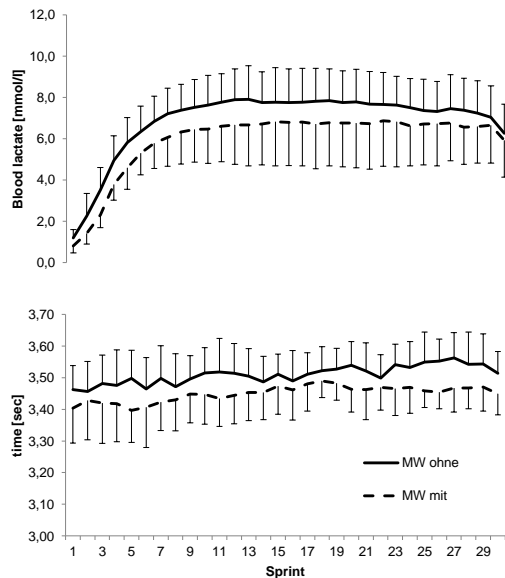
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**Blood lactate [mmol/l]**

**time [sec]**

**Sprint**

MW ohne  
 MW mit

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*Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol* 289: R1448–R1458, 2005.  
First published May 26, 2005; doi:10.1152/ajpregu.00824.2004.

### Why do arms extract less oxygen than legs during exercise?

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Because conditions for O<sub>2</sub> off-loading from the hemoglobin are similar in leg and arm muscles, the observed differences in maximal arm and leg O<sub>2</sub> extraction should be attributed to other factors, such as a **higher heterogeneity in blood flow distribution, shorter mean transit time, smaller diffusing area, and larger diffusing distance, in arms than in legs.**

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### Does Upper-Body Compression Improve 3 × 3-Min Double-Poling Sprint Performance?

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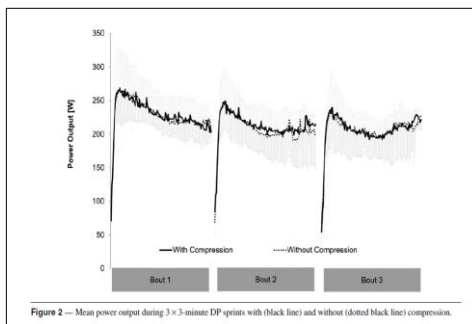
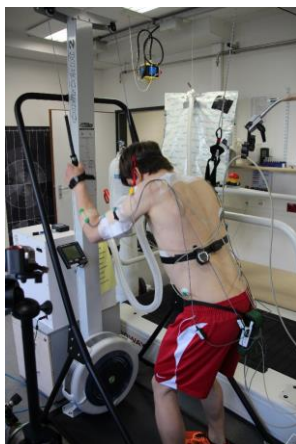


Figure 2 — Mean power output during 3 × 3-minute DP sprints with (black line) and without (dotted black line) compression.

“The authors conclude that the performance of well-trained athletes during 3 × 3-min double poling sprints will not be enhanced by upper-bodycompression.”

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**Acute Responses to Forearm Compression of Blood Lactate Accumulation, Heart Rate, Perceived Exertion, and Muscle Pain in Elite Climbers.**

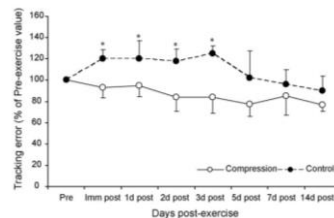
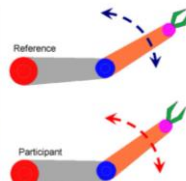
Engel FA<sup>1</sup>, Sperlich B<sup>1,2</sup>, Stöcker U<sup>3</sup>, Wolf P<sup>4</sup>, Schöffl V<sup>5</sup>, Donath L<sup>6</sup>.



Das Tragen von Kompressionsleeves während und nach intensiven Boulderrouten hatte **keine oder nur geringfügige Effekte** auf Blutlaktat, Herzfrequenz, Belastungsempfinden und Muskelschmerz.

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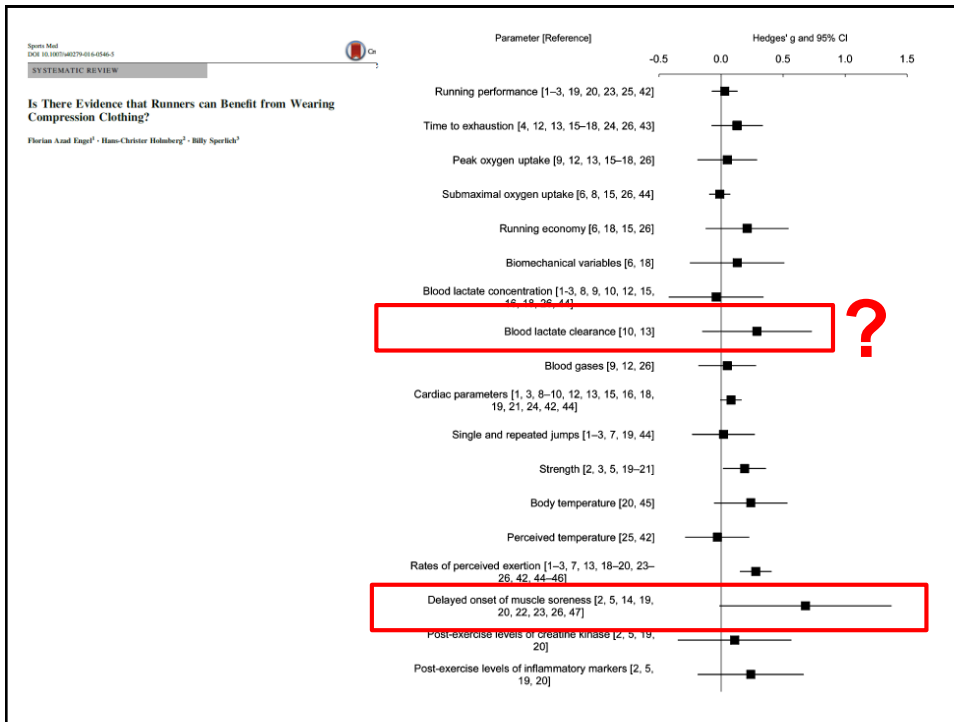
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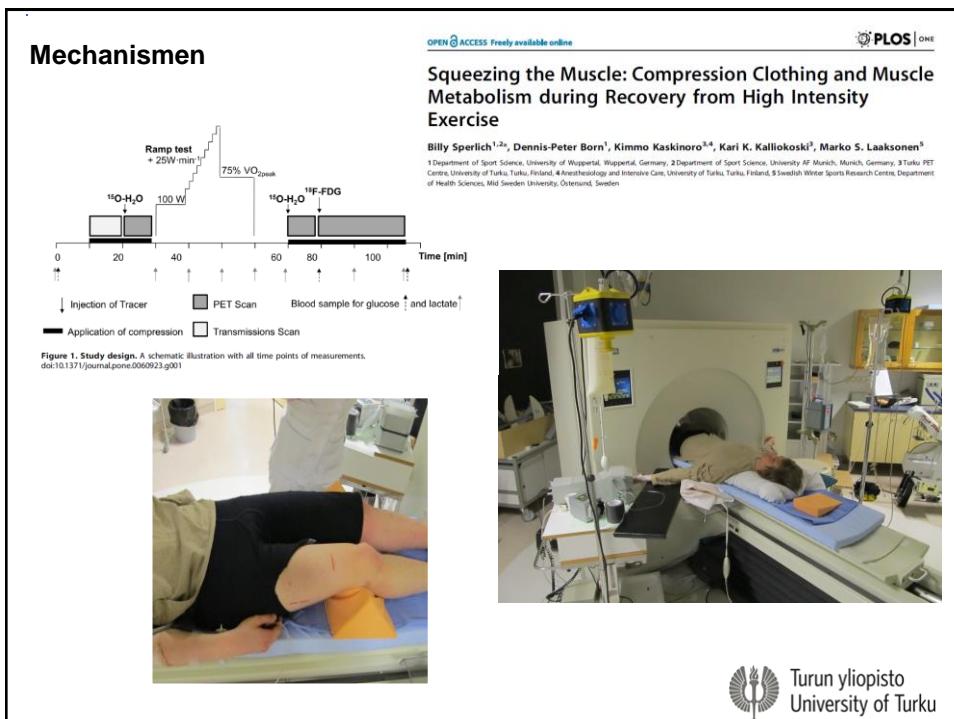
“[...] the results suggest that the wearing of sports compression garments post-eccentric exercise has a positive effect on functional motor control.”



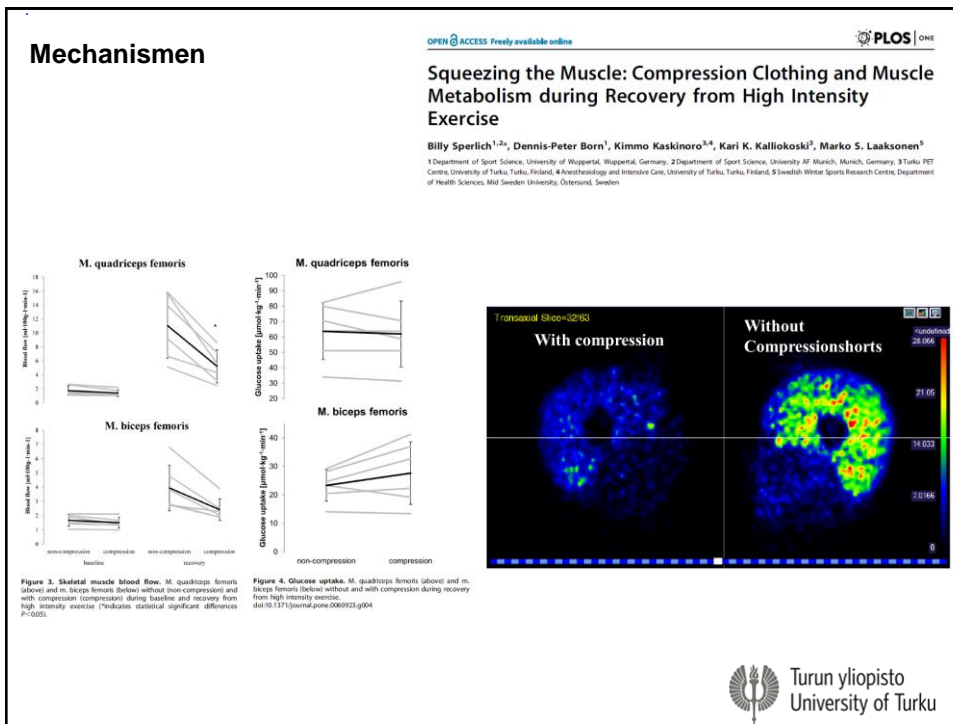
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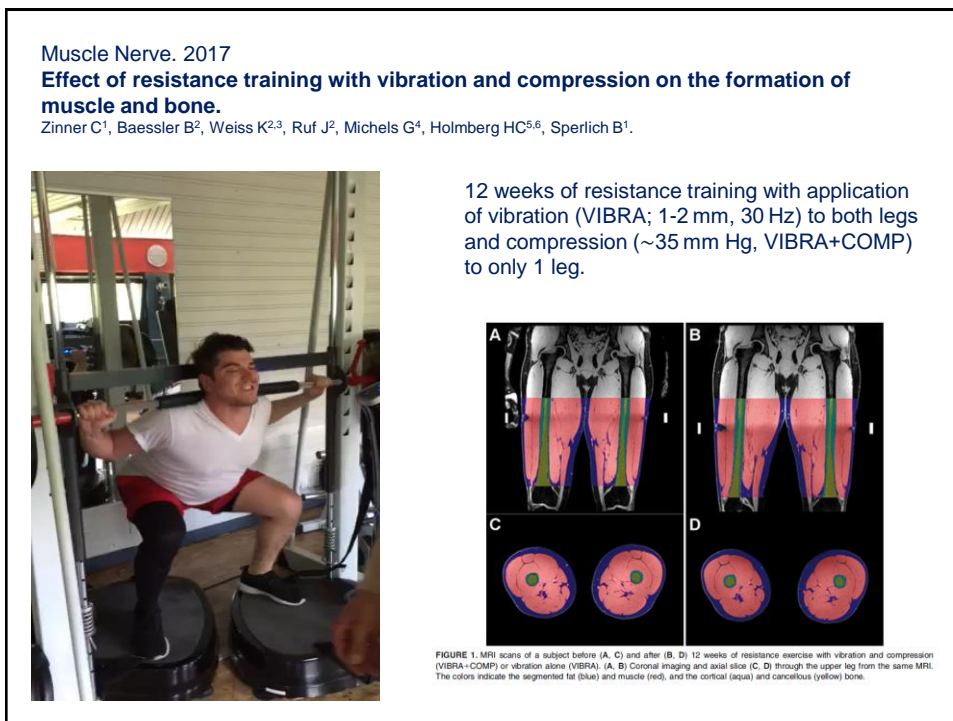
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Responses of low and high compression during recovery after repeated sprint training in well-trained handball players**

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**2. Handball Bundesliga bis 48h nach 30 x30 m Sprint 0, 10, 25 mmHg Beincompression**

**Table 1.** The values (mean ± SE) of the measured performance and blood parameters of the athletes (n=12) before and after a systematic handball training session.

Parameter	Pre-sprint	Pre	Post	24h	48h
5 × 30 m sprint (s)	0 mm Hg	5.30 ± 0.29			5.22 ± 0.28
	10 mm Hg	5.25 ± 0.20			5.25 ± 0.26
	25 mm Hg	5.25 ± 0.28			5.29 ± 0.29
Jumping height (cm)	0 mm Hg	77.5 ± 6.6			77.5 ± 6.6
	10 mm Hg	78.5 ± 5.5			76.2 ± 5.6
	25 mm Hg	77.0 ± 6.6			76.4 ± 6.1
CK (U.L.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0 mm Hg	203 ± 155	388 ± 247	853 ± 328	479 ± 290
	10 mm Hg	363 ± 165	385 ± 213	773 ± 325	368 ± 246
	25 mm Hg	490 ± 277	403 ± 277	1079 ± 1910	1485 ± 1376
Urea (mg dL <sup>-1</sup> )	0 mm Hg	36.0 ± 2.4	40.0 ± 2.6	42.9 ± 11.1	45.9 ± 11.0
	10 mm Hg	38.2 ± 2.3	38.2 ± 2.5	36.4 ± 6.3	38.4 ± 7.9
	25 mm Hg	41.5 ± 2.7	43.1 ± 2.5	45.4 ± 10.0	43.7 ± 7.6
CRP (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	0 mm Hg	0.96 ± 0.06	0.97 ± 0.0	1.14 ± 0.78	0.93 ± 0.73
	10 mm Hg	0.83 ± 0.17	0.82 ± 0.02	0.87 ± 0.6	0.84 ± 0.48
	25 mm Hg	1.29 ± 1.09	1.24 ± 1.05	2.22 ± 1.9	1.4 ± 1.1

\*Significant difference to 0 mm Hg.

**Table 2.** Effects of compression class on sprint and jump performance following a systematic handball training session.

Compression	Time factor	5 × 30 m sprint		Jump height	
		Mean effect <sup>a</sup>	Qualitative inference	Mean effect <sup>a</sup>	Qualitative inference
0 mm Hg vs. 10 mm Hg	Pre-48 h	1.2 ± 2.3	Unclear	0.9 ± 2.0	Unclear
0 mm Hg vs. 25 mm Hg	Pre-48 h	0.3 ± 2.4	Unclear	2.8 ± 4.2	Likely positive (for 0 mm Hg)
10 mm Hg vs. 25 mm Hg	Pre-48 h	1.5 ± 1.6	Unclear	2.0 ± 4.8	Unclear

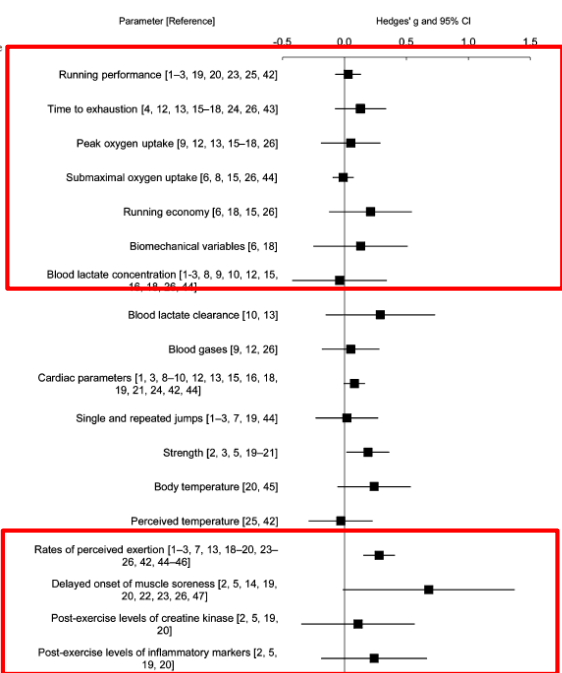
Note: Qualitative inference represents the likelihood that the true value will have the observed magnitude. <sup>a</sup>Mean effect refers to the first group minus the second group. <sup>b</sup>95% CI will and reflect the number to the mean effect to obtain the 95% confidence interval for it.

We conclude that the application of **10 mm Hg leg compression** compared to 0 and 25 mm Hg of compression **during 48 h of recovery** from repeated and exhausting sprints lowered the plasma concentrations of CK and urea with no improvements in recovery for performance.

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## Zusammenfassung


- **Geschmäcker sind unterschiedlich**
- **Unbedingt: Individuell anpassen**
- **Eher für Regeneration**
- **Eher wiederholte Sprint-/Sprungbelastung**
- **Eher Präzision**
- **Weiblich?**
- **Thermoregulation?**




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