

Table 5. Summary of literature that has investigated the effects of MC phase on vertical jumping and / or isometric force-time characteristics

Key: CMJ: Countermovement Jump; SJ: Squat Jump; DJ: Drop Jump; IMTP: Isometric Mid-Thigh Pull; JH: Jump Height; RSI: Reactive Strength Index; PP: Peak Power; PF: Peak Force; RFD: Rate of Force Development; FT: Flight Time; CT: Contraction Time; FT:CT: Flight time to contraction time ratio; COM: Centre of Mass; TO: Take-off; ms: Milliseconds; Hz: Hertz; MC: Menstrual Cycle; EF: Early Follicular; LF: Late Follicular; ML: Mid-Luteal; Phase 1 / Phase 4: Specific hormonal phases used for analysis; F: Familiarisation; R: Reliability; p: P-value; d: Cohen's d (effect size); g: Hedges' g (effect size); ES: Effect Size; SR: Systematic Review (calculation).

Author	Isometric / Jump task and methods	Force Platform / Sensor Technology	Force-time measures	Reliability (R) / Familiarisation (F) reported	Results
Cabre et al. ⁹	Vertical DJ – 3 trials	Bertec, 1200 Hz, 10 Hz Butterworth filer	JH, RSI	No, F or R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reactive Strength: Small increase in RSI during the follicular phase compared to the luteal phase ($g = 0.32$, 13.2%) Vertical JH: Small increase in JH during the follicular phase compared to the luteal phase ($g = 0.35$, 7.2%)
Carmichael et al. ¹⁰	Vertical CMJ – 1 trial	Kistler (no other details provided)	FT: CT, PP	No, F or R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH & Power: No significant differences ($p > 0.05$) in JH, PP, or relative PP between phases CMJ Kinematics: A non-significant, moderate increase in the FT:CT ratio was observed during the follicular phase compared to the luteal phase ($g = 0.66$, 9.4%) Power Output: PP and relative PP showed only trivial differences between the follicular and luteal phases ($g = 0.16$)
Osborne et al. ³⁴	Vertical CMJ - 3 trials Multiple rebound jump - 3 trials	MuscleLab	JH	Yes, F and R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMJ Height: Systematic review (SR) calculation revealed a small reduction in maximum and mean CMJ height during the EF phase compared to the post-ovulatory and ML phases ($g = 0.25-0.39$; 3.8–7.6%). Repeated Jump Performance: Small reductions were also observed in maximum and mean repeated CMJ height during the EF phase versus the post-ovulatory and ML phases ($g = 0.24-0.44$; 2.9–7.2%).
Peltonen et al. ³⁸	Isometric leg press – min 3 trials	Force sensor (University of Jyväskylä), 2000 Hz, 20 Hz low pass filter	RFD, PF, average force 100ms	Yes, F and R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant differences in force measures ($p > 0.05$) – descriptives not provided
Smith et al. ⁴²	Vertical CMJ - 3 trials, SJ - 3 trials, IMTP 2 trials	Kistler, 1000 Hz	JH, velocity at TO, PP, RFD, PF, impulse, COM displacement, phase duration, mean velocity	Yes, F and R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant differences in CMJ height, SJ height, between Phase 1 (EF) and Phase 4 (ML) ($p > 0.05$). Relative mean concentric power was 16.8% greater in Phase 4 ($p = 0.021$, $g = 1.03$). FT:CT ratio was also moderately higher in Phase 4 ($g = 0.67$), despite non-significant moderate increases in contraction time ($g = 0.77$) and concentric time ($g = 0.73$) during Phase 1 Phase 4 demonstrated a moderate increase in SJ mean velocity ($g = 0.80$). However, Phase 1 exhibited significantly greater impulse at 50 ms (4.7%; $p = 0.031$, $g = 0.33$), a higher FT:CT ratio ($g = 0.73$), and moderate increases in RFD at 50 ms ($g = 0.80$) and 100 ms ($g = 0.75$) Relative IMTP PF showed a moderate increase in Phase 4 (7.85%; $g = 0.72$). Phase 1 displayed small increases in impulse across the 50–250 ms range ($g = 0.32-0.56$)
Thompson et al. ⁴⁹	Vertical 5 repeated CMJ, 10 × Bilateral Hops	Quattro jump, Kistler	Contact time, FT, average power, FT: CT	Yes, F / No R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral Hop Performance: Significant main effect for flight time ($p = 0.007$), which was significantly lower in the LF phase compared to the ML phase ($p = 0.002$, $d = 0.72$, -9%). No significant differences were observed for average power ($p = 0.079$) or contact time ($p = 0.791$) CMJ Flight Time: Significant main effect for flight time ($p = 0.034$), with significantly lower values recorded in the LF phase compared to the ML phase ($p = 0.003$, $d = 0.40$, -3.3%) CMJ Power: No significant differences in average power were identified across the phases ($p = 0.518$)