

Supplementary material. Table S1. Model variables selection.

| Model | QIC | Anova test comparison | ^a p value |
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| Intercept | 171.901 | Contraction ratio-Contraction velocity-Average velocity relaxation vs Contraction ratio-Contraction velocity | <0.001 |
| Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation | 127.802 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Contraction ratio-Average velocity relaxation | 0.139 |
| Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction | 150.033 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation | 0.002 |
| Contraction ratio-Average velocity relaxation | 128.445 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Average velocity relaxation | 0.006 |
| Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation | 136.666 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Average velocity contraction | <0.001 |
| Average velocity relaxation | 135.949 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Ratio | <0.001 |
| Average velocity contraction | 154.413 | Contraction ratio-Average velocity contraction-Average velocity relaxation vs Intercept | <0.001 |
| Contraction ratio | 173.040 | | |

Data expressed with mean±standard deviation; QIC: Quasi-likelihood under Independence Model Criterion.

^asignificant if p<0.05.

Supplementary material. Table S2. Values for each correlation structure.

| Correlation structure | QIC | Δ Sandwich-naive |
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| Independence | 127.802 | 1.245 |
| Exchangeable | 119.614 | 0.903 |

Supplementary material. Table S3. Baseline outcomes vs. thickness measurements correlations.

| Comparison | Correlation coefficient (95%CI) | ^a p value |
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| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Distal third perimeter | 0.219 (-0.033, 0.444) | 0.088 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Distance between spines | -0.171 (-0.404, 0.082) | 0.183 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Dominant lower limb length | 0.23 (-0.021, 0.453) | 0.072 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Lower limb dominance | 0.186 (-0.256, 0.564) | 0.401 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Middle third perimeter | 0.193 (-0.059, 0.423) | 0.132 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Proximal third perimeter | 0.064 (-0.189, 0.308) | 0.624 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Quadriceps tendon length | -0.082 (-0.325, 0.171) | 0.526 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness at rest vs. Rectus femoris length | 0.371 (0.134, 0.568) | 0.003 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Distal third perimeter | 0.153 (-0.101, 0.388) | 0.236 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Distance between spines | -0.067 (-0.311, 0.186) | 0.607 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Dominant lower limb length | 0.246 (-0.004, 0.467) | 0.054 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Lower limb dominance | 0.145 (-0.28, 0.522) | 0.503 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Middle third perimeter | 0.12 (-0.133, 0.359) | 0.351 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Proximal third perimeter | -0.026 (-0.274, 0.225) | 0.842 |
| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Quadriceps tendon length | 0.011 (-0.239, 0.26) | 0.933 |

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| Rectus femoris mean thickness contraction vs. Rectus femoris length | 0.23 (-0.021, 0.454) | 0.072 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Distal third perimeter | 0.496 (0.281, 0.664) | <0.001 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Distance between spines | 0.022 (-0.229, 0.27) | 0.867 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Dominant lower limb length | 0.428 (0.199, 0.612) | 0.001 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Lower limb dominance | -0.013 (-0.389, 0.367) | 0.95 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Middle third perimeter | 0.454 (0.23, 0.632) | <0.001 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Proximal third perimeter | 0.244 (-0.006, 0.465) | 0.056 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Quadriceps tendon length | -0.035 (-0.283, 0.216) | 0.785 |
| Vastus intermedius mean contraction thickness vs. Rectus femoris length | 0.374 (0.137, 0.57) | 0.003 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Distal third perimeter | 0.412 (0.18, 0.6) | 0.001 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Distance between spines | 0.013 (-0.237, 0.262) | 0.92 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Dominant lower limb length | 0.302 (0.056, 0.513) | 0.017 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Lower limb dominance | 0.076 (-0.312, 0.443) | 0.707 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Middle third perimeter | 0.461 (0.239, 0.638) | <0.001 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Proximal third perimeter | 0.304 (0.059, 0.515) | 0.016 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Quadriceps tendon length | -0.092 (-0.334, 0.162) | 0.478 |
| Vastus intermedius mean thickness at rest vs. Rectus femoris length | 0.345 (0.104, 0.548) | 0.006 |

^asignificant if p<0.05.