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The purpose of this lab report is to explore the consequences of the muscle and tendon level in

legs when women wear heels and when do not. The experiment was performed by two groups of

young women: one group wore high heels around 40 hours a week for at least two years and the

other group hardly wore heels in their lives. Electrodes and motion-capture reflective markers

were used to track their leg-muscle activity while the length of muscle fibers was measured by

ultrasound probes. Both group walked barefoot and with heels along a 26-foot walkway multiple

times and the forces generated by their walking were measured by a plate contained in the

walkway. The result shows that high heels wearer group use more forceful strides and move

shorter distance than the other group because their calf muscle is shortened. The result also

indicates that high heel wearer group use their muscle to walk which stays almost same in length

while the other group use tendons, specifically Achilles tendons which lengthen and store elastic

energy to help pushing the foot off the ground faster. The experiment not only explores the

optical muscle-tendon efficiency but also shows the possible strain injuries including twisting

ankles and ultimately losing the default shape of their foot while wearing high heels.