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She's on her period!



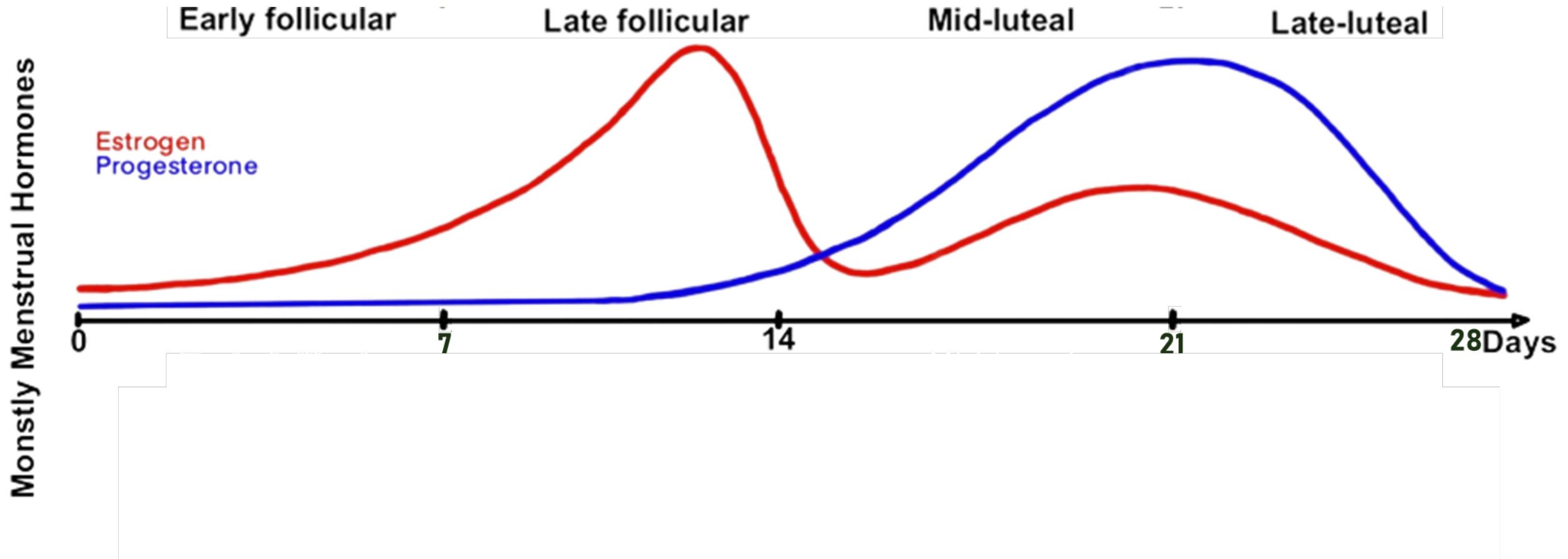
These Hysterical Women

CRYING . . . sobbing . . . laughing! help her. How well and happy she might be. She has no control of herself . . . be.

When she's on her period and hears you breathing

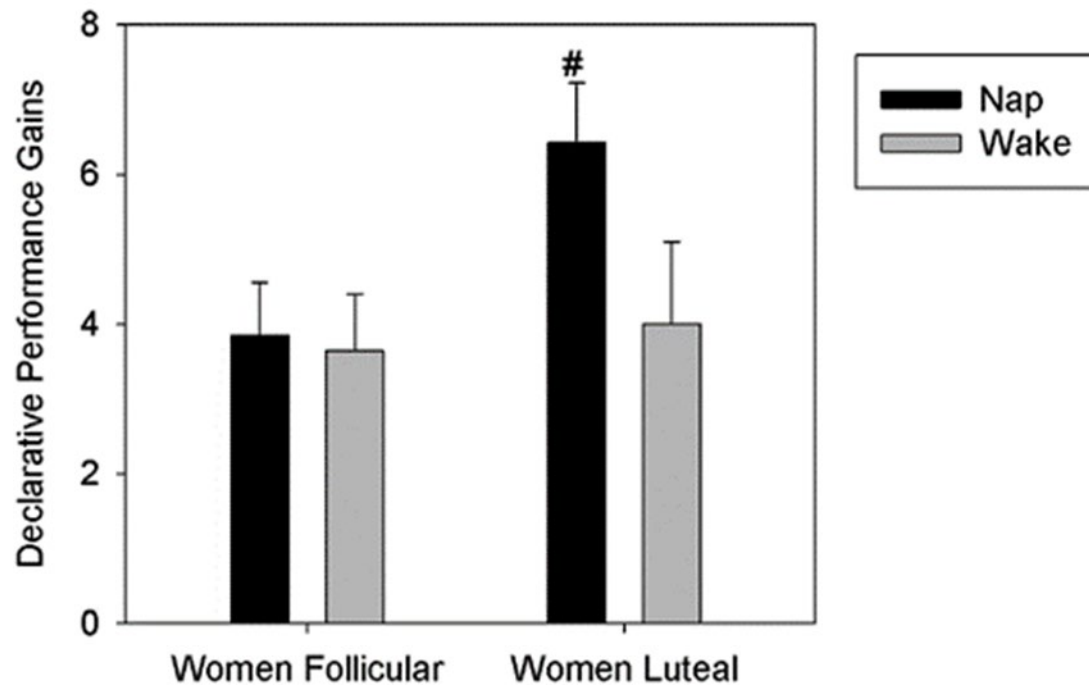


Sex hormones across a menstrual cycle



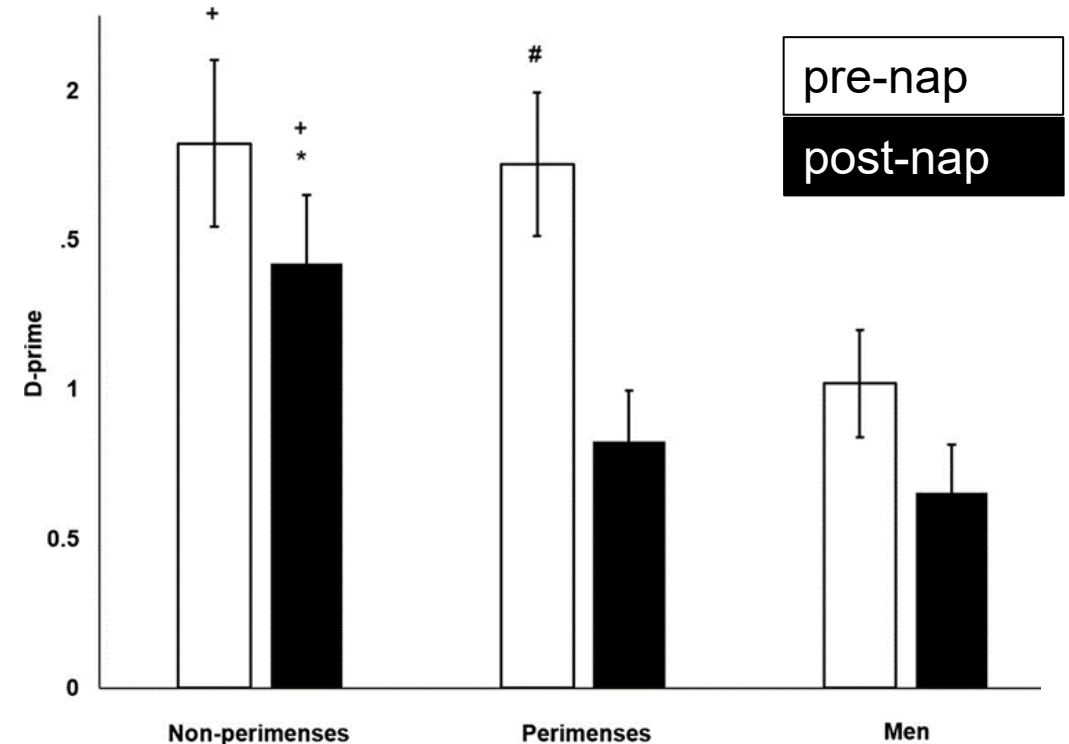
Sex hormones and memory

- High hormone phase leads to better declarative memory after a nap



Adapted from Genzel et al., 2011

- Women have better declarative memory than men
- Women benefit more from a nap during high hormone



Adapted from Sattari et al., 2017

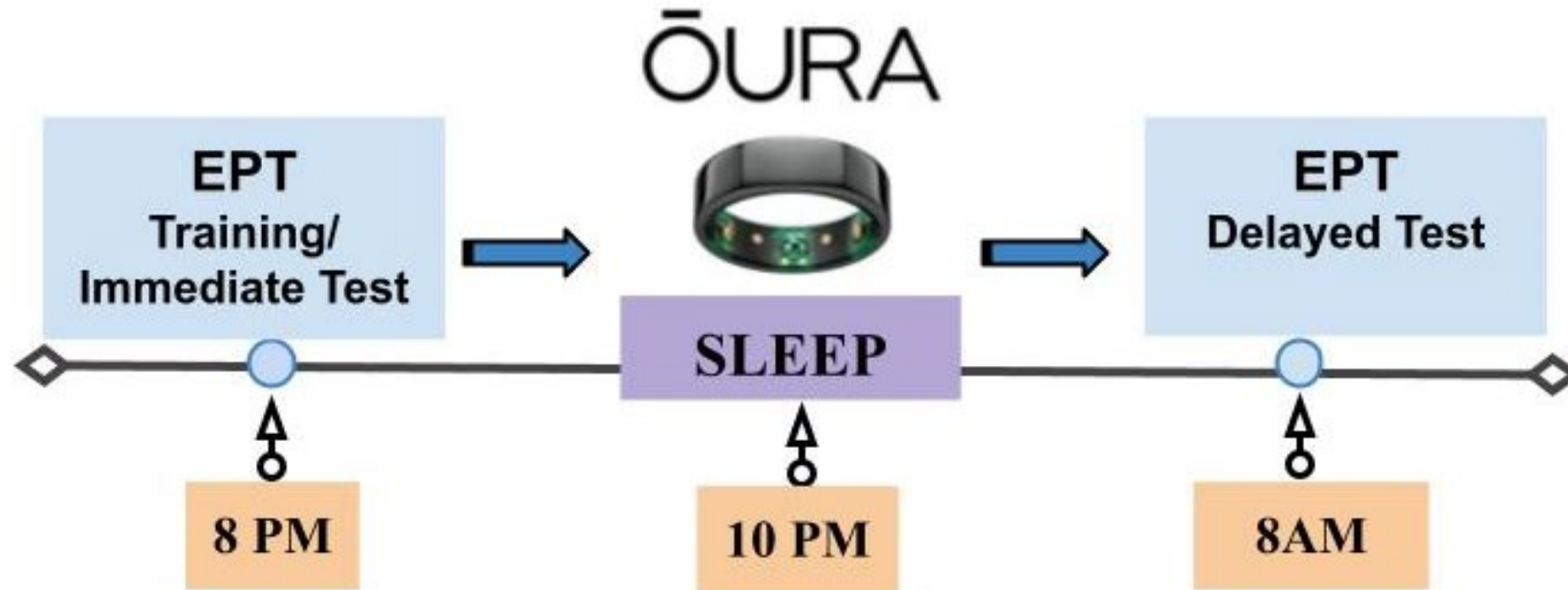
Sex hormones and emotional memory

- Emotional memory: the ability to consciously remember experiences that evoked an emotional reaction
- How sleep-dependent emotional reactivity and memory consolidation changes across the menstrual cycle in young and midlife women?

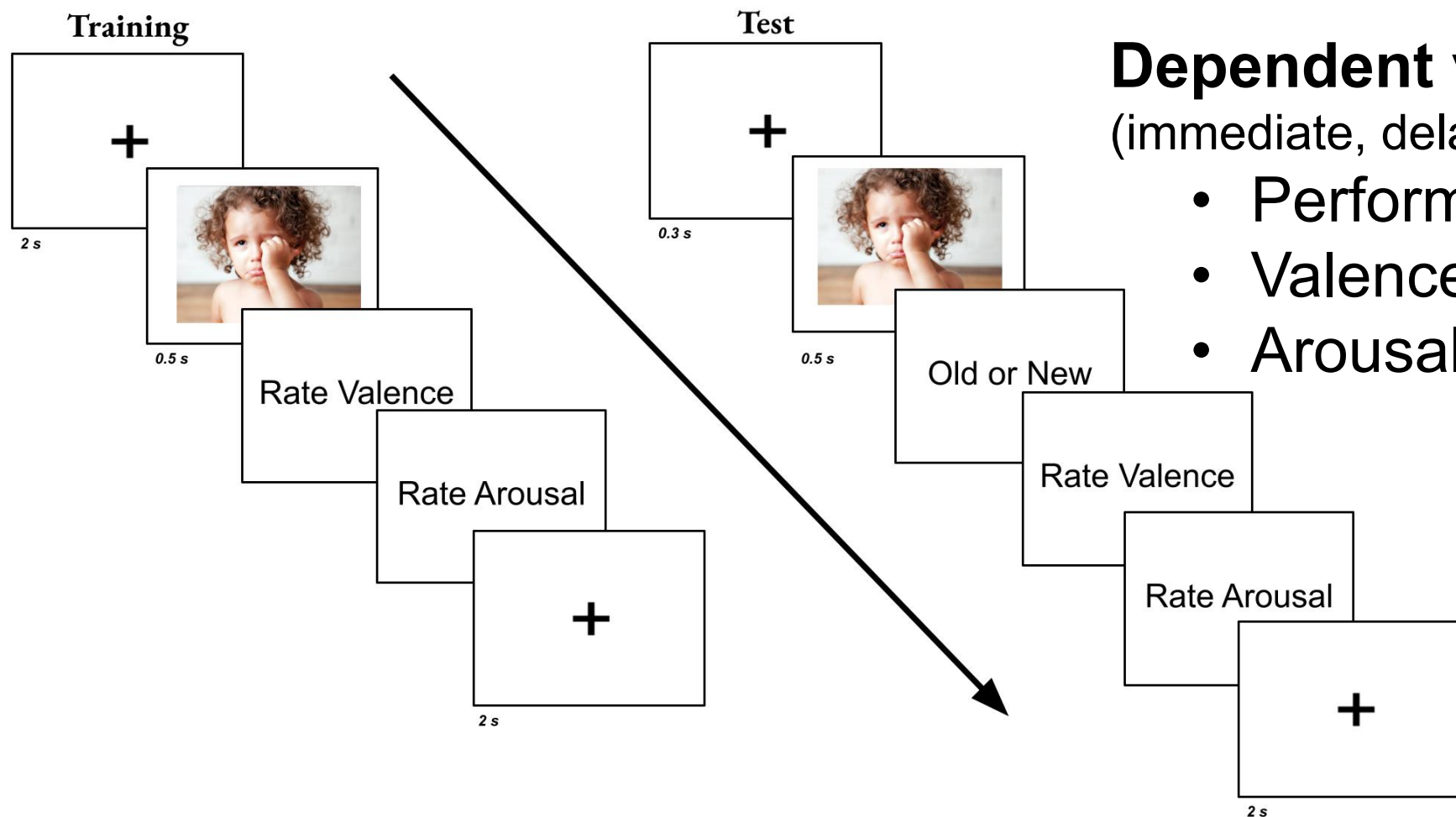


Study Protocol

- 35 young (24.91 ± 5.71) and 33 midlife (47.88 ± 2.86) women
- 4 remote visits at each menstrual cycle phase



Emotional Picture Task

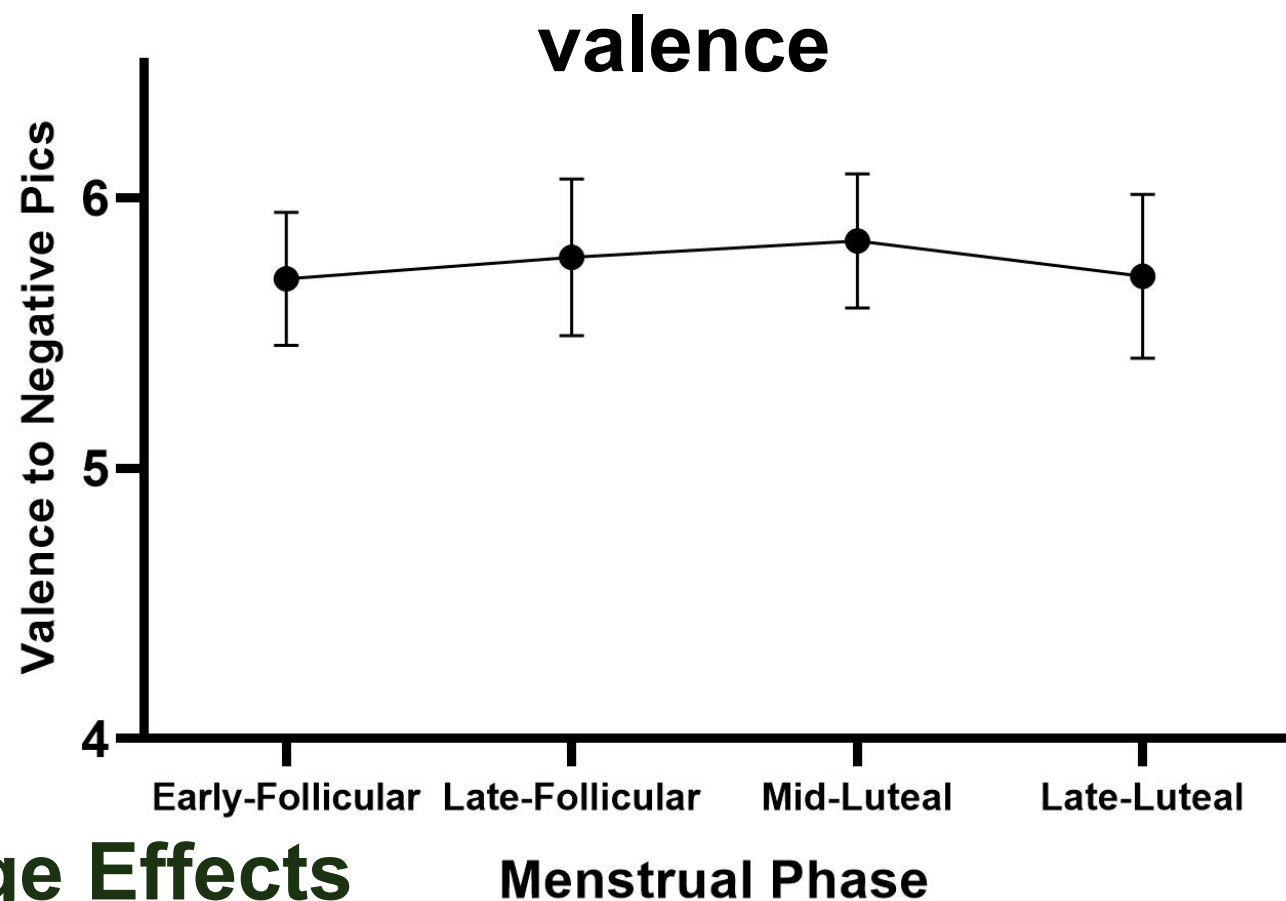
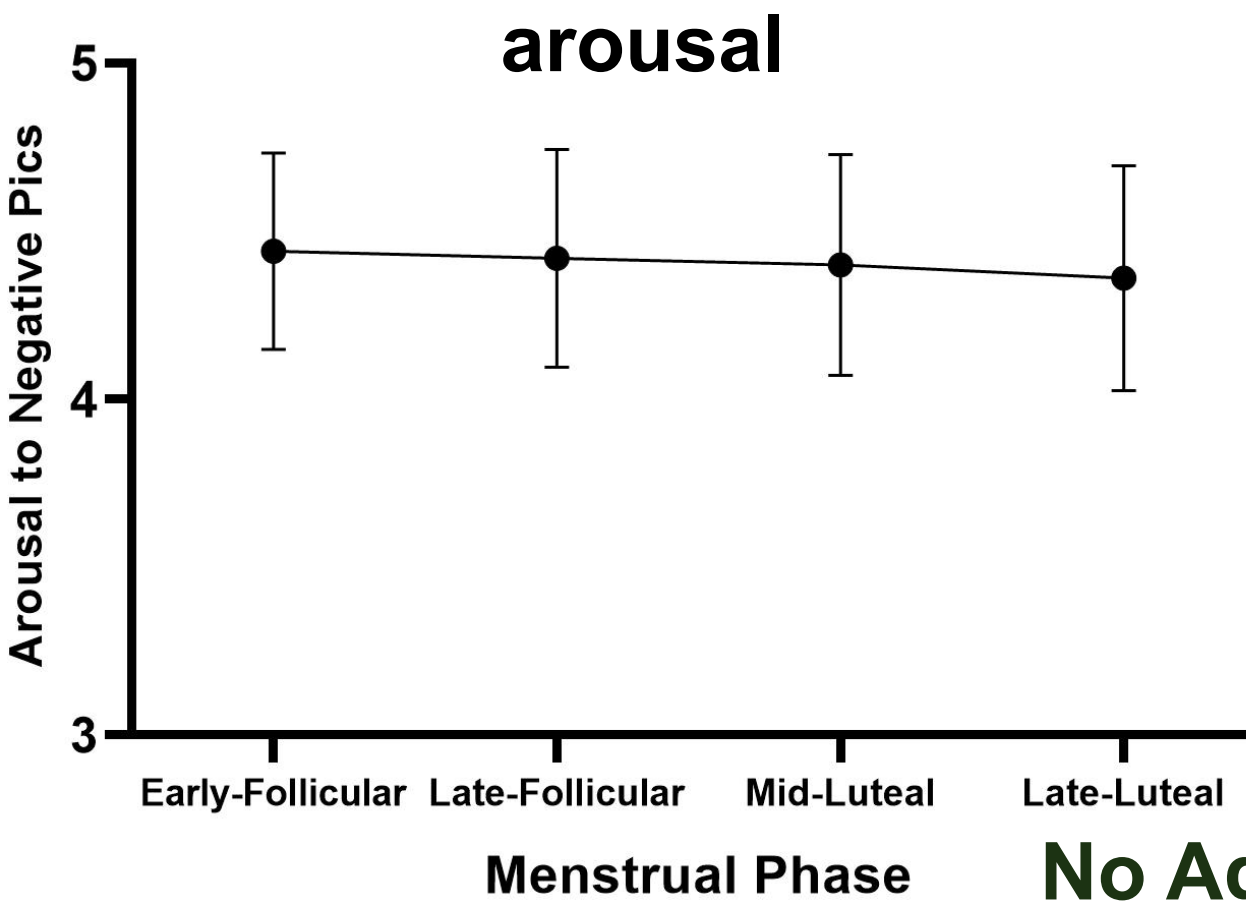


Dependent variables

(immediate, delayed, difference score):

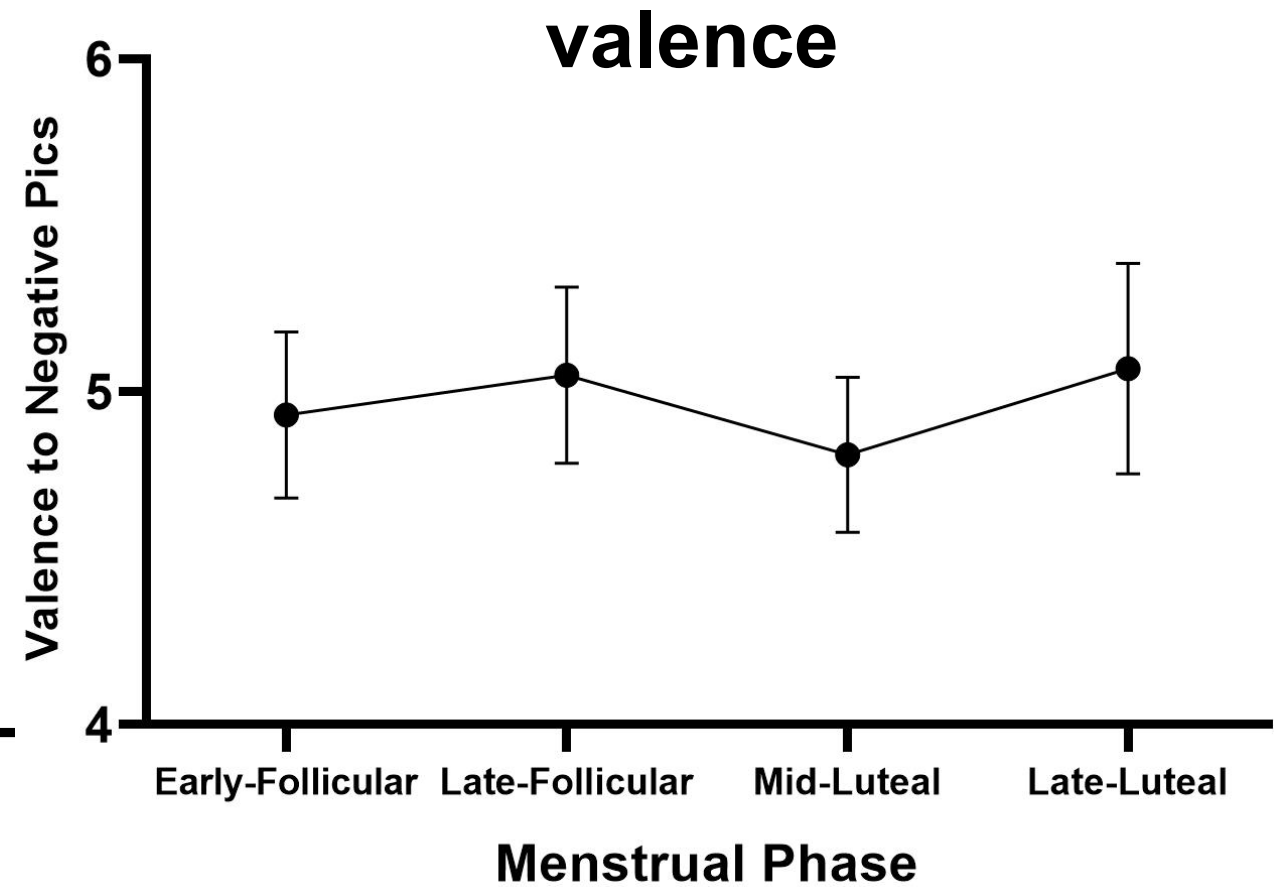
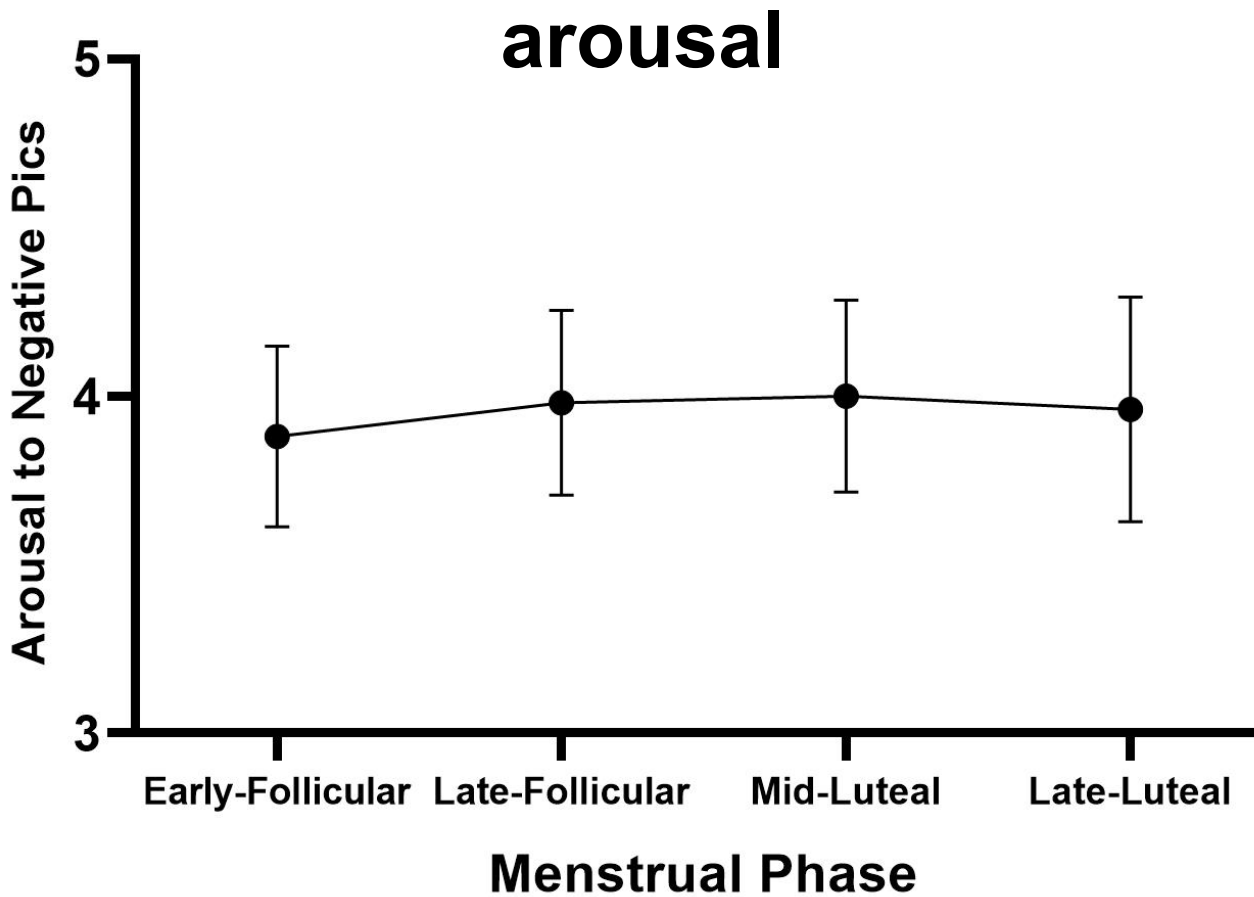
- Performance: d'
- Valence
- Arousal

No change in **arousal/valence** across the menstrual cycle: *immediate test*



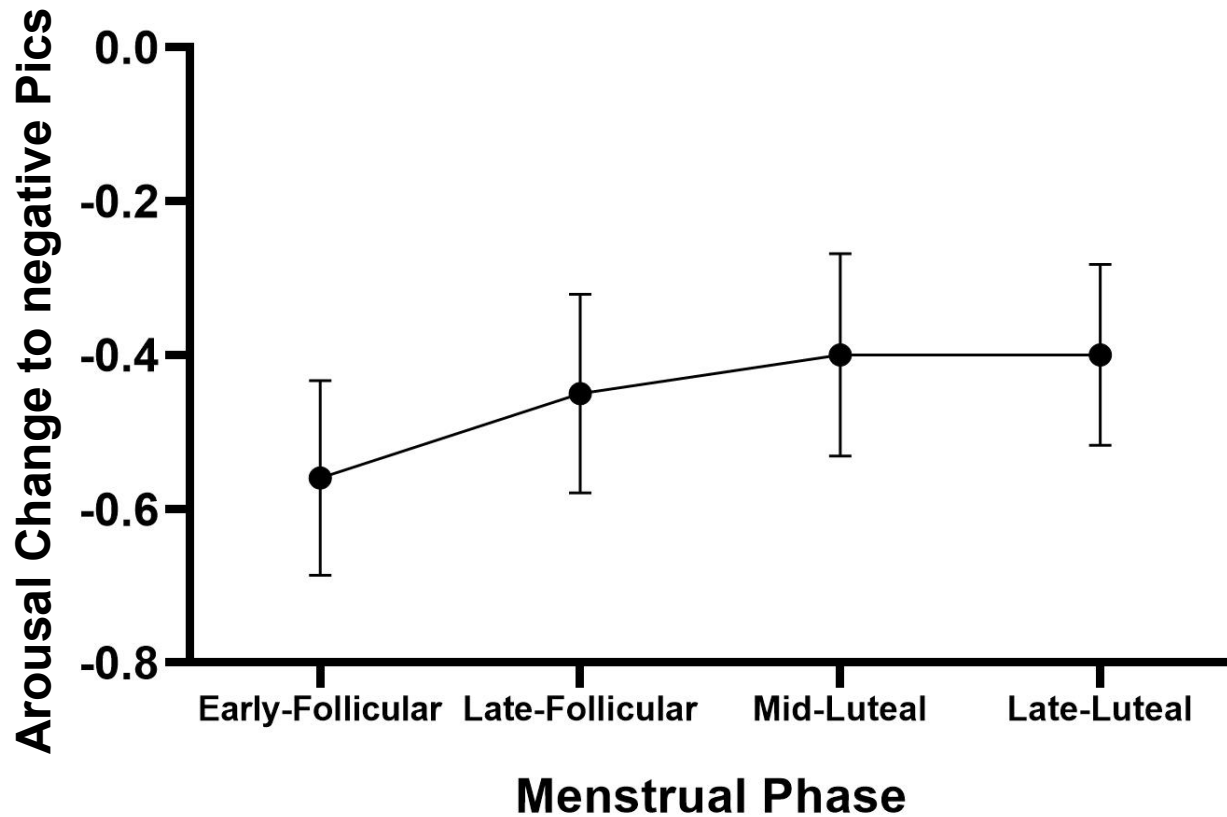
No Age Effects

No change in **arousal/valence** across the menstrual cycle: *delayed test*

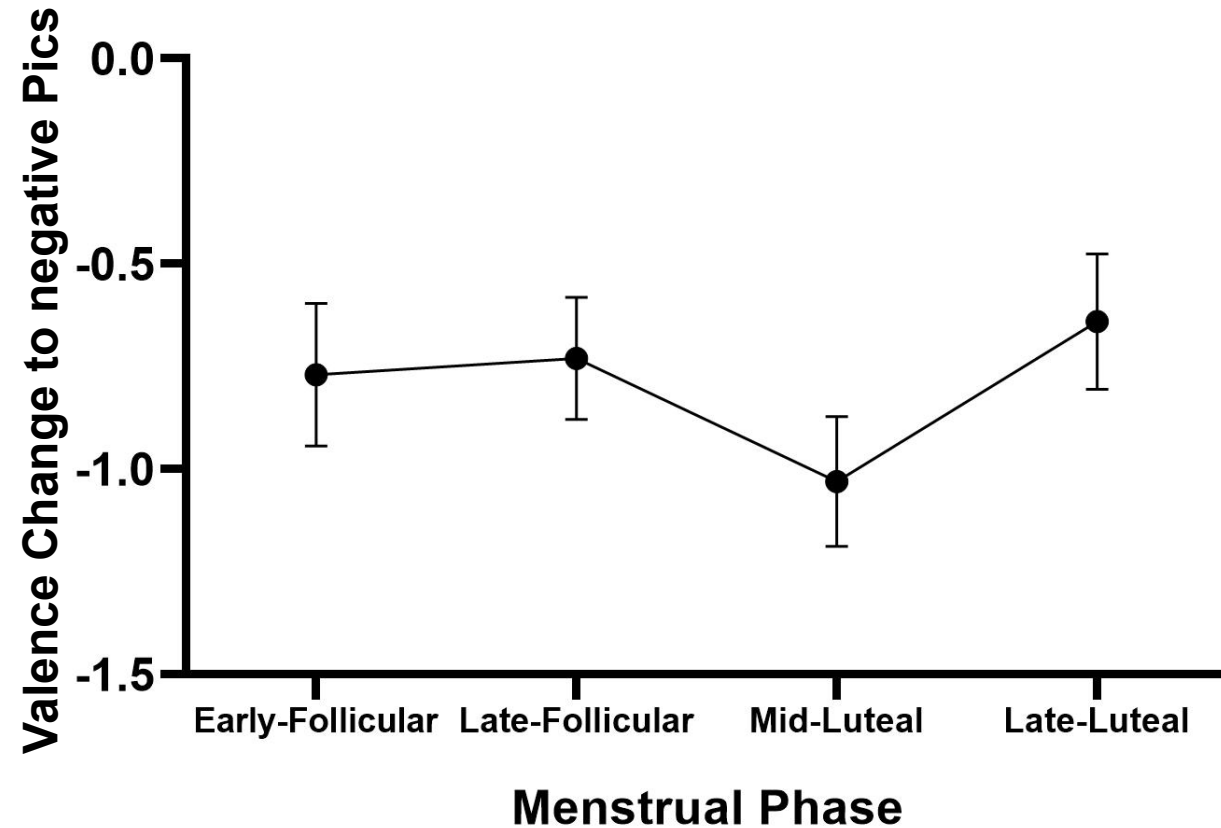


No change in **arousal/valence** across the menstrual cycle: *difference score*

arousal

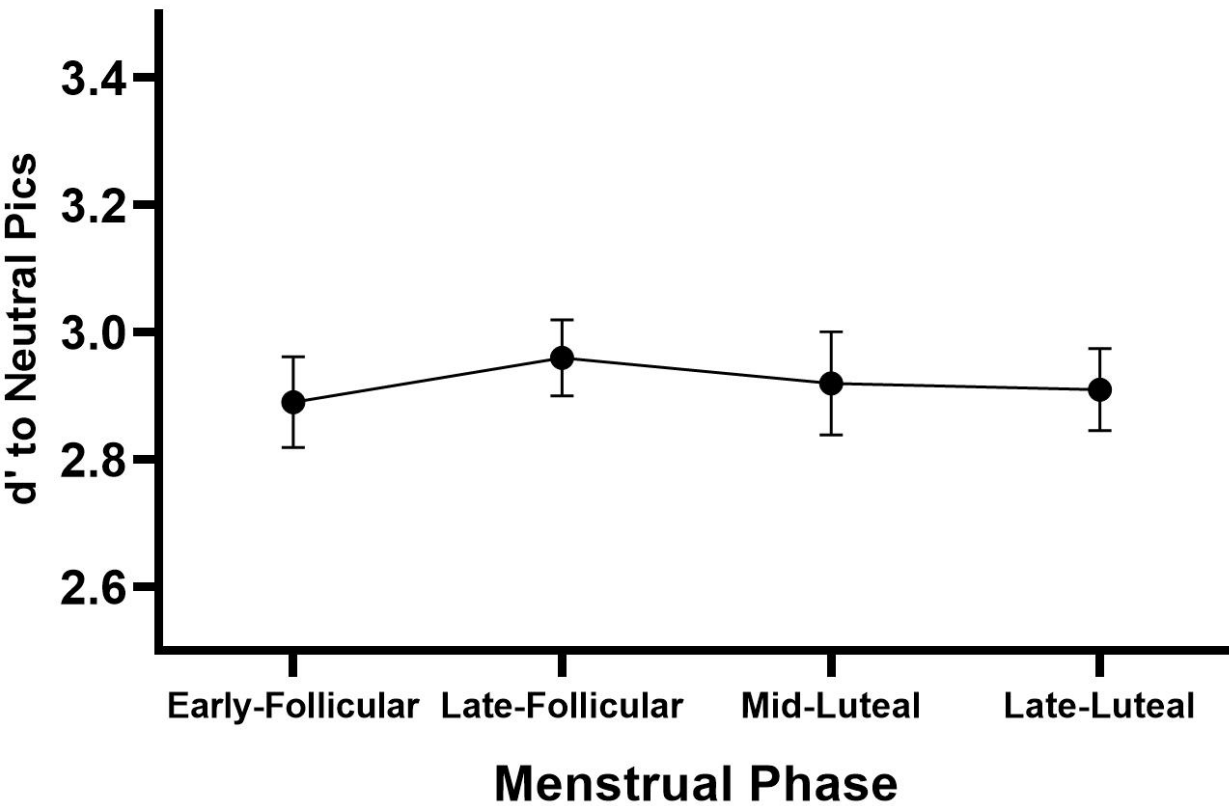


valence

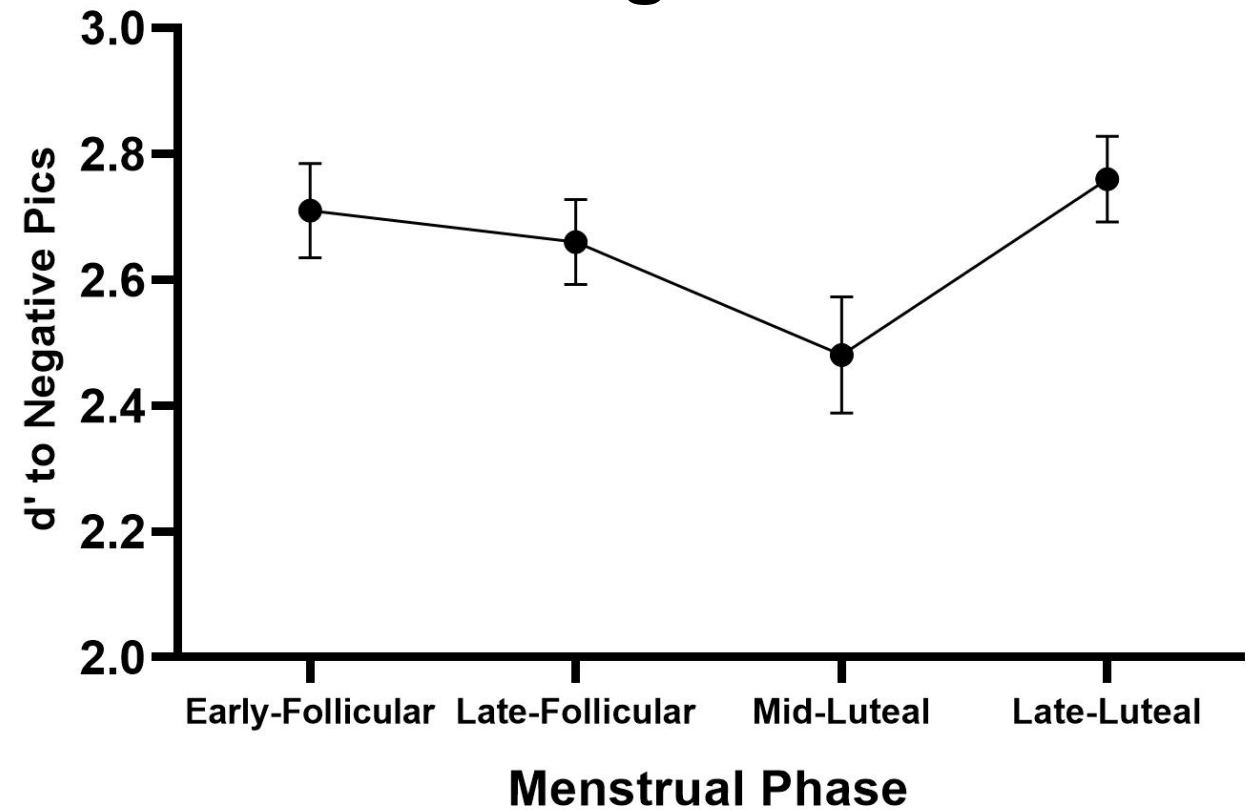


No change in **memory** across the menstrual cycle: *immediate test*

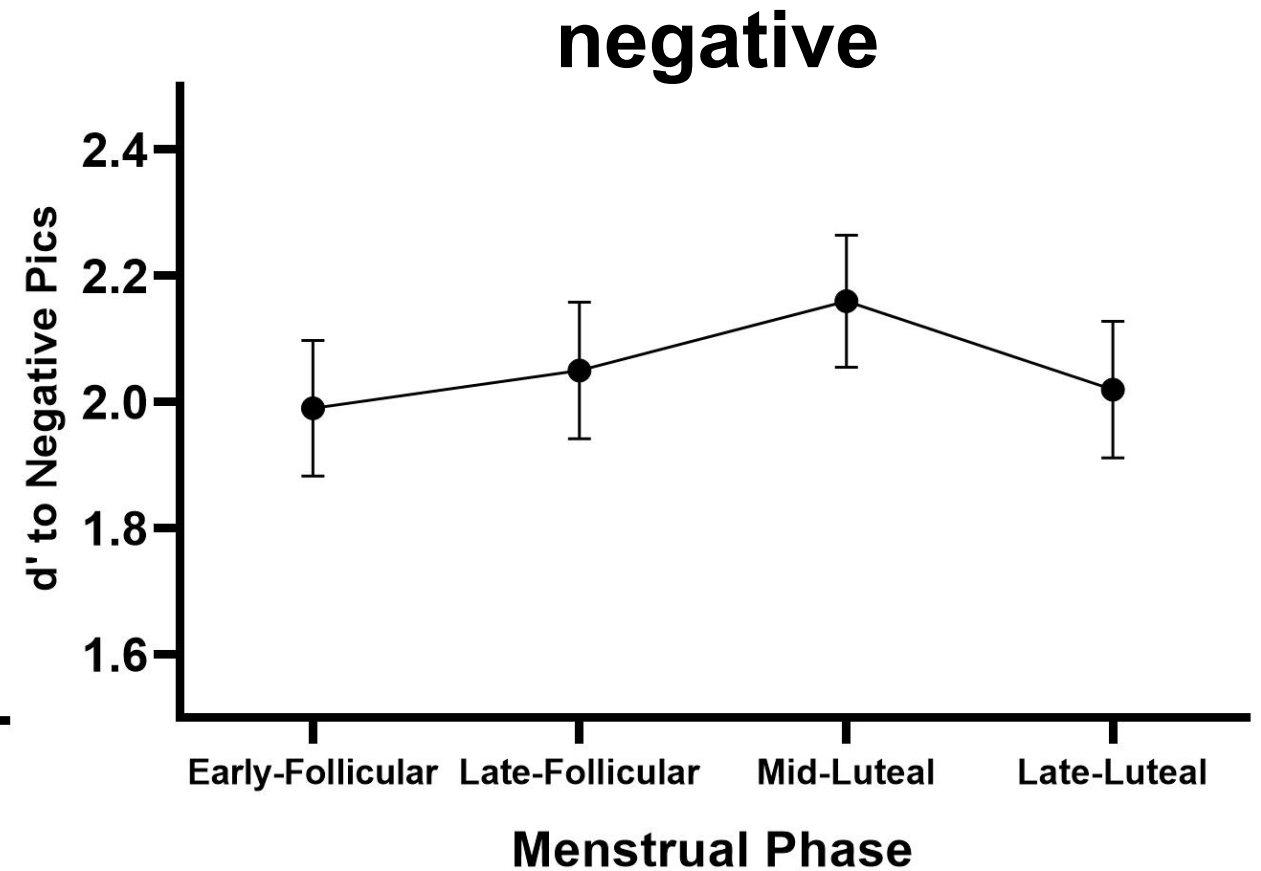
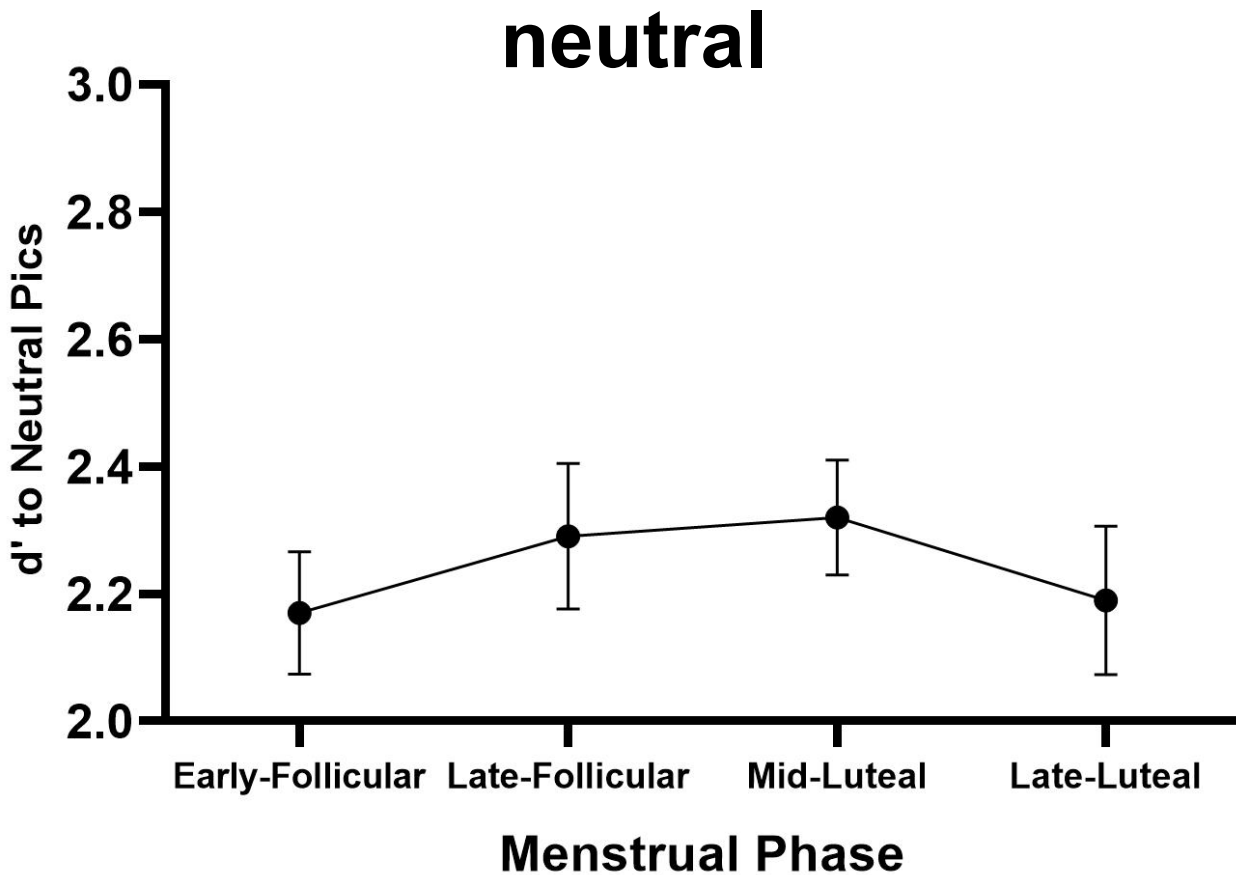
neutral



negative

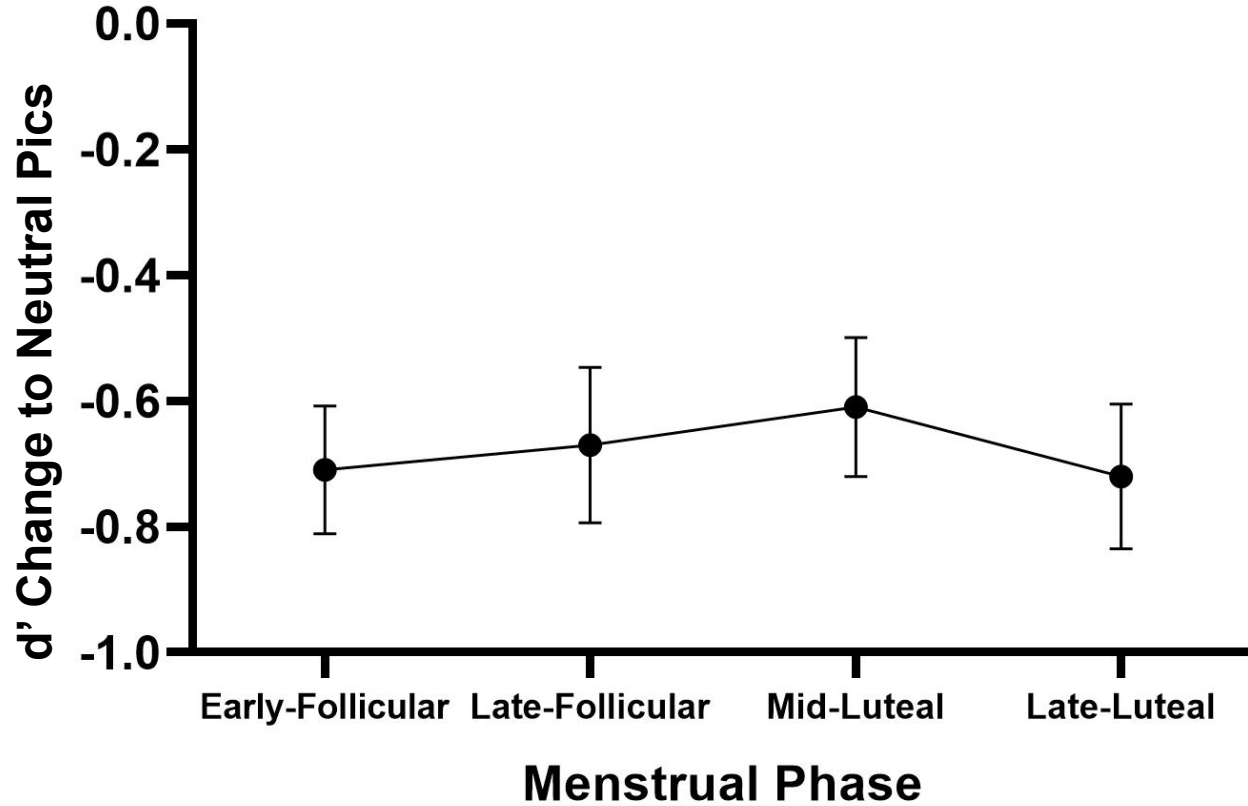


No change in **memory** across the menstrual cycle: *delayed test*

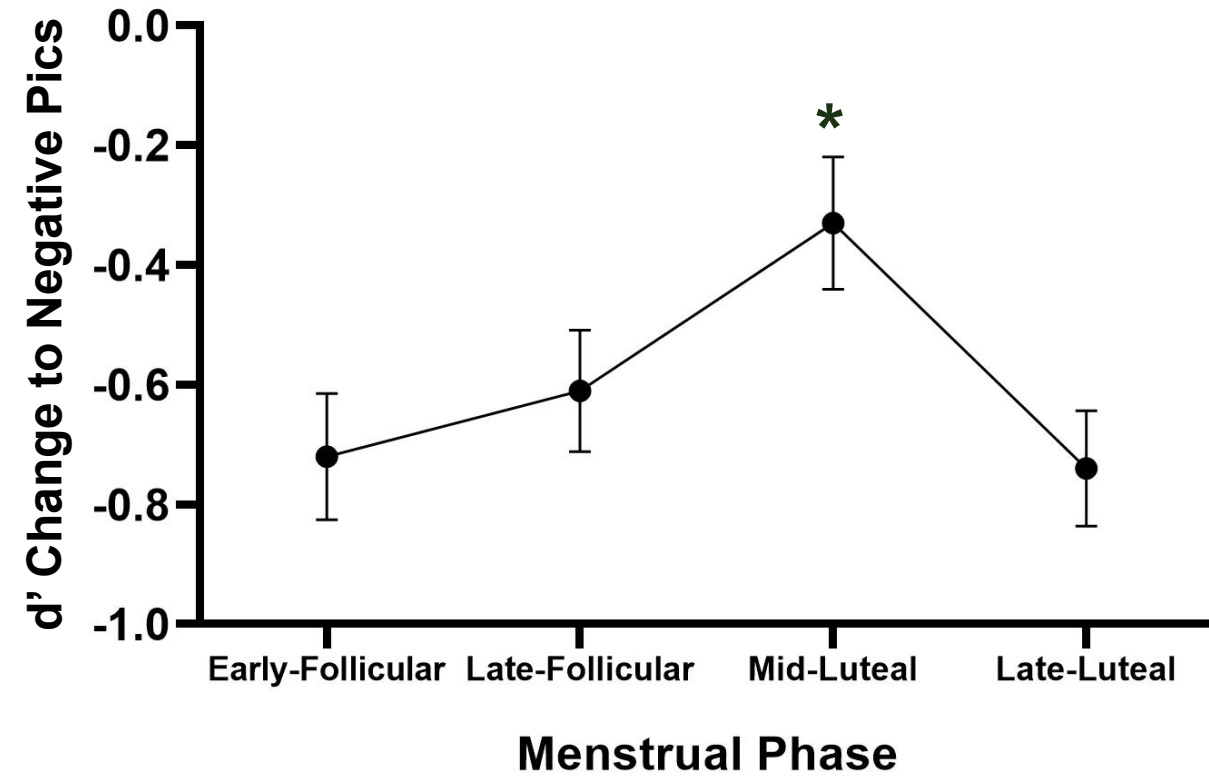


High sex hormones = Better sleep-dependent emotional memory

neutral

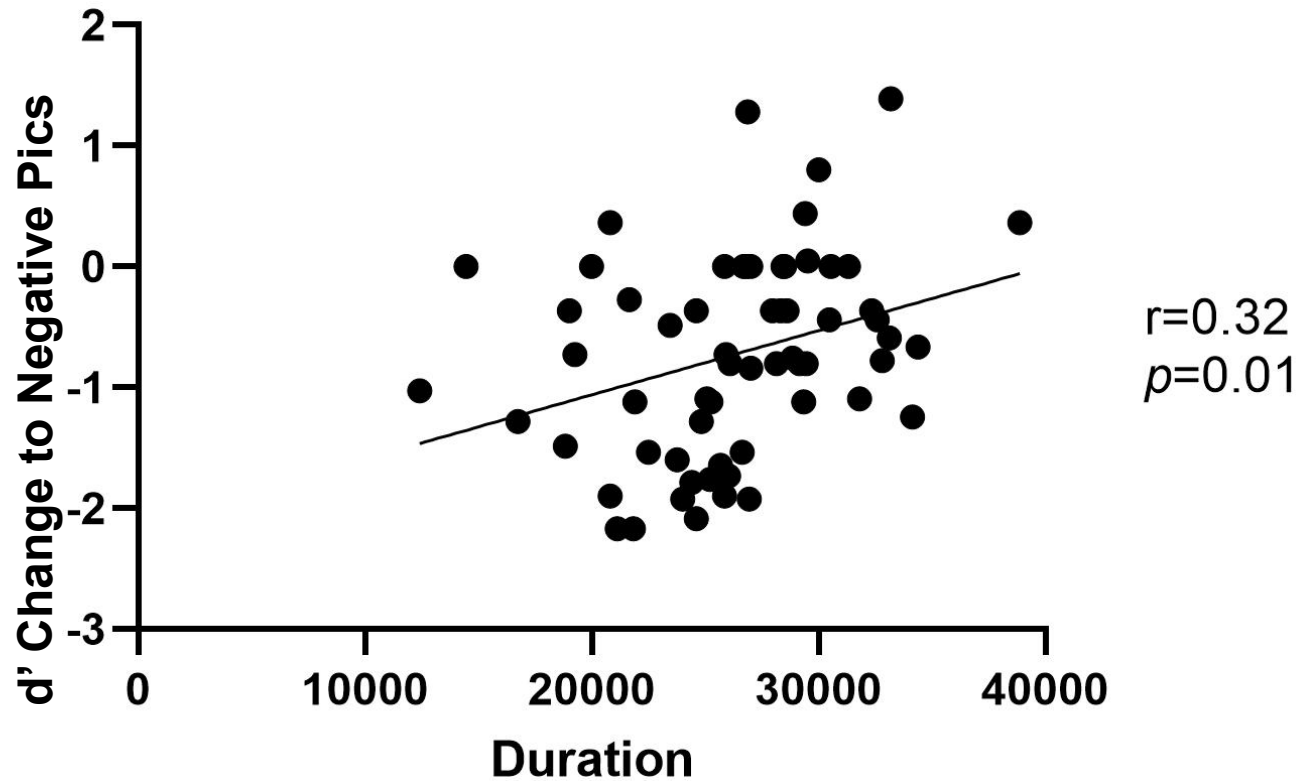


negative

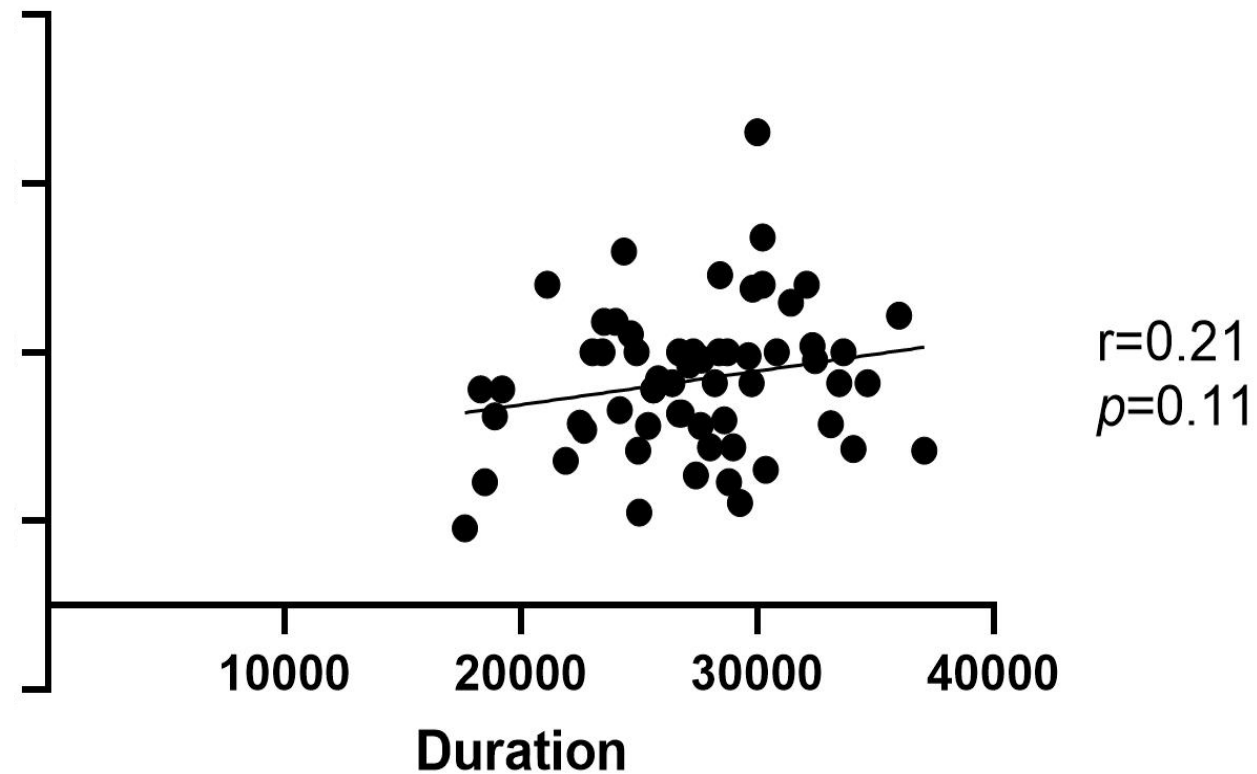


Longer time spent in bed helps with memory when hormones are low

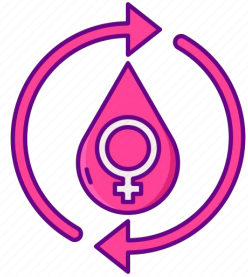
early-follicular



mid-luteal



Conclusion



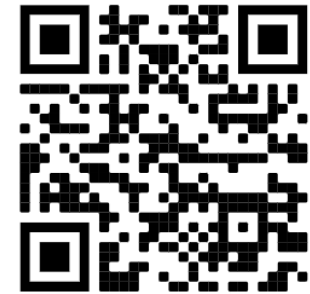
- ♀ Sex hormones → Better sleep-dependent emotional memory consolidation
- 🕒 When hormones are low, time spent in bed helps with memory
- ❓ EEG studies are needed to reveal the role of sleep features (spindles and SOs) in emotional memory consolidation across menstrual cycle.

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