

Oxygen release from hemoglobin has limited effects on mitochondrial respiration measured from red blood cells.

Reply to the Comment on “Increased retention of functional mitochondria in mature sickle red blood cells is associated with increased sickling tendency, hemolysis and oxidative stress”

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Table S1: Data of Fig. 1 from Japanese quail (*Coturnix japonica*) on non-mitochondrial oxygen consumption (JO_2) by red-blood cells in response to variation in PO_2 *in-vitro*. The variation in PO_2 was achieved by letting the cells consume more or less oxygen before adding antimycin A to inhibit mitochondrial respiration.

Table S2: Data of Fig. 2A on oxygen consumption (JO_2) by red blood cells of both Japanese quail and human with sickle cell disease in response to a standard high-resolution respirometry protocol. JO_2 data were already published in Stier et al. 2022 and Esperti et al. 2023, and are here plotted along the respective PO_2 at which they have been measured *in-vitro*

Table S3: Data of Fig. 2B on hemoglobin- O_2 dissociation curves extracted from the literature for birds (Powell 2015) and human (Abdu et al. 2008). Slopes of the PO_2 - % Hb saturation for the range of PO_2 encountered in Stier et al. 2022 and Esperti et al. 2023 (highlighted in blue and green respectively) have been calculated.

Table S4: Calculations and Data of Fig. 2C on the contribution of O_2 release by hemoglobin to JO_2 in Japanese quail red blood cells assessed *in-vitro* using high-resolution respirometry

Table S5: Calculations and Data of Fig. 2D on the contribution of O_2 release by hemoglobin to JO_2 in human sickle red blood cells assessed *in-vitro* using high-resolution respirometry