

Review of: "Physiological Adaptation to Altitude: A Comparison of Fast and Slow Ascents to 5,300 m Above Sea Level"

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The authors compare symptoms on reaching high altitude at a higher or slower pace. The comparison involves different subjects; however, it appears of general validity. I appreciate the effort and the enthusiasm to share the results with the scientific community. However, there is nothing new compared to what is already known, so the scientific interest is minimal. Given this, may I suggest extending the discussion in order to recall to the average reader some recent concepts concerning the physiopathological basis of the response to hypoxia. This certainly applies to the increase in ventilatory load coupled with the increase in cardiac output.