

**TITLE:** Sex differences in respiratory and circulatory cost during hypoxic walking: potential impact on oxygen saturation

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**Supplemental Table 1.** Energy expenditure (EE), pulmonary ventilation ( $V_E$ ), and heart rate (HR) at rest and each gait speed under normoxia and hypoxia in men and women. Changes in these variables ( $\Delta$ ) under moderate hypoxia versus normoxia are shown.

	Men				Women									
	Normoxia		Hypoxia		Normoxia		Hypoxia							
EE, Watts									$\Delta$ EE					
Rest	111	$\pm$	14	114	$\pm$	14	3	89	$\pm$	15*	91	$\pm$	13†	2
0.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	259	$\pm$	34	264	$\pm$	40	5	200	$\pm$	27*	204	$\pm$	24†	4
0.83 m s <sup>-1</sup>	299	$\pm$	47	306	$\pm$	50	7	219	$\pm$	32*	224	$\pm$	23†	5
1.00 m s <sup>-1</sup>	332	$\pm$	51	341	$\pm$	52	9	244	$\pm$	35*	251	$\pm$	24†	7
1.17 m s <sup>-1</sup>	368	$\pm$	63	377	$\pm$	62	9	278	$\pm$	37*	287	$\pm$	29†	9
1.33 m s <sup>-1</sup>	417	$\pm$	67	427	$\pm$	65	10	320	$\pm$	41*	329	$\pm$	32†	9
1.50 m s <sup>-1</sup>	478	$\pm$	74	489	$\pm$	67	11	375	$\pm$	56*	386	$\pm$	50†	11
1.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	545	$\pm$	74	559	$\pm$	67	14	443	$\pm$	61*	455	$\pm$	55†	12
$V_E$ , L min <sup>-1</sup>					$\Delta V_E$								$\Delta V_E$	
Rest	11.7	$\pm$	2.9	13.9	$\pm$	4.3	2.2	9.5	$\pm$	1.5	10.4	$\pm$	1.6†	0.9
0.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	20.1	$\pm$	3.6	23.3	$\pm$	3.9	3.2	17.0	$\pm$	2.1	19.2	$\pm$	2.5	2.2
0.83 m s <sup>-1</sup>	22.0	$\pm$	7.4	26.4	$\pm$	3.8	4.4	18.6	$\pm$	3.1	21.7	$\pm$	2.7	3.1
1.00 m s <sup>-1</sup>	25.9	$\pm$	6.0	30.4	$\pm$	4.6	4.5	20.9	$\pm$	3.3	24.1	$\pm$	2.5	3.2
1.17 m s <sup>-1</sup>	28.0	$\pm$	5.7	34.6	$\pm$	6.2	6.6	23.5	$\pm$	3.4	28.7	$\pm$	3.9	5.2
1.33 m s <sup>-1</sup>	32.2	$\pm$	6.1	39.7	$\pm$	6.3	7.5	26.4	$\pm$	3.8	34.2	$\pm$	4.4	7.8
1.50 m s <sup>-1</sup>	36.5	$\pm$	6.6	44.6	$\pm$	7.4	8.1	31.8	$\pm$	4.9	40.3	$\pm$	5.9	85
1.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	40.7	$\pm$	7.2	55.8	$\pm$	9.9	15.1	38.1	$\pm$	5.1	50.0	$\pm$	6.9	11.9
HR, bpm					$\Delta$ HR								$\Delta$ HR	
Rest	84	$\pm$	8	94	$\pm$	9	10	82	$\pm$	10	91	$\pm$	10	9
0.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	89	$\pm$	7	107	$\pm$	10	18	93	$\pm$	10	111	$\pm$	11	18
0.83 m s <sup>-1</sup>	94	$\pm$	7	115	$\pm$	12	21	99	$\pm$	12	119	$\pm$	14	20
1.00 m s <sup>-1</sup>	99	$\pm$	6	122	$\pm$	14	23	103	$\pm$	13	128	$\pm$	12	25
1.17 m s <sup>-1</sup>	106	$\pm$	6	130	$\pm$	16	24	111	$\pm$	13	137	$\pm$	11	26
1.33 m s <sup>-1</sup>	113	$\pm$	7	138	$\pm$	15	25	118	$\pm$	15	147	$\pm$	9	29
1.50 m s <sup>-1</sup>	122	$\pm$	8	147	$\pm$	16	25	130	$\pm$	17	157	$\pm$	7	27
1.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	133	$\pm$	13	160	$\pm$	15	27	142	$\pm$	17	168	$\pm$	6	26

Results of a two-way ANOVA

	Normoxia	Hypoxia
EE	Sex: F(1,18) = 16.71, $P < 0.001$ Speed: F(7,126) = 532.67, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 6.64, $P < 0.001$	Sex: F(1,18) = 19.57, $P < 0.001$ Speed: F(7,126) = 700.52, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 8.40, $P < 0.001$
$V_E$	Sex: F(1,18) = 4.06, $P = 0.059$ Speed: F(7,126) = 297.86, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 1.42, $P = 0.202$	Sex: F(1,18) = 6.59, $P = 0.019$ Speed: F(7,126) = 352.39, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 0.524, $P = 0.815$
HR	Sex: F(1,18) = 1.08, $P = 0.313$ Speed: F(7,126) = 271.72, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 2.29, $P = 0.032$	Sex: F(1,18) = 1.21, $P = 0.286$ Speed: F(7,126) = 578.43, $P < 0.001$ Interaction: F(7,126) = 5.00, $P < 0.001$

Values are mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (SD). bpm; beats per minute. A two way repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed for a comparison between men and women within normoxia or hypoxia, respectively.\*  $P < 0.05$  between men and women in normoxia. †  $P < 0.05$  between men and women in hypoxia.

**Supplemental Table 2.** Breathing frequency (*Bf*) and tidal volume (TV) at rest and each gait speed under normoxia and hypoxia in men and women.

	Normoxia			Hypoxia		
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	
<i>Bf</i> (frequency)						
Rest	11.2 ± 3.4	8.7 ± 1.9	12.1 ± 3.6	10.2 ± 3.0		
0.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	19.2 ± 4.8	20.2 ± 2.3	18.6 ± 3.7	18.4 ± 3.4		
0.83 m s <sup>-1</sup>	19.1 ± 6.8	21.4 ± 3.9	19.3 ± 4.6	21.0 ± 3.1		
1.00 m s <sup>-1</sup>	19.6 ± 4.6	23.1 ± 4.2	23.5 ± 5.7	24.7 ± 4.6		
1.17 m s <sup>-1</sup>	20.1 ± 5.4	25.6 ± 4.1*	24.9 ± 4.3	28.5 ± 4.6		
1.33 m s <sup>-1</sup>	22.7 ± 5.5	27.6 ± 5.1	26.3 ± 3.8	32.8 ± 4.8†		
1.50 m s <sup>-1</sup>	23.7 ± 6.1	31.9 ± 5.5*	30.4 ± 4.6	35.4 ± 4.5†		
1.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	26.8 ± 4.7	32.4 ± 4.7*	33.5 ± 5.0	38.1 ± 4.2†		
TV (L min <sup>-1</sup> )						
Rest	1.05 ± 0.31	1.11 ± 0.28	1.17 ± 0.30	1.11 ± 0.38†		
0.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.05 ± 0.19	0.84 ± 0.10*	1.25 ± 0.34	1.06 ± 0.23†		
0.83 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.16 ± 0.22	0.87 ± 0.13*	1.37 ± 0.28	1.06 ± 0.26†		
1.00 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.32 ± 0.27	0.91 ± 0.10*	1.30 ± 0.31	1.00 ± 0.27†		
1.17 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.41 ± 0.33	0.92 ± 0.15*	1.39 ± 0.28	1.03 ± 0.17†		
1.33 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.43 ± 0.31	0.96 ± 0.19*	1.51 ± 0.30	1.05 ± 0.14†		
1.50 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.54 ± 0.32	1.00 ± 0.19*	1.47 ± 0.30	1.15 ± 0.18†		
1.67 m s <sup>-1</sup>	1.52 ± 0.25	1.18 ± 0.21*	1.67 ± 0.33	1.32 ± 0.19†		

Results of a two-way ANOVA

	Normoxia	Hypoxia
<i>Bf</i>	Sex: F (1,18) = 4.19, <i>P</i> = 0.056 Speed: F (7,126) = 87.59, <i>P</i> < 0.001 Interaction: F (7,126) = 6.60, <i>P</i> < 0.001	Sex: F (1,18) = 3.46, <i>P</i> = 0.079 Speed: F (7,126) = 132.47, <i>P</i> < 0.001 Interaction: F (7,126) = 4.14, <i>P</i> < 0.002
TV	Sex: F (1,18) = 19.44, <i>P</i> < 0.001 Speed: F (7,126) = 11.71, <i>P</i> < 0.001 Interaction: F (7,126) = 6.04, <i>P</i> < 0.001	Sex: F (1,18) = 11.84, <i>P</i> = 0.003 Speed: F (7,126) = 6.25, <i>P</i> < 0.001 Interaction: F (7,126) = 1.51, <i>P</i> = 0.168

Values are mean ± SD. A two way repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed for a comparison between men and women within normoxia or hypoxia, respectively. \* *P* < 0.05 between men and women in normoxia. † *P* < 0.05 between men and women in hypoxia.