

## Editors' comments and author responses

### Mitochondrial plasticity in trypanosomatids as a stress adaptation mechanism

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#### Editors

L65: Succinate oxidation may be inhibited on several sites different from CII (CIII and CIV).

#### Authors

I agree, but an advantage of CII inhibition by malonate was to point the existence of a residual oxygen consumption derived from another substrate oxidation. If an inhibitor of CIII or CIV was used to measure succinate oxidation, this residual consumption could not be detected.

#### Editors

L98: Should 'activity' of an inhibitor be replaced by 'effect on enzyme activity'?

#### Authors

Yes, I agree with the replacement. Thanks for the suggestion.

#### Editors

Uptake and consumption are two different processes. In the present context, consumption (respiration) appears to be the focal point, which is compensated by uptake at steady state.

#### Authors

Yes, I agree with consumption. Thanks for the correction.

#### Editors

“active ETS, accompanied by mitochondrial membrane potential and oxygen consumption” – is ‘increase of mitochondrial membrane potential’ the intended message?

Can you explain the rationale between the use of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and increased fermentative metabolism?

#### Authors

Some changes were performed to improve the sentence.