

Electron transfer and ROS production in brain mitochondria of intertidal and subtidal triplefin fish (*Tripterygiidae*)

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Succinate-supported respiration but not ROS production is suppressed post anoxia reoxygenation (AR) in hypoxia-tolerant triplefin fishes.

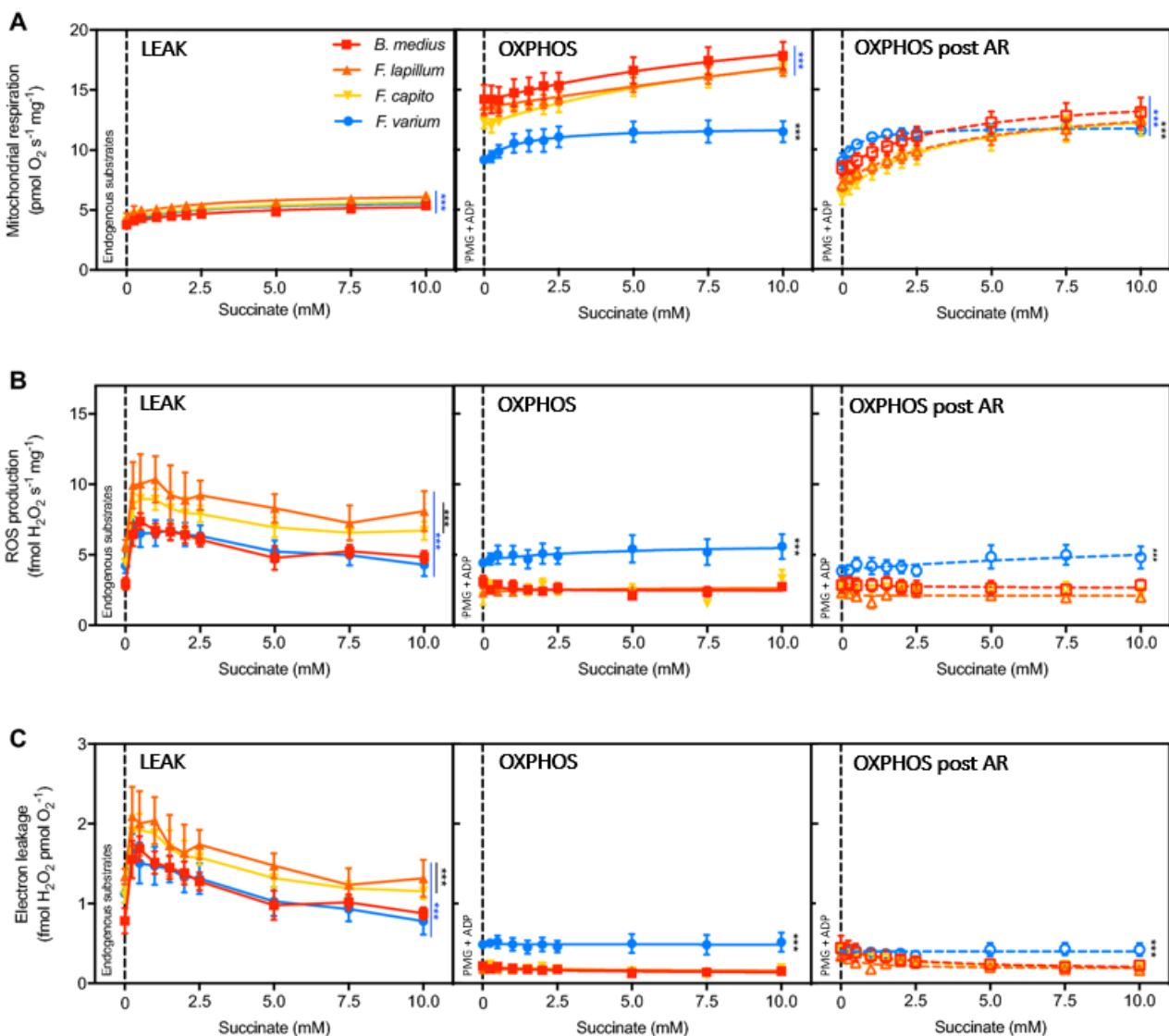


Figure 1. Mitochondrial respiration (A), ROS production (B), and electron leakage (C) were assessed on permeabilized brain in LEAK (endogenous substrates, no ADP nor other substrates added), OXPHOS controls (additional ADP and pyruvate, malate and glutamate - PMG) and OXPHOS post an event of anoxia reoxygenation (“post-AR”) with graded succinate. Data are presented as the means of six individuals \pm SEM. Warmer colors represent species with a greater hypoxia tolerance. Statistical difference is shown in black for the difference between species within a state, and blue for the difference between state within the same species, as *** for $P < 0.001$

Dependence of reactive oxygen species production and electron leakage on oxygen tension (PO_2)

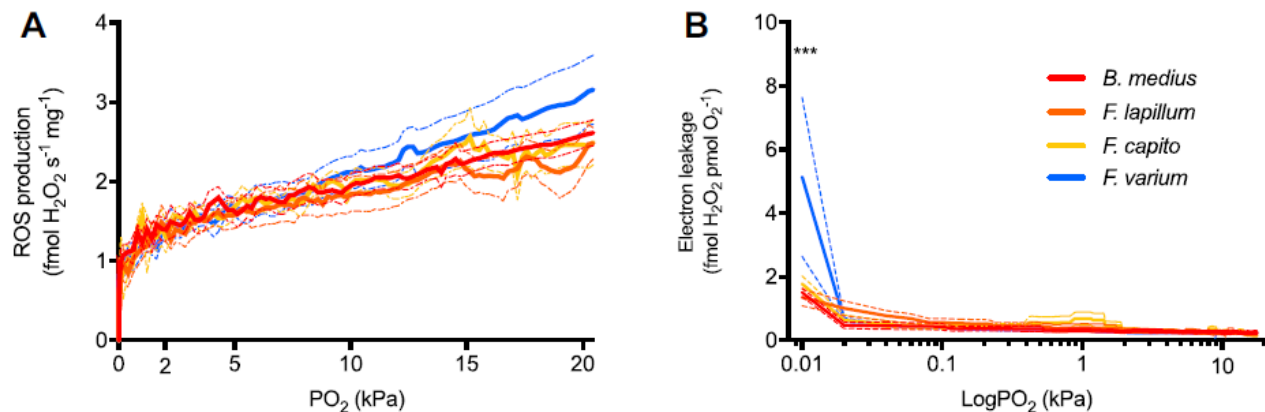


Figure 2. In permeabilized brain of four triplefin fish species with various degrees of hypoxia tolerance **(A)** ROS production and **(B)** electron leakage were assessed at decreasing PO_2 to anoxia. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM of six individuals of the rock-pool species *B. medius* (red), the intertidal species *F. lapillum* (orange) and *F. capito* (yellow), and the subtidal species. *F. varium* (blue). In **B**, PO_2 was logged to appreciate the increase in electron leakage near anoxia. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM (plain and dashed line, respectively).

Intertidal fish species may experience a broad range of oxygen concentrations. Diminished ROS production in intertidal triplefins compared to subtidal species appear to be a strategy against oxidative stress. While the net ROS production was similar across species at lower PO_2 , the electron leakage approaching anoxia was lower in the intertidal species, indicating a tighter management of electrons in mitochondrial respiration. The ability of intertidal species to tolerate hypoxia, may be mediated by the partial suppression of succinate oxidation and associated succinate overload.

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