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# Abstract

#### Purpose

This study examined whether heat acclimation (HA) results in either predominate improvements in heat dissipation or reduced endogenous heat production via individual components of the human heat balance equation.

# Methods

Twelve healthy inactive subjects (5 females, age ±SD): 28±6y, 77.9±2kg), completed a 10-day HA (42°C, 28% RH) hyperthermia clamp (90min/day exercise,  $\Delta 1.5^{\circ}$ C in rectal temperature (T<sub>re</sub>)) and control workload matched (CON: 23°C, 42% RH) protocols in a counterbalanced design separated by at least 2 mo. Pre-and post-HA were matched for external work rate (EX<sub>WR</sub>; day 1 and day 10 first 30 min at 118 ±29 W, last 60 min at 11±5 W); and metabolic heat production (H<sub>prod</sub>; day 1 and day 9, first 30 min at 296 ±26 W·m<sup>-2</sup>, last 60 min 187±33 W·m-2).

# Results

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