

Letter of support

Dear Chief Editor of Respiratory Physiology and Neurobiology and Elsevier Publishers:

Much to our surprise, we learned that the high-level article entitled “**Acute Mountain Sickness, High Altitude Pulmonary Edema, and High Altitude Cerebral Edema: A view from the High Andes**” by Prof. Dr. Gustavo Zubieta-Calleja and Dr. Natalia Zubieta-DeUrioste is receiving a retracted stamp. We understand this results from observations presented by a group of mostly sea level researchers who have a different point of view.

This opinion article (printed in the Respiratory Physiology and Neurobiology Volume 287 May 2021), is the result of the authors' 50 years of medical experience with altitude sickness at 3,500 m in La Paz, Bolivia, the "Capital of Hypoxia." In this regard, as undersigning scientists and high altitude physicians from around the world, we request that it **NOT BE RETRACTED** as it is a valuable guide for diagnosis and treatment of those diseases in high altitude cities.

Sincerely yours,

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