**Hemoglobin Function and Variation in Wild Populations lab contents:**

* Activity instructions: Hb\_lab\_Activities\_Guide.docx
* Activity sheet for students to fill in: Hb\_lab\_Activity\_Sheet.docx
* Powerpoint presentation: Hb\_lab\_intro.pptx
* Group data for Hb lab Activity I: Group\_data\_for\_Activity\_I.pdf
* Prelab: Prelab\_discussion\_questions.docx
* Homework assignment: Homework\_Hb\_lab.docx
* Storz, J.F. 2007. Hemoglobin function and physiological adaptation to hypoxia in

high-altitude mammals. *Journal of Mammalogy* 88: 24-31.

* Additional optional readings listed in the References below.

**Materials required:**

Students will need internet access for some of the activities.

This activity was designed for the Plant & Animal Form & Function (BIOL 204) lab at the University of New Mexico. The suggested timeline for the activities are:

Assign Storz 2007 and the Prelab discussion questions the week before, conduct the Activities in lab, Homework assignment due next lab period

**Student learning outcomes:**

(Bloom's taxonomy terms: [Cognitive; Knowledge type])

1. Understand the basic structure of hemoglobin and how the molecular structure of hemoglobin contributes to its characteristic function.

[Remember, Understand, Apply; Factual]

1. Recognize resources available through online databases: Genbank, Arctos and Vertnet

[Remember, Apply; Factual]

1. Understand how hemoglobin function can be altered through amino acid substitutions and by environmental factors (allosteric affectors).

[Apply, Analyze; Factual, Conceptual]

1. Connect chemical properties of hemoglobin to whole-organism and population biology.

[Analyze; Conceptual]

1. Understand mechanistically how the environmental partial pressure of oxygen (PO2) can result in natural selection among populations at different elevations.

[Analyze, Evaluate; Conceptual]

1. Identify methods and experimental design elements to test for natural selection across elevation.

[Apply; Create; Procedural, Conceptual]

**Key Concepts:**

Structure and function of the hemoglobin molecule

Consequences of molecule modification

Natural selection

Scale: population to organism to chemical properties to DNA sequence

Scope: variation across space

**Skills:**

Accessing on-line databases

Forming and testing hypotheses  
Experimental design

Reading & interpreting graphs

**References:**

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