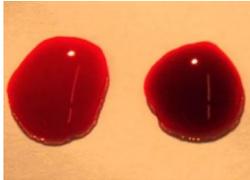


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Hurry Up, Blood Cells!



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So how exactly do red blood cells remedy an oxygen deficit in the brain? According to Jiandi Wan from New York's Rochester Institute of Technology, when oxygen levels run low, "red blood cells pick up speed by becoming more flexible." This "bendiness" allows the cells "to squeeze through narrow capillaries faster." Only when the researchers used chemicals to stiffen the red blood cells did the cells slow down.

Study coauthor Maiken Nedergaard of the University of Rochester Medical Center said that these findings might ultimately be applied to treating disorders where the link between neural activity and blood flow is damaged, including Alzheimer's disease.

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