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This Special Issue aims to explore the physiological mechanisms underlying human performance in exercise, health, and sports. Topics of interest include exercise physiology, bioenergetics, human locomotion, thermal physiology, performance analysis, and training optimization. We welcome contributions featuring various methodologies, including randomized controlled trials, cohort studies, case reports, integrated and longitudinal approaches, and narrative reviews authored by experts in the field. Advancements in digital and wearable technologies—such as smart textiles, biomarkers, and electrochemical sensors-are of particular interest, as they offer insights into monitoring training load, pacing strategies, and performance outcomes. We encourage submissions that address gender diversity and include high-performance samples/volunteers across genders. Additionally, we seek contributions that adopt an integrated approach to providing holistic solutions to complex problems within exercise physiology-join us in advancing our collective understanding of exercise performance and human physiology as we strive to optimize health and athletic achievement.

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