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Does increased heat resistance result in higher susceptibility to predation? A test using *Drosophila melanogaster* selection and hardening

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1 **Abstract**

2 Heat resistance of ectotherms can be increased both by plasticity and evolution, but these effects
3 may have trade-offs resulting from biotic interactions. Here we test for predation costs in
4 *Drosophila melanogaster* populations with altered heat resistance produced by adult hardening
5 and directional selection for increased heat resistance. In addition, we also tested for genetic
6 trade-offs by testing heat resistance in lines that have evolved under increased predation risk. We
7 show that while 35/37°C hardening increases heat resistance as expected, it does not increase
8 predation risk from jumping spiders or mantids; in fact there was an indication that survival may
9 have increased under predation following a triple 37°C compared to a single 35°C hardening
10 treatment. Flies that survived a 39°C selection cycle showed lower survival under predation,
11 suggesting a predation cost of exposure to a more severe heat stress. There was however no
12 correlated response to selection because survival did not differ between control and selected lines
13 after selection was relaxed for one or two generations. In addition, lines selected for increased
14 predation risk did not differ in heat resistance. Our findings suggest independent evolutionary
15 responses to predation and heat as measured in laboratory assays, and no costs of heat hardening
16 on susceptibility to predation.

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18 **Keywords:** biotic interactions, climate change, genetic correlations, phenotypic plasticity,
19 thermal adaptation, trade-offs

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22 **Introduction**

23 Resistance to thermal extremes including high temperatures is an important factor influencing
24 the distribution and abundance of animal species (Cossins and Bowler 1987, Hoffmann et al.
25 2013). As high temperature stresses are expected to become more common in severity and
26 frequency, species are increasingly at risk of exposure to conditions exceeding their upper
27 thermal limit (IPCC 2014). However, upper thermal limits of ectotherms can be increased to

28 some extent by both plastic and evolutionary responses (Hoffmann and Parsons 1991, Angilletta
29 2009, Hoffmann et al. 2013).

30 Plastic responses are rapid, occur within an organism's lifetime, and have been predicted to play
31 a major role in thermal adaptation (Charmantier et al. 2008, Chevin et al. 2013). In particular,
32 many studies have examined the benefits of hardening responses to heat exposure, whereby heat
33 resistance is enhanced by prior exposure to a moderate heat stress (Hoffmann et al. 2003,
34 Sinclair et al. 2003, Angilletta 2009). Moreover, plasticity may itself evolve in response to
35 environmental change (Scheiner 1993, Kingsolver et al. 2007, but see Sørensen et al. 2016). In
36 addition to plastic responses, upper thermal limits can be altered by selection, resulting in
37 populations that differ in levels of resistance to heat stress (Hoffmann et al. 2013). Selection
38 responses have been particularly well studied in *Drosophila melanogaster*, where artificial
39 selection can increase resistance to heat stress (McColl et al. 1996, Gilchrist and Huey 1999,
40 Bublly and Loeschcke 2005, Hangartner and Hoffmann 2016) and populations can be
41 differentiated along climatic gradients as well (Hoffmann et al. 2002). These results demonstrate
42 that standing genetic variation and new mutations are sufficient to drive the evolutionary
43 response. However, evolutionary changes in heat responses might nevertheless be limited (Schou
44 et al. 2014, Hangartner and Hoffmann 2016).

45 Although plastic and evolutionary changes can allow insects to adapt to stressful, hot conditions,
46 their benefits are likely to be curtailed by costs of plastic and genetic shifts. Hardening responses
47 may incur costs that become evident in terms of growth rates (e.g., Feder et al. 1992), longevity
48 (e.g., Bublly et al. 2012, Bublly et al. 2013) or fecundity (e.g., Krebs and Loeschcke 1994,
49 Hercus et al. 2003, Huang et al. 2007). However, the costs and benefits of hardening have been
50 defined mainly in laboratory assays of fitness, making the ecological significance of hardening
51 unclear (Loeschcke and Hoffmann 2007). Field release studies have revealed costs associated
52 with acclimation or hardening that laboratory-based assays did not detect, highlighting the
53 importance of integrating ecological parameters that affect costs and benefits of phenotypic
54 plasticity (Loeschcke and Hoffmann 2007, Kristensen et al. 2008). In addition, genetic
55 constraints may act to limit evolutionary responses. Genetically correlated traits do not evolve
56 independently, and the covariances between traits can either facilitate or hamper adaptation
57 (Walsh and Blows 2009).

58 To date, costs associated with heat resistance have mostly been considered through potential
59 trade-offs with performance measures under favorable conditions or under opposing thermal
60 extremes (e.g., Huey and Kingsolver 1993, Willett 2010, Karl et al. 2014). On the other hand,
61 biotic interactions around predation, parasitism and competition can also form an important
62 component of resistance costs. Because species interactions are expected to significantly alter
63 climate change responses, interspecific relationships should be incorporated into the predictive
64 framework of climate change (Sanford 1999, Harley 2011, Miller et al. 2014). The effects of heat
65 stressors may be magnified by biotic stressors such as predators (e.g., Relyea and Mills 2001,
66 Alton et al. 2010). Most natural populations are likely to experience selection from multiple
67 abiotic and biotic selective pressures concurrently, however, our understanding of adaptation to
68 multiple selective agents is still limited (but see Ghalambor et al. 2004, Schulte 2007, Eränen et
69 al. 2009, Rogell et al. 2009, Egea-Serrano et al. 2014).

70 Predation is an important selective force in natural systems, and can impose strong selection on
71 anti-predator traits. Adaptive responses to predation risk may be modified by other stressors, as
72 environmental stress can increase the costs (Hanazato 2001, Huber et al. 2004, Teplitsky et al.
73 2005) or decrease investment in defenses (Barry 2000, Relyea 2004, Teplitsky et al. 2007). A
74 few studies have tested for heritability in predator avoidance traits and usually found substantial
75 genetic variation (Grant and Mettler 1969, Stirling et al. 2002, Relyea 2005, Brokordt et al. 2012,
76 DeNieu et al. 2014, but see Blumstein et al. 2010). Whether predator avoidance is genetically
77 correlated with other types of stress resistance is largely unknown (but see Jansen et al. 2011).
78 Predation and heat stress resistance might influence the same behavioural or physiological
79 aspects of an organism's biology (Miller et al. 2014). Exposure to heat stress has for example
80 been shown to reduce metabolic rates (Dinh et al. 2016), which potentially could affect survival
81 under predation risk (Rovero et al. 1999, Beckerman et al. 2007, Slos and Stoks 2008). Whether
82 predation pressure alters the costs and benefits of heat hardening and evolved heat resistance has
83 never been tested.

84 We first tested for the ability of flies to avoid predators in *D. melanogaster* populations with
85 altered heat resistance produced by adult hardening and directional selection for heat resistance.
86 We measured the costs and benefits of single and repeated heat hardening treatments by
87 subjecting flies that were exposed to different hardening treatments to predation by juvenile false

88 garden mantids (*Pseudomantids albofimbriata*) and jumping spiders (*Salticidae* spp.). Both
89 predators have excellent eyesight, slowly approach their prey, and capture them with a rapid
90 movement (Gelperin 1968, Jackson and Pollard 1996). Costs (or benefits) of the hardening
91 treatments would be evidenced by increased (or decreased) survival of flies from the hardening
92 treatments compared to controls. Differential survival among the hardening treatments would
93 suggest intensity and/or frequency dependent costs (or benefits) under predation pressure.

94 Second, lines that have been selected for increased heat resistance were tested for performance
95 under predation by the same two predators. Experiments were performed after zero, one and two
96 generations of relaxed selection to test for costs of stress exposure and genetic trade-offs. In
97 addition, we also tested for genetic trade-offs between heat resistance and predator avoidance
98 using lines that have evolved under predation risk by juvenile Chinese mantids (*Tenodera*
99 *aridifolia sinensis*) or zebra jumping spiders (*Salticus scenicus*). These lines were tested for heat
100 resistance after two generations of relaxed selection. Genetic trade-offs between heat resistance
101 and predator avoidance would be evident if heat resistant lines have lower survival under
102 predation than control lines after two generations without selection (generation 2). In addition,
103 lines evolved under predation risk would be expected to be less heat resistant than control lines
104 after two generations of relaxed selection. Costs (or benefits) of a more severe stress exposure
105 would be evident as stress resistant lines having lower (or higher) survival after the selection
106 cycle (generation 0). Reduced (or increased) survival of heat resistant lines compared to control
107 lines after one generation without selection (generation 1) could include genetic and trans-
108 generational costs (or benefits) such as exerted through maternal effects (Mousseau and Fox
109 1998).

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112 **Material and Methods**

113 Fly cultures

114 All cultures were held at constant 19°C, under 12 : 12 h light : dark cycle in 250 ml bottles
115 containing laboratory medium composed of dextrose (7.5 % w/v), cornmeal (7.3 % w/v),
116 inactive yeast (3.5 % w/v), soy flour (2 % w/v), agar (0.6% w/v), 4 - methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate

117 (1.6 %) and acid mix (1.4 % 10:1 propionic acid:orthophosphoric acid). The experimental flies
118 were reared under controlled density conditions by removing parents from the bottles after 48 h
119 of oviposition.

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121 **Testing predator avoidance after heat hardening treatments**

122 Heat hardening treatments

123 The experimental flies originated from a mass-bred population that was collected near
124 Melbourne in May 2012 and was maintained under standard lab conditions as described above.
125 2-3 days old flies were separated by sex under light CO₂ anesthesia on 17.12.2013 and held in
126 separate vials according to sex, at a density of 25 individuals per vial (day 1). The hardening
127 experiments were started at 4-5 days post eclosion and flies were randomly allocated to the five
128 heat hardening treatments. Females and males were kept separately throughout the hardening
129 experiments, which enabled us to test for sex effects of the hardening treatments on heat
130 resistance.

131 For the heat hardening, glass bottles (100 ml) containing 50 females or males were immersed in
132 a circulating water bath at either 35°C or 37°C. Temperature was controlled using a Ratek SP599
133 thermoregulator with a REXP24 controller (Ratek, Boronia, Vic, Australia). In the control
134 treatment, flies were kept in bottles for 75 min at 19°C on day 3, day 5 and day 7. Flies in the
135 single 35 (35-1) Treatment received one hardening treatment of 75 min at 35°C on day 7. Flies in
136 triple 35 (35-3) Treatment received three hardening treatments of 75 min at 35°C on day 3, day 5
137 and day 7. The single 37 (37-1) Treatment consisted of one hardening treatment of 75min at
138 37°C on day 7. Finally the triple 37 (37-3) Treatment involved three hardening treatments of 75
139 min at 37°C on day 3, day 5 and day 7.

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141 Heat resistance experiments

142 Flies were tested for heat resistance after the heat hardening treatments to test if the hardening
143 increased resistance. Ten females and males per treatment were tested for heat resistance at static
144 39.0°C. These experiments were performed on day 8 in two blocks, where five females and

145 males per treatment were tested in each block. To score heat resistance, flies were placed
146 individually into 5 mL vials submerged into a glass tank with water held at 39.0°C. Each fly was
147 scored for heat resistance, where resistance was defined as the time taken for each fly to be
148 knocked down and become immobile even when exposed to a flashlight.

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150 Predator cultures

151 Female adult false garden mantids (*Pseudomantids albofimbriata*) and mantid egg cases were
152 collected between March and May 2013 and juvenile jumping spiders (*Salticidae* spp.) in June
153 and July 2013 near Melbourne. Juvenile jumping spiders were kept individually in vials.
154 Although it was not possible to identify spiders to species, we exposed all treatments to the
155 spider simultaneously (see below) to ensure that any species differences did not confound the
156 detection of treatment effects. Female adult mantids were kept individually in containers where
157 they laid egg cases. The egg cases were hatched and maintained at 19°C. The hatching mantids
158 were collected and kept individually in vials containing fly medium and *Drosophila* as a food
159 source. Predators were kept at constant 19°C, under 12 : 12 light : dark cycles. All animals were
160 fed on *Drosophila* and vials or containers had fly medium (see above) and twigs as a substrate
161 for the spiders and mantids.

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163 Predation experiments

164 We tested for survival of the flies that had been exposed to heat hardening treatments under
165 predation by jumping spider (*Salticidae* spp.) and juvenile mantids (*Pseudomantids*
166 *albofimbriata*). Flies were exposed to predators after a recovery period of 8 hours after the
167 hardening treatment on day 7. These experiments were performed separately for the two
168 predators, and females and males were tested in separate vials/bottles. Flies originating from
169 different treatments were color-marked by lightly shaking them in a vial containing micronized
170 fluorescent dust (Radiant). Five different color combinations were used to test for any potential
171 effects of a particular color, whereas each treatment had a different color in each color
172 combination. One fly per treatment (total of 5 flies) were exposed to one spider in a vial (28 x
173 95mm) containing laboratory medium as food for the flies and some branches which provided

174 structural complexity and shelter for the flies and spiders. Each of the five color combination was
175 replicated eight times resulting in a total of 40 replicates (vials) for both sexes (200 females and
176 males in total) for the spider experiments. For the mantids, the experimental procedure was
177 similar, however, two flies per treatment (total of 10 flies) were exposed to one mantids in a
178 bottle (6 x 13cm). Each of the five color combinations was replicated four times resulting in a
179 total of 20 replicates (bottles) for both sexes (200 females and males in total). Surviving flies
180 were removed from the vial/bottle when about 50% of the flies have been predated (after 1-5
181 days) and survived flies were scored for treatment origin using the color markings. No natural
182 mortality was observed during the experiments. Survival (yes or no) of each fly was used for the
183 statistical analyses.

184

185 **Testing heat resistance selection lines for predation avoidance**

186 Heat resistance selection lines

187 The heat selected lines have been described in detail in Hangartner and Hoffmann (2016). In
188 short, all selected and control lines were founded from *D. melanogaster* collected near
189 Melbourne in May 2012. The offspring of 60 field-collected females were pooled and mass bred
190 for two generations in the laboratory prior to the first selection at generation F3 for the heat
191 resistant selected lines. The selection experiments were done separately for both sexes and the
192 top 10% most resistant flies were selected and randomly allocated into five replicate lines per
193 selection regime comprised of 90 - 110 flies of each sex (200- 210 in total). Flies were selected
194 for heat knockdown resistance by immersing glass bottles (100 ml) containing 100 flies in a
195 circulating water bath at 39°C. When ca 90% of the flies were knocked down (did not move
196 anymore when flashed with a flash light), bottles were removed from the tank and the remaining
197 10% of flies that were able to stand up were selected (for further details see Hangartner and
198 Hoffmann 2016). The control lines were established and maintained in the same manner as the
199 heat resistance lines, but these lines were not exposed to any treatment. The heat resistance lines
200 have evolved to have a tolerance level around 0.5°C higher than the control lines after ten
201 generations of strong selection (Hangartner and Hoffmann 2016).

202

203 Predation experiments

204 We scored the heat selection lines for survival under predation by jumping spiders (Salticidae
205 spp.) and juvenile mantids (*Pseudomantids albofimbriata*) to test for costs or benefits of a severe
206 stress exposure and genetic trade-offs. These were performed on adult flies after one and two
207 generations of relaxed selection, as well as right after the selection experiment (no relaxation).
208 The experiments were performed separately for the two predators, and the sexes were tested in
209 separate vials/bottles. Flies were between 4 - 7 days old at the beginning of the experiment.
210 However, selected flies were slightly older (9-12 days), as selection experiments were performed
211 on them before. The control flies had the same age as the selected flies, which means that any
212 potential age effect of the flies would apply to both, control and selected flies.

213 Six adult flies were randomly chosen from three different control and selected lines for the spider
214 experiments, whereas 12 adults were chosen for the mantids experiments. Flies were marked
215 with dust colors as described above, where each fly (line) was assigned a color. Ten different
216 color combinations were used to account for potential color effects. Each color combination was
217 replicated five times for the spider experiments resulting in a total of 50 replicates (vials) for
218 both sexes (300 flies in total per sex). For the mantid experiments, each color combination was
219 replicated three times resulting in a total of 30 replicates per sex (360 flies in total per sex). The
220 color marked flies were exposed to one spider or one mantid in a vial (28 x 95mm) or bottle (6 x
221 13cm) respectively, containing fly food and some twigs which provided structural complexity
222 and shelter for the flies and predators. Surviving flies were removed from the vial/bottle when
223 about half of the flies have been predated, and scored for the line origin based on color markings.
224 Survival (yes or no) of each fly was used for the statistical analyses.

225

226 **Testing predation selection lines for heat resistance**

227 In addition, we also tested for genetic trade-offs between heat resistance and predator avoidance
228 by scoring heat resistance in lines that have evolved under predation risk by jumping spiders or
229 mantids. These flies derived from the Dworkin lab at Michigan State University, USA. Two sets
230 of selection lines were used (episodic and continuous predation), which are described in detail in
231 the Supplementary material S1. The episodic and continuous predation lines differed in effective

232 population size and the strength of selection induced by the predators. Including both sets of
233 selection lines allowed us to test whether effective population size and/or strength of selection
234 may affect the detection of an apparent trade-off. The episodic and continuous predation lines
235 were tested for heat resistance after two generations without selection to ensure that any
236 differences found in the subsequent experiments were genetic rather than due to plastic (cross
237 generation) effects (c.f. Schiffer et al. 2013). Ten females and males per line were tested for heat
238 resistance at static 39.0°C. These experiments were performed separately for the episodic and
239 continuous predation regimes and in two blocks per regime, where five females and males per
240 line were tested in each block. Flies were sexed under light CO₂ anesthesia and scored for heat
241 resistance when they were 4-5 days old. To score heat resistance, flies were placed individually
242 into 5 mL vials submerged into a glass tank with water held at 39.0°C. Each fly was scored for
243 heat tolerance, where tolerance was defined as the time taken for each fly to be knocked down
244 and become immobile even when exposed to a flashlight.

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246 Statistical analyses:

247 All statistical analyses were done with SAS 9.3 (SAS Institute, Inc.) and involved general and
248 generalized linear models. Post-hoc pairwise comparisons were undertaken using Tukey tests
249 comparing least square means and adjusting for multiple comparisons.

250 Heat resistance of the hardened flies was analyzed using a general linear model with the GLM
251 procedure and Kenward-Roger degrees of freedom method (Littell et al. 2006). Hardening
252 treatment, sex, the hardening treatment × sex interaction, and block were included as fixed
253 factors in this analysis.

254 Survival under predation after the hardening treatments was analyzed with a generalized linear
255 mixed model with REML estimation, logit link function and a binary distribution using the Proc
256 GLIMMIX. REML specification performs residual (restricted) maximum likelihood, where
257 negative estimates are constrained to zero (Littell et al. 2006). In these analyses, sex, treatment,
258 and their interaction were included as fixed factors. To test for any potential effect of a particular
259 color on survival, color was included as an additional fixed factor. In addition, vial (nested under
260 sex) was included as a random factor.

261 Survival under predation of the selection lines was analyzed with a generalized linear mixed
262 model with REML estimation, logit link function and a binary distribution using the Proc
263 GLIMMIX (Littell et al. 2006). Separate models were run for each generation (0, 1, or 2
264 generations of relaxation). In these models, selection regime and sex as well as their interactions
265 were included as fixed factors. In addition, color was included as a fixed factor and vial (nested
266 within sex) and line (nested within selection regime) were included as random factors.

267 Heat knockdown time of the predation selection lines was normally distributed and was analyzed
268 using linear mixed model analyses of variance with the MIXED procedure and Kenward-Roger
269 degrees of freedom method (Littell et al. 2006). Selection regime and sex were included as fixed
270 factors and line (nested under selection regime) as a random factor.

271

272 **Results**

273 **Testing predator avoidance after heat hardening treatments**

274 Hardening effects on heat knockdown time

275 The hardening treatments had a significant effect on heat resistance, with all hardening
276 treatments increasing heat knockdown time of the flies by 21-73% compared to the control
277 treatment (Table 1, Fig. 1). Posthoc Tukey tests revealed that all hardening treatments
278 significantly increased heat resistance (not shown). In addition, flies from the triple 37°C
279 hardening treatment had a significantly higher heat resistance than flies from the triple 35°C
280 hardening treatment at ($t_{139} = 2.89$, adjusted $P = 0.004$), increasing heat resistance by about 30%
281 (Fig. 1). The sexes did not significantly differ in heat resistance and the sex \times treatment
282 interaction was not significant (Table 1, Fig. 1).

283

284 Predation avoidance after heat hardening

285 The hardening treatments had a significant effect on survival under predation by jumping spiders
286 (Table 2A, Fig. 2A). A posthoc Tukey test revealed that flies from the triple 37°C hardening
287 treatment had significantly higher survival than those from the single 35°C hardening treatment
288 at ($t_{224}=3.01$, adjusted $P = 0.024$), with a survival difference of around 29%. The sexes did not

289 differ in survival and the treatment \times sex interaction was not significant. In addition, color did
290 not have a significant effect on survival (Table 2A). Heat hardening treatments, sex and color did
291 not have a significant effect on survival under predation by juvenile mantids, but the treatment \times
292 sex interaction was significant (Table 2B, Fig. 1B). A posthoc Tukey test revealed that the
293 difference between the sexes in the single 37°C hardening treatment was observed non-
294 significant ($t_{254}=318$, adjusted $P = 0.051$) (Fig. 2B).

295

296 **Testing heat resistance selection lines for predation avoidance**

297 Lines that have been selected for increased heat resistance were tested for predation avoidance
298 immediately after selection (generation 0), as well as after 1 and 2 generations without selection.

299 Generation 0: The analysis at generation 0 showed that the selection regime had a significant
300 effect on survival under predation risk by spiders and mantids: heat resistant lines had
301 significantly lower survival than control lines after the selection cycle reflecting an average
302 survival difference of 10% under predation by spiders and 17% under predation by mantids
303 (Table 3, Fig. 3). Survival under predation by spiders did not significantly differ between sexes
304 and the selection regime \times sex interaction was not significant (Table 3A). The sexes did not
305 differ for survival under predation by mantids, but there was a significant selection regime \times sex
306 interaction. Posthoc tests revealed that the selection regimes did not significantly differ for the
307 females ($t_{597}= 0.97$, $P=0.331$), but there was a significant difference for the males ($t_{597}= 3.75$,
308 $P<0.001$), where survival of the control males was 25% higher than the survival of the selected
309 males (Fig. 3B).

310 Generations 1 and 2: After one and two generations without selection, there was no significant
311 difference of survival between the selection regimes under both predators (Table S1&S2, Fig. 4).
312 The sexes and the sex \times selection regime interaction had no significant effect on survival under
313 predation from either spiders or mantids at generation one and two (Table S1&S2, Fig. 4).

314

315 **Testing for heat resistance in predation selection lines**

316 Next we investigated heat resistance in lines that have evolved under predation risk with both
317 jumping spiders or mantids. The selection regime as well as the selection regime \times sex
318 interaction did not have a significant effect on heat knockdown time in both the episodic and
319 continuous predation regimes (Table 4A&B). Heat knockdown time did however differ between
320 the sexes in the episodic and continuous predation selection regimes, whereas males were more
321 heat tolerant than females overall, where heat resistance of males was roughly 30% higher than
322 female resistance (Table 4A&B). In addition, there was significant variation among the lines
323 within the selection regimes in the continuous predation lines (Table 4B).

324

325 **Discussion**

326 To our knowledge this is the first study to consider both the impact of evolutionary changes in
327 heat resistance and heat hardening on susceptibility to predation as well as the impact of
328 selection for predation avoidance on heat resistance. We found that heat hardening with a higher
329 frequency and intensity can increase survival under predation by spiders. However, there was no
330 evidence for a genetic trade-off between heat resistance and predator avoidance because survival
331 did not differ between control and heat selected lines and lines selected for increased predation
332 risk did not differ in heat resistance after selection was relaxed for two generations. Survival
333 after the selection cycle at generation 0 was, however, reduced, which suggests that a severe heat
334 stress can reduce survival under predation. Our finding that frequency and intensity dependent
335 heat exposure, but not evolutionary changes in heat resistance, affects predation avoidance is
336 novel and has implications for taxa in the face of climate change.

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338 **Costs and benefits of heat hardening under predation pressure**

339 We did not find any costs of heat hardening under predation by either jumping spiders or
340 juvenile mantids. We suspect that costs associated with hardening found in the field and leading
341 to lower capture rates of released flies (Loeschcke and Hoffmann 2007, Kristensen et al. 2008)
342 are unlikely to reflect increased susceptibility to predation. These results suggest that other costs
343 of hardening are likely to be involved under field conditions.

344 We did however find benefits of a higher intensity and frequency hardening treatment (triple
345 37°C) compared to a lower intensity and frequency hardening treatment (single 35°C) under
346 predation by spiders. The triple 37°C hardening treatment therefore increased heat resistance and
347 survival under predation by spiders compared to the single 35°C hardening treatment. Cross
348 resistance, where exposure to one stressor enhances resistance to other stressors, has been found
349 in association with some climatic stressors (Hoffmann et al. 2003). Predation risk and climatic
350 factors may influence the same traits of an organism's biology such as foraging or metabolic rate
351 (Cossins and Bowler 1987, Rovero et al. 1999, Sanford 1999, Trussell and Smith 2000, Hawlena
352 and Schmitz 2010, Trussell and Schmitz 2012). A potential explanation for our results is that
353 heat hardening reduces the metabolic rate and/or the activity level. Reduced metabolic rate,
354 together with accumulation of energy reserves, has been suggested as a general mechanism for
355 stress resistance (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989, Bublly et al. 2012). Reduced activity is also
356 thought to be one of the most efficient anti-predator defense that reduces the encounter rate with
357 predators, decreases detection by predators and increases time spent hiding (Werner and Anholt
358 1993, Stoks et al. 2003, Stoks et al. 2005). In addition, predation risk can alter metabolic rates
359 (Rovero et al. 1999, Beckerman et al. 2007, Slos and Stoks 2008) and elevate stress proteins
360 (Kagawa and Mugiya 2002, Pauwels et al. 2005). The heat hardening effects on fly physiology
361 might therefore involve similar physiological responses as predation risk, and decrease
362 vulnerability to predation. Although these responses are beneficial under predation, they might
363 still come with long term costs, as a decreased activity also reduces foraging and usually result in
364 reduced growth and fecundity (Werner and Anholt 1993, Brodin and Johansson 2004).

365

366 Costs of extreme heat stress under predation pressure

367 Our results showed that flies surviving a 39°C selection cycle had a lower survival under
368 predation than control flies. In comparison to the hardening treatments, the selection cycle
369 exposed the flies to a much more severe heat stress which very likely causes cellular and
370 physiological damage. Heat shock has deleterious effect on the internal organization of the cell
371 beyond unfolding of proteins (Sørensen et al. 2003). With increasing temperature and a longer
372 heat exposure than experienced under the hardening treatment, the damage is likely to increase
373 and benefits decrease. These damages are likely to affect the flies' physiological performance

374 and to impair the detection and escape of the predators. Benefits of short term heat hardening on
375 predation can therefore only be expected as long as the heat hardening is not too harsh
376 (Angilletta 2009).

377

378 Frequency and intensity dependent heat hardening effects under predation pressure

379 We only found significant differences between single 35°C and triple 37°C hardening treatment,
380 but not between the control and the hardening treatments in survival under predation by spiders.
381 In addition, we found costs of severe heat exposure (39°C) under predation pressure by spiders
382 and mantids. These results may suggest that the relationship between heat exposure and
383 predation avoidance is non-linear. One possible scenario could be that metabolic rate (or activity)
384 has an inverse U shaped reaction norm across different levels of heat exposure. The mild single
385 35°C treatment might increase metabolic rate and might therefore be slightly costly under
386 predation risk compared to the control treatment. The moderate triple 37°C hardening treatment
387 becomes beneficial under predation, due to a decreased metabolic rate (or activity). An extreme
388 heat stress, such as the 39°C exposure at generation 0, becomes costly again, which might be due
389 to a strongly decreased metabolic rate (or activity) and/or due to its deleterious effects on cell
390 functioning as mentioned above. There is some support for this scenario: first, metabolic rates
391 are assumed to increase with temperature up to an optimal temperature in most insects
392 (Angilletta et al. 2010). In addition, evidence for a decrease metabolic rate after an extreme heat
393 stress has been found in damselflies (Dinh et al. 2016). Whether metabolic rate (or activity)
394 indeed follows an inverse U shaped reaction norm across different levels of heat stress remains
395 to be tested.

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397 Sex specific predation avoidance after heat exposure

398 Our results also revealed some sex effects in predation avoidance after heat exposure. Whereas
399 the hardening effects on survival under predation by spiders were similar in both sexes, we found
400 that the sexes responded differently to the hardening treatments under predation by mantids. In
401 addition, only the males had reduced survival under predation by mantids after the 39°C
402 selection cycle at generation 0. What is driving sex specific predation avoidance is currently not

403 known, but one explanation could be that the reaction norms of metabolic rate (or activity)
404 differs between the sexes across different levels of heat exposure, which remains to be tested.

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406 No evidence for a genetic trade-off between heat resistance and predation avoidance

407 Little is known about predation of natural *D. melanogaster* populations. Insects are generally
408 preyed upon by a wide range of insects, as well as other species, such as vertebrates and birds which
409 can play a significant role in insect population dynamics (Speight et al. 2008). Predation pressure
410 can vary in space and time and can have severe effects on population demography (Speight et al.
411 2008) as evident from classic life table studies such as those undertaken on the population
412 demography of winter moths (Varley and Gradwell 1960).

413 At this stage we have no evidence that selection for increased heat resistance decreases survival
414 under predation by jumping spiders or mantids. In addition, both sets of lines selected for
415 decreased predation risk (episodic and continuous predation), did not differ in heat resistance.
416 These experiments suggest that there is no strong genetic covariance between predation
417 avoidance and heat resistance in *D. melanogaster* and suggests that heat adaptation is not limited
418 by biotic interactions associated with predation. Very few studies have tested for biotic costs of
419 evolved stress resistance. Studies on the water flea have found that the evolution of increased
420 pesticide resistance has costs under predation risk (Jansen et al. 2011). However, pesticide
421 resistance is based on different mechanisms than thermal resistance. Currently we have limited
422 knowledge on genetic constraints associated with predation and their impact on climate adaption,
423 but the results presented here suggest that the observed phenotypic patterns (in terms of
424 hardening effects and stress costs) are not reflected in evolutionary changes. Any impacts of
425 predation costs and benefits on natural population are likely to be complex, as not only prey
426 species, but also predators are exposed to heat stress and predator species may respond
427 differently to such stress (Harmon et al. 2009).

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429 **Figure legend**

430 **Fig. 1.** Mean \pm SE heat knockdown time (min) of female and male *D. melanogaster* after a
431 control treatment, a single 35°C (35-1) and 37°C (37-1) hardening treatment and a triple 35°C
432 (35-3) and 37°C (37-3) hardening treatment.

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434 **Fig. 2.** Mean \pm SE survival (%) of female and male *D. melanogaster* after different heat
435 hardening treatments when exposed to A) jumping spiders and B) juvenile mantids. Hardening
436 treatments included a control treatment, a single 35°C (35-1) and 37°C (37-1) hardening
437 treatment and a triple 35°C (35-3) and 37°C (37-3) hardening treatment.

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439 **Fig. 3.** Mean \pm SE survival (%) of female and male *D. melanogaster* under predation by A)
440 jumping spiders and B) juvenile mantids of control lines (Control) and lines selected for
441 increased heat resistance (Heat). Survival was scored at generation 0 (no relaxation).

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443 **Fig. 4.** Mean \pm SE survival (%) of female and male *D. melanogaster* under predation by A)
444 jumping spiders and B) juvenile mantids of control lines (Control) and lines selected for
445 increased heat resistance (Heat). Survival was scored at generation 1 and 2 (1 and 2 generations
446 of relaxation).

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448 **Table 1.** General linear model of heat knockdown time (min) of female and male *D. melanogaster* after five different heat hardening treatments. Eta square is the proportion of total variation accounted for by the effect being tested. Significant values are shown in **bold**.

Effect	df	Eta square	Mean square	F	P
Block	1	0.001	7.14	0.16	0.686

Sex	1	0.006	46.03	1.06	0.305
Treatment	4	0.213	434.58	10.01	<0.001
Sex × treatment	4	0.041	83.36	1.92	0.110

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Table 2. Generalized linear mixed model of binary survival (yes or no) of female and male *D. melanogaster* under predation pressure by A) jumping spiders and B) juvenile mantids. Flies originating from five different heat hardening treatments. For the fixed effects, ndf are numerator degrees of freedom, and ddf are denominator degrees of freedom. For the random effects, var is the random effects variance component. Significant values are shown in **bold**.

	A) Spiders				B) Juvenile mantis			
Fixed factors								
Effect	ndf	ddf	F	P	ndf	ddf	F	P
Sex	1	57	0.2	0.660	1	28	1.6	0.220
Treatment	4	224	2.5	0.043	4	254	0.1	0.976
Sex × treatment	4	224	0.9	0.494	4	254	3.3	0.012
Color	4	224	1.1	0.375	4	254	0.7	0.596
Random factors								
Effect	var	se	Z	P	var	se	Z	P
Vial (sex)	0.00	.	.	.	0.00	.	.	.

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Table 3. Generalized linear mixed model of binary survival (yes or no) of female and male *D. melanogaster* under predation pressure by A) jumping spiders and B) juvenile mantids. Flies originated from control and heat resistant selection lines, and the predation experiment was performed after the selection experiments (generation 0). For the fixed effects, ndf are numerator degrees of freedom, and ddf are denominator degrees of freedom. For the random effects, var is the random effects variance component. Significant values are shown in **bold**.

	A) Spiders				B) Juvenile mantis			
Fixed factors								
Effect	ndf	ddf	F	P	ndf	ddf	F	P
Selection regime	1	8	5.57	0.046	1	8	7.93	0.023
Sex	1	98	0.12	0.725	1	52	0.68	0.414
Selection regime x sex	1	476	0.47	0.493	1	574	5.11	0.024
Colour	5	476	0.77	0.570	5	574	1.19	0.313
Random factors								
Effect	var	se	Z	P	var	se	Z	P
Vial (sex)	0.00	.	.	.	0.00	.	.	.
Line (selection regime)	0.00	.	.	.	0.00	.	.	.

Table 4. Mixed model analyses of variance of heat knockdown time (min) of female and male *D. melanogaster*. Flies originating from the A) episodic and B) continuous predation lines. For the fixed effects, ndf are numerator degrees of freedom, and ddf are denominator degrees of freedom. For the random effects, var is the random effects variance component. Significant values are shown in **bold**.

	A) Episodic predation lines				B) Continuous predation lines			
Fixed factors								
Effect	ndf	ddf	F	P	ndf	ddf	F	P
Selection regime	1	2	0.30	0.638	2	9	0.10	0.908
Sex	1	74	25.40	<0.001	1	223	37.81	<.0001
Selection regime x sex	1	74	2.26	0.137	2	223	1.77	0.172
Block					1	223	0.11	0.743
Random factors								
Effect	var	se	Z	P	var	se	Z	P
Line (selection regime)	0.99	5	0.21	0.417	24.2	14	1.73	0.042
Residual	74.42	12	6.08	<0.001	110	10	10.56	<0.001

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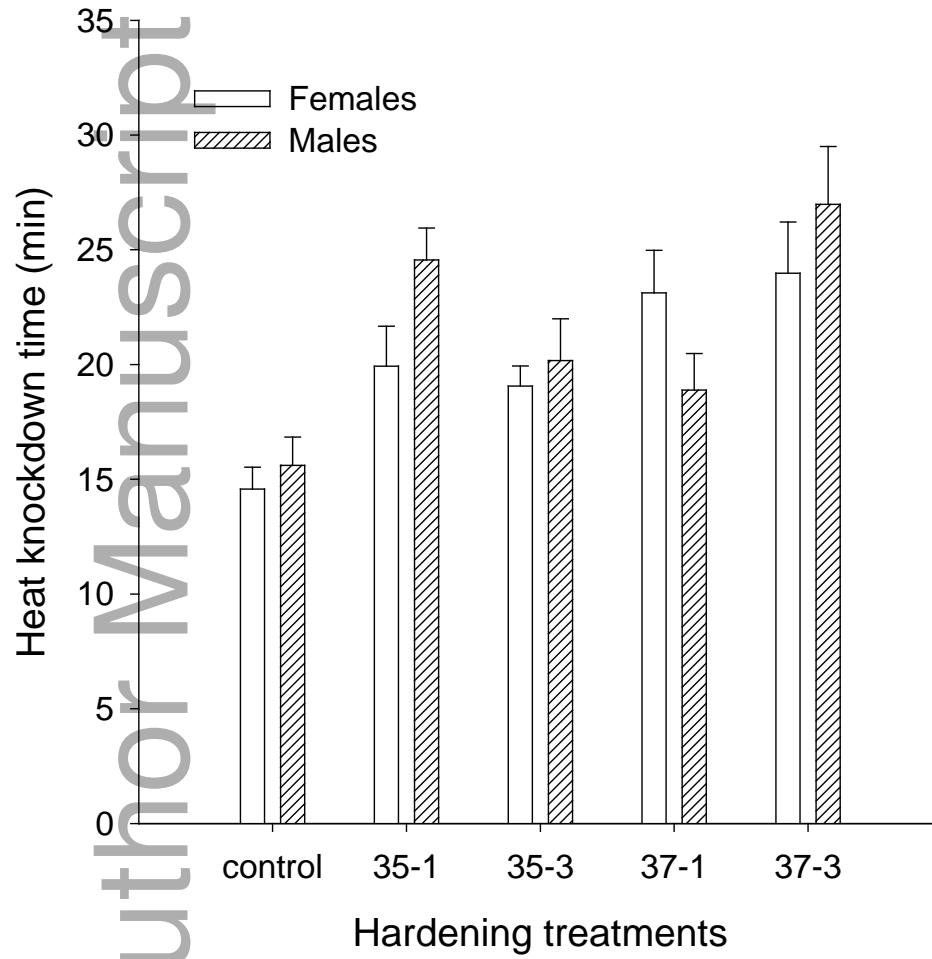
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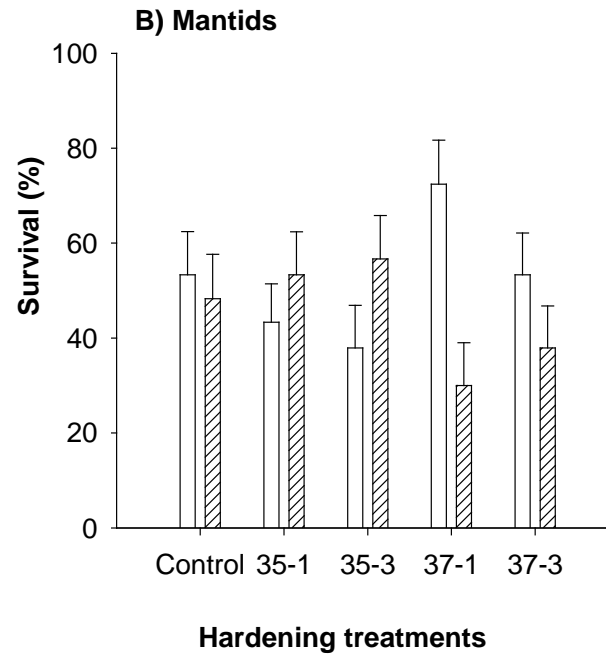
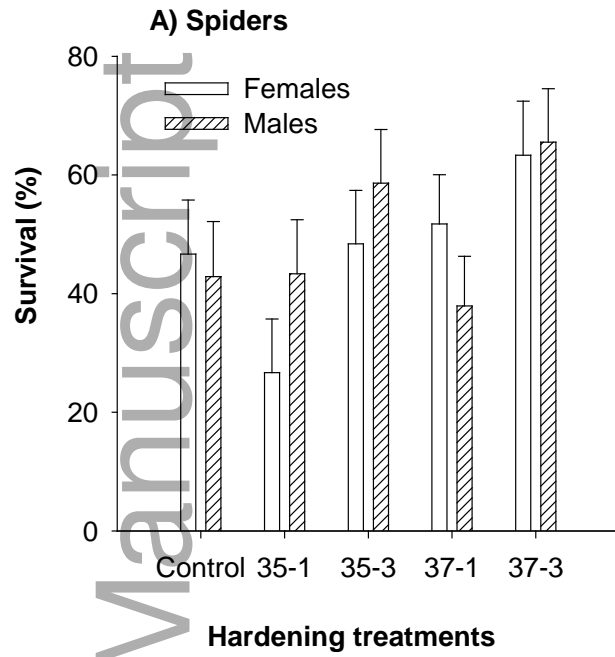
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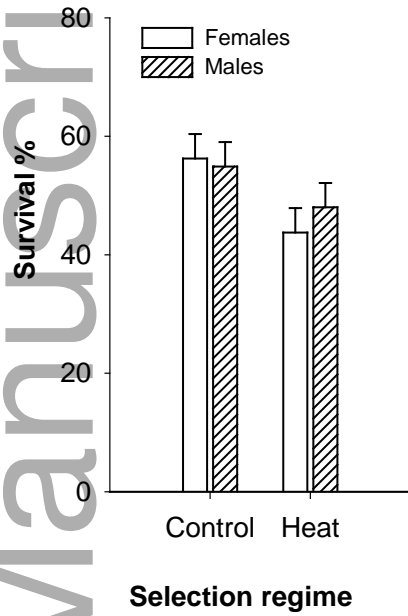
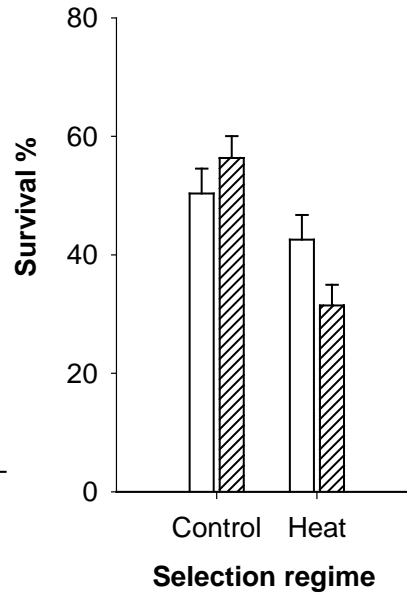
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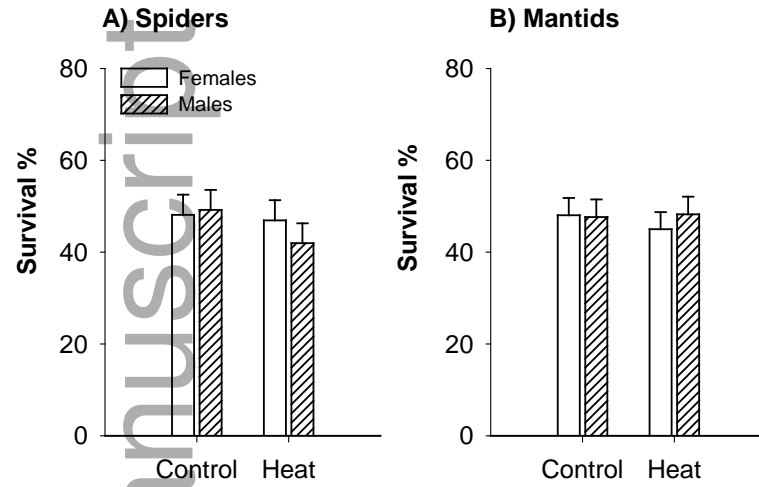




At generation 0 (no relaxation)

A) Spiders**B) Mantids**

At generation 1



At generation 2

