Effects of Temperature and Trematode Infection on the Foraging Behaviour of Their Snail Hosts

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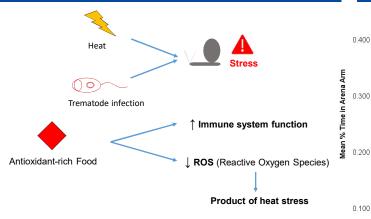
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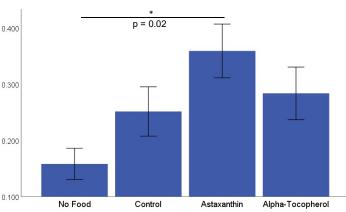
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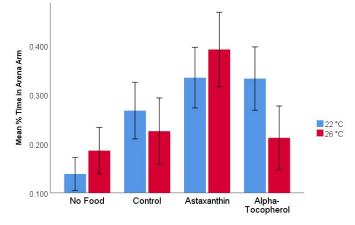
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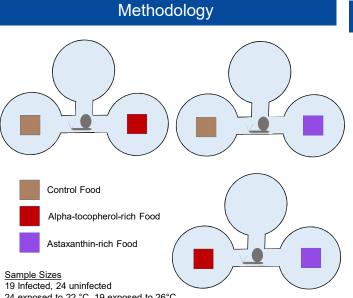
Hypothesis – Snails with trematode infections and exposure to increased temperatures will show greater preference for antioxidant-rich foods



Selection of food types ($F_{3,302} = 3.150$, P = 0.025)

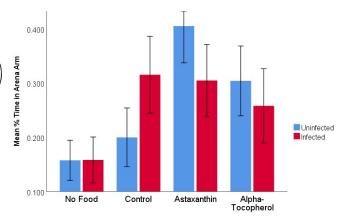


Effect of temperature ($F_{1.302} = 0.000, P = 0.991$)



24 exposed to 22 °C, 19 exposed to 26°C

Infection Does Not Impact Selection



Effect of infection (F_{1.302} = 0.027, P = 0.868)

Conclusions

- > Snails show general preference for the antioxidant astaxanthin
- Trematode infection does not change snail preference for antioxidants
- > Exposure to increased temperature does not

change snail preference for antioxidants

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