

# Effects of CO<sub>2</sub>-driven ocean acidification and warming on early development of fish



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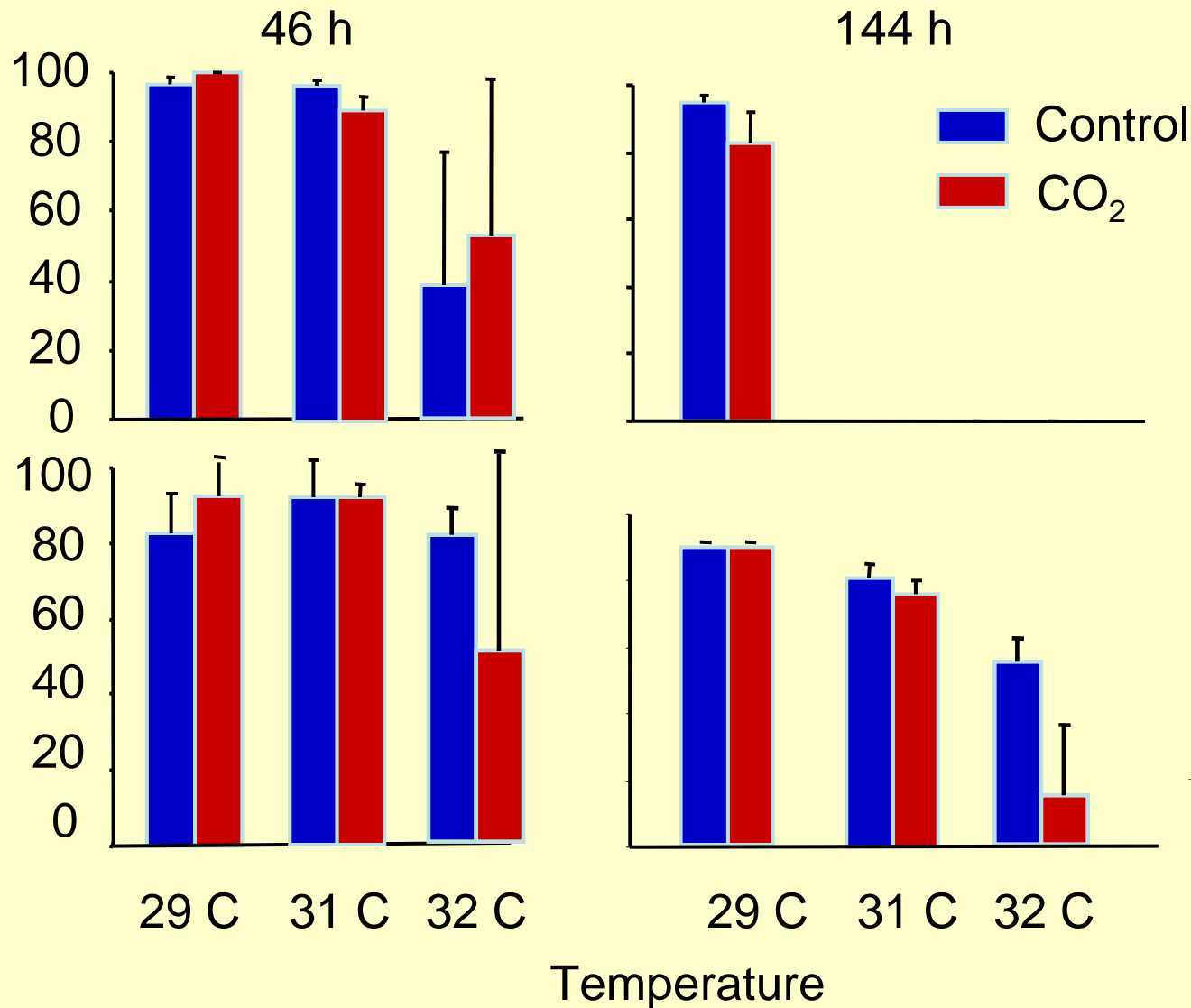
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# Outlines of Our Fish Experiments

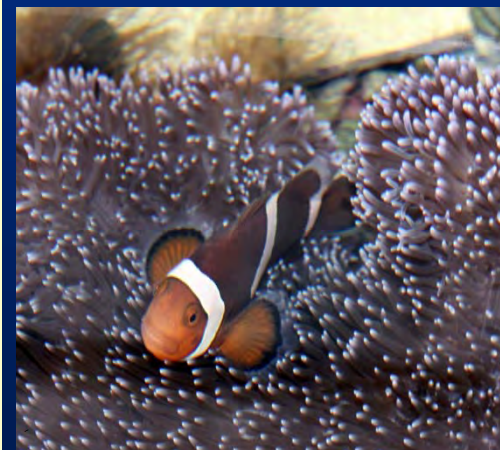
- Clown fish experiment (*Amphiprion clarkii* and *A. ocellaris*)  
Eggs obtained from spawning one pair  
PCO<sub>2</sub> 1000 μatm, Exposure period 6 days  
Embryonic and larval survival, larval morphology, heart rate etc.
- Javanese estuarine medaka experiment (*Oryzias javanicus*)  
Seven pairs reared separately  
PCO<sub>2</sub> 1000 μatm, Exposure period 125 days  
Adult and larval survival, spawning, fertilization, larval morphology etc.
- Japanese sillago experiment (*Sillago japonica*)  
PCO<sub>2</sub> 4000-12000 μatm, Exposure period 154 days  
Growth, gonad development, chloride cell morphology etc.

# Combined Effect of Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> (1000 $\mu$ atm) on Embryonic Survival of Two Clown Fish

Survival (%)



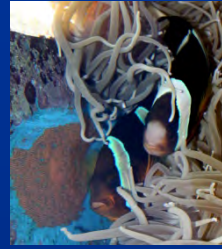
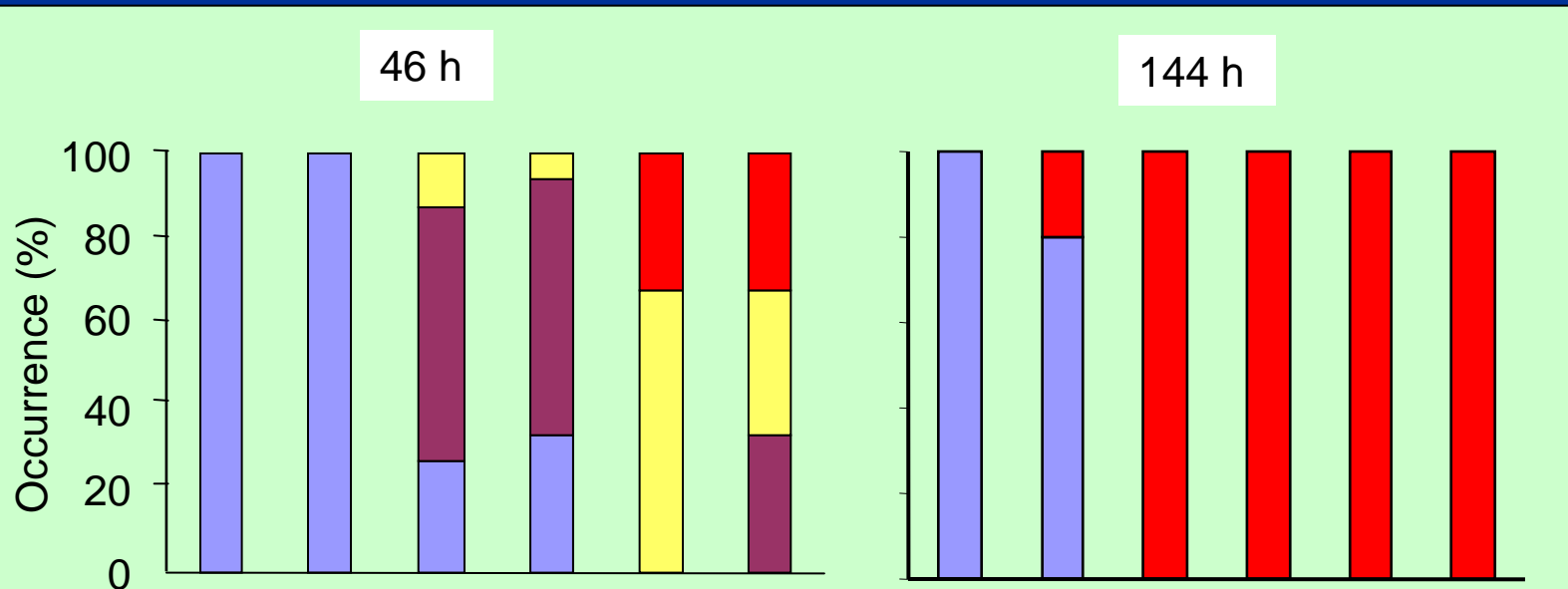
*Amphiprion clarkii*



*Amphiprion ocellaris*

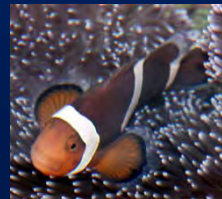
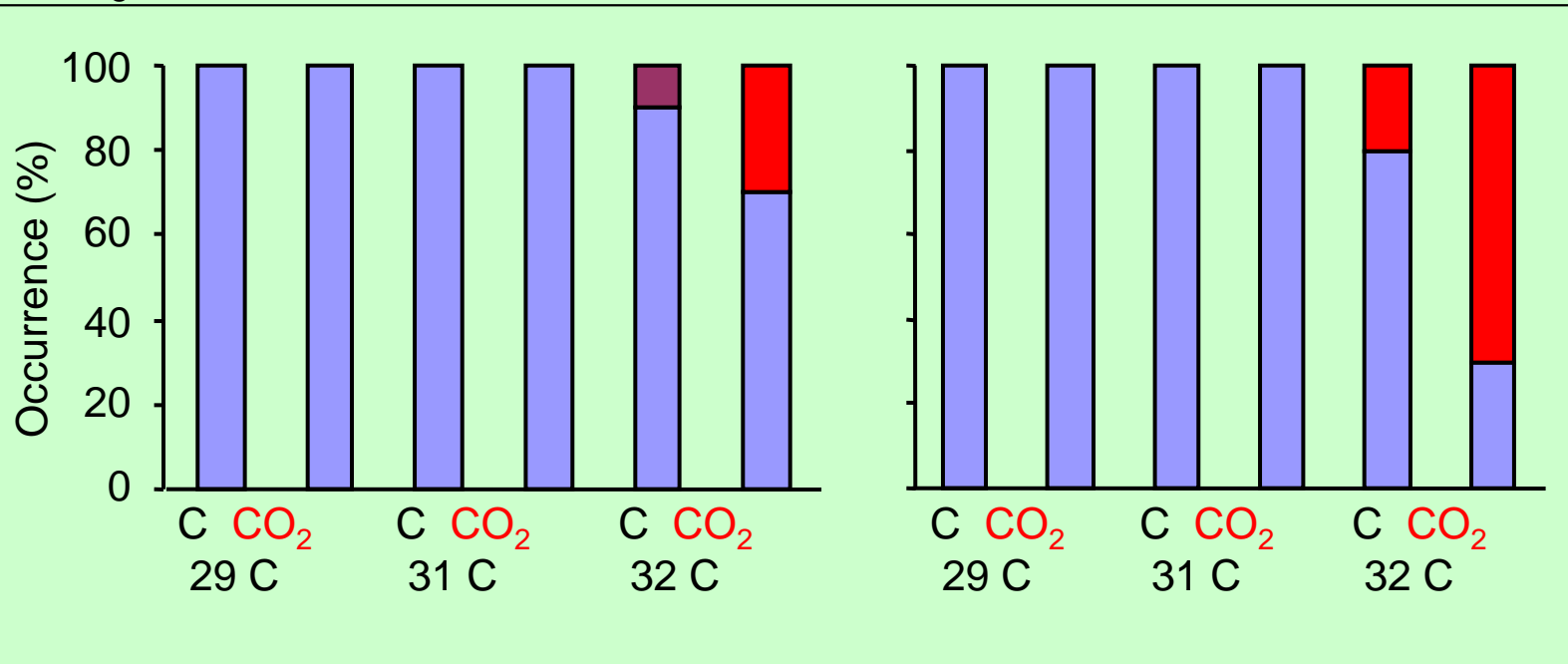
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# Combined Effect of Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> (1000 μatm) on Embryonic Development of Two Clown Fish



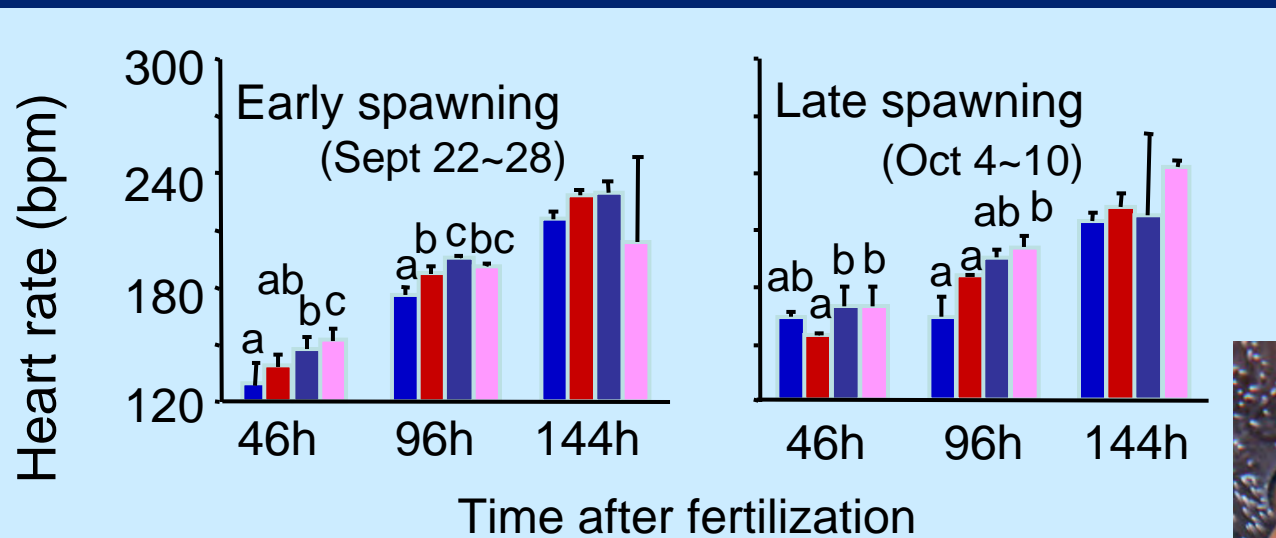
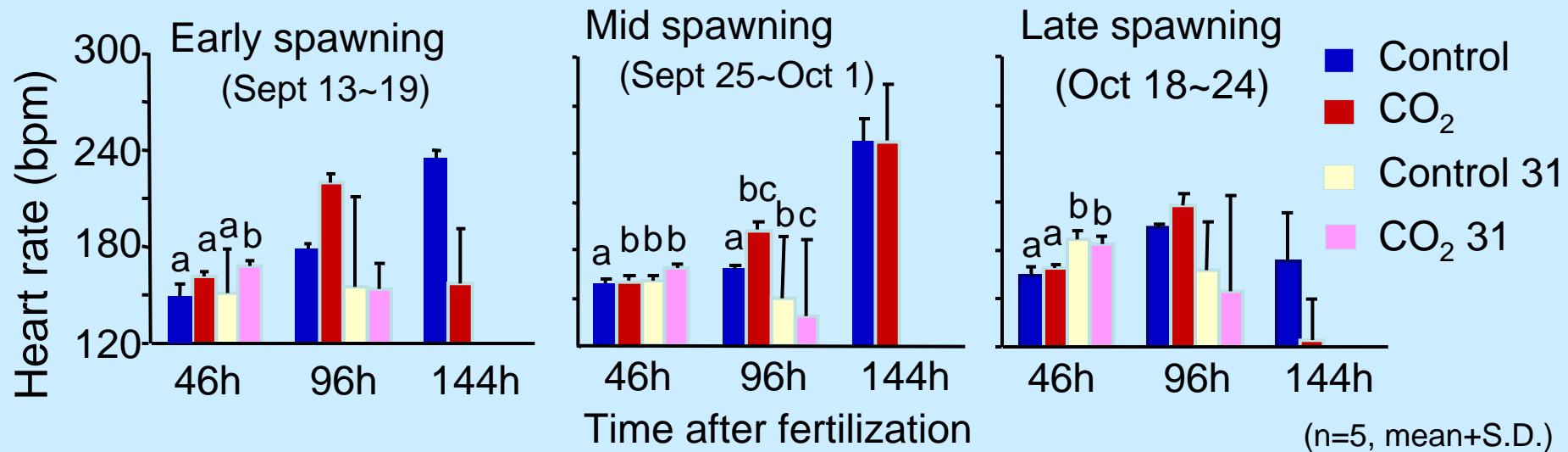
*Amphiprion clarkii*

- Normal
- Inverted
- Deformed
- Dead

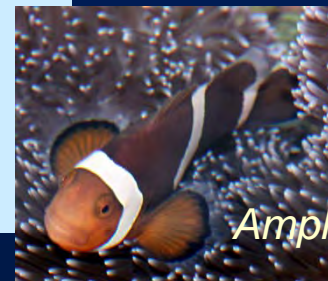


*Amphiprion ocellaris*

# Combined Effect of Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> (1000 μatm) on Embryonic Heart Rate of Two Clown Fish

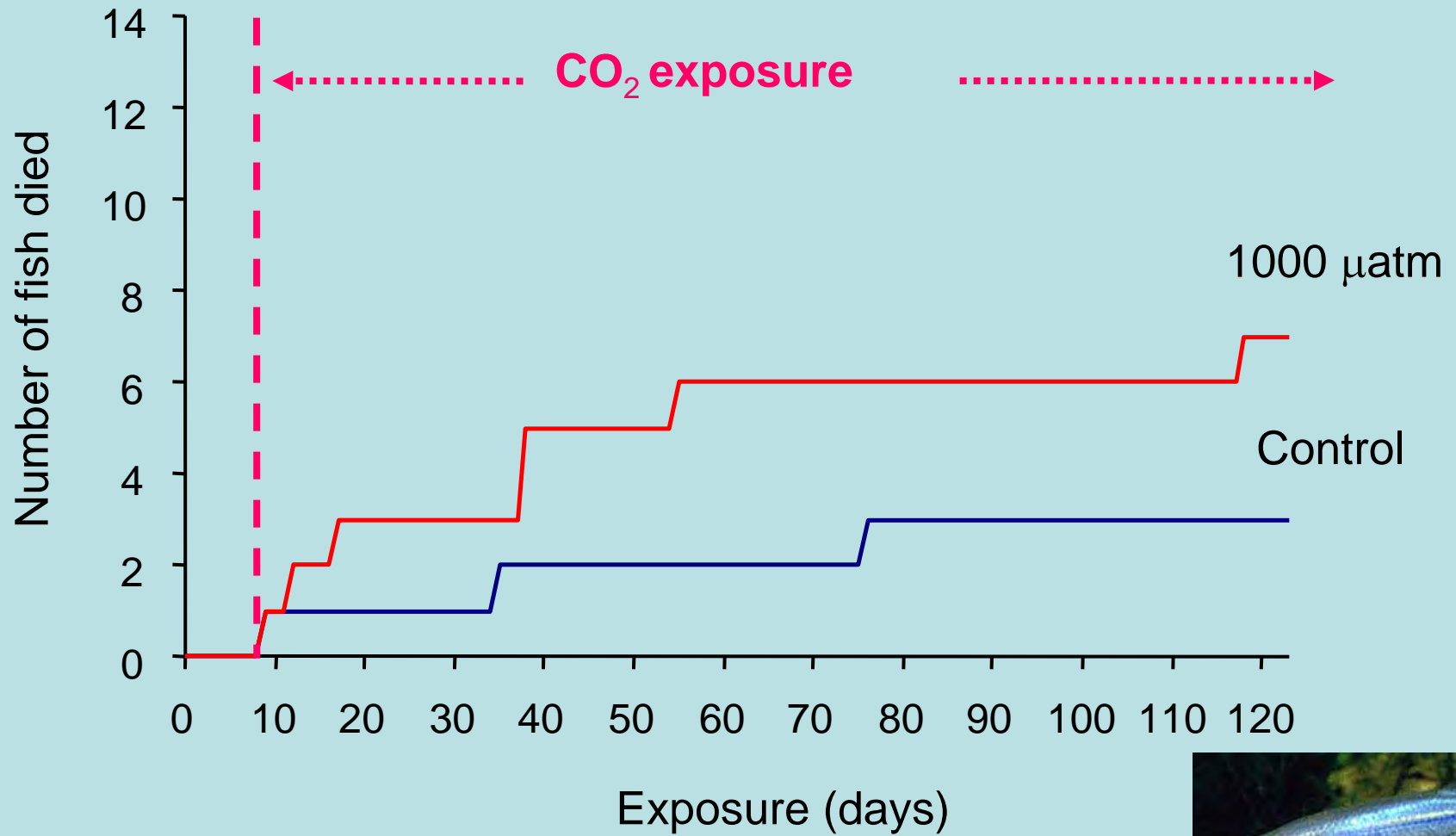


*Amphiprion clarkii*

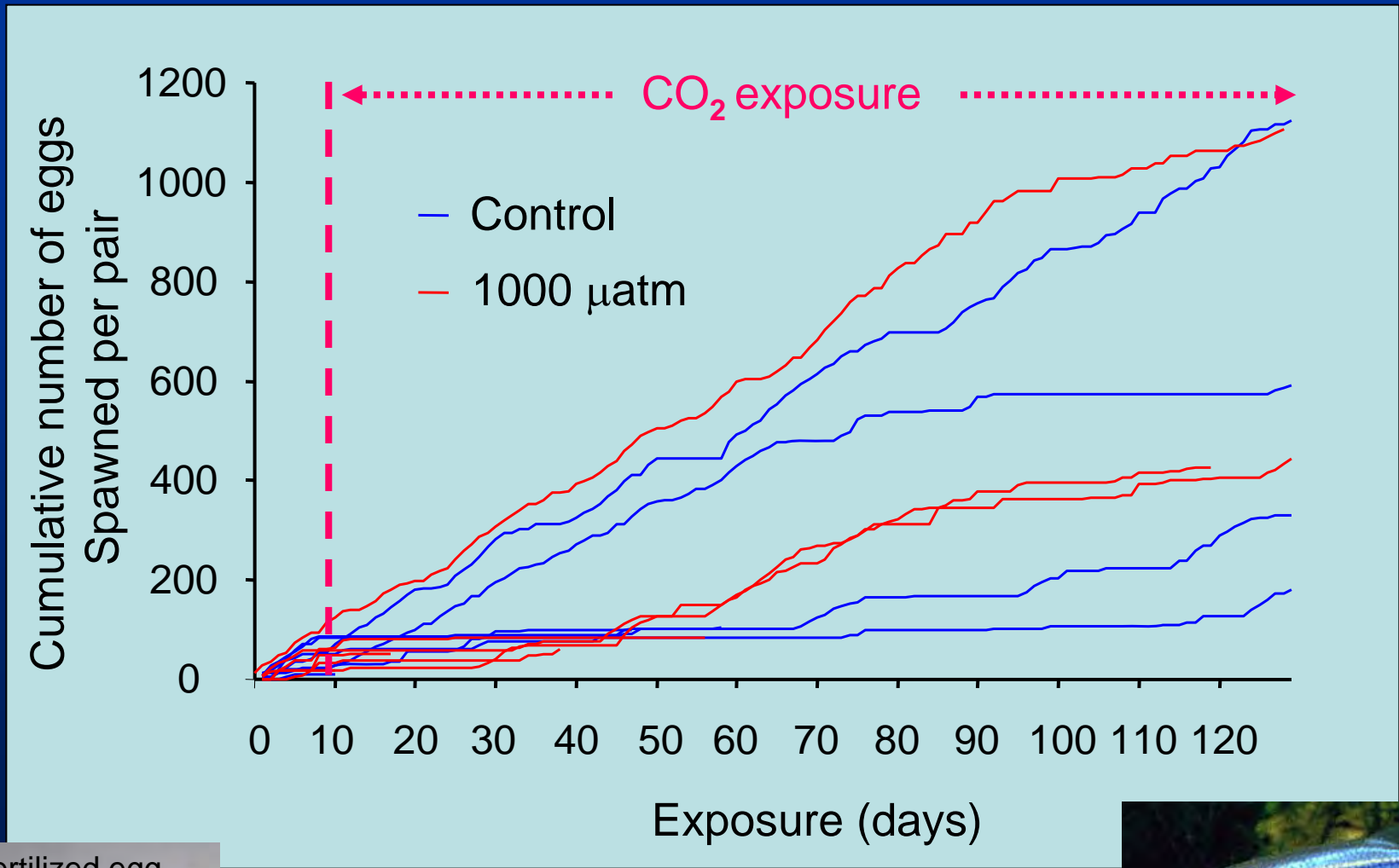


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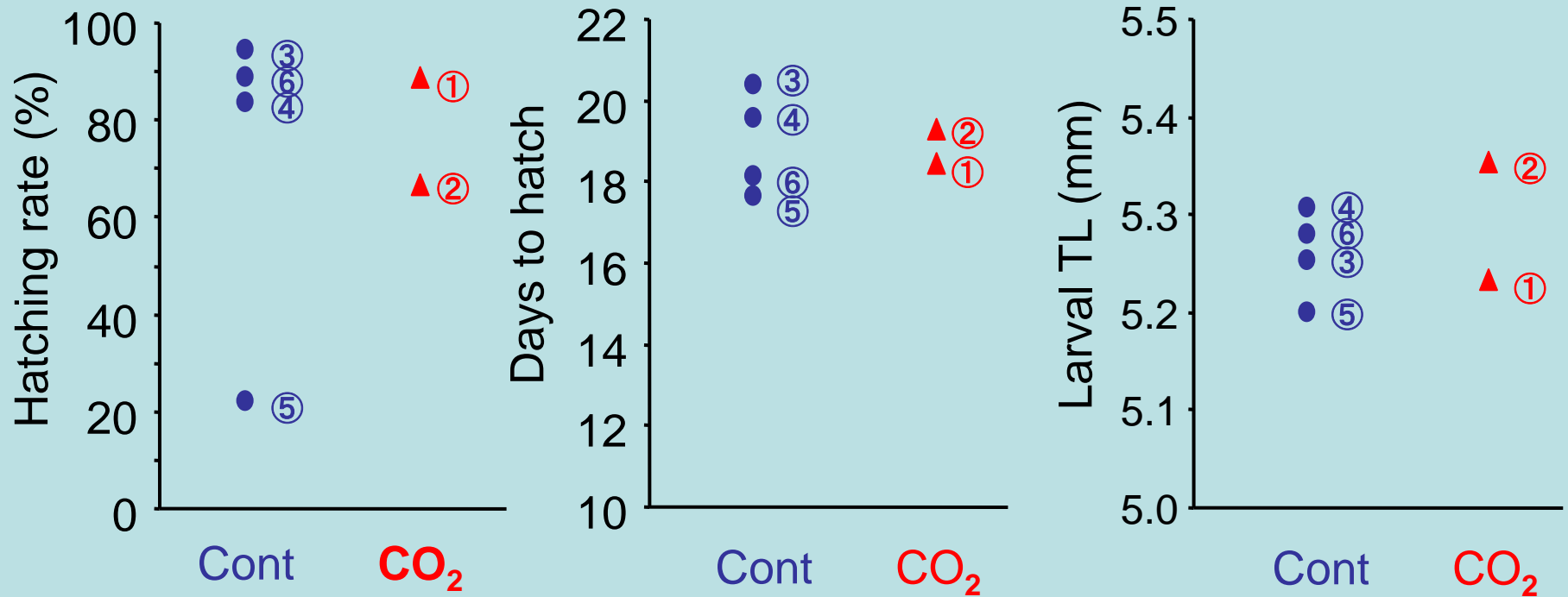
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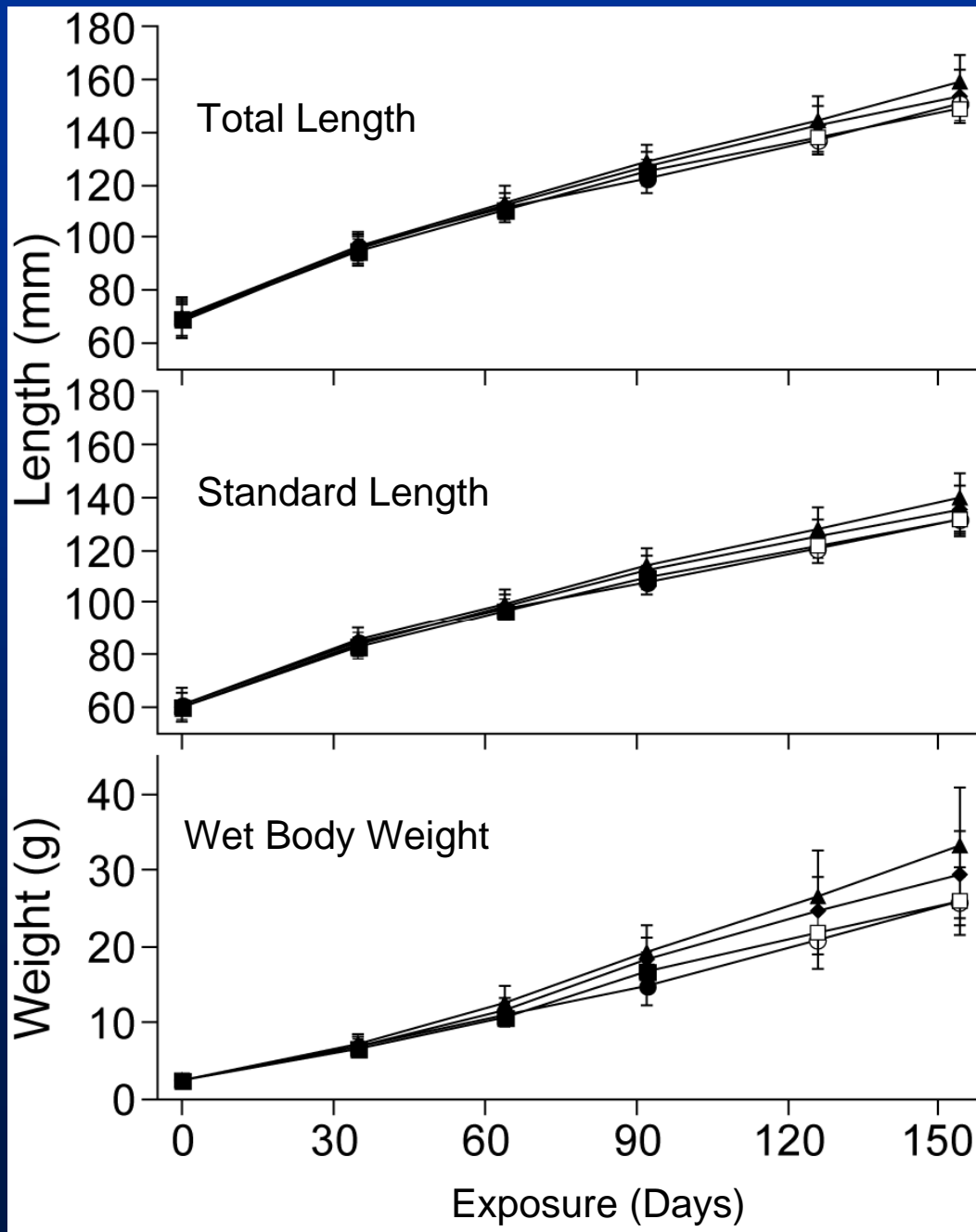


# Hatching rate, Days to Hatch, and Total Length of Just Hatched Larvae of Control and CO<sub>2</sub>-exposed *Oryzias javanicus*

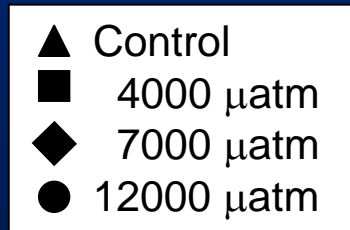




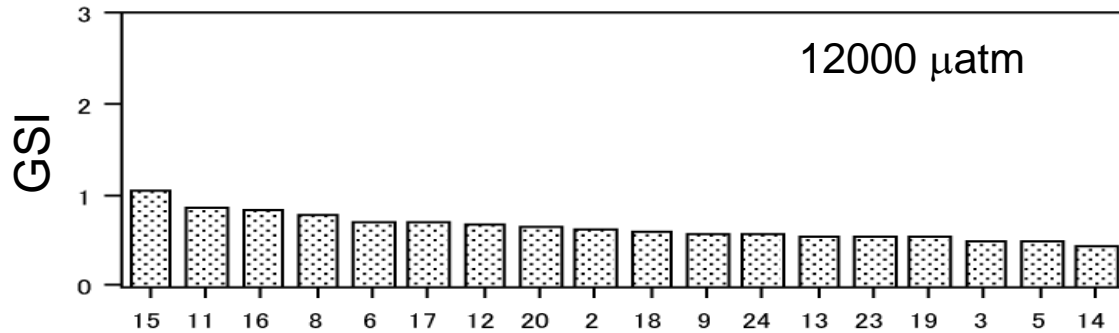
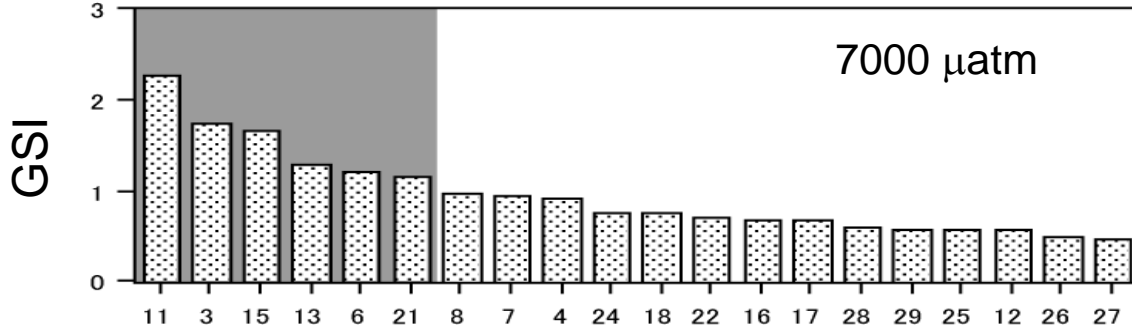
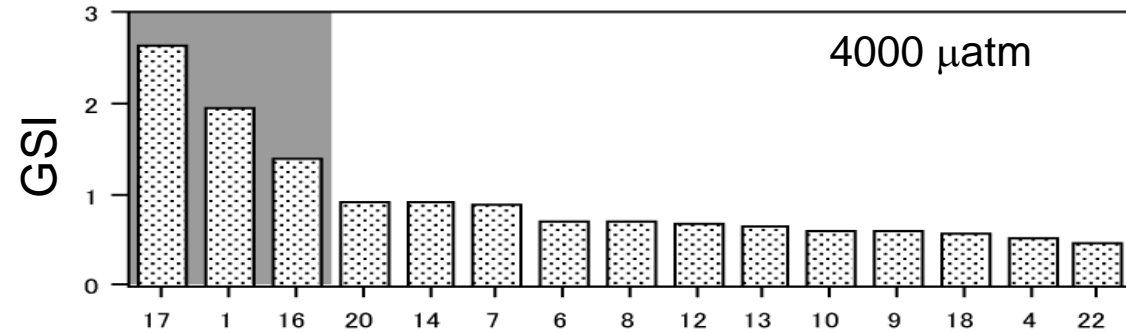
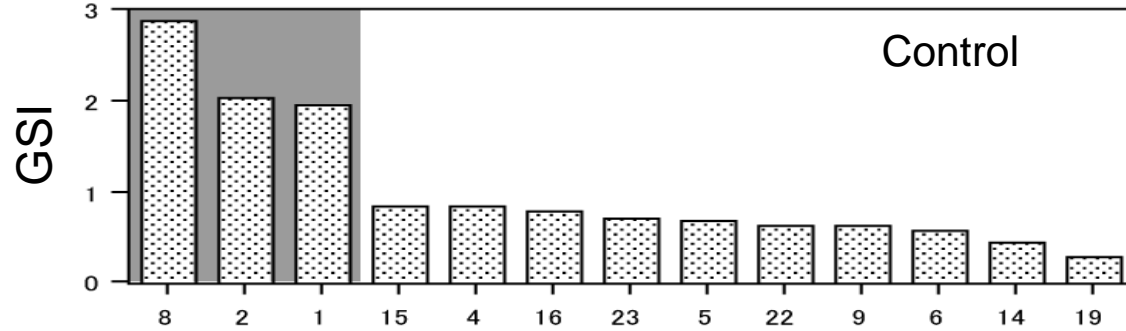
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*Sillago japonica*



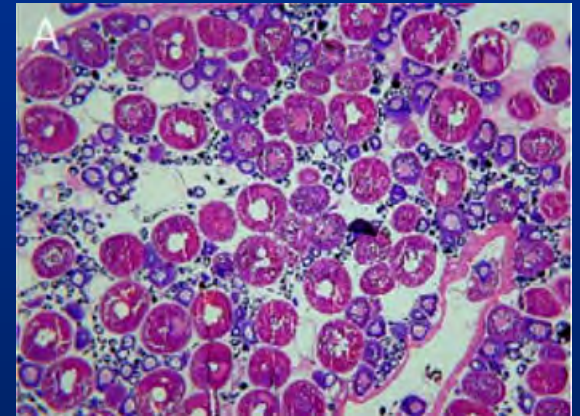
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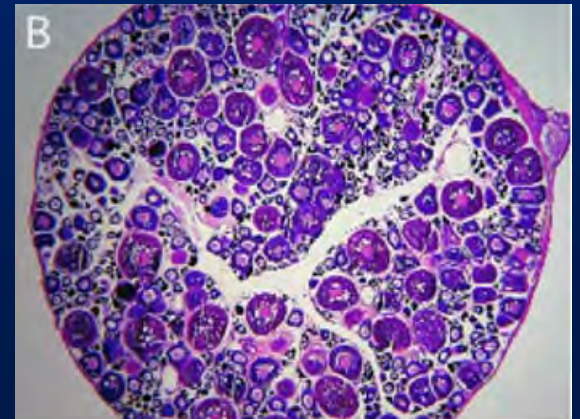
Fish number

Effect of 154-day CO<sub>2</sub> Exposure on Ovarian Development of *Sillago japonica*

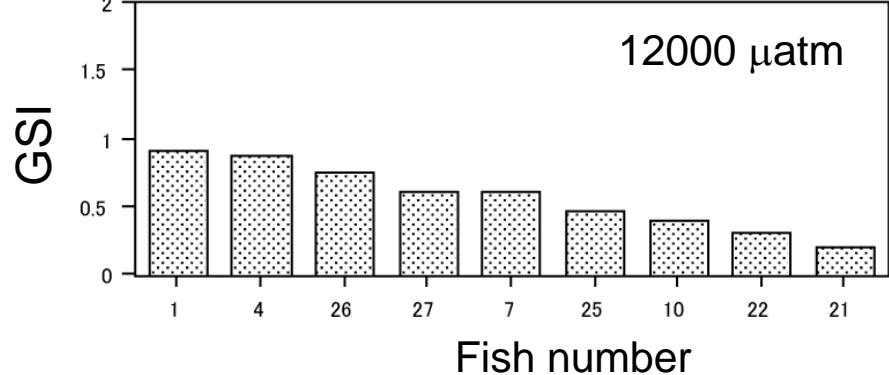
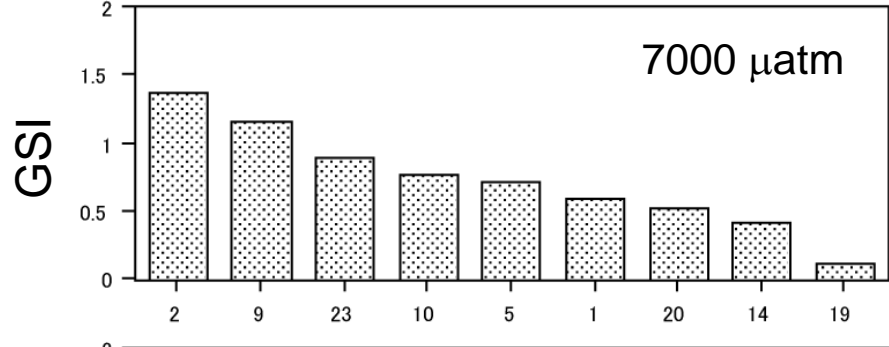
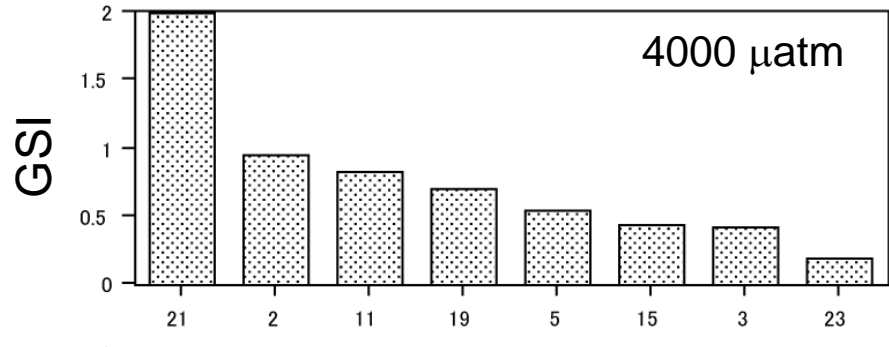
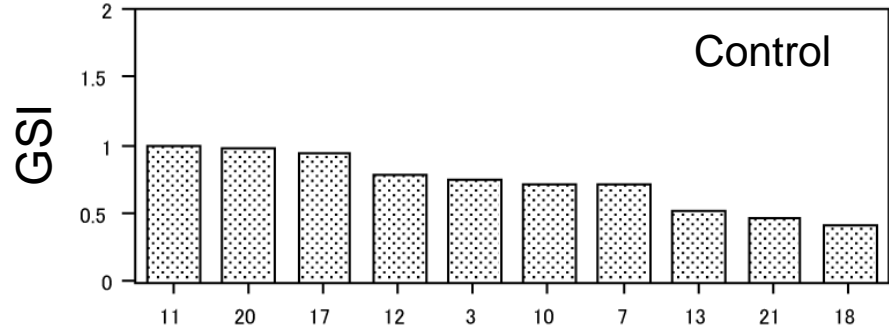
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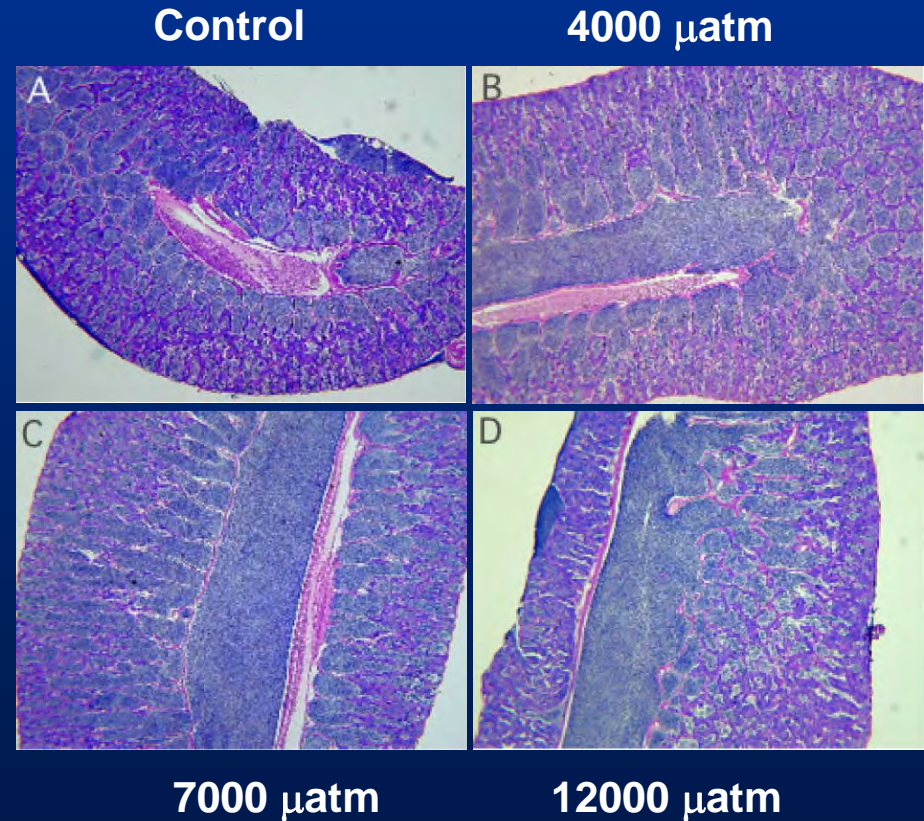
Secondary yolk stage



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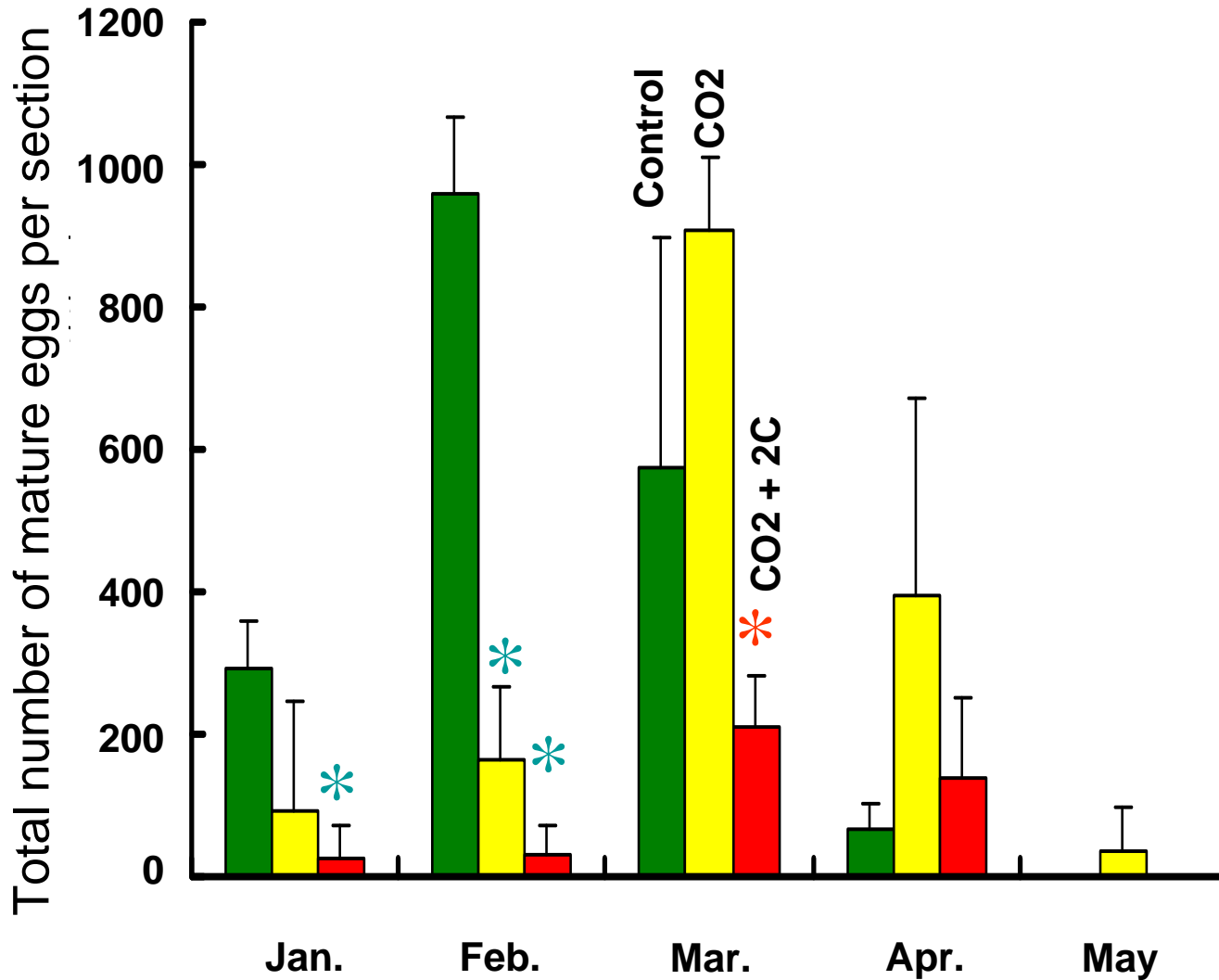
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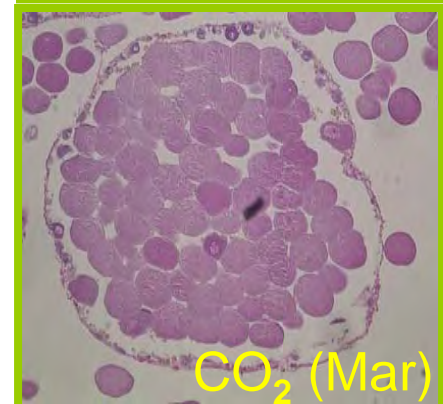
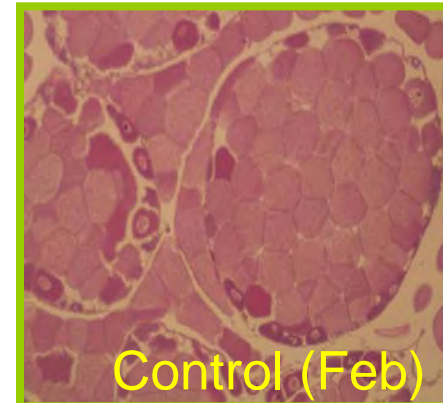
**7000  $\mu\text{atm}$**

**12000  $\mu\text{atm}$**

# Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and Temperature on Ovarian Development of the Sea Urchin *Hemicentrotus pulcherrimus*



- \* significant difference from control
- \* significant difference from high CO<sub>2</sub>



# Summary

- Early development of clown fish was disrupted by temperature but not by CO<sub>2</sub>. . . . **Not enough data, continuing**
- Survival of *O. javanicus* might be affected by CO<sub>2</sub>.  
. . . . **Not enough data, continuing**
- Growth and ovary maturation of *S. japonica* were reduced by CO<sub>2</sub> only at > 10,000 μatm.

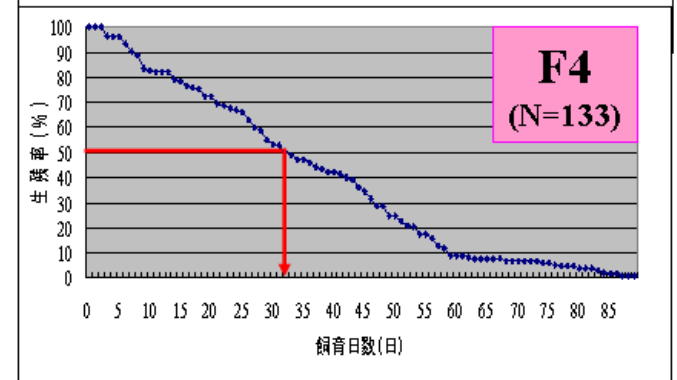
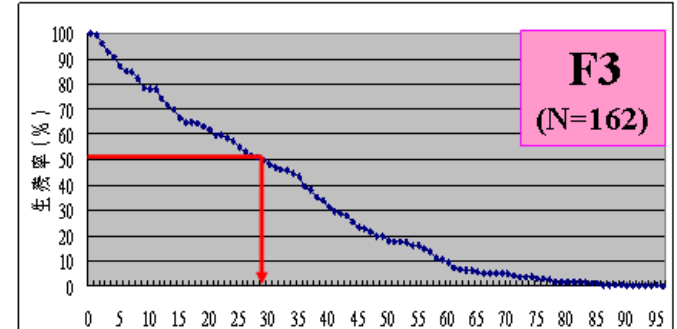
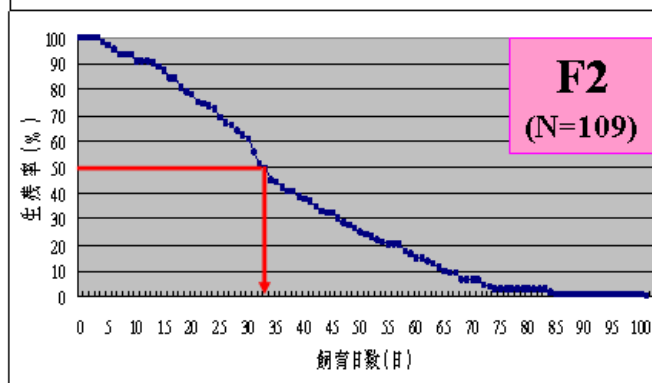
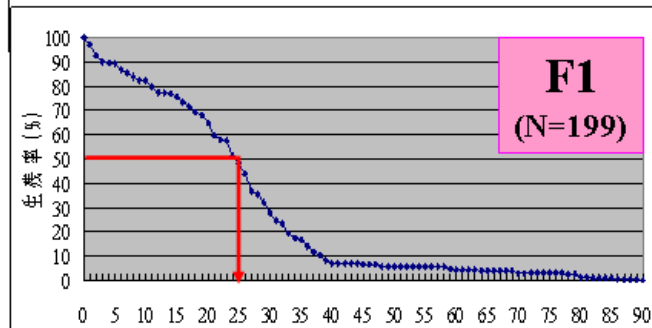
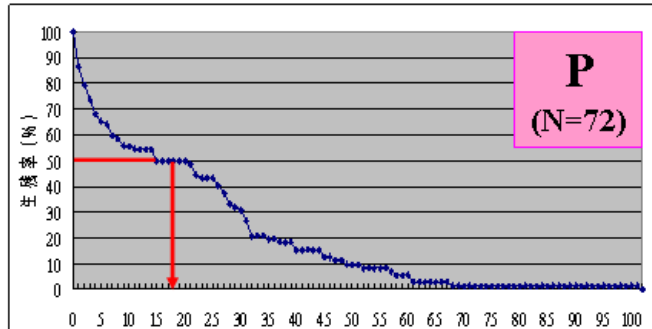
## Further studies

- Combined effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature on growth, sexual maturation, reproduction, and early development of temperal and boreal species.
- Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature on fish through food organisms.

We are rearing the mysid *Nipponomysis fusca* over generations to study effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on survival, reproduction, mysid-fish interactions, and their nutritional value as fish food.



*Nipponomysis fusca*



**50% lethal time (days)**

<b>P</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>F1</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>F2</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>F3</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>F4</b>	<b>33</b>

# Our literature survey on “CO<sub>2</sub> effect on fish” papers revealed:

1. Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on fish have been intensively investigated in comparative physiology but used relatively high CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

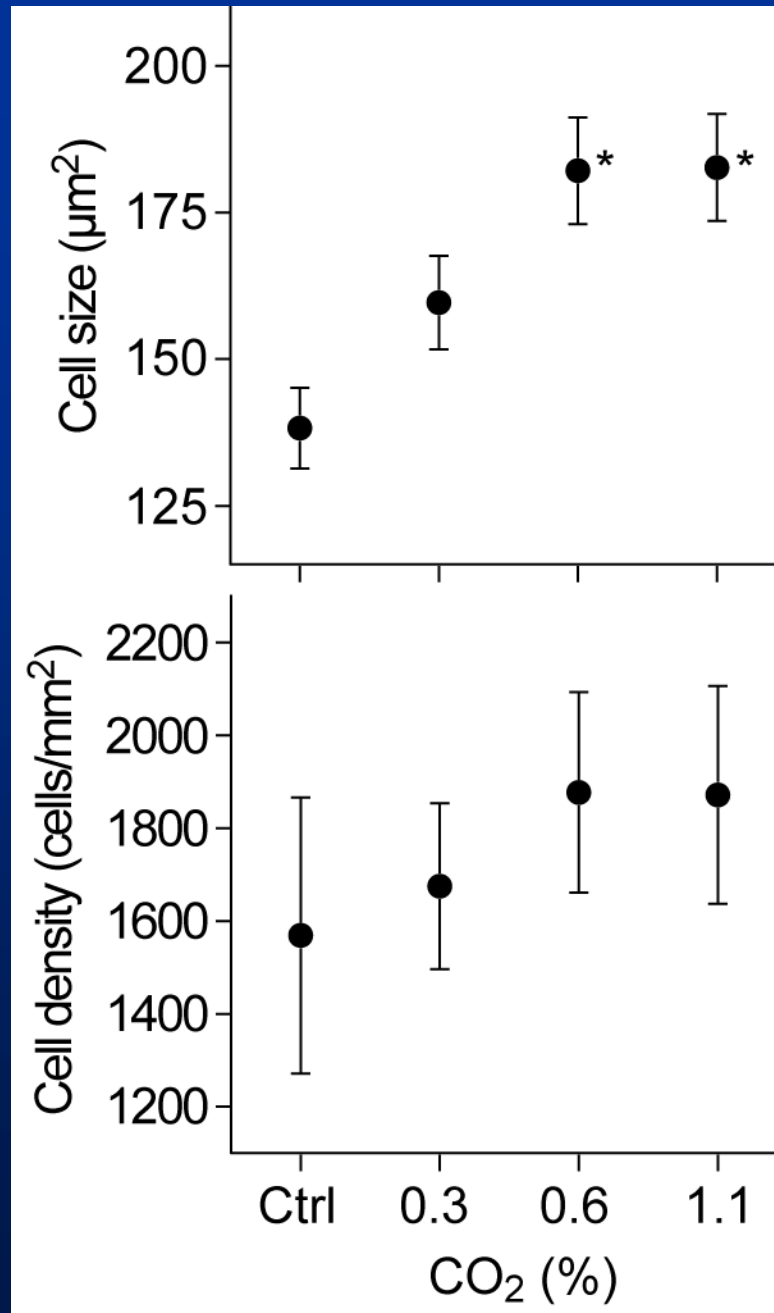
Total number of papers (1969-2008): 116 papers

Freshwater fish: 88    Seawater fish: 28

CO<sub>2</sub> levels used: > 5000  $\mu$ atm in 97%

Exposure duration: < 2 days in 65%

Stage of the fish: adults in nearly all papers





# Our previous invertebrate studies

Kurihara et al. (

Control

CO<sub>2</sub>

