

# 1 **Indications of future performance of native and non-** 2 **native adult oysters under acidification and warming**

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## 20 **Abstract**

21 Globally, non-native species (NNS) have been introduced and now often entirely  
22 replace native species in captive aquaculture; in part, a result of a perceived greater  
23 resilience of NSS to climate change and disease. Here, the effects of ocean  
24 acidification and warming on metabolic rate, feeding rate, and somatic growth was

25 assessed using two co-occurring species of oysters – the introduced Pacific oyster  
26 *Magallana gigas* (formerly *Crassostrea gigas*), and native flat oyster *Ostrea edulis*.  
27 Biological responses to increased temperature and  $p\text{CO}_2$  combinations were tested,  
28 the effects differing between species. Metabolic rates and energetic demands of both  
29 species were increased by warming but not by elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$ . While acidification  
30 and warming did not affect the clearance rate of *O. edulis*, *M. gigas* displayed a 40%  
31 decrease at  $\sim 750$  ppm  $p\text{CO}_2$ . Similarly, the condition index of *O. edulis* was  
32 unaffected, but that of *M. gigas* was negatively impacted by warming, likely due to  
33 increased energetic demands that were not compensated for by increased feeding.  
34 These findings suggest differing stress from anthropogenic  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions between  
35 species and contrary to expectations, this was higher in introduced *M. gigas* than in  
36 the native *O. edulis*. If these laboratory findings hold true for populations in the wild,  
37 then continued  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions can be expected to adversely affect the functioning  
38 and structure of *M. gigas* populations with significant ecological and economic  
39 repercussions, especially for aquaculture. Our findings strengthen arguments in  
40 favour of investment in *O. edulis* restoration in UK waters.

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43 oyster; physiology; UK

## 45 **Introduction**

46 Ocean acidification and warming (OAW) affects the behaviour, metabolism, and  
47 performance of a diversity of marine organisms (Barry *et al.*, 2011; Kroeker *et al.*,  
48 2013). Early-life history stages, especially important in population persistence, are  
49 shown to be particularly vulnerable (Byrne & Przeslawski, 2013; Kurihara, 2008;  
50 Przeslawski *et al.*, 2015), and is raising concerns for the continued provision of  
51 important ecosystem services (Lacoue-Labarthe *et al.*, 2016; Lemasson *et al.*, 2017;  
52 Sunday *et al.*, 2016; Weatherdon *et al.*, 2016). Calcifying species are especially at  
53 risk as they are susceptible to alterations in ocean chemistry (Hofmann *et al.*, 2010;  
54 Parker *et al.*, 2013; Pörtner *et al.*, 2014), manifested by increased metabolism,  
55 respiration and energy expenditure (Pörtner & Farrell, 2008).

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57 Species most resilient to OAW may well be those best able to enhance their energy  
58 assimilation. A common way for marine organisms to balance their energy intake  
59 and expenditure is to increase their feeding rate, (Ramajo *et al.*, 2015; Sanders *et al.*,  
60 2013; Thomsen *et al.*, 2012; Towle *et al.*, 2015) or reallocate energy through  
61 partitioning and trade-offs between reproduction, somatic growth and calcification  
62 (Leung *et al.*, 2017). Species less able to manipulate their feeding activity to offset  
63 stress from OAW may show reduced energetic levels and capacity for metabolic  
64 maintenance (Houlbrèque *et al.*, 2015; Mackenzie *et al.*, 2014; Vargas *et al.*, 2015).  
65 OAW may therefore be an important selection pressure that dictates the distribution  
66 of species and functioning of marine ecosystems. Today, there is pressure to  
67 understand the effects of OAW on species that provide important ecosystem goods

68 and services (Osborn *et al.*, 2017) and mitigate negative impacts of OAW to ensure  
69 the sustainable delivery of the services derived from those species in to the future.

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71 In the UK, the native European flat oyster, *Ostrea edulis*, and the non-native Pacific  
72 oyster, *Magallana gigas* (which until recently was named *Crassostrea gigas*) are two  
73 valuable commercially-exploited species. They provide relatively similar and  
74 numerous ecosystem services (Herbert *et al.*, 2012) including: reef formation,  
75 erosion control, improvement of water quality (through cycling and purification), raw  
76 material supply, and food provision (through aquaculture and fisheries) (see Coen *et al.*,  
77 2007, for a review of oyster-associated ecosystem services; Herbert *et al.*, 2012).

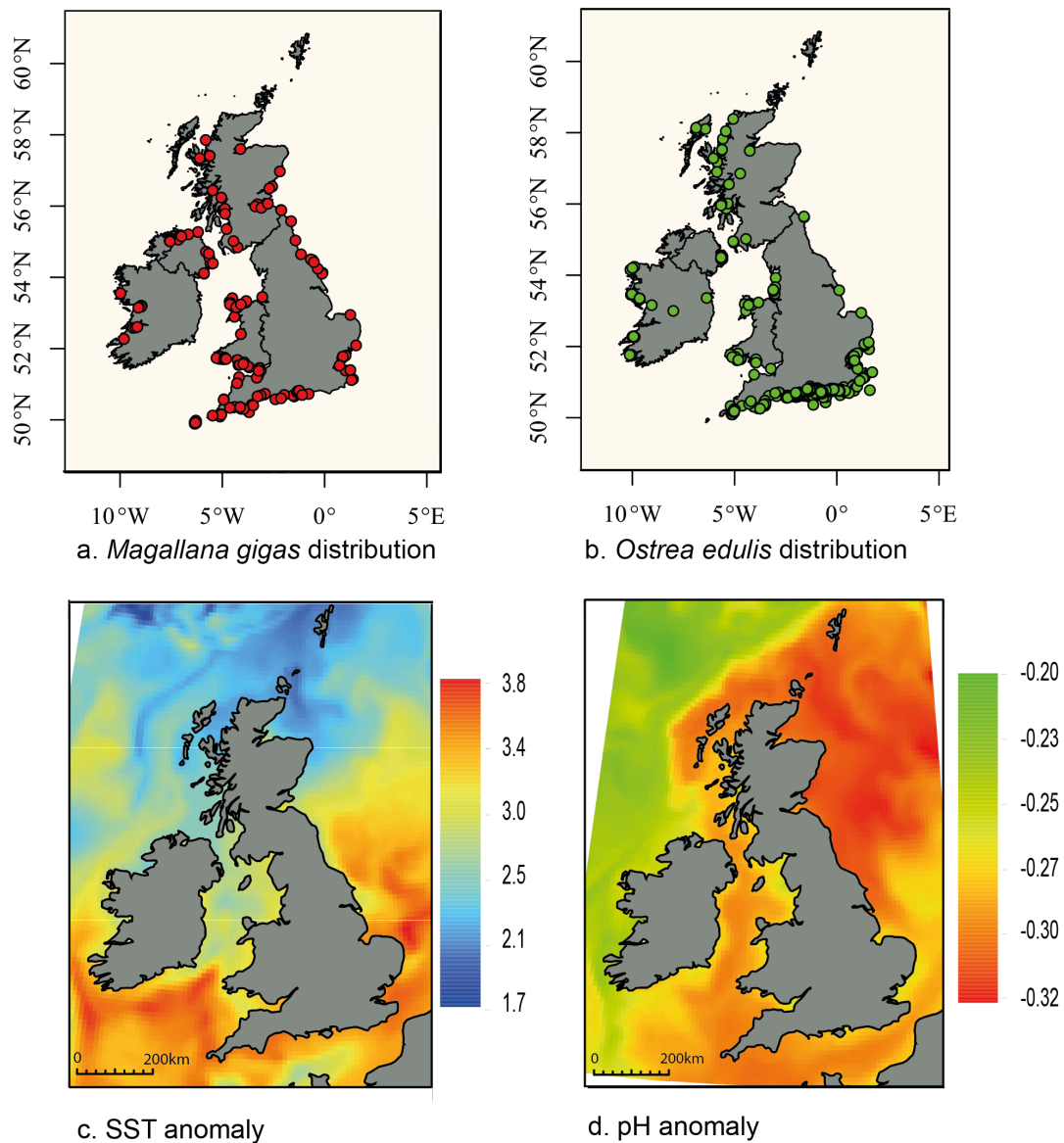
78 Historically, *O. edulis* was highly abundant and was the basis of a major shellfish  
79 fishery in the UK and Europe (Coolen, 2017; Orton, 1937), but today is a protected  
80 species in the UK with active restoration efforts underway to counteract ever  
81 declining stocks from overharvesting, competition, pests, diseases, and reproductive  
82 failures (Laing *et al.*, 2006; Lallias *et al.*, 2010; Woolmer *et al.*, 2011). In contrast, *M.*  
83 *gigas* was introduced to the UK within regulated aquaculture settings in the mid-20<sup>th</sup>  
84 Century in response to the decline of *O. edulis*, and today this species represents  
85 over 90% of UK oyster aquaculture production, worth an estimated £10.14 million  
86 annually (Humphreys *et al.*, 2014).

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88 *Magallana gigas* was originally introduced under the assumption that local seawater  
89 temperatures would prevent its reproduction and the formation of viable wild  
90 populations, nonetheless the species has formed unintended wild populations on UK  
91 and Irish shores where it is often considered invasive (Dolmer *et al.*, 2014; Herbert *et al.*,  
92 2016; Kochmann *et al.*, 2013; Troost, 2010). Despite the occurrence of wild

93 populations, the harvest of *M. gigas* is currently mostly limited to regulated  
94 aquaculture sites (Herbert *et al.*, 2012). Today, beds comprised of both *M. gigas* and  
95 *O. edulis* occur, such as in Ireland (Zwerschke *et al.*, 2017) and at sites along the  
96 South-West coast of the UK (pers. observations; Fig 1.a,b). It is often speculated that  
97 *M. gigas* and *O. edulis* compete for space and resources, with the presence of  
98 *M. gigas* having negative consequences for *O. edulis*, although there is no  
99 documented evidence of this. In fact, a recent study suggests no evidence of  
100 competition between the two species (Zwerschke *et al.*, 2016). Nevertheless, the  
101 negative perception of wild *M. gigas* populations has led to management measures  
102 being introduced to prevent its further proliferation, and to promote the recovery of  
103 *O. edulis* (Harding *et al.*, 2016; Herbert *et al.*, 2012; Laing *et al.*, 2006; Sawusdee,  
104 2015; Woolmer *et al.*, 2011).

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**Fig 1. Current UK wild distribution of (a) *Magallana gigas* (red) and (b) *Ostrea edulis* (green) (data obtained from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) database), (c) maximum mean annual sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly (SST, in °C; medium emission scenario IPCC SRES: A1B for 2070-2099, data obtained from UKCP09) and (d) minimum mean annual surface water pH anomaly (scenario for 2080-2099, data obtained from the Marine Ecosystem Evolution in a Changing Environment (MEECE) database).**

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115 Since its introduction to Europe, *M. gigas* has been spreading northward across  
116 European shores (Shelmerdine *et al.*, 2017) facilitated by increasing average sea  
117 surface temperatures (SST) (Angles d'Auriac *et al.*, 2017; Rinde *et al.*, 2016;  
118 Thomas *et al.*, 2016; Townhill *et al.*, 2017). In contrast, the extent of *O. edulis* is  
119 continuing to decline, and native oyster reefs are considered some of the most  
120 endangered coastal habitats in Europe (Airoldi & Beck, 2007; Beck *et al.*, 2011). The  
121 success of introduced species is often attributed to their greater tolerance (and  
122 physiological plasticity) to fluctuating environmental conditions than their native  
123 counterparts (Hall-Spencer & Allen, 2015; Lodge, 1993; Stachowicz *et al.*, 2002). For  
124 example, in Australia, early-life stages of *M. gigas* (introduced) were shown to be  
125 less sensitive to OAW than the native *Saccostrea glomerata* (Parker *et al.*, 2010)  
126 and in Brazil, introduced *M. gigas* was more resilient to extreme hypercapnic  
127 conditions than the native *Crassostrea brasiliiana* (Moreira *et al.*, 2018). A similar  
128 response has also been shown in other taxa. For example, in Spain, the non-  
129 indigenous mussel *Xenostrobus securis* was found more resilient to reduced pH than  
130 the native *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (Gestoso *et al.*, 2016). This precedent would  
131 suggest it is not unreasonable to expect *M. gigas* to display similar tolerance in the  
132 UK, and be more resilient than its native counterpart *O. edulis* to future change in  
133 environmental conditions.

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135 As calcifiers, both oyster species can be expected to be negatively impacted by  
136 ocean acidification. The risks that ocean acidification pose to oysters were first  
137 highlighted in 2007 when hatcheries in the Pacific North-West region of the US  
138 suffered mass mortalities of Pacific oyster larvae. Upwelling of acidified water with

139 low aragonite saturation (a principle biomineral used in shell maintenance) caused  
140 an 80% reduction in hatchery production and significant financial losses (Barton *et*  
141 *al.*, 2015; Cooley *et al.*, 2017). Since then, studies into the effects of OAW on oysters  
142 and other commercially important bivalves have rapidly increased in number.  
143 Extensive work has been done on early life stages, demonstrating sensitivity to OAW,  
144 but also other environmental stressors (Cole *et al.*, 2016; Parker *et al.*, 2017a).  
145 Responses include slower calcification (Waldbusser *et al.*, 2016), delayed growth,  
146 and delayed or abnormal development (Gray *et al.*, 2017; Parker *et al.*, 2010;  
147 Waldbusser *et al.*, 2015).

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149 Less work has been undertaken on juveniles and adults, although impacts on early  
150 life stages has been shown to “carry-over” into these life-history stages (Hettinger *et*  
151 *al.*, 2013b; Hettinger *et al.*, 2012). Both juveniles and adults have shown altered  
152 immune response (Liu *et al.*, 2016; Wang *et al.*, 2016), reduced calcification and  
153 shell growth (Beniash *et al.*, 2010; Waldbusser *et al.*, 2011b; Wright *et al.*, 2014),  
154 increased shell dissolution (Waldbusser *et al.*, 2011a), and reductions in shell  
155 strength (Dickinson *et al.*, 2012; Mackenzie *et al.*, 2014; Welladsen *et al.*, 2010).  
156 Crucial metabolic activities, such as respiration and feeding, can also be impacted  
157 (Comeau *et al.*, 2008; Dove & Sammut, 2007; Scanes *et al.*, 2017), the resulting  
158 stress likely leading to mortality and reduced population resilience, impaired  
159 biological functioning, and reduced ecosystem service provision (Lemasson *et al.*,  
160 2017).

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162 Temperature is considered a major determinant of species and ecosystem structure  
163 and functioning. For *M. gigas*, its thermal range is reported as 1.8-35°C (see FAO



164 factsheet; Fig 1.a). While the thermal optima is not known for this species (and may  
165 vary as a result of local adaptation, see Sanford & Kelly, 2011), given its evolutionary  
166 origins, it is argued that in the UK, increasing average SST that is associated with  
167 climate change allows increased metabolic performance, individual growth, and  
168 range expansion. For *O. edulis*, the thermal range is less well defined and where  
169 data are available, the evidence is contradictory (Shelmerdine & Leslie, 2009). In  
170 one instance, temperatures higher than 20°C have been shown to be suboptimal,  
171 negatively affecting growth, metabolism and filtration activity in juvenile *O. edulis*  
172 (Buxton *et al.*, 1981), but conversely, cold has also been shown to limit larval  
173 production, recruitment, and growth below temperatures of 17.5°C (Beiras *et al.*,  
174 1995; Davis & Calabrese, 1969; Orton, 1940; Robert *et al.*, 2017; Walne, 1958).  
175 Differences in response may be related to dispersal capacity. *Magallana gigas*  
176 generate solely planktotrophic larvae, whereas *O. edulis* first brood (larviparous)  
177 before generating shorter planktonic duration planktotrophic larvae, which arguably  
178 limits dispersal capacity and promotes a greater likelihood of local adaptation  
179 (Bertness & Gaines, 1993) in *O. edulis* over *M. gigas* making developmental  
180 performance thresholds less clear.

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182 It is therefore unclear how continued CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and associated increases in  
183 ocean acidification and warming will affect wild and harvested populations of  
184 *M. gigas* and *O. edulis* in the UK, nor what the consequences for ecological  
185 functioning and provisioning of ecosystem services will be. Substitution of one  
186 species for another, either partially or entirely, can produce significant ecological  
187 impacts (Krassoi *et al.*, 2008), but since *M. gigas* is, in theory, able to provide similar  
188 ecological functions and ecosystem services as *O. edulis* (Herbert *et al.*, 2016;

189 Zwerschke *et al.*, 2016) and is currently present in higher abundances, efforts to  
190 eradicate it may be unwise if it becomes increasingly prevalent under climate change.

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192 In this study, we test the effects of OAW on the physiological responses of a native  
193 and a non-native species of UK oyster to determine the potential respective  
194 ecosystem service contribution of these species both today and in the future.

195 Individual measures of fitness were assessed using Standard Metabolic Rate (SMR),  
196 Clearance Rate (CR), and Condition Index (CI) under simulated warming and  
197 acidification scenarios over a 12 week period. SMR was used as a proxy for  
198 metabolic costs and energetic requirements, while CR informed us of energy uptake.

199 CI was used to assess overall health and quality and the availability of energy  
200 reserves within somatic tissues. Our hypotheses were that future OAW conditions  
201 would induce metabolic costs for both species of oysters, along with compensatory  
202 increases in energy acquisition through enhanced feeding. Additionally, we  
203 hypothesised that *M. gigas* would show evidence of higher tolerance to warming and  
204 acidification than *O. edulis*.

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## 206 **Methods**

### 207 **Organism collection and acclimation**

208 Adult Pacific oysters (*M. gigas*;  $112.4 \pm 6.9$  mm in length and weighing  $285.9 \pm 13.4$   
209 g), and European flat oysters (*O. edulis*;  $79.4 \pm 5.7$  mm in length and weighing  $92.8$   
210  $\pm 15.1$  g) were hand-collected from a wild population at a low-intertidal fully marine  
211 site in Plymouth Sound, UK ( $50^{\circ}23'29.95''\text{N}$ ,  $004^{\circ}13'16.77''\text{W}$ ), in July 2015 and  
212 January 2016, respectively. Oysters were cleaned of epibionts and allowed to

213 acclimatise in a recirculating system to ambient laboratory conditions of ~16.5°C and  
214 atmospheric pressure of 400ppm at the University of Plymouth (UK). Over an  
215 acclimation period of 14 days, oysters were fed *ad libitum* with a mixed algal diet  
216 (Shellfish Diet 1800, Reed Mariculture).

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## 218 **Experimental design**

219 Following acclimation to laboratory conditions, 24 oysters were placed in their own  
220 3 L experimental tank (four tanks per OAW scenario) and exposed to the treatment  
221 conditions. Three levels of  $p\text{CO}_2$  (ambient 400 ppm, intermediate 750 ppm, elevated  
222 1000 ppm), and two temperatures (control 16.8 °C, elevated 20 °C), were tested in  
223 an orthogonal experimental design to simulate current and future OAW scenarios.  
224 These six scenarios are in line with warming and acidification conditions predicted  
225 for the UK (Fig 1c,d). As such, temperature scenarios reflected maximum current  
226 SST (16.8°C), and predicted SST for the end of the century (20°C, corresponding to  
227 the predicted increase by 3-4°C in average SST along the South-West of the UK).  
228 However, it should be noted that such predictions do not taken into account localized  
229 variability in environmental conditions often experienced by organisms in coastal and  
230 estuarine habitats, and which may be amplified by future OAW. Due to capacity  
231 limitations of our mesocosm system, the experiment ran for 12 weeks between  
232 September and November 2015 for *M. gigas*, then repeated with *O. edulis* following  
233 the same procedures between January and March 2016. As such, the environmental  
234 conditions experienced by each species were inherently different due to natural  
235 seasonal variations in seawater properties driven by differences in atmospheric  
236 conditions (e.g. barometric pressure). The resulting pH conditions were therefore

237 different between experiments (Fig 2, S1 Table), but the effect size (magnitude of  
238 difference in pH between experimental treatments) were comparable.

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## 240 **Mesocosm set-up**

241 The ocean acidification and warming mesocosm system used during the experiment  
242 is a modified version of the one described by Calosi *et al.*, (2013). Briefly, each  
243 treatment consisted of a header tank (volume=80 L) of seawater, supplied from one  
244 of two sumps (16.5 °C and 20 °C), and aerated with either the ambient air pipe  
245 ( $p\text{CO}_2$  400 ppm) or one of the two  $\text{CO}_2$ - enriched air pipes ( $p\text{CO}_2$  750 ppm,  $p\text{CO}_2$   
246 1000 ppm). Ambient air consisted of laboratory air subjected to diurnal variability.  
247 Mixing in all header tanks was achieved using a submersible pump (Hydor Koralia  
248 Nano 900, Italy).  $\text{CO}_2$  gas mix were obtained by slowly releasing  $\text{CO}_2$  into two  
249 Buchner flasks where it mixed with ambient air, achieving two different levels of  
250  $p\text{CO}_2$ , using multistage  $\text{CO}_2$  regulators (EN ISO 7291; GCE, Worksop, UK). As such,  
251 throughout the experiment the three  $\text{CO}_2$  levels varied in a similar manner following  
252 natural variations in  $\text{CO}_2$  in the ambient air. The treatments thus took account of  
253 natural daily variability, which has been suggested as a critical consideration for  
254 climate change experimental studies (Humphreys, 2016; Reum *et al.*, 2015).  $\text{CO}_2$   
255 levels in the two  $\text{CO}_2$ -enriched pipes were recorded using a  $\text{CO}_2$  analyser (LI-820;  
256 LI-COR, Lincoln, NE, USA) and adjusted manually to the desired level twice daily.  
257  $\text{CO}_2$  levels in the ambient air pipe were also recorded to monitor the levels of the  
258 control treatments. Seawater was gravity-fed from the header tanks to each of the  
259 corresponding replicate tanks (3 L transparent sealed containers) at a constant rate  
260 of ~60 mL/min. The replicate tanks were held within four larger 300 L holding trays,  
261 each sump supplying seawater to two of the holding trays, effectively creating water

262 baths maintaining the replicate tanks at the desired temperature (two water baths at  
263 16.5°C, two water baths at 20°C). Each tray held two replicates of each CO<sub>2</sub> levels  
264 (four replicates per temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> treatment). Excess seawater was allowed  
265 to overflow from the trays to their corresponding sump, where it was filtered, aerated,  
266 and recirculated to the corresponding header tanks and trays using a submersible  
267 pump (1262; EHEIM GmbH and Co. KG, Deizisau, Germany). Seawater in the  
268 system originated from Plymouth Sound (UK) and, following mechanical filtering and  
269 UV sterilization, was added and replaced on a daily basis to account for evaporation,  
270 Deionized water was added as needed to maintain stable salinity levels. In elevated  
271 temperature treatments, seawater was increased to 20°C using aquarium heaters  
272 (50 W aquarium heater; EHEIM Jager GmbH and Co. KG, Stuttgart, Germany)  
273 placed in header tanks and holding trays.

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## 275 **Measurements of seawater parameters**

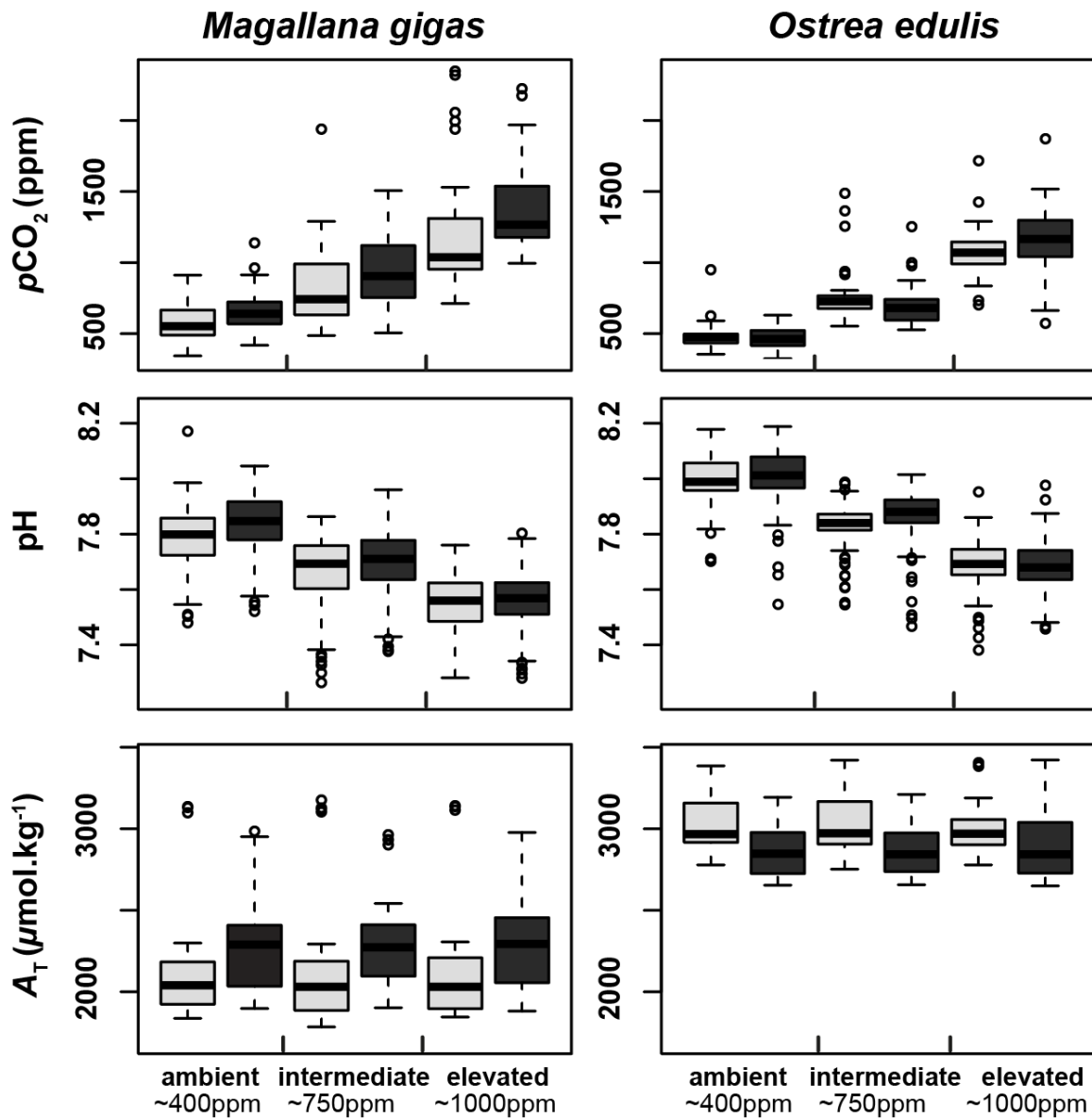
276 Temperature, salinity, and pH were measured daily in all replicate tanks (Fig 2. see  
277 also S1 Table and S1 Fig. for details of temperature and pH data). Salinity was  
278 measured using a handheld refractometer (D&D The Aquarium Solution Ltd, Ilford,  
279 UK) and temperature measured using a digital thermometer (TL; Fisher Scientific,  
280 Loughborough, UK). pH was measured using a microelectrode (InLab® Expert Pro-  
281 ISM; Mettler- Toledo Ltd, Beaumont Leys, UK) coupled to a pH meter (S400  
282 SevenExcellence™; Mettler-Toledo Ltd, Beaumont Leys, UK), following calibration  
283 with NIST traceable buffers. pH in the header tanks was also monitored (data not  
284 shown). Total Alkalinity (A<sub>T</sub>) was measured once a week in each of the replicate  
285 tanks. 125 mL water samples were transferred to borosilicate bottle with Teflon caps  
286 and poisoned with 30 µL of saturated HgCl<sub>2</sub> solution (0.02 % sample volume) before

287 being kept in the dark until measurement by automatic Gran titration (Titralab  
288 AT1000 © Hach Company). Partial pressure of carbon dioxide ( $p\text{CO}_2$ ) and saturation  
289 states of calcite and aragonite ( $\Omega_{\text{calcite}}$  and  $\Omega_{\text{aragonite}}$ ), were calculated at the end  
290 of the experiment using CO2 SYS (Pierrot *et al.*, 2006), employing constants from  
291 Mehrbach *et al.* (1973) refitted to the NBS pH scale by Dickson and Millero (1987)  
292 and the  $\text{KSO}_4$  dissociation constant from Dickson (1990) (Fig 2., see also S1 Table).

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294 Throughout the duration of the experiment, oysters were fed daily with 20 mL of a  
295 live algae (mixed diet of *Isochrysis galbana* and *Tetraselmis* sp.) to obtain a  
296 concentration of approximately  $10^8$  cell.L<sup>-1</sup> within the experimental tank. Three times  
297 a week, tanks were gently brushed and siphoned to remove faeces and excess food,  
298 thereby insuring acceptable water quality, removing no more than 20% of the volume,  
299 and left to slowly refill with the incoming equilibrated seawater.

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**Fig 2. Variation in  $p\text{CO}_2$ , pH, and total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ), of seawater in the experimental treatments.** ppm=part per million. Grey= control temperature (~16.8°C, black= elevated temperature (~20.0°C). Data are pooled based on daily (pH) and weekly ( $A_T$ ) measurements over the 12 week experimental duration. Weekly  $p\text{CO}_2$  values were calculated using CO2 SYS (Pierrot D *et al.*, 2006).

## Physiological measurements

309 Following 10 days, 5, 9, and 12 weeks of exposure to each OAW scenario, metabolic  
310 activity and energy acquisition were measured for each oyster (N=24 per species; 4  
311 per OAW scenario). To limit post-prandial metabolism of food and excretion of  
312 faeces that could alter the results, oysters were not fed for 24h prior to  
313 measurements.

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### 315 Standard metabolic rate

316 Respiration rates were measured as proxy for Standard Metabolic Rates (SMR),  
317 using microfiber optic oxygen sensors (Firebox 4, PreSens Germany,  
318 www.presens.de). All oysters (N=24 per species; 4 per OAW scenario) was placed in  
319 a 1.2 L air-tight container, filled with 1 L of seawater filtered to 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and pre-  
320 equilibrated to their respective experimental  $p\text{CO}_2$  and temperature treatment. To  
321 maintain stable temperature in the chambers, all measurements were conducted in  
322 controlled-temperature rooms. The seawater in each chamber was stirred using a  
323 magnetic rod for the duration of the assay (350 rpm). Respiration measurements  
324 started when the oyster resumed filtration, and ended either when  $\text{O}_2$  saturation  
325 reached 80% to prevent the organisms from experiencing hypoxic conditions, or  
326 when the oyster shut its valves.  $\text{O}_2$  measurements were corrected for temperature,  
327 salinity, and barometric pressure using Green and Carritt's (1967) oxygen solubility  
328 coefficients and Weiss' (1970) vapour pressure values, as well as corrected for  
329 background bacterial respiration (the reduction in dissolved oxygen in each tank  
330 without shellfish was subtracted from total  $\text{O}_2$  reductions in the same tank with  
331 shellfish) and the individuals' volume and dry weight, to obtain absolute quantities of  
332 oxygen consumed. Temperature and salinity was recorded at the start of each assay  
333 as described above. Barometric pressure data were obtained from the Plymouth Live



334 Weather Station (<http://www.bearsbythesea.co.uk>). Dry weight was assessed at the  
335 end of the 12-wk exposure (see below “Condition Index” section for details). Volume  
336 was determined using the water displacement method. SMR was calculated as  
337 follows:

$$338 \quad SMR = \frac{V_r(L) \times \Delta C_w O_2 (mg O_2 \cdot L^{-1})}{\Delta t(h) \times bw(g)} [1]$$

339 where SMR is the oxygen consumption normalized to 1 g of dry tissue mass (DW) in  
340  $mg O_2 \cdot g^{-1} DW \cdot h^{-1}$ ;  $V_r$  is the volume of the respirometry chamber minus the volume of  
341 the oyster (L);  $\Delta C_w O_2$  is the change in water oxygen concentration measured  
342 ( $mg O_2 \cdot L^{-1}$ );  $\Delta t$  is measuring time (h); and  $bw$  is the dry tissue mass (g) of the oyster.

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#### 344 Clearance rates

345 Directly following the respirometry assay, the Clearance Rate (CR) of all oysters  
346 from each treatment (n=4) was calculated using methods previously described in  
347 Coughlan (1969) and Sanders *et al.*, (2013). Individuals selected for clearance rate  
348 measurements were the same individuals used for the respirometry assay described  
349 above. Oysters were placed in a 1.2 L chamber, filled with 1 L of seawater filtered to  
350  $2 \mu m$  and pre-equilibrated at their respective experimental  $pCO_2$  and temperature  
351 treatment. To maintain stable temperature in the chambers, all measurements were  
352 conducted in controlled-temperature rooms. ~20 mL of the same live algae culture  
353 (mix of *Tetraselmis* sp. and *Isochrysis galbana*) was added to each chamber when  
354 oysters started filtering. To allow homogeneous mixing of algae, the seawater in  
355 each chamber was stirred using a magnetic rod (350 rpm). Three replicate 5mL  
356 water samples were taken from haphazard locations throughout the chamber (1)  
357 prior to the addition of food ( $t_i$ ); (2) immediately after addition of food ( $t_o$ ) to check the

358 initial algal concentration; and (3) at 10 minute intervals following food addition for a  
359 duration of 40 minutes, providing 6 sampling times (i.e.  $t_i$ ,  $t_o$ ,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ ,  $t_3$ , and  $t_4$ ). If the  
360 oyster shut its valves, the chronometer was stopped and restarted once the valves  
361 re-opened. Counts of algae in all water samples were performed in triplicate using a  
362 Coulter Counter (Beckman Coulter Z2). Clearance rates (CR) were calculated using  
363 the following equation after Coughlan (1969):

$$364 \quad CR = \frac{V \times \ln\left(\frac{C_{n-1}}{C_n}\right)}{t_n - t_{n-1}} [2]$$

365 where CR is the clearance rate measured during the 10 minute interval between  
366 sampling times  $t_{n-1}$  and  $t_n$ , normalized to 1 g of dry tissue mass ( $L^{-1}.g^{-1}DW.h^{-1}$ ),  $V$  is  
367 the volume of the chamber in L,  $C_{n-1}$  is the concentration ( $cell.L^{-1}$ ) in the sample  
368 taken at time  $t_{n-1}$  (hour), and  $C_n$  is the concentration ( $cell.L^{-1}$ ) in the sample taken at  
369 time  $t_n$  (hour). Results are presented as CRmax, the maximum clearance rate  
370 observed during the 40-minute incubation.

371

## 372 **Condition index**

373 The Condition Index (CI) of oysters was calculated at the end of each experiment  
374 based on dry weight following the method recommended by Lucas and Beninger  
375 (1985) and described in equation [3]. Condition indices are useful tools widely used  
376 in the aquaculture sector to evaluate the overall quality and health of bivalves  
377 (Knights, 2012; Marin *et al.*, 2003). They reflect their ability to withstand adverse  
378 conditions (Marin *et al.*, 2003) by describing the quantity of organic tissue present  
379 (Bodoy *et al.*, 1986).

$$380 \quad CI = \frac{\text{dry meat weight}}{\text{dry shell weight}} \times 100 [3]$$

381 Dry tissue weight was determined after each oyster was shucked using an oyster  
382 knife and oven-dried at 105°C until a constant mass was achieved.

383

## 384 **Statistical analyses**

385 All data were tested for the assumption of homogeneity of variances, and where not  
386 met, data were transformed using logarithmic or square-root transformations. If after  
387 transformations assumptions were still not met, equivalent non-parametric tests were  
388 conducted. Differences were considered statistically significant if  $p < 0.05$ . All data  
389 were analysed using the public domain software *R* (version 3.2.5 R Core Team,  
390 2016). Due to natural variations in the chemistry of the seawater used during the  
391 experiments and the partial pressure of ambient air used, the treatments applied to  
392 each species were not consistent, and therefore, species were not formally  
393 compared and data analysed separately.

394

## 395 SMR and CR

396 SMR and CR data were analysed using linear mixed effects (lme) models with an  
397 autocorrelation argument (nlme package; see Zuur *et al.*, (2009)). 'Temperature' and  
398 ' $p\text{CO}_2$ ' were considered as fixed factors to assess differences in species' response  
399 to the treatments, and 'Exposure' (levels: 10 days, 5 wk, 9 wk, 12 wk) nested within  
400 'Replicate' to partition differences due to individual oysters. If significant differences  
401 were present, *post-hoc* test was performed to assess differences between treatment  
402 levels (TukeyC and Multcomp packages). For each species, data were interrogated  
403 for the presence of fundamental relationships between the two physiological traits  
404 using the Pearson's correlation test.

405

## 406 Condition Index

407 Differences in CI with treatment were analysed using 2-factor ANOVA with  
408 'temperature' (levels: 'control'; 'elevated') and 'pCO<sub>2</sub>' (levels: 'ambient ~400ppm',  
409 'intermediate ~750ppm', 'elevated ~1000ppm') as fixed factors. If significant  
410 differences were present, *post-hoc* pairwise comparisons (Tukey HSD) were  
411 performed to determine differences between treatment levels.

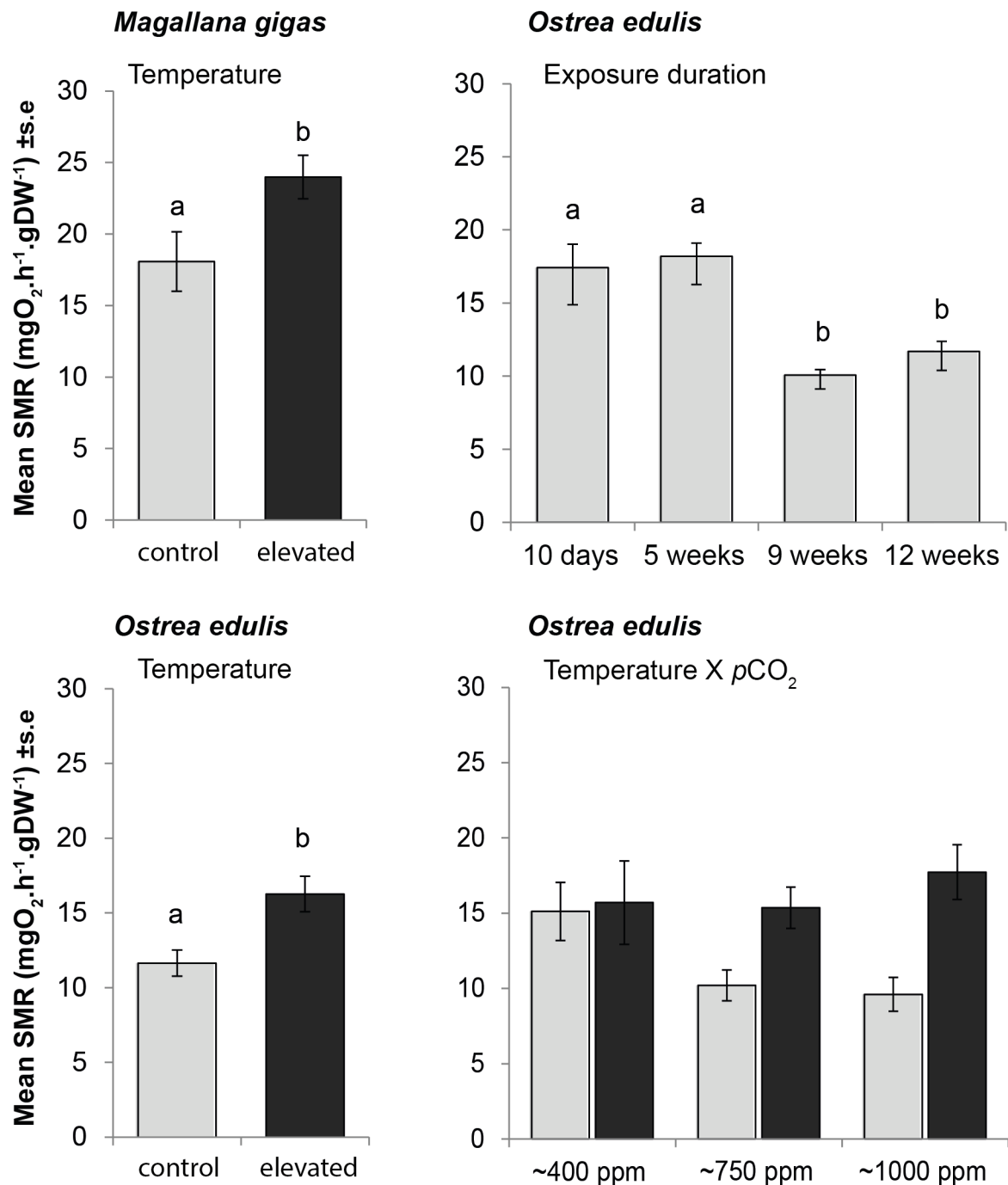
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## 413 **Results**

### 414 **Standard metabolic rate**

415 For both species, there was clear inter-individual variability in responses (Fig 3.). The  
416 linear mixed-effects model revealed differences in metabolic response depending on  
417 exposure and OAW scenario S2 Fig.). For *M. gigas*, higher temperature, but not  
418 pCO<sub>2</sub>, increased SMR by >43% (Fig 3.  $F_{1,18} = 11.51$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). For *O. edulis*,  
419 exposure time led to a statistically significant decrease in SMR after 5 weeks ( $F_{1,71} =$   
420  $25.55$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), and temperature led to a statistically significant increase in SMR  
421 of >39% ( $F_{1,18} = 9.52$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). However, it should be noted that for *O. edulis*,  
422 while the interaction between temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub> was marginally not significant  
423 ( $F_{1,66} = 3.50$ ,  $p = 0.052$ ), clear trends were apparent. SMR decreased by up to 36%  
424 under elevated pCO<sub>2</sub> conditions (750 and 1000 ppm) when oysters were kept at the  
425 control temperature, but when the temperature was elevated, there was no change  
426 in SMR even when pCO<sub>2</sub> was increased. This was especially notable under 1000  
427 ppm pCO<sub>2</sub>, where SMR was ~46% lower in the control temperature than in the warm  
428 temperature treatment.

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430

431 **Fig 3. Changes in standard metabolic rates (SMR) of *M. gigas* (top left) and**

432 ***O. edulis* (bottom left) with temperature treatment; and of *O. edulis* with**

433 **exposure duration (top right) and the interaction of temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub>**

434 **treatments (bottom right). Grey = control temperature. Black = elevated**

435 **temperature. DW = dry weight. Treatment groups that do not share a letter are**

436 **significantly different.**

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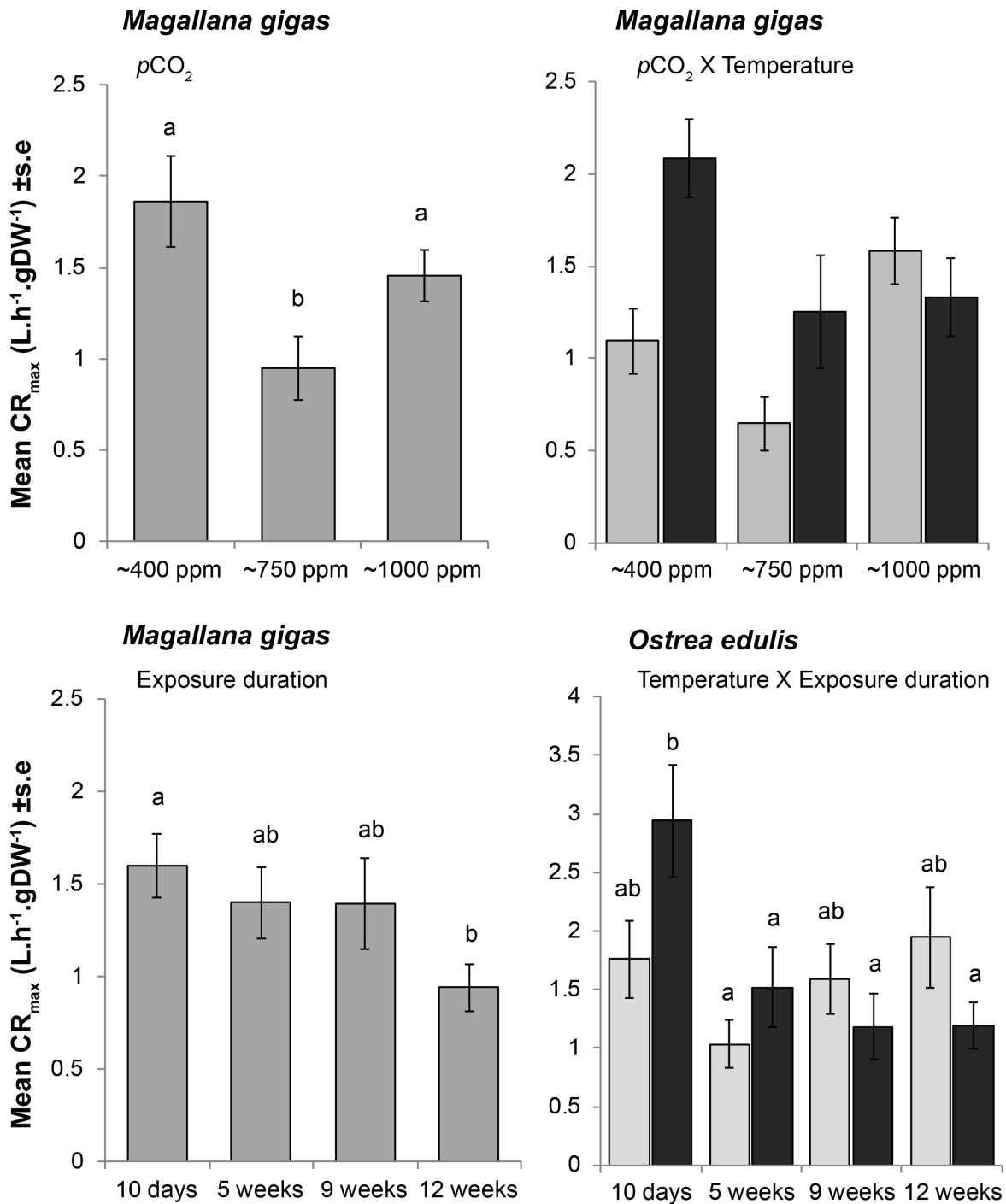
## 438 Clearance rate

439 Again, for both species, there was clear inter-individual variability in responses (S3  
440 Fig.). The linear mixed-effects model revealed differences in feeding response  
441 depending on exposure and OAW scenario (S3 Fig). For *M. gigas*,  $p\text{CO}_2$  ( $F_{2,18} = 5.8$ ,  
442  $p < 0.05$ ) and exposure time ( $F_{1,66} = 11.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) had significant effects on  
443 CRmax (Fig 4.). Intermediate  $p\text{CO}_2$  (~750 ppm) led to ~40% decrease in CRmax in  
444 comparison to ambient  $p\text{CO}_2$  conditions (Fig 4 top left). While not statistically  
445 significant, there was evidence that suggests an interaction between temperature  
446 and  $p\text{CO}_2$  on CRmax (Fig 4 top right). Under control temperature, CRmax was  $1.1 \pm$   
447  $0.2 \text{ L}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{gDW}^{-1}$  at ambient  $p\text{CO}_2$  but when oysters were exposed to elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$ ,  
448 CRmax either decreased by ~41% (750ppm) or increased by ~45% (1000ppm).  
449 Elevating the temperature led to an increase in CRmax (~91%) under ambient  $p\text{CO}_2$ ;  
450 an effect that was then lost under the 750ppm and 1000ppm OA treatments, with  
451 CRmax returning to a level comparable with this species held under control  
452 temperature and ambient  $p\text{CO}_2$  conditions (Fig 4 top right). After 12 wk, CRmax had  
453 decreased by ~41% of the starting clearance rate (Fig 4 bottom left).

454

455 For *O. edulis*, CRmax was affected by a combination of temperature and exposure  
456 time, but not  $p\text{CO}_2$  ( $F_{1,70} = 11.2$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )(Fig 4 bottom right). Under control  
457 temperature, CRmax was not different at 10d, 9 and 12 wk, although there was a  
458 reduction in CRmax of ~41% at wk-5. Under elevated temperature, CRmax of *O.*  
459 *edulis* was  $2.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ L}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{gDW}^{-1}$  after 10d exposure (an increase of ~67% over  
460 control temperature oysters), but which subsequently dropped back to a rate

461 comparable to oysters reared under control temperature for the remainder of the  
 462 study.



463  
 464 **Fig 4. Changes in maximum clearance rate (CR<sub>max</sub>) of: *M. gigas* with pCO<sub>2</sub>**  
 465 **treatment (top left), pCO<sub>2</sub> and temperature (top right), exposure duration**  
 466 **(bottom left); and *O. edulis* with exposure duration (bottom right). Grey =**

467 control temperature. Black = elevated temperature. Treatments that do not share a  
468 letter are significantly different. DW = dry weight.

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## 470 **Relationship between the physiological traits**

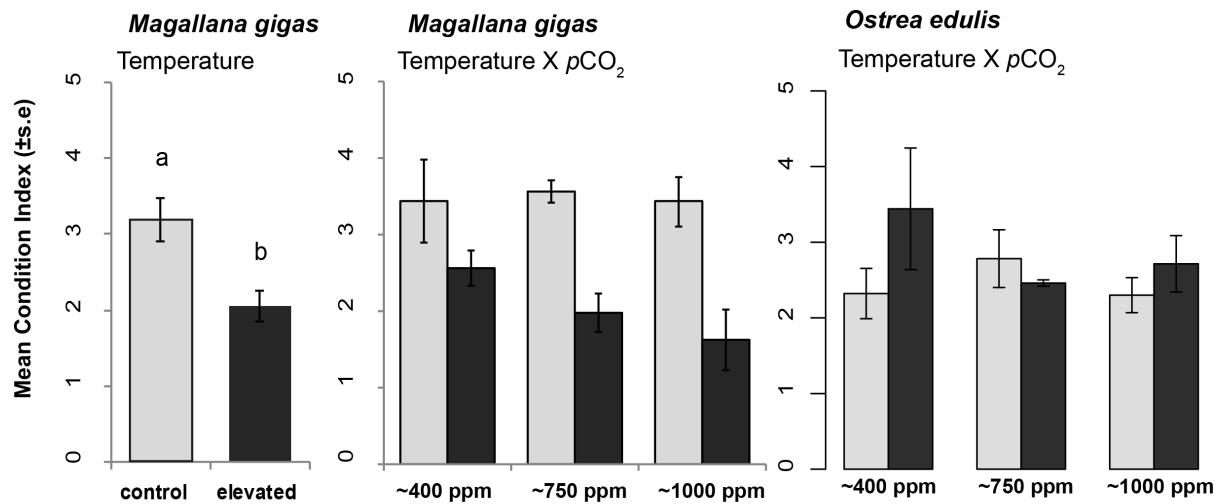
471 There was no correlation between SMR and CRmax for either *M. gigas* or *O. edulis*.

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## 473 **Condition index**

474 At the end of the exposure duration, none of the oysters were reproductive. For *M.*  
475 *gigas*, the effects of temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub> were only marginally not significant most  
476 likely due to statistical power ( $F_{2,18} = 3.46$ ,  $p = 0.053$ ), but clear trends were apparent.  
477 Under ambient temperature, there was no change in mean CI irrespective of pCO<sub>2</sub>,  
478 but when temperature was elevated, there was a sustained reduction in mean CI  
479 with increasing pCO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 5b). Considering temperature or pH alone, temperature  
480 led to a 40% reduction in CI from  $3.5 \pm 0.2$  to  $2.1 \pm 0.2$  ( $F_{1,18} = 12.5$ ,  $p < 0.01$ , Fig. 5a)  
481 but pCO<sub>2</sub> had no effect ( $F_{2,18} = 0.56$ ,  $p = 0.58$ ). In *O. edulis*, neither temperature  
482 ( $F_{1,17} = 0.85$ ,  $p = 0.37$ ) or pCO<sub>2</sub> ( $F_{1,17} = 0.10$ ,  $p = 0.902$ ) had any effect on CI, which  
483 averaged at  $2.6 \pm 0.1$  (Fig 5c).





484

485 **Fig 5. Variations in the condition index of *M. gigas* and *O. edulis* across**

486 **temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub> treatments after 12 weeks exposure. Grey = control**

487 **temperature. Black = elevated temperature. *M. gigas*: n=4; *O. edulis*: n=4.**

488

## 489 Discussion

490 Climate change represents an important selection pressure dictating the distribution

491 of species and the functioning of marine ecosystems. Today, there is pressure to

492 understand the effects of multiple stressors on species that provide important

493 ecosystem goods and services (Osborn *et al.*, 2017), and to mitigate any negative

494 impacts in order to ensure the sustainable delivery of these goods and services.

495 Here, following exposure to temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub> scenarios predicted for the near

496 future, we show species-specific changes in metabolic rate, feeding rate, and

497 condition of two ecologically and economically important species of oysters. Contrary

498 to expectations, non-native *M. gigas* experienced more pronounced negative effects

499 of warming and acidification than the native *O. edulis*, displaying increased metabolic

500 rate under elevated temperature to 20°C, but decreased feeding rate under ~750

501 ppm  $p\text{CO}_2$ , which led to reduced overall condition after 12 weeks. *O. edulis*  
502 appeared relatively unimpacted by future OAW scenarios.

503

## 504 **Metabolism**

505 In marine organisms, the performance of routine activities such as growth,  
506 reproduction, and feeding is supported by the metabolism of oxygen, which is  
507 modulated by environmental conditions such as temperature (Pörtner & Farrell,  
508 2008). Throughout our experiment, the metabolic rate of *M. gigas* was affected by  
509 elevated temperature only. Overall, a  $\sim 3^\circ\text{C}$  temperature increase led to a  $>43\%$   
510 increase in the SMR of *M. gigas*. Similarly, the metabolism of *O. edulis* also  
511 increased with elevated temperature by  $\sim 39\%$ , although unlike *M. gigas*, this  
512 increase coincided with highest  $p\text{CO}_2$  ( $\sim 1000$  ppm) concentrations. This suggests  
513 that both *Magallana gigas* and *Ostrea edulis* display some capacity to withstand  
514 ocean acidification and warming scenarios in the short term, but elevated  
515 temperatures may pose a threat to functioning should increases in metabolism  
516 approach maxima.

517

518 Temperature increasing the metabolism of organisms is common in ectotherms; an  
519 effect previously shown in oysters (Bougrier *et al.*, 1998; Saucedo *et al.*, 2004;  
520 Shpigel *et al.*, 1992) and other bivalves (Artigaud *et al.*, 2014; Matoo *et al.*, 2013).

521 This is not necessarily problematic if temperature elevations are within the thermal  
522 window of the organism, but ocean warming is expected to push species closer to or  
523 beyond their upper thermal limit with physiological and ecological consequences.

524 This is especially true for individuals already living close to their upper thermal limit  
525 (Pörtner & Farrell, 2008). In the UK, *M. gigas* is considered to be living in the middle

526 of its thermal range; its capacity to increase metabolic rate under elevated  
527 temperature supports this assertion. The thermal limits of *O. edulis* are less well  
528 known, but here, individuals were able to increase metabolic rate under elevated  
529 temperatures, suggesting some biological scope to withstand the climate scenarios  
530 predicted for the future.

531

532 In our study, adult *M. gigas* and *O. edulis* displayed complex responses to variations  
533 in  $p\text{CO}_2$  conditions, although none significantly changed their SMR, indicating that  
534 acidification levels tested here ( $\sim 750$  ppm;  $\sim 1000$  ppm  $p\text{CO}_2$ ) might not constitute  
535 stressful conditions for them. It is likely that these levels are not unusual in coastal  
536 and estuarine waters, and organisms may well have been subjected to these  $p\text{CO}_2$   
537 levels before (Hales *et al.*, 2016). However, the metabolic response of bivalves to  
538 elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  appears species and population-specific. Several other studies  
539 examining the effect of  $p\text{CO}_2$  on respiration rate in bivalves at concentrations  
540 equivalent to those tested here also revealed no change in SMR (e.g. *Crassostrea*  
541 *virginica* (at 800 ppm - Matoo *et al.*, 2013), Mediterranean mussels *Mytilus*  
542 *galloprovincialis* (at  $\sim 1090$  ppm - Gazeau *et al.*, 2014), and scallops, *Pecten*  
543 *maximus* (at either 750 ppm and 1140 ppm - Sanders *et al.*, 2013)). Pronounced  
544 changes in respiration rates can be shown when  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels greatly exceed those  
545 tested here (e.g. increasing in *C. virginica* (at 3500 ppm - Beniash *et al.*, 2010) and  
546 *Mytilus edulis* (at 1120 ppm and 2400 ppm - Thomsen & Melzner, 2010), but  
547 reducing in *Ruditapes decussatus* (between 1698 ppm and 4345 ppm - Fernández-  
548 Reiriz *et al.*, 2011)). It is argued that increases in metabolic rates allow individuals to  
549 maintain their internal acid-base balance and maintain routine physiological activities,  
550 such as biomineralization (Melzner *et al.*, 2009; Pörtner & Farrell, 2008) although the

551 conditions used to stimulate these changes greatly exceed  $p\text{CO}_2$  concentrations  
552 predicted for the next 80 years.

553

554 Previously, interactive effects of  $p\text{CO}_2$  and temperature on metabolism have been  
555 shown (e.g. Lannig *et al.*, 2010, at ~1480 ppm and 20°C or 25°C); an effect  
556 reinforced in *O. edulis* in this study which showed that elevated temperature could  
557 compensate for the decreasing trend in SMR under elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  (~1000 ppm) and  
558 lead to an overall increase in SMR. Increasing metabolic rate is energetically  
559 expensive. This may be a physiological response developed to cope with stressful  
560 conditions in the short-term but could also be an involuntary change caused by a  
561 speed-up of biochemical reactions. Irrespective of the mechanism, this suggests a  
562 higher energy demand necessary for the maintenance, active metabolism, and  
563 overall survival of oysters. However, long-term elevation in SMR may not be  
564 sustainable for organisms due to the added energetic costs, particularly if left  
565 uncompensated, unless they become adapted over multiple generations.

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## 567 **Clearance rate**

568 In the literature, the terms feeding rate, ingestion rate, clearance rate, and filtering  
569 rate are often used in concomitance or interchangeably (e.g. Coughlan, 1969;  
570 Fernández-Reiriz *et al.*, 2011; Sanders *et al.*, 2013). All are related to the amount of  
571 particles or the volume of water being processed over time. Previous studies have  
572 shown that respiration and feeding in oysters are related (Giomi *et al.*, 2016; Haure  
573 *et al.*, 2003; Haure *et al.*, 1995). Higher metabolism leads to higher energetic  
574 demands, commonly met through enhanced food consumption. Here however,  
575 contrary to predictions, no relationships between respiration and feeding rates were

576 found for either species. Nevertheless, in our study, the clearance rate of *M. gigas*  
577 followed an increasing trend under elevated temperature, particularly at ambient and  
578 intermediate  $p\text{CO}_2$  (Fig 5.), suggesting a mechanism working towards enhanced food  
579 acquisition and energy supply. While increased feeding activity with temperature has  
580 been previously shown in several species of mollusc (e.g: *O. edulis* (non-linear  
581 increase from 10°C to 30°C - Haure *et al.*, 1998, and references therein),  
582 *M. galloprovincialis* (from 12°C to 18°C - Kroeker *et al.*, 2014), and *Mytilus chilensis*  
583 (between 12°C and 16°C - Navarro *et al.*, 2016)), it was observed in *O. edulis* in this  
584 study only after 10 days of exposure, following which clearance rates returned to  
585 control levels. This suggests an initial acclimation response to experimental  
586 conditions rather than a longer-term response to the treatment.

587

588 Elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  reduced the clearance rate of *M. gigas* by up to 40%; an effect not  
589 observed in *O. edulis*. There is a burgeoning literature on the effects of elevated  
590  $p\text{CO}_2$  on the feeding behaviour and clearance rate of juvenile and adult bivalves,  
591 both of which are increasingly recognised as potential key physiological traits that  
592 govern an organisms' responses to ocean acidification (Vargas *et al.*, 2015).

593 Although feeding is an energetically expensive process (Pörtner *et al.*, 2004), it has  
594 the potential to alleviate the negative effects of ocean acidification by providing the  
595 required additional energy to overcome the increased cost of metabolism. Indeed,  
596 several studies have shown that high food availability can counteract the effects of  
597 acidification on molluscan larvae and juveniles (Hettinger *et al.*, 2013a; Sanders *et al.*,  
598 2013; Thomsen *et al.*, 2012). However, elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  has also been shown to  
599 negatively impact on the clearance and ingestion rates of several species of  
600 molluscs as found here for *M. gigas*. Juveniles of the mussel *Perumytilus purpuratus*

601 decreased their clearance rates by up to 70% under similar  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels (at 700 ppm  
602 and 1000 ppm - Vargas *et al.*, 2015). Elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  to 1000 ppm also led to reduced  
603 clearance rate and absorption efficiency in *M. chilensis* (Navarro *et al.*, 2016), and to  
604 a weak decrease in feeding rates in *M. galloprovincialis* at 1200 ppm (Kroeker *et al.*,  
605 2014). Additionally, more extreme  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels have also been linked to reduced  
606 clearance and ingestion rates in juveniles of the clam *R. decussatus* (between 1698  
607 ppm and 4345 ppm - Fernández-Reiriz *et al.*, 2011). Impairment of filtration and  
608 feeding can prevent organisms from resisting ocean acidification or compensating for  
609 its effects, with subsequent starvation leading to increased mortality within the  
610 population. In accordance with our results for *O. edulis*, no marked effects of  
611 elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  on clearance rate were recorded in *P. maximus* (at levels up to 1140  
612 ppm - Sanders *et al.*, 2013). These results reinforce the idea that responses to  
613 acidification conditions are not only species-specific, but also dependent on the  
614 range and number of  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels considered.

615

## 616 **Condition index**

617 The higher metabolic costs associated with increased respiration rates under future  
618 OAW conditions, particularly in *M. gigas*, were not compensated for by added energy  
619 through enhanced feeding. However, added energetic demands can also be met by  
620 other trade-offs with calcification, reproduction, and growth of somatic tissues.

621

622 Condition Indices (CI) are recognised as useful tools to evaluate the overall status  
623 and health of bivalves (Knights, 2012), and reflect their ability to withstand adverse  
624 environmental conditions (Marin *et al.*, 2003). Stressful environmental conditions  
625 requiring significant energetic expenditure result in low CI in bivalves over time

626 (Orban *et al.*, 2002). Here, the CI of *M. gigas* was negatively impacted by elevated  
627 temperature but not elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$ , an effect also seen for the mussel *M. edulis*  
628 (Mackenzie *et al.*, 2014). Our results for  $p\text{CO}_2$ -exposed individuals are in contrast to  
629 those of Lannig *et al.*, (2010) on *M. gigas* who recorded a decrease of ~20% in CI  
630 between control individuals and those exposed to elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$ . However, similar  
631 decreases in CI with elevated temperature were recorded in several other bivalves  
632 (Gabbott & Walker, 1971; Hiebenthal *et al.*, 2012; Shpigel *et al.*, 1992). Bivalves  
633 have the capacity to reallocate energy reserves by reabsorbing somatic tissues and  
634 gonads to sustain routine maintenance when needed. Declines in CI usually suggest  
635 depletion of these reserves and are often associated with long-term stressful  
636 conditions (Lannig *et al.*, 2010) or alterations in energy budget (Melzner *et al.*, 2009).

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638 As reduced condition index is associated with depletion of energetic reserves, it  
639 suggests that the long-term costs associated with increased metabolism in *M. gigas*  
640 were met by a reallocation of reserves from somatic and gonadal tissues to sustain  
641 maintenance and insure survival. While no mortality of *M. gigas* occurred during the  
642 experiment, the lack of acclimation in respiration and clearance rates responses after  
643 12 weeks exposure suggests that, if left uncompensated, the added metabolic costs  
644 could compromise survival once all somatic and gonadal reserves are depleted.

645

646 The CI of *O. edulis* was unaffected by any of the treatment conditions, suggesting  
647 that the experimental environmental conditions were not equally experienced by both  
648 species, and *M. gigas* only may be stressed. A potential explanation for the  
649 maintenance of *O. edulis* CI when exposed to the elevated temperature and ~1000  
650 ppm  $p\text{CO}_2$  treatment despite increased metabolic rates is that its sustained clearance

651 rates provided sufficient energy supply to compensate for the additional metabolic  
652 costs over the 12 weeks. Nevertheless, exposure beyond the 12 week period of this  
653 study might produce *O. edulis* displaying lowered CI from longer-term accumulated  
654 and uncompensated energetic costs.

655

## 656 **Conclusion:**

657 This study has shown that two important physiological traits of oysters are affected  
658 by warming and/or acidification, however the responses appear species-specific.  
659 Due to logistic limitations inherent to the OAW system used during the experiment,  
660 the sample size for each species was limited to n=4 per treatment and as such, there  
661 was high variability in the responses recorded, which led to lack of statistical power  
662 for the analysis. Yet despite this, clear biological effects were apparent. If  
663 anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions continue to rise and temperatures continue to increase,  
664 increased metabolic cost to oysters are predicted. *Magallana gigas* in particular may  
665 find it difficult to meet these costs due to decreased feeding activity at ~750 ppm  
666 pCO<sub>2</sub> levels. Non-native and invasive species are often more resilient to  
667 environmental fluctuations and other biotic or abiotic stressors, yet in oysters  
668 sampled from wild Plymouth populations, *M. gigas* was more negatively impacted by  
669 the OAW scenarios tested than its native counterpart, *O. edulis* – which contradicted  
670 our initial predictions. The non-native oysters had elevated metabolism, reduced  
671 feeding, and decreased condition, signs that it could not cope well with the warming  
672 and acidification conditions. Krasso *et al.* (2008) demonstrated that differences exist  
673 with respect to abiotic environmental tolerances of extreme physical conditions  
674 between exotic and native oyster species, with the native species able to withstand  
675 harsher environmental conditions. This was also recently observed in Brazil, where



676 the native *Crassostrea brasiliana* was more tolerant to high temperatures than the  
677 non-native *M. gigas* (Moreira *et al.*, 2017). However, it should be noted that, although  
678 here only two factors were tested, the interaction of multiple environmental drivers  
679 has been shown to influence the sensitivity of organisms to a single specific factor  
680 (Parker *et al.*, 2017a; Parker *et al.*, 2017b).

681

682 Due to poorer performance and condition of individual *M. gigas*, as found here,  
683 warming and acidification may threaten populations maintenance and functioning,  
684 degrading the provision of ecosystem services such as erosion control, improved  
685 water quality, and fisheries from unharvested wild beds, while reducing aquaculture  
686 productivity at designated aquaculture sites. The latter is especially important in the  
687 UK where harvest of cultured *M. gigas* populations constitutes 90% of the oyster  
688 aquaculture production, worth an estimated £10.14 million annually (Humphreys *et*  
689 *al.*, 2014). Additionally, reduced clearance rates of *M. gigas* under OAW may have  
690 important ecological impacts by limiting their ability to reduce turbidity and improve  
691 water quality. Similar concerns have been expressed regarding the fate of waste  
692 bioremediation service by mussels under future ocean acidification, as their filtration  
693 rates might be negatively impacted (Broszeit *et al.*, 2015). Wild unharvested oyster  
694 beds consisting in majority of *M. gigas* might see their surrounding water quality  
695 diminish, with negative consequences for further associated ecosystem services  
696 such as allowing for recreational use and promoting the maintenance of submerged  
697 vegetation. In contrast, it appears that under future OAW corresponding to the levels  
698 tested in this study, *O. edulis* will be able to continue delivering its important bio-  
699 filtration service, and consequently the provision of improved water quality will  
700 remain secure, if abundances recover and beds become functional again.

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702 Such findings are of importance in terms of species ecological status, population  
703 conservation, and management measures. Oyster-related ecosystem services are  
704 mostly associated with ‘reef’ formations, which would require high recruitment and  
705 abundant populations (Herbert *et al.*, 2012). As such, further efforts to promote the  
706 restoration of native *O. edulis* beds should be pursued, and efforts to eradicate  
707 *M. gigas* populations may be reconsidered, in order to secure not only food provision,  
708 but also good water quality and associated beneficial ecosystem services in the  
709 future from functional populations of both species. However, ecological and  
710 economic trade-offs will need to be considered carefully, as the delivery of some of  
711 these ecosystem services from wild populations (food provision vs water quality)  
712 may be at odds given their opposing effects on oyster abundances.

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## 1118 **Supporting information**

1119 **S1 Table. Physical and chemical characteristics of seawater in the six**  
1120 **experimental treatments for *Magallana gigas* and *Ostrea edulis*.** Presented as  
1121 mean values over the duration of the experiment  $\pm$  standard deviation (s.d.). T=  
1122 temperature, S= salinity,  $\Omega_a$ = saturation state of aragonite,  $\Omega_c$ = saturation state of  
1123 calcite.

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1125 **S1 Fig. Temperature (left) and pH (right) data within the mesocosm set-up**  
1126 **throughout 3-month exposure of a) *Magallana gigas* and b) *Ostrea edulis***  
1127 **exposed to two temperature levels: control (~16.5°C - blue); elevated (~20°C -**  
1128 **red) three  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels: Ambient (~400 ppm - white), ~750 ppm (yellow), ~1000**  
1129 **ppm (black).**

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1131 **S2 Fig. Changes in standard metabolic rate (SMR) of *M. gigas* (top) and**  
1132 ***O. edulis* (bottom) over 12 weeks exposure to temperature and  $p\text{CO}_2$**   
1133 **combinations.** Grey = control temperature. Black = elevated temperature. DW = dry  
1134 weight.

1135 **S3 Fig. Changes in maximum clearance rate (CR<sub>max</sub>) of *M. gigas* (top) and**  
1136 ***O. edulis* (bottom) over 12 weeks exposure to temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub>**  
1137 **combinations. Grey = control temperature. Black = elevated temperature. DW = dry**  
1138 **weight.**

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## 1140 **Highlights:**

- 1141 • Acidification and warming negatively impacted the physiology of *Magallana*  
1142 *gigas*
- 1143 • *Ostrea edulis* appeared unaffected by the treatment conditions
- 1144 • Efforts to promote the restoration of native *O. edulis* beds should be pursued
- 1145 • Efforts to eradicate *M. gigas* populations may need to be reconsidered