

1 **Timing of increased temperature sensitivity coincides with**
2 **nervous system development in winter moth embryos**

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18 **Abstract**

19 Climate change is rapidly altering the environment and many species will need to genetically
20 adapt their seasonal timing to keep up with these changes. Insect development rate is largely
21 influenced by temperature, but we know little about the mechanisms underlying temperature
22 sensitivity of development. Here we investigate seasonal timing of egg hatching in the winter
23 moth, one of the few species which has been found to genetically adapt to climate change,
24 likely through selection on temperature sensitivity of egg development rate. To study when
25 during development winter moth embryos are most sensitive to changes in ambient
26 temperature, we gave eggs an increase or decrease in temperature at different moments
27 during their development. We measured their developmental progression and timing of egg
28 hatching, and used fluorescence microscopy to construct a timeline of embryonic
29 development for the winter moth. We found that egg development rate responded more
30 strongly to temperature once embryos were in the fully extended germband stage. This is the
31 phylotypic stage at which all insect embryos have developed a rudimentary nervous system.
32 Furthermore, at this stage timing of ecdysone signaling determines developmental
33 progression, which could act as an environment dependent gateway. Intriguingly, this may
34 suggest that, from the phylotypic stage onward, insect embryos can start to integrate internal
35 and environmental stimuli to actively regulate important developmental processes. As we
36 found evidence that there is genetic variation for temperature sensitivity of egg development
37 rate in our study population, such regulation could be a target of selection imposed by climate
38 change.

39 **Introduction**

40 One of the most pervasive and consistent temperature-related impacts of climate change is
41 the advancement of seasonal timing. Between 1950 and 2000 alone, spring phenology
42 advanced for all major species groups by on average 5.1 days per decade (Root et al., 2003).
43 Often, not all species within a food chain shift their seasonal timing at the same rate
44 (Kharouba et al., 2018). As a consequence, there is increased selection on timing through the
45 occurrence of phenological mismatches between two interacting species (Visser et al., 2019).
46 In the face of increased selection, the speed with which species can genetically adapt their
47 seasonal timing will determine their capacity to keep up with climate change (Gienapp et al.,
48 2014; Visser, 2008).

49 To determine how populations can respond to increased selection on seasonal timing, we
50 need to gain insight into the underlying mechanisms of adaptation to climate change (Visser,
51 2008). So far, only a few examples of rapid genetic adaptation to climate change have been
52 uncovered (Scheffers et al., 2016), such as later onset of diapause in the pitcher plant
53 mosquito, *Wyeomyia smithii* (Bradshaw et al., 2001), earlier onset of flowering in *Brassica*
54 *rapa* (Franks et al., 2007), and later timing of egg hatching in the winter moth, *Operophtera*
55 *brumata* (van Asch et al., 2013). Yet little is known about the genetic basis that allowed for
56 such rapid adaptation of phenological traits (Franks et al., 2012).

57 Seasonal timing is a plastic trait, allowing species to respond to the large variation in
58 environmental conditions from year to year in order to time key life-cycle events to when
59 conditions are favorable (Hut et al., 2011). For spring feeding insects, it is crucial to time
60 their emergence to the phenology of their host plant, as emerging too early will result in
61 starvation, while emerging too late decreases the nutritional value of their food source (van
62 Asch & Visser, 2007). This is especially important for winter moths, which have only a

63 single generation per year. Adults emerge and lay eggs in winter, which need to hatch in early
64 spring for larvae to feed on young leaves until pupation after four to six weeks (Salis et al.,
65 2017). However, warmer winters advanced winter moth timing of egg hatching more than the
66 timing of budburst of their host tree, pedunculate oak (*Quercus robur*). The resulting
67 phenological mismatch of up to 15 days increased the selection for later timing of hatching,
68 driving the rapid genetic adaptation of the winter moth (van Asch et al., 2013).

69 Winter moth egg hatching is now better timed to oak budburst despite increasingly warmer
70 winters as eggs hatch later for a given temperature compared to 10 years before (van Asch et
71 al., 2013). To investigate the genetic basis of the rapid adaptation of egg development to
72 temperature, we need to know which components of the underlying mechanism were targeted
73 by selection. As insects are ectotherms, their development rate speeds up with higher
74 temperatures, whereas lower temperatures may constrain development rate (Nedved, 2009).
75 Temperature therefore directly influences timing of development completion (Beldade et al.,
76 2011). However, many insects may be able to regulate the extent to, or the time window in
77 which the environment can affect their development. One well-known mechanism is
78 diapause, an epigenetically programmed developmental arrest that allows insects to regulate
79 the time window when they are most sensitive to changes in ambient temperature (Denlinger,
80 2002).

81 Previous work has shown that temperature sensitivity of winter moth eggs varies over the
82 course of development. While timing of egg hatching is affected by temperature fluctuations
83 during the entire egg development period, temperature has a larger impact later in
84 development (Salis et al., 2016). This change in temperature sensitivity indicates that winter
85 moths are especially sensitive to temperature during a specific time window, which forms a
86 likely target for selection by climate change. However, it is unclear when during embryonic
87 development this increased temperature sensitivity occurs.

88 Here, we determined at which embryonic stage winter moth egg development rate is most
89 sensitive to temperature changes. In two split-brood experiments, eggs were given a two
90 week increase or decrease in temperature at different moments during development, and
91 subsequent developmental progression and timing of egg hatching were measured. Using
92 fluorescence microscopy, we constructed a timeline of embryonic development for the winter
93 moth and tested in which development stages egg development rate responded most strongly
94 to temperature increases or decreases. From previous work, we expected that temperature
95 affects egg development rate at every embryonic stage, but with larger effect sizes at later
96 stages. Knowing at which stages embryos are most sensitive to their environment will be
97 instrumental to determine potential targets of selection to explain the rapid genetic adaptation
98 to climate change in the winter moth.

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100 **Methods**

101 We conducted two split-brood experiments to determine the effect of temperature on winter
102 moth egg developmental rate, and whether this effect changes over the course of development
103 (following Salis et al., 2016). We collected eggs in 2018 and 2019 from wild winter moth
104 females caught during the peak of adult emergence in a forest in Doorwerth, the Netherlands
105 (Catch dates: November 26 and 29, and December 3 2018; November 25, 28 and December
106 2, 2019). At the start of each experiment (December 14, 2018 and December 13, 2019),
107 clutches (ranging from 45 to 191 eggs) were placed in climate cabinets set at a constant
108 baseline temperature of 10°C. Then from the second week onwards, every week four clutches
109 received a two-week temperature treatment. In 2018-2019, eggs received treatment in weeks
110 2-8 (28 clutches), and in 2019-2020 eggs received treatment in weeks 2-13 (48 clutches).

111 Clutches were sequentially assigned over treatment weeks such that the catch dates were
112 spread evenly across experimental groups.

113 In treatment weeks, each clutch was divided into 4-7 sub-clutches of preferably 25 eggs, with
114 at least 15 eggs. One sub-clutch was sampled before the start of the temperature treatment.
115 The remaining sub-clutches were divided over three treatments, transferred to either a
116 warmer (15°C) or a colder treatment (5°C), or remained at baseline temperature (10°C). After
117 two weeks of treatment, eggs were either placed back at 10°C to record timing of hatching
118 (2019-2020), or they were sampled to measure the direct effect of temperature changes on
119 developmental progression (2018-2019: weeks 2-8 and 2019-2020: weeks 9-13). Sampled
120 eggs were dechorionated with 50% bleach, fixated with 4% formaldehyde, and dehydrated
121 gradually in methanol (protocol adapted from Brakefield et al., 2009). After storage in 100%
122 methanol at -20°C, whole eggs were then gradually rehydrated and imaged with fluorescence
123 microscopy to determine the development stages of the embryos, using 4',6'-diamidino-2-
124 phenylindole (DAPI) staining which binds to DNA.

125 In 2018-2019, an additional five clutches were kept at 10°C until hatching to check the total
126 duration of development at this temperature. In 2019-2020, an additional five clutches were
127 sampled regularly from one week before the start of the experiment until the start of the
128 treatments in week 2 to define early development stages.

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130 **Statistical analysis**

131 All statistical analyses were performed using R v. 3.6 (R Core Team, 2019). To test for the
132 effects of temperature treatment on development rate, we used mixed models in a Bayesian
133 framework. For the effect on timing of egg hatching (the 'hatching dataset'), we used a linear
134 mixed model with the observed hatching date for each embryo in April days as response

135 variable. For the direct effect on developmental progression (the ‘imaging dataset’), we used
136 an ordinal mixed model with the observed development stage for each embryo that was
137 imaged as response variable. The development stages were scored in arbitrary categories,
138 chosen because they could be readily distinguished by microscopy. Because we only know
139 the order and direction of development for these categories, a continuation ratio ordinal
140 model was used for which $\Pr(Y>i|Y\geq i)$ (Harrell, 2015). This gives the probability in log odds
141 of falling into a higher level than the one observed, given that an embryo can only stay in a
142 particular development stage or continue to the next stages. This model does not make any
143 assumptions about the absolute distance between development stages. We used the R package
144 *brms* (Bürkner, 2017) to fit both models with random effects.

145 For both models, we used weakly informative normal priors for both intercepts and fixed
146 effects (mean=0, SD=10) to initialize the models (Gelman et al., 2017). We included
147 temperature treatment and treatment week as fixed effects, as well as the interaction between
148 the two. Treatment week was included as a factor, as we are interested in the differences in
149 treatment effects between weeks. Including such group-level predictors addresses the
150 multiple comparisons problem in Bayesian analysis (Gelman et al., 2012). As covariates, we
151 included female catch site and date. Catch tree was included as a random effect, as winter
152 moths can show local adaptation (Dongen et al., 1997). We also included a random intercept
153 for clutch as well as a random slope for treatment per clutch, as the winter moth’s genetic
154 adaptation to climate change suggests genetic variation in both baseline development speed
155 and temperature sensitivity. Removing the covariates and the tree the female was caught on
156 as random effect did not diminish model fit (Watanabe–Akaike information criterion
157 expected log pointwise predictive density difference (WAIC elpd_diff)=+6.4, SE=2.6 and
158 WAIC elpd_diff=+0.8, SE=0.2) nor did it affect the estimates for temperature treatment and
159 treatment week (Fig. S1 and S2). Therefore, we decided to use these more parsimonious

160 models as our final models. Posteriors for all model parameters converged ($R_{\text{hat}}=1.00$) with
161 effective sample sizes of >2000 (Table S1-2).

162 As the effect of temperature on development speed in insect embryology is well established
163 to be directional (Nedved, 2009), we used one-tailed tests at a significance level of $\alpha=0.05$.

164 To test our hypothesis that differences in development rate between warm and cold
165 treatments are present after every treatment period, we compared treatments within each
166 treatment week. To determine when the effect of temperature on winter moth egg
167 developmental rate changes over the course of development, we compared the effect size of
168 the warm and the cold treatments relative to the constant baseline between treatment weeks.

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170 **Results**

171 **Timeline of winter moth embryonic development**

172 Given the weekly sampling of eggs, we constructed a timeline for winter moth embryonic
173 development at a constant 10°C . We used the timeline of a related species from the same
174 Geometridae subfamily as the winter moth as guidance (Wall, 1973) and defined 20
175 development stages, which were easily distinguishable with whole-egg fluorescence
176 microscopy using DAPI staining (Figure 1). Recently laid eggs in stage 1 were still green, but
177 turned orange over the course of a week. On average, embryos took approximately 14 weeks
178 at a constant 10°C to complete embryonic development (Fig. S3).

179 Figure 1 depicts a typical image for each of the 20 development stages we identified for
180 winter moth embryonic development. The blastoderm stage was defined as stage 1. At stage
181 2, the orange-pigmented serosa migrated over the germ rudiment, evidenced by the large
182 serosal nuclei overlying the denser cells of the germ rudiment. This germ rudiment further
183 condensed into a cup shape (stage 3), although not as extremely as observed in *Chesias*
184 *legatella* (Wall, 1973), and at the borders of the germ rudiment a thicker rim of amniotic cells

185 formed (Gaumont, 1950). As the embryos started to elongate into a germband, the head lobes
186 started to form (stage 4), and the formation of both head and tail pouches (Wall, 1973)
187 became prominently visible in stage 5. Subsequently, the germ band sunk deep into the yolk
188 and the head and tail pouches reduced in size (stage 6). As embryos elongated further, head
189 and tail nearly touched each other (stage 7), but no constrictions in the germ band were
190 visible, until segmentation of the anterior segments started (stage 8). As segmentation
191 continued towards the tail and completed (stage 9), the germband reached its maximum
192 length, and thoracic segmentation became more refined. At this stage, the brain, central nerve
193 chord, and abdominal ganglia have formed, according to Gaumont (1950). In stage 10, head
194 and thorax appendages started to arise, with embryos still having a relatively thin posterior
195 abdomen. The head appendages then became more rod shaped and started to fuse together
196 (stage 11), while the thoracic legs grew longer, and the posterior abdomen thicker. At stage
197 12, we observed germband retraction, with embryos in a C-shape position and the head parts
198 almost completely fused together. Then the tail moved away from the head until embryos
199 flipped their tails towards the ventral side at the start of revolution (stage 13: katatrepsis,
200 Panfilio, 2008). Embryos elongated further with the tail moving towards the thorax (stage
201 14), until they were completely in a U-shape (stage 15). The back of the head smoothed out,
202 and the mouth became directed downwards, while embryos increased in length (stage 16) and
203 we started observing a clasper at the end of the tail. Pigmentation started first at the eye and
204 jaw (stage 17), and where before embryos had had an open back, from this point forward we
205 observed the progression of dorsal closure. As pigmentation continued, DAPI penetration
206 reduced, and pigmentation showed as black areas that did not reflect light. A black cap
207 formed on the head of the embryos, and sclerotization of the body started (stage 18). In this
208 stage, embryos went through a final elongation with the head tucked in towards the center of
209 the egg. With pigmentation completed (stage 19), fully grown caterpillars could be observed

210 with a light microscope lying in a transparent chorion, which always burst during the fixation
211 process. The last stage (stage 20) we defined as the moment of egg hatching.

212 Ultimately, we are interested in whether the effect of temperature on development rate
213 changes during development. To aid in the interpretation of the direct effect of temperature
214 on developmental progression and to be able to compare it to the effect on timing of hatching,
215 we linearized the development timeline at a constant 10°C with a locally estimated scatter
216 plot smoothing (loess) model. This allowed us to translate the observed development stages
217 into time units, expressed as the number of days at a constant 10°C (Fig. S3).

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219 Temperature effect on egg development rate

220 In both experimental years, egg development rate responded more strongly to temperature
221 once embryos had passed stage 9, in which they finish segmentation (Figure 1 and 2). We
222 observed this change in temperature sensitivity in response to two weeks of temperature
223 treatment both in developmental progression (Figure 2A) and at timing of hatching (Figure
224 2B).

225 For developmental progression, we found that in every treatment week, embryos from each
226 treatment group progressed in development compared to the development stage observed
227 before treatment (Table 1: estimated mean probabilities are all positive log odds, Fig. S4).

228 The probability of observing a later stage of development was always significantly higher for
229 embryos in the warm treatment compared to the cold and baseline treatments after two weeks
230 (Table 1: 15 vs. 5°C, $P < 0.05$, Table S3). Thus, eggs of the warm treatment were always
231 significantly further along in development. When we compared the cold treatment to the
232 constant baseline, we only observed a significant delay in development from treatment week
233 6 onwards (Table 1: 5 vs. 10°C, $P < 0.05$, Table S3), when embryos received treatment after

234 they had passed stage 9: the completion of segmentation (Figure 1). At the time of
235 segmentation, the effect size of temperature treatment significantly increased when compared
236 between weeks (Table 1, Fig. S5A and S6-7, Table S5-6, $P < 0.05$). When we translated the
237 effect size in each week to number of days at 10°C (Fig. S3), we observed that a warm
238 treatment administered after segmentation led to an advance of 9-12 days compared to
239 development at a constant 10°C, while this advance was only 4-6 days before segmentation
240 (Figure 2A). An increase in the effect size of the cold treatment also became apparent at this
241 stage: once embryos had finished segmentation a cold treatment of two weeks resulted in a
242 delay of 6-10 days compared to only 0-2 days before (Figure 2A).

243 A similar shift in temperature sensitivity was observed at timing of hatching (Figure 2B). All
244 treatments significantly differed from each other regardless of the moment at which
245 temperature treatment was administered during development (Table 2: effect size, $P < 0.05$,
246 Table S4), confirming that winter moth embryonic developmental rate is sensitive to
247 temperature during the entire egg stage. Embryos that received a warm treatment always
248 hatched earlier compared to development at a constant 10°C and to the cold treatment (Table
249 2: 15 vs. 10°C and 15 vs. 5°C, negative effect sizes), while embryos that received a cold
250 treatment always hatched later (Table 2: 5 vs. 10°C positive effect sizes). However, the
251 magnitude of the temperature effect on timing of hatching changed over the course of
252 development. The effect size of temperature treatment in the weeks after which embryos had
253 finished segmentation significantly increased compared to the weeks before (Table 2, Fig.
254 S5B and S8-9, Table S7-8, $P < 0.05$). For the warm treatment, embryos that were moved to
255 15°C when they had passed stage 9 were 8-10 days advanced compared to hatching at a
256 constant 10°C, while they were only 5-8 days advanced when they were moved to 15°C
257 earlier in development (Figure 2B). Similarly, the largest delay in hatching after a cold
258 treatment was observed for embryos that were moved to 5°C after they passed stage 9, going

259 from a 3-6 days delay to a 7-10 days delay compared to hatching at a constant 10°C (Figure
260 2B).

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262 Variation in development speed and temperature sensitivity

263 There was high between-clutch variation in development speed. At a constant 10°C, the
264 earliest clutch and the latest clutch hatched 18 days apart (mean=April day -9.71, SD=8.07).
265 Moreover, there was high within-clutch variation with on average an IQR of 7.34 days
266 within-clutch (SD=3.73). This high variation was also visible in the range of different
267 development stages observed at each time point (Fig. S3).

268 The high variation in hatch dates and development stages could not solely be explained by
269 the temperature environment. The random intercept for clutch as well as the random slope for
270 treatment per clutch were significantly different from zero in both models of egg
271 development rate (Table S1 and S2, $P < 0.05$). This means that both baseline development
272 speed and temperature sensitivity depended on clutch and probably had a genetic basis.

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274 Discussion

275 Temperature sensitivity of winter moth egg development rate was previously found to change
276 over the course of development. The mechanism behind this change in temperature
277 sensitivity represents a potential target of selection on seasonal timing imposed by climate
278 change. To gain insight into the underlying mechanism, we investigated at which embryonic
279 stage winter moth egg development rate is most sensitive to changes in temperature. We
280 found a switch from weak to strong temperature sensitivity once embryos had finished
281 segmentation and were in the fully extended germband stage.

282 As ectotherms, insect development rate is largely dependent on ambient temperature
283 (Nedved, 2009). This is also reflected in our results: embryos that had received a warm
284 treatment for two weeks were always advanced in development and hatched earlier, while
285 embryos that received a cold treatment were always delayed compared to the control. This
286 seems to suggest that winter moth embryos do not have egg diapause. Interestingly, winter
287 moth embryos did condense into a cup-shape, which resembles the pyriform embryonic stage
288 observed in many Lepidopteran species with egg diapause (Behrens, 2012). Indeed, in *C.*
289 *legatella* embryos enter diapause in this cup-shaped stage (Wall, 1973). However, the
290 condensation was less extreme in the winter moth and embryos had formed a germband
291 within two weeks at a constant 10°C. In contrast, diapausing *C. legatella* embryos go through
292 a period of stasis before germband development resumes after a prolonged period of cool
293 temperatures (Wall, 1974).

294 The extent to which winter moth development rate was affected by changes in temperature
295 shifted over the course of development, as previously found by Salis et al. (2016). Our results
296 indicate that winter moth embryonic development can be divided into two phases of
297 temperature sensitivity. In both experiments, the switch from weak to strong temperature
298 sensitivity occurred once embryos were in the fully extended germband stage. The switch
299 seems to have occurred progressively rather than abruptly, with a strong increase in
300 sensitivity over the course of two to three weeks, followed by a gradual approach towards a
301 maximum advancement or delay of 10-12 days, which is close to the two-week treatment
302 duration we used. This graduality may either reflect the underlying regulating mechanism of
303 temperature sensitivity or it may be due to the large variation in development rate both within
304 and between clutches.

305 The fully extended germband stage, where we observed the switch from weak to strong
306 temperature sensitivity, coincides with two developmental events. Firstly, it coincides with

307 the development of a rudimentary nervous system in the winter moth (Gaumont, 1950).
308 Interestingly, this is the phylotypic stage at which all insect embryos resemble each other and
309 have developed a rudimentary nervous system (Sander, 1983; Slack, 2003). This represents
310 the intriguing possibility that insect embryos can start to integrate internal and environmental
311 stimuli to actively regulate important developmental processes. An important aspect for such
312 regulation might be the development of thermosensory neurons, allowing embryos to start
313 sensing ambient temperatures apart from the direct effects of temperature on enzyme kinetics.
314 For example in *Drosophila*, mutants that lack thermosensory neurons are unable to
315 behaviorally respond to changes in temperature, which implies the involvement of cognitive
316 control (Soto-Padilla et al., 2018).

317 The second major developmental event in the fully extended germband phase is a peak in the
318 hormone ecdysone, as has been shown in *Drosophila* (Kozlova et al., 2003). Ecdysone is a
319 key life-history hormone well known for its regulatory role in timing of insect metamorphosis
320 (Adams, 2009). For example, diapause termination involves an increase in sensitivity to
321 ecdysteroids by the upregulation of ecdysone receptors (Denlinger, 2002) and ecdysone
322 temporal expression also seems to play an essential role in insect embryonic development
323 (Buszczak et al., 1999). If the temporal pattern of ecdysone signaling is dependent on the
324 environment, this signaling could act as a gateway during development as it does in the
325 developmental plasticity of *Bicyclus anyana*. In this species, adult seasonal morphotype was
326 found to depend on ambient temperatures experienced during caterpillar development, with
327 the timing of the peak in ecdysteroid hormones occurring earlier when individuals were
328 placed in warmer temperatures (Oostra et al., 2011).

329 Rapid climate change results in pervasive changes in local environments, driving shifts in the
330 seasonal timing of many species (Root et al., 2003). This phenotypic plasticity alone is
331 expected not to be sufficient to deal with climate change (Gienapp et al., 2014), as was the

332 case for the winter moth (van Asch et al., 2013). As such, environment dependent regulation
333 of the timing of development represents a likely target of selection in the face of climate
334 change. Gateway mechanisms might be especially important for rapid genetic adaptation. For
335 example in the pitcher plant mosquito, climate change resulted in a genetic shift in the
336 threshold for seasonal timing: critical photoperiods for diapause induction shortened
337 (Bradshaw et al., 2001).

338 The genetic adaptation of the winter moth to climate change resulted in later egg hatching
339 despite warmer winters (van Asch et al., 2013). Our analysis indicated that both baseline
340 development speed and temperature sensitivity depended on clutch. As the response of egg
341 hatching to temperature was previously found to be highly heritable ($h^2=0.63-0.94$, van Asch
342 et al., 2007), this likely points to genetic variation present in our study population for these
343 traits. This is in line with van Asch et al. (2013) who find that the winter moth genetically
344 adapted its temperature dependent development rate in response to climate change.

345 The switch in temperature sensitivity at the time of nervous system development we find
346 here, as well as the presence of genetic variation in temperature sensitivity in our population,
347 can guide future studies on when to look at genes involved in the regulation of developmental
348 timing. We have few examples of species which have been found to genetically adapt to
349 climate change (Scheffers et al., 2016). Characterizing the genetic adaptation in wild
350 populations like the winter moth will help in determining the factors that influence the
351 evolutionary potential of wild insect populations. Knowing the processes and the genes
352 involved in adaptation will be essential for the assessment of vulnerability to climate change.
353 Populations that show genetic variation in genes relevant for climate change adaptation are
354 predicted to be better able to keep up with the high rate of global warming, making them less
355 vulnerable to extinction (Norberg et al., 2012).

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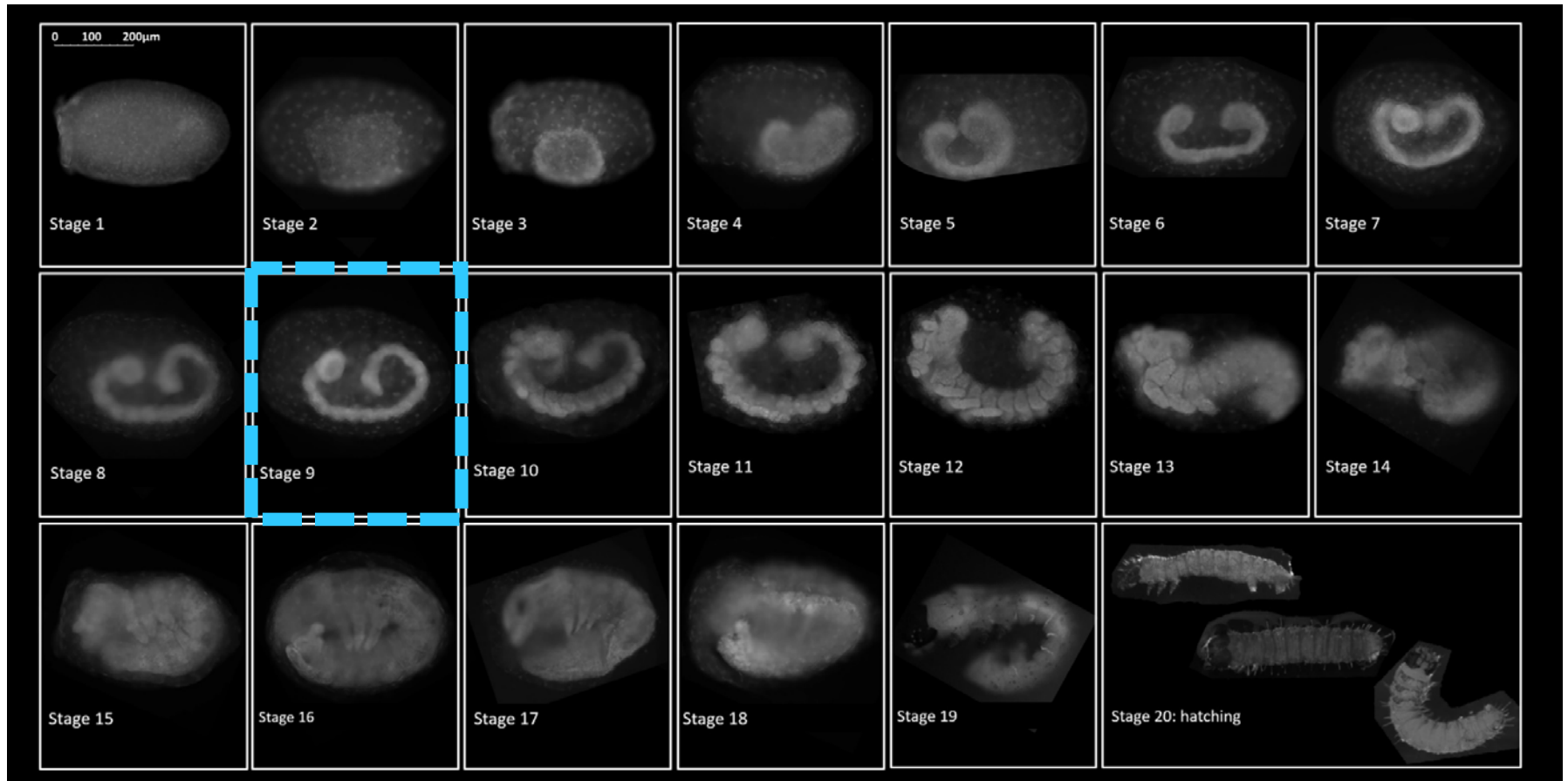
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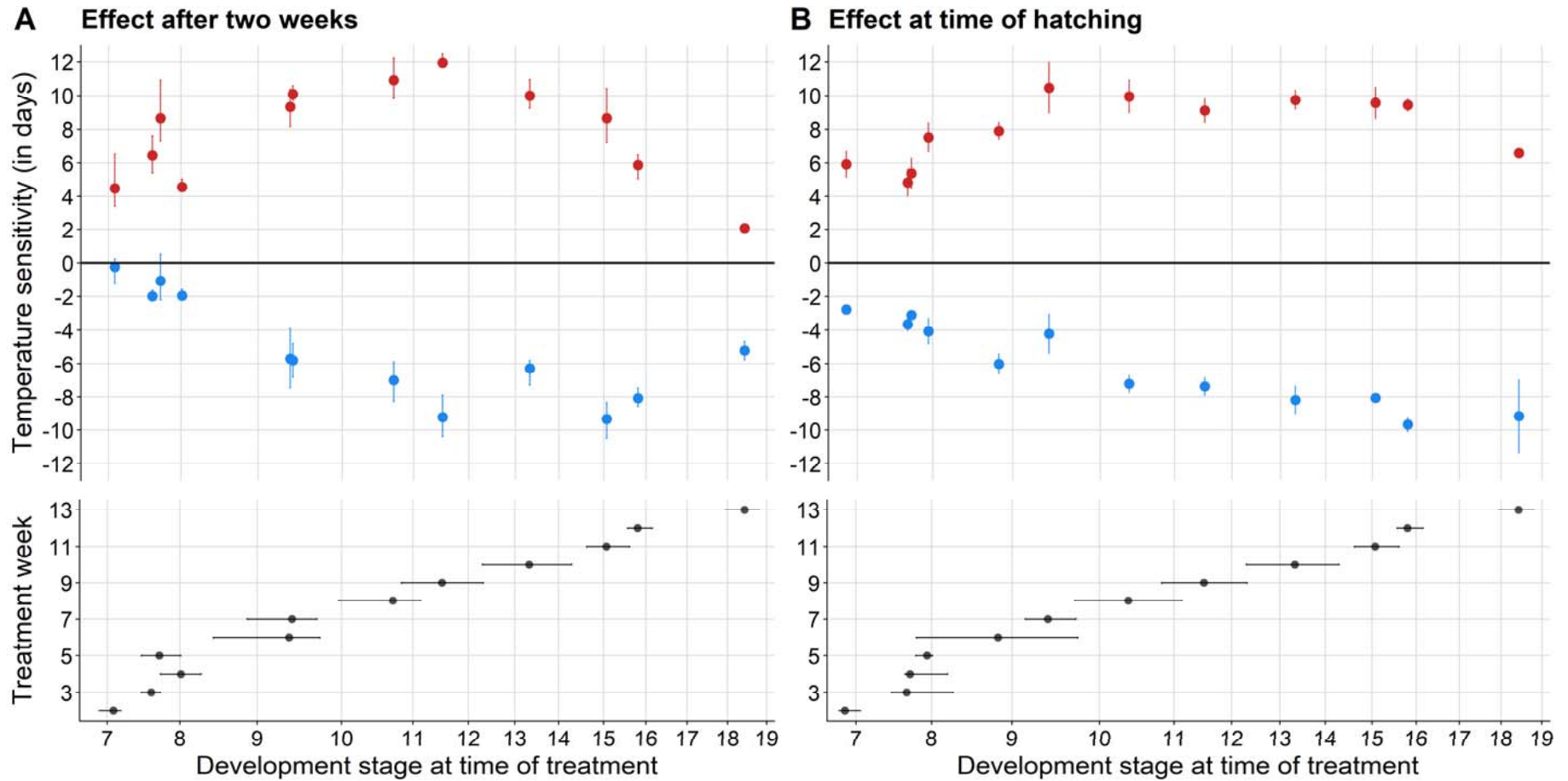
469 **Figures**



470

471 **Figure 1. Timeline of winter moth embryonic development.** We identified 20 distinct development stages in the winter moth, similar to the
472 embryonic development timeline of a related Lepidoptera species from the same Geometridae subfamily (Wall, 1973). The fluorescent

473 microscopy images shown are typical representations of each development stage. See main text for a detailed description. In our experiments, we
474 observed an increase in egg temperature sensitivity after embryos had reached stage 9 in which they finish segmentation and have formed a
475 rudimentary nervous system.



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477 **Figure 2. Change in winter moth temperature sensitivity during development, measured (A) directly after a two-week temperature**

478 **treatment as development progresses and (B) at timing of hatching.** Temperature sensitivity is expressed in number of days embryos were

479 delayed (blue) or advanced (red) in response to a two-week temperature treatment compared to development at a constant 10°C (zero line), with

480 for (A) medians \pm IQR and for (B) means \pm SE. Temperature treatment consisted of two weeks at 5°C (blue) or 15°C (red) at different moments
481 during development. Lower panels show the median observed development stage \pm IQR at the start of a treatment for each experiment. X-axis
482 spacing reflects the relative timing of each development stage at a constant 10°C (Fig.S3). All points have been adjusted for between-clutch
483 variation (A: N=28 + 48 clutches; B: N=48 clutches). To aid interpretation, effect sizes for developmental progression (A) have been translated
484 from the observed discrete development stages (Fig.S4) to time units, expressed as the number of days at a constant 10°C, with a loess model
485 (Fig.S3). For both datasets, comparing effect sizes for the 5°C and 15°C treatments between timepoints shows an increase in temperature
486 sensitivity after embryos have reached stage 9 in which they finish segmentation (Table S5-8).

487 Tables

488 **Table 1. Model output and effect sizes for temperature effect on developmental**
 489 **progression.** Estimates are expressed in log odds. Estimated mean probabilities and effect
 490 sizes are expressed as change in log odds, with reference levels in bold. In 2018-2019,
 491 treatments were given in weeks 2-8 from the start of the experiment (blue rows, N=28
 492 clutches). In 2019-2020, eggs were sampled weekly (=before), but treatment was only
 493 administered in weeks 9-13 (orange rows, N=48 clutches). As we observed winter moth
 494 embryos from 18 different developmental stages in the experiment (stage 2, 3, 5-20), the
 495 model includes 17 intercepts that denote the thresholds between these developmental stages.
 496 Asterisks denote significant within-week comparisons. See for full model output Tables S1
 497 and S3.

Model parameter	Estimate	Estimated mean prob.	Effect size, *P<0.05		
			in log odds	5 vs. 10C	15 vs. 10C
Treat_week2: before	=intercepts				
5	1.86	+1.86	-0.34		
10	2.20	+2.20		+1.02*	
15	3.22	+3.22			+1.36*
Treat_week3: before	1.85	+1.85			
5	-1.49	+2.22	-0.37		
10	-1.46	+2.59		+1.80*	
15	-0.68	+4.39			+2.17*
Treat_week4: before	2.51	+2.51			
5	-1.13	+3.24	-0.39		
10	-1.09	+3.62		+0.91*	
15	-1.19	+5.54			+1.30*
Treat_week5: before	1.63	+1.63			
5	0.65	+4.14	+0.42		
10	-0.12	+3.71		+2.70*	
15	1.57	+6.42			+2.28*
Treat_week6: before	4.27	+4.27			
5	0.33	+6.46	-1.31*		
10	1.30	+7.77		+2.12*	
15	2.40	+9.89			+3.43*

Treat_week7: before	4.88	+4.88			
5	0.04	+6.78	-1.37*		
10	1.07	+8.15		+2.56*	
15	2.62	+10.72			+3.93*
Treat_week8: before	7.41	+7.41			
5	-0.77	+8.50	-1.13*		
10	0.01	+9.62		+2.69*	
15	1.68	+12.31			+3.81*
Treat_week9: before	8.71	+8.78			
5	-0.77	+9.87	-1.97*		
10	0.86	+11.84		+2.38*	
15	2.23	+14.23			+4.35*
Treat_week10: before	10.67	+10.74			
5	-0.38	+12.22	-1.22*		
10	0.49	+13.43		+3.01*	
15	2.49	+16.45			+4.23*
Treat_week11: before	12.31	+12.38			
5	-2.02	+12.22	-2.18*		
10	-0.17	+14.41		+4.25*	
15	3.06	+18.66			+6.44*
Treat_week12: before	12.83	+12.90			
5	-1.09	+13.67	-2.46*		
10	1.03	+16.13		+3.18*	
15	3.19	+19.31			+5.64*
Treat_week13: before	15.65	+15.72			
5	-1.13	+16.45	-2.31*		
10	0.84	+18.76		+10.78*	
15	10.60	+29.54			+13.09*

498

499 **Table 2. Model output and effect sizes for temperature effect on timing of hatching.**

500 Estimates and estimated means are expressed in April days, with reference levels in bold.

501 Negative estimated means indicate that clutches hatched before April 1st. Effect sizes are

502 expressed in days, with negative numbers meaning an advance in timing and positive

503 numbers a delay. Asterisks denote significant within-week comparisons. See for full model

504 output Tables S2 and S4.

Model parameter	Estimate	Estimated mean hatch date	Effect size, *P<0.05			
			in April days	5 vs. 10C	15 vs. 10C	15 vs. 5C
Treat_week2:	10	-10.19	-10.19	2.42*		
	5	2.43	-7.76		-6.49*	
	15	-6.49	-16.68			-8.92*
Treat_week3:	10	-5.81	-16.00	3.82*		
	5	1.40	-12.17		-4.40*	
	15	2.10	-20.39			-8.22*
Treat_week4:	10	-2.66	-12.85	2.87*		
	5	0.45	-9.97		-5.72*	
	15	0.78	-18.56			-8.59*
Treat_week5:	10	4.47	-5.72	3.47*		
	5	1.04	0.35		-8.21*	
	15	-1.72	-13.93			-11.68*
Treat_week6:	10	3.79	-6.40	6.07*		
	5	3.64	-0.33		-8.07*	
	15	-1.58	-14.47			-14.14*
Treat_week7:	10	4.13	-6.06	3.01*		
	5	0.58	-3.05		-11.91*	
	15	-5.42	-16.64			-14.92*
Treat_week8:	10	1.90	-8.29	7.15*		
	5	4.73	-1.13		-10.58*	
	15	-4.09	-18.87			-17.74*
Treat_week9:	10	1.37	-8.82	7.67*		
	5	5.24	0.09		-9.19*	
	15	-2.70	-18.01			-16.86*
Treat_week10:	10	-0.39	-10.58	8.91*		
	5	6.48	-1.67		-9.39*	
	15	-2.90	-19.97			-18.30*
Treat_week11:	10	3.06	-7.13	8.48*		
	5	6.05	1.35		-9.53*	
	15	-3.04	-16.66			-18.00*

Treat_week12: 10	5.09	-5.10	10.64*		
5	8.22	5.55		-8.81*	
15	-2.31	-13.90			-19.45*
Treat_week13: 10	1.08	-9.11	11.20*		
5	8.77	2.09		-4.95*	
15	1.54	-14.06			-16.14*

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