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2 **Title: Compound extreme events induce rapid mortality in a tropical sea urchin**

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23 **Frequently used abbreviations and definitions:**

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25 LT - lethal time, where LT₀₅ and LT₅₀ are timepoints when either 5% and 50% of a test

26 population experiences mortality under a given treatment condition, respectively

27 SMR – Standard Metabolic Rate

28 P_{crit} –Critical oxygen limit

29 MHW – marine heatwave

30 GLM – Generalized Linear Model

31 DO – Dissolved Oxygen, unit of oxygen concentration, presented in milligrams per liter (mg/L)

32 % AS – percent air saturation

33 kPa – Kilopascal, unit of oxygen partial pressure

34 SD – standard deviation

35 SE – standard error

36 STRI – Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

37 BRS – Bocas Research Station

38 **Abstract**

39 The frequency, magnitude and duration of marine heatwaves and deoxygenation events are
40 increasing globally. Recent research suggests their co-occurrence is more common than
41 previously thought and that their combination can have rapid, dire biological impacts. We used
42 the sea urchin *Echinometra lucunter* to determine if mortality occurs faster when deoxygenation
43 events are combined with extreme heating (compound events), compared to deoxygenation
44 events alone. We also tested if prior exposure to local heatwave conditions accentuates the
45 impacts of compound events. Animals were first exposed for 5 days to either ambient
46 temperature (28°C) or a warmer temperature that met the minimum criteria for a local heatwave
47 (30.5°C). Animals were then exposed to hypoxia, defined as oxygen levels 35% below their
48 average critical oxygen limit, combined with ambient or extreme field temperatures (28°, 32°C).
49 Subsets of animals were removed from the hypoxic treatments every 3 hours for 24 hours to
50 determine how long they could survive. Prior exposure to heatwave conditions did not help or
51 hinder survival under hypoxic conditions, and animals exposed to hypoxia under ambient
52 temperatures experienced little mortality. However, when hypoxia was coupled with extreme
53 temperatures (32°C), 55% of the animals died within 24 hours. On local reefs in our Panama
54 study site, compound conditions always manifested during marine heatwaves, with all four
55 events occurring during the heatwaves in 2018. These results show short durations (~1 day) of
56 compound events can be catastrophic and warming-driven increases in their duration will
57 severely threaten sea urchin populations.

58 **Spanish Abstract**

59 La frecuencia, magnitud y duración de las olas de calor marinas y los eventos de
60 desoxigenación están aumentando a nivel mundial. Investigaciones recientes sugieren que su
61 coocurrencia es más común de lo que se pensaba anteriormente y que su combinación puede
62 tener impactos biológicos rápidos y nefastos. Usamos el erizo de mar *Echinometra lucunter* para
63 determinar si la mortalidad de estos ocurre más rápido cuando los eventos de desoxigenación se
64 combinan con un calentamiento extremo (eventos compuestos), en comparación con los eventos
65 de desoxigenación solos. También probamos si la exposición previa a las condiciones locales de
66 olas de calor acentúa los impactos de los eventos compuestos. Primero se expusieron a los
67 animales durante 5 días a temperatura ambiente (28 °C) o una temperatura más cálida que
68 cumpliera con los criterios mínimos para una ola de calor local (30.5 °C). Luego, los animales se
69 expusieron a hipoxia, definida como niveles de oxígeno un 35 % por debajo de su límite de
70 oxígeno crítico promedio, combinado con temperaturas ambientales o de campo extremas (28°,
71 32°C). Se retiraron los subconjuntos de animales de los tratamientos hipóticos cada 3 horas
72 durante 24 horas para determinar los tiempos de supervivencia. La exposición previa a
73 condiciones de olas de calor no ayudó ni obstaculizó la supervivencia en condiciones hipóticas,
74 y los animales expuestos a hipoxia en temperatura ambiente experimentaron poca mortalidad.
75 Sin embargo, cuando la hipoxia se combinó con temperaturas extremas (32 °C), el 55 % de los
76 animales murió en 24 horas. Las condiciones compuestas en nuestro sitio de estudio en Panamá
77 fueron poco frecuentes y cortas (3 h). Pero cuando ocurrieron, fueron durante olas de calor
78 marinas, con un total de cuatro eventos compuestos observados en los arrecifes locales durante
79 las olas de calor en 2018. Estos resultados muestran que las duraciones cortas (~1 día) de eventos

80 compuestos pueden ser catastróficas y aumentar debido al calentamiento, en su duración
81 amenazarán severamente las poblaciones de erizos de mar.

82 **Introduction**

83 In coastal waters low pH, low oxygen and high temperature, the three marine environmental
84 parameters that are changing most with climate change are now commonly co-occurring
85 stressors (Gobler and Baumann, 2016; Bopp *et al.*, 2013; Boyd *et al.*, 2014; Breitburg *et al.*,
86 2015), and they are often correlated in their severity (e.g., Guadayol *et al.*, 2014; Cyronak *et al.*,
87 2019). It is difficult to predict organismal responses to these co-occurring stressors. This is in
88 large part because organismal responses to stressors are context dependent. Data are urgently
89 needed to understand how organisms' environmental histories impact their responses to stressors,
90 how stressors, which do not occur in isolation, interact in complex ways with each other, and
91 how organisms respond to infrequent extreme stressor events that mimic real-world intensities
92 and durations (Bopp *et al.*, 2013; Jackson *et al.*, 2021). Such knowledge is particularly lacking
93 for tropical marine systems and for marine invertebrates in general.

94 Prior experience of a stressor can alter an organisms' subsequent response to that stressor. It
95 can either help or hinder an organism's ability to cope with that stressor through a broad suite of
96 mechanisms including but not limited to phenotypic plasticity, transgenerational plasticity, and
97 genetic adaptation (Merilä and Hendry, 2014; Chevin and Hoffmann, 2017). Even after prior
98 exposures that are short in duration, these mechanisms can improve the outcome of an organism
99 to subsequent exposures. For example, after a 7-10 day exposure to elevated temperatures, the
100 reef-building coral *Acropora nana* is more likely to survive subsequent exposure to extreme high
101 temperatures (Bay and Palumbi, 2015). A recent meta-analysis of within species variation in 19
102 species of marine, terrestrial and freshwater ectotherms demonstrated that the magnitude of this
103 kind of plastic response to temperature was related to the overall thermal tolerance of the
104 population, such that populations with greater thermal tolerance had lower plasticity in

105 response to warming (Barley *et al.*, 2021). A similar pattern was found among species, with nine
106 nudibranch species from the Pacific coast of North America showing with thermal plasticity
107 negatively correlated with heat tolerance (Armstrong *et al.*, 2019). These studies are limited in
108 their geographic extent, but as thermal tolerances are generally high in the tropics, these results
109 might suggest, in contrast to the results of Bay and Palumbi (2015), that tropical species may
110 have limited plasticity in thermal tolerances.

111 In addition to prior exposure altering organismal performance under stressful conditions,
112 experiencing a stressor in combination with other stressors can also alter responses (Breitburg
113 and Reidel, 2004; Crain *et al.*, 2008; Gunderson *et al.*, 2016). Multiple stressors can act
114 antagonistically, additively, or synergistically. For example, stress experienced during the early
115 post-settlement stage of the bryozoan *Bugula neritina* resulted in lower survival, but bryozoans
116 experiencing multiple stressors were more likely to survive than those subjected to single
117 stressors (Lange and Marshall, 2017), supporting the conclusion that there is an antagonistic
118 response. Likewise, a prior 2-week exposure to reduced pH in the sea urchin *Echinometra*
119 *lucunter* resulted in improved righting performance under low oxygen conditions compared to
120 animals who were kept under ambient pH (Lucey *et al.*, 2020a). However, growing evidence
121 suggests that the combination of warming and deoxygenation is more likely to result in
122 synergistic responses (Vaquer-Sunyer and Duarte, 2011; Sampaio *et al.*, 2021), i.e., responses
123 that are greater than the sums of the responses to each stressor alone (see Przeslawski *et al.*
124 (2015) and discussion in Lange and Marshall (2016)). This is because their mode of action is
125 linked (Pörtner and Langenbuch, 2005). In ectotherms, metabolic rate generally scales with
126 temperature (Fry, 1947) so that increased metabolic rates indicate increased metabolic demand

127 for oxygen (Pörtner and Knust, 2007; Pörtner, 2010) which translates into lower tolerances of
128 low oxygen conditions.

129 Despite the known relationship between environmental oxygen availability and organismal
130 oxygen demand as it relates to temperature, our understanding of how acute environmental heat
131 stress impacts oxygen demand is limited (Woods *et al.*, this issue). This is particularly important
132 as marine heatwaves (MHW), defined here as a period of five or more consecutive days where
133 temperatures are over the 90th percentile of the local temperature records (Oliver *et al.*, 2018),
134 are increasing in frequency, duration, and intensity. Examples are becoming more readily
135 available that show these acute heat stress events are responsible for causing mass mortality of
136 many species, including but not limited to kelp forests (Wernberg *et al.*, 2016), fisheries
137 (Lehodey *et al.*, 1997), and coral reefs (Hughes *et al.*, 2017; Leggat *et al.*, 2019). These events
138 have caused severe restructuring of ecosystems globally (Smith *et al.*, 2021), and as such, are
139 gaining greater appreciation as novel drivers of range limits, habitat occupancy, and population
140 dynamics (Frölicher and Laufkötter, 2018; Oliver *et al.*, 2018; Holbrook *et al.*, 2019; Brauko *et*
141 *al.*, 2020). Recent work has also shown that MWHs can co-occur with deoxygenation (Gruber *et*
142 *al.*, 2021), resulting in simultaneously lower environmental oxygen supply for organisms and
143 higher organismal oxygen demands due to increased metabolic demand from warming. The role
144 of these compound stressors in severe and large-scale mortality events has so far been decoupled
145 in the literature to date.

146 The biological implications of the compound stress of deoxygenation and warming may best
147 be understood through a measure of hypoxia tolerance. When environmental oxygen levels fall
148 below organisms' temperature-dependent critical oxygen partial pressure, it is widely thought
149 that the organism can no longer maintain its metabolism, i.e., P_{crit} (Pörtner and Grieshaber 1993).

150 Organisms can only survive for a limited time after this happens and will likely die if
151 temperatures do not decrease and/or oxygen levels increase thus allowing them to return to
152 aerobic metabolism. Therefore, it is possible that oxygen-limitation is responsible for the
153 mortality observed from extreme heating events, more than the heating itself. To understand the
154 role oxygen plays in these mortality events, high resolution coastal oxygen-temperature
155 timeseries are needed (Grégoire *et al.*, 2021), as well as data on the physiological thresholds of
156 ecologically important species under acute heat and hypoxic stress.

157 This study examines how prior exposure to MHWs impacts the responses of an important
158 coral reef herbivore, *Echinometra lucunter*, to hypoxia and extreme heating. Sea urchins are
159 important drivers of benthic community structure (Steneck, 2020) and are important tropical
160 herbivores (Kuempel and Altieri, 2017). Ranging from North Carolina, USA through the tropical
161 Caribbean to Brazil (Hendler, 1995) *Echinometra lucunter* is one of the most abundant coral reef
162 herbivores and important ecosystem engineers on Caribbean coral reefs (McLean, 1967). They
163 primarily live on rocky reef flats, preferring exposed reef habitats with high wave action
164 primarily between a 1- 5 m depth (McPherson, 1965). In these habitats, they act as important
165 bioeroders, creating burrows in the reef and rocks which contribute to increased habitat
166 complexity and biodiversity (McLean, 1967; Schoppe and Werdung, 1996). Increases in *E.*
167 *lucunter* density are often associated with overfishing due to reduced predation and can result in
168 reef erosion that exceeds reef growth, while decreases in their density are often associated with
169 decreased coral cover and macroalgae overgrowth (McClanahan and Muthiga, 2006).

170 *Echinometra lucunter* is a highly abundant species on reefs in and around Bahia Almirante
171 Bocas del Toro, Panama, and they are predictably found on open ocean facing reefs (NML, pers.
172 obs.). Despite being well mixed, recent studies have showed that shallow reefs in the bay

173 experience periodically hot and hypoxic conditions and that episodic low oxygen occurs on the
174 reef at night during the warmest months of the year (Lucey *et al.*, 2020b). Figuerola *et al.*, (2021)
175 used paleo-proxies to infer that acute hypoxia on nearby shallow reefs may have increased in
176 frequency during the last few decades. Their model predicts a hypoxia-induced decrease in
177 herbivores could be coupled with reef shutdown in the future. Together this emphasizes the
178 likelihood that environmental hypoxia and warming are local threats to *E. lucunter* populations.

179 But there is little empirical data on how *E. lucunter*, or sea urchins more generally, are
180 physiologically impacted by the combination of hypoxia and temperature stressors. There have
181 been numerous studies on temperature, demonstrating that warming increases sea urchin
182 metabolic rates (Ulbricht and Pritchard, 1972; Uthicke *et al.*, 2014), decreases performance
183 (Sherman, 2015), and decreases feeding rates (Harianto *et al.*, 2021). There are very limited
184 studies on the effects of hypoxia on sea urchins. These have demonstrated problems with adult
185 growth and gonad production (Low and Micheli, 2018, 2020) and deleterious consequences for
186 larval development (Layous *et al.*, 2021). There are even fewer studies on the combined effects
187 of warming and hypoxia. Lucey *et al.* (2021) found the combination of 2-hour exposures to high
188 temperature and hypoxia reduces righting performance more than either stressor alone. The
189 performance of the tropical Pacific sea urchin *Colobocentrotus atratus* is also limited by oxygen
190 supply more under warming (Wilbur and Moran, 2018).

191 To our knowledge no research has yet examined the combined effect of warming and
192 deoxygenation on tropical sea urchin metabolism and survival, or their exposure to compound
193 extreme conditions that occur in their coral reef habitats. Here we address these research gaps.
194 We used the sea urchin *E. lucunter* to document how these two stressors influence survival,
195 examining how recent thermal histories impact their responses to hypoxia alone or hypoxia in

196 combination with an extreme heating event. We take a physiological approach by maintaining
197 constant oxygen metabolism across experimental treatments by first determining the critical
198 oxygen limits of *E. lucunter* (P_{crit}). We use oxygen levels 35% below the species' average P_{crit} to
199 define hypoxia as it is experienced by the organism, and factorially combine this hypoxia
200 exposure with two temperature treatments: 1) prior exposure to a heatwave, and 2) subsequent
201 extreme warming. We then use a high-resolution oxygen and temperature timeseries collected
202 from local coral reefs to determine the frequency and duration of MHWs, maximum
203 temperatures, prevalence of hypoxia, and their co-occurrences. The duration of compound
204 stressors occurring on reefs in Bahia Almirante is then compared to the duration of sea urchin
205 survival in compound stressor experiments.

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207 **Methods**

208 We used respirometry on a subset of *E. lucunter* animals to obtain estimates of their
209 critical oxygen limits (P_{crit}) at both ambient and extreme temperatures. We then performed an
210 experiment to determine if prior thermal exposure mimicking a MHW impacted the ability of sea
211 urchins to survive subsequent exposure to hypoxia under both ambient and extreme
212 temperatures. We did this by exposing new animals to MHW or non-MHW conditions for 5
213 days, and then, subsequently exposing them to hypoxia and extreme temperature to assess their
214 survival (Figure 1). The treatment conditions for this experiment were selected based on
215 environmental data, the results of previous tolerance experiments, and estimates of P_{crit} derived
216 from the respirometry trials. All trials occurred between July and November 2019 at the
217 Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), at the Bocas Research Station (BRS) on the
218 Caribbean coast of Panama.

219 *Environmental basis for experimental temperature conditions*

220 We selected experimental temperatures based on environmental monitoring data from
221 sites in Bocas del Toro, Panama (Figure 2). The prior thermal exposure was chosen to meet the
222 minimum temperature value and duration to be considered a local MHW, as defined by Oliver *et*
223 *al.*, (2018). We based this on the longest available timeseries available, a 19-year record of
224 temperature measurements from loggers deployed on reefs at 3 m (STRI's Physical Monitoring
225 Program; Dec. 2000 – May 2019). These temperatures recorded measurements every 30 min on
226 2 shallow reef sites: Isla Roldan Reef (-82.3376, 9.29164) and Isla Cayo Agua Reef (-82.110639,
227 9.242583) using HOBO Stow-Away TidbiT or HOBO Water Temperature Pro V2 (Onset
228 Computer Corporation, Bourne, MA) with an accuracy of 0.25°C (Kaufmann and Thompson
229 2005). We took daily measurements made at noon and calculated the 90th percentile temperature
230 from the combined data from both sites. This was 30.5°C and used as our prior MHW exposure
231 treatment. We used the maximum temperature, 32°C, as the *extreme* temperature in the
232 subsequent hypoxia exposure (Figure 1; Table 1). The ambient control temperature was 28°C,
233 which was slightly below the average bay temperature.

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235 *Determination of experimental hypoxic conditions*

236 Our goal in the hypoxia treatments was to ensure that the oxygen levels were lower than
237 the species' critical oxygen limits (P_{crit}) across the experimental treatments. Therefore, we found
238 the average P_{crit} under each temperature treatment (28 and 32°C) across a range of sizes (n= 31).
239 In late June/early July 2019, we snorkeled to collect animals from just below the surface to
240 depths of 3 m in a well-exposed mixed rocky coral reef environment (Hospital Point: -82.2164,
241 9.3326). Animals were opportunistically chosen from the reef based on their accessibility and

242 size. They were quickly dislodged from the rocky reef substrate by wedging a teaspoon in
243 between the reef-rock and animal and transported to the lab in large coolers filled with 70 L
244 seawater within 30 min of collection. They were placed in 150 L seawater tables with flowing
245 seawater and allowed to adjust to laboratory aquaria conditions for at least 24 h before use in
246 respirometry trials.

247 Closed chamber P_{crit} respirometry trials were conducted at 28°C or 32°C with each
248 animal participating in a single trial. For trials at 32 °C, the seawater was ramped from ambient
249 to 32°C over 1 h in an isolated 10 L tank before the trial. Each animal was then individually
250 placed in a closed glass respirometry chamber filled with approximately 0.19 L of ~ 100% air
251 saturated 45 μ m filtered seawater. Chambers were hermetically sealed glass jars equipped with a
252 magnetic stirring bar, which was separated from the animal with a mesh screen. Chambers were
253 placed in a 12 L water bath over a magnetic stir plate to keep temperatures constant. Oxygen in
254 the chamber was recorded with fiber-optic sensor technology (Fibox 4 and Pst-3 sensors,
255 PreSens, Regensburg, Germany), every 10 seconds until the oxygen level fell to 5% (1.0 kPa or
256 0.3 mg L⁻¹). Temperature in the water bath was maintained with aquarium heaters and a chiller,
257 and recorded simultaneously with the Fibox 4, as well as a thermocouple thermometer
258 (HH802U, OMEGA, Canada – accuracy 0.1 °C). Upon reaching the oxygen depletion target in
259 the chamber, each animal was promptly moved into ambient, oxygenated water. Wet weight was
260 measured using a precision balance (PL6001E, Mettler Toledo – accuracy 0.1 g) and volume was
261 measured via displacement using a graduated cylinder and beaker. The animals were then
262 euthanized by rapid cooling in seawater, and dissected to determine the presence of gonads, and
263 thus maturity. All urchins collected were mature.

264 We determined critical oxygen limits (P_{crit}) for each animal using the broken stick
265 regression approach (Yeager & Ultsch 1989). In this approach, two segments of the oxygen
266 consumption timeseries data are iteratively fit until the intersection with the smallest sum of the
267 residual sum of squares between the two linear models is found. This is defined as the
268 ‘breakpoint’ or P_{crit} , which we found using the *respR* package in R, and we report the intercept
269 (Harianto *et al.*, 2019). Average P_{crit} values were generated for binned size groups (small and
270 large) due to the broad range of sizes collected (6.51 to 26.17 g), in each of the two temperatures
271 (28 and 32°C). Additionally, we determined the resting standard metabolic rates (SMR) from
272 these P_{crit} trials. We calculated the rate of oxygen consumption inside the respirometry chambers
273 from the initial saturation level of approximately 100% to approximately 65%, with all lower
274 bounded values well above the respective individual’s P_{crit} . From this subset of the data, we
275 calculated both absolute ($\mu\text{mol O}_2 \text{ h}^{-1}$) and mass specific oxygen consumption rates for each
276 individual ($\mu\text{mol O}_2 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$), with the latter accounting for animal mass (g), corrected-chamber
277 volume, subtracting animal volume (L), trial temperature and salinity (see supplemental data and
278 code).

279 All respirometry trials occurred between July 1st and July 20th in 2019 on 11 different
280 days. No animal was in the laboratory for more than 5 days prior to being used in a respirometry
281 trial. Oxygen sensors (Pst-3 sensor spots) inside each respirometry chamber were calibrated one
282 time before all trials using 100- and 0%-point air saturation calibration standards. Additionally,
283 no animals were fed before trials, and they were thoroughly rinsed with 0.45 μm filtered
284 seawater to reduce attached bacteria, sediment, or microalgae that could interfere with the
285 respirometry measurements. To account for microbial respiration, we included an additional
286 chamber filled with the seawater used to rinse the animals’ undergoing measurements. These

287 blank chambers were run simultaneously during each trial on each day. Microbial respiration was
288 effectively contained to marginal fluxes (and the animals' oxygen consumption was constant,
289 i.e., linear decrease in oxygen concentration during trials, see supplemental data). Chamber
290 volumes were 0.19 L, animal volumes ranged from 0.03 – 0.01 L (0.014 ± 0.005 L mean \pm SD),
291 and trials lasted 4.41 h on average (± 1.80 SD), with durations ranging from 2.16 to 7.90 h.

292 We determined the effect of temperature on P_{crit} and SMR using a 2-way ANOVA with
293 'temperature', 'size', and their interaction as factors. We removed interactions from models
294 when interactions were not significant, and checked for overdispersion and normality by building
295 histograms, and plotted residuals against fitted values to ensure linearity. We also used Levene's
296 and Shapiro test to ensure homogeneity of variance and normality of residuals. All assumptions
297 were met for SMR, as well as P_{crit} after it was log-transformed. Pairwise comparisons to check
298 for differences in responses for each treatment were conducted using the Estimated Marginal
299 Means test with Least Significant Difference test correction using the *emmeans* package in R
300 (Lenth, 2022).

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302 *Experimental MHW exposure*

303 We collected 376 *Echinometra lucunter* for the main experiment. Trials were run
304 between August 19th and Nov. 19th, 2019. Prior to each trial new animals were collected from the
305 same site and in the same way as described above for respirometry trials. Animals were brought
306 back from Hospital Point reef to the BRS and allowed to rest after the collection for 24 h in
307 outdoor 150 L seawater tables. They were then evenly distributed into 8 indoor 50 L tanks (20-
308 30 animals per tank), 4 tanks which were held at the ambient control temperature 28.5°C (28.54
309 ± 0.29 °C) and 4 which were held at 30.5°C (30.53 ± 0.14 °C) to simulate a MHW. Water

310 temperatures in all eight tanks were maintained using aquarium heaters for 5 d. During this
311 period, each tank was bubbled with an air stone and constantly refreshed with flowing unfiltered
312 seawater. Animals were not fed but could have scraped biofilm from the sides of the tanks or
313 filtered particles from the water (Schoppe and Werding, 1996). They were provided with brick
314 substrate for shelter and ambient lighting. No mortality occurred due to the 5-d thermal
315 acclimation, but 6 animals showed evidence of skeletal trauma from collecting and died during
316 this time. As all tanks were supplied with flowing seawater during these trials, salinity matched
317 the bay's which was on average 35 ± 2 ppt. To ensure that the treatments were even with respect
318 to animal body size, small and large size classes were chosen with respect to the mean weight
319 (14.39 g), with animals weighing between 3.09 - 14.39 g in the small category, and those
320 between 14.40 - 38.96 g in the large category. Small and large animals were evenly distributed
321 among tanks, treatments, and time categories.

322

323 *Experimental hypoxia exposure*

324 After the 5-d prior exposure treatment, cohorts of 3-4 animals were binned together in
325 plastic mesh cages labelled by MHW treatment, and equally distributed across two new 50 L
326 hypoxia tanks, one each at 28 or 32°C (~60 individuals per tank). Cages served to keep track of
327 individuals, i.e., which treatment they were from, as well as keeping them from climbing up out
328 of the hypoxic water. Temperatures in the hypoxia tanks were set before moving the animals,
329 while the oxygen level in each tank was gradually lowered over the course of 1 h after adding the
330 animals. This was done by bubbling nitrogen until the oxygen concentration reached 16.5% (3.4
331 kPa or 1.01 ± 0.22 mg L⁻¹). This is on average 35% below the P_{crit} regardless of body size or
332 temperature. Oxygen levels were maintained in the tanks with an automated oxygen regulator

333 using an Atlas Scientific galvanic dissolved oxygen (DO) probe (DO Controller, Barreleye
334 Designs, USA). This functioned as a solenoid controller which bubbled nitrogen into tanks while
335 monitoring temperature and DO every 30 seconds (DO precision = 0.1 mg L⁻¹). Flowing, fresh
336 seawater was constantly introduced into both tanks at a rate of 90 L h⁻¹ and a circulation pump
337 was positioned in each tank to ensure high flow and consistent oxygen throughout each tank.

338 After the first hour, animal cohorts (2 cages with 4-6 animals each), were removed from
339 each of the hypoxic tanks. They were patted dry, weighed, and placed in one of 6 outdoor, fully
340 oxygenated 150 L recovery tanks with high flowing seawater at ambient temperature. Animals
341 were removed from the hypoxic tanks in this way every 3 h for 24 h until all individuals in the
342 trial were added to the recovery tanks, at which point the trial ended. Due to limitations in the
343 number of tanks and equipment malfunction these trials were spread across 3 months; we were
344 nevertheless able to obtain sample sizes of 6-22 animals at each time point in each of the 4
345 treatments (Table S1).

346 Survival was determined 24 h after animals were transferred to their recovery tank. All
347 animals were isolated from each other in the recovery tanks using mesh dividers. Animals were
348 considered dead when they were not attached to the tank and had no signs of spine or tube foot
349 movement when gently prodded. Most deaths were extremely clear, with many of the dead
350 animals displaying massive spine and tissue loss. Dead and/or sick animals were
351 isolated/removed from recovery tanks periodically throughout the 24 h post-trial period to avoid
352 impacting other individuals. Living animals were returned to the collection site.

353 To determine if there was an effect of prior thermal exposure, temperature, size, exposure
354 time, or their interaction on survival, we constructed generalized linear models (GLMs) with a
355 binomial distribution and log-link function. The full model was analyzed with stepwise removal

356 of non-significant interactions based on p-values ($p > 0.1$) (Crawley, 2012). The only interaction
357 that was significant was between time and temperature, therefore the other interactions were
358 removed from the final model. Models were assessed for balance, and non-linearity, unequal
359 error variances and outliers with a residual analysis (Zuur *et al.*, 2010).

360 We determined what duration of hypoxia exposure caused 5% and 50% mortality (lethal
361 time; LT) under each treatment combination. We did this by generating GLMs fitted with a
362 binomial distribution for each treatment. The dose.p function in the *MASS* library in R was then
363 used to estimate an LT₀₅ and LT₅₀ for each model (Ripley *et al.*, 2013). To check if LT values
364 differed between treatments, a 95 % confidence interval was calculated using Student's t value.
365 We also calculated LT values for the two temperature treatments (28 and 32°C) without prior
366 heatwave exposure as a factor.

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368 *Hypoxia and heatwave occurrences on the reef*

369 To determine the history of past MHWs in the area, we used the 19-y temperature dataset
370 to calculate how frequent and long MHWs were in both Cayo Agua and Cayo Roldan. Based on
371 the full years of temperature data in both sites, we determined the number of MHW occurrences,
372 their duration, and the total number of MHW days in each year since 2001. These two sites are
373 equidistant from Hospital Point, the collection site for the animals used in the above experiments.
374 Based on other published monitoring data throughout the bay, we expect these sites to represent
375 the far ends of a natural thermal gradient, with Cayo Roldan on the hot end and Cayo Agua on
376 the cool end (Lucey *et al.*, 2020a; Johnson *et al.*, 2021). Therefore, we expect an average of
377 conditions from these sites to be close to what Hospital Point experiences, although long-term
378 monitoring records from Hospital Point would be the only way to verify this accurately.

379 To determine if MHWs, hypoxia and extreme temperatures co-occur, we analyzed a 9-
380 month record from Figuerola *et al.*, (2021), with high-resolution dissolved oxygen and
381 temperature data from a logger deployed on the seafloor at 3 m. The logger was placed in a coral
382 reef habitat in a protected back bay site, Tierra Reef (Figure 2). Measurements were made every
383 10 min from March 2018 to November 2018 with a Minidot logger (DO accuracy \pm 5%, PML,
384 USA). From this March-November 2018 timeseries record, we documented the days when
385 temperature on the reef was equal to or above our maximum or extreme 32°C temperature
386 threshold, as well as days when the minimum oxygen level was under the average P_{crit} of *E.*
387 *lucunter* (\sim 4.8 kPa; 1.5 mg L⁻¹). We determined how many consecutive hours these hypoxic and
388 extreme high temperatures persisted, both alone and in combination. We also documented when
389 MHWs occurred during this 9-month period.

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391 All statistical analyses were performed using the statistical software R version 4.2.0 (R Core
392 Team, 2022).

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394 **Results**

395 *Determination of metabolic rates and critical oxygen limits*

396 There was no effect of the interaction between temperature and body size on standard
397 metabolic rate per unit mass (SMR). However, SMR was lower at 28°C than at 32°C for both
398 large and small sea urchins (SMR = 0.69 \pm 0.13 at 28 compared to 0.78 \pm 0.11 at 32, mean \pm SD
399 μ mol O₂ h⁻¹ g⁻¹, *p* = 0.03, *n* = 31). The SMR of larger animals was on average lower than that of
400 smaller animals (0.66 \pm 0.11 compared to 0.81 \pm 0.10 respectively; *p* = 0.0004, *n* = 31, Figure
401 3A; Table 2). The greatest difference in SMR was at 28°C, with the mass-specific metabolic rate

402 of small animals 28% faster than the metabolic rate of larger animals. The absolute metabolic
403 rates of these animals increased with body size by a factor of ~ 0.72 , e.g., the slope of log-
404 transformed SMR by log-transformed wet weight regression analysis (Figure 3B) (Carey and
405 Sigwart, 2014). The scaling factor was slightly, but not significantly higher at the warmer
406 temperature ($p = 0.31$).

407 There was no effect of size, temperature, or their interaction on P_{crit} (Figure 3C, Table 2).
408 The overall average P_{crit} for the total 31 animals tested was 25.44 ± 6.32 SD% (5.25 ± 1.30 kPa;
409 1.58 ± 0.39 mg L $^{-1}$). Hypoxia treatments in the subsequent experiment was ~ 35 % below the
410 average P_{crit} at 16.50% (or 3.40 kPa; 1.01 mg L $^{-1}$).

411

412 *How temperature impacts hypoxia survival*

413 GLM analyses with time as a factor shows that there was a significant interaction
414 between temperature and time on survival during the hypoxia exposure ($p < 0.001$). Only 55% of
415 the animals survived 24 h of hypoxia at 32°C, while $> 93\%$ survived 24 h of hypoxia at 28°C
416 (Figure 4; Table 3). Prior thermal exposure, either to MHW or control conditions, had no
417 significant effect on survival during hypoxia exposure ($p = 0.560$).

418 As prior thermal exposure had no significant effect on survival, data were pooled by
419 temperature to determine the time at which the two temperature populations (i.e., 28 or 32 °C
420 under hypoxia) experience either 5% or 50% mortality, the LT₀₅ or LT₅₀ respectively. The LT₀₅
421 of animals exposed to hypoxia and ambient temperature was 19.83 ± 1.28 h (mean \pm SE), while
422 the time for the population to reach 50% mortality (LT₅₀) was predicted to be more than twice as
423 long as the 24 h experimental exposure, at 46.15 ± 5.51 h. In contrast, the LT₀₅ and LT₅₀ for

424 animals experiencing hypoxia and extreme temperature was much shorter, with LT_{05} of $8.71 \pm$
425 0.79 h and LT_{50} just under 24 h (23.67 ± 0.58 h).

426

427 *Heatwave and hypoxia occurrences on the reef*

428 At least one MHW has occurred in Bahia Almirante every year for the last 19 years.
429 From 2001 to 2019 there have been 60 MHWs (Figure 5), however the rarity of these events
430 varies substantially depending on reef location. For example, the number of MHW days on the
431 Cayo Roldan reef has been 10 times greater than the Cayo Agua reef. MHWs on the Cayo
432 Roldan reef are 5.3 times more frequent (e.g., 3.2 vs. 0.6 occurrences) and 5.8 times longer (e.g.,
433 21.3 vs. 3.7 d) on average than on the Cayo Agua reef. Site differences in mean temperature and
434 variance reflect these MHW trends; Cayo Roldan reef is 0.61°C warmer and has $\sim 10\%$ more
435 variation than the Cayo Agua reef (Figure 2, Table 1).

436 We find a positive correlation between the occurrence of MHWs and the manifestation of
437 compound extreme conditions on shallow coral reefs. During the 9-month oxygen-temperature
438 monitoring period on Obscura Reef, temperatures remained above the 90th temperature percentile
439 for 5 or more days 8 distinct times (i.e., 8 MHWs). Compound extreme events consisting of
440 temperatures above 32°C and oxygen levels below 4.5 kPa, occurred 4 times and always during a
441 MWH event (Figure 4). Hypoxic conditions only ever lasted 10 h, while temperatures above
442 32°C were sustained for over 24 h. Compound extremes only ever occurred for a maximum of 3
443 h.

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445 **Discussion**

446 *Heating tolerance*

447 All sea urchins exposed to five days of marine heatwave conditions survived, clearly
448 demonstrating that these MHWs do not kill *E. lucunter*. Moreover, there was no effect of the 5-
449 day MHW exposure on subsequent survival under extreme compound conditions of hypoxia and
450 heating. This shows both a lack of acclimation, which would result in improved survival, and a
451 lack of synergy, which would result in reduced survival, to MHW exposure. The lack of effect of
452 MHW conditions most likely indicate *E. lucunter* has high thermal tolerances. This could be
453 because MHW temperatures today are not as ‘stressful’ as they were in the past (i.e., shifting
454 baselines in the definition of MHWs), or because these animals live near the surface where they
455 naturally experience more temperature extremes. Unfortunately, there are few long-term data on
456 the survival of *E. lucunter* at warmer temperatures. Short-term trials have demonstrated
457 significant thermal tolerance to very extreme shorter exposures in *E. lucunter* from the Caribbean
458 (Sherman, 2015; Collin *et al.*, 2018; Lucey *et al.*, 2021). Two-hour exposures of *E. lucunter*
459 compromised survival at 37°C and above (Collin *et al.*, 2018), while preliminary trials of 12 h
460 exposures of *E. lucunter* following the same protocols of Collin *et al.* (2018) and done during the
461 same time period by the same researchers showed that all 9 individuals assayed at both 34°C and
462 36°C remained alive (i.e., none died) during the 12-hour exposure and for the 24-hour recovery
463 period. However, some of those exposed to 36°C had sagging spines and other signs of stress
464 after the 24-hour recovery period (Francesco Rendina and RC, STRI, unpublished data from
465 2016). Not only are *E. lucunter* able to survive high temperatures, but they also have high
466 thermal performance limits. *Echinometra lucunter* from the Cayman Islands had thermal
467 performance tolerances ranging from 32-33.6°C in the warmer summer conditions when
468 temperatures were highest (~30.4°C) (Sherman, 2015). This strongly suggests *E. lucunter* has the
469 capacity under normoxia to survive in much more intense short-term warming events than our

470 extreme temperature exposures, and potentially any MHW documented so far in sites they are
471 currently inhabit in Bocas del Toro.

472

473 *Hypoxia tolerance*

474 Just as thermal tolerance is sufficiently high to withstand current thermal extremes under
475 normoxia, hypoxia tolerance is high at ambient temperatures. At oxygen levels 30% below
476 average P_{crit} (3.8 kPa or 1.0 mg L⁻¹), it took almost 20 hours to reach the time at which 5%
477 mortality occurs (LT₀₅). This is twice as long as the longest recorded time on the reef for oxygen
478 to remain so low, i.e., 10 h (Figure 4). Therefore, hypoxia in the absence of extreme heating is
479 unlikely to induce mass die-offs within a single day on the shallow reefs where these organisms
480 occur.

481 *Echinometra lucunter* is not the only sea urchin species that can survive surprisingly long
482 times under hypoxia. Its sister species *Echinometra vanbrunti* on the Pacific coast of Panama,
483 appears to endure cool hypoxic conditions driven by seasonal upwelling, however the durations
484 for their hypoxia tolerance beyond 2 h remain untested (Lucey *et al.*, 2021). *Strongylocentrotus*
485 *purpuratus* and *Mesocentrotus franciscanus* can tolerate similar oxygen concentrations of 1.0 mg
486 L⁻¹ for 36 hours at 14-15°C (~2.58 kPa) and have an LT₅₀ of between 48 and 90 hours (Low and
487 Micheli, 2018). Previous work with other strongylocentrotid sea urchins demonstrated they have
488 effective anaerobic systems that can produce lactic acid which can be detected in the coelomic
489 fluid, and that alanine can be metabolized under hypoxia (Drozdov and Drozdov, 2015). This
490 suggest that *E. lucunter* and other sea urchins may use this non-specific adaptation to withstand
491 extreme hypoxic events (Bookbinder and Shick, 1986; Drozdov and Drozdov, 2015).

492 Despite this evidence for low mortality under hypoxia at ambient temperatures on the order
493 of a day or two, exposures of this duration may have negative effects on these animals. For
494 example, in *Strongylocentrotus nudus* significant immune cell mortality was induced by 24-hour
495 exposures to DO of 1.7 mg L^{-1} , and even to some extent 24-hour exposures to 4.7 mg L^{-1} (Suh *et*
496 *al.*, 2014). These immune cells, also known as coelomocytes, help sea urchins respond to various
497 types of environmental stressors like temperature and UV-radiation, and their reduction due to
498 hypoxia is suggested to be a widespread phenomenon among sea urchins. The most hypoxic
499 exposures in this species also resulted in suppression of gene expression across an array of genes,
500 including RHN helicase and GATA-4/5/6, which are involved in cellular defense mechanisms
501 that might help the individual cope with more moderate hypoxia (Suh *et al.*, 2014). Additionally,
502 *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus* expressed significant sub-lethal effects on fitness related traits
503 such as reduced calcification and grazing rates and more poorly developed gonads after longer-
504 term exposures at 5.5 mg L^{-1} (Low and Micheli, 2018, 2020). This highlights how reduced
505 oxygen levels could also negatively impact fitness (Vaquer-Sunyer and Duarte, 2008). If *E.*
506 *lucunter* experiences similar sublethal effects, they may already be experiencing reduced
507 performance with respect to these other functions despite having robust survival of current short-
508 term extreme events.

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510 *Compound extreme events*

511 Extreme heating and hypoxia act synergistically to significantly reduce survival, even
512 though *E. lucunter* seems resistant to either factor alone. When oxygen conditions are below the
513 critical oxygen limits of the animal (3.8 kPa) and temperatures are at the local maximum (32°C),
514 survival declines sharply after 8 hours, reaching a LT₀₅ in 9 hours, and LT₅₀ in 24 hours.

515 Although we do not know the physiological mechanisms underpinning this synergistic response,
516 we can confidently state that a mass die-off of sea urchins would occur if these extremes lasted
517 for a 24-hour period. Two such die offs of reef fauna have been documented locally in Bocas del
518 Toro (Altieri *et al.*, 2017; Johnson *et al.*, 2021), although they were not where *E. lucunter*
519 normally live. The 2010 mortality event impacted reefs around STRI, while the 2017 event
520 affected reefs near Cayo Roldan in the back bay (Figure 2). Mortality was primarily assessed for
521 corals and during the 2017 event over 50% of the live coral was lost (Johnson *et al.* 2021), but
522 many *Echinometra viridis*, a sister species of *E. lucunter*, were also found dead or dying (NML,
523 pers. obs.). These devastating mass mortalities on coral reefs were associated with hypoxia and
524 occurred during two of the longest MHWs on record, e.g., 38 day-long MHW in 2010 and 48
525 day-long MHW in 2017. Unfortunately, the oxygen conditions were not well-documented during
526 these mortality events. Without high-resolution temporal data to determine how long low oxygen
527 persisted during these MHWs, it is impossible to determine if the particularly long exposures to
528 high temperatures, or the high temperatures in combination with hypoxia were primarily to
529 blame for these mortality events.

530 The high-resolution temperature and oxygen dataset we present in this study, while not
531 associated with a mass mortality event, does provide clues on how compound extremes arise on
532 coral reefs. Hypoxic conditions often occurred on the days that temperature exceeded 32°C. The
533 extremes primarily occurred within the same 24 h period, but not at the same time. This is
534 because temperature and oxygen have inverse diel cycles (Nelson and Altieri, 2019; Lucey *et al.*,
535 2020a). Water temperature is warmest in the early afternoon after solar radiation has warmed the
536 shallow waters of the bay, while oxygen is lowest during the night when community respiration
537 draws down oxygen in the absence of photosynthesis. Increasing temperature during the day are

538 associated with increasing hypoxia at night. This highlights the importance of diurnal
539 fluctuations in coastal systems and the need to measure and understand the associated temporal
540 complexities, such as the stressor sequences, and the degree of stressor overlap associated with
541 multi-stressor extreme events at highly resolved spatiotemporal scales (Grégoire *et al.*, 2021;
542 Jackson *et al.*, 2021).

543 Despite the normal pattern of hypoxia at night and extreme temperatures during the day, we
544 observed short durations of time when these stressors overlapped or co-occurred in the field (i.e.,
545 compound extremes). Interestingly, compound extremes only ever occurred on days coinciding
546 with the occurrence of MHWs. This is best visualized in Figure 6 where every occurrence of
547 compound extremes corresponds with a MHWs (i.e., blue shaded boxes represent days of
548 sustained temperatures above 30.5°C). The longest duration of compound extremes we observed,
549 3 hours, is unlikely to cause mortality in *E. lucunter*. And while there seems to be a clear
550 relationship between the occurrence of MHWs and compound events, the question remains: what
551 exactly will increase the duration of compound extremes to the point at which mortality would
552 be highly likely (e.g., length of MHWs, magnitude of daytime temperature)?

553

554 *Physiology of extremes*

555 During hot, hypoxic periods it is thought that deoxygenation reduces the supply of oxygen
556 available to meet organisms' metabolic demands while warming simultaneously increases these
557 demands (Pörtner and Knust, 2007). This mismatch between oxygen demand and supply could
558 have serious, rapid impacts on the organism's ability to survive compound extreme events. This
559 mechanism underlies a physiological breakdown at high temperatures. Examples of this
560 mechanism in the context of hypoxia are scarce, particularly for marine sea urchins. One study

561 provides evidence of temperature-mediated oxygen limitation in the tropical sea urchin
562 *Colobocentrus atratus* Wilbur and Moran (2018). In this species, reduced performance due to
563 increased temperature was improved by adding oxygen to high temperature treatments. Like
564 most other studies examining temperature effects on sea urchin oxygen consumption (Ulbricht
565 and Pritchard, 1972), we also found that sea urchin metabolic rates increase with warming. In the
566 Australian sea urchin *Heliocidaris erythrogramma*, +3 °C temperature increase oxygen
567 consumption by up to 35% (Harianto *et al.*, 2021). Delorme and Sewell (2016) attributed
568 increased metabolic rates of the New Zealand sea urchin *Evechinus chloroticus* to warming in
569 the field during the summer, indicating that these metabolic responses can be sustained for
570 relatively long periods. However, these higher metabolic rates from warming can come at a cost,
571 such as reduced gonad size in the tropical Pacific sea urchin *Echinometra* sp. (Uthicke *et al.*,
572 2014).

573 Metabolic rates are also expected to increase with animal size (Carey and Sigwart, 2014;
574 Carey *et al.*, 2016) and larger animals are expected to be more oxygen limited at higher
575 temperatures than small ones. One leading theory for this is that they have lower surface area to
576 volume ratios (Atkinson *et al.*, 2006). This is likely true for the *E. lucunter* as we found that the
577 increase in resting metabolic rates with increasing temperature was significant only in larger
578 animals (Figure 3a). We also found larger sea urchins have higher absolute/whole animal
579 metabolic rates than small animals across temperatures, with rates scaling with body mass by a
580 factor of approximately 0.7 (i.e, b , slope of the regression, Figure 3b). This closely agrees with
581 another warming study using the sea urchin *E. erythrogramma*, which found that metabolic rate
582 scaled with body mass to the 0.70 - 0.72 power (Carey *et al.*, 2016). This highlights how the size
583 of the animal can be a strong determinate for the magnitude of their response to temperature.

584 Together, these results suggest that large adults with the greatest reproduction potential will be
585 both the most susceptible to oxygen limitation, and also demand the most oxygen during
586 compound extreme events (Clark *et al.*, 2013).

587 The critical oxygen limits of organisms, i.e., P_{crit} , should also increase with warming. P_{crit} is
588 temperature dependent in most marine ectotherms studied to date (Vaquer-Sunyer and Duarte,
589 2011; Deutsch *et al.*, 2015). P_{crit} should also decrease with size, with smaller animals expected to
590 be more hypoxia tolerant than larger ones due to their lower O_2 demand. Surprisingly, the P_{crit} of
591 *E. lucunter* did not increase significantly with temperature or body size over the range tested. It
592 is possible that P_{crit} does depend on temperature, but that the intraspecific variation was too large,
593 and the range of temperatures examined here too small to statistically detect this difference.
594 Future efforts focusing on temperature and hypoxia tolerance traits together is needed to
595 establish more meaningful biologically relevant definitions of environmental extremes, how how
596 they scale with size, and vary across taxa.

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598 Conclusion

599 We find compound events consisting of simultaneous hypoxia and extreme heating occur
600 during marine heatwaves on shallow Caribbean coral reefs. Surprisingly there is no noticeable
601 impact of prior exposure to these heatwaves on the survival of sea urchins when they are
602 challenged with hypoxia, or with hypoxia and extreme heating. Hypoxia does not impact short-
603 term survival on its own, either. However, when hypoxia is coupled with extreme heating, over
604 half of the animals die within 24 hours. This illustrates how short durations of compound
605 extreme events can drastically impact coral reef inhabitants. Because our short-term oxygen
606 records show compound extreme events occur during MWHs, and long-term temperature records

607 show there is a 50% chance of reefs experiencing at least one MHW per year, the frequency of
608 such compound events is likely to be either underestimated and/or increasing. This agrees well
609 with the small but growing body of research that unanimously emphasizes the severe biological
610 and ecological impacts of compound extreme ocean events (Ummenhofer *et al.*, 2017; Gruber *et*
611 *al.*, 2021; Wolf *et al.*, 2022). Increasing efforts to collect high-resolution oxygen and temperature
612 data are necessary, as is knowledge of how multiple extreme stressors interact, how long extreme
613 events last, as well as how their magnitude, intensity, and recurrences impact marine life.
614 Understanding the basic anatomy of these compound events with their corresponding biological
615 impacts is urgently needed to assess the risk they pose to coastal ecosystems globally.

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627 **Data availability**

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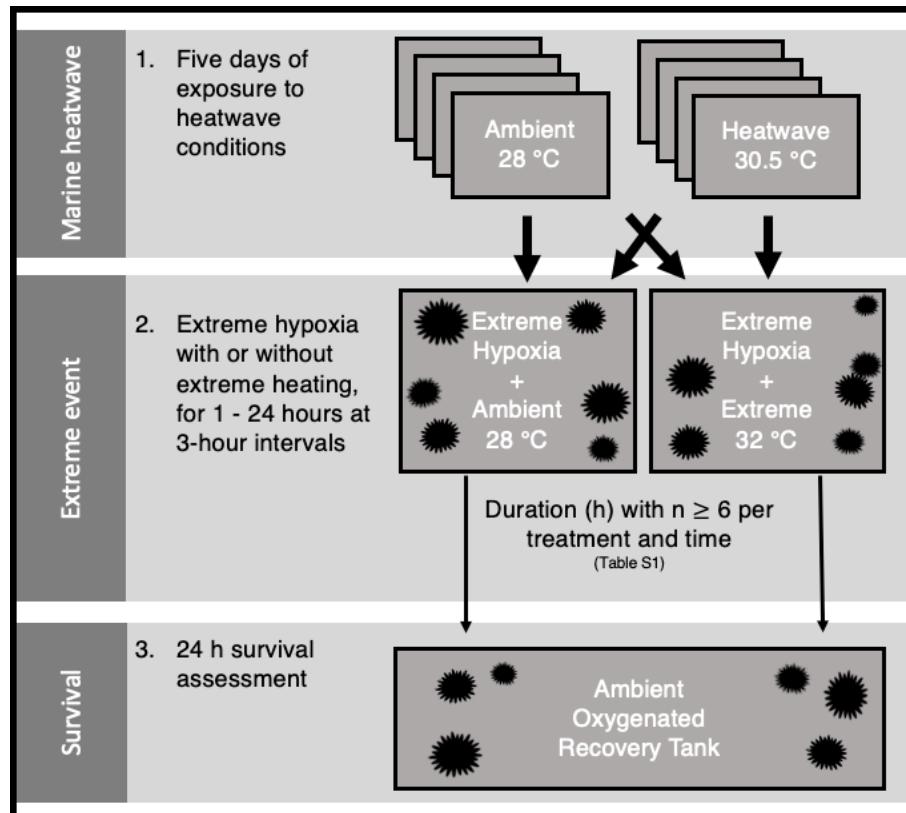
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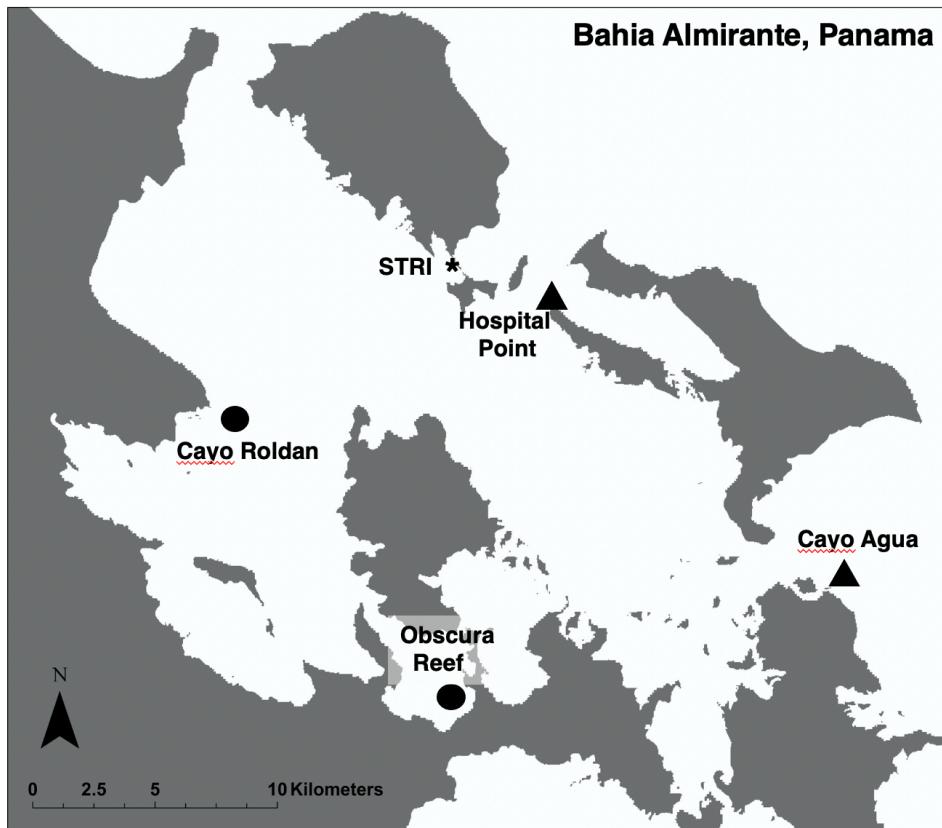
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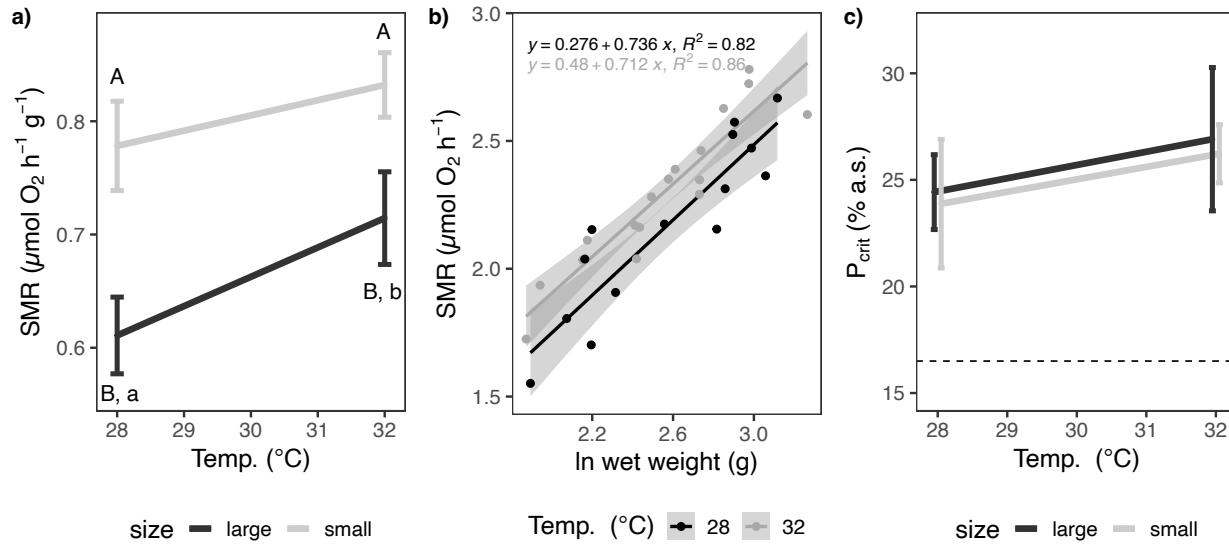
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828 **Figure 1:** Schematic of the factorial experimental design using the rock-boring tropical sea
 829 urchin *Echinometra lucunter*. Animals were first exposed for 5 days to either control (28°C) or
 830 MHW (30.5°C) temperatures. They were then exposed to extreme hypoxia either with or without
 831 extreme heating (28 vs. 32°C) for durations ranging from 1 to 24 h (in 3 h intervals). This was
 832 followed by a 24 h recovery period, whereby survival was assessed.



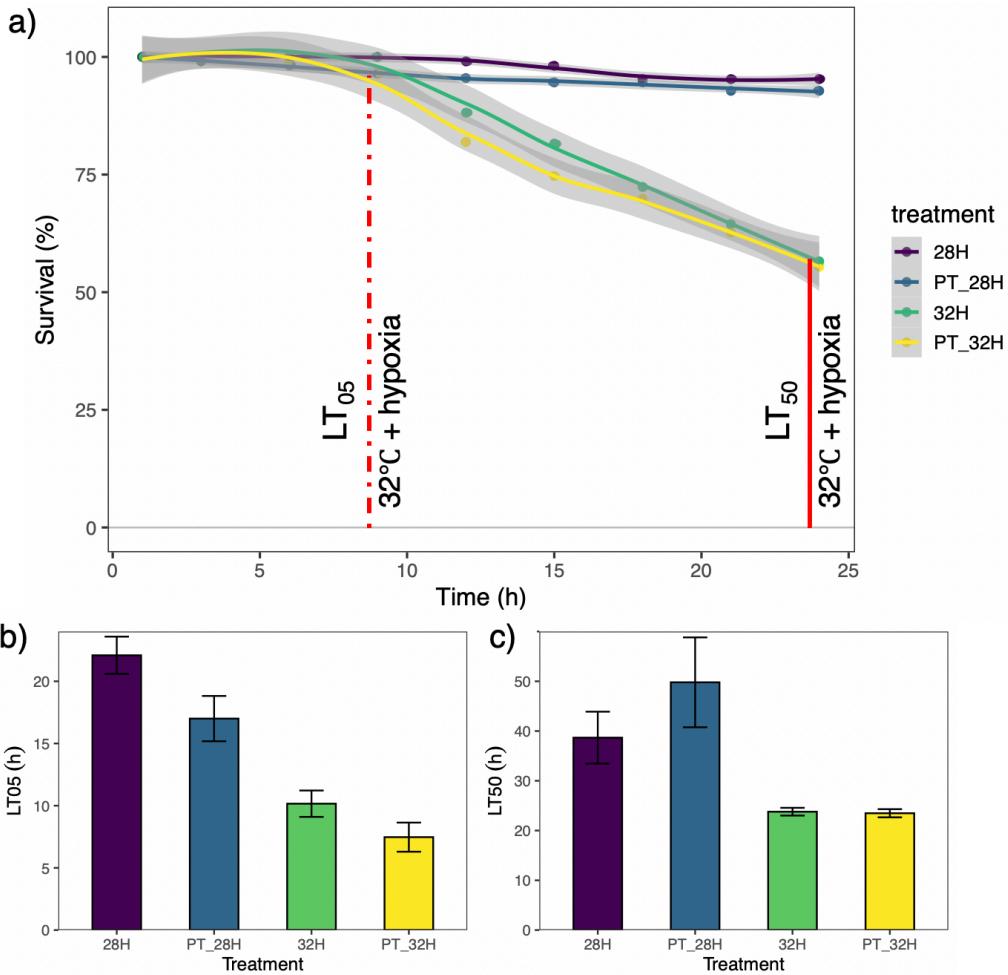
834 **Figure 2.** Map of Bahia Almirante, Bocas del Toro, Panama. All *Echinometra lucunter* sea
 835 urchins used in this study were collected from Hospital Point. 19-year temperature data was
 836 collected from loggers deployed on the reefs at 3 m in Cayo Roldan and Cayo Agua, while 9-
 837 month temperature and oxygen data were measured by loggers deployed on the Obscura reef at 3
 838 m. Sites marked by circles represent reefs where the occurrence of *E. lucunter* is rare, compared
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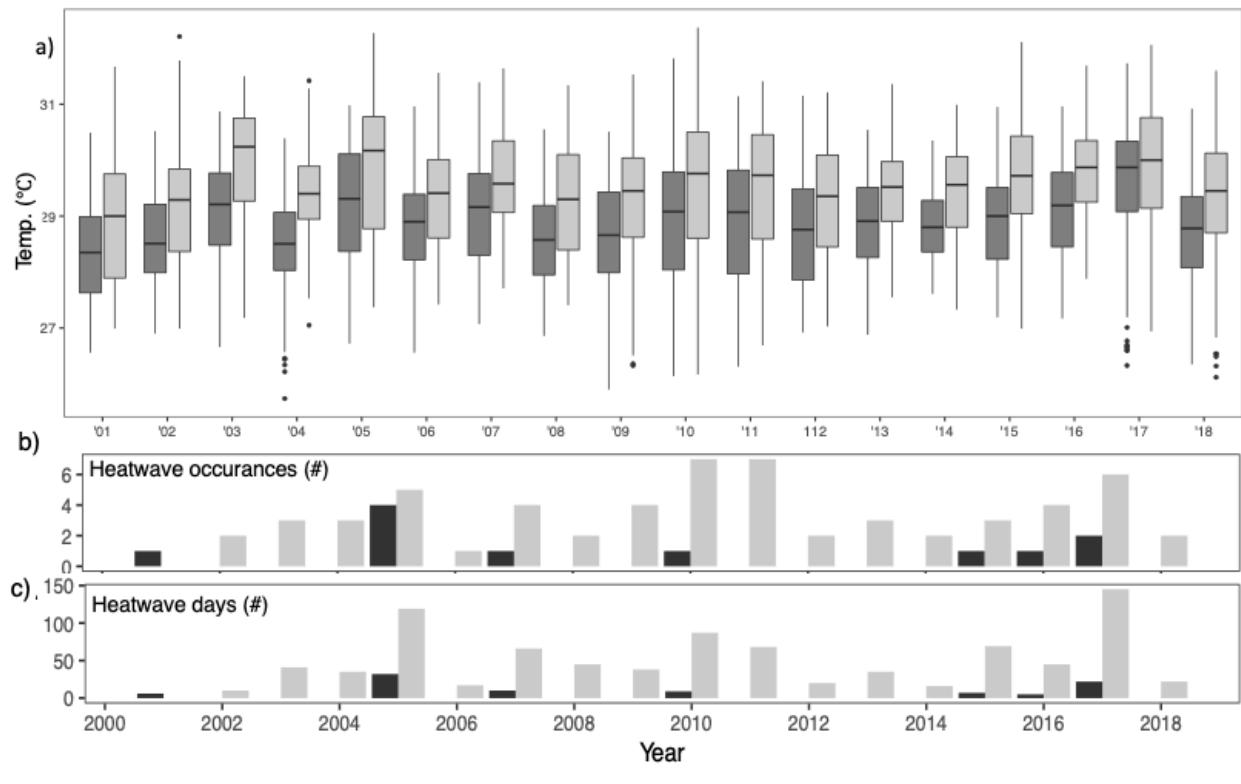
842 **Figure 3.** The standard metabolic rates (SMR) and critical oxygen limits (P_{crit}) of *E. lucunter*,
 843 considering temperature and body size [n=31]. a) Mass-specific SMR rates are calculated for
 844 each temperature and body size, with significantly different mean values ($p < 0.05$) in different
 845 temperature treatments for the same size class are indicated by lowercase letters, while
 846 significantly different mean values in the same temperature treatment among different sizes are
 847 indicated by uppercase letters. b) The linear relationship between absolute metabolic rate and
 848 body size (both log-transformed), with regression equations shown for each temperature
 849 treatment. c) The P_{crit} in percent air saturation for each treatment. The dashed line at 16.5%
 850 shows the oxygen level used in experimental hypoxia treatments. Error bars indicate $\pm \text{SE}$.

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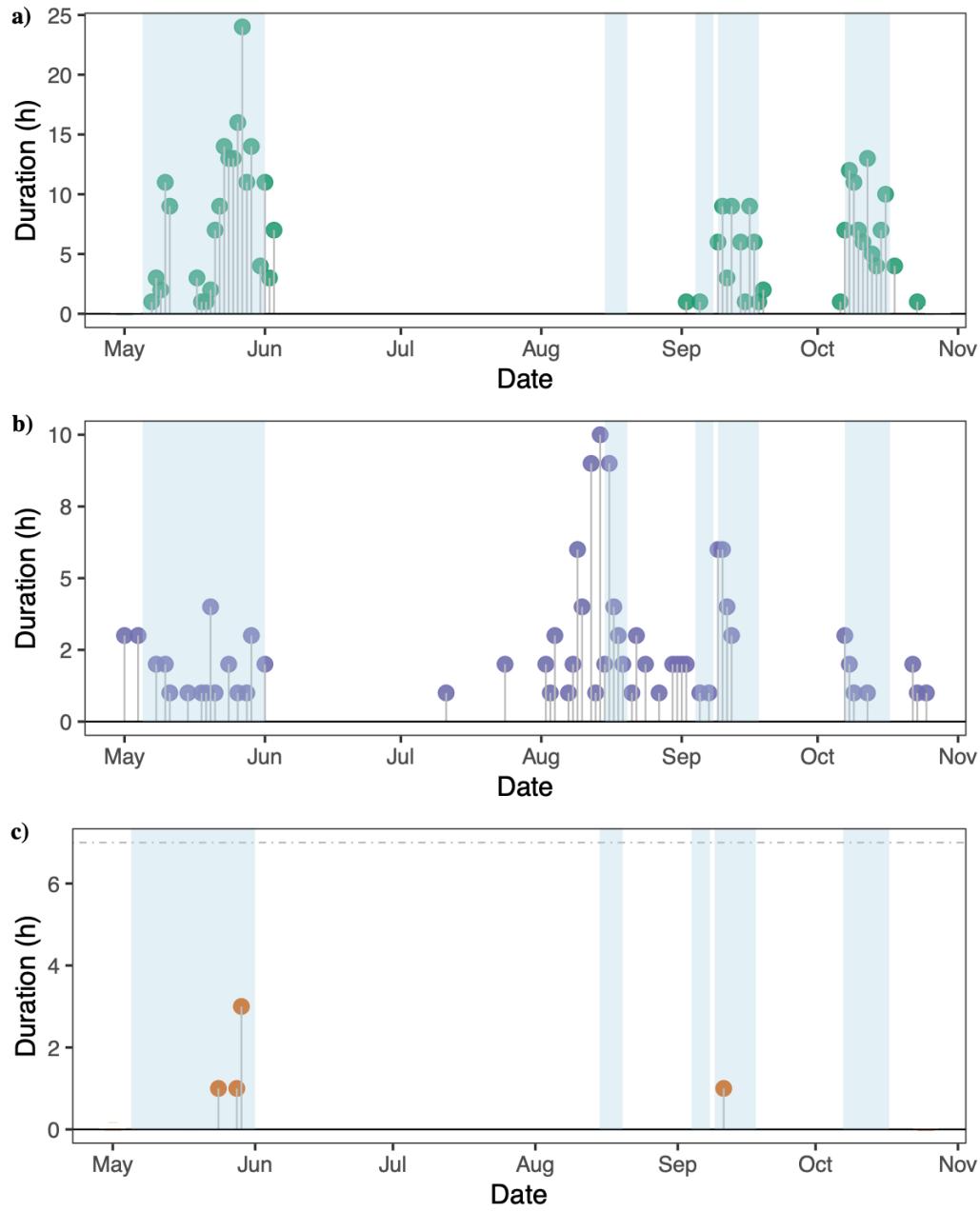
853 **Figure 4:** The duration in hours that *E. lucunter* survived extreme temperature and hypoxia.
 854 All animals were held at either ambient (28°C, blue and purple) or extreme temperature (32°C,
 855 yellow and green) under hypoxia (H) at 16.50% (~3.8 kPa; 1.01 mg L⁻¹). This was 35% below
 856 their critical oxygen limit (P_{crit}). Half of the animals were previously exposed to 5-days at either
 857 28°C (blue and yellow) or 30.5°C (purple and green); prior thermal exposure, (PT). Survival was
 858 assayed in subsets of animals removed from the experiment every 3 h for a 24 h time-period.
 859 There was no effect of prior temperature exposure, so temperature treatments were pooled to
 860 show two important time points: the red dashed vertical line represents the time when 5% of the
 861 animals under both hypoxia and extreme temperatures died, LT₀₅ (a). Likewise, the red solid line
 862 shows when 50% of the animals under both hypoxia and extreme temperatures died (LT₅₀ = 23.6
 863 h). Points represent average survival in each treatment at each sampled time point. Below, the
 864 LT₀₅ (b) and LT₅₀ (c) are given for treatments including prior acclimation exposures. Error bars
 865 note ± SE.



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867 **Figure 5.** a) Range of seawater temperatures measured on two 3 m coral reefs near Cayo Roldan
 868 and Cayo Agua. Values are from measurements made each day at noon and only data spanning
 869 full years are included, i.e., 2001- 2018. b) The number of MHW occurring at each site every
 870 year, where temperatures were equal to or greater than 30.50°C for 5 or more consecutive days,
 871 and c) the total number of days per year MHWs occurred.



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873 **Figure 6.** The duration of consecutive hours within a 24 h day in which (a) temperatures are
 874 equal to or above 32°C, (b) oxygen levels are equal to or below 16.5% (~4.5 kPa; 1.5 mg L⁻¹), or
 875 (c) both oxygen and temperature values are below (O₂) and above (temperature) these thresholds
 876 (compound extremes). Light blue shading represents time periods when the temperatures were
 877 consecutively above 30.5°C for five or more days (i.e., MHW occurrences). The time in hours
 878 when 5% of the *E. lucunter* test population dies (LT₀₅) from compound extreme exposure is
 879 shown by the dashed grey line in (c).

880 **Table 1.** Summary of environmental temperatures (°C) at 3 m on the two coral reefs, Cayo
 881 Roldan and Cayo Aqua. Bay averages are taken from their combination. Summary statistics
 882 include daily daytime data from the complete 19-year record. From bay averages, the 90%
 883 percentile temperature was used as the MHW experimental treatment (i.e., prior thermal
 884 exposure), and the maximum temperature was used for the ‘extreme’ temperature treatment.

Year	Cayo Roldan Mean ± SD (°C)	Cayo Agua Mean ± SD (°C)	Bay Average Mean ± SD (°C)
2000	28.08 ±0.43	27.76 ±0.27	27.92 ±0.39
2001	28.90 ±1.06	28.36 ±0.90	28.63 ±1.02
2002	29.18 ±1.00	28.67 ±0.76	28.90 ±0.91
2003	29.87 ±1.10	29.11 ±0.84	29.31 ±0.97
2004	29.43 ±0.77	28.55 ±0.79	28.99 ±0.89
2005	29.84 ±1.15	29.23 ±1.03	29.54 ±1.13
2006	29.33 ±0.89	28.84 ±0.78	29.09 ±0.87
2007	29.64 ±0.88	29.08 ±0.90	29.36 ±0.94
2008	29.31 ±1.00	28.61 ±0.79	28.97 ±0.97
2009	29.32 ±1.00	28.63 ±0.99	28.98 ±1.06
2010	29.58 ±1.24	28.94 ±1.14	29.26 ±1.23
2011	29.45 ±1.19	28.89 ±1.04	29.17 ±1.15
2012	29.27 ±0.98	28.71 ±0.92	28.99 ±0.99
2013	29.45 ±0.82	28.93 ±0.79	29.19 ±0.85
2014	29.46 ±0.78	28.83 ±0.59	29.15 ±0.76
2015	29.73 ±0.99	28.97 ±0.86	29.35 ± 1.00
2016	29.83 ±0.76	29.12 ±0.82	29.48 ±0.86
2017	29.94 ±1.07	29.60 ±1.03	29.77 ±1.06
2018	29.35 ±1.06	28.67 ±0.93	29.01 ±1.06
2019	29.16 ±0.72	28.56 ±0.53	28.86 ±0.70
Minimum temperature	26.12	25.74	25.74
Mean temperature	29.47 ± 1.02	28.86 ± 0.93	29.16 ± 1.02
Maximum temperature	32.37	31.82	32.37
90% Percentile	30.76	30.08	30.50

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886 **Table 2.** Fixed-Effects ANOVA results of P_{crit} and mass-specific SMR, as a function of
 887 temperature (either 28 or 32 °C) and size class. P_{crit} was log transformed to meet assumptions of
 888 normality. Interactions between temperature and size were not significant in either case and
 889 removed from final models. Significant factors are in bold.

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	p	partial η^2	partial η^2 90% CI [LL, UL]
SMR	Intercept	0.00	1	0.00	0.11	.743		
	temp	0.04	1	0.04	4.80	.037	.13	[.00, .33]
	size	0.15	1	0.15	16.09	.000	.37	[.13, .53]
	Error	0.26	28	0.01				
Log_{10} (P_{crit})	Intercept	0.02	1	0.02	1.80	.190		
	temp	0.01	1	0.01	0.85	.366	.03	[.00, .18]
	size	0.00	1	0.00	0.03	.869	.00	[.00, .06]
	Error	0.37	28	0.01				

890 *Note.* LL and UL represent the lower-limit and upper-limit of the partial η^2 confidence interval,
 891 respectively.

892 **Table 3.** Survival through time under hypoxia. Binomial GLM results indicate no effect of either
 893 collection date, sea urchin size, prior thermal exposure, or their interaction with time and/or
 894 extreme temperature. Only significant interactions were retained in this model.

	estimate	std error	z value	$P (> z)$
(Intercept)	-6.133	7.822	-0.784	0.433
Time	2.481	0.614	4.041	0.000
Temp.	0.350	0.265	1.322	0.186
Temp. x Time	-0.091	0.021	-4.329	0.000

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898 **Table S1:** Experimental numbers of *E. lucunter* animals tested in each treatment at each time
 899 point during the period between August and November 2019.

time	PT-28H	PT-32H	28-H	32-H	total
1	9	9	5	8	31
3	17	10	16	9	52
6	16	11	15	9	51
9	18	11	16	10	55
12	22	18	22	15	77
15	11	6	12	6	35
18	6	6	6	7	25
21	6	6	7	6	25
24	6	6	7	6	25
total	111	83	106	76	376

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