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1 **Climate change is predicted to alter the current pest status of *Globodera pallida* and *G.***
2 ***rostochiensis* in the UK**

3 **Running head:** Effect of increasing temperatures on *Globodera*

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21 **Abstract**

22 The potato cyst nematodes *Globodera pallida* and *G. rostochiensis* are economically important
23 plant pathogens causing losses to UK potato harvests estimated at £50m/ year. Implications of
24 climate change on their future pest status have not been fully considered. Here, we report
25 growth of female *G. pallida* and *G. rostochiensis* over the range 15 to 25 °C. Females per plant
26 and their fecundity declined progressively with temperatures above 17.5 °C for *G. pallida*,
27 whilst females per plant were optimal between 17.5 and 22.5 °C for *G. rostochiensis*. Relative
28 reproductive success with temperature was confirmed on two potato cultivars infected with
29 either species at 15, 22.5 and 25 °C. The reduced reproductive success of *G. pallida* at 22.5 °C
30 relative to 15 °C was also recorded for a further seven host cultivars studied. The differences
31 in optimal temperatures for reproductive success may relate to known differences in the altitude
32 of their regions of origin in the Andes. Exposure of *G. pallida* to a diurnal temperature stress
33 for one week during female growth significantly suppressed subsequent growth for one week
34 at 17.5 °C but had no effect on *G. rostochiensis*. However, after two weeks of recovery female
35 size was not significantly different from that for the control treatment. Future soil temperatures
36 were simulated for medium and high emissions scenarios and combined with nematode growth
37 data to project future implications of climate change for the two species. Increased soil
38 temperatures associated with climate change may reduce the pest status of *G. pallida* but
39 benefit *G. rostochiensis* especially in southern UK. We conclude that plant breeders may be
40 able to exploit the thermal limits of *G. pallida* by developing potato cultivars able to grow
41 under future warm summer conditions. Existing widely deployed resistance to *G. rostochiensis*
42 is an important characteristic to retain for new potato cultivars.

43

44 **Introduction**

45 Climate change has the potential to alter the distribution of animals but outcomes can vary. In
46 the absence of habitat management it may result in future extinction of some species, as
47 reported for drought-sensitive butterflies in the UK (Oliver et al., 2015). Worldwide both
48 vertebrate and invertebrate species have moved towards higher latitudes over a circa 25 year
49 period (Hickling et al., 2006, Chen et al., 2011). Data for many of the 612 crop pests and
50 pathogens analysed established a global move poleward since the 1960s for some organisms
51 but not for either *Globodera pallida* or *G. rostochiensis* in the Northern hemisphere (Bebber et
52 al., 2013). Both these species of potato cyst nematodes (PCN) occur throughout the potato
53 growing regions of the UK (Minnis et al., 2002) and have been reported throughout Europe,
54 Latin America and parts of Asia, North America, Oceania and Africa where potatoes are
55 cropped (<http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/27033#20127201272>). They cause losses to potato
56 harvests estimated at £50m/year in the UK alone and several times that value across Europe
57 (<http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/27033>).

58 Current management relies on nematicides, resistant potato cultivars and long crop rotations.
59 However, several nematicides have recently been banned under current EU legislation
60 (Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009). There are few cultivars grown widely with high levels of
61 resistance particularly to *G. pallida*. Early success in breeding resistance to *G. rostochiensis*
62 was achieved with a single gene from *Solanum tuberosum* ssp. *Andigena*. It has provided
63 durable, qualitative resistance to this nematode in cultivars such as Maris Piper. Breeding for
64 resistance to the more common forms of *G. pallida* is more complex. No single gene offers
65 complete resistance to all populations of this nematode which vary in the level of virulence
66 they offer to partially resistant cultivars (Dalton et al., 2013). Rotational control is an important
67 pest management strategy for PCN that counters their reproductive success on a host plant by

68 allowing natural decline rates when other crops are grown ([http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/online-](http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/online-toolbox/pcn-calculator)
69 [toolbox/pcn-calculator](http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/online-toolbox/pcn-calculator)).

70 PCN are host-specific parasites that co-evolved over $15-21 \times 10^6$ years with wild potato species
71 (*Solanum* L. section *Petota* Dumort.) of which 130 species are recognized in Peru and Bolivia
72 (Spooner & Hijmans, 2001). The climate of the Andean highlands pre-adapted both the two
73 PCN species and their host potato plants to cool-temperate climates worldwide where the crop
74 is now grown. *G. pallida* is adapted to high altitudes and is considered to have undergone an
75 expansion northwards within Peru in the Miocene as the Andean chain rose in that region.
76 Phylogenetic analysis of *G. pallida* populations has been used as a molecular clock to
77 determine when an altitude threshold of 2.0-2.5 km was reached for the elevating Andes in
78 different regions of Peru. *G. rostochiensis* is assumed to originate from where uplift of the
79 paleo-Andes was less extreme and therefore the climate is slightly warmer (Plantard et al.,
80 2008).

81 The females of both *Globodera* species retain all eggs within a cyst formed by tanning of their
82 body walls at death. There is normally a single generation per potato crop and the encysted
83 eggs remain dormant until infective juveniles hatch from them in response to root diffusate
84 from potato plants (Perry & Beane, 1982, Forrest & Farrer, 1983). A partial second generation
85 has been observed for some populations of *G. rostochiensis* in the UK (Jones, 1950, Evans,
86 1969) and Italy (Greco N., 1988). Potatoes are grown widely in England and Scotland with
87 planting of main crops from mid-April and harvest up to early October (Daccache et al., 2012,
88 Gregory & Marshall, 2012). More than half the national potato plantings occurs in Eastern
89 England and Yorkshire, about 22 % in Scotland, 12 % in the West Midlands and the remaining
90 14 % in other parts of England and Wales. Females develop after the juveniles invade potato
91 roots. They emerge through the cortex onto the root surface and continue to grow on main crop

92 potatoes in the UK from June onwards. For example, first emergence of females on to the root
93 surface occurred in Southern England in late June, 55 days after planting in early May
94 (Whitehead, 1992) and mid-June for early planted potatoes in Belgium (Ebrahimi et al., 2014).

95 The difference in the altitude adaptation of the two PCN species in the Andes, together with
96 previous work suggested a comparative approach for this study to define if their likely
97 responses differ to the future increase in summer temperatures that have been projected for the
98 UK (Parker D.E., 1992, Trenberth et al., 2007, Jenkins et al., 2009). Being soil-borne,
99 nematodes respond to soil rather than air temperature. As soil temperatures are rarely recorded
100 and are not outputted from global climate models, modelling studies tend to use air instead of
101 soil temperatures. García-Suárez & Butler (2006) showed for three sites in Ireland that over
102 the last century annual mean soil temperatures increased more than air temperature; and rises
103 and falls do not occur at the same time. In order to represent recent and future soil temperatures
104 for 10 sites across the UK potato growing area (Fig. 1, Table S1) we validated a soil
105 temperature model (SoilClim) (Hlavinka et al., 2011) for UK conditions. The soil temperature
106 model was used together with recent and future climate data from a weather generator for
107 medium and high emission scenarios and three future time periods
108 (<http://ukclimateprojections-ui.metoffice.gov.uk/ui/admin/login.php>). Female reproductive
109 success of PCN at 15 to 25 °C was determined and related to predicted future soil temperatures
110 during time of female development for 10 sites covering the main potato-growing areas of the
111 UK. This enabled changes in pest status of PCN on UK potato crops in relation to climate
112 change to be estimated.

113

114 **Materials and Methods**

115 The effect of temperature on growth of female *Globodera*

116 Tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L. var. Desiree were grown in pots with a diameter of 18 cm
117 containing sandy loam (1: 1 loam soil: sand) in a glasshouse set at 20 °C with a 16 hour day-
118 length. Aliquots of 1,500 hatched, infective juveniles (J2s) of each species were added to the
119 soil after three weeks of plant growth. Juveniles were hatched from *G. pallida* (pathotype Pa
120 2/3) or *G. rostochiensis* (pathotype Ro1) eggs within cysts at 20 °C using root diffusate
121 collected from three week old potato roots. J2s were washed four times in tap water and
122 pipetted into the soil at three locations around the planted tuber at a density of one juvenile per
123 μL water. Immediately after soil infestation, the potato plants were transferred to heat mats set
124 at 15, 17.5, 20, 22.5 and 25 °C in a glasshouse with a 16 hour day-length.

125 At least three replicate plants per temperature were grown for each time point. Soil temperature
126 in each pot was monitored using an iButton (Maxim Integrated, San Jose, California, USA) and
127 was within ± 1 °C of the set mat temperature throughout the experiment. Females were
128 collected from roots at weekly intervals, from their first appearance on the root surface at three
129 weeks until nine weeks post infection by washing them through a series of 1000, 150 and 63
130 μm sieves. Images of females were taken using a Leica MZ16 stereo-binocular microscope and
131 a MicroPublisher 3.3 RTV colour camera (QImaging, Surrey, BC, Canada). Projected surface
132 area was measured in mm^2 using Image-Pro Analyzer 7.0 (Media Cybernetics Inc., Rockville,
133 USA). The eggs within some newly formed cysts of both species were counted after measuring
134 their projected surface area to provide a calibration curve that relates area to egg number.

135 Population growth of *Globodera* on a range of cultivars at 15 °C, 22.5 °C, and 25°C

136 Tubers of nine potato cultivars widely grown in the UK (*Solanum tuberosum* L. var. Arsenal,
137 Cara, Desiree, Estima, Innovator, Markies, Melody, Maris Peer, and Maris Piper) were planted

138 and grown as described above with three or four replicates per temperature for each potato
139 cultivar in soil containing *G. pallida* (pathotype Pa 2/3) at a density of 5 eggs g⁻¹. The plants
140 were grown on heat mats set at 15, 22.5 (all cultivars) and 25 °C (Desiree and Maris Peer only)
141 in a glasshouse with a 16 hour day-length. After twelve weeks of growth, plants and soil were
142 allowed to dry. Roots and soil were mixed together and three 100 g samples were collected
143 from each pot. Egg and cyst counts were carried out using standard procedures by an
144 agricultural extension company (ADAS UK Ltd). Cysts were recovered from dried soil samples
145 using a Fenwick can, they were opened and the number of eggs were quantified on a counting
146 slide (see Southey (1986) for details). The same experiment was performed for *G. rostochiensis*
147 with potato cultivars Desiree and Maris Peer.

148 The effect of fluctuating diurnal heat stress on females of *Globodera*

149 *Solanum tuberosum* L. var. Desiree were grown in a SanyoTM MLR-350H Plant Growth
150 Chamber (Moriguchi, Osaka prefecture, Japan) at 17.5 °C with 16 hours day-length for three
151 weeks before J2 of *G. pallida* (pathotype Pa 2/3) or *G. rostochiensis* (pathotype Ro1) were
152 added to the soil as above. After a further four weeks, six plants infected with each species
153 were moved to a plant growth chamber with a cycling diurnal temperature. The remaining three
154 plants for each species continued at a constant temperature of 17.5 °C. The cabinets with
155 cycling temperatures increased to a maximum value of 32.5 °C over 4-5 hr, held the maximum
156 temperature for 3-4 hr before the temperature fell over 4-5 hr to 17.5 hr which was maintained
157 for the remaining 12-13 hr of the 24 hr cycle. The 8 hr dark period occurred whilst the plants
158 were at 17.5 °C. After one week, all plants were returned to the cabinet set at a constant
159 temperature of 17.5 °C and females were collected from the roots at six and seven weeks post
160 nematode addition.

161 Potential for a second generation of *G. rostochiensis*

162 Eight *Solanum tuberosum* L. var. Desiree plants were grown for two weeks before 1,500 *J2* G.
163 *rostochiensis*/ plant were introduced to each as described above. The temperature was 21.2 ± 1
164 °C throughout the experiment. Half the plants were selected at random and harvested after nine
165 weeks. The remaining plants were harvested at 16 weeks. The number of cysts/ 100g soil, the
166 projected surface of each cyst and their egg content were measured as described earlier.

167 Dependency of development rate of *Globodera* on temperature

168 Temperature-dependent development of *Globodera* females over time was investigated using
169 the Gompertz model as modified by Zwietering et al. (1990) to give the parameters a biological
170 meaning:

$$171 \quad y(t) = A \exp \left\{ -\exp \left[\frac{\mu_m \exp(1)}{A} (\lambda - t) + 1 \right] \right\} \quad (\text{Eqn. 1}),$$

172 where μ_m is the maximum specific growth rate i.e. the tangent in the inflection point; λ is the
173 lag time before first egg production (x-axis intercept of the tangent); and A is the asymptote
174 which is defined as the maximal female surface area achieved. The lag time was set to a
175 minimum of two weeks since production of embryonated eggs is not expected to occur before
176 this time point.

177 Soil temperature simulations

178 Soil temperature at 10 and 20 cm depth was simulated using SoilClim (Hlavinka et al., 2011)
179 which requires daily minimum and maximum air temperature, precipitation, radiation, latitude
180 and altitude of the location as input data. All SoilClim simulations were performed for light
181 and medium soils (Trnka et al., 2014) with notional planting and harvest dates in mid-April
182 and early October (Daccache et al., 2012, Gregory & Marshall, 2012). Soil temperature was
183 simulated for all combinations of a constant (3 t ha^{-1}) and variable canopy, with or without

184 irrigation. For the variable canopy, the total amount of biomass cover was increased linearly
185 from 0 to 18 t ha⁻¹ during the initial crop development once it had emerged. It was maintained
186 at 18 t ha⁻¹ during mid-season before a decrease from 18 to 10 t ha⁻¹ in the late season. Irrigation
187 was simulated by maintaining readily available water at a minimum of 40% until increased by
188 rainfall (Daccache et al., 2011). The length of the different potato plant developmental stages
189 was set at 40 days for emergence, 60 days for crop development, 45 days for mid-season and
190 28 days for late season (http://www.fao.org/nr/water/cropinfo_potato.html).

191 For the validation of SoilClim, two weather stations (Rothamsted and East Malling) from the
192 Met Office Integrated Data Archive System (MIDAS) Land and Marine Surface Station Data
193 were selected, that provided hourly soil temperature at a depth of 10 cm and daily values for
194 minimum and maximum air temperature and precipitation. Daily soil temperature data were
195 computed from the hourly observations to compare to the SoilClim output. Using hourly
196 observed soil temperature for comparison was necessary as daily soil temperature data at the
197 MIDAS weather stations are recorded at 9 am and therefore do not correspond to daily average
198 values. Solar radiation was not available and was therefore calculated from minimum and
199 maximum air temperature (Hargreaves et al., 1985, Trnka et al., 2005) with Hargreaves
200 constants A_h and B_h derived from European Commission
201 (<http://www.treemail.nl/download/treebook7/radiation/index.htm>). No suitable data set could
202 be found for soil temperatures at a depth of 20 cm. For the simulations a light and medium soil
203 type in combination with a constant canopy were assumed as satellite images confirmed that
204 both sites had a grass cover.

205 Recent and future climate projections for potato growing locations across the UK

206 We used minimum and maximum temperature and precipitation provided by a Weather
207 generator (WG) (UKCP09 climate projections downloaded from [9](http://ukclimateprojections-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

208 ui.metoffice.gov.uk/ui/admin/login.php) to represent recent and future climatic conditions for
209 ten selected sites (5x5 km grid cells) covering the main potato growing areas of the UK (Fig.
210 1, Table S1; <http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/sites/default/files/styles/image->
211 [node/public/content/main%20production%20area.JPG?itok=_qLoBOpF](http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/sites/default/files/styles/image-node/public/content/main%20production%20area.JPG?itok=_qLoBOpF); (Daccache et al.,
212 2012)). The WG provided recent values (1961 to 1990) and three future time periods i.e. 2040s
213 (representing the time period 2030 to 2059), 2060s (2050 to 2079) and 2080s (2070 to 2099).
214 The model was run with scenarios for both medium (corresponding to IPCC SRES A1B) and
215 high (IPCC SRES A1FI) emission (IPCC, 2000). For each time period and combination of
216 emissions, 100 perturbations of the WG were combined with 50 plausible years to include
217 uncertainty.

218 Estimating the population growth of *Globodera* in response to temperature changes across the
219 UK

220 Predictions of future *Globodera* pressure were calculated using our data for the effect of
221 temperature on female development and population size, together with simulated soil
222 temperature at 10 and 20 cm depth during female development. The potato root system is
223 concentrated in the upper 30 cm of the soil layer (Asfary et al., 1983), with PCN distribution
224 proportional to root length density (Storey, 1982). Therefore we used estimates of root length
225 density with depth to weight the simulated soil temperature. Soil layers 0 to 15 cm and 15 to
226 30 cm were assumed to correspond to SoilClim soil temperature estimates at 10 and 20 cm soil
227 depth and were weighted 0.45 and 0.55, respectively (Asfary et al., 1983). The SoilClim
228 simulations were based on a variable canopy with irrigation to provide realistic combinations
229 for conditions experienced by PCN.

230 Statistical analyses

231 All data were analysed using a standard statistical package (SPSS v20; IBM Corporation
232 Armonk, New York, USA; <http://www-01.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss>). All means are
233 given with the standard error of the mean (SEM). The skewness associated with some sample
234 means was determined. Stem and leaf analysis was applied to identify outlier values when the
235 skew was significant. Another analysis carried out was ANOVA using the general linear model
236 multivariate procedure and one-way analysis with both apriori contrasts and post-hoc
237 comparisons of means using the Student-Newman-Keuls (SNK). Curve fits in regression
238 analysis were selected using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC, `extractAIC` function from
239 R stats package see <https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/stats/html/extractAIC.html>).
240 This combines the goodness of fit of a model, and its complexity. Nonlinear regression was
241 used to fit Gompertz curves to changes in projected surface areas of females with time. R
242 version 3.1.2 was used for the analysis of the soil temperature data (<http://www.R-project.org>).

243

244 **Results**

245 The effect of temperature on growth of female *Globodera*

246 The mean projected surface areas of 2,899 and 2,398 collected females of *G. rostochiensis* and
247 *G. pallida* respectively were measured over 3-9 weeks after adding juveniles to soil (Fig. S1).
248 Gompertz curves were fitted to the data set with a minimum lag of two weeks before the first
249 females were present on the root surface (minimum value of $R^2 = 0.77$ except for *G.*
250 *rostochiensis* at 25 °C where $R^2 = 0.52$). *G. rostochiensis* fitted a longer lag phase at 15 °C but
251 reached the same final size as other temperatures by nine weeks (Fig. S1a). The asymptote for
252 females of *G. pallida* provided a smaller final projected surface area at 25 °C than other
253 temperatures (Fig. S1b). There was no significant difference in the areas between eight and

254 nine weeks for either species at each temperature (apriori contrasts, One-way ANOVA)
255 indicating that growth had been completed for all temperatures by that time. The data for final
256 size at eight and nine weeks was therefore combined.

257 The AIC method suggested the final projected surface area of female *G. rostochiensis* and *G.*
258 *pallida* fitted a quadratic rather than a linear fit. The change in final projected surface area of
259 its females over 15 to 25 °C was much smaller for *G. rostochiensis* than for *G. pallida* that
260 showed a clear reduction in projected surface area at higher temperatures (Fig. 2a). Projected
261 surface area at 25 °C was reduced to 72 ± 10 % of 0.165 ± 0.006 mm² at 15 °C ($P < 0.01$; a
262 priori contrasts, One-way ANOVA). The number of females per plant of *G. rostochiensis* fitted
263 a quadratic curve ($R^2 = 0.88$) with optimal values of about 57 ± 6 at 17.5 to 22.5 °C whereas
264 for *G. pallida* the number decreased linearly ($P < 0.01$, $R^2 = 0.90$) from 66 ± 7 at 15 °C to 15
265 ± 2 % at 25 °C (Fig. 2b). A linear relationship exists between the projected surface area of
266 newly formed females of *G. pallida* and their egg content (Urwin et al., 1995). We found that
267 there was no significant difference in this linear relationship between *G. pallida* and *G.*
268 *rostochiensis* and therefore combined the data of the two species that resulted in the following
269 equation: $\text{eggs/cyst} = (1277.5 \times \text{area}) - 37.1$ with projected surface area in mm². This
270 calibration and number of females per plant enabled the number of eggs per plant at different
271 temperatures to be estimated (Fig. 2c).

272 Reproductive success of *G. pallida* decreased with temperature from 15 to 25 °C whereas the
273 optimum for *G. rostochiensis* was between 17.5 and 22.5 °C. The results establish that *G.*
274 *pallida* reproduces more successfully than *G. rostochiensis* at 15 °C and is less productive at
275 20-22.5 °C. Number of eggs /g soil produced by *G. pallida* and *G. rostochiensis* on cv Desiree
276 and Maris Peer at 15 °C, 22.5 °C and 25 °C is given in Fig. 3a (see Fig. S2 for number of cysts/
277 100 g and egg content per cyst). For *G. pallida*, the results for the two cultivars were similar

278 and so were combined. There was a highly significant reduction in eggs/ g soil between both
279 15 °C and 22.5 °C and also between the latter temperature and 25°C ($P < 0.001$, Univariate
280 ANOVA, Fig. 3a). Results for the two cultivars were also similar for *G. rostochiensis*. Both
281 the decline from 22.5 °C to 25 °C and the increase between 15 °C and 22.5 °C were significant
282 for Desiree and Maris Peer (at least $P < 0.01$, a priori contrast, One-way ANOVA, Fig. 3a).
283 Further analysis indicated that the effects for both species were mainly due to changes in cysts
284 /100g soil although eggs/ cyst was suppressed for both species on the two cultivars at 25°C
285 (Fig. S2).

286 The comparative reproductive success of *G. pallida* at 15 °C and 22.5 °C was studied for a
287 further nine cultivars. The reduction in reproductive success for each cultivar are given in Fig.
288 3b expressed as a percentage for each species at 22.5 °C relative to their corresponding means
289 at 15 °C. Data collected for Arsenal and Innovator was excluded from the analysis due to low
290 multiplication (< 1) on these cultivars at both temperatures. The overall reduction from the
291 mean for the remaining seven cultivars at the higher temperature was $39 \pm 4\%$ cysts/ 100g soil,
292 $21 \pm 4\%$ eggs/ cyst and $50 \pm 4\%$ eggs/ g soil. The reduction from means at 15 °C was significant
293 (< 0.001 in all three comparisons, multivariate ANOVA, pairwise comparisons, Bonferroni
294 adjustment for multiple comparisons). There were no significant differences among cultivars
295 for number of females or eggs/ g soil (One-way ANOVA and SNK, $P < 0.05$, Fig 3b). The
296 reduction in eggs/ cyst for Estima at 22.5 °C was significantly greater than for Maris Peer,
297 Markies and Maris Piper (SNK, $P < 0.05$).

298 The effect of fluctuating diurnal heat stress on females of *Globodera*

299 Subjecting *Globodera* to a fluctuating diurnal heat stress from 17.5 °C to 32.5 °C for seven
300 days during 4-5 weeks after addition of J2 to the soil did not significantly affect their final
301 number of eggs compared to the control grown at a constant 17.5 °C. Females of *G. pallida*

302 collected from plants subjected to the heat stress had a significantly smaller mean size of 0.133
303 $\pm 0.010 \text{ mm}^2$ compared to the control of $0.176 \pm 0.007 \text{ mm}^2$ at one but not at two weeks after
304 their return to $17.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ($P < 0.05$ and $P = 0.29$, respectively). No corresponding similar effect was
305 detected for *G. rostochiensis* at either time point.

306 Potential for a second generation of *G. rostochiensis*

307 The number of cysts/ 100g soil were 6.75 ± 1.17 (mean \pm SEM) after nine weeks with a
308 significantly higher value of 31.1 ± 6.58 after 16 weeks ($P < 0.001$; t test). Given that the
309 number of cysts from the first generation of *G. rostochiensis* is complete by 7-8 weeks (Fig.
310 S1a) the increase suggests a second generation contributed to the cyst collection at 16 weeks.
311 The ratio of observed to predicted eggs had a mean for the first harvest of 1.071 ± 0.028 and
312 1.081 ± 0.020 for the second harvest. The distribution of values about the mean for the second,
313 but not the first harvest, had a significant negative skew (-0.946 ± 0.226 , $n = 114$, $P < 0.01$).
314 Stem and leaf analysis suggested this was due to seven outliers with lower than expected
315 observed egg content. Their exclusion eliminated the significant skew. These seven values are
316 shown in Fig. 4 but are not included in the regression line for the second harvest.

317 Recent and future climate projections for potato growing locations across the UK

318 SoilClim simulated soil temperatures at 10 cm soil depth were validated using observed values
319 from the MIDAS weather stations at Rothamsted and East Malling. Peaks and troughs of daily
320 soil temperature at 10 cm depth were generally well estimated (Fig. S3a,b). The goodness of
321 fit between observed and simulated daily soil temperature ranged from R^2 values of 0.73 to
322 0.82 for Rothamsted and 0.83 to 0.92 for East Malling for different years (Fig. S3c,d). Average
323 air temperature for the potato growing season from mid-April to early October was predicted
324 to increase from the recent period by a mean of 1.9 - 2.4 $^\circ\text{C}$ (depending on the location) by the

325 2040s with the medium emission scenario and to 3.9 - 5.0 °C by the 2080s with the high
326 emission scenario (Fig. S4a). For the same period total precipitation decreased by a mean of 8
327 to 31 mm for the 2040s for the medium emission scenario and by 22 to 58 mm for the 2080s
328 and the high emission scenario (Fig. S4b). The latter figure represented about 80 % of the mean
329 precipitation over the potato growing season during the recent years.

330 Daily soil temperatures were generally higher and more variable at 10 cm than 20 cm depth for
331 both the recent and future simulations (Fig. S5) with a greater effect for the light than the
332 medium soil type (Fig. S6). The medium soil type in combination with variable canopy and
333 irrigation is the most prevalent combination for potato growing in the UK. With this
334 combination, the mean soil temperature for the medium emissions scenario increases at 10 cm
335 (20 cm) from the recent to the 2040s by 1.9 to 2.7 °C (1.8 to 2.6 °C) for June at the ten different
336 locations and 2.0 to 2.6 °C (2.0 to 2.6 °C) for July (Table S2). The corresponding values at 20
337 cm soil depth are 1.8 to 2.6 °C and 2.0 to 2.6 °C. Values for the 2040s and the high emissions
338 scenario were similar. For the 2080s, mean increases in soil temperatures might reach 5.1 °C
339 and 5.0 °C for depths of 10 cm and 20 cm respectively in June with corresponding values of
340 5.8 °C and 5.6 °C for July (Table S2). Differences in increases in mean soil temperature varied
341 more depending on the canopy compared to irrigation effects (Table S2). For both June and
342 July recent median soil temperatures were usually below 15 °C for the northern sites and 15
343 °C or slightly above 15 °C elsewhere (Fig. 5b,c). Even under the high emissions scenario for
344 the 2040s the median of the majority of sites in June and all Scottish sites in July remain close
345 to or below 17.5 °C. By the 2080s the median of all sites is above 17.5 °C for both the high and
346 medium emissions scenario in July (Fig. 5c and Fig. S7b) although a difference between them
347 remains.

348 Estimating the population growth of *Globodera* in response to temperature changes across the
349 UK

350 Fig. 6 shows estimates of future *G. pallida* and *G. rostochiensis* population trends across the
351 UK potato growing area. It evaluates the median of the recent and future average June and July
352 soil temperatures for the high emission scenario (as a weighted mean over 10 and 20 cm depths)
353 and the effects of temperature on the two species (Fig 2). For *G. pallida* it indicates a percentage
354 reduction in the number of eggs per plant of up to 60 % for the six most southern sites. In
355 contrast, increases of 40-70 % are predicted for *G. rostochiensis* at the same sites. As the
356 median soil temperature was below 15 °C during the recent time period for the four most
357 northern sites these values need to be verified with experiments covering a broader temperature
358 range than in the current study. Given the estimated relationship of number of eggs per plant
359 in Fig. 2c holds, accurate simulation of soil temperatures is crucial as the results differed
360 significantly when a constant canopy was assumed for SoilClim (Fig. S8a,b). Irrigation
361 compared to no irrigation on the other hand did not change the results significantly (Fig. S8c).
362 Inter-annual variability for mean June and July is high and increases in the future (Fig. 5b,c)
363 which indicates that some years will have a larger impact on *Globodera*.

364

365 **Discussion**

366 The effect of temperature between 15 and 25 °C on female reproductive success differed
367 between *G. pallida* and *G. rostochiensis*. Both number of females per plant and final female
368 size and hence number of eggs per plant was reduced progressively for *G. pallida* at
369 temperatures above 17.5 °C (Fig. 2 and Fig. S1). In contrast the number of *G. rostochiensis*
370 females developing on potato was only suppressed above 22.5 °C with no decrease in female

371 final size over 15-25 °C. This differential effect on number of eggs/ g soil produced by the two
372 species was also evident from comparing reproductive success at 15, 22.5 and 25 °C on cv
373 Desiree and Maris Peer (Fig. 3a). The reduction in reproduction of *G. pallida* was of particular
374 interest in relation to projected future UK summer temperatures and was found to be host
375 independent for seven cultivars studied (Fig. 3b).

376 The reduced number of *G. pallida* females developing may arise from less efficient root
377 invasion, mortality of developing females or a higher proportion of males in unfavourable
378 conditions as sex is determined by environmental conditions in planta (Perry et al., 2013). It
379 seems unlikely to arise from differences in hatch, as there is no substantial effect for either
380 species over the range studied in the recent work by Kaczmarek (2014). Furthermore, number
381 of developing females was also reduced at the higher temperature for *G. pallida* when hatched
382 J2s were applied directly to the soil (Fig. 2). It could relate to the known differential
383 temperature effects on endogenous lipid reserves used for mobility and root invasion by this
384 non-feeding stage (Robinson et al., 1987). The small, significant reduction in fecundity must
385 occur after sex determination and suggests sub-optimal conditions for the feeding female. Our
386 results for female development are consistent with previous work that suggests that *G.*
387 *rostochiensis* has a slightly higher thermal optimum (for both number of females and number
388 of eggs per female) compared to *G. pallida* (Berry et al., 1977). A higher optimum temperature
389 for *G. rostochiensis* has also been found for hatch of its infective juveniles (Foot, 1978, Franco,
390 1979, Robinson et al., 1987, Kaczmarek, 2014). Overall the results from our study and previous
391 studies establish a preference for *G. pallida* for a lower temperature range compared to *G.*
392 *rostochiensis*.

393 The aim of exposing developing females of Globodera to diurnal fluctuations from 17.5 °C to
394 up to 32.5 °C for one week was to examine the likely effect of short periods of high ambient

395 temperatures. Diurnal fluctuations had a significant effect on the development of growing
396 females of *G. pallida* measured one week after this heat stress but some recovery was evident
397 after a further week. This suggests short periods of high temperature do not suppress
398 multiplication of this species in contrast to sustained high temperatures above about 17.5 °C.
399 As previously shown *G. rostochiensis* has a higher thermal optima compared to *G. pallida* and
400 diurnal fluctuations from 17.5 to 32.5 °C had no significant effect on the development of
401 growing females for this species at either time point during recovery.

402 The SoilClim model simulates the recorded soil temperature accurately at East Malling and
403 Rothamsted for all seven years compared (Fig. S3). This suggests that it provides a useful basis
404 for future projections in conjunction with the Weather Generator that enabled a spatial
405 resolution of 5x5 km. This scale is sufficient for estimating regional effects within the UK. The
406 projected increases in soil temperature during June and July (Table S2) are in agreement with
407 studies that have investigated past and future trends in soil temperature. Projected increases are
408 at the low end compared to past observed annual soil temperature trends at 30 cm depth in
409 Scotland that reported an increase of 0.30 °C per decade (Gregory & Marshall, 2012).
410 Assuming the trend continues into the future this would equate to an increase of about 1.8 to
411 2.4 °C between the recent time period (1961-1990) and the 2040s. Trends in summer
412 temperature were reported to be higher than trends for annual average soil temperatures for two
413 out of three sites in Ireland (García-Suárez & Butler, 2006). The same was found for some
414 northern forest sites where projected annual mean soil temperatures increased between 1.9 to
415 3.3 °C from the 1971-2000 to the period 2070-99 but increases up to 5.0 °C were projected
416 during June (Houle et al., 2012).

417 The increase in frequency of mean soil temperatures above 17.5 °C was evident for the six
418 most southern UK sites with both the medium and high emission scenario for July and for June

419 in the latter case. Such temperatures have an adverse effect on the reproductive success of *G.*
420 *pallida*. The four most northern sites have a lower recent temperature range and so the increase
421 caused by climate change may not be sufficient to raise soil temperatures to an adverse range
422 for this species. The recent mean soil temperatures in both June and July for all sites are
423 frequently below 17.5 °C and are predicted to infrequently exceed 22.5 °C under either the
424 medium or high emission scenarios. The optimal temperature range for *G. rostochiensis* is
425 17.5-22.5 °C suggesting climate change in the UK will benefit the reproductive success of this
426 species in many years. The SoilClim simulations used for the analysis assume a canopy that
427 has not been affected by nematodes but some reduction is to be expected by damaging
428 population densities. A less dense canopy would increase temperature fluctuations in summer
429 months that may be sufficient to favour *G. rostochiensis* relative to *G. pallida*.

430 Combining the data in Fig. 2 with the climate change effects suggest a differential effect on the
431 two species. Multiplication of *G. pallida* in the six most southern sites is estimated to be
432 reduced by approximately 30%, 40-50% and 50-60% in 2040s, 2050s and 2080s for the high
433 emission scenario (Fig. 6). Fig. 3a indicates that the reduction in the southern sites might be
434 somewhat lower than presented here but both data agree on a negative trend. In contrast, similar
435 increases in reproductive success are predicted for *G. rostochiensis* for the same period and
436 conditions but with higher variation between sites. The effect of an increase in mean
437 temperature in the four most northern sites cannot be estimated as current levels were below
438 15 °C and therefore outside the range of the growth experiments. As the medians of future
439 mean soil temperature are between 15 and 20 °C it is anticipated to be insufficient to have
440 either a detrimental effect on *G. pallida* or to favour *G. rostochiensis*. Our results suggest that
441 further work to add a soil temperature parameter to PCN management models (e.g. AHDB
442 Potatoes, <http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/online-toolbox/pcn-calculator>) would improve their
443 utility for anticipating climate change effects for different sites within the UK. In order to do

444 this, future work should focus on extending our analysis to distinguish different soil types and
445 to perform tests under field conditions.

446 Unlike *G. pallida*, *G. rostochiensis* maintained its capacity to multiply at 22.5°C (Fig 2 and 3)
447 and completed a generation in 6-7 weeks post infection of J2 (Fig. S1). A partial if not full
448 second generation was indicated both by the recovery of more cysts at 16 weeks compared to
449 nine weeks post-infection and by the presence of cysts collected at the second time point with
450 a low egg content for their size (Fig. 4). Some populations of *G. rostochiensis* both in the UK
451 (Jones, 1950, Evans, 1969) and Italy (Greco N., 1988) show a less than complete entry into
452 dormancy of the first generation of eggs and succeed in completing a partial second generation
453 on potato crops. Multiple generations occur for another cyst nematode, *Heterodera schachtii*
454 on the sugar beet crop, which has a more prolonged growing season than potato plants.
455 *Heterodera schachtii* can achieve up to five generations per crop in the warm conditions of the
456 Imperial Valley of California but only typically two generations in the cooler soils that prevail
457 in Northern Europe (Thomason & Fife, 1962). The pest status of *G. rostochiensis* would
458 increase with climate change in the UK and elsewhere in Europe if a partial second generation
459 became a common response to climate change. This species can be managed by frequent
460 deployment of the qualitative resistance that is present in widely grown cultivars assuming it
461 remains avirulent to that plant defence.

462 No cultivars with high levels of resistance to *G. pallida* are currently widely grown. Resistant
463 cultivars Innovator and Arsenal are limited to the chipping market in the UK
464 (<http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/promotion/chip-skills/Potato-Varieties-Guide>). Future control of
465 *G. pallida* would be assisted by cultivars able to withstand future climate change effects in the
466 current growing areas in the South of the UK. Potato planting may remain at the same time of
467 year because of other husbandry constraints (Brown et al., 2008, Gregory & Marshall, 2012).

468 If a shift in planting potatoes towards earlier dates occurs in the future this would place the
469 start of female development into May. The soil temperatures during May would favour *G.*
470 *pallida* as they are cooler than in June and July with the median of the mean monthly soil
471 temperature at or below 17.5 °C until the 2040s for all sites (Fig. 5a). Potato yields in England
472 are predicted to increase from approximately 2.9 to 6.5 % by mid-century due to warmer
473 temperatures, assuming current nitrogen management and unconstrained water availability.
474 Current irrigation schemes will not meet needs to achieve future yields in approximately 50%
475 of years with 14 to 30% more water required by mid-century (Daccache et al., 2011). The
476 importance of PCN will be increased if the crop experiences water stress more often as the
477 parasite reduces water acquisition by the root system (Fatemy & Evans, 1986). A shift to the
478 north and west would lessen irrigation demands (Downing et al., 2003) but the effect may be
479 slow because of the investment levels required of successful potato growers (Daccache et al.,
480 2012).

481 It is generally assumed that PCN was introduced from S. America to Europe in about 1850.
482 Consequently, with a single generation per potato crop and a common rotation of 3-7 years in
483 the UK
484 ([http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/sites/default/files/publication_upload/pcnOfficialControlProgram](http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/sites/default/files/publication_upload/pcnOfficialControlProgramme.pdf)
485 [me.pdf](http://potatoes.ahdb.org.uk/sites/default/files/publication_upload/pcnOfficialControlProgramme.pdf)) there have only been about 25 to 60 generations in the country for the founding
486 populations. The limited number of generations may explain the continued optimal temperature
487 difference of the two species as defined during their co-evolution with Solanaceae in S.
488 America over $15-21 \times 10^6$ years. Some animals are likely to overcome the impact of climate
489 change by range changes (Hof et al., 2011) but this does not apply to *G. pallida* because it is
490 already present throughout much of the UK (Minnis et al., 2002). The prevailing consensus is
491 that climate change normally outpaces microevolution processes that enable the adaptation
492 required to remain at some localities (Hof et al., 2011). Exceptions include *Daphnia magna*

493 which has a rapid life cycle and lives in shallow pools susceptible to changes in water
494 temperature. The planktonic crustacean showed a 2 °C increase in the maximum temperature
495 at which it shows locomotor activity over a two year period (Geerts et al., 2015). It seems
496 unlikely that *Globodera* will have a similar capacity to achieve such rapid microevolution given
497 its infrequent reproduction.

498 Our work suggests dual priorities for potato plant breeders, i.e. to exploit the thermal limits of
499 *G. pallida* and continued incorporation of resistance against *G. rostochiensis* to counter
500 possible benefits to it from warmer temperatures in the UK.

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502 **Figure legends**

503 **Figure 1:** Locations of selected 5x5 km weather grid cells.

504 **Figure 2:** Final projected surface area (a) and maximum number of females of final size per
505 plant (b) for the two species at eight and nine weeks combined. (c) The number of eggs
506 produced based on accumulating the estimated egg content of each developed female from its
507 projected surface area (see text for further detail). (a), (b), and (c) are expressed as a percentage
508 of the values at 15 °C for *G. pallida* at nine weeks. All values are means \pm SEM. Linear or
509 quadratic curve fits were chosen according to the AIC criterion.

510 **Figure 3:** Eggs per g soil of *G. pallida* and *G. rostochiensis* at 15, 22.5 and 25 °C for cultivars
511 Desiree and Maris Peer (a) and reduction in cysts/ 100 g soil, eggs per female and eggs/ g soil
512 from multiplication of *G. pallida* on seven cultivars at 22.5 °C relative to the corresponding
513 values at 15 °C (b). Values are means \pm SEM.

514 **Figure 4:** Number of cysts and their projected surface area collected at nine weeks and 16
515 weeks from two batches of plants after infection of cv Desiree with hatched juveniles of *G.*
516 *rostochiensis*. No outliers with low egg content for their size were detected at nine weeks but
517 seven outliers were present in the cysts recovered at 16 weeks.

518 **Figure 5:** Monthly mean soil temperature (T_{soil}) at ten sites as a weighted mean over 10 and
519 20 cm soil depths for the medium soil type for (a) May, (b) June and (c) July with the high
520 emissions scenario. Values are for the recent times covering 1961 to 1990 (dark grey), 2040s
521 (medium grey), and 2080s (light grey) and assume a variable canopy and irrigation. The box-
522 whisker shows the range for 100 perturbations for each of 50 possible years provided by the
523 Weather Generator. The whiskers indicate the most extreme values. The horizontal dashed
524 lines indicate the temperatures used in Fig. 2 and Fig. S1.

525 **Figure 6:** Proportion predicted change for six of the ten sites in the number of eggs per plant
526 using the relationship in Fig. 2c and the median values given in Fig. 5b,c (mean over June and
527 July) for *G. pallida* (filled bar) and *G. rostochiensis* (patterned bar). The change to the 2040s
528 is given in dark grey, to the 2060s in medium grey and to the 2080s in light grey. The remaining
529 four sites have median soil temperature below 15 °C in recent times which is below the range
530 studied and are therefore not shown.

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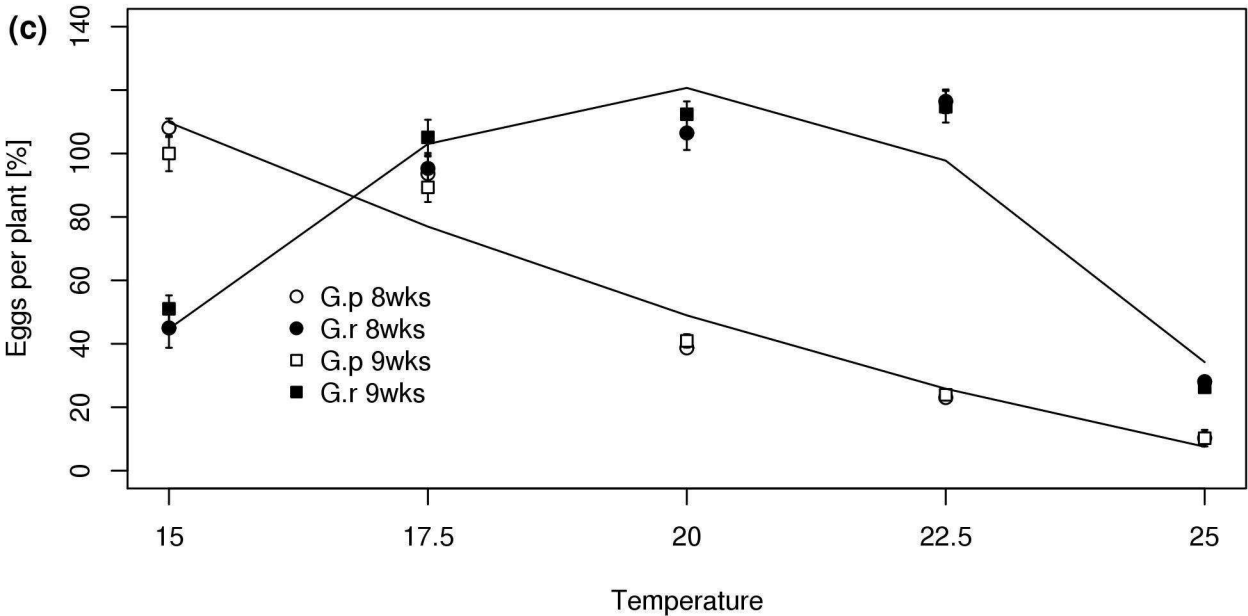
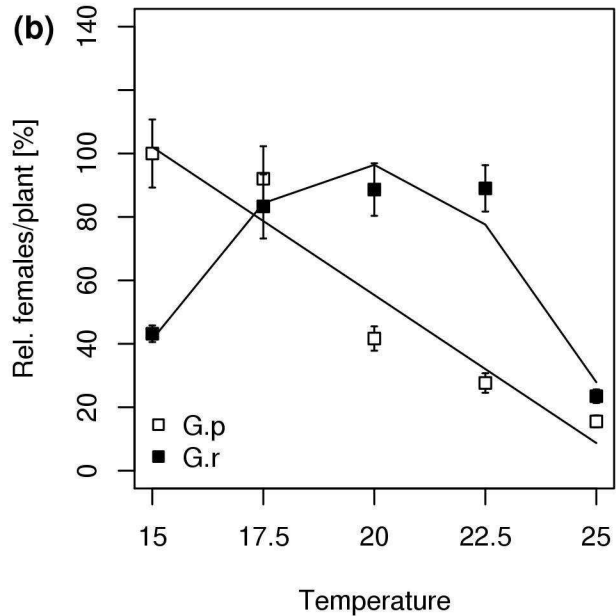
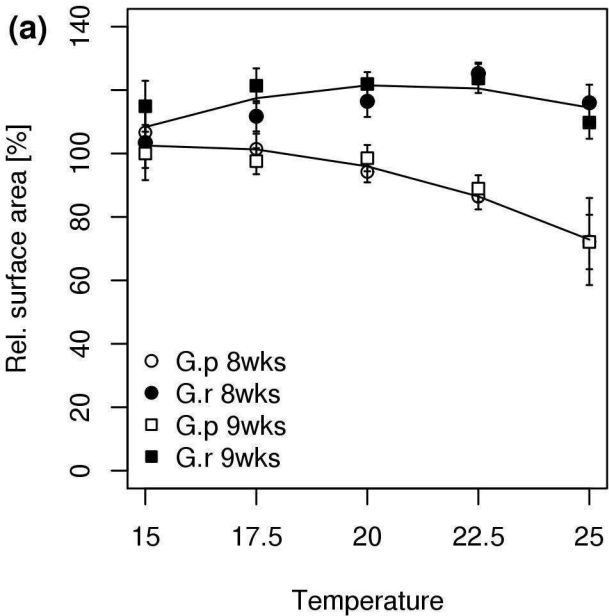
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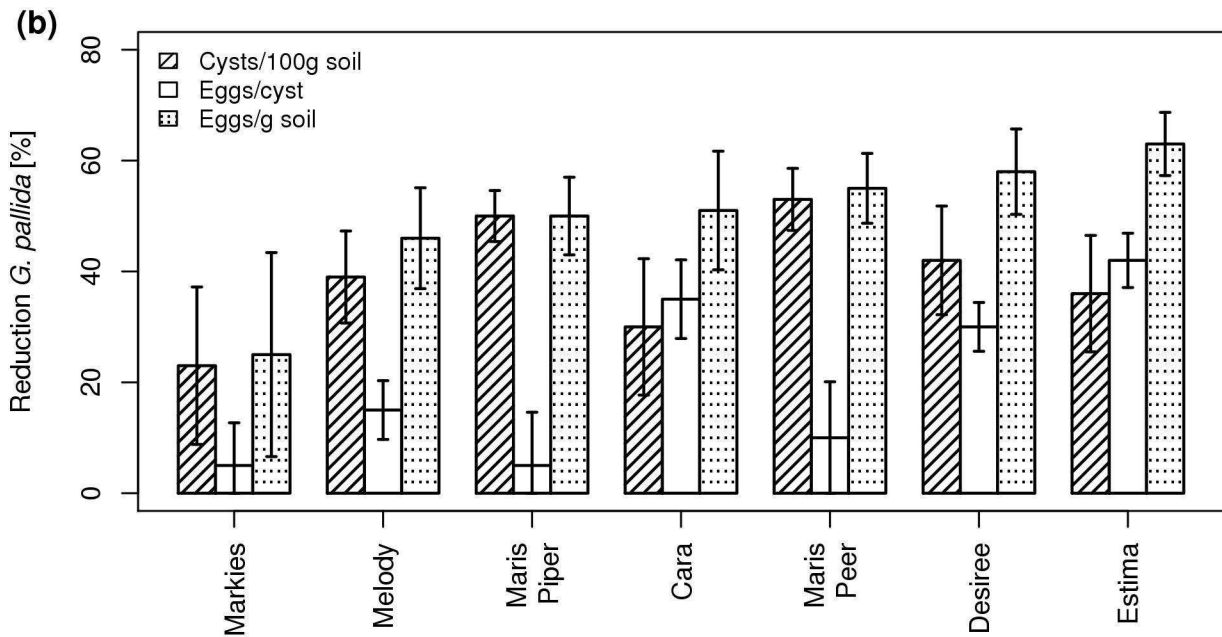
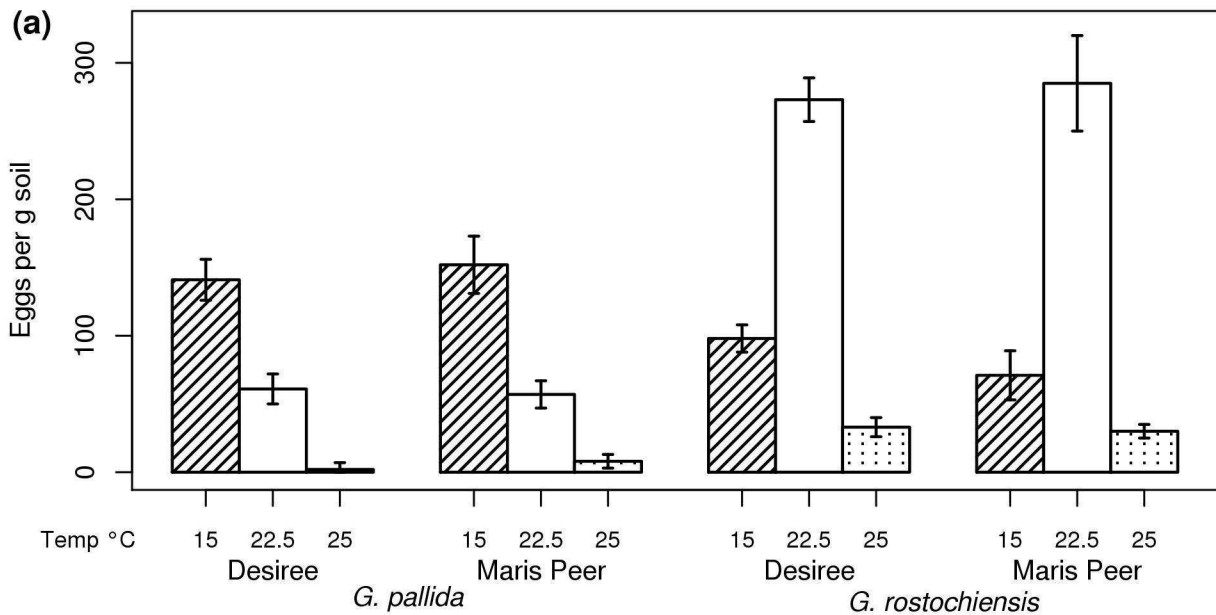
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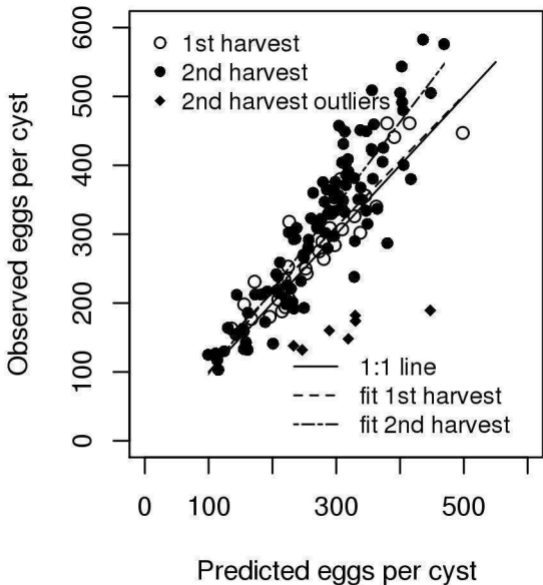
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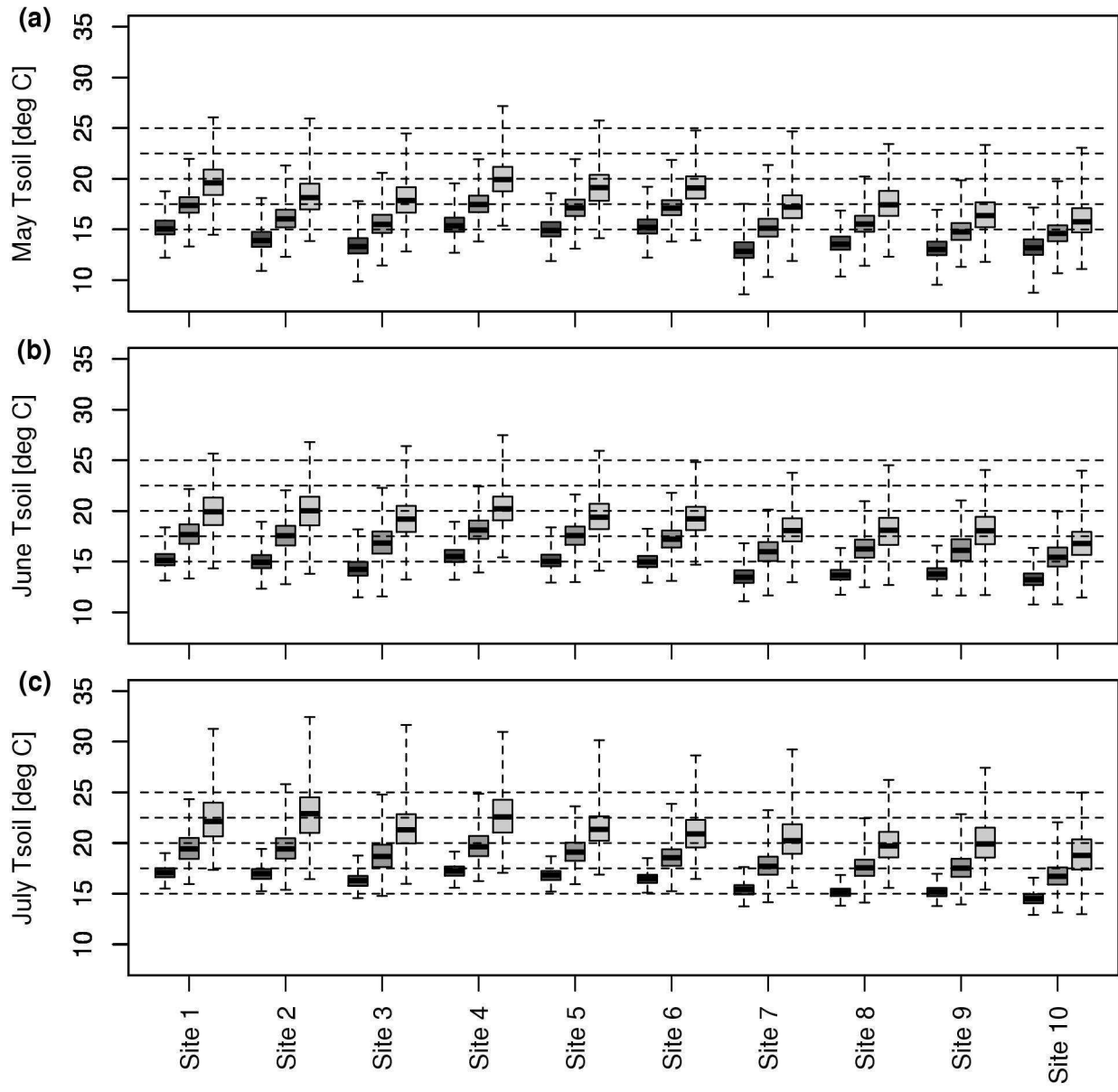
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