# Warm temperatures, cool sponges: the effect of increased temperatures on the Antarctic sponge *Isodictya* sp.

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## Western Antarctic Peninsula

Doumer

Island

63.55°W

63.5°W

64.82°S

64.84°S

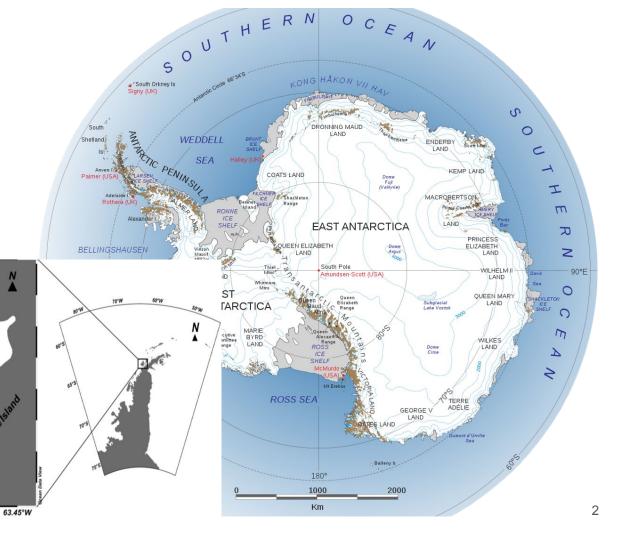
64.86°S

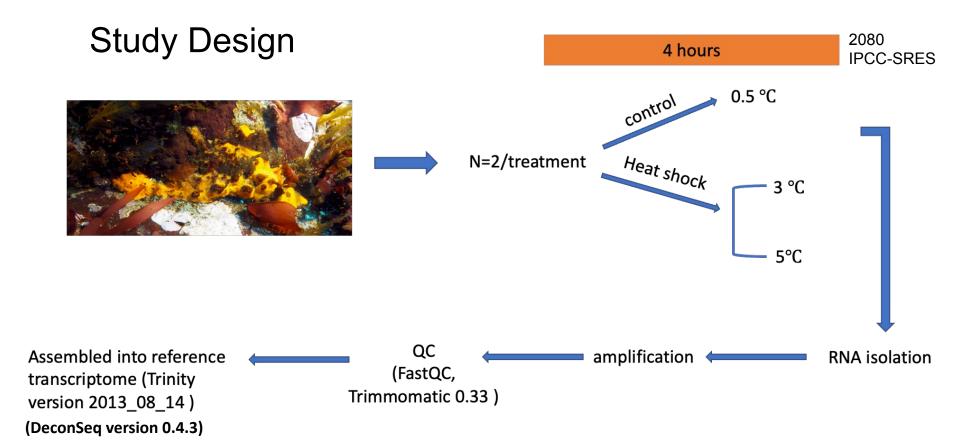
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Cape Kemp

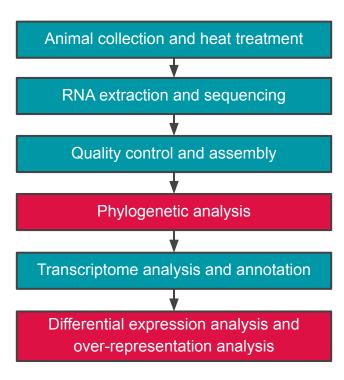
63.65°W

63.6°W

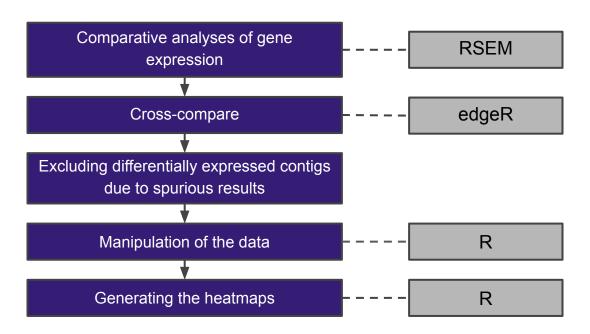


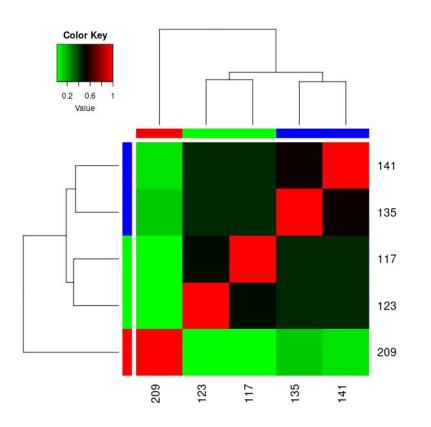


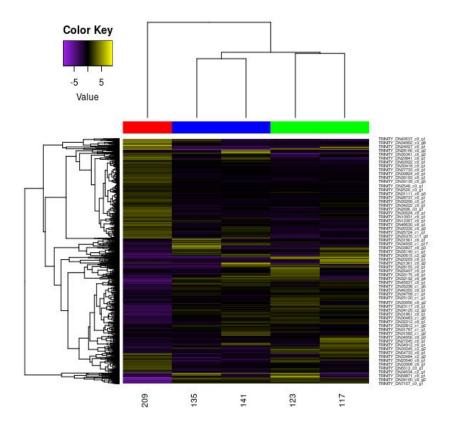
#### Methods



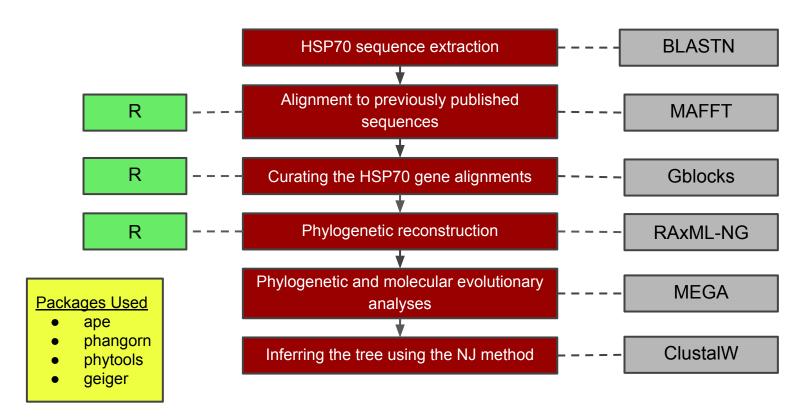
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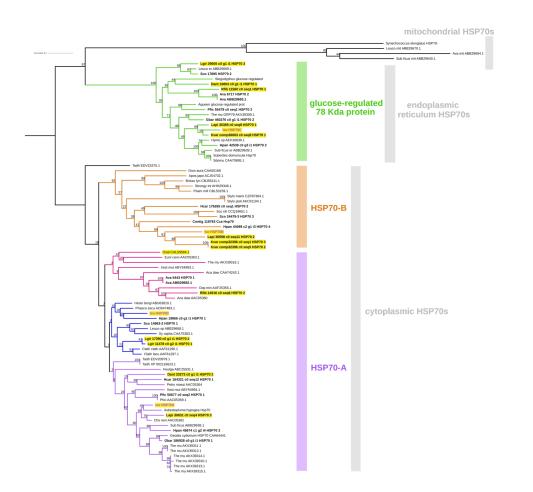


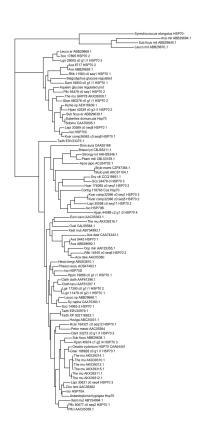


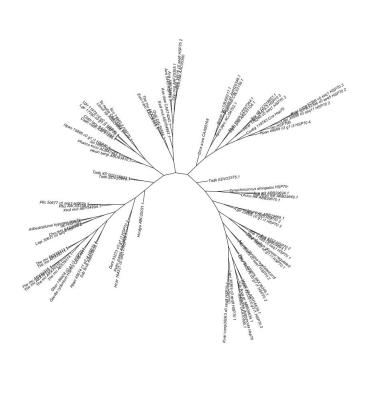


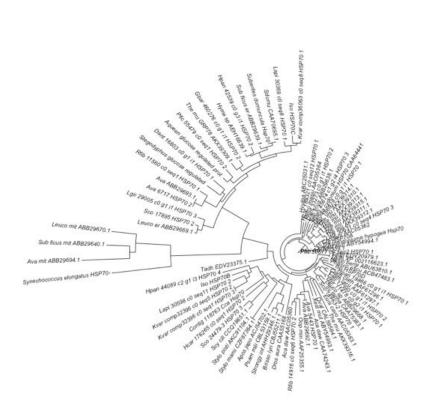
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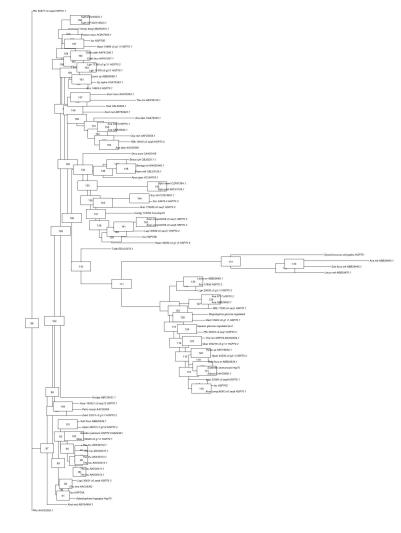


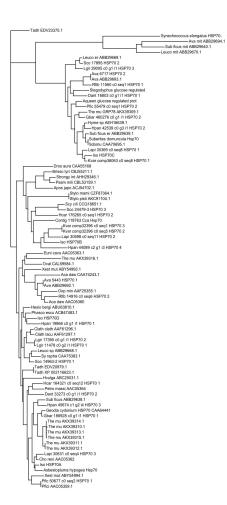




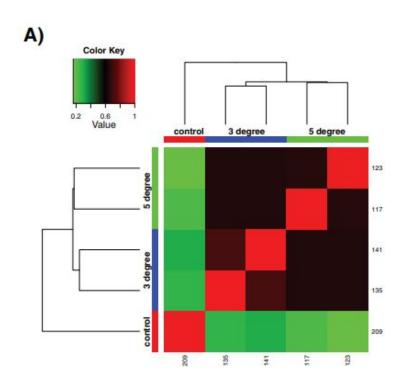


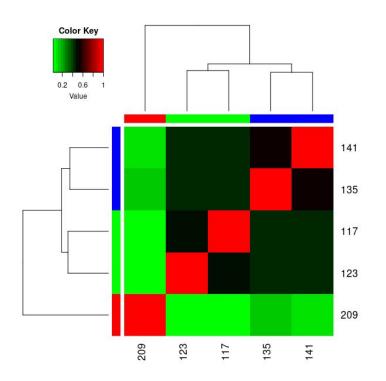




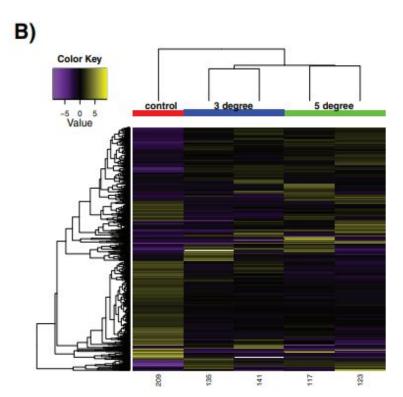


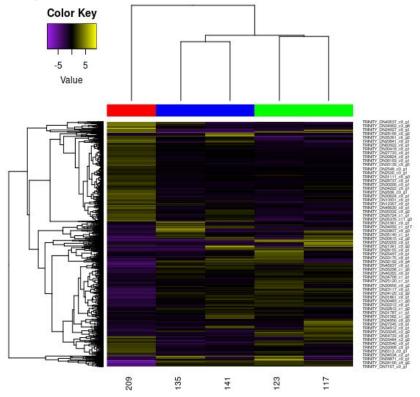
### Sample correlation matrix for the five samples used in the final cross-comparison



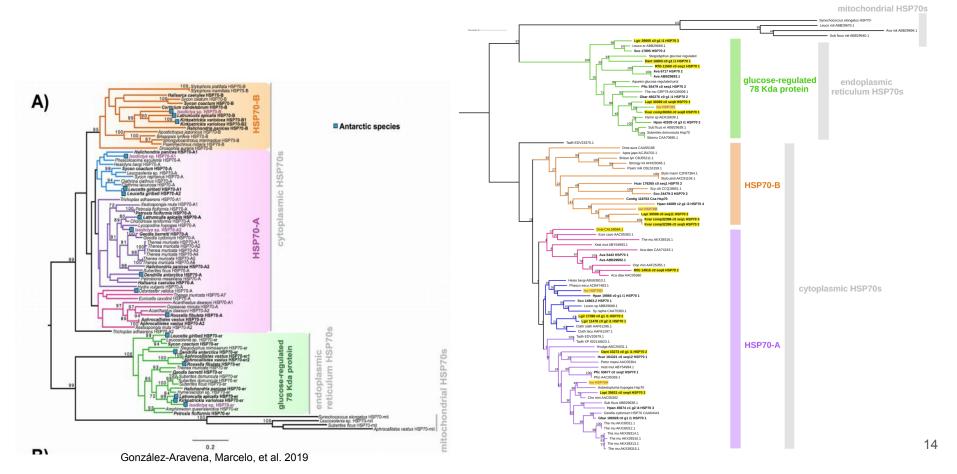


## Relative expression of each differentially expressed contig across all the samples





#### Maximum likelihood-derived phylogeny of HSP70 sequences



#### Conclusions

- 3-5 degree increase showed little change in response indicating even a little increase in temperature can alter the response and cause stress.
- Findings corroborated with previous conclusions regarding the transcriptomic response to acute thermal stress, while suggesting specifically that cold adapted sponges may have a limited range of tolerance to increased temperatures.