Collections and pre-experiment measurements

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Control

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Death during treatment

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<u>Tissue</u> <u>Sampling</u> Measure Respiration

Collections

- We will collect 1080 total snails of three different species coming from two different locations (MA and RI)
 - 60 snails / treatment per population * 2 populations * 3 treatments
 - 360 per species (180 per population) in each treatment
- Each snail we be labelled tagged with a four-digit number that will correspond to a longer, more informative label on the container (see below) in which the snail will be held.
 - Treatment_Population_GenusSpecies_Block_SampleIndicator
 - E.g. HS_MA_LS_03_0120
- After labelling, each snail will be measured for the following after collection and retrieval to the MSC:
 - shell height and width
 - wet weight
 - · buoyant weight of shell

Acclimation Period

- Snails will be held in individual urinalysis containers filled with aquarium gravel and Fucoid algae. The containers will be covered with Nitex mesh to allow for water drainage.
 - I think we should maybe drill holes at the bottom of the container to allow for reliable water drainage.
- Each container will be placed in the sea tables for 60 days (maybe only 30 days) with the following:
 - 12 hr light regime
 - Ambient temperature of sea water system
 - Table drained to simulate tidal events

Treatments and Controls

- Each treatment and control will be carried out over a 4 hour period for 3 consecutive days.
- There will 12 replicates of each treatment and control
 - By doing 12 replicates, the experiment will be broken down to 30 snails per treatment at one time (90 snails in total)
- Each replicate of treatments and control will be repeated over 3 days with living snails
 - Snails that die will be recorded along with the day of treatment (or control) in which it dies recorded.
 - Snails that live will be carried through to the next day of treatment (or control)

Cold Shock Treatment

- · Cooler filled with ice
 - If space is limited, snails may be stacked with ice in between layers
- Need thermometer in cooler to measure temperature

Heat Shock Treatment

- Environmental Chamber (Helmuth Lab)
 - 40 C
- The chamber will easily hold 30 urinalysis containers
 - Could be more if we would like to decrease replicates

Control

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Post-Treatment

Measure Respiration

- Respiration will be measured by placing snails in scintillation vials equipped with PreSens sensor dots.
- We will measure post-treatment respiration of **36 randomly selected of individuals** from each replication of a treatment.
 - The individuals cannot be selected prior to treatment given they the individual may die.
- We have 9 sensor spots right now. We need more than that and the amount of individuals we are able to do respiration measurements on will be limited by how much we are willing to spend.
 - I would like to do 1 individual from 1 of the species / population / treatment over half of the replicates.
 - 1 * 1 * 2 * 3 * 6 = 36
 - Each sensor costs \$25.36 9 (sensors we already have) = \$625

Post-Treatment

Tissue Sampling

- All snails will be measured for shell height and width, wet weight, buoyant weight of shell prior to being sampled destructively
- Tissues we be sampled from all surviving individuals after the three day replication of blocks.
- The **foot and remaining tissue** will be collected, placed separately in cryo-vials, and flash frozen.
- The foot tissue will be used for RNA extractions for gene expression analysis.

Death during treatment

- Snails that die during treatments will be measured for post-experiment shell height and width, wet weight, buoyant weight of shell.
- The day of treatment that the snail died will be recorded in data

Data table for data entry

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