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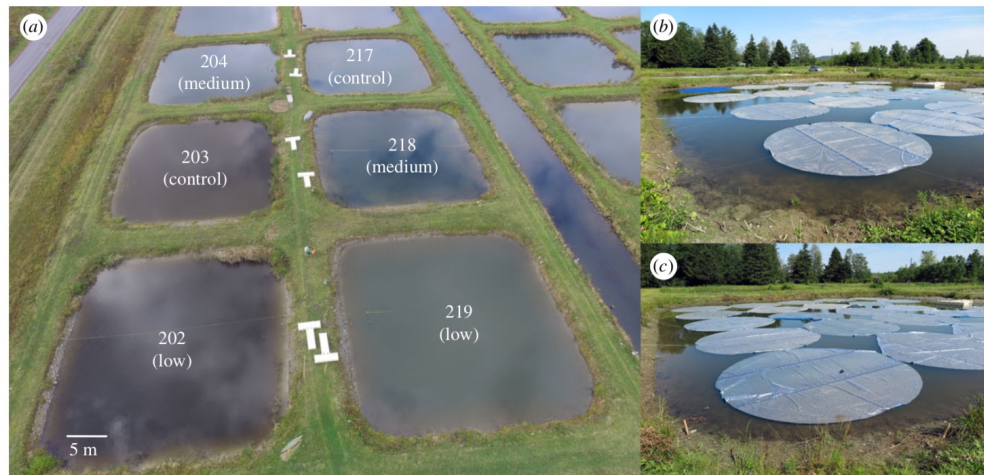
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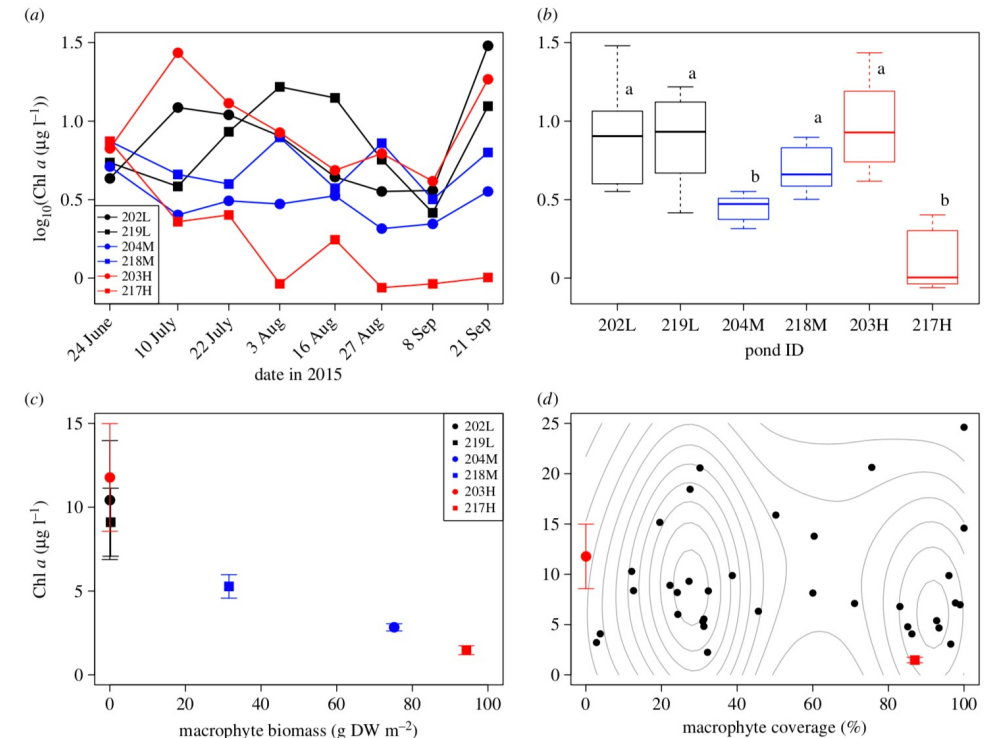
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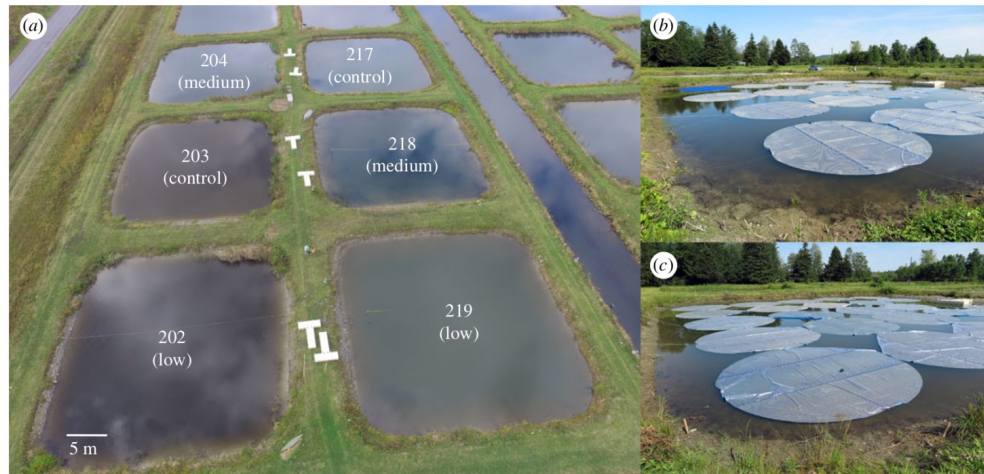
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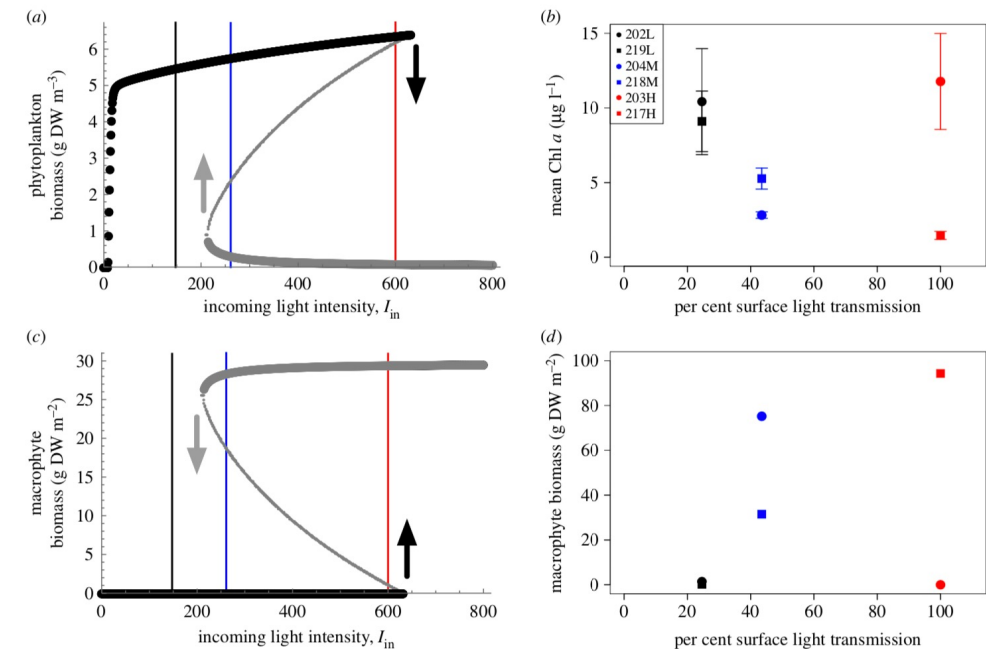
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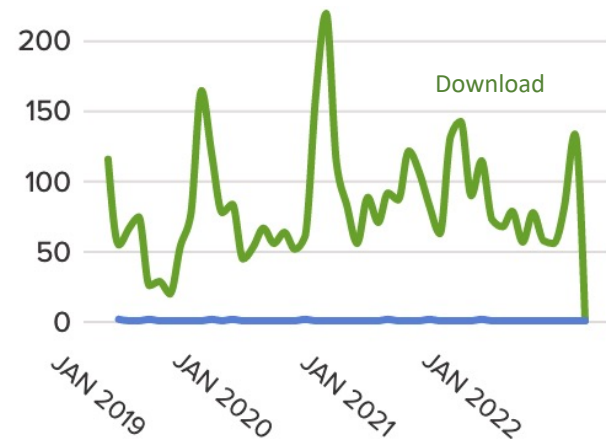


**Figure 3.** Effects of light on phytoplankton and submersed macrophytes. Bifurcation analyses of (a) phytoplankton biomass (averaged over the pelagic and the benthic habitats),  $(z_1A_1 + z_2A_2)/(z_1 + z_2)$ , and (c) macrophyte biomass,  $z_2S$ , along incoming light intensity. Large black and grey dots represent stable equilibria and smaller grey dots represent unstable equilibria. Black and grey arrows indicate abrupt shifts due to alternative stable states. Red, blue and black vertical lines indicate light conditions for control, medium-light and low-light ponds, respectively, when the light intensity of control ponds is assumed to be 600 ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). The experimental results of (b) chlorophyll  $a$  and (d) macrophyte biomass along per cent surface light transmission.

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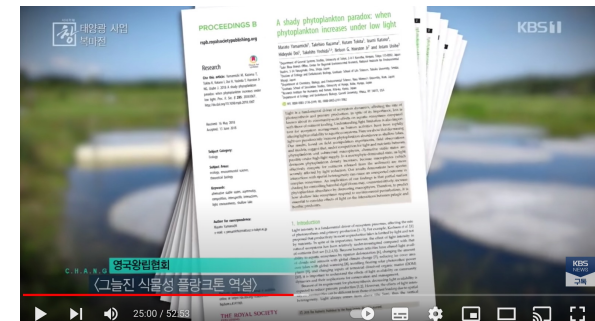
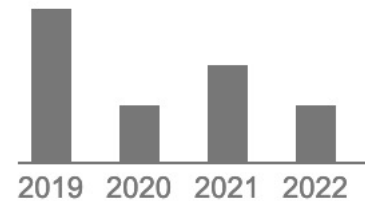
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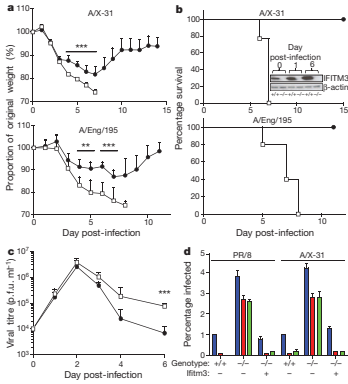
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### IFITM3 restricts the morbidity and mortality associated with influenza

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The 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic showed the speed with which a novel respiratory virus can spread and the ability of a generally mild infection to induce severe morbidity and mortality in a subset of the population. Recent *in vitro* studies show that the interferon-inducible transmembrane (IFITM) protein family members potentially restrict the replication of multiple pathogenic viruses<sup>1–7</sup>. Both the magnitude and breadth of the IFITM proteins' *in vitro* effects suggest that they are critical for intrinsic resistance to such viruses, including influenza viruses. Using a knockout mouse model<sup>8</sup>, we now test this hypothesis directly and find that IFITM3 is essential for defending the host against influenza A virus *in vivo*. Mice lacking *Ifitm3* display fulminant viral pneumonia when challenged with a normally low-pathogenicity influenza virus, mirroring the destruction inflicted by the highly pathogenic 1918 'Spanish' influenza<sup>9,10</sup>. Similar increased viral replication is seen *in vitro*, with protection rescued by the re-introduction of *Ifitm3*. To test the role of IFITM3 in human influenza virus infection, we assessed the *IFITM3* alleles of individuals hospitalized with seasonal or pandemic influenza H1N1/09 viruses. We find that a statistically significant number of hospitalized subjects show enrichment for a minor *IFITM3* allele (SNP rs12252-C) that alters a splice acceptor site, and functional assays show the minor CC genotype IFITM3 has reduced influenza virus restriction *in vitro*. Together these data reveal that the action of a single intrinsic immune effector, IFITM3, profoundly alters the course of influenza virus infection in mouse and humans.

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**Figure 1** | Influenza A virus replicates to higher levels in *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> mice. **a**, **b**, Change in body mass (**a**) and survival (**b**) of wild-type (filled circles) and *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> (open squares) mice following intranasal inoculation with A/X-31 and pandemic H1N1/09 Eng/195 influenza ( $n > 5$ ). **c**, Absence of *Ifitm3* expression was verified in the *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> mice at all time points, but was seen to increase in wild-type mice. **d**, A/X-31 viral load in the lungs of mice ( $n > 4$ ) was calculated over the course of infection by plaque assay: p.f.u., plaque-forming units. *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> murine embryonic fibroblasts ( $n = 3$  per condition) stably expressing *Ifitm3* (+), or the empty vector (−) were left untreated (blue), or incubated with IFN- $\alpha$  (red) or IFN- $\gamma$  (green), then challenged with either A/X-31 or PR/8 influenza. **d**, Twelve hours after infection, the cells were assessed for either haemagglutinin expression (PR/8), or nucleoprotein expression (A/X-31). IFITM3 expression was determined to be present (+) or absent (−) by western blotting (Supplementary Fig. 2). Results show means  $\pm$  s.d. Statistical significance was assessed by Student's *t*-test (\*\* $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ).

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Figure 1 shows time-kill curves over 4 h for the 24 ECOR strains treated with (1) ampicillin (24  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), (2) streptomycin (96  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), and (3) norfloxacin (0.66  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ). Because three of the ECOR strains (ECOR 3, ECOR 16, ECOR 48) are resistant to streptomycin (Table 1), time-kill experiments using this drug were performed only on the remaining 21 strains (Fig. 1B). Following previous work (e.g. Keren et al. 2004a; Wiuff et al. 2005) we take the fraction of viable cells remaining after 4 h antibiotic exposure to be the putative “persister fraction” for each genotype. We observed highly significant differences in the persister fraction between our 24 focal ECOR strains following ampicillin (One-way analysis of molecular variance [ANOVA]  $F_{23} = 5.435$   $P \leq 0.0001$ ), streptomycin (One-way ANOVA  $F_{20} = 9.224$   $P \leq 0.0001$ ), and norfloxacin (One-way ANOVA  $F_{23} = 13.533$   $P \leq 0.0001$ ) treatments. There

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*Galeolaria caespitosa*

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11	Human	Sweden	18	67	0.02
14	Human	Sweden	9	33	0.08
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23	Elephant	Washington (zoo)	18	67	0.04
26	Human	Massachusetts	18	67	0.08
29	Kangaroo rat	Nevada	18	67	0.04
32	Giraffe	Washington (zoo)	18	67	0.04
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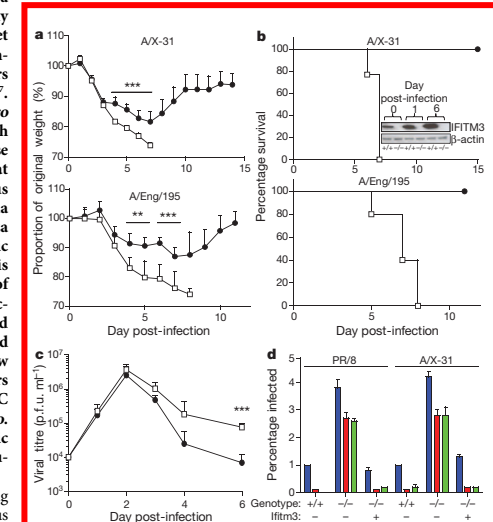
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## IFITM3 restricts the morbidity and mortality associated with influenza

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The 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic showed the speed with which a novel respiratory virus can spread and the ability of a generally mild infection to induce severe morbidity and mortality in a subset of the population. Recent *in vitro* studies show that the interferon-inducible transmembrane (IFITM) protein family members potentially restrict the replication of multiple pathogenic viruses<sup>1–7</sup>. Both the magnitude and breadth of the IFITM proteins' *in vitro* effects suggest that they are critical for intrinsic resistance to such viruses, including influenza viruses. Using a knockout mouse model<sup>8</sup>, we now test this hypothesis directly and find that IFITM3 is essential for defending the host against influenza A virus *in vivo*. Mice lacking *Ifitm3* display fulminant viral pneumonia when challenged with a normally low-pathogenicity influenza virus, mirroring the destruction inflicted by the highly pathogenic 1918 'Spanish' influenza<sup>9,10</sup>. Similar increased viral replication is seen *in vitro*, with protection rescued by the re-introduction of *Ifitm3*. To test the role of IFITM3 in human influenza virus infection, we assessed the *IFITM3* alleles of individuals hospitalized with seasonal or pandemic influenza H1N1/09 viruses. We find that a statistically significant number of hospitalized subjects show enrichment for a minor *IFITM3* allele (SNP rs12252-C) that alters a splice acceptor site, and functional assays show the minor CC genotype IFITM3 has reduced influenza virus restriction *in vitro*. Together these data reveal that the action of a single intrinsic immune effector, IFITM3, profoundly alters the course of influenza virus infection in mouse and humans.

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**Figure 1 | Influenza A virus replicates to higher levels in *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> mice.** **a, b,** Change in body mass (**a**) and survival (**b**) of wild-type (filled circles) and *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> (open squares) mice following intranasal inoculation with A/X-31 and pandemic H1N1/09 Eng/195 influenza ( $n > 5$ ). **b,** Absence of *Ifitm3* expression was verified in the *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> mice at all time points, but was seen to increase in wild-type mice. **c,** A/X-31 viral load in the lungs of mice ( $n > 4$ ) was calculated over the course of infection by plaque assay. p.f.u., plaque-forming units. *Ifitm3*<sup>−/−</sup> murine embryonic fibroblasts ( $n = 3$  per condition) stably expressing *Ifitm3* (+), or the empty vector (−) were left untreated (blue), or incubated with IFN- $\alpha$  (red) or IFN- $\gamma$  (green), then challenged with either A/X-31 or PR/8 influenza. **d,** Twelve hours after infection, the cells were assessed for either haemagglutinin expression (PR/8), or nucleoprotein expression (A/X-31) IFITM3 expression was determined to be present (+) or absent (−) by western blotting (Supplementary Fig. 2). Results shown means  $\pm$  s.d. Statistical significance was assessed by Student's *t*-test (\*\* $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ).

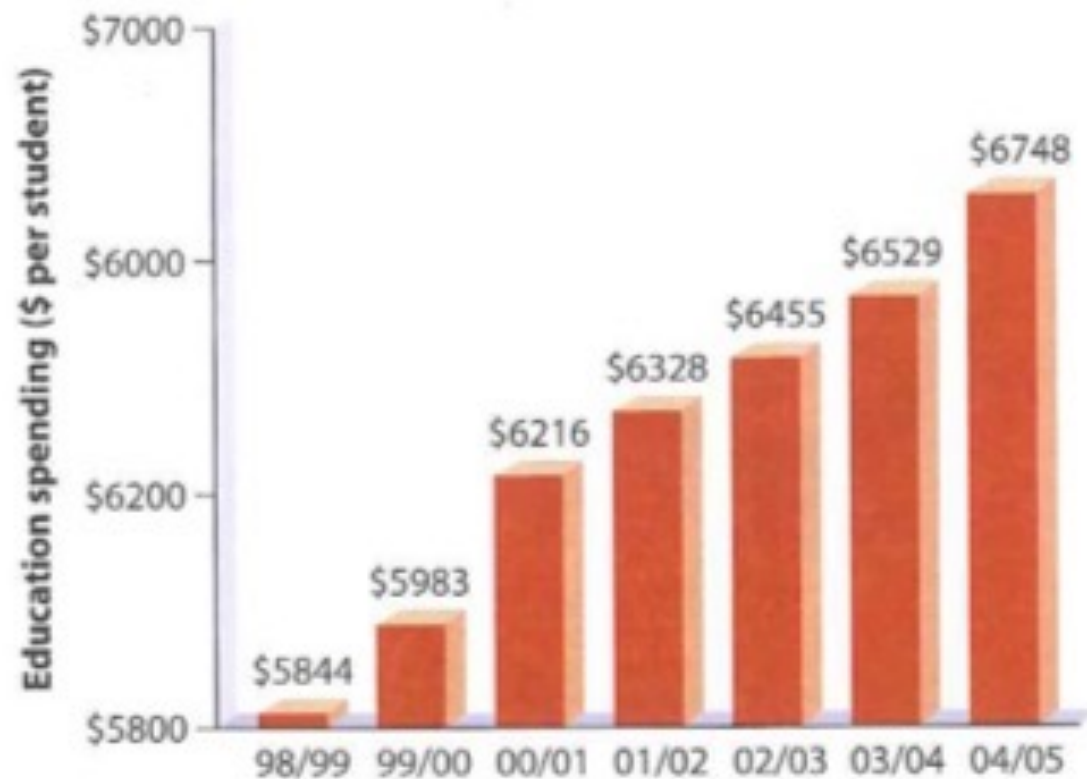
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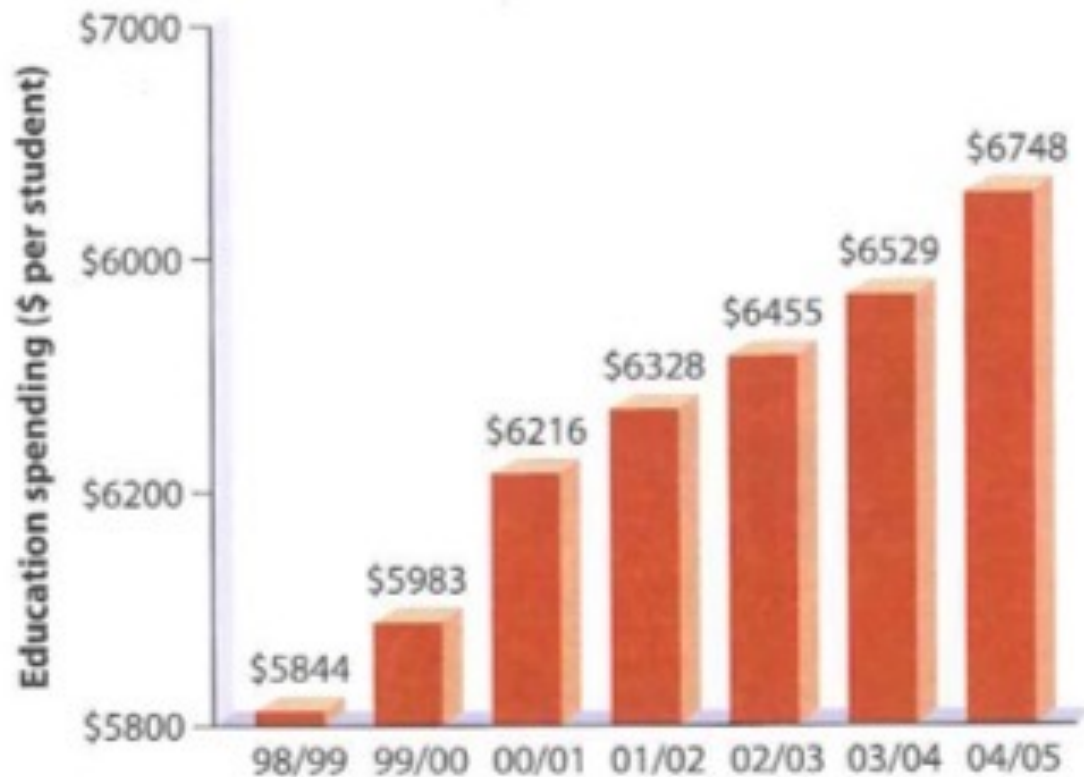
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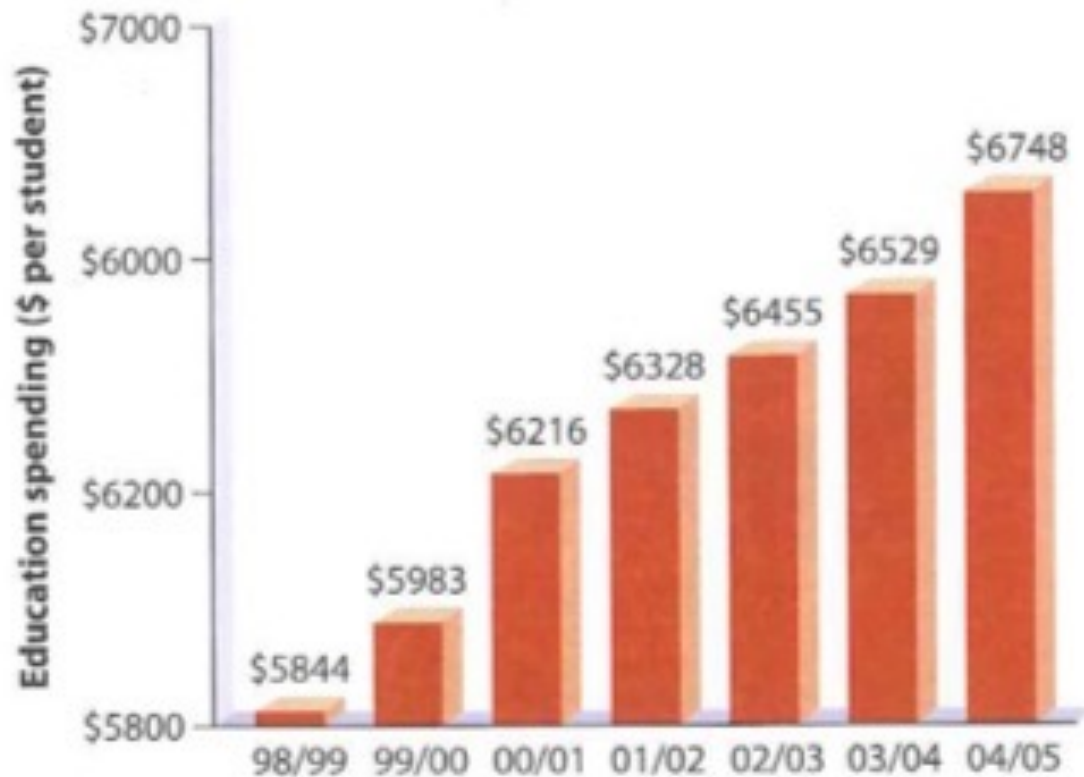
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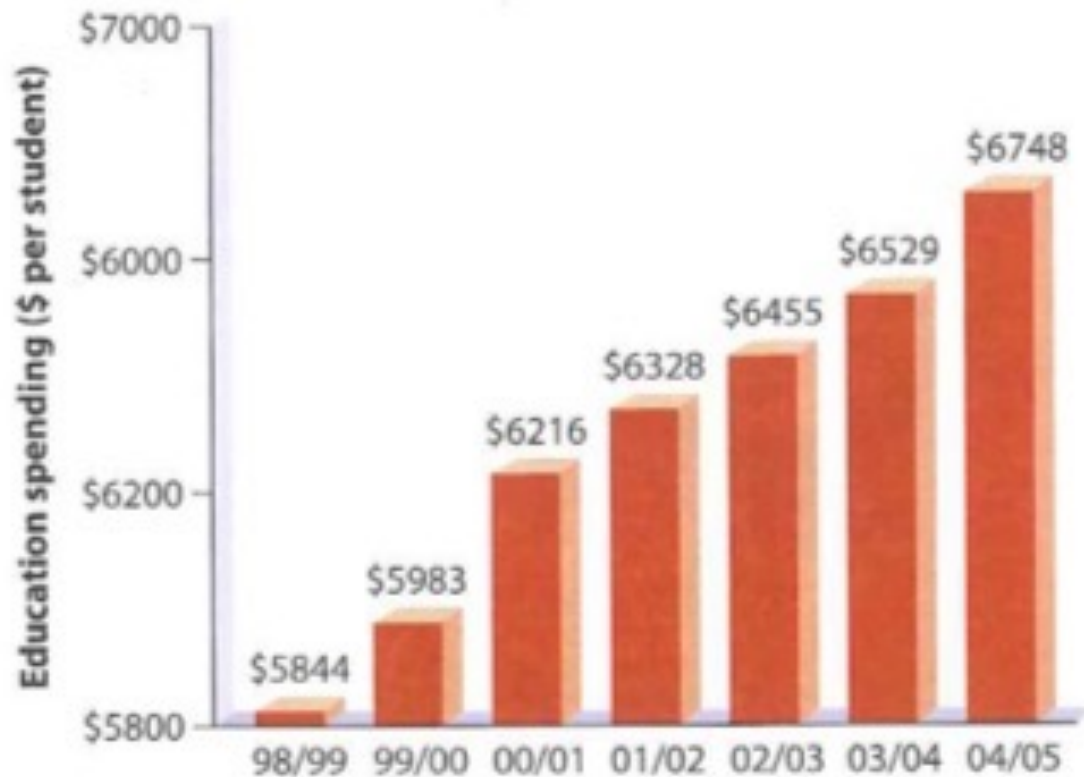
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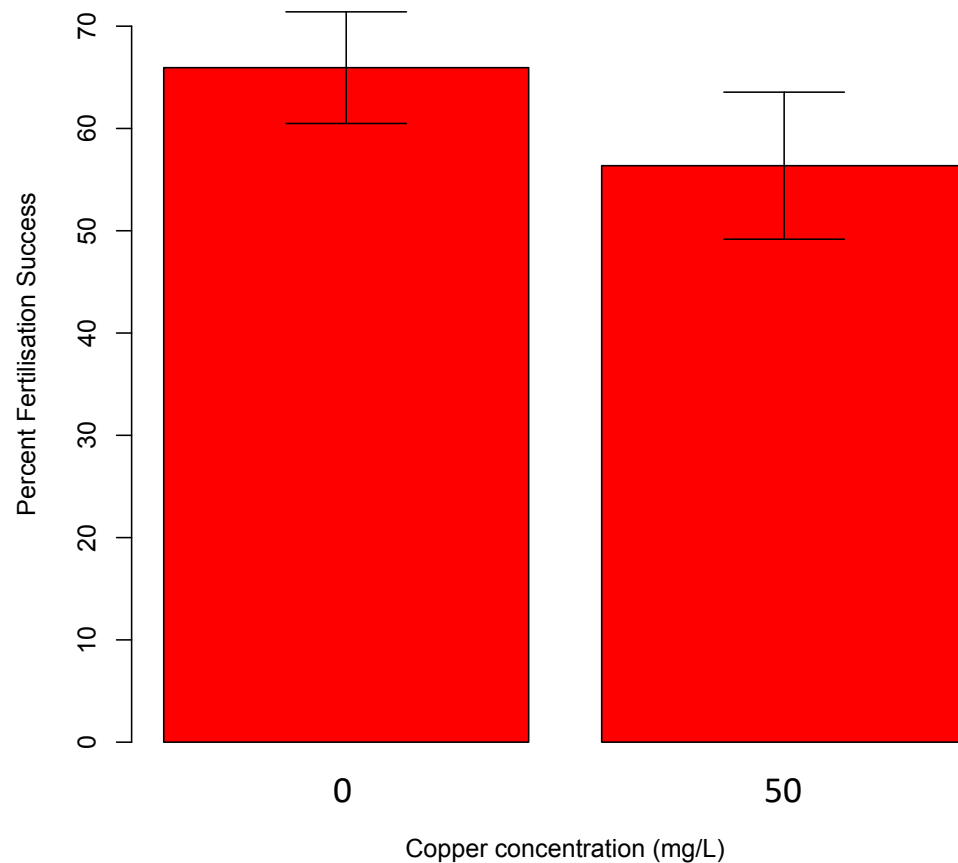
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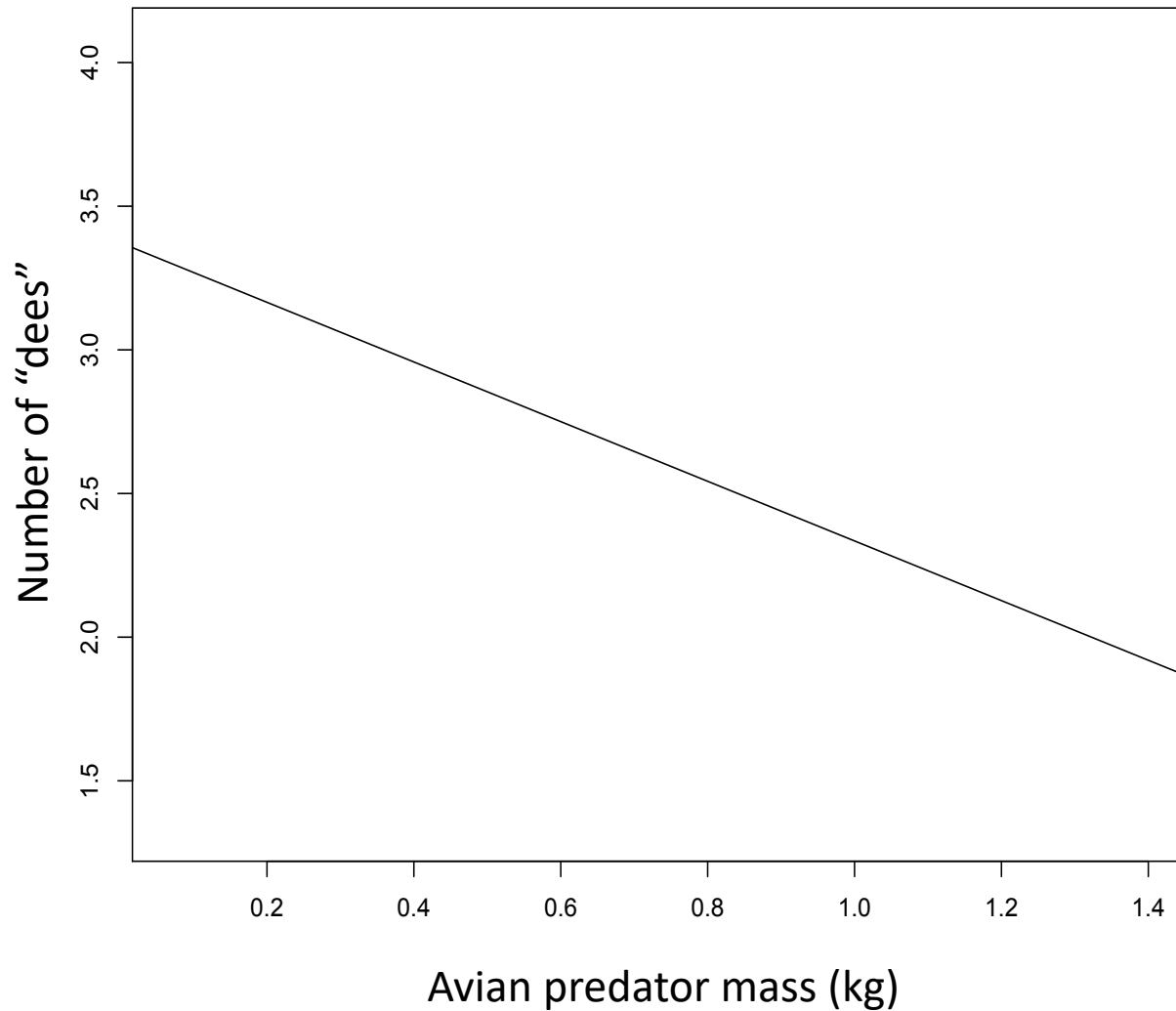
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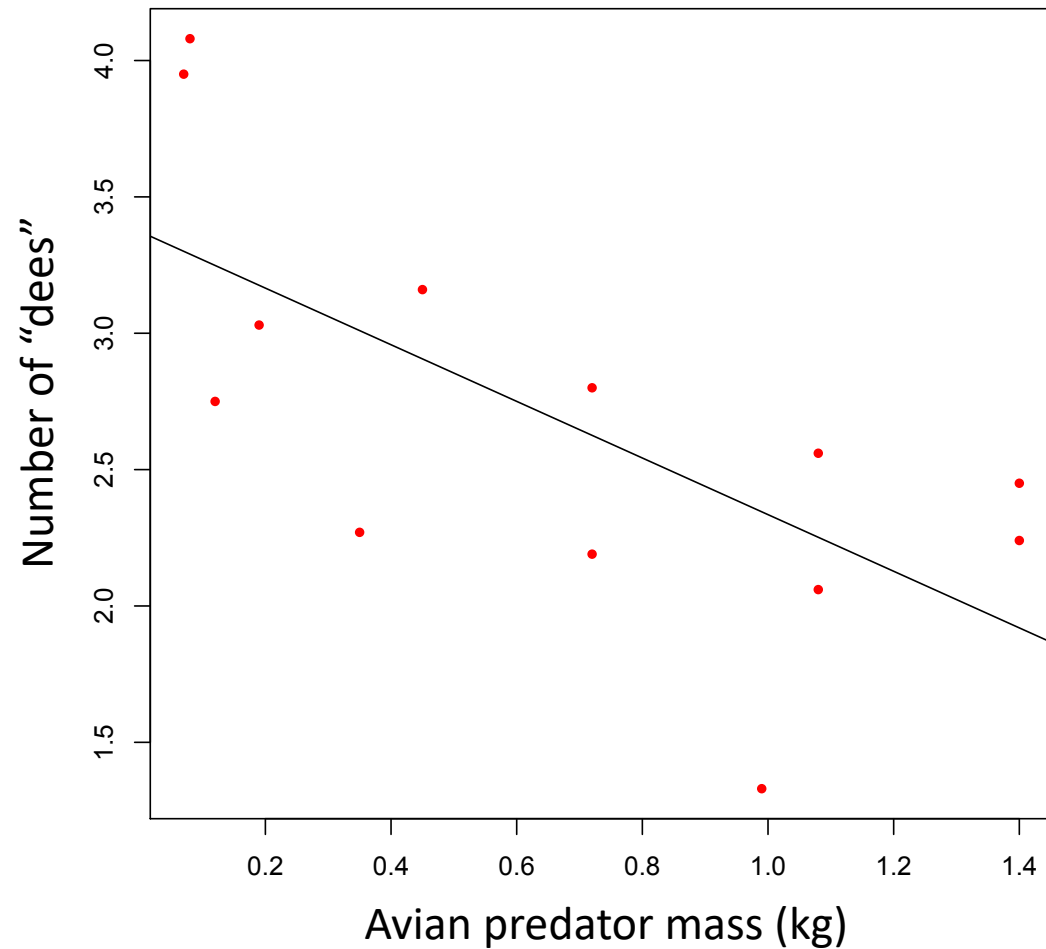
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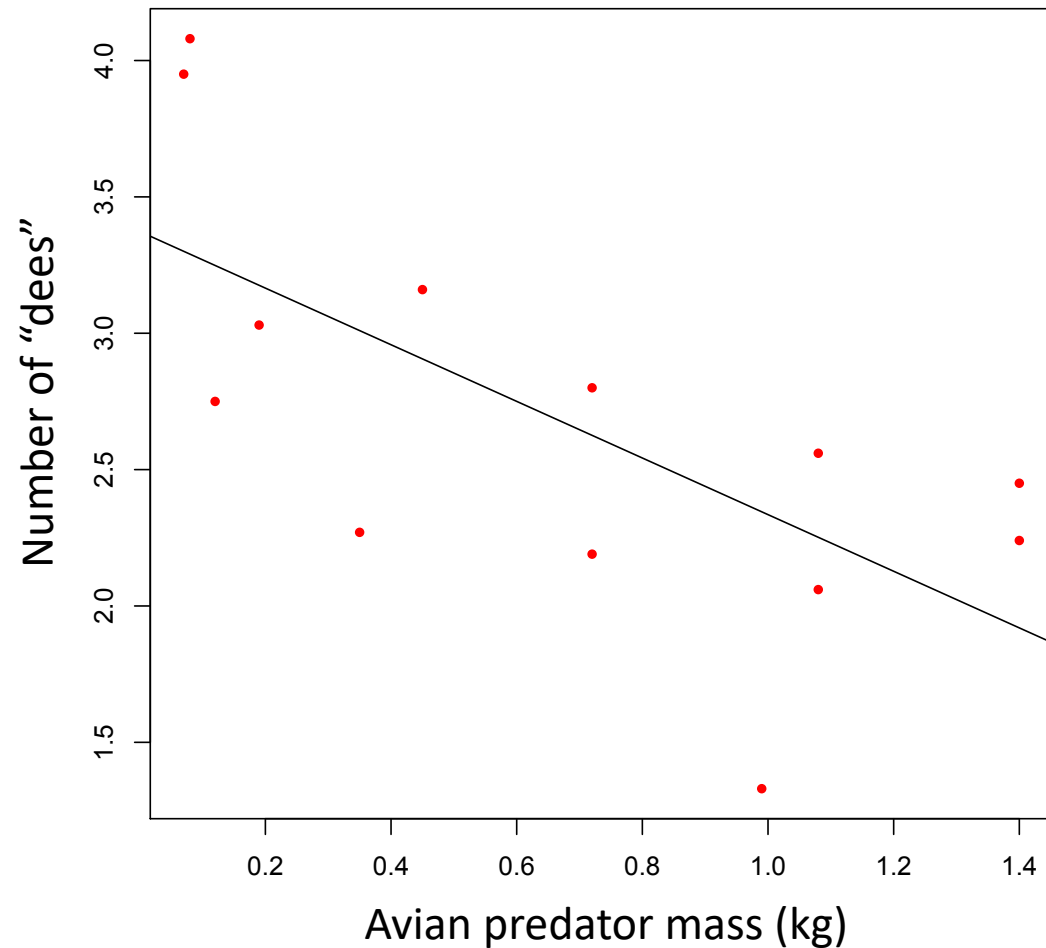
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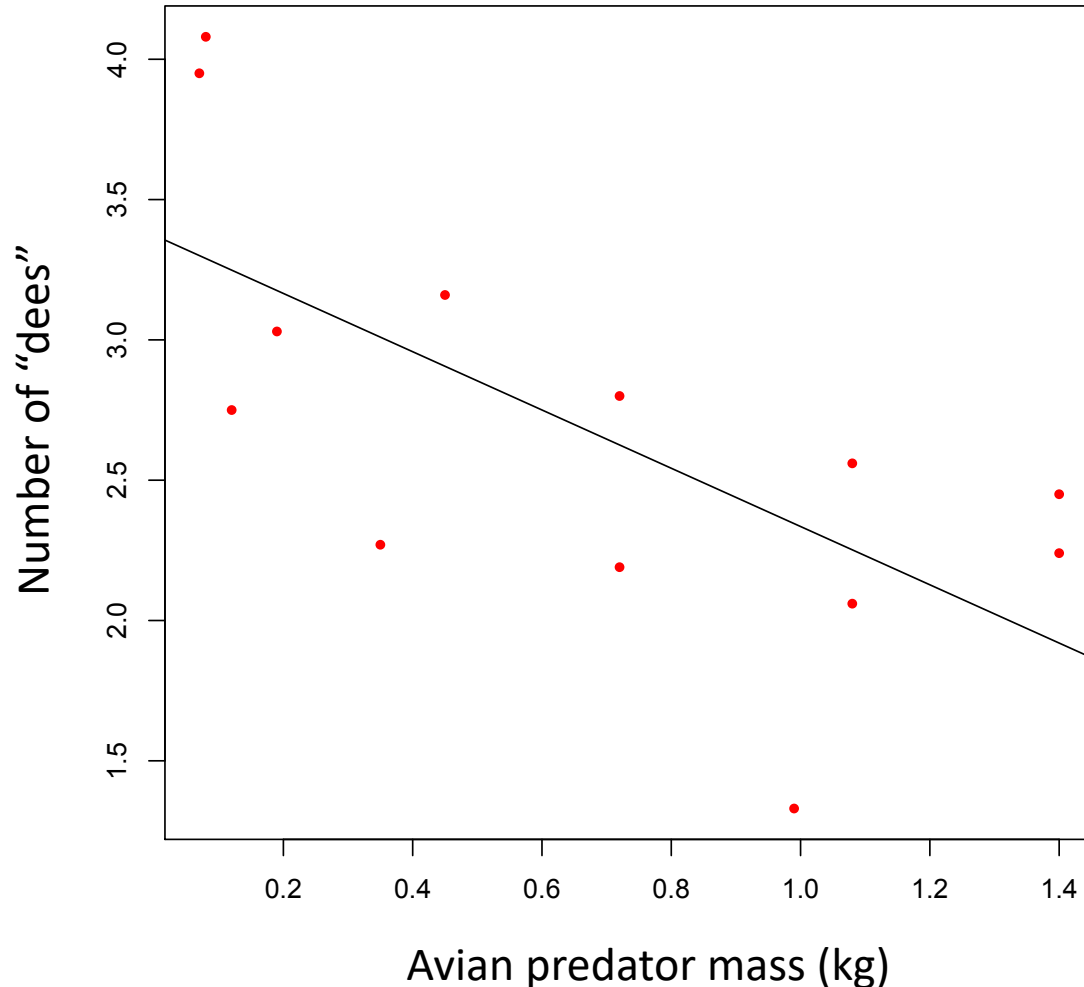


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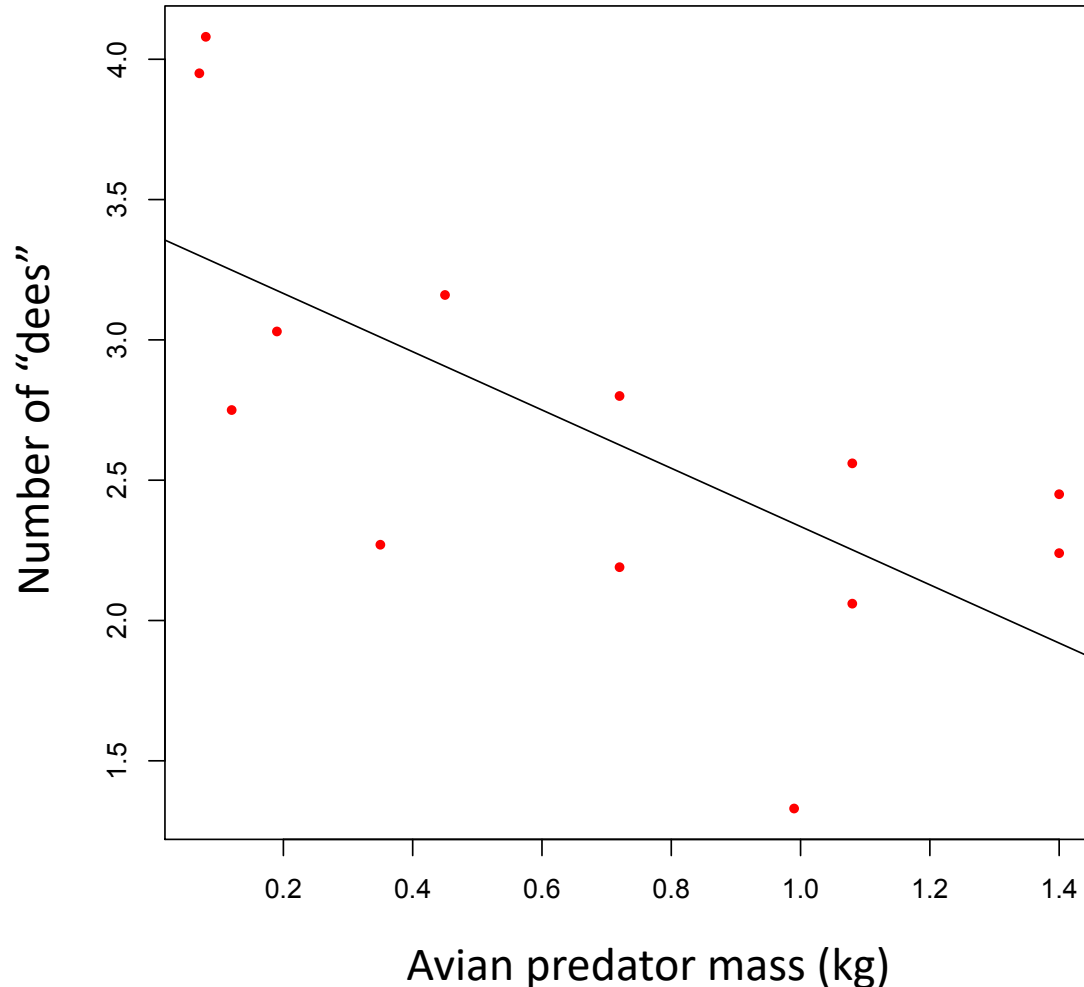
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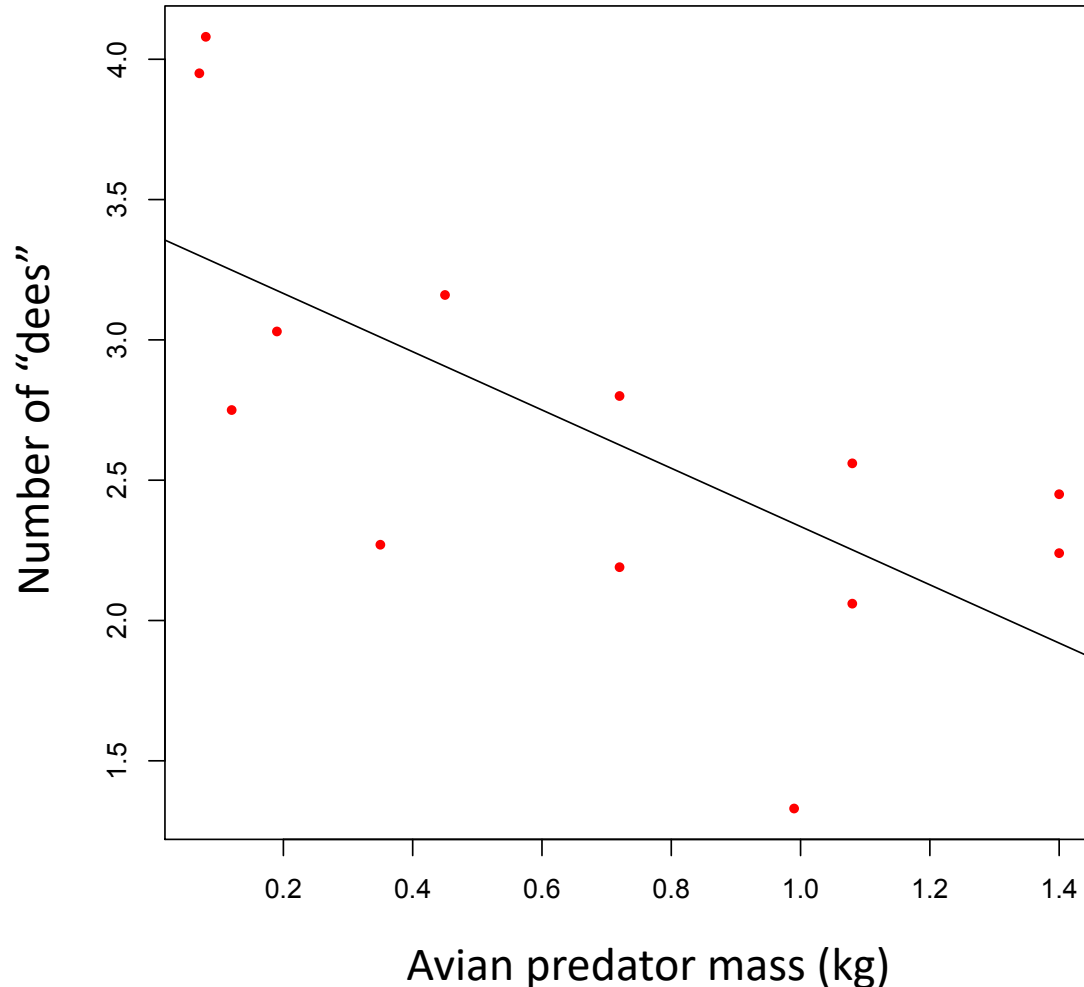


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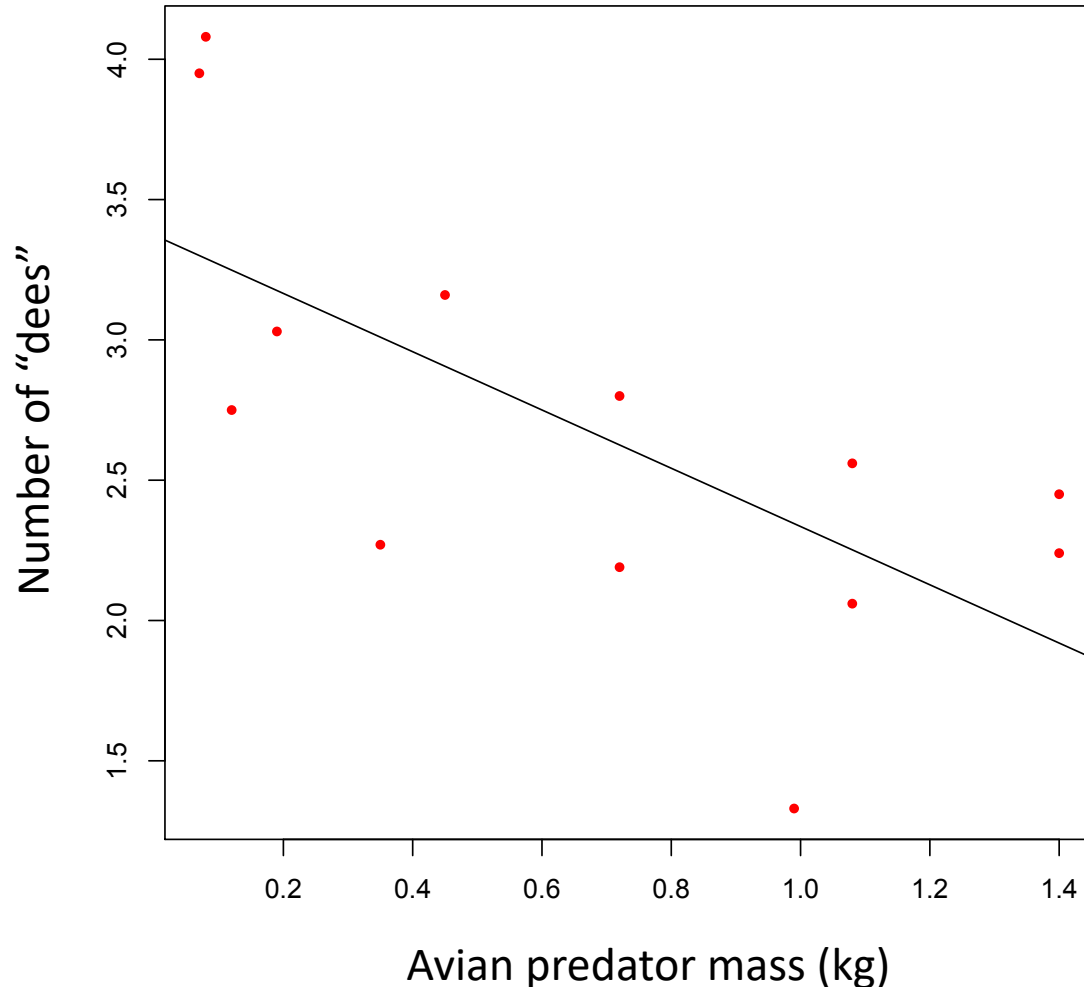


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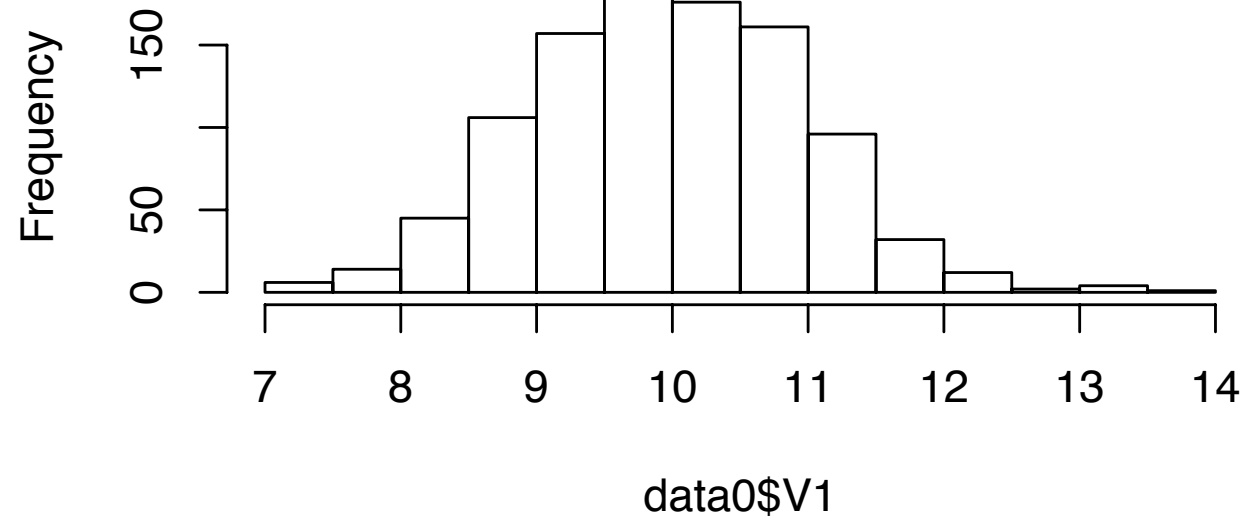
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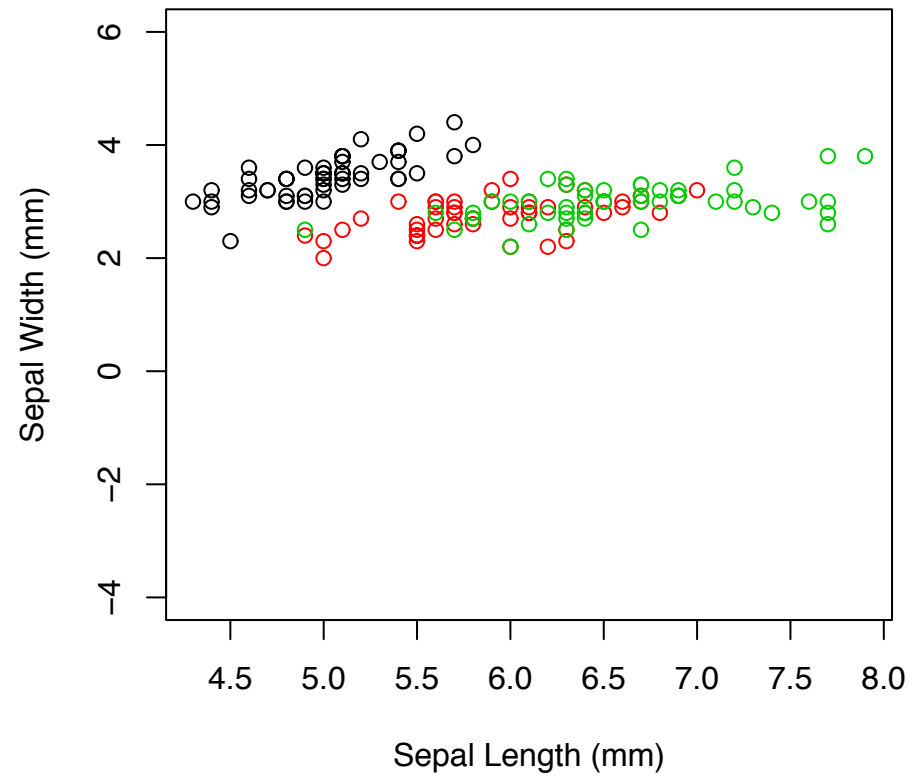
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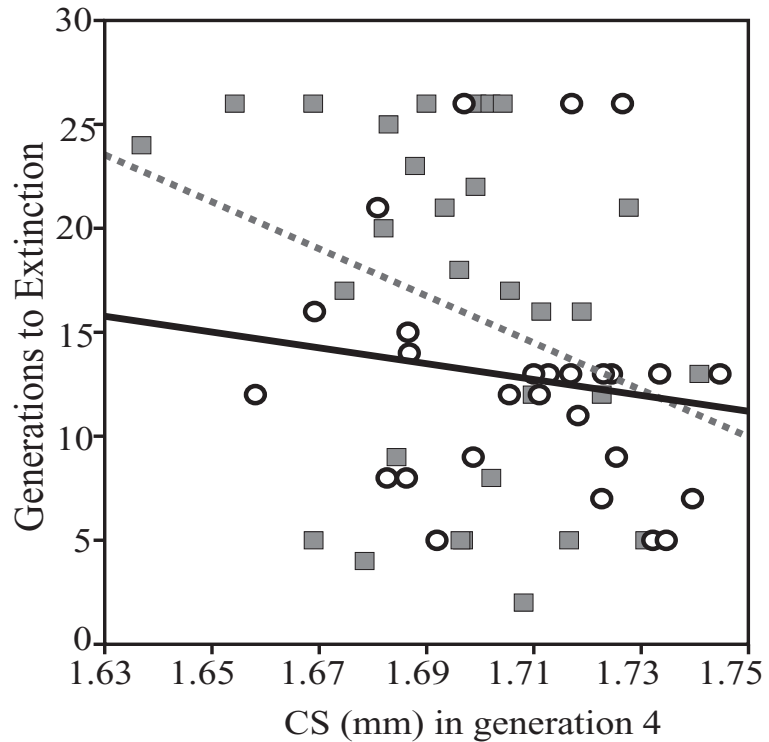
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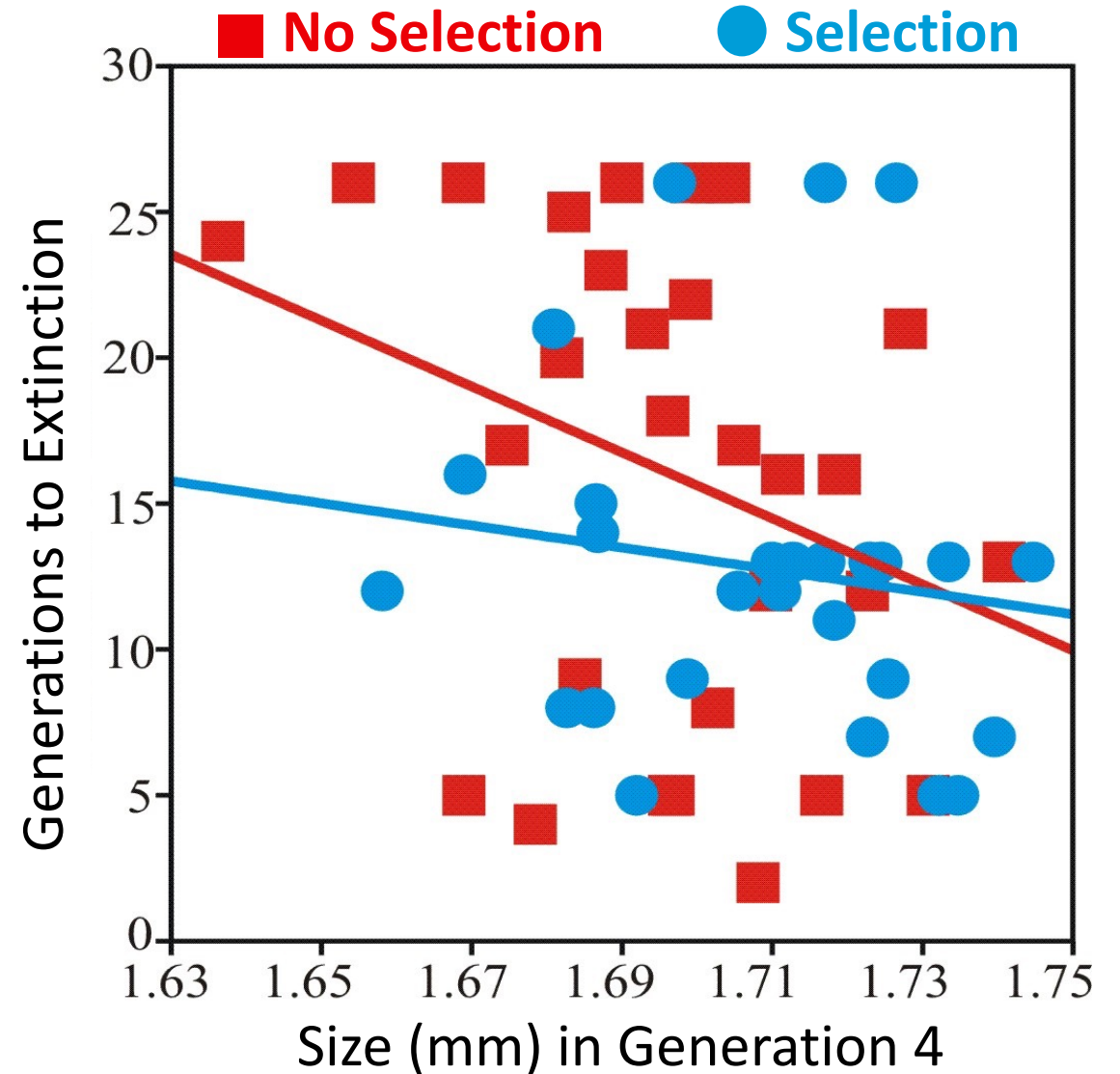
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