

There once was a grid at ol' Carkeek

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## 3 Abstract

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## 5 Introduction

6 For centuries, humankind has wondered: If I have two apples, and someone gives me another two  
7 apples, how many apples do I have? Some people did this (?).

## 8 Methods

9 We use the general framework outlined by Shelton et al (CITE). That study outlined the structure  
10 for estimation of the proportional biomass of a taxon ( $B_i$ ) given the proportional counts of sequences  
11 recovered from a parallel sequencing run ( $Z_i$ ).

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12 We modeled the counts of DNA sequences ( $Z$ ) from each of a given taxon  $i$ , in each replicate  
13 PCR  $j$ , from each replicate of a given location  $k$  (hence,  $Z_{ijk}$ ), as though they are (proportional  
14 to/drawn from) a Poisson distribution. A Poisson distribution is described by one and only one  
15 parameter,  $\lambda$ , which is equal to both the mean and variance. Because in this case our modeled  
16 values are discrete counts, we use the natural exponent,  $e^\lambda$ . Thus,

$$Z_{ijk} \sim \text{Poisson}(e^{\lambda_{ijk}}) \quad (1)$$

17 In turn, we further assume this parameter  $\lambda$  is linearly proportional to a suite of taxon-, per-,  
18 and site- specific parameters describing the variance associated with each sub-process linking the  
19 amount of DNA ( $Y$ ) of a given taxon  $i$  at a given location  $k$  in a DNA extract (hence  $Y_{ik}$ ):

$$\lambda_{ijk} = \beta_0 + \beta_i + \eta_{ijk} + \epsilon_{ijk} \quad (2)$$

20 Where  $\beta_0$  is a general intercept across all taxa,  $\beta_i$  is a fixed effect accounting for the variance  
21 associated with taxon  $i$ , and  $\eta_{ijk}$  and  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  are random effects of variance resulting from the processes  
22 associated with PCR and spatial location, respectively.

## 23 Results

24 We found that if you have two apples, and someone gives you another two apples, you have four  
25 apples.

## 26 Discussion

27 Boy those results sure are neat. Now, the pressing question becomes: How do you like them apples?

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## 36 **Data Availability**

37 The data and code used to generate our results can be found at the following url:

## 38 **References**

## 39 **Figures**