

Analysis of Coral Growth Lab Report

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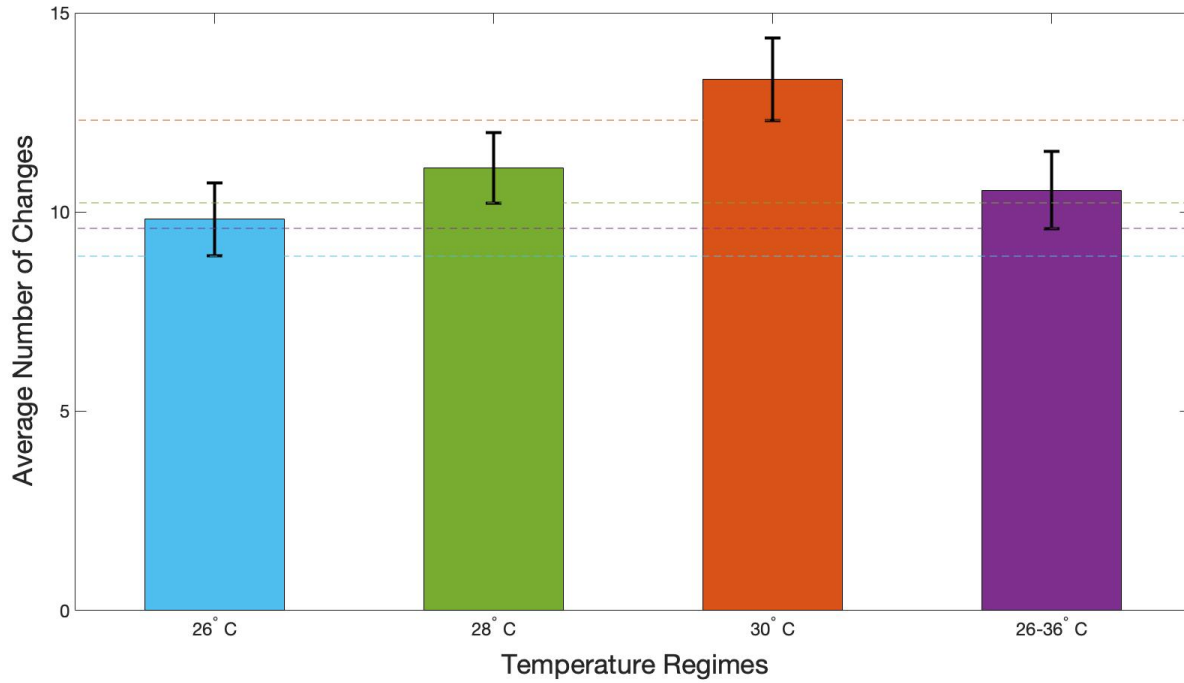
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#	TREATMENT (°C)	INITIAL (mg/cm ²)	FINAL (mg/cm ²)	CHANGE (mg/cm ²)
1	26	552	563	11
2	26	341	352	11
3	26	461	467	6
4	26	430	437	7
5	26	312	320	8
6	26	364	374	10
7	26	468	479	11
8	26	449	460	11
9	26	398	415	17
10	26	394	401	7
11	26	360	369	9
12	28	517	528	11
13	28	428	443	15
14	28	407	415	8
15	28	441	452	11
16	28	472	488	16
17	28	383	391	8
18	28	466	479	13
19	28	345	354	9
20	28	382	393	11
21	28	494	503	9
22	30	573	585	12
23	30	354	369	15
24	30	532	545	13
25	30	393	410	17
26	30	269	277	8
27	30	517	526	9
28	30	469	484	15
29	30	306	322	16
30	30	431	446	15
31	26-30	306	312	6
32	26-30	372	378	6
33	26-30	333	344	11
34	26-30	567	578	11

#	TREATMENT (°C)	INITIAL (mg/cm ²)	FINAL (mg/cm ²)	CHANGE (mg/cm ²)
35	26-30	379	392	13
36	26-30	490	505	15
37	26-30	391	401	10
38	26-30	509	523	14
39	26-30	369	377	8
40	26-30	337	351	14
41	26-30	365	373	8

Sample Size, **N**
Final - Initial, **CHANGE (C)**
Average Change, **MEAN (\bar{C})**
Standard Deviation, **STD (σ)**
Standard Error, **ERR (ϵ)**

N	MEAN	STD	ERR
26°C _{01-11} = 11	$\frac{C_{01} + \dots + C_{11}}{11} = 09.82$	$\sqrt{\frac{ C_{01} - \bar{C} ^2 + \dots + C_{11} - \bar{C} ^2}{11-1}} = 03.03$	$\frac{\sigma_{\{01-11\}}}{\sqrt{11}} = 0.91$
28°C _{12-21} = 10	$\frac{C_{12} + \dots + C_{21}}{10} = 11.10$	$\sqrt{\frac{ C_{12} - \bar{C} ^2 + \dots + C_{21} - \bar{C} ^2}{10-1}} = 02.81$	$\frac{\sigma_{\{12-21\}}}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.89$
30°C _{22-30} = 09	$\frac{C_{22} + \dots + C_{30}}{09} = 13.33$	$\sqrt{\frac{ C_{22} - \bar{C} ^2 + \dots + C_{30} - \bar{C} ^2}{09-1}} = 03.12$	$\frac{\sigma_{\{22-30\}}}{\sqrt{09}} = 1.04$
26-30°C _{31-41} = 11	$\frac{C_{31} + \dots + C_{41}}{11} = 10.55$	$\sqrt{\frac{ C_{31} - \bar{C} ^2 + \dots + C_{41} - \bar{C} ^2}{11-1}} = 03.24$	$\frac{\sigma_{\{31-41\}}}{\sqrt{11}} = .98$



1. What was the mean \pm standard error of coral growth at each of the four temperature categories?

$$26^{\circ}\text{C} = 09.82 \pm 0.91, 28^{\circ}\text{C} = 11.10 \pm 0.84, 30^{\circ}\text{C} = 13.33 \pm 1.04, 26-30^{\circ}\text{C} = 10.55 \pm 0.98$$

2. What would happen if global climate change causes the average seawater temperature to increase to 30°C ?

By analyzing the bar graph above, 30°C is significantly different with all of the temperature regimes since the error bar does not overlap with any the other temperature regimes. This means the corals growth rate at 30°C is significantly the highest. If global climate change causes the average seawater to increase from 26°C to 30°C , then it would be safe to assume that corals in the ocean would significantly increase.