How predator hunting-modes affect prey behaviour: Capture

deterrence in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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ABSTRACT

Hunting mode or the distinct set of behavioural strategies that a predator employs while

hunting can be an important determinant of the prey organism's behavioural response.

However, few studies have considered the predator's hunting mode while describing

differences in anti-predatory behaviours of a prey species. Here we document the

influence of active hunters (zebra jumping spiders, *Salticus scenicus*) and ambush

predators (Chinese praying mantids, *Tenodera aridifolia sinensis*) on the capture

deterrence anti-predatory behavioural repertoire of the model organism, *Drosophila

melanogaster*. We hypothesized that *D. melanogaster* would reduce overall locomotory

activity in the presence of ambush predators, and increase them with active hunters. First

we observed and described the behavioural repertoire of *D. melanogaster* in the presence

of the predators. We documented three previously undescribed behaviours- abdominal

lifting, stopping and retreat- which were performed at higher frequency by *D.

melanogaster* in the presence of predators, and may aid in capture deterrence. Consistent

with our predictions, we observed an increase in the overall activity of *D. melanogaster*

in the presence of jumping spiders (active hunter). However, counter to our prediction,

mantids (ambush hunter) had only a modest influence on activity. Given these new

insights into *Drosophila* behaviour, and with the genetic tools available, dissecting the

molecular mechanisms of anti-predator behaviours may now be feasible in this system.

1   **INTRODUCTION**
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Predation, a ubiquitous selective force, gives rise to and determines the nature of

defensive traits in prey populations[1-7]. Predator hunting-modes, i.e., the set of

behaviours that predators employ to pursue and capture their prey [8-10], have been

shown to induce distinct prey responses [10,11] that in turn influence the productivity of

ecological communities. For example it has been found that habitats dominated by active

hunters had lower species evenness and higher above-ground net primary productivity

compared to habitats dominated by ambush hunters [10]. The authors suggest the

observed differences in prey productivity to be driven by hunting mode specific trade-

offs between foraging and seeking refuge [10]. However, studies describing the effects of

predators on prey traits [12-14] have often ignored the role of predator hunting-mode.

In this study we investigate segregating differences in the anti-predatory

behavioural repertoire of the model fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, in response to

two predator species differing in hunting modes. Based on [11], we predicted that fruit

flies, in the presence of a familiar predator, would exhibit hunting-mode specific

modifications in activity levels. We used *D. melanogaster* because, although it is one of

the most well-studied model organisms, there is a relative paucity of information

regarding *D. melanogaster's* natural ecology and behaviour, including habitat, food

resources, and natural enemies (but see [18-24]). Meanwhile, though anti-predator

behaviours in general are targets of selection in prey [2,15-17], the genetic bases of such

behaviours have seldom been investigated due to lack of molecular genetic tools. Given

the range of genetic and genomic tools available for *D. melanogaster,* along with its

complex behavioural repertoire and suitability for experimental evolution, understanding

the anti-predatory behaviours persisting in a natural population of the fruit fly brings us

one step closer to deciphering the molecular mechanisms of evolutionary response to

predation as a selective agent.

Previous work has examined the effects of natural enemies on population and

community structures of *Drosophila spp*. For example, Worthen et al [25] studied the

effects of predation by staphylinid coleopterans on the coexistence of three *Drosophila*

species, and Escalante et al [26] showed that ant predators regulate population densities

of wild *D. starmeri* (cactophillic fruit fly). Additionally, in *D. melanogaster per se*, the

role of parasites in influencing larval as well as adult behaviour has been extensively

studied [17,27-29]. Despite this literature, we know little about the predators of *D.*

melanogaster adults in the wild, nor the nature of anti-predatory behaviours segregating

in natural populations.

We documented the influence of two predators, the zebra jumping spider (*Salticus*

scenicus) and juvenile Chinese praying mantids (*Tenodera aridifolia sinensis*) on the

capture-deterrence behaviours of *D. melanogaster* individuals derived from a wild-caught

population. The zebra spider is an active hunter; locating prey visually (with an extensive

visual field attained by antero-medially positioned simple eyes) [30,31]. Where as

mantids are generally ambush predators; waiting for prey to enter their attack range [32].

Despite numerous differences, Zebra spiders and juvenile Chinese mantids are similar in

two relevant ways. First, both species primarily detect prey visually [33-36] and are

likely incapable of depth perception when their prey item is motionless [36,37]. Second,

small adult diptera account form a substantial proportion of the diet of both predators in

the wild [38,39].

Based on the findings of Schmitz [11], we predicted that fruit flies, in the

presence of a familiar predator, would exhibit hunting-mode specific modifications in

activity levels. To maximize distance from the actively hunting spider, our prediction was

that flies would increase their overall activity levels, whereas, to reduce the probability of

encountering a stationary threat (the mantid, an ambush predator), we expected flies to

decrease overall activity.

Under controlled laboratory conditions, we documented the behaviours of

individual adult *D. melanogaster* with and without the two predator species. Our results

suggest that in the presence of zebra spiders, *D. melanogaster* increases its overall

locomotory activity, performs a distinct "stopping" behaviour and substantially increases

the performance of a newly described abdominal lifting behaviour (the function of which

is as of yet unknown). Counter to our prediction though, *D. melanogaste*r's locomotion,

and most other behaviours are not substantially altered in the presence of mantids.

However, upon direct encounter with a mantid, many individuals of *D. melanogaster*

perform (a previously undescribed) retreat behaviour- a response not generally elicited by

jumping spiders. We discuss our results within the broad context of conditionally

expressed behaviours as they relate to predator hunting mode, as well as specifically with

respect to broadening our understanding of the behavioural ecology of *D. melanogaster*.

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METHODS

Drosophila Population and Culture Conditions

The *Drosophila melanogaster* population used in this study originated from a

natural population at Fenn Valley Vineyards in Fennville, Michigan (GPS coordinates:

42.57, -86.14) during the summer of 2010. A lab population (henceforth referred to as

FVW) was initiated from this collection using the progeny of over 500 single-pair

matings of field caught *D. melanogaster* as well as wild caught males. This design

allowed us to screen out the sympatric congener, *D. simulans,* which was present in our

collections at a frequency of about 5%. Screening involved setting up single pair mating

in vials and discarding all lines with *D. simulans*-like genital morphology. After

screening, ~1500 individuals were placed into cage ($32.5cm^3$, BugDorm BD43030F) to

establish the FVW population. The population is currently maintained in this cage at an

adult density ~ 3000 individuals in a room maintained at 23^0C (+/- 1^0C), and 40-70% RH.

Adults were allowed to lay eggs in 10 bottles with 50-60 ml of a standard yeast-cornmeal

food for 2-3 days. These bottles were then removed and kept in a Percival incubator

(Model: I41VLC8) at 24^0C and 65% RH throughout the larval stages. All flies and larvae

were maintained in a 12 hr light/dark cycle with lights on at 08:00 hours.

For the experiments, pupae were collected 24 hours before they emerged as

adults. Pupae were removed from bottles using forceps and individual pupae were placed

into 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes. Each tube was pre-filled with ~ 0.5 ml of yeast-

cornmeal food and its cap was punctured for gas exchange. Upon emergence, adult flies

were sexed visually without anesthesia and housed in these tubes in the incubator until

needed for behavioural assays. Age of flies used in behaviour analysis was 3-7 days. By

using socially naïve flies in our assays, we were able to establish a consistent baseline of

social experience among all individuals, allowing us to eliminate the potentially

confounding influence of variation in social experience on behaviour that is well-

documented in *Drosophila* [40-44].

Spiders

97   *S. scenicus* individuals were collected throughout the spring/summer of 2012 on

the campus of Michigan State University. Spiders were housed individually in vials in a

room maintained at 23^0C (+/- 1^0C) and 30-50% RH and fed ~5 *D. melanogaster* a week.

Prior to use in behavioural assays, spiders were starved for at least 48 hours. Each spider

was used in only a single behavioural assay.

Mantids

Mantid egg cases were both collected near the campus of Michigan State

University as well as ordered from Nature's Control (Medford, Oregon). Mantid egg

cases were stored at 4^0C and transferred to 25^0C and 70% RH for hatching. Given the

substantial changes in mantid body size across moults [45], only first instar nymphs were

used for experiments. Prior to behavioural assay, mantids were starved for at least 24

hours and each mantid was used only once.

Behavioural Assays

All assays were performed 1-4 hours after the incubator lights came on in the

morning (08:00). Behavioural assays were recorded with an Aiptek AHD H23 digital

camcorder attached to a tripod under a combination of natural and fluorescent light that is

present in the room wherein the FVW population and spiders are maintained. For each

predator (spiders and mantids), we recorded the behaviour for each of 15 male and 15

female socially naïve, virgin flies (collected as described above). We used a chamber

constructed from the bottom of a 100 x15mm petri dish inverted on top of a glass plate

with a sheet of white paper beneath to maximize the visibility of flies and predators.

For each assay, an individual fly was aspirated into the chamber and allowed to

acclimate for 5 minutes. After this acclimation period, flies were recorded for 5 minutes.

A single spider or mantid was then introduced to the chamber and behaviours were

recorded for an additional 10 minutes or until capture. The chamber was washed with 10-

30% ethanol and rinsed with reverse osmosis water after each assay to remove olfactory

cues.

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Behaviours Recorded

All *Drosophila* behaviours were categorized and analysed as either "states" or

"events". Behavioural states have measurable duration and are mutually exclusive with

other states (e.g. individuals cannot simultaneously walk and run). Behavioural events

are discrete behaviours that occur instantaneously and are also mutually exclusive with

each other (e.g. turning versus jumping) but not always mutually exclusive with

behavioural states. For example, an individual could perform a wing display (event) while

simultaneously walking (state), but it could not jump (event) while simultaneously

running (state). In this study we treated flying as an event because the structure of the

experimental chamber was prohibitive to flight. Attempted flight by *D. melanogaster*

often resulted in landing due to collision with a wall of the petri dish. We also recorded

when a fly was not visible (occluded) to the observers analysing video. We recorded a

total of 6 discrete events and 5 behavioural states in *D. melanogaster* in response to

predation by spiders and mantids (Table 1). In order to interpret an individual fly's

behaviour in the context of predatory encounters, we designated two keys to describe the

location of the predator in regard to its interactions with the fly. As flies might alter their

behaviour when a predator is within striking distance, we recorded predator location

based on whether or not it was within striking distance of the fly (~ 5mm from the

spider/mantid, also see *Spider location/ Mantid location* in Figure 1).

Video Processing

Recorded behaviours were viewed with VLC media player (version 2.0.3) and

analysed by two observers using a manual event recorder, JWatcher V1.0 software [46].

One observer (A.P.) viewed each video and verbally announced the occurrence of

behaviours while the other observer (C.P./ M.C.) recorded the occurrence of these

behaviours with JWatcher. Because *Drosophila* anti-predatory behaviours are often

complex and occur rapidly, we analysed all videos at 0.5X speed.

Controlling for effects of season and disturbance

We conducted all spider observations between October and December 2012 and all the

mantid observation between March and May 2013. To confirm that predator species-

specific behavioural differences were not confounded with seasonal differences in

behaviour, we performed 6 additional assays (alternating between spider and mantid

treatments) within the span of one week. Following a spider assay, the plates were wiped

down with 30% ethanol followed by a rinse with RO water before a mantid assay was

conducted.

Additionally, the process of adding a predator to the arena invariably resulted in a

disturbance that likely startled the fly (unrelated to the presence of a predator). To

confirm that behaviours induced by this disturbance were not confounded with predator

induced behavioural differences, we performed 3 control assays. Here, after 5 minutes of

acclimatization without a predator (see above for more details), the arena containing the

fruit fly was disturbed gently (~ magnitude of disturbance caused by the addition of a

predator). For all controls, video processing and behaviours recorded were identical to

mantid and spider treatments described above. See Supplement b, S1 for a detailed

description of these control experiments and their results.

Data processing and statistical analysis

A custom Python script was used to parse Jwatcher formatted data files into a

comma-separated-value (CSV) file for analysis in **R** (version 3.0.1).

To analyse the effects of predator state (i.e., presence or absence of predators) on

the time dedicated to locomotory behavioural states, and number of occurrence for

behavioural events, we fit mixed effects models (using both *glmer* function; lme4

package version 1.0-5, and *MCMCglmm* function; MCMCglmm package version 2.17)

with predator state, total duration of assay with and without a predator (duration), sex,

temperature and recording time as fixed effects, and individual by predator state and date

as random effects . Formally, the model was:

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \beta_{0ij} + \beta_1 PS + \beta_2 D + \beta_3 Ag + \beta_4 T + \beta_5 ST + \beta_6 Sx + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Where $\mathbf{y}$ is a vector of time spent in a behavioural state. β_1 is the regression coefficient for

predator state, β_2 is for duration in each predator state, β_3 is for age of the fly, β_4 is for

temperature, β_5 is for time at which assay was started, β_6 is for sex of the fly and β_7 is for

date on which the assay was performed. We estimated random effects for individuals

including variation in response to predator state and duration of assay, and we fit an

independent random effect for date. Thus we fit a repeated effects (longitudinal) mixed

effects model allowing for variation among individuals for the influence of predator

presence and duration of assay where for the ith individual

$$194 \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{0i} \\ \beta_{1i} \\ \beta_{2i} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathrm{MVN} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_{\beta_0} \\ \mu_{\beta_1} \\ \mu_{\beta_2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2_{\beta_0} & \sigma_{\beta_0,\beta_1} & \sigma_{\beta_0,\beta_2} \\ \sigma_{\beta_0,\beta_1} & \sigma^2_{\beta_1} & \sigma_{\beta_1,\beta_2} \\ \sigma_{\beta_0,\beta_2} & \sigma_{\beta_1,\beta_2} & \sigma^2_{\beta_2} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\qquad\qquad$ and (independent of the above)

$\qquad\qquad$ $\beta_0 \sim N(0, \sigma^2_j)$ where $j = 1 \ldots$ date

Preliminary analyses were inconsistent with the need to fit higher order interactions

among fixed effects, so interaction terms were not considered further.

$\qquad$ To test for non-random associations in the temporal structure of behavioural

patterns we constructed transition frequencies using the "msm" library (version 1.2) [47]

in **R**. To test for both for first order Markov processes between behaviours (transition

probabilities), as well as the influence of predator presence on these transition

probabilities, we fit log-linear models with the transition frequency matrices [48] using

glm in **R**. As advocated by [48,49] we fit a saturated log-linear model (with lag0, lag1

and PredState as the effects in the model) and tested the influence of deleting the terms

(i.e. third order interaction of main terms) on change in deviance. We used modified "Z-

scores", adjusted using sequential Bonferroni to assess the deviation of particular cells in

the transition frequency matrix from expected values (assuming independence). For the

visual transition probability matrices, we combined the behavioural event "pause" with

the behavioural state "stop" because 1) we wanted to reduce the complexity of the matrix

and 2) the main difference between the two behaviours is that pause is instantaneous and

stop has duration. All transition diagrams were constructed in Inkscape [50](version

0.48.2).

Table 1 Names and descriptions of all observed behaviours. Videos are provided at the end of Supplement b.

Behaviour	Description
Abdominal lift (ab)	Momentary rearing up on abdomen (see video 1)
Fly	Moving through space by wing use
Jump	Instantaneous movement between points without wing use
Pause	Noticeable period of inactivity; transitional
Turn	180 degree change in orientation without change in position
Wing display (wd)	Momentary lifting up of wings without singing or vibration
Groom	Running legs over any body part-often while otherwise stationary
Walk	Movement through space by ambulation
Run	Rapid movement through space by ambulation
Stop	Immobile (see video 2)
Retreat	Walking in reverse upon encounter with an object (like a predator) (see video 3)

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RESULTS

From pilot observations (not included in analysis), we (I.D., A.P. and C.P.)

catalogued and described *Drosophila melanogaster* behaviours observed in the presence

of a predator (Table 1). Among the behaviours listed in Table 1, abdominal lifting (ab,

supplement b, video 1) and retreat (supplement b, video 3), to our knowledge, have not

been previously described in *D. melanogaster* literature.

Flies perform a range of anti-predatory behaviours in response to a zebra spider

To visualize each individual fruit fly's response to the presence of a zebra

jumping spider, we generated ethograms (see Figure 1a and Supplement a). For the two

predator states (spider present and spider absent) we measured the mean proportion of

time dedicated to each behavioural state, as well as the number of occurrences per minute

for each behavioural event. When a spider was present, *D. melanogaster* increased the

proportion of time it spent walking and running while grooming less (Figure 2 and

Supplement b Figure S1). While they were observed at low frequencies prior to the

addition of spiders, *D. melanogaster* substantially increased the frequency of pauses,

abdominal lifts, jumps and flights (per minute) in the presence of spiders (Figure 2,

Supplement b Figure S3). Time allocated to "stopping"; a motionless state that likely aids

in capture deterrence (see Videos 2, Supplement c) also increased significantly in the

presence of spiders (Supplement b Figure S2). However, when interacting with spiders,

flies were only observed to perform the "retreat" behaviour once (of 30 individuals).

Given the design of our experiment, we were able to model the degree to which

individuals varied in their responses to the jumping spiders. Individuals varied greatly

(b)

Figure 1

D. melanogaster used a greater proportion of its behavioural repertoire and performed each behaviour at a higher frequency in the presence of a jumping spider than in the presence of a juvenile mantid. *a)* Representative ethogram of a male, 4 day old *D. melanogaster* in response to a zebra jumping spider. *b)* Ethogram of a male, 5 day old *D. melanogaster* in response to a juvenile Chinese paying mantid. Light grey background represents time in the arena before the addition of a predator and dark grey background is when the predator was present in the chamber. Each black bar represents the occurrence of a behaviour during the observation period. Top half of the figure (separated by *Predator location*) consists of events and the bottom half consists of states. Because states have duration, the width of each black bar corresponds to the duration of a state. *Predator location* (i.e., *Spider location* in **a** and *Mantid location* in **b**) indicates whether or not the predator was within striking distance of the fruit fly at that time point. This information is relevant only after the predator was added to the chamber (~ 300 s into the assay). Dark grey bars in *Predator location* indicate that the spider was within striking distance and light grey regions indicate that the spider was out of striking distance. *Predator location* is white when the predator is absent from the arena or after successful capture. If capture did not occur, *predator location* remains light grey in colour.

Figure 2

Fruit flies increase overall activity levels in the presence of jumping spiders **(a)** and **(b)** but not in the presence of mantids **(c)** and **(d)**. Plots (a) and (b) show change in mean number of occurrences per minute of each behavioural state as a result of the addition of a predator. Plots (c) and (d) show mean change in percentage of total time spent in a given behavioural state caused by the addition of a predator. On the left of the dotted line, behavioural changes correspond to the presence of a spider whereas on the right of the dotted line, behavioural differences are due to the presence of a juvenile praying mantid. Error bars are ± 95% CI.

both in their baseline activity levels as well as in their propensities to respond to jumping

spiders. While most individuals reduced their grooming activity in the presence of

predators, the degree to which they did so varied substantially (Figure 3a and 3b).

Interestingly, we did not see significant sex specific differences in either frequencies of

occurrence (Supplement b Figure S3) or proportion of time allocated (Supplement b

Figure S1) to the majority of measured behaviours (But see S3 panels "pause" and

"turn"). There was an overall negative correlation between the amount of time

individuals spent grooming before and after the addition of the spiders (Table 2). That is,

on average, individuals who were more active prior to the addition of the spider reduced

their activity to a greater extent in the presence of the spider.

To visualise the temporal associations among behavioural sequences, we

constructed transition matrices (Supplement b Tables S1, S2, S5 and S6) and transition

probability diagrams for all pairs of behaviours in the absence (Supplement b Figure S7)

and presence (Figure 4a) of predators. In response to jumping spiders, transitions among

behaviours are somewhat more dispersed (with many connections between behaviours),

suggesting that there is weak temporal association between fruit fly behaviours. Indeed

these qualitative conclusions are supported based on the Z-scores. In the absence of

spiders 8 possible transitions were significant (after controlling for multiple comparison,

Supplement b Table S1), while 13 transitions were significant in the presence of the

spider (Supplement b Table S2). Most of these differences were due to the increase in

behaviours potentially involved with anti-predation activity (i.e. flight, abdominal

lifting). However, while the results of the log-linear analysis (across the whole transition

frequency matrix) supported the dependence of current behavioural states on the previous

Table 2 Individual flies show negative correlations between behavioural states before and after the introduction of a predator. There is considerable variation among individuals in time spent performing specific behaviours (i.e. walking and grooming), with and without predators. However, there is a strong negative correlation within individuals for time spent before and after introduction of the predator. That is, individuals who spend more time performing a specific behaviour prior to the addition of a predator, reduce that behaviour to an even greater amount (than the average for the sample) once the predator is introduced. The one exception is for grooming for the mantid trials. Diagonals of the table contain the standard devation (mean of the posterior distribution) for individual behavioural responses (95% CIs in paratheses) from the random effects of the models. Above the diagonal are covariances between predictors (and CIs in parantheses). Below the diagonal are correlation coefficients for the covariances between the predictors.

Grooming, Spider

	Intercept	Pred.State	Time
Intercept	89.2 (62.0, 115.3)	-68.2 (-88.7, -34.1)	26.4 (14.0, 36.0)
Pred.State	-0.84	61.7 (18.8, 84.5)	-14 (-25.5, 17.1)
Time	0.75	-0.3	10.4 (4.4, 14.9)

Walking, Spider

	Intercept	Pred.State	Time
Intercept	81.9 (43.3, 109.8)	-60.2 (-89.5, 27.5)	25.6 (-8.8, 36.7)
Pred.State	-0.66	67.3 (0.36, 98.5)	11.5 (-22.2, 29.2)
Time	0.62	0.15	13 (5.6, 18.2)

Grooming, Mantid

	Intercept	Pred.State	Time
Intercept	122.8 (59.6, 175)	-20.2 (-117, 106)	46.0 (-16.9, 74.5)
Pred.State	-0.05	60.5 (0.13, 100.2)	-18.3 (-47.9, 34.0)
Time	0.8	-0.26	21.5 (2.6, 33.8)

Walking, Mantid

	Intercept	Pred.State	Time
Intercept	144.8 (86.2, 198)	-100.3 (-162.6, 38.8)	63.2 (31.6, 90.3)
Pred.State	-0.86	80.5 (0.21, 139.3)	-45.2 (-76.4, 19.6)
Time	0.94	-0.86	29.4 (11.3, 43.5)

Inter individual behavioural variation in respone to predators is present in natural populations. Reaction norms visualize how each individual fruit fly responded to the introduction of a spider (plannels a and b) or a mantid (pannels c and d) into the assay chamber. Measures are in seconds. Each line corresponds to reponse of one individual. Estimates are derived from the predicted values for each individual from the mixed models.

state (resid df=71, deviance=632, p < 0.001), the inclusion of predator status did not

influence this dependence (resid df = 71, deviance = 59, p = 0.8).

Flies perform a previously undescribed retreat behaviour in response to mantids

In contrast to their behaviour in the presence of jumping spiders, the presence of a

juvenile praying mantid had minimal influence on *D. melanogaster*'s locomotory activity

(Figure 1, Supplement a). Time spent grooming, walking, running and stopping was

largely unaffected by the presence of a juvenile praying mantid (Figure 2d, Supplement b

Figures S1 and S2). Similarly, the presence of a mantid did not influence the frequency at

which *D. melanogaster* tended to perform most instantaneous behaviours (Figure 2a,

Supplement b Figure S4). However, as was observed with spiders, flies performed the

abdominal lifting behaviours (ab) at a significantly higher rate in the presence of a

juvenile praying mantid (Supplement b Figure S4). In addition, upon encounter with a

mantid, half of the individuals (15/30) performed a previously undescribed reversal

behaviour (Supplement c video 3), which we term "retreat". As with the zebra spiders,

we saw no significant sex specific differences in response to mantids.

Although the presence of a mantid had a small effect on fly behaviour, flies did

vary considerably in their grooming and walking activities. Indeed, the among-individual

variability in proportion of time spent grooming and walking is greater in magnitude in

the presence of the mantids than spiders (Figure 3). The results from the mixed model

did not demonstrate as strong support for the negative co-variation between an

individual's activity (walking, grooming) before and after the addition of the mantid

(Table 2).

(a)

(b)

Figure 4

Spiders and mantids had different effects on the temporal associations between pairs of *D. melanogaster* behaviours. a) A diagram representing probability of transitioning from one fly behavioural state to the other in the presence of a zebra jumping spider. b) A diagram representing probability of transitioning from one fly behavioural state to the other in the presence of a juvenile praying mantid. Thickness of arrows indicate transition probability between the two behaviours. The arrowhead points to the behaviour being transitioned to. Thickness of the box around behavioural state (groom, run, occl, retreat, stop and walk) indicate the mean proportion of total time spent in that behaviour, whereas thickness of the box around behavioural events (fly, jump, turn, wd, ab) indicates mean number of occurrences per minute of that behaviour. To reduce the complexity of the web we combined the behaviours "pause" with the behaviour "stop". Behavioural transitions that occurred less than 10 times have not been shown in the figure.

Transition matrices and transition probability diagrams (Supplement b Figure S7,

Figure 4b and Tables S3, S4, S7 and S8) show patterns of temporal association among

behaviours. In response to juvenile mantids, the transitions diagram is less dispersed than

that in the presence of jumping spiders (Figure 4), suggesting that the degree of

association between behaviours in the presence of mantids is more extreme. While most

behaviours (abdominal lift, fly, groom, jump, run, stop, and turn) tend to transition to

walking, we also see stronger associations between other pairs of behaviours. For

example: after performing the retreat behaviour, fruit flies often either abdominal lift or

turn, and flight is often followed by stopping. These observations are supported by the

findings that in the absence of mantids, 12 transitions showed significant deviations from

expectations (Supplement b, Table S4). In comparison, in the presence of mantids 23

transitions showed a significant deviation from expected values (Supplement b, Table

S4). Interestingly, as with the spiders the log-linear model supports the non-independence

of behavioural states (resid df=71, deviance=1054, p <0.001), but not for the additional

influence of predator state on this non-independence (resid df = 71, deviance = 72,

p=0.4).

DISCUSSION

Prey organisms can alter their behaviour to reduce the likelihood of detection,

capture or encounter with a predator [5]. For example, when predators are present,

ground squirrels dedicate more time to vigilance behaviours (like scanning for a predator,

see [51]) and some aquatic insects spend more time in refuges [52]. These changes in

behaviour may alter the use of resources, and potentially the fitness of an organism.

However, the nature and intensity of non-consumptive effects of a predator on its prey

are a function of several predator specific factors, one of which is the predator's hunting

mode [10]. Predator hunting mode, i.e., the set of behavioural strategies that a predator

employs to pursue and capture its prey [8-10] can be an important determinant of a prey

organism's anti-predatory behavioural response [10,11]. In this study, we describe the

anti-predatory behavioural repertoire of a natural population of *Drosophila melanogaster*

in response to predation by the zebra jumping spider (*Salticus scenicus)* and juvenile

Chinese praying mantids (*Tenodera aridifolia sinensis*) that, among other characteristics,

differ in hunting mode. While we discuss our findings with respect to hunting mode

differences, we recognize that other attributes differing among the predators may

contribute to the observed differences in prey behavioural repertoires. However, as our

experimental design was meant to minimize the effects of many possible confounding

factors (e.g. time of day, temperature, humidity) it seems likely that, in part, our results

reflect hunting mode differences.

In response to active hunters (those that constantly patrol for prey), we predicted

that fruit flies would increase their overall activity levels (including flight) in order to

maintain maximum distance from the predator at all times [11]; To reduce the likelihood

of an encounter with an ambush predator however (i.e., a predator that only attacks when

a prey organism wanders in to its strike zone), we predicted that *D. melanogaster* would

respond by decreasing locomotory activities. Our results, however, were only partially in

line with these predictions. While the actively hunting jumping spiders induce a clear

increase in overall activity, we found the presence of juvenile mantids- our ambush

predators- to have minimal influence on fruit fly activity levels (Figure 2, Supplement b

Figure S2). It has been previously argued that ambush predators might be a predictable

source of threat to prey organisms [53,54] reviewed in [10] as opposed to the diffuse and

variable threat imposed by active hunters [11]. Therefore, it is perhaps surprising that

fruit flies show a stronger behavioural response to the threat of active hunters (zebra

jumping spiders) (see [55]). However, our predictions are based on studies on a

grasshopper and its two predatory spider species that differ in hunting mode. Given that

selection pressures faced by adult diptera are different from those experienced by

grasshoppers (orthoptera), such predictions may not be generalizable. Several factors

including body size and dispersal patterns may contribute to this difference. Many

species of jumping spiders, including *S. scenicus,* are often seen in the natural habitat of

D. melanogaster (personal observations of A.P., C.P. and I.D.), and are likely to be

ecologically relevant predators of *Drosophila*. Mantids however, are rarely found in

areas where fruit flies are abundant (personal observations of A.P. and I.D.), at least in

Eastern North America. Therefore, it is likely that fruit flies, having experienced a longer

evolutionary history with small jumping spiders, are better able to recognize these spiders

as a threat. In addition, the disturbance created by a constantly patrolling zebra spider

may be partly responsible for the increased activity levels seen in *D. melanogaster* (either

due to actual mechanical disturbance or because flies are able to detect moving objects

quicker than stationary ones). In this study, we are unable to tease apart the effects of

evolutionary recognition versus constant mechanical disturbance on the differences in

flies' activity levels. Further experimentation with harmless but constantly moving

heterospecifics (such as field crickets) or immobilized active hunters might be useful in

addressing these issues.

We also identified a number of (to our knowledge) undescribed behaviours of *D.*

melanogaster, potentially relating to its interactions with predators. The behaviour we

called "stopping" (Table 1) was observed numerous times after a direct (but failed) attack

by a spider (Supplement 3 video 1). While *D. melanogaster* will spend time without any

ambulatory activity (walking, running), they are almost always observed to be active

(generally grooming) during these periods. However, when fruit flies performed the

stopping behaviour, there was a complete lack of movement on the part of the fly, even

when video was viewed at a few frames/second. When a fruit fly was "stopped", the

spider had to search for the fly, irrespective of the physical proximity between the spider

and the fly. In salticids, while the principal eyes have high spatial acuity [34], secondary

eyes are primarily used to detect moving objects [56]. Because salticids are unable to

accommodate by changing the shape of their lens, they need to extensively sample their

visual field to see details in object shape and form [34,55,58]. Scanning for prey by such

sampling is likely a slow process unless guided by the motion sensing peripheral eyes,

giving motionless prey the advantage of staying hidden (at least for a few seconds) while

in plain sight of their salticid predator. Thus, *D. melanogaster* may be using the

"stopping" behaviour as a potential mechanism to reduce the likelihood of detection by

the spider.

Additionally, in the presence of both predators, *D. melanogaster* substantially

increase the frequency at which it performed abdominal lifts. To our knowledge,

abdominal lifting has not been described in *D. melanogaster* literature before and may be

relevant in an anti-predatory context. While studying courtship behaviours in female *D.*

melanogaster, Lasbleiz el al described two behaviours perhaps similar to the abdominal

lifting described here: abdominal drumming and abdominal extension [57]. Abdominal

drumming (described as "quickly repeated vertical movements of the abdomen which is

tapped on the substrate") was only seen in males during courtship display, and abdominal

extensions (described as " abdomen raised by 15-30 degrees") were also closely

associated with courtship. Because abdominal lifting was often directed at a predator or

followed a failed predatory encounter, we suspect abdominal lifting to be different from

abdominal extensions and abdominal drumming, and with a possibly anti-predatory

function. We speculate that if abdominal lifting is indeed anti-predatory, it could function

in one of several possible ways. First, abdominal lifting may be a signal of prey condition

directed at the predator as a form of pursuit deterrence, comparable to stotting in the

Thomson's gazelle [60]. Second, because *D. melanogaster* are often surrounded by

conspecifics, abdominal lifting may be a means though which one fly warns its

conspecifics of the presence of a potential threat (similar in function to fin flicking in

tetras, [61]). Finally it may be an indication of some sort of physiological priming of the

fly in preparation for a fight-or-flight response. Determining whether it is a specific anti-

predator behaviour, as well as the details of its function need to be a focus of future work.

In response to the juvenile praying mantids, half of the fruit flies we observed

(15/30) performed a reverse walking behaviour which we have called "retreat", where the

flies walked in reverse, away from the predator (supplement c, video 3). This was often

(but not always) interspersed with the abdominal lifting behaviour. Phenomenologically,

this behaviour may be similar to that described in Bidaye et al [62], where the authors

identified neurons that upon activation changed walking direction in *D. melanogaster*.

Bidaye et al's reverse walking behaviour, appears to be a smooth and continuous

behaviour, whereas the "retreat" was often discontinuous and accompanied by abdominal

lifting. If the two "retreat" behaviours are related, the observed disassociation between

retreat and abdominal lifting as well as its continuous nature (in [62]) may be a function

of how the neurons were perturbed.

We also investigated how the presence of the different predators may influence

non-random associations among behaviours. We observed that in the presence of both

predators there was an increase in the number of behavioural transitions that deviated

from expectations under independence (from 12 to 23 with the mantid, and 8 to 13 with

the spider). Despite this, the log-linear model (analysing the whole transition frequency

matrix) did not support the influence of predator state on the frequencies of transitions.

This may be partly due to the relatively modest sample sizes (in terms of both individuals

and transitions among behaviours). Further work is necessary to validate and extend this

sequential analysis.

While we show that there are some predator hunting-mode specific behavioural

differences in *D. melanogaster's* anti-predator response, we reiterate two important

caveats. First, although the primary distinction between the zebra jumping spider and

juvenile Chinese praying mantids as predators is their hunting-mode, other factors

between these species (for example, size, colour, odour) may also influence differences in

fruit fly behaviours. Replicating the observations with other predator pairs that differ in

hunting-mode is necessary to confirm hunting-mode's influence on anti-predatory

repertoires. Secondly, our assay chambers are an artificial environment and do not

resemble the conditions under which *D. melanogaster* face predators in the wild. Due to

the nature of our assay chamber, *D. melanogaster* were unable to employ behavioural

strategies that may reduce encounters with predators (e.g., utilizing a refuge). Therefore

we were only able to describe the capture-deterrence repertoire of *D. melanogaster*

behaviour. We believe that our study is a necessary first step to describing and

documenting the complete anti-predatory behavioural repertoire of *D. melanogaster* and

we foresee future work to be conducted in a modified chamber, under more "natural"

conditions. Doing so will allow us to take this premier model genetic system and make it

into an ecological model as well.

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Supplemental material

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Supporting information

Differential response to spiders versus mantids

Because spider and mantid population densities vary by season, we had to temporally

segregate the spider assays from the mantid assays. We conducted all spider observations

between October and December 2012 and all the mantid observations between March and May

2013. Comparing time allocation and frequencies of occurrences in the predator absent state

between the two predator treatments suggest that behavioural modifications were predator

induced, and not due to seasonal effects (Figure S5 and S6). Although the assays were carried

out under highly controlled conditions, to confirm that predator species-specific behavioural

differences were not confounded with seasonal differences in behaviour, we performed 6

additional assays (alternating between spider and mantid treatments) within the span of one

week. The control experiments show no evidence of confounding effects of season with *D.*

melanogaster's anti-predator behavioural repertoire (Table S9, S11 and S12 below). Ethograms

are shown in Supplement a. Furthermore, to confirm that the disturbance we caused (to the assay

chamber) during the addition of a predator did not confound behavioural responses to the

predator, we did 3 "no predator" control assays. For these "no predator" controls, instead of

adding a predator to the arena, we caused a mild disturbance (~ to intensity of disturbance caused

while adding the predator) without actually adding any predator. We found that disturbance

caused during predator addition was not responsible for observed behavioural modifications

(Table S10 and S13). Finally, "no predator" controls also ruled our temporal differences in fruit

fly activity levels (Table S10 and S13)

Supplemental figures

Figure S1

Addition of jumping spiders cause fruit flies to walk more and groom less, whereas the presence

of mantids show weaker, more variable (and not significant) changes in fruit fly activity levels.

Here we show coefficient plots from the output of mixed effects models using the package

MCMCglmm to visualize duration of two behaviours (grooming and locomotion) as a function

of predator state (present vs absent of spiders, left panels and mantids, right panels), total

duration of the assay, sex of the fly, start time of the assay, temperature in the room and age of

the fly. Estimates are in seconds. Error bars are ± 95% CI.

Figure S2

Fruit flies "stop" significantly longer in the presence of spiders (left panel), and to a much lesser

extent (and not significantly) in the presence of mantids (right panel). Here we have coefficient

plots made from the output of mixed effects models using the package MCMCglmm to visualize

duration of "stopping" as a function of predator state (present vs absent), total duration of the

assay, sex of the fly, start time of the assay, temperature in the room and age of the fly. Estimates

are in seconds. Error bars are ± 95% CI. Although assays were performed between 9 am and 12

pm each day, start time for the mantid assays significantly affected the total time that flies spent

"stopping".

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Figure S3

In the presence of spiders, fruit flies increased the frequency with which they performed flights,

pauses and jumps. Here we show coefficient plots made from the output of mixed effects models

using the package MCMCglmm to visualize duration of each individual behavioural event (ab,

fly, pause, wd, turn and jump) as a function of predator state (present vs absent of a spider), total

duration of the assay, sex of the fly, start time of the assay, temperature in the room and age of

the fly. All estimates are scaled to number of events per minute. Error bars are ± 95% CI.

Figure S4

Fruit flies performed abdominal lifts are a higher frequency in the presence of a juvenile mantid.

Here we show coefficient plots made from the output of mixed effects models using the package

MCMCglmm to visualize duration of each individual behavioural event (ab, fly, pause, wd, turn

and jump) as a function of predator state (present vs absent of a mantid), total duration of the

assay, sex of the fly, start time of the assay, temperature in the room and age of the fly. All

estimates are scaled to number of events per minute. Error bars are ± 95% CI. Although assays

were performed between 9 am and 12 pm each day, start time for the mantid assays significantly

affected the frequency at which *D. melanogaster* performed the "Fly", "Wd" and "Jump"

behaviours.

Figure S5

Hunting mode induced behavioural differences in fruit fly behaviours were not confounded with

seasonal effects. Here we show percentage time spent in each behavioural state (left) and number

of occurrences per minute for each behavioural event (right) as measured for individual fruit flies

before the addition of a spider (white circles) and before the introduction of a mantid (black

circles) into the chamber. Error bars are ± 2 * SEs. Overlapping error bars suggest that there was

minimal effect of season on the behavioural repertoire of fruit flies.

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81   *Figure S6*

 Seasonal differnces in fruit fly behaviours did not confound behavioural differences induced by

difference hunting-modes. Flies measured before the addition of a spider did not differ in

behaviour from flies measured before the addition of a mantid.

Figure S7

a) A diagram representing probability of transitioning from one fly behaviour to the other

when individuals were measured before the addition of a spider **b)** A diagram representing

probability of transitioning from one fly behaviour to the other for individuals measured

before the addition of a juvenile mantid. Thickness of arrows indicates transition

probability between the two behaviours. The arrowhead points to the behaviour being

transitioned to. Thickness of the box around behavioural state (groom, run, occl, retreat,

stop and walk) indicate the mean proportion of total time spent in that behaviour, whereas

thickness of the box around behavioural events (fly, jump, turn, wd, ab) indicates mean

number of occurrences per minute of that behaviour. To reduce the complexity of the web

we combined the behaviours "pause" with the behaviour "stop". Behavioural transitions

that occurred less than 10 times have not been shown in the figure.

Supplemental tables

Table S1 Transition frequency matrix when a spider was present in the chamber. Each row

represents the number of times one behaviour (row name) transitioned to another behaviour

(column name). Numbers in blue represent transitions that occurred more often that expected

under a model of independence, whereas numbers in red are transitions that occurred less often

than expected (see methods).

Spider

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd	Total
ab	0	2	8	9	7	0	45	6	5	10	112	7	211
capture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
fly	4	2	0	15	7	0	34	25	10	1	58	1	157
groom	11	3	16	0	10	0	8	11	5	7	77	2	150
jump	4	2	19	8	0	0	9	13	2	0	28	0	85
retreat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
run	43	4	33	13	9	1	0	18	3	4	51	9	188
stop	9	3	32	10	16	0	19	0	1	9	38	0	137
occl	3	0	6	4	5	0	4	4	0	1	14	0	41
turn	8	1	0	4	3	0	14	2	0	0	66	2	100
walk	122	7	36	87	26	0	42	60	14	63	0	24	481
wd	5	0	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	29	0	48
Total	210	24	154	150	83	1	184	139	40	96	473	45	1599

109   **Table S2** Transition frequency matrix before a spider was added to the chamber. Each row

110   represents the number of times one behaviour (row name) transitioned to another behaviour

111   (column name). Numbers in blue represent transitions that occurred more often that expected

112   under a model of independence, whereas numbers in red are transitions that occurred less often

113   than expected (see methods)s.

No spider

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd	Total
ab	0	0	2	16	1	0	30	1	2	10	65	2	129
capture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
fly	1	0	0	9	1	0	6	2	0	0	15	0	34
groom	7	0	11	0	8	0	18	1	5	10	122	0	182
jump	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	18
retreat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
run	38	0	5	14	1	0	0	4	2	1	42	3	110
stop	1	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	10	0	20
occl	2	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	3	16	0	32
turn	4	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	3	0	72	1	88
walk	74	0	8	126	5	0	42	13	18	64	0	12	362
wd	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	13	0	18
Total	128	0	32	183	18	0	109	21	31	89	364	18	993

Table S3 Transition frequency in the presence of a juvenile praying mantid. Each row represents the number of times one behaviour (row name) transitioned to another behaviour (column name). Numbers in blue represent transitions that occurred more often that expected whereas numbers in red are transitions that occurred less often than expected.

Mantid

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd	Total
ab	0	1	9	2	1	9	10	5	4	6	127	0	174
capture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
fly	0	0	0	7	0	1	5	60	2	0	50	0	125
groom	0	0	17	0	3	0	18	3	5	13	305	1	365
jump	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	0	0	18	1	33
retreat	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	3	0	23
run	11	0	3	18	0	0	0	17	1	12	68	0	130
stop	4	0	45	9	4	5	21	0	0	5	139	0	232
occl	1	0	3	7	1	0	5	1	0	0	73	0	91
turn	4	1	2	6	1	3	15	0	1	0	164	0	197
walk	145	2	43	326	23	5	51	132	73	150	0	49	999
wd	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	47	0	51
Total	174	4	125	376	33	23	127	232	87	194	994	51	2420

Table S4 Transition frequency matrix before a juvenile mantid was added to the chamber. Each row represents the number of times one behaviour (row name) transitioned to another behaviour

No mantid

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd	Total
ab	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	**31**	0	34
capture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
fly	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	**19**	1	0	11	0	32
groom	0	0	9	0	1	0	4	**1**	3	**12**	**212**	0	242
jump	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	6	0	14
retreat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
run	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	15	0	26
stop	0	0	**14**	**1**	1	0	1	0	0	1	54	0	72
occl	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	0	59
turn	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	**79**	0	87
walk	31	0	8	**236**	10	1	19	**45**	48	**71**	0	21	490
wd	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	**18**	0	21
Total	34	0	32	256	13	2	26	72	57	86	481	21	1080

128 **Table S5** Transition probability from one behaviour (row name) to the other (column name) in

129 the presence of a zebra jumping spider. Transition probabilites are obtained by dividing each

130 transition frequeny (see table S1) between a pair of behaviours by the total number of times a

131 given behaviour was performed (row sums in table S1).

Spider

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd
ab	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.22	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.55	0.03
capture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
fly	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.04	0.00	0.22	0.16	0.06	0.01	0.37	0.01
groom	0.07	0.02	0.11	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.52	0.01
jump	0.05	0.02	0.22	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.15	0.02	0.00	0.33	0.00
retreat	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
run	0.24	0.02	0.18	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.28	0.05
stop	0.07	0.02	0.23	0.07	0.12	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.28	0.00
occl	0.07	0.00	0.15	0.10	0.12	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.02	0.34	0.00
turn	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.02
walk	0.27	0.02	0.08	0.19	0.06	0.00	0.09	0.13	0.03	0.14	0.00	0.05
wd	0.10	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.60	0.00

134 **Table S6** Transition probability from one behaviour (row name) to the other (column name)

135 before a zebra jumping spider was introduced into the arena. Transition probabilites are obtained

136 by dividing each transition frequeny (see table S1) between a pair of behaviours by the total

137 number of times a given behaviour was performed (row sums in table S1).

No spider

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd
ab	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.24	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.51	0.02
capture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
fly	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.03	0.00	0.18	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00
groom	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.67	0.00
jump	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.50	0.00
retreat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
run	0.36	0.00	0.05	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.39	0.03
stop	0.05	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.50	0.00
occl	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.50	0.00
turn	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.83	0.01
walk	0.21	0.00	0.02	0.36	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.18	0.00	0.03
wd	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.00

140 **Table S7** Transition probability from one behaviour (row name) to the other (column name) in

141 the presence of a juvenile praying mantid. Transition probabilites are obtained by dividing each

142 transition frequeny (see table S1) between a pair of behaviours by the total number of times a

143 given behaviour was performed (row sums in table S1).

Mantid

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd
ab	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.73	0.00
capture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
fly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.48	0.02	0.00	0.40	0.00
groom	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.84	0.00
jump	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.03
retreat	0.39	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.30	0.13	0.00
run	0.08	0.00	0.02	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.09	0.52	0.00
stop	0.02	0.00	0.19	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.60	0.00
occl	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.00
turn	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.83	0.00
walk	0.15	0.00	0.05	0.34	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.14	0.08	0.16	0.00	0.05
wd	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.92	0.00

Table S8 Transition probability from one behaviour (row name) to the other (column name) before a juvenile praying mantid was introduced into the arena. Transition probabilites are obtained by dividing each transition frequeny (see table S1) between a pair of behaviours by the total number of times a given behaviour was performed (row sums in table S1).

No mantid

Behavior	ab	capture	fly	groom	jump	retreat	run	stop	occl	turn	walk	wd
ab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.91	0.00
capture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
fly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.59	0.03	0.00	0.34	0.00
groom	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.88	0.00
jump	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00
retreat	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
run	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.00
stop	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.75	0.00
occl	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.93	0.00
turn	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.91	0.00
walk	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.50	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.00	0.04
wd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.00

Table S9 Proportion of time spent in a given behavioural state by each individual fruit fly before and after introducing a treatment (i.e., a disturbance, spider or mantid) to the assay chamber.

Treatment	Individual	Grooming Absent	Grooming Present	Walking Absent	Walking Present	Running Absent	Running Present	Stopping Absent	Stopping Present	Retreat Absent	Retreat Present
Disturbance	1	0.820	0.728	0.180	0.265	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	2	0.590	0.265	0.338	0.658	0.000	0.009	0.044	0.015	0.000	0.000
	3	0.264	0.219	0.658	0.685	0.048	0.036	0.013	0.052	0.000	0.000
Spider	1	0.528	0.490	0.359	0.394	0.022	0.011	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000
	2	0.116	0.000	0.844	0.861	0.000	0.086	0.000	0.053	0.000	0.000
	3	0.706	0.181	0.262	0.368	0.010	0.076	0.000	0.347	0.005	0.002
Mantid	1	0.419	0.764	0.474	0.217	0.008	0.005	0.061	0.014	0.000	0.000
	2	0.673	0.075	0.327	0.785	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.006
	3	0.684	0.963	0.309	0.037	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table S10 Number of occurrences per minute of each behavioural event before and after the introduction of a treatment (i.e., a disturbance, spider or mantid) to the assay chamber.

Treatment	Individual	Pause Absent	Pause Present	Turn Absent	Turn Present	Ab Absent	Ab Present	Wd Absent	Wd Present	Fly Absent	Fly Present	Jump Absent	Jump Present
Disturbance	1	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.003
	2	0.003	0.013	0.003	0.013	0.060	0.023	0.003	0.005	0.082	0.027	0.000	0.005
	3	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.027	0.052	0.003	0.010	0.045	0.090	0.018	0.016
Spider	1	0.009	0.013	0.000	0.005	0.043	0.046	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.003	0.000	0.000
	2	0.020	0.018	0.032	0.045	0.012	0.000	0.012	0.027	0.048	0.252	0.000	0.000
	3	0.015	0.011	0.003	0.011	0.026	0.090	0.000	0.002	0.018	0.041	0.003	0.000
Mantid	1	0.052	0.017	0.016	0.006	0.031	0.002	0.008	0.002	0.070	0.020	0.003	0.000
	2	0.005	0.060	0.005	0.012	0.023	0.111	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.076	0.000	0.006
	3	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table S11 Coefficients from a linear model (lm) for control individuals meansured before and after the addition of a spider. While estimate of posterior means are similar to those of the main spider dataset, Due to low sample sizes, CIs are large.

	Grooming		
Coefficient	**Posterior mean**	**Lower CI**	**Upper CI**
Intercept	181.88	-23.34	387.10
Predator state	-75.38	-377.82	227.05
Duration	0.45	-0.34	1.24
	Locomotion		
Intercept	156.76	37.32	276.21
Predator state	17.27	-158.75	193.29
Duration	0.24	-0.22	0.70

165 **Table S12** Coefficients from a linear model (lm) for control individuals meansured before and

166 after the addition of a mantid. Estimate of posterior means are similar to those of the main mantid

167 dataset, but due to low sample sizes, CIs large.

	Grooming		
Coefficient	**Posterior mean**	**Lower CI**	**Upper CI**
Intercept	134.79	-1399.38	1668.96
Predator state	341.56	-2661.10	3344.23
Duration	-0.80	-12.76	11.17
	Locomotion		
Intercept	345.69	-919.99	1611.36
Predator state	-323.02	-2800.19	2154.15
Duration	1.64	-8.24	11.51

170 **Table S13** Coefficients from a linear model (lm) for control individuals meansured before and after

171 a disturbance. Despite low sample sizes, it is clear that disturbance had minimal effect on fruit fly

172 behaviours.

Grooming			
Coefficient	Posterior mean	Lower CI	Upper CI
Intercept	200.00	60.11	339.81
Disturbance	0.00	-197.78	197.78
Duration	2.38	-0.53	5.29
Locomotion			
Intercept	132.30	-0.28	264.84
Disturbance	0.00	-187.47	187.47
Duration	-1.05	-3.81	1.70

175 **Links to videos describing novel behaviours**

176 1) Abdominal Lifting http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1185638

177 2) Stopping Behaviour http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1185639

178 3) Retreat http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1185640