Wolbachia and host intrinsic reproductive barriers contribute additively to post-mating isolation in spider mites

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Abstract

Wolbachia are widespread maternally-inherited bacteria suggested to play a role in arthropod host speciation through induction of cytoplasmic incompatibility, but this hypothesis remains controversial. Most studies addressing *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibilities concern closely-related populations, which are intrinsically compatible. Here, we used three populations of two genetically differentiated colour forms of the haplodiploid spider mite *Tetranychus urticae* to dissect the interaction between *Wolbachia*-induced and host-associated incompatibilities, and to assess their relative contribution to post-mating isolation. We found that these two sources of incompatibility act through different mechanisms in an additive fashion. Host-associated incompatibility contributes 1.5 times more than *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibility in reducing hybrid production, the former through an overproduction of haploid sons at the expense of diploid daugters (*ca*. 75% decrease) and the latter by increasing the embryonic mortality of daughters (by *ca*. 49%). Furthermore, regardless of cross direction, we observed near-complete F1 hybrid sterility and complete F2 hybrid breakdown between populations of the two forms, but that *Wolbachia* did not contribute to this outcome. This study identifies the mechanistic independence and additive nature of host-intrinsic and *Wolbachia*-induced sources of isolation. It suggests that *Wolbachia* could drive reproductive isolation in this system, thereby potentially affecting host differentiation and distribution in the field.

Keywords

Reproductive manipulation; reproductive isolation; reproductive interference; hybridization; speciation; haplodiploidy.

Introduction

In the last decades, it has become increasingly clear that speciation is a continuous process (the "speciation continuum"; Hendry et al. 2000; Powell et al. 2013; Burri et al. 2015; Supple et al. 2015). Ongoing hybridization is taxonomically widespread, and ample variation in the extent and permeability of various reproductive barriers occurs both within and between species (Pinto et al. 1991; Mallet 2008; Hendry et al. 2009; Nosil et al. 2009). Moreover, theoretical studies show that stable partial reproductive isolation can be relatively common (reviewed by Servedio and Hermisson; 2020).

Partial reproductive isolation between lineages (*i.e.* differentiated populations or incipient species) can evolve in both sympatry and allopatry due to divergent (including disruptive; Rueffler et al. 2006) sexual and/or ecological selection, and/or as a result of stochastic processes (Schluter 2001, 2009; Turelli et al. 2001; Bolnick and Fitzpatrick 2007; Maan and Seehausen 2011; Nosil 2012). Additionally, in arthropods, partial (or complete) reproductive isolation between and within lineages can result from infection by different cytoplasmically-inherited bacterial reproductive manipulators (Duron et al. 2008; Engelstädter and Hurst 2009), among which *Wolbachia* is the most widespread (Weinert et al. 2015). This endosymbiont can induce various phenotypes of reproductive manipulation in its hosts, including the most common cytoplasmic incompatibility (CI; Werren et al. 2008; Engelstädter and Hurst 2009). CI is a conditional sterility phenotype resulting in increased embryonic mortality of offspring from crosses between infected males and uninfected females (or females harbouring an incompatible strain). Thus, *Wolbachia*-induced CI (wCI) can lead to substantial barriers to gene flow between individuals with different infection status, and could act as an agent of speciation (Laven 1959; Werren 1998; Bordenstein et al. 2001; Telschow et al. 2005; Jaenike et al. 2006). However, whether it plays a significant role in host speciation is still a matter of controversy, mainly because *Wolbachia* can rapidly invade host populations (*i.e.* most individuals rapidly become infected, thus immune to CI), and because wCI must produce a sufficient barrier to gene flow to allow nuclear divergence between populations (Hurst and Schilthuizen 1998; Werren 1998; Weeks et al. 2002; Bordenstein 2003). Nevertheless, stable infection polymorphisms are often found in natural populations of many host species (*e.g.* Vavre et al. 2002; Keller et al. 2004; Zhang et al. 2013; Hamm et al. 2014; Zélé et al. 2018a). Moreover, whereas speciation solely induced by wCI may require very

specific conditions, this *Wolbachia*-induced reproductive manipulation could still play a significant role in host speciation by interacting with other (intrinsic) isolation mechanisms.

The fact that natural populations of many organisms often display variable degrees of reproductive isolation (Scopece et al. 2010; Jennings et al. 2011; Corbett-Detig et al. 2013; Harrison and Larson 2014) offers an excellent opportunity to address the role of wCI in ongoing speciation processes. Still, this has been addressed in a few systems only, and three different, contrasting, scenarios have been described: (1) either no wCI was found in interspecific crosses (Maroja et al. 2008; Gazla and Carracedo 2009; Cooper et al. 2017); (2) *Wolbachia* alone was responsible for post-mating isolation between species through bidirectional wCI (Bordenstein et al. 2001); (3) *Wolbachia* and host genetic factors acted jointly, either in the same direction of crosses (*e.g.* a few crosses in Gotoh et al. 2005), or in opposite direction (thereby complementing each other in establishing bidirectional reproductive isolation between species; Shoemaker et al. 1999; Dean and Dobson 2004; see also Gebiola et al. 2016 for CI induced by *Cardinium*). However, when both sources of incompatibility jointly reduce gene flow between genetically differentiated host populations and incipient species, whether they have additive or interacting effects, and precise quantification of their relative contribution to post-mating isolation, has not been addressed. This is at odds with the relevance of such data to better understand the exact contribution of *Wolbachia* to ongoing processes of speciation in arthropods.

Tetranychus spider mites constitute an excellent system to address the interplay between symbiont-induced and host intrinsic reproductive incompatibilities. Indeed, they are arrhenotokous haplodiploids (*i.e.* males arise from unfertilized eggs and females from fertilized eggs Helle and Bolland 1967), which allows assessing fertilization failure by measuring sex-ratios. Moreover, as many arthropod species, spider mites are often infected with different CI-inducing (or non-inducing) *Wolbachia* strains, whose prevalence greatly varies in natural populations (ranging from 0 to 100%; Gotoh et al. 2003, 2007; Zhang et al. 2016; Zélé et al. 2018a). Due to haplodiploidy (see Breeuwer and Werren 1990; Vavre et al. 2001), wCI can have two different consequences in spider mites, depending on the population tested (*e.g.* Gotoh et al. 2003; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2002). In most cases, as in diploid species, eggs from uninfected females fail to hatch when fertilized by sperm from *Wolbachia*-infected males, but wCI affects only the female offspring because males arise from unfertilized eggs (Female mortality - FM-CI type incompatibility; Breeuwer 1997; Vala et al. 2002; Gotoh et al.

2007; Xie et al. 2010; Suh et al. 2015; Bing et al. 2019; Zélé et al. 2020b). In other cases, wCI leads to complete elimination of the paternal set of chromosomes after fertilization of the egg, which successfully develops as a viable haploid male instead of female (Male development - MD-type incompatibility; Vala et al. 2000; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2002; Gotoh et al. 2003). In both cases, the penetrance of wCI (*i.e.* the number of embryos affected) greatly varies among populations (from 0 to more than 90% for FM-type and from 0 to 100% for FM-type wCI; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2002; Vala et al. 2002; Gotoh et al. 2007; Xie et al. 2010; Suh et al. 2015; Zélé et al. 2020b), though the origin (*i.e. Wolbachia* strain, host genetic background, or both) of such variability in wCI patterns and penetrance is still unknown in spider mites.

Regardless of *Wolbachia* manipulation, variable degrees of reproductive isolation have been found both between and within *Tetranychus* species (*e.g.* Keh 1952; Takafuji and Fujimoto 1985; Navajas et al. 2000; Sato et al. 2015; Clemente et al. 2016; Knegt et al. 2017), including between two recently diverged colour forms of the well-studied species *Tetranychus urticae* (Chen et al. 2014; Matsuda et al. 2018). These two closely-related forms have a worldwide distribution (Migeon and Dorkeld 2020), they share the same host plant range (Auger et al. 2013), and they can even be found on the same individual plant (Lu et al. 2017; Zélé et al. 2018a). Therefore, they naturally co-occur and possibly often interact in the field (but see Blanchet et al. 2020). Due to complete reproductive isolation among some populations of the two forms, they were historically described as separate species (*T. urticae* and *T. cinnabarinus*, for the 'green' and the 'red' form, respectively; Boudreaux 1956; Van de Bund and Helle 1960; Helle and Van de Bund 1962; Smith 1975). Nevertheless, due to morphological and biological synonymy (Auger et al. 2013), and given that many populations of the two forms are not fully reproductively isolated (Murtaugh and Wrensch 1978; Dupont 1979; de Boer 1982b,a; Sugasawa et al. 2002), subsequent studies reclassified them as semi-species (Goka et al. 1996) or members of the same species (Dupont 1979; Fry 1989; Gotoh et al. 1993; Auger et al. 2013). Taken together, these studies thus suggest that speciation is currently ongoing in this species complex, but the role played by wCI in such process is as yet unknown. Indeed, almost all studies addressing reproductive isolation in this system pre-date the identification of *Wolbachia* in spider mites by Breeuwer and Jacobs (1996), and, to our knowledge, only two studies have been conducted since then. One of these showed partial incompatibility (interbreeding was performed for 5 generations) between a *Wolbachia*-uninfected red-form population and a green-form population infected by a non-CI-inducing

95 strain (Sugasawa et al 2002). The other study showed full reproductive isolation between one
96 green-form population and two red-form populations, but *Wolbachia* infection was not
97 assessed (Lu et al 2017).

98 Here, we assessed the interplay and the relative contribution of wCI and host-
99 associated incompatibilities (HI) on post-mating isolation between three naturally *Wolbachia*-
100 infected populations, two from the red form and one from the green form of *T. urticae*. We
101 performed all possible crosses between *Wolbachia*-infected and *Wolbachia*-free populations
102 in a full-factorial design and measured the embryonic and juvenile mortality of the offspring,
103 as well as the proportion of males and females produced from each cross, over two
104 generations.

Methods

105 **Spider mite populations**

106 Three different populations of spider mites, all collected in Portugal and naturally infected
107 with *Wolbachia*, were used in this study. Two populations, 'Ri1' and 'Ri2', belong to the red
108 form of *T. urticae* and share the same *ITS2* rDNA and *COI* mtDNA sequences. The third
109 population, 'Gi', belongs to the green form of *T. urticae* and differs from the former two
110 populations in both *ITS2* rDNA and *COI* mtDNA (*cf.* detailed information in Box S1). The
111 *Wolbachia* strains infecting Ri1 and Ri2 are mutually compatible but induce different levels of
112 cytoplasmic incompatibility despite identical MLST profiles (Zélé et al. 2020b). The *Wolbachia*
113 strain infecting Gi, however, slightly differs from the former two based on MLST and whether
114 it induces CI in this population was heretofore unknown. Since field collection (*cf.* Box S1),
115 these populations were reared in the laboratory under standard conditions (24±2ºC, 16/8h
116 L/D) at very high numbers (*ca.* 500-1000 females per population) in insect-proof cages
117 containing bean plants (*Phaseolus vulgaris*, cv. Contender seedlings obtained from Germisem,
118 Oliveira do Hospital, Portugal).

119 **Antibiotic treatments**

120 After collection, subsets of Gi, Ri1 and Ri2 populations were treated with antibiotics to obtain
121 the corresponding *Wolbachia*-free populations Gu, Ru1 and Ru2. For logistic reasons, the
122 populations Gu and Ru2 used in each of the two experiments reported here were created from

123 two different antibiotic treatments. For Experiment 1, Gu was obtained from a treatment
124 performed in November 2013, and Ru1 and Ru2 from treatments performed in February 2014.
125 Briefly, 100 Gi and 30 Ri1 or Ri2 adult females were installed in petri dishes containing bean
126 leaf fragments, placed on cotton soaked in a tetracycline solution (0.1%, w/v) for three
127 successive generations (Breeuwer 1997; Zélé et al. 2020b). For Experiment 2, Ru1 came from
128 the previous antibiotic treatment but Gu and Ru2 were obtained from new treatments
129 performed in September 2016 and January 2017, respectively. In this case, 300 Gi or Ri2 adult
130 females were installed in petri dishes containing fragments of bean leaves placed on cotton
131 soaked in a rifampicin solution (0.05%, w/v) for one generation (Gotoh et al. 2005; Zélé et al.
132 2020a). All antibiotic treatments were performed in the same standard conditions as
133 population rearing (24±2ºC, 16/8h L/D). After treatment, *Wolbachia*-free populations were
134 maintained without antibiotics in the same mass-rearing conditions as the *Wolbachia*-infected
135 populations for a minimum of three generations to avoid potential side effects of antibiotics
136 (Ballard and Melvin 2007; Zeh et al. 2012; O'Shea and Singh 2015). Subsequently, pools of 100
137 females from each population were checked by multiplex PCR as described by Zélé et al.
138 (2018b) to confirm their *Wolbachia* infection status before performing the experiments.

139 **Experiment 1: F1 production and viability**

140 The combined effect of *Wolbachia*- and host-associated incompatibilities (wCI and HI,
141 respectively) on offspring production was investigated by performing all crosses between
142 *Wolbachia*-infected and uninfected individuals from all populations in a full factorial design.
143 These crosses were organized into 5 different categories, each with a different purpose (*cf*.
144 Table 1).

145 Ten days prior to the onset of the experiment (day -10), age cohorts were created for
146 each infected and uninfected population, by allowing 3*100 mated females (*i.e.* 'female
147 cohorts') and 4*25 virgin females (*i.e.* 'male cohorts') to lay eggs during 3 days on detached
148 bean leaves placed on water-soaked cotton. Eight days later (day -2), female nymphs
149 undergoing their last moulting stage ('quiescent females' hereafter) were randomly collected
150 from each female cohort and placed separately on bean leaf fragments (*ca.* 9 cm^2) to obtain
151 virgin adult females with similar age. Virgin males used in the experiment were directly
152 obtained from the male cohorts. On the first day of the experiment (day 0), 1 virgin female
153 and 1 virgin male were installed together on 2.5 cm^2 bean leaf discs for 3 days before being

154 discarded (day 3). The number of unhatched eggs was counted 5 days later (day 8), and the
155 numbers of dead juveniles, adult males and females were counted 12 days later (day 15).

Table 1. Description of the five categories of crosses performed in this study.

Category	Type of crosses	Crosses (♀ x ♂)
1 - Controls	intra-population crosses using ♀ and ♂ with the same infection status	Ru1 x Ru1 and Ri1 x Ri1 Ru2 x Ru2 and Ri2 x Ri2 Gu x Gu and Gi x Gi
2 – Test for wCI only	intra-population crosses using uninfected ♀ and infected ♂	Ru1 x Ri1 Ru2 x Ri2 Gu x Gi
3 – Test for HI only (without *Wolbachia*)	inter-population crosses using uninfected ♀ and uninfected ♂	Ru1 x Ru2 or Gu Ru2 x Ru1 or Gu Gu x Ru1 or Ru2
4 – Test for wCI-HI interaction	inter-population crosses using (un)infected ♀ and infected ♂	Ru1 or Ri1 x Ri2 or Gi Ru2 or Ri2 x Ri1 or Gi Gu or Gi x Ri1 or Ri2
5 – Test for HI only (with *Wolbachia*, to verify that infection itself, in absence of wCI, does not affect HI)*	inter-population crosses using infected ♀ and uninfected ♂ (incl. intra-population controls)	Ri1 x Ru2 or Gu Ri2 x Ru1 or Gu Gi x Ru1 or Ru2 (Ri1 x Ru1, Ri2 x Ru2, Gi x Gu)

*crosses not performed simultaneously with the others in Experiment 1. The corresponding results were thus analysed separately (*cf.* Box S2) and are presented in the supplementary materials (Table S1; Figures S1 and S2).

156 The experiment was conducted in a growth chamber with standard conditions (24±2°C,
157 60% RH, 16/8 h L/D). All types of crosses were performed simultaneously, each with 50
158 independent replicates distributed within two experimental blocks performed one day apart
159 (*i.e.* 25 replicates per block). However, given the high number of possible types of crosses (*i.e.*
160 36 combinations) and associated workload, the crosses of category 5 were performed *ca*. 23
161 months later with minor differences in the methodology (*cf.* details in Box S2). Therefore, data
162 obtained with this latter category were analysed separately and are provided in the
163 supplementary materials (Table S1, Figures S1 and S2).
164 To calculate the overproduction of F1 males in the brood (MD-type incompatibility;
165 *e.g.* Breeuwer and Werren 1990; Navajas et al. 2000; Vala et al. 2000; Vavre et al. 2001) or
166 embryonic mortality of fertilized offspring (*i.e.* only females in haplodiploids, hence FM-type
167 incompatibility; Vavre et al. 2000; Vala et al. 2002; Gotoh et al. 2007; Suh et al. 2015; Zélé et
168 al. 2020b), we used indexes adapted from Poinsot et al (1998; see also Cattel et al. 2018; Zélé

169 et al. 2020). MD-type incompatibility was computed as the proportion of sons produced in
170 each cross relative to the control crosses:

171 $$MD_{corr} = \frac{MD_{obs} - CCMD}{1 - CCMD}$$

172 where MD_{obs} = number of F1 males/total number of eggs, and $CCMD$ (calculated as MD_{obs})
173 is the mean proportion of F1 males observed in control crosses (*i.e.* between uninfected
174 individuals of the same maternal population). MD_{corr} thus takes a value close to 0 when the
175 proportion of males in a given type of cross is similar to that of the controls, but it increases
176 when there is an excess of male production (*i.e.* it equals 1 when only sons are produced).
177 Similarly, FM-type incompatibility was computed as the proportion of embryonic death of
178 daughters produced in each cross relative to the control crosses (hence accounting for
179 variation in background embryonic mortality of both F1 males and females):

180 $$FM_{corr} = \frac{FM_{obs} - CCFM}{1 - CCFM}$$

181 where FM_{obs} = number of unhatched eggs/[number of unhatched eggs + number of F1
182 females], and $CCFM$ (calculated as FM_{obs}) is the mean embryonic mortality observed in the
183 control crosses. To avoid biases arising from very low numbers of F1 females produced in some
184 inter-population crosses due to MD-type incompatibilities (*cf.* above and results), all females
185 that produced less than two daughters were removed from statistical analyses of FM_{corr} (*cf.*
186 final sample sizes in Table S1).

187 Subsequently, to control for potential incompatibilities affecting juvenile viability, we
188 estimated the proportion of dead juveniles in the brood accounting for variation in
189 background juvenile mortality (hence including juvenile mortality of both F1 males and
190 females):

191 $$JM_{corr} = \frac{JM_{obs} - CCJM}{1 - CCJM}$$

192 where JM_{obs} = number of dead juveniles/total number of eggs, and $CCJM$ (calculated as
193 JM_{obs}) is the mean juvenile mortality observed in control crosses.

194 Finally, as both FM- and MD-type incompatibilities affect the proportion of F1 (hybrid)
195 females, their combined effect was determined by assessing the proportion of F1 females
196 resulting from each type of cross:

197 $$FP = \frac{number\ of\ F1\ females}{total\ number\ of\ eggs}$$

198 To determine the interplay between FM- and MD-type incompatibilities on hybrid
199 production, we predicted the proportion of F1 females that should be produced in each cross
200 affected by both incompatibilities, assuming that their effects are independent (H_0
201 hypothesis):

202 $$FP_{pred} = \frac{FP_{md} \times FP_{fm}}{FP_{comp}}$$

203 where FP_{comp}, FP_{md} and FP_{fm} are, respectively, the mean proportions of F1 females
204 observed in compatible crosses, in crosses affected only by MD-type incompatibility, and in
205 crosses affected only by FM-type incompatibility. Thus, this formula assumes that the
206 decrease in female production due to FM-type incompatibility in crosses already affected by
207 MD-type incompatibility is the same as that the decrease in female production observed
208 between compatible crosses and crosses affected by FM-type incompatibility only (and
209 inversely for MD-type incompatibility). Deviations from this prediction indicate that the two
210 types of incompatibility interfere with each other, that is, they are not independent.
211 To compare, in each cross affected by both incompatibilities, the observed and predicted
212 proportions of F1 females, we used a Goodness-of-fit Test, with the Pearson goodness-of-fit
213 statistic calculated as follows:

214 $$\chi^2_{df} = \sum \frac{(FP - FP_{pred})^2}{FP_{pred}}$$

215 P-values were calculated as the proportion of times the observed proportions of F1 females
216 were equal to or lower than the predicted proportions (Fragata et al. 2014):

217 $$p - \text{value} = P(FP \leq FP_{pred})$$

218 Significant *p*-values thus indicate an interaction between FM- and MD-type incompatibilities,
219 while non-significant *p*-values indicate an independent effect of both types of incompatibility
220 on the proportion of F1 hybrids produced.
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222 **Experiment 2: F1 fertility and F2 viability**

223 To assess the fertility of F1 offspring obtained from inter-population crosses and potential
224 unviability of F2 offspring (*i.e.* hybrid breakdown; de Boer 1982b; Sugasawa et al. 2002), all
225 crosses performed in Experiment 1, except those involving Ru2 and Ri2 (because they yielded
226 results similar to Ru1 and Ri1), were repeated in panmixia to obtain large numbers of
227 individuals 13 days prior to the onset of the experiment (day -13). For each cross, 100 virgin

228 females were placed with 100 males (obtained from age cohorts as described for Experiment
229 1) on an entire bean leaf to produce F1 offspring of the same age. These offspring were used
230 separately to test for F1 female fertility and viability of their offspring (test 1 below) and F1
231 male fertility and viability of their offspring (test 2 below).

232 The experiment was conducted in a growth chamber with standard conditions (24±2°C,
233 16/8 h L/D). In the first test, F1 females from all types of cross were tested simultaneously
234 within four experimental blocks (with a maximum of 25 females per cross tested in each
235 block), while in the second test, uninfected and infected F1 males (*i.e.* sons of uninfected or
236 infected females, respectively, independently of the male mated with these females) were
237 tested (and thus analysed) separately. Uninfected F1 males were tested within 3 experimental
238 blocks (with a maximum of 30 males per cross tested in each block); and infected F1 males
239 within 2 experimental blocks (with a maximum of 24 males per cross tested in each block).
240 The number of replicates in each test was limited to the number of F1 offspring that could be
241 obtained from the crosses performed in panmixia (*cf.* final sample sizes in Table S2).

242 *Test 1: F1 female fertility and F2 viability*

243 Quiescent F1 females were collected from each cross performed in panmixia and installed on
244 9 cm^2 bean leaf fragments 2 days prior to the beginning of experiment (day -2) to emerge as
245 adults while remaining virgin. They were then isolated on 2.5 cm^2 bean leaf discs on the first
246 experimental day (day 0), and allowed to lay eggs for 4 days, after which they were discarded
247 and the number of eggs laid was counted (day 4). The number of unhatched eggs was counted
248 5 days later (day 9), and the numbers of dead juveniles and adult males were counted 12 days
249 later (day 16; as mothers were virgin, they could only produce sons).

250 As F1 female fertility corresponds to their ability to lay a normal number of eggs
251 (Navajas et al. 2000), we estimated both the proportion of ovipositing females and the daily
252 oviposition of these females, taking into account their daily mortality (*i.e.* total number of eggs
253 laid by each female/total number of days each female was alive). Hybrid breakdown was
254 assessed as male embryonic and juvenile mortality accounting for variation in background
255 mortality (*i.e.* not related to hybrid breakdown). The corresponding mEM_{corr} and mJM_{corr}
256 indexes were calculated as follows:

257 $$mEM_{corr} = \frac{mEM_{obs} - CCmEM}{1 - CCmEM}$$

where mEM_{obs} = number of unhatched eggs/total number of eggs, and $CCmEM$ (calculated as mEM_{obs}) is the mean embryonic mortality observed in control crosses (*i.e.* category 1);

$$mJM_{corr} = \frac{mJM_{obs} - CCmJM}{1 - CCmJM}$$

where mJM_{obs} = number of dead juveniles/total number of eggs, and $CCmJM$ (calculated as mJM_{obs}) is the mean juvenile mortality observed in control crosses (*i.e.* category 1).

Test 2: F1 male fertility and F2 viability

As, in haplodiploids, sons are hemiclones of their mothers, they inherit a single chromosome from each maternal chromosome pair. Thus, in absence of reproductive anomalies they should be fully compatible with females from their maternal population, whereas the expression of an incompatibility may indicate that these males are aneuploid. To test this, adult F1 males were collected from each cross performed in panmixia and placed on 9 cm^2 bean leaf fragments 2 days prior to the beginning of experiment (day -2) to avoid sperm depletion. On the first experimental day (day 0), each male was installed with one virgin female (obtained from age cohorts created as in Experiment 1) from the same population as its mother on a 2.5 cm^2 bean leaf disc. Four days were given for the individuals to mate and for the females to lay eggs before both males and females were discarded (day 4). The number of unhatched eggs was counted 5 days later (day 9), and the numbers of dead juveniles, adult males and adult females were counted 12 days later (day 16).

As F1 male fertility corresponds to their ability to sire a normal proportion of offspring (*i.e.* F2 females), we estimated both the proportion of males siring daughter(s) and the sex ratio (SR; here calculated as the ratio of females to males because haploid males only sire daughters) in the adult offspring of the females they mated with. Hybrid breakdown was assessed as F2 female embryonic and juvenile mortality accounting for variation in background mortality. As above, fEM_{corr} and fJM_{corr} indexes were calculated as:

$$fEM_{corr} = \frac{fEM_{obs} - CCfEM}{1 - CCfEM}$$

where fEM_{obs} = number of unhatched eggs/[number of unhatched eggs + number of F2 females] and $CCfEM$ (calculated as fEM_{obs}) is the mean embryonic mortality observed in control crosses (*i.e.* category 1);

$$fJM_{corr} = \frac{fJM_{obs} - CCfJM}{1 - CCfJM}$$

where fJM_{obs} = number of dead juveniles/[number of dead juveniles + number of F2 females] and $CCfJM$ (calculated as fJM_{obs}) is the mean juvenile mortality observed in control crosses (*i.e.* category 1).

Statistical analyses

Analyses were carried out using the R statistical software (v3.6.1). The different statistical models built to analyse the data are described in the Supplementary Materials Table S3. The general procedure to analyse all response variables was as follows: the type of cross was fit as fixed explanatory variable and block was fit as a random explanatory variable. In addition, for the analyses of the proportion of fertile F1 females (*i.e.* females that produced at least one egg) and F1 males (*i.e.* males that sired at least one daughter), their daily mortality over the 4-day oviposition period was added to the models as it significantly improved their fit. Proportion data were computed as binary response variables (fertile or sterile F1 females and males) or using the function cbind (for female proportion and sex-ratio), except for all corrected variables (*e.g.* FM_{corr}, MD_{corr}, etc.), which are continuous variables bounded between 0 and 1, and for which a "weights" argument was added to the models to account for the number of observations on which they are based. All data were subsequently analysed using generalized linear mixed models with the glmmTMB procedure (glmmTMB package), which allows using a wide range of error distributions that are not implemented in the glmer procedure (Brooks et al. 2017). Proportion data were analysed with a binomial error distribution, or a (zero-inflated) betabinomial error distribution to account for overdispersed errors, and F1 female daily oviposition in experiment 2 was analysed using a log-linked Gaussian error distribution. For all analyses, the significance of the explanatory variable 'cross' was established using chi-square tests (Bolker et al. 2009). When this explanatory variable was found to be significant, *a posteriori* contrasts were carried out between crosses by aggregating factor levels together and testing the fit of the simplified model using ANOVA (Crawley 2007). Holm-Bonferroni corrections were applied to account for multiple testing (*i.e.* classical chi-square Wald test for testing the global hypothesis H_0; Holm 1979).

Results

F1 offspring production and viability

315 Reciprocal crosses between naturally *Wolbachia*-infected or *Wolbachia*-free populations of
316 the red (Ri1, Ri2, Ru1 and Ru2) and green (Gi and Gu) form of *T. urticae* allowed testing for the
317 effects of wCI only, HI only, and the combined effect of both sources of incompatibility (*cf.*
318 *Methods* and Table 1). Overall, we found no significant differences in juvenile mortality among
319 crosses (see Figure 1, Tables S1 and S3), but ample variation in embryonic mortality (*i.e.*
320 proportion of unhatched eggs) and/or in male production, both leading to an important
321 decrease in female production (Figures 1 and S1). To identify the sources of such variation (*i.e.*
322 wCI and/or HI), we determined which crosses were affected by MD-type incompatibilities
323 (male development; *i.e.* overproduction of males resulting from fertilization failure and/or
324 paternal genome elimination) and by FM-type incompatibilities (female embryonic mortality
325 resulting from paternal genome fragmentation). Then, we assessed the consequences of the
326 two types of incompatibility for the resulting proportion of F1 hybrids (only females in
327 haplodiploids).

328 *Overproduction of males (MD-type incompatibility)*

329 Overall, we found an overproduction of males (*i.e.* higher values of the MD_{corr} index; *cf.*
330 *Methods*) in all inter-population crosses involving females from the green-form population
331 (*ca.* 46.4 to 64.3%) relative to all other crosses (*ca.* 5.6 to 21.5%; *Main cross effect*: χ^2_{26}=460.70,
332 p<0.0001; model 1.1, Figure 2a for crosses of categories 1 to 4). Moreover, the level of MD-
333 type incompatibility in these inter-population crosses involving green-form females was not
334 affected by *Wolbachia* infection (*Contrasts among all inter-population crosses using Gu or*
335 *Gi♀, regardless of* Wolbachia *infection in males*: χ^2_5=7.69, p=0.17). In contrast, we found no
336 overproduction of males in any of the inter-population crosses involving red-form females
337 (*Contrasts among all crosses with low MD_{corr}, including the controls and regardless of*
338 Wolbachia *infection in both males and females*: χ^2_{20}=26.11, p=0.16). Finally, the analysis of
339 crosses involving *Wolbachia*-infected females and uninfected males (*i.e.* crosses of category
340 5; Figure S2a) recapitulated the pattern observed in crosses involving uninfected females and
341 males (*i.e.* crosses of categories 1 and 3), further showing that *Wolbachia* infection in females
342 also does not affect MD_{corr}. Indeed, as before, higher values of MD_{corr} were found for inter-
343 population crosses involving green-form females (*ca.* 57.9 to 64.5%) as compared to all other
344 crosses (*ca.* 5.9 to 30.3%; *Main cross effect*: χ^2_8=174.26, p<0.0001; model 1.2; Table S2). Taken
345 together, these results revealed an overproduction of males due to HI between green-form

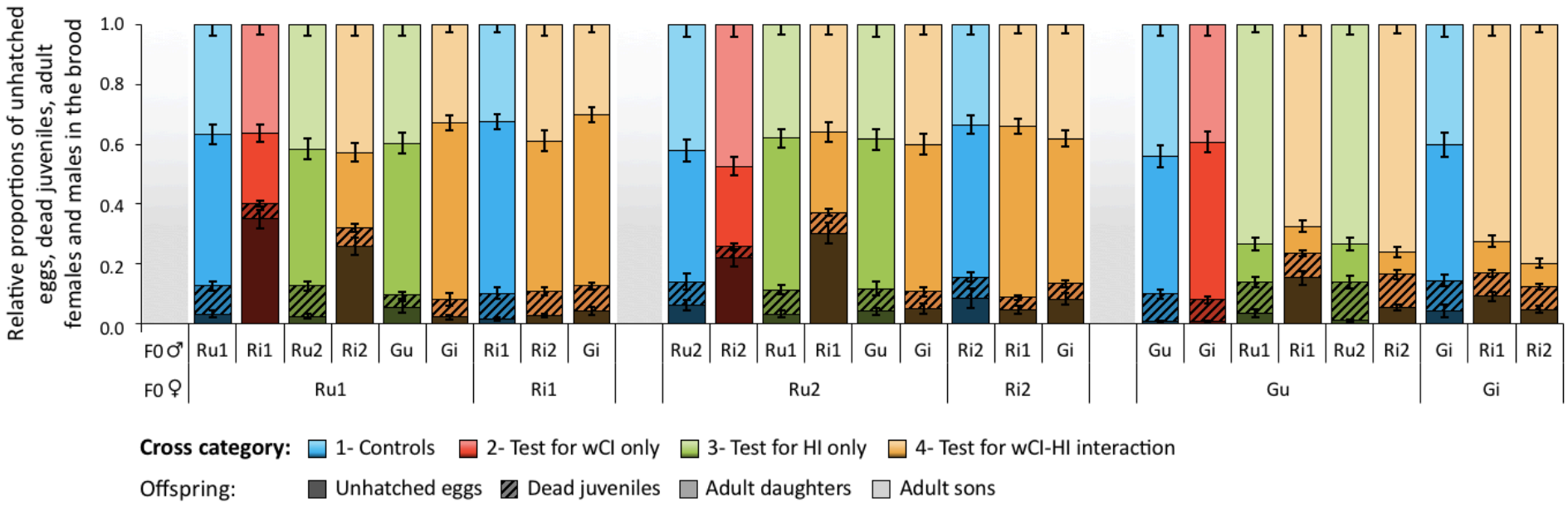

Figure 1. Summary of the development of *T. urticae* eggs resulting from intra- and inter-population crosses between *Wolbachia*-infected and -uninfected mites. Bar plots represent mean ± s.e. relative proportions of unhatched eggs (i.e. embryonic mortality), dead juveniles (i.e. juvenile mortality), adult daughters and sons for each type of cross. Mothers are displayed at the bottom level of the x-axis and fathers on the top level. Note that crosses between infected females and uninfected males (category 5; Figure S1) recapitulate the pattern observed in crosses between uninfected females and uninfected males (categories 1 and 3).

346 females and red-form males, with *Wolbachia* infection playing no role in this outcome.

347 *Hybrid (female) embryonic mortality (FM-type incompatibility)*

348 Overall, we found higher levels of female embryonic mortality relative to controls (FM_{corr}
349 index; *cf. Methods*) in all crosses using *Wolbachia*-infected red-form males, either crossed
350 with uninfected red-form females (as found by Zélé et al; 2020b), or with green-form females
351 independently of their *Wolbachia* infection status (from 22.2 to 42.7% on average; *Main cross*
352 *effect*: χ^2_{26}=506.20, p<0.0001; model 1.3; Figure 2b). In addition, there were no significant
353 differences among these crosses (χ^2_7=8.76, p=0.27; despite a tendency for Ri1 males to induce
354 higher levels of FM-type CI than Ri2 males: 35% vs. 29% on average), which shows that the
355 *Wolbachia* strain infecting the green-form population did not rescue (even partially) wCI
356 induced by *Wolbachia* infection in red-form males. All other crosses resulted in no (or low)
357 female embryonic mortality (from 0.2 to 10.5% on average; *Contrasts among all these crosses*
358 *with low* FM_{corr}: χ^2_{16}=19.99, p=0.22). Thus, these results restrict FM-type incompatibilities
359 between populations to CI induced by *Wolbachia* infection in males from the two red-form
360 populations, with the same penetrance in inter-population and intra-population crosses
361 (hence regardless of HI).

362 *Consequences of MD- and FM-type incompatibilities for hybrid (female) production*

363 As a result of the MD- and FM-type incompatibilities described above, we also found ample
364 variation in the proportion of females (FP) produced across crosses (*Main cross effect*:
365 χ^2_{26}=966.45, p<0.0001; model 1.7; Figure 2c). Contrast analyses further revealed four
366 statistically different proportions depending on the type of crosses: (1) *ca.* 51% daughters
367 produced in compatible crosses (*i.e.* unaffected by both incompatibilities; *Contrasts among*
368 *these crosses*: χ^2_{16}=21.22, p=0.17); (2) *ca.* 26% daughters produced in crosses affected by FM-
369 type incompatibilities only (*Contrasts among these crosses*: χ^2_3=2.98, p=0.40; *ca.* 49% decrease
370 compared to compatible crosses: χ^2_1=187.67, p<0.0001); (3) *ca.* 13% daughters produced in
371 crosses affected by MD-type incompatibilities only (*Contrasts among these crosses*: χ^2_1=0.04,
372 p=0.84; *ca.* 75% decrease compared to compatible crosses: χ^2_1=292.02, p<0.0001; and *ca.* 76%
373 decrease when using crosses of category 5: χ^2_8=278.23, p<0.0001; model 1.8; Figure S2c); and
374 (4) *ca.* 9% daughters produced in crosses affected by both FM- and MD-type incompatibilities
375 (*Contrasts among these crosses*: χ^2_3=3.57, p=0.31; *ca.* 82% decrease compared to compatible

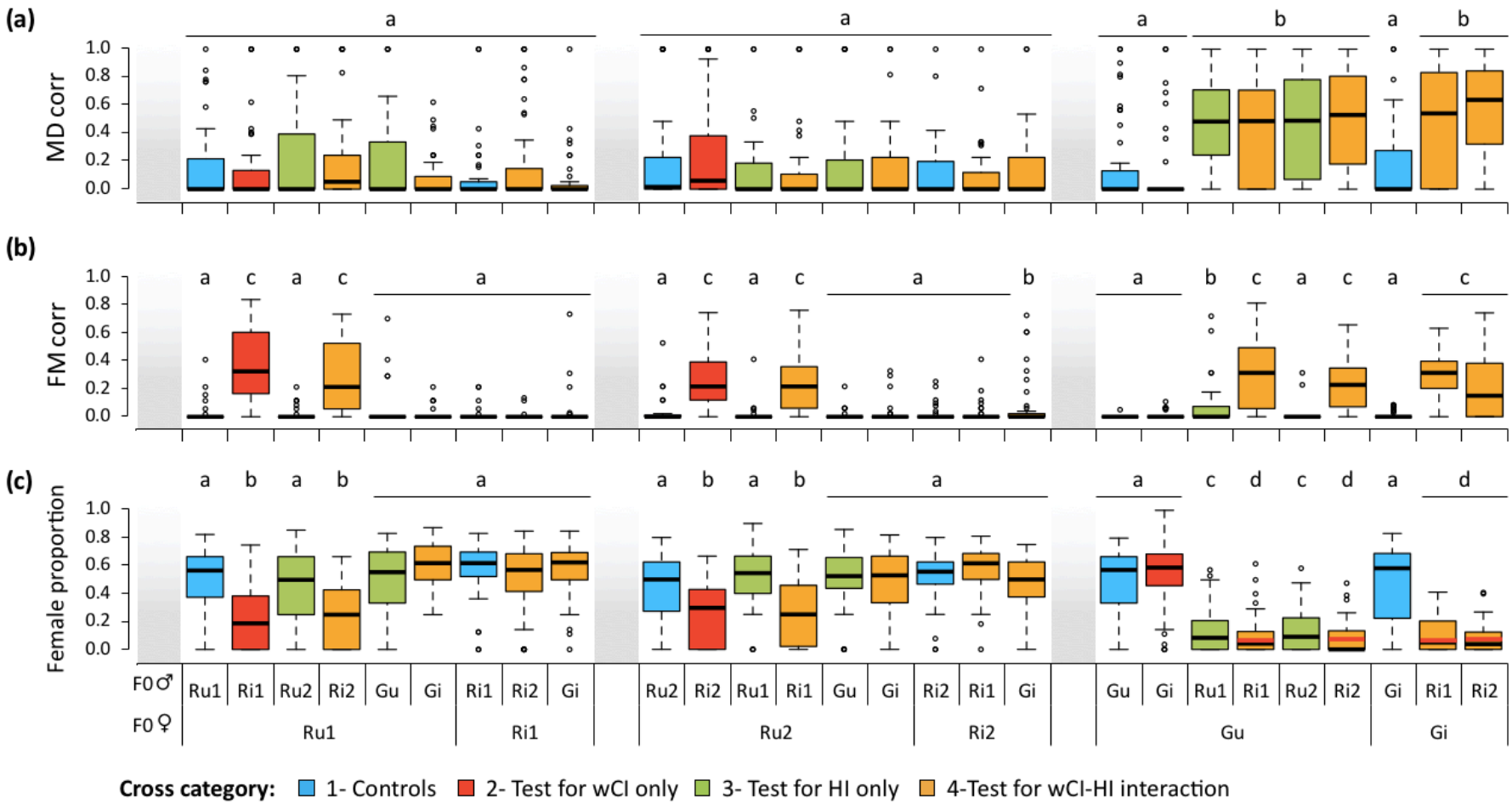

Figure 2. Overproduction of males, female embryonic mortality, and resulting hybrid production in intra- and inter-population crosses using *Wolbachia*-infected and uninfected mites. (a) Boxplot of the proportion of males produced in all crosses relative to that in control crosses (MD_{corr}). **(b)** Boxplot of the proportion of unhatched eggs relative to females, accounting for the basal level of this proportion observed in control crosses (FM_{corr}). **(c)** Proportion of F1 adult females (*i.e.* hybrids) in the brood. Horizontal red bars displayed within boxes for crosses affected by both MD- and FM-type incompatibilities indicate predicted values of female proportion (FP_{pred}) under the assumption that the two types of incompatibilities have an independent effect on hybrid production. Mothers are displayed on the bottom level of the x-axis and fathers on the top level. Identical or absent superscripts indicate nonsignificant differences at the 5% level among crosses. Note that crosses between infected females and uninfected males (category 5; Figure S2) recapitulate the pattern observed in crosses between uninfected females and uninfected males (categories 1 and 3).

376 crosses: χ^2_1=606.40, p<0.0001).

377 Both types of incompatibility appeared to have lower consequences on hybrid
378 production when combined than when acting alone. Indeed, we found around 31% decrease
379 in hybrid production due to FM-type incompatibility when comparing groups (3) and (4)
380 (χ^2_1=7.49, p=0.03) and close to 65% decrease in hybrid production due to MD-type
381 incompatibility when comparing groups (2) and (4) (χ^2_1=141.97, p<0.0001). However, this was
382 only a consequence of their cumulative effects. Indeed, we found a perfect fit between the
383 observed and the predicted proportions of F1 females for crosses affected by both MD- and
384 FM-type incompatibilities, calculated assuming that both affect hybrid production with the
385 same strength when acting either alone or combined (Figure 2c; Goodness-of-fit test:
386 *Gu*♀*xRi1*♂: χ^2_{47}=14.30, p=0.58; *Gu*♀*xRi2*♂: χ^2_{47}=8.46, p=0.65; *Gi*♀*xRi1*♂: χ^2_{47}=13.90, p=0.56;
387 and *Gi*♀*xRi2*♂: χ^2_{48}=7.37, p=0.59). Thus, these results show that MD- and FM-type
388 incompatibilities, hence HI and wCI (see above), are independent, so that their effects are
389 additive, with the former contributing 1.5 times more in reducing hybrid production than the
390 latter (*ca.* 75% and 49% less hybrids produced, respectively).

391 **F1 offspring fertility and viability of the F2**

392 To estimate the effects of wCI and HI on the fitness of F1 offspring obtained from all
393 aforementioned crosses (except those involving Ru2 and Ri2 populations, *cf.* Methods), we
394 assessed the fertility of virgin F1 females and of F1 males backcrossed to females from their
395 maternal population, and both embryonic and juvenile mortality of the resulting F2 offspring
396 (*i.e.* hybrid breakdown; de Boer 1982b; Sugasawa et al. 2002).

397 *Fertility of F1 females and viability of their offspring (Test 1)*

398 The proportion of virgin F1 females that laid at least 1 egg differed significantly depending on
399 the crosses they resulted from (χ^2_{15}=214.26, p<0.0001; model 2.1; Figure 3a). While most
400 females resulting from all intra-population crosses oviposited (*ca.* 96% on average; *Contrasts*
401 *among intra-population crosses*; χ^2_7=8.42, p=0.30), more than 99% of those resulting from
402 inter-population crosses were unable to lay eggs. Moreover, although 6 hybrid females (over
403 a total of 760), all resulting from crosses between males and females with the same *Wolbachia*
404 infection status (either both infected, or both uninfected), were found to be fertile, they laid
405 very few eggs (average daily oviposition of 0.63 ± 0.15 compared to 6.37 ± 0.09 for females

406 resulting from intra-population crosses; *cf.* Table S3), with no significant difference among
407 inter-population crosses (*Contrasts among inter-population crosses*; χ^2_7=8.59, *p*=0.28).
408 None of the few eggs laid (15 in total) by the 6 fertile hybrid females hatched (Table
409 S3), which corresponds to full F2 hybrid breakdown. In contrast, embryonic mortality
410 (mEM_{corr}) of eggs laid by F1 females resulting from intra-population crosses was very low (*ca.*
411 5%), with only a very small increased mortality (*ca.* 2%) in the brood of F1 females from the
412 *Wolbachia*-infected green-form population (*Main cross effect:* χ^2_7=23.33, *p*=0.001; model 2.3;
413 Figure S3a). Similarly, juvenile mortality (mJM_{corr}) in the offspring (*i.e.* all F2 males) of virgin F1
414 females resulting from intra-population crosses was very low (below *ca.* 6%), and varied
415 slightly depending only on their maternal origin (*Main cross effect:* χ^2_7=18.57, *p*=0.01; model
416 2.4; Figure S3b). Indeed, the offspring of infected green F1 females had higher juvenile
417 mortality than the offspring of infected red-form females (independently of their grandfather;
418 *Contrasts between Gi and Ri1 females*: χ^2_1=12.53, *p*=0.002), and the offspring of all uninfected
419 F1 females displayed an intermediate mortality (*Contrasts between Gu-Ru1 and Gi females:*
420 χ^2_1=4.28, *p*=0.17; *Contrasts between Gu-Ru1 and Ri1 females:* χ^2_1=4.49, *p*=0.17). These results
421 thus show that, due to very high hybrid sterility (99% non-ovipositing females) and complete
422 hybrid breakdown, the red- and green-form populations studied here are, in fact, fully post-
423 zygotically isolated (*i.e.* no gene flow).

424 *Fertility of F1 males and viability of their offspring (Test 2)*
425 The proportion of F1 males siring at least one daughter (when backcrossed with a female from
426 their maternal population) differed significantly depending on the crosses they resulted from
427 (χ^2_7=25.58, *p*<0.001; model 2.5.1, and χ^2_7=15.23, *p*=0.03; model 2.5.2, for uninfected and
428 infected males, respectively). However, this difference was mainly attributable to the
429 maternal populations of these males and/or to the population of the females they mated with
430 (*i.e.* as both are the same, it is not possible to disentangle their effects). Indeed, F1 males
431 mated with (and sons of) green-form females were less fertile than those mated with (and
432 sons of) red-form females (*ca.* 17.39% and 25.97%, for uninfected and infected males,
433 respectively; *cf.* Figure 3b).
434 The maternal population of fertile F1 males also affected the proportion of daughters
435 they sired, but only when they were uninfected by *Wolbachia* (χ^2_7=42.10, *p*<0.0001; model
436 2.8.1; Figure 3c). In this case, we found that F1 males mated with (and sons of) red-form

437 females sired on average more offspring (*ca.* 69%) than F1 males mated with (and sons of)
438 green-form females (*ca.* 55% for those mated with infected red-form males; χ^2_1=32.13,
439 p<0.0001; and *ca.* 65% for those mated with all other males; χ^2_1=8.96, p=0.008). We also found
440 some differences in the sex-ratio of offspring resulting from crosses using infected F1 males
441 (χ^2_7=15.19, p=0.03; model 2.8.2), but this effect was only due to a higher variance (but not
442 median) in the Gi♀xGi♂ control cross, and no difference was found among all other crosses
443 (χ^2_6=9.93, p=0.13; Figure 3c).

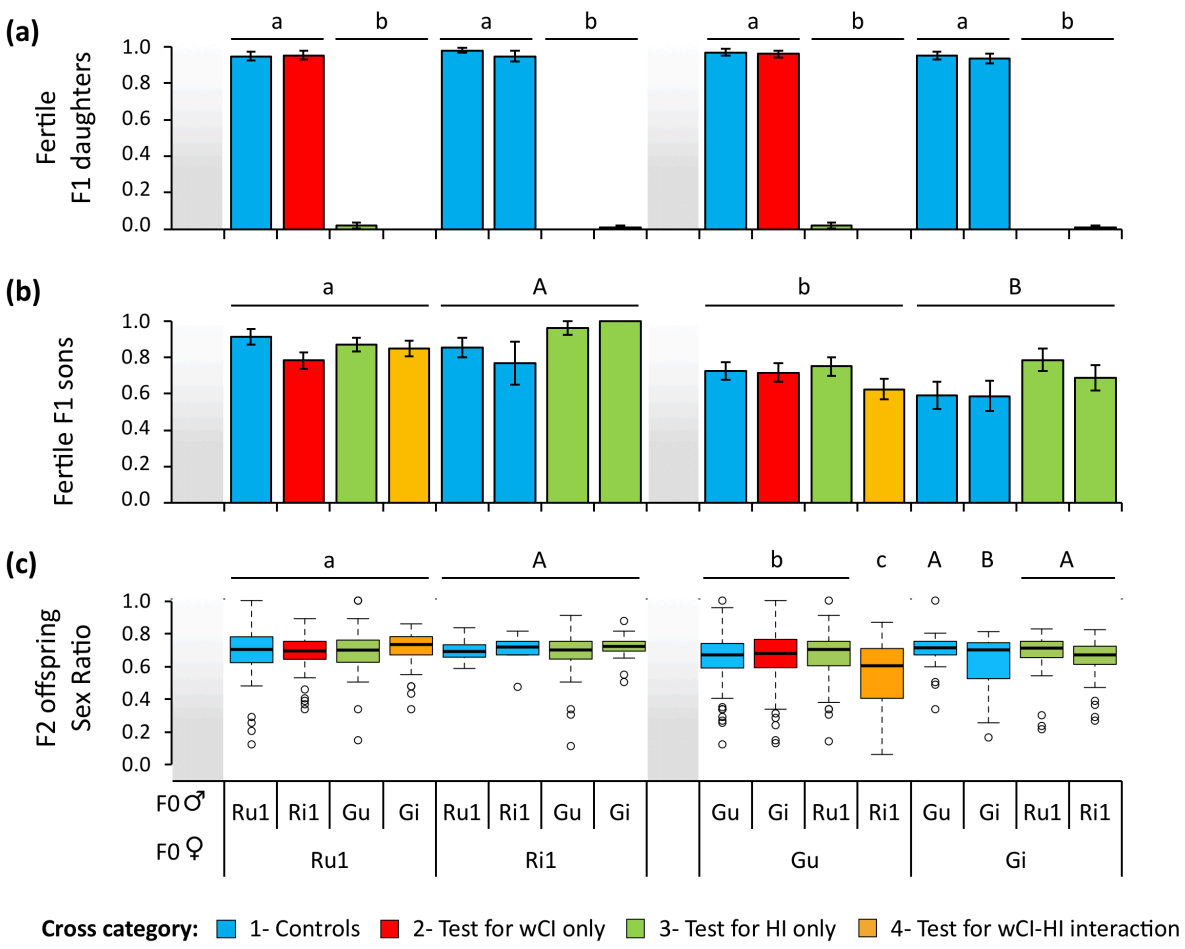

Figure 3. Proportion of fertile F1 female and male offspring resulting from intra- and inter-population crosses using *Wolbachia*-infected and uninfected mites, and sex-ratio of F2 offspring resulting from backcrosses of F1 males. Average proportion (± s.e.) of **(a)** fertile F1 females (*i.e.* proportion of females laying at least 1 egg) and **(b)** fertile F1 males (*i.e.* proportion of males siring at least 1 daughter when mated with a female from the same population as their mother). **(c)** Boxplot of sex ratio (daughters to sons) of F2 offspring sired by F1 males. Mothers are displayed on the bottom level of the x-axis and fathers on the top level. Identical or absent superscripts indicate nonsignificant differences at the 5% level among crosses.

444 Finally, neither embryonic mortality (fEM_{corr}) nor juvenile mortality (fJM_{corr}) varied
445 among the offspring of F1 infected males (*Main cross effect on* fEM_{corr}: χ^2_7=5.58, p=0.59; model
446 2.6.2, and *on* fJM_{corr}: χ^2_7=11.68, p=0.11; model 2.7.2). Although both varied among the
447 offspring of F1 uninfected males (*Main cross effect on* fEM_{corr}: χ^2_7=26.31, p<0.001; model 2.6.1,
448 *and on* fJM_{corr}: χ^2_7=22.64, p=0.002; model 2.7.1), this variation is not attribuable to wCI or HI.
449 Indeed, a higher embryonic mortality (*ca.* 7% on average) was found only in the offspring of
450 uninfected F1 males mated with (and sons of) green-form females compared to those mated
451 with (and sons of) red-form females (*ca.* 4% in average). In line with this, we found that
452 juvenile mortality varied depending on both the maternal and the paternal populations of F1
453 uninfected males (or the females they mated with), but regardless of incompatibility (due to
454 wCI and/or HI) between the parental populations (see Figure S4b).
455 Overall, these results indicate that F1 males resulting from all types of incompatible
456 crosses do not suffer a reduction in fertility. This suggests that they are true hemiclones of
457 their mother, thereby escaping both sources of incompatibility (wCI and HI).

Discussion

458 Using three populations of the two genetically differentiated colour forms of *T. urticae*, each
459 naturally infected or cured from *Wolbachia*, we assessed the relative contribution of
460 *Wolbachia*-induced CI (wCI) and of host-associated incompatibilities (HI) to post-mating
461 isolation. Our results revealed that both sources of incompatibility jointly reduced the
462 production of F1 hybrid females in the same direction, albeit through different and
463 independent mechanisms, and with HI contributing *ca*. 1.5 times more than wCI to this
464 reduction (*ca*. 75% and 49% less F1 hybrids produced, respectively). Additionally, we found a
465 *Wolbachia*-independent near-complete F1 hybrid female sterility and full F2 hybrid
466 breakdown in all reciprocal crosses between the green- and the red-form populations.

467 **Expression of host-associated incompatibilities**

468 Crosses performed among uninfected host populations in absence of *Wolbachia* infection
469 confirmed that the two populations belonging to the red form of *T. urticae* were mutually
470 compatible (Zélé et al. 2020b), but were fully isolated from the green-form population. We
471 found three different types of post-mating reproductive barriers between these populations:

472 (1) a sharp and unidirectional (between females from the green-form population and males
473 from the red-form populations but not in reciprocal crosses) reduction in F1 hybrid (female)
474 production, concurrent with an increased production of F1 males (*i.e.* MD-type
475 incompatibility); (2) near-complete F1 hybrid sterility (> 99%) in all reciprocal crosses between
476 the red and the green-form population; and (3) full F2 hybrid breakdown, as none of the few
477 eggs produced by F1 hybrid females hatched.

478 MD-type incompatibilities, which result in an excess of F1 males at the expense of
479 daughters, have already been reported between populations from the two colour forms of *T.*
480 *urticae* (Murtaugh and Wrensch 1978; Sugasawa et al. 2002; Lu et al. 2017), as well as among
481 populations of the same colour form (Navajas et al. 2000; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2004). In
482 haplodiploids, this type of incompatibility can result from either fertilization failure or
483 haploidization of fertilized F1 eggs. Partial haploidization of fertilized eggs is unlikely here, as
484 males surviving such defect would be aneuploid, and thus, should produce fewer daughters,
485 an outcome we did not find when testing F1 males. Moreover, there is yet no evidence that
486 aneuploid embryos can actually be viable in spider mites. Conversely, complete haploidization
487 of fertilized eggs is a plausible explanation, as *Wolbachia* can cause MD-type incompatibility
488 in *T. urticae* (Vala et al. 2000; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2002; Gotoh et al. 2003), and this outcome
489 was shown to result from paternal genome elimination following fertilization in haplodiploids
490 (*i.e.* it restores haploidy and thus leads to the production of viable males; Breeuwer and
491 Werren 1990; Tram et al. 2006). However, in spider mites, males are naturally produced from
492 unfertilized eggs (*i.e.* arrhenotoky; Helle and Bolland 1967) and not from the elimination of
493 the paternal genome in fertilized eggs (*i.e.* pseudo-arrhenotoky; Nelson-Rees et al. 1980;
494 Sabelis and Nagelkerke 1988). Therefore, fertilization failure resulting from a defect at any of
495 the successive stages of the reproductive process in the female reproductive tract is another
496 possible explanation for this type of incompatibility between populations (*e.g.* reduction in
497 sperm transfer/storage, sperm ejection/dumping, reduced sperm activation or attraction to
498 the egg, and sperm-egg incompatibility; Zeh and Zeh 1997; see also Takafuji and Fujimoto
499 1985; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2004). Moreover, although the results presented here do show that
500 premating isolation between the two forms is incomplete (*i.e.* no hybrids would be produced
501 in absence of mating), we cannot exclude the possibility that fewer copulations have occurred
502 in these crosses. Only direct observations of copulations, of the fertilization process, and of
503 early embryogenesis of the offspring in these crosses would allow testing these hypotheses.

504 Irrespective of the underlying mechanisms, we found both asymmetric (MD-type) and
505 symmetric (F1 hybrid sterility and F2 hybrid breakdown) patterns of reproductive
506 incompatibilities between spider mite populations of the two forms. In general, asymmetric
507 incompatibilities have been tied to "Bateson-Dobzhansky-Muller incompatibilities" (BDMIs –
508 negative epistatic interactions between alleles from independently evolving lineages)
509 between autosomal loci and uniparentally inherited factors (*e.g.* maternal transcripts;
510 Sawamura 1996; Turelli and Orr 2000; or cytoplasmic elements such as mitochondrial genes;
511 Burton and Barreto 2012). In contrast, symmetrical patterns of incompatibilities are generally
512 associated to BDMIs between nuclear genes inherited from both parents (Turelli and Moyle
513 2007). This suggests that MD-type incompatibilities are caused by cytonuclear interactions,
514 whereas hybrid sterility and hybrid breakdown are mainly due to incompatibilities between
515 nuclear genes. This is in line with some evidence from previous work using spider mites, albeit
516 several of these studies also highlight a role for cytonuclear interactions in hybrid sterility and
517 hybrid breakdown (Overmeer and van Zon 1976; de Boer 1982b; Fry 1989; Sugasawa et al.
518 2002; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2004).

519 **Expression of *Wolbachia*-induced CI within and among populations**

520 Crosses between *Wolbachia*-infected males and uninfected females within and among
521 populations showed that the *Wolbachia* strains infecting the two red-form populations induce
522 imperfect FM-type incompatibility (*ca.* 22 to 43% female embryonic mortality) and are
523 mutually compatible (as found by Zélé et al; 2020b). Here, we further showed that wCI has
524 the same penetrance within and among host populations, including the population from the
525 green form. Conversely, the strain infecting the green-form population did not induce CI
526 within or between populations, neither of the FM-type nor of the MD-type. Moreover, in
527 contrast to some other non CI-inducing *Wolbachia* strains in *T. urticae* (Vala et al. 2002), this
528 strain did not rescue the CI induced by the strain infecting the red-form populations. Taken
529 together, these results show a unidirectional pattern of wCI, which reduces hybrid production
530 between the *Wolbachia*-infected red-form populations and the green-form population,
531 regardless of *Wolbachia* infection in the latter. Finally, we found no evidence for hybrid
532 breakdown (*i.e.* increased mortality of F2 offspring produced by F1 females escaping wCI)
533 induced by any of the *Wolbachia* strains, suggesting that such effect is not a common feature

534 in spider mites, or that it is restricted to strains inducing MD-type incompatibilities (Vala et al.
535 2000).

536 **The combined effects of incompatibility types for hybrid production and gene flow**

537 In some systems, wCI may play a greater role than HI in reducing gene flow between hosts.
538 For instance, complete post-mating isolation due to bidirectional wCI has been found in
539 interspecific crosses between the mosquitoes *Aedes polyniensis* and *Ae. riversi* (Dean and
540 Dobson 2004), and between the parasitoid wasps *Nasonia giraulti* and *N. vitripennis*
541 (Breeuwer and Werren 1990, 1995), while only partial isolation was found in interspecific
542 crosses upon *Wolbachia* removal (asymmetrical hybrid production and F2 hybrid breakdown,
543 respectively). In other systems, however, CI induced by symbionts and host intrinsic factors
544 can complement each other when acting in opposite directions, as found between *Encarsia*
545 *gennaroi* and *Cardinium*-infected *E. suzannae* (Gebiola et al. 2016), or can act synergistically
546 to reduce gene flow in the same direction. This was found between some populations of the
547 spider mite *Panonychus mori*, where wCI mainly results in haploidization of fertilized eggs and
548 can increase existing MD-type incompatibilities between populations (Gotoh et al. 2005).
549 However, the relative contribution of wCI and HI to post-mating isolation was not quantified
550 in such cases, let alone whether they have additive or interacting effects.

551 In our system, we found that HI and wCI act jointly to prevent the production of F1
552 hybrid offspring in crosses between green-form females and red-form males. Moreover, we
553 showed that they act independently and additively, with HI contributing *c.a.* 1.5 times more
554 than wCI to the reduction in F1 hybrid production. However, because all F1 hybrids were either
555 sterile or produced unviable eggs, *Wolbachia* did not affect gene flow between the red- and
556 green-form populations studied here. Nonetheless, these results suggest that wCI may have
557 an important role in restricting gene flow between populations of *T. urticae* that are only
558 partially isolated, which is a common phenomenon in *T. urticae* (*e.g.* Dupont 1979; Fry 1989;
559 Navajas et al. 2000; Sugasawa et al. 2002; Perrot-Minnot et al. 2004). In particular, the effects
560 of wCI may be considerable when MD-type incompatibilities between hosts are weaker
561 (Murtaugh and Wrensch 1978; Navajas et al. 2000; Sugasawa et al. 2002), and/or when the
562 two types of incompatibilities act in opposite directions (*e.g.* as found in *Cardinium* infected
563 *Encarsia* parasitoid wasps; Gebiola et al. 2016). Therefore, more studies using population pairs
564 with variable degrees of post-mating isolation, and assessing pre-mating isolation, are needed

565 to better understand the extent to which *Wolbachia* can hamper gene flow between natural
566 populations of spider mites, and determine its exact role in the speciation processes currently
567 ongoing in this system.

568 **Ecological implications of host-associated and *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibilities**

569 Our results show strong reproductive interference (see Gröning and Hochkirch 2008;
570 Burdfield-Steel and Shuker 2011) between the populations from the two forms of *T. urticae*
571 used in our study, which may potentially impact their dynamics by favouring the green-form
572 population. Indeed, green-form females mated with red-form males produce less (sterile)
573 hybrid daughters but more (fertile) sons than red-form females mated with green-form males,
574 and this overproduction of sons may have important consequences for the persistence these
575 populations. Moreover, despite our finding that F1 green-form males had a slightly lower
576 fitness than F1 red-form males (*i.e.* lower fertility and higher embryonic mortality of their
577 daughters), their overproduction should allow green-form females to transmit more genes
578 (thereby mitigating the costs of heterospecific matings; Feldhaar et al. 2008). This should also
579 increase, at the next generation, the probability of conspecific matings (*e.g.* as in
580 *Callosobruchus* beetles; Kyogoku and Nishida 2012) for green-form females, and of
581 heterospecific matings for red-form females, which may again favour the green-form
582 population.

583 *Wolbachia* may also affect the balance of the interactions between these populations,
584 both due to the direct effects of infection on host fitness (*i.e. Wolbachia* slightly increases the
585 embryonic and juvenile mortality of F2 sons of green-form, but not red-form, F1 females), but
586 also due to wCI. Indeed, although wCI leads to embryonic mortality of hybrid daughters of
587 green-form females, all these daughters are sterile. Conversely, wCI leads to embryonic
588 mortality of fertile daughters of red-form females, which may further disadvantage red-form
589 females in populations that are polymorphic for *Wolbachia* infection (as often found in spider
590 mites; Breeuwer and Jacobs 1996; Zhang et al. 2013; Zélé et al. 2018a). Note, however, that
591 the effect of wCI between partially isolated populations of the two forms (*e.g.* de Boer 1982b;
592 Sugasawa et al. 2002) may lead to completely different scenarios, as it could also affect fertile
593 hybrid daughters produced by females of either form.

594 Such ecological scenarios are likely to occur in natural populations of *T. urticae*, as
595 incompatible populations (both of the same and of different colour forms) often co-occur in

596 the field (Helle and Pieterse 1965; Lu et al. 2017), and the populations used in this study were
597 collected in the same geographical area (*cf.* Box S1). However, these scenarios will also depend
598 on the strength and the symmetry of pre-mating and post-mating prezygotic reproductive
599 barriers between populations (Sato et al. 2015, 2018; Gebiola et al. 2017; Clemente et al.
600 2018). Indeed, although one study reported no assortative mating between the colour forms
601 of *T. urticae* (Murtaugh and Wrensch 1978), this may vary between populations, as found
602 between *T. urticae* and *T. evansi* (Sato et al. 2014; Clemente et al. 2016). In line with this,
603 contrasting results were found concerning the effect of *Wolbachia* on spider mite mating
604 behaviour (Vala et al. 2004; Rodrigues et al. 2018). Thus, to understand the implications of
605 reproductive interference in this system, future studies should focus on prezygotic isolation
606 between *T. urticae* populations, infected or not by *Wolbachia*.

Conclusions

607 Our results show that host-associated and *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibilities in this system
608 lead to different outcomes and that both contribute to counter hybridization between
609 populations of the two *T. urticae* colour forms. Furthermore, these two types of
610 incompatibility have additive effects in the same direction of crosses, which hints at a possible
611 role of *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibilities in host population divergence and subsequent
612 evolution of intrinsic reproductive barriers (*e.g.* as found in the *Nasonia* wasps; Bordenstein
613 et al. 2001). Indeed, although the level of divergence between the populations studied here
614 narrows our understanding of the contribution by *Wolbachia* in this system (because they are
615 either not or fully isolated), our results suggest that this reproductive manipulator may have
616 a considerable effect between partially isolated populations and, thus, could play an
617 important role in the processes of speciation currently ongoing in spider mites. Finally, our
618 results raise important questions about the ecological consequences of *Wolbachia*-driven
619 reproductive interference in arthropods, and call for further studies to understand its impact
620 on the dynamics and distribution of natural populations from the same species, but also from
621 closely-related species.

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Abbreviations

CI: cytoplasmic incompatibility; wCI: *Wolbachia*-induced cytoplasmic incompatibility; HI: Host-associated incompatibility; EM: Embryonic mortality; FM: Female mortality; MD: Male development; JM: Juvenile mortality; FP: Female proportion over total number of eggs laid; SR: Sex ratio (here ratio of females to males in the offspring).

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