Rapid, but limited, zooplankton adaptation to simultaneous warming and acidification

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Abstract: Predicting the response of marine metazoans to climate change is hampered by a lack

of studies on evolutionary adaptation, particularly to combined ocean warming and acidification

(OWA). We provide evidence for rapid adaptation to OWA in the foundational copepod species,

Acartia tonsa, by assessing changes in population fitness based on a comprehensive suite of life-

history traits, using an orthogonal experimental design of nominal temperature (18°C, 22°C) and

pCO$_2$ (400, 2000 µatm) for 25 generations (~1 year). Egg production and hatching success

initially decreased under OWA, resulting in a 56% reduction in fitness. However, both traits

recovered by the third generation and average fitness was reduced thereafter by only 9%.

Antagonistic interactions between warming and acidification in later generations decreased

survival, thereby limiting full fitness recovery. Our results suggest such interactions constrain

evolutionary rescue and add complexity to predictions of the responses of metazoan populations

to climate change.

The continuous increase in atmospheric CO_2 is unparalleled in the last 300 million years[1],

causing rapid ocean warming (OW)[2,3] and ocean acidification (OA)[4.] Warming and acidification

in coastal regions are projected to be more extreme[5,6]. Overall, novel environments may arise as

a result of these changes[7]. Predicting how biota respond to this rapid global change is a crucial

yet formidable scientific challenge, particularly whether populations can persist at similar levels

and phenotypes in the future[8]. Organisms can respond to novel environments through phenotypic

plasticity or evolutionary adaptation, both of which can mitigate the deleterious effects of climate

change[8–12]. In particular, long-term experimental evolution studies are a powerful tool to

examine the role of adaptation in mitigating the effects climate change on biota and to explore

whether populations can evolve fast enough to keep pace[13].

Organismal performance typically decreases sharply when temperatures increase beyond the

optimum[14] leading to disproportional deleterious effects on performance. In addition, marine

metazoans require the mobilization of energy-demanding acid-base regulatory processes to

counteract internal pH reduction to maintain homeostasis under high CO_2 conditions. This may

result in increased metabolic costs at the expense of growth and reproduction, even for non-

calcifying metazoans[15–17]. Although factorial assessments of species sensitivities to warming and

acidification have increased rapidly over the past years, multi-generational studies on metazoan

populations responding to future simultaneous warming and acidification (OWA) are rare[18–20].

Moreover, lack of population fitness measures in existing studies preclude considerations of

evolutionary rescue – evolution occurring sufficiently fast to allow population recovery before

extirpation[21–23].

We used an experimental evolution approach to test whether a marine zooplankter, the copepod

Acartia tonsa (Dana; 1849)*,* can adapt to environments created by OW, OA, and OWA

conditions, to identify the functional traits under selection, and to assess evolutionary rescue. As

the most abundant metazoans on the planet[24,25], copepods link primary producers and other

microbes to upper trophic levels, thereby influencing fisheries productivity[26,27] and mediating

marine biogeochemical cycles[28]. Specifically, *Acartia tonsa* is a dominant copepod in estuarine

systems from tropical to temperate regions[29] and a main prey item of forage fish[30], which makes

this species an important zooplankton model. Using both improvements in trait performance and

population fitness across generations, we show rapid, yet limited copepod adaptation to

combined ocean warming and acidification likely driven by an antagonistic interaction of

warming and acidification.

Experimental design

We measured five fitness-relevant life-history traits (survival, egg production rate (EPR), egg

hatching success (HS), development time, and sex ratio) across 25 generations in an orthogonal

design with two levels of CO_2 and temperature. A population of *Acartia tonsa* was collected

from Long Island Sound (41.3°N, 72.0°W; Groton, CT, USA) and kept under standard

laboratory conditions (see methods) for at least three generations prior to the experiment. Four

lines of the population were established with four replicates of each condition. The target (actual

± standard deviation) conditions were: ambient temperature = 18°C (18 ± 0.34, N = 330),

ambient $p\text{CO}_2$ = 400 µatm (379 ± 36, N = 18; pH = 8.26 ± 0.1, N = 330); high temperature =

22°C (22 ± 0.81, N = 336), and high $p\text{CO}_2$ = 2000 µatm (2301 ± 215, N = 18; pH = 7.55 ± 0.08,

N = 330). Ambient target levels represented extant conditions for this species in NE Atlantic

estuaries (see methods for choice of temperature), and high levels corresponded to future

conditions based on global projections for the years 2100-2300[1–4], although *A. tonsa* already

periodically experiences high temperature and CO_2 levels in its growth season in NE Atlantic

estuaries[31,32]. Summaries of the temperature, pH, and CO_2 data are shown in Supplementary

Tables 1-3. Details of statistical tests and their significance for the transgenerational experiment

are in the methods section.

Evidence for adaptation

During the first experimental generation (generation zero), EPR and HS declined in all three

future (OW, OA, and OWA) conditions relative to ambient (AM) conditions: OW (EPR: $p <$

0.0001; HS: $p < 0.01$; t-test), OA (EPR: $p < 0.0001$; HS: $p = 0.19$; t-test), and OWA (EPR: $<$

0.0001; HS: $p < 0.0001$; t-test; Fig. 1), illustrating the ecological effects of these climate change

variables. The decrease was strongest under OWA, particularly for HS, indicating synergistic

deleterious effects of temperature and CO_2.

Significant interactions of temperature and CO_2 on HS were evident across all generations ($p <$

0.0001; three-way ANOVA). After the first generation, EPR decreased under AM ($p < 0.0001$;

GAM ANOVA) and OA conditions ($p < 0.0001$; GAM ANOVA), but partially recovered in later

generations. Meanwhile, HS remained stable (AM GAM ANOVA: $p = 0.14$; OA GAM

ANOVA: $p = 0.064$; Fig. 1). Under OW, EPR decreased with generation ($p < 0.0001$; GAM

ANOVA) but did not recover. Meanwhile, HS increased for OW ($p < 0.0001$; GAM ANOVA;

Fig. 1C) suggesting some degree of adaptation. By contrast, under OWA, EPR increased by 50%

($p < 0.02$; GAM ANOVA) and HS doubled ($p < 0.0001$; GAM ANOVA; Fig. 1D) by generation

3, and the improvements were maintained until generation 25. These changes yielded significant

effects on population fitness (Table 1) and are consistent with rapid adaptation.

Survival from freshly hatched nauplii to reproductively mature adults was independent of

treatment ($p > 0.05$, two-way ANOVA)for the first 12 generations (Fig. 2). By generation 15,

however, survival decreased by 30% under OW ($p = 0.02$, t-test) and OWA ($p = 0.01$, t-test)

relative to ambient conditions. Acidification alone elicited no decrease in survival ($p > 0.1$, one-

way ANOVA). Although survival recovered in the OW treatment by generation 25, survival

decreased under OWA by an additional 50% relative to generation 15 for the same treatment ($p <$

0.001, t-test), demonstrating an antagonistic interaction between OW and OA in later

generations[33]. Traits under selection are expected to increase towards phenotypic optima[34–36],

thus survival does not appear to be a trait under selection for adaptation to OW, OA or OWA

conditions. High temperature resulted in faster development in both the OW and the OWA

treatments (Supplementary Fig. 1) with 22-24% shorter development times than at ambient

temperature ($p < 0.0001$; two-way ANOVA). High CO_2, in contrast, resulted in 5-6% slower

development times than ambient CO_2 across all generations ($p < 0.0001$; two-way ANOVA).

Thus, warming and acidification acted antagonistically on development time. Finally, a ~ 1:1 sex

ratio remained unchanged for three of the four treatments (Supplementary Fig. 2). Under OWA,

however, the proportion of females decreased across generations, with a significantly lower

proportion in generation 25 than generation 0 ($p < 0.01$; Tukey HSD).

To understand adaptation not just in terms of individual traits, but with respect to population

fitness, we integrated all measured traits (survival, EPR, HS, development time, and sex ratio) to

estimate the net reproductive rate, lambda[37](λ), which is the fraction of the population replaced

in a generation (Fig. 3). In generation 0, OWA conditions resulted in a 56% reduction in λ

relative to ambient conditions, while OW and OA resulted in 23% and 13% reductions relative to

ambient conditions, respectively ($p < 0.01$, t-test; Fig. 3). However, by generation 3, λ in OWA

conditions had improved by 120% relative to generation 0 ($p < 0.0001$; Tukey HSD; Fig. 3) and

recovered to levels equal to ambient conditions ($p = 1.0$; Tukey HSD; Fig. 3), mainly driven by

improved hatching success (Fig. 1). The λ-frequency distribution shows an inflation of zero

values (Supplementary Fig. 3) due to the high abundance of mate pairs with low HS at

generation 0, particularly under OWA conditions. In later generations, as HS increased so did the

probability of non-zero λ, and this was especially evident under OWA conditions

(Supplementary Fig. 4). Thus, as generations progressed, selection under OWA conditions culled

off low-fitness individuals in the population. Lambda remained high in OWA conditions until

generation 15, after which there was a 19% reduction ($p < 0.05$, t-test; Fig. 3). This decrease was

driven by reduced survival (Fig. 2), which suggests an inability of *Acartia tonsa* to maintain

multiple optimal phenotypes, i.e., high hatching success and high survivorship, under OWA

conditions. While λ was 22% lower under OWA than ambient conditions by generation 25, it

was significantly higher than in generation 0 ($p < 0.0001$, t-test; Fig. 3), still consistent with

adaptation over time. In accord, significant effects of generation on λ were evident under OW (p

< 0.04; ANOVA) and OWA ($p < 0.001$; ANOVA) conditions, but not under ambient ($p = 0.681$;

ANOVA) or OA ($p = 0.212$; ANOVA) conditions (Table 1). The latter suggests that OA alone

was not a strong selective force in our study.

Adaptation is evident when performance increases towards optimal phenotypes that increase

fitness over time[34–36]. Here, we observed improved performance and fitness under OW and

OWA conditions, but with important differences between the treatments: fitness was fully

recovered under OW, but not under OWA conditions. *Acartia tonsa* exhibits strong tolerance to

high temperatures, consistent with its seasonal dominance in the summer and wide-ranging

latitudinal distribution[29,38]. However, the combination of elevated temperature and CO_2 are

known to affect ectotherm resource partitioning and energy distribution[15], which might account

for the limited recovery under OWA conditions. During adaptation, multiple phenotypes are

expected to reach optimal levels of performance concurrently to yield the maximum possible

population fitness for a particular environment. We hypothesize that under OWA conditions

copepods could not sustain multiple optimized phenotypes, as evidenced by the observed

reduction in survival following HS and EPR recovery to levels equal to or greater than those of

ambient conditions. Under OW, copepods improved both EPR and HS (Fig. 1) and maintained

high survival (Fig. 2) across generations to yield the highest λ level relative to all conditions by

generation 25 (Fig. 3). By contrast, under OWA conditions the improvements in EPR and HS

across generations yielded the highest λ values between generations 3 and 12 but decreases in

survival reduced λ afterwards. These results are consistent with adaptation via selection, while

simultaneously allowing maladaptive traits to persist[35] under OWA conditions.

Genetic drift affects global, genome-wide patterns of genetic diversity, while selective processes

affect specific regions of the genome[39,40]. We tested for signatures of genetic drift caused by

potential bottlenecks by exploring patterns of nucleotide diversity (π) among treatments using

single nucleotide polymorphisms identified with pooled sequencing of genomic DNA from each

replicate of each treatment at generation 25. We found that global levels of nucleotide diversity

were equivalent across treatment groups (Supplementary Figure 5; Wilcoxon Rank Sum test, $p >$

0.05; average π across treatments: AM: 0.0135 ± 0.006; OA: 0.0130 ± 0.006; OW: 0.0134 ±

0.006; OWA: 0.0138 ± 0.006), revealing no evidence of genetic bottlenecks or drift after 25

generations. In separate work, we observed divergence in allele frequencies and gene expression

at generation 20 between the AM and OWA lines[41]. Among the four lineages at generation 25,

allele frequency estimates indicate differentiation between the four lines despite the similar

levels of nucleotide diversity (our own unpublished observations). Altogether, the improvement

in traits and population fitness across generations coupled with the genetic differentiation

between the OWA and the AM treatments are consistent with evolutionary adaptation in the

OWA treatment.

Traits affecting fitness

To assess the contribution of each life-history trait to adaptation, we quantified the strength of

selection via the standardized linear selection coefficient of the fitness landscape[42]. High linear

coefficients of selection for a given fitness landscape suggest that a particular trait is under

selection, though not necessarily determining fitness. The coefficients are calculated from

multiple regression models of relative λ against all changing life-history traits (see methods). We

found that HS, but not EPR or survival, was under selection and had a positive impact on fitness.

Specifically, relative λ increased as a function of HS with standardized linear selection

coefficients (β) of 0.91 (AM), 0.94 (OA), 0.96 (OW), and 0.78 (OWA) at generation 0 ($p <$

0.0001, ANOVA; Fig. 4A). In addition, β_{HS} was significantly different for all treatments between

generations 0 and 25 ($p < 0.0001$, ANOVA), indicating changing degrees of selection on HS for

all treatments-between the first and last generations. By contrast, neither EPR or survival were

significant at generation 0 (Fig. 4B, C; $p > 0.1$, ANOVA) suggesting that selection acted in favor

of higher HS, but not towards higher survival or EPR for the OW and OWA treatments. By

generation 25, the impact of HS on relative fitness decreased relative to generation 0 by 88% and

10% for the OW and OWA treatments, respectively. Such decreases corresponded to a shift in

phenotype distribution towards higher HS and suggested that selection had relaxed by generation

25 as HS within the population reached the phenotypic optimum (Fig. 4A). Finally, despite the

significant decrease in sex ratio over the 25 generations in the OWA treatment (Supplementary

Fig. 2), sex ratio had no effect on relative fitness between generations 0 and 25 ($p = 1.0$,

ANOVA), suggesting this trait was not under selection.

We also employed path analysis on structural equation models (SEMs) to identify the

hierarchical interactions of all life-history traits and the traits' effects on fitness[43,44]. High

correlation coefficients of SEMs indicate causality of a given trait's effect towards fitness. The

path analysis revealed that HS had the largest effect on fitness of all life-history traits across

treatments, with the exception of the OW treatment at generation 25, and was significant at both

generations 0 and 25 (Table 2). Taken together, we conclude that selection on HS both under

OW and OWA conditions was the critical factor in adaptation to those environments.

Implications

Our study highlights the need for global change studies to consider population fitness, in addition

to individual traits, as an integrative tool for measuring adaptation[27,45]. For example, in this

experiment using survival alone would have led to the erroneous conclusion of no adaptation

under any treatment. Similarly, estimating fitness based on EPR alone would have also led to the

erroneous conclusion that fitness decreased between generations 3 and 15 for AM. Despite this

decrease in EPR, fitness remained unchanged across generations for AM (Fig. 3). Likewise,

using EPR and HS alone would have missed the fitness decrease after generation 12 under OWA

conditions. At the same time, the tradeoffs of EPR and HS versus survival after generation 12

(Figs. 1 and 2) partly explain the limited evolutionary rescue under OWA conditions (Fig. 3).

The shifting interactive effects of combined ocean warming and ocean acidification through time

highlight the need to evaluate long-term evolutionary studies with multiple stressors and

underline the complexity that accompanies predicting organism responses to climate change[33,46].

Previous work has shown that *Acartia tonsa* can adapt to lower CO_2 levels (800 µatm) than those

in our study[46]. Thus, it is conceivable that full evolutionary rescue to OWA can be achieved at

lower CO_2 levels. Furthermore, previous research has shown that exposure to OA over multiple

generations improves EPR and selects for genes involved in RNA processing and regulation of

metabolism in copepods[11,47]. Forthcoming genomic work from our group will determine if

similar genes are also under selection for OW and OWA. Neither deleterious effects of OA nor

adaptation to OA alone were observed across generations in our study (Fig. 3). Thus, our results

highlight the evolutionary rescue and accompanying limitations that arise from multi-stressor

adaptation. Assuming additive effects of warming and acidification in the present study should

have led to full evolutionary rescue under OWA conditions, which was not observed (Fig. 3).

Instead, OW and OA had synergistic deleterious effects on fitness on generation 0, but

antagonistic effects on generation 25 that counterbalance the individual effects of OW and OA

(Supplementary Table 4). We suggest that the limited evolutionary rescue under OWA

conditions in our study must have arisen from an antagonistic interaction between warming and

acidification, as has been hypothesized earlier in polychaetes[19,20,48] or for other co-occurring

environmental stressors in bivalves[49]. Thus, since OW and OA are occurring simultaneously,

even crude predictions of population performance under climate change should consider non-

additive effects of temperature and CO_2 interactions on population fitness.

Our study, showing both improved trait performance and population fitness across generations,

constitutes the first demonstration of rapid adaptation to global change conditions for a

metazoan. We present evidence for adaptation to both warming and combined warming and

acidification, but not acidification alone, based on standing genetic variation. Previous work has

been limited to phytoplankton[39] or documenting marine metazoan traits for limited generations

without population fitness estimates[18–20]. Failing to account for adaptation potential may

overestimate future population vulnerability[45,50]. For example, using the observed deleterious

effects at generation 0 to predict future vulnerability would have estimated a fitness reduction for

the OWA treatment relative to ambient treatment of 56% (Fig. 3). However, accounting for

evolutionary rescue (generations 3-25) resulted in an average fitness reduction of only 9%. At

the same time, our results suggest that full evolutionary rescue under OWA conditions was not

achieved (Fig. 3). This result is consistent with the hypothesis that adaptation to stress comes at a

cost and that full recovery of populations to future climate conditions based on extant genetic

variation is limited[51], even though *A. tonsa* periodically experiences the warming and

acidification conditions examined here[31,32]. The limited evolutionary rescue we observed also has

consequences for future oceanic systems under OWA conditions. Because adaptation to OWA

conditions appears to be costly even under the food replete conditions of our study, it is unclear

to what extent evolutionary rescue would occur under scenarios that predict lower resource

availability for zooplankton under climate change[50]. Limited evolutionary rescue, in turn, would

reduce prey availability for fish, thereby negatively affecting fish production[50]. Finally, since

copepods are a major vector of carbon transfer from the surface waters to the sea floor[28], limited

evolutionary rescue would also reduce the efficiency of the biological carbon pump, with a

concomitant lower drawdown of CO_2 from near surface waters.

Conclusions

We show evidence for metazoan evolutionary adaptation to combined warming and acidification

by explicitly assessing changes in population fitness based on a comprehensive suite of life-

history traits. Adaptation was evident in the fitness improvements for animals after a few

generations, and confirmed by independent evidence of genetic differentiation. The strength of

selection coefficients and the path analysis suggested the key trait under selection affecting

fitness in our study was hatching success. Evolutionary rescue was limited by the interaction of

warming and acidification, which switched from synergistic to antagonistic from the beginning

to the end of the experiment, adding complexity to predictions of population adaptation to

climate change.

Methods

a) Copepod culturing and maintenance

Copepods were collected in June of 2016 from Esker Point Beach in Groton, CT, USA

(41.320725˚N, 72.001643˚W) and raised for at least three generations as stock cultures prior to

the start of transgenerational experiments to limit maternal effects[52]. Stock cultures were split

evenly into eight groups of 160 females and 80 males. Four of these eight groups were

acclimatized to high temperature at 1 degree Celsius per day and used to seed the two high

temperature treatments (OW and OWA). The other four groups remained at ambient temperature

and were used to seed the ambient and acidification treatments. After temperature

acclimatization, groups of stock cultures seeded the parental (F0) individuals for two days. Stock

culture groups yielded an average of 7,173 eggs per group to produce approximately 57,000

parental (F0) eggs. Resulting parental eggs and N1 nauplii were acclimated to one of four

experimental treatments over the entire F0 generation: **1)** Ambient control (AM; temperature =

18˚C, CO_2 ~400 µatm; pH ~8.2); **2)** Ocean Acidification (OA; ambient temperature, high CO_2

~2000 µatm CO_2, pH ~7.5); **3)** Ocean Warming (OW; high temperature = 22˚C, ambient CO_2);

4) combined warming and acidification (OWA; high temperature, high CO_2). Treatment

replicates were derived from the stock culture groups (i.e. stock culture group 1 after high

temperature acclimatization seeded the F0 for OW replicate 1 and OWA replicate 1). The

ambient temperature was chosen from a Gaussian fit-model[53] for optimal recruitment (egg

production × egg hatching success) vs temperature derived from *Acartia tonsa* populations from

Casco Bay (Gulf of Maine), Long Island Sound, and Chesapeake Bay (USA), $R =$

$11.1e^{-0.5\left(\frac{|T-17.7|}{6.4}\right)^2}$ where R is recruitment (egg production rate × hatching success), T is

temperature (˚C), 17.7 is the optimal temperature and 6.4 is the standard deviation around the

optimal temperature (N = 54, r^2 = 0.42; our own unpublished data). Each treatment was kept in a

separate temperature-controlled incubator (Thermo FisherScientific® Isotemp™; Waltham, MA,

USA) and split into four replicate 10L culture containers (Cambro; Huntington Beach, CA,

USA). Copepods were fed every 48-72 h at food-replete concentrations (≥800 μg Carbon L^{-1})

consisting of equal proportions of the phytoplankters *Tetraselmis* sp., *Rhodomonas* sp., and

Thalassiosira weissflogii, following long-standing copepod culture protocols in our lab[54]. The

phytoplankton fed to copepods was deliberately raised under ambient conditions for the entire

length of the experiment to avoid confounding effects of possible changes in food quality due to

the different temperature and CO_2 among treatments. We minimized the chance of selecting for

early developers in the cultures. Based on development time and adult longevity, we allowed

copepods to contribute progeny to the next generation for 7-10 days once we observed the first

nauplii of a new generation.

Elevated CO_2 levels were achieved with gas proportioners (Cole-Parmer; Vernon Hills, IL, USA)

mixing laboratory air with 100% bone dry CO_2 that was delivered continuously to the bottom of

each replicate culture. For small volume life-history trait experiments (sections b-d), CO_2-mixed

air was fed into custom plexiglass enclosures within each temperature-controlled incubator to

allow for passive diffusion of CO_2 into seawater. Target pH values were monitored using a

handheld pH probe (Orion Ross Ultra pH/ATC Triode with Orion Star A121 pH Portable Meter

(Thermo FisherScientific®; Waltham, MA, USA). The pH probe was calibrated monthly using

commercially available NBS pH standards in a three-point calibration (pH 4.01, 7, 10.01;

Thermo FisherScientific®; Waltham, MA, USA). Temperature and pH were monitored to ensure

that small-volume experiments in the plexiglass enclosures matched those of bulk cultures. To

counteract metabolic CO_2 accumulation, control CO_2 conditions were achieved by forcing

compressed ambient air through a series of CO_2-stripping units containing granular soda lime

(AirGas®; Waterford, CT, USA) and a particle filter (1 μm), and then to each culture container

via airstone. Continuous bubbling maintained dissolved oxygen levels at >8 mg L^{-1}.

Temperature, pH, and actual pCO_2 were monitored throughout the experiment (Supplementary

Table 1). Actual pCO_2 conditions were calculated in CO_2SYS[55] based on measurements of

salinity, temperature, pH, and total alkalinity (A_T; Supplementary Tables 2-3) with k1/k2 from

Lueker, et al. 2000 [56], $KHSO_4$ from Dickson 1990 [57], total Boron from Uppstrom 1974 [58], and pH

based on NBS scale. Total alkalinity was measured in triplicates three times over the course of

the experiment using endpoint titration (G20 Potentiometric Titrator; Mettler Toledo®)[59].

Because treatments were housed in separate incubators, incubator-specific effects are

theoretically possible, but unlikely[60,61] given that incubators were held under identical ambient

conditions except for the constant temperature and CO_2 conditions that were meticulously

monitored, and verified by independent measures throughout the experiment (Supplementary

Table 5). Because of logistical and personnel constraints, egg production rate (EPR), hatching

success (HS), survival, and development time (see below) could not be measured at every

generation. Instead, measurements were taken at generations 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 25.

b) Egg production rate and hatching success

For each replicate culture within a treatment, 10 pairs of newly developed males and females

were placed into 20 mL petri dishes for 48 h (n = 280 per treatment). The dishes were housed in

custom-made, airtight, plexiglass enclosures whose atmosphere was controlled to the appropriate

CO_2 concentration (see *copepod culturing and maintenance* section). There was one enclosure

per temperature-controlled incubator. After the 48-h egg laying period, adults were checked for

survival and removed from the petri dishes. Eggs were left in the dishes for an additional 72 h to

allow for egg hatching and their contents preserved with non-acid Lugol's solution. Dishes with

dead males were used for EPR, but not HS, since fertilization could not be assumed. Dishes with

dead females were discarded. EPR was calculated as $\frac{E_u+E_h}{t}$ where E_u represents unhatched eggs,

E_h represents hatched eggs (nauplii), and t represents egg laying time. Hatching success was

calculated as $\frac{E_h}{E_u+E_h}$.

c) Survival

Survival was measured from nauplius 1 (N1) stage to copepodid 6 (adult) stage. For a given

generation, all adults from the previous generation were removed from the culture and allowed to

lay eggs in food-replete media for 48 h. Resulting nauplii were chosen for tracking survival.

Unhatched eggs and any nauplii not chosen for survival analysis were returned to their respective

replicate cultures for continued population maintenance. To measure survival for all generations

where life-history traits were evaluated, three 250-mL beakers for each replicate culture were

supplied with 25 randomly chosen N1 nauplii each and housed in the plexiglass enclosure

described above (n = 21 per treatment). Copepods were checked every 48-72 h. The number of

dead, live, and missing copepods were logged for each beaker along with general stage (i.e.

nauplius, copepodite, adult female, or adult male). The fraction of survived individuals (l_x) was

calculated as n_x/n_i where n_x represents the number of live individuals on day x, and n_i represents

initial individuals. Nauplii were grown with media at levels of 500 µg C L^{-1} to prevent

overgrowth of phytoplankton and allow for adequate nauplii grazing. Following the naupliar

stages, copepods were grown with food-replete (800 μg C L^{-1}) media as described earlier. Food

was replaced with fresh media on monitoring days. Average survival was calculated per each

replicate culture at each generation measured. Differences in day-specific survival between

replicates and treatments was assessed using the 'survival' package in R[62].

d) Development time

385   To calculate development time (time from N1 to adulthood) we recorded the number of days at

386   which adults matured during the survival experiments and averaged the observations.

e) Sex ratio

388   Sex ratio was calculated based on the number of surviving adult females relative to surviving

389   adult males in survival experiments.

f) Fitness

The population net reproductive rate, λ, was calculated as the dominant eigenvalue of an

assembled projected age-structured Leslie Matrix constructed from survival and fecundity data[37].

Briefly, day-specific probabilities of survival are calculated from day-specific survival as $P_x =$

$\frac{l_x}{l_{x-1}}$ where l_x represents the proportion of individuals on day x and l_{x-1} represents the proportion

of individuals on day *x-1*. Probabilities of survival on day 1 are assumed to be 100% or a value

of "1.0". Per capita EPR and HS are calculated as described above, with fecundity rates equaling

the product of EPR and HS. Because only females produce offspring, total fecundity rates must

be scaled to the sex ratio (proportion of females:males). To account for differences in individual

development time for each treatment, fecundity rates are assigned to all days after the first

matured adult is observed. We assume that surviving individuals represented by the survival

experiments are equally as likely to experience any of the fecundity values observed in EPR

experiments. Therefore, each mate-pair fecundity rate was paired with each survival beaker to

construct a matrix. This yields a maximum of 120 matrices per treatment per generation (3

survival beakers × 4 replicate cultures × 10 mate pairs).

g) Selection coefficients and path analysis

Linear selection coefficients (β) were evaluated by creating multiple linear regression models of

relative fitness ($\lambda/\bar{\lambda}$) against survival, egg production rate, hatching success, and sex ratio at both

F0 and F25 for each treatment and calculating the partial regression coefficient estimate for each

trait[63]. The path analysis was completed by creating structural equation models[43,44] of relative

fitness against survival, egg production rate, hatching success, and sex ratio at both F0 and F25

for each treatment using the 'lavaan' and 'semPlot' packages in R[64,65]. Development time was

omitted from the models because the lack of variance within a replicate violated assumptions of

the model.

h) Genetic Diversity

To quantify genetic diversity across the genome, capture probes were designed to target both

coding and regulatory regions across the genome. For coding regions, we chose the highest

quality probe falling within the region. Regulatory probes were set within 1,000 bp upstream of

the transcription start site. Genomic DNA was shipped to Rapid Genomics (Gainesvill, FL,

USA) for library preparation and was captured with the 32,413 probes (21,311 coding, 11,102

regulatory). Enriched libraries were sequenced on a HiSeq 4000 with 150 bp paired end reads.

Raw data were trimmed for quality and adapter contamination with Trimmomatic v0.36[66].

Trimmed reads were mapped to the *A. tonsa* reference genome[67] with BWA-MEM[68].

SAMTOOLs[69] was used to generate a pileup for each sample, from which genetic diversity (π)

was estimated with Popoolation[70]. We identified 1,450 100bp windows in 704 unique scaffolds

across the genome that were present across all samples. We estimated π in 100bp sliding

windows with a 100bp step size. Each position required a minimum coverage of 30×, max

coverage of 1000× (to avoid mapping errors), and at least 0.5 of the window meeting these

thresholds. Resulting windows were required to be sequenced across all samples. To take into

account the independent replicates within each treatment, we used pairwise Wilcoxon Rank Sum

tests with a Holm correction for multiple testing. Genomic data is deposited in GenBank:

BioProject number PRJNA590963. All statistics were performed in R[71].

i) Statistical analyses

Statistical analyses were computed using the software package R (v 4.0.2)[71]. To examine effects

of generation on changing life-history traits, we created trait-specific generalized additive models

(GAMs) smoothed across generations for each treatment[72,73]. To evaluate differences between

life-history traits, we created separate linear mixed models with replicates as random effects and

used post-hoc t-tests and Tukey HSD tests to compare life-history trait values that were

significantly different from other treatments at each generation ($\alpha < 0.05$). Analysis of fitness (λ)

calculations also included estimations with a zero-inflated generalized linear mixed effects

model with generation and treatment as fixed effects and replicates as random effects. Analyzing

the data with linear mixed models also allowed us to evaluate the effects of treatment replicates

on life-history traits. A low intra-class correlation coefficient suggests no predictive effect of

random variables. For the model constructed for fitness over generations, the variance due to

replicates within a treatment is very low (ICC = 0.08; Table 1) and does not affect the model

results. To estimate the predicted probabilities of $\lambda = 0$ across generations in Supplementary Fig.

4, we converted λ values to either 0 or 1 representing λ values of 0 and >0, respectively. We used

the binomial-converted λ data to fit a linear mixed effects model against generation and

treatment with replicates included as random effects. To evaluate individual effects of

temperature, pH, or generation on life-history traits, we constructed a third linear model that was

tested with a three-way analysis of variance.

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Figure Legends:

Figure 1 – Mean egg production and mean hatching success for transgenerational

experiment. Egg production rate (EPR, histograms, left Y axis) and egg hatching success (HS,

lines, right Y axis) during the transgenerational experiment. **A**) Ambient conditions, AM: Blue

(top left) – ambient temperature (18 °C) and CO_2 (400 µatm); **B**) Ocean acidification conditions,

OA: Green (top right) – ambient temperature and high CO_2 (2000 µatm); **C**) Ocean warming

conditions, OW: Orange (bottom left) – high temperature (22 °C) and ambient CO_2; **D**) Ocean

warming and acidification, OWA: Red (bottom right) – high temperature and high CO_2. Error

bars represent 95% confidence intervals. Probability (p) values for EPR and HS for each panel

are derived from the effect of generation on each trait taken from generalized additive models.

Letters represent statistically similar groupings for post-hoc t-test comparison. Box and whiskers

plots of the same graphs are displayed on SI Fig. 6.

Figure 2 – Survival for transgenerational study. Mean survival is for nauplius stage 1 to adult

stage. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. Asterisks indicate significant decrease ($p <$

0.001). Treatment colors are the same as histograms in Fig. 1. Treatment curves are offset for

clarity. Box and whiskers plots of the same graphs are displayed on SI Fig. 7.

Figure 3 – Fitness. Mean fitness values, λ, calculated for the transgenerational study. Error bars

represent 95% confidence intervals. Treatment colors are the same as histograms in Fig. 1.

Treatment curves are offset for clarity. Box and whiskers plots of the same graphs are displayed

on SI Fig. 8.

Figure 4 – Fitness landscapes. Frequency distributions (left axes) and relative fitness landscape

linear models (right axes) for **A**) Hatching success, **B**) Egg production rate, and **C**) Survival at F0

(black) and F25 (red). Fitness landscapes estimate the correlations between changing quantitative

phenotypes and changing relative fitness. Shading around lines represents standard error.

Table 1 – Generational effects on fitness. Zero-inflated model results of generation and treatment

on fitness, with replicates as random effects. Count model results represents when λ=0 values are

omitted. Control treatment is the reference intercept for the model. Interactive effect of generation

on AM conditions is noted as just "Generation" for each model results.

Predictors	Estimates	CI	P
Count model			
(Intercept)	1.19	1.16-1.23	**<0.001**
Generation	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	**0.001**
OA	0.01	-0.04 – 0.06	0.817
OW	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.115
OWA	0.13	0.07 – 0.18	**<0.001**
Generation × OA	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.951
Generation × OW	0.00	0.00 – 0.00	**0.009**
Generation × OWA	-0.01	-0.01 – -0.01	**<0.001**
Zero-inflated model			
(Intercept)	-1.97	-2.62 – -1.32	**<0.001**
Generation	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.03	0.681
OA	0.55	-0.36 – 1.46	0.233
OW	1.27	0.39 – 2.16	**0.005**
OWA	1.54	0.65 – 2.44	**0.001**
Generation × OA	-0.03	-0.07 – 0.02	0.212
Generation × OW	-0.04	-0.09 – -0.00	**0.038**
Generation × OWA	-0.19	-0.25 – -0.13	**<0.001**
Random effects			
σ^2	0.01		
$\tau_{00\ Replicate}$	0.00		
Intra-correlation coefficient	0.08		
N Replicate	16		
Observations	2867		
Marginal R^2/Conditional R^2	0.230/0.293		

673   **Table 2 – Path analysis and effects on lambda**. Standardized parameter estimates from structural

674   equation models for each trait's effect on lambda at both F0 (gray bars) and F25 (white bars) for

675   each treatment. The highest parameter estimate for each treatment at each generation is highlighted

676   in bold.

		AM	OA	OW	OWA
Survival		0.12	-0.09	0.03	0.08
		-0.09	0.13	0.72	0.33
EPR		-0.07	0.04	0.03	0.10
		0.34	0.25	**0.86**	0.23
HS		**0.91**	**0.94**	**0.96**	**0.78**
		0.53	**0.65**	0.11	**0.70**
Sex ratio		0.12	-0.15	0.09	0.21
		-0.39	0.37	0.37	-0.27