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Limited thermal plasticity and geographic divergence in the ovipositor of *Drosophila suzukii*

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29Abstract

30Phenotypic plasticity has been repeatedly suggested to facilitate adaptation to new environmental 31conditions, as in invasions. Here we investigate this possibility by focusing on the worldwide invasion 32of *Drosophila suzukii*: an invasive species that has rapidly colonized all continents over the last 33decade. This species is characterized by a highly developed ovipositor, allowing females to lay eggs 34through the skin of ripe fruits. Using a novel approach based on the combined use of SEM and 35photogrammetry, we quantified the ovipositor size and 3D shape, contrasting invasive and native 36populations raised at three different developmental temperatures. We found a small but significant 37effect of temperature and geographic origin on the ovipositor shape, showing the occurrence of both 38geographic differentiation and plasticity to temperature. The shape reaction norms are in turn 39strikingly similar among populations, suggesting very little difference in shape plasticity among 40invasive and native populations, and therefore rejecting the hypothesis of a particular role for 41plasticity of the ovipositor in the invasion success. Overall, the ovipositor shape seems to be a fairly 42robust trait, indicative of stabilizing selection. The large performance spectrum rather than the 43flexibility of the ovipositor would thus contribute to the success of *D. suzukii* worldwide invasion.

1. Introduction

Phenotypic plasticity is a pervasive feature in nature (West-Eberhard, 1989) and a major response to changing environmental conditions (Bradshaw, 1965). Because it may facilitate the colonization of new environments (e. g. Lande, 2015), it has been suggested that plasticity may play an important role in biological invasions: accordingly, invasive populations are expected to be more plastic than non invasive populations (Davidson et al., 2011; Lande, 2015; Lee and Gelembiuk, 2008; Richards et al., 2006; Yeh and Price, 2004). Although often discussed theoretically (Chevin et al., 2010; Via and Lande, 1985), this hypothesis has been comparatively rarely tested (Richards et al., 2006), in particular in animal species (Fraimout et al., 2018; Loh et al., 2008).

Drosophila suzukii has received much attention over the last 10 years, as it has colonized multiple countries worldwide (Fraimout et al., 2017) and induced severe losses in agriculture (Asplen et al., 2015; Farnsworth et al., 2017; Mazzi et al., 2017). This species has been extensively collected to test hypotheses about the role of plasticity during its invasion (e.g. Clemente et al., 2018; Fraimout et al., 2018; Poyet et al., 2015; Shearer et al., 2016). However, plasticity largely depends on the environmental factor considered and the morphological trait under study (Fraimout et al., 2018; Nijhout and German, 2012; Nijhout et al., 2014; Shingleton et al., 2009). For *D. suzukii*, temperature has been frequently chosen as the factor inducing phenotypic plasticity due to its pervasive effect on insect development (e. g. Atkinson, 1994; Crill et al., 1996; David et al., 1997) and its importance in shaping the distribution of Drosophila species (David et al., 1997). Different morphological structures such as wings, thorax and ovipositor have been investigated (e. g. Clemente et al., 2018; Fraimout et al., 2018; Shearer et al., 2016). The ovipositor is a particularly interesting structure owing to the reproductive behavior of this species: *D. suzukii*'s damaging potential is indeed due to its over-developed ovipositor, used to pierce through the skin of ripening fruits and lay its eggs (Atallah et al., 2014). It is well-known that fruits texture is strongly affected by temperature (e. g. Bourne, 1982): specifically, their firmness and resistance to puncture tends to decrease with increasing temperature (e. g. Khazaei and Mann, 2004). It is thus conceivable that *D. suzukii* ovipositor might present some adaptive plasticity to temperature, allowing it to pierce fruits skins of (thermally induced) varying resistance. An alternative hypothesis is that it might rather be under stabilizing selection, as has been suggested in *D. melanogaster* for genitalia (Shingleton et al., 2009), in which case we should expect a reduced sensitivity to temperature.

The ovipositor is a microscopic 3D structure (about 500 µm). 3D characterization of its shape is essential to recover all the possible features involved in its performance and therefore to link its

89morphology to the possible selective forces affecting it. 2D approximations of 3D structures might be

90troublesome because all the variation recovered by one physical dimension would be missing and

91that might affect the analysis (Buser et al., 2018; Cardini, 2014). Finally, the complete description of

92shape may be particularly important for assessing the ovipositor plasticity: a 2D analysis could lead to

93underestimations of the plastic shape change when the plastic variation is not recovered among the

94shape descriptors. We thus developed an approach based on the combination of Scanning Electron

95Microscopy (SEM)-based photogrammetry and 3D geometric morphometrics allowing to finely depict

96and quantify the ovipositor 3D shape and its variation.

97   In this study we analyze the plastic response of the ovipositor shape to developmental

98temperature in three different geographic populations of *D. suzukii*, including a population from the

99native range (Japan) and two populations from the invaded range (France and USA). These three

100geographic populations represent the three most genetically divergent populations of the

101distribution (Fraimout et al., 2017). By contrasting laboratory lines derived from native and invasive

102populations, we (1) investigate whether there is any genetic divergence in the ovipositor shape

103across the distribution range; (2) quantify the ovipositor plasticity to temperature and (3) investigate

104whether plasticity is higher in invasive populations, as predicted if plasticity played a role in the

105invasion success, possibly allowing *D. suzukii* to exploit a larger diversity of substrates in varying

106thermal conditions.

108**2. Materials and methods**

109**(a) Samples**

110Adult flies were sampled in 2014 using banana bait traps and net swiping in three different regions:

111one belonging to the native range (Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan) and two to the invasive range (Paris,

112France and Dayton, Oregon, USA). Ten isofemale lines per locality were stocked so that they

113performed single matings separately and the F1 offspring was expanded in consecutive series of vials

114(Hoffmann and Parsons, 1988). These stocks were maintained at 22°C on a medium with corn starch,

115yeast with antibiotics and hydroxyl-4 benzoate. Female flies were left to oviposit for 24 hours in two

116separate sets of 20 vials and after oviposition was checked parent flies were removed. Then, two

117batches were placed in two incubators: one set of eggs was stored at 16°C and other one at 28°C

118(keeping a third at 22°C). Therefore, for each population and temperature we produced ten

119isofemale lines in separate rearing vials with single matings at three different experimental

120temperatures: i.e. 30 lines per geographic population. The position of the incubators was assigned

121randomly and they were kept at the experimental temperatures until 2 days after the emergence.
122These experiments were originally conducted to run the analyses published in Fraimout et al. (2018).

123   Final samples consisted on 20 individuals from Paris raised at 16°C, 11 at 22°C and 13 at 28°C.
12419 individuals from Sapporo raised at 16°C, 20 at 22°C and 23 at 28°C and 14 individuals from Dayton
125at 16°C, 6 at 22°C and 13 at 28°C.

126(b) Electronic microscopy

127For each fly, the ovipositor was detached from the body – the two valves being kept in connection –
128and the connective tissues were manually removed. Because all the specimens were conserved in
129alcohol, no deformation was produced during the removal of the ovipositors. Then, they were
130photographed using an environmental scanning electron microscope (ESEM). Images were collected
131in low vacuum (0.37 Torr) with a large field low vacuum SED detector (LFD) using a FEI Quanta 200
132FEG operating at 15 Kv at a working distance of 10 mm.

133   From each ovipositor 52 pictures were taken describing two semicircular trajectories,
134perpendicular between them. That allowed recovering information from all different angles of each
135specimen.

136(c) Photogrammetric reconstruction

137The 3D reconstruction of each ovipositor was inferred using photogrammetry (Figure 1), the
138technique allowing the 3D representation of an object from a set of pictures. The photogrammetric
139process starts with the alignment of the pictures obtained from the ESEM, i. e. the recognition of
140analogous parts among pictures. Where difficulties for the picture alignment were found, a mask was
141applied to select just the ovipositor within the pictures and discard the background, facilitating the
142correct alignment of the pictures. The inference of the distances among analogous pixels allow the
143inference of the position of these pixels in a 3D space (i. e. the transformation of pixels in voxels).
144Once this first point cloud was inferred, all the voxels not corresponding to the ovipositor itself were
145removed. This cleaning fastens the next step, the reexamination of the picture alignment once a first
146point cloud was build in order to obtain more analogous voxels. As a result, from the first point cloud
147we obtained a dense cloud. Finally, a mesh was built based on the dense cloud with no *a priori* about
148the final shape (arbitrary surface type). All reconstructions were done in PhotoScan (Agisoft, 2014).

149   Because many of the reconstructions were built using a mask, the scale bar present in the
150pictures did not appear in the 3D reconstructions and therefore we could not give the correct scale of
151each 3D model during the reconstruction process. For that, once the 3D models were obtained we
152measured the real lengths of the ovipositors in the pictures using ImageJ 1.51j8 (Rasband, 2012) and

153then we scale each ovipositor in MeshLab v2016.12 (Cignoni et al., 2008). The advantage of MeshLab

154is that the linear measurements of the object do not consider its surface curvature (i.e. it uses

155Euclidean distances), the same as picture measurements. In any case, to avoid any possible

156deformation due to the picture perspective we used the dorsal pictures of the ovipositor and the

157dorsal 3D view of the ovipositor (the flattest part).

158**(d) Morphometric analyses**

159A set of 5 landmarks and three curves containing in total 130 semi-landmarks were defined in each

1603D mesh (Figure 1) (Gunz and Mitteroecker, 2013). One pair of landmarks was fixed at the most distal

161part of the ovipositor and other pair at the most proximal part. The fifth fixed landmark was placed

162on the dorsal area, at the ovipositor opening. Two curves with 60 semilandmarks each were placed

163on the ovipositor sides. The other 10 semilandmarks surround the proximal area of the ovipositor.

164Landmarking was performed on Landmark Software (Wiley et al., 2005). Then, we created a template

165replicating a simplified form of an ovipositor (Figure 1), composed of 394 surface points. Landmarks,

166semilandmarks and 394 surface semilandmarks were digitized on the template and they were used

167to deform the template via thin plate spline. Finally, all landmarks were projected on the ovipositor

168and they slided to minimize bending energy taking into account the ovipositor object symmetry

169(Gunz et al., 2005). In total 529 landmarks described the ovipositor shape for each individual. This

170process follows the protocol described by Botton-Divet et al. (2015). The template was created with

171Meshlab (Cignoni et al., 2008) and the position of these landmarks and the subsequent sliding were

172performed with the R package Morpho (Schlager, 2017).

173  To assess the quality of the 3D shape reconstruction we replicated the reconstruction

174process five times on two individuals from the same geographic population and raised at the same

175temperature (two Sapporo individuals raised at 16°), so the variance between individuals was

176minimized as much as possible. The reconstructions was done on each one of these two individuals

177five times and the landmarks were collected on each of the ten meshes. A multivariate model was

178run with the function *procD.lm* (Adams et al., 2018) to test for the amount of variance explained by

179inter-individual variation in relation to the variation explained by the reconstruction and landmarking

180processes (residuals).

181  Differences among populations and temperatures were explored using a between-group PCA

182(Mitteroecker and Bookstein, 2011). A permutation test was run this transformation of the space was

183computed to test the significance of the differences among populations. Individuals from all groups

184(populations and temperature) were randomly shuffled and new pairwise Procrustes distances

185among group means computed. 10000 permutations were run and significance levels obtained as the

186proportion of Procrustes distances less extreme. Because the permutations are run on the whole 187sample and significance tests are not independent, no correction for multiple comparisons is needed. 188The effect on shape of the temperature and population factors as well as their interaction were 189tested with a linear multivariate model and permutation tests as performed in the geomorph 190function *procD.lm* (Adams et al., 2018). The effect size for each factor was assessed by Z, an 191estimator based on the F-statistic (Collyer et al., 2015). The effect the two factors on the centroid size 192was assessed with a two-way ANOVA.

193   To further compare the plastic responses among populations we used the trajectory analysis 194method developed by Collyer and Adams (2013). This approach specifically tests the similarity 195between trajectories depicting shape changes in the multivariate shape space and it can be readily 196transposed to the analysis of shape reaction norms. With this analysis, three different aspects of the 197shape change are studied: the amount of shape change as the trajectory path length (size), the 198pattern of shape covariation as the difference in angles among the first principal component of each 199trajectory (direction) and the differences in trajectory shapes (shape) as Procrustes distances 200between pairs of phenotypic trajectories. Although these three aspects of plasticity are somehow 201related, they do not look at the same effects temperature may have on shape variation. The amount 202of shape change reflects whether the effect of temperature on shape variation (i. e. plasticity) is 203larger or smaller in some populations. The pattern of shape covariation whether temperature affects 204the correlation patterns among the different landmarks, changing which landmarks covary together 205in response to temperature and in the degree and sign of these covariations. Last, the differences in 206trajectory shapes study the existence of differences among shapes at the same temperature. The 207statistical assessment of these three features is based on the simulated resampling from a 208distribution characterized by the difference in path length, angle or distances respectively and their 209standard deviations.

210   Allometry was quantified using a linear model of the logarithm of the centroid size against 211symmetric shape (Monteiro, 1999). A general allometric pattern was expected given the pervasive 212effect of temperature on size in insects (David et al., 1997) as well as previously published effects in 2132D (Clemente et al., 2018). Differences in the allometric slopes among geographic populations were 214also assessed. Because the allometric patterns are expected to be primarily influenced by 215temperature variation, we would expect the differences in allometric slopes and the differences in 216reaction norms to be analogous. Differences among slopes were tested with an ANOVA. All 217morphometric tests were applied in the R package geomorph (Adams et al., 2018).

Finally, we investigated the degree of relative robustness of the ovipositor, by comparing its
variation with that of the wing, as assessed on the same samples by Fraimout et al. (2018). For size,
we simply computed the coefficient of variation both within and among temperatures (i. e. among
mean centroid sizes per temperature), for both structures. To test for differences in the coefficient of
variation of size between structures we used the modified signed-likelihood ratio test, as computed
in the R package *cvequality* (Krishnamoorthy and Lee, 2014). Comparing the shape variability of two
different objects is challenging, because they lie in different shape spaces and no direct multivariate
extension of the coefficient of variation can be applied. We used Mahalanobis distances among
temperatures, computed independently for the two structures, as a measure of their relative
sensitivity to temperature. Because this distance measures the difference between groups relative to
the within group variation (Klingenberg and Monteiro, 2005), it could be comparable between
structures with a note of caution. Because our hypothesis is that the ovipositor will show more
robustness, it may also show lower within-group variation and that would increase distances. In this
particular case, this feature makes our estimates more conservative but further applications of this
method would require appropriate justification. As distance measures are affected by the data
dimensionality, we estimated the Mahalanobis distances on the same number of principal
components for each dataset (26 principal components: 100% of the fly shape variation and 96.94%
of the ovipositor shape variation). The statistical assessment of the difference in plasticity between
temperatures was done with an *ad-hoc* permutation test under the null hypothesis that the
difference in plasticity between structures is equal to zero. In it, for the ovipositor and the wing
independently, all distances from individuals at one temperature to individuals at other temperature
were estimated. Then, all within-structure among-temperature distances were randomly assigned to
two groups and the difference between the means of these two groups stored. The permutation was
run 1000 times and a distribution of differences in plasticity (centered in zero) was generated. The
empirical differences were considered significant if their real value fell out of the 95% of the values in
the distribution. To obtain the distances among temperatures we applied the function *CVA* in the R
package Morpho (Schlager, 2017). All analyses and data management were conducted in RStudio
version 1.1.442 (RStudio Team, 2016).

247 3. Results

248 The 3D shape reconstruction of the ovipositors allowed us to assess the ovipositor 3D shape variation
249 precisely. We found a significant effect of temperature and geographic variation on the ovipositor
250 size and 3D shape, but the effects appeared weak and all nine experimental groups were not fully

251discriminated (Table 1). Although the interaction between geographic and temperature factors was 252significant in the multivariate model, no differences among shape trajectories or allometric slopes in 253response to temperature were detected among geographic populations (Figure 2).

254**(a) Measurement error**

255 The repeated reconstruction of the 3D shape of the two individuals from Sapporo raised at 16°C 256showed that the variation in the reconstruction process was almost four times smaller than variation 257between individuals (MS_{IND}/MS_{RES} = 3.92, p = 0.011). Although substantial, measurement error due to 2583D reconstruction and landmarking processes should not preclude detection of genuine variation 259among individual ovipositors.

260**(b) Temperature and population effects**

261Overall, both temperature (Z = 5.27, p < 0.001) and geography (Z = 4.72, p <0.001) had a significant 262effect on ovipositor shape. In addition, temperature interacted with geography in their association 263with shape (Z = 1.95, p = 0.026), suggesting a different effect of temperature among geographic 264populations. The pairwise comparisons between geographic samples showed that the significance of 265this interaction was driven by a subtle difference between Sapporo and Paris populations (Z = 1.96, p 266= 0.035).

267   The temperature shift from 22° to 16°C is associated with a narrowed ovipositor overall 268(Figure 3). At 16° the ovipositor seemed to be elongated and flatter, producing an inner folding of the 269lateral parts of the ovipositor within the structure and therefore smaller and plane lateral parts. The 270increase from 22° to 28°C produced again an overall narrowing of the ovipositor (although less 271pronounced than at 16°) and the widening of the anterior part of the ovipositor. In comparison to 272Sapporo population, Paris population showed a narrower posterior part and more folding on the 273lateral parts, which were smaller. Dayton seemed the most elongated geographic population and the 274one with the narrowest anterior part.

275   The trajectory analysis showed a striking conservation of the shape variation patterns among 276geographic populations (Figure 2). Trajectories for all geographic populations showed very similar 277path lengths (Paris = 0.10, Sapporo = 0.08, Dayton = 0.10) and no difference was detected (Sapporo-278Paris: effect size = -0.02, p = 0.41, Sapporo-Dayton: effect size = -0.48, p = 0.63, Paris-Dayton: effect 279size = -1.05, p = 0.87). Although angles among populations showed larger variation, no difference 280among trajectory angles was found (Sapporo-Paris: angle = 120.56°, Effect size = 0.98, p = 0.977, 281Sapporo-Dayton: angle = 100.36°, Effect size = 0.48, p = 0.361, Dayton-Paris: angle = 41.92°, Effect 282size = -0.96, p = 0.77). Similarly, shape differences among trajectories were no significant (Sapporo-

283Paris: Procrustes distance = 0.10, effect size = -1.16, p = 0.89, Sapporo-Dayton: Procrustes distance =

2840.25, effect size = -0.04, p = 0.47, Paris-Dayton: Procrustes distance = 0.17, effect size = -0.70, p =

2850.74).

286**(c) Size variation and allometry**

287The ovipositor size was found to decrease with increasing temperature (Figure 5, $F_{2, 130}$ = 92.31, p <

2880.001). Geography also showed a significant effect on the ovipositor size (Figure 5, $F_{2, 130}$ = 14.875, p <

2890.001), Dayton populations being larger than Paris. No interaction between temperature and

290population effects was detected ($F_{4, 130}$ = 2.138, p = 0.08), suggesting that the plasticity of ovipositor

291size was conserved across populations.

292   Ovipositor shape and size were correlated, so the plastic response to temperature produced

293a general allometric pattern (Z = 3.79, p < 0.001). When the allometric slope among geographic

294populations was compared, no significant difference was found (Z = 0.49, p = 0.325).

295**(d) Comparison with the wing**

296Wing shape showed much larger Mahalanobis distances among temperatures than the ovipositor

297shape, suggesting that wing shape is more plastic than ovipositor shape. For the ovipositor, the

298distances from 22℃ to the extreme temperatures are relatively stable: 2.38 to 16℃ and 3.03 to 28℃.

299For the wing, both distances were larger but the high temperature had a stronger impact on shape:

3002.87 to 16℃ (p < 0.001) and 5.60 to 28℃ (p < 0.001). When we look at the distances between the

301extreme temperatures the difference between structures became more evident: we obtained a

302measure of 3.74 from 16° to 28℃ for the ovipositor and a measure of 7.78 for the wing (p < 0.001).

303   For the centroid size, within temperature CV were close to 3% for both the wing and the

304ovipositor (Wing: $CV_{16℃}$ = 3.07%, $CV_{22℃}$ = 3.86%, $CV_{28℃}$ = 2.19%; Ovipositor: $CV_{16℃}$ = 3.67%, $CV_{22℃}$ =

3053.86%, $CV_{28℃}$ = 3.67%). When comparing CV between structures within each temperature, only

306significant differences at 28℃ were found ($MSLRT_{16℃}$ = 1.14, p = 0.286; $MSLRT_{22℃}$ < 0.01, p = 0.954;

307$MSLRT_{28℃}$ = 8.05, p = 0.005). The wing showed a much larger plastic response among temperatures

308than the ovipositor (CV_{WING} = 14.28%, $CV_{OVIPOSITOR}$ = 4.55%, MSLRT = 65.42, p < 0.001).

310**4. Discussion**

311Our results showed significant but limited plasticity of the ovipositor shape to developmental

312temperature in comparison to the wing, suggesting a high robustness of the former structure against

313environmental variation. We also found some geographic variation associated to the ovipositor

314shape but its effect seemed subtle as well. This variation probably arises as a consequence of the
315geographic spread of this species over the last years (Fraimout et al., 2017). Although the interaction
316between temperature and geographic variation appeared significant, we did not find differences
317among reaction norms in either trajectory size, direction or shape. The allometry test confirmed
318these results from a different perspective: developmental temperature produces a particular
319relationship between the ovipositor size and shape that appeared stable among geographic
320populations.

321   Developmental temperature is a well-known factor in the origin of size and shape variation in
322insects (Atkinson, 1994; Ray, 1960). In the ovipositor we found the expected effect of developmental
323temperature (i. e. higher temperature, smaller ovipositors) (David et al., 1997) and the expected
324presence of allometry published for 2D analyses (Clemente et al., 2018). Our 3D approach allowed us
325to depict and quantify the full shape of the ovipositor and should thus allow detecting any
326differences among temperature and geographic factors.

327   In the light of our estimates, and especially if we compare the effect of temperature on the
328ovipositor size with that on in wing size in the same populations under the same experimental design
329(Fraimout et al., 2018), the ovipositor appears to be somewhat robust to temperature. This
330robustness is consistent with previous studies of phenotypic plasticity in Drosophila, showing a
331reduced variability of genitalia compared to other body parts (Shingleton et al., 2009; Shingleton et
332al., 2018). The mild plastic variation expressed in our experiments and the success of the invasion
333suggest that the ovipositor is able to perform well in a wide range of environmental conditions. One
334possible explanation for the limited plasticity of the ovipositor could be the effect of stabilizing
335selection, which could reduce its range of variation. This limited plasticity is congruent with the
336limited geographic variation detected and previous evidence on coevolution of the ovipositor with
337the male genitalia (Muto et al., 2018), expected for a trait under stabilizing selection (Eberhard, 2009;
338Eberhard et al., 1998). A formal Qst/FSt comparison (Ovaskainen et al., 2011) would nevertheless be
339necessary to test this hypothesis. Directional selection has also been showed to reduce plasticity
340(Bertin and Fairbairn, 2007; Bonduriansky and Day, 2003), e. g. as a consequence of the differences in
341the individual developmental variation in response to temperature (Dreyer et al., 2016). Because the
342individual is the target of selection and not particular structures within the organism, directional
343selection favoring certain traits may impact the population variability for a different trait. Depending
344on the developmental covariation between these two traits, directional selection in one trait may
345result in small variation for the second one.

346   Albeit limited, some plasticity in the ovipositor was nevertheless detected, that might have 347consequences on the female ability to pierce the fruits tegument. Temperature enhances fruit 348ripening and this change in the fruit consistency (weakening the surface) might impose new 349functional demands on the ovipositor morphology to successfully perforate the fruits during the 350oviposition (Figure 6). Although fully hypothetical, it is conceivable that the plastic shape changes 351reported here might have some adaptive value. This should be tested experimentally by evaluating 352the relative performance on a variety of substrates, of the cold and hot-generated ovipositors. Other 353factors like the existence of alternative selective pressures imposed on the ovipositor morphology 354such as sexual coevolution (Muto et al., 2018) and pleiotropic genetic effects during the ovipositor 355development (Green et al., 2018) might limit to such morphological adaptation.

356   The lack of difference in plasticity between invasive and native populations suggests that the 357role of plasticity in the ovipositor during the worldwide invasion of *D. suzukii*, if any, has been limited. 358A similar result was found for wing shape plasticity, using males from the same populations 359(Fraimout et al., 2018). It has been proposed that plasticity might be transient during colonization 360(Lande, 2015), leaving open the possibility that plasticity might have contributed to the invasion 361success prior being genetically fixed. Given the speed of *D. suzukii* invasion (Fraimout et al., 2017) 362and the fact that all three populations show limited plastic responses, such hypothesis of 'rapidly-363evolving' plasticity nevertheless seems unlikely.

364   In conclusion, while we detected some genetic divergence among populations and some 365thermal plasticity, phenotypic variation of the ovipositor was very limited, suggesting a high 366phenotypic robustness indicative of a history of stabilizing selection. The lack of difference in 367plasticity among populations suggests that the ovipositor large performance spectrum and 368phenotypic robustness rather than its plasticity would contribute to *D. suzukii* invasive success.

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Tables

	Paris 16°	Paris 22°	Paris 28°	Sapporo 16°	Sapporo 22°	Sapporo 28°	Dayton 16°	Dayton 22°
Paris 22°	0.0058							
Paris 28°	0.0082	0.0104						
Sapporo 16°	0.1224	0.0034	0.0004					
Sapporo 22°	0.0002	0.0063	0.0001	0.0036				
Sapporo 28°	0.0107	0.0001	0.0055	0.0550	0.0053			
Dayton 16°	0.0306	0.0115	0.0001	0.0415	0.0002	0.0002		
Dayton 22°	0.0107	0.3861	0.0010	0.0790	0.0208	0.0007	0.2093	
Dayton 28°	0.0460	0.0044	0.0060	0.1402	0.0193	0.2199	0.0136	0.0254

543**Table 1. Discriminant analysis for temperature and geographic factors.** 1000 permutations using

544Procrustes distances between group means were run with the function *groupPCA* of the R package

545Morpho. No significant results are shaded.

547**Figures**

550**Figure 1. Ovipositor at electronic microscopy (a), template (b) and ovipositor phenotyping (c).** Once

551the ovipositor pictures at electronic microscopy were obtained (a) and the 3D reconstruction of the

552ovipositor was done, we build a template with a simplified shape of an ovipositor (b) where we

553placed landmarks (red), semilandmarks (blue) and surface semilandmarks (green). This template was

554then projected to each 3D reconstruction to obtain the 3D landmarks characterizing the ovipositor

555shape (c).

558**Figure 2. Ovipositor 3D shape variability and plasticity trajectories in response to developmental**
559**temperature.** First two principal components of the ovipositor shape for individuals (gray) and
560temperature means for each geographic population (black; square: 16°C, triangle: 22°C, circle: 28°C).
561The three temperature levels for each geographic population are joined so the reaction norms can be
562visualized for each population (Paris: red, Sapporo: green, Dayton: blue). We can observe the overlap
563among reaction norms and the similarity in their trajectories, suggesting similar plasticities among
564populations.

Shape changes in response to temperature

569**Figure 3. Effect of developmental temperature on the ovipositor 3D shape.** While the ovipositor

570shape at 22℃ (center row) represents the approximate real shape of the three populations at that

571temperature, morphologies at extreme temperatures are represented as exaggerated versions (five

572standard deviations) of the linear transformation from 22℃ to each temperature. Therefore, the

573linear transformation from 16° to 28°, not biologically meaningful as the effect of temperature is not

574linear, is not represented. 3D shapes are captured by four different perspectives (from left to right:

575posterior, dorsal, lateral and anterior). Shape changes were obtained with the Morpho library. See

576results for the description of the shape changes.

Shape changes associated to geographic variation

580**Figure 4. Effect of geographic variation on the ovipositor 3D shape.** Here we represent the 581exaggerated linear deformation (three standard deviations) from the overall mean shape to each 582geographic population shape. 3D shapes are captured by four different perspectives (from left to 583right: distal, dorsal, lateral and proximal). Similarly to Figure 3, the lineal transformation from the 584Paris to Dayton population does not make biological sense since both come from a Japanese 585population (Fraimout et al., 2017). Therefore, Sapporo population is represented by its true mean 586shape and the other two population as a linear transformation from the former to each of the latter 587populations. Shape changes were obtained with the Morpho library. See results for the description of 588the shape changes.

592 **Figure 5. Effect of developmental temperature on the ovipositor centroid size.** Ovipositor centroid
593 size variation in response to developmental temperature (16°C: left block, 22°C: middle block, 28°C:
594 right block), for each population (Paris: red, Sapporo: green, Dayton: blue).

597**Figure 6.** *Drosophila suzukii* ovipositing on a strawberry.