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- 2 generalist predator
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24 Abstract

25 The rapidly growing field of molecular diet analysis is becoming increasingly popular 26 among ecologists, especially when investigating methodologically challenging groups 27 such as invertebrate generalist predators. Prey DNA detection success is known to be 28 affected by multiple factors, however the type of dietary sample has rarely been 29 considered. Here, we address this knowledge gap by comparing prey DNA detection 30 success from three types of dietary samples. In a controlled feeding experiment, using 31 the carabid beetle *Pterostichus melanarius* as a model predator, we collected 32 regurgitates, feces and whole consumers (including their gut contents) at different time 33 points post-feeding. All dietary samples were analyzed using multiplex PCR targeting 34 three different length DNA fragments (128 bp, 332 bp and 612 bp). Our results show 35 that both the type of dietary sample and the size of the DNA fragment contribute to a 36 significant part of the variation found in the detectability of prey DNA. Specifically, we 37 observed that in both regurgitates and whole consumers prey DNA was detectable 38 significantly longer for all fragment sizes than for feces. Based on these observations, 39 we conclude that prey DNA detected from regurgitates and whole consumers DNA 40 extracts are comparable, whereas prey DNA detected from feces, though still 41 sufficiently reliable for ecological studies, will not be directly comparable to the former. 42 Therefore, regurgitates and feces constitute an interesting, non-lethal source for dietary 43 information that could be applied to field studies in situations when invertebrate 44 predators should not be killed.

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47 Introduction

48 DNA-based diet analysis is rapidly being employed as a widespread tool for 49 empirically characterizing diet and trophic interactions in a broad range of vertebrates 50 and invertebrates (Traugott et al. 2013; Clare 2015). DNA-based methods for diet 51 analysis typically rely on the detection of short fragments of prey DNA, recovered from 52 predator's gut contents (e.g. Leray et al. 2015; Mollot et al. 2014) or other types of 53 dietary samples such as feces, regurgitates, or whole consumers (e.g. lbanez et al. 54 2013; Kartzinel et al. 2015; Thalinger et al. 2016; Wallinger et al. 2015). The success of 55 DNA-based approaches to analyze trophic interactions is mainly due to the fact that 56 they allow the direct and accurate identification of trophic links from minute amount of 57 starting material, even for very small-sized organisms such as mites (Pérez-Sayas et al. 58 2015) or zooplankton (Durbin et al. 2012). Furthermore, the rapid growth of public 59 sequence databases and methodological improvements in detection sensitivity and 60 high-throughput technology, offer time- and cost-effective procedures applicable to a 61 great variety of ecological systems and to large sample sizes (e.g. Valentini et al. 2009; 62 Pompanon et al. 2012; Sint et al. 2011).

DNA-based diet analysis is particularly valuable for studying invertebrate generalist predators (Symondson 2012). Indeed, DNA methods offer a sensitive and flexible alternative to traditional behavioural or dissecting techniques that often fail to detect prey that does not leave hard remains in these cryptic liquid feeders (Traugott *et al.* 2013). DNA techniques are, however, also subject to bias and prey DNA detection success could be hampered by a variety of factors among which the type of dietary sample could play an important role (King *et al.* 2008; Pompanon *et al.* 2012; Traugott

70 et al. 2013). In the case of arthropods, whole body extracts are usually the most 71 convenient source of dietary DNA that avoid laborious dissections. Besides the 72 drawbacks of a lethal approach (e.g. sacrificing rare or endangered species; affecting 73 population dynamics, etc.), whole body extracts may pose additional challenges 74 especially in the case of DNA metabarcoding diet analysis. As DNA metabarcoding 75 combines general primers and high-throughput sequencing, the concomitant 76 amplification of consumer DNA usually compromises the detection success of scarcer 77 and degraded prey DNA (e.g. Shehzad et al. 2012; Piñol et al. 2014). 78 Waldner & Traugott (2012) demonstrated that regurgitates, a fluid mixture 79 containing semi-digested prey remains and digestive enzymes, obtained from predatory 80 carabid beetles provided superior prey DNA detection rates compared to whole body 81 DNA extracts. Another prospective source of food DNA are feces, although their use as 82 a dietary source in invertebrates is still uncommon (e.g. Ibanez et al. 2013; Redd et al. 83 2014; Sint et al. 2015). Usually, both regurgitates and feces seem to provide similar or 84 better detection rates compared to whole body extracts (Durbin et al. 2012; Egeter et al. 85 2015; Unruh et al. 2016), and contain comparatively much less consumer DNA, making 86 them putatively an ideal source for metabarcoding diet analysis. Nevertheless, to date 87 we lack a comparative and quantitative assessment of the respective efficiency in 88 detection success between whole bodies, regurgitates and feces as well as prospective 89 interactions with other sources of non-dietary variation such as the target DNA fragment 90 size.

In this study, we address this knowledge gap by comparing the prey DNA
detection rates for three types of dietary samples: whole consumers including their gut

93 content, regurgitates and feces. Using a controlled feeding experiment involving a 94 widespread carabid predator, *Pterostichus melanarius* (Coleoptera: Carabidae) we test 95 the following hypotheses: (i) post feeding prey DNA detection success should be similar 96 or better in regurgitates compared to whole beetles due to lesser degradation of prey 97 DNA in the former; (ii) prev DNA detection success should be lower in feces compared 98 to regurgitates and whole bodies as faecal material represents the final stage of the 99 digestion process; and (iii) prey DNA detection should decrease with increasing DNA 100 fragment size and the time post-feeding for all types of samples. 101 102 **Material & Methods** 103 104 Sampling and maintenance of predators 105 Pterostichus melanarius individuals were collected by dry pitfall traps in two 106 adjacent maize fields situated at the experimental site of INRA Le Rheu (Ille-et-Vilaine, 107 France; GPS coordinates: 48.10744282N; 1.78830482W). Regular 24-hour trapping 108 sessions were conducted in July – August 2013 until a sufficient number of individuals 109 had been collected. All living beetles were brought to the laboratory where they were 110 identified to species level and individually placed in plastic containers filled with loam. 111 Beetles were stored at room temperature and continuously provided with water and 112 food (field-collected earthworms and small pieces of apple). 113

114 **Feeding experiment**

115 Prior to the feeding experiment, beetles were starved for 96 h in fresh individual 116 plastic Petri dishes (5 cm diameter) containing only a droplet of water. After the 117 starvation period, all beetles were transferred to a new Petri dish and provided with one 118 freshly freeze-killed mealworm (Tenebrio molitor, Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) cut in half. 119 Carabids were allowed to feed for one hour in a dark climatic chamber at 20°. After 120 feeding all beetles which had fully consumed the mealworm were transferred into fresh 121 Petri dishes with no food. Beetles were stored at room temperature and continuously 122 provided with water during the experiment.

123 For the "whole beetle" treatment, batches of 10 randomly chosen carabids were 124 frozen in 2-mL reaction tubes by immersion in liquid nitrogen at 0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 125 and 96 hours post-feeding. Immersion in liquid nitrogen was necessary as previous 126 tests showed that living beetles do not die immediately after placement at -20°C. 127 leading them to regurgitate into the reaction tube. After immersion, all whole beetles 128 were stored at -20°C. Thirteen starved beetles were never allowed to feed and they 129 were freeze-killed at 0 h to be used as negative controls. For the "regurgitate" treatment, 130 batches of 10 randomly chosen individuals were allowed to regurgitate on a cotton wool 131 tip according to the protocol described in Waldner & Traugott (2012) at 0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 132 60, 72 and 96 h post-feeding. After regurgitation, all beetles per given time-point were 133 freeze-killed and stored at -20°C. Exactly the same procedure at each time point was 134 applied on a control tip without touching a beetle for checking potential DNA carry-over 135 contaminations. All samples were stored at -20°C prior to DNA extraction and PCR. For 136 the "feces" treatment, 20 carabid beetles were placed in new Petri dishes after feeding 137 with a droplet of clean water. Carabids were continuously checked for feces production

138 at every 6 hours. Detected feces were immediately frozen within the Petri dish at -20°C

139 whereupon the corresponding carabid individual was transferred into a new Petri dish.

140 Feces production was monitored until all beetles died.

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142 Molecular diet analysis

143 Regurgitate and fecal samples were directly lysed in 200 µl TES Lysis Buffer 144 (Macherey-Nagel, Germany) and 5 µl Proteinase K (10 mg/mL) overnight at 56°C. The 145 whole beetles were previously ground using three 4 mm stainless steel beads (Lemoine 146 S.A.S. Rennes, France) within a volume of 620 µl TES Lysis Buffer and 10 µl 147 Proteinase K (10 mg/mL) per beetle. Tissues were disrupted by a 1-minute bead-148 beating step using a professional paint mixer (Fluid Management Inc., Wheeling, IL, 149 USA). All samples were incubated overnight at 56°C. Respectively 2, 6, and 2 lysate 150 blanks (i.e. no DNA material) were carried out for the whole beetles, fecal and 151 regurgitate treatments. DNA was extracted in batches of 92 samples using the Biosprint 152 96 DNA Blood Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) on a Biosprint 96 extraction robotic 153 platform (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. DNA was finally diluted in 154 200 µI TE buffer (0.1 M TRIS, pH 8, 10 mM EDTA) and the extracts were stored at -28 155 °C. To avoid contamination, DNA extractions were done in a separate pre-PCR 156 laboratory using a UVC-equipped laminar flow hood. To check for sample-to-sample 157 cross-contamination, four extraction negative controls (PCR-grade RNase-free water 158 instead of lysate) were included within each batch of 92 samples. All of these controls 159 tested negative using the diagnostic PCR assay described below.

- 160 The DNA extracts were screened with a multiplex PCR assay targeting three
- 161 overlapping COI mtDNA fragments of *T. molitor,* i.e. 128 bp, 332 bp and 612 bp. The
- 162 primer mix contained 6 µM of primers Ten-mol-S210 (5'-
- 163 TACCGTTATTCGTATGAGCAGTAT-3') and Ten-mol-A212 (5'-
- 164 CGCTGGGTCAAAGAAGGAT-3') as well as 2 µM of primers Ten-mol-S232 (5'-
- 165 TAATAAGAAGAATTGTAGAAAACGGG-3') and Ten-mol-S231 (5'-
- 166 TCATTTTTGGAGCGTGATCC-3') (Oehm et al. 2011; Sint et al. 2011). Each 10 µl PCR
- 167 consisted of 1.5 µl template DNA, 5.0 µl of 2x Multiplex PCR Kit reaction mix (Qiagen),
- 168 1.0 μl of primer mix, 0.5 μl of bovine serum albumin (BSA, 10 mg ml⁻¹), and 2.0 μl of
- 169 PCR-grade RNase-free water (Qiagen) to adjust the volume. Thermocycling was
- 170 conducted in Eppendorf Mastercyclers (Eppendorf, Hamburg Germany) and cycling
- 171 conditions were 15 min at 95 °C, 35 cycles of 30 sec at 94 °C, 90 sec at 63 °C, 1 min at
- 172 72 °C, and final elongation 10 min at 72 °C. To check for amplification success and
- 173 DNA carry-over contamination, two positive (mealworm DNA) and two negative controls
- 174 (PCR water instead of DNA) were included within each PCR, respectively.

The PCR products obtained were visualized using QIAxcel, an automated capillary electrophoresis system (Qiagen), with method AL320. The results were scored with Biocalculator Fast Analysis Software version 3.0 (Qiagen) and the threshold was set to 0.07 relative fluorescent units. Samples above this threshold and showing the expected fragment length were counted as positives. All DNA extracts that were tested negative in the first run were re-tested with general primers (Folmer *et al.* 1994) in a second PCR to check for any amplifiable DNA (all of these samples tested positive). To ensure 182 contamination-free conditions, PCR preparation and visualization of PCR products were
183 done in two separate laboratories (workflow: from pre- to post-PCR areas).

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185 Statistical analyses

186 A generalized linear mixed model was built to fit a logistic regression on the DNA 187 detection data. We integrated three fixed effects into the model: two qualitative factors, 188 the marker size (128 bp, 332 bp, 612 bp) and the sample type (regurgitates, feces or 189 whole body DNA extracts), and one continuous variable, the time post-feeding. To 190 compensate for non-independence in collection of feces individuals were included as a 191 random effect. The model was fitted using the *qlmm* function from the R package 192 "glmm" (https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/glmm). Models were fit using a Monte 193 Carlo sample size of 1024 with 10,000 iterations. The distribution of each of the model 194 parameters was approximated to a normal distribution using the maximum goodness-of-195 fit estimation with the "fitdist" function available in the R package "fitdistrplus" 196 (Delignette-Muller & Dutang 2015). The variance in detectability rates explained by the 197 model was estimated using the coefficient of determination method (Tjur 2009). Tests of 198 the differences between mean detectability rates for each of the qualitative factors 199 (marker length and sample type) were conducted using a Z-test. The time point for a 200 prey detection probability of 50% (i.e. the time point at which on average half of the 201 individuals show positive for the target prey) was determined for each dietary sample 202 and DNA fragment size. To compensate for false discovery rate in multiple testing 203 comparisons between fragments were based on 95% confidence limits (CI) as

suggested by Greenstone et al (2013). All statistical analyses were conducted using the
R software (R Core Team 2013).

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207 Results

208 Detectability of mealworm DNA in *P. melanarius* decreased with increasing post-209 feeding time and prey DNA fragment length for the three dietary samples (Fig. 1, small 210 vs medium and small vs large fragments: p < 0.001; medium vs large fragment: p = 0.08), 211 with post-feeding detection time intervals being longest for the shortest DNA fragment 212 (Fig. 1 A, B, C). We also observed a significant effect of the dietary sample type, with 213 prey DNA detection success being significantly lower in feces compared to regurgitates 214 and whole beetles for all the three fragment sizes (Fig. 1, in all cases p < 0.001). There 215 was also a tendency for longer post-feeding detection periods in regurgitates compared 216 to whole beetles (Fig. 1A, B) but differences were not significant (p=0.6). Our model 217 fitted the data well for all of the three dietary samples: regurgitates (Fig. 1A), whole 218 beetles (Fig. 1B) and feces (Fig. 1C), and explained 50% of the variance in DNA 219 detectability. Raw data are presented in Table 1. For the small prey DNA fragment, 50% 220 detection time was the highest for regurgitates (94 hours) but the value significantly 221 dropped by more than half for the medium fragment (42 hours) and was significantly 222 shortest for the largest prey DNA fragment (30.6 hours; Table 2). In feces 50% 223 detection probabilities were the lowest for all the three DNA fragment sizes, with only 19 224 hours for the largest DNA fragment (612 pb) and a significantly shorter detection 225 probability for the medium prey DNA fragment when compared to the regurgitate 226 samples (Table 2).

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228 Discussion

229 How long prey DNA can be detected in a sample is determined by a range of 230 interacting factors related to the environment, the predator-prey system and the 231 molecular techniques used. These might affect results, but how is difficult to disentangle 232 without conducting comprehensive experiments that explicitly account for factor 233 multiplicity. Here, we compared multiple dietary samples from one species of 234 invertebrate consumer, in a controlled feeding experiment, and assessed how the 235 combined effects of the type of dietary sample and DNA fragment size will affect the 236 prey DNA detection probability over time since feeding. Our results show that each of 237 these factors significantly affects the rate at which the probability of detecting prey DNA 238 decreases over time. Consistent with our hypothesis, the time during which DNA could 239 be detected was the longest for regurgitates, for each of the three tested prey DNA 240 fragment sizes. While this was not significantly different from DNA detected from whole 241 beetles, prey DNA contained in feces was detectable for a significantly shorter time for 242 all three fragment sizes.

Our results support the general assumption that regurgitates constitute a good alternative source of prey DNA (Waldner & Traugott 2012; Wallinger *et al.* 2015). Such an alternative could be particularly useful in manipulative food web experiments, where the removal and killing of the targeted predators during sampling could disturb the system under study. As 79% of predaceous land-dwelling arthropods use extra-oral digestion (Cohen 1995), this approach is potentially applicable to a large array of taxa and ecological situations. Furthermore, by containing comparatively less predator DNA,

regurgitates could also be a valuable source of dietary data in DNA metabarcoding
studies involving the use of general primers (Waldner & Traugott, 2012).

Nevertheless, the use of regurgitates could entail some additional limitations such as the detection of only the most recent diet items, and probably represents merely a narrow fraction of individual's diet, especially in generalist feeders with frequent switching behavior such as carabids (Lövei & Sunderland, 1996). Thus, the choice of the most appropriate dietary sample will most likely consist in a trade-off between DNA detection rates and representativeness in terms of diet according to the focus of interest.

259 Fecal samples could provide a more integrated picture of individual's diet. Our 260 results show that overall prey DNA detection was lower compared to regurgitates and 261 whole bodies. Note, however, that this was true only for the medium sized fragment 262 when considering the 50% prey DNA detection probability, with significantly lower post-263 feeding interval found in feces compared to regurgitates. This indicates that feces 264 overall are a good source of dietary DNA at least in *P. melanarius* beetles. Similarly, 265 earlier study in wolf spiders showed that prey DNA was detectable in spider feces albeit 266 in lower rates compared to whole body DNA extracts (Sint et al. 2015). As spiders 267 represent an important group of generalist feeders that typically do not regurgitate, the 268 sole non-lethal dietary sample that could be collected are feces. Also, we cannot rule 269 out the possibility that in our case DNA prey detection success in feces was lower 270 simply due to the constraints of the experiment. As carabids were checked for feces 271 every 6 hours, feces deposited earlier within that timeframe could have experienced

higher DNA degradation due to longer exposure to ambient temperature, thus resultingin increased variability in DNA prey detection success.

In a recent paper Unruh et al. (2016) even show that there is no difference in DNA detection between whole bodies and feces in the insect predator *Forficula auricularia*. While the authors do not discuss the possible mechanisms behind this observation, results tend to suggest that feces could be at least as good dietary source as whole body extracts for predatory insects such as *F. auricularia*. Hence, feces remain a viable non-lethal dietary source in certain situations, as detection rates are generally high.

281 Yet, the question of the time it takes for prey DNA to travel through the digestive 282 tract of insects and how this varies across different taxa remains. Having a better 283 understanding about the temporal aspects of digestion in insects in general, and 284 particularly in carabid beetles is important. Carabids are generalist, mobile feeders with 285 frequent switching behavior (Lövei & Sunderland, 1996) meaning that frequent diet 286 shifts but long prey DNA retention periods may result for instance in an overestimation 287 of consumption rates or in a mismatch between diet composition and estimations of 288 prey availability at the place where dietary samples were collected. We also usually do 289 not consider whether this problem could be exacerbated in herbivorous species as the 290 digestion process of plant DNA in insects can last much longer as compared to animal 291 DNA (Staudacher et al. 2011; Wallinger et al. 2013, 2015). For instance, results have 292 shown that ¹⁴C-inulin labelled prey in carabid beetles could still be detected in feces up 293 to five days post-feeding (Cheeseman and Gillott 1987). It will be interesting to confront 294 these findings with observations about prey DNA transit.

295 Here, we also show that prey DNA detection continuously decreases over time 296 for all the three types of dietary samples, with longer fragments (332-612 bp) decaying 297 more rapidly compared to the shorter one (128 bp). These results meet our 298 expectations and corroborate the general idea that digested DNA molecules break 299 down relatively quickly and that the size of the targeted prey DNA fragment affects post-300 feeding prey DNA detection (Agustí et al. 2003; von Berg et al. 2008). In line with 301 previous studies, our results support the idea that targeting short to medium size DNA 302 fragments in DNA diet analysis is essential in order to maximize the prey detection 303 (Deagle et al. 2006; Valentini et al. 2009). Nonetheless, if a recent feeding event is the 304 focus, then targeting longer fragments might actually be a better strategy to ensure that 305 only the most recent prey items are detected. Additionally, as in DNA metabarcoding 306 diet analysis there is generally a trade-off between DNA fragment length and taxonomic 307 resolution, targeting longer DNA fragments – within a certain range - could indeed 308 improve the taxonomic discrimination of prey species (Pompanon et al. 2012). In this 309 study, the most important observed source of variation in terms of prey DNA detection, 310 besides time post feeding, is DNA fragment size. This could have profound implications 311 in metabarcoding studies where the DNA fragment size usually needs to be optimized in 312 order to meet criteria for both optimal detectability and taxonomic resolution (Taberlet et 313 al. 2012). It would be interesting to simultaneously explore the decay rate of a larger 314 array of DNA fragments of different lengths in order to assess whether a general 315 relationship between DNA length and detectability can be drawn despite the many other 316 sources of variability detected in previous studies. One might speculate that a 317 consistent relationship between DNA detection success and DNA fragment size could

be further used as a raw predictor of post feeding prey DNA detection intervals basedsolely on prey DNA fragment length.

| 320 | In general, our findings show that quantitative analyses of diet based on different |
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| 321 | DNA fragment sizes or on different dietary samples are not directly comparable. Our |
| 322 | study suggests that for estimating and comparing consumption rates for the same |
| 323 | species between studies using different DNA fragment sizes or different dietary samples |
| 324 | (whole beetles/regurgitates vs feces), values should be corrected after taking into |
| 325 | account differences in detection probabilities (e.g. Greenstone et al. 2010). |
| 326 | Nevertheless, prey DNA detection depends on numerous additional factors including |
| 327 | species identity of the prey or the predator (Hosseini et al. 2008; Wallinger et al. 2013), |
| 328 | the feeding mode (Greenstone et al. 2007, 2013), the time since the last meal, the |
| 329 | number/size or the quality of prey consumed (Hoogendoorn & Heimpel 2001; Harper et |
| 330 | al. 2005; Eitzinger et al. 2014), which we did not investigate here. The next step |
| 331 | therefore would be the integration of multiple sources of variation in a complex |
| 332 | multispecies, multifactorial experimental design where the different sources of variation |
| 333 | could be quantified at once, and hierarchized (Welch et al. 2014). |
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- 345 All the data used in this manuscript are included in the figure and the table presented
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525 Figure 1 Prev DNA detection success in the predatory carabid beetle *Pterostichus* 526 melanarius for regurgitates (A), whole bodies (B) and feces (C). Detection rates are 527 provided for the different time points examined within each dietary sample and for the 528 three target DNA fragment sizes. Circles and dashed lines indicate actual measures. 529 Bold solid lines indicate the logistic regressions estimated from the glmm model and the 530 shaded area the 95% confidence interval envelopes of the fit. The horizontal line 531 represents the 50% prey DNA detection probability. Corresponding lower and upper 532 95% confidence limits are presented in Table 2.

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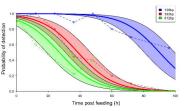
Figure 2 Estimated time points post-feeding for a 50% prey DNA detection probability
 for the different types of dietary samples and DNA fragment sizes. Provided are the
 50% prey detection probabilities in hours post-feeding.

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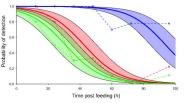
Table 1 Detection rates of small (128 bp), medium (332 bp) and large (612 bp) prey
DNA fragments of the mealworm *Tenebrio molitor* fed to the carabid *Pterostichus melanarius* in whole beetles, regurgitates, and feces. *N* is the number of samples
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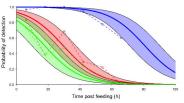
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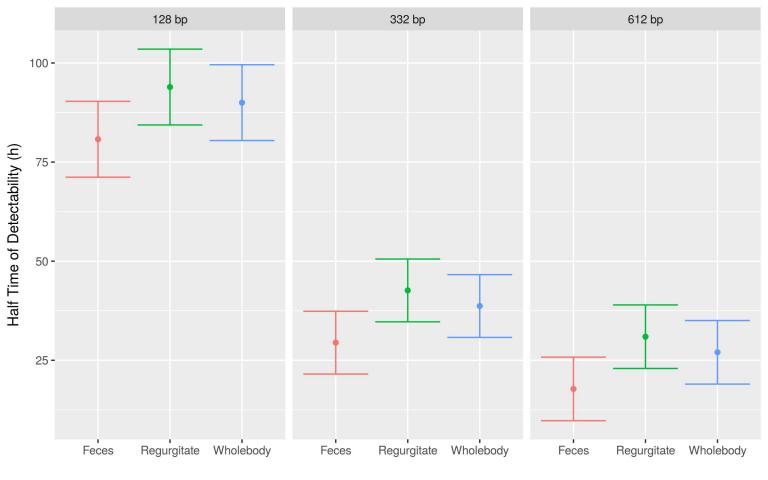


DNA extracted from regurgitates



DNA extracted from faeces





| Dietary sample | Digestion time (h) | n | Small (128 bp) | Medium (332 bp) | Large (612 bp) |
|----------------|--------------------|----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Whole bodies | 0 | 20 | 95 | 90 | 95 |
| | 12 | 10 | 100 | 100 | 60 |
| | 24 | 10 | 100 | 80 | 40 |
| | 36 | 9 | 78 | 44 | 22 |
| | 48 | 10 | 100 | 40 | 40 |
| | 60 | 10 | 80 | 20 | 0 |
| | 72 | 10 | 70 | 10 | 0 |
| | 96 | 9 | 56 | 0 | 0 |
| Regurgitates | 0 | 11 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 12 | 10 | 100 | 100 | 80 |
| | 24 | 10 | 100 | 80 | 50 |
| | 36 | 10 | 100 | 30 | 30 |
| | 48 | 9 | 100 | 33 | 33 |
| | 60 | 10 | 70 | 10 | 0 |
| | 72 | 9 | 78 | 0 | 0 |
| | 96 | 9 | 78 | 22 | 11 |
| Feces | 3 | 8 | 100 | 87,5 | 100 |
| | 6 | 13 | 92 | 69 | 69 |
| | 9 | 5 | 100 | 100 | 60 |
| | 12 | 4 | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| | 15 | 7 | 100 | 43 | 57 |
| | 21 | 2 | 100 | 50 | 50 |
| | 24 | 4 | 100 | 25 | 0 |
| | 27 | 12 | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| | 30 | 2 | 100 | 50 | 50 |
| | 33 | 5 | 100 | 60 | 40 |
| | 39 | 9 | 100 | 22 | 11 |
| | 42 | 3 | 67 | 0 | 0 |
| | 45 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | 48 | 3 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 51 | 4 | 100 | 0 | 25 |
| | 54 | 2 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | 57 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| | 58 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| | 60 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 64 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | 70 | 3 | 67 | 0 | 0 |
| | 76 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Detection rate per fragment size (%)