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# Asexual reproduction strategies in the moon jellyfish *Aurelia* (Cnidaria: Scyphozoa)

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The genus *Aurelia* is one of the major contributors to jellyfish blooms in coastal waters, possibly due to its adaptive reproduction strategies. Different *Aurelia* lineages have adapted their reproduction modes to varying environmental conditions in their respective habitats. To understand the successful adaptation strategies, three strains of *Aurelia coerulea* and two strains of *Aurelia solida* polyps from different geographical areas were exposed to a range of temperatures and two food regimes, and the effects on reproduction rates were assessed. Asexual reproduction was significantly affected by the changes in these factors. The highest reproduction rate under sufficient food conditions was observed in the United States strain and the lowest was observed in the Israel strain, regardless of temperature, indicating the differences in the blooming potential. Six asexual reproduction modes were observed, of which lateral budding, lateral budding by means of stolons, and reproduction from parts of stolons were the main modes used by all *Aurelia* strains, except *Aurelia solida*<sub>ISR</sub>, for which reproduction by stolons was the main mode. The capability to switch reproductive strategies in response to environmental cues depending on the lineage predetermines the highly frequent blooming events of *Aurelia*.

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## 1. Introduction

Conspicuous scyphozoans have received increasing attention in recent decades owing to their ability to form large blooms in their pelagic medusae stage, typically causing adverse effects on ecosystems and human activities (Condon et al., 2012; Graham et al., 2014). One of the most common blooming medusae is *Aurelia*, a genus comprising multiple cryptic species living in coastal and shelf-sea environments worldwide (Lawley et al., 2021).

These cosmopolitan species have also been introduced in many regions worldwide (Dawson et al., 2005; Ki et al., 2008), further potentiating their expansion. Each local population is genetically differentiated and may have different reproductive traits as an adaptation to their habitats (Schroth et al., 2002). Moreover, each ecosystem is subject to environmental changes on various spatial and temporal scales. To cope with such variability, many organisms have evolved reproductive strategies that trade off their fitness in favor of risk reduction (Schnedler-Meyer et al., 2018).

*Aurelia* species are characterized by a metagenetic life cycle that comprises an alternation between sessile benthic polyps (hereafter referred to as polyps) and free-living pelagic medusae (Jarms, 2010). Polyps reproduce asexually, producing and releasing ephyrae through a process known as strobilation. In contrast to most scyphozoan species, where polyps propagate through one asexual mode (mono-mode species; Schiariti et al., 2014), *Aurelia* species present complex reproductive strategies that include various asexual modes that can even be simultaneously displayed to produce new polyps (multi-mode species; Schiariti et al., 2014). Although the final product of these propagation modes is always a new polyp, the use of a particular mode, or a combination of more than one, might have ecological implications related to the number of released medusae, and, consequently, the frequency and magnitude of jellyfish blooms. Although observations of the asexual reproduction of *Aurelia* species have accumulated in recent years (Lucas et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012; Schiariti et al., 2014, 2015), the drivers of their diverse reproduction strategies and how they promote the maintenance of the polyp populations remain unclear.

Many researchers have identified the importance of temperature and food supply for the survival of *Aurelia* polyps (Ishii and Watanabe, 2003; Han and Uye, 2010; Wang et al., 2015; Wang and Li, 2015; Shi et al., 2016). In general, the asexual reproduction rates (Rr) and the number of new individuals increase with temperature (Han and Uye, 2010; Lucas et al., 2012); it is also believed that abundant nutrition increases the reproduction rates of *Aurelia* polyps (Ishii and Watanabe, 2003; Han and Uye, 2010; Kogovšek et al., 2010; Schiariti et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2015; Wang and Li, 2015). However, these studies were mostly focused on a single population of *Aurelia* polyps. Different *Aurelia* lineages might have unique adaptations concerning their reproductive capabilities and reproduction modes according to the environmental conditions of their respective habitats (Schiariti et al., 2014; Schnedler-Meyer et al., 2018), which may result in different blooming potentials. Therefore, understanding the asexual reproduction of *Aurelia* lineages in a broader population range in response to current environmental changes such as global warming and eutrophication, may effectively reveal the key drivers of jellyfish blooms, thereby providing vital fundamental to predict jellyfish-related disturbances in different regions.

In this study, we explored the effects of temperature and food availability on asexual reproduction rates and strategies of five strains of *Aurelia* polyps of different geographical origins. The

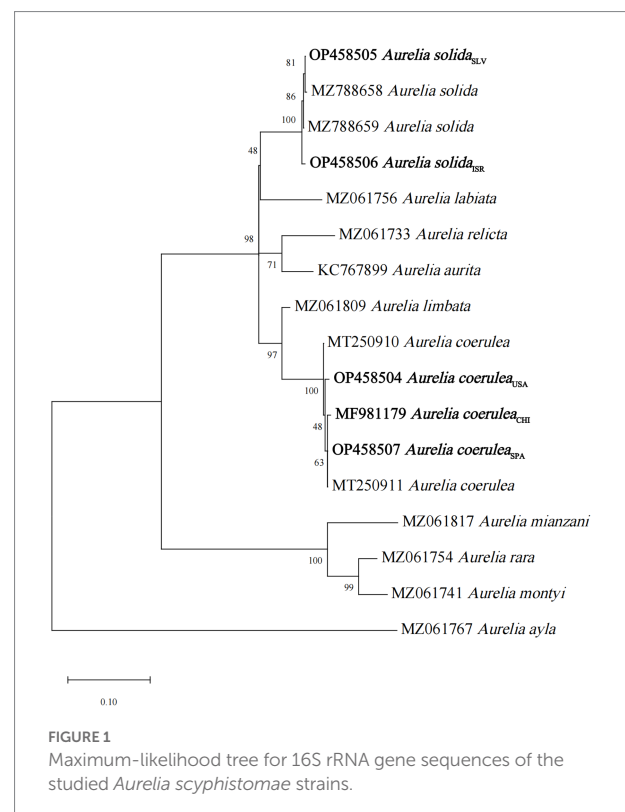
polyps were exposed to three temperatures (10, 15, and 20°C) and two food regimes (starvation and feeding *ad libitum*), and the corresponding effects on Rr and strategies were measured. Experimental temperatures were selected based on the species culture conditions to ensure favorable temperature ranges for all studied strains.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Origin of stem cultures and pre-experimental conditions

The specimens of three strains of *A. coerulea* and two strains of *A. solida* of different geographical origins were collected in their natural environment or from planulae-bearing medusae (Supplementary Table S1), and reared in laboratory conditions. The polyps were identified through a phylogenetic analysis of 16S rRNA gene sequences (Ender and Schierwater, 2003; Peng et al., 2021; Supplementary Table S1; Figure 1), using the maximum likelihood approach and General Time Reversible model with 1,000 bootstrap replicates (Nei and Kumar, 2000). Evolutionary analyses were conducted using the MEGA X software (Kumar et al., 2018). Reference 16S rRNA sequences of another *Aurelia* spp. were obtained from the NCBI database.

Stem cultures were maintained inside incubators in dark conditions, and placed in plastic bottles (100 ml) filled with natural seawater (15°C, 32 PSU) filtered through a 0.45 µm



membrane. They were fed newly hatched *Artemia salina* nauplii twice a week. The water was replaced 2–3 h after each feed, using a straw to avoid disturbing the surroundings or disrupting the attachment. Algae or shrimp that were attached to plastic bottles were removed using toothpicks and straws.

## 2.2. Experimental design and procedures

The combined effects of temperature and food supply were separately observed for each *Aurelia* strain. Individuals were exposed to 10, 15, and 20°C which were maintained by three independent cryogenic light incubators (GXZ, China), and to two feeding conditions, starvation and feeding *ad libitum*. Each experimental unit included one individual polyp with six replicates for a total of 36 initial polyps per strain. Fully developed polyps showing no external evidence of reproduction were detached from stem cultures and placed in experimental units (plastic dishes containing 50 ml of filtered seawater). Polyps were allowed to reattach and acclimate to the experimental temperatures for 1 week without food. They were maintained under dark conditions, except during observations (approximately 30 min) and water changes.

The corresponding experimental units were fed twice a week with the freshly hatched *A. salina* nauplii. Briefly, 2 h after each feed, water, debris, and uneaten food were discarded and replaced with filtered seawater of the corresponding temperature and salinity. In all the cases, the presence of food during the feeding period guaranteed the desired *ad libitum* conditions. Water was changed at the same time for the starvation groups.

Before feeding, the following variables were recorded under a stereoscopic microscope (OLYMPUS SZX10, Japan): (i) specific asexual reproduction modes; (ii) the total number of reproductive products to identify overall Rr; and (iii) the number of each type of reproduction product to identify specific Rr. Different asexual reproduction modes were identified following Adler and Jarms (2009) and Schiariti et al. (2014). All reproductive products unable to feed (motile or nonmotile, attached or detached from the mother polyp) were considered for the measurements of variables (ii) and (iii), respectively. Once tentacles had developed and feeding started, the products were considered new polyps and were picked out using forceps to avoid an increase in polyp density. The experiments were conducted for 6 weeks.

## 2.3. Data analysis

The null hypotheses were examined using the two-way ANOVA or Kruskal–Wallis tests depending on whether each data set met the assumptions; variance homogeneity and positive residual error were evaluated using the Levene test and Shapiro–Wilk test, respectively. In the case of significant differences, Tukey's or Dunn's *post hoc* tests were performed. In the cases of low to null reproduction or high mortality, the collected data were

not tested against the studied factors as it was impossible to determine the interaction owing to missing data (no polyps or no reproductive products). In these cases, we used a *t*-test, one-way ANOVA, or non-parametric Mann–Whitney and Kruskal–Wallis tests, depending on whether each dataset met the assumptions. SPSS Statistics version 19 (IBM, Armonk, NY, United States) was used to perform all tests.

## 3. Results

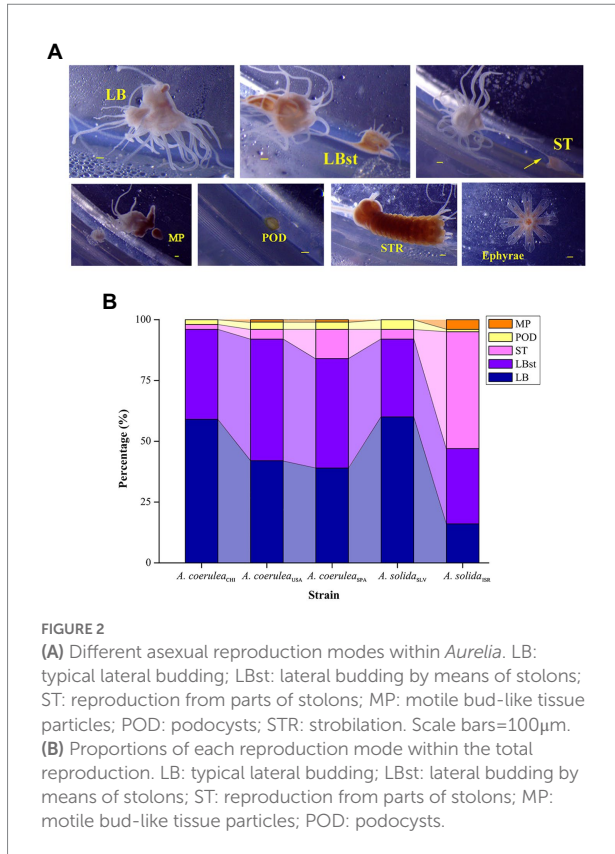
We observed the following asexual reproduction modes (Figure 2A): typical lateral budding (LB), lateral budding by means of stolons (LBst), reproduction from the parts of stolons/stalks (ST), motile bud-like tissue particles (MP), podocysts (POD), and strobilation (STR), which were comprehensively described by Adler and Jarms (2009) and Schiariti et al. (2014). The number of polyp-to-polyp asexual reproduction modes displayed by each strain varied between four and five; all strains produced new polyps by means of LB, LBst, ST, and POD (Figure 2B). MP was formed by *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub>, *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub> and *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub>. STR was only observed in *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub>. The survival rate of *Aurelia* polyps was 100% in all treatment combinations for all strains, indicating an overall tolerance to the experimental conditions.

### 3.1. Effects of temperature and food supply on polyp-to-polyp Rr and reproductive strategies

Rr significantly increased with food supply and temperature, except in *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub>, where this effect was not significant (Table 1; Figure 3). Rr generally increased with increasing temperature in polyps that were fed (Tukey's *post hoc* test,  $p < 0.01$ ; Figure 3) and the effects on starved polyps were not significant (Tukey's *post hoc* test,  $p > 0.05$ ; Figure 3). However, in *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub>, the effect of temperature was not significant regardless of the food supply (Tukey's *post hoc* test,  $p > 0.05$ ). However, Rr was higher when food was available for all strains and temperatures (Tukey's *post hoc* test,  $p < 0.01$ ), except for *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub> at 10°C, where the effect of food was not significant (Tukey's *post hoc* test,  $p > 0.05$ ; Figure 3).

Our experimental design did not allow for a statistical comparison of strains. However, it was possible to observe different trends in Rr. *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub> reached the highest Rr, followed by similar values obtained by *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub> and *A. solida*<sub>SLV</sub>, and finally followed by *A. coerulea*<sub>CHI</sub> and *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub>. Despite these apparent differences in the total number of reproductive particles produced, the reproductive strategy displayed by each strain was similar for all, except *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub>.

Approximately 96% of the reproductive particles produced by *A. coerulea*<sub>CHI</sub> corresponded to LB (59%) and LBst (37%). The effects of temperature and food supply on the specific asexual modes followed the same pattern as observed in the Rr analysis (Figure 3A). Numbers of produced ST (2%;  $n = 3$ ) and POD (2%;  $n = 4$ ) were too



low to define any trends. No excystment was observed in the produced POD. No MP was produced by *A. coerulea*<sub>CHI</sub>.

Approximately 92% of the reproductive particles produced by *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub> corresponded to LBst (50%) and LB (42%). The effects of temperature and food supply on these dominant asexual modes followed the same pattern as observed in the Rr analysis; values proportionally increased with increasing food availability at all temperatures, and with temperature, in the polyps that were fed (Figure 3B). ST, POD, and MP accounted for 8% of the total reproduction of this strain (Figure 2B). No effect of food supply was observed on ST at 10°C (Tukey’s *post hoc* test,  $p > 0.05$ ; Figure 3B). No ST was produced by starved polyps at either 15°C or 20°C. The number of ST increased with temperature when food was available (Tukey’s *post hoc* test,  $p < 0.05$ ; Figure 3B). Despite the low number of POD produced by this strain, a significant effect of temperature and food supply was observed (Tukey’s *post hoc* test,  $p < 0.05$ ; Figure 3B). The number of MPs were too low to describe a trend ( $n = 2$ ). No excystment was observed in POD.

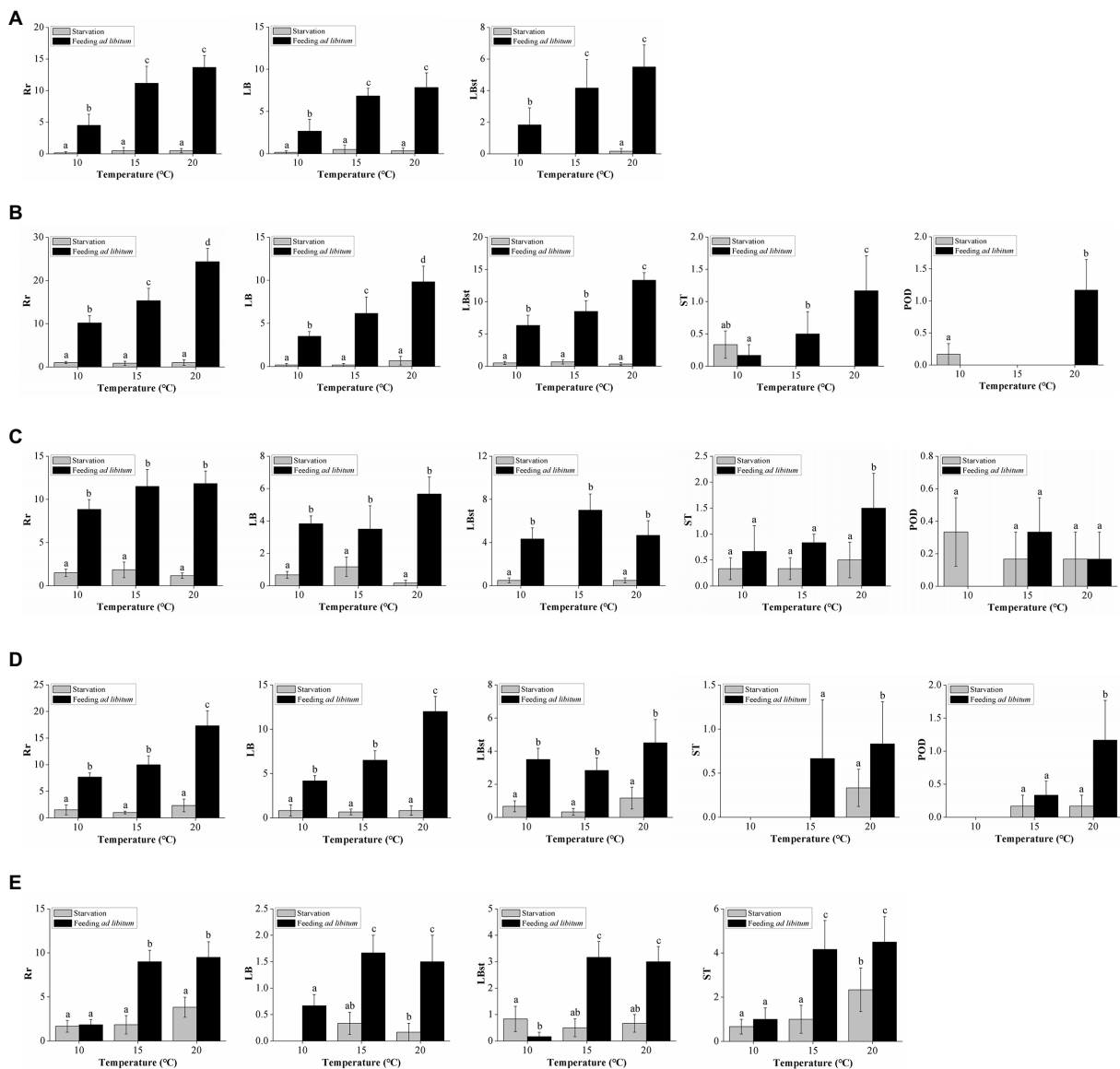
Approximately 84% of the reproductive particles produced by *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub> corresponded to LBst (45%) and LB (39%). Numbers of particles in these modes increased with food availability, regardless of temperature (Figure 3C). ST, POD, and MP accounted for 16% of the total reproduction modes of this strain (Figure 2B). The effects of temperature and food supply on ST were not significant (Tukey’s *post hoc* test,  $p > 0.05$ ), except for the fed polyps at 20°C. No excystment was observed in the produced POD, and MP were observed but at very low numbers to describe a trend ( $n = 3$ ).

**TABLE 1** Results of two-way ANOVA examining the effects of temperature and food supply on asexual reproduction rates of *Aurelia* scyphistomae species/strains.

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F	p
<i>A. coerulea</i> <sub>CHI</sub>					
Temperature	146.7222	2	73.361	4.969	<b>0.0137</b>
Food	850.6944	1	850.694	57.631	<b>0.0000</b>
Temperature*Food	140.0556	2	70.028	4.744	<b>0.0162</b>
Error	442.8333	30	14.761		
<i>A. coerulea</i> <sub>USA</sub>					
Temperature	136.167	2	68.083	4.485	<b>0.0197</b>
Food	729.000	1	729.000	48.030	<b>0.0000</b>
Temperature*Food	150.500	2	75.250	4.957	<b>0.0137</b>
Error	455.333	30	15.178		
<i>A. coerulea</i> <sub>SPA</sub>					
Temperature	17.389	2	8.694	1.0357	0.3673
Food	756.250	1	756.250	90.0893	<b>0.0000</b>
Temperature*Food	22.167	2	11.083	1.3203	0.2821
Error	251.833	30	8.394		
<i>A. solida</i> <sub>SLV</sub>					
Temperature	235.722	2	117.861	7.9279	<b>0.0017</b>
Food	981.778	1	981.778	66.0389	<b>0.0000</b>
Temperature*Food	152.389	2	76.194	5.1252	<b>0.0121</b>
Error	446.000	30	14.867		
<i>A. solida</i> <sub>ISR</sub>					
Temperature	156.7222	2	78.3611	9.82242	<b>0.0005</b>
Food	169.0000	1	169.0000	21.18384	<b>0.0000</b>
Temperature*Food	81.5000	2	40.7500	5.10794	<b>0.0123</b>
Error	239.333	30	7.978		

Bold indicates the *p*-value is less than 0.05 and the difference is significant.

Approximately 92% of the reproductive particles produced by *A. coerulea*<sub>SLV</sub> corresponded to LB (60%) and LBst (32%). The effects of temperature and food availability on LB followed the same pattern as in the Rr analysis, with values increasing with food availability at each temperature and increasing with temperature in the fed polyp groups only (Figure 3D). The effect of temperature on LBst production was not significant (two-way ANOVA,  $p > 0.05$ ). The ST and POD accounted for 8% of the total reproductive particles of this strain (Figure 2B). ST was only observed at 15°C when food was available and at 20°C in both feeding regimes, however, the effects of temperature and food supply on this mode were not significant (Mann–Whitney test,  $p > 0.05$ ; Figure 3D). No POD was produced at 10°C; a significant effect of temperature and food availability was observed, as a maximum value was reached at 20°C when food was available (Tukey’s *post hoc* test,  $p < 0.05$ ; Figure 3D). No excystment was observed in POD. No MP were detected in this strain.



**FIGURE 3**  
 Effects of temperature and food supply on overall and specific reproduction rates of (A) *Aurelia coerulea*<sub>CHL</sub>, (B) *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub>, (C) *A. coerulea*<sub>SPA</sub>, (D) *A. solida*<sub>SLV</sub>, (E) *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub>. Rr: number of new polyps produced during the experiment; LB: number of polyps produced by typical lateral budding; LBst: number of polyps produced by lateral budding by means of stolons; ST: number of polyps produced from parts of stolons/stalks; POD: number of podocysts produced during the experiment. Data are mean numbers of each variable  $\pm$  standard deviation. Different letters represent significant differences at  $\alpha=0.05$ .

Despite some specific differences among these four *Aurelia* strains, all produced more than 84% of their reproductive particles by lateral budding (LB + LBst). However, *A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub> presented a different reproductive strategy, producing 48% of the reproductive particles in ST and 47% in both types of lateral buds (31% LBst and 16% LB). The effects of temperature and food availability on ST followed a similar pattern to that described for Rr, with values increasing with food supply at 15°C and 20°C, and with temperature in both feeding conditions (Figure 3E). The number of POD and MP accounted for was too low to describe a trend. No excystment was observed in POD.

### 3.2. Effects of temperature and food supply on strobilation

Strobilation was observed in *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub> only at 10°C in both feeding treatments, with 5/6 strobilae formed in the starvation mode and 4/6 in the feeding mode; the differences between the number of strobilations observed in each treatment and ephyrae produced by fed and starved polyps were not significant (Student's *t*-test,  $p > 0.05$ ). Polyps were only strobilated during the experimental period. Between 10 and 24 ephyrae were produced per strobilation when food was provided, and between 4 and 13 ephyrae were



produced per strobilation when starved; the differences between the numbers of ephyrae per strobilation observed in each treatment were not significant (Student's *t*-test,  $p > 0.05$ ).

## 4. Discussion

The results of this study suggest that temperature and food supply seem to be the environmental factors that influence the Rr of *Aurelia* polyps, which determine the potential number of medusae released into the pelagic realm. The different responses of each strain may serve as the indicators of their potential to cause outbreaks. The highest Rr under sufficient food conditions regardless of temperature was observed in the United States strain, suggesting that jellyfish blooms are more likely to occur in this area than in any other tested areas; the Israel strain is the least likely to cause a jellyfish bloom, as it had the lowest Rr. Several laboratory experiments have investigated the effects of these factors on polyp reproduction by exposing polyps to different conditions, and most studies have revealed accelerated and increased production of new polyps in response to warm temperatures and high food availability (e.g., Purcell, 2007; Lucas et al., 2012; Schiariti et al., 2014), which are consistent with the results obtained in our study.

Food supply had the most significant effect on Rr, with starved polyps producing considerably few new polyps (or none). The importance of food supply in *Aurelia* polyp reproduction has been previously observed for different species and locations, indicating that higher food concentration promotes Rr (Lucas et al., 2012 and references therein). The contrasting feeding conditions used in this study did not allow for testing the gradual effects of food concentration but confirmed that a certain nutritional state is required for polyp reproduction. Nevertheless, mortality was null in all experiments, suggesting a high tolerance of these strains to unfavorable conditions. Although reproduction was minimal or null, 100% survival indicated that *Aurelia* polyps could tolerate starvation for 7 weeks within the studied temperature range. The ability to tolerate hunger has been observed in *Aurelia* polyps, even for considerably longer periods (up to 60 days; Spangenberg, 1967; Shick, 1975; Sun et al., 2017). However, the water that was filtered through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  mixed membrane might contain a certain concentration of picoplankton and bacteria that seeped through, providing nutrition for the livelihood of polyps (Kamiyama, 2011).

Without food limitations, the effect of temperature on Rr was clearly observed, with higher Rr being observed at warmer temperatures (Figure 3). This trend has been confirmed in several *Aurelia* species (most of them identified in the literature as *A. aurita*) both in the laboratory (Kakinuma, 1975; Keen, 1991; Han and Uye, 2010; Schiariti et al., 2014) and in field conditions (Gröndahl, 1988; Watanabe and Ishii, 2001; Willcox et al., 2008), with only few studies have reported the opposing trend, where fewer polyps were observed at warmer temperatures (Purcell, 2007; Winans and Purcell, 2010). These contrasting patterns have been attributed to the adaptations of *Aurelia* spp. to specific environments (Widmer et al., 2016). However, the lower budding

rates at warmer temperatures reported by Purcell (2007), and Winans and Purcell (2010), corresponded to treatments where higher strobilation rates were observed. Therefore, although several species can simultaneously strobilate and produce new polyps, the available energy would have been utilized for ephyrae production at the expense of polyp production. In our study strobilation was only observed in *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub> at low rates, and therefore, the effect on the response of Rr could be neglected.

The positive effects of temperature and food supply (as a proxy for nutritional state) on asexual Rr of polyps are common not only in *Aurelia* but also in different species of Scyphozoa. When food is sufficient, *Aurelia* uses excess energy to expand the polyp population rather than support individual livelihood (Lucas, 2001). However, when the stimulus for strobilation is present, polyps might start producing ephyrae at the expense of polyp Rr. Temperature changes (mostly a decrease in temperature) can trigger strobilation in several *Aurelia* species/strains (Kroiher et al., 2000; Fuchs et al., 2014; Sukhoputova and Kraus, 2017). In our study, all polyps were kept at 15°C during the acclimation period before the experiment, and one-third of them then suffered a 5°C temperature decrease when kept at 10°C. The strobilation observed in *A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub> was likely triggered by this stimulus. However, the formation of ephyrae is not only induced by temperature changes but also by particular combinations of environmental factors specific to each strain (Berrill, 1949; Russell, 1970). The presence of only one of these factors alone is not sufficient to induce strobilation.

Our results confirmed previous experimental observations, indicating that *Aurelia* polyps can display most of the asexual reproduction modes described for Scyphozoa (Adler and Jarms, 2009). We also found that *Aurelia* strains produced new polyps mostly *via* non-motile buds (LB+LBst) and ST. Within optimal temperature and food availability ranges, *Aurelia* polyps propagate almost exclusively through these modes, colonizing substrates very rapidly (Han and Uye, 2010; Schiariti et al., 2014, 2015). However, room for expansion soon reaches a limit, and available substrate becomes a limiting factor that controls population size, reproductive output, and survival of polyps, similar to many other sessile marine invertebrates (Müller and Leitz, 2002; Purcell, 2007; Schiariti et al., 2015).

Utilization of these modes (mostly the budding types) allows rapid colonization of available substrates, reaching an average of 4 (*A. solida*<sub>ISR</sub>)-8 (*A. coerulea*<sub>USA</sub>) polyps per day. As described by Schiariti et al. (2014), the formation of a new polyp takes between 3 and 5 days from the first signs of the bud to its detachment. A new bud develops its tentacles and starts feeding before detachment, becoming a double-headed polyp with elevated feeding rates, allowing increased energy storage for reproductive and somatic growth. The same pattern was described by Han and Uye (2010) for *A. aurita* s.l. These rapid reproduction modes are utilized by all *Aurelia* species described so far when there is room for the attachment of new polyps (*A. coerulea*, *A. solida*, *A. aurita*, *A. limbata*, and *A. labiata*; Coyne, 1973; Keen and Gong, 1989; Han and Uye, 2010; Schiariti et al., 2014, 2015). However, *Aurelia* starts developing MP after

a certain threshold of density is achieved (carrying capacity; Melica et al., 2014); therefore, the permanent low-density population during our experiment would explain the low rates of MP production observed for all strains. Thus, the multi-mode reproduction strategy allows *Aurelia* to rapidly colonize the available substrate rapidly in favorable conditions, encyst and withstand adverse conditions, and develop motile buds or detach to facilitate dispersion and avoid the negative effects of inter- or intraspecific competition for space and food.

In summary, temperature and nutrition play vital roles in regulating asexual reproduction of *Aurelia* strains. Starvation appeared to be a common limiting factor for reproduction at all experimental temperature values. However, temperature also affected  $R_r$ , with a higher number of produced polyps at higher temperatures. Therefore, the combined effects of temperature and food supply may synergistically affect polyp reproduction and density, both positively and negatively. Furthermore, the multi-mode reproduction strategy allows *Aurelia* to adapt to the changes in the environment. The capability to switch reproductive strategies in response to environmental cues gives *Aurelia* high adaptability (Schiariti et al., 2014, 2015). These features, in addition to the high tolerance of *Aurelia* polyps and medusae to changing environmental conditions (Lucas, 2001; Lucas et al., 2012), describe the high frequency of blooming events of the cosmopolitan *Aurelia* lineages.

## Data availability statement

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

## Ethics statement

The authors declare that sampling of specimens was performed in the respect of ethical rules and Chinese laws. No approval of research ethics committees was required to accomplish the goals of this study because experimental work was conducted with an unregulated invertebrate species.

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