

Fig. S1. Metabolic rates measured throughout the course of the experiment. **A + B)** Gross photosynthesis (GP), **C + D)** Respiration (R) and **E + F)** GP/R ratio of *Montastrea cavernosa* and *Porites astreoides*. Mean \pm standard error. Dashed line serves as a reference line at the value measured in the control treatment on day 1 (28°C).

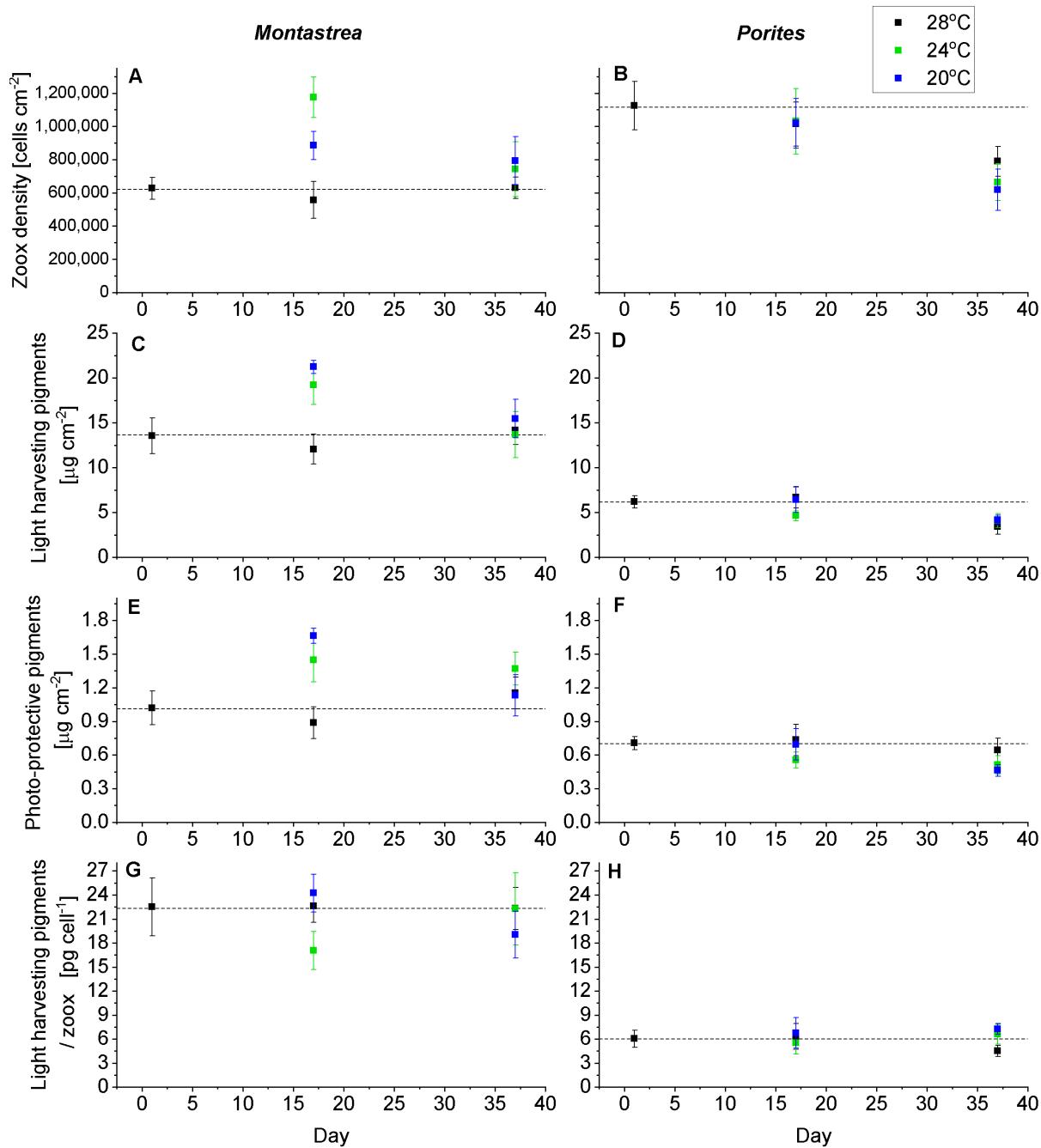


Fig. S2. Zooxanthellae tissue metrics measured throughout the course of the experiment. **A + B)** Zooxanthellae density (Zoox density), **C + D)** Concentration of light harvesting pigments including chlorophyll-a, chlorophyll-c and peridinin, **E + F)** Concentration of photo-protective pigments including diadinoxanthin and diatoxanthin, and **G + H)** Concentration of light-harvesting pigments per zooxanthellae cell of *Montastrea cavernosa* and *Porites astreoides*. Mean \pm standard error. Dashed line serves as a reference line at the value measured in the control treatment on day 1 (28°C).

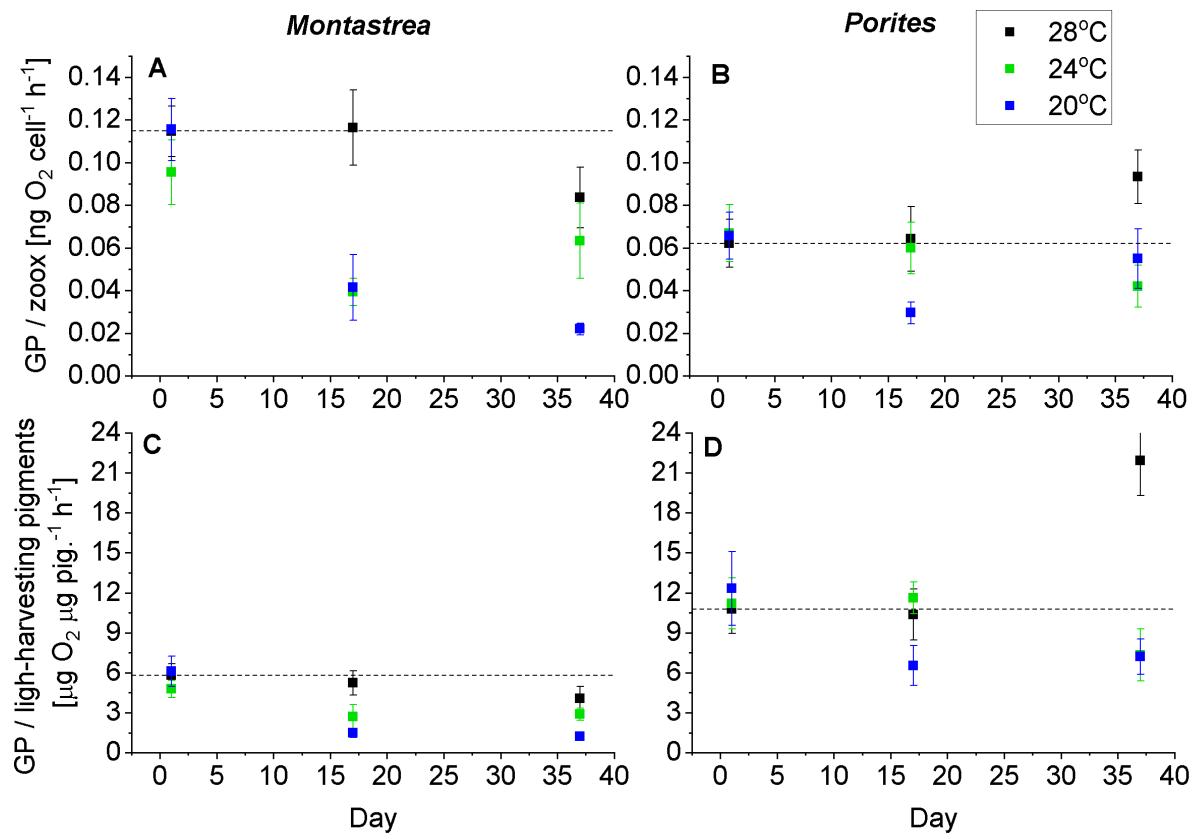


Fig. S3. Gross photosynthesis rates (GP) standardized to zooxanthellae metrics measured throughout the course of the experiment. **A + B)** GP per zooxanthellae cell, and **C + D)** GP per amount of light harvesting pigments, latter including chlorophyll-a, chlorophyll-c and peridinin, of *Montastrea cavernosa* and *Porites astreoides*. Mean \pm standard error. Dashed line serves as a reference line at the value measured in the control treatment on day 1 (28°C).

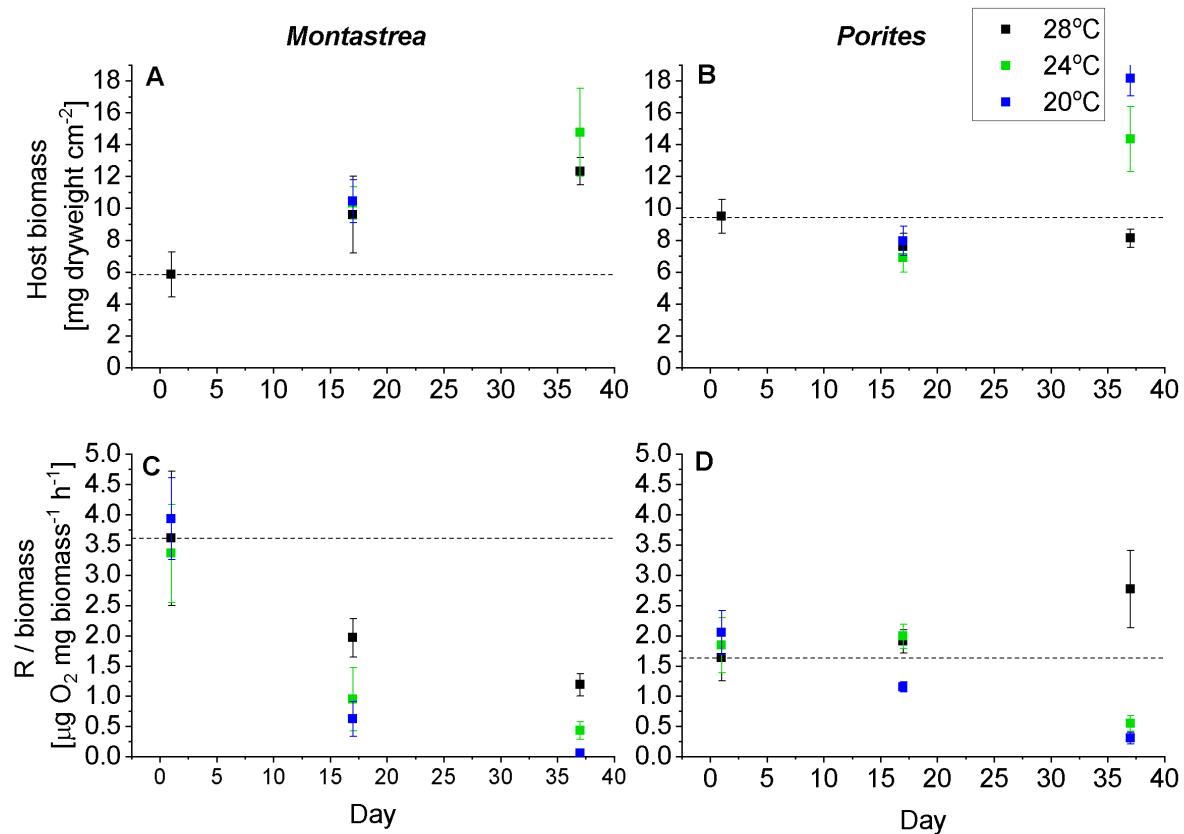


Fig. S4. **A + B)** Coral host biomass measured as tissue dry weight and **C + D)** Respiration rate (R) per amount of total coral biomass (host + zooxanthellae) of *Montastrea cavernosa* and *Porites astreoides*. Mean \pm standard error. Dashed line serves as a reference line at the value measured in the control treatment on day 1 (28°C).

Table S1. GLMM results of the random effects including coral replicate (Rep) and replicate treatment aquarium (Tank). Standard deviation (Std.Dev.)

| Response variable | Random effects | <i>Montastrea</i> | | | <i>Porites</i> | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | | poly | Variance | Std.Dev. | poly | Variance | Std.Dev. |
| Gross photosynthesis (GP) | Rep:Tank | 1 | 0.013 | 0.112 | 2 | 0.025 | 0.159 |
| | Residual | | 0.100 | 0.316 | | 0.183 | 0.428 |
| Respiration (R) | Rep:Tank | | 0.031 | 0.176 | | 0.046 | 0.215 |
| | Residual | 1 | 0.357 | 0.598 | 2 | 0.356 | 0.597 |
| GP/R | Rep:Tank | | 0.021 | 0.144 | | 0.021 | 0.145 |
| | Residual | | 0.365 | 0.604 | | 0.252 | 0.503 |
| Zooxanthellae (zoox) density | Rep:Tank | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1 | 0.015 | 0.121 |
| | Residual | | 0.040 | 0.201 | | 0.069 | 0.263 |
| Light-harvesting (LH) pigments | Rep:Tank | | 0.002 | 0.045 | | 0.016 | 0.127 |
| | Residual | 2 | 0.058 | 0.241 | 1 | 0.090 | 0.300 |
| Photo-protective pigments | Rep:Tank | | 0.017 | 0.131 | | 0.007 | 0.083 |
| | Residual | | 0.074 | 0.273 | | 0.093 | 0.305 |
| LH pigment/zoox | Rep:Tank | 2 | 0.002 | 0.046 | 1 | 411.300 | 20.280 |
| | Residual | | 0.064 | 0.253 | | 1524.500 | 39.050 |
| GP/zoox | Rep:Tank | | 0.001 | 0.036 | | 0.030 | 0.174 |
| | Residual | 2 | 0.195 | 0.441 | 1 | 0.121 | 0.347 |
| GP/LH pigments | Rep:Tank | | 0.015 | 0.122 | | 0.025 | 0.159 |
| | Residual | | 0.193 | 0.440 | | 0.096 | 0.310 |
| Host biomass | Rep:Tank | 2 | 0.007 | 0.083 | 1 | 0.006 | 0.076 |
| | Residual | | 0.026 | 0.162 | | 0.019 | 0.137 |
| R/biomass | Rep:Tank | | 0.115 | 0.339 | | 0.025 | 0.159 |
| | Residual | 2 | 0.243 | 0.493 | 1 | 0.204 | 0.451 |