

## Supplementary Informations

for the article ‘Humic lakes with inefficient and efficient transfer of matter in planktonic food webs’ by Maciej Karpowicz, Magdalena Grabowska, Jolanta Ejsmont-Karabin, Agnieszka Ochocka.

**Table S1.** Hydrochemical parameters in the water column (E – epilimnion; M – metalimnion; H – hypolimnion) of the studied humic lakes.

lakes	layer	Temp. [°C]	O <sub>2</sub> [mg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	DOC [mg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	DIC [mg Pt L <sup>-1</sup> ]	Color [mg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	TP [mg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> [μg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	TN [mg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> [μg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> [μg L <sup>-1</sup> ]	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> [μg L <sup>-1</sup> ]
1	E	24.7	8.62	7.33	7.60	107	0.42	162.31	0.73	0.39	7.34	0.53
1	M	15.1	6.41	7.43	5.30	56.1	0.50	0.06	1.01	80.22	3.40	0.21
1	H	12.2	2.99	7.04	8.45	76.4	0.44	0.05	0.76	2.47	4.81	0.24
2	E	26.3	7.44	8.49	5.08	51.0	0.54	2.47	0.88	19.95	119.89	5.24
2	M	15.6	4.21	7.78	4.81	61.1	0.47	1.88	2.00	63.93	56.66	0.31
2	H	8.6	0.36	7.63	9.02	66.2	0.44	0.96	2.02	625.24	4.49	0.51
3	E	22.1	9.32	6.88	5.23	8.6	0.33	0.02	0.63	26.42	0.84	0.04
3	M	15	7.61	8.08	11.59	56.1	0.18	0.02	0.69	24.04	0.50	0.06
3	H	12.1	0.44	7.03	5.46	40.8	0.30	0.09	0.71	7.42	0.26	0.14
4	E	24.4	8.61	5.91	11.41	30.6	0.26	0.05	0.91	16.80	4.38	0.36
4	M	22.8	5.44	6.51	6.74	51.0	0.43	0.24	0.95	17.97	2.23	0.08
4	H	11	1.15	6.07	5.15	45.9	0.38	0.16	0.79	30.47	4.60	0.11
5	E	25.1	8.81	7.00	5.69	20.4	0.62	0.74	1.09	42.47	17.03	0.43
5	M	18.3	11.19	6.58	4.49	25.5	0.59	0.90	1.36	38.21	86.06	0.40
5	H	11	1.19	6.14	7.83	30.6	0.53	0.60	2.74	454.95	15.78	1.32
6	E	27.8	8.24	14.83	4.83	30.6	0.46	0.56	3.65	3.57	35.45	1.88
6	M	17.7	3.57	10.50	4.71	66.2	0.70	1.52	2.44	6.76	25.27	0.72
6	H	12.2	0	11.17	6.00	112.1	0.60	1.22	2.05	344.11	44.97	2.38
7	E	25.1	7.4	9.90	7.38	40.8	0.30	0.01	0.93	18.62	56.23	0.59
7	M	20.8	11.7	8.58	5.17	107.0	0.36	0.77	1.10	115.73	51.58	6.53
7	H	13.4	2.07	8.69	13.39	71.3	0.49	0.09	1.54	1.32	83.83	2.96
8	E	25.1	8.32	9.28	8.54	61.1	0.39	0.08	0.87	1.44	3.53	0.05
8	M	21.1	4.87	11.19	10.95	101.9	0.35	0.05	1.12	1.69	0.84	0.04
9	E	25.3	7.83	14.74	4.22	152.9	0.62	0.23	1.08	32.08	59.50	4.99
9	M	14.9	1.16	13.85	4.22	137.6	0.61	0.20	1.12	30.63	2.88	0.94
10	E	27.5	7.81	7.37	8.30	35.7	0.59	1.61	0.78	1.06	6.07	0.35
10	M	23.5	8.99	7.75	7.24	45.9	0.59	2.05	0.92	0.84	3.67	0.15

**Table S2.** The list of the dominant phytoplankton taxa with their biomass [ $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ] in vertical profiles of studied humic lakes; *italics* - for species constituting 5-10 % of total biomass; normal font - for species constituting >10-50% of the total biomass; **bold** - for species constituting >50 % of total biomass. E – epilimnion; M – metalimnion; H – hypolimnion.

**Table S3.** Biomass of crustacean zooplankton species ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) in vertical profiles of studied humic lakes. E – epilimnion; M – metalimnion; H – hypolimnion.

lake	layer	<i>Alonella nana</i>	<i>Bosmina longirostris</i>	<i>Eurycerus lamellatus</i>	<i>Chydorus sphaericus</i>	<i>Daphnia cucullata</i>	<i>Daphnia longispina</i>	<i>Diaphanosoma brachyurum</i>	<i>Holopedium gibberum</i>	<i>Ceriodaphnia quadrangula</i>	<i>Scapholeberis mucronata</i>	<i>Polyphemus pediculus</i>	<i>Mesocyclops leucostictus</i>	<i>Thermocyclops crassus</i>	<i>Diacyclops bicuspidatus</i>	<i>Eucyclops</i> sp.	<i>Cyclops</i> sp.	copepodite Cyclopoida	nauplii Cyclopoida	<i>Eudiaptomus gracilis</i>	<i>Eudiaptomus graciloides</i>	copepodite Calanoida	nauplii Calanoida		
1	E	0.23						1.87	0.66				0.01					0.58	0.54	0.02					
	M	0.01							4.84										1.18	0.38	0.00				
	H	0.01						0.01	0.30									0.20	0.05	0.00					
2	E							1.19	0.02	0.02	0.04				0.01	0.01			0.69	0.21	0.00				
	M							0.86	0.74								0.01		0.12	0.05					
	H								0.12	0.01									0.05						
3	E	0.26						0.06	0.99								0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.00				
	M	0.02	0.18					0.02	4.70								0.00		0.95	0.37	0.00				
	H	0.01							0.02																
4	E	0.01	0.14					0.02	0.25	4.94			0.03				0.02		0.37	0.55	0.00				
	M	0.03							0.49	3.92									2.42	1.35	0.01				
	H	0.06						0.24	0.14	0.57			0.05				0.06	0.00	0.05	0.12	0.01				
5	E								5.58				0.12				0.19	0.01	0.15	0.17	0.01				
	M			0.15					6.39				0.15				0.06	0.00	0.22	0.27	0.01				
	H								1.91				0.05				0.05	0.00							
6	E	0.04	0.00										0.02				0.01	0.00	0.34	0.30	0.00				
	M		0.00						0.01								0.00		0.05	0.01	0.00				
	H	0.12	0.04																0.02	0.00					
7	E	1.52						0.02	0.26				0.01				0.03	0.01	0.10	0.02	0.00				
	M	0.77							0.69				0.01				0.00		0.67	0.03	0.01				
	H	0.00							0.36										0.07	0.04	0.00				
8	E								0.04										0.98	0.55	0.47				
	M								0.02										0.58	0.26	0.50				
9	E							0.05	1.96	3.90									0.03	0.03	0.02				
	M								0.17	0.38											0.00				
10	E	0.14						0.06	0.64				0.12				0.09	0.00		0.02	0.01	0.01			
	M	0.04		0.12	0.06				2.31				0.45				0.13	0.01		0.11	0.01	0.00			

**Table S4.** Biomass of Rotifera species ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) in vertical profiles of studied humic lakes. E – epilimnion; M – metalimnion; H – hypolimnion.

	lake	layer	<i>Ascomorpha ecaudis</i>	<i>Ascomorpha ovalis</i>	<i>Asplanchna priodonta</i>	<i>Cephalodella tenuiseta</i>	<i>Collotheca mutabilis</i>	<i>Collotheca pelagica</i>	<i>Colurella obtusa</i>	<i>Conochilooides coenobasis</i>	<i>Conochilooides dossuarius</i>	<i>Filinia longiseta</i>	<i>Gastropus stylifer</i>	<i>Keratella cochlearis</i>	<i>Keratella quadrata</i>	<i>Lecane acutus</i>	<i>Lecane biulla</i>	<i>Lecane closterocerca</i>	<i>Lecane elasma</i>	<i>Lecane flexilis</i>	<i>Lecane galeata</i>	<i>Lecane stictacea</i>	<i>Lecane temeniseta</i>	<i>Polyarthra remata</i>	<i>Polyarthra vulgaris</i>	<i>Synchaeta longipes</i>	<i>Synchaeta pectinata</i>	<i>Trichocerca cylindrica</i>	<i>Trichocerca similis</i>	<i>Trichocerca simoneae</i>
1	E		0.13	2.56		0.24		0.33																0.22	0.16	0.14	0.11			
	M		0.10	25.52																				0.65	0.14	0.18				
	H		0.10	0.76									0.76	0.13										0.78						
2	E			0.95																			0.44							
	M			8.72																			0.24							
	H			1.16																		0.90	0.22							
3	E				0.26																	0.13			0.90					
	M																					0.19				0.19				
	H																					0.21								
4	E		0.17	0.15	0.21		0.11	0.39	0.25		0.16											0.12			0.11					
	M						0.76	0.20	0.39														0.24			0.11				
	H						0.11		0.52		0.39	0.80													0.44					
5	E		0.98				0.30	0.42	0.39													0.82			0.44					
	M		0.25				0.66	0.84				0.10										0.37			0.10					
	H		0.98				0.20	0.40	0.84	0.78		0.10									0.19									
6	E		0.15							0.96		0.20	0.90											0.10	0.33					
	M									0.48		0.90										0.34				0.15				
	H									0.32																				
7	E			0.30		0.98		0.13															0.67	0.75						
	M			0.22	0.36			0.27															0.55	0.18						
	H					0.16																	0.14							
8	E		0.20			0.23																								
	M		0.20			0.20		0.65																		0.11				
9	E	0.10	0.20			0.16											0.21		0.40	0.54	0.11	0.86		0.17						
	M		0.98														0.21	0.61						0.11						
10	E		0.75				0.39	0.43														0.78			0.33					
	M		1.65			0.13	0.20	0.33											0.19	0.68				0.88						