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Comb Irradiation Has Limited, Interactive Effects on Colony Performance or Pathogens in Bees, *Varroa destructor* and Wax Based on Two Honey Bee Stocks

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Table S1. Primer information.

| | fwd seq | rev seq | Reference |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| AKI | CTT TCA TGA TGT GGA AAC TCC | AAA CTG AAT AAT ACT GTG CGT A | Francis & Kryger 2012 |
| <i>A. apis</i> | TCT GGC GGC CGG TTA AAG GCT TC | GTT TCA AGA CGG GCC ACA AAC | Evans <i>et al.</i> 2006 |
| EFB | TGT TGT TAG AGA AGA ATA GGG GAA | CGT GGC TTT CTG GTT AGA | |
| LSV-Univ | CGT GCG GAC CTC ATT TCT TCA TGT | CTG CGA AGC ACT AAA GCG TT | Daughenbaugh <i>et al.</i> 2015 |
| Nosema-Both | AGC AGC CGC GGT AAT ACT TGT TC | GTT CGT CCA GTC AGG GTC GT | Alburaki <i>et al.</i> 2018 |
| <i>P. larvae</i> RPS18 | TTC ACG GCT AAC AAA ATT AAA CA | TTC GCA GAA GTT CCG GTT AC | Boncristiani <i>et al.</i> 2012 |
| VDV-1 CP | CTG TAG TTA AGC GGT TAT TAG AA | GGT GCT TCT GGA ACA GCG GAA | Ryabov <i>et al.</i> 2017 |
| BQCV | TCG CAG AGT TCC AAA TAC CG | TAT CAT CTC CCG CAC CTA CC | Yoo <i>et al.</i> 2008 |
| CBPV | CGC AAG TAC GCC TTG ATA AAG AAC | ACT ACT AGA AAC TCG TCG CTT CG | Blanchard <i>et al.</i> 2007 |
| DWV-1 | GAG ATT GAA GCG CAT GAA CA | TGA ATT CAG TGT CGC CCA TA | Boncristiani <i>et al.</i> 2012 |
| Pros54 | TCG AAC CAA GAT GGT ACT GGA A | TTG TTG TGC TTG CAG TCG TG | Cameron <i>et al.</i> 2013 |
| VgMC | AGT TCC GAC CGA CGA CGA | TTC CCT CCC ACG GAG TCC | Evans <i>et al.</i> 2006 |

Table S2. ANOVA parameters for main effects and associated interactions for adult population, total brood cells and mite population in 2015 and 2016.

| Year | Effect | Adult Population | | Total Brood Cells | | Mite Population | |
|------|----------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| | | F | P | F | P | F | P |
| 2015 | Date | 99.32 | < 0.0001 | 9.26 | 0.003 | 24.35 | < 0.0001 |
| | Stock | 0.84 | 0.362 | 1.70 | 0.198 | 7.87 | 0.007 |
| | Date*Stock | 0.04 | 0.836 | 0.24 | 0.625 | 3.47 | 0.068 |
| | Treatment | 6.42 | 0.014 | 1.34 | 0.252 | 3.59 | 0.063 |
| | Date*Treatment | 0.05 | 0.822 | 3.86 | 0.054 | 2.26 | 0.138 |
| | Stock*Treatment | 0.02 | 0.876 | 0.01 | 0.921 | 1.63 | 0.207 |
| | Date*Stock*Treatment | 0.03 | 0.857 | 1.07 | 0.305 | 1.65 | 0.205 |
| 2016 | Date | 9.76 | 0.0002 | 4.81 | 0.011 | 21.05 | < 0.0001 |
| | Stock | 0.56 | 0.456 | 0.70 | 0.406 | 22.38 | < 0.0001 |
| | Date*Stock | 1.55 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.806 | 4.21 | 0.018 |
| | Treatment | 0.63 | 0.43 | 0.05 | 0.818 | 0.16 | 0.694 |
| | Date*Treatment | 0.36 | 0.698 | 0.28 | 0.76 | 0.09 | 0.910 |
| | Stock*Treatment | 1.74 | 0.191 | 3.36 | 0.071 | 0.00 | 0.998 |
| | Date*Stock*Treatment | 2.53 | 0.086 | 0.52 | 0.597 | 0.02 | 0.982 |

Table S4. Summary of the correlation analyses for newly emerged bees and wax sampled from the same comb. With Bonferoni correction, a *p*-value < 0.006 indicates significance as indicated in bold type.

| Treatment Type | VDV1 | DWV | BQCV | CBPV | Total Pathogens Detected |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Non-irradiated | r = 0.730, p<.001 | r = -0.202, p=0.394 | r = 0.201, p=0.395 | r = 0.205, p=0.387 | r = 0.246, p=0.295 |
| Irradiated | r = 0.406, p=0.118 | r = -0.230, p=0.391 | r = 0.039, p=0.887 | r = 0.301, p=0.258 | r = 0.070, p=0.798 |
| Italian | r = 0.858, p<.0001 | r = -0.182, p=0.456 | r = 0.054, p=0.825 | r = -0.084, p=0.731 | r = 0.306, p=0.202 |
| Russian | r = 0.110, p=0.675 | r = -0.256, p=0.321 | r = 0.041, p=0.875 | r = 0.322, p=0.207 | r = 0.076, p=0.771 |
| Italian, non-irradiated (n=10) | r = 0.910, p<.001 | r = -0.167, p=0.646 | r = 0.383, p=0.275 | r = 0.388, p=0.268 | r = 0.382, p=0.277 |
| Italian, irradiated (n=9) | r = 0.842, p=0.004 | r = -0.189, p=0.626 | r = -0.208, p=0.592 | r = 0.081, p=0.836 | r = 0.046, p=0.906 |
| Russian, non-irradiated (n=10) | r = 0.248, p=0.489 | r = -0.249, p=0.487 | r = -0.072, p=0.842 | r = -0.121, p=0.740 | r = 0.059, p=0.871 |
| Russian, irradiated (n=7) | r = -0.479, p=0.277 | r = -0.258, p=0.576 | r = 0.505, p=0.247 | r = 0.566, p=0.8185 | r = 0.108, p=0.818 |

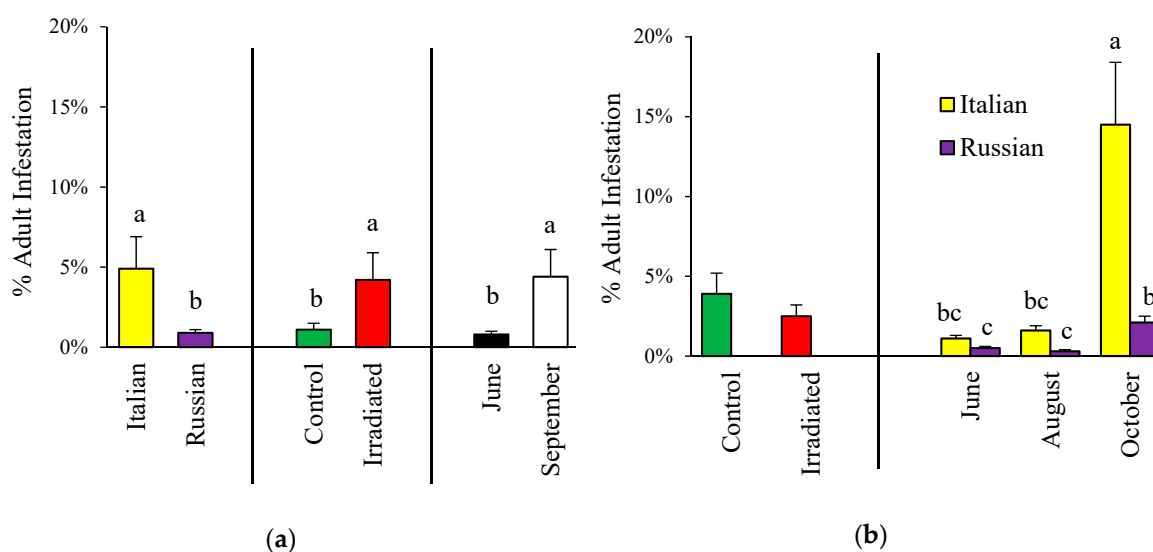


Figure S1. Prevalence (mean ± SE) of *Varroa* on adult bees in Italian and Russian honey bee colonies having irradiated or non-irradiated (control) combs in (a) 2015 and (b) 2016. For each group, bars with the same letters are not significantly different (*p* > 0.05); without letters indicates no differences.

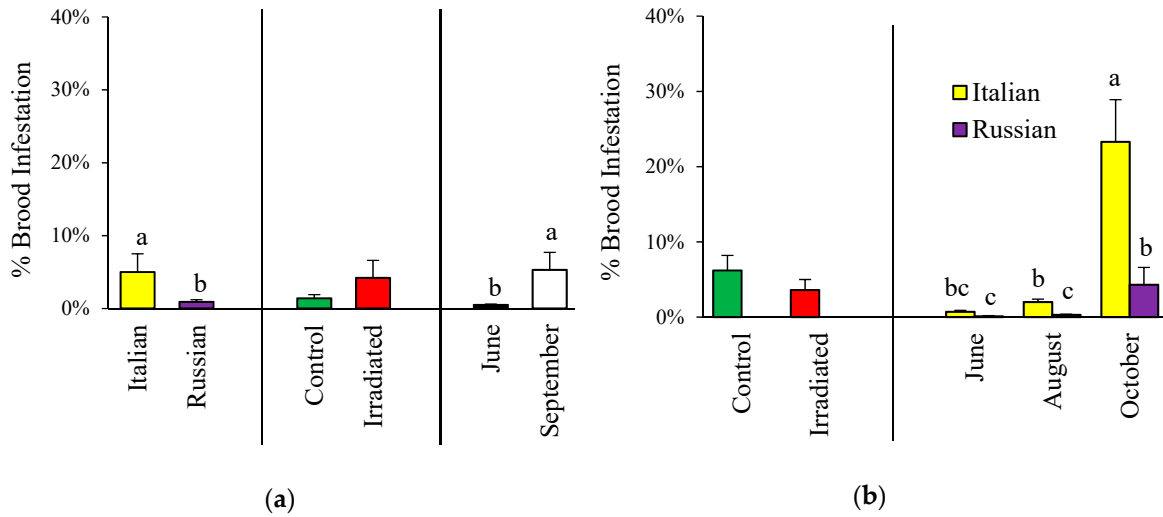


Figure S2. Prevalence (mean ± SE) of *Varroa* in sealed brood of Italian and Russian honey bee colonies having irradiated or non-irradiated (control) combs in (a) 2015 and (b) 2016. For each group, bars with the same letters are not significantly different ($p > 0.05$); without letters indicates no differences.

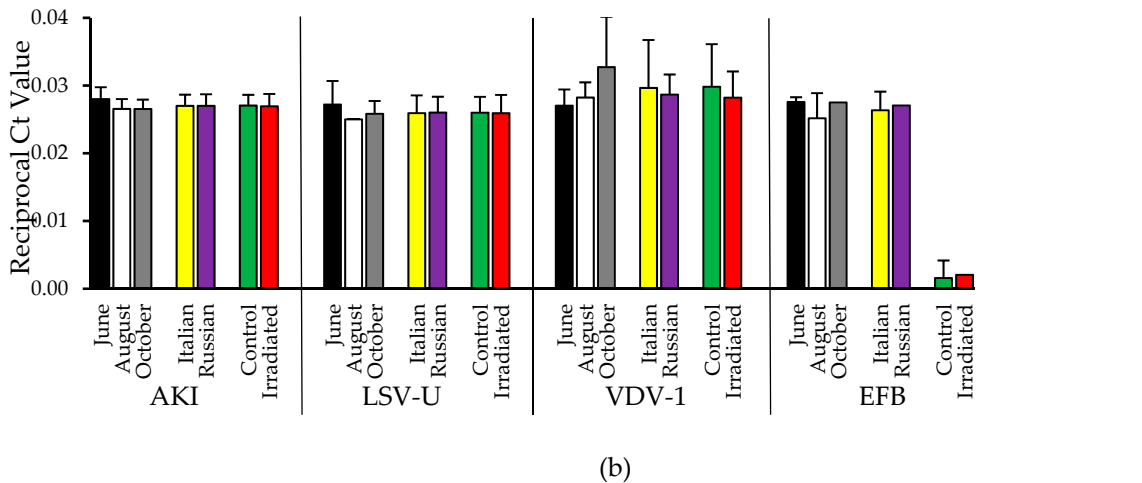
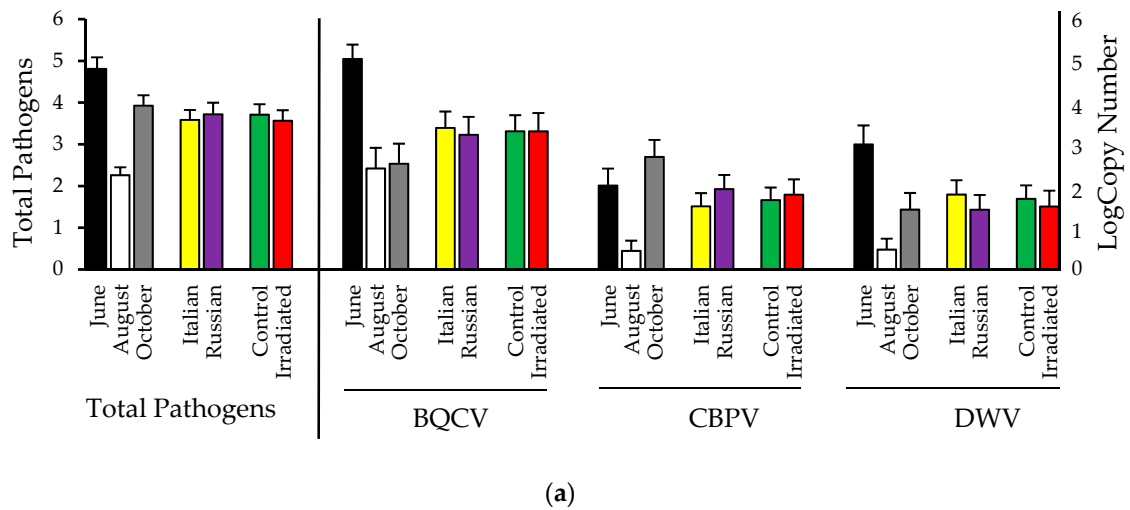


Figure S3. Levels (mean ± SE) of wax-borne pathogens by season, stock and comb treatment (control or irradiated)