

## **Feeding and thermal conditioning enhance coral temperature tolerance in juvenile *Pocillopora acuta***

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## Author's Response to Decision Letter for (RSOS-210644.R0)

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## Decision letter (RSOS-210644.R1)

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We thank the associate editor for their positive review of our manuscript and thank the previous reviewers for comments that have improved our manuscript. In this revision, we have changed the colors of Fig 5 to match those in Fig 3 and 4 by using color to denote feeding treatment (orange = fed, purple = unfed) and using line type to denote temperature treatment (solid = ambient, dotted = cool). We have revised the figure captions to reflect this change in color. We hope that our manuscript is now suitable for publication in Royal Society Open Science.