

# Combining magnetic beads with qPCR for the detection of ostreid herpesvirus

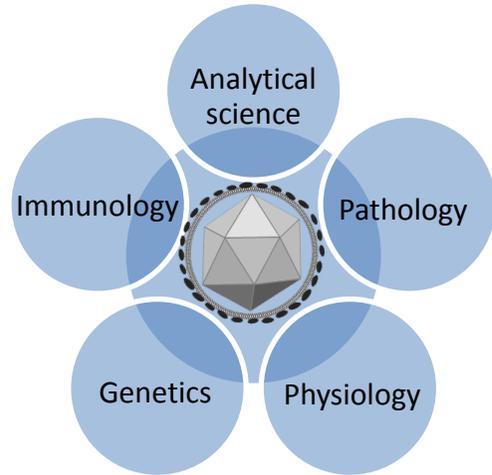
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“Rapid capture and detection of ostreid herpesvirus-1 from Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas* and seawater using magnetic beads”, Toldrà et al., 2018, PLOS ONE



# The strategy



OsHV-1



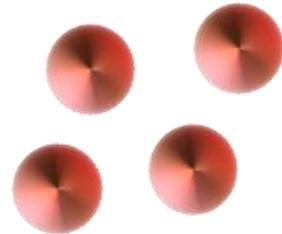
infected material



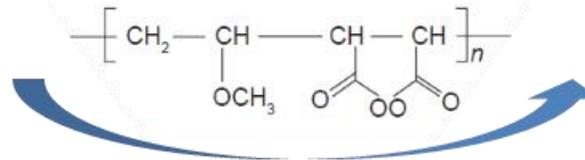
Rapid, simple and cost-effective MB-based viable OsHV-1 capture strategy



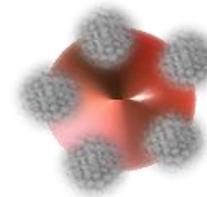
Virus



Magnetic beads

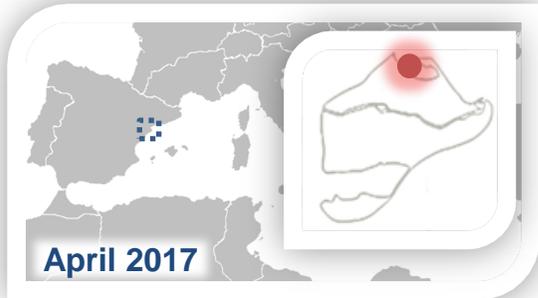
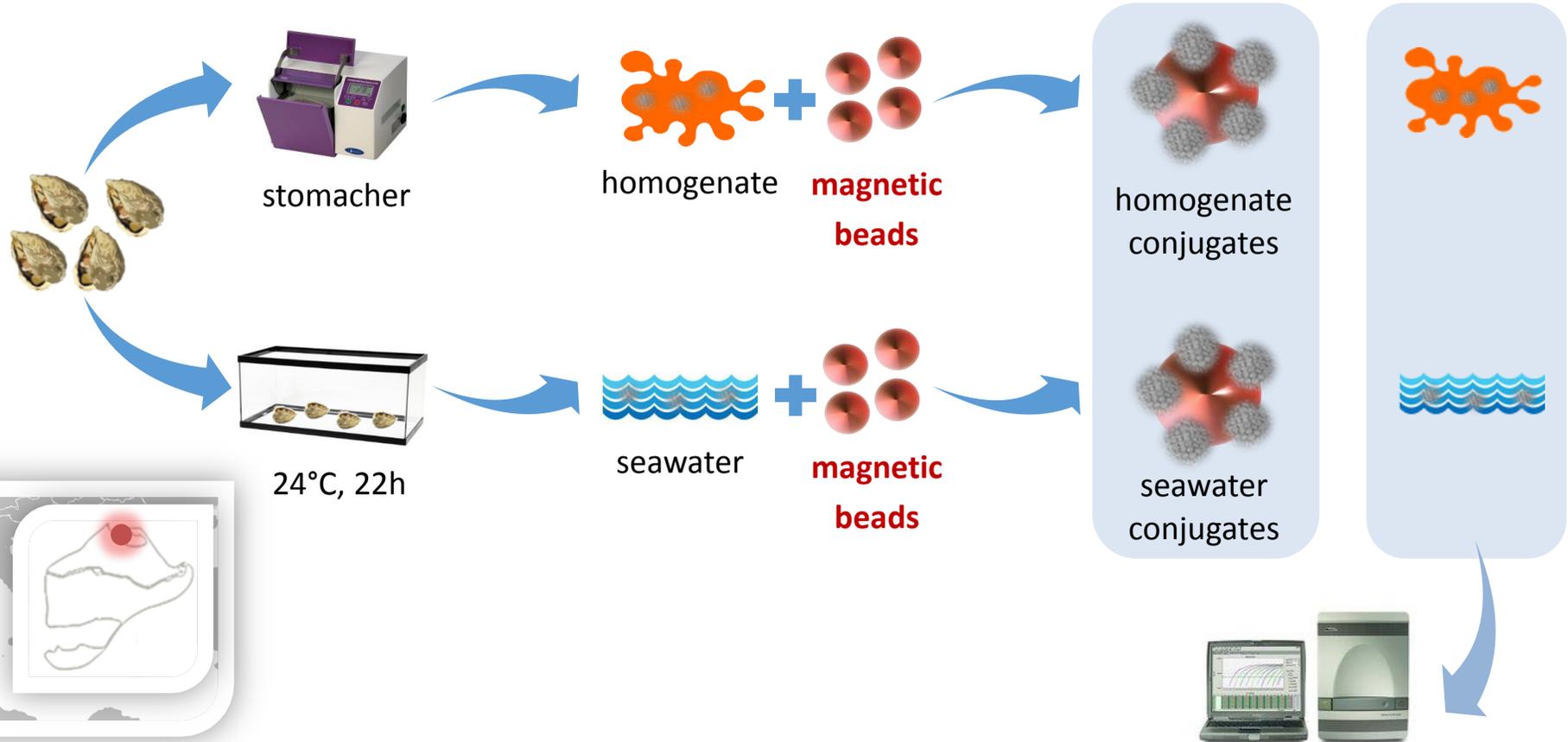


Virus capture

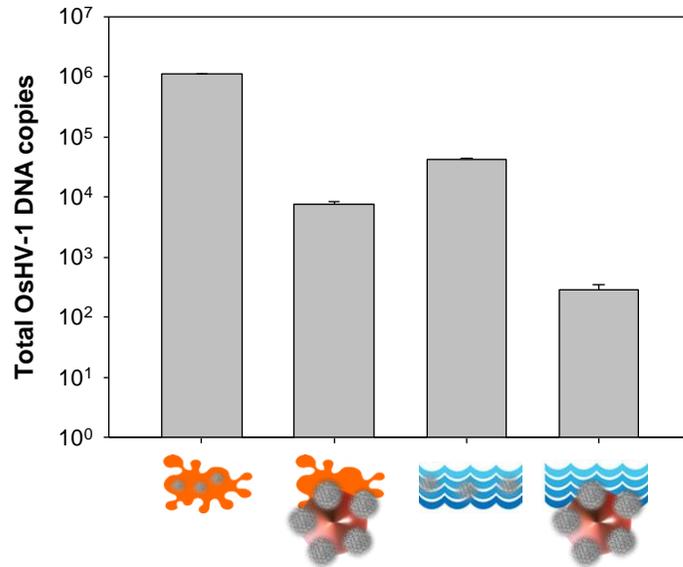


MB-virus conjugates

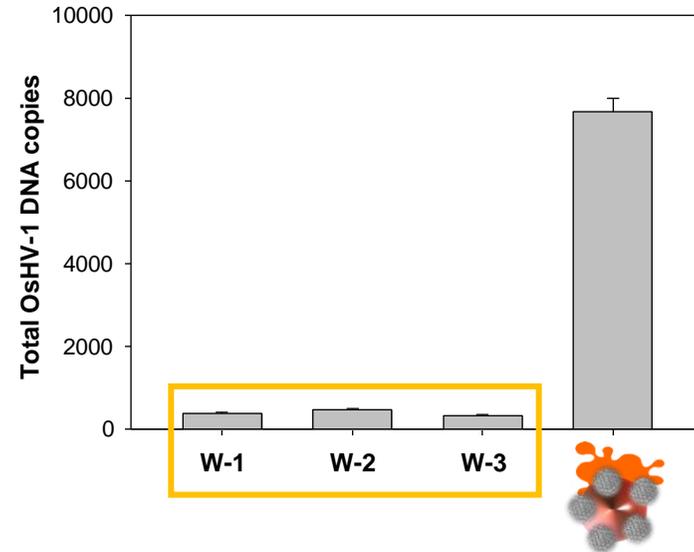
# Virus capture



# Virus detection



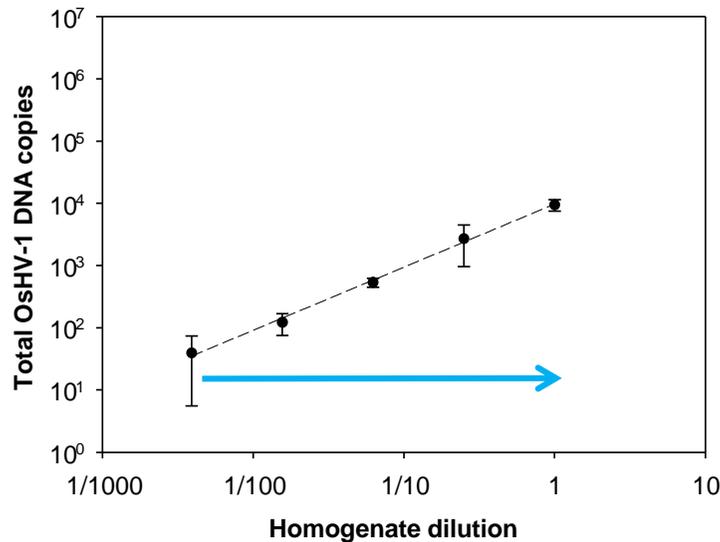
MBs: able to capture the virus from both the homogenate and seawater



The viral DNA detected in the conjugates came from virus particles captured by the MBs

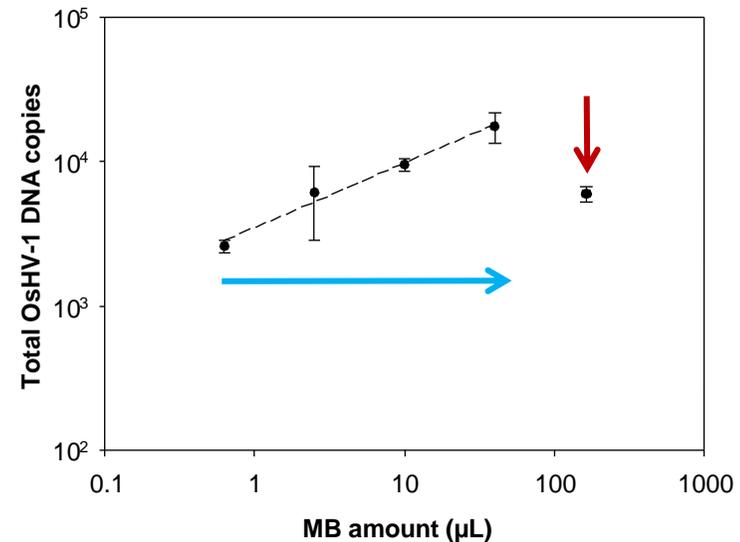
# Virus capture

## 1) Homogenate dilutions



MBs were not saturated

## 2) MBs dilutions



Steric impediments may decrease MBs capture efficiency

# Experimental infections



intramuscular injection  
~30 oysters/aquarium

MB-conjugates

Positive controls

Negative controls



homogenate



seawater



sterile water



homogenate MBs



seawater MBs



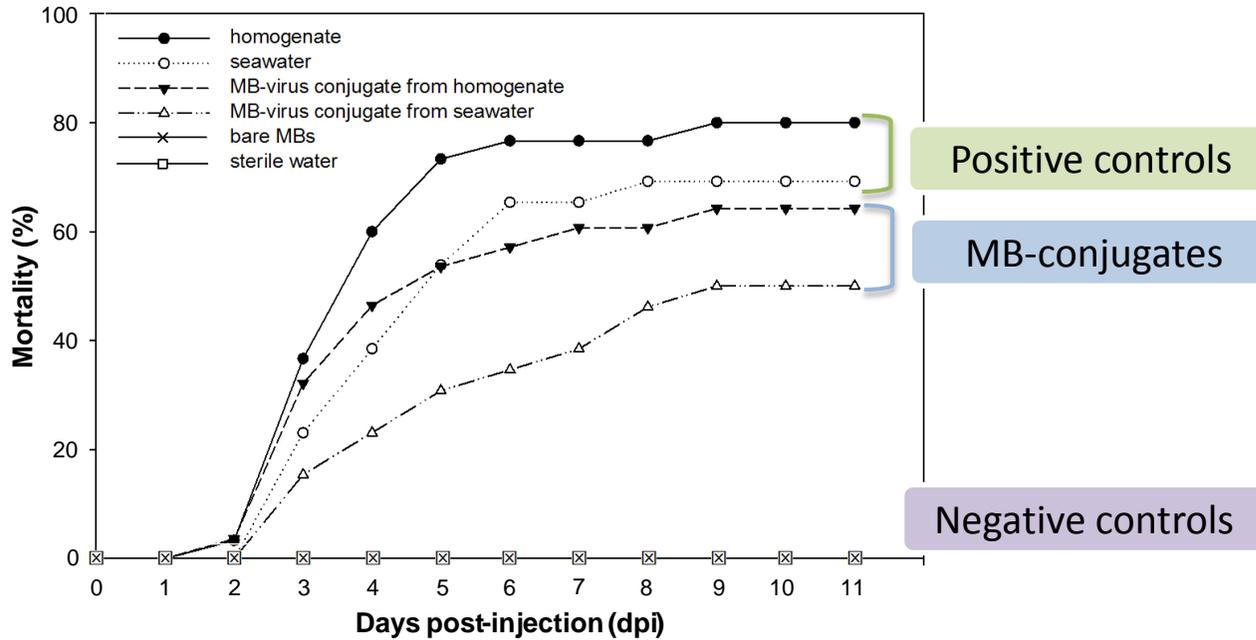
bare MBs



A. Mortality monitoring; B. DNA analyses; C. RNA analyses



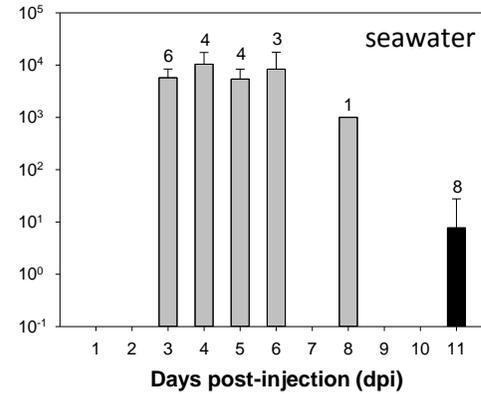
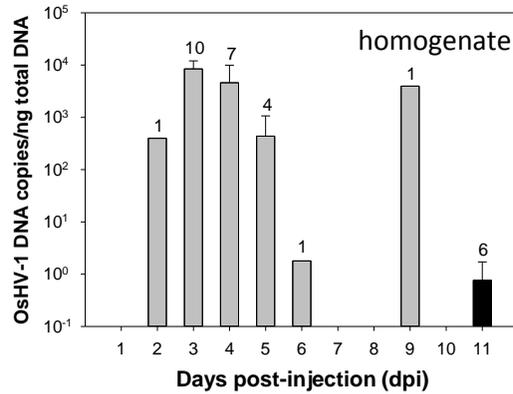
# A. Mortality monitoring



MB-conjugates: able to infect oysters

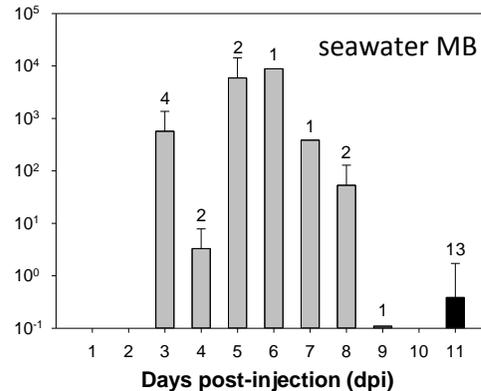
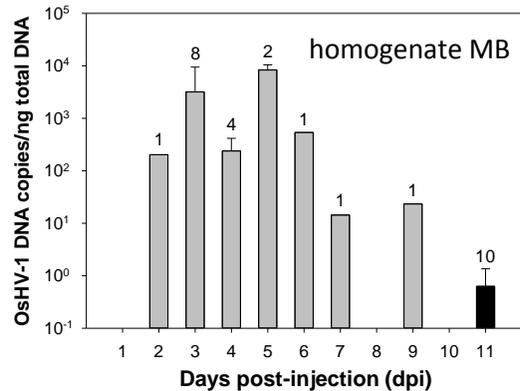
# B. DNA analyses

Positive controls



dead/moribund oysters  
 living oysters

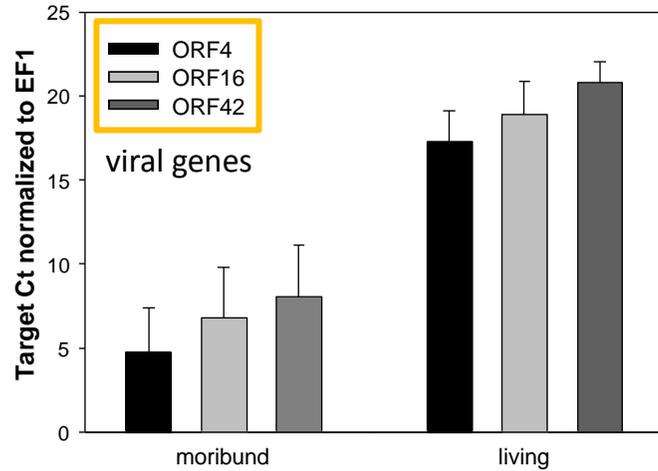
MB-conjugates



viral DNA loads:  
 Moribund/dead oysters > living oysters

MB-conjugates: able to infect oysters

# C. RNA analyses



no differences among ORFs

↓ Ct → ↑ gene expression

viral gene expression:  
moribund oysters > living oysters

Active replication of the virus

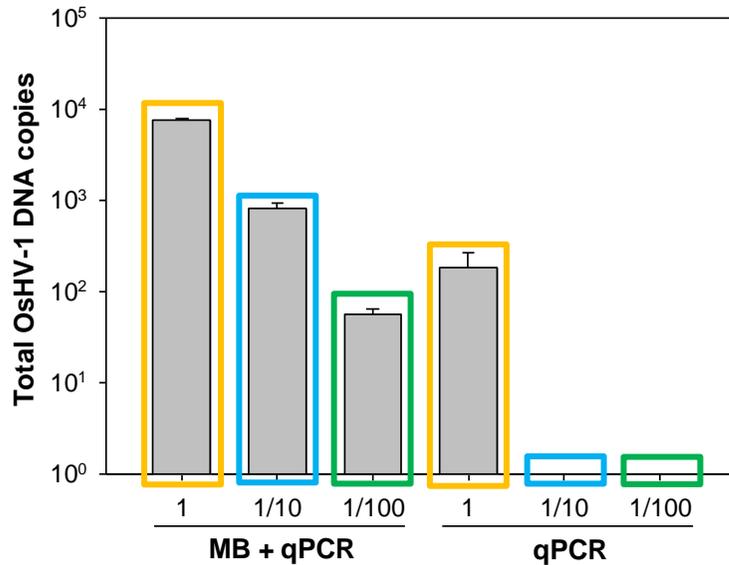


MB-conjugates: able to infect oysters



Ability of the MBs to capture  
viable virus particles

# Pre-concentrating agents: homogenatae



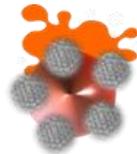
Experimental conditions:

*MBs volume*

*Elution volume*

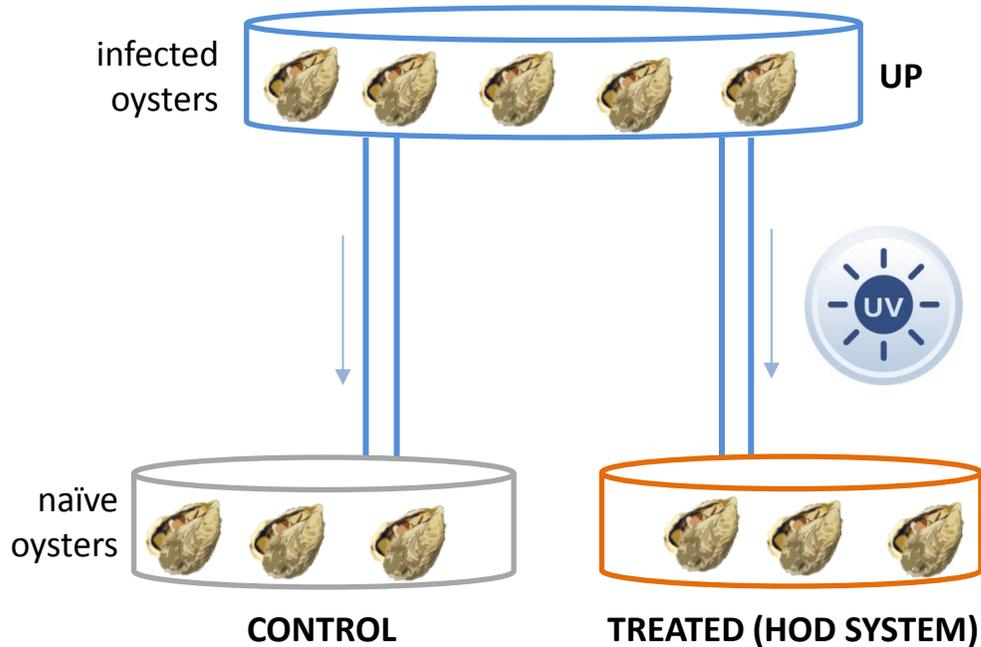
*Sample volume*

MBs: able to pre-concentrate OsHV-1 at least 100 times

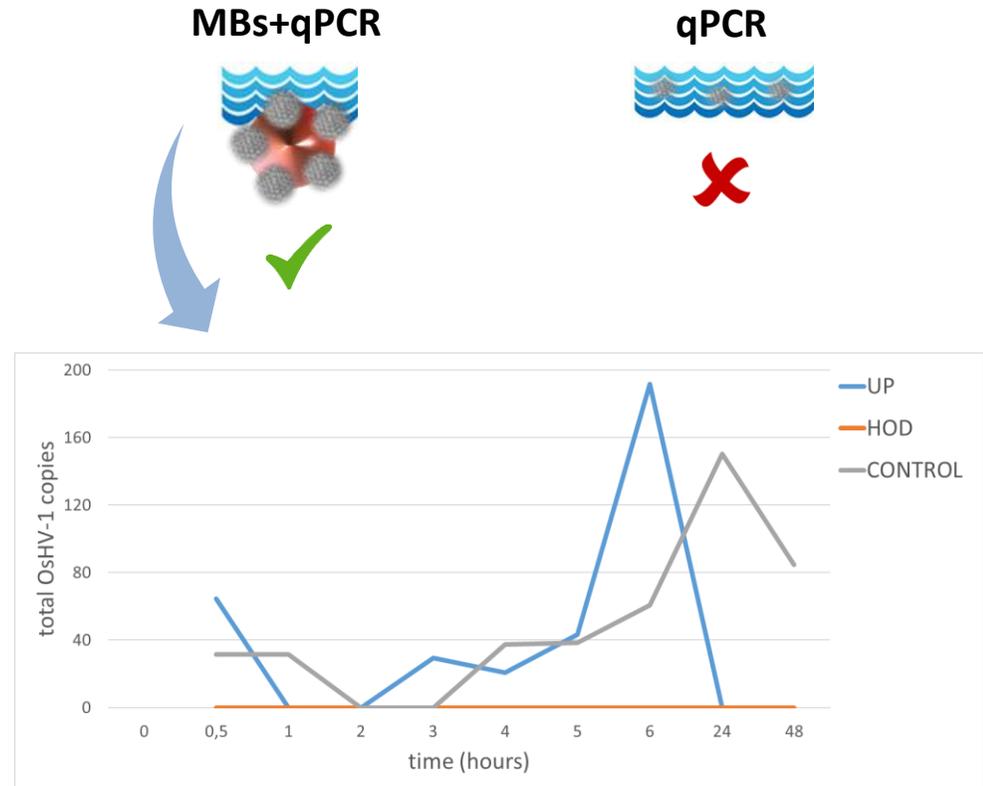


# Pre-concentrating agents: seawater

*Application to seawater from a depuration experiment (April 2019)*

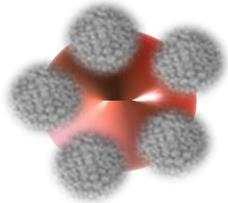


- no oyster mortality
- no OsHV-1 in oysters



## Summarising

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- MBs are able to **capture OsHV-1** from both the homogenate and seawater matrices
- Both homogenate and seawater conjugates have the ability to **infect** oysters
- MBs are able to **pre-concentrate** virus particles at least 100 times.
- MBs are able to pre-concentrate viruses from **seawater**, being closer to an early warning system.



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