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Adult snow crab, *Chionoecetes opilio*, displays body-wide exoskeletal resistance to the effects of long-term ocean acidification

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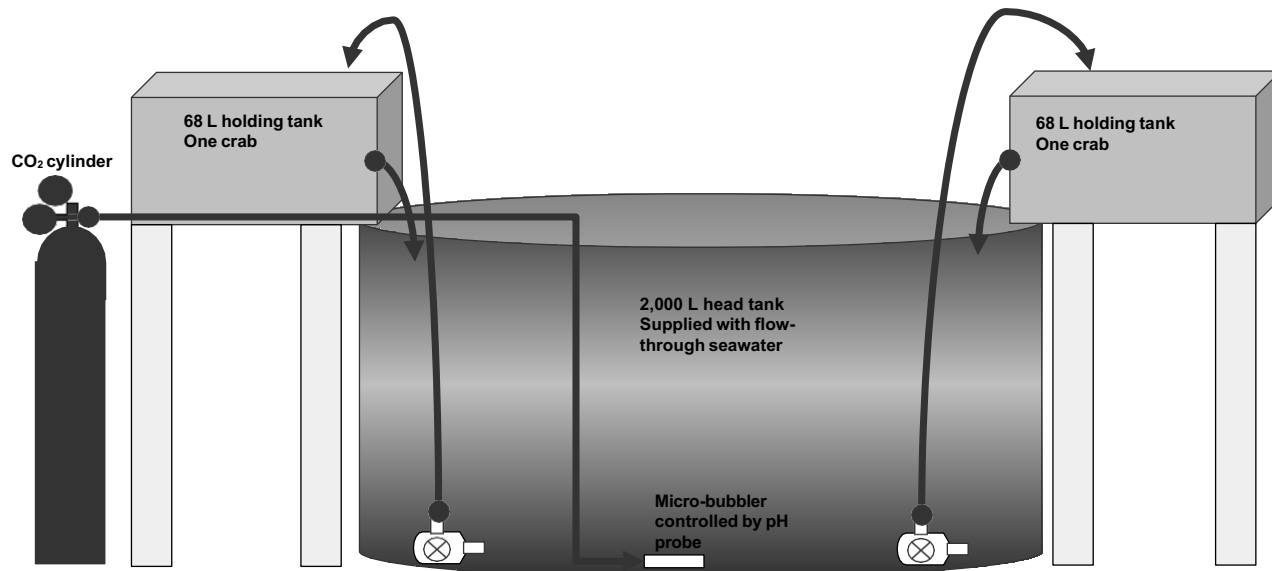


Figure S1. Illustration of holding setup for snow crab during hatching. Each crab was held in a separate 68L holding tank that received recirculating water from a larger head tank. The head tank was acidified via direct bubbling of pure CO₂ which was controlled by a Durafet III pH probe. One head tank was set up for each of three pH treatments.

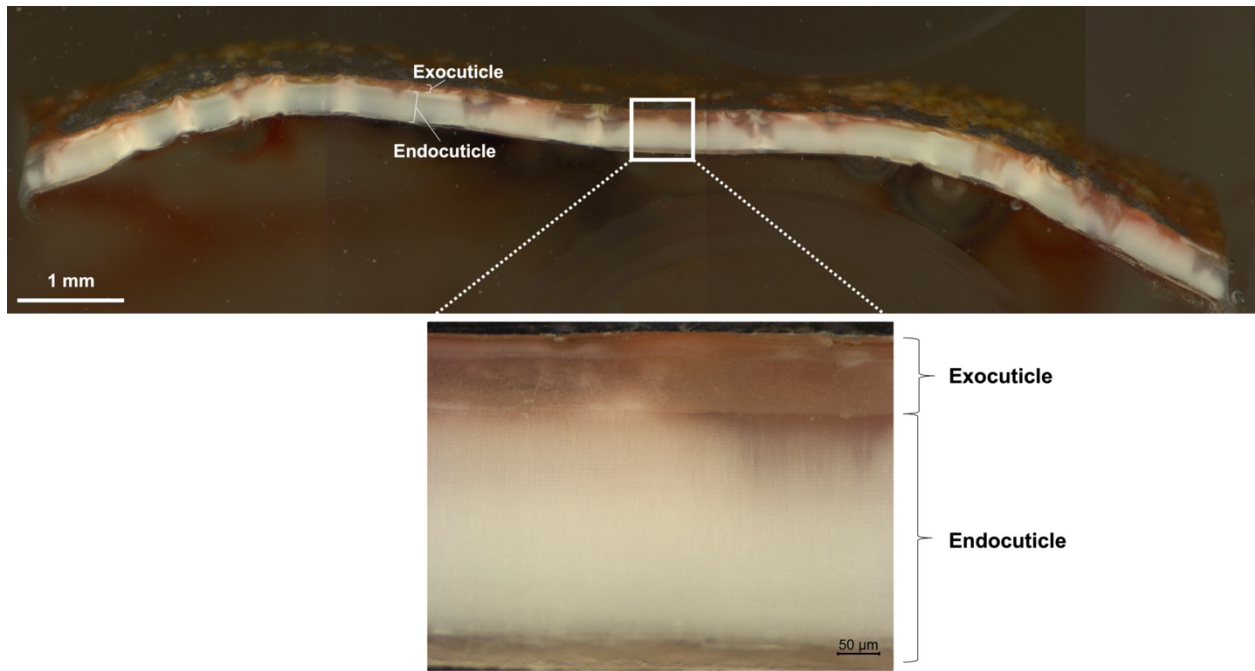


Figure S2. *Chionoectes opilio* embedded and polished carapace cross-section showing distinction between exo- and endocuticle layers. The exocuticle is characterized by a higher density of Bouligand layers (thinner individual layers), which results in a distinct difference in coloration under darkfield illumination.

Table S1. Sample sizes for structural, mechanical, and chemical assessments.

| | Carapace | Right Claw | Left Claw | Claws Combined | Right Leg | Left Leg | Legs Combined |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| pH 8.1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| pH 7.8 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| pH 7.5 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 8 |

Table S2. PERMANOVA analysis of structural, mechanical, and chemical properties of the snow crab exoskeleton from animals held at three different pH levels for two years.

| | df | Sums Of Squares | Mean Squares | F | R ² | p |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| pH Treatment | 2 | 13.45 | 6.725 | 1.8296 | 0.01738 | 0.07532 |
| Body region | 4 | 447.03 | 111.758 | 30.4045 | 0.57756 | 0.00001 |
| pH Treatment x Body region | 8 | 35.48 | 4.436 | 1.2067 | 0.04585 | 0.21077 |
| Crab ID (pH Treatment) | 20 | 86.89 | 4.345 | 1.182 | 0.11227 | 0.1787 |
| Residuals | 52 | 191.14 | 3.676 | 0.24695 | | |
| Total | 86 | 774 | 1 | | | |

Table S3. SIMPER analysis of structural, mechanical, and chemical properties of the snow crab exoskeleton showing which factors contributed most to the differences among body regions.

| Groups: Carapace & Claw | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|-------|
| Average squared distance = 20.80 | | | | | | |
| | Group: Carapace | Group: Claw | | | | |
| Variable | Av. Value | Av. Value | Av.Sq.Dist | Sq.Dist/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| Exo Thickness | 0.751 | -0.648 | 3.83 | 0.88 | 18.39 | 18.39 |
| Endo Bouligand | -0.98 | 0.623 | 3.27 | 0.97 | 15.74 | 34.13 |
| Endo Hardness | -0.714 | 0.612 | 2.78 | 0.64 | 13.39 | 47.52 |
| Exo Hardness | -1.06 | 0.316 | 2.76 | 1.07 | 13.25 | 60.77 |
| % Ca | -0.405 | 1.06 | 2.28 | 1.93 | 10.97 | 71.74 |
| % Mg | 0.288 | -1.03 | 1.88 | 2.04 | 9.02 | 80.76 |
| Endo Thickness | -0.00603 | 0.801 | 1.45 | 0.64 | 6.96 | 87.72 |
| % Sr | -0.173 | 0.43 | 1.44 | 0.77 | 6.92 | 94.64 |
| Total Thickness | 0.181 | 0.684 | 1.11 | 0.6 | 5.36 | 100 |
| Groups: Carapace & Leg. | | | | | | |
| Average squared distance = 15.47 | | | | | | |
| | Group: Carapace | Group Leg: | | | | |
| Variable | Av. Value | Av. Value | Av.Sq.Dist | Sq.Dist/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| Exo Hardness | -1.06 | 0.473 | 3.4 | 1.13 | 21.97 | 21.97 |
| Total Thickness | 0.181 | -1.09 | 2.65 | 0.95 | 17.13 | 39.1 |
| % Sr | -0.173 | -0.442 | 2.05 | 0.61 | 13.24 | 52.34 |
| Endo Thickness | -0.00603 | -1.09 | 1.8 | 1.07 | 11.61 | 63.95 |
| Exo Thickness | 0.751 | 0.249 | 1.77 | 0.55 | 11.43 | 75.38 |
| Endo Bouligand | -0.98 | -0.0194 | 1.3 | 0.84 | 8.38 | 83.75 |
| % Mg | 0.288 | 1.16 | 0.964 | 1.22 | 6.23 | 89.98 |
| Endo Hardness | -0.714 | -0.23 | 0.89 | 0.79 | 5.75 | 95.74 |
| % Ca | -0.405 | -1.11 | 0.659 | 1.2 | 4.26 | 100 |

| Groups: Claw & Leg | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Average squared distance = 29.49 | | | | | | |
| | Group: Claw | Group: Leg | | | | |
| Variable | Av. Value | Av. Value | Av.Sq.Dist | Sq.Dist/SD | Contrib% | Cum.% |
| % Ca | 1.06 | -1.11 | 5 | 2.76 | 16.97 | 16.97 |
| % Mg | -1.03 | 1.16 | 4.96 | 2.4 | 16.82 | 33.79 |
| Endo Thickness | 0.801 | -1.09 | 4.63 | 1.16 | 15.71 | 49.5 |
| Total Thickness | 0.684 | -1.09 | 4.41 | 1.04 | 14.94 | 64.44 |
| % Sr | 0.43 | -0.442 | 3.21 | 0.64 | 10.88 | 75.32 |
| Exo Thickness | -0.648 | 0.249 | 2.07 | 0.87 | 7.02 | 82.34 |
| Endo Hardness | 0.612 | -0.23 | 1.88 | 0.56 | 6.39 | 88.73 |
| Endo Bouligand | 0.623 | -0.0194 | 1.86 | 0.71 | 6.32 | 95.05 |
| Exo Hardness | 0.316 | 0.473 | 1.46 | 0.82 | 4.95 | 100 |

Table S4. Univariate GLM analysis of structural, mechanical, and chemical properties of the snow crab exoskeleton from animals held at three different pH levels for two years.

| Exocuticle microhardness | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 6636.290 | 28 | 237.01 | 2.29 | 0.004 | 0.525 |
| Intercept | 72785.39 | 1 | 72785.39 | 703.274 | <0.0005 | 0.924 |
| pH | 167.434 | 2 | 83.717 | 0.809 | 0.45 | 0.027 |
| Body region | 3020.165 | 2 | 1510.082 | 14.591 | <0.0005 | 0.335 |
| pH(CrabID) | 1095.487 | 20 | 54.774 | 0.529 | 0.942 | 0.154 |
| pH * Body region | 210.063 | 4 | 52.516 | 0.507 | 0.73 | 0.034 |
| Error | 6002.712 | 58 | 103.495 | | | |
| Total | 163985.264 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 12639.002 | 86 | | | | |

| Endocuticle microhardness | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 6452.427 | 28 | 230.444 | 2.366 | 0.003 | 0.533 |
| Intercept | 54476.197 | 1 | 54476.197 | 559.325 | <0.0005 | 0.906 |
| pH | 20.728 | 2 | 10.364 | 0.106 | 0.899 | 0.004 |
| Body region | 3606.689 | 2 | 1803.344 | 18.516 | <0.0005 | 0.39 |
| pH(CrabID) | 1941.079 | 20 | 97.054 | 0.996 | 0.48 | 0.256 |
| pH * Body region | 754.418 | 4 | 188.605 | 1.936 | 0.116 | 0.118 |
| Error | 5648.983 | 58 | 97.396 | | | |
| Total | 121626.769 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 12101.41 | 86 | | | | |

| Total thickness | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 924004.921 | 28 | 33000.176 | 5.527 | <0.0005 | 0.727 |
| Intercept | 9703227.81 | 1 | 9703227.81 | 1625.007 | <0.0005 | 0.966 |
| pH | 7324.812 | 2 | 3662.406 | 0.613 | 0.545 | 0.021 |
| Body region | 374793.069 | 2 | 187396.535 | 31.383 | <0.0005 | 0.52 |
| pH(CrabID) | 134015.589 | 20 | 6700.779 | 1.122 | 0.354 | 0.279 |
| pH * Body region | 37166.148 | 4 | 9291.537 | 1.556 | 0.198 | 0.097 |
| Error | 346329.158 | 58 | 5971.192 | | | |
| Total | 19974173.3 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 1270334.08 | 86 | | | | |
| Exocuticle thickness | | | | | | |
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 35323.560 | 28 | 1261.556 | 2.119 | 0.008 | 0.506 |
| Intercept | 196531.007 | 1 | 196531.007 | 330.079 | <0.0005 | 0.851 |
| pH | 557.388 | 2 | 278.694 | 0.468 | 0.629 | 0.016 |
| Body region | 13576.384 | 2 | 6788.192 | 11.401 | <0.0005 | 0.282 |
| pH(CrabID) | 7048.162 | 20 | 352.408 | 0.592 | 0.903 | 0.17 |
| pH * Body region | 2641.887 | 4 | 660.472 | 1.109 | 0.361 | 0.071 |
| Error | 34533.55 | 58 | 595.406 | | | |
| Total | 401037.072 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 69857.11 | 86 | | | | |
| Endocuticle thickness | | | | | | |
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 1075522.943 | 28 | 38411.534 | 6.93 | <0.0005 | 0.77 |
| Intercept | 7121864.67 | 1 | 7121864.67 | 1284.802 | <0.0005 | 0.957 |
| pH | 12297.15 | 2 | 6148.575 | 1.109 | 0.337 | 0.037 |
| Body region | 470731.124 | 2 | 235365.562 | 42.461 | <0.0005 | 0.594 |
| pH(CrabID) | 120375.848 | 20 | 6018.792 | 1.086 | 0.388 | 0.272 |
| pH * Body region | 29712.172 | 4 | 7428.043 | 1.34 | 0.266 | 0.085 |
| Error | 321503.456 | 58 | 5543.163 | | | |
| Total | 15420023.2 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 1397026.4 | 86 | | | | |

| Endocuticle Bouligand thickness | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 322.517 | 28 | 11.518 | 3.059 | <0.0005 | 0.596 |
| Intercept | 1665.856 | 1 | 1665.856 | 442.427 | <0.0005 | 0.884 |
| pH | 7.998 | 2 | 3.999 | 1.062 | 0.352 | 0.035 |
| Body region | 189.729 | 2 | 94.865 | 25.195 | <0.0005 | 0.465 |
| pH(CrabID) | 63.48 | 20 | 3.174 | 0.843 | 0.654 | 0.225 |
| pH * Body region | 11.955 | 4 | 2.989 | 0.794 | 0.534 | 0.052 |
| Error | 218.385 | 58 | 3.765 | | | |
| Total | 3817.446 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 540.903 | 86 | | | | |
| Calcium content | | | | | | |
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 2967.906 | 28 | 105.997 | 46.75 | <0.0005 | 0.958 |
| Intercept | 25379.833 | 1 | 25379.833 | 11193.91 | <0.0005 | 0.995 |
| pH | 29.097 | 2 | 14.548 | 6.417 | 0.003 | 0.181 |
| Body region | 1678.777 | 2 | 839.388 | 370.217 | <0.0005 | 0.927 |
| pH(CrabID) | 75.512 | 20 | 3.776 | 1.665 | 0.068 | 0.365 |
| pH * Body region | 7.039 | 4 | 1.76 | 0.776 | 0.545 | 0.051 |
| Error | 131.503 | 58 | 2.267 | | | |
| Total | 53901.932 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 3099.409 | 86 | | | | |
| Magnesium content | | | | | | |
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | 9.373 | 28 | 0.335 | 39.488 | <0.0005 | 0.95 |
| Intercept | 36.166 | 1 | 36.166 | 4266.238 | <0.0005 | 0.987 |
| pH | 0.084 | 2 | 0.042 | 4.967 | 0.01 | 0.146 |
| Body region | 5.281 | 2 | 2.641 | 311.496 | <0.0005 | 0.915 |
| pH(CrabID) | 0.387 | 20 | 0.019 | 2.282 | 0.008 | 0.44 |
| pH * Body region | 0.059 | 4 | 0.015 | 1.751 | 0.151 | 0.108 |
| Error | 0.492 | 58 | 0.008 | | | |
| Total | 70.108 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 9.865 | 86 | | | | |

| Strontium content | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Source | Type III Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | p | Partial Eta Squared |
| Corrected Model | .035 | 28 | 0.001 | 2.982 | <0.0005 | 0.59 |
| Intercept | 6.523 | 1 | 6.523 | 15562.934 | <0.0005 | 0.996 |
| pH | 0.002 | 2 | 0.001 | 2.717 | 0.075 | 0.086 |
| Body region | 0.005 | 2 | 0.003 | 6.039 | 0.004 | 0.172 |
| pH(CrabID) | 0.02 | 20 | 0.001 | 2.393 | 0.005 | 0.452 |
| pH * Body region | 0.001 | 4 | 0 | 0.485 | 0.746 | 0.032 |
| Error | 0.024 | 58 | 0 | | | |
| Total | 12.242 | 87 | | | | |
| Corrected Total | 0.059 | 86 | | | | |

Table S5. Maximum percent difference between ambient and reduced pH (pH 7.8 or 7.5) conditions for exoskeleton properties in which a significant effect of pH was not detected.

| Exoskeleton Property | Percent Difference |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Exocuticle microhardness | 6.8 |
| Endocuticle microhardness | 3.1 |
| Total thickness | 7.8 |
| Exocuticle thickness | 6.8 |
| Endocuticle thickness | 10.1 |
| Endocuticle Bouligand thickness | 8.6 |
| Strontium content | 5.7 |