

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Appendix S1

In this Appendix, we first show correlations between three modes of predation and density of infected focal hosts (*Daphnia dentifera*).

Then, we provide additional details of our path models. First we summarize the test statistic criteria used to judge each model (Table S1). Then, we report all parameters of the path model predicting infection prevalence including host diversity (path model 1; Fig. 6; Table S2), the model predicting density of infected hosts (path model 2; Fig. 7 A; Table S3), and its analogue predicting infection prevalence without host diversity (path model 3; Fig. 7 B; Table S4).

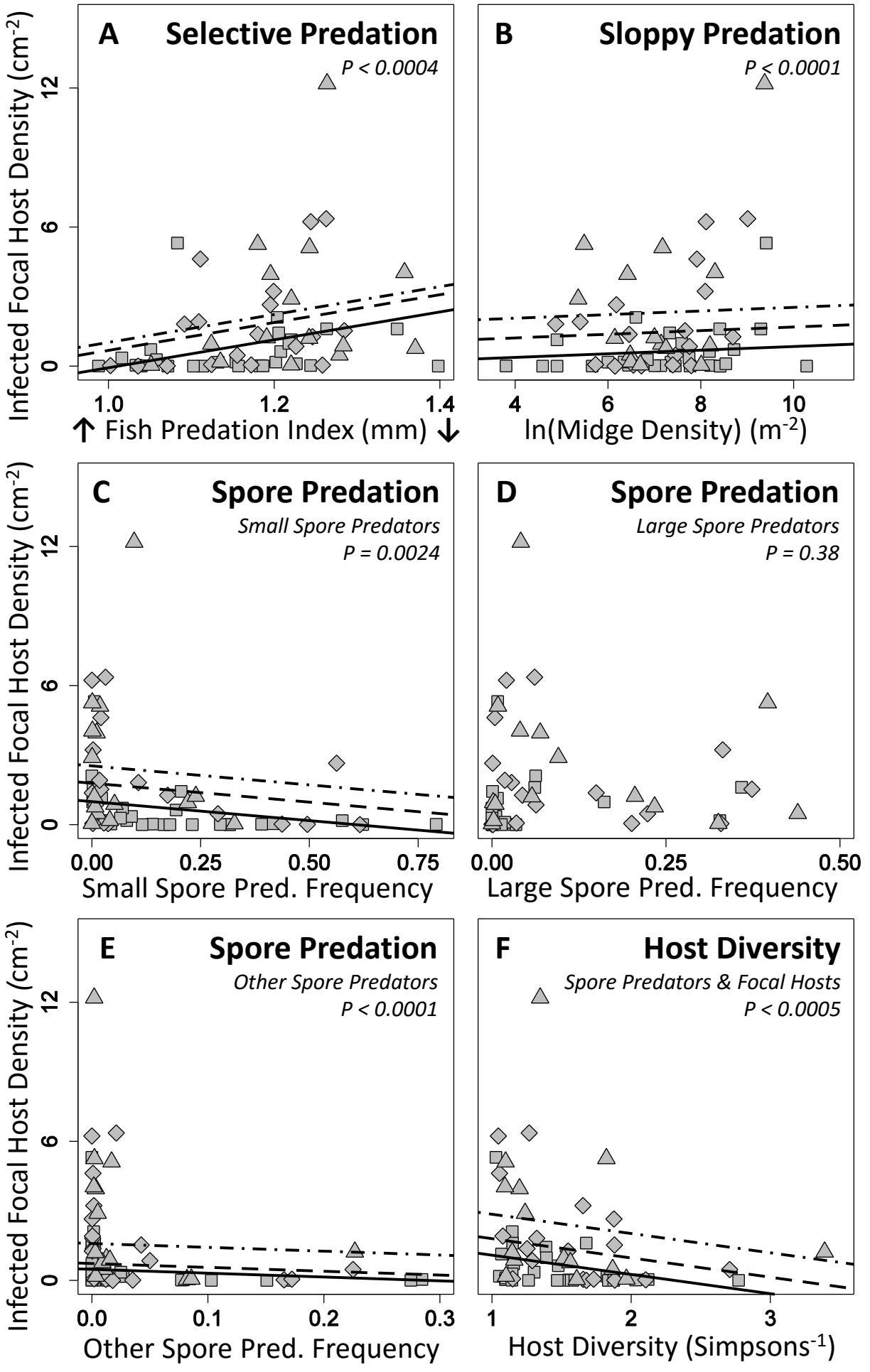


Figure S1. Three modes of predation (Table 1) are correlated with density of infected focal hosts (*Daphnia dentifera*). Infected host density is mean number of infected focal hosts per square centimeter during an epidemic season. Each point is a lake population in a given year.

A) Selective predation: fish predation is indexed by body size of adult focal hosts (mm). Smaller size = more fish predation (\uparrow); larger size = less (\downarrow). More fish predation (left on x-axis) correlated with lower density of infected hosts. **B)** Sloppy predation: more midge predators (*Chaoborus*) correlated with density of infected hosts. **C-E)** Spore predation: density of infected hosts dropped with **C)** higher frequencies small spore predators (*Ceriodaphnia*), but **D)** did not change with frequency of large spore predators (*D. pulicaria*). **E)** It also dropped with higher frequencies of other spore predators. **F)** Host diversity: higher cladoceran diversity also correlated with lower density of infected focal hosts, consistent with a dilution effect. Regression models were fit with random “lake” effects, fixed “year” effects, and flexible variance functions to account for heteroscedasticity in the data.

Table S1. Test statistics, cutoff criteria for determining good model fit, and statistics of all three path models (Figs. 6-7). Test statistics exceeding the desired cutoff criteria confirm that the hypothesized model is a relatively good fit for the observed data (Hu and Bentler 1999). All results use a robust Satorra-Bentler chi square (Satorra and Bentler 2001).

| Test | Desired | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Statistic | Cutoff | (Fig. 5) | (Fig. 7A) |
| Satorra-Bentler Chi Square | P value > 0.05 | $P = 0.903$ | $P = 0.317$ | $P = 0.404$ |
| | ¹ | $df = 9$ | $df = 6$ | $df = 6$ |
| Comparative Fit Index (CFI) | CFI > 0.95 | 1.000 | 0.985 | 0.997 |
| Tucker Lewis Index (TLI) | TLI > 0.95 | 1.152 | 0.948 | 0.990 |
| Root Mean Square Error of Approx. (RMSEA) | RMSEA < 0.06 | 0.000 | 0.053 | 0.022 |
| | ² | (0.000-0.066) | (0.000-0.180) | (0.000-0.163) |
| Standardized Root Mean Square Residual (SRMR) | SRMR < 0.08 | 0.044 | 0.070 | 0.066 |

¹ Key to abbreviations: df = degrees of freedom. ² 90% confidence interval

Table S2. Parameters for the path model predicting infection prevalence in focal hosts, including host diversity as a driver (path model 1; Fig. 6). Bold lines indicate significant or trending relationships.

| Dep. Var. ¹ / Model Component | Explanatory Variable | Par. ¹ | | Z-value | | Stand. Par. Est. ¹ |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Est. | SE ¹ | (Wald Statistic) | P ¹ | |
| Infection | Small Spore Predators | -0.094 | 0.047 | -1.981 | 0.048 | -0.231 |
| Prevalence ~ | Fish Predation Index | 0.082 | 0.113 | 0.720 | 0.471 | 0.098 |
| | Midge Density | 0.017 | 0.008 | 2.231 | 0.026 | 0.294 |
| | Other Spore Predators | -0.359 | 0.220 | -1.633 | 0.103 | -0.332 |
| | Host Diversity | 0.011 | 0.040 | 0.271 | 0.786 | 0.063 |
| Host | Other Spore Predators | 4.212 | 0.873 | 4.824 | 0.000 | 0.664 |
| Diversity ~ | Small Spore Predators | 0.868 | 0.269 | 3.230 | 0.001 | 0.365 |
| | Large Spore Predators | 1.754 | 0.149 | 11.787 | 0.000 | 0.479 |
| Small Spore Predators~ | Fish Predation Index | -0.718 | 0.232 | -3.099 | 0.002 | -0.351 |
| | Refuge Size | -0.038 | 0.015 | -2.621 | 0.009 | -0.251 |
| | Midge Density | -0.006 | 0.018 | -0.322 | 0.747 | -0.039 |
| Large Spore Predators~ | Fish Predation Index | 0.337 | 0.109 | 3.093 | 0.002 | 0.254 |
| | Refuge Size | 0.059 | 0.013 | 4.405 | 0.000 | 0.600 |
| | Midge Density | -0.007 | 0.007 | -1.038 | 0.299 | -0.075 |
| Fish Predation Index~ | Refuge Size | 0.022 | 0.008 | 2.853 | 0.004 | 0.297 |

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|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Modeled | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Sp. Pred. 2 | -0.001 | 0.001 | -0.986 | 0.324 | -0.085 |
| Covariances: | Sp. Pred. 2 ~ Other Sp. Pred. | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1.211 | 0.226 | 0.108 |
| | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Other Sp. Pred. | 0.003 | 0.002 | 1.334 | 0.182 | 0.216 |
| | Fish Pred. ~~ Midge Density | 0.033 | 0.017 | 1.942 | 0.052 | 0.281 |
| Intercepts: | Infection Prevalence | -0.140 | 0.128 | -1.089 | 0.276 | -1.801 |
| | Host Diversity | 1.077 | 0.063 | 16.985 | 0.000 | 2.369 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 1.087 | 0.241 | 4.511 | 0.000 | 5.680 |
| | Large Spore Predators | -0.342 | 0.111 | -3.078 | 0.002 | -2.757 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 1.146 | 0.018 | 62.048 | 0.000 | 12.240 |
| | Midge Density | 7.162 | 0.233 | 30.677 | 0.000 | 5.474 |
| | Other Spore Predators | 0.040 | 0.014 | 2.852 | 0.004 | 0.564 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.317 | 0.210 | 6.266 | 0.000 | 1.050 |
| Variances: | Infection Prevalence | 0.004 | 0.001 | | | 0.696 |
| | Host Diversity | 0.038 | 0.013 | | | 0.185 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 0.028 | 0.007 | | | 0.752 |
| | Large Spore Predators | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.490 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.912 |
| | Midge Density | 1.711 | 0.350 | | | 1.000 |
| | Other Spore Predators | 0.005 | 0.002 | | | 1.000 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.575 | 0.364 | | | 1.000 |

¹ Key to abbreviations: Dep. Var. = dependent variable; Par. Est. = parameter estimate; SE: =

Standard error; P = P -value of parameter estimate; Stand. = standardized

Table S3. Parameters for the path model predicting density of infected focal hosts (path model 2; Fig. 7 A). Bold lines indicate significant or trending relationships.

| Dep. Var. ¹ / Model Component | Explanatory Variable | Par. ¹ Est. | Z-value | | Stand. | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | SE ¹ | (Wald Statistic) | P ¹ | Par. Est. ¹ |
| Density of Infected Focal Hosts~ | Small Spore Predators | -0.131 | 0.093 | -1.414 | 0.157 | -0.116 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 0.124 | 0.295 | 0.419 | 0.675 | 0.054 |
| | Midge Density | 0.031 | 0.024 | 1.319 | 0.187 | 0.190 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.854 | 0.267 | 3.199 | 0.001 | 0.500 |
| Small Spore Predators~ | Fish Predation Index | -0.723 | 0.276 | -2.617 | 0.009 | -0.358 |
| | Refuge Size | -0.032 | 0.015 | -2.091 | 0.037 | -0.211 |
| | Midge Density | -0.002 | 0.017 | -0.136 | 0.892 | -0.016 |
| Large Spore Predators~ | Fish Predation Index | 0.312 | 0.105 | 2.965 | 0.003 | 0.236 |
| | Refuge Size | 0.060 | 0.013 | 4.477 | 0.000 | 0.608 |
| | Midge Density | -0.007 | 0.007 | -0.934 | 0.350 | -0.070 |
| Fish Pred. Index~ | Refuge Size | 0.022 | 0.008 | 2.853 | 0.004 | 0.297 |
| Modeled Covariances: | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Sp. Pred. 2 | -0.002 | 0.001 | -1.316 | 0.188 | -0.120 |
| | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Focal Host Dens. | -0.005 | 0.003 | -1.810 | 0.070 | -0.240 |
| | Fish Pred. In. ~ Midge Dens. | 0.033 | 0.017 | 1.942 | 0.052 | 0.281 |
| | Sp. Pred. 2 ~ Focal Host Dens. | 0.000 | 0.002 | -0.255 | 0.799 | -0.032 |

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| Intercepts: | Density of Infected Focal Hosts | -0.358 | 0.372 | -0.962 | 0.336 | -1.672 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 1.060 | 0.286 | 3.710 | 0.000 | 5.606 |
| | Large Spore Predators | -0.317 | 0.108 | -2.948 | 0.003 | -2.567 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 1.146 | 0.018 | 62.048 | 0.000 | 12.240 |
| | Midge Density | 7.162 | 0.233 | 30.677 | 0.000 | 5.474 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.182 | 0.017 | 10.836 | 0.000 | 1.456 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.317 | 0.210 | 6.266 | 0.000 | 1.050 |
| Variances: | Density of Infected Focal Hosts | 0.030 | 0.011 | | | 0.658 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 0.028 | 0.007 | | | 0.779 |
| | Large Spore Predators | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.493 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.912 |
| | Midge Density | 1.711 | 0.350 | | | 1.000 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.016 | 0.003 | | | 1.000 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.575 | 0.364 | | | 1.000 |

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Standard error; P = P -value of parameter estimate; Stand. = standardized

Table S4. Parameters for the path model predicting infection prevalence without host diversity as a driver (path model 3; Fig. 7 B). Bold lines indicate significant or trending relationships.

| Dep. Var. ¹ | | | | Z-value | | Stand. |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| / Model | Explanatory Variable | Par. ¹ | SE ¹ | (Wald Statistic) | P ¹ | Par. |
| Component | | Est. | | | | Est. ¹ |
| Infection | Small Spore Predators | -0.104 | 0.053 | -1.975 | 0.048 | -0.253 |
| Prevalence ~ | Fish Predation Index | 0.115 | 0.135 | 0.853 | 0.394 | 0.139 |
| | Midge Density | 0.016 | 0.008 | 1.999 | 0.046 | 0.268 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.039 | 0.054 | 0.710 | 0.478 | 0.062 |
| Small Spore | Fish Predation Index | -0.723 | 0.276 | -2.617 | 0.009 | -0.358 |
| Predators~ | Refuge Size | -0.032 | 0.015 | -2.091 | 0.037 | -0.211 |
| | Midge Density | -0.002 | 0.017 | -0.136 | 0.892 | -0.016 |
| Large Spore | Fish Predation Index | 0.311 | 0.105 | 2.951 | 0.003 | 0.235 |
| Predators~ | Refuge Size | 0.060 | 0.013 | 4.548 | 0.000 | 0.609 |
| | Midge Density | -0.007 | 0.007 | -0.933 | 0.351 | -0.070 |
| Fish Pred. | Refuge Size | 0.022 | 0.008 | 2.853 | 0.004 | 0.297 |
| Index~ | | | | | | |
| Modeled | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Sp. Pred. 2 | -0.002 | 0.001 | -1.309 | 0.191 | -0.119 |
| Covariances: | Sp. Pred. 1 ~ Focal Host Dens. | -0.005 | 0.003 | -1.809 | 0.070 | -0.240 |
| | Fish Pred. In. ~ Midge Dens. | 0.033 | 0.017 | 1.942 | 0.052 | 0.281 |
| | Sp. Pred. 2 ~ Focal Host Dens. | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.105 | 0.916 | 0.019 |

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| Intercepts: | Infection Prevalence | -0.172 | 0.159 | -1.084 | 0.278 | -2.217 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 1.060 | 0.286 | 3.710 | 0.000 | 5.606 |
| | Large Spore Predators | -0.317 | 0.108 | -2.934 | 0.003 | -2.560 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 1.146 | 0.018 | 62.048 | 0.000 | 12.240 |
| | Midge Density | 7.162 | 0.233 | 30.677 | 0.000 | 5.474 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.182 | 0.017 | 10.836 | 0.000 | 1.456 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.317 | 0.210 | 6.266 | 0.000 | 1.050 |
| Variances: | Infection Prevalence | 0.005 | 0.001 | | | 0.769 |
| | Small Spore Predators | 0.028 | 0.007 | | | 0.779 |
| | Large Spore Predators | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.492 |
| | Fish Predation Index | 0.008 | 0.002 | | | 0.912 |
| | Midge Density | 1.711 | 0.350 | | | 1.000 |
| | Focal Host Density | 0.016 | 0.003 | | | 1.000 |
| | Refuge Size | 1.575 | 0.364 | | | 1.000 |

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