

Supporting Information

Rapid imaging, detection, and quantification of *Nosema ceranae* spores in honey bees using mobile phone based fluorescence microscopy

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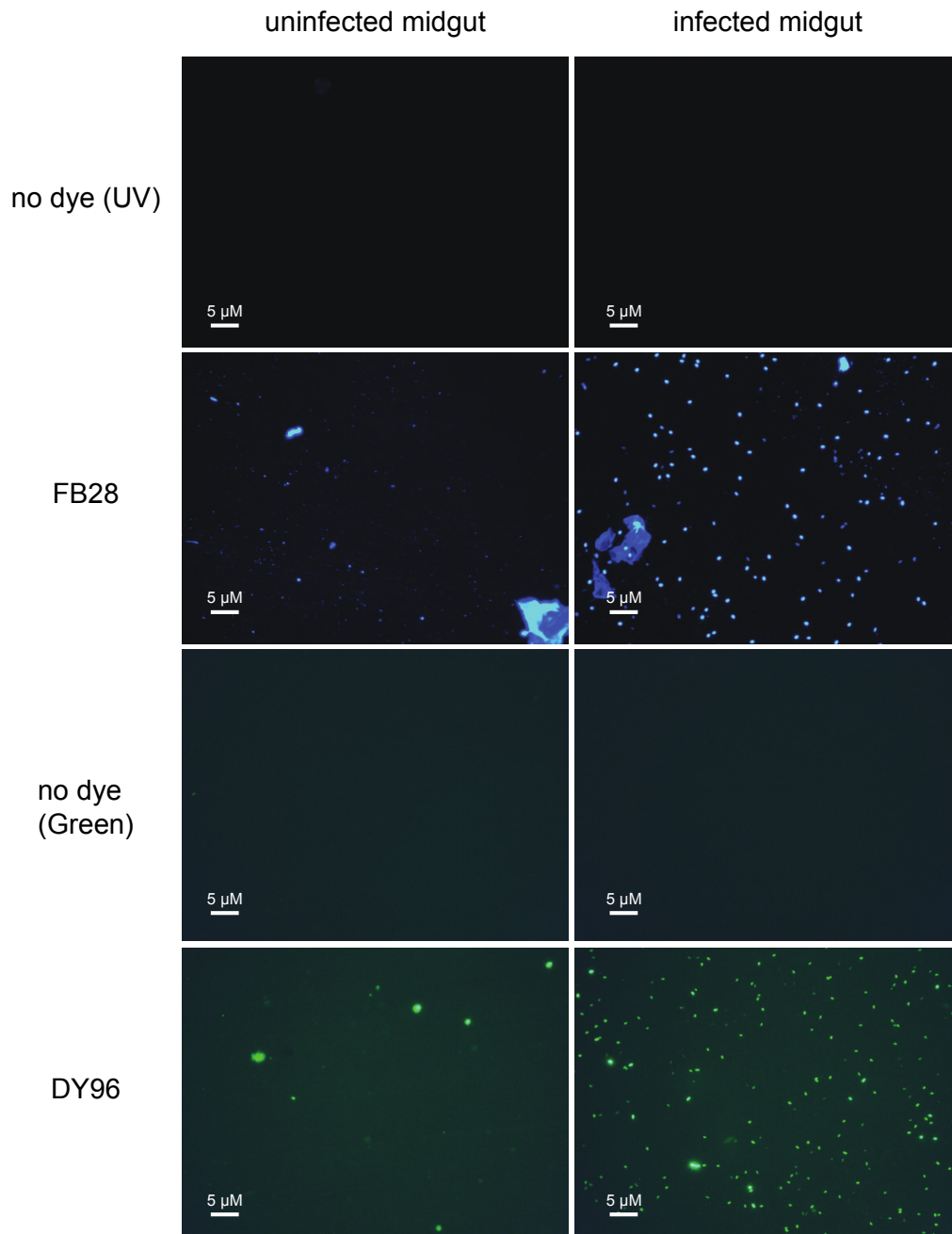


Fig. S1. Chitin-binding dye Solophenyl Flavine 7GFE 500 (Direct Yellow 96) allows visualization of *N. ceranae* spores. Midgut preparations from an uninfected and an infected bee from an infected colony were stained with FB28 or Solophenyl Flavine 7GFE 500, or left unstained and were visualized with UV using a 20x objective lens.

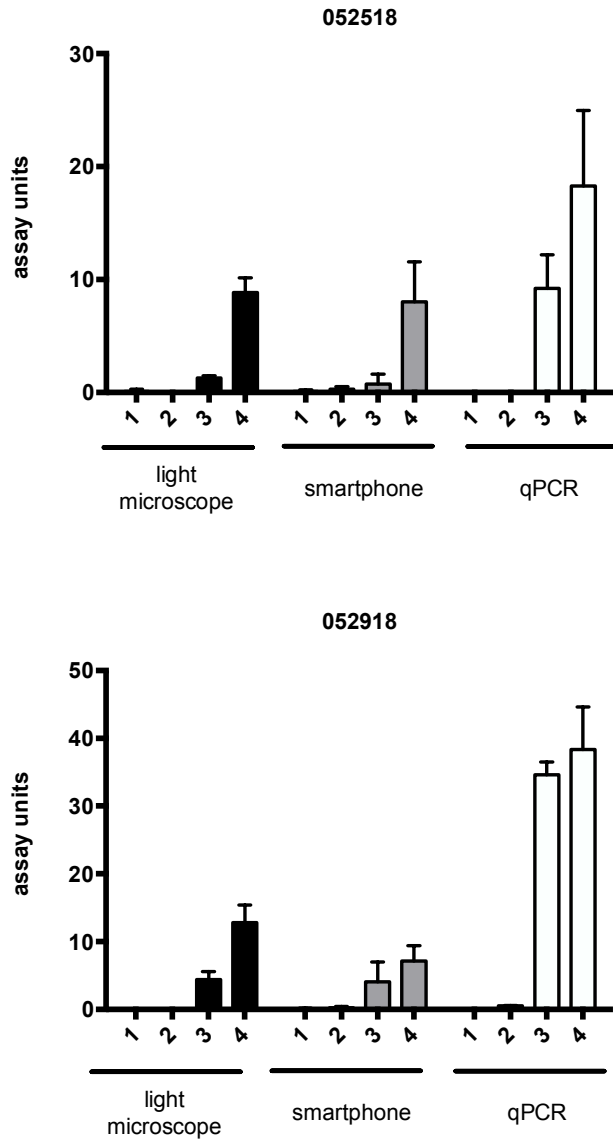


Fig. S2. *N. ceranae* levels as determined by spore count using traditional light microscopy (assay units = 1×10^6 spores per bee), smartphone-based microscope (assay units = 1×10^6 spores per bee), and qPCR (assay units = relative genome equivalents) in pooled samples from 10 honey bee midguts bees from four individual colonies over two experiments. For qPCR, the difference between the Ct number for honey bee β -actin and that of *N. ceranae* 16S was used to calculate the level of infection relative to β -actin using the $\Delta\Delta C_T$ method.