

# Evolution of Phenotype and Mitochondrial Genome Reveals Limbless and Body-elongated Squamates may Change Their Energy Basis for Locomotion

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**Abstract** Limb reduction in Squamata present the dramatic characteristic to focus and usually accompanied with particularly morphological modifications, impacting tremendous locomotion changing and might generate different energy requirement. Herein, we combined both morphological and mitochondrial genomic data to explore the evolution of phenotypic transformation and mitochondrial genome of limbless and body-elongated squamates. We collected phenotypic measurements of 503 individuals, representing limbed or limbless taxa across all major lineages in Squamata to investigate the morphological correlations with limb-reduction. Furthermore, we provided the mitochondrial genome of the representative limbless and elongated species *Dibamus bourreti* (Angel, 1935) to detect selective constraints on limbless clades with published mitogenomes of other squamate reptiles. Our results evidenced that body elongation had certain negative relationship with limb-reduction in Squamata lineage and Lacertilia lineage ( $R = -0.495$ ,  $P < 2.2e-16$ ;  $R = -0.332$ ,  $P = 1.1e-13$ , respectively), while tail length showed slight correlation in both clades ( $R = 0.156$ ,  $P = 4.3e-04$ ;  $R = 0.192$ ,  $P = 2.1e-05$ , respectively). Besides, detection demonstrated that *ATP6* has experienced accelerated evolution among limbless lineages, suggesting selective pressure on mitogenomes may play an essential role in energy disparity for locomotion of limbed and limbless squamates.

**Keywords** limb-reduction, mitogenome, morphology, selective pressure, Squamata

## 1. Introduction

Remarkable morphological variations (i.e. the relative dimensions of the body, tail, and limbs), characteristic evolution and biotic interchange form the pattern of biodiversity and become one of the major goals in evolutionary biology (Carroll, 1997; Futuyma, 2005; Young *et al.*, 2007; Ren *et al.*, 2017; Jiang *et al.*, 2019; Yu *et al.*, 2021). Limb reduction in vertebrate exhibits the most intriguing trait, which repeatedly evolved in amphibians (Parra-Olea and Wake, 2001; Urosevic *et al.*, 2016), reptiles (Wiens *et al.*, 2006; Miralles *et al.*, 2015; Bergmann *et al.*, 2020), and mammals (Bejder and Hall, 2002; Law *et al.*, 2019). Squamates, in particular, present an excellent model to study this dramatic body form transformation. Transitions from a fully pentadactyl form to an almost or completely limbless body form have independently occurred in squamate reptiles (Wiens *et al.*, 2006; Brandley *et al.*, 2008), and frequently accompanies with several morphological alterations like body elongation, digit loss or tail lengthening on particular taxonomic groups such as *Bachia*, *Chalcides* and *Lerista* (Gans, 1975; Lande, 1978; Caputo *et al.*, 2000; Wiens and Slingluff, 2001; Galis *et al.*, 2010; Lee *et al.*, 2013). However, the morphological correlations with limb-reduction remains unexplored in the whole squamates lineage.

Reduction of limbs in squamates appears to induce locomotory mode changing (Gans, 1962; Morinaga and Bergmann, 2020). Locomotion of quadrupedal form is mainly supported by the rhythmic and coordinated movements of four limbs, whereas the propelling wave with different

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undulation pattern propagated along the trunk becomes the predominant mode in snake-like body forms (Gans, 1986; Renous *et al.*, 1998; Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019; Bergmann *et al.*, 2020), suggesting enormous locomotory difference might exist between limbed and limbless squamates. Furthermore, locomotion is energy-consuming, with most of the required energy supplied by mitochondria through oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) (Boore, 1999; Das, 2006; Sun *et al.*, 2011). Studies in birds and fishes indicated that locomotive patterns were closely related to the evolution of mitogenome (Shen *et al.*, 2009; Sun *et al.*, 2011). In this regard, we conjecture that phenotypic changes accompanied with locomotion might influence the evolution of mitochondrial genome in squamates.

Dibamids are a group of elongated, fossorial, and limbless lizards (only males have flap-like traces near cloaca) living beneath leaf-litter, rocks, and rotting logs (Townsend *et al.*, 2011; Quah *et al.*, 2017), therefore, they arouse much interest for their typical phenotype and locomotory style. In the present study, we provided the complete mitochondrial genome and morphologic characteristics of *Dibamus bourreti* (Angle, 1935) combining with other squamates to investigate the evolution of phenotypic and mitogenome in limbless and body-elongated squamate reptiles.

## 2. Material and Methods

**2.1. Morphological data collection and analysis** An adult male of *D. bourreti* (voucher No. CIB118200) was collected from Mangshan, Hunan, China, muscle tissues were taken and preserved in 95% ethanol and then stored at -20°C in the Herpetological Museum, Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chengdu, China. We measured snout-vent length (SVL) and tail length (TL) using a measuring tape to the nearest 1 mm. Hindlimb length (HL) (the flap structure) was obtained by a digital slide caliper to the nearest 0.01 mm. All measurements were following the description of Bergmann and Irschick (2010). Morphometric data of other squamates was collected from previous studies (Wiens *et al.*, 2006; Siler *et al.*, 2011; Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017; Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019). Totally, we gathered 503 species including limbed and limbless species (Table S1), covering all major lineages of squamates. To summarize the pattern of morphological variation, we divided our samples into four groups based on the following: limbed lizards, limb-reduced lizards, limbless lizards, and snakes. Limb-reduced lizards referred to those lacking all fingers or toes but remaining forelimb or hindlimb, while limbless lizards lacked all limbs without any vestige. A principal component analysis (PCA) was conducted using the “prcomp” function and *ggbiplot* package in R (R core team, 2020) based on the dataset. Then we tested the characteristics correlation

in Squamata clade using *Hmisc* package in R (R core team, 2020). The traits were defined as 0 (limbless), 1 (limb-reduced), or 2 (limbed). Snakes were included in limbless group therein. Considering the morphological peculiarity of snakes, we did the correlation test in Lacertilia clade independently.

### 2.2. Sequencing, mitogenome extraction and annotation

Total genomic DNA was extract from muscle tissue and a pair-end Illumina library was constructed with insert size ranging from 300 bp to 500 bp. The library was sequenced on Illumina Hiseq 2500 to generate raw data. Clean data was obtained after removing contaminated reads, low quality reads and reads with more than 5% 'N' bases of raw data and the complete mitochondrial genome of *D. bourreti* was extracted using Novoplasty (Dierckxsens *et al.*, 2017) from it. The mitochondrial genome annotation web server (MITOS) was used for annotation (Bernt *et al.*, 2013) and the tRNA genes were scanned by tRNAscan-SE2.0 online website (<http://lowelab.ucsc.edu/tRNAscan-SE/>) (Lowe and Chan, 2016).

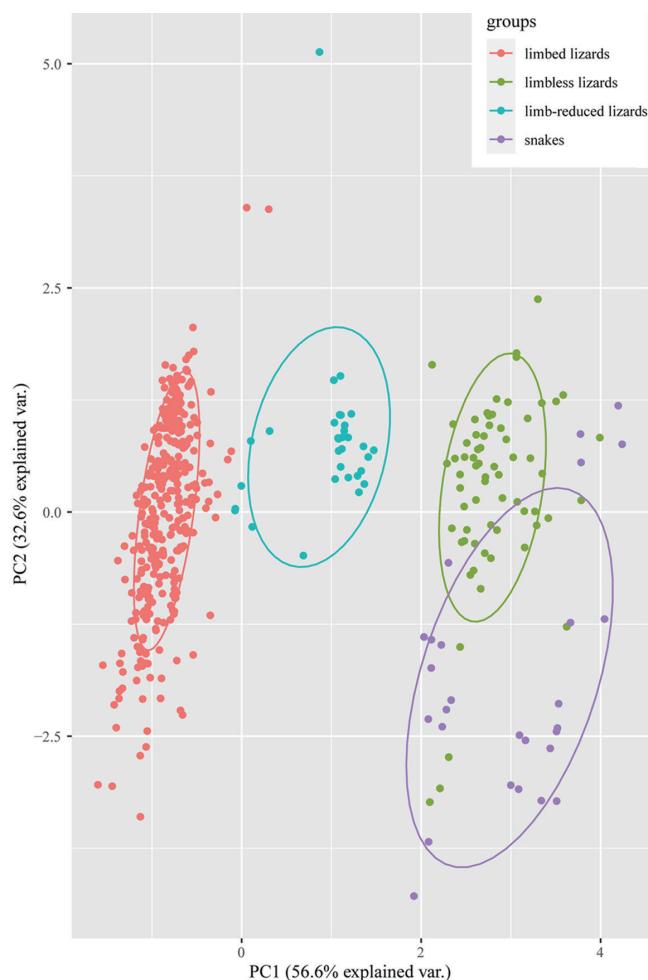
**2.3. Detecting selective pressure** Complete mitochondrial genomes were collected form GenBank for 27 species, representing disparate clades of Squamata (Table S2). The species tree was downloaded from Time Tree Database (<http://www.timetree.org/>). Based on the topology, the branch model of CODEML in PAML4.7 (Yang, 1997) was used to evaluate the  $\omega$  parameter, which means the ratio of nonsynonymous substitution (dN) and synonymous substitution (dS) in protein-coding genes (PCGs). We tested the null hypothesis using the null model (model = 0) firstly, meaning the  $\omega$  ratio in all branches are equal. An alternative hypothesis was subsequently detected (model = 2), allowing different  $\omega$  ratios on branches of interest. All limbless clades were regarded as the same foreground and the others were background. Finally, we calculated the significance of the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis using Likelihood Rate Test (LRTs). Genes with a *P* value less than 0.05 were considered as evolving with significantly faster rate in foreground branches.

## 3. Results

**3.1. Analyses of character correlation** All species were clustered into four distinct groups in PCA analysis: limbed lizards, limb-reduced lizards, limbless lizards, and snakes (Figure 1) based on the four indices (SVL, TL, FL, and HL). The first component from the PCA result showed that PC1 explained 56.6% of variation (Table 1). Individuals loaded highly positively on PC1 represented the snake-like species, characterized by reduced limb and elongated body. By contrast, negatively loaded species were lizard-like with robust limbs. Therefore, we interpreted PC1 as the indicator for lizard-like or

snake-like groups since it contrasted variables associated with body elongation (SVL with positive loadings). PC2 explained 32.6% of the variance and characterized by strongly loadings of SVL and TL. PC3 and PC4 explained low variation (Table 1) and therefore were not considered further. The correlation test between morphological traits indicated certain negative correlation between SVL and limb-reduction in both Squamata lineage and Lacertilia lineage ( $R = -0.495, P < 2.2e-16; R = -0.332, P = 1.1e-13$ , respectively), while slight relationship existed between TL and limb-reduction in either Squamata or Lacertilia clade ( $R = 0.156, P = 4.3e-04; R = 0.192, P = 2.1e-05$ , respectively) (Table 2).

**3.2. Mitogenome characterization of *D. bourreti*** We totally obtained 241.5 million reads (~36 Gbp) clean data of *D. bourreti* from Illumina Hiseq 2500 platform. The circular mitogenome of was 16 706 bp in size (Table 3, Figure 2), with base composition of 31.6% A, 23.9% T, 30.0% C and 14.5% G.



**Figure 1** PCA plot of 503 squamate species based on the first two principal components (PCs). Ellipses indicate different groups with 68% confidence intervals.

**Table 1** Morphometric PCA result for all variables. PCA loadings and percent explained variance for each PC are presented.  $n = 503$ .

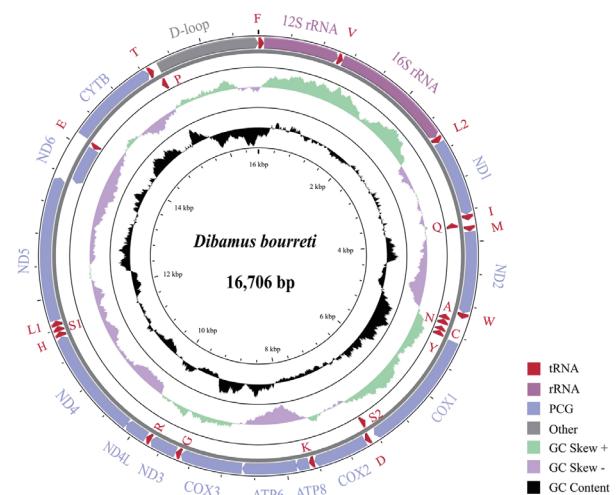
	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
SVL	0.349	-0.674	0.647	-0.065
TL	-0.277	-0.737	-0.611	-0.075
FL	-0.636	-0.031	0.237	0.734
HL	-0.629	-0.017	0.389	-0.6721
%Variance	56.63	32.61	7.75	3.01

**Table 2** Correlation test of traits.

Variables	Squamata clade		Lacertilia clade	
	X	Y	R	P
SVL	trait		-0.495	< 2.2e-16
SVL	FL		-0.073	0.1
SVL	HL		-0.098	0.03
SVL	TL		0.234	1.1e-07
TL	trait		0.156	4.3e-04
TL	FL		0.623	< 2.2e-16
TL	HL		0.632	< 2.2e-16

Note: Abbreviation of traits see method. Significant  $P$ -values are in bold ( $P < 0.05$ ).

The mitochondrial genome contained 13 protein-coding genes (*ND1-6, ND4L, COI-III, Cyt b, ATP6, and ATP8*), two rRNA fragments (12s and 16s rRNA), 22 tRNA fragments, and a control region (D-loop) (Table 1). Most genes were coded on the H-strand except *ND6* and 8 tRNAs (tRNA-Gln, Ala, Asn, Cys, Tyr, Ser, Glu, and Pro). All the PCGs were initiated with typical start codon ATG (Chen *et al.*, 2019), except for *COI* with GTG. For the PSGs, the longest gene was *ND5* (1824 bp) and the shortest was *ATP8* (168 bp). The 22 tRNAs ranged from 64 bp of tRNA-Cys to 75 bp of tRNA-Leu in length. The 12S



**Figure 2** Mitochondrial gene organization of *Dibamus bourreti*. Genes encoded by the H-strand are outside the circle, while genes inside the circle are coded by the L-strand. All tRNA genes were denoted by IUPAC-IUB one-letter amino acid abbreviation.

rRNA and 16S rRNA were 948 bp and 1526 bp respectively. The mitogenome of *D. bourreti* had been deposited in GenBank under accession number MW368917.

**3.3. Selection on mitogenomes of limbless squamates** The topology of the phylogenetic tree reveals that limbless species were not recovered as a monophyletic group, suggesting limb-reduction evolved independently several times (Figure 3). In our result, the ratio of dN/dS substitutions of all genes were lower than 1, demonstrating more nonsynonymous substitutions than synonymous substitutions (Table 4). According to LRT, the selective pressure of *ATP6* therein has significantly difference between foreground and background branches ( $\omega = 0.0376, 0.0191, P < 0.05$ , respectively), suggesting that *ATP6* of limbless

species (foreground branch) experienced rapid evolution compared to the background branch.

#### 4. Discussion

Here we integrate the morphological data to elucidate the pattern of morphological variations and test the morphological correlations with limb-reduction in squamates. All species were clustered into four groups based on the first principal component in our PCA plot (Figure 1), and correlation analysis showed definite relationship between SVL and limb-reduction in both Squamata and Lacertilia lineages (Table 2). It was obvious that quadrupedal squamates varied from snake-like squamates, but the discrepancy among limbless lizards and

**Table 3** Annotation of whole mitogenome of *Dibamus bourreti*.

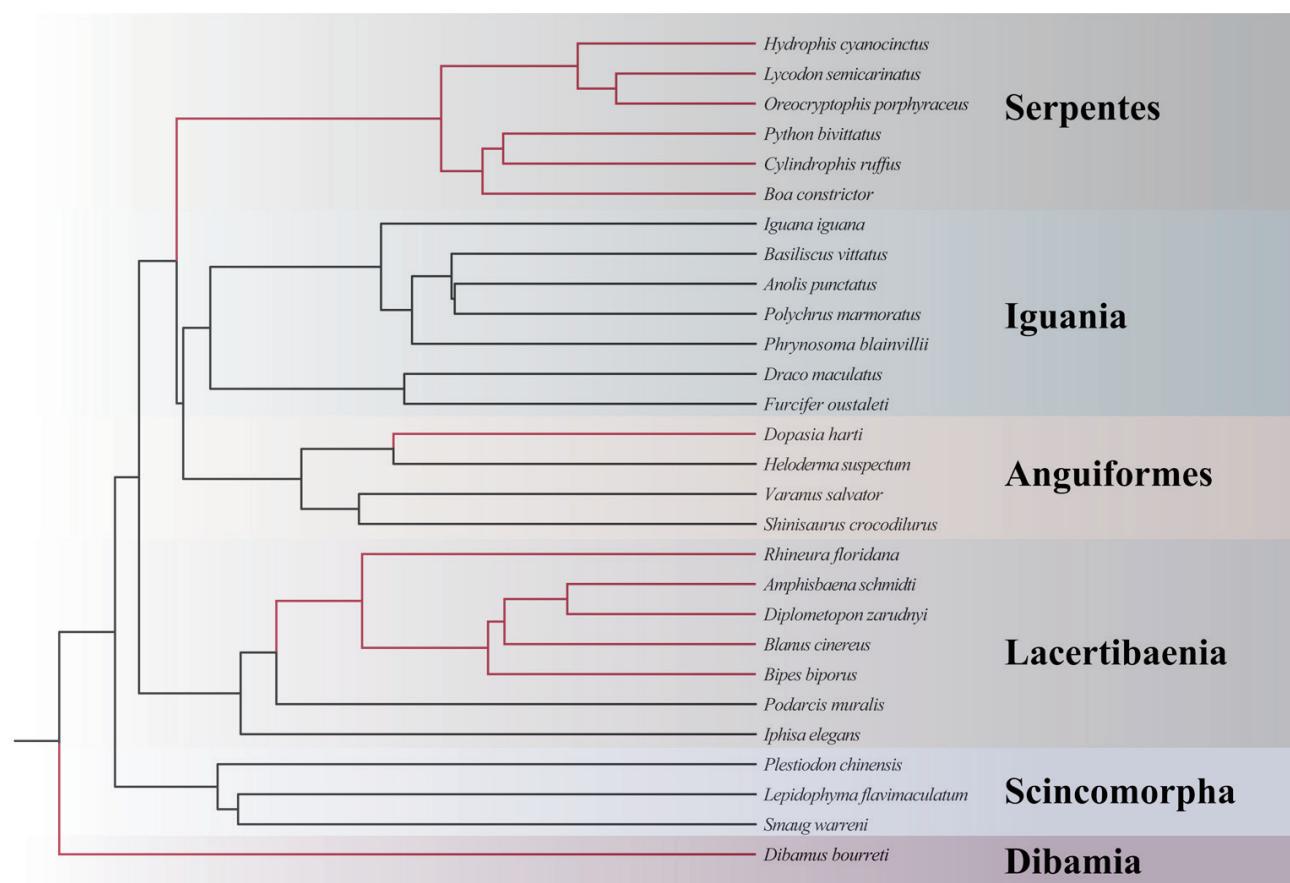
Gene	Strand	Start position	Length (bp)	Start codons	Stop codons	Anticodon
tRNA-Phe	H	1–71	71			GAA
12s rRNA	H	72–1019	948			
tRNA-Val	H	1018–1086	69			TAC
16s rRNA	H	1086–2611	1526			
tRNA-Leu2	H	2614–2688	75			TAA
<i>ND1</i>	H	2689–3657	969	ATG	TAA	
tRNA-Ile	H	3658–3730	73			GAT
tRNA-Gln	L	3730–3801	72			TTG
tRNA-Met	H	3801–3869	69			CAT
<i>ND2</i>	H	3870–4902	1033	ATG	CCT	
tRNA-Trp	H	4903–4974	72			TCA
tRNA-Ala	L	4974–5042	69			TGC
tRNA-Asn	L	5044–5116	73			GTT
tRNA-Cys	L	5143–5206	64			GCA
tRNA-Tyr	L	5207–5276	70			GTA
<i>COX1</i>	H	5278–6825	1548	GTG	AGA	
tRNA-Ser2	L	6819–6889	71			TGA
tRNA-Asp	H	6893–6960	68			GTC
<i>COX2</i>	H	6961–7648	688	ATG	CAT	
tRNA-Lys	H	7649–7718	70			TTT
<i>ATP8</i>	H	7720–7887	168	ATG	TAA	
<i>ATP6</i>	H	7878–8560	683	ATG	ATA	
<i>COX3</i>	H	8561–9344	784	ATG	CAT	
tRNA-Gly	H	9345–9414	70			TCC
<i>ND3</i>	H	9415–9760	346	ATG	AGT	
tRNA-Arg	H	9761–9829	69			TCG
<i>ND4L</i>	H	9831–10127	297	ATG	TAA	
<i>ND4</i>	H	10121–11501	1381	ATG	CCT	
tRNA-His	H	11502–11570	69			GTG
tRNA-Ser1	H	11571–11637	67			GCT
tRNA-Leu1	H	11639–11709	71			TAG
<i>ND5</i>	H	11711–13534	1824	ATG	TAA	
<i>ND6</i>	L	13531–14055	525	CTA	CAT	
tRNA-Glu	L	14056–14124	69			TTC
<i>CYTB</i>	H	14127–15268	1142	ATG	ATA	
tRNA-Thr	H	15269–15338	70			TGT
tRNA-Pro	L	15339–15410	72			TGG
D-loop	H	15411–16706	1296			

**Table 4** The selective pressure of 13 protein-coding genes in mitogenomes.

Gene	lnL(null)	lnL(alternative)	statistics	DF	P value	$\omega$ (background)	$\omega$ (foreground)
ATP6	-13564.8254	-13562.7518	4.1471	1	0.0417	0.0191	0.0376
ATP8	-2480.7599	-2479.3168	2.8862	1	0.0894	0.2511	0.1442
COX1	-21176.4855	-21175.5594	1.8523	1	0.1735	0.0136	0.0171
COX2	-10967.4342	-10967.4166	0.0352	1	0.8512	0.0310	0.0293
COX3	-12405.8831	-12405.7840	0.1982	1	0.6562	0.0362	0.0336
CYTB	-19612.1791	-19611.4038	1.5506	1	0.2130	0.0348	0.0438
ND1	-16453.0110	-16452.9196	0.1829	1	0.6689	0.0293	0.0269
ND2	-17082.5685	-17081.1600	2.8170	1	0.0933	0.0236	0.0367
ND3	-6676.1213	-6675.4482	1.3463	1	0.2459	0.0505	0.0358
ND4	-27176.2422	-27175.3349	1.8145	1	0.1780	0.0445	0.0347
ND4L	-4066.9181	-4066.8527	0.1307	1	0.7177	0.0380	0.0329
ND5	-24949.9984	-24948.8601	2.2768	1	0.1313	0.0318	0.0414
ND6	-9069.5062	-9069.2681	0.4886	1	0.4846	0.0222	0.0306

snakes should also be noted. Distinctive modes for elongation might explain the different clusters of limbed, limb-reduced, limbless lizards and snakes in squamates. In squamates, limbless species elongated body forms in three ways: lengthening the trunk, the tail or the both (Wiens *et al.*, 2006; Brandley *et al.*, 2008; Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017). Snakes tended to display elongation in both trunk and tail region, whereas

lizards appeared to elongate tails multiple times than trunks (Woltering, 2012). However, correlation between TL and limb-reduction showed slight support in either Squamata or Lacertilia in our study (Table 2), suggesting the lengthening of tails associating with limb reduction might occur in certain clades such as Anguidae (Wiens and Slingluff, 2001). Furthermore, our results demonstrated the association between body elongation

**Figure 3** Phylogeny of 28 squamate species included in this study. Lines marked with red represent the elongated, limbless species and black lines represent the limbed, lizard-like species, respectively.

and limb reduction in Squamata, consistent with previous studies in amphibians (Parra-Olea and Wake, 2001; Bonett and Blair, 2017), reptiles (Wiens *et al.*, 2006; Brandley *et al.*, 2008; Grizante *et al.*, 2012) and mammals (Buchholtz and Schur, 2004; Buchholtz *et al.*, 2007; Law *et al.*, 2019), prompting that limb-reduction accompanied with elongated body forms tend to be a pervasive rule in vertebrate.

Previous studies had put forward three locomotive patterns for squamates with different degrees of limb loss: limbed squamates used their limbs for movement, limb-reduced squamates moved with their remaining limbs alternately with body swing and limbless squamates (including limbless lizards and snakes) relied on completely body swing (Gans, 1986; Gans and Gasc, 1990; Gans and Fusari, 1994). Distinct locomotive modes were considered to associate with energy metabolic as well as the evolutionary pattern of mitochondrial proteins (Shen *et al.*, 2009; Sun *et al.*, 2011; Jacobsen *et al.*, 2015). Mitochondria usually provide up to 95% energy in metabolism, which was directly produced by ATP synthase of mitochondrial respiratory chain, and support for locomotion (Sperl *et al.*, 2006; Shen *et al.*, 2010; Mitterboeck *et al.*, 2017). Researches in birds and insects prompted that selection pressure on mitochondrial genomes was closely related to locomotive abilities (Shen *et al.*, 2009; Mitterboeck and Adamowicz, 2013). Sun *et al.* (2011) evidenced that fishes with different locomotive patterns faced distinctive energy requirement and selective pressure on mitochondrial proteins vary among these groups, suggesting selective constraints exhibited by mitochondrial genome was due to the restriction of metabolism. By evaluating selective constraints on mitochondrial protein-coding sequences, our work showed that *ATP6* had undergone significantly accelerated evolution among limbless lineages comparing to the limbed lineages (Table 4). *ATP6* is a subunit of the F<sub>0</sub>-proton channel in ATP synthase, catalyzing synthesis of ATP from ADP (Saraste, 1999). Jacobsen *et al.* (2015) investigated mutations in *ATP6* of two migratory groups in eels and demonstrated that positive selection in *ATP6* involved with different locomotive patterns in two life-history. Likewise, studies in mammals showed that mutations within *ATP6* indicated the association with differences in metabolism and selection linked to energetics (Fontanillas *et al.*, 2005; Kucharczyk *et al.*, 2010). Limbless and elongated forms facilitate undulate locomotion (Webb, 1982; Gans and Fusari, 1994; Morinaga and Bergmann, 2019) and moving through narrow tubes or cluttered habitats, experiencing less drag than their limbed counterpart (Gans, 1962; Gans and Gasc, 1990; Mehta *et al.*, 2010; Morinaga and Bergmann, 2020). Therefore, we speculate that limbless squamates perhaps receive different energetic requirement for their undulate locomotory pattern, and selective constraints on mitochondrial genes might play an important role in the evolution of locomotory patterns in

squamate reptiles. But the role of *ATP6* involved in energy metabolism in different groups and whether other genes in the whole genome change to meet energetic requirement for locomotion need more evidence.

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## Appendix

**Table S1** Morphological data of 503 squamates in this study.

Species	SVL	TL	FL	HL	Fingers	Toes	Trait	Source
<i>Dibamusbourreti</i>	8.16	5.21	0.00	4.05	0	0	limb-reduced	This study
<i>Brachymeleslibayani</i>	57.87	43.98	1.28	2.36	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelespaeformum</i>	59.44	46.57	1.45	2.62	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesmuntingkamay</i>	75.45	52.63	2.74	5.73	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelestridactylus</i>	71.55	69.85	2.02	3.06	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcidesguentheri</i>	89.82	79.38	0.00	0.00	3	3	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcideschalcides</i>	64.33	89.61	3.52	6.12	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcidesstriatus</i>	146.87	94.73	7.31	9.09	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergis tridactyla</i>	59.82	52.75	2.46	8.69	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Saiphosequalis</i>	62.55	56.94	5.39	8.84	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergisdecresiensis</i>	47.55	66.49	6.41	8.77	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Leristaharoldi</i>	38.14	36.21	6.14	12.83	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	57.17	38.52	8.21	17.66	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	54.45	43.83	7.81	15.75	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotescaffer</i>	46.12	40.31	3.46	8.09	3	3	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Bachia bicolor</i>	55.06	62.77	3.31	2.30	4	1	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Rhachisaurusbrachylepis</i>	60.13	66.44	7.07	11.40	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Bachia heteropa</i>	52.99	76.65	2.61	2.75	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Bachia panoplia</i>	82.60	128.18	5.27	7.97	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeleselerae</i>	70.51	60.06	3.37	4.99	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcidesmionecton</i>	71.85	49.33	7.14	14.54	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergisperonii</i>	73.50	59.40	6.75	13.18	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista aericeps</i>	36.17	25.58	6.71	13.63	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	35.77	35.44	8.02	14.20	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista frosti</i>	39.72	37.88	5.65	13.25	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	37.84	39.99	6.43	13.12	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	37.00	40.50	7.42	13.91	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	43.18	41.69	6.39	14.03	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Leristaorientalis</i>	41.15	44.04	6.49	12.47	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista xanthura</i>	37.40	47.57	6.99	13.62	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Leristadorsalis</i>	48.37	47.81	6.33	15.05	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Leristaflammicauda</i>	50.44	59.61	8.49	13.68	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	51.08	59.71	8.38	14.35	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotes tetradactylus</i>	78.00	44.94	5.81	10.61	4	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Heterodactylusimbricatus</i>	70.01	139.42	12.76	20.79	4	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelespathfinderi</i>	62.22	58.18	5.82	10.88	5	4	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Colobodactylustauayi</i>	48.37	66.46	9.84	15.41	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesvulcani</i>	75.43	53.79	8.34	14.24	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelestiboliorum</i>	68.55	61.40	7.30	11.20	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesgracilis</i>	67.54	62.33	6.97	12.17	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeleshilong</i>	74.16	67.08	8.48	14.56	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesboholensis</i>	88.89	74.95	10.11	17.23	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelessamad</i>	71.02	75.89	9.09	14.30	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelestaylori</i>	87.32	78.01	9.83	17.12	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesboulengeri</i>	85.93	80.99	10.66	17.47	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesmindorensis</i>	101.94	90.92	11.50	20.52	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelestungaoi</i>	102.55	100.91	12.36	21.13	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesorientalis</i>	106.74	102.90	14.01	22.79	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles schadenbergi</i>	106.59	106.88	11.93	20.36	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelestalinis</i>	119.12	112.43	14.49	24.21	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesmakusog</i>	114.48	112.56	14.79	22.39	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeleskadwa</i>	115.33	113.00	13.41	21.98	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymelesbicolor</i>	140.01	154.70	10.71	17.92	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Janetaescincusveseyfitzgeraldi</i>	32.15	29.78	5.17	8.65	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019

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<i>Chalcides thierryi</i>	59.60	39.19	3.92	7.36	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Janetaescincus braueri</i>	36.77	39.47	7.06	11.87	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Pamelaescincus gardineri</i>	43.57	43.25	8.98	15.89	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides boulengeri</i>	63.39	46.68	7.66	15.71	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides bedriagai</i>	58.29	48.99	8.34	13.77	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides sepsoides</i>	72.50	55.89	6.10	16.11	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides viridanus</i>	51.95	60.58	10.64	13.74	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Gongylomorphus bojerii</i>	50.63	65.90	11.12	20.22	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>	82.53	71.58	17.99	25.31	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides sexlineatus</i>	69.65	86.73	16.29	24.08	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides polylepis</i>	104.04	103.48	23.49	30.39	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Chalcides bottegi</i>	114.03	107.60	16.63	26.69	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergis initialis</i>	46.21	29.60	3.97	6.08	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergis millewae</i>	41.13	30.99	7.58	11.69	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus quoyii</i>	90.85	60.73	23.40	40.57	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Calyptotis ruficauda</i>	43.69	63.83	10.55	14.13	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eremiascincus pardalis</i>	62.66	68.81	14.69	25.11	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Glaphyromorphus pumilus</i>	51.36	77.61	7.21	9.24	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus martini</i>	52.45	79.24	17.13	24.35	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus brachyosoma</i>	64.47	82.08	18.54	27.65	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Gnypetoscincus queenslandiae</i>	62.50	83.06	20.28	31.13	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus tigrinus</i>	80.22	92.79	24.88	36.38	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus kosciuskoii</i>	70.19	93.77	18.64	27.11	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eremiascincus fasciolatus</i>	81.83	96.70	19.57	31.95	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus tympanum</i>	67.86	97.46	18.29	25.86	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	88.47	98.75	29.14	30.91	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Hemiergis gracilipes</i>	65.68	113.40	8.97	0.00	5	5	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Eulamprus murrayi</i>	95.25	118.55	27.29	38.03	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	37.36	35.27	7.71	13.59	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	42.66	42.00	8.79	16.96	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista bougainvillii</i>	58.48	56.58	8.92	17.03	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	48.88	56.90	11.86	22.09	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotes capensis</i>	51.24	48.42	3.60	8.80	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Madascincus intermedius</i>	53.42	49.02	8.49	15.58	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Madascincus melanopleura</i>	51.32	54.86	7.47	14.93	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus splendidus</i>	75.37	67.69	11.16	17.49	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotes uluguruensis</i>	65.38	69.75	7.47	12.20	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus anosyensis</i>	70.49	69.80	13.25	21.60	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Madascincus stumpffi</i>	78.95	74.19	13.46	24.18	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Proscelotes eggeli</i>	80.80	85.71	9.76	14.16	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Madascincus mouroundavae</i>	57.79	87.11	12.56	19.41	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus melanurus</i>	69.11	88.34	13.29	17.56	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus frontoparietalis</i>	65.22	88.59	14.75	25.79	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus punctatus</i>	66.68	99.66	14.66	19.95	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus tsaratananensis</i>	75.38	103.79	12.76	19.86	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus macrocercus</i>	91.69	105.52	18.79	28.37	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus mandokava</i>	143.65	179.71	16.91	28.52	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Amphiglossus astrolabi</i>	135.42	187.86	22.84	37.41	5	5	limbed	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles sp6 PalayPalay</i>	74.52	28.61	0.92	1.42	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles sp3 Marinduque</i>	61.28	37.82	0.89	1.34	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles miriamae</i>	90.34	43.02	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles minimus</i>	63.05	47.01	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles sp2 Masbate</i>	67.46	54.17	0.92	1.36	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles sp4 Zambales</i>	93.65	60.32	0.97	1.36	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles sp7 Gonzaga</i>	74.99	61.58	1.23	1.72	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019

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<i>Brachymeles burksi</i>	74.91	62.74	1.21	1.68	0	0	limb-reduced	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles lukbani</i>	78.63	62.88	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Brachymeles apus</i>	106.15	69.13	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Coeranoscincus frontalis</i>	72.66	26.98	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Anomalopus swansonii</i>	89.01	41.82	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Ophioscincus ophioscincus</i>	88.11	53.05	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	72.46	33.56	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Melanoseps ater</i>	73.68	14.45	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Feylinia polylepis</i>	113.76	18.62	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Melanoseps rondoensis</i>	83.05	21.12	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Melanoseps loveridgei</i>	85.88	26.56	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Typhlacontias brevipes</i>	96.53	26.68	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotes arenicolus</i>	70.28	28.20	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Typhlacontias gracilis</i>	73.75	29.67	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Scelotes anguineus</i>	60.20	33.71	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Feylinia currori</i>	146.81	33.83	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Paracontias holomelas</i>	103.62	35.57	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Typhlacontias punctatissimus</i>	73.41	37.28	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Paracontias hildebrandti</i>	27.86	39.60	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Voeltzkowia rubrocaudata</i>	77.23	41.61	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Typhlacontias rohani</i>	60.74	42.28	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Voeltzkowia mira</i>	52.43	59.37	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Feylinia grandisquamis</i>	125.10	65.41	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Bergmann and Morinaga, 2019
<i>Lerista haroldi</i>	38.14	36.21	6.14	12.83	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	61.00	57.05	8.44	18.04	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	58.29	54.27	8.16	17.21	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	52.21	4.25	8.04	17.74	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista terdigitata</i>	49.32	46.67	7.98	14.97	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	59.50	48.44	8.19	16.14	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	61.28	35.02	8.04	17.13	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	50.38	45.34	6.87	15.00	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista tridactyla</i>	51.78	43.68	7.97	15.53	3	3	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista aericeps</i>	37.81	50.37	6.51	13.80	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista aericeps</i>	36.86	5.77	6.88	12.46	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista aericeps</i>	33.85	20.60	6.73	14.64	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	36.74	42.74	7.91	13.25	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	37.23	31.84	8.79	15.40	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	34.76	45.13	8.25	14.17	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	35.97	33.18	7.65	14.82	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	32.36	32.03	7.99	13.67	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	38.01	31.12	7.94	13.61	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista christinae</i>	35.29	32.02	7.59	14.50	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	37.68	37.60	6.56	13.02	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	38.39	49.84	7.31	13.04	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	39.50	39.23	6.31	12.65	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	33.87	39.41	5.77	12.70	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	38.56	48.97	6.53	14.34	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	37.22	29.25	5.67	13.44	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista distinguenda</i>	37.53	39.27	6.26	13.19	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	52.21	34.05	6.61	15.62	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	53.46	53.82	6.72	16.17	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	45.33	45.11	6.23	14.10	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	42.05	46.55	5.93	13.13	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	46.90	57.34	5.82	15.22	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	50.67	58.34	6.56	16.63	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017

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<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	44.87	50.26	6.08	14.22	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista dorsalis</i>	51.50	36.97	6.69	15.31	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	42.01	43.77	7.94	14.73	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	40.04	40.91	7.21	13.79	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	37.46	38.24	6.68	13.27	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	34.76	35.19	7.75	14.82	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	35.70	36.10	6.86	12.73	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	38.21	43.55	7.70	14.23	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	31.37	40.27	7.45	12.82	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista elegans</i>	36.42	45.94	7.75	14.88	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	44.96	58.56	8.74	13.98	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	54.66	42.53	8.48	13.49	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	56.37	65.55	8.82	14.54	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	49.74	72.43	8.51	14.31	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	49.77	62.40	6.45	12.15	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	55.02	41.14	8.88	14.63	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	48.20	72.34	9.09	13.68	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista flammicauda</i>	44.82	61.95	8.98	12.62	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista frosti</i>	39.51	40.40	5.55	12.61	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista frosti</i>	38.75	43.54	5.93	13.32	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista frosti</i>	40.91	29.71	5.46	13.81	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	45.62	33.92	6.02	12.78	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	46.46	58.67	6.64	13.04	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	38.67	41.14	7.32	13.61	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	37.81	44.62	7.02	12.93	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	39.00	31.98	5.64	10.38	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista orientalis</i>	39.33	53.90	6.30	12.10	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	45.06	42.43	6.00	13.18	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	43.14	38.19	6.94	14.49	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	45.84	48.61	6.88	14.58	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista taeniata</i>	38.69	37.52	5.72	13.86	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista xanthura</i>	36.16	48.96	6.17	13.01	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista xanthura</i>	38.63	46.17	7.80	14.24	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	53.32	45.16	8.70	13.36	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	48.70	66.87	7.57	15.71	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	52.46	43.62	8.04	14.22	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	50.39	63.22	9.33	14.43	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	52.75	54.31	8.07	13.62	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	47.66	68.53	7.66	13.14	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	53.83	72.34	8.04	14.16	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista zietzi</i>	49.52	63.61	9.65	16.13	4	4	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	46.81	57.63	13.11	20.37	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	50.02	62.75	12.24	21.52	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	44.07	43.91	11.29	22.16	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	48.34	60.59	11.37	22.65	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	50.59	55.96	11.47	21.94	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	48.87	51.23	12.37	23.09	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	55.05	62.55	11.61	23.26	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista arenicola</i>	47.27	60.54	11.42	21.73	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista bougainvilli</i>	56.64	51.51	8.27	16.51	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista bougainvilli</i>	60.33	61.64	9.56	17.56	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	39.90	52.48	9.68	18.15	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	47.09	36.14	8.09	15.98	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	42.75	38.36	8.54	16.42	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	38.97	49.20	9.46	16.51	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017

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<i>Lerista microtis</i>	49.25	41.13	7.91	16.93	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	39.30	33.52	9.28	16.03	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	37.90	44.42	8.80	17.10	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista microtis</i>	46.10	40.73	8.53	18.56	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	42.42	46.98	7.96	13.04	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	39.14	22.88	7.77	15.34	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	33.90	42.38	6.87	13.29	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	37.69	28.39	7.24	13.46	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	36.47	35.49	8.62	13.04	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista viduata</i>	34.55	35.51	7.78	13.36	5	5	limbed	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	40.40	30.48	0.00	1.61	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	39.11	32.73	0.00	1.95	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	54.42	33.86	0.00	1.53	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	50.63	36.45	0.00	2.37	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	54.14	38.13	0.00	1.78	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista humphriesi</i>	50.19	36.86	0.00	2.01	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista karlschmidti</i>	63.26	56.45	0.00	2.13	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista karlschmidti</i>	48.03	41.42	0.00	2.01	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	50.18	46.41	0.00	1.25	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	56.86	47.02	0.00	1.86	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	56.50	46.40	0.00	1.45	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	53.84	40.48	0.00	1.51	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	53.35	44.21	0.00	1.77	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	58.78	53.55	0.00	1.20	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	53.97	43.11	0.00	1.47	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista praepedita</i>	57.74	40.58	0.00	1.43	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	74.37	55.74	0.00	0.60	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	74.54	36.55	0.00	0.66	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	75.85	38.44	0.00	0.95	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	66.57	53.14	0.00	1.07	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	70.65	47.21	0.00	0.68	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	75.08	50.92	0.00	0.53	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	70.53	49.61	0.00	0.78	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista stylis</i>	69.11	37.65	0.00	1.04	0	0	limb-reduced	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	70.48	42.75	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	71.37	23.53	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	75.66	43.22	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	74.98	14.79	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	71.53	38.79	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	75.32	43.55	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Lerista apoda</i>	67.86	28.31	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Morinaga and Bergmann, 2017
<i>Brachymeles muntingkamay</i>	75.45	52.63	2.74	5.73	3	3	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles samarensis Leyte</i>	59.44	46.57	1.45	2.62	3	3	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles tridactylus</i>	71.55	69.85	2.02	3.06	3	3	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles elerae</i>	70.51	60.06	3.37	4.99	4	4	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles pathfineri</i>	62.22	58.18	5.82	10.88	5	4	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles bicolor</i>	140.01	154.70	10.71	17.92	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles boholensis</i>	88.89	74.95	10.11	17.23	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles boulengeri</i>	85.93	80.99	10.66	17.47	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles gracilis</i>	67.54	62.33	6.97	12.17	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles hilong</i>	74.16	67.08	8.48	14.56	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles kadwa</i>	115.33	113.00	13.41	21.98	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles makusog</i>	114.48	112.56	14.79	22.39	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles mindorenensis</i>	101.94	90.92	11.50	20.52	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles orientalis</i>	106.74	102.90	14.01	22.79	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011

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<i>Brachymeles schadenbergi</i>	106.59	106.88	11.93	20.36	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles talinis</i>	119.12	112.43	14.49	24.21	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles taylori</i>	87.32	78.01	9.83	17.12	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles tungaoi</i>	102.55	100.91	12.36	21.13	5	5	limbed	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles apus</i>	106.15	69.13	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles bonitae</i>	74.99	61.58	1.23	1.72	0	0	limb-reduced	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles bonitae</i> Masbate	67.46	54.17	0.92	1.36	0	0	limb-reduced	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles bonitae</i> Mindoro	74.91	62.74	1.21	1.68	0	0	limb-reduced	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles miriamae</i>	90.34	43.02	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles lukbani</i>	78.63	62.88	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Brachymeles minimus</i>	63.05	47.01	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Siler and Brown, 2011
<i>Chalcides chalcides</i>	136.01	151.08	5.60	8.30	3	3	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Coeranoscincus reticulatus</i>	181.00	210.50	11.00	11.50	3	3	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Saiphos equalis</i>	68.00	79.50	6.00	7.50	3	3	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scelotes caffer</i>	46.72	59.54	2.80	8.50	3	3	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Sepsina angolensis</i>	71.11	63.74	2.40	7.40	3	3	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Sauresia agasepsoides</i>	60.00	61.00	3.40	6.80	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Wetmorena haetiana</i>	68.70	72.00	6.90	11.10	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Tetradactylus tetradactylus</i>	66.19	194.16	6.10	7.50	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Rhachisaurus brachylepis</i>	60.11	134.04	5.70	10.40	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Chalcides mionecton</i>	86.79	67.20	6.50	15.10	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Hemiergis peronii</i>	49.50	81.50	8.00	11.50	4	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Colobodactylus dalcyanus</i>	38.49	74.51	7.60	11.10	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gymnophthalmus leucomystax</i>	36.41	61.17	8.10	9.60	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Micrablepharus maximiliani</i>	39.15	66.74	9.80	15.00	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Procellosaurinus erythrocercus</i>	27.46	42.37	5.80	9.80	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Procellosaurinus tetradactylus</i>	26.03	38.21	5.30	9.40	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Psilophthalmus paeminosus</i>	32.01	43.17	4.00	7.50	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Vanzosaura rubricauda</i>	29.58	38.95	5.40	9.90	4	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Colobodactylus tanuayi</i>	51.84	123.05	9.70	17.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Heterodactylus imbricatus</i>	87.62	189.08	11.50	22.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Sphenops boulengeri</i>	83.87	67.89	7.50	17.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Teius teyou</i>	115.56	247.25	34.40	72.40	5	4	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Abronia graminea</i>	96.16	144.01	22.90	30.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Barisia imbricata</i>	110.30	139.40	22.00	28.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Celestus enneagrammus</i>	72.60	99.20	11.00	16.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Diploglossus bilobatus</i>	70.30	97.00	10.70	16.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Diploglossus pleei</i>	87.20	97.60	9.60	15.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elgaria coerulea</i>	86.50	149.30	19.80	27.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elgaria kingii</i>	79.60	165.10	14.20	19.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elgaria multicarinata</i>	110.40	204.50	25.50	32.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elgaria panamintina</i>	109.90	192.70	24.60	31.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elgaria paucicarinata</i>	87.60	132.50	16.20	23.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gerrhonotus liocephalus</i>	131.70	238.80	24.00	28.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Mesaspis moreleti</i>	66.80	103.80	15.10	19.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cordylus cataphractus</i>	88.96	86.08	29.80	39.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cordylus cordylus</i>	82.42	87.78	26.80	39.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cordylus jordani</i>	93.56	114.18	32.90	46.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cordylus warreni</i>	108.59	127.29	34.10	50.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Platysaurus rhodesianus</i>	97.34	141.58	37.30	51.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Pseudocordylus microlepidotus</i>	122.37	159.24	40.30	57.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Coleonyx elegans</i>	76.89	75.47	24.70	31.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Diplodactylusダメaus</i>	50.41	44.12	14.20	20.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gecko gekko</i>	146.22	132.50	37.10	44.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gonatodes albogularis</i>	39.16	47.75	12.10	17.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006

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<i>Oedura cogerri</i>	71.29	43.75	17.10	21.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Teratoscincus scincus</i>	96.69	57.08	32.80	44.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Angollossaurus skoogi</i>	132.41	119.28	38.00	53.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cordylosaurus trivittata</i>	40.96	75.35	9.40	14.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gerrhosaurus major</i>	210.29	271.33	51.10	71.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus</i>	96.84	241.26	22.90	43.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Tetradactylus seps</i>	51.62	94.24	9.30	17.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Trachelyopterus madagascariensis</i>	55.38	103.80	17.80	38.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Zonosaurus ornatus</i>	121.53	163.24	25.90	47.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Alopoglossus atriventris</i>	45.41	68.60	13.80	21.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Alopoglossus carinicaudatus</i>	54.86	92.98	14.30	22.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Alopoglossus copii</i>	51.63	88.62	14.90	25.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Arthrosaura kockii</i>	48.49	81.72	14.50	22.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Arthrosaura reticulata</i>	59.13	98.23	15.10	25.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cercosaura argulus</i>	42.12	89.59	14.10	18.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cercosaura eigenmanni</i>	40.83	51.89	13.10	17.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cercosaura ocellata</i>	48.65	129.88	16.60	23.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cercosaura quadrilineatus</i>	39.93	89.88	10.60	13.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cercosaura schreibersi</i>	39.79	86.16	10.70	13.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Colobosaura modesta</i>	45.44	103.76	9.10	16.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ecpaleopus affinis</i>	48.37	87.33	13.30	20.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Iphisa elegans</i>	54.72	113.00	9.60	16.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Leposoma percarinatum</i>	34.68	55.98	10.00	12.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Neusticurus ecpaleopus</i>	59.70	93.61	17.20	27.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Neusticurus rufus</i>	72.51	124.47	22.60	34.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Pholidobolus montium</i>	50.94	80.19	14.30	22.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Placosoma glabellum</i>	53.08	125.10	14.70	19.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Proctoporus boliviensis</i>	56.97	85.53	13.30	19.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Proctoporus simoterus</i>	64.51	58.03	12.00	15.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ptychoglossus brevifrontalis</i>	51.88	84.80	10.40	18.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Tretioscincus agilis</i>	60.28	84.97	17.20	26.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>	300.30	124.30	75.20	82.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Basiliscus basiliscus</i>	163.87	454.33	64.90	138.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	83.53	257.20	39.60	61.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Dipsosaurus dorsalis</i>	123.12	226.60	41.60	79.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Enyalioides laticeps</i>	112.06	192.28	53.30	89.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gambelia wislizenii</i>	100.22	193.73	36.60	69.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Leiocephalus carinatus</i>	108.07	154.55	38.30	65.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Leiolepis belliana</i>	120.92	255.25	38.70	72.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Phrynocephalus versicolor</i>	52.37	58.38	22.00	36.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Polychrus marmoratus</i>	129.26	321.33	42.20	54.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Urosaurus ornatus</i>	48.92	71.76	17.20	26.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Meroles cuneirostris</i>	50.91	81.18	17.90	38.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Podarcis sicula</i>	71.35	115.67	19.50	32.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Psammmodromus hispanicus</i>	37.53	61.42	12.80	21.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Takydromus smaragdinus</i>	48.18	151.34	17.20	23.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Lanthanotus borneensis</i>	168.98	188.58	26.10	33.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus astrolabi</i>	190.53	273.29	32.60	44.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus igneocaudatus</i>	52.80	56.73	7.00	16.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus intermedius</i>	67.99	63.05	9.30	18.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus macrocercus</i>	68.66	116.90	15.10	22.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus melanopleura</i>	43.65	72.31	7.40	13.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus melanurus</i>	65.22	109.04	9.00	14.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus mouroundavae</i>	57.86	88.70	13.20	19.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus ornaticeps</i>	55.02	76.24	4.30	7.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006

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<i>Amphiglossus punctatus</i>	60.70	89.06	13.20	19.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus stumpffi</i>	86.88	87.77	12.70	21.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus tsaratananensis</i>	84.06	105.42	11.90	17.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphiglossus waterloti</i>	121.01	181.25	23.70	31.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Brachymeles gracilis</i>	75.01	75.20	8.30	13.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Brachymeles talinus</i>	108.43	104.54	12.50	20.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Calyptotis scutirostrum</i>	43.60	59.20	8.00	11.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>	119.47	121.86	22.20	30.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Chalcides polylepis</i>	109.29	130.28	21.20	29.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ctenotus leonhardii</i>	73.20	141.80	22.60	37.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ctenotus pantherinus</i>	87.00	115.00	24.00	33.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ctenotus robustus</i>	83.00	167.38	23.00	36.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Egernia whitii</i>	79.86	124.14	21.57	30.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eremiascincus richardsonii</i>	91.25	121.00	24.25	31.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eugongylus rufescens</i>	118.57	188.71	26.71	35.86	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eulamprus amplius</i>	98.00	129.75	29.50	42.25	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eulamprus murrayi</i>	87.50	117.75	24.00	33.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eulamprus quoyii</i>	82.60	132.80	24.20	37.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Eumeces schneideri</i>	126.46	205.25	33.00	46.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Glaphyromorphus gracilipes</i>	70.33	111.67	10.00	15.33	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Glaphyromorphus isolepis</i>	56.73	86.27	13.36	19.82	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gnypetoscincus queenslandiae</i>	60.00	76.00	17.57	26.14	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Gongylomorphus bojeri</i>	46.99	66.90	12.20	19.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Hakaria simonyi</i>	45.29	49.34	5.00	9.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Janetaescincus braueri</i>	52.84	61.47	8.00	12.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Lamprolepis smaragdinus</i>	85.00	121.50	31.25	38.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Lerista bougainvilli</i>	52.67	53.33	7.83	12.83	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Mesoscincus managuae</i>	86.23	140.51	17.90	24.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Mesoscincus schwartzei</i>	108.08	174.37	27.10	37.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Morethia butleri</i>	44.71	62.43	11.43	18.29	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Nangura spinosa</i>	91.20	77.40	27.80	35.60	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Notoscincus ornatus</i>	36.14	52.57	9.86	14.57	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Pamelascincus gardineri</i>	63.56	73.72	13.20	18.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon egregius</i>	46.99	81.36	8.80	13.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon elegans</i>	84.34	151.88	24.50	34.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon fasciatus</i>	66.68	112.85	19.50	27.10	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon inexpectatus</i>	71.65	118.94	20.80	29.30	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon laticeps</i>	109.67	167.00	33.90	46.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon longirostris</i>	66.15	101.52	21.80	31.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon lynxe</i>	58.72	82.84	13.60	18.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Plestiodon obsoletus</i>	105.66	161.21	27.70	34.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Prasinohaema virens</i>	51.00	68.75	19.00	21.25	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Proscelotes eggeli</i>	87.01	110.29	8.40	12.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scelotes mirus</i>	75.31	88.49	5.90	11.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scincopus fasciatus</i>	150.52	95.35	43.90	47.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scincus scincus</i>	117.18	77.56	31.60	37.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>	88.55	55.18	17.91	18.27	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Tribolonotus gracilis</i>	70.00	73.50	24.50	33.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i>	135.50	162.00	40.70	48.90	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Sphenodon punctatus</i>	216.74	206.10	62.90	87.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ameiva ameiva</i>	191.30	400.11	61.40	123.20	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Aspidocelis sexlineatus</i>	63.87	140.79	20.70	41.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Dicroidon guttulatum</i>	120.11	273.26	40.10	82.50	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Varanus griseus</i>	303.50	355.30	73.90	90.40	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Lepidophyma flavimaculatum</i>	85.72	122.86	26.30	34.70	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006

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<i>Xantusia vigilis</i>	39.65	48.53	10.10	14.00	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Xenosaurus grandis</i>	100.50	90.30	30.70	37.80	5	5	limbed	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Agamadon anguliceps</i>	74.67	8.34	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Amphisbaena alba</i>	473.99	40.14	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Blanus cinereus</i>	174.88	21.75	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Chirindia swimmertoni</i>	125.96	14.54	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Diplometopon zarudnyi</i>	148.69	12.29	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Geocalamus acutus</i>	230.69	26.31	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Monopeltis capensis</i>	298.70	9.30	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Rhineura floridana</i>	317.15	16.45	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Trognophis wiegmanni</i>	157.45	10.94	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Anguis fragilis</i>	142.30	148.10	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Anniella geronimensis</i>	118.50	51.90	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Anniella pulchra</i>	137.90	62.90	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	200.20	508.70	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ophisaurus harti</i>	205.20	317.50	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ophisaurus ventralis</i>	212.70	419.60	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Aprasia pseudopulchella</i>	140.08	84.08	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Acontias litoralis</i>	114.03	27.38	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Acontias meleagris</i>	197.93	40.57	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Acontias percivali</i>	206.95	31.23	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Acontophiops lineatus</i>	166.89	33.04	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Anomalopus swansonii</i>	90.44	69.78	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Feylinia polylepis</i>	130.56	49.95	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Melanoseps occidentalis</i>	120.47	39.05	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ophiomorus punctatissimus</i>	74.78	81.80	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Ophioscincus ophioscincus</i>	92.25	76.50	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Paracontias brocchii</i>	118.16	81.94	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Paracontias hildebrandti</i>	47.20	44.13	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Paracontias holomelas</i>	115.91	87.13	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scelotes anguina</i>	56.49	52.78	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Scelotes arenicola</i>	68.82	59.04	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Typhlacontias brevipes</i>	94.48	35.70	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Typhlacontias punctatissimus</i>	65.56	36.34	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Typhlosaurus caecus</i>	190.12	29.40	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Typhlosaurus lineatus</i>	141.05	22.72	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Voeltzkowia lineata</i>	64.64	54.69	0.00	0.00	0	0	limbless	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Acrochordus granulatus</i>	675.94	82.39	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>	677.00	97.41	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Anilius scytale</i>	725.01	25.19	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Casarea dussumieri</i>	496.00	187.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Causus maculatus</i>	486.78	37.61	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cereberus rynchops</i>	482.86	122.56	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Cylindrophus maculatus</i>	322.70	6.30	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Elaphe guttata</i>	771.00	145.56	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Farancia abacura</i>	931.00	123.03	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Leptotyphlops humilis</i>	232.25	11.31	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Micruurus fulvius</i>	673.20	79.90	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Nerodia sipedon</i>	555.50	175.33	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Pareas kuangtungensis</i>	438.33	127.15	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Typhlops angolensis</i>	403.85	7.54	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Uropeltis ceylonicus</i>	266.44	13.24	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Xenopeltis unicolor</i>	611.06	68.51	0.00	0.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Trachyboa boulengeri</i>	287.04	32.68	0.00	0.40	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006
<i>Candoia carinata</i>	526.16	88.84	0.00	1.00	0	0	snakes	Wiens et al., 2006

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Species	SVL	TL	FL	HL	Fingers	Toes	Trait	Source
<i>Ungaliophis continentalis</i>	458.13	60.51	0.00	1.50	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Charina bottae</i>	406.81	53.79	0.00	0.60	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Eryx johni</i>	635.38	80.62	0.00	0.90	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	694.75	56.85	0.00	1.80	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Chondropython viridis</i>	938.50	177.50	0.00	1.10	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Loxocemus bicolor</i>	595.26	72.24	0.00	0.70	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Tropidophis haetianus</i>	385.21	53.55	0.00	1.10	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Epircretes striatus</i>	1213.60	240.00	0.00	3.90	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006
<i>Exiliboa plicata</i>	360.27	55.34	0.00	1.40	0	0	snakes	Wiens <i>et al.</i> , 2006

**Table S2** GenBank accession numbers for the 28 species in this study.

Species	Family	Accession	References
<i>Dibamus bourreti</i>	Dibamidae	MW368917	This study
<i>Blanus cinereus</i>	Blanidae	EU443257.1	Albert <i>et al.</i> , 2009
<i>Phrynosoma blainvillii</i>	Phrynosomatidae	NC_036492.1	Ayala <i>et al.</i> , 2017
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Varanidae	EU747731.1	Castoe <i>et al.</i> , 2008
<i>Boa constrictor</i>	Boidae	NC_007398.1	Dong and Kumazawa, 2005
<i>Cylindrophis ruffus</i>	Cylindrophiidae	NC_007401.1	Dong and Kumazawa, 2005
<i>Oreocryptophis porphyraceus</i>	Colubridae	GQ181130.1	Direct Submission
<i>Python bivittatus</i>	Pythonidae	NC_021479	Direct Submission
<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Iguanidae	AJ278511.2	Janke <i>et al.</i> , 2001
<i>Lycodon semicarinatus</i>	Colubridae	NC_001945.1	Kumazawa <i>et al.</i> , 1998
<i>Smaug warreni</i>	Cordylidae	AB079613.1	Kumazawa, 2004
<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>	Chamaeleonidae	AB185326.1	Kumazawa, 2007
<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>	Helodermatidae	NC_008776.1	Kumazawa, 2007
<i>Lepidophyma flavimaculatum</i>	Xantusiidae	AB162908.1	Kumazawa, 2007
<i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i>	Shinisauridae	HQ008865.1	Li <i>et al.</i> , 2012
<i>Amphisbaena schmidti</i>	Amphisbaenidae	AY605475.1	Macey <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Bipes biporus</i>	Bipedidae	AY605481.1	Macey <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Rhineura floridana</i>	Rhineuridae	NC_006282.1	Macey <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Diplometopon zarudnyi</i>	Trogonophidae	NC_006283.1	Macey <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Anolis punctatus</i>	Dactyloidae	NC_044125.1	Nogueira Dumans <i>et al.</i> , 2019
<i>Polychrus marmoratus</i>	Polychrotidae	NC_012839.1	Okajima and Kumazawa, 2009
<i>Basiliscus vittatus</i>	Corytophanidae	AB218883.1	Okajima and Kumazawa, 2009
<i>Dopasia harti</i>	Anguidae	KF279681.1	Pan <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	Lacertidae	FJ460597.1	Podnar <i>et al.</i> , 2009
<i>Draco maculatus</i>	Agamidae	NC_047179.1	Qiu <i>et al.</i> , 2019a
<i>Hydrophis cyanocinctus</i>	Elapidae	NC_046795.1	Qiu <i>et al.</i> , 2019b
<i>Iphis elegans</i>	Gymnophthalmidae	MT472615.1	Vacher <i>et al.</i> , 2020
<i>Plestiodon chinensis</i>	Scincidae	NC_029352.1	Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2016

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