

Supplementary file for:

A weapons-testes tradeoff in males is amplified in female traits

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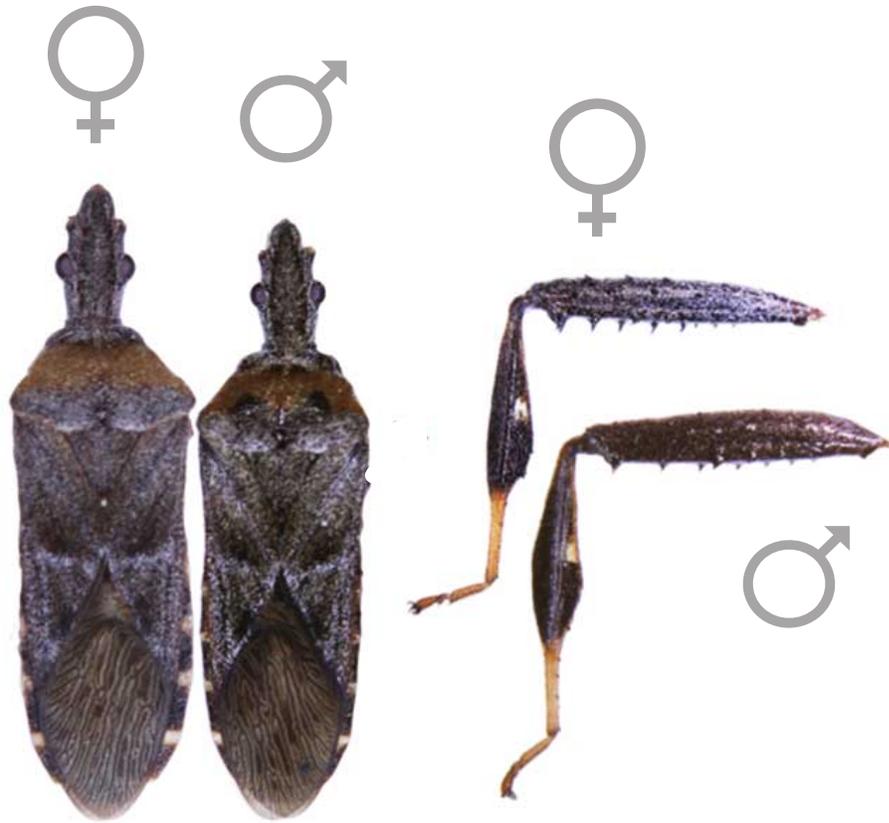


Figure S1. Females of *Narnia femorata* are larger in body size than males and have slimmer hind femora. Image adapted from [1]. Insects featured were raised on a high-quality diet of cactus cladodes with ripe fruit. Images are taken at the average sizes for insects reared on this diet and are to scale. On this diet, female pronotal width, $\bar{x} = 4.47\text{mm}$, s.d. = 0.51, male pronotal width, $\bar{x} = 4.13\text{mm}$, s.d. = 0.50. Female hind femoral area, $\bar{x} = 6.66\text{mm}^2$, s.d. = 1.38; male hind femoral width: $\bar{x} = 8.19\text{mm}^2$, s.d. = 2.18 [1, 2].

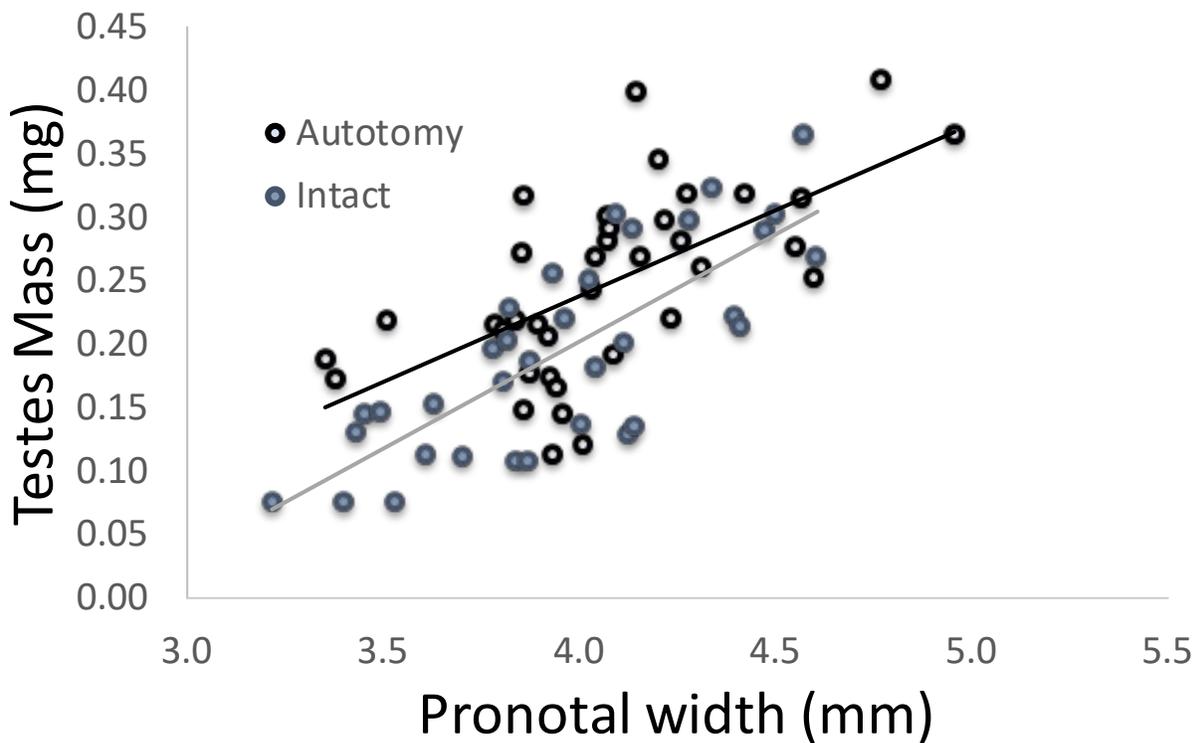


Figure S3. Males that dropped a limb during development grew larger testes, and the effect was more pronounced for the smaller individuals. Graph produced using raw (non-transformed) values.

In Figure S3, we found that the smallest males showed the greatest increase in testes mass following autotomy. This trend deserves more attention via directed future studies. Here, it suggests that the smallest males may benefit more from redirecting available resources to the testes. Small males likely have fewer mating opportunities and could benefit from greater sperm transfer during a single mating to yield greater paternity. Increased testes size is linked to greater fertilization success in this species (L.A. Cirino *in prep.*; G. Greenway *in prep.*).

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