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| Estimates of e | effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated | | | |
| | Our web collection on <u>statistics for biologists</u> contains articles on many of the points above. | | | |
| Software and o | code | | | |
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| Data collection | The raw data and assembly are available under the NCBI Project PRJNA412957 | | | |
| Data analysis | Data was analysed using software described in the Methods section. Custom code and processed data is available under https://bitbucket.com/viemet/public | | | |
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| All studies must dis | close on these points even whe | n the disclosure is negative. |
| Sample size | N/A | |
| Data exclusions | no exclusion | |
| Replication | See Methods and Supplementary Information for exact procedure | |
| Randomization | See Methods and Supplementary Information for exact procedure | |
| Blinding | N/A | |
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Laboratory animals Branchiostoma floridae Wild animals N/A N/A Field-collected samples N/A Ethics oversight

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