

Fig. S1. Residual BMR of bats in different groups. Effect of sex (F=females; M=males; B=both), season (S=summer; W=winter), reproductivity (P=pregnant; PL=post-lactating; N=non-reproductive) and captivity (C=captive; NC=non-captive). Measurements of BMR where this information was not available are also shown (NA=not available).



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Fig. S2. Body mass (A) and residual BMR (B) as function of latitude. Residual BMR was calculated from the relationship between body mass and BMR in Fig. 3. A residual variation of 0.0 is illustrated by the dashed line. The size of the data point represents the precision of the estimate, calculated as the inverse of the variance corrected for body mass. The larger the circle, the more precise is the estimate. Square shapes represent A) estimates where measures of variation were not obtained, and B) a BMR estimate of one individual, which prevented the calculation of precision.



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Fig. S3. Average environmental temperature (°C) in the areas of which bats included in the present analysis were measured as a function of latitude (°). The regression equation for this relationship was y = 34.73 - 0.39x (f_{1,45} = 180, P < 0.001, Table S1), and the grey area shows the 95% confidence interval for the regression. The temperatures represent yearly average environmental temperature from 2009-2019.



Fig. S4. Mass-specific standard error (SE) (mL $O_2 g^{-1} h^{-1}$) of residual BMR used to calculate the precision of the included BMR estimates. Estimates with low mass-specific SE, and therefore estimated with high precision, are represented with increased circle size. The mean residual BMR (0.0057 mL $O_2 g^{-1} h^{-1}$) for the species included in the analysis and 95% confidence intervals are illustrated by the dashed lines.

Table S1. Summary statistics from the analyses conducted in the present study (SE = standard errors (SE), CI = confidence intervals, N = number of observations, DF = degrees of freedom). Model 1) is from our own metabolic measurements of *Myotis mystacinus*, whereas models 2–6) are from the comparative analysis of BMR within Vespertilionidae.

Coefficient	Coefficient	SE	t-value	P-value	95% CI		
Model 1)	Response: Mass-specific VO ₂ (mL O ₂ $g^{-1} h^{-1}$)						
Intercept	14.51	0.54	27.02	<0.001	[12.80, 16.21]		
Temperature	-0.39	0.031	-12.73	0.001	[-0.49, -0.30]		
Ν	5						
Residual SE	0.30 on 3 DF						
Multiple R^2 / adjusted R^2	0.98 / 0.98						
F-statistics	162.2 on 1 and 3 DF, P-value: 0.001						
Model 2)	Response: Log BMR, excl. Myotis mystacinus						
Intercept	0.38	0.064	5.84	<0.001	[0.25, 0.51]		
Log body mass	0.70	0.062	11.36	<0.001	[0.58, 0.83]		
Ν	46						
Residual SE	0.073 on 44 DF						
Multiple R^2 / adjusted R^2	0.75 / 0.74						
F-statistics	129.0 on 1 and 44 DF, P-value: <0.001						
Model 3)	Response: Weighted log BMR, excl. Myotis mystacinus						
Intercept	0.35	0.081	4.36	<0.001	[0.19, 0.52]		
Temperature	0.73	0.079	9.22	<0.001	[0.57, 0.88]		
Ν	45						
Residual SE	0.091 on 43 DF						
Multiple R^2 / adjusted R^2	0.66 / 0.66						
F-statistics	85.1 on 1 and 43 DF, P-value: <0.001						
Model 4)	Response: Log BMR, incl. Myotis mystacinus						
Intercept	0.37	0.060	6.17	<0.001	[0.25, 0.49]		
Temperature	0.71	0.059	12.12	<0.001	[0.59, 0.83]		

Ν	47
Residual SE	0.072 on 45 DF
Multiple R^2 / adjusted R^2	0.77 / 0.76
F-statistics	146.6 on 1 and 45 DF, P-value: <0.001

Model 5)	Response: Environmental temperature (°C)						
Intercept	34.73	1.50	23.23	<0.001	[31.72, 37.74]		
Temperature	-0.52	0.039	-13.41	<0.001	[-0.60, -0.44]		
N	47						
Residual SE	2.48 on 45 DF						
R^2/R^2 adjusted	0.80 / 0.80						
F-statistics	179.8 on 1 and 45 DF, P-value: <0.001						
Model 6)	Response: Residual BMR						
Intercept	0.18	0.45	0.41	0.68	[-0.72, 1.09]		
Temperature	-0.012	0.028	-0.45	0.66	[-0.068, 0.043]		
Ν	47						
Residual SE	1.03 on 45 DF						
Multiple R^2 / adjusted R^2	0.0045 / -0.018						
F-statistics	0.20 on 1 and 45 DF, P-value: 0.66						

Table S2

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