

Supplementary information

Cancer risk across mammals

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Supplementary Table 1 | List of species excluded from the analyses due to being subject to domestication. Domestication is likely to affect cancer risk, body mass or life expectancy.

Species	order
<i>Atelerix_albiventris</i>	Erinaceomorpha
<i>Bos_gaurus</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Bos_grunniens</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Bos_javanicus</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Bos_taurus</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Camelus_bactrianus</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Canis_lupus</i>	Carnivora
<i>Capra_hircus</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Cavia_porcellus</i>	Rodentia
<i>Chinchilla_lanigera</i>	Rodentia
<i>Equus_africanus</i>	Perissodactyla
<i>Equus_asinus</i>	Perissodactyla
<i>Equus_caballus</i>	Perissodactyla
<i>Felis_catus</i>	Carnivora
<i>Lama_glama</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Lama_guanicoe</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Mephitis_mephitis</i>	Carnivora
<i>Mustela_putorius</i>	Carnivora
<i>Oryctolagus_cuniculus</i>	Lagomorpha
<i>Ovis_aries</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Rattus_norvegicus</i>	Rodentia
<i>Sus_scrofa</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Vicugna_pacos</i>	Artiodactyla
<i>Vicugna_vicugna</i>	Artiodactyla

Supplementary Table 2. - Sensitivity analysis performed to test the effect of within-species sample size. Models were performed to explore the consistency of results of weighted logistic regressions of non-zero cancer risks when using a different minimum threshold of number of individuals with available postmortem pathological records. Models were run with a minimum of 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 individuals with available postmortem pathological records per species (N). Slopes, standard errors and p values are presented for all models. Please note the considerable decrease in the number of species involved in the analyses (n) with increased within-species threshold sample sizes.

Number of individuals with available post-mortem pathological record		N ≥ 20	N ≥ 40	N ≥ 60	N ≥ 80	N ≥ 100
		β ± SE [p-value]				
Weighted logistic reg.						
CMR	Intercept	-7.11 ± 1.82 [0.0001]	-4.53 ± 2.8 [0.1106]	-5.4 ± 3.76 [0.1567]	-3.36 ± 4.49 [0.4589]	-2.55 ± 5.01 [0.6148]
	Log body mass	-0.04 ± 0.05 [0.3754]	0.04 ± 0.07 [0.5242]	0.04 ± 0.09 [0.6367]	0.06 ± 0.10 [0.5793]	0.02 ± 0.11 [0.8559]
	Log life expectancy	0.42 ± 0.23 [0.0688]	0.12 ± 0.36 [0.7491]	0.25 ± 0.48 [0.6037]	-0.01 ± 0.57 [0.9916]	-0.09 ± 0.64 [0.8924]
<i>Number of species</i>		n = 141	n = 81	n = 56	n = 42	n = 32
Weighted logistic reg.						
ICM	Intercept	-7.27 ± 2.54 [0.0049]	-4.8 ± 4.03 [0.2378]	-4.04 ± 5.17 [0.4388]	-3.73 ± 6.35 [0.5611]	-3.20 ± 6.61 [0.6321]
	Log body mass	-0.09 ± 0.06 [0.1534]	-0.05 ± 0.10 [0.6025]	-0.07 ± 0.12 [0.5654]	-0.07 ± 0.13 [0.6208]	-0.15 ± 0.15 [0.3238]
	Log life expectancy	0.53 ± 0.32 [0.1049]	0.22 ± 0.52 [0.677]	0.13 ± 0.66 [0.8395]	0.10 ± 0.80 [0.9002]	0.08 ± 0.84 [0.9291]
<i>Number of species</i>		n = 128	n = 77	n = 55	n = 41	n = 32

Supplementary Table 3. - Sensitivity analysis performed to test for collinearity issues. In order to demonstrate the lack of collinearity in models presented in Extended Data Table 3, here we present the results of models explaining variation in **a-b**, CMR and **c-d**, ICM, where body mass (**a,c**) and life expectancy (**b,d**) are entered in separate models.

	a. Effect of body mass on CMR				b. Effect of life expectancy on CMR		
	β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value		β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value
Probability of detecting cancer				Probability of detecting cancer			
Intercept	-4.09 (1.65)	-2.48	0.0131	Intercept	-10.21 (4.24)	-2.41	0.0161
Log no. individuals with post-mortem pathological record	0.06 (0.10)	0.64	0.5201	Log no. individuals with post-mortem pathological record	1.49 (0.38)	3.93	0.0001
Log body mass	1.41 (0.38)	3.77	0.0002	Log life expectancy	0.74 (0.47)	1.59	0.1130
<i>ModelStats</i>	$Ps2 < 0.0001$	$s2 = 2.31$	$n = 188$	<i>ModelStats</i>	$Ps2 = 0.0002$	$s2 = 1.9$	$n = 188$
Weighted logistic reg.				Weighted logistic reg.			
Intercept	-4.00 (0.47)	-8.55	0.0000	Intercept	-6.45 (1.62)	-3.97	0.0001
Log body mass	0.01 (0.04)	0.15	0.8784	Log life expectancy	0.32 (0.2)	1.6	0.1115
<i>ModelStats</i>	$AIC = 369.14$	$\lambda = 0.57$	$n = 141$	<i>ModelStats</i>	$AIC = 363.5$	$\lambda = 0.56$	$n = 141$
	c. Effect of body mass on ICM				d. Effect of life expectancy on ICM		
	β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value		β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value
Probability of detecting cancer				Probability of detecting cancer			
Intercept	-4.08 (1.67)	-2.45	0.0144	Intercept	-8.45 (4.50)	-1.88	0.0603
Log no. individuals with post-mortem pathological record	1.39 (0.38)	3.62	0.0003	Log no. individuals with post-mortem pathological record	1.42 (0.39)	3.70	0.0002
Log body mass	0.03 (0.1)	0.26	0.7923	Log life expectancy	0.54 (0.51)	1.06	0.2875
<i>ModelStats</i>	$Ps2 = 0.0004$	$s2 = 2.12$	$n = 169$	<i>ModelStats</i>	$Ps2 = 0.0020$	$s2 = 1.75$	$n = 169$
Weighted logistic reg.				Weighted logistic reg.			
Intercept	-3.22 (0.50)	-6.41	<0.0001	Intercept	-5.62 (2.27)	-2.47	0.0148
Log Body mass	-0.04 (0.06)	-0.67	0.5063	Log life expectancy	0.29 (0.28)	1.03	0.3029
<i>ModelStats</i>	$AIC = 404.15$	$\lambda = 0.39$	$n = 128$	<i>ModelStats</i>	$AIC = 400.26$	$\lambda = 0.4$	$n = 128$

Supplementary Table 4. - Sensitivity analysis performed to confirm the consistency of the results when high leverage species are included in the analyses. In order to demonstrate the consistency of the result while including the three species excluded from the analyses presented in the main text due to their high leverages (i.e. *Lagurus lagurus*, *Cricetus cricetus*, and *Dasyuroides byrnei*), here we present models exploring the association between **a**, CMR and **b**, ICM and body mass as well as life expectancy on the entire species pool.

	a. CMR			b. ICM		
	β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value	β (SE)	z/t-value	p-value
Probability of detecting cancer						
Intercept	-8.07 (4.71)	-1.71	0.0870	-6.33 (5.01)	-1.26	0.2070
Log no. individuals with post-mortem pathological record	1.44 (0.38)	3.79	0.0002	1.37 (0.38)	3.57	0.0004
Log body mass	-0.03 (0.12)	-0.27	0.7892	-0.05 (0.13)	-0.37	0.7126
Log life expectancy	0.53 (0.54)	0.97	0.3302	0.33 (0.59)	0.55	0.5791
<i>Model Stats.</i>	$Ps2 < 0.0001$	$s2 = 2.22$	$n = 191$	$Ps2 = 0.0010$	$s2 = 2.04$	$n = 172$
Weighted logistic reg.						
Intercept	-6.06 (1.84)	-3.30	0.0012	-5.94 (2.41)	-2.47	0.0150
Log body mass	-0.04 (0.05)	-0.84	0.4023	-0.10 (0.06)	-1.53	0.1282
Log life expectancy	0.29 (0.23)	1.23	0.2220	0.38 (0.31)	1.23	0.2210
<i>Model Stats.</i>	$AIC = 387.92$	$\lambda = 0.61$	$n = 144$	$AIC = 417.41$	$\lambda = 0.39$	$n = 131$