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# A quantitative genetics perspective on the body-mass scaling of metabolic rate

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## ABSTRACT

Widely observed allometric scaling (log–log slope<1) of metabolic rate (MR) with body mass (BM) in animals has been frequently explained using functional mechanisms, but rarely studied from the perspective of multivariate quantitative genetics. This is unfortunate, given that the additive genetic slope ( $b_A$ ) of the MR–BM relationship represents the orientation of the ‘line of least genetic resistance’ along which MR and BM may most likely evolve. Here, we calculated  $b_A$  in eight species. Although most  $b_A$  values were within the range of metabolic scaling exponents reported in the literature, uncertainty of each  $b_A$  estimate was large (only one  $b_A$  was significantly lower than 3/4 and none were significantly different from 2/3). Overall, the weighted average for  $b_A$  ( $0.667 \pm 0.098$  95% CI) is consistent with the frequent observation that metabolic scaling exponents are negatively allometric in animals ( $b < 1$ ). Although  $b_A$  was significantly positively correlated with the phenotypic scaling exponent ( $b_P$ ) across the sampled species,  $b_P$  was usually lower than  $b_A$ , as reflected in a (non-significantly) lower weighted average for  $b_P$  ( $0.596 \pm 0.100$ ). This apparent discrepancy between  $b_A$  and  $b_P$  resulted from relatively shallow MR–BM scaling of the residuals [weighted average residual scaling exponent ( $b_e$ )= $0.503 \pm 0.128$ ], suggesting regression dilution (owing to measurement error and within-individual variance) causing a downward bias in  $b_P$ . Our study shows how the quantification of the genetic scaling exponent informs us about potential constraints on the correlated evolution of MR and BM, and by doing so has the potential to bridge the gap between micro- and macro-evolutionary studies of scaling allometry.

**KEY WORDS:** Allometric scaling, Body mass, Evolvability, Quantitative genetics, Resting metabolic rate

## INTRODUCTION

How fast an organism carries out various vital functions is of fundamental importance to its ecological and evolutionary success. However, the rates of an organism’s activities may be relatively slow or fast, for reasons that are incompletely understood. Because all biological processes require metabolic energy, their rates are often paralleled by the rate of metabolism, which constitutes all of the biochemical reactions by which energy and materials are transformed for various activities and structures. Both intrinsic (biological) and extrinsic (ecological) factors may affect an organism’s metabolic rate (MR) and its overall ‘pace of life’. One

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of the most important intrinsic factors affecting MR is body size. Relationships between MR and body mass (BM) among individuals, populations or species are typically so strong and regular that they can often be well described by simple power or log-linear functions. This is particularly the case in:

$$\text{MR} = a\text{BM}^b, \quad (1)$$

where  $a$  is the scaling coefficient or antilog of the intercept in a log–log plot and  $b$  is the log-linear scaling exponent or slope (Peters, 1983; Schmidt-Nielsen, 1984; Glazier, 2005; White and Kearney, 2014).

Since the 1800s, the law-like nature of the BM scaling of MR has attracted the attention of many kinds of scientists seeking a general understanding of how life works. Traditionally, metabolic scaling has been thought to follow a 2/3 or 3/4 power law that has been explained in terms of fundamental geometric and physical principles, e.g. surface area to volume relationships (e.g. Sarrus and Rameaux, 1839; Rubner, 1883; Roberts et al., 2010; and other references cited in Glazier, 2014a, 2018a,b) and the geometry and physics of internal resource–transport networks (e.g. von Hoesslin, 1888; Kleiber, 1961; Sernetz et al., 1989; Spatz, 1991; West et al., 1997; Banavar et al., 2010; and other references cited in Glazier, 2014a, 2018b). However, recently, many studies have documented extensive variation in metabolic scaling slopes ( $b$ ) that is systematically related to various intrinsic and extrinsic factors, including taxonomic affiliation, physiological state, body shape and composition, activity level, developmental stage, mode of thermoregulation, ecological life style, and numerous abiotic and biotic environmental factors (reviewed by Glazier, 2005, 2010, 2014a,b, 2018a, 2020; White and Kearney, 2013, 2014). Several mechanisms have been proposed to explain metabolic scaling and its variation, many of which can be classified into four major categories: (1) geometrical constraints on the exchange of resources and metabolic wastes, including heat, across body surfaces with variable relationships to body volume; (2) physically constrained optimization of internal transport of resources to metabolizing cells via variable branching vascular networks; (3) variable metabolic demand of various whole-body, volume-related processes, such as growth and locomotor activity; and (4) variable size-related changes in the relative amounts of tissues with different MRs (reviewed by Glazier, 2014a, 2018b).

Although most of the mechanisms proposed to explain metabolic scaling (such as those just mentioned) have focused on functional and structural properties of whole organisms, some explanations have invoked mechanisms operating at the cellular and biochemical levels (reviewed by Kleiber, 1961; Glazier, 2005, 2014a, 2015, 2018b; Agutter and Tuszyński, 2011). Many of these hypothetical suborganismal mechanisms involve body-size-related changes in the surface area or composition of cellular or subcellular membranes and (or) rates of flow of protons, ions, nutrients and metabolic

wastes across them or within subcellular networks. For example, different cellular modes of organismal growth, involving increasing cell size or number or both, determine the total amount of cellular surface area available for uptake of resources and release of metabolic wastes in organisms of different size, with potential consequences for whole-organism metabolic scaling (Davison, 1955; Kozłowski et al., 2003, 2020; Schramm et al., 2021).

Although a subject of ongoing debate, both suborganismal and whole-organism systemic effects likely contribute to metabolic scaling (Glazier, 2014a,b, 2015, 2018b; Kozłowski et al., 2020). Accordingly, several investigators have advocated a hierarchical view of metabolic scaling (e.g. Darveau et al., 2002; Suarez and Darveau, 2005; Suarez, 2012; Glazier, 2014a). Glazier (2014a) has further suggested that a comprehensive theory of metabolic scaling should consider both upward and downward causation, as well as both proximate (functional) and ultimate (evolutionary) causes. Although molecular and cellular models of metabolic scaling provide potentially useful proximate mechanisms based on upward causation, they appear to be insufficient to explain the full diversity of metabolic scaling exponents ( $b$ ) that have been observed. To explain this diversity, mechanisms involving downward causation via whole-organism systemic effects should also be considered (Glazier, 2014a). In addition, although many kinds of functional mechanisms have been proposed to explain metabolic scaling, ecologically mediated evolutionary mechanisms (ultimate causes) have largely been neglected.

Studies on the evolution of metabolic scaling have only recently begun, and show promise for causing a paradigm shift in our understanding of the relationships among MR, body size, and various other covarying biological and ecological factors. These studies have included interspecific phylogenetic analyses (Uyeda et al., 2017; White et al., 2019), experimental and comparative analyses of conspecific genetic strains or populations exposed to different selection regimes (Czarnołęski et al., 2008; Glazier et al., 2011, 2020), tests for the presence of correlational selection on MR and BM (Artacho et al., 2015; White et al., 2019; Videlier et al., 2021a), comparative analyses of species with markedly different ecological life styles and associated vulnerability to predatory mortality (e.g. pelagic versus benthic invertebrates; Glazier, 2005, 2006), and application of quantitative genetic analyses at the population level to interspecific metabolic scaling patterns (White et al., 2019). In particular, Czarnołęski et al. (2008) have shown how artificial selection on growth rate significantly alters metabolic scaling of the land snail *Helix aspersa*. Similarly, Glazier et al. (2011, 2020) have provided evidence for effects of size-selective fish predation on the BM scaling of MR and other associated traits, such as gill surface area and rates of feeding and growth, in multiple populations of a freshwater amphipod crustacean. In addition, Videlier et al. (2021a) used a novel multivariate approach to test whether natural selection has acted on both the variance and covariance of MR and BM in the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster*.

Ultimately, allometric scaling patterns within and among species are the result of the correlated evolution of traits (Lande, 1979; Ketola and Kotiaho, 2012). Therefore, a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of metabolic scaling requires analyses of not only what drives evolutionary changes in the phenotypic covariation of MR and BM (e.g. specific kinds of natural selection), but also the physical and genetic factors that permit or constrain these changes. Although several potential physical constraints have been identified, as already noted, hardly anything is known about how the quantitative genetic architecture of MR and BM may affect their coevolution. Furthermore, hardly anything is

known about how short-term micro-evolutionary processes at the population level (e.g. natural selection, mutation and genetic drift) result in long-term macro-evolutionary patterns at the phylogenetic level (e.g. interspecific scaling relationships).

Our focus in this study is on how a quantitative genetic perspective and (co)covariance partitioning approach (e.g. Hagemayer et al., 2020) can increase our understanding of the evolution of metabolic scaling. Several quantitative genetic studies have already revealed that both MR and BM exhibit significant additive genetic variance ( $V_A$ ; i.e. variance caused by the additive action of genes within and between loci, that is responsible for the resemblance between parent and offspring) and narrow-sense heritability ( $h^2$ ; i.e. the ratio of  $V_A$  to the total phenotypic variance), and thus have the potential to evolve (Konarzewski and Książek, 2013; White and Kearney, 2013; Pettersen et al., 2018; Baśkiera and Gvoždík, 2021), which has been corroborated by various artificial selection experiments (e.g. Falconer, 1955; Konarzewski et al., 2005). We also know that MR and BM share a large proportion of their  $V_A$  (White et al., 2019), as indicated by several reports of significant genetic correlations ( $r_A$ ; i.e. the proportion of  $V_A$  shared between two traits due to pleiotropy and linkage disequilibrium) between these traits (Nilsson et al., 2009; Bushuev et al., 2012; Zub et al., 2012; Boratyński et al., 2013; Careau et al., 2011; Rønning et al., 2007; Mathot et al., 2013; see also Munday et al., 2017; Nespolo et al., 2014; Tieleman et al., 2009). Although a significant  $r_A$  may indicate a limited potential for the independent evolution of MR and BM, it by itself provides little direct genetic information about the quantitative nature of their scaling relationship. Therefore, a new genetically based estimate of the scaling slope between MR and BM is needed. Hagemayer et al. (2020) used a (co)covariance partitioning approach to estimate the mass-scaling exponent of MR at the among- versus within-individual levels, but did not have the data needed to further partition the mass-scaling slope at the permanent environment and (additive) genetic levels. To our knowledge, only one study has estimated a mass-scaling exponent of MR based on the additive genetic variance and covariance of MR and BM, herein called the additive genetic scaling exponent ( $b_A$ ). Videlier et al. (2021b) found that, in *D. melanogaster*,  $b_A$  ( $\pm$ s.e.) was 0.66 ( $\pm$ 0.16) in females and 0.58 ( $\pm$ 0.32) in males. We clearly need more  $b_A$  estimates in other taxa to evaluate the generality of these findings and the concordance in metabolic scaling at the micro-evolutionary scale [i.e.  $b_A$ , a manifestation of the genetic (co)covariance in BM and MR] versus macro-evolutionary scale (i.e. the widely described negative metabolic allometry at the interspecific level).

Using a quantitative genetics approach to study the evolution of metabolic scaling requires considering  $b_A$  as a property of a population (just like  $h^2$  and  $r_A$ ), which might reveal not only how the evolution of the metabolic scaling of populations and species may be channelled genetically, but also how the genetic covariance between MR and BM may change through space and time via various evolutionary processes like mutation, genetic drift and natural selection (Ketola and Kotiaho, 2012). Genetic correlations may not only facilitate or constrain evolution, but they themselves may also ‘evolve’ as mutation, drift and selection alter allele frequencies and patterns of genetic pleiotropy and linkage (see e.g. Armbruster and Schwaegerle, 1996). Accordingly, quantitative geneticists have devoted a considerable amount of effort to understanding the factors and mechanisms that can cause changes in the additive genetic variance–covariance matrix ( $G$ ; Arnold et al., 2008; Careau et al., 2015). The  $G$  matrix for BM and MR contains  $V_A$  for these traits along the main diagonal, in addition to the

additive genetic covariance ( $\text{Cov}_A$ ) along the off diagonal, which represents the additive genetic variance shared by two traits. Quantifying  $\mathbf{G}$  is the first step to estimate  $b_A$ , which is calculated as the  $\text{Cov}_A$  divided by the  $V_A$  in BM. Therefore, changes in  $\mathbf{G}$  will cause changes in  $b_A$ , which then sets the orientation of the ‘genetic line of least resistance’ along which BM and MR are most likely to evolve as populations and species diverge through mutation, genetic drift and natural selection (Schluter, 1996). Hence, we can employ tools and approaches from the field of quantitative genetics to better understand how  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $b_A$  evolve by looking at how they differ in various taxa, evolutionary regimes and ecological conditions, and potentially link micro- to macro-evolutionary patterns of metabolic scaling.

This study has four major aims. First, we use bivariate animal models to reanalyse several published datasets and present new estimates of  $b_A$  in multiple animal species. Second, we examine the extent to which the population-specific  $b_A$  estimates are similar to the phenotypic metabolic scaling exponents ( $b_P$ ). Third, we took advantage of the multiple  $\mathbf{G}$  matrices quantified using scale-independent, log-transformed traits to compare the evolutionary potential in BM versus whole-animal MR. Finally, we discuss how the estimation of  $b_A$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  may increase our understanding of metabolic scaling from an evolutionary perspective.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Data

We searched the literature for published studies that have quantified  $V_A$  and/or  $h^2$  in MR and BM. We then contacted the authors and asked them to send the raw data and pedigree information necessary for estimating  $V_A$  in BM and MR and their  $\text{Cov}_A$  (i.e.  $\mathbf{G}$ ). Note that the presence of some  $V_A$  is required for  $\text{Cov}_A$ , and therefore we did not consider datasets from publications that reported no significant  $V_A$  in MR (e.g. Bacigalupo et al., 2004; Mattila and Hanski, 2014; Nespolo et al., 2014; Baškiera and Gvoždík, 2021). The lack of  $V_A$  in MR simply implies that there is no additive genetic basis to its mass-scaling relationship. In practice, estimating  $b_A$  in a dataset for which there is little  $V_A$  in either BM or MR will generate model convergence issues and highly uncertain  $b_A$  estimates (i.e. large s.e.), and as such would be potentially problematic and uninformative.

### Statistical analyses

Whenever BM and MR measurements are made for a set of relatives, a bivariate animal model allows the partitioning of the phenotypic (co)variance into genetic variance and other sources of variance depending on the structure of the data and pedigree (Wilson et al., 2010). Each dataset was analysed separately, following a simple workflow analysis (see Supplementary Materials and Methods). For each dataset, we first  $\log_{10}$  transformed BM and MR to allow properly scaled comparisons of variation in different-sized animals and of different traits (Glazier, 2021). Moreover, the (co)variance estimates can be directly used to calculate the slope of the log–log relationship between BM and MR (see below). We then included  $\log_{10}$ -transformed BM and MR as response variables in a bivariate animal model fitted using ASReml-R version 4 (Butler et al., 2018).

Each model included a different set of fixed effects depending on the design of the study and relevant covariates, such as age, sex, generation, habitat, diet quality, season and temperature, and nuisance variables, such as measurement block, cage, location, time of day, etc. (see Table 1 for a list of covariates and original publications for an explanation of the different variables). We used the same set of fixed effects as used in each original publication of the data, fitted to both BM and MR such that their (co)variance was modelled independently from (i.e. conditioned on) the set of covariates. For example, in Zub et al. (2012), weasels were captured in three habitats (river valleys, meadows and forest); adding habitat as a fixed effect yielded (co)variance estimates that can be interpreted as representing the (co)variance structure in a homogeneous environment [see Wilson, 2018 for the importance of considering fixed effects when modelling (co)variances].

After accounting for fixed effects, the remaining phenotypic variance ( $V_P$ ) in BM and MR was partitioned into various variance components using random effects. In all cases,  $V_A$  was estimated by including a random effect of the identity of the animal linked to the pedigree. In most studies, multiple offspring were measured from a given full-sib family, in which case dam identity was included as a random effect to capture common environmental variance ( $V_C$ ; i.e. environmental effects that are shared by full-sib offspring from a given dam). In one case, dam identity was not known, but repeated measures were taken on multiple individuals, and therefore individual identity was included as a random effect to capture

**Table 1. Datasets included in this study**

Common name	Species	Trait	$N_{ID}$	$n_{obs}$	Covariates	Reference
<b>Ectotherms</b>						
Fruit fly	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (female)	SMR	698	698	Block, age, nuisance variables	1
Fruit fly	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (male)	SMR	692	692	Block, age, nuisance variables	1
Speckled cockroach	<i>Nauphoeta cinerea</i>	MR	637	637	Sex	2
<b>Endotherms</b>						
Zebra finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	BMR	446	446	Age, sex, $F$ coefficient, line, time of day, session	3
Zebra finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	BMR	349	349	Sex, diet quality	4
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	BMR	89	124	Age, sex, origin, population	5
Bank vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>	BMR	396	415	Generation, measurement group, chamber, sex, age	6
Bank vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>	BMR	1041	1686	Block, generation, test sequence, wild parents, age, sex	7
House mouse	<i>Mus musculus</i>	BMR	1540	1540	Age, sex, generation, block, chamber	8
Deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	RMR	105	105	Generation, social, $F$ coefficient, sex, age, environment, time of day	9
Weasel	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	RMR	126	285	Sex, year, habitat, season	10

Common names, species, type of population, metabolic trait, number of individuals measured ( $N_{ID}$ ), number of measurements ( $n_{obs}$ ), covariates fitted as fixed effects in the animal model, and references are listed. <sup>1</sup>Videler et al. (2021b); <sup>2</sup>Schimpf et al. (2013); <sup>3</sup>Mathot et al. (2013); <sup>4</sup>Rønning et al. (2007); <sup>5</sup>Tieleman et al. (2009); <sup>6</sup>Boratyński et al. (2016); <sup>7</sup>Sadowska et al. (2005); <sup>8</sup>Wone et al. (2009); <sup>9</sup>Careau et al. (2011); <sup>10</sup>Zub et al. (2012). BMR, basal metabolic rate; RMR, resting metabolic rate; SMR, standard metabolic rate; MR, metabolic rate.

permanent environmental effects ( $V_{PE}$ ; i.e. environmental effects that are specific to each individual). Note that  $V_C$  and  $V_{PE}$  may also capture variation from non-additive genetic effects (e.g. dominance variance). The residual variance ( $V_e$ ) captured variation due to measurement error and specific environmental effects that are unique to each measurement (i.e. micro-environmental effects – any intra-individual variance due to variability in environmental factors other than those included as fixed effects in the model).

Whenever possible, variances in BM and MR were modelled within an unstructured (co)variance matrix structure, thus effectively capturing the  $Cov_A$ , common environmental covariance ( $Cov_C$ ), permanent environmental covariance ( $Cov_{PE}$ ), and residual covariance ( $Cov_e$ ) between BM and MR. The  $b_A$  between BM and MR was calculated as their  $Cov_A$  divided by the  $V_A$  in BM. Similarly, the residual scaling slope ( $b_e$ ) was calculated as their  $Cov_e$  divided by the  $V_e$  in BM. Where applicable, the common environment scaling slope ( $b_C$ ) was calculated as their  $Cov_C$  divided by the  $V_C$  in BM. The  $b_P$  between BM and MR was calculated as their  $Cov_P$  (sum of  $Cov_A$ ,  $Cov_C$ ,  $Cov_{PE}$  and  $Cov_e$ ) divided by the  $V_P$  in BM (sum of  $V_A$ ,  $V_C$ ,  $V_{PE}$  and  $V_e$ ). The s.e. for  $b_A$ ,  $b_e$ ,  $b_C$  and  $b_P$  was calculated with the delta method, and 95% confidence intervals (CI) were calculated as  $b_A \pm 1.96 \times \text{s.e.}$ . We used the R package ‘metafor’ (Viechtbauer, 2010) to calculate weighted meta-analytical mean estimates (i.e. for  $b_A$ ,  $b_e$ ,  $b_C$  and  $b_P$ ) and conduct a formal test for heterogeneity variance across the  $b_A$  estimates.

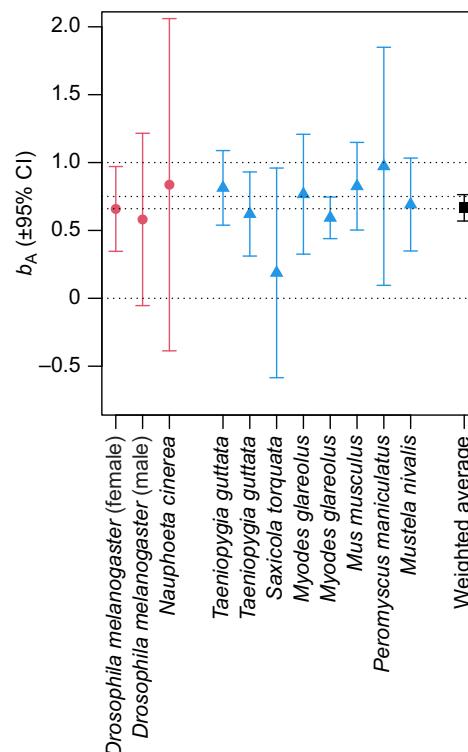
The variance components from the fitted models also allow comparing evolutionary potential in BM and MR, defined as the expected evolutionary response to selection per strength of selection. We therefore calculated  $h^2$  by dividing  $V_A$  by  $V_P$  (the sum of the variance components  $V_A$ ,  $V_C$ ,  $V_{PE}$  and  $V_e$ ). Using  $h^2$  to infer evolutionary potential, however, can be problematic, and Houle (1992) suggested using mean-scaled measures of evolvabilities. Given that BM and MR were  $\log_{10}$  transformed, we can compare their  $V_A$  directly because the variance of the log-transformed data approximately equals the mean-scaled variance on the original scale (i.e. the  $V_A$  of the log of a trait can be used as an estimate of evolutionary potential for the trait on the original scale; Hansen et al., 2011).

## RESULTS

We obtained a total of 11 datasets suitable for estimating  $V_A$  in BM and MR, their  $Cov_A$  and, subsequently, their  $b_A$  (Table 1, Fig. 1). Overall, eight species are included, with two ectotherm species (*D. melanogaster* and *Nauphoeta cinerea*) and six endotherm species (two birds and four mammals). The average sample size is  $N=612$  individuals measured, but considerable variation exists, with studies ranging from approximately 100 to more than 1000 individuals measured (Table 1).

Bivariate animal models revealed a significant and positive  $Cov_A$  between BM and MR in most datasets (Tables S1–S10). The resulting  $b_A$  estimates exhibited considerable variation, ranging from 0.187 to 0.972 (Table 2). Most  $b_A$  estimates were between 0.6 and 0.8, but each estimate had large uncertainty, and therefore none were significantly different from the theoretical value of 2/3, and only one estimate was significantly lower than 3/4 (Table 1, Fig. 1).

The meta-analytical average ( $\pm \text{s.e.}$ )  $b_A$  was  $0.667 (\pm 0.050)$ , with 95% CI that exclude both 0 and 1, but include both 2/3 and 3/4 (Table 2, Fig. 2). By contrast, the meta-analytical average ( $\pm \text{s.e.}$ )  $b_P$  was  $0.596 (\pm 0.051)$ , with 95% CI that include 2/3, but exclude 0 and 3/4 (Table 2; lower 95% CI=0.496; upper 95% CI=0.696). Mean  $b_A$  and  $b_P$  were not significantly different, as indicated by the 95% CI of each overlapping the mean of the other. In addition, the population/



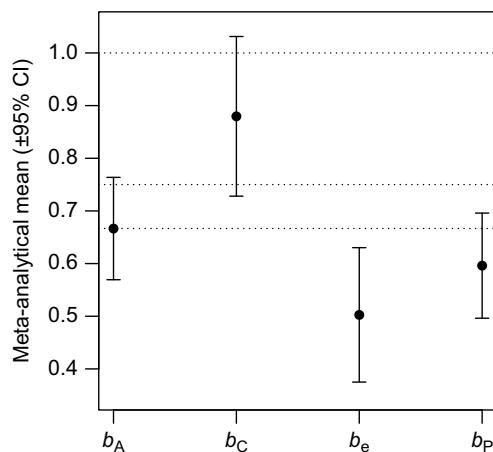
**Fig. 1. Additive genetic scaling exponent ( $b_A$ ;  $\pm 95\%$  confidence intervals, CI) of metabolic rate in two ectotherm and six endotherm species.** Red dots, ectotherms; blue triangles, endotherms; black square, weighted meta-analytical average. Dotted lines are drawn at  $y=0$ , 0.66, 0.75 and 1.

species estimates for  $b_A$  and  $b_P$  were positively correlated ( $r=0.797$ ,  $N=11$ ,  $P=0.003$ ; Fig. 3A).

The meta-analytical mean residual scaling exponent was  $b_e=0.503 \pm 0.065$  (Fig. 2), with 95% CI that exclude 0, 2/3, and 3/4 (lower 95% CI=0.375; upper 95% CI=0.630). Across the 11 estimates,  $b_e$  and  $b_P$  were strongly and positively correlated ( $r=0.835$ ; Fig. 3C). There were only four valid estimates for  $b_C$  because  $V_C$  in BM or MR was frequently too small to allow fitting a  $Cov_C$  (see Tables S1–S10). The meta-analytical mean common

**Table 2. Additive genetic scaling exponent ( $b_A$ ) and phenotypic scaling exponent ( $b_P$ ) in two ectotherm and six endotherm species**

Species	$b_A \pm \text{s.e.}$	95% Confidence intervals		$b_P \pm \text{s.e.}$
		Lower	Upper	
<b>Ectotherms</b>				
<i>D. melanogaster</i> (female)	$0.658 \pm 0.159$	0.346	0.971	$0.556 \pm 0.054$
<i>D. melanogaster</i> (male)	$0.581 \pm 0.324$	-0.054	1.216	$0.441 \pm 0.070$
<i>N. cinerea</i>	$0.837 \pm 0.624$	-0.387	2.060	$0.711 \pm 0.043$
<b>Endotherms</b>				
<i>T. guttata</i>	$0.813 \pm 0.140$	0.539	1.088	$0.609 \pm 0.052$
<i>T. guttata</i>	$0.621 \pm 0.158$	0.311	0.931	$0.534 \pm 0.048$
<i>S. torquata</i>	$0.187 \pm 0.394$	-0.585	0.960	$0.294 \pm 0.088$
<i>M. glareolus</i>	$0.767 \pm 0.225$	0.325	1.208	$0.682 \pm 0.048$
<i>M. glareolus</i>	$0.593 \pm 0.078$	0.440	0.746	$0.592 \pm 0.024$
<i>M. musculus</i>	$0.826 \pm 0.165$	0.503	1.148	$0.933 \pm 0.041$
<i>P. maniculatus</i>	$0.972 \pm 0.447$	0.096	1.849	$0.714 \pm 0.138$
<i>M. nivalis</i>	$0.691 \pm 0.175$	0.349	1.033	$0.450 \pm 0.066$
Weighted average	$0.667 \pm 0.050$	0.569	0.764	$0.596 \pm 0.051$



**Fig. 2.** Weighted meta-analytical mean ( $\pm 95\%$  confidence intervals, CI) additive genetic scaling exponent ( $b_A$ ), common environment scaling exponent ( $b_C$ ), residual scaling exponent ( $b_e$ ) and phenotypic scaling exponent ( $b_P$ ) in two ectotherm and six endotherm species. Dotted lines are drawn at  $y=0.667$ ,  $0.75$  and  $1$ .

environment scaling exponent was  $b_C=0.880 \pm 0.077$  (Fig. 2, Fig. 3B).

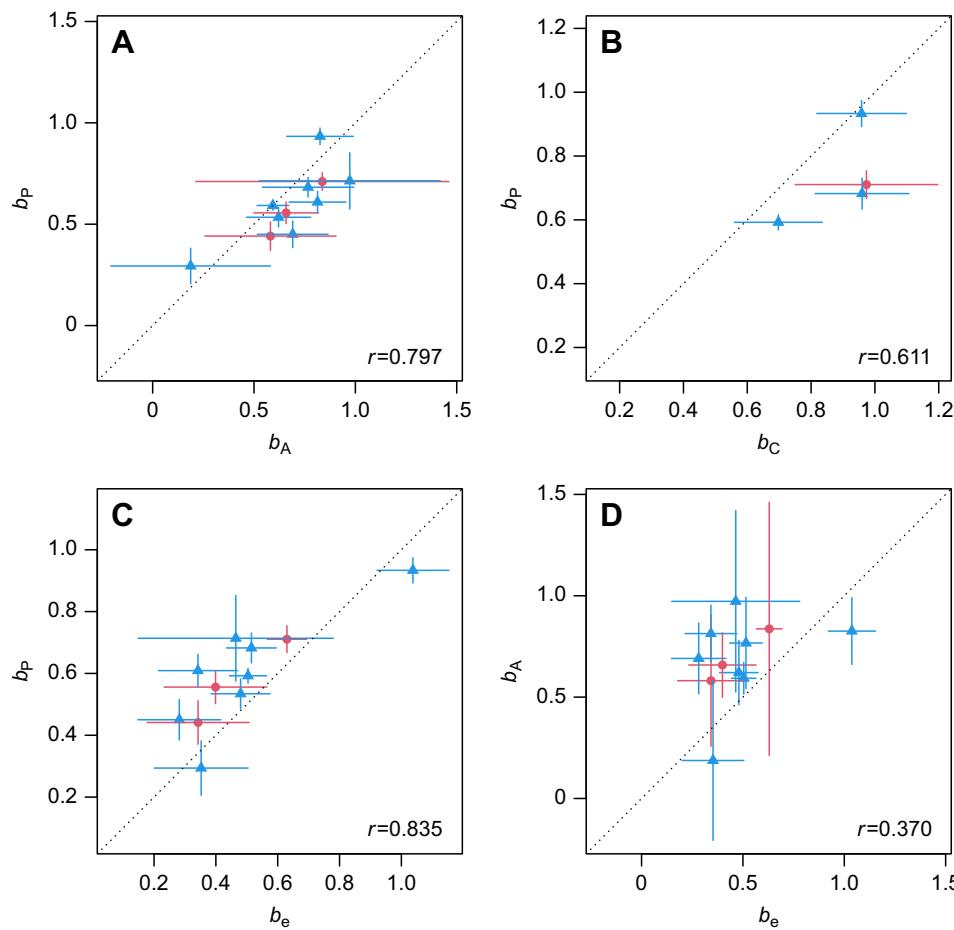
The meta-analytical average  $h^2$  ( $\pm$ s.e.) for BM ( $h^2=0.396 \pm 0.059$ ) was slightly higher than  $h^2$  for whole-animal MR ( $h^2=0.316 \pm 0.053$ ; Table 3, Fig. 4A), but the difference was not significant when considering the uncertainty around the means. Similarly, the meta-analytical average  $V_A$  ( $\pm$ s.e.) was slightly higher for BM

( $V_A=0.00100 \pm 0.00018$ ) than for whole-animal MR ( $V_A=0.00080 \pm 0.00013$ ; Table 3, Fig. 4B), but the difference was not significant when considering the uncertainty around the means.

## DISCUSSION

We compiled multiple datasets that were originally collected to estimate  $V_A$  for whole-organism or mass-adjusted MR, and reanalysed them to quantify the  $G$  matrix for BM and MR, which is required to calculate the  $b_A$ . Interestingly, the interspecific variation in  $b_A$  (range,  $0.187$ – $0.972$ ) reported in Table 2 is within the range of  $b_P$  estimates ( $b_P \approx 0$  to  $>1$ ) that have been observed in animals for both within- and across-species relationships (see Glazier, 2005, 2010, 2014a,b; White and Kearney, 2014). This diversity is consistent with growing evidence that phenotypic metabolic scaling is highly diverse, but unfortunately the large uncertainty (95% CI) around the genetic metabolic scaling exponents prevents any significant interspecific differences from being discerned. In addition, all but one of these exponents are not significantly different from the classical theoretical values of  $2/3$  or  $3/4$ ; two values are not significantly different from  $0$ , and six are not significantly from  $1$ . The only exception is for one of the datasets with a large sample size (Sadowska et al., 2005), in which  $b_A$  was significantly lower than the theoretical  $3/4$  exponent (lower 95% CI=0.746). Therefore, extremely large sample sizes are required to estimate  $b_A$  with enough precision to test metabolic theory that predicts specific exponents such as  $2/3$  or  $3/4$ .

The large error terms for  $b_A$  also prevent any clear-cut matching of the genetic metabolic scaling exponents with phenotypic metabolic scaling exponents reported in the literature. For



**Fig. 3.** Relationship between phenotypic scaling ( $b_P \pm s.e.$ ), additive genetic scaling ( $b_A \pm s.e.$ ), common environment scaling ( $b_C \pm s.e.$ ) and residual scaling ( $b_e \pm s.e.$ ) exponents across populations/species of ectotherms (red dots) and endotherms (blue triangles). (A)  $b_P$  as function of  $b_A$ , (B)  $b_P$  as function of  $b_C$ , (C)  $b_P$  as function of  $b_e$ , and (D)  $b_A$  as function of  $b_e$ .

**Table 3.** Narrow-sense heritability ( $h^2$ ) and additive genetic variance ( $V_A$ ) in body mass (BM) and whole-animal metabolic rate (MR) in two ectotherm and six endotherm species

Species	Narrow-sense heritability		Mean-scaled evolvability	
	BM $h^2 \pm s.e.$	MR $h^2 \pm s.e.$	BM $V_A \pm s.e.$	MR $V_A \pm s.e.$
<b>Ectotherms</b>				
<i>D. melanogaster</i> (female)	0.597±0.146	0.251±0.130	0.00117±0.00031	0.00058±0.00031
<i>D. melanogaster</i> (male)	0.272±0.102	0.432±0.137	0.00064±0.00027	0.00122±0.00052
<i>N. cinerea</i>	0.071±0.067	0.075±0.072	0.00022±0.00021	0.00032±0.00031
<b>Endotherms</b>				
<i>T. guttata</i>	0.557±0.095	0.397±0.095	0.00122±0.00028	0.00109±0.00031
<i>T. guttata</i>	0.385±0.106	0.400±0.161	0.00075±0.00024	0.00038±0.00019
<i>S. torquata</i>	0.419±0.278	0.264±0.221	0.00101±0.00075	0.00050±0.00045
<i>M. glareolus</i>	0.225±0.091	0.242±0.096	0.00112±0.00048	0.00125±0.00052
<i>M. glareolus</i>	0.551±0.081	0.453±0.076	0.00171±0.00030	0.00116±0.00023
<i>M. musculus</i>	0.397±0.077	0.162±0.068	0.00075±0.00017	0.00072±0.00031
<i>P. maniculatus</i>	0.491±0.211	0.491±0.214	0.00270±0.00145	0.00515±0.00280
<i>M. nivalis</i>	0.594±0.143	0.631±0.171	0.00321±0.00101	0.00165±0.00059
Weighted average	0.396±0.059	0.316±0.053	0.00100±0.00018	0.00080±0.00013

Because all models were fitted on log-transformed traits, the  $V_A$  estimates are directly comparable as mean-scaled measures of evolvabilities.

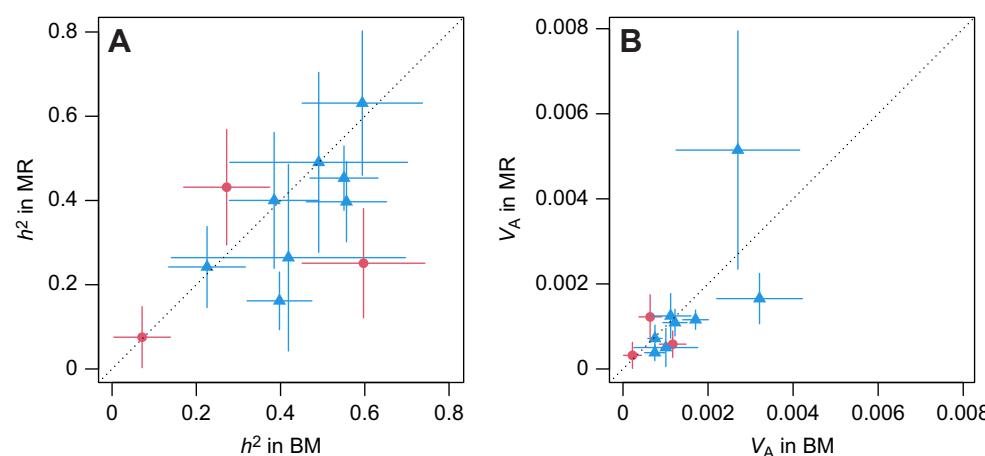
example, no clear differences between the genetic scaling exponents of the ectothermic insects and endothermic birds and mammals can be seen (Table 2), despite the existence of significant differences in the phenotypic scaling exponents of ectothermic and endothermic vertebrate animals (reviewed in Glazier, 2005, 2010; White and Kearney, 2014). Moreover, existing data are insufficient to permit a consistent, clear-cut matching of genetic and phenotypic metabolic scaling exponents for individual species. For example, although the genetic metabolic scaling exponent for the fruit fly *D. melanogaster* ( $0.523\pm0.232$  95% CI) is significantly different from 0, Van Voorhies et al. (2004) found no significant phenotypic correlation between MR and BM in this species. A limited BM range (<2-fold) may have prevented a phenotypic correlation between MR and BM from being detected. By contrast, Ellenby (1945, 1953) found significant positive correlations based on samples with larger body-size ranges of ~2- and 3-fold, respectively. Furthermore, the phenotypic scaling exponent of 0.554 based on data in Ellenby (1945) is within the 95% CI of the genetic scaling exponent, although the scaling exponent of 0.772 based on data in Ellenby (1953) is not. In addition, the genetic metabolic scaling exponent for the laboratory mouse *Mus musculus* ( $0.826\pm0.323$ ) is not significantly different from the phenotypic scaling exponent ( $0.748\pm0.289$ ) reported by Glazier (2022), based on data from 15 studies collated by Genoud et al. (2018). These examples thus

suggest that, with sufficient data, a match between genetic and phenotypic metabolic scaling exponents may be found.

In our sample of 11 paired estimates,  $b_A$  and  $b_P$  were significantly correlated (Fig. 3A). Although this result suggests that the relative magnitude of  $b_P$  reflects the relative magnitude of  $b_A$ , it should not be used to commit the ‘phenotypic gambit’ (Cheverud, 1988; Grafen, 1984) and assume that  $b_P$  is a precise estimate of  $b_A$  in any population/species. There are many reasons why this assumption should be avoided, just as a phenotypic correlation ( $r_P$ ) estimate is generally not an accurate indicator of  $r_A$  (Kruuk et al., 2008). The correspondence between  $b_A$  and  $b_P$  depends on the relative amount of (co)variance for the genetic versus other components of the total phenotypic covariance of MR and BM. In a simplified example in which the only sources of (co)variance between BM and MR are genetic and residual (i.e. no sources of common environment variance), then:

$$b_P = b_A \times h_{BM}^2 + b_e \times (1 - h_{BM}^2), \quad (2)$$

where  $h_{BM}^2$  represents  $h^2$  in BM. In this equation, we see that the higher the  $h_{BM}^2$ , the more  $b_P$  will reflect  $b_A$ . Yet in our sample, the average  $h_{BM}^2$  ( $\pm s.e.$ ) was  $0.396\pm0.059$ , such that other sources of covariance are likely to have important influences on  $b_P$ . Indeed, Eqn 2 shows that  $b_e$  also affects  $b_P$ , raising the question as to whether

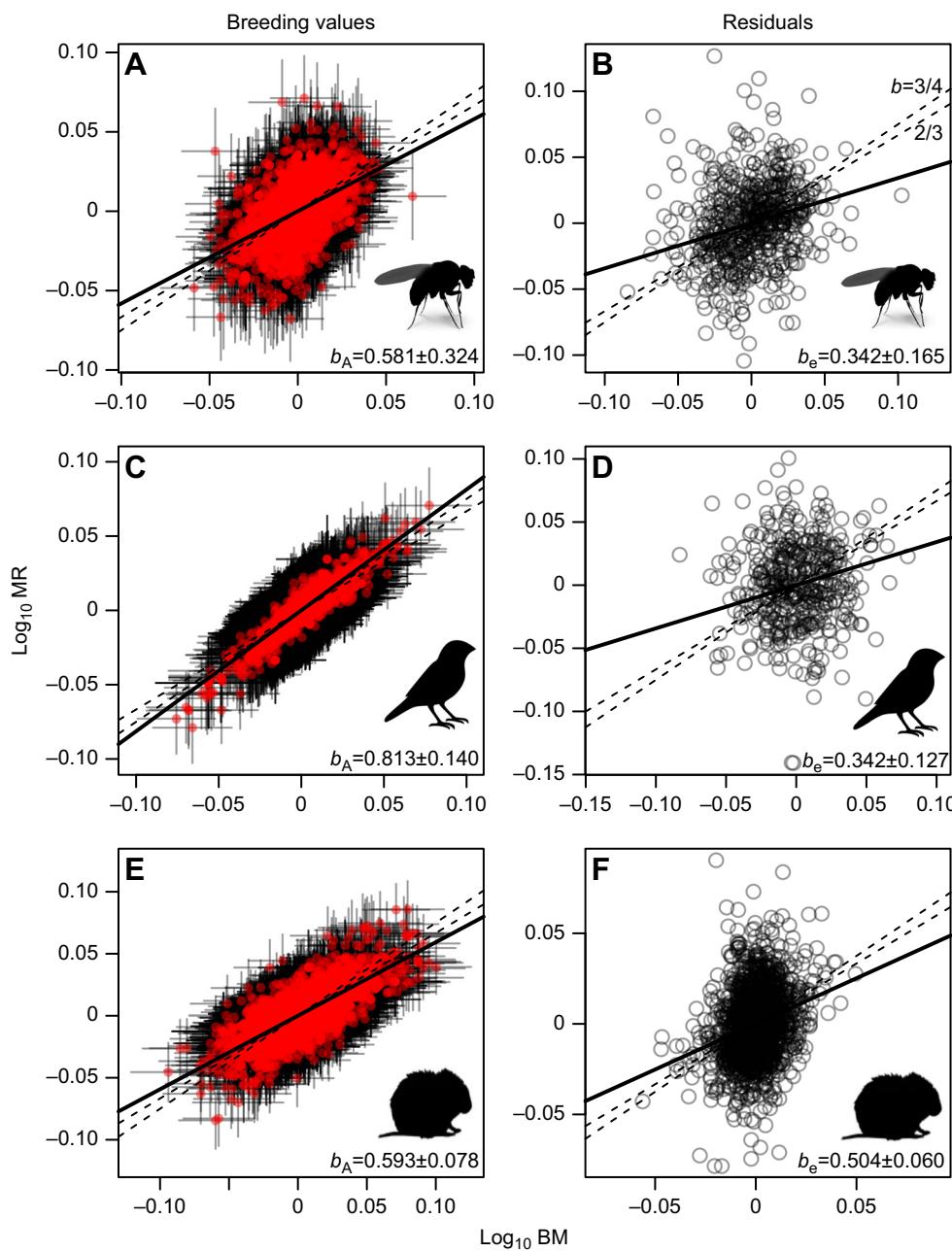


**Fig. 4.** Narrow-sense heritability ( $h^2$ ) and additive genetic variance ( $V_A$ ) in whole-animal metabolic rate (MR) versus body mass (BM) in two ectotherm and six endotherm species.  $h^2$  ( $\pm s.e.$ ; A) and  $V_A$  ( $\pm s.e.$ ; B). Red dots, ectotherms; blue triangles, endotherms. Dotted line is the 1:1 line.

$b_e$  (and scaling slopes of other component covariances of MR and BM, such as  $b_C$ , see below) generally align with  $b_A$  or not (Fig. 3D). The meta-analytical  $b_e$  tended to be lower ( $b_e=0.501\pm 0.065$ ) than  $b_A$ , and was significantly lower than the theoretical 2/3 exponent (Fig. 2; see also Fig. 5 for examples of  $b_A$  and  $b_e$  in three of the largest datasets included in the current study). Such a low  $b_e$  might be due to regression dilution because measurement error generally ends up in the residual (co)variance estimates. The residual (co)variance also captures within-individual changes in MR and BM due to unquantified specific environmental conditions and age (unless specified as fixed effect in the model; Wilson et al., 2010). A low  $b_e$  might also reflect short-term within-individual variation in factors that influence BM but not MR, such as gut content, hydration level and low-MR tissues (e.g. fat; Hagemayer et al., 2020). In any case, the results of the current study illustrate how measurement error and within-individual variance in BM and MR

can bias  $b_P$  downwards, and therefore care should be taken when making inferences about the evolution of metabolic scaling using  $b_P$  as a proxy for  $b_A$ .

In comparison to  $b_A$  and  $b_e$ , the meta-analytical  $b_C$  tended to be higher ( $b_C=0.880\pm 0.077$ ), raising questions about sources of common environmental covariance in BM and MR. In our models,  $V_C$  and  $\text{Cov}_C$  captured environmental effects (other than those specified as fixed effects) that applied to groups of full sibs. Because relatives (especially full sibs) are clustered in time and space (e.g. litter or nest effects), common and maternal environmental effects are usually confounded with the pedigree structure, and therefore may bias  $V_A$  and  $\text{Cov}_A$  estimates if not controlled for (Wilson et al., 2010). Because  $b_C$  tends to be higher than  $b_A$ , a failure to properly separate common environment from additive genetic effects will introduce an upward bias in  $b_A$ . Interestingly,  $V_C$  and  $\text{Cov}_C$  can also capture maternal genetic effects



**Fig. 5. Body-mass scaling of metabolic rate at the genetic (left panels) versus residual (right panels) levels.** Metabolic rate (MR) as a function of body mass (BM) in male fruit flies (data from Videller et al., 2021b) (A,B), zebra finches (data from Mathot et al., 2013) (C,D) and bank voles (data from Sadowska et al., 2005) (E,F), using breeding values to display the additive genetic scaling exponent ( $b_A \pm \text{s.e.}$ ; left panels) and residual values to display the residual scaling exponent ( $b_e \pm \text{s.e.}$ ; right panels). Breeding values (red dots;  $\pm \text{s.e.}$ ) and residuals (both expressed as deviations from population means) were extracted from multivariate animal models with  $\log_{10}$ -transformed MR and BM as response variables. Dashed lines represent the theoretical exponent values of 2/3 and 3/4, whereas solid lines show  $b_A$  and  $b_e$ .

and non-additive genetic variance such as dominance variance (Wilson et al., 2010). Maternal genetic effects have been widely reported for growth-related traits and body size (McAdam et al., 2014), such that  $V_C$  (and  $\text{Cov}_C$ ) may contain some source of maternal genetic (co)variance. Moreover, owing to the maternal route of inheritance of mitochondria, genetic variance in the function, structure and intracellular density of mitochondria should end up in the maternal effect (unless modelled explicitly; see Evans et al., 2014). This raises the possibility that  $V_C$  and  $\text{Cov}_C$  contain some cytoplasmically inherited genetic (co)variance in BM and MR that scales more steeply than  $b_A$ . In any case, future quantitative genetic studies of metabolic scaling should pay attention to common environmental and maternal effects, and if possible calculate and report  $b_C$  to add to the few ( $n=4$ ) currently available estimates.

Overall, our collective data on genetic metabolic scaling exponents (Table 2) are consistent with the frequent observation that intraspecific and interspecific metabolic scaling exponents are negatively allometric in animals ( $b < 1$ ). The weighted average  $b_A$  across all datasets is  $0.667 \pm 0.050$ , which is significantly less than 1 (see Table 2). Furthermore, all  $b_A$  estimates are  $< 1$  rather than  $> 1$ , which is highly improbable by chance alone ( $P=0.5^{10}=0.001$ ). Although there was large variation in the  $b_A$  estimates, when considering the differences in light of the standard errors that come with each estimate, the possibility emerges that sampling noise alone may be responsible for all the variation that we see. The meta-analytical procedure yielded an  $I^2$  (total heterogeneity/total variability) of 0, which means that there are no differences between the  $b_A$  estimates that cannot already be explained by sampling noise alone. Hence, one could argue that extreme values like the low value from *Saxicola* is fully expected from sampling noise alone (owing to its large uncertainty).

The  $b_A$  represents the direction of greatest genetic variance in BM and MR, and therefore divergent species are expected to be constrained along this general orientation (Schluter, 1996). Just as we calculated  $b_A$  from the additive genetic (co)variance matrix, one could use a bivariate phylogenetic mixed model (Hadfield and Nakagawa, 2010) to estimate the phylogenetic (co)variance in mass and MR and quantify the mass scaling exponent at the phylogenetic level ( $b_D$ ), which represents the scaling exponent along which BM and MR co-varied as species diverged. A correspondence between  $b_A$  and  $b_D$  may be explained in two non-exclusive ways. First,  $b_A$  may channel the evolution of the phenotypic covariance of MR with BM, and thus  $b_D$ , along the genetic line of least resistance (Schluter, 1996). In other words, the distribution of the genetic variation in BM and MR in an ancestral population or species should influence the orientation (slope) along which BM and MR will vary among descendant populations or species. Second, natural selection may favour specific phenotypic and corresponding genetic associations between MR and BM. Indeed, selection on particular combinations of BM and MR could both (1) modify patterns of genetic (co)variance, and (2) cause adaptive evolution in BM and MR along a specific orientation.

Note that the above genetically based evolutionary explanations do not mention possible influences of physical constraints on metabolic scaling, as posited by traditional theory (see Introduction). Nevertheless, we do not mean to imply that physical constraints are not at all involved in metabolic scaling. For example, they could set boundary limits on the range of metabolic scaling exponents that can evolve (see e.g. Glazier, 2005, 2010, 2014b). However, at present, no firm conclusions about cause and effect relationships among  $b_A$ ,  $b_P$  and  $b_D$  can yet be made. More interdisciplinary, multi-level work is needed to determine how

genetic patterns of metabolic scaling at the intraspecific level are linked to interspecific metabolic scaling patterns (see also White et al., 2019). Ultimately, there can be no genetic variation outside of the fundamental physical and geometrical constraints of organisms, such that genetic and physical constraints should theoretically reflect two sides of the same coin (just like genetic correlations and physiological mechanisms linking complex traits; Careau and Garland, 2012).

Currently available quantitative genetic data are not yet sufficient to test metabolic scaling theory in a rigorous way. Although the meta-analytical weighted average  $b_A$  of  $0.667 \pm 0.050$  appears to support the view that additive genetic variance in BM and MR is distributed along a metabolic scaling exponent of  $2/3$ , the 95% CI ( $0.567$ – $0.767$ ) also include  $3/4$ . Moreover, the uncertainty around each  $b_A$  estimate was so large that none of the individual estimates clearly support any specific theoretical metabolic exponent, such as  $2/3$  or  $3/4$ . They are also insufficient to test theory that predicts diverse metabolic scaling exponents, such as the metabolic-level boundaries hypothesis (MLBH: Glazier, 2010, 2014b). However, it is intriguing that, as predicted by the MLBH, the birds and mammals with relatively high basal metabolic rates (BMRs) [*Saxicola torquata*, *Taeniopygia guttata*, *Myodes glareolus* and *Mustela nivalis*, with mean BMR values of 110.7%, 117.9%, 141.7% and 155.1%, respectively, greater than that predicted from the eutherian mammal log-linear scaling relationship  $\text{BMR}=0.455+0.726*\text{BM}$  reported by Genoud et al., 2018] tend to have lower genetic metabolic scaling exponents ( $0.187$ – $0.813$ ) than those species with substantially lower MRs (*M. musculus* and *Peromyscus maniculatus*, with  $b_A$  values of 0.826 and 0.972, and mean BMR values of 23.5% and 47.2%, respectively, greater than that predicted by the eutherian scaling relationship). The MLBH predicts that the scaling exponent for resting (or basal) metabolic rate (RMR or BMR) should decrease as overall metabolic level (L) increases (Glazier, 2010, 2014b). Nevertheless, the negative relationship between  $b_A$  and L observed here is based on only six species with  $b_A$  values that have large error terms, and therefore is unsurprisingly not statistically significant. The MLBH also predicts that the scaling exponent for active maximal metabolic rate (MMR) should be higher than that for RMR, which, however, is not seen for either  $b_P$  or  $b_A$  in the house mouse *M. musculus* ( $0.738 \pm 0.102$  and  $0.880 \pm 0.022$ , respectively, for MMR, and  $0.826 \pm 0.165$  and  $0.933 \pm 0.041$ , respectively, for RMR; Wone et al., 2009). However, activity has been shown to increase  $b_P$  within other animal species, e.g. the laboratory rat (Refinetti, 1989), humans (Rogers et al., 1995; Batterham and Jackson, 2003) and various ectothermic animals (Glazier, 2009). More data are obviously needed.

Available data on  $V_A$  given in Table 3 do permit a useful test of two different theoretical approaches regarding the evolution of metabolic scaling that make opposite predictions. The first theory posits that metabolic scaling is chiefly the result of evolutionary optimization of body size with secondary effects on MR (Kozłowski and Weiner, 1997; Kozłowski et al., 2020). According to this theory, as applied by Ketola and Kotiaho (2012), if natural selection acts more intensely on body size than MR, then  $V_A$  (and  $h^2$ ) should be lower for body size than that for MR. The second approach, based on dynamic energy budget theory, proposes that evolutionary optimization is focused primarily on MR with secondary effects on body size (Lika et al., 2019). If correct, then  $V_A$  (and  $h^2$ ) should be lower for MR than body size. However, comparisons of  $h^2$  and  $V_A$  estimates from our models (Table 3, Fig. 4; see also Tables S1–S10) do not support the predictions of either of these theories, as there

were no differences in the average  $h^2$  and  $V_A$  estimates for MR versus BM (note that  $V_A$  estimated using log-transformed traits allows directly comparable estimates of mean-scaled evolvabilities; Hansen et al., 2011). Therefore, although natural selection may act on MR and BM to varying degrees in different environments to cause evolutionary changes in metabolic scaling (see also Witting, 2017), existing data suggest that there is no general difference in the intensity of selection on – and evolutionary potential in – either trait. In agreement, Videlier et al. (2021a) used a multivariate approach based on the variance–covariance matrix of Darwinian fitness, standard metabolic rate (SMR) and BM to show that linear selection was acting on both SMR and BM in male, but not female, *D. melanogaster*. However, Boratyński and Koteja (2010) found that BMR, but not BM, was related to relative fitness (reproductive success) in the bank vole *M. glareolus*. More studies of this kind are needed, as well as those that specifically test for effects of selection on the covariance of MR and BM, and thereby metabolic scaling.

In some investigations, the metabolic scaling exponent ( $b$ ) is considered to be a trait in and of itself. For example, Fossen et al. (2019) did so in a study of the  $V_A$  and genotype-by-environment (G×E) interaction of  $b$  using clones from a parthenogenetic species (*Daphnia magna*). Although it may be useful to consider  $b$  as a trait when working with genetically identical clones or strains (e.g. Glazier and Calow, 1992; Yashchenko et al., 2016; Matoo et al., 2019), or ontogenetic  $b$  values estimated at the individual level (Norin and Gamperl, 2018; Beaman et al., 2021 preprint), such an approach can be impractical for studies that estimate  $b$  among genetically different conspecific individuals. Moreover, the two quantitative genetic studies conducted so far on  $b$  (considered as a trait) found no detectable  $V_A$  in  $b$  (Fossen et al., 2019; Beaman et al., 2021 preprint). For most studies of metabolic scaling, one could reasonably argue that  $b$  should not be considered a ‘trait’ per se, but a type of ‘trait covariance’, resulting from pleiotropy, gene linkage and/or selective covariance (Armbuster and Schwaegerle, 1996). Accordingly, genes and natural selection affect  $b$  only indirectly via their direct effects on the individual traits of MR and BM, the covariances of which determine metabolic scaling. We can still study how  $b_A$  ‘evolves’, in the sense that  $\mathbf{G}$  (and  $b_A$ ) may change through space and time as a result of changes in the frequencies of the genes responsible for BM and MR (Arnold et al., 2008). Otherwise, considering  $b$  as a trait makes it problematic to study metabolic scaling from a genetically based adaptive perspective, given that  $b$  represents the covariance of two complex traits (MR and BM) subject to multiple environmental and genetic effects and variable selection regimes (Arnold et al., 2021).

In this study, we hope to have shown the value of quantitative genetic studies in increasing our understanding of the evolution of metabolic scaling. Other useful methods have been proposed to examine genetic effects on metabolic scaling, including quantitative trait locus analyses (Wu et al., 2002; Long et al., 2006; Li et al., 2007; Vasseur et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2021), inbreeding and crossbreeding experiments (Ketola and Kotiaho, 2012; Vasseur et al., 2012; Ketola et al., 2013; Boratyński et al., 2016), and artificial selection experiments (Czarnoński et al., 2008; Sadowska et al., 2015; Mallerba and Marshall, 2019). In addition, genetic effects on metabolic scaling can be studied through the comparison of metabolic scaling relationships observed in genetically different clones, strains or populations (Glazier and Calow, 1992; Glazier et al., 2011; Yashchenko et al., 2016; Matoo et al., 2019). We encourage researchers interested in the evolution of metabolic scaling to adopt a quantitative genetics approach that examines how  $b_A$  may be influenced by evolutionary processes acting on BM and

MR, in accordance with how evolutionary biologists have traditionally evaluated changes in  $\mathbf{G}$  and genetic correlations under artificial or natural selection (e.g. Careau et al., 2015; Delahaie et al., 2017).

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**Tables S1-S10. Variance components from each datasets**

Variance components from each of the bivariate animal models run separately on each dataset. Each table reports additive genetic variance ( $V_A$ ) and covariance ( $\text{Cov}_A$ ), as well as residual variance ( $V_e$ ) and covariance ( $\text{Cov}_e$ ) for both metabolic rate (MR) and body mass (BM). Most models also included common environmental variance ( $V_C$ ) and covariance ( $\text{Cov}_C$ ), unless dam identity was not known (note:  $\text{Cov}_C$  was not fitted in cases where  $V_C$  was low for one of the two trait). Some models also included individual identity to capture permanent environmental variance ( $V_{PE}$ ) and covariance ( $\text{Cov}_{PE}$ ).

**Table S1.** Sex-specific variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Drosophila melanogaster* dataset (Videlier et al. 2021).

Component	Estimate	SE
Females:		
$V_C - \text{MR}$	0.00021	0.00016
$V_C - \text{BM}$	0.00003	0.00013
$V_A - \text{MR}$	0.00058	0.00031
$\text{Cov}_A$	0.00077	0.00019
$V_A - \text{BM}$	0.00117	0.00031
$V_e - \text{MR}$	0.00153	0.00022
$\text{Cov}_e$	0.00030	0.00016
$V_e - \text{BM}$	0.00076	0.00020
Males:		
$V_C - \text{MR}$	0.00008	0.00023
$V_C - \text{BM}$	0.00008	0.00013
$V_A - \text{MR}$	0.00122	0.00052
$\text{Cov}_A$	0.00037	0.00019
$V_A - \text{BM}$	0.00064	0.00027
$V_e - \text{MR}$	0.00163	0.00032
$\text{Cov}_e$	0.00031	0.00016
$V_e - \text{BM}$	0.00090	0.00017

**Table S2.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Nauphoeta cinerea* dataset (Schimpf et al. 2013).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C - MR}$	0.00076	0.00029
$Cov_C$	0.00058	0.00021
$V_{C - BM}$	0.00060	0.00021
$V_{A - MR}$	0.00032	0.00031
$Cov_A$	0.00019	0.00021
$V_{A - BM}$	0.00022	0.00021
$V_{e - MR}$	0.00316	0.00030
$Cov_e$	0.00145	0.00021
$V_{e - BM}$	0.00230	0.00021

**Table S3.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Taeniopygia guttata* dataset (Mathot et al. 2013).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C - MR}$	0.00013	0.00012
$V_{C - BM}$	0.00002	0.00008
$V_{A - MR}$	0.00109	0.00031
$Cov_A$	0.00099	0.00025
$V_{A - BM}$	0.00122	0.00028
$V_{e - MR}$	0.00153	0.00021
$Cov_e$	0.00033	0.00015
$V_{e - BM}$	0.00095	0.00017

**Table S4.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Taeniopygia guttata* dataset (Rønning et al. 2007).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{A - MR}$	0.00038	0.00019
$Cov_A$	0.00047	0.00018
$V_{A - BM}$	0.00075	0.00024
$V_{e - MR}$	0.00132	0.00018
$Cov_e$	0.00057	0.00015
$V_{e - BM}$	0.00120	0.00019

**Table S5.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Saxicola torquata* dataset (Tieleman et al. 2009).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C\text{-}MR}$	0.00012	0.00045
$V_{C\text{-}BM}$	0.00016	0.00063
$V_{A\text{-}MR}$	0.00050	0.00045
$\text{Cov}_A$	0.00019	0.00043
$V_{A\text{-}BM}$	0.00101	0.00075
$V_{e\text{-}MR}$	0.00129	0.00028
$\text{Cov}_e$	0.00044	0.00021
$V_{e\text{-}BM}$	0.00124	0.00028

**Table S6.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Myodes glareolus* dataset (Boratyński et al. 2016).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C\text{-}MR}$	0.00126	0.00045
$\text{Cov}_C$	0.00119	0.00040
$V_{C\text{-}BM}$	0.00123	0.00042
$V_{A\text{-}MR}$	0.00125	0.00052
$\text{Cov}_A$	0.00086	0.00043
$V_{A\text{-}BM}$	0.00112	0.00048
$V_{e\text{-}MR}$	0.00264	0.00038
$\text{Cov}_e$	0.00135	0.00030
$V_{e\text{-}BM}$	0.00261	0.00035

**Table S7.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Mus musculus* dataset (Wone et al. 2009).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C\text{-}MR}$	0.00095	0.00019
$\text{Cov}_C$	0.00045	0.00010
$V_{C\text{-}BM}$	0.00047	0.00008
$V_{A\text{-}MR}$	0.00072	0.00031
$\text{Cov}_A$	0.00062	0.00019
$V_{A\text{-}BM}$	0.00075	0.00017
$V_{e\text{-}MR}$	0.00277	0.00021
$\text{Cov}_e$	0.00069	0.00011
$V_{e\text{-}BM}$	0.00067	0.00009

**Table S8.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Peromyscus maniculatus* dataset (Careau et al. 2011).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C - MR}$	0.00000	NA
$V_{C - BM}$	0.00000	NA
$V_{A - MR}$	0.00515	0.00280
$Cov_A$	0.00263	0.00165
$V_{A - BM}$	0.00270	0.00145
$V_{e - MR}$	0.00535	0.00192
$Cov_e$	0.00130	0.00109
$V_{e - BM}$	0.00281	0.00100

**Table S9.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Mustela nivalis* dataset (Zub et al. 2012).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{ID - MR}$	0.00013	0.00044
$V_{ID - BM}$	0.00143	0.00072
$V_{A - MR}$	0.00165	0.00059
$Cov_A$	0.00222	0.00050
$V_{A - BM}$	0.00321	0.00101
$V_{e - MR}$	0.00084	0.00016
$Cov_e$	0.00021	0.00011
$V_{e - BM}$	0.00076	0.00009

**Table S10.** Variance components for the bivariate animal model applied to the *Myodes glareolus* dataset (Sadowska et al. 2005).

Component	Estimate	SE
$V_{C-MR}$	0.00026	0.00011
$Cov_C$	0.00031	0.00010
$V_{C-BM}$	0.00044	0.00013
$V_{PE-MR}$	0.00047	0.00014
$Cov_{PE}$	0.00039	0.00013
$V_{PE-BM}$	0.00069	0.00017
$V_{A-MR}$	0.00116	0.00023
$Cov_A$	0.00101	0.00023
$V_{A-BM}$	0.00171	0.00030
$V_{e-MR}$	0.00067	0.00004
$Cov_e$	0.00013	0.00002
$V_{e-BM}$	0.00026	0.00001

## Supplementary Materials and Methods

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#Annotated code accompanying the article:
#Title:
#A quantitative genetics perspective on the body-mass scaling of
metabolic rate
#Authors:
#Vincent Careau vcareau@uottawa.ca
#Douglas S. Glazier glazier@juniata.edu
#The code below can be used to run the bivariate animal model on the
data from Careau et al. (2011).
#The code reads in the data and pedigree files,
#then creates the A-inverse matrix that is then used to estimate
additive genetic co-variance in the bivariate animal model.
#After the model is run, there is the code to calculate the additive
genetic scaling slope and phenotypic scaling slope.

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##### CODE START #####
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library(asreml)
#read in dataset
DB.01<-
read.table(file="Careau_and_Glazier_JXB_PEROMYSCUS_data.csv",sep=",",h
eader=TRUE)
summary(DB.01)
#
#prepare variables - animal and dam IDs
DB.01$animal<-factor(DB.01$animal)
DB.01$DAM<-factor(DB.01$DAM)
#
#prepare variables - log transform MR
DB.01$logMR <-log10(DB.01$RMR)
DB.01$logBM <-log10(DB.01$BWT)
#
#prepare variables - covariates
DB.01$G<-factor(DB.01$G)
DB.01$ALONE_RMR<-factor(DB.01$ALONE_RMR)
DB.01$SEX<-factor(DB.01$SEX)
DB.01$ENV_RMR<-factor(DB.01$ENV_RMR)
#
#check missing values for MR and BM
DB.01[is.na(DB.01$logMR &DB.01$logBM),]
length(unique(DB.01$animal))
nrow(DB.01)
#
#read in pedigree and make A-inverse

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PED.01<-
read.table(file="Careau_and_Glazier_JXB_PEROMYSCUS_pedigree.csv",sep=",",header=TRUE)
head(PED.01)
AI.01 <- ainverse(PED.01)
#
#run model
AS.01<-asreml(cbind(logMR,logBM)~trait+at(trait):G+
                  at(trait):ALONE_RMR+
                  at(trait):Fcoeff+
                  at(trait):SEX+
                  at(trait):AGE_RMR+
                  at(trait):ENV_RMR+
                  at(trait):TIME_RMR,
                  random=~us(trait):vm(animal, AI.01)+diag(trait):DAM,
                  residual=~units:us(trait), data=DB.01)

summary(AS.01)
##$varcomp
#   component std.error z.ratio
#trait:MOTHER!trait_logMR 8.50E-08 NA NA
#trait:MOTHER!trait_logBM 6.60E-08 NA NA
#trait:vm(animal, AI.01)!trait_logMR:logMR 5.15E-03 0.002802
#           1.836707
#trait:vm(animal, AI.01)!trait_logBM:logMR 2.63E-03 0.001648
#           1.594108
#trait:vm(animal, AI.01)!trait_logBM:logBM 2.70E-03 0.001453
#           1.859181
#units:trait!R 1.00E+00 NA NA
#units:trait!trait_logMR:logMR 5.35E-03 0.001922 2.781499
#units:trait!trait_logBM:logMR 1.30E-03 0.001094 1.190847
#units:trait!trait_logBM:logBM 2.81E-03 0.000997 2.812938
#
#calculate slopes
#genetic slope
(b.gen.01<-vpredict(AS.01,b_phy~V4/V5))
#      Estimate       SE
#b_phy 0.9724187 0.4473238

#residual slope
(b.res.01<-vpredict(AS.01,b_res~V8/V9))
#      Estimate       SE
#b_res 0.4645397 0.3158057

#phenotypic slope
(b.phe.01<-vpredict(AS.01,b_phe~(V4+V8)/(V5+V9)))
#      Estimate       SE
#b_phe 0.7137179 0.1384888

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#estimate phenotypic slope with multiple regression with the same
covariates
summary(lm(logMR~logBM+G+ALONE_RMR+Fcoeff+SEX+AGE_RMR+ENV_RMR+TIME_RMR
, DB.01))
#Coefficients:
#                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t| )
#(Intercept)      1.0764553  0.2476652   4.346 3.44e-05 ***
#logBM           0.7285590  0.1205393   6.044 2.86e-08 ***
#very close to the b.phe.01 = 0.713 ± 0.12

#make figure showing the breeding values
#extract breeding values and SEs
MODEL<-AS.01
DvsS<-data.frame(Trait = rownames(MODEL$coefficients$random),
                  BLUP = MODEL$coefficients$random,
                  SE = sqrt(MODEL$vcoeff$random*MODEL$sigma2))
NAMES<-matrix(unlist(strsplit(as.character(DvsS$Trait),
" : ")), ncol=2, byrow=T)
DvsS$NAMES<-paste(NAMES[, 2])
DvsS$TRAIT<-substr(DvsS$Trait, 10, 11)
DvsS$Trait<-NULL
colnames(DvsS)[1]<- "BLUP"
#reshape into wide format
BLUPS<-reshape(DvsS, v.names = c("BLUP", "SE"), idvar = "NAMES", timevar
= "TRAIT", direction = "wide")
nrow(BLUPS)
write.csv(BLUPS, "BLUPS.csv")
BLUPS$LEVEL<-NA
BLUPS$LEVEL[1:38]<- "DAM"
BLUPS$LEVEL[39:472]<- "GEN"
BLUPS$lower.BM<-BLUPS$BLUP.BM-BLUPS$SE.BM
BLUPS$upper.BM<-BLUPS$BLUP.BM+BLUPS$SE.BM
BLUPS$lower.MR<-BLUPS$BLUP.MR-BLUPS$SE.MR
BLUPS$upper.MR<-BLUPS$BLUP.MR+BLUPS$SE.MR
GEN<-subset(BLUPS, LEVEL=="GEN" )

#make figure
b_to_plot<-GEN
LIM<-range(b_to_plot[,c("lower.BM", "upper.BM", "lower.MR", "upper.MR")])
plot(BLUP.MR~BLUP.BM, b_to_plot, xlim=LIM, ylim=LIM,
xlab= " ", ylab= " ")

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main="" , col="white")
arrows(x0=b_to_plot$BLUP.BM,y0=b_to_plot$lower.MR,x1=b_to_plot$BLUP.BM
,y1=b_to_plot$upper.MR,col=rgb(0,0,0,0.4),code=3,angle=90,length=0)
arrows(x0=b_to_plot$lower.BM,y0=b_to_plot$BLUP.MR,x1=b_to_plot$upper.B
M,y1=b_to_plot$BLUP.MR,col=rgb(0,0,0,0.4),code=3,angle=90,length=0)
points(BLUP.MR~BLUP.BM,b_to_plot,pch=16, col=rgb(1,0,0,0.5), cex=1)
mtext(expression(paste(italic("b")["A"], " = 0.972±0.447")),side=1,
line=-1, adj=0.99, cex=0.75)
mtext("C",side=3, line=-1.25, adj=0.01)
mtext("breeding values (±se)",side=3, line=0.5, adj=0.5)
abline(0,0.9724,lwd=2)
abline(0,0.667,lty=2)
abline(0,0.750,lty=2)
mtext(expression(paste(Log[10],"Body mass")),side=1, line=3, cex=2.5)
mtext(expression(paste(Log[10],"BMR")),side=2,las=3, line=2, cex=2.5)

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##### CODE END #####
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animal	DAM	G	BLOCK	Fcoeff	SEX	DATE_RMR	AGE_RMR	ENV_RMR	SOCIAL_RM	ALONE_RM	TIME_RMR	BWT	RMR
g1-nc15-f3	c-254-4254	G1	1	0.05469	F	39118	661	poor	2	no	0.5083	18.0757	19.6027
g2-c30-m5	g1-nc1-f4	G2	1	0.30469	M	39141	241	rich	3	no	0.625	15.188	19.81767
g1-c18-m2	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39114	639	poor	1	yes	0.6069	19.597	22.00805
g1-c12-m3	c-284-4353	G1	1	0.28711	M	39122	627	poor	1	yes	0.6181	18.51	23.80956
g1-c7-f5	c-273-4326	G1	1	0.36133	F	39066	602	rich	4	no	0.625	17.712	24.5689
g1-c18-m5	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39107	575	poor	4	no	0.6076	19.439	24.6027
g1-nc15-m2	c-254-4254	G1	1	0.05469	M	39114	657	poor	1	yes	0.6069	19.993	24.70504
g2-c31-m8	g1-nc1-f5	G2	1	0.30469	M	39132	242	rich	1	yes	0.625	17.023	25.38905
g1-c7-m1	c-273-4326	G1	1	0.36133	M	39048	584	rich	1	yes	0.625	20.33	25.43751
g1-nc8-m2	c-249-4309	G1	1	0.07422	M	39043	590	rich	1	yes	0.625	22.37	25.63882
g1-nc14-m1	c-248-4329	G1	1	0.05664	M	39111	658	poor	1	yes	0.6083	17.23	25.69142
g2-c17-f3	g1-c1-f2	G2	1	0.07422	F	39071	169	rich	4	no	0.6139	17.45	26.98379
g1-c6-f1	c-263-4267	G1	1	0.30078	F	39070	604	rich	3	no	0.5243	15.94	27.15702
g2-c29-m1	g1-nc1-f8	G2	1	0.30469	M	39136	254	rich	2	no	0.5069	15.046	27.63226
g2-c22-f1	g1-nc7-f4	G2	1	0.21533	F	39064	206	rich	2	no	0.6007	20.45	27.9291
g2-c31-m1	g1-nc1-f5	G2	1	0.30469	M	39136	277	rich	2	no	0.6076	19.1011	28.26453
g1-nc12-f2	c-247-4362	G1	1	0.06543	F	39118	609	poor	2	no	0.6028	18.985	29.31127
g1-c8-f1	c-274-4322	G1	1	0.29004	F	39045	590	rich	3	no	0.5556	14.72	29.74571
g1-c8-f4	c-274-4322	G1	1	0.29004	F	39045	590	rich	3	no	0.6528	21.714	29.84254
g2-c32-f5	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	F	39134	224	rich	4	no	0.6007	18.0999	30.07418
g1-c3-m4	c-249-4374	G1	1	0.26562	M	39044	570	rich	1	yes	0.6111	22.25	30.24462
g1-c2-m6	c-248-4327	G1	1	0.26172	M	39042	543	rich	2	no	0.6181	18.73	30.27189
g1-c18-m7	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39107	575	poor	4	no	0.6076	18.6305	30.29334
g1-c15-m2	c-275-4334	G1	1	0.29688	M	39115	609	poor	1	yes	0.6111	17.645	30.55255
g1-c18-m8	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39107	575	poor	4	no	0.5083	19.0426	30.74808
g1-nc4-f3	c-259-4306	G1	1	0.05176	F	39058	599	rich	3	no	0.5938	14.495	30.89266
g2-c32-m4	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	M	39135	259	rich	2	no	0.609	20.373	31.03874
g1-nc4-m4	c-259-4306	G1	1	0.05176	M	39057	598	rich	1	yes	0.625	26.222	31.21323
g1-nc7-m1	c-274-4320	G1	1	0.06934	M	39057	601	rich	1	yes	0.625	21.82	31.5797
g1-nc1-m6	c-273-4275	G1	1	0.0625	M	39055	571	rich	1	yes	0.5069	23.61	31.79346
g2-c31-m4	g1-nc1-f5	G2	1	0.30469	M	39136	277	rich	2	no	0.6076	16.0737	32.05844
g1-c8-m5	c-274-4322	G1	1	0.29004	M	39050	595	rich	1	yes	0.5313	19.74	32.32153
g1-c3-m6	c-249-4374	G1	1	0.26562	M	39045	571	rich	1	yes	0.6528	30.52	32.35588
g2-c32-f2	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	F	39134	258	rich	4	no	0.6007	22.1165	32.75064
g1-c3-m3	c-249-4374	G1	1	0.26562	M	39058	584	rich	1	yes	0.4896	24.54	32.92433

g2-c30-m4	g1-nc1-f4	G2	1	0.30469	M	39141	241	rich	3	no	0.5208	18.218	33.30421
g1-c2-f1	c-248-4327	G1	1	0.26172	F	39069	596	rich	4	no	0.625	27.98	33.40925
g1-nc7-f2	c-274-4320	G1	1	0.06934	F	39062	606	rich	3	no	0.5069	19.83	33.64281
g1-nc7-m5	c-274-4320	G1	1	0.06934	M	39057	601	rich	1	yes	0.5104	21.29	33.69221
g1-nc8-f1	c-249-4309	G1	1	0.07422	F	39044	591	rich	2	no	0.5069	24.47	33.73184
g2-c24-m5	g1-nc3-f2	G2	1	0.28516	M	39140	238	rich	3	no	0.6458	18.12	33.87254
g1-nc1-m3	c-273-4275	G1	1	0.0625	M	39051	596	rich	1	yes	0.6389	24.053	33.90886
g1-nc8-f5	c-249-4309	G1	1	0.07422	F	39044	591	rich	2	no	0.5069	24.73	33.98108
g1-c18-m3	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39114	639	poor	1	yes	0.5083	21.4	34.22635
g1-c2-m5	c-248-4327	G1	1	0.26172	M	39042	543	rich	2	no	0.6181	23.97	34.24343
g1-c12-f4	c-284-4353	G1	3	0.28711	F	39112	617	poor	2	no	0.6125	25.333	34.3384
g1-nc11-f2	c-284-4357	G1	1	0.06494	F	39122	662	poor	2	no	0.5208	19.39	34.92444
g1-nc2-m2	c-275-4335	G1	1	0.07422	M	39059	593	rich	1	yes	0.6403	27.7504	35.00855
g1-nc4-f6	c-259-4306	G1	1	0.05176	F	39058	599	rich	3	no	0.5938	21.6718	35.16399
g2-c30-m2	g1-nc1-f4	G2	1	0.30469	M	39141	241	rich	3	no	0.5208	17.83	35.55719
g1-c6-f2	c-263-4267	G1	1	0.30078	F	39070	547	rich	3	no	0.5243	16.6478	35.71479
g2-c31-f7	g1-nc1-f5	G2	1	0.30469	F	39132	242	rich	2	no	0.5139	18.03	35.81067
g1-nc11-m6	c-284-4357	G1	1	0.06494	M	39120	660	poor	1	yes	0.6181	28.57	36.09757
g2-c33-f3	g1-nc4-f6	G2	1	0.08044	F	39133	232	rich	3	no	0.5972	24.5614	36.67542
g1-c1-m4	c-247-4300	G1	3	0.25	M	39041	581	rich	1	yes	0.5208	17.1	36.92228
g2-c22-m3	g1-nc7-f4	G2	1	0.21533	M	39064	206	rich	1	yes	0.5035	19.4	37.65335
g2-c30-m8	g1-nc1-f4	G2	2	0.30469	M	39142	213	rich	2	no	0.6375	18.438	38.0572
g1-nc1-m2	c-273-4275	G1	1	0.0625	M	39051	596	rich	1	yes	0.6389	21.639	39.0004
g2-c13-m4	g1-nc17-f3	G2	1	0.2998	M	39108	204	poor	2	no	0.6389	20.18	39.34298
g1-nc7-f3	c-274-4320	G1	1	0.06934	F	39062	606	rich	3	no	0.5069	20.86	39.41625
g2-c32-m6	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	M	39065	155	rich	2	no	0.5104	23.07	39.48402
g2-c12-f1	g1-nc11-f2	G2	1	0.29663	F	39108	199	poor	2	no	0.5382	21.24	39.64258
g2-c25-f3	g1-nc4-f1	G2	1	0.27881	F	39142	267	rich	2	no	0.5382	17.32	39.93626
g1-c18-m4	c-284-4354	G1	1	0.28711	M	39107	575	poor	4	no	0.5083	20.67	40.15356
g2-c33-f2	g1-nc4-f6	G2	1	0.08044	F	39133	232	rich	3	no	0.5	19.86	40.77892
g2-c32-f7	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	F	39134	224	rich	4	no	0.5069	19.71	40.86406
g1-c9-f3	c-275-4337	G1	1	0.29688	F	39050	573	rich	2	no	0.6354	22.24	41.1643
g2-c13-f1	g1-nc17-f3	G2	1	0.2998	F	39105	227	poor	4	no	0.6042	14.84	41.75902
g2-c31-f9	g1-nc1-f5	G2	1	0.30469	F	39132	242	rich	2	no	0.5139	18.22	41.92883
g1-nc12-m3	c-247-4362	G1	1	0.06543	M	39120	611	poor	1	yes	0.6181	27.53	42.10279
g1-nc9-m4	c-263-4315	G1	1	0.03613	M	39043	544	rich	1	yes	0.5208	24.39	42.153

g1-nc4-f5	c-259-4306	G1	1	0.05176	F	39056	597	rich	3	no	0.5243	21.48	42.20669
g1-c9-m1	c-275-4337	G1	1	0.29688	M	39051	574	rich	1	yes	0.5417	20.19	42.37258
g2-c13-f6	g1-nc17-f3	G2	1	0.2998	F	39105	201	poor	4	no	0.5104	14.45	42.81889
g1-c5-f2	c-259-4303	G1	1	0.27344	F	39041	546	rich	2	no	0.6181	18.5	42.85099
g1-nc11-f1	c-284-4357	G1	1	0.06494	F	39122	662	poor	2	no	0.5208	28.47	43.49566
g1-nc14-m4	c-248-4329	G1	1	0.05664	M	39104	651	poor	2	no	0.6028	25.45	43.77256
g1-nc17-m2	c-249-4310	G1	1	0.07422	M	39115	656	poor	1	yes	0.5104	18.99	43.90775
g2-c32-m1	g1-nc4-f3	G2	1	0.07495	M	39135	259	rich	2	no	0.609	21.8079	44.25723
g2-c35-m4	g1-nc7-f3	G2	2	0.09277	M	39063	135	rich	2	no	0.6319	20.42	44.25928
g2-c24-m1	g1-nc3-f2	G2	1	0.28516	M	39139	260	rich	3	no	0.6549	20.56	44.64527
g1-nc2-m3	c-275-4335	G1	1	0.07422	M	39059	593	rich	1	yes	0.5382	32.92	45.06998
g1-c13-m1	c-259-4305	G1	3	0.27344	M	39115	650	poor	1	yes	0.6111	22.02	45.33023
g2-c17-m7	g1-c1-f2	G2	2	0.07422	M	39065	131	rich	3	no	0.6111	24.553	45.46423
g1-c3-f2	c-249-4374	G1	1	0.26562	F	39048	574	rich	2	no	0.5208	17.53	45.74247
g1-nc17-f3	c-249-4310	G1	1	0.07422	F	39112	653	poor	2	no	0.5139	20.936	45.87769
g1-c2-f8	c-248-4327	G1	1	0.26172	F	39069	570	rich	4	no	0.5264	24.87	46.84745
g2-c35-m5	g1-nc7-f3	G2	2	0.09277	M	39063	135	rich	2	no	0.6319	20.58	47.15451
g1-nc7-f4	c-274-4320	G1	1	0.06934	F	39062	606	rich	3	no	0.6493	18.56	47.36404
g1-nc11-m4	c-284-4357	G1	1	0.06494	M	39120	660	poor	1	yes	0.5174	30.73	47.40461
g1-c8-f3	c-274-4322	G1	1	0.29004	F	39045	590	rich	3	no	0.5556	21.96	48.06959
g2-c30-m7	g1-nc1-f4	G2	2	0.30469	M	39142	213	rich	2	no	0.6375	17.376	49.01222
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