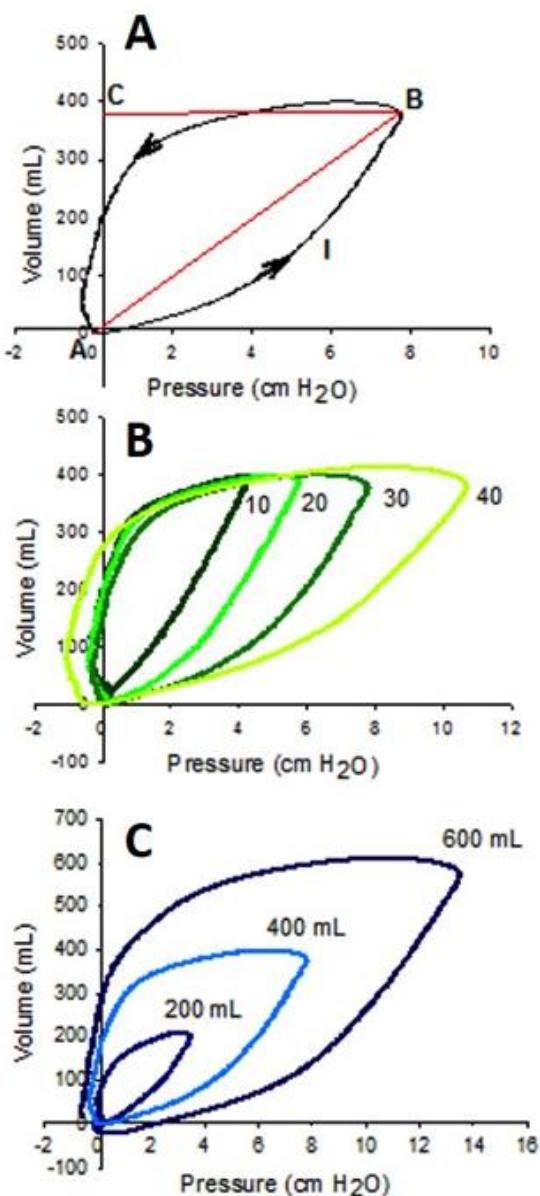
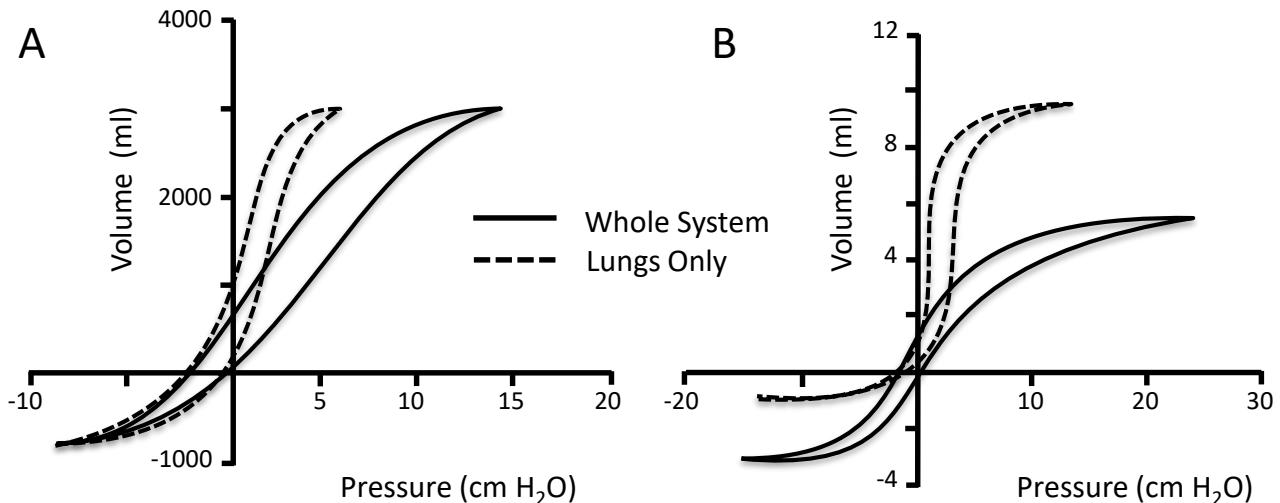


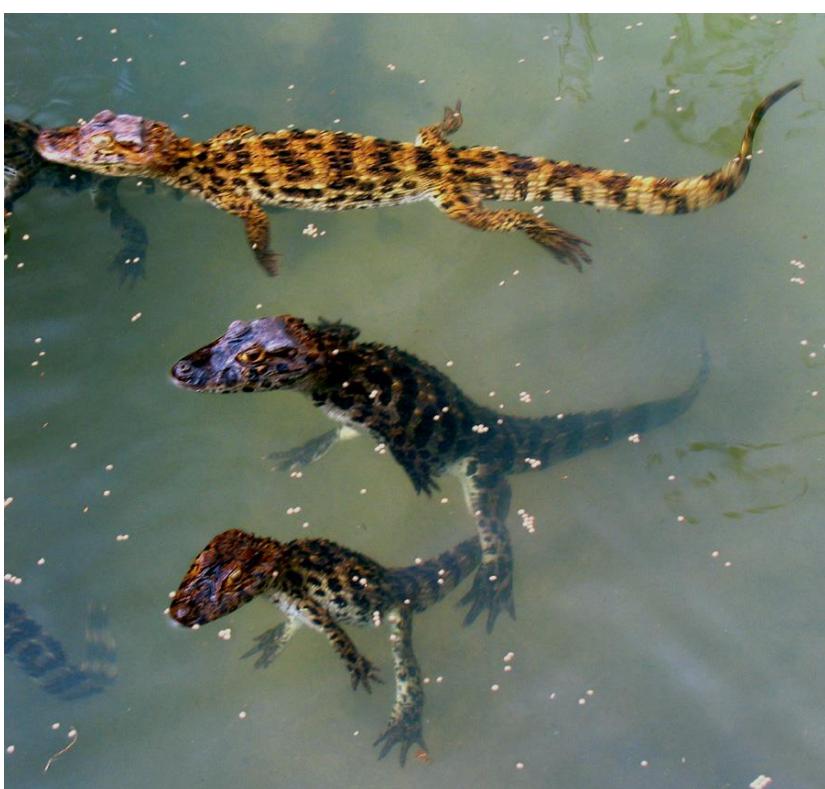
**Figure S1.** Schematic diagram illustrating the position of the juvenile caiman within the water column. Angles are in relation to the surface of the water.



**Figure S2.** Schematic diagrams of the pressure-volume relationships during a ventilator cycle of an intact respiratory system. A illustrates the areas of the curve used for work calculations (see text for explanation). B and C illustrate the effect of increasing  $f_R$  and  $V_T$ , respectively, on intratracheal pressure.



**Figure S3.** Static Pressure-volume curves of the intact system (solid lines) and the isolated lungs (broken lines) in adult (A) and juvenile (B) caiman.



**Figure S4.** Photos of juvenile caiman floating with their bodies at different angles to the water surface.

		Weight kg	Temperature °C	VT ml/kg	f <sub>R</sub> /min
Munns et al, 2012	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	0.98	30	16	11
Munns et al 1998	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	0.2 - 0.6	28-30	20	31
Farmer and Carrier 2000	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	1.34	30	22	7
Naifeh et al., 1970	<i>Caiman sclerops</i>	0.68	23-25	12.2	8
Tattersall et al 2006	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	0.72	23-25	7.8	7
Glass and Johansen 1979	<i>Caiman latirostris</i>	1.56	25	9.3	8
	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	5.0	25	11	10

**Table S1.** Tidal volume and instantaneous breathing frequencies of various crocodilian species taken from the literature



**Figure S5.** Thermal panting (gular flutter) in a crocodilian