



Fig. S1. Phylogenetic tree used in comparative analysis. Tree is also included as an .nwk file on figshare.

Table S1. Raw and mass-corrected mean fCSA values by muscle and individual

| muscle | species | body mass (g) | Raw fCSA (μm^2) | | Relative fCSA (μm^2) | |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | mean | standard deviation | mean | standard deviation |
| cFem | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 6,499.66 | 1,268.43 | 62.20 | 12.14 |
| cFem | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 7,644.47 | 592.60 | 46.81 | 3.63 |
| cFem | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 3,704.77 | 256.44 | 5.60 | 0.39 |
| cFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 3,211.71 | 236.96 | 3.97 | 0.29 |
| cFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 5,321.32 | 930.96 | 6.38 | 1.12 |
| cFem | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 5,544.28 | 533.40 | 5.56 | 0.54 |
| cFem | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 8,025.07 | 940.93 | 7.57 | 0.89 |
| cFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 7,265.99 | 322.96 | 1.81 | 0.08 |
| cFem | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 24,778.66 | 11,534.93 | 0.83 | 0.38 |
| cFem | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 7,591.19 | 1,125.02 | 0.19 | 0.03 |
| femTib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 7,876.51 | 1,123.09 | 75.37 | 10.75 |
| femTib | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 2,759.81 | 730.53 | 17.46 | 4.62 |
| femTib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 6,268.97 | 381.82 | 38.39 | 2.34 |
| femTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 4,528.49 | 485.82 | 5.59 | 0.60 |
| femTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 6,484.88 | 2,251.49 | 7.78 | 2.70 |
| femTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 11,555.49 | 372.60 | 11.59 | 0.37 |
| femTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 11,268.63 | 3,814.30 | 10.63 | 3.60 |
| femTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 15,961.82 | 7,148.07 | 3.97 | 1.78 |
| femTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 30,188.29 | - | 1.01 | 0.00 |
| femTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 18,462.98 | 1,085.76 | 0.46 | 0.03 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 4,610.64 | 1,247.99 | 44.12 | 11.94 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 4,252.35 | 893.32 | 26.90 | 5.65 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 6,318.58 | 865.71 | 38.69 | 5.30 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 5,669.94 | -- | 7.00 | -- |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 3,781.07 | -- | 4.53 | -- |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 8,581.47 | 1,646.59 | 8.61 | 1.65 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 8,682.06 | 1,355.53 | 8.19 | 1.28 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 11,426.89 | -- | 2.84 | -- |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 13,769.61 | 1,407.61 | 0.46 | 0.05 |
| FTIdeep | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 5,269.33 | 678.24 | 0.13 | 0.02 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 4,814.96 | 650.50 | 46.08 | 6.22 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 3,642.59 | 642.29 | 23.04 | 4.06 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 4,727.06 | 828.16 | 28.95 | 5.07 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 3,954.12 | -- | 4.88 | -- |
| FTIsup | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 5,049.69 | -- | 6.05 | -- |
| FTIsup | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 4,335.67 | 963.97 | 4.35 | 0.97 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 10,500.61 | 984.41 | 9.91 | 0.93 |
| FTIsup | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 15,451.04 | -- | 3.84 | -- |
| FTIsup | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 12,413.70 | -- | 0.41 | -- |
| FTIsup | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 16,182.82 | -- | 0.40 | -- |
| gast | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 3,119.62 | 619.15 | 29.85 | 5.92 |
| gast | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 4,510.32 | 485.50 | 28.53 | 3.07 |
| gast | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 3,677.10 | -- | 22.52 | -- |

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|-------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
| gast | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 429.4 | 5,847.88 | 347.21 | 13.62 | 0.81 |
| gast | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 439.8 | 3,380.39 | 405.86 | 7.69 | 0.92 |
| gast | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 459.3 | 3,506.02 | 640.20 | 7.63 | 1.39 |
| gast | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 4,173.04 | 1,560.35 | 6.31 | 2.36 |
| gast | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 3,223.55 | 261.86 | 3.98 | 0.32 |
| gast | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 5,198.79 | 549.71 | 6.23 | 0.66 |
| gast | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 3,362.91 | 469.49 | 3.37 | 0.47 |
| gast | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 8,420.07 | 1,718.24 | 7.94 | 1.62 |
| gast | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 2,076.8 | 15,998.01 | 5,128.63 | 7.70 | 2.47 |
| gast | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 16,294.56 | 2,001.01 | 4.05 | 0.50 |
| gast | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 14,453.57 | 1,566.63 | 0.48 | 0.05 |
| gast | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 8,577.71 | -- | 0.21 | -- |
| ilFem | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 2,071.16 | 623.90 | 19.82 | 5.97 |
| ilFem | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 2,948.93 | 296.70 | 18.65 | 1.88 |
| ilFem | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 6,930.08 | 953.42 | 42.44 | 5.84 |
| ilFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 6,061.00 | -- | 7.48 | -- |
| ilFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 9,249.29 | -- | 11.09 | -- |
| ilFem | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 3,996.54 | 1,225.36 | 4.01 | 1.23 |
| ilFem | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 4,467.86 | 187.87 | 4.22 | 0.18 |
| ilFem | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 8,949.86 | -- | 2.22 | -- |
| ilFem | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 7,529.79 | 1,426.54 | 0.25 | 0.05 |
| ilFem | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 6,306.21 | 1,620.95 | 0.16 | 0.04 |
| ilFib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 5,104.01 | 1,319.41 | 48.84 | 12.63 |
| ilFib | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 3,426.04 | 1,141.04 | 21.67 | 7.22 |
| ilFib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 4,434.15 | 301.24 | 27.15 | 1.84 |
| ilFib | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 429.4 | 7,233.26 | 1,984.78 | 16.85 | 4.62 |
| ilFib | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 439.8 | 4,596.89 | 1,180.49 | 10.45 | 2.68 |
| ilFib | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 459.3 | 5,906.07 | 2,297.15 | 12.86 | 5.00 |
| ilFib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 2,879.90 | 1,561.23 | 4.36 | 2.36 |
| ilFib | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 4,461.53 | 970.24 | 5.51 | 1.20 |
| ilFib | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 4,472.49 | 1,199.65 | 5.36 | 1.44 |
| ilFib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 4,722.56 | 1,228.43 | 4.74 | 1.23 |
| ilFib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 5,784.59 | 1,419.43 | 5.46 | 1.34 |
| ilFib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 2,076.8 | 5,560.71 | 2,743.61 | 2.68 | 1.32 |
| ilFib | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 8,114.42 | 881.47 | 2.02 | 0.22 |
| ilFib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 15,618.95 | 6,942.74 | 0.52 | 0.23 |
| ilFib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 8,961.49 | 1,562.80 | 0.24 | 0.07 |
| ilTib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 7,297.89 | 2,548.92 | 69.84 | 24.39 |
| ilTib | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 2,910.14 | 352.97 | 18.41 | 2.23 |
| ilTib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 3,980.88 | 1,113.23 | 24.38 | 6.82 |
| ilTib | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 439.8 | 5,188.40 | 546.12 | 11.80 | 1.24 |
| ilTib | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 459.3 | 3,419.67 | 1,937.69 | 7.45 | 4.22 |
| ilTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 3,853.98 | 131.42 | 5.83 | 0.20 |
| ilTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 4,284.02 | 414.84 | 5.14 | 0.50 |
| ilTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 6,174.24 | 1,085.81 | 6.19 | 1.09 |
| ilTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 5,037.14 | 530.38 | 4.75 | 0.50 |
| ilTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 2,076.8 | 2,560.57 | 668.75 | 1.23 | 0.32 |
| ilTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 12,271.05 | 970.96 | 3.05 | 0.24 |

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| ilTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 11,352.46 | 6,338.59 | 0.38 | 0.21 |
| ilTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 8,201.48 | 1,944.28 | 0.21 | 0.05 |
| pLong | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 5,660.09 | 2,299.33 | 54.16 | 22.00 |
| pLong | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 3,650.03 | 617.71 | 23.09 | 3.91 |
| pLong | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 2,888.58 | 353.85 | 17.69 | 2.17 |
| pLong | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 2,650.28 | 328.44 | 4.01 | 0.50 |
| pLong | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 2,983.45 | 298.23 | 3.68 | 0.37 |
| pLong | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 4,097.80 | 523.69 | 4.91 | 0.63 |
| pLong | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 4,244.36 | 488.77 | 4.26 | 0.49 |
| pLong | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 5,935.56 | 1,078.07 | 5.60 | 1.02 |
| pLong | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 16,113.57 | 2,549.59 | 4.00 | 0.63 |
| pLong | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 12,716.55 | 4,041.46 | 0.42 | 0.13 |
| pLong | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 12,664.75 | 2,731.63 | 0.32 | 0.07 |
| pTib | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 5,988.35 | 352.70 | 57.30 | 3.38 |
| pTib | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 3,650.03 | 617.71 | 23.09 | 3.91 |
| pTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 2,650.28 | 328.44 | 4.01 | 0.50 |
| pTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 3,945.06 | 522.01 | 4.87 | 0.64 |
| pTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 5,728.34 | 2,034.81 | 6.87 | 2.44 |
| pTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 3,958.92 | 655.38 | 3.97 | 0.66 |
| pTib | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 7,375.38 | 624.64 | 6.96 | 0.59 |
| pTib | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 13,453.17 | 1,527.09 | 3.34 | 0.38 |
| pTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 6,359.45 | 2,640.52 | 0.21 | 0.09 |
| pTib | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 14,515.04 | 4,247.53 | 0.36 | 0.11 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. tristis</i> | 104.5 | 2,278.34 | 322.44 | 21.80 | 3.09 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. scalaris</i> | 158.1 | 3,465.21 | 910.04 | 21.92 | 5.76 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. tristis</i> | 163.3 | 2,577.09 | 473.29 | 15.78 | 2.90 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 429.4 | 4,578.79 | 1,352.71 | 10.66 | 3.15 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 439.8 | 3,308.69 | 894.38 | 7.52 | 2.03 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. gouldii</i> | 459.3 | 4,037.06 | 419.28 | 8.79 | 0.91 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 661.21 | 2,571.31 | 67.01 | 3.89 | 0.10 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. varius</i> | 810 | 2,972.41 | 376.24 | 3.67 | 0.46 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. varius</i> | 834 | 2,939.13 | 255.49 | 3.52 | 0.31 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 997 | 3,506.42 | 1,850.42 | 3.52 | 1.86 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 1,059.88 | 4,629.20 | 1,084.05 | 4.37 | 1.02 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. panoptes</i> | 2,076.8 | 2,914.57 | 1,003.90 | 1.40 | 0.48 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. varius</i> | 4,025 | 7,953.19 | 821.88 | 1.98 | 0.20 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 30,000 | 9,488.02 | 2,771.43 | 0.32 | 0.09 |
| tibAnt | <i>V. komodoensis</i> | 40,000 | 9,386.37 | 2,359.34 | 0.23 | 0.06 |