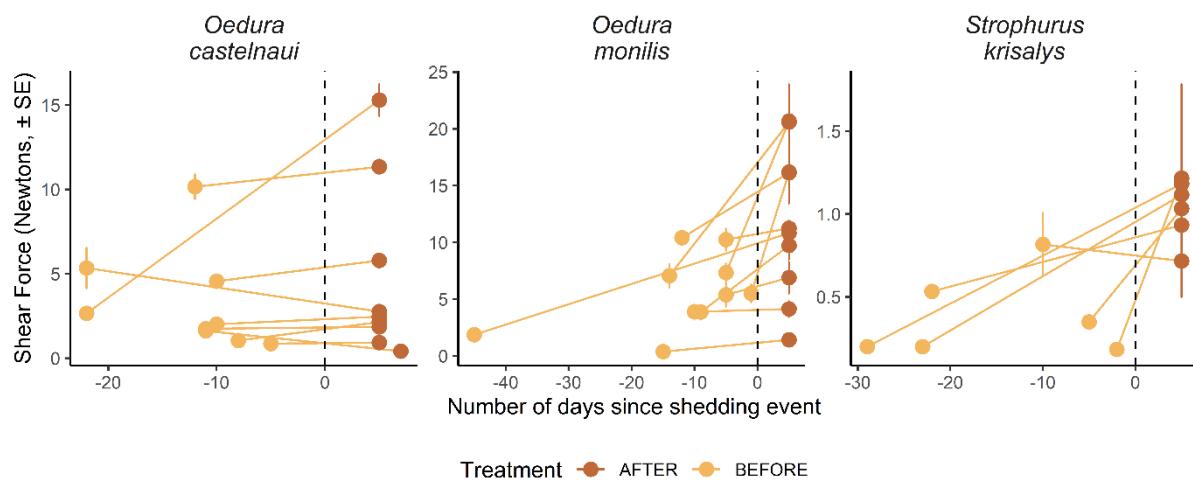


**Fig. S1. Shedding intervals of three species of geckos.** *Oedura castelnauui* (N=10), *O. monilis* (N=11) and *Strophurus krisalys* (N=7). Shedding intervals did not vary among species. Colour palette using r-package colRoz, Kong J, Wu N (2019). \_colRoz: A colour palette for the land down under\_. R package version 0.2.2, <https://jacintak.github.io/project/colRoz>



**Fig. S2. Shear force after ecdysis in individuals.** Absolute shear force (Newtons, 1–43 days) before a shedding event, and five days after shedding, from the top model (lowest AICc) that included the interaction between number of days before shedding, when maximum shear force was measured, species, mass and toepad area. Note: Y axis scales have been adjusted to reflect differences in magnitude of clinging ability exerted by each species. *Oedura castelnauui* (N=9), *O. monilis* (N=11) and *Strophurus krisalys* (N=7). Colour palette using r-package colRoz, Kong J, Wu N (2019). \_colRoz: A colour palette for the land down under\_. R package version 0.2.2, <https://jacintak.github.io/project/colRoz>