

Abstract

 Understanding how quickly physiological traits evolve is a topic of great interest, particularly in the context of how organisms can adapt in response to climate warming. Adjustment to novel thermal habitats may occur either through behavioural adjustments, physiological adaptation, or both. Here we test whether rates of evolution differ among physiological traits in the cybotoids, a clade of tropical *Anolis* lizards distributed in markedly different thermal environments on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. We find that cold tolerance evolves considerably faster than heat tolerance, a difference that results because behavioural thermoregulation more effectively shields these organisms from selection on upper than lower temperature tolerances. Specifically, because lizards in very different environments behaviourally thermoregulate during the day to similar body temperatures, divergent selection on body temperature and heat tolerance is precluded, whereas night-time temperatures can only be partially buffered by behaviour, thereby exposing organisms to selection on cold tolerance. We discuss how exposure to selection on physiology influences divergence among tropical organisms and its implications for adaptive evolutionary response to climate warming.

Introduction

 Rising temperatures present unique challenges for tropical ectotherms, which already generally function near their upper thermal limits: even small temperature increases can have disproportionately large negative consequences for these organisms (Deutsch et al. 2008; Huey et al. 2009). Studies assessing tropical ectotherms' vulnerability to climate warming have traditionally focused on predicting where warming

 will have the most pronounced effects on organismal fitness by correlating physiological traits with environmental data and using these relationships to infer where range shifts and local extinctions will occur (e.g., Sinervo et al. 2010; Chen et al. 2011). However, the evolutionary potential of populations to respond to novel selective pressures imposed by rising temperatures is an equally important and comparatively unexplored aspect of response to climate warming (Williams et al. 2008).

 Behaviour and physiology can interact to determine how organisms interact with their thermal environments (Stevenson 1985). Organisms that thermoregulate limit exposure to suboptimal temperatures – a phenomenon commonly referred to as the 'Bogert effect' (Bogert 1949; Huey et al. 2003). Physiological traits that behavioural thermoregulation can shield from selection should evolve less than traits that cannot be so easily buffered and thus are exposed to stronger selection. Because many environments are more thermally complex in the day than at night (Sarmiento 1986; Ghalambor et al. 2006), thermoregulation should be more effective at shielding diurnal organisms from selection on upper than lower physiological limits and, consequently, tolerance to cold should evolve faster than tolerance to heat.

 In this study we compare rates of physiological evolution in the cybotoids, a tropical clade of *Anolis* lizards from the Caribbean island of Hispaniola whose members differ extensively in thermal habitat (Schwartz 1989; Glor et al. 2003). Previous work by Hertz and Huey (1981) found similar body temperatures and heat tolerance among three cybotoid species and provided ecological data suggesting they are good thermoregulators. Our study expands on this work in terms of populations, species, and physiological traits examined. The cybotoid clade is unique among Caribbean anoles because its species are

 found from sea level to almost 3,000 meters (Henderson and Powell 2009); as a result, the environments they experience pose different selective pressures and provide the opportunity for behavioural and physiological adaptation to different thermal extremes. We first present a comparative analysis of three ecologically important 74 physiological traits – cold tolerance (CT_{min}) , body temperature (T_b) , and heat tolerance (CT_{max}) – across thermal environments. We then compare rates of evolution among these traits using a likelihood-based approach and test whether behavioural thermoregulation can limit exposure to extreme temperatures using field estimates of basking site selection and night-time temperatures. Finally, we discuss the role of behaviour in setting the pace of physiological evolution in tropical ectotherms and how behaviour influences adaptive evolutionary potential in physiological traits.

Materials and Methods

Study Organisms and Study Sites

 The cybotoid anoles are a clade of nine species from Hispaniola commonly found on trunks or near the ground (Schwartz 1989). Species occupy nearly all available climatic environments from xeric semi-deserts to high elevation mountains, which have been occupied independently by two different lineages (Glor et al. 2003; Wollenberg et al. 2013). Our sampling was conducted in June and July 2011 and focused on the seven cybotoids found in the Dominican Republic (Fig. 1). The other two species are *A. breslini*, which is restricted to northwestern Haiti and is ecologically quite similar to *A. whitemani* (Williams 1963), and *A. haetianus*, which is found only in Western Haiti and is likely synonymous with *A. cybotes* (Glor et al. 2003). Where possible, we sampled

116 Each lizard was measured only once. T_b generally correlates closely with the optimal 117 performance temperature (T_{out}) , the temperature at which organisms maximally perform a function such as running) in many diurnal lizards, including tropical anoles (Huey et al. 2012).

 For each lizard captured, we recorded the time, weather conditions (sunny, mixed, or overcast skies), and "basking status" (basking in the full or filtered sun, perching in the shade under sunny or mixed skies, or in the shade under overcast skies) following Hertz (1992). For a statistical analysis of basking site choice, we removed observations for lizards captured in overcast conditions, because these lizards did not have the opportunity to choose between perching in the sun or in the shade. We tested for weather-dependent basking choice using a logistic regression model such that individuals' basking behaviour 127 (perching in shade = 0, perching in sun = 1) was evaluated as a function of elevation, 128 weather (sunny or mixed skies), and an elevation \times weather interaction. An effect of elevation alone would indicate that certain basking behaviours are more likely to occur at different elevations, whereas a significant interaction would indicate that active lizards differ in how they exploit weather conditions at different elevations.

132 We measured the critical thermal minimum (CT_{min}) and maximum (CT_{max}), which refer to the low and high temperatures at which an organism loses locomotor function; these are widely used for measuring the tolerance limits of performance in ectotherms 135 (Spellerberg 1972; Lutterschmidt and Hutchison 1997). CT_{min} and CT_{max} are estimated as the lower and upper temperatures at which a lizard fails to right itself when flipped onto its back (Spellerberg 1972). After capture, we gave adult male lizards a 24-hour rest period in a large, insulated ice chest (Coleman) in which temperature was maintained

139 near 23°C at all sites. To measure core temperature during the tolerance experiments, an Omega temperature probe (Type T, 36 gauge) was placed approximately 1 cm into the cloaca of each lizard and secured to the base of the tail using a small piece of surgical tape, ensuring that tail movement was uncompromised. The temperature probe was connected to a digital temperature logger (HH147U, Omega). The lizard was placed into a perforated plastic container where it could move freely. After the lizard attained ambient temperature, the container was moved to an insulated icebox coated with a layer of crushed ice. Because the rate of temperature change during a tolerance experiment can alter an organism's performance (Terblanche et al. 2007), we reduced body temperature 148 at a constant rate of approximately 1°C/min for all lizards. To conduct the experiment, we 149 reduced body temperature to 14[°]C, at which point we flipped the lizard onto its back using a pair of blunt tweezers and stimulated it to flip itself back over by gently probing the base of its tail and pressing its thighs. If the lizard flipped over after 15 seconds, we 152 then lowered core temperature 0.5° C and repeated this procedure, continuing until a temperature was reached at which the lizard failed to right itself in the allotted time. 154 CT_{min} was recorded as the temperature at which the righting response was lost. 155 Animals were given 24 hours to rest in the ice chest before CT_{max} trials. The 156 method for estimating CT_{max} was similar to that of CT_{min} except that a 100 W light bulb was suspended approximately 30 cm above the Tupperware. We placed lizards in a Tupperware container and increased their core temperature at a rate of ~1˚C/min by exposing them to the heat source. We began flipping lizards when they began to cool through panting (i.e., the 'panting threshold'; Hertz et al. 1979) following the procedure

 described above, and recorded the temperature at which the righting response was lost as CT_{max}.

the origin to compare the contrasts for physiological traits with the contrasts for thermal

environment traits using the *lmorigin* function in APE (Paradis 2006).

Measuring rates of physiological trait evolution

 To ensure comparability among traits, we used the *fitContinuous* function in the GEIGER package (Harmon et al. 2008) in R to fit three different models of evolution to each physiological trait. These models were: (1) Brownian Motion a random walk; (2) Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, a random walk in which characters tend to return to a single optimum; and (3) Early Burst, in which the overall rate of evolution exponentially slows through time (Hansen 1997; Blomberg et al. 2003; Butler and King 2004; Freckleton and Harvey 2006). We calculated the Akaike Information Criterion corrected for small 195 sample size (AIC_C ; Sugihara 1978) for each model and compared the fits by examining the Akaike weights (Burnham and Anderson 2002). We used Adams' (2013) method to evaluate whether the rate of evolutionary change varied among physiological traits. This method compares a model that allows rates to vary among traits to one in which the rates are constrained to be equal using a 200 likelihood ratio test and AIC_C . To account for intraspecific measurement error, we incorporated the standard error of the mean in our estimation of rates of evolution. We used the APE library (Paradis et al. 2004; Paradis 2012) and new code supplied by Adams (2013) in R.

Cold-acclimation trials

using replicas made of electroformed copper. These models mimic the thermal properties

of a thermoconforming lizard (e.g., color, shape, size; Bakken and Gates 1975). We

embedded iButton® data loggers (DS1921K Maxim) in copper models shaped using a

mold of *A. cybotes* – this new generation of copper models permits automated

temperature recording (for details of their construction, see Bakken and Angilletta

[2013]). Methods for calibrating the copper models are given in the Supplemental

Materials. We deployed these models (12 on trees, 11 on rocks, and 11 under rocks) in

227 Los Patos (June $5 - 7$, 2013) and in Loma de Toro (11 each on trees, on rocks, and under

228 rocks) June 14 – 16, 2013 with the devices set to automatically record T_e at ten minute

intervals. We randomly selected perches, orientation, and height for model placement on

trees following Hertz (1992). In addition, we also recorded sleep site selection for lizards

at each of these localities during the experimental period.

Results

Thermal habitat varies markedly across Hispaniola

 For this study, we visited various localities in the Dominican Republic that spanned more than 2400 meters in altitude and a variety of habitats ranging from lowland scrub to montane pine forests. Not surprisingly, sites varied considerably in temperature (Fig. 2). In the principal component analysis of the WorldClim thermal variables, we recovered three axes with eigenvalues greater than 1 that together explained 99.6% of the 240 variation in the thermal data (Supp. Table $4 \& 5$). PC I (hereafter 'Thermal PC I') explained 73.2% of the variation and loaded highly for mean annual temperature, mean temperatures of the wettest and driest quarters, maximum temperature of the warmest month, and minimum temperature of the coldest month. PC II (14.2% variation explained; hereafter 'Range PC II') loaded highly for daily and annual temperature ranges, whereas PC III (12.2% variation explained; 'Seasonality PC III' axis) loaded with variables related to thermal seasonality.

Analyses of thermoregulation and physiology

249 In approximately 164 hours of field observations, we collected T_b from 435 lizards and

basking site data from 381 lizards. The extent of basking in the sun varied greatly at

251 different elevations (logistic interaction term; $\chi^2 = 4.07$, df = 1, $p = 0.044$); lizards at

 higher elevation were more likely to bask in the sun when it is available, whereas those at 253 lower elevation sought shade under sunny conditions. Neither CT_{max} nor T_b varied significantly with any of the thermal habitat PC variables (Table 2). Tolerance to cold 255 (CT_{min} was positively correlated with Thermal PC I ($r = 0.934$, $p < 0.001$), which loaded heavily with mean annual temperature, and this relationship remained significant after phylogenetic correction (Table 2).

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 Brownian motion was the most strongly supported model for all three traits 261 (CT_{min}, T_b, and CT_{max}) – Akaike weights were > 0.93 in all cases (Supp. Table 6), allowing for a comparison of evolutionary rates among traits. Likelihood ratio tests indicated that, overall, the three physiological traits evolved at different rates, although 264 the differences were just above the significance threshold ($p = 0.06$) when intraspecific measurement error was taken into account (Table 3). Pairwise comparisons showed that 266 rates of evolution for CT_{min} were significantly higher than for CT_{max} , even when intraspecific measurement error was considered. However, differences in rates of 268 evolution between T_b and other traits were not significant in the analysis incorporating intraspecific variation (Table 3), either because rates do not actually differ, or because 270 high variance in T_b obscures differences in rates of evolution.

Cold acclimation experiment

273 Mean CT_{min} was not significantly different between wild-measured (mean = 274 11.3°C) and cold-acclimated *A. cybotes* (mean = 10.6 °C) (unpaired *t*-test: $t = 1.53$, $p =$

Thermoregulatory behaviour influences the rate of physiological evolution

 The question of how behaviour influences patterns of physiological evolution dates back to the middle of the last century (Cowles and Bogert 1944; Bogert 1949) and has received renewed interest in light of concern about how ectothermic organisms can respond to climate warming (Huey et al. 2009; Kearney et al. 2009). We studied a clade of lizards whose species vary markedly in thermal environment from hot semi-deserts to

 cold montane environments. Despite occurring in environments that differ by as much as 15°C in mean annual temperature, field body temperature and heat tolerance were remarkably similar among populations, indicating that behavioural thermoregulation can be extraordinarily effective in limiting exposure to excessively hot or cold temperatures (i.e. the 'Bogert effect'; Huey et al. 2003). Our behavioural analysis demonstrates that lowland lizards were more likely to retreat to the shade under sunny conditions, whereas upland lizards were more likely to bask when the sun was out, a result in agreement with previous work on three of these species (Hertz and Huey 1981). Our results are particularly striking given that other anole species exhibit markedly different body temperatures, even when they occur in sympatry (Ruibal 1961; Rand 1964; van Berkum 1986; Hertz et al. 2013, but see Huey and Webster 1976; Gunderson and Leal 2012). Given the ability of cybotoids to thermoregulate to approximately the same 310 temperature throughout its range, it is not surprising that CT_{max} also shows very little interspecific variation. However, these lizards have a much more limited ability to thermoregulate at night, particularly at high elevation, where operative temperatures measured on all types of sleep sites were so low that they would incapacitate approximately 80% of lowland lizards (Fig. 3; Supp. Fig. 1). In the absence of thermal refuges, populations have no option but to adapt physiologically. Indeed, we found that none of the lizards from high elevation experienced night-time temperatures lower than their CT_{min} (Fig. 3).

318 An alternative explanation for this finding is that differences in CT_{min} represent non-genetic effects of living in different environments. Previous studies suggest that adaptive plasticity is unlikely to account for physiological differences among populations

(Janzen 1967): our data support this view, as cold tolerance exhibits little acclimation,

- even less so than in other anoles (Kolbe et al. 2012), which suggests that there is likely a
- 323 genetic basis for the observed variation in CT_{MIN} .
- The inability of thermoregulation to buffer selection on physiology during the
- 325 night is an explanation for the fast rate of CT_{min} evolution in this clade (Table 3; Huey et
- 326 al. 2003). The relative stasis in CT_{max} documented here aligns with results from recent
- meta-analyses showing that there is less variation in heat tolerance than in cold tolerance
- in several ectotherm clades (Sunday et al. 2010; Araújo et al. 2013). In short,

behavioural thermoregulation allows cybotoid species to maintain similarly warm body

temperatures during the day, but not during the night, forcing species in montane

environments on Hispaniola to adapt to lower temperatures.

What limits heat tolerance evolution?

334 Behavioural thermoregulation can help explain why CT_{max} is less variable than CT_{min} in the cybotoids, but not why the response to different environmental conditions involved behavioural, rather than physiological, change. Given that time spent thermoregulating imposes a cost with regard to its effect on other activities such as foraging, predator avoidance, and reproduction (e.g., Huey 1974; Grant and Dunham 1988; Adolph and Porter 1993), it is unclear why selection should favour the maintenance of high body temperatures in montane habitats, instead of physiological adaptation to lower temperatures. One possibility is that behavioural modifications are easier to evolve than changes in physiological tolerances (Mayr 1963; West-Eberhard 2003). Given that a myriad of physiological processes (e.g., locomotion, digestion, growth) are sensitive to

 temperature, the evolution of physiological tolerances may necessitate the concerted evolution of many genes (discussed in Angilletta 2009; Huey 2009). In contrast, shifts in basking frequency change seasonally within populations, and so behavioural shifts at different elevations may not require substantial evolutionary change. Moreover, even if evolutionary shifts in behaviour are required, such changes may require fewer genetic changes than shifts in physiology (Blomberg et al. 2003).

 This "evolution along lines of least genetic resistance" (*sensu* Schluter 1996) explanation suggests that there is no inherent advantage to warmer body temperatures, 352 but an alternative explanation for the lack of evolutionary variability in CT_{max} revolves around the fitness benefits of high temperatures. Specifically, selection may favour the maintenance of high body temperatures in cold environments because rates of biochemical reactions increase with optimal temperature (Bennett 1987; Huey and Kingsolver 1989; Huey 2009). Indeed, warm-adapted ectotherms generally experience higher levels of physiological performance than cold-adapted organisms (Savage et al. 2004; Angilletta et al. 2010). However, if this "hotter is better" hypothesis is true, it still fails to address why low elevation populations have not evolved even higher heat tolerances.

Impacts of climate change

 Climate warming will likely have different effects on cybotoids from lowland and upland habitats. Warming temperatures threaten to make current ranges thermally inhospitable for many cool-adapted montane ectotherms, which may force their ranges upward (Parmesan 2006; Chen et al. 2011). In contrast, it is likely that upland cybotoids

 will benefit, at least in the short term, from climate warming. As the climate warms, environmental temperatures will more often approximate lizards' preferred temperatures, and thus the time lizards need to spend thermoregulating should decrease and the number of hours available for other activities should increase; on the other hand, higher temperatures may allow species from lower elevations to migrate upward, leading to negative interspecific interactions (Huey et al. 2009).

 The challenge facing lowland cybotoids will be to avoid stressfully hot temperatures as habitats continue to warm. Many tropical lizards, particularly those near sea level, are already frequently experiencing temperatures exceeding their preferred ranges (e.g., Huey et al. 2009; Sinervo et al. 2010). As warming continues, lizards in such lowland populations will eventually be unable to maintain temperatures within their preferred range for long enough periods to survive. At that point, lowland populations can only avoid local extinction by shifting their physiology to adapt to these higher environmental temperatures.

381 Evolutionary stasis in CT_{max} may suggest a limited ability to evolve and, thus, a heightened vulnerability to environmental warming. Some studies on *Drosophila* support the idea that heat tolerance evolution is genetically constrained, as the amount of genetic diversity for heat tolerance is limited compared to that for cold tolerance (Hoffmann et al. 385 2003, 2012; Ragland and Kingsolver 2008). The observation that CT_{min} evolves readily in cybotoids and in other ectotherms (Barrett et al. 2010; Leal and Gunderson 2012) would tend to support this hypothesis. Nonetheless, it is hard to construe why diverse physiological systems would be constrained from evolving upper, but not lower tolerances. In fact, experiments on *Drosophila* (Gilchrist and Huey 1999) and salmon

 (Donaldson and Olson 1957) have demonstrated that heat tolerance can increase in response to selection, although there appears to be an upper ceiling on how high heat tolerance can evolve (Hamilton 1973); no similar experiments have ever been conducted on vertebrates. Moreover, although cybotoid anoles show relatively little variation in heat sensitivity, some other anole clades have diversified extensively while adapting to different thermal environments (Hertz et al. 2013). Looking more broadly, other lizard species possess heat tolerances that approach 50°C (reviewed in Sunday et al. 2010; Araújo et al. 2013), suggesting that if genetic constraints exist in lizards, they are phylogenetically localized. Finding an explanation for variation among clades in physiological diversity could aid in assessing ectotherms' vulnerability to climate warming, but it is a challenge that will require integration of physiological, behavioural, and evolutionary approaches.

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Tables.

Table 1. Locality name, species sampled, and altitude (m) are given. Mean critical thermal minimum (CT_{MIN}), body temperature (T_B), midday body temperature (midday TB), and critical thermal maximum (CT_{MAX}) are given for each population. Units for physiological metrics are ${}^{\circ}C \pm 1$ SEM and sample size is given in parentheses. For *A. cybotes* the mountain chain corresponding to the sampling locality $-$ Cordillera Central (CC) or the Sierra de Baoruco (SB) $-$ is also given.

Table 2. Results from linear regressions assessing the relationship between physiological traits (critical thermal minimum, CT_{MIN} ; mean body temperature, T_B ; and critical thermal maximum, CT_{MAX}) and thermal environment (PC I / Mean Annual Temperature, PC II / Temperature Range, and PC III / Temperature Seasonality) using population means (A) and independent contrasts of species means (B). Degrees of freedom are given in parentheses and significant results are highlighted in bold. Correlations among contrasts were measured using the *cor.table* function in picante (Kembel et al. 2010) in R.

Table 3. Comparison of evolutionary rates for CT_{MIN}, T_B, and CT_{MAX}. (A) Presents the full analysis of evoluationary rates (σ^2) incorporating covariation among all three traits. One test accounted for intraspecific measurement error (Corrected), while the other did not (Uncorrected). AIC_C scores for a model that allows rates to vary (observed) among traits and a model that constrains rates of evolution to be equal among traits are given (constrained), and likelihood ratio test results are also given. (B) Presents likelihood ratio tests for pairwise comparisons of evolutionary rates among traits. As above, the results for models that incorporate intraspecific measurement error (Corrected) and for models that do not (Uncorrected) are presented.

Figure Legends.

 population sampled in this study. The map inset shows the location of Hispaniola with respect to the other islands in the Caribbean basin. Grayscale indicates elevation and range from dark (low) to light (high) elevation. Species are denoted in different color triangles in the phylogeny generated based on Mahler et al. (2010) (See Methods). 687 Figure 2. Population means (\pm 1 SEM) are given for critical thermal maximum (CT_{MAX}), 688 body temperature (T_b) , and critical thermal minimum (CT_{MIN}). The mean annual temperature for each locality is provided in the bottom panel. The x-axis denotes elevation rank for each population. Species are denoted in different colours and shapes. Figure 3. (A) Box plots showing the variation in operative temperatures during 1-hour time blocks. Each time block summarizes temperatures collected over three consecutive nights in June 2013 at low elevation (45 m) and high elevation (2318 m). Color denotes the type of perch where the temperature was measured as follows: on a tree – white; on 696 top of a rock – light gray; underneath a rock – dark gray. (B) CT_{min} measured in individuals of *A. cybotes* (left) and *A. armouri* (right) from the same localities in part (A) are given. Supplemental Figure 1. Operative temperatures measured at high elevation (2318 m) and

Figure 1. Map showing altitudinal variation and the localities for each cybotoid

low elevation (45 m) on each type of perch: trees (green); on top of rocks (gray); and

under rocks (blue).

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Supplemental Table 1. Coordinates and altitude are given for each population sampled. Mountain chain for *Anolis cybotes* is given as SB (Sierra de Baoruco, West) and CC (Cordillera Central, East). Thermal variables were extracted from the WorldClim database (Hijmans et al. 2005) and are given for each of the sampling localities, with codes (bio 1 – bio 11) as defined in Supp. Table 1. Bioclimatic variables extracted from the WorldClim database are as follows – bio 1: Mean Annual Temperature (MAT); bio 2: mean diurnal range; bio 3: isothermality; bio 4: temperature seasonality; bio 5: maximum temperature of the warmest month; bio 6: minimum temperature of the coldest month; bio 7: annual temperature range; bio 8: mean temperature of the wettest quarter; bio 9: mean temperature of the driest quarter; bio 10: mean temperature of the warmest quarter; bio 11: mean temperature of the coldest quarter. All values are in ˚C, except for bio 2 and bio 7.

Supplemental Table 2. Mean start temperature (˚C), rate of temperature change (˚C/min), and lizard body mass (g) are given for each population for CT_{MIN} and CT_{MAX} experiments. Values are mean ± 1 SEM and sample sizes are given in parentheses. Only sample sizes that differ from the first column are given in other columns.

Supplemental Table 3: Summary of results from linear regression assessing the relationship between mean population (A) critical thermal minimum, CT_{MIN} , and (B) critical thermal maximum, CT_{MAX} , and several variables - start temperature, body mass, and rate of temperature change. Regressions were weighted by the variance in CT_{MIN} and CT_{MIN} .

Supplemental Table 4. Summary of loading, eigenvalues, and variance explained in the principal components (PC) analysis on the thermal variables (bio 1 – bio 11) for all populations sampled in this study. Loadings greater than 0.70 are highlighted in bold text.

Supplemental Table 5. PC scores for first three PC axes are given for each population. Factor loadings for each axis is given in Supp. Table 4.

Supplemental Table 6. Results of model fitting tests showing likelihood estimates and AIC_C weights for the Brownian Motion (BM), Orenstein-Uhlenbeck (OU), and Early Burst (EB) models of evolution. Bold indicates the best-supported model.

Supplementary Methods

Model Calibration

We assessed the accuracy of the copper models with embedded Thermochrons by equilibrating models at three biologically-relevant temperatures alongside a thermometer using a setup similar to Angilletta and Krochmal (2003). To this end we placed 28 models (as many as would fit) in a large incubator at the Concord Field Station, Harvard University in Bedford, MA and allowed them to acclimate over the course of an hour to three temperatures -12 , 23, and 32°C – after which temperature was recorded. On average, models deviated 0.13°C from the set incubator temperature, and the magnitude of deviation was consistently low across temperatures (Table 1).

Table 1. Accuracy of copper models ($n = 28$) was estimated by calculating the difference between the set temperature and model temperature.

We measured the difference in equilibrium temperatures between copper models (T_e) and a live lizard (T_B) by exposing both to different temperatures, radiation, and convective conditions (reviewed in Dzialowski 2005). One live adult male *Anolis armouri* lizard and one copper lizard model were tethered to a cardboard panel using dental floss and a thermocouple (Type T, Omega) was inserted into the cloaca of each and secured using medical tape. The panel was exposed to different thermal conditions in fifteen minute intervals including: in the sun and shade on a sunny day (air temperature $[T_A] = 31.1$ °C), outdoors on a breezy overcast day ($T_A = 22$ °C), indoors in an airconditioned room ($T_A = 18.9$ °C), and indoors in a cold chamber ($T_A = 4$ °C). To avoid thermal stress body temperatures (T_B) were not allowed to drop below 10^oC or go above 35 \degree C. T_e and T_B were automatically recorded every minute. The correlation between T_B and T_e was strong (0.889) and the coefficient of this relationship was close to 1 (coeff. = 1.03). This slope was offset by 0.86°C such that $T_B = 1.03(T_e) + 0.86$. Thus, to estimated T_B from T_e we corrected all copper model temperatures by adding 0.86 $^{\circ}$ C.

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