Supplementary Table 2

Cross-comparison of counts of growth-band pairs from the use of the burn and thin-sectioning methods for blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*) captured between 2010 and 2016 in the western North Pacific Ocean.

		Number of band counts with burn method							
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Number of band counts with thin-sectioning method	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
	11	0	3	13	1	0	0	0	0
	12	0	0	10	17	0	0	0	0
	13	0	0	3	5	12	0	0	0
	14	0	0	0	4	4	6	1	0
	15	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0
	16	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1