

Supplementary Table 2. Morphometric characters with isometric and allometric growth as a function of body length in *Sycidium multipunctatum*, *Awaous* sp., and *Evorthodus minutus* during the early development stages: precaudal length (PrL), caudal length (CaL), head length (HL), eye diameter (ED), body depth at the base of pelvic fin (BDp), body depth at the anus (BDa), body depth at the caudal peduncle (BDcp). Negative allometric growth $b < 1$ (N), positive allometric growth $b > 1$ (P) isometric growth $b = 1$ (I), ($P < 0.05$).

	<i>Sycidium multipunctatum</i>				<i>Awaous</i> sp.				<i>Evorthodus minutus</i>			
	a	b	R ²		a	b	R ²		a	b	R ²	
PrL	-0.24	0.97	0.99	N	-0.21	0.95	1.00	N	-0.36	1.09	0.93	P
CaL	-0.37	1.03	0.98	P	-0.40	1.06	1.00	P	-0.27	0.93	0.91	N
HL	-0.50	0.85	0.89	N	-0.51	0.87	0.99	N	-0.28	0.56	0.81	N
ED	-1.41	0.77	0.81	N	-1.53	1.21	0.92	P	-1.09	0.76	0.57	N
BDp	-0.71	0.83	0.90	N	-0.77	0.86	0.97	N	-0.77	0.91	0.93	N
BDa	-0.61	0.74	0.93	N	-0.63	0.74	0.94	N	-0.59	0.79	0.84	N
BDcp	-1.01	0.89	0.85	N	-1.13	1.00	0.90	I	-1.29	1.29	0.97	P