**Table S1.** Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and sequencing (Seq.) primers used in this study.

Locus	<b>Primer Name</b>	Primer Sequence	Direction & Type
16S	<sup>6</sup> 16sA-L	CGCCTGTTTATCAAAAACAT	forward (PCR & Seq.)
16S	<sup>6</sup> 16sB-H	CCGGTCTGAACTCAGATCACGT	reverse (PCR & Seq.)
ND2	<sup>4</sup> MetF1	AAGCTTTCGGGCCCATACC	forward (PCR & Seq.
ND2	<sup>1</sup> COIR1	AGRGTGCCAATGTCTTTGTGRTT	reverse (PCR & Seq.)
ND2	<sup>2</sup> TrpR3a	TTTAGGGCTTTGAAGGC	reverse (Seq.)
KIF24	<sup>5</sup> KIF24F1	SAAACGTRTCTCCMAAACGCATCC	forward (PCR & Seq.)
KIF24	<sup>7</sup> Kif24R1zebra	GCTGCTGRARCTGGTGATAAAGRCG	reverse (PCR & Seq.)
RAG1	<sup>5</sup> RAG1skinkF2	TTCAAAGTGAGATCGCTTGAAA	forward (PCR & Seq.)
RAG1	<sup>5</sup> RAG1skinkR1200	CCCTTCTTCTCTCAGCAAAA	reverse (PCR & Seq.)
RAG1	<sup>5</sup> RAG1skinkF370	GCCAAGGTTTTTAAGATTGACG	forward (Seq.)
RAG1	<sup>5</sup> RAG1skinkR2	AACATCACAGCTTGATGAATGG	reverse (Seq.)
BRCA	2 <sup>3</sup> Skink984F	AACAGGTAGTCAGTTTGAMTTYACAC	forward (PCR & Seq.)
BRCA	2 <sup>3</sup> Skink2315R	RTTGAAGYYTGAATGCYAGGTTTGAC	reverse (PCR & Seq.)

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