

# Supplemental Information to “Sexual signaling strategy shows no influence on the morphometrics of firefly’s primary olfactory organs”

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Figures: none

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## Information about reproducibility of figures and statistics

Figures, tables, and statistical values are fully reproducible in the main manuscript as well as the supplemental information using RStudio version 2024.12.1+563 and R version 4.4.1 or higher from a R project in the Github repository: <https://github.com/lindsaywaldrop/firefly-morphology>. All data, code, and images are available publicly in this repository. Instructions for directly reproducing this project are included in the repository.

## Antennal morphometrics are independent of body size

Data in the manuscript are not normalized by body length because no significant relationship with body length was found among the morphometric measurements using one-way ANOVAs. This includes body length with antenna length ( $F(1, 19) = 3.92, p = 0.06$ ), flagellar segment width ( $F(1, 23) = 0.341, p = 0.6$ ), olfactory sensilla width ( $F(1, 23) = 0.406, p = 0.5$ ), and olfactory sensilla length ( $F(1, 23) = 0.21, p = 0.7$ ).

## Additional values from statistical comparisons

In the main manuscript’s Tables 2 and 3, p-values were presented as a result of statistical comparisons. Here are additional values presented in Tables:

- SI Table 1: comparison values for all sensilla by signal, corresponding to comparisons in Table 2 and Fig. 3c,d.
- SI Table 2: comparison values for mechanosensory sensilla by signal, corresponding to comparisons in Table 2, Fig. 3a-d, and Fig. 6a,b.
- SI Table 3: comparison values for olfactory sensilla by signal, corresponding to comparisons in Table 2, Fig. 3a-d, Fig. 4a, and Fig. 6 a,b.
- SI Table 4: comparison values for all sensilla by sex, corresponding to comparisons in Table 3 and Fig. 7c,d.
- SI Table 5: comparison values for mechanosensory sensilla by sex, corresponding to comparisons in Table 3 and Fig. 7a-d.
- SI Table 6: comparison values for olfactory sensilla by sex, corresponding to comparisons in Table 3 and Fig. 7a,b.

SI Table 1: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against signal type for all sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (visual)	Mean value (chemical)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Length	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Density	$3480 \pm 1000$	$3270 \pm 2000$	26	0.000671	0.77
Mean distance	$28.7 \pm 10$	$27.6 \pm 9$	26	0.0849	0.82
Count per segment	$337 \pm 300$	$614 \pm 600$	26	1.2	0.24
Fraction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

SI Table 2: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against signal type for mechanosensory sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (visual)	Mean value (chemical)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	$2.18 \pm 0.4$	$2.51 \pm 0.7$	26	2.330	0.352
Length	$64.7 \pm 20$	$71.2 \pm 20$	26	0.896	0.556
Density	$2330 \pm 1000$	$2140 \pm 1000$	26	0.217	0.770
Mean distance	$34.2 \pm 10$	$36.2 \pm 20$	26	0.153	0.820
Count per segment	$205 \pm 90$	$358 \pm 300$	26	3.550	0.240
Fraction	$0.683 \pm 0.1$	$0.638 \pm 0.2$	26	0.346	0.700

SI Table 3: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against signal type for olfactory sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (visual)	Mean value (chemical)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	$1.87 \pm 0.6$	$3.07 \pm 2$	26	5.610	0.121
Length	$13.3 \pm 3$	$13.2 \pm 3$	26	0.003	0.967
Density	$1170 \pm 700$	$1160 \pm 700$	26	0.001	0.990
Mean distance	$46.5 \pm 20$	$44.2 \pm 10$	26	0.085	0.870
Count per segment	$129 \pm 200$	$248 \pm 400$	26	1.200	0.500
Fraction	$0.328 \pm 0.1$	$0.368 \pm 0.2$	26	0.227	0.780

SI Table 4: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against sex type for all sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (female)	Mean value (male)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Length	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Density	$3020 \pm 1000$	$3450 \pm 1000$	23	2.77	0.86

	Mean value (female)	Mean value (male)	Sample size	F value	p value
Mean distance	$33.1 \pm 20$	$27.6 \pm 9$	23	1.3	0.93
Count per segment	$342 \pm 200$	$479 \pm 500$	23	0.485	0.78
Fraction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

SI Table 5: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against sex type for mechanosensory sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (female)	Mean value (male)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	$2.18 \pm 0.3$	$2.28 \pm 0.6$	23	0.300	0.703
Length	$63.4 \pm 7$	$68.1 \pm 20$	23	0.356	0.706
Density	$2260 \pm 1000$	$2150 \pm 1000$	23	0.053	0.860
Mean distance	$36.7 \pm 10$	$35.9 \pm 10$	23	0.019	0.930
Count per segment	$225 \pm 100$	$262 \pm 200$	23	0.136	0.780
Fraction	$0.732 \pm 0.1$	$0.627 \pm 0.1$	23	2.620	0.210

SI Table 6: Phylogenetically corrected comparisons of species means against sex type for mechanosensory sensilla. Statistical scores ( $n$ , sample size;  $F$ -values;  $p$ -values) included for each comparison of sensillum width, sensillum length, sensilla density, mean distances between sensilla, mean count of sensilla per segment, and mean fraction of sensilla.

	Mean value (female)	Mean value (male)	Sample size	F value	p value
Width	$2.86 \pm 2$	$2.34 \pm 1$	23	1.060	0.470
Length	$13.6 \pm 1$	$12.6 \pm 3$	23	0.560	0.587
Density	$799 \pm 400$	$1340 \pm 800$	23	2.770	0.230
Mean distance	$54.1 \pm 20$	$43.3 \pm 20$	23	1.300	0.400
Count per segment	$115 \pm 200$	$211 \pm 300$	23	0.485	0.620
Fraction	$0.291 \pm 0.1$	$0.382 \pm 0.1$	23	2.110	0.300