

Table 1 Average values (M) (mm) of vertebral length (VL), vertebral height (VH), vertebral width (VW) and vertebral central width (VCW) of the vertebral column of *Leiognathus equulus* (SD = standard deviation)

No	LV	VH	VCW	VW
Ordinal no. of vertebrae	M ±SD	M ±SD	M ±SD	M ±SD
1	19.82±1.41	24.40±1.13	13.43±1.95	2.34±1.94
2	21.87±1.23	26.13±1.41	16.07±1.37	4.20±1.86
3	23.87±1.42	25.48±1.33	16.84±1.81	4.76±1.87
4	26.83±1.76	25.05±1.25	17.55±1.80	3.06±1.45
5	29.11±1.89	23.74±1.39	16.91±1.49	3.63±1.22
6	30.35±1.48	23.89±1.17	18.24±1.28	3.89±1.32
7	30.28±1.56	23.17±1.56	17.48±1.18	3.97±1.32
8	31.05±1.43	23.33±1.49	17.40±1.31	3.80±1.63
9	31.52±1.22	23.19±1.40	17.21±1.30	3.84±1.43
10	31.32±1.11	23.92±1.90	19.11±1.68	4.04±1.54
11	32.08±1.22	24.30±1.29	19.25±1.52	3.96±1.43
12	32.53±1.43	24.14±1.75	19.36±1.34	3.86±1.23
13	32.93±1.91	23.86±1.98	19.72±1.17	4.23±1.33
14	32.76±1.76	23.79±1.73	18.80±1.69	4.46±1.76
15	33.73±1.17	23.85±1.63	18.51±1.83	4.44±1.45
16	33.85±1.56	24.93±1.27	17.69±1.61	4.36±1.34
17	34.25±1.70	24.47±1.82	16.53±1.63	4.25±1.54
18	34.81±1.44	24.04±1.83	15.46±1.47	4.07±1.34
19	34.17±1.51	22.67±1.71	15.09±1.52	3.98±1.44
20	29.60±1.62	21.93±1.54	14.17±1.12	4.30±1.24
21	23.43±1.59	20.47±1.37	15.17±1.20	4.12±1.23
22	19.28±1.88	19.13±1.51	14.43±1.55	3.90±1.43
23	18.54±1.43	17.39±1.83	11.47±1.22	3.84±1.67