

Table 1 Mean values (mm) of length (VL) and height (VH) for the successive vertebrae of the vertebral column of *Coptodon zillii* (ONV, ordinal number of vertebrae; SD = standard deviation)

ONV	VL (SD)	VH (SD)
1	5.2 (0.23)	6 (0.23)
2	5.45(0.24)	6.36(0.26)
3	6.36(0.26)	7.27(0.25)
4	7.27(0.22)	8.18(0.25)
5	8 (0.21)	8.6 (0.23)
6	8.2 (0.22)	8.6 (0.23)
7	8 (0.32)	8.18(0.23)
8	7.4 (0.31)	9.09(0.27)
9	8.18(0.33)	9.09(0.26)
10	7.4 (0.31)	8.18(0.27)
11	8.18(0.21)	9.09(0.26)
12	8.18(0.22)	8.18(0.24)
13	8.09(0.26)	9.09(0.23)
14	8.2 (0.27)	10 (0.21)
15	8.8 (0.29)	10.9(0.22)
16	8.3 (0.26)	10 (0.26)
17	7.9 (0.23)	10 (0.27)
18	7.27(0.23)	9.09(0.29)
19	6.36(0.27)	9.09(0.34)
20	6.31(0.26)	8.5 (0.29)
21	5.9 (0.24)	8 (0.27)
22	5.86(0.25)	7.27(0.23)
23	5.75(0.28)	7.27(0.24)
24	5.3 (0.31)	6.36(0.26)
25	5.2 (0.34)	6.36(0.22)
26	5.19(0.27)	5.45(0.210)
27	5.19(0.26)	5.45(0.22)