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What determines conformity to Bergmann's rule?

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ABSTRACT

Aim Bergmann's rule, the tendency of body size within species in bird and mammal populations to be positively correlated with latitude, is among the best known biogeographical generalizations. The factors behind such clines, however, are not well understood. Here we use a large data base of 79 mammalian carnivore species to examine the factors affecting latitudinal size clines.

Location Worldwide.

Methods We measured the skulls and teeth of carnivores in natural history museums, and calculated the amount of variation in size explained by latitude, supplementing our measurements with published data. We examined the effects of a number of variables on the tendency to show latitudinal clines.

Results We found that geographical range and latitudinal extent are strongly related to size clines. Minimum temperatures across the range, net primary productivity and habitat diversity also have some, albeit much less, influence.

Main conclusions We suggest that species with large geographical ranges are likely to encounter significant heterogeneity in those factors that influence body size, and are thus likely to exhibit size clines. However, the key factors that determine body size may not always operate along a latitudinal (or other geographical) cline, but be spatially linked to patches in the species range. One such important factor is likely to be food availability, which we show is a strong predictor of size in the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) but is not associated with a latitudinal cline. We argue that the spatial distribution of key resources within the species range constitutes a significant predictor of carnivore body size.

Keywords

Body size, carnivores, clines, food availability, geographical variation, latitude, primary productivity, rainfall, range size, temperature.

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INTRODUCTION

Bergmann's rule is the best known ecogeographical rule. It states that within species of homeotherms, body size is larger in cold regions than in warm ones (Mayr, 1963). This rule is usually interpreted as an adaptation to thermal conditions: a higher body surface-to-volume ratio in warm areas enables effective heat dissipation and a lower surface-to-volume ratio reduces heat loss in cold areas (Mayr, 1956). Since temperature and other environmental variables are highly correlated with latitude, Bergmann's rule has often been portrayed as a positive relation between latitude and body size. Such a relationship has been widely documented among both homeotherms and ectotherms

(Ray, 1960; Atkinson, 1994; Ashton & Feldman, 2003; Meiri & Dayan, 2003).

The thermal explanation for Bergmann's rule has often been questioned. Scholander (1955) argued that vascular control and fur insulation are more effective mechanisms for heat dissipation and conservation than are changes in body size. Other authors have suggested that the geographical trends interpreted as conforming to Bergmann's rule can be explained by factors other than temperature. Rosenzweig (1968) suggested that body size is better correlated with primary productivity or food availability. This latter claim is supported by studies of body-size variation in Australian and Israeli mammals, which demonstrated that both moisture and precipitation were often better correlated with

body size than temperature (Yom-Tov & Nix, 1986; Yom-Tov & Geffen, 2006). Furthermore, in several ectotherm species that conform to Bergmann's rule, factors other than heat conversion and dissipation may better explain body-size gradients (Ray, 1960; Arnett & Gotelli, 1999). The interpretation of the correlations between body size on the one hand and latitude, temperature and precipitation on the other is difficult because these environmental factors often covary, and other climatic and ecological factors are key predictors of body size (e.g. Angilletta & Dunham, 2003; Millien *et al.*, 2006; Yom-Tov & Geffen, 2006).

In all studies where multiple mammalian species have been tested for correlation between latitude and morphometric variables, some species did not show any association, and many homeotherms do not conform to Bergmann's rule. Meiri & Dayan (2003) tested for an association between latitude and size in 94 bird species and 149 mammal species, and concluded that 72% of the birds and 65% of the mammals follow Bergmann's rule. However, further examination of these data showed that only 26% of the bird species and 30% of the mammal species had over 50% of the variance in body size explained by latitude (mean variation explained by latitude: 35% for birds, 37% for mammals). Ashton (2004) reported similar patterns for 77 mammal species (21% of species with over 50% of the variance in body size explained by latitude; mean 28%). In an independent analysis of 44 carnivore species by Meiri *et al.* (2004a), no species had over 50% of the variance in body size explained by latitude (mean variance in body size explained by latitude = 13%). Thus, although many species showed a correlation between latitude and morphology, only in a small portion of these does latitude account for much of the variation in body size.

Why is latitude a strong predictor of body size in so few species? To answer this question we examined 79 carnivore species for which correlation coefficients between latitude and body size were available. In this study we aimed to explain differences in the amount of variance in body size accounted for by latitude (i.e. r^2) among species. We considered seven alternative predictors, and tested their relative contribution using multiple regression. Our primary hypothesis was that body size is modulated by food availability. Consequently, species that show a larger range in net primary production (NPP) and the amount of rainfall should have a larger span in body size (Yom-Tov & Geffen, 2006). Thus, high variability in productivity is likely to be associated with the evolution of size clines. Body size is a likely predictor, because the tendency for size to vary with latitude is predicted to increase with increasing body size (Freckleton *et al.*, 2003; Meiri & Dayan, 2003). We hypothesized that the tendency to vary in size would also be related to the latitudinal range, the distribution area occupied by a species, and the temperature range and habitat diversity encountered by a species. The rationale for this is that body size variation within a species reflects the environmental conditions to which it is exposed, and the greater the variability, the greater the opportunity to change in size. While this relationship may seem trivial (Meiri & Dayan, 2003; Meiri *et al.*, 2004a), it has never been explicitly quantified. Consequently, species with a range that has steep gradients for these variables should vary more in size than species facing shallower gradients.

METHODS

We measured carnivore skulls and teeth in natural history collections (see Acknowledgements), and used two size indices: condylo-basal length of the skull (CBL) and the length of the first lower molar (M_1). These are the most common measurements of cranial and dental size indices in mammals, and were chosen to facilitate comparisons with published accounts of size clines in carnivores (Klein, 1986; Meiri *et al.*, 2004a). Both CBL and M_1 are highly precise measurements, and in adults are not affected by body condition (Gittleman & Van Valkenburgh, 1997; Meiri *et al.*, 2005a). Measurements were taken with digital callipers to 0.01-mm precision or Vernier callipers to 0.02-mm precision (for measurements exceeding 300 mm). We used only adult specimens. As insular mammals often diverge markedly in size from their mainland counterparts (Meiri *et al.*, 2004b, 2006), we analysed only mainland specimens. We recorded latitude for each specimen and used only specimens for which reasonably accurate locality data were available (error of less than 2° of latitude, although for the vast majority of specimens latitude was known with much greater accuracy). We analysed data with sex as an additional explanatory variable, and for all specimens pooled, regardless of sex. We pooled all specimens of each species regardless of continent, and did not distinguish between latitude south and north of the equator. Size was then regressed on latitude for each species. We used the coefficients of determination, r^2 , obtained to compare the tendency of different species to vary in size with latitude, supplementing our own data with comparable data from the literature. The correlation coefficient r may be a more fitting response variable to test for the prevalence of Bergmann's rule, because negative correlations between size and latitude depart from the rule. Here, however, we were more interested in the forces leading to the evolution of size clines in general, regardless of their direction.

For each species we obtained the following data: body mass, latitude range, area of distribution range, habitat diversity within distribution range, the lowest mean winter temperature for the species range, annual precipitation range and net primary productivity range. Data on the body weight of each species were obtained from the museum data of the specimens we measured, supplemented with data from the literature. Because mass often varies considerably across the geographical range, and sampling is usually not equal, we used the midpoint of the mass range as an estimate (Meiri *et al.*, 2005b). We used distribution maps of all species from carnivore action plans (IUCN publications), 'Mammalian Species' accounts (American Society of Mammalogists) and from Long (2003). From these maps we calculated the total distribution area using the program IMAGE (version 1.63; W. Rasband, National Institutes of Health, USA) and the latitudinal range of each species. We estimated habitat composition by superimposing each species' range on a detailed global map of biomes (Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture), and calculating the proportion of each of 13 distinct habitats within the range using the program MULTISPEC (version 5; D. Landgrebe and L. Biehl, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA). Habitat diversity for each species' range

was calculated from habitat proportions using the Shannon–Wiener index (Pielou, 1966). Temperature data were obtained from Institut Geografii (1998) and converted to degrees centigrade. We used maps of mean January and July temperatures, assuming that these are the coldest months of the year in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, respectively, and recorded the lowest mean temperature across the geographical range of each species. The ranges of annual precipitation for the entire range of each species were obtained from the same source (Institut Geografii, 1998). Net primary production (NPP; $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$) data were kindly provided by Dr Mark Lomas (University of Sheffield). These are annual NPP for 1° cells and we used the calculated mean for the 20th century (1901–2000). Distribution maps usually represent the extent of occurrence rather than the area of occupancy, and as such may overestimate the range of climatic variables that populations within species are exposed to. This is an issue for all the species we examine, and should therefore not bias our results.

Our analysis aimed to explain the variance in r^2 of CBL and M_1 as a function of latitude by a series of independent variables (body mass, latitude range, geographical range size, habitat diversity, mean winter temperature, annual precipitation range and net primary productivity range), using multiple regression. To select the best regression model (i.e. subset of predictors) we used Akaike's information criterion (AIC; Burnham & Anderson, 2002; Johnson & Omland, 2004; Sullivan & Joyce, 2005). This approach weighs different models by the amount of the variance explained and model complexity (i.e. the number of explanatory variables, K). Because $n/K < 40$ for our data set the AIC values were corrected for small sample size (AIC_c) using the equation in Burnham & Anderson (2001). The level of support for an AIC_c value was evaluated by ΔAIC_c (i.e. $AIC_c = AIC_i - AIC_{\min}$) and Akaike weights (Burnham & Anderson, 2001). An Akaike weight is the relative likelihood of the model given the data. Models with ΔAIC_c values of 0–2 provide similar support (Burnham & Anderson, 2001).

To address any possible dependency between taxa due to phylogeny we conducted independent contrasts analysis using $cAIC$ (version 2.6; Purvis & Rambaut, 1995) and a published phylogeny for the carnivores (Ortolani, 1999).

For illustration purposes, we regressed brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) CBL as a function of geographical distance from the nearest salmon spawning area (calculated using ArcView, ESRI). Data on salmon spawning areas were obtained from Augerot (2005), the Wild Salmon Center (X. Augerot and G. Robillard, pers. comm.) and the Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS; <http://www.iobis.org/>).

RESULTS

Data on the coefficient of determination for CBL and M_1 as a function of latitude (r_{CBL}^2 or $r_{M_1}^2$), along with the values of the different predictor variables for each species, are shown in Appendix S1 in Supplementary Material. The tolerance of a variable ($1 - r^2$) is a measure of its collinearity with all other independent variables in the model. The higher the intercorrelation between

the independent variables, the lower the tolerance will be. In general, only a tolerance of 0.2 or lower creates an inflationary impact on the standard error of the regression coefficient (Keith, 2006). Mean tolerance (\pm SD) for each of the independent variables in our study was high, indicating low correlation between them (log body weight [BW] = 0.84 ± 0.02 , area = 0.59 ± 0.03 , latitude = 0.36 ± 0.04 , temperature = 0.62 ± 0.06 , rain = 0.73 ± 0.08 , NPP = 0.62 ± 0.05 and habitat = 0.52 ± 0.05).

Model selection using the AIC showed that for r_{CBL}^2 the best model included only the latitudinal range (Table 1). This pattern was also true after controlling for sex (Table 1). However, accounting for phylogeny, the best model was composed of area, rain range and temperature range. The best model for r_{CBL}^2 after controlling for sex and accounting for phylogeny was composed of area, temperature range and NPP range. Other combinations of these variables and rain range were equally probable (Table 2). The best model for $r_{M_1}^2$ was composed of area, latitudinal range and temperature. However, ΔAIC_c between the best model and the next three models in Table 1 was lower than 2, indicating that the alternative models are equally supported. Accounting for phylogeny and sex revealed that all five best models are equally supported, and all include area and NPP range (Table 2). All the explanatory variables were always positively related to r^2 scores. For all models, r^2 was low; the highest variance explained by these best models was about 28% and 33% for CBL and M_1 , respectively (Table 2). Hence, the size of the geographical range is always a significant predictor of size change for latitude. Latitudinal span also usually had a significant effect, except in the case of M_1 where NPP and temperature appeared as key predictors.

We used the Wald test to evaluate significant effects in a particular regression model. Latitudinal range was the only significant effect on CBL ($\chi^2 = 10.3$, $P = 0.001$) and CBL controlled for sex ($\chi^2 = 7.4$, $P = 0.006$). Area was the only significant effect on CBL contrasts ($\chi^2 = 11.3$, $P < 0.001$) and CBL contrasts controlled for sex ($\chi^2 = 12.6$, $P < 0.001$). Latitudinal range ($\chi^2 = 8.8$, $P = 0.003$), area ($\chi^2 = 8.5$, $P = 0.004$) and temperature range ($\chi^2 = 4.4$, $P = 0.04$) had a significant effect on M_1 , and latitudinal range ($\chi^2 = 6.9$, $P = 0.008$) and area ($\chi^2 = 5.3$, $P = 0.02$) had a significant effect on M_1 controlled for sex. A similar pattern was observed for M_1 after accounting for phylogeny. Latitudinal range ($\chi^2 = 4.9$, $P = 0.03$), area ($\chi^2 = 12.2$, $P < 0.001$), temperature range ($\chi^2 = 3.9$, $P = 0.047$) and NPP range ($\chi^2 = 13.9$, $P < 0.001$) were significant for M_1 , and area ($\chi^2 = 7.1$, $P = 0.008$) and NPP range ($\chi^2 = 18.2$, $P < 0.001$) were significant for M_1 controlled for sex.

DISCUSSION

Although these variables explain some of the tendency of species to change in size with latitude, over 65% of the variation remains unexplained. Why do some species show a tight fit between body size and latitude, while others show no such trend? We argue that almost any species will show a geographical variation in body size if the key factor that influences its size varies to a large extent across its range, and this was supported in all tests. Distribution area, latitudinal extent and habitat diversity do not affect body size directly. However, these parameters are likely to correlate

Table 1 The five best models in multiple regression of r^2 as the dependent and seven independent environmental and spatial variables. K is the number of parameters in the model, AIC_c is Akaike's information criterion (AIC) corrected for small sample size, ΔAIC_c is the difference in AIC_c values between each model and the best model (i.e. lowest AIC_c), and W_{AIC} is the Akaike weight.

Variables selected	K	R^2	AIC_c	ΔAIC_c	W_{AIC}
CBL					
1. Latitude	1	0.165	-51.9	0.00	0.28
2. Latitude, temperature	2	0.188	-51.3	0.67	0.20
3. Latitude, temperature, area	3	0.202	-51.0	0.95	0.18
4. Latitude, NPP	2	0.170	-50.9	1.00	0.17
5. Latitude, temperature, NPP	3	0.199	-50.8	1.11	0.16
CBL controlled for sex					
1. Latitude	1	0.177	-48.1	0.00	0.28
2. Latitude, temperature, area	3	0.212	-47.3	0.73	0.19
3. Latitude, temperature	2	0.198	-47.3	0.75	0.19
4. Latitude, area	2	0.183	-47.1	0.95	0.17
5. Latitude, log BW	2	0.179	-46.9	1.13	0.16
M_1					
1. Latitude, area, temperature	3	0.113	-81.8	0.00	0.35
2. Latitude, area, temperature, NPP	4	0.118	-81.0	0.79	0.24
3. Latitude, area, temperature, rain	4	0.123	-80.2	1.55	0.16
4. Latitude, area, temperature, log BW	4	0.113	-79.8	1.95	0.13
5. Latitude, area, temperature, rain, NPP	5	0.131	-79.7	2.09	0.12
M_1 controlled for sex					
1. Latitude, area, temperature	3	0.114	-49.9	0.00	0.31
2. Latitude, area	2	0.083	-49.2	0.66	0.22
3. Area	1	0.072	-48.7	1.16	0.17
4. Latitude, area, habitat	3	0.094	-48.5	1.38	0.15
5. Latitude, area, temperature, habitat	4	0.116	-48.3	1.54	0.14

CBL, condylo-basal length of the skull; M_1 , anterior-posterior length of the first lower molar; NPP, net primary productivity; BW, body weight.

with body size clines, simply because they encompass several factors that affect body size. Range size and latitudinal range are expected to explain a major portion of the variance among species because species with a small range may span a limited range of factors such as food availability that generates selection on body size (Meiri *et al.*, 2004a; cf. Ashton, 2004). The range maps we used represent the extent of occurrence of species rather than areas of occupancy, which may be a better predictor of the actual environmental variability encountered by a species. Thus it is reasonable to expect an even stronger relationship between body size and areas of occupancy or habitat diversity.

For many species, food availability during the growth period is the key factor that determines adult size (e.g. Arnett & Gotelli, 1999). Recent increases in body size of several species of mammals have been attributed to improved diet (Yom-Tov, 2003; Yom-Tov *et al.*, 2003; Yom-Tov & Yom-Tov, 2005), and prey size and availability were shown to be strong predictors of geographical variation in carnivore size (Raia & Meiri, 2006). Here we find that NPP influences tooth size, which may be more closely regulated by food in carnivores than skull size (Dayan *et al.*, 1992). We hypothesize that a north-south trend in body size will appear in those species where food availability is correlated with latitude (and thus temperature), but not if such key factors do not vary on a south-north cline. Geist (1987), for example, has shown

that in North America the body size trend in the grey wolf (*Canis lupus*) conforms to Bergmann's rule up to latitudes 60–65° N, but reverses its direction at higher latitudes. Geist (1987) argued that these trends are related to duration of the annual food productivity pulse, and that body size is a function of food availability.

To demonstrate our hypothesis that a body size trend may be affected by food availability, and not as predicted by Bergmann's rule, we draw attention to the case of the brown bear. The brown bear has a huge range size (106.9 million km²; Appendix 1) which spans a wide latitudinal range (40°), nearly equalling that of the grey wolf (127 million km² and 60°; Appendix 1). However, the body size in the brown bear is practically independent of latitude ($r^2 = 0.08$), whereas wolf body size is tightly correlated with latitude ($r^2 = 0.69$). Indeed, body size in the brown bear is much better explained by distance to the nearest salmon spawning area, a rich resource commonly used by bears whenever available (females: $r^2 = 0.404$, $F_{(1,79)} = 53.6$, $P < 0.0001$; males: $r^2 = 0.403$, $F_{(1,83)} = 56.0$, $P < 0.0001$; Fig. 1). Hilderbrand *et al.* (1999) showed that a marine meat source (i.e. salmon) explains 86% of the variance in female body mass ($F_{(1,11)} = 67.6$, $P < 0.0001$; original data modified by adding relevant mass data from Schwartz *et al.*, 2003). In contrast to salmon availability, latitude is a very poor predictor of body size in brown bears. Salmon availability is not distributed along north-south or east-west clines, but patchily.

Table 2 The five best models in multiple regression of r^2 as the dependent and seven independent environmental and spatial variables, controlled for phylogeny. K is the number of parameters in the model, AIC_c is Akaike's information criterion (AIC) corrected for small sample size, ΔAIC_c is the difference in AIC_c values between each model and the best model (i.e. lowest AIC_c), and W_{AIC} is the Akaike weight. Regressions on contrasts were forced through the origin.

Variables selected	K	R^2	AIC_c	ΔAIC_c	W_{AIC}
CBL					
1. Area, rain, temperature	3	0.281	-276.1	0.00	0.35
2. Area, rain	2	0.252	-275.8	0.31	0.30
3. Area, rain, temperature, latitude	4	0.284	-274.1	2.02	0.13
4. Area, rain, temperature, habitat	4	0.281	-273.8	2.27	0.11
5. Area, rain, temperature, NPP	4	0.281	-273.8	2.27	0.11
CBL controlled for sex					
1. Area, temperature, NPP	3	0.285	-263.6	0.00	0.30
2. Area, temperature, NPP, rain	4	0.305	-263.0	0.53	0.23
3. Area, temperature, rain	3	0.277	-262.8	0.72	0.21
4. Area, NPP	2	0.241	-261.9	1.63	0.13
5. Area, rain	2	0.240	-261.8	1.73	0.13
M_1					
1. Area, latitude, temperature, NPP, habitat	5	0.324	-301.0	0.00	0.28
2. Area, temperature, NPP	3	0.277	-300.4	0.61	0.21
3. Area, latitude, NPP	3	0.275	-300.2	0.83	0.18
4. Area, latitude, temperature, NPP	4	0.294	-300.0	1.02	0.17
5. Area, latitude, temperature, rain, NPP, habitat	6	0.336	-299.9	1.05	0.16
M_1 controlled for sex					
1. Area, NPP	2	0.330	-217.3	0.00	0.28
2. Area, NPP, latitude	3	0.351	-217.0	0.34	0.23
3. Area, NPP, temperature	3	0.347	-216.6	0.73	0.19
4. Area, NPP, latitude, habitat	4	0.369	-216.3	1.06	0.16
5. Area, NPP, log BW	3	0.340	-216.0	1.37	0.14

CBL, condylo-basal length of the skull; M_1 , anterior–posterior length of the first lower molar; NPP, net primary productivity; BW, body weight.

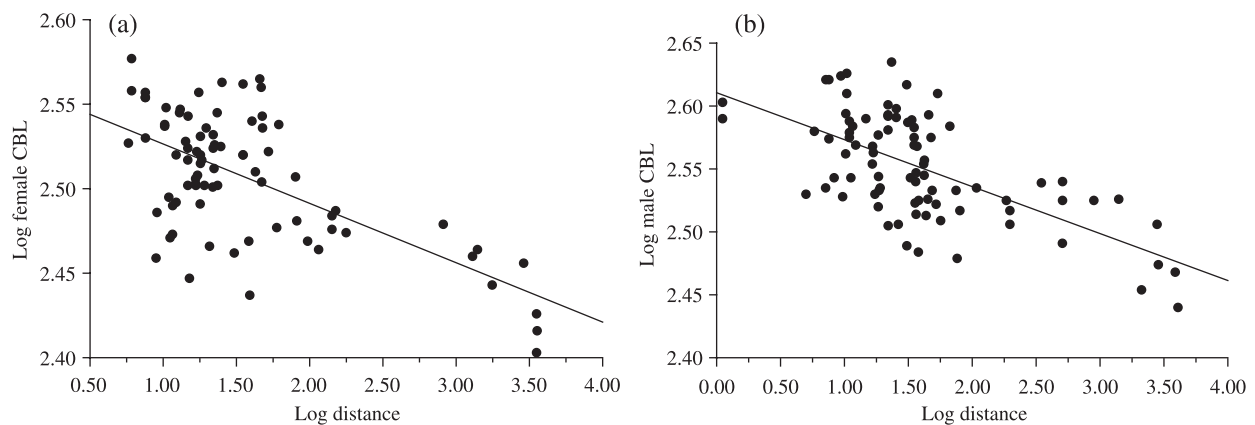


Figure 1 Bear skull size vs. distance to the nearest salmon spawning area. Regression of (a) female ($y = -0.035x + 2.56$) and (b) male ($y = -0.037 + 2.61$) condylo-basal length of brown bear skull (CBL, in mm) as a function of geographical distance to the nearest salmon spawning area (in km). Distance to the nearest salmon spawning area accounted for 40.4% ($F_{(1,79)} = 53.6$, $P < 0.0001$) and 40.3% ($F_{(1,83)} = 56.0$, $P < 0.0001$) of the variance in female and male skull length.

Thus, while for some carnivores, like the wolf, food resources presumably increase along a south–north cline, at least up to a point, for others, like the brown bear, resources may not change along such a cline. Salmon distribution may also explain body size

in other piscivorous carnivores (e.g. the otter, *Lontra canadensis*), but for many other carnivores where latitude is a poor predictor of body size, the factors that influence body size are unknown. Many of these factors may be species specific. For example,

although the body size of Arctic foxes is not related to latitude (this study), the body size of Arctic foxes living on Mednyi Island is significantly larger than in other populations, and this phenomenon has been attributed to an unusual abundance of carcasses washed ashore (Goltsman *et al.*, 2005). We suggest that the factors influencing body size are related to key components in the species' diet and to the spatial distribution of these key components over the species' range.

We have referred above mostly to the availability of food as a key factor accounting for variation in body size. However, the same argument could also apply to other candidate factors, such as interspecific competition (e.g. Dayan & Simberloff, 1998). Selection on body size due to competition may also be affected by the patchy distribution of the competitors.

We suggest that the main message of the present study is that it is unrealistic to explain variation in a species' morphology solely on the basis of latitudinal clines. In species where size changes across the range but not according to Bergmann's rule, the specific distribution of key dietary components or other key factors may be better predictors. To adequately model geographical variation in size requires detailed autecological information on the diet and natural history of the species under study throughout its geographical range. At present such highly species-specific data cannot be readily integrated into a comparative framework.

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Appendix S1. Carnivore species analysed, response of their condylo-basal length (CBL) and first lower molar (M1) to latitude, and attributes of their geographic range

Species	r^2_{CBL}	Slope (CBL)	r^2_{M1}	Slope (M ₁)	Body mass kg
<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> ¹	na	na	0.126	0.046	45.5
<i>Alopex lagopus</i> ³	0.004	-0.050	0.001	0.004	3.0
<i>Aonyx capensis</i> ¹	na	na	0.335	0.335	12.5
<i>Arctogalidia trivirgata</i> ³	0.009	-0.094	0.323	0.037	2.2
<i>Atilax paludinosus</i> ¹	na	na	0.022	0.008	3.6
<i>Bassariscus astutus</i> ³	0.034	-0.128	0.020	0.011	1.0
<i>Canis aureus</i> ³	0.168	0.363	0.191	0.063	9.0
<i>Canis latrans</i> ³	0.287	0.393	0.234	0.046	10.8
<i>Canis lupus</i> ³	0.692	1.237	0.642	0.140	32.7
<i>Canis mesomelas</i> ¹	na	na	0.397	0.063	7.9
<i>Crocuta crocuta</i> ¹	na	na	0.257	0.144	64.7
<i>Cuon alpinus</i> ³	0.705	0.385	0.098	0.029	15.9
<i>Eira barbara</i> ³	0.048	0.339	0.140	0.061	5.3
<i>Felis bengalensis</i> ³	0.082	0.178	0.074	0.017	3.2
<i>Felis canadensis</i> ³	0.158	0.280	0.014	0.010	8.5
<i>Felis caracal</i> ^{1,3}	0.626	6.045	0.127	0.034	9.1
<i>Felis chaus</i> ³	0.225	0.730	0.148	0.056	7.9
<i>Felis concolor</i> ³	0.204	0.368	0.019	0.009	49.7
<i>Felis pardalis</i> ³	0.015	-0.300	0.030	-0.045	10.0
<i>Felis rufus</i> ³	0.088	0.280	0.103	0.027	10.5
<i>Felis serval</i> ³	na	na	0.025	0.017	11.5
<i>Felis silvestris</i> ^{1,3}	0.052	0.130	0.071	0.019	3.2
<i>Felis wiedii</i> ³	0.004	-0.409	0.159	-0.028	3.2
<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i> ¹	na	na	0.251	0.048	0.8
<i>Galerella sanguinea</i> ³	0.263	-0.305	0.093	-0.020	0.7
<i>Genetta genetta</i> ³	0.124	0.196	0.185	0.009	2.0

<i>Ictonyx striatus</i> ¹	na	na	0.148	-0.220	0.8
<i>Lontra canadensis</i> ³	0.002	0.028	0.079	-0.027	9.1
<i>Lontra longicaudis</i> ³	0.165	-0.350	0.012	-0.014	8.3
<i>Lutra lutra</i> ³	0.267	0.287	0.000	0.001	8.3
<i>Lycaon pictus</i> ¹	na	na	0.045	0.027	26.4
<i>Martes americana</i> ³	0.183	0.324	0.017	0.015	1.0
<i>Martes flavigula</i> ³	0.458	0.446	0.436	0.058	1.8
<i>Martes foina</i> ³	0.092	0.160	0.035	0.017	1.3
<i>Martes martes</i> ³	0.008	0.105	0.007	0.014	1.2
<i>Martes pennanti</i> ³	0.000	0.020	0.005	0.017	3.4
<i>Meles meles</i> ³	0.462	0.526	0.169	0.041	9.5
<i>Mellivora capensis</i> ^{1,3}	0.043	-0.222	0.096	-0.029	8.1
<i>Melogale moschata</i> ³	0.299	0.629	0.282	0.063	0.8
<i>Melogale personata</i> ³	0.016	-0.230	0.028	-0.039	1.9
<i>Mephitis mephitis</i> ^{2,3}	0.048	0.154	0.180	0.008	1.9
<i>Mustela erminea</i> ³	0.159	0.221	0.217	0.036	0.2
<i>Mustela frenata</i> ³	0.000	-0.009	0.004	0.005	0.2
<i>Mustela nigripes</i> ³	0.001	-0.016	0.027	0.016	0.9
<i>Mustela nivalis</i> ³	0.178	-0.244	0.171	-0.025	0.1
<i>Mustela putorius</i> ³	0.004	0.076	0.007	0.008	1.0
<i>Mustela sibirica</i> ³	0.007	0.052	0.041	0.015	0.5
<i>Mustela vison</i> ³	0.075	0.208	0.000	-0.001	1.0
<i>Nasua narica</i> ³	0.078	-0.373	0.204	-0.039	4.0
<i>Paguma larvata</i> ³	0.604	-0.596	0.566	-0.069	2.8
<i>Panthera leo</i> ¹	na	na	0.017	0.030	157.8
<i>Panthera pardus</i> ^{1,3}	0.017	0.302	0.003	-0.012	36.7
<i>Panthera tigris</i> ³	0.086	0.653	0.003	-0.009	157.0
<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i> ³	0.038	0.186	0.002	-0.003	2.3
<i>Potos flavus</i> ³	0.063	0.230	0.041	0.015	3.0
<i>Procyon cancrivorus</i> ³	0.052	0.200	0.008	0.010	5.0
<i>Procyon lotor</i> ³	0.004	0.029	0.010	-0.005	6.9
<i>Pseudalopex culpaeus</i> ³	0.168	0.187	0.039	-0.011	9.6

<i>Ursus arctos</i> ³	0.081	1.528	0.216	0.094	186.5
<i>Viverra zibetha</i> ³	0.012	0.071	0.054	-0.021	8.2
<i>Viverricula indica</i> ³	0.060	0.147	0.013	-0.007	2.2
<i>Vormela peregusna</i> ³	0.011	0.061	0.010	0.008	0.3
<i>Vulpes chama</i> ¹	na	na	0.131	0.032	3.1
<i>Vulpes rueppellii</i> ³	0.057	-0.188	0.005	-0.009	1.9
<i>Vulpes velox</i> ³	0.130	0.279	0.336	0.057	2.4
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i> ³	0.383	0.477	0.478	0.063	5.2

¹Klein 1986, ²Koch 1986, ³this study.

Range size (million km ²)	Minimum latitude	Maximum latitude	Latitude range	Latitude range (total)	Mean winter temperature (°C)	Rainfall range (mm)	NPP range	Habitat diversity
31.5	-35	40	40	75	4.4	800	826	0.66
12.3	51	80	29	29	-34.5	400	278	0.45
18.0	-35	15	35	50	15.6	1500	591	0.60
0.8	2	27	25	25	4.5	3300	95	0.61
13.4	-35	15	35	50	15.6	1750	735	0.52
4.0	12	40	28	28	-7.0	700	253	0.75
33.7	-5	45	45	50	-1.1	975	402	0.69
28.4	5	71	66	66	-34.5	3750	608	0.99
127.0	10	85	75	75	-34.5	1975	650	0.91
4.4	-35	15	35	50	15.6	1400	558	0.75
14.2	-35	20	35	55	15.6	900	558	0.63
15.8	-9	50	50	59	-23.5	3700	862	0.98
18.2	-30	20	30	50	10.0	3750	658	0.56
19.5	0	50	50	50	-28.9	3500	1018	0.90
22.8	45	70	25	25	-34.5	1750	145	0.85
19.0	-35	45	45	80	-1.1	475	305	0.70
11.8	10	50	40	40	-1.1	2200	700	0.81
49.4	-51	60	60	111	-34.5	3900	950	0.95
12.5	-30	35	35	65	4.4	4500	250	0.71
18.5	20	60	40	40	-34.5	1700	497	0.90
8.2	-30	15	30	45	15.6	900	558	0.46
35.3	-35	55	55	90	-6.7	900	640	0.79
14.8	-35	17	35	52	4.5	1750	464	0.60
1.0	-35	-18	17	17	4.5	900	180	0.61
20.5	-25	0	25	25	21.0	3500	383	0.66
14.0	-31	47	47	78	4.4	1000	300	0.74

20.2	-35	20	35	55	15.6	900	365	0.62
17.5	25	65	40	40	-34.5	750	712	0.89
13.4	-35	20	35	55	4.5	1700	500	0.62
65.0	6	65	59	59	-34.5	1600	726	0.98
20.9	-30	20	30	50	21.1	900	474	0.62
12.3	35	68	33	33	-34.5	1750	430	0.80
8.3	0	50	50	50	4.4	3500	554	0.62
14.6	28	68	40	40	-34.5	1250	47	0.89
19.5	40	70	30	30	-28.9	1000	441	0.78
3.8	30	60	30	30	-17.8	1500	58	0.82
47.4	20	68	48	48	-34.5	1100	547	0.92
36.9	-35	32	35	67	10.0	1475	567	0.74
4.0	18	37	19	19	-1.0	3500	70	0.50
3.1	10	30	20	20	15.6	2000	203	0.66
7.1	25	60	35	35	-17.8	1300	541	0.92
111.5	35	80	45	45	-34.5	1500	484	0.77
19.6	-18	55	55	73	-18.0	3800	804	0.97
9.7	31	52	21	21	-12.2	800	333	0.64
104.2	30	75	45	45	-28.9	1400	460	0.86
26.6	35	65	30	30	-12.2	1000	185	0.90
28.6	6	60	54	54	-34.5	1500	769	0.68
13.0	25	70	45	45	-28.9	1800	625	0.91
2.3	7	30	23	23	4.4	3900	916	0.71
7.8	-5	35	35	40	-1.0	3500	654	0.69
37.2	-35	35	35	70	4.4	1400	510	0.66
35.6	-35	50	50	85	-6.7	1475	925	0.83
26.5	-9	50	50	59	-34.5	3500	674	0.99
7.7	-10	33	33	43	10.0	3500	835	0.77
14.7	-17	20	20	37	10.0	2000	328	0.41
16.6	-25	10	25	35	15.5	1000	414	0.58
13.6	8	60	52	52	-6.7	3800	800	0.88
3.9	-55	0	55	55	-1.1	1900	806	0.97

106.9	30	70	40	40	-12.2	1500	200	0.92
5.1	0	36	36	36	-1.1	2000	396	0.63
8.9	-5	35	35	40	-1.1	1500	776	0.73
8.6	27	45	18	18	-17.8	500	300	0.70
2.6	-35	-15	20	20	15.6	200	446	0.63
18.2	10	35	25	25	-1.0	250	255	0.26
0.8	25	50	25	25	-7.0	600	217	0.74
129.1	10	72	62	62	-34.5	1475	742	0.93