

Table 5. Stepwise multiple regression of body weight on the original body measurements and on their principal components.

Traits	Models	R ²	SE
I. Multiple regression:			
Orthogonal traits as independent Variables			
Body length (BL12)	BW12 = -1.168 + 0.046 BL12 + 0.091TC12 +	0.745	0.14
Thigh circumference (TC12)	0.003HL12		
Head length (HL12)			
II. Stepwise multiple regression:			
Original body measurements as independent Variables			
Thigh circumference (TC12)	BW12 = -0.475 + 0.148 TC12	0.745	0.14
Thigh circumference (TC12)			
Body length (BL12)	BW12 = -1.157 + 0.092 TC12 + 0.046 BL12	0.833	0.11
III. Orthogonal traits as independent Variables:			
PC1	BW12 = 1.171 + 0.243 PC1	0.767	0.13

PC = principal component; *R²* = coefficient of determination; PC1 principal component.
Stepwise (Criteria: Probability-of-F-to-enter ≤ .050, Probability-of-F-to-remove ≥ .100).