

Table 2 Morphometric measurements *H. vittatus* (A), *H. brevis* (B) and *H. forskalii* (C) expressed as percentage of head length (%HL)

Characters	<i>H. vittatus</i> (A)	<i>H. brevis</i> (B)	<i>H. forskalii</i> (C)
Head length	6.52±0.9	6.31±0.9	6.490±1.1
Head width (HW) / HL*	48.92±2.6	48.24 ±4.2	47.39±2.8
Upper snout length (USNL) / HL	41.39±2.7	39.87±2.1	43.95±7.8
Lower snout length (LSNL) / HL	45.78±4.0	43.66±3.6	46.49±8.5
Mouth width (MW) / HL	36.20±2.1	37.20±2.7	38.55±4.0
Eye diameter (ED) / HL	32.98±2.4	32.99±4.6	33.82±3.2
Inter-orbital width (IOW) / HL*	41.37±2.4	42.43±2.8	43.73±2.2
Post-orbital length (POL) / HL*	52.87±4.2	56.75±2.4	58.92±2.1
Caudal peduncle length (CPL) / HL	46.48±2.9	47.39±6.1	49.96±4.8
Caudal peduncle depth (CPD) / HL	44.15±0.8	42.54±3.2	45.77±3.7