Table 3 The mean ± standard deviation of morphometric distances which gave high loadings on the principal components

Morphometric distances	t-statistic	Degrees of freedom	Red Sea	Mediterranean Sea
Caudal Peduncle Length (*CPL*)	-18.4121	91.711	1.464 ± 0.27^a	2.625 ± 0.35^b
Caudal Peduncle Depth (*CPD*)	-16.5746	81.273	0.710 ± 0.17^a	1.464 ± 0.27^b
Eye Diameter (*ED*)	-10.6802	91.082	0.690 ± 0.16^a	1.001 ± 0.12^b

Note: The superscripts in the same row indicate that their means are significantly different (Welch's t-test, $p \leq 0.001$) between the samples collected from Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea