

## Supplementary Material

### **Using reproductive technologies to assess the development of secondary sexual characteristics, ovarian senescence and hermaphroditism in the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog *Rana muscosa***

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**Table S1.** Summary of study animals.

Individuals are shaded by status: NPF females (purple), females (pink) and males (blue) and include the last breeding records for the individual, with U referring to missing or incomplete records. Data availability for hormone analysis (■, yes; □, no) or evidence of hermaphroditism: yes (■), and normal necropsy (□).

| Sex | ID     | Last recorded breeding | Avg. # Ova produced | Year of nuptial pad emergence | Hormone analysis | Hermaphrodite | Pathological examination    |
|-----|--------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| NPF | 906738 | 2011                   | 190                 | 2012                          | ■                | ■             | Testes & mature oviducts    |
| NPF | 907078 | 2015                   | 376                 | 2015                          | ■                | □             |                             |
| NPF | 907080 | 2015                   | 312                 | 2015                          | ■                | ■             |                             |
| NPF | 907352 | 2015                   | 321                 | 2015                          | ■                | ■             |                             |
| NPF | 906697 | U                      | N/A                 | 2012                          | □                | ■             |                             |
| NPF | 907026 | U                      | N/A                 | 2012                          | □                | ■             |                             |
| NPF | 907186 | 2011                   | 215                 | 2014                          | □                | ■             |                             |
| F   | 906695 | 2014                   | 500                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             | Ovotestes & mature oviducts |
| F   | 906700 | 2016                   | 351.8               | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 906712 | 2017                   | 363.2               | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907009 | 2016                   | 485                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907037 | 2017                   | 426.6               | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907077 | 2016                   | 347                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907213 | 2016                   | 438.2               | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907330 | 2019                   | 389.3               | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907331 | 2016                   | 549                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| F   | 907360 | 2016                   | 324                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| M   | 906711 | 2015                   | 140                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             | Testes & mature oviducts    |
| M   | 906736 | 2015                   | 523                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |
| M   | 907006 | 2016                   | 447                 | N/A                           | ■                | □             |                             |

|   |        |      |     |     |   |   |
|---|--------|------|-----|-----|---|---|
| M | 907011 | 2016 | 722 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907024 | 2016 | 504 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907034 | 2017 | 500 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907046 | 2017 | 214 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907051 | 2017 | 794 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907057 | 2016 | 396 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907081 | 2015 | 65  | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907092 | 2016 | 13  | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 907190 | 2016 | 390 | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 909243 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | ■ | □ |
| M | 908136 | 2017 | 550 | N/A | ■ | □ |

**Table S2.** Hormone standards and their optimized MRM conditions for LC-MS/MS.

| Hormones            | CAS     | Source | LC-MS/MS MRM condition |                   |            |                       |          |
|---------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                     |         |        | Precursor Ion (m/z)    | Product Ion (m/z) | Fragmentor | Collision Energy (eV) | Polarity |
| <b>Testosterone</b> | 58-22-0 | Sigma  | 289.2                  | 109               | 80         | 28                    | +        |
|                     |         |        |                        | 97.1              |            | 21                    |          |
| <b>β-estradiol</b>  | 50-28-2 | Sigma  | 506.2                  | 171.1             | 71         | 40                    | +        |
|                     |         |        |                        | 156.1             |            | 41                    |          |
| <b>Estriol</b>      | 50-27-1 | Sigma  | 522.2                  | 171.1             | 80         | 36                    | +        |
|                     |         |        |                        | 156               |            | 41                    |          |

**Table S3.** GLMM results testing for differences between nuptial pad females, phenotypically normal females, and males in testosterone across sampling times. Significant terms are shown in bold.

|  | Estimate    | S.E.        | df        | t           | p            |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| (Intercept)                                | 0.13        | 0.14        | 56        | 0.92        | 0.36         |
| <b>Sex (Females vs. Thumbpads Females)</b> | <b>0.45</b> | <b>0.15</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>3.08</b> | <b>0.003</b> |
| Sex (Males vs. Thumbpads Females)          | -0.04       | 0.14        | 56        | -0.28       | 0.78         |
| Month (Jul vs. May)                        | -0.25       | 0.12        | 56        | -2.00       | 0.05         |
| Month (Nov vs. May)                        | 0.21        | 0.14        | 56        | 1.45        | 0.15         |
| Random effects:                            |             | Variance    | SD        |             |              |
| Individual Identity                        | 0           | 0           |           |             |              |
| Residual                                   | 0.18        | 0.42        |           |             |              |

**Table S4.** GLMM results testing for differences between nuptial pad females, phenotypically normal females, and males in  $\beta$ -estradiol across sampling times. Significant terms are shown in bold.

|                                     | Estimate    | S.E.        | df        | t           | p                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>(Intercept)</b>                  | <b>1.65</b> | <b>0.20</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>8.40</b> | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| Sex (Females vs. Thumbpads Females) | -0.25       | 0.25        | 52        | -0.99       | 0.32             |
| Sex (Males vs. Thumbpads Females)   | 0.12        | 0.23        | 52        | 0.51        | 0.61             |
| Month (Jul vs. May)                 | 0.12        | 0.26        | 52        | 0.44        | 0.66             |
| Month (Nov vs. May)                 | -0.11       | 0.26        | 52        | -0.42       | 0.68             |
| <b>Sex (Female) x Month (Jul)</b>   | <b>0.73</b> | <b>0.33</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>2.17</b> | <b>0.03</b>      |
| Sex (Male) x Month (Jul)            | 0.11        | 0.31        | 52        | 0.34        | 0.73             |
| Sex (Female) x Month (Nov)          | 0.58        | 0.35        | 52        | 1.65        | 0.11             |
| Sex (Male) x Month (Nov)            | 0.20        | 0.34        | 52        | 0.59        | 0.56             |
| Random effects:                     |             | Variance    | SD        |             |                  |
| Individual Identity                 | 0           | 0           |           |             |                  |
| Residual                            | 0.15        | 0.39        |           |             |                  |

**Table S5.** GLMM results testing for differences between nuptial pad females, phenotypically normal females, and males in estriol across sampling times. Significant terms are shown in bold.

|                                     | Estimate    | S.E.        | df        | t           | p                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>(Intercept)</b>                  | <b>0.92</b> | <b>0.14</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>6.79</b> | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| Sex (Females vs. Thumbpads Females) | -0.13       | 0.17        | 52        | -0.76       | 0.45             |
| Sex (Males vs. Thumbpads Females)   | -0.07       | 0.16        | 52        | -0.42       | 0.68             |
| Month (Jul vs. May)                 | -0.04       | 0.18        | 52        | -0.23       | 0.82             |
| Month (Nov vs. May)                 | -0.08       | 0.18        | 52        | -0.44       | 0.66             |
| <b>Sex (Female) x Month (Jul)</b>   | <b>0.50</b> | <b>0.23</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>2.17</b> | <b>0.03</b>      |
| Sex (Male) x Month (Jul)            | 0.22        | 0.22        | 52        | 1.02        | 0.31             |
| Sex (Female) x Month (Nov)          | 0.26        | 0.24        | 52        | 1.06        | 0.29             |
| Sex (Male) x Month (Nov)            | 0.18        | 0.23        | 52        | 0.79        | 0.43             |
| Random effects:                     |             | Variance    | SD        |             |                  |
| Individual Identity                 | 0           | 0           |           |             |                  |
| Residual                            | 0.07        | 0.27        |           |             |                  |