

# Energetics of paper wasps (*Polistes* sp.) from differing climates during the breeding season.

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## Supplementary Information

**Table S1.** Functions and parameters for calculation of the wasps' mixed metabolic rate (MMR) and standard metabolic rate (SMR) according Kovac et al. (2017) and Kovac et al. (2020). In *P. gallicus* the SMR was calculated with a linear function, all other MMR and SMR with exponential functions.  $T_a$  = ambient air temperature.

Species/Function	Parameter	MMR	SMR
<b><i>P. dominula</i></b>			
$y = y_0 + A \cdot \exp(R_0 \cdot T_a)$	$y_0$	-65.626	-3.10356
	$A$	46.443	15.36177
	$R_0$	0.08296	0.10942
<b><i>P. gallicus</i></b>			
$y = y_0 + A \cdot \exp(R_0 \cdot T_a)$	$y_0$	104.58839	-50.69017
$Y = y_0 + A \cdot T_a$	$A$	3.19731	15.39015
	$R_0$	0.14276	
<b><i>P. biglumis</i></b>			
$y = y_0 + A \cdot \exp(R_0 \cdot T_a)$	$y_0$	-149.2341	-65.42187
	$A$	181.74669	46.57254
	$R_0$	0.03462	0.06316

**Table S2.** Functions and parameters for calculations of the wasps' body temperature according Kovac et al. (2017) and Stabentheiner et al. (2022).  $T_a$  = ambient air temperature.

Species / Function	Parameter	Value
<b><i>P. dominula</i></b>		
$T_{body} = a \cdot (1 + (d-1) \cdot \exp(-k \cdot (T_a - x_c)))^{1/(1-d)}$	$a$	39.36392
	$x_c$	30.11685
	$d$	10.67527
	$k$	0.36288
<b><i>P. gallicus</i></b>		
$T_{body} = a + x_c \cdot T_a + d \cdot \text{Radiation}$	$a$	4.49252
	$x_c$	0.893964
	$d$	0.00337853
<b><i>P. biglumis</i></b>		
$T_{body} = a + x_c \cdot T_a + d \cdot \text{Radiation}$	$a$	0.540869
	$x_c$	1.0583
	$d$	0.00652941