Supplementary File 3: SL measurements and HAA measurements and WT pattern description by stage are given as by [1]. Corresponding dpf for the stages are approximated from the images of Frohnhöfer *et al* [2].

Stage	SL (mm)	HAA (mm)	WT pattern description	$pprox \mathbf{dpf}$
PB	7.2	0.83	Faint strip of dense S-iridophores at center	21
PR	8.6	1.2	Loose S-iridophores spreading across 1D and 1V	30
SP	9.6	1.46	Dense S-iridophores present in X1V and X1D	39
SA	10.4	1.7	X1D and X1V forming	44
J	11	2.05	2V and 2D faint	51
J+	13.5	2.5	2V and 2D forming	70
J++	16	3	2V and 2D formed	-

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