

**Table S7a:*****Cerianthus sp.* Comparison of cnidocyst lengths between specimens in the actinopharynx, metamesenteries and marginal tentacles.**

*P*-values of the t test for GLM coefficients ( $\beta_1$ ) for each cnidocyst type. Underlined *P*-values significant at  $\alpha=0.05$ .

Specimen	Actinopharynx	Metamesenteries	Marginal tentacles		
	atrach I	microbasic b-mastigophore I	microbasic b-mastigophore I	microbasic b-mastigophore II	microbasic b-mastigophore III
1	++	//	++	++	++
2	0.067	++	//	//	//
3	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	0.126	//	//	//
4	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>0.009</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//
5	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	//	//	//
6	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	//	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>
7	//	//	//	//	//

**Notes:**

++: cnidocyst used for comparisons; //: cnidocysts not found in the structure.

**Table S7b:*****Cerianthus sp.* Comparison of cnidocyst lengths between specimens in labial tentacles.**

*P*-values of the t test for GLM coefficients ( $\beta_1$ ) for each cnidocyst type. Underlined *P*-values significant at  $\alpha=0.05$ .

Specimens	Labial tentacles			
	atrach	microbasic b-mastigophore I	microbasic b-mastigophore II	microbasic b-mastigophore III
1	++	++	++	++
2	//	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	0.12
3	0.701	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	<u>&lt;0.001</u>
4	0.225	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	<u>&lt;0.001</u>
5	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	0.827
6	0.15	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	0.569
7	<u>&lt;0.001</u>	//	//	//

**Notes:**

++: cnidocyst used for comparisons; //: cnidocysts not found in the structure.