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Fin ray patterns at the fin to limb transition

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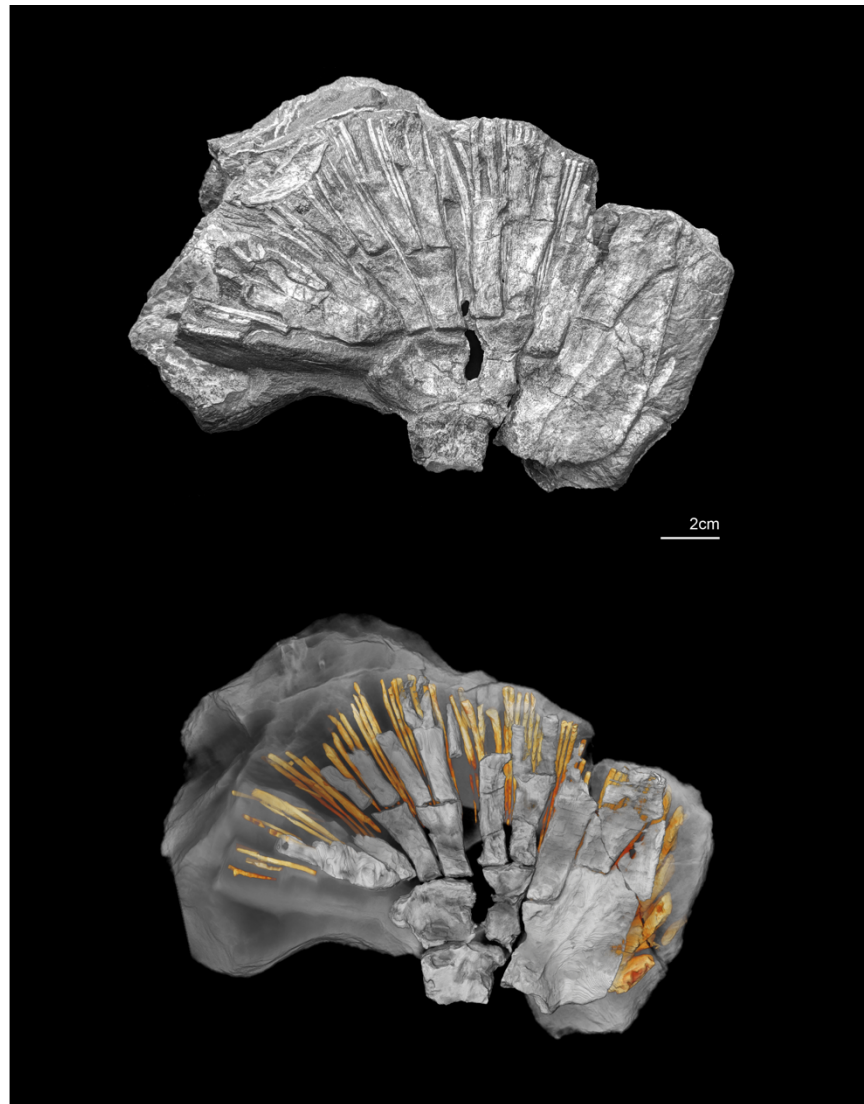


Fig. S1. Photograph and volume rendering of the right pectoral fin of *Sauripterus taylori*, ANSP20581.

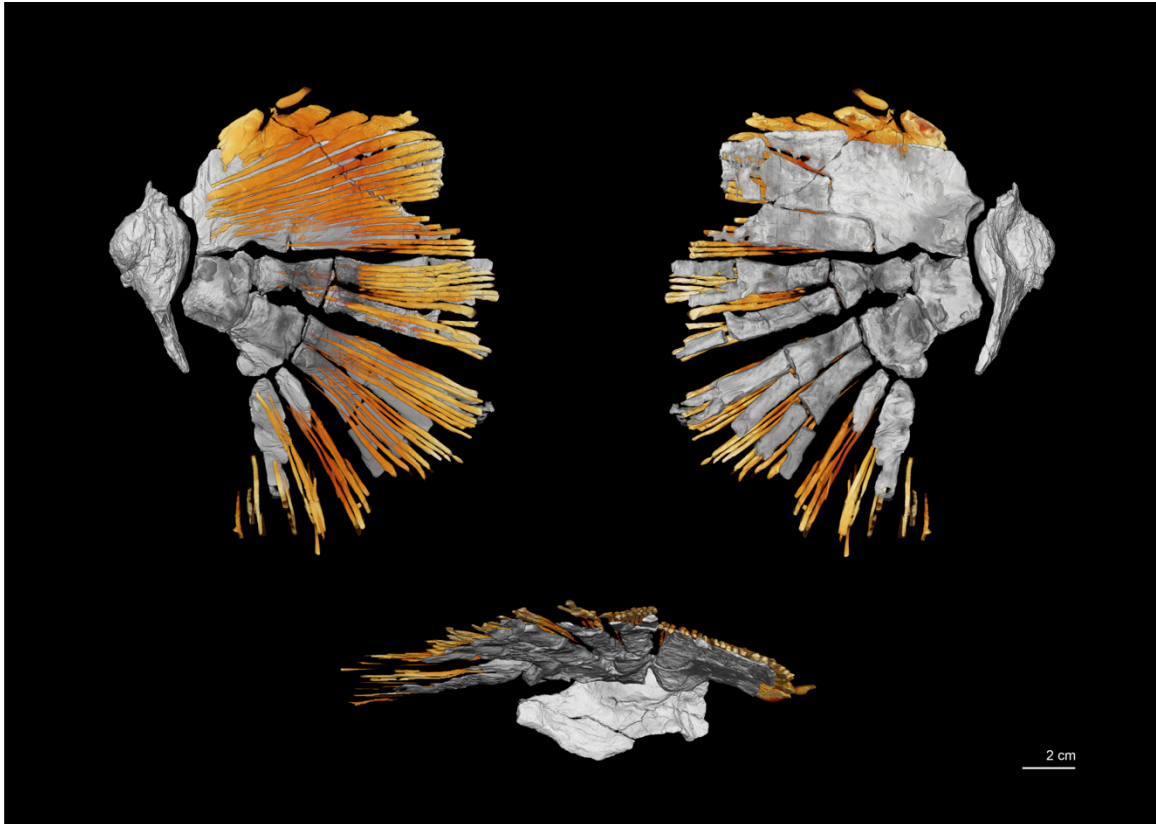


Fig. S2. Reconstruction of the right pectoral fin of *Sauropterus taylori*, ANSP20581.

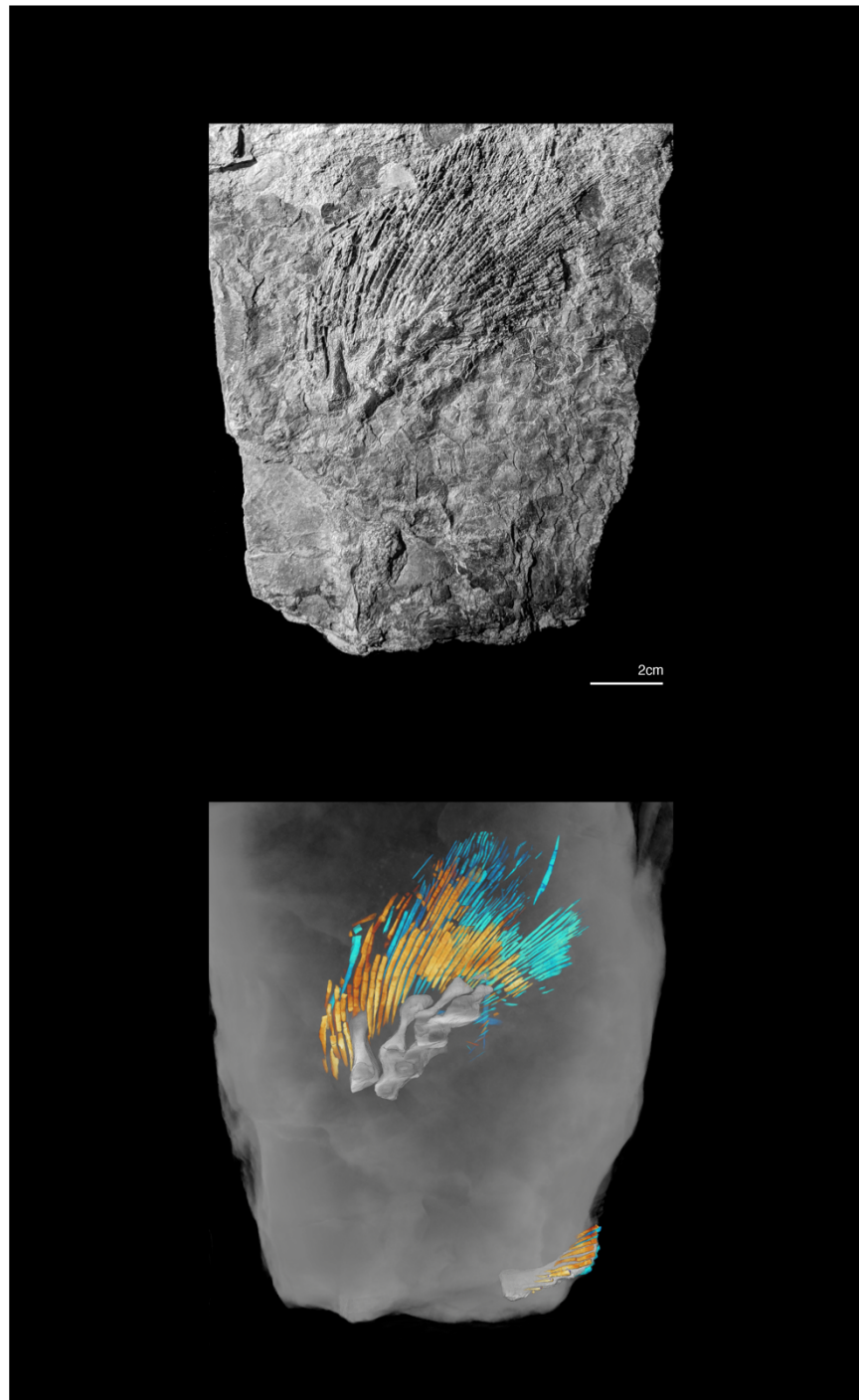


Fig. S3. Photograph and volume rendering of the pectoral fins of *Eusthenopteron foordi*, CMNH 8153.

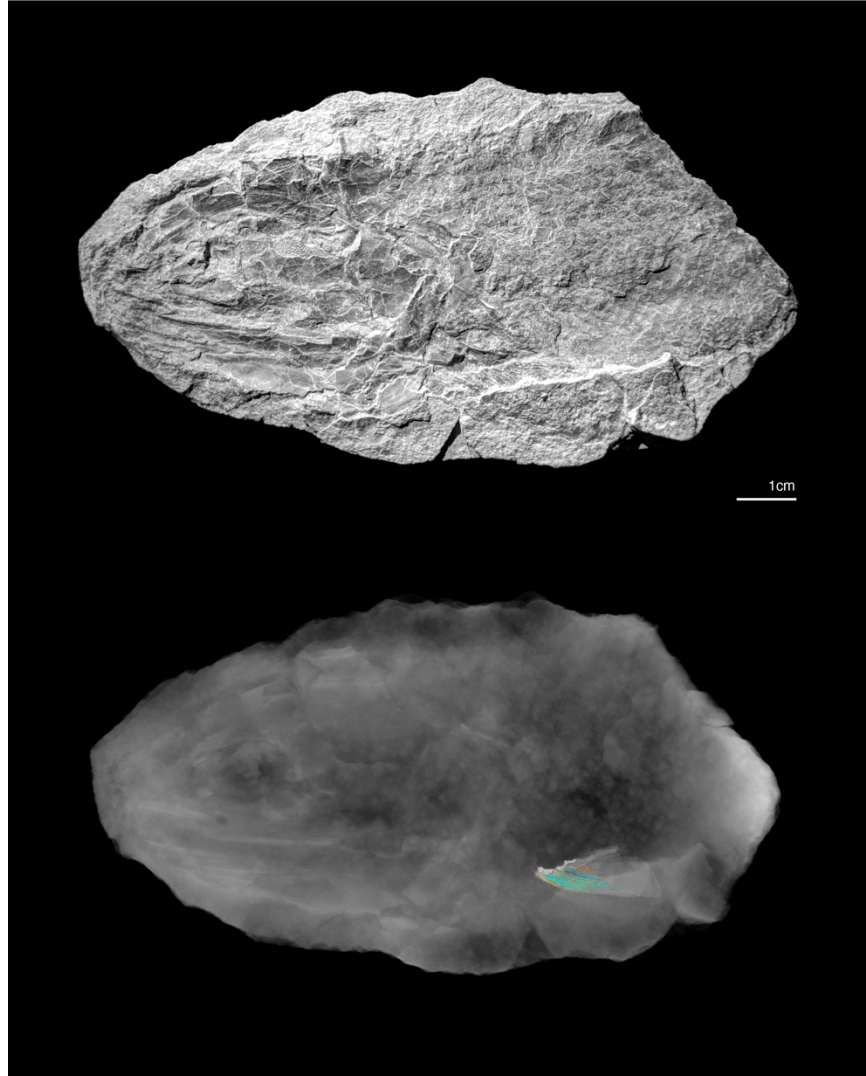


Fig. S4. Photograph and volume rendering of the pectoral fins of *Eusthenopteron foordi*, CMNH 10926.

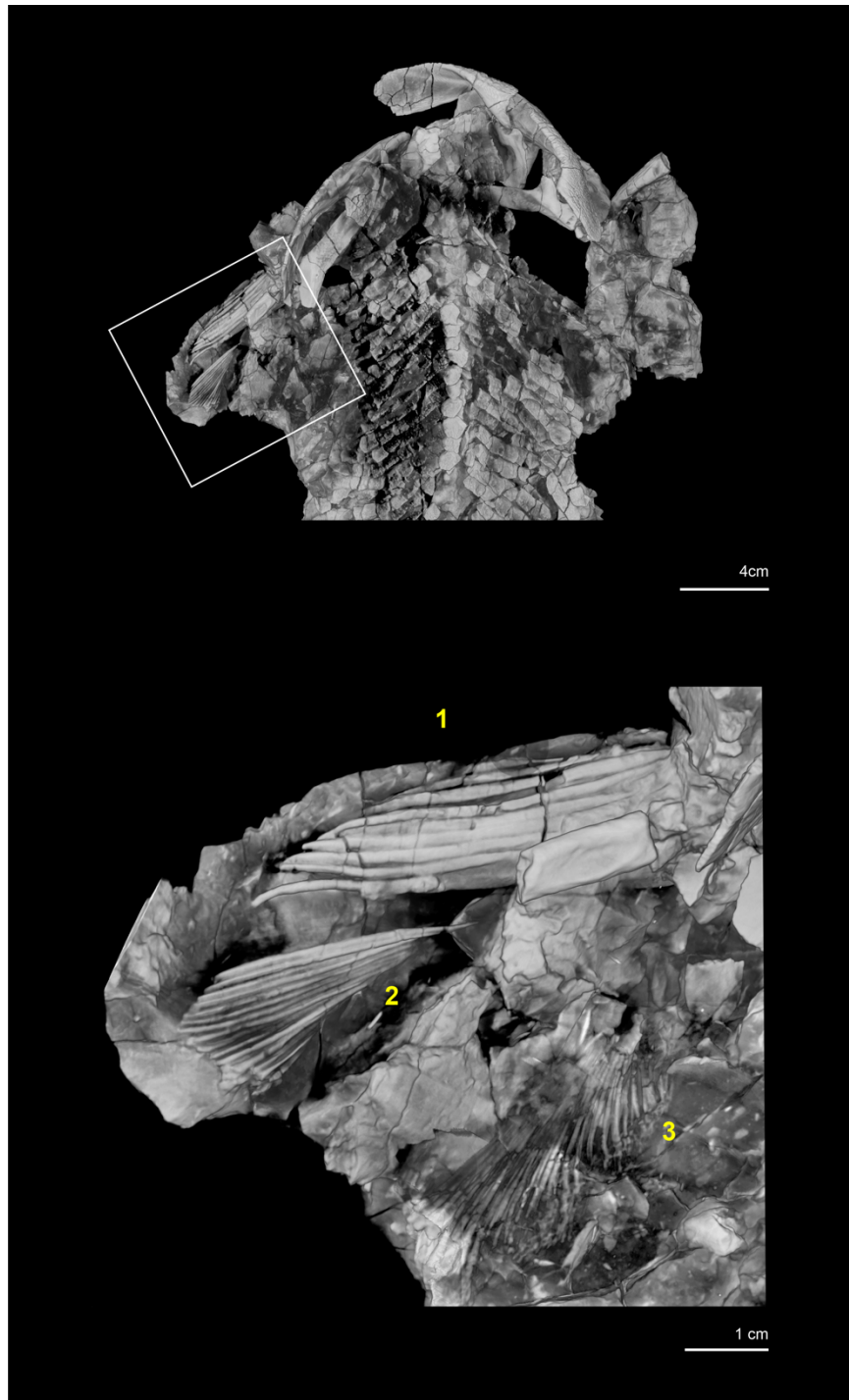


Fig. S5. Pectoral fin rays of *Tiktaalik roseae*, NUFV108. (A) Volumetric rendering of the specimen, which is exposed in dorsal aspect. The left pectoral fin is marked by a white rectangle. Anterior is towards the top. (B) Magnified view of the left pectoral fin. Matrix covering the posterior portion of the fin has been digitally removed. Dermal rays are separated into three groups: (1) rays dorsal to

the radius, (2) distal rays that are expected to have covered the distal fin, and (3) the most posterior group showing a distal fringe.

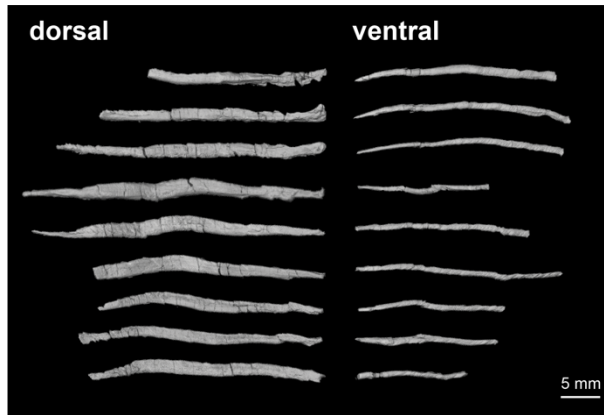


Fig. S6. Dorsal and ventral hemitrichia from *Tiktaalik roseae*, NUFV109, showing dorsoventral asymmetry. The rows are hemitrichia diagnosed as pairs.

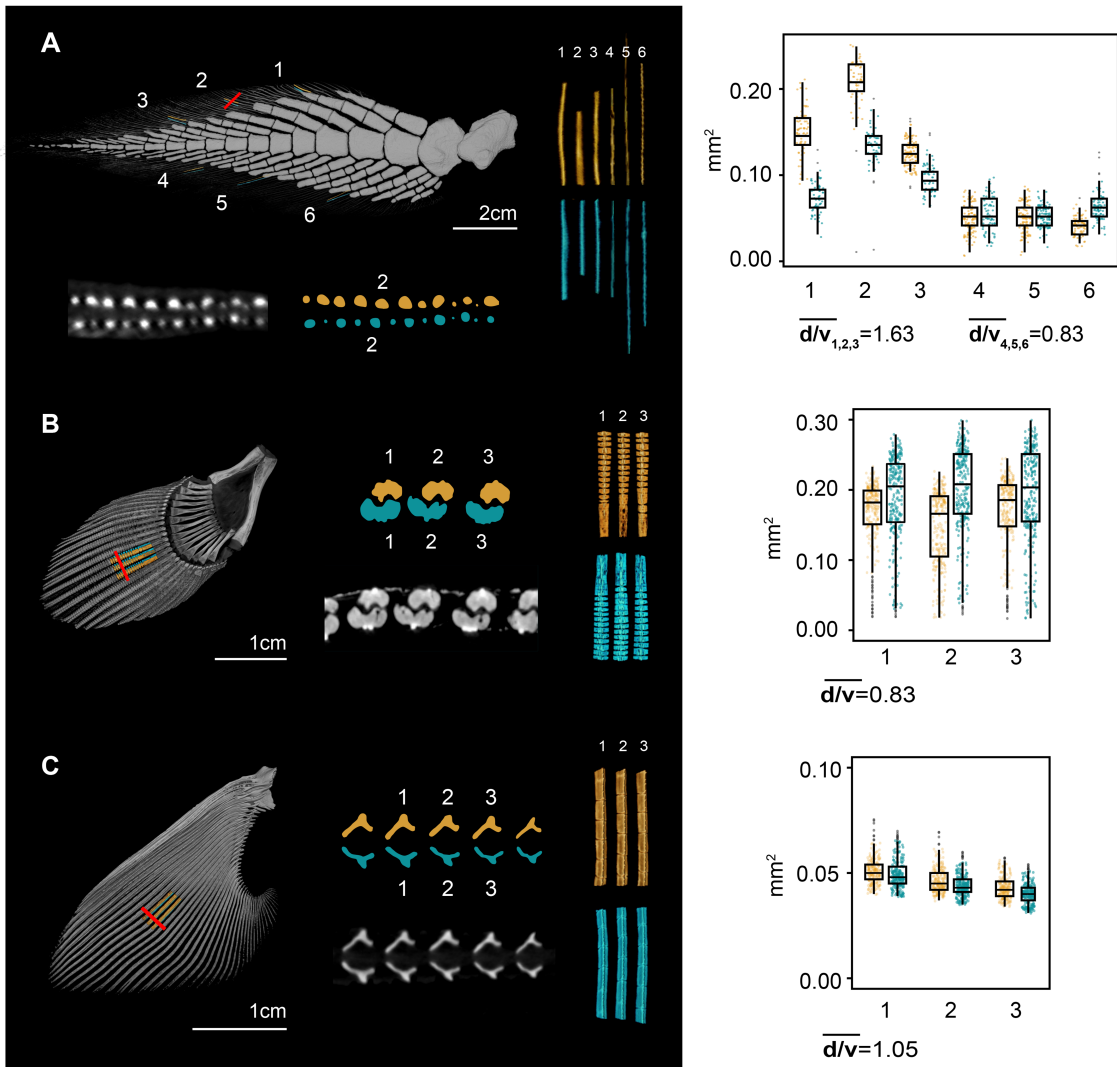
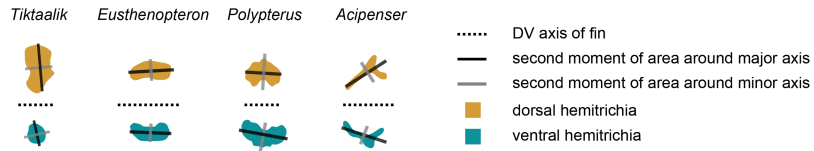


Fig. S7. Comparisons of dorsal and ventral dermal rays in the pectoral fins of *Neoceratodus*, *Polypterus*, and *Acipenser*. (A) Right pectoral fin of *Neoceratodus* (MCZ157440). (B) The right pectoral fin of *Polypterus* (FMNH1217440). (C) The left pectoral fin of *Acipenser* (FMNH144017). For all fins, cross sectional area (CSA) was calculated for pairs of dermal rays. The rays analyzed are numbered from anterior to posterior. Volumetric renderings of the fins indicate the position of the rays that analyzed and also the position of the cross section (denoted by a red line) that is figured and illustrated. For both volumetric renderings and box plots, the color orange-yellow designates dorsal hemitrichia and the color cyan designates ventral hemitrichia. The mean ratios of dorsal to ventral rays CSAs are reported

as the variable “d/v.” Box plots show median value, the first and third quartile, and maximum and minimum values; outlying points are denoted as grey dots.

Schematics of bending axes



Comparisons of 2nd moment of area

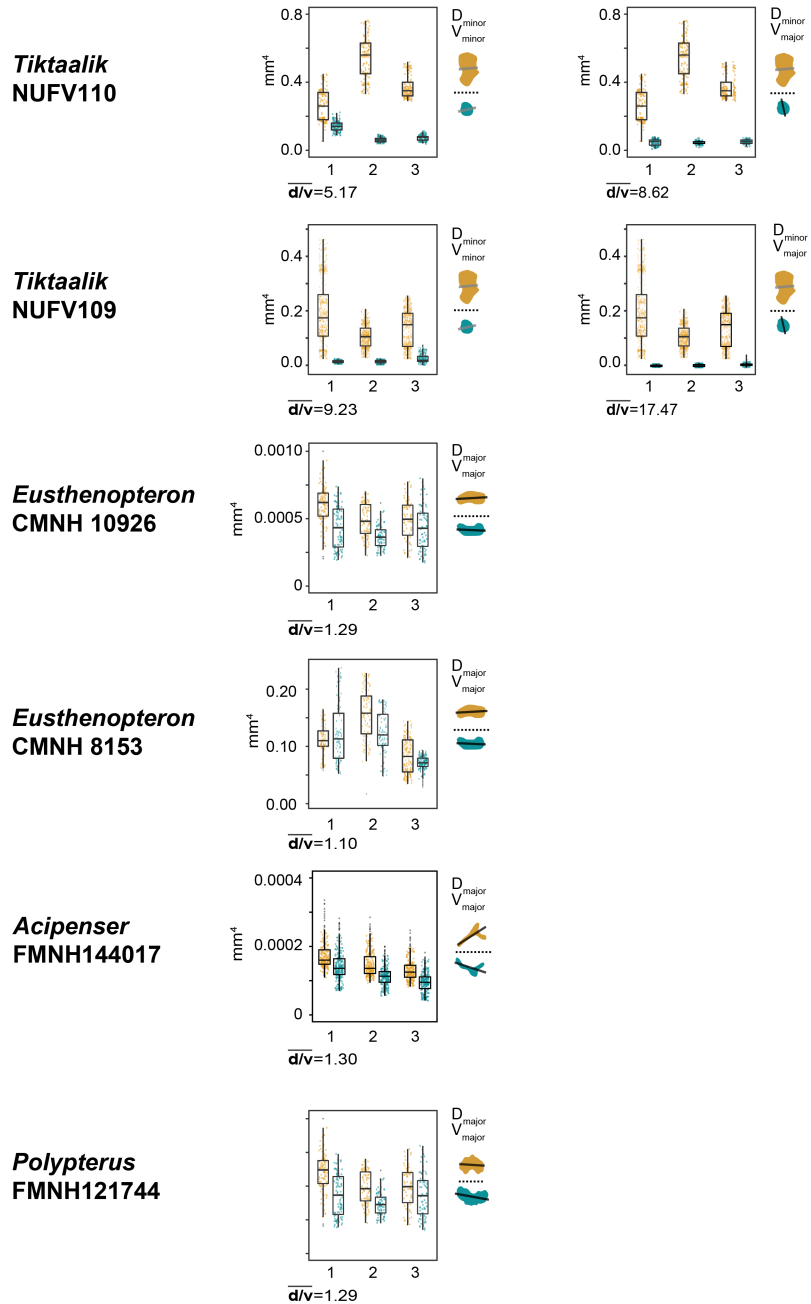


Fig. S8. Comparisons of second moment of area of dorsal and ventral hemitrichia. Schematics show a representative lepidotrichial cross section for each species (taken from Figs 5, S7). For

each pair, the hemitrichia have been maintained in their original orientation relative to one another. A dashed line shows the estimated dorsoventral (DV) axis of the fin. The position and orientation of SMAs around major and minor axes for the representative cross sections are illustrated. To compare SMA of dorsal and ventral hemitrichia in the fin's DV axis, we identified the axis (major or minor) most closely aligned with the DV axis; these comparisons are presented in the left column. To assess the impact of alternative orientations of the ventral rays in *Titkaalik* comparisons were repeated with the alternative axis of bending (*i.e.*, for ventral rays considering SMA around the major axis). The mean ratios of dorsal to ventral hemitrichial SMAs for the three lepidotrichia of each fin are reported as the variable “d/v.” Box plots show median value, the first and third quartile, and maximum and minimum values; outlying points are denoted in as grey dots. In schematics and box plots, the color orange-yellow designates dorsal hemitrichia and the color cyan designates ventral hemitrichia. For all but one of the pairwise comparisons of dorsal and ventral hemitrichia of a lepidotrichia, hemitrichia differ in SMA (Mann–Whitney U test, p value < 0.05) (Table S2). The exception is lepidotrichium 1 of CMNH10926.

Table S1. Computed tomography scanning parameters and specimen information.

taxon	specimen	description	scanner	voltage (kV)	current (uA)	timing (ms)	voxel size (um)	filter (mm)
<i>Sauripterus taylori</i>	ANSP20581	right pectoral fin minus humerus, ventral surface exposed and ventral rays removed	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	90	280	1000	106.199	0.1 Cu
<i>Sauripterus taylori</i>	ANSP20581	humerus of right pectoral fin	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	110	250	1000	29.553	0.3 Cu
<i>Eusthenopteron foordi</i>	CMNH8153	left and right pectoral fins and girdle in a slab	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	90	400	1000	70.012	na
<i>Eusthenopteron foordi</i>	CMNH10926	slab specimen containing a whole animal laterally compressed, broken into two pieces	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	90	300	1000	36.747	na
<i>Tiktaalik roseae</i>	NUFV109	distal tip of right pectoral fin	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	100	370	500	37.716	0.12 Cu
<i>Tiktaalik roseae</i>	NUFV110	nearly complete articulated right pectoral fin	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	90	280	1000	54.158	0.12 Cu
<i>Tiktaalik roseae</i>	NUFV108	Contains left pectoral fin, pectoral girdle, dorsal scales	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	100	570	500	122.441	0.24 Cu
<i>Neoceratodus forsteri</i>	MCZ157440	right pectoral fin	HMXST225	75	140	1000	101.9325	na
<i>Polypterus ornatipinnus</i>	FMNH 1217440	right pectoral fin, skeletonized	GE Phoenix v tome x (240 tube)	70	170	333	24.4	na
<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	FMNH 144017	left pectoral fin	HMXST225	65	150	1000	18.631	na

Table S2. Results of Mann–Whitney U tests comparing dorsal and ventral rays' CSA and SMA in dorsoventral axis.

taxon	specimen	rays compared	value	W	p value
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d1_vs_v1	csa	13274	3.25E-26
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d2_vs_v3	csa	15494	2.36E-42
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d2_vs_v3	csa	16254	2.39E-43
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d1_vs_v1	sma	13604	3.61E-29
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d2_vs_v3	sma	15494	1.29E-42
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUFV110	d2_vs_v3	sma	16254	1.22E-43
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d1_vs_v1	csa	281936	4.68E-175
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d2_vs_v3	csa	309000	1.17E-182
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d2_vs_v3	csa	275706	6.43E-157
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d1_vs_v1	sma	281923	3.90E-175
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d2_vs_v3	sma	309000	1.01E-182
<i>Tiktaalik</i>	NUV109	d2_vs_v3	sma	273260.5	2.36E-151
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d1_vs_v1	csa	6190.5	0.00078785
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d2_vs_v3	csa	3892.5	0.00255005
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d2_vs_v3	csa	3454.5	7.19E-08
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d1_vs_v1	sma	7536.5	1.81E-11
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d2_vs_v3	sma	4761.5	1.09E-09
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH10926	d2_vs_v3	sma	2737.5	0.02840708
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d1_vs_v1	csa	26857	3.69E-08
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d2_vs_v2	csa	6860	3.71E-05
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d3_vs_v3	csa	6815.5	1.09E-16
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d1_vs_v1	sma	23688.5	0.0050361
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d2_vs_v2	sma	7232	5.30E-07
<i>Eusthenopteron</i>	CMNH8153	d3_vs_v3	sma	4499	0.2252802
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d1_vs_v1	csa	24302	8.68E-08
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d2_vs_v2	csa	17777.5	5.36E-22
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d3_vs_v3	csa	25140.5	5.41E-17
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d1_vs_v1	sma	31026	0.16390405
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d2_vs_v2	sma	21005	6.75E-15
<i>Polypterus</i>	FMNH121744	d3_vs_v3	sma	31858	1.41E-11
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d1_vs_v1	csa	28600	0.00182856
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d2_vs_v2	csa	30235	1.42E-05
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d3_vs_v3	csa	32506.5	2.47E-27
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d1_vs_v1	sma	35559.5	1.08E-16
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d2_vs_v2	sma	38261	6.36E-25
<i>Acipenser</i>	FMNH144017	d2_vs_v2	sma	40992	2.27E-47

<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d1_vs_v1	csa	4586.5	2.92E-23
<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d2_vs_v2	csa	2492.5	1.17E-15
<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d3_vs_v3	csa	6514	3.02E-18
<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d4_vs_v4	csa	2906	0.08502689
<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d5_vs_v5	csa	4761.5	0.12736218
<i>Neoceratodus</i>	MCZ157440	d6_vs_v6	csa	687	9.13E-19

Movie S1 (separate file). NUFV110, *Tiktaalik roseae*, pectoral fin with repositioning of endoskeleton.

Movie S2 (separate file). NUFV109, *Tiktaalik roseae*, pectoral fin tip.

Movie S3 (separate file). ANSP20581, *Sauripterus taylori* pectoral fin with repositioning of endoskeleton.

3-dimensional image (separate file). NUFV110, *Tiktaalik roseae*, dermal fin rays and endoskeleton of the pectoral fin.