

Supporting material

**Body Condition Scores (BCS) in European zoo elephants' (*Loxodonta africana* and *Elephas maximus*) lifetimes – a longitudinal analysis**

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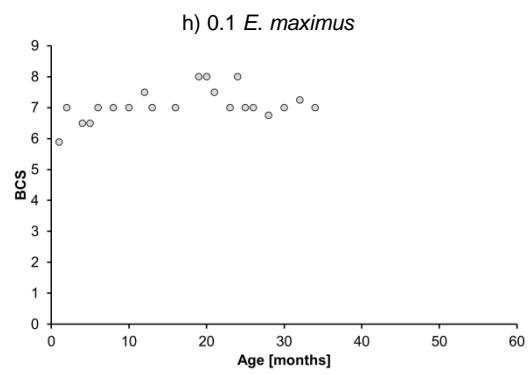
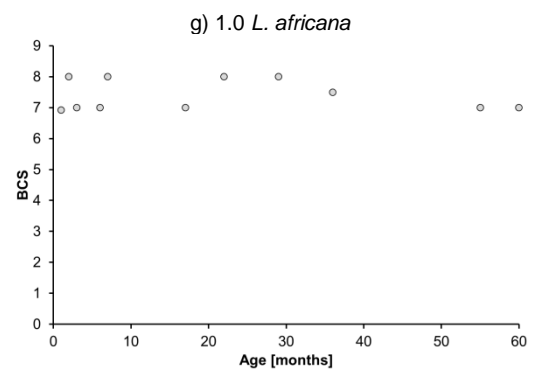
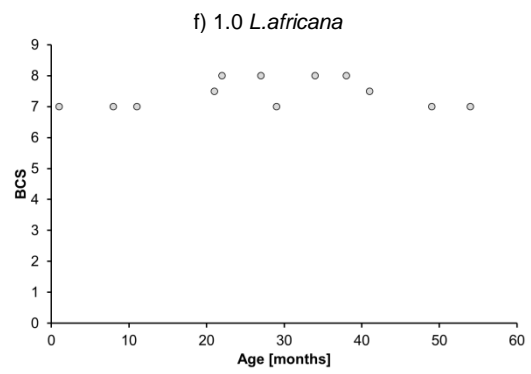
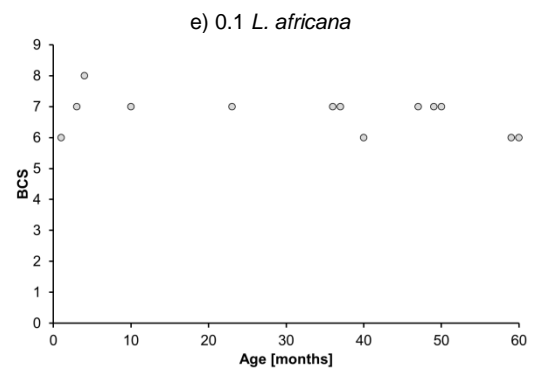
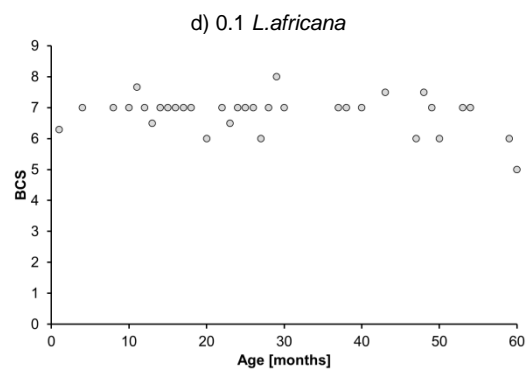
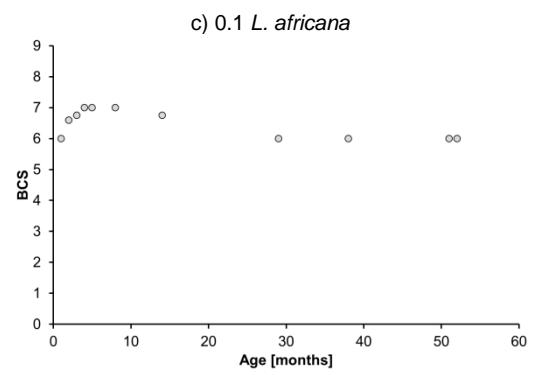
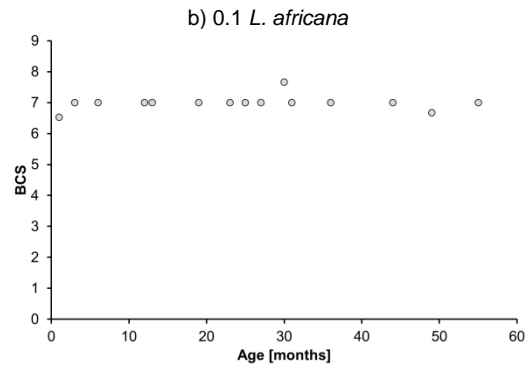
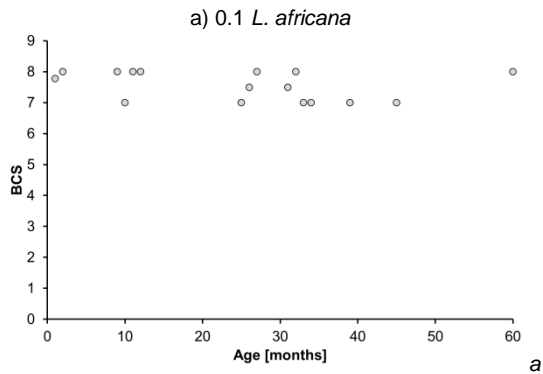
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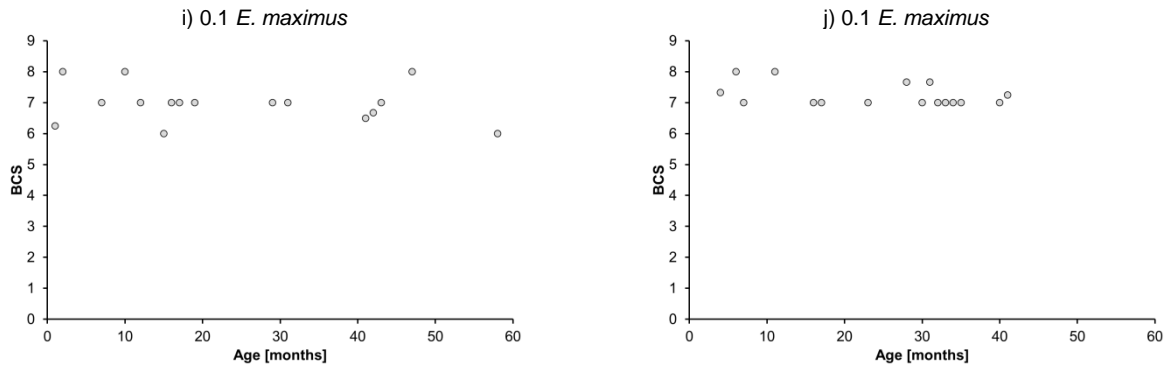
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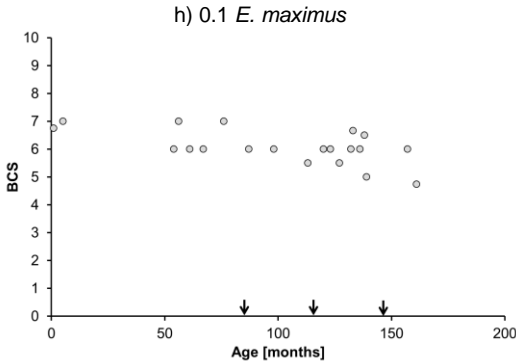
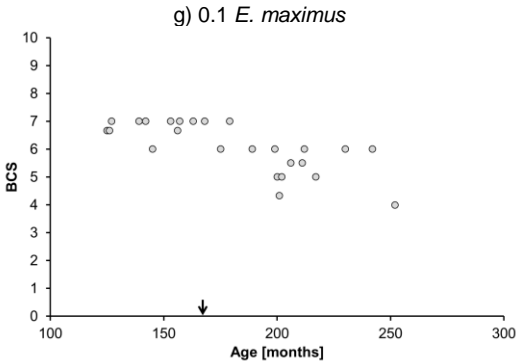
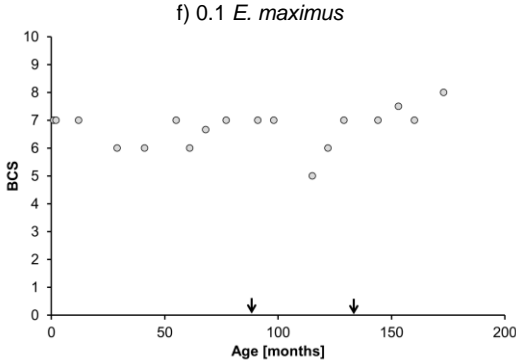
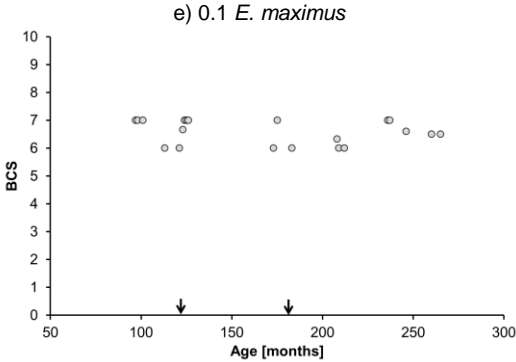
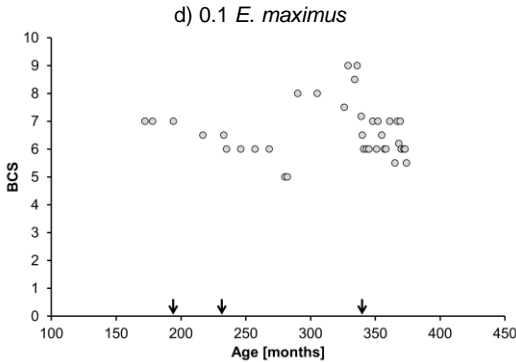
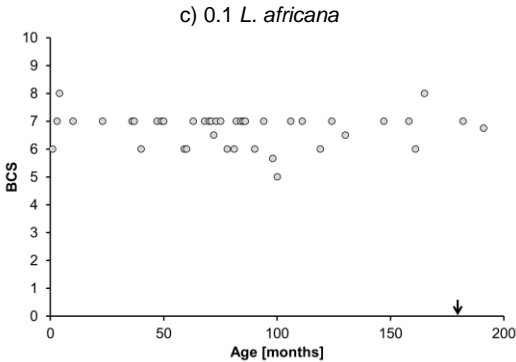
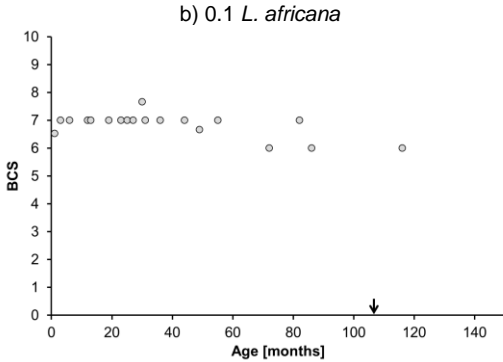
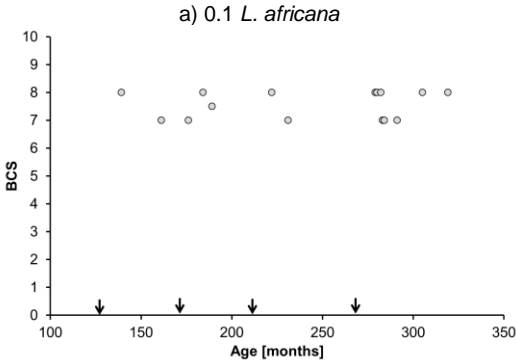
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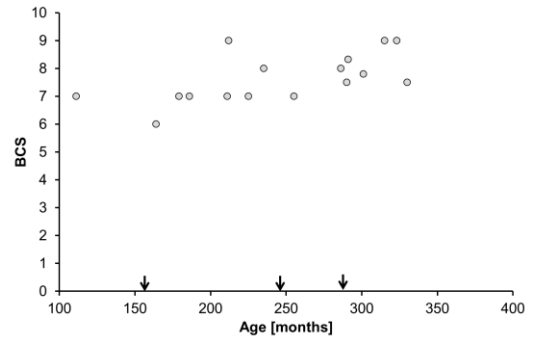
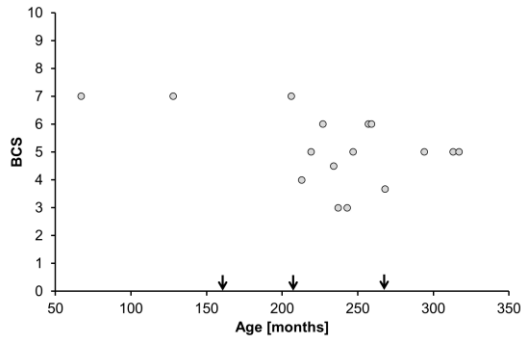
**Figure S1** Change over time of body condition scores in individual zoo elephant calves during their first 5 years of life. The abbreviation 0.1 indicates female and 1.0 male individuals.

B) Females during pregnancy and lactation

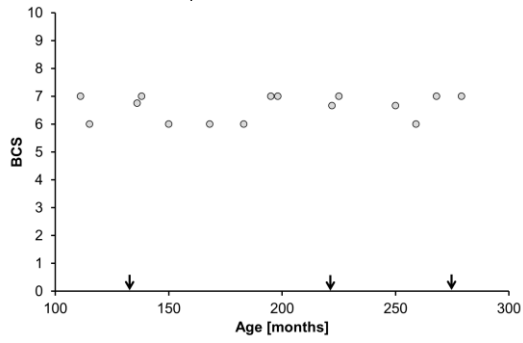


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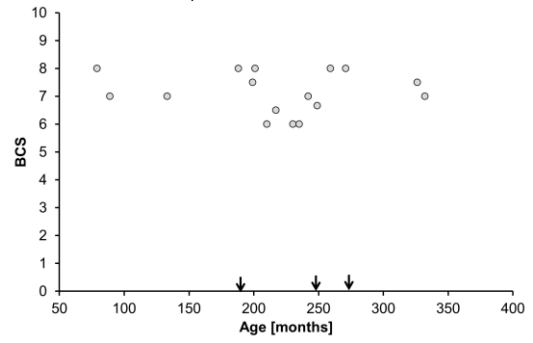
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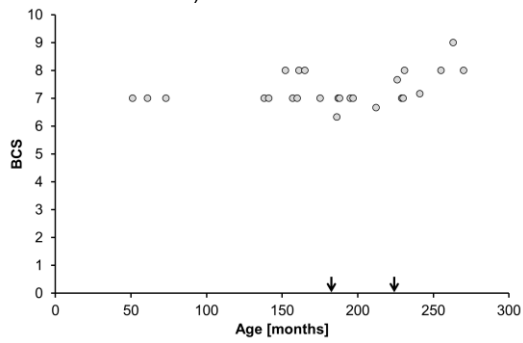
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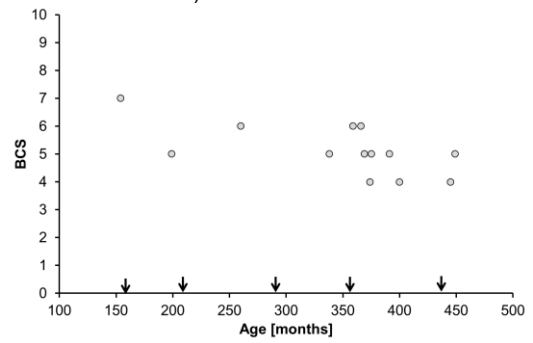
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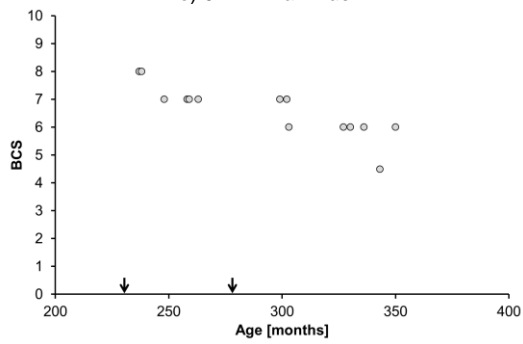
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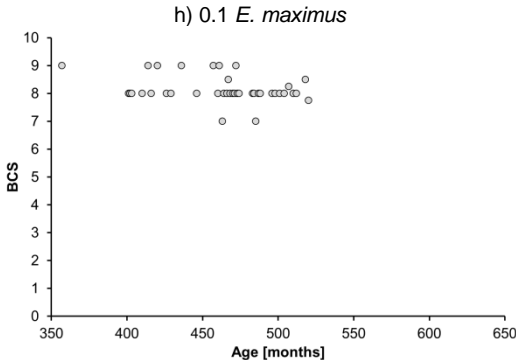
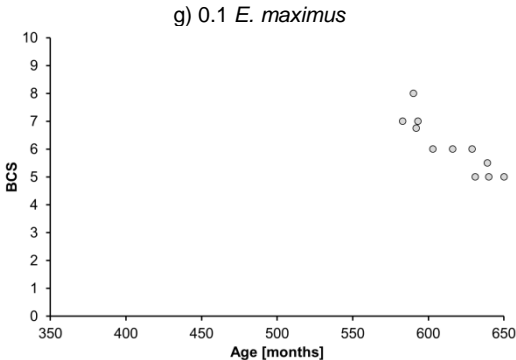
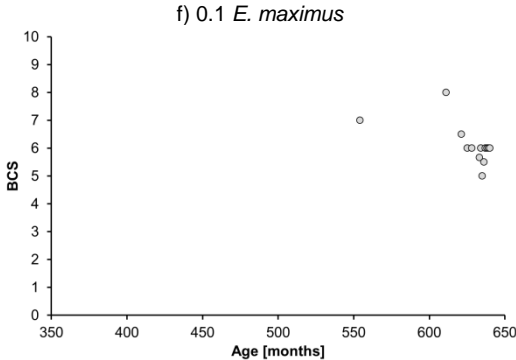
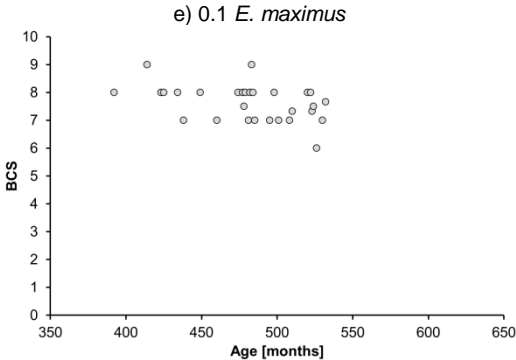
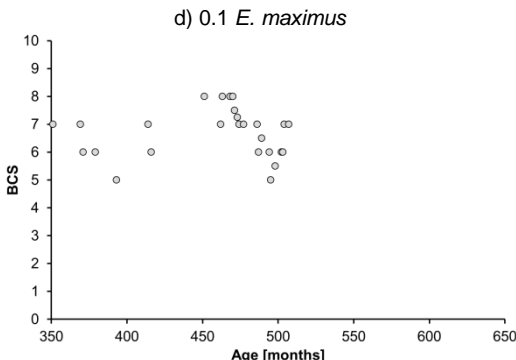
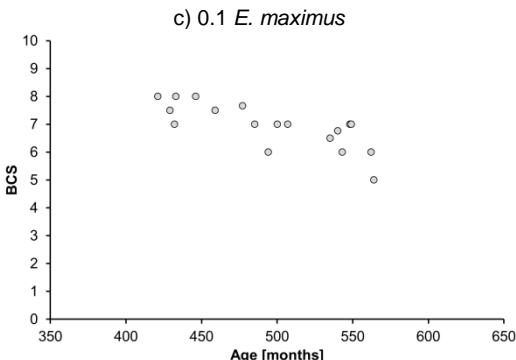
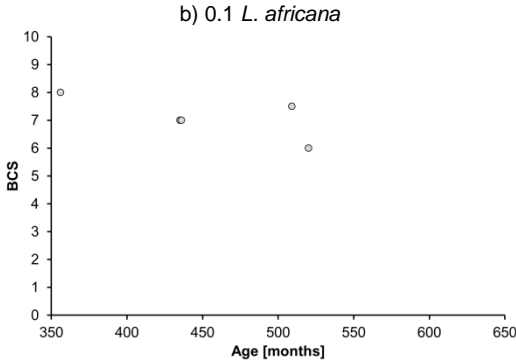
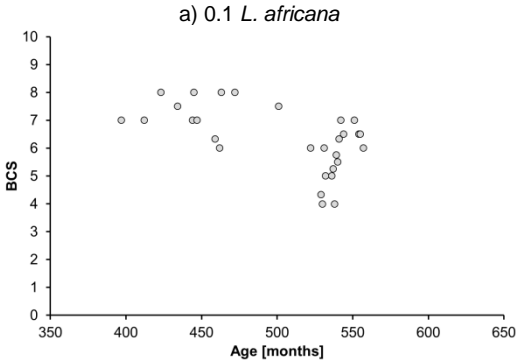


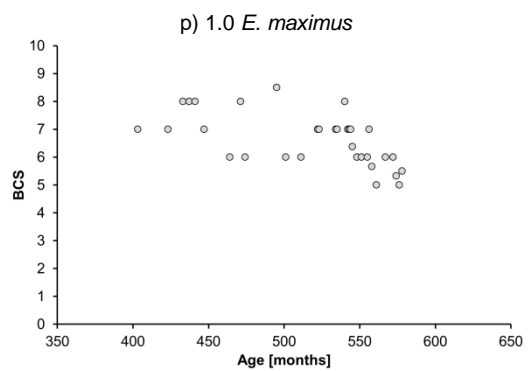
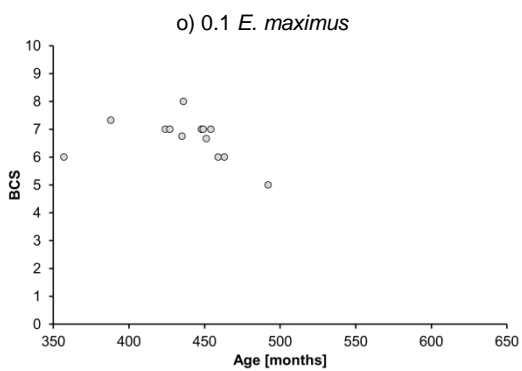
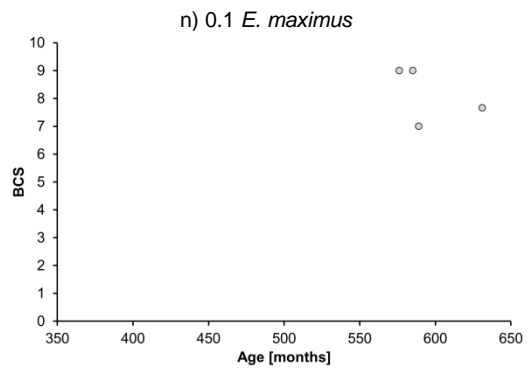
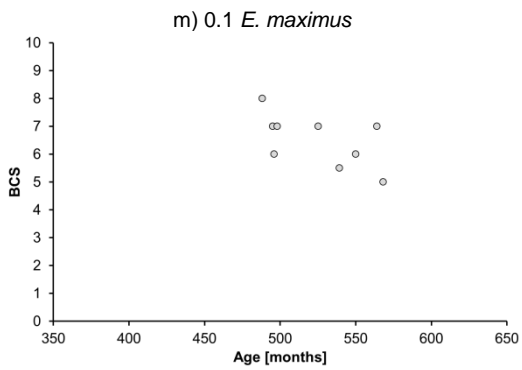
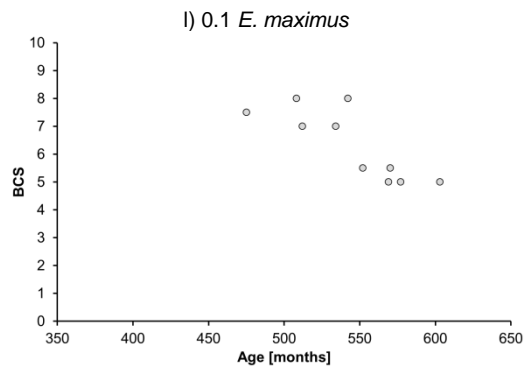
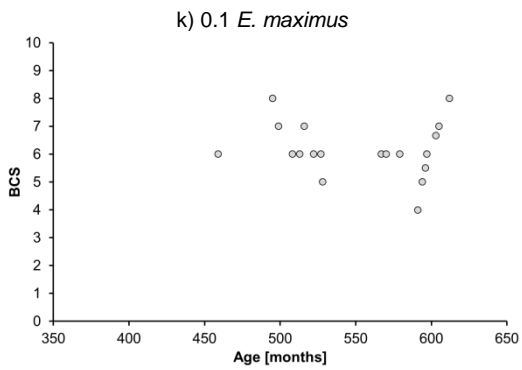
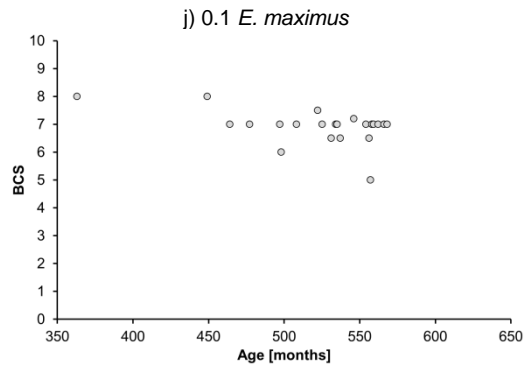
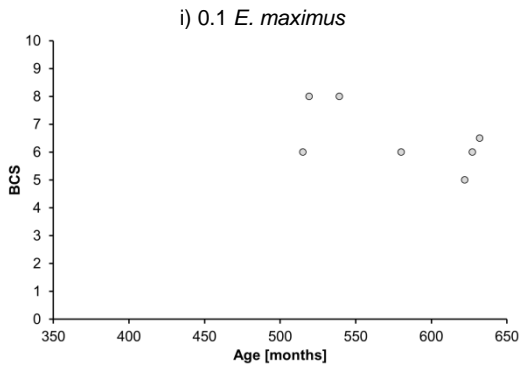
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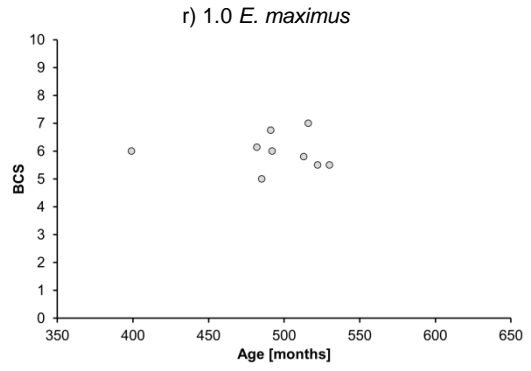
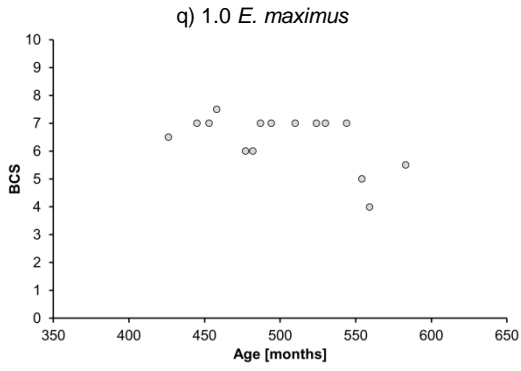


**Figure S2** Change over time of body condition scores in breeding female African and Asian zoo elephants (closed circles indicate occurrence of a birth). The abbreviation 0.1 indicates female individuals.

D) Advanced age (> 40 years)







**Figure S3** Change over time of body condition scores in aged zoo elephants. The abbreviation 0.1 indicates female individuals.