

Table 2 Meristic characters of *P. aheneus* and *P. commersonnii* from the Iraqi marine waters

Meristic characters	<i>P. aheneus</i>	<i>P. commersonnii</i>
Dorsal fin spines	13	11
Dorsal fin rays	14	13
Anal fin spines	3	3
Anal fin rays	8	8
Pectoral fin rays	13	17
Pelvic fin rays	5	5
Gill rakers		
upper raw	7	7
lower raw	14	14