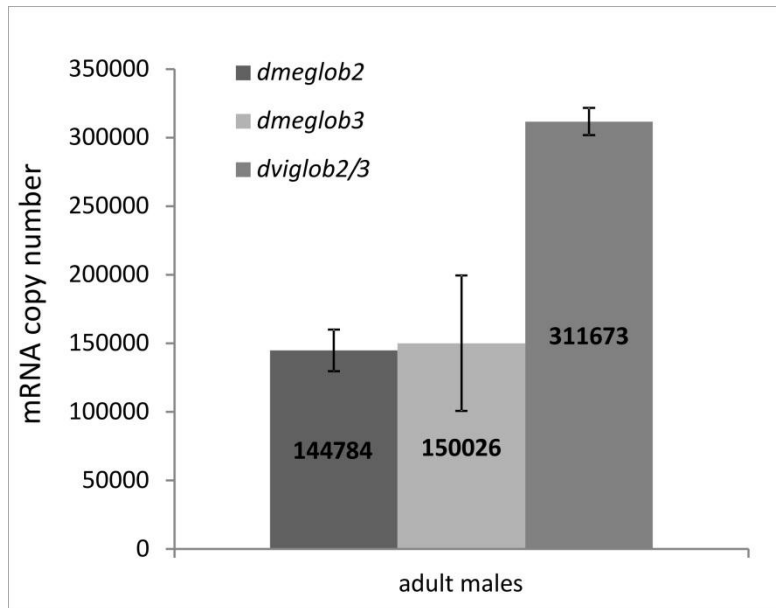




Additional File 3: Absolute mRNA quantitation of *dmeglob2*, *dmeglob3* and *dviglob2/3*

Glob2, *glob3* and *glob2/3* absolute mRNA copy number in male adult flies of *D. melanogaster* and *D. virilis*, measured with qPCR. *Dmeglob2* (144784 copies) and *dmeglob3* (150026 copies) copy number summed up is equal to *dviglob2/3* copy number (311673 copies).