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1 **Temporal variation in cave bear (*Ursus spelaeus*) dentition: the**
2 **stratigraphic sequence of Scladina Cave, Belgium**

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30 **Abstract**

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32 The supposed herbivorous cave bear (*Ursus spelaeus*) occupied Europe throughout the
33 Quaternary. Being subject to large spatial variation has led to the intensive study on its
34 geographical polymorphism, generating debates on sub-speciation. However, temporal
35 morphological information on the species is somewhat lacking. Here, we apply geometric
36 morphometrics (GMM) technique to investigate temporal morphological variation in molar
37 size and shape of *Ursus spelaeus* from different chronostratigraphic sediment units in a
38 geographically confined site (Scladina Cave, Belgium), covering approximately 100,000
39 years.

40 Our findings show significant morphological variation between groups analysed in both size
41 and shape. M² dentition shows a chronological size increase with PCA plots visually
42 expressing differences in all groups, relating to a buccolingual expansion and an increase of
43 the talonid masticatory platform through time. Reduction in the M¹ is also shown, possibly to
44 maintain biomechanical performance of dentition for effective mastication, more so in groups
45 relating to the latter stages of the Quaternary.

46 Findings suggest a rapid response to climatic factors constraining consumable food sources,
47 with GMM offering a promising analytical approach in understanding the palaeobiology,
48 palaeoecology and morphological variation in extinct and extant fossil mammals.

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50 Keywords: Teeth; Geometric morphometrics; morphology; Quaternary; climatic adaptation

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53 **1. Introduction**

54 The Quaternary was characterised by multiple glacial and interglacial periods resulting in
55 fluctuations of warmer and colder climates across the globe (Dansgaard et al., 1982; Johnsen
56 et al., 1992; Rasmussen et al., 2014). Controversial evidence for the impact of such climatic
57 cycles on mammalian speciation and extinction rate has been presented (Lister, 2004;
58 Barnosky, 2005; Sandom et al., 2014) and, depending on the species, population
59 morphological responses remain, to some extent, questionable (e.g., Dayan et al., 1991;
60 Mazza and Bertini, 2003). As observed for the majority of mammalian taxa (Clauss et al.
61 2013), Bergmann's rule should apply on a temporal scale. Therefore, it could be predicted
62 that within the same species larger body sizes should evolve during colder stages of the
63 Quaternary as compared to warmer interglacial stages. Early work on carnivores, such as the
64 red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) and spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*), provided strong evidence of

65 size changes related to Quaternary climate (Davis, 1977, 1981; Klein, 1986; Klein and Scott,
66 1989). When species interaction is considered, the support for climate-related body size
67 changes in both fossils and modern carnivores is more equivocal (Dayan et al., 1991; Meiri et
68 al., 2004).

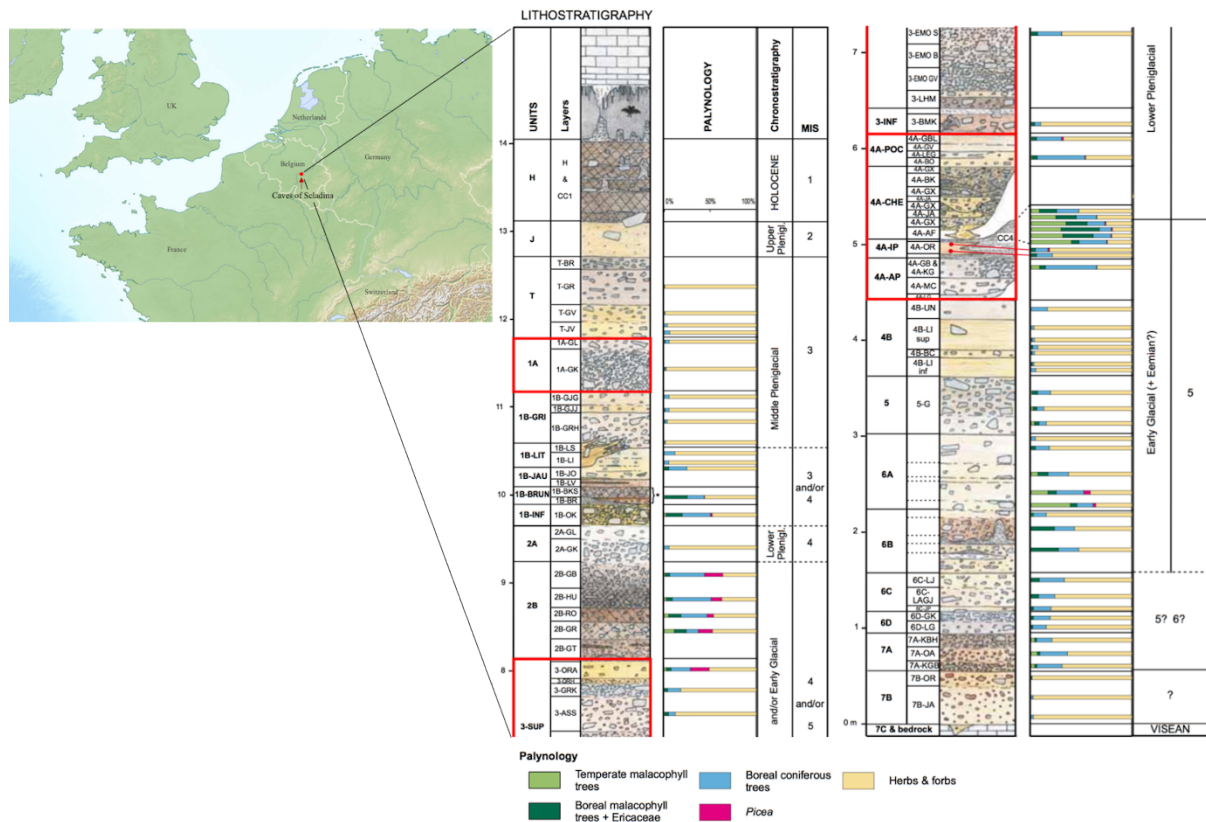
69 Within this context, the cave bear (*Ursus spelaeus*) is an interesting case in point. Kurtén
70 (1955) revealed the potentially rapid response rate of cave bear size to Pleistocene climatic
71 changes, but no further support to this hypothesis has been proposed so far. Intensive studies
72 into cave bear tooth morphology and skull variation have revealed differential geographical
73 variation (Baryshnikov, 1998, 2006; Baryshnikov and Puzachenko, 2011; Goubel et al.,
74 2012; Torres et al., 2002) with unclear patterns of temporal variation within the same
75 population. Ursid dentition has been demonstrated to show dietary proclivity and adaptations
76 to environments, giving insights into environmental stressors during certain temporal
77 intervals in a population (Christiansen, 2007; Mattson, 1998; Sacco and Van Valkenburgh,
78 2004). Nevertheless, many other factors can impact morphological variation. The cave bear is
79 a largely polymorphic species, with many sub-species being described in previous studies,
80 and continuing arguments whether these variants represent separate species or sub-species
81 status (Baryshnikov and Puzachenko, 2011; Grandal-d'Anglade and López-González, 2005;
82 Grandal-d'Anglade and Vidal Romani, 1997; Hofreiter et al., 2004; Rabeder et al., 2004).
83 Spatial morphological differences in dentition have been found in cave bears throughout
84 karstic networks (Rabeder et al., 2004, 2008), suggesting geographic isolation and lack of
85 migration in the species as a likely culprit (Grandal-d'Anglade and López González, 2004).

86 Rabeder (1983, 1999) and Baryshnikov (1998) demonstrated that cheek teeth analysed
87 chronostratigraphically can acceptably detail a model of dental evolution. Seetah et al. (2012)
88 investigated temporal variation in cave bears from different stratigraphic layers of Vindija
89 cave in Croatia, finding no significant morphological variation across the thirty-thousand-
90 year period analysed. This trend was argued to be the result of the highly flexible
91 paleoecology of the cave bear whose herbivorous dietary habit has been a substantial matter
92 of debate (Pacher and Stuart, 2009). A recent revision from Bocherens (2018) on cave bear
93 palaeodiet, support strong overlap in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between cave bears and large
94 mammalian herbivores of the same temporal frame, although evidence of extreme herbivory
95 in skull morphology is still controversial (Meloro, 2011; van Heteren et al. 2015, 2016).

96 Here, we investigate size and shape variation in a large sample of upper molars belonging
97 to cave bears from Scladina Cave. Scladina Cave (Belgium) (Fig. 1) is of great importance in

98 the field of Quaternary fauna, having unveiled Neanderthal remains in the complex of Units
 99 4A and *U. spelaeus* assemblages throughout its complex chronostratigraphic sequence.

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102 **Fig. 1.** A map of North-West Europe showing the position of Scladina Cave with its
 103 chronostratigraphic sedimentary sequence, including correlating marine oxygen isotope
 104 stages, palynology and chronostratigraphic time frames. Units analysed in this study are
 105 highlighted in red boxes (modified after Pirson et al., 2014).

106 Belgium continues to be a region of importance in the field of palaeontology,
 107 palaeoecology and palaeoanthropology, with research focusing on hominin and megafauna
 108 interaction (Abrams et al., 2014), anthropogenic and environmental impacts on *Ursus* species
 109 (Naito et al. 2016), cave bear life (Germonpré, 2004; Germonpré and Sablin, 2001), diet
 110 (Bocherens, 2009 and 2018; Peigné et al., 2009) and their skeletal morphology (Baryshnikov
 111 et al., 2003; Goubel et al., 2012). Despite such intense research focus, a chronostratigraphical
 112 analysis of the *U. spelaeus* assemblage is lacking for Scladina Cave.

113 By employing the geometric morphometric method (GMM, Adams et al., 2004, 2013) we
 114 aim to investigate temporal morphological variation in molar size and shape of cave bear
 115 from a geographically confined site. Both these aspects are expected to change over temporal

116 scale in relation to climatic oscillations. Our sample spans c.ca 100,000 years, a period long
117 enough for a large mammal to exhibit a degree of morphological change.

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119 **2. Materials and Methods**

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121 *2.1 Sites and Specimens*

122 All teeth used in this study are upper M¹ and M², derived from the stratigraphy of Scladina
123 Cave (Sclayn, Belgium, Fig. 1). The village of Sclayn, Namur province, is situated on the
124 border of high and middle Belgium, on a previous southern side tributary of the Meuse river,
125 Ri de Pontaine. Scladina Cave, along with around 15 other smaller caves are set into the west
126 wall of the Fond des Vaux valley (Dubois, 1981), with its porch 7m below a plateau. Sister
127 caves Saint Paul and Sous Saint Paul interlink with this main cavity (5m south and 7m below,
128 respectively), known as the “Caves of Sclayn” (50°29'8.034"N, 5°1'34.5684"E) (Bonjean et
129 al., 2014; Pirson, 2007). Even though the network has been explored since the early 1950s,
130 Scladina Cave was discovered by amateurs in 1971 and has been under scientific excavation
131 since 1978 (Otte et al., 1983). The stratigraphy of Scladina expands over 15m in depth,
132 comprising of 30+ units and 120+ layers (Pirson et al., 2008). Samples used here from
133 Scladina Cave have been excavated over a 30-year period (1981-2001), under directors
134 Marcel Otte (1978-1991) and Dominique Bonjean (1991-present). The teeth analysed have
135 been exhumed from three major stratigraphic units, covering approximately 100,000 years:
136 1A (~38-40 kya; MIS 3), 3 (MIS 4 and/or 5) and 4A (< 153±15kya; MIS 5) (Pirson et al.,
137 2014). Assemblage dates are based on other associated finds from corresponding strata using:
138 radiometric dates on animal bone and dentition, on speleothem (Abrams et al., 2010; Bonjean
139 et al., 2011; Pirson et al., 2008), infrared stimulated luminescence on sediment (Unit 4B;
140 Pirson et al., 2014), , gamma spectrometry on the Neanderthal mandible (complex of Units
141 4A) (Toussaint et al., 1998) and the general chronostratigraphic interpretation of the deposits
142 (Pirson et al., 2014).

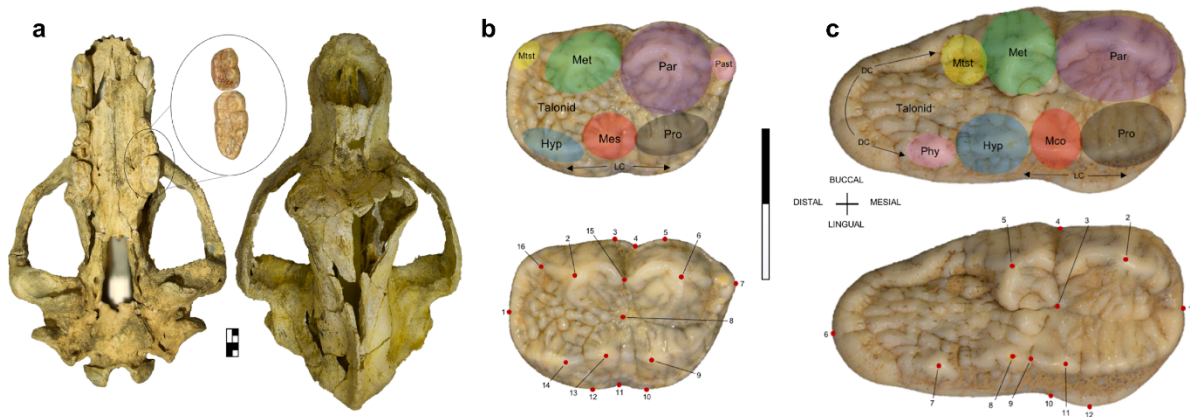
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144 *2.2 Landmark Configuration*

145 All specimens investigated were first and second permanent upper molars (M¹ and M²)
146 housed in the Scladina site collection facility (for full list and catalogue number see
147 Appendix). Right and left sided dentition were equally represented by n=169 and n=162.

148 The specimens were measured using an electronic calliper at 0.05 mm of accuracy and
 149 occlusal surface photographs taken if they met the exclusion criteria. Samples without
 150 complete linear measurements, worn to a point where placing landmarks became difficult,
 151 fractured distorting true size or fractured where a complete outline of the occlusal surface
 152 became unobtainable were excluded. These exclusion criteria resulted in 331 samples for
 153 geometric morphometric analysis.

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156 **Fig. 2.** (a) Inferior (left) and superior (right) view of *U. spelaeus* cranium, with focus to the
 157 M¹ and M². No SC-99-47-1 from stratigraphic units 4A of Scladina Cave. (b) (Above)
 158 Anatomical nomenclature for right upper M¹. (Below) Landmark configuration for right
 159 upper M¹. (c) (Above) Anatomical nomenclature for right upper M². (Below) Landmark
 160 configuration for right upper M². Refer to Table 1. for Description and methodology.

161 Abbreviations are: Par = paracone, Met = metacone, M1st = metastyle, Mes = mesocone (2nd
 162 (distal) protocone), Pro = protocone, Mco = metaconule (mesocone), Hyp = hypocone, Phy =
 163 post-hypocone, Past = parastyle, LC = lingual cingulum, DC = distal cingulum.

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Landmark	Definition
M ¹	1 Central crease of Distal cingulum following the mesial/distal crease
	2 Peak of metacone
	3 Buccal apex of distal half
	4 Buccal crease between paracone and metacone
	5 Buccal apex of mesial half
	6 Peak of mesial paracone
	7 Peak of parastyle
	8 Internal valley of mesocone, paracone and metacone
	9 Peak of protocone

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- 10 Lingual apex of mesial half
 - 11 Lingual crease, lingual to the mesocone
 - 12 Lingual apex of distal half
 - 13 Peak of mesocone
 - 14 Peak of hypocone
 - 15 Valley between paracone and metacone, where the paracone and metacone curvilinear ridges meet
 - 16 Valley between metacone and metastyle, following curvilinear ridge

M²

- 1 Central crease of mesial border following the mesial/distal crease
 - 2 Peak of paracone
 - 3 Internal valley of Distal (2nd) protocone (metaconule), paracone and metacone
 - 4 Buccal crease between paracone and metacone
 - 5 Peak of metacone
 - 6 Central crease of Distal cingulum following the mesial/distal crease
 - 7 Peak of distal cusp of hypocone (Peak of post-hypocone)
 - 8 Peak of mesial cusp of hypocone (peak of hypocone)
 - 9 Valley between hypocone and Distal (2nd) protocone (metaconule)
 - 10 Crease where cingulum meets crown lingually
 - 11 Peak of Distal (2nd) protocone (metaconule)
 - 12 Apex of cingulum
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166 **Table 1.** Adapted definition and numbering sequence of landmarks for M¹ and M² (Rabeder
167 1999; Torres 1988; Tsoukala and Grandal-d'Anglade 2002; Von Den Driesch 1976).

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169 Occlusal surface images of the dentition were taken using a Nikon D5300 and Sigma 105mm
170 f2.8 OS EX DG Macro Lens at a general distance of 50 cm. Two-dimensional anatomical
171 landmark coordinates were taken using the software tpsDIG2 (Rohlf, 2015). M¹ specimens
172 were ultimately represented by 198 specimens covered by 16 landmarks while for the M² 133
173 specimens were recorded with 12 landmarks (Fig. 2). The landmarks were chosen to cover
174 the external tooth surface and the main / most visible cups. A full definition of the landmark
175 configuration is shown in Table 1. All images, measurements and landmarks were taken by
176 Daniel Charters only to alleviate inter-observer error.

177 2.3 Geometric Morphometrics (GMM)

178 Landmark configurations were superimposed separately for M¹ and M² using a
179 Generalised Procrustes analysis (GPA). This procedure performs a rotation, translation and

180 scaling of the original 2D Cartesian coordinates (Rohlf and Slice, 1990) in order to obtain a
181 new set of coordinates named “Procrustes coordinates” that allow multivariate quantification
182 of the shape for each specimen. Each landmark configuration was scaled to a unit centroid
183 size (CS, this is defined as the centre of gravity of each configuration, produced by
184 calculating the square root of the sum of squared distances from each landmark to the
185 barycentre). Together with tooth length, CS (log transformed to ensure normality) was used
186 as a proxy for specimen size.

187 In order to identify potential differences in tooth size and shape, each specimen was
188 categorised according to its chronostratigraphic context (=layer). Size differences between
189 specimens from different stratigraphic layers were tested using standard one-way analysis of
190 variance (ANOVA) in SPSS (version 23.0) followed by post-hoc tests and visualised using
191 box plots. Variation in tooth shape was tested adopting the Procrustes ANOVA test in the R
192 package Geomorph (Adams and Collyer, 2015; Adams and Otárola-Castillo, 2013) with
193 further pairwise permutation tests on both M^1 and M^2 shape coordinates. Visualisation and
194 interpretation of the shape variation was conducted using Principal Component Analysis of
195 shape coordinates in PAST (version 2.17, Hammer et al., 2001). PCA allows extrapolation of
196 orthogonal vectors that describe major variation within a multivariate sample. Additionally,
197 thin plate spline provides a way to show how shape changes occur along each PC vector
198 relative to the mean (a configuration that is plotted at the origin of PC axis and shows no
199 deformation).

200 In addition to standard PCA we also performed a between-group PCA (Mitteroecker and
201 Bookstein, 2011) assuming layers as groups to characterise distinct tooth populations. The
202 between-group PCA is rotational invariant and provides a different perspective on visualising
203 specimen variation that is projected around group means. PCA and between group PCA
204 scatter plots with 95% confidence ellipses and wireframe deformation grids were performed
205 using PAST (version 2.17, Hammer et al., 2001).

206 Allometry was tested in MorphoJ (version 1.06) using log transformed CS as independent
207 variable and Procrustes coordinates as dependent. This was repeated separately for each tooth
208 and each layer to better identify if allometric variation explained different percentage of
209 shape variance through time. Morphological disparity tests were also computed on shape PC
210 scores to quantify variation in the multivariate shape space through time (Foote, 1992). By
211 using the R package Geomorph morphological disparity was quantified for each layer and a
212 permutation test was implemented to test for variance differences between layers. As sex
213 could not be determined from the fossil samples, we were unable to perform any robust

214 statistical assessment of sexual dimorphism. By checking size distribution for each layer
 215 there was no clear evidence of bi-modality and this did not allow us to determine
 216 subpopulations of small (eventually females) vs big (males) specimens within each layer.
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218 3. Results

219 3.1 Tooth Size

220 ANOVAs for M¹ showed significant differences in length (=l) and width (=w) between
 221 stratigraphic layers (l: $F_{2, 195} = 9.197, P < 0.001$; w: $F_{2, 195} = 16.228, P < 0.001$. Post-hoc
 222 comparisons revealed specimens from units 3 to be significantly bigger in both length and
 223 width than the other units (1A $P < 0.01$, 4A $P < 0.001$) (Table 2). The Unit 1A and units 4A
 224 specimens were no different from each other.

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Layer/Sample	1A	3	4A
1A	-	0.003	0.894
3	0.0001	-	0.0001
4A	0.896	0.0001	-

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230 **Table 2.** *P* values expressed from Tukey HSD pairwise comparison test for M¹ length and
 231 width respectively, above and below the main diagonal. Significance is highlighted in bold.

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233 M² length ($F_{2, 130} = 10.084, P < 0.001$) and width ($F_{2, 130} = 10.017, P < 0.001$) ANOVAs
 234 were equally significant. Second molars from units 4A (l: 43.6303 ± 3.07871 , w: $22.3727 \pm$
 235 1.30678) were smaller than Unit 1A (l: 46.2483 ± 2.41343 , w: $23.5897 \pm 1.32952, P < 0.001$)
 236 and units 3 (l: 45.4824 ± 2.70567 , w: $23.2505 \pm 1.08956, P < 0.05$) (Table 3).

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238 M¹ and M² ANOVAs for log centroid size were equally significant ($P < 0.001$) (Fig. 3).
 239 Post-hoc tests showed that teeth from units 4A were significantly different from Unit 1A and
 240 units 3 in both M¹ and M² ($P < 0.001$ in all comparisons). Specimens from units 1A and 3
 241 were not different in centroid size.

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Layer/Sample	1A	3	4A
1A	-	0.339	<0.001
3	0.378	-	0.010
4A	<0.001	0.009	-

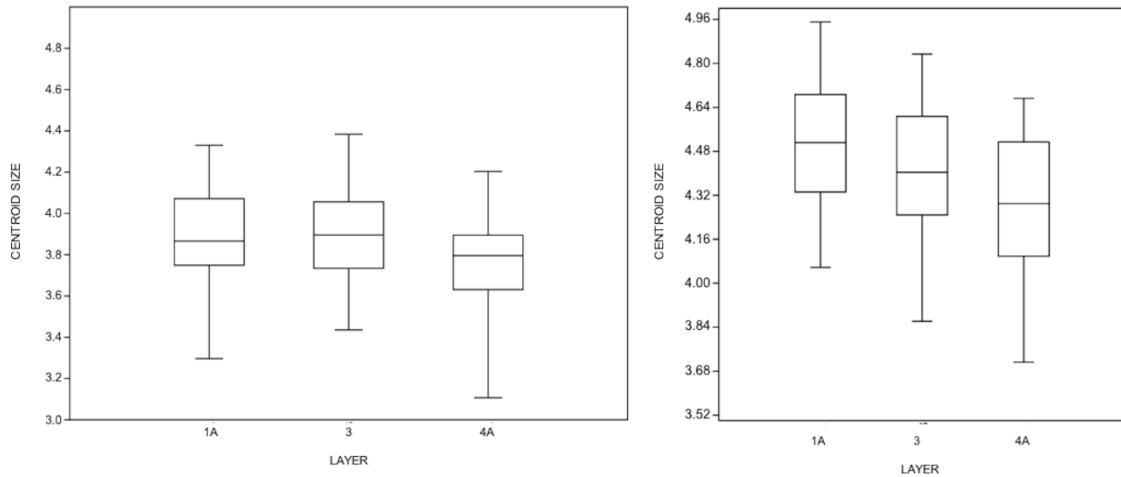
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247 **Table 3.** *P* values expressed from Tukey HSD pairwise comparison test for M² length and
248 width respectively, above and below the main diagonal. Significance is highlighted in bold.



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250 **Fig. 3.** (a) M¹ and (b) M² box plots of M¹ log centroid size showing means and quartile
251 distribution.

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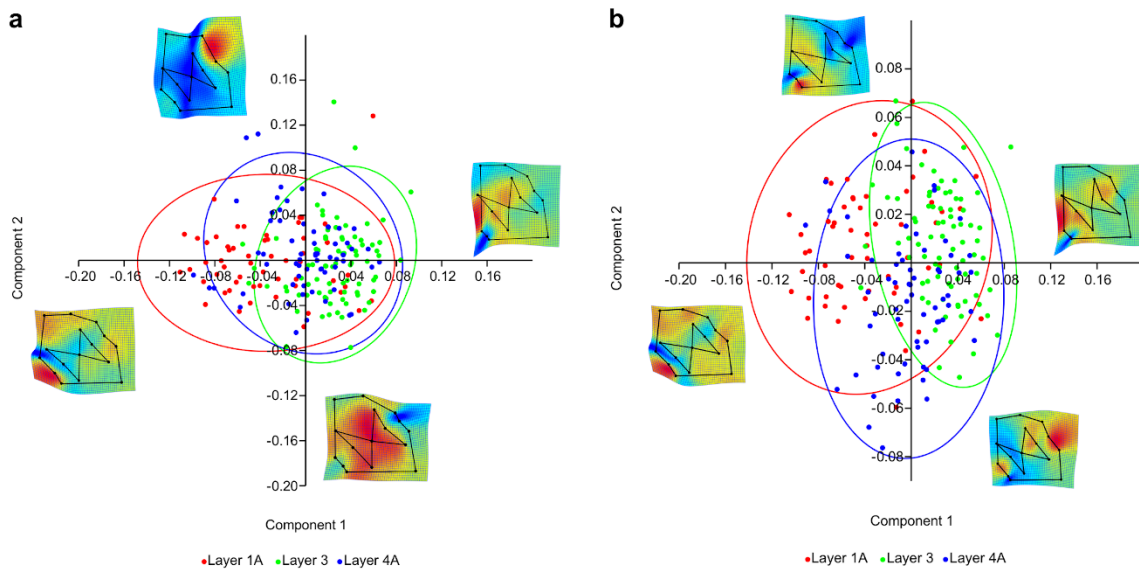
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254 3.2 Tooth shape

255 Procrustes ANOVA (Fig 4a and b.) for M¹ shape data showed significant differences
256 between layers ($F = 8.9128$, $Z = 7.4593$, $df = 2, 195$, $P < 0.001$; $r^2 = 0.083757$). However,
257 large overlap between groups was expressed visually in both standard and between group
258 PCA scatter plots (standard = PC1 20.06%, PC2 12.429% var, between-group = PC1
259 86.411% var, PC2 13.589% var). Pairwise permutation tests were equally significant in all
260 comparisons ($P < 0.01$ in all cases). Positive PC1 scores (generally associated with
261 specimens from units 3) show an overall lingual shortening of M¹ mesiodistally, represented
262 by a contraction of landmarks 10, 11 and 12. Most Unit 1A specimens, in comparison to units
263 3, clusters more negatively on PC1. This relates to a contraction between the peak of the
264 hypocone and lingual apex. Units 4A specimens strongly overlap with units 1A and 3.

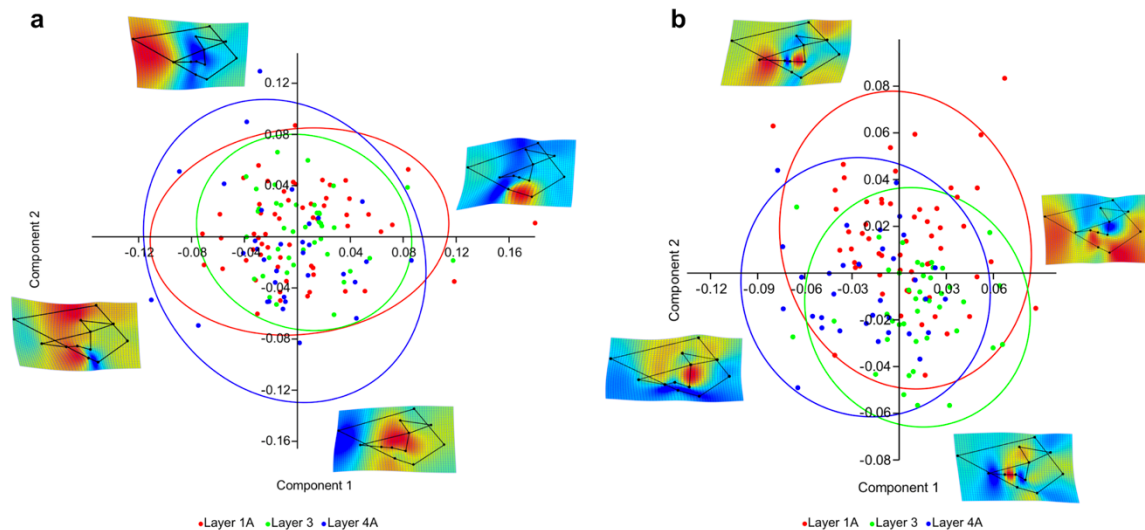
265 PC2 vector describes shape change of the cusp position, with positive scores showing
266 enlargement of the paracone and metacone along with buccolingual widening. At the
267 extremities, an expansion from internal valley (landmark 8) occurs on negative PC2 scores
268 and a contraction on positive PC2 (Fig. 4a). All layers congregate towards a more neutral

269 PC2 score, positioning around the origin. The between-group PCA (Fig. 4b) did not provide a
270 better discrimination with layers still consistently overlapping between PC1 and PC2.



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272 **Fig. 4.** (a) PCA scatter plot of M^1 with deformation grids and wireframes, PC1 20.06% var,
273 PC2 12.429% var. PC1 0.1, -0.12, PC2 0.15, -0.08. (b) Between-group PCA scatter plot of
274 M^1 with deformation grids and wireframes PC1 86.411% var, PC2 13.589% var. PC1 0.1,
275 0.12, PC2 0.08, -0.08. Temperature relating jacobian expansion factors are used to aid
276 visualization (red shows expansion, blue shows contraction).

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278 Procrustes ANOVA for M^2 shape equally resulted in statistically significant differences (F
279 = 2.6303, $Z = 3.3477$, $df = 2, 130$, $P < 0.001$; $r^2 = 0.038892$). Pairwise permutation tests
280 showed that all units 1A, 3 and 4A differ from each other in shape ($P < 0.01$ in all pairwise).
281 The PCA scatter plot (PC1 18.862% var, PC2 14.832% var) still conveys a large overlap of
282 layers analysed (Fig. 5a). In the between-group PCA scatter plot (Fig. 5b), shape difference
283 was better presented. Specimens from Unit 1A score more positively on PC2, due to an
284 expansion between the post-hypocone and hypocone, along with a more mesial positioning of
285 the distal protocone. This contrasts with units 3 specimens that situate around the origin and
286 negative PC2. Units 4A specimens are equally distinct in lingual cusp position and cingulum
287 width (Fig. 5b).



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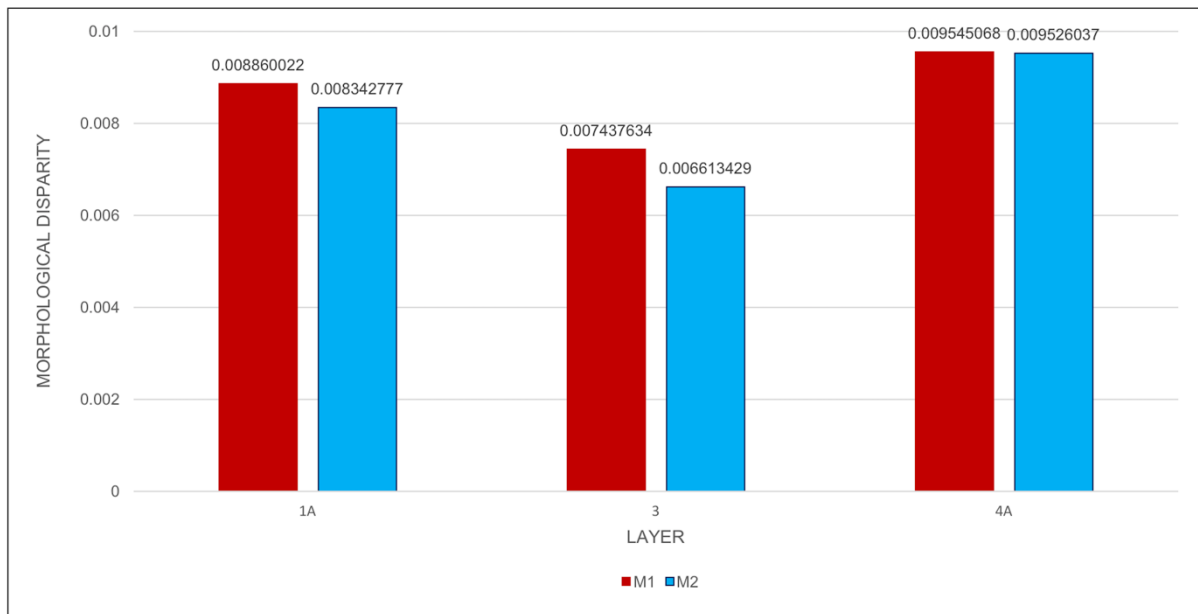
290 **Fig. 5.** (a) PCA of M² with deformation grids and wireframes, PC1 18.862% var, PC2
 291 14.832% var. PC1 0.18, -0.12, PC2 0.13, -0.08. (b) Between-group PCA of M² with
 292 deformation grids and wireframes, PC1 57.483% var, PC2 42.517% var. PC1 0.09, -0.09 PC2
 293 0.09, -0.06. Temperature relating jacobian expansion factors are used to aid visualization (red
 294 shows expansion, blue shows contraction).

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296 3.3 Allometry and Disparity

297 Log centroid size had a small but significant impact on M¹ shape ($R^2 = 0.011043$, $P <$
 298 0.02), but not on M² ($R^2 = 0.012731$, $P = 0.0686$). However, within the M¹ subsample of
 299 layers, only 4A exhibited significant allometric pattern ($R^2 = 0.048427$, $P < 0.001$), with size
 300 increasing its percentage of variance explained on shape (from 1.1% of total sample to
 301 4.84%). Even though allometric effect was not relevant in the M² total sample, units 4A
 302 specimens again showed centroid size to explain a significant proportion of shape variation
 303 (var. 6.900%, $P < 0.02$).

304 In both datasets, molars from units 4A displayed higher shape disparity compared to the
 305 other layers (Fig. 6). Pairwise comparisons showed units 4A disparity to be statistically
 306 significant from units 3 (M¹ $P < 0.016$, M² $P < 0.027$) that exhibited the lowest values (M¹ =
 307 0.0074, M² = 0.0061) in both tooth types.



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309 **Fig. 6.** Morphological disparity for M1 and M2 as shape variance for each stratigraphic units.

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312 **4. Discussion**

313 This study shows that geometric morphometric offers an effective approach to investigate

314 temporal morphological variation from a single site. Previously, morphology has been

315 analysed to understand and separate populations of geographically variant cave bears,

316 regardless of site proximity (Seetah et al., 2012). This has further been interpreted to detect
 317 genetic variation, climatic and dietary adaptations (Hofreiter et al., 2004; Stiller et al., 2014).

318 For the Scladina cave bears, we identified size variation in both M¹ and M². M¹ showed
 319 fluctuation between stratigraphic periods with no clear trend, while M² showed a clear size
 320 increase through time. For both molars, there was a size increase from units 4A to units 3,
 321 then a size reduction in M¹ and increase in M² from units 3 to 1A. This morphological change
 322 in the molars could relate to the processing of food. Cave bear cheek teeth are functionally
 323 crucial for the processing of tough, fibrous plant matter (Rabeder et al., 2000). Baryshnikov
 324 et al. (2003) suggested that morphological differences observed in the M² and M₃ are
 325 interpreted as adaptive, with bears occupying different environmental niches, or [as in this
 326 case] different climatic periods, showing differences in the size of their dentition.

327 Smaller dentition and reduced talonid section seen in PCA scatter plots for the complex of
 328 units 4A specimens could relate to a temperate climate with an abundance of more easily
 329 processed and varying food matter. The climatic improvement has been demonstrated for a

330 part of this sedimentary complex where a thick stalagmite floor has been observed (Pirson et
331 al., 2014). Indeed, a smaller tooth surface in bears is generally associated with the
332 consumption and processing of softer food types. This is seen in dietary preferences of extant
333 bears. Sacco and Van Valkenburgh (2004) suggested that morphological variation could
334 separate dietary groups. They found that the molar grinding area is large and prominent in the
335 herbivorous giant panda (due to prolonged mastication of hard bamboo), smaller in mixed
336 diet omnivorous bears, third smallest in the hypercarnivorous polar bear (consuming soft
337 flesh) and smallest in the insectivorous sloth bear that has little need for further processing of
338 food. In an herbivorous species, as assumed for the cave bear, a smaller grinding platform
339 that characterise specimens from units 4As could suggest lesser need for prolonged
340 mastication of hard foods.

341 The pollen spectra of units 3 recorded a lower rate in trees than previous layers but they
342 remain well represented by the genera *Pinus*, *Corylus*, *Juniperus* and *Betula* (Pirson, 2007,
343 Pirson et al., 2008 and 2014). A size increase in both M¹ and M² in units 3 (MIS 5 and/or 4)
344 compared to units 4A (MIS 5) could relate to climatic cooling. The change from a temperate
345 forest environment to one more boreal will have resulted in a decrease of easily masticated
346 plant material. Climatic cooling may be a pressing factor influencing adaptation in
347 molariform dentition, to cope with the need to consume harder plant matter (Baryshnikov et
348 al., 2003).

349 The clear dominance of herbs and forbs and low concentration of trees (<5%) for Unit 1A
350 support an herbaceous steppe grassland environment (Fig. 1, Pirson et al., 2008, 2014). The
351 presence of *Hippophae*, *Ephedra* and *Helianthemum*, additionally indicates an harsh open
352 steppe environment. Different to the size increase from units 4A to 3, a decrease in M¹ size
353 and increase in M² size from units 3 to 1A (MIS 3) was detected. The increase in M² may
354 again be a resultant adaptation to the harder plant matter in the tundra environment supposed
355 at that time. Bocherens et al. (1997) produced analysis of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ isotope signatures of
356 fossil mammal collagen from Unit 1A of Scladina Cave. They found that cave bears from
357 Unit 1A had $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ signatures not significantly different from that of the strict herbivores at the
358 same site while the brown bears from same unit showed values consistent with omnivory, as
359 for extant brown bears. Contrasting this, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ signatures have been found to be significantly
360 affected by the physiology of dormancy in bears (Fernández-Mosquera et al., 2001), thus
361 nitrogen-based inferences on bears diet could be equivocal.

362 Variation in trophic diversity is seen in extant ursids when faced with different

363 environmental and climatic factors such as: snow, precipitation and temperature (Bojarska
364 and Selva, 2012). These factors have been found to alter foraging behaviour, change in food
365 habits and disturbed hibernation patterns (Berducou et al., 1983; Melis et al., 2010;
366 Stringham, 1986), also seen in other omnivorous mammals (Bartoń and Zalewski, 2007;
367 Melis et al., 2006; Zhou et al., 2011). For omnivorous bear species, the difficulty of foraging
368 on mast (the fruit of forest trees, nuts, berries, acorns etc.) and plant material through harsh
369 conditions proves less of a problem as their diet allows the consumption of animal protein,
370 but for large, supposed strictly herbivorous bears such as *U. spelaeus* (Bocherens et al., 1997,
371 2006; Ward and Kynaston, 1995), this possibly resulted in a strong selective pressure. Further
372 climatic cooling and presence of a suggested open steppe environment, relating to the more
373 recent Unit 1A, would see the depletion or near eradication of mast producing tree species
374 and reliable food source for fat storage.

375 Rabeder and Tsoukala (1990) suggested that environmental factors have an impact on
376 adaptation rate, most of which relates with the latter stages of the Quaternary. Unit 1A bears
377 may have been pressured to rapidly adapt to the environmental shift from mixed
378 temperate/boreal forest (associated with layer 3 specimens) to an open steppe (associated
379 with layer 1A specimens) (Pirson et al. 2008).

380 Expansion in the talonid section of dentition (which relates to consumption of hard mast,
381 van Heteren et al. 2014, 2016) is conveyed in PCA plots. M² from Unit 1A showed an
382 expansion between the post-hypocone and hypocone, positioning the hypocone more
383 mesially, allowing for a larger talonid section. This is further shown in M¹ from Unit 1A,
384 with an expansion between the central crease of distal cingulum (landmark 1) and the
385 hypocone and metacone (landmark 2 and 14, respectively). M² dentition representing units
386 4A demonstrates a large difference in lingual cusp position and cingulum width, compared to
387 that of units 1A and 3. This shows an overall reduction of buccolingual size for units 4A
388 bears. PCA plots presented here do not provide many insights into occlusal shape variation
389 with large group overlapping, but significant difference is highlighted throughout the
390 statistical analyses. This could be due to the highly conservative shape of teeth. Shape
391 variance increases in units 4A when bears are relatively smaller than in units 1A and 3,
392 possibly due to a relatively more temperate environment and broader range of food types.
393 Warmer climates and more diverse plant material may result in smaller sized bears, with
394 more diverse tooth shape, having to deal with a broader range of food types. This may also
395 associate with Bergmanns rule, with the lesser need to retain body heat.

396 Relating to the palynology of units 4A mentioned above, specimens from this layer

397 associate with a temperate forest environment (Pirson et al., 2008). The period estimated for
398 units 4A also produces questions about variability. The large timeframe of units 4A contain a
399 harsh glacial and successive interglacial period (Pirson et al., 2014). Higher morphological
400 variability in this layer may result in dentition adapting to two separate climatic
401 environments. Uranium-Thorium ($^{234}\text{U}/^{230}\text{Th}$), gamma spectrometry, thermoluminescence
402 and infrared stimulated luminescence dates spanning from ~70-153kya (Pirson et al., 2014)
403 contain both climatic events. Nevertheless, units 4A has been suggested of being a more
404 temperate environment from ~120kya (Pirson et al., 2008), supported by size and shape
405 differences found herein.

406 The lack of major morphological differences could also relate to population genetics, as
407 this single site will show genetic constraint. Genetic exchange has been found to take place
408 between bear populations in close geographic proximity, lowering morphological diversity
409 (Baryshnikov, 2006; Baryshnikov et al., 2003; Rabeder, 1995; Rabeder et al., 2004, 2008;
410 Stiller et al., 2013). Moreover, this supports research suggesting a genetic bottleneck in cave
411 bears for an extended period before their extinction (Stiller et al., 2010).

412 **4. Conclusion**

413 Our research suggest that temporal morphological variation of cave bears can be shown
414 statistically also over short temporal intervals. We identified changes especially in the talonid
415 masticatory platform of M^2 dentition, whose expansion indicates adaptation towards a cool
416 climatic cycle detected for the most recent Unit 1A. Reduction in the size of M^1 is also shown
417 for this unit, suggesting maintenance of biomechanical performance of dentition for effective
418 mastication as M^2 size increased. This morphological variation supports a rapid response to
419 climatic factors pressuring consumable food sources, which for a proposed diet inflexible
420 herbivorous species, would prove inimical.

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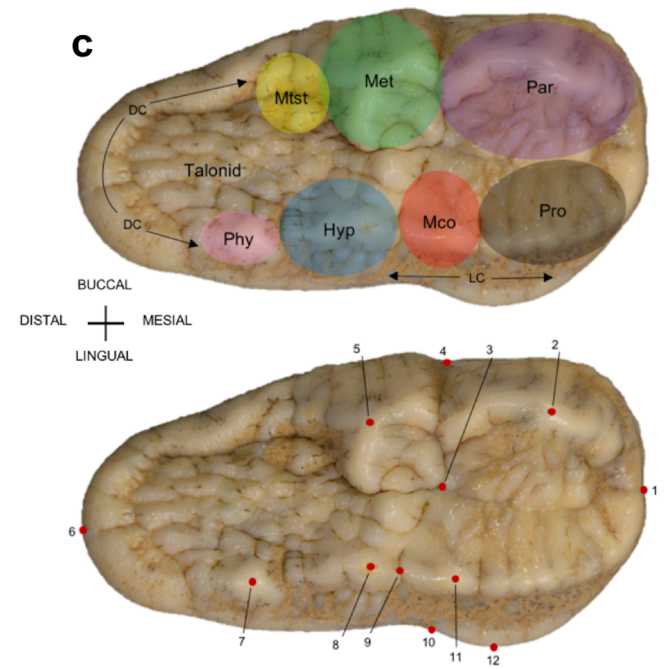
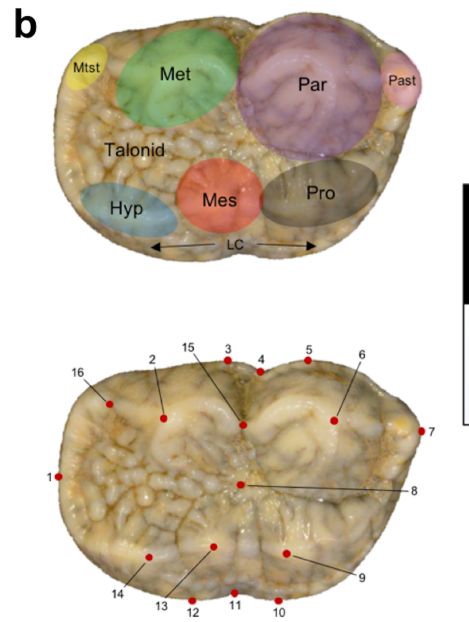
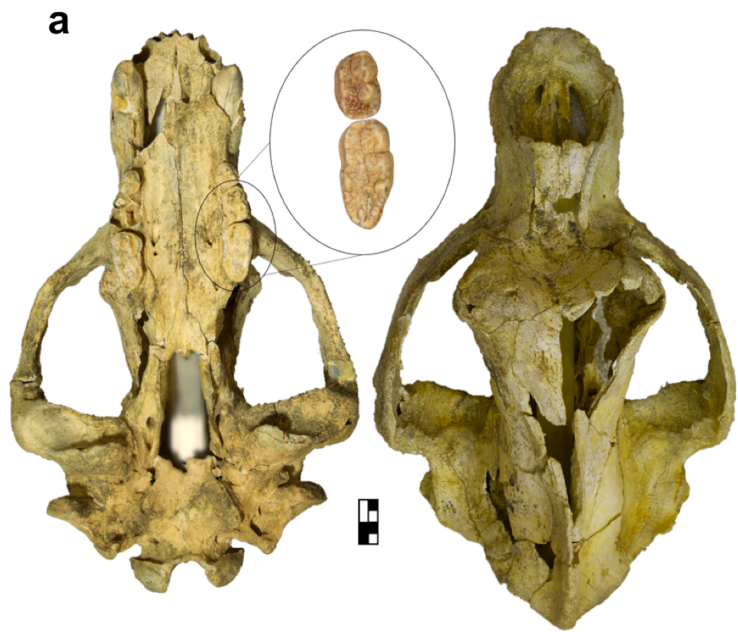
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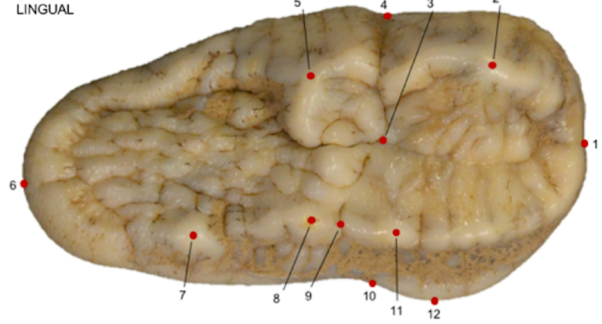
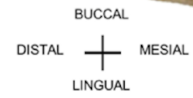
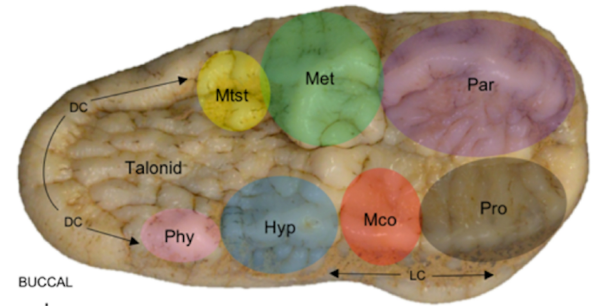
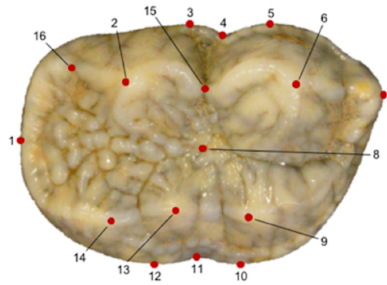
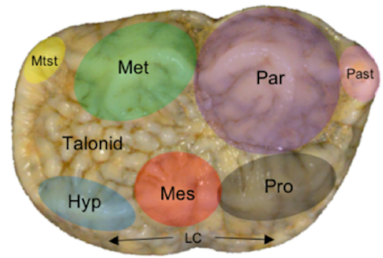
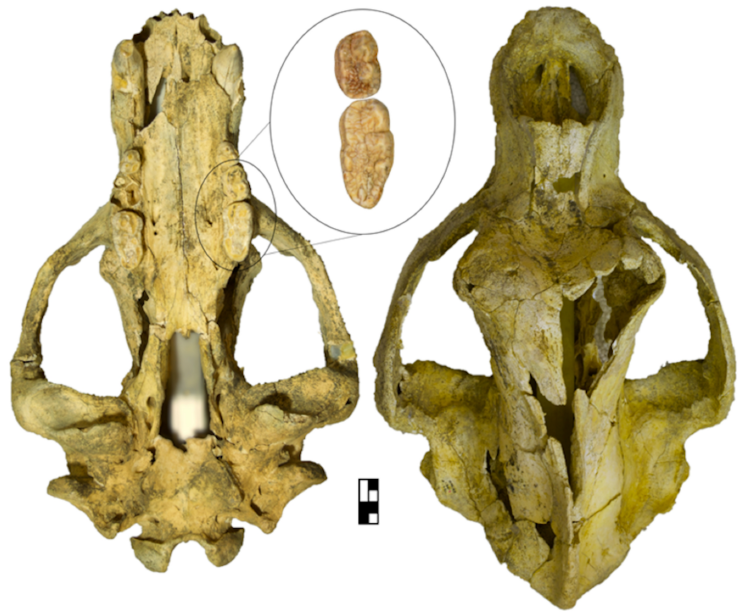
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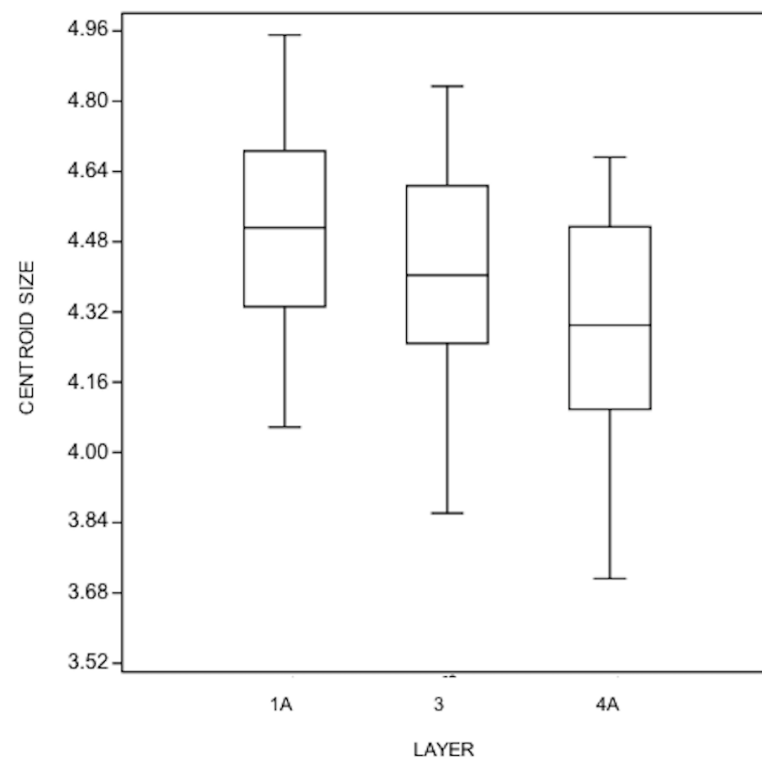
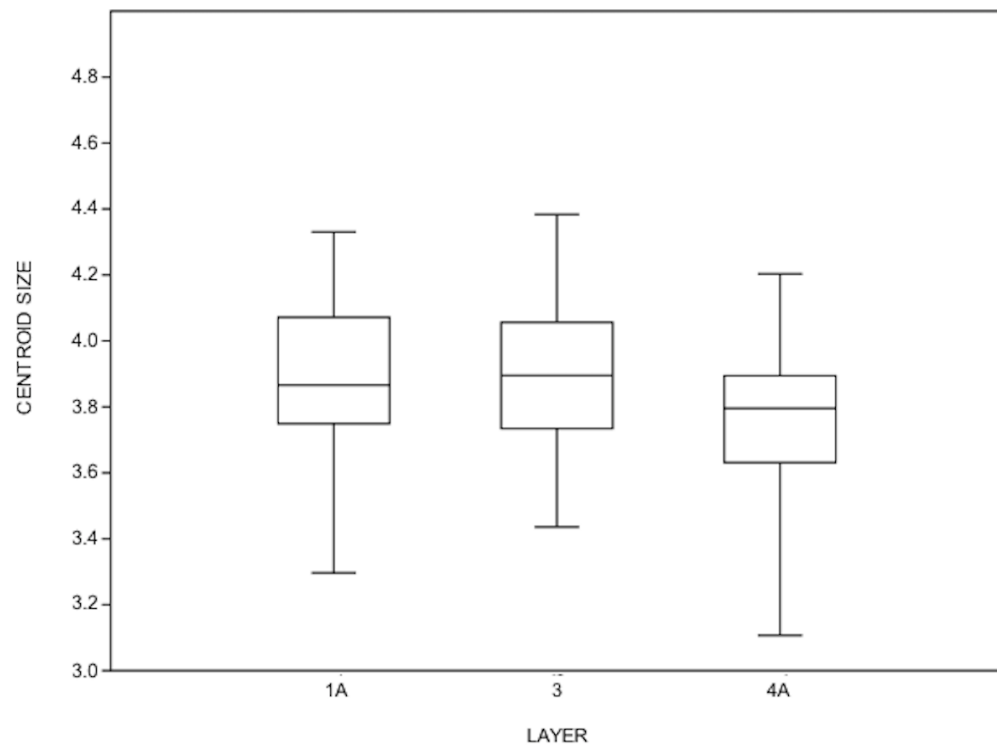
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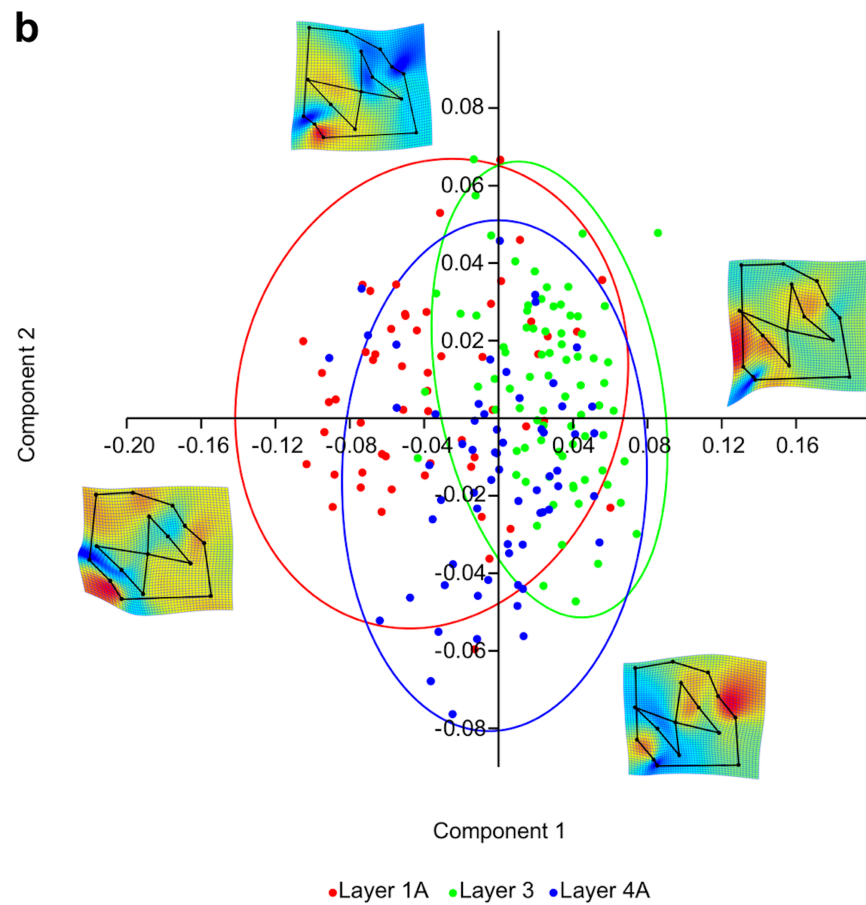
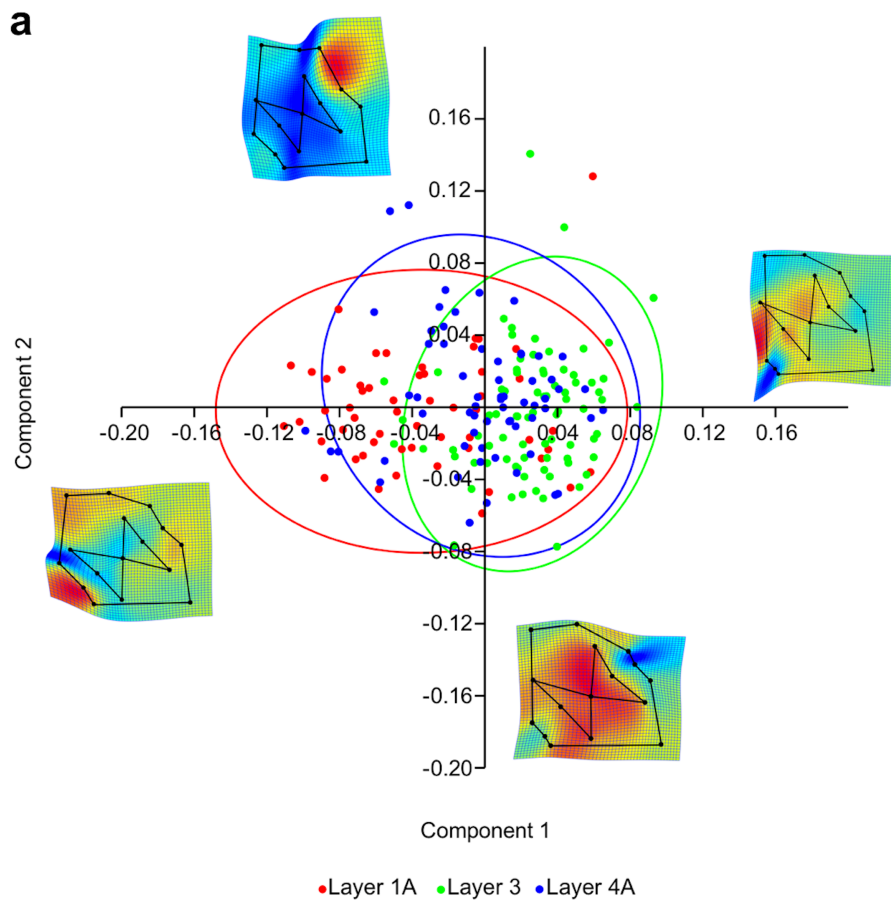
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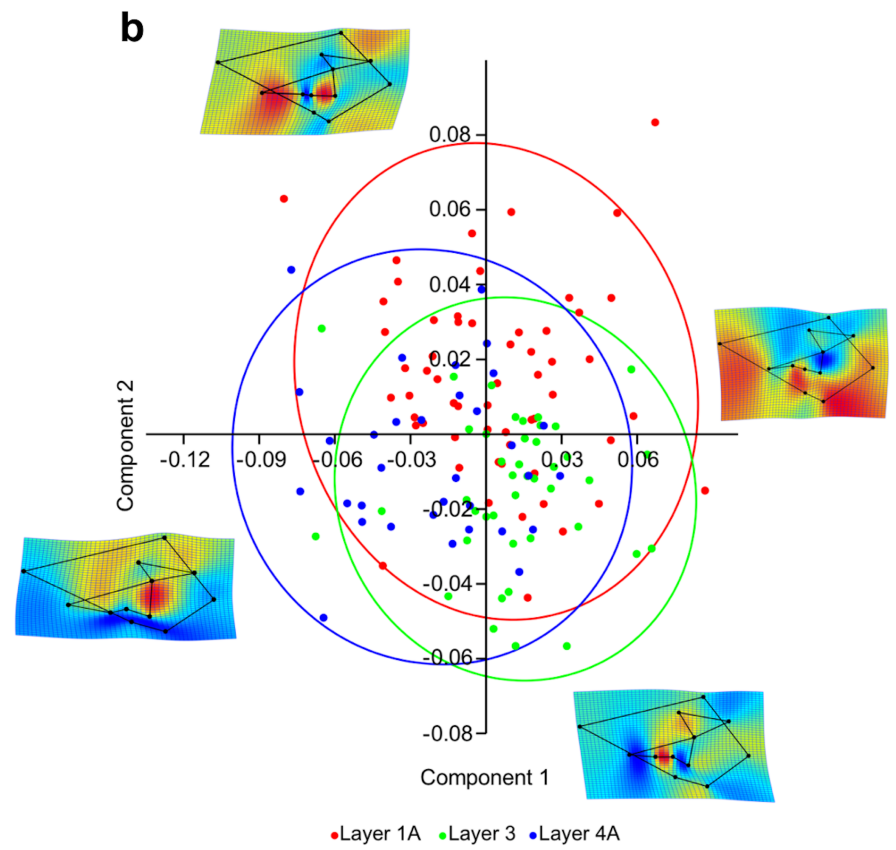
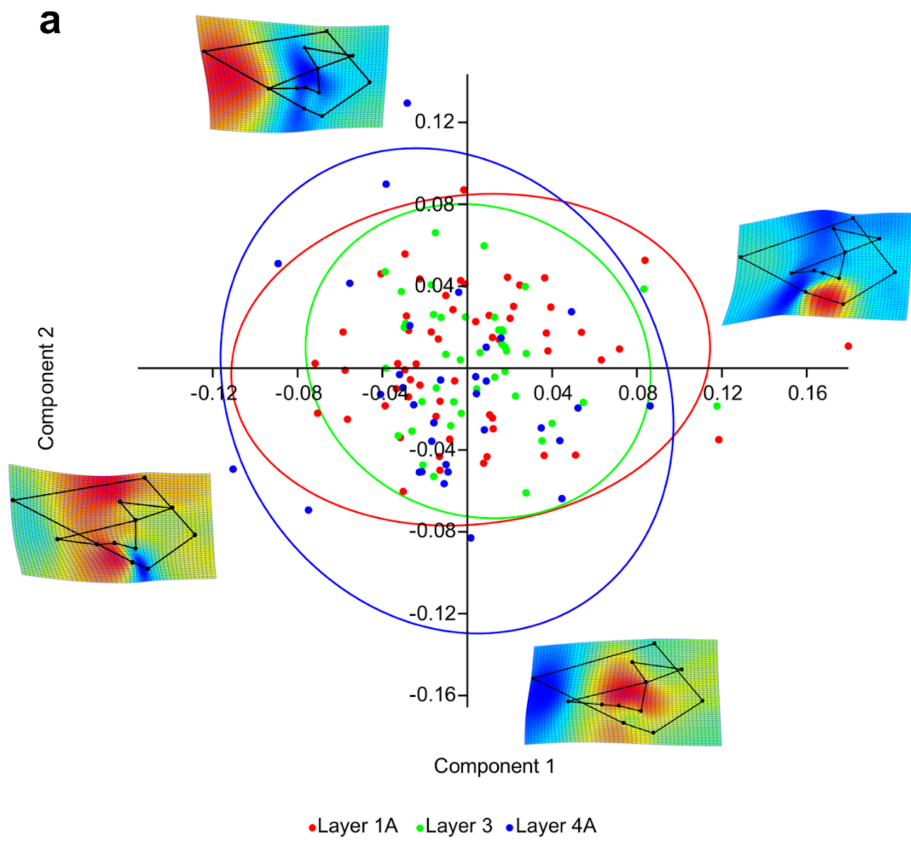
- Dentition of cave bears from Scladina cave shows morphological variation chronologically over time.
- Cave bear second upper molar became bigger over a short time period (from 153 to 40 kya) in relation to climatic cooling
- Shape changes in the upper molars are indicative of an increase in consumption of herbs and forbs for the Scladina cave bear during the latest 40 kya
- Tooth size and shape is a powerful ecomorphological predictors of cave bear dietary and climatic adaptations

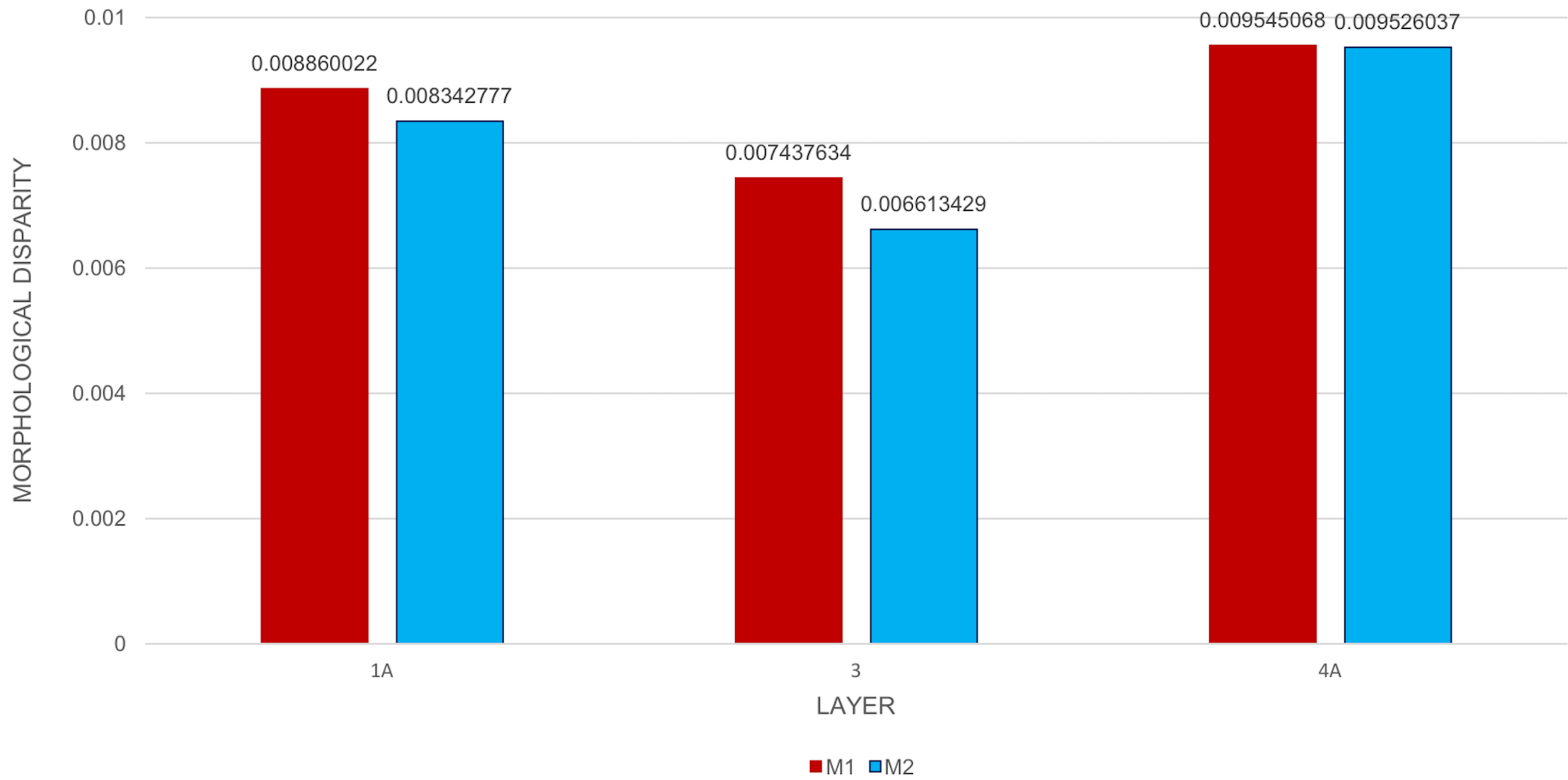












Supplementary Material

Table. List of Cave Bear maxillary dentition used in Geometric Morphometric (GMM) analysis.

Invent number	Layer	Tooth	Length	Width	Ratio	Side	Species
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SC 92 435-0-47	3	M1	29.74	21.17	140.4818139	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 582-0-40	3	M1	31.34	23.05	135.9652928	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
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SC 94 392-0-4	3	M1	28.36	20.09	141.1647586	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 451-0-1	3	M1	29.91	21.17	141.284837	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
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SC 94 65-0-5	3	M1	27.25	19.64	138.7474542	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
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SC 91 494-0-2	4A	M1	27.1	17.6	153.9772727	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
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SC 91 595-0-1	4A	M1	28.8	20.2	142.5742574	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 597-0-4	4A	M1	28.4	19.9	142.7135678	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 603-0-3	4A	M1	30.1	20.1	149.7512438	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 613-0-10	4A	M1	29.8	20.7	143.9613527	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 13-488-2	4A	M1	26.5	18.2	145.6043956	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 18-0-2199	4A	M1	25.8	16.1	160.2484472	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 36-0-3	4A	M1	26.2	17.9	146.3687151	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 299-534-0	4A	M1	27.8	20.6	134.9514563	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 3-195-0	4A	M1	29.2	20.2	144.5544554	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 172-58-0	4A	M1	28.6	19.8	144.4444444	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 181 -91-8	4A	M1	30.2	20.2	149.5049505	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 186-411-0	4A	M1	28.9	21.1	136.9668246	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 297-120-0	4A	M1	26.5	18.7	141.7112299	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 387-164-0	4A	M1	28	20	140	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 388-86-0	4A	M1	28.1	19	147.8947368	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 71-458-0	4A	M1	29.1	20.5	141.9512195	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 96 203-23-3172	4A	M1	28.5	19.2	148.4375	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 10-106-0	4A	M1	28.3	19.4	145.8762887	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 129-468-0	4A	M1	28.2	19.3	146.1139896	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 73-365-0	4A	M1	28.5	19.9	143.2160804	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 76-515-0	4A	M1	30	22.4	133.9285714	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>

SC 98 286-272-0	4A	M1	26	17.9	145.2513966	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 326-11-0	4A	M1	27.4	19.9	137.6884422	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 00 109-186-0	4A	M1	26.2	18.7	140.1069519	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 82 64-0-2202	4A	M1	28.2	20.1	140.2985075	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 63-0-2197	4A	M1	30.2	19.9	151.758794	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 104-0-1384	4A	M1	24.5	16.9	144.9704142	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 81-0-10	4A	M1	24.9	16.7	149.1017964	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 81-0-18	4A	M1	27.8	19.5	142.5641026	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 81-0-15	4A	M1	25.9	18.3	141.5300546	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 406-0-5	4A	M1	28.1	19.8	141.9191919	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 620-0-8	4A	M1	29	20.9	138.7559809	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 26-0-8	4A	M1	28	19.5	143.5897436	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 6-0-15	4A	M1	29.5	20.2	146.039604	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 6-0-16	4A	M1	30.6	22.1	138.4615385	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 93 115-191-0	4A	M1	26.9	19.2	140.1041667	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 246-467-0	4A	M1	27.7	20	138.5	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 99-380-0	4A	M1	26.7	19.1	139.7905759	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 177-80-0	4A	M1	26.7	17.5	152.5714286	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 181 -92-4	4A	M1	28.9	20.2	143.0693069	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 185-313-0	4A	M1	29.8	18.6	160.2150538	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 204-326-0	4A	M1	29.2	20.8	140.3846154	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 231 -457-0	4A	M1	27.3	18	151.6666667	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 375-107-4	4A	M1	28.7	20.3	141.3793103	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 376-0-1	4A	M1	27	18.4	146.7391304	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 391-186-0	4A	M1	27.1	19.9	136.1809045	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 113-395-9	4A	M1	30.5	21.7	140.5529954	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 391-201-8	4A	M1	28.1	18.8	149.4680851	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 57-195-0	4A	M1	23.3	17	137.0588235	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 99 38-641-0	4A	M1	29.8	20.8	143.2692308	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 599-0-6	4A	M1	28.8	19	151.5789474	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>

SC 88 92-0-3	3	M2	49.31	25.19	195.7522827	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 61-0-4	3	M2	45.6	22.55	202.2172949	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 440-0-9	3	M2	48.8	24.97	195.4345214	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 93 163-0-15	3	M2	42.55	21.05	202.1377672	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 93 163-0-9	3	M2	42.6	23.4	182.0512821	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 46-0-3	3	M2	48.92	24.43	200.2455997	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 524 -0-82	3	M2	49.14	24.52	200.4078303	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 71-0-18	3	M2	44.74	23.94	186.8838764	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 434-0-8	3	M2	46.67	23.59	197.838067	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 445-0-2	3	M2	43.29	22.3	194.1255605	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 445-0-3	3	M2	40.79	21.09	193.4091987	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 93 322-0-6	3	M2	40.28	20.88	192.9118774	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>

SC 93 327-0-7	3	M2	46.64	23.46	198.8064791	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 495-3-2	3	M2	45.57	23.59	193.1750742	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 515-0-74	3	M2	41.02	22.95	178.7363834	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 41-19-18	3	M2	45.1	24.09	187.2146119	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 00 123-21-0	3	M2	43.77	22.88	191.3024476	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 81 44-0-939	3	M2	44.93	22.16	202.7527076	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 152-0-880	3	M2	44.16	23.76	185.8585859	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 152-0-863	3	M2	47.58	22.26	213.7466307	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 85 121-0-853	3	M2	45.94	23.01	199.6523251	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 132-0-908	3	M2	47.24	23.78	198.6543314	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 135-0-899	3	M2	48.1	23.38	205.7313944	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 3-0-919	3	M2	49.5	24.22	204.3765483	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 87 138-0-910	3	M2	43.76	22.7	192.7753304	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 87 81-0-878	3	M2	50.55	24.46	206.6639411	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 118-0-858	3	M2	47.91	25.04	191.3338658	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 145-0-864	3	M2	46.16	23.84	193.6241611	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 73-0-78	3	M2	43.8	21.54	203.3426184	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 213-0-862	3	M2	44.79	23.34	191.9023136	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 379-0-869	3	M2	47.45	23.2	204.5258621	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 39-0-872	3	M2	47.33	23.88	198.19933	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 111-0-937	3	M2	45.42	21.96	206.8306011	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 150 -0-4315	3	M2	40.16	22.96	174.912892	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 386-0-935	3	M2	49.09	24.45	200.7770961	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 399-0-865	3	M2	40.91	21.3	192.0657277	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 407-0-997	3	M2	47.6	24.28	196.0461285	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 452-0-938	3	M2	43.81	23.55	186.029724	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 458-0-862	3	M2	43.83	22.82	192.0683611	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 405-0-902	3	M2	45.29	23.24	194.8795181	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 435-0-875	3	M2	44.3	23.15	191.3606911	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 435-0-894	3	M2	45.86	23.36	196.3184932	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 475-0-944	1A	M2	42.1	21.1	199.5260664	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 488-0-82	1A	M2	46.5	23.4	198.7179487	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 01 56-102-0	1A	M2	48.7	23.2	209.9137931	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 01 80-0-30	1A	M2	48.8	25.2	193.6507937	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 82 133-0-913	1A	M2	45.8	23.2	197.4137931	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 82 143-0-860	1A	M2	44.7	24	186.25	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 108-0-914	1A	M2	48.2	23.9	201.6736402	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 152-0-860	1A	M2	46.7	22.6	206.6371681	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 85 151-0-4659	1A	M2	46.1	25.1	183.6653386	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 85 173-0-883	1A	M2	46	24.5	187.755102	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 131-0-923	1A	M2	45.8	23.3	196.5665236	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 131-0-900	1A	M2	47.8	23.5	203.4042553	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 21-0-905	1A	M2	47.3	23	205.6521739	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>

SC 86 21-0-916	1A	M2	45.5	22.4	203.125	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 87 139-0-882	1A	M2	41.6	24	173.3333333	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 87 42-0-81	1A	M2	48.1	26	185	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 88 6-0-931	1A	M2	42.4	22	192.7272727	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 73-0-80	1A	M2	46.1	23.6	195.3389831	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 173-0-936	1A	M2	49.7	26.7	186.1423221	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 173-0-926	1A	M2	41.4	22.7	182.3788546	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 239-0-881	1A	M2	47	26	180.7692308	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 41-0-934	1A	M2	46.3	22.7	203.9647577	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 78-0-912	1A	M2	48.8	23.6	206.779661	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 115-0-996	1A	M2	41.6	21.4	194.3925234	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 153-0-995	1A	M2	47.6	25.4	187.4015748	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 170-0-873	1A	M2	44.8	22.4	200	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 182-0-898	1A	M2	44	22.2	198.1981982	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 394-0-4314	1A	M2	43.2	21.8	198.1651376	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 433-0-79	1A	M2	44.4	24.3	182.7160494	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 496-0-893	1A	M2	44.8	22.4	200	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 539-0-941	1A	M2	45.8	24	190.8333333	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 135-0-885	1A	M2	50.7	24.1	210.373444	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 37 -0-149	1A	M2	52.6	25.8	203.875969	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 99 66-0-905	1A	M2	47.5	23.5	202.1276596	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 422-0-4	1A	M2	44	22.1	199.0950226	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 102-0-124	1A	M2	43.6	22.6	192.920354	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 419-0-51	1A	M2	49	26.5	184.9056604	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 442-0-11	1A	M2	43.4	23	188.6956522	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 468-0-68	1A	M2	47	24.6	191.0569106	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 96 212-66-8	1A	M2	50.1	25.5	196.4705882	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 96 230-61-1	1A	M2	48.5	23.8	203.7815126	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 82 230-0-2	1A	M2	47.7	24.1	197.9253112	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 82 237-0-9	1A	M2	43.8	21.4	204.6728972	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 73-0-4	1A	M2	45.9	23.2	197.8448276	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 80-0-5	1A	M2	45.2	24.5	184.4897959	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 460-0-9	1A	M2	48.5	23.6	205.5084746	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 537-0-8	1A	M2	48.2	23.9	201.6736402	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 173-0-3	1A	M2	47.5	23.3	203.8626609	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 422-0-10	1A	M2	48.3	23.5	205.5319149	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 432-0-6	1A	M2	46.5	22.8	203.9473684	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 531-0-9	1A	M2	46.4	22	210.9090909	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 532-0-3	1A	M2	43.5	21.3	204.2253521	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 36-41-18	1A	M2	48.1	23.7	202.9535865	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 358-0-393	1A	M2	47.9	25.1	190.8366534	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 1280-0-5	1A	M2	45.4	23.8	190.7563025	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 570-0-3	1A	M2	47.3	25.2	187.6984127	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>

SC 92 1280-71-1	1A	M2	42.6	22.3	191.0313901	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 507-0-15	1A	M2	45.6	23.4	194.8717949	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 00 131-814-59	4A	M2	43.9	23	190.8695652	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 109-0-1933	4A	M2	39.8	19.5	204.1025641	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 62-0-2184	4A	M2	45	21.9	205.4794521	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 113-0-2189	4A	M2	40.2	20.5	196.097561	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 616-0-12	4A	M2	42.3	21.1	200.4739336	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 439-118-0	4A	M2	46.1	22.3	206.7264574	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 172-53-0	4A	M2	46.3	23.7	195.3586498	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 185-299-0	4A	M2	48.1	23.8	202.1008403	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 382-168-0	4A	M2	45.8	23.1	198.2683983	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 478-111-0	4A	M2	40.5	22.5	180	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 96 113-95-0	4A	M2	46	23	200	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 96 277-176-0	4A	M2	42	21.4	196.2616822	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 97 129-481-0	4A	M2	41.5	21.5	193.0232558	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 190-270-0	4A	M2	47.5	23.5	202.1276596	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 286-277-0	4A	M2	44.6	23.5	189.787234	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 317-376-0	4A	M2	40.5	21.9	184.9315068	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 63 -0-2190	4A	M2	42	22.3	188.3408072	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 83 66-0-2193	4A	M2	38.6	20.3	190.1477833	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 86 33-0-2188	4A	M2	39.2	20.9	187.5598086	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 10-0-2192	4A	M2	46	24	191.6666667	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 89 83-0-2187	4A	M2	37.9	21.2	178.7735849	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 90 78-0-4	4A	M2	40.6	21.4	189.7196262	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 574-0-2	4A	M2	45.5	23.5	193.6170213	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 589-0-5	4A	M2	47.8	23	207.826087	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 597-0-1	4A	M2	46.9	23.3	201.2875536	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 606-0-1	4A	M2	47	21.8	215.5963303	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 91 616-0-6	4A	M2	45.7	22.7	201.3215859	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 92 6-0-8	4A	M2	43.5	23.3	186.695279	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 305-254-0	4A	M2	38	19.7	192.893401	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 94 401-97-0	4A	M2	44.9	23.1	194.3722944	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 95 178-81-0	4A	M2	44.5	24.8	179.4354839	L	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 98 326 -1-0	4A	M2	45.1	22.9	196.9432314	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
SC 99 80-66-0	4A	M2	46.5	23.9	194.5606695	R	<i>U. spelaeus</i>
