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15 Anthracotheres dispersed from Asia toward Africa at least three times: at the
16 Eocene/Oligocene transition, during early Miocene and later during the Miocene.
17 Those dispersals are important datum events for African tertiary biochronology.
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19 New fossil remains of early *Libycosaurus*, the genus implicated in the Late
20 Miocene dispersal, are described from a new Tunisian locality of the Kasserine
21 area. The new fossils enhance the hypodigm of *Libycosaurus algeriensis* and
22 permit increased resolution of the phylogenetic position of this species using
23 cladistics analysis. The inclusion of the genus *Libycosaurus* within the well-
24 described *Merycopotamus* lineage allows us to constrain its dispersal time.
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26 Dispersal of this anthracothere from the Indian sub-continent to Africa was
27 probably facilitated by sea level decrease during the early Tortonian, just
28 preceding the *Hipparion* dispersal event. This new age estimation refines the
29 resolution of the succession of late Miocene deposits in the Maghreb and frames
30 the date of the onset of the Sahara.
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Introduction

Anthracotheres are an extinct family of morphologically and ecologically diverse cetartiodactyls, usually interpreted as swampy environment inhabitants. Within the superfamily Hippopotamoidea, the anthracotheres are considered closely related to the Hippopotamidae (e.g., Boisserie et al. 2011; Lihoreau, Boisserie, et al. 2015), but parts of the branching sequence within this clade are still unclear; as such the content of some anthracothere genera requires revisions. Anthracotheres are also particularly remarkable as they display unusual dispersal abilities, leading several palaeontologists to regard them as ‘ungulate pioneers’ in most of the intercontinental dispersal events (e.g., Ducrocq 1995; Lihoreau and Ducrocq 2007; Holroyd et al. 2010; Grandi and Bona 2017; Scherler et al. 2018).

The last African genus of anthracotheres, *Libycosaurus*, engaged in a form of semi-aquatic-lifestyle as indicated by the marked specialisation of its skeleton and its paleobiology (Lihoreau et al. 2006; Lihoreau et al. 2014). During the middle-late Miocene in Africa, *Libycosaurus* underwent a spectacular evolution characterized by a substantial body size change and a diet shifting (increase in C4-plant consumption), associated with social modifications notably with sexual size dimorphism and indices of fight between males (Lihoreau et al. 2014). This evolution was linked to the reduction of *Libycosaurus* habitat through change of the river system probably due to the variation of Sahara expansion. However, the evolutionary history of the genus is incomplete, as the origin of the genus remains unclear. A recent validation of the small and plesiomorphic species *Libycosaurus algeriensis* Ducrocq et al. 2001, with new material from the locality of Bir el Ater 3 (Algeria), highlighted the possibility that *Libycosaurus*

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3 originated in Africa during the middle Miocene following the arrival of its ancestor
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5 from the Indian subcontinent (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015).
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8 We recently discovered new fossils attributable to *Libycosaurus algeriensis* in
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10 Tunisia, from Sidi Hedri, a new locality situated near the town of Kasserine. We
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12 describe here this new fossil material, which provides previously unknown elements for
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14 documenting the basal morphotype of the genus. We perform a cladistic assessment
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16 incorporating these new data with previously known morphological evidence, in order
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18 to formalize the position of *Libycosaurus* within the anthracotheres. The original
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20 phylogeny discussed in this study constrains a paleobiogeographic scenario prior to the
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22 initiation of the Sahara desert and contemporaneous to a major sea-level drop. This
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24 scenario refines the age estimates of some North African vertebrate fossil-bearing
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26 deposits of the Miocene epoch.
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33 **Materials and Methods**

34 35 36 37 *Provenance of the new fossil material*

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39 The new material was discovered in the western part of central Tunisia, in the Kasserine
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41 region, north of the Djebel Chambi (Fig. 1). The locality yielded three specimens
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43 belonging to the same taxon, due to coherence in size and morphology. The new
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45 remains consist of a right upper canine (SHI01), a right lower mandible with P/3-M/2
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47 (SHI02) and a left M/3 (SHI03). These fossils were found during our 2012 field
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49 expedition and come from a unique locality, Sidi Hedri, corresponding to a limited spot
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51 and horizon (F4 on Fig. 1). The name locality is due to its proximity to the Marabout of
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53 Sidi Hedri. The material is housed in the paleontological collections of the Museum of
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57 the Office National des Mines (ONM) in Tunis, Tunisia.
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3 Material for comparisons is abbreviated as follows: M, material from the Natural
4 History Museum, London, NG, material from Nagri Fm. Pakistan housed at the Utrecht
5 University, Utrecht, Y, material from Potwar Plateau housed at the Harvard Peabody
6 Museum, Cambridge, and CUWM material from Wadi Moghra housed at Cairo
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17 ***Stratigraphical context***

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19 The new Sidi Hedri fossil-bearing locality is situated in the Bir-Om-Ali stratigraphic
20 section (Fig. 1; Vialle et al. 2013; Sweydan et al. 2018), north side of the Djebel
21 Chambi. This section overlies laterally the late early to early middle Eocene fossil-
22 bearing localities of Chambi locus 1 (CBI-1) and Chambi locus 2 (CBI-2), which have
23 yielded numerous fossil remains of key taxa documenting the early evolutionary history
24 of several vertebrates from Africa (e.g., Marivaux et al. 2015, Ravel et al. 2016,
25 Mourer-chauviré et al. 2016, Tabuce 2018). The section contains the late Eocene
26 locality of Bir-Om-Ali that yielded fragmentary fossil remains of the embriothopod
27 *Arsinoitherium* (Vialle et al. 2013; F2 on Fig. 1), the fossiliferous locality of Mabrouk, a
28 level with reworked marine fossils dated from the late Eocene-early Oligocene
29 (Sweydan et al. 2018; F3 on Fig. 1), and a Neogene fine grained sandstone
30 corresponding to the Sidi Hedri locality (F4 on Fig. 1). The Sidi Hedri fossiliferous
31 horizon overlies alluvial-fan conglomerates in a unit consisting of fluvio-deltaic
32 deposits. This unit was generally considered as belonging to the Beglia Formation (Fm.)
33 but the definition of this formation might be taken with caution (e.g., Mannaï-Tayech
34 2006; Mannaï-Tayech 2009; Belghithi et al. 2016). The sandstone attributed by
35 Hartenberger et al. (2001) to the Beglia Fm. in fact corresponds to the uppermost
36 Paleogene levels where the Mabrouk locality occurs (Sweydan et al. 2018). The
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3 geological study made by Hartenberger *et al.* (2001) did not include the area where the
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5 Neogene sediments outcrop. Furthermore, recent discussion of the Miocene sandstones
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7 capping the Nementcha Fm. in Algeria (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015), only 130 km
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9 southwest of Sidi Hedri, highlighted the critical role of fossil assemblage in correlating
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11 between continental formations, and demonstrates that it is best to avoid using only
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13 facies correlation for precise dating.
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17 The Neogene deposits in Tunisia unconformably overlie the latest Paleogene
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19 deposits (Swezey 2009). The Neogene sandstones resulted from fluvial system
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21 deposits in deltaic context over a long period of time, ranging from the Serravalian up to
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23 the late Tortonian (Belghithi et al. 2016). They are usually gathered in formations
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25 (Beglia Fm., Saouaf Fm., and Segui Fm.), but the variety of facies and the progradation
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27 of the system make lithostratigraphy unreliable at a regional scale. In Tunisia, the
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29 Neogene deposits yield two important fossil vertebrate faunas that provide constraints
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31 on the age and chronology of associated formations. First, the locality of Bled Douarah
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33 (Beglia Fm, western Tunisia) is assigned to the late Serravalian-early Tortonian in age
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35 (Werdelin 2010). Bled Douarah is divided in to two sedimentological units, likely
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37 corresponding to different environmental deposits and possibly climates (Mannai-
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39 Tayech 2009). The faunal assemblages in each unit differ. Only the upper unit has
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41 yielded equids (Robinson and Black 1969; Robinson and Black 1974) and seems to
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43 represent more forested and more humid conditions (Mannai-Tayech 2009). The arrival
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45 of equids in Africa is estimated close to 10.5 Ma (early Tortonian; Bernor et al. 2010).
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47 Using the equid biotic marker, the earliest deposits referred to the Beglia Fm. are
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49 estimated to document deposits dating near the Serravalian/Tortonian transition (Biely
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51 et al. 1972; Mannai-Tayech 2009; following Hilgen et al. 2012), or near the beginning
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53 of the marine regression recorded during the earliest Serravalian (13.8 Ma following
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3 Hilgen et al. 2012; Belghithi et al. 2016). Recently, a part of the Beglia Fm. in western
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5 Tunisia was correlated to the Saouaf Fm. in eastern Tunisia (Mannai-Tayech 2009;
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7 Belghithi et al. 2016). The second fossil vertebrate fauna is from the Djebel Khechrem
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9 El Artsouma (Geraads 1989) and belongs to the Segui Fm., stratigraphically overlying
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11 the Beglia Fm. (Mannai-Tayech 2009; Belghithi et al. 2016). This locality is estimated
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13 to be 0.5 to 1 myr more recent than the fauna from Bled Douarah (Geraads 1989).
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16 Several other localities from the Neogene silicoclastic deposits of Tunisia are known
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18 but cannot be precisely dated due to the scarcity of the material or poorly time
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20 constrained taxa (e.g., (Mannai-Tayech and Otero 2005).
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26 ***Anatomy and cladistics analyses***

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28 The teeth description follows the dental nomenclature established for Hippopotamoidea
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30 (Boisserie et al. 2010). Tooth measurements follow Lihoreau *et al.* (2014). A
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32 calculation of the flattening index (fli) of the canine follows Kostopoulos *et al.* (2012),
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34 which consists of a ratio at the cervix between the mesio-distal length and the labio-
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36 lingual length ($L_{md}/L_{ll} * 100$).
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40 We consider the new fossil material described here as *Libycosaurus algeriensis*,
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42 a species previously described in Algeria (Ducrocq et al. 2001; Lihoreau, Hautier, et al.
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44 2015). Some of this material complements the hypodigm of this species. The new
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46 material betters our knowledge of *L. algeriensis*, and facilitates inclusion of *L.*
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48 *algeriensis* into a phylogenetic matrix incorporating recent matrices assembled for
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50 deciphering internal phylogenetic relationships among taxa of the superfamily
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52 Hippopotamoidea (including the “Anthracotheriidae” and the Hippopotamidae). Here,
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54 we use the latest character matrices dealing with Merycopotamini (Lihoreau et al. 2016)
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56 and with Hippopotaminae (Boisserie et al. 2017), as well as some updates (supp. data).
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3 We added recent data for the species *Bothriogenys andrewsi* Schmidt, 1913, for which
4 new material was recently published (Sileem et al. 2015), leading to better character
5 scoring for *Bo. andrewsi* compared to previous analyses (Lihoreau, Boisserie, et al.
6 2015). Then, we added four new characters that deal with the morphological conditions
7 describing the genus *Libycosaurus* with respect to the other genera. We coded, on lower
8 molars, the morphology of the postentocristid (= entoconid fold, 63, supp. data) and the
9 pattern of incomplete hypoconulid (80, supp. data); on upper molars, the relation
10 between the mesostyle and cingulum (139, supp. data); and on the mandible, the
11 presence and morphology of a notch (156, supp. data). We also added the position of
12 the main palatine foramen, a diagnostic character in *Merycopotamus* species (162;
13 Lihoreau et al. 2004; character already used in Boisserie et al. 2005). All characters are
14 unordered and unweighted. Parsimony analyses were performed on the new matrix (64
15 taxa and 181 characters) with PAUP 4.0a164 (Swofford 2002) using heuristic searches
16 with random step-wise addition (1000 replications with randomized input order of taxa)
17 and tree-bisection-reconnection branch swapping options. We calculated the Bremer
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42 **Systematic Paleontology**

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47 Order Artiodactyla Owen, 1848

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49 Suborder Cetancodonta Arnason et al., 2000

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51 Superfamily Hippopotamoidea Gray, 1821 (*sensu* Gentry and Hooker 1988)

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53 Subfamily Bothriodontinae Scott, 1940

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55 Tribe Merycopotamini Lydekker, 1883

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57 Genus *Libycosaurus* Bonarelli, 1947
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5 *Type-Species.* *Libycosaurus petrocchii* Bonarelli, 1947 (but see Lihoreau et al. 2014).

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7 *Included Species.* *Libycosaurus anisae* Black, 1972 from Bled Dourah and Djebel
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10 Kechrem el Artsouma, Tunisia (Geraads 1989), *L. bahri* Lihoreau et al., 2014 from
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12 Toros-Ménalla, Chad and As Sahabi Libya (Lihoreau et al. 2014), and *L. algeriensis*
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14 Ducrocq et al., 2001.

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17 *Stratigraphic range.* Late Miocene (Tortonian to early Messinian).

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19 *Geographic distribution.* North and Central Africa (Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Chad,
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26 *Libycosaurus algeriensis* Ducrocq et al., 2001

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31 *Holotype.* Fragmentary left maxilla bearing M2/-M3/ (UONM1).

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33 *New material.* A right upper canine (SHI01), a fragment of right mandible preserving
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35 P/3-M/2 (SHI02), and a fragment of left mandible bearing M/3 (SHI03). This material is
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37 housed at the ONM, Tunis, Tunisia.

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40 *Type locality.* Bir el Ater 2, Nementcha mountains, Algeria.

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42 *Other locality.* Bir el Ater 3, Algeria (Lihoreau, Hautier et al. 2015), Sidi Hedri, north of
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44 Djebel Chambi, western part of central Tunisia (Fig. 1), and possibly Oluka, Kakara
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46 Fm. Uganda (Pickford 1991a).

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49 *Type horizon.* Nementcha Fm., considered to be late Serravalian/early Tortonian in age
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51 (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015).

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56 *Diagnosis (emended from Lihoreau, Hautier and Mahboubi 2015).* Smallest known
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3 the preprotocristid; ectocristylids form cusplets in the transverse valleys near a
4 developed labial cingulid; only one postentostylid on the posthypocristulid separated to
5 the hypoconulid apex by a lingual groove; enamel microstructure of molars retains large
6 and blurry Hunter Schreger Bands; shallow mandible with a weak vascular impression;
7 retention of a lingual cingulum around the protocone in upper molars, even in worn
8 specimen.
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17 *Differential diagnosis.* *Libycosaurus algeriensis* differs from other species of the genus
18 (*L. anisae* and *L. bahri*) in its smaller dimensions with shallow mandible, the presence a
19 small endometacristid on lower molars, the ectocristylids frequently developed in
20 cusplets in the transverse valleys, which is rare in other species, the large lingual
21 cingulum around the protocone of upper molars (even in worn specimens), and in the
22 preprotocristid on p/4, which is directed mesially then lingually as in most
23 Merycopotamini and unlike in the two other species of *Libycosaurus*. It also differs
24 from *L. anisae* in the presence of only one entostylid on the third lobe of the M/3. It also
25 differs from *L. bahri* in the presence of a posthypocristulid on M/3, the retention of a
26 weak vascular impression on the mandible, and in the presence of large and blurry
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46 ***Comparative descriptions***

47 *Upper canine (SHI01).* The crown apex is broken but wear facet and crown section are
48 visible (Fig. 2). The cervix section is tear-shaped with a sharp distal keel, a swollen
49 labial border and a flatter lingual border. The mesial border is rounded and bears the
50 worn part of the tooth. The enamel appears thin and finely wrinkled. The whole tooth
51 (crown plus root) is slightly inclined outward. The root is covered by cement, displays
52 at least three constrictions toward the root apex, and remains open at its apex.
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3 Considering the canine morphology and the enamel ornamentation, both gathered
4 conditions expected for a bothriodontine anthracothere. In *Bothriodon velaunum* Cuvier,
5 1824, an early Oligocene bothriodontine, the upper canine of males exhibits a clear
6 demarcation at the cervix, with a smaller crown. On SHI01, the crown appears to be in
7 continuity with the root. The SHI01 canine has a similar morphology of transverse
8 section to that of *Elomeryx*, another Oligocene bothriodontine, but differs in being more
9 transversally compressed (Flattening index = 53.6% in *E. borbonicus* (Geais, 1934; see
10 Kostopoulos et al. 2012) and 60.9% in SHI01). SHI01 is larger than *E. borbonicus* and
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Upper canines are known in few merycopotamine species. *Afromeryx zelteni* Pickford, 1991b, a stem Merycopotamini, displays a round and smaller upper canine section at the cervix (M82211). *Merycopotamus medioximus* Lihoreau et al., 2004, shows a canine of comparable dimension (Table 1, Fig. 2), with a similar wrinkled enamel characterized by longitudinal striations, and equivalent crown height proportion (NG104; Lihoreau et al. 2004). The labial border seems to be more swollen than in SHI01. There is a keel running on the distal border of the tooth, and a slight one is visible on the mesial border. In *Merycopotamus dissimilis* (Falconer and Cautley, 1836), the canine section is larger (Fig. 2), subcircular with slight distal and mesial keels in the three known specimens (Y49776, M16551, and M16552). The enamel covers at one third of the total length of the tooth. The root is closed and covered with cement in the only specimen where it is observable (Y49776; Lihoreau et al. 2007). Indeed, despite the marked similarities with the canine of *M. medioximus*, the SHI01 canine also shares anatomical traits with the canines of the two other species of *Libycosaurus* (*L. anisae* and *L. bahri*), notably in the lack of mesial keel, the presence of a lingual flattening of the crown section at the cervix, an open root apex, and in the presence of longitudinal

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3 grooves both on the labial and lingual sides of the root, which are not marked in canines
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5 of *Merycopotamus* (Pickford 2006; Lihoreau et al. 2014). The SHI01 canine has smaller
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7 dimensions at cervix than the upper canine of *L. anisae* (Black 1972; Pickford 2006)
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9 and that of *L. bahri* (Lihoreau et al. 2014; Fig. 2D; Table 1). It is also more curved. A
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11 similar small radius of curvature occurs in upper canines of *Merycopotamus*.
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17 *Lower premolars (P/3-4 on SHI02)*. The premolars are narrow and dominated by a
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19 salient protoconid, which occupies a labial position (Fig. 3-4). A short and trenchant
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21 preprotocristid joins the mesio-lingual margin of the tooth. It is adorned with three
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23 successive small cusplets that decrease in height before reaching the mesial cingulid
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25 (Fig. 3A-B, Fig. 4A). Such an unusual cusplets organization/striation is typical of
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27 Merycopotamini, but such an amount of accessory cusps on P/3 and P/4 is only
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29 known in species of *Libycosaurus* (Fig 4B-C) and in *Hemimeryx blanfordi* Lydekker,
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31 1883 (Lihoreau et al. 2016; Fig. 4). The preprotocristid on P/4 has a mesial orientation
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33 near the protoconid apex and turns abruptly distally, a pattern proposed as a features of
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35 the Merycopotamini (Lihoreau et al. 2016; Fig. 4). This structure is less marked in the
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37 latest known Merycopotamini, such as *L. anisae* and *L. bahri*, and in *M. dissimilis* (Fig.
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39 4B-C, F). The postprotocristid is slightly arched and has a lingual position with respect
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41 to the protoconid, also a Merycopotamini trait. The postprotocristid reaches a hypoconid
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43 and then the distal cingulid in a small distostylid (Fig. 4). An endoprotocristid emerges
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45 from the postprotocristid and reaches an entostylid (larger on P/4 than on P/3). The
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47 premolars are narrower than those of *L. anisae* and *L. bahri* (Table 1), and equal the size
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49 of *Merycopotamus nanus* Falconer, 1868 and *Sivameryx* spp. The P/4 seems slightly
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51 smaller than the only known P/4 of *L. algeriensis* (Ducrocq et al. 2001). The mandibular
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3 depth below M/1 is similar to the mean depth in *Sivameryx* spp. (Table 1) and to the
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5 lowest values of *M. nanus* and *M. medioximus*.
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10 *Lower molar*. Unfortunately, the right lower molars M/1-2 preserved on SHI02 are
11 worn and badly preserved. The M/1 is similar in size to that of *Sivameryx* and
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13 *Merycopotamus* spp. (Table 1). The left M/3 is well preserved (SHI03; Fig. 5) and
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15 displays a bothriodontine pattern, which is characterized by an important development
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17 of the cristids, notably the long prehypocristid that reaches the lingual margin of the
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19 tooth. It also exhibits some Merycopotamini characters such as the lack of connection
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21 between the premeta- and preprotocristids, and the pinched loop-like hypoconulid
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23 (Lihoreau et al. 2016). Furthermore, the SHI03 M/3 lacks the premetacristid, displays a
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25 pinched postentocristid between the entoconid and the posthypocristid, and a notched
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27 posthypocristulid (an incomplete loop-like hypoconulid), all of which are diagnostic
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29 traits of *Libycosaurus* (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015). Mesial to the posthypocristulid
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31 notch, there is a marked postentostylid. This pattern is observed in all known specimens
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33 of *L. algeriensis* and some *M. medioximus*. However, it differs from that characterizing
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35 M/3 of *L. anisae* where there are many stylids without a clear groove separating the
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37 entostylid from the rest of the posthypocristulid, and from that of *L. bahri*, where the
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39 tooth lacks the posthypocristulid (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015). Lingual cuspids of
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41 lower molar are more linguo-labially flattened in *L. algeriensis*, whereas they present a
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43 rounded outline (in occlusal view) in other species of *Libycosaurus*. This is probably
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45 due to development of sharper cristids in *L. algeriensis* than in the other species. This
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47 condition also exists in early species of *Merycopotamus*.
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56 Compared to *L. anisae* and *L. bahri*, the M/3 (SHI03) shows a blurry
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58 endometacristid, not as developed as in *Sivameryx*, but similar to that observed in some
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specimens of *Merycopotamus*. Such a very small endometacristid is observed in material of *L. algeriensis* from Algeria (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015).

There is a cusplet within the transverse valley that could be considered as an inflated ectocristilid as it joins the labial cingulid, forming small ectostylid. This pattern is known in most of specimens of *L. algeriensis* (6 of the 7 known lower molars). We also observed this structure within Merycopotamini, notably in some specimens of *M. nanus* (almost 4 of 15 molars) and in *Sivameryx* (close to 5 on 11 molars). In contrast, the ectocristilid in *L. anisae* and *L. bahri* do not form a cusplet (or rarely: 0 and 1 on at least 23 and 40 lower molars, respectively) but form an alignment of the enamel knob instead. The SHI03 M/3 is similar in size to the specimens from Bir el Ater 2 and 3 (UONM10, 9 and 14; Fig. 5; Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015) and also very close to the mean value of *M. medioximus* (Table 1).

Phylogeny

Heuristic searches have yielded 18 equally most parsimonious trees of 1226 steps each (CI= 0.30; RI= 0.64). A strict consensus tree is provided in Figure 6. The phylogenetic relationships are particularly well resolved, despite an apparent important number of homoplasies. The latter are much involved in the structure of the tree. The observed polytomies concern relationships between the two *Kenyapotamus* species and the Hippopotaminae, between *Sivameryx* spp. and *Hemimeryx*, and within the clade *Brachyodus* spp. + *Bothriogenys andrewsi*. The latter is mainly due to the small number of characters scored for *Bo. andrewsi* (few known fossil remains) and uncertainties regarding *Brachyodus*, suggesting a need for a revision of its evolutionary history. However, this study proposes *Bo. andrewsi* as a basal member of the *Brachyodus* clade, thereby representing the only Paleogene representative of that clade (this would suggest

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3 a generic re-attribution of the species *Bo. andrewsi*; i.e. *Brachyodus andrewsi* following
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5 Schmidt 1913). Our phylogenetic analyses, based on the characters used here (Lihoreau
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7 et al. 2016), fail to discriminate the genus *Sivameryx* from *Hemimeryx*. The two genera
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9 are considered phylogenetically close and differ mainly by their upper molar
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11 morphologies notably the dimension of the paraconule (Lihoreau et al. 2016). In the
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13 resulting tree the paraconule reduction appears as a reversion in *Sivameryx*. Further
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15 phylogenetic analysis should therefore add more *Sivameryx* species to discuss this
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17 particular point. Unfortunately, new material of *Sivameryx moneyi* (Fourtau, 1918) from
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19 Wadi Moghra (Miller et al. 2014) cannot be included in this cladistic analysis due to the
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21 lack of published description for the upper tooth. It is worth noting here that one
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23 specimen of *S. moneyi* (CUWM 172) displays five upper premolars (Miller et al. 2014)
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25 as in all the specimens of the two well-known species of *Libycosaurus* (Lihoreau et al.
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27 2006; Pickford 2006). Therefore, unlike what is proposed by Miller et al. (2014, p.974),
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29 this is not 'a fairly common occurrence among anthracothere species in general', and
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31 should hence be tested in order to decipher possible close affinities between *S. moneyi*
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40 The main clades depicted from this analysis, which display Bremer indices (BI)
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42 of 3 or more (Fig. 6), are those of the suines, anthracotheriines, hippopotamids +
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44 *Epirigenys lokonensis* Lihoreau, Boissérie, et al., 2105, hippopotamids, hippopotamins,
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46 bothriodontines, *Brachyodus* spp. + *Bo. andrewsi* and merycopotamins (Fig. 6). The
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48 main aim of this analysis was to assess the phylogenetic position of *L. algeriensis*
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50 within the Merycopotamini. Therefore, we will here focus primarily on the description
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52 of the nodes that gather the species of *Merycopotamus* and those of *Libycosaurus*.
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56 First, the *Merycopotamus+Libycosaurus* clade (BI=5) is characterized by nine
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58 non-ambiguous traits: the presence of a groove on the labial side on the lower canine
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3 (12¹), also observed in *Suina*, the lack of ectometafossid on lower molars (54¹), a
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5 character convergent with some Bothriodontinae and Hippopotaminae, an important
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7 regression or lack of the endometacristid on lower molars (55⁰), which is convergent
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9 with the Hippopotamidae, *Brachyodus* (+*Bo. andrewsi*) and stem Hippopotamoidea, the
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11 lack of premetafossid on lower molars (57¹), convergent with *Brachyodus*, *E.*
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13 *borbonicus* and *Myaingtherium*, a reduced postectoentocristid (60¹), which appears as a
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15 reversion in Hippopotamoidea, a convex mesial border of P4/ (105¹), also observed in
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17 some Bothriodontinae (*Bothriodon*, *Aepinacodon* and *S. africanus* (Andrews, 1914), the
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19 lack of postectoprotocrista (114⁰), as in Hippopotaminae, some microbunodontines and
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21 *Siamotherium*, a maximal thickness in the middle of the sagittal section of the
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23 symphysis (153⁰), as in Hippopotamidae and *Anthracotherium*, and the presence of a
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25 mandibular notch with a short extension below m/3 (156²), as observed in *E.*
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27 *borbonicus*.

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33 *Merycopotamus nanus* is the sister-taxon of a clade including the other species
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35 of *Merycopotamus* (successively arranged) and the three species of *Libycosaurus*, the
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37 latter forming a subclade. This *Merycopotamus*-*Libycosaurus* clade is supported (BI=
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39 5) by six non ambiguous traits: crown of the male lower canine with a prolonged growth
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41 (15²), also known in Hippopotamidae and *Suina*, the presence of a postentocristilid on
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43 P/4 (42¹), convergent with Hippopotamidae, *Elomeryx* spp., *S. palaeindicus* and
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45 *Microbunodon minimum* (Cuvier, 1822) upper canine with prolonged growth of the root
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47 (86²), convergent with *Suina*, a partial to total division of the mesostyle on upper molars
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49 (140¹), also observed in *Bothriodon*, *Aepinacodon* and *Elomeryx borbonicus*, a bony
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51 fusion of the mandibular symphysis in adult (152¹), a character highly convergent
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53 within Hippopotamoidea but characteristic of several *Merycopotamini*, and the presence
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3 of an inner radial enamel (schmelzmuster with 3 layers, 164¹), which is highly
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5 convergent within Hippopotamoidea.
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8 *Merycopotamus dissimilis* and the three species of *Libycosaurus* form a well-
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10 supported clade (BI=5) characterized by six non-ambiguous traits, including a non-
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12 homoplastic apomorphy of the Hippopotamoidea. This exclusive trait is the presence of
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14 an ectometacristule developed on the last upper molars (not M1/; 118²). This character
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16 differs from the condition observed in other Hippopotamoidea where the
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18 ectometacristule is expressed on M1/ and also from other Merycopotamini where the
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20 ectometacristule is absent. The other unambiguous traits are the presence of a
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22 postentocristid (62¹), which is also observed in some *Bothriogenys*, Hippopotamidae,
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24 Anthracotheriinae, although this postentocristid is mesio-distally oriented between the
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26 posthypocristid and the entoconid (= the entoconid fold in Lihoreau et al. 2007) and
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28 only observed in *S. africanus* among the Hippopotamoidea (63¹), the presence of an
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30 ectostylid on lower molars (72²), also known in Hippopotamidae and stem
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32 Hippopotamidae, in *E. borbonicus*, *S. africanus* and in *H. blanfordi*, an incomplete
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34 posthypocristulid (79¹), also known in *Afromeryx zelteni* and *Chororatherium*, the
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36 rostral opening of the main palatal foramen (162²), which is a character convergent with
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38 Hippopotamidae and *B. onoideus* (Gervais, 1848-52).
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45 The three species of *Libycosaurus* are gathered together (BI= 4) on the basis of
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47 four non-ambiguous traits including two non-homoplastic apomorphies: the presence of
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49 at least two accessory cusplets on the preprotocristid of all lower premolars (18²) and a
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51 long postentocristilid on P/4 that reaches the distal cingulid (42²). Both character states
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53 are derived condition of what is known in Merycopotamini (18¹) or *Merycopotamus*
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55 (42¹). The other two non-ambiguous traits are the endoprotofossid on P/4 that reaches
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57 the lingual cingulid wall (ectocristilid; 41¹), a character which is convergent with *E.*
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3 *borbonicus*, *A. zelteni* and *S. africanus* within the Bothriodontinae, and that is linked to
4 the important development of the ectocristilid (42¹⁻²), and finally the cingulum
5 reduction at the mesostyle (139²), which is convergent with *Brachyodus* spp.,
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10 *Bothriogenys fraasi* (Schmidt, 1913) and *Bo. andrewsi*, Hippopotamidae, *Bothriodon*,
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12 *Aepinacodon* and *Hemimeryx*.

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15 In our cladistic analysis, *Libycosaurus algeriensis* forms the earliest offshoot of
16 the *Libycosaurus* lineage, appearing as the sister-taxon of the two other species of the
17 genus (*L. anisae* and *L. bahri*). The latter clade shows two non-ambiguous traits,
18 including one non homoplastic synapomorphy: the preprotocristid direction on P/4 is
19 lingual and then mesial (43¹), whereas it is mesial then lingual in other Merycopotamini.
20 The other non-ambiguous trait is the lack (loss) of the mandibular notch, mesial to the
21 vertical ramus (156⁰), which is convergent with *Afromeryx* and the Hippopotaminae.
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33 Discussion

34 35 36 37 *The age of Tunisian silicoclastic formations*

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39 The new anthracothere fossil remains from Sidi Hedri are the first known for the species
40 *Libycosaurus algeriensis* in Tunisia. Based on the determination of these fossils, we can
41 postulate that the sedimentary deposits where these fossils were found, are most likely
42 contemporaneous with the Nementcha Fm. in Algeria, inasmuch as *Libycosaurus*
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49 *algeriensis* was originally described from that rock unit (Fig. 1; Ducrocq et al. 2001;
50 Mahboubi et al. 2003; Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015). *Libycosaurus algeriensis* does not
51 display some of the derived morphological traits characterizing *L. anisae* and *L. bahri*,
52 and has so far never been found in association with those species. Evolutionary trends
53 observed in the genus, notably general size increase and reduction of molar crests
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3 suggest that *L. algeriensis* represents the most primitive known species of the genus
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5 (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al. 2015). This suggests an earlier origin for *Libycosaurus*. This
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7 view is corroborated here by the results of our phylogenetic analysis, which included
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9 more characters and a better scoring of the matrix for some taxa, notably *L. algeriensis*.
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11 Indeed, *L. algeriensis* was previously known only by 14 elements (upper molars, lower
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13 molars, a fragmentary mandible, and a lower P/4 (Ducrocq et al. 2001; Lihoreau,
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15 Hautier, et al. 2015). The new material has substantially improved the hypodigm of the
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17 earliest species of *Libycosaurus*, and thus permitted to assess its phylogenetic
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19 relationships. The phylogenetic results presented here recover the monophyly of the
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21 *Libycosaurus* genus with *L. algeriensis* falling as the sister of *L. anisae* and *L. bahri*
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23 (more recent species). The *Libycosaurus* clade is nested within a paraphyletic
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25 *Merycopotamus* clade. The morphological characters in support of the *Libycosaurus*
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27 clade (e.g., accessory cusplets on lower premolars) were already included in the
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29 amended diagnosis of the genus (Lihoreau et al. 2014). Thanks to the new fossil
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31 material and based on the phylogenetic results, we could add some aspects of the
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33 morphology of the P/4 (e.g., long ectocristilid including the distal development of the
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35 endoprotofossid) and of the upper molars (cingulum reduction at mesostyle) to the
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37 genus diagnosis.
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44 A key point of this discovery is the identification of two diachronous species of
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46 *Libycosaurus* (*L. algeriensis* and *L. anisae*) in similar facies of silicoclastic deposits,
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48 which were previously combined as Beglia Fm. We propose that either (1) that different
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50 formations of late middle to early late Miocene sandstones were deposited in Tunisia
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52 and therefore that all ochre sandstones should not be considered by default as
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54 documenting (belonging to) the Beglia Fm., or (2) that the Beglia Fm. records deposits
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8 Within the Beglia Fm., the locality of Bled Douarah (including two levels) was
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10 dated around 10.5 Ma (arrival in Africa of hipparions following Bernor et al. 2010). The
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12 *Libycosaurus* from both levels do not show morphological discrimination (Black 1972)
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14 or biometrical difference (Fig. 5). Therefore, this material may documents one unique
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16 species, *L. anisae*, documenting a similar evolutionary grade. Thus, these two levels
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18 might not represent a long time-span. The base of the Beglia Fm. may be early
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20 Tortonian (11.6 Ma; Hilgen et al. 2012) or recording the earliest sediments
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22 corresponding to the onset of the Serravalian marine regression (13.8 Ma; Hilgen et al.
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24 2012). We can add here that the Beglia Fm. corresponds to a long regressive sequence,
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26 and that the sediments characterizing the Sidi Hedri locality are also within regressive
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28 deposits, and furthermore are older than the Bled Douarah low level.
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33 Another important point is that the *Libycosaurus* clade shares a common
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35 ancestry with *Merycopotamus dissimilis* and might originate from a *M. medioximus*-like
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37 ancestral stock (Fig. 6). *Merycopotamus medioximus* is known from 10.4 Ma to 8.6 Ma
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39 in deposits recorded in the Potwar Plateau (Pakistan; Fig. 7; Lihoreau et al. 2007). The
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41 latter area displays successive species of *Merycopotamus*, thereby suggesting a possible
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43 anagenetic lineage in this case. Some transitional form between *M. nanus* and *M.*
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45 *medioximus* are present between 11.3 and 10.5 Ma. Therefore, a possible age for
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47 *Libycosaurus algeriensis* could be bracketed between the earliest *M. medioximus*-like
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49 ancestral stock (11.3 Ma) and the earliest level of Bled Douarah (older than 10.5 Ma).
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56 ***The impact of the Tortonian/Serravalian marine regression on Libycosaurus***
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3 The phylogenetic and geographic origins of *Libycosaurus* are deduced from results of
4 the cladistics analysis (Fig. 6). Although *Libycosaurus* was proposed as sister-taxon of
5 the *Merycopotamus* clade in previous analyses (Lihoreau et al. 2006; Lihoreau et al.
6 2014), *Libycosaurus* was supposed to originate from a *M. nanus*-like ancestral stock
7 from Asia (Lihoreau et al. 2014). From the phylogenetic results presented here,
8 proposing that *Libycosaurus* is in fact nested within the *Merycopotamus* radiation, the
9 arrival in Africa of the ancestor of *Libycosaurus* corroborates the hypothesis of a
10 dispersal event from Asia to Africa as proposed by Lihoreau *et al.* (2006, 2014).
11 However, the derivation of *Libycosaurus* would be related to a *M. medioximus-*
12 *dissimilis* like ancestral stock, rather than a *M. nanus*-like ancestral stock. In this
13 context, the origin of *Libycosaurus* would be viewed as more recent (later) than coeval
14 to the *Merycopotamus* origin, as formerly suggested by earlier phylogenetic results
15 (Lihoreau et al. 2006; Lihoreau et al. 2014). Accordingly, the genus *Merycopotamus*
16 becomes paraphyletic in this phylogenetic context. However, in order for maintaining
17 systematics stability, we propose here that all the species of *Libycosaurus* belong to
18 *Merycopotamus* (following Black 1972), and that *Libycosaurus* represents an African
19 subgenus of *Merycopotamus*. This taxonomic option requires additional paleontological
20 evidence (documenting for instance the number of premolars in *L. algeriensis*) to
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47 The new fossil material from Tunisia provides key arguments for rooting the
48 origin of *Libycosaurus* near the origin of *Merycopotamus dissimilis*, most probably
49 from a *M. medioximus*-like ancestral stock in Asia. The latter species, contrary to its
50 precursors, points at widespread distribution characterized by a sudden expansion out of
51 the Indian sub-continent, reaching South-East Asia and Middle East (Lihoreau et al.
52 2007). This species most probably underwent disruptive evolution in different region of
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3 Asia, with distinct populations in Thailand (a skull has been considered as a new species
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5 *M. tachangensis* Hanta et al., 2008, which is considered as slightly derived from *M.*
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7 *medioximus*) and in Iraq (Brunet and Heintz 1983; Lihoreau et al. 2007). We consider
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9 that a population of *Merycopotamus* (close to the evolutionary degree of *M.*
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11 *medioximus*) extended its range and shifted westward to reach Africa.
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15 The Indian sub-continent is bordered by mountainous arc that limited the
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17 distribution of anthracotheres outside, at least until the early Tortonian. Following
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19 Lihoreau *et al.* (2007) and in accordance with freshwater-constrained distribution of the
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21 anthracotheres (Lihoreau et al. 2014), the dispersal out of the Indian sub-continent
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23 might have been facilitated by a major eustatic event (low sea-level) that would have
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25 connected main river mouths in South Asia. In this province, the Tiger River and
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27 Euphrates River, as well as the Indus River could have been involved in the connection
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29 between Middle East and the Indian sub-continent, thus generating a possible dispersal
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31 pathway for anthracotheres. Recent sedimentological and tectonical studies support the
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33 existence of these proposed rivers connections. During the Burdigalian (early Miocene),
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35 fan deposits of the Paleo-Indus River contact those of a river system north of the extant
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37 Tiger River (Barrier et al. 2018). During this period important dispersal events
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39 involving many mammalian species occurred between Asia and Africa. These are most
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41 famously exemplified by the “*Gomphotherium* landbridge” in the Middle East (e.g. Sen
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43 2013). At this time two anthracotheres genera, *Sivameryx* and *Afromeryx*, dispersed
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45 from the Indian sub-continent to Africa (Holroyd et al. 2010). We suggest that this
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47 Burdigalian dispersal was possible due to river mouth connections. In the same way, we
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49 propose that a new connection between the same river mouths facilitated a dispersal of
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51 anthracotheres from Indian sub-continent to Africa during Neogene (Tortonian).
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5 is found corresponds to a marine regression phase. The environmental condition of
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7 deposits characterizing the whole Beglia Fm., would correspond to this kind of eustatic
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9 event (Belghithi et al. 2016). In contrast, the sediments of the Saouaf Fm. correspond to
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11 a marine transgressive sequence (Belghithi et al. 2016). We hypothesize that first, the
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13 dispersal took place during a regression event or second, at the regression maximum. A
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15 main regression event is recorded between 12 Ma and 10.5 Ma in US mid-Atlantic
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17 coastal plain (Kominz et al. 2008), and between 12.1 Ma and 10.9 Ma in the
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19 northeastern Australian margin (John et al. 2011). This event is framed by the Mi5 and
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21 Mi6 isotopic event (Haq et al. 1988; Westerhold et al. 2005; John et al. 2011). The sea
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23 level drop is estimated close to 50 m, with a lowstand at 10.4-10.9 Ma (John et al. 2004;
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25 Westerhold et al. 2005; Kominz et al. 2008). This event permitted the extension of the
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27 hydrographical networks that may have connected temporarily the river mouths of
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29 Paleo-Indus River and a paleo-river north to the Tiger River, and likely allowed semi-
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31 aquatic mammals to disperse outside the Alpine arc. Following the distributions of
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33 fluvio-lacustrine deposits during the Tortonian (Barrier et al. 2018), connections are
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35 possible between the Tiger-Euphrate water system and the main trans-Saharan drainage
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37 systems as the Nile rivers (Bussert et al. 2018) and the Sahabi rivers (Griffin 2010),
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39 providing large dispersal pathway from Middle East to North Africa for fresh-water
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41 aquatic mammals.
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49 This dispersal event could therefore serve as a marker to precisely determine the
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51 age of the first *Libycosaurus* arrival in Africa at the base of the Tortonian, between 11.3
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53 Ma (the earliest occurrence of a *M. medioximus*-like representatives) and 10.9 Ma or
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55 10.5 Ma (the minimal sea level). This age is crucial for dating the Nementcha Fm. in
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57 Algeria and the early phase of deposition of the Beglia Fm. (earlier than Bled Douarah),
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3 both of which record the occurrence of the most primitive species of *Libycosaurus* (*L.*
4 *algeriensis*). Moreover, the record of *Libycosaurus* in the late Miocene of Oluka in
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6 Uganda (Pickford 1991a), indicates that connections between North and East Africa
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8 were possible for semi-aquatic mammals, thereby constraining the age of the onset of
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10 the Sahara. The specimen, an upper molar, from the Kakara Fm, Uganda, was attributed
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12 to *Libycosaurus* cf. *anisae* (Pickford 1991a) and to *L. petrocchii* (Simon et al. 2017),
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14 even if the latter must only be restricted to its holotype (see Lihoreau et al. 2014). It is
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16 difficult to discriminate *Libycosaurus* species on upper molar morphology but its small
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18 size could eventually correspond to a very small specimen of *L. anisae* (Pickford 1991a)
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20 or to a specimen of *L. algeriensis*. The age of this specimen is proposed to be early
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22 Tortonian (Simon et al. 2017), and it is worth noting that this specimen was found in
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24 association with *Tetralophodon*, as is the case at Bir el Ater 3 (Lihoreau, Hautier, et al.
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26 2015). In sum, the Ugandan specimen, as well as the Algerian and the Tunisian
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28 materials might represent evidence of the first arrival of *Libycosaurus* in Africa.
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30 Besides, the apparent widespread distribution of this taxon would indicate riverine
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32 connections between East and North Africa during the early Tortonian. This element
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34 brackets the age of the Saharan onset after 10.5 Ma to at least a new period of near-river
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36 connection within Sahara, near 7 Ma (Griffin 2002; Lihoreau et al. 2006; Otero et al.
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39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 **Conclusions**

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53 The evolution of *Libycosaurus* toward a more aquatic life style, a grazer diet and
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55 gregarious habit is not a convergent history with *Merycopotamus*, but the same history
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57 that took place in Africa. *Libycosaurus algeriensis* is here considered as
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3 morphologically more advanced than *Merycopotamus nanus*, and thus already in course
4 of global ecological shift. Additional paleontological support documenting this species,
5 notably cranial elements, would be necessary for substantiating a new systematic
6 hypothesis according to which *Libycosaurus* would be a subgenus of *Merycopotamus*.
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12 Our estimate regarding the dating of the new Tunisian Sidi Hedri locality, where
13 we discovered fossil remains attributable to *Libycosaurus algeriensis*, suggests an age
14 close to the base of Tortonian. *Libycosaurus algeriensis* represents the most ancient
15 record of the genus in Africa so far. *Libycosaurus algeriensis* probably documents a
16 species morphologically close to its Asian ancestor who probably dispersed to Africa
17 only shortly before the first appearance of *Libycosaurus* in the fossil record of Africa.
18 This corresponds to an important African event prior to the *Hipparion* Datum and thus
19 helps resolving African Neogene biochronology more precisely. A thorough review of
20 biostratigraphical correlations of Tunisian Neogene formations using vertebrate fossil
21 data should improve resolution of the local history for establishing an important scale
22 for the Middle-Late Miocene transition in Africa.
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Table 1. Teeth measurements of specimens from Sidi Hedri compared to mean values of some Merycopotamini species (Mean value \pm SD from Lihoreau et al. 2004, 2007, 2014 and new measurements of *L. bahri* from CNRD, N'djaména)

		SHI	<i>L. algeriensis</i>	<i>L. anisae</i>	<i>L. bahri</i>	<i>M. nanus</i>	<i>M. medioximus</i>	<i>M. dissimilis</i>	<i>S.palaeindicus</i>	<i>S. africanus</i>
Upper C	L	18.4		23.9 \pm 3.4	37.8 \pm 2.6		e. 16	21.0 \pm 2.9		
	l	11.2		17.3 \pm 1.8	25.1 \pm 1.3		11.1	17.4 \pm 2.9		
	Fi	60.9		73.0 \pm 4.4	66.0 \pm 2.8		69.4	82.6 \pm 6.3		
P/3	L	15		21.1 \pm 1.4	24.7 \pm 2.0	15.7 \pm 1.2	17.7 \pm 1	18	16.4	15.2 \pm 1
	l	10		17.8 \pm 1.4	18.8 \pm 2.0	10.1 \pm 0.9	10.6 \pm 1	10	10.2	9.9 \pm 1.2
P/4	L	17.5	19.4	20.5 \pm 2.0	24.7 \pm 2.2	17.1 \pm 1.7	18.2 \pm 1.7	20.6	17.4 \pm 1.2	15.8 \pm 1.3
	l	10.6	14.2	17.0 \pm 1.6	19.5 \pm 1.6	11.5 \pm 1.2	11.3	14.6	11.2 \pm 2.3	9.9 \pm 0.9
M/1	L	18.5		24.9 \pm 1.5	32.0 \pm 2.4	19.7 \pm 1.3	20.7 \pm 2	20.7	17.1 \pm 2.1	18.6
M/3	L	37.1	36.2 \pm 0.8	44.3 \pm 2.7	59.4 \pm 4.6	33.2 \pm 1.2	36.6 \pm 3.7	39.2 \pm 2.2	34.3 \pm 2.1	32.7 \pm 2.2
	l	16.4	17.6 \pm 0.5	23.9 \pm 1.6	30.7 \pm 2.8	15.9 \pm 1.7	17.3 \pm 1.9	20.1 \pm 2.1	15.5 \pm 1.1	14.8 \pm 1.1
mandible	H _{P4-M1}	33.5		66.1 \pm 7.6	104.8 \pm 18	42.5 \pm 3	44 \pm 9.4	60.9 \pm 4.8	31	32.2 \pm 3.4
	Min	33.5		57.1	72	38	37	47.9	31	27.2

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3 Figure Captions
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5 Figure 1. Geographical location of Sidi Hedri and other localities that have yielded
6 *Libycosaurus* remains in Algeria and Tunisia (full black circle), position in regard of
7 other fossiliferous localities (F1-4) from the Djebel Chambi area in Tunisia, and their
8 stratigraphical relations.
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17 Figure 2. Upper canine comparisons. Lingual views of (A) left upper canine of *L. bahri*
18 from Toros-Ménalla (TM257-04-08, reversed), (B) left upper canine of *L. anisae* from
19 Bled Douarah (T271, reversed) and, (C) right upper canine of *L. algeriensis* from Sidi
20 Hedri (SHI01). (D) Compared dimensions at cervix of upper canines of *Merycopotamus*
21 and *Libycosaurus* species.
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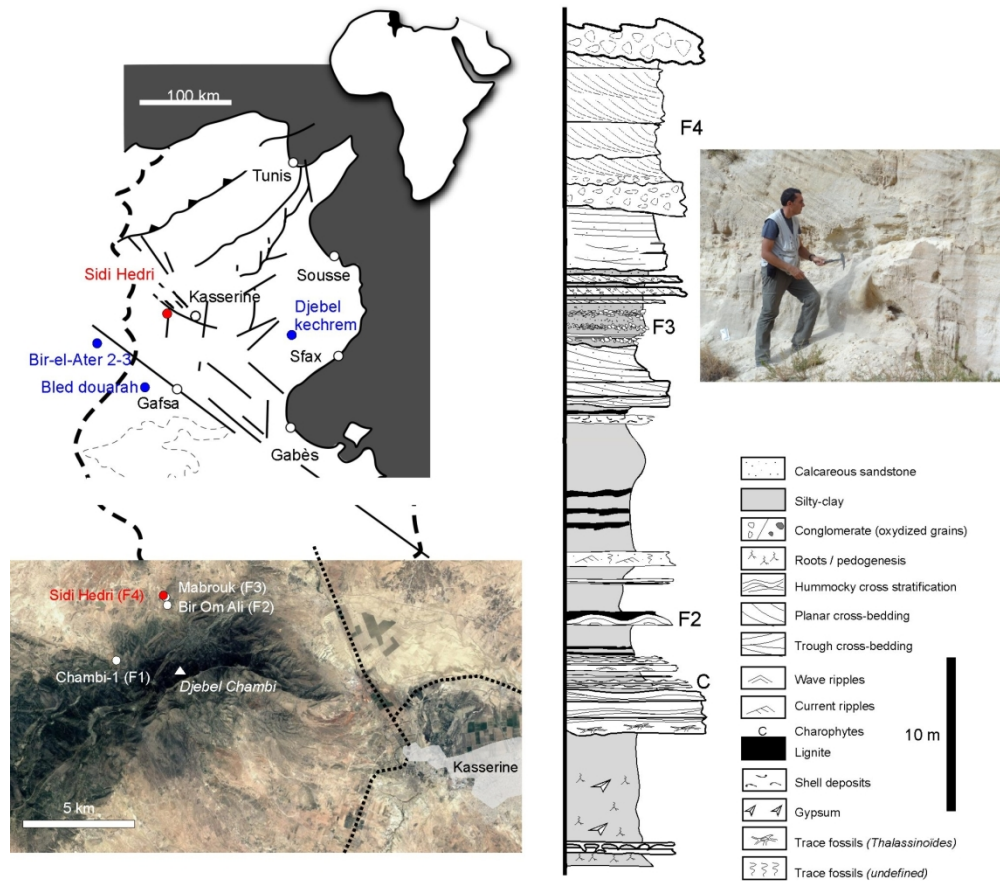
30 Figure 3. New mandibular material with right P/3-M/2 from Sidi Hedri (SHI02) in (A)
31 lingual, (B) occlusal, and (c) labial views.
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37 Figure 4. Comparisons of occlusal pattern of lower P/4 in Merycopotamini. (A)
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10 prehypocristid; 4, posthypocristid; 5, prehypocristulid; 6, posthypocristulid; 7,
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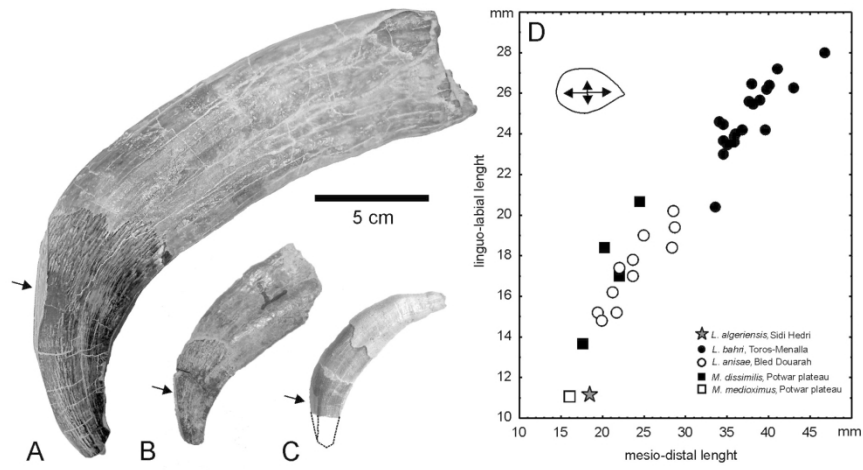
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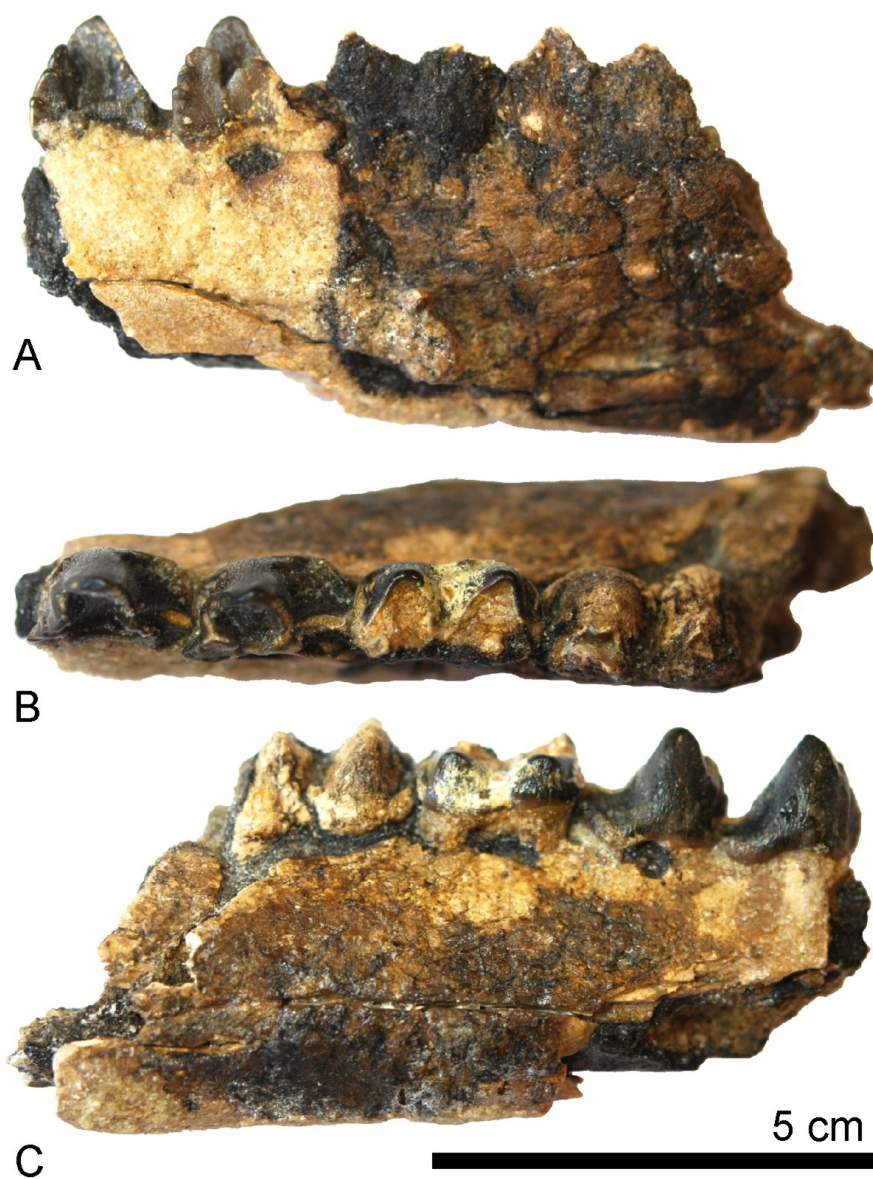
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Upper canine comparisons. Lingual views of (A) left upper canine of *L. bahri* from Toros-Ménalla (TM257-04-08, reversed), (B) left upper canine of *L. anisae* from Bled Douarah (T271, reversed) and, (C) right upper canine of *L. algeriensis* from Sidi Hedri (SHI01). (D) Compared dimensions at cervix of upper canines of *Merycopotamus* and *Libycosaurus* species.

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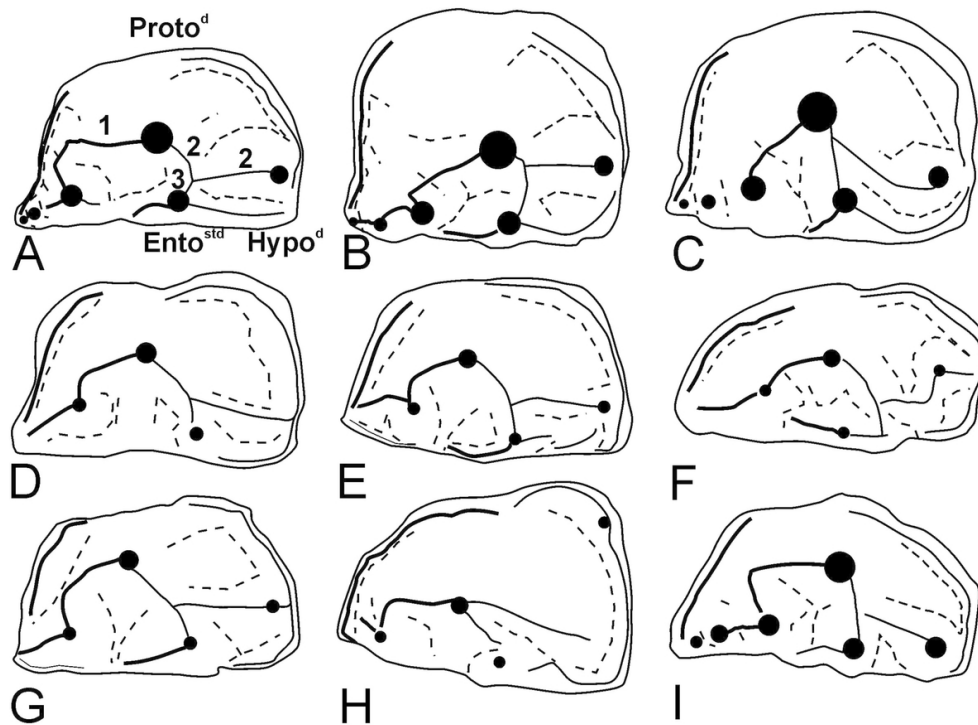


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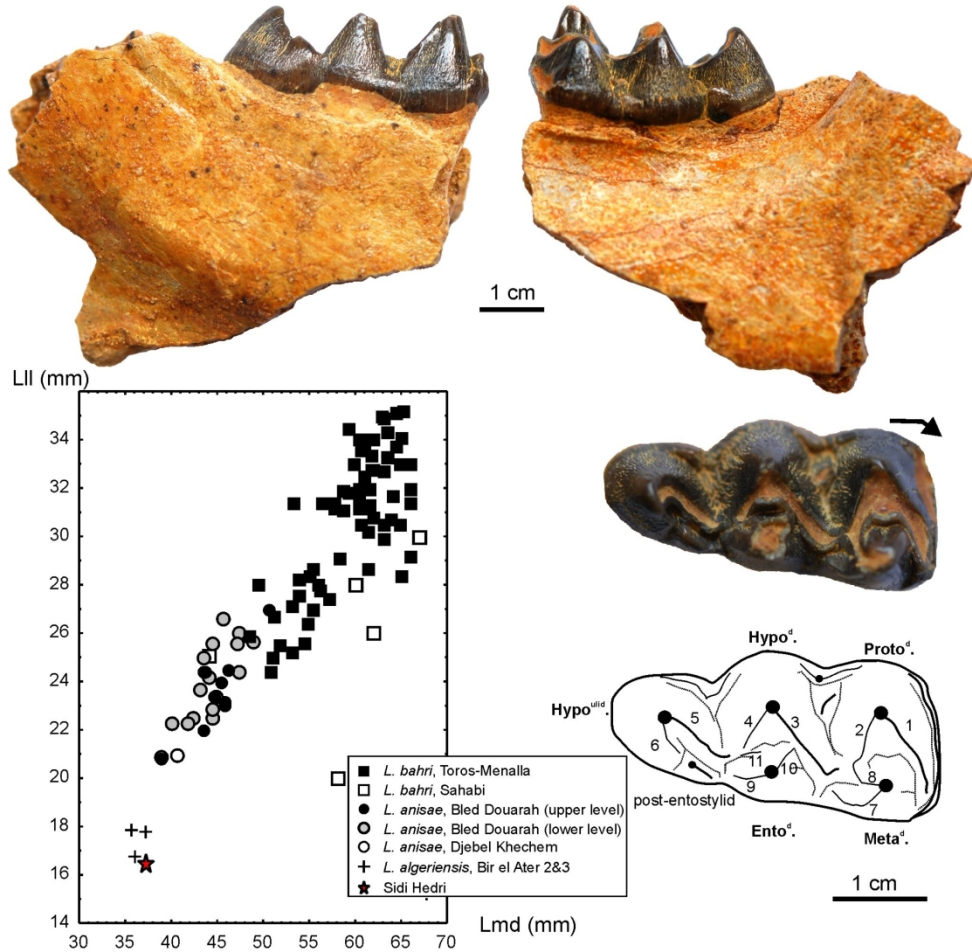
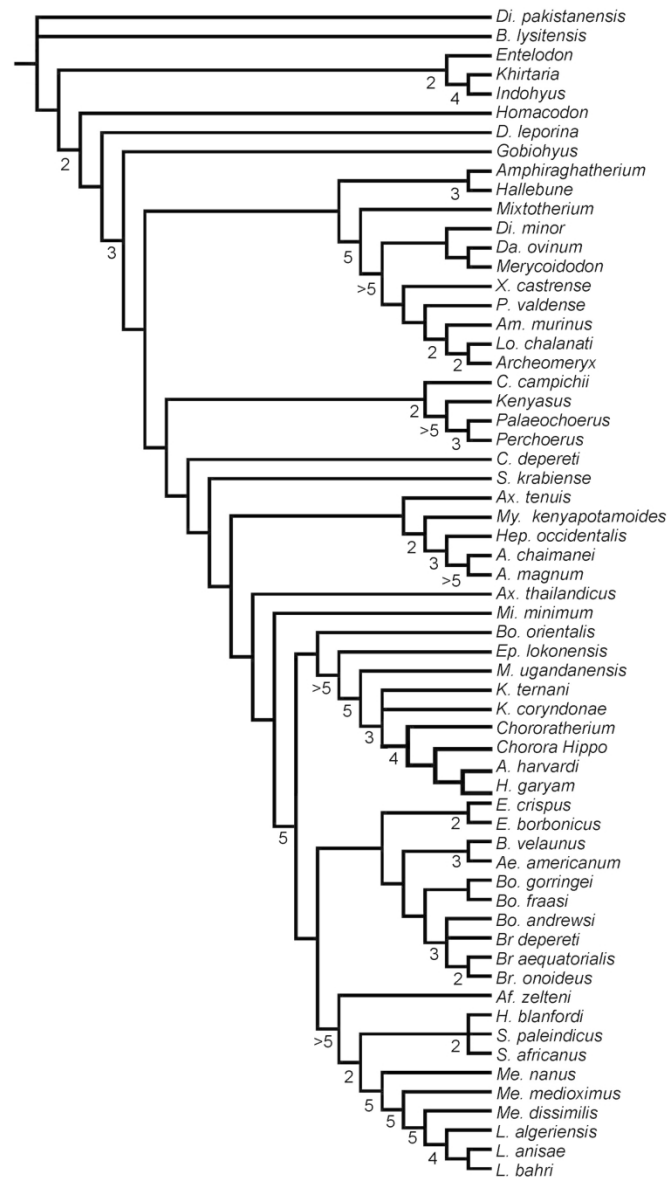


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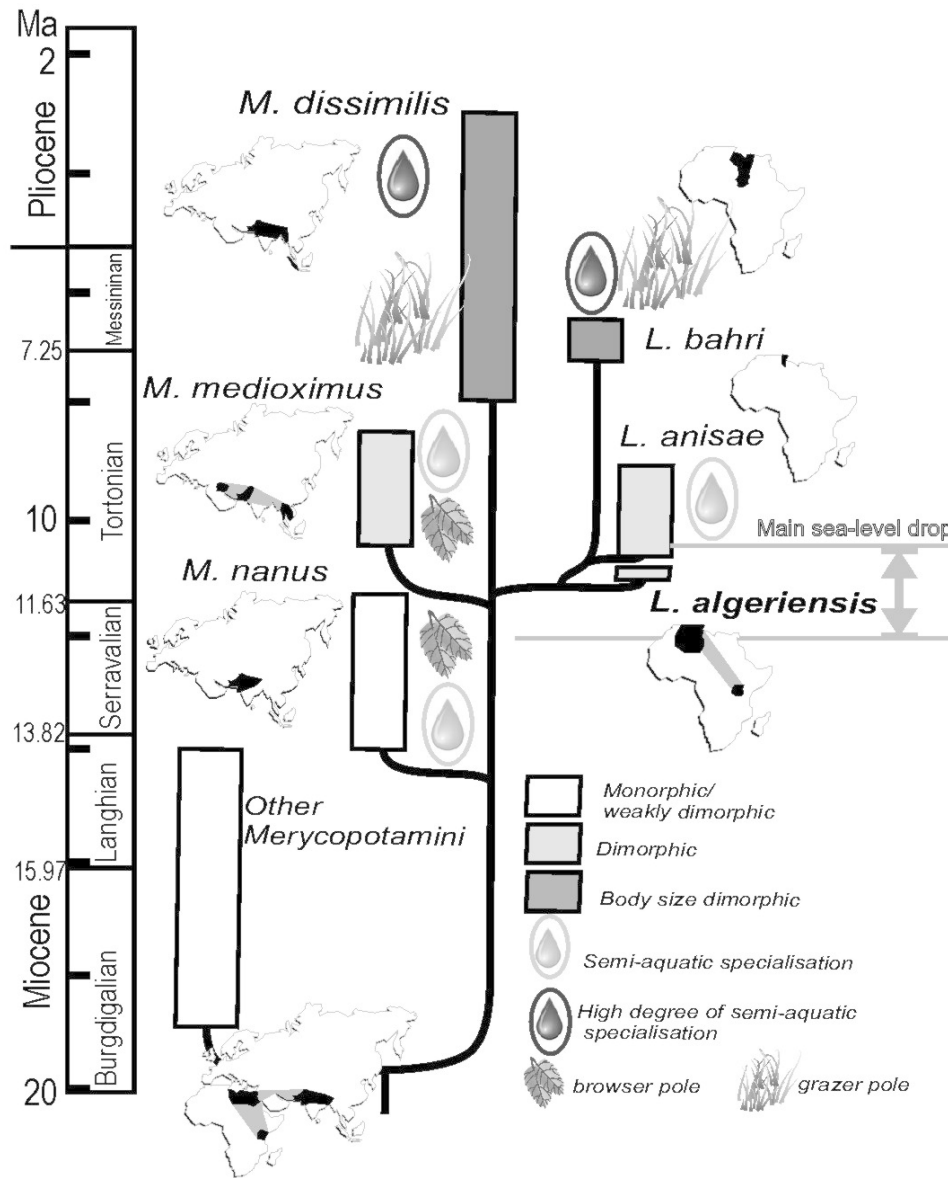
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Supporting information for Lihoreau *et al.*

I List of characters for cladistics analysis

From Lihoreau *et al.* (2016), Boisserie *et al.* (2017), and 5 new characters (63, 80, 139, 156, 162)

Anterior lower teeth

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| <p>1. Number of lower incisors:
 0. three
 1. two
 2. one</p> <p>2. Lower incisor morphology:
 0. not caniniform
 1. at least one caniniform lower incisor</p> <p>3. Relative dimensions of lower incisors:
 0. all of equal size
 1. one or two more developed</p> <p>4. Most developed incisor:
 0. I/2
 1. I/3
 2. I/1</p> <p>5. Transverse section of lower incisors crowns:
 0. strongly irregular
 1. about rounded</p> <p>6. Lower incisor cervix morphology:
 0. no deep indentation
 1. indented cervix, indentation as long as the root diameter on the cervix
 2. deep indentation longer than the root diameter at cervix</p> <p>7. Crown of I/1:
 0. straight
 1. spatulate, with convex mesial and distal border</p> <p>8. Presence of a median lingual pillar (lingual rib) on lower I/1:
 0. yes
 1. no</p> <p>9. Lower canine cross section at cervix:
 0. subcircular
 1. elliptical</p> | <p>10. Cristids on lower canine enamel caps:
 0. none
 1. one distal
 2. two, one mesial and one distal
 3. one mesial</p> <p>11. Wear on lower canine:
 0. distal wear facet contact with canine
 1. mesial wear facet contact with I3/</p> <p>12. Groove on labial side of lower canine:
 0. no
 1. yes</p> <p>13. Groove on lingual side of lower canine:
 0. no
 1. yes</p> <p>14. Lower canine in male:
 0. fang-like
 1. premolariform
 2. incisiform</p> <p>15. Crown of lower canine in male:
 0. small near premolar size
 1. at least twice the premolar size
 2. prolonged growth to ever-growing</p> <p>Lower premolars</p> <p>16. P/1 roots:
 0. one
 1. two</p> <p>17. Paraconid on lower premolars:
 0. no
 1. yes</p> <p>18. Accessory cusp on the preprotocristid of all lower premolars:
 0. none
 1. at least one
 2. at least two</p> |
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- 19. Elongated P/3:**
0. no (shorter or equal than M/1 length)
1. yes (longer than M/1 length)
- 20. Three lobed P/3:**
0. no
1. yes
- 21. Orientation of postprotocrisid on P/3:**
0. distal
1. distolingual
2. distolabial
- 22. High cingulid on labial face of P/3:**
0. no
1. yes
- 23. Endoprotocrisid on P/3:**
0. no
1. yes
- 24. Entoconid on P/3:**
0. never
1. at least on some specimens
- 25. P/3 hypoconid:**
0. no
1. yes
- 26. Preprotocrisid mesiolingually curved on P/3:**
0. no
1. yes
- 27. Mesial accessory cusp on preprotocrisid on P/3:**
0. simple slope
1. Shoulder like structure on lateral view
2. adorned with accessory cusp
- 28. Lingual contour at cervix of P/4 in occlusal view:**
0. convex to straight
1. concave
- 29. Labial wall on P/3 or P/4:**
0. convex
1. concave
- 30. Change in the orientation of the preprotocrisid mesially to the junction of accessory mesiolingual crest on lower premolars:**
0. no
1. yes
- 31. Orientation of the endoprotocrisid on P/4:**
0. absent
1. separated from postprotocrisid at the protoconid apex and then straight and distolingual
2. fused with postprotocrisid in part and then curved mesiolingually
- 32. Distolingual cingulid on P/4 in lingual view:**
0. forming a continuous wall lingually until the distostylid
1. reaching the level of the distal basin and keeping be shallow until the distostylid
2. reaching the level of distal basin and then being high when joining the distostylid (distolingual notch of cingulid)
- 33. Presence of a preentocrisid on P/3 and/or on P/4:**
0. no
1. yes
- 34. Mesiolingual secondary cristid on P/4 (cristid connecting lingual margin and preprotocrisid):**
0. no
1. yes
- 35. Labial cingulid form a V (indentated) on P/4 before to reach the distal cingulid:**
0. no
1. yes
- 36. Marked postprotofossid on P/4:**
0. absent
1. present
- 37. Postectoprotocrisid on P/4:**
0. no
1. yes
- 38. Hypoconid on P/4:**
0. no
1. yes (even incipient)
- 39. Ectoprotofossid on P/4:**
0. absent
1. frequent
- 40. Postprotocrisid position on P/4 (in regard of a mesiodistal midline):**
0. median or labial
1. lingual

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- 41. Endoprotofossid on P/4:**
0. reaches lingual border
1. reaches lingual cingulid wall
- 42. Postentocristid on P/4:**
0. no
1. short
2. long, which reaches cingulid distally
- 43. Preprotocristid direction on P/4:**
0. mesiolingual (but can be moderately curved)
1. lingual then mesial
2. mesial then lingual
- 44. Entostylid on P/4:**
0. no
1. yes
2. continuous junction with cingulid without clear apex
- 45. Metaconid on P/4:**
0. no
1. yes (indeed an entostylid surrounded by cingulid and not formed by cingulid)
- Lower molars**
- 46. Premetacristid on lower molars:**
0. strong
1. reduced or missing
- 47. Paraconid on lower molars, almost on unworn specimens:**
0. yes
1. no
- 48. Lower molar trigonid:**
0. equal in height with talonid
1. higher than talonid
- 49. Connection between premetacristid and preprotocristid on lower molars:**
0. yes
1. no
- 50. Postectoprotocristid on lower molars:**
0. absent
1. reduced in the valley to fully developed at least on M/1
- 51. Postprotofossid on lower molars at least on M/3:**
0. no
1. yes
- 52. Postmetacristid on M/1-2:**
0. curving toward postprotocristid forming a transverse bridge with it
1. orientated straight toward the centre of the tooth
2. forming a rounded postmetaconulid not preferentially orientated
3. joins prehypocristid
- 53. Ectoprotofossid on lower molars:**
0. absent
1. present
- 54. Ectometafossid on lower molars:**
0. yes
1. no
- 55. Endometacristid on lower molars:**
0. no or slightly expressed much more like an enamel fold
1. present
- 56. Postectometacristid on lower molars:**
0. lightly marked to absent
1. always present and well-marked
- 57. Premetafossid on lower molars:**
0. present
1. absent
- 58. Preentocristid:**
0. absent
1. present
- 59. Preentocristid connects:**
0. endohypocristid
1. prehypocristid toward the cuspid apex
2. prehypocristid toward its mesial extremity
- 60. Postectoentocristid on lower molars:**
0. absent
1. present but more like a keel on cusp
2. present and well individualized from the cusp
- 61. Ectoentocristid:**
0. present
1. absent
- 62. Postentocristid on lower molars:**
0. absent
1. present
- 63. Postencristid mesiodistally oriented and**

comprised between the posthypocristid and the entoconid (=the entoconid fold):

0. no
1. yes

64. Prehypocristid dividing in two mesial arms on lower molars:

0. yes
1. no

65. Prehypocristid inflated (not salient when unworn)) in transverse valley of lower molars:

0. no
1. yes (even to form a conulid)

66. Prehypocristid reaches:

0. median part of transverse valley
1. lingual part of transverse valley
2. labial part of the transverse valley

67. Main arm of prehypocristid connects:

0. trigonid distal walls (junction between cristids from metaconid and protoconid)
1. postmetafossid
2. lingual margin of transverse valley
3. postmetacristid

68. Posthypocristid joins:

0. nothing or distostylid
1. postentocristid
2. postectoentocristid

69. Endohypocristid on lower molars:

0. absent
1. present

70. Posthypofossid on lower molars:

0. absent
1. present

71. Entostylid on lower molars that could sometimes be linked to an entocristid:

0. never
1. frequently present

72. Ectostylid on lower molars:

0. no cingulid
1. a shallow and constant cingulid in front of the transverse valley
2. frequently developed cingulid in a /some stylid at least on m1

73. Ectocrystilid on lower molars :

0. no
1. yes even if variable

74. Cingulid surrounding m/3 hypoconulid:

0. no specimen exhibiting such extension
1. occasionally bordering the labial wall

75. Presence of one or many postentostylid on M/3:

0. no
1. yes

76. Ectohypocristulid on M/3:

0. absent
1. not complete
2. present joining the summit of hypoconulid

77. Distostylid on M/1-M/2:

0. median
1. lingual
2. none

78. Mesial part of loop-like hypoconulid:

0. open
1. pinched

79. Posthypocristulid:

0. complete
1. incomplete

80. Posthypocristulid incomplete due to:

0. a groove separates the cristid in two part
1. It lacks a part or totality of the cristid

81. Entoconulid:

0. no
1. yes

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82. Number of upper incisors:

0. 3
1. 2
2. none

83. Central upper incisor:

0. morphologically similar to I2/ and/or I3/
1. peg-like, morphologically different from others
2. caniniform

84. I3/ reduced in size compared to I1/:

0. no
1. yes

85. Upper canine morphology:

0. strong, with circular or elliptic cross section

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1. strong and laterally compressed (blade-like)
2. premolariform

86. Canine size root:

0. equivalent to slightly longer than the crown
1. at least twice the size of the crown
2. prolonged to continuous growth of root
3. prolonged and continuous growth of crown

87. Dimorphic upper canine:

0. no
1. yes

Upper premolars**88. Diastem C-P1/ ou C-P/:**

0. yes
1. no

89. Diastem P1/-P2/:

0. no
1. yes

90. Number of upper premolar:

0. 4
1. 5
2. 3

91. Distolabial crests of upper premolars (postparacrista):

0. simple
1. with a maximum of two accessory cusps
2. with more than two accessory cusps at least on one premolar

92. Number of mesial crests on P1-3/:

0. one
1. two

93. Disto-lingual basin in P2/:

0. yes
1. no

94. Accessory cusp on disto-lingual cingulum of P3/:

0. none
1. one cingular style
2. protocone (surrounded by a cingulum)

95. Metacone on P3/:

0. no
1. yes

96. P3/ root pattern:

0. one mesial root, two distal root not fused

1. one mesial root and fused distal ones

97. P4/ paracone:

0. simple with crest
1. complex with fossa
2. very complex with more fossae

98. Orientation of preparacrista on P4/:

0. mesial
1. labial

99. Postprotocrista on P4/:

0. absent
1. present

100. Postprotocrista on P4/ joins:

0. base of paracone
1. distostyle
2. metastyle

101. Preprotocrista on P4/ joins:

0. mesiostyle
1. base of the paracone then mesiostyle
2. parastyle

102. Postectoprotocrista on P4/:

0. absent
1. present

103. P4/ protocone:

0. rounded
1. crescentic

104. In lingual view protocone of P4/ is:

0. displaced mesially
1. median

105. P4/ mesial margin:

0. concave
1. convexe

106. Strong development of distostyle on P4/:

0. no
1. yes

107. Mesial accessory cusp on P4/ that can be linked to mesiostyle:

0. no
1. yes

108. P4/ metacone:

0. absence
1. presence

109. P4/ paracone higher than the protocone:

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0. slightly higher than protocone
1. much higher than protocone

110. P4/ endoparacrista:

0. absence
1. presence

111. Distal accessory cusp on postprotocrista of P4/ that can be linked to distostyle:

0. no
1. yes

Upper molars**112. Height of lingual cingulum compared to unworn protocone height on upper molars:**

0. one third
1. half
2. no cingulum

113. Mesio-distal ribs development of labial cusps of upper molars:

0. almost half the molar length
1. pinched (inferior to one third of molar length)
2. enlarged (superior to half the molar length)

114. Postectoprotocrista:

0. absent
1. present

115. Postprotocrista:

0. present
1. absent

116. Protocone and metaconule junction on upper molars:

0. none
1. premetacristule with postectoprotocrista
2. premetacristule with postprotocrista
3. postprotocrista and lingual part of metaconule

117. Premetacristule divided in two mesial arms:

0. no
1. yes

118. Ectometacristule on upper molars:

0. absent
1. present at least on M1/
2. not frequent and only on M2/ or M3/

119. Postmetafossule:

0. absent

1. present

120. Secondary cristule labial to metaconule eventually an endometacristule or enamel knob:

0. no
1. yes

121. Distostyle on upper molars:

0. yes
1. no

122. Distostyle position on upper molars levels:

0. metaconule
1. metacone

123. Secondary ectometafossule lingual to ectometacristule:

0. absent or very light
1. present mesially at least on M1/ linked to ectometacristule

124. Paraconule on upper molars:

0. present
1. absent

125. M2/ paraconule when present:

0. similar in size with protocone
1. smaller than protocone

126. Postparacristule extends to connect:

0. none
1. base of the paracone
2. transverse valley

127. Preparacrista connects the parastyle:

0. no, separated by a groove
1. yes, lingually
2. yes, labially

128. Endoparacrista on upper molars:

0. absence
1. presence

129. Ectoparafossa on upper molars:

0. no
1. yes

130. Ectocristyle:

0. frequently present
1. absent

131. Premetacrista and postparacrista connect:

0. no connection
1. direct connection in a centrocrista

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2. connection to mesostyle (via ectocristyle or not)

132. Endometacrista and endometacristule forming a transverse crest:

- 0. absence
- 1. presence

133. Parastyle development:

- 0. enamel knob
- 1. smaller or equal than mesostyle
- 2. larger than mesostyle

134. Premetacristule invade labial part of the transverse valley:

- 0. no
- 1. yes

135. Position of metaconule on upper molar:

- 0. labial side of the protocone
- 1. distal side of the protocone

136. M2/ metaconule:

- 0. similar in size with protocone
- 1. smaller than protocone

137. Mesostyle on upper molars:

- 0. no
- 1. yes

138. Mesostyle:

- 0. enamel knob
- 1. half to the size of labial cusp
- 2. larger than labial cusp

139. Cingulum at the junction between postparacrista and premetacrista forming labial structure on mesostyle:

- 0. high triangular cingulum
- 1. wing-like cingulum
- 2. low or absent cingulum

140. Division of the mesostyle on upper molar:

- 0. no, one style or continuous cristae
- 1. two apices in unworn molars but still connected by cristae
- 2. fully isolated style apices

141. Metastyle:

- 0. reduced to enamel knob or absent
- 1. fully developed

142. Root fusion on upper molars:

- 0. four roots with occasional fusion close to cervix, the root apices always remaining free

- 1. fully fused lingual roots
- 2. three roots

143. Lingual cingulum on upper molars:

- 0. no
- 1. yes
- 2. developed in entostyle

144. Hypocone on upper molars (at least M2/:

- 0. yes
- 1. no

145. Shape of M1/:

- 0. triangular
- 1. quadrate

146. Shape of M3/:

- 0. triangular
- 1. quadrate

147. M3/ size:

- 0. Larger than M2/
- 1. equal in size with M2/
- 2. reduced (less than 60%)

148. Mesiolingual style on upper molar mesial cingulum:

- 0. no
- 1. yes

Mandible

149. Symphysis morphology in sagittal section, ventral border:

- 0. convex
- 1. straight to almost straight
- 2. concave

150. Symphysis morphology in sagittal section, dorsal border:

- 0. convex
- 1. straight or almost straight
- 2. markedly concave

151. Diastem C-P/1:

- 0. absent
- 1. present

152. Bone fusion at symphysis in adult specimens:

- 0. no
- 1. yes

153. Maximal thickness of the symphysis in sagittal section:

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0. in the middle part
1. in the rostral part
2. in the nugal part
- 154. Symphysis extension:**
0. extends nuchally between C and P/1
1. extend nuchally between P/1 and P/3
2. extends nuchally to P/3
- 155. Number and position of main external foramen:**
0. numerous
1. only one below the anterior part of the premolar row
2. two, one below the anterior part and the other below the posterior
- 156. Mandibular notch:**
0. no
1. yes, long extension behind coronoid process
2. yes, short extension below m/3
- 157. Transverse constriction of mandible at C-P/1 diastema:**
0. no
1. yes
- 158. Mandibular protuberance at the C/P/1 level:**
0. no
1. yes
- 159. P/1-P/2 diastema:**
0. absent
1. present
- 160. P/2-P/3 diastema:**
0. yes
1. no
- Cranium**
- 161. Opening of internal choanes:**
0. at M3/
1. nugal to M3/
- 162. Opening of main palatal foramen:**
0. at palatine-maxillary junction in front of molars to P3
1. on maxillary in front of P2-P1
2. on maxillary cranial to P1
- Enamel microstructure**
- 163. Enamel ornamentation:**
0. no
1. yes
- 164. Schmelzmuster composed of:**
0. two layers
1. three layers
2. one layer
- 165. Inner radial enamel:**
0. absent
1. present
- 166. HSB percent of Schmelzmuster:**
0. absent
1. less than 75%
2. more than 76%
- 167. Outer radial enamel:**
0. less or equal to 20%
1. more than 20%
- 168. Hsb zone:**
0. thin with bands always less than 100µm
1. large (equal or more than 100µm)
- 169. Regular aspect (constant width):**
0. yes
1. no
- 170. HSB variable (SD>20):**
0. no
1. yes
- 171. HSB angle with EDJ:**
0. >70°
1. <70°
- 172. Orientation of HSB:**
0. straight
1. bent
- 173. HSB definition (decussation angle and size of transition zone):**
0. clear
1. blurry
- 174. Division of HSB:**
0. anastomosis
1. bifurcation
2. no division
- 175. HSB configuration:**
0. curved
1. transverse

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176. Synchronous prism undulation on horizontal section:

0. no
1. yes but few
2. yes but more or equal to 4

177. IPM in inner portion:

0. closed sheath
1. Inter row sheets

178. IPM in middle portion:

0. closed sheath
1. Inter row sheets
2. no IPM

179. IPM in outer portion:

0. closed sheath
1. no IPM

180. Prism angle with EDJ:

0. equal or more than 60°
1. less than 60°
2. tends to diminish in the inner part

181. Prism diameter:

0. mean between 3 and 3.9 μm
1. small diameter mean below 3 μm
2. large diameter mean above or equal to 4

II List of taxa included in the phylogenetic analysis.

Abbreviations for repository institutions

AMNH	American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA
ARCCH	Authority for Research and Conservation of Cultural Heritage, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
CGM	Cairo Geological Museum, Cairo, Egypt
CNRD	Centre National de la Recherche pour le Développement, Ndjamena, Chad
CROZ	Musée Crozatier, Le Puy-en-Velay, France
DMR	Department of Mineral Resources, Bangkok, Thailand
DPC	Division of Fossil Primates, Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC USA
FSL	Collection de la Faculté de Sciences de Lyon
GSP	Geological Survey of Pakistan, Museum of Natural History in Islamabad, Pakistan
MNHN	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
NHM	Natural History Museum, London, UK
NMK	National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya
PMH	Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA
UM	Université de Montpellier, France
UNM	Uganda National Museum, Uganda
UU	Utrecht University, Netherland
SMNS	Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart, Germany
YU	Department of Geology, Yangon University, Yangon, Myanmar

HIPPOPOTAMOIDEA Gray, 1821 sensu Gentry & Hooker (7)**Hippopotamidae** Gray, 1821*Morotochoerus ugandensis* Pickford, 1998

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Moroto, Uganda (UNM)
- References: (22-24)

Kenyapotamus coryndonae Pickford, 1983

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Nakali Formation, Kenya (NMK)
- Namurungule Formation, Samburu Hills, Kenya (NMK)
- Ngeringerowa, Ngorora Formation, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (1, 15-18)

Kenyapotamus ternani Pickford, 1983

- Temporal and geographical distribution
middle Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Napudet, Lothidok Formation, Turkana, Kenya (NMK)
- Kipsaramon, Muruyur Bed, in the Tugen Hills, Kenya (NMK)
- Fort Ternan Beds, Nyanza rift, Kenya (NMK)
- Maboko and ngorora Formations, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (77)

Chororatherium roobii Boisserie et al. 2017

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Chorora Formation, Bechitat, Ethiopia (ARCCH)
- References: (79)

Hippopotamine from Chorora

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Recent bed of Chorora Formation, Teso Tadecho, Odakora North, and Gutosadeent, Ethiopia (ARCCH)
- References: (79)

Archaeopotamus harvardi (Coryndon, 1977)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Nawata Formation, Lothagam, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (19-20)

Hexaprotodon garyam Boisserie et al., 2005

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; central Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Anthracotheriid Unit, Toros-Ménalla, Chad (CNAR)

- References: (21)

“Anthracotheriidae” Leidy, 1869

Siamotherium krabiense Suteethorn *et al.*, 1988

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late middle and late Eocene; southeastern Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Krabi Basin, Thailand (DMR, cast at UM)
- References: (25-27)

Heptacodon occidentalis (Osborn and Wortman, 1894)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
early Oligocene, North America
- Origin of examined material
- South Dakota, USA (AMNH)
- References: (28-29)

Anthracotherium chaimanei Ducrocq 1999

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene, southeastern Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Krabi Basin, Thailand (DMR, cast at UM)
- References: (27)

Anthracotherium magnum Cuvier, 1822

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early late Oligocene, Europe
- Origin of examined material
- Cadibona, Italy (NHM)
- Digoïn, France (cast at UM)
- Moissac, France (cast at UM)
- Phosphorites du Quercy, France (MNHN, cast at UM)
- References: (30-32)

Myaingtherium kenyapotamoides Tsubamoto *et al.* 2011

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late middle Eocene, Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Pondaung formation, Myanmar (YU)
- References: (33)

Anthracokeryx tenuis Pilgrim and Cotter, 1916

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late middle Eocene, Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Pondaung formation, Myanmar (AMNH)
- References: (32, 34)

Anthracokeryx thailandicus Ducrocq, 1999

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene, southeastern Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Krabi Basin, Thailand (DMR, cast at UM)
- References: (27, 35)

Microbunodon minimum Cuvier, 1822

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Oligocene, Europe
- Origin of examined material
- La Milloque, France (cast at UM)
- References: (35-36)

Bothriogenys orientalis Ducrocq, 1997

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene, southeastern Asia
- Origin of examined material
- Krabi Basin, Thailand (DMR, cast at UM)
- References: (3, 27)

Bothriogenys fraasi (Schmidt, 1913)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Oligocene, northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Jebel Quatrani fm., Fayum, Egypt (SMNS, NHM)
- References: (3, 37-38)

Bothriogenys gorringei (Andrews and Beadnell, 1902)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Oligocene, northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Jebel Quatrani fm., Fayum, Egypt (AMNH, SMNS, NHM)
- References: (3, 37-38)

Bothriogenys andrewsi (Schmidt, 1913)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Early Oligocene, northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Upper Sequence of the Jebel Qatrani Formation, Fayum Depression, Egypt (SMNS, CGM, DPC)
- References: (3, 37-38, 80)

Epirigenys lokonensis Lihoreau et al. 2015

- Temporal and geographical distribution
late Early/early Late Oligocene, Kenya
- Origin of examined material
- Lok 13, Lokone sandstone Formation, Turkana, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (78)

Brachyodus aequatorialis Mc Innes 1951

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, Eastern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Rusinga, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (38-40)

Brachyodus onoideus (Gervais, 1848-52)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, Western Europe
- Origin of examined material
- Chilleur au bois, France (NHM, MNHN, UM)

- References: (40)

Brachyodus depereti (Fourteau, 1918)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, Northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Moghara, Egypt (cast in NHM)
- References: (40-41)

Bothriodon velaunus (Cuvier, 1824)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Oligocene, Western Europe
- Origin of examined material
- Ronzon, France (CROZ, NHM, UM2)
- References: (32)

Aepinacodon americanum (Leidy, 1856)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene-early Oligocene, Northern America
- Origin of examined material
- South Dakota, USA (AMNH)
- References: (29, 32)

Elomeryx crispus (Gervais, 1849)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene-early Oligocene, Europe
- Origin of examined material
- Detan Dverce, Czech Republic (cast at UM)
- References: (32, 42-43)

Elomeryx borbonicus (Geais, 1934)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Oligocene and early Miocene, Western Europe
- Origin of examined material
- Saint Henri, France (AMNH, NHM, FSL, UM)
- References: (42-45).

Afromeryx zelteni Pickford, 1991

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, Africa
- Origin of examined material
- Gebel Zelten, Libya (NHM)
- Baragoï, Buluk, Ombo, Nabwal Hill (NMK)
- References: (41)

Sivameryx palaeindicus (Lydekker, 1877)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
- Sind, Pakistan (PMH, GSP)
- Kamlial fm. Potwar plateau, Pakistan (PMH, GSP)
- Bugti, Pakistan (NHM, AMNH)
- References: (46)

Sivameryx africanus (Andrews, 1914)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Miocene, East and North Africa
- Origin of examined material
 - Karungu, Kenya (NMK)
 - Rusinga, Kenya (NMK)
 - Gebel Zelten, Libye (NHM, MNHN)
- References: (41)

Hemimeryx blanfordi Lydekker, 1883

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Oligocene-early Miocene, Indian sub-continent
- Origin of examined material
 - Sind, Lower Manchar Formation (NHM, GSP)
 - Potwar plateau, Kamli Formation, Pakistan (GSP)
 - Bugti, Chitarwata Formation Pakistan (NHM, UM)
- References: (46)

Merycopotamus nanus Falconer, 1868

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Miocene; Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
 - Potwar plateau, Chinji formation, Pakistan (HPM, NHM, AMNH)
- References: (47)

Merycopotamus medioximus Lihoreau et al. 2004

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; Indian subcontinent, Thailand, Iraq.
- Origin of examined material
 - Pakistan (AMNH, GSP, UU)
- References: (47) Ajouter Lihoreau et al. 2004

Merycopotamus dissimilis (Falconer and Cautley, 1837)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene-Pliocene; Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
 - Pakistan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Indonesia (AMNH, PMH, GSP, NHM)
- References: (47)

Libycosaurus algeriensis Ducrocq et al., 2001

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; central and northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
 - Nementcha formation, Bir el Ater 2 and 3, Algeria (UO2) and Sidi Hedri, Tunisia (ONM)
- References: (81, 82)

Libycosaurus anisae (Black, 1972)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; northern Africa
- Origin of examined material
 - Beglia formation, Bled Douarah and Djebel Kechrem el Artsouma (ONM)
- References: (41, 48-50)

Libycosaurus bahri Lihoreau et al. 2014

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Miocene; central and northern Africa

- Origin of examined material
 - Anthracotheriid Unit, Toros-Ménalla (CNAR)
- References: (38, 41, 50-52)

SUOIDEA Gray, 1821

Palaeochoeridae Matthew, 1924

Palaeochoerus quercyi (Filhol, 1882) (= *Doliochoerus quercyi*)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Late Oligocene; western Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Pech Desse, Quercy, France (UM)
 - Pech de Fraysse, Quercy, France (UM)
- References: (53-54)

Tayassuidae Palmer, 18971

Perchoerus probus Leidy, 1869

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Late Eocene-Early Miocene – North America
- References: (55-56)

Suidae Gray, 1821

Kenyasus rusingensis Pickford 1986

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Early Miocene - Africa
- Origin of examined material
 - Rusinga, Kenya (NMK)
- References: (55-56)

RUMINANTIA

Lophiomerycidae Janis, 1987

Lophiomeryx chalaniati Pomel, 1854

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Oligocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Garouillas, France (UM)
- References: (57)

Archeomerycidae Simpson, 1945

Archeomeryx optatus Matthew and Granger, 1925

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Middle Late Eocene; Mongolia and China
- Origin of examined material
 - Ula Usu, China (cast UM)
- References: (58)

DICHOBUONOIDEA Gill, 1872

Diacodexiidae Gazin, 1955

Diacodexis pakistanensis Thewissen et al. 1983

- Temporal and geographical distribution
 - Early or Middle Eocene; Pakistan
- Origin of examined material
 - Barbora banda, Pakistan (casts UM)
- References: (59)

Bunophorus grangeri Sinclair, 1914

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Eocene; North America
- Origin of examined material
 - Big Horn basin, Wyoming, USA (casts UM)
- References: (60)

Dichobunidae Turner, 1849

Dichobune leporina Cuvier, 1822

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Escamps, Rosières and Aubrelong, France (UM)
- References: (60-61)

Homacodontidae Marsh, 1874

Homacodon vagans Marsh, 1872

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early-middle Eocene; North America
- Origin of examined material
 - Cast of specimens from the Twin Buttes, USA (UM)
- References: (60)

Helohyidae Marsh, 1877

Gobiohyus orientalis Matthew and Granger, 1925

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Eocene; central and southern Asia
- Origin of examined material
 - Irdin Manha, Ulan Shireh, Mongolia (AMNH)
- References: *The attribution of G. orientalis to the Helohyidae follows (62-63) and (64). It is recognized that (65), notably, proposed a different interpretation, excluding Asian forms from the Helohyidae.*

Raoellidae Sahni et al., 1981

Khirtharia spp corresponds to the three following species :

Khirtharia dayi Pilgrim, 1940

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
 - Chorlakki, Pakistan (casts UM)
- References: (66)

Khirtharia inflata (Ranga Rao, 1972)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
 - Subattu formation, India (casts UM)
- References: (67)

Khirtharia aurea Thewissen *et al.* 2001

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Eocene; Indian subcontinent
- Origin of examined material
 - Chorgali formation, Pakistan (casts UM)
- References: (68-69)

Indohyus indirae Ranga Rao, 1971

- Temporal and geographical distribution

- Late Eocene; Indian subcontinent
• References: (67)

Other early cetartiodactyl families

Cebochoeridae Lydekker, 1883

Cebochoerus campichii Pictet 1855-57

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Eocene; Western Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Robiac, France (UM)
- References: (61, 70)

Choeropotamidae Owen, 1845

Choeropotamus depereti Stehlin 1908

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Euzet, France (UM)
- References: (61, 70-71)

Hallebune krumbiegeli Erfurt and Sudre, 1995

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Geiseltal, Germany (cast UM)
- References: (61, 70-71)

Amphirhagatherium spp corresponds to the two following species :

Amphirhagatherium neumarkensis Erfurt and Haubold 1989

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle-Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Geiseltal, Germany (Cast UM)
- References: (61, 70-71)

Amphirhagatherium weigelti (Heller, 1934)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle-Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Geiseltal, Germany (Cast UM)
- References: (61, 70-71)

Mixtotheriidae Pearson, 1927

Mixtotherium spp. corresponds to the following species:

Mixtotherium gresslyi Rutimeyer, 1891

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle-Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Egerkingen, Switzerland and La Defense, France (casts UM)
- References: (70)

Mixtotherium lavergnensis (Sudre, 1977)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Middle-Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Lavergne, France and Eclepens-gare, Switzerland
- References: (72)

Amphimerycidae Pearson, 1927*Amphimeryx murinus* (Cuvier, 1822)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Escamps, Rosières 2 and St Néboule, France (casts UM)
- References: (61, 70, 72)

Anoplotheriidae Bonaparte, 1850*Diplobune minor* (Filhol, 1877)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene-early Oligocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Itardies, France (UM)
- References: (73)

Dacrytherium ovinum Owen, 1857

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Fons and Euzet, France (UM)
- References: (70, 72)

Xiphodontidae Flower, 1884*Xiphodon castrensis* Kowalesky, 1873

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Robiac and Le Bretou, France (UM)
- References: (70, 72)

Cainotheriidae Camp and Van der Hoof, 1940*Paroxacron valdense* (Stehlin, 1906)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Late Eocene-Early Oligocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Escamps, France (UM)
- References: (70, 72)

Entelodontidae Lydekker, 1883*Entelodon* spp corresponds to the two following species :*Entelodon deguilhemi* Repelin, 1919

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Oligocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Villebramar and Quercy, France (cast UM2)
- References: (74)

Entelodon magnum (Aymard, 1846)

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Early Oligocene; Europe
- Origin of examined material
 - Ronzon and Quercy, France
- References: (74)

Merycoidodontidae Lydekker, 1883*Merycoidodon* sp

- Temporal and geographical distribution
Oligocene; North America
- Origin of examined material
- Big Badland, South Dakota, USA (UM2)
- References: (75)

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III Matrix of 181 characters and 61 taxa

6	<i>Diacodexis pakistanensis</i>	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	?	1	2
7	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1
10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	-	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0
13	0	0	1	1	?	1	1	0	0	0	1
14	0	?	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1
15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
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19	?	1	?	0	0	1	0	?	0	2	1
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22	?	?	?	?	?	?	1	0	0	0	0
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28	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
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30	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
31	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
32	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
33	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
35	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
36	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	0
37	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	?
38	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
41	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	2	-	0
42	1	0	1	0	2	0	?	?	?	?	?
43	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	?	?
44	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
45	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
46	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
50	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
51	?	?	?	?	?	?	1	0	0	0	?
52	?	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0
53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
54	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
55	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	-	2	-	0
56	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	?
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59	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
60	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
61	<i>Dichobune leporina</i>	0	0	0	-	0	0	?	?	1	2
62	?	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
63	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
67	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
68	?	?	?	?	?	?	1	0	0	0	?
69	?	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	1
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Gobiohyus orientalis

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Siamotherium krabiense

Anthracokeryx tenuis

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Kenyapotamus ternani

Chororatherium roobii

Chorora hippopotamine

Archaeopotamus harvardi

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60		<i>Indohyus indirae</i>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
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