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17 **ABSTRACT**

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39 **1. Introduction**

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41 The family Suidae includes the pigs and their relatives, that is, artiodactylan ungulates
42 characterized by a robust and squat body, relatively short legs, large heads, and at least in extant
43 forms, short neurocranium and elongated splanchnocranium forming a tubular snout (Groves and
44 Grubb, 1993). Suids are part of the superfamily Suoidea together with the New World peccaries
45 Tayassuidae. The close relationship between Suidae and Tayassuidae is well documented on both
46 molecular (Irwin and Arnason, 1994; Randi et al., 1996) and morphological grounds (Gentry and
47 Hooker, 1988; Boissarie et al., 2005; Orliac et al., 2010a).

48 The phylogenetic status of the Suoidea has changed during the last decades. Classically, they
49 were considered as sister group of the Hippopotamidae, forming with them the suborder Suiformes.
50 However, molecular data questioned the monophyly of this group, considering the Hippopotamidae
51 as closer to the Cetacea and the Suoidea at the root of the whole clade Cetartiodactyla (Irwin et al.,
52 1991; Randi et al., 1996; Gatesy, 1997; Montgelard et al., 1997; Nikaido et al., 1999; Matthee et al.,
53 2001; Marcot, 2007; Agnarson and May-Collado, 2008). Conversely, alternative phylogenetic

54 reconstructions based on morphological data consistently place the Suoidea as the sister group of
55 hippopotamids (Theodor and Foss, 2005; Thewissen et al., 2007). Even the origin of the Suoidea is
56 the subject of controversy (Ducrocq, 1994; Ducrocq et al., 1998; Liu, 2001, 2003; Harris and Liu,
57 2007; Orliac et al., 2010a; Gongora et al., 2011; Frantz et al., 2016). Molecular evidence suggests
58 that the first common ancestor of Suidae and Tayassuidae lived in a timespan close to the
59 Oligocene-Eocene boundary (39.69–34.50 Ma) (Gongora et al., 2011).

60 Although wild and domestic pigs were introduced in the Americas and Oceania by humans,
61 the original distribution of extant Suidae is restricted to the Old World (Eurasia and Africa), and the
62 same goes for their extinct relatives. Thanks to its richness, the suid fossil record has been used in
63 these areas as biostratigraphic tools for decades (e.g. Pliocene–Pleistocene African suids; White and
64 Harris, 1977; Cooke, 1978a). At the origin of the ecological success of this family is the capability
65 to adapt to different kind of environments. Today it is possible to find pigs in a wide range of
66 habitats, from the tropical forests of Southeast Asia and Africa to the cold steppes of northern
67 Europe and the open grasslands of Africa. Currently, the family is composed by a minimum of five
68 genera and 17 species (Frantz et al., 2016). These were traditionally divided into three subfamilies
69 Babyrousinae, Phacochoerinae, and Suinae (Groves and Grubb, 1993), but are today grouped in a
70 single, widely-accepted living subfamily, the Suinae (Grubb, 2005; Harris and Liu, 2007; see Frantz
71 et al., 2016 for the enigmatic phylogenetic position of *Babyrousa*). However, the modern diversity
72 of Suidae is much lower than in the past. During the Neogene and Quaternary, the Suidae
73 diversified into over 30 genera, representing several subfamilies (Pickford, 1993; Harris and Liu,
74 2007). Even if the earliest sporadic records of Suoidea in the Old World – with the radiation of at
75 least three different lineages, Sanitheriidae, Palaeochoeridae, and hyotheriine Suidae (Orliac et al.,
76 2010b) – are from the middle Oligocene, the first diversification and dispersal of these animals in
77 Eurasia and Africa start only in the first stages of the Miocene (Frantz et al., 2016). About 15 Ma,
78 the suids had spread in the whole Old World with at least four subfamilies, Listriodontinae,
79 Cainochoerinae, Hyotheriinae, and Tetraconodontinae (Orliac et al., 2010a; Frantz et al., 2016),

80 showing a large spectrum of adaptive features. The most successful suid group, the Suinae, appears
81 in the fossil record around 10 Ma and expands rapidly in the Old World to the detriment of the
82 above subfamilies, which gradually disappeared from the Planet (Van der Made et al., 2006;
83 Geraads et al., 2008; Orliac et al., 2010a; Frantz et al., 2016). Shortly after the Miocene–Pliocene
84 boundary, almost all the non-Suinae subfamilies went extinct in Eurasia and Africa, while the
85 Suinae differentiated and spread out (Gongora et al., 2011; Pickford, 2012; Haile-Selassie and
86 Simpson, 2013; Frantz et al., 2016). Besides the Suinae, only the Tetraconodontinae occurred in
87 Africa and Eurasia during the Pliocene and the beginning of Pleistocene (Van der Made, 1998;
88 White and Suwa, 2004).

89 The evolutionary history of African suids has been strongly debated for decades. The centre
90 of origin of the African lineages is commonly placed in Eurasia (Pickford, 2012), but recent
91 molecular analysis by Gongora et al. (2011) suggests that the African suids form a monophyletic
92 group to the exclusion of Eurasian suids.

93 The African Miocene suid record is rich and diverse, including more than 20 species
94 belonging to six subfamilies (Kubanochoerinae, Listriodontinae, Tetraconodontinae,
95 Namachoerinae, Cainochoerinae, and Schizochocerinae) (Bishop, 2010), but the detailed description
96 of these forms is out of the scope of this article. On the other hand, three major groups of Suinae are
97 recognized in Africa from the Pliocene to Present (White and Harris, 1977; Harris and White,
98 1979). The genera *Kolpochoerus* and *Hylochoerus* form the first group. *Kolpochoerus* is a well-
99 documented genus, but still subject of taxonomic (see Section 2 for the use of this term) and
100 phylogenetic debates. Currently, at least ten species are recognized: *K. afarensis*, *K. cookei*, *K.*
101 *deheinzeli*, *K. limnetes* (*K. heseloni sensu* Cooke, 1997), *K. majus*, *K. olduvaiensis*, *K. paiceae*, *K.*
102 *phacochoeroides*, *K. millensis*, and *K. phillipi* (Souron et al., 2015 and references therein).
103 However, *K. phacochoeroides* from Maghreb as well as the disputed “*S.*” *falconeri* from the
104 Siwalik Hills (India-Pakistan) referred to *K. falconeri* by Chavasseau (2008), Pickford (2012,
105 2013a), and Pickford and Obada (2016), likely belong to *Metridiochoerus* (Souron, 2012, 2015).

106 The origin of the living *Hylochoerus meinertzhageni* is still poorly known, but it likely originated
107 from a derived species of *Kolpochoerus* (Harris and White, 1979; Geraads, 2004; Souron et al.,
108 2015), which would render the latter genus paraphyletic. The second group includes the extant
109 genus *Phacochoerus* (with the two species *Ph. aethiopicus* and *Ph. africanus*) and the paraphyletic
110 genus *Metridiochoerus*, from which probably *Phacochoerus* descended (Cooke, 1978b; Harris and
111 White, 1979). *Metridiochoerus* includes the species *Me. compactus*, *Me. andrewsi*, *Me. hopwoodi*,
112 *Me. shawi*, and *Me. modestus* (Cooke, 2005; Bishop, 2010). The only member of the third group is
113 *Potamochoerus*, with the existing species *Po. porcus* and *Po. larvatus*. The evolutionary history of
114 this genus is poorly known due to the very scanty fossil record. According to Souron et al. (2015),
115 *Potamochoerus* was used in the past as a “wastebasket taxon” to allocate many archaic remains
116 characterized by simple-shaped, brachyodont, and bunodont teeth, thus confusing the identification
117 of its origin. For example, *K. afarensis* is frequently placed into the genus *Potamochoerus* based on
118 similarities of dental morphology (Harris and White, 1979; Bishop, 2010) that are likely
119 symplesiomorphies shared by *Potamochoerus* and early members of *Kolpochoerus*. When
120 considering overall craniomandibular morphology, *K. afarensis* is extremely different from
121 *Potamochoerus* and clearly aligns with other species of *Kolpochoerus* (Souron, 2012; Souron et al.,
122 2015).

123 In Eurasia, two distinct groups are recognized during the late Miocene, including
124 *Microstonyx/Hippopotamodon* and *Korynochoerus/Propotamochoerus*, respectively (Pickford,
125 1988, 1993; Van der Made and Hussain, 1989; de Bonis and Bouvrain, 1996; Fortelius et al., 1996;
126 Liu et al., 2005). The two genera of the first group share similar craniomandibular and dental
127 features (Liu et al., 2005). *Microstonyx* is a polymorphic large-sized suine found in several Eurasian
128 sites (Kostopoulos et al., 2001; Liu et al., 2005). Two chronologically-distinct species are currently
129 documented: the poorly-known *Mi. antiquus* (Vallesian Land Mammal Age; LMA) and the more
130 common *Mi. major* (late Vallesian–Turolian LMAs). However, the validity of the first species is
131 doubtful, due to the poor fossil record (Liu et al., 2004). Some authors (Fortelius et al., 1996;

132 Geraads et al., 2005; Liu et al., 2005) consider *Mi. antiquus* as belonging to the genus
133 *Hippopotamodon*. A third species, *Mi. erymanthius*, is described based on a skull from Pikermi
134 (Greece) (Roth and Wagner, 1854), but this species is probably a synonym of *Mi. major* (Liu et al.,
135 2004, 2005). The genus *Hippopotamodon* – also including tentatively *Hi. antiquus* from Europe
136 (see above) – is mainly based on material from the Siwaliks (India), referred to the species *Hi.*
137 *sivalense* (Pickford, 1988; Liu et al., 2004). The relationships between *Hippopotamodon* and
138 *Microstonyx* are not clear and some authors even consider the former genus as a junior synonym of
139 *Microstonyx* (Van der Made and Hussain, 1989; Van der Made, 1997; Van der Made et al., 1999).

140 The relationships between *Korynochoerus* and *Propotamochoerus* are also uncertain.
141 Actually, *Korynochoerus* is frequently considered as a junior synonym of *Propotamochoerus* (Van
142 der Made, 1997). The latter genus was erected by Pilgrim (1926) and is probably another example
143 of “wastebasket taxon” for a large number of Miocene isolated suid remains. According to the most
144 recent literature, *Propotamochoerus* includes five species (most of them previously referred
145 generically to *Sus*): *Pr. hysudricus* (type species), *Pr. wui*, *Pr. hyotheroides*, *Pr. palaeochoerus*, and
146 *Pr. provincialis*, with the latter being the only species to survive beyond the Miocene–Pliocene
147 boundary, until the middle Pliocene (MN13–MN15) (Van der Made et al., 1999; Gallai, 2006;
148 Geraads et al., 2008). Unfortunately, most of the above species are described on the basis of scarce
149 material and it is likely that in the past, some species of *Propotamochoerus* (notably *Pr. hysudricus*
150 and *Pr. provincialis*) were confused with other suine species (Van der Made et al., 1999). Pickford
151 (2013a) reviewed the complex taxonomic history of the latter species (alternately referred to the
152 genera *Sus*, *Korynochoerus*, *?Potamochoerus*, and *Propotamochoerus*) and noticed that the
153 available diagnosis – probably based on specimens belonging to different taxa – is not useful to
154 support *Pr. provincialis* as a valid species.

155 The first representatives of the successful genus *Sus* appeared in Eurasia in the Pliocene and
156 spread in the Pleistocene. *Sus arvernensis* is the earliest recognized species of *Sus* (Gallai, 2006). It
157 is a small-sized suine that occurs in the Eurasian Pliocene (MN14–MN16; Ruscinian and Early

158 Villafranchian LMAs), from Spain to China (Van der Made and Moyà-Solà, 1989; Berdondini,
159 1992), although the latter record probably needs to be revised. This species overall shows a very
160 convoluted taxinomic history (Pickford and Obada, 2016). In this work, we consider *S. minor* as a
161 junior synonym of *S. arvernensis* following Guérin and Faure (1985).

162 *Sus arvernensis* is closely related and probably ancestral to the larger *S. stozzii* (Azzaroli,
163 1954, 1975; Berdondini, 1992; Pickford, 2012, 2013a; Pickford and Obada, 2016). The latter is a
164 common element of Eurasian mammal assemblages referred to the first half of the Early Pleistocene
165 (MN17–MNQ19; Middle to early Late Villafranchian LMA) (Rook and Martínez-Navarro, 2010)
166 and occurred in the whole southern part of Europe and western Asia, from Spain to the north-
167 eastern Azov Sea area in Russia (Titov, 2000; Kostopoulos and Athanassiou, 2003). However, the
168 recent paper by Bona and Sala (2016) describes a mandible clearly belonging to *S. stozzii* from the
169 Arda River (Italy) dated to about 0.99 Ma, which might represent the last occurrence of the species.

170 According to many scholars (Azzaroli, 1954, 1975; Berdondini, 1992; Pickford, 2012;
171 Pickford and Obada, 2016), *S. arvernensis* would be ancestral not only to *S. stozzii*, but also to a
172 wide group of Asian suids characterized by “verrucosic” lower canines (see Section 4). This group
173 includes some of the living Island South East Asia (ISEA) pigs (*S. verrucosus* and *S. celebensis*)
174 and some related fossil forms (*S. brachygnathus* and *S. macrognathus*) (Pickford, 2012). All the
175 above species (i.e. all the extinct and extant alleged relatives of *S. arvernensis* showing a verrucosic
176 lower canine) were referred to the genus *Dasychoerus* by Pickford (2012).

177 Numerous fossil species of Suinae are described in the Pleistocene of China. *Sus lydekkeri* is
178 restricted to the northern part of the Country, while *S. xiaozhu*, *S. bijiashanensis*, *S. peii* (including
179 *S. australis*), and *S. liuchengensis* are found in southern China (Han et al., 1975; Han, 1987; Liu et
180 al., 2017). Among them, only the closely related Early–Middle Pleistocene *S. lydekkeri* and *S. peii*
181 are represented by significantly rich fossil samples. These two species are approximately as large as
182 the European *S. stozzii*, but they show several morphological affinities with the extant *S. scrofa*
183 and might even be its ancestors (Dong et al., 2006, 2013; Liu et al., 2017). According to Fujita et al.

184 (2010), the similarities between *S. lydekkeri* and *S. scrofa* are so strong that the former should be
185 considered as a chronosubspecies of *S. scrofa*, namely *S. scrofa lydekkeri*.

186 After its appearance in Asia, *S. scrofa* spread in Europe at the end of the Early Pleistocene,
187 apparently finding empty ecological niches to fill. As a matter of fact, Martínez-Navarro et al.
188 (2015) showed that no suid remains are found in Europe during the last part of Villafranchian
189 (approximately from 1.8 to 1.2 Ma), in contrast to what is observed before and after this interval,
190 when these animals represent almost ubiquitous elements in the mammal faunas. After this hiatus,
191 “modern” suines re-appeared in the European Epivillafranchian record with fossils attributed to *Sus*
192 sp. (Sima del Elefante and Vallparadís Estacio in Spain; Vallonnet in France) or to the ancestor of
193 the living wild boar, *S. scrofa priscus* (Untermassfeld in Germany) (Bellucci et al., 2015; Martínez-
194 Navarro et al., 2015). The aforementioned late finding of *S. strozzii* from the Arda River (Bona and
195 Sala, 2016) should now be included in this Epivillafranchian suine contingent. In addition,
196 Freudenthal (1971) and De Giuli et al. (1986) include *Sus* sp. in the faunal list of Pirro Nord (latest
197 Villafranchian of southern Italy). Therefore, the “gap” in suid fossil record might be interpreted as a
198 mere lack of documentation.

199 Despite the rich fossil record of suines in Europe, with different species and several
200 specimens described, very little has been done so far to try reconstructing their phylogenetic
201 relationships, as well as those with Miocene to Pleistocene taxa from Africa and Asia, and with
202 living pigs. This paper tries to partially fill this gap by offering the first phylogenetic analysis based
203 on craniomandibular and dental characters of suines. The work is focused on *S. strozzii*, the best
204 represented fossil species from the Villafranchian LMA in Europe. Its record is here enriched with a
205 very well-preserved mandible from the Early Pleistocene site of Pantalla, central Italy. The main
206 research questions that we want to address are: *What are the relationships between S. strozzii and*
207 *its putative ancestor, S. arvernensis? How are these extinct pigs related to the living species of Sus?*
208 *In general, what phylogenetic relationships can be reconstructed between European, African, and*
209 *Asian taxa?*

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211 **2. Materials and methods**

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213 *2.1. Materials*

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215 The new specimen of *S. strozzii* (SBAU 337647) from Pantalla (central Italy) is compared to
216 the mandibles and lower teeth of the same species from the Upper Valdarno (IGF 414, 416, 418,
217 422, 424, 4006, 5979, 8968, 8970, 8975), Olivola (IGF 4007, 4008, 4606) and Senèze (NHMB Se-
218 1775) (Azzaroli, 1954), from locality “Frantoio”, Arda River (MCCA Vt-090) (Bona and Sala,
219 2016), and from the Sables marins de Montpellier (MNHN F.MON-13) (Pickford, 2013a).
220 Additional comparisons are made with *S. arvernensis*, i.e. the Eurasian species preceding
221 stratigraphically *S. strozzii*. The following lower jaw and teeth of *S. arvernensis* are considered:
222 MNHN F.PET-2005 from Les Étouaires and IZASM no num. from Dermenji (Pickford and Obada,
223 2016); NHMB VI-144 and VI-145 from Villafranca d’Asti (Berdondini, 1992); CCECL Pp-195 and
224 FSL Rss-70 from Perpignan (Azzaroli, 1954); FSL 40.061 and 40.154 from the Sables marins de
225 Montpellier (Pickford, 2013a); MNHN ACA-311 from Çalta (Guérin et al., 1998). Using
226 descriptions and illustrations available in the literature, the new material is compared to *S. lydekkeri*
227 from China (Dong, 2008; Liu et al., 2017) and to *S. brachygnathus* and *S. macrognathus* from
228 Indonesia (Hardjasmita, 1987). The list of fossil Suinae considered in this paper (including those
229 included in the phylogenetic analysis; see below) is in Table 1. The mandibles of the following
230 living Suinae are also used for comparison: *Hy. meinertzhageni* (MZUF 1233, NHMUK 63.617,
231 NHMUK 63.623); *Ph. aethiopicus* (MZUF 13305); *Ph. africanus* (MZUF 763, NHMUK 66.516,
232 NHMUK 66.521); *Po. larvatus* (MZUF 2728, NHMUK 66.514); *Potamochoerus* sp. (MZUF 1977,
233 NHMUK 6.12.4.71); *S. barbatus* (NHMUK 0.3.30.13, NHMUK 90.6.25.10); *S. celebensis*
234 (NHMUK 61.12.11.26); *S. scrofa* (MZUF 754, MZUF 8516, MZUF 11917, NHMUK 1989.407,

235 NHMUK 76.410); and *S. verrucosus* (NHMUK 67.4.12.211, NHMUK 67.4.12.216). The dental
236 nomenclature (Fig. 1) follows Fujita et al. (2000).

237 Morphometric measurements (Fig. 1) of the *Pantalla* specimen were recorded to the nearest
238 0.1 mm with a digital calliper mainly following Von der Driesch (1976). Morphometric data for
239 comparison are from Hardjasmita (1987) and Pickford (2012, 2013a, 2013b).

240 Following the proper Greek etymology (Pasteur, 1976), in this paper we prefer using the
241 spelling “taxinomy” (and “taxinomic”) instead of the commonly used “taxonomy” (and
242 “taxonomic”).

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244 2.2. *Tomography*

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246 The analysed specimen was scanned through a Philips Brilliance CT 64-channel scanner at
247 the ‘M.G. Vannini’ Hospital of Rome (Italy) in order to study the internal anatomy and to
248 reconstruct a virtual 3D model. The specimen was scanned in the coronal (i.e. transverse) plane
249 from rostral to caudal. The scanning resulted in 476 slices (i.e. images) of 768x768 pixels each. The
250 slices were 0.8 mm thick with an interslice space of 0.4 mm. Segmentation and 3D rendering of the
251 fossil were computed using Osirix 3.9.4 32-bits for Mac, an open-source image processing software
252 dedicated to DICOM files, and the 3D open-source software Blender 2.63a Intel 32 bits for Mac. A
253 short video showing the 3D reconstruction of the specimen is available in Appendix 1.

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255 2.3. *Phylogenetic analysis*

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257 In association with detailed observations of extant and fossil specimens and bibliographical
258 data, 52 morphological characters (23 cranial, 9 mandibular, and 20 dental) were coded for 19 taxa
259 (character list in Appendix 2; data matrix in Appendix 3). Of these characters, 32 were selected
260 from the literature (Azzaroli, 1954; Hardjasmita, 1987; Geraads, 2004; Orliac et al., 2010a;

261 Souron, 2012; Souron et al., 2015) and either used directly or modified for coding, as specified in
262 Appendix 2. All characters were treated as unordered and unweighted. The phylogenetic
263 reconstruction was carried out in PAUP*4.0 (Swofford, 2002), under parsimony using heuristic
264 searches with tree bisection reconnection branch-swapping algorithm and ACCTRAN optimisation.
265 Branch support was calculated with 100000 bootstrap replicates with random stepwise addition, and
266 with Bremer index using the bremer.run script in TNT 1.5 (Goloboff and Catalano, 2016).

267 As outgroup, we selected the tetraconodontine suid *Nyanzachoerus khinzir*, represented by
268 well-preserved craniomandibular material described and figured by Boisserie et al. (2014). The
269 ingroup consists of 18 extinct and extant Suinae. It includes all the aforementioned taxa used for the
270 comparative analysis of the new specimen from Pantalla, i.e. the extinct *S. strozzii*, *S. arvernensis*,
271 *S. lydekkeri*, and *S. brachygnathus* (we excluded only *S. macrognathus* given the absence of
272 sufficiently complete craniomandibular material) and the extant *S. barbatus*, *S. celebensis*, *S. scrofa*,
273 *S. verrucosus*, *H. meinertzhageni*, *Phacochoerus* spp. and *Potamochoerus* spp. Among the living
274 species, *S. scrofa* is characterized by a strongly marked polymorphism, which reflects in the
275 differentiation in a large number of geographical subspecies (Albarella et al., 2009 and references
276 therein). In order to minimize the influence of intraspecific variability, we analysed several
277 craniomandibular specimens of *S. scrofa* collected in different geographical areas, considering both
278 direct observation of museum samples (see above) and data gained from the literature
279 (Hardjasmita, 1987).

280 The taxonomic sample for the phylogenetic analysis was expanded with the Miocene Eurasian
281 species *Mi. major* (data from Van der Made and Hussain, 1989; Van der Made et al., 1992;
282 Kostopoulos et al., 2001; Liu et al., 2004, 2005; Sylvestrou and Kostopoulos, 2009) and with
283 representatives of the two most characteristic suine groups of the African Plio–Pleistocene record:
284 *Kolpochoerus* and *Metridiochoerus*. Taking into account the availability of well-preserved skulls
285 and based on previously published phylogenetic information, for each genus we selected two
286 species for each genus: *K. afarensis* (data from Cooke, 1978b; Harris and White, 1979; Geraads,

287 2004; Souron, 2012; Souron et al., 2015) and *K. phillipi* (data from Souron et al., 2015), *M. shawi*
288 (data from Bender, 1992; Cooke, 2005) and *M. andrewsi* (data from Harris and White, 1979;
289 Pickford, 2013c, 2013d), respectively. Finally, we also included in the ingroup also the disputed
290 species “*K.*” *phacochoeroides* from Maghreb (data from Geraads, 2004; Souron, 2012) and “*S.*”
291 *falconeri* from the Indian-Pakistan Siwalik Hills (Lydekker, 1884; Pickford, 2012; personal
292 observations of NMI F.18583 and NHMUK M2012).

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294 Institutional abbreviations – CCECL: Centre de Conservation et d’Étude des Collections,
295 Lyon (France); FSL: Faculty of Science, Lyon (France); IGF: Museo di Storia Naturale, Sezione di
296 Geologia e Paleontologia, Università di Firenze (Italy); IZASM: Institute of Zoology, Academy of
297 Sciences of Moldova; MCCA: Museo “G. Cortesi” of Castell’Arquato, Piacenza (Italy); MNHN:
298 Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, Paris (France); MZUF: Museo di Storia Naturale, Sezione
299 di Zoologia “La Specola”, Università di Firenze (Italy); NHMB: Natural History Museum of Basel
300 (Switzerland); NHMUK: Natural History Museum, London (UK); NMI: National Museum of
301 Ireland, Dublin (Ireland); NNMO: Nihewan National Nature Reserve Management Office, Hebei
302 Province (China); SBAU: Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici dell’Umbria, Perugia (Italy). ☒

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304 **3. Systematic palaeontology**

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306 Order: Artiodactyla Owen, 1848

307 Family: Suidae Gray, 1821

308 Subfamily Suinae Zittel, 1893

309 Genus *Sus* Linnaeus, 1758

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311 *Sus strozzii* Forsyth Major, 1881

312 (Fig. 1, Table 2)

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314 Type material: Lectotype IGF 424, partial skeleton of an adult male including the cranium
315 with associated mandible, 4 cervical, 14 thoracic, and 2 lumbar vertebrae, some fragmented ribs,
316 both scapulae, and the proximal part of the left humerus. The lectotype was selected by Azzaroli
317 (1954) since no type material was reported by Forsyth Major (1881).

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319 Emended diagnosis: Large-sized suine with relatively narrow parietal region of the cranium;
320 gently undulating dorsal cranial profile in lateral view, with slight ventral concavity in the middle
321 part; widely diverging and pneumatized zygomatic arches tending to be broader in the middle than
322 at the rear (more gracile in females); laterally expanded nasals separated by a bony prominence;
323 rostrocaudally elongated and rugose supracanine flange in males (more gracile in females); labial
324 longitudinal thickening of the mandibular corpus (more gracile in females), with major lateral
325 convexity in the middle; absence of I3; thick enamel in cheek teeth; verrucosic lower canines;
326 absent or very small talonid in p3 and p4; elongated m3 with single cuspid (hypopreconulid)
327 between the mesial and distal lobe and well-developed talonid composed by four main cuspids
328 arranged in a cross (modified and extended from Azzaroli, 1954, Koufos, 1986, Berdondini, 1992,
329 and Pickford and Obada, 2016).

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331 Type locality: Upper Valdarno Basin, Tuscany (Italy).

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333 Chronological occurrences: Early Pleistocene: Middle–early Late Villafranchian (about 2.5–
334 1.8 Ma) plus Epivillafranchian (about 1.2–1.0 Ma); no confirmed records from the late Late
335 Villafranchian (about 1.8–1.2) are known to date.

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337 Geographical occurrences: Europe and western Asia, from Spain to Azerbaijan.

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339 New material: SBAU 337647 (Fig. 2; 3D model in Appendix 1), left hemimandible still
340 articulated with a small and damaged portion of the right corpus. Incisors' roots, lower canine, and
341 p2–m3 are preserved. Specimen is referred to an adult male.

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343 Geographical and geological framework: The site of Pantalla is located about 30 km south of
344 Perugia (Italy; 42°52'46.79"N, 12°24'23.26"E; Fig. 3). The mammal assemblage was recovered
345 from two different levels of a 15 m-thick stratigraphic succession referred to the Early Pleistocene
346 Santa Maria di Ciciliano Unit (Gentili et al., 1997). SBAU 337647 come from the lowermost
347 fossiliferous level. In addition to the suid described herein, the Pantalla mammal assemblage
348 includes *Apodemus* cf. *A. dominans*, *Canis etruscus*, *Vulpes* sp., *Lynx issiodorensis valdarnensis*,
349 *Acinonyx pardinensis*, *Lutraeximia umbra*, *Leptobos merlai*, *Pseudodama nestii*, *Equus* sp., and
350 *Mammuthus* cf. *M. meridionalis* (Cherin et al., 2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b, 2016, 2017). The
351 assemblage is referred to the early Late Villafranchian LMA (Olivola/(Tasso?) Faunal Units)
352 (Gentili et al., 1997; Cherin et al., 2017), in a time interval ranging approximately between 2.1 and
353 1.9 Ma (Nomade et al., 2014).

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355 **4. Description**

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357 *4.1. Mandible*

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359 The specimen SBAU 337647 (Figs 2, 4A; 3D model in Appendix 1) is a left hemimandible
360 with a small portion of the right corpus still preserved in the symphysis area. The fossil is overall
361 undeformed and exquisitely preserved, although the fragmentation of the ramus prevents the
362 description of the mandibular condyle.

363 In occlusal view, the mandibular corpus appears rather massive, in particular in the molar
364 portion. The labial surface of the corpus is characterized by a longitudinal swelling (pachygnathy in
365 Arambourg, 1947) running from the canine to the ramus base. This swelling is almost subparallel to
366 the tooth row, but shows a greater lateral convexity in the middle part. The high density of this
367 portion is evidenced by tomographic images (Fig. 4B). Distolabially to m3, the corpus enlarges in a
368 triangular and very concave area. The preserved portion of the right corpus is extremely small,
369 being represented only by the incisor area and a narrow strip of the rostromedial wall. Thanks to
370 these preserved fragments, it is possible to estimate an angle of divergence between the corpi of
371 about 30 degrees. The symphysis is relatively long and extends caudally up to half length of p2.

372 In labial view, the dorsal and ventral margins of the corpus are parallel each other. The
373 rostroventral margin forms a wide obtuse angle with the ventral one (mental prominence in Von der
374 Driesch, 1976), in correspondence of the diastema between p1 and p2. Two mental foramina are
375 recognisable. The first, narrow and elongated, is in the rostromedial part, just below the i3 alveolus.
376 The second, smaller and rounded, is about 2 cm below the mesial margin of p2. The labial surface
377 of the canine alveolus is characterized by a bulging rim. Similarly, a thin longitudinal swelling
378 (extramolar ridge in Fujita et al., 2000) develops ventrally to the cheek teeth, from p3 to m3. In
379 lingual view, the mandibular fossa extends rostrally up to the contact between m2 and m3.

380 The basal portion of the ramus is relatively flat laterally and markedly concave medially. The
381 rostral margin of the ramus begins to rise vertically in a relatively backward position, so it does not
382 cover the m3 nor in a labial or lingual view. The lateral surface of the gonial angle shows roughness
383 and small undulations (lateral masseter tubercles), which correspond to the insertion area of the
384 masseter muscle. The latter are much more marked on the medial surface, where they become at
385 least four deep furrows (medial pterygoid tubercles) and correspond to the insertion area of the
386 medial pterygoid muscle.

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388 4.2. *Lower dentition*

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390 The hemimandible retains the canine, three of the four premolars (p2, p3, and p4), and the
391 three molars, while the crowns of the incisors and the p1 are not preserved. In occlusal view, the
392 teeth from the canine to m1 are aligned along an axis inclined caudomedially with respect to the
393 long axis of the corpus. The cheek teeth are low crowned and show a medium to high degree of
394 wear, with m1 being the most worn tooth. There is a short diastema between the canine and the p1
395 alveolus and a second, longer diastema between the latter and p2.

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397 *4.2.1. Lower incisors*

398 The incisor crowns are not preserved. However, the analysis of tomographic images allows to
399 identify the roots of all the incisors (Fig. 4C). The roots of i1s and i2s are particularly well visible.
400 They are fusiform and elongated, extending up to the level of the p1 alveolus. The roots of i3s are
401 small and poorly preserved and the left one is positioned close to the canine.

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403 *4.2.2. Lower canine*

404 The left canine is massive and well preserved. It projects dorsally and laterally, forming
405 angles of about 90 and 60 degrees with the main axis of the corpus in labial and occlusal views,
406 respectively. The apex of the canine is oriented slightly caudally. The canine can be defined as
407 “verrucosic”, i.e. in a cross section of the crown, the labial and lingual sides are similar in size, and
408 are larger than the distal one. On the contrary, in the “scrofic” lower canines the distal side is larger
409 than the labial (Stehlin, 1899–1900; Hardjasasmita, 1987). A thin layer of enamel only covers the
410 labial and lingual surfaces of the tooth, although it is almost completely eroded from the latter
411 surface. Though oblique light it is possible to observe that the enamel surface is furrowed both by
412 parallel longitudinal lines and by curved enamel growth lines perpendicular to the long axis of the
413 tooth. CT images allow to appreciate the remarkable development of the canine root, whose open

414 inner extremity extends inside the dentary up to the mesial edge of m2, that is, up to half length of
415 the corpus (Fig. 4D).

416

417 *4.2.3. Lower premolars*

418 The p1 alveolus is small and sub-circular and located very close to the canine, after a 4-mm-
419 long diastema. The CT scans reveal that the alveolus is fully filled by sediment, thus suggesting that
420 the tooth has fallen before the burial. CT images, although not sufficiently clear due to the sediment
421 filling, suggest that p1 had single root. The p2, p3, and p4 have two roots. The p2 is almost
422 completely destroyed, with the exception of a thin enamel layer on the labial side.

423 The p3 is better preserved than p2, but lacks most of the lingual portion of the crown. In labial
424 view, the crown is trapezoidal in shape, with the dorsal angle formed by the high protoconid. The
425 latter forms a sharp cutting edge with the worn and steep paraconid (mesially) and metaconid
426 (distally), which are similar in height. Two small stylids are visible respectively on the mesiolabial
427 and distolabial extremities of the crown. The cervix is lowered below the paraconid and metaconid
428 to form the presynclinid and postsynclinid, respectively, while it is raised below the protoconid to
429 form a pointed anticlinid.

430 The p4 is the best-preserved premolar. It has a squared occlusal outline, which is broader than
431 that of p3. In occlusal view, the paraconid, metaconid, and hypoconid are aligned forming the main
432 cutting edge, although the metaconid is slightly shifted lingually. Conversely, the protoconid
433 occupies a labial position between the paraconid and metaconid. The protoconid is the highest cusp
434 in labial view. As in p3, the labial side of the tooth exhibits a mesial and a distal stylid, the latter
435 being preceded by a deep vertical furrow. The labial cervix undulates as in p3, but the anticlinid is
436 less marked.

437

438 *4.2.4. Lower molars*

439 The molars are robust, bunodont, and brachyodont. The tomographic images show that m1
440 and m2 have four slender roots in correspondence of the four main cuspids, while m3 has a fifth
441 accessory root below the talonid. The advanced state of wear makes the m1 difficult to describe. Its
442 occlusal outline is 8-shaped, with a medial constriction separating the mesial cuspids (protoconid
443 and metaconid) from the distal ones (hypoconid and entoconid). A small enamel island interpretable
444 as the hypoectoconulid, is visible on the labial side of the medial constriction. Distally, the crown
445 seems to show a small additional median cusp (pentaconid?).

446 The m2 is sub-rectangular in occlusal shape, with the distal portion slightly broader than the
447 mesial. The entoconid is the best preserved cuspid, while the hypoconid and especially the
448 protoconid and metaconid are heavily worn and fragmented. Between the distal and mesial main
449 cuspids, a distinct hypopreconulid is present and a small pentaconid is barely distinguishable at the
450 distal end of the crown. A swelling on the labial surface of the hypoconid can be interpreted as a
451 cingulum.

452 The m3 is very well preserved. It has an elongated and mesiodistally tapered occlusal
453 appearance, with relatively squared mesial outline and rounded distal outline. The occlusal
454 constrictions separating the three lobes of the tooth are not deep. The enamel is very thick and in the
455 four main cuspids, it is characterized by well-marked invaginations (furchen of Hünemann, 1968).
456 The metaconid is larger than the protoconid and in turn, the two are larger than the hypoconid and
457 entoconid. No mesial cingulum is present. In both the metaconid and protoconid, the distal furchen
458 (number 6 and 3, respectively; Fig. 1) is very deep. The hypopreconulid is large approximately half
459 of the main cuspids and is triangular in occlusal shape. The third lobe of the m3 is long and massive
460 and is composed by four main cuspids arranged in a cross. The pentapreconulid is slightly smaller
461 than the hypopreconulid and a pentaectoconulid is well visible on its labial side. The pentaconid,
462 hexaconid, and heptaconid are approximately the same size. A small tubercle is visible on the labial
463 corner of the heptaconid. Another, smaller tubercle develops lingually, between the entoconid and
464 hexaconid. In labial view, two vertical grooves cross the wall of the protoconid and two others that

465 of the hypoconid. Similarly, the walls of the talonid show some shallow vertical grooves or
466 undulations. The cervix is more undulated on the lingual side than on the labial.

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468 **5. Comparisons and discussion**

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470 Measurements of the hemimandible SBAU 337647 are given in Table 2 and a length-width
471 diagram of m3 of selected extant and extinct *Sus* species is available in Figure 5.

472 The studied specimen belongs to an adult individual, as evidenced by the complete eruption of
473 the permanent teeth and their state of wear. The massive and elongated lower canine and the labial
474 thickening of the corpus allow referring the hemimandible to a male.

475

476 *5.1. Comparisons with previously described specimens of Sus strozzii*

477

478 Most characters of SBAU 337647 clearly fit the general mandibular and lower tooth
479 morphology of *S. strozzii* described in the literature. Similarities with the lectotype IGF 424
480 (Azzaroli, 1954) are remarkable (Fig. 6A–B). In occlusal view, the symphysis area is equally
481 developed in the two specimens, extending distally up to the contact between p2 and p3. The labial
482 longitudinal swelling follows the same outline. In labial view, the two mandibles appear similarly
483 slender and elongated and the ventral outlines are almost identical. In both specimens, the labial
484 cervix of the lower canine and cheek teeth is ventrally bounded by a longitudinal ridge. Similar
485 features are recognisable in the other male mandibles from the Upper Valdarno (IGF 414, 8970) and
486 Olivola (IGF 4006), as well as in the complete mandible from Senèze NHMB Se-1775 (Azzaroli,
487 1954) (Fig. 6C), although the overall shape of this specimen is more gracile due to the subadult age
488 of the individual. The partial mandible from the Arda River MCCA Vt-090 (Bona and Sala, 2016)
489 differs from SBAU 337647 in the shorter symphysis, which does not exceed distally the mesial
490 margin of p2.

491 The lower teeth also exhibit the typical *S. strozzi* morphology. The shape, size, and
492 orientation of the impressive lower canine fit those of IGF 4006 from Olivola and MCCA Vt-090
493 from the Arda River. As in all the analysed *S. strozzi* specimens, p1 is very small and located few
494 millimetres behind the canine. Again, the lower cheek teeth of SBAU 337647 closely look alike
495 those of the lectotype IGF 424, also in the wear stage, suggesting a similar age for the two
496 individuals. In both specimens – as well as in IGF 416 and 8970 from the Upper Valdarno, IGF
497 4006 and 4007 from Olivola, and NHMB Se-1775 from Senèze – p2 and p3 are relatively narrow,
498 while p4 is wider, especially in the distal part. The m1 and m2 are poorly preserved in the Pantalla
499 hemimandible, but their general shape recalls that of the corresponding teeth of the lectotype. The
500 m2 of MCCA Vt-090 from the Arda River is peculiar in having a more-developed pentaconid. The
501 elongated m3 of SBAU 337647 displaying a long and robust talonid with distal lobe composed by
502 four main cuspids, is very similar to that of IGF 424, IGF 4006, NHMB Se-1775, and MCCA Vt-
503 090. Conversely, some other male specimens of *S. strozzi* such as IGF 414, 4007, and 8970, show
504 relatively shorter and stouter m3 talonids. The same condition is observed in the m3 MNHN
505 F.MON-13 from Montpellier (Pickford, 2013a), which also differs from the Pantalla m3 in the
506 presence of a well-developed mesial cingulum and in the different size and arrangement of the
507 talonid cuspids, dominated by the very large heptaconid located in distolabial position.

508 In light of the morphological comparisons, attribution of the new material to *S. strozzi* is well
509 supported. As for the size of m3 (Fig. 5), SBAU 337647 falls in the upper dimensional range of *S.*
510 *strozzi* and represents one of the larger *Sus* individuals among those analysed.

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512 5.2. Comparisons with *Sus arvernensis*

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514 According to many scholars, the Ruscinian to Early Villafranchian small-sized Eurasian pig *S.*
515 *arvernensis* is the putative ancestor of *S. strozzi*, from which it differs essentially in its smaller
516 dimensions (Azzaroli, 1954, 1975; Berdondini, 1992; Pickford, 2012, 2013a; Pickford and Obada,

517 2016). This is confirmed in our comparative morphometric analysis (Fig. 5), in which the
518 dimensional ranges of the length and width of m3 for the two species are completely separated, with
519 the values of *S. strozzii* larger than those of *S. arvernensis* by just over 30% on average.

520 When compared morphologically to the holotype of *S. arvernensis* MNHN F.PET-2005 from
521 Les Étouaires (Pickford and Obada, 2016: figs 3–6), SBAU 337647 is different in its significantly
522 longer symphysis in occlusal view. Conversely, the symphysis length and general shape of SBAU
523 337647 is similar to what observed in the exquisitely preserved mandible of *S. arvernensis* NHMB
524 VI-144 from Villafranca d’Asti (Berdondini, 1992, Pickford and Obada, 2016) (Fig. 6D). However,
525 the latter specimen differs from SBAU 337647 in the ventral outline of the corpus, which tapers
526 rostrally without the typical mental prominence below the p1–p2 diastema observed in *S. strozzii*
527 and in SBAU 337647.

528 The lower teeth of *S. arvernensis* from Les Étouaires (Pickford and Obada, 2016), Perpignan
529 (Azzaroli, 1954), Montpellier (Pickford, 2013a), Villafranca d’Asti (Berdondini, 1992, Pickford and
530 Obada, 2016), Dermenji (Pickford and Obada, 2016), and Çalta (Guérin et al., 1998) are smaller in
531 size but similar in shape to those of the mandible from Pantalla, but the enamel occlusal patterns
532 observed in the latter – and in *S. strozzii*, in general – are more complex than in *S. arvernensis*.

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534 5.3. Comparisons with *Sus lydekkeri*

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536 Among the numerous fossil species of *Sus* described in the Quaternary of China (see Section
537 1), we consider here only *S. lydekkeri* from the Early–Middle Pleistocene of the northern part of the
538 country, as it is the only species for which significantly preserved mandibular material is known.
539 The knowledge of this taxon is significantly increased thanks to the recent discovery of a complete
540 cranium (NNMO HY13-58.1) with mandible (NNMO HY13-58.2) from Yangshuizhan in Nihewan
541 Basin (Liu et al., 2017). However, contrary to what the authors wrote, we believe that the

542 Yangshuizhan skull belongs to a male, mainly on the basis of the very long lower canines and the
543 well-developed supracanine flanges.

544 The mandible and lower teeth of *S. lydekkeri* (NNMO HY13-58.2) are overall similar to those
545 from Pantalla in the following characters: development of the symphysis; obtuse angle between the
546 corpus and ramus; shape of the labial longitudinal swelling of the corpus in occlusal view;
547 occurrence of distinct stylids in p3 and p4; relative length of the m3 talonid.

548 On the other hand, the following are the main differences between the two specimens: in
549 labial view, the gonial angle extends below the ventral margin of the corpus in *S. lydekkeri*; the
550 lower canine is verrucosic in the Yangshuizhan fossil (Liu et al., 2017), but is generally defined as
551 intermediate between scrofic and verrucosic in *S. lydekkeri* (Fujita et al., 2000; Chen, 2004; Dong,
552 2008), while it is always verrucosic in *S. stozzii* (including SBAU 337647); the p1 is absent in
553 NNMO HY13-58.2; in the latter specimen, the p4 exhibits distinct separation between the
554 metaconid and hypoconid; the pentaconid of m1 and m2 are much more developed; in the m3, the
555 mesial cingulum, protopreconulid, and protoendoconulid (all absent in SBAU 337647) are well
556 developed, while the heptaconid is much smaller than in SBAU 337647; overall, the lower molar
557 enamel occlusal pattern of *S. lydekkeri* is less complex. Most of the above dental features fit the
558 conditions observed in *S. scrofa*, confirming the putative relationships between these taxa (Fujita et
559 al., 2000; Dong et al., 2006, 2013; Liu et al., 2017).

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561 5.4. Comparisons with extinct and extant pigs from Island South East Asia (ISEA)

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563 ISEA is today characterized by the occurrence of numerous *Sus* species, often endemic to one
564 or more islands of variable size, suggesting multiple events of allopatric speciation. These species
565 are sometimes grouped as the “warty pigs” (Groves and Grubb, 1993), being characterized by the
566 presence of facial warts of different kind, particularly developed in males. However, warts occur
567 also in the African *Phacochoerus*, *Potamochoerus*, and *Hylochoerus*, which are not

568 phylogenetically related to the ISEA pigs (Gongora et al., 2011, Frantz et al., 2013). For this, here
569 we avoid using the term “warty pigs”.

570 Among living ISEA species, we focused our comparative analysis on the three best known
571 taxa, i.e. the Javan Warty Pig *S. verrucosus*, the Bearded Pig *S. barbatus*, and the Sulawesi Warty
572 Pig *S. celebensis*. In addition, we considered the closely related extinct *S. brachygnathus*
573 (Indonesia) and *S. macrognathus* (Indonesia and other Asian localities; see Table 1) (Hardjasasmita,
574 1987). We did not include in the comparison the Philippines species *S. philippensis*, *S. cebifrons*, *S.*
575 *oliveri*, and *S. ahoenobarbus* (taxonomy from Frantz et al., 2016) due the small number of available
576 samples in museums and the scarcity of the literature data available about their craniomandibular
577 and dental anatomy.

578 The mandible and lower teeth of the Pantalla suid share several characters with living and
579 fossil ISEA species: the ventral margin of the mandible is identical to that observed in *S.*
580 *verrucosus*, *S. barbatus*, and *S. celebensis* (in *S. brachygnathus* the gonial angle is shifted ventrally;
581 no mandibles of *S. macrognathus* are known to date); the symphysis is approximately as long as in
582 the ISEA pigs (although in *S. barbatus*, the whole mandible including the symphysis area, appears
583 more slender and elongated); the strong longitudinal swelling of the corpus with a major convexity
584 in the median part is common to all species; in all taxa, the lower canine is verrucosic, p2 and p3
585 show distinct stylids, the p4 has aligned paraconid, metaconid, and hypoconid forming a continuous
586 cutting edge, the enamel of the molars exhibits complex occlusal patterns. Although fragmented, the
587 ascending ramus of SBAU 337647 seems to form a wide angle with the corpus, as observed in *S.*
588 *barbatus*. The p1 is present in all species (not known in *S. macrognathus*), but is positioned very
589 close to the canine only in SBAU 337647, *S. verrucosus*, and *S. brachygnathus*. The m3 of the
590 Pantalla hemimandible is longer and wider than that of the considered ISEA pigs (Fig. 5). In
591 general, the lower part of the dimensional range of *S. strozzi* partially overlaps the upper ranges of
592 *S. verrucosus* and *S. barbatus*, while *S. brachygnathus* and especially *S. celebensis* are characterized
593 by smaller dimensions (Fig. 5). The general morphology of m3 and cuspid size and topology are

594 similar in all taxa. In particular, they all share a strong talonid with distal lobe composed of four
595 main cuspid of similar size arranged in a cross. The relative length of the m3 talonid of SBAU
596 337647 fits that of *S. brachygnathus*, *S. macrognathus*, and *S. celebensis*, while the talonid is
597 slightly longer in *S. verrucosus* and *S. barbatus*.

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599 5.5. Comparisons with *Sus scrofa*

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601 The Wild Boar *S. scrofa* has one of the widest geographic distributions of all terrestrial
602 mammals, spanning the whole Eurasia and Maghreb. This is reflected in a wide range of
603 morphological and metrical variation (Groves and Grubb, 1993). Despite this strong polymorphism,
604 we recognized in the analysed mandibles the following morphological characters that differentiate
605 *S. scrofa* from SBAU 337647: the labial longitudinal swelling of the corpus is straight in occlusal
606 view, without the convexity in the middle part observed in the Pantalla specimen; the angle between
607 the corpus and the ramus is almost right; the lower canine is scrofic; p1 is small; p2 and p3 do not
608 show clear stylids; in the majority of the specimens, the cuspids of the p4 are clearly separated; the
609 occlusal enamel pattern of the molars is simpler than in SBAU 337647; m1 and m2 show a well-
610 developed pentaconid, mesially in contact with a smaller pentapreconulid; m3 has an evident mesial
611 cingulum; between the main mesial and distal cuspids of m3, the protoendoconulid and
612 hypopreconulid are equally developed and often associated to a hypoectoconulid in labial position.

613 From the morphometric point of view (Fig. 5), the considered Wild Boar's third lower molars
614 are smaller than those of *S. strozzii*, including SBAU 337647. The range of *S. scrofa* is intermediate
615 between those of *S. arvernensis* and *S. strozzii*, and partially overlaps those of *S. lydekkeri*, *S.*
616 *verrucosus*, and *S. barbatus*.

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618 5.6. Comparisons with *Potamochoerus*

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620 The mandible from Pantalla and that of the African *Potamochoerus* share some general
621 features (e.g. the overall elongated shape in labial view, with abrupt angle between the ventral and
622 the rostroventral margins and obtuse ramus with respect to the corpus), but a detailed analysis
623 highlights the following significant differences: the symphysis is equally elongated, but
624 *Potamochoerus* is distinguished in having a bony shelf at the caudoventral extremity of the
625 symphysis, well visible in occlusal view (Souron, 2012); in *Potamochoerus*, the longitudinal
626 swelling along the corpus is straight; the lower canine is scrofic; the cheek teeth are covered by
627 thicker enamel and are relatively poorly folded; p1 is almost always absent; p2 is markedly smaller
628 than p3 (this condition was also observed in *S. arvernensis* by Pickford and Obada, 2016); there are
629 no stylids in p2 and p3; p4 is the most distinctive tooth, characterized by a massive and conical
630 protoconid (Azzaroli, 1975); the pentaconid of m1 and especially m2 is well developed; the m3
631 talonid is proportionally shorter and has pentaconid and hexaconid smaller than pentapreconulid
632 and heptaconid. Notwithstanding the above characters, it is worth noting that *Potamochoerus* is
633 characterized by significant intraspecific variation in tooth number and morphology. For instance,
634 Boisserie et al. (2014) observed absence of p2 in 2% of *Po. larvatus* and 16% of *Po. porcus* out of
635 132 specimens analysed, as well as a high degree of variation in the morphological complexity of
636 the m3 talonid.

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638 5.7. Comparisons with *Kolpochoerus* and *Hylochoerus*

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640 The extinct African genus *Kolpochoerus* is closely related to the living *Hy. meinertzhageni*
641 (White and Harris, 1977; Harris and White, 1979). As a matter of fact, the Giant Forest Hog should
642 be considered as a member of *Kolpochoerus*, which is thus paraphyletic (Souron et al., 2015; see
643 Section 6). The mandibles of these taxa share a number of morphological characters, which
644 differentiate them from the Pantalla specimen: the symphysis area is relatively shorter and wider;
645 the lower canine is verrucosic, but proportionally much more elongated, especially in

646 *Kolpochoerus*; p1 is usually absent and p2 is very reduced in *Kolpochoerus* and absent in
647 *Hylochoerus*; the postcanine diastema is much longer; p2 and p3 do not have visible stylids; the
648 main cuspids of p4 are clearly separated; the enamel folding pattern is less complex; in some
649 species of *Kolpochoerus* (i.e. *K. phillipi* and *K. majus*) and in *Hylochoerus*, the main cuspids of m3
650 are mesiodistally compressed (Souron et al., 2015); the m3 talonid is approximately as developed as
651 in SBAU 337647, but is characterized by an additional mesial cuspid adjacent and sometimes
652 partially fused to the pentapreconulid; *K. olduvaiensis*, *K. paiceae*, and *Hylochoerus* shows a longer
653 talonid with additional cuspids (Souron et al., 2015).

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655 5.8. Comparisons with *Metridiochoerus* and *Phacochoerus*

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657 The African Wart Hog *Phacochoerus* probably originated from the Plio–Pleistocene
658 *Metridiochoerus* clade (Cooke, 1978b, 1982; Harris and White, 1979). The mandible and lower
659 dentition of these taxa are considerably different from the *Pantalla* specimen in several aspects,
660 among which noteworthy are the relatively short and wide symphysis area in occlusal view
661 especially in males, the rostrocaudally enlarging labial longitudinal swelling of the corpus, the
662 elongated blade-like lower canines in males. In addition, late species of *Metridiochoerus* and the
663 living *Phacochoerus* are characterized by the absence of p1 and p2, the high-crowned molars, and
664 the extremely elongated m3 talonid with multiple tightly packed additional cuspids.

665 Most of the above characters are also observed in “*Kolpochoerus*” *phacochoeroides* from
666 Maghreb (Geraads 2004), which aligns better with *Metridiochoerus* as suggested by Souron (2012,
667 2015).

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669 5.9. Comparisons with “*Sus*” *falconeri*

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671 The only male mandible of “*S.*” *falconeri* (NHMUK M2012) found to date in the Siwalik
672 Hills (Lydekker, 1884) shares some similarities with the hemimandible from Pantalla, that is, the
673 mesial position of p1, the blade-like occlusal pattern of p4, and the complexity of enamel folding in
674 molars. However, NHMUK M2012 differs from SBAU 337647 in the wide and short symphysis
675 area, in the longer m3 talonid with an additional distolingual cuspid, and especially in the high-
676 crowned cheek teeth (“*S.*” *falconeri* is defined as hypsodont by Pickford, 2013a), characterized by
677 the presence of vertical grooves on the side cusps (Souron, 2012, 2015). All these characters
678 support the suggestion by Souron (2012, 2015) that “*S.*” *falconeri* belongs to *Metridiochoerus*,
679 rather than to *Kolpochoerus* (Chavasseau, 2008; Pickford, 2012, 2013a; Pickford and Obada, 2016).
680 Already Colbert (1935) and Azzaroli (1954) had noticed the affinities between “*S.*” *falconeri* and
681 *Phacochoerus* (i.e. an advanced relative of *Metridiochoerus*). Gaur (1987) had also detected the
682 similarity in third molar morphology between *Metridiochoerus* from eastern Africa and *S. choprai*,
683 a new species he described from the Siwaliks, now considered as a junior synonym of “*S.*”
684 *falconeri*. Azzaroli (1954) and Gaur (1987) interpreted these similarities as a result of convergent
685 evolution.

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687 **6. Phylogenetic relationships**

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689 The phylogenetic analysis produced two equally parsimonious phylogenetic trees of 143
690 steps, consistency index of 0.427 and retention index of 0.619. Figure 7 shows the strict consensus
691 tree, with node support indicated by Bremer and bootstrap values. The distribution of character
692 states in the most parsimonious trees is reported in Table 3.

693 *Microstonyx major* is the first taxon to branch off the Suinae clade (Node 1). This result
694 agrees with the early stratigraphic occurrence (i.e. late Miocene) of this Eurasian taxon displaying
695 numerous plesiomorphic character states. The basal position of *Microstonyx* is here supported for

696 the first time by cladistic analysis, after being previously hypothesized in the phylogenetic tree of
697 Frantz et al. (2016), which however is a qualitative consensus based on the literature.

698 *Microstonyx major* is the sister taxon of a large clade (Node 23) including two branches. The
699 first (Node 29) includes the *Kolpochoerus* and *Metridiochoerus* lineages, the second (Node 22)
700 includes the genus *Potamochoerus* and the *Sus* lineage. Both the *Kolpochoerus* (Node 30) and
701 *Metridiochoerus* (Node 28) genera are paraphyletic, as they include the living *Hylochoerus* and
702 *Phacochoerus*, respectively. Within the first clade, the early branching of *K. afarensis* (Geraads,
703 2004; Haile-Selassie and Simpson, 2013; Souron et al., 2015) is confirmed, as well as the sister-
704 group relationship (Node 31) between *K. phillipi* and *H. meinertzhageni* (Souron et al., 2015). The
705 position of “*S.*” *falconeri* at the base of the *Metridiochoerus* group allows us to confidently confirm
706 its attribution to the latter genus (Souron, 2012, 2015). The same goes for “*K.*” *phacochoeroides*,
707 which occupies in the tree an intermediate position within the *Metridiochoerus* clade. A formal
708 reassignment of those two species to the genus *Metridiochoerus* is under preparation (Souron and
709 Chavasseau, in prep.). The fact that those two taxa branch early in the *Metridiochoerus* group could
710 explain why they were previously misidentified as *Kolpochoerus*. They do resemble species of
711 *Kolpochoerus* due to the retention of plesiomorphic character states and do not display all the more
712 derived character states found in “classic” *Metridiochoerus* species like *M. andrewsi*. Similarly, *M.*
713 *shawi* was also placed into a separate genus named *Potamochoeroides* based on its peculiar
714 morphology (Bender, 1992) that mostly reflect retention of plesiomorphic character states. The
715 close phylogenetic relationship between *Phacochoerus* and *Metridiochoerus* (Node 34) is largely
716 accepted in the literature (e.g. Cooke, 1978b; Harris and White, 1979; Bishop, 2010; Pickford,
717 2013c), and is here evidenced for the first time by means of cladistic analysis.

718 The African *Potamochoerus* is regarded as a morphologically primitive suine, retaining
719 several conservative anatomical characters that make it superficially similar to *Sus* in many features
720 (Groves and Grubb, 1993). This might explain the basal position of *Potamochoerus* with respect to
721 *Sus* in our tree (Node 11), which is not in accordance with previous studies either based on

722 morphological (Geraads, 2004; Souron et al., 2015) or molecular (Wu et al., 2006; Gongora et al.,
723 2011) data.

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725 6.1. Phylogenetic relationships of *Sus*

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727 The phylogenetic relationships between extinct and extant *Sus* species are still not fully
728 understood. As for living taxa, some authors (Groves, 1981; Groves and Grubb, 1993; Pickford,
729 2012) separate the genus *Sus* in two groups on the basis of the lower canine morphology: the
730 “scrofic group” includes only *S. scrofa* [the Pigmy Hog “*Sus*” *salvanus* of Groves and Grubb
731 (1993) is today referred to the distinct genus *Porcula* (Funk et al., 2007)]; the “verrucosic group” is
732 formed by all other living species of *Sus*, geographically restricted to ISEA. However, this
733 separation is questioned by some evidence. Among them, Groves (1997) represents the first attempt
734 to resolve the phylogenetic relationships of living *Sus* species. He coded 30 morphological
735 characters for *S. scrofa* and several ISEA species and recovered two groups: one was formed by *S.*
736 *barbatus* and *S. verrucosus*; in the other, *S. scrofa* is clustered with the “verrucosic” species *S.*
737 *celebensis*, *S. philippensis*, *S. cebifrons*, and *S. oliveri*. Lucchini et al. (2005) intertwined molecular
738 (two mtDNA *cyt b* fragments) and morphometric (cranial measurements) data, and identified three
739 groups, one with *S. celebensis* and *S. cebifrons*, one with *S. barbatus*, and one with *S. scrofa*, *S.*
740 *ahoenobarbus*, and *S. verrucosus* (although the latter was not analysed genetically). Wu et al.
741 (2006) analysed the complete mtDNA *cyt b* sequences and obtained a similar grouping: *S.*
742 *celebensis*, *S. cebifrons*, and *S. philippensis* are at the base of the *Sus* clade, followed by *S. scrofa* as
743 sister taxon of the pair formed by *S. verrucosus* and *S. barbatus* (with the latter being paraphyletic
744 with respect to the former). Although working again on mtDNA *cyt b* data, Mona et al. (2007)
745 obtained rather different results, as they recognized two main clades including respectively *S. scrofa*
746 plus *S. philippensis* and *S. verrucosus* plus the paraphyletic *S. barbatus* (haplotypes of *S. celebensis*
747 were found in both groups, so the species was considered as polyphyletic). The phylogenetic

748 affinity between *S. scrofa* and the Philippines suines was confirmed by Funk et al. (2007), who also
749 focused on mitochondrial loci. On the contrary, the phylogenetic tree of Gongora et al. (2011)
750 grounded on both nuclear and mitochondrial DNA sequences, found *S. scrofa* as the basal taxon of
751 the *Sus* radiation, followed by the clade of ISEA pigs. Similar conclusions are reached by other
752 molecular studies based on whole-genome data (Frantz et al., 2013; Ai et al., 2015), and are
753 confirmed in the synthetic tree of Frantz et al. (2016: fig. 1), which accounts for both molecular and
754 morphological data.

755 The latter results are in agreement with those obtained in our phylogenetic analysis (Fig. 7), in
756 which the Wild Boar is the first species to branch off the *Sus* lineage (Node 2). *Sus scrofa* is
757 followed by *S. lydekkeri* (Node 4) from the Early–Middle Pleistocene of China. The morphological
758 affinities between *S. scrofa* and *S. lydekkeri* are largely accepted (Fujita et al., 2000, Dong et al.,
759 2006, 2013; Liu et al., 2017). However, our results question the alleged ancestor-descendant
760 relationship between *S. lydekkeri* and *S. scrofa* (Dong, 2008; Liu et al., 2017) and even the fact that
761 *S. lydekkeri* can be a chronological subspecies of *S. scrofa* (Fujita et al., 2000). Further insights on
762 the phylogenetic and taxonomic status of *S. lydekkeri* could derive from future studies on the
763 Chinese fossil record, including other Pleistocene species such as *S. peii*, which unfortunately are so
764 far represented only by fragmentary remains. The lower canine of *S. lydekkeri* is morphologically
765 intermediate between the scrofic and verrucosic conditions (Fujita et al., 2000; Chen, 2004; Dong,
766 2008). The remaining clade (Node 24) is composed by living and fossil species all characterized by
767 verrucosic lower canine, among which *S. arvernensis* is the first branching (Node 3). This result is
768 widely supported by previous works (Azzaroli, 1954, 1975; Berdondini, 1992; Pickford, 2012;
769 Pickford and Obada, 2016), according to which *S. arvernensis* would be ancestral to *S. strozii* and
770 ISEA pigs. Unfortunately, the relationships between the latter taxa are not resolved in our tree
771 (Node 26): *S. strozii* is part of a polytomy that also includes *S. verrucosus*, *S. barbatus*, and the
772 clade formed by *S. celebensis* and *S. brachygnathus*, whose affinity was already pointed out by Von
773 Koenigswald (1933). In the two most parsimonious trees, the following topologies are recognized:

774 ((*S. barbatus*, *S. verrucosus*), (*S. strozzii*, (*S. celebensis*, *S. brachygnathus*))) and (*S. barbatus*, ((*S.*
775 *strozzii*, *S. verrucosus*), (*S. celebensis*, *S. brachygnathus*))). The presence of this unresolved node is
776 indicative of the difficulty of finding diagnostic morphological characters useful to differentiate
777 these species, which all share similar conservative craniomandibular anatomy. Moreover, as also
778 hinted by the contrasting results obtained by the different molecular studies carried out on these
779 taxa (see above), there is the possibility that this polytomy may be due to rapid radiation of species
780 with strong hybridisation between the different taxa in the early stage of divergence.

781 Nevertheless, the position of *S. strozzii* in our tree is the first cladistic evidence of the affinity
782 between this species and verrucosic ISEA pigs, previously hypothesized by several authors
783 (Azzaroli, 1954; Berdondini, 1992; Faure, 2004; Pickford, 2013b) on the basis of morphological
784 observations but not supplemented by phylogenetic analyses.

785 Our results also have interesting taxonomic implications. Pickford (2012) resurrected the
786 genus name *Dasychoerus*, established by Gray (1873) for the “Warty Pigs” *D. verrucosus* and *D.*
787 *celebensis*. According to Pickford (2012), these species would be the present-day survivors of a
788 Plio–Pleistocene lineage started from *D. arvernensis* (and from the newly erected species *D.*
789 *natrunensis* from Egypt), and continued with *D. strozzii*, *D. brachygnathus*, and *D. macrognathus*.
790 *Sus barbatus* – for which Gray (1868) erected the separate genus *Euhys* – is not included into
791 *Dasychoerus* by Pickford (2012), due to its uncertain molecular phylogenetic affinities (Funk et al.,
792 2007; Gongora et al., 2011; see above). In this framework, our phylogenetic results do not support
793 the validity of *Dasychoerus sensu* Pickford (2012) (i.e. living and fossil verrucosic relatives of *D.*
794 *arvernensis*) because the corresponding clade in our tree (Node 24) also includes *S. barbatus*.

795 We also reject Pickford’s (2012) phylogenetic hypothesis, according to which “*Dasychoerus*”
796 *arvernensis* would have given rise in Eurasia to the aforementioned lineage and in Africa to the
797 genus *Kolpochoerus*. Similarly, we do not support the hypothesis of a derivation of *Kolpochoerus*
798 from *S. arvernensis* through *S. strozzii* (Gallai, 2007). On the contrary, our phylogenetic
799 reconstruction is in agreement with an early separation between *Sus* and the “African” lineage

800 (including *Kolpochoerus/Hylochoerus* and *Metridiochoerus/Phacochoerus*), which is estimated at
801 about 10 Ma (Frantz et al., 2016). The only anomaly in our results is the clustering of
802 *Potamochoerus* with *Sus*, but it can be related to the fact that both these genera retain plesiomorphic
803 craniomandibular and dental character states.

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805 **7. Conclusions**

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807 *Sus strozzii* is commonly found in Early Pleistocene European and western Asian land
808 mammal assemblages. The new mandibular material from central Italy described herein expands
809 our knowledge on this species' anatomy. Our phylogenetic analysis of extinct and extant Old World
810 suines clarifies the relationships between *S. strozzii* and its putative relatives. Suinae probably
811 originated in the late Miocene (Gongora et al., 2011). After the early separation of the *Microstonyx*
812 lineage, Suinae branched into two main clades. The first comprises the African genera
813 *Kolpochoerus* and *Metridiochoerus* and their respective modern relatives *Hylochoerus* and
814 *Phacochoerus*. We also recovered as belonging to this group "*S.*" *falconeri* from the Siwalik Hills
815 and "*K.*" *phacochoeroides* from Maghreb and refer them to *Metridiochoerus*. The second clade
816 includes *Sus* and *Potamochoerus*. However, the position of the latter genus in our tree is likely due
817 to its overall craniomandibular and dental similarity with *Sus*, and is questioned by molecular
818 phylogenetic analysis (Gongora et al., 2011) that put *Potamochoerus* at the base of the African
819 clade as a sister taxon to the clade (*Phacochoerus*, *Hylochoerus*). The Wild Boar *S. scrofa* is the
820 first offshoot within its genus, followed by *S. lydekkeri* from the Pleistocene of northern China and
821 by the group of verrucosic *Sus* species. This topology is in agreement with those obtained by
822 previous phylogenetic analyses based on molecular data (Gongora et al., 2011) and on the
823 overlapping between morphological and molecular data (Frantz et al., 2016). Our results support the
824 primitive status of the *S. arvernensis* (Pliocene) with respect to *S. strozzii* (Early Pleistocene) (Fig.
825 8). Unfortunately, the phylogenetic relationships between the latter and verrucosic ISEA species are

826 not totally resolved. This new evidence strongly suggests that the centre of origin of verrucosic
827 species of *Sus* is located in southeastern Asia and encourage new prospections especially in that
828 area to clarify the phylogenetic affinities between Asian and European pigs.

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1308 FIGURE AND TABLE CAPTIONS

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1310 **Fig. 1.** Above: morphometric measurements taken on the analysed specimens. Measurement n. 10
1311 (length of the symphysis) is not figured. Er, extramolar ridge; Goc, Gonion caudale; Id,
1312 Infradentale; Mp, mental prominence. Below: dental terminology used in this study after Fujita et
1313 al. (2010). Numbers in the four main cuspids of m3 refer to the furchen of Hünemann (1968). End,
1314 entoconid; Hepd, heptaconid; Hexd, hexaconid; Hyd, hypoconid; Med, metaconid; Pad, paraconid;
1315 Ped, pentaconid; Prd, protoconid. Colour online.

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1317 **Fig. 2.** *Sus strozzii* Forsyth Major, 1881 (SBAU 337647) from Pantalla (Italy) in labial (A), lingual
1318 (B), and occlusal (C) views. D, detail of p2–m3 in occlusal view. Scale bars represent 5 cm.

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1320 **Fig. 3.** Location of the palaeontological site of Pantalla (Italy). The intermontane Tiber Basin is
1321 highlighted along the middle part of the region Umbria. Colour online.

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1323 **Fig. 4.** Images resulting from the analysis of CT-scans of the specimen SBAU 337647. A, 3D
1324 model of the hemimandible in labial and occlusal views; B, same model with density filter applied;
1325 C, tomographic images showing the incisor roots (L, left; R, right); D, 3D model of the
1326 hemimandible in labial and occlusal views with transparent dentary bone; E, virtual reconstruction
1327 of the whole mandible of *S. strozzii* from Pantalla in occlusal view, obtained by cloning and
1328 mirroring the left hemimandible on the right side. Scale bars represent 5 cm. Colour online.

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1330 **Fig. 5.** Plot of length vs. width of the m3 in SBAU 337647 from Pantalla and other extinct and
1331 extant species of *Sus* (data from Hardjasmita, 1987 and Pickford, 2012, 2013a, 2013b). Colour
1332 online.

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1334 **Fig. 6.** Morphological comparison between the mandibles of *Sus strozzii* SBAU 337647 from
1335 Pantalla (A), *S. strozzii* IGF 424 from the Upper Valdarno (lectotype) (B), *S. strozzii* NHMB Se-
1336 1775 from Senèze (subadult) (C), and *S. arvernensis* NHMB VI-144 from Villafranca d’Asti (D). B
1337 and C are redrawn from Azzaroli (1954); D is redrawn from Pickford and Obada (2016). Scale bar
1338 represents 3 cm.

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1340 **Fig. 7.** Strict consensus tree showing the phylogenetic relationships between selected extant and
1341 extinct (†) Suinae. Node numbers in white circles, Bremer support in black circles above node
1342 numbers, bootstrap values below node numbers. Skulls are not drawn to scale.

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1344 **Fig. 8.** Reconstructed life appearance of the Early Pleistocene *Sus strozzii* (left) and the Pliocene *S.*
1345 *arvernensis* (right), in which we emphasized some hypothetical morphological similarities with
1346 extant verrucosic ISEA pigs as supported by our phylogenetic results. Artwork by L.S. Colour
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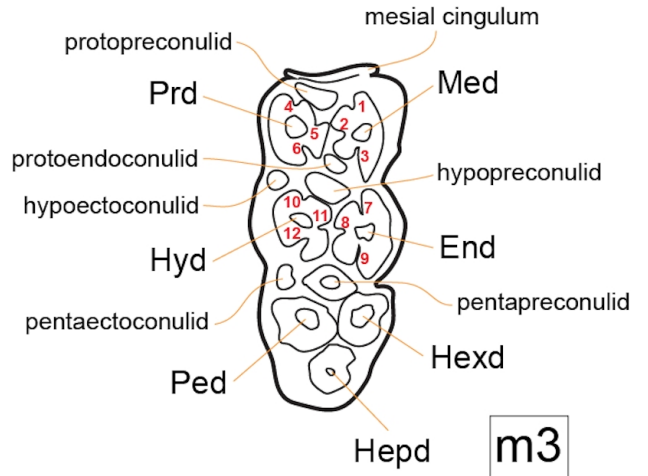
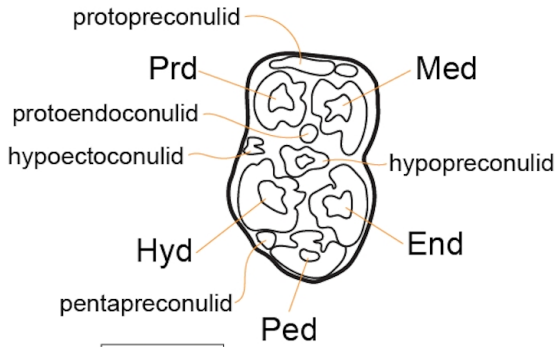
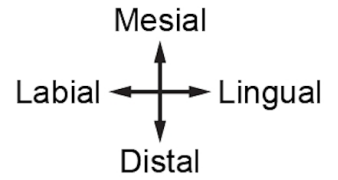
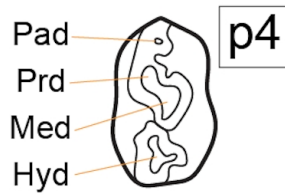
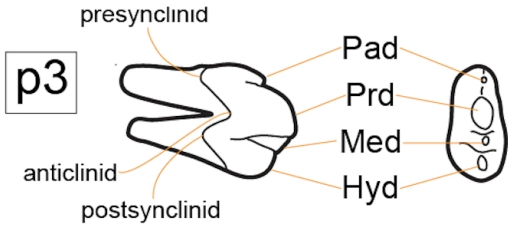
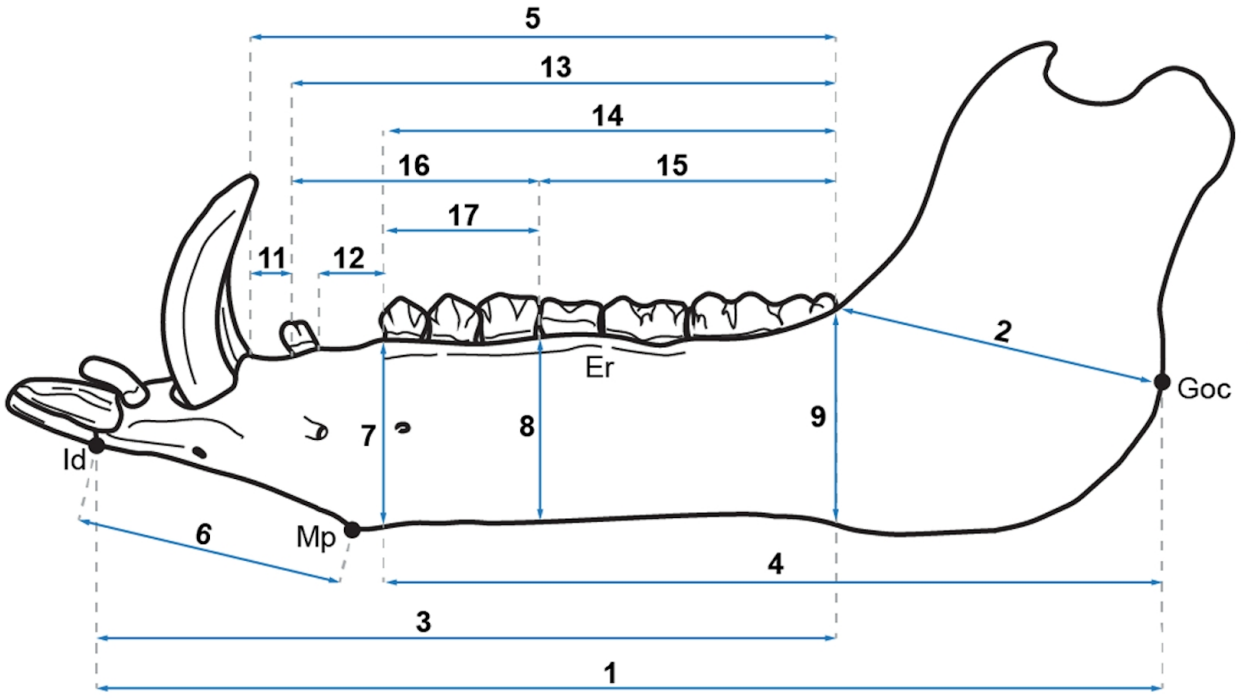
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1354 **Table 3.** Distribution of character states for nodes in the most parsimonious trees.



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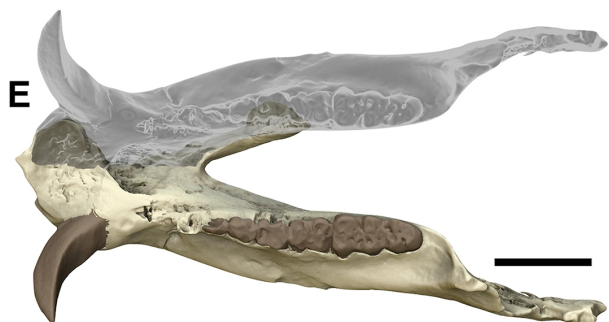
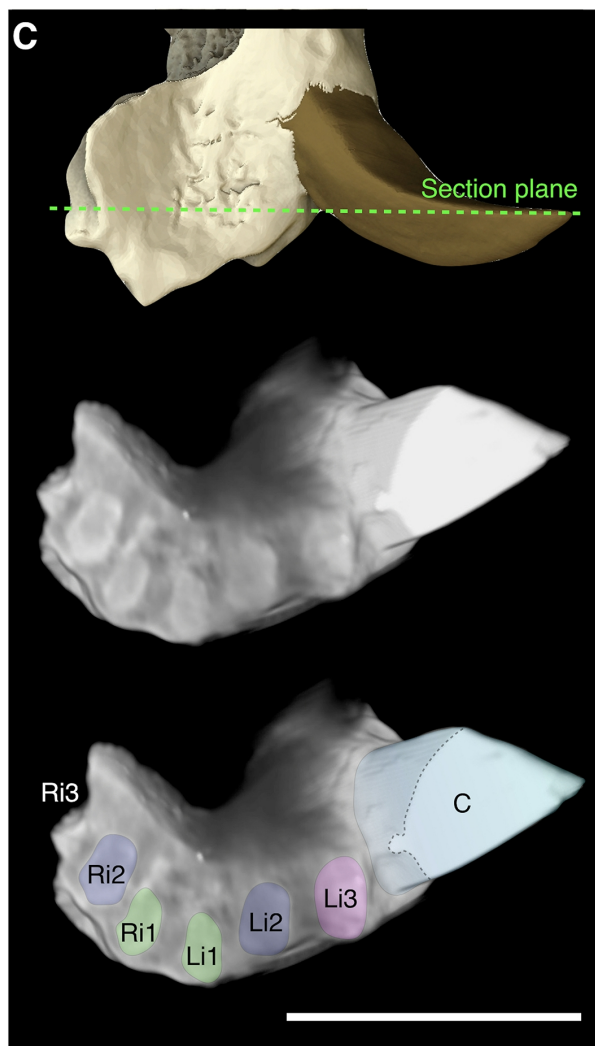
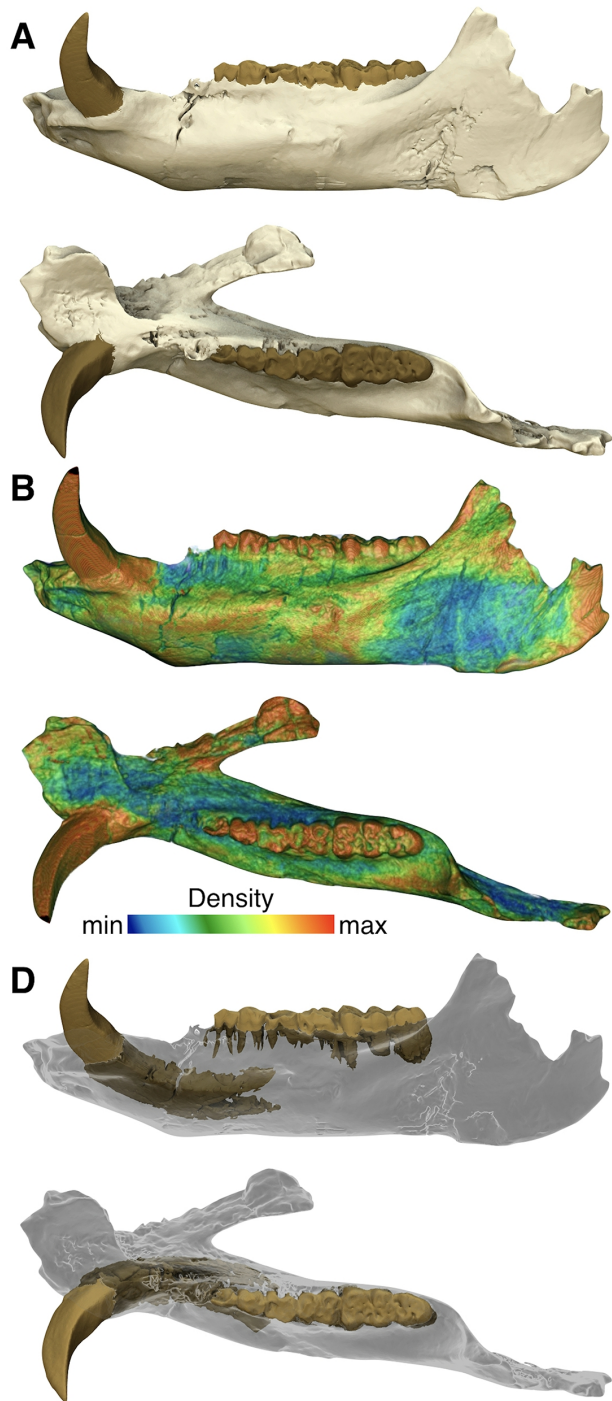
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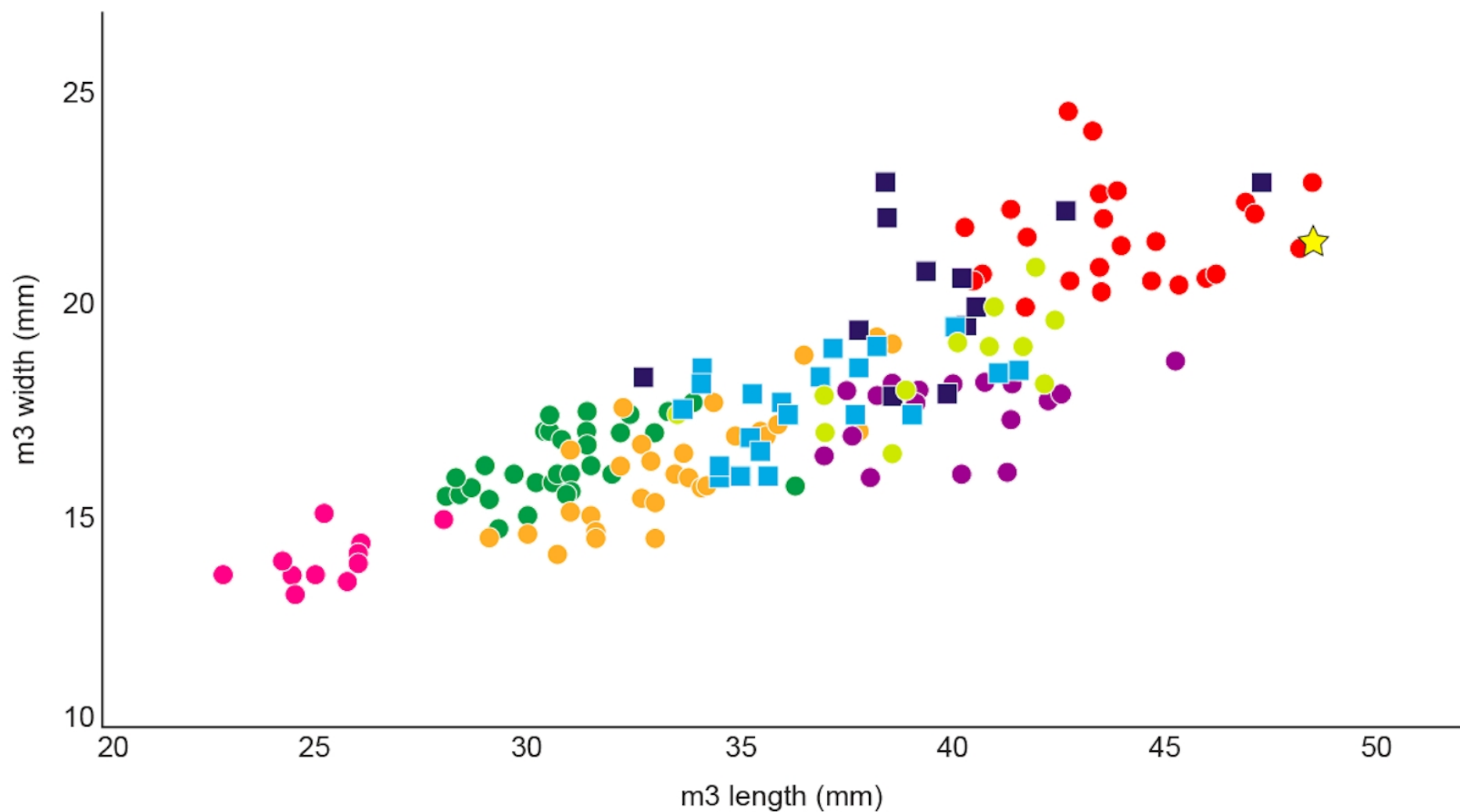


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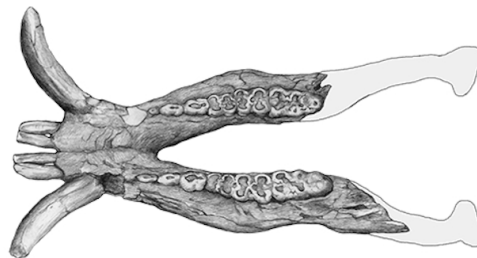
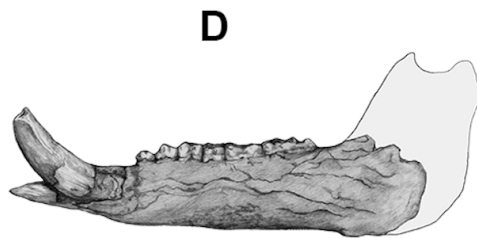
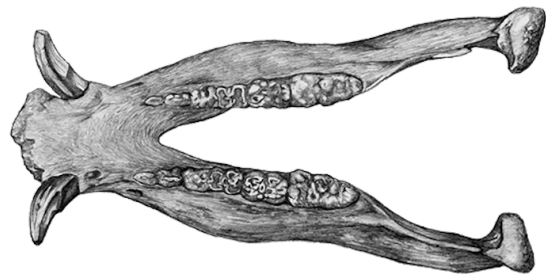
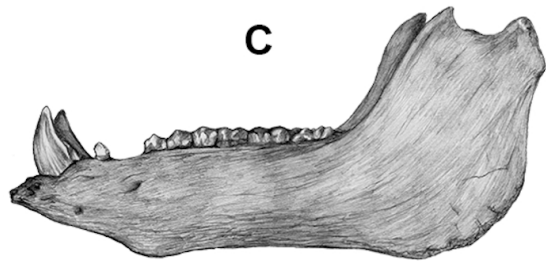
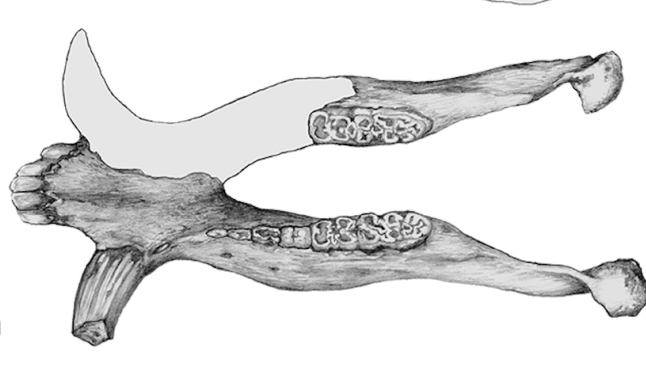
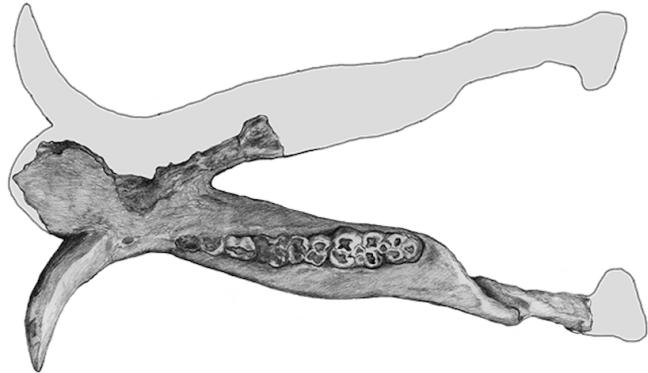
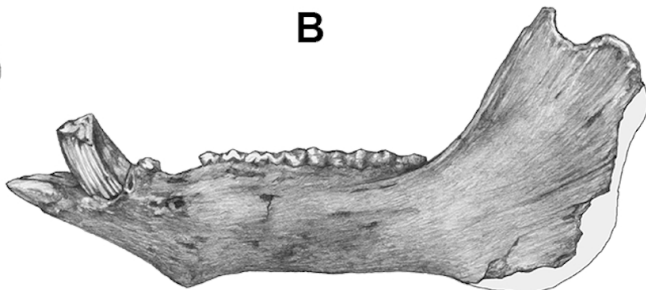
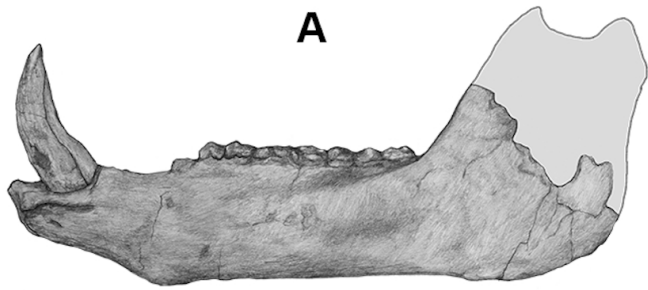
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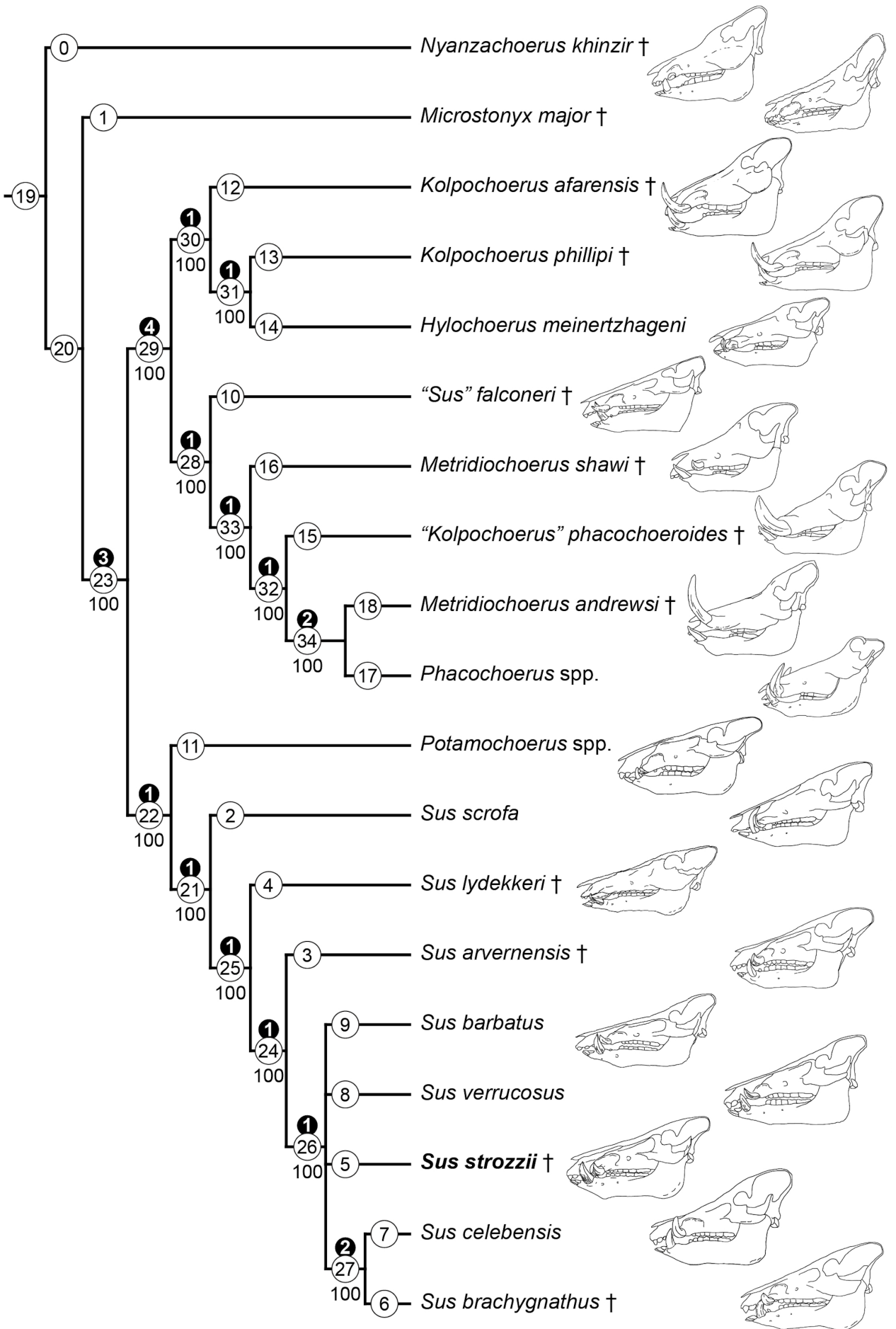




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Species	Age	Localities	References
<i>Microstonyx major</i>	Late Miocene	Bulgaria Kalimanci, Ezerovo, Hadjidimovo, Petrelik China Hezheng, Lantian, Binxian France Luberon Germany Dorn-Dürkheim Greece Vathylakkos-2, Ravin de Zouaves-5, Dytiko-1, Nikiti-1, Sophades, Perivolaki, Kerassia, Pikermi, Samos, Vathylakkos 2, Proxoma, Axios Valley Iran Maragheh Macedonia Titov Veles Russia Eldar, Berislave, Grossulovo, Grebeniki, Taraklia Spain Crevillente 2-15-16 (Segura-Vinalopó Basin); La Roma 2, Masía del Barbo 2B, Peralejos, La Cantera, Puente Minero, Barranco de las Calaveras, Cerro de la Garita, Las Pedrizas (Teruel Basin); Terrassa, Terral d'en Maties, Piera (Vallès-Penedès Basin); La Cerdània Basin Turkey Akkaş Dağı Ukraine Grebeniki	Kostopoulos et al. (2001) Liu et al. (2004) Gervais (1848-1952) Van der Made (1997) Gaudry (1862-1867); Bonis and Bouvrain (1996); Kostopoulos et al. (2001) De Bonis and Bouvrain (1996) Kostopoulos et al. (2001) Trofimov (1954); Van der Made and Moyà-Solà (1989) Van der Made (1992) Liu et al. (2005) Kostopoulos et al. (2001)
<i>Sus arvernensis</i>	Pliocene	Bulgaria Mussielevo China ?Nanzhuanggou (Shanxi Basin) England Red Crag France Les Étouaires, Perpignan, Mas Bruno near St. Estève, Autrey near Gray (Haute Saône), Vialette, Trévoux-Reyrieux, Sables marins de Montpellier (composite unit) Germany Herbolzheim, Wölfersheim-Wetterau Greece Milia, ?Damatria Formation (Rhodes), ?Ptolemaida/Servia, Megalo Emvolon, ?Sesklo ¹ Hungary Süttö, ?Gödöllő India-Pakistan Siwalik Hills ² Italy Val di Pugna, ?Casino Basin, Villafranca d'Asti area, ?Colleparado (Anagni Basin) Moldova Musaitu, Dermenji (Moldovian Faunal Complex) Romania Capeni-Virghis, Baraolt Basin Slovakia Hajnacka, Ivanovce Spain Gorafe IV, Piedrabuena, Alcoy Taiwan Qiding ³ Turkey Afyon Dinar Akçakoy, Çalta, Afyon Karahisar (Sandiki-Garkin area)	Spassov (2005) Berdondini (1992) Lydekker (1885, 1886); Newton (1891); Guérin et al. (1998) Croizet and Jobert (1828); Depéret (1890); Azzaroli (1954); Bout (1960); Guérin et al. (1998); Pickford (2012, 2013a) Tobien (1951, 1952); Guérin et al. (1998) Tobien (1981); Koufos (1986); Kostopoulos and Athanassiou (2003); Radulescu et al. (2003); Guérin and Tsoukala (2013) Mottl (1939); Guérin and Tsoukala (2013); Pickford and Obada (2016) Pickford and Obada (2016) Azzaroli (1954, 1975); Berdondini (1992); Guérin et al. (2004); Gallai (2006); Guérin and Tsoukala (2013) Pickford and Obada (2016) Radulescu et al. (2003); Radulescu (2005) Fejfar (1961, 1964); Hünermann (1971) Van der Made and Moyà-Solà (1989); Mazo and Torres (1990); Montoya et al. (2006) Pickford and Obada (2016) Hünermann (1975); Guérin et al. (1998); Guérin and Tsoukala (2013); Pickford and Obada (2016)
<i>Kolpochoerus afarensis</i>	Pliocene	Ethiopia Hadar (Sidi Hakoma, Denen Dora and Kada Hadar members), Shungura Formation (Member B), Dikika, Maka sands (Middle Awash research area)	Cooke (1978b); Souron (2012)

		Tanzania Laetoli (Upper Laetolil Beds) Chad Koro Toro	Harris (1987); Bishop (2010); Souron (2012) Brunet et al. (1995)
<i>Metridiochoerus shawi</i>	Late Pliocene	South Africa Makapansgat Member 3	Bender (1992); Cooke (2005)
<i>Metridiochoerus andrewsi</i>	Late Pliocene-Early Pleistocene	Ethiopia Shungura Formation, Konso Formation, Ledi-Geraru research area, Middle Awash research area Kenya Koobi Fora Formation, Nachukui Formation, Kanjera Formation, Homa Mountain, Marsabit Road. Malawi Chiwondo Beds South Africa Swartkrans (Member 2), Bolt's Farm, Gondolin, Kromdraai A Tanzania Olduvai Beds I and II Uganda Kaiso Formation	Harris and White (1979); de Heinzelin et al. (1999); Suwa et al. (2014); DiMaggio et al. (2015) Harris and White (1979) ; Medin et al. (2015) Kullmer (2008) Cooke (1993); Pickford (2013d); Pickford and Gommery (2016) Harris and White (1979) Cooke and Coryndon (1970)
<i>"Kolpochoerus" phacochoeroides</i>	Early Pleistocene	Algeria Aïn el Bey ⁴ Morocco Ahl al Oughlam	Thomas (1884) Geraads (2004)
<i>"Sus" falconeri</i>	Early Pleistocene	India-Pakistan Siwalik Hills ⁵	Lydekker (1884)
<i>Kolpochoerus phillipi</i>	Early Pleistocene	Ethiopia Matabaietu (Middle Awash research area), Ledi-Geraru research area	DiMaggio et al. (2015); Souron et al. (2015)
<i>Sus brachygnathus</i>	Early-Late Pleistocene	Indonesia Trinil, Kebonduren, Bangle, Kaligede, Teguan, Watualang ⁶	Hardjasmita (1987)
<i>Sus stozzii</i>	Early Pleistocene	Azerbaijan Palan-Tyukan England Red Crag France Sables marins de Montpellier (composite unit), Senèze, ?Le Coupet, Saint-Vallier Greece Gerakarou, Vassiloudi Holland Tegelen Israel Oubeidiyeh Italy Upper Valdarno, Olivola, ?Casino Basin, Coste San Giacomo, Monte Riccio, Mugello, Torre Picchio, Villa San Faustino, Santa Sabina, Frantoio (Arda River) Moldova ?Khaprovian and Odessian Faunal Complexes Romania Valea Graunceanului (Dacian Basin) Russia Khapry, ?Taman Peninsula ⁷ Spain Fonelas ⁸ , Valdeganga	Titov (2000); Kostopoulos and Athanassiou (2003) Owen (1856); Lydekker (1885, 1886); Stuart (1982); Van der Made and Moyà-Solà (1989) Schaub (1943); Azzaroli (1954, 1975); Fejfar (1964); Geraads et al. (1986); Faure (2004); Pickford (2013a) Koufos (1986); Kostopoulos and Athanassiou (2003) Richarz (1921); Bernsen (1931); Schreuder (1945); Hooijer (1947); Van der Made and Moyà-Solà (1989) Geraads et al. (1986); Kostopoulos and Athanassiou (2003) Forsyth-Major (1881); Stehlin (1899-1900); Azzaroli (1954, 1975); Faure and Guérin (1984); Ambrosetti et al. (1995); Girotti et al. (2003); Mazzini et al. (2000); Pazzaglia et al. (2013); Bellucci et al. (2014); Bona and Sala (2016); Pickford and Obada (2016) David et al. (1997) Bolomey (1965); Faure (2004) Aleksееva (1977); Titov (2000) Van der Made and Moyà-Solà (1989); Opdyke et al. (1997); Pickford and Obada (2016)

<i>Sus lydekkeri</i>	Early-Middle Pleistocene	China Lantian Man Site of Gongwangling, Hexian Man Site, Nanjing Man Site, Yunxian Man Site, Tuozi Cave, Yangshuizhan, Nihewan Basin, Peking Man Site (Locality 1) of Zhoukoudian, Xinyaozi	Teilhard de Chardin and Piveteau (1930); Hu and Qi (1978); Huang et al. (1982); Liu (1991); Huang (1996); Dong (1999); Dong et al. (2007); Dong and Fang (2008); Echassoux et al. (2008); Liu et al. (2017)
<i>Sus macrognathus</i>	Middle-Late Pleistocene	China Liucheng <i>Gigantopithecus</i> Cave ⁹ , Bijiashan Cave Indonesia Kedungbrubus, Kebonduren, Bangle, Ngandong, Sumberkepuh, Teguan, Watualang, Sangiran Myanmar Naungkwe Taung Taiwan Qiding	Han et al. (1975); Pickford and Obada (2016) Hardjasasmita (1987); Pickford (2013b) Pickford (2013b) Qi et al. (1999); Pickford and Obada (2016)

¹*Sus cf. strozzii* in Symeonidis (1992).

²*Sus hysudricus* in Falconer and Cautley (1846) and Pilgrim (1925, 1926).

³*Sus houi* in Qi et al. (1999).

⁴*Sus phacochoeroides* in Thomas (1884).

⁵*Kolpochoerus falconeri* in Chavasseau (2008), Pickford (2012, 2013a), and Pickford and Obada (2016).

⁶*Sus vatualangensis* in Von Koenigswald (1933).

⁷*Sus tamanensis* in Vereshchagin (1957).

⁸*Potamochoerus magnus* in Arribas and Garrido (2008).

⁹*Sus australis* in Han (1987).

TABLE 2. Mandibular measurements (in mm) of *Sus strozzii* SBAU 337647 from Pantalla (Italy).

1	Length from the gonial angle (Infradentale - Gonion caudale)	329.0
2	Distance between distal border of m3 and Gonion caudale	<i>110.5</i>
3	Distance between Infradentale and distal border of m3	225.2
4	Distance between mesial border of p2 and Gonion caudale	<i>237.0</i>
5	Distance between distal border of c1 and distal border of m3	170.2
6	Rostroventral length of the mandibular corpus (Infradentale-mental prominence)	101.7
7	Height of the mandibular corpus at the mesial border of p2	57.2
8	Height of the mandibular corpus at the mesial border of m1	66.3
9	Height of the mandibular corpus at the distal border of m3	66.9
10	Length of the symphysis	105.4
11	Length of the c1-p1 diastema	6.7
12	Length of the p1-p2 diastema	23.6
13	Length of the cheektooth row (p1 included)	163.3
14	Length of the cheektooth row (p1 excluded)	133.3
15	Length of the molar row	90.3
16	Length of the premolar row (p1 included)	73.1
17	Length of the premolar row (p1 excluded)	43.5
	c1 labial length	23.2
	c1 lingual length	26.7
	c1 distal width	19.6
	p1 alveolus length	7.4
	p1 alveolus width	5.1
	p2 length	14.0
	p2 width	<i>9.4</i>
	p3 length	13.2
	p3 width	10.3
	p4 length	14.8
	p4 width	13.1
	m1 length	17.6
	m1 mesial width	13.8
	m1 distal width	14.5
	m2 length	22.8
	m2 mesial width	16.8
	m2 distal width	18.0
	m3 length	49.8
	m3 maximum width	22.0
	m3 talonid length	34.9
	m3 talonid mesial width	19.8
	m3 talonid distal width	17.4

Numbers in the first column correspond to those in Fig. 1 (measurement 10 not figured). Values in italics are estimated. All dental measurements are taken at the cervix, except when stated otherwise.

TABLE 3. Distribution of character states for nodes in the most parsimonious trees.

Node	Character(state transformations)
<u>1</u>	7(0>1), 9(0>1)
<u>2</u>	6(1>0), 7(1>0), 27(1>0), 32(1>0), 46(1>0)
<u>3</u>	23(0>1)
<u>4</u>	21(1>0), 25(1>0)
<u>5</u>	28(0>1), 36(0>1), 8(<i>1>0</i>)
<u>6</u>	20(1>0), 25(1>0), 50(1>0)
<u>7</u>	19(0>1), 46(0>1), 3(<i>0>1</i>)
<u>8</u>	7(0>1), 8(<i>1>0</i>), 27(<i>1>0</i>), 51(<i>1>2</i>)
<u>9</u>	6(1>0), 13(1>0), 33(0>1), 46(0>1), 51(<i>1>2</i>)
<u>10</u>	11(0>1), 12(0>1), 13(2>1), 14(1>0), 45(1>0)
<u>11</u>	5(0>2), 11(0>1), 24(0>1)
<u>13</u>	15(1>2), 27(1>0)
<u>14</u>	2(0>1), 3(1>0), 4(2>1), 8(1>0), 9(0>1), 11(0>1), 14(1>0), 29(0>1), 30(1>0), 34(0>1), 35(0>1), 36(0>1), 37(0>1), 44(0>1), 47(0>1), 48(0>1)
<u>15</u>	2(0>1), 3(1>0), 48(0>1)
<u>17</u>	1(1>0), 13(2>0)
<u>18</u>	7(0>1)
<u>21</u>	13(2>1), 14(1>0)
<u>22</u>	3(1>0), 4(2>1), 12(0>1)
<u>23</u>	33(1>0 ₂), 39(1>0), 47(1>0), 51(0>1)
<u>24</u>	5(0>1)
<u>25</u>	22(1>0), 26(0>1), 39(0>1)
<u>26</u>	41(0>2), 50(0>1)
<u>27</u>	17(1>0), 23(0>1), 27(<i>1>0</i>)
<u>28</u>	8(1>2), 21(1>2), 38(0>1), 50(0>1)
<u>29</u>	0(1>0), 23(0>1), 28(0>1), 41(0>1)
<u>30</u>	5(0>1), 10(0>1), 16(0>1), 20(1>0)
<u>31</u>	7(0>1), 40(0>1), 43(0>1)
<u>32</u>	29(0>1), 44(0>1), 51(1>2)
<u>33</u>	30(1>0), 37(0>1)
<u>34</u>	11(0>1), 12(0>1), 18(1>0), 35(0>1)

Node numbers refer to nodes in the strict consensus tree (Fig. 7). Terminal nodes are underlined. Italics indicate ambiguous apomorphies inferred here using the ACCTRAN optimization.

Appendix 1
LIST OF CRANIOMANDIBULAR AND DENTAL CHARACTERS USED IN THE
CLADISTIC ANALYSIS

Unordered and unweighted states for all characters.

All characters were coded on male individuals unless otherwise stated.

- 0.** Cranium, greatest frontal width relative to 1/3 of cranial length: similar or longer (0); shorter (1).

Remarks: This character describes the general shape of the cranium: species exhibiting character state 0 have relatively shorter and wider crania than those with character state 1. The greatest frontal width corresponds to the greatest width across the orbital processes of the frontal bone; the cranial length is measured as the distance between Akrokranium and Prosthion. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 3).

- 1.** Cranium, angulation between splanchnocranium and neurocranium in lateral view: absent (0); present (1).

Remarks: This character describes the general dorsal profile of the cranium in lateral view and reflects the vertical development of the forehead. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 4).

- 2.** Cranium, notch at level of frontoparietal suture in lateral view: absent (0); present (1).

- 3.** Splanchnocranium, length relative to 60% of total cranial length: similar or shorter (0); longer (1).

Remarks: This character describes the relative elongation of the rostrum. The length of the splanchnocranium is measured as the distance between Supraorbitale and Prosthion. Cranial length is measured as in character n. 0.

- 4.** Splanchnocranium, height relative to cranial height: high (0); very high (1).

Remarks: This character describes the relative dorsoventral development of the rostrum. Splanchnocranium height is measured at the mesial border of M1; cranial height is measured between the distal border of M3 and the dorsal margin of the orbit. The character is coded as follows: ratio >60% (0); ratio ≤60% (1). Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 5).

5. Splanchnocranium, development of rhinarium muscle scars: absent or indistinct (0); present (1); very marked (2).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 7).

6. Premaxillae, proportions: relatively narrow (0); relatively wide (1).

Remarks: The relative width of the premaxillary area is measured as the ratio between the distance between the mesial border of canines and that between the latter point and the Prosthion. We assign character state 0 to taxa with average ratio $<85\%$ and character state 1 to taxa with average ratio $\geq 85\%$. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 8).

7. Neurocranium, relative width of postorbital constriction: relatively narrow (0); relatively wide (1).

Remarks: In taxa with character state 0, the ratio between the least width of the postorbital constriction and the greatest frontal width (see character n. 0) is $<45\%$, while in taxa exhibiting a relatively wider parietal area (character state 1), this ratio is $\geq 45\%$. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 6).

8. Neurocranium, nuchal crest, width relative to the greatest frontal width: very large (0); large (1); narrow (2).

Remarks: The relative width of the nuchal crest is measured as the ratio between the width of the nuchal crest in dorsal view and the greatest width across the orbital processes of the frontals. The character is coded as follows: ratio $\leq 100\%$ (0); ratio $>100\%$ and $<140\%$ (1); ratio $\geq 140\%$ (2). Character modified from Souron (2012: 4).

9. Neurocranium, parietal dorsal surface: flat or convex (0); concave (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Geraads (2004: 1).

10. Neurocranium, morphology of the parietal ventrally to the temporal line: inflated (0); flat or concave (1).

Remarks: In taxa showing character state 0, there is not a distinct change of slope between the dorsal part of the temporal fossa and the parietal roof. Whereas, this change of slope is visible in taxa showing character state 1. Character from Souron (2012: 6).

11. Nasals, length relative to 1/2 of total cranial length: equal or lower (0); higher (1).

Remarks: Cranial length is measured as in character n. 0.

12. Zygomatic arch, height relative to 1/2 of height of the occipital region: higher (0); lower (1).

Remarks: The height of the zygomatic arch is measured at the medioventral border of the orbit. The height of the occipital region corresponds to the distance between Akrokranion and Basion.

13. Zygomatic arch, outline of the rostral border in dorsal view: straight (0); inclined (1); transverse (2).

Remarks: In taxa showing character state 0, the rostral border of the zygomatic arch forms a flat outline in continuity with the lateral border of the maxilla; in those showing character state 1, the rostral border of the zygomatic arch forms an obtuse angle with the lateral border of the maxilla; in those showing character state 2, this angle is about 90°. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 1).

14. Zygomatic arch, ventral outline in lateral view: straight (0); drooping (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 10).

15. Zygomatic arch, mediolateral thickness in dorsal view: thin (0); thickened (1); rounded knob-shaped (2).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 2).

16. Zygomatic arch, lateral protuberance in females: absent (0); present (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron (2012: 10).

17. Orbit, position of the rostral border in lateral view: above M3 (0); posterior to M3 (1).

Remarks: Character from Geraads (2004: 4).

18. Preorbital fossa: indistinct (0); present (1).

Remarks: The preorbital fossa is here interpreted as the “well marked fossa on the side of the face immediately in front of the eye, involving parts of the lachrymal, jugal and maxillary bones” (Ewer, 1958: 141), representing the posterior insertion area of the *levator rostri* muscle. Character from Orliac et al. (2010a: 9).

19. Preorbital fossa, depth: deep (0); shallow (1).

20. Tympanic bullae, development: relatively large (0); relatively small (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Geraads (2004: 14).

21. Occipital condyles, position relative to cheektooth row in lateral view: low (0); high (1); very high (2).

Remarks: Character modified from Geraads (2004: 17).

22. Occipital region, overall shape in caudal view: high and narrow (0); low and wide (1).

Remarks: This character is measured as the ratio between the greatest width of the nuchal crest and the height of the occipital region (i.e., distance between Akrokranon and Basion). We assign character state 0 to taxa with average ratio <75% and character state 1 to taxa with average ratio $\geq 75\%$.

23. Mandible, shape of the symphysis area in occlusal view: long and narrow (0); short and wide (1).

Remarks: In taxa exhibiting character state 0, the average ratio between the mandible width at the labial margin of canine alveoli and the symphysis length is <85%; in taxa exhibiting character state 1, this ratio is $\geq 85\%$. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 13).

24. Mandible, bony shelf at the caudoventral corner of the symphysis: absent (0); present (1).

25. Mandible, ventral extension of the angular process: present (0); absent (1).

Remarks: The ventral extension of the angular process is coded as present when the Gonion ventrale is more ventral than the ventral margin of the corpus in labial view. Character modified from Orliac et al. (2010a: 34).

26. Mandible, corpus, shape of the labial longitudinal swelling in males: sub-parallel to the tooth row (0); showing a convexity in the median part (1); enlarging rostrocaudally (2).

Remarks: For the evaluation of this character, mandibles are observed in occlusal view. *Sus scrofa* exhibits character state 0, although the forms from Flores (*S. scrofa vittatus* or *S. scrofa floresianus*; Hardjasmita, 1987) shows a strong but relatively small bony protuberance on the labial side of each mandible corpus (see Hardjasmita, 1987: 57). However, this protuberance is here interpreted as a derived sexual character of these subspecies and is different from the undulate labial margin of the corpus which characterise the taxa coded with character state 1. Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 15).

27. Mandible, angle between corpus and ascending ramus: approximately right (0); obtuse (1).

28. Upper canines, length: long (0); very long (1).

Remarks: We consider the canine as long when it extends over the lateral margin of the maxilla, without reaching that of the zygomatic arch; very long when it exceeds the lateral margin of the zygomatic arch. Character modified from Geraads (2004: 29).

29. Upper canines, enamel: present (0); absent (1).

Remarks: Given the possible ontogenetic variation of this character (e.g., enamel present in juveniles and absent in adults), we coded it only for adult individuals. Character from Geraads (2004: 20).

30. Upper canines, supracanine flange: absent or weak (0); crest-like (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 10).

31. Upper canines, supracanine flange dorsoventral development: low (0); high (1).

Remarks: Character from Souron et al. (2015: 11).

32. Upper canines, supracanine flange rostrocaudal development: short (0); elongated (1).

Remarks: Character from Souron et al. (2015: 12).

33. Upper tooth row, relative length of the upper post-canine diastema: short (0); medium (1); long (2).

Remarks: The relative length of the diastema is calculated as the ratio between the actual length of the diastema and the palate width at the mesial border of M1. The character is coded as follows: ratio $\leq 25\%$ (0); ratio $>25\%$ and $<40\%$ (1); ratio $\geq 40\%$ (2).

34. Upper incisors, size of I1: large (0); small (1).

Remarks: Character from Geraads (2004: 21).

35. Upper incisors, I2: present (0); absent or very reduced (1).

36. Upper incisors, I3: present (0); absent or very reduced (1).

Remarks: Character from Geraads (2004: 23).

37. Upper premolars, P2: present (0); reduced or absent (1).

Remarks: Character modified from Souron et al. (2015: 18).

38. Upper premolars, molarization of P4: absent (0); present (1).

39. Upper and lower premolars, style/stylid in P3-P4/p3-p4: weak (0); well developed (1).

Remarks: Character discussed in Hardjasasmita (1987).

40. Upper and lower molars, mesiodistal compression of the main cusps/cuspids: absent (0); present (1).

Remarks: Character from Souron (2012: 24).

41. Upper and lower molars, complexity of enamel figures exposed at the occlusal surface: low (0); high (1); very high (2).

Remarks: In taxa showing character state 0, the enamel figures exposed at the occlusal surface of worn cusps/cuspids are sub-circular or with very few invaginations. The latter figures are instead well visible in taxa showing character state 1 and became even more complex and deep in taxa showing character state 2.

42. Lower canines, morphology: verrucosic (0); scrofic (1).

Remarks: See the manuscript for details on this character.

43. Lower incisors, development of i1-i2: i1-i2 very long and parallel, forming a comb (0); i2 smaller than and oblique to i1 (1).

Remarks: Character from Souron et al. (2015: 19).

44. Lower incisors, arcade angle: acute (0); right or obtuse (1).

Remarks: The angle is measured between two lines passing through the mesial margin of the canine alveolus and the Infradentale.

45. Lower premolars, p1: present (0); reduced or absent (1).

46. Lower premolars, p1 position: very close to the lower canine (0); about in the middle of the post-

canine diastema (1).

47. Lower premolars, p2: present (0); reduced or absent (1).

48. Lower premolars, p3: present (0); reduced or absent (1).

49. Lower premolars, occlusal shape of p4: sub-quadrangular (0); mesiodistally elongated (1).

50. Lower premolars, morphology of p4: one main cuspid clearly separated from a low talonid (0); high talonid, forming a blade with the main cuspid or a wide and flat occlusal surface (1).

Remarks: Character discussed in Azzaroli (1954).

51. Lower molars, relative size of the distal part of the m3 talonid: short (0); long (1); very long (2).

Remarks: The relative length of the distal part of the m3 talonid is measured as the ratio between the distal talonid length (i.e., length of the portion distal to the hypoconid and entoconid) and the total length of m3. The character is coded as follows: ratio $\leq 35\%$ (0); ratio $>35\%$ and $<45\%$ (1); ratio $\geq 45\%$ (2).

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Appendix 3
CHARACTER-TAXON MATRIX

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51			
1 <i>Nyanzachoerus khinzir</i>	?	0	0	?	1	0	0	0	?	0	0	?	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	?	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	1	0	0	0	0	
2 <i>Microstonyx major</i>	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	?	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	?	0	?	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	1	0	1	0	0
3 <i>Sus scrofa</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0/1	1	
4 <i>Sus arvernensis</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	?	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	?	1	?	1	0	?	1	?	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		
5 <i>Sus lydekkeri</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0/1	0	0	0/1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
6 <i>Sus strozzii</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		
7 <i>Sus brachygnathus</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	?	?	0	0	0	1	1	?	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	?	1	0	0	1	0	?	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
8 <i>Sus celebensis</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	
9 <i>Sus verrucosus</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
10 <i>Sus barbatus</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
11 " <i>Sus</i> " <i>falconeri</i>	0	0	0	1	1	?	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	?	1	?	?	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	
12 <i>Potamochoerus</i> spp.	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	-	0	0	1	0	1	
13 <i>Kolpochoerus afarensis</i>	?	1	0	?	1	1	?	0	1	?	1	?	?	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	?	?	1	0	1	?	?	?	?	0	1	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	1	0	1		
14 <i>Kolpochoerus phillipi</i>	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	?	1	1	1	1	?	1	?	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	-	0	0	1	0	1
15 <i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	0	1		
16 " <i>Kolpochoerus</i> " <i>phacochoeroides</i>	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	?	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	?	2	?	1	1	0	-	-	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
17 <i>Metridiochoerus shawi</i>	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	?	?	1	1	1	1	2	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	-	-	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	?	0	1	-	?	0	1	1	1			
18 <i>Phacochoerus</i> spp.	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	-	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	1	0	1	1	2		
19 <i>Metridiochoerus andrewsi</i>	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	-	1	2	?	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	-	1	0	1	1	2		