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Supplementary information

The tale of a short-tailed cat: new outstanding Late Pleistocene fossils of *Lynx pardinus* from southern Italy

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Supplementary note 1

Referred material

Crania:

FG102a, cranium; **FG108b**, fragment of neurocranium; **MGPT-PU 135415**, cranium; **ING75**, cranium; **ING76**, cranium; **IN517**, fragment of occipital; **INGND871**, splanchnocranium; **INGND1145**, fragment of parietal bone; **INGD1147**, fragment of parietal bone; **M693**, neurocranium.

Premaxillary-maxillary:

FG101, right maxillary with C¹-P⁴; **FG102b**, left premaxillary-maxillary with C¹-P⁴; **FG103**, left premaxillary-maxillary with I¹-P⁴; **FG105**, right maxillary with P⁴; **FG130**, maxillary with C¹-P³; **ING82**, right maxillary with C¹-P⁴; **ING83**, right maxillary with P⁴; **ING84**, left maxillary with P³-P⁴; **ING85**, left maxillary with C¹-P³; **ING86**, left premaxillary-maxillary with P³; **ING87**, left premaxillary-maxillary with I¹-P⁴; **ING88**, right maxillary with C¹-P⁴; **INGND882**, left maxillary with C¹-P⁴.

Upper isolated teeth:

FG104, right P⁴; **FG109**, right P⁴; **ING81**, left C¹; **INGND360**, upper left C¹; **INGND445**, left C¹; **INGND875**, right P³; **INGND877**, right C¹; **INGND878**, left C¹.

26 *Hemimandibles:*

27 **FG92**, right hemimandible with P₄; **FG93**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **FG107**, left
28 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **IN15NS**, right hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING61**, right
29 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING62**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING63**, right
30 hemimandible with P₃-M₁; **ING64**, left hemimandible with C₁-P₃; **ING65**, left hemimandible
31 with P₃-P₄; **ING66**, left hemimandible with C₁; **ING67**, left hemimandible with M₁; **ING68**,
32 right hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING69**, right hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING70**: right
33 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING71**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING72**, right
34 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING73**, right hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **ING74**, right
35 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; ; **ING75**, right hemimandible with C₁-P₄; **ING79**, right
36 hemimandible with M₁; **INGND144**, left hemimandible with P₃-M₁; **INGND145**, left
37 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND312**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND318**, left
38 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND319**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND369**, right
39 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND372**, left hemimandible with M₁; **INGND373**, left
40 hemimandible with P₃-M₁; **INGND739**, right hemimandible with P₃-M₁; **INGND867**, left
41 hemimandible with P₄-M₁; **INGND868**, left hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND869**, right
42 hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **INGND870**, right hemimandible with C₁-M₁; **MGPT-PU 135415**,
43 complete mandible, with right C₁-M₁ and left C₁-M₁.

44 *Lower isolated teeth:*

45 **FG108**, left M₁; **ING59**, left C₁; **ING80**, right C₁; **INGND876**, left C₁; **INGND879**, right C₁;
46 **INGND880**, right C₁; **INGND881**, left C₁.

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48 **Supplementary note 2**

49 Abbreviations of craniodental measurements

50 *Cranium:*

51 TL: Total length

52 CBL: Condylobasal length

53 BL: Basion – Prosthion

54 BS: Basion – Synsphenion

55 SP: Synsphenion – Prosthion

56 BN: Neurocranium length

57 LN: Akrokranium – midpoint of the frontal bone

58 VL: Nasion – Prosthion

59 FL: midpoint of the frontal bone – Prosthion

60 MPL: Staphylion – Prosthion

61 GDB: Greatest diameter of tympanic bulla

62 LDB: Least diameter of tympanic bulla

63 GMB: Greatest breadth of mastoid

64 GBO: Greatest breadth of occipital condyle

65 GBF: Greatest breadth of magnum foramen

66 HF: Basion – Opisthion

67 GNB: Euryon – Euryion

68 ZB: Zygion – Zygion

69 OB: Entorbital – Entorbital

70 GPB: Greatest breadth of the palate at the level of P⁴

71 GPC: Greatest breadth of the palate at the level of C¹

72 BPC: Greatest postorbital constriction

73 FB: Facial breadth at the level of infraorbital foramina

- 74 OL: Ectorbital – Entorbital
- 75 OA: Greatest inner breadth of the orbit
- 76 HTO: Akrokranion – Basion
- 77 LCS: Length of the sagittal crest
- 78 ALT: Breadth between the temporal lines at the level of coronal suture
- 79 LLT: Length of the temporal lines (from the midpoint of the frontal bone to their confluence)
- 80
- 81 *Upper tooth row:*
- 82 LP³-M¹: Length of P³-M¹
- 83 LP⁴-M¹: Length of P⁴-M¹
- 84 LP³-P⁴: Length of P³-P⁴
- 85 LAP³-P⁴: Alveolar length of P³-P⁴
- 86 C¹-P³: Length of diastema between C¹-P³
- 87 LAP⁴: Alveolar length of P⁴
- 88 BI¹-I³: Breadth of I¹-I³
- 89 LI¹-P⁴: Length of I¹-P⁴
- 90 LI¹-M¹: Length of I¹-M¹
- 91
- 92 *Upper teeth:*
- 93 I¹L: Length of I¹
- 94 I¹B: Breadth of I¹
- 95 I²L: Length of I²
- 96 I²B: Breadth of I²
- 97 I³L: Length of I³
- 98 I³B: Breadth of I³

- 99 C¹L: Length of C¹
- 100 C¹B: Breadth of C¹
- 101 P³L: Length of P³
- 102 P³B: Breadth of P³
- 103 P³Lpro: Length of P³ protocone
- 104 P⁴L: Length of P⁴
- 105 P⁴B: Breadth of P⁴
- 106 P⁴Bproto: Breadth of P⁴ at the level of protocone
- 107 P⁴Lpara: Length of P⁴ paracone
- 108 P⁴Lmeta: Length of P⁴ metacone
- 109 P⁴Lproto: Length of P⁴ protocone
- 110 M¹L: Length of M¹
- 111 M¹W: Breadth of M¹
- 112
- 113 *Mandible:*
- 114 TL: Total length
- 115 P₃-M₁: Length of P₃-M₁
- 116 HVR: Height of ramus
- 117 HM₁: Height of corpus behind M₁ (measured on the lingual side)
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- 119 *Lower teeth:*
- 120 C₁L: Length of C₁
- 121 C₁B: Breadth of C₁
- 122 P₃L: Length of P₃
- 123 P₃B: Breadth of P₃

- 124 P₄L: Length of P₄
125 P₄B: Breadth of P₄
126 P₄Lprot: Length of P₄ protoconid
127 M₁L: Length of M₁
128 M₁B: Breadth of M₁
129 M₁Lpara: Length of M₁ paraconid
130 M₁Lprot: Length of M₁ protoconid

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132 **Supplementary note 3**

133 Description of cranial material

134 **MGPT-PU 135415** (*Figure 2*) is a well-preserved skull, missing the left zygomatic arch and
135 the tympanic bullae, and part of the nasals, maxillae, palate, and basioccipital. The
136 anteriormost portion of the nasals and maxillae is damaged, partially exposing the floor of
137 the nasal cavity in dorsal view. The frontals are laterally expanded with well-developed
138 triangular-shaped zygomatic processes; the right zygomatic arch is broad and semicircular
139 in shape. The temporal ridges are lyre shaped and strongly marked, and converge
140 caudally in a short sagittal crest which merges to a well-developed nuchal crest. In lateral
141 view, the cranium is anteroposteriorly elongated with a rounded and domed profile. The
142 orbits are large and rounded, but their surrounding bones are quite damaged. The right
143 zygomatic arch is slightly dorsoventrally convex. In ventral view, the incisive line of the
144 premaxillaries is projected anteriorly, displaying a well-developed notch at the level of the
145 I³-C diastema. Even if the tympanic bullae are broken, their outlines appear elliptical and
146 elongated anteroposteriorly. In the posteromedial corner of the tympanic bullae, the jugular
147 and hypoglossal foramina are located into the same depression. In posterior view, the
148 foramen magnum is oval in shape, being slightly compressed dorsoventrally.

149 **ING75** (*Figure 2*) is a nearly complete cranium with some encrusting sediments on its
150 surface. It only lacks part of the maxillae, frontals, parietals and the right tympanic bulla. In
151 dorsal view, the nasals are semi-triangular in shape. The frontal bones are mediolaterally
152 expanded and arched anteroposteriorly. As in MGPT-PU 135415, the temporal ridges are
153 lyre shaped and well-marked converging posteriorly. In ING75, the zygomatic arches are
154 strong, mediolaterally broad and semicircular in shape. The mediolateral width of the
155 cranium measured at this point is almost equivalent to the anteroposterior total length
156 (*Supplementary table 1*). In lateral view, ING75 is anteroposteriorly elongated and
157 domed, with dorsoventrally arched zygomatic bones, as in MGPT-PU 135415. In ventral
158 view, an encrusting patina prevents the observation of the palate surface, the presphenoid
159 and the posteromedial corner of the tympanic bullae. However, the CT images allowed to
160 partially remove the encrusting material highlighting the jugular and hypoglossal foramina
161 located into the same depression (*Figure 6*). The outline of the tympanic bullae appears
162 anteroposteriorly elongated. Rostrally, the incisive line of the premaxillaries is projected
163 anteriorly with a well-developed notch at the level of the I³-C diastema. In posterior view,
164 the foramen magnum is oval in shape and laterally expanded.

165 **ING76** (*Figure 2*) is a partial cranium in which the muzzle, the left zygomatic arch and the
166 occipital portion are missing. The nasals are almost completely lacking, exposing the
167 underlying turbinates in dorsal and frontal views. The frontals are mediolaterally enlarged
168 and arched anteroposteriorly. Together with the parietals, they impart a convex profile to
169 the dorsal cranial roof in lateral view. The right zygomatic arch of ING76 is similar in shape
170 to those of ING75 and MGPT-PU 135415. In ventral view, even if the left tympanic bulla is
171 broken, its profile appears rounded in shape and anteroposteriorly elongated. The jugular
172 and hypoglossal foramina are not observable.

173 **M693** (*Figure 2*) is a well preserved neurocranium, missing the ventral portion of the
174 tympanic bullae. In dorsal view, the temporal ridges are elongated and strongly marked

175 converging caudally in a short sagittal crest, as in ING75 and MGPT-PU 135415. In lateral
176 view, M693 possesses a rounded and domed neurocranium. Ventrally, the tympanic
177 bullae are anteroposteriorly elongated and their outline is elliptical. The jugular and
178 hypoglossal foramina are located into the same depression. In posterior view, the nuchal
179 crest is strongly developed and the occipital is triangular shaped; the foramen magnum is
180 slightly compressed dorsoventrally.

181 **FG102** (*Supplementary figure 1*) is bad preserved cranium consisting of two fragments: a
182 partial neurocranium and a left maxillary. The morphology of the ventral part is completely
183 obliterated by an encrusting reddish patina. In dorsal view, the temporal ridges seem to
184 converge caudally in a sagittal crest, which is quite damaged; anteriorly the temporal
185 ridges are well separated and are laterally directed. The left maxillary preserves the canine,
186 the P³ and the P⁴.

187 **IN517** (*Supplementary figure 1*) is an isolated fragment of basicranium in which only
188 some features in the auditory region can be observed. Among them, the profile of the
189 tympanic bullae appears anteroposteriorly enlarged and the jugular and hypoglossal
190 foramina converge into the same depression.

191 **INGND1150** (*Supplementary figure 1*) is an isolated fragment of splanchnocranium, where
192 the ventral portion is completely encrusted by a reddish patina. The nasals and maxillae
193 are strongly damaged, partially exposing the floor of the nasal cavity in dorsal view.
194 Laterally, the nasals are quite inclined anteriorly. Only the left P³ and P⁴ are preserved.

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196 **Supplementary note 4**

197 aDNA methods

198 Ancient DNA (aDNA) extraction was attempted at the Archaeological Research
199 Laboratory, University of Stockholm (Sweden), on micro-drilled samples of tooth roots
200 considered as one of the most informative skeletal elements for this analysis (Hansen et

201 al., 2017; Damgaard et al., 2015; Adler et al., 2011). We obtained ca. 80 mg of tooth
202 powder on which a pre-digestion step was conducted in order to reduce exogenous DNA
203 and microbial DNA following Allentoft et al. (2015). The aDNA was extracted and purified
204 using a silica-binding method optimized for short DNA fragments (Yang et al., 1998;
205 Dabney et al., 2013). We got a final volume of 44 ml of aDNA extract. We targeted 183 bp
206 of the mitochondrial control region and a 152 bp fragment of the cytochrome b using six
207 non-overlapping primer pairs (Rodríguez-Varela et al., 2015). DNA amplification and
208 cycling conditions were performed following Rodríguez-Varela et al. (2015). Amplicons
209 were purified using ExoSAP-It (GE Healthcare) following the manufacturer's instructions
210 and directly sequenced in forward and reverse orientations on an automated DNA
211 sequencer (ABI-3730xl) using the Big Dye 3.1 sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems).
212 Sequences were edited with Sequencher v.4.7 (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI,
213 USA) and manually aligned using the software MEGA version 6 (Tamura et al., 2013).

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215 aDNA results

216 Unfortunately, we were not able to recover any reliable genetic sequence with this PCR-
217 Sanger sequencing approach. It is possible that, in the next future, the Next Generation
218 Sequencing techniques open up the possibility to test these samples again.

219 **Supplementary tables**

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Catalogue number	TL	CL	BL	BS	SP	BN	LN	VL	FL	LLS	MPL	GDB	LDB	GMB	GBD	GBF	HF	GNB	ZB	OB	GPB	GPC	BPC	FB	OL	OA	HTO	LCS	ALT	LLT
MGPT-PU 135415	157.6	148.6	131.4	44.9	85.6	136.8	86.1	71.8	28.7	43.3		16.7	28.5	59.7	35.3	19.0	10.8	62.2		41.1	66.3	41.4	40.3	44.9	37.1	33.6		28.2	16.8	67.6
ING75	163.4	151.1	134.9	48.0	93.9	144.7		71.0		47.4	69.6	34.5	24.4	60.5	35.8	18.6	12.7	62.7	117.2	37.3	65.2	41.7		45.7						
ING76												17.6	24.9		34.0	18.8	15.5			37.8	66.9									
M693			118.5									17.0	28.9	61.2	32.8	15.9	7.4	60.3		37.8	66.9				34.4		44.0	25.6	20.3	

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222 **Supplementary table 1.** Measurements (mm) of the crania of *Lynx pardinus* from
 223 Ingarano.

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Catalogue number	Side	LP ³ -M ¹	LP ⁴ -M ¹	LP ³ -P ⁴	LAP ³ -P ⁴	LC ¹ -P ³	LAP ⁴	WI ¹ -I ³	LI ¹ -P ⁴	LI ¹ -M ¹
FG101b	Dx	29.6	17.0	28.2	27.5	8.0	15.4			
FG102	Sx									
FG103	Sx			28.0	27.7	1.7	16.7	7.8	49.4	
FG105	Dx	19.8								
FG130	Dx					3.0				
ING75	Dx	30.9	18.0	28.7	27.2	5.7	15.1	9.0	60.4	61.3
ING75	Sx	28.7	19.4	29.2	28.5	6.8	16.7	8.9	60.9	62.6
ING76	Dx			29.5			17.8			
ING76	Sx						17.9			
ING82	Dx	29.3	18.6	28.4	27.6	3.7	16.1			
ING83	Dx		19.3							
ING84	Sx				26.9		15.4			
ING86	Sx					4.3				
ING87	Sx	31.0	19.4	28.6	29.1	8.0	16.9	9.3	59.6	61.7
ING88	Sx	29.5	17.9	26.6	25.9	6.2	14.7			
INGND882	Sx									
MGPT-PU 135415	Sx	30.1	18.3	29.7	29.9	7.2	16.7	7.6	59.1	59.9
MGPT-PU 135415	Dx			29.3	29.6	7.7	16.7	8.2	59.9	

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226 **Supplementary table 2.** Measurements (mm) of the upper tooth rows of *Lynx pardinus*
 227 from Ingarano.

Catalogue number	I ¹ L	I ¹ B	I ² L	I ² B	I ³ L	I ³ B	C ¹ L	C ¹ B	P ³ L	P ³ B	P ³ L pro	P ⁴ L	P ⁴ B	P ⁴ B proto	P ⁴ L para	P ⁴ L meta	P ⁴ L proto	M ¹ L	M ¹ B
FG101							8,7	7,2		5,5	4,6	15,6	8,0	6,2	6,7	6,6	2,6	2,1	4,6
FG102							9,1	7,5	9,8	5,4		16,9	8,4						
FG103							7,9	5,6		5,0	4,8	17,2	8,1	5,9	6,8	6,8	2,8		
FG104												17,1	8,4	6,3	7,2	7,2			
FG105												16,3	9,1	6,7	6,6	6,7	2,8		
FG130										6,1									
ING75	2,0	2,5	2,1	2,8	4,2	4,6				6,0	5,5	16,9	9,1	8,2	7,0		2,6	3,2	4,2
ING75	1,9	2,8	2,2	3,0	4,0	4,9				5,6	5,0	16,4	8,4	8,0	6,5	6,3		2,5	4,2
ING76										6,0		16,9	9,4	8,3	6,9	6,5			
ING80							8,7	7,0											
ING81							9,0	6,7											
ING82										5,2	5,1	16,4	8,2	5,3	7,0	6,1	2,8		
ING83												16,7	7,7	6,3	6,7	6,8	2,5		
ING84										5,8	5,3	15,3							
ING86										5,4									
ING87							9,2	6,9		5,5	5,2	17,1	8,0	6,0	6,9	7,6	2,2		
ING88										5,4	4,9	15,6	7,6	6,1	6,7	6,1	2,8		
INGND360							7,3	6,1											
INGND445							9,2	6,9											
INGND880								8,5											
INGND881																			
INGND882							8,0	5,0											
MGPT-PU 135415			2,0	2,7	2,8	4,5	9,0	7,9		5,7	5,4	17,4	8,7	8,7	7,0	6,6	3,1		
MGPT-PU 135415	1,5	2,3	2,3	2,9	2,7	4,5	9,0	7,5		5,5	5,4	17,9	8,9	8,8	7,0	6,4	3,4	2,4	4,7

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229 **Supplementary table 3.** Measurements (mm) of the upper teeth of *Lynx pardinus* from

230 Ingarano.

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Catalogue number	Side	TL	P ₃ -M ₁	HVR	HM ₁	C ₁ L	C ₁ B	P ₃ L	P ₃ B	P ₄ L	P ₄ B	P ₄ L prot	M ₁ L	M ₁ B	M ₁ L para	M ₁ L prot
FG92	Sx									11.3	5.7	5.2				
FG107	Sx		34.1		17.7	8.5	7.5	9.6	5.0	11.0	5.6	5.6	14.3	5.6	5.6	6.8
FG108	Sx												15.3	6.4	6.0	6.8
ING61	Sx		29.7		12.7			10.0	5.1	10.7	5.4	4.3	13.6	5.8	5.7	6.6
ING62	Sx		33.7			7.8	7.2	9.5	5.2	10.8	5.8	5.1	14.7	6.0	6.9	6.3
ING63	Dx		34.5					10.3	5.0	11.8	5.9	5.6	15.0	6.1	6.6	7.0
ING64	Sx					8.2	8.0	10.3	5.9							
ING65	Sx									11.2	5.5	4.9				
ING66	Sx					7.3	6.3									
ING67	Sx												14.7	6.1		6.1
ING68	Dx	111.4	34.7	46.6	18.7			9.8	5.1	11.5	5.4	5.2	13.5	5.6	5.3	5.9
ING69	Dx	93.3	32.1	39.1	19.5	8.9	7.6	9.5	5.0	10.6	5.7	4.6	13.5	5.6	6.1	6.9
ING70	Dx		33.7		12.9	8.0	6.6	9.5	5.0	10.3			12.8	6.1		7.2
ING71	Sx		32.4		19.4	8.9	8.0	9.5	5.5	11.2	5.7	5.3	14.1	6.3	5.3	6.8
ING71	Sx		33.8					9.3		10.5			13.1			
ING79	Dx				10.6								14.1	5.8	4.8	5.7
ING715	Sx					7.2	6.2	8.3	5.0	10.7	5.4					
INGND144	Sx		34.0		18.5			8.6	4.5	10.5	4.9	5.3	13.2	5.8	5.7	6.8
INGND145	Sx		37.0		21.1	8.6	7.8	8.7	4.9	11.0	5.9	5.9	13.9	6.0	5.6	6.1
INGND312	Sx	93.9	32.3		19.0	7.5	6.4	9.2	4.5	10.3	5.4	5.7	13.4	5.5	6.0	7.5
INGND318	Sx		36.3			8.7	7.4	10.1	5.3	12.0	5.8	6.2	15.1	6.6	5.1	6.2
INGND319	Sx		36.0			8.3	7.4	9.2	5.2	11.0	5.8	5.7	16.3	6.2	5.5	6.6
INGND369	Dx		35.9					9.7	4.4				12.5	6.7	5.4	6.1
INGND372	Dx												14.6	5.7	5.6	6.9
INGND373	Sx		37.8					10.2	5.9	12.5	6.0	5.7	14.3	7.2	5.7	6.6
INGND867	Sx				21.3					11.5	5.1	5.0	14.4	6.5	5.9	6.1
INGND868	Sx		31.1		17.7			8.5	4.9	10.2	5.3	5.1	13.4	5.5	5.2	5.6
INGND869	Dx		30.9		17.3			8.2	4.1	10.3	5.1	5.1	13.7	6.1	5.1	6.8
INGND876	Sx					7.3	6.0									
MGPT-PU 135415	Dx	106.0	35.1	45.7	20.2	8.8	7.3	9.9	5.3	12.0	5.6	5.3	14.0	5.4	5.5	5.9
MGPT-PU 135415	Sx		35.3		20.1			9.7	5.3	12.0	5.8	5.7	13.0	6.0	5.2	5.8
IN 15 NS	Dx	77.0	33.2	32.2	14.8	6.8	5.5	8.7	4.7	11.2	5.4	4.9	12.6	5.9	5.8	6.4

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234 **Supplementary table 4.** Measurements (mm) of the mandibles and lower teeth of *Lynx*
235 *pardinus* from Ingarano.

Site	Age	Attribution suggested in this work	Species	Original attribution	Reference	Biometric data	Number of specimens		Ectoparasitology on P ⁴		Number of specimens		Meraconid on M ₁	
							P ^L	Absent	Few marked	Present	No data	Present	Absent	Cuspid-like
La Gloria 4	Early Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Alcala (1994)							15.9		1
La Cebra	Early Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Alcala (1994)	This work						14.6		1
Almaraz	Early Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Montoya et al. (1999)							13.6		1
Layna	Early Pliocene			<i>Canis depreli</i>	Morales et al. (2003)							13.2		2
Cella	Late Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Cipullo (2010); Boscaini et al. (2016)			1	17.0	1		13.2		2
Grifagnana	Late Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis isidorensis</i>	Grubrig (1998)			1	19.3			14.9		2
Les Etouilles	Late Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Cipullo (2010)			1	20.0	1		14.2		1
Pardines	Late Pliocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Kurtén (1978)	This work		3	19.9	1	2	15.0		3
Serrat d'en Viqueuer	Late Pliocene			<i>Canis brevirostris</i>	Kurtén (1983)	This work		1	14.0	1		14.0		1
	Late Pliocene			<i>Canis depreli</i>	Depret (1990)			1	20.1	1		13.8		1
Fonelas P-1	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.1	Morales et al. (2003)			1	14.1			14.1		1
Puebla Valverde	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis valdarensis</i>	Garrido (2008)			3	14.2			13.2		1
Metasino	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Kurtén & Cristofori (1987)	This work		1	19.0		2	15.3		1
Olivola	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis valdarensis</i>	Cipullo (2010)			2	18.1			14.5		1
Pantalla	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis valdarensis</i>	Chen et al. (2013)			5	18.3	1	4	16.0		2
Sant Vallier	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Smet (1954)	This work		7	17.2	2	1	16.0		4
Utrillas	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Smet (1954); De Vos (1977)			4	17.2	2	1	14.4		2
Uppan Valdarno	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis valdarensis</i>	Cipullo (2010)	This work		3	17.2	2	1	14.4		2
Cueva Victoria	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx sp.</i>	Pons-Moya et al. (1976)			4	16.7	2	1	13.4		1
Sierra de Quibas	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx spelaea</i>	Pons-Moya (1993)			1	15.5			12.8		1
Valparadis Estreó	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Madurell-Malapeira et al. (2012)			4	18.2	3	1	14.4		2
Aldène	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx sp.</i>	Montoya et al. (1999)			2	17.3	1	1	13.4		1
Caune de l'Arago	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx spelaea</i>	Madurell-Malapeira et al. (2010)			4	17.3	1	1	13.1		2
L'Escale	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx spelaea</i>	Boscaini et al. (2016)			6	17.4	2	4	14.1		1
Pino Nord	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Moghe et al. (2009); Testu (2008)			2	19.3	2		16.3		2
Apollonia	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Petrucci et al. (2013)			2	19.3	2		13.8		1
Argentario	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Cipullo (2010)			2	16.9	1		14.0		1
La Vallerotonda	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i>	Koufos (1992)			1	16.9			14.7		1
Sonnatsch Hill	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Sardella (2006)			1	16.9			14.7		1
Libedija	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Cipullo (2010)			1	16.9			14.7		1
Untermaßfeld	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Testu (2008)			1	16.9			14.7		1
Venta Micena	Early Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Testu (2008)			1	16.9			14.7		1
Mosbach	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.2	Marín-Naranjo et al. (2008)			2	13.4			13.4		1
Mauer	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx sp.</i>	Henner (2001)			1	16.0			15.5		1
Sima de los Huesos	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx isidorensis</i> sp.	Moya-Sola et al. (1981)			1	16.0			15.5		1
Valdemino	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx pardinus spelaea</i>	Voeckler (1930); Kurtén (1957)			1	16.1	1		13.1		1
	Middle Pleistocene			<i>Lynx gr. spelaea</i>	Voeckler (1930); Kurtén (1957)			2	16.1	1		13.1		1
Ingarano	Late Pleistocene			<i>Lynx lynx</i>	García et al. (1997)			15	16.6	13	2	14.0		6
Estant	Estant			<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Sala (1992)			21	15.3	x	x	13		8
Estant	Estant			<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Petronio et al. (1998)	This work		16	15.3	x	x	13		3
	Estant				García-Perea et al. (1985); Boscaini et al. (2016)	Wardle pers. comm.		173	18.8	x	x	15.7		100%
	Estant				Kurtén (1985, 1978)	Wardle pers. comm.		187	18.8	x	x	15.7		100%

Species	Site	Specimen number	References	Age	Total length	Condylbasal length	Zygomatic breadth	Sagittal crest length
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Ingarano	MGPT-PU 135415	This work	Late Pleistocene	157.6	148.6		25.6
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Ingarano	ING75	This work	Late Pleistocene	163.4	151.1		28.2
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Les Etouaires	MNB Prt 200	This work	latest Pliocene	185.7	168.0	120.0	63.0
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Les Etouaires	MNB Prt 441	This work	latest Pliocene	172.0	144.7		57.0
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	La Côte d'Ardé	n/a	Viret (1954)	latest Pliocene		145.0		
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Saint Vallier	MNB StV 767	This work	Early Pleistocene			112.0	
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Saint Vallier	QSV 1133	Viret (1954)	Early Pleistocene		143.0		115.0
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Olivola	MNB Ol 1	This work	Early Pleistocene	156.0	144.4		50.5
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Olivola	IGF 4399	Cherin et al. (2013)	Early Pleistocene	148.0			
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Upper Valdarno	IGF 12777	This work	Early Pleistocene	155.0	139.0		51.9
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	Pautilalla	SBAU337653	Cherin et al. (2013)	Early Pleistocene	147.0	140.0	102.0	
<i>Lynx</i> sp.	Pirro Nord	DE 04 Liv II	This work	Early Pleistocene		151.9		
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Avene Marcel	IPS 4170	Boscàini et al. (2015)	Early Pleistocene				12.5
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	L'Escale	H7622	Bouffay (1971); this work	Middle Pleistocene	138.0	132.5	119.0	
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	L'Escale	B611	Bouffay (1971); this work	Middle Pleistocene		145.0		
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	n/a	Boule and Villeneuve (1927)	Middle?-Late Pleistocene		128.0	100.0	20.5*
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	n/a	Boule and Villeneuve (1927)	Middle?-Late Pleistocene		124.0		
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Grotta del Principe	n/a	Boule (1909)	Late Pleistocene		128.0		23.2*
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Puech-Margal	n/a	Kurtén and Granqvist (1987)	Late Pleistocene	155.0		119.0	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Pagolusieta	n/a	Alrua (1980)	Late Pleistocene	164.0	145.0	118.0	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Arene Candide	n/a	Cassoli and Tagliacozzo (1994a)	Late Pleistocene			114.0	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Beeston Tor	BM M13/36	Werdelin pers. Comm.	Late Pleistocene	158.0	141.0	110.0	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Neale's Cave	BM	Werdelin pers. Comm.	Late Pleistocene	160.0	147.0		
<i>L. lynx</i>	Col d'Aran	n/a	de Beaufort (1965)	Late Pleistocene	160.0	145.0	105.0	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Réseau du Cèbèri	n/a	Clot and Besson (1974)	Late Pleistocene	152.0	139.0	101.9	
<i>L. lynx</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	n/a	Boule and Villeneuve (1927)	Late Pleistocene		140.0		
extant <i>L. pardinus</i>	Spain		Werdelin pers. comm.; Garcia-Perea (1996)		130.2 (119.0-142.0; n= 13)	118.6 (109.4 - 128.0; n = 12)	92.3 (81.0 - 101.0; n = 17)	21.1 (14.0 - 28.0; n = 29)
extant <i>L. lynx</i>	Europe		Werdelin pers. comm.; Garcia-Perea (1996)		146.7 (127.0 - 167.0; n=146)	133.4 (120.0 - 147.0; n = 111)	100.9 (85.0 - 115.0; n=157)	49.5 (22.0 - 73.0; n = 59)

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239 **Supplementary table 6.** Comparative cranial measurements (mm) of Pleistocene lynxes.

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Species	Age	Number of specimens		P.values	
		P ⁴	M ₁	P ⁴	M ₁
<i>Lynx pardinus</i> Ingarano	Late Pleistocene	15	30		
<i>Lynx issiodorensis issiodorensis</i>	late Pliocene - Early Pleistocene	14	28	0,00	0,02
<i>Lynx issiodorensis valdarnensis</i>	Early Pleistocene	8	8	0,01	0,47
<i>Lynx</i> sp.	Early - Middle Pleistocene	7	11	0,48	0,29
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Early Pleistocene	8	6	0,12	0,33
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Middle Pleistocene	20	38	0,01	0,69
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	Late Pleistocene	17	58	0,41	0,79
Extant <i>Lynx pardinus</i>		21	16	0,00	0,00
<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Late Pleistocene	12	18	0,00	0,00
Extant <i>Lynx lynx</i>		187	173	0,00	0,00

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242 **Supplementary table 7.** Results of the statistical analysis.

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Species	Locality	Specimen	Age	CBL (mm)	BM (kg)
<i>L. pardinus</i>	Ingarano	MGPT-PU 135415	Late Pleistocene	148.6	23.7
<i>L. pardinus</i>	Ingarano	ING75	Late Pleistocene	151.1	25.0
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	Les Etouaires	MNB Prr 200	latest Pliocene	168.0	34.7
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	Les Etouaires	MNB Prr 411	latest Pliocene	144.7	21.8
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	La Côte d'Ardé	n/a	latest Pliocene	145.0	22.0
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	Saint Vallier	NMB StV.767	Early Pleistocene	143.0	21.0
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	Olivola	MNB OI 1	Early Pleistocene	144.4	21.7
<i>L. issiodorensis</i>	Pantalla	SABAP_UMB 337653	Early Pleistocene	140.0	19.7
<i>Lynx</i> sp.	Pirro Nord	DE 04 Liv II	Early Pleistocene	151.9	25.4
<i>L. pardinus</i>	L'Escale	H7622	Middle Pleistocene	132.5	16.6
<i>L. pardinus</i>	L'Escale	B611	Middle Pleistocene	145.0	22.0
<i>L. pardinus</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	n/a	Middle?-Late Pleistocene	128.0	14.9
<i>L. pardinus</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	n/a	Middle?-Late Pleistocene	124.0	13.5
<i>L. pardinus</i>	Grotta del Principe	n/a	Late Pleistocene	128.0	14.9
<i>L. lynx</i>	Pagolusieta	n/a	Late Pleistocene	145.0	22.0
<i>L. lynx</i>	Beeston Tor	BM M13/36	Late Pleistocene	141.0	20.1
<i>L. lynx</i>	Neale's Cave	BM	Late Pleistocene	147.0	22.9
<i>L. lynx</i>	Col d'Aran	n/a	Late Pleistocene	145.0	22.0
<i>L. lynx</i>	Rèseau du Cèbèri	n/a	Late Pleistocene	139.0	19.3
<i>L. lynx</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire A-F	n/a	Late Pleistocene	140.0	19.7

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250 **Supplementary table 8.** Body mass estimates (BM) based on condylobasal length (CBL)
251 for *Lynx pardinus* from Ingarano and other fossil lynx specimens.
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New attribution	Previous identification	Region	Site	Age	Bioc lron	References
		France	Les Etouaires	late Pliocene	Early Villafranchian	Kurtén 1978
			Serrat d'en Vaquer	late Pliocene	Ruscianian	Cipullo (2010); this work
			La Côte d'Ardé	late Pliocene		
			Pardines	late Pliocene	Early Villafranchian	
		Greece	Saint-Vallier	Early Pleistocene	Middle Villafranchian	This work
			Tourkovounia	Early Pleistocene	Early Villafranchian	Koufos (1992, 2014)
			Garfagnana	late Pliocene	Early Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010);
		Italy	Olivola	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
			Pantalla	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cherin et al. (2013)
			Valdarno Superiore	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i>	<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i> ssp.	Spain	Figline	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
			Mátassino	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
		Turkey	Layna	late Pliocene	Early Villafranchian	
			Almanzora	early Pliocene	Ruscianian	This work
			LA Gloria 4	early Pliocene		
			La Calera	early Pliocene		
			La Puebla de Valverde	Early Pleistocene	Middle Villafranchian	This work
			Fonelas P-1	Early Pleistocene	Middle Villafranchian	Garrido and Arribas (2008)
			Villaroya	Early Pleistocene	Early Villafranchian	Kurtén and Crusafont (1977)
			Caña	late Pliocene		Ginsburg (1998)
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>		Aldene - Lower levels	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Testu (2006)
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>		Caune de l'Arago	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Testu (2006)
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	l'Escale	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Testu (2006); this work	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Lazaret	Middle Pleistocene	Aurelian	Valensi (1994)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Lunel-Viel	Middle Pleistocene	Aurelian	Bonifay (1971); Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Abri Cornille	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Bonifay and Leucortis-Docqonmaz (1976)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Aldene - upper level	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Baume-Longue	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Campfiel	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotte Balauziere	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotte de la Sartenetie	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Boule and Villeneuve (1927); Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Grotta de Reihac	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Grotte Vaufray	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Delpech (1988)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Hortus	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	La Crouzade	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	La Salpetrière	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Moula Guercy-Baume	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Defleur et al. (2001)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Orgnac 3	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Portel Ouest	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Puech-Margal	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Kurtén and Granqvist (1987)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Ponte Mòlle	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Capasso et al. (1998)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Grotta del Principe	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Boule (1909); Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Grotta della Masseria del Monte	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Anelli (1959)	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Monte Tignoso	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>	Vallé Radice	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Biddittu et al. (1967)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Avenc Marcel	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Boscaini et al. (2015)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cal Guardiola	Early Pleistocene	Epivillafranchian	Boscaini et al. (2016)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cueva Victoria	Early Pleistocene	Epivillafranchian	Boscaini et al. (2016)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Vallparadis Estació	Early Pleistocene	Epivillafranchian	Boscaini et al. (2016)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Villacastín	Middle Pleistocene	Aurelian	Arribas (1994)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Abric Romani	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Almada	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cau d'en Borràs	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cau del Duc	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cova de l'Arbreda	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cova Negra	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cova Toll	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cova Toixoneres	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cueva de Claves	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Castañes (2004)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Cueva del Puerto	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Sarrion (1978)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Devil's Tower	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	El Escarache	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	El Múscle	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Ermittia	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Alnua (1972)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Erralla	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Alnua and Marizkurrena (1985)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Gorham's Cave	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Pena de Estebanvela	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Turó del Moro	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	This work	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Windmill Hill	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Alargo do Casais	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Caldeirao	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Casa do Moira	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Columbeira	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Escoural	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Furinha	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Prado des Salemas	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Yravedra (2005)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Arene Candide	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Cassoli and Tagliacozzo (1994a)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Buca della Iena	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Pitti and Tozzi (1971)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta della Madonna	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rodriguez-Varela et al. (2015)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta delle Striare	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta dei Colombi	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta di Equi	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta Polesini	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta Sant'Agostino	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Grotta Tina di Camerota	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Melpignano	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Riparo Fumane	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Cassoli and Tagliacozzo (1994b)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	San Sidero	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Rustioni et al. (1995)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Balauziere	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx parvulus</i>	Campfiel	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Paulus and Tronn (1945)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Col d'Aran	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	de Beaufort (1963)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Grotte de Péne	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Clot and Besson (1974)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Grotte de l'Observatoire	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Boule and Villeneuve (1927)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	La Crouzade	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Testu (2006)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Mstayous	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Clot (1988)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Réseau du Cébéri	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Clot and Besson (1974)	
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Germany	Willendorf	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Great Britain	Beeston Tor	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>		Lynx Cave	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.
	<i>Lynx lynx</i>		Neale's Cave	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Werdelin pers. comm.
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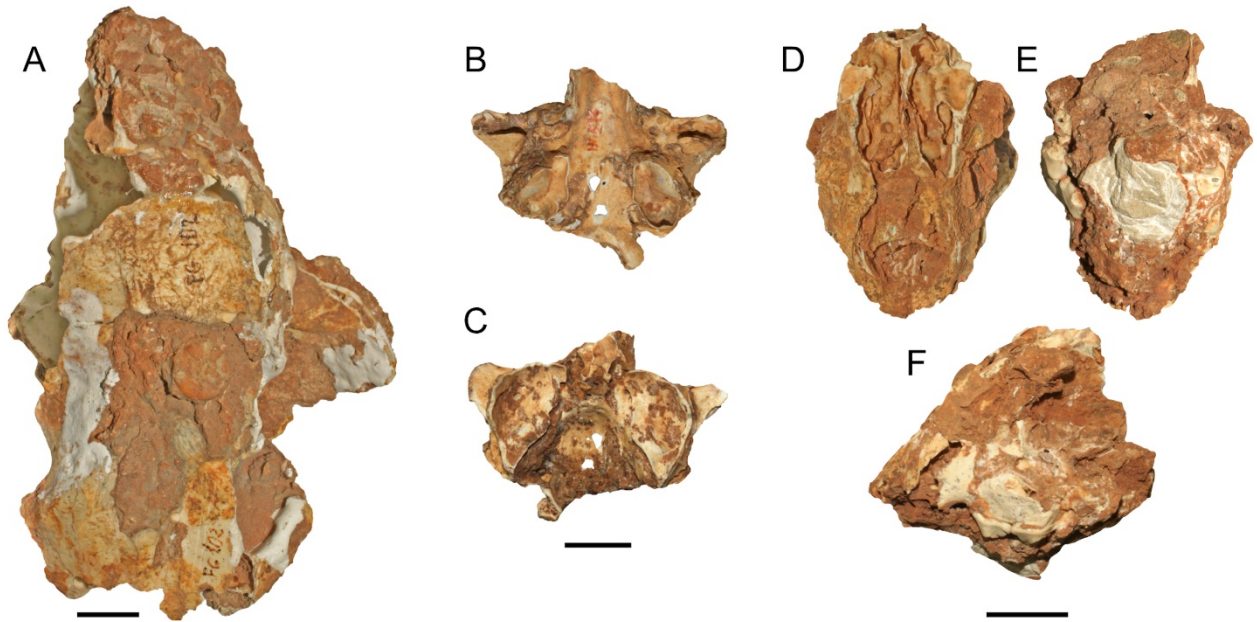
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	Russian	Kostenki 21	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Sablin (2001)
<i>Lynx pardina spelaea</i>		Sainzelles	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Palombo & Valli (2004)
<i>Lynx pardina spelaea</i>		La Sartalette	Early Pleistocene	EpiVillafranchian	Palombo & Valli (2004)
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<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i> ssp.		Mauer	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Voelckler (1930)
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i> ssp.	Greece	Apollonia	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Koufos (1992)
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i> ssp.		Pirro Nord	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
<i>Lynx</i> sp.		Argentario	Early Pleistocene	Late Villafranchian	Cipullo (2010); this work
<i>Lynx issiodorensis</i> ssp.	Italy	Valdemino - lower levels	Middle Pleistocene	Galerian	Ghezzi et al. (2015)
<i>Lynx spelaeus</i>		Valdemino - upper level	Late Pleistocene	Aurelian	Ghezzi et al. (2015)
<i>Lynx</i> sp.	Hungary	Somssich Hill	Early Pleistocene	EpiVillafranchian	Gasparik & Pazonyi (2018)
<i>Lynx</i> sp.	Israel	'Ubeidiya	Early Pleistocene	late Villafranchian	Martinez-Navarro et al. (2008)
<i>Lynx</i> sp.		Venta Micena	Early Pleistocene	late Villafranchian	Moya-Sola et al. (1981)
<i>Lynx</i> sp.		Trinchera Dolina 6	Early Pleistocene	EpiVillafranchian	Garcia & Arsuaga (1998)
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255 **Supplementary table 9.** Complete list of the lynx specimens considered in this study.

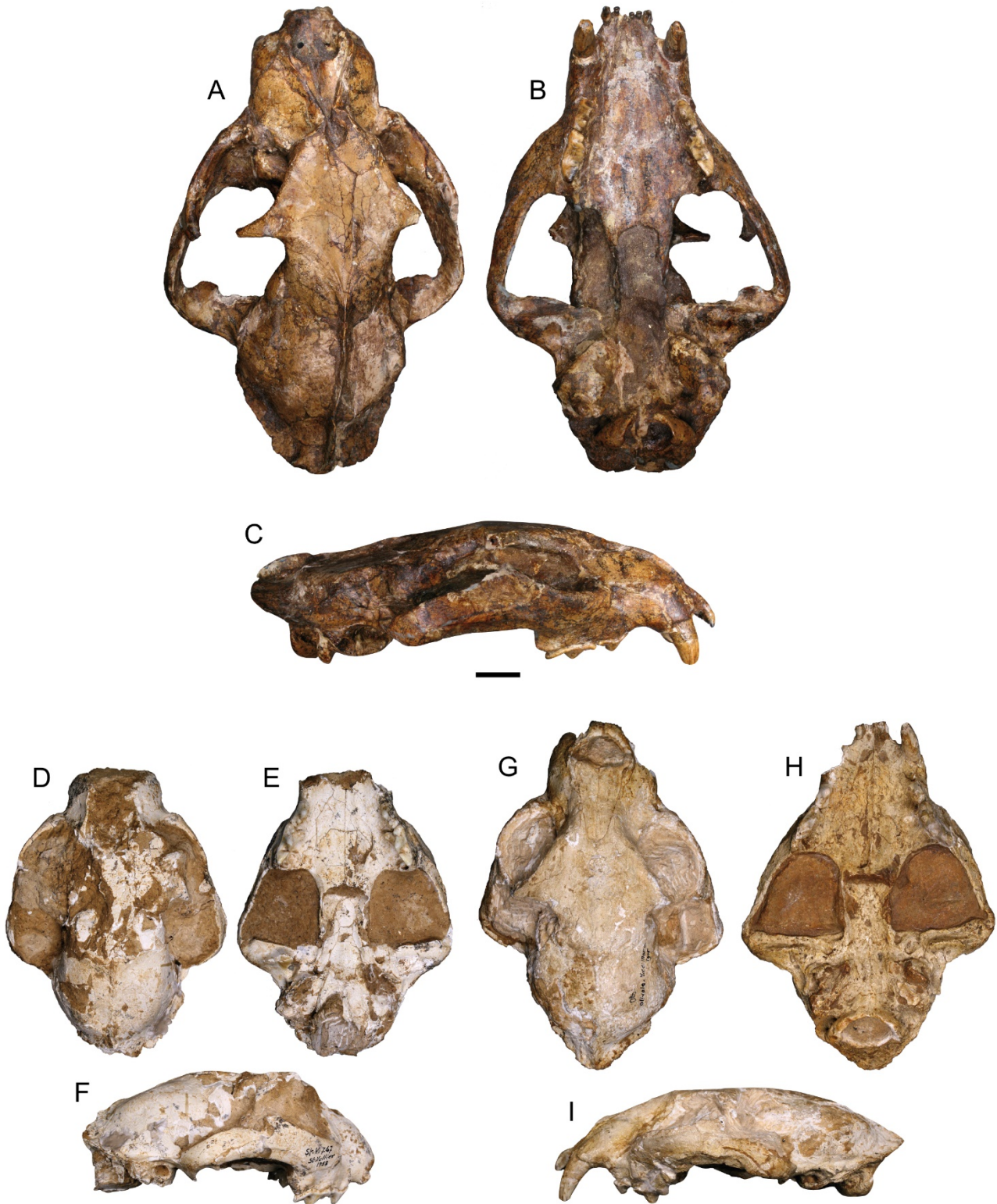
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257 **Supplementary figures**

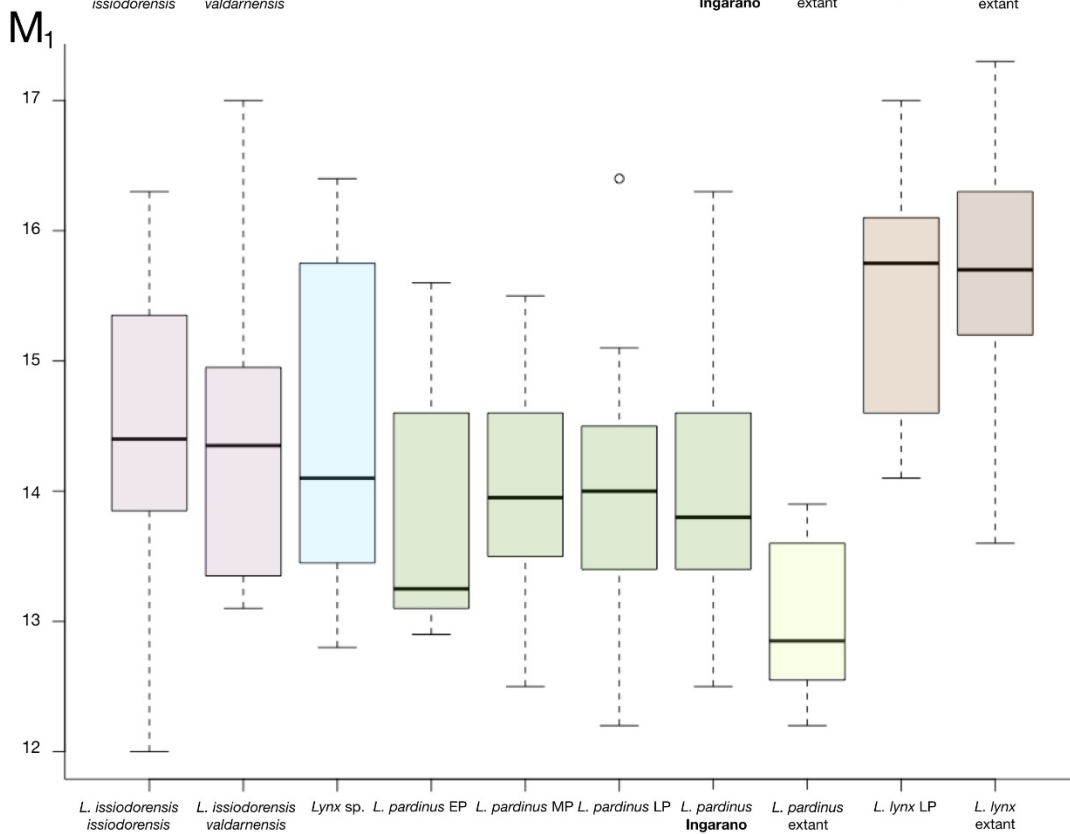
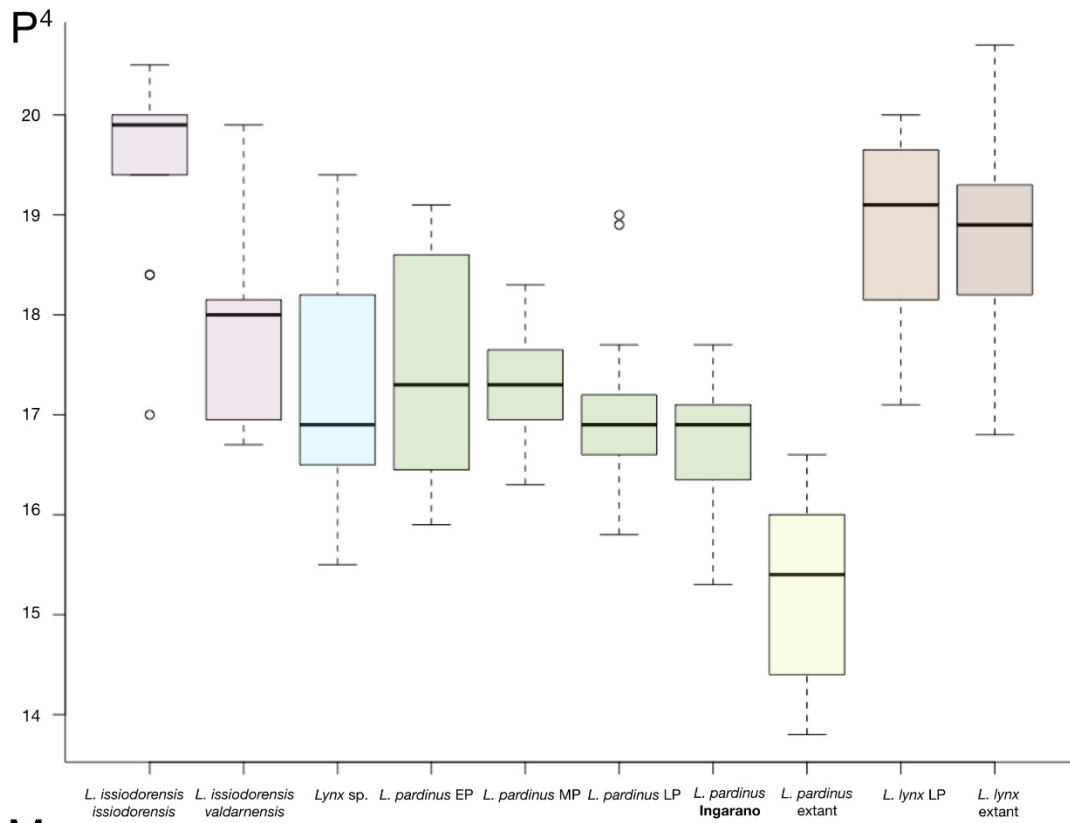


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259 **Supplementary figure 1.** Fragmented crania of *Lynx pardinus* from Ingarano (Italy). A,
260 FG102 in dorsal view; B-C, IN517 in ventral (B) and dorsal (C) views; D-F, INGND1150 in
261 dorsal (D), ventral (E) and left lateral (F) views. Scale bars 3 cm.



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 263 **Supplementary figure 2.** Comparative crania of *Lynx issiodorensis*. A-C, MNB Prr 200
 264 from Les Etouaires in dorsal (A), ventral (B), and right lateral (C) views; D-F, MNB StV.767
 265 from Saint Vallier in dorsal (D), ventral (E), and right lateral (F) views; G-I, MNB OI 1 from
 266 Olivola in dorsal (G), ventral (H), and left lateral (I) views. Scale bar 2 cm.



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268 **Supplementary figure 3.** Boxplot of P⁴ and M₁ of extant and fossil lynxes. EP, Early
 269 Pleistocene; MP, Middle Pleistocene; LP, Late Pleistocene.

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