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### 63 **Introduction**

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65 The oldest known vertebrate coprolites date back to the Ordovician (e.g., *Hunt*  
66 & *Lucas*, 2012). However, most published data on coprolites pertain to the Mesozoic era (e.g.,  
67 *Eriksson et al.*, 2011; *Salamon et al.*, 2012; *Schweigert & Dietl*, 2012; *Brachaniec et al.*, 2015;  
68 *Schwimmer et al.*, 2015; *Zatoń et al.*, 2015; *Niedźwiedzki et al.*, 2016; *Vajda et al.*, 2016; *Chin*,  
69 *Feldman & Tashman*, 2017; *Segesdi et al.*, 2017; *Barrios-de Pedro et al.*, 2018; *Barrios-de*  
70 *Pedro, Chin & Buscalioni*, 2020; *Qvarnström et al.*, 2019, 2024; *Lukeneder et al.*, 2020; *Rummy*,  
71 *Halaçlar & Chen*, 2021; *Román et al.*, 2024 and literature cited therein).

72 Post-Mesozoic coprolites - or objects interpreted as such - are comparatively less documented.

73 These have been attributed to a range of producers, including giant earthworms, fish, rodents,  
74 notoungulates, hathliacinid and borhyaenoid marsupials, hyenas and/or hyaenids and  
75 barbourofelids, as well as various indeterminate carnivorans, sirenians, and crocodilians. They  
76 have been reported from scattered localities across Europe, North and South America, and Asia  
77 (e.g., *Wetmore*, 1943; *Amstutz*, 1958; *Edwards*, 1976; *Wilson*, 1987; *Richter & Baszio*, 2001;  
78 *Seilacher et al.*, 2001; *Richter & Wedmann*, 2005; *Dvořák et al.*, 2010; *Godfrey & Smith*, 2010;

79 *Peñalver & Gaudant, 2010; Pesquero et al., 2011; Stringer & King, 2012; Hunt & Lucas, 2014;*  
80 *Dentzien-Dias et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2018; Collareta et al., 2019; Kapur et al., 2019;*  
81 *Tomassini et al., 2019; Abella et al., 2021; Gross et al., 2023; Román et al., 2024*). A  
82 comprehensive overview of numerous Quaternary coprolites was provided by *Hunt & Lucas*  
83 (2012), and *Wood & Wilmshurst* (2014, 2016), *Tolar & Galik* (2019), *Agliano et al.* (2024), and  
84 *Camb<sup>💡</sup>ero & García* (2024); for review see also *Gurjão et al.* (2024) and literature cited  
85 therein.

86 The only marine coprolites from post-Mesozoic sediments of Poland were thoroughly described  
87 and illustrated by *Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk* (2020), based on material from the Oligocene  
88 (Rupelian) of southeastern Poland. These authors documented sixteen coprolites from two  
89 localities within deep-water sediments of the Menilite Formation - an interval renowned for its  
90 spectacular fossil fish assemblages (e.g., *Bieńkowska*, 2004; *Kotlarczyk et al.*, 2006;  
91 *Bieńkowska-Wasiluk*, 2010). *Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk* (2020) concluded that the elongated,  
92 linear, often strongly sinuous, and occasionally tear-shaped coprolites they described (see table 1  
93 and fig. 2 in *Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk*, 2020) were most likely produced by carnivorous  
94 teleost fish.

95 *Brachaniec et al.* (2022) described 29 lacustrine, excrement-shaped ferruginous masses - referred  
96 to as "alleged" coprolites - from the Miocene (Burdigalian) deposits of the Turów lignite mine in  
97 southwestern Poland. The latter authors suggested that one of the identified morphotypes, i.e.,  
98 sausage-shaped (see fig. 2A, B in *Brachaniec et al.*, 2022), was likely produced by a testudinoid  
99 turtle, supported by the discovery of a shell fragment at the site. The second morphotype  
100 comprised rounded to oval-shaped fecal forms (see fig. 2E–G in *Brachaniec et al.*, 2022), which  
101 were interpreted as having been produced by snakes, whose remains are abundant in the  
102 surrounding area. However, the involvement of other potential producers, such as lizards or  
103 crocodiles, could not be ruled out. Finally, *Brachaniec et al.* (2022) emphasized that although  
104 less likely, abiotic processes might also have contributed to the formation of these structures.  
105 The aim of this study is to describe and systematically analyze numerous coprolites originating  
106 from both lacustrine and marine environments in Poland. The marine settings are represented by  
107 Oligocene and Miocene sediments from thirteen localities in southeastern Poland, while the  
108 studied lacustrine deposits are Miocene in age and come from southwestern, southern,  
109 southeastern, and central parts of Poland (*Figure 1*). The coprolites have been categorized into  
110 distinct morphotypes. Their mineralogical composition, associated fossil inclusions,  
111 palaeoecological context, and the broader palaeobiological significance of the findings are  
112 discussed in detail.

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#### 114 **Geological setting**

115 The field works were carried out in five areas located in southern and central Poland (see *Figure*  
116 *1*).

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118 **Figure 1 around here**

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120 *Kleszczów Graben area*

121 The Kleszczów Graben is located in central Poland in Łódź Voivodeship; the graben is over 80  
122 km long and up to 3 km wide structure ('B' on *Figure 1A*). It is the deepest tectonic depression  
123 in the Polish Lowlands as it exceeds 550 m below sea level in depth (*Widera, Klęsk & Urbański,*  
124 *2024*). Its bedrock is formed by Permian salts and carbonates of Jurassic to Cretaceous age (e.g.,  
125 *Olchowy, Krajewski & Felisiak, 2019*). The tectonic development of the graben began in  
126 Cenozoic (Paleocene) and its in-filling sediments experienced three main phases of deformation,  
127 including Valachian stage, Bełchatów stage and "upper" stage with galcitectonics (*Krzyszkowski,*  
128 *1989*) and Rupelian (early Oligocene). The palaeotectonic evolution of this graben accelerated  
129 following the late Oligocene (Chattian) regional uplift. The lowermost Miocene sediments are  
130 siliciclastics consisting of sands, muds, clays, and thin layers of lignite (*Czarnecki, Frankowski*  
131 *& Kuszneruk, 1992*). A coal complex of lignite follows these lowermost siliciclastics of Miocene  
132 and comprises lenses of non-coal sediments and rocks, including sands, clays, lacustrine chalk,  
133 flints, sandstones, and paratonsteins (tuff horizons; *Widera, Klęsk & Urbański, 2024*). The  
134 middle Miocene succession ends with clay-coal and clay-sand complexes as seen in the  
135 Bełchatów section - these complexes have total thicknesses of up to 100–150 m (*Widera, Klęsk*  
136 *& Urbański, 2024*) and provide fossil plant remains and coprolites described herein.

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138 *Southern Poland (southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains)*

139 Miocene sediments exposed in the southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains are located in the  
140 marginal, northern part of the Carpathian Foredeep ('C' on *Figure 1A*). This area was located in  
141 the northern part of central Paratethys in the Miocene (*Salamon et al., 2024*). The coastal and  
142 shallow-marine sediments of the area formed in an environment of moderate environmental  
143 energies (*Studencki, 1999*). Occasionally, the sediments were influenced by storms, which  
144 resulted in formation of bivalve accumulations with numerous other fossils (*Bałuk & Radwański,*  
145 *1977; Gutowski, 1984*). Abundant, large foraminifers (*Amphistegina* and *Heterostegina*) are  
146 typical for these shallow marine early Badenian Paratethys deposits. No structures indicative of  
147 linear currents have been observed, which might be an indication of high turbulence waters  
148 during the storms. One coprolite specimen comes from the so-called *Heterostegina* Sands of the  
149 Pińczów Formation of Gołuchów locality.

150 Lithified lower Kimmeridgian oolitic-bioclastic limestones are exposed at the Gołuchów site and  
151 fine-grained red-algal sandy limestones with isolated pebbles of the same Kimmeridgian oolitic  
152 limestones cover them. Above, fine detrital sands and poorly lithified marly sandstones are  
153 exposed. They are attributed to *Heterostegina* Sands – sediments with common foraminifers,  
154 molluscs, bryozoans, serpulids, echinoderms, and teeth of fish (*Salamon et al., 2024*) that  
155 provided the single coprolite specimen documented in this paper.

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157 *South-western Poland (Turów area)*

158 The Turów lignite mine ('D' on *Figure 1A*) is located in the south-western part of the Lower  
159 Silesia Voivodeship (south-western Poland). It covers former village of Turów (near Bogatynia),  
160 in the central part of the mesoregion Źytawa-Zgorzelec Depression located between the state  
161 borders of Poland, Czechia and Germany. The thickness of the sediments exposed in the Turów  
162 profile is about 250 m. These sediments comprise seven lithostratigraphic units of sedimentary  
163 rocks. Most of those units are dominated by clays and/or muds with only minor intercalations of  
164 coarser facies, like sands or gravel-bearing sands (Kasiński *et al.*, 2015). The oldest Cenozoic  
165 sediments of the sedimentary succession exposed herein are Oligocene sediments (Egger age),  
166 forming the lower and middle part of the Turosów Formation (Kasiński *et al.*, 2015). There are  
167 coal seams in the middle part of the profile. These seams belong to the Opolno and the  
168 Biedrzychowice Formations, which are the primary deposits exploited by the Turów mine. The  
169 coprolites described in the current study have been collected from the upper part of the  
170 Biedrzychowice Formation (Karpatian, Burdigalian; comp. Brachaniec *et al.*, 2022). The  
171 youngest sediments are of the Gozdnica Formation and Pleistocene till of glacial origin. These  
172 units are, contrary to the older ones, dominated by sands and gravels (Kasiński *et al.*, 2015).  
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#### 174 *South-eastern Poland (Roztocze)*

175 The Roztocze is a geographical region in south-eastern Poland located in the Lubelskie and  
176 partly in the Podkarpackie Voivodeships. It connects the Lublin Upland with Podolia in Ukraine  
177 ('E' on *Figure 1A*). Miocene sediments of the Roztocze are dated as Badenian and Sarmatian  
178 (Wysocka, Jasionowski & Peryt, 2007). Although these are marine formations, determining their  
179 exact age is challenging due to the peculiarities of the depositional environment and the complex  
180 connections between the Pre-Carpathian foredeep basin and the Central and Eastern Paratethys.  
181 The use of separate lithostratigraphic schemes by Polish and Ukrainian geologists for cross-  
182 border strata further complicates age determinations (Bogucki *et al.*, 1998). The investigated  
183 Miocene sediments represent diversified shallow-marine and shoreface facies: quartz sands  
184 dominate and are overlain by pelitic limestones in the lower part, and quartz-rodoid sands,  
185 organodetritic limestones, reef-type organodetritic limestones, shells, marls and serpulid-  
186 microbialitic limestones (Musiał, 1987; Jasionowski, 1997). Current field investigations focused  
187 on four sites (Brusno, Huta Różaniecka, Józefów, and Źelebsko; for details see e.g., Wysocka,  
188 Jasionowski & Peryt, 2007). Coprolites were found in Sarmatian calcarenites with spheroidal  
189 bodies of serpulid-microbial limestones at the Źelebsko site.  
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#### 191 *South-eastern Poland (Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians)*

192 The Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians is located in southeastern Poland in the  
193 Subcarpathian Voivodeship ('E' on *Figure 1F*). At the Eocene–Oligocene boundary, tectonic  
194 activity and eustatic drop of sea level resulted in restriction of contact between sedimentary sub-  
195 basin of the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (part of the central Paratethys) and  
196 larger basin of the eastern Paratethys and of the Mediterranean domain (Popov *et al.*, 2002). The  
197 Menilit-Krosno Series of Oligocene (Rupelian and Chattian) and Miocene (Aquitianian and

198 Burdigalian) comprise bituminous marlstones, cherts, shales, and sandstones with common fish  
199 fossils (e.g., *Bieńkowska-Wasiluk*, 2010). The series is a result of the activity of submarine fans,  
200 bottom currents, and deposition from low concentration turbidity currents as well as pelagic  
201 sedimentation and blooms of coccolithophores (*Kotlarczyk et al.*, 2006). Current fieldworks  
202 focused on 24 sites of several hundred listed by *Kotlarczyk et al.* (2006) (*Table 1, Figure 1*),  
203 which represent both Oligocene and Miocene sediments. The studied coprolites were found in  
204 nine of the selected sites (Oligocene: Kąkolówka I, Kąkolówka II, Wola Czudecka, Futoma,  
205 Jamna Dolna, Rudawka Rymanowska, Równe, Wujskie, and Jasienica Rosielna; Miocene:  
206 Temeszów and Brzuska; for detailed geology and lithology of these localities see *Kotlarczyk et*  
207 *al.*, 2006).

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## 209 Materials and methods

210 Collected coprolites are housed in Sosnowiec (Poland) at the Institute of Earth Sciences, Faculty  
211 of Natural Sciences of the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland (hereafter: IES), and  
212 catalogued under registration numbers GIUS 10–3796/O/1–300 (for Oligocene) and GIUS 10–  
213 3796/M/1–34 (for Miocene). A detailed specimen lists and descriptions are provided in *Tables 1*  
214 and 2. Fossil fishes from *Figures 10, 13* also have been catalogued as GIUS 10–3796/O/F1–4,  
215 GIUS 10–3796V; these specimens are also housed in the IES. Fossil specimens of potential  
216 producers illustrated in *Figures 7–9, 11, 12* are from the Museum of Fossils and Minerals,  
217 Dubiecko, Poland and have catalog numbers starting with acronyms Kr., MSMD, ROJ, RORR,  
218 Ma, ROL, ROJR, ROU, ROM.

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## 220 Tables 1 and 2 around here



221 There have been eighteen (18) coprolites studied from the Kleszczów Graben area (continental  
222 Miocene; GIUS 10–3796/M/1–5, 6, 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), 6(4), 6(5), 7–12) and five (5) of those  
223 specimens have been selected for detailed investigation in thin sections (GIUS 10–3796/M/1, 2,  
224 6, 7, 11). Turów area (continental Miocene) provided eighteen (18) more specimens (GIUS 10–  
225 3796/M/14–31), and three (3) of those have been subjected to further examination in thin  
226 sections (GIUS 10–3796/M/17, 20, 27). The single specimen (GIUS 10–3796/M/13) collected  
227 from the southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains (marine Miocene), and another one from  
228 Roztocze area (GIUS 10–3796/M/32), have been also selected for thin section analyses. There  
229 were 302 coprolites from the Menilite-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (marine Oligocene  
230 and Miocene; GIUS 10–3796/O/1–300, GIUS 10–3796/M/33,34), and fifty (50) of those have  
231 been designated for detailed further analyses in thin sections (GIUS 10–3796/O/1–47, GIUS 10–  
232 3796/O/107, GIUS 10–3796/O/294, GIUS 10–3796/O/300, GIUS 10–3796/M/33,34).

233 Nearly all specimens were macroscopically documented in situ through field photography during  
234 field investigations. An exception was the group of elongated specimens with a distinct,  
235 prominently pointed end [(*Figure 3M*; GIUS 10–3796/M/6, 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), 6(4), 6(5)]. These  
236 were recovered by washing clay samples from the Kleszczów Graben area. Two samples were  
237 processed, weighing 40 kg and 45 kg, respectively. These samples were transported to the  
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239 laboratory in Sosnowiec (Poland) belonging to the IES. The samples were washed using running  
240 hot tap water, screened on a sieve column (Ø3.0, 1.0, 0.315 and 0.1 mm-mesh respectively), and  
241 finally dried at 150°C. This washed, screened and dried residue was observed under a Leica  
242 WildM10 microscope in search for vertebrate microremains.

243 The coprolites described in this article have been futher investigated with a number of different  
244 analytical tools. The methodological details are presented below.

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246 *Optical microscopy and thin-sectioning*

247 Optical observations of thin sections have been carried out using Leica SZ-630T dissecting  
248 microscope and Nikon Eclipse E100 light microscopy, while the microphotographs have been  
249 collected using Olympus BX51 – a polarizing microscope equipped with an Olympus SC30  
250 camera and a halogen light source (analyses conducted at the IES).

251 Thin sections were made in the Grindery at the IES. Specimens were embedded in Araldite  
252 epoxy resin, sectioned, mounted on the microscope slides and polished with silicon carbide  
253 and aluminum oxide powders to about 30 µm thick.

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255 *Scanning electron microscopy*

256 The chemical composition of the coprolite matrix and embedded microfossils have been  
257 examined using the desktop scanning electron microscope (SEM) Phenom XL (Phenom World,  
258 Thermo Fisher Scientific, Netherlands), equipped with a fully integrated energy-dispersive X-ray  
259 spectroscopy (EDS) detector and secondary electron detector (SED), located at the IES. The  
260 observations were conducted under low-vacuum conditions with an accelerating voltage of 15  
261 kV. Samples were not coated.

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263 *Microtomography*

264 One representative specimen from each identified morphotype was selected for virtual sectioning  
265 (specimens no. GIUS 10–3796/O/2, GIUS 10–3796/O/9, GIUS 10–3796/O/18, GIUS 10–  
266 3796/O/21, GIUS 10–3796/O/30, GIUS 10–3796/O/111, GIUS 10–3796/M/3, GIUS 10–  
267 3796/M/6, GIUS 10–3796/M/9, GIUS 10–3796/M/12, GIUS 10–3796/M/13, GIUS 10–  
268 3796/M/18, GIUS 10–3796/M/21, GIUS 10–3796/M/32, GIUS 10–3796/M/34).

269 In microtomographic studies, the flat shape of the samples in the form of a disc makes it difficult  
270 to optimally position them in relation to the radiation source and the detector. Precise positioning  
271 is also required so that the X-ray beam penetrates the entire thickness of the sample without  
272 losing focus. Incorrect positioning leads to image distortions (artefacts) caused by differences in  
273 the thickness of the x-rayed layers and to difficulties in 3D reconstruction due to the limited  
274 number of projection angles. Due to these difficulties some of the samples had to be cut using a  
275 mini-grinder. The form of columns facilitates imaging using an X-ray scanner.

276 Microtomographic studies were carried out in the Laboratory of Computed Microtomography of  
277 the Institute of Biomedical Engineering of the University of Silesia in Katowice. The samples  
278 were scanned at voltage parameters of 160 kV and current of 50 µA, 100 µA with resolutions of  
279 8 µm, 10 µm and 25 µm. Each projection with a resolution of 2024x2024 pixels consisted of

280 three repetitions with an exposure time of 500 ms. The scanning time of the coprolites was about  
281 one hour during which 2100 x-rays were taken.

282 The images after reconstruction were processed using Volume Graphics®VGSTUDIO Max  
283 software, where image normalization and appropriate positioning and geometric measurements  
284 were performed. Visualization, animations and detailed analysis were performed using the  
285 Volume Graphics®myVGL viewer.

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#### 287 *Observations of extant excrements*

288 For comparative observations, more than 400 feces from contemporary animals were collected  
289 over a period of six months. The collected excrements belonged to invertebrates (crabs) and  
290 vertebrates (fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals). They were all collected in the animals' natural  
291 habitat in the Municipal Zoological Garden in Łódź, Poland. For comparative purposes, we also  
292 used archived data on the feces of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, which were  
293 collected in 2021 at the Silesian Zoological Garden in Chorzów, Poland (for details see  
294 Brachaniec *et al.*, 2022). External and internal features of the fecal masses were analyzed.  
295 Particular attention was given to those clades that have representatives in the Oligocene and  
296 Miocene sediments of Poland and neighbouring areas, and could therefore have been among the  
297 producers responsible for the studied coprolites.

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## 299 **Results**

### 300 *Coprolite morphology*

301 A total of 339 coprolites were collected: 300 from Oligocene and 39 from Miocene sediments  
302 (for details see *Table 1* and 2). Six different morphotypes were distinguished, characterized by  
303 different shapes and sizes (sinusoidal; elongated; straight, curved; irregular; S-shaped; and oval);  
304 for details see *Tables 1–4, Figures 2–3*.

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### 306 **Tables 3 and 4 around here**

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308 The colours of coprolites varied, even within the same morphotype and age group. Oligocene  
309 (M-KS) sinusoidal forms were most often black (51%) and brown (49%). Black (43%), brown  
310 (37%), grey (19%), and red (2%) specimens were found also among elongated Oligocene  
311 coprolites. The oval and the regular ones were grey (77%), red (21%), and pastel (2%) in colour.  
312 The S-shaped coprolites were black (60%), brown (30%), and red (10%). Finally, the curved  
313 forms were red (70%), brown (25%), and grey (5%).

314 In the case of continental Miocene specimens (Turów area), their colours varied from pale  
315 orange, through greenish red, to burgundy-colored. The ferruginous specimens from Kleszczów  
316 Graben were celadon, brown-blue, and locally red. Six specimens were light pastel to light  
317 brown. Specimens from the marine Miocene of Roztocze area and Gołuchów quarry (the edge of  
318 the Holy Cross Mountains) were light orange and light brown, respectively.

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### 320 **Figures 2 and 3 around here**

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322 *Microtomographic, optical and SEM microscopy studies*

323 Microtomographic studies of terrestrial Miocene coprolites did not reveal any well visible  
324 internal structures (Movie S1) that could constitute some undigested food remains [(GIUS 10–  
325 3796/M/3, GIUS 10–3796/M/6, GIUS 10–3796/M/9, GIUS 10–3796/M/12) – Kleszczów Graben  
326 area; (GIUS 10–3796/M/18, GIUS 10–3796/M/21) – Turów area)]. The same is true for three  
327 specimens from marine Miocene environments [(GIUS 10–3796/M/13) – Gołuchów quarry in  
328 southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains; (GIUS 10–3796/M/32) – Żelebsko in Roztocze  
329 area; (GIUS 10–3796/M/34) – Brzuska locality in Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer  
330 Carpathians]. However, the specimens from Oligocene marine sediments differed in this respect  
331 [(GIUS 10–3796/O/2, GIUS 10–3796/O/18, GIUS 10–3796/O/9, GIUS 10–3796/O/21, GIUS  
332 10–3796/O/30, GIUS 10–3796/O/111) – in all specimens from Menilit-Krosno Series of the  
333 Outer Carpathians, some undigested food remains were observed, and these food item remnants  
334 include mostly remains of fish (bones, scales and teeth; see *Supplementary movie 1*).

335 Thin sections made from continental Miocene coprolites were analyzed in transmitted and  
336 reflected light. Dark, nearly opaque matrix can be seen in the specimens from Kleszczów Graben  
337 area (GIUS 10–3796/M/1, GIUS 10–3796/M/2, GIUS 10–3796/M/7, GIUS 10–3796/M/11) and  
338 from Turów area (GIUS 10–3796/M/17, GIUS 10–3796/M/20, GIUS 10–3796/M/27). The  
339 mineral matrix is homogeneous and some elongated structures can be observed within it. These  
340 elongated features have arcuate shapes in some cases and they appear to be light-reduction areas in  
341 reflected light whereas the surrounding matrix was oxidized. The dark (rusty, brown to almost  
342 black), slightly transparent colour of the matrix suggests an iron-rich mineral(s) that formed the  
343 matrix. No other distinguishable microdebris were observed. A bright matrix can be observed  
344 in one specimen when seen under transmitted light [(GIUS 10–3796/M/6) – Kleszczów Graben  
345 area]. No biogenic remains were observed in this case, only some indeterminate mineral  
346 structures. Similar results of thin section analyses were obtained from the specimens collected  
347 from the southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains (marine Miocene; (GIUS 10–3796/M/13)  
348 and Roztocze area (GIUS 10–3796/M/32).

349 A bright and opaque matrix can be observed in thin sections made from the marine Oligocene  
350 and Miocene coprolites of the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (GIUS 10–  
351 3796/O/1–47, GIUS 10–3796/O/107, GIUS 10–3796/O/294, GIUS 10–3796/O/300, GIUS 10–  
352 3796/M/33, 34). The matrix is homogeneous in most of the analyzed samples, however in some  
353 cases small structures with angular edges can be noted. Numerous fish remains can be observed  
354 embedded within the matrix, and these remains, after further examination under SEM (*Figures 4,*  
355 *5*), have been found to represent fish bones, scales and teeth. There were no fossil remains of fish  
356 or other organisms observed in thin sections made from specimens: GIUS 10–3796/M/33 and  
357 GIUS 10–3796/M/34 (Miocene of the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians).

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359 **Movie S1 around here**

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361 **Figure 4 around here**

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363 *Mineralogical and structural analyses*

364 The chemical composition (SEM) analysis of coprolite no. GIUS 10–3796/M/33 revealed that  
365 the coprolite matrix is highly porous and consists of microcrystalline fluorapatite, which occurs  
366 in small (about 0.5–4 µm in diameter) thin-walled vesicles. These forms are considered mineral  
367 pseudomorphs of organic structures in the original feces (Hollocher *et al.*, 2010). Some  
368 researchers suggest that this specific structure is associated with spherical bacteria, such as  
369 *Enterococcus faecalis*, and other common cocci found in feces (Hollocher *et al.*, 2010). It has  
370 also been shown that under natural conditions and in laboratory experiments, bacteria, and even  
371 their phosphatases, can promote the precipitation of microcrystalline apatite (Hirschler, Lucas &  
372 Hubert, 1990; Lucas & Prévôt, 1991; Jehl & Rougerie, 1995), which suggests that the fecal  
373 bacteria themselves may have been involved in the apatite mineralization process (Hollocher *et*  
374 *al.*, 2010). There are fragments embedded within the porous matrix that have lower porosity and  
375 are composed of fluorapatite of clearly organic origin (Figures 4,5). These microfossils most  
376 likely represent bone fragments, teeth, and remnants of plant tissues. Additionally, the matrix  
377 contained mineral grains such as quartz and zircon, as well as crystals that had formed within the  
378 voids of the coprolites, including calcite and frambooidal pyrite. The only coprolite with a  
379 different chemical composition was one specimen from Turów. This specimen had also porous  
380 matrix structure but it consists of iron oxides and hydroxides. No microfossils were found within  
381 it.

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385 *Contemporary comparative studies*

386 The visual comparison made it possible to exclude modern feces that differed significantly from  
387 the analyzed coprolites in terms of size and shape. These feces samples were not taken into  
388 account in further analyses. The subsequent observations were based on a morphological  
389 comparison between the selected recent feces and the studied coprolites. Surprisingly, crabs  
390 (*Coenobita brevimanus*) were observed to produce fecal masses of sinusoidal morphology  
391 (Figure 6J) similar to coprolites described by us from the Oligocene (see e.g., Figures 2C-E,  
392 3B). Nearly identical sinusoidal feces (see Figure 6K) were produced by another crab (flying  
393 crab, *Liocarcinus holsatus*), which is closely related to fossil representatives of *Liocarcinus* – a  
394 taxon commonly found in the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians. So far, this type  
395 of coprolite morphology has been attributed to predatory fishes (e.g., Bajdek & Bieńkowska-  
396 Wasiluk, 2020). However, despite the examination of numerous feces produced by extant fish  
397 taxa (a total of 30 species belonging to Scombriformes and Gadiformes), no corresponding  
398 sinusoidal morphology has been observed in the fecal remains of any of these taxa. The observed  
399 recent feces of studied fish taxa were dominated by masses with morphologies resembling  
400 coprolites' morphologies classified into straight, curved, and S-shaped categories (see Figure

401 6N). These fish-produced fecal masses comprised various remains of other, presumably  
402 consumed fish individuals (bones, scales, teeth). Noteworthy, the studied coprolites with similar  
403 morphologies also contain fossil fish remnants.

404 Current observations show that barracudas produce more or less regular feces, sometimes  
405 slightly tapering on one side (comp. *Figure 6I*). There is a similar morphological type in the  
406 studied sample of Oligocene coprolites (more or less regular with macroscopically visible  
407 vertebrate remains; *Figures 2O, 3C*). It is likely, based on morphologic and size criteria, that this  
408 fossil coprolite specimen was also produced by barracuda (*Sphyraena*).

409 Oval and relatively large coprolites from the Oligocene marine sediments (*Figure 2U*) do not  
410 contain any faunal remains. Their shape and size resemble the fecal masses produced by  
411 members of the bird family Columbidae (*Figure 6H*). Noteworthy, fossil remains of these birds  
412 have been documented in the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (*Bocheński,  
413 Tomek & Świdnicka, 2010*).

414 Deep-sea coprolites documented from the Miocene deposits are represented by relatively long  
415 and complex faecal masses consisting of string with frequent constrictions (*Figure 3D*). These  
416 fossil specimens have morphology most closely resembling feces of holothurians (*Holothuria  
417 sp.*; *Figure 6L*) and cephalopods (*Nautilus pompilius*; *Figure 6M*).

418 The last type of bromalites compared with recent fecal masses consists of phosphatic specimens  
419 recovered from continental Miocene strata. These coprolites are elongated and exhibit a  
420 characteristic, prominently pointed end, likely formed as the anus contracted to close and sever  
421 the expelled fecal mass (*Figure 3M*). Among vertebrates inhabiting the present-day terrestrial  
422 environments of central Poland, the feces of Sciuridae and Chiropteridae are most comparable to  
423 the fossil specimens, as they are similarly small and display a distinct pointed termination at one  
424 end (*Figures 6D, E*).

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426 **Figure 6 around here**

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## 428 **Discussion**

### 429 *Oligocene marine coprolites*

430 Majority of the currently documented coprolites come from the Oligocene sediments of the  
431 Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians in southern Poland (for details see *Table 1*).  
432 *Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk (2020)* argued that the high abundance of mesobathypelagic fish  
433 remains documented in these sediments may point to a well-oxygenated deep-marine  
434 environment (likely exceeding 500 m in some places). *Kotlarczyk et al. (2006)* concluded that  
435 the basin depth in this area could have been even greater, locally exceeding 2,000 m. The  
436 coprolites from these deep marine facies were classified into five morphotypes. The first type,  
437 characterized by a sinusoidal shape, was previously recorded from Oligocene strata in southern  
438 Poland (*Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk, 2020*). These authors concluded that these coprolites  
439 were produced by fish predators, mainly representatives of *Palimphyes*, *Oligophus*, and an  
440 indeterminate gadiform. However, current experimental studies suggest that similar faecal

441 morphologies could also be associated with invertebrates, such as crabs, whose fossils are  
442 relatively common in the Menilit-Krosno Series (*Jerzmańska, 1967; Bieńkowska-Wasiluk,*  
443 *2010; Figure 7*). Although *Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk (2020)* considered crabs as potential  
444 producers, they ultimately ruled them out, reasoning that the crabs known from these strata were  
445 too small to produce long, sinusoidal coprolites. Noteworthy, the lengths of faecal strings may  
446 approach the body lengths of their producers. Furthermore, when estimating producer size, the  
447 total faecal mass or the diameter of the coprolite may serve as more reliable indicators of the  
448 producer's body size or anus size, respectively, than the length of faecal strings (see *Donovan,*  
449 *1994*). Our experimental studies demonstrate that crabs are capable of producing long faecal  
450 strings with sinusoidal morphologies comparable to those observed in the studied fossil  
451 coprolites (cf. *Figure 2A-E* and *Figure 6K*).

452 We suggest that the three successive morphotypes, i.e., straight, curved with macroscopically  
453 visible vertebrate remains, and S-shaped, were produced by fish (see *Figures 8-11*).  
454 Morphologically similar non-spiral coprolites (e.g., *Figure 2F-J*) are known from the Eocene  
455 deposits of the Green River Formation (*Edwards, 1976*), the Coldwater Beds (*Wilson, 1987*), and  
456 Messel (*Richter & Wedmann, 2005*). Rope-like (non-spiral) faecal masses are commonly  
457 produced by teleost fishes (see *Figure 6N*), representatives of which inhabited the Oligocene  
458 marine environments in southern Poland. Furthermore, our experimental studies indicate that  
459 barracudas may produce more or less regular faecal strings, sometimes terminating in a slightly  
460 tapering end (cf. *Figure 6I*). Noteworthy, *Kotlarczyk et al. (2006)* also reported the presence of  
461 barracudas in the Polish Carpathians.

462 Identifying the producer of the oval coprolite (*Figure 2U*) is challenging. None of the marine  
463 taxa known from the Menilit-Krosno Series sediments could be easily linked to this  
464 morphology based on current experimental results. However, the morphology and size of the  
465 coprolite resemble, to some extent, the excrements of some birds, particularly pigeons  
466 (Pigeonidae). Noteworthy, the remains of these birds have been reported from Carpathian  
467 sediments (*Bocheński, Tomek & Świdnicka, 2010*). However, before this interpretation can be  
468 further substantiated, a thorough taphonomic analysis of the preservation pathway of bird faeces  
469 in marine deposits is required. *Bocheński, Tomek & Świdnicka (2010)* also reported fossils of  
470 humming birds and some passerines from the same strata. However, the shape and size of the  
471 faeces of these taxa differ from those of the studied coprolites (*Bocheński & Bocheński, 2008*;  
472 *Bocheński et al., 2011*; see *Figure 6F*).

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476 *Miocene marine coprolites*

477 Four coprolites were recorded in the marine Miocene sediments (for details see *Table 4*). Two of  
478 them (GIUS 10-3796/M/13, 32; *Figure 3E, F*) come from shallow marine deposits displaying  
479 high variation of lithologies, facies, and thicknesses (Roztocze area and southern edge of the  
480 Holy Cross Mountains). There have been no predatory vertebrates documented in the Źelebsko  
481 quarry (Roztocze area) that could have been responsible for the production of the documented

482 apatite faeces. The dominant species at the site are gastropods, bivalves, and foraminifers.  
483 However, fossil fish teeth are common in a nearby Gołuchów quarry exposing the sediments of  
484 the same age (southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains). These fossils co-occur at the site  
485 with fossils of invertebrates, including foraminifers, molluscs, bryozoans, serpulids, echinoderms  
486 (asteroids, echinoids and stalked crinoids (Salamon *et al.*, 2024). Most of the fish teeth at the site  
487 represent teleost fish (above 70% collected specimens; Salamon *et al.*, 2024). They belonged to  
488 the family Sparidae. There have been also shark teeth, but those were less numerous, and  
489 belonged mainly to the Odontaspidae family, including *Carcharias acutissima* and  
490 *Araloselachus cf. vorax*. Salamon *et al.* (2024) also documented shark teeth (68% of all  
491 specimens), belonging to at least four families, in the nearby locality of Zygmuntów near Książ  
492 Wielki (see fig. 2 in Salamon *et al.*, 2024). Fossil teeth assigned to *Otodus megalodon*,  
493 *Cosmopolitodus hastalis*, *Isurus*, and *Galeocerdo* were found thereas well; myliobatoid teeth  
494 were also occasionally noted (*Aetobatus*). According to Salamon *et al.* (2024) teleost fish teeth  
495 and tooth plates constitute 24% of the collected teeth specimens, and are represented only by  
496 Sparidae. A logical step in the challenging task of producer identification would be to seek  
497 potential candidates among predatory taxa represented by fossil teeth. The identification,  
498 however, is further complicated by the absence of recognizable faunal remains within the  
499 coprolite matrix. The list of potential producer candidates can be even longer as other predatory  
500 vertebrates (toothed and toothless cetaceans, porpoises) have been recognized in the northern  
501 (Polish) part of Miocene Paratethys (Czyżewska & Radwański, 1991 and literature cited therein).  
502 These mammals cannot be excluded as the potential producers of coprolites from Żelebsko and  
503 Gołuchów. Bałuk (1977) documented numerous remains of cephalopods within the Korytnica  
504 Clays of the southern margin of the Holy Cross Mountains. However, the morphology of fossil  
505 and extent faeces assignable to these invertebrates (comp. Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020, and  
506 literature cited therein) differ from the coprolites from Żelebsko and Gołuchów.  
507 Two coprolites (GIUS 10–3796/M/33, 34; Figure 3D) have been collected from the Menilite-  
508 Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland) – strata representing marine environment,  
509 probably exceeding 500 m depth (Bajdek & Bieńkowska-Wasiluk, 2020). These are relatively  
510 long and complex faecal masses, each consisting of string with frequent constrictions. These  
511 features make them similar to the faeces of extent sea cucumbers and cephalopods (see fig. 6, 7  
512 in Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020; Figure 6L, M). However, holothurians have not been described so  
513 far from the Menilite-Krosno Series, and only a single cephalopod specimen has been described  
514 from the strata (Świdnicka, 2007). Therefore, identification of potential producers must remain  
515 speculative as body fossil record is missing or not sufficient. No fossil remains of consumed taxa  
516 have been found in the faecal matrix, hindering the producer identification even more  
517 problematic.

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519 *Miocene continental coprolites*

520 There are excrement-like masses (pellets) that are frequently recorded from various clayey  
521 sediments (for review see Brachaniec *et al.*, 2022). However, some researchers rule out

522 zoological origin of those pellets, despite their superficial similarity to faecal masses. The main  
523 characteristics cited against the biological origins of those, are: their ferruginous composition,  
524 variation in size, lack of internal inclusions, and scarcity of associated (embedded) vertebrate  
525 remains (e.g., *Roberts, 1958; Dake, 1960; Danner, 1994, 1997; Spencer & Tuttle, 1980; Love &*  
526 *Boyd, 1991; Spencer, 1993, 1997; Hardie, 1994; Mustoe, 2001*).

527 Several hypotheses have been proposed to explain the origin of these problematic masses,  
528 including: co-seismic liquefaction, sediment intrusion into hollow logs or between plant stems,  
529 expulsion of sediment under gravitational pressure, and siderite extrusion driven by  
530 methanogenesis (*Spencer & Tuttle, 1980; Love & Boyd, 1991; Spencer, 1993; Peterson &*  
531 *Madin, 1997; Mustoe, 2001*). However, there have been also a few authors who interpreted these  
532 masses as biological in nature, either as fossil faeces (coprolites), cololites, or evisceralites  
533 (*Amstutz, 1958; Broughton, Simpson & Whitaker, 1977; Broughton, Simpson & Whitaker, 1978;*  
534 *Seilacher et al., 2001; Broughton, 2017; Brachaniec et al., 2022*). Recently, *Brachaniec et al.*  
535 (2022) presented a detailed study of excrement-shaped ferruginous masses from the Miocene  
536 strata of Poland (Turów, south-west Poland). The authors described two coprolite morphotypes:  
537 the first includes small, sausage-shaped specimens, while the second comprises larger, more  
538 rounded to oval, massive specimens with a rough surface, sometimes exhibiting a prominent  
539 pointed end covered by a striated pattern, interpreted as a morphology resulting from anal  
540 contraction during the cutting off of the expelled portion of the faecal mass. The latter authors  
541 combined their palaeontological and mineralogical analytical results with experimental data and  
542 concluded that these structures may represent “true” coprolites, which were likely produced by  
543 reptiles [smaller morphotype – by tortoises (*Testudinoidea*)] and larger one – by snakes  
544 (*Serpentes*)]. This conclusion was supported by the morphological match between the fossil and  
545 experimental faecal masses (including fine striations), as well as by the presence of hair-like  
546 structures (or coalified inclusions) within the coprolites, which could suggest a diet including  
547 mammals.

548 In the current study (see Table 4) we documented thirty (30) ferruginous coprolites (GIUS 10–  
549 3796/M/1–12, 14–31). These specimens have been collected from two regions of southern  
550 Poland (the Turów area and the Kleszczów Graben area). All these coprolites are represented by  
551 one morphotype only (II morphotype sensu *Brachaniec et al., 2022*; i.e., more rounded to oval,  
552 elongate, massive specimens with rough surface; *Figure 3G–L, N*). These coprolites comprise  
553 numerous hair-like structures, coalified inclusions, and traces of fine striations visible on the  
554 surfaces. These features make them similar to other Miocene coprolites ascribed so far to snakes  
555 (fig. 2H–M in *Brachaniec et al., 2022*). However, other producers cannot be ruled out  
556 definitively at this stage. A rich assemblages of continental tetrapod fauna have been  
557 documented from slightly older sediments (Eocene and Oligocene) of surrounding areas (north-  
558 western Bohemia and south-eastern Germany). *Brachaniec et al. (2022)* mentioned other fossil  
559 representatives, including frogs, salamanders, choristoderans, crocodiles, turtles, lizards, and  
560 snakes from these regions (for details see table 1 in *Brachaniec et al., 2022*). The same authors  
561 noted that vertebrate fossil remains are abundant in the Miocene of northern Bohemia (North

562 Bohemian Brown Coal Basin in Czechia), and are represented by osteichthyan fish, amphibians,  
563 reptiles, birds, and mammals, among others (for details see table 2 in *Brachaniec et al.*, 2022).  
564 Rodents of Sciuridae family could be responsible for the apatite coprolites with a characteristic  
565 and prominent pointed termination, that likely formed due to contraction of anus closing to cut  
566 off the faecal mass (GIUS 10–3796/M/6, 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), 6(4), 6(5); *Figure 3M*). Such coprolites  
567 have been found in the sediments of the Kleszczów Graben area (*Garapich*, 2002; *Kowalski &*  
568 *Rzebik-Kowalska*, 2002). *Chame* (2003) studied excrements of extant mammals and illustrated  
569 small (max. length 1.5 cm) faeces, with a narrowing termination (see table 1 in *Chame*, 2003).  
570 This type of faeces was produced by Sciuridae (*Chame*, 2003). Alternatively, it is also possible  
571 that representatives of Chiropteridae produced this type of coprolites from the Kleszczów Graben  
572 – indeed their fossil remains in the strata have been documented by *Garapach* (2002; see also  
573 *Figure 13*).

574 The current actualistic studies show that bat (*Carollia perspicillata*) may produce elongated  
575 faeces with a characteristic prominent pointed end formed during anus closing (*Figure 6E*). The  
576 bat faeces resemble some of the studied fossil specimens (cf. *Figure 3M*). Based on the  
577 combination of morphology and size, we exclude the possibility that this type of coprolite was  
578 produced by representatives of Talpidae, Castoridae, Caviidae, or lizards, despite the presence of  
579 their fossils in the sedimentary strata of the Kleszczów Graben (*Garapich*, 2002 and literature  
580 cited therein; comp. *Figure 6* and data presented in *Brachaniec et al.*, 2021).

581 Other groups of organisms recorded from this area are malacofauna (*Stworzewicz*, 1999), fish  
582 (*Kovalchuk et al.*, 2019), and crustaceans (*Dumont et al.*, 2020). During fieldwork, we  
583 documented also other co-occurring fossils represented by bone elements, vertebrae, teeth, and  
584 otoliths of freshwater fish belonging to Gobiidae, Cyprinidae, Pleuronectidae,  
585 Apogonidae and "Anguilloides" sp. (an extinct relative of an eel). However, the robust  
586 morphology (including the pointed termination) and size make representatives of these groups  
587 rather unlikely candidates for the producers of the studied ferruginous coprolites.

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589 **Figure 13 around here**

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591 **Supplemental Information**

592 A movie showing the internal structure of a selected Oligocene (Rupelian) coprolite of the  
593 Kąkolówka locality, southern Poland (specimen no. GIUS 10–3796/O/9).

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917 **Figure 2. Examples of coprolites collected in the Oligocene and Miocene marine sediments  
918 of Poland.** Kąkolówka I:(A) GIUS 10-3796/O/2; (B) GIUS 10-3796/O/7; (C) GIUS 10-



919 3796/O/23; Kąkolówka II: (D) GIUS 10–3796/O/154; (E) GIUS 10–3796/O/181; (F) Kąkolówka  
920 I, GIUS 10–3796/O/60; (G) Kąkolówka I, GIUS 10–3796/O/77; Wola Czudecka: (H) GIUS 10–  
921 3796/O/251; (I) GIUS 10–3796/O/253; (J) GIUS 10–3796/O/259; (K) GIUS 10–3796/O/274;  
922 (L) Futoma, GIUS 10–3796/O/279; (M) Futoma, GIUS 10–3796/O/282; Kąkolówka I: (N)  
923 GIUS 10–3796/O/96; (O) GIUS 10–3796/O/98; (P) GIUS 10–3796/O/107; (R) GIUS 10–  
924 3796/O/111; (S) GIUS 10–3796/O/135; (T) Jamna Dolna, GIUS 10–3796/O/294; (U) Kąkolówka  
925 I, GIUS 10–3796/O/139. Scale bars 5 mm.

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927 **Figure 3. Examples of coprolites collected in Oligocene and Miocene marine. (A-D)** and  
928 non-marine (E-N) sediments of Poland. Równe: (A) GIUS 10–3796/O/297; Jasienica Rosielna  
929 (B) GIUS 10–3796/O/299; Kąkolówka I (C) GIUS 10–3796/O/144; Temeszów (D) GIUS 10–  
930 3796/M/33; Gochułów (E) GIUS 10–3796/M/13; Roztocze area-Żelebsko (F) GIUS 10–  
931 3796/M/32; Turów area (G) GIUS 10–3796/M/16; (H) GIUS 10–3796/M/19; (I) GIUS 10–  
932 3796/M/23; (J) GIUS 10–3796/M/28; (K) GIUS 10–3796/M/30; Bełchatów (L) GIUS 10–  
933 3796/M/2; (M) GIUS 10–3796/M/6; (N) GIUS 10–3796/M/11. Scale bars 5 mm.

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935 **Figure 4. BSE images of investigated coprolites from Oligocene coprolites of the Menilite-**  
936 **Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians. (A-E, J)** Fish bones. (F-I?) Scales. (K-L) Teeth. (A–  
937 B, D, E, G–I) Kąkolówka I locality, GIUS 10–3796/O/107; (C) Jasienica Rosielna locality,  
938 GIUS 10–3796/O/300; (F, J–L) Jamna Dolna locality, GIUS10–3796/O/294. Scale bars 30 um.

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940 **Figure 5. BSE images showing unidentified fossil bone remains embedded within coprolite**  
941 **matrix from Miocene of the Menilite-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (GIUS 10–**  
942 **3796/M/33 and 34 respectively).** (A) The coprolite/matrix boundary and the surrounding  
943 sediment, with bone fragments visible in both. (B) Remains of different morphology. (C–E)  
944 Close-ups of selected fossilized fragments. Scale bars 200 um.

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946 **Figure 6. Recent faeces.** (A) Brown hare (*Lepus europeaus*). (B) European mole (*Talpa*  
947 *europaea*). (C) Guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*). (D) Swinhoe's striped squirrel (*Tamiops swinhoei*).  
948 (E) Seba's short-tailed bat (*Carollia perspicillata*). (F) House sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). (G)  
949 Syngnathidae. (H) City pigeon (*Columba livia forma urbana*). (I) Zebra moray (*Gymnomuraena*  
950 *zebra*). (J) Hermit crab (*Coenobita brevimanus*). (K) Flying crab (*Liocarcinus holsatus*). (L)  
951 Sea cucumber (*Holothuria* sp.; redrawn from *Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020*). (M) Cephalopod  
952 (*Nautilus pompilius*; redrawn from *Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020*). (N) Perciformes. Scale bars 1  
953 cm.

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955 **Figure 7. Examples of crab fossils representing *Liocarcinus oligocenicus* from the Oligocene**  
956 **marine strata of the Menilite-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) Kr.J-7.  
957 (B) Kr.H-1. (C) Kr.JR-2. (D) Kr.J-3. (E) Kr.J-11. (F) Kr.J-16. (G) Kr.J-12. (H) Kr.J-6. (I) Kr.J-  
958 3. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

959



960 **Figure 8. Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilite-Krosno**  
961 **Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, Ma 31.  
962 (B) *Clupea* sp., ROJ-215. (C) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROJ-212. (D) Specimen  
963 representing unidentified taxa, ROL-305. (E) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROJ-307.  
964 (F) *Eomyctophum* sp., Ma-52. (G) *Holosteus* sp., ROJR-170. (H) Unidentified taxa of  
965 Scombridae family, ROL-47. (I) *Centriscus* sp., ROJ-514. (J) *Argyropelecus* sp., ROL-221. (K)  
966 *Hipposyngnathus* sp., ROJ-211. (L) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROL-328. Scale  
967 bar equals 1 cm.

968

969 **Figure 9. Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilite-Krosno**  
970 **Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) *Holosteus* sp., ROJ-17. (B) *Holosteus* sp., ROJ-  
971 22. (C) *Holosteus* sp., ROJ-45. (D) *Oligoserranoides* sp., ROR-153. (E) *Oligoserranoides* sp.,  
972 ROJ-47. (F) *Oligoserranoides* sp., RORR-7. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

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974 **Figure 10. Examples of fossil fish collected in Oligocene marine strata of the Menilite-**  
975 **Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) *Scopeloides* sp. GIUS10-3796/O/F1. (B)

976 Jaw of *Lepidopus* sp. (C, D) probably *Scopeloides* sp. GIUS10-3796/O/F3, 4. Scale bar equals 1  
977 cm.

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979 **Figure 11. Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilite-Krosno**  
980 **Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-400. (B) *Lepidopus* sp.,  
981 ROU-405. (C) *Lepidopus* sp., Ma-5. (D) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-40. (E) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-42.  
982 (F) *Lepidopus* sp., ROL-55. (G) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-100. (H) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-103. (I)  
983 *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-107. (J) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-112. (K) *Isurus* sp., ROJ-ZR-123. Scale bar  
984 equals 1 cm.

985

986 **Figure 12. Examples of feathers representing unidentified taxa from the Oligocene marine**  
987 **strata of the Menilite-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).** (A) MSMD.Av. Jam-  
988 11. (B) MSMD.Av. Jam-14. (C) MSMD.Av. S.Bir-3. (D) MSMD.Av. Jam-1. (E) MSMD.Av.  
989 J.Ros-9. (F) MSMD.Av. Jam-15. Scale bar equals 1 cm.

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991 **Figure 13. Some examples of vertebrate remains documented in Miocenian deposits of the**  
992 **Kleszczów Graben, central Poland. Acronyme number: GIUS 10-3796V.** (A) Jaw of a  
993 Lacertidae lizard. (B) Otolith of *Klingobius andjelkocae*. (C, D) Vertebrae of indeterminated  
994 rodents. (E-H) Bones of indeterminate vertebrates. (I) Jaw of a rodent. (J) Tooth of Chiroptera.  
995 (K) Incisor of Castocrinae. (L-N) Talpidae teeth. (O) Tooth of an unidentified predator. Scale bar  
996 equals 1 mm.

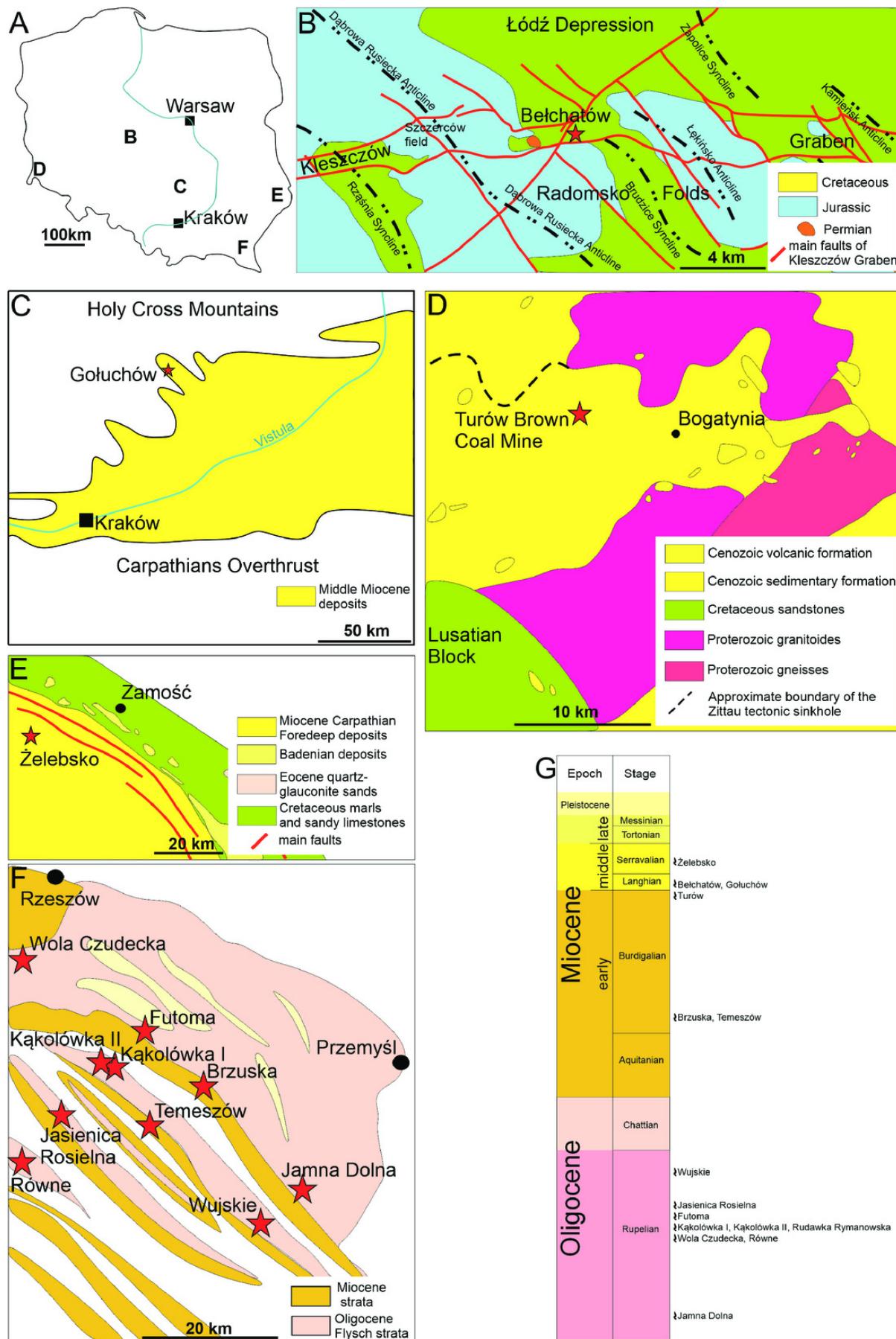
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# Figure 1

Geological settings of studied locations.

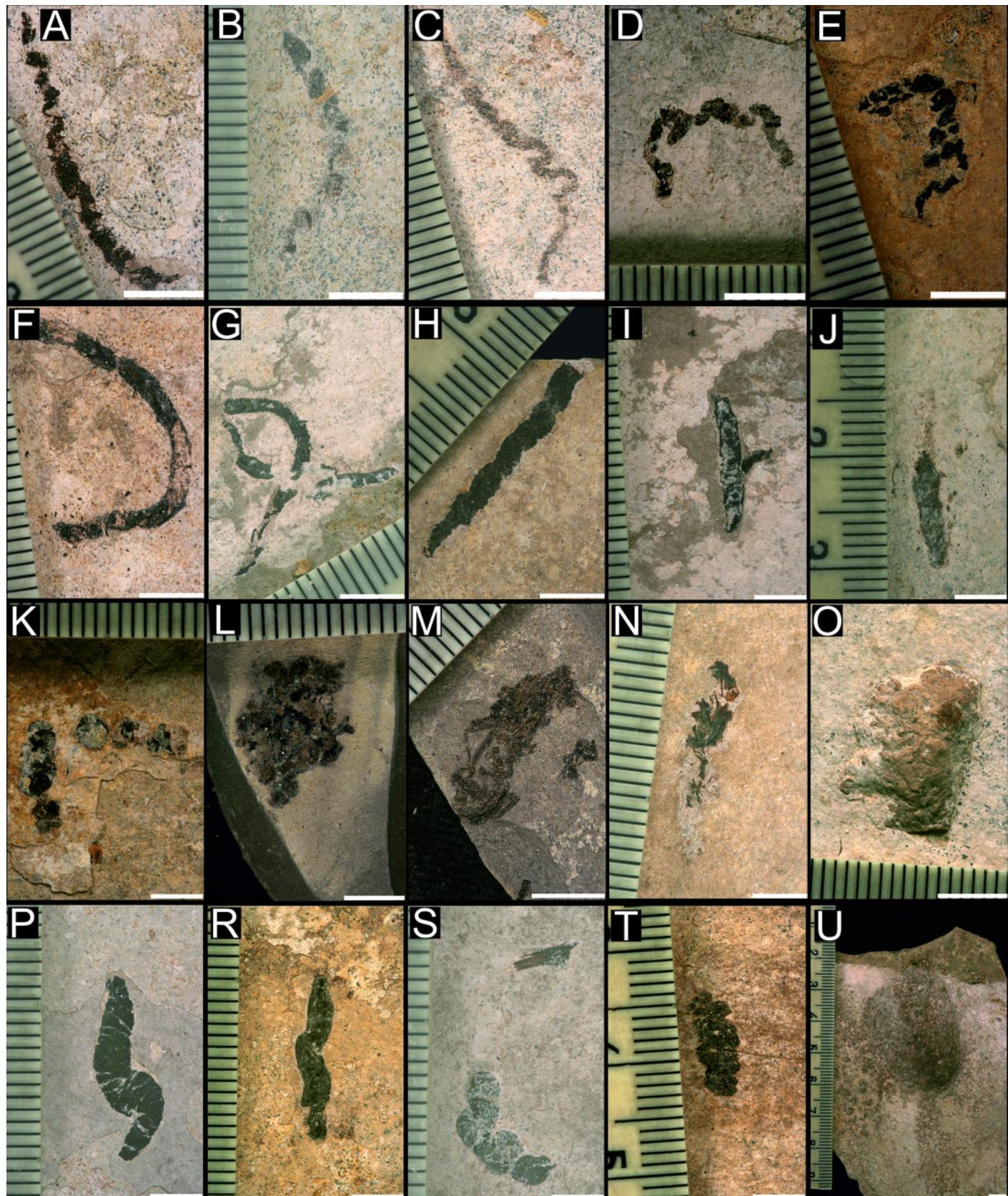
(A). Map of Poland with marked research areas. (B). Kleszczów Graben area. (C). Southern edge of the Holy Cross Mountains. (D). Turów area. (E). Roztocze. (F). Menilite-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians. (G). Stratigraphic section and positions of sites where the coprolites have been documented. Compiled and slightly modified after: *Kotlarczyk et al., 2006; Wysocka, Jasionowski & Peryt, 2007; Olchowy, Krajewski & Felisiak, 2019; Brachaniec et al., 2022; Salamon et al., 2024*.



## Figure 2

Examples of coprolites collected in the Oligocene and Miocene marine sediments of Poland.

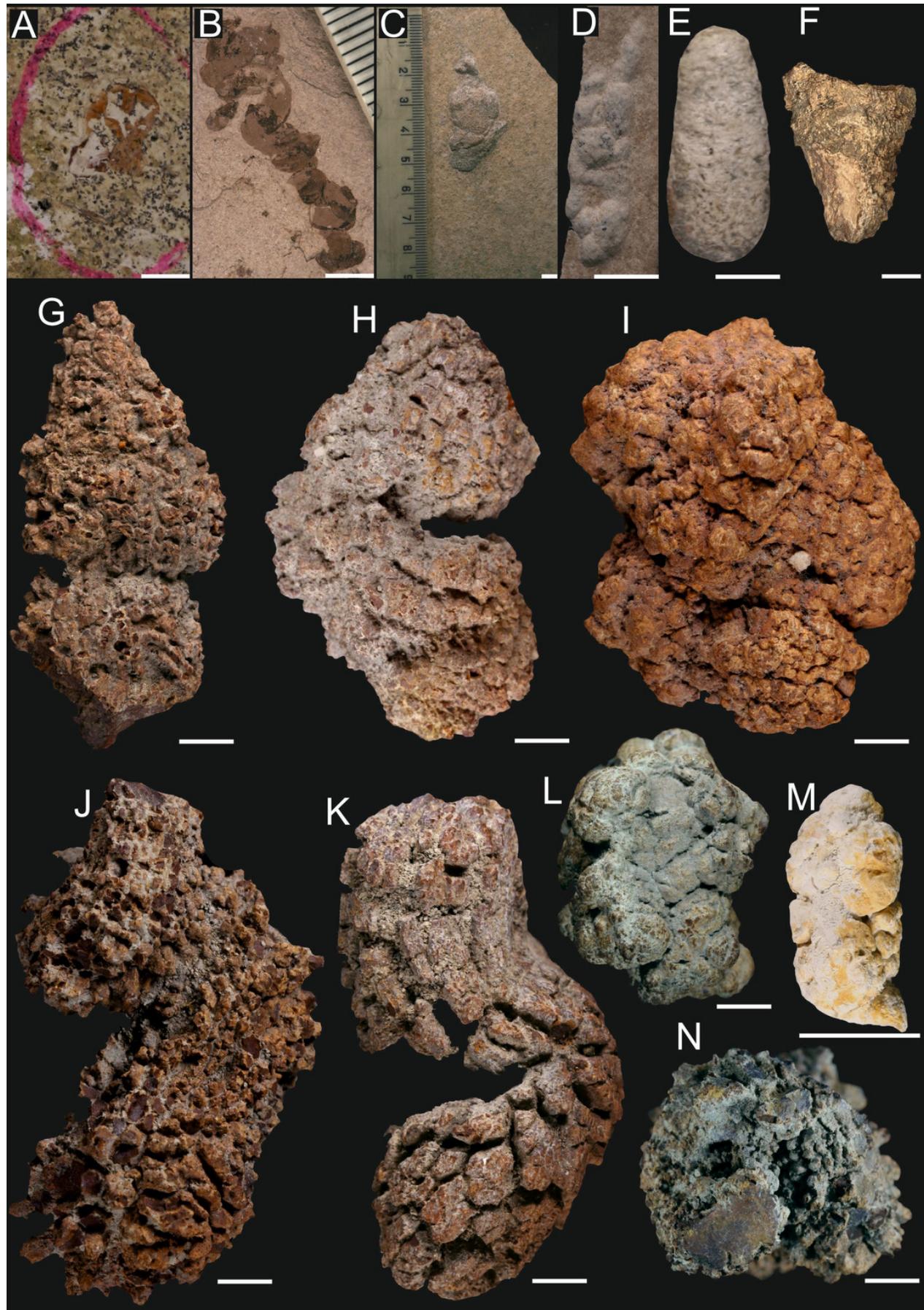
Kąkolówka I: (A) GIUS 10-3796/O/2; (B) GIUS 10-3796/O/7; (C) GIUS 10-3796/O/23;  
Kąkolówka II: (D) GIUS 10-3796/O/154; (E) GIUS 10-3796/O/181; (F) Kąkolówka I, GIUS  
10-3796/O/60; (G) Kąkolówka I, GIUS 10-3796/O/77; Wola Czudecka: (H) GIUS  
10-3796/O/251; (I) GIUS 10-3796/O/253; (J) GIUS 10-3796/O/259; (K) GIUS 10-3796/O/274;  
(L) Futoma, GIUS 10-3796/O/279; (M) Futoma, GIUS 10-3796/O/282; Kąkolówka I: (N) GIUS  
10-3796/O/96; (O) GIUS 10-3796/O/98; (P) GIUS 10-3796/O/107; (R) GIUS 10-3796/O/111; (S)  
GIUS 10-3796/O/135; (T) Jamna Dolna, GIUS 10-3796/O/294; (U) Kąkolówka I, GIUS  
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## Figure 3

Examples of coprolites collected in Oligocene and Miocene marine.

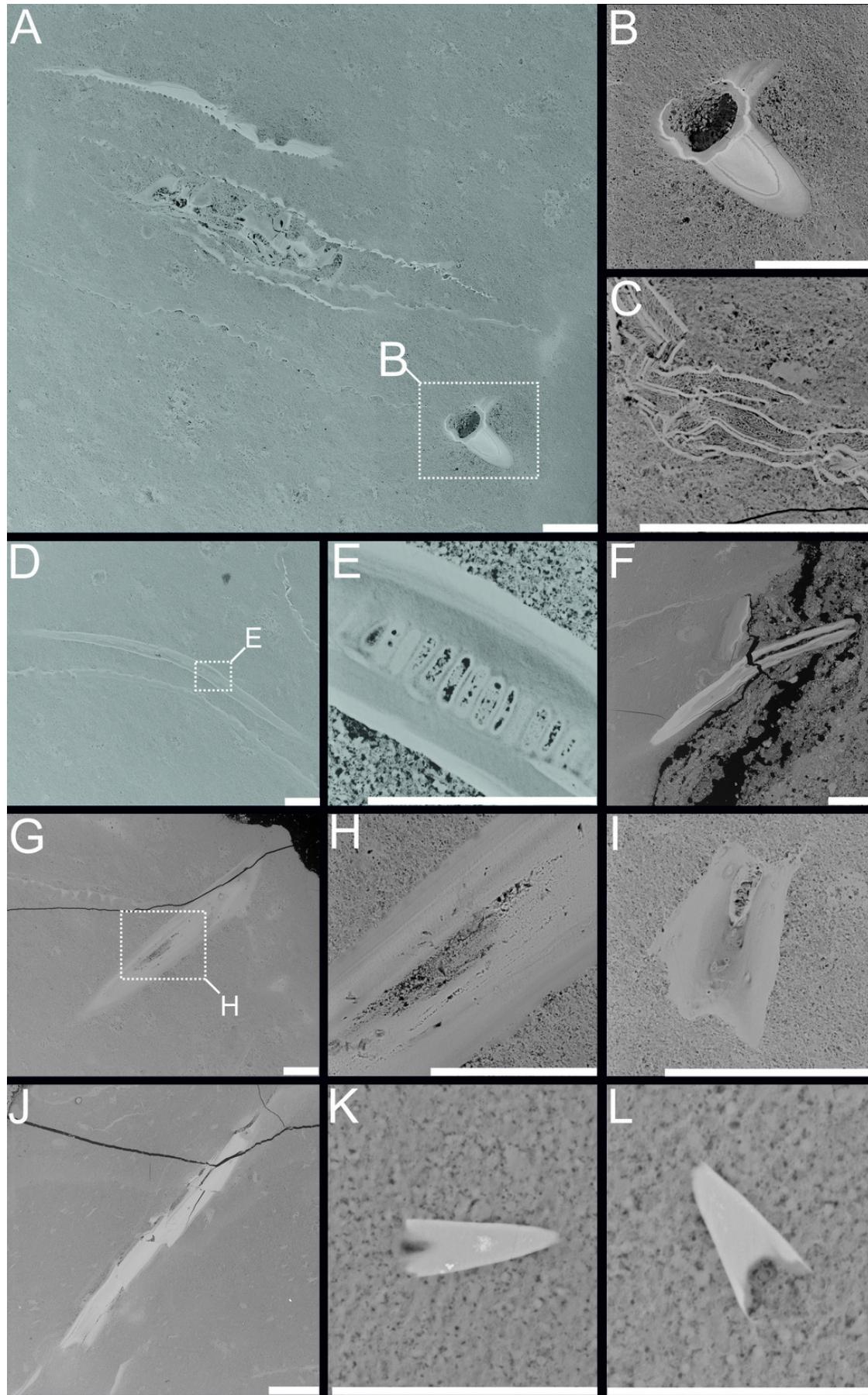
(A-D) and non-marine (E-N) sediments of Poland. Równe: (A) GIUS 10-3796/O/297; Jasienica Rosielna (B) GIUS 10-3796/O/299; Kąkolówka I (C) GIUS 10-3796/O/144; Temeszów (D) GIUS 10-3796/M/33; Gochułów (E) GIUS 10-3796/M/13; Roztocze area-Żelebsko (F) GIUS 10-3796/M/32; Turów area (G) GIUS 10-3796/M/16; (H) GIUS 10-3796/M/19; (I) GIUS 10-3796/M/23; (J) GIUS 10-3796/M/28; (K) GIUS 10-3796/M/30; Bełchatów (L) GIUS 10-3796/M/2; (M) GIUS 10-3796/M/6; (N) GIUS 10-3796/M/11. Scale bars 5 mm.



## Figure 4

BSE images of investigated coprolites from Oligocene coprolites of the Menilit-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians.

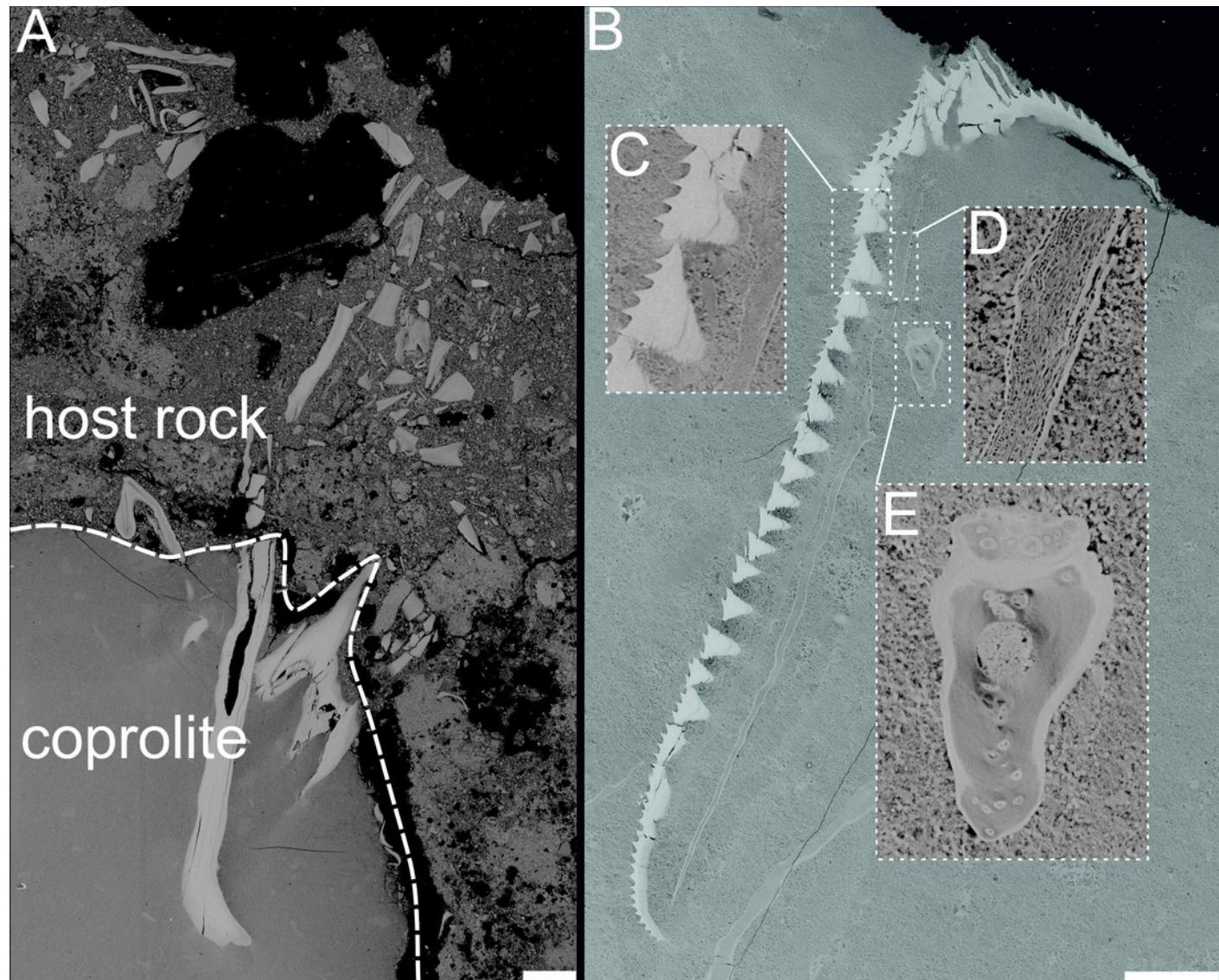
(A - E, J ) Fish bones. (F-I?) Scales. (K-L) Teeth. (A-B, D, E, G-I) Kąkolówka I locality, GIUS 10-3796/O/107; (C) Jasienica Rosielna locality, GIUS 10-3796/O/300; (F, J-L) Jamna Dolna locality, GIUS10-3796/O/294. Scale bars 30 um.



## Figure 5

BSE images showing unidentified fossil bone remains embedded with in coprolite matrix from Miocene of the Menilite-Krosno Series of the Outer Carpathians (GIUS 10-3796/M/33 and 34 respectively).

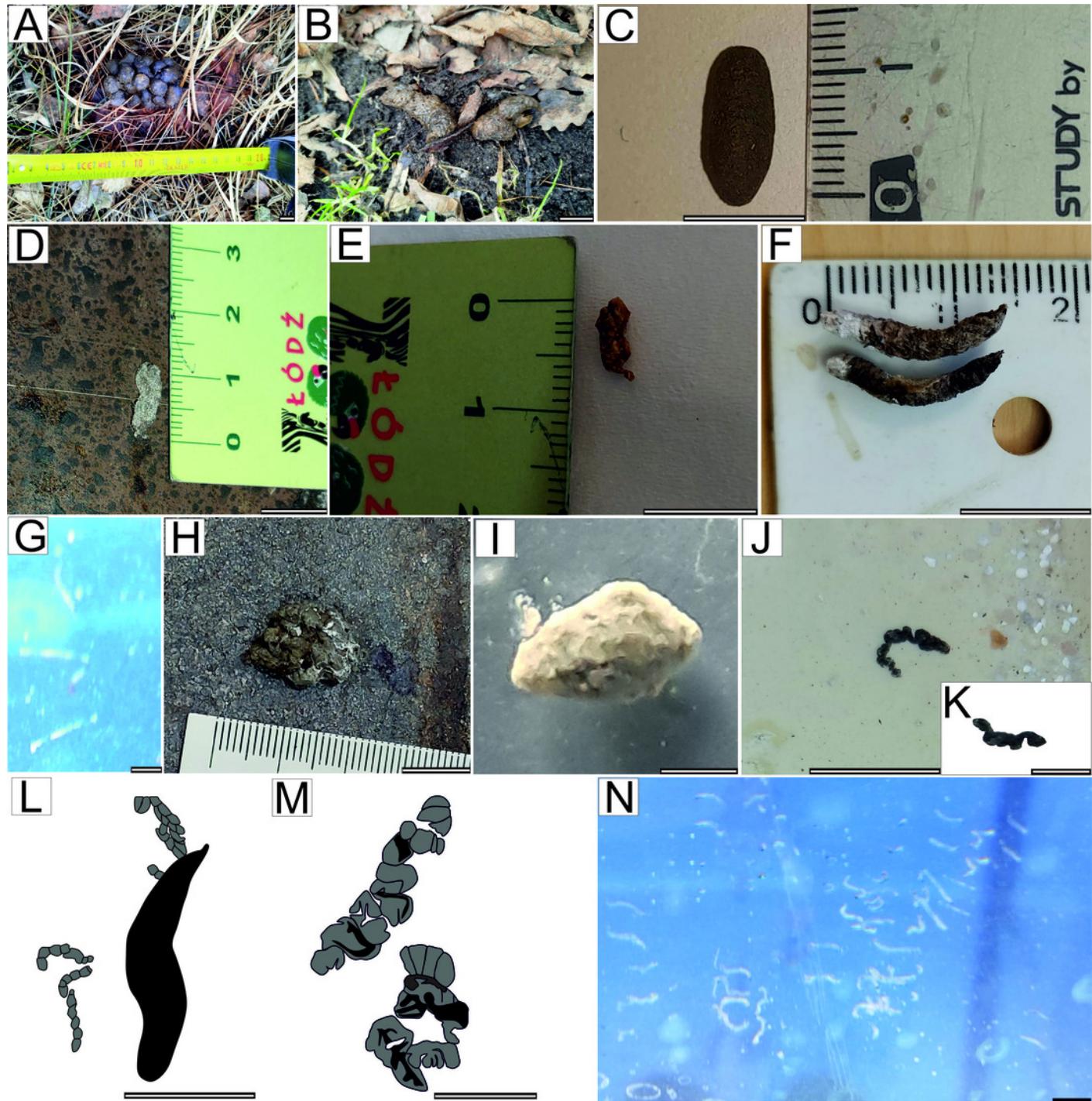
(A) The coprolite/matrix boundary and the surrounding sediment, with bone fragments visible in both. (B) Remains of different morphology. (C-E) Close-ups of selected fossilized fragments. Scale bars 200 um.



## Figure 6

Recent faeces.

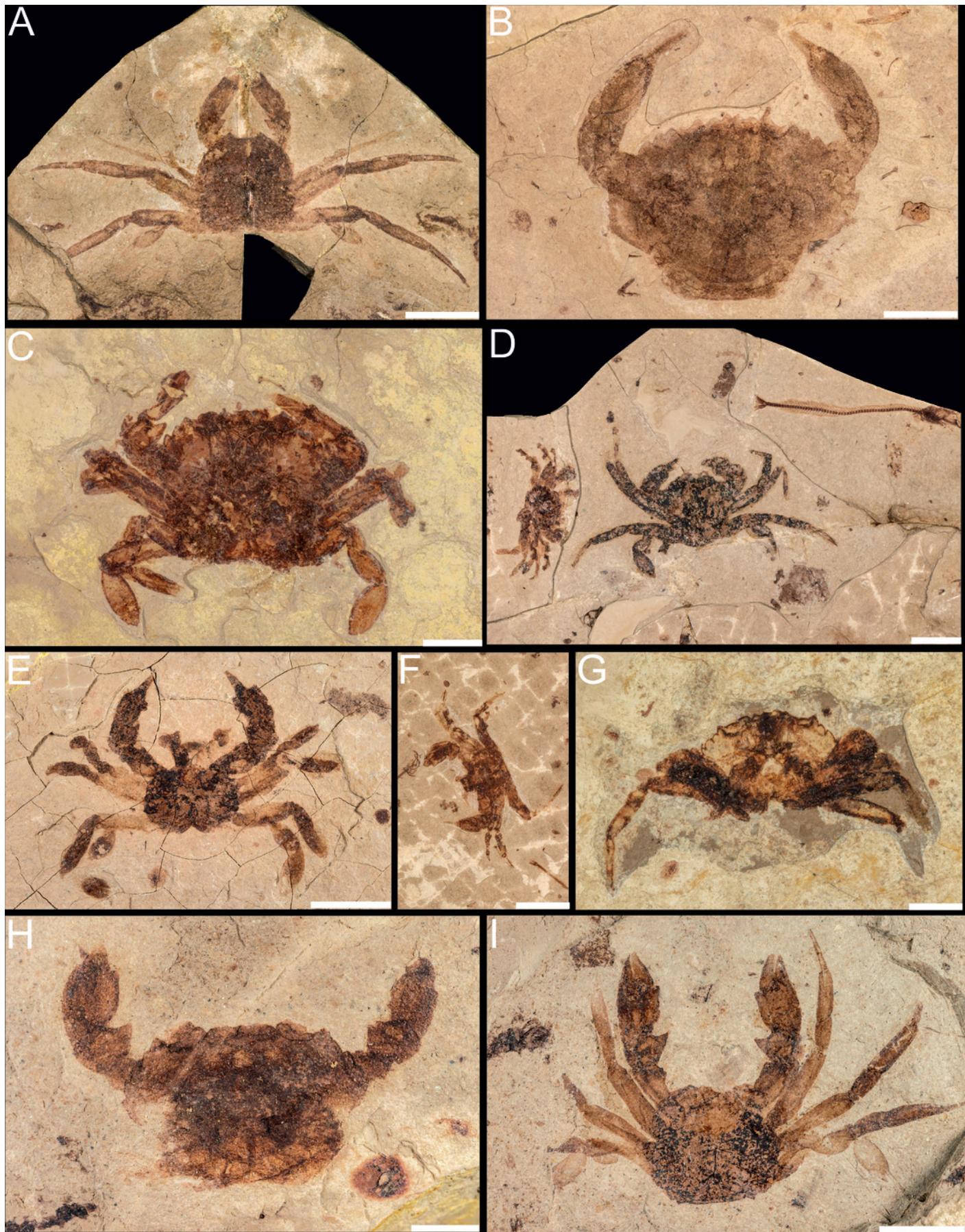
(A) Brown hare (*Lepus europeaus*). (B) European mole (*Talpa europaea*). (C) Guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*). (D) Swinhoe's striped squirrel (*Tamiops swinhoei*). (E) Seba's short-tailed bat (*Carollia perspicillata*). (F) House sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). (G) Syngnathidae. (H) City pigeon (*Columba livia forma urbana*). (I) Zebra moray (*Gymnomuraena zebra*). (J) Hermit crab (*Coenobita brevimanus*). (K) Flying crab (*Liocarcinus holsatus*). (L) Sea cucumber (*Holothuria* sp.; redrawn from Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020). (M) Cephalopod (*Nautilus pompilius*; redrawn from Knaust & Hoffmann, 2020). (N) Perciformes . Scale bars 1 cm.



## Figure 7

Examples of crab fossils representing *Liocarcinus oligocenicus* from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilite-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians , Poland).

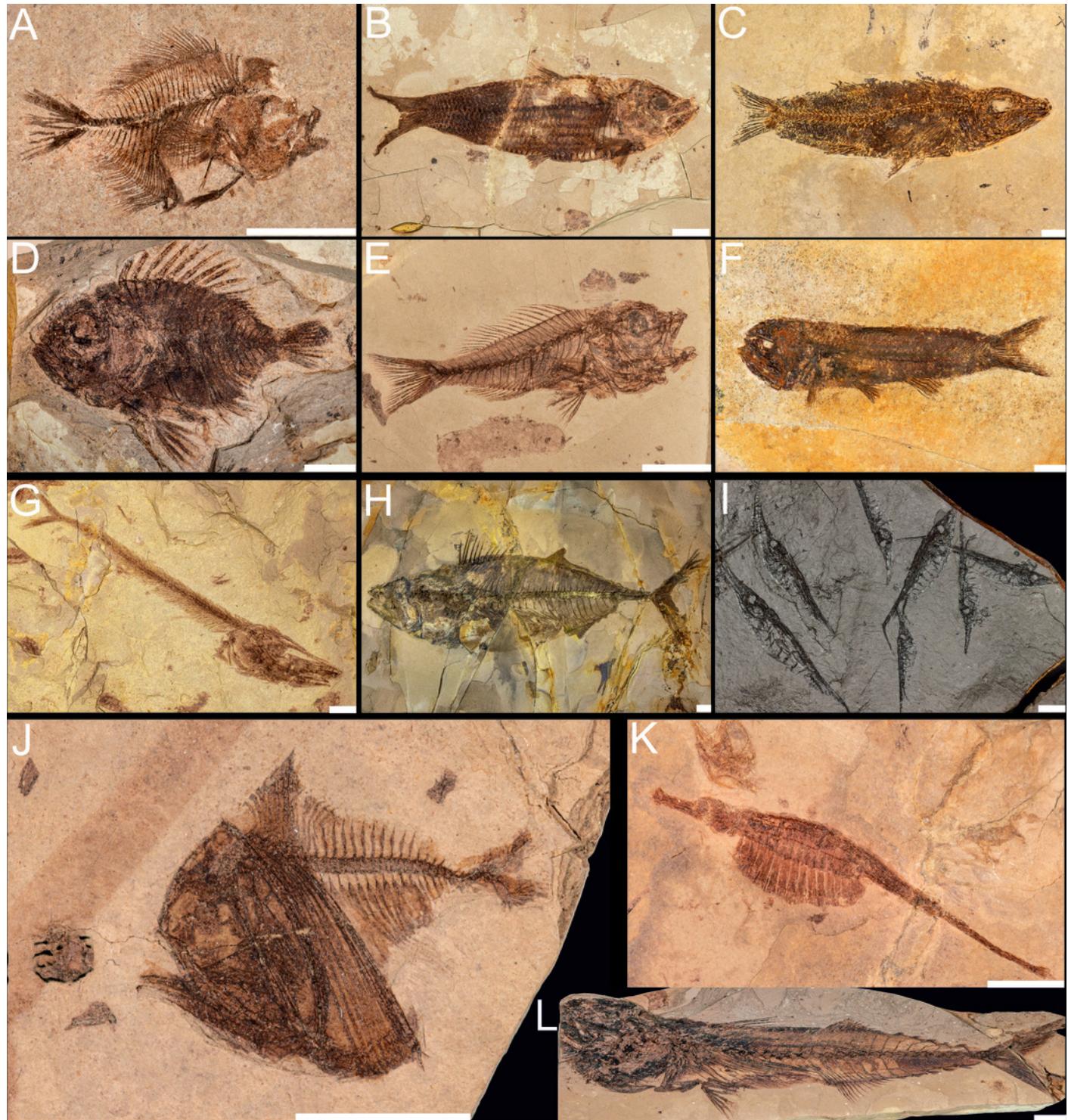
(A) Kr.J-7. (B) Kr.H-1. (C) Kr.JR-2. (D) Kr.J-3. (E) Kr.J-11. (F) Kr.J-16. (G) Kr.J-12. (H) Kr.J-6. (I) Kr.J-3. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



## Figure 8

Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilit-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).

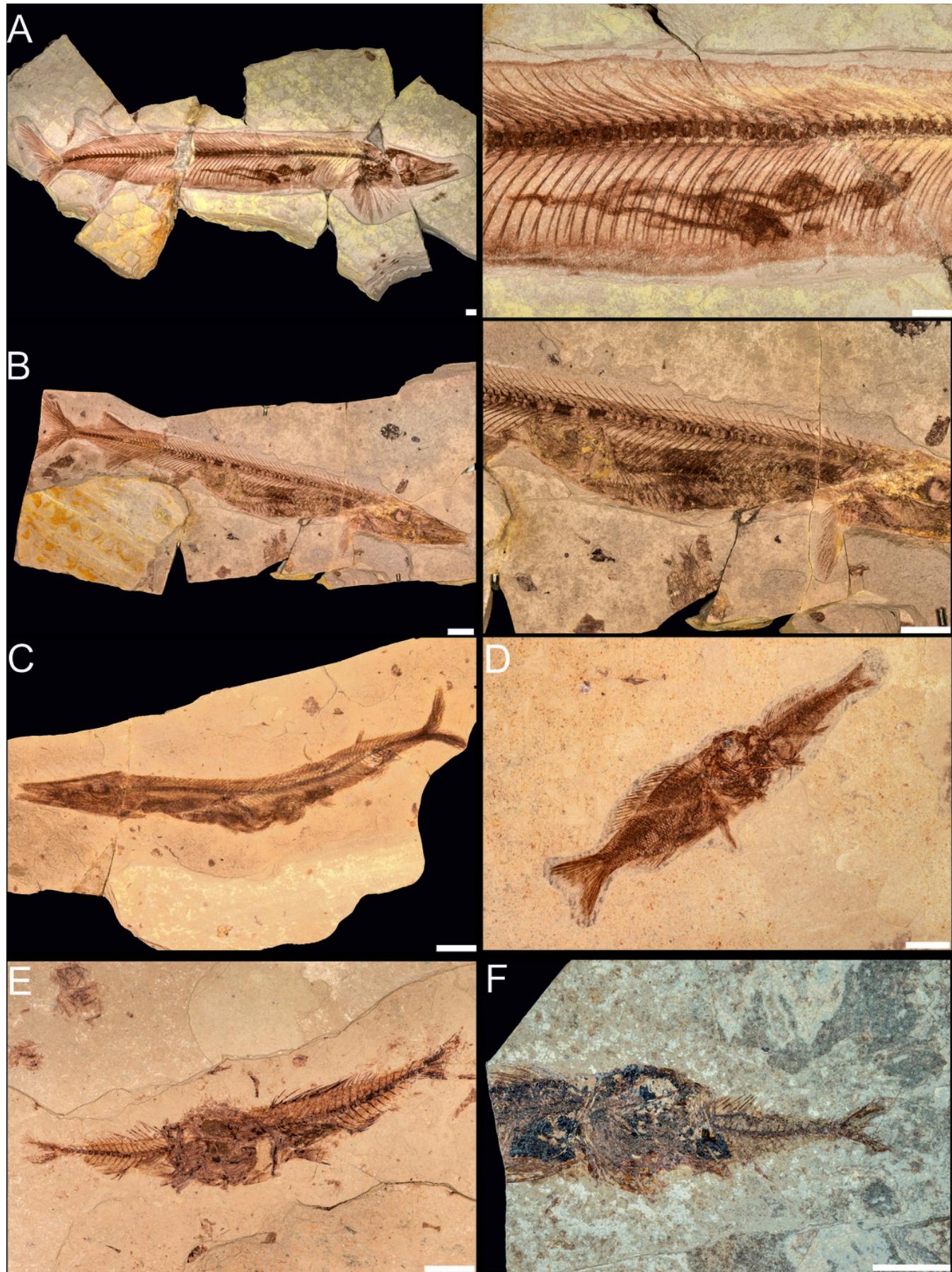
(A) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, Ma 31. (B) *Clupea* sp., ROJ-215. (C) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROJ-212. (D) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROL-305. (E) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROJ-307. (F) *Eomyctophum* sp., Ma-52. (G) *Holosteus* sp., ROJR-170. (H) Unidentified taxa of Scombridae family, ROL-47. (I) *Centriscus* sp., ROJ-514. (J) *Argyropelecus* sp., ROL-221. (K) *Hipposyngnathus* sp., ROJ-211. (L) Specimen representing unidentified taxa, ROL-328. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



## Figure 9

Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilit-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians , Poland).

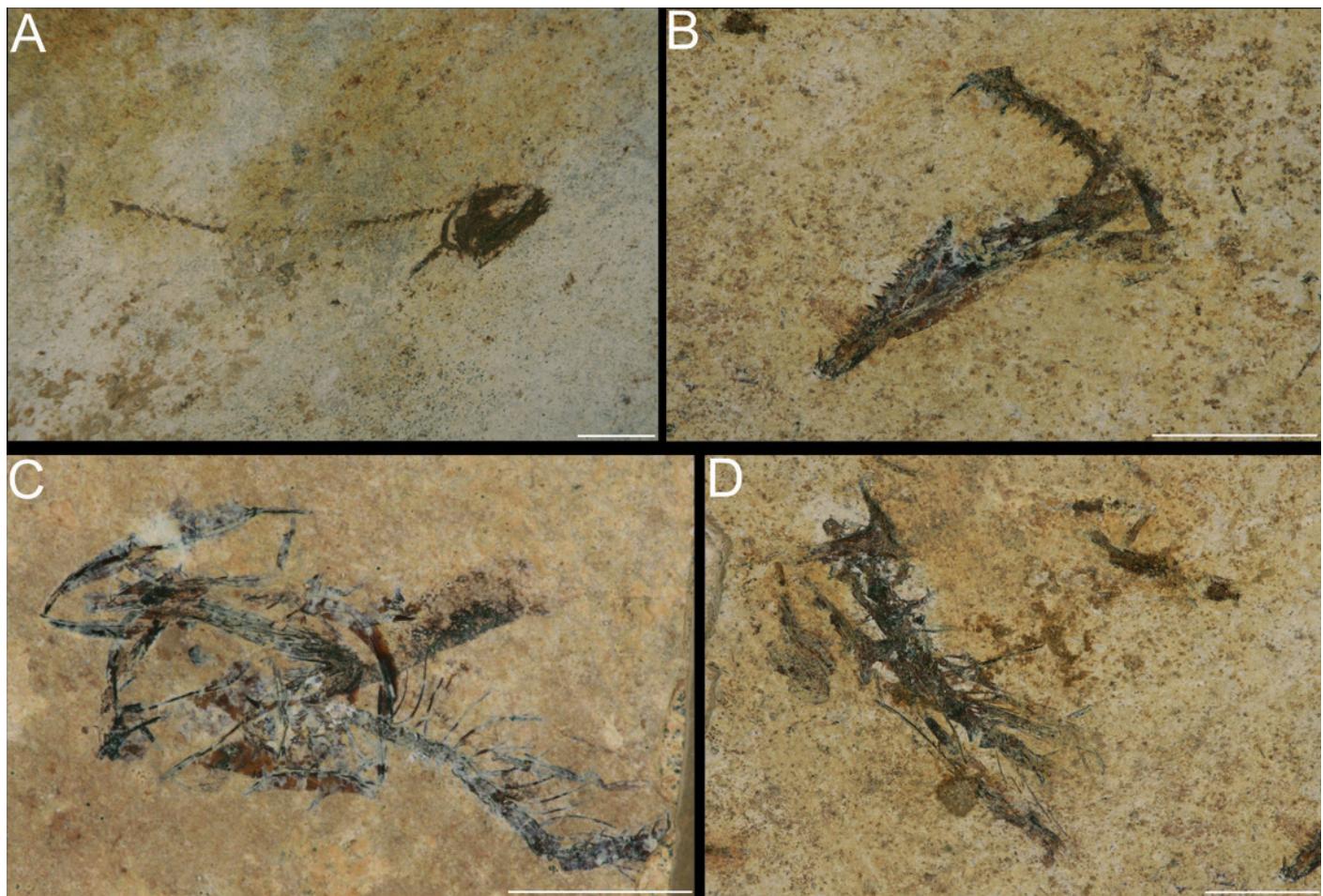
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## Figure 10

Examples of fossil fish collected in Oligocene marine strata of the Menilit-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).

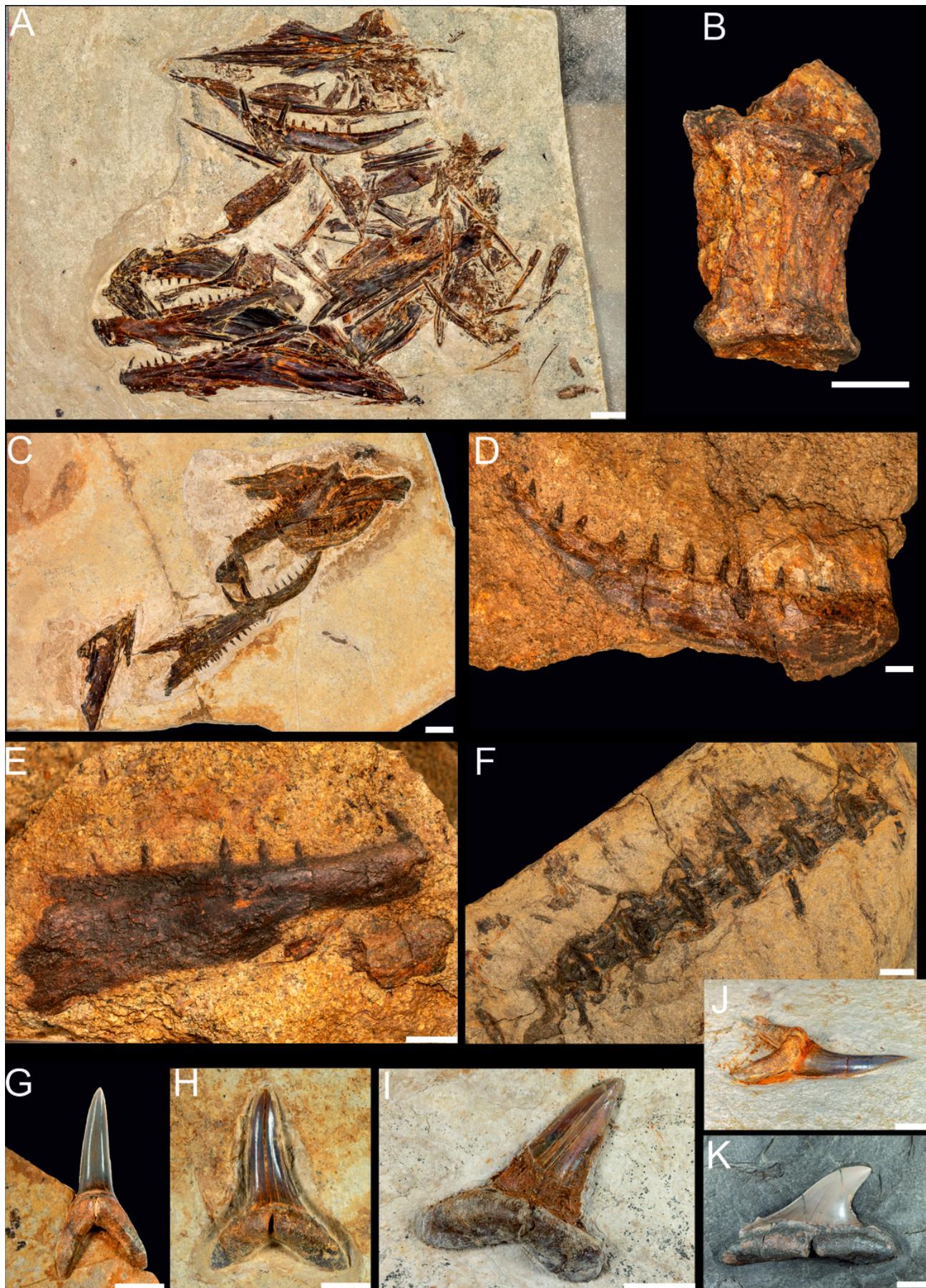
(A) *Scopeloides* sp. GIUS10-3796/O/F1. (B) Jaw of *Lepidopus* sp. (C, D) probably *Scopeloides* sp. GIUS10-3796/O/F3, 4. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



## Figure 11

Examples of fossil fish from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilit-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians , Poland).

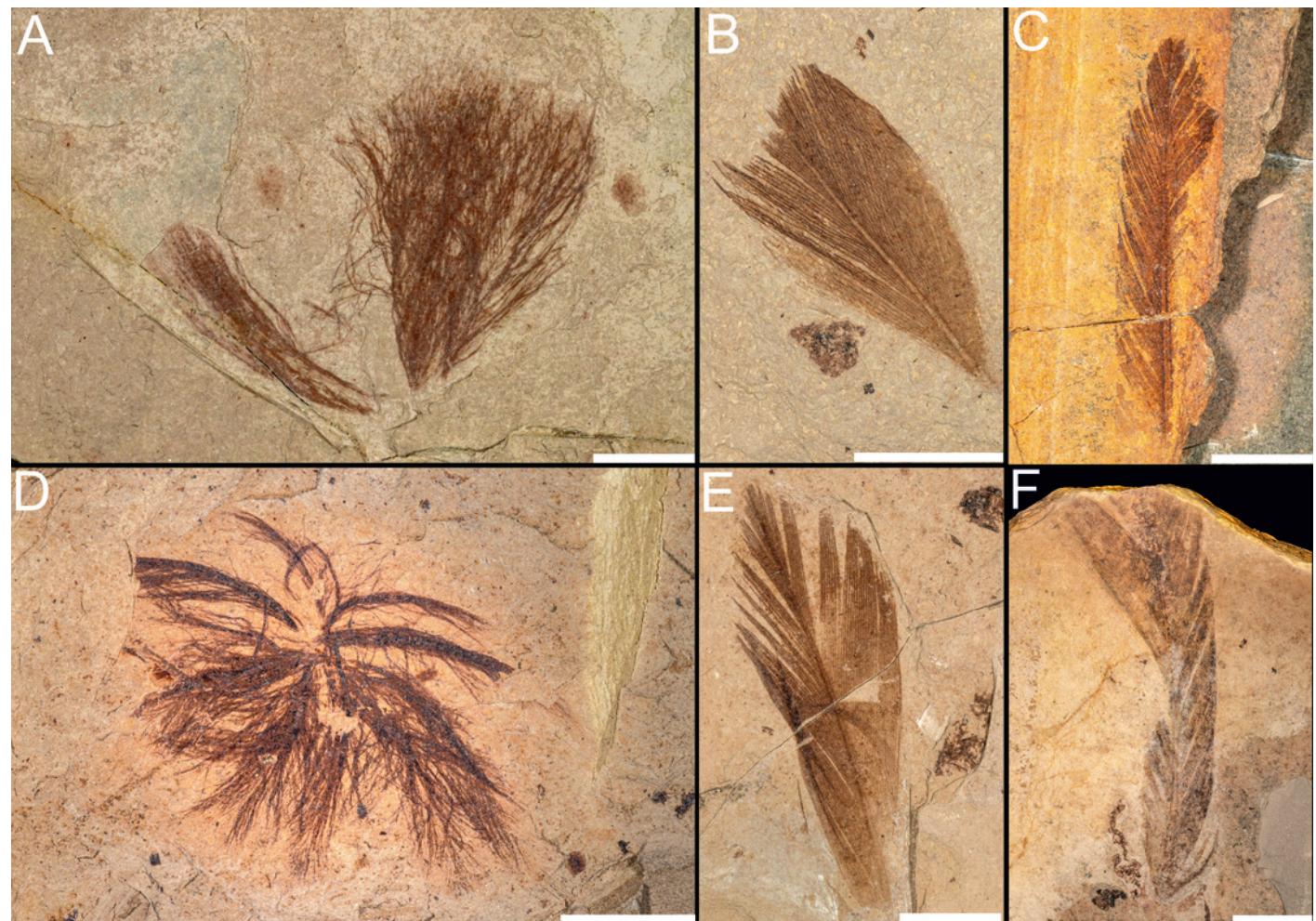
(A) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-400. (B) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-405. (C) *Lepidopus* sp., Ma-5. (D) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-40. (E) *Lepidopus* sp., ROU-42. (F) *Lepidopus* sp., ROL-55. (G) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-100.(H) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-103. (I) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-107. (J) *Isurus* sp., ROM-ZR-112. (K) *Isurus* sp., ROJ-ZR-123. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



## Figure 12

Examples of feathers representing unidentified taxa from the Oligocene marine strata of the Menilit-Krosno Series (The Outer Carpathians, Poland).

(A) MSMD.Av. Jam-11. (B) MSMD.Av. Jam-14. (C) MSMD.Av. S.Bir-3. (D) MSMD.Av. Jam-1. (E) MSMD.Av. J.Ros-9. (F) MSMD.Av. Jam-15. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



## Figure 13

Some examples of vertebrate remains documented in Miocenian deposits of the Kleszczów Graben, central Poland. Acronyme number: GIUS 10-3796V.

(A) Jaw of a Lacertidae lizard. (B) Otolith of *Klingobius andjelkocae*. (C, D) Vertebrae of indeterminated rodents. (E-H) Bones of indeterminate vertebrates. (I) Jaw of a rodent. (J) Tooth of Chiroptera. (K) Incisor of Castocrinae. (L-N) Talpidaeteeth. (O) Tooth of an unidentified predator. Scale bar equals 1 mm.



**Table 1**(on next page)

Oligocene coprolite list.

1 **Table 1:**  
2 **Oligocene coprolite list.**  
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| Specimen          | Dimensions (mm) | Shape           | Age                  | Site                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| GIUS 10–3796/O/1  | 31x5            | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | Menilite-Krosno Series (M-KS)- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/2  | 23x3            | Curved, Fig. 2a | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/3  | 22x5            | Elongated       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/4  | 14x14           | Oval            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/5  | 17x4            | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/6  | 18x7            | Curved          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/7  | 18x3            | Curved, Fig.2b  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/8  | 25x10           | Elongated       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/9  | 23x8            | Elongated       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/10 | 38x9            | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/11 | 24x19           | Oval            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/12 | 17x9            | Curved          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/13 | 23x6            | S-shaped        | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/14 | 29x8            | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/15 | 35x11           | Curved          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/16 | 38x10           | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/17 | 41x9            | Elongated       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/18 | 12x2            | Sinusoidal      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I                          |
| GIUS 10–          | 25x6            | Curved          | Oligocene -          | M-KS-                                      |

|                   |       |                      |                      |                   |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 3796/O/19         |       |                      | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/20 | 28x14 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/21 | 15x12 | Oval                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/22 | 17x5  | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/23 | 32x2  | Sinusoidal, Fig.2c   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/24 | 27x5  | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/25 | 25x7  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/26 | 14x4  | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/27 | 17x5  | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/28 | 18x17 | Oval                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/29 | 19x6  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/30 | 25x15 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/31 | 24x11 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/32 | 39x9  | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/33 | 26x19 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/34 | 15x6  | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
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| GIUS 10–3796/O/36 | 30x28 | More or less regular | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/37 | 14x10 | More or less regular | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/38 | 28x11 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/39 | 34x10 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/40 | 22x9  | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/41 | 27x6  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–          | 32x14 | S-shaped             | Oligocene -          | M-KS-             |

|                   |       |                      |                      |                   |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 3796/O/42         |       |                      | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/43 | 25x12 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/44 | 16x5  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/45 | 34x21 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/46 | 37x12 | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/47 | 39x9  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/48 | 14x13 | Oval                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/49 | 17x7  | elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/50 | 33x9  | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/51 | 32x12 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/52 | 30x14 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/53 | 26x8  | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/54 | 27x7  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/55 | 24x21 | More or less regular | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/56 | 39x12 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/57 | 26x8  | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/58 | 29x17 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/59 | 37x13 | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/60 | 38x4  | Curved, Fig. 2f      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/61 | 32x12 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/62 | 17x16 | Oval                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/63 | 28x9  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/64 | 39x15 | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–          | 26x14 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene -          | M-KS-             |

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| 3796/O/65         |       |                      | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/66 | 27x13 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/67 | 24x10 | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/68 | 23x8  | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/69 | 18x11 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/70 | 19x7  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/71 | 28x9  | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/72 | 35x14 | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/73 | 37x12 | Curved               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/74 | 30x29 | More or less regular | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/75 | 50x32 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/76 | 37x15 | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/77 | 44x3  | Curved, Fig. 2g      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/78 | 25x4  | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/79 | 28x13 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/80 | 37x8  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/81 | 28x20 | More or less regular | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/82 | 24x9  | S-shaped             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/83 | 17x5  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/84 | 24x6  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/85 | 29x11 | Elongated            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/86 | 35x8  | Sinusoidal           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/87 | 44x10 | Irregular            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–          | 41x15 | Curved               | Oligocene -          | M-KS-             |

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| 3796/O/88          |       |                       | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/89  | 19x4  | Sinusoidal            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/90  | 25x6  | S-shaped              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/91  | 38x17 | Sinusoidal            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/92  | 34x12 | Curved                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/93  | 17x5  | S-shaped              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/94  | 32x16 | Irregular             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/95  | 37x5  | Curved                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/96  | 21x11 | Irregular             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/97  | 23x9  | Elongated             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/98  | 15x6  | Irregular,<br>Fig. 2o | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/99  | 28x8  | Curved                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/100 | 30x19 | More or less regular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/101 | 34x10 | S-shaped              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/102 | 36x8  | Sinusoidal            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/103 | 40x13 | Curved                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/104 | 15x15 | Oval                  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/105 | 17x9  | Sinusoidal            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/106 | 19x6  | Elongated             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/107 | 24x5  | S-shaped,<br>Fig. 2p  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/108 | 25x4  | Curved                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/109 | 30x14 | Irregular             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/110 | 34x12 | Elongated             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–           | 18x4  | S-shaped,             | Oligocene -          | M-KS-             |

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| 3796/O/111         |       | Fig. 2r    | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/112 | 18x7  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/113 | 15x4  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/114 | 37x10 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/115 | 20x16 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/116 | 32x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/117 | 17x11 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/118 | 33x7  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/119 | 29x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/120 | 22x6  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/121 | 41x11 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/122 | 31x13 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/123 | 12x10 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/124 | 25x5  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/125 | 27x4  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/126 | 38x9  | S-shape    | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/127 | 35x7  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/128 | 27x25 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/129 | 35x10 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/130 | 39x8  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/131 | 37x11 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/132 | 34x6  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/133 | 28x7  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I |
| GIUS 10–           | 30x11 | S-shaped   | Oligocene -          | M-KS-             |

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| 3796/O/134         |       |                     | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka I        |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/135 | 16x5  | Curved, Fig.2s      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/136 | 17x7  | Sinusoidal          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/137 | 20x6  | Elongated           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/138 | 22x13 | Irregular           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/139 | 32x30 | Oval, Fig. 2u       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/140 | 40x13 | S-shaped            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/141 | 37x20 | Irregular           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/142 | 31x15 | Irregular           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/143 | 33x13 | Curved              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/144 | 40x22 | Irregular, Fig. 3c  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/145 | 43x13 | S-shaped            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/146 | 40x10 | Sinusoidal          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/147 | 38x9  | Curved              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/148 | 23x10 | Elongated           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/149 | 29x6  | Elongated           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/150 | 17x14 | Oval                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka I  |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/151 | 14x5  | Curved              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/152 | 30x8  | S-shaped            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/153 | 32x5  | S-shaped            | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/154 | 14x2  | Sinusoidal, Fig. 2d | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–           | 35x8  | Elongated           | Oligocene -          | M-KS-              |

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| 3796/O/155         |       |            | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka II       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/156 | 22x5  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/157 | 32x7  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/158 | 14x3  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/159 | 8x6   | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/160 | 38x6  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/161 | 18x3  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/162 | 15x8  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/163 | 27x10 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/164 | 38x21 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/165 | 24x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/166 | 17x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/167 | 33x6  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/168 | 39x8  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/169 | 22x11 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/170 | 41x10 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka    |

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| GIUS 10–3796/O/171 | 35x13 | Elongated              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/172 | 12x4  | Sinusoidal             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/173 | 25x24 | Oval                   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/174 | 37x17 | Elongated              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/175 | 15x12 | Sinusoidal             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/176 | 19x4  | Curved                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/177 | 19x6  | S-shape                | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/178 | 24x4  | Elongated              | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/179 | 28x7  | Curved                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/180 | 30x8  | S-shaped               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/181 | 11x3  | Sinusoidal,<br>Fig. 2e | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/182 | 33x11 | Curved                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/183 | 19x5  | Curved                 | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/184 | 20x7  | Sinusoidal             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/185 | 15x15 | Oval                   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |

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| GIUS 10–3796/O/186 | 37x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/187 | 46x15 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/188 | 34x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/189 | 18x11 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/190 | 33x6  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/191 | 29x6  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/192 | 23x7  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/193 | 42x10 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/194 | 37x13 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/195 | 17x4  | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/196 | 28x8  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/197 | 23x4  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/198 | 35x14 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/199 | 38x13 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/200 | 40x17 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–           | 44x10 | Elongated  | Oligocene -          | M-KS-              |

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| 3796/O/201         |       |            | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka II       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/202 | 17x14 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/203 | 35x12 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/204 | 17x6  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/205 | 20x7  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/206 | 18x3  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/207 | 22x9  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/208 | 26x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/209 | 38x9  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/210 | 24x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/211 | 17x15 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/212 | 23x12 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/213 | 31x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/214 | 35x11 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/215 | 39x13 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/216 | 44x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka    |

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| GIUS 10–3796/O/217 | 12x4  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/218 | 25x7  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/219 | 29x14 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/220 | 37x13 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/221 | 41x17 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/222 | 47x11 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/223 | 52x20 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/224 | 31x14 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/225 | 27x26 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/226 | 36x13 | elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/227 | 38x15 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/228 | 16x5  | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/229 | 25x8  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/230 | 20x4  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/231 | 27x10 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |

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| GIUS 10–3796/O/232 | 26x25 | Oval       | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/233 | 38x17 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/234 | 23x11 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/235 | 17x5  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/236 | 23x12 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/237 | 32x9  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/238 | 35x11 | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/239 | 39x12 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/240 | 54x10 | S-shaped   | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/241 | 13x4  | Sinusoidal | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/242 | 21x7  | Curved     | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/243 | 29x14 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/244 | 12x3  | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/245 | 36x13 | Elongated  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/246 | 28x11 | Irregular  | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–           | 56x14 | Sinusoidal | Oligocene -          | M-KS-              |

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| 3796/O/247         |       |                    | Rupelian             | Kąkolówka II       |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/248 | 13x11 | Oval               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/249 | 22x7  | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/250 | 29x16 | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS- Kąkolówka II |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/251 | 17x4  | Elongated, Fig. 2h | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/252 | 39x15 | elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/253 | 13x3  | Elongated, Fig. 2i | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/254 | 19x4  | S-shaped           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/255 | 28x10 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/256 | 33x15 | Irregular          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/257 | 37x8  | S-shaped           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/258 | 39x11 | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/259 | 10x4  | Elongated, Fig. 2j | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/260 | 39x9  | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/261 | 36x13 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/262 | 24x24 | Oval               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/263 | 15x7  | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/264 | 26x5  | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/265 | 33x14 | Irregular          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/266 | 14x4  | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/267 | 36x13 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka |
| GIUS 10–           | 38x11 | Elongated          | Oligocene -          | M-KS-Wola          |

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| 3796/O/268         |       |                    | Rupelian             | Czudecka                |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/269 | 50x22 | S-shaped           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/270 | 12x13 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/271 | 28x7  | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/272 | 35x14 | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/273 | 21x18 | Oval               | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/274 | 20x4  | Elongated, Fig. 2k | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/275 | 42x16 | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/276 | 38x5  | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/277 | 39x9  | S-shaped           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wola Czudecka      |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/278 | 41x13 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/279 | 11x9  | Oval, Fig. 2l      | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/280 | 11x4  | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/281 | 19x6  | S-shaped           | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/282 | 9x4   | Irregular, Fig. 2m | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/283 | 33x9  | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/284 | 35x11 | Curved             | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Futoma             |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/285 | 32x13 | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wujskie            |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/286 | 20x7  | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wujskie            |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/287 | 26x5  | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wujskie            |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/288 | 11x3  | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Wujskie            |
| GIUS 10–3796/O/289 | 19x4  | Elongated          | Oligocene - Rupelian | M-KS-Rudawka Rymanowska |
| GIUS 10–           | 45x15 | Sinusoidal         | Oligocene -          | M-KS-                   |

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| 3796/O/290             |       |                       | Rupelian                | Rudawska<br>Rymanowsk<br>a         |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/291 | 28x15 | Sinusoidal            | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-<br>Rudawka<br>Rymanowsk<br>a |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/292 | 14x11 | Oval                  | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-Jamna<br>Dolna                |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/293 | 57x10 | Curved                | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-Jamna<br>Dolna                |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/294 | 10x4  | Elongated,<br>Fig. 2t | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-Jamna<br>Dolna                |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/295 | 19x13 | Irregular             | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-Jamna<br>Dolna                |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/296 | 22x7  | Elongated             | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-Jamna<br>Dolna                |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/297 | 9x7   | Oval, Fig. 3a         | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-<br>Równe                     |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/298 | 13x13 | Oval                  | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-<br>Równe                     |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/299 | 54x6  | Sinusoidal,<br>Fig.3b | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-<br>Jasienica<br>Rosielna     |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/O/300 | 20x4  | Curved                | Oligocene -<br>Rupelian | M-KS-<br>Jasienica<br>Rosielna     |

**Table 2**(on next page)

Miocene coprolite list.

1 **Table 2:**  
2 **Miocene coprolite list.**  
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| Specimen            | Dimensions (mm) | Shape              | Age                | Site                             |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| GIUS 10–3796/M/1    | 36x28           | Oval               | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/2    | 25x15           | Irregular, Fig. 31 | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/3    | 19x17           | Oval               | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/4    | 21x17           | Oval               | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/5    | 27x8            | Curved             | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6    | 20x10           | Elongated, Fig. 3m | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6(1) | 18x8            | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6(2) | 16x10           | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6(3) | 19x11           | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6(4) | 15x8            | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/6(5) | 19x12           | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/7    | 27x25           | Oval               | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–3796/M/8    | 37x13           | Elongated          | Miocene - Langhian | Kleszczów Graben area- Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–            | 47x18           | Irregular          | Miocene -          | Kleszczów                        |

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| 3796/M/9              |       |                       | Langhian                 | Graben area-<br>Bełchatów              |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/10 | 31x30 | Oval                  | Miocene -<br>Langhian    | Kleszczów<br>Graben area-<br>Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/11 | 25x20 | Oval, Fig. 3n         | Miocene -<br>Langhian    | Kleszczów<br>Graben area-<br>Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/12 | 16x5  | Sinusoidal            | Miocene -<br>Langhian    | Kleszczów<br>Graben area-<br>Bełchatów |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/13 | 20x8  | Elongated,<br>Fig. 3e | Miocene -<br>Langhian    | Gołuchów<br>quarry                     |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/14 | 40x14 | S-shaped              | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/15 | 61x24 | Curved                | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/16 | 50x20 | Elongated,<br>Fig. 3g | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/17 | 34x24 | Oval                  | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/18 | 41x13 | S-shaped              | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/19 | 55x17 | Curved, Fig.<br>3h    | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/20 | 36x18 | Elongated             | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/21 | 40x14 | Sinusoidal            | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/22 | 31x10 | S-shaped              | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/23 | 62x31 | Irregular,<br>Fig. 3i | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/24 | 54x23 | Sinusoidal            | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/25 | 36x16 | Sinusoidal            | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/26 | 30x30 | Oval                  | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/27 | 48x19 | Elongated             | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/28 | 78x20 | Curved,<br>Fig.3j     | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/29 | 73x25 | Elongated             | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                             |
| GIUS 10–              | 66x27 | S-shaped,             | Miocene -                | Turów area                             |

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| 3796/M/20             |       | Fig. 3k               | Burdigalian              |                               |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/31 | 41x13 | Curved                | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | Turów area                    |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/32 | 33*14 | Elongated,<br>Fig. 3f | Miocene -<br>Serravalian | Roztocze<br>area-<br>Żelebsko |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/33 | 23x5  | Elongated,<br>Fig. 3d | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | M-KS-<br>Temeszów             |
| GIUS 10–<br>3796/M/34 | 30x10 | Elongated             | Miocene -<br>Burdigalian | M-KS-<br>Brzuska              |

**Table 3**(on next page)

Oligocene localities with coprolites and their morphologies.

1 **Table 3:**2 **Oligocene localities with coprolites and their morphologies.**

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| Locality                | SHAPE      |           |      |                      |          |        | Summary |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------|----------------------|----------|--------|---------|
|                         | Sinusoidal | Elongated | Oval | More or less regular | S-shaped | Curved |         |
| M-KS-Kąkolówka I        | 40         | 23        | 18   | 17                   | 22       | 30     | 150     |
| M-KS-Kąkolówka II       | 34         | 21        | 8    | 7                    | 17       | 13     | 100     |
| M-KS-Wola Czudecka      | 6          | 9         | 2    | 1                    | 4        | 5      | 27      |
| M-KS-Futoma             | 2          | 1         | 1    | 1                    | 1        | 1      | 7       |
| M-KS-Jamna Dolna        | -          | 2         | 1    | 1                    | -        | 1      | 5       |
| M-KS-Rudawka Rymanowska | 2          | 1         | -    | -                    | -        | -      | 3       |
| M-KS-Równe              | -          | -         | 2    | -                    | -        | -      | 2       |
| M-KS-Wujskie            | 2          | 2         | -    | -                    | -        | -      | 4       |
| M-KS-Jasienica Rosielna | 1          | -         | -    | -                    | -        | 1      | 2       |

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**Table 4**(on next page)

Miocene localities with coprolites and their morphologies.

1 **Table 4:**  
2 Miocene localities with coprolites and their morphologies.  
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| Locality               | SHAPE      |           |      |                      |          |        |    | Summary |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|------|----------------------|----------|--------|----|---------|
|                        | Sinusoidal | Elongated | Oval | More or less regular | S-shaped | Curved |    |         |
| Kleszczów Graben area  | 5          | 9         | 2    | 1                    | -        | 1      | 17 |         |
| Turów area             | 3          | 4         | 2    | 1                    | 4        | 4      | 18 |         |
| Gołuchów quarry        | -          | 1         | -    | -                    | -        | -      | 1  |         |
| Roztocze area-Żelebsko |            |           |      |                      |          |        | 1  |         |
| M-KS-Temeszów          | -          | 1         | -    | -                    | -        | -      | 1  |         |
| M-KS-Brzuska           | -          | 1         | -    | -                    | -        | -      | 1  |         |

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