

# Non-Dinosaurian Dinosauromorphs from the Chinle Formation (Upper Triassic) of the Eagle Basin, Northern Colorado: *Dromomeron romeri* (Lagerpetidae) and a New Taxon, *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* (Silesauridae)

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2               **(UPPER TRIASSIC) OF THE EAGLE BASIN, NORTHERN COLORADO:**  
3       ***DROMOMERON ROMERI* (LAGERPETIDAE) AND A NEW TAXON, *KWANASAUROS***  
4                       ***WILLIAMPARKERI* (SILESAURIDAE)**

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22 **ABSTRACT**

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42 silesaurids.

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45 **INTRODUCTION**

46 By the final years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the diversity of dinosauromorphs across Pangea  
47 was thought to follow a simple pattern during the Triassic Period. The non-dinosaurian  
48 dinosauromorphs were restricted to the Middle Triassic of South America (*Sereno & Arcucci,*  
49 *1994a,b*), and Dinosauria was restricted to the Late Triassic with theropods, sauropodomorphs,  
50 and ornithischians all having a global distribution that included western North America (*e.g.*  
51 *Lucas, Hunt & Long, 1992; Long & Murry, 1995; Padian & May, 1999*).

52 This picture began to change drastically in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the description of  
53 *Silesaurus opolensis* (*Dzik, 2003*) from the Carnian or Norian Krasiejów beds of Poland, which  
54 revealed that non-dinosaurian dinosauriforms survived into the Late Triassic. This prompted an  
55 extensive re-evaluation of the record of putative dinosaur fossils from the Upper Triassic Chinle  
56 Formation of New Mexico and Arizona, and the equivalent Dockum Group of Texas (*Ezcurra,*  
57 *2006; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007, Nesbitt et al., 2009a, Nesbitt & Chatterjee, 2008; Irmis et*  
58 *al., 2007; Martz et al., 2013; Sarigül, 2016*).

59 In addition to revealing that ornithischians and sauropodomorphs were probably absent in  
60 North America prior to the Jurassic (*Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Irmis et al., 2007*), this work  
61 led to a previously unrecognized diversity of non-dinosaurian dinosauromorphs surviving into  
62 the Late Triassic of North America. The lagerpetid dinosauromorphs *Dromomeron romeri* (*Irmis*  
63 *et al., 2007*) and *D. gregorii* (*Nesbitt et al., 2009a*) extended the record of the Lagerpetidae from  
64 the Middle Triassic of South America into the Norian stage of the Late Triassic of North  
65 America (*Irmis et al., 2007; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Marsh, 2018*). Moreover, the taxa  
66 *Eucoelophysys baldwini* (*Sullivan & Lucas, 1999*) from the Chinle Formation of New Mexico  
67 (*Ezcurra, 2006; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Irmis et al., 2007; Breeden et al., 2017*) and

68 *Technosaurus smalli* (Chatterjee, 1984) and *Soumyasaurus aenigmaticus* (Sarigül, Agnolin &  
69 Chatterjee, 2018) from the Dockum Group of Texas demonstrate that silesaurids occurred in  
70 North America during the Late Triassic (Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Martz et al., 2013).  
71 Lagerpetids and silesaurids have also been discovered in Upper Triassic strata outside of Poland  
72 and western North America, giving both groups a global record spanning the Middle to Late  
73 Triassic (e.g. Langer et al., 2013; Martinez et al., 2015; Müller, Langer & Da Silva, 2018), and  
74 both groups coexisted with dinosaurs in Gondwana by the late Carnian (Martinez et al., 2013;  
75 Garcia et al., 2018).

76         The Eagle Basin of Colorado (Fig. 1A) contains some of the northernmost exposures of  
77 the Chinle Formation (Poole & Stewart, 1964; Dubiel, 1992), a unit that has been studied more  
78 extensively in the Colorado Plateau (e.g. Stewart, Poole & Wilson, 1972; Blakey & Gubitosa,  
79 1983; Lucas, 1993; Dubiel, 1994; Martz et al., 2017). During the Late Triassic, the Eagle Basin  
80 was separated from the Colorado Plateau depocenter by the Ancestral Front Range and Ancestral  
81 Uncompahgre Highlands (e.g. Dubiel, 1992, 1994). Over twenty years of collection from Eagle  
82 Basin localities by the junior author has yielded an abundance of vertebrate fossils, mostly  
83 consisting of isolated elements (Small & Sedlmayr, 1995; Small, 2001, 2009; Martz, Mueller &  
84 Small, 2003; Small & Martz, 2013; Martz & Small, 2016; Pardo, Small & Huttenlocker, 2017),  
85 that include rare fish, the stem caecilian *Chinlestegophis jenkinsi* Pardo, Small, & Huttenlocker,  
86 2017, a possible metoposaurid, a leptopleuronine procolophonid similar to *Libognathus* Small,  
87 1997, a variety of small diapsids, rare phytosaur elements that cannot be assigned to alpha taxa,  
88 the aetosaur *Stenomyti huangae* Small and Martz, 2013, another aetosaur that may be referable to  
89 *Rioarribasuchus* Lucas, Hunt, & Spielmann, 2006, shuvosaurids, rauisuchids, crocodylomorphs,

90 and dinosauromorphs. A variety of plant macrofossils have also been recovered from the area  
91 (*B.J. Small and J.W. Martz, unpublished data*).

92 Here we describe the first occurrence of the lagerpetid *Dromomeron romeri* from the  
93 Chinle Formation of the Eagle Basin of Colorado, which represents the northernmost occurrence  
94 of the genus, and a new genus and species of silesaurid, *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri*. This new  
95 taxon is based primarily on isolated elements (Table 1) exhibiting a distinctive suite of derived  
96 characters not recognized in any other silesaurid. *Kwanasaurus* is the fourth silesaurid alpha  
97 taxon recognized from North America, and the northernmost silesaurid known from the  
98 Americas. Material from the Eagle Basin localities referable to Neotheropoda (*Small, 2009*) will  
99 be described in detail elsewhere.

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## 101 **GEOLOGIC SETTING**

102 The fossils that are the focus of this study come from the middle of the informally named  
103 “red siltstone member” of the Chinle Formation (Fig. 1B-E), a 100-150 meter section of steep,  
104 bench forming red beds that overlie the Gartra Member, a conglomeratic sandstone considered to  
105 form the base of the Chinle Formation. The Eagle Basin Chinle Formation unconformably  
106 overlies the Permian Maroon Formation and Early Triassic State Bridge Formation, and is  
107 unconformably overlain by the Early Jurassic Entrada Formation (*Poole & Stewart, 1964*;  
108 *Stewart, Poole & Wilson, 1972*; *Dubiel & Skipp, 1989*; *Dubiel, 1992*).

109 The red siltstone member contains sandstones and conglomerate lenses interbedded with  
110 siltstones and very fine sandstones showing abundant evidence of pedogenic modification; these  
111 beds have been interpreted as moderate to high sinuosity channels sandstones and overbank  
112 deposits (*Dubiel, 1992*). The red siltstone member shows a subtle fining upward sequence in

113 which the upper part of the sequence is almost entirely siltstone to very fine-grained sandstone  
114 with more evidence of pedogenic development than seen in the lower part of the member (Fig.  
115 1B; *J.W. Martz & B.J. Small, unpublished notes*). Although *Poole & Stewart (1964)* correlated  
116 the red siltstone member with the Church Rock Member of Utah, the sedimentological transition  
117 from the lower to upper red siltstone member (Fig. 1B-C) resembles the shift from the Petrified  
118 Forest Member to the Owl Rock Member in the Colorado Plateau (*e.g. Blakey & Gubitosa,*  
119 *1983; Martz et al., 2017*). However, the current authors have not pursued sufficiently detailed  
120 lithostratigraphic correlations between the Eagle Basin and the Colorado Plateau to resolve the  
121 precise relationships between these units.

122         Vertebrate specimens from the Eagle Basin have primarily been recovered from the lower  
123 half of the red siltstone member, 50-60 meters below the top of the Chinle Formation, in the  
124 coarser-grained “Petrified Forest-like” facies (Fig. 1B). Specimens have been recovered from the  
125 highly productive Main Elk Creek locality near Newcastle, Colorado (DMNS loc. 1306), as well  
126 as the Derby Junction (DMNH loc. 692; Dubiel, 1992, p. W16), Lost Bob (DMNH loc. 3980),  
127 Lost Bob East (DMNH loc. 4629), Burrow Cliff (DMNH loc. 4340) and Shuvosaur Surprise  
128 (DMNH loc. 3492) localities. All localities occur at about the same stratigraphic horizon near  
129 Derby Junction, Colorado (Fig. 1B). Specimens consist mostly of isolated bones, with occasional  
130 associated remains and rare articulated elements, recovered from small conglomeratic lenses  
131 (Fig. 1E) probably representing small channels transporting remains under high energy  
132 conditions (*Small & Martz, 2013, unpublished data*). The finer-grained overbank siltstones (Fig.  
133 1D) represent lower energy conditions and have yielded some of the best-articulated material  
134 (*e.g. the holotype of *Stenomyti huangae*; Small & Martz, 2013*).

135           The precise age of the Eagle Basin Chinle localities is difficult to determine, as these  
136 strata have not yet yielded a diagnostic palynoflora, phytosaur cranial material, or radioisotopic  
137 dates required for definitive biostratigraphic or chronostratigraphic correlations with the better-  
138 calibrated Chinle Formation of the Colorado Plateau and Dockum Group of the southern High  
139 Plains (e.g. *Irmis et al., 2011; Martz & Parker, 2017*). However, specimens possibly referable to  
140 the leptopleuronine procolophonid *Libognathus* (DMNH EPV. 56657), the aetosaur  
141 *Rioarribosuchus* (e.g. DMNH EPV.48018, 48019), and the lagerpetid *Dromomeron romeri*  
142 (DMNH EPV.54826) all provide circumstantial evidence that the fossil localities may fall within  
143 the Revueltian estimated biochronozone (*Small, 2009; sensu Martz & Parker, 2017*) which is  
144 probably Alaunian to Sevatian (middle to late Norian) (*Martz & Parker, 2017*). Moreover, the  
145 aetosaur *Stenomyti huangae* (*Small & Martz, 2013*) is very similar to *Aetosaurus* material from  
146 European strata that are probably also Norian (*Wild, 1989; Heckert & Lucas, 2000; Bachmann &*  
147 *Kozur, 2004*), and *Aetosaurus*-like osteoderms have been identified from the Revueltian and  
148 Apachean estimated biochronozones elsewhere in the western United States (*Lucas, 1998;*  
149 *Heckert et al., 2007; Martz, 2008*).

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## 151 **METHODOLOGY**

152           All material described below from the Main Elk Creek, Lost Bob, Shuvosaur Surprise,  
153 Burrow Cliff, and Derby Junction localities are isolated and associated elements from larger  
154 bone assemblages. We rely primarily on an apomorphy-based approach for identification of  
155 vertebrates from the Eagle Basin localities following the framework established for other Upper  
156 Triassic localities (*Nesbitt & Stocker, 2008; Martz et al., 2013*). This testable approach utilizes  
157 the presence of discrete apomorphies in a phylogenetic framework to determine the taxonomic

158 placement of individual specimens (*Bever, 2005; Bell, Gauthier & Bever, 2010*). Incomplete  
159 specimens lacking clear autapomorphies may in some cases be tentatively assigned to particular  
160 taxa based on close association or similarity with more complete specimens possessing  
161 autapomorphies. Moreover, we have designated voucher specimens for all identified taxa, which  
162 are usually the most complete or best preserved specimens (Table 1). Measurements for selected  
163 appendicular elements are given in Table S1, illustrated in Fig. S1, and described in Appendix 1.

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## 175 **SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY**

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177 **Dinosauromorpha** *Benton, 1985 sensu Sereno, 1991*

178 **Lagerpetidae** *Arcucci, 1986 sensu Nesbitt et al., 2009a*

179 **Dromomeron** *Irmis et al., 2007*

180 **Dromomeron romeri** *Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007*

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182 **Referred specimens.** DMNH EPV.54826 (Fig. 2), proximal left femur (voucher specimen);  
183 DMNH EPV.63873 (Fig. 3), proximal right femur (and other associated elements, at least some  
184 of which are pseudosuchian); DMNH EPV.29956 (Fig. 4), right humerus.

## 185 **Description and discussion.**

### 186 **Femur**

187 Two proximal femora (Figs. 2-3; DMNH EPV.54826; DMNH EPV. 63873) recovered from  
188 Main Elk Creek possesses several apomorphies of the lagerpetid *Dromomeron* (*Irmis et al.*,  
189 2007; *Nesbitt et al.*, 2009a; *Langer et al.*, 2013). The femoral heads are distinctly hook-shaped  
190 with a ventrolateral emargination (ve in Figs. 2-3) as in *Dromomeron romeri*, *Lagerpeton*  
191 *chanarensis*, and *Ixalerpeton polesinensis* (*Nesbitt et al.*, 2009a; *Cabreira et al.*, 2016) and a  
192 well-developed posteromedial tuber (pmt in Fig. 2-3) that is much larger than the anteromedial  
193 tuber (amt in Fig. 2-3), which is barely discernible (autapomorphies of Lagerpetidae; *Nesbitt, et*  
194 *al.*, 2009a). The proximal end of the femora forms the smooth arc characteristic of lagerpetids,  
195 with the facies articularis antitrochanterica (faa in Figs. 2-3) extending more ventrally on the  
196 posteromedial side of the proximal femur as in other dinosauriforms (*Nesbitt et al.*, 2009a). An  
197 anterolateral tuber is absent so that the lateral side of the proximal femur head is relatively  
198 flattened in DMNH EPV.54826 (Fig. 2B), a feature shared by lagerpetids and shuvosaurids  
199 (*Nesbitt, 2011*), although the region is nonetheless somewhat swollen in DMNH EPV. 63873.  
200 There is no indication of the roughened anterior trochanter or posteromedial muscle scar  
201 diagnostic of *Dromomeron gigas* (*Martinez et al.*, 2015). The anterolateral edge of the proximal  
202 end of the femora is sharper than the posteromedial edge of the proximal end, although it does  
203 not form the distinct dorsolateral trochanter present in dinosauriforms (*Nesbitt, 2011, 307-0*).

204 Below this sharp edge, the anterolateral surface of the proximal end of the femur in  
205 DMNH EPV.54826 is slightly concave (cnc in Fig. 2A), although the region is not fully prepared  
206 in DMNH EPV.63873. This concavity distinguishes *Dromomeron* from *Lagerpeton*, in which the  
207 anterolateral surface is flattened (Nesbitt et al., 2009a, p. 502). At least in DMNH EPV.54826,  
208 where some of the shaft is preserved, both lesser (anterior) and fourth trochanters are completely  
209 absent (autapomorphy of *Dromomeron romeri*; Nesbitt et al., 2009a). The posteromedial surface  
210 of the femur shaft is flattened and a scar for M. caudifemoralis longus cannot be clearly  
211 discerned (Fig. 2D), while the anterolateral surface of the shaft is more convex (cnv in Fig. 2B).

## 212 **Humerus**

213 The only non-dinosauriform dinosauromorph humeri known are for *Ixalerpeton*, which was  
214 figured but not described in detail (Cabreira et al., 2016: figure 1F) and a passing mention by  
215 Nesbitt (2011, p. 125) of a humerus he assigned to *Dromomeron gregorii* (TMM 31000-1329)  
216 without description. A slender right humerus (DMNH EPV. 29956; Fig. 4) from the Main Elk  
217 Creek locality may also belong to *Dromomeron*.

218 The proximal end and deltopectoral crest of DMNH EPV. 26656 (dc in Fig. 4B, D) are  
219 strongly mediolaterally expanded relative to the shaft as in most archosauriforms, including  
220 *Ixalerpeton* (Cabreira et al., 2016) and the dinosauriforms *Asilisaurus*, *Lewisuchus*, and  
221 *Marasuchus* (Langer et al., 2013). The proximal end and deltopectoral crest are both much less  
222 expanded in the derived silesaurids *Silesaurus* and *Diodorus*, as well as shuvosaurids (Dzik,  
223 2003; Nesbitt, 2011; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Langer et al., 2013).

224 The expanded proximal part of the humerus is medially inclined (Fig. 4A, D). The  
225 proximal end bears two distinct swellings, possibly the ectotuberosity and entotuberosity of  
226 Welles (1984) (ec and en in Fig. 4A-B), and a pointed medial or internal tuberosity (mt in Fig.

227 4A-C). The medial tuberosity is slightly displaced distally relative to the proximal edge of the  
228 head as in most dinosauromorphs including *Ixalerpeton* (Cabreira et al., 2016: figure 1F), but  
229 not in *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003: figure 9), and *Herrerasaurus* (Sereno, 1994: figure 3), where the  
230 medial tuberosity is level with the proximal edge of the humerus.

231 The deltopectoral crest of DMNS EPV.29956 (dc in Fig. 4) is separated from the  
232 proximal end of the humerus by a thin crest of bone (tc in Fig. 4A, D-E) as in dinosaurs (Nesbitt,  
233 2011). However, as with most non-dinosaurian dinosauriforms, the deltopectoral crest retains the  
234 plesiomorphic state of being subtriangular with the apex less than a third the length of the shaft  
235 from the proximal end (Nesbitt, 2011); the deltopectoral crest in dinosaurs is subrectangular and  
236 extends more than a third of the length of the humerus from the proximal end (Langer & Benton,  
237 2006; Nesbitt, 2011). The lagerpetid *Ixalerpeton* differs from most non-dinosaurian  
238 dinosauriforms in that the crest also extends more than a third the length of the humerus  
239 (Cabreira et al., 2016).

240 Compared to *Marasuchus lilloensis* (Bonaparte, 1975, fig. 9), the shaft of the humerus in  
241 DMNH EPV. 29956 is very slender compared to the distal end, much like *Ixalerpeton* (Cabreira  
242 et al., 2016, figure 1F). A faintly preserved ectepicondylar flange and groove are present as in  
243 phytosaurs and pseudosuchian archosaurs (ecf in Fig. 4B, E), although these are absent in nearly  
244 all ornithomirans (Nesbitt, 2011). However, Nesbitt (2011, p. 125) noted that an ectepicondylar  
245 groove was present in the humerus he assigned to *Dromomeron gregorii* (TMM 31000-1329);  
246 whether or not a groove is present in *Ixalerpeton polesinensis* is unclear (Cabreira et al., 2016:  
247 figure 1F). The ectepicondyle (lateral distal condyle) projects more distally than the  
248 entepicondyle (medial condyle) (ect and ent in Fig. 4B-E) as it does in *Ixalerpeton* (Cabreira et

249 *al.*, 2016: figure 1F). The posterior side of the distal end is deeply concave, with the concavity  
250 tapering proximally (cnc in Fig. 4C-D).

251 Viewed proximally, the long axes of the distal and proximal ends of the humerus are not  
252 parallel, but offset at an angle of about 45° (Fig. 4E-F). The presence of torsion between the  
253 proximal and distal ends of the humerus is variable amongst dinosauromorphs. It is present to at  
254 least some extent in *Eoraptor lunensis*, sauropodomorphs, and most basal theropods (Tykowski,  
255 2005: 172-1), but absent (i.e. the long axes of the proximal and distal ends are parallel in  
256 proximal view) in *Marasuchus Herrerasaurus*, and basal ornithischians (Tykowski, 2005).

257 Given the presence of a single putative dinosaurian autapomorphy (a thin crest of bone  
258 separating the deltopectoral crest from the proximal end, also shared with *Ixalerpeton*) combined  
259 with a plesiomorphy absent in dinosaurs (subtriangular deltopectoral crest that does not extend  
260 far down the shaft), and the lack of any autapomorphies diagnosing any other archosauriform  
261 clade, DMNH EPV. 29956 is tentatively assigned to *Dromomeron*. The humerus is very distinct  
262 from those of both silesaurids and dinosaurs (see below).

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264 **Dinosauriformes** Novas, 1992

265 **Referred specimens.** DMNH EPV.67956 (Fig. 5), partial right scapula; DMNH EPV.63875,  
266 complete right tibia (Fig. 6), several worn proximal left femora (all unfigured): DMNH  
267 EPV.27699, DMNH EPV.43126, and DMNH EPV.43588; DMNH EPV.56652 (Fig. 7A), worn  
268 proximal tibia; DMNH EPV.63872 (Fig. 7B-F), proximal right tibia; DMNH EPV.67955 (Fig.  
269 7G-K), proximal left tibia.

270 **Description and discussion.** Some elements in the Eagle Basin collection possess dinosauriform  
271 apomorphies but cannot be assigned with certainty to a more specific group. These elements are

272 consistent with either silesaurids or basal (non-neotheropod) theropods (*e.g. Nesbitt et al.,*  
273 *2009b*), but lack autapomorphies that would allow them to be assigned definitively to either  
274 group. They are discussed here as potential silesaurid elements.

## 275 **Scapula**

276 DMNH EPV.67956 (Fig. 5) is a mostly complete right scapula from Lost Bob missing the much  
277 of the ventral anterior edge and the dorsal apex. The scapula is mediolaterally thickest ventrally  
278 at the articular glenoid (ag in Fig. 5C, E), and thins dorsally. In ventral view, the  
279 posteroventrally-facing surface of the glenoid is ovate, slightly concave, surfaced with spongy  
280 bone, and projects somewhat posterolaterally (Fig. 5E). Anterior to the glenoid, the element  
281 forms a subtriangular articular surface for the coracoid (co.ar in Fig. 5B, E). The posterior  
282 surface of the thickened part of the scapula immediately above the glenoid is flattened (Fig. 5C),  
283 the medial surface is slightly concave (cnc in Fig. 5B), and the lateral surface is slightly convex  
284 (cnv in Fig. 5D). The anterior part of the scapula prominence, including the preglenoid fossa, is  
285 not preserved except for part of the sharp-edged, posterodorsally-sloping, thin crest connecting  
286 the dorsal edge of the prominence to the anterior side of the shaft (tc in Fig. 5A-B, D). The  
287 absence of the scapula prominence is unfortunate, as the size of the ridge bordering the  
288 preglenoid fossa dorsally is much more sharper and narrower in at least some silesaurids  
289 compared to dinosaurs (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*), and may allow the two to be distinguished.

290         The anterior and posterior edges of the scapula shaft diverge slightly dorsally, indicating  
291 a widened dorsal apex, although most of the apex not preserved (asc in Fig. 5). However, it is  
292 evident that the blade length of the element is more than three times its distal width. Such  
293 “strap-like” scapulae occur in silesaurids and neotheropods (*Nesbitt, 2011: 218-1*), but also  
294 occurs in *Tawa hallae* (*Nesbitt et al., 2009b: figure 2B*). The lateral surface of the scapula shaft

295 is convex and the medial surface is slightly more flattened. Both surfaces are covered with faint  
296 longitudinal striations. The anterior edge of the shaft is also somewhat sharper than the posterior  
297 edge, and becomes very sharp as the shaft thins approaching the apex (Fig. 5A). The preserved  
298 part of the dorsal apex thins very abruptly (Fig. 5A, C). This may indicate an ossified  
299 suprascapula. Two tiny elongate depressions just below this abrupt thinning on the medial  
300 surface seem to be natural, and may end in tiny foramina.

301         The overall long and slender form of the scapula compares well with *Silesaurus* (Dzik,  
302 2003, figure 9), *Sacisaurus* (Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, figure 8i), and the basal theropod *Tawa*  
303 (*Nesbitt et al.*, 2009b, figure 2B). In most Late Triassic and Early Jurassic theropods, the element  
304 seems to be somewhat shorter with a much broader dorsal apex (*e.g.* Rowe, 1989: figure 2;  
305 Colbert, 1989: figures 2-3; Carpenter, 1997: figure 5; Sereno, 1994; Tykowski, 2005: figure 59-  
306 62; Langer, Bittencourt & Schultz, 2011; Martinez et al., 2011). However, in the absence of  
307 known silesaurid apomorphies, the Eagle Basin scapula can only be assigned to  
308 Dinosauriformes.

### 309 **Femur**

310 Several un-figured proximal femora (DMNH EPV. 27699, DMNH EPV.43126, and DMNH  
311 EPV.43588) are known from Main Elk Creek that are referable to Dinosauriformes based on the  
312 presence of an anterior trochanter but lack a trochanteric shelf; moreover, DMNH EPV.43126  
313 possesses a posterolateral trochanter, which also diagnoses Dinosauriformes (*Langer & Benton,*  
314 2006; *Nesbitt, 2011*). Preserved portions of these elements are identical to the silesaurid femora  
315 described below and likely belong to *Kwanasaurus*, but the proximal ends are too badly worn to  
316 preserve critical silesaurid apomorphies. As a result, they can only be assigned to  
317 Dinosauriformes.

318 **Tibia**

319 DMNH EPV.63875 (Fig. 6), a complete right tibia from Lost Bob East, DMNH EPV.56652 (Fig.  
320 7A), a badly worn proximal tibia from Main Elk Creek, DMNH EPV.63872 (Fig. 7B-F), a  
321 proximal right tibia from Lost Bob, and DMNH EPV.67955 (Fig. 7G-K), a proximal left tibia  
322 from Lost Bob, can also be referred to Dinosauriformes. The combination of character states in  
323 these elements is consistent with silesaurids, although there aren't any identified tibia  
324 autapomorphies for silesaurids.

325         The posterior lateral and medial condyles at the proximal end (lc and mc in Figs.6-7) are  
326 adjacent in all specimens except for DMNH EPV.56652 (Fig. 7A), which is too badly worn to  
327 tell. Adjacent proximal condyles occur in silesaurids and theropods (*Langer & Benton, 2006*;  
328 *Nesbitt et al., 2009b; Nesbitt, 2011*). However, the proximal surfaces of DMNH EPV. 63875  
329 and DMNH EPV.63872 are gently convex (Fig. 6C, E; 7D), and the cnemial crest is more or less  
330 straight (cc in Figs. 6A, 7B, G), as in non-dinosaurian dinosauromorphs. All specimens possess a  
331 distinct fibular crest (fc in Figs. 6E, 7A, F, K) as in most Triassic dinosauriforms except for  
332 *Tawa* (*Nesbitt et al., 2009b*). Moreover, unlike the condition in neotheropods, the cnemial crest  
333 does not project more proximally than the rest of the proximal end, and lacks a concavity  
334 separating the crest from the condyles (Fig. 6C, E, 7D, F, I, K). Unlike the basal theropod  
335 *Chindesaurus bryansmalli* (*Long & Murry, 1995; Nesbitt et al., 2009b; Marsh et al. 2016*), the  
336 lateral and medial condyles are about the same size (Fig. 6A, 7B).

337         The posteromedial surface of the proximal end of the tibiae has a distinct swelling  
338 adjacent to the medial condyle in DMNH EPV.63875 (sw in Fig. 6A, C-D) that is apparently  
339 absent in the smaller specimens. The fibular crest extends parallel to the long axis of all tibiae  
340 and terminates distally before reaching the midpoint of the element (Fig. 6E, 7A, F, K). A

341 distinct ridge is also present on the lateral side of the cnemial crest DMNH EPV.63875 and  
342 DMNH EPV.67955 (where cc is labeled in Figs. 6E, 7K).

343 The shafts of the tibiae are mediolaterally somewhat constricted and oval in cross section  
344 for about the proximal third, and then become subcircular in cross section by the midpoint of the  
345 shaft. Roughly the distal third of the posterolateral edge of the shaft of DMNH EPV.63875 is  
346 slightly constricted above the posterolateral flange at the distal end (Fig. 6D).

347 In DMNH EPV.63875, the distal end of the tibia bears a distinct slightly distally  
348 projecting and blade-like posterolateral process (plp in Fig. 6D-F) as in other dinosauriforms.  
349 This seems to be more similar to the pronounced crest-like posterolateral process of *Sacisaurus*  
350 (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, figure 18*) than to the smaller process of *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003,*  
351 *figure 13*). There is a broad depression for the ascending process of the astragalus (as.ar in Fig.  
352 6E-F), bounded anteriorly by a distinct thickening that is slightly wider than the posterolateral  
353 process, a character shared by silesaurids and saurischian dinosaurs (*Novas, 1996; Langer &*  
354 *Benton, 2006; Nesbitt, 2011*). Anterior to the depression for the ascending process, the anterior  
355 part of the distal end projects slightly anterior to the tibia shaft as a slightly pinched eminence  
356 (Fig. 6E-F).

357 These tibiae compare well overall to the element in *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003: figure 13*)  
358 and *Sacisaurus* (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013: figure 18*), and lack character states present in  
359 neotheropods such as dorsal expansion of the cnemial crest, posterolateral concavity at the distal  
360 end, and a proximodistally oriented ridge on the posterior side of the distal end (distinct from the  
361 posterolateral flange) (*Nesbitt, 2011*). The elements cannot currently be completely ruled out as  
362 non-neotheropod theropods, as the presence of these characters is variable in basal theropods  
363 such as *Tawa* and herrerasaurids (*Nesbitt et al., 2009b: p. 1532; Nesbitt, 2011*), and the tibiae of

364 *Eodromaeus murphi* and *Daemonosaurus chauliodus* are unknown (Martinez et al., 2011).

365 However, for reasons discussed above the elements are not referable to *Tawa* or *Chindesaurus*.

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367 **Silesauridae** Nesbitt et al., 2010

368 **Definition (stem-based):** The most inclusive clade for Silesauridae contains *Silesaurus*

369 *opolensis* Dzik, 2003 but not *Passer domesticus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Triceratops horridus* Marsh,

370 1889 and *Alligator mississippiensis* Daudin, 1802.

371 **Diagnosis.** See Appendix 3.

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373 **Sulcimentisauria clade nov.**

374 **Definition (stem-based).** The most inclusive clade that includes *Silesaurus opolensis* Dzik 2003

375 but not *Asilisaurus kongwe* Nesbitt et al. 2010.

376 **Diagnosis.** See Appendix 3.

377 **Etymology.** Latin *sulcus*- “grooved” + Latin *mentum* “chin” + Greek *sauros* “lizard.” In

378 reference to the ventrally placed Meckelian groove on the dentary.

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380 ***Kwanasaurus* gen. nov.**

381 **LSID.** urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:E9514954-F9FD-4D79-A620-D705122D59D5

382 **Type species.** *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri*.

383 **Etymology.** Ute *kwana*- “eagle” + Greek *sauros* “lizard.” The generic name honors the town and

384 county of Eagle in Colorado, located near the fossil localities that produced the type and referred

385 specimens, as well as the Ute people. The town and county of Eagle are named for the Eagle

386 River (Río Águila in Spanish), said to be translated from a local Ute name for the river or from  
387 the name of a Ute chief.

388 **Autapomorphic diagnosis.** *Kwanasaurus* is distinguished from other silesaurid taxa by the  
389 following autapomorphies: Main body and posterior process of maxilla extremely short and  
390 robust; ascending process of the maxilla extends at least half the anteroposterior length of the  
391 element, prominent posterolateral flange and complex jugal and lacrimal articulations on  
392 posterior end of posterior process of the maxilla, massive subtriangular, ventromedially oriented  
393 flange on medial surface of the maxilla; twelve maxillary teeth and fourteen dentary teeth; ilium  
394 with elongate and blade-like preacetabular process that extends beyond the pubic peduncle;  
395 concave ventral acetabular margin of ilium; medial condyle at distal end of femur very thin  
396 compared to lateral condyle and crista tibiofibularis; depression on distal end of the femur  
397 anterior to the crista tibiofibularis.

398 **Differential diagnosis.** *Kwanasaurus* shares the following combination of character states with  
399 various silesaurid taxa: Anterior edge of ascending process of maxilla rises steeply (as in  
400 *Sacisaurus*, edge slopes more gently in *Lewisuchus*); tooth positions extend nearly to the  
401 posterior end of the maxilla (as in *Lewisuchus*, the posteriormost end of the maxilla is edentulous  
402 in *Silesaurus* and *Sacisaurus*); dentary with lateral ridge (shared with *Diodorus* and  
403 *Eucoelophysis*; absent in *Silesaurus*, *Sacisaurus*, and *Technosaurus*); Meckelian groove located  
404 near ventral margin of dentary (shared with *Silesaurus*, *Sacisaurus*, *Diodorus*, *Technosaurus*,  
405 and *Eucoelophysis*; differs from *Asilisaurus* in which the groove is near the midline of the  
406 dentary); Meckelian groove extends through dentary symphysis (shared with *Silesaurus* and  
407 *Sacisaurus*, groove does not extend through symphysis in *Diodorus*); dentary teeth “leaf-  
408 shaped”, broad-based, coarsely denticulate, and not distally striated (as in *Diodorus*,

409 *Technosaurus*, and *Eucoelophysis*, differs from the more conical, finely denticulate, and  
410 sometimes distally striated teeth of *Asilisaurus*, *Silesaurus* and *Sacisaurus*, as well as the  
411 recurved and serrated teeth of *Lewisuchus*); most dentary teeth not anteriorly canted (shared with  
412 *Silesaurus*, *Sacisaurus*, *Technosaurus*, and *Eucoelophysis*; differs from *Diodorus*, in which all  
413 dentary teeth are anteriorly canted); humerus with distinct torsion between proximal and distal  
414 ends (as in *Silesaurus*, differs from *Diodorus* in which the proximal and distal ends are more  
415 parallel); iliac blade horizontal and ‘saddle-shaped’ (as in *Silesaurus* and *Eucoelophysis*; iliac  
416 blade more vertically oriented in *Lutungutali* and *Ignotosaurus*); anterior trochanter of femur in  
417 at least some individuals subtriangular and not notched (shared with smaller individuals of  
418 *Silesaurus*; trochanter is notched in *Diodorus*, *Sacisaurus*, and larger individuals of *Silesaurus*);  
419 trochanteric shelf absent (as in *Diodorus*, *Sacisaurus*, *Eucoelophysis*, and some individuals of  
420 *Silesaurus*; shelf present in larger individuals of *Silesaurus*); fourth trochanter present (shared  
421 with *Silesaurus*, *Diodorus* and *Sacisaurus*, trochanter absent in *Eucoelophysis*).

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423 ***Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* sp. nov.**

424 **LSID.** urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:25A4AE71-56B3-4797-B30D-1FA1D37E1F3F

425 **Etymology.** Honors friend and colleague Bill Parker, whose research has helped to greatly  
426 clarify our understanding of Late Triassic dinosauroform diversity in the western United States.

427 **Holotype.** DMNH EPV.65879 (Fig. 8A-H), a partial left maxilla.

428 **Type horizon and locality.** Locality DMNH 4340 (Burrow Cliff), “red siltstone member” of the  
429 Chinle Formation (Upper Triassic, Norian and/or Rhaetian), northern Colorado, USA.

430 **Referred specimens.** (See Table 1 for localities) DMNH EPV.63650 (Fig. 8I-P), partial right  
431 maxilla; DMNH EPV.125921 (Fig. 9A-H), partial left maxilla; DMNH EPV.125923 (Fig. 9I-P),

432 partial right maxilla; DMNH EPV.63136 (Fig. 11), almost complete left dentary; DMNH  
433 EPV.63135 (Fig. 12A-D), partial right dentary; DMNH EPV.63660 (Fig. 12J-L), anterior left  
434 dentary; DMNH EPV.65878 (Fig. 12G-I), partial right dentary; DMNH EPV.57599 (Fig. 12E-  
435 F), partial ?right dentary; DMNH EPV.43577 (Fig. 14A), isolated tooth; DMNH EPV.63142  
436 (Fig.14B), isolated tooth; DMNH EPV.63143 (Fig. 14C), isolated tooth; DMNH EPV.63661  
437 (Fig. 14E), isolated tooth; DMNH EPV. 63843 (Fig. 13D); DMNH EPV.125922 (Fig. 13F),  
438 isolated tooth; DMNH EPV.59302 (Fig. 15), nearly complete left humerus; DMNH EPV.48506  
439 (Fig.16), complete left ilium; DMNH EPV.63653 (Fig. 17A-C), partial left ilium; DMNH  
440 EPV.52195 (Fig.17D-G), partial left ilium; DMNH EPV.34579 (Fig. 18), nearly complete left  
441 femur; DMNH EPV.54828 (Fig. 19A-E), proximal right femur; DMNH EPV.59311 (Fig. 21F-J),  
442 badly worn proximal right femur; DMNH EPV.44616 (Fig.19F-J), proximal right femur; DMNH  
443 EPV.56651 (Fig. 19K-O), proximal left femur; DMNH EPV.59301 (Fig. 21K-O), proximal left  
444 femur; DMNH EPV.63139 (Fig. 21A-E), proximal left femur; DMNH EPV.63874 (Fig. 20F-J),  
445 proximal left femur; DMNH EPV.67956 (Fig. 22), distal left femur; DMNH EPV.125924 (Fig.  
446 20A-E), proximal right femur.

447 **Diagnosis.** As for genus, by monotypy.

#### 448 **Description and discussion.**

449 Silesaurids (non-dinosaurian dinosauriforms) are the most abundant dinosauriform elements in  
450 the Eagle Basin, although assigning any elements to a particular alpha taxon is problematic for  
451 several reasons:

- 452 1) Nearly all Eagle Basin specimens are isolated elements, reducing the number of potential  
453 autapomorphies that can be identified for any individual.

- 454 2) Few alpha taxon autapomorphies have been identified for members of Silesauridae  
455 (*Peacock et al., 2013; Langer and Ferigolo, 2013; Breeden et al., 2017*) with the  
456 exception of *Lewisuchus* (*Bittencourt et al., 2014*) and *Asilisaurus* (*Nesbitt et al., 2010*),  
457 the oldest and most basal undisputed silesaurid taxon.
- 458 3) Character state polarities within Silesauridae are currently largely unresolved so that the  
459 topology of Sulcimentisauria, the clade of all silesaurids more derived than *Asilisaurus*, is  
460 highly variable between analyses, and often a polytomy (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Kammerer*  
461 *et al., 2012; Peacock et al., 2013; Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018*). Moreover,  
462 character state polarities are, at least in some cases, subject to both ontogeny and  
463 intraspecific variation (*Piechowski, Talanda & Dzik, 2014; Griffin and Nesbitt, 2016a,*  
464 *b*).

465 However, within the Eagle Basin collection, homologous elements with silesaurid  
466 apomorphies tend to share character states distinguishing these specimens from previously  
467 described silesaurid taxa. This is taken as circumstantial evidence that the Eagle Basin silesaurid  
468 material belongs to a single alpha taxon. Similar apomorphy-based logic has been applied to  
469 other silesaurid taxa where the holotype consists of a single element, and an overall picture of  
470 skeletal anatomy is cobbled together from isolated elements (*e.g. Nesbitt et al., 2010; Kammerer,*  
471 *Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, p. 355*). While far from ideal, this approach  
472 allows an at least a provisional combination of phylogenetically informative character states to  
473 be assembled that is subject to potential falsification with the discovery of associated material,  
474 subject to revision if more complete specimens are ever recovered.

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## 476 **Maxilla**

477 Four incomplete silesaurid maxillae are known from the Eagle Basin Chinle Formation. The  
478 holotype is DMNH EPV.65879 (Fig. 8A-H), a left element from one of the largest individuals  
479 known from the collection with a preserved anteroposterior length of 56 mm. The other three  
480 specimens are much smaller with a preserved length of 30-35 mm long: right elements DMNH  
481 EPV.63650 (Figure 8I-P) and DMNH EPV.125921 (Fig. 9A-H), and left element DMNH  
482 EPV.125923 (Fig. 9I-P). All specimens can be assigned to Silesauridae due to the teeth being  
483 ankylosed into the sockets (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Langer et al., 2013*), and they can all be assigned  
484 to *Kwanasaurus* based on the distinctive medial flange and their robust form compared to other  
485 silesaurids (see below). The external surface of the maxilla has been previously described in  
486 *Lewisuchus* (*Bittencourt et al., 2014*), *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003*) and *Sacisaurus* (*Langer &*  
487 *Ferigolo, 2013*) (Fig. 10C-G), but the internal morphology of a silesaurid maxilla has only been  
488 figured by *Dzik (2003: Fig.5B)*, and is here described in detail for the first time (Figs. 8C-D, K-  
489 L, 9C-D, K-L; 10B, D, F). All elements preserve most of the tooth-bearing body of the maxilla.  
490 DMNH EPV.65879 and DMNH EPV.125921 lack the anteriormost tip of the element (Figs. 8A-  
491 H; 9A-F) and DMNH EPV.63650 and DMNH EPV.125923 lack the posterior tip (Figs. 8I-P; 9I-  
492 P). DMNH EPV.63650 preserves the base of the ascending process (Fig. 8A-F), which is  
493 completely missing in the other specimens; however, in DMNH EPV.125921 the process,  
494 although apparently lost, was reconstructed by pushing putty into the impression of the medial  
495 surface (Fig. 9A-F).

496         The main body and posterior process of the maxilla is a far dorsoventrally deeper,  
497 anteroventrally shorter, and more robust element than occurs in other silesaurid taxa (Figs. 8-10).  
498 In lateral view, the main tooth-bearing body of the maxilla is slightly dorsally emarginated by the  
499 antorbital fossa (see below) between about the fourth and sixth tooth positions (Figs. 8-9).

500 DMNH EPV.125921 is somewhat more gracile in appearance compared to the Eagle Basin  
501 specimens (Fig. 9A-F), but still more robust than other silesaurids (Fig. 10). In all specimens,  
502 there is a row of small subcircular to ovate foramina on the lateral surface of the maxilla  
503 immediately above the tooth row that extends the length of the tooth-bearing segment. The  
504 foramina do not have a one to one relationship with the alveoli (Figure 8A-B, I-J; 9A-B, I-J). In  
505 DMNH EPV.65879 and DMNH EPV.125923, additional scattered subcircular and elongate  
506 foramina of similar size occur above this lower row (Figs. 8A-B, 9I-J); this is not clearly evident  
507 in the other specimens.

508         In all specimens, the medial (lingual) surface of the main tooth-bearing body of the  
509 maxilla bears a row of larger foramina (rf in Figs. 8-9) that extend the length of the element just  
510 above the tooth sockets, and have a clear one to one relationship with the alveoli. These foramina  
511 are similar to those seen in some thyreophoran dinosaurs (*e.g. Edmund 1960; Colbert 1981*). All  
512 foramina are well-developed and smooth-walled, and might have been openings for nerve and  
513 vasculature to the alveolus instead of resorption pits, which are generally formed by the  
514 disappearance or remodeling of the tooth root and bone during the tooth replacement process.  
515 Consequently we use the term replacement foramina *sensu Edmund (1960)* for these openings  
516 instead of resorption pits. These foramina are particularly compressed and elongate above the  
517 first four to five tooth positions, and become more broadly ovate to circular more posteriorly. In  
518 DMNH EPV.65879, the first five elongate replacement foramina lie within a clearly defined  
519 groove (in Fig. 8C-D; largely concealed by medial flange), which shallows and ends at the sixth  
520 replacement foramen; this groove is absent in the smaller specimens, where the foramina are also  
521 relatively large. Foramina set within a groove occur in the same position in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10F;

522 *Dzik, 2003, fig. 5A*), although the foramina do not seem to be much smaller than in any of the  
523 *Kwanasaurus* specimens. Other numerous tiny foramina are scattered across the medial surface.

524         The anteriormost part of the lateral surface of the maxilla is slightly inset and angled  
525 medially relative to the main body of the element above the first tooth position. This probably  
526 represents the area overlapped laterally by the premaxilla (pm.ar in Figs. 8-9). The same  
527 condition seems to be present in *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003, fig. 5B*), and an anteriorly facing  
528 concavity also occurs here in *Sacisaurus* (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*) (Fig. 10E, G). In  
529 *Lewisuchus*, the “shallow notch” at the base of the ascending process of the maxilla (*Bittencourt*  
530 *et al., 2014, p. 191*) may be homologous (labeled “pm.ar?” in Fig. 10C). This inset region  
531 terminates anteriorly with a short pointed prong, the anteromedial process (amp in Figs. 8-10;  
532 *Prieto-Marquez & Norell, 2011*), originating immediately anterior to the first tooth position,  
533 which also occurs in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10E; *Dzik, 2003, figure 5A*), *Lewisuchus* (Fig. 10C;  
534 *Bittencourt et al., 2014* described this as the “maxillary cranial process”); and other archosaurs.  
535 This region is either not well-preserved in *Sacisaurus*, or the process is extremely short in that  
536 taxon (Fig. 10G; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, fig. 2*). The anteromedial process is best-preserved in  
537 DMNH EPV.65879 and especially DMNH EPV.125923, and has a distinctly hooked shape in  
538 dorsal view (Figs. 8E-F, 9O-P).

539         The medial surface of the anteriomedial process bears a sharp longitudinal crest (vo.ar in  
540 Fig. 8-9), probably representing the vomerine flange (*e.g. Prieto-Marquez & Norell, 2011*). In  
541 the three smaller specimens, the vomerine flange is very sharp, but in DMNH EPV.65879 it is  
542 thicker with longitudinal striations along its ventral surface. In DMNH EPV.65879 and DMNH  
543 EPV.125923 the process projects medially just anterior to the first tooth position (Fig. 8G-H, 9O-  
544 P). The vomerine flange is also thicker in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10F), but it is also present in

545 *Lewisuchus* (Fig. 10D) and *Sacisaurus* specimen MCN PV10091 (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, p.*  
546 *355*, described a “short/plate-like palatal ramus” but did not figure it).

547         Only the very base of the ascending process of the maxilla remains in DMNH  
548 EPV.65879 (Fig. 8A-D) and DMNH EPV.125923 (Fig. 9P-N), but the ascending process is  
549 slightly more complete in DMNH EPV.63650 (Fig. 8I-L), although badly damaged, and at least  
550 the medial surface is reconstructed using putty pushed into the impression left by missing bone  
551 in DMNH EPV.125921 (Fig. 9C-F). The ascending process is extremely thin in DMNH  
552 EPV.63650, and this seems to have been the case in the other specimens as well judging by the  
553 width of the broken edge (brk in Figs. 8F, 9N). In all specimens, the ascending process  
554 originated at least as far anteriorly as the first tooth position, rising steeply posterodorsally from  
555 the anteromedial process or just posterior to it; the anterior edge of the ascending process also  
556 seems to rise steeply as in *Sacisaurus* (Fig. 10G; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*) and possibly  
557 *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10E-F; *Dzik, 2003, figure 6*) in contrast to the more gently posterodorsally  
558 sloping ascending process of *Lewisuchus* (Fig. 10C-D; *Bittencourt et al., 2014, figure 1*). The  
559 ascending process in DMNH EPV.63650 is somewhat dorsomedially inclined (Fig. 8M-N)  
560 though this is not evident in DMNH EPV.125921 (Fig. 9E-F). The posteroventral edge of the  
561 ascending process in DMNH EPV.63650 and DMNH EPV.125923 is intact, and slopes to join  
562 the dorsal edge of the main body of the maxilla above about the sixth tooth position (Figs. 8I-L;  
563 9I-L). The ascending process seems to be much anteroposteriorly shorter in other silesaurids  
564 (Fig. 10).

565         Most specimens except for DMNH EPV.63650 preserve only a tiny remnant of the  
566 anterior edge of the antorbital fossa. However, DMNH EPV.63650 preserves what seems to be a  
567 nearly complete antorbital fossa (=the “recessed medial lamina of the dorsal process” *sensu*

568 *Prieto-Marquez & Norell, 2011*) that embays the posterior half or so of the lateral surface of the  
569 ascending process (Fig. 8I-J). The fossa is subtriangular with slightly convex anterior and ventral  
570 margins. The ventral margin extends between about the fourth and seventh tooth positions (also  
571 seen in DMNH EPV.125923; Fig. 9I-J), while the anterior margin probably did not contact the  
572 nasal. In DMNH EPV.65650 a distinct swollen area occurs at the ventral margin of the fossa  
573 above the fourth tooth position. An irregular hole with clearly broken edges has removed most of  
574 the surface of the fossa in this specimen, so it is unclear if there was a promaxillary fenestra as in  
575 *Sacisaurus* (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*). The medial side of the posterior edge of the ascending  
576 process is slightly thickened by a faint ridge in DMNH EPV.65650; in both that specimen and  
577 the reconstructed DMNH EPV.125921 (Figs. 8K-L, 9C-D), the anterior part of the medial  
578 surface bears a distinct concavity.

579         The most striking feature of the medial (lingual) side of the maxilla is an enormous  
580 medial flange that is fully preserved in both DMNH EPV.65879 DMNH EPV.63650 (mef in Fig.  
581 8C-D, K-L) and partially preserved in the other specimens (Fig. 9C-D, K-L). In all specimens,  
582 the flange originates as a thick ridge that crests posterodorsally from the vomerine flange (Figs.  
583 8C-D, K-L, 9C-D, K-L), and in the more complete specimens descends posteroventally to  
584 become a sharper-edged, subtriangular flange that reaches its greatest breadth below the fifth and  
585 sixth tooth positions. Posterior to this, the edge of the flange ascends posterodorsally to become a  
586 smaller and even sharper-edged crest representing the palatine flange (see below). The medial  
587 flange is clearly absent in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10F; *Dzik, 2003, figure 5a*) and *Lewisuchus* (Fig. 10D;  
588 *Bittencourt et al., 2014*), and the condition is unknown from other silesaurids, including  
589 *Sacisaurus* for which the medial surface of the only known complete maxilla (MCN PV10050) is  
590 concealed (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*). To our knowledge, nothing similar has been described in

591 any other Triassic dinosauromorphs, where the vomer and palatine articulations are usually fully  
592 separated rather than being joined by any kind of crest (*e.g. Dzik, 2003; Prieto-Marquez &*  
593 *Norell, 2011*). It is tempting to speculate that the medial flange in the Eagle Basin specimens is  
594 actually a separate element, perhaps the palatine fused to the maxilla, but it lacks any obvious  
595 medial articular surface for the pterygoid, and no trace of a continuous suture can be clearly  
596 discerned separating the flange from the maxilla in either specimen, even in the smaller (and  
597 likely less mature) specimens. Moreover, the probable sutural surface for the palatine can be  
598 discerned on its surface in the holotype (see below).

599         In DMNH.EPV 65879 there is a complex series of crests, grooves, ridges, and rugosities  
600 on the dorsal and medial surfaces of the posterior ramus of the maxilla probably representing the  
601 contacts for the jugal, lacrimal, and palatine (ju.la.ar in Fig. 8C-F). This region is far more  
602 complex in DMNH EPV.65879 than in *Lewisuchus*, *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10D, F), or the smaller  
603 *Kwanasaurus* specimens (Fig. 8K-N, 9C-F; concealed by matrix in DMNH EPV.125923; Fig.  
604 9K-N). However, the morphology of this area is remarkably similar to the *Plateosaurus*  
605 specimen described by *Prieto-Marquez & Norell (2011, figures 4-5)*, and our interpretation is  
606 modeled after theirs. A prominent flange rises from the lateral side of the dorsal surface of the  
607 posterior ramus, convex on the lateral surface and concave on the medial surface; we refer to it  
608 as the posterolateral flange (plf in Fig. 8B, D; 10A-B). It is tempting to suggest that this crest  
609 represents part of the jugal or lacrimal, but it seems to clearly be part of the maxilla with no trace  
610 of a suture. In lateral view, this flange would have partly concealed the anterior end of the  
611 articulated jugal in lateral view. No similar flange occurs in the smaller Eagle Basin specimens  
612 (Figs. 8I-P, 9), so it is possible that this is a feature that develops with maturity.

613 In DMNH EPV.65879, two deep, longitudinal, dorsomedially-facing grooves separated  
614 by a ridge occur on the dorsal surface of the posterior end of the maxilla, above the posterior  
615 termination of the medial flange. These medial and lateral grooves probably represent the jugal  
616 and lacrimal articulations respectively (ju.la.ar in Fig. 8C-F). Both originate above the 9<sup>th</sup> tooth  
617 position, but the lateral groove extends to the posterior end of the maxilla, while the medial  
618 groove only extends as far as the 11<sup>th</sup> tooth position. Ventral to the medial (lacrimal?) groove,  
619 the medial surface of the posterior process is covered with pits and striations that may also be  
620 part of the lacrimal articulation. The posterior end of maxilla bears small tuberosities (Fig. 8A-B)  
621 suggesting a tight sutural contact with the jugal.

622 In DMNH EPV.65879 there is a distinct triangular embayment occurring slightly more  
623 anteriorly along the edge of the medial flange but just posterior to the apex of the flange (pa.ar in  
624 Figure 8C-D). This region probably represents the articulation with the palatine, in which case  
625 the palatine had a very broad contact with posterior edge of the medial flange of the maxilla.  
626 This sutural surface is not evident in any of the smaller specimens, although in DMNH  
627 EPV.123923 the region is not fully prepared.

628 In DMNH EPV.65879, the main tooth-bearing body of the maxilla seems to have a  
629 completely preserved tooth row with 12 tooth positions, with fully emergent teeth in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
630 and 4<sup>th</sup> alveoli (Figure 8A-D, G-H). This is similar to the maxillary tooth counts in *Silesaurus*  
631 (11; *Dzik, 2003*) and *Sacisaurus* (10; *Ferigolo & Langer, 2007*) but considerably less than in  
632 *Lewisuchus* (20; *Bittencourt et al., 2014*). The main body of the maxilla is missing past the ninth  
633 tooth position in DMNH EPV.63650 and not well-preserved in the other two specimens, but all  
634 seem to have had minimally nine teeth and probably more. The posteriormost alveoli in the  
635 maxilla are indicated by an arrow in Fig. 10; the alveoli extend almost to the posterior end of the

636 posterior ramus of the maxilla, which seems to be nearly complete DMNH EPV.65879; this is  
637 also the case in *Lewisuchus* (Fig. 10C-D; *Bittencourt et al., 2014, fig. 1*), but not in *Silesaurus* or  
638 *Sacisaurus*, where the posteriormost part of the maxilla seems to be edentulous (Fig. 10E-G;  
639 *Dzik, 2003, fig. 6; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*).

640         In DMNH EPV.63650 and DMNH EPV.125923 there is a deep depression above the  
641 anteriormost teeth that contains a series of smaller subcircular depressions (rp in Fig. 9M-N; not  
642 visible in Fig. 8M-N due to the ascending process being preserved). In DMNH EPV.65879 this  
643 same region is contains a thickened area with circular areas of spongy bone occurring over the  
644 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tooth positions, and a poorly preserved pit seems to occur above the 1<sup>st</sup> tooth position  
645 (Fig. 8C-F). These depressed areas seem to be associated with the dorsal ends of the tooth roots;  
646 indeed, in DMNH EPV.125923 the root of the emerging third tooth crown projects from the  
647 dorsal surface of the medial flange (rt in Fig. 9I-N). The pattern of tooth replacement will be  
648 discussed in more detail below. In all specimens, the ventral side of the medial flange also  
649 defines an elongate depression with a series of deeper subcircular depressions occurring beneath  
650 the broadest part of the flange (best seen in Fig. 8G-H below where “mef” is labeled), which do  
651 not have a one to one relationship with the tooth positions.

652         The dorsal surface of the main body of the maxilla in DMNH EPV.65879 is covered with  
653 deep pits and grooves of uncertain nature (the dark patches near the region marked “brk” in Fig.  
654 8F). Just anterior to the two grooves representing the jugal and lacrimal articulation is another  
655 deep groove, the posterior part of which seems to be surrounded by finished bone, but the  
656 anterior part and pits appear to be broken bone, and occur where the antorbital fossa of the  
657 ascending process occurs in DMNH EPV.63650 and DMNH EPV.125923. It is therefore  
658 suggested that these represent an originally closed canal and/or cavities that were covered by the

659 ascending process or exited its base as a foramen. A similarly positioned foramen seems to occur  
660 on the dorsal surface of the maxilla in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 10F; *Dzik, 2003, figure 5*), but cannot be  
661 clearly discerned in other Eagle Basin specimens.

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### 663 **Dentary and angular**

664 Two nearly complete silesaurid dentaries are known from the Eagle Basin; DMNH  
665 EPV.63136 (a left; Fig. 11) and DMNH EPV.63135 (a right; Fig. 12A-D). DMNH EPV.63136 is  
666 the most complete silesaurid dentary described, as it seems to completely preserve both the  
667 anteriormost and posteriormost ends of the element, unlike all other described dentaries (Fig. 13;  
668 *Irmis et al., 2007; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Nesbitt et al., 2010; Kammerer, Nesbitt &*  
669 *Shubin, 2012; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*). DMNH EPV.63136 has a preserved anteroposterior  
670 length of 36 mm, and a maximum preserved dorsoventral height (not counting the tooth crowns)  
671 of 11 mm. DMNH EPV.63135 is missing an uncertain amount of the anterior and posterior ends,  
672 but based on comparison with the more complete specimen, the most anteriorly preserved tooth  
673 crown is probably the third tooth position; the specimen has a preserved anteroposterior length is  
674 34 mm, and a maximum preserved dorsoventral height of 8 mm. Two other dentaries, DMNH  
675 EPV.57599 (a possible right; Fig. 12E-F), and DMNH EPV.65878 (a possible left; Fig. 12G-I),  
676 are missing an uncertain amount of the anterior and posterior ends, while DMNH EPV.63660 is  
677 a left anterior end (Fig. 12J-L). All of these specimens seem to represent individuals of  
678 comparable size or smaller than the more complete dentaries.

679 As with the maxillae, all specimens can be assigned to Silesauridae due to the teeth being  
680 ankylosed into the sockets (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Langer et al., 2013*). These dentaries can also be  
681 assigned to Sulcimentisauria, the clade containing all known silesaurids exclusive of *Asilisaurus*

682 based on the following apomorphies: Meckelian groove lies near the ventral margin of the  
683 dentary (Mk in Figs. 11-12), and dentary teeth have constrictions below the crown (Appendix 1;  
684 *Nesbitt et al., 2010*). Moreover, in DMNH EPV.63135 and DMNH EPV.63136 the dorsal edge  
685 of the dentary is clearly concave rather than convex, and the dentary teeth crowns are short and  
686 sub-triangular (Figs. 11, 12A-D) rather than peg-like, which also distinguishes these taxa from  
687 *Asilisaurus* (*Nesbitt et al., 2010*) and *Soumyasaurus* (*Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018*). In  
688 DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH EPV.63660, the only specimens to preserve the very tip of the  
689 dentary, the anterior tip is a sharp, edentulous point (Figs.11-12J-L), another silesaurid feature  
690 (*Nesbitt et al., 2010*).

691         The dentary of *Kwanasaurus* seems to be distinctly deeper than the relatively slender  
692 dentaries of *Eucoelophysis* (Fig. 13E-F), *Sacisaurus* (Fig. 13I-J), and *Soumyasaurus* (*Sarigül,*  
693 *Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018: figure 5*). The ventral margins of DMNH EPV.63135, DMNH  
694 EPV.63136, and DMNH EPV.63660 are slightly convex (Fig. 11A-D, 12A-D, J-L); the other  
695 specimens are too incomplete to be certain if they share this feature. Viewed dorsally or  
696 ventrally, the two most complete dentaries also curve slightly anterolaterally, suggesting that this  
697 shape is natural; DMNH EPV.63136 is constricted at the edentulous tip and symphysis, with the  
698 rest of the mandible flaring posterolaterally (Fig. 11E-H).

699         The lateral surface of all the dentaries except DMNH EPV.63660 (which only possesses  
700 the anterior tip) bears a distinct lateral ridge roughly midway between the dorsal and ventral  
701 margins (lr in Figs. 11-12). In DMNH EPV.63136 the ridge originates approximately under the  
702 fourth alveolus, and terminates posteriorly at the anterior end of the mandibular fenestra, roughly  
703 below the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tooth positions (Fig. 12A-B). In DMNH EPV.63135 the ridge originates  
704 beneath the second preserved alveolus and is most prominent under the eighth tooth position

705 (Fig. 12A-B). In DMNH EPV.65878, the ridge is most prominent beneath the first three-  
706 preserved tooth positions, and then flattens out (Fig. 12G). Among other silesaurids, a distinct  
707 lateral ridge is reported only for *Diodorus* (Fig. 13M; *Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012*), but  
708 also occurs in *Eucoelophysis* material from the Hayden Quarry (Fig. 13E; *J.W. Martz, pers. obs.*  
709 of GR 224).

710 A posteriorly facing foramen on the upper surface of the ridge occurs below the 9<sup>th</sup> tooth  
711 position in both DMNH EPV.63136, and DMNH EPV.63135 (fo in Figs. 11A-B, 12A-B). A  
712 similar posteriorly opening foramen is also known in aetosaurs (*Small, 2002*), and seems to also  
713 be present in *Diodorus* (Fig. 13M; *Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, fig. 1A*). In DMNH  
714 EPV.57599 and DMNH EPV.63135, a canal conducted within the ridge was observed at the  
715 edges of the break in the element (in the latter specimen, it is no longer visible as the two halves  
716 of the dentary are glued together); the canal may connect to the posterior facing foramen. This  
717 canal also occurs within the ridge in *Eucoelophysis* (*J.W. Martz pers. obs. of GR 224*). Smaller  
718 nutrient foramina exit from the dorsal surface of the ridge in both of the more complete dentaries  
719 (Fig. 11A-B, 12A-B) as in *Diodorus* (Fig. 13M; *Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012*) and  
720 *Eucoelophysis* (Fig. 13E; *J.W. Martz, pers. obs. of GR 224*); in DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH  
721 EPV.63135 even smaller foramina exit from the ventral side of the ridge and the underside of the  
722 edentulous tip.

723 In DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH EP.63660, the anterior edentulous tip of the dentary  
724 bears a distinct groove on the lateral surface that extends from the tip of the element to enter the  
725 element beneath the second tooth position (gr in Figs. 11A-B, 12J). A similar groove occurs in  
726 *Silesaurus* and *Sacisaurus* (Fig. 13I, K) that *Dzik (2003)* describes it as a “vascular canal”, and  
727 that *Langer & Ferigolo (2013)* indicate originates in a “mental foramen” at the posterior end of

728 the groove, although this is difficult to evaluate in the *Kwanasaurus* specimens because matrix  
729 has not been fully removed from the groove. In *Sacisaurus*, the groove differs from *Silesaurus*  
730 and *Kwanasaurus* in that it rises to the dorsal margin (Fig. 13I; *Langer and Ferigolo, 2013*)  
731 rather than extending longitudinally to the tip (Figs. 13A, K).

732 Fourteen tooth positions are present in the dentary DMNH EPV.63136 (Fig. 11), seven of  
733 which contain fully erupted teeth (in positions 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, and 12). This seems to represent  
734 the entire tooth row, and falls within the general range of tooth counts seen in *Silesaurus* (12;  
735 *Dzik, 2003*), *Sacisaurus* (15; *Ferigolo and Langer, 2013*), and *Soumyasaurus* (at least 15;  
736 *Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018*). At least 11 tooth positions are present in the less complete  
737 DMNH EPV. 63135 (Fig. 12A-D), for which the tooth position numbering is inferred by  
738 comparison with DMNH EPV.63136.

739 Replacement foramina identical to the replacement foramina of the maxillae occur  
740 beneath each alveolus (rf in Fig. 11D, 12D, F, H). The medial surface the dentaries are slightly  
741 inset just below the teeth as far back as the 8<sup>th</sup> alveolus, with a faint groove along the base of the  
742 inset (where “rf” is labeled in Figs. 11-12); this is also seen in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 13L; *Dzik, 2003*,  
743 *fig. 5E*), *Eucoelophysis* (Fig. 12F; *J.W. Martz, pers. obs. of GR 224*), and *Technosaurus* (Fig.  
744 12H; *Martz et al., 2013, fig. 14G*). Anteriorly, the replacement foramina occur within the groove.  
745 The inset and groove shallow to merge with the rest of the medial surface posteriorly beneath  
746 about the ninth alveolus in DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH EPV.63135. In DMNH EPV.63135  
747 and DMNH EPV.63878, the foramina beneath emergent crowns are elongate ovals, while pits  
748 under empty alveoli and crowns that are not fully emerged are larger and more circular (Fig.  
749 12C-D, I). This difference in shape between foramina under fully erupted and unerupted crowns  
750 is not evident in DMNH EPV.63136, where the replacement foramina generally become larger

751 posteriorly rather than beneath empty alveoli (Fig. 11C-D); this was the pattern also seen in  
752 DMNH EPV.65879 the holotype maxilla of *Kwanasaurus* (Fig. 8C-D).

753 In all specimens of *Kwanasaurus*, the dorsal margin of the dentary is strongly depressed  
754 above empty alveoli, and raised where it is fused to emergent crowns as a striated region below  
755 the crown (Fig. 11A-D; 12A-D). The depression of the alveolar margin is evident in other  
756 silesaurids, especially *Diodorus* (Fig. 13M-N; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, fig. 1), but  
757 more difficult to evaluate in *Silesaurus* (Fig. 13K-L; Dzik, 2003, fig. 5), *Technosaurus* (Fig.  
758 13G-H; Martz et al., 2013, fig. 14), and *Eucoelophysis* (GR 224, Fig. 13E-F), where the teeth are  
759 more tightly packed and/or regions without teeth are damaged.

760 On the medial surface of all dentaries of *Kwanasaurus*, the Meckelian groove extends  
761 along the ventral edge (Fig. 11C-D, 12C-D, F, H, K), as in *Silesaurus*, *Sacisaurus*, *Diodorus*,  
762 *Eucoelophysis*, and *Technosaurus* (Fig 13E-N; e.g. Dzik 2003, fig. 5E; Ferigolo & Langer, 2007,  
763 fig. 7I; Irmis et al., 2007, fig. 2L; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Martz et al., 2013, fig.  
764 14G). This is not the case in *Asilisaurus*, where the groove is midway between the dorsal and  
765 ventral margins (Fig. 13C-D; Nesbitt et al., 2010).

766 The Meckelian groove extends to the anterior tip of the dentary in DMNH EPV.63136  
767 and DMNH EPV.63660 (Fig. 11C-D; 12J-L) as in *Sacisaurus* and *Silesaurus* (Fig. 13J-L; Dzik,  
768 2003; Ferigolo & Langer, 2007), but unlike the condition in *Diodorus* where the groove  
769 terminates well short of the anterior end (Fig. 13N; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012). In the  
770 most complete dentaries, the Meckelian groove is dorsoventrally widest posteriorly near the  
771 mandibular fenestra (Figs. 11C-D; 12C-D) and narrows anteriorly. In DMNH EPV.63136, the  
772 groove has a maximum height of 6 mm high, or about 55% of the height of the dentary exclusive  
773 of the teeth and the groove narrows to almost nothing beneath the third tooth position. However,

774 in DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH EPV.63660, (Fig. 11C-D, 12K) the Meckelian groove  
775 reappears between the third and first tooth positions, and again from an anteriorly opening  
776 foramen beneath the first tooth position to extend to the edentulous tip. This foramen and groove  
777 also occur in *Silesaurus* and *Sacisaurus* according to *Dzik (2003)* and *Ferigolo & Langer (2007)*  
778 although it is difficult to make out in their figures, and is therefore not drawn in Fig. 13. In  
779 DMNH EPV.63136, there is another thin groove on the edentulous tip above the Meckelian  
780 groove (Fig. 11C-D).

781         Unlike any other known silesaurid dentary, in which the posteriormost part of the dentary  
782 is usually damaged or missing (Fig. 13C-N; *Dzik, 2003; Ferigolo and Langer 2007; Nesbitt et*  
783 *al., 2010; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Martz et al., 2013*), DMNH EPV.63136 preserves  
784 a very thin and fragile posteroventral process forming the ventral border of the mandibular  
785 fenestra (below “maf” in Figs. 11A-D; 13A-B); the medial side of this process is concave and  
786 formed the lateral border of the posterior part of the Meckelian groove. This makes DMNH  
787 EPV.63136 the most complete silesaurid dentary known.

788         In the holotype, the sharply pointed anteriormost tip of the angular (an in Fig. 11A-D) is  
789 preserved in contact with the posterior end of the posteroventral process. The posteroventral  
790 process tapers posteriorly to a sharp point that overlies the anterior tip of the angular; comparing  
791 the lateral and medial shapes of the contact between the elements suggests that the process of the  
792 dentary slightly overlapped the tip of the angular laterally (Fig. 13A-B).

793         The posterior end of the tooth-bearing section of the dentary, which forms the  
794 anterodorsal border of the mandibular fenestra, is also better preserved in DMNH EPV.63136  
795 and DMNH EPV.63135 than in any previously described silesaurid specimen (Figs. 11, 13). The  
796 dorsal surface of this process is a sharp edge behind the thirteenth and final dentary tooth. The

797 ventral surface of the process is embayed by a deep groove. A distinct notch occurs on the lateral  
798 surface of the process below or just behind the thirteenth tooth position that probably received  
799 the anterior tip of the surangular (sa.ar in Fig. 11A-B, E-H). The posterodorsal process seems to  
800 be somewhat deeper relative to the rest of the dentary in *Sacisaurus* specimen MCN PV10043  
801 (Fig. 13I-J; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, fig. 4a*).

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### 803 **Tooth morphology**

804 In addition to the emergent tooth crowns in the maxillae and dentaries just described  
805 (Figs. 8-13), there are six isolated teeth with the same crown morphology: DMNH EPV.43577  
806 (Fig. 14A), DMNH EPV.63142 (Fig. 14B), DMNH EPV.63661 (Fig. 14C), DMNH EPV.63143  
807 (Fig. 14D), DMNH EPV.63843 (Fig. 14E), and DMNH EPV.125922 (Fig. 14F). The referral of  
808 the isolated teeth to Silesauridae must be considered extremely tentative, based on their  
809 resemblance to those in the maxillae and dentaries rather than the presence of unique silesaurid  
810 dental autapomorphies.

811 Nearly all, maxillary, dentary, and isolated crowns are somewhat labially-lingually  
812 constricted (more at the tip than near the base) with a faint midline ridge and swollen base on  
813 both surfaces that is more prominent on the lingual side (the “cingulum” of *Langer & Ferigolo,*  
814 *2013*; but see *Irmis et al., 2007*). The midline ridges bear a longitudinal groove in DMNH  
815 EPV.125922 (Fig. 14F, left images). Faint longitudinal striations occur on the lingual side of the  
816 crown in DMNH EPV.63143, but are absent on the labial side, and no striations can be discerned  
817 in other specimens; longitudinal striations are common on the crowns of other silesaurids (*Dzik,*  
818 *2003; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Nesbitt et al., 2010*). The crowns are usually asymmetrical  
819 in lingual or labial view, with the mesial (posterior) side of the base being more ventrally

820 positioned, but not recurved. The distal (anterior) carinae are often (but not always) slightly more  
821 convex than the mesial carinae so that the crowns are nearly recurved. The carinae possess  
822 coarse denticles at an acute angle to the mesial and distal edges.

823         Similar “phyllodont” or “folodont” (Hendrickx, Mateus, & Araújo, 2015) tooth crown  
824 morphology occurs in a variety of extinct diapsids that are herbivorous or interpreted as  
825 herbivorous (e.g. Sues, 2000). Folodont tooth crowns are expanded beyond the root and  
826 lanceolate rather than recurved (Hendrickx, Mateus, & Araújo, 2015). Folodont teeth also  
827 frequently possess a midline ridge extending from the base to the apex on the lingual and labial  
828 surfaces, and large denticles projecting at an angle to the tooth margin. In addition to  
829 *Kwanasaurus*, folodont teeth occur in *Sacisaurus* and *Eucoelophysis* (Irmis et al., 2007, fig.2L;  
830 *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*) but distinct from the non-folodont condition in *Asilisaurus*, *Silesaurus*,  
831 and *Soumyasaurus* in which the crowns are more conical with smaller and less distinct denticles  
832 (“conodont” sensu Hendrickx, Mateus, & Araújo, 2015) (Fig. 13K-L; Dzik, 2003, Nesbitt et al.,  
833 2010; Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018). The condition is harder to assess in the holotypes  
834 of *Technosaurus* (TTU P-9021) and *Diodorus* (MNHM-ARG 30). In *Technosaurus*, the crowns  
835 are damaged, making the presence of denticles or “accessory cusps” (Hunt & Lucas, 1994)  
836 difficult to evaluate, but the overall crown shape is similar to *Kwanasaurus* (Fig. 13G-H). In  
837 *Diodorus* the crowns also seem to be damaged and their form is therefore difficult to assess (Fig.  
838 13M-N; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, fig. 1). Folodont teeth also occur in early  
839 ornithischians, early sauropodomorphs, some theropods (e.g. Barrett, 2000; Araújo, Castanhiha,  
840 & Mateus, 2011; Hendrickx, Mateus, & Araújo, 2015) and various enigmatic Late Triassic taxa  
841 that had been previously considered to be ornithischians (Heckert, 2002; Parker et al., 2005;  
842 Irmis et al., 2007; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007).

843 Compared to the dentary teeth, the maxillary crowns of *Kwanasaurus* are relatively squat  
844 and robust-looking, and the anteriormost teeth in the larger maxilla DMNH EPV.65879 and  
845 DMNH EPV.125923 are more labially-lingually swollen so that they almost circular rather than  
846 ovate in occlusal view (Fig. 8G-H; 9O-P), consistent with the overall robust form of the  
847 maxillae. Denticles cannot be discerned on the crowns of DMNH EPV.63650 or DMNH  
848 EPV.125923 (Fig. 8I-L, O-P; 9I-L, O-P). In comparison, the crowns of the teeth in dentaries  
849 DMNH EPV.63135, DMNH EPV.63660, DMNH EPV.65878 (Fig. 12I, L), and isolated teeth  
850 DMNH EPV.43577, DMNH EPV.63843, and DMNH EPV.125922 (Fig. 13A, D-F) are less  
851 swollen at the base and are more mesially-distally compressed, and are also relatively  
852 symmetrical in mesial, distal, or occlusal views.

853 In maxillae DMNH EPV.65879 DMNH EPV.63650, the crowns and empty alveoli  
854 become gradually smaller posteriorly (Fig. 8), indicating a posterior reduction in maxillary tooth  
855 size as in known silesaurid maxillae (Fig. 10C-G) for *Lewisuchus* (Bittencourt *et al.*, 2014),  
856 *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003, fig. 5C), and *Sacisaurus* (Langer & Ferigolo, 2013). This is less certain  
857 in DMNH EPV.125923 and DMNH EPV.125921, where the posterior part of the tooth row is  
858 less well-preserved (Fig. 9). There is no clear canting or recurvature in maxillary teeth.

859 In contrast, in the most complete dentaries of *Kwanasaurus* (DMNH EPV.63136 and  
860 DMNH EPV.63135) the teeth clearly increase in the size into the middle of the jaw then decrease  
861 in the posteriormost alveoli (Figs. 11, 12A-D) as also occurs in all known silesaurid dentaries  
862 that are sufficiently complete to evaluate (Fig. 13), specifically *Diodorus*, *Silesaurus*, *Sacisaurus*,  
863 and *Technosaurus* (Dzik, 2003, fig. 5E-F; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Langer &  
864 Ferigolo, 2013). In DMNH EPV.63660, the first tooth is slightly more conical than the following  
865 teeth, is slightly anteriorly canted and has a concave mesial edge making it slightly recurved

866 (Fig. 12J-L). This also occurs in the anterior teeth of *Sacisaurus* (Fig. 13I-J; MCN PV10050;  
867 *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, figure 2*). The first tooth of DMNH EPV.63136 is damaged, but the  
868 third tooth is also anteriorly canted (but not recurved) due to the mesial edge being longer than  
869 the distal edge (Fig. 11A-D). The anteriormost dentary teeth are not known in *Eucoelophysis* or  
870 *Technosaurus*, so it is not known if they shared the condition.

871         None of the maxillary teeth of *Kwanasaurus* are sufficiently well-preserved to determine  
872 if denticle count changes with crown size, but in the dentaries and isolated crowns, larger crowns  
873 have more denticles; in dentary teeth, this means that there is a general anterior to posterior  
874 increase in denticle counts (Table S1). This relationship between crown size and denticle count  
875 also occurs in the isolated crowns. There appear to be at least four or five denticles (not all are  
876 preserved) along both the mesial and distal edges of DMNH EPV.63142, DMNH EPV.43577  
877 and DMNH EPV.63661, but seven on each edge of DMNH EPV.63143, the largest of the  
878 isolated crowns (Fig. 14C).

879         The isolated crowns all preserve a single root, which appears to be nearly complete in all  
880 four specimens (Fig. 14). The relatively complete roots of DMNH EPV.63142, DMNH  
881 EPV.63661, and DMNH EPV.63143 are about twice the length of the crown. The roots taper  
882 away from the crown; they are thicker and subcircular or oval closer to the crown, where they are  
883 slightly constricted labially-lingually, and narrow to a thinner subcircular tip. In mesial and  
884 distal views the root curves slightly, probably lingually as this is the direction of crown  
885 inclination in DMNH EPV.63136 and DMNH EPV.63135.

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887 **Tooth counts and replacement patterns**

888 Ankylosis of fully erupted socketed teeth to jaw (“ankylosed thecodont” or “ankylotheodont”  
889 *sensu Edmund, 1969*, p. 129 and *Chatterjee, 1974*, p. 230) occurs in the Eagle Basin specimens  
890 as in all silesaurids where tooth-bearing elements are preserved (*Dzik, 2003; Nesbitt et al., 2010;*  
891 *Irmis et al., 2007; Kammerer, et al., 2012, Langer & Ferigolo, 2013; Martz et al., 2013*), and is  
892 an autapomorphy of Silesauridae (*e.g. Nesbitt et al., 2010*). Tooth replacement in the Eagle Basin  
893 material occurs in a generally alternating sequence (Figs. 8-12, Table S1; Zahnreihen waves of  
894 replacement *sensu Woerdeman, 1921*), but there are complications to this pattern, as will be  
895 discussed below.

896         Tooth replacement occurred on the lingual side of the fully erupted crown, as is typical of  
897 amniotes (*e.g. Edmund, 1969*); in the fourth tooth position of the largest maxilla DMNH  
898 EPV.65879 (Fig. 8C-D), the incoming replacement crown lies in an embayment on the lingual  
899 side of the fully emergent crown, indicating that dissolution of the medial side of the root  
900 accompanied the emergence of the replacement crown within the same socket (“iguanid” tooth  
901 replacement *sensu Edmund, 1960, p. 61-62*). The dorsal surface of the maxilla is damaged above  
902 the fourth tooth position, so it is not clear if the root of the replacement tooth was still intact.  
903 However, in DMNH EPV.125923 (Fig. 9I-P), the incoming replacement tooth still possesses a  
904 root projecting above the main body of the maxilla, and the prior crown is already gone. This  
905 suggests that maxillary tooth replacement occurred as follows:

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- 907         1) The replacement tooth forms with the root projecting above the main body of the maxilla.  
908                 As the tooth moves into position, the lingual side of the previously emplaced crown and  
909                 the cement holding it to the alveolar margin is dissolved (as seen in DMNH EPV.65879).

910 2) The emplaced crown and whatever remains of the root is released while the replacement  
911 crown moves into position, the root still attached (as seen in DMNH EPV.125923).

912 3) With the replacement crown fully emplaced, at least the part of the root projecting above  
913 the main body of the maxilla is dissolved, leaving a spongy replacement pit, while the  
914 tooth is ankylosed into the jaw below the crown.

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916 It is not clear if this pattern was identical in the dentary teeth; only DMNH EPV.63135  
917 display incoming replacement teeth (simultaneously in tooth positions 7 and 9), and the roots, if  
918 present, are concealed inside the dentary (Fig. 12A-D). It can at least be said that they do not  
919 project below the Meckelian groove.

920 The number and pattern of emplaced teeth shows an interesting degree of variation  
921 among silesaurids. In *Kwanasaurus*, there is a clear alternating pattern of tooth replacement in  
922 both the maxilla and dentary in which there are no more than two adjacent fully erupted and  
923 ankylosed crowns (Figs. 8-13), DMNH EPV.63135 shows replacement teeth coming in  
924 simultaneously on either side of a fully emergent crown (Fig. 11A-D). An alternating pattern of  
925 replacement in which there are no more than two adjacent fully erupted crowns also occurs in  
926 some dentaries of *Sacisaurus* (Fig. 13I-J; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, figs. 3-4*), and apparently the  
927 less complete holotype dentaries of *Diodorus* (Fig. 13M-N; *Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012*)  
928 and *Asilisaurus* (*Nesbitt et al., 2010, fig. 1b*).

929 However, in another dentary of *Sacisaurus* (MCN PV10048; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013,*  
930 *figs. 5*) there are three adjacent fully erupted crowns, and a maxilla assigned to that taxon has  
931 five sequential fully erupted crowns (Fig. 9G; *Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, fig. 5*). *Silesaurus*  
932 maxilla ZPAL Ab III/361/26 has four sequential fully erupted crowns (while dentary ZPAL Ab

933 III/437/1 has five (Fig. 12K-L; *Dzik, 2003, figs. 5A-B, E-F*). In the holotype dentary of  
934 *Technosaurus* (TTU P-11282) there are 6 sequential fully erupted crowns (Fig. 12G-H;  
935 *Chatterjee, 1984; Martz et al., 2013, fig. 14G*).

936 In summary, there are silesaurid tooth-bearing elements with rows of almost entirely fully  
937 emergent teeth, others in which replacement has left blocks of three or more sequential teeth, and  
938 some in which fully emplaced crowns mostly alternate between odd and even teeth tooth  
939 positions. It is not clear if these patterns of variation are taxonomically significant, or if different  
940 silesaurid specimens merely show the same pattern patterns of tooth replacement at different  
941 stages; the latter seems most likely given that some but not all specimens of *Sacisaurus* show  
942 alternating tooth replacement (*Langer & Ferigolo, 2013*). Tooth replacement patterns can be  
943 complex (*Edmund, 1960; Whitlock & Richman, 2013*), and are easier to evaluate in pleurodont  
944 dentitions where the lingual surfaces of the roots are exposed, showing the earlier stages of root  
945 resorption (*Edmund, 1969, p. 136*).

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#### 947 **Humerus**

948 DMNH EPV.59302, a nearly complete left humerus (Fig. 15; measurements in Table 2A), is  
949 remarkably similar to those of *Silesaurus* and *Diodorus* in being long, straight, very slender, and  
950 simple in form (*Dzik, 2003: figure 9B; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012: figure 2*). The  
951 proximal end is not fully preserved, but the articular surface is not distinctly thickened (Fig.  
952 15A), or as straight in anterior and posterior views (Fig. 15B, D) as in *Silesaurus* and *Diodorus*  
953 (*Dzik, 2003, fig. 9B; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, fig 2A1, 2A3*). In anterior and posterior  
954 views, the proximal end is only slightly expanded medially, whereas the lateral side bearing the  
955 deltopectoral crest is straight (“dc” in Fig. 15B, D). The deltopectoral crest is incompletely

956 preserved, but seems to have been weakly developed, curved anteriorly, and did not extend  
957 distally more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the length of the shaft (Fig. 15B), similar to *Silesaurus* and *Diodorus*  
958 (*Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012*) and in contrast with the more distally elongate  
959 deltopectoral crests of dinosaurs (*Langer & Benton, 2006*). The anterior face of the proximal end  
960 is slightly concave, narrowing distally to a groove that shallows before the midpoint of the  
961 humerus (Fig. 15B).

962         The midshaft is almost circular in cross section. The distal end is twisted so that the long  
963 axis is almost perpendicular to that of the proximal end (Fig. 15G); torsion also seems to occur to  
964 some extent in *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003, fig. 9B*) but not in *Diodorus*, where the long axis of the  
965 proximal and distal ends are parallel (*Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, p. 279*). The distal end  
966 is even less expanded relative to the shaft than the proximal end (Fig. 15E-G), with no trace of  
967 entepicondylar or ectepicondylar flanges or grooves as is typical for ornithomirans (*e.g. Nesbitt,*  
968 *2011, character 234*). Both the anterolaterally and posteromedially facing surfaces of the distal  
969 end are concave between the condyles (“ect” and “ent” in Fig. 15), with the concavity extending  
970 somewhat proximally up the shaft. The concavity on the anterolateral surface is deeper, with a  
971 deep groove (“gr” in Fig. 15E); a similar groove also occurs here in *Diodorus* (*Kammerer,*  
972 *Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, figure 2A3*).

973         As no unique humeri autapomorphies have been identified for Silesauridae, referral to the  
974 clade is likely but tentative and based on the strong resemblance of the element to that of  
975 *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003: figure 9B*) and *Diodorus* (*Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012: figure 2*).  
976 Shuvosaurids also have extremely similar long and slender humeri with weakly developed  
977 deltopectoral crests (*e.g. Long & Murry, 1995, p. 160, figure 164; Nesbitt 2011, characters 236*),  
978 but *Effigia* (*Nesbitt, 2007: p. 45, figure 37*) and *Shuvosaurus* (TTU P-9001; *J.W. Martz, personal*

979 *obs*; Long and Murry 1995, fig. 164B) have large bulbous tubers on the posterior side of the  
980 proximal end that are lacking in silesaurids.

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## 982 **Ilium**

983 DMNH EPV. 48506, a left ilium (Fig. 16; measurements in Table A2), bears a combination of  
984 characters that suggest that it is probably a silesaurid, although with some differences from  
985 previously described taxa (Dzik, 2003; Nesbitt et al., 2010). DMNH EPV.63650, a slightly less  
986 complete ilium missing most of the iliac blade and end of the postacetabular process (Fig. 17A-  
987 C) is nearly identical in size and shape. DMNH EPV.52195, a partial iliac blade with the  
988 postacetabular process preserved (Fig. 17D-G) shares key similarities with DMNH EPV.48506,  
989 and may also be silesaurid.

990 In all specimens, the iliac blade (“ilb” in Fig. 16A-F; 17A-C, F) is thin and almost  
991 horizontally inclined so that it slopes ventrolaterally. This unusual orientation of the iliac blade  
992 gives the ilium a saddle-like appearance in lateral view similar to *Silesaurus* (Dzik 2003),  
993 *Eucoelophysis* (Irmis et al., 2007: figure 2M), and *Ignotosaurus* (Martinez et al., 2012). The  
994 region is not preserved in *Sacisaurus* (MCN PV 10100; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013: figure 10).  
995 The Middle Triassic silesaurids *Asilisaurus* and *Lutungutali*, which are basal to most members of  
996 Sulcimentisauria (Peacock et al., 2013; see below) differ from *Kwanasaurus*, *Silesaurus*,  
997 *Eucoelophysis*, and *Ignotosaurus* in having a more vertically oriented tall iliac blade (Peacock et  
998 al., 2013: figures 2-3, 6) more like what is seen in other archosauriforms (e.g. Nesbitt, 2011, fig.  
999 34), suggesting that this is the plesiomorphic condition for Silesauridae.

1000 In lateral view, the flattened preacetabular process of both DMNH EPV.48506 and  
1001 DMNH EPV.63653 is elongate and anterodorsally oriented (“pra” in Fig. 16A-D, 17A-B) as in

1002 *Silesaurus* (Peacock et al., 2013: figure 6F) *Eucoelophysis* (Irmis et al., 2007, fig. 2M; J.W.  
1003 Martz, pers. obs. of GR 225), and *Ignotosaurus* (Martinez et al., 2012) in contrast to the  
1004 extremely thick and blunt preacetabular process in *Lutungutali* (Peacock et al., 2013); the  
1005 process is not known for *Asilisaurus* or *Sacisaurus*. In DMNH EPV.48506, the anterior tip of the  
1006 preacetabular process tapers medially to a point in dorsal view (Fig. 16E-F). Just posterior to the  
1007 tapering tip, the lateral edge of the preacetabular process in both DMNH specimens is a sharp  
1008 and grooved crest in the same position as the “tuberosity” in *Silesaurus* and *Ignotosaurus* (Dzik,  
1009 2003; Martinez et al., 2012). This sharp crest flattens and thickens to merge with the lateral  
1010 surface of the ilium without quite contacting the supracetabular crest.

1011         The preacetabular process in DMNH EPV.48506 is so elongate that it extends anterior to  
1012 the acetabulum (Fig. 16) as is generally seen only in neotheropods and ornithischians (Langer &  
1013 Benton, 2006: 68-1; Nesbitt, 2011: character 269-1). In DMNH VP.63653, the process is not  
1014 complete, but is also elongate and blade-like (Fig. 17A-B). This differs from the slightly shorter  
1015 preacetabular processes of *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003: figure 11; Peacock et al., figure 6F-G),  
1016 *Ignotosaurus* (Martinez et al., 2012) and especially from the extremely short and blunt process in  
1017 *Lutungutali* (Peacock et al., 2013). In *Eucoelophysis* specimen GR 225 (Irmis et al., 2007: figure  
1018 2M), the process is incomplete. A preacetabular process that does not extend beyond the pubic  
1019 peduncle is allegedly plesiomorphic for dinosauromorphs (Nesbitt, 2011; 269-0). Although  
1020 Ferigolo & Langer (2007) claim this process is also short in *Sacisaurus* (MCN PV10100), it is  
1021 mostly missing in that specimen (Langer & Ferigolo, 2013: figure 10), and the ilium of  
1022 *Diodorus* is undescribed. The highly elongate preacetabular process of *Kwanasaurus* is  
1023 considered to be an autapomorphy.

1024 The postacetabular process of DMNH EPV.48506, DMNH EPV.63653 and DMNH  
1025 EPV.52195 (“poa” in Figs. 16A-D, G; 17A, D, F) is large, slightly longer than the preacetabular  
1026 process and extending well posterior to the acetabulum. It bears a large, ventrolaterally oriented  
1027 brevis shelf sheltering a distinct brevis fossa (Figs. 16A-B, G-H; 17A, C) as occurs in other  
1028 members of Sulcimentisauria: *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003), *Eucoelophysis* (GR 225; Irmis et al.,  
1029 2007, figure 2M), *Lutungutali* (Peacock et al., 2013), *Ignotosaurus* (Martinez et al., 2012), and  
1030 *Sacisaurus* (Langer & Ferigolo, 2013), although incomplete preservation and preparation MCN  
1031 PV 10100 make comparisons difficult. A distinct brevis shelf and brevis fossa (“bs” and “bf” in  
1032 Figs. 16-17) unites dinosaurs and some non-dinosaurian dinosauromorphs (e.g. Langer &  
1033 Benton, 2006; Nesbitt, 2011), although both are weakly developed or absent in *Asilisaurus*  
1034 (Nesbitt et al., 2010) and herrerasaurids (Langer & Benton, 2006). Very faint longitudinal  
1035 striations occur along the lateral edge of the brevis shelf in all three DMNH specimens, but do  
1036 not form the more rugose surface present in *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003: figure 11), *Ignotosaurus*  
1037 (Martinez et al., 2012) and *Lutungutali* (Peacock et al., 2013). The sharp ventrolateral edge of  
1038 the brevis shelf merges with the a low rounded ridge that extends to the edge of the acetabulum  
1039 (Fig. 16A-B, G-H; 17A, C), as in other silesaurids (Dzik, 2003; Ferigolo & Langer, 2007, Fig.  
1040 2E; Irmis et al., 2007, fig. 2M; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, figure 10a) and most other  
1041 dinosauromorphs except theropods (Langer & Benton, 2006).

1042 A small triangular process protrudes from the midpoint of the thin posteroventral edge of  
1043 the postacetabular process of both DMNH EPV.48506 and DMNH EPV.63655, (Figs. 16A-B,  
1044 17A-B) which probably marked the posteroventral extent of the last (?third) sacral rib (Fig. 16C-  
1045 D; see below). A small similarly positioned projection is illustrated in *Silesaurus* (Dzik 2003,  
1046 Fig.2), *Ignotosaurus* (Martinez et al., 2012: figure 3), and *Marasuchus lilloensis* (Sereno &

1047 *Arcucci, 1994b, fig. 6*); this region is not well-preserved in DMNH EPV.52195, *Sacisaurus*  
1048 (MCN PV10100) or *Eucoelophysis* (GR 225; *J.W. Martz, pers. obs.*). In DMNH EPV.48506 and  
1049 DMNH EPV.63653, a small foramen occurs near the edge of the brevis fossa, just anteroventral  
1050 to the triangular process.

1051         The acetabulum in both DMNH EPV.48506 and DMNH EPV.63653 (“ac” in Figs. 16A-  
1052 B, G-H; 17A, C) is deep with a well-developed and sharp-edged supracetabular crest (“suc” in  
1053 Figs. 16-17), so that the acetabulum faces ventrally. As in *Lutungutali* (*Peacock et al., 2013*),  
1054 there is no trace of an antitrochanteric fossa as occurs in *Silesaurus* (*Dzik, 2003*). In DMNH  
1055 EPV.48506, the ventral edge of the ilium and acetabulum (the “ventral flange” of *Martinez et al.,*  
1056 *2013*) is thin, ventrally concave, and seems to be a natural edge rather than a break (Fig. 16A-D).  
1057 In DMNH EPV.63653, the ventral rim of the acetabulum is clearly damaged, but the bone is  
1058 extremely thin, suggesting that it had the same condition (Fig. 17A-B). This suggests partial  
1059 perforation of the acetabulum between the ilium and ischium/pubis as in *Ornithosuchus*  
1060 *longidens* (*Walker, 1964*) and herrerasaurids (*Langer & Benton, 2006*). *Nesbitt et al. (2010)*  
1061 considered a straight ventral margin of the acetabulum to be a silesaurid synapomorphy. If so,  
1062 *Kwanasaurus* is the only known non-dinosaurian dinosauriform with a semiperforate  
1063 acetabulum, which differs from other silesaurids in which the ventral margin of the acetabulum  
1064 is convex (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Nesbitt, 2011*).

1065         The pubic and ischiac peduncles are both preserved in DMNH EPV.48506 and DMNH  
1066 EPV.63653 (Figs 16, 17A-C). The pubic peduncle (“pup” Fig. 16-17) is larger and bluntly  
1067 truncated where it contacted the pubis. The pubic articulation is divided into an anteroventral  
1068 facing surface and a more rugose ventrally facing surface (best seen in Fig. 16G-H). The lateral  
1069 margin of the pubic peduncle thins posterodorsally to become the supracetabular crest, and the

1070 medial margin tapers ventromedially to merge with the sharp ventral edge of the acetabulum.  
1071 The ischial peduncle (“isp” in Fig. 16A-B, G-H) is much smaller than the pubic peduncle and  
1072 faces ventrolaterally.

1073         On the medial side of the ilium in DMNH EPV.48506, the subhorizontal iliac blade  
1074 forms a thin crest overhanging the rest of the medial surface (“ilb” in Fig. 16C-D), extending  
1075 between the anterior tip of the preacetabular process to the posterior tip of the postacetabular  
1076 process. The blade this is not well-preserved in DMNH EPV.52195 and DMNH EPV.63653  
1077 (Fig. 17B, E).

1078         The regions of sacral rib attachment can be discerned in both DMNH EPV.48506 (Fig.  
1079 16D) and DMNH EPV.63653 (Fig. 17B), although clear divisions between the attachments of  
1080 different ribs are not clear, making an exact count impossible. The following interpretation of the  
1081 sacral rib attachment sites is aided by those made for other archosaurs (*Novas, 1994, fig. 5B*;  
1082 *Dzik, 2003, fig. 11B*; *Nesbitt, 2005, fig. 23C*; *Nesbitt, 2011, p. 117*). The first primordial sacral  
1083 rib probably attached in a slight depression on the anterior part of the medial surface of the ilium,  
1084 just below the preacetabular process (“sac 1.ar” in Figs. 16D, 17B), while the second and  
1085 possibly a third (primordial second?) sacral rib attached in a larger and more posterior depression  
1086 (“sac 2.ar” and “sac 3.ar”) bounded dorsally by a short sharp-edge crest extending from the  
1087 posterior margin of the postacetabular process, and posteroventrally by the small triangular  
1088 projection on the thin posteroventral edge of the postacetabular process. These two depressions  
1089 are connected over the acetabulum, and the entire region of sacral rib attachment is very faintly  
1090 rugose. The rib attachment sites in *Ignotosaurus* appear to be very similar (*Peacock et al., 2013,*  
1091 *Fig. 3F*), although those authors only inferred the presence of two sacral ribs. Two or three ribs

1092 attach in *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003; Langer & Benton, 2006, p. 328; Nesbitt, 2011, p. 117) but the  
1093 precise attachments are undescribed for other silesaurids for which the ilium is known.

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## 1095 **Femur**

1096 Femora are by far the most common silesaurid elements from the Eagle Basin localities (Figs.  
1097 18-22; measurements in Table A2). The most complete is a large left femur, DMNH EPV.34579  
1098 from the Derby Junction locality (Fig. 18), but several proximal femora can also be assigned to  
1099 Silesauridae: DMNH EPV.54828 (Fig. 19A-E) and DMNH EPV.59311 (Fig. 21F-J) from  
1100 Shuvosaur Surprise, DMNH EPV.44616 (Fig. 19F-J), DMNH EPV.56651 (Fig.19K-O), DMNH  
1101 EPV.59301 (Fig. 21K-O) from Main Elk Creek, DMNH EPV.63139 (Fig. 21A-E) from Lost  
1102 Bob, and DMNH EPV.63874 (Fig. 20F-J) and DMNH EPV.125924 (Fig. 20A-E) from Lost Bob  
1103 East.

1104 All of these specimen preserve at least two of the following silesaurid autapomorphies of  
1105 the proximal end of the femur recognized in *Asilisaurus*, *Silesaurus*, *Eucoelophysis*, *Sacisaurus*,  
1106 and *Diodorus* (Dzik, 2003; Ferigolo & Langer, 2007; Nesbitt et al., 2010; Nesbitt, 2011;  
1107 Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013): the femoral head possesses a  
1108 longitudinal groove in proximal view (“gr” in Figs. 19, 21).

- 1109 1) A flattened medial articular surface between the anteromedial and anterolateral  
1110 tubers (“amt” and “alt” in Figs. 19, 20A-B, 21)
- 1111 2) A distinct notch ventral to the head (“vn” in Figs. 18-21).
- 1112 3) As in all silesaurids except for *Asilisaurus* (Nesbitt et al., 2010; Nesbitt, 2011:  
1113 313-1), the proximal ends of these femora are also subtriangular in proximal view  
1114 due to the absence of a well-developed posteromedial tuber (although a slight

1115 swelling is present at the same area in all Eagle Basin specimens) and a fossa  
1116 trochanteris (=posterolateral depression, =facies articularis antitrochanterica).

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1118 Four other badly worn unfigured proximal femora (DMNH EPV. 27699, DMNH EPV.  
1119 43126, and DMNH EPV.43588 from Main Elk Creek, and DMNH EPV.44616 from Main Elk  
1120 Creek), are also probably silesaurid based on the general similarity shape of the head,  
1121 dorsolateral trochanter, and lesser trochanter (discussed below), although unequivocal silesaurid  
1122 autapomorphies cannot be identified; the presence of distinct dorsolateral and lesser trochanters  
1123 allows the femora to be assigned at least to Dinosauriformes (*e.g. Langer & Benton, 2006;*  
1124 *Nesbitt, 2011*). Three distal femora, DMNH EPV.34028 from Main Elk Creek, DMNH  
1125 EPV.59310 from Shuvosaur Surprise, and DMNH EPV.67956 (Fig. 22; found in association  
1126 with previously described scapula with the same number but too small to belong to the same  
1127 individual) also cannot be assigned to Silesauridae based on apomorphies, but share key  
1128 similarities to the other specimens (see below).

1129 Nearly all specimens preserving the proximal end possess a distinct ridge-like  
1130 dorsolateral trochanter (*sensu Langer & Benton, 2006*) on the proximal end of the femur (“dt” in  
1131 Figs. 18-21), except for DMNH EPV.27699 and DMNH EPV.59311, where this region is  
1132 damaged. The dorsolateral trochanter is best preserved in DMNH EPV.44616 (Fig. 19F-G, J),  
1133 DMNH EPV.59301 (Fig. 21K-L, O), and DMNH EPV.63139 (Fig. 21A-B). Although at least  
1134 slightly damaged in the other specimens, the form seems to be consistent. The dorsolateral  
1135 trochanter projects laterally from the shaft, sometimes curling slightly anterolaterally.  
1136 Proximally, the trochanter thins and merges with the head. When well-preserved, the  
1137 posterolateral surface of the trochanter is somewhat flattened, bearing faint longitudinal grooves

1138 and ridges. The posterior margin of the proximal part of the femur is distinctly pinched into a  
1139 rounded crest extending distally from the dorsolateral trochanter.

1140        Nearly all specimens preserve a distinct anterior trochanter (=lesser or cranial trochanter)  
1141 on the anterolateral surface of the femur, just distal to the head (“at” on Figs. 18-21). The lesser  
1142 trochanter is an anteroposteriorly compressed crest extending parallel to the long axis of the  
1143 femur. DMNH EPV.44616 is the only specimen with a perfectly preserved anterior trochanter  
1144 (Figs. 19H, J), which is asymmetrically subtriangular in anterior and posterior views, slightly  
1145 curled anterolaterally, and distinctly lacks a cleft between the trochanter and the main body of  
1146 the femur; it is somewhat similar to the “longitudinal blade” forming part of the anterior  
1147 trochanter of *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003, fig. 13). DMNH EPV.34579 (Fig. 18D), DMNH  
1148 EPV.54828 (Fig. 19C), and DMNH EPV.125924 (Fig. 20C) possess a cleft between the  
1149 trochanter and the main body of the femur, but it is not clear if this is natural or due to damage.  
1150 The presence of an anterior (=lesser) trochanter is restricted to dinosauriforms and larger  
1151 individuals of *Dromomeron gregorii* and *D. gigas* (e.g. Novas, 1992, 1996; Sereno & Arcucci,  
1152 1994b; Langer & Benton, 2006; Nesbitt et al., 2009a; Nesbitt, 2011; Martinez et al., 2015),  
1153 while a cleft between the trochanter and the main body of the femur is known primarily in most  
1154 theropods and some ornithischians (Novas, 1996; Langer & Benton, 2006) although it also  
1155 occurs in the silesaurids *Eucoelophysis*, *Sacisaurus* and *Diodorus* (Sullivan & Lucas, 1999, fig.  
1156 6; Ezcurra, 2006; Ferigolo & Langer, 2007; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012).

1157        There is no trochanteric shelf (=transverse tuber sensu Dzik, 2003) in the majority of the  
1158 Eagle Basin specimens except for DMNH EPV.125924, where a distinct scar interpreted as a  
1159 weakly-developed shelf extends ventrolaterally from the anterior trochanter (“ts” in Fig. 20B-E),  
1160 resembling the trochanteric shelf in larger specimens of *Dromomeron gregorii* (Nesbitt et al.,

1161 2009a: figure 2A-B). In DMNH EPV.125924, the trochanteric shelf ends with a posterolateral  
1162 swelling with the distal end of the lesser trochanter that is present in other specimens lacking the  
1163 shelf (“sw” in Figs. 18-20), and occurs in the same position as the end of the trochanteric shelf in  
1164 *Dromomeron romeri* (Nesbitt et al., 2009a: figure 2). The swelling is therefore interpreted as  
1165 part of the attachment for the M. ilirotrochantericus caudalis.

1166 The trochanteric shelf is absent in known specimens of *Sacisaurus*, *Eucoelophysis* and  
1167 *Diodorus* (Ferigolo & Langer, 2007; Ezcurra, 2006; Nesbitt et al., 2010; Kammerer, Nesbitt &  
1168 Shubin, 2012; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013), although the trochanteric shelf is present in *Asilisaurus*  
1169 (Nesbitt et al., 2010), and some individuals of *Silesaurus* (Dzik, 2003; Piechowski, Talanda &  
1170 Dzik, 2014). The trochanteric shelf has been suggested to develop ontogenetically in at least  
1171 some dinosauromorphs and highly subject to individual variation (Nesbitt, 2011; Griffin and  
1172 Nesbitt, 2016a; Piechowski, Talanda & Dzik, 2014). It should be noted however that some  
1173 specimens lacking the shelf (most notably the largest and most complete specimen, DMNH  
1174 EPV.34579) are similar in size to some of the larger femora of *Silesaurus* possessing the shelf  
1175 (Dzik, 2003: figure 13A; Piechowski, Talanda & Dzik, 2014).

1176 A fourth trochanter (“ft” in Figs. 18-21) is distinctly present in DMNH EPV.34579,  
1177 DMNH EPV.63139, DMNH EPV.63874, and the worn specimens DMNH EPV.43126, DMNH  
1178 EPV.43588, although none preserve it completely. The proximal end of the fourth trochanter  
1179 rises smoothly from the posteromedial side of the femur as a pinched crest, distal to the distal  
1180 end of the anterior trochanter on the opposite side of the femur. The distal end of the fourth  
1181 trochanter is not preserved in any Eagle Basin specimens, so it is not known if the trochanter was  
1182 proximodistally symmetrical. The trochanter is also a low crest in other specimens of  
1183 *Dromomeron romeri* as well as *D. gregorii* (Nesbitt et al., 2009), and very different from the

1184 massive crest present in *Ixalerpeton polesinensis* (Cabreira et al., 2016: figure SID-E). At least  
1185 in DMNH EPV.63874 (Fig. 20G-H) and DMNH EPV.63139 (Fig. 21B-C), where the region is  
1186 well-preserved, a shallow depression occurs just anterior to the fourth trochanter on the medial  
1187 side of the femur as in *Diodorus* (Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012) and *Sacisaurus* (Langer &  
1188 *Ferigolo, 2013*).

1189         The only femur with known silesaurid apomorphies for which the distal end of the femur  
1190 is preserved is DMNH EPV.34579 (Fig. 18). The distal end is slightly expanded relative to the  
1191 shaft. The sulcus dividing the medial and lateral condyles on the posterior side of the femur (Fig.  
1192 18B) extends about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the length of the shaft (Fig. 18F), a silesaurid synapomorphy (Nesbitt  
1193 et al., 2010). There is also a slight sulcus on the anterior side of the distal end (Fig. 18C-D),  
1194 causing the medial side of the distal end to protrude slightly anteriorly to the shaft. In distal view  
1195 (Fig. 18B), the angle between the lateral condyle and the crista tibiofibularis (=fibular condyle) is  
1196 obtuse, as in most archosaurs except for paracrocodylomorphs (Nesbitt, 2011).

1197         The medial condyle is a surprisingly sharp-edged flange, very similar to the crista  
1198 tibiofibularis in distal view, but smaller than both the crista tibiofibularis and lateral condyle  
1199 (Fig. 18B-F). This appears to distinguish *Kwanasaurus* from *Silesaurus*, *Diodorus*, *Sacisaurus*,  
1200 and *Eucoelophysis*, in which the medial condyle is quite broad and blunt in distal view (Sullivan  
1201 & Lucas, 1999, fig. 5; Dzik, 2003; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012: fig. 3E). Indeed, this  
1202 character state is shared uniquely between *Kwanasaurus* and lagerpetids (Nesbitt et al., 2010,  
1203 character 225). There is a deep depression on the distal surface of the femur just behind the  
1204 crista tibiofibularis (Fig. 17B); a depression also occurs on the distal end of the femur in  
1205 *Diodorus*, but seems to occur between the medial condyle and crista tibiofibularis (Kammerer,  
1206 Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, fig. 3E).

1207           Distal femora DMNH EPV.67956 (Fig. 22), DMNH EPV.34028, and DMNH EPV.59310  
1208 (the latter two specimens are unfigured), do not possess known silesaurid apomorphies, and  
1209 moreover the latter two specimens are somewhat worn. As a result, we are reluctant to formally  
1210 assign them to *Kwanasaurus*. However, all three seem to share interesting similarities to DMNH  
1211 EPV.34579: the medial condyle is at least slightly more slender and sharper-edged compared to  
1212 both the lateral condyle and crista tibiofibularis, and a deep depression occurs on the distal  
1213 surface behind the crista tibiofibularis (Fig. 22A). In DMNH EPV.67956, the sulcus between the  
1214 medial condyle and crista tibiofibularis is a particularly deep groove (Fig. 22A, E).

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## 1216 **PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSIS**

### 1217 **Methods**

1218 *Nesbitt's* (2011) phylogenetic analysis of Archosauriformes and *Nesbitt et al.'s* (2010) more  
1219 focused phylogenetic analysis of Silesauridae have served as the basis for most subsequent  
1220 analyses of silesaurids. The phylogenetic analyses of *Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin* (2012),  
1221 *Peacock et al.* (2013) and *Martinez et al.* (2012), which described *Diodorus*, *Lutungutali* and  
1222 *Ignotosaurus* respectively, all began with the data matrix of *Nesbitt et al.* (2010). The analyses of  
1223 *Langer & Ferigolo* (2013), *Bittencourt et al.* (2014) and *Agnolin & Rozadilla* (2017) were both  
1224 based on modified versions of the data matrix of *Nesbitt* (2011).

1225           We have opted to utilize the data matrix of *Peacock et al.* (2013), acquiring the Nexus  
1226 file for from Morphobank. The matrix of *Peacock et al.* (2013) is slightly modified from the  
1227 matrix of *Nesbitt et al.* (2010), with the addition of one character making a total of 291, and  
1228 some character re-numberings to match the numberings given by *Nesbitt et al.* (2010) (see  
1229 Appendix 2 for details). We edited the Nexus file in Mesquite (v. 3.51) by added the codings of

1230 *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* from the present study, the codings of *Diodorus scytobrachion*  
1231 from Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin (2012), the codings of *Ignotosaurus fragilis* provided by  
1232 Martinez et al. (2012), and codings for the humerus of *Dromomeron romeri* based on the  
1233 material described here. The codings of *Lewisuchus admixus/Pseudolagosuchus major* were  
1234 combined. This brought the total number of taxa in the analysis to 37.

1235         As nearly all silesaurid elements from the Eagle Basin are individual elements, so that the  
1236 codings for *Kwanasaurus* are a composite of multiple specimens (Appendix 2). Moreover, the  
1237 dinosauriform scapula and tibiae described above, which are potentially silesaurid but lack  
1238 known autapomorphies for the clade, are also included in the composite. Although this  
1239 compositing is not ideal, it has been used by other researchers (Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin,  
1240 2012; Langer & Ferigolo, 2013) and is difficult to avoid given that silesaurids are often  
1241 recovered as individual elements (Irmis et al., 2007; Kammerer, Nesbitt & Shubin, 2012, p. 278;  
1242 Langer & Ferigolo, 2013, p. 355; Martinez et al., 2012), with only some taxa being known from  
1243 associated elements (Dzik, 2003; Nesbitt et al., 2010; Peacock et al., 2013; Bittencourt et al.,  
1244 2014).

1245         We conducted our analysis using PAUP 4.0a163 for Macintosh OS. Following Nesbitt et  
1246 al. (2010) and Peacock et al. (2013), all characters were equally weighted and characters 23, 78,  
1247 89, 98, 116, 142, 159, 169, 175, 177, 195, 200, 227, 250, and 281 were ordered. *Erythrosuchus*  
1248 *africanus* and *Euparkeria capensis* were chosen as paraphyletic outgroups. Trees were searched  
1249 for using the parsimony criterion implemented under the heuristic search option on Wagner trees  
1250 using TBR (tree bisection–reconnection) branch-swapping with 1,000 random addition  
1251 sequences holding 10 trees per replicate, continuing subsequent TBR swapping on all stored  
1252 minimum length trees.

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1254 **Results**

1255 In the following discussion, clade definitions were taken from *Langer et al. (2013)* and sources  
1256 cited therein, except for the new clade name Sulcimentisauria introduced here. Our analysis  
1257 recovered 30 most parsimonious trees (MPTs) with a best score tree lengths of 758 (C.I = 0.46,  
1258 R.I. = 0.705). Synapomorphies for well-supported clades are given in Appendix 3.

1259         Neither our strict consensus tree nor our identical Adams consensus trees (Fig. 23) do  
1260 much to revolutionize current understandings of silesaurid phylogeny. As with most previous  
1261 analyses (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Nesbitt, 2011; Kammerer et al., 2012; Martinez et al., 2012;*  
1262 *Peacock et al., 2013*), Silesauridae is sister taxon to Dinosauria, and the combined *Lewisuchus*  
1263 *admixus/Pseudolagosuchus major* and *Asilisaurus kongwe* were found to be consecutive  
1264 outgroups to all other silesaurids. *Pisanosaurus mertii*, which was found to be another basal  
1265 silesaurid by *Agnolin & Rozadilla (2017)*, was recovered as an ornithischian.

1266         Sulcimentisauria is proposed as our name for all silesaurids more derived than  
1267 *Asilisaurus* (see Systematic Paleontology). Within Sulcimentisauria, *Eucoelophysis baldwini* and  
1268 *Diodorus scytobrachion* are consecutive sister taxa to other Sulcimentisaurians. A clade  
1269 comprising *Lutungutali sitwensis* and *Ignotosaurus fragilis* forms a polytomy with other  
1270 Sulcimentisaurians (Figure 23). None of the phylogenetic relationships within Sulcimentisauria  
1271 are particularly well-supported, although the clade itself remains robust (Appendix 3).

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1273 **DISCUSSION**

1274         Within the last decade, it has become clear that the Late Triassic dinosaur assemblage of  
1275 western North America was of low diversity, being represented only by basal theropods and

1276 basal neotheropods that co-existed with non-dinosaurian dinosauromorphs (lagerpetids and  
1277 silesaurids) (*Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007, Nesbitt et al., 2009a, b; Irmis et al., 2007; Sues et*  
1278 *al., 2011; Marsh et al., 2016*). While the western North American Late Triassic dinosauromorph  
1279 fauna has been previously described from the Colorado Plateau and western Texas (*Ezcurra,*  
1280 *2006; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Irmis et al., 2007; Nesbitt & Chatterjee, 2008; Martz et al.,*  
1281 *2013*), the Eagle Basin dinosauromorph fauna described here for the first time in detail  
1282 demonstrates that similar patterns of dinosauromorph diversity existed north of the Ancestral  
1283 Uncompahgre Highlands. Indeed, the Eagle Basin fauna is the northernmost Triassic  
1284 dinosauromorph fauna known from North America (Fig. 25) with the possible exception of basal  
1285 neotheropod material from the Nugget Sandstone in Utah, which might be Upper Triassic or  
1286 Lower Jurassic (*Britt et al., 2010; Britt et al., 2015*). However, unlike the Utah material, the  
1287 Eagle Basin collection includes lagerpetids and silesaurids, which is therefore the northern-most  
1288 non-dinosaurian dinosauromorph material in North America. Coelophysoid neotheropods are  
1289 also known from the Eagle Basin, and will be described in a future publication. Although non-  
1290 neotheropod theropods such as *Tawa* (*Nesbitt et al., 2009b*), *Daemonosaurus* (*Sues et al., 2011*)  
1291 and *Chindesaurus* (*Long & Murry, 1995; Marsh et al., 2016*) have not been identified in the  
1292 northern Colorado assemblage, much material from the Eagle Basin localities remains to be  
1293 prepared.

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### 1295 **Size and morphological variation within *Kwanasaurus***

1296 A tentative composite skeleton reconstruction for *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* is  
1297 presented in Fig. 24. Compositing from multiple elements of different sizes, the reconstruction is  
1298 based on the highly ambiguous assumption that *Kwanasaurus* was proportioned like *Silesaurus*,

1299 with the scale bars representing the smallest and largest femora in the quarry. This size variation  
1300 is best illustrated by the femora, the most commonly encountered element (Table A2). The  
1301 largest preserved femur (DMNH EPV.34579; Fig. 18) is about 18 cm long, while the smallest  
1302 (DMNH EPV.63139; Fig. 19A-E) is estimated by comparison to have been perhaps 6 cm long.

1303         Assuming that this size variation is largely ontogenetic, qualitative examination of the  
1304 material shows few obvious morphological changes with ontogeny, although most elements are  
1305 at least partially damaged and so few approach being complete that little can be said with  
1306 confidence. It is worth noting that development of the muscle attachments does not seem to be  
1307 subject to strong variation as occurs in *Asilisaurus* and theropods (*Griffin and Nesbitt, 2016a, b*).  
1308 In particular, the lesser trochanter in *Kwanasaurus* is a simple, longitudinally oriented process  
1309 with no trochanteric shelf except for DMNH EPV.125924, where the trochanteric shelf is present  
1310 but weakly developed.

1311         Interesting differences do occur between the large holotype maxilla (DMNH EPV.65879;  
1312 Fig. 8A-H) and the smaller referred specimens (DMNH EPV.63650, DMNH EPV.125921, and  
1313 DMNH EPV.125923; Fig. 8I-P, 9). All maxillae are relatively robust elements compared to other  
1314 silesaurids, and possess fused dentition and the enormous medial flange characterizing the taxon.  
1315 However, the smaller specimens do not possess the prominent sutural surfaces for the jugal,  
1316 lacrimal, and palatine seen in the larger holotype, so these may have developed with increased  
1317 maturity.

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### 1319 **The distinctiveness of *Kwanasaurus* from other North American silesaurids**

1320         *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* contributes to our understanding of North America  
1321 silesaurid diversity. It is the fourth silesaurid alpha taxon named from North America following

1322 *Eucoelophysis baldwini* (Sullivan & Lucas, 1999; Ezcurra, 2006; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007;  
1323 Breeden et al., 2017), *Technosaurus smalli* (Chatterjee, 1984; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007;  
1324 Martz et al., 2013) and *Soumyasaurus aenigmaticus* (Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018).

1325 Assuming that all elements discussed here truly belong to the same taxon, *Kwanasaurus* is  
1326 currently the most thoroughly described North American silesaurid.

1327 *Kwanasaurus* seems to be distinct from *Eucoelophysis baldwini*. The two taxa share leaf-  
1328 shaped denticulate teeth and a ventrally placed Meckelian groove, but these occur in other  
1329 sulcimentisaurians. Perhaps more significantly, both taxa have a pronounced lateral ridge on the  
1330 dentary, a feature shared with *Diodorus*. However, *Kwanasaurus* possesses character states  
1331 absent in *Eucoelophysis*: a highly elongate and bladelike preacetabular process of the ilium, a  
1332 relatively small and slender medial distal condyle of the femur compared to lateral condyle and  
1333 crista tibiofibularis, and a depression on distal end of the femur anterior to the crista  
1334 tibiofibularis. Moreover, *Eucoelophysis* autapomorphically lacks a fourth trochanter, which is  
1335 present in *Kwanasaurus* (Breeden et al., 2017).

1336 The taxonomic distinctiveness of *Kwanasaurus* from the holotype and only known  
1337 specimen of *Technosaurus smalli* is more ambiguous as the latter specimen is currently accepted  
1338 to include only the dentary and premaxilla (Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Martz et al., 2013),  
1339 which are both poorly preserved; other elements assigned to the taxon by Chatterjee (1984) have  
1340 been re-identified as shuvosaurid and theropod (Irmis et al., 2007; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker,  
1341 2007). As the premaxilla is not known in *Kwanasaurus*, this permits only the dentaries to be  
1342 compared. *Technosaurus* seems to lack the lateral ridge on the dentary shared by *Kwanasaurus*,  
1343 *Eucoelophysis*, and *Diodorus*, and the dentary teeth of *Technosaurus*, though damaged, appear to

1344 be somewhat more robust than those of *Kwanasaurus*. We therefore tentatively consider  
1345 *Kwanasaurus* and *Technosaurus* to also be distinct taxa.

1346 *Soumyasaurus aenigmaticus* is known from a single incomplete dentary (*Sarigül, Agnolin*  
1347 *& Chatterjee, 2018*). The dentary of *Soumyasaurus* is extremely slender compared to that of  
1348 *Kwanasaurus*, the anterior part is anteroventrally oriented as in *Asilisaurus* whereas that of  
1349 *Kwanasaurus* is anterodorsally oriented, and it seems to lack a lateral ridge present in  
1350 *Kwanasaurus* (*Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018:figure 5*). Moreover, the tooth crowns of  
1351 *Soumyasaurus* are small and conical, whereas the crowns of *Kwanasaurus* are broad and  
1352 denticulate.

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#### 1354 **North American silesaurid biochronology**

1355 The age of *Kwanasaurus* relative to the other three western North American taxa is  
1356 unclear. *Technosaurus* and *Soumyasaurus* are known from the Post Quarry vertebrate  
1357 assemblage in the lower Cooper Canyon Formation of the Dockum Group in Texas (*Chatterjee,*  
1358 *1984; Martz et al., 2013; Sarigül, Agnolin & Chatterjee, 2018*), which on the basis of  
1359 lithostratigraphic correlation and the overall nature of the assemblage, probably falls within the  
1360 later part of the Adamanian estimated holochronozone, with a plausible late Lacion or early  
1361 Alaunian age between 220-215 Ma (*Martz et al., 2013; Martz & Parker, 2017*). The Hayden  
1362 Quarry, which lies in the Mesa Montosa Member or lower Petrified Forest of the Chinle  
1363 Formation (*Lucas et al., 2003; Irmis et al., 2007*), contains silesaurid material assigned to  
1364 *Eucoelophysis* (*Irmis et al., 2007; Breeden et al., 2017*) that falls within the early part of the  
1365 Revueltian estimated holochronozone (*Martz & Parker, 2017*), making it slightly younger than  
1366 the Post Quarry. The Hayden Quarry is very well-constrained geochronologically by a

1367 radiometric date of  $211.9 \pm 0.7$  Ma (*Irmis et al., 2011*), making it late Alauanian in age. The  
1368 postulated Revueltian age for *Kwanasaurus* suggests that it is at least closer in age to  
1369 *Eucoelophysis* than to *Technosaurus* and *Soumyasaurus*.

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### 1371 **Silesaurid phylogeny and distribution**

1372 Silesaurids were herbivorous non-dinosaurian dinosauriforms that lived during the Middle and  
1373 Late Triassic (Ladinian-Norian) and had a cosmopolitan distribution across both the northern and  
1374 southern regions of Pangea (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Langer et al., 2013*). They are represented by at  
1375 least 11 putatively acknowledged alpha taxa, including the four from North American already  
1376 discussed (Fig. 25).

1377         Given the poor support for relationships within Sulcimentisauria we do not take the  
1378 consensus topologies within the clade too seriously, although Sulcimentisauria itself is well-  
1379 supported clade (Appendix 3). Moreover, the broad picture of silesaurid evolution is somewhat  
1380 geochronologically consistent. *Lewisuchus* and *Pseudolagosuchus* are not only the basal-most  
1381 silesaurids, but also the oldest known, occurring in the Ladinian (Middle Triassic) Chanares  
1382 Formation of Argentina (*Bittencourt et al., 2014*). *Asilisaurus kongwe* the sister taxon to  
1383 Sulcimentisauria in both strict consensus and Adams consensus trees, is only slightly younger,  
1384 being known from the Anisian (Middle Triassic) of Tanzania (*Nesbitt et al., 2010; Griffin et al.,*  
1385 *2016a*). With the exception of *Lutungutali sitwensis*, which is known from the Anisian (Middle  
1386 Triassic) Ntawere Formation of Zambia (*Peacock et al., 2013*), all other sulcimentisaurians  
1387 (*Eucoelophysis baldwini, Ignotosaurus fragilis, Technosaurus smalli, Kwanasaurus*  
1388 *williamparkeri, Sacisaurus aguodensis, Silesaurus opolensis, and Diodorus scytobrachion*) are  
1389 Late Triassic in age (*Dzik, 2003; Irmis et al., 2007; Martz et al., 2013; Langer & Ferigolo,*

1390 2013; Martinez et al., 2012). In summary, phylogenetic analyses suggest an Early or Middle  
1391 Triassic origin for Silesauridae in southern Gondwana, with Sulcimentisauria originating in the  
1392 Middle Triassic in Gondwana but being a primarily Late Triassic clade that expanded into the  
1393 northern part of Pangea (Fig. 25B)

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### 1395 **Silesaurid paleoecology**

1396 The origin of herbivorous dinosaurs occurred during the Carnian stage of the Late  
1397 Triassic and became dominant herbivores during the Norian in the higher latitudes (*Langer et al.*,  
1398 2010). However, in the lower-mid latitude Norian Chinle/ Dockum beds of the western USA  
1399 herbivorous dinosaurs were absent (*Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007*). Instead, other amniotes have  
1400 been identified as possibly occupying herbivorous or omnivorous niches, including a variety of  
1401 small archosauromorphs (*Parker et al., 2005; Nesbitt, Irmis & Parker, 2007; Nesbitt et al., 2017,*  
1402 2017), shuvosaurids (*Nesbitt, 2007*), aetosaurs (*Desojo et al., 2013*), and dicynodonts (*Camp &*  
1403 *Welles, 1956*). Silesaurs can now be considered major herbivores of the Late Triassic in both  
1404 high latitude ‘wet belts’ globally and the lower latitude ‘dry belts’ of the Chinle/Dockum and in  
1405 other parts of the world (*Langer et al., 2013*). While their remains are scattered throughout the  
1406 Chinle/Dockum beds, they are generally rare (*Martz et al., 2013; Parker, Irmis & Nesbitt, 2006;*  
1407 *Ezcurra, 2006; Nesbitt & Chatterjee, 2008*), except for the Hayden Quarry in New Mexico  
1408 (*Irmis et al., 2007; Breeden et al., 2017*) and the Eagle Basin (this study) where their remains are  
1409 locally abundant.

1410 An overview of silesaurid dental diversity suggests that their widespread distribution  
1411 across Pangea may have been driven, at least in part by their dietary adaptability. *Lewisuchus*  
1412 *admixtus* retained the probably plesiomorphic slender jaws and ziphodont dentition of other early

1413 dinosauromorphs and theropods, while *Asilisaurus kongwe*, *Silesaurus opolensis*, and  
1414 *Soumyasaurus aenigmaticus* had relatively peg-like, almost conical teeth with weakly developed  
1415 serrations. In contrast, other members of Sulcimentisauria possessed the short and broad folioid  
1416 teeth (*sensu Hendrickx, Mateus, & Araújo, 2015*) with massive denticles, similar to those of  
1417 other herbivorous reptiles (*Reisz and Sues, 2000; Barrett, 2000*). The overall picture of silesaurid  
1418 dental evolution suggests a shift from faunivorous to increasingly herbivorous species  
1419 throughout the Triassic as ziphodont-toothed taxa were succeeded by taxa with conical teeth in  
1420 the Middle Triassic, and eventually by sulcimentisaurian taxa with strongly denticulate teeth that  
1421 radiated across Gondwana in the Late Triassic. These stages may mirror the stages of  
1422 herbivorous dietary specialization in sauropodomorphs that also occurred during the Late  
1423 Triassic (*Barrett, Butler & Nesbitt, 2011, p. 386*).

1424 *Kwanasaurus* is suggested here to represent the most extreme adaptations for folivory  
1425 yet known within Silesauridae. In addition to possessing leaf-shaped denticulate teeth, the  
1426 maxilla is an extremely short and robust element compared to the more slender maxillae of other  
1427 silesaurids (Fig. 10), with thick, almost durophagous folioid teeth, and extremely prominent  
1428 sutural surfaces for contact with the palatine, jugal, and lacrimal on a massive flange unlike  
1429 anything seen in other silesaurid taxa. The dentary does not seem to have been as massive, but is  
1430 at least more robust than the extremely slender elements in *Eucoelophysis*, *Sacisaurus*, and  
1431 *Soumyasaurus* (Fig. 13). These adaptations suggest that *Kwanasaurus* had a relatively powerful  
1432 bite in which the maxilla was reinforced by strong contacts with other skull elements. The taxon  
1433 may therefore have been consuming tougher food than most other silesaurids, consistent with the  
1434 tendency of herbivorous lizards to evolve more compact and powerful skulls to deal with tough,  
1435 fibrous plant material (*e.g. Metzger & Herrel, 2005*).

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1437 **Institutional Abbreviations**

1438 DMNH EPV., Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, Colorado, USA

1439 GR, Ghost Ranch Ruth Hall Museum of Paleontology, Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, USA

1440 MCN PV, Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto

1441 Alegre, Brazil.

1442 MHNM-ARG, Museum d'Histoire Naturelle de Marrakech (Argana Basin Collection),

1443 Marrakech, Morocco

1444 TMM, Texas Memorial Museum, Austin, Texas, USA

1445 TTU P, Museum of Texas Tech University Paleontology, Lubbock, Texas, USA

1446 ZPAL, Institute of Paleobiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland.

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1448 **Anatomical Abbreviations**

1449 **ac** = acetabulum; **afe** = antorbital fenestra; **afo** = antorbital fossa; **ag** = articular glenoid; **alt** =

1450 anterolateral tuber; **amp** = anteromedial process; **amt** = anteromedial tuber; **an** = angular; **an.ar**

1451 = articulation with the angular; **as.ar** = articular surface for the ascending process of the

1452 astragalus; **asc** = apex of scapula; **asm** = ascending process of the maxilla; **at** = anterior

1453 trochanter; **bf** = brevis fossa; **bs** = brevis shelf; **brk** = broken bone surface; **cc** = cnemial crest;

1454 **cnc** = concavity; **cnv** = convexity; **co.ar** = articulation with the coracoid; **dc** = deltopectoral

1455 crest; **dt** = dorsolateral trochanter; **ec** = ectotuberosity; **ect** = ectepicondyle; **en** = entotuberosity;

1456 **ent** = entepicondyle; **ecf** = ectepicondylar flange; **faa** = facies articularis antitrochantera; **fc** =

1457 fibular crest; **fo** = foramen; **ft** = fourth trochanter; **gr** = groove; **ilb** = iliac blade; **isp** = ischial

1458 peduncle; **ju.la.ar** = jugal and lacrimal articulation; **lc** = lateral condyle; **lr** = lateral ridge; **mc** =

1459 medial condyle; **maf** = mandibular fenestra; **mef** = medial flange; **Mk** = Meckelian groove; **mt** =  
1460 medial tuberosity; **pa.ar** = palatine articulation; **pit** = pit; **pra** = preacetabular process; **poa** =  
1461 postacetabular process; **plf** = posterolateral flange; **plp** = posterolateral process; **pm.ar** =  
1462 premaxilla articulation; **pmt** = posteromedial tuber; **pup** = pubic peduncle; **rf** = replacement  
1463 foramina; **rp** = replacement pits; **rt** = root; **sa.ar** = articular surface for the surangular; **sac #.ar** =  
1464 articulation for sacral #; **suc** = supracetabular crest; **sul** = sulcus; **sw** = swelling; **sy** = symphysis;  
1465 **tb** = crista tibiofibularis; **tc** = thin crest; **ve** = ventral emargination; **vn** = ventral notch; **vo.ar** =  
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1864 **Figure 1: Chinle Formation exposures in the Eagle Basin of northern Colorado.** (A) Map of  
1865 Colorado showing approximate location of localities. (B) Stratigraphic section of the  
1866 Chinle Formation showing approximate stratigraphic interval of dinosauromorph  
1867 localities (modified from Derby Junction section of Dubiel, 1992:fig. 4). (C) Exposures  
1868 of the red siltstone member along the Colorado River north of I-70 at 13S 033415  
1869 4412881 NAD 27 showing the approximate division between the coarser facies similar to  
1870 the Petrified Forest Member and the finer-grained facies similar to the Owl Rock  
1871 Member. (D) Bone preserved in fine-grained silty to very fine-grained sandstone. (E)  
1872 Intrabasinal conglomerate beds that have produced the bulk of the specimens.

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1874 **Figure 2: *Dromomeron romeri* voucher specimen (DMNH EPV.54826), proximal left femur,**  
1875 **stereopairs and interpretive drawings.** (A) Proximal view. (B) Anterolateral view. (C)  
1876 Anteromedial view. (D) Posteromedial view. (E) Posterolateral view. See text for  
1877 abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1879 **Figure 3: *Dromomeron romeri* (DMNH EPV. 63873), proximal right femur, labeled**  
1880 **stereopairs.** (A) Anterolateral view. (B) Anteromedial view. (C) Posteromedial view. (D)  
1881 Posterolateral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 1 cm.

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1883 **Figure 4: *Dromomeron romeri* (DMNH EPV.29956), right humerus, labeled stereopairs.** (A)  
1884 proximal view. (B) Anterior view. (C) Medial view. (D) Posterior view. (E) Lateral view.  
1885 (F) Proximal view showing angle of torsion between long axes of proximal and distal

1886 ends, gray lines represent the long axes of the proximal and distal ends. See text for  
1887 abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1889 **Figure 5: Dinosauriformes (DMNH EPV.67956), right scapula, labeled stereopairs. (A)**

1890 Anterior view. (B) Medial view. (C) Posterior view. (D) Lateral view. (E) Ventral view.

1891 Missing areas outlined with dots. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1893 **Figure 6: Dinosauriformes (DMNH EPV.63875), right tibia, labeled stereopairs. (A)**

1894 Proximal view. (B) Anterior view. (C) Medial view. (D) Posterior view. (E) Lateral view.

1895 (F) Distal view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1897 **Figure 7: Dinosauriformes tibiae. (A) DMNH EPV.56652, worn proximal tibia in lateral view.**

1898 DMNH EPV.67955, proximal end of right tibia in (B) proximal view, (C) anterior view,

1899 (D) medial view, (E) posterior view, (F) lateral view. DMNH EPV.67955, proximal left

1900 tibia stereopairs in (G) proximal view, (H) anterior view, (I) medial view, (J) posterior

1901 view, (K) lateral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1903 **Figure 8: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* maxillae. (A) Holotype (DMNH EPV.65879) left**

1904 maxilla stereopairs of lateral view, (B) interpretive drawing of same, (C) stereopairs of

1905 medial view, (D) interpretive drawing of same, (E) stereopairs of dorsal view, (F)

1906 interpretive drawing of same, (G) stereopairs of ventral view, (H) interpretive drawing of

1907 same. (I) DMNH EPV.63650, right maxilla stereopairs of lateral view, (J) interpretive

1908 drawing of same, (K) stereopairs of medial view, (L) interpretive drawing of same, (M)

1909 stereopairs of dorsal view, (N) interpretive drawing of same, (O) stereopairs of ventral  
1910 view, (P) interpretive drawing of same. Hatching indicates broken bone surface, dotted  
1911 lines indicate broken bone edge. Dark gray areas filled with matrix. See text for  
1912 abbreviations. Scale bars = 2 cm.

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1914 **Figure 9: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* maxillae.** (A) DMNH EPV.125921, left maxilla  
1915 stereopairs of lateral view, (B) interpretive drawing of same, (C) stereopairs of medial  
1916 view, (D) interpretive drawing of same, (E) stereopairs of dorsal view, (F) interpretive  
1917 drawing of same, (G) stereopairs of ventral view, (H) interpretive drawing of same. (I)  
1918 DMNH EPV.125923, right maxilla stereopairs of lateral view, (J) interpretive drawing of  
1919 same, (K) stereopairs of medial view, (L) interpretive drawing of same, (M) stereopairs  
1920 of dorsal view, (N) interpretive drawing of same, (O) stereopairs of ventral view, (P)  
1921 interpretive drawing of same. Hatching indicates broken bone surface or putty  
1922 reconstruction, dotted lines indicate broken bone edge. Dark gray areas filled with matrix.  
1923 See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 1 cm.

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1925 **Figure 10: Silesaurid left maxillae.** (A) *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* (composite reconstruction  
1926 based on DMNH EPV.65879 and DMNH EPV.63650) in lateral view, (B) same in  
1927 medial view. (C) *Lewisuchus admixtus* (PULR 01 redrawn from Bittencourt et al., 2014,  
1928 fig. 1) in lateral view reversed, (D) same in medial view. (E) *Silesaurus opolensis* (ZPAL  
1929 Ab III/361/26) in lateral view reversed, (F) same in medial view. (G) *Sacisaurus*  
1930 *agudoensis* (MCN PV 10050 reversed) in lateral view. Scale bar for A-F = 1 cm; scale

1931 bar for  $G = 0.5$  cm. Dashed lines indicate broken edges. Arrows indicate posterior end of  
1932 tooth row based on published information and figures.

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1934 **Figure 11: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* DMNH EPV.63136 left dentary.** (A) Stereopairs of  
1935 lateral view. (B) Interpretive drawing of same. (C) Stereopairs of medial view. (D)  
1936 Interpretive drawing of same. (E) Stereopairs of dorsal view. (F) Interpretive drawing of  
1937 same. (G) Stereopairs of ventral view. (H) Interpretive drawing of same. Hatching  
1938 indicates broken bone surface, dotted lines indicate broken bone edge. Dark gray areas  
1939 filled with matrix. See text for abbreviations. Scale bars = 2 cm.

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1941 **Figure 12: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* dentaries.** (A) DMNH 63135 right dentary stereopairs  
1942 of lateral view, (B) interpretive drawing of same, (C) stereopairs of medial view, (D)  
1943 interpretive drawing of same. (E) DMNH EPV.57599 right? dentary in lateral view, (F)  
1944 same in medial view. (G) DMNH EPV.65878 left? dentary, lateral view, (H) same in  
1945 medial view, (I) same in dorsal view. (J) DMNH EPV.63660 left dentary in lateral view,  
1946 (K) same in medial view, (L) same in dorsal view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar =  
1947 1 cm.

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1949 **Figure 13: Silesaurid left dentaries.** (A) *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* (based primarily on  
1950 DMNH EPV.63136) in lateral view, (B) same in medial view. (C) *Asilisaurus kongwe*  
1951 (NMT R89) in lateral view, (D) same in medial view. (E) *Eucoelophysis baldwini* (GR  
1952 224) in lateral view, (F) same in medial view. (G) *Technosaurus smalli* (TTU P-9021,  
1953 reversed) in lateral view, (H) same in medial view (also reversed). (I) *Sacisaurus*

1954 *agudoensis* (composite based on MCN PV10042 and MCN PV10043) in lateral view, (J)  
1955 same in medial view. (K) *Silesaurus opolensis* (ZPAL AbIII/361/26) in lateral view, (L)  
1956 same in medial view. (M) *Diodorus scytobrachion* (MNHM-ARG 30) in lateral view  
1957 (reversed), (N) same in medial view (also reversed). Dashed lines indicate broken edges.  
1958 Unshaded regions indicate the surface of the specimen is not exposed. All scale bars = 1  
1959 cm.

1960

1961 **Figure 14: Isolated folidont teeth probably belonging to *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri*.** (A)

1962 DMNH EPV.43577 in (left to right) labial, lingual, edge-on, and occlusal views. (B)

1963 DMNH EPV.63142 in (left to right) labial, lingual, edge-on, and occlusal views. (C)

1964 DMNH EPV.63143 in (left to right) labial, lingual, edge-on, and occlusal views. (D)

1965 DMNH EPV.63843 in (left to right) labial, lingual, edge-on, and occlusal views. (E)

1966 DMNH EPV.63661 in (left to right) labial, edge-on, and occlusal views. (F) DMNH

1967 EPV.125922 in (left to right) labial, lingual, edge-on, and occlusal views.

1968

1969 **Figure 15: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* left humerus (DMNH EPV.59302) stereopairs.** (A)

1970 Proximal view (anterior side facing up). (B) Anterior view. (C) Medial view. (D)

1971 Posterior view. (E) Lateral view. (F) Distal view (anterior side facing up). (G) Drawing

1972 of overlapping proximal and distal ends showing degree of torsion. See text for

1973 abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

1974

1975 **Figure 16: *Kwansaurus williamparkeri* left ilium (DMNH EPV.48506).** (A) Stereopairs of

1976 lateral view. (B) Interpretive drawing of same. (C) Stereopairs of medial view. (D)

1977 Interpretive drawing of same. (E) Stereopairs of dorsal view. (F) Interpretive drawing of  
1978 same. (G) Stereopairs of ventral view. (H) Interpretive drawing of same. See text for  
1979 abbreviations. Dotted lines indicate breaks, dashed lines outline sacral rib attachments.  
1980 Scale bar = 2 cm.

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1982 **Figure 17: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* ilia.** (A) DMNH EPV.63653, mostly complete left  
1983 ilium in lateral view, (B) medial view, (C) ventral view. (D) DMNH EPV.52195,  
1984 stereopairs of partial left ilium in lateral view, (E) medial view, (F) dorsal view, (G)  
1985 ventral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

1986

1987 **Figure 18: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* left femur (DMNH EPV.34579) stereopairs.** (A)  
1988 Proximal view. (B) Distal view. (C) Anterolateral view. (D) Anteromedial view. (E)  
1989 Posteromedial view. (F) Posterolateral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

1990

1991 **Figure 19: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* proximal femora, larger specimens.** (A) DMNH  
1992 EPV.54828, right femur stereopairs, proximal view, (B) anterolateral view, (C)  
1993 anteromedial view, (D) posteromedial view, (E) posterolateral view. (F) DMNH  
1994 EPV.44616, right femur stereopairs, proximal view, (G) anterolateral view, (H)  
1995 anteromedial view, (I) posteromedial view, (J) posterolateral view. (K) DMNH  
1996 EPV.56651, left femur in proximal view, (L) anterolateral view, (M) anteromedial view,  
1997 (N) posteromedial view, (O) posterolateral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2  
1998 cm.

1999

2000 **Figure 20: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* proximal femora, larger specimens.** (A) DMNH

2001 EPV.125924, right femur stereopairs in proximal view, (B) anterolateral view, (C)

2002 anteromedial view, (D) posteromedial view, (E) posterolateral view. (F) DMNH

2003 EPV.63874, left femur stereopairs in proximal view, (G) anterolateral view, (H)

2004 anteromedial view, (I) posterolateral view, (J) posterolateral view. See text for

2005 abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

2006

2007 **Figure 21: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* proximal femora, smaller specimens.** (A) DMNH

2008 EPV.63139 left femur stereopairs in proximal view, (B) anterolateral view, (C)

2009 anteromaedial view, (D) posteromedial view, (E) posterolateral view. (F) DMNH

2010 EPV.59311 left femur in proximal view, (G) anterolateral view, (H) anteromedial view,

2011 (I) posteromedial view, (J) posterolateral view. (K) DMNH EPV.59301 left femur in

2012 proximal view, (L) anterolateral view, (M) anteromedial view, (N) posteromedial view,

2013 (O) posterolateral view. See text for abbreviations. Scale bar = 2 cm.

2014

2015 **Figure 22: *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* distal femur DMNH EPV.67956.** (A) Distal view.

2016 (B) Lateral view. (C) Anterior view. (D) Medial view. (E) Posterior view. Scale bar = 2

2017 cm.

2018

2019 **Figure 23: Phylogenetic analysis of Silesauridae, identical strict consensus and Adams**

2020 **consensus trees.**

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2022 **Figure 24: Skeletal reconstruction of *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri*.** Skeletal elements are  
2023 based on individuals of varied sizes, all scaled under the assumption that *Kwanasaurus* is  
2024 proportioned similarly to *Silesaurus*. Scale bars = 10 cm, given for probable largest  
2025 specimen (DMNH EPV. 34579) and one of the smallest specimens (DMNH EPV.63139).

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2027 **Figure 25: Global and temporal distribution of non-dinosaurian dinosauiromorphs.** (A)  
2028 Lagerpetid distribution. (B) Silesaurid distribution.

2029

2030 **Figure S1. Measurements of appendicular elements detailed in Appendix 1.** (A)

2031 *Dromomeron romeri* proximal femur in proximal view, (B) posteromedial view, (C)  
2032 posterolateral view. (D) *Dromomeron romeri* humerus in proximal view, (E) anterior  
2033 view, (F) medial view, (G) distal view. (H) Dinosauriformes scapula in lateral view, (I)  
2034 posterior view, (J) ventral view. (K) Dinosauriformes tibia in proximal view, (L) lateral  
2035 view, (M) posterior view, (N) distal view. (O) Silesauridae humerus in proximal view,  
2036 (P) anterior view, (Q) medial view, (R) distal view. (S) Silesauridae femur in proximal  
2037 view, (T) anteromedial view, (U) anteromedial view, (V) distal view.

2038

2039 **Table 1: Dinosauromorph specimens from the Chinle Formation of the Eagle Basin of**  
2040 **Colorado at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.** Voucher specimens are  
2041 indicated in boldface; the voucher specimen for *Kwanasaurus williamparkeri* (DMNH  
2042 EPV.65879) serves as voucher specimen for both Dinosauriformes and Silesauridae.

2043

2044 **Table S1: Measurements of appendicular elements of dinosauriforms from the Chinle**

2045 **Formation of the Eagle Basin of Colorado at the Denver Museum of Nature and**

2046 **Science.** Measurements are all in millimeters, shown graphically in Fig. S1, and

2047 described in Appendix 1.

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2049 **Table S2: Silesaurid measurements and denticle counts for emergent tooth crowns, given**

2050 **by numbered tooth position.** See also Figs. 8-13. Mesial-distal width taken across

2051 broadest point, labial-lingual width across the basal swelling of the crown, and crown

2052 height taken from base of swelling to apex. All measurements are in millimeters. The

2053 number of denticles are also given for anterior and posterior edges. Uncertain counts are

2054 indicated with question marks. If the crown is incomplete or an incompletely exposed

2055 replacement tooth, > indicates the minimum (measured) size of the crown. Abbreviations:

2056 rpl = replacement tooth.

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**Table 1** (on next page)

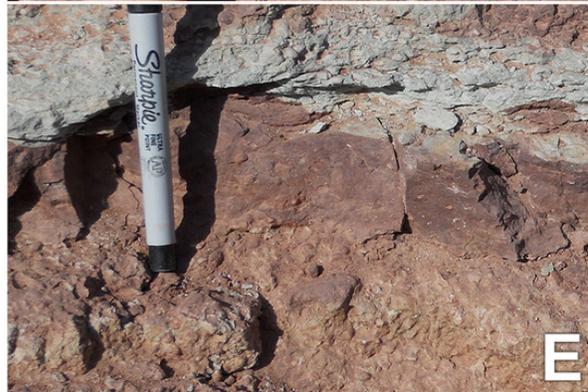
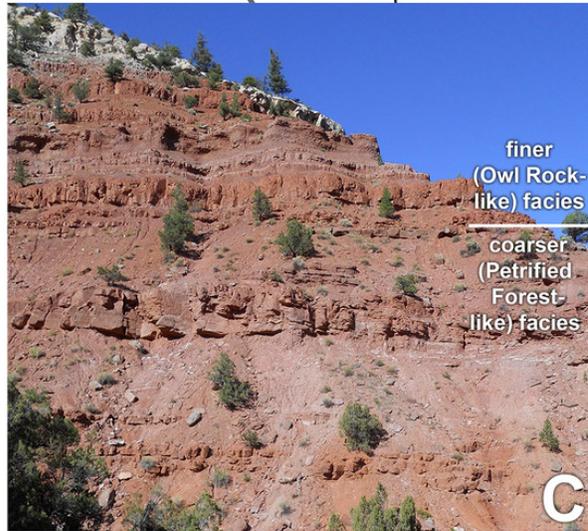
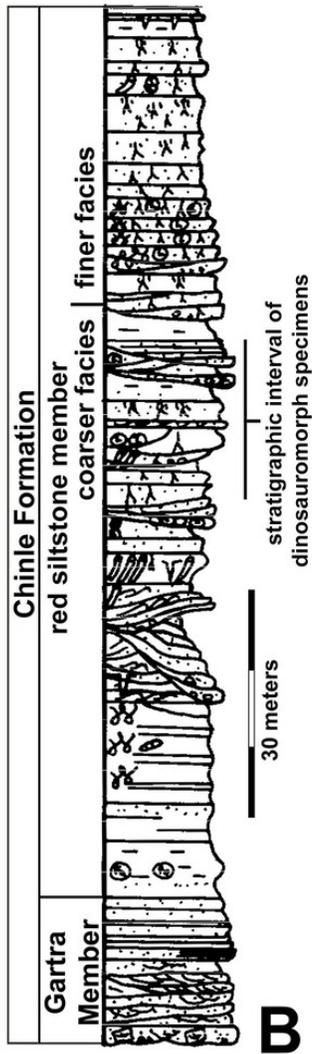
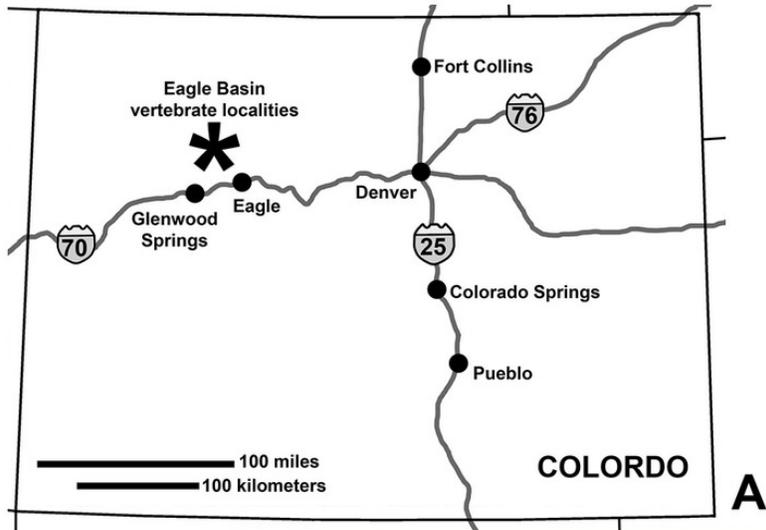
Table\_1\_Basal\_Dinosauromorph\_Specimens

TAXON	SPECIMEN #	ELEMENT	LOCALITY
<i>Dromomeron romeri</i>	<b>DMNH EPV.54826 (voucher)</b>	Proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.29956	Complete right humerus	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.63873	Proximal right femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
Dinosauriformes	DMNH EPV.67956	Partial right scapula	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.27699	Worn proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.43126	Worn proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.43588	Worn proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.44616	Worn proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.63875	Complete right tibia	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.63872	Proximal right tibia	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.56652	Worn proximal tibia	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.67955	Proximal left tibia	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
<i>Kwanasaurus parkeri</i>	<b>DMNH EPV.65879 (holotype)</b>	Partial left maxilla	DMNH 4340 (Burrow Cliff)
	DMNH EPV.63650	Partial right maxilla	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.125921	Partial left maxilla	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.125923	Partial right maxilla	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.63136	Nearly complete left dentary	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.63135	Partial right dentary	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.63660	Left anterior dentary	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.65878	Partial left dentary	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.57599	Partial right? dentary	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) South 6
	DMNH EPV.43577	Tooth	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) South 2
DMNH EPV.63142	Tooth	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)	

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	DMNH EPV.63661	Tooth	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.125922	Tooth	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.59302	Nearly complete left humerus	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) South 7
	DMNH EPV.48506	Complete left ilium	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.63653	Nearly complete left ilium	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.52195	Partial ilium	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) South
	DMNH EPV.34579	Nearly complete femur	DMNH 692 (Derby Junction)
	DMNH EPV.54828	Proximal right femur	DMNH 3492 (Shuvosaur Surprise)
	DMNH EPV.59311	Proximal right femur	DMNH 3492 (Shuvosaur Surprise)
	DMNH EPV.44616	Proximal right femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) North 2
	DMNH EPV.56651	Proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.59301	Proximal left femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek) South
	DMNH EPV.63139	Proximal left femur	DMNH 3980 (Lost Bob)
	DMNH EPV.63874	Proximal left femur	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
	DMNH EPV.125924	Proximal right femur	DMNH 4629 (Lost Bob East)
Silesauridae?	DMNH EPV.34028	Distal right femur	DMNH 1306 (Main Elk Creek)
	DMNH EPV.59310	Distal right femur	DMNH 3492 (Shuvosaur Surprise)

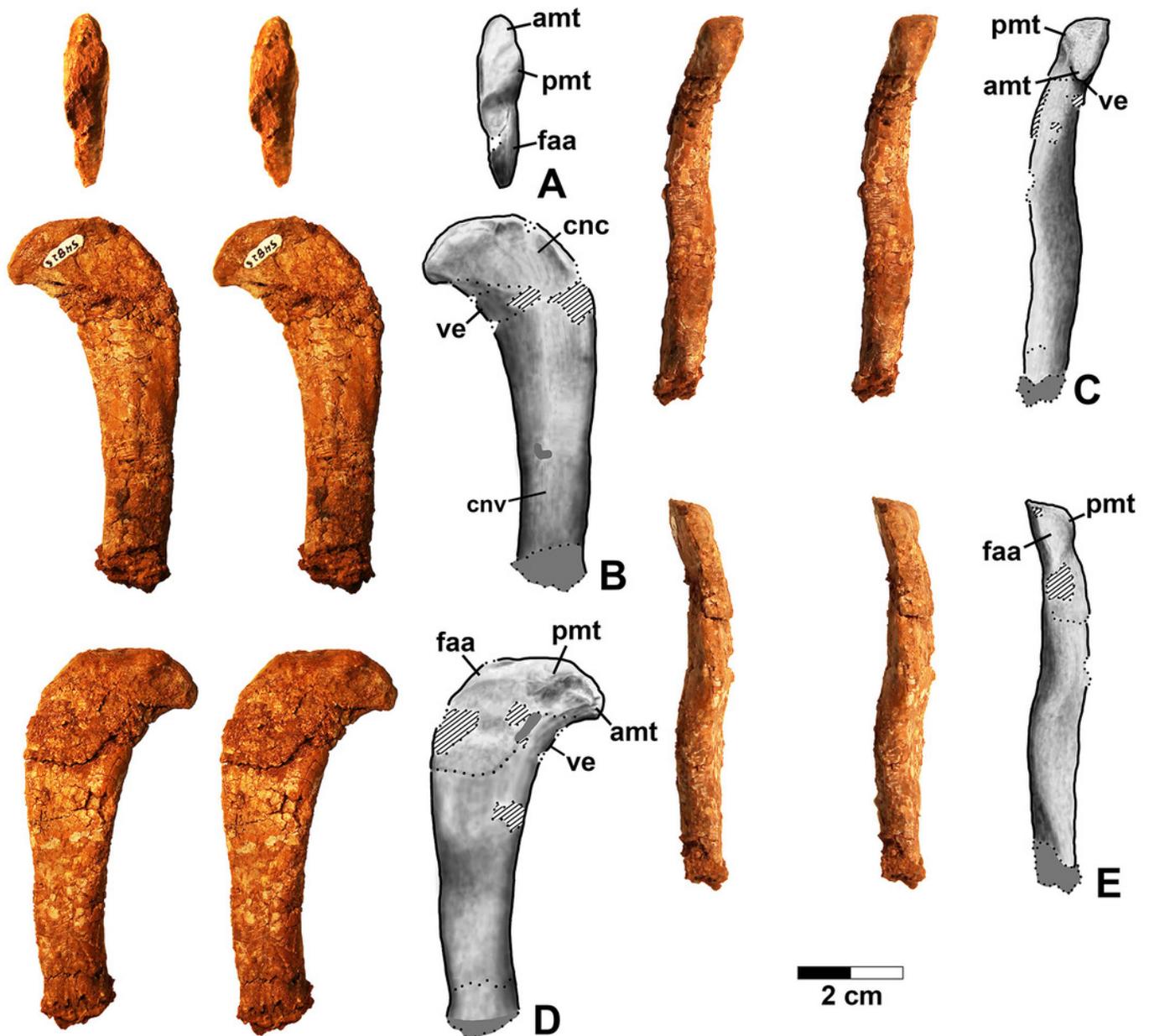
# Figure 1

Figure\_1\_Map\_and\_Section



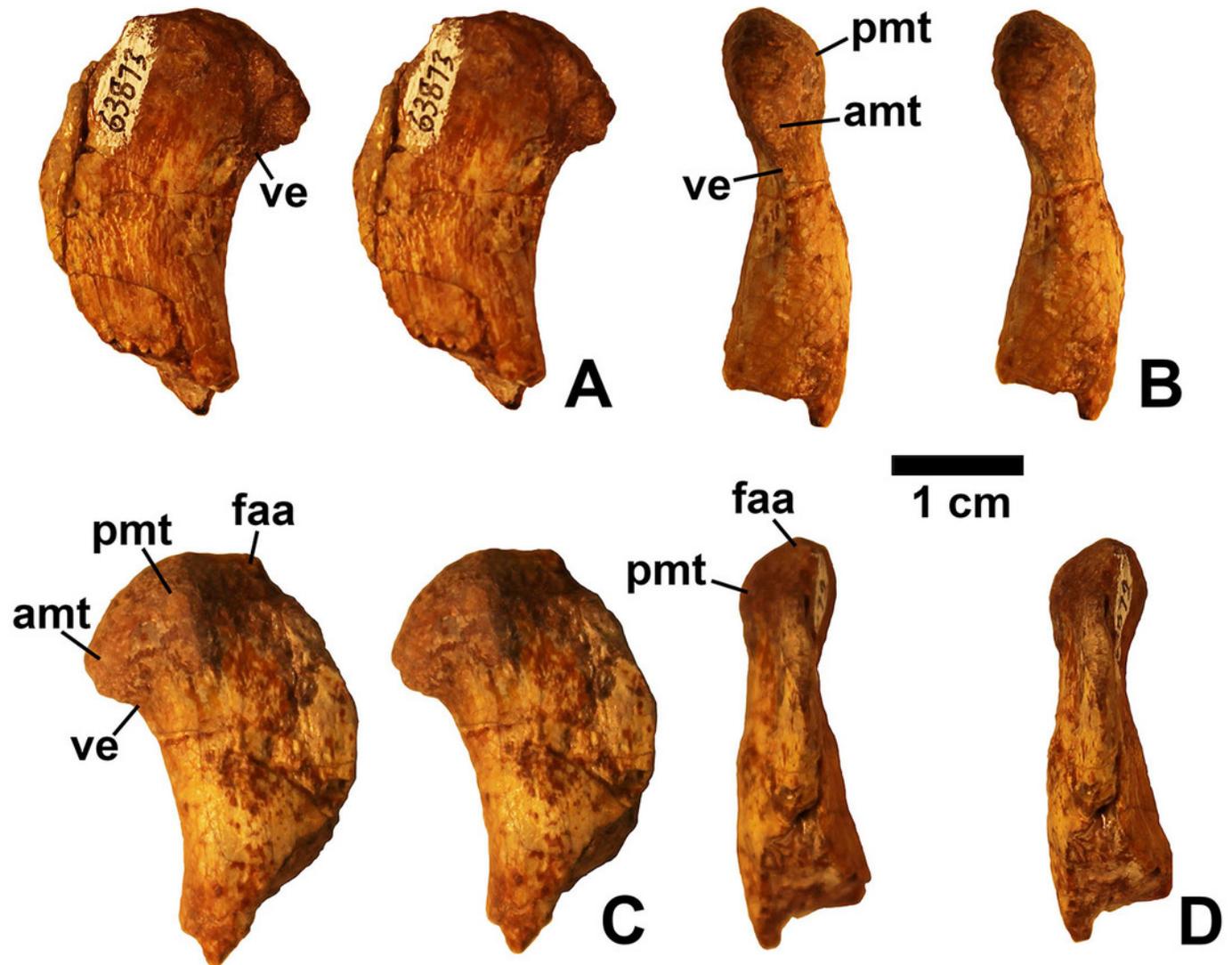
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Figure\_2\_Dromomeron\_54826\_(voucher\_femur)



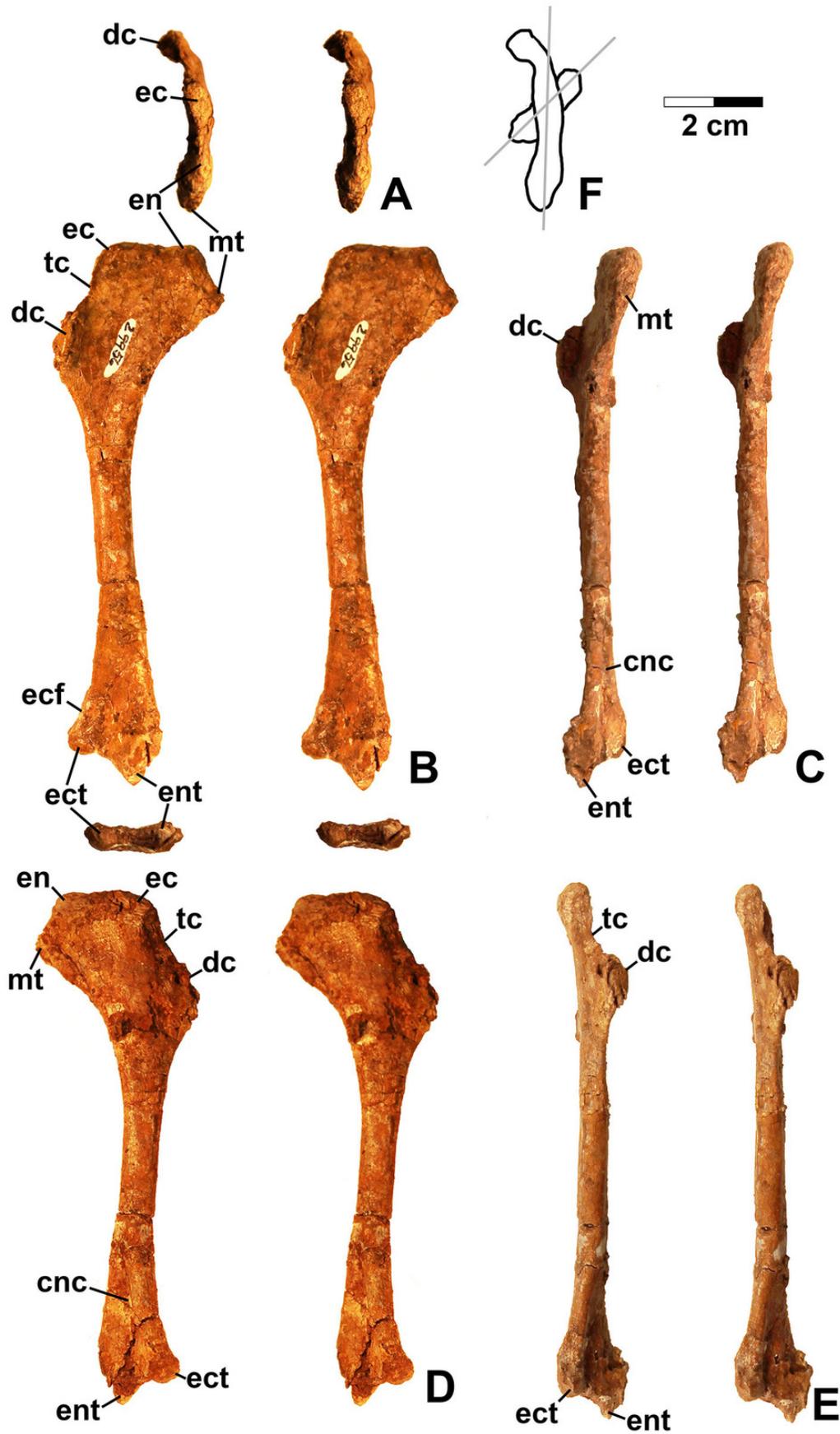
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Figure\_3\_Dromomeron\_63073\_(femur)



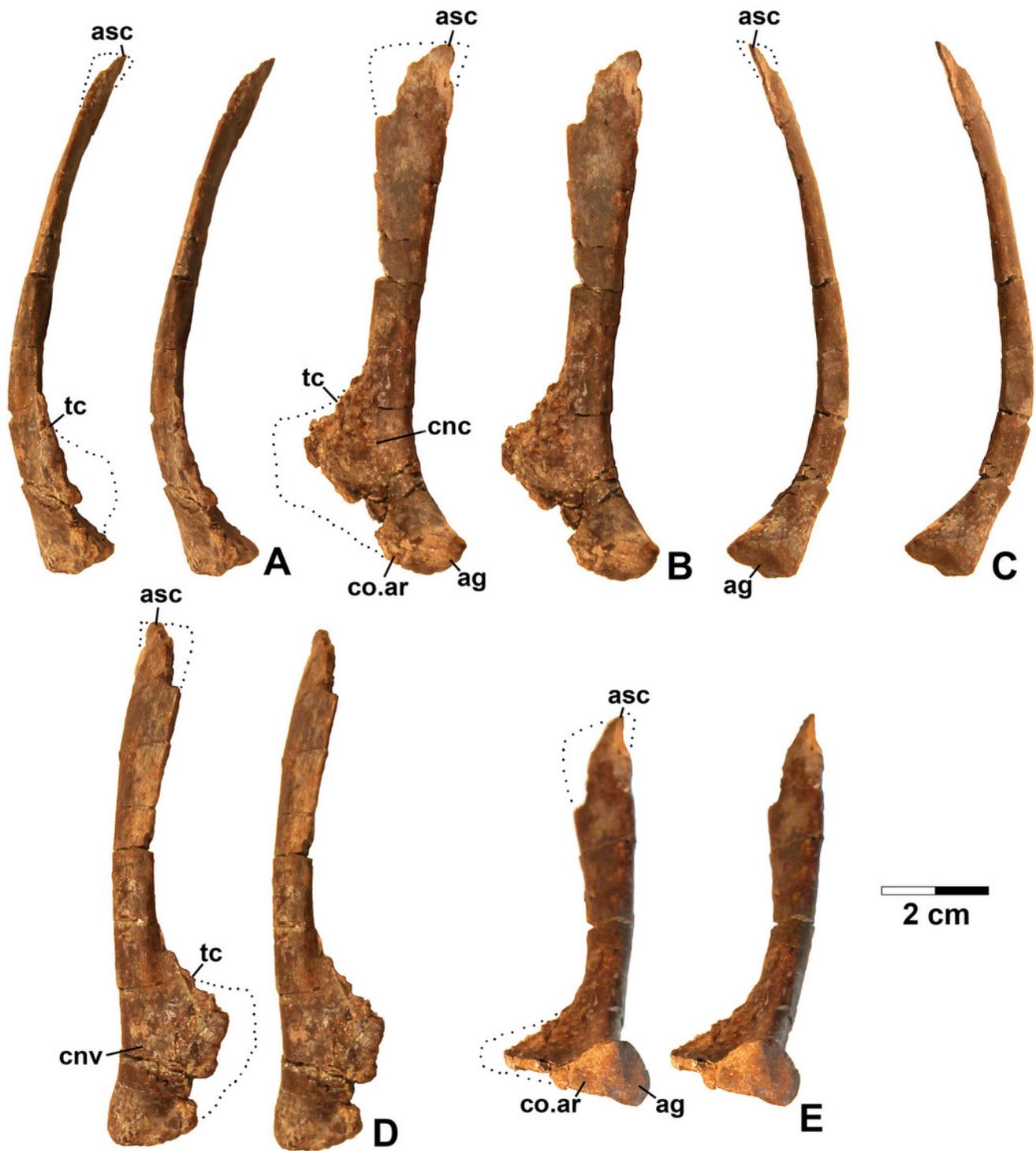
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Figure\_4\_Dromomeron\_29956\_(humerus)



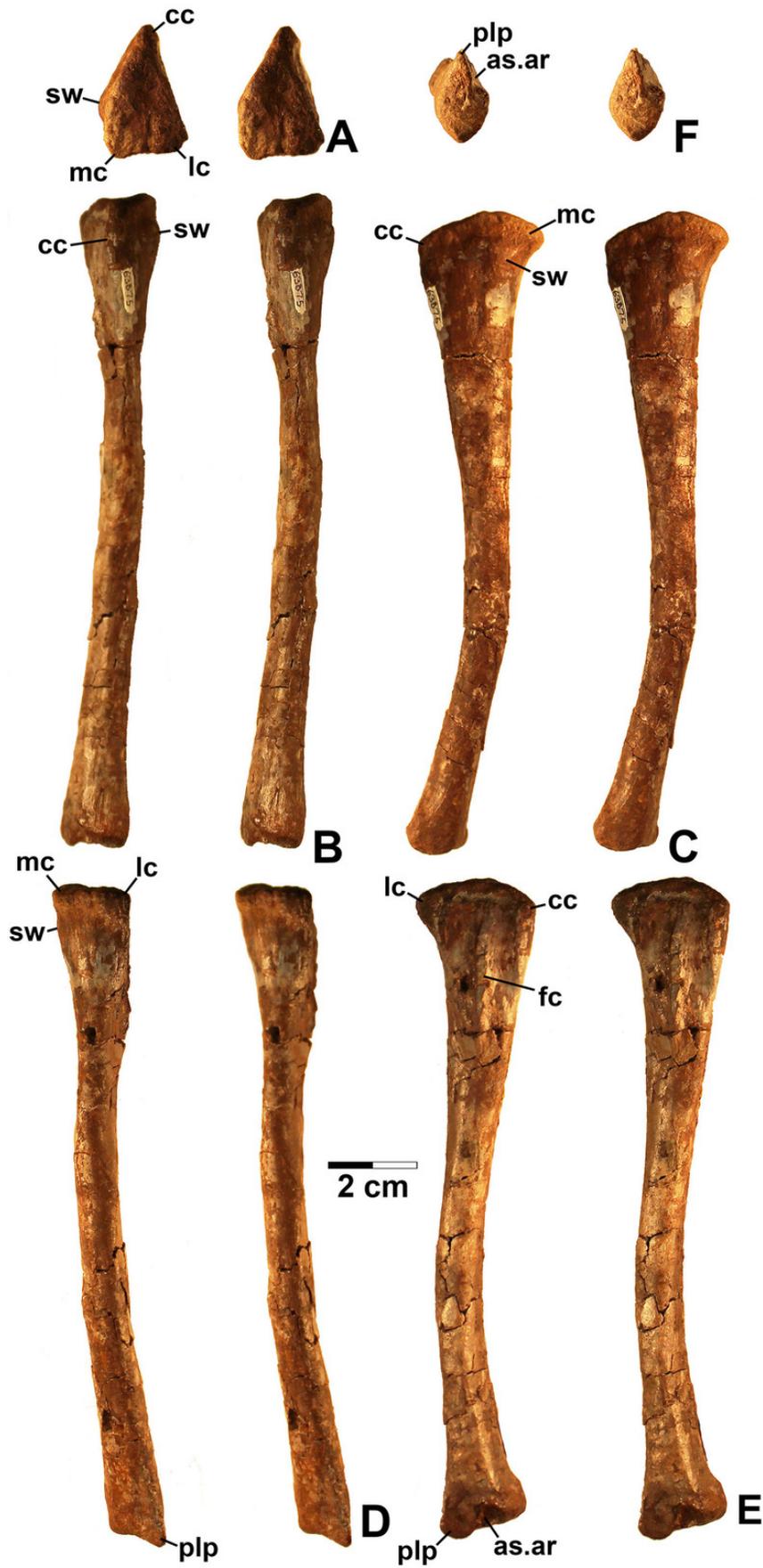
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Figure\_5\_Dinosauriformes\_67956\_(scapula)



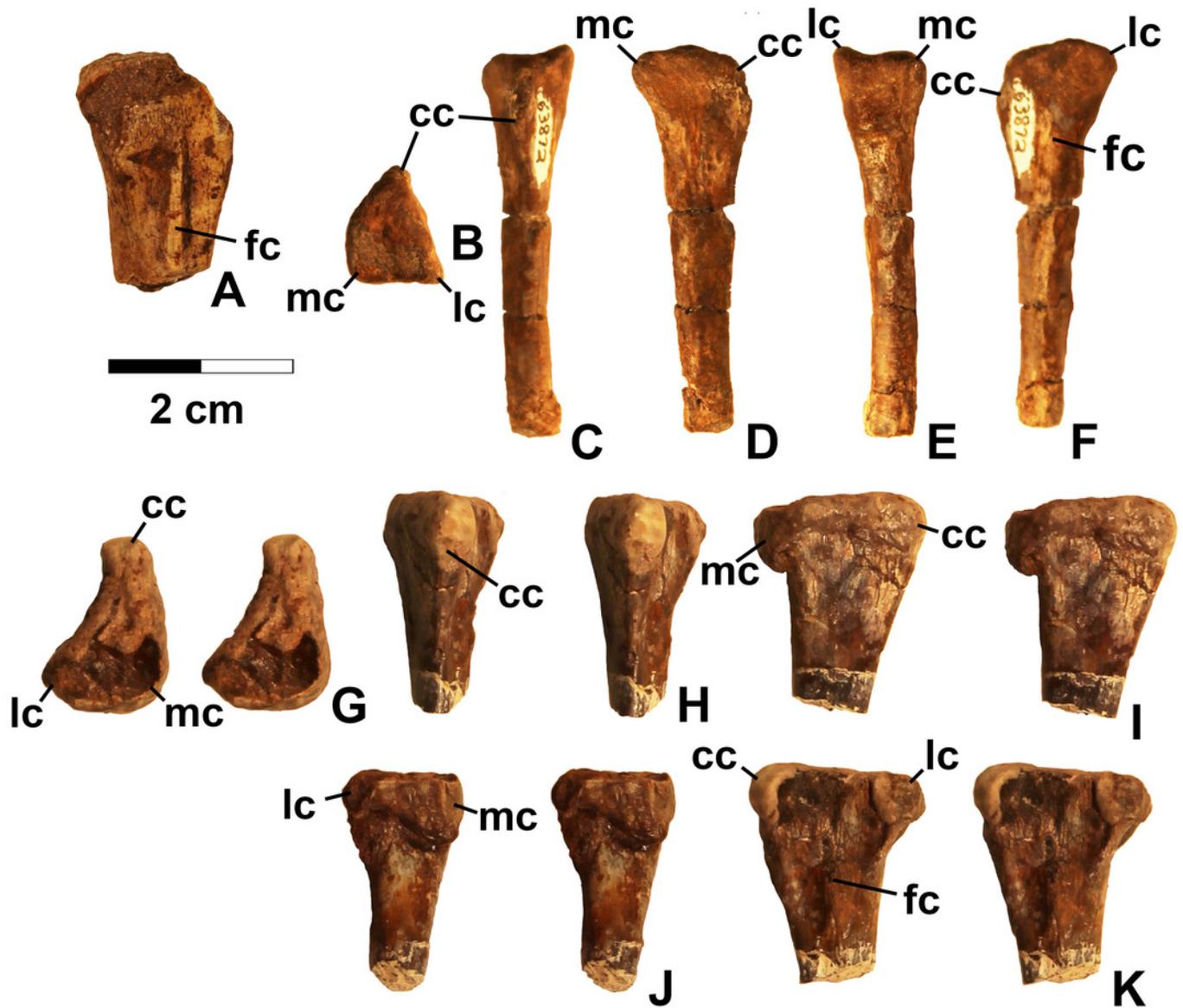
## Figure 6

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## Figure 7

Figure\_7\_Dinosauriformes\_63872,\_67955,\_56....ibiae)



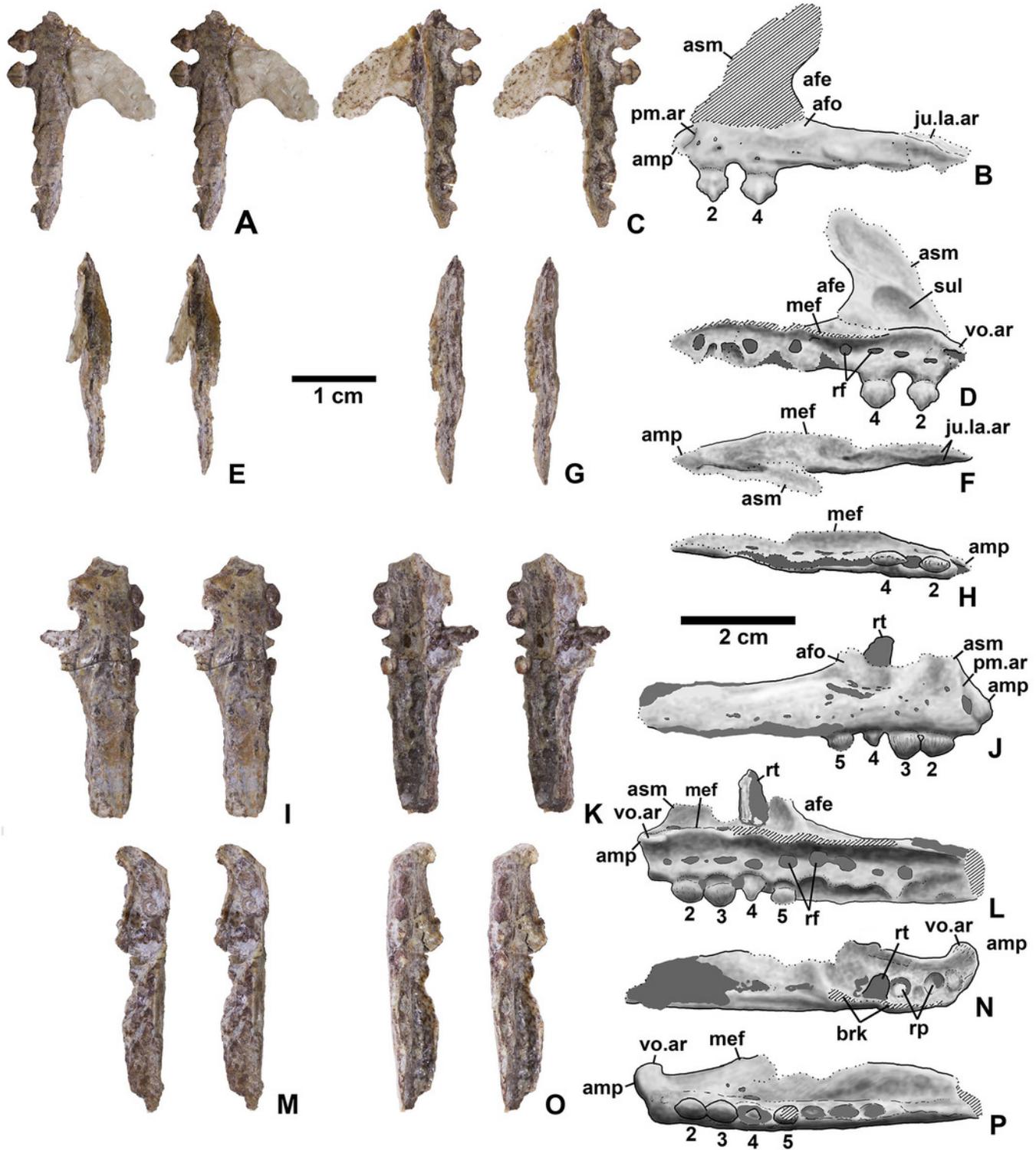
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Figure\_8\_Silesauridae\_65879\_(maxilla)



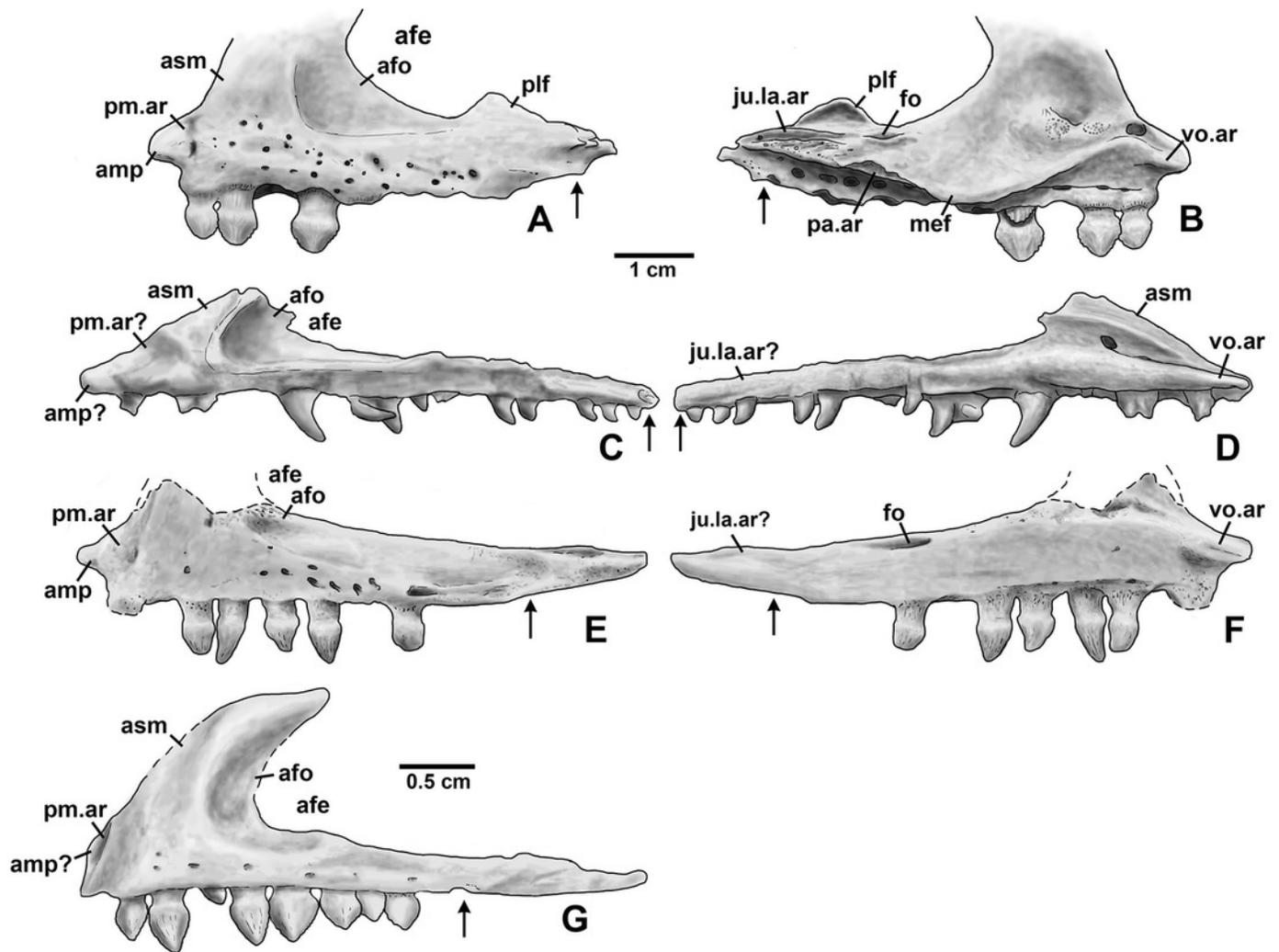
## Figure 9

Figure\_9\_Kwanasaurus\_maxillae



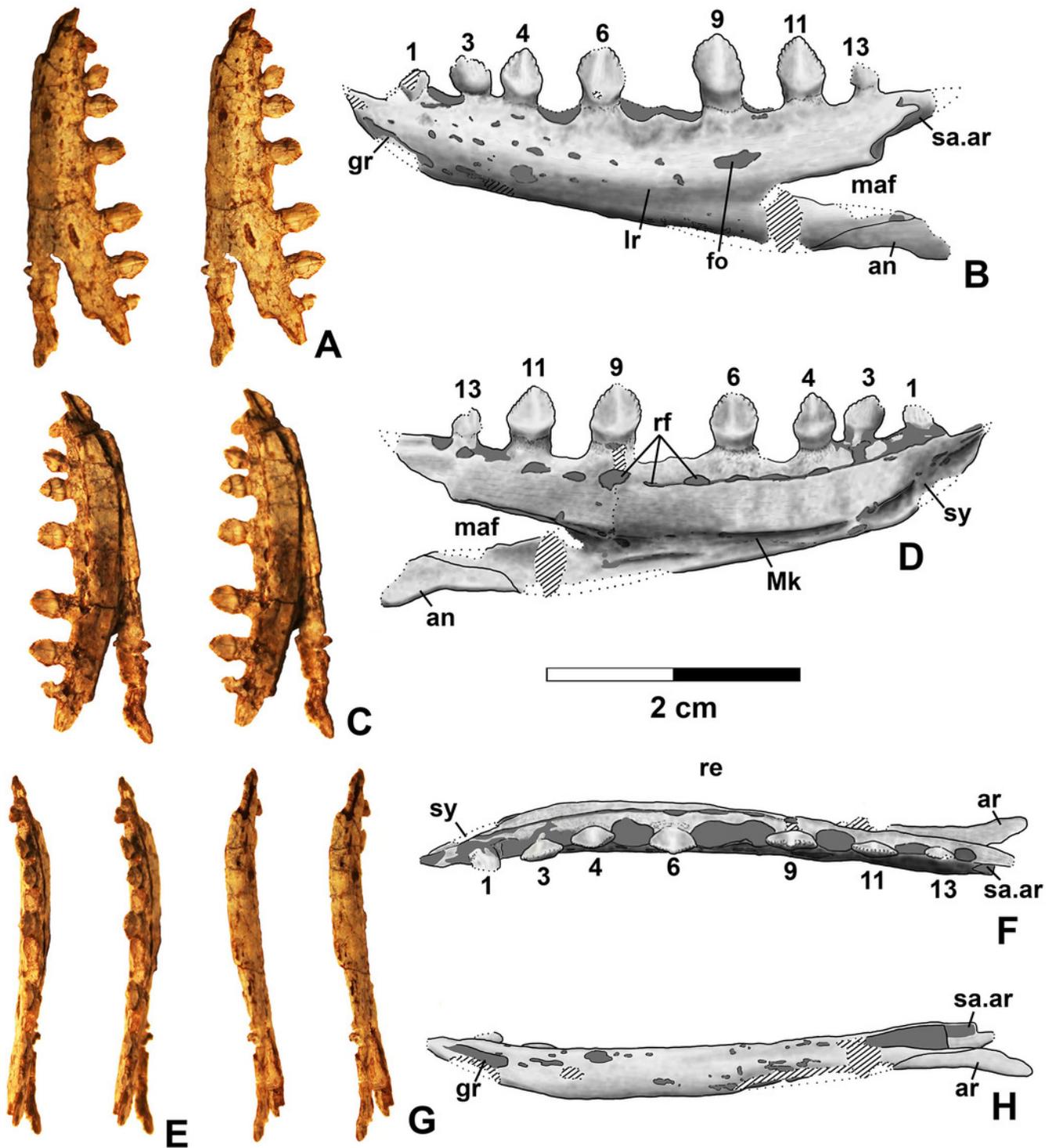
## Figure 10

Figure\_10\_Silesaurid\_maxillae



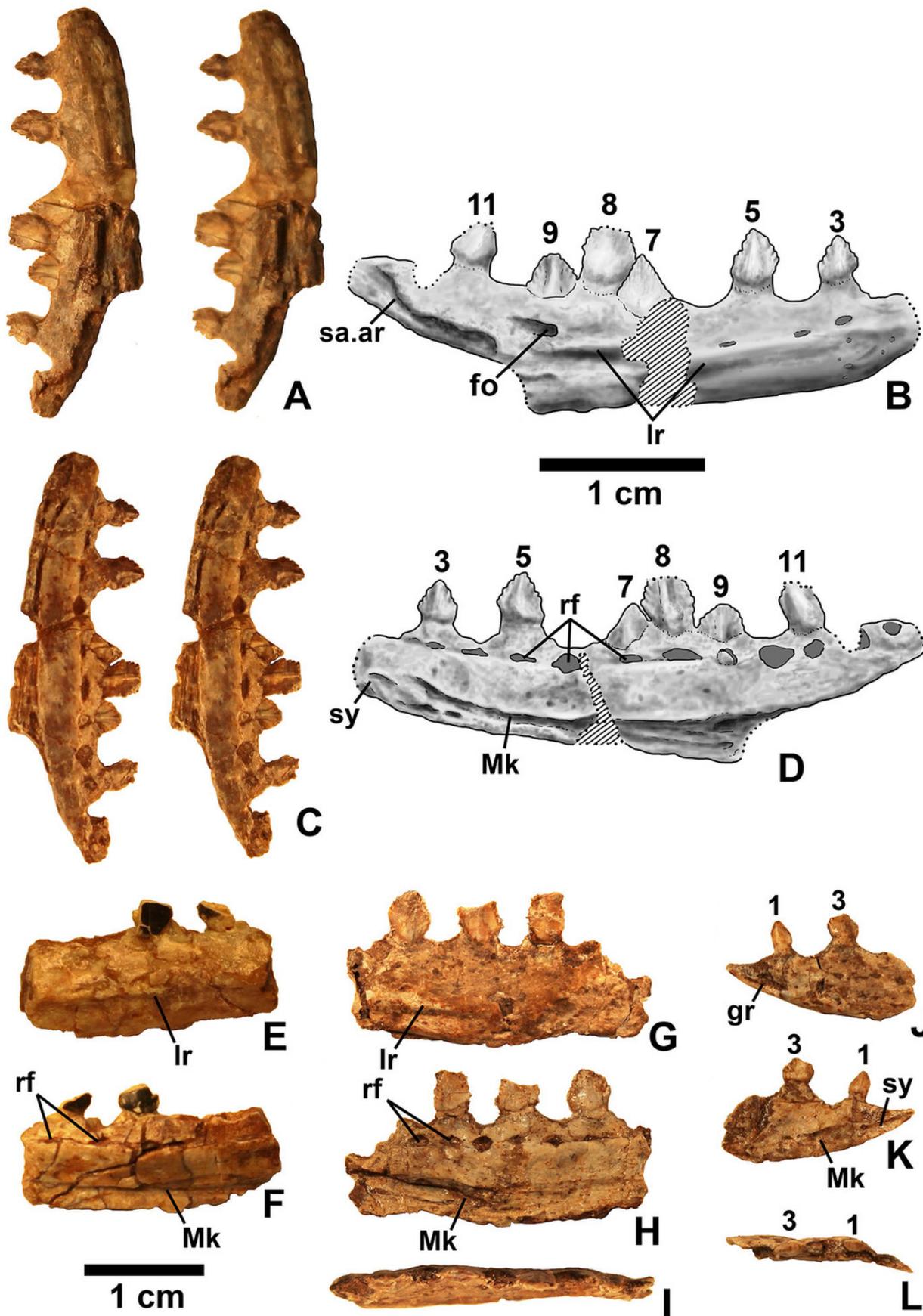
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Figure\_11\_Kwanasaurus\_63136\_(dentary)



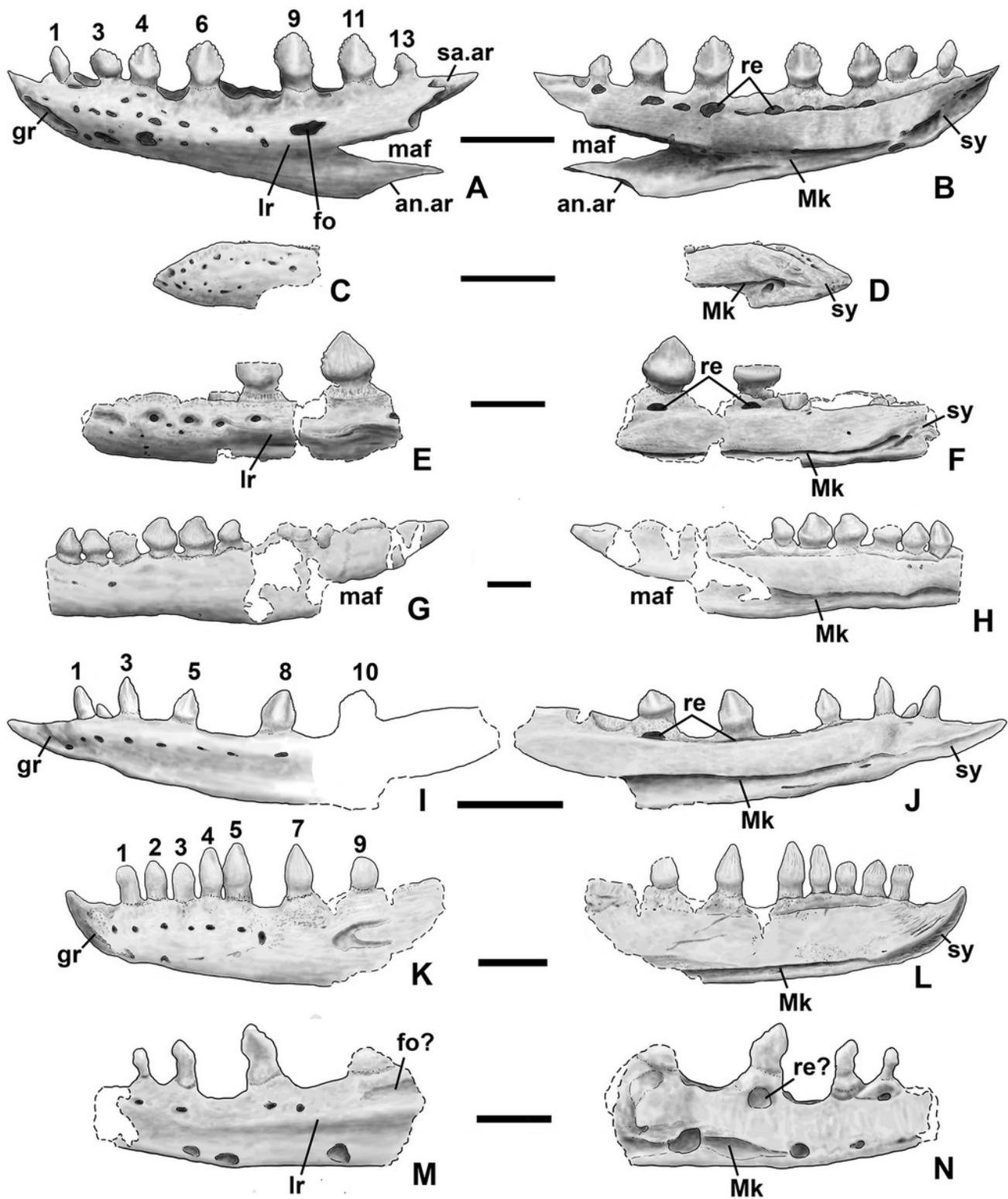
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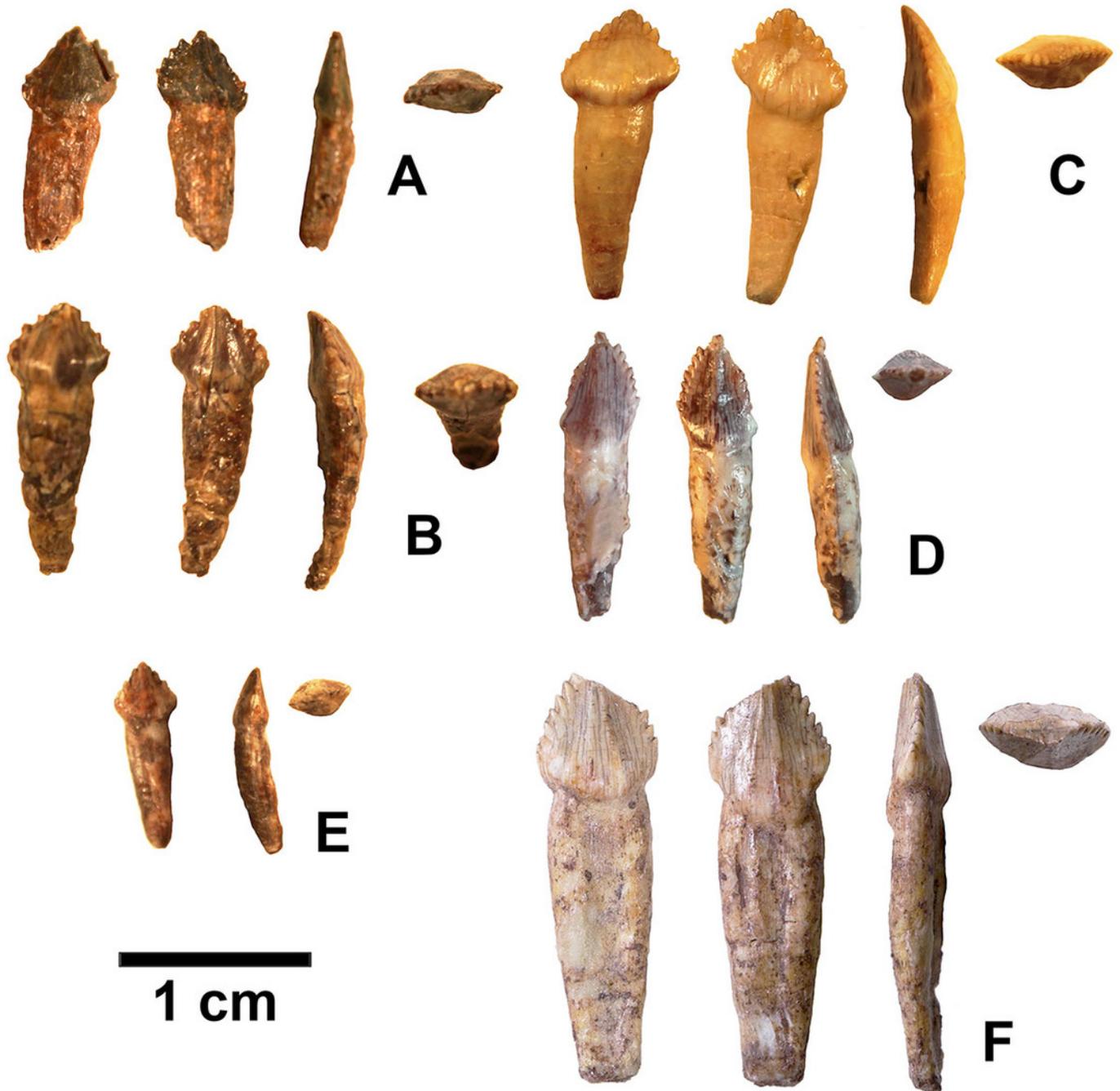
# Figure 13

Figure\_13\_Silesaurid\_dentaries



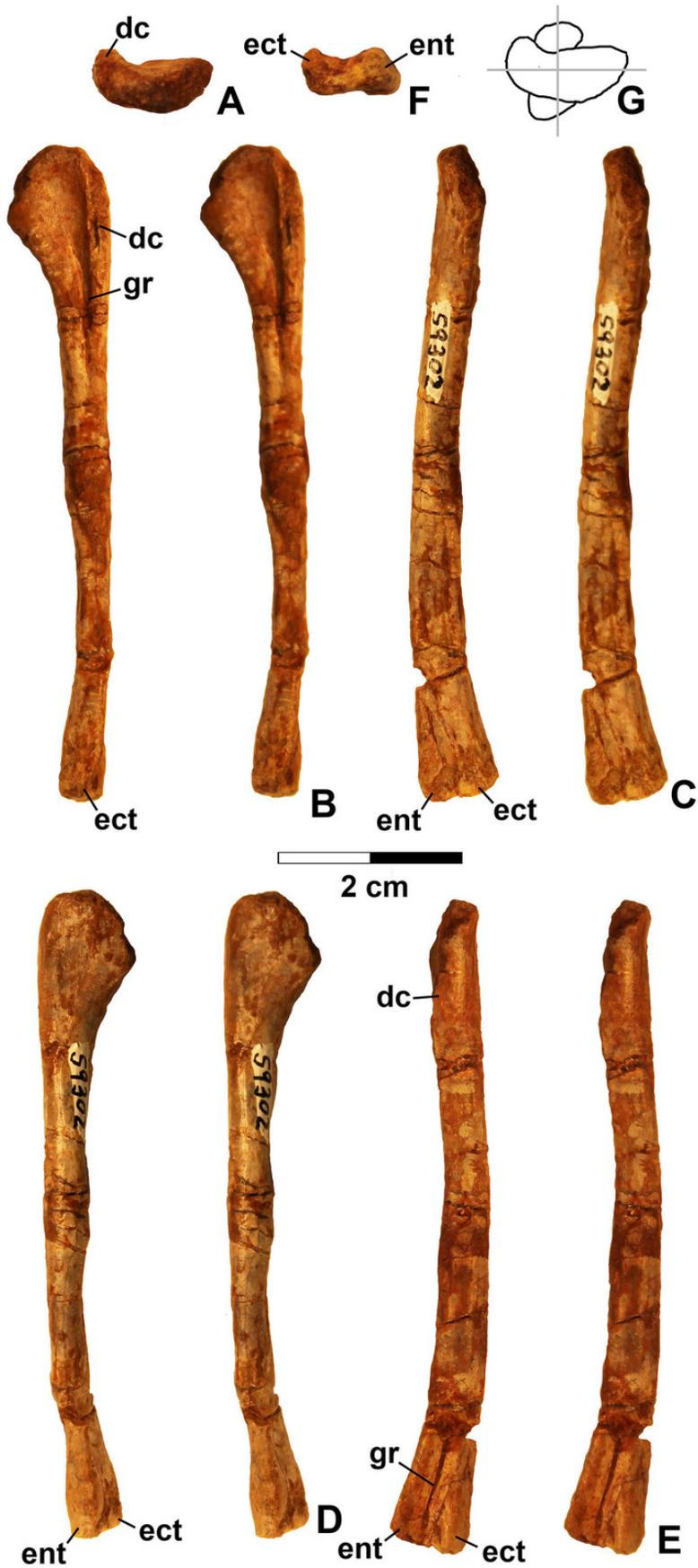
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Figure\_14\_Kwanasaurus\_teeth



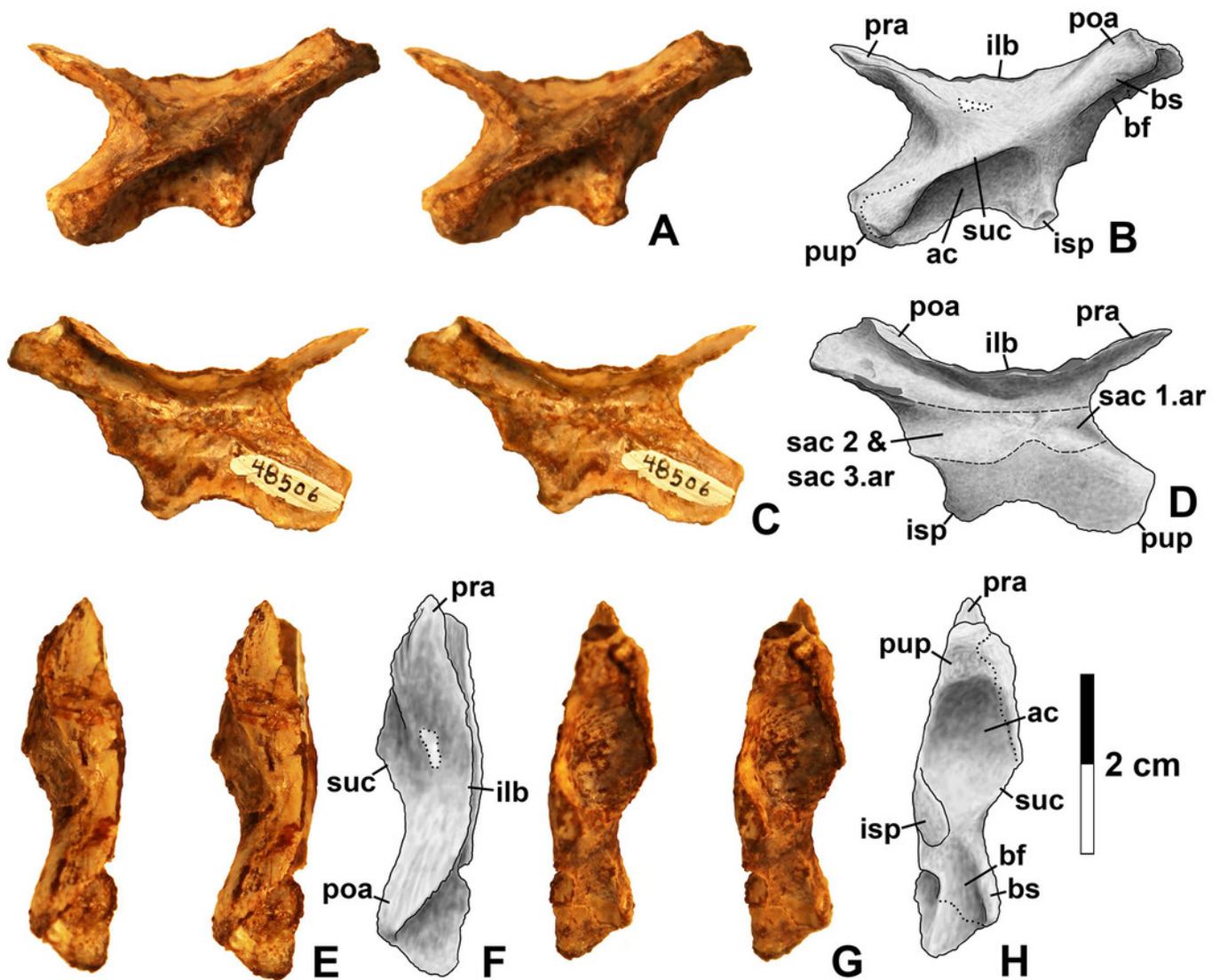
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Figure\_15\_Silesauridae\_59302\_(humerus)



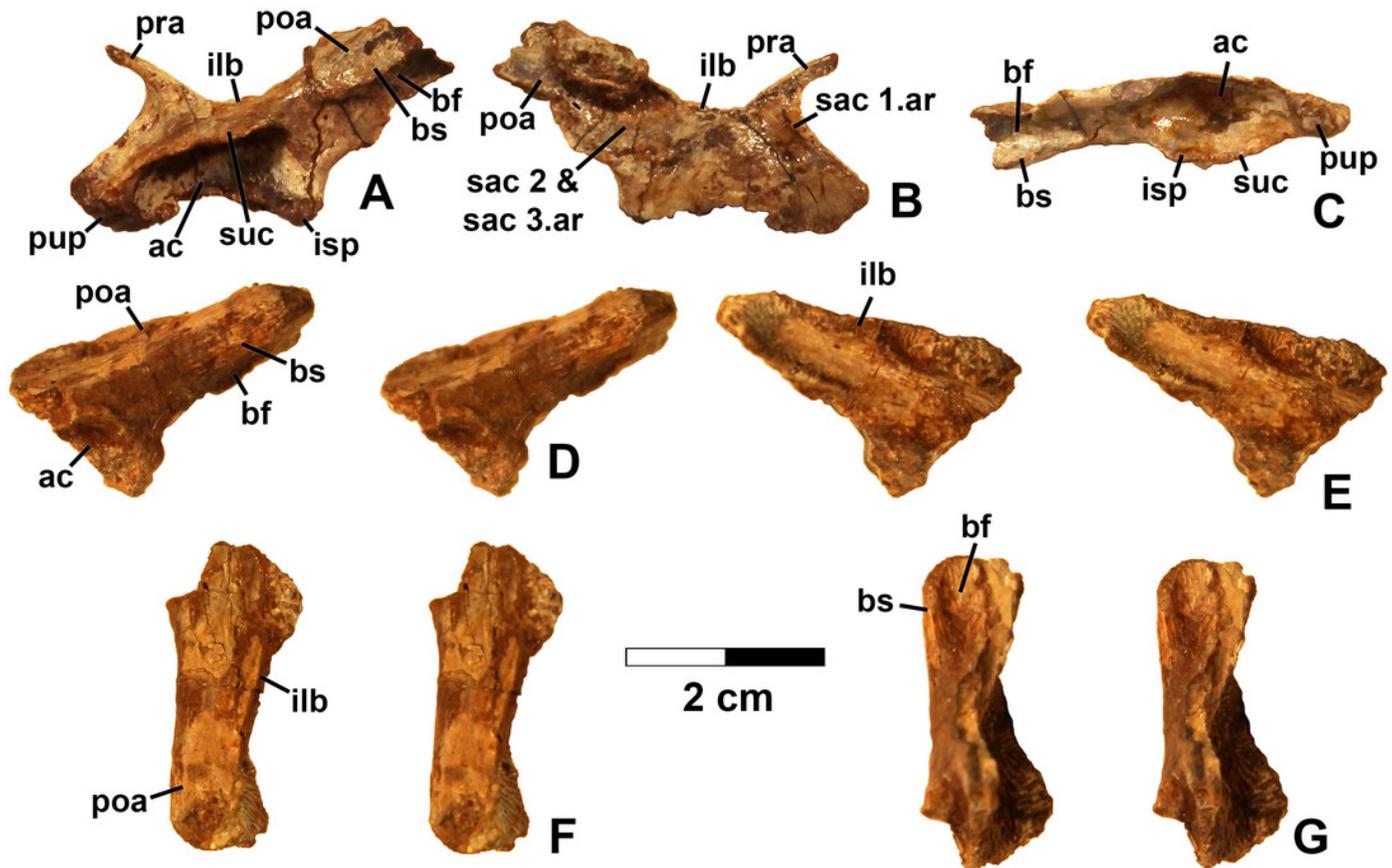
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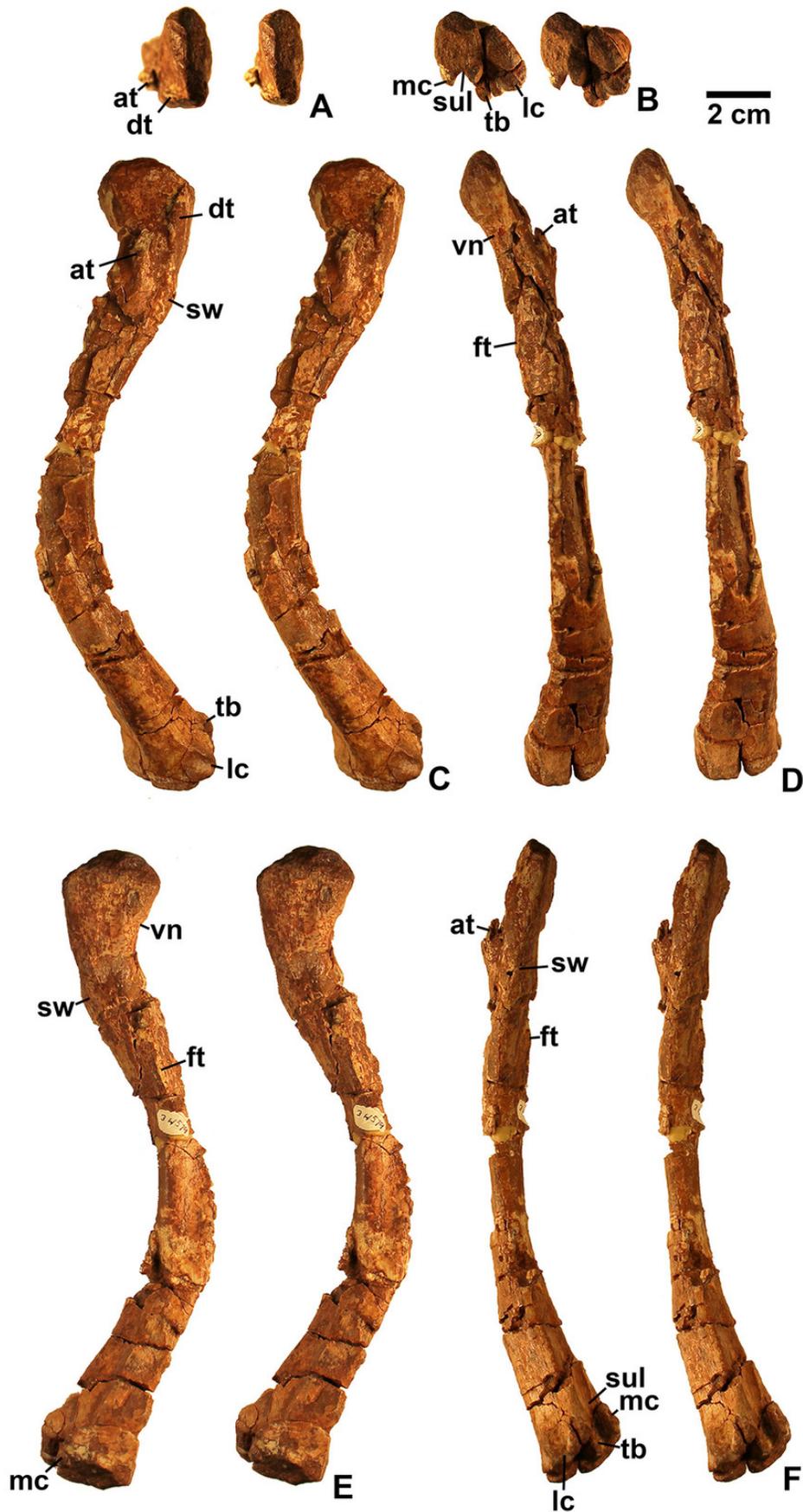
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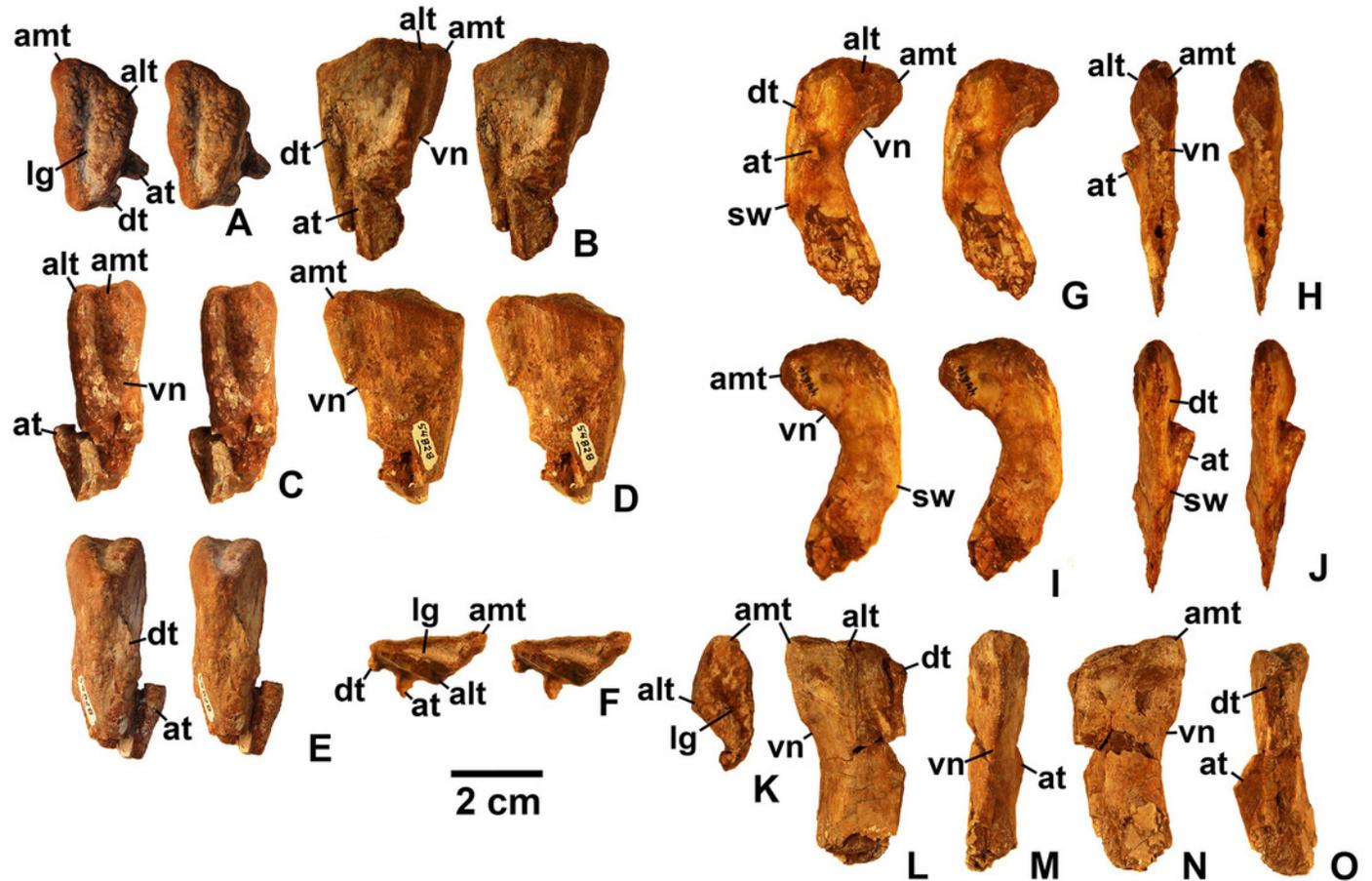
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Figure\_18\_Silesauridae\_34579\_(femur)



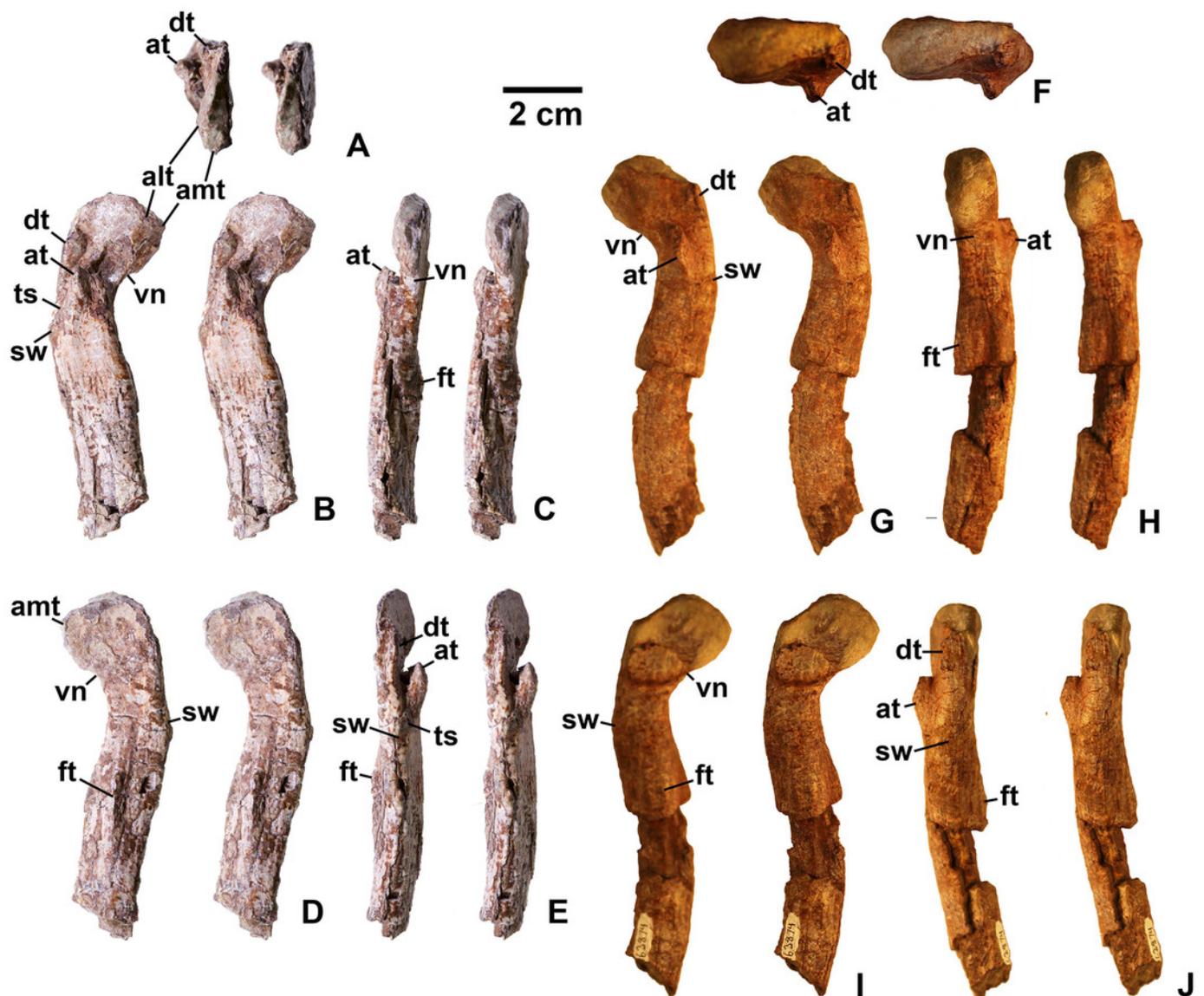
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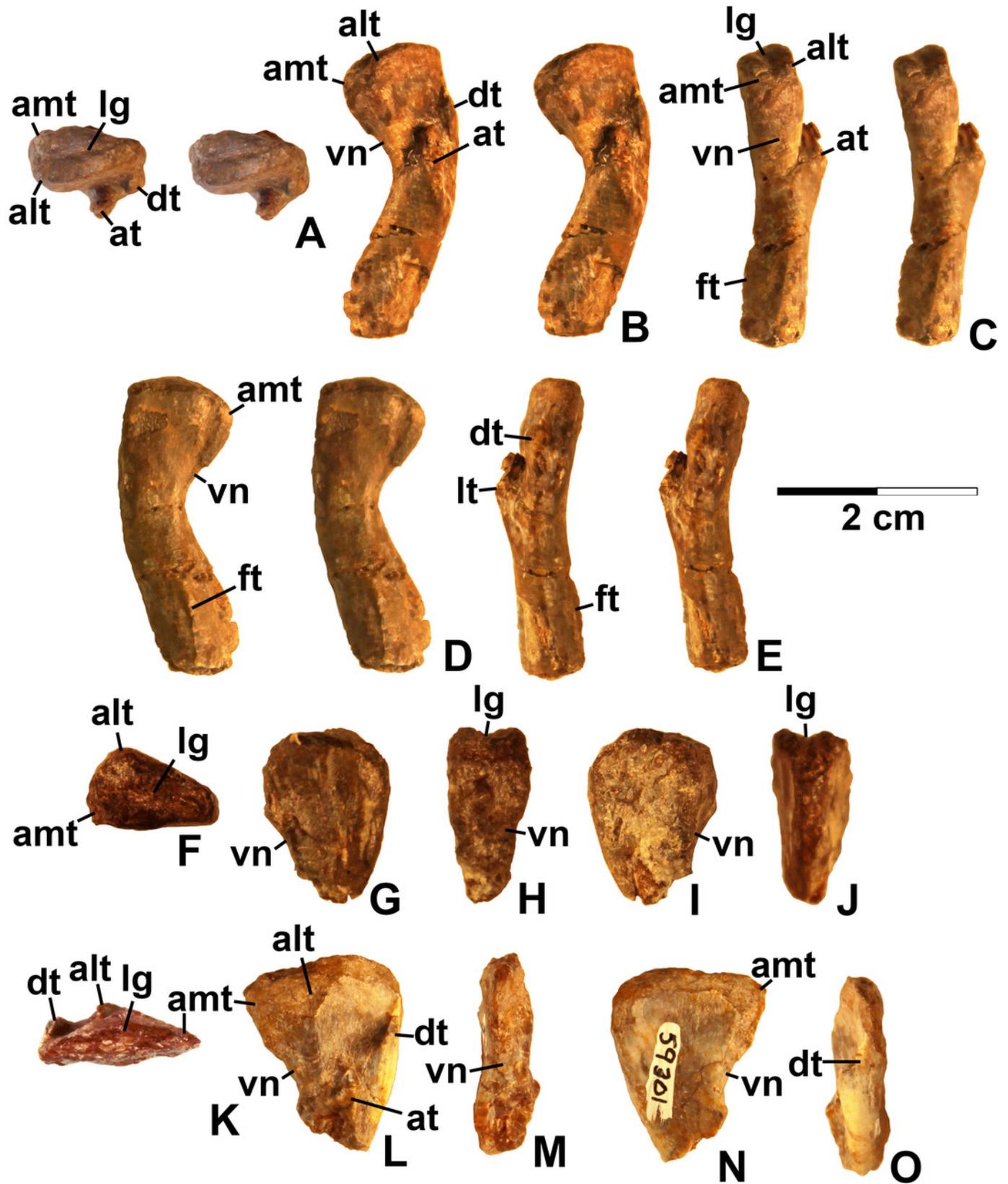
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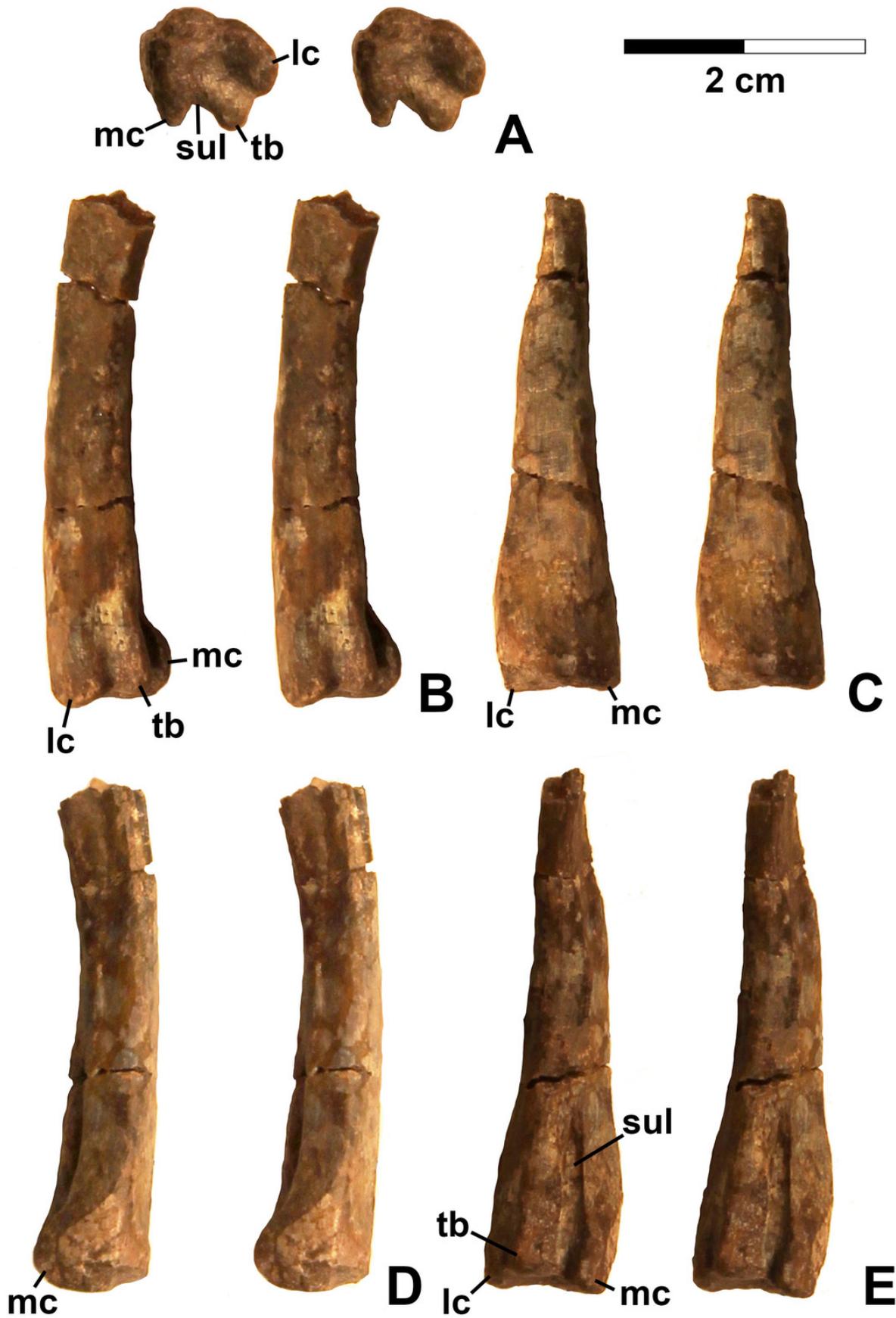
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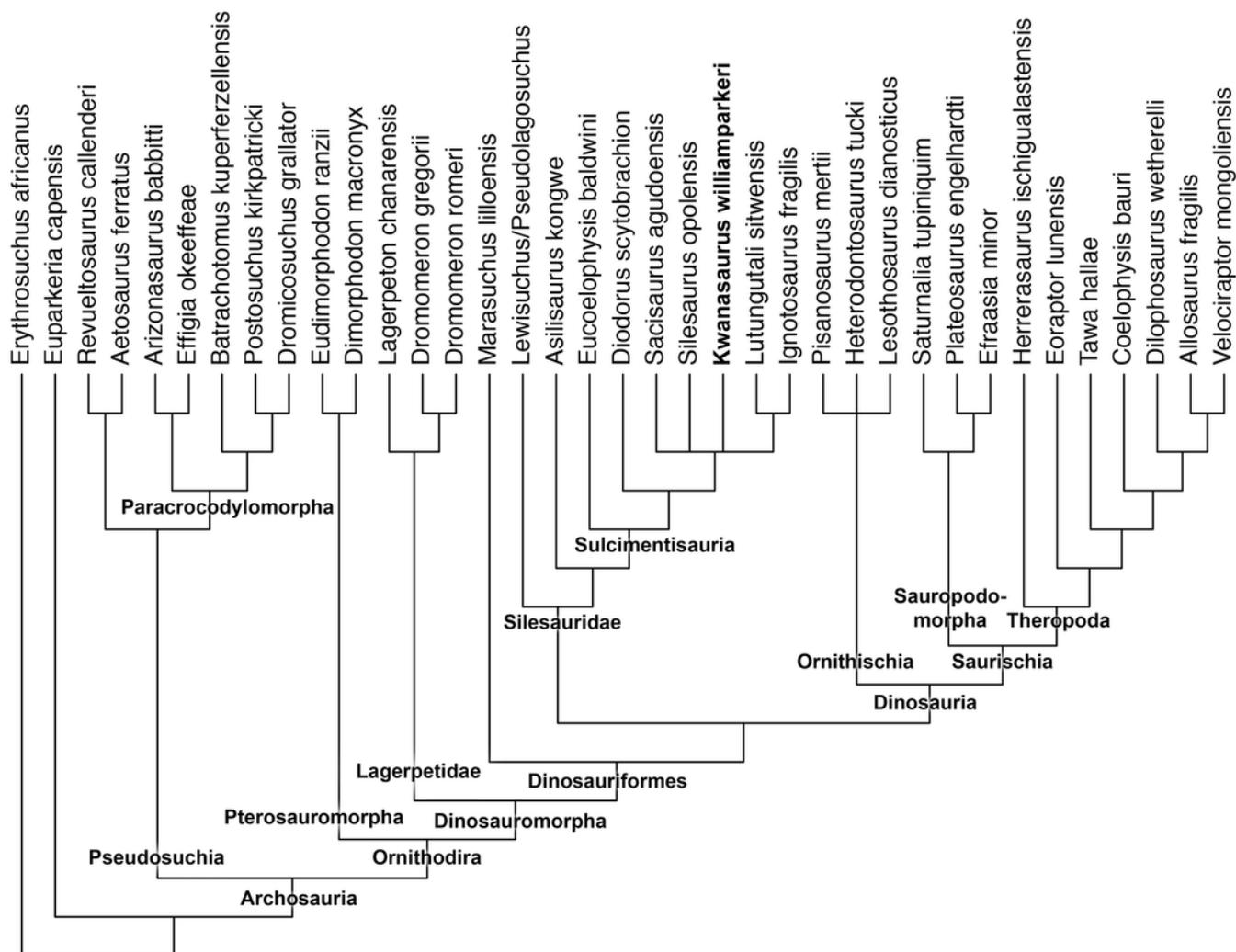
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Figure\_22\_Silesauridae\_67956\_(femur)



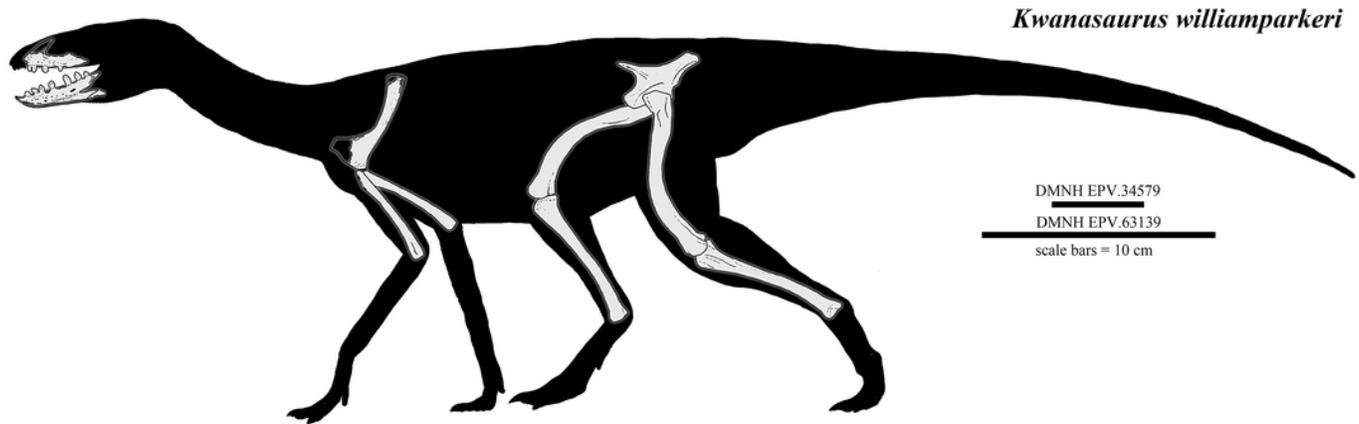
## Figure 23

Figure\_23\_Phylogeny



# Figure 24

Figure\_24\_Kwanasaurus\_reconstruction



## Figure 25

Figure\_25\_Dinosauromorph\_distribution\_map

