

**Deciduous dentition and dental eruption of Hyainailouroidea (Hyaenodonta, “Creodonta,”
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APPENDIX 2.

Descriptions of the characters used in this analysis with the source of the character or
comparable characters from other analyses

Appendix 2

Lower Dentition

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- 1) dP₃ paraconid height: paraconid indistinct (0); paraconid present lower than talonid (1); paraconid present and taller than talonid (2).
- 2) dP₄ paraconid height: lower than half protoconid height (0); half protoconid height or taller (1).
- 3) dP₄ metaconid height: lower than half paraconid height (0); half paraconid height or taller (1). (compare with Bastl et al. 2014; Character 12)
- 4) dP₄ talonid basin cusps: Entoconid and hypoconid present (0); Only hypoconid present (1). (compare with Bastl et al. 2014; Character 13)
- 5) dP₄ talonid length proportion: More than 1/3 length of entire tooth (0); less than 1/3 length of entire tooth (1).

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- 6) First mental foramen position: inferior to P₁ (0); inferior to P₂ (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 0)
- 7) Second mental foramen position: inferior to P₃ (0); inferior to P₄ (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 1)
- 8) P₁: present (0); absent (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 2)
- 9) P₁ root number: two roots (0); one root (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 13; Zack, 2011; Character 2; Solé et al., 2014; Character 2)
- 10) P₂ talonid mesiodistal length: absent to short (0); elongate with distinct inflection separating postprotocristid from talonid (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 3; Egi et al., 2005; Character 34; Solé et al., 2014; Character 5)
- 11) P₂ to P₃ relative mesiodistal length: P₂ shorter than P₃ (0); P₂ as long or longer than P₃ (1). (Egi et al., 2005; Character 29; Solé et al., 2014; Character 6)
- 12) P₃ inclination: perpendicular to horizontal ramus, tooth forms isosceles triangle in buccal view (0); tooth inclines distally, preprotocristid mesially convex (1).
- 13) P₃ buccolingual width relative to mesiodistal length: width 33% of length (0); width 50% of length (1); width more than 50% of length (2).
- 14) P₃ paraconid morphology: absent or small (0); developed with distinct postparacristid (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 6; Egi et al., 2005; Character 35; Solé et al., 2014; Character 7)
- 15) P₃ talonid mesiodistal length: short, cusp-like (0); long, distinct inflection separating postprotocristid from talonid (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 4; Egi et al., 2005; Character 37; Solé et al., 2014; Character 8)
- 16) P₃ entoconid: absent (0); present (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 9)
- 17) P₃ to P₄ relative mesiodistal length: P₃ shorter than P₄ (0); P₃ as long or longer than P₄ (1). (Egi et al., 2005; Character 31; Solé et al., 2014; Character 10)
- 18) P₄ inclination: perpendicular to horizontal ramus, tooth forms isosceles triangle in buccal view (0); tooth inclines distally, preprotocristid mesially convex (1).

- 19) P₄ paraconid morphology: present but poorly developed (0); paraconid well-developed (1); paraconid indistinct to absent (2). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 7; Solé et al., 2014; Character 11)
- 20) P₄ metaconid: absent (0); present, usually weakly developed or ridge-like (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 12)
- 21) P₄ entoconid: absent (0); present (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 14)
- 22) P₄ hypoconid height: short, less than 33% of protoconid height (0); tall, more than 33% protoconid height (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 16)
- 23) P₄ talonid basin: buccolingually compressed and shallow (0); buccolingually wide and deep (1); absent (2).
- 24) P₄ precingulid and postcingulid: absent (0); present (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 18)
- 25) P₄ relative height: mesiodistally longer than height (0); mesiodistally shorter than height (1); mesiodistal length and height subequal (2).
- 26) P₄ height relative to molars: shorter than all molars (0); taller than M₁ only (1); taller than M₂ (2).
- 27) P₅ presence: present (0); absent (1).
- 28) M₁ and M₂ entoconid morphology: well developed or bulbous (0); crestiform with visible apex (1); undifferentiated entocristid (2). (modified Zack, 2011; Charcter 23; Solé et al., 2014; Character 27)
- 29) M₁ and M₂ talonid depth: deep (0); shallow (1). (modified Zack, 2011; Character 25; Solé et al., 2014; Character 29)
- 30) M₂ entocristid in lingual view: parallels hypocristid (0); present, stops before metaconid (lower than hypocristid) (1); weak ridge or absent (2).
- 31) M₃ entocristid: parallels hypocristid (0); present, stops before metaconid (lower than hypocristid) (1); weak ridge or absent (2).
- 32) M₁ and M₂ talonid buccolingual width: narrow, less than 80% width of trigonid (0); wide, greater than 80% trigonid (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 28)
- 33) M₁ mesiodistal length relative to M₂: M₁ length subequal or longer than M₂ (0); M₁ length less than M₂ (1). (modified Zack, 2011; Character 26; Solé et al., 2014; Character 31)
- 34) M₁–M₃ trigonid height relative to talonid: trigonid tall on all molars, talonid less than 50% of trigonid height (0); trigonid low on all molars, talonid more than 50% of trigonid height (1); trigonid low on M₁ and M₂ (2). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 32)
- 35) M₃ postprotocristid distal trend in buccal view: slopes mesial to distal (0); perpendicular to alveolus (1); slopes distal to mesial (overhangs talonid) (2).
- 36) M₂ cristid obliqua orientation relative to mesiodistal axis: lingual to buccal trend (0); parallel to mesiodistal axis (1); buccal to lingual trend (2). (compare to Zack, 2011; Character 21)
- 37) M₂ and M₃ paraconid position relative to protoconid, angle defined relative to mesiodistal axis of mandible: directly mesial to protoconid, 15 degrees (0); slightly lingual paraconid, 15.1 to 45 degree angle (1); strong lingual position, 45.1 to 60 degrees (2). *Ordered*
- 38) M₃ postparacristid mesial to distal trend: steep slope to preprotocristid (“V” shaped acute angle) (0); shallow slope to preprotocristid (forms right angle with preprotocristid) (1); forms obtuse angle with preprotocristid (2). *Ordered*
- 39) M₂ and M₃ paraconid height relative to protoconid: paraconid significantly shorter than protoconid (0); paraconid slightly shorter than protoconid (1); paraconid and protoconid subequal in height (2).

- 40) M_3 postparacristid to premetacristid in lingual view: postparacristid shorter than premetacristid (0); postparacristid subequal to premetacristid (1); postparacristid longer than premetacristid (2).
- 41) M_3 postparacristid length to preprotocristid in buccal view (carnassial blade proportions): postparacristid much shorter than preprotocristid (30%) (0); postparacristid half length of preprotocristid (1); postparacristid more than half preprotocristid length (2); subequal lengths (3).
- 42) M_2 and M_3 metaconid expression: connate and connects to paraconid base (0); connate, separated from paraconid (1); fold or ridge (2); absent (3). *Ordered*
- 43) M_1 metaconid: taller than paraconid (0); subequal to paraconid (1); shorter than paraconid or absent (2). *Ordered* (compare to Polly, 1996; Character 18)
- 44) M_2 metaconid: taller than paraconid (0); subequal to paraconid (1); shorter than paraconid or absent (2). *Ordered* (compare to Polly, 1996; Character 18)
- 45) M_3 metaconid: taller than paraconid (0); subequal to paraconid (1); shorter than paraconid or absent (2). *Ordered* (compare to Polly, 1996; Character 19)
- 46) M_2 mesiodistal length to M_3 length: M_2 shorter than M_3 (0); M_2 subequal to M_3 (1); M_2 longer than M_3 (2); M_3 absent (3). *Ordered* (compare to Zack, 2011; Character 30)
- 47) M_2 talonid mesiodistal length (% of total mesiodistal length): >40% (0); 40% to 30% (1); 29% to 21% (2); <20% (3). *Ordered*
- 48) M_3 talonid mesiodistal length (% of total mesiodistal length): >40% (0); 40% to 30% (1); 29% to 21% (2); <20% (3). *Ordered*
- 49) M_3 talonid: present, bears hypoconid and hypoconulid (0); present, only one distinct cusp (1); absent (2). *Ordered*
- 50) M_2 buccal talonid margin: steep slope distal to mesial (0); shallow slope distal to mesial (1); parallel to alveolus (2); slopes mesial to distal (3). *Ordered*
- 51) M_3 buccal talonid margin angle from highest point to lowest: steep slope distal to mesial (0); shallow slope distal to mesial (1); parallel to alveolus (2); slopes mesial to distal (3). *Ordered*
- 52) M_1 – M_3 ectocingulid: weakly expressed to absent (0); distinct (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 34)
- 53) M_1 – M_3 postcingulid: absent (0); present (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 35)
- 54) M_1 – M_3 ectocingulid to postcingulid connection: separated (0); fused (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 36)
- 55) M_3 talonid buccolingual width relative to M_2 talonid width: equal (0); narrower (1).
- 56) Mandible inflection anterior to angular process (Solé et al., 2015): present (0); absent (1).
- 57) Angular process morphology: distinct process with medial inflection (0); gently curved process in line with mandibular corpus (1); ventral inflection (2).
- 58) Mandibular condyle position: superior to M_3 alveolus (0); directly distal to M_3 alveolus (1); inferior to M_3 alveolus (2).
- 59) Coronoid process shape: tall, anterior and posterior slopes similar (0); tall, posterior slope concave (1); low, rounded (2).
- 60) Anterior coronoid angle relative to horizontal ramus: near vertical, 90 to 100 degrees (0); slight posterior inclination, 100 to 110 degrees (1); strong posterior inclination, greater than 110 degrees (2).
- 61) Masseteric fossa depth: deeply excavated with strong anterior angle, inferior margin well-defined (0); rounded anterior margin, little inferior definition (1); deep fossa but poorly defined inferior margin (2).

Upper Dentition

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- 62) dP³ parastyle mesiodistal length: more than half metastyle length (0); less than half metastyle length (1).
- 63) dP³ metacone-paracone fusion: metacone distinct cusp (premetacrista slopes to metacone apex; See *Pterodon dasyurooides*) (0); metacone fused to paracone (premetacrista subhorizontal; See *Apterodon*) (1).
- 64) dP³ paracone morphology: pre- and postparacrista similar in slope (apex isosceles triangle in buccal view) (0); preparacrista distally inclined (apex closer to right triangle in buccal view) (1).
- 65) dP³ metastyle notch: Small inflection between postmetacrista and metastyle (0); deep notch between postmetacrista and metastyle (1).
- 66) dP³ Protocone prominence: mesiodistal length shorter than buccolingual width (narrow) (0); mesiodistal length equal to or longer than buccolingual width (wide) (1). (modified from Bastl et al. 2014; Character 2)
- 67) dP³ lingual cingulum: present (distinct lingual connection between parastyle and protocone) (0); absent (faint or no connection between parastyle and protocone) (1). (modified from Bastl et al. 2014; Character 4)
- 68) dP⁴ main cusp height: paracone taller than metacone (0); Paracone subequal to metacone (1); Paracone shorter than metacone (2). *Ordered* (Modified from Bastl et al., 2014; Character 6)
- 69) dP⁴ protocone orientation: Protocone projects mesially to parastyle margin (0); Protocone projects lingually and does not align with parastyle (1).
- 70) dP⁴ ectoflexus: Deep and distinct inflection between metacone and metastyle (0); Indistinct or shallow inflection between metacone and metastyle (1).

Adult Upper Dentition

- 71) Upper incisor count: 4 or more (0); 3 or fewer (1).
- 72) Lateral-most upper incisor: incisiform, similar to mesial incisor (0); caniniform (1).
- 73) P³ lobe of the protocone: absent (0); present but small (1); protocone well-developed, individuated (2). (modified Polly, 1996; Charcter 9; Egi et al., 2005; Character 4; Solé et al., 2014; Character 39)
- 74) P³ root number: two roots (0); three roots (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 40)
- 75) P³ contact with P⁴ parastyle: P³ contacts or aligned with P⁴ parastyle (0); P³ framed by P⁴ parastyle (1).
- 76) P⁴ parastyle: distinct (0); very reduced to absent (1). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 8; Zack, 2011; Character 34; Solé et al., 2014; Character 41)
- 77) P⁴ protocone alignment: transversely aligned with paracone (0); mesially shifted relative to paracone (1). (Zack, 2011; Character 36; Solé et al., 2014; Character 42)
- 78) P⁴ protocone morphology: bulbous and distinct from paracone (0); weak separation from paracone, shelf to cingulum-like (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 10; Egi et al., 2005; Character 6/7; Solé et al., 2014; Character 43)

- 79) P^4 metastylar blade (=postmetacrista): short (0); elongate (1). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 9; Zack, 2011; Character 35; Solé et al., 2014; Character 45)
- 80) P^4 metastyle contact with M^1 : P^4 metastyle braced buccally by M^1 parastyle (0); P^4 metastyle contacts mesial aspect of M^1 parastyle (1).
- 81) M^1 and M^2 metastyle blade curvature: straight with carnassial notch (0); postmetacrista arcuate, no carnassial notch (1). (Zack, 2011; Character 42; Solé et al., 2014; Character 46)
- 82) M^1 and M^2 metastyle blade length: short, carnassial blade shorter than postmetacrista (0); intermediate, subequal to slightly longer than postmetacrista (1); elongate, greater than 1.5x length of postmetacrista (2). *Ordered* (Egi et al., 2005; Character 21; Solé et al., 2014; Character 47)
- 83) M^1 mesiodistal length relative to M^2 : M^1 subequal or longer than M^2 (0); M^1 shorter than M^2 (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 50)
- 84) M^1 and M^2 premetaconule crista: present (0); absent (1). (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 51)
- 85) M^1 and M^2 conules: metaconule and paraconule present (0); only paraconule present (1); metaconule and paraconule absent (2) (modified Solé et al., 2014; Character 53)
- 86) M^1 and M^2 precingulum and postcingulum: absent (0); present (1). (modified from Polly, 1996; Character 20; Egi et al., 2005; Character 26; Solé et al., 2014; Character 54)
- 87) M^1 and M^2 precingulum and postcingulum connection: separated (0); fused lingually (1). (Solé et al., 2014; Character 55)
- 88) M^1 and M^2 protocone morphology: Triangular, mesial and distal margins angled (0); parallel mesial and distal margins (1). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 14)
- 89) M^1 and M^2 protocone position relative to paracone and metacone: centered (0); mesially shifted (1). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 15; Solé et al., 2014; Character 56)
- 90) M^1 and M^2 metacone mesiodistal length relative to paracone: shorter (0); subequal (1); longer (2). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 12)
- 91) M^1 and M^2 metacone coronal cross section: circular (0); ovoid, slightly compressed buccolingually (1); ellipsoid, strong buccolingual compression (2).
- 92) M^2 paracone compression: conical, rounded base (0); ovoid (slight buccolingual compression) (1); ellipsoid (strong buccolingual compression) (2).
- 93) M^1 and M^2 paracone and metacone separation: separated to base (0); fused between base and half of height (1); almost completely fused (2). *Ordered* (modified Polly, 1996; Character 28; Egi et al., 2005; Character 10; Zack, 2011; Character 40)
- 94) M^1 and M^2 paracone height: paracone taller than metacone (0); paracone as tall as metacone (1); paracone shorter than metacone (2). *Ordered* (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 11; Zack, 2011; Character 41; Solé et al., 2014; Character 48)
- 95) M^1 and M^2 protocone height: shorter than paracone/metacone separation (0); same height as paracone/metacone separation (1); subequal to paracone/metacone apices (2). (compare to Zack, 2011; Character 49)
- 96) M^2 parastyle: absent (0); present and shelf-like (1); present and distinct cusp (2). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 19)
- 97) M^1 parastyle compared to M^2 : M^1 parastyle relatively shorter than M^2 parastyle (0); parastyle on M^1 and M^2 similar (1).
- 98) M^1 and M^2 buccal cingulum: absent (0); weak ridge along metastyle base (1); prominent shelf forms shallow basin between metastyle and cingulum (2). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 16/17)

- 99) M^2 ectoflexus: strong, strong indentation (0); weak, slight curve (1); absent, straight (2). (modified Egi et al., 2005; Character 18)
- 100) Ectoflexus depth on M^1 and M^2 : M^1 ectoflexus shallower than M^2 (0); same relative depth between M^1 and M^2 (1); M^2 lacks metastyle (no ectoflexus) (2). *Ordered* (compare to Zack, 2011; Character 52)
- 101) M^3 metacone: present (0); absent (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 15; Zack, 2011; Character 53; Solé et al., 2014; Character 58)

Cranial Characters

- 102) Nuchal crest morphology: medial to lateral trend from apex to mastoid (0); dorsolateral margin tapers medially with thin connection to exoccipital (1); lateral margins trend medially, very weak ridge connects to exoccipital (2). *Ordered* (modified Polly, 1996; Character 35)
- 103) Facial wing of the lacrimal: extensive (larger than orbit diameter) (0); moderate (slightly longer than orbit diameter) (1); reduced (shorter than orbit diameter) (2). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 36)
- 104) Foramen rotundum size: slightly larger than foramen ovale (0); much larger than foramen ovale (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 39)
- 105) Palatal rugosity or torus at distal margin of palate: well-expressed (0); smooth (1).
- 106) Zygomatic arch contact: short contact between zygomatic and squamosal (0); extensive contact between zygomatic and squamosal (1).
- 107) Superior squamosal morphology: superior and inferior margins parallel (0); torsion along superior margin (1).
- 108) Foramen ovale orientation: anterior orientation (0); palatal orientation (1).
- 109) Exoccipital condyle position: tall, lateral placement around foramen magnum (0); ventral placement around foramen magnum (1).
- 110) Notch between occipital condyles: ring-like with no rostral excavation (0); rounded indentation with condyles meeting medially below foramen magnum (1); deep excavation with occipital “processes” following notch (2).
- 111) Postmandibular process: vertical orientation (0); strong anterior curvature (1).
- 112) Posterior orbital process: present, strong expression (0); present, weak with frontal “peaked” (1); absent (2).
- 113) Frontal furrow: absent or indistinct (0); present and well-defined (1).
- 114) Palatine and pterygoid medial contact: parallel posterior to palatine torus (0); palatines trend medially or partially fuse (1); fused entire extent of palatines (2).
- 115) Pterygoid size: broad, ventral projection anteriorly extensive (0); short anterior extent, trends medially (1).
- 116) Frontoparietal suture in dorsal view: steep constriction (0); gentle curvature (1).
- 117) Lateral expansion of the mastoid process (Solé et al., 2015): projects to midpoint of mandibular fossa (0); projects beyond mandibular fossa (1).
- 118) Mastoid/paroccipital process: short tubercle (0); well-defined, prong-like process (1).
- 119) Process at maxilla/jugal suture (Solé et al., 2015): present (0); absent (1).
- 120) Squamosal constriction in dorsal view: present, squamosal does not extend laterally (0); absent, squamosal expanded laterally (1).

- 121) Squamosal ventral projection: same transverse plane as petrosal (0); ventral to petrosal (1).
- 122) Posterior braincase: broad lateral expansion (0); narrow (1).
- 123) Subarcuate fossa morphology (Polly, 1996): cup-shaped (see *Pterodon*) (0); shallow and horseshoe-shaped (see *Hyaenodon*) (1).
- 124) Bridge of the stylomastoid foramen primitivum: absent or slender (0); robust (1); roofed over with secondary stylomastoid foramen (2). (Polly, 1996; Character 40)
- 125) Mastoid sinus lateral to foramen stylomastoid primitivum: absent (0); present (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 41)
- 126) Ridge of bone dividing posterior petrosal sinus from foramen stylomastoid primitivum (Polly, 1996): present (0); reduced to absent (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 42)
- 127) Posterior petrosal sinus: absent (0); small (1); greatly inflated (2). (Polly, 1996; character 43)

Postcrania

Humerus

- 128) Humerus cross-section above brachial flange: triangular (0); rounded (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 44)
- 129) Brachial flange expression: medium (0); enlarged (1); reduced (2). (Polly, 1996; Character 47)
- 130) Entepicondylar foramen: present, rounded (0); present, elongate (1); absent (2).
- 131) Medial epicondyle: large (bulbous) (0); reduced (elongate) (1).
- 132) Capitulum morphology: rounded, clearly separated (0); cylindrical (1).
- 133) Greater tubercle of the humerus: prominent, taller than humeral head (0); subequal to height of humeral head (1).

Ulna

- 134) Proximal trochlear notch orientation: lateral position on shaft (0); medial position on shaft (1).
- 135) Radial notch orientation: curved and faces laterally (0); flattened and faces anteriorly (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 47)
- 136) Olecranon process length: longer than trochlear notch (0); subequal or shorter than trochlear notch (1).
- 137) Olecranon process orientation: projects medially (0); projects ventrally (1).

Femur

- 138) Third trochanter of femur: large (0); small (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 50)

Astragalus

- 139) Astragalar foramen: large (0); reduced (0). (Polly, 1996; Character 51)
- 140) Astragalar condyles divided by: shallow depression (0); well-defined fossa or groove (1)

- 141) Astragalar condyle orientation: oblique relative to astragalar neck (0); parallel to astragalar neck (1).
- 142) Astragalar head relative to condyles: horizontal orientation (0); slight vertical orientation (1). (Polly, 1996; Character 53)
- 143) Sustentacular facet connection to astragalar head: clearly separated from astragalar head (0); grades into articulation of astragalar head (1).
- 144) Sustentacular facet position on astragalar neck: plantar astragalar neck (0); medial astragalar neck (1).

Calcaneum

- 145) Peroneal tubercle: distinct and separated from cuboid facet (0); part of a flange that grades to cuboid facet (1).
- 146) Cuboid facet inclination: perpendicular to calcaneal neck (0); plantar inclination (1).
- 147) Calcaneal neck trend: dorsal and plantar margins parallel (0); tapers proximally to calcaneal tuberosity (1).
- 148) Astragalar facet angle: oblique orientation to calcaneal neck (0); parallels calcaneal neck (1). (modified Polly, 1996; Character 58)

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