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## New Mammal and Bird tracks from the Lower Oligocene of the Ebro Basin (NE Spain): Implications for the Paleogene ichnological record

### ABSTRACT

The Ebro Basin (Spain) is one of the few worldwide areas where Paleogene avian and mammal tracksites have been found. A new unpublished tracksite known as La Sagarreta is here described. The tracksite is located in a sandstone-dominated outcrop from the Early Oligocene Peralta Fm. in the northern-central sector of the basin. Six different ichnotaxa have been identified. Four belong to mammals, including perissodactyl (cf. *Plagiolophustipus* isp), artiodactyl (*Megapecoripeda* isp. and cf. *Pecoripeda* isp.) and carnivoramorph tracks (cf. *Canipeda* isp.), and the other two to avian tracks (*Aviadactyla vialovi* and *Gruipeda dominguensis*). La Sagarreta presents a high ichnodiversity with the presence of a medium size member (or relative) of the genus *Plagiolophus*, one medium and one small sized artiodactyl that probably belong to the family Entelodontidae, one medium size unidentified carnivorous mammal and two types of birds. La Sagarreta tracksite is the most diverse Early Oligocene tracksite at Ebro Basin and one of the few palaeontologic vertebrate records at the central area of the basin.

**Key words:** Footprints, Perissodactyla, Artiodactyla, Carnivoramorpha, Avian, Peralta Formation

## INTRODUCTION

The paleoichnological record provides information about the behavior of extinct animals and is the best way to make ethological inferences based on the fossil record (e.g. Díaz Martínez et al. 2020, Abbassi et al. 2021). Besides, the study of ichnites provides information about the morphology of the autopod of the trackmakers and the paleoecological association, allowing to reveal the presence of particular groups of vertebrates in a specific place and/or time (Ellenberger 1980; Bravo Cuevas et al. 2018; Neto de Carvalho et al. 2020; Abbassi and Dashtban 2021).

Compared with the osteological record, the Paleogene ichnological vertebrate record is scarce in Europe and worldwide, although the abundance of the Cenozoic ichnological record increases progressively with time, being the Paleogene record significantly lower than the Neogene one (McDonald et al. 2007; Hunt and Lucas 2007; Costeur et al. 2009). However, some areas present a high ichnodiversity and a great abundance of Paleogene tracksites, as the case of Spain (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-Llopis 1982; Astiba et al. 2007; Rabal-Garcés and Díaz-Martínez 2010), France (Desnoyers 1859; Ellenberger 1980; Demathieu et al. 1984; Costeur et al. 2009), the western of United States (Sarjeant and Langston 1994; Lockley and Hunt 1995; Lockley et al. 1999; Mustoe 2002; Lucas and Hunt 2007) and Iran (Yousefi Yeganeh et al. 2011; Abbassi et al. 2015; 2016; Abbassi and Maleki 2020). One of these areas with a considerable number of tracksites is the Ebro Basin, in Northeastern Spain which ichnological record spans from the Lower Eocene to the Lower Miocene (e.g.: Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018; Rabal-Garcés et al. 2018). The Paleogene ichnological record of the Ebro Basin is especially significant in order to reconstruct the vertebrate diversity, especially in the central sector of the basin since the osteological record is very scarce (Cuenca et al. 1992).

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3 There are some geological formations where the footprint record is the only vertebrate  
4 paleontological evidence (Lockley 1991). This is the case of the Peralta Formation, a  
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6 Lower Oligocene stratigraphic unit in the northern central area of the Ebro Basin (Senz  
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8 and Zamorano 1992). It contains one of the first known Cenozoic vertebrate tracksites in  
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10 Spain, the so called “La Playa Fósil”, with abundant bird footprints (Hernández-Pacheco  
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12 1929). In the vicinity of this site a new tracksite called “La Sagarreta”, which stands out  
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14 by its high ichnodiversity, has been recently found in the same formation. Different  
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16 fieldwork visits have allowed the recovery of 37 slabs bearing more than 157 footprints.  
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18 The aim of this study is the description of these new vertebrate footprints focusing on the  
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20 ichnotaxonomy and the identification of the candidate trackmakers but also highlighting  
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22 the ichnodiversity and delineating the paleoenvironmental framework until a more  
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24 exhaustive study is carried out. An evaluation of the significance of this new site for a  
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26 global understanding of the Oligocene faunas in the Ebro Basin is also provided.  
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### 33 **GEOLOGICAL CONTEXT**

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35 La Sagarreta site is located in the NE of the Iberian Peninsula, in the Huesca Province. It  
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37 is close to the La Sagarreta ravine, 2 km away from Peralta de la Sal village and from La  
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39 Playa Fossil tracksite.  
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43 From the geological point of view La Sagarreta site is situated in the northern-central part  
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45 of the Cenozoic continental Ebro Basin (Figure 1), the younger foreland basin of the  
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47 Pyrenees (Riba et al. 1983; Burbank et al. 1992; Muñoz et al. 2002). This broadly  
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49 triangular basin is bounded by the Pyrenees to the north, the Iberian Range to the south  
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51 and the Catalan Coastal Ranges to the east. From the Late Eocene to the Late Miocene,  
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53 the Ebro Basin was endoreic and its paleogeographical configuration was characterized  
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55 by alluvial and fluvial systems sourced in the basin margins that passed to lacustrine areas  
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57 in the central areas (Muñoz et al. 2002; Pardo et al. 2004).  
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3 The stratigraphic units cropping out in the study area are shown in figure 1. La Sagarreta  
4 site is situated in the topmost part of the Lower Oligocene Peralta Fm. (Senz and  
5 Zamorano 1992) that has been interpreted as related to the development of a small alluvial  
6 fan sourced in the Marginal Sierras. The alluvial deposits grade towards the south to  
7 lacustrine evaporite deposits that belong to the Barbastro Fm. (Quirantes 1978). These  
8 rocks correspond to the T3 genetic unit defined in the Ebro Basin (Muñoz et al. 2002;  
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20 La Sagarreta tracksite (Figure 2) is in a detrital succession made of an alternation of  
21 reddish mudstone and sandstone that represents the interference between distal alluvial  
22 and shallow lacustrine areas. Several coarsening-upwards cycles, with a lower, mudstone-  
23 dominated part, and an upper sandstone-dominated part can be recognized. Variated  
24 sedimentary structures as ripples, cross lamination, mud cracks, as well as microbial-  
25 related and bioturbation structures are frequently recognized. Interference ripple forms  
26 dominate and climbing ripples are common.

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37 The detailed profile of La Sagarreta tracksite (Figure 3) is mainly integrated by orangish  
38 silts and fine sandstone (rarely medium to coarse) with interbedded brown mudstone. It  
39 shows a general coarsening upwards trend. Sands and silts form tabular or lenticular beds  
40 up to 22 cm in thickness, although levels below 10 cm are the most common. They  
41 integrate tabular packages which, in turn, are arranged in coarsening upwards cycles,  
42 decimetric in thickness. A high variety of sedimentary structures suggesting changes in  
43 water velocity and depth can be identified, mainly linguoid ripples, cross and horizontal  
44 lamination and trough cross bedding. Ripples are in some cases climbing ripples,  
45 revealing high sedimentation rates and heterolithic bedding indicates intermittent flows.  
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5 zone, the environment would correspond to a marginal lacustrine area reached by detrital  
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10 No chronological data exists which allow dating the deposits containing the fossil site,  
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12 but an approximation to its age is possible based on the stratigraphical relation between  
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14 the Peralta Fm., containing the site, with other stratigraphic units in the area. The upper  
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16 part of the Barbastro Fm., which is lateral to the Peralta Fm., is capped by a carbonate  
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18 succession several meters-thick, being both units covered in the study area by the  
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20 conglomerate and sandstone fluvial Peraltilla Fm. In nearby areas to the East (Peraltilla  
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22 area) the lower part of this formation interbeds several limestone beds that have been  
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24 dated as middle-upper Rupelian (*Theridomys major*-MP-23) by Álvarez Sierra et al.  
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26 (1990). Based on these data, although we are conscious of the possibility that the  
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28 carbonate beds could not be the exactly the same due to lateral facies changes, a Rupelian  
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30 age is proposed as very plausible for the studied succession.  
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### 35 36 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

37 The studied footprints come from a very fine-fine sandstone-mudstone package (Figure  
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39 3) located in the upper part of the Peralta Formation. The outcrop is ca. 230 x 50 m and  
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41 the stratigraphical succession, with several strata and laminae is nearly vertical (Figure  
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43 2). Footprints can be recognized in several strata, indicating they were not produced  
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45 synchronously and not all the strata contain footprints. Most of these beds are strongly  
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47 fractured and numerous slabs have been detached from the outcrop, being most of the  
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49 studied ichnites from these fallen slabs. The slabs and the ichnites have been found in five  
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51 different areas in La Sagarreta outcrop and one isolated ichnite outside the principal  
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53 outcrop in a lower stratigraphic level (Figure 2). Multiple bird tracks have been identified  
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55 in-situ in several areas and layers but their study is out of the scope of these paper and a  
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3 detailed study focused on them will be carried out in the nearly future. On the other hand,  
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5 few mammal tracks have been identified in-situ and they are included in the present  
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12 For this study, 37 slabs bearing footprints have been described (see Tables S1 and S2).  
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14 These slabs are greatly variable in size but they never exceed 50 cm in diameter and 5 cm  
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16 in thickness. They are housed in the Museo de Ciencias Naturales de la Universidad de  
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18 Zaragoza (MPZ, Canudo 2018). The slabs were numbered following the collection  
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20 numbers from MPZ-2022-147 to MPZ-2022-181 and MPZ-2022-210 and MPZ-2022-  
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22 211. 157 ichnites have been identified in the surface of the slabs. Almost all of them are  
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24 isolated but some of the avian ichnites form a trackway (e.g.: MPZ-2022-149 and MPZ-  
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31 In the studied samples, the ichnites are preserved as natural cast (convex hiporeliefs) and  
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33 true tracks or shallow undertracks (concave epireliefs). The morphological preservation  
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35 quality has been evaluated according to the scale proposed by Marchetti et al. (2019).  
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37 These values must be considered in relation to the morphology of the ichnites and the  
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39 information they can provide. Only the ichnites with a preservation grade of 2 or more  
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41 have been used for the systematic assignments (Marchetti et al. 2019). The ichnites with  
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43 low preservation grade do not allow establish new assignments but they could be  
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45 associated with previously established ichnotaxa. Open nomenclature has been used  
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47 following Bengtson (1988).  
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52 All the slabs and the ichnites were photographed and individually measured using  
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54 previously established methods for studying the morphology of bird and mammal  
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56 footprints (e.g.: De Valais and Melchor 2008; Costeur et al. 2009; Melchor et al. 2019).  
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58 The measurements (Figure 4) taken on the footprints include the footprint length (L),  
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3 footprint width (W), digit length ( $L_I$ ,  $L_{II}$ ,  $L_{III}$ ,  $L_{IV}$ ), digit width ( $W_I$ ,  $W_{II}$ ,  $W_{III}$ ,  $W_{IV}$ ) and  
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5 the interdigital angles ( $II^{\wedge}III$ ,  $III^{\wedge}IV$ ,  $II^{\wedge}IV$ ,  $I^{\wedge}IV$ ,  $I^{\wedge}II$ ). The length and width were taken  
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7 directly from the footprints in the slabs. In the case of the angles, the software ImageJ  
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9 (<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/download.html>) was used. For the bird ichnites it must be  
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11 considered that in the case of curved lateral digits the measure of digital divarication could  
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13 be more subjective (Camens and Worthy 2019). In the case of the trackways, the mean  
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15 stride (S) and pace length (P) were also measured. In the tridactyl footprints it has been  
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17 impossible to determine if the individual footprints are the impression of the right or left  
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19 foot, so the lateral digits were identified according to their position with respect to the  
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21 central digits. In the case of the tetradactyl footprints, right and left footprints were  
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23 identified according to the medial location of digit I (hallux).  
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29 Digital three-dimensional models of the most significant footprints were obtained from  
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31 high-resolution digital photogrammetry using a standard protocol for ichnological studies  
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33 (Matthews et al. 2016; Falkingham et al. 2018). The 3D models were generated from sets  
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35 of 30-50 pictures taken with a Canon PowerShot SX740HS camera, using Agisoft  
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37 Metashape Standard Edition (v.1.6.5.11249. [www.agisoft.com](http://www.agisoft.com)). After that the 3D model  
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39 has been processed in Cloudcompare (V.2.12, <https://www.danielgm.net/cc/>) to create a  
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41 false-colour depth map that help in the morphological descriptions of the studied of  
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43 ichnites. Photogrammetric meshes of the relevant specimens created for this study are  
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45 available for download in the supplementary information.  
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## 52 SYSTEMATIC ICHNOLOGY

### 53 *Perissodactyl footprints*

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58 *Ichnogenus Plagiolophustipus* Santamaria et al. 1989-1990  
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3 Type ichnospecies: *Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis* Santamaria et al.1989-1990  
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6 *Diagnosis:* Tridactyl ichnite with a central digit much longer and wider than the laterals,  
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8 which are slightly asymmetrical. The overall length of the track varies between 5 and 6  
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10 cm.  
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13 cf. *Plagiolophustipus* isp. (Figure 5)  
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15 *Material:* Eight isolated ichnites (MPZ 2002-147, MPZ 2002-163, MPZ 2002-176, MPZ  
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17 2002-179, MPZ 2002-180, MPZ 2002-181, LSC3), three preserved as concave epirelief  
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19 and five as convex hiporelief. Also, two concave epirelief preserved in situ as a tracksite  
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21 (LSC4.1 and LSC4.2) (point 4).  
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25 *Description:* Tridactyl mesaxonic footprints with sub-elliptic morphology, longer than  
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27 wide (8-11 cm length and 5.5-8 cm width). Central digit (III) is considerably larger,  
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29 rounder and wider and protrudes anteriorly over the lateral digits (II and IV). Lateral digits  
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31 are more elongated and have a variable anterior morphology with sharply-pointed to  
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33 rounder tip. They are slightly asymmetric being one of them slightly larger and displaced  
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35 forward. The posterior part of the footprint has a round and wide morphology with a  
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37 similar width than the central digit. The digits are united with the posterior part and only  
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39 in the ichnites with the higher morphological preservation quality the central hoof is  
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41 distinguishable. The digits have similar interdigital angles (30°-45°) between the central  
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43 digit (II) and lateral digits (II and IV), the footprints being quite symmetric (Figure 5).  
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45 There are two consecutive tracks (LSC4.1-4.2) that might be part of the same trackway  
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47 with an approximate pace length of 20 cm.  
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53 It is noted a difference in the sample between the morphology of the lateral digits. Three  
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55 specimens have lateral digits with a rounder morphology (Figure 5 (A-F)) whereas the  
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57 others have a sharper and elongated morphology (Figure 5 (G-L)). These two  
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59 morphotypes do not have any other difference. The different morphology of the lateral  
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3 digits described in our sample coincides with the mode of preservation of the footprints  
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5 as epirelief or hiporelief, so the epireliefs have rounder lateral digits and the hiporeliefs  
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7 sharper digit morphology.  
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### 10 *Discussion*

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13 Firstly, the difference previously mentioned between the two morphotypes identified in  
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15 the sample could be explained to be product of the different preservation mode of the  
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17 ichnites (epireliefs vs hiporeliefs) and/or the substrate conditions at the time of track  
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19 production and/or anatomical differences between manus and pes in the trackmakers. For  
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21 this last hypothesis is impossible determine if La Sagarreta ichnites are pes or manus since  
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23 they are isolated specimens. There are not manus and pes differences described in the  
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25 literature for other *Plagiolophustipus* ichnites although no trackways have been described  
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27 (e.g. Santamaría et al. 1989-1990; Astibia et al. 2007). It is noteworthy that  
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29 *Palaeotheriopus sarjeanti* has manus less elongated and a central digit not as developed  
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31 as in the pes (Ataabadi and Khazae 2004). However, the manus and pes of  
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33 *Plagiolophustipus* and their differences are unknown. In addition, the hiporeliefs present  
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35 a bigger depth than the epireliefs, so their differences could be related to differences in  
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37 the substrate conditions with a softer substrate when the footprints preserved as  
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39 hiporeliefs were produced. So, these differences could be the product of the  
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41 sedimentological characteristics of substrate that give these subtle differences in the  
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43 lateral digits. It is impossible to determinate which one of these hypotheses is more solid  
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45 in the current state of knowledge and with the available material. Perissodactyl footprints  
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47 are known through the different Cenozoic stages and multiple ichnotaxa are described  
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49 (Vialov 1966; McDonald et al. 2007; Costeur et al. 2009). The key to determine that they  
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51 are perissodactyls is the mesaxonic character of the footprints (the middle digit bears most  
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53 of the animal's weight) with usually an odd number of digits (some members show  
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3 tetradactyl manus; Mustoe 2002). There are four ichnotaxa with similar morphology to  
4 the perissodactyl tracks from La Sagarreta, three of them associated to palaeothere  
5 mammals (Figure 6): *Palaeotheriopus* from the Eocene of France and Iran (Ellenberger  
6 1980; Ataabadi and Khazae 2004), *Lophiopus* from the Late Eocene of France  
7 (Ellenberger 1980), *Moropopus* from the Late Eocene of Iran (Abbassi et al. 2016) and  
8 *Plagiolophustipus* from the Early Oligocene of Spain (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990).  
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10 Besides, other perissodactyl ichnotaxa characterized by tridactyl footprints such as  
11 *Rhinoceripeda* from the Miocene of Hungary (Vialov 1965; full description in Kordos  
12 1985) and identified in the Oligocene of France (Costeur et al. 2009) have a more oval  
13 and rounded morphology and three oval hoof impressions.

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15 *Palaeotheriopus* has two different ichnospecies *P. similimediis* (Ellenberger 1980) from  
16 the Late Eocene of France and *P. sarjeanti* (Ataabadi and Khazae 2004) from the Middle  
17 Eocene of Iran. *Palaeotheriopus* presents great similarities with the morphology of the  
18 studied ichnites, especially *P. sarjeanti*. Main differences of *Paleotheriopus* ichnospecies  
19 are in the heel impression (*P. similimediis* has a rounder heel). The ichnospecies *P.*  
20 *sarjeanti* shows similar central digit and metacarpal impressions, however it has larger  
21 total size and parallel lateral digits with more symmetry between them. *Lophiopus* has  
22 two ichnospecies *L. rapidus* and *L. latus* (Ellenberger 1980). In general, *Lophiopus* has a  
23 similar size than the studied ichnites and three digits with smaller lateral digits with a  
24 sharp tip. *L. rapidus* has a marked “heel mark” that is not present in *L. latus*. *Lophiopus*,  
25 especially *L. rapidus*, has similarity with La Sagarreta ichnites but the central digit in  
26 *Lophiopus* is narrower (in the studied ichnites the width in the central digit is close to the  
27 heel width) and the lateral digits are symmetrical. Besides, *Lophiopus* show a greater  
28 divergence between their digits (with a total divarication angle II<sup>IV</sup> higher than 90°).  
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3 *Moropopus* is a monospecific ichnogenus with only the ichnospecies *M. elongatus*  
4 defined (Abbassi et al. 2016). These ichnites present lateral digits more separated and  
5 isolated from the central digit, existing a marked separation between them. Also, the digits  
6 present a slightly curve to the front part of the footprint that it is absent in La Sagarreta  
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15 In other hand, *Plagiolophustipus* has smaller size, asymmetrical lateral digits that are less  
16 rounded than in *Palaeotheriipus*. Ichnites with a great variety in the size and the  
17 morphology of the lateral digits have been associated with this ichnogenus. The central  
18 digit is rounder and has a similar width to the heel. All these features make this  
19 ichnogenus the most similar to La Sagarreta perissodactyla tracks.  
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27 There is only one ichnospecies included in the ichnogenus *Plagiolophustipus*, *P.*  
28 *montfalcoensis* (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990). However, *Plagiolophustipus* has been  
29 described in other areas of the Ebro Basin showing a great variety of size and morphology  
30 of ichnites (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990; Murelaga et al. 2000; Astibia et al. 2007; de  
31 Gibert and Sáez 2009; Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018) although a second ichnospecies has not  
32 been distinguished. La Sagarreta ichnites have a slightly larger size (a size range is  
33 included in the diagnosis) and more symmetrical lateral digits than the holotype ichnites  
34 (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990) but they are not as large as the ichnites described by  
35 Murelaga et al. (2000). These ichnites also have even more symmetrical lateral digits and  
36 a sharper central digit than those of La Sagarreta. Considering their similarity, but also  
37 the aforementioned differences of La Sagarreta ichnites with the holotype, it was decided  
38 to classify them with open nomenclature as cf. *Plagiolophustipus* isp. until a revision of  
39 the material assigned to this ichnotaxa including the type series is carried out.  
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### 58 **Artiodactyl footprints**

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3 *Ichnogenus: Megapecoripeda* Kordos, 1985  
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6 *Type ichnospecies: Megapecoripeda miocaenica* Kordos, 1985  
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9 *Diagnosis:* Footprints of a large artiodactyl of composite stature. The print of the inner  
10 hoof is usually smaller than it is the case with the outer hoof, being shifted distally. In  
11 case of quiet gait and a horizontal, even surface this asymmetry will disappear. The hoof  
12 prints grow proximally wider, deviating by 10 to 20 degrees from the axial line  
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18 *Megapecoripeda* isp. (Figure 7)  
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22 *Material:* one concave hiporelief in the slab (MPZ 2022-177) and one in situ on field  
23 LSC1) (point 2)  
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27 *Description:* didactyl tracks showing two symmetrical and parallel-arranged digits  
28 imprints with a slightly union between the digits that allows to see all the digit  
29 morphology. They have a large size (7-8 cm long and 7 cm wide) with a marked  
30 dominance (around 40-50%) of the length respect to the width of each digit (Figure 7 (A,  
31 B)). One of the digits is slightly larger than the other. They have an oval morphology with  
32 round shape in the anterior and posterior part. There are not lateral digit impressions even  
33 with the great depth of some ichnites.  
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44 *Discussion:* The presence of only two digits and the paraxonic characteristics of the  
45 ichnites allow their interpretation as Artiodactyla tracks. This kind of ichnites have a great  
46 similarity with its associated ichnotaxa, being only the morphology and size variations  
47 the principal differences between them (Lucas and Hunt 2007; Costeur et al. 2009;  
48 Abbassi et al. 2015). Abbassi et al. (2015) summarized some of the most important  
49 ichnogenus of artiodactyl footprints: *Anoplotheriipus* (Ellenberger, 1980), *Bifidipes*  
50 (Demathieu et al. 1984; emend. Fornós et al. 2002), *Bijugopeda* (Sarjeant and Reynolds  
51 1999), *Bothriodontipus* (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990), *Camelipeda* (Vialov 1984),  
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3 *Diplartipus* (Ellenberger 1980), *Dizygopodium* (Sarjeant and Reynolds 1999),  
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5 *Entelodontipus* (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-Llopis 1982), *Gambapes* (Sarjeant and  
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7 Langston 1994), *Lamaichnum* (Aramayo and Manera de Bianco 1987), *Megalamaichnum*  
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9 (Aramayo and Manera de Bianco 1987), *Megapecoripeda* (Kordos 1985),  
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11 *Odocoileinichnum* (Aramayo and Manera de Bianco 1987), *Paracamelichnum* (Pérez-  
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13 Lorente et al. 2009) and *Pecoripeda* (Vialov 1965).  
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17 The medium artiodactyl footprints from La Sagarreta have visible separated digits which  
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19 allows to eliminate ichnotaxa attributed to Camelidae footprints, because they have a  
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21 characteristic union between the digits such as in *Camelipeda*, *Paracamelichnum*,  
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23 *Megalamaichnum*, *Lamaichnum*, *Dizygopodium* and *Bijugopeda* (Lucas and Hunt 2007).  
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25 The French Eocene footprints of the ichnogenus *Anoplotheriipus* and *Diplartipus* also  
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27 present that union between their digits making impossible to determinate the morphology  
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29 of the individual digits (Ellenberger 1980).  
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34 Some ichnotaxa associated with Artiodactyla have more than two-digit tracks so they can  
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36 also be discarded. These are *Bothriodontipus* (Santamaría et al. 1989-1990),  
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38 *Fustinianapodus* (Díaz-Martínez et al. 2020), *Cervipeda* (Vialov 1965), and *Suidichnus*  
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40 (Neto de Carvalho et al. 2020). *Bothriodontipus* and *Fustinianapodus* are tetradactyl  
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42 ichnites with four-digit impressions oriented anteriorly. On the other hand, *Suidichnus*  
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44 and *Cervipeda* has two large central digits oriented anteriorly and the impression of two  
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46 lateral dew claw in the posterior direction.  
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51 *Entelodontipus*, *Bifidipes*, *Pecoripeda*, *Megapecoripeda* and *Gambapes* (Figure 8) have  
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53 only two-digit impressions and are the most similar to the studied tracks. *Bifidipes* has  
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55 subtriangular digit impressions with a high divarication, with divergent margins and  
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57 separation (Demathieu et al. 1984; Fornós et al. 2002). *Entelodontipus* has small size and  
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59 subparallel digit impressions with a subelliptic morphology and a posterior part wider  
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3 than the anterior part (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafe-Llopis 1982). *Pecoripeda* has  
4 two digits that are always separated but sometimes in contact to each other. They have a  
5 similar wedge shaped and sharp or round tip, and have a width less than 35% of their  
6 length (Sarjeant and Langston 1994). These digits can be convergent, parallel or divergent  
7 according to the pace. *Megapecoripeda* has a great similarity to *Pecoripeda* but it has a  
8 larger size (Costeur et al. 2009). *Gambapes* is very similar to *Pecoripeda* with the same  
9 general morphology, only existing a difference in the relation between length and width,  
10 *Gambapes* ichnites has a width greater than 35% than length and a smaller size (Sarjeant  
11 and Langston 1994). Nonetheless, *Gambapes* has been suggested to be a junior synonym  
12 of *Pecoripeda* (Lucas and Hunt 2007).

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Costeur et al. (2009) suggest the use of *Megapecoripeda* for all the large size artiodactyl  
ichnites with only two digits. Also, the ichnites associated with *Megapecoripeda* present  
a slightly marked union between their digits, that it is more marked in the posterior part.  
The aforementioned Camelidae ichnites present also a union between their digits although  
in *Megapecoripeda* case even with a union in all the length of the digit the inner margin  
of the digit is identifiable, so, the morphology of the digit is distinguishable. The studied  
ichnites present a similar size, morphology, and type union between the digits that the  
ichnites associated with *Megapecoripeda*.

Two different ichnospecies associated to *Megapecoripeda*, *M. miocaenica* (Kordos 1985)  
and *M. velox* (Costeur et al. 2009) have been identified. The latter is a combination  
between *Bifidipes velox* and *Megapecoripeda*. Both ichnospecies are similar having the  
same size and morphology, but *M. miocaenica* has an asymmetrical digit and a slightly  
divarication between the digits. *M. velox* has a great variety of morphologies and  
interdigital angles, but their digits are symmetrical in comparison with *M. miocaenica*.  
This makes the ichnites described by Costeur et al. (2009) more similar to the studied



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3 ichnites, but the combination proposed by these authors presents problem with respect its  
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5 ichnotaxonomy validity. Firstly, Costeur et al. (2009) did not establish the diagnostic  
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7 features at ichnospecies level and the principal reason for the combination was the size  
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9 of the footprints. Abbassi et al. (2021) commented the doubts of the validity of this  
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11 approach because the variation in size of footprints is not a valid ichnotaxobase. Thus,  
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13 with only one well preserved ichnite in La Sagarreta it is impossible establish an  
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15 ichnospecific assignation to the studied materials with certainty.  
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21 *Ichnogenus: Pecoripeda* Vialov (1965), emmend. Sarjeant and Langston 1994  
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24 *Type ichnospecies: Pecoripeda gazella*  
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27 *Diagnosis:* Artiodactyl footprints of elongated wedge shape, indicating the presence of  
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29 two hooves in both the manus and pes. Manus and pes of closely similar form, though  
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31 sometimes of different size. The medial (III) and lateral (IV) hoof prints are always  
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33 distinct, with axial surfaces sometimes in median or posterior contact, more often  
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35 separated by continuous interdigital space. The medial and lateral hooves are exact or  
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37 mirror images in outline; each is broadest posteriorly, tapering anteriorly angular or  
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39 sharply parabolic apex. Apices of hoof prints directed forward; axes convergent, parallel  
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41 or divergent according to pace. The maximum breadth of each hoof print is less than 35%  
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43 of its length (Sarjeant and Langston 1994)  
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50 *cf. Pecoripeda isp.* (Figure 7)  
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53 *Material:* one ichnite preserved as a concave epirelief (MPZ 2022-151) in a slab.  
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56 *Description:* Track with two digital impressions with a marked separation between them.  
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58 It has small size and is considerably longer than wide (2.5 cm and 1 cm respectively,  
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3 length/width ratio 2.5). The hoof imprint is round and wide at the rear and narrow at the  
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5 front with a sharp and subacute tip. The inner margin is straight. The anterior tips of the  
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7 digits diverge more than 40% (Figure 7 (D-F)).  
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12 *Discussion:* Attending the previous discussion, the didactyl character of these footprints  
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14 allows to discard the tetradactyl ichnotaxa and those assigned to Camelids with a union  
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16 in their digits. MPZ 2022-151 differs from the *Megapecoripeda* specimens in their  
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18 smaller size. Usually, manus imprints are smaller than the pes impressions, but in the case  
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20 of *Megapecoripeda velox* their manus are larger than the pes (Costeur et al. 2009).  
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24 The morphology of the ichnite is also different, being more similar to *Pecoripeda* ichnites  
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26 (Vialov 1965) with only two long and narrow digits that have a larger posterior part and  
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28 a convergence anteriorly with sharp anterior tips. Nonetheless, the length/width ratio is  
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30 higher than in *Pecoripeda. Entelodontipus* (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-Llopis  
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32 1982) also has a wider posterior part, but the digit tips are rounder and subparallel.  
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34 *Bifidipes* has a similar morphology but they have divergent margins instead of the  
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36 converging in the studied ichnites (Demathieu et al. 1984; Fornós et al. 2002). *Gambapes*  
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38 is very similar to *Pecoripeda* but with a higher length/width ratio and as already  
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40 mentioned has been considered to be a junior synonym of *Pecoripeda* by some authors  
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42 (Lucas and Hunt 2007). This last ichnotaxa is the association more probable for the  
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44 studied ichnites but the preservation of the slab, with only one ichnite of this kind and  
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46 with a fracture that affects it, makes impossible confirm this proposal so the open  
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48 nomenclature is used.  
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### 54 55 **Carnivoramorph footprints**

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58 *Ichnogenus: Canipeda* Panin and Avram 1962, emend Melchor et al. 2019  
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3 *Type Ichnospecies: Canipeda longigriffa* Panin and Avram 1962  
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6 *Diagnosis:* Digitigrade to semidigitigrade, tetradactyl, paraxonic, longer than wide  
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8 footprints; arranged in quadrupedal and homopodial trackways. Elliptic, similar-sized and  
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10 clawed digital pads form an arc in front of, and are well separated from, a large metapodial  
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12 pad. Metapodial pad rounded to triangular or trapezoidal. *Felipeda* is distinguished by  
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14 having footprints wider than long, lacking claw marks and with digital pad impressions  
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16 that tend to be subcircular. (Emend Melchor et al. 2019).  
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20 cf. *Canipeda* isp. (Figure 7)  
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23 *Material:* One concave epirelief in the slab (MPZ 2022-168) and one epirelief on the field  
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25 (LSC2) (point 5, La Sagarreta outcrop).  
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28 *Description:*  
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31 Tetractyl ichnites that are longer than wide (6.7 and 6.7 cm of length, 5 and 3 cm of  
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33 width) showing four digital impressions separated of the metapodial pad. The digital pads  
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35 have an ovoidal to elongated shape oriented antero-posteriorly, with a length between 2-  
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37 3 cm and width about 1 cm. The central digits are longer and more advanced than the  
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39 lateral ones. The central pads are parallel and the laterals present a slightly divergence.  
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41 All the digits present claw marks that are not connected with the pad. The claw marks are  
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43 poorly impressed and have a circular-elliptical morphology. The metapodial pad is large  
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45 sized (2.5 cm of length and 2 cm of width) showing only one clear pad with a  
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47 subrectangular-subovoidal shape (Figure 7 (G-I)).  
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52 *Discussion:* The ichnological record in relation to Paleogene carnivorous mammals is  
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54 very scarce and is mostly composed of pentadactyl (Ellenberger 1980; Demantheu et al.  
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56 1984; Sarjeant and Wilson 1988; Sarjeant and Langston 1994; McCrea et al. 2004;  
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3 Costeur et al. 2009) and tetradactyl ichnogenera (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-Llopis  
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5 1974; Santamaria et al. 1989-1999; Rabal-Garcés and Díaz-Martínez 2010).  
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8 There are three large tetradactyl ichnogenera associated with creodonts: *Creodontipus*  
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10 (Santamaria et al. 1989-1990), *Tetrastoibopus* (Sarjeant and Langston 1994) and  
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12 *Quiritipes* (Sarjeant, et al. 2002) (Figure. 9), which have slightly similar footprint  
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14 morphology to the studied specimens although none of them coincide perfectly with the  
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16 footprints from La Sagarreta. *Creodontipus* has ichnites that are wider than long with  
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18 digital impressions with an acuminate (pointed) morphology and very close digits.  
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20 *Tetrastoibopus* has lateral digits with larger dimensions than the central ones, and  
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22 *Quiritipes* does not preserve claw marks, (although Melchor et al. 2019 doubt about this  
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24 interpretation), and presents digit impressions with multiple pads. The former has a  
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26 metapodial pad with similar morphology to the studied ichnites whereas the latter two  
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28 show a triangular metapodial pad. There are other ichnotaxa associated with creodonts:  
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30 *Dischidodacylus stevensi* (Sarjeant and Wilson 1988), *Hyaenodontipus praedator*  
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32 (Ellenberger 1980), *Sarcotherichnus enigmaticus* (Demanthieu et al. 1984), *Sarjeantipes*  
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34 *whitea* (McCrea et al. 2004) and *Zanclonychopus cinicalcator* (Sarjeant and Langston  
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36 1994). However, all this ichnotaxa have five digits so they do not coincide with the  
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38 tetradactyl morphology of the studied specimens.  
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46 The most common tetradactyl ichnotaxa generally associated to carnivores are grouped  
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48 into three main ichnogenera *Bestiopeda* (Vialov 1965), *Felipeda* (Panin and Avram 1962)  
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50 and *Canipeda* (Panin and Avram 1962). A great variety of morphologies have been  
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52 grouped in *Bestiopeda*, with pentadactyl and tetradactyl footprints included. *Canipeda*  
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54 and *Felipeda* have tetradactyl footprints and presents three major differences between  
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56 them. The latter has a width greater than or similar to the length compared to *Canipeda*  
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58 in which the length dominates; *Canipeda* has clear claw impressions that tend to be absent  
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3 in *Felipeda*, and the digital pads are elongated in an anterior-posterior direction compared  
4 to the subcircular pads of *Felipeda* (Melchor et al. 2019). All these main *Canipeda*  
5 characteristics are seen in the studied ichnites from La Sagarreta so this ichnite can be  
6 related to *Canipeda*.  
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13 Melchor et al. (2019) reviewed the record of canid and canid-like footprints from the  
14 Early Eocene to Holocene. This record includes ichnotaxa that are similar to *Canipeda*  
15 (e.g.: *Quiritipes* and *Creodontipus*), ichnites with a dubious association to *Canipeda* (e.g.:  
16 cf. *Canipeda* isp. from the Late Eocene of Jaca (Spain); Rabal-Garcés and Díaz- Martínez  
17 2010) and ichnites belonging to *Canipeda* ichnospecies. There are multiples ichnospecies  
18 included in *Canipeda* that range with certainty from the Lower Miocene to the  
19 Pleistocene: *C. longigriffa* (Panin and Avram 1962): *C. gracilis* (Vialov 1965): *C.*  
20 *therates* (Remeika 1999) y *C. sanguinolenta* (Vialov 1966) (Figure 9). All these  
21 ichnospecies differ with the studied ichnites: *C. longigriffa* y *C. sanguinolenta* have a  
22 triangular metapodial pad and usually bilobate; *C. therates* has a similar metapodial pad  
23 than the previous ichnotaxa and smaller central digits than the lateral ones; *C. gracilis* has  
24 smaller size (near to 3.5 cm) with a length/width ratio close to 1 and a subtriangular  
25 metapodial pad in the manus and subrounded to elliptical in the pes. This makes *C.*  
26 *gracilis* the ichnotaxa more similar to studied ichnites but *C. gracilis* presents a higher  
27 divergence between their digits and the metapodial pad impression is slightly different.  
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48 All those features make the aforementioned ichnotaxa different from La Sagarreta  
49 ichnites. Interestingly, the tracks from La Sagarreta are similar to the ichnites described  
50 by Rabal-Garcés and Díaz- Martínez (2010) from the Late Eocene of Jaca (Spain). They  
51 have a similar metapodial pad impression with subelliptic morphology, subparallel digits  
52 with large central digits and longer than wide ichnites. They classified the tracks as cf.  
53 *Canipeda* and have been subsequently classified as *Canipeda* isp by Melchor et al. (2019).  
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3 although the authors did not associate them to a concrete ichnospecies. Considered the  
4 previous discussion we classify the tracks as cf. *Canipeda* isp taken into account the few  
5 material in our sample (just 2 specimens) and the similarities with *Canipeda* but also the  
6 differences in the metapodial pad impression morphology.  
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### 12 **Avian footprint**

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16 *Morphofamily:* Avipedidae, Sarjeant and Langston 1994

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19 *Diagnosis:* Avian footprints showing three digits, they are directed forward. Digits united  
20 or separate proximally. Webbing lacking or limited to the most proximal part of the  
21 interdigital angles.  
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27 *Discussion:*

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29 Sarjeant and Langston (1994) establish three tridactyl morphofamilies: Anatipedidae,  
30 Charadriipedidae and Avipedidae. Anatipedidae and Charadriipedidae have digits united  
31 by webbing in all their length or only in part of them. On the other hand, Avipedidae does  
32 not have webbing or it is only present in the proximal part.  
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40 *Ichnogenus:* *Aviadactyla* Kordos 1985, emend. Sarjeant and Reynolds 2001

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43 *Type ichnospecies:* *Aviadactyla media* Kordos 1985

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46 *Diagnosis:* Avian footprints of small to moderate size composed of three digital  
47 impressions. Digits of slender to moderate width, tapering distally and sometimes  
48 exhibiting distinct, slender claws but typically without, or with only feeble indication of  
49 digital pads or interpad spaces. Length of central digit (III) is less than 25% greater than  
50 that of the lateral digits. Total interdigital span exceeds 95°. Digits convergent proximally  
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3 is no indication of a metatarsal pad or of webbing between digits (emend. Sarjeant and  
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8 *Aviadactyla vialovi* Kordos and Prakfalvi 1990 (Figure 10)  
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11 *Diagnosis:* Avian footprints of small to moderate size, having slender and flexible digits  
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13 (II to IV) with slender claws whose inclination is only slightly divergent from the digit  
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15 axis. The digits lack interpad spaces. Interdigital span is variable according to pace and  
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17 substrate, ranging from about 80° to over 155°. The interdigital angle between digits II  
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19 and III is slightly less than between digits III and IV. Proximally the digits converge with  
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21 digit II sometimes in slight contact with digit III, but digit IV is always separated and  
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23 neither webbing nor a metatarsal pad is present. The digits are of comparable length, with  
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25 digit III slightly longer than the others. Trackway of moderate width; stride of moderate  
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27 length (emend. Sarjeant and Reynolds, 2001).  
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32 *Materials:* 2 concave epirelief footprints in the slabs (MPZ 2022-156 and MPZ 2022-  
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34 210) and 11 convex hiporeliefs in the slabs (MPZ 2022-148, MPZ 2022-162, MPZ 2022-  
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36 171, MPZ 2022-172, MPZ 2022-174.A)  
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40 *Description:* tridactyl ichnites of small sized birds, that are wider than long. The footprint  
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42 length and width mean value is 1,8 cm and 2,4 cm respectively. They have the digital  
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44 impressions without a union between them and any trace of webbing. The digital imprints  
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46 are slender and pointed with a wide central section. The ichnites with the higher  
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48 morphological preservation claw impressions at their distal end can be identified. The  
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50 central digit impression (III) is similar or longer to the lateral digits (II and IV).  
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52 Interdigital angles (II<sup>^</sup>III and III<sup>^</sup>IV) have a great disparity (35°min, 65° max) with a 51°  
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54 average, and the total interdigital angle (II<sup>^</sup>IV) usually exceed the 90° with a mean of  
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56 112°. II<sup>^</sup>III angles are slightly higher than III<sup>^</sup>IV (Figure 10)  
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3 *Discussion:* There are numerous ichnogenera in the fossil record with tridactyl footprints  
4 which can be associated to Avipedidae morphofamily. Sarjeant and Langston (1994) and  
5 Sarjeant and Reynolds (2001) established: *Aquatilavipes* (Currie 1981), *Avipeda* (Vialov  
6 1965), *Aviadactyla* (Kordos 1985), *Ludicharadripodiscus* (Ellenberger 1980),  
7 *Fuscinapeda* (Sarjeant and Langston 1994) and *Ornithorarnocia* (Kordos 1985). Other  
8 studies have included a new ichnogenus to this morphofamily such as *Uvaichnites* (Díaz-  
9 Martínez et al. 2012) (Figure 11). *Fuscinapeda* and *Ornithorarnocia* have more thick  
10 digits united proximally. Something similar happens with *Aquatilavipes* that has slender  
11 digits but still united. *Ludicharadripodiscus* could present a hallux and interdigital  
12 webbing. *Avipeda* has also united proximally the digit impressions. *Uvaichnites* has  
13 separated digits, but they are thicker, the central digit being much larger than the laterals  
14 and also shows a marked central metatarsal pad.

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31 Sarjeant and Reynolds (2001) recognize three different *Aviadactyla* ichnospecies:  
32 *Aviadactyla media* (Kordos 1985), *Aviadactyla panini* (Kordos and Prakfalvi 1990) and  
33 *Aviadactyla vialovi* (Kordos and Prakfalvi 1990). Both, *A. panini* and *A. vialovi* were in  
34 origin part of the ichnogenus *Carpathipeda* but this ichnogenus was considered  
35 subsequently an invalid ichnotaxon (Sarjeant and Reynolds 2001).

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43 *Aviadactyla media* has a large size, is slightly asymmetric and their digits have rounded  
44 tips. On the other hand, *Aviadactyla vialovi* and *Aviadactyla panini* have smaller size and  
45 are more similar to studied ichnites, also showing slender digits and sharp end tips. The  
46 principal difference between *A. vialovi* and *A. panini* is the interdigital angle between  
47 digits II and IV. *A. vialovi* has a higher interdigital angle ranging from 80° to 150°.  
48 Considering the original description *A. panini* has a lower interdigital angle below to 70°.  
49 The total interdigital angle in the studied ichnites is higher than 85° so *A. vialovi* is the  
50 association more probable from them.  
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3 *Morphofamily:* Gruipedidae Sarjeant and Langston 1994  
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6 *Diagnosis:* Avian footprints showing four digits, three of which (II to IV) are directed  
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8 forward and the fourth (I) directed posteriorly, its axis either coinciding with, or at an  
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10 angle to that of digit III. Digits united or separate proximally. Webbing absent or limited  
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12 to the most proximal part of the interdigital angle.  
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16 *Discussion:* Sarjeant and Langston (1994) established Gruipedidae as a morphofamily of  
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18 tetradactyl and anisodactyl avian ichnites without a web joining the anterior digits or  
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20 being that web only present in the proximal part. Other tetradactyl morphofamilies such  
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22 as Anatipedidae (Sarjeant and Langston 1994) have a web that link the digits. Others such  
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24 as Igotornidae (Lockley et al. 1992) and Jindongornipodidae (Lockley et al. 2006) are  
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26 normally used to refer to Mesozoic footprints and some authors have doubt about their  
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28 use in Cenozoic ichnites (e.g.: Kim et al. 2006; Lockley et al. 2006) although others have  
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30 used it for Cenozoic footprints (e.g.: Abbassi and Dashtban 2021). However, they have  
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32 been considered and their characteristics do not coincide with the studied ichnites.  
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34 Igotornidae usually are asymmetrical and have a semi-palmate web (Kim et al. 2006).  
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36 Jindongornipodidae has larger footprints with a clear longer digit IV than II (in the case  
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38 of La Sagarreta they are similar in length).  
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44 *Ichnogenus:* *Gruipeda* Panin and Avram 1962  
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47 *Type Ichnospecies:* *Gruipeda maxima* Panin and Avram 1962 emend. De Valais and  
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52 *Diagnosis:* Footprints showing four digits imprints, three of which (II to IV) are directed  
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54 forward and larger, the fourth (I), directed backward, spur-like and short. The interdigital  
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56 angles between digits II and III and between digits III and IV are commonly less than 70°.  
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58 The hallux imprint is posteromedially directed; the interdigital angle between digits I and  
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3 II being smaller than that between digits I and IV. When present, digital pad traces  
4 displaying the relation I: 2, II: 2, III: 3, IV: 4. Webbing trace absent. (Emend. De Valais  
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11 *Ichnospecies: Gruipeda dominguensis*, De Valais and Melchor 2008  
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14 *Diagnosis: Gruipeda* preserved as tridactyl or tetradactyl footprints, commonly with a  
15 footprint length smaller than 50 mm, and length width ratio of 0.7-0.9. Bipedal trackways  
16 displaying a zero to inward rotation with relation to the midline, pace angulation ranging  
17 from 150° to 182°, and a stride length from 2.5 to 5 times the footprint length. Footprints  
18 slightly asymmetric, typically with the angle between digits II-III larger than those of  
19 digits III-IV, and a larger divarication of digits II-IV in the range 90°-135°. Relative digit  
20 length is I<II<IV<III. Hallux impression present in almost half of the footprints with a  
21 posterior to posteromedial position. Occasional rhomboid to rounded sole.  
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33 *Gruipeda dominguensis* (Figure 12)  
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36 *Material:* 50 convex hiporelief in the studied slabs of the collection (MPZ 2022-149,  
37 MPZ 2022-152, MPZ 2022-153, MPZ 2022-155, MPZ 2022-157, MPZ 2022-161, MPZ  
38 2022-162, MPZ 2022-169, MPZ 2022-173, MPZ 2022-178, MPZ 2022-210 b and MPZ  
39 2022-211) and 56 concave epirelief (MPZ 2022-152, MPZ 2022-154, MPZ 2022-156,  
40 MPZ 2022-158, MPZ 2022-159, MPZ 2022-160, MPZ 2022-161, MPZ 2022-162, MPZ  
41 2022-164, MPZ 2022-165, MPZ 2022-166, MPZ 2022-167, MPZ 2022-168).  
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51 *Description:* Avian footprints that have four slender digits with sharp tips, three oriented  
52 forward (II-IV) and one oriented backward (I). The three frontal digits are slender with a  
53 central digit (III) longer than the laterals (II and IV) which are very similar in size but  
54 usually one of the digits (digit IV) is slightly longer. They are usually connected to each  
55 other with absence of webbing. The interdigital angles between II-III and III-IV have a  
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3 great variety but in most of the cases they do not overcome  $70^\circ$  and usually the angle  
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5  $II^{\wedge}III$  is higher than  $III^{\wedge}IV$ . The angle  $II-IV$  has great range variation ( $90^\circ-140^\circ$ ) but the  
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7 mean is  $115^\circ$ . The fourth digit (I) is significantly smaller and has a spoon-like  
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9 morphology. The fourth digit is slightly medially displaced with respect to the central  
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11 digit axis. The ichnites have a small size with a mean length of 2.3 cm and a mean width  
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13 of 2.2 cm, the length/width ratio being 0.97. Two trackways have been identified that  
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15 have a stride length of 6 and 14 cm, being 2.75 and 6,1 times the footprint length (MPZ-  
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17 2022-149 and MPZ-2022-153) (Figure 12).

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22 *Discussion:* *Gruipeda* was established by Panin and Avram (1962) as avian ichnites with  
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24 three frontal digits and one short digit in the opposite direction. Posterior authors (Sarjeant  
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26 and Langston, 1994; De Valais and Melchor, 2008) have reviewed this ichnotaxon.. De  
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28 Valais and Melchor (2008) emended the diagnosis of *Gruipeda* as tetradactyl anisodactyl  
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30 avian footprints in which the interdigital angle  $I-IV$  is higher than the angle  $I-II$ . This  
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32 difference between the angles makes *Gruipeda* different from other tetradactyl ichnites  
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34 such as *Iranipeda* (Lambrecht 1938) and *Ardeipeda* (Panin and Avram 1962) (Figure 13),  
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36 that have the hallux in the same axis that the central digit (III) and with  $I^{\wedge}II$  angle similar  
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38 to  $I^{\wedge}IV$ . Also, some studied ichnites present a similarity with *Persiavipes* an ichnospecies  
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40 of Ignotornidae (Abbasi and Dashtban 2021) (Figure 13). Nevertheless, this ichnospecies  
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42 is characterized by semi-palmate footprints, a feature not visible in the studied ichnites  
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48 Most of the studied ichnites have a small hallux oriented medially that is diverted from  
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50 the central digit axis and usually separated from the rest of the footprint having an angle  
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52 close to  $20^\circ$ . In the few cases of preserved trackways with high morphological  
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54 preservation quality, it seems that the angle  $I^{\wedge}II$  is smaller than  $I^{\wedge}IV$  (MPZ 2022-149,  
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3 However, some of the studied ichnites present a large hallux that it is united with the rest  
4 of the track and also showing a higher interdigital angle (Figure 12 (C)). This makes these  
5 footprints similar to *Ardeipeda*, although these characteristics could be product of extra-  
6 morphological factors linked to differences in the substrate and locomotion of the  
7 trackmaker (Falk et al. 2017). The influence of this kind of external process and the  
8 variation that they produce could be seen in other *Gruipeda* footprints (Abbassi et al.  
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Abbassi et al. (2015) summarized twelve different ichnospecies associated to *Gruipeda*:  
*Gruipeda abeli* (Lambrecht 1938), *Gruipeda becassi* (Panin and Avram, 1962), *Gruipeda*  
*calcarifera* (Sarjeant and Langston 1994), *Gruipeda diabloensis* (Remeika 1999),  
*Gruipeda disjuncta* (Panin and Avram 1962), *Gruipeda dominguensis* (De Valais and  
Melchor 2008), *Gruipeda filiportatis* (Vialov 1965), *Gruipeda intermedia* (Panin 1965),  
*Gruipeda lambrechtii* (Ataabadi and Khazaei 2004), *Gruipeda maxima* (Panin and Avram  
1962), *Gruipeda minima* (Panin and Avram 1962), *Gruipeda minor* (Panin 1965).

*G. abeli*, *G. maxima* and *G. lambrechtii* present a larger size than studied ichnites. *G.*  
*becassi* has thicker digits with the impression of digital pads (Sarjeant and Langston  
2001). *G. calcarifera* has digits II and I separated from each other with a biconvex outline.  
*G. diabloensis* has four slender digits, the digits II and IV have a slightly curve anteriorly  
and an asymmetry between the interdigital angles. *G. filiportatis* has been assigned by  
Sarjeant and Langston (1994) to the ichnogenus *Gruipeda* but posterior studies reassign  
it to *Ardeipeda* (Lockley and Harris 2010). It also has a large size with a great hallux  
(Lockley et al. 2021). *G. intermedia* has slender digits that sometimes are separated with  
a circular heel impression conserved (Abbassi et al. 2015). *G. minima* has asymmetrical  
digits with a hallux twice longer of the length of the footprint (De Valais and Melchor  
2008). *G. minor* does not conserve the impression of the hallux and have a thick central

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3 digit (Abbassi et al. 2015). *Gruipeda dominguensis* has the gretes similarities with the  
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5 studied ichnites. This ichnotaxon has a small size tridactyl or tetradactyl ichnites with  
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7 slender digits that do not present an interdigital web. This footprint has a slightly  
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9 asymmetry between their interdigital angles (with the angle II-III higher than III-IV). *G.*  
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11 *diabloensis* is very similar to *G. dominguensis* but the asymmetry is greater between the  
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13 angles II-III and III-IV (more than 20°) and have curvy digits (De Valais and Melchor  
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15 2008). The studied footprints present straight digital digits and a less asymmetry between  
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17 their interdigital angles, so *G. dominguensis* is the assignation more probable.  
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## 22 DISCUSSION

### 23 Implications for the diversity during the Early Oligocene in the Ebro Basin

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25 The Ebro Basin mammal footprint record ranges from the Early Oligocene to the Early  
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27 Miocene (e.g., Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018; Rabal-Garcés et al. 2018), which includes most  
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29 of the sedimentary record in the basin, with tracksites identified in most of the stages. At  
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31 a global scale, the Paleogene footprint record is very scarce (McDonald et al. 2007),  
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33 however, the Ebro Basin presents a great number of trackistes, especially in the Lower  
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35 Oligocene (Table S3). This situation makes this basin a key area for the study of the  
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37 evolution of European ichnofauna during this era, when most of the modern mammal  
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39 groups appeared and had their more primitive representatives (Blondel et al. 2001;  
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41 Hooker et al. 2009; Costa et al. 2011).  
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48 A total of 24 different tracksites have been described in the Lower Oligocene of the Ebro  
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50 Basin (Figures 14, 15; Table S3). They are located in three main areas of the northern part  
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52 of the basin: western (Navarre province), central (Huesca province) and eastern areas  
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54 (Lleida; Barcelona and Tarragona provinces). For paleoecological studies the concept of  
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56 ichnodiversity is used to measure the richness of species in a site or a region (Buatois and  
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58 Mangano 2013). Thus, these Early Oligocene tracksites altogether present a high  
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3 ichnodiversity, with 11 different ichnogenera recognized and a total 16 ichnospecies  
4 identified. These ichnotaxa belong to the main groups of mammals (artiodactyl,  
5 perissodactyl, carnivoramorphs) and different birds present during this epoch in Europe.  
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10 The sites in the central and eastern areas present the higher diversity of ichnites, with 10  
11 ichnotaxa identified in 3 tracksites and a minimum of 18 ichnotaxa in 17 tracksites,  
12 respectively (Figures 14, 15). Interestingly, in the tracksites located in the three areas  
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16 herbivore mammals (both artiodactyl and perissodactyl) dominate the ichnoassemblages,  
17 but each area has its own peculiarities. Looking into the distribution of the ichnotaxa at  
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21 the different areas *Plagiolophustipus*-like tracks are present in all the areas at the Ebro  
22 Basin and is the most common morphotype, being present at 11 tracksites in the Lower  
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26 Oligocene. On the other hand, the ichnogenus *Bothriodontipus*, despite having been found  
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30 at 7 tracksites and being the second more common morphotype, has been only located at  
31 the Eastern area. The western area presents tracksites with only one type of ichnites and  
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*Entelodontipus* and *Charadriipeda/Koreanornis*). On the other hand, in the sites in the  
central area of Ebro Basin there is a dominance (both in number of footprints and number  
of morphotypes) of artiodactyl ichnites (data biased by the presence of hundreds of  
footprints and 3 ichnotaxa in the Fondota tracksite, Linares et al. 2021), but  
carnivoramorph and perissodactyl are also present with also a great presence of avian  
ichnites. The Eastern area is also dominated by artiodactyl (*Bothriodontipus*,  
*Entelodontipus* and *Artiodactyla* indet) and perissodactyl (*Plagiolophustipus*) footprints,  
also with the presence of creodont ichnotaxa (*Creodontipus*).

In this context, La Sagarreta tracksite, presents a significantly high ichnodiversity, with a  
total of 6 ichnotaxa represented related with, at least, four main groups of animals (birds,  
artiodactyls, perissodactyls and carnivoramorphs (Figures 14, 15). Interestingly, the

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3 eastern area also shows tracksites where the ichnodiversity is considerably high (e.g.:  
4 Montagay, Cubells and Agramunt sites, with 5 ichnotaxa). Although the same groups are  
5 identified in both areas (central and eastern), the ichnoassemblages are slightly different  
6 in the artiodactyl (*Megapecoripeda*/cf. *Pecoripeda* vs *Bothriodontipus*/*Entelodontipus*)  
7 and carnivoramorph (cf. *Canipeda* vs *Creodontipus*) ichnoassociation and in the eastern  
8 area most of the avian footprints have not been assigned to any ichnotaxa (*Gruipeda* has  
9 been described in Sanauja section, by Gibert and Saez 2009 and classified as *Koreanornis*  
10 by Díaz-Martínez et al. 2015). From these data La Sagarreta tracksite stands out as the  
11 most richness and diverse tracksite of the Ebro Basin, and one of the most richness in the  
12 world for the Lower Oligocene (McDonald et al. 2007; Costeur et al. 2009; Abassi et al.  
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29 The information provided by the ichnological record is especially important where the  
30 osteologic record is absent or reduced (e.g. Lockley 1991), as it is the case in the Ebro  
31 Basin. It is important to emphasize that the ichnodiversity does not reflect with a great  
32 certainty the biodiversity and generally does not allow to concrete a specific species to be  
33 the producer. In the Ebro Basin a total of 24 mammal fossil sites with osteological remains  
34 from the Early Oligocene have been described (Cuenca et al. 1992; Estadella Serra 2020).  
35 Interestingly, most of them only containing micromammal remains. The avian record  
36 during the Oligocene in the Ebro Basin is restricted to their footprints (Sánchez Marco  
37 1996). Considering only the groups which ichnites are represented in La Sagarreta,  
38 Cuenca et al. (1992) reported 9 different artiodactyls (with a dominance of  
39 anthracotherids and anoplotherids but also entelodonts), 2 perissodactyls (all of them  
40 members of the paleotherids) and 2 carnivore mammals (one mustelid and one  
41 amphicyonid). In contrast to these 13 taxa identified in the osteological record, the Early  
42 Oligocene ichnite record presents a slightly higher ichnodiversity with a minimum number  
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3 of 16 ichnotaxa identified plus numerous indeterminate tracks that could considerably  
4 raise the total ichnodiversity. These data are especially significant in the case of the  
5 central area of the basin where in all the osteologic sites reported by Cuenca et al. (1992)  
6 only micromammals are represented. Thus, the only Early Oligocene record of the large  
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15 The scarcity of sites with osteological remains of large mammals and birds and the  
16 absence of descriptions of well-known autopods difficult to determine the producer of the  
17 studied ichnites with certainty. Among perissodactyls, paleotheres have been proposed as  
18 the most probable trackmakers of numerous footprints belonging to *Plagiolophustipus* in  
19 the Ebro Basin (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-LLopis 1982; Santamaria et al. 1989-  
20 1990; Prats and López 1995; Murelaga et al. 2000; Astibia et al. 2007; Gibert and Saez  
21 2009; Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018). *Plagiolophus* is the only genus member of the family  
22 Palaeotheriidae that survive to “*La Grande Coupure*” after the Eocene-Oligocene  
23 transition (Blondel 2001; Remy 2004) and they present tridactyl autopods with a great  
24 similarity of studied ichnites., *P. huerzeleri* is present at the Montalbán site, located in the  
25 Montalban Basin, in the Iberian Range (Remy 2000; Remy 2004), with an age close to  
26 La Sagarreta (MP23, early Oligocene). Hence, *Plagiolophus huerzeleri* or another  
27 member of the genus *Plagiolophus* (Perales-Gogenola et al.2022) with a medium or large  
28 size are the most probable producers of the ichnites of La Sagarreta.  
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48 The artiodactyls present a great similarity in their autopod morphology that is reflected  
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50 *Pecoripeda*-like tracks described in younger (Miocene) tracksites of the Ebro Basin have  
51 been related to members of Pecora (Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018). Its attribution to the La  
52 Sagarreta footprints presents a problem in relation with the age, since the first occurrence  
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2014). Demathieu et al. (1984) proposed the “gelocids” as possible producers of *Bifidipes velox*. The “gelocids” were small to medium size hornless ruminants that are suggested to be the sister group of Pecora (Janis and Theodor 2014). Entelodonts have been associated with didactyl tracks (e.g.: *Entelodontipus*) during the Early Oligocene (Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafé-Llopis 1982; Díaz-Martínez et al. 2018). Several artiodactyl taxa have been described in the eastern Ebro Basin (Cuenca et al., 1992). The Talladell 3 site has yielded several artiodactyl taxa such as the anthracotheriid *Elomeryx cluae* and the tylopods *Cainotherium gracile* and *Cainotherium commune*. Besides, the large size species *Entelodon magnus* has been found in the “Rocallaura” site (Lleida, Spain) and an undetermined member of the family Entelodontidae at the “Canal Segarra-Garrigues” site (Lleida, Spain), (Blaya et al., 2017; Estadella Serra 2020 and references therein). Although the absence of lateral digit impressions in the studied ichnites could be due to the substrate conditions that make that lateral digit did not generate impressions, they present a great depth and a general good preservation so probably the producers did not have lateral digits. This allows to discard artiodactyl groups described by the osteological record such as the anthracotherids (with tetradactyl autopods (Clifford 2010; Cartanyá and Colldefons 1996 and references therein). Members of Tylopoda can be discarded despite their didactyl tracks because they present a union between their digits (Lucas and Hunt 2007; Linares et al. 2021). Thus, entelodonts are possibly the best candidates to be the producers of the artiodactyl tracks.

Find the producers of the Carnivoramorphs is a complex case. Generally, *Canipeda* has been assigned to members of the order Carnivora, more concretely to members of the family Canidae, as their possible producers (Melchor et al. 2019). However, by the comparison between extant footprints, some of the material related to the ichnogenus *Canipeda* could have also been produced by members of either the family Herpestidae or

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3 the family Hyaenidae (Antón et al. 2004; Rabal-Garcés and Díaz-Martínez 2010; Melchor  
4 et al. 2019). However, neither of the three groups were present in Europe during the Early  
5 Oligocene. Herpestidae and Hyaenidae did not appear in the osteological record until the  
6 Miocene (Barycka 2007). The Canidae appear in North America during the Late Eocene  
7 where they stayed isolated until the Late Miocene (Turolian) (Wang et al. 2004). Other  
8 carnivoramorph groups present during the Early Oligocene can be discarded because they  
9 present either pentadactyl manus and pes or by their plantigrade condition (e.g.:  
10 Amphicyonids, Hemycionids, and Credonts, Sarjeant et al. 2002; Bjork 2002; Wang et  
11 al. 2009; Sole et al. 2022). The “Miacidae” are a group of carnivoramorphs with a similar  
12 size and morphology to modern genets that are recognized as primitive true carnivore  
13 mammal (Spaulding and Flynn 2009). However, they present retractable claws (Wesley  
14 and Flynn 2003; Spaulding and Flynn 2009), so they are unlikely to be the producers in  
15 La Sagarreta. In the Ebro Basin, an unidentified member of the genus *Amphicyon* (an  
16 amphicyonid) and a primitive mustelid (*Plesisctis filholi*) described at “Pedreres de  
17 Talladell” (Tarrega, Lleida), are the only records of carnivoramorphs during the Early  
18 Oligocene (Cuenca et al. 1992; Estadella Serra 2020 and references therein). In summary,  
19 the studied ichnites are relatively similar (slightly differences in the metapodial pad  
20 morphology) to modern canids, but the age of the ichnites makes difficult that the  
21 trackmaker was a true canid, so the most probable trackmaker belonged to other  
22 carnivoramorph group with autopods relatively similar to modern canids.

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50 Generally, avian footprints cannot be associated with a specific taxonomic group since  
51 the morphologies of their foot depend on their behavior and the ecological niche they  
52 occupied in the ecosystem, so only in particular cases the trackmakers could be  
53 determined with confidence (Sarjeant and Langston 1994). Furthermore, most of the  
54 extant avian groups were present during the Paleogene, usually in primitive forms, and  
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3 they were already present in Europe during the Early Oligocene (James 2005). Therefore,  
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7 of *Aviadactyla vialovi*, Sarjeant and Reynolds (2001) suggest a wading bird, probably a  
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9 common sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) or a red-backed sandpiper (*Calidris alpina*), as  
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11 the trackmaker of this kind of ichnite. However, other modern wading birds as the plovers  
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13 (*Charadrius*) or sanderlings (*Calidris*) have more similar morphology to studied ichnites  
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17 area is poorly marked or absent (Elbroch and Marks 2001). So, the most likely producer  
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19 of the ichnites in La Sagarreta was a bird with similar foot morphology and habits to  
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21 members of these groups within the order Charadriiformes. *Gruipeda* has been assigned  
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23 to three different orders of birds by Sarjeant and Langston (1994): Gruiformes (Gruidae  
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25 and Rallidae), Charadriiformes and Ciconiiformes. Modern cranes (member of the family  
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27 Gruidae) footprints do not have a hallux impression, being different from the studied  
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29 ichnites (Brown et al. 2003). Nonetheless, the members of Rallidae present a small hallux  
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31 slightly displaced from the central axis (Brown et al. 2003). The Charadriiformes present  
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33 a great variety of feet morphology, some of them have webbed digits and other lack of  
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35 them (Elbroch and Marks 2001). The species without a digital web are very similar in  
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37 their morphology to Rallidae. All this makes impossible to determine if the studied  
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## 50 CONCLUSIONS

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52 The Early Oligocene La Sagarreta tracksite, at the central sector of the Ebro Basin (Peralta  
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54 Fm.) in Spain, is described for the first time. It represents a valuable paleontological  
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56 record due to the scarcity of ichnological Paleogene record as well as the high  
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3 present during the Early Oligocene at the Ebro Basin. Six different ichnotaxa have been  
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9 types of avian tracks have been identified (*Aviadactyla vialovi* and *Gruipeda*  
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11 *dominguensis*) that were possibly produced by members of the order Charadriiformes.  
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13 Less common are the footprints of a medium-sized perissodactyls (cf. *Plagiolophustipus*  
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15 isp.), which most probably producer was a medium-sized member of the genus  
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17 *Plagiolophus*. Even rarer are the footprints of artiodactyls (*Megapecoripeda* isp. Cf.  
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19 *Pecoripeda* isp.), possibly produced by entelodonts, and carnivoramorphs (cf. *Canipeda*  
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21 isp.) which trackmaker cannot be identified with certainty. The sedimentological features  
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23 of the site indicate that correspond to a shallow marginal lacustrine area, with available  
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25 water, but commonly desiccated, and a sedimentary surface dominated by fine detrital  
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29 appearance of a diverse fauna in the same locality. This new contribution provides  
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31 valuable information that complements the scarce knowledge of the Early Oligocene  
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33 faunas in the Ebro Basin, especially at the central sector where the record of some groups  
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35 of large mammals (e.g. perissodactyls and carnivoramorphs) had not been previously  
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37 reported and the other identified groups had been only reported by their footprints.  
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### FIGURE CAPTIONS

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42 (Ataabadi and Khazae 2004); **C.** *Lophiopus rapidus* (Ellenberger 1980); **D.** *Lophiopus*  
43 *latus* (Ellenberger 1980); **E.** *Moropopus elongatus* (Abbassi et al. 2016); **F.**  
44 *Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis* (Santamaria et al. 1989-1990); **G.** *Plagiolophustipus*  
45 cf. *montfalcoensis* (Murelaga et al. 2000); **H.** *Plagiolophustipus* isp. (Astibia et al. 2007);  
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47 **I.** *Rhinoceripeda tasnadyi* (Kordos 1985); **J.** *Rhinoceripeda voconcense* (Costeur et al.  
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5 MPZ-2022-151 a small artiodactyl (cf. *Pecoripeda* isp) footprint. **E.** False-colour depth  
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9 *Persiavipes gulfii* (redrawn from Abbassi and Dashtban, 2021). **K**. *Ardeipeda gigantea*  
10 (redrawn from Panin and Avram, 1962). **L**. *Ardeipeda egretta* (redrawn from Panin and  
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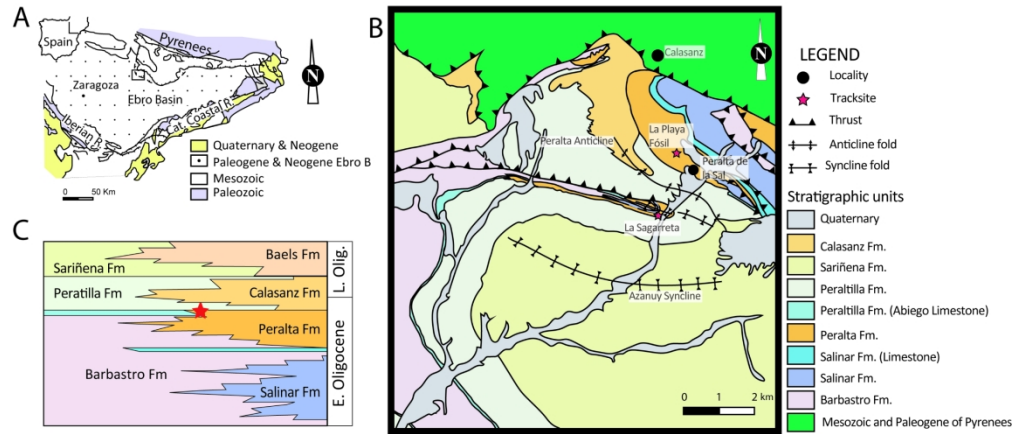


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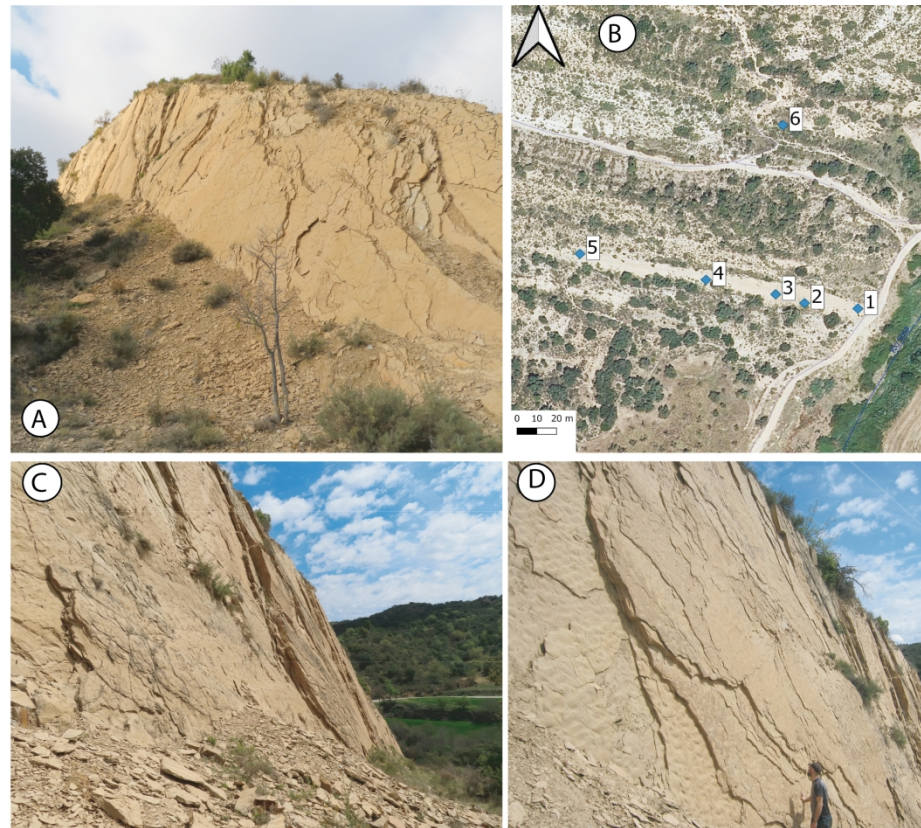


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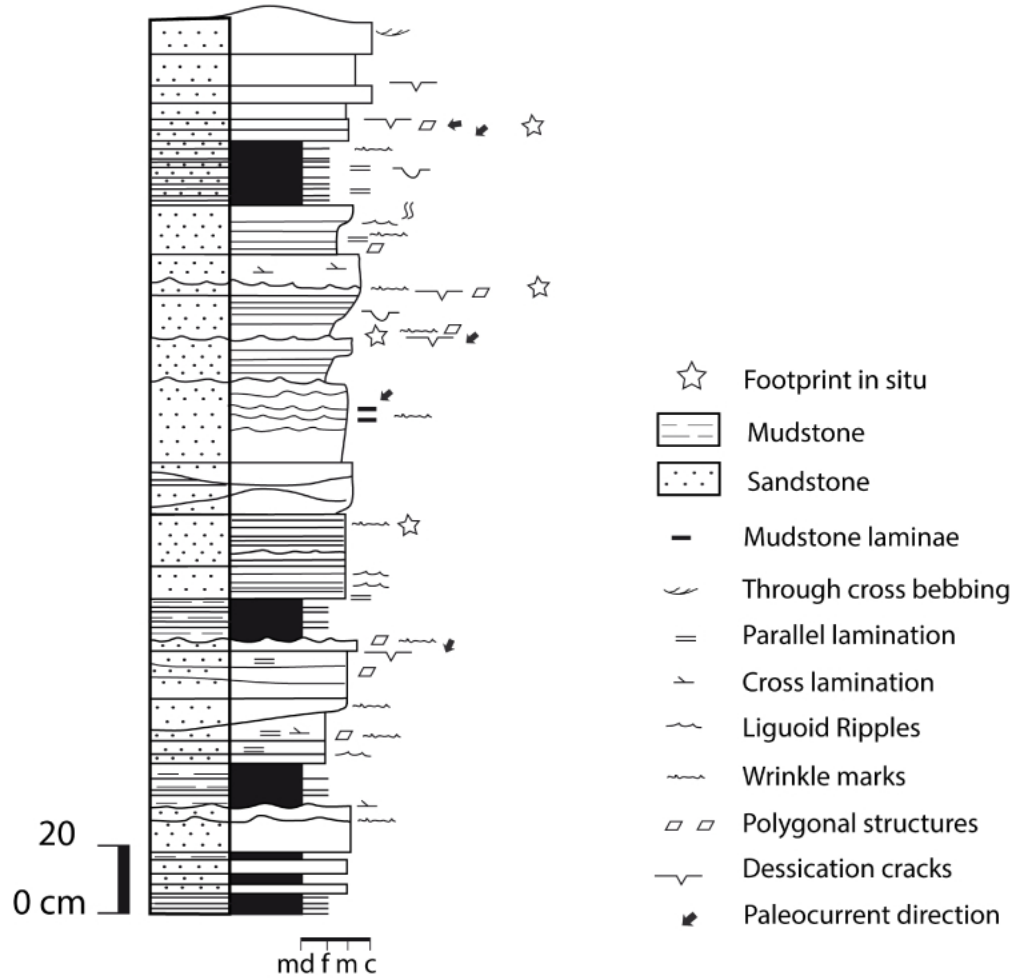


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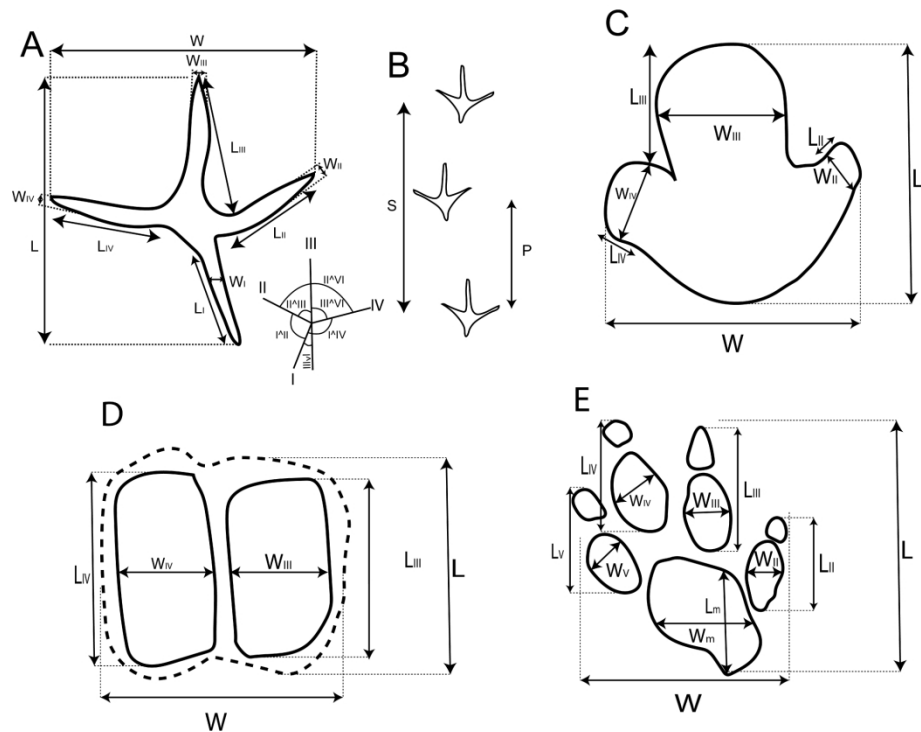


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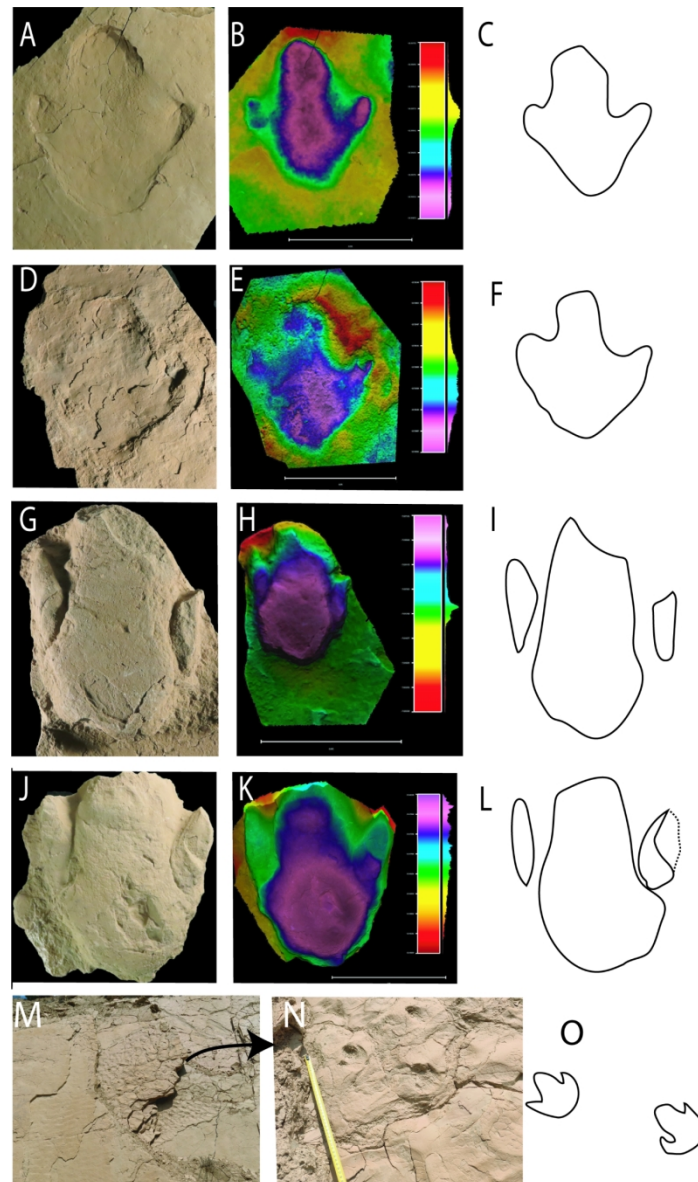


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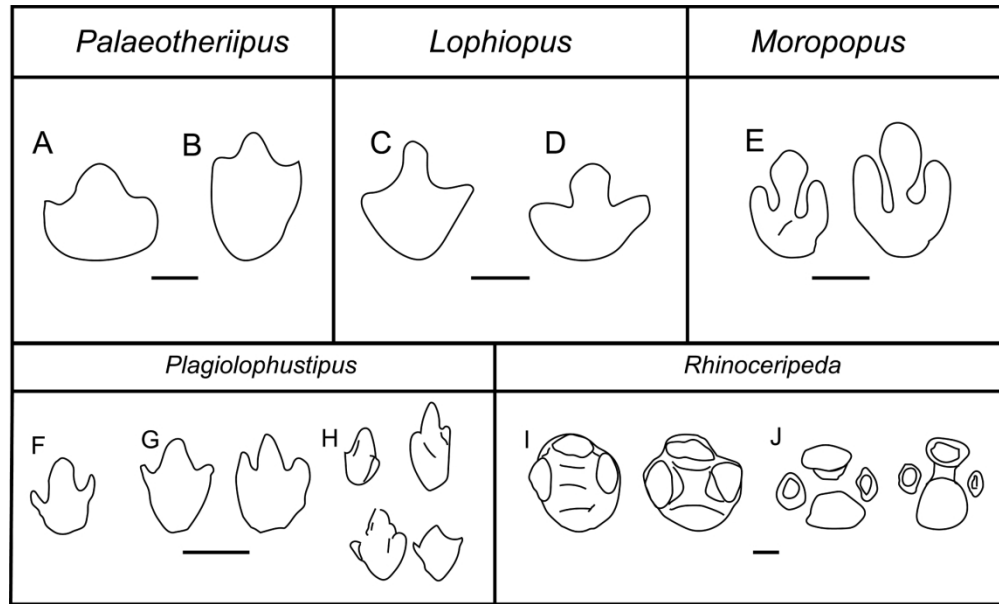


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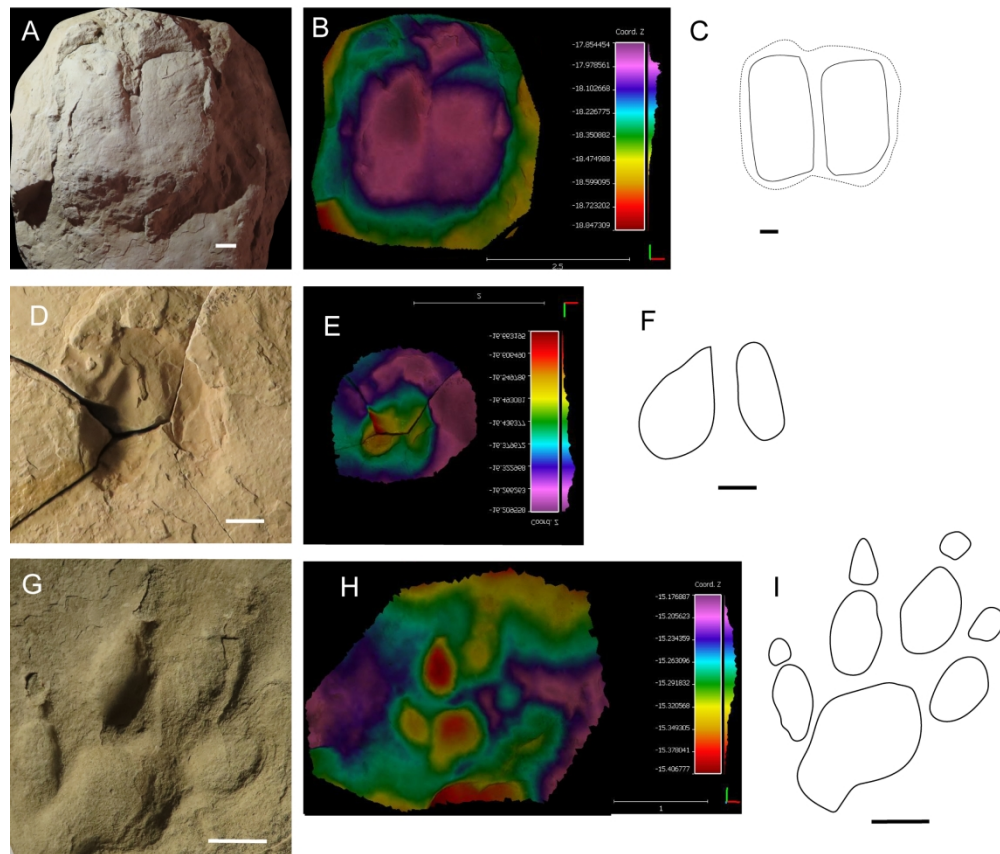


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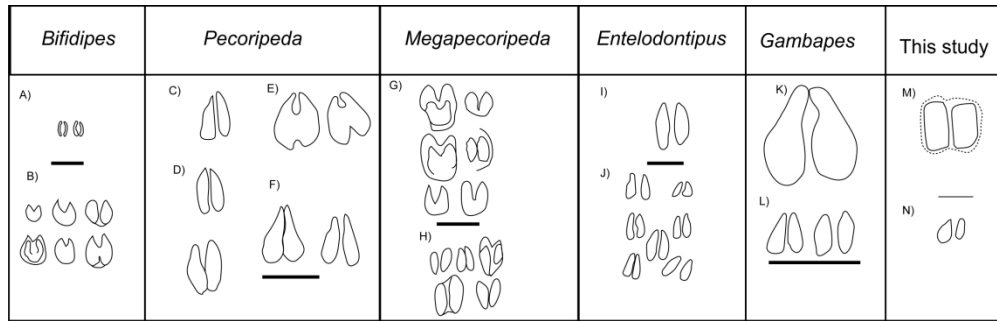


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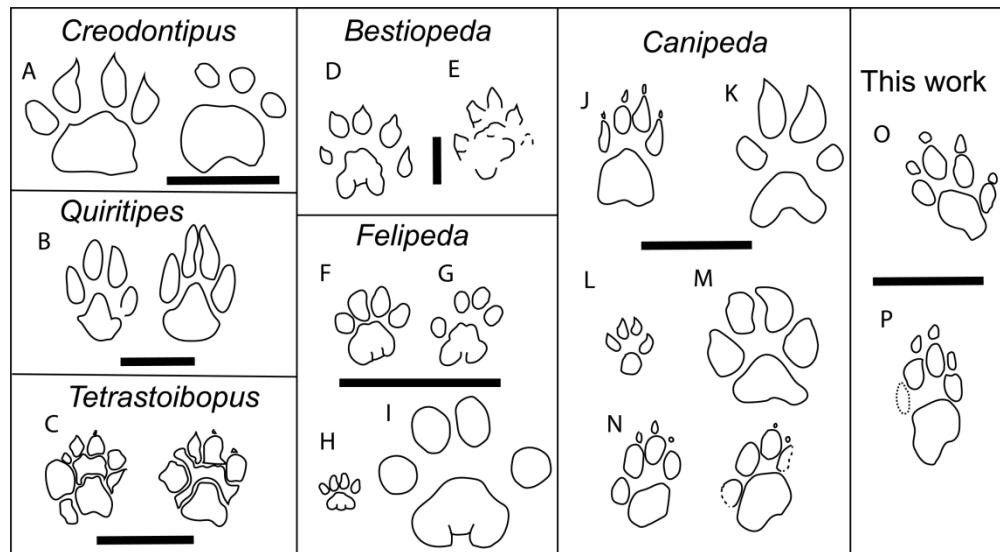


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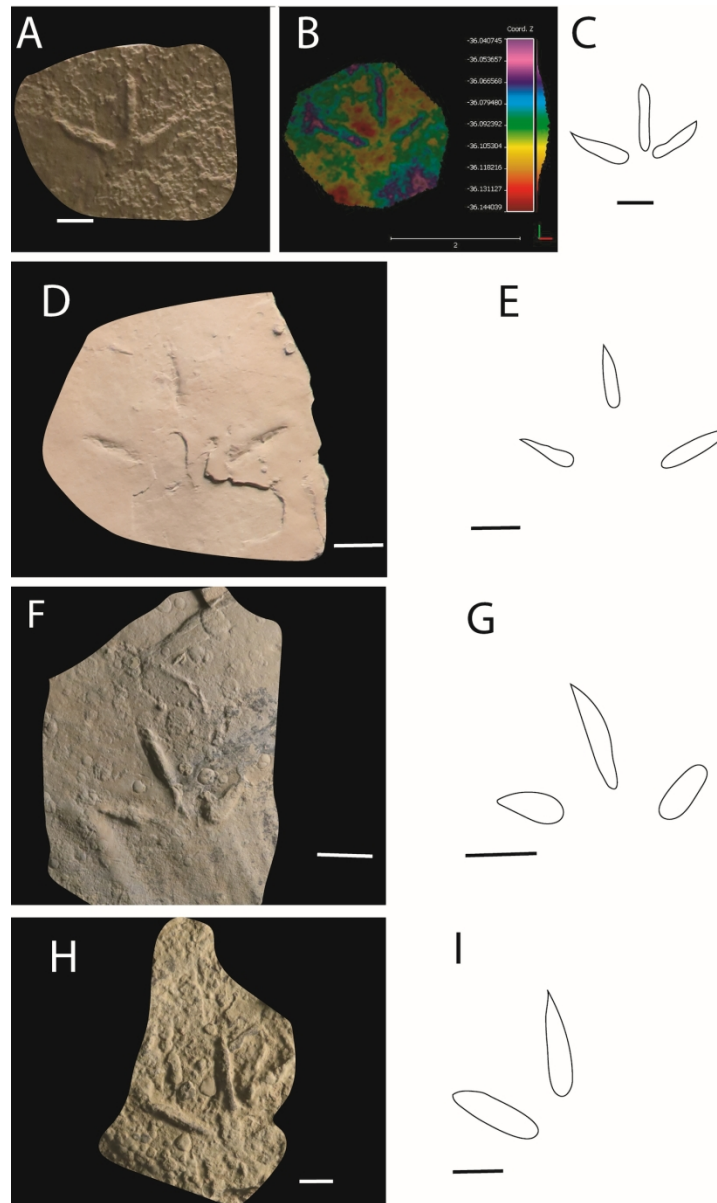


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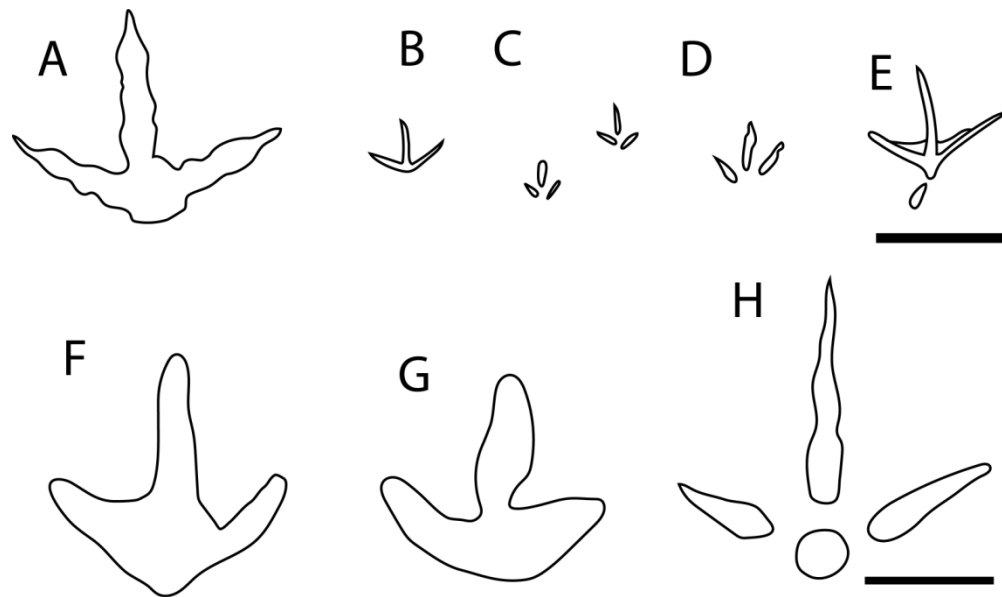


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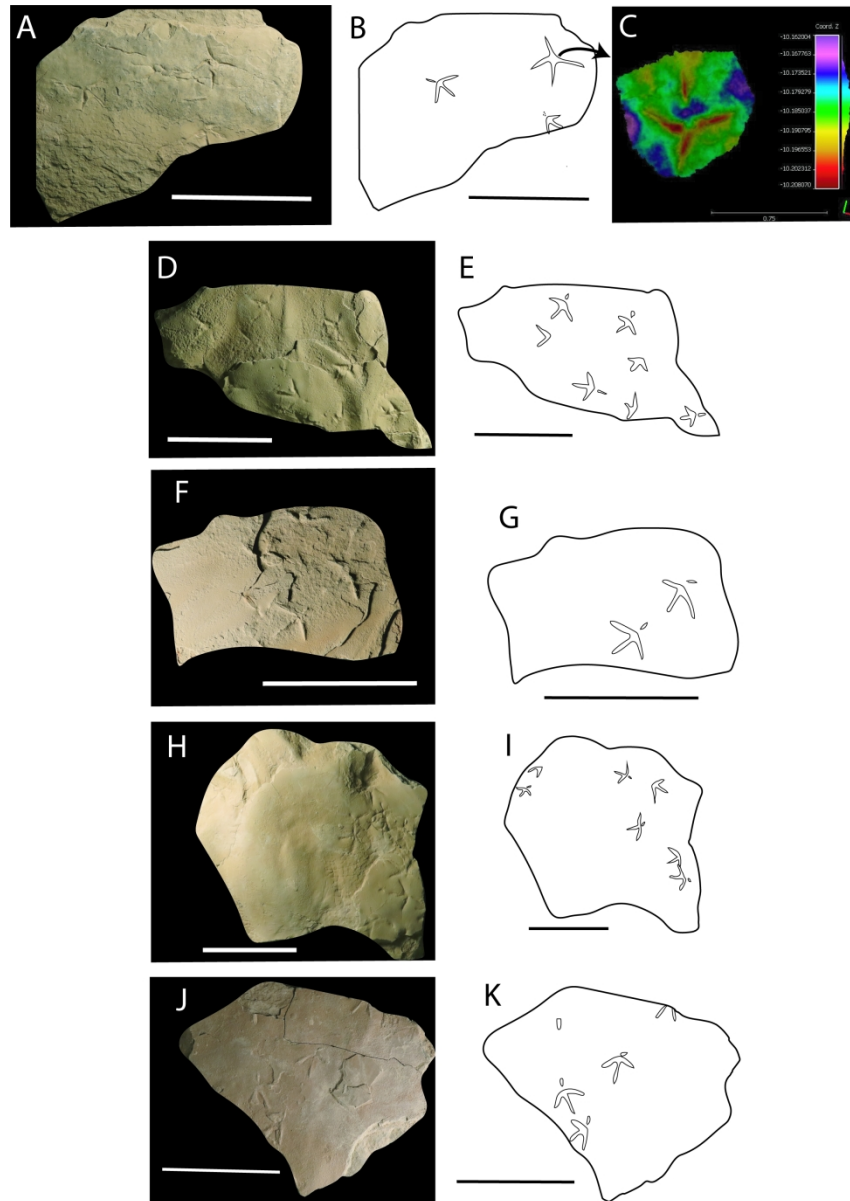


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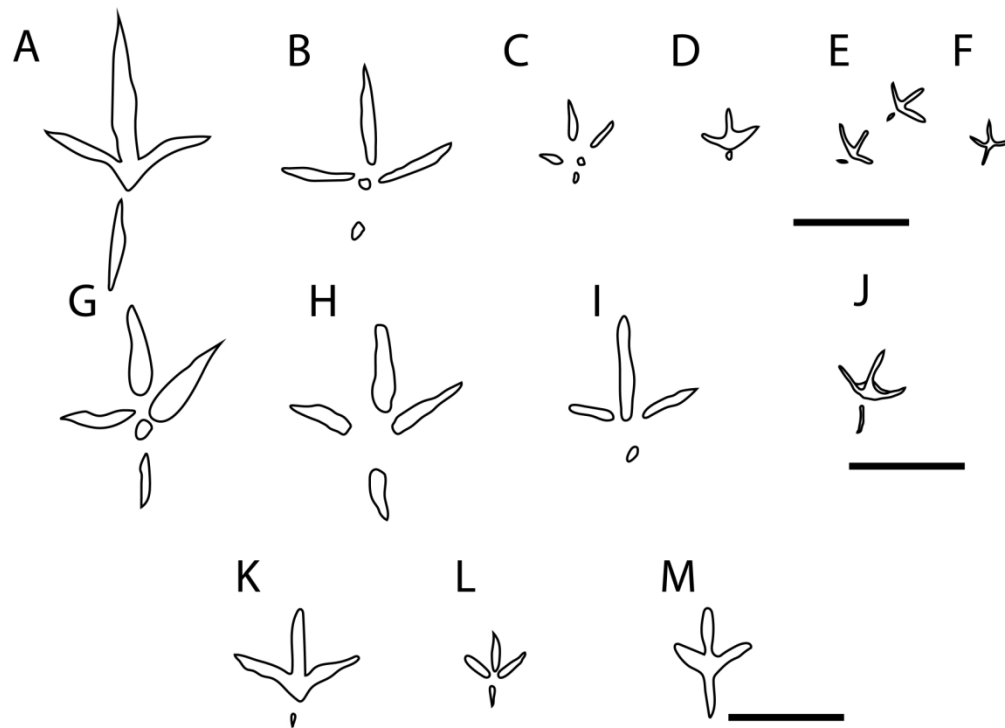


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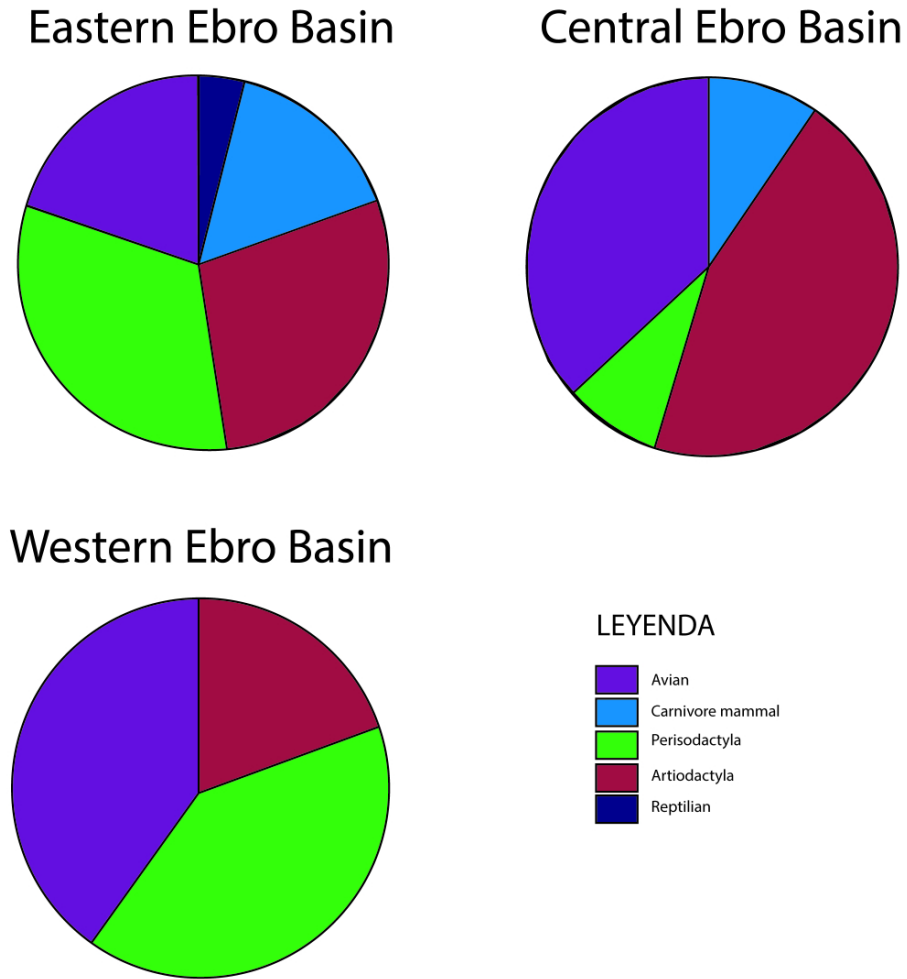


Figure 14. Pie chart showing the ichnodiversity in the three main areas with Early Oligocene tracksites in the Ebro Basin.

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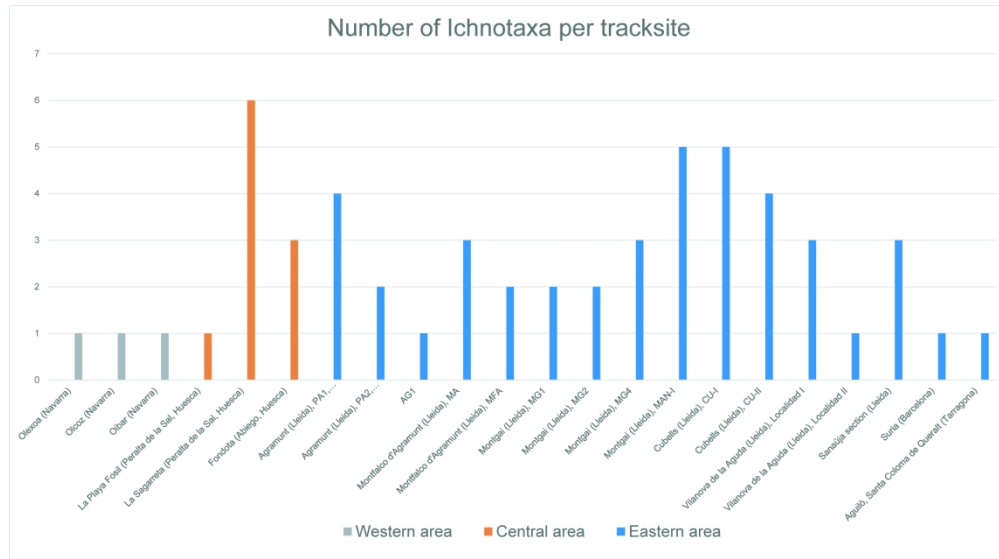


Figure 15: Bar chart showing the number of ichnotaxa per tracksite in the Ebro Basin. Information and references in the table S3.

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MPZ	Ichnite	Mode of preservation	MP grade	Record point	L	W	L/W	WIII	LII	WII	LIV	WIV	LI	WI	II^III	III^IV	II^IV	III^I	I^II	I^IV
2022-148	2022-148.1	Natural cast	2	2	2.1	3	0.70	0.2	1	0.4	1.2	0.2	-	-	67	51	118	-	-	-
2022-149	2022-149.1	Natural cast	2	3	2.5	2.2	1.14	0.2	1	0.3	1.1	0.3	-	-	48	42	95	-	-	-
	2022-149.2	Natural cast	1	3	2.7	2.4	1.13	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.1	70	80	110	21	109	148
	2022-149.3	Natural cast	3	3	1.4	0.2	7.00	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-149.4	Natural cast	3	3	2.3	2	1.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-149.5	Natural cast	2	3	2.6	2.1	1.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-150	2022-150.1	Natural cast	2	3	2	1.7	1.18	0.3	1.4	0.2	1.1	0.2	-	-	60	40	95	-	-	-
	2022-150.2	Natural cast	2	3	2	2.4	0.83	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	-	-	90	70	160	-	-	-
2022-152	2022-152.1	Undertrack	2	4	3.2	3	1.07	0.1	1.2	0.2	1.5	0.2	1	0.2	72	62	130	15	102	120
	2022-152.2	Natural cast	2	4	1.5	1.3	1.15	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.2	-	-	50	30	70	-	-	-
	2022-152.3	True track	1	4	3.3	2.1	1.57	0.1	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	1	0.1	72	50	125	10	103	125
	2022-152.4	True track	3	4	2.1	2.2	0.95	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3	45	67	130	20	98	125
	2022-152.5	True track	2	4	2.5	3	0.83	0.3	1	0.5	1	0.3	1	0.3	65	57	140	15	97	116
2022-153	2022-153.1	Natural cast	1	4	2.9	2.5	1.16	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.1	50	60	105	20	102	135
	2022-153.2	Natural cast	0	4	2.5	2.4	1.04	0.2	1.5	0.2	1	0.1	0.3	0.1	46	62	105	20	98	131
	2022-153.3	Natural cast	1	4	2.5	2.3	1.09	0.2	1	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	65	48	118	20	107	136
	2022-153.4	Natural cast	3	4	1.6	1.3	1.23	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-
	2022-153.5	Natural cast	3	4	1.8	1	1.80	0.2	-	-	1	0.3	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-
2022-154	2022-154.1	True track	2	4	2.4	2.9	0.83	0.2	1	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	78	65	140	35	80	150
	2022-154.2	True track	1	4	2.6	2.9	0.90	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	53	72	118	35	103	120
	2022-154.3	True track	2	4	2.5	1.5	1.67	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	0.4	0.1	60	60	120	30	70	127
	2022-154.4	Undertrack	1	4	2.6	2.5	1.04	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	74	57	122	15	83	140
	2022-154.5	Undertrack	3	4	2.1	2.3	0.91	0.2	1.3	0.3	1	0.1	0.3	0.1	48	70	118	-	-	-
	2022-154.6	Undertrack	1	4	2	3	0.67	0.1	1	0.1	1.3	0.1	-	-	51	54	105	-	-	-
	2022-154.7	True track	3	4	2	3	0.67	0.1	1	0.1	1.2	0.1	-	-	44	48	100	-	-	-
2022-155	2022-155.1	Natural cast	2	4	2.5	2.6	0.96	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	-	-	-
2022-156	2022-156.1	True track	1	4	4	4	1.00	0.3	1.5	0.5	2	0.4	0.6	0.3	60	60	120	20	117	120
	2022-156.2	True track	1	4	2.7	2.6	1.04	0.2	1	0.1	1.3	0.1	-	-	85	45	120	-	-	-
	2022-156.3	True track	1	4	2.3	3	0.77	0.2	1	0.1	1.3	0.2	-	-	48	45	104	-	-	-
	2022-156.4	True track	1	4	2	3	0.67	0.2	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.2	-	-	60	52	106	-	-	-
	2022-156.5	True track	2	4	2	2.2	0.91	0.1	1	0.2	1.1	0.2	-	-	49	62	120	-	-	-

MPZ	Ichnite	Mode of preservation	MP grade	Record point	L	W	L/W	WIII	LII	WII	LIV	WIV	LI	WI	II^III	III^IV	II^IV	III^I	I^II	I^IV
	2022-156.6	True track	2	4	2.2	2.6	0.85	0.1	1	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	75	68	140	-	-	-
	2022-156.7	True track	1	4	1.5	2	0.75	0.1	0.6	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	61	64	125	-	-	-
	2022-156.8	Natural cast	2	4	2	2.3	0.87	0.1	1	0.1	1.5	0.1	-	-	66	65	138	-	-	-
2022-157	2022-157.1	Natural cast	1	4	2	2.5	0.80	0.1	1.5	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.3	70	90	130	30	95	150
	2022-157.2	Natural cast	1	4	2.4	2.4	1.00	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	0.4	0.2	80	45	115	30	94	150
	2022-157.3	Natural cast	2	4	2.4	2.4	1.00	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.3	-	-	60	40	90	-	-	-
	2022-157.4	Natural cast	3	4	2.4	2	1.20	0.3	-	-	0.7	0.2	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-
	2022-157.5	Natural cast	3	4	0.5	0.5	1.00	0.1	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-158	2022-158.1	True track	2	4	2	3	0.67	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	65	65	120	20	110	142
	2022-158.2	True track	2	4	2	2.5	0.80	0.1	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.2	-	-	65	50	115	-	-	-
2022-159	2022-159.1	True track	0	4	3.5	3	1.17	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	90	60	60	20	127	129
	2022-159.2	True track	0	4	2.5	3	0.83	0.1	1.4	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	70	60	130	25	99	134
	2022-159.3	True track	2	4	1.5	2.5	0.60	0.3	1.5	0.3	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.1	60	40	105	20	65	140
2022-160	2022-160.1	True track	2	4	2	3	0.67	0.2	1.3	0.2	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	50	70	130	20	87	127
	2022-160.2	True track	2	4	3.2	3	1.07	0.2	1.5	0.3	1.3	0.1	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-160.3	True track	3	4	2.5	1.7	1.47	0.4	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-161	2022-161.1	True track	1	4	3.4	2.5	1.36	0.2	1.5	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	68	72	150	-	-	-
	2022-161.2	Natural cast	3	4	2	1.6	1.25	0.1	1.5	0.1	-	-	-	-	57	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-161.3	True track	1	4	2	3	0.67	0.3	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.1	-	-	54	61	120	-	-	-
	2022-161.4	True track	3	4	3	4	0.75	0.5	1.2	0.4	1	0.2	-	-	69	84	140	6	88	141
	2022-161.5	True track	2	4	3.5	4	0.88	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	72	91	160	11	90	110
	2022-161.6	True track	2	4	3	3.2	0.94	0.3	1.1	0.2	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	60	83	140	11	98	110
	2022-161.7	True track	2	4	2.1	1.7	1.24	0.1	1.2	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	46	45	88	22	86	132
	2022-161.8	True track	2	4	2.1	2.3	0.91	0.1	0.9	0.1	1.1	0.1	-	-	55	71	127	-	-	-
	2022-161.9	True track	2	4	2	2.5	0.80	0.1	1	0.1	1.3	0.1	-	-	73	51	120	-	-	-
2022-162	2022-162.1	Natural cast	2	4	1.2	2	0.60	0.1	-	-	0.6	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-162.2	True track	2	4	2.6	3	0.87	0.2	1	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	80	60	135	0	79	124
	2022-162.3	Natural cast	2	4	1.3	1.6	0.81	0.1	1	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	80	60	135	-	-	-
	2022-162.4	True track	3	4	2	2.5	0.80	0.2	-	-	1	0.2	0.4	0.1	80	70	145	10	98	115
	2022-162.5	True track	2	4	3.2	2	1.60	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1	0.7	0.1	80	70	145	5	87	127
	2022-162.6	True track	1	4	3.5	2.6	1.35	0.3	1.2	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	40	70	125	7	98	120

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	2022-162.7	True track	2	4	3.2	3.1	1.03	0.4	1.3	0.4	1.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	60	70	110	10	115	127
	2022-162.8	True track	2	4	3	3	1.00	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	70	50	140	40	80	140
	2022-162.9	Natural cast	1	4	1.3	2	0.65	0.1	0.6	0.1	1.2	0.1	-	-	55	71	127	-	-	-
	2022-162.10	True track	1	4	3.2	3	1.07	0.2	1.6	0.2	1.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	60	65	140	20	90	125
	2022-162.11	True track	1	4	2.1	2.5	0.84	0.2	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	70	65	140	-	-	-
	2022-162.12	Natural cast	2	4	1.5	2	0.75	0.1	0.9	0.1	1	0.1	0.3	0.1	50	45	85	5	133	154
	2022-162.13	Natural cast	2	4	3	1.4	2.14	0.2	0.7	0.2	1.3	0.2	-	-	40	40	75	-	-	-
	2022-162.14	Natural cast	2	4	3.2	4	0.80	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.7	0.2	-	-	42	50	95	-	-	-
2022-164	2022-164.1	True track	1	4	3.5	2.5	1.40	0.2	1.1	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	65	64	130	14	110	129
	2022-164.2	Undertrack	3	4	2	1.1	1.82	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	89	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-164.3	True track	3	4	1.2	0.2	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-164.4	True track	1	4	3.5	3	1.17	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.2	54	59	114	16	81	142
	2022-164.5	Undertrack	2	4	1.2	2	0.60	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.1	-	-	54	66	95	-	-	-
	2022-164.6	Undertrack	3	4	1.5	2.5	0.60	0.2	0.5?	0.3	0.7?	0.4	-	-	55	75	125	-	-	-
	2022-164.7	True track	1	4	2	2.3	0.87	0.3	1	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	60	75	130	15	68	136
2022-165	2022-165.1	True track	0	4	3.5	3	1.17	0.2	1.6	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	50	50	95	10	122	142
	2022-165.2	True track	1	4	3.2	3.5	0.91	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	60	60	115	15	126	140
2022-166	2022-166.1	True track	1	4	2.3	3.3	0.70	0.2	1.1	0.1	1.2	0.1	-	-	75	60	120	-	-	-
	2022-166.2	True track	2	4	1.7	1.5	1.13	0.1	1.5	0.1	-	-	0.3	0.1	70	-	-	10	113	-
	2022-166.3	True track	2	4	-	-		0.1	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-
2022-168	2022-168.1	True track	3	4	1.7	1.5	1.13	0.2	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	56	-	-	-	-
	2022-168.2	True track	2	4	3.5	3	1.17	0.1	1.6	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.7	0.1	49	48	94	30	98	128
2022-169	2022-169.1	True track	3	3	3	2.5	1.20	0.3	1.1	0.2	-	-	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-169.2	Natural cast	2	3	2.6	2.6	1.00	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.4	0.2	-	-	50	40	80	-	-	-
	2022-169.3	Natural cast	3	3	1.2	1.3	0.92	0.2	0.8	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-170	2022-170.1	Natural cast	2	3	2.7	2.6	1.04	0.2	1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	50	83	135	30	70	110
	2022-170.2	Natural cast	3	3	1.6	1	1.60	0.2	1	0.2	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-170.3	Natural cast	1	3	2.6	2.2	1.18	0.2	1	0.2	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	74	45	111	20		
	2022-170.4	Natural cast	3	3	3	1.5	2.00	0.2	1.2	0.1	-	-	0.5	0.2	50	-	-	25	104	-
2022-173	2022-173.1	Undertrack	2	5	2.6	3	0.87	0.1	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.2	-	-	53	49	90	-	-	-
	2022-173.2	Natural cast	3	5	1.6	2.1	0.76	0.1	0.6	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	51	70	129	20	97	124



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	2022-173.3	Natural cast	1	5	2.5	3	0.83	0.2	1	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.5	0.1	73	44	110	50	91	140
	2022-173.4	Natural cast	1	5	2.7	2.6	1.04	0.2	1.2	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	81	66	130	20	77	136
	2022-173.5	Natural cast	2	5	3	3	1.00	0.1	1	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	30	50	80	20	114	153
	2022-173.6	Natural cast	1	5	2.7	2.6	1.04	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	50	66	117	25	112	141
	2022-173.7	Natural cast	1	5	3	2.6	1.15	0.1	1.2	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	48	61	111	15	106	120
	2022-173.8	Natural cast	2	5	1.6	2	0.80	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	-	-	63	54	127	-	-	-
2022-174	2022-174.1	True track	3	2	1.7/m	4/min	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-174.2	Natural cast	1	2	1.8	2.7	0.67	0.2	1.3	0.2	1.3	0.2	-	-	58	61	126	-	-	-
	2022-174.3	Natural cast	1	2	2.7	2.3	1.17	0.2	1.6	0.2	1.3	0.2	-	-	43	52	106	-	-	-
	2022-174.4	Natural cast	2	2	2.6	3.5	0.74	0.4	1.6	0.2	1.6	0.3	-	-	60	62	124	-	-	-
2022-175	2022-175.1	True track	1	1	3.5	2.6	1.35	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	45	60	120	15	98	125
2022-178	2022-178.1	Natural cast	0	4	2.8	3	0.93	0.2	1.5	0.2	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	70	75	140	10	94	140
	2022-178.2	Natural cast	1	4	2.1	2.6	0.81	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	-	60	65	130	-	-	-
	2022-178.3	Natural cast	2	4	1.5	3	0.50	0.2	1.5	0.1	1.2	0.1	-	-	61	62	130	-	-	-
	2022-178.4	Natural cast	3	4	0.6	2.5	0.24	0.3	1	0.1	1.2	0.2	-	-	80	50	140	-	-	-
2022-210	2022-210.1	True track	1	3	2.2	2.7	0.81	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	68	51	118	8	64	133
	2022-210.2	True track	2	3	2	1.5	1.33	0.2	1	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	68	44	115	10	112	123
	2022-210.3	True track	2	3	1.7	2	0.85	0.2	1.1	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	56	45	109	16	105	130
	2022-210.4	Natural cast	1	3	1.3	2	0.65	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	-	-	85	42	137	-	-	-
	2022-210.5	Natural cast	1	3	1.6	2.5	0.64	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	25	46	76	-	-	-
	2022-210.6	True track	2	3	1.8	2	0.90	0.2	1.2	0.1	1.2	0.3	-	-	65	85	106	-	-	-
	2022-210.7	True track	3	3	1.5	2.5	0.60	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	-	-	54	92	150	-	-	-
	2022-210.8	True track	2	3	1.5	1.6	0.94	0.1	0.4	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	82	66	149	-	-	-
	2022-210.9	True track	3	3	1.7	2.3	0.74	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	-	-	81	65	155	-	-	-
	2022-210.10	True track	1	3	2.5	2.5	1.00	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	0.5	0.2	78	59	133	25	88	114
	2022-210.11	True track	1	3	2	2.5	0.80	0.2	1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.3	57	48	115	10	113	127
	2022-210.12	True track	2	3	1.3	1.2	1.08	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	55	59	117	-	-	-
	2022-210.13	True track	1	3	2	2.1	0.95	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1	0.5	0.1	76	44	105	15	112	128
2022-211	2022-211.1	True track	2	3	2	3.5	0.57	0.1	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.1	-	-	66	64	115	-	-	-
	2022-211.2	True track	2	3	2	2	1.00	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	-	-	67	61	124	-	-	-

Mean=0.97

MPZ	Ichnite	Mode of preservation	Type	MP grade	Record point	L	W	LIII	WIII	LIV	WIV	III^IV				
2022-151	2022-151.1	True track	Artiodactyla	2	1	3.4	3	2.5	1	2.3	1.3	40				
2022-177	2022-177.1	Natural cast	Artiodactyla	2	2	7	7	6.5	3	6.3	3.5	0				
LSC1	LSC1.1	Natural cast	Artiodactyla	1	2	8	7	6	2.5	5.8	2	5				
MPZ	Ichnite		Type	MP grade	Record point	L	W	LIII	WIII	LII	WIII					
2022-168	2022-168.1	True track	Carnivoramorph	0	5	6.5	4.5	2.21	0.8	3.36	1.13					
LSC2	LSC2	True track	Carnivoramorph	1	5	6.68	3	2.44	0.83	2.53	0.86					
						LIV	WIV	LV	WV	II^III	III^IV	IV^V	LM	WM		
2022-168	2022-168.1	True track	Carnivoramorph	3.52	1.5	1.68	1	28	15	31	2.5	2.5				
LSC2	LSC2	True track	Carnivoramorph	2.45	0.98	1.52	0.6	10	15	20	2.5	2				
MPZ	Ichnite		Type	MP grade	Record point	L	W	LIII	WIII	LII	WII	LIV	WIV	II^III	III^IV	II^IV
2022-147	2022-147.1	True track	Perissodactyla	0	1	8	7	5	3	2	0.9	1.5	0.7	45	45	90
2022-163	2022-163.1	True track	Perissodactyla	2	6	-	-	4.5	3	1.5	1	2.3	1	40	50	100
2022-176	2022-176.1	Natural cast	Perissodactyla	2	1	11	5.5	5.5	3	-	-	3	1	-	40	-
2022-179	2022-179.1	Natural cast	Perissodactyla	1	1	9	7.5	5	4	3.6	1.2	3	1	30	35	60
2022-180	2022-180.1	Natural cast	Perissodactyla	1	2	8	5.5	5	3.5	2.5	0.8	2	1	40	45	85
2022-181	2022-181.1	True track	Perissodactyla	1	2	9	8	5.5	4	2	1.5	2.5	1	42	40	86
LSC3	LSC3.1	Natural cast	Perissodactyla	3	1	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	LSC3.2	Natural cast	Perissodactyla	2	1	9	7	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSC4	LSC4.1*	True track	Perissodactyla	1	3	10.5	8.2	6.3	5.1	2.2	1	3	1.2	25	30	50
	LSC4.2*	True track	Perissodactyla	2	3	11.2	8.8	5.3	4.1	2.7	1.4	2.6	1.3	18	23	43

\*Pace= 28 cm

Locality	Area	Geological Formation	Trackmakers and Ichnotaxonomy	Reference
Olexoa (Navarra)	Western area	Mues Fm.	Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus</i> isp.)	Murelaga et al., 2000, Astibia et al., 2007
Olcoz (Navarra)	Western area	Mues Fm.	Artiodactyla ( <i>Entelodontipus</i> cf. <i>viai</i> )	Astibia et al., 1994; Astibia et al., 2007
Etaio (Navarra)	Western area	Mues Fm.	Avian ( <i>Charadriipeda minima</i> *, <i>Charadriipeda disjunta</i> *) *	Murelaga et al., 2007
Oibar (Navarra)	Western area	Sangüesa Fm./ Rocafort	Perisodactyla (? <i>Plagiolophustipus</i> isp.)	Astibia et al., 2007; Díaz-Martínez et al., 2018
La Playa Fosil (Peralta de la Sal, Huesca)	Central area	Peralta Fm.	Avian (Indet)	Hernandez-Pacheco, 1929; Rabal-Garcés et al., 2018
La Sagarreta (Peralta de la Sal, Huesca)	Central area	Peralta Fm.	Carnivore (cf. <i>Canipeda</i> isp.), Artiodactyla ( <i>Megapecoripeda</i> isp., cf. <i>Pecoripeda</i> isp.), Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus</i> cf. <i>isp.</i> ), Avian ( <i>Aviadactyla vialovi</i> , <i>Gruipeda dominguensis</i> )	This work
Fondota (Abiego, Huesca)	Central area	Peraltilla Fm, Abiego limestone	Artiodactyla ( <i>Anoplotheriipus compactus</i> , <i>Anoplotheriipus lavocati</i> , <i>Entelodontipus</i> cf. <i>viai</i> )	Canudo et al., 2007 ;Rabal-Garcés et al., 2018; Linares et al., 2021
Agramunt (Lleida), PA1, Pilar de Almenara (Lleida)	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla ( <i>Bothriodontipus agramunti</i> , <i>Entelodontipus viai</i> ); Carnivore ( <i>Creodontipus almenarensis</i> ); Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Casamovas and Santafé, 1982; Santamaria et al., 1989-1999; Prats and López, 1995
Agramunt (Lleida), PA2, Pilar de Almenara (Lleida)	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla ( <i>Bothriodontipus agramunti</i> ); Carnivora indet.	Prats and López, 1995
AG1	Eastern area	-	Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Prats and López, 1995

Montfalcon d'Agramunt (Lleida), MA	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla ( <i>Bothriodontipus agramunti</i> , <i>Bothriodontipus rovirai</i> ); Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafe, 1982; Santamaria et al., 1989-1990; Prats and López, 1995
Montfalcon d'Agramunt (Lleida), MFA	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla ( <i>Bothriodontipus agramunti</i> ; <i>Bothriodontipus rovirai</i> )	Santamaria et al., 1989-1990; Prats and López, 1995
<b>Locality</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Geological Formation</b>	<b>Trackmakers and Ichnotaxonomy</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Montgai (Lleida), MG1	Eastern area	-	Carnivore ( <i>Creodontipus mongayensis</i> ); Artiodactyla ( <i>Bothriodontipus agramunti</i> )	Santamaria et al., 1989-1990; Prats and López, 1995
Montgai (Lleida), MG2	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla indet.; Avian indet.	Prats and López, 1995
Montgai (Lleida), MG4	Eastern area	-	Paleoterid indet; avian indet; Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Prats and López, 1995
Montgai (Lleida), MAN-I	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla (indet., <i>Bothriodontipus rovirai</i> ) Reptilia indet.; Avian indet; Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Prats and López, 1995
Cubells (Lleida), CU-I	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla (indet., <i>Bothriodontipus rovirai</i> ); Paleoterid indet; Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> ); Avian indet	Prats and López, 1995
Cubells (Lleida), CU-II	Eastern area	-	Artiodactyla indet. Avian indet; Paleoterid indet; Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus montfalcoensis</i> )	Prats and López, 1995
Vilanova de la Aguda (Lleida), Localidad I	Eastern area	-	Carnivore (Canid, paleo-feline), perisodactyl	Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafe, 1974
Vilanova de la Aguda (Lleida), Localidad II	Eastern area	-	Indet	Casanovas-Cladellas and Santafe, 1974

1 2 3 4 5	Sanaüja section (Lleida)	Eastern area	-	Avian ( <i>Gruipeda</i> isp.*); Perisodactyla ( <i>Plagiolophustipus</i> cf. <i>montfalcoensis</i> ); Artiodactyla indet.	Gibert and Saez, 2009
6 7	Suria (Barcelona)	Eastern area	-	Mammal indet.	Casnovas-Cladellas and Santafe, 1974
8 9	Aguilò, Santa Coloma de Queralt (Tarragona)	Eastern area	Vimbodi Allogroup	Artiodactyla	Cartanyà Martín and Colldefons Chertó, 1996
10 11 12	La Roca de la Rella, Puig-reig (Barcelona)	Eastern area	Molassa de Solsona Fm.	Artiodactyla indet: Perysodactyla indet.	Vila et al., 2007

\*classified as *Koreanornis* by Díaz-Martínez et al., 2015

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