Revision of the boselaphin bovid *Miotragocerus monacensis* Stromer, 1928 (Mammalia, Bovidae) at the Middle to Late Miocene transition in Central Europe

Jochen Fuss, Jérôme Prieto, and Madelaine Böhme

With 19 figures and 8 tables

Abstract: During excavations in 2011-2014, new fossil material of the boselaphin *Miotragocerus monacensis* Stromer, 1928 (Mammalia, Bovidae) was found at the locality Hammerschmiede (Bavaria, Germany), which is dated to ~11.6 Ma (Middle to Late Miocene transition). For the first time, both dentition and postcranial material can be studied on this species. These new findings complete a collection of casts stored in the Bavarian State Collection for Palaeontology and Geology. In addition, the holotype of *M. monacensis* from Oberföhring (Bavaria, Germany) and further unpublished material from Southern Germany and Lower Austria are newly described in this study. Important new taxonomic characters are emphasized improving our knowledge on the species which was originally described based on one single horn core. *M. monacensis* can be assigned to the basal Boselaphini based on the plesiomorphic features in the dentition and characters of the postcranial material. Intraspecific variabilities, ontogenetic changes and allometries are identified improving the differenciation to other basal boselaphins like *Miotragocerus pannoniae*, *Austroportax latifrons* and *Protagocerus chantrei*. An improved statement regarding the biostratigraphic range of basal Boselaphines from Central Europe is provided.

Key words: Taxonomy, Biostratigraphy, Boselaphini, *Miotragocerus monacensis*, Middle to Late Miocene transition, Central Paratethys, Southern Germany, Lower Austria.

1. Introduction

The locality Hammerschmiede (Bavaria, Germany) provides a rare insight into the European palaeoecosystem at the Middle to Late Miocene transition because of the wide taxonomic range of fossils excavated since decades (see Chapter 2 and references therein). Among them, the vertebrates play an important part, especially ectothermic forms and small mammals while larger mammals were until now poorly documented. The discovery of a new fossil-rich layer allows to fill this gap. Particularly, the excavated assemblage provides new insight into the bovid *Miotragocerus*.

The genus *Miotragocerus* Stromer, 1928 was one of the dominant taxa among the Boselaphini during the Late Miocene in terms of diversity and geographic distribution. It is known from Europe (e.g., Stromer 1928; Kretzoi 1941; Morales et al. 1999; Spassov & Geraads 2004; Kostopoulos 2006; Gentry & Kaiser 2009), Asia Minor (Köhler 1987; Kostopoulos 2005) and the Indo-Pakistani Siwaliks (Khan et al. 2009), as well as China (Zhang 2005) and sub-Saharan Africa (e.g., Bibi 2011). Currently, *Miotragocerus* includes the subgenera *M.* (*Pikermicerus*) Kretzoi, 1941 and *M.* (*Miotragocerus*) Stromer, 1928. Its relationship to *Tragoportax* is unclear and they have been used synonymously

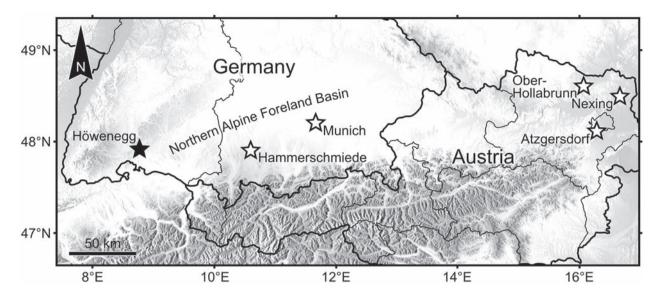


Fig. 1. Map of the localities with findings of *Miotragocerus monacensis* (white asterisks). The black asterisk marks the fossil site Höwenegg in Southern Germany, where *M. pannoniae* was found.

in some cases (Bibi et al. 2009; Bibi 2011). Hence, both genera were united in the tribe Tragoportacini (Bibi et al. 2009), implying that Boselaphini is a non-monophyletic group. *M. monacensis* Stromer 1928 is the type species of *Miotragocerus*. It is documented only from southern Germany and Lower Austria (Thenius 1948). A second species – *M. pannoniae* (Kretzoi, 1941) – appears in the northern alpine region of the Central Paratethys (Berg 1970; Romaggi 1987; Bechly et al. 2005; Swisher 1996).

This study presents a new description of the holotype material of *M. monacensis*, as well as the description of the newly excavated material from Hammerschmiede. Further, the first detailed description of the bovid material from Lower Austria is given. The fossils of *M. monacensis* are compared with *M. pannoniae* from Höwenegg (Baden-Württemberg, Germany), *Protragocerus chantrei* (La Grive, France), *Austroportax latifrons* (Lower Austria) and further related taxa. On this basis, assumptions on their taxonomy are proposed, particularly with regard to the ontogeny of *M. monacensis*.

2. Geology and stratigraphy of the studied localities

Hammerschmiede. – The fossil site Hammerschmiede from the Northern Alpine Foreland Basin is a clay pit located 300 m W of the settlement Hammerschmiede/Pforzen, and 4 km NNW of Kaufbeuren (Fig. 1; Bavaria, Germany; N47.9258, E11.080). The outcrop shows a ca.

20 m thick section of floodplain deposits consisting of clays, marls and sandstones of the Upper Freshwater Molasse (UFM). It contains a coal layer at the base and a few thin coaly beds at the top. This sedimentary sequence belongs to the youngest part of the UFM, called "Obere Serie"/ "Upper Series" (DOPPLER 1989; DOPPLER et al. 2005; Fig. 2).

The deposits provide a rich fossil fauna including molluscs (Mayr & Fahlbusch 1975; Schneider & Prieto 2011), fishes, ectothermic vertebrates and small mammals (Fahlbusch 1975; Fahlbusch & Mayr 1975; Mayr & Fahlbusch 1975; Schleich 1985; Bolliger 1999; Hugueney 1999; Böhme 2003; Böhme & Ilg 2003; Prieto & Rummel 2009; Klembara et al. 2010; Prieto et al. 2011; Prieto 2012; Prieto & van Dam 2012). In addition, a few large mammals were mentioned in Mayr & Fahlbusch (1975). Furthermore, the palaeoflora of Hammerschmiede has been studied by several authors (Meyer 1956; Jung & Mayr 1980; Gregor 1982; Seitner 1987).

A dominant part of the terrestrial vertebrates are small mammals, which confers a significant stratigraphic importance to the locality (PRIETO & RUMMEL 2009; PRIETO et al. 2011). According to this, the age of the Hammerschmiede sediments was set to the Middle to Late Miocene transition, not younger than 11.5 Ma (PRIETO et al. 2011), slightly older than the locality Aumeister near Munich (see below; PRIETO et al. 2011).

A correlation to the Late Sarmatian s.str. to earliest

	stages	regional stages	Western Foreland Molasse	Central Foreland Molasse	Alpine-Carpathian Foredeep	Mistelbach Block & Vienna Basin
e		_	hiatus	hiatus	hiatus	hiatus
Late Miocene	Tortonian	Pannonian	Upper Freshwater Molasse Höwenegg	Upper Freshwater Molasse Obere Serie Unterföhring		listelbach Fm. vial)
	an	Sarmatian s.str.		Oberföhring, Hammerschmiede	hiatus	Nexing Atzgersdorf/Mauer Skalica Fm. (marine)
	Serravallian	Sa			Ziersdorf Fm. (marine)	Holic Fm. (marine)
Middle Miocene	Sen	an	Öhninger Schichten/ Erolzheimer Sande	Geröllsandserie	hiatus (valley incision)	Studienka Fm./ Lanzhot Fm./
	Langhian	Badenian	Steinbalmensande	Fluviatile Untere Serie	Hollenburg-Karlstetten Fm., Grund Fm. & equivalents (marine)	Jakubov Fm. (marine)

Fig. 2. Stratigraphy of Miocene Foreland basins (after Piller et al. 2004, Harzhauser & Piller 2004, and Schneider & Prieto 2011) and the stratigraphic position of important localities (White asterisks = *Miotragocerus monacensis*; grey asterisk = *M. pannoniae*).

Pannonian is further supported by the absence of hipparionin horses, which have their first appearance at 11.2 Ma in Austria (Daxner-Höck 1996; Rögl & Daxner-Höck 1996). Hence, Hammerschmiede is among the few localities representing the transition from Middle to Late Miocene, a time span poorly documented in the Northern Alpine Foreland Basin and Central/East Europe, in sharp contrast to the Iberian fossil record.

The locality Hammerschmiede is traditionally divided into three fossil-bearing layers (MAYR & FAHLBUSCH 1975; BÖHME & ILG 2003; PRIETO & RUMMEL 2009; PRIETO 2012). A fourth layer (here named Ham4) contains mostly small vertebrates and is characterized by well-preserved unionid bivalves (Schneider & Prieto 2011). The new findings of *M. monacensis* presented in this study come from a newly discovered fifth layer (Ham5). It may correlate with the previous layers Ham1-2 or even Ham3 (MAYR & FAHLBUSCH 1975). Because no detailed profile is available for the situation in the pit during the 70's/80's, a secure correlation between Ham3 to Ham5 is at present not possible. However, no

biostratigraphical difference can be observed between the different layers (J. PRIETO, pers. obs.). The layer of Ham5 (Fig. 3) represents deposits of an E-W directed channel which eroded into clays lying below. The lower part of the channel has a thickness of about one meter and is dominated by silty clay. Therein, three horizons are enriched in reworked pedogenic carbonate concretions as well as freshwater and terrestrial gastropods. Furthermore, this lower part provides remains of charophytes, unionid bivalves, fishes, turtles, small and large mammals. The sediments of the lower part can be followed laterally for several meters. The material of *M. monacensis* comes from the transition to the upper part. The upper part is dominated by fine sands in troughs of decimetre thickness. These cross-bedded sand bodies are intercalating with silty clay of smaller thickness. This part is significantly less rich in larger vertebrates. The sediment bodies are laterally restricted to a few meters.

The channel sediments suggest an allochthonous deposition of the fossils, which is supported by the dis-

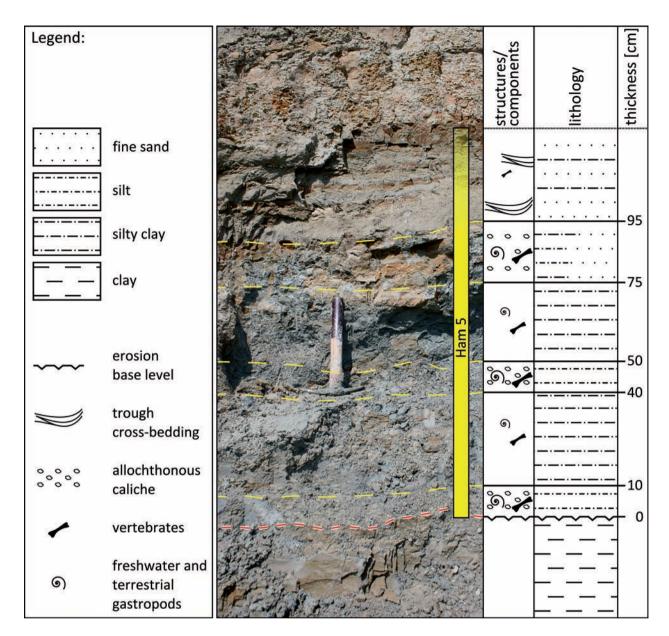


Fig. 3. Outcrop and schematic lithology of the channel Ham5. The thickness is measured from erosion base level. The abundance of the main components (ignoring small vertebrates) is indicated by the size of their symbols.

Fig. 4. A – Aerial photograph of the northern Munich with the fossil localities Oberföhring, Aumeister, Freimann, Unterföhring, Großlappen and Ingolstädter Straße 166 mentioned in Stromer (1928, 1937, 1938). **B** – Profile along the Isar river (marked with a yellow line in Fig. 4A) and the section of the former gravel pit Ingolstädter Straße 166 (Stromer 1937, 1938; Klein 1939). The lithology derived from literature is matched with drillings obtained from the Bavarian Environment Agency (LfU). However, the available drilling descriptions did not allow a consistent differentiation of *Flinz* and *Oberer Schweißsand*. (Drilling IDs: 1 = 7835BG000550; 2 = 7835BG008130; 3 = 7835BG008128; 4 = 7835BG001541; 5 = 7835BG001542; 6 = 7835BG011839; 7 = 7835BG000509; 8 = 7835BG002411; 9 = 7835BG002414; 10 = 7835BG001482; 11 = 7735BG001482; 12 = 7735BG001935; 13 = 7735BG015519; 14 = 7735BG015517; 15 = 7735BG015508).

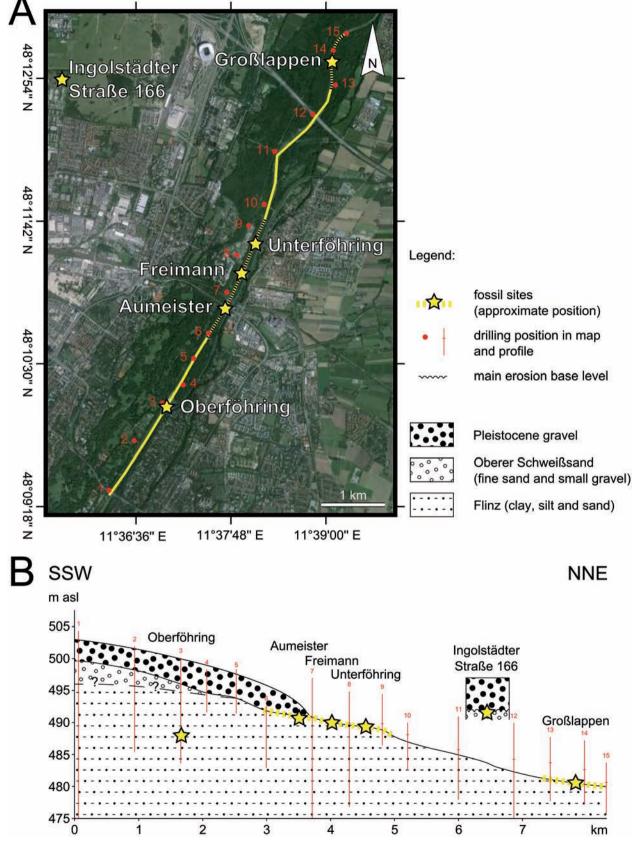


Fig. 4.

articulation of the material. However, the fossil remains are mostly well preserved and only a few are intensively abraded by transport. This shows that the fossil material has not been transported over long distances and hence, they can be seen as semi-autochthonous. Besides, the presence of fine sands, silts and clays suggests a low energy and non-destructive transport.

Munich (Oberföhring, Aumeister, Unterföhring). -Intensive palaeontological investigations of the Munich region (Fig. 1) were done by STROMER (1928, 1937, 1938, 1940). The fossil-bearing lithologies mentioned in these studies are Flinz (greenish-grey silt and clay) and Oberer Schweißsand (mainly ferruginous sand and fine gravel). The lithology of the same region is investigated in detail by Klein (1937, 1938, 1939). Therein, further local lithostratigraphic terms were established. The lowermost unit is Flinzmergel, an aquiclude mainly consisting of greenish-grey silt and clay. The overlying Flinzsand is dominated by reddish or greenish sand and clay. Between the deposition of Flinzmergel and Flinzsand a minor hiatus is assumed due to the continuous coarsening-up and the lack of intense weathering horizons between both units (KLEIN 1939). The Flinzsand is followed by Oberer Schweißsand. A distinct weathering horizon can be observed between these two lithologies implying a major time of non-deposition (KLEIN 1939). All these Miocene deposits are widely covered with Pleistocene gravel, which intensively eroded the underlying sediments.

Supported by the studies of Klein (1939) and STROMER (1928, 1937), the lithostratigraphic position of the former fossil sites along the Isar River in Munich (Oberföhring, Aumeister, Freimann, Unterföhring and Großlappen; see Stromer 1928, 1937, 1940) can be approximated (Fig. 4). In general, all these localities are positioned in the Flinz. Aumeister, Freimann and Unterföhring are stratigraphically close to each other; Oberföhring and Großlappen lie stratigraphically below. The locality Ingolstädter Straße 166 (Fig. 4), which is located close to the fossil sites of the Isar river, shows Oberer Schweißsand below the Pleistocene gravels (STROMER 1937; KLEIN 1939). Further, an exposure of Oberer Schweißsand and Flinzsand is observed south of Freimann at an altitude of about 497 metres (KLEIN 1939). Consequently, Oberer Schweißsand could be preserved in the southern part of the profile.

Oberföhring (Munich). – The location Oberföhring (Fig. 4) was a temporary outcrop in the year 1923 during the construction of the water-power plant 'Mittlere Isar'

(STROMER 1928). The excavation at the dam has achieved a depth of 12 m below the ground level and provided fine, ferruginous quartz sands of the UFM, belonging to the *Flinz*. In addition to the holotype of *Miotragocerus monacensis*, a few limb bones of a Rhinocerotidae were found at this site. Assuming nearly horizontal bedding, the location Aumeister (see below) lies stratigraphically slightly above Oberföhring (Fig. 4). Hence, Oberföhring could approximately coincide with the age of Hammerschmiede (Fig. 2), which is supposed to be slightly older than Aumeister (PRIETO et al. 2011).

Aumeister (Munich). – The fossil findings of the locality Aumeister (Fig. 4) described by STROMER (1928) came from a small temporary outcrop at the riverside of the Isar in the year 1926. The site was located about 2 km downstream (NNE) from the locality Oberföhring. Molluscs, fishes, reptiles, birds as well as small and large mammals are known from the locality (e.g., Stromer 1928; Bolliger 1999; Prieto et al. 2011). Moreover, STROMER (1928) mentioned an upper P4 dextr., which he attributed to Miotragocerus monacensis. The sediments consist of greenish, silty fine sands of the UFM, belonging to the Flinz. They are supposed to be slightly younger than Hammerschmiede because of the evolutionary stage of the cricetid Collimys from Aumeister, which lies between C. hiri from Hammerschmiede and C. longidens from the Swiss locality Nebelbergweg (PRIETO et al. 2011). However, this assumption needs to be confirmed by further findings (see details in PRIETO et al. 2014: 149).

Unterföhring (Munich). – The site Unterföhring (Fig. 4) was located about 3 km downstream (NNE) from the locality Oberföhring at the riverside of the Isar. It also exhibited deposits which belong to the *Flinz*. The fossils described by Stromer (1928), were found in the year 1921 during the construction of the water-power plant 'Mittlere Isar'. The locality provided a horn core and the distal end of a humerus, both of them were attributed to *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Stromer, 1928). The stratigraphic level of Unterföhring is close to Aumeister, because both sites are at the level of the river bank, they are in close proximity to each other and there is no observable dip of the deposits (Fig. 4).

Lower Austria (Nexing, Atzgersdorf/Mauer, Ober-Hollabrunn). – In addition to the Southern German localities mentioned above, three Lower Austrian fossil sites (Nexing, Atzgersdorf/Mauer and Ober-Hollabrunn; Fig. 1) provided records of *M. monacensis* (SICKENBERG

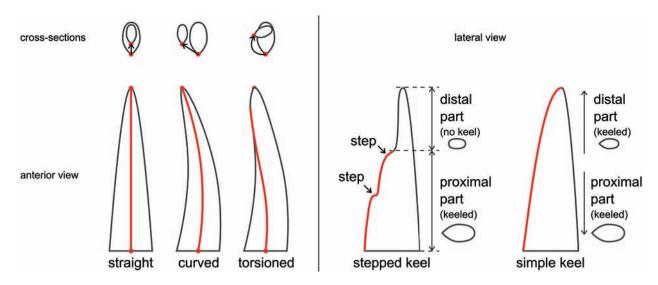


Fig. 5. Generalised drawing and used terminology of different tragoportacin horn core morphologies. The anterior keel is highlighted in red.

1929; Thenius 1948; Thenius 1956). However, there is no detailed description of these specimens in the literature.

The Lower Austrian localities are positioned in different geological settings: (1) An incised valley, which crosses the Alpine-Carpathian Foredeep (Ober-Hollabrunn), (2) the Mistelbach tectonic block (Nexing) and (3) the adjoining Vienna Basin (Atzgersdorf/Mauer). During the Middle to Late Badenian the Palaeo-Zaya River forms a W-E trending incised valley on the Alpine-Carpathian Foredeep and the Mistelbach block, which provides accommodation space for post-Badenian deposits (e.g. Gebhardt et al. 2009; Gebhardt & Roetzel 2013). The incised valley became flooded during an Early Sarmatian s.str. transgression, what partially eroded and reworked existing deposits. Afterwards, the Proto-Danube River refilled the valley with Upper Sarmatian s.str. to Pannonian deposits which were prograding into the Vienna Basin (HARZHAUSER & PILLER 2007; Mandic et al. 2008; Gebhardt & Roetzel 2013).

The locality Atzgersdorf/Mauer (now Vienna city) was a quarry which was accessible till the year 1937 (PAPP 1954). The section showed coastal marine sediments belonging to the Upper Ervilia biozone of the early Late Sarmatian s.str. (PAPP 1954; HARZHAUSER & PILLER 2004). Therefore, Atzgersdorf/Mauer documents the first appearance of M. monacensis at about 12.0 Ma. The fossil mammals of Nexing came either from the upper Ervilia biozone or the regressive part of the Upper Sarmatian s.str. (lowermost Sarmatimactra

biozone; Grill 1968; Harzhauser & Piller 2009). Ober-Hollabrunn is an former gravel pit called Heilig. It provided fluvial sediments of the Palaeo-Danube which are deposited on the Alpine-Carpathian Foredeep and the Mistelbach block. The deposits belong to the Hollabrunn-Mistelbach Formation. Its correlation to the Upper Sarmatian s.str./lowermost Pannonian approximates the age of Ham5 and the Munich localities. Caused by a reactivation of the incised valley during the transition Sarmatian s.str./Pannonian, a reworking and faunal mixing due to fluvial accumulation is documented in the Hollabrunn-Mistelbach Formation (HARZHAUSER et al. 2011). However, the vertebratebearing deposits of Ober-Hollabrunn seem to be unaffected. This is indicated by the presence of typical Late Sarmatian s.str. large mammals (Listriodon splendens, Anchitherium aurelianense; Gross et al. 2014) and the absence of the typical Late Miocene hipparionin horses (Sickenberg 1929).

3. Materials and methods

The studied material comprises all specimens known from M. monacensis that are available in public collections. Comparative material comes from M. pannoniae (Höwenegg), Austroportax latifrons (Ober-Hollabrunn), Protragocerus chantrei (La Grive) and further related taxa. The material is housed in following collections:

- GPIT (palaeontological collection, University of Tuebingen): Hammerschmiede (Ham5).

- BSPG (Bayerische Staatssammlung für Paläontologie und Geologie, Munich): Munich and casts from Hammerschmiede (unknown layer, original material stored in private collection).
- NHMW (Natural History Museum, Vienna): Atzgersdorf/ Mauer and Ober-Hollabrunn.
- IPUW (Department of Palaeontology, University of Vienna): Ober-Hollabrunn and Nexing.
- SMNK (Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Karlsruhe):
 Höwenegg.
- SMNS (Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart):
 Höwenegg.

The descriptive terminology for teeth follows Bärmann & Rössner (2011), for cranial and postcranial material the terminology of Nickel et al. (1961) is used. The terms used for the horn core descriptions are visually explained in Fig. 5.

The measurements on cranial and postcranial bones are performed as shown in the drawings of Figs. 6-12. The astragali are mainly measured following Degusta & Vrba (2003). All values are given in millimeters and rounded to one decimal. The specimens of *M. monacensis* are photographed and drawn. Drawings of cross-sections are generated by forming the bones with a 0.25 mm copper wire which is retraced afterwards.

4. Systematic palaeontology

Class Mammalia Linnaeus, 1758
Order Cetartiodactyla Montgelard, Catzeflis &
Douzery, 1997
Family Bovidae Gray, 1821
Tribe Boselaphini Knottnerus-Meyer, 1907
Genus Miotragocerus Stromer, 1928
Miotragocerus monacensis Stromer, 1928
Figs. 6-12

- 1927 Protragocerus chantrei Deperét, 1887. Abel, pp. 194-195, fig. 160.
- 1928 *Miotragocerus monacensis* Stromer, 1928. Stromer, pp. 36-38, fig. 1.
- 1956 *Protragocerus chantrei* Deperét, 1887. Thenius, pp. 308-318, fig. 3.

4.1. Oberföhring (Munich)

Material: Calvarium with left horn core [BSPG 1923 I 9] (holotype).

Description: The holotype of *Miotragocerus monacensis* is a well preserved partial calvarium with the main part of the left horn core and the basal part of the right pedicle (Fig. 6). The calvarium shows two very strong temporal ridges on the postcornual fronto-parietal area. They are running posteriorly from the horn cores in caudal direction and converge weakly medially. The surface of the postcornual fronto-parietal bones between the two ridges are very rough and depressed. The intercornual area of the frontal does not show any sagittal

ridge but is slightly elevated on the whole. The sagittal suture and the coronal suture are closed, but still clearly visible, indicating that this specimen is not fully grown (compare with the specimen described in Chapter 4.4 Ober-Hollabrunn). The voluminous sinus frontalis invades the anterior part of the pedicle, but does not reach into the horn core itself. Further, the sinus runs into the elevated intercornual part of the frontal. The pedicles are attached right above the inconspicuous orbital rims. The posterior border of the horn core makes an angle of 35° with the dorsal fronto-parietal surface. The proximal part of the horn core shows a prominent anterior keel with a length of 70.7 mm, which extends onto the pedicle. The keel is nearly straight and shows no torsion. The basal horn core has an anteroposteriorly elongated ellipsoid crosssection with an index of 1.95 (index = 1 means circular). The distal part of the horn core has no keel and is nearly circular (index = 1.19).

4.2. Hammerschmiede

Material (Ham5): Cranial appendages: Almost completely preserved right horn core and a large fragment of the left horn core of the same individual [GPIT/MA/03483]. Dentition: Mandible dext. with p4-m3 [GPIT/MA/07196], M2/3? dext. [GPIT/MA/03484], M2/3? dext. [GPIT/MA/07199], P4 dext. [GPIT/MA/05740], fragmented P3 dext. [GPIT/MA/05741], P2 dext. [GPIT/MA/05743], m3 sin. [GPIT/MA/07197], m2 dext. [GPIT/MA/05745], m1 sin. [GPIT/MA/05744], m1 sin. [GPIT/MA/05746], p4 sin. [GPIT/MA/05742], p3 dext. [GPIT/ MA/07198]. Postcranial material: Astragalus, dext. [GPIT/ MA/03485], proximal and distal end of a right metacarpal [GPIT/MA/03486], phalanx proximalis [GPIT/MA/03487], distal end of a phalanx proximalis [GPIT/MA/07201], phalanx medialis [GPIT/MA/07200], distal end of a dextral humerus [GPIT/MA/07202], proximal end of a left ulna [GPIT/ MA/05747].

Material (unknown layer, casts): Mandible dext. with p2-m3 [BSPG 1521], proximal end of a right metatarsal III+IV [BSPG 1519], proximal end of a metacarpal [BSPG 1523] astragalus, dext. [BSPG 1522], proximal end of a phalanx proximalis [BSPG 1527], proximal end of a phalanx medialis [BSPG 1520].

Description: Horn cores (Figs. 7-8): Proximally, the horn core is characterized by a prominent anterior keel, reaching a length of 62.5 mm in distal direction (right horn core). Thereby, the keel occupies nearly 1/3 of the total length of the horn core. In this proximal area the horn core possesses an anteroposteriorly elongated ellipsoid cross-section with an index of 2.28. The distal two third of the horn core form a 146 mm long curve. The cross-section of this part is oval to circular with indices of 1.23 to 1.20. The transition from the proximal to the distal area of the horn core is marked by a fast decline of the anterior-posterior diameter above the step. The transverse diameter remains relatively constant. This implies that the cross-section changes from elongated to circular. Furthermore, the horn core shows a marginal curvature in medial direction. The sinus frontalis (visible at the left horn core) is large, reaching up into the basal horn core.

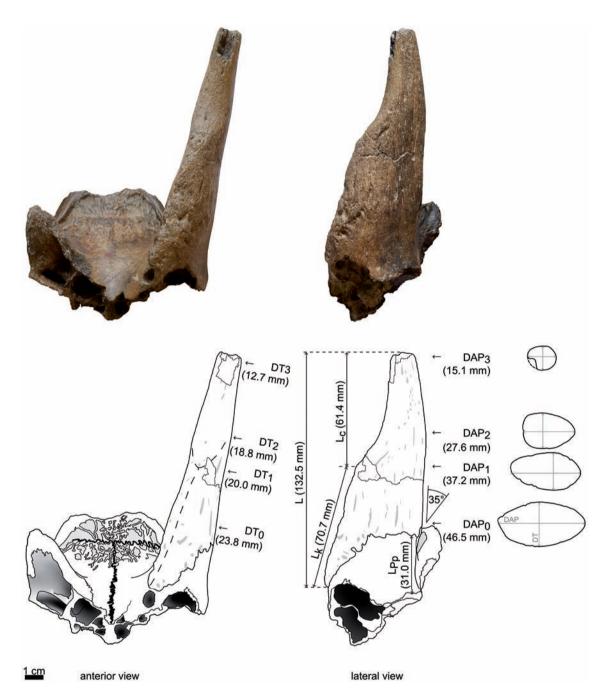


Fig. 6. Holotype of Miotragocerus monacensis from Oberföhring, calvarium with left horn core – BSPG 1923 I 9.

Dentition (Fig. 9): The teeth show the primitive morphology known from basal boselaphins. They are brachydont, the premolars are less molarized and have moderately thick and rugose enamel.

- Upper Molars: The M2/3 has a rather simple morphology. It is brachydont with a height/length ratio of ~0.84 and height/ width ratio of ~ 0.78 . The DTa is larger than the DTp. The metastyle is placed inward making the buccal wall slightly angled. Lingually, a weak entostyle can be present.

- Upper Premolars: The P4 is broad (DAP < DT) and has a triangular basal outline. It has small anterior and posterior styles, a central fold and a weak posterolingual cingulum. The P3 and P2 are elongated (DAP > DT). The prominent labial cone and the anterior style are narrow folds that are

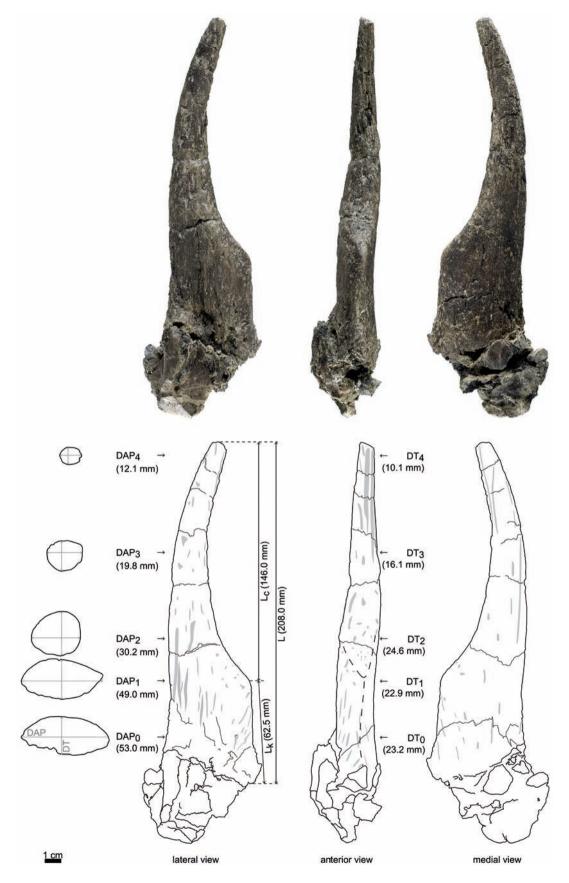


Fig. 7. Horn core, dext. of *Miotragocerus monacensis* from Hammerschmiede (Ham5) – GPIT/MA/3483.

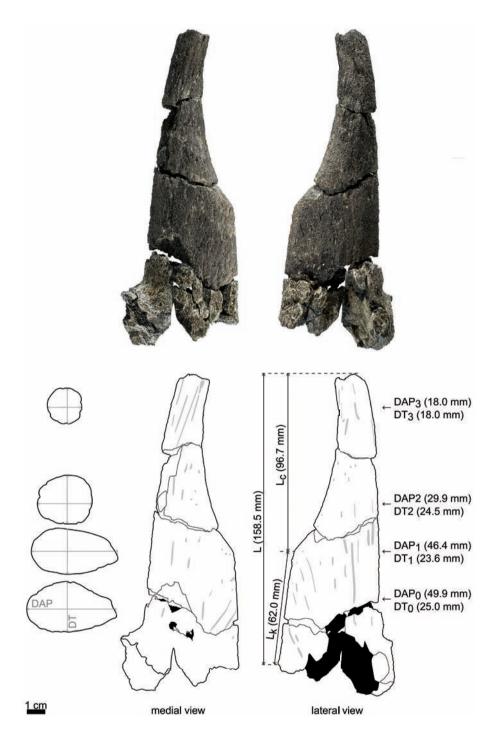


Fig. 8. Horn core, sin. of Miotragocerus monacensis from Hammerschmiede (Ham5) – GPIT/MA/3483.

very close to each other. The posterior style is not folded and ends as a sharp edge. The lingual wall is low compared to the high buccal wall. The P3 has a distinct fossa that is bordered by the anterolingual crista and the labial cone.

-Lower Molars: The buccal wall is deeply folded. The buccal lobes are sharply bent and slant towards posterior. Entoconid and metaconid are lingually slightly convex. The lingual side shows herring-bone enamel rugosities, which are also visible in other boselaphins. An ectostylid (basal pillar) is well developed. An unusual feature is a lingual cingulid at the lower molars (specimen BSPG 1521), likewise it is mentioned for some specimens referred to as Tragoportax gaudryi from

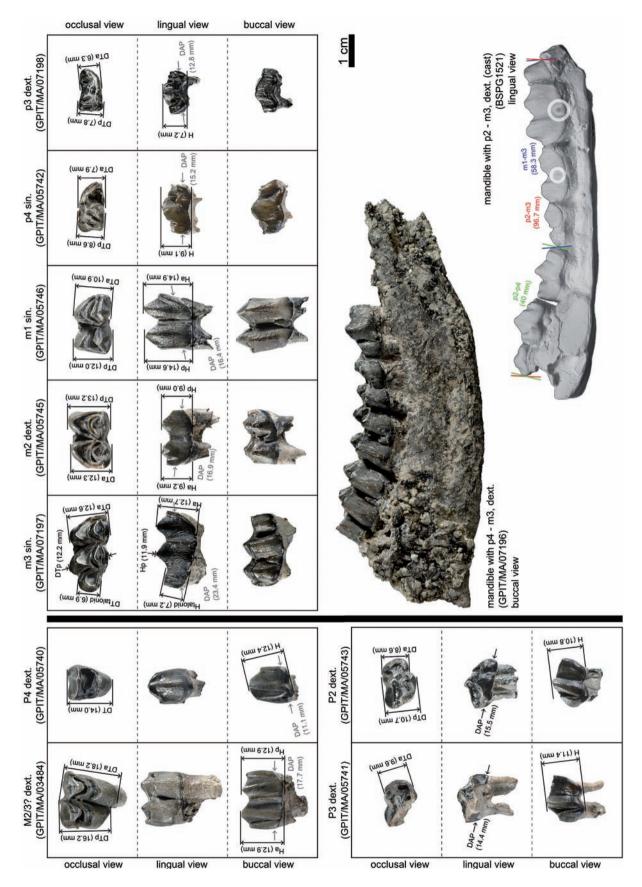


Fig. 9.

Çorakyerler (Köhler 1987) and *Tragoportax rugosifrons* from Prochoma and Ravin des Zouaves n° 5 (Bouvrain 1994). The presence of this feature is assumed to be variable within the species, because Ham5 also provides lower molars which lack the lingual cingulid.

– Lower Premolars: The p4 shows almost no molarisation. The anterior part shows an anterior stylid, but a less developed anterior conid. The large anterior valley is confined by a distinct lingual cingulid. The posterolingual part of the tooth has three distinct folds (mesolingual conid, posterior cristid and posterior stylid) which enclose two narrow valleys (posterior and back valley). The mesolingual conid possesses a well-developed posterolingual cristid, but no anterolingual cristid. This plesiomorphic morphology resembles those of *Tragoportax gaudryi* from Çorakyerler (Köhler 1987) and *Miotragocerus* sp. (SMF-DD-4745) from Dorn-Dürkheim (Gentry & Kaiser 2009).

Postcranial material (Fig. 10): The astragalus is very large compared to those of the contemporaneous cervid *Euprox furcatus*. The size and morphology correspond very well with the astragali of *M. pannoniae* from Höwenegg. Its trochlear ridges are parallel, as well as the distal articular facets.

The proximal and distal ends of the right metacarpal presumably belong to the same individual. At the proximal articulation the synovial fossa between the two facets is deep and narrow incised on the posterior side. The ridge separating the two facets is long (~ 1/2 of DAP_{pe}) compared to the ridge of cervids (~ 1/3 of DAP_{pe}; Heintz 1970) and runs more sidewise along the lateral border of the incision. The distal metacarpal shows a well-defined sagittal groove on anterior side, which ends before the distal articulation. Generally, this feature appears more diminished in bovids, but is reminiscent of cervid metatarsals. A piercing channel goes through the anterior sagittal groove to the posterior side of the metacarpal.

The phalanges are robust. The phalanx proximalis has a rectangular proximal articulation. The anterior side of the shaft is slightly convex. The posterior surface is not preserved. The phalanx medialis is short and robust. Its proximal articulation has an approximately triangulated outline. The bulge anterior to the proximal articulation is very weak compared to cervids (Heintz 1970). Further, they are larger than phalanges of cervids from the same locality. Their dimensions fall within the lower part of the range of *M. pannoniae* from Höwenegg.

Considering the characters of bovid and cervid humeri described by Heintz (1970), the humerus fragment shows the following features on the distal articular facet. Cervid-like: the median gorge lies slightly above the external condyle. The external ridge is relatively sharp-edged and prominent. Bovid-like: the internal condyle rises hardly above the external ridge. Further, the internal condyle runs straight and is slightly inclined medially. Its transition to the median gorge is relatively abrupt.

The proximal ulna fragment is slender. The preserved upper shaft is narrow and presumably becomes rudimental distally, which is typical for bovids and cervids. Its size could correspond to *M. monacensis*. However, a clear attribution is not possible, due to the lack of taxonomically relevant characters.

Taxonomic discussion: The described horn core features coincide with the characters of the type of *M. monacensis* Stromer, 1928. Hence, an attribution to this species can be assured. Compared to the subadult holotype, the horn cores from Ham5 are longer and apparently belong to a full-grown individual. The described dentition and postcranial material show features of a medium sized basal boselaphin, and attributing this material to *M. monacensis* is very likely, most of the postcranial morphologies coinciding well with the supposed closely related *M. pannoniae*.

4.3. Unterföhring (Munich)

Material: Left horn core [BSPG 1921 I 34], distal end of a left humerus [BSPG 1921 I 501].

Description: STROMER (1928) already mentioned the specimen BSPG 1921 I 34 (Fig. 11), but did not describe it in detail. The horn core possesses the complete pedicle and parts of the orbital rim. It is moderately preserved due to fluvial transport and the distal end is lacking. The specimen has scars in the medioproximal part of the horn core. They are arranged in a row, suggesting that they could represent bite marks or other injuries formed during the life time. The horn core is positioned right above the orbit. The anterior keel runs anteriorly downward the pedicle, a characteristic feature of *Miotragocerus*. The straight keel of 107 mm in length is long in comparison to the horn cores described above. However, it is not very prominent. This is partially caused by its abrasion. Especially, the step in the keel is very weak. The basal cross-section is anteroposteriorly elongated (index = 1.75), the distal cross-section is rather rounded (index = 1.37). The sinus frontalis runs deep into the anterior part of the pedicle, up to the horn core basis.

The humerus fragment BSPG 1921 I 501 (Fig. 11) shows the same morphology as specimen GPIT/MA/07202 from Ham5 (see 4.2).

Taxonomic discussion: The horn core from Unterföhring shows some differences to the previously described specimens. The DAP₀ and DAP₁ of the horn cores of the holotype and Ham5 are slightly larger. However, the few differences can be interpreted as intraspecific variations, as mentioned by Stromer (1928). The fluvial abrasion blurred some characters, but the general morphology still fits to *M. monacensis*. Especially its narrow DT₀ differs from other Tragoportacini such as *M. pannoniae*. The humerus fragment from the same

Fig. 9. Dentition of *Miotragocerus monacensis* from Hammerschmiede. Isolated teeth (Ham5) – GPIT/Ma/03484, 05740-05743, 05745, 05746, 07197 and 07198; dextral mandible with p4-m3 – GPIT/MA/07196 and cast of a dextral mandible with p2-m3 (unknown layer) – BSPG 1521. BSPG 1521 is the only specimen that shows lingual cingulids on the m1 and m2 (marked with circles).

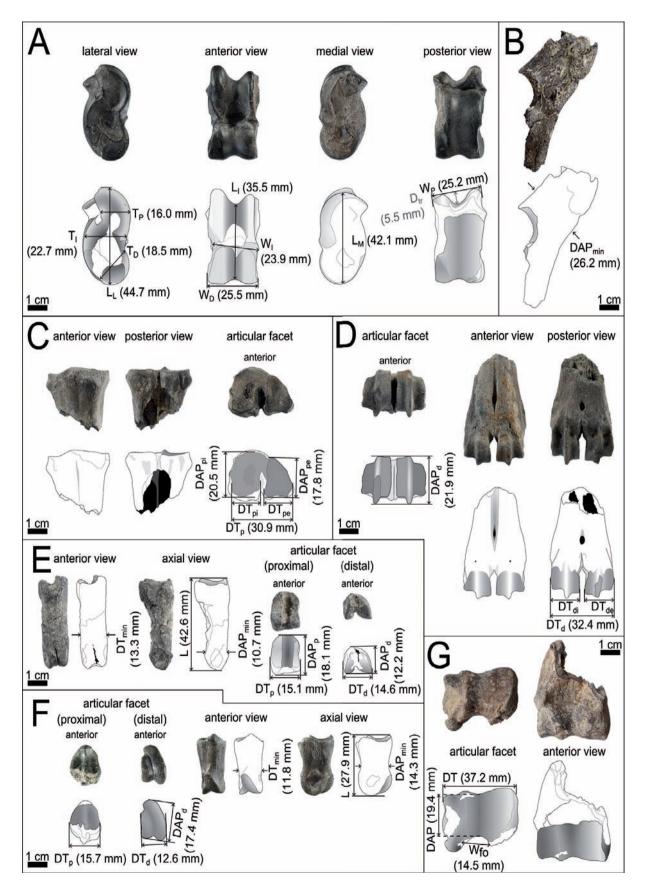


Fig. 10.

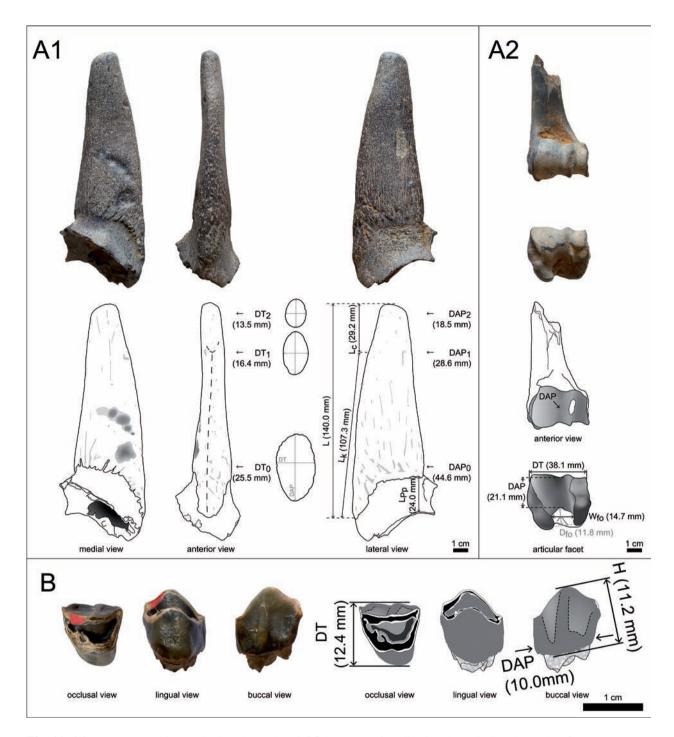


Fig. 11. A1 - Horn core, sin. - BSPG 1921 I 54 and A2 humerus, sin., distal end - BSPG 1921 I 501 of Miotragocerus monacensis from Unterföhring. B – P4 of Boselaphini indet. from Aumeister – BSPG 1926 V 34.

Fig. 10. Postcranial material of Miotragocerus monacensis from Hammerschmiede (HAM5). A – Astragalus, dext. – GPIT/ MA/3485. **B** – Ulna, proximal end – GPIT/MA/05747. **C** – Metacarpal III+IV, dext., proximal end – GPIT/MA/3486. **D** - Metacarpal III+IV, dext., distal end - GPIT/MA/3486. E - Phalanx proximalis - GPIT/MA/3487. F - Phalanx medialis -GPIT/MA/07200; (G) Humerus, dext., distal end – GPIT/MA/07202.

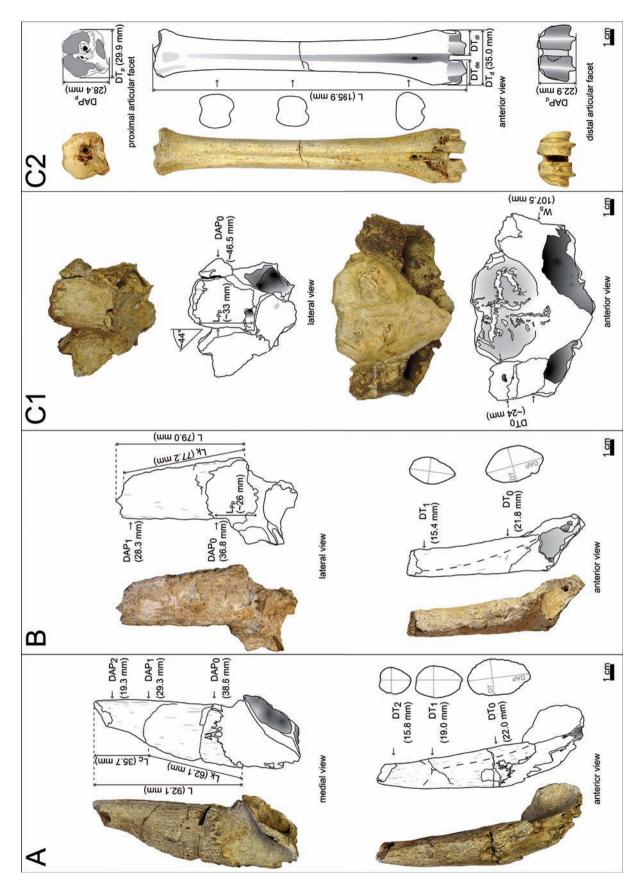


Fig. 12.

locality probably belongs to M. monacensis, too. It is smaller than the humeri of the related M. pannoniae, but its morphology coincides well.

4.4. Ober-Hollabrunn

Material: Calvarium with both pedicles [NHMW2014/ 0375/0001].

Description and taxonomic discussion: The calvarium (fig. 12C1) consists of the parietal bone and parts of the frontal with both pedicles. The transition to the horn core itself is just visible. As in the holotype from Oberföhring, the calvarium shows two very strong lateral ridges on the postcornual fronto-parietal, as well as a rough and depressed surface in between. The intercornual area of the frontal is elevated, as well. The sagittal suture and coronal suture are completely closed, indicating that this individual is full-grown. The sinus frontalis invades the basal horn core, where it is subdivided. Furthermore, the voluminous sinus invades the elevated intercornual frontal, in the same way as in the holotype. The pedicles are attached right above the inconspicuous orbital rims. Their posterior border is at an angle of ~44° with the dorsal fronto-parietal surface. The striking similarities in the morphology clearly attribute this specimen to M. monacensis. The dimensions of the holotype are identical or marginally smaller than the specimen from Ober-Hollabrunn (Table 1).

4.5. Nexing

Material: Right horn core with parts of the frontal [IPUW3193].

Description and taxonomic discussion: The specimen 3193 (Fig. 12B) consists of the proximal part of a right horn core with small parts of the frontal. The orbital rim is partially preserved. Its surface is weathered. The anterior keel is slightly torsioned and convex, whereas the posterior side is straight. The anterobasal keel extends far proximally. There is no step of the keel, probably because the distal part is missing. The frontal sinus reaches into the anterior part of the pedicles, but does not reach the horn core itself.

First, Thenius (1948) mentioned this specimen as M. monacensis, but later he described it as a young individual of P. chantrei (cf. Thenius 1956). This assumption has to be used with caution, because on one hand the species P. chantrei is not well defined and on another hand THENIUS (1956) compared this specimen with other questionable horn cores from Lower Austria (see Chapters 4.6 and 5.1). However, its morphology could also fit to a smaller, probably subadult individual of *M. monacensis*. Therefore, we prefer to refer it as cf. M. monacensis.

4.6. Atzgersdorf/Mauer (Vienna)

Material: Right horn core [NHMW2014/0376/0001].

Description: The specimen NHMW2014/0376/0001 (Fig. 12A) consists of a well-preserved right horn core with the pedicle and parts of the frontal bone. The distal end of the horn core is not preserved. The proximal part of the horn core shows a characteristic anterior keel with a length of 62.1 mm. It is nearly straight, shows no torsion and extends anterobasal onto the pedicle. The basal cross-section is an anteroposteriorly elongated ellipsoid with an index of 1.75. The keel ends distally in a distinct step. Above this step, the cross-section becomes oval (index = 1.22) and the horn core slightly inclines medially. The sinus frontalis is narrow and invades the pedicle, but does not reach into the horn core. The intercornual frontal shows a minor elevation due to the less voluminous sinus frontalis.

Taxonomic discussion: The horn core morphology coincides with the holotype of M. monacensis, as already recognised by STROMER (1928). Its dimensions are slightly smaller than of the holotype. A largest difference is the narrow sinus frontalis in specimen NHMW2014/0376/0001 which was first considered by Thenius (1956). This feature led Thenius (1956) to attribute this specimen to Protragocerus chantrei, as was already done by ABEL (1927). However, we confirm the identification of STROMER (1928) and interpret the differences in the frontal sinus volume as an intraspecific variation of M. monacensis depending on the ontogenetic stage of the individual (see General Discussion 5.1).

5. General discussion

The presence of the species M. monacensis in Hammerschmiede is definitely documented by the two horn cores. In general, the dentition and postcranial material is attributed to M. monacensis considering that this species is the only bovid documented in Hammerschmiede so far. Metrical (Table 7) and morphological similarities in the postcranial material with the closely related M. pannoniae from Höwenegg support this assumption. The morphology of horn cores, calvaria and/or dentition differentiates M. monacensis from the boselaphins Protragocerus chantrei Depéret, 1887 and Austroportax latifrons Sickenberg, 1929. Though, the horn core and frontal sinus of M. monacensis undergo major ontogenetic changes that have to be considered. Due to the scarce record of P. chantrei and A. latifrons, a differentiation based on postcranial characters is not possible yet.

Fig. 12. A – Horn core, dext. of Miotragocerus monacensis from Atzgersdorf/Mauer (Vienna) – NHMW2014/0376/0001. B - Horn core, dext. of cf. M. monacensis from Nexing - IPUW3193. C1 - Calvarium of M. monacensis from Ober-Hollabrunn -NHMW2014/0375/0001 and C2 metatarsal III+IV of ?Austroportax latifrons from Ober-Hollabrunn – IPUW (no sample-ID).

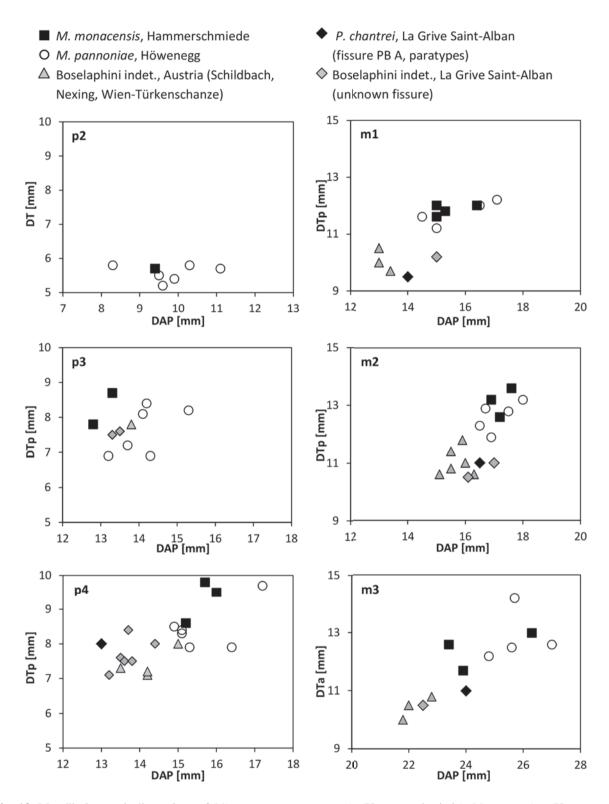


Fig. 13. Mandibular tooth dimensions of *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede), *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg), Boselaphini indet. (Schildbach, Nexing and Wien-Türkenschanze (Austria) from Mottl 1961 and our own measurements) and *Protragocerus chantrei* from La Grive Saint-Alban (fissure PB A and unknown fissure, from Moyà-Solà 1983 and Romaggi 1987).

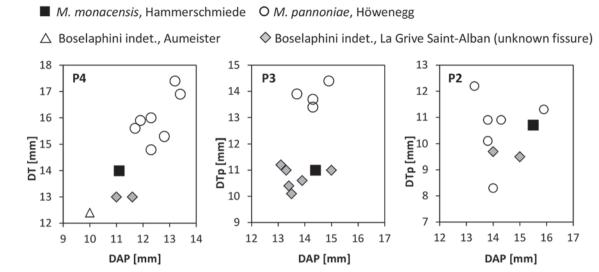


Fig. 14. Diameters of upper premolars (P2-P4) of *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede), *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg), Boselaphini indet. (Aumeister) and *Protragocerus chantrei* (La Grive Saint-Alban, unknown fissure, from Moyà-Solà 1983 and Romaggi 1987).

5.1. Comparison with *Protragocerus chantrei* Depéret, 1887

Taxonomic discussion: The species Protragocerus chantrei is based on a horn core from La Grive Saint-Alban (Isère, France), quarry Peyre et Beau, fissure PB A (DEPÉRET 1887; MEIN & GINSBURG 2002). However, the lack of taxonomically important characters of this specimen does not allow a satisfying definition of this species. The paratype material is an upper molar and a mandible with p4-m3 from the same fissure. The exact location of the additional specimens from La Grive attributed to *P. chantrei* (Moyà-Solà 1983; Romaggi 1987) is not stated. Depéret (1887) did not mention them and hence, they presumably come from later excavations in the quarry Lechartier, fissures L3 and L5 (Mein & GINSBURG 2002). Against the previous opinion, PB A seems to be older than L3 and L5. This is indicated by the appearance of Deperetomys rhodanicus in PB A (Depéret 1887; Mein & Ginsburg 2002; ?=D. hagni: De Bruijn et al. 1993; Prieto 2012). D. hagni has a short stratigraphic range in the middle Serravallian (Kälin & Kempf 2009; Prieto 2012). Instead, the D. rhodanicus is missing in the fissures L3 and L5, but D. crusafonti (taxonomy sensu van der Meulen et al. 2003) is documented (MEIN & GINSBURG 2002). This points to a late Serravallian age (CASANOVAS-VILLAR et al. 2008). The proposed age differences between the assemblages, as well as the lack of distinct horn cores in L3+L5 make an evidence of P. chantrei in L3+L5 questionable. An attribution only based on dentition is problematic within boselaphins, so that the supposed L3+L5 material should be left as Boselaphini indet. When referring to *P. chantrei* only the holotype and paratype material from the fissure PB A is considered here. The teeth from Austria previously assigned to P. chantrei (MOTTL 1961) are treated in the same way and called Boselaphini indet. The

horn core specimens from Austria, previously assigned to *P. chantrei* (THENIUS 1956) are assigned here to the species *M. monacensis*, cf. *M. monacensis*, cf. *A. latifrons* and ? *P. chantrei* (see below and Table 8).

Comparison: The description of DEPÉRET (1887) and personal observations on a cast of the holotype of *P. chantrei* provide the following characters: the completely preserved horn core possesses an anterior keel and a weak posterior keel. Both keels are not stepped and are running from the base to top. The horn core is slightly curved medially. Its basal cross-section is rather oval and triangular compared to the transversally compressed cross-section in M. monacensis. The molar morphology is very similar to M. monacensis. Differences are observable in the p4 which shows a strong anterior conid that is not present in M. monacensis. A lingual cingulid is missing. The mandibular teeth dimensions (Fig. 13) of *P. chantrei* and of the unidentified boselaphins from La Grive (given by Moyá-Solá 1983; Romaggi 1987) and Austria (given by MOTTL (1961) and our own measurements) are generally below M. monacensis and M. pannoniae. The dimensions of the upper teeth (Fig. 14) are close to each other, but M. pannoniae is rather larger-sized.

Ontogeny: Based on the horn core and the dentition of *P. chantrei*, its body size is slightly below that of *M. monacensis*. Accordingly, the holotype of *P. chantrei* shows some horn core features that fit to a juvenile *M. monacensis*. The horn core is keeled and the cross-section is slightly elongated. The sinus frontalis reaches neither into the horn core nor into the pedicle. This is why ABEL (1927) and THENIUS (1956) mistook the subadult *M. monacensis* from Atzgersdorf/Mauer (NHMW2014/0376/0001) for *P. chantrei*. STROMER (1928) and SICKENBERG (1929) attribute this specimen to

a new species M. monacensis. Its horn core morphology clearly coincides with *M. monacensis*. However, differences in the frontal sinus of the holotype of M. monacensis and specimen NHMW2014/0376/0001 lead THENIUS (1956) to determine it back to P. chantrei. Indeed, the difference of a very narrow frontal sinus in NHMW2014/0376/0001 compared to the voluminous frontal sinus in the holotype and the specimen from Ober-Hollabrunn is very significant (Fig. 15). However, after our observations these differences are based on ontogeny. An ontogenetic increase in frontal sinus volume is usual for many extant artiodactyls, even if sparsely treated in literature (FARKE 2010; BADLANGANA et al. 2011). It is indicated that the growth can even continue during the adulthood (FARKE 2010). An extension from the frontal into the pedicle or the horn core is very common. Some taxa even show a lateral and caudal extension up to the occipital region (e.g., FARKE 2010; BADLANGANA et al. 2011). In bovids, it can be assumed that the frontal bone has to enlarge together with the attached horn cores in order to sustain their mechanical support. Consequently, there is more potential space for a frontal sinus. Its enlargement might be in order to reduce structural unnecessary bone and therefore cranial mass as it is assumed for several bovids (FARKE 2010).

For M. monacensis, the holotype BSPG 1923I9 and the somewhat older individual from Ober-Hollabrunn (NHMW2014/0375/0001) clearly document that a slight increase in the frontal sinus volume does appear with age. Hence, the disputable specimen from Atzgersdorf/Mauer (NHMW2014/0376/0001) can join this ontogenetic series as a subadult individual of *M. monacensis*. Thereby, an enormous ontogenetic increase in the frontal sinus height of ~20 mm is documented (Fig. 15). Beside the narrow frontal sinus of specimen NHMW2014/0376/0001, the comparatively low dimensions of its horn core indicate the younger age of the individual. Beside the height of the frontal sinus, the ontogeny determines how deep the frontal sinus reaches into the pedicle and the horn core of M. monacensis. Hence, a large frontal sinus is not a characteristic feature for differentiating M. monacensis from P. chantrei as assumed by Thenius (1956).

In this respect, the determination of further related specimens from Lower Austria (NHMW2014/0373/0001, NHMW2014/0374/0001, IPUW1510; see Thenius 1956) is questionable. Therefore, the ontogenetic horn core development of P. chantrei described in Thenius (1956) remains unclear. The specimen NHMW2014/0373/0001 from Sommerein, figured in Thenius (1956) might fit to P. chantrei. It possesses a medially curved anterior keel without torsion and probably, without step. The apparent step rather seems to be damage. The distal part has a weak posterior edge. Its basal cross-section is rather oval and less elongated than in the specimens we assign to M. monacensis. The preserved distal part of the pedicle shows no intrusion of the frontal sinus. The specimen NHMW2014/0374/0001 (cast) from Ober-Hollabrunn is intensively abraded and no certain determination can be given yet. Its cross-section is oval and less elongated than the specimens we assign to *M. monacensis*. The anterior side has a weak keel and the posterobasal side is slightly compressed. A frontal sinus is present, despite the small size of the horn core. Specimen IPUW1510, figured in THENIUS (1956) is close to Austroportax latifrons from the same locality (see Chapter 5.2). It shows an anterior keel,

which is distinctly torsioned. This is an important similarity to *A. latifrons*. Its elongated and approximately triangulated basal cross-section supports the assignment. However, the distal step of the keel and the transition into an oval cross-section reminds of the morphology of *Miotragocerus*. Hence, this specimen is labeled as cf. *Austroportax latifrons*.

The determination of the Lower Austrian horn cores, previously attributed to *P. chantrei* (Thenius 1956) is questionable, because the horn cores are not well preserved, they lack taxonomically important characters or they even combine features of different taxa. However, the main problem is the unknown intraspecific horn core variability, especially in *A. latifrons* and *P. chantrei*. This problem is further enhanced by the definition of the species *P. chantrei* itself, whose holotype lack taxonomical important characters. Among the questionable horn cores, the specimen NHMW2014/0376/0001 from Atzgersdorf is an exception as it shows clear affinities to *M. monacensis*. Its narrow sinus frontalis is not a characteristic feature of *P. chantrei*, but a feature of young individuals of *M. monacensis*. The previous and revised taxonomic interpretations of the mentioned horn cores are summarised in Table 8.

5.2. Comparison with *Austroportax latifrons* Sickenberg, 1929

The skull and horn cores of *A. latifrons* are similar in size to those of *M. monacensis*. However, its cranium shows certain differences to *M. monacensis*. *A. latifrons* has a less pneumatized frontal and the intercornual area has a frontal sagittal ridge. *M. monacensis* is slightly elevated on the whole intercornual area and depressed in the parietal region. In contrast, *A. latifrons* shows two depressions laterally to the frontal ridge and has no depressed parietal. Its horn cores are proximally triangular and considerably compressed distally. The anterior keel has no step and shows a torsion.

A well-preserved metatarsal attributed to ?A. latifrons (Fig. 12C2) is known from Ober-Hollabrunn. Its determination is mainly based on its size and the absence of the lateral depression known from M. pannoniae. However, the metatarsal fragment of M. monacensis from Hammerschmiede has similar dimensions. Hence, an attribution to M. monacensis might be possible, which would challenge the relationship of M. monacensis with M. pannoniae.

5.3. Comparison with *Miotragocerus pannoniae* (Kretzoi, 1941) (Höwenegg)

A close relation of *M. monacensis* with *M. pannoniae* is supposed due to similarities in their skull and horn core morphology (Thenius 1948; Moyà-Solà 1983; Romaggi 1987).

Besides, a certain sexual dimorphism in *M. pannoniae* (keeled male horn cores and straight female horn cores without keel; BERG 1970; ROMAGGI 1987) should be taken into account. We restrict our comparison to male horn cores, since in *M. monacensis* only a keeled morphology is known. Characteristic features of the male horn cores shared by *M. monacensis* and *M. pannoniae* are: (1) The proximal part of the horn core is anteroposterior elongated and has a prominent keel; (2) The distal part of the horn core is oval to circular and

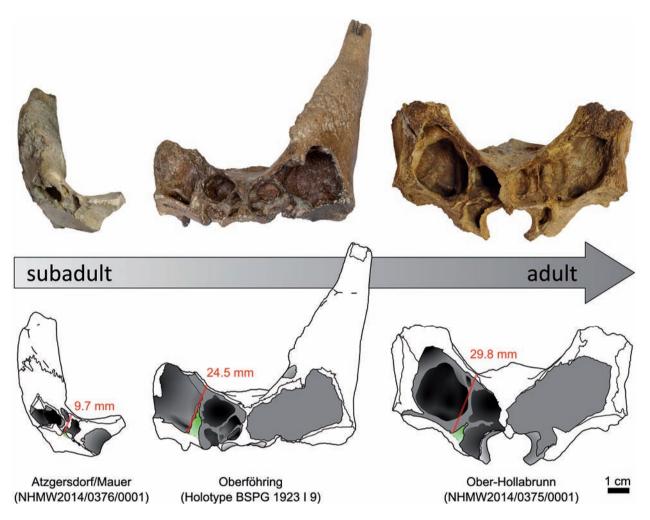


Fig. 15. Sinus frontalis in Miotragocerus monacensis from Atzgersdorf/Mauer (NHMW2014/0376/0001), Oberföhring (BSPG 1923 I 9) and Ober-Hollabrunn (NHMW2014/0375/0001). The height of the sinus frontalis is measured at the position of the supraorbital foramen (green).

is slightly curved forwards; (3) The horn cores are attached directly above the orbits.

When examining the horn cores of both taxa, it has to be considered that their morphology changes during ontogeny (Thenius 1948). Hence, in juvenile specimens the characteristic anterior keel is not developed like in adults. These ontogenetic differences in morphology can be easily misinterpreted as interspecific differences. The following characters differentiate both taxa: the horn cores of M. monacensis are strongly inclined backward, their posterior border making an angle of 35-44° with the dorsal frontoparietal surface; those of M. pannoniae are high angled with up to 70°. Lateral compressions of M. pannoniae at the distal part of the keel make the step sharp-edged and often more distinct than in M. monacensis. Hence, the transition to the circular part of the horn core appears to be swollen in M. pannoniae. The horn core of M. monacensis does not show any compressions at the distal part of the keel.

Thereby, the keel reduces continuously above the step and the cross-section becomes circular. The distal part of the horn core of M. monacensis is more curved forward and shows smaller diameters. The distal cross-section is always nearly circular; in M. pannoniae it is oval or sometimes transversally compressed and more robust. Depending on the ontogenetic level, M. pannoniae can have several distinct steps (mostly 1-2) on the anterior keel, which are formed by anterobasal accumulation of bone. An accumulation of bone is observable in M. monacensis, too. However, the known specimens do not show any additional steps. Looking at the metrical differences between both taxa, the ontogeny of each specimen has to be considered, as well (Thenius 1948). Especially, the basal diameters depend on the maturity of the individual (Fig. 16). However, the metric data indicate a different allometry of both taxa (Fig. 16). I.e. only DAP₀ increases and DT₀ remains relatively constant during the lifetime of M. monacensis, whereas in *M. pannoniae* both diameters increase noticeably.

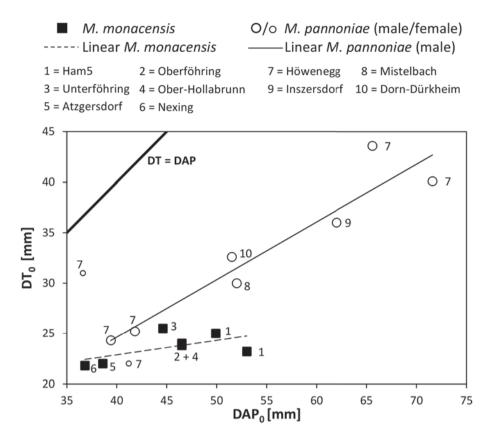


Fig. 16. Basal horn core diameters of *Miotragocerus monacensis*, cf. *M. monacensis*, *M. pannoniae* (from Thenius 1948a and our own measurements) and *Miotragocerus* sp. (from Gentry & Kaiser 2009). In order to simplify the graph, cf. *M. monacensis* (number 6) is assigned to *M. monacensis* and *Miotragocerus* sp. (number 10) is assigned to *M. pannoniae*. The allometry of each species is shown by linear regressions (DT on DAP). The ratio, where a circular cross-section (DT = DAP) is realized is plotted.

Consequently, M. monacensis cross-section of the proximal part of the horncore is more compressed ($DT_0 < 57\%$ of DAP_0) compared to the rather rounded cross-section in M. pannoniae ($DT_0 = 57\% - 67\%$ of DAP_0). Moreover, M. monacensis has rather lower DAP_0 than M. pannoniae. The highest DAP_0 measured for M. monacensis is 53 mm at the fully grown adult from Ham5. In contrast, M. pannoniae shows values up to ~72 mm (specimen SMNK-72/56 from Höwenegg). Overall, the horn cores of M. monacensis appear less robust than M. pannoniae.

In general, the dentition of *M. monacensis* is similar to those of *M. pannoniae* concerning the dimensions and the typical basal boselaphin morphology. The morphologies of the P3 and P4 of *M. monacensis* are identical to *M. pannoniae*. However, their dimensions (Fig. 14) are rather smaller. The size of the M2/3 is in the lower range of *M. pannoniae*, as well. Morphological differences are observable in the metaconule. In *M. pannoniae* the metaconule is well-rounded, similar to the shape of the protocone. In *M. monacensis* the base of the metaconule appears flattened. Hence, it is more angular than rounded. The dimensions (Fig. 13) and the morphology of

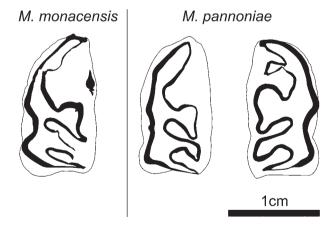


Fig. 17. Plesiomorphic occlusal surface of the p4 of *Miotragocerus monacensis* from Ham5 in comparison with the variable and sometimes more advanced molarisation of *M. pannoniae* from Höwenegg.

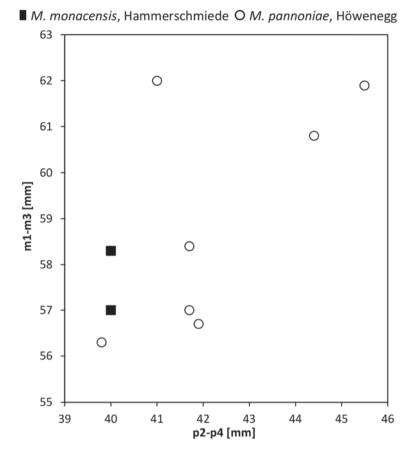


Fig. 18. Mandibular teeth proportions of *Miotragocerus monacensis* and *M. pannoniae* (from Berg 1970, and our own measurements).

the lower molars are similar to *M. pannoniae*. However, the lingual cingulids in *M. monacensis* can be well-developed or absent in all lower molars, whereas those of *M. pannoniae* are always absent. The dimensions of the lower premolars (Fig. 13) are very similar to *M. pannoniae*. However, there are some distinct morphological differences. *M. monacensis* p4 have a lingual cingulid, which is well-separated from the weakly developed anterior conid (Fig. 17). In contrast, there is no isolated lingual cingulid in *M. pannoniae*. The anterior conid of *M. pannoniae* is either well-developed and runs far lingually, or it is nearly absent like in the p4 of *M. monacensis* (Fig. 17). The mandibular tooth row dimensions (Fig. 18) of *M. monacensis* are in the lower range of *M. pannoniae*. In general, *M. monacensis* shows more plesiomorphic characters in dentition.

The metacarpal fragments of *M. monacensis* show only some minor differences to *M. pannoniae*. The cross-section of its proximal shaft is rather broadened compared to the V-shaped cross-section in *M. pannoniae* (Fig. 19). The cross-section of its distal shaft is rather compressed. Both species show an anterior sagittal groove on the distal shaft, which is more pronounced in *M. monacensis*. The astragals

and the proximal and medial phalanges of both species are very similar and cannot be distinguished morphologically or metrically.

5.4. Further related specimen

Within the first description of *M. monacensis* by STROMER (1928), a dextral P4 [BSPG 1926 V 34] from Aumeister (Munich) is mentioned as paratype (Fig. 11). Its general morphology is similar to the P4 from Ham5. However, there are small differences in size. Considering the similar grade of the wear of both teeth, the P4 from Aumeister is slightly more brachydont. The DAP and DT are slightly smaller as well. Furthermore, the tooth is worn in different ways, particularly visible in the buccal view. Due to these differences and the fact that *M. monacensis* is not documented by a horn core in Aumeister, we prefer to label the specimen as Boselaphini indet.

Recently, HILLENBRAND et al. (2009) described isolated teeth and postcranial material as *Miotragocerus* sp. vel *Tethytragus* sp. from the locality Atzelsdorf (Lower Austria).

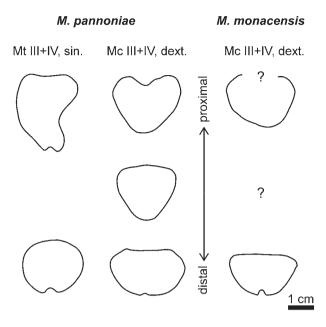


Fig. 19. Cross-sections of the metatarsal (SMNK-MI/9) and the metacarpal (SMNK-MI/42) of *Miotragocerus pannoniae* and the metacarpal of *M. monacensis* (GPIT/MA/03486). The proximal cross-section of the metatarsal of *M. pannoniae* shows the characteristic lateral depression.

Its deposits belong to the Hollabrunn-Mistelbach Formation and date to 11.2-11.1 Ma (Daxner-Höck & Göhlich 2009; Harzhauser 2009). These new findings are close to the geographical and stratigraphical appearance of *M. monacensis*. However, a reliable determination of this material was not possible yet. The type species of both genera (*Miotragocerus* and *Tethytragus*) are previously based mainly on horn cores. However, the bovid from Atzelsdorf is solely documented with dentition and postcranial material beside a small horn core fragment of less significance.

Now, the material of *M. monacensis* from Hammerschmiede makes a comparison of dentition and postcranial material possible. The dimensions of the postcranial elements (astragals, metacarpal) from Atzelsdorf are smaller than those of *M. monacensis* (Hammerschmiede) as well as *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg; Table 7). Further, the morphometrics of the lower premolars and lower molars differ from *M. monacensis*. Their size is closer to the range of *P. chantrei* (La Grive) and Boselaphini indet. (La Grive and Lower Austria). The morphological differences are particularly visible in the p4. The anterior conid in the p4 from Atzelsdorf is well-developed in contrast to the very weak or absent anterior conid in *M. monacensis*. Due to these differences, an attribution of the bovid material of Atzelsdorf to *M. monacensis* can be excluded.

A specimen which has previously received little attention is a mandible fragment (p3-m2) of *Miotragocerus* sp. from the locality Tobel Oelhalde-Süd near Biberach (Baden-Württemberg, Germany) described by SACH (1999). The fossil

was located beneath deposits containing evidences of the Nördlinger Ries meteoritic impact (Brockhorizont), which supposes an age of at least ~15 Ma (ABDUL AZIZ et al. 2010). An attribution to *Eotragus* is excluded based on morphometrical aspects (SACH 1999). As in other basal boselaphins, the enamel is rugose. Its morphology is similar to *M. pannoniae*. However, its dimensions (Table 5+6; SACH 1999) are slightly below *M. pannoniae* and *M. monacensis*.

A partially articulated skeleton of a further Middle to Late Miocene boselaphin comes from the location Tiefernitzgraben near Graz/Austria (collection museum Joanneum). Thenius (1952) described this specimen as *Tragocerus* sp. It shows similarities to *M. monacensis* concerning its tooth morphology and dimensions. In particular, its p4 resembles those of *M. monacensis* which shows a lingual cingulid and weak anterior conid. However, the horn cores differ significantly from other boselaphins. In particular, the medial side shows a depression which runs from the horn core base in distal direction. In general, the horn cores are anteroposterior elongated, low angled and curved backwards. The metatarsal does not possess the lateral depression known from *M. pannoniae*.

The mentioned fossils indicate the presence of further lineages of early bovids that are largely unknown yet. Thus, *Miotragocerus* sp. from Tobel Oelhalde-Süd might be a potential ancestor of *M. monacensis* or *M. pannoniae*. Furthermore, there seem to exist some contemporaneous boselaphins of similar size as indicated by the specimens of Aumeister and Tiefernitzgraben.

5.3. Stratigraphic significance

The presence of *M. monacensis* is stratigraphically restricted to a very short period, which makes this species interesting for biostratigraphy. The earliest record of *M. monacensis* comes from the Upper *Ervilia* biozone (early Late Sarmatian s.str.) of Atzgersdorf/Mauer (Vienna) and can be correlated to about 12.0 Ma (Harzhauser & Piller 2004). The locality Nexing shows deposits of the Upper *Ervilia* and the lowermost *Sarmatimactra* biozone (Grill 1968; Harzhauser & Piller 2009), but the exact stratigraphic position of the bovid material is unclear.

The last occurrence of *M. monacensis* is around the Sarmatian s.str.-Pannonian boundary at about 11.6 Ma, documented in the localities Hammerschmiede, Munich (Oberföhring and Unterföhring) and Ober-Hollabrunn. The disappearance of *M. monacensis* is accompanied with the disappearance of further large mammals like *Listriodon splendens*. Shortly thereafter, *M. pannoniae* and *Hippotherium primigenium* appear in the northern alpine region (BECHLY et al. 2005; DAXNER-HÖCK 1996; RÖGL & DAXNER-HÖCK 1996) indicating a major faunal change.

6. Conclusions

6.1. Taxonomic and stratigraphic implication

Miotragocerus monacensis is well-documented in the Southern German localities Oberföhring, Unterföhring and Hammerschmiede as well as in the Lower Austrian

localities Ober-Hollabrunn, Atzgersdorf/Mauer and probably Nexing. Furthermore, Ober-Hollabrunn provides the holotype of Austroportax latifrons. The presence of *Protragocerus chantrei* in the Sarmatian s.str. of Austria is probably documented by a single horn core in Sommerein (Thenius 1956). Further evidences of *P. chantrei* are only based on dentition (MOTTL 1961). Hence, the teeth from Nexing, Wien-Türkenschanze and Schildbach are rather labelled as Boselaphini indet. The other horn cores mentioned by Thenius (1956) rather belong to *M. monacensis* (Atzgersdorf/Mauer), cf. M. monacensis (Nexing) and ?A. latifrons (Ober-Hollabrunn).

The studied taxa show typical characters of basal boselaphins, which often resemble the morphology of cervids. In M. monacensis, these are particularly the less molarized premolars, the brachydonty and some plesiomorphic features in the preserved limb bones.

The observed cranial characters clearly distinguish M. monacensis from P. chantrei and the contemporaneous A. latifrons. However, a differentiation on postcranial material is still difficult due to the scarce record of the Middle Miocene boselaphins.

Likewise, the assumed close relation of M. monacensis to M. pannoniae is mainly based on their male skull and horn cores. The female horn core morphology, known in M. pannoniae (Berg 1970; Romaggi 1987), remains unknown in M. monacensis. Despite several similarities in the horn cores of the males, there are clear differences, as well. Further, the lower premolars of both taxa show major differences. Hence, their relation at the genus level remains disputable unless M. monacensis does show an evidence for the characteristic lateral depression in the metatarsal known from M. pannoniae (THENIUS 1948b; TOBIEN 1953). Such an exceptional character is not known in any extant or fossil taxa.

Considering the rare record of M. monacensis and the Middle Miocene boselaphins in general, the new findings of M. monacensis from Hammerschmiede and the reinterpreted specimens from Lower Austria offer an important enlargement of the knowledge. Hence, the current revision of M. monacensis does not only improve the taxonomy. Furthermore, the newly described material improves our knowledge about the temporal range of this taxon. For M. monacensis only a short appearance is documented. Its first evidence comes from the upper Sarmatian s.str. (Upper Ervilia biozone) of Atzgersdorf/Mauer and probably Nexing (Upper Ervilia or Sarmatimactra biozone). Its last occurrence is during the Sarmatian s.str.-Pannonian boundary at about 11.6 Ma, documented in Hammerschmiede, the Munich

localities and Ober-Hollabrunn. At the transition from the Middle to Late Miocene M. monacensis disappears and is replaced by the more evolved M. pannoniae. This faunal turnover seems to have biostratigraphic significance.

6.2. Ontogeny and sexual dimorphism of Miotragocerus

The ontogenetic development of the male horn core of M. pannoniae is well-documented since Thenius (1948). In juvenile specimens the characteristic anterior keel is not as pronounced as in adults. During the ontogenetic development M. pannoniae builds up several anterior steps on the keel due to anterobasal accumulation of bone. In contrast, the supposed adult M. monacensis from Hammerschmiede has only a single step. Additionally, an inter-specific allometry of the basal horn core is indicated between *M. monacensis* and *M.* pannoniae: M. pannoniae shows a significant horn core growth in the DAP₀ as well as in DT₀. In contrast, the DT₀ in *M. monacensis* remains small, while the DAP₀ is increasing. Further, M. monacensis does not achieve the high diameters of adult M. pannoniae. Another ontogenetic change is documented in the enormous volume growth of the frontal sinus in *M. monacensis*. The sinus height reaches from 9.7 mm in a subadult to 29.8 mm in an adult individual.

A distinct sexual dimorphism in *Miotragocerus* is shown by the horn cores of M. pannoniae from Höwenegg (Berg 1970; Romaggi 1987). The female horn cores are straight and have no anterior keel. They are mostly circular in cross-section. Few specimens are laterally depressed, but probably this is caused by sedimentary load. This horn core type can clearly be attributed to females, because complete individuals with foetus are known. Remarkably, apart from Höwenegg no other location has ever provided further specimens of female M. pannoniae. Likewise, there is no sexual dimorphism documented for M. monacensis yet. All known horn cores are attributed to male specimens, due to their keeled morphology known from the males of M. pannoniae. It is possible that a female individual is among the questionable boselaphin specimens from Austria, or the females are hornless at all.

The pronounced sexual dimorphism in M. pannoniae and in particular the presence of well-horned females suggests a complex social behaviour. An adaptation to inter- and intraspecific competition as well as the usage as defensive weapon as it is documented in several extant taxa (PACKER 1983; BUBENIK 1990) can be assumed.

6.3. Emended diagnoses

The emended diagnosis of *Miotragocerus monacensis* is based on the holotype from Oberföhring and the referred specimens from Southern Germany and Lower Austria. It extents the observations of Stromer (1928), Moyà-Solà (1983), and Romaggi (1987). The species-diagnosis of *Miotragocerus pannoniae* repeats the results of Kretzoi (1941), Berg (1970) and partially Romaggi (1987), and is implemented with our own observations on specimens from Höwenegg. The postcranial features described above (except those of the metatarsal in *M. pannoniae*) were excluded from the diagnoses due to their uncertain importance for taxonomy.

Diagnosis of *Miotragocerus monacensis* Stromer, 1928: Miotragocerus monacensis is a bovid (boselaphin) of intermediate size, close to that of a fallow deer. Its orbital rims are hardly protruding. The horn cores are attached on a short pedicle directly above the orbits and are strongly inclined backwards, their posterior edge making an angle of 35-44° with the dorsal fronto-parietal surface. They diverge moderately in the proximal half and slightly converge in the distal half. Proximally, the male horn cores show an anteroposterior elongated ellipsoid cross-section due to a prominent anterior keel. The anterior keel shows anterobasal accumulation of bone, which extends onto the anterior pedicle. The distal part of the horn core is nearly circular and curved forwards. The sinus frontalis invades the pedicle and the elevated intercornual part of the frontal. Depending on the ontogeny, the height of the sinus frontalis at the canalis supraorbitalis can be <10 mm or up to ~30 mm. The depressed postcornual fronto-parietal area is rugose and bordered by strong lateral ridges. The dentition is rather primitive, resembling that of cervids. The teeth are brachydont and have rugose enamel. The lower molars show herring-bone enamel rugosities on lingual side. The p4 is weakly molarized due to a weak anterior conid and the presence of a distinct lingual cingulid.

Diagnosis of *Miotragocerus pannoniae* (KRETZOI, 1941): The robust male horn cores are slightly inclined backward, their posterior edge making an angle up to 70° with the dorsal fronto-parietal surface. They have lateral compressions in the upper part of the keel making the distal step sharp-edged. The distal part of the horn core is hardly curved forwards and mostly oval in cross-section. Rare specimens can have a compressed distal cross-section. Depending on the ontogenetic stage, the anterobasal accumulation of bone can form several distinct steps (mostly 1-2) on the anterior keel. Female

horn cores are straight and not keeled. They are mostly circular in cross-section. The p4 has no lingual cingulid, the anterior conid can be weak or well developed. The metatarsal is very characteristic due to a noticeable depression on the proximal lateral side.

Differential diagnosis of *Miotragocerus monacensis* **Stromer, 1928:** Further boselaphins of similar size are *Protragocerus chantrei* Depéret, 1887 and the contemporaneous *Austroportax latifrons* Sickenberg, 1929.

- *M. monacensis* is slightly larger than *P. chantrei*. Its horn cores are basally more compressed compared to the rather oval-triangulated horn core cross-section of *P. chantrei*. The horn cores of *M. monacensis* have only an anterior keel, in contrast to the horn core of *P. chantrei*, which is keeled on anterior and posterior sides. The keel of *M. monacensis* terminates distally in a distinct step, whereas both keels in *P. chantrei* are running from the base to top without any step.
- M. monacensis differs from A. latifrons in the basal horn core cross-sections. They are transversally compressed in contrast to the elongated-triangulated basal cross-sections of A. latifrons. The distal crosssections in M. monacensis are circular in contrast to those of A. latifrons, which are considerably compressed. M. monacensis shows a distinct step in the anterior keel, which is not present in A. latifrons. The keel is nearly straight compared to the pronounced torsion in the keel of A. latifrons. In contrast to Miotragocerus, the intercornual area of A. latifrons has a frontal sagittal ridge. In Miotragocerus the whole intercornual area is slightly elevated and the postcornual fronto-parietal area is depressed. The latter area is bordered by distinct lateral ridges. In contrast, A. latifrons shows two depressions laterally to the frontal sagittal ridge. Its postcornual fronto-parietal area is neither depressed nor bordered by lateral ridges.

Acknowledgements

The authors are indebted to Gertrud Rössner (BSPG), Ursula Göhlich (NHMW), Karl Rauscher and Doris Nagel (both IPUW), Eberhard Frey and Wolfgang Munk (both SMNK), Reinhard Ziegler (SMNS), Franz Dreyer (local museum of Immendingen), Philipe Havlik (GPIT), Erich Weber and Jürgen Rösinger (both University of Tuebingen, Zoological Collection) for access to the collections. For access to the Hammerschmiede pit, we cordially thank Ludwig Saur (Geiger Group). Many thanks to Davit Vasilyan and Manuela Aiglstorfer (both GPIT) for all kinds of support during the fieldwork, and, to the students from Tuebingen for the good work during the excavations. We acknowledge Henrik Stöhr and Regina Ellenbracht (both GPIT), who assisted during

fieldwork and prepared the finds. For taking photographs, we are grateful to Wolfgang Gerber (GPIT). Special thanks go to the reviewers Denis Geraads (Paris) and Dimitris S. Kostopoulos (Thessaloniki) as well as to Nikolai Spassov (Sofia) and GERHARD DOPPLER (LfU) for helpful discussions. This research received financial support from the German Research Foundation (DFG, project B01550/16).

References

- ABDUL AZIZ, H., BÖHME, M., ROCHOLL, A., PRIETO, J., WIJ-BRANS, J.R., BACHTADSE, V. & ULBIG, A. (2010): Integrated stratigraphy and 40Ar/39Ar chronology of early to middle Miocene Upper Freshwater Molasse in western Bavaria (Germany). – International Journal of Earth Science, 99: 1859-1886.
- ABEL, O. (1927): Lebensbilder aus der Tierwelt der Vorzeit (2nd edition). – VII + 643 pp.; Jena (G. Fischer).
- BADLANGANA, N.L., ADAMS, J.W. & MANGER, P.R. (2011): A comparative assessment of the size of the frontal air ainus in the Giraffe (Giraffa camelopardalis). – The Anatomical Record, 294: 931-940.
- BÄRMANN, E.V. & RÖSSNER, G.E. (2011): Dental nomenclature in Ruminantia: Towards a standard terminological framework. - Mammalian Biology, 76: 762-768.
- BECHLY, G., BERNOR, R.L., BÖTTCHER, R. FEJFAR, O., FREY, E., GIERSCH, S., HAAS, R., HEIZMANN, E.P.J., KOVAR-EDER, J., MITTMANN, H.W., MUNK, W., NELSON, S., RASSER, M.W., Slamkova, M., Wähnert, V., Ziegler, R. & Ziems, A. (2005): Multidisciplinary palaeontological research at the Late Miocene (MN9) Locality of Höwenegg (Baden-Württemberg). – Berichte des Instituts für Erdwissenschaften, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, 10: 5-6.
- Berg, D.E. (1970): Die jungtertiäre "Antilope" Miotragocerus 215 pp.; Mainz.
- Bibi, F., Bukhsianidze, M., Gentry, A.W., Geraads, D., Kosto-POULOS, D.S. & VRBA, E.S. (2009): The fossil record and evolution of Bovidae: State of the field. – Palaeontologia Electronica, **12** (3): 10A.
- Bibi, F. (2011): Mio-Pliocene faunal exchanges and African biogeography: The record of fossil bovids. - PLOS ONE, 6 (2): e16688. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0016688
- BÖHME, M. (2003): Miocene climatic optimum: evidence from Lower vertebrates of Central Europe. - Palaeogeography Palaeoclimatology Palaeoecology, 195: 389-401.
- Вöнме, M. & Ilg, A. (2003): fosFARbase, www.wahre-staerke.com; (access October 2013).
- Bolliger, T. (1999): Family Anomalomyidae. In: RÖSSNER, G.E. & Heissig, K. (Eds.): Land Mammals of Europe -The Miocene, 411-420; München (Pfeil).
- BOUVRAIN, G. (1994): Un Bovidé du Turolien inférieur d'Europe orientale: Tragoportax rugosifrons. – Annales de Paléontologie, **80** (1): 61-87.
- Bruijn, H., de, Fahlbusch V., Saraç, G. & Ünay, E. (1993): Early Miocene rodent faunas from the eastern Mediterranean area Part III. The genera Deperetomys and *Cricetodon*, with a discussion of the evolutionary history of the Cricetodontini. – Proceedings of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, **96**: 151-216.
- Bubenik, A.B. (1990): Epigenetical, morphological, physi-

- ological, and behavioral aspects of evolution of horns, pronghorns and antlers. - In: Bubenik, G.A. & Bubenik, A.B. (Eds.): Horns, pronghorns and antlers, 3-113; New York (Springer).
- Casanovas-Vilar, I., Alba, D.M., Moyà-Solà, S., Galindo, J., Cabrera, L., Garcés, M., Furió, M., Robles, J.M., KÖHLER, M. & ANGELONE, C. (2008): Biochronological, taphonomical, and paleoenvironmental background of the fossil great ape Pierolapithecus catalaunicus (Primates, Hominidae). – Journal of Human Evolution, 55: 589-603.
- DAXNER-HÖCK, G. (1996): Faunenwandel im Obermiozän und Korrelation der MN-'Zonen' mit den Biozonen des Pannons der Zentralen Paratethys. – Beiträge zur Paläontologie, 21: 1-9.
- DAXNER-HÖCK, G. & GÖHLICH, U.B. (2009): The early Vallesian vertebrates of Atzelsdorf (Late Miocene, Austria). 1. Introduction. - Annalen des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien, 111A: 475-478.
- DeGusta, D. & Vrba, E. (2003): A method for inferring paleohabitats from the functional morphology of bovid astragali. – Journal of Archaeological Science, 30: 1009-1022.
- DEPÉRET, C. (1887): Recherches sur la succession des faunes des vertébrés miocènes de la vallée du Rhône. - Archives Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle Lyon, 4: 45-313.
- DOPPLER, G. (1989): Zur Stratigraphie der nördlichen Voralpenmolasse in Bayerisch-Schwaben. - Geologica Bavarica, 94: 83-133.
- DOPPLER, G., HEISSIG, K. & REICHENBACHER, B. (2005): Die Gliederung des Tertiärs im süddeutschen Molassebecken. Newsletter on Stratigraphie, 41 (1-3): 359-375.
- Fahlbusch, V. (1975): Die Eomyiden (Rodentia Mammalia) der Oberen Süsswasser-Molasse Bayerns. – Mitteilungen der Bayerischen Staatsammlung für Paläontologie und Historische Geologie, 15: 63-90.
- FAHLBUSCH, V. & MAYR, H. (1975): Microtoide Cricetiden (Mammalia Rodentia) aus der Oberen Süßwasser-Molasse Bayerns. – Paläontologische Zeitschrift, 49: 78-93.
- FARKE, A.A. (2010): Evolution and functional morphology of the frontal sinuses in Bovidae (Mammalia: Artiodactyla), and implication for the evolution of cranial pneumaticity. - Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society, 159: 988-1014.
- GEBHARDT, H. & ROETZEL, R. (2013): The Antarctic viewpoint of the Central Paratethys: cause, timing, and duration of a deep valley incision in the Middle Miocene Alpine-Carpathian Foredeep of Lower Austria. - International Journal of Earth Science, 102: 977-987.
- GEBHARDT, H., ZORN, I. & ROETZEL, R. (2009): The initial phase of the Early Sarmatian (Middle Miocene) Transgression. Foraminiferal and ostracod assemblages from an incised valley fill in the Molasse Basin of Lower Austria. – Austrian Journal of Earth Sciences, 102 (2): 100-119.
- GENTRY, A.W. & KAISER, T.M. (2009): The Bovidae of Dorn-Dürkheim 1, Germany (Turolian age). - Paläontologische Zeitschrift, **83**: 373-392.
- Gregor, H.-J. (1982): Die jungtertiären Floren Süddeutschlands. – 278 pp.; Stuttgart (Enke).
- Grill, R. (1968): Erläuterungen zur Geologischen Karte des nordöstlichen Weinviertels und zum Blatt Gänserndorf. 155 pp.; Wien (Geologische Bundesanstalt).

- Gross, M., Böhme, M. & Havlik, P. (2014): The late Middle Miocene (Sarmatian s.str.) fossil site Gratkorn the first decade of research, geology, stratigraphy and vertebrate fauna. Palaeobiodiversity and Palaeoenvironments, **94** (1): 5-20.
- Harzhauser, M. (2009): The early Vallesian vertebrates of Atzelsdorf (Late Miocene, Austria). 2. Geology. Annalen des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien, 111A: 479-488.
- Harzhauser, M., Daxner-Höck, G., Göhlich, U.B., Nagel, D. (2011): Complex faunal mixing in the early Pannonian palaeo-Danube Delta (Late Miocene, Gaweinstal, Lower Austria). Annalen des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien, **113** A: 167-208.
- HARZHAUSER, M. & PILLER, W. (2004): Integrated stratigraphy of the Sarmatian (Upper Middle Miocene) in the western Central Paratethys. Stratigraphy, 1 (1): 65-86.
- HARZHAUSER, M. & PILLER, W. (2007): Benchmark data of a changing sea Palaeogeography, Palaeobiogeography and events in the Central Paratethys during the Miocene.
 Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology, 253: 8-31.
- Harzhauser, M. & Piller, W. (2009): Molluscs as a major part of subtropical shallow-water carbonate production an example from a Middle Miocene oolite shoal (Upper Seravallian, Austria). International Association of Sedimentologists, Special Publications, **42**: 185-200.
- Heintz, E. (1970): Les Cervidés Villafranchiens de France et d'Espagne. Mémoires du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, nouvelle série, (C), **1970** (1-2): 303pp.
- HILLENBRAND, V., GÖHLICH, U.B. & RÖSSNER, G.E. (2009): The early Vallesian vertebrates of Atzelsdorf (Late Miocene, Austria) 7. Ruminatia. – Annalen des Naturhistorischen Museums in Wien, 111A: 519-556.
- Hugueney, M. (1999). Family Castoridae. In: Rössner, G.E.
 & Heissig, K. (Eds.): Land mammals of Europe The Miocene, 281-300; München (Pfeil).
- JUNG, W. & MAYR, H. (1980): Neuere Befunde zur Biostratigraphie der Oberen Süßwassermolasse Süddeutschlands und ihre palökologische Deutung. – Mitteilungen der Bayerischen Staatssammlung für Paläontologie und historische Geologie, 20: 159-173.
- Kälin, D. & Kempf, O. (2009): High-resolution stratigraphy from the continental record of the Middle Miocene Northern Alpine Foreland Basin of Switzerland. Neues Jahrbuch für Geologie und Paläontologie, Abhandlungen, **254**: 177-235.
- Khan, M.A., Malik, M., Khan, A.M., Iqbal, M. & Akhtar, M. (2009): Mammalian remains in the Chinji type locality of the Chinji Formation: A new collection. The Journal of Animal & Plant Science, 19 (4): 224-229.
- KLEIN, S. (1937): Der Oberste Feinflinz im Alpenvorland und südlichen Tertiärhügelland (Studie I zur Geologie und Morphogenie südbayerischer Jungtertiär- und Diluviallandschaften). – Zeitschrift der Deutschen Geologischen Gesellschaft, 89: 384-409.
- KLEIN, S. (1938): Die Ausformung der Münchner Ebene durch fluvioglaziale Erosion jungtertiärer Schichten. – Zentralblatt für Mineralogie, Geologie und Paläontologie, (B), 1938: 279-299.
- Klein, S. (1939): Die miocän-pliocänen Grenzschichten nördlich von München. Südbayerische Jungtertiär- und

- Quartärstudien IV (Schluß). Zentralblatt für Mineralogie, Geologie und Paläontologie, (B), **1939**: 278-292.
- KLEMBARA, J., BÖHME, M. & RUMMEL, M. (2010): Revision of the anguine lizard *Pseudopus laurillardi* (Squamata, Anguidae) from the Miocene of Europe, with comments on paleoecology. Journal of Paleontology, **84** (2): 159-196.
- Köhler, M. (1987): Boviden des türkischen Miozäns (Känozoikum und Braunkohlen der Türkei). Paleontologia i Evolutió, 21: 133-246.
- KOSTOPOULOS, D.S. (2005): The Bovidae (Mammalia, Artiodactyla) from the late Miocene of Akkaşdaği, Turkey. In: Sen, S. (Ed.): Geology, mammals and environments at Akkaşdaği, late Miocene of Central Anatolia. Geoversitas, 27 (4): 747-791.
- Kostopoulos, D.S. (2006): Greek bovids through time. Hellenic Journal of Geosciences, **41**: 141-152.
- Kretzoi, M. (1941): Neue Antilopen-Form aus dem Soproner Sarmat. Földtani Közlöny, **71**: 336-343.
- Mandic, O., Harzhauser, M., Roetzel, R. & Tibulaec, P. (2008): Benthic mass-mortality events on a Middle Miocene incised-valley tidal-flat (North Alpine Foredeep Basin). Facies, **54**: 343-359.
- Mayr, H. & Fahlbusch, V. (1975): Eine unterpliozäne Kleinsäugerfauna aus der Oberen Süßwasser-Molasse Bayerns. Mitteilungen der Bayerischen Staatssammlung für Paläontologie und historische Geologie, **15**: 91-111.
- Mein, P. & Ginsburg, L. (2002): Sur l'âge relatif des différents dépôts karstiques miocènes de La Grive-Saint-Alban (Isère). Cahiers scientifiques du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Lyon, 2: 7-47.
- MEULEN, A.J. VAN DER, PELÁEZ-CAMPOMANES, P. & DAAMS, R. (2003): Revision of medium-sized Cricetidae from the Miocene of the Daroca-Villafeliche area in the Calatayud-Teruel Basin (Zaragoza, Spain). Coloquios de Paleontología, Volumen Extraordinario, 1: 385-441.
- MEYER, B.L. (1956). Mikrofloristische Untersuchungen an jungtertiären Braunkohlen im östlichen Bayern. – Geologica Bayarica, 25: 100-128.
- Morales, J., Nieto, M., Köhler, M. & Moyà-Solà, S. (1999): Large mammals from the Vallesien of Spain. – In: Agustí, J., Rook, L. & Andrews, P. (Eds.): Hominoid evolution of Neogene terrestrial ecosystems in Europe, 113-126, Cambridge (Cambridge University Press).
- Mottl, M. (1961): Neue Säugetierfunde aus dem Jungtertiäre der Steiermark. IV Protragocerus, erstmals im Sarmat der Steiermark, mit Berücksichtigung der übrigen Säugetierfunde aus der Umgebung von Hartberg. In: Murban, K. (Ed.): Mitteilungen des Museums für Bergbau, Geologie und Technik am Landesmuseum Joanneum, 3-16; Graz (Grazer Druckerei).
- Moyà-Solà, S. (1983): Los Boselaphini (Bovidae Mammalia) del Neogeno de la Península Ibérica. – Publicaciones de Geología, Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona, **18**: 1-236.
- Nickel, R., Schummer, A. & Seiferle, E. (1961): Lehrbuch der Anatomie der Haustiere Bewegungsapparat, 1 (2nd edition). 504 pp.; Berlin & Hamburg (Parey).
- Packer, C. (1983): Sexual dimorphism: The horns of African antelopes. Science, **16** (221): 1191-1193.
- Papp, A. & Thenius, E. (1953): Vösendorf ein Lebensbild aus dem Pannon des Wiener Beckens. Mitteilungen der Geologischen Gesellschaft in Wien, **46**: 1-125.

- PRIETO, J. (2012): The genus *Eomyops* Engesser, 1979 (Rodentia, Eomyidae) from the youngest deposits of the German part of the North Alpine Foreland Basin. - Swiss Journal of Palaeontology, 131: 95-106.
- PRIETO, J., ANGELONE, C., CASANOVAS-VILAR, I., GROSS, M., Hír, J., van den Hoek Ostende, L.W., Maul, L.C. & Vas-ILYAN, D. (2014): The small mammals from Gratkorn: an overview. –Palaeobiodiversity and Palaeoenvironments 94: 135-162.
- PRIETO, J. & RUMMEL, M. (2009): Evolution of the genus Collimys Daxner-Höck, 1972 (Rodentia, Cricetidae) – A key to Middle to Late Miocene biostratigraphy in Central Europe. – Neues Jahrbuch für Geologie und Paläontologie, Abhandlungen, 252: 237-247.
- PRIETO, J. & VAN DAM, J.A. (2012): Primitive Anourosoricini and Allosoricinae from the Miocene of Germany. - Geobios, 45 (6): 581-589.
- Prieto, J., van den Hoek Ostende, L.W. & Böhme, M. (2011): Reappearance of *Galerix* (Erinaceomorpha, Mammalia) at the limit Middle/Upper Miocene in South Germany: biostratigraphical and paleoecological implications. – Contributions to Zoology, 80: 179-189.
- RÖGL, F. & DAXNER-HÖCK, G. (1996): Late Miocene Paratethys correlations. - In: Bernor, R.L., Fahlbusch, V. & MITTMANN, H.-W. (Eds.): The evolution of Western Eurasian Neogene mammal faunas, 47-55; New York (Columbia Press).
- Romaggi, J.-P. (1987): Les antilopes du Miocène supérieur du Coiron (Ardèche, France). - Thèse de doctorat, Centre des Sciences de le Terre, Université Claude Bernard Lyon. – 395 pp.; Lyon.
- SACH, J. (1999): Litho- und biostratigraphische Untersuchungen in der Oberen Süßwassermolasse des Landkreises Biberach a. d. Riß (Oberschwaben). – Stuttgarter Beiträge zur Naturkunde, (B), 276: 1-167.
- Schleich, H.H. (1985): Zur Verbreitung tertiärer und quartärer Reptilien und Amphibien. - Münchner Geowissenschaftliche Abhandlungen (A), 4: 67-149.
- Schneider, S. & Prieto, J. (2011): First record of an autochthonous community of fluviatile freshwater molluscs from the Middle/Late Miocene Upper Freshwater Molasse (southern Germany). - Archiv für Molluskenkunde, 140 (1): 1-18.
- SEITNER, L. (1987). Miozäne Mikrofloren aus Sedimenten der Süssbrackwassermolasse und der Oberen Süsswassermolasse Süddeutschlands. - PhD thesis, Fakultät für Geowissenschaften der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. – 352 pp.; München.
- SICKENBERG, O. (1929): Eine neue Antilope und andere Säugetiere aus dem Ober-Miozän Niederösterreichs. - Paläobiologica, 2: 62-88.
- Spassov, N. & Geraads, D. (2004): Tragoportax Pilgrim, 1937 and Miotragocerus Stromer, 1928 (Mammalia, Bovidae) from the Turolian of the Hadjidimovo, Bulgaria, and a revision of the late Miocene Mediterranean Boselaphini. - Geodiversitas, **26** (2): 339-370.
- STROMER, E. (1928): Wirbeltiere im obermiocänen Flinz Münchens. – Abhandlungen der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematisch-naturwissenschaftliche Abteilung, **32** (1): 1-74.

- STROMER, E. (1937): Der Nachweis fossilführenden untersten Pliocäns in München nebst Ausführungen über die Abgrenzung der Pliocänstufe. - Abhandlungen der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematisch-naturwissenschaftliche Abteilung, 42: 1-20.
- STROMER, E. (1938): Huftierreste aus dem unterstpliocänen Flinzsande Münchens. – Abhandlungen der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematischnaturwissenschaftliche Abteilung, 44: 1-43.
- STROMER, E. (1940): Die jungtertiäre Fauna des Flinzes und des Schweiß-Sandes von München. Nachträge und Berichtigungen. - Abhandlungen der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematischnaturwissenschaftliche Abteilung, 48: 1-106.
- SWISHER, C.C. III (1996): New ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dates and their contribution toward a revised chronology for the late Miocene Nonmarine of Europe and West Asia. - In: BERNOR, R.L., FAHLBUSCH, V. & MITTMANN, H.-W. (Eds.): The evolution of Western Eurasian Neogene mammal faunas, 271-289; New York (Columbia University Press).
- THENIUS, E. (1948): Über die Entwicklung des Hornzapfens von Miotragocerus. - Sitzungsberichte der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematischnaturwissenschaftliche Klasse, Abteilung 1, 157: 203-221.
- Thenius, E. (1948b): Die Säugetierfauna aus den Congerienschichten von Brunn-Vösendorf bei Wien. -Verhandlungen der Geologischen Bundesanstalt, Wien, **7-9**: 113-131.
- Thenius, E. (1952): Die Boviden des steirischen Tertiärs. Sitzungsberichte der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, mathematisch-naturwissenschaftliche Klasse, Abteilung 1, **161** (7): 409-439.
- THENIUS, E. (1956): Zur Entwicklung des Knochenzapfens von Protragocerus Depéret aus dem Miozän. - Geologie, **5** (3): 308-318.
- Tobien, H. (1953): Miotragocerus Stromer (Bovidae, Mamm.) aus den unterpliocänen Dinotheriensanden Rheinhessens. - Notizblatt des hessischen Landesamts für Bodenforschung zu Wiesbaden, 81 (4): 52-58.
- ZHANG, Z.-Q. (2005): Late Miocene Boselaphini (Bovidae, Artiodactyla) from Fugu, Shaanxi Province, China. -Vertebrata PalAsiatica, 43 (3): 208-218.

Manuscript received: November 4th, 2014. Revised version accepted by the Stuttgart editor: January 14th, 2015.

Addresses of the authors:

JOCHEN FUSS, MADELAINE BÖHME, Department of Geoscience, University of Tuebingen, Germany; Senckenberg Centre for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment (HEP);

e-mails: jochen.fuss@uni-tuebingen.de, m.boehme@ifg. uni-tuebingen.de

JÉRÔME PRIETO, Department of Earth and Environmental Science, University of Munich, Germany; e-mail: j.prieto@lrz.uni-muenchen.de

Appendix

Table 1. Horn core dimensions (in mm) of *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede, Oberföhring, Unterföhring, Atzgersdorf/Mauer, Ober-Hollabrunn), cf. *M. monacensis* (Nexing), Boselaphini indet., cf. *Austroportax latifrons* and *A. latifrons* (all from Ober-Hollabrunn), *?Protragocerus chantrei* (Sommerein), *Miotragocerus* sp. (Dorn-Dürkheim) and *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg, Mistelbach, Inzersdorf, Altmannsdorf, Sopron). The citations of data sources are added within the table.

Sample ID	description	L	L _k	L _c (preserved)	DAP ₀	DT ₀	DAP ₁	DT ₁	DAP ₂	DT ₂	DAP ₃	DT ₃	DAP ₄	DT ₄	horn core distance, antero- basal		angle between horn core and calvarium	L _{Pp}	L _{Pa}	W _{fs}
M. monacensis,	Ham 5 (GPIT), our meas	uremen	its																	
GPIT/MA/03483	horn core, dextr.	208.0	62.5	146.0	53.0	23.2	49.0	22.9	30.2	24.6	19.8	16.1	12.1	10.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
GPIT/MA/03483	horn core, sin.	158.5	62.0	96.7	49.9	25.0	46.4	23.6	29.9	24.5	18.0	18.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. monacensis,	Oberföhring (BSPG), our	measu	remen	ts																
BSPG 1923 I 9	horn core, sin.	132.5	70.7	61.4	46.5	23.8	37.2	20.0	27.6	18.8	15.1	12.7	-	-	~42,5	~76,3	35°	31.0		24.5
M. monacensis,	Unterföhring (BSPG), ou	r meas	uremer	its																
BSPG 1921 I 34	horn core, sin.	140.0	107.3	29.2	44.6	25.5	28.6	16.4	18.5	13.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.0	22.2	-
M. monacensis,	Atzgersdorf/Mauer (NH	MW), o	ur mea	surement	s															
2014/0376/0001	horn core, dext.	92.1	62.1	35.7	38.6	22.0	29.3	19.0	19.3	15.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.7
M. monacensis,	Ober-Hollabrunn (NHM)	W), our	measu	rements																
2014/0375/0001	pedicles, dext.+ sin.	-	-	-	~46.5	~24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~44°	~33	-	29.8
cf. M. monacensi	is , Nexing (IPUW), our n	neasure	ments																	
3193	horn core, dext.	79	77.2	-	36.8	21.8	28.3	15.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~26	-	-
Boselaphini inde	t., Ober-Hollabrunn (NH	MW), c	ur mea	suremen	ts															
2014/0374/0001	horn core, dext.	70.0	-	-	30.5	23.7	22.3	15.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
cf. A. latifrons , C	Dber-Hollabrunn (IPUW)	, our m	easurei	nents																
1510	horn core, dext.	120.0	-	-	39.8	24.2	33.4	21.0	16.7	15.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. latifrons (cast), Ober-Hollabrunn (NH	MW), o	ur mea	surement	ts															
2014/0377/0001	horn core, dext.	-	150.0	-	49.2	26.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.8	9.6	-	-	60°	-	-	-
? P. chantrei , Soi	mmerein (NHMW), our	measur	ements																	
2014/0373/0001	horn core, dext.	82.0	33.0	53.0	37.6	24.2	32.0	21.3	23.3	16.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. pannoniae , H	löwenegg (SMNK), our n	neasure	ments																	
U/44	horn core, dext.	241.0	159.0	87.0	65.6	43.6	37.5	22.3	30.2	22.7	21.9	17.8	17.0	14.7	5.4	77	~50°	38.9	~29	-
S/56	horn core, dext. (juvenile)	137.0	-	-	39.4	24.3	= DAP ₀	= DT ₀	-	-	27.6	19.8	14.5	6.3	12.2	54.4	~50°	34.1	-	_
S/56	horn core, sin. (juvenile)	133.0	-	-	41.8	25.2	= DAP ₀	= DT ₀	-	-	29.0	19.9	15.1	7.3	-	-	-	34.8	31.5	
72/56	horn core, dext.	320.0	180.0	135.0	71.6	40.1	42.1	28.9	30.2	26.9	22.7	18.2	15.0	11.2	-	-	-	28.3	38.5	-
99/89	horn core (female)	195.0	-	-	36.6	31.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.3	19.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. pannoniae , H	löwenegg (local museun	n Imme	ndinge	n), our me	easurem	ents														
W58	horn core (female)	269.0	-	-	41.2	22.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.6	6.9	7.5	52.9	~65°	32.0	33.3	-
M. pannoniae , H	löwenegg (SMNS), our n	neasure	ments																	
47279a	horn core, dext.	350.0	~170	~85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.4	-	-	83.7	62.5	-
Miotragocerus s	p., Dorn-Dürkheim 1, GE	NTRY &	KAISER	(2009)																
SMF-DD-2345	horn core, dext.	75.0	-	-	51.5	32.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. pannoniae , se	everal localities, THENIU	s (1948)																	
Mistelbach	horn core, sin.	-	-	-	52.0	30.0	47.2	26.2	-	-	-	-	26.0	24.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inzersdorf	horn core, sin.	-	-	-	62.0	36.0	40.0	27.0	-	-	-	-	25.0	23.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Altmannsdorf	horn core, sin. (juvenile)	-	-	-	= DAP ₁	= DT ₁	47.8	23.6	-	-	-	-	20.8	20.0	-	-	-	-	-	_
Sopron	horn core				= DAP ₁	= DT ₁	~50.0	34.0					20.0	21.0	-	_	-		-	
Jopion				_	Dr. 1	1	50,0	34.0	1				20.0	22.0				1		1 -

Table 2. Tooth row measurements (in mm) in *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede), *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg), *Protragocerus chantrei* (La Grive) and Boselaphini indet. (Tiefernitzgraben).

Sample-ID	Lower tooth r	ow		Upper tooth r	ow					
	p2-m3	m1-m3	p2-p4	P2-M3	M1-M3	P2-P4				
Miotragocerus m	onacensis , Hai	m5 (GPIT), our	measuremen	t						
GPIT/MA/07196	~97	57.0	~40	-	-	-				
Miotragocerus m	onacensis , Ha	mmerschmied	e (BSPG), our	measurement						
BSPG 1521	96.7	58.3	40.0	-	-	-				
Miotragocerus pa	<i>ınnoniae</i> , Höw	enegg (SMNK), BERG 1970							
II	105.1	60.8	44.4	102.0	54.0	46.2				
L	-	65.0	-	107.0	56.0	51.0				
Q	105.0	62.0	41.0	93.0	53.4	42.2				
U	100.8	58.4	41.7	93.0	50.1	41.5				
W	95.2	56.3	39.8	90.0	51.0	42.0				
56/20	-	-	-	90.0	50.0	40.0				
436	-	-	-	92.5	52.0	42.0				
Miotragocerus p	annoniae , Höv	venegg (SMNI	(), our measur	ement						
100/59	-	57.0	41.7	-	-	-				
Miotragocerus p	annoniae , Höv	venegg	_							
(local museum Im	mendingen), o	our measurem	ent							
W58	97.9	56.7	41.9	93.8	53.2	58.9				
Miotragocerus p	annoniae , Höv	wenegg (SMNS	s), our measur	ement						
47279a	107.2	61.9	45.5	-	1	-				
Protragocerus cho	<i>antrei ,</i> La Griv	e (Museum Ly	on), DEPÉRET (1887)						
Lgr471	-	55.0	-	-	-	-				
Boselaphini indet. (one individual), Tiefernitzgraben near Graz										
(Museum Joanneum Graz), our measurement										
- (dextral)	96.9	57.8	39.1	-	-	45.8				
- (sinistral)	96.9	57	40.6	-	? ~47.2	~44.8				

 $\textbf{Table 3.} \ \ \textit{Measurements (in mm) of upper molars in } \ \textit{Miotragocerus monacensis} \ \ (\textit{Hammerschmiede}) \ \ \textit{and} \ \ \textit{M. pannoniae} \ \ (\textit{H\"owenegg}).$

Sample-ID	Tooth position	Ha	H _o	DAP	DTa	DTp
Miotragocerus m			r	DAP	Dia	D1 _p
GPIT/MA/03484	M2/3?, dext.	12.9	12.9	17.7	18.2	16.2
GPIT/MA/07199	M2/3?, dext.	14.2	14.2	17.0	18.1	15.8
Miotragocerus pa					10.1	15.8
122	M1, sin.	10.3	12.1	15.3	17.4	16.6
U/44	M1, dext.	-	-	13.7	17.2	17.5
U/44	M2, dext.	-	-	17.4	20.2	18.9
U/44	M3, dext.	-	-	18.7	19.2	16.3
Q1955	M1, dext.	-	-	14.9	17.9	17.9
Q1955	M2, dext.	-	-	17.4	20.7	20.1
Q1955	M3, dext.	-	-	19.6	20.7	17.9
Miotragocerus pa	<i>nnoniae ,</i> Höwen	egg (SMNK), B	ERG (1970), su	pplemented w	ith our own n	neasurements
II	M2, sin.	-	-	18.2	20.8	19.2
II	M3, sin.	-	-	18.5	19.9	18.3
R	M1, sin.	-	-	13.5	15.1	16.2
S	M1, dext.	-	-	15.2	15.9	-
S	M2, dext.	-	-	15.0	17.5	16.5
W58	M1, sin.	9.3	9.9	14.5	16.3	16.2
W58	M2, sin.	12.4	12.6	16.1	18.6	17.1
W58	M3, sin.	12.3	12.5	18.5	18.5	17.0
56/20	M1, dext.	-	-	14.3	19.8	19.5
56/20	M2, dext.	-	-	17.4	21.6	20.0
56/20	M3, dext.	-	-	18.2	20.1	18.0
431	M2/3?, dext.	-	-	16.5	-	19.7
431	M3/2?, dext.	-	-	18.1	20.4	19.1
431	M1, sin.	-	-	14.0	-	17.3
431	M2, sin.	-	-	16.2	-	19.3
431	M3, sin.	-	-	17.8	20.3	18.4
436	M1	-	-	14.5	17.8	17.5
436	M2	-	-	17.7	20.2	19.7
436	M3	-	-	18.4	19.0	17.7

Table 4. Measurements (in mm) of upper premolars in *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede), Boselaphini indet. (Aumeister, La Grive and Tiefernitzgraben) and *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg).

			*			
Sample-ID	Tooth position	Н	DAP	DT	DTa	DTp
Miotragocerus mo	nacensis , Ham5 (G	PIT), our meas	urement			
GPIT/MA/05740	P4, dext.	12.4	11.1	14.0	-	-
GPIT/MA/05741	P3, dext.	11.4	14.4	-	9.6	(~11)
GPIT/MA/05743	P2, dext.	10.8	15.5	-	8.6	10.7
Boselaphini indet.	, Aumeister (BSPG),	our measurer	nent			
BSPG 1926 V 34	P4, dext.	11.2	10.0	12.4	-	-
Miotragocerus pa	nnoniae , Höweneg	g (SMNK), our	measurement			
122	P4, sin.	12.4	12.3	16.0	-	-
122	P3, sin.	12.1	14.3	-	10.5	13.4
U/44	P4, dext.	-	11.7	15.6	-	-
U/44	P3, dext.	-	13.7	-	10.3	13.9
Q1955	P4, dext.	-	12.3	14.8	-	-
Q1955	P3, dext.	-	14.9	-	11.6	14.4
Q1955	P2, dext.	-	14.3	-	10.0	10.9
Miotragocerus par	nnoniae , Höweneg	g (SMNK), BER	G (1970), supp	lemented with	our own mea	surements
II	P4, sin.	-	13.4	16.9	-	-
R	P2, sin.	-	14.0	8.3	-	-
W58	P2, sin.	-	13.8	-	9.9	10.9
W58	P3, sin.	-	14.3	-	12.7	13.7
W58	P4, sin.	-	12.8	15.3	-	-
56/20	P2, dext.	-	13.3	12.2	-	-
56/20	P4, dext.	-	13.2	17.4	-	-
431	P2, dext.	-	13.8	10.1	-	-
436	P2	-	15.9	11.3	-	-
436	P4	-	11.9	15.9	-	-
Boselaphini indet.	, La Grive (Museum	Lyon), ROMAG	GGI (1987)			
Lgr 474	P4	-	11	13	-	-
Lgr 475	P4	-	11.6	13	-	-
Lgr 479	P3	-	13.5	10.1	-	-
Lgr 476	P3	-	15	11	-	-
Lgr 478	P2	-	15	9.5	-	-
Boselaphini indet.	, La Grive (Museum	Lyon), MOYÀ-	SOLÀ (1983)			
-	P3	-	13.1	11.2	-	-
-	P3	-	13.9	10.6	-	-
-	P3	-	13.4	10.4	-	-
-	P3	-	13.3	11	-	-
-	P2	-	14	9.7	-	-
Boselaphini indet.	(one individual), Ti	efernitzgraber	near Graz (M	useum Joanne	um Graz), our	measurement
1399	P2, dext.	-	16.1	-	10.1	12
1399	P3, dext.	-	16.1	-	10.7	12.5
1399	P4, dext.	-	~12.7	-	-	-
1400	P4, sin.	-	13.2	-	-	-
	.,					

Table 5. Measurements (in mm) of lower molars in *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede), *M. pannoniae* (Höwenegg), Boselaphini indet. (Tiefernitzgraben, Nexing, Schildbach and Wien-Türkenschanze) and *Miotragocerus sp.* (Tobel Oelhalde-Süd).

Sample-ID	Tooth position	Ha	Hp	H _{talonid}	DAP	DTa	DTp	DT _{talonid}				
Miotragocerus monac		_			DAF	Dia	Dip	talonid				
GPIT/MA/05744	m1, sin.	9.7	9.2	<u> </u>	15.3	10.9	11.8	1				
GPIT/MA/05745	m2, dext.	9.2	9	-	16.9	12.3	13.2	1				
GPIT/MA/05746	m1, sin.	14.9	14.6	-	16.4	10.9	12	1				
GPIT/MA/07197	m3, sin.	12.7	11.9	7.2	23.4	12.6	12.2	6.9				
GPIT/MA/07196	m1, dext.	8.9	7.6	-	15.0	10.3	11.6	0.5				
GPIT/MA/07196	m2, dext.	12.3	11.5	-	17.2	12.0	12.6	1				
GPIT/MA/07196	m3, dext.	14.5	12.8	7.5	23.9	11.7	11.5	6.6				
Miotragocerus monac						2217	11.0	0.0				
BSPG 1521	m1, dext.	-	6.3	-	15.0	10.4	12.0	1				
BSPG 1521	m2, dext.	9.2	8.6	-	17.6	13.2	13.6	1				
BSPG 1521	m3, dext.	13.4	12.4	7.6	26.3	13.0	12.3	6.9				
Miotragocerus panno												
II	m1, sin.	-	-	-	17.1	12.1	12.2]				
II	m2, sin.	-	-	-	18.0	13.0	13.2	1				
II	m3, sin.	-	-	-	25.7	14.2	13.0	-				
Q	m1, sin.	-	-	-	16.5	11.2	12.0					
Q	m2, sin.	-	-	-	17.5	13.0	12.8	1				
Q	m3, sin.	-	-	-	27.0	12.6	12.0	7.3				
U	m1, dext.	-	-	-	15.0	10.3	11.2					
U	m2, dext.	-	-	-	16.7	12.6	12.9	1				
U	m3, dext.	-	-	-	25.6	12.5	12.2	7.2				
W58	m1	-	-	-	14.5	11.2	11.6					
W58	m2	-	-	-	16.5	12.1	11.9					
W58	m3	-	-	-	24.8	12.2	11.5	6.8				
432	m2, dext.	-	-	-	16.9	12.0	12.3					
432	m3, dext.	-	-	-	25.2	-	11.8	6.9				
Boselaphini indet. (one individual), Tiefernitzgraben near Graz (Museum Joanneum Graz), our measurement												
1399	m1, dext.	-	-	-	14.3	9.9	10.8					
1399	m2, dext.	-	-	-	17.2	12.2	12.1					
1399	m3, dext.	-	-	-	25	12.1	11.5	6.5				
1400	m3, sin.	-	-	-	25.1	12.3	11.6	6.9				
Miotragocerus sp., To	bel Oelhalde-Sü	d, near Bib	erach (SMI	NS), SACH (1999)			,				
46656	m1, dext.	-	-	-	~14.5	9.4	-	1				
46656	m2, dext.	-	-	-	16.4	11.4	11.4					
Boselaphini indet., Ne	exing (NHMW), or	ur measure	ement					1				
2003z0089/0045	m1, sin.	_	_	_	12	_	_					
(Collection Lienhart)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							-				
2003z0089/0045	m2, sin.	-	-	-	15.5	9.4	10.8					
(Collection Lienhart)	1							-				
2003z0089/0046	m2, sin.	-	-	-	15.1	10.2	10.6					
(Collection Lienhart)	<u> </u>											
2003z0089/0047	m3, sin.	-	-	-	21.8	10	9.5	6.8				
(Collection Lienhart)	<u> </u>				- 10		40.5	\vdash				
2014/0372/0001	m1, sin. (cast)	-	-	-	13	9.1	10.5	-				
2014/0372/0001 Boselaphini indet., Ne	m2, sin. (cast)			-	15.5	10.3	11.4]				
?	xing (NHIVIW), IV	 (1961)) 	Ι			Ι	1				
	m1	-	-	-	13.4	-	9.7					
(Collection Zapfe)					_			-				
(Collection Zapfe)	m2	-	-	-	16.3	-	10.6					
Boselaphini indet., Scl	hildhach (NHMW). Mottl (1	961)			I.		1				
?	m1	,, WOLLI (1:	_		13.0	_	10.0	1				
?	m2	-	-	-	16.0	-	11.0	†				
?	m3	-	-		22.0	10.5	-	1				
Boselaphini indet., Wi		e (NHMW). Mottl (10	961)	22.0	10.5		1				
?	m2			-	15.9		11.8	1				
?	m3	-	-	-	22.8	10.8	-	1				
<u>.</u>	1				22.0	10.0		1				

Table 6. Measurements (in mm) of lower premolars in Miotragocerus monacensis (Hammerschmiede), M. pannoniae (Höwenegg), Boselaphini indet. (Tiefernitzgraben, Nexing and Schildbach) and Miotragocerus sp. (Tobel Oelhalde-Süd).

Sample-ID	Tooth position	н	DAP	DT	DTa	DTp
Miotragocerus mona	censis , Ham5 (GP	IT), our measu	rement	•	•	•
GPIT/MA/05742	p4, sin.	9.1	15.2	-	7.9	8.6
GPIT/MA/07196	p4, dext.	9.9	16.0	-	8.5	9.5
GPIT/MA/07198	p3, dext.	7.2	12.8	-	6.3	7.8
Miotragocerus mona	censis , Hammerso	chmiede (BSPC	3), our measu	rement	•	•
BSPG 1521	p2, dext.	6.5	9.4	5.7	-	-
BSPG 1521	p3, dext.	10.3	13.3	-	6.7	8.7
BSPG 1521	p4, dext.	9.5	15.7	-	8.3	9.8
Miotragocerus panno	niae , Höwenegg	(SMNK), our n	neasurement			
U/45	p4, sin	8.8	14.9	-	8.1	8.5
Miotragocerus panno	niae , Höwenegg	(SMNK), BERG	(1970)			
 	p2, sin.	-	10.3	5.8	-	-
 II	p3, sin.	-	15.3	8.2	-	-
 II	p4, sin.	-	17.2	9.7	-	-
L	p2, sin.	-	9.6	5.2	-	-
Q	p2, sin.	-	9.9	5.4	-	-
Q	p3, sin.	-	14.3	6.9	-	-
Q	p4, sin.	-	15.3	7.9	-	-
U	p2, dext.	-	9.5	5.5	-	-
U	p3, dext.	-	13.7	7.2	-	-
U	p4, dext.	-	15.1	8.3	-	-
W58	p2	-	8.3	5.8	-	-
W58	p3	-	13.2	6.9	-	-
W58	p4	11.1	15.1		7.8	8.4
432	p3, dext.	-	14.1	8.1	-	-
Miotragocerus panno		(SMNS), our n				
47279a	p2	7.1	11.1	5.7	_	-
47279a	p3	10.8	14.2	8.4		-
47279a	p4	10.8	16.4	7.9	_	-
Boselaphini indet. (or	Tr				ım Graz), our	measuremen
1399	p2, dext.		9.8	5.8	_	_
1400	p2, sin.		10.5	5.8		
1399	p3, dext.		14.3	3.0	6.9	8.2
1400	p3, sin.		14.2		6.3	8.1
1399	p4, dext.		15.5		8.2	9.1
1400	p4, sin.		16		7.6	9.4
Miotragocerus sp., To	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	l near Ribera		CH (1999)	7.0	3.4
46656	p3, dext.		12.5		_	8.0
46656	p4, dext.	-	13.9	-	-	8.5
Boselaphini indet., No		ır measureme				3.3
2014/0372/0001	p3, sin. (cast)	-	13.8	_	_	7.8
2014/0372/0001	p4, sin. (cast)	_	15.6			8
2003z0089/0045	p-1, 3111. (Cd31)		13		_	
(Collection Lienhart)	p4, sin.	-	13.5	-	-	7.3
Boselaphini indet., N	exing (NHM/M) M	OTTI (1961)	1			
?		(1301)		Ι		
(Collection Zapfe)	p4	-	14.2	-	-	7.2
Boselaphini indet., So	hildhach (NIHNAN)	MOTTI (106	1)		I	
?	p4), IVIOTIL (190	14.2	_		7.1
1	lh-t	_	14.2	_	_	/.1

Table 7. Measurements of humeri, phalanges, astragali and metacarpals/metatarsals III+IV of *Miotragocerus monacensis* (Hammerschmiede and Unterföhring), *Protragocerus chantrei* (La Grive) and ? *Austroportax latifrons* (Ober-Hollabrunn).

Humeri											
Sample ID	DAP	DT	W _{fo}	D _{fo}							
Miotragocerus monacensis, Ham 5 (GPIT), our measurement											
GPIT/MA/07202 humerus, dext., distal end 19.4 37.2 14.5 -											
Miotragocerus monacensis , Unterföhring (BSPG), our measurement											
BSPG 1921 I 501	humerus, sin., distal end	21.1	38.1	14.7	11.8						
Miotragocerus pa	nnoniae, Höwenegg (SMNS), our m	easure	ment								
Höw 06/127 humerus, dext., distal end 22.5 39.8 16.2 16.5											
47279a	humerus, sin.	~22,5	~53,8	-	-						

Phalanges	Phalanges										
Sample ID	description	L	DAP _{min}	DT_{min}	DAP_p	DTp	DAP_d	DT_d			
Miotragocerus me	Miotragocerus monacensis , Ham 5 (GPIT), our measurement										
GPIT/MA/03487	phalanx proximalis	42.6	10.7	13.3	18.1	15.1	12.2	14.6			
GPIT/MA/07201	phalanx proximalis, distal end	-	-	-	-	-	13.1	14.4			
GPIT/MA/07200	phalanx medialis	27.9	14.3	11.8	-	15.7	17.4	12.6			
Miotragocerus me	Miotragocerus monacensis , Hammerschmiede (BSPG), our measurement										
BSPG 1527	phalanx proximalis, prox. end	-	-	-	19.1	~15,9	-	-			
BSPG 1520	phalanx medialis, prox. end	-	-	-	20.3	15.9	-	-			
Miotragocerus pa	nnoniae, Höwenegg (SMNK), our m	neasure	ement								
D54/D33	phalanx proximalis	38.0	11.1	13.6	17.9	16.3	12.4	13.9			
D54/D36	phalanx proximalis	39.2	11.5	14.7	18.4	15.1	12.2	13.5			
787	phalanx proximalis	46.0	12.6	15.6	19.2	17.9	14.3	15.3			
52	phalanx proximalis	47.0	12.5	15.4	20.7	17.7	13.9	14.5			
772	phalanx proximalis	45.0	13.3	14.0	21.2	16.8	14.2	14.8			

Astragali											
Sample ID	description	L	T _I	Tp	T _D	Lı	W _I	W _D	W _P	D _{tr}	L _M
Miotragocerus monacensis, Ham 5 (GPIT), our measurement											
GPIT/MA/03485	astragalus, dext.	44.7	22.7	16.0	18.5	35.5	23.9	25.5	25.2	5.5	42.1
Miotragocerus monacensis, Hammerschmiede (BSPG), our measurement											
BSPG 1522	astragalus, dext.	-	21.6	-	18.4	~35,1	23.1	25.1	-	-	40.2
Miotragocerus po	annoniae, Höwenegg (SMNK), our n	neasure	ement								
58/55	astragalus, dext.	41.9	21.7	16.9	17.5	33.1	24.4	27.1	27.1	5.3	39.6
459	astragalus, dext.	45.0	24.5	17.4	20.0	35.8	26.3	29.4	29.5	5.6	42.9
813/59	astragalus, dext.	41.8	22.4	15.6	19.4	33.0	23.5	25.1	25.4	5.3	38.5
Protragocerus chantrei , La Grive (Museum Lyon), DEPÉRET 1887											
_	astragalus	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	_	-	-

Metacarpal/Metatarsal III+IV													
Sample ID	description	L	DAP _{min}	DT_{min}	DAPpe	DAP_{pi}	DTp	DT_{pe}	DT_{pi}	DAP _d	DT _d	DT_de	DT _{di}
Miotragocerus mo	onacensis, Ham 5 (GPIT), our meası	ıremer	it										
GPIT/MA/03486	metacarpal, dext., prox. end	-	-	-	17.8	20.5	30.9	14.3	14.3	-	-	-	-
GPIT/MA/03486	metacarpal, dext., distal end	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.9	32.4	14.7	14.9
Miotragocerus mo	Miotragocerus monacensis , Hammerschmiede (BSPG), our measurement												
BSPG 1523	metacarpal, distal end	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.8	~31,7	15,3 (DT _{di} ?)	-
BSPG 1519	metatarsal, dext., prox. end	-	-	-		26.1	30.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miotragocerus pa	nnoniae, Höwenegg (SMNK), our m	neasure	ement										
MI/42	metacarpal, dext.	196.0	16.1	22.7	18.6	23.3	34.6	16.0	16.2	23.2	34.7	15.9	15.6
D54/D13	metacarpal, sin.	198.0	17.1	21.4	16.9	20.6	32.7	12.6	14.2	22.2	31.2	14.0	13.2
U78	metacarpal, sin.	209.0	16.0	21.4	17.4	20.3	33.1	13.3	16.2	23.1	33.0	15.3	15.4
MI/9	metatarsal, sin.	208.0	17.5	14.5	28.1	29.4	30.8	-	-	23.3	35.1	16.5	15.6
? Austroportax la	tifrons , Oberhollabrunn (IPUW), ou	r meas	urement	t									
-	metatarsal, dext.	195.9	16.6	18.5	26.5	28.4	29.9	-	-	22.9	35.0	15.7	15.7
Protragocerus chantrei , La Grive (Museum Lyon), DEPÉRET 1887													
-	metacarpal	-	-	-	-	-	29.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	metatarsal	-	-	-	-	-	28.0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 8. Investigated boselaphin horn core specimens with previous and revised identifications. The specimens used in this study, but assigned to *M. pannoniae* are excluded here.

Sample ID	Location	Identifications						
BSPG 1923 I 9	Oberföhring (Munich)	Miotragocerus monacensis (holotype)	STROMER (1928)					
BSPG 1921 I 34	Unterföhring (Munich)	Miotragocerus monacensis Miotragocerus monacensis	STROMER (1928) this study					
GPIT/MA/03483	Hammerschmiede	Miotragocerus monacensis	this study					
NHMW2014/0376/0001	Atzgersdorf/Mauer	Protragocerus chantrei Miotragocerus monacensis Protragocerus chantrei	ABEL(1927) STROMER (1928) THENIUS (1956)					
		Miotragocerus monacensis	this study					
IPUW 3193	Nexing	Miotragocerus monacensis Protragocerus chantrei cf. Miotragocerus monacensis	THENIUS (1948) THENIUS (1956) this study					
NHMW2014/0375/0001	Ober-Hollabrunn	Miotragocerus monacensis Miotragocerus monacensis	SICKENBERG (1929) this study					
NHMW2014/0374/0001	Ober-Hollabrunn	Boselaphini indet.	this study					
NHMW2014/0377/0001	Ober-Hollabrunn	Austroportax latifrons (cast of the holotype)	SICKENBERG (1929)					
IPUW 1510	Ober-Hollabrunn	Protragocerus chantrei cf. Austroportax latifrons	THENIUS (1956) this study					
IPUW 1480	La Grive, fissure PB A	Protragocerus chantrei (cast of the holotype)	DEPÉRET (1887)					
NHMW2014/0373/0001	Sommerein	Protragocerus chantrei ? Protragocerus chantrei	THENIUS (1956) this study					