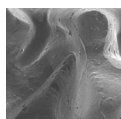


New insectivores (Lipotyphla, Mammalia) from the Late Miocene of the Sivas Basin, Central Anatolia

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The ages of the rich Central Anatolian Late Miocene mammal sites Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla are only approximately known. One of the main reasons for the age uncertainties is the substantial faunal difference between Anatolia and Europe during this time slice, hampering correlations to the European MN system. Previously, a MN 10 or MN 11 age has been assigned to Hayranlı 1 (Anatolian Zone J) and a MN 12 age to Düzyayla (Zone K) based on rodents. Here we studied the fossil insectivores from these two Turkish Miocene localities. We found an almost identical faunal content of the two localities, including one erinaceid (*Schizogalerix sinapensis*), five soricids (*Paenelimnoecus* sp., *Amblycoptus oligodon*, *Petenya dubia*, Soricinae indet. and Crocidurinae/Crocidosoricinae indet.), and two talpids (*Desmanella* aff. *cingulata* and *Desmanodon larsi* sp. nov.). With the only difference being the absence of *Paenelimnoecus* in Düzyayla, the insectivore fauna suggests that the sites are not significantly different in age. The presence of *A. oligodon* is indicative of MN 12 in Europe. The rest of the assemblage is in complete agreement with a Turolian (MN 11–13) age. Our results also imply that *D. larsi* sp. nov. represents the youngest record of *Desmanodon*, extending the biostratigraphical range of this genus significantly. • Key words: Hayranlı, Düzyayla, Insectivora, Neogene, Turkey, *Desmanodon*, biostratigraphy.

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Up to now, the correlation of early Late Miocene (MN 9–13) Anatolian micromammal assemblages to the MN scale is not straightforward, because of the low faunal similarity with the reference localities as defined in Spain for this interval, and the potential diachrony accompanying species dispersal. Whereas the interest for an independent Anatolian continental biostratigraphy started already in the 1960s (Sickenberg *et al.* 1975) the first approaches towards a modern Neogene biozonation appeared relatively recent (Ünay *et al.* 2003, De Bruijn *et al.* 2013). The 16 zones (A–P) used by these authors are based on associations of Muroidea and Dipodidae rodents from 42 localities and have a temporal resolution comparable to that of MN zones. Apart from biochronology, the number of magnetostratigraphic records and radiometric dates for mammal-containing sequences in Anatolia is still relatively low, with some notable exceptions (*e.g.*, Kappelman *et al.* 2003).

The rich micromammal assemblages of Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla (Sivas Basin, Central Anatolia, Fig. 1) are pivotal for the continental biochronology of the late Miocene of Anatolia. The rodent assemblage collected from the locality Hayranlı 1 has provisionally been correlated to MN 10 or MN 11, whereas Düzyayla has been correlated to MN 12 based on both micro- and macromammals (De Bruijn *et al.* 1999, 2013). Bovids from the area (Haliminhani, the localities 58-HAY-14, 19, 23, and 70, situated in section roughly parallel to the one of Hayranlı) have been assigned to MN 11 or “early” MN 12 (Bibi & Güleş 2008), whereas a correlation of two Haliminhani sites to MN 11 was made on the basis of the evolutionary stage of the suid *Microstonyx major* (58-HAY-2 and 19, Van der Made *et al.* 2013). Furthermore, unpublished work on the murines shows that one of the Hayranlı 1 *Apodemus-Parapodemus* populations is more primitive than the one from Düzyayla. On the other hand, in a recent study on the late Miocene Sciuridae from Anatolia

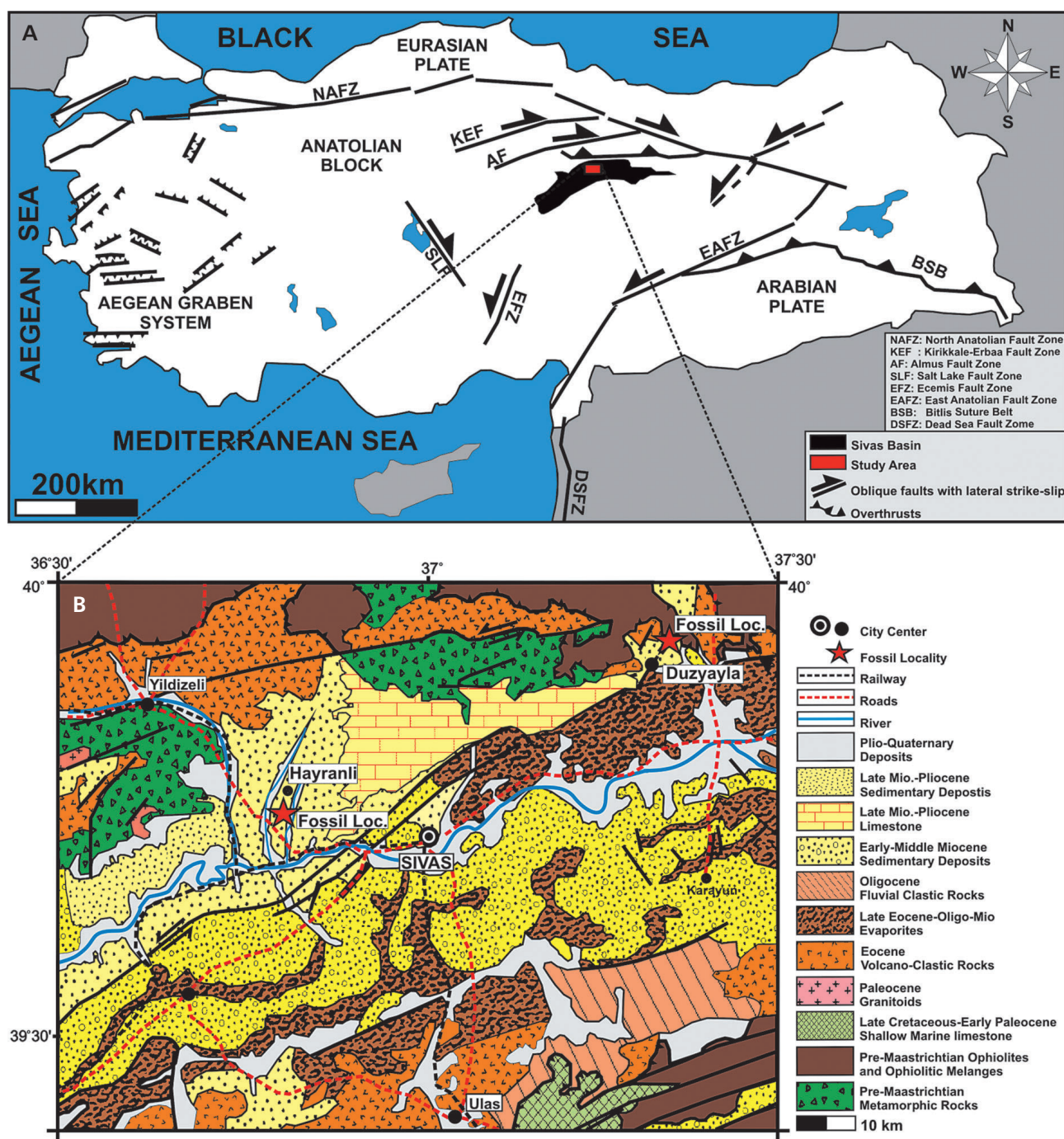


Figure 1. A – geodynamic divisions and distribution of major lineaments in Turkey (Gürsoy *et al.* 1997). • B – geologic map of the Sivas Basin showing fossil localities (Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla) simplified from 1/500.000 scale geological map sheet of Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration.

(Bosma *et al.* 2013), no differences in evolutionary stage could be observed between *Spermophilinus bredai* populations from both sites. In any case, based on murines and other rodents, it can be stated with certainty that Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla are younger than the series of localities contained in the Sinap Tepe composite section (11.0–9.3 Ma, MN 9–10; Kappelman *et al.* 2003).

Here we will focus on the insectivore assemblages from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla and several other time-equivalent sites from Anatolia and Greece. The systematics of the recovered Erinaceidae, Soricidae and Talpidae will be discussed, as well as the chronological implications. A complete chronological overview for the Hayranlı 1 area including both bio- and magnetostratigraphy will be published at a later stage.

Geological setting

The deposits that include Hayranlı 1 (39°44′ 34.40″ N, 36°48′ 43.30″ E) and Düzyayla (39°55′ 33.40″ N, 37°18′ 56.50″ E) belong to the Sivas Basin in the eastern part of Central Anatolia. The formation of this complex basin is related to late Cretaceous–early Cenozoic extension following collision between the Pontide Orogen in the north and Tauride Orogen in the south (Gürsoy *et al.* 1997). From old to young, the Sivas Basin infill includes (Fig. 1): (1) Upper Cretaceous to Palaeogene marine sediments, volcanics, continental clastics, and lagoonal evaporates; (2) Early Neogene shallow marine and fluvial deposits; and (3) Late Neogene and Quaternary fluvial deposits (see Dirik *et al.* 1999 and references therein). Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla belong to the third sequence (İncesu Formation), which was initiated at the end of the Middle Miocene by the collision and northward convergence of the Arabian Plate along the Bitlis-Zagros Suture Zone (Şengör & Yılmaz 1981).

The Hayranlı 1 small mammal collection was obtained from a green marl horizon between conglomerate and sandy red mudstone layers. The first small mammals were found by Gerçek Saraç (Mineral Research and Exploration Institute of Turkey, MTA) and Tim White (University of California, Berkeley). In 1998, the collection was significantly enlarged by a Dutch-Turkish team directed by Hans de Bruijn (Utrecht University). In 2009, one of us (F.K.) continued sampling for small mammal fossils from Hayranlı 1 to expand on the previous findings (Kaya & Kaymakçı 2013).

Around the same time, the Düzyayla micromammal material was recovered from two levels (clay and lignite) in the upper part of the İncesu Formation. The clay level has also provided fossils of macromammals, including abundant *Deinotherium* (see De Bruijn *et al.* 1999).

Material and methods

The main part of the studied insectivore material from Hayranlı 1 (abbreviated HAY1) will be stored in the Mineral Research and Exploration Institute of Turkey (MTA, Ankara). Further material from the same level collected by one of us (F.K.) in 2009, is housed in the Sivas Museum of Archaeology, for which the museum code (*e.g.*, 58-HAY/84-INS-1) includes the province code of Sivas city (58), name of the succession (HAY refers Hayranlı), the locality number (84), the taxonomic group (INS refers insectivore) and the specimen number (1). The material from Düzyayla (abbreviated DÜ) will be stored at MTA also. Unlike the rodent material, the Düzyayla insectivore fossils from the clay and lignite level were not kept separate in the collection. Given the total amount of fossils

of the two beds (De Bruijn *et al.* 1999) the bulk of the material can be assumed to have originated from the clay bed.

Measurements of the teeth follow Selänne (2003) for *Schizogalerix*, Reumer (1984) for Soricidae except *Amblycoptus* (Van Dam 2004), and García-Alix *et al.* (2011) for the talpids *Desmanella* and *Desmanodon*. The tribal classification of the Soricinae shrews follows Reumer (1998), whereas the generic distinction of species is according to Storch (1995) for the Blarinellini and Van Dam (2004) for the Anourosoricini. SEM photographs were taken at the Servei de Microscopia Electrònica from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Abbreviations. – a – lower antemolar; A – upper antemolar; AW – anterior width; BL – buccal length; C – upper canine; H – height; i – lower incisor; I – upper incisor; L – left (when referred to dental element), length (when referred to measurement); LL – lingual length; L_{m1-m3} – length of the lower molar row; LT – length of the talon; m – lower molar; M – upper molar; p – lower premolar; P – upper premolar; PE – posterior emargination; PW – posterior width; R – right; TAW – talonid width; TRW – trigonid width; W – width.

Systematic palaeontology

Order Lipotyphla Haeckel, 1866

Family Erinaceidae Fischer, 1814

Subfamily Galericinae Pomel, 1848

Tribe Galericipini Pomel, 1848

Genus *Schizogalerix* Engesser, 1980

Schizogalerix sinapensis Sen, 1990

Figures 2A–F, 3B

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 RP3, 1 RP4, 1 fragment of LM1, 1 Rm2 (fragmented), 1 trigonid of Lm1, 1 trigonid of Rm1, 1 trigonid of Rm2, 1 trigonid Rm3, 1 trigonid Lm3, 2 fragments of talonid of lower molars.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – P3 (Fig. 2B) and P4 (Fig. 2A) are anteroposteriorly compressed. P3 ($L = 1.95$; $W = 1.85$) smaller than P4 ($L = 2.27$; $W = 2.46$). In the P3, the hypocone and the protocone are more or less conical elevations of similar size. In the P4 the protocone is higher and bigger than the hypocone, with both cusps having a crest-like shape, which is elongated in labiolingual direction. The crest posterior to the paracone of the P4 bears a small cuspule and a “V-shaped” notch anterior to it at halfway of its length. In the two posterolabial fragments of the upper molars, a connection of the posterior arm of the metaconule

to the posterolabial corner interrupting the posterior cingulum is discernible.

The most distinctive trait in the lower molars is the posterior cingulid, which runs uninterruptedly from the bottom of the hypoconid to the lingual side, ending posteriorly to the entoconid (Fig. 2C; $W = 1.95$). In an unworn fragment of a talonid (Fig. 2E), the hypolophid is interrupted by the hypoconulid between the hypoconid and the entoconid. In the other two specimens available (Fig. 2C, D; $W = 2.11$), wear has resulted in a connection of this intermediate cuspule with the hypoconid. The entostylid is strongly reduced. The trigonids of the m1 and m2 are very narrow with the lingual opening of the basin being wider in the m1. Only a small notch separates the metaconid from the tiny paraconid in the m2. In the m3, the paraconid is curved and metaconid and protoconid are of similar size.

Material from Düzyayla. – 1 lingual fragment of RM1, 1 RM2, 1 lingual fragment of RM2.

Description (Düzyayla). – In the M2 (Fig. 3B), paracone, metacone and protocone are sharp and elevated. The metaconule is also high and sharp, and its posterior arm runs directly to the posteriolabial corner of the tooth, thus interrupting the posterior cingulum. The mesostyle is completely divided with its anterior part somewhat more branched than its posterior one. There is no cingulum covering the labial or lingual side of the tooth. The anterior cingulum runs from the parastyle to the anterior base of the protocone. The protoconule is a well-individualized cusp between the protocone and the paracone. The metaconule is disconnected from the endoloph in the three specimens, which all show a faint, double elevation at the position of the hypocone.

Remarks. – Anatolian representatives of *Schizogalerix* are known from the Early Miocene (De Bruijn *et al.* 2006) to the Late Miocene (Engesser 1980). The most simple representation of *Schizogalerix* from Anatolia involves a single evolutionary lineage including *S. evae* (MN 3), *S. pasalarensis* (MN 4–7), *S. anatolica* (MN 5–8), *S. intermedia* (MN 9), *S. sinapensis* (MN 10–11), and *Schizogalerix* sp. as recorded in Amasya (MN 12/13). Evolutionary trends include an increase of size, a progressive undulation and splitting of the mesostyle in M2, a reduction of the parastyle and labial cingula, and a narrowing of the paracone in the upper molars and the trigonid in the lower molars (Selänne 2003).

The material of *Schizogalerix* from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla is scanty. Nevertheless, an ascription to *S. evae*, *S. pasalarensis*, and *S. anatolica* can be ruled out given the absence of a connection between the hypoconid and the entoconid (the latter is connected to the posterior cingulum) in the lower molars. Furthermore, *S. intermedia*

can be excluded as well, because the posterior cingulid of the lower molars is running parallel to the posterior arm of the hypoconid. In fact, the characters observed in both upper and lower teeth from the two localities clearly belong to “Morphotype 3” as recognized by Selänne (2003), with the upper molars from Düzyayla fitting perfectly the diagnosis of *S. sinapensis* by Sen (1990). The size of P3, P4 and M2 is around the lower limit of the ranges in the localities 8A and 120 (Sinap Formation, Selänne 2003). Also the narrow trigonids in m1 and m2 are indicative of *S. sinapensis*.

Outside Anatolia, *S. sinapensis* was included in the faunal list of the late Vallesian locality of Kastellios (K1, Crete, Greece; Van der Made 1996, Koufos 2006). However, our own inspection of the material from this locality (stored at Utrecht University) leads to another conclusion. Although the M2 of *Schizogalerix* from Düzyayla, Sinap 8A and Kastellios Hill are all of similar size (Fig. 3), the morphology of the material from Kastellios Hill is different from that of the other two sites. The degree of splitting of the mesostyle of the M2 from Kastellios Hill is stronger, and its anterior and posterior components do not display a “T-shape”. The material from this Greek locality fits better the morphology of other Eastern Europe species like *S. macedonica* or *S. zapfei* / *S. attica*.

Family Soricidae Fischer, 1814

Subfamily Paenelimnoecinae Fejfar, Storch & Tobien, 2006

Genus *Paenelimnoecus* Baudelot, 1972

Paenelimnoecus sp.

Figure 2G–I

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 Lm1, 1 Rm1, 1 Rm2, 1 Ri1, 1 fragment of L hemimandible with part of m2, trigonid of an undetermined Lm.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – The i1 ($L = 2.96$) is monocuspulate and has a well-defined cingulid covering its base (Fig. 2I). The entoconid crests of the m1 (HAY1-802: $L = 1.09$; $TRW = 0.58$; $TAW = 0.62$; 58HAY/84-INS-3: $L = 1.05$; $TRW = 0.63$; $TAW = 0.68$) and the m2 are completely reduced. In the m1 (Fig. 2H), the trigonid is moderately compressed labio-lingually. The m1 has its protoconid placed more anteriorly than the metaconid and has a curved protolophid. The oblique crest has a small notch at its anterior part. The m2 (58HAY/84-INS-2: $TRW = 0.58$; $TAW = 0.61$) is similar to the m1, but it is a bit shorter. The condyle of the mandible (Fig. 2G1; $HC = 1.03$; $LLF = 1.08$; $LUF = 0.55$) has a small and rounded upper facet and a broad lower facet. The width of the interarticular area is

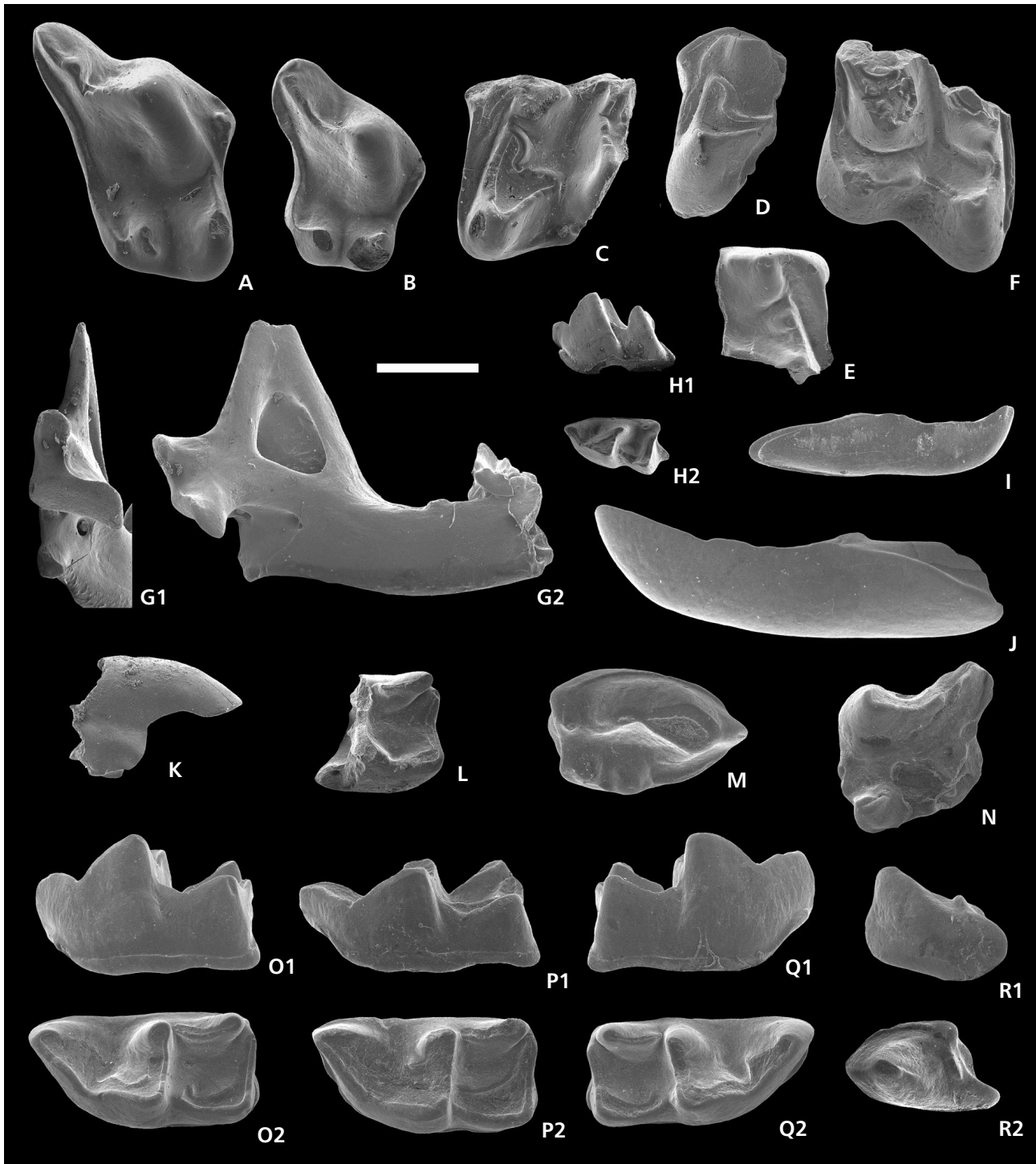


Figure 2. *Schizogalerix sinapensis* from Hayranlı 1 (A–E) and Düzyayla (F). • A – HAY1-820 (right P4; occ. view); B – HAY1-821 (right P3; occ. view); C – HAY1-825 (talonid of right lower molar; occl. view); D – HAY1-826 (fragment of right lower molar; occl. view); E – HAY1-824 (posterolingual corner of left lower molar; occl. view); F – DÜ-1103 (lingual fragment of right M2; occl. view). • *Paenelimnoecus* sp. from Hayranlı 1 (G–I). G – HAY1-801 (left hemimandible with talonid of m2; 1 – post. view; 2 – ling. view); H – HAY1-802 (left m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); I – HAY1-803 (right i1; lab. view). • *Amblyopterus oligodon* from Hayranlı 1 (K, L) and Düzyayla (J; M–R). J – DÜ-1104 (left i1; lab. view); K – HAY1-806 (right I1; lab. view); L – HAY1-805 (talonid of left m1; occl. view); M – DÜ-1107 (right A1; occl. view); N – DÜ-1106 (left P4; occl. view); O – DÜ-1109 (left m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); P – DÜ-1108 (left m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); Q – DÜ-1110 (right m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); R – DÜ-1105 (left a1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view). Scale bar equals 1 mm.

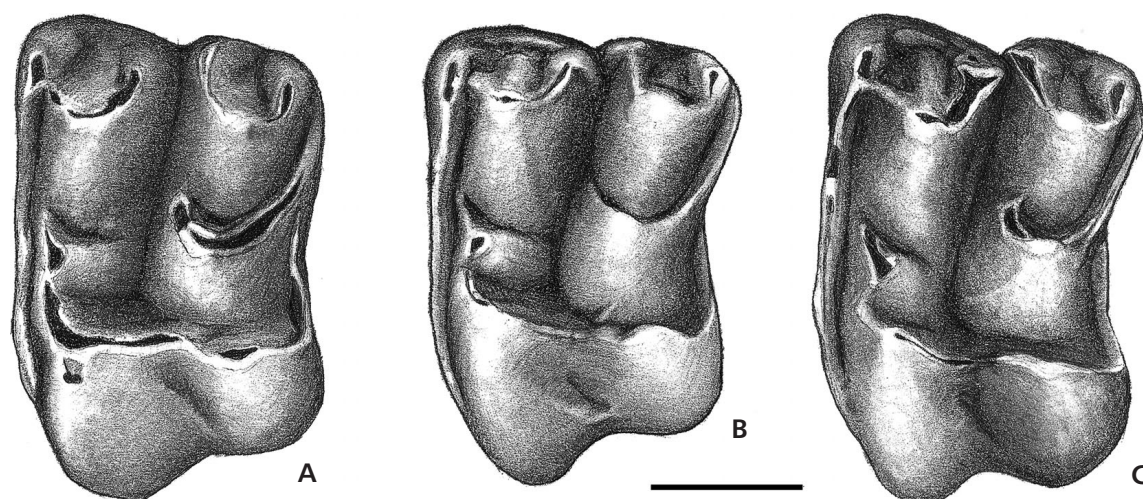


Figure 3. Upper M2 of *Schizogalerix* from A – Kastellios Hill, B – Düzyayla (DÜ-1101) and C – Sinap Tepe 8A. Scale bar equals 1 mm.

similar to that of the upper facet. The internal temporal fossa is rather small (Fig. 2G2).

Remarks. – The scarcity of the material makes a specific ascription difficult. Nevertheless, some small differences between *Paenelimnoecus* from Hayranlı 1 and the other species of the genus can be observed. The material from Hayranlı 1 is different from *P. obtusus* from Ertemte 2 (Storch 1995) in having a mandibular coronoid process not tilted anteriorly, in having a longer i1 and a somewhat narrower m1. The m1 from Hayranlı 1 differs from *P. chinensis* from Yinan (Jin & Kawamura 1997), *P. repenningi* from Kohfidisch (Bachmayer & Wilson 1970), *P. pannonicus* from Osztamos 7 and 9 (Reumer 1984), Podlesice, Węże 1 and Rębielice Królewskie 1A (Rzebik-Kowalska 1990b) and *Paenelimnoecus* sp. 2 from Eskihsar (Engesser 1980) in having a somewhat smaller size. The m1 is similar in length but narrower than the ones of *P. truyolsi* from Valdemoros 6B, Villafeliche 4B, Vargas 7, Moratilla 2 and San Marco (Van den Hoek Ostende *et al.* 2009) and *P. crouzeli* from Sansan (Baudelot 1972, Engesser 2009). In addition, the species from Hayranlı 1 differs from *P. crouzeli* by its rather convex anterior margin of the ascending ramus (it is concave in *P. crouzeli*). Finally, the size of our m1 is similar to that of *P. pannonicus* from Csarnóta 2 (Reumer 1984), and, overall, *Paenelimnoecus* sp. 1 from Eskihsar (Engesser 1980), a form referable to *P. crouzeli*, according to Reumer (1984). Because of the lack of sufficient material we refrain from assigning the specimens to a named species.

Subfamily Soricinae Fischer, 1814
Tribe Anourosoricini Anderson, 1879

Genus *Amblycoptus* Kormos, 1926

Amblycoptus oligodon Kormos, 1926

Figure 2J–R

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 fragment of RI1, 1 fragment of Li1, 1 fragment of Lm1.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – Judged by the fragment of I1 available (Fig. 2K), the dorsal margin is rather curved, the apex not fissident and the talon extremely reduced. The fragment of i1 lacks a buccal cingulid. The talonid of the m1 (Fig. 2L) shows a low hypoconid, and an entostylid, which is separated from the entoconid by a narrow and deep groove. The entoconid crest is prominent. The enamel in this fragment of molar shows a faint wrinkling.

Material from Düzyayla. – 1 Li1, 1 La1, 2 Lm1, 1Rm1, 1 RA1, 1 LP4.

Description (Düzyayla). – The i1 (L = 5.33) is acusulate, but there is a faint elevation in the middle of the buccal ridge (Fig. 2J). The a1 (L = 1.72; W = 1.03) is longer on the labial side (Fig. 2R). Both sides have a high cingulid covering the base. A small posterior, transverse elevation is present, connecting both cingulids. In the three m1 recovered (Fig. 2O–Q; DÜ-1109: L = 2.52; W = 1.29; DÜ-1108: L = 2.63; W = 1.39; DÜ-1110: L = 2.53; W = 1.23), the high and well-developed entoconid crests are separated from the much lower entostylids by a wide notch. The trigonid is elongated. A high cingulid covers the labial base of the crown.

The A1 (Fig. 2M; L = 2.25; W = 1.38) has the typical molarized aspect of *Amblycoptus* (Reumer 1984, fig. 17) with a keel-shaped parastyle at the anterior edge of the tooth, a large paracone placed anteriorly, and a small metacone situated in the middle of the posterior margin. A small elevation connects paracone and metacone. Two

Table 1. Ranges of length of different species of *Amblycoptus* and *Crusafontina*. *Presumed mistakes in the original publications which have been modified in the present work. In *C. kormosi* from Tardosbánya (Mészáros 1998) and Polgárdi 4 (Mészáros 1998, 1999) the lower limits of the ranges are 1.02 and 1.20 respectively. Both seem to be too low and they are likely typing errors, so the mean values have been considered the shortest reliable lengths. In *A. oligodon* from Polgárdi 2 (Mészáros 1999), the minimum length of the m1 is 1.87 mm. This m1 would be too short for *A. oligodon*. Since there are only two specimens available, the maximum length is 2.85 mm and the mean is 2.75 mm, the minimum length cannot be other than 2.65 mm, which is a more reliable value.

Site	MN	Species	m1 length	m2 length	Reference
Zamkow Dolna	16	<i>K. cf. topali</i>	3.14	1.74	Rzebik-Kowalska (1975)
Cave Mala	14	<i>K. topali</i>	3.32	1.78	Sulimski <i>et al.</i> (1979)
Osztramos 1	14	<i>K. topali</i>	3.08–3.4	1.56–1.75	Janossy (1972)
Osztramos 1	14	<i>K. topali</i>	3.22	1.65	Rzebik-Kowalska (1975)
Osztramos 1	14	<i>K. topali</i>	3.17–3.56	1.59–1.81	Reumer (1984)
Kavurca	13–14	<i>cf. A. jessiae</i>	3.04	–	Engesser (1980)
Maramena	13–14	<i>A. jessiae</i>	2.67–3.27	1.38–2.10	Doukas <i>et al.</i> (1995)
Polgárdi 5	13	<i>K. topali</i>	2.60–3.50	–	Mészáros (1997)
Can Vilella	13	<i>A. jessiae</i>	2.88–2.99	1.78	Furió (2007)
Romanyà d'Empordà	13	<i>A. jessiae</i>	3.04–3.32	1.66–1.90	Furió (2007)
Las Casiones	13	<i>A. jessiae</i>	2.74–3.39	1.63–1.94	Van Dam (2004)
Polgárdi 2	13	<i>A. oligodon</i>	3.33	1.90	Kormos (1926)
Polgárdi 2	13	<i>A. oligodon</i>	2.7–2.8	1.7–1.9	Janossy (1972)
Polgárdi 2	13	<i>A. oligodon</i>	2.65*–2.85	–	Mészáros (1999)
Polgárdi 4	13	<i>A. oligodon</i>	2.50–3.00	–	Mészáros (1999)
Polgárdi 4	13	<i>C. kormosi</i>	2.50–3.20	1.88*–2.28	Mészáros (1998, 1999)
Düzyayla	12	<i>A. oligodon</i>	2.52–2.63	–	This work
Tardosbánya	12	<i>C. kormosi</i>	2.38–2.84	1.76*–2.00	Mészáros (1998)
Kohfidisch	11	<i>C. kormosi</i>	2.50–2.60	1.80	Bachmayer & Wilson (1970)
Frunzovka 2	11	<i>C. kormosi</i>	2.37–2.63	1.62–1.77	Rzebik-Kowalska & Nesin (2010)
Sümeğ	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.39–2.72	1.54–1.86	Mészáros (1996, 1998)
Puente Minero 8	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	1.90	–	Van Dam (2004)
Puente Minero 2	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	1.99	1.61–1.69	Van Dam (2004)
Masía del Barbo 2B	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.08–2.20	1.60–1.84	Gibert (1976)
Masía del Barbo 2B	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.01–2.11	1.65–1.84	Van Dam (2004)
Masía del Barbo 2A	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	1.92–2.24	1.60–1.68	Gibert (1976)
Masía del Barbo 2A	10	<i>C. endemica</i>	1.90–2.24	1.54–1.90	Van Dam (2004)
Rudabánya	9	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.02–2.15	1.70–1.91	Mészáros (1998), Ziegler (2005)
Cascante 4	9	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.12	–	Van Dam (2004)
Can Llobateres	9	<i>C. endemica</i>	2.00–2.12	1.60–1.76	Gibert (1975)

small cusps (supposedly hypocone and protocone) are present on the lingual cingulum. The P4 (Fig. 2N; BL = 2.09; PE = 1.58; W = 1.66) lacks its posterolingual corner and a tiny part of the anterior side. The lingual and the labial sides run almost parallel, giving the occlusal outline a sub-quadratic shape.

Remarks. – The material from Hayranlı 1 is in itself too scarce for a specific assignment. The talonid of the m1 is similar in width to the ones found in Düzyayla, with a similar development of the entoconid and the entostylid. In the latter locality, the size of all dental elements is below (or close to) the lowest values known in *Amblycoptus* (see Rzebik-Kowalska 1975, Sulimski *et al.* 1979, Doukas *et*

al. 1995, Mészáros 1997, Van Dam 2004). Given the general size increase in some Anourosoricini during the latest Miocene (Van Dam 2004), our form could represent one of the oldest *Amblycoptus*, with a size close to that of its putative ancestor *Crusafontina*. Although its morphology clearly points to *Amblycoptus*, the measurements of the m1 fall within the range given for *Crusafontina kormosi* and *C. endemica* from Sümeğ (Table 1). The primitive condition of this species of *Amblycoptus* is further supported by the morphology of the A1, in which the paracone is anteriorly placed, with the parastyle shaped as a projection of the anterior edge of the tooth. This condition is different to that found in the most derived forms of the clade such as *Kordosia topali* from Ozstramos 7 and

Table 2. Measurements (in mm) of dental and mandibular elements of *Petenya dubia* from Düzyayla and Hayranlı 1.

<i>Petenya dubia</i>	Element	Parameter				
Düzyayla		L	LT	H		
DÜ-1137	I1	1.91	0.85	1.25		
		PE	LL	BL	AW	PW
DÜ-1129	M1	1.30	1.39	1.44	1.43	1.54
DÜ-1130	M1	1.25	–	1.39	1.35	–
DÜ-1131	M1	1.29	–	1.44	1.44	–
DÜ-1132	M1	1.20	1.31	1.34	1.39	1.59
DÜ-1133	M2	1.13	1.26	1.23	1.48	1.42
DÜ-1134	M2	1.11	1.33	1.32	1.53	1.44
		L	TRW	TAW		
DÜ-1114	m1	1.42	0.79	0.85		
DÜ-1115	m1	1.41	0.77	0.87		
DÜ-1116	m1	1.39	0.72	0.85		
DÜ-1117	m1	1.38	0.74	0.84		
DÜ-1120	m1	1.41	0.85	0.90		
DÜ-1121	m1	1.46	0.80	0.89		
DÜ-1118	m2	1.25	0.75	0.82		
DÜ-1119	m2	1.26	0.73	0.74		
DÜ-1122	m2	1.38	0.79	0.81		
DÜ-1123	m2	1.30	0.76	0.81		
DÜ-1124	m2	1.30	0.80	0.83		
DÜ-1125	m2	1.35	0.84	0.88		
DÜ-1126	m2	1.31	0.83	0.80		
DÜ-1127	m2	1.35	0.83	0.86		
DÜ-1128	m2	1.28	0.73	0.75		
Hayranlı 1		PE	LL	BL	AW	PW
HAY1-809	P4	1.09	1.09	1.50		1.48
HAY1-810	M2	1.10	1.23	1.28	1.58	1.41
HAY1-811	M2	1.15	1.30	1.30	1.60	1.45
HAY1-812	M2	1.28	1.33	–	1.54	–
		L	TRW	TAW		
HAY1-814	m1	1.54	0.83	0.90		
HAY1-814	m2	1.28	0.78	0.80		
HAY1-813	m2	1.37	0.80	0.80		
HAY1-815	m2	1.48	0.87	0.86		
HAY1-816	m2	1.47	0.80	0.87		
HAY1-817	m2	1.39	0.84	0.83		
		L	W			
HAY1-814	m3	1.02	0.63			
HAY1-813	m3	1.09	0.58			
HAY1-819	m3	1.18	0.73			
		Lm1–m3				
HAY1-814	mand.	3.68				

Polgárdi 5 (Reumer 1984, Mészáros 1997), in which the parastyle is clearly separated from the anterior ridge as an isolated elevation. Furthermore, there are two well-developed cusps on the lingual cingulum of the A1. This is, however, a less constant trait in some species, ranging from being very infrequent in *A. jessiae* from Maramena (Doukas *et al.* 1995) to almost always present in the same species from Spain (Van Dam 2004). Finally, the entocoid crest of the m1 is not fused with the hypolophid, leaving a wide separation between entoconid and entostylid. This condition definitely precludes an ascription to *A. jessiae* or *K. topali*, and resembles much closer that of *A. oligodon*, which is also similar in size to the material from Düzyayla.

Tribe Blarinellini Reumer, 1998

Genus *Petenya* Kormos, 1934

Petenya dubia Bachmayer & Wilson, 1970

Figure 4A–J, Table 2

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 RP4, 1 RM1, 1 RM2, 1 LM2, 1 R m1, 1 R m2, 1 R m3, 1 fragment of R hemimandible with m2, 1 fragment of R hemimandible with m2 and m3, 1 fragment of left hemimandible with m1, m2 and m3.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – The P4 (Fig. 4C) has a rather straight posterior margin, without emargination. The protocone is small but clearly discernible; the hypocone is completely reduced. The parastyle protrudes considerably from the occlusal outline. In M1 and M2 (Fig. 4A, B) small posterior emarginations result in occlusal outlines not completely squared. The mesostyle is not divided and the endoloph is not continuous. In some cases the metaloph connects the protocone to the base of the metacone. The hypocone is reduced to an insignificant elevation of the lingual cingulum of the hypoconal flange.

In the lower molars, pigmentation affects the three upper quarters of the labial faces. In occlusal view, the presence of thick, basal cingulids in both m1 and m2 results in outlines that are subrectangular. The entoconid crests in m1 and m2 are stoutly built. In one m1, this crest is reduced to a blunt rounded cusplike (Fig. 4D2). The outline of the m3 is not rectangular despite a thick, basal cingulid. The talonid of the m3 is narrower than the trigonid, and the central talonid basin is reduced to a single-cusplike crest (Fig. 4D2). The horizontal ramus shows a mental foramen placed below the oblique cristid of the m1 (Fig. 4D1).

Material from Düzyayla. – 2 RM1, 2 LM1, 1 RM2, 1 LM2, 2 Li1, 3 Lm1, 3 Rm1, 5 Rm2, 4 Lm2.

Description (Düzyayla). – Only isolated elements have been recovered from this locality.

The I1 (Fig. 4I) is not fissident and has a rather pointed apex in lateral view. The talon is quite rounded and short. The root is a little bit shorter than the crown. The posterior emargination in the upper molars is reduced, resulting in a squarish occlusal outline. The most significant character in M1–2 (Fig. 4E, F) is the connection between the metaloph and the base of the metacone, closing the trigon valley posteriorly. The hypocone is reduced to a slight elevation of the lingual margin of the hypoconal flange or it is absent. The “W-shaped” ectoloph is asymmetric in M1 due to the elongated posterior crest, whereas it is symmetric in M2.

Two anterior fragments of lower incisors (Fig. 4J) show a straight posterior blade parallel to the ventral margin of the tooth, a rather pointed apex at the anterior tip of the tooth, and a lower intermediate cuspule slightly tilted forward. The m1 (Fig. 4H) have their trigonid valleys open lingually. The protolophid runs obliquely with respect to the lingual margin of the tooth with the metaconid placed more posteriorly than the protoconid. The talonid is wider and shorter than the trigonid. The entoconid crest is rather high and robust. The posterolingual notch separating entoconid and entostylid is deep. The cingulid surrounds the tooth crown completely, being thin at the posterior, labial and anterior side, and broad at the lingual side. The m2 (Fig. 4G) resemble the m1 except for the trigonid and talonid having a similar width, the occlusal outline being subrectangular and the protolophid running perpendicularly to the lingual margin of the tooth.

Remarks. – The soricid assemblages of both localities are dominated by this form. Judged from the reduced posterior emargination of P4/M1/M2, the subrectangular occlusal outline of m1/m2, the short and high entoconid crest and the protruding but not fissident upper incisor, this species is attributable to the tribe Blarinellini or to the Soricini genus *Zelceina* (*sensu* Reumer 1998). *Zelceina*, *Petenya* and *Blarinella* resemble each other in many respects (Reumer 1984), and some confusion has arisen on their definitions, with the same species having been allocated to different genera (Rzebik-Kowalska 1990a, Storch 1995). Here we use the diagnoses provided by Storch (1995) because it is the most updated and detailed work at the genus level. According to Storch’s criteria, this “Blarinellini” material from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla does not belong to *Alloblarinella* because the endolophs of M1 and M2 are not continuous and the P4 has a well-developed protocone. An ascription to *Paenepetenya* is precluded because of the uncontinuous endolophs and the weak posterior emargination. An ascription to the genus *Zelceina* would be supported by the presence of a non-fissident I1 with rather straight dorsal margin, the metalophs in M1 and M2 usually present, a reduced posterior emargination in P4, M1 and M2,

a trapezoidal occlusal outline of the P4 with a protruding parastyle and “L-shaped” protocone, a bicusculate i1 (with tendency to tricusculate), a reduced talonid of m3 and a mental foramen under the reentrant valley of m1. On the other hand, our material does not fit the latter genus because its three known species (*Z. soriculoides*, *Z. podlesicensis* and *Z. kormosi*) have tethraedric hypocones (junction of three converging ridges at the hypoconal region in M1 and M2), low entoconid cristids on m1 and m2, and rather robust i1 (Rzebik-Kowalska 1990a, Storch 1995). The genus *Blarinella*, according to the descriptions of Storch (1995), is characterized by having a distinct valley between the postprotocrista and the hypoconal cingulum, and a tricusculate lower incisor. The present material differs in these two aspects, so we cannot attribute our material to *Blarinella* either. The morphologic traits fit best the description of the genus *Petenya*: upper incisor with pointed apex, a parastyle on P4 conspicuously protruding anteriorly, upper molars (M1–2) with small but distinct metalophs, with rather large hypocones and hypoconal flanges, and lower molars (m1–2) with their entoconids close to the metaconids, rather high entoconid cristids and postentoconid notches wide and deep. The genus *Petenya* includes three species: *P. hungarica*, *P. katrinae* and *P. dubia*. The ascription to *P. katrinae* is precluded by the absence of cingula around the bases of the protocones of M1/M2. *P. hungarica* differs from the presented material by a less developed protocone on its P4. In fact, most of the characters found in the Turkish material fit best the description of the original material of *P. dubia* from Kohfidisch (Bachmayer & Wilson 1970), and the updated version provided by Reumer (1984) on the material from Osztramos 9. The only difference between the material from Turkey and that from the latter other localities is a slightly smaller size, which we consider to be within the range of intraspecific variation (less than 20 per cent difference in the lengths of m1 and m2).

Soricinae indet.

Figure 4K

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 Lm1? (broken).

Description (Hayranlı 1). – The fragmentary lower molar (HAY1-808) is tentatively identified as an m1 because the talonid is wider than the trigonid. Size and aspect are different to any other soricid in the assemblage.

Material from Düzyayla. – 1 Rm1, 1 Lm1, 1 RM2, 1 L(M1)?.

Description (Düzyayla). – The trigonid of the m1 (DÜ-1111: L: 1.33; TRW: 0.64; TAW: 0.74; DÜ-1112:

Table 3. Measurements (in mm) of dental elements of *Desmanella* aff. *cingulata* from Düzyayla and Hayranlı 1.

<i>Desmanella</i> aff. <i>cingulata</i>		Element		Parameter	
Düzyayla		L	W		
DÜ-1158	M1 (R)	(+) 1.58	(+) 1.58		
DÜ-1159	M1 (L)	1.85	1.81		
DÜ-1160	M1 (R)	(+) 1.73	(+) 1.60		
DÜ-1161	M2 (R)	(+) 1.25	1.61		
DÜ-1162	M2 (R)	(+) 1.44	1.71		
DÜ-1163	M2 (L)	(+) 1.39	1.71		
DÜ-1164	M2 (L)	1.50	1.71		
DÜ-1165	M2 (R)	1.48	1.63		
DÜ-1168	M3 (R)	0.83	1.25		
DÜ-1169	M3 (L)	0.90	1.29		
DÜ-1170	M3 (R)	0.84	1.28		
DÜ-1171	M3 (L)	0.95	1.41		
DÜ-1172	M3 (R)	0.82	–		
DÜ-1173	M3 (L)	0.96	–		
DÜ-1174	M3 (L)	0.89	1.28		
DÜ-1175	M3 (L)	0.82	1.29		
DÜ-1176	M3 (R)	0.91	1.32		
DÜ-1177	M3 (L)	0.93	1.30		
DÜ-1178	M3 (L)	0.86	1.07		
DÜ-1179	M3 (R)	0.94	1.33		
DÜ-1180	M3 (L)	0.87	1.32		
DÜ-1181	M3 (R)	0.88	1.35		
DÜ-1155	p4 (R)	0.99	0.75		
DÜ-1156	p4 (L)	0.82	0.65		
DÜ-1157	p4 (R)	0.85	0.70		
DÜ-1141	m1 (R)	1.41	1.07		
DÜ-1142	m1 (L)	1.41	1.19		
DÜ-1143	m1 (L)	1.60	1.28		
DÜ-1144	m1 (L)	–	–		
DÜ-1145	m1 (L)	1.44	1.10		
DÜ-1146	m1 (L)	1.46	1.15		
DÜ-1147	m1 (L)	1.44	1.06		
DÜ-1148	m1 (L)	1.47	1.06		
DÜ-1149	m1 (R)	1.41	1.16		
DÜ-1150	m1 (L)	1.40	1.08		
DÜ-1151	m1 (L)	1.52	1.18		
DÜ-1152	m1 (L)	1.38	1.17		
DÜ-1153	m1 (R)	1.42	1.08		
DÜ-1140	m2 (R)	1.56	1.18		
DÜ-1166	m2 (R)	1.48	0.93		
DÜ-1167	m2 (R)	1.55	1.10		
DÜ-1182	m3 (L)	1.21	0.81		
DÜ-1183	m3 (R)	1.18	0.73		
DÜ-1184	m3 (L)	1.14	0.73		
DÜ-1185	m3 (R)	1.18	0.75		
DÜ-1186	m3 (L)	1.12	0.73		

<i>Desmanella</i> aff. <i>cingulata</i>		Element		Parameter	
Düzyayla		L	W		
DÜ-1187	m3 (L)	1.09	0.70		
DÜ-1188	m3 (L)	1.18	0.72		
DÜ-1189	m3 (L)	1.21	0.84		
DÜ-1190	m3 (R)	1.32	0.90		
DÜ-1191	m3 (R)	1.21	0.83		
DÜ-1192	m3 (L)	1.19	0.87		
DÜ-1193	m3 (L)	1.20	0.80		
DÜ-1194	m3 (L)	1.18	0.77		
DÜ-1195	m3 (R)	1.27	0.83		
Hayranlı 1		L	W		
HAY1-834	M1 (R)	(+) 1.72	1.78		
HAY1-835	M1 (R)	(+) 1.54	1.58		
HAY1-836	M2 (L)	(+) 1.69	1.81		
HAY1-838	M3 (R)	0.90	1.31		
HAY1-839	m1 (R)	1.55	1.29		
HAY1-840	m1 (L)	1.51	1.14		
HAY1-841	m1 (L)	1.41	1.19		
HAY1-842	m2 (L)	1.78	1.16		
HAY1-843	m2 (L)	–	1.20		
HAY1-844	m3 (R)	1.27	0.87		
HAY1-845	m3 (R)	1.32	0.80		
HAY1-846	m3 (R)	1.28	(+) 0.68		
58HAY/84-INS-4	m3 (R)	–	0.78		

L: 1.34; TRW: 0.65; TAW: 0.75) is widely open lingually, with the metaconid placed more posteriorly than the protoconid. The reentrant valley is rather pronounced. A thin basal cingulid covers the labial and the posterior border. The entoconid crest is quite thin and high.

In the M2 (Fig. 4K; DÜ-1136: PE: 1.03; LL: 1.26; BL: 1.20; AW: 1.40; PW: 1.38), the posterior emargination is very pronounced. The mesostyle occupies a less labial position than the parastyle and the metastyle. The posterior arm of the protocone neither connects with the base of the metacone by means of a metaloph, nor with the hypocone. The hypocone is a simple elongated elevation at the lingual end of the hypoconal flange. A posterior cingulum runs from hypocone to metastyle. A fragment of a M1 (DÜ-1135; PE: 1.08; BL: 1.30; AW: 1.46) is also tentatively ascribed to this form because there is no metaloph connecting the protocone with the base of the metacone and because the posterior emargination is rather pronounced.

Remarks. – This infrequent species in the assemblages from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla does not correspond to any of the other soricids found. It is larger than *Paenelimnoecus*, smaller than *Amblycoptus*, and it has a more pronounced

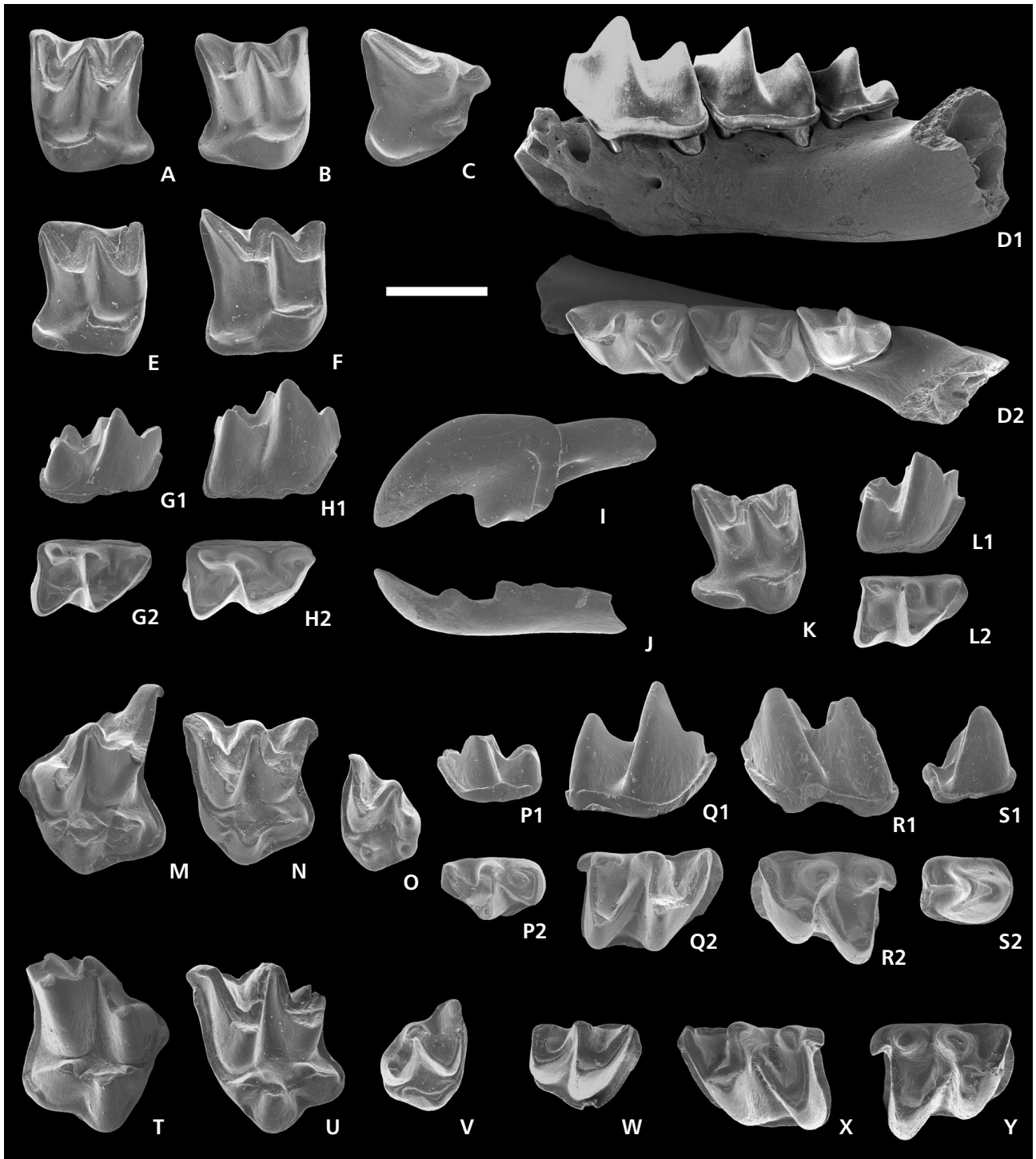


Figure 4. *Petenya dubia* from Hayranlı 1 (A–D) and Düzyayla (E–J). • A – HAY1-810 (left M2; occl. view); B – HAY1-811 (right M2; occl. view); C – HAY1-809 (right P4; occl. view); D – HAY1-814 (left horizontal ramus with m1–m3 series; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); E – DÜ-1132 (right M2; occl. view); F – DÜ-1132 (right M1; occl. view); G – DÜ-1118 (right m2; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); H – DÜ-1115 (right m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); I – DÜ-1137 (left I1; lab. view); J – DÜ-1118 (left i1; lab. view). • K – Soricinae indet. from Düzyayla. DÜ-1136 (right M2; occl. view). • L – Crocidurinae aut Crocidosoricinae indet. from Düzyayla. DÜ-1113 (right m2; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view). • M–Y – *Desmanella* aff. *cingulata* from Düzyayla (M–S) and Hayranlı 1 (T–Y). M – DÜ-1159 (left M1; occl. view); N – DÜ-1164 (left M2; occl. view); O – DÜ-1169 (left M3; occl. view); P – DÜ-1187 (left m3; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); Q – DÜ-1167 (right m2; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); R – DÜ-1151 (left m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); S – DÜ-1155 (right p4; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); T – HAY1-835 (right M1; occl. view); U – HAY1-836 (left M2; occl. view); V – HAY1-838 (right M3; occl. view); W – HAY1-844 (right m3; occl. view); X – HAY1-842 (left m2; occl. view); Y – HAY1-839 (right m1; occl. view). Scale bar equals 1 mm.

posterior emargination in upper molars and shorter talonids than *Petenya*. Moreover, upper and lower molars do not have the typical mesio-distally compressed aspect of crocidurines or crocidosoricines. The sample is, however, too scarce to identify the material even at the genus level. The occlusal outline and the hypocone morphology of the upper molars are *Sorex*-like, but the lower molars seem too narrow. In the absence of more elements and diagnostic characters, we prefer to leave the identification of this material as Soricinae indet.

Subfamily Crocidurinae Milne-Edwards, 1872
 aut Subfamily Crocidosoricinae Reumer, 1987
 Crocidurinae aut Crocidosoricinae indet.
 Figure 4L

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 Lm2.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – The m2 (HAY1-807; L: 1.29; TRW: 0.78; TAW: 0.75) has a short talonid. The lingual opening of the trigonid is acute, because metaconid and protoconid run perpendicularly with regard to the lingual margin. The basal cingulid is most pronounced under the paralophid.

Material from Düzyayla. – 1 Rm2 (Fig. 4L).

Description (Düzyayla). – The m2 (DÜ-1113; L: 1.22; TRW: 0.72; TAW: 0.76) from this locality has exactly the same morphology as the one from Hayranlı 1.

Remarks. – The short talonid of the lower molars suggests their ascription to the subfamilies Crocidurinae or Crocidosoricinae *sensu* Furió *et al.* (2007). Further material is needed for a more precise identification.

Family Talpidae Fischer, 1814
 Subfamily Uropsilinae Dobson, 1883

Genus *Desmanella* Engesser, 1972

Desmanella aff. cingulata Engesser, 1980
 Figure 4M–Y, Table 3

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 2 RM1, 1 LM2, 1 RM3, 1 Rm1, 2 Lm1, 1 Lm2, 1 talonid Lm2, 4 Rm3, 2 anterior elements.

Description from Hayranlı 1. – The M1 show a posterior cingulum reaching the base of the paracone lingually in HAY1-834, but already vanishing below the metaconule in HAY1-835 (Fig. 4T) (“metaconule” concept *sensu* García-Alix *et al.* 2011, and references therein). In one spe-

cimen the mesostyle is not completely divided, whereas in the other one it splits into two small elevations. The accessory cusp in M1–2 is not pronounced. In the only M2 with the lingual part preserved (HAY1-836), a strong cingulum covers the anterior border between the protoconule and the base of the parastyle (Fig. 4U), whereas the posterior cingulum connects lingually to the metaconule. Also in the M3 (Fig. 4V), the anterior cingulum connects to the protoconule. The metaconule of the M3 is a tiny cusp placed directly lingual of the base of the metacone, at the cost of the development of a posterior cingulum.

The three lower molars (Fig. 4W–Y) display continuous labial cingulids. In m1 (Fig. 4Y) and m2 (Fig. 4X), these run uninterruptedly from the base of the paraconid to the entostylid. In m3 (Fig. 4W), it ends just below the hypoconid. The oblique cristid ends at a position intermediate between protoconid and metaconid, *i.e.*, relatively far from the lingual side. The m3 has a well-developed talonid basin, which is open to the lingual side.

Material from Düzyayla. – 2 RM1, 1 LM1, 3 RM2, 2 LM2, 6 RM3, 8 LM3, 2 Rp4, 1 Lp4, 3 Rm1, 10 Lm1, 3 Rm2, 5 Rm3, 9 Lm3.

Description (Düzyayla). – The material is very similar to that of Hayranlı 1. Unlike Hayranlı 1, Düzyayla has yielded p4s (Fig. 4S). These are rather small (Table 3). Their occlusal outline is rather oval, with the posterior margin relatively straight (Fig. 4S2). In the only unworn specimen, the main cusp bears two posterior crests directed to the posterolingual and posterolabial edges, respectively. There is a small elevation pointing to the middle of the posterior margin.

In one M1 (DÜ-1158), the posterior cingulum reaches the base of the protocone, whereas in the other two specimens, it ends at the base of the metaconule. The latter condition is more evident in the M2, in which the posterior cingula end at the posterolingual edge of the tooth in four out of the five specimens. In one of these (DÜ-1164), a thin lingual cingulum reaches the posterior base of the protocone. The mesostyle is not divided in any of the M1 or M2 in which this structural element is preserved.

Remarks. – The presence of *Desmanella* in Düzyayla had been previously reported by De Bruijn *et al.* (1999, fig. 6) under the generic name “*Permenella*”, which is evidently a typing error (Van den Hoek Ostende, pers. comm.). From the point of view of size, the *Desmanella* from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla is too small to be classified as *D. amasyae*. On the other hand, it is equally sized as the two other Turkish species *D. sickenbergi* and *D. cingulata* (Engesser 1980, figs 35–37). The most important characters to discern the former from the latter of these two species are a P4 with more compact aspect, M1–2 that are less squared

(i.e., with a posteriorly extended lingual part) (Engesser 1980, figs 31, 43) with a protocone less protruding and a posterolingual cingulum running less anteriorly, m1–2 with their buccal cingulids less continuous (Engesser 1980, fig. 32) and oblique cristids meeting the metaconid at a more lingual position. In our samples no P4 was recovered, and the characters specified for M1–2 do not help identifying our material with complete certainty. We do not find differences between the protocones of M1–2 of our assemblages and those of *D. sickenbergi* and *D. cingulata*, and the posterior cingula in our material are variable. In most specimens from Düzyayla the posterolingual extension of the cingula in M1 and M2 closely resembles that of *D. sickenbergi* from Eskişehir. Nonetheless, the m1 and m2 mostly show continuous labial cingulids all around their labial bases unlike in *D. sickenbergi*, and the oblique cristids in m1s attach less far lingually from the metaconid than in *D. sickenbergi*. Thus, the features of our samples fit best the description of *D. cingulata*, although the match is not perfect.

Talpidae inc. sed.

Genus *Desmanodon* Engesser, 1980

Desmanodon larsi sp. nov.

Figure 5, Table 4

Holotype. – HAY1-854 (Lm2).

Paratypes. – HAY1-852 (1 LM3), HAY1-849 (LM1), HAY1-853 (Lp4), HAY1-856 (Rm1), HAY1-855 (Lm2).

Type locality. – Hayranlı 1.

Etymology. – In honor of Lars W. van den Hoek Ostende, one of the leading specialists in Eurasian fossil insectivores, who thoroughly reviewed the genus *Desmanodon* and authored three new species of this genus.

Diagnosis. – Large species of *Desmanodon* with rather stout cheek teeth. Lower molars lacking any trace of a labial or lingual cingulid. No entoconid crests in m1 and m2. Mesostyle in upper molars weakly divided.

Differential diagnosis. – *Desmanodon larsi* differs from all other *Desmanodon* species by its large size, except from *D. major*. It differs from the latter species by the presence of a parastyle in the P4 and by the complete absence of labial cingulids in the lower molars. Furthermore, it differs from *D. minor* by having more robust molars and by the presence of a small parastyle in the P4. It differs from *D. crocheta* and *D. burkarti* by the shape of the mesostyle,

Table 4. Measurements (in mm) of dental elements of *Desmanodon larsi* sp. nov. from Düzyayla and Hayranlı 1.

<i>Desmanodon larsi</i> sp. nov.	Element	Parameter	
		L	W
Düzyayla			
DÜ-1201	P3 (R)	1.26	–
DÜ-1200	P4 (R)	1.93	1.51
DÜ-1198	M3 (R)	1.21	1.76
DÜ-1199	M3 (R)	1.31	1.69
DÜ-1154	m1 (R)	2.30	1.66
DÜ-1196	m3 (L)	1.73	1.11
DÜ-1197	m (R)	–	(+) 1.24
Hayranlı 1		L	W
HAY1-849	M1 (L)	2.74	2.49
HAY1-850	M1 (L)	(+) 2.28	2.13
HAY1-851	M3 (R)	1.45	2.22
HAY1-852	M3 (L)	1.38	1.93
HAY1-853	p4 (L)	1.41	0.75
HAY1-856	m1 (R)	2.06	1.44
HAY1-854	m2 (R)	2.31	1.38
HAY1-855	m2 (L)	2.40	1.45
HAY1-857	m2 (L)	2.27	1.48

which is slightly divided in the upper molars, and by a wider talonid with respect to its trigonid in the m1. It differs from *D. zieglerei* by not having well-defined protoconules and metaconules in M1 and M2 and by having stouter teeth. It differs from *D. antiquus* and *D. fluegeli* by the absence of an anterolabial cingulid, which is reduced to a somewhat protruding parastyle, and by less divided mesostyles in its upper molars. It differs from *D. daamsi* in the absence of entoconid cristids.

Material from Hayranlı 1. – 1 RM3, 1 LM3, 2 LM1, 1Lp4, 1 Rm1, 1 Rm2, 2 Lm2, 1 LC.

Description (Hayranlı 1). – The upper canine (Fig. 5F) is double rooted. In lateral view, the anterior margin is convex and the posterior side is concave. There is a vertical deep groove at the anterolingual part of the tooth. In M1 the protocone is the only clearly discernible lingual cusp (Fig. 5G, H). A continuous, small anterior ridge connects the protocone with the parastyle. The posterior arm of the protocone ends posteriorly of the base of the metacone. The parastyle protrudes notably from the occlusal outline. The mesostyle in M1 and M3 is faintly divided by a small notch. The M3 has a subtriangular outline (Fig. 5I, J). The anterior arm of the protocone of M3 ends anteriorly to the base of the paracone and the posterior arm extends to the base of the metacone, from which it is separated by a small notch.

The p4 (Fig. 5N) is double rooted and the crown is laterally compressed. The main cusp bears a faint, descending

posterolingual crest. A small cingulid covers the base of the anterior keel of the tooth. The posterolabial zone is a concave surface. The lower molars (Fig. 5K–M) have no metacristid and their talonid basins are anterolingually open. The oblique cristid ends at the center of the posterior face of the trigonid in the m1, and slightly more lingually in the m2. There is no labial or lingual cingulid in m1 and m2. The entostylid protrudes notably from the occlusal outline of m1 and m2, whereas the parastylid does so only in m2.

Material from Düzyayla. – 1 Rm1, 1 trigonid Rm2, 1Lm3, 1 RP3, 1 RP4, 2 RM3.

Description (Düzyayla). – A buccal fragment was recovered (Fig. 5C), which we attribute to P3. The main cusp is preserved as well as the undulating posterior crest, which is similarly shaped as in P4. The preserved part bears a continuous, thin cingulum. The P4 (Fig. 5B) has a convex labial margin, a rather straight anterolingual border and a concave posterolingual part in occlusal view. Overall, P4 corresponds to “morphotype A” proposed by Van den Hoek Ostende (1997, fig. 2) because the protocone is conical and the parastyle is small. The paracone is high and it bears an undulated and sharp posterior crest that is connected to a narrow posterolingual cingulum. A thin cingulum is present at the posterolabial base. The two M3 (Fig. 5A) are considerably worn. They are similar to the ones from Hayranlı 1, with a metaconule separated from the base of the metacone by a deep notch and with the anterior arm of the protocone not connected to the base of the paracone. They differ from the Hayranlı 1 specimens in other aspects such as the somewhat concave posterolingual margin (occlusal view, rather straight in Hayranlı 1, Fig. 5I, J), the strongly separated mesostyle as visible in the least worn specimen, and the mesiodistal compression.

The lower elements are rather similar to those from Hayranlı 1. The m1 (Fig. 5E) has no basal cingulid at the labial or lingual side. A small entostylid is present at the posterolingual corner. The m3 (Fig. 5D) shows a protruding parastylid. Similarly to the lower molars found in Hayranlı 1, there is no trace of a labial cingulid.

Remarks. – Hitherto, eight different species of *Desmanodon* have been described: *D. minor*, *D. major*, *D. antiquus*, *D. ziegleri*, *D. burkarti*, *D. daamsi*, *D. fluegeli* and *D. crocheti* (Engesser 1980, Ziegler 1985, Van den Hoek Ostende 1997, Prieto 2010, Prieto *et al.* 2010). According to Doukas & Van den Hoek Ostende (2006), the species *D. meuleni* must be considered a junior synonym of *D. antiquus*. As the remains of *Desmanodon* from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla do not fit the diagnostic descriptions for any of these eight forms, the definition of a new species is necessary. Unfortunately, the description of this new species does not

include the humerus because this element has not been found.

Biostratigraphy

The exact age of Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla is unknown. Ünay *et al.* (2003) ascribed Hayranlı 1 to local zone “J” (equivalent to the European biounits MN 11 and possibly also MN 10) and Düzyayla to local zone “K” (supposedly equivalent to the European MN 12). However, the present study does not show significant differences between both localities with respect to the insectivore assemblage. The only difference is the absence of *Paenelimnoecus* in Düzyayla, which can be explained by the small size of its elements combined with the wet-screening technique, which may result in an underestimation of this genus in continental series (Van den Hoek Ostende *et al.* 2009). Other than that, differences are minimal. Thus, from the point of view of the insectivore assemblages, both localities appear to be similar in age.

When trying to constrain the age (MN level) of our sites using the insectivore fauna, it can be noted that most species are not very helpful. For example, the entry of *Schizogalerix sinapensis* in Central Anatolia has a maximum age of ~10.5 Ma, whereas the exit is associated with the transition from MN 12 to MN 13 around 7 Ma (Kappelman *et al.* 2003, Selänne 2003). The presence of *Amblycoptus* is potentially more informative. The oldest reported occurrences of *Amblycoptus* (*A. oligodon*) in Europe are from the Ukrainian localities Novoelizavetovka 2, Frunzovka 2 and Mikhailovka 2, which were ascribed to mammal unit MN 11 (Nesin & Nadachowski 2001, Rzebik-Kowalska & Nesin 2010; see also compilation in Van Dam 2004). However, this MN assignment has to be treated with care, because workers differ in the use of MN units, which are sometimes regarded as biostratigraphical units and sometimes as faunal units (Van Dam 2003). For instance, biostratigraphically used, Novoelizavetovka 2 should be assigned to MN 12, because of the presence of *Parapodemus* (or *Apodemus*) *barbarae* (Nesin & Storch 2004), the entry of which has been used and proposed as the defining event for the base of MN 12 (Hilgen *et al.* 2012).

The size of *Amblycoptus oligodon* from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla is at the lower limit known for the genus *Amblycoptus* and its successor *Kordosia*. Although perhaps not belonging exactly to a single lineage (Mészáros 1997), species can be ordered to size as follows: *A. oligodon* – *A. jessiae* – *K. topali*. As *Amblycoptus oligodon* from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla is somewhat smaller than *A. oligodon* from other localities, it could be considered one of the oldest representatives of this species. On the other hand, geographical/latitudinal gradients may explain

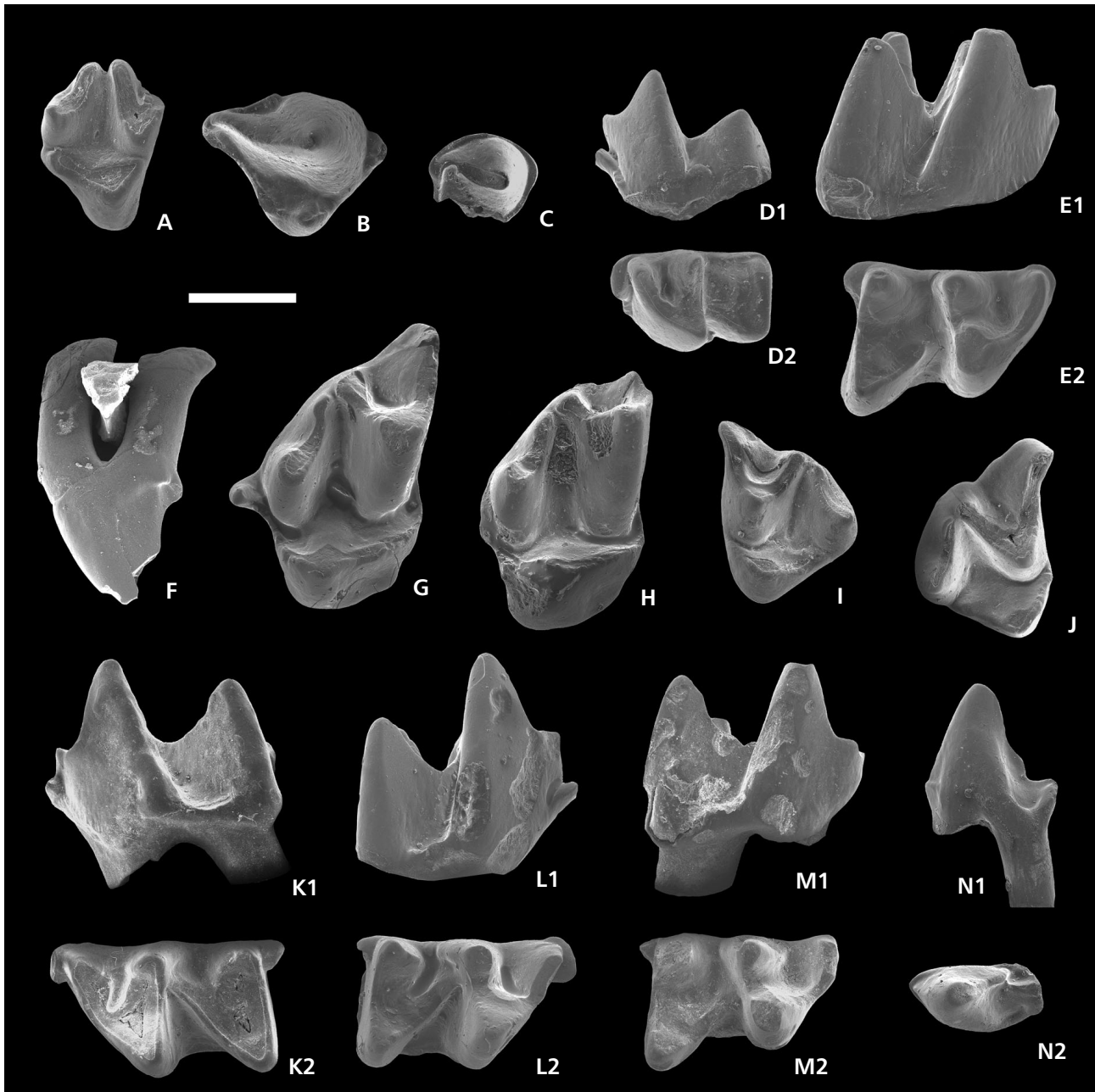


Figure 5. *Desmanodon larsi* sp. nov. from Düzyayla (A–E) and Hayranlı 1 (F–N). • A – DÜ-1198 (right M3; occl. view); B – DÜ-1200 (right P4; occl. view); C – DÜ-1201 (right P3; occl. view); D – DÜ-1196 (left m3; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); E – DÜ-1154 (right m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); F – HAY1-858 (left C; lab. view); G – HAY1-849 (left M1; occl. view); H – HAY1-850 (left M1; occl. view); I – HAY1-852 (left M3; occl. view); J – HAY1-851 (right M3; occl. view); K – HAY1-857 (left m2; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); L – HAY1-854 (holotype; right m2; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); M – HAY1-856 (right m1; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view); N – HAY1-853 (left p4; 1 – lab. view; 2 – occl. view). Scale bar equals 1 mm.

size differences as well. Another trend in *Amblyopterus-Kordosia* is the trend to merge the entoconid and the entostylid in the m1 (Doukas *et al.* 1995, Van Dam 2004). In this respect, the morphology of our *Amblyopterus* material also displays the most primitive condition, in which the entoconid is higher than the entostylid and both are strongly separated by a deep groove. In any case, the conclusion seems warranted that this form (at least the population

of Düzyayla) is not expected to be younger than *A. oligodon* as occurring in various MN 12 (and MN 13) localities in Europe.

Petenya dubia, originally described from the Austrian karstic locality of Kohfidisch (Bachmayer & Wilson 1970), is a typical element in Turolian (MN 11–13) micro-mammalian assemblages. Its biostratigraphical range is partially obscured by some uncertainties on the taxonomy

of the Blarinellini. The generic attribution of several species in this tribe (e.g., *Petenya dubia*, *Cokia robusta*, *Alloblarinella europaea*) has changed in the last years, whereas many faunal lists have not been updated for decades. Nevertheless, according to the data compiled by Rzebik-Kowalska (1998), it seems quite evident that the heydays of *P. dubia* correspond to the Turolian, containing more than 90 per cent of the occurrences of this species or related forms. Earlier Vallesian finds (MN 9, Rudabánya and MN 10 Ambérieu 1) should be re-inspected to find out whether they truly correspond to this species or not.

The taxonomic identifications of the other insectivores described here do not allow for a more precise age determination. The genus *Paenelimnoecus* covers a very long time span along the Neogene, ranging from Early Miocene till Late Pliocene (Reumer 1992, Rzebik-Kowalska 1998, Storch *et al.* 1998). Its known range in Turkey thus far (MN 7–8) probably represents an underestimation of its real distribution, because of the small size of its elements and insufficient sampling. *Paenelimnoecus* from Hayranlı 1 could be considered as an intermediate form between *Paenelimnoecus* sp. 1 from Eskişehir and *P. pannonicus* from Csarnóta 2, but this possibility remains speculative. The scanty remains of Soricinae indet. and Crocidurinae/Crocisoricinae indet. cannot be used for chronological inferences either, although it is worth noting that Engesser (1980) found a similar association of rare species in the Late Miocene locality of Kavarca (MN 13). Finally, *Desmanella cingulata* is limited to the Turkish locality of Eskişehir (MN 7–8). However, as in the case of *Paenelimnoecus*, its restricted distribution is probably due to the insufficient knowledge of the Anatolian Late Miocene continental record.

In summary, in terms of MN correlation our insectivore assemblages do not contradict earlier inferences based on rodents of a correlation of Düzyayla to MN 12 by De Bruijn *et al.* (1999). Our observation that the insectivore faunas of Düzyayla and Hayranlı 1 appear virtually identical makes an assignment of the latter site to MN 12 feasible, although murine rodents (unpublished work) do indicate an older age for Hayranlı 1. When trying to explain this difference, it could also be suggested that Anatolian insectivores were subjected to very little evolutionary change during the Late Miocene. For the moment, we consider correlation of Hayranlı 1 to both MN 11 and MN 12 possible.

An interesting consequence of the MN 11–12 assignment is the extension of the range of *Desmanodon*. Hitherto, the youngest occurrences of *Desmanodon* were limited to the late Middle Miocene (Engesser 1980, Van den Hoek Ostende 1997, Prieto *et al.* 2010). *Desmanodon larsi* sp. nov. is the largest species of the genus, with its size only comparable to that of *D. major*. According to Van den Hoek Ostende (1997), the lineage *D. zieglerei* – *D. burkarti* – *D. minor* – *D. major* is characterized by a progressive in-

crease in size, a gradual reduction of the protoconule and a widening of the mesostyle on the upper molars. Considering this trend, *D. larsi* sp. nov. is a likely descendant of *D. major*. The complete reduction of the labial cingulids in its lower molars also supports a more derived condition of *D. larsi* sp. nov. The presence of a P4 with “morphotype A” reinforces the link to *D. major*. Only the condition of the mesostyle (slightly split), is less consistent with such a direct descendance, because the separation of this cusps was thought to be more pronounced in the younger species. This could be indicating that the two species are not directly related, or that intraspecific variability is not entirely covered by our rather small samples.

The palaeoecological interpretation of the insectivore assemblages is beyond the scope of the present paper, and it will be part of a future overview paper also including the evidence based on rodents. However, a first approach on the palaeoenvironmental preferences of all the genera herein studied can be found in Furió *et al.* (2011).

Summary

The fossil insectivore assemblages from Hayranlı 1 and Düzyayla are almost identical, thus suggesting very similar ages for both sites.

The faunal list of insectivores includes *Schizogalerix sinapensis*, *Paenelimnoecus* sp., *Amblycoptus oligodon*, *Petenya dubia*, Soricinae indet., Crocidurinae/Crocisoricinae indet., *Desmanella* aff. *cingulata* and *Desmanodon larsi* sp. nov. All species have been recovered from both sites, except for *Paenelimnoecus*, which has not been found in Düzyayla.

The insectivore assemblage is typical for the Late Miocene. It points to an Early or Middle Turolian (MN 11–12) age, with a very small-sized *A. oligodon* as the most precise age indicator, excluding both MN 10 and MN 13. This is in agreement with the results from previous studies on fossil rodents, which indicated a similar age.

According to this interval constrain, *D. larsi* n.sp. is the youngest record of *Desmanodon* known up to now, and it extends significantly the previously known biostratigraphical range of this genus.

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