

Review of: "A Uniformitarian Solution to the Appearance of Small-Bodied Hominins, Dwarfs, Pathologies, and Self-Domestication: Theories of New Discoveries"

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Although the author has made some revisions to the paper, it is disappointing that he continues to make no mention of the status of the Mata Menge finds or their effects, if any, on the *H. floresiensis* controversy. The ten ca. 700-ka-old hominins from that site are said to be smaller than LB1 and defined as ancestral to the Late Pleistocene specimen. Also, the inclusion of Dmanisi in Graph 1 by extending it to 1.8 Mya would support the paper's uniformitarian solution.

However, as the core of his proposal is to present a uniform solution to the appearance of small-bodied hominins at various times in the Quaternary, I emphasize that his overall proposition is realistic, and I find it persuasive. On that basis, I recommend the paper's publication.