

Peer Review

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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- The article that is being revised is an interesting analysis of the issue, and I consider the aspects discussed in it to be interesting and worth publishing. However, it requires significant improvement to become less popular and more scientific.
- First of all, the weak point is the graphic side. The graphics used are of poor quality; they are simply poorly legible scans of poor quality (which weakens their reception). Any interesting topic, including this one, can be effectively weakened, and the reader even discouraged, by such a poorly executed graphic side. People read with their eyes, so the graphic side should be improved first.
- The second issue is the material used for the analyses. There is no list of the material and the place where it was deposited, so there is no possibility of referring to the obtained results or the possibility of verifying them. On this level, the article also requires the addition of this content.
- It would be good to include higher resolution scans and, if possible, photos of the materials taken by the author himself.
- The third aspect of the manuscript is related to them. The lack of reliable measurement data, their comparisons, summaries, and graphical representation of full trends (charts, statistical tests, etc.). This is a necessary and crucial aspect of such articles, without which the presented theses/results are just hypotheses. It would be worth adding a comparison of the cranial and postcranial skeleton measurements of island and mainland populations, also in terms of time. Perhaps it would be possible to see or illustrate some trends.

- You can include even the simplest diagrams of the length and width of teeth, the total length of long bones to the width of their shaft, the volume capacity of the skull, etc.
- Let me not be misunderstood. The article is interesting and suitable for publication, but it still requires a lot of editorial work before it can finally be done.

Declarations

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