

Table S8. Means of VD index with 95 % bootstrap confidence intervals.

Age (Ma)	Species	N	Mean	Bootstrap confidence interval		SD	Combined age
				Lower	Upper		
Recent	<i>Golunda ellioti</i>	3	2.52			0.06	
	<i>Rattus</i> sp.	3	2.36			0.19	
	<i>Millardia</i> sp.	3	2.59			0.16	
	<i>Mus</i> spp.	5	2.01			0.08	
6.5	<i>Parapelomys robertsi</i>	5	2.54	2.50	2.59		
	<i>Karnimata huxleyi</i>	10	2.29	2.24	2.33		
	<i>Mus auctor</i>	13	2.02	1.98	2.08		
7.4	<i>Karnimata</i> sp.	13	2.30	2.25	2.35		
	<i>Progonomys</i> sp.	8	1.96	1.93	2.00		
	<i>Mus</i> sp.	9	1.77	1.72	1.86		
8.2	<i>Karnimata</i> sp. (+ large <i>Karnimata</i> sp.)	14	2.13	2.09	2.18		
	<i>Progonomys</i> sp.	11	1.95	1.91	1.98		
8.8	<i>Karnimata</i> sp. (+ large <i>Karnimata</i> sp.)	5	2.12	2.04	2.17		
	<i>Progonomys</i> sp.	14	1.99	1.94	2.05		
9.2	<i>Karnimata darwini</i>	33	2.07	2.04	2.10		
	<i>Progonomys debruijini</i>	15	1.97	1.89	2.04		
10.1	<i>Karnimata</i> sp.	9	2.01	1.95	2.06		
10.5	<i>Karnimata</i> sp.	11	1.95	1.91	2.01		10.2 Ma, 10.5 Ma
	<i>Progonomys</i> sp.	12	1.95	1.90	1.99		
11.2	<i>Progonomys hussaini</i>	9	2.02	1.99	2.06		
	? <i>Karnimata</i> sp.	6	2.15	2.08	2.21		
11.4	<i>Progonomys hussaini</i>	21	2.00	1.93	2.07		11.3 Ma, 11.4 Ma
11.6	<i>Progonomys hussaini</i>	5	1.97	1.88	2.12		11.5 Ma, 11.6 Ma, 12.3 Ma
12.4	near <i>Progonomys</i>	5	2.05	1.97	2.15		
13.0	<i>Antemus chinjiensis</i>	7	2.02	1.95	2.07		12.8 Ma, 13.1 Ma, 13.2 Ma
13.6	<i>Antemus chinjiensis</i>	14	1.99	1.95	2.03		13.6 Ma, 13.7 Ma
13.8	<i>Antemus chinjiensis</i>	12	2.02	1.97	2.07		