

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## The evolution of anthropoid molar proportions

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## Supplementary Tables

Table S1 Anthropoid ( $n = 100$ ) lower molar proportions, body mass, and diet summary data

Genus	Species	$n$	$M_1$ area	$M_2$ area	$M_3$ area	$M_2/M_1$	$M_3/M_1$	BM*	PDC*
<i>Alouatta</i>	<i>belzebul</i>	13	35.41	41.24	41.12	1.17	1.16	6.39	fruit
<i>Alouatta</i>	<i>caraya</i>	20	32.62	38.91	41.70	1.19	1.28	5.38	leaves
<i>Alouatta</i>	<i>guariba</i>	18	34.04	39.87	42.60	1.17	1.25	5.54	leaves
<i>Alouatta</i>	<i>palliata</i>	18	39.23	45.86	43.78	1.17	1.12	6.25	leaves
<i>Alouatta</i>	<i>seniculus</i>	34	39.36	45.11	44.69	1.15	1.14	5.92	leaves
<i>Ateles</i>	<i>geoffroyi</i>	25	25.14	25.10	20.76	1.00	0.83	7.54	fruit
<i>Ateles</i>	<i>paniscus</i>	22	25.17	24.47	19.94	0.97	0.79	8.78	fruit
<i>Brachyteles</i>	<i>arachnoides</i>	8	42.40	42.40	34.08	1.00	0.81	8.84	leaves
<i>Lagothrix</i>	<i>lagotricha</i>	19	27.37	30.81	25.57	1.13	0.93	7.15	fruit
<i>Callithrix</i>	<i>jacchus</i>	13	4.95	3.35	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.37	omnivore
<i>Callithrix</i>	<i>pygmaea</i>	33	2.37	1.81	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.12	insects
<i>Leontopithecus</i>	<i>rosalia</i>	8	8.29	6.45	0.00	0.78	0.00	0.64	insects
<i>Saguinus</i>	<i>fuscicollis</i>	33	4.69	3.41	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.35	fruit
<i>Saguinus</i>	<i>midas</i>	55	4.74	3.30	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.55	insects
<i>Saguinus</i>	<i>oedipus</i>	36	5.77	3.79	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.41	insects
<i>Aotus</i>	<i>trivirgatus</i>	46	8.75	8.75	6.95	1.00	0.80	0.77	fruit
<i>Cebus</i>	<i>apella</i>	34	21.37	18.51	11.65	0.87	0.55	3.08	fruit
<i>Cebus</i>	<i>capucinus</i>	47	20.60	17.49	13.14	0.85	0.64	3.11	fruit
<i>Saimiri</i>	<i>oerstedii</i>	29	6.45	5.22	3.31	0.81	0.51	0.79	fruit
<i>Saimiri</i>	<i>sciureus</i>	39	6.76	5.53	3.53	0.82	0.52	0.82	animals
<i>Cacajao</i>	<i>calvus</i>	14	18.58	17.91	13.46	0.96	0.72	3.17	fruit
<i>Callicebus</i>	<i>moloch</i>	17	10.33	10.45	8.29	1.02	0.81	0.99	fruit
<i>Callicebus</i>	<i>torquatus</i>	20	11.00	10.73	7.89	0.98	0.72	1.25	fruit
<i>Chiropotes</i>	<i>satanas</i>	28	12.92	11.71	8.93	0.91	0.69	2.74	fruit
<i>Pithecia</i>	<i>pithecia</i>	23	11.59	11.94	10.99	1.03	0.95	1.76	fruit
<i>Allenopithecus</i>	<i>nigroviridis</i>	14	24.61	33.43	27.45	1.36	1.11	4.68	fruit
<i>Allochrocebus</i>	<i>lhoesti</i>	25	26.78	34.12	28.61	1.28	1.07	4.71	leaves
<i>Allochrocebus</i>	<i>preussi</i>	14	23.11	30.60	25.59	1.32	1.11	4.50	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>ascanius</i>	50	18.51	24.94	20.54	1.35	1.11	3.31	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>cephus</i>	40	20.17	26.37	20.99	1.31	1.04	3.58	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>diana</i>	34	23.98	30.77	25.40	1.29	1.06	4.55	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>erythrogaster</i>	6	20.55	27.57	21.23	1.34	1.03	3.25	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>erythrotis</i>	9	19.54	25.43	20.71	1.30	1.06	3.25	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>mitis</i>	37	25.20	33.61	27.71	1.33	1.10	4.89	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>mona</i>	27	20.68	28.56	23.81	1.38	1.15	3.80	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>neglectus</i>	37	24.15	33.12	28.68	1.38	1.19	5.70	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>nictitans</i>	45	22.97	31.78	26.20	1.39	1.14	5.46	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>petaurista</i>	17	20.87	27.97	22.63	1.34	1.09	4.13	leaves
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>pogonias</i>	50	20.32	28.46	22.41	1.40	1.11	3.58	fruit
<i>Cercopithecus</i>	<i>wolfi</i>	36	18.57	26.19	21.93	1.41	1.18	3.39	fruit
<i>Chlorocebus</i>	<i>aethiops</i>	114	25.47	34.81	29.46	1.37	1.16	4.14	fruit
<i>Erythrocebus</i>	<i>patas</i>	29	31.92	45.09	38.07	1.42	1.20	3.87	omnivore
<i>Miopithecus</i>	<i>talapoin</i>	42	10.88	13.97	11.20	1.28	1.03	2.25	fruit
<i>Colobus</i>	<i>guereza</i>	60	38.07	48.66	56.86	1.28	1.49	8.26	leaves
<i>Colobus</i>	<i>polykomos</i>	84	35.67	43.82	49.75	1.23	1.40	9.10	leaves
<i>Colobus</i>	<i>satanas</i>	44	35.87	41.34	46.40	1.15	1.30	4.23	seeds
<i>Nasalis</i>	<i>larvatus</i>	15	36.90	48.76	58.86	1.32	1.60	15.11	leaves
<i>Ptilocolobus</i>	<i>badius</i>	40	34.64	41.67	48.66	1.20	1.41	10.28	leaves
<i>Ptilocolobus</i>	<i>kirkee</i>	11	26.22	31.40	36.80	1.20	1.40	5.63	leaves
<i>Presbytis</i>	<i>comata</i>	15	26.30	30.10	28.92	1.15	1.10	6.70	leaves
<i>Presbytis</i>	<i>melalophos</i>	30	24.19	26.99	23.78	1.12	0.98	6.53	fruit
<i>Presbytis</i>	<i>potenziani</i>	20	33.75	40.30	39.11	1.19	1.16	6.36	leaves
<i>Presbytis</i>	<i>rubicunda</i>	33	24.00	24.57	24.91	1.02	1.04	6.18	leaves
<i>Presbytis</i>	<i>thomasi</i>	7	27.11	30.14	31.37	1.11	1.16	6.73	leaves
<i>Procolobus</i>	<i>verus</i>	45	20.25	24.41	28.76	1.21	1.42	4.45	leaves
<i>Pygathrix</i>	<i>nemaeus</i>	21	32.71	40.99	48.55	1.26	1.49	9.72	leaves
<i>Rhinopithecus</i>	<i>roxellana</i>	5	44.41	62.02	72.92	1.40	1.65	14.75	leaves

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<i>Semnopithecus</i>	<i>entellus</i>	100	42.05	54.40	62.26	1.29	1.47	10.21	leaves
<i>Simias</i>	<i>concolor</i>	15	29.99	39.33	46.98	1.31	1.57	7.97	leaves
<i>Trachypithecus</i>	<i>cristatus</i>	39	33.18	43.42	45.40	1.31	1.37	6.18	leaves
<i>Trachypithecus</i>	<i>francoisi</i>	8	30.72	36.24	40.63	1.18	1.32	7.88	leaves
<i>Trachypithecus</i>	<i>obscurus</i>	44	26.80	34.20	34.91	1.28	1.30	7.41	leaves
<i>Trachypithecus</i>	<i>pileatus</i>	13	34.35	42.09	43.61	1.23	1.27	11.34	leaves
<i>Trachypithecus</i>	<i>vetulus</i>	44	28.74	35.68	40.32	1.24	1.40	7.04	leaves
<i>Cercocebus</i>	<i>agilis</i>	21	41.03	56.50	51.47	1.38	1.26	7.38	omnivore
<i>Cercocebus</i>	<i>torquatus</i>	37	45.90	60.77	62.31	1.33	1.36	8.78	fruit
<i>Lophocebus</i>	<i>albigena</i>	69	32.88	44.70	40.85	1.36	1.25	6.57	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>fascicularis</i>	28	27.71	38.66	41.77	1.40	1.51	4.46	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>fuscata</i>	39	42.62	62.96	74.48	1.48	1.75	11.83	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>hecki</i>	24	38.92	52.71	55.11	1.36	1.42	9.00	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>maura</i>	7	37.37	55.38	66.30	1.49	1.78	7.88	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>mulatta</i>	61	34.04	49.00	58.21	1.44	1.71	6.61	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>nemestrina</i>	43	40.97	57.67	72.04	1.41	1.76	8.85	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>nigra</i>	40	36.34	52.78	60.63	1.46	1.67	7.68	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>ochreata</i>	9	35.78	48.82	57.88	1.36	1.62	3.95	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>silenus</i>	4	30.69	46.14	52.58	1.50	1.70	6.42	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>sinica</i>	39	28.18	38.71	41.16	1.37	1.46	4.44	fruit
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>sylvanus</i>	4	40.10	55.69	71.54	1.39	1.79	12.09	omnivore
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>tonkeana</i>	24	45.38	60.69	61.94	1.34	1.37	11.95	fruit
<i>Mandrillus</i>	<i>leucophaeus</i>	35	71.51	112.83	132.25	1.58	1.85	15.00	omnivore
<i>Mandrillus</i>	<i>sphinx</i>	10	66.50	108.27	124.72	1.65	1.89	23.60	omnivore
<i>Papio</i>	<i>anubis</i>	10	79.17	122.04	143.78	1.54	1.82	19.20	omnivore
<i>Papio</i>	<i>cynocephalus</i>	35	59.44	87.89	108.26	1.48	1.82	17.05	fruit
<i>Papio</i>	<i>hamadryas</i>	25	68.31	112.18	132.51	1.65	1.95	14.15	omnivore
<i>Papio</i>	<i>ursinus</i>	6	82.72	126.46	157.02	1.53	1.91	22.30	fruit
<i>Theropithecus</i>	<i>gelada</i>	25	66.05	103.18	132.48	1.56	2.01	15.35	leaves
<i>Gorilla</i>	<i>gorilla gorilla</i>	35	191.80	235.33	217.27	1.23	1.13	120.95	fruit
<i>Homo</i>	<i>sapiens</i>	20	107.16	108.92	109.52	1.02	1.02	67.10	omnivore
<i>Pan</i>	<i>paniscus</i>	25	79.32	85.83	70.11	1.08	0.89	39.10	fruit
<i>Pan</i>	<i>trog. schwein.</i>	26	101.22	114.49	101.23	1.13	1.00	38.20	fruit
<i>Pan</i>	<i>trog. trog.</i>	38	99.49	109.96	99.04	1.11	1.00	52.75	fruit
<i>Pongo</i>	<i>abelii</i>	7	131.40	154.23	143.31	1.17	1.09	56.75	fruit
<i>Pongo</i>	<i>pygmaeus</i>	38	140.16	157.27	144.31	1.12	1.03	57.15	fruit
<i>Hoolock</i>	<i>hoolock</i>	28	35.22	45.71	42.35	1.30	1.21	6.88	fruit
<i>Hylobates</i>	<i>agilis</i>	16	27.58	30.54	29.52	1.11	1.07	5.85	fruit
<i>Hylobates</i>	<i>klossii</i>	16	24.66	27.17	21.34	1.10	0.87	5.79	fruit
<i>Hylobates</i>	<i>lar</i>	32	28.63	33.76	32.61	1.18	1.14	5.64	fruit
<i>Hylobates</i>	<i>pileatus</i>	4	29.28	32.03	33.39	1.10	1.15	5.47	fruit
<i>Nomascus</i>	<i>concolor</i>	19	30.38	36.43	33.19	1.20	1.10	7.71	fruit
<i>Symphalangus</i>	<i>syndactylus</i>	26	44.42	55.00	51.40	1.24	1.16	11.24	fruit

\*BM = body mass (kg), sources [1–7]. PDC = primary dietary category, sources: [8–35]

**Table S2** Molar area proportion PGLMM posterior probabilities.

Taxon	Slope (Interspecific)		
	$\mathbb{P} \in [1.95, 2.05]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [1.90, 2.10]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [1.85, 2.15]$
Anthropoidea	0.047	0.102	0.184
Platyrrhini	0.132	0.264	0.395
Platyrrhini*	0.082	0.168	0.259
Catarrhini	0.024	0.056	0.098
Hominoidea	0.001	0.003	0.005
Cercopithecoidea	0.075	0.162	0.253
Colobinae	0.015	0.034	0.054
Cercopithecinae	0.167	0.329	0.480
Cercopithecini	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Papionini	0.123	0.243	0.353

Taxon	Intercept		
	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.95, -1.05]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.90, -1.10]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.85, -1.15]$
Anthropoidea	0.190	0.366	0.519
Platyrrhini	0.076	0.156	0.233
Platyrrhini*	0.186	0.352	0.502
Catarrhini	0.109	0.223	0.330
Hominoidea	0.006	0.011	0.018
Cercopithecoidea	0.139	0.272	0.408
Colobinae	0.022	0.040	0.059
Cercopithecinae	0.042	0.089	0.135
Cercopithecini	0.003	0.006	0.010
Papionini	0.053	0.109	0.164

<sup>P</sup> posterior probability of parameter estimate being inside the ROPE

\* non-callitrichin platyrrhines

**Table S3** Relative  $M_2$  area PGLMM posterior probabilities.

Taxon	Slope (Interspecific)		
	$\mathbb{P} \in [0.328, 0.338]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [0.323, 0.343]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [0.318, 0.348]$
Anthropoidea	<0.001	<0.001	0.015
Platyrrhini	0.009	0.080	0.465
Platyrrhini*	0.009	0.061	0.270
Catarrhini	<0.001	0.001	0.044
Hominoidea	0.003	0.010	0.030
Cercopithecoidea	0.151	0.602	0.942
Colobinae	0.193	0.414	0.645
Cercopithecinae	0.245	0.678	0.941
Cercopithecini	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Papionini	0.259	0.554	0.811

Taxon	Intercept		
	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.05, 0.05]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.10, 0.10]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [-0.15, 0.15]$
Anthropoidea	0.028	0.054	0.080
Platyrrhini	0.062	0.125	0.198
Platyrrhini*	0.111	0.217	0.321
Catarrhini	0.024	0.047	0.071
Hominoidea	0.011	0.023	0.034
Cercopithecoidea	0.016	0.030	0.046
Colobinae	0.037	0.071	0.103
Cercopithecinae	<0.001	0.001	0.002
Cercopithecini	0.068	0.141	0.211
Papionini	0.010	0.018	0.028

<sup>P</sup> posterior probability of parameter estimate being inside the ROPE

\* non-callitrichin platyrrhines

**Table S4** Proportion mediated ( $pr_m$ ) PGLMM posterior probabilities.

Taxon	$pr_m$ (Interspecific)	
	$\mathbb{P} \in [0.9, 1]$	$\mathbb{P} \in [0.8, 1]$
Anthropoidea	<0.001	0.009
Platyrrhini	<0.001	0.004
Platyrrhini*	0.003	0.014
Catarrhini	0.001	0.049
Homoidea	0.141	0.294
Cercopithecoidea	0.233	0.802
Colobinae	0.274	0.607
Cercopithecinae	0.190	0.667
Cercopithecini	0.415	0.796
Papionini	0.262	0.652

<sup>‡</sup> posterior probability of parameter estimate being inside the ROPE

\* non-callitrichin platyrrhines

**Table S5** Modern human ( $n = 66$ ) lower molar proportions.\*

Population	$M_2/M_1$	$M_3/M_1$	Population	$M_2/M_1$	$M_3/M_1$
Australia	0.88	0.85	USA (Ohio)	0.92	0.95
Australia	1.05	1.10	USA (Ohio)	0.90	0.81
Australia	1.17	1.04	USA (Ohio)	0.94	0.90
Australia	0.94	0.79	USA (Ohio)	0.87	0.89
Australia	1.01	0.77	USA (Ohio)	0.83	0.94
Egypt	1.00	0.00	USA (Ohio)	0.93	0.88
Egypt	0.86	0.00	USA (Ohio)	0.91	0.82
Egypt	1.01	0.00	USA (Ohio)	0.84	0.97
Egypt	0.89	0.95	USA (Ohio)	0.79	0.73
Egypt	1.04	0.92	USA (Ohio)	0.85	0.71
Egypt	1.03	0.88	USA (Ohio)	0.87	0.71
Egypt	1.00	0.97	USA (Ohio)	1.02	0.78
Egypt	0.90	0.88	USA (Ohio)	0.85	0.78
Egypt	0.87	1.00	Yugoslavia	0.95	0.93
Egypt	0.89	0.88	Yugoslavia	1.07	0.95
Egypt	0.94	0.93	Yugoslavia	0.96	0.98
Egypt	0.95	0.00	Yugoslavia	0.84	0.91
Egypt	0.94	0.91	Yugoslavia	1.00	1.02
Egypt	0.92	0.91	Yugoslavia	0.93	0.79
Egypt	0.90	0.80	Yugoslavia	0.96	0.87
Egypt	1.00	0.86	Yugoslavia	0.91	0.84
Egypt	0.94	0.87	Yugoslavia	0.93	0.80
Egypt	0.95	0.97	Yugoslavia	0.86	0.89
Egypt	1.00	0.88	Yugoslavia	0.89	0.00
Egypt	1.05	0.91	Yugoslavia	0.95	0.81
Iceland	0.96	0.98	Yugoslavia	0.96	0.92
USA (Ohio)	0.93	0.77	Yugoslavia	0.81	0.00
USA (Ohio)	0.86	0.95	Yugoslavia	0.96	0.90
USA (Ohio)	0.89	0.82	Yugoslavia	0.81	0.88
USA (Ohio)	0.99	0.81	Yugoslavia	0.98	0.91
USA (Ohio)	0.85	0.92	Yugoslavia	1.08	0.90
USA (Ohio)	0.81	0.73	Yugoslavia	0.94	0.82
USA (Ohio)	0.93	0.82	Yugoslavia	1.02	0.89

\* Data collected on specimens from the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard.

**Table S6** Strepsirrhine ( $n = 1$ ) lower molar proportions summary data

Genus	Species	$n$	$M_1$ area	$M_2$ area	$M_3$ area	$M_2/M_1$	$M_3/M_1$
<i>Varecia</i>	<i>variegata</i>	4	33.65	30.09	16.82	0.89	0.50

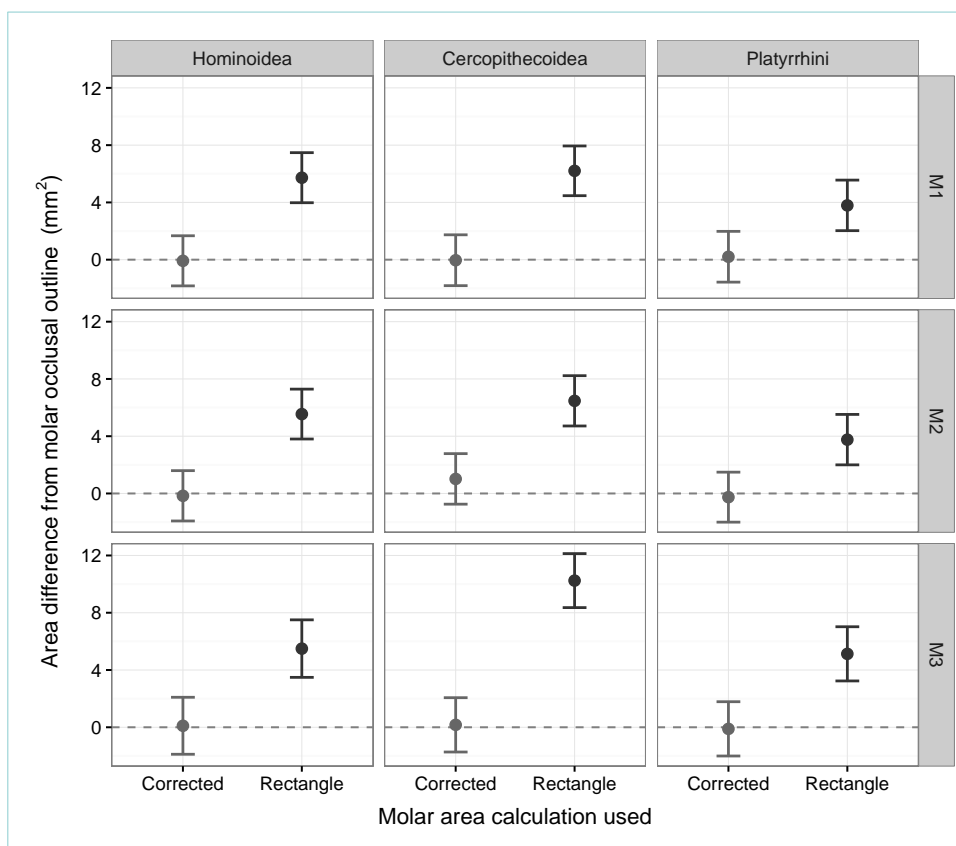
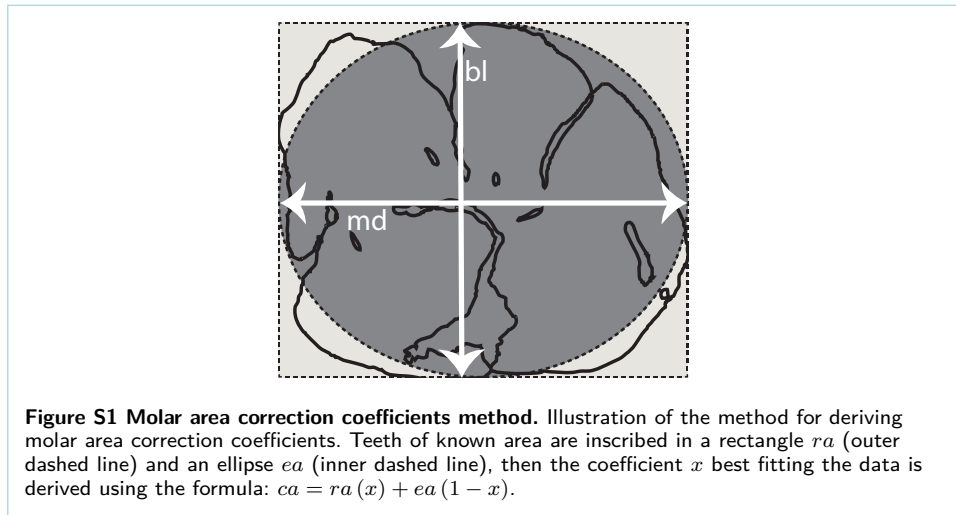
source: [36].

**Table S7** Primate molar crown formation time data

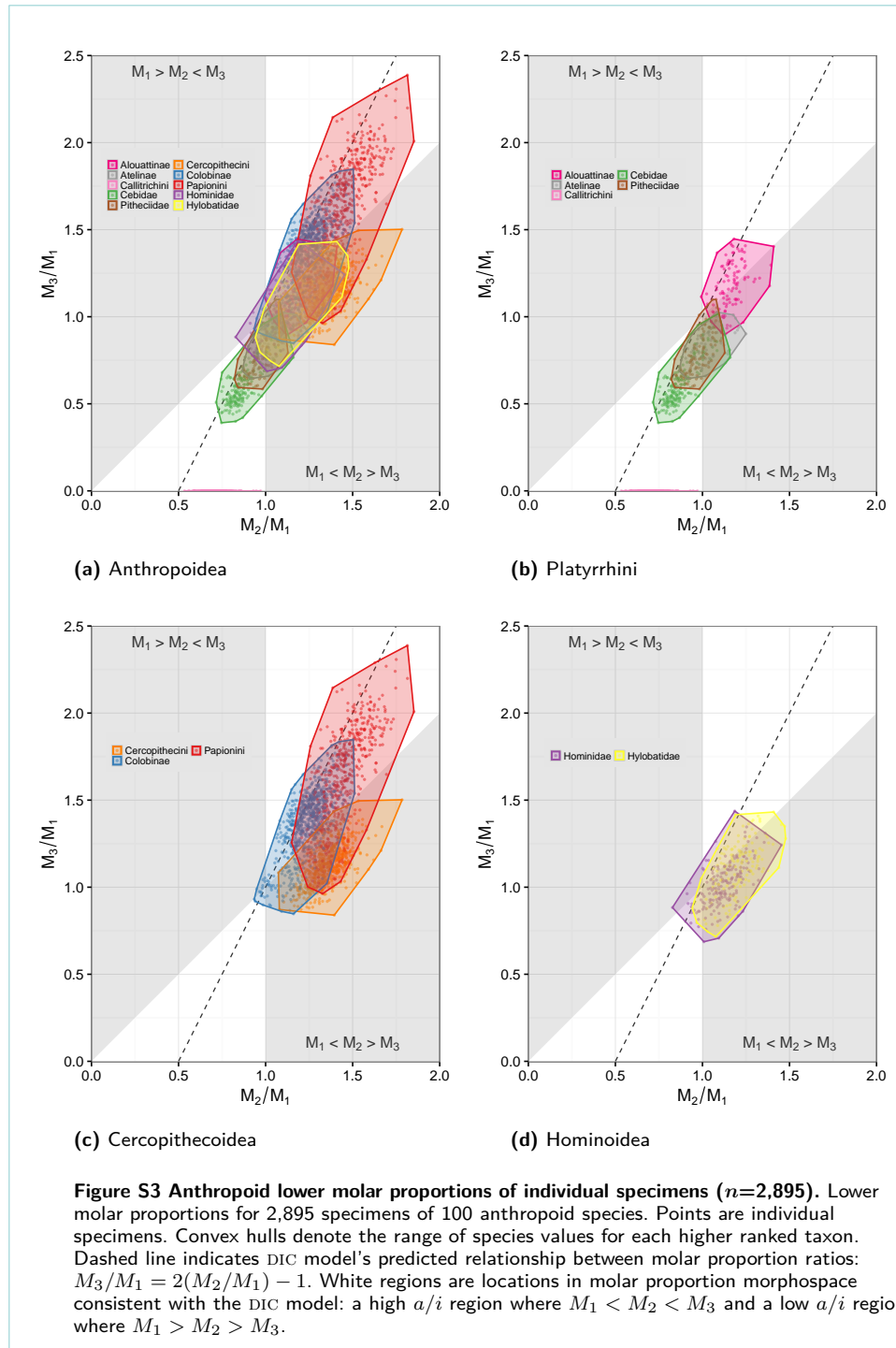
Genus	Species	$M_1$ Et*	$M_2$ Et	$M_3$ Et	Overlap*
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>fascicularis</i>	1.38	3.38	5.50	-0.11
<i>Macaca</i>	<i>mulatta</i>	1.35	3.15	5.60	-0.10
<i>Papio</i>	<i>cynocephalus</i>	1.64	3.79	6.21	0.37
<i>Gorilla</i>	<i>gorilla</i>	3.50	6.58	10.38	0.29
<i>Homo</i>	<i>sapiens</i>	6.23	11.75	20.10	-0.00
<i>Pan</i>	<i>troglydytes</i>	3.26	6.46	10.50	0.17
<i>Pongo</i>	<i>pygmaeus</i>	3.50	5.00	10.00	0.22
<i>Hylobates</i>	<i>lar</i>	1.90	2.88	6.70	0.12
<i>Varecia</i>	<i>variegata</i>	0.48	0.69	1.13	0.38

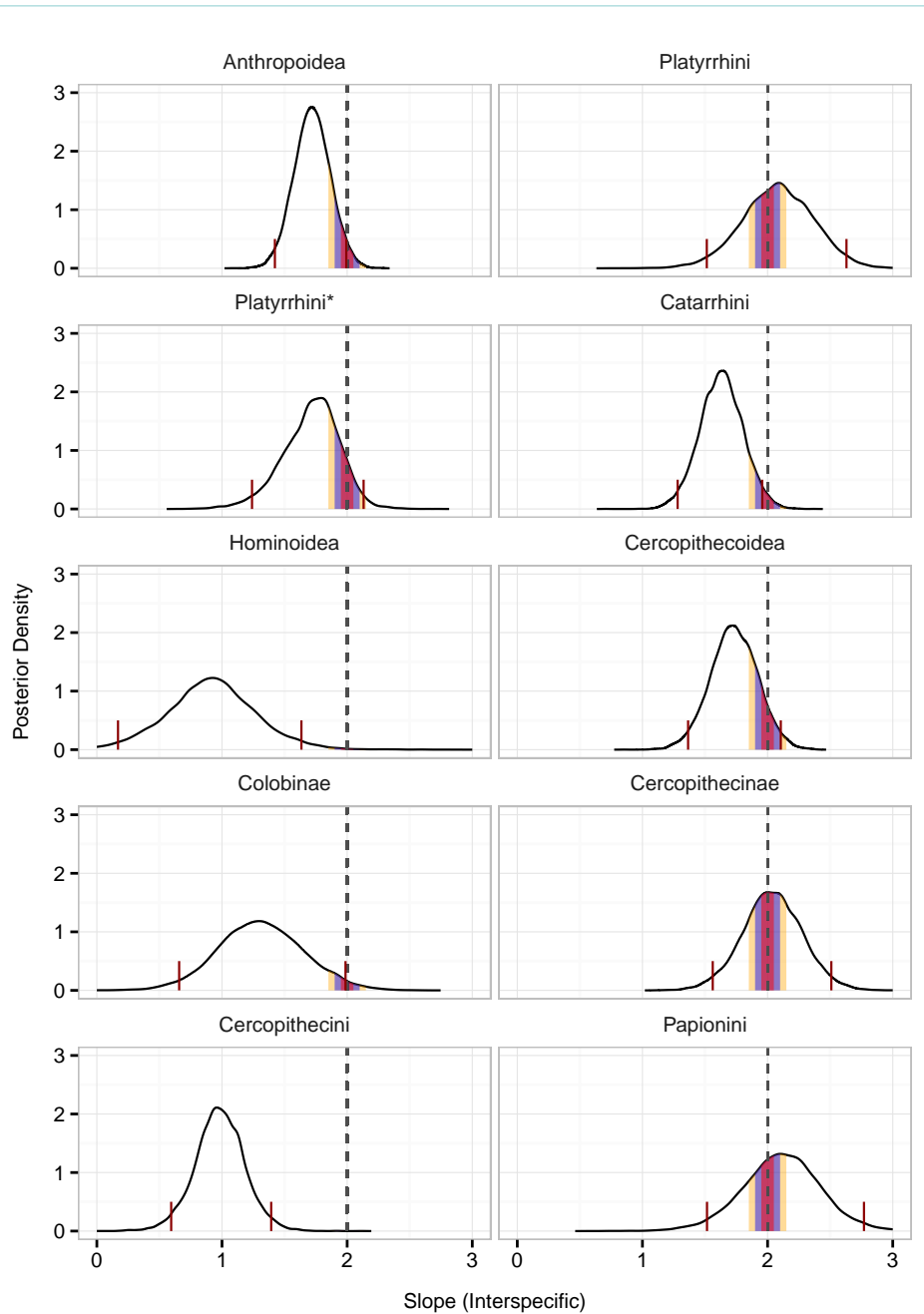
\* Et = eruption time, Overlap = temporal overlap,  
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### Supplementary Figures



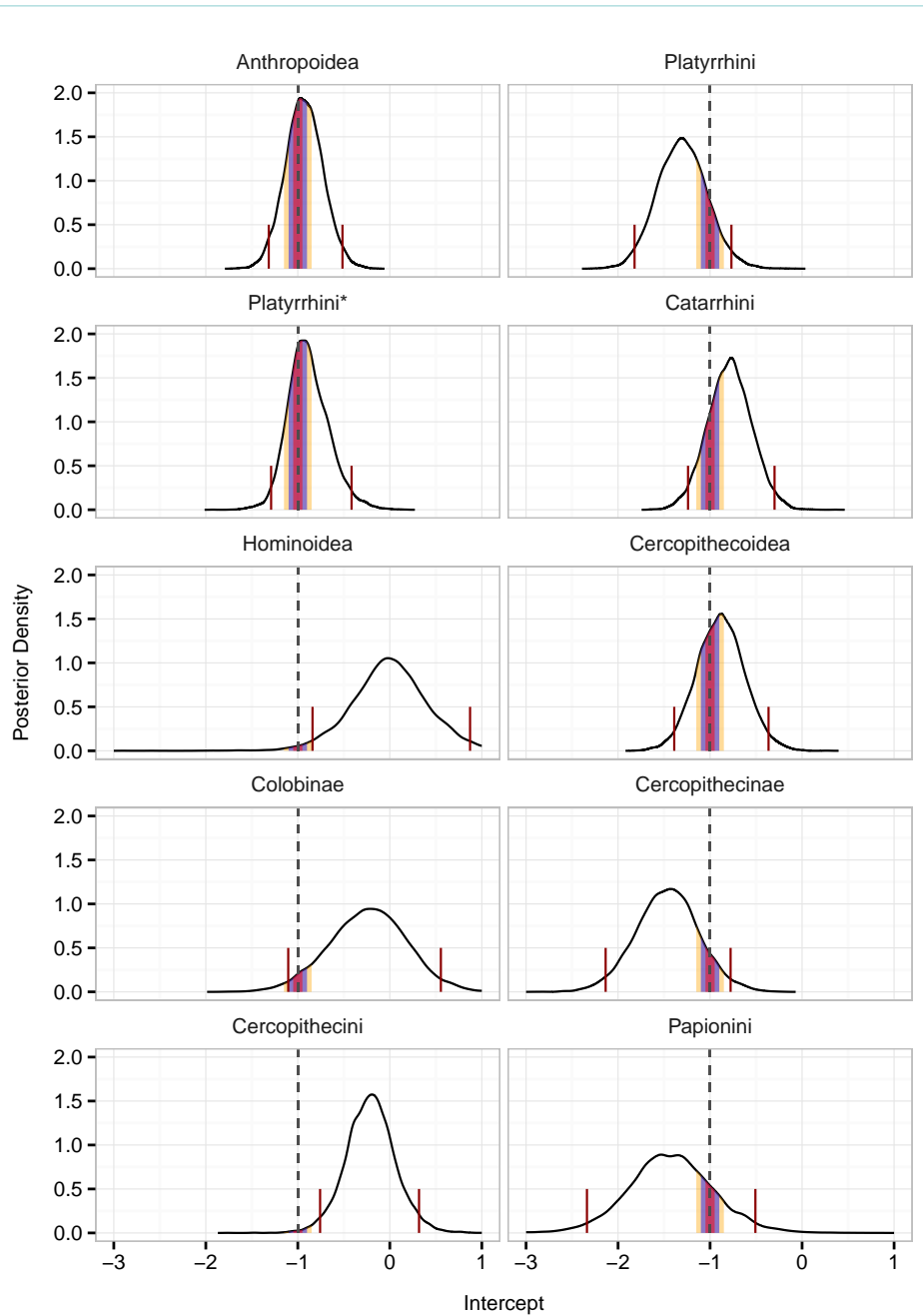
**Figure S2 Molar area correction coefficients test.** Differences in molar area (mm<sup>2</sup>) between those calculated by tracing polygons around molar occlusal outlines on photographs and those calculated: 1) as the product of linear length and breadth measurements ('rectangle'), and 2) using the correction coefficient method outline in the main article methods section ('corrected'). Points and error bars are mean estimates and 95% confidence intervals, respectively, from a mixed effects regression model. Comparisons are broken down by taxon and molar type.



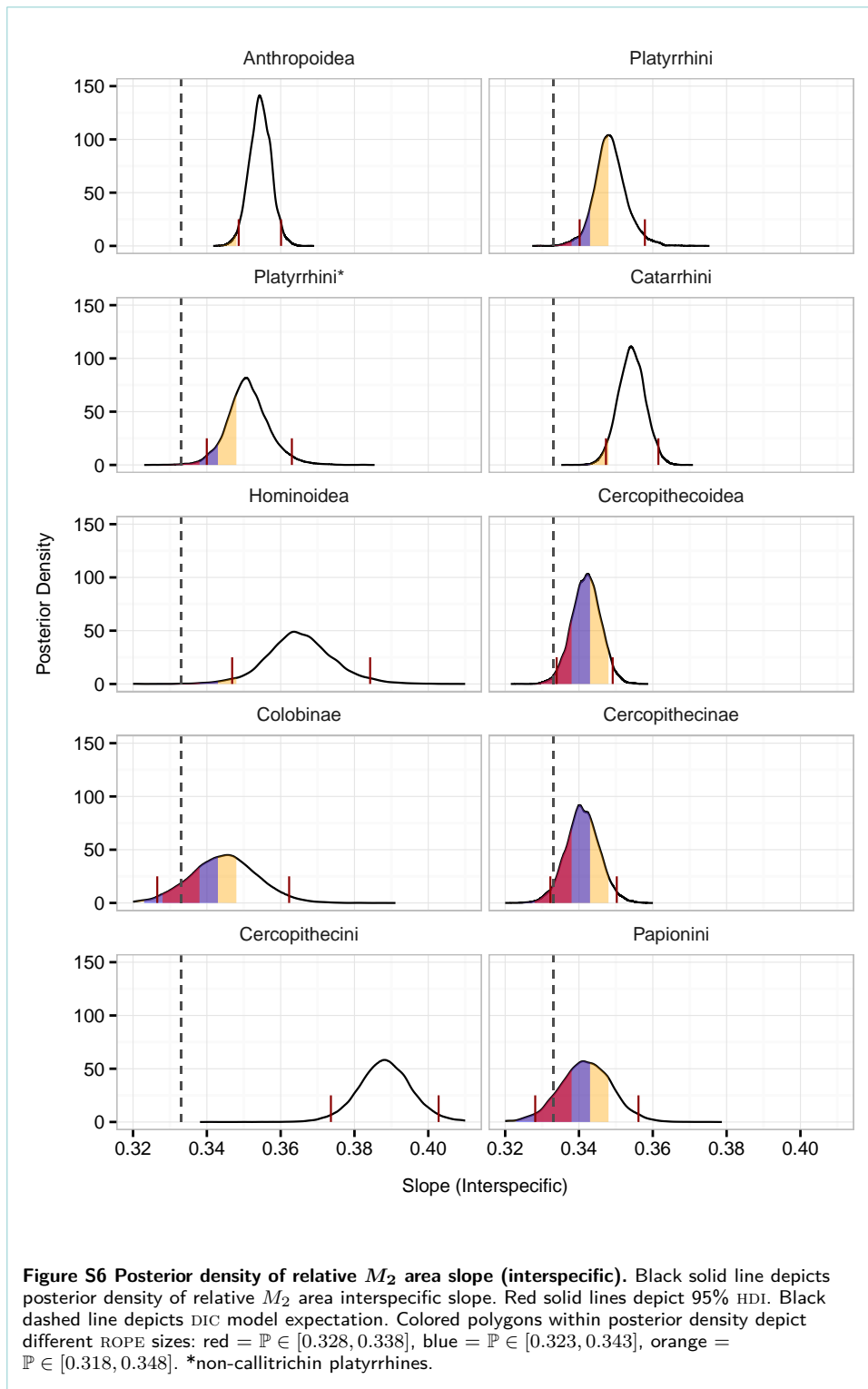


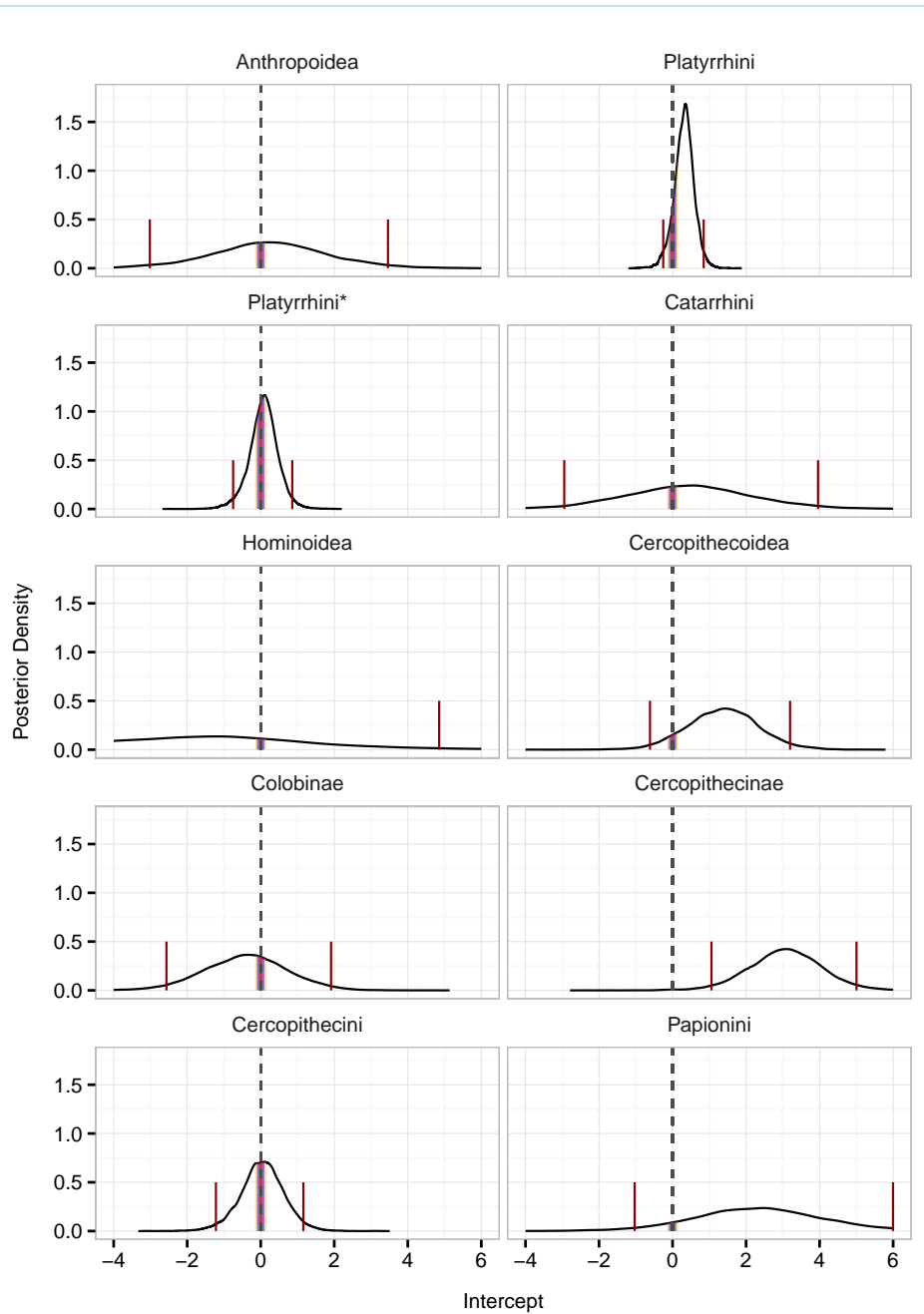
**Figure S4** Posterior density of molar area proportion slope (interspecific). Black solid line depicts posterior density of molar area proportion interspecific slope. Red solid lines depict 95% HDI. Black dashed line depicts DIC model expectation. Colored polygons within posterior density depict different ROPE sizes: red =  $\mathbb{P} \in [1.95, 2.05]$ , blue =  $\mathbb{P} \in [1.90, 2.10]$ , orange =  $\mathbb{P} \in [1.85, 2.15]$ . \*non-callitrichin platyrrhines.



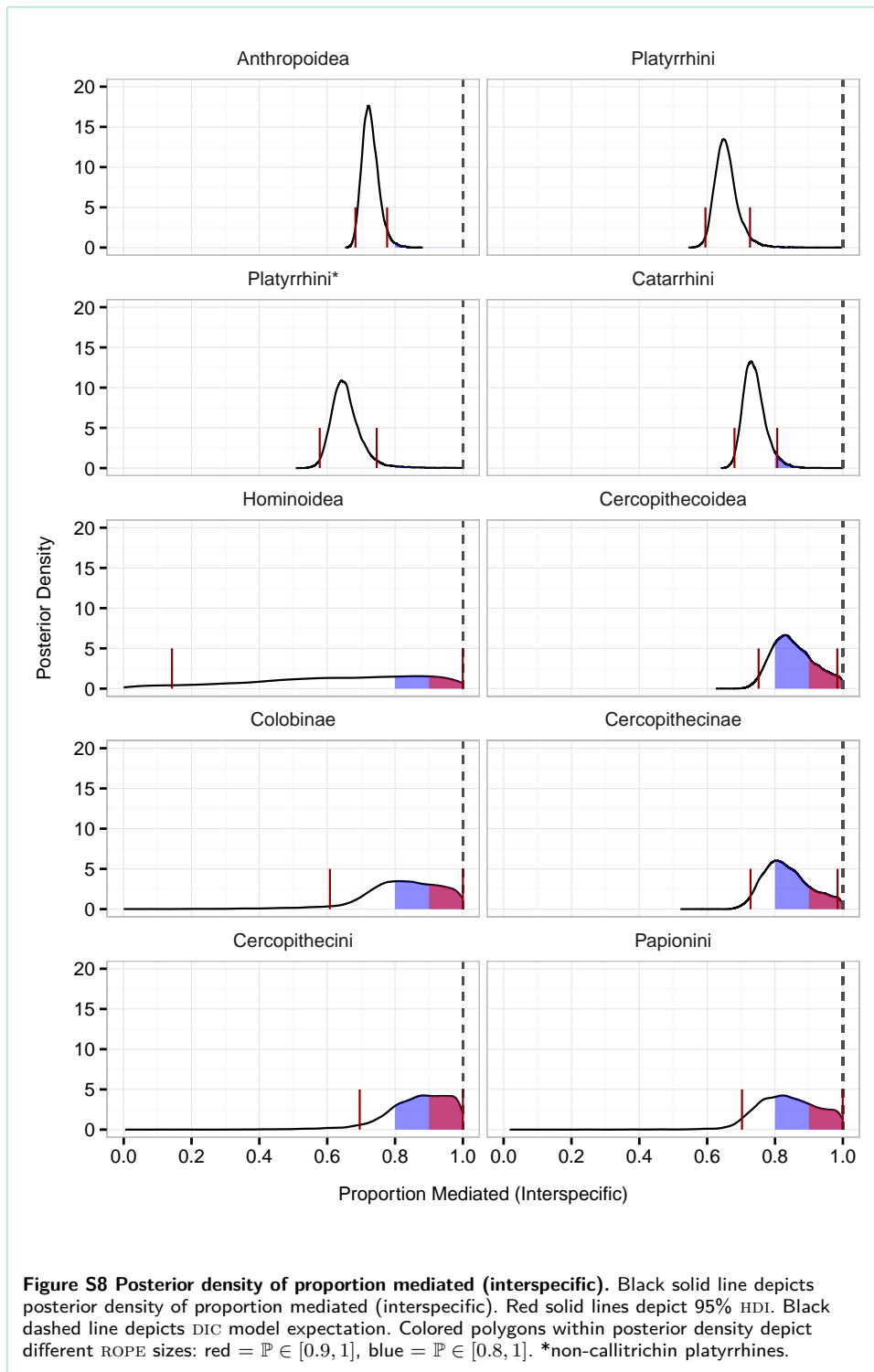


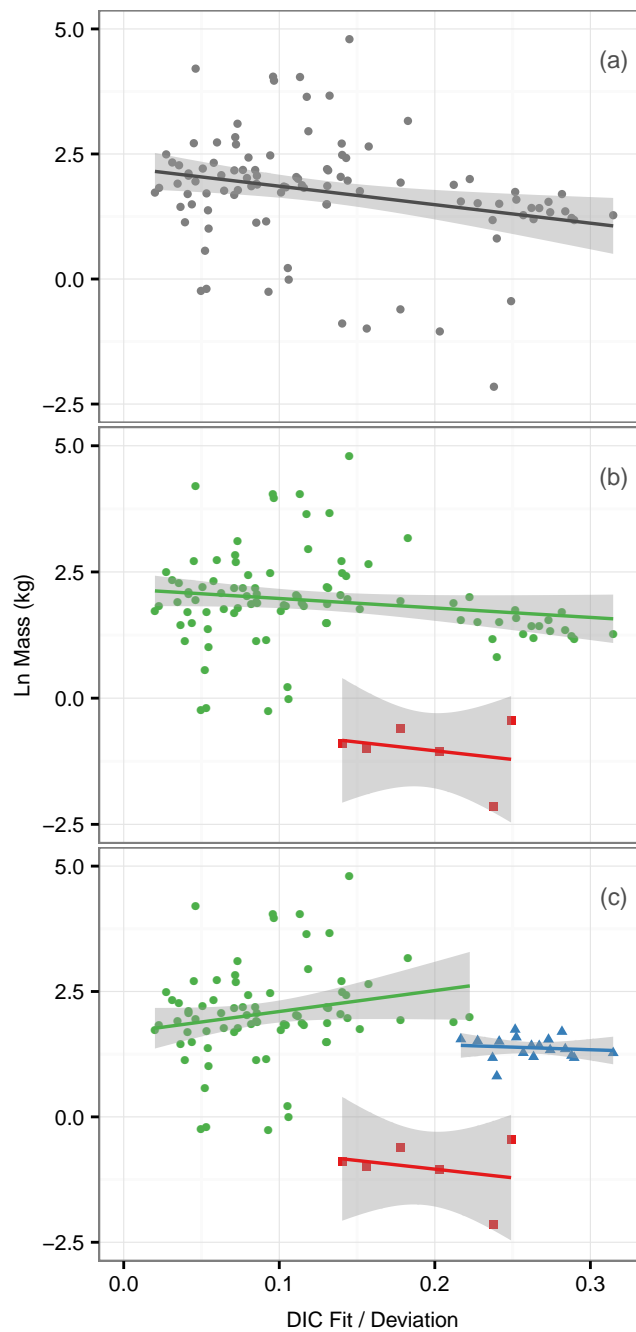
**Figure S5 Posterior density of molar area proportion intercept.** Black solid line depicts posterior density of molar area proportion intercept. Red solid lines depict 95% HDI. Black dashed line depicts DIC model expectation. Colored polygons within posterior density depict different ROPE sizes: red =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.95, -1.05]$ , blue =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.90, -1.10]$ , orange =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.85, -1.15]$ . \*non-callitrichin platyrrhines.



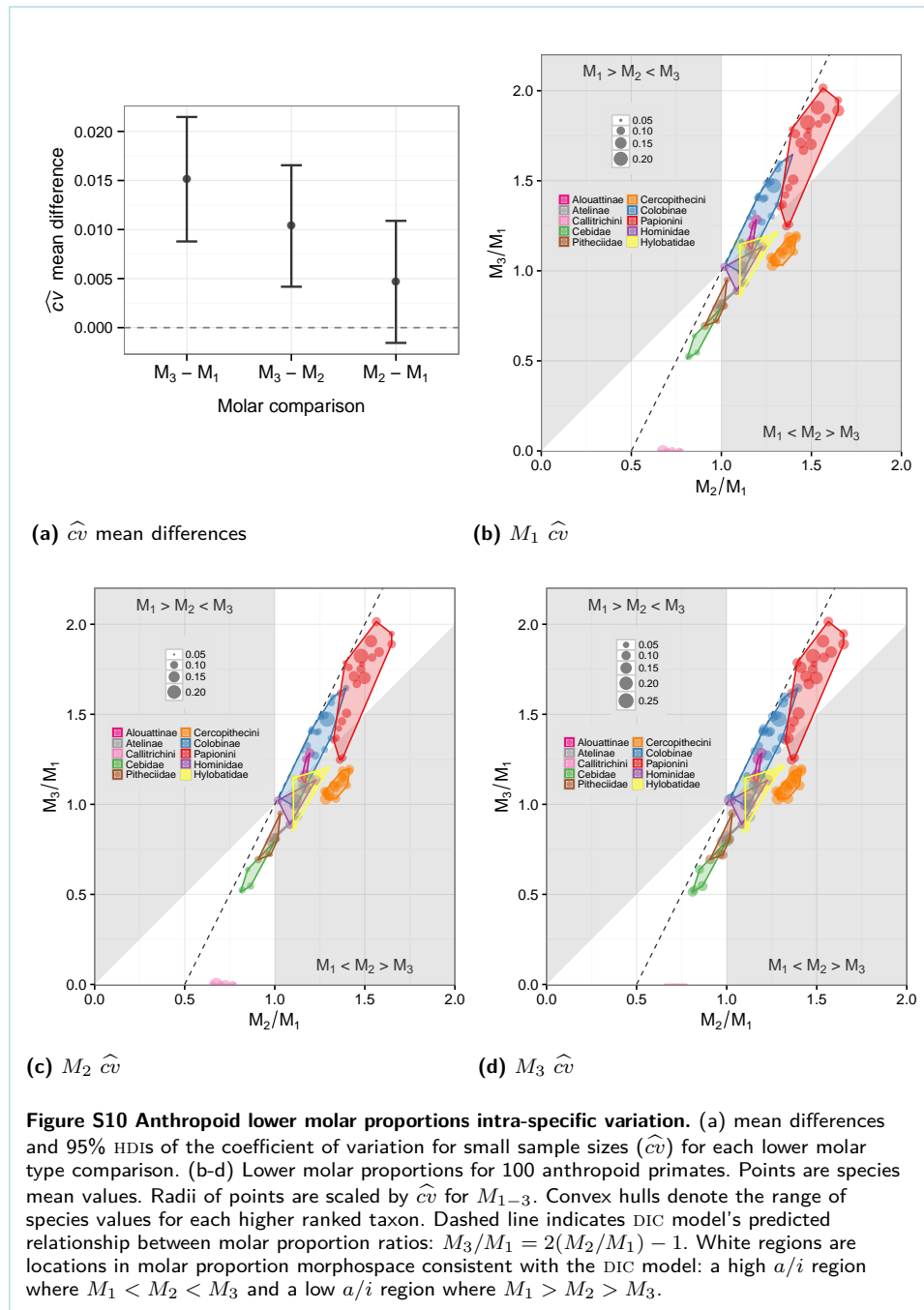


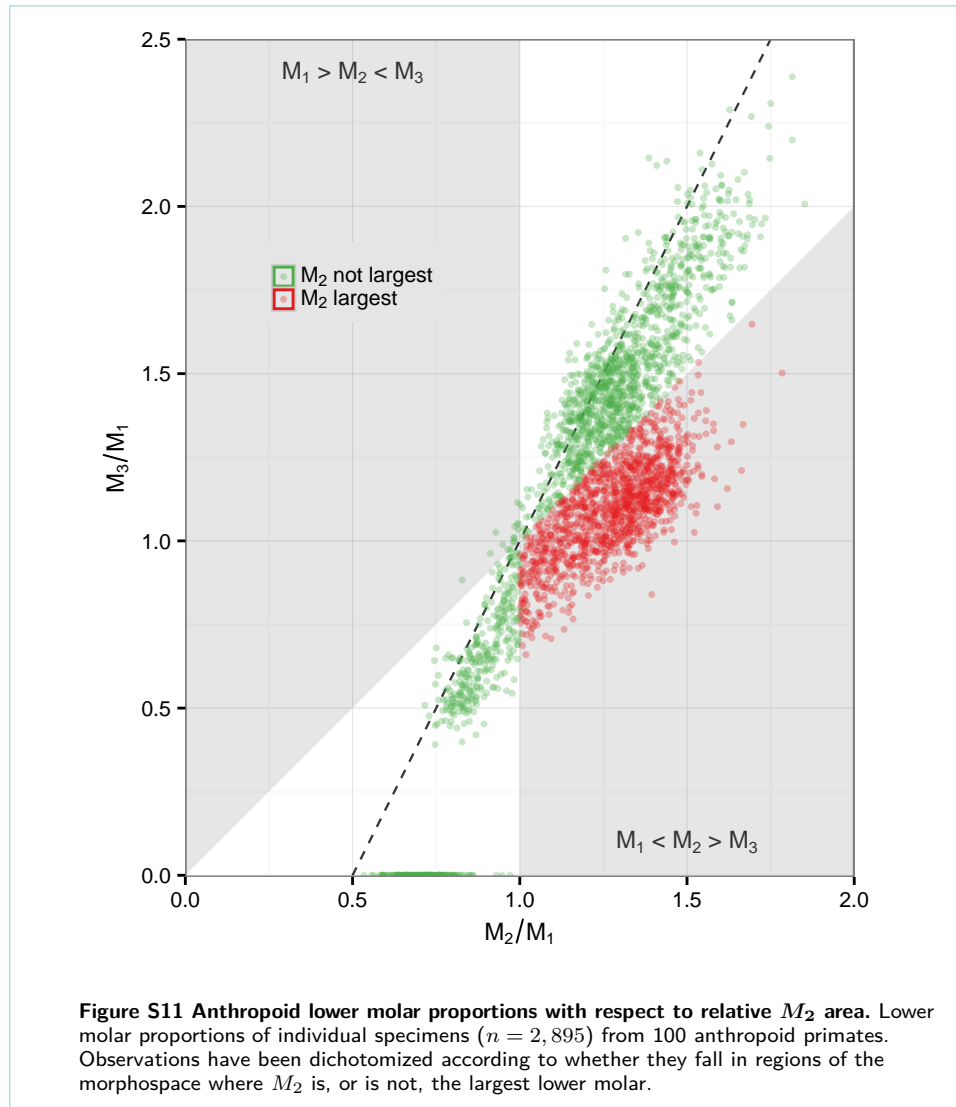
**Figure S7 Posterior density of relative  $M_2$  area intercept.** Black solid line depicts posterior density of relative  $M_2$  area intercept. Red solid lines depict 95% HDI. Black dashed line depicts DIC model expectation. Colored polygons within posterior density depict different ROPE sizes: red =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.05, 0.05]$ , blue =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.10, 0.10]$ , orange =  $\mathbb{P} \in [-0.15, 0.15]$ . \*non-callitrichin platyrrhines.

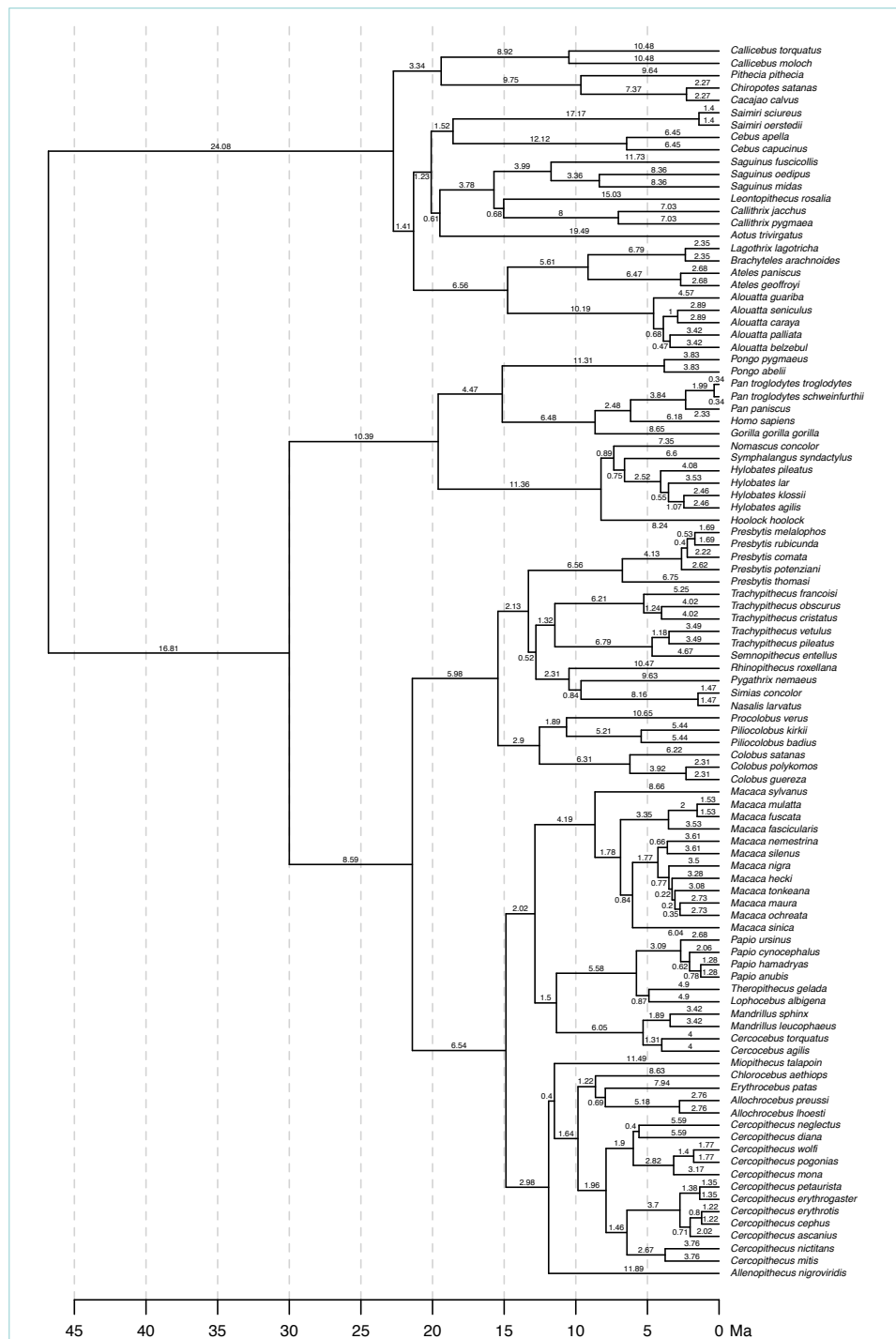




**Figure S9 Ln body mass as a function of fit/deviation from the DIC molar proportion model line.** Species mean Ln body mass as a function of absolute perpendicular fit/deviation from the DIC model line. (a) Pooled regression for all anthropoid ( $n = 100$ ) species. (b) Separate regression slopes and intercepts for callitrichins (red squares) and other anthropoids (green circles). (c) Separate regression slopes and intercepts for callitrichins (red squares), cercopithecins (blue triangles), and other anthropoids (green circles).

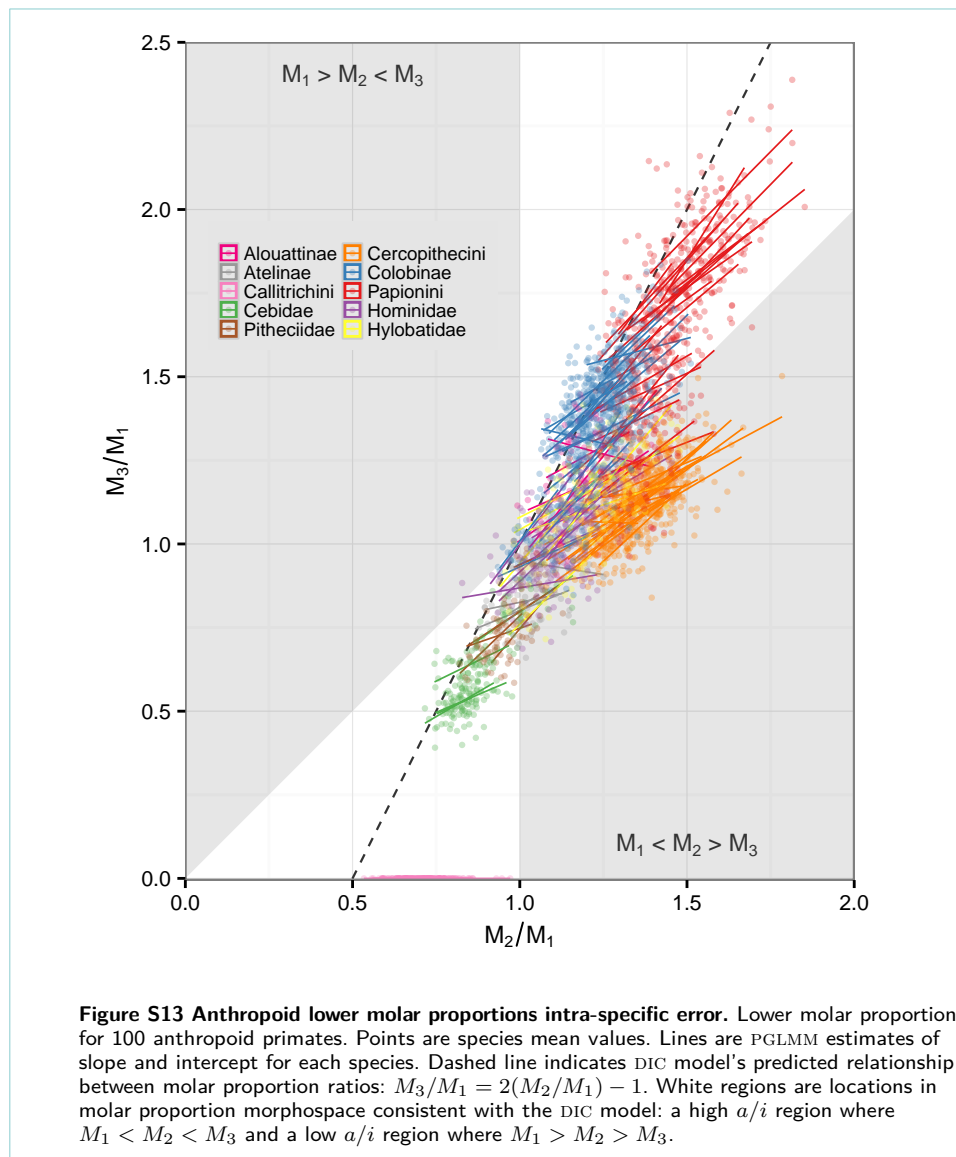






**Figure S12 Molecular phylogeny of anthropoid primates ( $n = 100$ ).** Molecular-based consensus phylogeny for 100 anthropoid primates. Topology and branch lengths were extracted from version 3 of the 10K Trees database of primate phylogenetic relationships [43].





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