

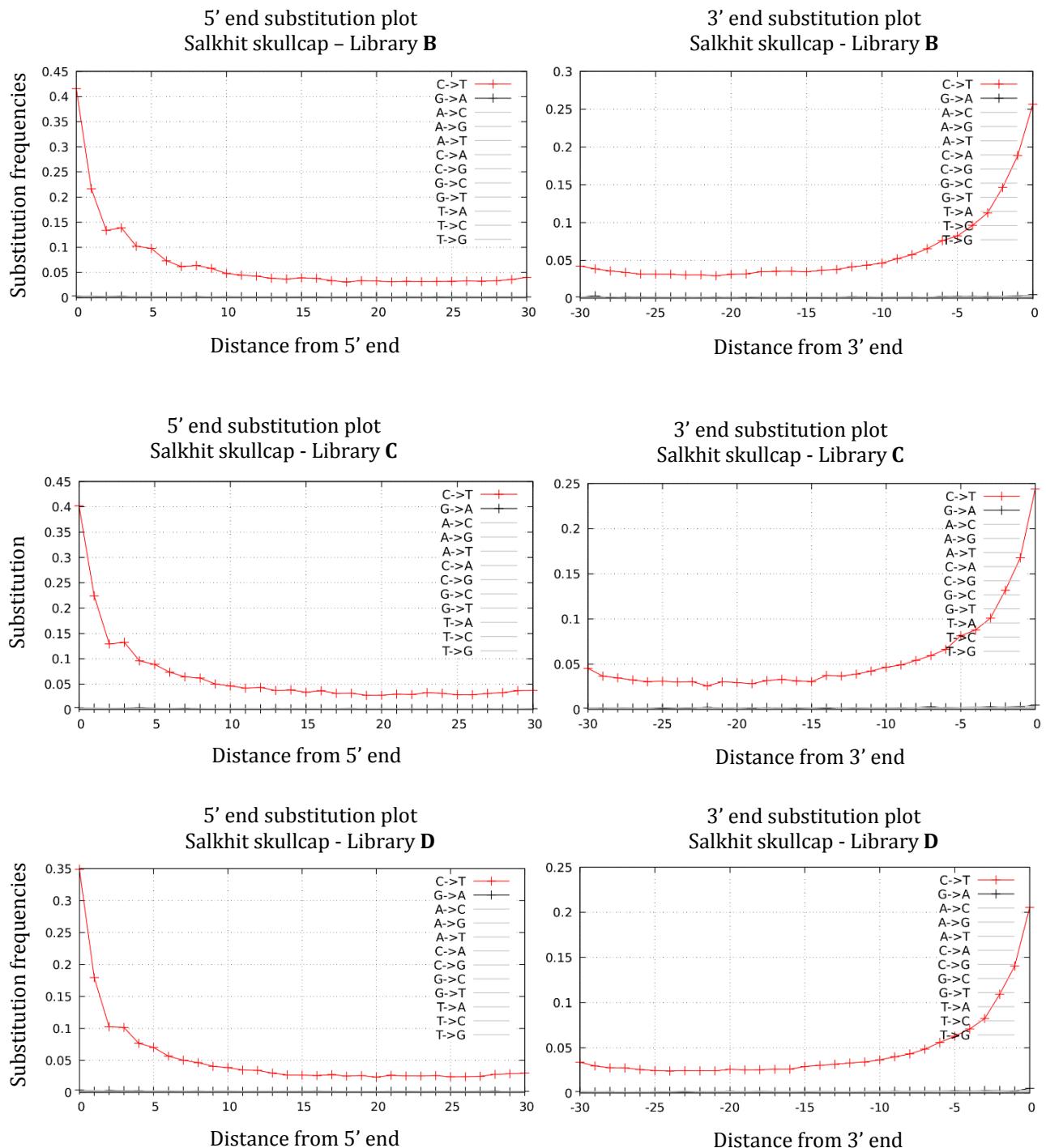
Supplementary Information

Compound-specific radiocarbon dating and mitochondrial DNA analysis of the Pleistocene hominin from Salkhit Mongolia

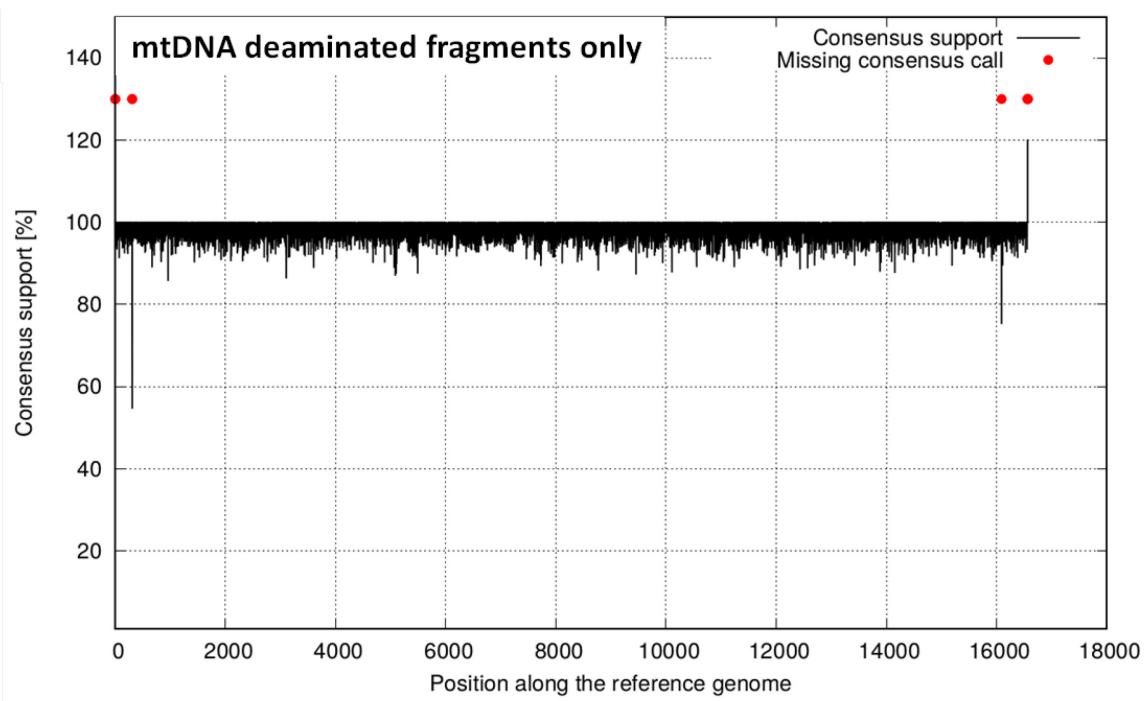
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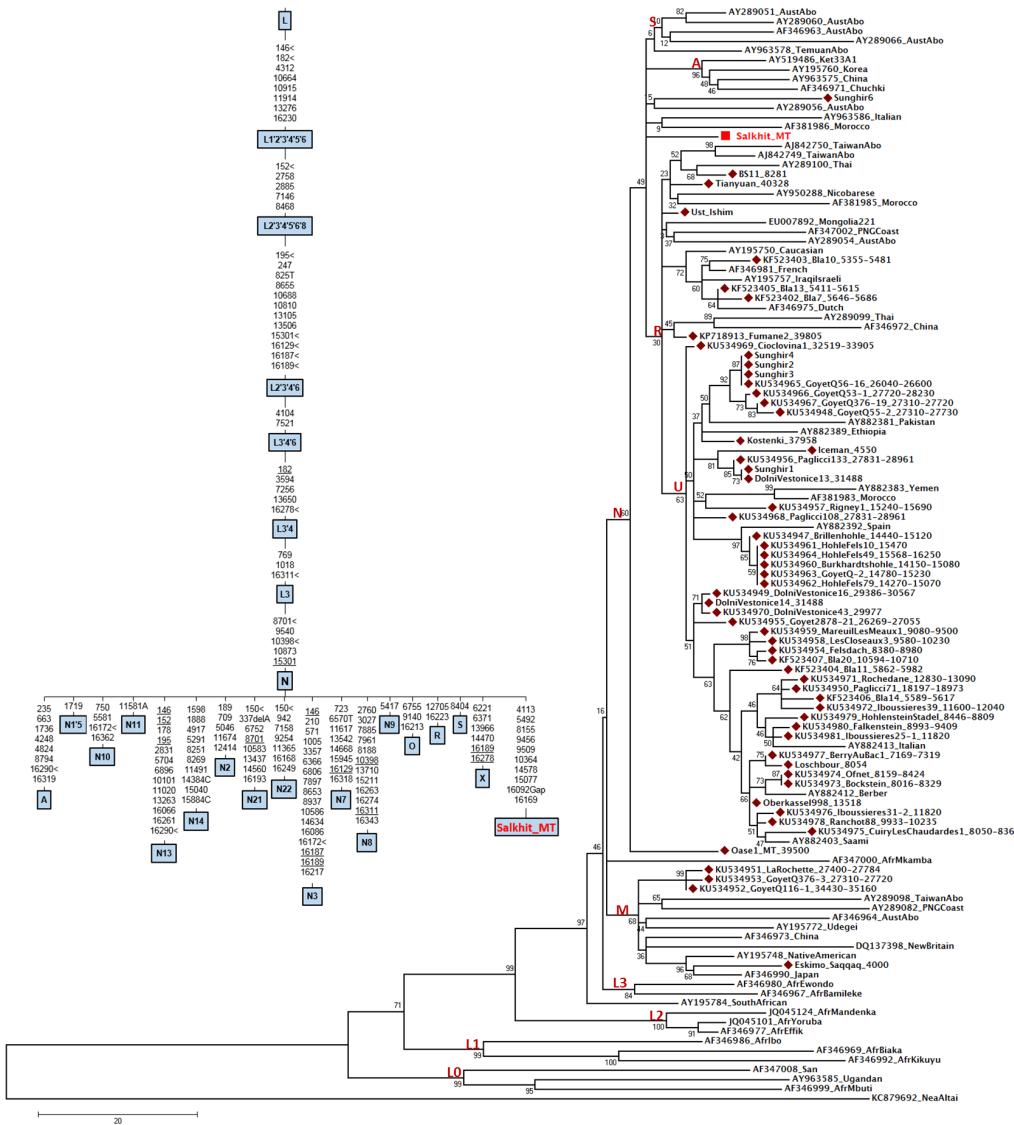
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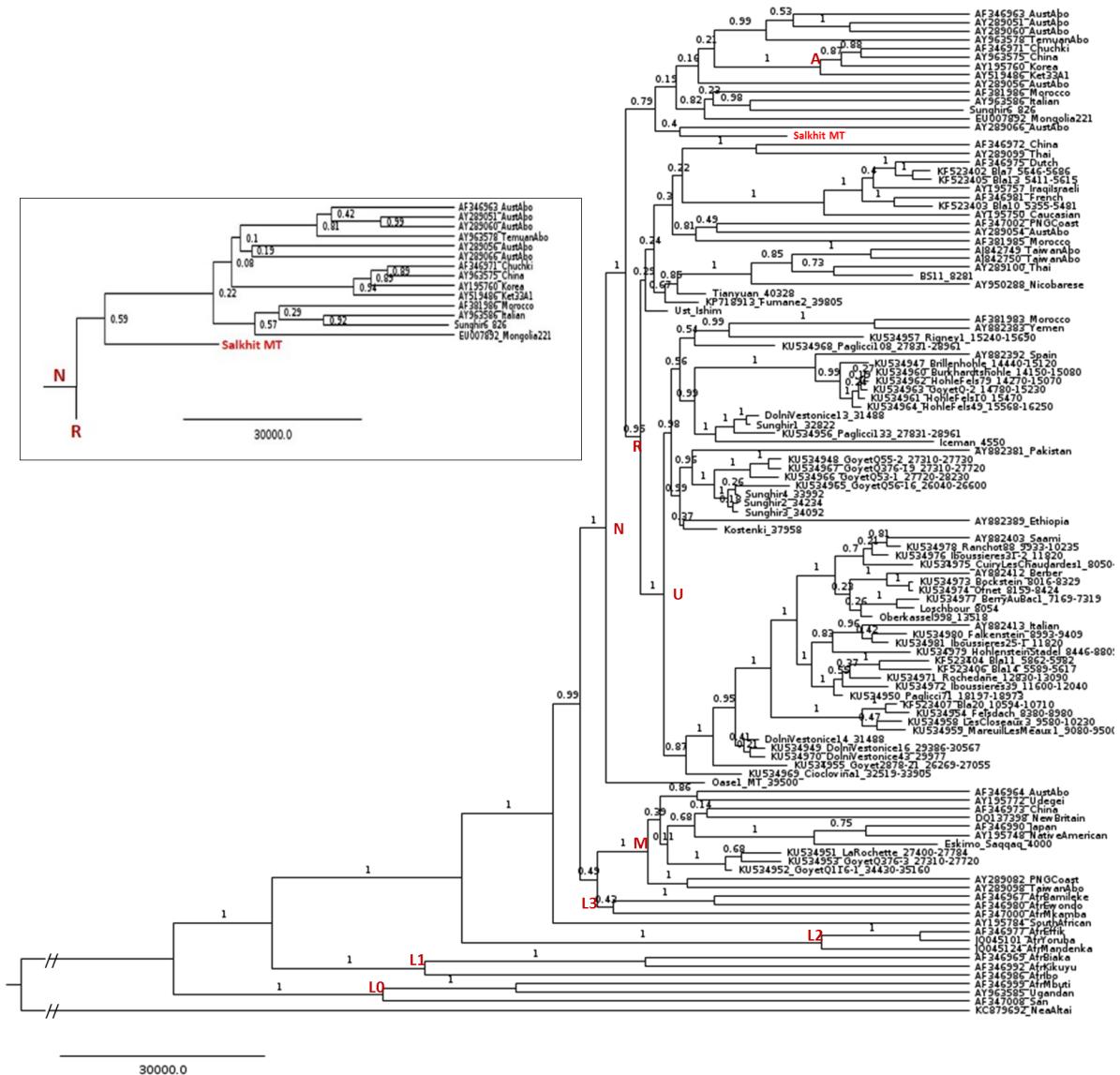
Supplementary Figure 1. Pattern of cytosine (C) to thymine (T) substitution in the three DNA libraries from Salkhit DNA extracts B, C and D. Plots of the frequencies of C in the reference mtDNA that occur as T among all fragments sequenced (red) are shown for the 30 terminal positions.



Supplementary Figure 2. Consensus support for each position of the mtDNA sequence of the Salkhit individual using DNA fragments showing evidence of cytosine deamination at least one of their three first or three last positions mapped to the rCRS reference mtDNA (top). In the former consensus mtDNA sequence 2 positions have less than 80% support (red dots).



Supplementary Figure 3. Maximum Parsimony of ancient and present-day modern human mtDNA including the Salkhit sequence. The evolutionary history of the Salkhit mtDNA sequence was inferred using the Maximum Parsimony method. The subtree on the left was obtained using mtPhyl (<https://sites.google.com/site/mtphyl/home>) and shows the Salkhit mtDNA embranchment among the main sub-clades of the N haplogroup while categorizing the substitutions accumulated in the Salkhit mtDNA since it's divergence from the N-haplogroup clades common ancestor. The tree on the right was obtained in MEGA6¹ and is #1 out of 3 most parsimonious trees (length = 1327) putting in a phylogenetic network 58 ancient (marked by a cardinal red diamond) and 55 present-day modern human mtDNA including the Salkhit sequence (marked by a red square). The mtDNA sequence of a Neanderthal from Altai is used as outgroup. The percentage of replicate trees in which the associated taxa clustered together in the bootstrap test (1000 replicates) are shown next to the branches. The tree was obtained using the Subtree-Pruning-Regrafting (SPR) algorithm and drawn to scale, with branch lengths in the units of the number of changes over the whole sequence calculated using the average pathway method. The nodes leading to the main mtDNA haplogroups are noted by the name of the corresponding haplogroup in red.



Supplementary Figure 4. Bayesian phylogenetic tree of the Salkhit mtDNA and ancient and present-day human mtDNAs. Several population models were tested and they differ in the branching structure among sub-clades inside the N haplogroup, including two distinct branching for the Salkhit mtDNA, both shown here. The full tree represent the best supported tree obtained using a strict molecular clock and Bayesian Skyline population size model, and the subtree a well less supported tree with a slightly different branch structure within the N haplogroup. The statistical supports of the nodes (Bayesian posterior probability) are indicated along the branch and the designations of the main haplogroups are given in red. The scale bar denotes the time in year.

Supplementary Table 1. Chronometric data of Mongolian Upper Paleolithic sites. The location of the sites is reported on Fig. 1.

Site / Phase	Location	Age (ka BP)	Reference
Tolbor 4 (Horizon 3) Tolbor 4 (Horizon 4) Tolbor 4 (Horizon 5) Tolbor 4 (Horizon 5) Tolbor 4 (Horizon 6) Tolbor 4 (Horizon 6)	1	14547 ± 73 BP (AA-93139) 26700 ± 300 BP (AA-84135) 31210 ± 410 BP (AA-93140) >41050 BP (AA-79326) 35230 ± 680 BP (AA-93141) 37400 ± 2600 BP (AA-79314)	2 2 2 2-4 2 2-4
Tolbor 15 (Horizon 3) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 3) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 4) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 4) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 5) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 5) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 7) Tolbor 15 (Horizon 7)	1	14055 ± 80 BP (AA-84136) 14930 ± 70 BP (Beta-263742) 14680 ± 70 BP (Beta-263744) 14820 ± 70 BP (Beta-263745) 28460 ± 310 BP (AA-84137) 32200 ± 1400 BP (AA-93137) 26700 ± 300 BP (AA-84135) 29150 ± 20 BP (AA-84138) 33200 ± 1500 BP (AA-93137) 34010 ± 200 BP (MAMS-14934) 33470 ± 190 BP (MAMS-14935) 34340 ± 210 BP (MAMS-14937)	2-5 2-4 2-4 2-4 2-4 2 3,4 2-4 2 2 2
Tolbor 16 (Unit 4) Tolbor 16 (Unit 7) Tolbor 16 (Test pit (Pit 1) Unit 7)	1	15660 ± 40 BP (MAMS-14938) 33320 ± 180 BP (MAMS-14932) >45400 BP (AA-93134)	2 2 2
Tolbor 17 (Test pit 2, Level 3)	1	29230 ± 930 BP (AA-93135)	2
Tolbor 21 (Test pit 1, Level 3) Tolbor 21 (Test pit 1, Level 4)	1	39240 ± 360 BP (MAMS-14936) 44640 ± 690 BP (MAMS-14933)	2 2
Dörölj 1	2	29910 ± 310 BP (GifA-99560) 29540 ± 390 BP (GifA-99561) 31880 ± 800 BP (GifA-11664) 21820 ± 190 BP (GifA-102451) 22030 ± 180 BP (GifA-102453)	2,6 2,3 2,3,6 2,3 2,3
Orkhon 1 (Unit 1)	3	34400 ± 600 BP	6
Orkhon 7 (Excavation Unit 1, Horizon 2) Orkhon 7 (Excavation Unit 3, Horizon 2) Orkhon 7 (Excavation Unit 3, Horizon 2) Orkhon 7 (Layer 5) Orkhon 7 (Layer 7) Orkhon	3	23595 ± 155 BP (SOAN-2883) 24400 ± 1100 BP * 25500 ± 1400 BP * 25,5 ky BP 35265 ± 500 BP 33785 ± 300 BP (SOAN-2885)	4 4 4 6 6 4
Chikhen Agui	4	27432 ± 872 BP (AA-26580)	3,4,7
Chikhen 2 (Horizon 2.5)	4	30550 ± 410 BP (AA-31870)	3,4,7
Tsagaan Agui (Stratum 3)	5	30942 ± 478 BP (AA-26589) 33840 ± 640 BP (AA-23158)	7 7
Rashaan Khad	6	39,100 ± 1,000 BP (OxA-34324)	8
Salkhit	7	30400 ± 300 BP (X-2717-25)	this paper

* dates generated by non-equilibrium uranium methods (Pa-231 and Th-230)

Supplementary Table 2. Characteristics of the mtDNA enriched libraries generated from the Salkhit skullcap. Seq = sequences, Cond = conditional deamination frequency of putative ancient DNA molecules in the libraries, deam = deaminated. The contamination proportion is estimated based on positions 10,364 and 14,578 (in the rCRS reference genome) specific of the Salkhit individual.

Library	# Total seq. generated	#Fragment >= 35 bp	#Unique mapped fragments (>= 35 bp)	Average duplication rate	Average fragment size (bp)	5' C to T frequency (%)	Cond. 5' C to T frequency (%)	3' C to T frequency (%)	Cond. 3' C to T frequency (%)	#deam. fragments	Average fragment size (bp)
Salkhit - B	1,478,545	1,100,636	67,434	10.4	56.6	41.6	44.9	25.7	27.3	10,795	53.7
Salkhit - C	1,609,955	1,193,323	67,340	11.4	57.1	40.2	45.2	24.4	27.4	16,839	52.4
Salkhit - D	1,560,580	1,183,491	130,110	5.8	59.4	34.9	41.7	20.6	26.0	10,390	54.2
Negative control	183,528	56,303	64	810.2	56.9	14.3	0	7.1	0	4	56.5

Supplementary Table 3. Ancient specimens used for the mtDNA phylogeny. For each sample the GenBank accession number, the country of origin, and the uncalibrated and calibrated (using the IntCal13 calibration curve of Reimer et al.¹³) radiocarbon date are reported. The specimens marked by * have not been directly dated.

Sample	GenBank Accession Number	origin (Country)	Uncalibrated (BP)		Calibrated (IntCal13) (BP)		
			ages	±	upper	lower	mean
BerryAubac1	KU534977	France	6325	35	7320	7168	7244
BLA10	KF523403	Germany	4590	25	5445	5085	5265
BLA11	KF523404	Germany	5145	30	5987	5759	5873
BLA13	KF523405	Germany	4730	25	5583	5327	5455
BLA14	KF523406	Germany	4835	30	5644	5478	5561
BLA20	KF523407	Germany	9370	45	10713	10441	10577
BLA7	KF523402	Germany	4860	30	5653	5488	5571
Bockstein*	KU534973	Germany	7350	70	8331	8016	8174
Brillenhohle	KU534947	Germany	12470	65	15034	14245	14640
BS11	KC521454	China	7368	34	8316	8048	8182
Burkhardtshohle	KU534960	Germany	12450	110	15080	14153	14617
Cioclovina1	KU534969	Romania	28510	170	33085	31788	32437
CuiryLesChaudardes1	KU534975	France	7400	60	8363	8048	8206
DolniVestonice13	KC521459	Czech Republic	26640	110	31070	30666	30868
DolniVestonice14	KC521458	Czech Republic	26640	110	31070	30666	30868
DolniVestonice16*	KU534949	Czech Republic	25740	210	30575	29395	29985
DolniVestonice43*	KU534970	Czech Republic	25740	210	30575	29395	29985
Eskimo_Saqqaq	EU725621	Greenland	4044	31	4783	4423	4603
Falkenstein	KU534980	Germany	8185	80	9407	8994	9201
Felsdach*	KU534954	Germany	7770	120	8979	8380	8680
Fumane2	KP718913	Italy	33140	460	38523	36249	37386
Goyet2878-21	KU534955	Belgium	22360	110	27058	26272	26665
GoyetQ116-1-3	KU534952	Belgium	30880	170	35166	34436	34801
GoyetQ-2	KU534963	Belgium	12650	50	15232	14778	15005
GoyetQ376-19	KU534967	Belgium	23260	110	27718	27313	27516
GoyetQ376-3	KU534953	Belgium	29370	180	33941	33153	33547
GoyetQ53-1	KU534966	Belgium	23920	100	28231	27719	27975
GoyetQ55-2	KU534948	Belgium	23270	120	27731	27311	27521
GoyetQ56-16	KU534965	Belgium	22100	100	26602	26041	26322
HohleFels10*	KU534961	Germany	12770	220	15873	14260	15067
HohleFels49*	KU534964	Germany	12770	220	15873	14260	15067
HohleFels79	KU534962	Germany	12490	70	15071	14267	14669
HohlensteinStadel	KU534979	Germany	7835	80	8978	8448	8713
Iboussieres25-1*	KU534981	France	10140	50	12040	11411	11726

Iboussieres31-2*	KU534976	France	10140	50	12040	11411	11726
Iboussieres39	KU534972	France	10140	50	12040	11411	11726
Iceman	Ermini & al. 2008 ⁹	Italy	4550	19	5315	5067	5191
Kostenki	FN600416	Russia	33250	500	38684	36262	37473
LaRochette	KU534951	France	23630	130	27962	27516	27739
LesCloseaux3	KU534958	France	8870	130	10231	9564	9898
Loschbour	KC521455	Luxembourg	7205	50	8160	7948	8054
MareuilLesMeaux1	KU534959	France	8320	90	9496	9034	9265
Oase	Fu & al. 2014 ¹⁰	Romania	34950	990	41761	37311	39536
Oberkassel998	KC521457	Germany	12180	100	14501	13758	14130
Ofnet*	KU534974	Germany	7480	80	8425	8065	8245
Pagliacci108*	KU534968	Italy	23470	370	28430	27070	27750
Pagliacci133*	KU534956	Italy	28100	400	33103	31210	32157
Pagliacci71*	KU534950	Italy	15460	220	19245	18220	18733
Ranchot88	KU534978	France	8985	40	10236	9933	10085
Rigney1	KU534957	France	12930	55	15691	15240	15466
Rochedane	KU534971	France	11120	50	13089	12830	12960
Sunghir1	Sikora & al. 2017 ¹¹	Russia	28890	430	33875	31770	32823
Sunghir2	Sikora & al. 2017 ¹¹	Russia	30100	550	35283	33185	34234
Sunghir3	Sikora & al. 2017 ¹¹	Russia	30000	550	35154	33031	34093
Sunghir4	Sikora & al. 2017 ¹¹	Russia	29820	280	34485	33499	33992
Sunghir6	Sikora & al. 2017 ¹¹	Russia	884	23	905	732	819
Tianyuan	KC417443	China	34430	510	40254	37761	39008
Ust_Ishim	Fu & al. 2015 ¹²	Russia	41400	1400	48313	42793	45553

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