

# Femoral and Tibial Diaphyseal Cross-Sectional Geometry in Pleistocene *Homo*

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## ABSTRACT

Reassessment of Pleistocene *Homo* femoral and tibial diaphyseal cross-sectional properties indicates that there was a variably significant decrease in relative cortical area through the Pleistocene, especially in the middle portions of the femoral diaphysis and relative to Early Pleistocene humans in the tibia and Upper Paleolithic humans in the femur. Both bones show a reduction in relative mediolateral to anteroposterior diaphyseal strength though the midshaft, especially with respect to the femur and particularly between archaic and early modern humans. In the femur, where the diaphyseal strength can be scaled to estimated body mass and bone length, there was little or no change in anteroposterior reinforcement, the primary reflection of locomotor robustness, indicating little shift in locomotor ranging levels among these Pleistocene foraging populations. The changes in relative mediolateral strength may be related to variation in pelvic and body proportions, evident in associated pelvises in the Late Pleistocene samples and more generally through Pleistocene *Homo*.

## INTRODUCTION

There has been concern with the relative reinforcement of the femoral and tibial diaphyses of Pleistocene human remains since the first systematic descriptions of Late Pleistocene fossils in the early 20th century (e.g., Boule 1911–13; Verneau 1906). Systematic assessments of such aspects continued through the mid-20th century as sample sizes increased (Matiegka 1938; McCown and Keith 1939; Twiesselmann 1961), and they continued as earlier, Middle, and then Early Pleistocene, *Homo* femora and tibiae became available (Day 1971; Leakey et al. 1978; Ruff et al. 1993; Trinkaus, 1976, 1984; Weidenreich 1941). During most of this time, the assessments were principally in terms of comparing some combination of linear dimensions of diaphyses (diameters or circumferences) to bone length, combined with assessments of the relative anteroposterior versus mediolateral distributions of cortical bone (e.g., Martin 1928). In these concerns of “robusticity,” the assessments were principally in terms of populational variation and affinities, but with increasing recognition that the relative quantity and distribution of diaphyseal cortical bone reflected habitual loading patterns (Trinkaus 1976).

These comparative analyses were augmented in the 1970s by the addition of cross-sectional geometry, first applied to a Pleistocene human by Endo and Kimura (1970) using the midshaft fossilization break of the Amud 1 Neandertal tibia. This was followed by an analysis of the Amud 1 tibia and two additional Neandertal tibiae with fossilization breaks (La Chapelle-aux-Saints 1 and Shanidar 6) (Lovejoy and Trinkaus 1980), building on previous

work on recent human tibiae (Lovejoy et al. 1976). These early works, in which the appropriate scaling of diaphyseal strength had not been resolved, were followed by the first cross-sectional analysis using reconstructed cross-sections of Pleistocene long bones without relying on fossilization breaks (Trinkaus and Ruff 1989).

It was in this context, building on these preliminary analyses and the earlier work of one of us (Ruff and Hayes 1983a), that we proposed and tested biomechanical models for the appropriate scaling of diaphyseal strength in Pleistocene *Homo*, using both an expanded sample of Late Pleistocene cross-sectional data and the few such data available for Early and Middle Pleistocene humans (Ruff et al. 1993). In this work, it was implicit that what was being assessed was the degree and pattern of diaphyseal cortical bone reinforcement in excess of what was needed for primary locomotor function and weight support, as a product of locomotor behavior and burden carrying. It was in the context of the then growing literature on diaphyseal bone remodeling in the context of differential biomechanical loading regimes (cf., Trinkaus et al. 1994 and references therein), and hence it was oriented towards elucidating differential levels and patterns of locomotor behavior through the Pleistocene and into the Holocene. That initial comprehensive analysis also documented that differential, ecogeographically patterned, body shapes of both recent and Pleistocene humans (Ruff 1994; Trinkaus 1981) accounted for much of the variation in femoral and tibial “robusticity” [as indicated by linear measure indices (Trinkaus 1976)], and therefore some method was necessary to factor in such corporeal variation.

It led to a re-evaluation of the Late Pleistocene “robusticity transition” (Trinkaus 1997, 2000), an idea that had been proposed based on earlier, linear assessments of Neanderthal and early modern human appendicular “robusticity” (e.g., Trinkaus 1986).

In the subsequent two decades, there have been improvements in the scaling methods of lower limb weight-bearing diaphyses (cf., Trinkaus and Ruff 2000), in part related to the improvements in methods and reference data for estimating body mass from skeletal remains (Auerbach and Ruff 2004). It has become increasingly common to include cross-sectional geometry in the description of fossil human remains, as both new discoveries and reassessments of existing Pleistocene *Homo* postcrania have greatly expanded the available data base. It is now apparent that, although some aspects of diaphyseal cross-sectional shape are due to contrasting morphological patterns across Pleistocene human taxa (Trinkaus 2006a), at least some of the proportional differences in femoral bone distribution are related to differential hip proportions (Ruff 1995; Trinkaus, n.d.; see below). And these changes have occurred in the context of an explosion of (biomedical) research on the mechanical influences on diaphyseal cortical bone quantity and distribution (cf., Pearson and Lieberman 2004; Ruff et al. 2006; and references therein).

In this context, it is appropriate to collate the available femoral and tibial cross-sectional geometry data for Pleistocene *Homo*, from the earliest such remains securely attributed to the genus *Homo* (*sensu stricto*; see Wood 2010) near the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary to the Late Pleistocene early modern humans at the time of the last glacial maximum. This analysis brings together both previously published data and new information, and it now comprises most of the known *Homo* non-pathological and mature femora and tibia with the potential to provide such data (Appendix). While new techniques for the quantification of the diaphyseal shape are emerging (e.g., Bondioli et al. 2010; Puymerail 2011), cross-sectional geometry permits both the biomechanical assessment of relevant cortical bone parameters and the incorporation of the maximum sample of (often fragmentary) Pleistocene human remains. These data are reassessed here to elucidate changing patterns of femoral and tibial diaphyseal robustness and shape, in the context of temporal, geographic, and taxonomic variation in body shape and locomotor behavior.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### SAMPLES

This analysis is concerned with the patterns of change, or stasis, in the cross-sectional geometric properties of femoral and tibial diaphyses in the genus *Homo* through the Pleistocene. More specifically, given the nature of the paleontological record and currently established trends, it is focused on remains from the initial Pleistocene to the last glacial maximum in the Late Pleistocene.

The earliest remains are those from eastern equatorial Africa which have been consistently attributed to the genus

*Homo*, as opposed to *Australopithecus* (cf., McHenry 1994; Ruff 1995). This has been done in particular for femoral remains, which exhibit a suite of diaphyseal features that appear to be diagnostic of archaic *Homo* generally (Day 1971; Kennedy 1983; Ruff 1995; Trinkaus 1976, 1984), including the absence of a femoral pilaster despite variable development of the linea aspera and a frequently prominent medial buttress (cf., McCown and Keith 1939) which displaced the minimum shaft breadth distal of midshaft.

In the Late Pleistocene, recent analyses have documented significant changes within early modern humans related to mobility, geographical variation, and lower limb diaphyseal morphology after the last glacial maximum (Holt 2003; Shackelford 2007; see Holt and Formicola 2008). It is therefore appropriate to limit the current discussion to the temporally preceding remains.

Given the temporal distribution of archaic *Homo* remains, they are divided into three samples, an earlier Early Pleistocene one, a Middle Pleistocene one, and a Late Pleistocene sample. The first sample consists of remains from eastern Africa and neighboring western Asia which meet the above morphological criteria for assignment to the genus *Homo*. The second sample consists of remains from across the Old World. It includes ones from close to the Early/Middle Pleistocene boundary (Gesher-Benot-Ya'acov, Kresna, and Olduvai Hominid [OH] 28), from the late Middle Pleistocene (La Chaise-BD and Ehringsdorf), and variably scattered in between. Most of the other specimens are variably precisely dated within the Middle Pleistocene, but all appear to fall securely within that time span. A couple of these remains are essentially undated (Berg Aukas and Broken Hill [Kabwe]), and uncertainty surrounds the age of the Ngandong remains. Only femoral lengths, estimated femoral head diameters, some tibial diaphyseal diameters, and a few photographic observations are available for the large mid-Middle Pleistocene Atapuerca-SH sample (Arsuaga et al. 1991, 1999; Bonmatí et al. 2010; Ortega et al. 2009; cf., Ruff 2010).

The Berg Aukas femur has been attributed to the Middle Pleistocene based on its overall morphology (Grine et al. 1995), but it could derive from any period during the time span of archaic *Homo*, especially given its abnormal articular to diaphyseal proportions and exceptionally low neck-shaft angle (Grine et al. 1995; Trinkaus et al. 1999a). The Broken Hill remains are undated, but the Broken Hill E691 tibia was directly associated with the Broken Hill 1 cranium (Hrdlička 1930; Trinkaus 2009), which is normally morphologically attributed to the middle of the Middle Pleistocene (Bräuer 2008; Rightmire 2008). The Broken Hill femora derive from different, undetermined sinkhole(s) in the original formation (Hrdlička 1930); assuming that they were contemporaneous with each other and the associated ossa coxae, they should be Middle Pleistocene in age based on the archaic iliac pillar of the Broken Hill E719 os coxae (Stringer 1986). Moreover, the Broken Hill E690 femur has the diaphyseal morphology characteristic of Pleistocene archaic *Homo* femora (Trinkaus 1976, 1984), and the Broken Hill E793 midshaft section (Clark et al. 1968) fits within

the non-pilastric range of variation of Middle Pleistocene femora. The Ngandong remains have been variously dated to the later Middle and Late Pleistocene (Santa Luca 1980; Swischer et al. 1996), but recent geological assessments indicate that they could well derive from the second half of the Middle Pleistocene (Indriati et al. 2011); the two tibia from there are therefore included in the Middle Pleistocene sample.

The Late Pleistocene sample is subdivided, given the transition from late archaic to early modern humans during that time period. The late archaic humans consist entirely of western Eurasian Neandertals, from the MIS (marine isotope stage) 6/5 Krapina sample to the mid-MIS 3 Saint-Césaire 1 and Spy 2 remains. Most of them are Middle Paleolithic associated and derive from MIS 4 and 3. There are no Late Pleistocene archaic human femora or tibiae from eastern Asia or Africa. The early modern humans are divided into a MIS 5 southwest Asian (Middle Paleolithic modern human; MPMH) sample from the sites of Qafzeh and Skhul (McCown and Keith 1939; Vandermeersch 1981), and a MIS 3 earlier (Early and Mid) Upper Paleolithic (EUP/MUP) sample from across Eurasia. To the former sample can be added the MIS 6 fragmentary Omo-Kibish postcrania, currently providing only tibial shaft diameters (Pearson et al. 2008a, b). The latter sample is dominated by western Eurasian remains from the Mid Upper Paleolithic burials of southern, central, and eastern Europe, but it includes some European Early Upper Paleolithic femora plus earlier Upper Paleolithic femora and tibiae from southwest and east Asia. The Minatogawa sample and the Ohalo 2 remains modestly postdate the last glacial maximum (Baba and Endo 1982; Hershkovitz et al. 1995; Matsu'ura and Kondo 2011); they are nonetheless included to provide geographic and body size coverage for these earlier Upper Paleolithic humans.

Data are available for four pathological early modern human specimens, Brno 2 (Jelínek 1959), Dolní Věstonice 15 (Trinkaus et al. 2001), Nazlet Khater 2 (Crevecoeur 2008), and Tianyuan 1 (Shang and Trinkaus 2010). The femora of the first exhibit extensive periostosis and are markedly asymmetrical (Oliva 1996; Trinkaus personal observation). The femora of the second are abnormally short and irregularly bowed, but its tibiae are normal and are included (Trinkaus 2006b; Trinkaus et al. 2006a). The femora of the third are abnormally short (Crevecoeur 2008) and are not included. The Tianyuan 1 femora have an unusual mid and mid-distal femoral morphology, but the more proximal and distal diaphyses, as well as the tibial diaphysis, appear normal and are included (Shang and Trinkaus 2010).

To the extent that can be determined from specimens ranging from largely complete skeletons to isolated diaphyseal sections, almost all of the specimens are fully mature. Two mid-Upper Paleolithic specimens, Arene Candide IP and Dolní Věstonice 14, are late adolescent but should have been close to full maturity (Hillson et al. 2006; Sergi et al. 1974). One isolated Neandertal femoral diaphysis, Palomas 52, is morphologically mature but is unusually small for a Neandertal (but not for an early modern human) (Walker

et al. 2011a). Femoral neck-shaft angles are included for the early adolescent KNM-WT 15000 and Sunghir 2; they are unlikely to have decreased further should the individuals have lived to maturity, given their already low values.

Only external diameters, and not cross-sectional data, are available for the Caviglione, Dmanisi, Kiik-Koba, Omo-Kibish, Pofi, Předmostí, Santa Croce, Stadelhöhle, and Zafarraya remains, as well as some of the Atapuerca-SH, Barma Grande, and Grotte-des-Enfants long bones (Table A13). The Liang Bua long bones (Brown et al. 2004; Morwood et al. 2005) also are omitted, given their uncertain phylogenetic and paleobiological status.

The individual specimens and available data are provided in the Appendix tables. Bone lengths, femoral head diameters, and estimated body mass are in Table A1. The cross-sectional geometric parameters are provided in Tables A2 to A11, external diaphyseal diameters are in Table A13, and femoral neck-shaft angles are listed in Table A15.

### CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS

The cross-sectional geometric parameters include total subperiosteal (TA) and cortical (CA) areas, the anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ) and mediolateral ( $I_y$ ) second moments of area, the maximum ( $I_{max}$ ) and minimum ( $I_{min}$ ; perpendicular to  $I_{max}$ ) second moments of area, and the polar second moment of area ( $J$  [or  $I_p$ , the sum of either pair of perpendicular second moments of area]). The individual values for the fossil specimens are provided in Appendix Tables A2 to A11.

Cortical area provides a measure of resistance to axial loads (Ruff et al. 1993), and the combination of cortical and total area reflects the differential subperiosteal deposition and endosteal resorption of bone, principally during development (Ruff and Hayes 1983b; Ruff et al. 1994). As such, relative cortical area (percent CA, %CA) is as much, if not more, a measure of differential developmental and aging processes as it is of structural reinforcement of the diaphysis. The second moments of area ( $I_x$ ) assess bending rigidity in the plane in question, and the polar second moment of area ( $J$  or  $I_p$ ) provides both an indication of resistance to torsion and a general reflection of overall rigidity.

In addition to these parameters, section moduli ( $Z_x$ ), which measure bending and torsional strength (rather than rigidity), were calculated for femoral and tibial midshafts (Appendix Table A12).  $Z_x$  and  $Z_y$  represent anteroposterior and mediolateral bending strengths, respectively, and  $Z_p$  torsional (or twice average bending) strength. Section moduli also are useful for assessing relative strengths, since they can be related in a straightforward way to bending and torsional loadings (see below). Section moduli are calculated as second moments of area divided by the maximum distance to the outermost fiber of the section from the neutral axis or centroid of the section.

More recent image analysis programs include these parameters (e.g., "Momentmacro," [www.hopkinsmedicine.org/fae/mmacro.htm](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/fae/mmacro.htm); Sylvester et al. 2010). However, most of the present data were collected prior to the development of these programs, so an alternative method was used here. Taking half of the external bone diameter as an estimate of



the maximum distance to the outermost fiber has been used previously (e.g., Ruff 2002, 2008, 2009); however, this approach systematically over-estimates true section moduli (as noted therein). The recent availability of a very large (>1000 individuals) sample of recent human limb bones where section moduli had been determined directly, as well as from external bone diameters, allowed calculation of correction factors for femoral and tibial midshaft sections (Ruff et al., in prep.). Thus, in the present study, midshaft section moduli are calculated as second moments of area divided by half of the appropriate diameter (half of the average of anteroposterior and mediolateral diameters for the polar section modulus) and then adjusted using these correction factors (see formulae and resultant values in Appendix Table A12). Systematic and random errors using this technique are acceptably small (mean percent prediction errors of less than 0.5%; percent standard errors of estimate of 5–6%).

### MEASUREMENT GENERATION

The majority of the cross-sectional properties were computed from versions of SLICE (Nagurka and Hayes 1980), in which the parameters are computed from the digitized subperiosteal and endosteal contours. A subset of them were digitized from scaled photographs of fossilization (or excavation) breaks, ones that were close to perpendicular to the diaphyseal axis. These include sections of Berg Aukas 1, Ehringsdorf 5, Hoedjiespunt 1, Mammolo 1, Palomas 52, 92, and 96, La Quina 38, Shanidar 4 and 6, Cro-Magnon 4328, Dolní Věstonice 40 and 41, and Zhoukoudian-Upper Cave 67 and 68. The Castel del Guido 1, La Quina 5, and Zhoukoudian Locality 1 femoral cross-sections and the Sambungmacan 2 tibial cross-section were digitized from published cross-sectional drawings (Baba and Aziz 1992; Mallegni et al 1983; Martin 1923; Weidenreich 1941). The La Chaise-BD ones were digitized from published CT slices (Condemi 2001). The remainder of the cross-sections quantified using SLICE were reconstructed from subperiosteal contours derived either from sectioned casts (the KNM-ER specimens) or transferred using polysiloxane dental putty (Optosil, Bayer or Cuttersil, Heraeus Kulzer). Cortical thicknesses (minimally four) were determined from parallax-corrected radiographs, and the endosteal contours were interpolated within the constraints of the cortical thicknesses, following the subperiosteal contours. The resultant cross-sections were then projected enlarged and digitized. Average directional and random errors in calculating section properties using these techniques have been estimated at about 5% or less (O'Neill and Ruff 2004). The resultant data were generated by us, with the exception of the Arene Candide, Barma Grande, Grotte-des-Enfants, La Rochette, and Veneri values that are from Holt (1999).

A minority of the cross-sectional data derive from CT digital data from scans of the specimens. These include the 80% section of Berg Aukas 1, those of Boxgrove 1, the Kresna 11 values, and most of the ones from the Minatogawa sample (Grine et al. 1995; Kimura personal communication; Kimura and Takahashi 1992; Puymerail 2011; Trinkaus et

al. 1999b).

When possible, the femora and tibiae were oriented, following Ruff and Hayes (1983a), using the coronal planes tangential to the posterior femoral condyles and through the anteroposterior middles of the tibial condyles to provide parasagittal and coronal planes. However, prior to the Late Pleistocene, only two femora (KNM-ER 1472 and 1481) and one tibia (Broken Hill E691) are sufficiently complete for us to have used these anatomically determined planes. Therefore, for the femora, the diaphyses were oriented such that a plane near midshaft through the linea aspera and the mediolateral middle of the diaphysis was in the parasagittal plane. For the tibiae, either the midshaft maximum dimension was placed in a parasagittal plane and/or the tangent to the mid-proximal anterolateral (from the interosseus line to the lateral side of the anterior crest) was made parasagittal. Experience has shown that these orientations closely approximate the anatomical orientations of the bones.

For complete or largely complete bones, the “biomechanical” length was first determined or estimated. For the femur, following Ruff and Hayes (1983a), it is the average of the distances parallel to the diaphyseal axis from the proximal extension of the diaphyseal axis on the superior neck, just medial of the greater trochanter, to each distal condyle. For the tibia, it is the average of the distances, parallel to the diaphyseal axis, from each mid-condyle to the mid-trochlear surface. The sections were then taken at 20%, 35%, 50%, 65%, and 80% of those lengths, measured from the distal end.

However, prior to the Late Pleistocene, and even within the Late Pleistocene, few specimens retain all of these landmarks without distortion. Therefore, diaphyseal landmarks, that experience has shown approximate the positions of these percentiles of length, were employed. For the femur, 80% was placed at the maximum extent of the gluteal buttress, and 65% was placed at the point where the proximal muscle insertion lines converge into the linea aspera proper. Midshaft (50%) was located at the maximum extent of the pilaster and the narrowest shaft breadth on early modern human femora. For archaic humans, with their subcircular diaphyses lacking pilasters and frequently prominent medial buttresses, midshaft is less clearly indicated morphologically. However, diaphyseal shape changes little for them along several centimeters of midshaft, and modest errors in the location of the 50% section should introduce little error into the values. The mid-distal (35%) and distal (20%) sections are harder to morphologically locate, and they were rarely taken when length could not be at least approximated.

On the tibial diaphysis, the midshaft (50%) is normally located where the soleal line meets the posteromedial corner of the diaphysis. The mid-proximal section (65%) is close to the position of the nutrient foramen, and especially on the tibial pilaster if one is present. The mid-distal (35%) cross-section approximates the distal minimum circumference and can be located as such. The proximal (80%) and distal (20%) ones are more difficult to locate and were taken primarily on tibiae which also provide lengths.

A number of these values have been published previously. These include specimens from Amud, Arago, Boxgrove, Broken Hill E691, Dolní Věstonice, Krapina, Fond-de-Forêt, Kresna, Mladeč, Oliveira, Paviland, Pavlov, Qafzeh, Saint-Césaire 1, Shanidar, Skhul, Spy, Tabun, and Tianyuan (Lovejoy 1982; Puymerail 2011; Shang and Trinkaus 2010; Sládek et al. 2000; Trinkaus and Ruff 1989, 1999a,b; Trinkaus 2000, 2003, 2009; Trinkaus et al. 1999b, 1999c, 2006b, 2007). Selected sections (principally 50% and 80%) have been provided for many of the Upper Paleolithic specimens by Holt (1999) and Shackelford (2005). However, individual data for many of the specimens have been unavailable, and some of the previously published values have been modestly revised.

### CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAPHYSEAL SHAPE

The distributions of cortical bone in the diaphyseal cross-sections were compared using cortical area versus total area and using relative perpendicular second moments of area.

For the femoral diaphysis from the mid-proximal (65%) section distally, the anteroposterior versus mediolateral bone distribution was assessed using the anatomically oriented second moments of area ( $I_x$  versus  $I_y$ ). This was done since the archaic *Homo* femora through the middle half of the shaft have contours which vary around circularity, and using  $I_{\max}$  versus  $I_{\min}$  would compare different aspects of the diaphyses depending on the orientation of  $I_{\max}$ .

In the proximal femur, given the frequently marked anteversion of Pleistocene femora (Day et al. 1975; Sládek et al. 2000; Twisselmann 1961), the biomechanically relevant subtrochanteric planes are rarely the mid-diaphyseal or condylar anatomical ones. This is reflected, in part, in the posterolateral, rather than strictly lateral, positioning of the gluteal buttress in these anteverted femora. Therefore, the femoral 80% relative rigidities were compared using two sets of perpendicular second moments of area. In order to best approximate the anteversion (and gluteal buttress) plane,  $I_{\min}$  versus  $I_{\max}$  was employed, even though a couple of the specimens are largely circular in this region (La Chapelle-aux-Saints 1 and Spy 2) or have a largely anteroposterior orientation to  $I_{\max}$  (Skhul 5). At the same time, to be sure to assess the degree of relative mediolateral rigidity, the 80% cross-sectional proportions also were assessed using  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  even though  $I_y$  does not always correspond to the maximum internal-external rigidity of the subtrochanteric diaphysis.

The tibial second moment of area comparisons through the middle of the diaphysis (35% to 65%) employ  $I_{\max}$  versus  $I_{\min}$ , since  $I_{\max}$  is always close to anteroposterior and thereby approximations in orientation become less relevant. Tibial midshaft  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  were nonetheless employed in the calculation of tibia 50%  $Z_x$  and  $Z_y$  (see Appendix Table A12).

In addition to these cross-sectional parameters, comparisons are made using standard osteometric diameters (Bräuer 1988) at the femoral (pilastric) and tibial midshafts, the femoral subtrochanteric (meric) level, and the tibial mid-proximal (cnemic) level (see Appendix Table A13).

These dimensions have lower morphological resolution than full cross-sectional measures, but they are available for larger samples of Pleistocene *Homo* femora and tibiae and permit the inclusion of data from lost or otherwise unavailable remains. The data derive from primary published descriptions of the fossils and personal measurement of the original specimens (in some cases modestly refining the published values).

Since the subtrochanteric femoral proportions may be affected by femoral neck orientation, as well as by pelvic proportions, comparisons also are included for neck-shaft angles, taken in the anteversion plane of the proximal femur.

### RELATIVE DIAPHYSEAL STRENGTH

The strengths of femoral and tibial diaphyses should be assessed relative to the baseline loads placed upon them, which consist in these diaphyses of body mass times the beam length around which it operates (Ruff et al. 1993). To do otherwise (e.g., Lovejoy and Trinkaus 1980) provides an inaccurate impression of the relative strengths of the diaphyses.

Beam length for these bones is approximated by their biomechanical lengths. In the past, several approaches have been employed to incorporate the effects of body mass (Trinkaus and Ruff 2000). Initially, we (Ruff et al. 1993) calculated the allometric scaling coefficient between body mass and femoral length for recent humans ( $\text{length}^{5.33}$ ) and used it, along with percentage adjustments for the broader Neandertal bodies, to scale femoral diaphyses (see also Trinkaus 1997). With the determination of formulae for estimating body mass from stature and bi-iliac breadth (Ruff 1994; see also Ruff 2000, Ruff et al. 2005) and from femoral head diameter (Grine et al. 1995; McHenry 1994; Ruff et al. 1991; see Auerbach and Ruff 2004; Ruff et al. 1997), body mass was estimated for Pleistocene *Homo* specimens and used to scale lower limb (weight-bearing) diaphyses (e.g., Shang and Trinkaus 2010; Trinkaus 2006b; Trinkaus and Ruff 1999a, b; Trinkaus et al. 1999b, c).

However, it has become increasingly apparent that the body proportions of archaic *Homo*, although generally following the ecogeographical patterns evident among recent humans, if with steeper slopes (cf., Trinkaus 1981; Ruff 1994; Holliday 1997; Trinkaus et al. 1999b), may not conform as tightly to them as previously expected. Wide pelvis seem to be characteristic of archaic *Homo* generally (Bonmatí et al. 2010; Ponce de León et al. 2008; Rak 1991; Rosenberg et al. 2006; Ruff 2010; Trinkaus 2011a; Walker et al. 2011b). Crural indices, while “tropical” in at least one early *Homo* specimen (Walker and Leakey 1993), are low in both cold and temperate late archaic humans. One East Asian early modern human has a crural index suggesting warm climate body proportions, but its lower limb relative articular dimensions imply elevated body mass (Shang and Trinkaus 2010). And the only sufficiently complete archaic *Homo* equatorial tibia (Broken Hill E691) has diaphyseal proportions suggesting linear body shape but relatively large articulations (Trinkaus 2009).

These considerations are combined with the dearth of reliable femoral and especially tibial lengths available for Early and Middle Pleistocene *Homo*. The bone lengths provided in Appendix Table A1 are those for which either a direct measurement or a reasonably reliable estimate can be made, at most estimating the length from a largely complete diaphysis. However, of them 42% (N=84) required estimation, and among pre-Upper Paleolithic specimens 51% (N=41) needed estimation. Among Early and Middle Pleistocene specimens (N=14), only two femora and two tibiae provide direct length measures.

Yet, given the necessity to scale diaphyseal strength to a measure that takes into account the ecogeographical and individual variation in body size and shape, it is necessary to have a reliable bone length and body mass for each one. The bone lengths employed are those which can be measured or reliably estimated from the bone itself; none of the previously employed estimates from assumed body proportions are included. Body mass (see Appendix Table A1) is estimated solely from femoral head diameter, or femoral head diameter estimated from associated lower limb weight-bearing articulations (acetabular height or lateral femoral condyle depth).

Following Ruff (2010; see also Auerbach and Ruff 2004), it has become apparent that the three available sets of formulae for body mass estimation (all from recent humans) are differentially appropriate for individuals of contrasting body sizes. Given this, the formula of McHenry (1994) is used for small individuals (femoral head diameter <38mm), an average of the estimates from the McHenry (1994), Ruff et al. (1991), and Grine et al. (1995) is employed for middle sized individuals (femoral head diameter 38 to 47mm), and an average of the Ruff et al. (1991) and Grine et al. (1995) results is used for large specimens (femoral head diameter >47mm). The McHenry (1994) and Grine et al. (1995) formulae are for pooled-sex samples. The Ruff et al. (1991) ones include formulae for males and females; the sex specific formulae were used when sex can be reliably assessed pelvically, and for the other specimens the male and female estimates were averaged prior to averaging them with the results of the other formulae.

At least among recent humans, these femoral head derived body mass estimates generally correspond to those derived from bi-iliac breadth and estimated stature (Auerbach and Ruff 2004). It is nonetheless recognized that femoral head size reflects not body mass, but joint reaction forces at the hip. The latter is principally a factor of body mass, but it is also affected by the moment arm lengths for body mass and the gluteal abductor muscles around the hip, and by locomotor activity levels during development, all of which varied in Pleistocene *Homo*. With these caveats in mind, it is nonetheless the most reliable measurement available for most pre-Upper Paleolithic *Homo* that provides reasonable estimates of body mass. Moreover, this approach permits the biomechanical evaluation of relative diaphyseal hypertrophy in addition to that induced by differential body mass and proportions, something which linear "robusticity indices" do not permit.

## COMPARISONS

The comparisons are done principally graphically, in particular for the biomechanically more relevant 50% to 80% femoral sections and the 50% and 65% tibial ones. The proximal (80%) and distal (20%) tibial ones, plus the distal (20%) femoral one, are rarely preserved, difficult to locate on incomplete diaphyses, and appear to be influenced by relative epiphyseal dimensions. Their values, as available, are provided in the Appendix, but they are minimally employed in the comparisons. Given that it and the 20% section reflect the weakest region of the tibial diaphysis, especially in torsion (Lovejoy et al. 1976; Ruff and Hayes 1983a), more limited comparisons are made with tibial 35% section.

Right and left values, as available for bilaterally preserved specimens, are provided in the Appendix tables. In the comparisons, however, right and left values were averaged prior to the calculation of sample statistics or the generation of graphs.

Degrees of difference across the samples are assessed using raw residuals from the Upper Paleolithic reduced major axis (RMA) regression lines (see Appendix Table A14). The resultant residuals for all four samples, given small sample sizes and the non-normal distributions of 29% (N=21) of the comparisons, are principally compared using Kruskal-Wallis non-parametric tests; ANOVA P-values are provided with the Kruskal-Wallis ones in Appendix Table A14. The assessments of P-values employ sequentially reductive multiple comparison corrections within sets of comparisons (Proschan and Waclawiw 2000; Rice 1989).

## DIAPHYSEAL REINFORCEMENT

### RELATIVE CORTICAL AREA

An elevated relative cross-sectional cortical area, or a high percent of the total subperiosteal area made up by the cortical bone, has been considered a reflection of the hypertrophy of Pleistocene human diaphyses and of their femora in particular (e.g., Ben-Itzhak et al. 1988; Day 1971; Kennedy 1985; Weidenreich 1941). This has been expressed as "medullary stenosis" (Kennedy 1983), percent cortical area (%CA or pctCA) (e.g., Ben-Itzhak et al. 1988; Ruff et al. 1993; Shang and Trinkaus 2010), or the distribution of cortical area values relative to total area (e.g., Trinkaus 1997, 2006b). It is a combination of the latter two approaches that is used here. Because the relative size of the medullary canal is a reflection of the differential endosteal resorption and subperiosteal deposition during development and to some extent through adulthood (Ruff and Hayes 1983b; Ruff et al. 1994), it is inappropriate to refer to the resultant small medullary canals in some fossil diaphyses as "medullary stenosis."

Plots of the mean %CA values for the femoral and tibial sections are shown in Figure 1. In general, especially in the middle diaphyseal sections, Early and Middle Pleistocene specimens have the highest %CA and later specimens (MPMH and EUP/MUP) have the lowest %CA, but there is some variability. In the femoral sections, the EUP/MUP sample consistently has the lowest average %CA, and the

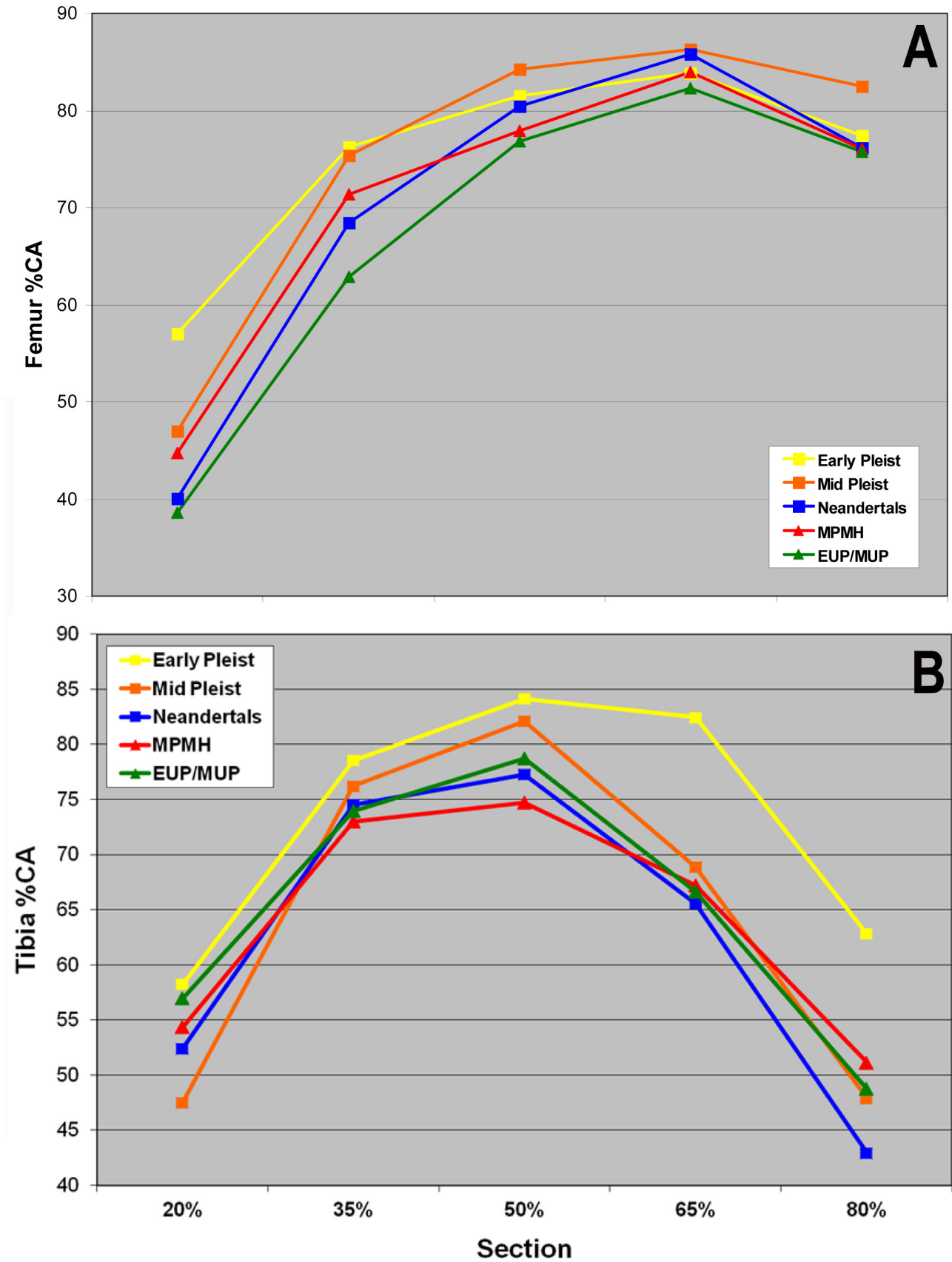


Figure 1. Mean percent cortical (%CA) for five diaphyseal sections of the femur (A) and tibia (B) for Pleistocene Homo.



Early and/or Middle Pleistocene samples have generally higher %CA. However, at the 65% section, the Neandertals approach the high value for the Middle Pleistocene sample, and at the 80% section, only the Middle Pleistocene sample stands out from the other four samples.

Early Pleistocene tibiae have higher %CA along the entire shaft, and the Middle Pleistocene specimens are high in the middle three sections. Early modern human samples are lower in the middle sections but less so in the proximal and distal ones, while Neandertals are generally low throughout. All of the femoral mean values are above those for a pooled recent human sample (Ruff et al. 1993), especially for 50% to 80%.

These comparisons, however, only address mean values. The distributions of cortical versus total subperiosteal area for those sections providing adequate sample sizes (femur 35% to 80% and tibia 50% and 65) provide considerably more scatter (Figures 2 and 3). Of these, only the 35% and 50% femoral distributions provide significant differences across the five samples. In the former, it is primarily the lower values for the earlier Upper Paleolithic sample that creates the significant difference; across the four pre-Upper Paleolithic samples, the Kruskal-Wallis P-value is 0.144. The pre-EUP/MUP sample Kruskal-Wallis P-value for the 50% section is 0.049, driven mostly by the high values for several of the Middle Pleistocene specimens. In the tibial 50% and 65% comparisons, there is only a modest difference across the four samples, which does not reach significance despite the high values for the two Early Pleistocene specimens at each of these sections.

Therefore, to the extent that relative cortical area reflects diaphyseal hypertrophy, there is a reduction on average through the Pleistocene in the mid and mid-distal femur, but less consistent directional change otherwise. Elevated %CA appears to be generally characteristic of Pleistocene *Homo* femora and tibiae, although its direct mechanical relevance is limited (Ruff 1992).

#### DIAPHYSEAL HYPERTROPHY

The relative overall hypertrophy, or “robusticity,” of the femoral diaphysis can be assessed, as detailed above, by comparing the femoral midshaft polar section modulus to its external baseline bending/torsional load, estimated as body mass times femur length. In the resultant assessment (Figure 4), the comparisons are dominated by the Late Pleistocene samples. There are only two Early Pleistocene femora with the three requisite femoral variables (length, head diameter, and midshaft cross-sectional parameters), KNM-ER 1472 and 1481. For the Middle Pleistocene, data are available only for OH-28, and two of the variables are estimated (femur length from the largely complete diaphysis and head diameter from acetabular height).

Given these limitations, the distributions of the samples are very uniform (see Figure 4). There is some scatter among the larger of the Late Pleistocene specimens, with extensive overlap across those three samples. OH-28 falls well within that scatter, if modestly low. The two Early Pleistocene femora bracket a small Neandertal (Palomas

96) and are similar to small EUP/MUP specimens. Overall the differences across the samples are not statistically significant. Within the Late Pleistocene, the EUP/MUP sample is on average less robust than the Neandertal and the MPMH samples, but the difference does not reach significance given the considerable overlap of the samples (Kruskal-Wallis P: 0.342; ANOVA P: 0.148)(see Figure 4). These results follow previous assessments of Late Pleistocene human femora (Trinkaus 1997, 2006b), and conform to a prior assessment of archaic *Homo* femora (Ruff et al. 1993) in which midshaft overall rigidity was scaled using different techniques.

For the tibia, there are no sufficiently complete Early and Middle Pleistocene tibiae for a similar assessment. Previous analyses of Late Pleistocene tibiae have not found any significant differences between samples in diaphyseal robustness (e.g., Shang and Trinkaus 2010; Trinkaus 2006b). The three Middle Pleistocene tibiae that provide length or a reasonable length estimate, Boxgrove 1, Broken Hill E691, and Ngandong 14 (Trinkaus 2009; Trinkaus et al. 1999b), provide values similar to Late Pleistocene tibiae, the actual positions depending upon what body proportions and hence body mass estimates are assumed for the individuals

#### DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL SHAPE

In addition to differential diaphyseal hypertrophy across these Pleistocene samples, there are differences in the cross-sectional, and especially subperiosteal, shapes of the diaphyses. Some of these contrasts are morphological, in terms of the subperiosteal contour, whereas others are more biomechanical and reflect the distribution of bone relative to anatomical axes of the diaphyses.

In the femur, the principal morphological difference is the development of a midshaft (or mid-proximal to mid-distal shaft) pilaster in most of the early modern human femora, a pattern that is unknown in archaic *Homo* femoral diaphyses (excluding the questionably Pleistocene Trinil femora). Early to Late Pleistocene archaic human femora have variable development of the *linea aspera*, but when there is an increase in the anteroposterior midshaft dimension, it is created either by an anteroposterior elongation of an ovoid subperiosteal contour with a prominent *linea aspera* (e.g., Atapuerca-SH femur 12, Castel del Guido 1, Feldhofer 1, Mammolo 1, Rochers-de-Villeneuve 1) or a posterior expansion of the medial buttress near midshaft (e.g., Berg Aukas 1, Saint-Césaire 1). At the same time, as noted above, archaic *Homo* femora usually have a prominent development of a medial buttress, a swelling of bone that begins proximally in the subtrochanteric region and extends beyond midshaft, slowly rotating posteromedially on the diaphysis. It is this subperiosteal thickening of the proximal and mid-medial diaphysis that displaces the minimum shaft breadth distally of midshaft. In addition, early modern human femora frequently have a prominent gluteal buttress, a rounded swelling of bone on the lateral (or posterolateral) subtrochanteric diaphysis, usually delineated by a longitudinal sulcus posteriorly and sometimes anteriorly. Such a feature is present in a minority of archaic



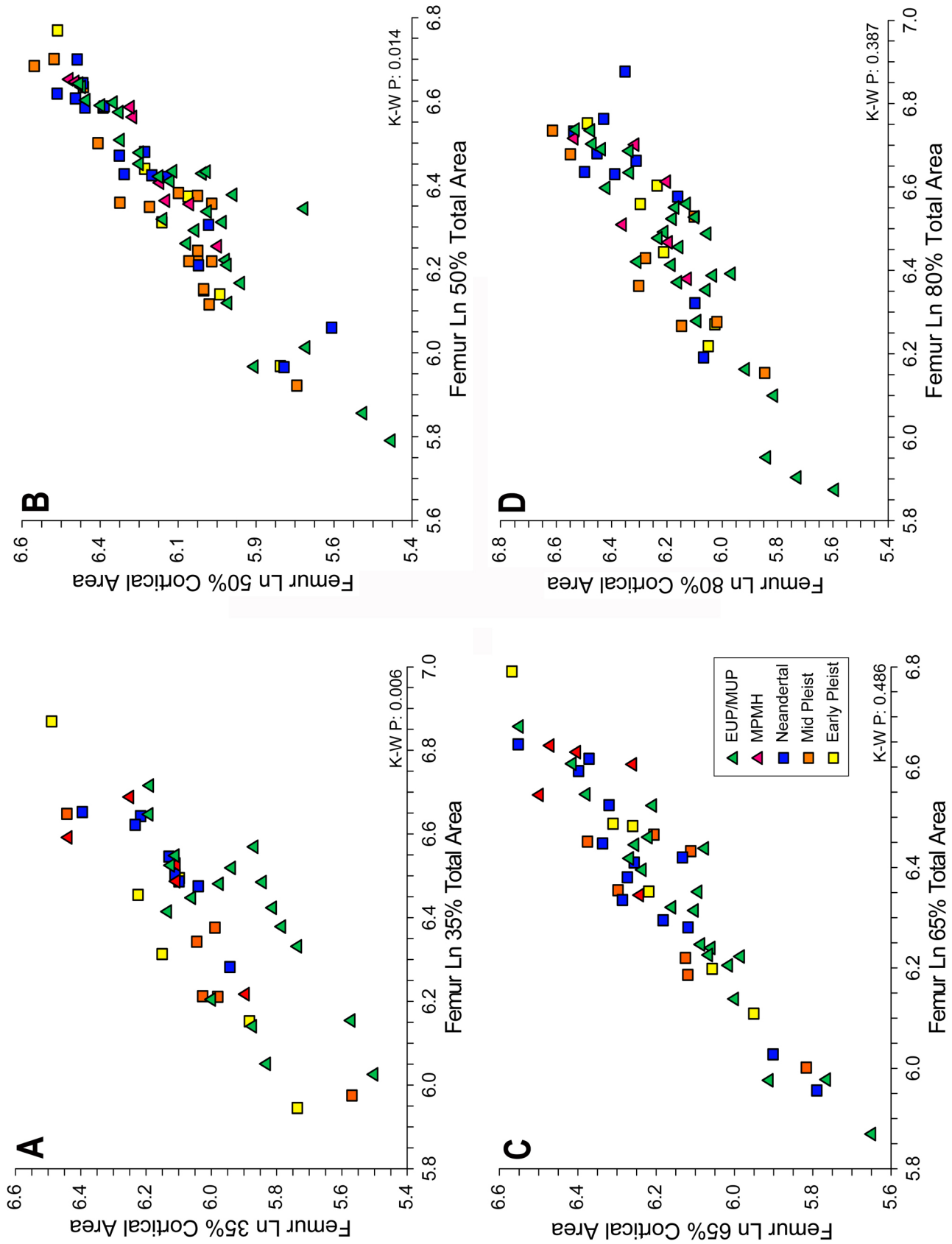


Figure 2. Bivariate plots of logged cortical area versus total area of Pleistocene human femora, for the 35% (A), 50% (B), 65% (C) and 80% (D) cross-sections.

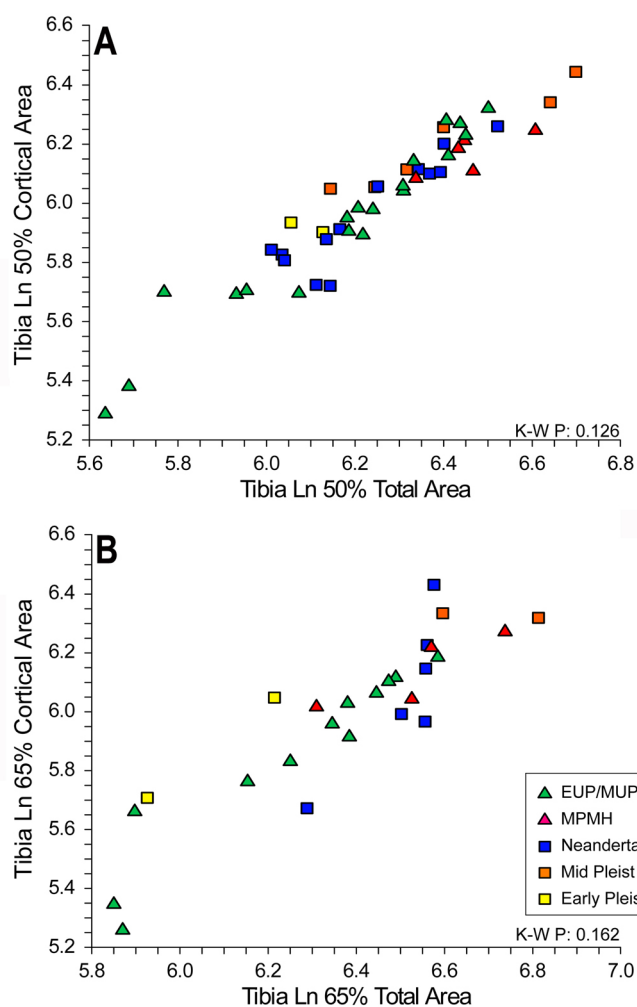


Figure 3. Bivariate plots of logged cortical area versus total area of Pleistocene human tibiae for the 50% (A) and 65% (B) cross-sections.

*Homo* femora, but it is rarely prominent.

In the tibial diaphysis, the strictly morphological differences between archaic and early modern humans are primarily in terms of the development of longitudinal sulci between the different crests. Although sometimes present, especially in the mid-proximal region, these “sulci” are usually shallow if present in archaic human tibiae, and they are characteristically absent near midshaft, producing convex or flat cross-sectional contours of the diaphysis.

Despite these morphological differences, which may serve a taxonomic purpose for distinguishing between late archaic and early modern human femora and tibiae, it is unclear what are the biomechanically relevant similarities or differences. These distributions of bone can be assessed through the relative perpendicular second moments of area. As noted above, the anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ) and mediolateral ( $I_y$ ) ones are used for the mid-proximal to distal femur, but both  $I_x$  versus  $I_y$  and the maximum ( $I_{max}$ ) versus its perpendicular ( $I_{min}$ ) are employed for the proximal femur, and  $I_{max}$  versus  $I_{min}$  is used for the tibia. These distributions of bone also can be assessed, with less precision but larger samples, through external diaphyseal diameters.

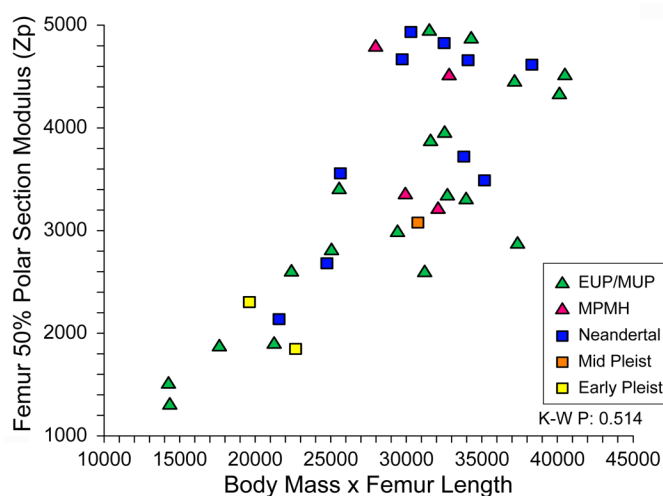


Figure 4. Bivariate plot of femoral midshaft (50%) polar section modulus versus body mass times femur length.

### TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL SHAPE

In the comparisons of the mean  $I_{max}$  to  $I_{min}$  ratios for the tibiae, most of the samples follow similar patterns from distal to proximal, with the variation primarily proximal (Figure 5). However, it needs to be kept in mind that the Early Pleistocene  $N=1$  for the two distal sections and  $N=2$  for the three more proximal ones. In the Middle Pleistocene  $N=2$  for all but the 50% section. The 80% samples remain small for both Middle Paleolithic groups ( $N=3$  each), and only reach a substantial size ( $N=9$ ) for the Upper Paleolithic sample.

Despite these limitations for the earlier samples and the proximal section, it is apparent that the earlier Upper Paleolithic sample stands out from the other samples in its average diaphyseal proportions in all but the 20% section. It is joined by the Middle Paleolithic modern human sample in the mid-proximal section and to a lesser extent in the 80% section. At the other extreme, the Early Pleistocene sample is below the others (less anteroposteriorly expanded) through the middle three sections of the diaphysis.

The differences between the Upper Paleolithic, Early Pleistocene and temporally intermediate samples are evident in the distributions of their 35% to 65% perpendicular second moments of area, plus the anteroposterior versus mediolateral diaphyseal diameters for the midshaft and mid-proximal shaft (Figures 6 and 7). There is considerable scatter in the distributions, but all of the comparisons provide significant differences across the samples. Given tibial sample size limitations for scaling to bone length and body mass, it remains unclear whether it is differential anteroposterior and/or mediolateral hypertrophy which is producing these differences in tibial diaphyseal proportions across the Pleistocene *Homo* samples.

### FEMORAL DIAPHYSEAL SHAPE

Using the mean ratios of the femoral anteroposterior versus mediolateral second moments of area (Figure 8) provides a substantial contrast between the archaic *Homo* and the early modern human femora. In this, the Early Pleistocene

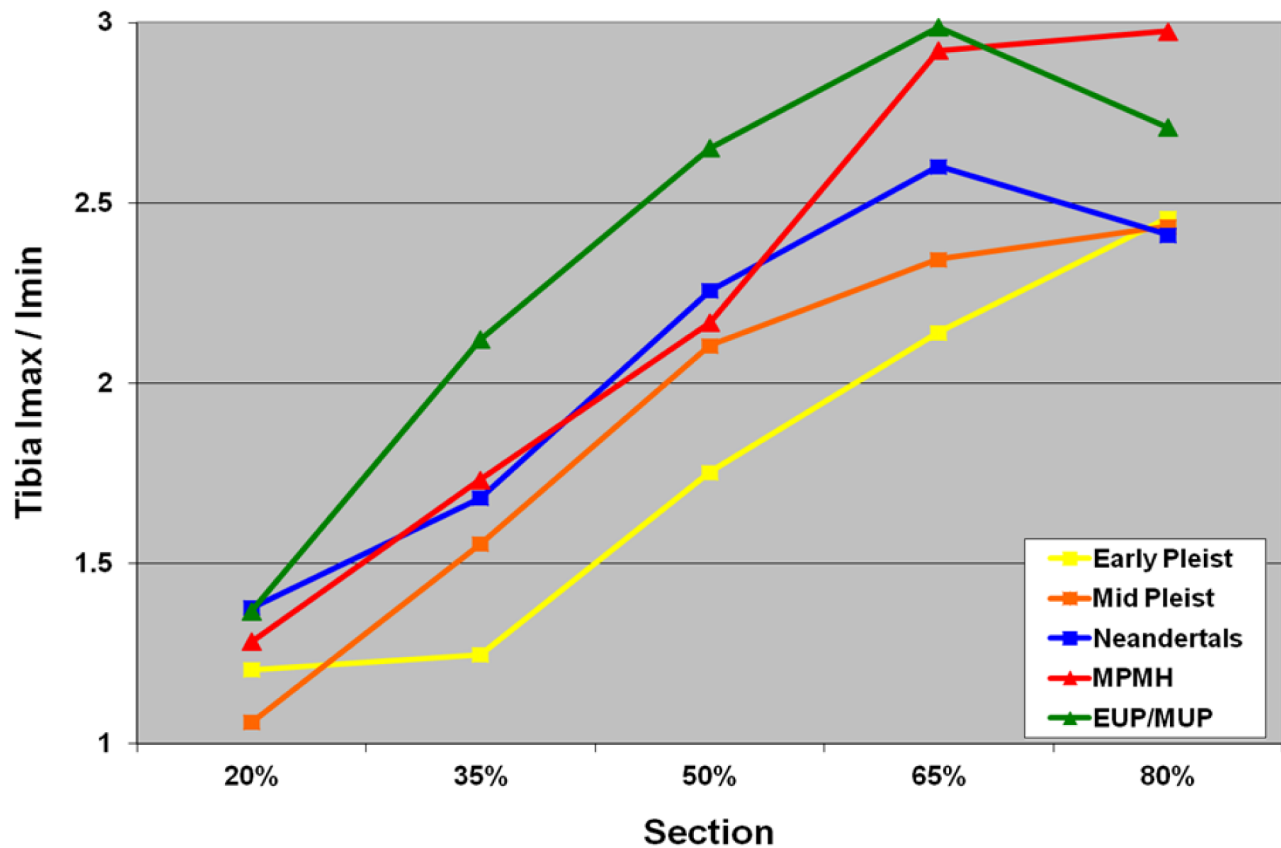


Figure 5. Mean maximum versus minimum second moments of area ( $I_{max}/I_{min}$ ) for Pleistocene *Homo* tibiae.

sample consistently has the lowest ratios, the Middle Pleistocene and Neandertal samples are similar, and the two early modern human samples have markedly higher ratios, especially from 35% to 65%. There is little difference in the pattern of the ratios from distal to proximal across the three archaic human samples. The same similarity of pattern applies to the two early modern human samples. There is little separation distally. In the subtrochanteric region, which reflects in part pelvic and proximal femoral proportions, there is little separation of the Middle and Late Pleistocene mean values, but the Early Pleistocene sample has lower ratios.

### Midshaft Considerations

When the mid-distal to mid-proximal proportions are compared using individual values (Figure 9), whether with second moments of area or the larger sample size available for midshaft external diameters, significant differences remain across the samples (highly significant for the two midshaft and the mid-proximal comparisons). There is modest overlap across the samples, especially for the smaller individuals (the reduced major axis slopes between the anteroposterior and mediolateral variables are all  $>1.0$ , indicating some size scaling for the proportions). Yet, most of individuals in the two early modern human samples remain consistently above the archaic human distributions. The Early Pleistocene sample does remain the lowest in the distributions (the one high value in midshaft diameters is Dmanisi D4167),

but there is considerable overall scatter among the Middle and Late Pleistocene archaic human femora. The three archaic *Homo* samples nonetheless remain insignificantly different from each other (Kruskal-Wallis  $P$ : 35%: 0.464; 50%: 0.183; 65%: 0.314). It is the high values for the MPMH and EUP/MUP samples through the midshaft that drive the highly significant differences across these samples.

Given sample sizes for femora with midshaft cross-sectional properties plus length and femoral head values, it is possible to compare 50%  $Z_x$  (A-P) and  $Z_y$  (M-L) separately to body mass times bone length. When this is done (Figure 10), there is little difference across the samples in scaled anteroposterior rigidity, although KNM-ER 1481 and OH-28 fall among the lower of the specimens. In the scaled mediolateral comparison, there is more separation of the samples, and the comparison reaches significance (especially if the ANOVA  $P$ -value (0.016) is considered). If the late archaic humans are compared to a pooled early modern human one, the Neandertals are significantly higher (Wilcoxon  $P=0.002$ ). Adding the three earlier archaic specimens to an archaic versus modern comparison retains the significant difference (Wilcoxon  $P=0.003$ ). It therefore appears that the differences between archaic and early modern human femoral midshafts in anteroposterior versus mediolateral proportions are not driven by differences in anteroposterior rigidity, but by a relatively lower mediolateral hypertrophy in the latter sample.



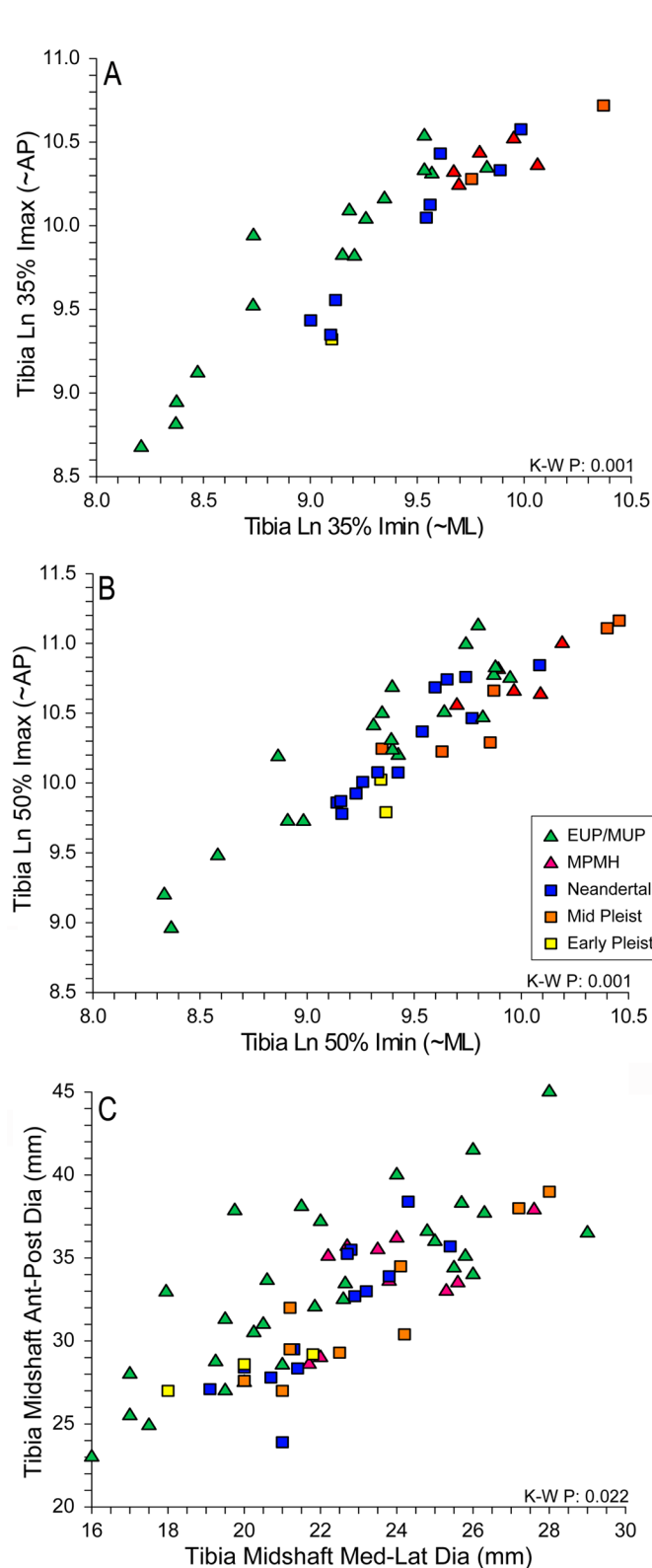


Figure 6. Bivariate plots of logged maximum ( $I_{max}$ ) versus minimum ( $I_{min}$ ) second moments of area of Pleistocene human tibiae for the 35% (A) and 50% (B) cross-sections, plus of the midshaft anteroposterior versus mediolateral external diameters (C).

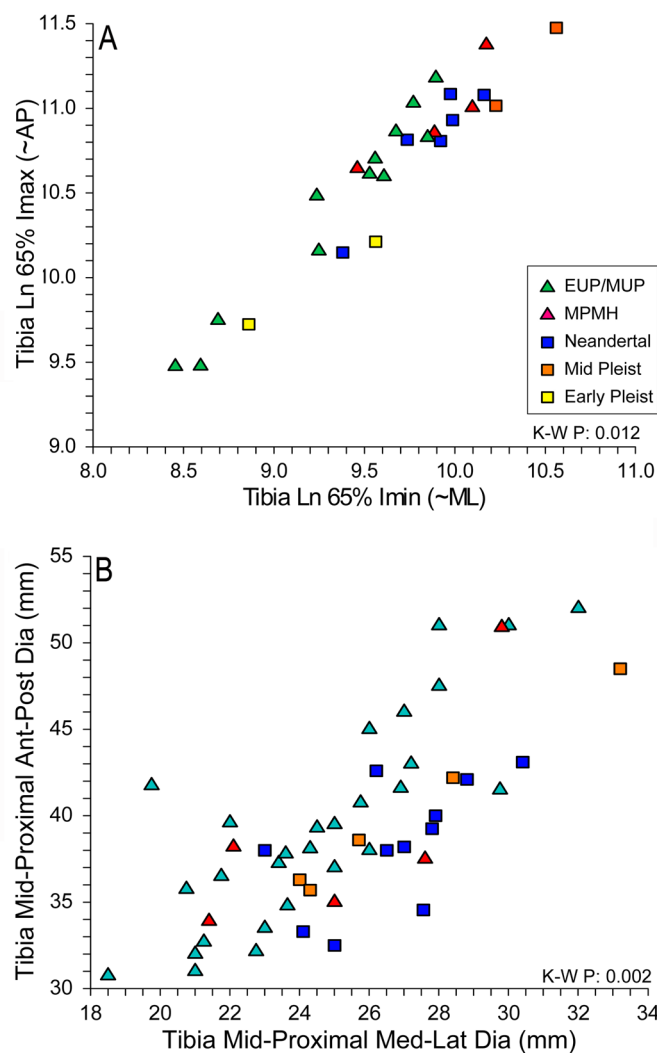


Figure 7. Bivariate plots of logged maximum ( $I_{max}$ ) versus minimum ( $I_{min}$ ) second moments of area of Pleistocene human tibiae for the mid-proximal (65%) cross-section (A), plus of the proximal anteroposterior versus mediolateral external diameters (B).

### Subtrochanteric Considerations

Paralleling results for mean ratio comparisons (see Figure 8), when individual values for anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ) and mediolateral ( $I_y$ ) bending rigidities of the subtrochanteric section are compared (Figure 11), Early Pleistocene specimens all fall near the lower edge of the distribution, whereas the specimens from the other groups are more variable and overlapping. Within the Middle Pleistocene sample, the early OH-28 and Kresna 11, along with the undated Broken Hill E690, have the lowest values, one early specimen (Gesher-Benot-Ya'acov 1) is in the middle of the overall distribution with Berg Aukas 1 and Tabun E1, and the three high (rounder) specimens are the Broken Hill E689 and E709 femora and the late La Chaise-BD 5 femur. In comparisons of 80%  $I_{min}$  versus  $I_{max}$  (measures closer to the anteroposterior versus mediolateral second moments of area in the plane of the head and neck for most of these specimens) (see Figure 11C), there is a tighter distribution of the

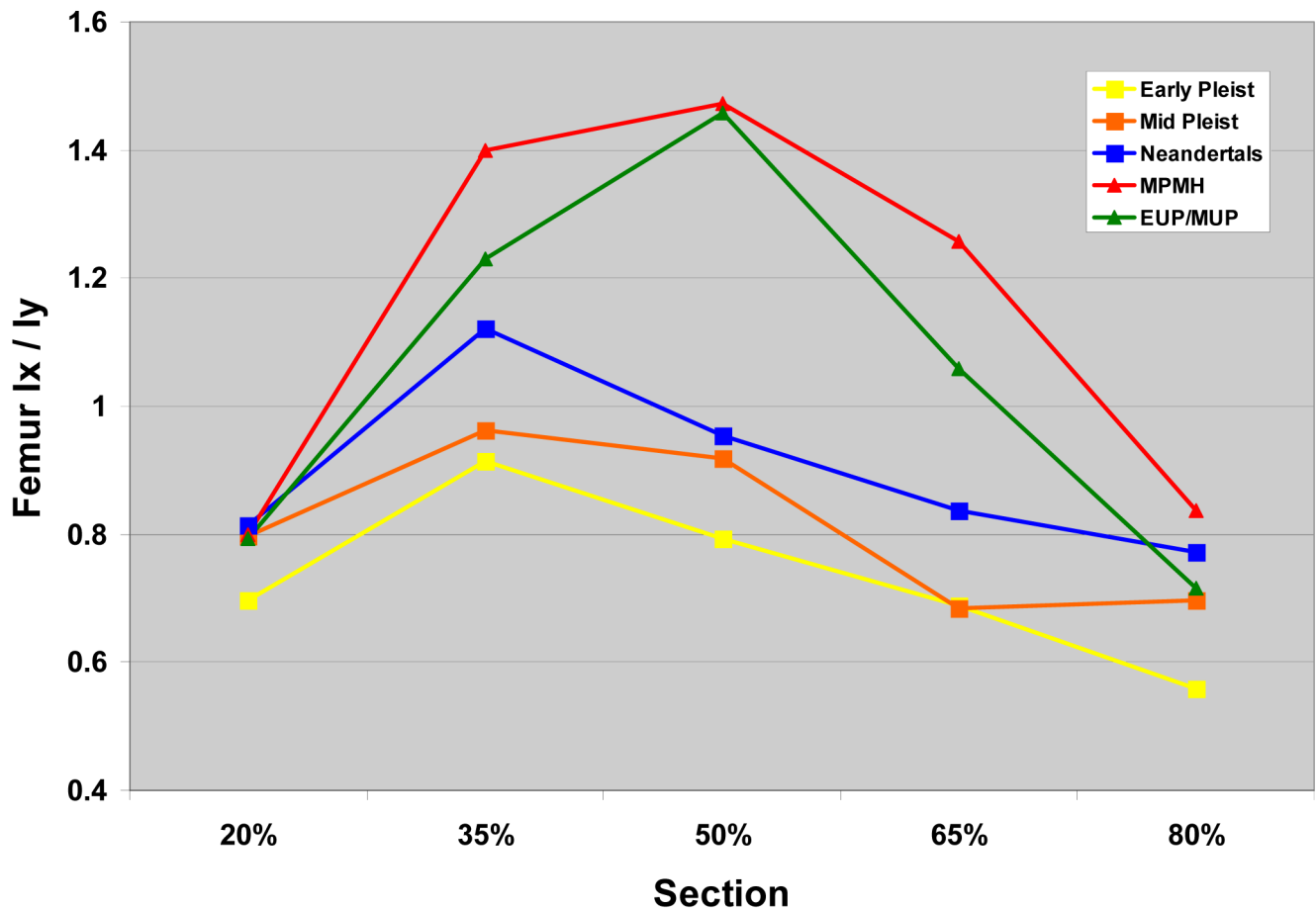


Figure 8. Mean anteroposterior versus mediolateral second moments of area ( $I_x/I_y$ ) for Pleistocene *Homo* femora.

values and a slightly greater difference across the samples. The high (round) value in external diameter comparisons is Skhul 5; in the second moment of area comparisons, the MPMH specimens largely bracket the rest of the distributions.

Following Ruff (1995), in which the relative mediolateral reinforcement of the subtrochanteric diaphysis is an indirect, biomechanical effect of pelvic and proximal femoral proportions, it would appear appropriate that there is a shift among archaic *Homo* proximal femora that generally follows, given dating issues and individual variation with small sample sizes, the increased encephalization during this time period (Ruff et al. 1997) combined with a rounding out of the pelvis. It is less clear why most of the Middle Paleolithic modern human sample should fall along the higher (rounder) margin of the earlier Upper Paleolithic sample.

One of the variables in the hip region that might influence subtrochanteric bending moments is femoral neck orientation, as quantified by the neck-shaft angle. There is little difference in neck-shaft angles across the archaic human and Upper Paleolithic samples ( $P=0.750$ ), despite increased variation in the last sample (see Appendix Table A15; Figure 12). However, the Middle Paleolithic modern human sample has high neck-shaft angles, at the top of the Upper Paleolithic range of variation and separate from all of the

archaic humans. Adding in the Middle Paleolithic modern humans produces a  $P=0.034$  across the five samples. Assuming similar neck lengths across these samples, the more vertical orientation of the Middle Paleolithic modern human femoral necks should reduce the bending moments on the proximal diaphysis. This might explain, in part, the difference in proximal femoral proportions between the two early modern human samples, given their similar pelvic configurations, but it would be only one aspect of pelvic and hip morphology to consider in comparisons of the Middle Paleolithic modern human versus the archaic human samples.

## DISCUSSION

Despite a significant change in femoral and tibial diaphyseal discrete morphology between archaic and early modern humans and several shifts in diaphyseal linear and especially cross-sectional geometric parameters, there appears to have been little change in the overall hypertrophy, or robustness, of at least Pleistocene *Homo* femora. The one assessment for which there are minimally adequate remains (given the dearth of sufficiently complete Early and Middle Pleistocene specimens), femoral midshaft overall rigidity scaled to femur length and estimated body mass, does not show a significant trend from the Early to the Late Pleistocene, although there is a suggestion of a slight reduction

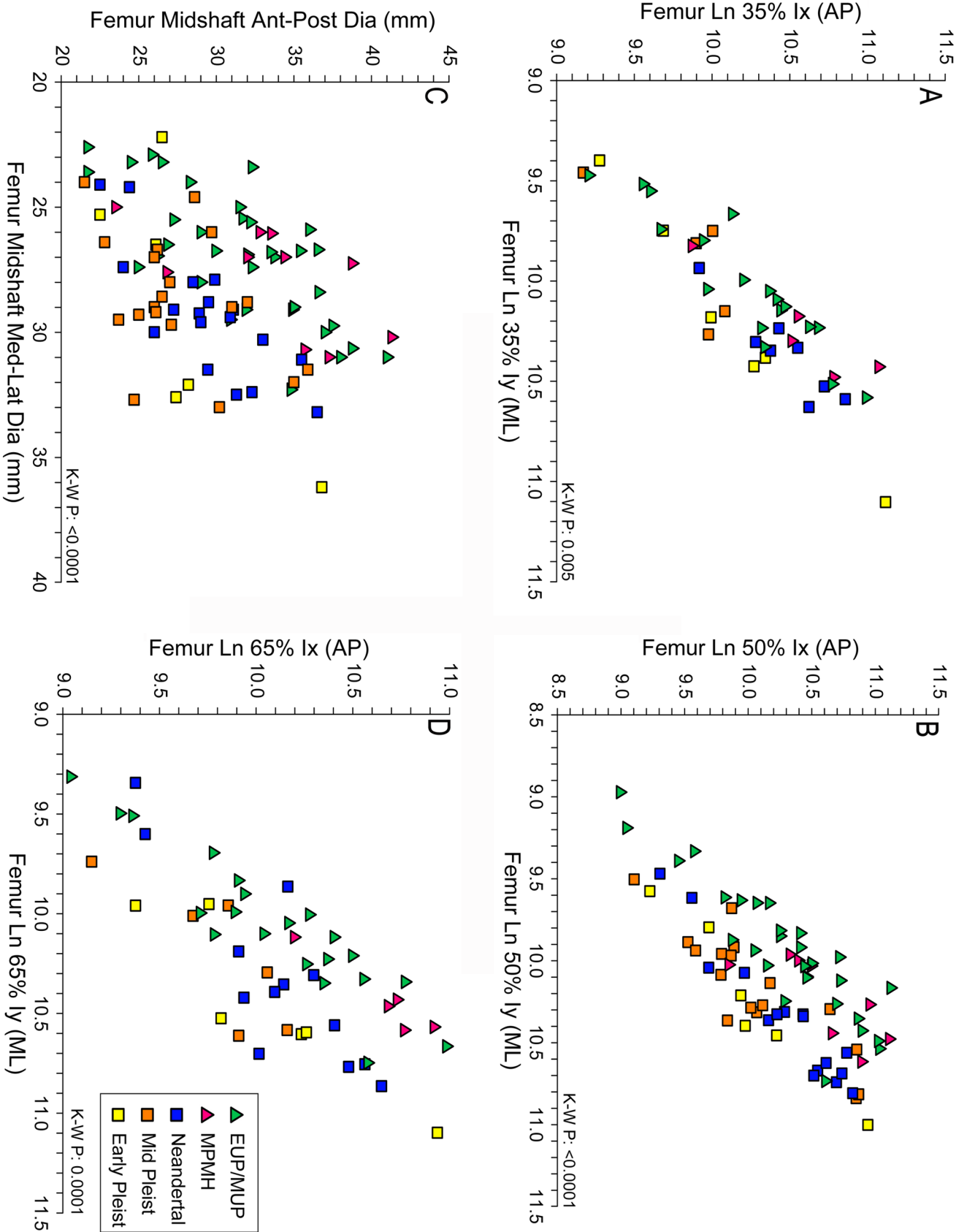


Figure 9. Bivariate plots of logged anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ) versus mediolateral ( $I_y$ ) second moments of area of Pleistocene human femora for the 35% (A), 50% (B) and 65% (D) cross-sections, plus of the midshaft anteroposterior versus mediolateral external diameters (C).



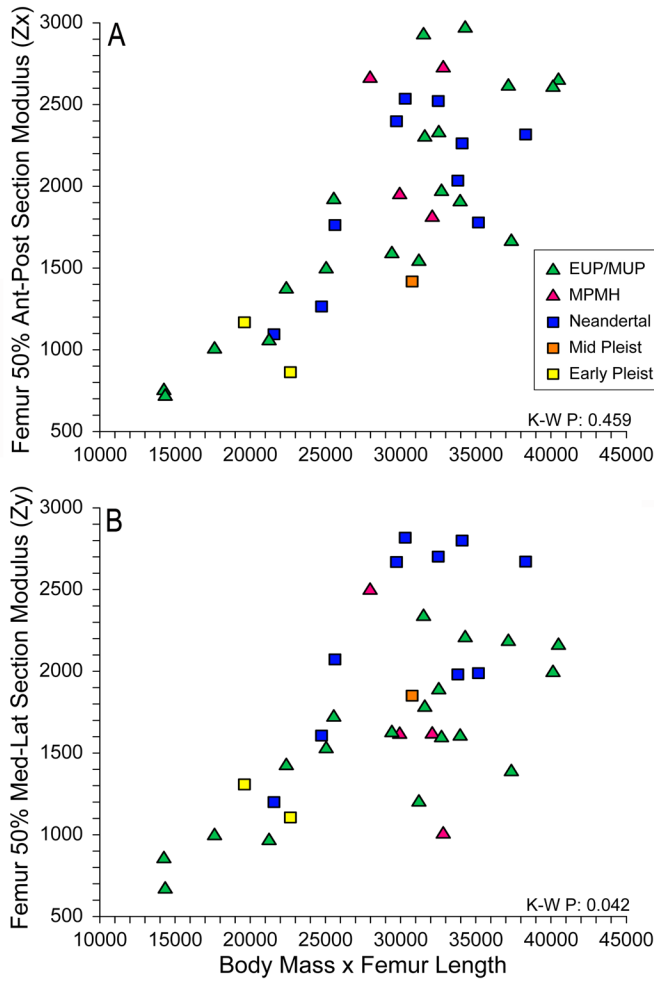


Figure 10. Bivariate plots of midshaft (50%) anteroposterior ( $Z_x$ ) (A) and mediolateral ( $Z_y$ ) (B) section moduli versus body mass  $\times$  length.

with the earlier Upper Paleolithic. To the extent that it reflects diaphyseal hypertrophy, there is a modest decrease in relative cortical area from the Early to the Late Pleistocene in the mid and distal femur. However, it is not present in the more proximal femoral data. There appears to be a reduction in tibial relative cortical area, especially between the Early Pleistocene and later samples, but sample sizes are insufficient for it to reach statistical significance.

It is possible that there were subtle trends in reducing femoral (and tibial) robustness through the Pleistocene, as has been previously suggested (Ruff 2006; Ruff et al. 1993). However, those assessments were in part dependent on assumed linear body proportions for the earlier Pleistocene specimens, all of which come from low latitude sites and hence warm climates. If those specimens are given relatively broad pelvises, as more recent data on fossil pelvic remains and relative articular dimensions suggest despite the high crural index of at least one early individual (KNM-WT 15000 [Ruff and Walker 1993]), they may well have had higher body masses relative to bone length than the modern human equatorial models imply. This change in assessing their body masses would reduce their previously inferred

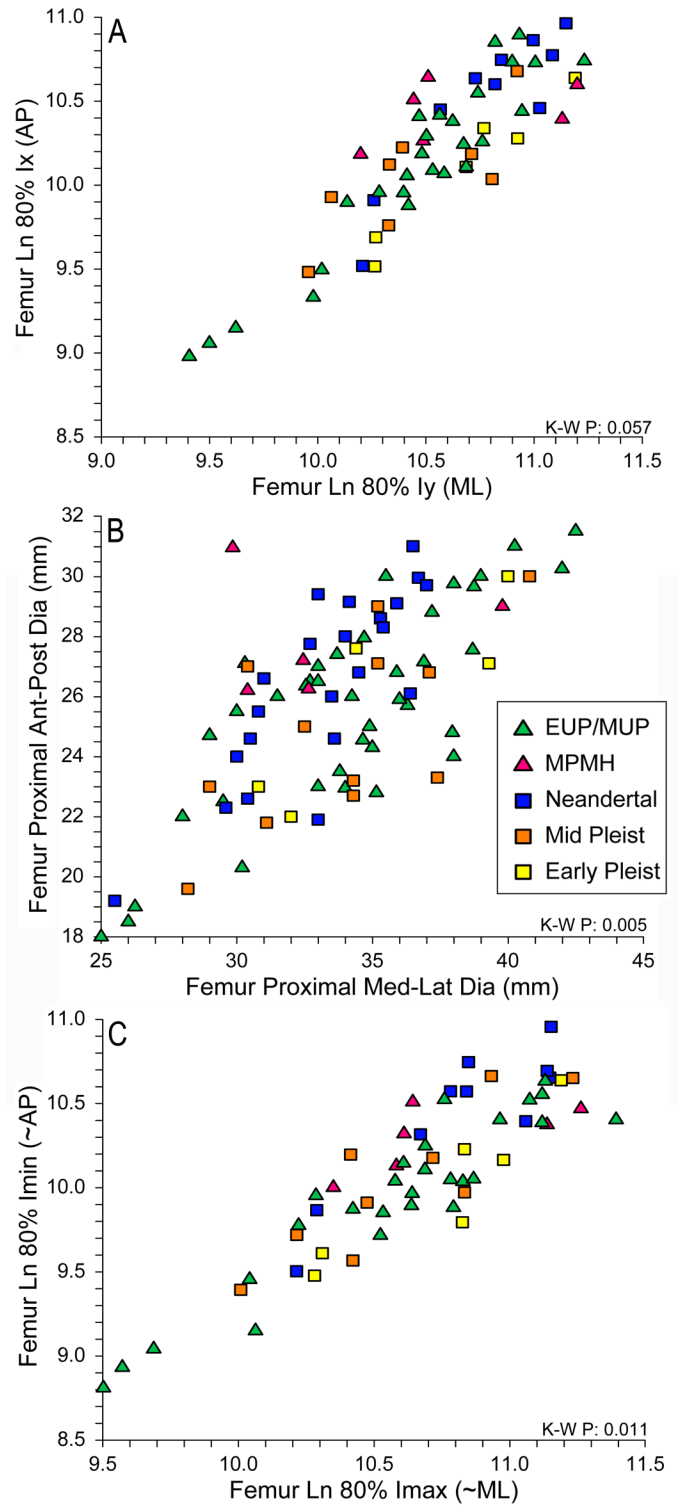


Figure 11. Bivariate plots of the logged anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ) versus mediolateral ( $I_y$ ) second moments of area (A), anteroposterior versus mediolateral external diameters (B), and logged minimum ( $I_{min}$ ) versus maximum ( $I_{max}$ ) second moments of area (C) for Pleistocene human femora at the subtrochanteric (80%) level.

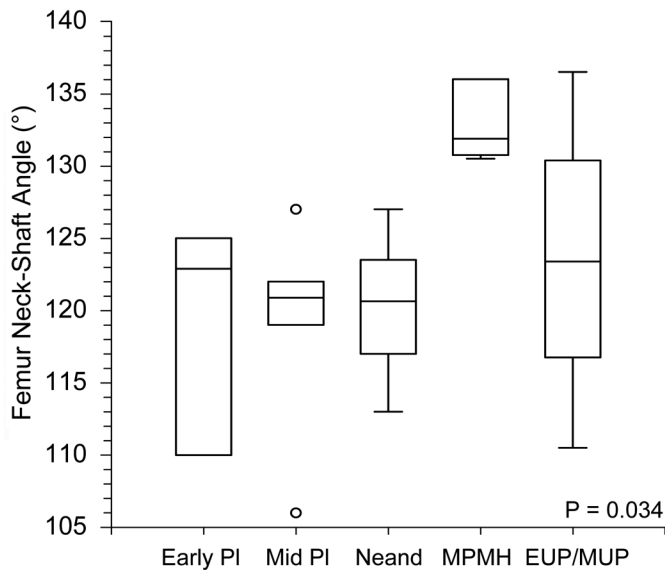


Figure 12. Boxplots of femoral neck-shaft angles for Pleistocene humans.

femoral robustness and make them more similar to later Pleistocene human femora. This is what using only their femoral head diameters to estimate body mass does (see Figure 4).

It is nonetheless recognized that using femoral heads alone to estimate body mass may be obscuring biomechanically relevant variation. As noted above, femoral head size reflects hip joint reaction force during development, of which body mass is only one source, if the primary one. Largely complete associated pelvic and proximal femoral remains would be necessary to test whether these body masses are sufficiently accurate for the purposes here; currently only Upper Paleolithic modern humans, one Middle Paleolithic modern human, and possibly two Neanderthals may provide such data (Trinkaus 2011a; Walker et al. 2011b).

A shift in tibial diaphyseal cross-sectional shape is present through the mid-diaphysis from the Early Pleistocene to later samples, and then again with the Upper Paleolithic. These changes are sufficient to provide significant contrasts across these samples from the 35% to the 65% sections. It is not known whether these tibial differences derive from increased anteroposterior or reduced mediolateral rigidity.

In the femur, there is a pronounced contrast in cross-sectional proportions from mid-distal to mid-proximal diaphysis, however quantified. In this case, however, scaling to length and body mass indicates that the majority of the variation comes from differences in mediolateral reinforcement of the diaphysis rather than any substantial change in anteroposterior strengthening. It may well be that the frequent presence of a medial buttress on the archaic *Homo* femora is contributing to this difference. Given the apparently broad pelvis of most archaic humans, from the Early to the Late Pleistocene (Bonmatí et al. 2010; Rak 1991; Rosenberg et al. 2006; Ruff 1995, 2010), and the re-

duced pelvic breadths in early modern humans (Holliday 1995; Trinkaus 2011a), this variation in femoral diaphyseal breadth may be an indirect effect of pelvic and crural body proportions, and hence have little to do with locomotor loading patterns *per se*.

Interestingly, the associated absence of significant cross-sample variation in scaled anteroposterior strength occurs despite the pronounced pilasters of many of the early modern human femora. Contra Trinkaus et al. (1998) and Beauval et al. (2005), the anteroposterior variation is unlikely to indicate differences in the degree of longer distance locomotion. As such, it conforms to the paleopathological (Berger and Trinkaus 1995) and paleodemographic (Trinkaus 2011b) reflections of the importance of mobility among all of these Pleistocene foragers (cf., Trinkaus n.d.). The nature of that mobility (logistical versus residential [Kelly, 1983]) cannot be assessed from these femoral comparisons, and it may well have contrasted in pattern, rather than level, among these Pleistocene foraging populations (cf., Féblot-Augustins 1997; Holt and Formicola 2008). It remains possible that relative anteroposterior versus mediolateral diaphyseal reinforcement reflects differential ranging among later Upper Paleolithic and Holocene groups (e.g., Holt 2003; Holt and Formicola 2008; Ogilvie 2004; Ruff 1999), but it does not appear to do so across these Pleistocene samples.

The relatively broad subtrochanteric femoral diaphyses of Early Pleistocene and especially earlier Middle Pleistocene humans are likely to be a similar product of differential pelvic and hip proportions (Ruff 1995). What remains unclear is why, with reduced pelvic breadths, the earlier Upper Paleolithic humans are not more different from earlier groups, albeit that their subtrochanteric shape is influenced by a distinct gluteal buttress (at times with anterior and posterior sulci along it) rather than by a general mediolateral expansion of the proximal diaphysis. It is also unclear why most (all but Qafzeh 8) of the Middle Paleolithic modern humans lack a prominent gluteal buttress.

## CONCLUSION

This reassessment of femoral and tibial cross-sectional diaphyseal properties through Pleistocene *Homo* reinforces some of the trends that had been previously identified and modestly modifies some of the others. In the tibial diaphysis, there are decreases in relative cortical area, especially between the Early Pleistocene and later human groups, and there is a reduction in mediolateral to anteroposterior rigidity, between the Early Pleistocene and subsequent samples and then with the earlier Upper Paleolithic. Femoral relative cortical area changed less, with little change proximally and reductions in the middle and mid-distal shaft. Femoral cross-sectional shape, however, exhibits marked changes, principally through the middle portions of the diaphysis and mostly contrasting archaic versus early modern humans. There is nonetheless some reduction in anteroposterior to mediolateral proportions between the Early Pleistocene sample and later archaic human samples.

Through the Pleistocene, and especially between later

archaic and early modern humans, these changes in relative mid-femoral diaphyseal reinforcement appear to be driven principally by reductions in mediolateral reinforcement. Appropriately scaled anteroposterior reinforcement changes little, indicating little or no shift in loading from locomotor ranging behaviors. It is hypothesized that the mid-femoral mediolateral reduction, probably in combination with less chronologically patterned proximal femoral proportional changes, derives from shifts in pelvic and proximal femoral proportions through the Pleistocene.

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## Appendix

The following tables provide the original cross-sectional diaphyseal measurements available for Pleistocene *Homo* femora and tibiae up to approximately the time of the Late Pleistocene last glacial maximum. The cross-sectional measurements consist of: total area (TA) and cortical area (CA) in mm<sup>2</sup>; and the anteroposterior ( $I_x$ ), mediolateral ( $I_y$ ), maximum ( $I_{max}$ ), minimum ( $I_{min}$ ) second moments of area in mm<sup>4</sup>; the polar moment of area (J, in mm<sup>4</sup>) is the sum of any two perpendicular second moments of area (Tables A2 to A11). To these are added standard external osteometric linear diameters of the midshafts and proximal diaphyses (Table A13). From the second moments of area and diaphyseal diameters, section moduli ( $Z_x$ ,  $Z_y$  and  $Z_p$ , in mm<sup>3</sup>) were computed based on a pooled recent human sample (see text and Table A12). These diaphyseal measurements are preceded by available directly measurable or estimated femoral and tibial lengths and femoral head diameters, plus body mass estimated from the femoral head diameters (Table A1). Estimated lengths and articular measurements are in parentheses.

Relatively few of the specimens provide sufficiently complete condyles for standard, knee-based diaphyseal orientation, following Ruff and Hayes (1983a). As discussed in the text, diaphyseal morphological features are employed for orientation of the less complete fossils. The uncertainty in orientations affects only the anatomically oriented second moments of area ( $I_x$  and  $I_y$ ) and their section moduli ( $Z_x$  and  $Z_y$ ). Those femoral and tibiae that provide sufficiently complete condyles for orientation are indicated by an asterisk.

The earlier samples are strictly chronological. The Late Pleistocene ones, given the presence of both late archaic and early modern humans in the Late Pleistocene, are subdivided into samples of late archaic humans (for which only western Eurasian Neandertals provide data), Middle Paleolithic modern humans (MPMH); and Early/Mid Upper Paleolithic modern humans (EUP/MUP).

**TABLE A1. FEMORAL AND TIBIAL LENGTHS, FEMORAL HEAD DIAMETER, AND ESTIMATED BODY MASS FOR PLEISTOCENE *HOMO***

(estimated values are in parentheses; previously published lengths not included here are considered to be insufficiently reliable for more than the positioning of the cross-sections; additional femoral head diameters are available [Ruff 2010; Trinkaus 2011], but they are not associated with sufficiently complete diaphyses to provide cross-sections and are therefore not included).

	<b>Femur Maximum Length (mm)</b>	<b>Femur Biomech Length (mm)</b>	<b>Tibia Maximum Length (mm)</b>	<b>Tibia Biomech Length (mm)</b>	<b>Femur Head Diam (mm)</b>	<b>Body Mass Estimate (kg)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>						
KNM-ER 736 <sup>2,3</sup>	(509)	(480)				
KNM-ER 737 <sup>2,3</sup>	(442)	(415)				
KNM-ER 803a,b <sup>2,3,4</sup>	(426)	(400)	(363)	(340)		
KNM-ER 1472	404	376			40.0	52.1
KNM-ER 1481a	399	370			(44.0)	61.2
KNM-ER 1808mn <sup>2,3</sup>	(488)	(460)				
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>						
Aïn Maarouf 1 <sup>5,6</sup>	(394)	(370)				
Boxgrove 1 <sup>7</sup>			(397)	(373)		
Broken Hill E690 <sup>2,3</sup>	(419)	(393)				
Broken Hill E691			416	390		
Gesher-B.-Y. 1 <sup>8</sup>	(388)	(364)				
Ngandong 14 <sup>4</sup>			(377)	354		
OH 28 <sup>2,3</sup>	(452)	(425)			(47.8) <sup>9</sup>	72.4
Zhoukoudian 1 <sup>5,10</sup>	(400)	(376)				

TABLE A1. (continued)

	Femur Maximum Length (mm)	Femur Biomech Length (mm)	Tibia Maximum Length (mm)	Tibia Biomech Length (mm)	Femur Head Diam (mm)	Body Mass Estimate (kg) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Neandertals</b>						
Amud 1 <sup>11</sup>	(484)	(458)			(48.1) <sup>9</sup>	70.9
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1 <sup>12</sup>	(440)	(420)			52.4	81.1
Feldhofer 1	443	419			52.2	80.6
Ferrassie 1 <sup>13</sup>	(461)	(451)	(370)	(353)	54.0	84.9
Ferrassie 2	412	386	311	288	45.9	66.4
Fond-de-Forêt 1 <sup>3,14</sup>	(465)	(438)			(48.5) <sup>15</sup>	72.9
Palomas 92 <sup>3,16</sup>	(397)	(372)			(44.2) <sup>15</sup>	61.7
Palomas 96	374	360	304	285	43.0	59.9
Shanidar 2			338	310		
Shanidar 4 <sup>17</sup>	(425)	(404)			49.2	73.5
Shanidar 5 <sup>17</sup>	(450)	429			47.5	70.6
Shanidar 6 <sup>17</sup>	(388)	(366)	(302)	(282)		
Spy 2	425	411	331	307	54.0	85.5
Tabun 1	416	391	319	295	44.5	63.3
<b>Middle Paleolithic Modern Humans</b>						
Qafzeh 3 <sup>11</sup>			(365)	(340)	--	
Qafzeh 8 <sup>11</sup>			(433)	(405)	--	
Qafzeh 9	472	442			44.5	63.3
Skhul 4	494	465	439	411	47.3	69.0
Skhul 5 <sup>18</sup>	(518)	(477)			(47.2) <sup>9</sup>	68.8
Skhul 6	477	447			46.5	66.9
<b>Early/Mid Upper Paleolithic</b>						
Arene Candide IP	453	427	379	338	49.0	73.1
Barma Grande 2	516	499			52.4	81.1
Cro-Magnon 1 <sup>19,20</sup>	(499)	(468)			(47.0) <sup>9</sup>	67.3
Cro-Magnon 4322 <sup>3,20</sup>	(493)	(462)				
Cro-Magnon 4324 <sup>3,20</sup>	(424)	(393)				
Cro-Magnon 4330			384	359		
Cro-Magnon 4332 <sup>4,19,20</sup>			(398)	(374)		
Dolní Věstonice 3 <sup>21</sup>	(427)	(391)	(359)	(338)	40.5	54.3
Dolní Věstonice 13	449	423	382	360	47.5	69.5
Dolní Věstonice 14 <sup>21</sup>	(505)	(480)	(420)	(394)	51.0	77.8
Dolní Věstonice 15			344	324	46.9	67.1
Dolní Věstonice 16 <sup>21</sup>	471	443	(390)	(367)	50.5	76.6
Grotte des Enfants 4	514	486			53.0	82.5
Minatogawa 1 <sup>22</sup>	398	371	(322)	(300)	44.0	60.4
Minatogawa 2 <sup>22</sup>	360	332			37.0	42.9
Minatogawa 3 <sup>22</sup>	382	353	306	287	38.5	49.9
Minatogawa 4 <sup>22</sup>	360	334	301	285	(37.0)	42.9

TABLE A1. (continued)

	Femur Maximum Length (mm)	Femur Biomech Length (mm)	Tibia Maximum Length (mm)	Tibia Biomech Length (mm)	Femur Head Diam (mm)	Body Mass Estimate (kg) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Early/Mid Upper Paleolithic (cont.)</b>						
Mladeč 27 <sup>23</sup>	(486)	(455)				
Nahal 'En-Gev 1 <sup>11</sup>	(396)	(365)				
Ohalo 2	464	431	384	361	49.1	73.3
Paglicci 25	446	428			42.9	59.7
Paviland 1	478	452	401	379	48.7	72.4
Pavlov 1 <sup>21</sup>	(497)	(450)				
Rochette 2	412	397			44.8	63.1
Sunghir 1	499	476	423	399	51.1	78.0
Tianyuan 1 <sup>24</sup>	(463)	(436)	(385)	(363)	(53.8) <sup>15</sup>	85.1
Veneri 1	470	453	397	383	50.1	75.7
Veneri 2	459	436	382	365	48.8	74.6

<sup>1</sup>Body masses estimated from femoral head diameters. For diameters <38mm, the formula of McHenry (1994) ( $BM=2.239 \times \text{FemHdDia} - 39.9$ ) was used. For diameters >47mm, the average of the Grine et al. (1995) formula ( $BM=2.268 \times \text{FemHdDia} - 36.5$ ) and the appropriate value from Ruff et al. (1991) was employed. Ruff et al. (1991) provided sex specific formulae (males:  $(2.741 \times \text{FemHdDia} - 54.9) \times 0.90$ ; females:  $(2.426 \times \text{FemHdDia} - 35.1) \times 0.90$ ), which were used for pelvically sexed Pleistocene remains; for remains without diagnostic pelvic remains, the average of those two estimates was used. For intermediate head diameters (38 to 47mm), the average of the McHenry, Grine et al., and appropriate Ruff et al. estimates was employed.

<sup>2</sup>Biomechanical length estimated from the partial diaphysis using preserved anatomical landmarks.

<sup>3</sup>Maximum femoral length estimated from the biomechanical length using a least squares regression based on a pooled sample of Pleistocene and non-industrial recent humans:  $\text{FemMaxLen} = 1.037 \times \text{FemBiomLen} + 11.2$ ;  $r^2=0.984$ ,  $N=72$ .

<sup>4</sup>Maximum tibial length estimated from the preserved biomechanical length using a least squares regression based on a pooled sample of Pleistocene and non-industrial recent humans:  $\text{TibMaxLen} = 1.027 \times \text{TibArtLen} + 13.7$ ;  $r^2=0.987$ ,  $N=126$ .

<sup>5</sup>The maximum length is from the estimated bicondylar length of Hublin (1992) using a least squares regression of recent humans:  $\text{FemMaxLen}=0.984 \times \text{FemBicLen} + 9.9$ ,  $r^2=0.992$ ,  $N=40$ .

<sup>6</sup>Biomechanical length estimated from maximum length based on a pooled sample of Pleistocene and non-industrial recent humans:  $\text{FemBiomLen}=0.949 \times \text{FemMaxLen} - 4.0$ ,  $r^2=0.984$ ,  $N=72$ .

<sup>7</sup>Length estimates from the largely complete diaphysis, as detailed in Stringer et al. (1998) and Trinkaus et al. (1999b).

<sup>8</sup>Maximum length from the mean estimated bicondylar length of Geraads and Tchernov (1983) using a least squares regression of recent humans:  $\text{FemMaxLen}=0.984 \times \text{FemBicLen} + 9.9$ ,  $r^2=0.992$ ,  $N=40$ .

<sup>9</sup>Femoral head diameter estimated from its associated acetabular height (from the rim adjacent to the anterior inferior iliac spine, using a least squares regression based on a pooled sample of Late Pleistocene and recent humans:  $\text{FemHdDia}=0.917 \times \text{AcetHt} - 4.6$ ,  $r^2=0.903$ ,  $N=130$ ).

<sup>10</sup>Maximum length estimate from Weidenreich (1941).

<sup>11</sup>Estimate based on the damaged original with minor reconstruction.

<sup>12</sup>Estimates based on adjustment of Boule's original reconstruction of the right femur using the more complete diaphysis and distal epiphysis of the left femur (cf. Trinkaus 2011). The maximum versus biomechanical length difference derives from the largely complete right proximal femur.

<sup>13</sup>Estimates based on the damaged original with reconstruction, following Heim (1982).

<sup>14</sup>Biomechanical length estimated from the largely complete diaphysis and distal epiphysis (Twisselmann 1961; Trinkaus and Ruff 1989).

<sup>15</sup>Femoral head diameter estimated from lateral condyle depth (M-22 [Bräuer, 1988]) using a least squares regression based on diverse recent humans and the available Late Pleistocene specimens:  $\text{FHD}=0.641 \times \text{LatCondAP} + 5.8$ ,  $r^2=0.881$ ,  $N=45$ .

<sup>16</sup>Biomechanical length estimated from the damaged original (Walker et al. 2011a).

<sup>17</sup>Shanidar femur lengths estimated from their preserved portions (Trinkaus 1983; Trinkaus and Ruff 1999a). The Shanidar 6 tibia maximum length was estimated from its fibular length (Trinkaus 1983, 2011), and its biomechanical length was estimated from its maximum length using a least squares regression based on a pooled Pleistocene and recent human sample:  $\text{TibBiomLen}=0.961 \times \text{TibMaxLen} - 8.7$ ,  $r^2=0.987$ ,  $N=126$ .

<sup>18</sup>Estimates based on the damaged original with reconstruction, following McCown and Keith (1939).

<sup>19</sup>Cro-Magnon 1 includes elements 4314 (pelvis), 4323B (femur right), and 4325 (femur left). The Cro-Magnon 4332 tibia has been associated with Cro-Magnon 1, but the attribution cannot be verified (Vallois and Billy 1965).

<sup>20</sup>The Cro-Magnon femoral and tibial length biomechanical estimates were done for the largely complete diaphyses and partial epiphyses using the more complete specimens as guides to the dimensions of the missing portions, given their similar sizes.

<sup>21</sup>Length estimates from Sládek et al. (2000) for the largely complete femora and tibiae.

<sup>22</sup>Minatogawa lengths from Baba and Endo (1982), plus Trinkaus (pers. observ.) for femur biomechanical length.

<sup>23</sup>Length estimates for the Mladeč 27 diaphysis from Trinkaus et al. (2006), based on the largely complete diaphysis.

<sup>24</sup>Length estimates for the largely complete femur and tibia from Shang and Trinkaus (2010).



TABLE A2. DISTAL (20%) FEMORAL DIAPHYSIAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 737	L	808	370	28961	48254	48333	27882	76215
KNM-ER 1472*	R	529	308	15417	22226	22319	15324	37643
KNM-ER 1481a*	L	509	260	13566	18136	18196	13505	31702
KNM-ER 1808mn <sup>1</sup>	R	711	520	32276	43323	43465	32134	75599
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Aïn Maarouf 1	L	662	311	22542	28260	28892	21909	50802
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	1000	517	58991	62572	63098	58465	121563
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	8367	418	36092	47688	48723	35057	83780
Feldhofer 1*	R	919	274	31411	36684	36686	31409	68095
Ferrassie 1	L	937	443	46152	53432	53434	46149	99584
Fond-de-Forêt 1*	L	930	275	30076	39441	40492	29024	69517
Spy 2*	R	947	305	31861	45360	45389	31832	77221
<b>MPMH</b>								
Skhul 4*	R	943	426	44747	54166	54794	44120	98914
	L	904	392	41440	48006	49968	39478	89446
Skhul 6	L	853	386	35323	46685	47709	34299	82008
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 1	R	1119	488	61219	81509	82822	59907	142728
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	841	358	30124	49905	50759	29269	80029
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	673	251	17702	26902	26917	17687	44604
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	847	321	31994	39404	39554	31844	71398
	L	864	338	31167	46048	46063	31152	77215
Dolní Věstonice 14*	L	904	292	30552	42570	43619	29503	73122
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	786	301	30552	31830	32157	30226	62382
	L	856	277	28614	33754	33820	28548	62368
Minatogawa 12*	R	840	342	30080	43180	43190	30070	73260
	L	866	297	28450	40970	41410	28010	69420
Minatogawa 3*	R	559	300	17280	21670	21690	17260	39950
	L	569	253	14800	21210	21240	14770	36010
Minatogawa 4*	R	607	203	12220	22180	22320	12080	34400
Mladeč 27	R	880	311	32414	40825	41359	31880	73239
Ohalo 2*	R	945	362	44528	45095	48908	40716	89624
	L	892	367	41285	43090	45856	38519	84375
Paviland 1*	L	938	296	32225	43586	43593	32218	75812
Pavlov 1*	R	980	269	26228	49395	49397	26225	75622
	L	934	293	29448	47559	47609	29398	77007
Tianyuan 1 <sup>3</sup>	R	906	495	67464	41012	67464	41012	108476

<sup>1</sup>The KNM-ER 1808 long bone diaphyses are covered with a thick layer of pathological new bone that was deposited shortly before death and did not disturb the underlying cortical bone (Walker et al. 1982). The femoral cross-sections (Tables A2 to A6) measured only the non-pathological diaphyseal bone (see Ruff 1995 for details).

<sup>2</sup>All of the Minatogawa femoral and tibial cross-sectional data except the femur 80% section are from T. Kimura (pers. comm.; see also Kimura and Takahashi 1992).

<sup>3</sup>The Tianyuan 1 femora have an abnormal midshaft and mid-distal posterior crest, which does not appear to have affected the more proximal and distal cross-sections (Shang and Trinkaus 2010). Therefore, the 35% and 50% values are not included here, but the other ones are. The midshaft to distal tibial values appear to have been unaffected.

TABLE A3. MID-DISTAL (35%) FEMORAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 736	L	963	658	67261	66338	70710	62889	133599
KNM-ER 737	L	662	445	28850	33691	33942	28599	62541
KNM-ER 803a	L	636	505	31051	32282	38414	24919	63333
KNM-ER 1472*	R	470	359 <sup>3</sup>	16093	17127	18438	14782	33220
KNM-ER 1481a*	L	382	310	10682	12069	13276	9475	22751
KNM-ER1808mn	R	552	469	21873	26396	27162	21108	48269
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Arago 53 <sup>1</sup>	R	772	628	--	--	48121	34238	82359
Aïn Maarouf 1	L	498	396	19881	18232	20250	17864	38113
Broken Hill E690	L	499	414	22112	17148	22118	17142	39260
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	394	262	9622	12823	13071	9374	22445
Kresna 11 <sup>2</sup>	L	569	422	23912	25593	27388	22133	49505
OH 28	L	588	399	21530	28738	29509	20759	50268
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	775	599	51892	39696	53620	37968	91588
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	657	445	33859	27877	34284	27453	61736
Feldhofer 1*	R	697	459	38222	30716	39370	29568	68938
Ferrassie 1	R	776	471	42459	39197	46212	35444	81656
	L	760	531	39724	43353	46004	37074	83078
Ferrassie 2*	R	622	424	26175	29345	30678	24842	55520
	L	677	416	32134	30356	33858	28632	62490
Fond-de-Forêt 1*	L	752	509	45374	37252	50467	32159	82626
Spy 2*	R	668	451	32087	31168	32088	31167	63255
Tabun 1	R	535	381	20279	20636	21911	19003	40915
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 9	R	730	625	48111	35572	48259	35425	83683
Skhul 4*	R	685	447	37618	29555	37666	29507	67173
	L	629	451	38928	22957	38937	22948	61885
Skhul 5	R	804	518	64322	33788	65225	32884	98109
Skhul 6	L	684	449	36754	29667	37241	29180	66421
Skhul 7	R	502	363	19351	18481	22251	15581	37832
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 1	R	878	483	61147	45019	61154	45012	106166
	L	774	492	57528	33746	58193	33081	91274
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	632	428	34204	25472	34693	24983	59676
Cro-Magnon 4328	R	611	461	33403	24138	33456	24085	57541
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	476	262	14763	14607	14936	14434	29370
	L	466	264	14855	13504	14895	13464	28359
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	638	382	29950	25720	30996	24674	55670
	L	668	405	30546	29943	32416	28074	60489
Dolní Věstonice 14*	R	615	330	25721	22483	26686	21519	48204
	L	618	339	28176	21324	28322	21179	49501

TABLE A3. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>								
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	645	356	32425	22858	32766	22517	55283
	L	667	334	31244	23461	31315	23389	54704
Dolní Věstonice 40	R	495	403	20801	17981	22440	16342	38782
Minatogawa 1*	R	616	334	23670	24010	24060	23620	47680
	L	563	316	19060	21850	22010	18910	40920
Minatogawa 3*	R	420	308	13630	12680	13670	12640	26310
	L	429	373	14600	14470	14930	14140	29070
Minatogawa 4*	R	414	245	9960	12990	13030	9920	22950
Mladeč 27	R	562	310	25065	15758	25077	15746	40823
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	465	355	15825	17003	17207	15621	32828
Ohalo 2*	R	694	424	44392	24925	44472	24845	69317
	L	703	477	42782	30665	42816	30630	73446
Paviland 1*	L	678	379	35154	25022	35157	25019	60176
Pavlov 1*	R	718	350	31429	30539	32351	29617	61968
	L	709	357	30264	30687	31680	29271	60951
Sungir 1	R	771	488	47674	36827	50724	33776	84500
Sungir 4	L	683	457	41152	27675	41255	27573	68827

<sup>1</sup> The Arago femoral cross-sectional data are from Lovejoy (1982).

<sup>2</sup> The Kresna femoral cross-sectional data are from Puymerail (2011). In each case, the polar moment of area (J) is computed as the sum of the anteroposterior (I<sub>x</sub>) and mediolateral (I<sub>y</sub>) second moments of area, following Puymerail (2011: 221–222).

<sup>3</sup> This number was originally shown incorrectly as 159 in the table published in this article in *PaleoAnthropology* on 9 February 2012; note that the correct figure of 359 was, however, used in all analyses and graphs. This corrected table was published in *PaleoAnthropology* on 12 March 2012.

TABLE A4. MIDSHAFT (50%) FEMORAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 736	L	871	659	56553	60075	65146	51482	116628
KNM-ER 737	L	586	441	21538	32802	33140	20200	54340
KNM-ER 803a	L	626	504	27573	34793	38942	23424	62366
KNM-ER 1472*	R	464	400	16191	17987	20429	13748	34178
KNM-ER 1481a*	L	391	332	10167	14416	14848	9734	24583
KNM-ER1808mn	R	551	478	20813	27251	27330	20735	48064
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Ain Maarouf 1	L	506	428	19718	20306	22010	18015	40024
Berg Aukas 1	R	800	708	51599	51050	61019	41631	102649
Broken Hill E690	L	468	420	19363	15999	21229	14134	35362
Broken Hill E793	--	587	428	26198	25272	28746	22724	51470
Castel del Guido 1	R	666	582	42003	29626	43024	28605	71629
La Chaise-BD 5 <sup>1</sup>	R	502	410	17883	21149	21561	17471	39032
Ehringsdorf 5	R	814	666	52616	49833	57005	45444	102449
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	373	316	8991	13418	13513	8896	22408
Kresna 11	L	591	454	23587	30202	30637	23149	53789
Mammolo 1	R	761	609	51832	37927	51847	37911	89759
OH 28	L	576	410	18731	31758	32379	18110	50489
Tabun E1 <sup>2</sup>	R	577	544	24709	28951	31218	22442	53660

TABLE A4. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Middle Pleistocene (cont.)</b>								
Zhoukoudian 1	L	572	497	22521	29366	29673	22215	51887
Zhoukoudian 2	L	453	413	13726	19686	19702	13710	33412
Zhoukoudian 4	R	515	428	17804	24029	24769	17064	41833
Zhoukoudian 5	L	470	420	14573	20717	20762	14528	35290
Zhoukoudian 6	L	502	440	19282	21367	24295	16354	40649
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	749	660	44164	46307	55455	35016	90471
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	725	606	38088	43120	43178	38030	81208
Feldhofer 1*	R	652	504	33955	30596	37384	27166	64551
Ferrassie 1	R	721	565	38744	42513	50953	30304	81257
	L	728	581	35191	46398	46829	34761	81590
Ferrassie 2*	R	601	461	24392	30914	32334	22971	55305
	L	627	482	27378	32515	35561	24332	59893
Fond-de-Forêt 1*	L	727	571	40732	41154	48582	33305	81886
Palomas 96	R	429	284	14158	15017	16739	12437	29175
Quina 5	R	618	537	29356	30141	30386	29111	59497
Rochers-de-V. 1	L	646	545	34007	30948	34057	30898	64955
Saint-Césaire 1	R	740	624	47905	38670	52020	34555	86575
Shanidar 4	R	768	610	46120	43883	47274	42729	90003
Shanidar 5	R	813	620	50193	49511	52327	47376	99704
Shanidar 6	R	548	414	21399	23735	23800	21333	45133
Spy 2*	R	616	493	27664	30579	31873	26371	58243
Tabun 1	R	497	427	16166	23002	23105	16063	39168
Tabun 3	R	390	328	11012	12960	14070	9902	23972
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 3 <sup>3</sup>	L	576	438	30596	21246	30621	21221	51842
Qafzeh 8 <sup>3</sup>	R	775	636	66853	35575	67446	34981	102428
Qafzeh 9 <sup>3</sup>	R	770	624	53769	40845	54488	40126	94614
Skhul 3	L	708	523	42627	34322	42986	33963	76949
Skhul 4*	R	598	468	33312	23360	35271	21401	56672
	L	563	476	32067	20664	32860	19871	52731
Skhul 5	R	760	525	58890	32473	60811	30552	91363
	L	691	528	55730	25144	55776	25098	80874
Skhul 6	R	606	481	36153	22770	36963	21960	58923
Skhul 7	R	520	403	18906	22599	23880	17625	41505
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Arene Candide 14*	R	569	309	26000	15500	26000	15500	41500
Barma Grande 24*	L	737	603	53900	33800	54500	33200	87700
Cro-Magnon 1	R	790	642	71055	38435	71985	37505	109490
	L	732	581	52695	37038	53069	36664	89733
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	555	476	33207	18635	33607	18235	51842
Cro-Magnon 4324	L	541	432	28345	18966	28477	18834	47311
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	411	307	14539	11552	15495	10596	26091
	L	406	306	14290	11054	14348	10996	25343



TABLE A4. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>								
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	574	429	27986	22501	28842	21646	50487
	L	557	401	23190	22898	23519	22568	46087
Dolní Věstonice 14*	R	551	389	26759	19015	26790	18984	45774
	L	552	404	29908	17673	29933	17648	47581
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	614	422	36190	22041	36444	21787	58231
	L	624	422	36490	22762	36704	22547	59251
Dolní Věstonice 35	R	588	384	33208	20320	35131	18397	53528
Grotte-des-Enfants 44*	R	717	545	52300	31400	52300	31400	83700
Minatogawa 1*	R	508	385	19190	19900	20590	18500	39090
	L	499	401	19620	18950	20150	18420	38570
Minatogawa 2	L	350	257	8460	9800	9800	8450	18260
Minatogawa 3*	R	390	354	13110	11500	13120	11490	24610
	L	391	365	12320	12460	12910	11870	24780
Minatogawa 4*	R	327	236	8040	7880	8530	7390	15920
Mladeč 27	R	498	391	23588	15493	24169	14912	39081
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	455	390	18328	14981	18453	14856	33308
Ohalo 2*	R	660	506	47715	25000	49490	23225	72715
	L	641	518	43365	24777	44031	24111	68142
Paglicci 254*	R	615	482	34900	24300	34900	24300	59200
Paviland 1*	L	608	466	34298	22793	34466	22625	57091
Pavlov 1*	R	611	411	30665	25570	32324	23912	56235
	L	633	423	28040	30871	34266	24645	58911
Rochette 23*	R	524	443	23200	20700	24400	19500	43900
Sunghir 1 <sup>5</sup>	R	788	591	57640	40076	60680	37036	97716
	L	678	518	40882	34264	48086	27060	75146
Sunghir 4 <sup>4</sup>	L	622	462	34894	24437	34914	24418	59331
Veneri 14*	L	767	617	61300	36000	61400	35900	97300
Veneri 24*	L	671	543	44100	28700	44300	28400	72800
Willendorf 1	R	477	375	20811	15249	21036	15025	36060
Zhoukoudian-UC 67 <sup>6</sup>	R	728	577	67611	26028	67917	25723	93639
Zhoukoudian-UC 68 <sup>6</sup>	R	634	512	45154	21576	45156	21575	66730

<sup>1</sup>The La Chaise Bourgeois-Delaunay (BD) 5 50% and 80% femoral cross-sectional data was generated from the CT slices (#4 and #7) in Condemi (2001: Photo IX-6). The proximal diaphyseal one is centered on the gluteal buttress and therefore should closely approximate the 80% section. The midshaft diaphyseal one may be located too proximal, but the next two more distal sections differ little from it in shape.

<sup>2</sup>The Tabun E1 femoral midshaft experienced exfoliation of posterior and posterolateral subperiosteal lamellar bone. The missing bone was reconstructed using the thickness of the missing portions along the exfoliation margins to produce the subperiosteal contour.

<sup>3</sup>The Qafzeh 3, 8 and 9 femora are missing sections of the cortical diaphyseal bone, some of which have been filled with plaster. As needed for missing bone, the subperiosteal contours were reconstructed using even circumferential contours, and the cortical thicknesses employed for the endosteal margin were derived in part from proximodistally extending the radiographic internal margins.

<sup>4</sup>The Arene Candide, Barma Grande, Grotte-des-Enfants (Fanciulli), Paglicci, La Rochette, and Veneri (Parabita) data are from Holt (1999).

<sup>5</sup>Midshaft cross-sectional parameters were previously computed from sawed midshaft sections of the femora (Mednikova and Trinkaus 2001). The values here differ in that they use more precise locations of the 50% section, especially on the largely complete Sunghir 1 femora.

<sup>6</sup>The Zhoukoudian-Upper Cave femoral sections are from scaled photographs of the distal breaks, near the original midshafts, of casts of the bones. The originals are lost, and the cross-section drawing in Weidenreich (1941) is inaccurate given available external diameters. It is possible that the very high I<sub>x</sub>/I<sub>y</sub> ratio of ZKD-UC 67 is from cast distortion.

TABLE A5. MID-PROXIMAL (65%) FEMORAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 736	L	890	712	56200	65999	66775	55425	122199
KNM-ER 737	L	654	523	27809	40273	41382	26701	68082
KNM-ER 803a	L	657	550	28547	39918	40372	28094	68465
KNM-ER 1472*	R	492	427	17252	20981	21344	16889	38233
KNM-ER 1481a*	L	450	384	11803	21137	21191	11749	32940
KNM-ER 1808mn	R	574	502	18360	37183	37216	18327	55543
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Aïn Maarouf 1	L	503	457	19062	21129	22388	17800	40188
Arago 48	R	634	587	--	--	34420	24029	58449
Broken Hill E690	L	486	454	15882	22250	22438	15694	38132
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	404	336	9405	16959	17014	9350	26364
Kresna 11	L	643	496	25850	39454	39864	25397	65304
OH 28	L	622	451	20122	40586	40775	19932	60708
Tabun E1	R	575	543	23317	29558	29558	23317	52875
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	R	770	701	42100	52267	52697	41670	94367
Feldhofer 1*	R	682	556	33025	38528	39437	32116	71553
Ferrassie 1	R	749	625	36695	51254	52401	35548	87949
	L	711	576	34341	43637	43859	34119	77978
Ferrassie 2*	R	616	474	25807	32332	33931	24208	58139
	L	613	448	24972	30439	30555	24857	55412
Fond-de-Forêt 1*	L	748	585	38637	46822	48072	37387	85459
Krapina 257.32	L	632	565	22346	44428	44502	22272	66774
Krapina 257.33	L	564	537	20671	33537	36744	17463	54208
Palomas 52	L	386	327	11800	11423	12294	10929	23223
Palomas 92	R	534	454	25935	19222	26499	18657	45157
Palomas 96	R	415	366	12402	14771	14960	12213	27173
Quina 38	L	591	530	24229	32584	33657	23155	56813
Shanidar 6	L	542	484	20116	26606	26887	19834	46722
Spy 2*	R	608	521	29654	29954	37854	21754	59608
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 6	R	758	603	47331	39477	50246	36562	86808
Qafzeh 8	R	768	646	55184	38847	55760	38271	94031
Qafzeh 9	R	696	664	43534	34996	44032	34498	78530
Skhul 4*	R	582	525	27678	26044	28621	25101	53722
	L	558	503	25916	23483	26000	23400	49400
Skhul 5	R	740	523	45599	33883	49629	30353	79481
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 1	R	798	695	61856	40435	61921	40370	102291
	L	797	702	55864	45166	58061	42968	101029
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	599	510	28532	28347	33127	23752	56879
Cro-Magnon 4324	L	556	473	26011	23069	29817	19263	49080

TABLE A5. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>								
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	406	321	11195	14236	14348	11083	25431
	L	383	317	10560	12397	12423	10533	22956
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	557	437	24110	23194	25518	21786	47304
	L	549	456	21672	25492	27599	19565	47164
Dolní Věstonice 14*	R	584	442	27946	24549	32716	19778	52495
	L	564	444	29987	19696	30527	19155	49683
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	625	428	31927	25075	31988	25014	57002
	L	626	443	33880	24457	34191	24146	58337
Dolní Věstonice 41	R	517	439	17712	24431	24483	17660	42143
Minatogawa 1*	R	509	421	18340	22340	23030	17650	40680
	L	517	435	21100	21310	24280	18130	42410
Minatogawa 3*	R	393	359	11940	13010	14970	9970	24940
	L	395	379	11290	13950	14760	10480	25240
Minatogawa 4*	R	354	284	8430	11080	11540	7970	19510
Mladeč 27	R	504	397	20056	18636	20676	18016	38692
Mladeč 28	L	496	409	16469	21937	22443	15963	38406
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	463	403	17615	16223	18490	15348	33838
Ohalo 2*	R	628	511	36720	26594	39485	23730	63215
	L	633	529	35627	27772	37627	25772	63399
Paviland*	L	613	527	31823	27646	34402	25068	59470
Pavlov 1*	R	636	497	32681	28904	32706	28879	61585
	L	644	508	29765	33473	34172	29066	63238
Sunghir 1	R	767	612	39549	51697	52000	39246	91246
	L	714	608	38775	41271	41649	38397	80046
Sunghir 4	L	681	497	38369	30553	39815	29107	68922
Tianyuan 1	R	717	618	48760	33651	49232	33178	82410
	L	676	559	46314	28334	47001	27648	74649
Willendorf 1	R	506	431	20714	19938	22413	18238	40652

TABLE A6. PROXIMAL (subtrochanteric; 80%) FEMORAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 736	L	857	656	41747	72382	72409	41720	114129
KNM-ER 737	L	738	510	29110	55466	58568	26008	84576
KNM-ER 803a	L	706	542	30943	47470	50706	27707	78413
KNM-ER 1472*	R	502	424	13576	28666	29174	13068	42242
KNM-ER 1481a*	L	529	414	16151	28797	30018	14930	44948
KNM-ER 1808mn	R	629	498	24559	43721	50333	17947	68280
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Berg Aukas 1	R	842	744	--	--	75604	42288	117892
Broken Hill E689	L	620	532	27573	32583	33324	26832	60156
Broken Hill E690	L	527	467	17338	30563	33602	14300	47901
Broken Hill E709	R	796	698	43443	55320	55984	42778	98763
La Chaise-BD 5	R	532	411	20523	23443	27320	16646	43966
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	471	346	13136	21097	22221	12012	34233
Kresna 11	L	454	693	26536	44846	45131	26311	71382
OH 28	L	685	446	22850	49292	50717	21425	72142
Tabun E1	R	580	545	24905	30665	35402	20168	55570
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	R	803	699	47325	56044	62757	40612	103369
	L	877	679	57149	63185	76194	44141	120335
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	R	797	634	46481	51455	51467	46469	97936
Feldhofer 1*	R	758	594	41631	45609	48168	39072	87240
Ferrassie 1	R	896	664	49388	73998	76960	46426	123386
	L	836	574	46154	56283	60604	41832	102436
Ferrassie 2*	L	719	474	34570	38803	43119	30254	73373
Krapina 213	L	763	663	34880	61419	63574	32725	96298
Krapina 214	L	489	431	13614	27100	27302	13412	40714
Saint-Césaire 1	R	783	550	40181	49949	51085	39045	90129
Spy 2*	R	970	573	57762	69356	69799	57319	127118
Tabun 1	R	557	445	20145	28546	29411	19281	48691
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 8	R	827	688	40095	73059	77914	35240	113154
Qafzeh 9	R	672	578	36644	34288	40576	30356	70932
Skhul 4*	R	662	501	28225	39076	39980	27321	67301
	L	626	477	29111	32668	38922	22857	61779
Skhul 5	R	745	493	41908	36680	41910	36678	78588
Skhul 6	L	590	457	26484	26847	31272	22058	53330
Skhul 9	L	814	552	32638	68171	68756	32053	100809
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Arene Candide 1*	R	595	417	19500	33500	33600	19400	53000
Barma Grande 2*	L	844	685	46200	75500	88700	33000	121700
Cro-Magnon 1	R	842	695	50228	63339	70577	42989	113566
	L	789	593	41151	57052	64488	33715	98203



TABLE A6. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>								
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	660	497	28093	43204	48184	23113	71297
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	451	329	12075	20882	23231	9726	32957
	L	441	340	10536	22260	23695	9101	32796
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	635	491	25173	38569	40786	22956	63741
	L	586	477	22935	36349	42611	16673	59284
Dolní Věstonice 14*	R	653	438	22813	45364	49342	18835	68176
	L	662	434	26275	42119	48043	20352	68395
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	688	456	32254	37263	44033	25483	69517
	L	680	434	34065	33121	43623	23563	67186
Dolní Věstonice 35	R	585	473	23306	33261	37566	19001	56567
Grotte-des-Enfants 4*	R	761	563	34200	56600	57800	33000	90800
Minatogawa 1*	R	520	428	18891	23855	25710	17036	42746
	L	546	454	20878	26612	29305	18186	47491
Minatogawa 2	L	356	269	7935	12162	13393	6705	20097
Minatogawa 3*	R	376	339	8851	14936	15398	8039	23437
	L	393	348	9952	15746	16838	8860	25698
Minatogawa 4*	R	366	307	8587	13349	14357	7579	21936
Mladeč 27	R	597	390	21089	29263	29325	21027	50352
Mladeč 28	L	574	427	21049	32743	37190	16602	53792
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	475	370	13300	22439	22960	12779	35739
Ohalo 2*	R	642	461	26513	35881	39119	23276	62395
	L	632	481	26588	35402	39419	22572	61991
Paglicci 25*	R	615	548	23600	39500	41800	21300	63100
Paviland 1*	L	681	482	32212	41073	50430	22856	73286
Pavlov 1*	R	706	458	28507	47136	52435	23209	75643
Rochette 2*	R	651	508	29500	36400	40500	25400	65900
Sunguir 1	R	793	548	42781	56920	70613	29089	99702
	L	810	579	49008	51237	64451	35795	100246
Sunguir 4	L	700	478	33430	38699	43884	28245	72129
Tianyuan 1	R	752	637	39607	49206	49674	39139	88813
	L	716	589	36648	43131	44526	35253	79779
Veneri 1*	L	843	648	53900	55900	68300	41500	109800
Veneri 2*	L	805	623	51600	50000	64500	37100	101600

TABLE A7. DISTAL (20%) TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 1481c	L	286	166	4942	5885	5919	4909	10828
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Broken Hill E691*	L	513	273	15847	16908	16941	15814	32755
Boxgrove 1	L	797	333	44499	45647	46131	44015	90146
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	487	351	14682	22763	25027	12418	37445
Ferrassie 1	R	576	314	24373	18600	25422	17552	42974
	L	539	291	23094	14521	23171	14444	37615
Ferrassie 2	R	430	204	9114	12689	12695	9108	21803
	L	462	242	10812	16032	16113	10730	26843
Shanidar 2*	L	540	259	17198	17674	17791	17081	34872
Spy 2*	L	590	233	17212	18495	18540	17167	35707
Tabun 1	R	388	197	8745	9575	9829	8491	18320
<b>MPMH</b>								
Skhul 4*	R	528	299	21307	15903	21368	15842	37210
	L	565	262	21140	15645	21144	15641	36785
Skhul 6	L	497	286	17460	15493	18094	14860	32954
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 4330*	L	497	245	15098	15462	16982	13578	30560
Cro-Magnon 4331	L	614	359	25628	24405	29912	20121	50033
Cro-Magnon 4332	R	624	277	21667	21737	23600	19803	43403
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	390	240	10795	10498	11837	9455	21292
	L	404	264	11759	11936	13913	9783	23696
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	403	230	12767	9609	14149	8228	22377
	L	411	217	12733	9459	14257	7935	22192
Dolní Věstonice 15*	R	355	197	8058	8165	8463	7760	16223
	L	382	221	9416	10271	11582	8105	19687
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	477	207	11895	12946	13117	11724	24841
	L	450	208	10746	12544	12670	10620	23290
Minatogawa 3*	R	328	264	7755	8875	9480	7150	16630
	L	329	215	7180	8270	8360	7090	15450
Minatogawa 4*	R	283	180	5150	6000	6070	5080	11150
Ohalo 2*	R	460	252	13842	14495	17731	10607	28338
	L	465	247	13178	14485	15893	11770	27663
Tianyuan 1	R	518	334	22914	15714	24052	14577	38629

TABLE A8. MID-DISTAL (35%) TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 803b	L	360	283	9462	10668	11175	8955	20130
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Broken Hill 691*	L	537	448	26275	18104	29151	17228	46379
Boxgrove 1	L	699	482	45043	32088	45222	31909	77131
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	613	500	34086	26821	39225	21682	60907
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	501	386	23841	15333	24985	14189	39174
Ferrassie 1	R	541	387	32261	14804	32328	14738	47066
	L	553	418	35519	15042	35544	15017	50561
Ferrassie 2	R	397	275	12063	11184	14133	9114	23247
Palomas 96	L	365	275	11460	8940	11488	8912	20400
Shanidar 2*	L	566	428	30707	19701	30722	19685	50408
Spy 2*	L	493	340	22055	15006	23126	13935	37061
Tabun 1	R	368	268	12286	8343	12515	8114	20629
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 8	R	611	432	31579	23453	31590	23441	55032
Skhul 3	L	581	405	32888	19018	34019	17887	51906
Skhul 4*	R	528	414	26824	17496	28168	16301	44469
	L	524	417	27304	16831	27972	16164	44136
Skhul 5	L	633	413	36904	21121	37051	20974	58025
Skhul 6	L	531	427	28812	17356	30323	15845	46168
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 4330*	L	518	386	26118	18217	30032	14303	44335
Cro-Magnon 4331	L	537	364	27647	16822	30656	13812	44468
Cro-Magnon 4332	R	570	413	28436	21179	31111	18504	49615
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	260	150	5001	4414	6078	3338	9416
	L	267	154	4909	4730	5629	4010	9639
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	406	318	14782	12005	17402	9385	26787
	L	417	338	16396	12567	19501	9462	28963
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	395	290	18352	9188	21215	6324	27539
	L	389	278	17466	8913	20280	6099	26379
Dolní Věstonice 15*	R	322	253	10212	6608	11017	5804	16821
	L	369	289	13433	9427	16262	6598	22860
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	429	319	15711	12870	17875	10705	28581

TABLE A8. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>								
Minatogawa 3*	R	293	272	8640	5990	9730	4900	14630
	L	284	240	8055	5155	8540	4670	13210
Minatogawa 4*	R	265	209	6080	4960	6720	4320	11040
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	274	213	7657	4337	7659	4336	11994
Ohalo 2*	R	451	352	19573	15304	25046	9831	34877
	L	444	329	18750	14002	23134	9617	32751
Paviland 1*	L	490	343	21824	15511	25878	11457	37335
Sunghir 1	R	432	334	17883	14362	22962	9284	32246
	L	456	359	18264	16330	22866	11728	34594
Tianyuan 1	R	545	440	33973	17495	37655	13813	51468

TABLE A9. MIDSHAFT (50%) TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 803b	L	427	378	15957	13642	17894	11705	29599
KNM-ER 813b	R	458	366	22060	11963	22596	11427	34023
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Broken Hill E691*	L	602	521	41596	20531	42758	19369	62127
Boxgrove 1	L	766	567	65851	33887	66856	32881	99737
Hoedjiespunt 1 <sup>1</sup>	R	554	452	28023	20518	29495	19047	48542
Ngandong 13 <sup>2</sup>	R	712	538	53160	28441	54888	26713	81601
Ngandong 14 <sup>2</sup>	R	445	358	21844	11714	23032	10526	33558
Sambungmacan 2 <sup>3</sup>	R	466	423	28199	11493	28200	11493	39693
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	L	603	493	46438	17714	47162	16990	64152
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	583	446	43092	15410	43777	14725	58502
Ferrassie 1	R	611	459	49772	16172	49817	16126	65943
	L	585	436	42657	15970	42860	15767	58627
Ferrassie 2	R	439	307	17653	11578	19296	9936	29232
	L	464	305	20044	11988	21604	10427	32031
Krapina 257.15	R	462	357	22431	12652	23815	11268	35083
Krapina 257.20	R	418	339	19155	9328	19173	9311	28484
Oliveira 4	L	476	369	23726	12446	23785	12387	36172
Palomas 96	L	420	332	19260	9600	19375	9485	28860
Saint-Césaire 1	L	519	427	30578	15197	31904	13870	45774
Shanidar 2*	L	680	523	50674	24616	51305	23986	75291
Shanidar 6	R	466	305	22217	10511	22226	10502	32728
Spy 2*	L	569	452	33084	19523	35106	17500	52606
Tabun 1	R	408	345	13600	10016	17686	9530	27216



TABLE A9. (continued)

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 8	R	644	449	41506	24196	41617	24085	65702
Qafzeh 9	R	631	498	49285	20220	49720	19785	69506
Skhul 4*	R	604	484	37045	22920	38996	20968	59965
	L	641	486	45090	22623	46108	21604	67712
Skhul 5	L	741	515	59885	26684	59914	26655	86569
Skhul 6	L	566	438	36772	17992	38464	16300	54764
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Arene Candide 1	R	486	367	26900	12400	26900	12400	39300
Cro-Magnon 4330*	L	609	473	46031	21065	47723	19373	67096
Cro-Magnon 4332	R	633	507	45787	24126	50394	19519	69913
Cro-Magnon 4333	R	550	420	36333	15608	36568	15372	51940
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	277	192	7052	4807	7916	3943	11859
	L	284	204	7041	5250	7638	4652	12291
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	478	370	24903	13415	25965	12353	38318
	L	491	398	27357	14297	29867	11787	41654
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	445	296	25812	9535	28064	7283	35347
	L	423	299	22860	9188	25178	6870	32048
Dolní Věstonice 15*	R	377	290	16266	7786	16421	7631	24052
	L	377	303	15592	8707	17126	7173	24299
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	507	377	27261	15739	30064	12936	43000
	L	497	347	27797	13127	29856	11068	40923
Grotte-des-Enfants 4*	R	606	533	44800	22800	46700	20900	67600
Minatogawa 1*	R	397	297	17160	8780	17620	8320	25940
	L	375	303	15715	7795	15900	7610	23510
Minatogawa 3*	R	318	296	12580	5800	13230	5150	18380
	L	322	301	12320	6170	12960	5530	18490
Minatogawa 4*	R	296	217	9115	4935	9890	4160	14050
Ohalo 2*	R	503	406	32054	14024	34698	11381	46079
	L	490	387	29445	13040	31768	10717	42485
Paviland 1*	L	549	427	40945	14847	43735	12057	55791
Sunghir 1	R	497	387	28834	16959	35112	10681	45793
	L	529	402	27559	22229	37474	12314	49788
Tianyuan 1	R	666	555	65930	20110	68031	18008	86039
Veneri 1*	L	625	528	58600	17900	59500	17000	76500
Veneri 2*	L	563	465	35200	18400	35200	18400	53600

<sup>1</sup>Hoedjiespunt 1 cross-sectional data generated from a photograph of the approximately midshaft fossilization break, provided by S.E. Churchill (cf., Churchill et al. 2000).

<sup>2</sup>The Ngandong tibial midshaft cross-sections were generated using casts for the subperiosteal contours and cortical thicknesses from Nelson (1995, personal communication).

<sup>3</sup>The Sumbungmacan 2 cross-sections parameters were digitized from the cross-sectional rendition in Baba and Aziz (1992).

TABLE A10. MID-PROXIMAL (65%) TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 803b	L	500	423	22785	18681	27233	14233	41466
KNM-ER 1481b*	L	375	301	15995	7775	16715	7055	23770
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Broken Hill E691*	L	733	563	58797	29690	60811	27676	88487
Boxgrove 1	L	910	554	94176	40839	96343	38672	135015
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Amud 1	R	718	620	60356	30401	64831	25926	90757
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	667	400	48521	18168	49737	16952	66689
Ferrassie 1	R	706	503	64689	21955	65299	21345	86644
	L	708	508	64736	21984	65027	21692	86719
Ferrassie 2	R	548	280	21751	15925	24299	13377	37676
	L	529	301	23381	15382	26806	11957	38763
Shanidar 2*	L	705	467	54391	23280	55885	21786	77671
Spy 2*	L	704	390	45963	23802	49381	20385	69766
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 3	L	550	410	41980	12874	41994	12860	54854
Skhul 4*	R	710	499	55739	27721	60113	23348	83460
	L	717	503	57127	27840	60253	24714	84967
Skhul 5	L	844	529	86874	26516	87133	26258	113391
Skhul 6	L	683	421	50522	21055	51868	19708	71577
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 4330*	L	659	453	60914	18388	61769	17533	79302
Cro-Magnon 4332	R	724	485	68626	22896	71659	19862	91521
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	356	202	13244	5815	13611	5448	19059
	L	339	217	12391	5489	12521	5359	17879
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	553	379	37706	14252	39120	12838	51958
	L	587	394	38209	18573	42096	14686	56782
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	511	340	33635	11556	35329	9862	45191
	L	526	341	34613	12138	36058	10694	46752
Dolní Věstonice 15*	R	468	288	23479	10342	23727	10094	33822
	L	473	348	26287	12263	27856	10694	38550
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	589	371	35097	19083	38801	15380	54180
	L	596	369	39655	16011	41244	14421	55665
Minatogawa 3*	R	366	269	16855	6235	17400	5690	23090
	L	362	306	15900	7150	16830	6210	23040
Minatogawa 4*	R	354	192	12090	5640	13030	4700	17730
Ohalo 2*	R	588	428	39871	19646	45051	14465	59516
	L	593	401	40028	17654	43767	13915	57682
Paviland 1*	L	630	429	50376	17691	52139	15927	68067
Sunghir 1	L	648	447	40289	29126	50436	18979	69415

TABLE A11. PROXIMAL (80%) TIBIAL DIAPHYSEAL CROSS-SECTIONAL PARAMETERS.

		TA	CA	I <sub>x</sub>	I <sub>y</sub>	I <sub>max</sub>	I <sub>min</sub>	J
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>								
KNM-ER 803b	L	592	372	33398	20600	38458	15540	53998
KNM-ER 1481b*	L	487	305	22060	11963	25734	10539	26273
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>								
Broken Hill E691*	L	962	507	86664	39015	88476	37203	125679
Boxgrove 1	L	1134	489	128727	60630	135141	54215	189356
<b>Neandertals</b>								
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	943	418	78612	35004	84837	28779	113616
Shanidar 2*	L	929	432	65274	38306	69561	34019	103580
Spy 2*	L	1098	418	79006	51893	90543	40355	130898
<b>MPMH</b>								
Qafzeh 3	L	662	359	51498	15702	51683	15517	67200
Skhul 4*	R	848	435	63287	34206	69386	28107	97493
	L	897	512	57903	41959	78979	35213	114192
Skhul 5	L	1184	532	138535	45265	140600	43200	183799
<b>EUP/MUP</b>								
Cro-Magnon 4332	R	980	491	103434	36263	109863	29835	139698
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	511	213	19502	11317	21057	9763	30819
Dolní Věstonice 13*	R	769	408	60005	25343	62922	22427	85348
	L	760	359	49585	27092	55426	21251	76677
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	828	424	61585	27352	63434	25504	88937
	L	803	419	51102	32470	53114	30458	83572
Dolní Věstonice 15*	R	689	345	44073	19428	44577	18924	63501
	L	689	364	43768	25017	49961	18824	68785
Minatogawa 3*	R	528	418	28690	16420	29840	15270	45110
	L	499	361	24900	13930	26050	12790	38830
Minatogawa 4*	R	576	175	18745	11595	20980	9360	30340
Ohalo 2*	R	787	402	58130	27372	63587	21915	85502
	L	800	380	53308	28713	58964	23056	82020
Paviland 1*	L	818	311	62548	20073	66992	15629	82621

**TABLE A12. FEMORAL AND TIBIAL MIDSHAFT (50%) SECTION MODULI COMPUTED FROM THEIR SECOND MOMENTS OF AREA AND EXTERNAL DIAPHYSEAL DIAMETERS.**

		Femur 50%			Tibia 50%		
		Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>2</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>4</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>5</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>6</sup>
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>							
KNM-ER 736	L	2829	3130	5496			
KNM-ER 737	L	1468	1917	3165			
KNM-ER 803ab	L	1816	2061	3598	1071	1199	1892
KNM-ER 813b	R				1430	977	2067
KNM-ER 1472	R	1168	1308	2303			
KNM-ER 1481a	L	863	1106	1847			
KNM-ER1808mn	R	1441	1793	3006			
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>							
Aïn Maarouf 1	L	1408	1460	2663			
Berg Aukas 1	R	2648	3058	5244			
Boxgrove 1	L				3124	2083	4552
Broken Hill E690	L	1271	1255	2354			
Broken Hill E691	L				2248	1483	3256
Broken Hill E793	--	1642	1853	3227			
Castel del Guido 1	R	2219	1767	3716			
La Chaise-BD 5	R	1290	1502	2595			
Ehringsdorf 5	R	3201	2853	5575			
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	802	1086	1774			
Hoedjiespunt 1	R				1732	1477	2738
Kresna 11	L	1657	2010	3404			
Mammolo 1	R	2979	2494	5087			
Ngandong 13	R				2598	1807	4939
Ngandong 14	R				1403	983	2606
OH 28	L	1418	1851	3077			
Sambungmacan 2					1658	965	2306
Tabun E1	R	1766	1902	3401			
Zhoukoudian 1	L	1550	1884	3192			
Zhoukoudian 2	L	1135	1432	2402			
Zhoukoudian 4	R	1334	1571	2710			
Zhoukoudian 5	L	1158	1352	2349			
Zhoukoudian 6	L	1383	1407	2591			
<b>Neandertals</b>							
Amud 1	L	2522	2702	4825	2254	1278	3144
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	L	2263	2800	4658	2262	1189	3084
Feldhofer 1	R	2035	1981	3720			
Ferrassie 1	R	2400	2515	4543	2576	1250	3453
	L	2235	2828	4687	2297	1235	3144
Ferrassie 2	R	1718	1987	3441	1199	985	1854
	L	1809	2159	3673	1331	974	1968
Fond-de-Forêt 1	L	2281	2571	4472			
Krapina 257.15	R				1762	1066	2413
Krapina 257.20	R				1342	876	1914



TABLE A12. (continued)

		Femur 50%			Tibia 50%		
		Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>2</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>4</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>5</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>6</sup>
<b>Neandertals (cont.)</b>							
Oliveira 4	L				1575	1099	2310
Palomas 96	R	1095	1200	2137			
	L				1373	854	1915
Quina 5	R	2090	1914	3693			
Rochers-de-V. 1	L	2105	2108	3900			
Saint-Césaire 1	R	2817	2258	4685			
	L				1741	1154	2513
Shanidar 2					2636	1679	3776
Shanidar 4	R	2398	2669	4667			
Shanidar 5	R	2536	2818	4933			
Shanidar 6	R	1405	1622	2805	1426	884	1998
Spy 2	R	1779	1989	3488			
	L				1895	1484	2911
Tabun 1	R	1265	1607	2681	973	896	1801
Tabun 3	R	931	1046	1848			
<b>MPMH</b>							
Qafzeh 3	L	1734	1565	3084			
Qafzeh 8	R	2977	2236	4940	2308	1639	3412
Qafzeh 9	R	2660	2495	4784	2530	1468	3541
Skhul 3	L	2208	2124	4018			
Skhul 4	R	1846	1660	3275	2134	1544	3166
	L	1773	1571	3135	2495	1584	3556
Skhul 5	R	2739	2233	4694			
	L	2708	1784	4318	2927	1676	4047
Skhul 6	R	1948	1614	3347			
	L				2045	1323	2935
Skhul 7	R	1322	1568	2685			
<b>EUP/MUP</b>							
Arene Candide 1	R	1540	1199	2589	1634	1070	2358
Barma Grande 2	L	2648	2158	4507			
Cro-Magnon 1	R	3255	2329	5280			
	L	2597	2341	4599			
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	1924	1334	3079			
Cro-Magnon 4324	L	1639	1424	2872			
Cro-Magnon 4330	L				2275	1398	3220
Cro-Magnon 4332	R				2229	1629	3353
Cro-Magnon 4333	R				1976	1082	2672
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	1050	968	1890	554	518	878
	L	1059	960	1893	591	561	946
Dolní Věstonice 13	R	1707	1631	3103	1517	1047	2208
	L	1468	1617	2857	1559	1197	2378
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	1603	1395	2806	1487	930	2142
	L	1722	1376	2926	1297	932	1947

TABLE A12. (continued)

		Femur 50%			Tibia 50%		
		Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>2</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>x</sub> <sup>4</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> <sup>5</sup>	Z <sub>p</sub> <sup>6</sup>
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>							
Dolní Věstonice 15	R				1113	679	1534
	L				1031	752	1517
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	1928	1569	3294	1536	1198	2347
	L	1881	1637	3303	1569	1048	2276
Dolní Věstonice 35	R	1768	1344	2932			
Grotte-des-Enfants 4	R	2605	1992	4322	2287	1374	3171
Minatogawa 1	R	1356	1469	2623	1212	832	1755
	L	1386	1376	2566	1115	711	1563
Minatogawa 2	L	750	853	1503			
Minatogawa 3	R	1034	956	1860	937	629	1343
	L	974	1032	1872	953	666	1381
Minatogawa 4	R	715	667	1299	778	575	1139
Mladeč 27	R	1554	1246	2632			
Nahal 'En-Gev 1	L	1297	1247	2372			
Ohalo 2	R	2337	1806	3936	1796	1070	2508
	L	2264	1752	3793	1756	1050	2451
Paglicci 25	R	1918	1719	3397			
Paviland 1	L	1968	1593	3336	2057	1187	2900
Pavlov 1	R	1748	1720	3220			
	L	1672	1972	3368			
Rochette 2	R	1494	1526	2803			
Sunguir 1	R	3063	2250	4927	1621	1463	2629
	L	2161	2114	3961	1539	1829	2797
Sunguir 4	L	1931	1741	3429			
Tianyuan 1	R				3200	1623	4415
Veneri 1	L	2967	2205	4864	2718	1306	3665
Veneri 2	L	2327	1886	3946	1938	1242	2751
Willendorf 1	R	1376	1228	2437			
Zhoukoudian-UC 67	R	3447	1914	5210			
Zhoukoudian-UC 68	R	2577	1760	4150			

<sup>1</sup>Femur 50% Z<sub>x</sub>=(I<sub>x</sub>/(AP/2)) × 0.906)+44<sup>2</sup>Femur 50% Z<sub>y</sub>=(I<sub>y</sub>/(ML/2)) × 0.929)+47<sup>3</sup>Femur 50% Z<sub>p</sub>=(J /((AP+ML)/4)) × 0.842)+115<sup>4</sup>Tibia 50% Z<sub>x</sub>=(I<sub>x</sub>/(AP/2)) × 0.908)+58<sup>5</sup>Tibia 50% Z<sub>y</sub>=(I<sub>y</sub>/(ML/2)) × 0.836)+59<sup>6</sup>Tibia 50% Z<sub>p</sub>=(J /((AP+ML)/4)) × 0.756)+50

**TABLE A13. LINEAR DIAPHYSEAL DIAMETERS FOR PLEISTOCENE *HOMO* FEMORA AND TIBIAE.**

(in millimeters; M-# refers to the equivalent number in the Martin system [Bräuer 1988]; measurements are from personal measurement of the original remains [many of which have been previously published], supplemented by those published in primary paleontological descriptions [see references]; when multiple measurements are available, the most recent ones [or personal ones taken on the originals] are employed; differences are rarely more than 1mm)

		Femur				Tibia			
		Proximal		Midshaft		Proximal		Midshaft	
		A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L
		M-10	M-9	M-6	M-7	M-8a	M-9a	M-8	M-9
<b>Early Pleistocene</b>									
Dmanisi D3901 <sup>1</sup>	R					--	--	27.0	18.0
Dmanisi D4167 <sup>1</sup>	R	--	--	26.5	22.2				
KNM-ER 736 <sup>2</sup>	L	30.0	40.0	36.8	36.2				
KNM-ER 737 <sup>2</sup>	L	27.1	39.3	27.4	32.6				
KNM-ER 803a,b <sup>2</sup>	L	(27.6)	(34.4)	28.2	32.1	--	--	28.6	20.0
KNM-ER 1472 <sup>2</sup>	R	22.0	32.0	(26.1)	(26.5)				
KNM-ER 813b						--	--	29.2	21.8
KNM-ER 1481a <sup>2</sup>	L	23.0	30.8	22.5	25.3				
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>									
Ain Maarouf 1 <sup>3</sup>	L	--	--	26.2	26.7				
Arago 48 <sup>4</sup>	R	27.1	35.2	--	--				
Atapuerca-SH 19 <sup>5</sup>	R					--	--	27.6	20.0
Atapuerca-SH 85 <sup>5</sup>	R					36.3	24.0	29.3	22.5
Berg Aukas 1 <sup>6</sup>	L	30.0	40.8	35.9	31.5				
Broken Hill E689	L	27.0	30.4	--	--				
Broken Hill E690	L	21.8	31.1	28.6	24.6				
Broken Hill E691	L					38.6	25.7	34.5	24.1
Broken Hill E793 <sup>7</sup>	-	--	--	29.7	26.0				
Boxgrove 1 <sup>8</sup>	L					48.5	33.2	39.0	28.0
Castel del Guido 1 <sup>9</sup>	R	--	--	35.0	32.0				
La Chaise-BD 5 <sup>10</sup>	R	23.0	29.0	26.0	27.0				
Ehringsdorf 5 <sup>11</sup>	R	26.8	37.1	30.2	33.0				
Gesher-B.-Y. 1	R	19.6	28.2	21.5	24.0				
Gesher-B.-Y. 2	R	--	--	27.0	28.0				
Hoedjiespunt 1 <sup>12</sup>	R					--	--	30.4	24.2
Kresna 11 <sup>13</sup>	L	25.0	32.5	26.5	28.58				
Mammolo 1 <sup>14</sup>	R	29.0	35.2	32.0	28.8				
Ngandong 13 <sup>15</sup>	R					42.2	28.4	38.0	27.2
Ngandong 14 <sup>15</sup>	R					35.7	24.3	29.5	21.2
OH 28 <sup>16</sup>	L	23.3	37.4	24.7	32.7				
Sambungmacan 2 <sup>17</sup>	R					--	--	32.0	21.2
Sedia-del-Diavolo 1 <sup>18</sup>	R	--	--	31.0	29.0				
Tabun E1	R			(26.0)	(29.0)				
Zhoukoudian 1 <sup>11</sup>	L	23.2	34.3	27.1	29.7				
Zhoukoudian 2 <sup>11</sup>	L	--	--	22.8	26.4				
Zhoukoudian 4 <sup>11</sup>	R	22.7	34.3	25.0	29.3				
Zhoukoudian 5 <sup>11</sup>	L	--	--	23.7	29.5				
Zhoukoudian 6 <sup>11</sup>	L	--	--	26.1	29.2				
Zhoukoudian PA65 <sup>19</sup>	L					--	--	27.0	21.0

TABLE A13. (continued)

		Femur				Tibia			
		Proximal		Midshaft		Proximal		Midshaft	
		A-P M-10	M-L M-9	A-P M-6	M-L M-7	A-P M-8a	M-L M-9a	A-P M-8	M-L M-9
<b>Neandertals</b>									
Amud 1	R	30.3	36.5	--	--	42.6	26.2	--	--
	L	29.4	36.9	32.3	32.4	--	--	38.4	24.3
Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	R	29.4	33.0					35.5	22.8
	L			31.1	29.1	38.2	27.0	35.5	22.8
Feldhofer 1	R	29.0	32.8	31.3	28.2				
	L	29.3	35.5	30.5	30.6				
Ferrassie 1	R	29.9	38.0	29.8	32.0	39.7	26.6	35.9	22.7
	L	29.7	36.0	29.1	31.0	38.8	29.0	34.6	22.7
Ferrassie 2	R	27.6	33.4	26.4	29.6	34.4	29.6	28.1	20.9
	L	27.9	32.0	28.1	28.6	34.7	25.5	28.6	21.9
Fond-de-Forêt 1	L	--	--	33.0	30.3				
Hortus 34	L	24.0	30.0	--	--				
Kiik-Koba 1	R					43.1	30.4	33.9	23.8
Krapina 213	L	26.1	36.4	--	--				
Krapina 214	L	22.3	29.6	--	--				
Krapina 257.15	R					33.3	24.1	23.9	21
Krapina 257.20	R					--	--	27.1	19.1
Krapina 257.32	L	24.6	33.6	--	--				
Krapina 257.33	L	21.9	33	--	--				
Oliveira 4	L					--	--	28.4	20.0
Palomas 52	L	19.2	25.5	--	--				
Palomas 96	R	--	--	24.4	24.2	--	--	26.6	20.2
Pofi 1 <sup>20</sup>	R					38.0	23.0	--	--
Quina 5 <sup>21</sup>	L	26.0	33.5	26.0	30.0				
Quina 38	L	26.8	34.5	--	--				
Rochers-de-V. 1	L	--	--	29.9	27.9				
Saint-Césaire 1	R	29.1	35.9	31.3	32.5	38.0	26.5	--	--
	L					--	--	33.0	23.2
Santa Croce 1 <sup>22</sup>	R	25.5	30.8	29.5	28.8				
Shanidar 1	R	28.6	35.3	--	--				
Shanidar 2	L					42.1	28.8	35.7	25.4
Shanidar 4	R	--	--	35.5	31.1				
	L	31.0	36.5	--	--				
Shanidar 5	R	--	--	36.5	33.2				
Shanidar 6	R	--	--	28.5	28.0				
	L	24.6	30.5	--	--	--	--	29.5	21.3
Spy 2	R	28.4	35.0	29.3	29.1				
	L	28.2	35.8	28.5	29.4	40.0	27.9	32.7	22.9
Stadelhöhle 1 <sup>23</sup>	R	26.6	31.0	29.0	29.6				
Tabun 1	R	22.6	30.4	24.0	27.4	--	--	27.0	20.0
	L					32.5	25.0	28.6	21.4
Tabun 3	R	--	--	22.5	24.1				
Zafarraya 1 <sup>24</sup>	R	28.0	34.0	--	--				



TABLE A13. (continued)

		Femur				Tibia			
		Proximal		Midshaft		Proximal		Midshaft	
		A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L
		M-10	M-9	M-6	M-7	M-8a	M-9a	M-8	M-9
<b>MPMH</b>									
Omo-Kibish 1 <sup>25</sup>	L					--	--	35.5	23.5
Omo-Kibish 158-1a <sup>26</sup>	L					33.9	21.4	28.6	21.7
Qafzeh 3	L	--	--	32.8	26.0	38.2	22.1	35.1	22.2
Qafzeh 8	R	29.0	39.8	41.3	30.2	--	--	33.5	25.6
Qafzeh 9 <sup>27</sup>	R	27.3	32.4	37.8	29.1	--	--	36.2	24.0
	L	27.1	32.5	--	--				
Skhul 3	R	--	--	35.7	30.7	--	--	34.7	25.0
Skhul 4	R	26.5	32.0	33.5	26.9	37.4	27.3	32.4	25.8
	L	26.0	33.3	33.6	25.2	37.6	27.9	33.6	24.8
Skhul 5	R	32.5	28.8	39.6	27.6				
	L	29.4	30.9	37.9	26.9	50.9	29.8	37.9	27.6
Skhul 6	L	26.2	30.4	34.4	27.0	--	--	33.6	23.8
Skhul 7	R	--	--	26.8	27.6				
Skhul 9	L	29.3	38.3	--	--				
Skhul '4' <sup>28</sup>	R					35.0	25.0	29.0	22.0
Skhul '7' <sup>28</sup>	L	--	--	32.0	27.0				
Skhul '9' <sup>28</sup>	L	--	--	23.5	25.0				
<b>EUP/MUP</b>									
Arene Candide 1 <sup>29</sup>	R	26.0	32.0	31.0	24.0	37.0	25.0	31.0	21.0
	L	26.0	31.0	32.0	26.0	37.0	25.0	31.0	20.0
Barma Grande 1 <sup>30</sup>	R	29.5	42.5	--	--	48.0	28.0	--	--
	L	31.0	41.5	--	--	47.0	28.0	--	--
Barma Grande 2 <sup>31</sup>	R	31.0	40.0	--	29.5	48.0	29.0	41.0	27.0
	L	31.0	40.5	37.5	30.0	47.0	27.0	42.0	25.0
Barma Grande 5 <sup>31</sup>	R					51.0	30.0	45.0	28.0
Barma Grande 6 <sup>32</sup>	R	31.5	42.5	41.0	31.0	48.0	28.0	45.0	28.0
	L					54.0	28.0	--	--
Caviglione 1	R	28.8	37.2	36.6	28.4	43	27.2	35.1	25.8
Cro-Magnon 1	R	30.6	38.5	40.1	31.3				
	L	28.7	39.0	37.4	30.0				
Cro-Magnon 4323A	R	25.7	36.3	--	--				
Cro-Magnon 4322	L	25.9	36.0	32.0	26.9				
Cro-Magnon 4324	L	--	--	32.2	25.6				
Cro-Magnon 4330	L					41.6	26.9	37.7	26.3
Cro-Magnon 4331	L					--	--	36.6	24.8
Cro-Magnon 4332	R					46.0	27.0	38.3	25.7
Cro-Magnon 4333	R					--	--	34.4	25.5
Dolní Věstonice 3	R	20.8	30.6	26.2	23.3	31.7	19.0	25.8	17.5
	L	19.8	29.8	25.5	22.5	29.8	18.0	24.0	17.5
Dolní Věstonice 13	R	25.6	34.1	30.5	26.4	38.5	23.5	31.0	22.7
	L	23.5	35.2	29.5	27.1	36.0	23.3	33.1	21.0

TABLE A13. (continued)

		Femur				Tibia			
		Proximal		Midshaft		Proximal		Midshaft	
		A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L	A-P	M-L
		M-10	M-9	M-6	M-7	M-8a	M-9a	M-8	M-9
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>									
Dolní Věstonice 14	R	24.3	38.3	31.1	26.2	37.9	22.0	32.8	18.3
	L	25.3	37.6	32.3	24.7	37.7	25.2	33.5	17.6
Dolní Věstonice 15	R					30.6	22.3	28.0	21.0
	L					34.8	20.2	29.1	21.0
Dolní Věstonice 16	R	27.8	34.6	34.8	26.9	39.3	24.5	33.5	23.1
	L	28.1	34.8	36.0	26.6	--	--	33.4	22.2
Dolní Věstonice 35	R	24.3	35.0	34.9	29.1				
Grotte-des-Enfants 4 <sup>31</sup>	R	29.5	38.0	37.0	30.0	40.0	29.5	36.0	29.0
	L	30.0	38.0	37.0	30.0	43.0	30.0	37.0	29.0
Grotte des Enfants 5 <sup>33</sup>	-	27.0	33.0	--	--	38.0	26.0	--	--
Minatogawa 1 <sup>34</sup>	R	23.0	29.0	26.5	26.0	33.0	23.0	27.0	19.0
	L	22.0	30.0	26.5	26.5	34.0	23.0	27.0	20.0
Minatogawa 2 <sup>34</sup>	L	18.0	25.0	21.0	22.0				
Minatogawa 3 <sup>34</sup>	R	19.0	26.5	24.0	23.5	30.0	18.0	26.0	17.0
	L	19.0	26.0	24.0	23.5	28.0	19.0	25.0	17.0
Minatogawa 4 <sup>34</sup>	R	18.5	26.0	21.0	23.0	26.0	18.0	23.0	16.0
Mladeč 27	R	25.5	30.0	28.3	24.0				
Mladeč 28	L	23.5	33.8	--	--				
Nahal 'En-Gev 1 <sup>35</sup>	L	22.0	28.0	26.5	23.2	31.0	21.0	28.0	17.0
Ohalo2	R	27.5	29.8	37.7	26.4	34.6	24.1	33.5	23.2
	L	26.7	30.8	35.4	27.0	35.0	23.2	31.5	22.0
Paglicci 25 <sup>36</sup>	R	26.0	35.0	34.0	27.0	39.5	25.0	36.0	25.0
	L	26.0	33.5	33.5	27.5				
Paviland 1	L	26.8	35.9	32.3	27.4	39.6	22.0	37.2	22.0
Pavlov 1	R	27.4	36.5	32.6	28.4				
	L	26.9	37.3	31.2	29.8				
Předmostí 3 <sup>37</sup>	R	24.0	38.0	30.8	30.0	41.5	20.5	37.7	20.5
	L	24.0	38.0	31.0	29.0	42.0	19.0	38.0	19.0
Předmostí 4 <sup>37</sup>	R	25.0	35.8	29.0	28.0	35.5	20.5	31.6	20.0
	L	25.0	34.0	29.0	28.0	36.0	21.0	31.0	19.0
Předmostí 9 <sup>37</sup>	R	23.0	33.0	27.0	25.0	32.0	22.5	27.0	20.0
	L	23.0	33.0	27.5	26.0	32.3	23.0	28.0	20.0
Předmostí 10 <sup>37</sup>	R	22.6	35.0	25.4	27.5	31.0	21.0	29.5	20.0
	L	23.0	35.3	24.5	27.3	33.0	21.0	28.0	18.5
Předmostí 14 <sup>37</sup>	R	22.5	33.0	26.4	26.4	37.0	22.5	30.5	19.5
	L	23.4	35.0	26.0	27.5	36.0	21.0	30.5	21.0
Rochette 2 <sup>38</sup>	R	26.5	33.0	29.0	26.0				
Sunghir 1	R	27.1	39.4	34.6	33.8	39.2	24.2	33.5	20.2
	L	28.0	38.0	35.0	30.8	37.0	24.4	33.8	21.0
Sunghir 4	L	27.4	33.7	33.5	26.8				
Tianyuan 1 <sup>39</sup>	R	26.2	33.6	--	--	--	--	38.1	21.5
	L	26.5	31.5	--	--				

TABLE A13. (continued)

		Femur				Tibia			
		Proximal		Midshaft		Proximal		Midshaft	
		A-P M-10	M-L M-9	A-P M-6	M-L M-7	A-P M-8a	M-L M-9a	A-P M-8	M-L M-9
<b>EUP/MUP (cont.)</b>									
Veneri 1 <sup>30</sup>	R	29.0	41.0	39.0	31.0	44.0	26.0	39.0	24.0
	L	31.0	37.0	37.0	31.0	46.0	26.0	41.0	24.0
Veneri 2 <sup>30</sup>	R	30.0	34.0	35.0	29.0	41.0	26.5	32.0	26.0
	L	30.0	37.0	35.0	29.0	40.5	25.0	36.0	26.0
Willendorf 1	R	--	--	28.3	24.0				
Zhoukoudian UC 67 <sup>40</sup>	R	26.5	32.7	36.0	25.9				
Zhoukoudian UC 68 <sup>40</sup>	R	24.7	29.0	32.3	23.4				

<sup>1</sup>Data from Lordkipanidze et al. (2007).

<sup>2</sup>Data from Leakey et al. (1978). KNM-ER 736, 813 and 1472 midshaft diameters and KNM-ER 803 subtrochanteric diameters from personal measurement.

<sup>3</sup>Data from Hublin (1992).

<sup>4</sup>Data from Sigmon (1982).

<sup>5</sup>Data from Arsuaga et al. (1991).

<sup>6</sup>Data from Grine et al. (1995).

<sup>7</sup>Data from Clark et al. (1968).

<sup>8</sup>Data from Stringer et al. (1998).

<sup>9</sup>Data from Mallegni et al. (1983).

<sup>10</sup>Data from Condemi (2001).

<sup>11</sup>Data from Weidenreich (1941).

<sup>12</sup>Data from Churchill et al. (2000).

<sup>13</sup>Data from Grimaud-Hervé et al. (1994).

<sup>14</sup>Data from Biddittu et al. (1987).

<sup>15</sup>Data from Santa Luca (1980).

<sup>16</sup>Data from Day (1971).

<sup>17</sup>Data from Baba and Aziz (1993).

<sup>18</sup>Data from Mallegni (1986).

<sup>19</sup>Data from Wu and Poirier (1995).

<sup>20</sup>Data from Passarello and Palmieri (1968).

<sup>21</sup>Data from Martin (1923).

<sup>22</sup>Data from Cardini (1955).

<sup>23</sup>Data from Kunter and Wahl (1992).

<sup>24</sup>Data from García Sánchez (1986).

<sup>25</sup>Data from Pearson et al. (2008a).

<sup>26</sup>Data from Pearson et al. (2008b).

<sup>27</sup>Data from Vandermeersch (1981).

<sup>28</sup>Data from McCown and Keith (1939).

<sup>29</sup>Data from Sergi et al. (1974).

<sup>30</sup>Data from Mallegni et al. (2000).

<sup>31</sup>Data from Formicola (1990).

<sup>32</sup>Data from Massari (1958).

<sup>33</sup>Data from Verneau (1906).

<sup>34</sup>Data from Baba and Endo (1982).

<sup>35</sup>Data from Arensburg (1977).

<sup>36</sup>Data from Mallegni et al. (1999).

<sup>37</sup>Data from Matiegka (1938).

<sup>38</sup>Data from Klaatsch and Lustig (1914).

<sup>39</sup>The Tianyuan 1 femoral midshafts are pathological, and measurements are not included for them. The proximal femoral and midshaft tibial ones appear to be normal (Shang and Trinkaus 2010).

<sup>40</sup>Personal measurement on cast (originals are lost).

**TABLE A14. RESIDUAL (reduced major axis – RMA) FORMULAE AND P-VALUES (ANOVA and Kruskal-Wallis) FOR THE COMPARISONS.**

(All residual equations were derived from the earlier Upper Paleolithic (EUP/MUP) sample, and then applied across the five comparative samples.  $P < 0.05$  (\*) and  $< 0.01$  (\*\*) after a sequentially reductive multiple comparison correction within sets of comparisons. The ANOVA P-values that do not meet all of the criteria of normality are in parentheses.)

Dependent	Independ.	Slope	Intercept	N	r	ANOVA P	K-W P
<i>Areas</i>							
<i>Femur</i>							
35% CA	35% TA	0.990	-0.406	18	0.716	**0.003	**0.006
50% CA	50% TA	1.082	-0.788	29	0.913	(*0.009)	*0.014
65% CA	65% TA	0.983	-0.088	21	0.952	0.493	0.486
80% CA	80% TA	0.959	-0.045	27	0.928	0.371	0.387
<i>Tibia</i>							
50% CA	50% TA	0.115	-0.954	19	0.970	0.086	0.126
65% CA	65% TA	1.155	-1.380	12	0.957	0.059	0.162
<i>Second Moments of Area</i>							
<i>Femur</i>							
35% I <sub>x</sub>	35% I <sub>y</sub>	1.427	-4.080	18	0.924	**0.001	**0.005
50% I <sub>x</sub>	50% I <sub>y</sub>	1.344	-3.070	29	0.896	**<0.0001	**<0.0001
65% I <sub>x</sub>	65% I <sub>y</sub>	1.380	-3.793	21	0.917	**0.0001	**0.0001
80% I <sub>x</sub>	80% I <sub>y</sub>	1.182	-2.259	27	0.948	(0.054)	0.057
80% I <sub>min</sub>	80% I <sub>max</sub>	1.034	-0.999	27	0.935	**0.004	*0.011
<i>Tibia</i>							
35% I <sub>max</sub>	35% I <sub>min</sub>	1.186	-0.949	15	0.946	(**0.0003)	**0.001
50% I <sub>max</sub>	50% I <sub>min</sub>	1.173	-0.658	19	0.930	**0.0004	**0.001
65% I <sub>max</sub>	65% I <sub>min</sub>	1.158	-0.390	12	0.979	(**0.001)	*0.012
<i>Diameters</i>							
<i>Femur</i>							
Mid AP	Mid ML	1.888	-19.24	36	0.731	(**<0.0001)	**<0.0001
Prox AP	Prox ML	0.797	-1.574	39	0.797	**0.002	**0.005
<i>Tibia</i>							
Mid AP	Mid ML	1.534	-0.486	31	0.809	*0.023	*0.022
Prox AP	Prox ML	1.835	-5.541	28	0.825	(**0.001)	**0.002
<i>Section Moduli</i>							
<i>Femur</i>							
50% Z <sub>x</sub>	BM <sub>xL</sub>	0.088	-687	19	0.837	0.406	0.459
50% Z <sub>y</sub>	BM <sub>xL</sub>	0.060	-169	19	0.802	*0.016	0.042
50% Z <sub>p</sub>	BM <sub>xL</sub>	0.138	-781	19	0.830	0.307	0.514



**TABLE A15. FEMUR NECK-SHAFT ANGLES FOR PLEISTOCENE *HOMO* SPECIMENS.**

(Values in parentheses are estimated. From personal measurement on original specimens unless otherwise indicated.)

Early Pleistocene			EUP/MUP		
KNM-ER 1472 <sup>1</sup>	R	125°	Arene Candide IP (adol) <sup>5</sup>	R	140°
KNM-ER 1481 <sup>1</sup>	L	123°		L	133°
KNM-WT 15000 (adol) <sup>2</sup>	L	110°	Cro-Magnon 4322	L	125°
<b>Middle Pleistocene</b>			Dolní Věstonice 3 <sup>6</sup>	L	(130°)
Berg Aukas 1 <sup>3</sup>	R	106°	Dolní Věstonice 13 <sup>6</sup>	R	121°
Broken Hill E689	L	121°		L	120°
Broken Hill E907	R	122°	Dolní Věstonice 14 (adol) <sup>6</sup>	R	118°
Zhoukoudian femur 1 <sup>4</sup>	L	(119°)		L	120°
Zhoukoudian femur 4 <sup>4</sup>	R	(127°)	Dolní Věstonice 16 <sup>6</sup>	R	124°
<b>Neandertals</b>				L	(125°)
Amud 1	R	(113°)	Minatogawa 1 <sup>7</sup>	R	126
La Chapelle-aux-Saints 1	R	121°		L	122
Feldhofer 1	R	122°	Minatogawa 2 <sup>7</sup>	L	133
	L	119°	Minatogawa 3 <sup>7</sup>	R	132
La Ferrassie 1	R	120°		L	140
	L	122°	Minatogawa 4 <sup>7</sup>	R	132
La Ferrassie 2	L	127°	Mladeč 28	L	(124°)
Krapina 213	L	121°	Nahal 'En Gev 1	R	132°
Krapina 214	L	122°	Ohalo 2	R	132°
Shanidar 1	R	(120°)		L	131°
Spy 2	L	116°	Paglicci 25 <sup>8</sup>	R	117°
Tabun 1	R	124°		L	114°
<b>MPMH</b>			Paviland 1	L	121°
Qafzeh 9	R	131	Předmostí 3 <sup>9</sup>	R	115°
Skhul 4	R	125		L	111°
	L	136	Předmostí 4 <sup>9</sup>	R	112°
Skhul 5	R	(132°)		L	109°
Skhul 6	L	136°	Předmostí 9 <sup>9</sup>	R	117°
Skhul 9	L	136°		L	117°
			Předmostí 10 <sup>9</sup>	R	111°
				L	116°
			Předmostí 14 <sup>9</sup>	R	112°
				L	112°
			La Rochette 1 <sup>10</sup>	R	116°
			Sunghir 1	R	123°
			Sunghir 2 (adol)	R	118°
				L	120°
			Tianyuan 1	R	(118°)
			Zhoukoudian-UC 105 <sup>4</sup>	L	(126°)
			Zhoukoudian-UC 117 <sup>4</sup>	L	(127°)

<sup>1</sup>Data from Leakey et al. (1978).<sup>2</sup>Measurement from Walker and Leakey (1993).<sup>3</sup>Angle from Grine et al. (1995).<sup>4</sup>Data from Weidenreich (1941). The Locality 1 values were estimated by Weidenreich; the values for the lost Upper Cave femora are from a photograph and a radiograph published by Weidenreich.<sup>5</sup>Data from Sergi et al. (1974).<sup>6</sup>Data from Sládek et al. (2000).<sup>7</sup>Data from Baba and Endo (1982).<sup>8</sup>Data from Mallegni et al. (1999).<sup>9</sup>Data from Matiegka (1938).<sup>10</sup>Angle from Klaatsch and Lustig (1914).