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RESUMO

Estudos anatômicos de base, voltados à descrição de estruturas, são muitas vezes negligenciados, e, por consequência, escassos na literatura, apesar de representarem o alicerce para tantas outras áreas da medicina. O objetivo desse estudo foi descrever a anatomia óssea de *Sapajus libidinosus*, macroscopicamente, e em imagens de tomografia e radiografia. Para isso, um total de quatro cadáveres foram utilizados na análise macroscópica e cinco animais para os exames de imagem, sendo que destes, quatro foram eutanasiados e somados à etapa macroscópica. Para os exames de imagem, os animais foram mantidos anestesiados. Todos os ossos foram documentados com câmera fotográfica digital e as estruturas descritas com base na *Nomina Anatomica Veterinaria* e comparadas com dados da literatura de primatas humano e não humanos. Teste t de Student para amostras independentes foi realizado. Não houve diferença estatística significativa entre machos e fêmeas, quanto ao comprimento das vértebras, esterno, costelas e ossos apendiculares. A coluna vertebral do *Sapajus libidinosus* consiste em sete vértebras cervicais, 13 ou 14 torácicas, cinco ou seis lombares, duas ou três sacrais e 23 ou 24 caudais, com um animal com 16 vértebras. Foi possível constatar a eficiência dos métodos de diagnóstico por imagem em *Sapajus libidinosus*, demonstrando ser possível a identificação das estruturas ósseas com bastante precisão, quando comparado às imagens das peças ósseas. Quanto à região vertebral, a identificação de estruturas foi bastante dependente da presença ou não de sobreposição óssea, assim como, da robustez das vértebras, apresentando maior nitidez ao ponto que segue em sentido caudal. O esterno pôde ser bem descrito por meio da radiografia e reconstrução 3D, sendo este último método de melhor identificação das estruturas das costelas. Estruturas como o sulco para o nervo espinhal, nas vértebras cervicais e cartilagem xifoidea do esterno, não foram claramente visualizadas em nenhum método de imagem. A maioria das estruturas ósseas da escápula foram bem identificadas nos métodos de imagem, sendo mais restrita na projeção ventrodorsal. Já a clavícula apresentou visualização bem limitada. O úmero, assim como o rádio e a ulna, não foram bem retratados em suas epífises proximal e distal pela radiografia, no entanto, foram bem identificados na tomografia. O mesmo foi observado para o fêmur, tíbia e fíbula. Todas as estruturas descritas na imagem macroscópica de carpo, metacarpo, tarso e metatarso puderam ser identificadas por meio da radiografia e tomografia. O osso coxal foi amplamente bem descrito por meio dos métodos de imagem. Um pequeno osso peniano está presente na extremidade do pênis, e pôde ser identificado por todos os métodos analisados. Estruturas mais sutis, como a incisura poplítea, na tíbia e tuberosidade glútea, linha pectínea e face áspera, no osso coxal, não foram identificadas. Estruturas presentes nas superfícies articulares dos ossos ficaram limitadas à análise macroscópica. O *Sapajus libidinosus* apresentou, no geral, características anatômicas estruturalmente e morfológicamente mais semelhantes a da infraordem Simiiformes, incluindo o homem, sendo um ótimo indicador de modelo experimental nestas espécies.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Anatomia; osteologia; Primates; radiologia digital; tomografia

ABSTRACT

Basic anatomical studies, aimed at describing structures, are often neglected, and, consequently, scarce in the literature, despite representing the foundation for so many other areas of medicine. The aim of this study was to describe the bone anatomy of *Sapajus libidinosus*, macroscopically, and in tomography and radiography images. For this, a total of four cadavers were used in the macroscopic analysis and five animals in the imaging exams, four of which were euthanized and added to the macroscopic stage. For imaging exams, animals were kept anesthetized. All bones were documented with a digital camera and the structures described based on the *Nomina Anatomica Veterinaria* and compared with data from the literature on human and non-human primates. Student t-test for independent samples was performed. There was no statistically significant difference between males and females, regarding the length of vertebrae, sternum, ribs and appendicular bones. The spinal column of *Sapajus libidinosus* consists of seven cervical vertebrae, 13 or 14 thoracic, five or six lumbar, two or three sacral and 23 or 24 caudal, with one animal with 16 vertebrae. It was possible to verify the efficiency of diagnostic imaging methods in *Sapajus libidinosus*, demonstrating that it is possible to identify bone structures with great precision, when compared to images of bone pieces. As for the vertebral region, the identification of structures was highly dependent on the presence or not of bone overlap, as well as on the robustness of the vertebrae, with greater sharpness in the caudal direction. The sternum can be well described by means of radiography and 3D reconstruction, the latter being a method of better identification of rib structures. Structures such as the sulcus for the spinal nerve, cervical vertebrae and xiphoid cartilage of the sternum were not clearly visualized in any imaging method. Most of the bone structures of the scapula were well identified in the imaging methods, being more restricted in the ventrodorsal projection. The clavicle showed very limited visualization. The humerus, as well as the radius and ulna, were not well portrayed in their proximal and distal epiphysis by radiography, however, they were well identified on tomography. The same was observed for the femur, tibia and fibula. All structures described in the macroscopic image of the carpus, metacarpal, tarsus and metatarsus could be identified by means of radiography and tomography. The thigh bone has been extensively described using imaging methods. A small penile bone is present at the end of the penis, and could be identified by all methods analyzed. More subtle structures, such as the popliteal notch, in the tibia and gluteal tuberosity, pectineal line and scratchy face, in the thigh bone, were not identified. Structures present on the articular surfaces of bones were limited to macroscopic analysis. *Sapajus libidinosus* presented, in general, anatomical characteristics structurally and morphologically more similar to those of the infraorder Simiiformes, including humans, being a great indicator of an experimental model in these species.

KEY-WORDS: Anatomy; osteology; Primates; digital radiology; tomography

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LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

2D	Bidimensional
3D	Tridimensional
ASP	American Society of Primatologists
C1	Primeiro par de nervo cervical
C3-C7	Vértebras cervicais
Ca	Vértebra coccígea ou caudal
CETAS	Centro de Triagem de Animais Silvestres
CEUA	Comitê de Ética no Uso de Animais
CR	Radiologia computadorizada
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
DR	Radiologia digital
F1-F4	Animais fêmeas de 1 a 4
IAC	Infusão alvo-controlada
IBAMA	Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis
ICMBio	Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade
IM	Intramuscular
IP	Imaging plate
IRV	Instituto de Radiologia de Natal
LL	Laterolateral
L1-L6	Vértebras lombares
M1-M4	Animais machos de 1 a 4
Micro-CT	Microtomografia por raios-X
MPR	Reconstrução multiplanar
Pixel	Picture element
RX	Radiografia
S1-S3	Vértebras sacrais
SISBIO	Sistema de Autorização e Informação em Biodiversidade
T1-T14	Vértebras torácicas
TC / CT	Tomografia computadorizada / Computed tomography
UFMG	Universidade Federal de Campina Grande
UFRN	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte
UnP	Universidade Potiguar
VD	Ventrodorsal

LISTA DE SÍMBOLOS

%	Porcentagem
&	“e” comercial/ampersand
±	Mais ou menos
®	Marca registrada
g	Gramma
G	Gauge
kg	Quilograma
km ²	Quilômetro quadrado
kV	Quilovolt
m ²	Metro quadrado
mA	Miliampere
Mean	Média
mg	Miligramma
min	Minuto
mL	Mililitro
mm	Milímetro
n.º	Número
s	Segundo
SD	Desvio Padrão

INTRODUÇÃO GERAL

A grande semelhança encontrada entre primatas não humanos e o homem, a dificuldade de procedimentos experimentais invasivos em humanos e a indisponibilidade de métodos alternativos na pesquisa científica, têm justificado o uso desses animais (RIBEIRO, 2002), com atenção ao refinamento e à redução como exigência absoluta, para garantir o respeito do Princípio dos 3Rs, de acordo com Russell e Burch (1959). No entanto, considerando que pesquisas com primatas são amplamente limitadas pelos comitês de ética e legislações (SHARP, 2017), a utilização de roedores ainda vem se sobrepondo.

Para estudos osteológicos, a uniformidade nos resultados de dados de roedores em comparação com o homem é dificultada, não sendo considerados modelos adequados nas pesquisas que envolvem, principalmente, estudo das propriedades estruturais do osso (NUNAMAKER, 1998). Primatas não humanos são mais amplamente caracterizados como modelos para a biologia esquelética humana do que qualquer outra ordem animal e, particularmente, o macaco-prego (*Sapajus libidinosus*) se assemelha ao homem quanto à estrutura óssea e remodelação, tornando-o um excelente modelo animal de primata não humano para estudos osteológicos (PRITZKER; KESSLER, 2012). As pesquisas nesse ramo utilizando macacos-prego são escassas, mas incluem trabalhos com osteoporose (CAMARGO et al., 2013), displasia coxofemoral (FONTELES et al., 2010), maloclusão e osteodistrofia (PINTO, 2016).

Com a chegada da radiologia e, mais tarde, das demais modalidades de imagem, como a tomografia computadorizada, na medicina veterinária, a identificação e avaliação das estruturas internas dos animais tornou-se mais prática. Entretanto, a análise de exames de imagem, como a radiografia e a tomografia, depende estreitamente do conhecimento anatômico macroscópico da espécie animal para que haja reconhecimento das estruturas naturais e alteradas (CUBAS et al., 2014; GOODENOUGH et al., 2012). Ainda hoje, apesar do surgimento de novas modalidades de imagem, a radiografia continua a ser a mais rápida e econômica modalidade de imagem para primatas não humanos usados em laboratórios em todo o mundo (XIE et al., 2014).

A espécie em estudo, o *Sapajus libidinosus*, é um primata do Novo Mundo (Infraordem Platyrrhini, família Cebidae) com comprimento do corpo de 35 cm a 48 cm e comprimento da cauda, de 37 cm a 55 cm (BICCA-MARQUES, 2006). Esses animais arbóreos diurnos são os que apresentam maior distribuição geográfica dentre as espécies neotropicais e pesam entre 1,5 a 4,0 kg (MARTINS et al., 2021; KINZEY, 1997). Eles são onívoros e se alimentam

naturalmente com frutos, insetos, sementes, flores, brotos e pequenos vertebrados (ROCHA, 1992). Tanto em seus habitats naturais quanto em cativeiro, vivem em grupos sociais que variam de seis a 35 indivíduos, com composição estável e geralmente apenas um ou dois machos adultos, sendo também observados com frequência indivíduos solitários (BICCA-MARQUES et al., 2006). Depois de uma gravidez de aproximadamente 150 dias, nasce um único filhote, exclusivamente dependente da mãe para nutrição e transporte, pelo menos até o segundo mês de vida (VERDERANE; IZAR, 2019). A maturidade sexual é atingida na idade de quatro a cinco anos para fêmeas e sete anos para machos, e a expectativa de vida de animais em cativeiro é de 40-50 anos (FRAGASZY et al., 2004).

Apesar de seu uso crescente na pesquisa biomédica, as características específicas do esqueleto desta espécie são mal documentadas. Schwartz e Yamada (1998) oferecem um breve relato sobre a anatomia do carpo de macaco-prego, em estudo que abrange primatas no geral. Molina et al. (2016) utilizou pontos ósseos na obtenção da via de melhor acesso para bloqueio anestésico do plexo braquial e La Salles et al. (2021) utilizaram a identificação da clavícula, para determinação do melhor ponto para anestesia de plexo por via supraclavicular. Young & Heard-Booth (2016) analisaram a ontogenia das proporções intrínsecas das mãos e dos pés de macacos-prego. Cordeiro et al. (2014) estudaram o segmento toraco-lombar do macaco-prego visando saber a localização do cone medular para anestesia epidural na espécie. Além disso, como nenhum estudo apresenta parâmetros de radiografia e tomografia óssea completa em *Sapajus libidinosus*, é essencial construir índices de referência de parâmetros baseados para esta espécie.

Diante disso, devido à escassez de dados osteológicos e imagiológicos específicos, o primeiro capítulo foi destinado à descrição das vértebras, esterno e costelas e suas particularidades. O segundo capítulo foi direcionado à descrição do membro torácico e suas particularidades. E o terceiro capítulo foi aplicado à descrição do membro pélvico e suas particularidades. Ambos os estudos foram comparados com imagens tomográficas e de radiografia. Diante disso, o texto enfocou as principais características do esqueleto da espécie, enquanto as imagens ilustraram as várias particularidades com mais detalhes. A terminologia anatômica comum em português foi usada em todo o texto, enquanto as legendas das figuras também forneceram os termos oficiais em latim.

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26 Abstract

27 Anatomical studies applied to veterinary medical knowledge, and which contribute to
28 intervention in the areas of surgery, anesthesia, and diagnostic imaging are crucial for a correct
29 assessment and approach to the animal. The black-striped capuchin monkey is a New World
30 monkey and an excellent animal model for studies of the bone system. Therefore, the aim of
31 this study was to describe the structures of the vertebrae, sternum and ribs of the capuchin
32 monkey in anatomical pieces, identifying them in radiographic and tomographic images. For
33 this, four cadavers were used in the macroscopic analysis and five animals for the imaging
34 exams, of which four were euthanized and added to the macroscopic stage. For imaging exams,
35 the animals were anesthetized. All bones were documented with a digital camera, the structures
36 were described and compared with data from the literature of human and non-human primates.
37 Student's t-test for independent samples was performed. There was no statistical difference
38 between males and females regarding the length of the vertebral and sternum segments. The
39 vertebral column of the capuchin monkey comprises seven cervical, 13 or 14 thoracic, five or
40 six lumbar, two or three sacral, and 23 or 24 caudal vertebrae, with one animal having 16
41 vertebrae, which was cut. The atlas is characterized by having three foramina on the wing, the
42 sixth cervical vertebra can be easily recognized by its ventral lamina and the seventh cervical
43 vertebra in one specimen had a transverse foramen. The anticlinal vertebra is always the
44 penultimate thoracic one, the ninth pair of ribs is always the last sternal pair, and the last two
45 are buoyant. The sternum presented its body divided into five or six sternabrae. The lumbar
46 vertebrae had a bifurcated spinous process and a well-developed accessory process. Three
47 different sacral morphologies were observed, and the first five caudal ones are of differentiated
48 structure. The structures identified macroscopically, in general, could be well determined
49 through radiographic and tomographic images. The capuchin monkey presented anatomical
50 characteristics, in terms of particularities, very similar to those of man, and, in terms of shape,
51 similar to those of New World monkeys, being an excellent indicator of an experimental model
52 in studies in man. Knowledge through gross anatomy and tomographic and radiological exams
53 may contribute to a better evaluation of therapeutic agents, regional anesthesia, skeletal
54 diseases, osteometabolic diseases, and bone clinical-surgical interventions.

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56 Key words

57 3D reconstruction, digital radiology, osteology, Platyrrhini, tomography

58 1 INTRODUCTION

59

60 In the last 30 years, research involving non-human primates has been conducted with great
61 interest, a point attributed to the anatomical, physiological and ethological similarity of these
62 animals to the human species (Auricchio, 1995). For osteological studies, the black-striped
63 capuchin monkey (*Sapajus libidinosus*) resembles humans in bone structure and remodeling,
64 making it an excellent non-human primate animal model for this line of research (Pritzker &
65 Kessler, 2012).

66 *Sapajus libidinosus* is a New World monkey (Infraorder Platyrrhini, family Cebidae)
67 with a body length of 35 cm to 48 cm, and a tail length of 37 cm to 55 cm (Bicca-Marques,
68 2006). These diurnal arboreal animals are the most geographically distributed among
69 Neotropical species and weigh between 1.5 and 4.0 kg (Kinzey, 1997; Martins et al., 2021).

70 Among the areas that have shown great growth in veterinary medicine in recent years,
71 imaging has been praised given its considered evolution (Krautwald-Junghanns et al., 2001).
72 The analysis of imaging tests, such as radiography and tomography, depends closely on the
73 macroscopic anatomical knowledge of the animal species so that natural and altered structures
74 can be recognized. With the arrival of radiology and, later, other imaging modalities, such as
75 computed tomography, in veterinary medicine, the identification and evaluation of the internal
76 structures of animals became more practical, opening the field of vision for the veterinary
77 diagnosis and anatomical studies (Cubas et al., 2014; Goodenough et al., 2012).

78 The inclusion of these new modalities allowed the execution of imaging studies in wild
79 animals, including primates (Bortolini, 2013; Tranquilim, 2012). However, there is still a
80 limited number of studies performed on specimens of *Sapajus libidinosus*, focused on the area
81 of macroscopic anatomy compared with imaging methods, which are relevant for clinical
82 studies, research centers, and primatologists.

83 Despite its increasing use in biomedical research, the specific skeletal features of this
84 species are poorly documented, and little has been reported on aspects of the vertebrae, ribs and
85 sternum. Barros et al. (2003), in a study on the constitution of the lumbar plexus of the black-
86 striped capuchin monkey, offer a brief report on the anatomy of the region. Alves et al. (2012)
87 also discuss the vertebral anatomy in a study that points out the anatomical and radiographic
88 appearance of the thoracic cavity of this monkey. Cordeiro et al. (2014) analyzed the number
89 of vertebrae in a study aimed at determining the anatomy of the medullary cone in *S. libidinosus*.

90 Therefore, due to the scarcity of specific osteological and imaging data, and based on
91 the importance of anatomical description, as well as imaging modalities for the biological

92 knowledge of primates, this study aimed to recognize the structures of the vertebrae, sternum
93 and ribs of *Sapajus libidinosus* in anatomical parts, radiographic and tomographic images, to
94 serve as an anatomical guide for future biomedical research.

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96 **2 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

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98 **2.1 Animals and Study Site**

99 The macroscopic stage of the study was conducted at the Laboratory of Animal Anatomy,
100 Department of Morphology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Natal-RN.
101 The CT scans and part of the radiographs were performed at the Institute of Veterinary
102 Radiology (IRV), Natal-RN, and the other radiographs, in partnership with the Potiguar
103 University (UnP), Natal-RN.

104 The methodological protocols were approved by the Ministry of the Environment,
105 through the Biodiversity Authorization and Information System-SISBIO of the Chico Mendes
106 Institute-ICMBio (n.º 70606-2), CEUA/UFCG (n.º 121/2019), and CEUA/UFRN protocol
107 074/2019, certificate n.º 209.074/2019.

108 Four animal cadavers, males, two juveniles, aged less than 10 years, and two adults
109 estimated to be 10-15 years old, kept frozen, donated by CETAS/IBAMA/Natal-RN, were used
110 for the macroscopic study of the vertebrae, sternum and ribs.

111 For radiography (RX) and tomography (CT), five specimens of *Sapajus libidinosus*
112 were selected, an adult male, estimated at 10-15 years, and four elderly females, estimated at
113 20-30 years, weighing in average 2.21 kg, from the Wild Animal Screening Center
114 (CETAS/IBAMA), in the city of Natal/RN. The monkeys were submitted to 4 hours of water
115 fasting and 8 hours of food fasting before the anesthetic procedure. After the imaging tests, the
116 females were euthanized with 19.1% potassium chloride (Equiplex®, Brazil), at a dose of 1
117 mL/kg, intravenously, and added to the macroscopic study, totaling eight animals at this stage.
118 The adult male animal was destined only for the examinations and returned to CETAS.

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120 **2.2 Preparation of the parts and bone description**

121 In the eight animals destined for the macroscopic stage, a dissection technique associated with
122 maceration was performed, according to Ladeira & Höfling (2007). The region of interest was
123 separated into ribs and vertebral column (cervical, thoracic and lumbar), and sacral and caudal
124 vertebrae, and stored in bags made of mesh fabric, to facilitate the identification after
125 maceration. In the vertebral column, a wire was inserted through the vertebral foramen,

126 following the order of the vertebrae. The sternum underwent an alternation between freezing
127 and daily dissection until obtaining the appropriate piece. The bones were separated by animal
128 and, to join them together, Araldite® Hobby epoxy glue and instant superglue (Tekbond®,
129 Brazil) were used.

130 The lengths of the various segments of the vertebral column (cervical, thoracic, lumbar,
131 sacral and caudal), from the most cranial to the most caudal extremity, the total length of the
132 vertebral column, from cervical to lumbar, and the length of the sternum, from the manubrium
133 to the xiphoid, were determined in the eight animals destined for macroscopic description.

134 All bones were described, following the recommendations of the *Nomina Anatomica*
135 *Veterinaria* (International Committee On Veterinary Gross Anatomical Nomenclature, 2017).

136

137 **2.3 Imaging exams**

138 Five animals were destined for this stage. One adult male and one female for tomography and
139 radiography exams, and the other females only for radiography exams. For the examinations,
140 the animals were referred to the IRV and UnP, sedated with a combination of tiletamine
141 hydrochloride and zolazepam hydrochloride (Telazol® 10%, Zoetis, Brazil) at a dose of 6
142 mg/kg, administered intramuscularly (La Salles et al. al., 2019, 2021). Upon arrival, access to
143 the caudal saphenous vein was obtained (La Salles et al., 2017) for anesthetic induction, which
144 was performed with intravenous propofol (Provive 1%, União Química, Brazil) in a target-
145 controlled infusion (IAC), with a VP50 infusion pump (MedRena®, Guangdong, China), at a
146 dose of 2-5mg/kg, followed by anesthetic maintenance at an initial dose of 0.25-0.5 mg/kg/min,
147 reduced during the experiment. The animal was kept breathing room air, and in the 3rd
148 anesthetic stage, between the 2nd and 3rd plane, so that there was no movement during the
149 exams. Monitoring was performed using a multiparameter monitor (Model DL 1000, Deltalife,
150 Brazil).

151 After the exams, euthanasia was performed, except for one male animal that was
152 donated only for the examinations. The corpses of the four euthanized females were sent to the
153 Animal Anatomy Laboratory/UFRN to be added to the macroscopic study.

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155 **2.3.1 Radiography**

156 At the Veterinary Hospital of UnP, radiographic examinations were performed using a
157 conventional radiodiagnostic device, model VET500, (X-RAD X-Ray equipment, Brazil), with
158 a capacity of 500 mA and 125 kV, equipped with a radiographic table with an anti-diffusion
159 device and X-ray tube, and the images acquired with the CR digital system, with an IP cassette

160 plate, CC type (24 cm x 30 cm) (Fujifilm, Japan) and FCR PRIMA T2 Image Reader
161 photostimulable phosphor plate scanner, model CR-IR 392 (Fujifilm, Japan). The radiographic
162 technique used was 44-46 kV, 0.05 s and 200 mA, under the same focus-film distance. The
163 images were saved in PDS files and analyzed using the PD-S Viewer software, version 1.4.0.0.

164 To obtain better image definition, two animals were referred to the IRV and the images
165 were performed using a conventional radiodiagnostic device, Intecal, CR 500 mAs – Casa do
166 Radiologista, equipped with a radiographic table with anti-diffusion grid, "Potter-Bucky", and
167 IAE X-ray tube (Italy) with rotating anode and the images were acquired using the DR digital
168 system, with a VIEWORKS digitizer plate, model CESIO 1417WA, with 2560 x 3072 pixels.
169 The radiographic technique used was 55 kV, 0.06 s and 300 mA, under the same focus-film
170 distance. After the acquisition, the radiographic images were saved in DICOM files, and
171 transferred and analyzed online using the postDICOM program (Herten, Netherlands). All
172 radiographic examinations were performed in compliance with the radiological protection
173 standards.

174 The animals were positioned directly on the radiographic tables. Ventrodorsal and
175 laterolateral projections of the cervical, thorax, abdomen, pelvis and tail were made, with
176 emphasis on the entire spine region.

177 The radiographic exams were individually analyzed, identifying all the bones and
178 particularities observed in the skeletal system already described in the macroscopic stage, and
179 a comparison of the three study methods was performed.

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181 **2.3.2 Computed tomography**

182 For this examination, a helical computed tomography device, model XVision EX, single slice
183 (Toshiba, Japan) was used. Before the scan, sagittal radiographic images of each region and
184 sub-region to be studied of each animal were acquired (topogram), to define the extent of the
185 study (the beginning and end of the scan) and the variation of the slices. Once the area was
186 defined, transverse planes with predetermined section thickness and table increment were
187 performed.

188 The imaging parameters used for the cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral and caudal
189 regions were: 2.0 mm slice thickness, 2.0 table increment, 100 mA and 120 kV. To perform the
190 CT, the animals were positioned in sternal recumbency, with the caudal extension of the
191 thoracic and pelvic limbs.

192 The tomographic images were transferred to the Horos software version 1.1.7 (United
 193 States) for the analysis of transverse plane images and multiplanar reconstructions (MPR) in
 194 the sagittal and dorsal planes. A 3D reconstruction to illustrate bone anatomy was also obtained.

195 The tomographic images were individually analyzed, identification of the bones and
 196 particularities already described macroscopically was performed, and a comparison of the three
 197 methods of the study was performed.

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199 **2.4 Statistical analysis**

200 During the study, the results obtained were documented with a digital camera, and, later,
 201 described and compared with data from the literature, about human and non-human primates.
 202 Mean and standard deviation of bone lengths were determined. Student's t-test was performed
 203 for independent samples using the Past software version 4.03.

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205 **3 RESULTS**

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207 The vertebral column consists of seven cervical vertebrae, 13 or 14 thoracic vertebrae, five or
 208 six lumbar vertebrae, two or three sacral vertebrae and 23 or 24 caudal vertebrae. There was an
 209 animal with 16 vertebrae because its tail was cut off (Table 1). The sum of the thoracic and
 210 lumbar vertebrae does not reach an exact number in all animals.

211

212 **TABLE 1** Number of vertebrae from each region of four males (M1-M4) and four females (F1-
 213 F4) of *Sapajus libidinosus*.

	M1	M2	M3	M4	F1	F2	F3	F4
Cervical Vertebrae	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Thoracic Vertebrae	14	13	14	14	13	14	14	13
Lumbar Vertebrae	6	6	5	5	6	6	5	6
Sacral Vertebrae	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3
Caudal Vertebrae	24	23	23	24	23	16	23	23

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215 Measurements of the cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral and caudal regions, from the most
 216 cranial to the most caudal extremity, and the sternum, from the manubrium to the xiphoid
 217 process, are distributed in Table 2. For the statistical analysis, only seven specimens were used
 218 to obtain values of means and standard deviation in the caudal segment. The animal with the
 219 cut-off tail was discarded.

220 **TABLE 2** Length in millimeters (mm) of the vertebral and sternum regions and total length of
 221 the vertebral column (from cervical to lumbar) of four males (M1-M4) and four females (F1-
 222 F4) of *Sapajus libidinosus*, arranged on average (Mean), standard deviation (SD), mean of
 223 males (Mean M) and mean of females (Mean F).

	Mean	SD	Mean M	Mean F
Cervical Region	36.0	3.34	34.5	37.5
Thoracic Region	110.1	13.00	104.8	115.5
Lumbar Region	84.6	11.29	78.5	90.8
Sacral Region	39.8	6.30	37.8	41.8
Tail	421.4	33.25	422.3	420.3*
Sternum	75.4	11.87	68.3	82.5
Vertebral Column	225.5	24.87	210.8	240.3
Value of t		0.657		
Value of p		1.68		

224 ¹ Means do not differ statistically from each other when compared by the t-test ($p < 0,05$).

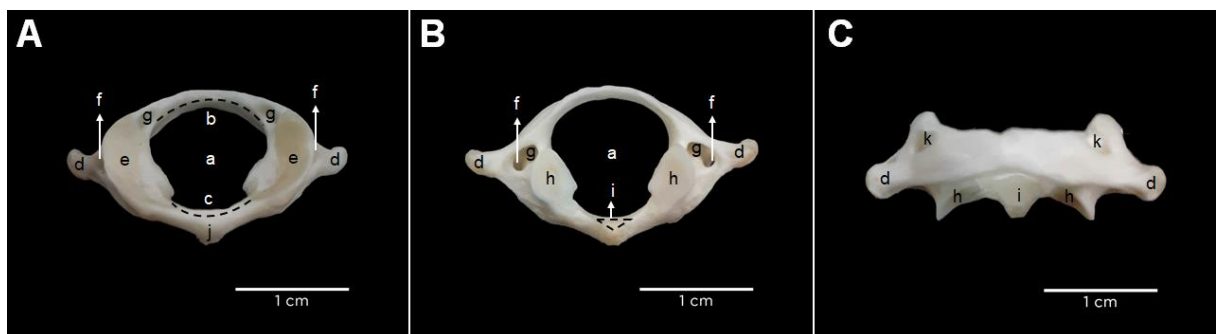
225 *Means of three females in the study, excluding the specimen (F2) with the tail cut off.

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227 Data from table 2 demonstrate that there is no statistically significant difference between
 228 males and females regarding the length of the vertebral and sternum segments.

229 The bodies of the cervical vertebrae are short and narrow. The atlas is characterized by
 230 small rectangular wings and a large vertebral foramen. Three more foramina are found, the
 231 transverse foramen, in the most medial portion of the wing, the alar foramen, and the lateral
 232 vertebral foramen, both on the dorsal surface, the first with an external opening and the second
 233 with an opening into the vertebral canal (Figure 1).

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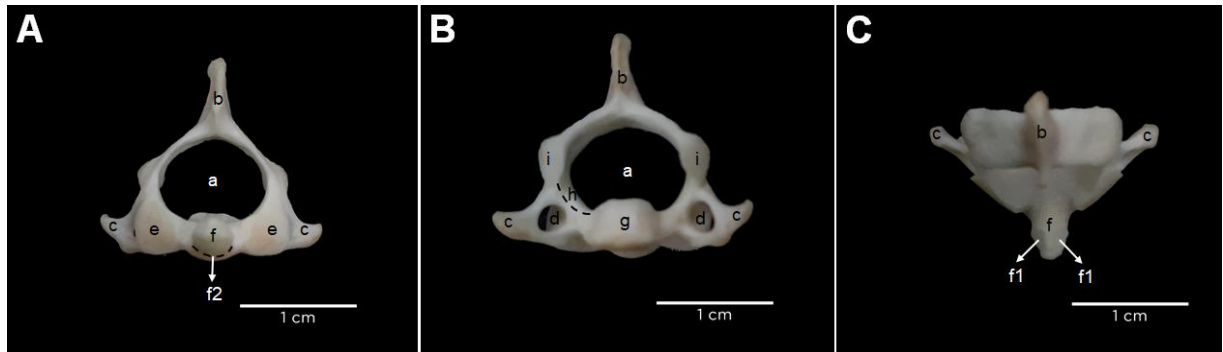


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236 **FIGURE 1** First cervical vertebra (Atlas). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), Dorsal view (C).
 237 a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Dorsal arch (*Arcus dorsalis*); c. Ventral arch (*Arcus*
 238 *ventralis*); d. Atlas wing (*Ala atlantis*); e. Cranial articular fovea (*Fovea articularis cranialis*);
 239 f. Transverse foramen (*Foramen transversarium*); g. Lateral vertebral foramen (*Foramen*
 240 *vertebrale laterale*); h. Caudal articular fovea (*Fovea articularis caudalis*); i. Fovea dentis
 241 (*Fovea dentis*); j. Ventral tubercle (*Tuberculum ventralis*); k. Alar foramen (*Foramen alare*).

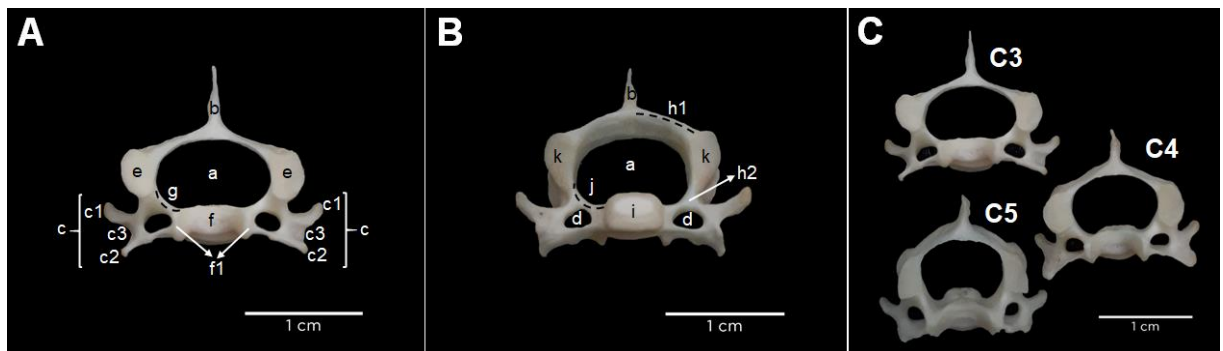
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243 The axis has a very prominent odontoid process and a triangular spinous process much
 244 more robust than the other cervical vertebrae. Among the foramina, only the transverse remains
 245 (Figure 2).



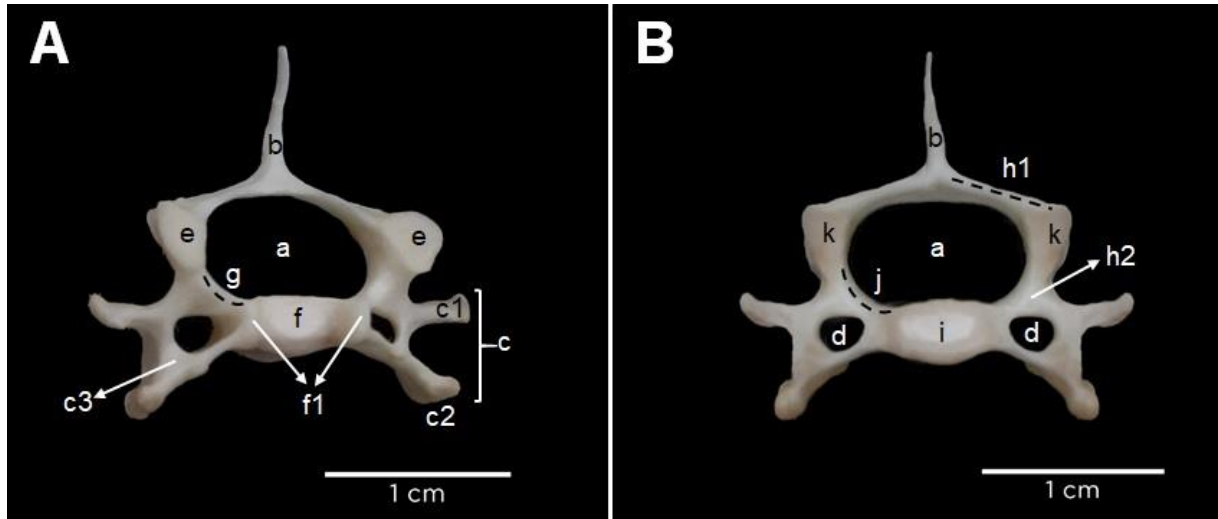
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 247 **FIGURE 2** Second cervical vertebra (Axis). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), Dorsal view
 248 (C). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Spinous process (*Processus spinosus*); c.
 249 Transverse process (*Processus transversus*); d. Transverse foramen (*Foramen transversarium*);
 250 e. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); f. Odontoid process (*Dens*); f1.
 251 Dorsal articular surface (*Facies articularis dorsalis*); f2. Ventral articular surface (*Facies*
 252 *articularis ventralis*); g. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*); h. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura*
 253 *vertebralis caudalis*); i. Caudal articular process (*Processus articularis caudalis*).
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255 The spinous processes gradually increase in length from the third to the seventh cervical
 256 vertebrae and are quite narrow. From the axis to the last cervical vertebra, the caudal ends are
 257 quite robust and fit perfectly with the corresponding cranial ends, with their well-developed
 258 uncinete processes. The third, fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae have similar morphology
 259 (Figure 3). All cervical vertebrae have a groove for the spinal nerve, which is more visible from
 260 C3-C6 (Figure 3A).
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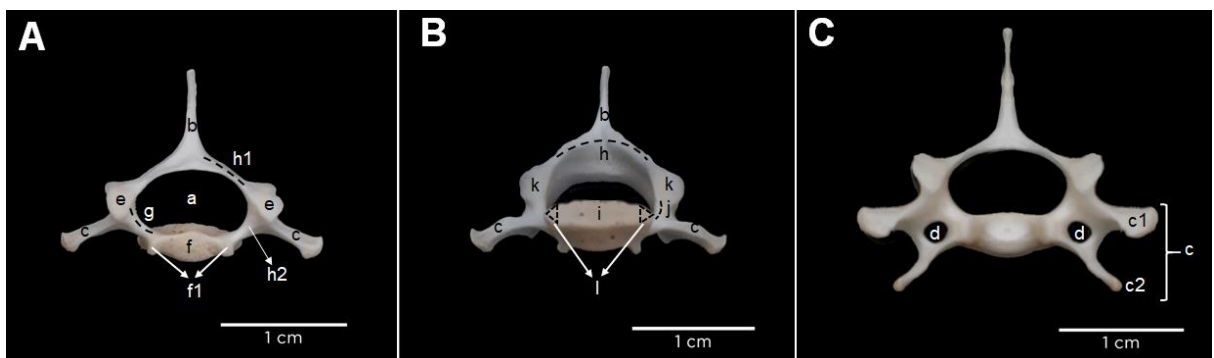


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 263 **FIGURE 3** Cranial view of the 3rd cervical vertebra - C3 (A), Caudal view of the 3rd cervical
 264 vertebra - C3 (B), Cranial view of the C3, C4 and C5 (C). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis*
 265 *vertebralis*); b. Spinous process (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus*
 266 *transversus*); c1. Dorsal tubercle (*Tuberculum dorsale*); c2. Ventral tubercle (*Tuberculum*
 267 *ventrale*); c3. Sulcus for the spinal nerve (*Sulcus n. spinalis*); d. Transverse foramen (*Foramen*
 268 *transversarium*); e. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); f. Cranial
 269 extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*); f1. Uncinate process (*Unci corporis*); g. Cranial vertebral
 270 notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); h. Vertebral arch (*Arcus vertebrae*); h1. Lamina (*Lamina*
 271 *arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus vertebrae*); i. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*);
 272 j. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); k. Caudal articular process (*Processus*
 273 *articularis caudalis*).

274 The sixth cervical vertebra can be easily recognized by its ventral lamina (Figure 4).
 275 The seventh cervical vertebra does not have a transverse foramen and has only one tip in the
 276 transverse process (Figures 5A and 5B), except for one animal that had a foramen and two tips
 277 in the transverse process, the dorsal and ventral tubercle (Figure 5C).
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 280 **FIGURE 4** Sixth cervical vertebra (C6). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B). a. Vertebral canal
 281 (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Spinous process (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process
 282 (*Processus transversus*); c1. Dorsal tubercle (*Tuberculum dorsale*); c2. Ventral lamina (*Lamina*
 283 *ventralis*); c3. Sulcus for the spinal nerve (*Sulcus n. spinalis*); d. Transverse foramen (*Foramen*
 284 *transversarium*); e. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); f. Cranial
 285 extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*); f1. Uncinate process (*Unci corporis*); g. Cranial vertebral
 286 notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); h. Vertebral arch (*Arcus vertebrae*); h1. Lamina (*Lamina*
 287 *arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus vertebrae*); i. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*);
 288 j. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); k. Caudal articular process (*Processus*
 289 *articularis caudalis*).
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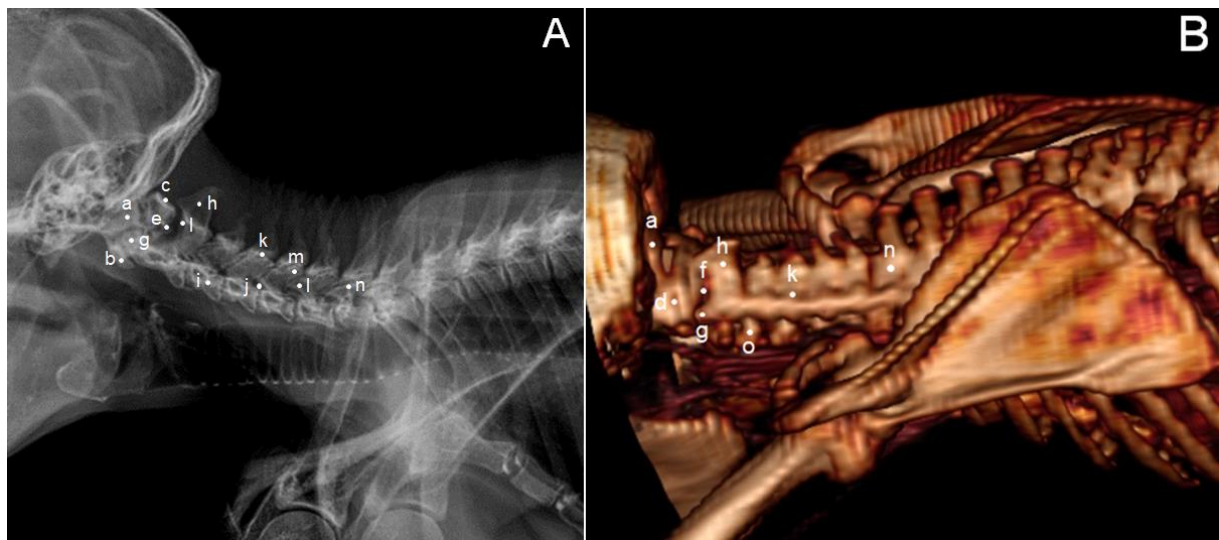
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 292 **FIGURE 5** Seventh cervical vertebra (C7). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), Cranial view
 293 of C7 with different morphology (C). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Spinous
 294 process (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus transversus*); c1. Dorsal
 295 tubercle (*Tuberculum dorsale*); c2. Ventral tubercle (*Tuberculum ventrale*); d. Transverse
 296 foramen (*Foramen transversarium*); e. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis*
 297 *cranialis*); f. Cranial extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*); f1. Uncinate process (*Unci corporis*); g.
 298 Cranial vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); h. Vertebral arch (*Arcus vertebrae*); h1.
 299 Lamina (*Lamina arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus vertebrae*); i. Caudal end

300 (*Extremitas caudalis*); j. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); k. Caudal
 301 articular process (*Processus articularis caudalis*); l. Caudal costal fovea (*Fovea costalis*
 302 *caudalis*).

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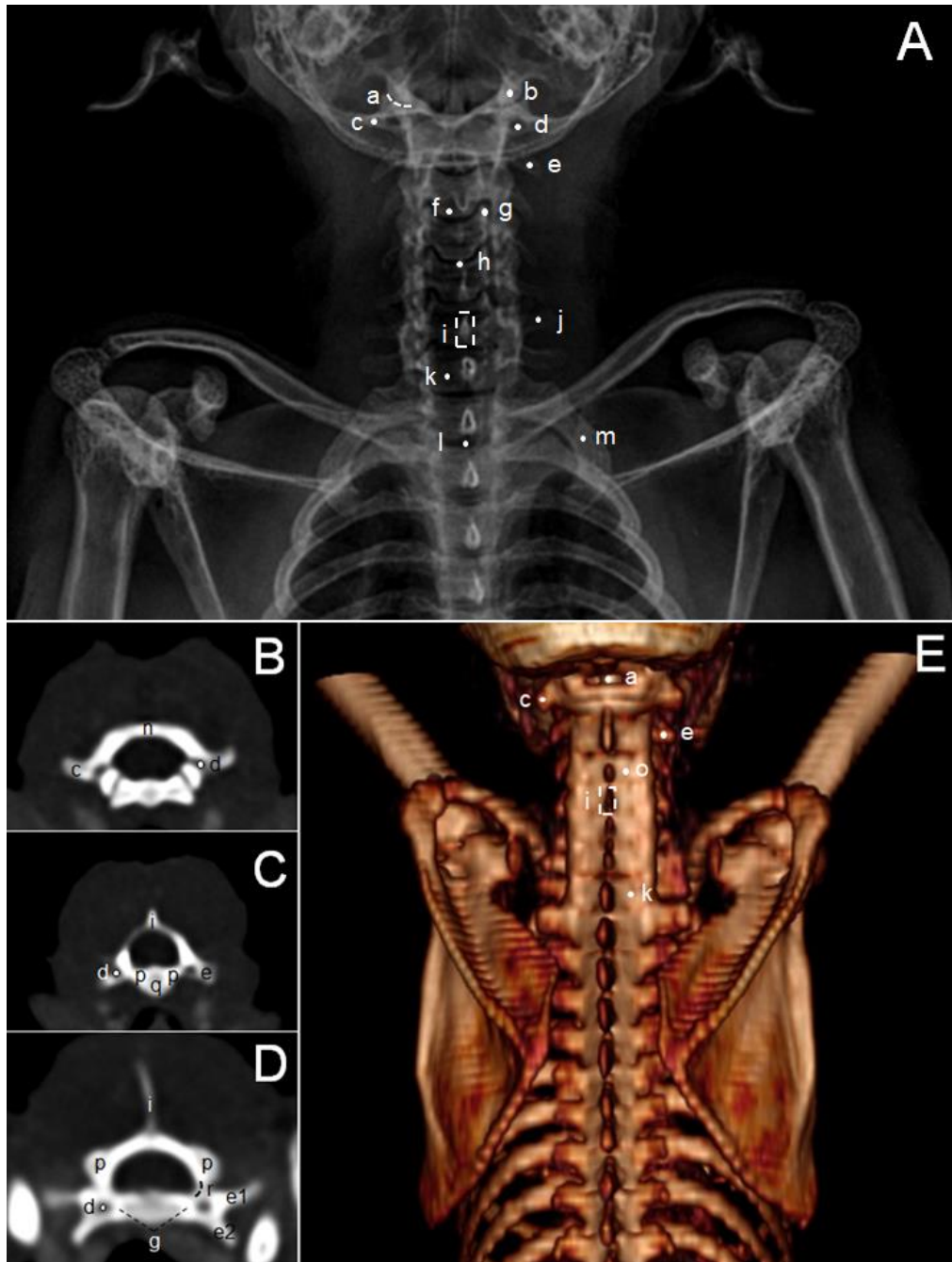
304 Most of the bony structures of the cervical vertebrae are visible in radiographic images,
 305 in both projections, and the 3D reconstruction (Figures 6 and 7). In the laterolateral projection
 306 (LL), structures such as the foramina and transverse process are better identified in the 3D
 307 reconstruction (Figure 6B), whereas interosseous structures are more clearly observed in the
 308 radiographic examination (Figure 6A). The vertebral canal, dorsal and ventral tubercle of the
 309 transverse process, and vertebral notches were only visible in the transverse section of the CT
 310 scan (Figures 7B and 7D). In the cervical region, the identification of some structures becomes
 311 more difficult because the vertebral bodies are narrow and the vertebrae are intimately
 312 articulated, without interarcual spaces. A structure such as the groove for the spinal nerve was
 313 not clearly visualized in any imaging method.

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316 **FIGURE 6** Radiographic image (A) and 3D reconstruction (B) in laterolateral projection of the
 317 cervical region of *Sapajus libidinosus*. a. Occipital condyle; b. Ventral tubercle of the atlas; c.
 318 Atlas dorsal arch; d. Alar foramen; e. Caudal articular fovea; f. Atlanto-axial joint; g. Odontoid
 319 process; h. Spinous process of the Axis; i. Body of the C3 vertebra; j. Intervertebral foramen;
 320 k. Vertebral arch blade; l. Cranial articular process; m. Caudal articular process; n. 7th cervical
 321 vertebra; o. Transverse process.

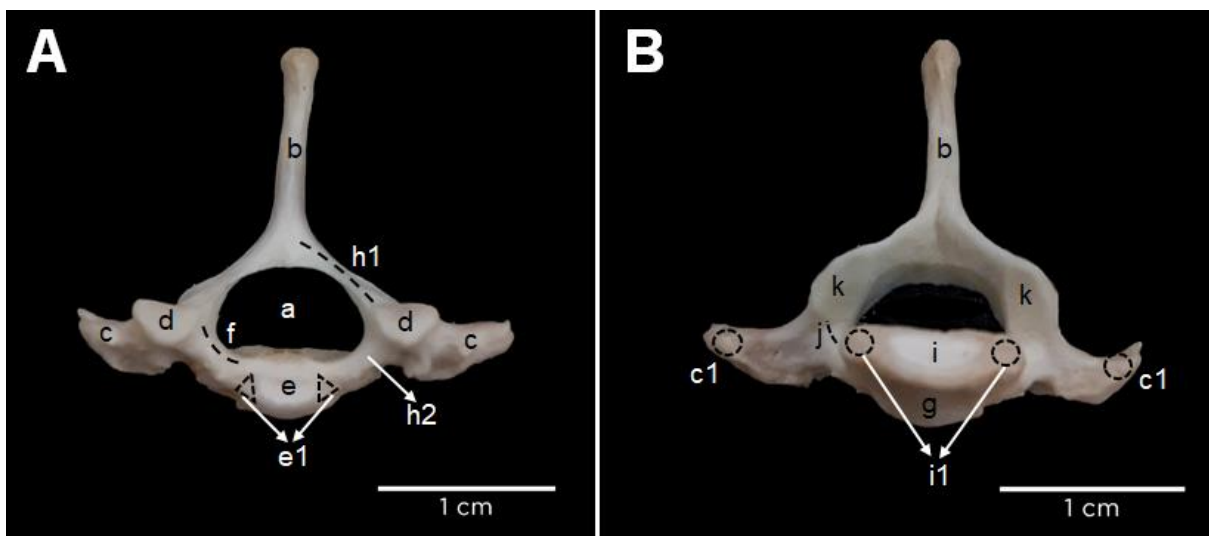


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 323 **FIGURE 7** Ventrodorsal radiographic image (A), cross-sectional tomographic image at the
 324 level of the atlas (B), axis (C) and C6 (D), and 3D reconstruction (E) of the cervical region of
 325 *Sapajus libidinosus*. a. Atlanto-occipital joint; b. Occipital condyle; c. Wing of the atlas; d.
 326 Transverse foramen of the atlas; e. Transverse process; e1. Dorsal tubercle; e2. Ventral tubercle;
 327 f. Caudal end of the 3rd cervical; g. Uncinate process; h. Intervertebral disc; i. Spinous process;
 328 j. Ventral lamina of the 6th cervical; k. 7th cervical vertebra; l. Interarcual space; m. Body of
 329 the 1st rib; n. Vertebral arch; o. Vertebral arch lamina; p. Cranial articular process; q. Odontoid
 330 process; r. Cranial vertebral notch.
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332 The bodies of the thoracic vertebrae elongate towards the lumbar region, while the
 333 spinous processes widen in the last three thoracic vertebrae. The anatomy of this vertebra is
 334 shown in Figures 8 and 9. Caudally bifurcated spinous process is found from the penultimate

335 thoracic vertebra to the penultimate lumbar vertebra, gradually assuming a more ventral
 336 position, except for two animals that did not present bifurcation in the spinous process of the
 337 thoracic vertebrae. These processes point caudally to the 11th-12th thoracic vertebra. The
 338 spinous processes of the last thoracic vertebra, as well as those of the lumbar vertebrae, point
 339 slightly cranially. As a result, the anticlinal vertebra is T13 in animals with 14 thoracic vertebrae
 340 and T12 in animals with 13 vertebrae (Figure 9C). Large interarcual spaces are observed
 341 between the last four thoracic vertebrae, and narrow spaces between the remaining vertebrae of
 342 the thoracic segment.

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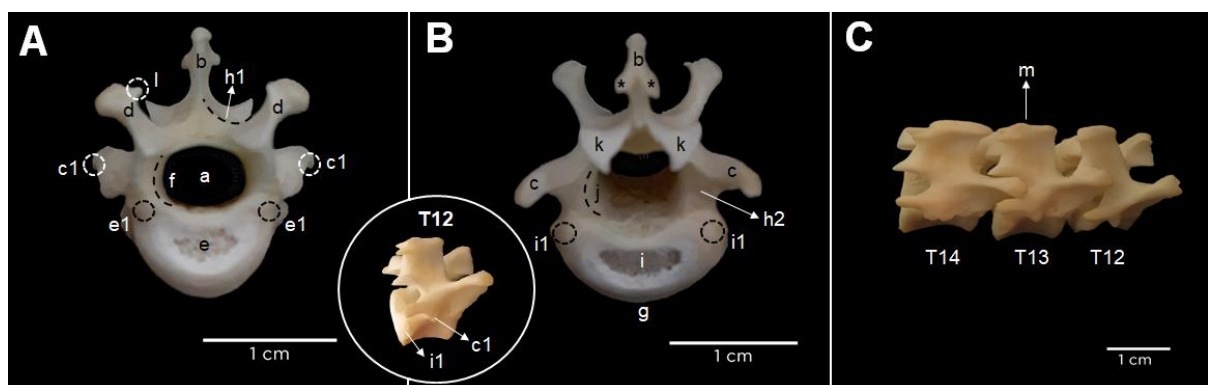
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FIGURE 8 First thoracic vertebra (T1). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Spinous process (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus transversus*); c1. Costal fovea of the transverse process (*Fovea costalis processus transversi*); d. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); e. Cranial extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*); e1. Cranial costal fovea (*Fovea costalis cranialis*); f. Cranial vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); g. Ventral crest (*Crista ventralis*); h. Vertebral arch (*Arcus vertebrae*); h1. Lamina (*Lamina arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus vertebrae*); i. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*); i1. Caudal costal fovea (*Fovea costalis caudalis*); j. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); k. Caudal articular process (*Processus articularis caudalis*).

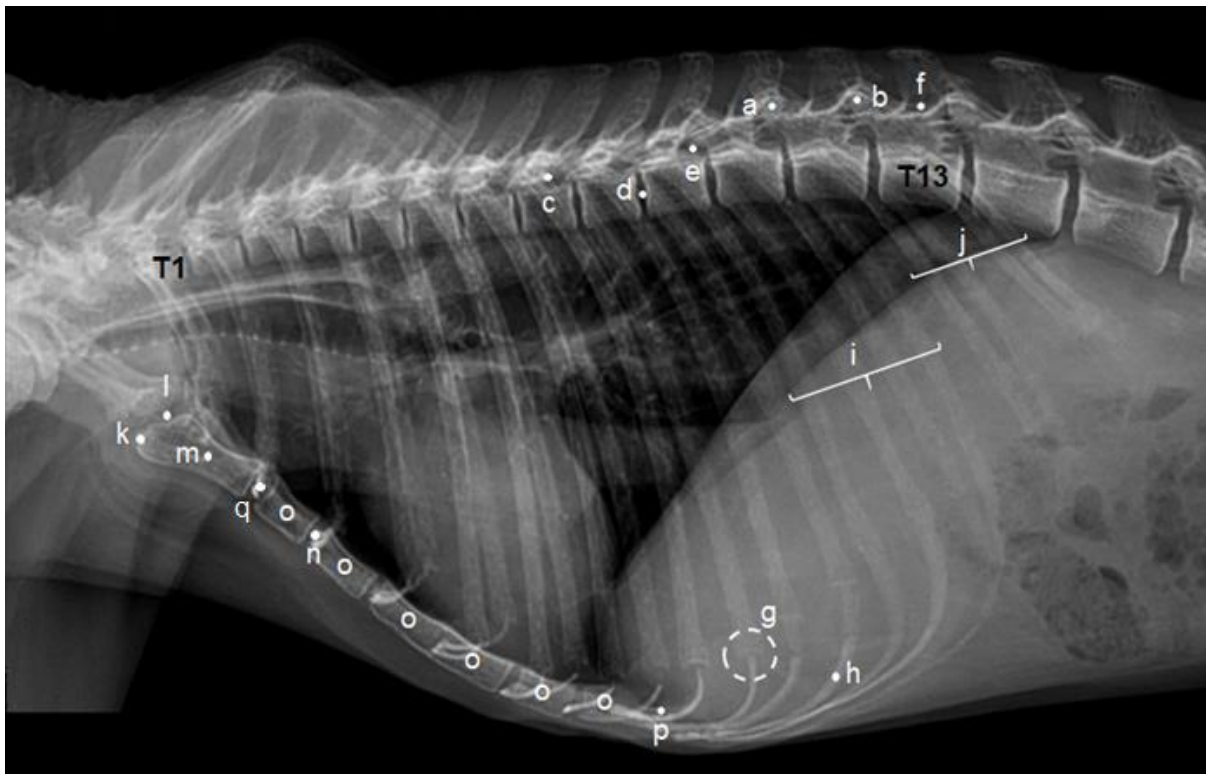
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357 **FIGURE 9** 13th thoracic vertebra (T13). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), T12, T13 and T14
 358 vertebrae, with emphasis on the anticlinal vertebra (C). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*);
 359 b. Spinous process with bifurcation (*) (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus*
 360 *transversus*); c1. Costal fovea of the transverse process (*Fovea costalis processus transversi*);
 361 d. Cranial articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); e. Cranial extremity (*Extremitas*
 362 *cranialis*); e1. Cranial costal fovea (*Fovea costalis cranialis*); f. Cranial vertebral notch
 363 (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); g. Ventral crest (*Crista ventralis*); h. Vertebral arch (*Arcus*
 364 *vertebrae*); h1. Lamina (*Lamina arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus vertebrae*); i.
 365 Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*); i1. Caudal costal fovea (*Fovea costalis caudalis*); j. Caudal
 366 vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); k. Caudal articular process (*Processus*
 367 *articularis caudalis*); l. Processus mamillaris (*Processus mamillaris*); m. Anticlinal vertebra
 368 (*Vertebra anticlinalis*).
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370 The thoracic region suffers a lot of image overlap in the radiographic examination, in
 371 its cranial portion, of the scapula, and its entirety, of the ribs (Figure 10). However, due to its
 372 more robust body, when compared to the cervical vertebrae, the identification of bone structures
 373 is clearer, being even better when visualized in the 3D reconstruction (Figure 11). In the
 374 radiographic image of the sternum, it is possible to identify most structures. The xiphoid process
 375 is not clearly visualized because of the overlapping costal cartilages. Proximal structures of the
 376 rib are also not visible on radiographic examination, only the body and costochondral joint are
 377 observed (Figure 10).
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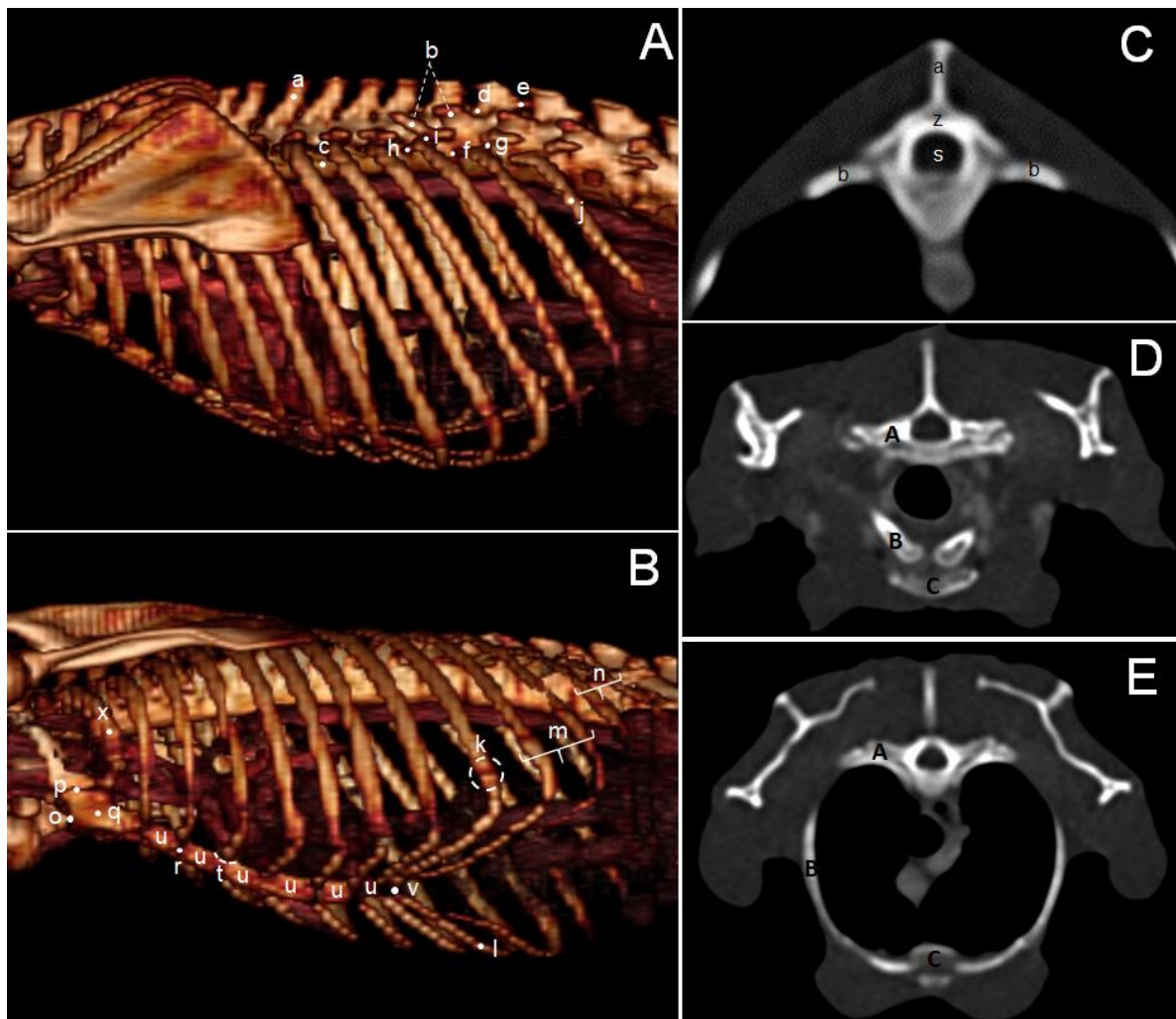
379 **FIGURE 10** Laterolateral radiographic image of the thoracic segment, sternum and ribs of
 380 *Sapajus libidinosus*. a. Cranial articular process; b. Caudal articular process; c. Caudal vertebral
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382 notch; d. Intervertebral disc; e. Intervertebral foramen; f. Vertebral arch blade; g. Costochondral
 383 joint; h. Costal cartilage; i. Sternal ribs; j. Floating ribs; k. Jugular notch; l. Clavicular notch;
 384 m. Manubrium of the sternum; n. Intersternal cartilage; o. Sternebrae; p. Xiphoid process; q.
 385 Manubriosternal symphysis.

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387 Thoracic segment structures such as transverse processes, articular processes, and costal
 388 foveas are best identified in the 3D reconstruction. Interosseous structures, such as the vertebral
 389 canal, are visible only in the transverse tomographic section, others, such as the vertebral arch,
 390 notches, and extremities, are also better visualized by this means (Figure 11). The bifurcation
 391 of the spinous process was not observed in the images. The sternum can be well described using
 392 3D reconstruction, and structures such as the jugular notch and costal notch were better
 393 visualized by this method (Figure 11B). In the 3D reconstruction of the rib, it was possible to
 394 identify some main structures, such as the head, the costal tubercle, the body, and the
 395 costochondral joint (Figure 11A). It was not possible to identify the xiphoid cartilage in any of
 396 the imaging methods.

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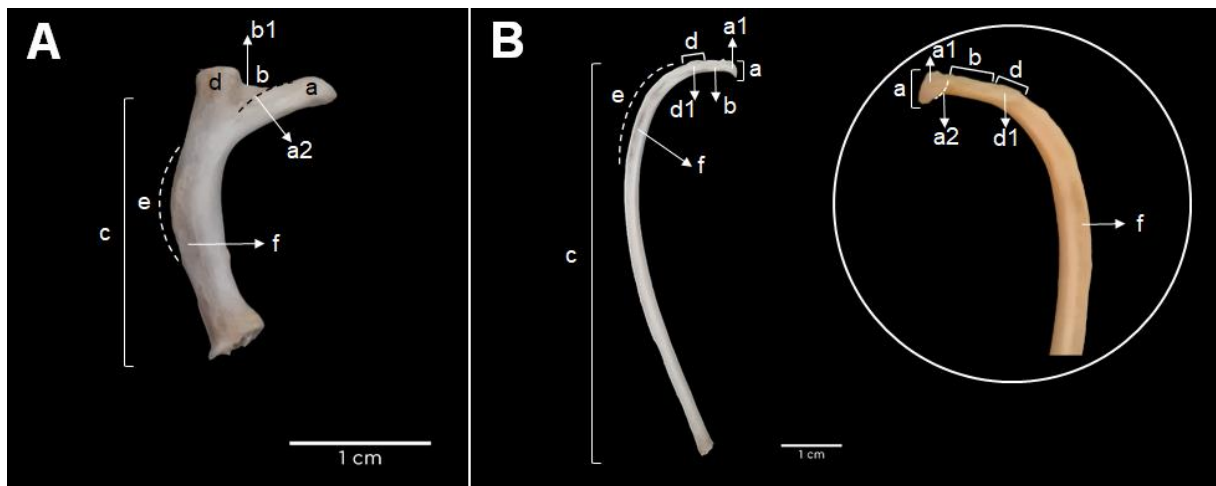


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399 **FIGURE 11** 3D reconstruction in laterolateral (A) and lateroventral (B) projection of the
 400 thoracic region and tomographic image in cross section at the level of the cranial (C), middle
 401 (D) and caudal (E) thoracic segments of *Sapajus libidinosus*. A. Thoracic vertebra; B. Rib; C.
 402 Sternum. a. Spinous process; b. Transverse process; c. Vertebral body; d. Cranial articular
 403 process; e. Caudal articular process; f. Caudal costal fovea; g. Costal fovea of the transverse
 404 process; h. Head of the rib; i. Costal tubercle; j. Body of the rib; k. Costochondral joint; l. Costal
 405 cartilage; m. Sternal ribs; n. Floating ribs; o. Jugular notch; p. Clavicular notch; q. Manubrium
 406 of the sternum; r. Intersternal cartilage; s. Spinal canal; t. Costal notch; u. Sternebrae; v. Xiphoid
 407 process; x. First rib; z. Vertebral arch.

409 The number of ribs depends on the number of thoracic vertebrae and varies between 13
 410 and 14 pairs. However, the number of 14 thoracic vertebrae is predominant, as only three of the
 411 eight *Sapajus libidinosus* investigated in this study had 13 thoracic vertebrae. The first rib is
 412 short and more robust than the others, presenting a more detailed cranial end, with a well-
 413 developed costal tubercle. The other ribs are narrower, with a pronounced costal groove, but
 414 the tip is more subtle, with less detail (Figure 12). The ninth pair of ribs is always the last sternal
 415 pair that is directly connected to the sternum by the costal cartilage. In animals with 14 ribs, the
 416 three caudal pairs are sternal ribs, which have indirect connections with the sternum, since their
 417 costal cartilages are attached to those of the anterior rib. Animals with 13 ribs have two pairs
 418 of sternal ones. The last two pairs of ribs are short and floating, without any connection to the
 419 sternum, in all animals. Each rib ends ventrally in cartilage, and the sternal ribs join the sternum
 420 through the costochondral joint.

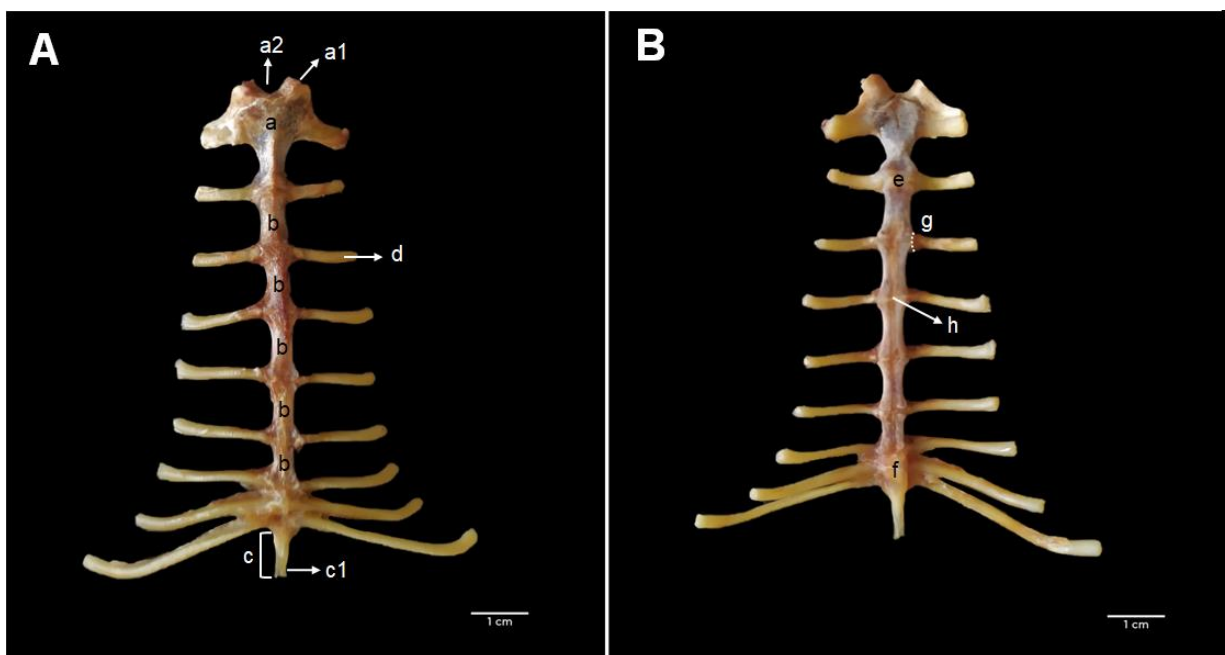
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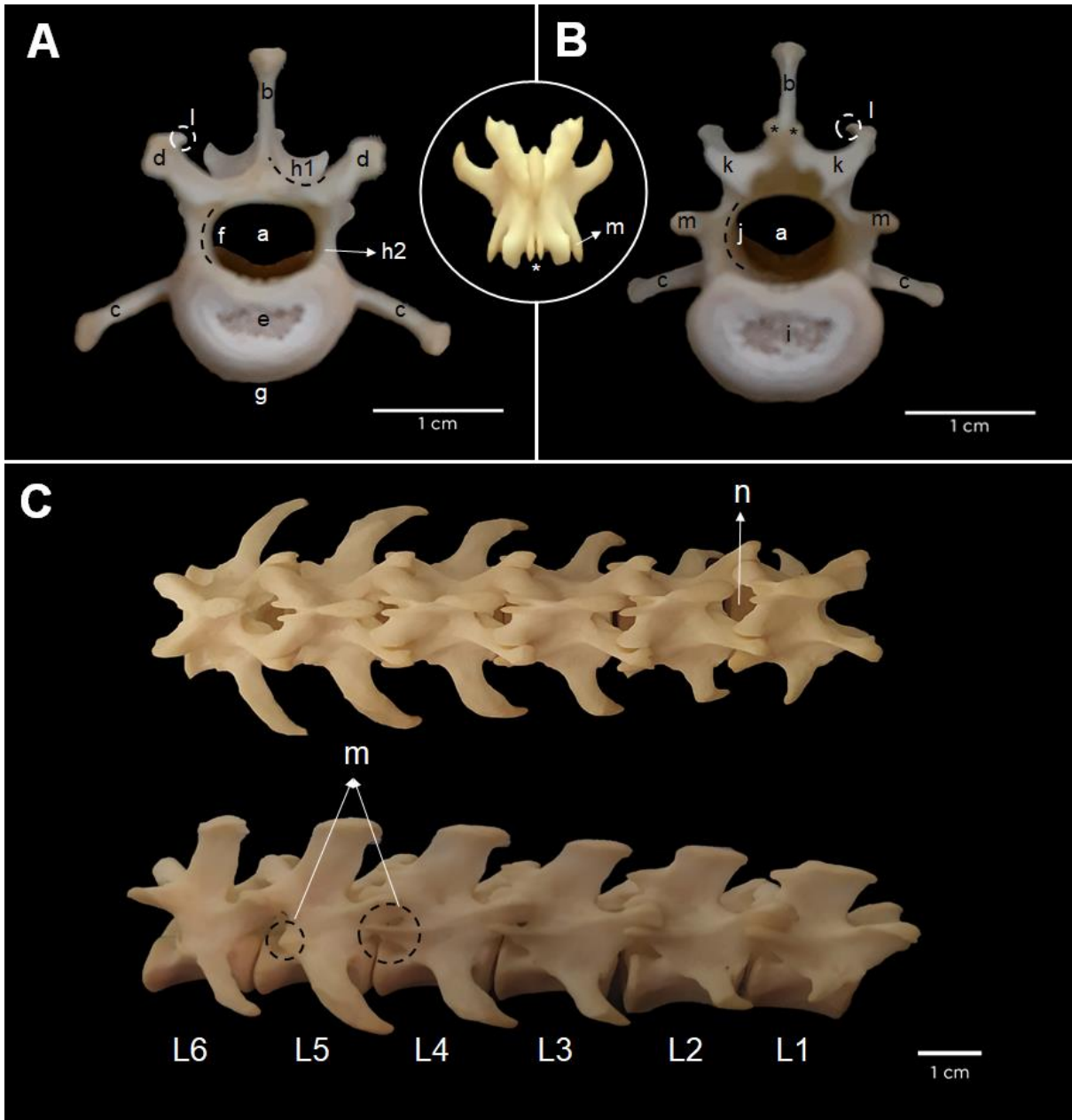
423 **FIGURE 12** First rib (A) and eighth rib (B). a. Head of the rib (*Caput costae*); a1. Articular
 424 surface of the head of the rib (*Facies articularis capitis costae*); a2. Crest of the costal head
 425 (*Crista capitis costae*); b. Neck of the rib (*Collum costae*); b1. Crest of the neck of the rib
 426 (*Crista colli costae*); c. Body of the rib (*Corpus costae*); d. Costal tubercle (*Tuberculum costae*);
 427 d1. Articular face of the costal tubercle (*Facies articularis tuberculi costae*); e. Costal angle
 428 (*Angulus costae*); f. Costal sulcus (*Sulcus costae*).

429 The sternum is composed of a broad manubrium, five or six cuboidal sternebrae related
 430 to the number of thoracic vertebrae, and a thin xiphoid process with xiphoid cartilage. It does
 431 not have a sternal crest. The articular surfaces of the clavicles are located bilaterally on the
 432 craniolateral surfaces of the manubrium, called the clavicular notch (Figure 13A). Caudally to
 433 these, the costal cartilages of the first pair of ribs are attached. The subsequent sternebrae are
 434 connected to each other by intervertebral cartilages to which the costal cartilages are attached
 435 by means of costal notches. Symphyses between the manubrium and the second sternebra, and
 436 between the last sternebra and the xiphoid process are observed (Figure 13B).
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 439 **FIGURE 13** Sternum. Dorsal view (A), Ventral view (B). a. Manubrium of the sternum
 440 (*Manubrium sterni*); a1. Clavicular notch (*Incisura clavicularis*); a2. Jugular notch (*Incisura*
 441 *jugularis*); b. Sternebrae (*Sternebrae*); c. Xiphoid process (*Processus xiphoideus*); c1. Xiphoid
 442 cartilage (*Cartilago xiphoidea*); d. Costal cartilage (*Cartilago costalis*); e. Symphysis
 443 manubriosternal (*Symphysis manubriosternal*); f. Symphysis xylosternal (*Symphysis*
 444 *xylosternal*); g. Costal notch (*Incisura costalis*); h. Intertenebral cartilage (*Cartilago*
 445 *interternebral*).
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447 Although the number of lumbar vertebrae is only half that of the thoracic vertebrae, the
 448 lengths of the thoracic and lumbar regions are similar (Table 2). The lumbar vertebrae have a
 449 well-developed body and prominent transverse processes (Figures 14A and 14B), becoming
 450 larger towards the sacrum, except for the last one, which is slightly narrower (Figure 14C). In
 451 four animals, the transverse process of the first vertebra was arranged craniocaudally and the
 452 others were inclined in the opposite direction; in the other animals this differentiation did not
 453 occur. The spinous processes of these vertebrae are also well developed.



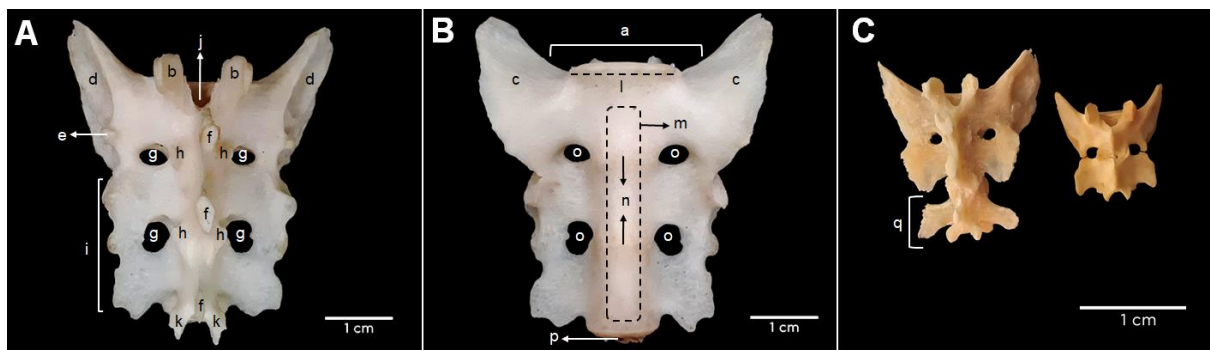
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 455 **FIGURE 14** Third lumbar vertebra (L3). Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), Sequence of
 456 lumbar vertebrae (C). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Bifurcated spinous process (*)
 457 (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus transversus*); d. Cranial articular
 458 process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); e. Cranial extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*); f. Cranial
 459 vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); g. Ventral crest (*Crista ventralis*); h. Vertebral
 460 arch (*Arcus vertebrae*); h1. Lamina (*Lamina arcus vertebrae*); h2. Pedicle (*Pediculus arcus*
 461 *vertebrae*); i. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*); j. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis*
 462 *caudalis*); k. Caudal articular process (*Processus articularis caudalis*); l. *Processus mamillaris*;
 463 m. Accessory process (*Processus accessorius*); n. Interarcual space (*Spatium interarcuales*).
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466 The first three or four lumbar vertebrae, in animals that have five or six vertebrae,
 467 respectively, have well-developed accessory processes, which articulate with the lateral margin
 468 of the cranial articular process of the subsequent vertebra, the penultimate vertebra has a

469 rudimentary accessory process and the last one does not present it (Figure 14C). This is
 470 characterized as one point of differentiation in the thoracolumbar transition. Large interarcual
 471 spaces are seen between all lumbar vertebrae (Figure 14C), and between the most caudal lumbar
 472 vertebra and the sacrum.

473 The sacral vertebrae are three in number and fused by the vertebral body. In one animal,
 474 only two sacral vertebrae were present (Figure 15C). A transitional vertebra between the second
 475 sacral vertebra and the tail was seen once (Figure 15C). The transverse processes, facing
 476 laterally, fuse at the ends between one vertebra and another, cranially forming the sacral wing,
 477 which is connected to the auricular surface of the ilium. Each vertebra can be recognized
 478 individually, delimited by transverse lines on the face of the pelvis. The sacral foramina are
 479 large, the more caudal ones being larger, two of them on both sides, except for the two animals
 480 that presented different morphology. The spinous processes are similar to those of the lumbar
 481 vertebrae and are not fused. There is a median, intermediate and lateral sacral crest (Figures
 482 15A and 15B).

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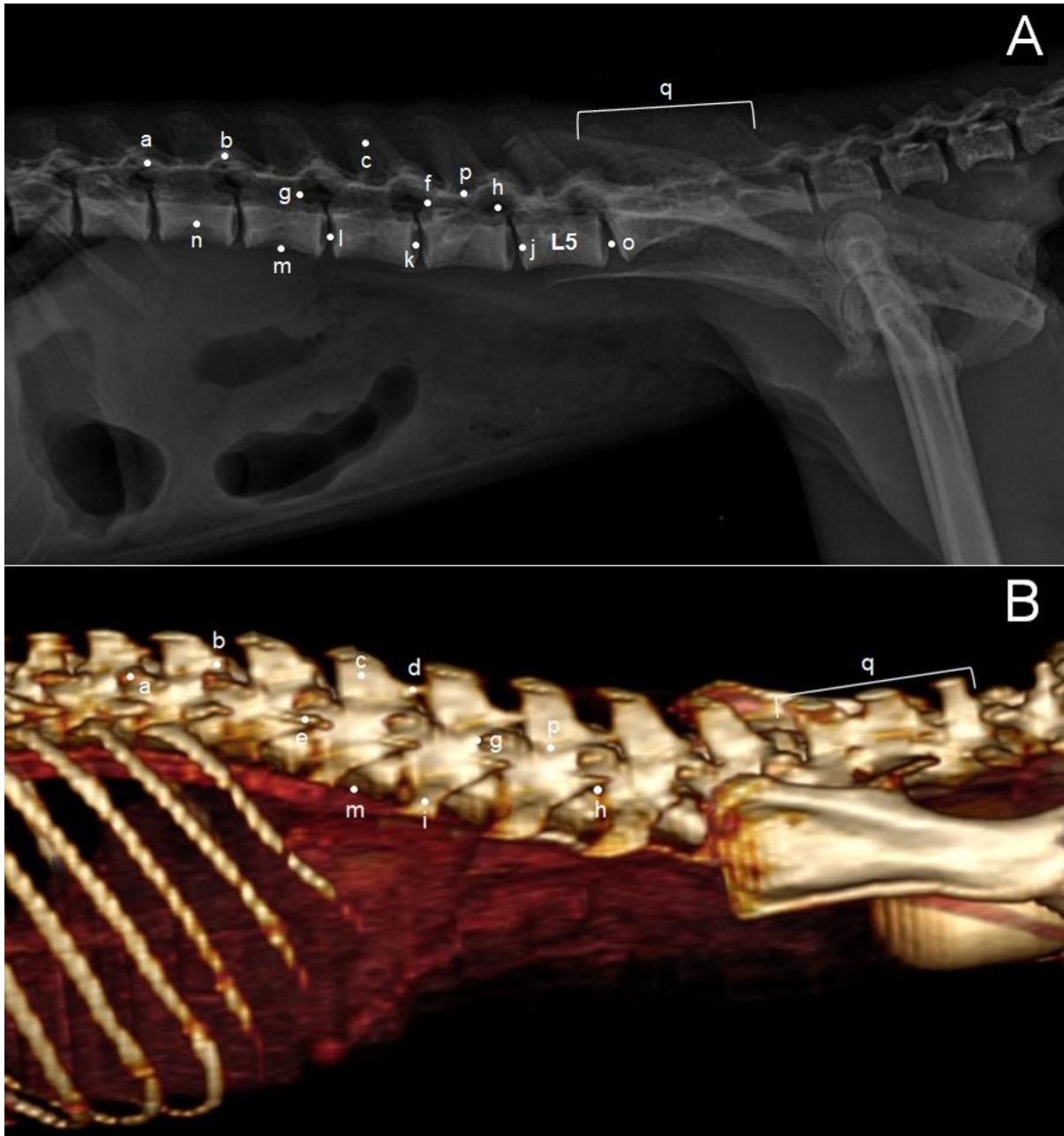
485 **FIGURE 15** Sacral bone. Dorsal view (A), Ventral view (B), Sacral entities with differentiated
 486 morphology (C). a. Base of the sacral bone (*Basis ossis sacri*); b. Cranial articular process
 487 (*Processus articularis cranialis*); c. Sacral wing (*Ala sacralis*); d. Auricular surface (*Facies*
 488 *auriculares*); e. Sacral tuberosity (*Tuberositas sacralis*); f. Median sacral crest (*Crista sacralis*
 489 *mediana*); g. Dorsal sacral foramen (*Foramina sacralia dorsalia*); h. Intermediate sacral crest
 490 (*Crista sacralis intermedia*); i. Lateral sacral crest (*Crista sacralis lateralis*); j. Sacral canal
 491 (*Canalis sacralis*); k. Sacral horn (*Cornu sacralis*); l. Promontory (*Promontorium*); m. Pelvic
 492 surface (*Facies pelvina*); n. Transverse line (*Lineae transversae*); o. Ventral sacral foramen
 493 (*Foramina sacralia ventralia*); p. Caudal articular process (apex) (*Processus articularis*
 494 *caudalis*); q. Transition vertebra.

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496 In the radiographic image of the lumbar vertebrae, it is possible to clearly identify most
 497 of the bone structures, due to the robust body of their vertebrae and the absence of bone overlap,
 498 which are even better observed in the 3D reconstruction. Except for the interarcual space, all
 499 other structures observed in the macroscopic analysis could be identified in the image analysis

500 as well (Figures 16 and 17). Structures not visible in the thoracic region, such as the bifurcation
 501 of the spinous process, could be identified in the lumbar region (Figure 16B).

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504 **FIGURE 16** Radiographic image (A), and 3D reconstruction (B) in laterolateral projection of
 505 the lumbosacral region of *Sapajus libidinosus*, pointing out the main structures observed. a.
 506 Cranial articular process; b. Caudal articular process; c. Spinous process; d. Bifurcated spinous
 507 process; e. Accessory process; f. Cranial vertebral notch; g. Caudal vertebral notch; h.
 508 Intervertebral foramen; i. Transverse process; j. Cranial extremity; k. Caudal end; l.
 509 Intervertebral disc; m. Ventral crest; n. Body of the 1st lumbar; o. Lumbosacral joint; p.
 510 Vertebral arch lamina; q. Sacrum.

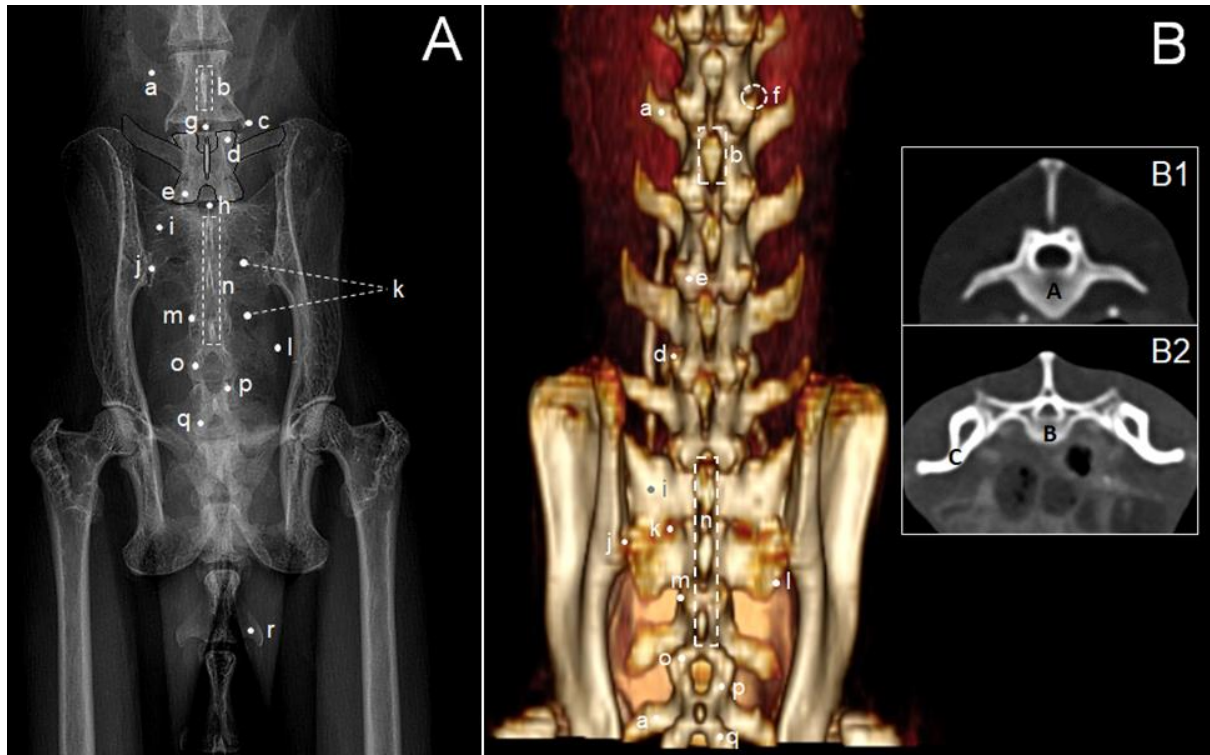
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513 The cross-section of the CT scan allows us to identify more clearly structures such as
 the vertebral canal, notches, extremities, and the vertebral arch, some of which have already

514 been identified in other projections (Figure 17B1). The sacrum, on its dorsal surface, allows
 515 identification of most of its structures, both in the radiographic image and in the 3D
 516 reconstruction, in the ventrodorsal projection (Figures 17A and 17B). However, its ventral face
 517 was not visible. The sacral canal is identified in the cross-section of the tomographic image
 518 (Figure 17B2).

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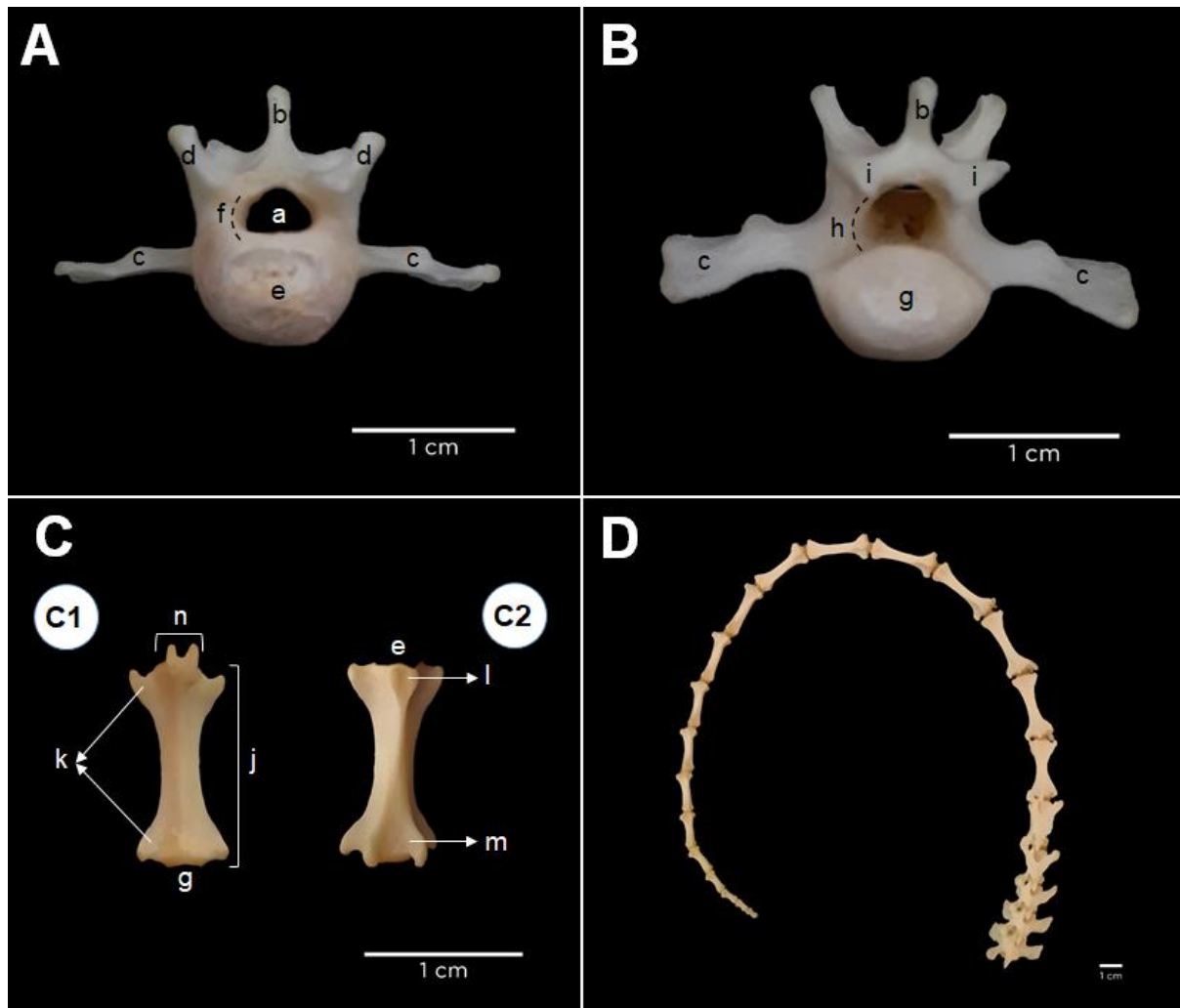
521 **FIGURE 17** Radiographic image (A) and 3D reconstruction (B) in ventrodorsal projection of
 522 the lumbosacral region, and tomographic image in cross section at the level of L2 (B1) and
 523 sacral vertebra (B2) of *Sapajus libidinosus*. A. Lumbar vertebra; B. Sacrum; C. Coxal bone. a.
 524 Transverse process; b. Spinous process; c. Accessory process; d. Cranial articular process; e.
 525 Caudal articular process; f. Processus mamillaris; g. Intervertebral disc; h. Lumbosacral joint;
 526 i. Sacral wing; j. Sacral tubercle; k. Sacral foramen; l. Lateral sacral crest; m. Intermediate sacral
 527 crest; n. Median sacral crest; o. Sacral horn; p. Cranial articular process of the 1st caudal
 528 vertebra; q. Caudal articular process of the 1st caudal vertebra; r. Transverse process of the 4th
 529 caudal vertebra.

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531 The first five caudal vertebrae have differentiated anatomy, more similar to the lumbar
 532 vertebrae, even with the presence of a vertebral canal (Figures 18A and 18B). Both in the
 533 sacrocaudal transition and between these vertebrae, there are still interarcual spaces.
 534 Subsequent caudal vertebrae lose the vertebral canal and assume a more cylindrical shape
 535 (Figure 18C), elongating towards the middle of the tail, where they begin to shorten again until
 536 the last, smallest vertebra (Figure 18D). The haemal arches are open and larger in the more

537 cranial vertebrae (Figure 18C), decreasing in size to the most caudal ones, and can be
 538 recognized from the fourth or fifth to the last caudal vertebra, macroscopically.

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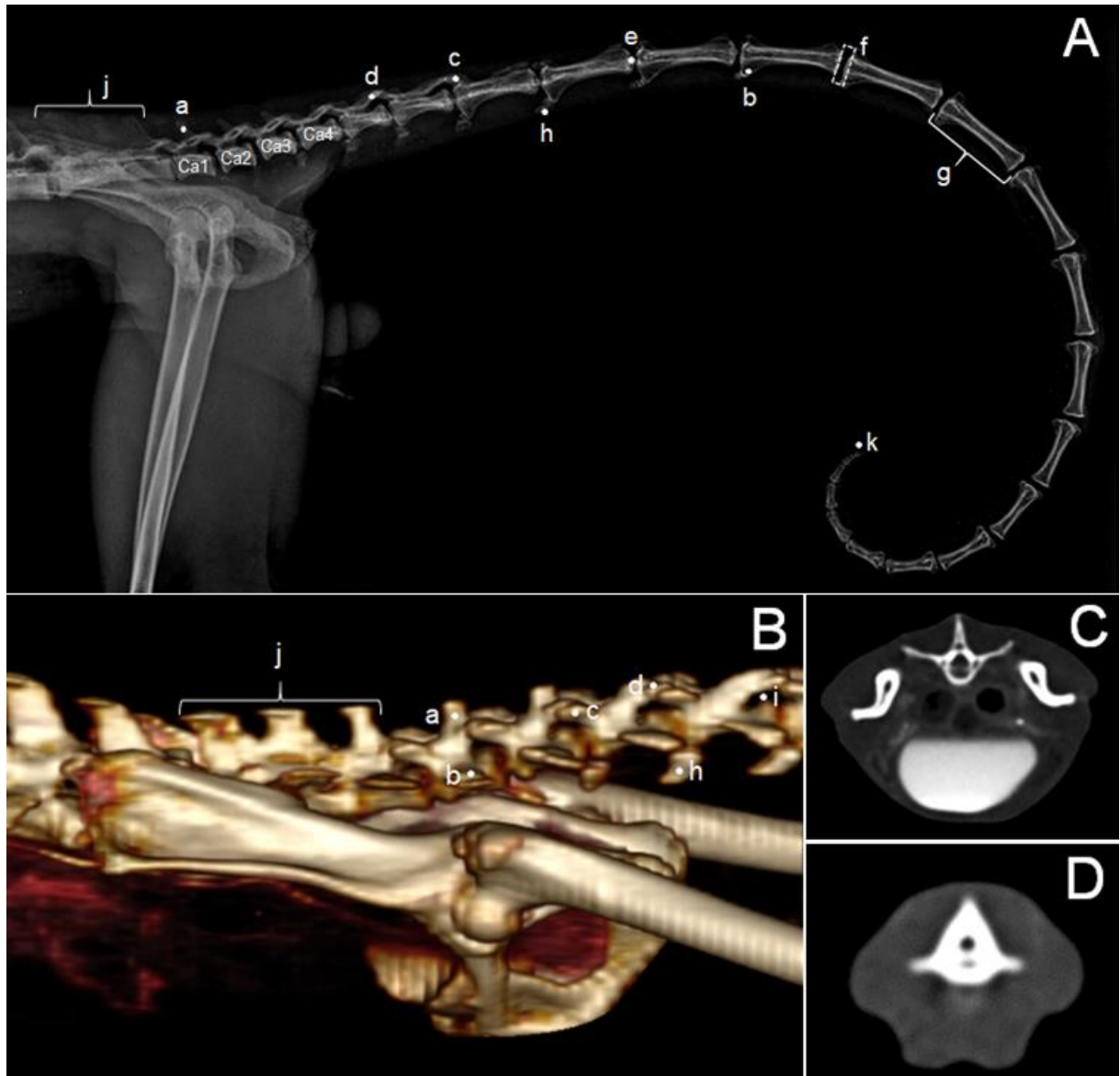
541 **FIGURE 18** Ca1. Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B); Ca8 (C) Ventral view (C1), Dorsal view
 542 (C2); Sequence of caudal vertebrae (D). a. Vertebral canal (*Canalis vertebralis*); b. Spinous
 543 process (*Processus spinosus*); c. Transverse process (*Processus transversus*); d. Cranial
 544 articular process (*Processus articularis cranialis*); e. Cranial extremity (*Extremitas cranialis*);
 545 f. Cranial vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis cranialis*); g. Caudal end (*Extremitas caudalis*);
 546 h. Caudal vertebral notch (*Incisura vertebralis caudalis*); i. Caudal articular process (*Processus*
 547 *articularis caudalis*); j. Vertebral body (*Corpus vertebrae*); k. Remnant of the transverse
 548 process (*Reliquiae processus transversus*); l. Remnant of the cranial articular process
 549 (*Reliquiae processus articularis cranialis*); m. Remnant of the caudal articular process
 550 (*Reliquiae processus articularis caudalis*); n. Haemal arch (*Arcus hemalis*).
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553 The radiographic image of the caudal vertebrae presents clear bone structures for
 554 identification, mainly in the laterolateral projection, allowing the visualization of all bone
 555 structures (Figure 19A). In the ventrodorsal view, the vertebrae are best identified from the
 556 fourth caudal vertebra, since the first three are in the pubic region (Figure 17A). In the 3D
 reconstruction, the structures are well visualized and identified in the two projections (Figures

557 17B and 19B). It is possible to observe, especially through the 3D image, that the haemal arches
 558 are present from the second caudal vertebra, a structure that detaches from the most cranial
 559 vertebrae during maceration and therefore is not observed in the macroscopic analysis (Figure
 560 19). Radiographic examination of this region is an excellent method of identifying fractures,
 561 including three females in the study with tail fractures, which were clearly observed with this
 562 method (Figure 20).

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565 **FIGURE 19** Radiographic image (A) and 3D reconstruction (B) in laterolateral projection of
 566 the caudal region, and tomographic image in cross section of the morphology of the vertebrae
 567 at the level of Ca2 (C) and Ca10 (D) of *Sapajus libidinosus*. a. Spinous process; b. Transverse
 568 process; c. Cranial articular process; d. Caudal articular process; e. Caudal end; f. Intervertebral
 569 disc; g. Vertebral body; h. Haemal arch; i. Intervertebral foramen; j. Sacrum; k. Last caudal
 570 vertebra.



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572 **FIGURE 20** Fracture in the distal segment of the tail, identified in a female *Sapajus libidinosus*,
573 identification F1.
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575 **4 DISCUSSION**

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577 Non-human primates are more widely characterized as models for human skeletal biology than
578 any other animal order, having been widely used to evaluate, for example, therapeutic agents
579 for osteoporosis, with results fully consistent with clinical data (Jerome & Peterson, 2001);
580 vertebral injuries; as models for studying injuries and concussions (Kazarian, 1975; Kohno et
581 al., 1979; Life & Pince, 1968); among others. Although primates such as the crab-eating
582 macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) and the rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*) may be the best
583 choice for translating experimental data to humans, their use is restricted by their high cost,
584 human safety considerations, need for staff training, and limited availability (Bagi et al., 2007;
585 Ludlage and Mansfield, 2003). Therefore, it can be considered that *Sapajus libidinosus* proves
586 to be a valuable research model in a cost-benefit analysis.

587 The main particularities of the cervical vertebrae of *Sapajus libidinosus* consist of the
588 presence of vertebral foramen in the atlas, which is not observed in humans (Sobotta, 2000),
589 but is present in other primates, such as *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Alouatta*
590 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), and the presence of an alar
591 foramen, also in the first cervical vertebra, not described in any of the aforementioned studies.
592 Animals that have the wing of the atlas wider in the craniocaudal direction, especially at the
593 cranial end, required the creation of an alar foramen, aligned with the lateral vertebral foramen,
594 for the passage of the first pair of cervical nerves (C1). This nerve, unlike the other cervical
595 ones, does not emerge through the first intervertebral foramina but through the lateral vertebral
596 foramina, so there are 8 pairs of them and 7 cervical vertebrae, in most mammals. From this,

597 the alar foramen appears as a guide foramen, directing this pair of nerves out of the vertebral
598 canal. This morphological aspect is commonly observed in domestic mammals (Konig &
599 Liebich, 2016).

600 Bifid transverse processes, divided into dorsal and ventral tubercles observed in this
601 study, were also described in humans (Sobotta, 2000), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and from
602 C4-C6 in *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), not being described in *Callithrix jacchus*
603 (Casteleyn et al., 2012). The pattern of the seventh cervical vertebra (C7) without transverse
604 foramen, corroborates the studies by Hill (1959) and Casteleyn et al. (2012), however, the
605 animal that presented C7 transverse foramen in this study follows the pattern observed in
606 humans (Sobotta, 2000) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), which are larger
607 primates.

608 The number of cervical vertebrae in the *Sapajus libidinosus* analyzed was equal to
609 seven, in all animals. With few individual exceptions, this number is the rule in both living and
610 fossil mammals. Since no evolutionary change has considerably affected the number of cervical
611 segments in any of the primates, the cervicothoracic transition is characterized by remarkable
612 stability (Burmeister, 1854). The rare variation in the number of cervical vertebrae in primates
613 is exemplified by the fact that the literature contains only four articles recording such cases:
614 eight cervical vertebrae were found in a siamang (Weber, 1890), a gorilla (Struthers, 1893), and
615 a gibbon (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015), six cervical vertebrae were registered in a *Perodicticus*
616 *potto* (Nayak, 1933), and six and a half cervical vertebrae were found in a monkey, an orangutan
617 and a gorilla. Still, a considerable number of human skeletons with six cervical vertebrae and
618 some with eight have been described, but the percentage of these variations is not published in
619 the literature (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015).

620 Due to the greater stability in the cervical segment, already reported, little is studied
621 about the functional morphology of these vertebrae in non-human primates (Manfreda et al.,
622 2006; Mercer, 1999; Nalley, 2013), when compared to other vertebral segments. Furthermore,
623 this lack of information is considered surprising given the importance of the neck as the bridge
624 between the head and the trunk, playing several biomechanical roles related to posture and
625 locomotion, including stabilizing head movement, and providing a bony platform for the soft
626 tissues of the pectoral girdle and forelimb (Nalley & Grider-Potter, 2017). The same authors
627 performed a functional analysis of the primate upper cervical spine, at the atlas and axis level,
628 and reported, through studies (Graf et al., 1995a, 1995b), the importance of imaging and
629 anatomical knowledge in identifying postures during locomotion, in the functional aspect and
630 the mechanics of the cervical segment.

631 More than 50% of the records of spinal cord injury are in the cervical spine (Majdan et
632 al., 2016; Sekhon & Fehlings, 2001) mainly in men (Ferro et al., 2017; Joseph et al., 2017; Kriz
633 et al., 2015; Mirzaeva et al., 2019; Moshi et al., 2017). However, due to anatomical and
634 neurological differences between rodents and humans, treatments that are effective in the
635 former are difficult to translate to the latter (Courtine et al., 2007; Nardone et al., 2017).
636 Potential advantages of non-human primate models include genetic similarities, similar spinal
637 cord caliber, and length, as well as biological and physiological responses to injuries that are
638 more similar to those of humans. Therefore, the non-human primate as a model of spinal cord
639 injury is seen with greater significance in the development of treatment strategies, making it
640 necessary to use imaging methods for injury assessments (Kwon et al., 2015).

641 Thoracic vertebrae show greater variation in terms of their number than in structures,
642 which follow the same pattern, with small variations in size and arrangement in this study, in
643 humans (Sobotta, 2000), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Alouatta seniculus*
644 (Mesquita et al., 2019), and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959). At the caudal edge of the base of
645 the spinous process, in the last thoracic vertebrae, a V-shaped bifurcation for the attachment of
646 a well-developed yellow ligament is present in both *Sapajus libidinosus* and *Cebupithecia*
647 *sarmientoi* (Meldrum & Lemelin, 1991). According to the same author, in quadrupedal
648 jumpers, this ligament is well developed and serves as an elastic recoil mechanism, tending to
649 extend the flexed spine at the beginning of a jump.

650 As for the variation in the number of thoracic vertebrae, in the present study, it was
651 possible to analyze a small variation, between 13-14 vertebrae, but within the Primate Order a
652 much greater variation can be seen. In contrast to the number of cervicals, this segment varies
653 widely among mammals in general, and primates, in particular. Since, as mentioned earlier, the
654 cervicothoracic border is comparatively stable, certainly, the thoracolumbar border is easily
655 displaced, being responsible for the differentiation in the number of segments that form the
656 thoracic region of the spine. Thirteen thoracic vertebrae are assumed to represent the primitive
657 ancestral number of primates, however, among them, phylogenetic disruptions have occurred
658 to both increase and decrease this number (Keith, 1903).

659 The first thoracic segment is the eighth vertebra of the spine, with very few exceptions,
660 but the last thoracic segment can be represented by any vertebra between the eleventh one in
661 the genera *Myoxicebus*, *Semnopithecus*, and *Homo*, and the eighteenth one, in *Nycticebus*,
662 among recent primates (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015). In *Alouatta seniculus*, 14 vertebrae were
663 observed in one analyzed specimen (Mesquita et al., 2019). In man, the modal number of
664 thoracic vertebrae, among higher primates, is 12 (Sobotta, 2000), this same number is observed

665 in orangutan (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and *Callithrix jacchus*
666 (Casteleyn et al., 2012), the latter maintaining a commonly observed variation between 12 and
667 13 vertebrae. In humans and orangutans, extreme reduction to 11 thoracic segments occurs with
668 significant frequency (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015).).

669 None of the thoracic vertebrae presented a transverse foramen in the analyzed animals.
670 The data corroborate studies of other platyrrhines (Casteleyn et al., 2012; Hill, 1959; Mesquita
671 et al., 2019), however, the presence of a transverse foramen was reported in five specimens of
672 *Pithecia monachus* from a bone collection (Meldrum & Lemelin, 1991), a fact hitherto only
673 seen in primates of the Lorisidae family (Ankel-Simons, 1983; Mivart, 1865), presumably for
674 the passage of a spinal nerve.

675 As for the anticlinal vertebra, in *Sapajus libidinosus* we have observed that, in all
676 animals, it was equivalent to the penultimate thoracic vertebra, in opposition to other studies
677 with platyrrhines, in which it is described that the anticlinal vertebra usually invades the
678 thoracic region cranially for two to four segments (Erikson, 1963). This information is
679 confirmed by researchers when analyzing some specimens of New World monkeys, such as
680 *Pithecia pithecia*, with 12 thoracic vertebrae and an anticline at the T10 level; *Pithecia*
681 *monachus*, with 12 or 13 thoracic ones, and anticline at T10 or T11; *Cacajao* and *Chiropotes*,
682 with an average of 13 thoracic vertebrae and an anticline at the T11 level (Meldrum & Lemelin,
683 1991). The same pattern is observed in *Callithrix jacchus*, with 12-13 thoracic vertebrae and
684 anticline at T9 or T10 (Casteleyn et al., 2012), and in *Callimico goeldii*, with a segment of 12
685 thoracic vertebrae and anticline at T9 (Hill, 1959).

686 As for imaging aspects, it is described that conventional radiography remains the basis
687 of any diagnostic investigation of the thoracic spine, and that it must precede any complex
688 imaging procedure (EI-Khoury & Whitten, 1992). The same authors report that data from
689 human studies prove that fractures in the upper thoracic spine (T1-T10) are not uncommon. In
690 a retrospective study, with 2,416 patients presenting acute spinal fractures admitted to the
691 Center for Acute Spinal Injuries at Northwestern University, between 1972 and 1986, 16%
692 involved the upper thoracic spine (Meyer Jr., 1989). Radiographic examination was also
693 performed to determine normal radiographic anatomy and establish reference values in *Macaca*
694 *fascicularis* (Xie et al., 2014), *Lemur catta* (Makungu et al., 2014) and *Chlorocebus sabaues*
695 (Young et al., 2013).

696 Computed tomography was used to analyze structural differences in vertebral bodies at
697 T8 between humans and Old World monkeys, to identify why osteoporosis-related spinal
698 fractures are the most common fractures in humans but are not seen in monkeys, even in cases

699 of severe osteopenia. Bone strength, bone morphology through macroscopic bone analysis,
700 trabecular microarchitecture, and bone mass were determined, concluding that human vertebrae
701 are more porous and weaker than those of monkeys in young adulthood, and even modest
702 amounts of bone loss related to age make them susceptible to vertebral fracture, whereas, in
703 monkeys, large amounts of bone loss could be required before a vertebral fracture becomes
704 likely (Cotter et al., 2011). The authors further argued that these differences are related to
705 evolutionary adaptations associated with bipedalism.

706 The number of ribs is associated with the number of thoracic vertebrae, and as a result,
707 it also varies greatly among primates. *Sapajus libidinosus*, for the most part, followed the
708 pattern identified in humans (Sobotta, 2000), with three pairs of sternal ribs and two pairs of
709 floating ones. Differently from what was observed in this study, in *Callithrix jacchus*, four pairs
710 of asternal ribs and only one pair of floating ones were described (Casteleyn et al., 2012), and
711 in *Callimico goeldii*, three pairs of asternal ribs and one pair of floating ones were identified
712 (Hill, 1959).

713 As for the structures identified, the ribs of *Sapajus libidinosus* follow the pattern
714 identified in humans (Sobotta, 2000), *Cebupithecia sarmientoi* (Meldrum & Lemelin, 1991),
715 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al. 2012), *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), and
716 *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959). However, in relation to its morphology, it presents greater
717 similarity with the last three. In humans (Sobotta, 2000) and *Cebupithecia sarmientoi*, as well
718 as in *Pithecia monachus*, there is the presence of broader ribs. In the latter, this is so evident
719 that they are almost in contact at the costal angle (Meldrum & Lemelin, 1991). One study
720 proposed that broad ribs in some primates are somehow part of a mechanism to generate trunk
721 stability, however, this hypothesis has not yet been proven (Jenkins, 1970).

722 The sharpness of the radiographic and tomographic images of the ribs of *Sapajus*
723 *libidinosus* showed that it is possible to immediately identify any morphological deformity that
724 indicates even a minor crack. This is important data for the species, since several studies in
725 humans portray the severity that a rib fracture can cause, such as pneumonia, morbidity, and
726 mortality, and how the knowledge of anatomy and early recognition of life-threatening injuries
727 is important for an immediate intervention (Bulger et al., 2000; Garcia et al., 1990; Sharma et
728 al., 2008; Stawicki et al., 2004). Research states that for each additional rib fracture in the
729 elderly, mortality increases by 19% and the risk of pneumonia by 27% (Bulger et al., 2000).
730 And it is not just for the elderly. A study evaluating the importance of multiple rib fractures as
731 a marker of serious injury in children showed that there were 14 deaths among 33 children with
732 rib fractures, a mortality rate of 42%, and that although these fractures are rare injuries in

733 childhood, they are associated with a high risk of death (Garcia et al., 1990). In view of this,
734 authors state that the radiological examination constitutes the basis for the evaluation of these
735 lesions, which, for the most part, are easily detected by imaging (Lonergan et al., 2003).

736 Due to the phylogenetic proximity, we know that the risk of injury to the ribs in primates
737 is similar to that described in humans, with a natural case described in chimpanzees (Jurmain,
738 1997), and several other ones, using primates as models, for the study of injuries and
739 concussions, that present similar results to those observed in humans (Kazarian, 1975; Kohno
740 et al., 1979; Life & Pince, 1968).

741 The sternum of *Sapajus libidinosus* is very similar to that of man, in terms of the
742 particularities observed (Sobotta, 2000), however, morphologically, the sternal body of the
743 human is a unique structure, without the presence of sternebrae and intersternbral cartilages,
744 being much wider than that of small primates, such as *Sapajus libidinosus*, *Callithrix jacchus*
745 (Casteleyn et al., 2012), and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959). The absence of a ventral crest is
746 unanimous among the works analyzed with primates. This characteristic is directly related to
747 the development of the pectoral muscles, which originate from the sternum and to the shape of
748 the rib cage. It is observed that primates have a shorter thorax and do not develop large chests,
749 these muscles are more concentrated in the cranial portion, presenting greater growth in the
750 laterolateral direction, due to the support of the limbs and the execution of adduction and
751 abduction actions in large amplitude (Konig & Liebich, 2016; Sobotta, 2000).

752 The number of sternebrae is little variable among the small New World monkeys. In
753 this study, we have found five to six sternebrae in the animals analyzed, as opposed to four to
754 five in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and five in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959).

755 As for injuries of the sternum, it is frequently twisted or fractured in patients with trauma
756 to the upper thoracic spine, called indirect sternal injury. It can also undergo direct trauma,
757 where forces applied to the front of the chest later displace the lower sternal fragment. For both,
758 radiographic analysis and knowledge of normal anatomy are necessary. Radiographically, the
759 pattern of the two lesions differs and should alert radiologists to serious pathologies in the
760 thoracic spine (Fowler, 1957; Gopalakrishnan & El Masri, 1986).

761 As for the particularities in the lumbar segment identified in *Sapajus libidinosus*,
762 attention turns to a particular structure, the accessory process. Observed from the first to the
763 penultimate lumbar vertebra in a well-developed manner, it is not found in humans (Sobotta,
764 2000), nor has it been described in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), but it can be
765 identified in *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959).

766 Another particularity of the animals in this study was the well-developed spinous
767 processes in the lumbar segment. In this regard, it is reported that this particularity is not
768 limiting for procedures to access the lumbosacral space, but limits dorsal flexion of the lumbar
769 region, since the cranial part of the spinous processes are locked at the V-shaped end, preventing
770 backward movement, and this condition may be associated with the use of the tail as a fifth
771 limb since it provides greater stability to the trunk (Ankel-Simons, 2007).

772 A small variation between five and six lumbar vertebrae was observed in the animals of
773 this study, being within the considered modal number in primates, which are six vertebrae in
774 this segment. Some genera maintained this pattern in most of their specimens, such as *Tarsius*,
775 *Galago* and *Perodicticus*, among the prosimians, and *Pithecia*, *Cacajao*, *Alouatta*, *Saimiri*,
776 *Cebus* and *Lagothrix*, among the platyrrhines. This number increased to seven, eight, or even
777 nine, in most lemurid genera, ten lumbar vertebrae were found in only one genus, *Lepidolemur*
778 and less than six lumbar vertebrae occurred in the platyrrhine subfamilies, *Alouattinae* and
779 *Atelinae*, and in all higher primates (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015).

780 The great apes, or Pongidae, are the only primates to show extreme individual reductions
781 to just three lumbar vertebrae. According to the literature, this reduction can occasionally be
782 even greater. For example, there is a report of two gorillas with only one and a half lumbar
783 vertebrae (Fick, 1933), and another case of gorillas containing two lumbar vertebrae (Randall,
784 1944).

785 Man, with an average of five lumbar vertebrae, has undergone a smaller phylogenetic
786 change than many other primates, with few reports of specimens with 4 and 6 vertebrae (Schultz
787 & Straus Jr., 2015). Transitional, or half lumbar vertebrae, occur more frequently at the cranial
788 end than at the caudal end, indicating that the lumbosacral border is more stable than the
789 thoracolumbar border (Elliot, 1913).

790 Although the number of lumbar vertebrae is only half that of the thoracic vertebrae in
791 the animals in this study, the lengths of the thoracic and lumbar regions are similar. This
792 elongation and strength of the lumbar region are associated with jumping adaptations in
793 primates (Erikson, 1963; Fleagle, 1977), an association demonstrated in a study with *Pithecia*
794 *pithecia* and *Chiropotes satanas* (Fleagle & Meldrum, 1988). In several Cebidae genera, the
795 number of thoracic + lumbar vertebrae remained virtually unchanged, resulting in 19 (Schultz
796 & Straus Jr., 2015). Six of the eight animals analyzed in this study showed this disposition.

797 It is important to know the lumbar segment in *Sapajus libidinosus*, as well as the sacral
798 and even coccygeal segment, in other primate species, for the knowledge of the topography of
799 the medullary cone in these animals, important for performing epidural anesthesia, a technique

800 of regional anesthesia used with great frequency, due to its ease and relative safety, which is
801 generally required in interventions in the rectum, anus, vagina, umbilical cord fistula, cesarean
802 section, caudectomy or even in the pelvic limbs (Santos et al., 2009).

803 Study data in black-striped capuchin monkeys, report the location of the medullary cone
804 between L2 and L5 (Cordeiro et al., 2014) and in *Callithrix jacchus* (La Salles et al., 2017),
805 between L3 and L6, both using the spinous process of the first sacral vertebra as one of the
806 palpable bone projections to identify the space, and allowing access to the epidural space
807 through the lumbosacral joint, since the apex of the cone does not go beyond the lumbar
808 segment (Tranquilli et al., 2007). In comparison with other smaller neotropical primate species,
809 a report in *Saguinus midas* highlights the presence of a medullary cone from L4 to S2 (Martins,
810 2013) and a study in *Saimiri sciureus*, describes it from L7 to Ca1 (Lima, 2011). These results
811 show us the importance of knowing the vertebral segments in the access to regional anesthesia
812 routes.

813 In a study of lumbar facet joints in humans, computed tomography (CT) was requested
814 as an essential test in the identification of treatable abnormalities (Carrera et al., 1980).
815 Researchers claim that images are difficult to obtain with conventional radiographic techniques
816 of the lumbar joints, and that the use of CT is necessary in patients with sciatica or low back
817 pain (Inman et al., 1942). These same authors analyzed a series of 100 consecutive cases of
818 sciatica and low back pain by means of CT, and abnormal facet joints were found in 65 of them.
819 Accordingly, it is reported that facet joint disorder is rarely diagnosed because appropriate
820 radiographic techniques for imaging these joints have not been developed. In the images
821 generated in *Sapajus libidinosus*, we could clearly observe this joint, characterized by the
822 connection between the surfaces of the cranial and caudal articular processes, confirming that
823 the species under study can serve as a model for the development of techniques for the treatment
824 or prevention of this type of lesions.

825 The sacrum of *Sapajus libidinosus* was mostly rectangular in shape, with a wider base
826 and a narrower caudal portion of the apex, similar to what was observed in *Callithrix jacchus*
827 (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al.,
828 2019). Structurally, it presented the same particularities identified in man (Sobotta, 2000).

829 Most of the animals analyzed followed a pattern of three sacral vertebrae, considered
830 the modal number in most primate genera and particularly modal for platyrrhines, although
831 there may be a variation between three and six vertebrae in primates in general. *Callithrix*
832 *jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) maintained the pattern of
833 three sacral vertebrae, however, only two vertebrae were observed in a specimen of *Alouatta*

834 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), in one specimen of *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012)
835 and two specimens from this study, considering the animal that presented a transitional vertebra.
836 This number increased to five or even six in just two groups of primates, the Lorisinae, of the
837 suborder Lemuroidea and all higher primates of the infraorder Simiiformes. This can be
838 considered an example of convergent evolution, as the same phylogenetic tendency to increase
839 the number of sacral segments independently affected two quite distinct groups of primates
840 (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015).

841 An increase in the number of vertebrae that participate in the formation of the sacrum
842 can occur at the expense of the lumbar and caudal region. In one of the animals in this study,
843 the presence of a caudal transition vertebra was observed next to the sacrum. In this case the
844 first caudal vertebra came very close to forming sacral foramina along with the last true sacral
845 segments. This same observation was identified in a study with *Cercocebus* and *Macaca*
846 (Schultz, 1944), *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et
847 al., 2012). There are also reports in the *Oedipomida* and *Pan* genera of unilateral transformation
848 of a lumbar vertebra into a sacral one, in which the number of lumbar vertebrae was reduced
849 by half a segment, hence, it can be said that the sacral region invaded the lumbar region (Schultz
850 & Straus Jr., 2015). These same authors reported that, despite the difficulty in distinguishing
851 between the last sacral vertebra and the first caudal vertebra, transitional vertebrae are
852 comparatively rare at the caudal end of the sacrum.

853 Computed tomography of the lumbar and sacral region of *Sapajus libidinosus* showed
854 anatomical details to support the diagnosis of lesions and even malformations, from the most
855 subtle, which are often invisible on radiographs, to the most severe, with structural and
856 functional damage. This diagnostic technology has been important for the identification of
857 important morphological alterations, such as spina bifida, an alteration commonly observed in
858 the lumbosacral region. Despite being one of the most common malformations in humans and
859 other animal species (Mitchell et al., 2004), there is only one report of spina bifida occulta in
860 *Callithrix penicillata* (Marques et al., 2012), from T2 to T4, considered an uncommon site, and
861 a report of spontaneously occurring spina bifida cystica in a female *Macaca nigra* in S1 (Meire
862 et al., 1978), both with diagnosis confirmed by computed tomography examination. Spina
863 bifida can affect any vertebra (Marques et al., 2012), but is most often seen in the lumbosacral
864 region (Oliver et al., 2011). In the occult form, the picture is asymptomatic as the spinal cord
865 and meninges remain in the normal position. When the meninges are distended by fluid, the
866 change is called spina bifida cystica (Sinowatz, 2010) and, in these cases, it can cause

867 neurological deficits (Moore & Persuad, 2004), being an alert condition and important to be
868 identified.

869 The caudal region is the most variable part of the entire vertebral column, and its number
870 of segments underwent phylogenetic alteration with apparent ease and rapidity, given that even
871 closely related species can differ widely in the number of caudal segments. In *Sapajus*
872 *libidinosus*, we have observed a variation of 23-24 sacral vertebrae, with an animal that had its
873 tail cut off and presented 16 vertebrae, however, studies report that the caudal region of primates
874 can contain from zero, in a specimen of the genus *Hylobates*, up to 34 vertebrae in the genus
875 *Ateles* (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015).

876 The mean number of coccygeal vertebrae in man was 4.2 in 745 cases in the literature
877 (Schultz, 1930). Data from the same genus under study, *Cebus*, with a distinction of number of
878 caudal vertebrae of 22-26 has been described (Schultz & Straus Jr., 2015). Researchers
879 observed 24, 27 and 28 caudal vertebrae, respectively, in three *Tupaia* skeletons and 22 in a
880 *Tupaia tana* specimen (Lyon Jr., 1913). A record of 26 vertebrae has been reported in a *Tupaia*
881 (Flower, 1884), 27 segments in a *Dendrogale* (Davis, 1938) and 31 to 33 segments in
882 *Ptilocercus specimens* (Gregory, 1913; Le Gros Clark, 2009). There were 26–29 caudal
883 vertebrae described in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), 29 in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill,
884 1959) and 25 in *Cebupithecia sarmientoi* (Meldrum & Lemelin, 1991). This represents a much
885 higher variability than that found in other regions of the spine and the total number of vertebrae
886 is mainly influenced by the variable number in this segment. There is no doubt that these
887 numerical variations are related to the major evolutionary change in the tail region of higher
888 primates and could also be a potential point for further changes.

889 In the analyzed animals, the first five caudal vertebrae presented a different morphology,
890 more structurally related to the lumbar vertebrae. Contradicting what has been observed,
891 researchers report that the initial segment of the tail in larger platyrrhines, such as *Cebupithecia*,
892 *Pithecia* and *Chiropotes*, comprises a total of four elements, whereas in smaller platyrrhines,
893 such as callitrichids, five elements are generally observed, while in prehensile-tailed monkey it
894 ranges from six in *Cebus* to eight in Atelines (Ankel-Simons, 1972).

895 From the sixth vertebra, in *Sapajus libidinosus*, a differentiated morphology is assumed,
896 also following a regression in terms of size, up to the last and smallest vertebra. In this regard,
897 it is described that the absolute lengths of the caudal vertebrae of any primate decrease in a
898 similar way (German, 1982). However, when the proportions of average or proximal width, in
899 relation to the length of the vertebrae are analyzed, changes in vertebral dimensions occur in
900 two distinct patterns, which separate primates with prehensile tails, such as *Cebus*, *Alouatta* and

901 *Ateles*, from those with non-prehensile tails, such as *Pithecia* and *Chiropotes* (Meldrum &
902 Lemelin, 1991). In this regard, it has been proven that the degree of development of the
903 transverse processes in the caudal vertebrae of the distal region; as well as the strong
904 development of specific caudal muscles, such as the intertransverse muscles of tail in the distal
905 part of the tail and the medial and lateral flexors; is an excellent indicator of prehensile function
906 in platyrrhine tails, and contrasts dramatically with the condition of these muscles in non-
907 prehensile-tailed monkeys (Lemelin, 1989).

908 It is possible to visualize haemal arches on the ventral surface of the caudal vertebrae in
909 the three methods analyzed in this study. This structure is responsible for protecting vessels and
910 nerves in the ventral region of the tail and serves for the insertion of muscle fibers, being still
911 important in caudectomy surgeries, since its location, in the cranial limit of the vertebra, usually
912 constitutes the region of the surgical incision in the muscle (Ankel-Simons, 2007).

913 Researchers, when estimating the proportion of injured and disabled individuals
914 between sexes and age classes in a National Park, of four genera of the Cercopithecidae family,
915 observed that, among bone fractures, those of the tail were the most common in adult females
916 (Arlet et al., 2009). Reports also show that, in nature, susceptibility to fracture is associated in
917 part both with the type of locomotion, for example, long tails in *Ateles*, *Cebus* and *Callithrix*,
918 used as a fifth limb, and long and fragile arms in gibbons, as well as with body parts that are
919 targeted by attackers (Schultz, 1944; McGraw et al., 2006).

920 Among the animals analyzed in this study, three females presented a fracture in the tail,
921 one in the medial distal portion, and two in the distal portion, even within another reality, in
922 captivity. Consistent with this, one study described that females participate in group defense,
923 and may also be injured when trying to protect their babies from infanticidal males, and this
924 applies both in captivity and in the wild (Harris, 2002). However, knowledge in the anatomy of
925 the caudal segment is necessary in clinical interventions.

926 High-resolution computed tomography was used to perform three-dimensional
927 reconstructions of each element of a partial skeleton of an *Australopithecus afarensis* fossil,
928 making it possible to visualize and quantify the internal and external anatomical structures
929 (Haile-Selassie & Su, 2016). According to the same authors, the computed tomography has
930 been applied to a variety of contexts within the fields of biological anthropology and
931 paleoanthropology, and its technology provides non-destructive access to the internal structure
932 of objects with various material compositions (Denison & Carlson, 1997; Ketcham & Carlson,
933 2001) and has been used successfully in anatomical analyzes of fossil materials (Alemseged et

934 al., 2006; Carlson et al., 2011; Leakey et al., 2012; Suwa et al., 2009; Thompson & Illerhaus,
935 2012; 1998).

936 Radiography has also been widely used in the primatological routine. An archival survey
937 of radiographic images associated with nutritional osteoporosis in non-human primates was
938 performed, noting, through anatomic-radiographic analysis, that 94% of the exams referred to
939 cases of bone demineralization and 35% to pathological fractures (Bruno et al., 2020). These
940 and many other works already mentioned, lead us to recognize the important role of basic
941 anatomical knowledge and imaging exams in the veterinary routine and, particularly, in the
942 routine of primates.

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944 **5 CONCLUSION**

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946 By presenting detailed anatomical and imaging data on the axial skeleton of *Sapajus*
947 *libidinosus*, this study contributes to the science education of laboratory animals. It was possible
948 to verify the efficiency of imaging diagnostic methods in the species under study, demonstrating
949 that it is possible to identify bone structures with great precision, when compared to images of
950 bone pieces. *Sapajus libidinosus* presented anatomical characteristics that were structurally
951 very similar to humans, and, morphologically, to those of New World monkeys, being an
952 excellent indicator of an experimental model for human studies. Knowledge through gross
953 anatomy and tomographic and radiological exams can contribute to a better evaluation of
954 therapeutic agents, regional anesthesia, skeletal diseases, osteo-metabolic diseases, and bone
955 clinical-surgical interventions in primates in general, resulting in the refinement of research
956 protocols and possibly in a reduction of animals in experiments as well.

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37 collected and processed under Authorization Documents from the Wild Animal Screening
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53 **Abstract**

54 Macroscopic bone analysis and evaluation through imaging methods are essential in the
55 recognition of natural and altered structures. Therefore, this study aimed at describing the
56 structures of the thoracic limb of *Sapajus libidinosus* in anatomical pieces, identifying them in
57 radiographic and tomographic images. For this, four cadavers were used in the macroscopic
58 analysis and five animals for the imaging exams, of which four were euthanized and added to
59 the macroscopic stage. For imaging exams, the animals were kept anesthetized. All bones were
60 documented, structures described, and compared with literature data from human and non-
61 human primates. There was no statistical difference between males and females regarding the
62 length of the forelimb bones. Most of the bone structures of the scapula were well identified in
63 the imaging methods, being more restricted in the ventrodorsal projection. The clavicle
64 presented very limited visualization. The humerus, as well as the radius and ulna, were not well
65 portrayed in their proximal and distal epiphyses by radiography, however, they were well
66 identified on tomography. All structures described in the macroscopic image of the carpal and
67 metacarpal bones could be identified through radiography and tomography, and the
68 radiographic examination of this region is an excellent method for identifying fractures. The
69 glenoid notch of the scapula was not visualized by any imaging method. *Sapajus libidinosus*
70 presented anatomical characteristics more similar to those of neotropical primates and man,
71 being a great indicator of an experimental model for studies in these species.

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73 **Keywords**

74 anatomy, Cebidae, digital radiology, osteology, Primates, tomography

75 1 INTRODUCTION

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77 Anatomy studies are of great importance, whether for teaching or research, as they allow the
78 understanding of the constitution and development of beings in an organized way (Dangelo &
79 Fattini, 2011). The growing emergence of research centers with primate breeding, animal
80 screening centers, and the increase in illegal trafficking and apprehension of these wild animals
81 from human coexistence, increased the demand for veterinary care, and the knowledge of
82 anatomy and imaging exams emerges as an important tool in for diagnosis and in the successful
83 choice of the appropriate clinical and surgical procedure (Bortolini et al., 2013).

84 Among the most common primate species kept under human care in Brazil, the black-
85 striped capuchin stands out, a medium-sized neotropical primate, weighing between 1.5 and 4.0
86 kg, endemic to Brazil and belonging to the infraorder Platyrrhini and family Cebidae. They are
87 arboreal and diurnal, with great behavioral and ecological flexibility, easily adapting to different
88 areas in free life and, as a result, they have the widest geographic distribution among
89 Neotropical species, with an extension of occurrence greater than 20.000 km² (Bicca-Marques
90 et al., 2006; Kinzey, 1997; Martins et al., 2021).

91 Keeping in captivity can favor the occurrence of several conditions in primates, among
92 which are those that affect bone and joint structures, such as vitamin D3 deficiency,
93 pathological fractures, skeletal deformities, and fractures resulting from traumatic events,
94 power disputes and joint degenerative processes (Gros-Louis et al., 2003; Johnson-Delaney,
95 1994; Rangel et al., 2013).

96 Among the areas that have shown great growth in veterinary medicine in recent years,
97 imaging has been praised given its evolution (Krautwald-Junghanns et al., 2001). Radiography
98 is widely used in the description and anatomical identification of wild animals in general, and
99 its affordability makes it the most used modality for bone assessment (Armbrust, 2010). With
100 the advancement of technology, tomography has also become a widely used resource, because
101 of its very enlightening imaging methods that provide a more accurate diagnosis, opening the
102 field of vision for better clinical management and possibilities for anatomical studies, besides
103 being an excellent model for morphofunctional investigation (Tidwell, 2010).

104 The inclusion of new modalities of imaging exams allowed the execution of studies in
105 greater proportion in wild animals, including primates (Bortolini, 2013; Tranquilim, 2012).
106 However, the number of studies on *Sapajus libidinosus*, focused on the area of gross anatomy
107 compared with imaging methods, is still limited.

108 Despite being a genus that has been widely used as a biological model over the years,
109 the specific characteristics of the *Sapajus* skeleton are still poorly documented, and little has
110 been reported on aspects of the forelimb, such as the neonatal skeletal development of the genus
111 *Cebus* and other primates (Watts, 1990) and intrinsic hand ontogeny, in capuchin monkeys
112 (Young & Heard-Booth, 2016). The genus *Cebus*, among other primates, was also analyzed in
113 a study of the evolution of the hand (Godinot & Beard, 1991) and the sesamoid bone of the
114 musculus abductor pollicis longus (Le Minor, 1994).

115 Therefore, due to the scarcity of specific osteological and imaging data, and based on
116 the importance of knowing the anatomical description and imaging tests for better medical
117 intervention in primates, this study aimed at recognizing the structures of the forelimb of the
118 black-striped capuchin monkey (*Sapajus libidinosus*) in anatomical parts, and radiographic and
119 tomographic images, to serve as an anatomical guide for future biomedical research.

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121 **2 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

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123 **2.1 Animals and Study Site**

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125 The macroscopic stage of the study was conducted at the Laboratory of Animal Anatomy,
126 Department of Morphology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Natal-RN.
127 The CT scans and part of the radiographs were performed at the Institute of Veterinary
128 Radiology (IRV), Natal-RN, and the other radiographs, in partnership with the Potiguar
129 University (UnP), Natal-RN.

130 The methodological protocols were approved by the Ministry of the Environment,
131 through the Biodiversity Authorization and Information System-SISBIO of the Chico Mendes
132 Institute-ICMBio (n.º 70606-2), CEUA/UFCG (n.º 121/2019) and CEUA/UFRN protocol
133 074/2019, certificate n.º 209.074/2019.

134 Four corpses of black-striped capuchin monkeys (*Sapajus libidinosus*), males, two
135 juveniles, aged less than 10 years, and two adults estimated to be 10-15 years old, kept frozen,
136 donated by CETAS/IBAMA/Natal-RN, were used for the macroscopic study of the forelimb.

137 For the stage of radiography (RX) and tomography (CT), five specimens of *Sapajus*
138 *libidinosus* were selected, an adult male, with an estimated age of 10-15 years, and four elderly
139 females, with an estimated age of 20-30 years, weighing in average 2.21 kg, from the Wild
140 Animal Screening Center (CETAS/IBAMA), in the city of Natal/RN. The monkeys were
141 submitted to 4 hours of water fasting and 8 hours of food fasting before the anesthetic procedure.

142 After the imaging tests, the females were euthanized with 19.1% potassium chloride
143 (Equiplex®, Brazil), at a dose of 1 mL/kg, intravenously, and added to the macroscopic study,
144 totaling eight animals at this stage. The adult male animal was destined only for the
145 examinations and returned to CETAS.

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147 **2.2 Preparation of parts and bone description**

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149 In the eight animals destined for the macroscopic stage, a dissection technique associated with
150 maceration was performed, according to Ladeira & Höfling (2007). The region of interest was
151 separated into right and left thoracic limbs and stored in bags made of mesh-like tissue, to
152 facilitate the identification of the bones after maceration. The bones were separated by animal
153 and we have used Araldite® Hobby epoxy glue and instant superglue (Tekbond®, Brazil) to
154 put them together.

155 The lengths of the bones of the forelimb, from the most cranial to the most caudal
156 extremity, or the most proximal to the most distal, were determined in the eight animals destined
157 for macroscopic description. The right antimere was defined as the standard for measurement.

158 All bones were described, following the recommendations of the *Nomina Anatomica*
159 *Veterinaria* (International Committee on Veterinary Gross Anatomical Nomenclature, 2017)
160 and the structures of the clavicle were described based on the *Terminologia Anatomica Humana*
161 (Federative International Program on Anatomical Terminologies & Verlag, 1998).

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163 **2.3 Imaging exams**

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165 Five animals were destined for this stage. One adult male and one female for tomography and
166 radiography exams, and the other females were only for radiography exams. For the
167 examinations, the animals were referred to the IRV and UnP, sedated with a combination of
168 tiletamine hydrochloride and zolazepam hydrochloride (Telazol® 10%, Zoetis, Brazil) at a dose
169 of 6 mg/kg, administered intramuscularly (La Salles et al. al., 2019; 2021). Upon arrival, access
170 to the caudal saphenous vein was obtained (La Salles et al., 2017) for the anesthetic induction,
171 which was performed with intravenous propofol (Provide 1%, União Química, Brazil) in a
172 target-controlled infusion (TCI), with a VP50 infusion pump (MedRena®, Guangdong, China),
173 at a dose of 2-5 mg/kg, followed by anesthetic maintenance at an initial dose of 0.25-0.5
174 mg/kg/min, reduced during the experiment. The animal was kept breathing room air, and in the
175 3rd anesthetic stage, between the 2nd and 3rd plane, so that there was no movement during the

176 exams. Monitoring was performed using a multiparameter monitor (Model DL 1000, Deltalife,
177 Brazil).

178 After the exams, euthanasia was performed. One male animal was donated only for the
179 examinations and was not euthanized. The corpses of the four euthanized females were sent to
180 the Animal Anatomy Laboratory/UFRN to be added to the macroscopic study.

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182 **2.3.1 Radiography**

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184 At the Veterinary Hospital of UnP, radiographic examinations were performed using a
185 conventional radiodiagnostic device, model VET500, (X-RAD X-Ray equipment, Brazil), with
186 a capacity of 500 mA and 125 kV, equipped with a radiographic table with an anti-diffusion
187 device and X-ray tube, and the images were acquired with the CR digital system, with an IP
188 cassette plate, CC type (24 cm x 30 cm) (Fujifilm, Japan) and FCR PRIMA T2 Image Reader
189 photostimulable phosphor plate scanner, model CR-IR 392 (Fujifilm, Japan). The radiographic
190 technique used was 44 kV, 0.045-0.05 s, and 200 mA, under the same focus-film distance. The
191 images were saved in PDS files and analyzed using the PD-S Viewer software, version 1.4.0.0.

192 To obtain better image definition, two animals were referred to the IRV, and the images
193 were performed using a conventional radiodiagnostic device, Intecal, CR 500 mAs – Casa do
194 Radiologista, equipped with a radiographic table with anti-diffusion grid, "Potter-Bucky", and
195 IAE X-ray tube (Italy) with rotating anode and the images were acquired using the DR digital
196 system, with a VIEWWORKS digitizer plate, model CESIO 1417WA, with 2560 x 3072 pixels.
197 The radiographic technique used was 55 kV, 0.06 s and 300 mA, under the same focus-film
198 distance. After the acquisition, the images were saved in DICOM files, transferred, and
199 analyzed online using the postDICOM program (Herten, Netherlands). All radiographic
200 examinations were performed in compliance with the radiological protection standards.

201 The animals were positioned directly on the radiographic tables. The forelimb was
202 radiographed under the mediolateral and craniocaudal projections, in the arm and forearm
203 regions, with the evaluation of the scapula also in the first projection, and dorsopalmar, in the
204 hand region. A ventrodorsal projection of the thorax was performed to observe the clavicle.

205 The radiographic exams were individually analyzed, identifying all the bones and
206 particularities observed in the skeletal system already described in the macroscopic stage, and
207 a comparison of the three study methods was performed.

208 **2.3.2 Computed tomography**

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210 For this examination, a helical computed tomography device, model XVision EX, single slice
211 (Toshiba, Japan) was used. Before the scan, sagittal radiographic images of each region and
212 sub-region to be studied of each animal were acquired (topogram), to define the extent of the
213 study (the beginning and end of the scan) and the variation of the slices. Once the area was
214 defined, transverse planes with predetermined section thickness and table increment were
215 performed.

216 The imaging parameters used for the forelimb were: 2.0 mm slice thickness, 2.0 table
217 increment, 100 mA and 120 kV, for the clavicle, and 1.0 mm slice thickness, 1.0 table
218 increment, 150 mA and 120 kV, for the other regions. To perform the CT, the animals were
219 positioned in sternal recumbency, with the caudal extension of the thoracic and pelvic limbs.

220 The tomographic images were transferred to the Horos software version 1.1.7 (United
221 States) for the analysis of transverse plane images and multiplanar reconstructions (MPR) in
222 the sagittal and dorsal planes. A 3D reconstruction to illustrate bone anatomy was also obtained.

223 The tomographic images were individually analyzed, identification of the bones, of
224 particularities already described macroscopically, and a comparison of the three methods of
225 study were performed.

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227 **2.4 Statistical analysis**

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229 During the study, the results obtained were documented with a digital camera, and, later,
230 described and compared with data from the literature, about human and non-human primates.
231 Mean and standard deviation of the lengths of the right antimeres of the bones of the forelimb
232 were determined. Student's t-test was performed for independent samples using the Past
233 software version 4.03.

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235 **3 RESULTS**

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237 The bones of the forelimb comprise the scapula, clavicle, humerus, radius, ulna, carpus,
238 metacarpal and phalanges. The measurements of the bone lengths of the right antimeres, from
239 the most cranial to the most caudal end of the scapula and the most proximal to the most distal
240 end of the long bones, are distributed in Table 1.

241 **TABLE 1** Length in millimeters (mm) of the bones of the right antimer of the forelimb of four
 242 males (M1-M4) and four females (F1-F4) of *Sapajus libidinosus*, arranged in mean (Mean) and
 243 standard deviation (SD).

	Mean	SD	Mean M [*]	Mean F ^{**}
Scapula	65.6	7.19	62.0	69.3
Clavicle	38.6	4.25	37.6	39.5
Humerus	100.8	7.41	97.4	104.1
Radius	96.1	9.47	91.1	101.1
Ulna	106.9	8.14	103.4	110.4
Value of t			0.3925	
Value of p			2.012	

244 ¹* Mean of males, ^{**}Mean of females.

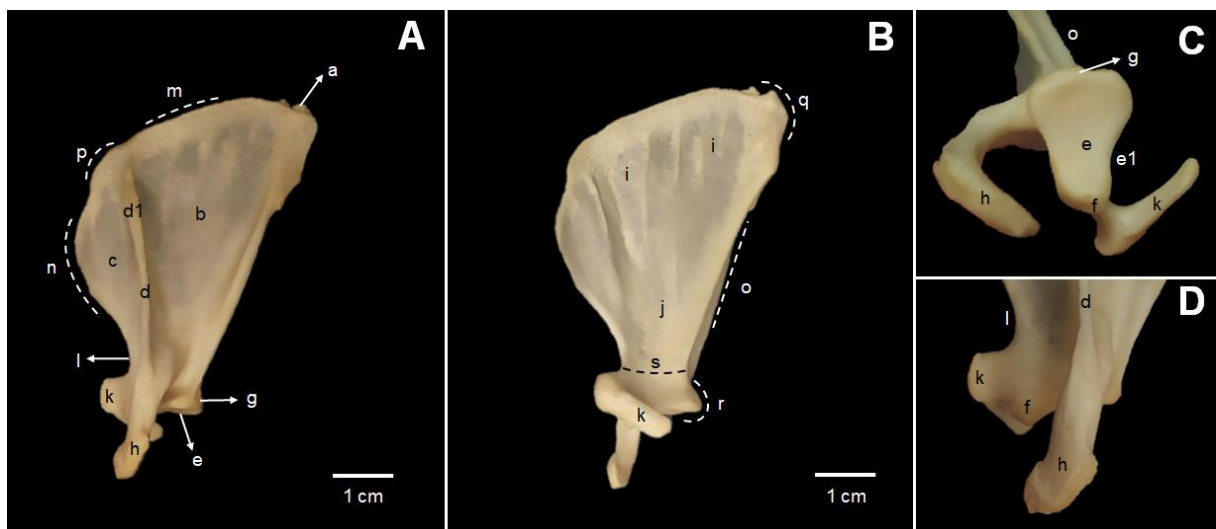
245 ²Means do not differ statistically from each other when compared by the t-test ($p < 0,05$).

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247 Data from Table 1 demonstrate that there was no statistically significant difference
 248 between males and females regarding the length of the forelimb bones. No differences were
 249 observed among the study specimens regarding the analyzed bones.

250 The scapula appears as a triangular bone, dorsoventrally long, with a domed cranial
 251 margin, a flat subscapular face, and a cranially displaced spine. It is characterized by a
 252 prominent coracoid process and a well-developed acromion that connects with the clavicle,
 253 which is sigmoid in shape. The other articular surface of the clavicles is bilaterally connected
 254 to the craniolateral surfaces of the manubrium of the sternum. The scapula also has a tubercle
 255 on the spine, small cartilage in its caudal angle, supraglenoid and infraglenoid tubercles. In the
 256 clavicle, it is possible to observe very subtle structures, such as the conoid tubercle, the
 257 trapezoid line, and the sulcus of the subclavius muscle. The impression of the costoclavicular
 258 ligament may be well-demarcated (Figs. 1, 2).

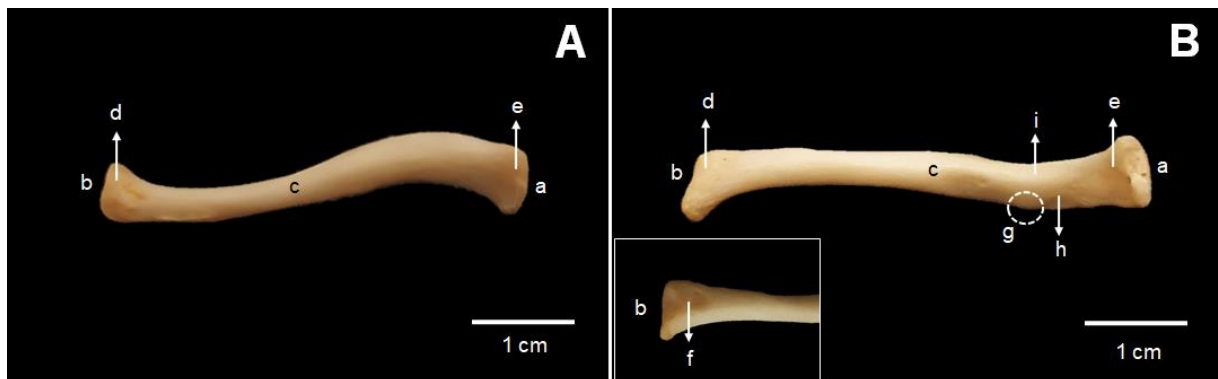
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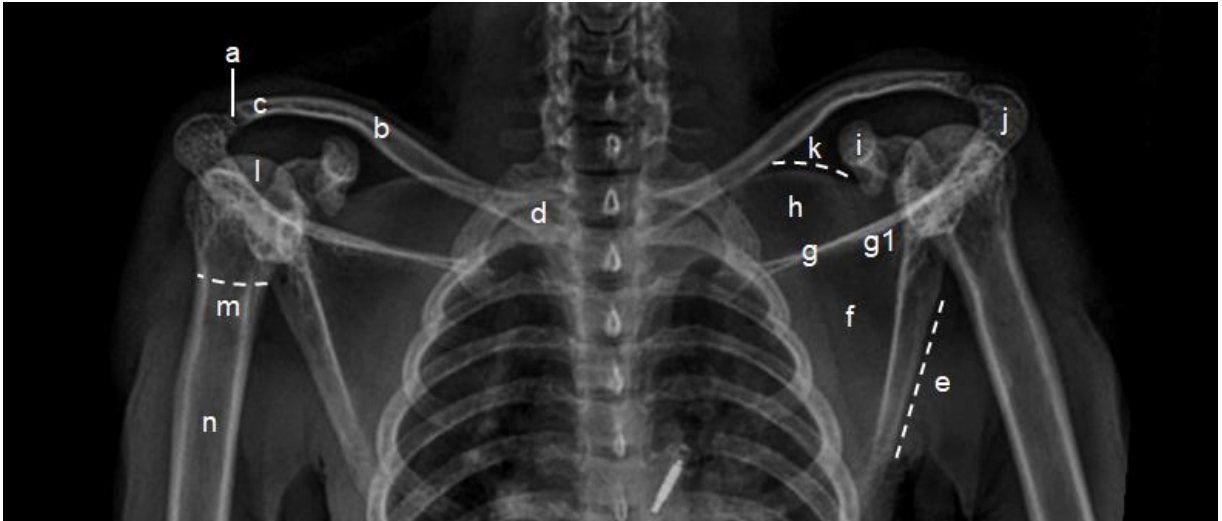
261 **FIGURE 1** Left scapula. Lateral view (A), Medial view (B), Ventral joint surface (C), Lateral
 262 view of the distal end (D). a. Scapula cartilage (*Cartilago scapulae*); b. Infraspinitus fossa

263 (*Fossa infraspinata*); c. Supraspinatus fossa (*Fossa supraspinata*); d. Spine of the scapula
 264 (*Spina scapulae*); d1. Tuber of the spine of the scapula (*Tuber spinae scapulae*); e. Glenoid
 265 cavity (*Cavitas glenoidis*); e1. Glenoid notch (*Incisura glenoidis*); f. Supraglenoid tubercle
 266 (*Tuberculum supraglenoidale*); g. Infraglenoid tubercle (*Tuberculum infraglenoidale*); h.
 267 Acromion (*Acromion*); i. Facies serrata (*Facies serrata*); j. Subscapular fossa (*Fossa*
 268 *subscapularis*); k. Coracoid process (*Processus coracoideus*); l. Notch of the scapula (*Incisura*
 269 *scapulae*); m. Dorsal margin (*Margo dorsalis*); n. Cranial margin (*Margo cranialis*); o. Caudal
 270 margin (*Margo caudalis*); p. Cranial angle (*Angulus cranialis*); q. Caudal angle (*Angulus*
 271 *caudalis*); r. Ventral angle (*Angulus ventralis*); s. Neck of the scapula (*Collum scapulae*).
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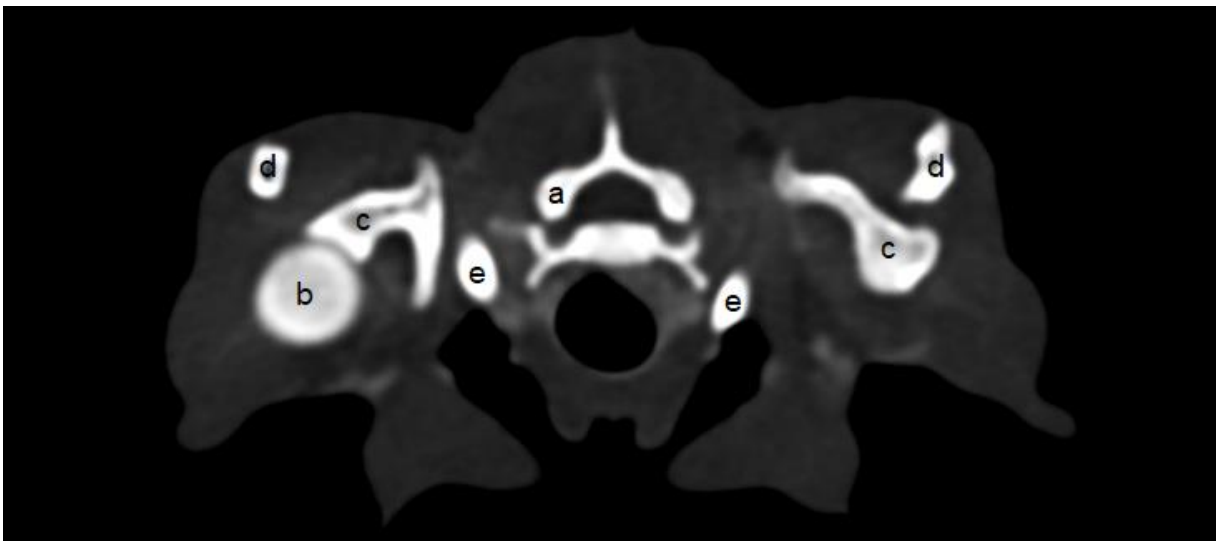
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 274 **FIGURE 2** Left clavicle. Dorsal view (A), Ventral view (B). a. Sternal articular surface (*Facies*
 275 *articularis sternalis*); b. Scapular acromial articular surface (*Facies articularis acromialis*); c.
 276 Body of the clavicle (*Corpus clavicularae*); d. Sternal extremity (*Extremitas sternalis*); e.
 277 Acromial extremity (*Extremitas acromialis*); f. Impression for the costoclavicular ligament
 278 (*Impressio ligamenti costoclavicularis*); g. Conoid tubercle (*Tuberculum conoideum*); h.
 279 Trapezoid line (*Linea trapezoidea*); i. Subclavian sulcus (*Sulcus musculi subclavii*).
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281 Most bone structures of the scapula are visible both in radiographic images, in both
 282 projections, and 3D reconstruction (Figs. 3, 5 and 6). In the ventrodorsal (VD) projection, the
 283 view is more restricted because of the dorsal positioning of the scapula (Fig. 3), which, in the
 284 laterolateral projection (LL) and the 3D reconstruction, are better identified (Figs. 5 and 6).
 285 Structures such as the subscapular fossa and the face of the serratus were only visualized in the
 286 3D reconstruction, due to the amplitude of visualization of the medial face of the bone, which
 287 is not observed through radiography (Fig. 6). On the other hand, the infraglenoid tubercle was
 288 only visible through the radiographic image (Fig. 5). The glenoid notch was the only structure
 289 not visualized by any imaging method. In the cross-sectional image of the region, it was
 290 possible to identify the scapula, clavicle, humerus and cervical vertebra (Fig. 4).



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FIGURE 3 Radiographic image in ventrodorsal projection, highlighting the region of the clavicle, scapula and humerus. a. Scapular acromial articular surface; b. Body of the clavicle; c. Acromial extremity; d. Sternal extremity; e. Caudal margin; f. Infraspinous fossa; g. Spine of the scapula; g1. Tuberosity of the spine of the scapula; h. Supraspinous fossa; i. Coracoid process; j. Acromion; k. Cranial margin; l. Humeral head; m. Humeral neck; n. Humeral body.

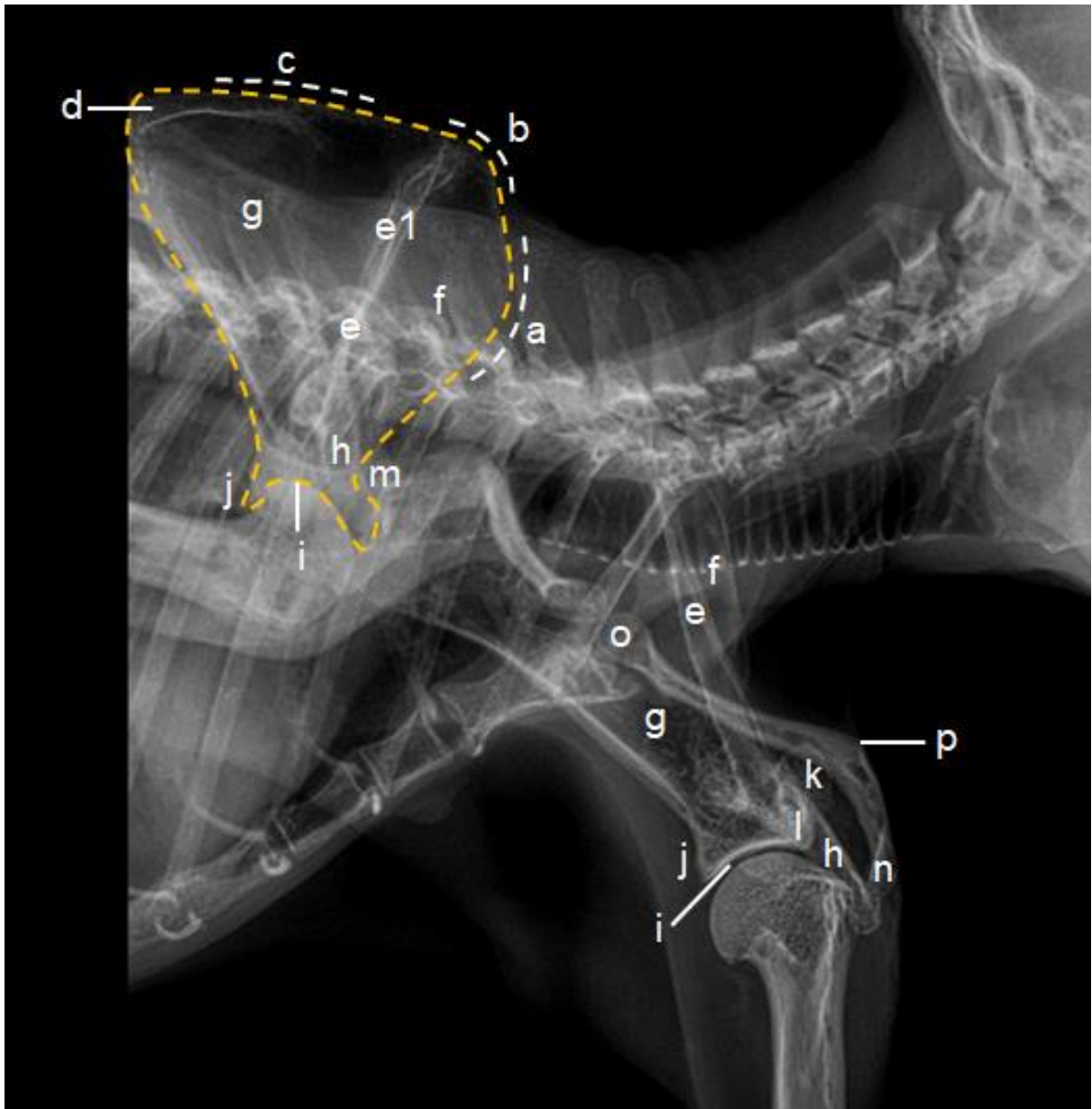


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FIGURE 4 Cross-sectional tomographic image at the level of the cervical segment, highlighting the humerus, scapula and clavicle. a. Cervical vertebra; b. Humerus; c. Shoulder blade; d. Acromial end of the clavicle; e. Sternal end of clavicle.

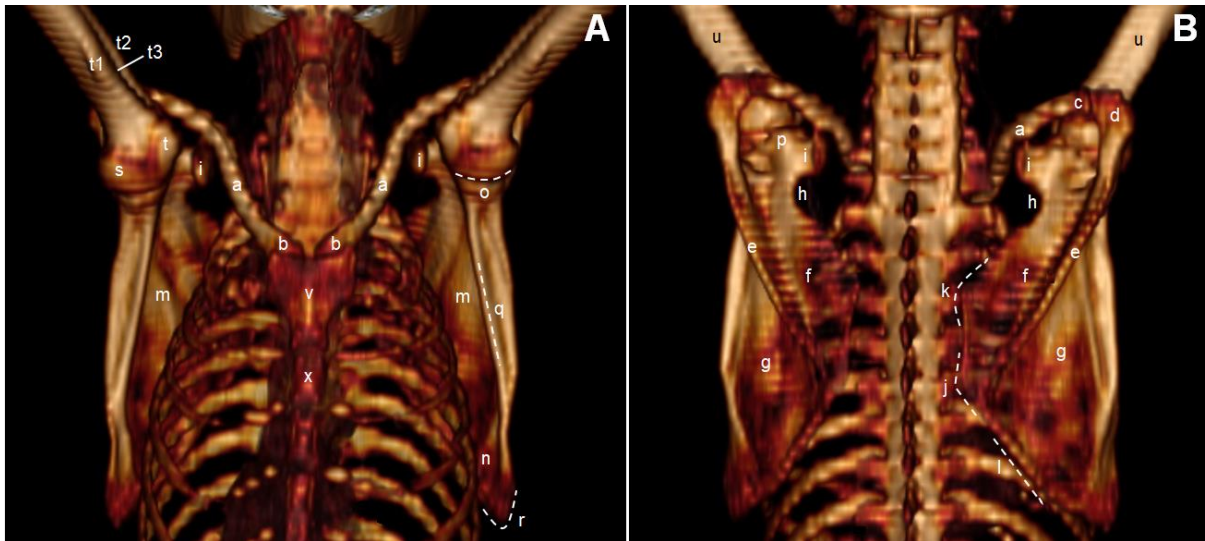
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The clavicle was best described by macroscopy. The structures identified in the imaging methods were limited to the body and acromial and sternal extremities (Figs. 3, 5 and 6). The conoid tubercle can be seen through the radiographic image, but not in the 3D reconstruction (Fig. 5).



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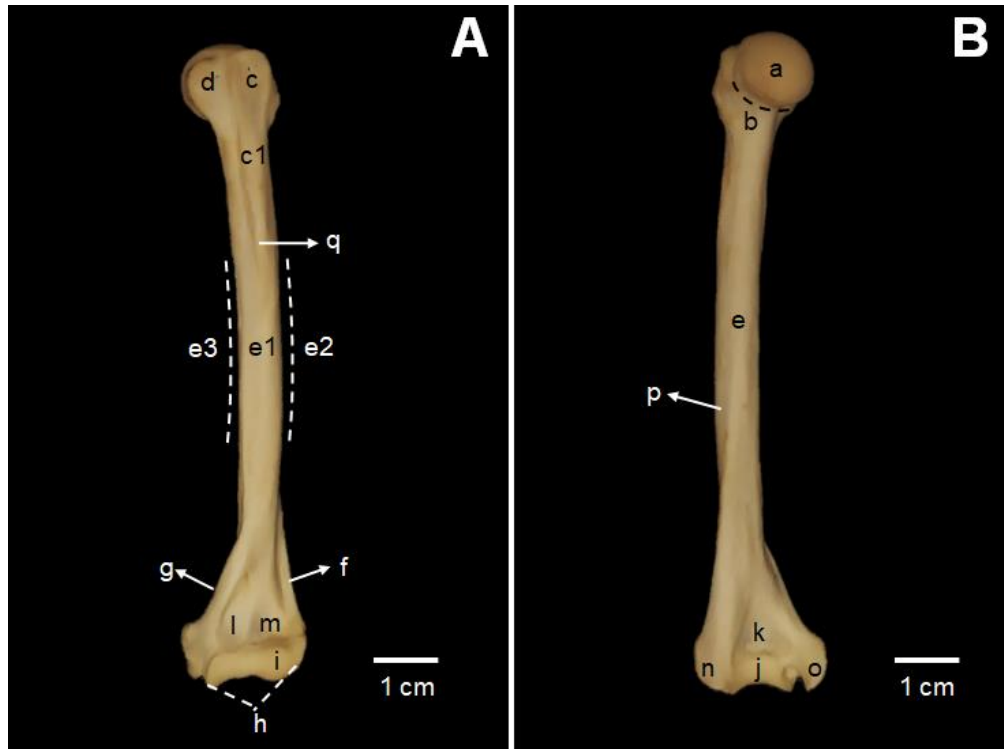
FIGURE 5 Radiographic image in mediolateral projection of the left antimer, highlighting the scapula and clavicle. a. Cranial margin of the scapula; b. Cranial angle of the scapula; c. Dorsal margin of scapula; d. Scapular cartilage; e. Spine of the scapula; e1. Tuberosity of the spine of the scapula; f. Supraspinous fossa; g. Infraspinous fossa; h. Acromion; i. Glenoid fossa; j. Infraglenoid tubercle; k. Coracoid process; l. Supraglenoid tubercle; m. Notch of the scapula; n. Acromial end of the clavicle; o. Sternal articular surface; p. Conoid tubercle.



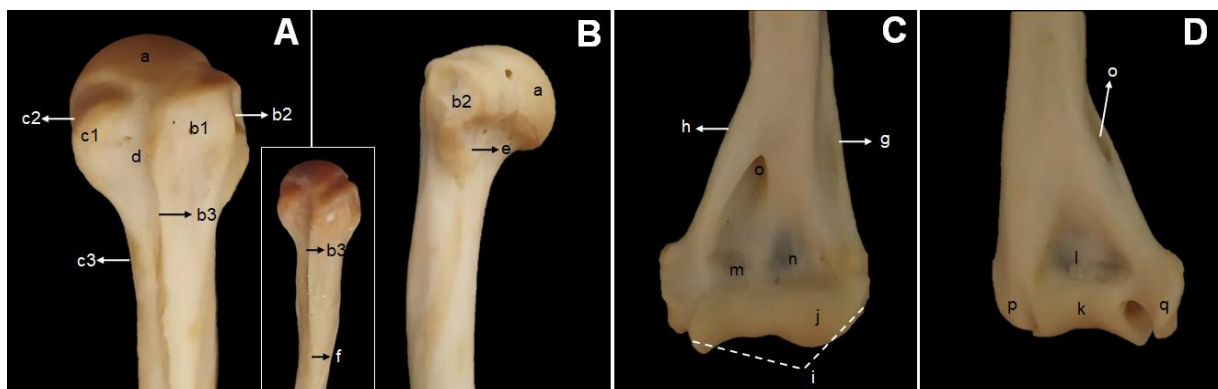
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 315 **FIGURE 6** 3D reconstruction image in ventrodorsal (A) and dorsoventral (B) projection,
 316 highlighting the humerus, scapula and clavicle. a. Clavicle body; b. Sternal extremity; c.
 317 Acromial extremity; d. Acromion; e. Spine of the scapula; f. Supraspinous fossa; g. Infraspinous
 318 fossa; h. Notch of the scapula; i. Coracoid process; j. Cranial angle of the scapula; k. Cranial
 319 margin of the scapula; l. Dorsal margin of scapula; m. Subscapularis fossa; n. Facies serrata; o.
 320 Glenoid cavity; p. Supraglenoid tubercle; q. Caudal margin of the scapula; a. Caudal angle of
 321 the scapula; s. Humeral head; t. Lesser tubercle; t1. Lesser tubercle crest; t2. Greater tubercle
 322 crest; t3. Intertubercular sulcus; u. Humerus body; v. Manubrium of the sternum; x. Second
 323 sternebra.

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325 The humerus is quite robust and shows a discrete cranial deltoid tuberosity, as a
 326 continuous projection of the crest of the greater tubercle (Fig. 8B). In contrast, it has lateral and
 327 medial supra-epicondylar ridges, which join the well-developed epicondyles, in particular, the
 328 medial epicondyle has a greater projection (Figs. 7A and 8C). A large oblique entepicondylar
 329 foramen crossing the medial supra-epicondylar crest was observed. There is a well-defined
 330 olecranon fossa, coronoid fossa and radial fossa (Figs. 8C, D). Greater and lesser tubercles and
 331 their well-developed ridges were also observed, in particular, that of the greater tubercle, and a
 332 very prominent intertubercular groove (Fig. 8A). A triceps line is arranged on the caudal margin
 333 of the caudal part of the greater tubercle (Fig. 8B). A radial nerve sulcus is formed along the
 334 edge of the lateral supra-epicondylar ridge, in the caudal view (Fig. 7B). Although the
 335 supratrochlear region is very thin, no supratrochlear foramen was observed among the animals.



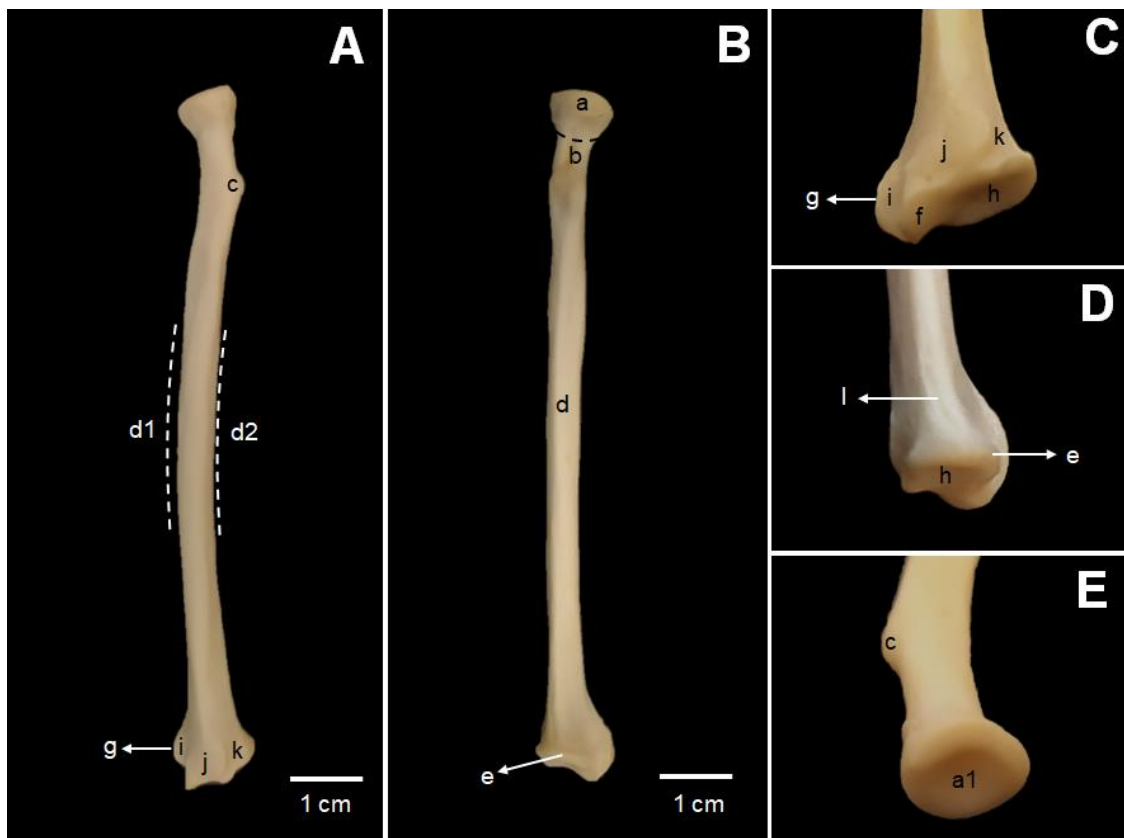
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 337 **FIGURE 7** Left humerus. Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B). a. Humeral head (*Caput humeri*);
 338 b. Humeral neck (*Collum humeri*); c. Greater tubercle (*Tuberculum majus*); c1. Greater tubercle
 339 crest (*Crista tuberculi majoris*); d. Lesser tubercle (*Tuberculum minus*); e. Humeral body
 340 (*Corpus humeri*); e1. Cranial face (*Facies cranialis*); e2. Lateral face (*Facies lateralis*); e3.
 341 Medial face (*Facies medialis*); f. Lateral supraepicondylar crest (*Crista supraepicondylaris*
 342 *lateralis*); g. Medial supraepicondylar ridge (*Crista supraepicondylaris medialis*); h. Condyle
 343 of the humerus (*Condylus humeri*); i. Capitulum of the humerus (*Capitulum humeri*); j.
 344 Trochlea of the humerus (*Trochlea humeri*); k. Olecranon fossa (*Fossa olecrani*); l. Coronoid
 345 fossa (*Fossa coronoidea*); m. Radial fossa (*Fossa radialis*); n. Lateral epicondyle (*Epicondylus*
 346 *lateralis*); o. Medial epicondyle (*Epicondylus medialis*); p. Radial nerve sulcus (*Sulcus nervi*
 347 *radialis*); q. Deltoid tuberosity (*Tuberositas deltoidea*).
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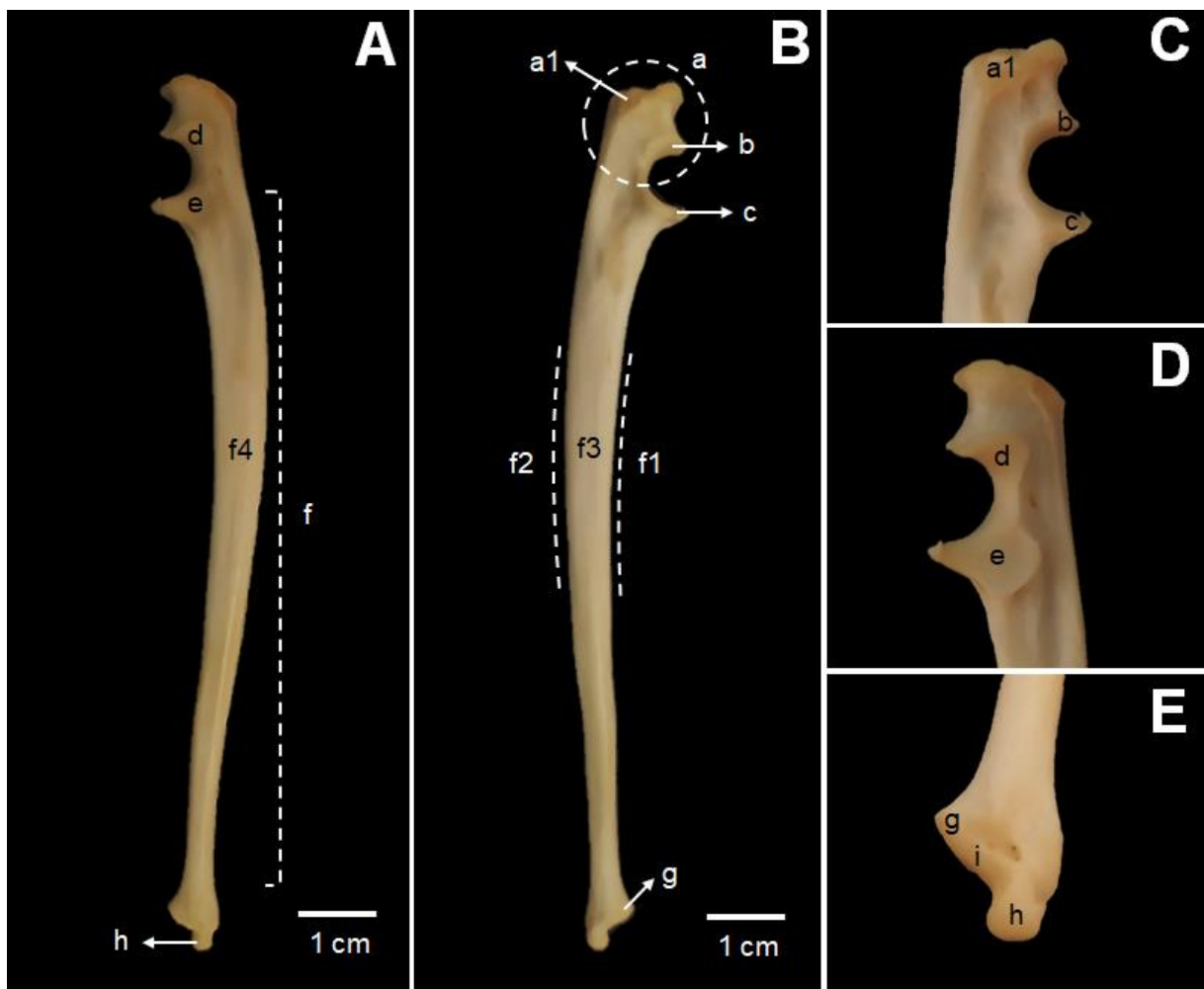
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 350 **FIGURE 8** Left humerus. Cranial surface of the proximal epiphysis (A), Lateral view of the
 351 proximal epiphysis (B), Cranial view of the distal epiphysis (C), Caudal view of the distal
 352 epiphysis (D). a. Humeral head (*Caput humeri*); b. Greater tubercle (*Tuberculum majus*); b1.
 353 Cranial part (*Pars cranialis*); b2. Caudal part (*Pars caudalis*); b3. Greater tubercle crest (*Crista*
 354 *tuberculi majoris*); c. Lesser tubercle (*Tuberculum minus*); c1. Cranial part (*Pars cranialis*); c2.
 355 Caudal part (*Pars caudalis*); c3. Lesser tubercle crest (*Crista tuberculi minoris*); d.
 356 Intertubercular sulcus (*Sulcus intertubercularis*); e. Line of the tricipitis muscle (*Linea m.*

357 *tricipitis*); f. Deltoid tuberosity (*Tuberositas deltoidea*); g. Lateral supraepicondylar crest
 358 (*Crista supraepicondylaris lateralis*); h. Medial supraepicondylar ridge (*Crista*
 359 *supraepicondylaris medialis*); i. Condyle of the humerus (*Condylus humeri*); j. Capitulum of
 360 the humerus (*Capitulum humeri*); k. Trochlea of the humerus (*Trochlea humeri*); l. Olecranon
 361 fossa (*Fossa olecrani*); m. Coronoid fossa (*Fossa coronoidea*); n. Radial fossa (*Fossa radialis*);
 362 o. Entepicondylar foramen (*Entepicondylar foramen*); p. Lateral epicondyle (*Epicondylus*
 363 *lateralis*); q. Medial epicondyle (*Epicondylus medialis*).
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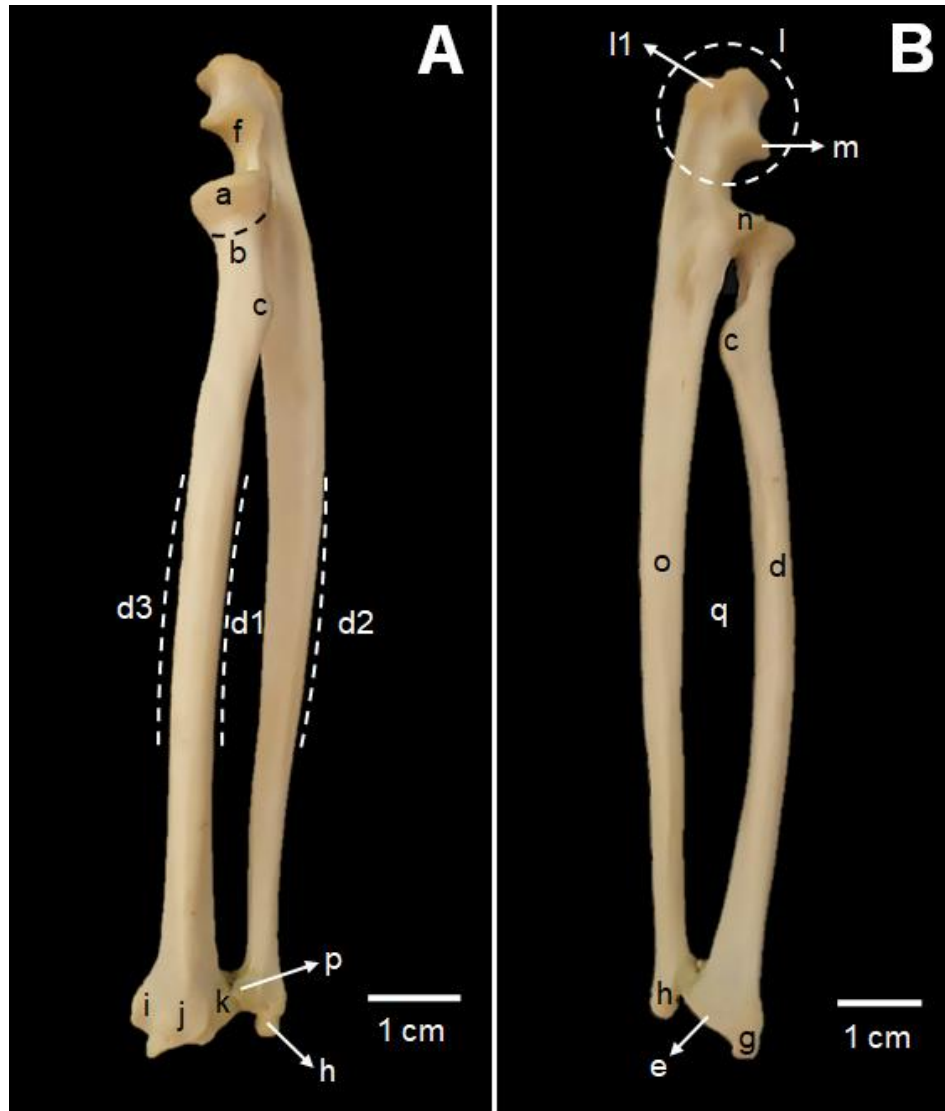
365 The radius and ulna are separated by a wide interosseous space and are not fused (Fig.
 366 11). The radius is thinner and has a fovea on the articular surface of the proximal epiphysis, and
 367 a single radial tuberosity on the interosseous margin (Figs. 9A, 9E and 11A). In its distal
 368 epiphysis, four grooves are observed for the passage of muscle tendons. A transverse ridge is
 369 observed at the distal limit of the bone, on the caudal surface. The articular surface of the distal
 370 epiphysis, in addition to presenting the surface for articulation with the carpus, also presents a
 371 lateral ulnar notch (Fig. 9). The ulna is well developed, being the third-largest bone in the body,
 372 with a robust olecranon tubercle. We have also observed robust anconeus and coronoid
 373 processes, a trochlear notch for articulation with the trochlea of the humerus, and a radial notch,
 374 to which the radial head articulates (Fig. 10). A very marked styloid process of the ulna and
 375 radius were described (Fig. 11). Both bones have a slight curvature at their interosseous
 376 margins.
 377



379 **FIGURE 9** Left radius. Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B), Cranioventral view of the distal
 380 epiphysis (C), Lateral view of the distal epiphysis (D), View of the articular surface of the
 381 proximal epiphysis (E). a. Radial head (*Caput radii*); a1. Fovea of the radial head (*Fovea capituli*
 382 *radii*); b. Radial neck (*Collum radii*); c. Radial tuberosity (*Tuberositas radii*); d. Radial body
 383 (*Corpus radii*); d1. Medial margin (*Margo medialis*); d2. Lateral margin (*Margo lateralis*); e.
 384 Transverse ridge (*Crista transversa*); f. Carpal articular surface (*Facies articularis carpea*); g.
 385 Medial styloid process (of the radius) (*Processus styloideus medialis*); h. Ulnar notch (*Incisura*
 386 *ulnaris*); i. Sulcus for the tendon of the extensor carpi oblique muscle (*Sulcus musculi extensor*
 387 *carpi obliquus*); j. Sulcus for the tendon of the extensor carpi radialis muscle (*Sulcus musculi*
 388 *extensor carpi radialis*); k. Sulcus for the tendon of the common digital extender muscle (*Sulcus*
 389 *musculi extensor digitalis communis*); l. Sulcus for the tendon of the lateral digital extensor
 390 muscle (*Sulcus musculi extensor digitalis lateralis*).
 391



392 **FIGURE 10** Left ulna. Lateral view (A), Medial view (B), Lateral view of the proximal
 393 epiphysis (C), Medial view of the proximal epiphysis (D), Lateral view of the distal epiphysis
 394 (E). a. Olecranon (*Olecranon*); a1. Olecranon tubercle (*Tuber olecrani*); b. Anconeus process
 395 (*Processus anconeus*); c. Coronoid process (*Processus coronoideus*); d. Trochlear notch
 396 (*Incisura trochlearis*); e. Radial notch (*Incisura radialis*); f. Body of the ulna (*Corpus ulnae*);
 397 f1. Cranial margin (*Margo cranialis*); f2. Caudal margin (*Margo caudalis*); f3. Medial face
 398 (*Facies medialis*); f4. Lateral face (*Facies lateralis*); g. Head of the ulna (*Caput ulnae*); h.
 399 Styloid process of the ulna (*Processus styloideus*); i. Carpal articular surface (*Facies articularis*
 400 *carpea*).
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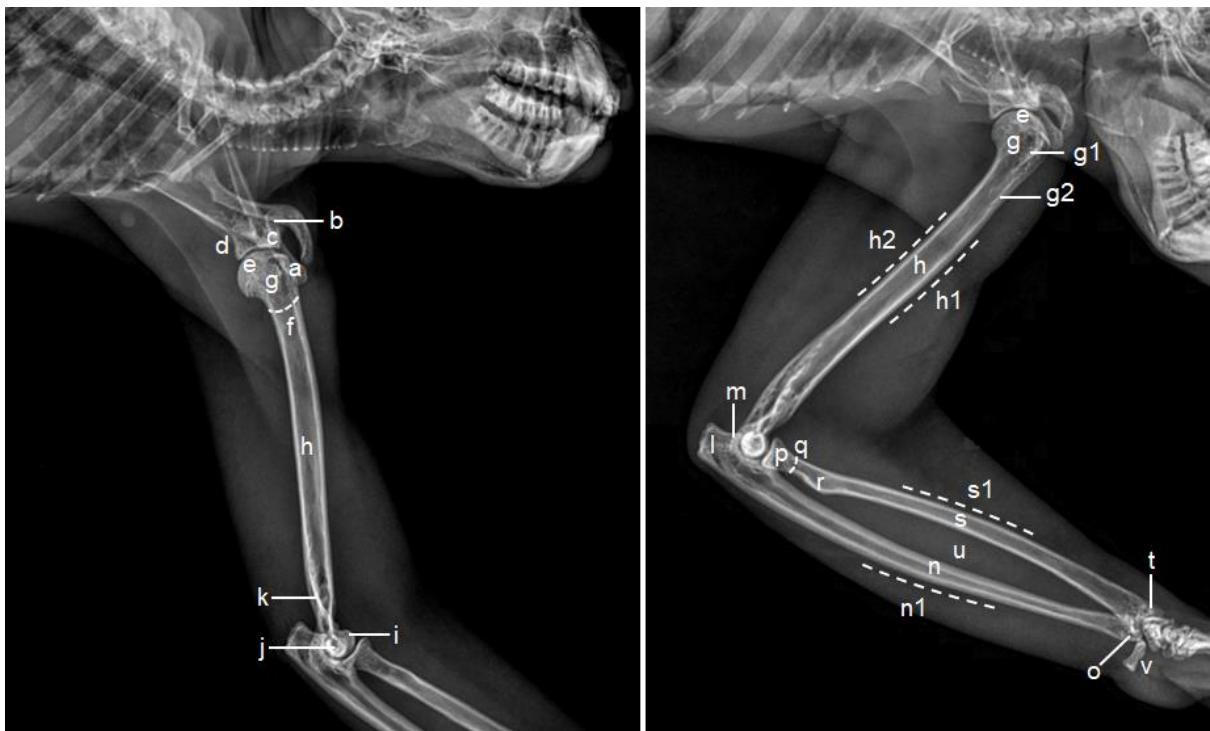
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 403 **FIGURE 11** Radius and ulna, left antimer. Craniocaudal view (A), Caudal view (B). a. Radial
 404 head (*Caput radii*); b. Radial neck (*Collum radii*); c. Radial tuberosity (*Tuberositas radii*); d.
 405 Radial body (*Corpus radii*); d1. Interosseous margin (*Margo interosseus*); d2. Caudal margin
 406 (*Margo caudalis*); d3. Cranial margin (*Margo cranialis*); e. Transverse ridge (*Crista*
 407 *transversa*); f. Trochlear notch (*Incisura trochlearis*); g. Medial styloid process (of the radius)
 408 (*Processus styloideus medialis*); h. Lateral styloid process (of the ulna) (*Processus styloideus*
 409 *lateralis*); i. Sulcus for the tendon of the extensor carpi obliquus muscle (*Sulcus musculi extensor*
 410 *carpi obliquus*); j. Sulcus for the tendon of the extensor carpi radialis muscle (*Sulcus musculi*
 411 *extensor carpi radialis*); k. Sulcus for the tendon of the common digital extensor muscle (*Sulcus*
 412 *musculi extensor digitalis communis*); l. Olecranon (*Olecranon*); l1. Olecranon tuber (*Tuber*
 413 *olecrani*); m. Anconeal process (*Processus anconeus*); n. Coronoid process (*Processus*
 414 *coronoideus*); o. Body of the ulna (*Corpus ulnae*); p. Head of the ulna (*Caput ulnae*); q.
 415 Antebrachial interosseous space (*Spatium interosseum antebrachii*).
 416

417 In its proximal epiphysis, the humerus was better visualized in the ventrodorsal
 418 projection, in which few structures of the medial face were identified by the 3D reconstruction
 419 (Fig. 6A). The mediolateral radiograph of the humerus showed better visualization of structures
 420 (Fig. 12). The dorsoventral projection suffered overlapping of the clavicle and scapula in the

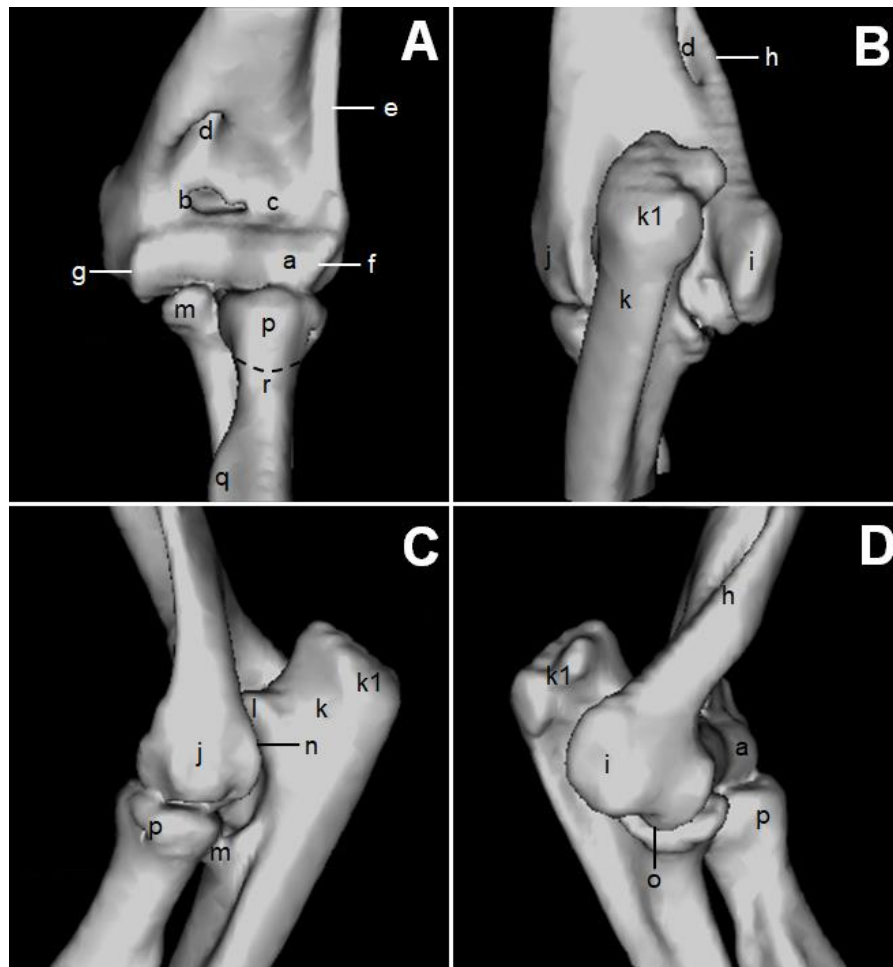
421 3D reconstruction and structures of the proximal epiphysis were not identified (Fig. 6B).
 422 Particularities such as the head, neck, lesser tubercle, and ridges of the greater and lesser
 423 tubercles could be seen (Figs. 6A and 12). In the distal epiphysis of the bone, the radiographic
 424 image also presented limitations regarding the number of structures observed, however, it was
 425 widely described through the 3D reconstruction. Only two structures could not be visualized by
 426 this method, the olecranon fossa and the trochlea, due to the image of the bone articulated with
 427 the ulna (Figs. 12 and 13).

428 All structures previously identified in the macroscopic study of the radius and ulna were
 429 well described in their epiphyses through 3D reconstruction. Only structures on the articular
 430 surface of the distal epiphysis of the radius, such as the ulnar notch and the carpal articular
 431 surface, could not be visualized (Figs. 13 and 17). Structures of the distal epiphysis of the radius
 432 and the proximal and distal epiphysis of the ulna were poorly identified through the
 433 radiographic image (Figs. 12 and 15).

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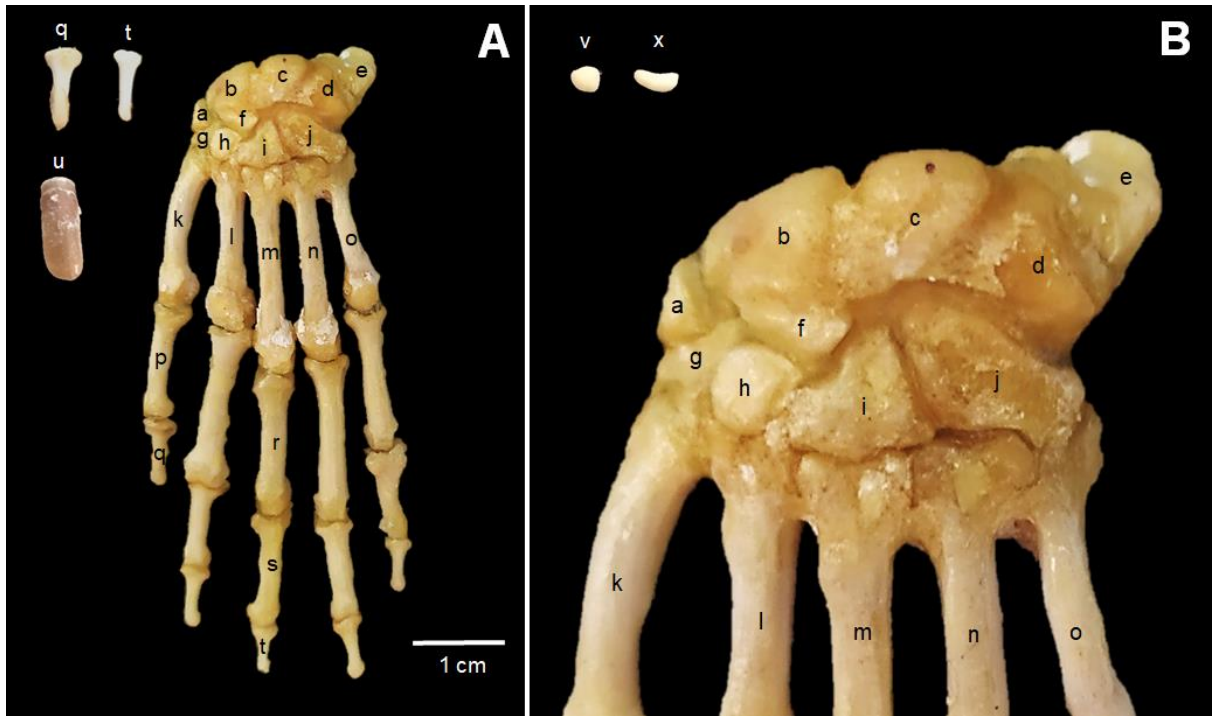


435 **FIGURE 12** Radiographic image in mediolateral projection of the left antimer, highlighting
 436 the scapula, humerus, radius, ulna and carpus. a. Acromion; b. Coracoid process; c.
 437 Supraglenoid tubercle; d. Infraglenoid tubercle; e. Humeral head; f. Humeral neck; g. Lesser
 438 tubercle; g1. Lesser tubercle crest; g2. Greater tubercle crest; h. Humeral body; h1. Cranial
 439 surface of the humerus; h2. Caudal surface of the humerus; i. Capitulum of the humerus; j.
 440 Medial epicondyle; k. Medial supra-epicondylar crest; l. Olecranon/Olecranon tubercle; m.
 441 Anconeus process; n. Body of the ulna; n1. Caudal margin of the ulna; o. Lateral styloid process
 442 (of the ulna); p. Radial head; q. Radial collar; r. Radial tuberosity; s. Radial body; s1. Cranial
 443 margin of the radius; t. Medial styloid process (of the radius); u. Forearm interosseous space;
 444 v. Accessory carpal bone or pisiform bone.



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 447 **FIGURE 13** Image in 3D reconstruction of the cranial (A), caudal (B), lateral (C) and medial
 448 (D) face, of the distal epiphysis of the humerus and proximal epiphysis of the radius and ulna.
 449 a. Capitulum of the humerus; b. Coronoid fossa; c. Radial fossa; d. Entepicondylar foramen; e.
 450 Lateral supra-epicondylar crest; f. Lateral condyle; g. Medial condyle; h. Medial supra-
 451 epicondylar crest; i. Medial epicondyle; j. Lateral epicondyle; k. Olecranon; k1. Olecranon
 452 tubercle; l. Anconeus process; m. Coronoid process; n. Trochlear notch; o. Radial notch; p.
 453 Radial head; q. Radial tuberosity; r. Radial neck.
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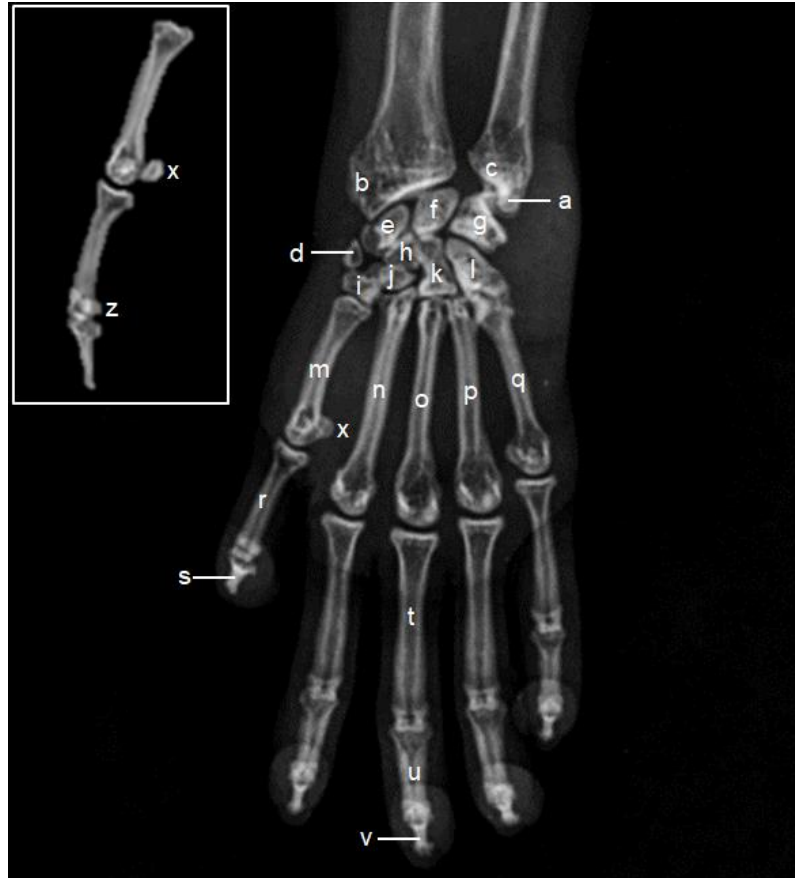
455 The carpus contains ten bones, four in the proximal (antebrachial) and four in the distal
 456 (metacarpal) rows, a central carpal bone inserted between both rows, between the radial carpal
 457 bone and the carpal bone II, and a sesamoid bone located in the abductor pollicis longus of the
 458 thumb (sesamoid bone of the abductor pollicis longus muscle). Ovoid sesamoid axial and
 459 abaxial bones articulate on the palmar surface at the distal trochlea of each of the five
 460 metacarpal bones. Comma-shaped sesamoid bones are found in the proximal interphalangeal
 461 joints of the last four digits and the distal interphalangeal joint of the thumb. The thumb has
 462 only two phalanges, while the other four digits contain three. Each finger has a distal phalanx
 463 covered by a keratin nail plate, rectangular and unsharpened. No sesamoid bones are present on
 464 the palmar surface of the distal interphalangeal joints of fingers II to V (Fig. 14).



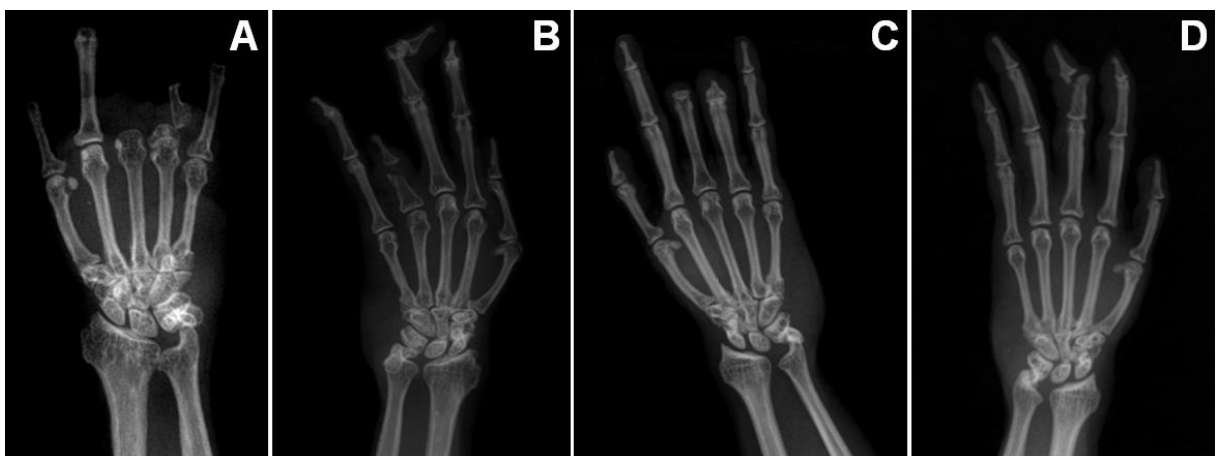
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 466 **FIGURE 14** Carpal bones, metacarpal and phalanges, left antimer. Cranial view (A), Cranial
 467 view of the carpal and metacarpal bones (B). a. Sesamoid bone of the musculus abductor
 468 pollicis longus (*Os sesamoideum m. abductoris digiti primi (pollicis) longi*); b. Radial carpal
 469 bone (*Os carpi radiale* or *scaphoideum*); c. Intermediate carpal bone (*Os carpi intermedium* or
 470 *os lunatum*); d. Ulnar carpal bone (*Os carpi ulnare* or *os triquetrum*); e. Accessory carpal bone
 471 (*Os carpi accessorium* or *os pisiforme*); f. Central carpal bone (*Os carpi centrale*); g. Carpal
 472 bone I (*Os carpale primum* or *os trapezium*); h. Carpal bone II (*Os carpale secundum* or *os*
 473 *trapezoidum*); i. Carpal bone III (*Os carpale tertium* or *os capitatum*); j. Carpal bone IV (*Os*
 474 *carpale quartum* or *os hamatum*); k. Metacarpal bone I (*Os metacarpale primum*); l. Metacarpal
 475 bone II (*Os metacarpale secundum*); m. Metacarpal bone III (*Os metacarpale tertium*); n.
 476 Metacarpal bone IV (*Os metacarpale quartum*); o. Metacarpal bone V (*Os metacarpales*
 477 *quintum*); p. Proximal phalanx of the first digit (*Phalanx proximalis digiti primi*); q. Distal
 478 phalanx of the first digit (*Phalanx distalis digiti primi*); r. Proximal phalanx of the third digit
 479 (*Phalanx proximalis digiti tertii*); s. Middle phalanx of the third digit (*Phalanx media digiti*
 480 *tertii*); t. Distal phalanx of the third digit (*Phalanx distalis digiti tertii*); u. Unguicula
 481 (*Unguicula*); v. Proximal sesamoid or metacarpal bone (*Ossa sesamoidea proximalia*); x. Distal
 482 sesamoid or interphalangeal bone (*Os sesamoideum distale*).

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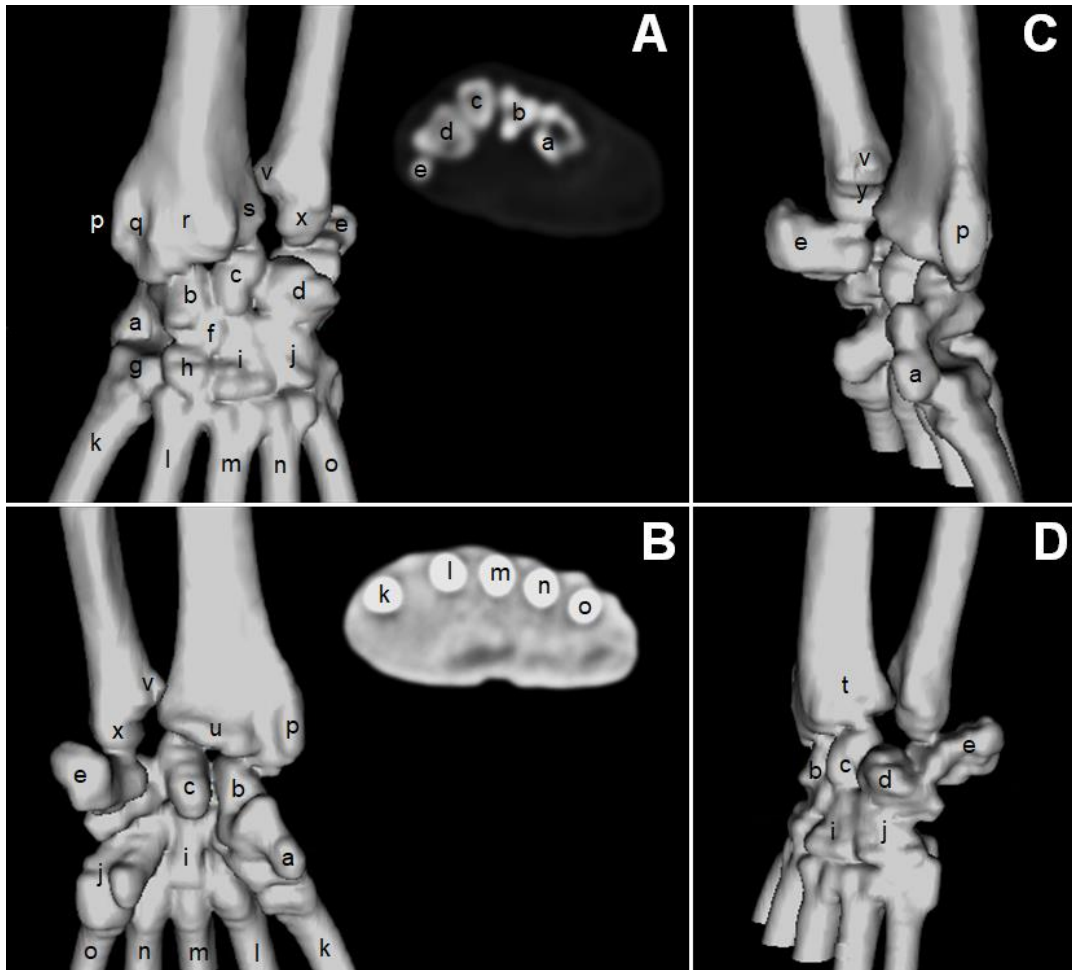
484 All structures described in the macroscopic carpal and metacarpal images could be
 485 identified using both imaging methods (Figs. 15 and 17). In the radiographic image, it was
 486 possible to visualize the metacarpal and interphalangeal sesamoid bones, as well as the entire
 487 phalangeal region (Fig. 15). The 3D reconstruction image was limited to the carpal and carpo-
 488 metacarpal joint areas (Fig. 17). A radiographic examination of this region is an excellent
 489 method of identifying fractures. In three females studied, we have found fractures in the
 490 phalangeal region, which were clear in the radiographic image (Fig. 16).



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 492 **FIGURE 15** Radiographic image of the left antimer in dorsoventral projection of the radius
 493 and ulna and dorsopalmar projection of the carpus, metacarpal and phalanges. a. Lateral styloid
 494 process (of the ulna); b. Medial styloid process (of the radius); c. Head of the ulna; d. Sesamoid
 495 bone of the musculus abductor pollicis longus; e. Radial carpal bone or scaphoid bone; f.
 496 Intermediate carpal bone or lunate bone; g. Ulnar carpal bone or triquetrum; h. Central
 497 carpal bone; i. Carpal bone I or trapezium; j. Carpal bone II or trapezoid; k. Carpal
 498 bone III or capitate; l. Carpal bone IV or hamate; m. Metacarpal bone I; n. Metacarpal
 499 bone II; o. Metacarpal bone III; p. Metacarpal bone IV; q. Metacarpal bone V; r. Proximal
 500 phalanx of the first digit; s. Distal phalanx of the first digit; t. Proximal phalanx of the third
 501 digit; u. Middle phalanx of the third digit; v. Distal phalanx of the third digit; x. Proximal
 502 sesamoid or metacarpal bone; z. Distal sesamoid or interphalangeal bone.
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504
 505 **FIGURE 16** Fracture and bone loss in the phalangeal region, identified in the right antimer of
 506 F2 (A), left antimer of F3 (B), right antimer of F4 (C) and left antimer of F4 (D).



507
 508 **FIGURE 17** Image in 3D reconstruction of the cranial face and cross section at the level of the
 509 carpal region (A), caudal face and cross section at the level of the metacarpal region (B), medial
 510 face (C) and lateral face (D) of the distal epiphysis of the radius and ulna, and bones from
 511 carpus, metacarpus and phalanges. a. Sesamoid bone of the musculus abductor pollicis longus;
 512 b. Radial carpal bone or scaphoid bone; c. Intermediate carpal bone or lunatu bone; d. Ulnar
 513 carpal bone or triquetral bone; e. Accessory carpal bone; f. Central carpal bone; g. Carpal bone
 514 I or trapezium bone; h. Carpal bone II or trapezoid bone; i. Carpal bone III or capitate bone; j.
 515 Carpal bone IV or hamate bone; k. Metacarpal bone I; l. Metacarpal bone II; m. Metacarpal
 516 bone III; n. Metacarpal bone IV; o. Metacarpal bone V; p. Medial styloid process (of the radius);
 517 q. Sulcus for the tendon of the extensor carpi oblique muscle; r. Sulcus for the tendon of the
 518 radial carpal extensor muscle; s. Sulcus for the tendon of the common digital extender muscle;
 519 t. Sulcus for the tendon of the lateral digital extender muscle; u. Transverse crest; v. Head of
 520 the ulna; x. Styloid process of the ulna; y. Carpal articular surface.

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522 **4 DISCUSSION**

523

524 The forelimb bones of *Sapajus libidinosus* showed, in general, an anatomical pattern that was
 525 more similar to that found in New World monkeys and man. Some features are common to Old
 526 World monkeys, such as aspects of the hand, and others, to Strepsirrhini primates, such as the
 527 presence of a sesamoid of the abductor longus pollicis muscle between the carpal bones,
 528 considered a primitive feature.

529 There was no statistical difference regarding the lengths of the bones of the forelimb
530 between males and females, corroborating what is described in the literature. Kinzey (1997)
531 reports an average of 1.5 to 4 kg for both males and females, while Silva et al. (2009) describe
532 a more assertive mean of 3165.09 ± 404.94 g for males and 2046.82 ± 362.60 g for females.
533 However, despite the discrepancy regarding body weight, body and head lengths are very
534 similar between genders, with 465 mm for males and females (Kinzey, 1997), 340-440 mm also
535 for males and females (Groves, 2001), and 377.95 ± 43.19 mm for males and 350.30 ± 35.19
536 mm for females (Silva et al., 2009).

537 In other primate species, such as *Callithrix jacchus*, females are reported to have
538 superior bone size by about 10%, compared to males (Leutenegger & Larson, 1985). Despite
539 the numerical superiority of bone length in females of *Sapajus libidinosus*, the data was not
540 statistically significant. Additionally, this difference may have been observed due to the limited
541 number of animals studied, besides different genetic backgrounds, health status, food, and
542 environmental enrichment (Casteleyn et al., 2012). Another point to be analyzed is that, among
543 the four males of the *Sapajus libidinosus* species, two juveniles were identified according to the
544 dental parameters, basisphenoid and basioccipital synostosis, and because they had coronal and
545 lambdoid sutures still open, and consequently the long bones were not yet fully developed,
546 presenting lower measurements.

547 The scapula, throughout the Primates Order, has a well-developed spine, and a large
548 acromion and coracoid process (Mivart, 1867). Structurally, the scapula of *Sapajus libidinosus*
549 resembles that of *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959),
550 *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and man (Sobotta, 2000), presenting, in the last two,
551 a shorter dorsoventral length. Hill (1959) reports, in *Callimico goeldii*, a foramen in the ventral
552 region of the supraspinatus fossa, which was not observed in this study nor described in any
553 other study with primates.

554 The acromion, a well-developed structure identified in the *Sapajus libidinosus* in this
555 study, is also observed in most arboreal primates, both New World and Old World ones, as well
556 as in man (Senut et al., 2004). The same authors report that the characteristic of the elongated,
557 triangular, and thickened acromion may be related to the degree of development of the deltoid
558 muscle on the ventral surface and the trapezius muscle on the dorsal surface of the scapula.

559 The presence of a well-developed coracoid process is also portrayed in several primate
560 species, from lemurs to Old World monkeys, including man (Senut et al., 2004). Martin &
561 O'brien (1939) describe that the process is related to two important purposes: first, it is the main
562 support by which the clavicle is attached to the scapula and, second, together with the acromion

563 and the coracoacromial ligament, it forms the arch above of the glenoid cavity. However, the
564 authors report that its most important function appears to provide a strong fixation for the
565 ligaments, connecting them to the clavicle and assisting in the abduction of the arm, since in
566 almost all animals in which the clavicle has disappeared and the power to abduct the forelimb
567 was lost, the coracoid process was also reduced to a small bulge hardly distinguishable from
568 the rest of the bone.

569 Studies that portray the scapula of primates are more focused on the shape and position
570 of the bone involved in the locomotor behavior of the species (Ashton et al., 1967; Chan, 2007;
571 Oxnard, 1968). Chan (2007) reports that the scapular position affects shoulder mobility, which
572 plays an important role in this type of behavior. These studies find a relationship between
573 specific measurements, such as the angle between the glenoid cavity and the lateral edge of the
574 scapula, in which the smaller angle determines species with greater brachiation behavior
575 (Oxnard, 1968).

576 The 3D reconstruction image showed us that in *Sapajus libidinosus* the position of the
577 scapula is quite dorsal, closer to the midsagittal axis, as in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al.,
578 2012). Studies explain a relationship between scapular position and greater shoulder mobility,
579 comparing primates and non-primate mammals, in which primates have greater mobility, and
580 among arboreal and terrestrial primates, the former stand out (Jenkins Jr., 1974; Larson, 1974;
581 Larson, 1993; Le Gros Clark, 1959; Rose, 1973). Chan (2007) reports that the scapula is
582 significantly more dorsally oriented in New World arboreal quadrupedal monkeys when
583 compared to terrestrial ones, and the same is true for Old World monkeys.

584 What is observed in humans is the opposite of what is being discussed, with the scapula
585 situated much more dorsally than in other primates such as *Lorinae*, *Ateles* and *Alouatta*
586 (Erikson, 1963; Cartmill & Milton, 1977; Cartmill, 1985; Gebo, 1996; Roberts & Davidson,
587 1975). However, Chan (2007) reports that the shorter scapular spine and longer clavicle
588 contribute to this positioning in hominoids, and Jenkins Jr. et al. (1978) agree with the
589 statement, reporting that the dorsal position of the scapula increases the distance between the
590 acromion and the sternum, which must be compensated by a longer clavicle.

591 In the clinical-surgical aspect, scapular fractures are uncommon in humans, representing
592 only 1% of all fractures, 3% of scapular girdle injuries and 5% of all shoulder fractures, being,
593 of the total, 50% of the scapular body, 25% from the neck, 10% from the glenoid cavity and
594 14% from the acromion and coracoid processes. Goss (1995) associates this with the
595 arrangement of the bone, protected by the rib cage and covered by a thick layer of soft tissues,
596 in addition, its mobility allows considerable dissipation of traumatic forces. Despite the exposed

597 percentage, glenoid cavity fractures (Goss, 1992; Ideberg, 1984), scapular neck fractures (Goss,
 598 1994; Miller & Ada, 1992) and displacement of the scapulohumeral joint (Ebraheim et al.,
 599 1988) are described in the literature. Goss (1995) reports that in case of a scapular fracture,
 600 radiographic projections are always requested, however, due to the complex bone anatomy of
 601 the area, computed tomography with reconstructions is often necessary to accurately detect and
 602 define the extent of the lesion, making clear the importance of knowledge of macroscopic
 603 structures and imaging methods for diagnosing scapular injuries.

604 The clavicle is intimately articulated with the scapular acromion. Despite its importance
 605 for forelimb movements, this is still a rarely studied bone of the shoulder and most studies come
 606 from observations of human anatomy (Longia et al., 1982; Olivier & Capliez, 1957; Ray, 1959;
 607 Schultz , 1937). However, 2D studies (Voisin, 2006) and 3D technology (Squyres & DeLeon,
 608 2015) were used to analyze differences in the shape of clavicle curvatures in different locomotor
 609 groups of anthropoid primates, and a comparison of the studies shows that the image in 3D
 610 reconstruction brings anatomical details that are often not seen in the 2D image, which can be
 611 very valuable in terms of surgical planning, due to the visualization of all faces. Our study
 612 identified that the analysis of the clavicle bone piece proved to be more enlightening when
 613 compared to imaging methods, contributing to surgical planning.

614 The clavicle, structurally, presents a remarkable similarity to what is observed in men
 615 (Sobotta, 2000). Morphologically, it presents a lot of distinction among primate species. The
 616 sigmoid form observed in *Sapajus libidinosus* corroborates what was identified in *Callithrix*
 617 *jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Pan* (Schultz, 1930) and man
 618 (Sobotta, 2000). However, the interpretation must go much further. According to Voisin (2006),
 619 curvatures in the cranial view have information about the parameters of elevation of the arm,
 620 while the dorsal view is focused on the position of the scapula related to the thorax.

621 The results of the study by Voisin (2006) report that, in the cranial view, *Gorila* and
 622 *Papio* presented pronounced external curvature and a slight, or even absent, internal curvature;
 623 *Hylobates* and *Ateles* are characterized by a pronounced inner and slightly pronounced outer
 624 curvature, contrary to the first group, and *Pan*, *Homo*, *Pongo*, *Procolobus* and *Colobus* showed
 625 the two curvatures equally pronounced, as did the animals in this study. This information led
 626 the authors to analyze that only a few primate species had a clavicle with marked internal
 627 curvature in cranial view and that all of them needed rapid and powerful elevation of the arm.
 628 Among these, only *Ateles* did not have a superficial pectoral insertion in the clavicle, but the
 629 deltoid, which takes the place and function of the pectoral in these animals. This superficial
 630 pectoral insertion, according to Stern et al. (1980), represents a unique feature among primates.

631 The action of this muscle is assisted by the pronounced internal curvature that acts as a “crank”,
 632 which helps the glenoid cavity of the scapula to rotate cranially, and the greater the curvature,
 633 the more pronounced the cranking effect can be.

634 In the dorsal view, the *Sapajus libidinosus* in this study showed a clavicle with two
 635 prominent curvatures, which most resembles those of great apes and spider monkeys, which
 636 have clavicles with two curvatures, a ventral one, always more pronounced, and a dorsal one.
 637 Baboons, *Colobus* and *Procolobus* monkeys have a ventral curvature and a dorsal curvature
 638 that is slightly pronounced or absent; gibbons have only the dorsal curvature, and humans have
 639 only the lower curvature, which is less pronounced than that found in apes. A clavicle with two
 640 curvatures, as observed in the animals in this study, is associated with a dorsal scapula that is
 641 high in relation to the thorax, a fact confirmed by the image in the 3D reconstruction (Voisin,
 642 2006).

643 The sternoclavicular joint is supported by the costoclavicular ligament, found only in
 644 monkeys and humans (Cave, 1961), and limits horizontal and vertical movement of the clavicle.
 645 In this case, the elongation of the costoclavicular ligament increases the mobility and weakness
 646 of the sternoclavicular joint, requiring greater muscle control, exercised by the subclavian
 647 muscle. This condition of dorsal and high scapula, in relation to the thorax observed in *Sapajus*
 648 *libidinosus*, great apes and spider monkeys, prevents stretching of the costoclavicular ligament,
 649 making the scapula/clavicle complex relatively rigid, and preventing clavicle dislocation
 650 because of suspension movements performed by brachiating and arboreal species, such the one
 651 under study (Squyres & DeLeon, 2015). This interpretation is confirmed by electromyographic
 652 studies in spider monkeys, which show that the subclavius is not activated when the animal
 653 promotes brachiation movement (Konstant et al., 1982).

654 The humerus is articulated to the scapula. Structurally, the humerus of *Sapajus*
 655 *libidinosus* presented a cranially arranged deltoid tuberosity, as a subtle projection derived from
 656 the prolongation of the crest of the greater tubercle. This same observation was found in
 657 *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), man (Sobotta, 2000),
 658 *Saxonella crepaturae*, *Plesiadapis walbeckensis*, ancestral primates (Szalay & Dagosto, 1980)
 659 and in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), being more pronounced in the latter. Well-
 660 developed supra-epicondylar ridges, increasing towards the epicondyles, described in *Sapajus*
 661 *libidinosus*, have also been observed in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), man (Sobotta, 2000) and
 662 in *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012); not being described in *Alouatta seniculus*
 663 (Mesquita et al., 2019). The coronoid fossa was not observed in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959)
 664 and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), but it was identified in man (Sobotta, 2000) and

665 the animals of this study. The radial nerve does not produce a spiral groove in *Callimico goeldii*
 666 (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al.,
 667 2019). It was only seen in humans (Sobotta, 2000) and *Sapajus libidinosus*.

668 Despite the identification of a thin septum in the supratrochlear region, a supratrochlear
 669 foramen was not identified in any of the studied animals, corroborating studies with *Callimico*
 670 *goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn
 671 et al., 2012) and humans (Sobotta, 2000). However, Benfer & Tappen (1968) conducted a study
 672 on the occurrence of humeral septal perforation in three Old World monkeys: *Cercocebus*
 673 *albigena*, *Cercopithecus aethiops* and *Cercopithecus ascanius*, concluding three possibilities,
 674 the first being that the angulation and robustness of the anconeal process are associated with
 675 the occurrence of septal perforation of the humerus, the second is that the relative protrusion of
 676 the anconeal process is associated with advancing age, in which younger individuals have a
 677 more protuberant process and a higher percentage of septal perforation than older ones, and the
 678 third point is the association of the shape of the anconeal process with the size of the humerus,
 679 in which the occurrence of perforation is less likely in individuals with larger and more robust
 680 humerus. Considering, in *Sapajus libidinosus*, the presence of a shorter anconeal process, a
 681 well-developed and robust humerus, and that the studied animals had an age range between
 682 juvenile/adult and elderly, the three possibilities discussed by Benfer & Tappen (1968) can be
 683 confirmed.

684 Another structure brings attention to the particularities of this bone, the entepicondylar
 685 foramen. This structure, observed in the humerus, is consistently present in most platyrrhines,
 686 but its absence is also common (Meldrum et al., 1990). According to Landry (1958), this
 687 foramen is traversed by the median nerve and usually also by the brachial artery and, although
 688 its presence or absence may vary even intraspecifically in some species, in most Anthropeoidea
 689 the structure shows a more consistent pattern. Its presence or absence was used as a method of
 690 morphological identification in two phylogenetic studies of platyrrhine monkeys (Ford, 1986;
 691 Rosenberger & Coimbra-Filho, 1984) for diagnosing subfamilies that are included in other
 692 groups of mammals (Carleton, 1980), proving to be of great taxonomic significance, a fact that
 693 only a few primatologists have noticed (HersHKovitz, 1990).

694 In all *Sapajus libidinosus* in this study, a large and oblique entepicondylar foramen was
 695 identified crossing the medial supra-epicondylar crest. This structure was not identified in
 696 *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), in a large part of the Callitrichidae family (Hill,
 697 1959) and in man (Sobotta, 2000), however, it was observed in *Tarsius* (Hill, 1955), lemurs
 698 (Murie & Mivart, 1872) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959). According to Garbino & Aquino

699 (2017), the absence of this foramen is probably due to the vertical positioning of the species,
700 which presupposes intense abduction of the forelimbs. However, before highlighting any
701 adaptationist investigation into the function of the entepicondylar foramen or any adaptive
702 advantage over its disappearance, Gould & Lewontin (1979) emphasized that the presence of a
703 certain structure does not always mean that there is a function allied to it.

704 Garbino & Aquino (2017; 2018) studied the entepicondylar foramen in a range of
705 primate species and observed that the foramen is absent in Atelidae and most Callitrichinae, -
706 except for some species such as *Callimico goeldii* -, possibly associated with brachiation and
707 the considerable amount of time in the vertical grasping posture, respectively. In *Aotus* and
708 *Callicebus*, some species presented it and others did not, which may be reflected in some
709 adaptive value, and the foramen was present in Cebinae and Pitheciidae, probably due to the
710 maintenance of the basal condition present in the Platyrrhini ancestors.

711 Regarding morphological aspects of the humerus, found in *Sapajus libidinosus*, it is very
712 similar to that observed in humans (Sobotta, 2000) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al.,
713 2019) in terms of robustness and bone development. Casteleyn et al. (2012) describe a thinner
714 humerus in *Callithrix jacchus*. In this regard, Burr et al. (1989) report that the structural stiffness
715 of the humerus is greater per unit of body weight in primates that spend more time in terrestrial
716 environments than in those that are more restricted to climbing in arboreal environments. This
717 may be one of the explanations for the morphology observed in the humerus of *Sapajus*
718 *libidinosus* which, despite being classified as arboreal primates, many go to the ground in search
719 of tools and for foraging (Falótico, 2011).

720 The radius and ulna are the representative bones of the forearm. Contrary to the findings
721 in *Hapale* (Hill, 1959), the radius is not considerably more robust than the ulna, the main
722 distinction between them, apart from their epiphyses, lies in the cylindrical shape of the
723 diaphysis of the radius, in contrast to the laterally compressed character from the ulna. This
724 same conformation observed in *Sapajus libidinosus* was also described in *Alouatta seniculus*
725 (Mesquita et al., 2019) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959).

726 The radius also structurally presents a long neck; considering the distance from the head
727 to the radial tuberosity, as observed in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix jacchus*
728 (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and humans (Sobotta, 2000), being slightly smaller in *Alouatta*
729 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), and a pronounced radial tuberosity, corroborating the study
730 on *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012). In humans, a less developed tuberosity is
731 observed (Sobotta, 2000), being even smaller in *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019).
732 Considering that this structure is related to the insertion of the tendon of the biceps brachii

733 muscle (Storti et al., 2017), and due to its function of extending the shoulder joint and flexing
734 the elbow joint, arboreal primates, which present great intensity of locomotion, end up needing
735 further development of this muscle, and consequently the projection in which it is inserted
736 (Rinker, 1954), explaining the more robust tuberosity in these animals.

737 The distal sulcus for insertion of the tendons of the extensor muscles were well delimited
738 in this study, as well as in humans (Sobotta, 2000), but they were not described in *Alouatta*
739 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), perhaps
740 because they present themselves more subtly. Ulna structures follow the pattern described in
741 Callitrichideos (Casteleyn et al., 2012; Hill, 1959) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al.,
742 2019).

743 The morphology of the radius and ulna does not differ much between primates. The
744 slight curvature observed at the interosseous margin in *Sapajus libidinosus* is also seen in
745 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959). In man, (Sobotta,
746 2000) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), the radius and ulna are more rectilinear
747 and, in the former, the distal epiphysis of the ulna does not articulate with the carpus (Sobotta,
748 2000), contrary to what was observed in platyrrhines (Casteleyn et al., 2012; Hill, 1959;
749 Mesquita et al., 2019). The tomographic image performed on the *Sapajus libidinosus* of this
750 study shows that the only joint contact between the ulna and the carpus occurs with the styloid
751 process of the ulna and the accessory bone.

752 Godinot & Beard (1993) reported that the lack of ulno-carpal contact is one of the
753 striking adaptations of the pulses of extant hominoids compared to that of most other
754 Simiiformes, and that this lack of direct contact is a structural adaptation to allow a greater
755 range of motion, being, *a priori*, considered an indication of increased capacity for ulnar
756 deviation. Jouffroy & Medina (2002) tested this hypothesis through radiography, comparing
757 the displacement of the carpal bones along the radioulnar deviation in eight genera with or
758 without ulno-carpal contact, and concluded that the deviation is not directly correlated with its
759 presence or absence, and that most ulnar deviations occur at the antebrachiocarpal joint in
760 primates that do not have ulno-carpal contact, as is the case with hominoids, and at the middle
761 carpal joint in primates whose ulna articulates with the ulnar carpal bone, which includes
762 cercopithecines, platyrrhines and most strepsirrhines. On the other hand, in the animals of this
763 study, and by evaluation of the 3D reconstruction, the ulnar contact occurs with the accessory
764 carpal bone. Because of this, Yalden (1972) described that radiography and cineradiography
765 are the most appropriate techniques to investigate carpal movements *in situ*, since the
766 impediment of superimposing bone images can be eliminated using incidence angles.

767 Radiographic examination was also used to evaluate comminuted and diaphyseal
768 fracture of the radius, associated with a transverse fracture of the ulna in a Mandrel (*Mandrillus*
769 *sphinx*), which underwent a minimally invasive plate osteosynthesis. From the examination, the
770 researchers were able to see that, in addition to the fracture, the animal presented moderate
771 radiographic signs of osteoarthritis in the elbow (Tong & Guiot, 2013), highlighting the
772 importance of performing complementary imaging tests in case of suspected fracture of the
773 radius and ulna, for better clinical-surgical planning.

774 The primate hand is a well-studied structure among primatological researchers, in
775 particular, the hand skeleton includes features thought to reflect foraging, locomotion, and
776 posture, and presents a distinction between species. Overall, the primate hand skeleton,
777 including lemurs, monkeys and humans, consists of more than 27 bones, consisting of eight
778 carpals, five metacarpals and 14 phalanges, and in some primates, the central bone arranged
779 between the proximal and distal row of the carpus is observed. The number of sesamoids varies
780 among individuals, some have a distinctive thumb and exclusive characteristics of primates,
781 such as their extension and opposable nature, and the distal phalanges are classified into tegulas
782 (claws) and unguis (nails), which vary along the order (Boyer et al., 2013; Papademetriou et
783 al., 2005).

784 Most studies of primate hands use imaging methods such as radiography and 3D
785 reconstruction through tomography, additionally highlighting the importance of macroscopic
786 anatomical knowledge for correct bone identification (Boyer et al., 2013; Cartmill & Milton,
787 1977; Jouffroy et al., 1991; Le Minor, 1994; Lewis, 1985).

788 *Sapajus libidinosus* presented a hand with ten carpal bones, composed of two rows with
789 four bones each; a central one, arranged between the radial or scaphoid carpal bone and a second
790 carpal bone, or trapezoid and a sesamoid bone in a medial position. The central carpal bone is
791 a remnant of the primitive autopodium, in which a central row of four bones is present
792 (Hildebrand, 1995). The number and composition of carpal bones in *Sapajus libidinosus*
793 contrasts with those of hominoids and a specimen of *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019),
794 but show similarities with those of Old World monkeys (Swindler & Wood, 1973), *Callithrix*
795 *jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and small domestic mammals,
796 including laboratory animals (Barone, 1966; Bertolini & Leutert, 1978).

797 This same general structure is also observed in most primates, from fossils such as
798 *Plesiadapis*, *Nannodectes*, *Notharctus*, *Smilodectes*, *Adapis*, *Proconsul*, *Mesopithecus*,
799 *Proconsulidae* (Godinot & Beard, 1991; Harrison, 1987), to Lemuriformes (Godinot & Beard,
800 1991) and the Simiiformes (Hoffstetter, 1982), changing only in shape and anatomical

801 disposition. Godinot & Beard (1991) report that in *Homo*, pongidae and *Indri*, there was a fusion
 802 of this bone with the scaphoid during evolution. The central bone was also identified in *P. lowii*,
 803 *Cynocephalus volans*, *Tarsius pumilus*, *Mirza coquereli*, *Cebus* and *Tupaia glis*. The difference
 804 between the carpus of the first ones and that of the genus *Cebus* and *Tupaia glis*, as well as that
 805 of other more modern primates, is the presence of the extensive central-fourth carpal bone
 806 contact, which separates modern Strepsirrhini, *Ptilocercus* and *Papio cynocephalus* from
 807 Haplorrhini and Tupaiids (Beard & Godinot, 1988; Sargis, 2002; Stafford & Thorington, 1998).
 808 These alterations, according to Godinot & Beard (1991), may be related to prehensile and
 809 locomotor development, hand specializations of different primate groups.

810 Between the radial carpal bone, or scaphoid, and the first carpal bone, or trapezium, a
 811 small sesamoid bone, named the sesamoid of the muscle abductor pollicis longus, was observed.
 812 Le Minor (1994) investigated this bone in a series of 276 non-human primates representing 37
 813 genera, in addition to humans, in a series of 300 radiographs, including *Galago*, *Lemur*, *Cebus*,
 814 *Macaca*, *Cercopithecus*, *Pongo pygmaeus* and *Homo*. According to the author, the presence of
 815 this ossicle in primates is a primitive characteristic and is present in all non-human primates
 816 and usually articulates with the scaphoid and trapezium, as identified in this study. The author
 817 also reports changes in the general pattern of mammals only in *Gorilla gorilla*, in which the
 818 sesamoid bone is observed in about half of the individuals, and in *Homo*, where this ossicle is
 819 normally absent.

820 The metacarpals are five in number and basically differ in size in primates. The first
 821 Euprimates had a short metacarpal and long phalanges. The first Simiiformes had longer
 822 metacarpals and acquired relatively shorter digits as a result of their emphasis on horizontal
 823 quadrupedalism, which the genus *Sapajus* falls into. Early Cercopithecines, as they further
 824 emphasized horizontal quadrupedalism or even semi-terrestriality, have relatively shorter digits
 825 and longer metacarpals, compared to Simiiformes (Godinot & Beard, 1991). Several authors
 826 explain this, exposing that primates with longer metacarpals are often associated with animals
 827 that habitually adopt digitigrade postures during terrestrial locomotion (Brown & Yalden, 1973;
 828 Coombs, 1978; Gregory, 1912; Hildebrand, 1985; Howell, 1944). ; Polly, 2007), conferring
 829 several biomechanical advantages over shorter metacarpals, considering that, in a digitigrade
 830 posture, longer metacarpals would increase the effective length of the forelimb, increasing the
 831 stride length and, therefore, generating lower locomotor costs associated with high-speed or
 832 long-distance travel (Patel, 2009).

833 The metacarpal I, associated with the thumb, is relatively shorter in non-human
 834 primates, as observed in studies in gibbons (Baker, 2011), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al.,

2012), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019). It is so small in *Ateles* that they seem to have no thumbs (Baker, 2011). In the latter, length, reduction, or atrophy is associated with a delay in ossification and even chondrification (Jouffroy & Lessertisseur, 1977). The baboons - the most terrestrial of all catarrhine primates - are the ones with the thumb and proportion of fingers closest to humans (Schultz, 1930).

In addition to the variation in the length of the thumb bones, most primates have opposable thumbs. The opposition, according to Reghem et al. (2009), is the ability of the thumb to touch the other fingers of the same hand, especially the last digit, helping in activities such as grasping and swinging from trees. Gebo (2014) highlights that all Old-World monkeys, including humans, the New World ones, and some prosimians, have opposable thumbs, with few exceptions, such as *Tarsius*, marmosets, and spider monkeys. The same authors also report that animals that do not have opposable thumbs end up compensating in another way, such as the *Atelidae*, which use their tails as a tool for feeding and/or locomotion.

The arranged protuberances of the distal phalanges, tegulae (claws) and ungulae (nails), vary in the Order classification and are differentiated based on shape. Claws are laterally compressed and longitudinally curved, and have sharp, pointed distal ends, seen in tamarins and marmosets (*Callitrichidae*) and *Aye-aye* (*Daubentonidae*) (Boyer et al., 2013; Casteleyn et al., 2012; Hill, 2012; Hill, 1959), while nails are mostly flat, as in the animals in this study, *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and Old World monkeys (Andrade et al., 2002).

Among the animals analyzed in this study, three females presented hand fractures, all in the phalangeal region. In this regard, authors report that despite the attention to the construction and selection of more suitable housing for non-human primates in captivity (Martin et al., 2002; Nystrom et al., 2001; Tardif et al., 2013), fractures in the hands are commonly observed as a result of falling, jumping from excessive heights, attempts to remove a limb trapped in faulty cages, or even improper catching techniques (Pritzker & Kessler, 2012). Given this, females may be more affected by participating in the defense of the group and often get injured when trying to protect their babies from infanticidal males, cases that occur both in captivity and in the wild (Harris, 2002). Pig et al. (2016) reported a case of a female Siamang (*Hylobates syndactylus*), raised in captivity, which suffered a closed fracture of the proximal phalanx of the middle finger, resulting in finger deformity and functional disability of the hand, and radiography was used as a diagnostic method for correct surgical planning. However, knowledge of hand anatomy is important in clinical interventions.

867 **5 CONCLUSION**

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869 By bringing detailed anatomical and image data on the forelimb of *Sapajus libidinosus* and
 870 considering the aforementioned studies, and many others conducted on primates, which are still
 871 so scarce in this species, we open the door to a range of experiments aimed at skeletal and
 872 clinical pathologies, surgery, surgical planning and paleontology, in addition to serving as a
 873 scientific collection for primatologists and contributing to the education in the science of
 874 laboratory animals. It was possible to verify the efficiency of the imaging methods,
 875 demonstrating that it is possible to identify bone structures with precision, mainly through 3D
 876 reconstruction, when compared to images of bone pieces. *Sapajus libidinosus* presented
 877 anatomical characteristics, structurally and morphologically, more similar to those of
 878 neotropical primates and man, being an excellent indicator of an experimental model for studies
 879 in these species. This material, with knowledge of macroscopic bone anatomy and through
 880 tomographic and radiological exams, generates a basis for research that may contribute to the
 881 refinement of research protocols and possibly also to the reduction of animals in experiments.

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CAPÍTULO III:

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26 **Abstract**

27 The knowledge of anatomy and imaging exams emerges as an important tool in the study of
28 evolutionary processes of a species, in the elaboration of diagnosis, and the successful choice
29 of the appropriate clinical and surgical procedures. Therefore, this study aims at describing the
30 structures of the hind limb of *Sapajus libidinosus* in anatomical pieces, identifying them in
31 radiographic and tomographic images. For this, four cadavers were used in the macroscopic
32 analysis and five animals for the imaging exams, of which four were euthanized and added to
33 the macroscopic stage. For imaging exams, they were kept anesthetized. All bones were
34 documented, structures described, and compared with data in the literature from human and
35 non-human primates. We have performed Student's t-test for independent samples. There was
36 no statistical difference between the sexes regarding the length of the hind limb bones. The
37 coxal bone was largely well described using imaging methods. A small penile bone is present
38 at the tip of the penis, and it could be identified by all analyzed methods. The femur, as well as
39 the tibia and fibula, were not well portrayed in their proximal and distal epiphyses by
40 radiography, however, they were well identified on tomography. No third trochanter was
41 observed in the femur, and the patella had a triangular shape. All the structures described in the
42 macroscopic image of the tarsus and metatarsus could be identified through radiography and
43 tomography. More subtle structures, such as the popliteal notch, on the tibia and gluteal
44 tuberosity; pectineal line and facies aspera, on the coxal bone, were not identified through
45 imaging. The *Sapajus libidinosus* presented anatomical characteristics more similar to those of
46 larger New World and Old World monkeys, including man, being a great indicator of an
47 experimental model for studies in recent primates.

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49 **Key words**

50 3D reconstruction, anatomy, Cebidae, digital radiology, skeleton

51 **1 INTRODUCTION**

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53 Brazil has the greatest diversity of primates in the world, with 70% of the total species found
54 in the Amazon. According to Del-Claro (2003), this attracts studies focused on biodiversity.
55 Among the most common primate species kept under human care in Brazil, the black-striped
56 capuchin monkey stands out. Belonging to the Cebidae family, this species is medium-sized,
57 arboreal, diurnal, and has the widest geographic distribution among New World monkeys
58 (Kinzey, 1997; Martins et al., 2021).

59 Although illegal in Brazil, these animals are still the target of hunting and illegal wildlife
60 trade, being subjected to inadequate breeding and management (Nascimento et al., 2013). This
61 maintenance in illegal captivity can favor the occurrence of several conditions, among which
62 are those affecting bone structures, as well as fractures resulting from traumatic events and joint
63 degenerative processes (Gros-Louis et al., 2003; Johnson-Delaney, 1994; Rangel et al., 2013).

64 Neotropical primates have been studied in various morphological aspects and,
65 considering the current state of science, knowledge about wild animals in general is important,
66 whether aiming at their preservation or protecting their reproduction, promoting the
67 continuation of the potential ability to use these animals as biological models.

68 Black-striped capuchin monkeys have been one of the most used Cebidae in biomedical
69 research (Alfaro et al., 2014; Gros-Louis et al., 2003; Lima et al., 2017; Martins Jr. et al., 2015;
70 Nieves et al., 2021; Watts, 1990). Their easy handling and ease of breeding in captivity
71 contribute to this (Diniz, 1997). For osteological studies, these primates resemble humans in
72 terms of bone structure and remodeling, making them an excellent animal model for this line
73 of research (Pritzker & Kessler, 2012).

74 Radiology and, later, computed tomography, in veterinary medicine, particularly in
75 primatology, represented a great evolution in the imaging exams of the appendicular skeleton,

76 allowing direct vision and diagnosis, with wide prognostic and therapeutic implications of many
77 diseases that affect this region, besides enabling anatomical studies and proving to be an
78 excellent model for morphofunctional investigation (Fonteles et al., 2010; Young & Schneider,
79 1981; Pritzker & Kessler, 2012; Rodman, 1979; Ruff & Leo, 1986; Silverman et al., 2005; Tong
80 & Guiot, 2013). However, the number of studies on *Sapajus libidinosus*, focused on the area of
81 gross anatomy, compared to imaging methods, is still limited.

82 Basic anatomical studies, aimed at describing structures, are often neglected, and, as a
83 result, they are scarce in the literature, despite representing the foundation for many other areas
84 of medicine. Therefore, to contribute to the formation of an osteological and image database
85 that serves as a reference for the species under study, this research sought to recognize the
86 structures of the hind limb of the black-striped capuchin monkey (*Sapajus libidinosus*) in
87 anatomical parts, and radiographic and tomographic images.

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89 **2 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

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91 **2.1 Animals and Study Site**

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93 The study was conducted respecting the principles of the American Society of Primatologists
94 (ASP) for the ethical treatment of non-human primates. The methodological protocols were
95 approved by the Ministry of the Environment, through the Biodiversity Authorization and
96 Information System-SISBIO of the Chico Mendes Institute-ICMBio (n.º 70606-2),
97 CEUA/UFCG (n.º 121/2019) and CEUA/UFRN protocol 074/2019, certificate n.º
98 209.074/2019.

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100 The macroscopic stage of the study was conducted at the Laboratory of Animal
Anatomy, Department of Morphology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN),

101 Natal-RN Campus. The CT scans and part of the radiographs were performed at the Institute of
102 Veterinary Radiology (IRV), Natal-RN, and the other radiographs, in partnership with the
103 Potiguar University (UnP), Natal-RN.

104 Four animal cadavers, males, two juveniles aged less than 10 years, and two adults
105 estimated to be 10-15 years old, kept frozen, donated by CETAS/IBAMA/Natal-RN, were used
106 for the macroscopic study of the hind limb.

107 For the radiography (RX) and tomography (CT), five specimens of *Sapajus libidinosus*
108 were selected, an adult male, with estimated age at 10-15 years, and four elderly females, with
109 age estimated at 20-30 years, weighing in average 2.21 kg, from the Wild Animal Screening
110 Center (CETAS/IBAMA), in the city of Natal/RN. The monkeys were submitted to four hours
111 of water fasting and eight hours of food fasting before the anesthetic procedure. After the
112 imaging tests, the females were euthanized with 19.1% potassium chloride (Equiplax®, Brazil),
113 at a dose of 1 mL/kg, intravenously, and added to the macroscopic study, totaling eight animals
114 at this stage. The adult animal was used only for the examinations and returned to CETAS.

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116 **2.2 Preparation of parts and bone description**

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118 In the eight animals destined for the macroscopic stage, a dissection technique associated with
119 maceration was performed, according to Ladeira & Höfling (2007). The region of interest was
120 separated into the thigh bone, penile bone, and right and left pelvic limbs, and stored in bags
121 made with mesh-like tissue, to facilitate their identification after maceration. The bones were
122 separated by animal and, to join them together, we have used Araldite® Hobby epoxy glue and
123 instant superglue (Tekbond®, Brazil).

124 The lengths of the pelvic limb bones, from the most cranial to the most caudal extremity
125 or the most proximal to the most distal, were determined in the eight animals destined for
126 macroscopic description. The right antimere was defined as the standard for measurement.

127 All bones were described, following the recommendations of the *Nomina Anatomica*
128 *Veterinaria* (International Committee On Veterinary Gross Anatomical Nomenclature, 2017).

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130 **2.3 Imaging exams**

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132 Five animals were used in this stage. One adult male and one female were destined for
133 tomography and radiography exams, and the other females, only for radiography exams. For
134 the examinations, the animals were captured with a catching net, sent to the IRV and UnP, and
135 sedated with an association of tiletamine hydrochloride and zolazepam hydrochloride
136 (Telazol® 10%, Zoetis, Brazil) at a dose of 6 mg/kg, administered intramuscularly (La Salles
137 et al., 2019, 2021). Upon arrival, access to the caudal saphenous vein was obtained (La Salles
138 et al., 2017) for anesthetic induction, which was performed with intravenous propofol (Provive
139 1%, União Química, Brazil) in a target-controlled infusion (IAC), with a VP50 infusion pump
140 (MedRena®, Guangdong, China), at a dose of 2-5mg/kg, followed by anesthetic maintenance
141 at an initial dose of 0.25-0.5 mg/kg/min, reduced during the experiment. The animal was kept
142 breathing room air, and in the 3rd anesthetic stage, between the 2nd and 3rd plane, so that there
143 was no movement during the exams. Monitoring was performed using a multiparameter
144 monitor (Model DL 1000, Deltalife, Brazil).

145 After the exams, euthanasia was performed. One male animal was donated only for the
146 examinations and was not euthanized. The corpses of the four euthanized females were sent to
147 the Animal Anatomy Laboratory/UFRN to be added to the macroscopic study.

148 **2.3.1 Radiography**

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150 At the Veterinary Hospital of UnP, radiographic examinations were performed using a
151 conventional radiodiagnostic device, model VET500, (X-RAD X-Ray equipment, Brazil), with
152 a capacity of 500 mA and 125 kV, equipped with a radiographic table with an anti-diffusion
153 device and X-ray tube, and the images were acquired with the CR digital system, with an IP
154 cassette plate, CC type (24 cm x 30 cm) (Fujifilm, Japan) and FCR PRIMA T2 Image Reader
155 photostimulable phosphor plate scanner, model CR-IR 392 (Fujifilm, Japan). The radiographic
156 technique used was 44-46 kV, 0.045-0.05 s and 200 mA, under the same focus-film distance.
157 The images were saved in PDS files and analyzed using the PD-S Viewer software, version
158 1.4.0.0.

159 To obtain better image definition, two animals were referred to the IRV, and the images
160 were performed using a conventional radiodiagnostic device, Intecal, CR 500 mAs – Casa do
161 Radiologista, equipped with a radiographic table with anti-diffusion grid, "Potter-Bucky ", and
162 IAE X-ray tube (Italy) with a rotating anode and the images were acquired using the DR digital
163 system, with a VIEWWORKS digitizer plate, model CESIO 1417WA, with 2560 x 3072 pixels.
164 The radiographic technique used was 55 kV, 0.06 s and 300 mA. After the acquisition, the
165 radiographic images were saved in DICOM files, and transferred and analyzed online using the
166 postDICOM program (Herten, Netherlands). All radiographic examinations were performed in
167 compliance with the radiological protection standards.

168 The animals were positioned directly on the radiographic tables. The pelvic limb was
169 radiographed under the mediolateral and craniocaudal projections, in the thigh and leg regions,
170 and dorsoplantar, in the foot region. Ventrodorsal and laterolateral projections were also made
171 to visualize the pelvis and penile bone.

172 The radiographic exams were individually analyzed, identifying all the bones and
173 particularities observed in the skeletal system already described in the macroscopic stage, and
174 a comparison of the three study methods was performed.

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176 **2.3.2 Computed tomography**

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178 For the examination in question, a helical computed tomography device, model XVision EX,
179 single slice (Toshiba, Japan) was used. Before the scan, sagittal radiographic images of each
180 region and sub-region to be studied of each animal were acquired (topogram), to define the
181 extent of the study (the beginning and end of the scan) and the slice variation. Once the area
182 was defined, transverse planes with predetermined section thickness and table increment were
183 performed.

184 The imaging parameters used for the pelvic limb were: 2.0 mm slice thickness, 2.0 table
185 increment, 100 mA and 120 kV, for the coxofemoral region; 2.0 mm slice thickness, 1.5 table
186 increment, 150 mA and 120 kV, for the femorotibial and patellofemoral regions, and 1.0 mm
187 of slice thickness, 1.0 table increment, 150 mA and 120 kV, for the tarsal, metatarsal,
188 phalangeal and penile bone regions. To perform the CT, the animals were positioned in sternal
189 recumbency, with caudal extension of the thoracic and hind limbs.

190 We have transferred the tomographic images to the Horos software version 1.1.7
191 (United States) for the analysis of transverse plane images and multi-planar reconstructions
192 (MPR) in sagittal and dorsal planes. 3D reconstruction to illustrate bone anatomy was also
193 obtained.

194 The tomographic images were individually analyzed, and we have also performed the
195 identification of the bones and particularities, already described macroscopically, and a
196 comparison of the three methods of study.

197 **2.4 Statistical analysis**

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199 During the study, the results obtained were documented with a digital camera, and, later,
200 described and compared with data from the literature about human and non-human primates.

201 Mean and standard deviation of the lengths of the bones of the right antimeres of the hind limb
202 were determined. Student's t-test was performed for independent samples using the Past
203 software, version 4.03.

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205 **3 RESULTS**

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207 The bones of the hind limb comprise the coxal, femur, tibia, fibula, tarsus, metatarsal and
208 phalanges. Measurements of bone lengths, of the right antimeres, from the most cranial to the
209 most caudal end of the coxal bone, and the most proximal to the most distal end of the long
210 bones, are described in Table 1.

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212 **TABLE 1** Length in millimeters (mm) of the bones of the right antimeres of the hind limb, of
213 four males (M1-M4) and four females (F1-F4) of *Sapajus libidinosus*, arranged in mean (Mean)
214 and standard deviation (SD).

	Mean	SD	Mean M*	Mean F**
Coxal	86.1	7.92	82.3	89.9
Femur	124.6	8.33	120.5	128.6
Tibia	118.4	7.99	114.8	122.0
Fibula	110.1	8.77	106.0	114.1
Value of t			0.2103	
Value of p			2.056	

215 † * Mean of males, **Mean of females.

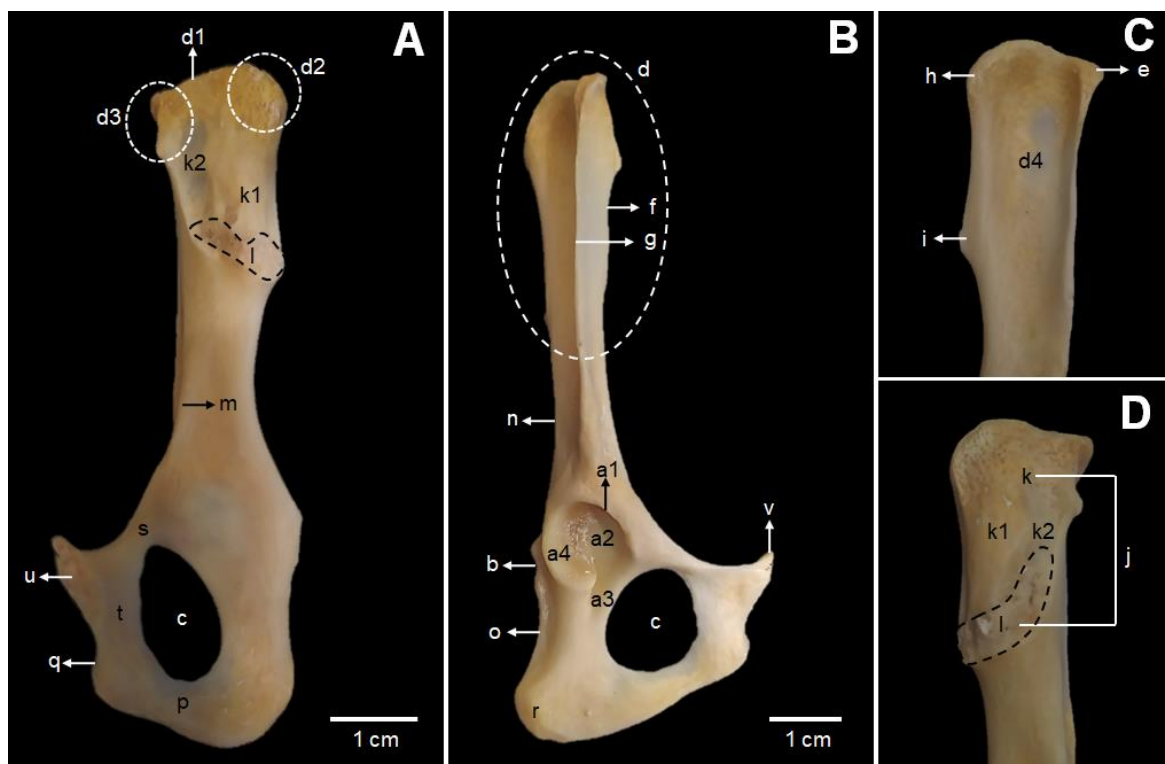
216 † Means do not differ statistically from each other when compared by the t test ($p < 0.05$).

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218 Data from table 1 demonstrate that there was no statistically significant difference
219 between males and females regarding the length of the hind limb bones. No differences were
220 observed among the studied specimens regarding the analyzed bones.

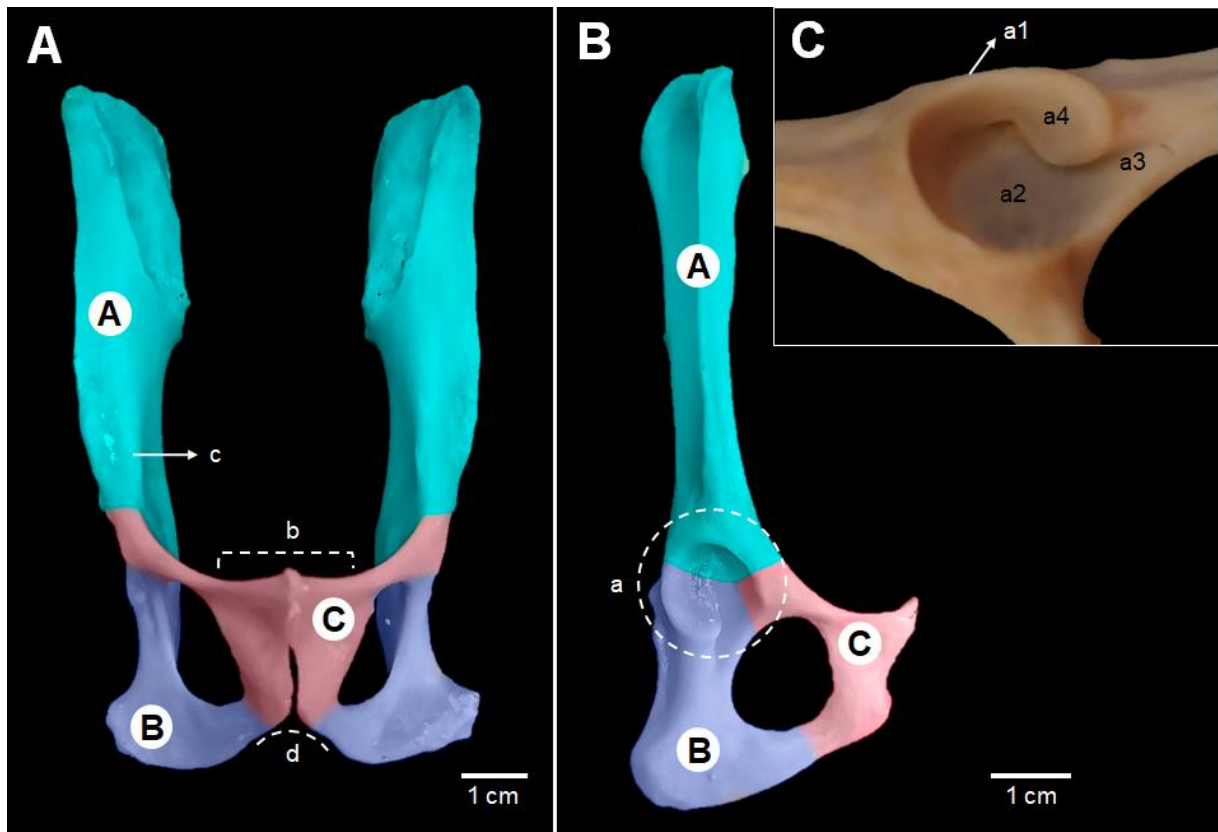
221 The coxal bone is composed of three bones: ilium, ischium and pubis, and contains a
 222 large obturator foramen (Figure 2). The acetabulum is deep and contains a margin, a fossa and
 223 a semilunar articular surface, which is interrupted by an acetabular notch. Dorsal to the
 224 acetabulum, a discrete ischial spine is present. There are discrete coxal and sacral tuberosities
 225 and a clearly visible ischial tuberosity. The iliac surface has a tuberosity and a fossa and,
 226 together with the auricular surface, forms the sacropelvic surface, to which the sacrum
 227 articulates. Forming the cranial border is the iliac crest. Iliac spines and inner and outer lips are
 228 also seen in the ilium. An arcuate line is seen on the medial aspect, opposite to the greater sciatic
 229 notch. Through the symphysis surface of the pubis and ischium, the two halves of the coxal
 230 bone articulate, forming the pubic and ischial symphysis, which together represent the pelvic
 231 symphysis (Figure 1). The pubis still forms, through this union, a central pubic tubercle, and its
 232 cranial margin is called the pecten. The sciatic arch is in the shape of an “inverted V”. The
 233 tubercle to the psoas minor muscle was also seen (Figure 2). Iliopubic eminence was not
 234 identified.

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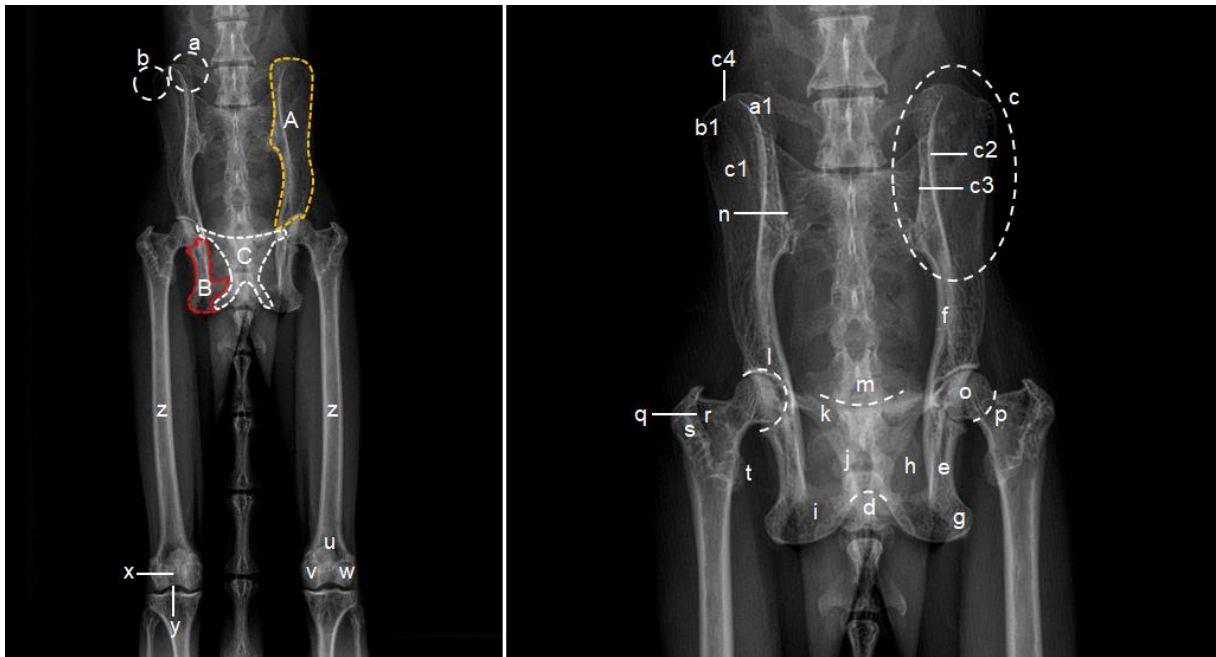
237 **FIGURE 1** Coxal bone. Medial view of the right antimer (A), Lateral view of the right
 238 antimer (B), Lateral view of the right ilium bone (C), Medial view of the left ilium bone (D).
 239 a. Acetabulum (*Acetabulum*); a1. Acetabulum margin (*Margo acetabuli*); a2. Acetabulum fossa
 240 (*Fossa acetabuli*); a3. Acetabular notch (*Incisura acetabuli*); a4. Semilunar face (*Facies*
 241 *lunata*); b. Ischial spine (*Spina ischiadica*); c. Obturator foramen (*Foramen obturatum*); d.
 242 Wing of ilium (*Ala ossis ilii*); d1. Iliac crest (*Crista iliaca*); d2. Coxal tuber (*Tuber coxae*); d3.
 243 Sacral tuber (*Tuber sacrale*); d4. Gluteal surface (*Facies glutea*); e. Cranial ventral iliac spine
 244 (*Spina iliaca ventralis cranialis*); f. Inner lip (*Labium internum*); g. Outer lip (*Labium*
 245 *externum*); h. Cranial dorsal iliac spine (*Spina iliaca dorsalis cranialis*); i. Caudal dorsal iliac
 246 spine (*Spina iliaca dorsalis caudalis*); j. Sacropelvic surface (*Facies sacropelvina*); k. Iliac
 247 surface (*Facies iliaca*); k1. Iliac tuberosity (*Tuberositas iliaca*); k2. Iliac fossa (*Fossa iliaca*);
 248 l. Auricular surface (*Facies auriculares*); m. Arcuate line (*Linea arcuata*); n. Greater sciatic
 249 notch (*Incisura ischiadica major*); o. Lesser sciatic notch (*Incisura ischiadica minor*); p. Ramus
 250 ossis ischii (*Ramus ossis ischii*); q. Symphyseal face of the ischium (*Facies symphysialis ossis*
 251 *ischii*); r. Ischial tuberosity (*Tuber ischiadicum*); s. Cranial ramos of pubic bone (*Ramus*
 252 *cranialis ossis púbis*); t. Caudal ramus of pubic bone (*Ramus caudalis ossis púbis*); u.
 253 Sympyseal surface of the pubis (*Facies symphysialis ossis pubis*); v. Pubic tubercle
 254 (*Tuberculum pubicum*).
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256 **FIGURE 2** Coxal bone. Ventral view (A), Lateral view of the right antimer (B), Close-up of
 257 the acetabulum (C). A. Body of the ilium bone (*Corpus ossis ilii*); B. Ischial bone body (*Corpus*
 258 *ossis ischii*); C. Pubic bone body (*Corpus ossis púbis*); a. Acetabulum (*Acetabulum*); b.
 259 Pectineal line of the pubis (*Pecten ossis púbis*); c. Tubercle for minor psoas (*Tuberculum m.*
 260 *psoas minoris*); d. Ischial arch (*Arcus ischiadicus*).
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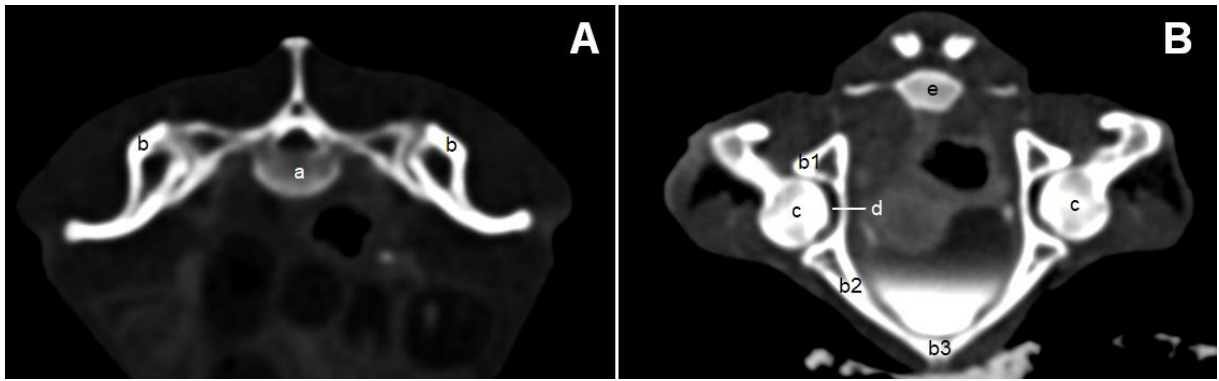
262 The coxal bone was largely well described through radiographic imaging and 3D
 263 reconstruction, with most of its structures identified, with the tomographic image providing the
 264 best visualization. Internal structures of the acetabulum, the symphysis surfaces of the pubis
 265 and ischium, and structures of the articular surface with the sacrum could not be identified by
 266 imaging methods, because of the articulation with the corresponding bones. The arcuate line
 267 was also not identified by these methods (Figures 3, 5, 6). The cross-sectional tomographic
 268 image of the region allowed identification of the sacrum, coxal bone, femur and caudal vertebra
 269 (Figure 4).

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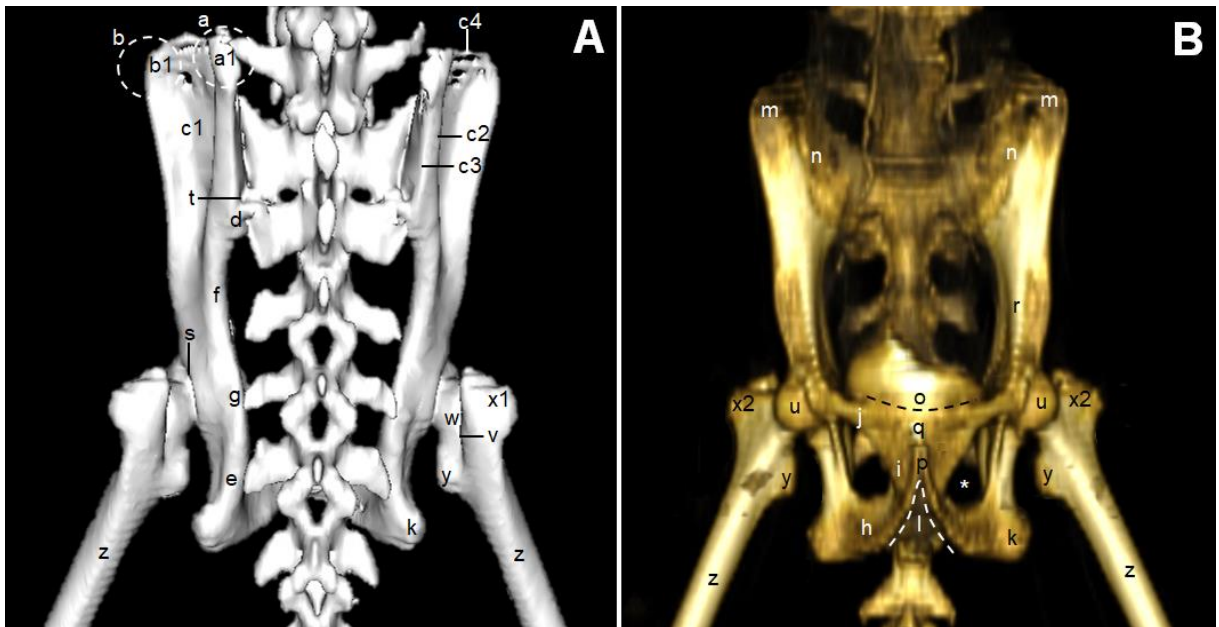
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272 **FIGURE 3** Radiographic image in dorsoventral projection, highlighting the coxal bone and
 273 femur. A. Ilium; B. Ischium; C. Pubis. a. sacral tuber; a1. Cranial dorsal iliac spine; b. Coxal
 274 tuber; b1. Cranial ventral iliac spine; c. Wing of ilium; c1. Gluteal surface; c2. Outer lip; c3.
 275 Inner lip; c4. Iliac crest; d. Sciatic arch; e. Lesser sciatic notch; f. Greater sciatic notch; g.
 276 Ischial tuberosity; h. Obturator foramen; i. Ramus of the Ischium; j. Caudal ramus of the pubic
 277 bone; k. Cranial ramus of the pubis; l. Acetabulum; m. Pectineal line; n. Sacroiliac joint; o.
 278 Head of the femur; p. Neck of the femur; q. Intertrochanteric crest; r. Trochanteric fossa; s.
 279 Caudal part of the greater trochanter; t. Lesser trochanter; u. Popliteal face; v. Medial condyle;
 280 w. Lateral condyle; x. Intercondylar fossa; y. Intercondylar line; z. Body of the femur.



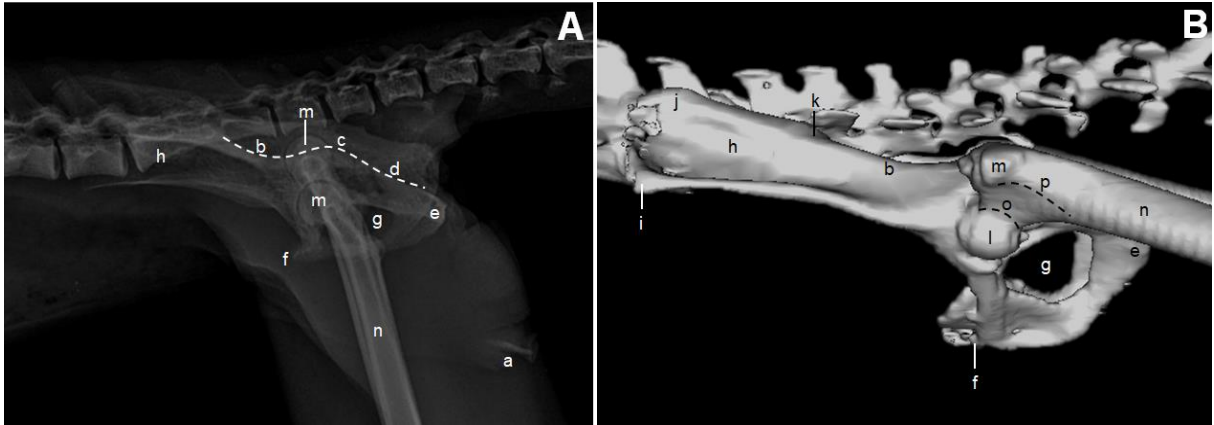
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FIGURE 4 Cross-sectional tomographic image of the sacrocaudal region at the level of the sacral vertebra (A) and Ca2 (B). a. Sacrum; b. Coxal; b1. Ilium; b2. Ischium; b3. Pubis; c. Femur; d. Acetabulum; e. Caudal vertebra.



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FIGURE 5 Image in 3D reconstruction in dorsoventral (A) and ventrodorsal (B) projection, highlighting the coxal bone and femur. a. Sacral tuberosity; a1. Cranial dorsal iliac spine; b. Coxal tuberosity; b1. Cranial ventral iliac spine; c. Wing of ilium; c1. Gluteal surface; c2. Outer lip; c3. Inner lip; c4. Iliac crest; d. Caudal dorsal iliac spine; e. Lesser sciatic notch; f. Greater sciatic notch; g. Ischial spine; h. Ramus of the ischium bone; i. Caudal ramus of the pubic bone; j. Cranial ramus of the pubic bone; k. Tuber ischium; l. Sciatic arch; m. Coxal tuberosity; n. Sacropelvic surface; o. Pectineal line of the pubis; p. Ischial symphysis; q. Pubic symphysis; r. Tubercle for minor psoas; s. Acetabulum; t. Sacroiliac joint; u. Head of the femur; v. Intertrochanteric crest; w. Trochanteric fossa; x. Greater trochanter; x1. Caudal part of the greater trochanter; x2. Cranial part of the greater trochanter; y. Lesser trochanter; z. Body of the femur bone; * Obturator foramen.



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 299 **FIGURE 6** Radiographic image (A) and 3D reconstruction (B), in laterolateral projection,
 300 highlighting the coxal, femur and penile bone. a. Penile bone; b. Greater sciatic notch; c. ischial
 301 spine; d. Lesser sciatic notch; e. Sciatic tuberosity; f. Pubic tubercle; g. Obturator foramen; h.
 302 Wing of the ilium/Gluteal surface; i. Cranial ventral iliac spine; j. Cranial dorsal iliac spine; k.
 303 Caudal dorsal iliac spine; l. Head of the femur; m. Greater trochanter (cranial part); n. Body of
 304 the femur; o. Neck of the femur; p. Intertrochanteric line.
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306 A small penile bone, averaging 5 mm in length, is present at the tip of the penis. It was
 307 noted that, in young animals, thus characterized according to dental parameters, basisphenoid
 308 and basioccipital synostosis, and for presenting coronal and lambdoid sutures still open, the
 309 penile bone presented a larger size, reaching up to 8 mm, and in adult animals, it presented a
 310 reduced size, reaching a minimum of 3 mm. In addition, its morphology was different, being
 311 more rectilinear in young animals, whereas, in adult ones, it presented a thin cranial process
 312 extending to the glans penis and a more voluminous caudal part (Figura 7).

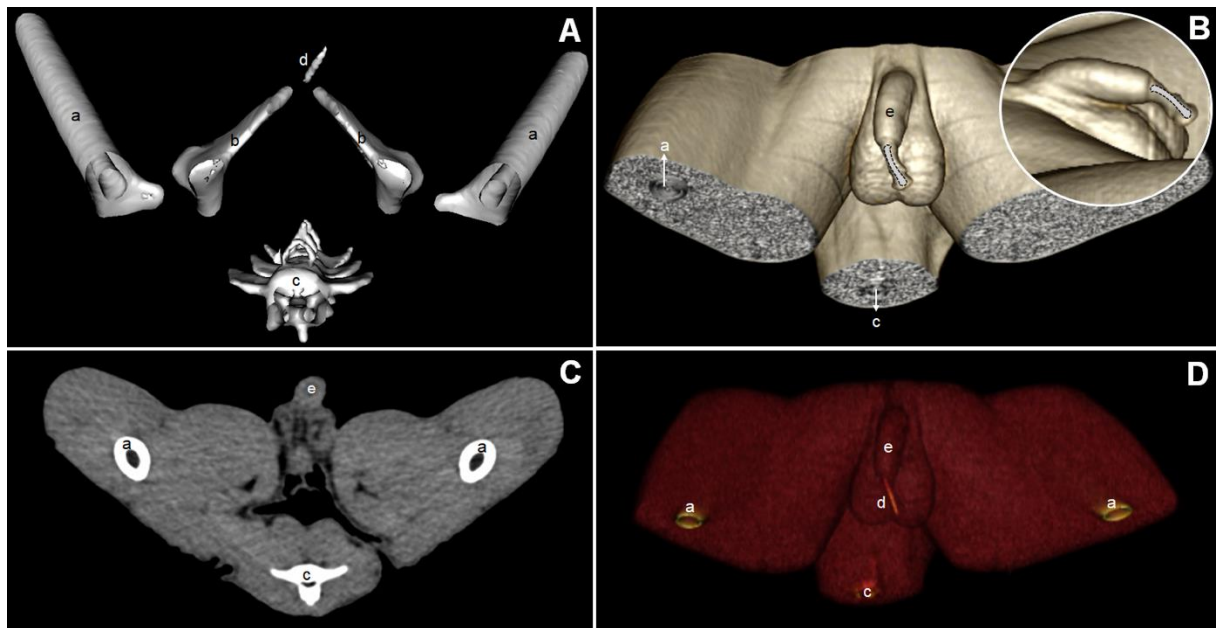
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 315 **FIGURE 7** Macroscopic image of penile bone (*Os penis*) from an adult animal (A), and a
 316 young animal (B).

317 The penile bone can be observed both through radiographic imaging (Figure 6), and
 318 different tomographic imaging methods (Figure 8C), in which the penile region is visualized,
 319 and in 3D reconstruction (Figures 8A, B, D). Figures 8A and 8D show the bone structure clearly
 320 detailed, and Figure 8B depicts the marking of the approximate location of the penile bone,
 321 based on the shape observed macroscopically.

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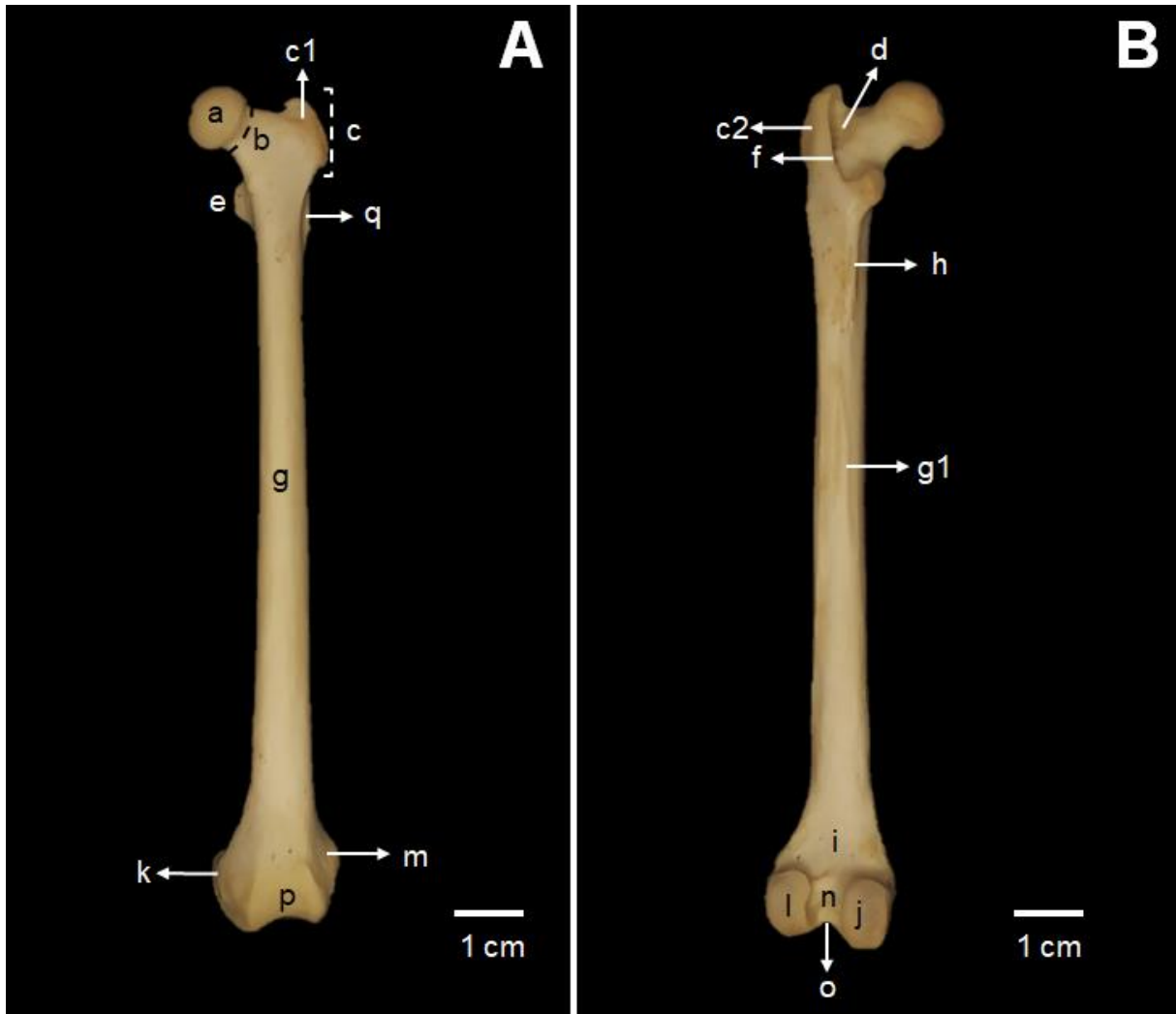
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324 **FIGURE 8** Tomographic and 3D reconstruction images, highlighting the penile region. a.
 325 Femur; b. Coxal bone; c. Caudal vertebra; d. Penile bone; e. Penis.

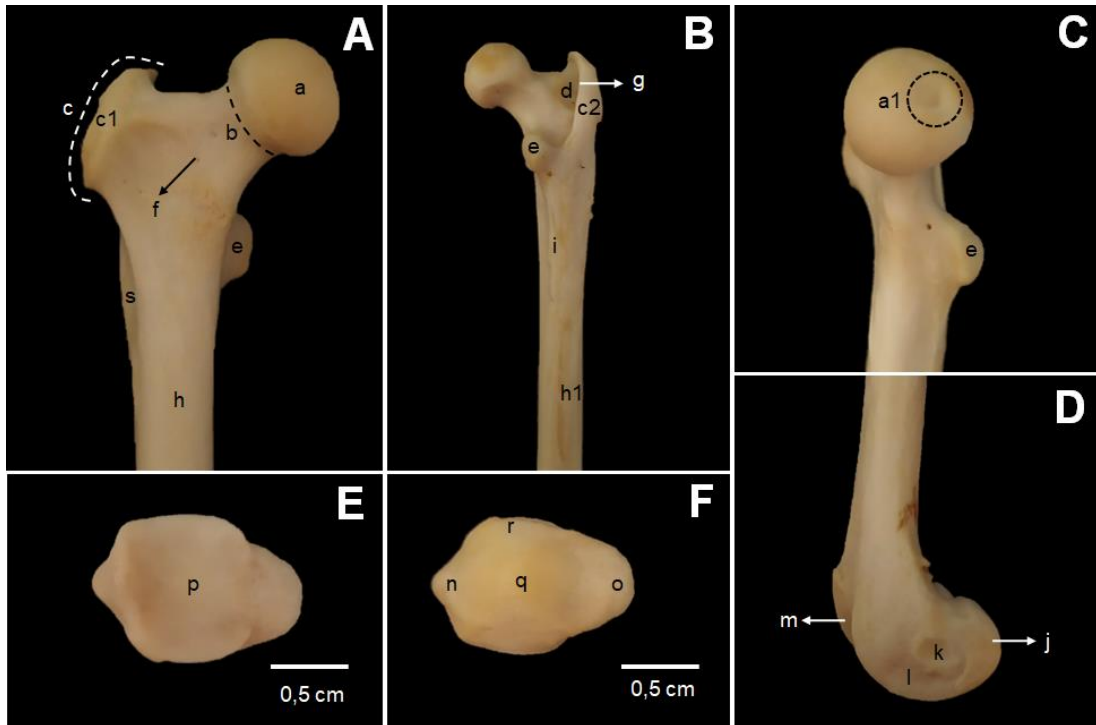
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327 The femur is quite long, being the largest bone in the body, and shows a well-delineated
 328 head with the presence of a fovea, a very distinct neck, and pronounced greater and lesser
 329 trochanters (Figures 9, 10C). No third trochanter was observed. An intertrochanteric line
 330 connects the two trochanters on the cranial surface (Figure 10A). A small gluteal tuberosity was
 331 identified. A subtle dentate line was observed and continued by a facies aspera ventrally. The
 332 condyles are separated by an intercondylar fossa, bounded ventrally by an intercondylar line,
 333 and the epicondyles are surrounded by an extensor fossa (Figures 9B, 10B, 10C). The patella is
 334 triangular, with rounded edges, a narrower apex, a wider base with a central tubercle, and

335 articulates with a well-defined trochlea (Figures 10E, 10F). A small, round to oval fabella
 336 articulates on the dorsal surface of each femoral condyle (Figure 14).
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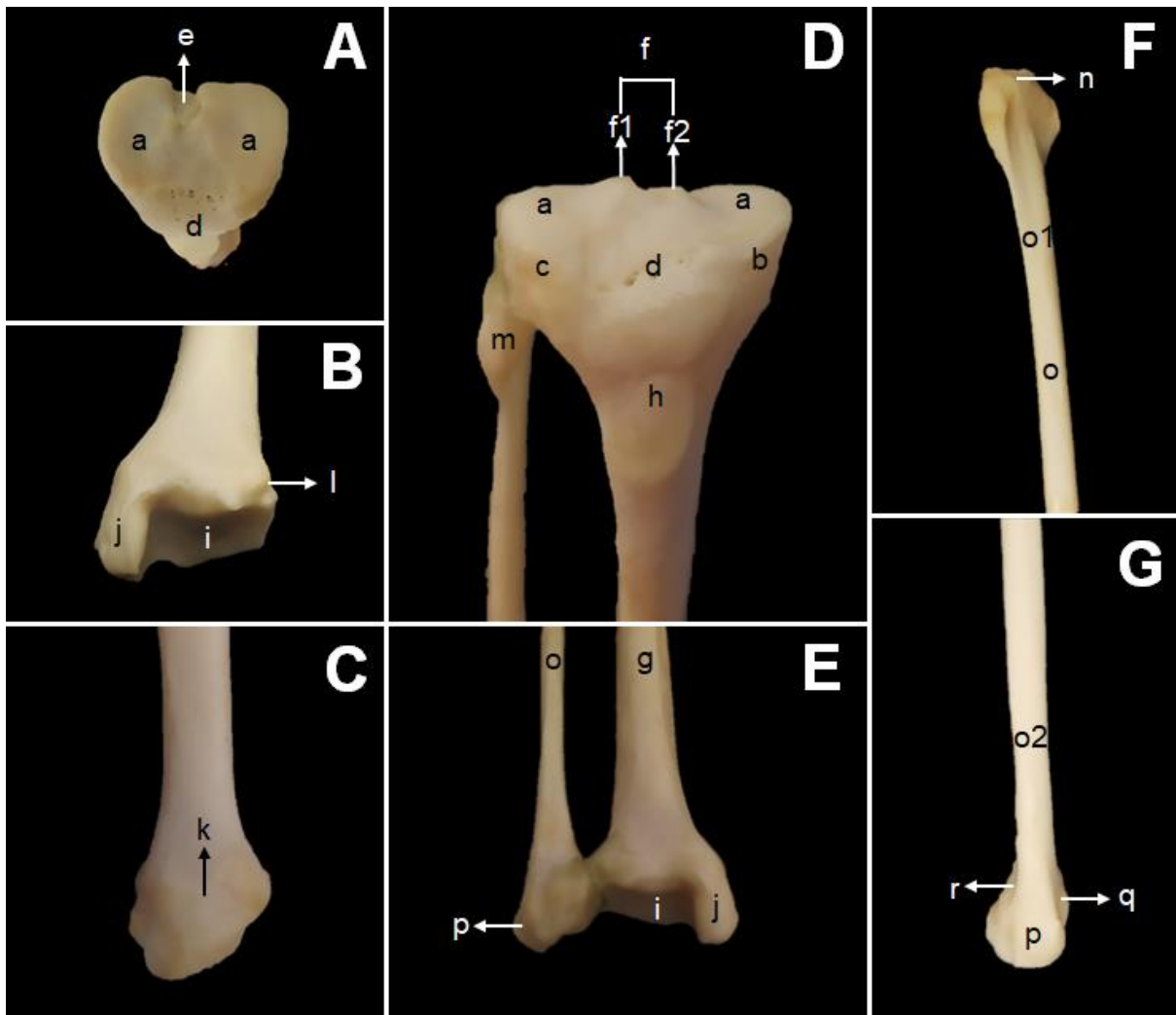


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 339 **FIGURE 9** Left femur. Cranial view (A), Caudal view (B). a. Head of the femur (*Caput ossis*
 340 *femoris*); b. Neck of the femur bone (*Collum ossis femoris*); c. Greater Trochanter (*Trochanter*
 341 *major*); c1. Cranial part (*Pars cranialis*); c2. Caudal part (*Pars caudalis*); d. Trochanteric fossa
 342 (*Fossa trochanterica*); e. Lesser Trochanter (*Trochanter minor*); f. Intertrochanteric crest
 343 (*Crista intertrochanterica*); g. Body of the femur bone (*Corpus ossis femoris*); g1. Facies aspera
 344 (*Facies aspera*); h. Pectineal line (*Linea pectineus*); i. Popliteal face (*Facies poplitea*); j. Medial
 345 condyle (*Condylus medialis*); k. Medial epicondyle (*Epicondylus medialis*); l. Lateral condyle
 346 (*Condylus lateralis*); m. Lateral epicondyle (*Epicondylus lateralis*); n. Intercondylar fossa
 347 (*Fossa intercondylaris*); o. Intercondylar line (*Linea intercondylaris*); p. Trochlea of the femur
 348 bone (*Trochlea ossis femoris*); q. Gluteal tuberosity (*Tuberositas glutea*).

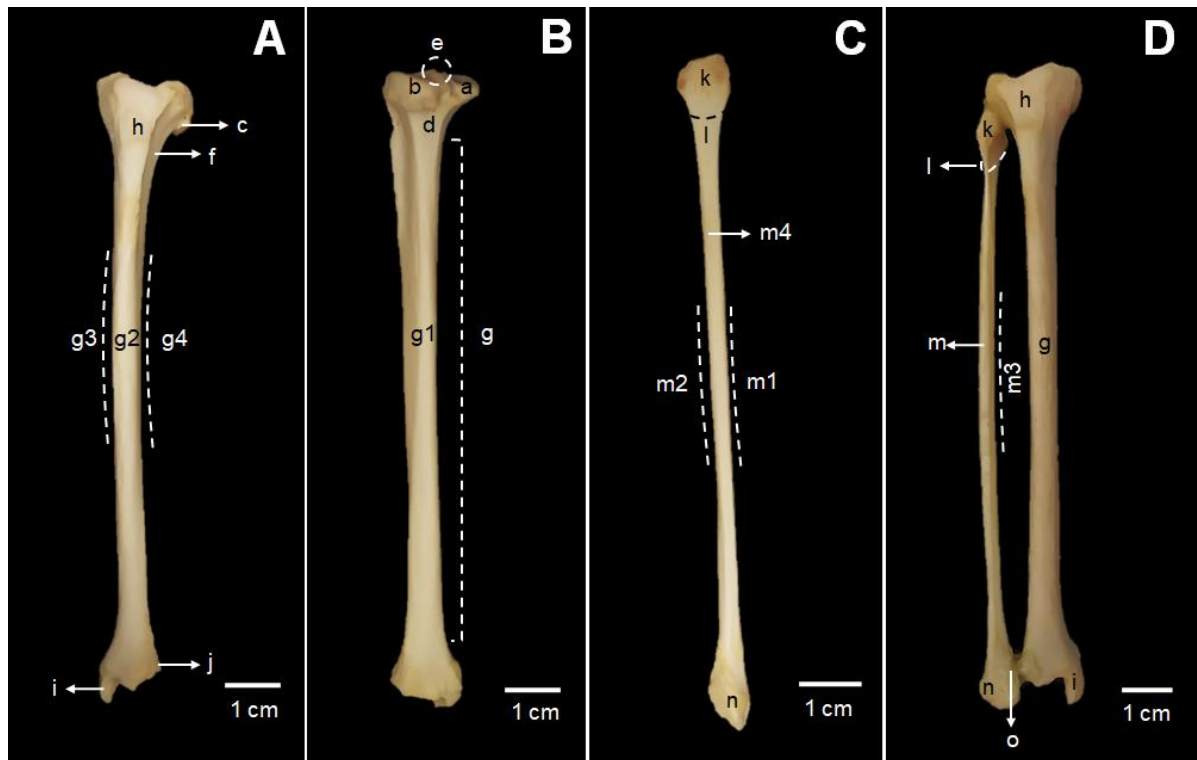


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 350 **FIGURE 10** Right femur. Cranial view of the proximal epiphysis (A), Caudal view of the
 351 proximal epiphysis (B), Medial view of the proximal epiphysis (C), Medial view of the distal
 352 epiphysis (D). Patella. Ventral view (E), Dorsal view (F). a. Head of the femur (*Caput ossis*
 353 *femoris*); a1. Fovea capitis femoris (*Fovea capitis*); b. Neck of the femur bone (*Collum ossis*
 354 *femoris*); c. Greater Trochanter (*Trochanter major*); c1. Cranial part (*Pars cranialis*); c2.
 355 Caudal part (*Pars caudalis*); d. Trochanteric fossa (*Fossa trochanterica*); e. Lesser Trochanter
 356 (*Trochanter minor*); f. Intertrochanteric line (*Linea intertrochanterica*); g. Intertrochanteric
 357 crest (*Crista intertrochanterica*); h. Body of the femur bone (*Corpus ossis femoris*); h1. *Facies*
 358 *aspera* (*Facies aspera*); i. Pectineal line (*Linea pectineus*); j. Medial condyle (*Condylus*
 359 *medialis*); k. Medial epicondyle (*Epicondylus medialis*); l. Extensor fossa (*Fossa extensoria*);
 360 m. Trochlea of the femur bone (*Trochlea ossis femoris*); n. Base of the patella (*Basis patellae*);
 361 o. Apex of the patella (*Apex patellae*); p. Articular surface (*Facies articularis*); q. Cranial
 362 surface (*Facies cranialis*); r. Cartilaginous process (*Processus cartilagineus*); s. Gluteal
 363 tuberosity (*Tuberositas glutea*).
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365 The tibia, the second largest bone in the body, and the complete fibula, are well-
 366 developed bones, separated by a large interosseous space and not fused. The fibular articular
 367 surface and fibular notch of the tibia articulate with the articular surface of the fibular head, and
 368 the malleolar articular surface of the fibula, respectively. The tibia has a very prominent cranial
 369 tuberosity, in which, laterally, passes the extensor sulcus. A popliteal notch was identified
 370 (Figure 12). Cranial and caudal to the intercondylar eminence, well-delimited intercondylar
 371 areas are observed. Very prominent malleolus and subtle malleolar grooves are seen in the distal
 372 epiphysis (Figure 11).



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 374 **FIGURE 11** Tibia and fibula. View of the articular surface of the proximal epiphysis of the
 375 tibia (A), View of the articular surface of the distal epiphysis of the tibia (B), Medial view of
 376 the distal epiphysis of the tibia (C), Cranial view of the proximal epiphysis of the tibia and
 377 fibula (D), Cranial view of the distal epiphysis of the tibia and fibula (E), Medial view of the
 378 proximal epiphysis of the fibula (F), Lateral view of the distal epiphysis of the fibula (G). a.
 379 Proximal articular surface (*Facies articularis proximalis*); b. Medial condyle (*Condylus*
 380 *medialis*); c. Lateral condyle (*Condylus lateralis*); d. Cranial intercondylar area (*Area*
 381 *intercondylaris cranialis*); e. Caudal intercondylar area (*Area intercondylaris caudalis*); f.
 382 Intercondylar eminence (*Eminentia intercondylaris*); f1. Medial intercondylar tubercle
 383 (*Tuberculum intercondylare mediale*); f2. Lateral intercondylar tubercle (*Tuberculum*
 384 *intercondylare laterale*); g. Body of the tibia (*Corpus tibiae*); h. Tibial tuberosity (*Tuberositas*
 385 *tibiae*); i. Cochlea of tibia (*Cochlea tibiae*); j. Medial malleolus (*Malleolus medialis*); k. Medial
 386 malleolar sulcus (*Sulcus malleolaris medialis*); l. Fibular notch (*Incisura fibularis*); m. Head of
 387 the fibula (*Caput fibulae*); n. Articular surface of the fibular head (*Facies articularis capitis*
 388 *fibulae*); o. Body of the fibula (*Corpus fibulae*); o1. Medial surface (*Facies medialis*); o2.
 389 Lateral surface (*Facies lateralis*); p. Lateral malleolus (*Malleolus lateralis*); q. Articular face
 390 of the malleolus (*Facies articular malleoli*); r. Lateral malleolar sulcus (*Sulcus malleolaris*
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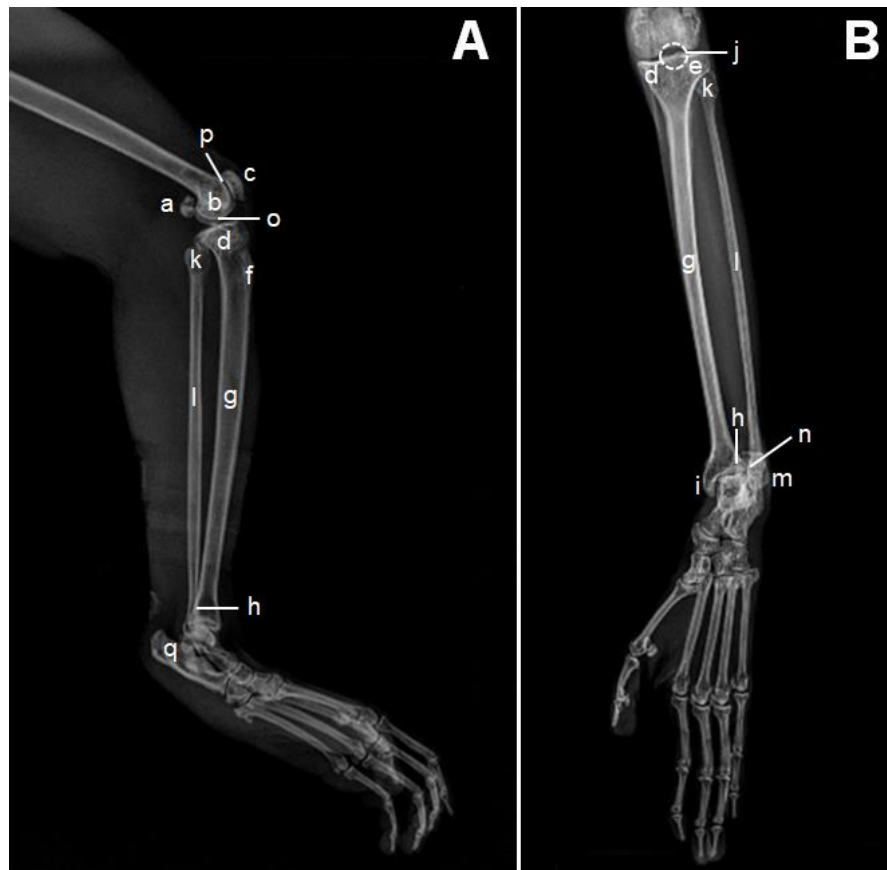
FIGURE 12 Left tibia. Cranial View (A), Caudal View (B). Right tibia and fibula. Lateral view of the fibula (C), Cranial view of the tibia and fibula (D). a. Medial condyle (*Condylus medialis*); b. Lateral condyle (*Condylus lateralis*); c. Fibular articular surface (*Facies articularis fibularis*); d. Popliteal notch (*Incisura poplitea*); e. Intercondylar eminence (*Eminentia intercondylaris*); f. Extensor sulcus (*Sulcus extensorius*); g. Body of the tibia (*Corpus tibiae*); g1. Caudal surface (*Facies caudalis*); g2. Cranial surface (*Facies cranialis*); g3. Medial margin (*Margo medialis*); g4. Lateral/interosseous margin (*Margo lateralis/Margo interosseus*); h. Tibial tuberosity (*Tuberositas tibiae*); i. Medial malleolus (*Malleolus medialis*); j. Fibular notch (*Incisura fibularis*); k. Head of the fibula (*Caput fibulae*); l. Neck of the fibula (*Collum fibulae*); m. Body of the fibula (*Corpus fibulae*); m1. Cranial margin (*Margo cranialis*); m2. Caudal margin (*Margo caudalis*); m3. Interosseous margin (*Margo interosseus*); m4. Lateral surface (*Facies lateralis*); n. Lateral malleolus (*Malleolus lateralis*); o. Malleolar articular surface (*Facies articularis malleoli*).

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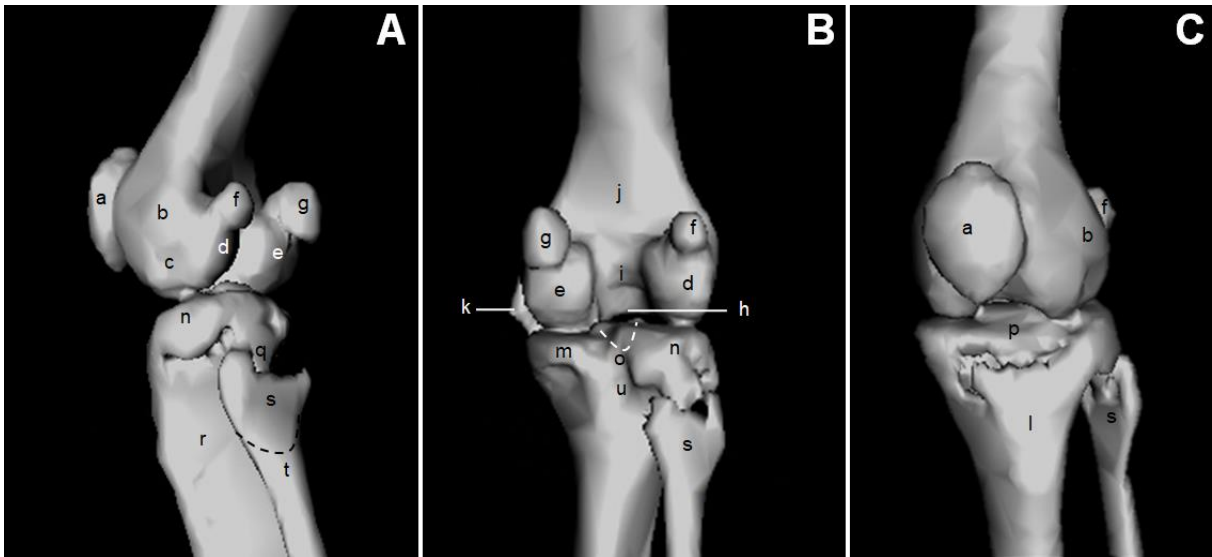
We could identify all structures of the proximal femoral epiphysis through the 3D reconstruction, in laterolateral (Figure 6), ventrodorsal and dorsoventral (Figure 5) projections, making it possible to visualize their various surfaces. More subtle structures, such as the gluteal tuberosity, dentate line and facies aspera were not identified. The fovea of the femoral head was also not observed because of the articulation with the acetabulum. In the radiographic image of dorsoventral projection, it was possible to identify most of the structures of the proximal epiphysis (Figure 3), while in the laterolateral projection, due to bone overlap of the coxal bone, the structures were not well identified (Figure 6A). All structures of the distal femoral epiphysis

415 could also be identified through 3D reconstruction (Figure 14), since the radiographic image
 416 was limited in terms of identification, being restricted in the dorsoventral projection to the
 417 visualization of the caudal aspect of the bone (Figure 3), and in the mediolateral projection to
 418 the patella, sesamoid and medial epicondyle (Figure 13).

419 Except for structures on the articular surface of the proximal epiphysis, such as the
 420 caudal intercondylar area, and on the articular surface of the distal epiphysis of the tibia, such
 421 as the cochlea, all other structures of the tibia and fibula were identified by imaging methods
 422 and were more clearly observed by 3D reconstruction, and with more limited visibility of
 423 structures in the radiographic image. It was not possible to identify the popliteal notch by
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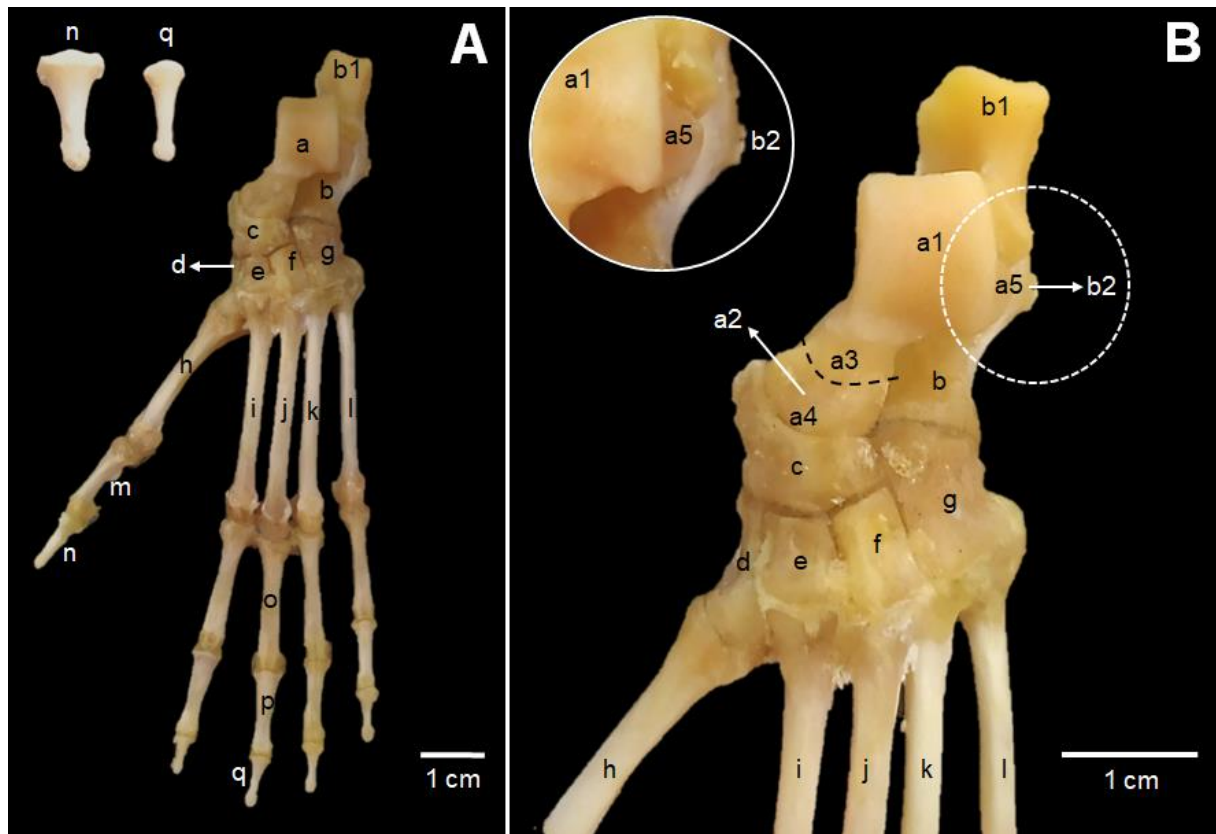


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 426 **FIGURE 13** Radiographic image in mediolateral (A) and dorsoventral (B) projection of the left
 427 antimer, highlighting the femur, patella, tibia and fibula. a. Medial sesamoid bone of the
 428 gastrocnemius muscle; b. Medial epicondyle; c. Patella; d. Medial condyle of the tibia; e.
 429 Lateral condyle of the tibia; f. Tibial tuberosity; g. Body of the tibia; h. Fibular notch; i. Medial
 430 malleolus; j. Intercondylar eminence; k. Head of the fibula; l. Body of the fibula; m. Lateral
 431 malleolus; n. Malleolar articular surface; o. Femorotibial joint; p. Patellofemoral Joint; q.
 432 Calcaneus.



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 434 **FIGURE 14** Image in 3D reconstruction of the lateral (A), caudal (B) and cranial (C) face of
 435 the distal epiphysis of the femur and proximal epiphysis of the tibia and fibula. a. Patella; b.
 436 Lateral epicondyle; c. Extensor fossa; d. Lateral condyle of the femur; e. Medial condyle of the
 437 femur; f. Lateral sesamoid bone of the gastrocnemius muscle; g. Medial sesamoid bone of the
 438 gastrocnemius muscle; h. Intercondylar line; i. Intercondylar fossa; j. Popliteal face; k. Medial
 439 epicondyle; l. Tibial tuberosity; m. Medial condyle of the tibia; n. Lateral condyle of the tibia;
 440 o. Intercondylar eminence; p. Cranial intercondylar area; q. Fibular articular surface; r. Extensor
 441 sulcus; s. Head of the fibula; t. Neck of the fibula; u. Popliteal notch.
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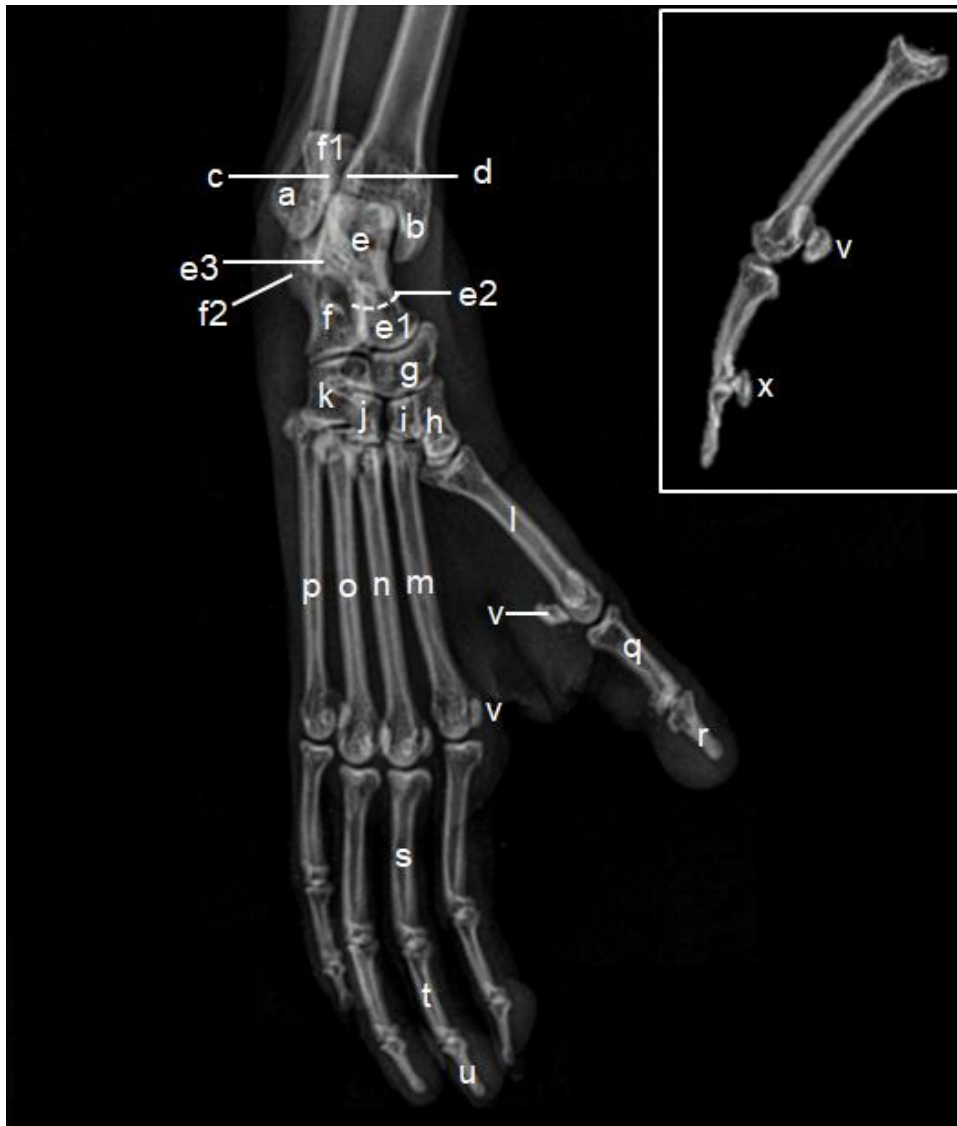
443 The tarsus contains seven bones, the talus and calcaneus in the crural row, the central
 444 tarsal bone, forming a reduced intermediate row, and four bones in the metatarsal row that
 445 increase in size from medial to lateral. Five digits are present. The finger I, known as the hallux,
 446 contains two phalanges, while the other four have three (Figure 15). The distal phalanx of the
 447 finger I has a wider and flatter base, but all the distal phalanges are covered by a nail (unguis)
 448 (Figure 15A). A prominent lateral process of the talus and a lateral process of the calcaneal
 449 tuberosity were identified (Figure 15B). Axial and ovoid abaxial sesamoid bones are present on
 450 the plantar surface in the distal trochlea of the metatarsal bones. Comma-shaped sesamoid bones
 451 are found in the proximal interphalangeal joints of the last four digits and the distal
 452 interphalangeal joint of the thumb. No sesamoid bone is present on the plantar surface at the
 453 distal interphalangeal joints of fingers II to V (Figure 16).



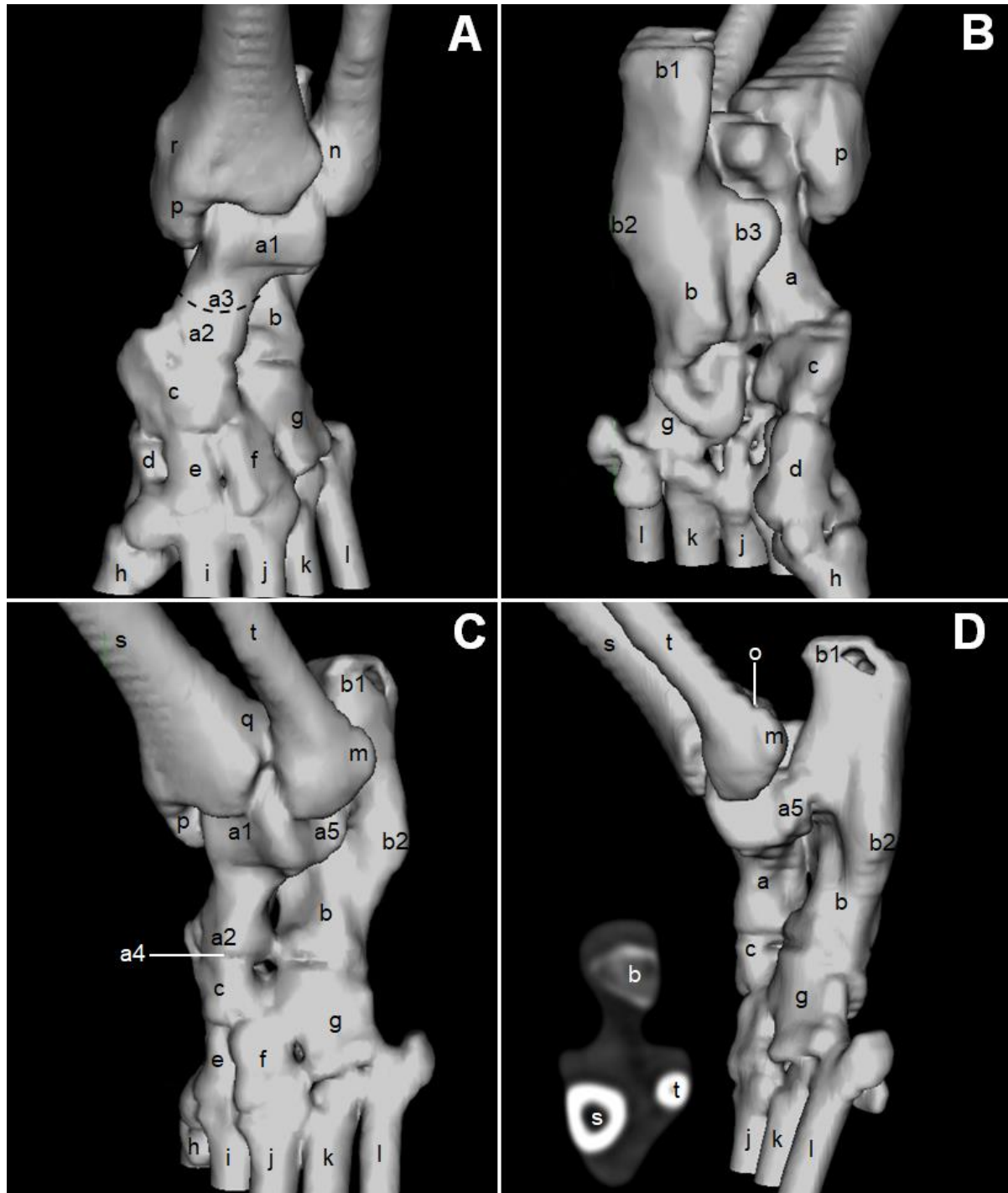
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 455 **FIGURE 15** Tarsal bones, metatarsus and phalanges, left antimer. Cranial view (A), Cranial
 456 view of the tarsal and metatarsal region (B). a. Talus (*Talus*); a1. Trochlea of the talus (*Trochlea*
 457 *tali*); a2. Talus head (*Caput tali*); a3. Talus neck (*Collum tali*); a4. Navicular articular surface
 458 (*Facies articularis navicularis*); a5. Lateral process of the talus (*Processus lateralis tali*); b.
 459 Calcaneus (*Calcaneus*); b1. Calcaneal tuberosity (*Tuber calcanei*); b2. Lateral process of the
 460 calcaneal tuberosity (*Processus lateralis tuber calcanei*); c. Central tarsal bone (*Os tarsi*
 461 *centrale* or *os naviculare*); d. First tarsal bone (*Os tarsale primum* or *os cuneiformes mediale*);
 462 e. Second tarsal bone (*Os tarsale secundum* or *os cuneiformes intermedium*); f. Third tarsal
 463 bone (*Os tarsale tertium* or *cuneiformes laterale*); g. Fourth tarsal bone (*Os tarsale quartum* or
 464 *os cuboideum*); h. The first metatarsal (*Os metatarsale primum*); i. The second metatarsal (*Os*
 465 *metatarsale secundum*); j. The third metatarsal (*Os metatarsale tertium*); k. The fourth
 466 metatarsal (*Os metatarsale quartum*); l. The fifth metatarsal (*Os metatarsale quintum*); m. First
 467 digit proximal phalanx (*Phalanx proximalis digiti primi*); n. First digit distal phalanx (*Phalanx*
 468 *distalis digiti primi*); o. Third digit proximal phalanx (*Phalanx proximalis digiti tertii*); p. Third
 469 digit middle phalanx (*Phalanx media digiti tertii*); q. Third digit distal phalanx (*Phalanx distalis*
 470 *digiti tertii*).
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472 All structures described in the macroscopic image of the tarsus and metatarsus were also
 473 identified using the two imaging methods (Figures 16, 17). In the radiographic image, it was
 474 possible to visualize the metatarsal and interphalangeal sesamoid bones, as well as the entire
 475 phalangeal region (Figure 16). The 3D reconstruction image was limited to the tarsal and tarsal-

476 metatarsal joint areas. The talar support, a structure observed in the calcaneus in caudal view,
 477 which forms an articulation with the talus bone, was observed exclusively through 3D
 478 reconstruction (Figure 17).
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 481 **FIGURE 16** Radiographic image of the right antimer in dorsoventral projection of the distal
 482 epiphysis of the tibia and fibula and dorsoplantar of the tarsus, metatarsus and phalanges. a.
 483 Lateral malleolus; b. Medial malleolus; c. Malleolar articular face; d. Fibular notch; e.
 484 Talus/Trochlea of the Talus; e1. Talus head; e2. Talus neck; e3. Lateral process of talus; f.
 485 Calcaneus; f1. Calcaneal tuberosity; f2. Lateral process of the calcaneal tuberosity; g. Central
 486 tarsal bone or navicular bone; h. Tarsal bone I or medial cuneiform bone; i. Tarsal bone II or
 487 intermediate cuneiform bone; j. Tarsal bone III or lateral cuneiform bone; k. Tarsal bone IV or
 488 cuboid bone; l. Metatarsal bone I; m. Metatarsal bone II; n. Metatarsal bone III; o. Metatarsal
 489 bone IV; p. Metatarsal bone V; q. Proximal phalanx of the first digit; r. Distal phalanx of the
 490 first digit; s. Proximal phalanx of the third digit; t. Middle phalanx of the third digit; u.
 491 Distal phalanx of the third digit; v. Proximal or metatarsal sesamoid bone; x. Distal sesamoid or
 492 interphalangeal bone.



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FIGURE 17 Image in 3D reconstruction of the cranial (A), caudal (B), medial (C) and lateral face, with a cross-sectional image at the level of the talocrural joint (D) of the distal epiphysis of the tibia and fibula and bones of the tarsus, metatarsal and phalanges. a. Talus; a1. Trochlea of the talus; a2. Talus head; a3. Talus neck; a4. Articular surface; a5. Lateral process of the talus; b. Calcaneus; b1. Calcaneal tuberosity; b2. Lateral process of the calcaneal tuberosity; b3. Support of the talus; c. Central tarsal bone or navicular bone; d. First tarsal bone or medial cuneiform bone; e. Second tarsal bone or intermediate cuneiform bone; f. Third tarsal bone or lateral cuneiform bone; g. Fourth tarsal bone or cuboid bone; h. The first metatarsal; i. The second metatarsal; j. The third metatarsal; k. The fourth metatarsal; l. The fifth metatarsal; m. Lateral malleolus; n. Malleolar articular surface; o. Lateral malleolar sulcus; p. Medial malleolus; q. Fibular notch; r. Medial malleolar sulcus; s. Body of the tibia; t. Body of the fibula.

505 4 DISCUSSION

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507 The pelvic limb bones of the *Sapajus libidinosus*, in general, showed an anatomical pattern that
508 was more similar to that observed in larger New-World monkeys, men and Old-World
509 monkeys, in increasing order of proximity, maintaining more distant characteristics from those
510 reported in primates Strepsirrhini and *Tarsius*.

511 There was no statistical difference regarding the lengths of the bones of the hind limb
512 between males and females, corroborating what was described in the literature, in which,
513 despite discrepancy regarding body weight being reported, with an average of 1.5 to 4 kg for
514 males and females (Kinzey, 1997) and 3165.09 ± 404.94 g for males and 2046.82 ± 362.60 g
515 for females (Silva et al., 2009), the body and head lengths are very similar between the genera,
516 with 465 mm for males and females (Kinzey, 1997), 340-440 mm also for males and females
517 (Groves, 2001) and 377.95 ± 43.19 mm for males and 350.30 ± 35.19 mm for females (Silva et
518 al., 2009).

519 Leutenegger & Larson (1985), regarding *Callithrix jacchus*, describe that females
520 outnumber males in bone size by about 10%. Despite the numerical superiority of bone size in
521 females of *Sapajus libidinosus*, the results were not statistically significant. In a complementary
522 way, this difference may have been observed because of the limited number of subjects. In
523 addition, different genetic backgrounds, health status, food, and environmental enrichment may
524 also explain this (Casteleyn et al., 2012). Another point to be analyzed is that, among the four
525 male *Sapajus libidinosus*, two juveniles were identified according to the dental parameters,
526 basisphenoid and basioccipital synostosis, and because they presented coronal and lambdoid
527 sutures that were still open and, consequently, the long bones were not fully developed yet,
528 showing lower lengths.

529 The junction between the two coxal bones with the sacrum, through the pelvic
530 symphysis, forms the pelvic cingulum, formed by three bones: ilium, ischium and pubis.
531 Structurally, the thigh bone of *Sapajus libidinosus* was very similar to that of man (Sobotta,
532 2000), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Alouatta*
533 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), although the last two are described more superficially. As for
534 morphology, the pelvis of *Sapajus libidinosus* is more similar to that of non-human primates,
535 specifically platyrrhines (Casteleyn et al., 2012; Hill, 1959; Mesquita et al., 2019) than man,
536 which has a shorter upper-lower length (Sobotta, 2000).

537 The pelvic morphology is largely shaped by locomotor and obstetric functions. The
538 pelvis is characterized by being a critical link in the locomotor system of the hind limbs, as the
539 propulsion muscles attach to it, and forces from the limb are transmitted through it to the trunk.
540 For many years there has been discussion about the evolution of bipedal behaviors in hominid
541 fossils, and how the pelvis adapted to this form of locomotion in primates (Ashton et al., 1981;
542 Kibii et al., 2011; Le Gros Clark, 1955; Lovejoy, 2005; Marchal, 2000; Rak & Arensburg, 1987;
543 Reynolds, 1931; Rosenberg, 1992; Weaver & Hublin, 2009).

544 The *Sapajus libidinosus* had a long symphysis, with a relatively open area between the
545 two ischia. Data corroborate with other New World monkeys, and distinguish them from
546 lemurs, in which the pelvis is characterized by a very short symphysis and a long pubic arch
547 and, since the pelvis does not narrow caudally, it does not have much direct support for the
548 viscera when the animal assumes the upright position. The same characteristics are observed in
549 *Tarsius*. Another particularity of this genus is a very long ilium, as observed in the animals in
550 this study, most likely a characteristic of jumping habits (Schultz, 1930; Elftman, 1932). The
551 same authors report a discrepancy between New-World and Old-World monkeys. In the latter,
552 the pubic symphysis is longer, however, the pelvic outlet is relatively smaller. The observation
553 brings the fact that the pelvis of a gibbon, orangutan, chimpanzee, or gorilla has features in

554 which it resembles that of man, rather than that of an ape, and the main feature is a wide iliac
555 plate, commonly considered advantageous for supporting the viscera, as both species often
556 assume an erect or semi-erect position.

557 A penile bone was identified in the four male specimens analyzed in the study, with
558 differences in size and morphology. It was noted that in young animals, it presented a larger
559 size, reaching up to 8 mm and, in adult ones, it presented a reduced size, reaching a minimum
560 of 3 mm. In addition, the morphology of the bone was different, assuming a more rectilinear
561 structure in young subjects, and, in adults, there was a thin cranial process that extends to the
562 glans penis and a more voluminous caudal part. No studies have discussed differences in the
563 penile bone between young and adult primates.

564 The penile bone, also called the baculum, occurs in the distal portion of the penis of
565 placental mammals and develops in the distal septum of the cavernous bodies of the penis,
566 dorsal to the urethra, under partial androgen control during puberty, being classified as a
567 heterotopic bone, or that is, an accessory structure which does not belong to the skeleton (Carosi
568 & Scalici, 2017). Considering that it suffers direct interference from androgens and that with
569 age there is a progressive decline in androgen production (Bonaccorsi, 2001), it is acceptable
570 that there is also a decline in bone structure.

571 This penile bone is widely observed among primates, being found in all families of all
572 infraorders (Simiiformes, including New and Old World monkeys, Lemuriformes,
573 Lorisiformes, Chiromyiformes), except for *Tarsius*. As for the genera, it is absent in some New
574 World monkeys. In the family *Atelidae*, none of the genera have this bone, including *Lagothrix*
575 spp., *Ateles* spp. and *Alouatta* spp. (Dixson, 1987; Horácio & Sampaio, 2015), with a particular
576 exception found by Dixson et al. (2004a) in a hybrid of Muriqui (*Brachyteles hypoxanthus* ×
577 *Brachyteles arachnoides*). Furthermore, in the family Pitheciidae, two of the four genera,
578 *Cacajao* spp. and *Chiropotes* spp., also lack the penile bone (Dixson, 1987). Finally, the only

579 representative of Old World monkeys without a penile bone is the man (*Homo sapiens*)
580 (Sobotta, 2000).

581 As for morphology, this is the most varied bone in size and shape, and its variability is
582 particularly useful in identifying species in some taxa (Carosi & Scalici, 2017). In some
583 prosimian species, such as *Cheirogaleus* and *Microcebus*, the penile bone is elongated and
584 emerges slightly from the tip of the penis, where it is covered by a horny pad. When analyzing
585 a ratio between penile bone length and body size, although several primate species show a
586 relationship, notable exceptions are observed. Length varies from 1.5 mm in *Saguinus inustus*,
587 a primate with about 500 g of body weight, to 53.1 mm in *Macaca arctoides*, a primate with
588 about 10 kg of body weight, and much smaller species such as *Galagoidea*, which have 63 g of
589 body weight, have a penile bone nine times that of the *Saguinus*, and much larger species, such
590 as the *Gorilla gorilla*, with 160 kg of body weight, can have a penile bone up to four times
591 smaller than that in *Macaca* (Dixson, 1987; Dixson et al., 2004b; Eberhard, 1985).

592 Older and newer primate families show an inverse relationship between penile bone
593 length and body mass. Some prosimian species have a longer than expected penile bone based
594 on body mass, while all great ape species (Hominidae) have a shorter than expected penile bone.
595 New World primates are marked by their small penile bone, in relation to body size, without
596 considering that, except for *Homo* and *Tarsius*, all other genera of primate without penile bone
597 belong to this clade (Carosi & Scalici, 2017). Dixson (1987) reports that, except for *Cebus*,
598 *Sapajus* and *Saimiri*, the other New World monkeys have, in general, the smallest penile bones
599 of the Primate Order. However, this exception contradicts data from this study, in which this
600 bone in *Sapajus libidinosus* measured an average of 5 mm in length, close to that observed in
601 *Callithrix jacchus*, a primate weighing on average 350 g, with a penile bone of 2.5 mm
602 (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Cebuella pygmaea*, weighing on average 130 g, with a penile bone
603 of 1.7 mm (Dixson, 1987).

604 Clinically, a study has shown that the absence of the penile bone in humans makes them
605 more susceptible to erectile dysfunction, considering that men entirely depend on increased
606 blood flow to the penis to maintain an erection, while most primates receive additional
607 assistance from this bone (Schultz et al., 2016). Other studies also describe this relationship
608 between erectile dysfunction and absence of penile bone in men with a multi-case approach and
609 highlight that the appreciation of any physiological process and the subsequent institution of
610 treatment strategies totally depend on a correct understanding of anatomy and physiology
611 (Hsieh et al., 2012; Nicolini et al., 2019). Clinical analyzes report that species with an elongated
612 penile bone have longer intromission times and maintain it after ejaculation, e.g. *Galago*
613 *crassicaudatus*, *G. senegalensis*, *G. demidouii*, *Loris tardigradus* and *Macaca arctoides*, and
614 species with a short penile bone have relatively brief copulations, with immediate termination
615 of intromission, as, for example, *Callitrichidae* and *Colobinae* (Dixon, 1987).

616 The femur of *Sapajus libidinosus* was the largest bone in length identified in the body,
617 with an average of 126.5 mm, a characteristic consistent with humans (Sobotta, 2000). Hill
618 (1959) described a 75 mm femur in *Callimico goeldii* and a 57 mm femur was identified in
619 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), however, it did not represent the largest bone in
620 length in these animals. A small third trochanter was reported in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959),
621 opposing this study with *Sapajus libidinosus*, *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019),
622 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and man (Sobotta, 2000). A smaller trochanter was
623 not observed in *Presbytis rubicunda*, a primate of the Cercopithecidae family (Rafferty, 1998).
624 More subtle structures identified in *Sapajus libidinosus*, such as the intertrochanteric line, *linea*
625 *aspera* and pectineal line, were not clearly represented in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and
626 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), in contrast to what was observed in humans (Sobotta,
627 2000) and in *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), in which only the intertrochanteric line
628 was not identified. A small gluteal tuberosity was identified in this study, corroborating data

629 from man (Sobotta, 2000) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), and it presented as a
630 robust structure in *Propithecus diadem*, a lemur (Rafferty, 1998) and in *Galago senegalensis*
631 (Burr et al., 1982).

632 In terms of shape, the femur of *Sapajus libidinosus*, as well as of other primates, in
633 general, shows similarities, presenting both a proximal and distal epiphysis with larger well-
634 delimited structures in *Pongo pygmaeus*, *Hylobates syndactylus*, *Ateles fusciceps*, *Colobus*
635 *guereza*, *Trachypithecus cristatus*, *Propithecus diadema* (Rafferty, 1998), *Galago senegalensis*
636 (Burr et al., 1982), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012),
637 *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and baboon (Yamanaka et al., 2005). However,
638 differences are identified when a detailed comparative study of bone morphometry and the size
639 of structures is performed (Herskovitz, 1988).

640 Burr (1989) conducted a study comparing the transverse geometry of the femur in three
641 species of monkeys with different behaviors, *Macaca nemestrina* and *M. mulatta*, which behave
642 in terrestrial and arboreal environments, the first being almost completely quadrupedal in
643 locomotion (Rodman, 1979; Rodman & McHenry, 1980) and *M. fascicularis*, which is more
644 arboreal than the other species, spending less than 2% of its time on the ground, with
645 quadrupedal locomotion (Cant, 1988; Rodman, 1979), and concluded that the "barrel-shaped"
646 femur - in which flexion and torsional stiffness are greater in the mid-axis of the bone, compared
647 to the proximal and distal areas - may be associated, but not restricted, to jumping behaviors,
648 as well as the structural rigidity of the femur is greater in primates that spend more time in
649 terrestrial environments.

650 The patella articulates in the supratrochlear region of the femur. Primates show varying
651 degrees of specialization of this bone morphology, whether associated with locomotion posture
652 or knee range of motion and patellar mechanics (Lovejoy, 2007). This triangular-shaped
653 sesamoid with a well-rounded apex in *Sapajus libidinosus* differs from the ovoid patella of

654 *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), subsquare with rounded angles in *Callimico goeldii*
655 (Hill, 1959), and triangular with an acute apex in man. (Sobotta, 2000).

656 The second-longest bone in the body of *Sapajus libidinosus* is the tibia, measuring an
657 average of 118.5 mm. On the other hand, data from *Callimico goeldii*, with 75.5 mm (Hill,
658 1959) and *Callithrix jacchus*, with 60 mm (Casteleyn et al., 2012), highlight the tibia as the
659 largest bone in the body in these animals, with length superior to the femur. Hill (1959) reports
660 that this statement is true among the Callithrichids. The fibula had a length of 111.5 mm in
661 *Sapajus libidinosus*, 71 mm in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and 58 mm in *Callithrix jacchus*
662 (Casteleyn et al., 2012), even higher, in the latter, than that described for the femur.

663 Both in terms of shape and structures, the tibia and fibula of *Sapajus libidinosus*
664 resemble those of men (Sobotta, 2000), chimpanzees (Marchi, 2015), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill,
665 1959), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019),
666 being more robust in the first two. In *Tarsius*, Marchi (2015) reports a thinner and more
667 incomplete fibula, which runs only up to the middle third of the tibia where it fuses, different
668 from the previously described primates. The same author reports it is characteristic of jumping
669 mammals.

670 The tibia, together with the femur, carries most of the body weight during locomotion,
671 whereas the fibula is often relegated, by anatomists and anthropologists, to an inferior position
672 and has even been described as having a vestigial function in humans (Moore and Dalley, 2006).
673 As a result, bone assessment studies focused on locomotion generally neglect the fibula,
674 however, studies performed on human samples have shown that, of all the weight carried by
675 the leg during plantigrade locomotion, the load imposed on the fibula is considerable,
676 representing 6% to 19% depending on ankle position (Funk et al., 2004; Goh et al., 1992;
677 Lambert, 1971; Takebe et al., 1984; Wang et al., 1996).

678 In contrast, in non-human mammals, the fibula is one of the most important supporting
679 structures of the leg (Walmsley, 1918; Barnett and Napier, 1953). Mainly arboreal hominoids
680 such as gibbons, orangutans and chimpanzees have greater relative fibular robustness compared
681 to essentially terrestrial hominoids such as gorillas and humans. These differences are likely a
682 consequence of three factors: the degree of leg adduction (Schmitt, 2003; Carlson et al., 2005),
683 the degree of ankle dorsiflexion (DeSilva, 2009), and the degree of peroneal mobility (Barnett
684 & Napier, 1953), which are greater in animals that move on uneven terrains, such as carnivores,
685 and especially in primates that live in an arboreal environment, probably subjecting them to
686 greater load than that received by the fibula of terrestrial hominoids (Carleton, 1941; Walmsley,
687 1918).

688 Barnett & Napier (1953) follow the same line as the previous authors regarding the
689 relative proportions of the tibia and fibula and emphasize that, in burrowing and swimming
690 mammals, the fibula is more robust in relation to the tibia. In jumping mammals, it is less robust
691 and more flexible, and of intermediate size in those adapted to uneven surfaces in trees or on
692 the ground, such as primates and carnivores. Carlson et al. (2005) found that during quadrupedal
693 arboreal locomotion, lemurs exerted laterally directed forces more often than when moving on
694 the ground, generating a greater fibular load.

695 Le Minor (1992) performed a radiographic study with 246 adult non-human primates
696 belonging to 34 genera and observed, in some species, a popliteal sesamoid bone in the
697 popliteus muscle tendon, which articulates caudally in the lateral condyle of the tibia, very close
698 to the fibular articular surface and the fibular head, being considered, in primates, a primitive
699 character. The author reports that the popliteal bone has been identified in all prosimians and
700 Callitrichids, variably observed in Atelidae and *Pongo*, commonly absent in *Gorilla*, and absent
701 or very rare in *Cebus*, Cercopithecidae, Hylobatidae, *Pan* and man. The statement made
702 regarding the genera *Cebus* corroborates the data of our study and works conducted by Forster

703 (1903), Pearson & Davin (1921), Taylor & Bonney (1905) and Vallois (1914), who report that
704 it is a bone always absent in the genera.

705 The oldest tarsal remains of mammals are those of trichodonts, which were the first
706 known mammals nearly 200 million years ago, possibly evolved from cynodonts, mammal-like
707 reptiles of the early Middle Triassic (Szalay, 1982; Szalay & Decker, 1974). Probably the most
708 significant functional change in the early evolution of the foot of a mammal of reptilian ancestry
709 was the progressive development of the superposition of the talus over the calcaneus, which in
710 the ancestors was positioned medially to each other, with a joint between the fibula and the
711 calcaneus, causing the fibula to have a greater weight-bearing function. This function of the
712 fibula was reduced with the evolution of the talus superposition, leaving the tibia as the main
713 weight-bearing structure of the leg. This evolution of talar superposition also promoted a
714 functional change in the foot, making pronation-supination movements possible and extensive
715 in the subtalar joint complex (Lewis, 1964, 1980).

716 The tarsal bones are equal in number and general arrangement to those of men (Sobotta,
717 2000), *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Alouatta*
718 *seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019), baboons and chimpanzees (Swindler & Wood, 1973).
719 However, the modern human foot, compared to all other primates, is functionally and
720 morphologically distinct, and very short regarding the total length of the lower limb (Gebo,
721 1992; Klenerman & Wood, 2006; Lewis, 1989). Nowak et al. (2010) report that humans are
722 unique as they, compared to other primates, lack mobility in the mid and distal region of the
723 foot. This greater rigidity in our species is often attributed to stability during bipedalism,
724 however, medial and distal mobility in the foot of non-human primates facilitates the diversity
725 of postural modes observed, such as digitigrade, semiplantigrade and plantigrade, as well as the
726 locomotion they exhibit in arboreal environments and highly variable terrain (Gebo, 1992;
727 Meldrum, 1993).

728 Olson & Seidel (1983) describe that, among the characteristics included in the initial
729 definition of the order Primates, are pentadactyly and independently mobile digits, anatomical
730 characteristics that make possible the arboreal way of life, and the adaptation to grab, climb and
731 jump between trees. They also report that primates have at least one pair of gripping extremities,
732 of which the foot is usually the most adapted to the function, with the finger I being generally
733 opposable as well, and as a facilitating method, the distal phalanges of the primate feet normally
734 have flat and short nails, instead of pointed claws, allowing greater contact between the
735 substrate and the plantar surface.

736 While the foot anatomy of Cebidae, such as *Sapajus libidinosus*, differs little from that
737 observed in Old World monkeys (Swindler & Wood, 1973) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita
738 et al., 2019), which have nails in all digits, Callitrichids are a notable exception, as they have
739 claws on all toes, except digit I (Olson & Seidel, 1983), corroborating a study on *Callimico*
740 *goeldii* (Hill, 1959) and *Callithrix jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012).

741 The last common ancestor of primates differed from other mammals as it had nails on
742 all known digits except the second toe (Patel et al., 2015). Some other primates, such as
743 prosimians (*Lemur*, *Lorinae*, *Galago* and *Tarsius*), have developed this same specialized claw
744 on the second or third toe, known as the cleaning claw (Paciulli & Chennu, 2018). This feature
745 was not identified in the animals of this study, in *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix*
746 *jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012), *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) and in Old World
747 primates (Swindler & Wood, 1973).

748 Le Minor & Winter (2003) have investigated a series of 306 non-human primates of 40
749 different genera, a series of 412 human metatarsal bones, and addressed the occurrence and
750 morphology of an intermetatarsal articular facet in the first metatarsal bone in 30.8% of humans,
751 with no occurrence in any of the non-human primates. *Callimico goeldii* (Hill, 1959), *Callithrix*
752 *jacchus* (Casteleyn et al., 2012) and *Alouatta seniculus* (Mesquita et al., 2019) corroborate with

753 this study. The authors attributed the appearance of this new articular facet in humans to an
754 adaptation related to general morphological changes of the foot, resulting from bipedalism.

755 In addition to the importance of discussing studies focused on anatomomorphological
756 and evolutionary characteristics, bone anatomical knowledge and the identification of normal
757 and abnormal, associated with diagnostic imaging methods, have been addressed in a series of
758 studies and have largely contributed to the recognition of malformation patterns, in the
759 diagnosis of constitutional diseases of the bones, identification of abnormalities, clinical
760 evaluation and development of the course of the disease, determination of morphometric
761 characteristics, number of bones, density, ossification time, etc., which may provide
762 indispensable signs in the recognition of several pathologies, contributing, at the same time, to
763 a better approach and clinical-surgical planning, besides the institution of adequate treatment.

764 In this regard, Caffey (1958) reported the importance of anatomical knowledge of the
765 pelvis in the diagnosis of bone dysplasias. Jana et al. (2017) discussed several common, and
766 some uncommon, radiological findings on pelvic radiographs and concluded that this exam is
767 an important component of the skeletal examination in suspected dysplasia. Fonteles et al.
768 (2010) reported the occurrence of hip dysplasia in a female *Cebus libidinosus*, and Kealy (2005)
769 stated that radiography is the only method available to conclusively demonstrate the presence
770 or absence of anatomical changes associated with this disease in live animals.

771 The genital region was also explored by Spani et al. (2020), in which, through a 3D
772 study of 13 different species of primates, reported that the high resolution of 3D micro-CT
773 images revealed variability in addition to that available in 2D images from previous studies,
774 and showed for the first time new internal and external morphological structures.

775 Link et al. (1998) used high-resolution magnetic resonance and computed tomography
776 to study the trabecular vertebral and femoral structure of humans and compare these techniques
777 with bone mineral density in predicting bone strength, and concluded that these techniques can

778 be widely used clinically, whether to assess the course of osteoporosis or other metabolic bone
779 diseases, as they are decisive in the texture analysis of trabecular bone images, in the prediction
780 of bone strength, risk of fracture, measurement of bone histomorphometry in vivo,
781 understanding the pathophysiology of the disease, and monitoring new forms of treatment.

782 Tomography was also used by Ryan & Sukhdeo (2016), allowing the reconstruction of
783 the pelvic girdle and the distal epiphysis of the fragmented femur through rigid transformations
784 of isosurface reconstructions, highlighting the macroscopic knowledge and the use of more
785 advanced imaging methods as an excellent basis for the anatomical study, determination of
786 pathologies, and establishment of appropriate treatments.

787 There was a study using radiography aimed at determining whether natural osteoarthritis
788 of the knee joints, similar to the condition in humans, developed in *Macaca fascicularis*. The
789 research involved 58 animals and concluded that the species can be a useful model for the study
790 of osteoarthritis in humans (Carlson et al., 1994), increasing the importance of a knowledge of
791 bone anatomy in research, seeking to have primates as biological models.

792 Radiological techniques and images reconstructed with computed tomography have also
793 been used to monitor progressive changes in the compact bone in the tibia, and to assess loss of
794 tibial bone mass during restraint in monkeys during experimentally induced osteopenia (Young
795 & Schneider, 1981). Jungers & Minns (1979) stated that computed tomography is an ideal
796 technique for analyzing the transverse geometry of long bones from intact fossils, even when
797 they are highly mineralized, and their medullary cavities are occluded by the matrix. These
798 same authors conducted a study with the tomography of the femur and tibia of *Megaladapis*
799 *edwardsi* and *Indri indri*, in order to demonstrate the usefulness of this method in the evaluation
800 of the relationship between the fossil structure and function, geometric and biomechanical
801 properties of the bone, reaching a positive conclusion.

802 Munding et al. (2011) developed a fibular vascularized composite tissue
803 allotransplantation model in *Macaca fascicularis* to investigate the healing and rejection
804 patterns of bone and associated tissues and used serial radiographs during six months of follow-
805 up of the animals. The authors stated that, despite chronic rejection in two animals, serial
806 radiological images showed bone healing and donor-recipient bone union within 10 weeks in
807 all animals, proving to be an excellent method of allotransplantation evaluation.

808 Radiography was also used to follow the course of diseases that resembled osteitis
809 deformans in an adult male *Macaca Mulatta* (Hughes & Lang, 1971). Specific radiographic
810 criteria were used to analyze the maturation of the appendicular skeleton in a colony of rhesus
811 monkeys (Silverman et al., 2005). The first radiographic analysis comparing the secondary
812 ossification of the limbs of a newborn *Callimico goeldii* with representatives of marmosets
813 (*Callithrix jacchus*) and tamarins (*Saguinus oedipus*) was performed by Hofmann et al (2007).

814 Among many other aspects addressed in the literature, anatomy and imaging resources
815 also have their importance in paleontology. High-resolution computed tomography scan data
816 were collected to visualize and quantify the internal and external anatomical structures of each
817 element of the partial skeleton of *Australopithecus afarensis*, and the authors reported that the
818 use of the method is an excellent opportunity to reconstruct aspects of the paleobiology of the
819 species (Ryan & Sukhdeo, 2016). A macroscopic and radiographic evaluation was performed
820 on well-preserved skeletal remains of an animal of the genus *Macaca*, to investigate
821 hypertrophic osteoarthropathy (Hirst & Waldron, 2019). These and many other studies
822 highlight the importance of anatomical bone knowledge and efficiency in the identification of
823 anatomical structures in imaging methods for the various areas within primatology.

824 **5 CONCLUSION**

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826 By describing the bone anatomy of the hind limb and identifying it in tomographic and
827 radiographic images in *Sapajus libidinosus* and considering that the literature is still scarce in
828 this species, especially regarding morphological aspects associated with imaging exams, this
829 research enables a series of studies focused on bone malformation, skeletal pathologies,
830 evaluation of disease development, clinic, surgery, surgical planning, treatment adequacy,
831 skeletal morphophysiology, and paleontology, besides serving as a compilation within
832 medicine and for primatologists. It was possible to verify the efficiency of diagnostic imaging
833 methods, demonstrating that it is possible to identify the bone structures of the hind limb with
834 precision, mainly through 3D reconstruction, when compared to images of bone parts. *Sapajus*
835 *libidinosus* presented structurally and morphologically more similar anatomical characteristics
836 to the primates of the infraorder Simiiformes, being an excellent indicator of an experimental
837 model for studies in man. This material generates a basis for further research. It can also help
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CONCLUSÃO GERAL

Ao apresentar dados anatômicos e de imagem detalhados sobre o esqueleto de *Sapajus libidinosus*, este estudo contribui com a educação em ciência de animais de laboratório. Foi possível constatar a eficiência dos métodos de diagnósticos por imagem na espécie, demonstrando ser possível a identificação das estruturas ósseas com bastante precisão, quando comparada às peças ósseas. Ao todo, o conhecimento das estruturas anatômicas macroscopicamente e associadas ao reconhecimento em imagens, leva a uma melhor explanação de casos clínicos, conclusão de diagnósticos, instituição de tratamentos adequados, avaliação de agentes terapêuticos e intervenções cirúrgicas ósseas em primatas no geral, além de abrir margem para a realização de uma gama de experimentos voltados a patologias esqueléticas, anestésias regionais, doenças osteometabólicas, planejamentos cirúrgicos, paleontologia, dentre outros.

No geral, *Sapajus libidinosus* apresentou características anatômicas estruturalmente e morfológicamente mais semelhantes aos primatas da infraordem Simiiformes, sendo um ótimo indicador de modelo experimental para estudos no homem. Esse material vem, enfim, servir como acervo para futuras pesquisas com base morfológica e de saúde em primatas humanos, e não humanos, resultando no refinamento dos protocolos de pesquisa e possivelmente também em uma redução de animais em experimentos.