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# **Shape variation in the facial part of the cranium in macaques and African papionins using geometric morphometrics**

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## **Abstract**

Macaques are one of the most successful nonhuman primates, and morphological distinctions from their close relatives, African papionins, are easily detected by the naked eye. Nevertheless, evolutionary allometry often accounts for a large amount of the total variation and potentially hides and precludes the detection of morphological distinctions that exist between macaques and African papionins, thus distorting their phyletic comparison. Geometric morpgometric analyses were performed using landmark coordinates in cranial samples from macaques (*N*= 135) and African papionins (*N*= 152) to examine the variation in their facial shape. A common allometric trend was confrmed to represent a moderately long face in macaques as being small-to-moderate-bodied papionins. Macaques possessed many features that were distinct from those of African papionins, while they simultaneously showed a large intrageneric variation in every feature, which precluded the separation of some groups of macaques from African papionins. This study confrmed that a moderately smooth sagittal profle is present in non-Sulawesi macaques. It also confrmed that a well-developed anteorbital drop is distinct in *Mandrillus* and *Theropithecus*, but it showed that *Papio* resembles macaques regarding this feature. This fnding showed that apparently equivalent features which can be detected by the naked eye were probably formed by diferent combinations of the principal patterns. It should be noted that the diferences detected here between macaques and African papionins are revealed after appropriate adjustments are made to eliminate the allometric effects over the shape features. While landmark data sets still need to be customized for specifc studies, the information provided by this article is expected to help such customization and to improve future phyletic evaluation of the fossil papionins.

**Keywords** Papionins · *Macaca* · Sulawesi macaques · Geometric morphometrics · Evolutionary allometry

# **Introduction**

The Old World monkey tribe Papionini is one of the most successful groups among nonhuman primates. This tribe likely separated from the tribe Cercopithecini in the Middle to Late Miocene (Perelman et al. [2011;](#page-18-0) Pozzi et al. [2014](#page-18-1)). Subsequently, the two subtribes of Papionina and Macacina

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Eurasian descendants are extinct (Belmaker [2010;](#page-16-0) Delson [1993;](#page-16-1) Gibert et al. [1995;](#page-17-6) Gupta and Sahni [1981;](#page-17-7) Roberts et al. [2014\)](#page-18-9). Currently, *Papio* is a nonhuman primate that has achieved successful adaptation in varied habitats of Africa (Gilbert [2013;](#page-17-4) Gilbert et al. [2018;](#page-17-8) Jolly [1967](#page-17-9)). Macacina comprises the single extant genus *Macaca*, i.e., macaques (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1)). Macaques are distributed in tropical to temperate Asia and Northern Africa. Macacinans dispersed into Europe from Africa during the latest Miocene (Alba et al. [2014;](#page-16-2) [2018;](#page-16-3) Delson [2000;](#page-16-4) Strasser and Delson [1987\)](#page-18-6) and were distributed widely in Eurasia. They achieved successful radiation at the species level in the Late Pliocene and Pleistocene of Asia, but disappeared from Europe and high latitudes at the end of the Pleistocene (Delson [1980](#page-16-5); Fooden [1980;](#page-17-10) Roos et al. [2019](#page-18-3)). Two additional large-bodied papionins, *Procynocephalus* and *Paradolichopithecus*, have been reported from the Middle Pliocene to the Early Pleistocene in Eurasia. The two genera are regarded as being phylogenetically close (Jablonski [2002](#page-17-11); Kostopoulos et al. [2018](#page-17-12); Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)), and both are usually considered as extinct forms of Macacina (Jablonski [2002](#page-17-11); Nishimura et al. [2014](#page-18-10); Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)). Nevertheless, some of the specimens show several features that are found in extant *Papio* (Maschenko [1994](#page-17-13); [2005](#page-18-11); Takai et al. [2008](#page-18-12)), and the phyletic position and relationship of specimens assigned to each genus remains under dispute (Kostopoulos et al. [2018](#page-17-12); Nishimura et al. [2007](#page-18-13); [2009;](#page-18-14) Takai et al. [2008](#page-18-12)).

Morphological distinctions in skulls are easily found between the extant African papionins and macaques using the naked eye (Strasser and Delson [1987\)](#page-18-6). The large-bodied African papionins (*Mandrillus*, *Papio*, and *Theropithecus*) have a long muzzle with a well-developed anteorbital concavity (drop) and distinctive maxillary fossae, while the small-bodied forms (*Cercocebus*, *Lophocebus*, and *Rungwecebus*) have a short and steep face with distinctive suborbital fossae (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Springer et al. [2012](#page-18-4); Strasser and Delson [1987\)](#page-18-6). Macaques exhibit a size range that overlaps with the small-bodied African papionins and the lower end of the range of the large-bodied taxa (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Singleton [2002\)](#page-18-15), have a moderately long and rounded dorsal surface of the muzzle, and usually lack maxillary and suborbital fossae (Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Jablonski [2002;](#page-17-11) Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)). Nevertheless, some of these more obvious morphological distinctions between papionins can be explained in terms of evolutionary allometric scaling (Albrecht [1978;](#page-16-6) Collard and O'Higgins [2001;](#page-16-7) Frost et al. [2003](#page-17-15); Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Gilbert and Rossie [2007;](#page-17-16) Kieser and Groeneveld [1987](#page-17-17); Leigh [2007](#page-17-18); Leigh et al. [2003](#page-17-19); Pan and Oxnard [2000](#page-18-16); Singleton [2002](#page-18-15)). In fact, a major and wellknown allometric trend is that large-bodied papionins exhibit a proportionally low, long, and narrow face (Freedman [1962](#page-17-20); Frost et al. [2003;](#page-17-15) Gilbert and Grine [2010](#page-17-21); Ito et al. [2011](#page-17-22); [2014](#page-17-23); Leigh et al. [2003](#page-17-19); Shea [1983;](#page-18-17) Singleton [2002;](#page-18-15) [2004](#page-18-18)).

Such major evolutionary allometry often accounts for a large amount of the total variation and, thus, can hide and preclude the detection of morphological distinctions that exist between macaques and African papionins.

Evolutionary allometry is an artifact that has confused the taxonomy and phylogeny of African papionins in the past. For the past 25 years, molecular analyses have recognized two clades, one comprising *Mandrillus* and *Cercocebus*, and the other comprising *Papio*, *Theropithecus*, *Lophocebus*, and *Rungwecebus* (Disotell [1994;](#page-17-24) [1996;](#page-17-25) [2000;](#page-17-26) Harris [2000](#page-17-0); Liedigk et al. [2014;](#page-17-27) Pugh and Gilbert [2018;](#page-18-7) Tosi et al. [2003](#page-18-5)). This view is currently accepted by most scholars. In contrast, the traditional coding of morphological characters often supported a diferent view comprising the two clades: the large-bodied (*Mandrillus*, *Papio*, and *Theropithecus*) and the small-bodied (*Cercocebus* and *Lophocebus*) forms (Collard and Wood [2001](#page-16-8); Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Szalay and Delson [1979\)](#page-18-8). This traditional view probably refects a discontinuous distinction in size between the two forms of extant African papionins, and is almost certainly infuenced by a common allometric trend in papionins; i.e., larger-bodied forms have a long face, while small-bodied ones have a short face (Collard and Wood [2001;](#page-16-8) Frost et al. [2003;](#page-17-15) Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Singleton [2002](#page-18-15)). After the elaboration of a coding system in which quantitative and qualitative characters were more precisely size-corrected, i.e., from which allometric effects were eliminated, this incongruence between molecular and morphological phylogenies was successfully solved (Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Gilbert and Rossie [2007;](#page-17-16) Gilbert et al. [2011\)](#page-17-28). These fndings suggest that distinctions not detectable by the naked eye are revealed between the two subtribes after adjusting for major allometric efects on cranial shape.

Many efforts have been made to detect evolutionary allometry and the features that are not heavily infuenced by scaling in papionins (Collard and O'Higgins [2001;](#page-16-7) Frost et al. [2003;](#page-17-15) Gilbert [2013](#page-17-4); Gilbert and Grine [2010](#page-17-21); Leigh [2007](#page-17-18); Leigh et al. [2003](#page-17-19); Singleton [2002](#page-18-15); [2004](#page-18-18); [2012\)](#page-18-19). Those past studies usually aimed to examine the variation within African papionins using a limited sample from a few species of *Macaca*. Extant macaques are assigned to a single genus, but they are successful in adaptive radiation and consist of approximately 20 extant species (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Roos et al. [2019](#page-18-3)). They are classifed into four groups termed "species groups", i.e., the *sylvanus*, *silenus*, *sinica*, and *fascicularis* groups, based on the morphology of the genitalia and crania, biogeography, fossil records, and molecular evidence (Delson [1980](#page-16-5); Fooden [1976;](#page-17-29) [1980](#page-17-10); Li et al. [2009](#page-17-30); Li and Zhang [2005](#page-17-31); Tosi et al. [2003](#page-18-5); [2000\)](#page-18-20). The *sylvanus* group frst diverged from the remaining clades in the Late Miocene, followed by the diversifcation of the *silenus* group from the *sinica*/*fascicularis* groups in Asia in the Late Pliocene (Delson [1980;](#page-16-5) Li et al. [2009;](#page-17-30) Liedigk et al. [2014](#page-17-27); Pozzi et al. [2014](#page-18-1); Roos et al. [2019\)](#page-18-3). Their diversifcation at the level of the species groups occurred in almost the same era as did the diversifcation of genera in extant African papionins. The macaques that inhabit Sulawesi Island are members of the *silenus* group and are probably a sister clade of *Macaca nemestrina* from Borneo; however, they are quite distinct from the other non-Sulawesi macaques regarding facial shape (Albrecht [1978;](#page-16-6) Fooden [1969](#page-17-32); [1976\)](#page-17-29). Because of these distinct properties, they are often excluded from examinations of morphological variation and phyletic analyses in macaques (e.g., Ito et al. [2014\)](#page-17-23). Thus, this large intrageneric variation in the morphology of extant macaques needs to be evaluated for comparison with the intergeneric variation in African papionins for a better understanding of evolutionary allometry in this tribe and of the morphological distinctions between macaques and African papionins.

Three-dimensional (3-D) geometric morphometrics using the Procrustes method of superimposition of landmark coordination is one of the most efective approaches for extracting variation patterns that are afected by evolutionary allometry (Collard and O'Higgins [2001;](#page-16-7) Frost et al. [2003;](#page-17-15) Ito et al. [2011;](#page-17-22) [2014](#page-17-23); O'Higgins and Collard [2002](#page-18-21); O'Higgins and Jones [1998](#page-18-22); Singleton [2002\)](#page-18-15). A generalized Procrustes analysis (GPA) approach eliminates the scale, translational, and rotational diferences of the coordinate data of the landmarks among subjects. The coordinate data of each specimen are usually scaled by its centroid size (CS). The CS and GPA-scaled coordinates represent surrogates of size and shape, respectively. Principal components analysis (PCA) of the Procrustes-aligned coordinates is often used to summarize major variations in shape within a given sample. Any principal component (PC) that is highly correlated with CS is regarded as representing a variation pattern that is afected by allometry. Here, we used this approach on a large sample of macaques, representative of their intrageneric variation, to examine the distinctions in facial shape between macaques and African papionins.

# **Materials and methods**

We examined dry bone specimens that included 287 crania of extant papionins: 37 crania of *Cercocebus*, 28 of *Mandrillus*, 30 of *Lophocebus*, 19 of *Theropithecus*, 38 of *Papio*, and 135 of *Macaca* (Table [1](#page-2-0)). Here, we dealt with Sulawesi macaques separately as a group that was independent from the *silenus* group. The specimens of *Macaca* comprised 6 *sylvanus* group crania, 25 *silenus* group crania, 33 *sinica* group crania, 33 *fascicularis* group crania, and 38 Sulawesi macaques crania (Table [1\)](#page-2-0). The *sylvanus* group comprises only *Macaca sylvanus*; thus its sample size was small. The specimens used here were housed at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, USA; the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, USA; the National

#### <span id="page-2-0"></span>**Table 1** Specimens used in this study



Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, USA; and the Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University, Inuyama, Japan. They all belonged to adult individuals with the upper third molar fully or almost erupted, and they had no pathological traits in the cranium, as assessed using the naked eye. Crania of each genus of African papionins and each group of macaques were sampled both from wild and captive sources.

3-D coordinates representing 31 landmarks in the facial part of the cranium were acquired using a 3-D digitizer (MicroScribe MX, Immersion Corp., San Jose, CA, USA; Table [2](#page-4-0), Fig. [1](#page-5-0)). Measurements were taken only on the left side; for 12 specimens with broken left sides, however, the horizontal reversals of the right side measurements were used. For eight specimens, one or two missing landmarks were estimated by mapping weighted averages from the complete data set onto the missing specimen using the "Morpho" package (Schlager [2017](#page-18-23)) in R statistical software (R Development Core Team [2016](#page-18-24)).

All specimens were digitized twice by a single observer (T.I.). The measurement errors for shape and size were evaluated by analysis of variance (ANOVA) using the "geomorph" (Adams et al. [2019](#page-16-9)) and "car" (Fox and Weisberg [2018](#page-17-33)) packages in R, respectively. The individual variations in shape and size were much larger than the measurement errors [shape:  $F = 116.19$ ,  $P = 0.001$  (randomized residual permutation procedure with 999 iterations); size: *F*=35909, *P*<0.001]. The mean values of the repeated measures were used in the subsequent analyses.

While the actual landmarks were taken only on the left side, geometric morphometric analyses were performed for the entire face. The landmarks on the right side were obtained by fipping the landmarks on the left side relative to the midsagittal plane. To defne the midsagittal plane, a least-squares plane was calculated using the landmarks labeled as "midsagittal" in Table [2.](#page-4-0) Thus, the landmark confguration analyzed in this study was symmetrical relative to the midsagittal plane. The landmark data were then analyzed using geometric morphometrics methods (Bookstein [1991](#page-16-10)). The landmark coordinates of each specimen were scaled by CS. Diferences in position and rotation were corrected using the GPA. Procrustes residuals were then analyzed by PCA to identify patterns of shape variation in the sample.

To visualize each principal pattern of shape variation, we used the methods proposed by Zollikofer and Ponce de León (Zollikofer and Ponce de León [2002\)](#page-18-25). The shape changes along each PC were visualized as a deformation of the 3-D surface model of the facial part of the cranium, but not as the deformation of the line framework with landmarks that inevitably illustrate the movement of each landmark that was not of interest here. The deformation of the surface model according to the different landmark configurations was calculated using the thin plate spline function. The movement of each triangle in the surface model according to the deformation from one model to the other was decomposed into two orthogonal factors, i.e., local normal and tangent. The movements along the normal and tangent directions were visualized by false-color and vector mapping. Here, we generated the surface model from the computed tomographic scans of a female specimen of *Macaca nemestrina* (specimen ID #3054, Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University; scan data PRICT ID #721 available at [http://](http://dmm.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dmm/) [dmm.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dmm/\)](http://dmm.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dmm/).

Statistical analyses were performed using a custom script written in the R. Any PC representing an evolutionary allometric trend was confrmed by a least-squares regression analysis of the scores of each PC against the natural logarithm of CS (logCS). Bartlett's test does not support the homoscedasticity of scores between sexes and/or groups (Table [3](#page-5-1)). Hence, non-parametric Mann–Whitney tests were performed using the "coin" package (Hothorn et al. [2006\)](#page-17-34) in R to examine the signifcance of diferences in the score of each PC between sexes in each group, excluding the *sylvanus* group. Kruskal–Wallis tests with a post hoc Steel–Dwass test were conducted using the "coin" package (Hothorn et al. [2006\)](#page-17-34) and a custom script in R, to examine the signifcance of diferences between groups and between each pair of groups. The fgures were prepared using the "ggplot2" package (Wickham [2016](#page-18-26)) and a custom script in R.

## **Results**

The PCA revealed that the first five PCs accounted for  $>80\%$  of the total variation in facial shape (Table [4](#page-5-2)). Each of the succeeding PCs summarized  $< 2.0\%$  of the total variation (Table [4](#page-5-2)). The first five PCs were evaluated here. The Kruskal–Wallis test confrmed that logCS and the scores of the fve PCs were signifcantly diferent between the genera/groups (*P* < 0.001). We descried the diferences between each pair of the groups using the post hoc Steel–Dwass test, as follows.

The first principal component (PC1) summarized 57.8% of the total variation in shape (Table [4](#page-5-2)). The PC1 score was signifcantly and highly correlated with logCS (Table [5;](#page-5-3)  $P < 0.001$ ,  $r^2 = 0.8373$ ). Figure [2a](#page-6-0) depicts this signifcant linear relationship. This means that the shape variation summarized by this PC represents an evolutionary allometric trend in this tribe. The large-bodied African papionins (*Papio*, *Theropithecus*, and *Mandrillus*) had high scores, and small-bodied African papionins (*Lophocebus* and *Cercocebus*) had low scores. In comparison, Macaques (*Macaca*) had intermediate scores, while they overlapped the small-bodied African papionins and the lower end of the large-bodied *Papio* (Fig. [2\)](#page-6-0). Sulawesi macaques had slightly higher scores than the other macaques (Fig. [2\)](#page-6-0). They had a signifcantly higher score

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than the *sinica* and *fascicularis* groups; however, Sulawesi macaques were not signifcantly diferent in size from non-Sulawesi macaques (Tables [6,](#page-6-1) [7;](#page-7-0) Figs. [2,](#page-6-0) [3](#page-7-1)). Male subjects had a signifcantly higher score than did females in every group, with the exception of *Theropithecus* (Table [7,](#page-7-0) Fig. [2](#page-6-0)b), which refects the fact that males are larger in size than females (Table [8](#page-8-0), Fig. [3\)](#page-7-1). The PC1 score was not signifcantly diferent between sexes, and male subjects overlapped females in *Theropithecus*, while the logCS was signifcantly diferent between sexes. Figure [4](#page-8-1) and Online Resource 1 depict the principal pattern of shape variation provided by PC1. Lower scores (i.e., decreasing logCS) are characterized by a proportionally short and wide facial shape with a long nasal aperture, a relatively large and



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Fig. 1** Landmarks on the surface of the face used in this study. **a** Frontal view, **b** lateral view, and **c** occlusal view. See Table [2](#page-4-0) for the defnitions of the abbreviations

<span id="page-5-1"></span>**Table 3** Homogeneity of variance by Bartlett's test



logCS and some PCs demonstrate signifcant deviation from normal distribution

*logCS* logarithmic centroid size

*p* values with a significance  $\text{code}^{**} < 0.001$ ;  $\text{*} < 0.01$ 

#### <span id="page-5-2"></span>**Table 4** Proportions of PCA



<span id="page-5-3"></span>**Table 5** Regression analyses of PC scores and logarithmic centroid size (logCS)



*p* values with a significance codes  $**$  <0.001

vertical orbit, and a reduced angle between the upper face and the short nasal roof, and higher scores (i.e., increasing logCS) are characterized by a proportionally long and narrow facial shape with a short nasal aperture, a relatively small and posteriorly sloping orbit, and a large angle between the upper face and the long nasal roof.

The second principal component (PC2) summarized 10.1% of the total variation (Table [4](#page-5-2)). The PC2 score was not significantly correlated with logCS ( $P = 0.9867$ ,  $r^2$  < 0.00005; Table [5,](#page-5-3) Fig. [5](#page-9-0)a) and was not significantly different between sexes in each group (Table [8,](#page-8-0) Fig. [5](#page-9-0)b). *Theropithecus* had distinctively high scores and was signifcantly diferent from the other groups of papionins, with the exception of the *sylvanus* group (Table [9,](#page-9-1) Fig. [5\)](#page-9-0). Macaques had the second highest scores between *Theropithecus* and the other African papionins (Fig. [5\)](#page-9-0). The PC2 score was signifcantly diferent in most pairs of macaques and African papionins (Table [9,](#page-9-1) Fig. [5\)](#page-9-0). The *sylvanus* group had slightly higher scores than did the other macaques and was not signifcantly diferent from *Theropithecus*, while the *silenus* group had a lower score and was not signifcantly diferent from *Papio* and *Cercocebus* (Table [9,](#page-9-1) Fig. [5\)](#page-9-0). The PC2





<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Fig. 2** Scatter (**a**) and box (**b**) plots of PC1 scores. The solid line in black represents the regression line for all groups. The horizontal line is the median value, the box captures the central 50% of the data (interquartile range), the whiskers include data within  $1.5 \times$  of the interquartile range, and outliers are indicated by flled circles. Abbre-

viations: Cer: *Cercocebus*, Man: *Mandrillus*, Lop: *Lophocebus*, The: *Theropithecus*, Pap: *Papio*, syl: *sylvanus* group of *Macaca*, sil: *silenus* group of *Macaca*, sin: *sinica* group of *Macaca*, fas: *fascicularis* group of *Macaca*, sul: Sulawesi macaques. *p* values with a signifcance code: \*\*<0.001

<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Table 6** Diferences of centroid size (CS) between each group

	Cer	Man	Lop	The	Pap	syl	sil	sin	fas	sul
Cercocebus		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.0365	$0.0000$ **	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.9979	0.0458	0.5611	1.0000	0.0227
Mandrillus	6.8623		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.2603	0.9695	0.0181	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
Lophocebus	3.2657	6.5354		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.4516	$0.0002$ **	0.0100	0.2657	$0.0000$ **
<i>Theropithecus</i>	6.0828	2.5146	5.8481		0.0449	0.0318	$0.0006***$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ **
Papio	7.4498	1.2196	7.0403	3.1994		0.0065	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ **
Macaca (sylvanus gr.)	0.8412	3.4785	2.2073	3.3087	3.7619		0.9923	1.0000	0.9989	0.9958
Macaca (silenus gr.)	3.1929	4.9532	4.5976	4.3478	6.0410	1.0000		0.8198	0.0549	0.9991
Macaca (sinica gr.)	2.0530	5.8905	3.6469	5.4633	7.0324	0.1946	1.6565		0.5297	0.9996
Macaca (fascicularis gr.)	0.2765	6.5707	2.5047	5.8434	7.2054	0.7785	3.1324	2.0968		0.0457
<i>Macaca</i> (Sulawesi)	3.4123	6.1368	5.3481	5.4847	7.2202	0.9234	0.7586	0.6917	3.1934	

Cer: *Cercocebus*, Man: *Mandrillus*, Lop: *Lophocebus,* The: *Theropithecus*, Pap: *Papio*, syl: *sylvanus* group of *Macaca*, sil: silenus group of *Macaca*, sin: *sinica* group of *Macaca*, fas: *fascicularis* group of *Macaca*, sul: Sulawesi macaques

Lower left *t* values, upper right *p* values with a significance code\*\* $< 0.001$ ; \* $< 0.01$ 

score was signifcantly diferent between the two genera of the large-bodied forms (*Mandrillus* and *Papio*) and between the two genera of the small-bodied forms (*Cercocebus* and *Lophocebus*) (Tabl[e 9](#page-9-1), Fig. [5\)](#page-9-0). Regardless of their close phyletic relationships, *Mandrillus* had signifcantly lower scores than did *Cercocebus*, and *Papio* had signifcantly higher scores than did *Lophocebus* (Table [9](#page-9-1), Fig. [5](#page-9-0)). Figure [6](#page-10-0) and Online Resource 2 depict the principal pattern provided by PC2. Lower scores are characterized by a horizontal dental arch with a long nasal roof and a vertical nasal aperture (i.e., a klinorhynch face), a rounded orbit with a round supraorbital ridge, and a shrunken and anteriorly convex zygomaxillary region; higher scores are characterized by a dorsal fexion of the dental arch with a short nasal roof and a sloping nasal aperture (i.e., an airorhynch face), a sub-rectangular orbit with a horizontal supraorbital ridge, and an expanded and fat zygomaxillary region.

The third principal component (PC3) summarized 8.1% of the total variation (Table [4](#page-5-2)). The PC3 score was signifcantly correlated with logCS; however, this correlation



<span id="page-7-1"></span>**Fig. 3** Box plots of the natural logarithmic centroid size. See Fig. [2](#page-6-0) for explanations of the box plot and for the defnitions of the abbreviations. *p* values with a significance code: \*\* < 0.001; \* < 0.01

was not strong  $(P < 0.001, r^2 = 0.0624$ ; Table [5,](#page-5-3) Fig. [7a](#page-10-1)). The diferences between sexes were nonsignifcant in all groups, excluding *Cercocebus* and the *sinica* group (Table [8,](#page-8-0) Fig. [7b](#page-10-1)). The small-bodied African papionins (*Lophocebus* and *Cercocebus*) had high scores, *Theropithecus* and *Mandrillus* of the large-bodied African papionins had low scores, and moderate-bodied macaques (*Macaca*), excluding Sulawesi macaques, had intermediate scores relative to them (Fig. [7\)](#page-10-1). Sulawesi macaques were signifcantly diferent from the other papionins, with the exception of the *sylvanus* group (Table [10,](#page-11-0) Fig. [7\)](#page-10-1). *Papio* was signifcantly diferent from the

<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Table 7** Diferences of PC1 scores between groups

other two genera of the large-bodied African papionins and from *Cercocebus*, and exhibited scores that were comparable to those of non-Sulawesi macaques (Table [10,](#page-11-0) Fig. [7](#page-10-1)). Some specimens of *Papio* exhibited scores lower than those of the *sylvanus* group (Fig. [7](#page-10-1)). Figure [8](#page-11-1) and Online Resource 3 depict the principal pattern provided by PC3. Lower scores are characterized by a well developed anteorbital drop with a short and subvertical upper face and orbital aperture, a long muzzle, and a narrow nasal aperture; and higher scores are characterized by a subvertical and smoothly curved sagittal profle with a tall upper face and orbital aperture, a short muzzle, and an ellipsoidal nasal aperture.

The fourth principal component (PC4) summarized 3.1% of the total variation (Table [4](#page-5-2)). The PC4 score was not significantly correlated with logCS ( $P = 0.2189$ ,  $r^2 = 0.0053$ ; Table [5](#page-5-3), Fig. [9](#page-12-0)a). Sexual diferences were signifcant in half of the groups (Table [8](#page-8-0), Fig. [9](#page-12-0)b). Non-Sulawesi macaques had high scores (Fig. [9\)](#page-12-0). Each species group, with the exception of the *sylvanus* group, usually exhibited a signifcantly higher score than did African papionins, with the exception of *Mandrillus* (Table [11](#page-12-1)). The female subjects of the *sylvanus* group had higher scores and the male ones had intermediate scores (Fig. [9](#page-12-0)); however, a signifcant diference was not detected between this group and most of the African papionins (Table [11](#page-12-1)). Sulawesi macaques were smaller and exhibited scores that were comparable to those of the African papionins (Fig. [9\)](#page-12-0). They were signifcantly diferent from the *silenus* and *sinica* groups, but were not signifcantly diferent from *Papio* and *Cercocebus* (Table [11\)](#page-12-1). *Lophocebus* and *Theropithecus* had low scores (Fig. [9](#page-12-0)). *Lophocebus* was signifcantly diferent in score from the other papionins, with the exception of *Theropithecus*, and *Theropithecus* was signifcantly diferent in score from the other papionins, with the exception of *Cercocebus* and *Lophocebus* (Table [11](#page-12-1)). Figure [10](#page-13-0) and Online Resource 4 depict the principal pattern



Cer: *Cercocebus*, Man: *Mandrillus*, Lop: *Lophocebus,* The: *Theropithecus*, Pap: *Papio*, syl: *sylvanus* group of *Macaca*, sil: silenus group of *Macaca*, sin: *sinica* group of *Macaca*, fas: *fascicularis* group of *Macaca*, sul: Sulawesi macaques

Lower left *t* values, upper right *p* values with significance codes  $**$ <0.001,  $*$ <0.01

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Table 8** Diferences of centroid size (CS) and PC scores between sexes

	<b>CS</b>	PC <sub>1</sub>	PC2	PC <sub>3</sub>	PC <sub>4</sub>	PC <sub>5</sub>
Cercocebus	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0004***$	0.2087	$0.0014*$	$0.0003***$	$0.0054***$
Mandrillus	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0001***$	0.5950	0.0215	$0.0008***$	$0.0000^{**}$
Lophocebus	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0002***$	0.3669	0.0814	0.3046	$0.0007***$
Theropithecus	$0.0002***$	0.0258	0.9644	0.2566	$0.0072$ <sup>*</sup>	$0.0012***$
Papio	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0007***$	0.0636	0.0514	0.0478	$0.0000$ **
Macaca (sylvanus gr.)						
Macaca (silenus gr.)	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0004***$	0.8897	0.1356	$0.0065*$	$0.0000^{**}$
Macaca (sinica gr.)	$0.0021$ <sup>*</sup>	$0.0018^*$	0.1232	$0.0013*$	0.1908	$0.0000^{**}$
Macaca (fascicularis gr.)	$0.0001***$	$0.0028*$	0.1017	0.0168	0.0122	$0.0000^{**}$
<i>Macaca</i> (Sulawesi)	$0.0000$ **	$0.0066*$	0.8923	0.3261	$0.0006^{**}$	$0.0007***$

*p* values with significance codes  $**$ <0.001;  $*$  <0.01



<span id="page-8-1"></span>**Fig. 4** A depiction of the variation pattern that is summarized by PC1. **a** Higher scores, **b** lower scores. The colors indicate the direction and magnitude of shape changes perpendicular to the surface

(green, outward; red, inward), and the arrows indicate shape changes parallel to the surface

provided by PC4. Lower scores are characterized by a narrow upper and middle face with a narrow orbit and nasal aperture, a wide lower face and long premaxilla, and a shallow palate, whereas higher scores are characterized by a proportionally wide upper and middle face with a laterally positioned zygomaxillary region and a laterally positioned lateral rim of the orbital aperture, thus generating a wide orbit, a proportionally narrow lower face and short premaxilla, and a deep palate.

The ffth principal component (PC5) summarized 2.7% of the total variation (Table [4\)](#page-5-2). The PC5 score was not significantly correlated with logCS ( $P = 0.0372$ ,  $r^2 = 0.0152$ ; Table [5,](#page-5-3) Fig. [11a](#page-13-1)). Sexual differences were significant in each group, with the exception of the *sylvanus* group (Table [7,](#page-7-0) Fig. [11](#page-13-1)b). This means that this principal pattern represented a sexual diference in shape that is common to papionins. *Mandrillus* had intermediate scores that were not signifcantly diferent from those of any other papionins (Table [12](#page-14-0), Fig. [11](#page-13-1)). Macaques had high scores (Fig. [11](#page-13-1)). The *sylvanus* group had scores that were comparable to those of African papionins, whereas the other groups of macaques usually had signifcantly higher scores than did the African papionins, with the exception of *Mandrillus* (Table [12](#page-14-0), Fig. [11](#page-13-1)). *Theropithecus* had low scores (Fig. [11](#page-13-1)).



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Fig. 5** Scatter (**a**) and box (**b**) plots of PC2 scores. See Fig. [2](#page-6-0) for explanations of the box plot and for the defnitions of the abbreviations

	Cer	Man	Lop	The	Pap	syl	sil	sin	fas	sul
Cercocebus		$0.0000$ **	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ **	0.9962	$0.0040^*$	0.4448	$0.0000$ **	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ **
<b>Mandrillus</b>	5.9349		0.0906	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0057$ *	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
Lophocebus	5.0940	2.9565		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0052^*$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
<b>Theropithecus</b>	6.0828	5.7663	5.8481		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.0107	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
Papio	0.9114	6.2925	5.8916	6.1110		$0.0038^*$	0.9022	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
Macaca (sylvanus gr.)	3.8905	3.7947	3.8203	3.6268	3.8987		$0.0099*$	0.0360	0.0281	$0.0074***$
Macaca (silenus gr.)	2.2171	5.7728	5.4259	5.6273	1.4751	3.6500		$0.0051***$	$0.0038***$	0.0298
Macaca (sinica gr.)	5.5709	6.6431	6.7159	5.9574	5.4184	3.2697	3.8233		1.0000	0.9671
Macaca (fascicularis gr.)	5.7003	6.6576	6.7709	5.9574	5.7182	3.3475	3.9018	0.1090		0.9020
<i>Macaca</i> (Sulawesi)	5.7119	6.9023	7.0403	6.1110	5.5787	3.7277	3.3296	1.2336	1.4757	

<span id="page-9-1"></span>**Table 9** Diferences of PC2 scores between groups

Cer: *Cercocebus*, Man: *Mandrillus*, Lop: *Lophocebus,* The: *Theropithecus*, Pap: *Papio*, syl: *sylvanus* group of *Macaca*, sil: silenus group of *Macaca*, sin: *sinica* group of *Macaca*, fas: *fascicularis* group of *Macaca*, sul: Sulawesi macaques

Lower left *t* values; upper right *p* values with significance codes\*\* $< 0.001$ , \* $< 0.01$ 

It had scores that were signifcantly diferent from those of the other papionins, with the exception of *Mandrillus* (Table [12\)](#page-14-0). Figure [12](#page-14-1) and Online Resource 5 depict the principal pattern provided by PC5. Lower scores are characterized by a reduced canine root region; a laterally-facing zygomaxillary region and a laterally facing lateral rim of the orbit, thus generating a narrow face in frontal view, as well as a small zygomatic arch and temporal fossa; and higher scores are characterized by an expanded canine root region, an anterior-facing zygomaxillary region and an anteriorly facing lateral rim of the orbit, thus generating a wide face in frontal view, and an anteriorly enlarged zygomatic arch and temporal fossa.

# **Discussion**

Macaques have a moderately long and rounded muzzle (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Jablonski [2002;](#page-17-11) Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)), a sagittal profle that is smooth and linear or slightly concave without a developed anteorbital drop (Szalay and Delson [1979\)](#page-18-8), and a deep anterior palate (Gilbert et al. [2009\)](#page-17-14), and they lack maxillary and suborbital fossae (Delson [1980](#page-16-5); Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Gilbert et al. [2009;](#page-17-14) Jablonski [2002](#page-17-11); Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)), which distinguishes them from the African papionins. The present study confrmed a major and well-known allometric trend that is common to this tribe,



<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Fig. 6** A depiction of the variation pattern that is summarized by PC2. **a** Higher scores, **b** lower scores. The colors indicate the direction and magnitude of shape changes perpendicular to the surface

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<span id="page-10-1"></span>**Fig. 7** Scatter (**a**) and box (**b**) plots of PC3 scores. See Fig. [2](#page-6-0) for explanations of the box plot and for the defnitions of the abbreviations. *p* values with a signifcance code: \*<0.01

as shown by PC1: large-bodied papionins exhibited a proportionally low, long, and narrow face. This trend has been confrmed in other nonhuman primates, as well as in papionins (Freedman [1962;](#page-17-20) Frost et al. [2003](#page-17-15); Gilbert and Grine [2010;](#page-17-21) Ito et al. [2011](#page-17-22); [2014](#page-17-23); Leigh et al. [2003](#page-17-19); Shea [1983](#page-18-17); Singleton [2002](#page-18-15); [2004\)](#page-18-18). A similar trend has been detected in the growth trajectory, i.e., ontogenetic allometry, of nonhuman primates (Collard and O'Higgins [2001](#page-16-7); Corner and Richtsmeier [1991;](#page-16-12) [1992;](#page-16-13) Mitteroecker et al. [2004](#page-18-27); Mouri [1994](#page-18-28); O'Higgins and Collard [2002](#page-18-21); O'Higgins and Jones [1998](#page-18-22); Penin et al. [2002](#page-18-29); Shea [1983;](#page-18-17) Singleton [2012](#page-18-19)). Thus, this principal pattern explains that the moderately long and rounded muzzle is formed in macaques as a result of their being small-to-moderate-bodied papionins.

### <span id="page-11-0"></span>Table 10 Differences of PC3 scores between groups



Cer: Cercocebus, Man: Mandrillus, Lop: Lophocebus, The: Theropithecus, Pap: Papio, syl: sylvanus group of Macaca, sil: silenus group of Macaca, sin: sinica group of Macaca, fas: fascicularis group of Macaca, sul: Sulawesi macaques

Lower left *t* values, upper right *p* values with significance codes \*\* < 0.001, \* < 0.01



Fig. 8 A depiction of the variation pattern that is summarized by PC3. a Higher scores, **b** lower scores. The colors indicate the direction and magnitude of shape changes perpendicular to the surface

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<span id="page-11-1"></span>Macaques possess many distinct features in facial shape that are apparently not greatly influenced by size and allometric effects, as summarized here in the principal patterns of PC2 to PC5. Every macaque species group exhibited varied combinations of the principal patterns that were different from African papionins. There was a gradient in the variation of PC2, PC4, and PC5 from macaques to African papionins. The *sinica* and *fascicularis* groups shared the features of all three patterns that were different from those of African papionins, with the exception of PC4 and PC5 of *Mandril*lus. The *silenus* group also shared the features of PC4 and PC5, while this group possessed features of PC2 that were comparable to those observed in Papio and Cercocebus. The two latter African papionins also exhibited features that were close to those of macaques compared with the other African papionins. In contrast, the *sylvanus* group shared features only in PC2 with the sinica and fascicularis groups and this group showed features in PC4 and PC5 that were not significantly different from those of African papionins. The sylvanus group exhibited a separation of the range in the PC4 scores between males and females, although there were not statistically significant sexual differences. The scores



<span id="page-12-0"></span>Fig. 9 Scatter (a) and box (b) plots of PC4 scores. See Fig. 2 for explanations of the box plot and for the definitions of the abbreviations.  $p$  values with a significance code: \*\* < 0.001; \* < 0.01

<span id="page-12-1"></span>Table 11 Differences of PC4 scores between groups

	Cer	Man	Lop	The	Pap	syl	sil	sin	fas	sul
Cercocebus		0.0817	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.2320	0.2294	0.0265	$0.0000$ **	$0.0000$ **	$0.0008^{**}$	0.8683
<b>Mandrillus</b>	2.9940		$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	0.0017	0.9055	0.8963	0.5002	0.3599	1.0000	0.6462
Lophocebus	5.1066	5.3840		0.1541	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0072$ <sup>*</sup>	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
<b>Theropithecus</b>	2.5698	4.0971	2.7496		$0.0002***$	0.0135	$0.0000^{**}$	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>	$0.0091$ <sup>*</sup>
Papio	2.5751	1.4661	6.4350	4.5537		0.1132	$0.0004***$	$0.0000^{**}$	0.1888	0.9953
Macaca (sylvanus gr.)	3.3648	1.4908	3.7354	3.5632	2.8727		0.9999	0.9999	0.6371	0.0861
Macaca (silenus gr.)	5.2162	2.1381	6.1020	5.3193	4.4394	0.5500		1.0000	0.4855	$0.0003***$
Macaca (sinica gr.)	5.8062	2.3446	6.5645	5.7484	5.0841	0.5449	0.2120		0.5757	$0.0000$ <sup>**</sup>
<i>Macaca</i> ( <i>fascicularis</i> gr.)	4.2649	0.5066	6.4269	5.0643	2.6631	1.9462	2.1589	2.0327		0.0666
<i>Macaca</i> (Sulawesi)	1.5578	1.9332	6.0027	3.6734	0.9350	2.9753	4.5237	4.9112	3.0666	

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Lower left *t* values, upper right *p* values with significance codes \*\* < 0.001;  $\degree$  < 0.01

of PC4 in male and PC5 in female ranged within those in African papioning and this finding in part accounts for these statistically significant results. This group comprises only Macaca sylvanus, and thus a small sample of this group was used for this study, while future studies are expected to use a larger sample from this group to examine these features. Sulawesi macaques also shared features only in PC2 with the sinica and fascicularis groups, but they had a distinct facial shape in PC3 that was significantly different from that of both African papionins and non-Sulawesi macaques. Thus, the present study showed that there was a gradient in the shape variations from macaques to African papionins, and the *fascicularis* and *sinica* groups exhibited a contrasting shape against African papionins compared with the other species groups of macaques, but macaques simultaneously showed a large intrageneric variation in every feature, which precluded the separation of all macaques from African papionins using any single feature.

Singleton  $(2002)$  applied a method similar to that reported here to detect the principal patterns among African papionins, using a sample of *Macaca fascicularis* as an outgroup. Although that study cannot be compared directly with the present study because of its research aim and design, which were different from ours, Singleton  $(2002)$ also describes some of the patterns that were detected here for the *fascicularis* group: variation from the "airorhynch"



**Fig. 10** A depiction of the variation pattern that is summarized by PC4. **a** Higher scores, **b** lower scores. The colors indicate the direction and magnitude of shape changes perpendicular to the surface

(green, outward; red, inward), and the arrows indicate shape changes parallel to the surface

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<span id="page-13-1"></span>**Fig. 11** Scatter (**a**) and box (**b**) plots of PC5 scores. See Fig. [2](#page-6-0) for explanations of the box plot and for the defnitions of the abbreviations. *p* values with a signifcance code: \*\*<0.001; \*<0.01

to the "klinorhynch" face based on its PC2, and variation in the orbital and zygomaxillary region based on its PC4. The variations summarized by those two PCs correspond almost completely to those provided by the PC2 and PC4 in the present study, respectively. Singleton ([2002\)](#page-18-15) also reported a similarity between *M. fascicularis* and *Papio* in the former pattern and between *M. fascicularis* and female *Mandrillus* in the latter pattern. Such similarities were also confrmed by the present study. Thus, the present study used a larger sample including every species group of macaques to provide a better understanding of the distinctions and similarities in facial shape between the two subtribes.

This study showed that macaques, especially the *sylvanus* group, possessed an airorhynch face compared with African

#### <span id="page-14-0"></span>Table 12 Differences of PC5 scores between groups



Cer: Cercocebus, Man: Mandrillus, Lop: Lophocebus, The: Theropithecus, Pap: Papio, syl: sylvanus group of Macaca, sil: silenus group of Macaca, sin: sinica group of Macaca, fas: fascicularis group of Macaca, sul: Sulawesi macaques

Lower left *t* values, upper right, *p* values with significance codes\*\*<0.001; \*<0.01



<span id="page-14-1"></span>Fig. 12 A depiction of the variation pattern that is summarized by PC5. a Higher scores, **b** lower scores. The colors indicate the direction and magnitude of shape changes perpendicular to the surface

(green, outward; red, inward), and the arrows indicate shape changes parallel to the surface

papionins, other than *Theropithecus* with its highly airorhynch face, as shown by PC2. While this variation from an airorhynch to a klinorhynch face was suggested to be one of the features that might be affected by the ontogenetic allometric effect in baboons (Leigh 2006), its detection can be precluded by the variation in facial length caused by a major allometric trend. This study confirmed that this variation was extracted independently with the other principal patterns, including the major evolutionary allometric effect, as one of the important features that differentiate macaques from African papionins. A decrease of cranial base flexion increases relative neurocranial volume, resulting in an airorhynch face in haplornines compared with strepsirrhines (Lieberman et al. 2000; Ross and Ravosa 1993). Those differences are limited between macaques/Theropithecus and the other African papionins (Lieberman et al. 2000; Ross and Ravosa 1993), but future studies are expected to examine variation in cranial structures to understand the evolutionary diversification in facial kyphosis among macaques, Theropithecus, and other African papionins.

This study also provides strong support for the view that a moderately smooth sagittal profile is present in macaques, as shown by PC3. These features, which were inherited by extant macaques, are believed to be an ancestral and generalized condition for this tribe (Collard and O'Higgins [2001;](#page-16-7) Delson [1980](#page-16-5); Fleagle [2013;](#page-17-1) Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)). We also confrmed that Sulawesi macaques possessed a slightly convex and smooth profle that is distinctive among papionins, as shown by the deviation from the other papionins in PC3. They are unusual in that they transgress Wallace's line, which is a deep-sea barrier to non-volant faunal interchange (Evans et al. [1999](#page-17-37); Fooden [1969](#page-17-32); Takenaka et al. [1987\)](#page-18-31). Their *nemestrina*-like ancestors likely dispersed to Sulawesi twice in the Pleistocene and remained isolated on this island (Evans et al. [1999](#page-17-37); Takenaka et al. [1987\)](#page-18-31). This distinct facial shape observed in Sulawesi macaques was probably formed after geographical isolation from the population of the other members of the *silenus* group. The sagittal profle in these macaques contrast with those of *Mandrillus* and *Theropithecus*. These large-bodied African papionins had a well-developed anteorbital drop made by a subvertical upper face and a long and subhorizontal nasal roof. These features have often been selected to characterize largebodied African papionins, while they are not distinctive in small-bodied forms (Fleagle [2013](#page-17-1); Szalay and Delson [1979](#page-18-8)). However, the situation observed in *Papio* added confusion to this view; this study showed that *Papio* exhibited a reduced degree of anteorbital drop, resembling that detected in non-Sulawesi macaques. Further, some specimens of *Papio* exhibited a lesser degree of anteorbital drop compared with the *sylvanus* group. The degree of anteorbital drop that can be detected by the naked eye is also afected by a combination of the other principal patterns, including an allometric efect. The "anteorbital drop" in large-bodied African papionins is not well defned, but it may be roughly described as the concavity formed by the subvertical interorbital part of the upper face and the subhorizontal nasal roof (muzzle dorsum) in the midline sagittal profle. The common allometric trend, as shown by PC1, indicated that macaques had a smaller angle between the upper face and the nasal roof. In addition, macaques had an airorhynch face to reduce the angle, as shown by PC2. Nevertheless, it does not form an "anteorbital drop", because they had a short nasal roof. On the other hand, whereas the large-bodied African papionins had a long and klinorhynch face, as shown by PC1 and PC2, they had a long nasal roof. Such a long nasal roof probably makes an "anteorbital drop" easily detectable by the naked eye in large-bodied African papionins including *Papio*. This study showed that the "anteorbital drop" in *Papio* was probably formed by a combination diferent from that in phylogenetically close *Theropithecus*, as well as in *Mandrillus*. *Papio* is a nonhuman primate that has expanded their geographical distribution, in part sympatric with the other African papionins, and it achieved a successful adaptation in varied habitats and a wide geographical distribution in Africa (Gilbert [2013;](#page-17-4) Jolly [1967](#page-17-9); Williams et al. [2007\)](#page-18-32). Thus, specimens of *Papio* are easily available, and this animal is often regarded as a representative of African large-bodied papionins against macaques in morphological studies. However, caution is needed, for example, when evaluating the phyletic position of Eurasian large papionins from the Plio-Pleistocene.

This study in part explained many distinct morphological features generated by the lesser principal patterns in macaques. The major allometric trend (PC1) also made the nasal aperture vertical and proportionally long in macaques. This means that such a feature is shared by macaques and small-bodied African papionins in part because they are small-to-moderate-bodied papionins. Nevertheless, a sloping nasal aperture generating a long nasal aperture in the frontal and lateral views in macaques was also associated with the airorhynch face in macaques, as shown by PC2. This feature was preserved in macaques independently of the allometric trend. This study also showed the tendency toward a wide upper and middle face and a narrow lower face in macaques, as shown by PC4. Such a feature is formed by a laterally positioned lateral region of the face, including the zygomaxillary region and the lateral rim of the orbit, thus widening the orbit. In addition, macaques generally possessed an anterior-faced zygomaxillary region compared with African papionins. Such a feature generates a flat and wide lateral part of the face in the frontal view in macaques compared with African papionins. These features of a wide face were also preserved independently of the major allometric trend generating a proportionally large upper face and small lower face in macaques. In addition, the palate was deep in macaques compared with African papionins, as shown by PC4. A deep anterior palate is one of the distinct characters of macaques compared with African papionins (Gilbert et al. [2009\)](#page-17-14). Such a distinct feature, which can be detected using the naked eye, was not extracted solely by any principal pattern in this study, but was expected to appear by any efect making the posterior palate shallow via a combination of several patterns. Therefore, many distinct features in macaques are preserved by the lesser principal patterns even after the elimination of the major evolutionary allometric effect.

Lastly, sexual diference in the canine region was common to every group in the two subtribes, as shown by PC5. This diference probably refects the diferences in canine size. The diference in canine size by sex is representative of characters for evaluating a degree of sexual dimorphism in nonhuman primates (Plavcan and van Schaik [1994;](#page-18-33) Plavcan et al. [1995](#page-18-34)). This study also showed a sexual diference in the cheek region: an anteriorly-facing zygomaxillary region and an anteriorly enlarged zygomatic arch in males. Such a feature refects the enlargement of the temporal fossa to accommodate the more developed masseter and temporalis muscles in males compared with females. It should be noted that the specimens used here did not show a signifcant sexual diference in PC1 scores in *Theropithecus*. The specimens used here were sampled from both wild and captive sources and from younger to older adult individuals, and they were housed at four diferent institutions, which means that this fnding is not due to specifc population or generation. The fnding indicates that an allometric efect common to this tribe weakly afects this genus. In addition, *Theropithecus* had a distinctly airorhynch face, as shown by PC2. These fndings suggest that a diferent ontogenetic allometry may be presented by this genus. Future studies are expected to examine developmental changes in facial shape to understand these distinct features in *Theropithecus*.

This study confrmed the major allometric trend that is well known in papionins. Evolutionary modifcations in size potentially occurred because of environmental and climatic fuctuations in the habitats of a given animal, e.g., through physical adaptation in terms of thermoregulation (Fooden and Albrecht [1993;](#page-17-38) Ito et al. [2014\)](#page-17-23). This means that a large-bodied macaque would have possessed a low, long, and narrow face, which are features that are comparable to those of the extant large-bodied African papionins. The landmark data used here were limited to a direct extraction of the distinctive characters that are known in papionins, e.g., a maxillary fossa in the large-bodied African papionins, a suborbital hollow in the small-bodied African papionins, and bilateral protruding ridges of the muzzle in *Mandrillus*. Alternatively, this study extracted features in facial distortion that were diferent between macaques and African papionins after the elimination of the allometric efect on the facial shape: macaques usually possessed an airorhynch face, a moderately smooth profle, and a lateral-positioned, anterior-facing, wide cheek region including the zygomaxillary region and the lateral rim of the orbit. Nevertheless, it should be noted that these features are not always easily detected by the naked eye. The major allometric effect (PC1) accounted for a large amount of the total variation (57.8%); therefore, it sometimes hid and precluded the detection of the features summarized by the other less-principal patterns in the real world. These lesser variations thus become the subject in evaluating the shape diferences between the two subtribes after appropriate adjustments to eliminate or reduce the allometric efects over the shape features. The entire face is rarely preserved, and the landmark data used here are not available in many cases of fossil specimens. Therefore, although diferent landmark data sets need to be customized for specifc studies, the information provided by this study is expected to improve the customization and phyletic comparisons of the fossil papionins without disturbances from the potential evolutionary fuctuation in the size of a given specimen.

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