

3D model related to the publication: Morphology and distribution of scales, dermal ossifications, and other non-feather integumentary structures in non-avian theropod dinosaurs

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Abstract

The present 3D Dataset contains the 3D model of the skin of *Allosaurus* described in Hendrickx, C. et al. *in press*. Morphology and distribution of scales, dermal ossifications, and other non-feather integumentary structures in non-avian theropod dinosaurs. Biological Reviews.

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INTRODUCTION

We here present a 3D model of the scaly integument of the theropod dinosaur *Allosaurus* (Allosauridae: Allosauroidea; Table 1 and Fig. 1). The material consists of a 3D reconstruction of the counterpart of a 30 cm² patch of skin impression (Fig. 1F-G) associated with the anterior dorsal ribs/pectoral region (Fig. 1A) of the specimen of *Allosaurus jimmdadzeni* UMNH VP C481 deposited at the Natural History Museum of Utah, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA. The 3D model was generated from a plastic cast of the natural mould of the skin of WDC DMQ-A 053 (Fig. 1E) deposited at the Wyoming Dinosaur Center, Thermopolis, Wyoming, USA. WDC DMQ-A 053 is a nearly complete and articulated skeleton of a juvenile *Allosaurus jimmdadzeni* whose body length was estimated to be around four meters (Loewen, 2010; Pinegar et al., 2003). This *Allosaurus* specimen was discovered in the lower part of the Morrison Formation (Kimmeridgian; Upper Jurassic) of the Meilyn Quarry, Medicine Bow, Carbon County, Wyoming. The skin shows a semi-uniform basement of 1-2 mm diameter pebbles with a smaller number of slightly larger (up to 3 mm) ovoid scales (Fig. 1B-D). The irregular shape, distribution, and overall small size of these larger scales suggest that they are not classifiable as feature scales but rather as variations in the basement scales.

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Description

Counterpart of a 30 cm² patch of skin impression associated with the anterior dorsal ribs/pectoral region.

Table 1. Related 3D skin model of *Allosaurus jimmdadzeni* (UMNH VP C481, plastic cast). Collection: Natural History Museum of Utah (UMNH), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA

METHODS

The cast specimen of the skin from the pectoral region of *Allosaurus jimmdadzeni* (UMNH VP C481) was examined first hand on November 1, 2016, and the three-dimensional (3D) model was generated by Ryan Felice using a Creaform Go!SCAN 20 surface scanner at 0.2 mm resolution. The 3D model was exported, oriented, and scaled in Meshlab version 1.3.4BETA (Cignoni et al., 2008).

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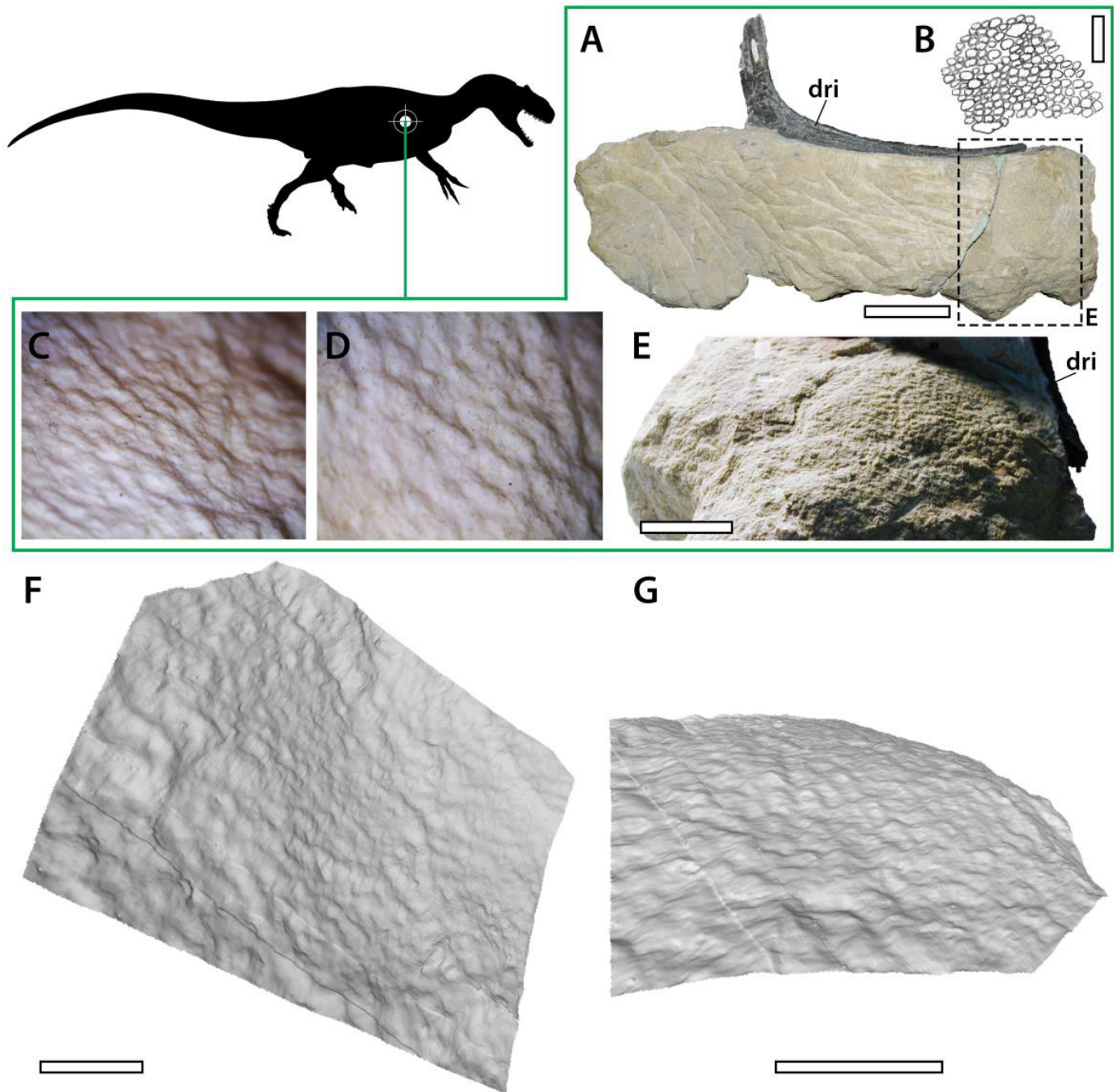


Figure 1. A) Scaly skin associated with a dorsal rib from the scapular region of a juvenile individual of *Allosaurus jimmdaseni* (WDC DMQ-A 053). (B) Interpretive drawing of the basement scales. Close up on (C–D) a plastic cast of the counterpart of the basement scales (UMNH VP C481) and (E) a natural mould of the scaly skin anterior to the distal portion of a dorsal rib (WDC DMQ-A 053). (F–G) 3D-Model of the skin. Scale bars = 5 cm (A), 2 cm (E) and 1 cm (B, F–G).

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