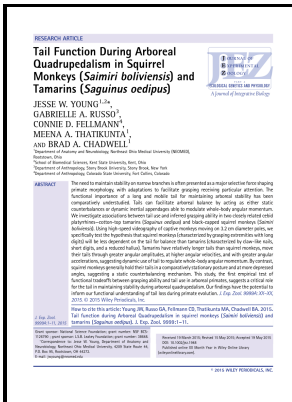


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We compare the amount of cranial intraspecific variation within species, the strength of covariation between cranial shape and ecology, the importance of different ecological variables to this covariation, and whether the shape associated with ecological variation fits expectations of climatic adaptation. This link takes you to an external website. Geographic variation in body form of prehistoric Jomon males in the Japanese archipelago: Its ecogeographic implications.

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Leaping primates are specialized for hindlimb-propelled locomotion within arboreal habitats.

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Postcranial characters analysed here include humeral and femoral diaphyseal rigidity, articular surface areas and lengths. In macaques, however, this variation covaries strongly and consistently with climate, whereas this is not the case for the Jomon.

### **Postcranial adaptation in nonhuman primates**

Lemurs, lorises, and tarsiers—once diverse groups containing many species—became rare, except for lemurs in Madagascar where there were no anthropoid competitors and perhaps few predators.

### **Postcranial adaptations for leaping in primates**

Most of the large-bodied lemuriform leapers are further distinguished in having relatively bigger femoral heads and reduced humeral rigidity. Non-metric dental trait variation among local sites and regional groups of the Neolithic Jomon period, Japan.

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