

1 Introduction

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3 Sex estimation is the cornerstone for establishing a biological profile of a human skeleton
4 during physical and forensic anthropological analyses. When estimating sex, the accuracy
5 depends on the different osteological elements analysed (Krishan et al. 2016; Meindl &
6 Russell 1998; Spradley & Jantz 2011), although the pelvis is the anatomical region that
7 is most widely considered to be the best indicator due to its high level of sexual
8 dimorphism (Bružeket al. 2017; Murail et al. 2005). However, problems arise when the
9 skeleton is incomplete, or when the pelvis has been damaged. In such cases, the cranium
10 has historically been considered the second-best indicator of sex (Cox et al. 2008; Luo et
11 al. 2013; Muckle 2014). Some textbooks highlight the cranium as the most useful
12 anatomical region for estimating sex when the pelvis is not available, including Cox et al.
13 (2008), Muckle (2014) and Langley & Tersigni-Tarrant (2017); however, these do not
14 provide supporting references. Several studies that were based in cranial morphological
15 traits have achieved correct sex classification rates of 83% to 90% (Konigsberg & Hens
16 1998; Ramamoorthy, Pai, Prabhu, Muralimanju & Rai 2016; Walker 2008) and 85.7% to
17 94.1% (Amores-Ampuero & Alemán 2016; Saini et al. 2011; Small et al. 2018; Steyn &
18 Işcan 1998) using metric data. At present, some debate still persists, and there is evidence
19 that postcranial bones have more discriminatory power than the cranium.

20 Bello & Andrews (2006) analysed the frequencies of the availabilities of the different
21 skeletal elements of immature and adult human remains in burial sites from medieval and
22 post-medieval collections, to determine the specific anatomical patterns of their
23 preservation. They evaluated these according to two indices: the Anatomical Preservation
24 Index, as a preservation score that defines the quantity of osseous material present,
25 expressed as the ratio between the proportions of the bones preserved for each single bone
26 element and the total number of bones of the skeleton; and the Bone Representation Index,
27 as the frequency of the presence of each bone element in a sample. Their data showed
28 that the cranium was generally well represented and the clavicle was reasonably abundant,
29 while the scapula was generally poorly preserved, and the sternum was often fragmented
30 and poorly preserved. Further, the patella was under-represented, although it was almost
31 complete when it was present, and the small bones of the hands and feet were generally
32 not present, but also tended to be well preserved and almost complete when they were
33 present. Finally, the presence of the long bones appeared to be related to either their size
34 (the bigger the long bone, the better preserved) or their position (proximal limb elements
35 better preserved than distal elements). Thus, humeri were more often preserved than radii
36 and ulnae, and femora were better preserved than tibiae and fibulae. The relative
37 abundance of the teeth was not evaluated as these were not available at the time of the
38 observations.

39 Several studies have provided evidence that estimation of sex using long-bone
40 measurements can provide success rates $\geq 90\%$ (Charisi et al. 2011; Patterson & Tallman
41 2019; Spradley & Jantz 2011), and have thus concluded that long bones are to be preferred
42 to the cranium for estimating sex when the pelvis is not available. However, in
43 medicolegal death investigations and for archaeological sites, skeletal remains are often
44 recovered in a poor state of preservation due to the effects of environmental conditions
45 and the activities of carnivores and/or other scavengers. Thus, sex can be more difficult
46 to determine given that the long bones can be incomplete, fragmentary and/or too fragile
47 to be manipulated and analysed.

48 Teeth are known for being the hardest and most durable and resistant biological
49 remains, as these can survive a variety of destructive effects caused by chemical, physical,
50 mechanical and thermal variations (Fereira et al. 2008; Schmidt 2008; Viciano et al. 2012;

51 Viciano et al. 2015a). Sex estimation from dental characteristics is primarily based on
52 comparisons of dental dimensions (odontometrics) between males and females, and
53 numerous studies have identified sex differences in such metric characteristics of the
54 permanent dentition (Adams & Pilloud 2019; De Angelis et al. 2015; Peckmann et al.
55 2015; Tardivo et al. 2015; Zorba et al. 2012; Viciano et al. 2011; Viciano et al. 2013;
56 Viciano et al. 2015b). However, odontometrics is only used as a supplementary tool for
57 sex estimation in the forensic and archaeological contexts when sex estimation is not
58 possible by standard methods. The percentages of correct sex classification using
59 odontometrics ranges from 61.3% to 100% (Angadi et al. 2013; Khamis et al. 2014;
60 Mitsea et al. 2014; Peckman et al. 2015; Peckman et al. 2016; Viciano et al. 2013; Zorba
61 et al. 2012; Zorba et al. 2014), depending on the tooth and measurements used.
62 Nevertheless, to raise the level of accuracy of sex classification, it is maybe best to
63 combine several different methods when a skeleton is fragmentary and/or in a poor
64 condition (Patterson & Tallman 2019). Lavelle (1974) established a relationship between
65 tooth and skull size, suggesting the possibility that the combination of cranial and dental
66 measurements might increase the percentages of correct sex classification. Following this
67 premise, Thapar et al. (2012) evaluated the extent of sexual dimorphism of tooth and
68 cranial size in a living Indian population and their potential in sex estimation using
69 logistic regression analysis. Their study demonstrates that cranial anthropometry along
70 with odontometrics give a better accuracy in estimating the sex of an individual rather
71 than using them individually. Nevertheless, their study presents two limitations: (i) they
72 only analysed three cranial parameters (maximum head length, maximum head breadth,
73 and cephalic index), and (ii) they consider the dentition as a unit instead of measuring
74 individual teeth. Thus, through logistic regression analysis, they took into consideration
75 the combination of cranial measurements with all maxillary teeth, all mandibular teeth
76 and all teeth for sex estimation.

77 Considering previous research, the aim of this study was to analyse the level of sexual
78 dimorphism in cranial and dental measurements to evaluate whether the combination of
79 them provides greater sex discriminatory power compared to only the cranial or dental
80 methods. For this purpose, compared to the study of Thapar et al. (2012), a greater number
81 of cranial measurements were analysed and, to maximize the technique's applicability in
82 archaeological and forensic cases where the dentitions are incomplete or in poor
83 condition, the functions were calculated for each tooth separately. Finally, the results were
84 compared to previously published studies to see if the combination of cranial and dental
85 measurements suggest greater sex discriminatory power compared to the postcranial
86 bones.

87 88 89 **Materials and methods**

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91 This study was based on the Granada osteological collection of identified adult
92 individuals from the Granada Municipal Cemetery of San José, Spain (Alemán et al.
93 1997). These individuals are housed in the Laboratory of Anthropology of the University
94 of Granada, Spain. Reliable antemortem information was obtained from the burial and
95 death certificates in the Registry Office, which yielded detailed data on the sex, birth and
96 death dates, and immediate and underlying causes of death, among other information.

97 The study sample consisted of 70 individuals (41 males, 29 females). Their ages at
98 death ranged from 24 to 94 years (mean age, 65 ± 14 years). Their deaths occurred during
99 the five decades from 1961 to 2001 (74.4% before 1975; thus, the sample was largely
100 dated from the second third of the 20th century).

101 Due to the advanced age of many of the individuals and the resulting alterations in the
102 mandibular region (e.g., antemortem tooth loss, and consequent alveolar remodelling),
103 and to the frequent presence of pathological conditions, the measurements of this
104 anatomical region were not considered in the present study. Likewise, because of the
105 exclusion of the mandible from analysis, the mandibular teeth were also excluded. Only
106 the maxillary teeth were included in this analysis. The limiting factors of the dental
107 specimens for exclusion from the analysis were: notable wear; pathological processes,
108 such as antemortem tooth loss, caries, calculus deposits and hypoplastic defects; dental
109 anomalies, such as number, volume, shape and position of the teeth; trauma and fractures;
110 and taphonomic/ diagenetic effects.

111 **Data collection for the crania**

112 Thirty direct measurements were taken on each cranium, according to the standard
113 measurement techniques recommended by Martin & Knussmann (1988). The full list for
114 the neurocranial and splanchnocranial measurements and their abbreviated forms are
115 given in Table 1. All the variables were measured to the nearest 0.1 mm using a non-
116 digital vernier sliding caliper, a spreading caliper and a non-stretchable measuring tape.
117 Measurements from the left side were used, substituting the right side only when
118 measurements from the left side were missing.

120 **Data collection for the teeth**

121 Forty-four measurements were taken for the maxillary incisors (four measurements),
122 canines (four measurements), premolars (four measurements) and molars (eight
123 measurements) according to the definitions provided by Hillson et al. (2005), with the
124 mesiodistal cervical diameters measured following the criteria outlined by Vodanović et
125 al. (2007). The full list for the maxillary crowns and the measurements at the level of the
126 cemento-enamel junction and their abbreviated forms are also given in Table 1. A digital
127 dental caliper (Masel Orthodontics Inc, USA) with a precision of 0.01 mm was used to
128 collect crown and cervical measurements. Measurements were performed on either the
129 left or right side depending on their availability. If both contralateral teeth were available,
130 to avoid the use of more sophisticated techniques for the analysis of asymmetry, the
131 average was calculated to adjust the values.

133 **Statistical analysis**

134 The statistical analyses were carried out using the statistical package for social sciences
135 IBM SPSS Statistics 22.0 software for Windows (Chicago, IL, USA). First, the cranial
136 and dental measurements were assessed for normality in their distributions using the
137 Kolmogorov–Smirnov one-sample tests, and for homoscedasticity using Levene’s tests.
138 Next, the general descriptive statistics were determined for all of the measurements of the
139 cranium and maxillary teeth, to provide means and standard deviations separately for both
140 male and female individuals. Next, Student’s *t*-tests were performed to define significant
141 differences between the sexes when large sample size ($N \geq 30$), normality and
142 homoscedasticity were fulfilled ($p > 0.05$) and otherwise (when assumptions of *t*-
143 Student’s parametric test are violated) with non-parametric Mann–Whitney *U*-tests.
144 Finally, binary logistic regression analysis was performed to identify the most useful sex
145 discriminant functions. The equations were determined for pairs of measurements (i.e.,
146 one cranial measurement, one dental measurement) to maximize the applicability of the
147 technique for forensic and archaeological cases in which the cranium and dentition are
148 incomplete and/or poorly preserved. Binary logistic regression analyses were used instead
149 of the more commonly employed linear discriminant function analysis for metric sex
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151 estimation methods, as the former is more robust and was best suited for our dataset
152 (Albanese 2003; Pohar et al. 2004). The -2 log likelihood was calculated to determine the
153 fits of the logistic regression models to the datasets (lower -2 log statistic = better fit). To
154 test the consistency of prediction accuracy, the data were subjected to leave-one-out
155 cross-validation.

156 Binary logistic regression analysis produces coefficients for each measurement
157 included in a model as well as a constant. In order to use this information to predict the
158 sex of an individual, a logit must first be calculated using the following formula:

$$159 \quad L_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_n X_n \quad (1),$$

161 where the logit (L_i) is a linear function of the independent variable(s) X_n , β_0 is the value
162 for the constant, β_1 is the first coefficient, X_1 is the first measurement, and so on. The logit
163 value can also be used to calculate the probability of female sex (P_f) using the function:

$$164 \quad P_f = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-L_i}} \quad (2).$$

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166 The probability of male sex is simply $P_m = 1 - P_f$. In the present study, a P_f -value < 0.5
168 indicates male sex and P_f -value > 0.5 indicates female sex. As an illustrative example, if
169 $P_f = 0.913$, the individual was classified as female sex, with a sex allocation accuracy of
170 91.3% probability for the combination of cranial and dental measurements ($P_m = 1 - 0.913$
171 $= 0.087$; 8.7% probability of being male sex). Conversely, if $P_f = 0.067$, the individual
172 was classified as male sex ($P_m = 1 - 0.067 = 0.933$), with a sex allocation accuracy of
173 93.3% probability for the combination of cranial and dental measurements (6.7%
174 probability of being female sex).
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176 Finally, sex bias was calculated by subtracting the percent of females correctly
177 classified from the percent of males correctly classified. Positive sex bias indicate that
178 more males are correctly classified whereas negative sex bias indicate that more females
179 are correctly classified.

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182 **Results**

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184 **Descriptive statistics and univariate sexual dimorphism**

185 The Kolmogorov–Smirnov tests showed that 13 of the 30 measurements of the cranium
186 and 36 of the 44 measurements of the dentition were normally distributed within sex ($p >$
187 0.05). The results of homoscedasticity indicated that the sample was homogeneous in 25
188 of the 30 measurements of the cranium and 26 of the 44 measurements of the dentition (p
189 > 0.05). Regarding the dentition, in nine cases it was not possible to perform the
190 homoscedasticity test (Tables 2 and 3).

191 Tables 2 and 3 give the means and statistics for all of the cranial and dental dimensions,
192 along with the significance analyses using Student's t -tests and Mann–Whitney U -tests,
193 and the significance values (p -values) for the differences between male and female
194 measurements.

195 These data show that the male crania have higher means than the female crania for all
196 of the measurements except OSA, LIA, LIC, OB, OH, NB and MAL. Comparisons of
197 standard deviations suggest that the male crania show more variability than the female
198 crania for all of the measurements except LDB, MB, LFB, ABH, TA, FSA, PSA, LIA,
199 LIC, BPL, BizB, OH, BioB and NH. Student's t -tests and Mann–Whitney U -tests

200 revealed statistically significant differences ($p \leq 0.05$) between the sexes in 11 of the 19
201 neurocranial measurements, and in six of the 11 splanchnocranial measurements (Table
202 2).

203 For the dentition, these data show that the male teeth have higher means than the
204 female teeth for all of the measurements except MDcrnM², MDcrnM¹ and MDcrnPM¹.
205 The comparisons of the standard deviations also suggest that the male teeth show more
206 variability than the female teeth for all of the measurements except MDcrnM²,
207 MDcrnPM², BLcrnM², BLcrnM¹, BLCrnPM², MBDLcrnM², MBDLcrnM¹,
208 MLDBcrnM¹, MDcervPM², MDcervPM¹, MDcervI¹, BLcervPM¹ and MBDLcervM².
209 Due to the small sample sizes ($N < 30$) for the dental measurements, only the Mann-
210 Whitney *U*-tests were performed. These data showed statistically significant differences
211 ($p \leq 0.05$) between the sexes in five of the 22 crown measurements, and in 10 of the 22
212 cervical measurements (Table 3). Taking the maxillary dentition as a whole, the most
213 sexually dimorphic tooth is the canine, represented by mesiodistal and buccolingual
214 diameters of the crown and cervix, followed by the first and second molars.

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216 **Logistic regression analysis**

217 Tables 4 and 5 give the logit equations and their sex allocation accuracies for both original
218 data and the leave-one-out classification, where equations with a discriminant power
219 $< 75\%$ have been excluded (as these have little utility for reliable sex estimation).
220 Furthermore, only the logit equations in which a minimum of 25 cases were used for their
221 construction are shown.

222 Table 5 shows the allocation accuracies for correct sex estimation obtained from these
223 equations. It can be seen that the sex allocation accuracies here ranged from 63.6% to
224 100% for the females, and from 71.4% to 93.8% for the males. Out of 38 logit equations,
225 males show higher correct classifications than females in the original sample for 22
226 equations (sex bias ranging from -8.0% to 12.4%), and in 18 equations for the cross-
227 validated sample (sex bias ranging from -10.0% to 12.4%). Therefore, overall, the males
228 were classified more accurately than the females for these logit equations. For the pooled
229 sexes, the overall sex allocation accuracies ranged from 76.0% to 92.3% in the original
230 sample and from 72.0% to 88.5% in the cross-validated sample.

231 Analysis for the 38 logit equations obtained show that the combination of the
232 neurocranial and canine measurements were the best predictor of sex in this sample. For
233 the cranium, all of the 38 logit equations were defined by the measurements of the
234 neurocranium. For the maxillary dentition, of the 38 logit equations, 31 were defined by
235 one measurement of the canines (i.e., all except L_9 , L_{19} , L_{24} , L_{27} , L_{30} , L_{33} , L_{36}), six were
236 defined by one measurement of the first molars (i.e., for equations L_9 , L_{19} , L_{24} , L_{30} , L_{33} ,
237 L_{36}), and one was defined by one measurement of the second molars (i.e., equation L_{27}).

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240 **Discussion**

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242 Intra- and inter-observer error analyses were performed by the same authors for the same
243 osteological collection and the same cranial and dental measurements as used in the
244 present study, and these were published previously (Amores-Ampuero & Alemán 2016;
245 Viciano et al. 2013). The intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) was used by Amores-
246 Ampuero & Alemán (2016) to determine the levels of agreement between repeated
247 measurements collected by the same observer and by the different observers. The ICC
248 results demonstrated that the cranial measurements were highly reproducible and with an
249 elevated precision and accuracy within and between the observers. Viciano et al. (2013)

250 followed a different approach using the Lin's concordance correlation coefficient (CCC)
251 to assess the intra- and inter-observer errors. The CCC results showed that the different
252 dental measurements collected by the same observer were highly reproducible. In the
253 inter-observer error analysis, the CCC results showed lower concordance values. The
254 differences between different observers were attributed to the second observer, who had
255 no prior training in odontometrics and had difficulties in measuring certain tooth
256 diameters (e.g. the crown diameters of molars, which showed a variation in form and
257 often presented difficulties in the application of some of the measurement definitions).

258 The analyses in the present study show that measurements of the neurocranium and
259 the maxillary canines show high levels of sexual dimorphism, and sex estimation methods
260 based on the combination of measurements from these anatomical elements can yield
261 high levels of sex allocation accuracy. The logit equations developed yielded percentages
262 of correct assignment of sex ranging from 76.0% to 92.3%. However, the results of
263 correct sex allocation accuracy may be overestimated due to the small samples sizes used
264 for the construction of these equations. There is no consensus on the number of variables
265 needed for logistic regressions; however, it has been proposed that a minimum of 10
266 observations be used to develop binary logistic regression equations (Peduzzi et al. 1995;
267 Peduzzi et al. 1996). Below 10 observations, the results should be interpreted cautiously
268 as the statistical model may not be valid. Other authors, including Vittinghoff and
269 McCulloch (2007), relax the rule and propose a minimum of five observations.
270 Nevertheless, our results are reassuring because each logit equation is developed with
271 only two predictor variables, and only logit equations with a minimum of 25 cases were
272 constructed. In addition, the logit equations showed better efficacy in predicting sex in
273 males as compared in females. This may be due to the composition of the sample for the
274 construction of these logit equations because the study sample was comprised of more
275 males than females.

276 Concerning sexual dimorphism of the neurocranium, the findings here are in
277 agreement with other studies. For example, the basion–bregma height has been
278 considered useful for sex estimation in numerous studies (e.g., Franklin et al. 2005; Giles
279 & Elliot 1963; Song et al. 1992; Steyn & Işcan 1998; Zabando et al. 2009), while Steyn
280 & Işcan (1998), Song et al. (1992), Zabando et al. (2009) and Fernández (2007)
281 highlighted the maximum cranial length as a measurement with high sexual dimorphism.
282 In the same way, the data in the present study have revealed that the canine is the tooth
283 with the greatest level of sexual dimorphism, followed by the first and second molars, as
284 also highlighted by Angadi et al. (2013), Pettenati-Soubayroux et al. (2002), Pereira et al.
285 (2010), Hassett (2011) and Zorba et al. (2011).

286 Table 6 shows the overall sex allocation accuracies of the combinations of cranial and
287 maxillary dental measurements that were obtained in the present study as compared to
288 other studies of cranial and postcranial sex estimation methods that have analysed the
289 same osteological collection of identified adult individuals from the Granada Municipal
290 Cemetery of San José, Spain. Amores-Ampuero & Alemán (2016) studied only the
291 cranial measurements, and they reported correct sex allocation accuracies from 58.9% to
292 80.9% using discriminant function analysis, and from 60.5% to 94.1% using logistic
293 regression analysis. On the other hand, Viciano et al. (2013) analysed only the dental
294 measurements and obtained correct sex allocation accuracies from 79.4% to 92.6%. In
295 the present study, the combinations of the cranial and dental measurements provided
296 higher correct sex allocation accuracies than for the cranial method of Amores-Ampuero
297 & Alemán (2016). However, the dental method of Viciano et al. (2013) provided similar
298 correct sex allocation accuracies as the present combination of cranial and dental
299 measurements.

300 It is necessary to highlight that in the present study postcranial elements were not
301 included, so we can only compare the percentages of correct sex allocation of our study
302 with those previously published by other researchers on the same osteological collection
303 analysed (i.e. Alemán 1997; Amores-Ampuero & Alemán 2016; García-Parra et al. 2014;
304 Mastrangelo et al. 2011; Peckman et al. 2016; Viciano et al. 2013). However, the actual
305 individuals analysed in the present study are included in these cited studies. In this way,
306 the cranial method provided lower correct sex allocation accuracies than for both the
307 different anatomical elements of the postcranial skeleton and the combination of the
308 cranial and dental measurements, which had similar correct sex allocation accuracies.
309 There have not been any studies based on the cranial morphological traits for this same
310 osteological collection of identified adult individuals, and therefore no comparisons can
311 be made here.

312 Despite the limitations of excluding the postcranial elements, the findings of the
313 present study suggest that metric analyses of the cranium alone fail to improve
314 classification accuracies over postcranial elements when the pelvis is missing or
315 damaged. Furthermore, the findings of this study demonstrate that statistical models that
316 include both the dentition and cranium produce classification accuracies that are on par
317 with those of the postcranial skeleton.

318 In forensic practice, the skeletal remains of immature and adult individuals are often
319 limited in their completeness when recovered. From a medico-legal point of view, the
320 absence of key skeletal elements for the reconstruction of the biological profile of the
321 recovered skeletonised individual can hinder and even prevent identification (Kanchan &
322 Krishan 2011). For this reason, several methods based on different anatomical areas have
323 been developed over the last few decades to facilitate the deduction of biological profiles
324 in cases where few dental and skeletal elements are recovered, and/or where these are not
325 well preserved and/or are fragmented (e.g., Adams & Pilloud 2019; D'Anastasio et al.
326 2014; González-Reimers et al. 2000; Irurita et al. 2014a; Irurita et al. 2014b; Klales &
327 Burns 2017; Kubicka & Piontek 2016; Lee 2009; López-Lázaro et al. 2018; Navega et al.
328 2012; Patterson & Tallman 2019; Spradley & Jantz 2011; Tallman & Blanton 2020;
329 Viciano et al., 2013; Viciano et al. 2018).

330 The underrepresentation of specific skeletal remains in medico-legal contexts can be
331 attributed to human behavior or natural/ taphonomic processes, although they can also
332 reflect the characteristic preservation patterns of a skeleton due to the inherent structural
333 properties of the bone. Where bone mineral density is low, the absence of specific
334 anatomical elements might be expected when environmental conditions are particularly
335 destructive (e.g., Pilloud et al. 2016; Ross & Cunningham 2011). Conversely, the absence
336 of more densely constructed bones might suggest a form of selection process (e.g.,
337 opportunistic scavenging of the remains when they are left exposed in an outdoor context
338 —e.g., Moraitis & Spiliopoulou 2010; Spradley et al. 2012—, or mass disasters with
339 mutilated bodies —e.g., Barbería et al. 2015; Seleye-Fubara et al. 2012). Furthermore,
340 this might reflect deliberate human modification of the remains (e.g., decapitation or
341 dismemberment of a corpse in a homicide case, to hinder its identification —Konopka et
342 al. 2016; Zerbo et al. 2018).

343 Therefore, improved sex allocation accuracies can be achieved by the use of the
344 combination of cranial and dental measurements for sex estimation of skeletal remains in
345 comparison to the cranium only. This is further supported by the following: (i) the
346 cranium is a skeletal region that is generally well preserved due to its relative high mineral
347 density; (ii) the teeth are the hardest and most durable and resistant structures of a skeleton
348 against the various agents of destruction; and (iii) when a cranium is present, it will
349 generally also have some teeth remaining (although single-rooted teeth can be easily lost

350 postmortem). As a result, this combination of cranial and dental measurements can
351 increase the correct sex classification in comparison with only the use of the cranium. On
352 the other hand, the present study suggests that this combination of cranial and dental
353 measurements provides similar correct sex allocation accuracy to that of postcranial
354 elements when compared to other studies. However, the present study only included the
355 maxillary dentition in the analysis. Therefore not including the mandible and mandibular
356 teeth, no the postcranial skeleton. Thus, this similar correct sex allocation accuracy
357 achieved by this combination of cranial and dental measurements might be skewed, and
358 so further analysis is necessary to include also the mandible and mandibular teeth.
359 Coquerelle et al. (2011) investigated whether the mandible was sexually dimorphic during
360 early postnatal development and whether early dimorphic features persist during
361 subsequent ontogeny. They found that sexual dimorphism already exists by birth,
362 concentrated at the ramus and the mental region, with these differences decreasing
363 between the ages 4 and 14. From puberty to adulthood, males were characterized by a
364 continuation of allometric shape changes whereas the shape of the female mandible
365 continued to change even after size had ceased to increase. Thus, some researchers have
366 shown that mandible is sexually dimorphic, demonstrating its usefulness for sex
367 estimation in some populations (Bertsatos et al. 2019; Patterson & Tallman 2019;
368 Villanueva et al. 2017). Furthermore, mandibular teeth also show sexual dimorphism,
369 specially the canine. As Eimerl and De Vore (1965) postulated, the sexual dimorphism of
370 canines is based on functional (non-masticatory) activity. They postulated that canines in
371 primates were related to the threat of aggression which later shifted to the upper limbs in
372 the evolutionary process. Until this evolutionary change, canines played an important role
373 for survival in males. Alvesalo (2009) suggests that sexual dimorphism in tooth size is
374 explained by differential effects of the X and Y chromosomes on dental growth. The Y
375 chromosome promotes both tooth crown enamel and dentine growth, whereas the effect
376 of the X chromosome on crown growth seems to be restricted to enamel formation. Thus,
377 males have larger tooth crowns than females in contemporary human populations, which
378 can be attributed to dentine thickness. Thus, because the mandible and mandibular teeth
379 are anatomical elements that show great sexual dimorphism, further research is necessary
380 to include in the analysis these elements to have a global view on whether the combination
381 of cranial and dental measurements provides greater sex discriminatory power compared
382 to only the cranial or dental methods, and subsequently, also with the postcranial skeleton.

385 **Conclusions**

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387 The present study suggests that the combined method of cranial and maxillary dental
388 measurements was more accurate than the cranial method alone, although it provided
389 similar correct sex allocation accuracy to the dental method. Furthermore, this study
390 suggests that only the combination of the cranial and the maxillary dental measurements
391 can provide similar correct sex allocation accuracies to those of the postcranial skeleton.

392 However, findings presented here should be taken with caution, since the present study
393 presents some limitations, such as: (i) small sample size, so that the data likely do not
394 capture the range of variation within this population (particularly evident with the dental
395 measurements); (ii) mandible and mandibular teeth were not included in the analysis, so
396 all the anatomical elements of the skull were not analysed; (iii) postcranial bones were
397 not directly measured and analysed, so the percentages of correct sex allocation of the
398 present study were compared with those of previously published studies, and (iv) specific
399 origin of the sample, as skeletal attributes vary among different populations.

400 The results of the present study show that the combination of cranial and maxillary
401 dental measurements gave very good correct sex allocation accuracy (up to 92.3%). This
402 finding could be particularly important when skeletal remains are in a poor state of
403 preservation and only crania are recovered, and the use of only these two parameters
404 (cranial anthropometry and odontometrics) may provide sex discriminatory power.
405 Nevertheless, despite of the aforementioned limitations, more research is needed in
406 different populations to evaluate whether the combination of cranial and dental
407 measurements provides greater sex discriminatory power compared to postcranial
408 skeleton.

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696 **Table 1.** Definitions of the cranial and maxillary dental measurements and abbreviations used in
 697 this study following Hillson et al. (2005), Martin & Knussmann (1988) and Vodanović et al.
 698 (2007).

Region	Abbreviation	Definition
<i>Neurocranium</i>	MCL	Maximum cranial length
	LSB	Length of the skull base
	MB	Maximum breadth
	LFB	Least frontal breadth
	MFB	Maximum frontal breadth
	BB	Biasterionic breadth
	BBH	Basion–bregma height
	ABH	Auriculo–bregmatic height
	HC	Horizontal circumference
	TA	Transverse arc
	TSA	Total sagittal arc
	FSA	Frontal sagittal arc
	PSA	Parietal sagittal arc
	OSA	Occipital sagittal arc
	LIA	Lambda-inion arc
	FSC	Frontal sagittal cord
	PSC	Parietal sagittal cord
OSC	Occipital sagittal cord	
LIC	Lambda-inion cord	
<i>Splanchnocranium</i>	BPL	Basion–prosthion length
	BioB	Biorbital breadth
	BizB	Bizygomatic breadth
	UFH	Upper facial height
	IB	Interorbital breadth
	OB	Orbital breadth
	OH	Orbital height
	NB	Nasal breadth
	NH	Nasal height
	MAL	Maxillo–alveolar length
	MAB	Maxillo–alveolar breadth
	<i>Maxillary dental crown</i>	MDcrn
BLcrn		Maximum buccolingual crown diameter
MBDLcrn		Mesiobuccal–distolingual crown diameter
MLDBcrn		Mesiolingual–distobuccal crown diameter
<i>Maxillary cement–enamel junction</i>	MDcerv	Mesiodistal cervical diameter
	BLcerv	Buccolingual cervical diameter
	MBDLcerv	Mesiobuccal–distolingual cervical diameter
	MLDBcerv	Mesiolingual–distobuccal cervical diameter
<i>Maxillary teeth notation</i>	I ¹ / I ²	First/ second incisors
	C	Canine
	PM ¹ / PM ²	First/ second premolars
	M ¹ / M ² / M ³	First/ second/ third molars

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707 **Table 2.** Descriptive statistics for the cranial measurements, and Student's *t*-test and Mann-
 708 Whitney *U*-test for the mean differences between the sexes.

Skull measurement	Measurements according to sex (in mm)						Statistic					Sig.
	Male			Female			KS	L	<i>t</i>	U	<i>p</i>	
	N	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD						
Neurocranium												
MCL	41	181.842	6.251	27	175.741	4.044	N	N	—	227.00	0.000	*
LDB	38	99.842	3.956	28	96.821	4.456	N	Y	—	306.00	0.003	*
MB	39	132.154	5.234	29	131.138	5.604	N	Y	—	496.50	0.391	
LFB	40	92.375	4.168	29	92.345	4.312	N	Y	—	535.50	0.587	
MFB	40	115.675	5.859	28	114.000	5.491	N	Y	—	459.00	0.207	
BB	40	107.850	7.131	28	105.786	6.602	N	Y	—	432.00	0.110	
BBH	38	133.053	5.337	27	126.444	4.051	Y	N	—	159.50	0.000	*
ABH	36	65.294	4.600	27	59.462	4.679	N	Y	—	758.00	0.000	*
HC	40	509.175	20.521	29	501.172	15.598	N	Y	—	387.00	0.019	*
TA	37	305.730	12.233	28	298.393	18.578	N	Y	—	417.50	0.183	
TSA	38	370.158	15.374	28	364.519	14.514	N	Y	—	407.00	0.105	
FSA	38	128.553	6.429	27	123.963	6.931	N	Y	—	338.00	0.020	*
PSA	39	127.487	9.265	27	121.407	9.532	N	Y	—	324.00	0.008	*
OSA	37	114.054	11.465	27	115.926	7.364	N	Y	—	473.50	0.723	
LIA	39	58.795	6.736	27	62.074	8.827	Y	Y	-1.711	—	0.092	
FSC	38	110.724	5.135	27	107.672	4.126	Y	N	—	1272.00	0.000	*
PSC	39	114.092	6.848	27	108.913	6.764	Y	Y	4.327	—	0.000	*
OSC	38	96.144	5.496	27	94.132	4.951	Y	Y	2.159	—	0.033	*
LIC	39	57.487	6.591	27	60.190	7.063	Y	Y	-2.268	—	0.025	*
Splanchnocranium												
BPL	26	92.692	4.848	20	90.300	5.192	N	Y	—	190.50	0.122	
BizB	37	125.432	3.693	28	119.643	4.218	N	Y	—	150.00	0.000	*
UFH	26	69.474	5.036	20	66.361	4.568	Y	Y	3.094	—	0.003	*
OB	38	35.745	1.999	28	35.997	1.510	N	N	—	1906.00	0.307	
OH	38	34.610	1.923	28	35.103	2.045	Y	Y	-1.429	—	0.156	
IB	38	23.963	2.349	28	22.755	2.146	Y	Y	3.051	—	0.003	*
BioB	38	93.764	3.134	28	91.655	3.617	Y	Y	3.606	—	0.000	*
NB	38	21.831	1.806	28	21.928	1.628	Y	Y	-0.320	—	0.750	
NH	38	51.061	2.800	28	49.003	3.122	Y	Y	4.006	—	0.000	*
MAL	25	49.170	3.554	19	49.272	2.612	Y	Y	-0.151	—	0.881	
MAB	11	60.121	4.178	6	54.430	2.630	N	N	—	32.00	0.000	*

709 N, number of individuals; SD, standard deviation; KS, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (Y=yes,
 710 normality; N=no, no normality); L, Levene test (Y=yes, homoscedasticity; N=no, no
 711 homoscedasticity); *t*, Student's *t*-test; *U*, Mann-Whitney *U*-test; *p*, *p*-value; Sig., significance: *
 712 $p \leq 0.05$
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714 **Table 3.** Descriptive statistics for the maxillary teeth measurements, and Student's *t*-test and
 715 Mann–Whitney *U*-test for mean differences between the sexes.

Tooth measurement	Measurements according to sex (in mm)						Statistic					Sig.
	Male			Female			KS	L	t	U	p	
	N	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD						
<i>Maxillary dental crown</i>												
MDcrnM ³	7	8.969	0.631	1	8.890	—	Y	—	—	3.00	0.827	
MDcrnM ²	10	9.567	0.355	13	9.612	0.479	Y	Y	—	53.00	0.457	
MDcrnM ¹	9	10.347	0.778	4	10.370	0.245	Y	Y	—	17.50	0.938	
MDcrnPM ²	10	7.043	0.271	8	6.815	0.364	Y	Y	—	25.00	0.183	
MDcrnPM ¹	12	7.218	0.470	5	7.270	0.189	Y	Y	—	29.50	0.958	
MDcrnC	14	7.982	0.376	11	7.574	0.331	N	Y	—	21.00	0.002	*
MDcrnI ²	7	7.244	0.343	3	6.560	0.227	Y	Y	—	2.00	0.053	
MDcrnI ¹	8	8.548	0.261	—	—	—	Y	—	—	—	—	
BLcrnM ³	10	11.225	1.142	1	9.740	—	Y	—	—	1.00	0.206	
BLcrnM ²	15	11.883	0.562	11	11.512	0.661	Y	Y	—	56.00	0.169	
BLcrnM ¹	14	11.839	0.591	11	11.026	0.671	Y	Y	—	28.00	0.007	*
BLcrnPM ²	16	9.299	0.546	8	8.694	0.603	Y	Y	—	26.50	0.022	*
BLcrnPM ¹	14	8.996	0.677	5	8.870	0.328	Y	Y	—	28.00	0.517	
BLcrnC	17	8.465	0.429	12	7.787	0.274	Y	Y	—	22.00	0.000	*
BLcrnI ²	12	6.721	0.478	5	6.490	0.142	Y	N	—	19.00	0.246	
BLcrnI ¹	11	7.586	0.325	6	7.000	0.461	Y	Y	—	9.50	0.018	*
MBDLcrnM ³	11	11.609	0.922	1	10.320	—	N	—	—	1.00	0.192	
MBDLcrnM ²	16	12.165	0.591	11	11.843	0.740	Y	Y	—	66.00	0.278	
MBDLcrnM ¹	13	12.552	0.529	9	12.300	0.631	Y	Y	—	45.50	0.385	
MLDBcrnM ³	10	9.951	0.889	1	9.190	—	Y	—	—	1.00	0.206	
MLDBcrnM ²	14	10.992	0.920	12	10.982	0.732	Y	Y	—	80.00	0.837	
MLDBcrnM ¹	11	11.373	0.755	11	10.754	0.868	Y	Y	—	33.00	0.071	
<i>Maxillary dental cervix</i>												
MDcervM ³	5	7.102	0.209	—	—	—	Y	—	—	—	—	
MDcervM ²	10	7.944	0.407	8	7.483	0.141	N	N	—	19.00	0.062	
MDcervM ¹	3	8.090	0.678	3	7.657	0.136	Y	Y	—	3.00	0.513	
MDcervPM ²	12	4.826	0.343	6	4.392	0.115	N	N	—	13.50	0.035	*
MDcervPM ¹	10	4.760	0.322	6	4.352	0.329	Y	Y	—	10.00	0.030	*
MDcervC	13	6.367	0.363	9	5.384	0.559	Y	Y	—	8.00	0.001	*
MDcervI ²	9	4.677	0.449	4	4.273	0.083	Y	N	—	6.00	0.064	
MDcervI ¹	6	6.450	0.210	5	6.292	0.342	Y	Y	—	8.00	0.201	
BLcervM ³	4	9.428	1.158	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	—	
BLcervM ²	9	11.320	0.547	11	10.745	0.452	Y	Y	—	19.00	0.020	*
BLcervM ¹	9	11.081	0.590	7	10.333	0.291	Y	N	—	7.00	0.010	*
BLcervPM ²	14	8.585	0.701	6	7.827	0.481	Y	Y	—	17.00	0.039	*
BLcervPM ¹	11	8.423	0.491	8	7.796	0.525	Y	Y	—	15.00	0.017	*
BLcervC	16	8.141	0.443	11	7.303	0.393	Y	Y	—	16.00	0.000	*
BLcervI ²	10	6.110	0.417	6	5.603	0.162	Y	N	—	8.50	0.020	*
BLcervI ¹	8	6.416	0.236	7	6.044	0.438	N	Y	—	13.00	0.083	
MBDLcervM ³	6	10.930	1.442	—	—	—	Y	—	—	—	—	
MBDLcervM ²	8	11.360	0.533	9	11.097	0.632	Y	Y	—	25.00	0.290	
MBDLcervM ¹	9	11.629	0.545	5	10.854	0.163	Y	N	—	1.00	0.004	*
MLDBcervM ³	4	8.758	0.453	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	—	
MLDBcervM ²	11	10.107	0.910	11	9.898	0.516	Y	N	—	50.50	0.511	
MLDBcervM ¹	4	9.760	0.548	7	9.441	0.373	N	N	—	6.00	0.131	

716 N, number of individuals; SD, standard deviation; KS, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (Y=yes,
 717 normality; N=no, no normality); L, Levene test (Y=yes, homoscedasticity; N=no, no
 718 homoscedasticity); t, Student's *t*-test; U, Mann–Whitney *U*-test; p, *p*-value; Sig., significance: *
 719 $p \leq 0.05$

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721 **Table 4.** Logistic regression equations^a.

Cranial measurement	Maxillary tooth measurement	Tooth aspect	Logit equation
Maximum cranial length	Canine	Crown	$L_1 = 119.758 - 0.515(\text{MCL}) - 3.474(\text{MDcrnC})$
		Crown	$L_2 = 86.222 - 0.264(\text{MCL}) - 4.901(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_3 = 112.127 - 0.344(\text{MCL}) - 6.647(\text{BLcervC})$
Maximum breadth	Canine	Crown	$L_4 = 50.637 - 0.044(\text{MB}) - 5.525(\text{BLcrnC})$
Least frontal breadth	Canine	Crown	$L_5 = 52.516 - 0.174(\text{LFB}) - 4.525(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_6 = 51.594 - 0.144(\text{LFB}) - 4.998(\text{BLcervC})$
Maximum frontal breadth	Canine	Crown	$L_7 = 41.881 - 0.088(\text{MFB}) - 3.954(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_8 = 35.196 - 0.017(\text{MFB}) - 4.357(\text{BLcervC})$
Biasterionic breadth	First molar	Crown	$L_9 = 24.042 + 0.067(\text{BB}) - 2.741(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{10} = 32.718 + 0.023(\text{BB}) - 4.371(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{11} = 32.929 + 0.011(\text{BB}) - 4.468(\text{BLcervC})$
Basion-bregma height	Canine	Crown	$L_{12} = 86.538 - 0.439(\text{BBH}) - 3.788(\text{BLcrnC})$
Horizontal circumference	Canine	Crown	$L_{13} = 78.985 - 0.089(\text{HC}) - 4.211(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{14} = 76.738 - 0.078(\text{HC}) - 4.853(\text{BLcervC})$
Total sagittal arc	Canine	Crown	$L_{15} = 88.597 - 0.141(\text{TSA}) - 4.667(\text{MDcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{16} = 58.492 - 0.061(\text{TSA}) - 4.469(\text{BLcrnC})$
Frontal sagittal arc	Canine	Crown	$L_{17} = 60.932 - 0.406(\text{FSA}) - 1.182(\text{MDcrnC})$
		Crown	$L_{18} = 78.038 - 0.278(\text{FSA}) - 5.309(\text{BLcrnC})$
Parietal sagittal arc	First molar	Crown	$L_{19} = 36.314 - 0.091(\text{PSA}) - 2.212(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{20} = 41.726 - 0.054(\text{PSA}) - 4.378(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{21} = 58.293 - 0.133(\text{PSA}) - 5.533(\text{BLcervC})$
Occipital sagittal arc	Canine	Crown	$L_{22} = 33.889 - 0.019(\text{OSA}) - 3.949(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{23} = 34.961 - 0.020(\text{OSA}) - 4.288(\text{BLcervC})$
Lambda-inion arc	First molar	Crown	$L_{24} = 22.891 - 0.092(\text{LIA}) - 2.514(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{25} = 31.622 + 0.020(\text{LIA}) - 4.106(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{26} = 31.755 + 0.020(\text{LIA}) - 4.336(\text{BLcervC})$
Frontal sagittal cord	Second molar	Crown	$L_{27} = 181.468 - 1.385(\text{FSC}) - 2.606(\text{BLcrnM}^2)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{28} = 230.411 - 1.808(\text{FSC}) - 4.032(\text{MDcrnC})$
		Crown	$L_{29} = 80.363 - 0.383(\text{FSC}) - 4.820(\text{BLcrnC})$
Parietal sagittal cord	First molar	Crown	$L_{30} = 35.960 - 0.086(\text{PSC}) - 2.326(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{31} = 41.201 - 0.070(\text{PSC}) - 4.173(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{32} = 50.133 - 0.132(\text{PSC}) - 4.660(\text{BLcervC})$
Occipital sagittal cord	First molar	Crown	$L_{33} = 25.007 + 0.223(\text{OSC}) - 4.076(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{34} = 41.120 - 0.119(\text{OSC}) - 3.723(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{35} = 53.357 - 0.219(\text{OSC}) - 4.292(\text{BLcervC})$
Lambda-inion cord	First molar	Crown	$L_{36} = 24.425 + 0.088(\text{LIC}) - 2.615(\text{BLcrnM}^1)$
	Canine	Crown	$L_{37} = 31.819 + 0.021(\text{LIC}) - 4.131(\text{BLcrnC})$
		Junction	$L_{38} = 36.264 - 0.039(\text{LIC}) - 4.458(\text{BLcervC})$

722 ^a See Table 5 for assessment of the fit of each logit equations

723 For abbreviations, see Table 1

724 Junction, cemento-enamel junction

725 A P_f -value <0.5 indicates male sex and P_f -value >0.5 indicates female sex.

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728 **Table 5.** Logistic regression equation^a fits and classification accuracies of the original and cross-
 729 validated samples.

Logit equation ^b	N	-2LL	Female correct		Male correct		Total (%)	Sex bias
			n/N	(%)	n/N	(%)		
<i>L₁</i>								
Original	25	11.291	9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	12/14	85.7	84.0	2.2
<i>L₂</i>								
Original	28	15.467	10/11	90.9	15/17	88.2	89.3	-1.6
Cross-validation			10/11	90.9	13/17	76.5	82.1	-8.8
<i>L₃</i>								
Original	26	10.452	8/10	80.0	15/16	93.8	88.5	8.5
Cross-validation			8/10	80.0	12/16	75.0	76.9	-3.1
<i>L₄</i>								
Original	26	17.043	10/12	83.3	12/14	85.7	84.6	1.3
Cross-validation			10/12	83.3	12/14	85.7	84.6	1.3
<i>L₅</i>								
Original	27	21.348	11/12	91.7	12/15	80.0	85.2	-6.5
Cross-validation			10/12	83.3	12/15	80.0	81.5	-1.8
<i>L₆</i>								
Original	25	17.722	9/11	81.8	11/14	78.6	80.0	-1.8
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	11/14	78.6	76.0	3.3
<i>L₇</i>								
Original	27	21.971	10/12	83.3	12/15	80.0	81.5	-1.8
Cross-validation			10/12	83.3	12/15	80.0	81.5	-1.8
<i>L₈</i>								
Original	25	18.766	9/11	81.8	11/14	78.6	80.0	-1.8
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	11/14	78.6	80.0	-1.8
<i>L₉</i>								
Original	25	24.017	7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4
Cross-validation			7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4
<i>L₁₀</i>								
Original	28	22.501	10/12	83.3	13/16	81.3	82.1	-1.2
Cross-validation			10/12	83.3	13/16	81.3	82.1	-1.2
<i>L₁₁</i>								
Original	26	18.749	9/11	81.8	12/15	80.0	80.8	-1.0
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	12/15	80.0	80.8	-1.0
<i>L₁₂</i>								
Original	25	13.252	9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2
<i>L₁₃</i>								
Original	27	17.704	11/12	91.7	13/15	86.7	88.9	-2.8
Cross-validation			11/12	91.7	12/15	80.0	85.2	-6.5
<i>L₁₄</i>								
Original	25	14.707	9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	12/14	85.7	84.0	2.2
<i>L₁₅</i>								
Original	25	15.928	9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	13/14	92.9	84.0	11.3
<i>L₁₆</i>								
Original	26	16.887	8/11	72.7	13/15	86.7	80.8	8.1
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	13/15	86.7	80.8	8.1
<i>L₁₇</i>								
Original	25	15.451	9/11	81.8	12/14	85.7	84.0	2.2
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	12/14	85.7	80.0	7.3

<i>L₁₈</i>									
Original	26	11.207	10/11	90.9	14/15	93.3	92.3	1.4	
Cross-validation			10/11	90.9	13/15	86.7	88.5	-2.4	
<i>L₁₉</i>									
Original	25	21.805	7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4	
Cross-validation			7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4	
<i>L₂₀</i>									
Original	28	21.959	8/11	72.7	14/17	82.4	78.6	5.9	
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	14/17	82.4	78.6	5.9	
<i>L₂₁</i>									
Original	26	15.161	9/10	90.0	14/16	87.5	88.5	-1.5	
Cross-validation			9/10	90.0	14/16	87.5	88.5	-1.5	
<i>L₂₂</i>									
Original	27	22.171	9/11	81.8	13/16	81.3	81.5	-0.3	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	13/16	81.3	81.5	-0.3	
<i>L₂₃</i>									
Original	25	18.517	8/10	80.0	12/15	80.0	80.0	0	
Cross-validation			8/10	80.0	12/15	80.0	80.0	0	
<i>L₂₄</i>									
Original	25	22.342	8/11	72.7	12/14	85.7	80.0	7.3	
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	10/14	71.4	72.0	-0.7	
<i>L₂₅</i>									
Original	28	22.667	9/11	81.8	14/17	82.4	82.1	0.3	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	14/17	82.4	82.1	0.3	
<i>L₂₆</i>									
Original	26	18.700	9/10	90.0	13/16	81.3	84.6	-5.4	
Cross-validation			9/10	90.0	12/16	75.0	80.8	-9.2	
<i>L₂₇</i>									
Original	25	9.187	11/11	100.0	12/14	85.7	92.0	-8.0	
Cross-validation			10/11	90.9	12/14	85.7	88.0	-2.9	
<i>L₂₈</i>									
Original	25	7.875	10/11	90.9	13/14	92.9	92.0	1.1	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	13/14	92.9	88.0	6.2	
<i>L₂₉</i>									
Original	26	12.533	9/11	81.8	13/15	86.7	84.6	2.8	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	13/15	86.7	84.6	2.8	
<i>L₃₀</i>									
Original	25	23.070	7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4	
Cross-validation			7/11	63.6	12/14	85.7	76.0	12.4	
<i>L₃₁</i>									
Original	28	22.091	8/11	72.7	14/17	82.4	78.6	5.9	
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	14/17	82.4	78.6	5.9	
<i>L₃₂</i>									
Original	26	16.318	9/10	90.0	14/16	87.5	88.5	-1.5	
Cross-validation			9/10	90.0	14/16	87.5	88.5	-1.5	
<i>L₃₃</i>									
Original	25	20.589	9/11	81.8	10/14	71.4	76.0	-5.8	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	10/14	71.4	76.0	-5.8	
<i>L₃₄</i>									
Original	27	21.348	9/11	81.8	13/16	81.3	81.5	-0.3	
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	13/16	81.3	81.5	-0.3	
<i>L₃₅</i>									
Original	25	15.948	8/10	80.0	13/15	86.7	84.0	4.0	
Cross-validation			9/10	90.0	11/15	73.3	80.0	-10.0	
<i>L₃₆</i>									

Original	25	23.132	8/11	72.7	11/14	78.6	76.0	3.3
Cross-validation			8/11	72.7	10/14	71.4	72.0	-0.7
<i>L₃₇</i>								
Original	28	22.684	9/11	81.8	14/17	82.4	82.1	0.3
Cross-validation			9/11	81.8	14/17	82.4	82.1	0.3
<i>L₃₈</i>								
Original	26	18.632	8/10	80.0	13/16	81.3	80.8	0.8
Cross-validation			8/10	80.0	13/16	81.3	80.8	0.8

730 N, total number of individuals used to develop the logit equations; $-2LL$, -2 log likelihood; n,
731 number of individuals correctly classified compared with the total of individuals used for
732 classification

733 ^a Only logit equations with a minimum of 25 cases used for their construction are included

734 ^b See Table 4 for the complete logit equations developed

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737 **Table 6.** Overall sex allocation accuracies of the combination of cranial and maxillary dental
738 measurements (cranium + maxillary teeth) obtained in the present study compared to other studies
739 of cranial and postcranial sex estimation methods that have analysed the same osteological
740 collection of identified adult individuals from the Granada Municipal Cemetery of San José,
741 Spain.

Skeletal element	Analysis	Overall sex allocation accuracy (%)		N° equations developed	Reference
		Original	Cross-validation		
Cranium + maxillary teeth	Logistic regression	76.0–92.3	72.0–88.5	38	This study
Cranium	Discriminant function	58.9–80.9	58.9–78.2	7	Amores-Ampuero & Alemán (2016)
	Logistic regression	60.5–94.1		6	
Teeth	Logistic regression	79.4–92.6	80.0–87.5	10	Viciano et al. (2013)
Clavicle	Discriminant function	82.4–94.7		6	Alemán et al. (1997)
Scapula	Discriminant function	81.0–93.7		12	Alemán et al. (1997)
Humerus	Discriminant function	81.4–96.7		10	Alemán et al. (1997)
Ulna	Discriminant function	80.6–91.8		9	Alemán et al. (1997)
Radius	Discriminant function	84.0–93.5		10	Alemán et al. (1997)
Carpals	Discriminant function	80.0–98.9		54	Mastrangelo et al. (2011)
Metacarpals	Discriminant function	80.6–86.6		8	Alemán et al. (1997)
Upper extremity	Discriminant function	97.5–98.0		14	Alemán et al. (1997)
Sternum	Discriminant function	70.7–91.8	70.7–91.8	11	García-Parra et al. (2014)
Femur	Discriminant function	80.9–90.9		10	Alemán et al. (1997)
Tibia	Discriminant function	82.1–90.5		14	Alemán et al. (1997)
Fibula	Discriminant function	80.6–85.5		4	Alemán et al. (1997)
Patella	Discriminant function	75.5–83.8	75.5–81.9	3	Peckman et al. (2016)
Calcaneus and talus	Discriminant function	80.0–88.2		15	Alemán et al. (1997)
Metatarsals	Discriminant function	80.0–86.1		13	Alemán et al. (1997)
Lower extremity	Discriminant function	84.7–91.7		3	Alemán et al. (1997)

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