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Craniometrical sex determination of wild cat Felis silvestris in Bulgaria

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Analyses were made of 118 skull measurements of adult wild cats *Felis silvestris* Schreber, 1777 from Bulgaria, taken on 24 males, 20 females, and 10 animals whose sex was not known in advance. Group (cluster) analysis of cases, factor analysis, and stepvise discriminant analysis were adapted. The cluster analysis of cases indicated a high level of sex mixture (up to 40%), which suggested the importance of the outliers in the data. Six keys to sexual dimorphism, of very high statistical significance were produced, through the stepvise discriminant analysis. They included from 9 down to 1 variables each, which provided from 100% down to 93.8% of correct sex classification of wild cat skulls.

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Introduction

Sexual dimorphism of the cranial features of wild cat *Felis silvestris* Schreber, 1777 was noted by French *et al.* (1988). Arrighi and Salotti (1988) found for wild cats from Corse a male bigger than a female. Petrov *et al.* (1990) noted significant differences between males and females for a population of wild cats from Bulgaria for most of 121 skull measurements. This forms a basis to apply discriminant analysis for obtaining keys to the sexual dimorphism in wild cat. Similar approach was used for *Martes foina* and *M. martes* by Gerasimov (1985). Principal component analysis (PCA) could be applied in order to determine the main sources of the morphometric differences between sexes. Both discriminant analysis (although without providing keys to classify new individuals) and PCA were applied to study sexual dimorphism in two populations of domestic cats (Wetzel *et al.* 1982, Petrov *et al.* 1992).

The aim of this study was to analyse the sexual dimorphism in skulls of wild cats in Bulgaria, using the above mentioned methods.

Material and methods

For the study was used 24 males and 20 females of adult wild cats, *Felis silvestris* Schreber, 1777, from Bulgaria. Additional 10 individuals of unknown sex were used for some verifications. The material examined is kept at the National Museum of Natural History, Sofia, at the Forest Research Institute, and in some private collections.

All the material used was collected as "wild cat", and additionally, was verified by means of the Schauenberg's index (Schauenberg 1969). The values of the index were 2.46, SD = 0.134 for males and 2.45, SD = 0.129 for females.

The age of wild cats was determined by analysing annual growth layers in dentine of lower canines. The teeth were decalcified in 6.5% HNO₃ solution, cross-sectioned to $10 \,\mu$ m. Four slides were obtained for each specimen: one of them was kept unstained while each one of the other three were then stained with either of Ehrlich's, or Mayer's, or Delafield's hematoxylin. Annual growth layers were observed and counted under a microscope. The wild cats used were from 1+ to 7 years old.

Results from PCA by French *et al.* (1988) showed that increasing the number of variables used increased to a greater extent the distance between sexes for old wild cats (from 3.2 to 7.1) than for recent and modern ones (from 2.6 to 5.7). Thus, a wide set of measures to be applied for studies of sexual dimorphism in wild cat could be recommended.

The list of all 118 skull measurements and their determinations used are given in the Appendix 1. Variables were denoted further in the text as V1, V2, etc. The scheme of measurements was the same as in Petrov *et al.* (1990), except V10, V53, and V81. All measurements, except the *neurocranium* capacity (V56), were taken by a vernier caliper, with an approximation of 0.1 mm. The brain volume (V56) was measured using lead balls of 1.5 mm diameter. All measurements were taken by the same person. Locations of measurement points on wild cat skull are shown in Appendix 1.

The multivariate methods applied could be specified as follows: cluster analysis of cases based on Euclidean distances (without standardization of data prior to the analysis), principal component analysis (PCA) based on correlation matrices (with standardization of the variables used), and stepwise discriminant analysis with a choice of F-to-enter value of 4.0 (see Forsythe's remark in Dixon 1981, pp. 698 – 699).

The statistical analysis was performed using BMDP software (Dixon 1981): BMDPKM for cluster analysis of cases, BMDP4M for PCA analysis, BMDP7M for stepwise discriminant analysis, and BMDPAM was applied for a preliminary testing of the assumptions of the above mentioned multivariate methods.

Results

The arithmetical means, and standard deviations of 118 skull measurements of wild cat from Bulgaria are listed in an Appendix 2. Multivariate analyses were utilized in order to distinguish between sexes on the basis of the whole complex of variables, and not on single variables, as it was in all univariate analyses (Petrov *et al.* 1990).

Cluster analysis of cases was applied on the whole data matrix not giving a priori any information about sex. Although the two groups (clusters) were formed predominantly by individuals of the same sex (Table 1), it should be noted that about 40% of the males belonged to the "female" cluster. Thus, despite of the large number of highly significant differences that were previously found between the means of 121 dimensions for the two sexes (Petrov *et al.* 1990), outliers in the data seem to be important in the morphometrical characteristics of the wild cat

Sex Males Females	Cranial me	asurements	Mandibular measurements			
	Cluster I	Cluster II	Cluster I	Cluster II		
Males	62.5%	37.5%	59.0%	41.0%		
Females	5.0%	95.0%	19.0%	81.0%		

Table 1. Percentages of individuals of *Felis silvestris* forming two clusters based on cranial or mandibular measurements.

in Bulgaria. Therefore, finding working discriminant keys to the sexual dimorphism in this species is a priority task.

Principal component analysis with standardization and varimax rotations, based on correlation matrices was applied. The results for the first two principal components (called further PC1 and PC2) based on both absolute and relative cranial measures showed that PC1 explains 42.7% of the total variance in the data space, while PC2 – only 9.9%. Both principal components could strongly be related to sex (see Fig. 1a). The first PC was related mainly to 43 absolute and 13 relative variables, predominantly lengths, while PC2 was explained by the brain volume (V56) and it's indices, the sizes of P^4 , and three cranial widths. It is worth mentioning that specimens deviating from their groups on Fig. 1a are practically



Fig. 1. Individual values of specimens of *Felis silvestris* from Bulgaria for the PC1 and PC2, based both on absolute and relative cranial measurements (a), and mandibular measurements (b). Factor scores is along the abscissa (factor 1) and the ordinate (factor 2). Males are denoted by 'm', females by 'f', and specimens of unknown sexes by 'u'. Numbers of highly deviating individuals are also given.



Fig. 2. Histograms of the canonical variable X corresponding to the discriminant keys found for sex determination of the skulls of wild cat *Felis silvestris* from Bulgaria. X is along the abscissa. M' and 'F' stand for the arithmetical means, while 'm', 'f' and 'u' denote the values for male, female or undetermined individuals. a – first key, based on 9 dimensions of the cranium, b – second key, based on 6 dimensions of the cranium, c – third key, based on 4 dimensions of the cranium, d – fourth key, based on 3 absolute and 2 relative dimensions of the cranium, e – fifth key, based on 4 absolute and 2 relative dimensions of the length of C₁ (V111).

the same specimens which were wrongly classified through some discriminant keys, based on the crania (numbers 21, 25, and 41), which confirms the explanation of both components by sex.

The PC1 obtained on the basis of both absolute and relative sizes of mandibles explains 49.3%, and the PC2 – 18.7% of the total variance in the data space. Both principal components could too much be related to sex (see Fig. 1b). PC1 was more related to common lengths and then to widths, heights, or their indices, while the PC2 – only to teeth sizes and their indices. Once again the same specimens which were wrongly classified through the discriminant keys based on mandible measures (numbers 21, 41, and 112; Fig. 1b), deviated from their groups, which confirms the explanation of both PC's by sex. The results of the PCA demonstrated the sexual dimorphism being the main source of variability in the craniometrical data for the wild cat from Bulgaria.

By means of stepwise discriminant analysis, several classification functions were found. The first key provided a 100% correct classification and was based on 9 dimensions of each skull: the greatest diameter of the orbit (V14), the distance between processus zygomaticus and crista sagittalis externa posterior (V15), the greatest mastoid breadth (V35), the frontal breadth (V41), the least distance between the meata acustica externa (V42), the least distance between the auditory bulla (V43), height of the foramen magnum (V57), the distance between foramina incisiva (V61) and the least diameter of C¹ (V79). In terms of a standardized (by the pooled within-group variances) canonical variable x, the key was as follows: $x = -0.8904 \times V14 + 0.8389 \times V15 + 1.3689 \times V35 - 0.601 \times V41 - 0.4641 \times V42$ $-0.7711 \times V43 + 0.836 \times V57 + 1.2921 \times V61 + 2.41518 \times V79 - 53.23661$

with the means of 3.04677 and -3.65612 for males and females, respectively, (Fig. 2a).

The second discriminant key presented, provided a 97.7% correct classification (only the male No 25. was determined wrongly as a female) and it was based on 6 dimensions of each skull: the cranial breadth behind cheek-bone arcks (V33), the distance between proc. zygomaticus and os zygomaticum (V40), the prot. occipitalis height (V52), the distance between os incisivum anterior and os frontale posterior (V66), the height of nasal opening (V69), and the greatest diameter of C^1 (V78). In terms of a standardized canonical variable x, the key was as follows: $x = 0.66418 \times V33 + 0.34561 \times V40 + 0.44966 \times V52 - 0.21997 \times V66 + 0.62691$ $\times V69 + 2.303 \times V78 - 39.38011$

with means of 1.92698 for males and -2.31237 for females (Fig. 2b).

A third discriminant key was produced, basing only on 4 variables. It provided a 95.5% correct classification, since a male, No. 41 and a female, No. 21 were in the intersection zone of the two "normal" curves (Fig. 2c), being somewhat closer to the center of the opposite group. Nevertheless, the key is useful for its simplicity, since it involves only the distance between the hind edges of osa palatina (V32), the length of the auditory bulla (V45), the height of C^1 (V80), and the breadth of P^4 (V88). The third key was as follows: $x = -0.31303 \times V32 + 0.55335 \times V45 + 0.81814 \times V80 + 1.91179 \times V88 - 23.33241$ with means of 1.53228 for males and -1.83874 for females (Fig. 2c).

In attempt to improve the discrimination between sexes, 32 relative indices were constructed by dividing some variables describing widths, heights or teeth sizes by other ones, mainly skull lengths. On the basis of both absolute and relative sizes a fourth key was obtained, providing a 100% correct classification. It involves the condylobasal length (V2), the distance between *processus zygomaticus* and *crista sagittalis externa posterior* (V15), the least breadth of the supraorbital processes (V31), the cranial breadth behind cheek-bone arcks (V33), the palatal breadth measured between alveoli C^1 (V38), the distance between *foramina incisiva* (V61), and the least diameter of C^1 (V79). The fourth discriminant key was as follows:

 $\begin{array}{l} x = 0.45036 \times \mathrm{V15} + 0.73329 \times \mathrm{V33} - 1.26831 \times \mathrm{V38} + 96.31937 \times \mathrm{V61/V2} + 60.89773 \\ \times \mathrm{V79/V31} - 48.19314 \end{array}$

with means of 1.97845 for males and -2.37413 for females (Fig. 2d).

As sometimes in practice only mandibles and not entire skulls are available, discriminant keys based on 32 mandible measurements, and on 17 indices formed out of them, were also produced. Thus, the fifth key provided a 95.8% correct classification (the male No. 35 and the female No. 112 were closer to the center of the opposite group). It is based on 8 mandible sizes: the mandibular length (V90), the mandibular length (V92), the total length of the mandibular teeth row (V96), the height of *corpus mandibulae* (V102), the mandibular breadth after C1 (V105), the distance between *processus coronoidei* (V107), the greatest gauge of *corpus mandibulae* (V120), and the total length of C1 (V121). The fifth (mandibular) key was as follows:

 $\begin{aligned} x &= -0.80739 \times \text{V102} + 0.80112 \times \text{V105} + 1.53886 \times \text{V120} + 0.7158 \times \text{V121} + \\ &+ 23.42722 \times \text{V90/V92} + 15.34642 \times \text{V96/V107} - 61.32274 \end{aligned}$

with means of 1.64593 for males and -2.11619 for females (Fig. 2e).

A very simple sixth key based only on one measurement, namely the greatest diameter of C₁ (V111), was found. It provided a 93.8% correct classification (a male, No. 41 and two females: No. 21, and No. 112 were attached to the opposite sex, Fig. 2f). The key is as follows:

$x = 3.3661 \times V111 - 16.0521$

with means of 1.27709 for males and -1.64198 for females (Fig. 2f).

The six keys above show a very high statistical significance (p < 0.0005).

Discussion

Univariate statistics for all the variables used here were presented, together with the results of a t-test between the corresponding values for male and female wild cats (Petrov *et al.* 1990). Univariate analysis showed the means for males being significantly higher than the corresponding values for females in most of

the measurements taken. However, the results from cluster analysis of cases in this study showed the importance of the outliers in the data, also demonstrated for some other *Carnivora* species (Buchalczyk and Ruprecht 1977, Reig 1989).

Both cluster analysis and principal component analysis showed sexual differences appearing as the main sources of variability. Sexual dimorphism was related both with dimensions (i.e. absolute sizes) and shapes (relative sizes) of skulls. Among the first ones, more important were lengths, followed by widths, heights, and teeth sizes while among the latter ones – the indices formed by dividing widths to lengths, or brain volumes to lengths differentiate sexes better than those that heights participate in. Similar results with respect of the importance of lengths, widths, heights, as well as their indices, were also obtained for the mandibles. Studies of other species of *Carnivora* have shown size to be more important in terms of sexual dimorphism for stone marten *Martes foina* (De Marinis *et al.* 1990), and shape – for otter *Lutra lutra* and European badger *Meles meles* (Wiig 1986).

An important practical advantage of the stepwise discriminant analysis is that it provides keys involving only few dimensions (from 1 to 9 in our case). However, neither the factors responsible for the variability in the data-set could be determined, nor the significance for the sexual dimorphism of all the dimensions used in the analysis, could be estimated. For these purposes a principal component analysis based both on absolute and relative sizes, was performed.

The results of the stepwise discriminant analysis show highly significant differentiation between sexes, and also permit specimens of unknown sex to be classified.

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APPENDIX 1. List of cranial and mandibular measurements of wild cat *Felis silvestris* from Bulgaria, taken according the scheme illustrated in Fig. 1 (after Petrov *et al.* 1990).

Var No.	Measurements	Fig. No.	Measure point	ment s
			from	to
1	2	3	4	5
	Cranium			
1	Total longth	3	1	27
2.	Condulabasal length	2	1	34
3	Basal length	2	1	29
4	Neurocranium length	3	25	28
5	Basal neurocranium length	2	2	29
6	Distance between os incisivum anterior and os palatinum posterior	2	1	2
7.	Soft palatal length	2	2	3
8	Profile length	3	1	28
9.	Facial length	1	1	25
11.	Lateral length of snout oral border of the orbit	3	1	36
12.	Frontal length (between anterior edge alveolus I ¹ and proc. zygomaticus)	3	1	8
13.	Distance between foramen infraorbitale and crista sagittalis externa posterior	3	5	27
14.	Greatest diameter of the orbit			
15.	Distance between proc. zygomaticus and crista sagittalis externa posterior	1	8	27
16.	Basifacial axis	3	1	3
17.	Check-bone length	2	5	13
18.	Crista occipitalis length	3	27	47
19.	Crista sagittalis length	1	26	27
20.	Greatest length of the nasal bone	1	51	25
21.	Palatal length: the medial point of inter-section of the line joining the deepest indentations of the Choanae – Prosthion	2	1	38
22.	Length of the lamina horizontalis ossis palatini	2	38	39
23.	Length of the os maxillare	1	1	40
24.	Distance between os frontale posterior and crista sagittalis externa anterior	1	50	26
25.	Os nasale length	1	24	25
26.	Rostrum breadth: measured across outer borders at the canine alveoli	1	7	7
27.	Facial breadth (between the infraorbital foramina - least distance)	4	5	5
28.	Distance between eye-orbits (external)	1	44	44
29.	Zygomatic breadth (greatest)	1	9	9
30.	Least breadth between the orbits	1	35	35
31.	Least breadth aboral of the supraorbital processes	1	12	12
32.	Distance between the hind edges of osa palatina	2	31	31
33.	Cranial breadth behind cheek-bone arcks	2	13	13
34.	Greatest breadth of braincase	1	14	14
35.	Greatest mastoid breadth	1	15	15
36.	Distance between upper-jaw joints (external)	2	32	32



Appendix 1. Figs 1 - 6. Scheme of the wild cats' *Felis silvestris* skull showing the location of measuring points (after Petrov *et al.* 1990).
1 - dorsal view, 2 - ventral view, 3 - lateral view, 4 - frontal view,
5 - posterior view of the skull, 6 - lateral lingual view of the mandible.

APPENDIX 1 - continued.

1	2	3	4	5
37.	Distance between upper-jaw joints (internal)	2	33	33
38.	Palatal breadth: measured between alveoli C ¹ (internal)		not s	hown
39.	Greatest palatal breadth: measured across the borders of the alveoli M ¹ (internal)	2	42	42
40.	Distance between processus zygomaticus and os zygomaticum	1	8	10
41.	Frontal breadth	1	8	8
42.	Distance between the meata acustica externa (least)	2	16	16
43.	Least distance between the auditory bullae	2	11	11
44.	Breadth measured across the outer borders at the auditory bullae	2	23	23
45.	Length of the auditory bulla: from the most aborolateral points to the most oromedial point		not s	hown
46.	Least diameter of the auditory bulla: from the middle of the opening			
	of the external acoustic meatus up to the most medial protrusion			
	of the bulla on the opposite side of the bulla			
47.	Breadth of processus pterygoideus		not s	hown
48.	Greatest breadth of the occipital condyles	2	30	30
49.	Facial height: measured through the hind end of os nasale	4	25	h
50.	Greatest height of the cranium	4	45	h
51.	Cranial height: measured through the auditory bulla	3	26	43
52.	Height of the protuberantia occipitalis	5	27	28
54.	Height of os incisivum at alveoli incisiva	4	46	49
55.	Rear height	3	26	4
56.	Neurocranium capacity		not s	hown
57.	Height of the foramen magnum	5	28	29
58.	Breadth of the foramen magnum	5	41	41
59.	Greatest diameter of the meatus acusticus externus		not s	hown
60.	Least diameter of the meatus acusticus externus		not s	hown
61.	Distance between foramina incisiva	2	22	22
62.	Distance between foramen ovale and foramen rotundum	3	17	18
63.	Distance between foramen ovale and fissa orbitalis	3	17	19
64.	Distance between foramen ovale and foramen opticum	3	17	20
65.	Distance between foramina ovalia	2	17	17
66.	Distance between os incisivum anterior and os frontale posterior	1	1	50
67.	Least diameter of the orbit		not s	hown
68.	Breadth of the nasal opening: measured between osa incisiva		not s	hown
69.	Height of the nasal opening: measured between os incisivum	4	24	49
	and os nasale	1	48	48
70.	Distance between lacrimal ducts (canalis lacrimalis)			
71.	Distance between os incisivum anterior and crista sagittalis externa anterior	1	1	26
72.	Distance between os nasale posterior and crista sagittalis externa posterior	1	25	27
73.	Distance between foramen sphenopalatinum and canalis lacrimalis	3	6	48
74.	Distance from the arch of os palatinum to canalis palatinus	2	21	37

APP	ENDIX 1 – continued.			
1	2	3	4	5
75.	Length of maxilar teeth row from the fore end of alveolus I ¹ to the hind end of alveolus M ¹		not s	hown
76.	Length of incisive teeth row		not s	hown
77.	Distance between alveolus I ³ and alveolus C ¹		not s	hown
78.	Greatest diameter of C ¹ : measured near to the alveolus		not sl	hown
79.	Least diameter of C ¹ : measured near the alveolus		not sl	hown
80.	Height of the C ¹ : measured above the alveolus		not sl	hown
82.	Distance between posterior edge of alveolus C^1 and anterior edge of alveolus P^3		not sl	hown
83.	Length of the cheektooth row: measured on the buccal side	2	P^2	M^1
84.	Teeth row length: measured between posterior edge of alveolus C^1 and posterior edge of alveola M^1	2	C1	M ¹
85.	Length of the premolar row: measured along the alveoli on the buccal side	2	P^2	P ⁴
86.	Length of premolar row on P^3 and P^4	2	P3	\mathbf{P}^4
87.	Length of P ⁴ : measured on the buccal side		not sl	nown
88.	Breadth of P ⁴		not sl	nown
89.	Distance between the tips of C ¹		not sl	nown
	Mandible			
90.	Length of the mandible: measured between anterior edge of alveolus ${\rm I}_1$	6	52	54
	and processus coronoideus posterior			
91.	Length of the mandible: measured between anterior edge of alveolus I_1	6	52	55
	and the middle of processus condyloideus			
92.	Length of the mandible: measured between anterior edge of alveolus I_1	6	52	56
	and processus angularis posterior		the Property	
93.	Length of processus condyloideus		not sl	nown
94.	Distance between processus condyloidei	1	not sh	nown
95.	Height of the ramus mandibulae	6	54	55
96.	Total length of the mandible teeth row	6	11	M1
97.	Distance between anterior edge of alveolus 11 and incisura mandibulare	6	52	58
98.	Distance from anterior edge of alveolus 11 to the angle between processus condyloideus and processus angularis	6	52	57
99.	Distance between posterior egde of alveolus C_1 to processus coronoideus	6	C ₁	54
100.	Distance between posterior egde of alveolus C ₁ and the angle between processus condyloideus and processus angularis	6	C1	57
101.	Distance between posterior egde of alveolus C1 and processus angularis	6	C_1	56
102.	Height of corpus mandibulae measured in the point between P3 and P4		not sh	nown
.03.	Height of corpus mandibulae measured behind M1		not sł	nown
.04.	Total height of corpus mandibulae	6	54	56
.05	Mandibular breadth after C1		not sh	nown
.06.	Distance between the middles of alveolus C1 (internal)		not sh	nown
.07.	Distance between processus coronoidei		not sh	nown
.08.	Distance between processus angularies		not sh	nown

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1	2	3
109.	Distance between anterior edge of alveolus I1 to foramen mandibulare	6
110.	Distance between foramen mandibulare and processus angularis	6
111.	Greatest diameter of C_1 measured near to the alveolus	
112.	Distance from posterior edge of C_1 to posterior edge of M_1	6
113.	Length of cheektooth row: measured between anterior edge of P_3 posterior edge of M_1	6
114.	Length of premolar row	6
115.	Length of M1	
110	Createst breadth of M.	

113.	Length of cheektooth row: measured between anterior edge of P ₃	6	P ₃	M
	posterior edge of M ₁			
114.	Length of premolar row	6	P3	P
115.	Length of M1		not s	hown
116.	Greatest breadth of M1		not s	hown
117.	Distance between the tips of C1		not s	hown
118.	Breadth of C1 measured near alveolus		not s	hown
119.	Height of C1 measured above the alveolus		not s	hown
120.	Greatest gauge of corpus mandibulae		not s	hown
121.	Total length of the C1		not s	hown

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 M_1

 M_1

 \mathbf{P}_4

not shown

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52 53

 C_1

		Male	8		Females				, 00
v	\overline{x}	SD	min	max	x	SD	min	max	t
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Cranium							
1	98.86	4.84	89.1	105.3	91.85	3.42	84.4	97.3	5.44
2	91.04	4.11	83.5	96.4	84.95	3.04	78.6	89.5	5.49
3	83.88	4.28	72.3	89.0	78.28	2.74	71.4	82.5	5.05
4	74.75	3.12	67.8	78.4	70.57	2.66	65.0	74.0	4.73
5	44.34	2.36	40.2	48.0	41.19	2.02	37.3	44.7	4.70
6	39.79	2.14	35.5	43.7	36.99	1.31	34.4	38.9	5.08
7	18.70	1.50	16.5	21.3	17.91	1.42	15.0	20.1	1.78
8	93.70	4.27	85.3	99.3	87.83	3.10	81.2	92.6	5.12
9	38.22	2.18	34.0	42.5	35.72	1.63	33.4	39.7	4.23
11	26.66	1.52	24.1	28.8	24.66	1.19	22.0	26.4	4.78
12	55.31	2.82	50.0	58.8	52.41	2.26	48.1	55.5	3.71
13	81.38	3.86	73.0	87.3	75.74	2.67	70.0	80.1	5.52
14	28.66	1.39	26.1	30.5	27.87	0.99	26.0	29.4	2.13
15	60.63	3.20	54.7	66.0	56.09	2.37	50.9	59.4	5.25
16	57.20	3.01	52.2	62.4	53.76	2.11	49.4	56.1	4.30
17	52.64	2.65	46.0	56.2	49.08	2.20	45.1	51.8	4.77
18	35.58	1.73	32.9	38.1	33.14	1.05	31.0	34.7	5.50
19	19.13	6.51	8.0	34.0	13.73	2.73	8.0	17.5	3.46
20	27.57	1.73	24.9	30.7	25.98	1.52	23.4	29.5	3.21
21	38.07	1.94	34.3	41.0	35.32	1.28	32.7	37.1	5.43
22	16.34	1.08	14.4	17.8	14.79	0.96	12.3	16.5	5.01
23	36.02	1.86	31.7	39.1	33.12	1.41	30.8	35.5	5.73
24	27.43	4.32	18.1	37.0	28.62	1.71	25.5	31.7	- 1.16
25	23.72	2.17	20.3	28.9	22.22	1.41	19.4	25.6	2.66
26	25.28	1.53	22.1	27.9	23.32	0.94	21.8	24.7	4.99
27	27.74	1.83	24.9	31.2	25.97	1.22	23.6	27.7	3.69
28	62.30	3.42	57.6	68.7	59.92	2.44	54.3	63.4	2.61
29	70.46	4.90	62.2	79.2	65.22	3.23	58.2	70.3	4.09
30	19.20	1.44	17.2	23.1	18.14	1.07	16.0	19.8	2.72
31	33.76	1.79	30.0	37.2	34.03	1.21	32.0	36.7	0.57
32	30.68	2.14	27.1	36.0	29.60	1.91	25.5	32.4	1.75
33	42.07	1.28	39.5	44.4	39.73	0.80	38.3	41.0	7.09
34	46.43	1.12	43.3	48.8	45.34	1.04	43.2	47.8	3.32
35	44.26	1.59	40.7	46.5	41.37	0.61	40.1	42.6	7.66
36	57.25	3.16	52.5	63.4	53.12	1.85	49.0	56.2	5.15
37	34.47	1.66	32.0	37.9	32.35	1.16	30.5	34.0	4.81
38	14.28	1.19	12.0	16.2	13.71	1.00	11.5	15.1	1.70
39	35.58	1.54	32.9	38.5	34.14	1.31	32.0	36.0	3.30
40	2.74	1.93	0.0	5.9	2.64	1.91	0.0	6.9	0.19
41	51.10	4.02	44.0	57.6	49.57	2.95	43.1	54.5	1.41

APPENDIX 2. Arithmetic means and standard deviations of 118 craniometrical measurements of wild cat *Felis silvestris* from Bulgaria (numeration and description of the measurements after Petrov *et al.* 1990, except V10, V53, V81).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
42	32.97	1.93	29.3	36.3	30.83	0.98	28.7	32.8	4.49
43	9.82	0.67	8.9	11.7	9.31	0.68	8.1	10.5	2.50
44	38.37	1.50	35.5	40.9	36.38	1.22	34.7	39.0	4.76
45	21.47	1.30	19.5	24.0	19.85	0.72	18.0	21.5	4.95
46	13.64	0.62	12.1	14.6	12.85	0.48	11.9	13.6	4.65
47	13.82	0.81	12.5	15.4	13.43	0.77	12.1	15.3	1.63
48	24.30	0.85	22.6	26.0	23.34	0.69	21.8	24.5	4.06
49	28.81	1.44	26.2	31.3	27.29	1.32	25.0	29.7	3.62
50	38.59	1.09	36.9	40.8	36.96	1.05	35.3	3.89	5.02
51	41.10	2.45	34.4	43.9	37.98	1.31	34.2	39.7	5.11
52	15.85	1.18	13.5	18.0	14.52	0.99	12.3	16.7	4.00
54	5.32	0.65	4.0	6.6	4.64	0.48	4.0	5.8	3.93
55	37.22	4.43	29.0	44.7	33.62	1.95	29.3	37.5	3.37
56	40.25	2.45	35.0	44.5	37.64	2.33	34.0	42.6	3.60
57	12.79	0.95	11.1	14.9	12.68	0.75	11.3	14.5	0.42
58	14.99	0.65	13.8	16.6	14.93	0.48	14.0	15.6	0.32
59	6.95	0.32	6.0	7.4	6.96	0.27	6.6	7.6	- 0.10
60	4.38	0.20	4.0	4.7	4.28	0.17	4.0	4.6	1.55
61	2.30	0.41	1.3	3.5	2.01	0.44	1.4	2.8	2.26
62	3.38	0.68	2.2	4.9	3.10	0.50	2.6	4.3	1.53
63	6.21	0.65	5.0	7.7	5.95	0.45	5.0	6.6	1.57
64	11.18	1.05	9.6	13.5	10.67	0.65	9.2	12.0	1.85
65	20.85	1.17	17.8	22.3	20.14	0.67	19.1	21.4	2.40
66	68.15	3.75	58.0	73.0	64.74	2.16	60.9	68.5	3.60
67	24.78	1.10	23.0	27.0	24.03	0.91	22.3	25.3	2.28
68	11.99	0.88	10.5	13.9	10.75	0.85	8.8	11.8	4.76
69	10.69	0.90	8.6	12.0	9.97	0.54	8.8	11.0	3.13
70	24.94	2.18	21.5	29.0	23.16	1.42	20.2	25.4	3.14
71	88.12	2.84	83.5	93.4	84.68	2.54	80.0	90.2	4.20
72	74.87	3.50	67.1	80.0	69.86	2.94	64.4	73.2	5.08
73	13.48	0.87	11.7	14.9	12.28	0.55	11.0	73.2	5.08
74	7.90	1.09	6.4	10.7	7.74	0.76	6.6	9.6	0.59
75	39.13	1.60	36.0	41.4	37.08	0.94	35.0	38.5	5.04
76	9.93	0.54	9.1	11.0	9.59	0.48	9.0	10.9	2.12
77	3.92	0.73	2.5	5.1	3.72	0.51	2.5	4.7	1.01
78	5.90	0.53	4.7	7.2	4.89	0.27	4.5	5.4	7.66
79	4.25	0.32	3.5	4.8	3.62	0.20	3.3	4.0	7.64
80	14.27	1.36	11.5	17.2	11.73	0.83	9.6	13.6	7.22
82	6.38	0.92	5.0	8.7	6.00	0.92	4.3	7.4	1.36
83	23.10	0.95	21.4	24.8	21.93	0.87	20.5	24.3	4.19
84	25.39	1.09	23.1	27.3	24.50	0.97	22.5	26.5	2.85
85	22.40	0.66	21.0	23.7	21.28	0.75	20.0	22.7	5.27
86	18.72	0.60	17.4	20.0	18.10	0.59	17.0	19.0	3.44
87	11.45	0.44	10.7	12.7	10.99	0.57	10.1	12.2	2.95
88	5.72	0.34	5.0	6.4	5.30	0.22	4.9	5.6	4.75
89	17.61	1.62	13.7	21.0	16.25	1.08	14.8	18.6	3.18

APPENDIX 2 - continued

APPENDIX 2 - concluded.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Mandible	е						
90	65.92	3.97	59.40	72.3	62.18	3.62	56.0	70.4	3.36
91	63.24	3.58	57.0	68.5	59.58	3.02	53.4	66.8	3.76
92	64.56	4.55	56.5	71.7	60.68	3.59	53.1	69.5	3.21
93	14.43	1.73	11.3	17.5	13.56	1.42	11.0	16.6	1.87
94	32.86	2.07	28.2	36.4	30.81	2.99	26.3	36.3	2.81
95	16.57	1.96	13.2	20.8	14.56	1.55	11.4	18.6	3.85
96	36.61	1.40	33.7	39.0	34.66	1.22	32.3	37.9	5.06
97	59.30	3.42	53.0	64.5	55.77	2.86	49.9	63.0	3.80
98	61.89	3.56	54.6	68.0	58.15	3.10	51.8	66.5	3.92
99	58.04	3.77	51.5	64.2	54.77	3.43	49.0	62.9	3.10
100	53.72	3.57	46.2	59.5	50.91	3.02	44.5	58.1	2.89
101	56.51	4.29	48.7	63.5	53.59	3.39	46.5	61.5	2.55
102	10.80	0.99	9.0	12.4	9.98	0.90	8.5	11.9	2.96
103	11.86	0.72	10.5	13.1	10.89	0.91	9.4	12.7	4.38
104	28.16	2.87	23.5	34.0	25.79	2.20	22.0	31.7	3.13
105	12.85	0.75	11.7	15.0	11.70	0.58	11.0	13.1	5.80
106	5.79	0.54	5.0	6.8	6.05	0.63	4.5	7.2	- 1.55
107	50.49	3.53	44.4	55.5	49.44	4.15	41.2	56.7	0.95
108	43.32	4.40	37.0	52.3	41.41	4.03	35.5	50.0	1.56
109	48.67	2.58	43.0	52.6	45.61	2.34	41.0	51.9	4.24
110	15.71	2.92	12.0	24.3	15.02	1.49	12.4	18.2	0.99
111	5.15	0.25	4.5	5.7	4.28	0.35	3.9	5.1	10.05
112	28.45	1.02	26.1	30.0	27.49	1.60	25.5	29.9	3.03
113	21.85	0.94	18.3	23.0	21.10	0.73	19.5	22.6	3.01
114	13.76	0.49	13.0	14.7	13.12	0.50	11.8	13.9	4.45
115	8.84	0.43	7.7	9.5	8.35	0.37	7.7	9.0	4.24
116	3.58	0.22	3.2	4.1	3.53	0.26	3.0	4.2	0.58
117	16.87	1.23	14.6	20.0	15.59	0.78	14.0	17.3	4.16
118	3.81	0.27	3.2	4.3	3.21	0.29	2.8	3.9	5.79
119	12.44	1.60	9.9	16.9	10.78	0.99	9.0	13.3	5.17
120	5.97	0.56	5.0	7.3	5.28	0.16	5.0	5.6	5.46
121	23.99	1.05	22.0	26.3	21.02	2.23	16.7	24.3	6.12