

The Jurassic–Cretaceous transition in the High-Tatric succession (Giewont Unit, Western Tatra Mts, Poland): integrated stratigraphy and microfacies

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ABSTRACT:

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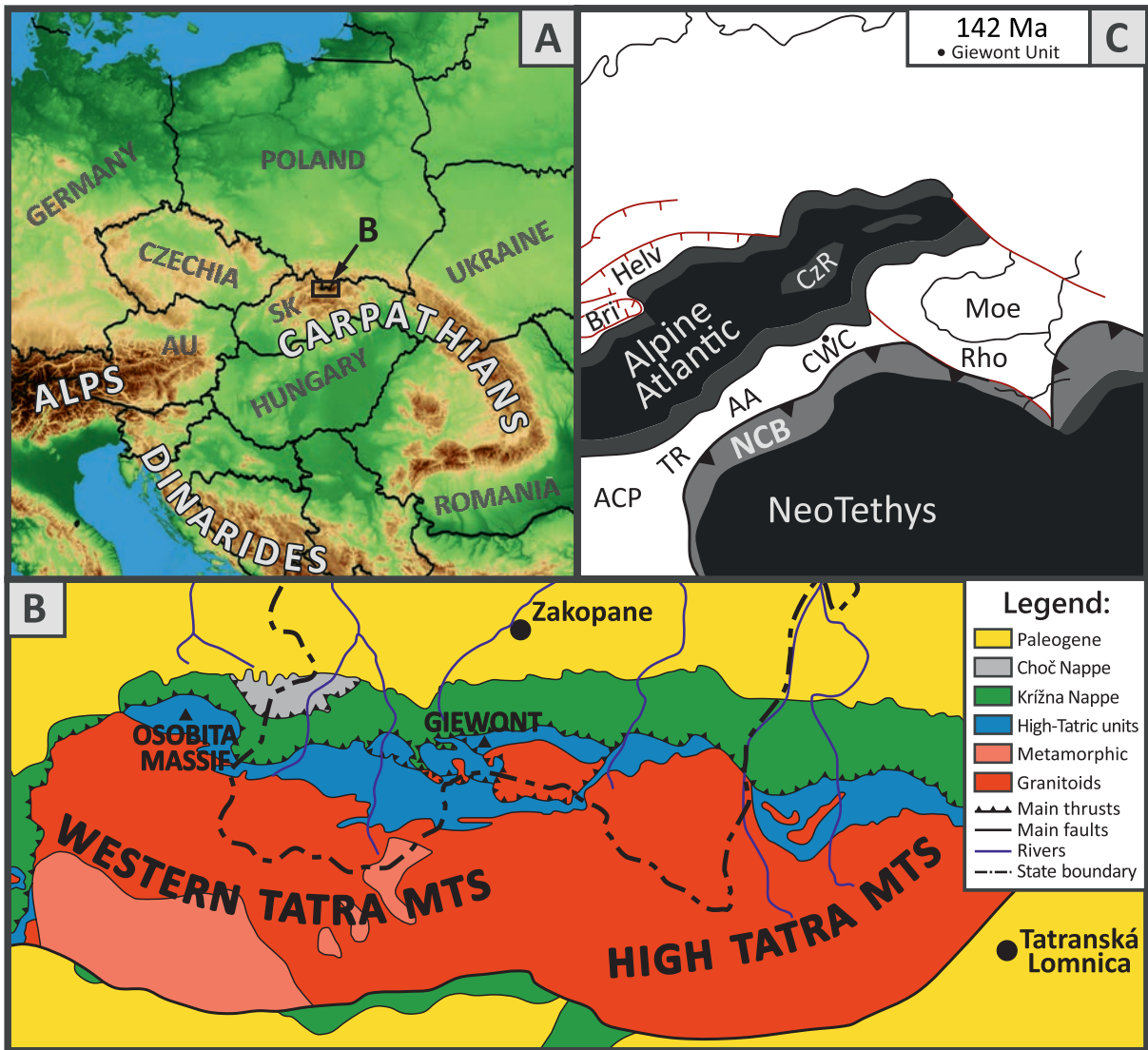
Herein are presented the results of detailed bio- (calcareous dinocysts, calcipionellids, foraminifers, saccococoids) and chemostratigraphic ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) studies combined with high-resolution microfacies, rock magnetic and gamma-ray spectrometry (GRS) investigations performed on the upper Kimmeridgian–upper Valanginian carbonates of the Giewont succession (Tatricum, Giewont and Mały Giewont sections, Western Tatra Mountains, Poland). The interval studied covers the contact between the Raptawicka Turnia Limestone (RTL) Fm. and the Wysoka Turnia Limestone (WTL) Fm. Their sedimentary sequence is composed of micrites, pseudonodular limestones, cyanoid packstones, lithoclastic packstone and encrinites. A precise correlation with the previously published Mały Giewont section is ensured by biostratigraphy, rock magnetic and GRS logs. The methodology adopted has enabled the recognition of two stratigraphic discontinuities, approximated here as corresponding to the latest Tithonian–early (late?) Berriasian and the early Valanginian. The hiatuses are evidenced by biostratigraphic data and the microfacies succession as well as by perturbations in isotopic compositions and rock magnetic logs; they are thought to result from a conjunction of tectonic activity and eustatic changes. A modified lithostratigraphic scheme for the Giewont and the Osobita High-Tatric successions is proposed. The top of the RTL Fm. falls in the upper Tithonian, where cyanoid packstones disappear. At the base of the WTL Fm. a new Giewont Member is defined as consisting of a basal lithoclastic packstone and following encrinites.

Key words: Microfossils; Rock magnetism; Carbon isotopes; Western Carpathians; Tatra Mountains.

INTRODUCTION

One of the key problems for consistent regional-scale paleoenvironmental interpretations and models is the sometimes problematic correlation between pe-

lagic-, swell- and platform-type deposits (e.g. Pasquier and Strasser 1997; Morales *et al.* 2013, 2016). A variety of the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous depositional environments may be traced within the Central Western Carpathians (CWC) (Vašíček *et al.* 1994).



Text-fig. 1. Geological setting of this study area. A – Localization of the Tatra Mountains; Abbreviations: AU – Austria; SK – Slovakia. B – Geological map of the Tatra Mts (modified after Nemčok *et al.* 1994 and Jurewicz 2005). C – Simplified paleogeographic map of the circum-Carpathian region during the Berriasian; modified after Stampfli and Hochard (2009). Abbreviations: AA – Austro Alpine; ACP – Adriatic Carbonate Platform; CWC – Central Western Carpathians; NCB – Neotethyan Collision Belt; Bri – Briançonnais; CzR – Czorsztyn Ridge; Helv. – Helvetic units; Moe – Moesian Platform; Rho – Rhodopes; TR – Transdanubian Range.

This tectonic mega-unit was located at this time between the Alpine Atlantic (*sensu* Missoni and Gawlick 2011; equivalent of Alpine Tethys of Schmid *et al.* 2008) to the north and the Tethys ocean to the south (Text-fig. 1), providing an insight into sediments both typically pelagic (deposited in the Zliechov Basin; e.g. Jach *et al.* 2014a) and shallow water (originated on the so-called Tatric Ridge; e.g. Lefeld 1968; Vašíček *et al.* 1994; Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016). Open-marine, basinal-type deposits are yielded by the Krížna (Lower Sub-Tatric) succession. The Tithonian–Berriasian of this unit possesses a well-established stratigraphic frame-

work (e.g. Pszczółkowski 1996, 2003; Grabowski and Pszczółkowski 2006) which allowed for the recent paleoenvironment-focused studies of Grabowski *et al.* (2013) and Grabowski and Sobień (2015). These resulted in the recognition of a late Berriasian trend of increasing lithogenic supply, suggested to have been related to either climatic and/or eustatic changes. However, correlation of the J/K boundary interval between the Lower Sub-Tatric and the High-Tatric (Tatric Ridge) successions is vague due to the ambiguous stratigraphy of the latter (in particular the Berriasian is poorly or even not documented; compare Lefeld 1968

and Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016). Consequently, the relations between the different sedimentary zones of the CWC remain unclear also in the context of the latest Jurassic–earliest Cretaceous deposition environments and their controls.

According to literature data (e.g. Kotański 1959; Lefeld 1968) the record of the Jurassic–Cretaceous boundary interval in the High-Tatric succession may be followed on the northern slopes of Mt. Giewont (Western Tatra Mts, Poland). In this study we present data from two sections (Mały Giewont and Giewont), adopting modern research techniques in order to provide a consistent stratigraphic interpretation of the uppermost Jurassic–lowermost Cretaceous beds of the Giewont Unit. Integration of detailed microfacies analysis with high resolution bio- (calcareous dinoflagellates, chitinoideids, foraminifers), chemo- ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ stratigraphy) and rock magnetic stratigraphy has allowed for precise correlation between the studied sections, interpreted herein as spanning the upper Kimmeridgian–upper Valanginian. A separate paper will be devoted to a detailed paleoenvironmental interpretation of this study area and its relations to adjacent sedimentary zones.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND PREVIOUS STUDIES

The Tatra Mountains are located in the northernmost Central Western Carpathians, a part of the vast Alpine-Carpathian-Dinaric orogen (Text-fig. 1). The Tatras are composed of a crystalline core and a latest Paleozoic–Mesozoic sedimentary cover. The crystalline basement consists of granitoids of the High Tatra Mts as well as granitoid and metamorphic rocks of the Western Tatra Mts, whilst the sedimentary cover consists of: 1) High-Tatric autochthonous unit and nappes; and 2) Sub-Tatric (Křížna and Choč) Nappes (for more information see e.g. Jurewicz 2005 and references therein).

The area of this study is located within the Giewont Nappe, one of the High-Tatric allochthonous units, providing the record of its Lower Triassic–Upper Cretaceous evolution (e.g. Kotański 1959; Lefeld 1968; Jurewicz 2005; Bąk and Bąk 2013). According to Lefeld *et al.* (1985) the Jurassic–Cretaceous boundary falls in the Raptawicka Turnia Limestone Formation (RTL Fm). This ca. 100 m thick formation is customarily subdivided into three informal members: 1) the lower member (Callovian–Oxfordian), consisting of pinkish pelitic limestones with ammonites (Kotański 1959; Lefeld *et al.* 1985); 2) the mid-

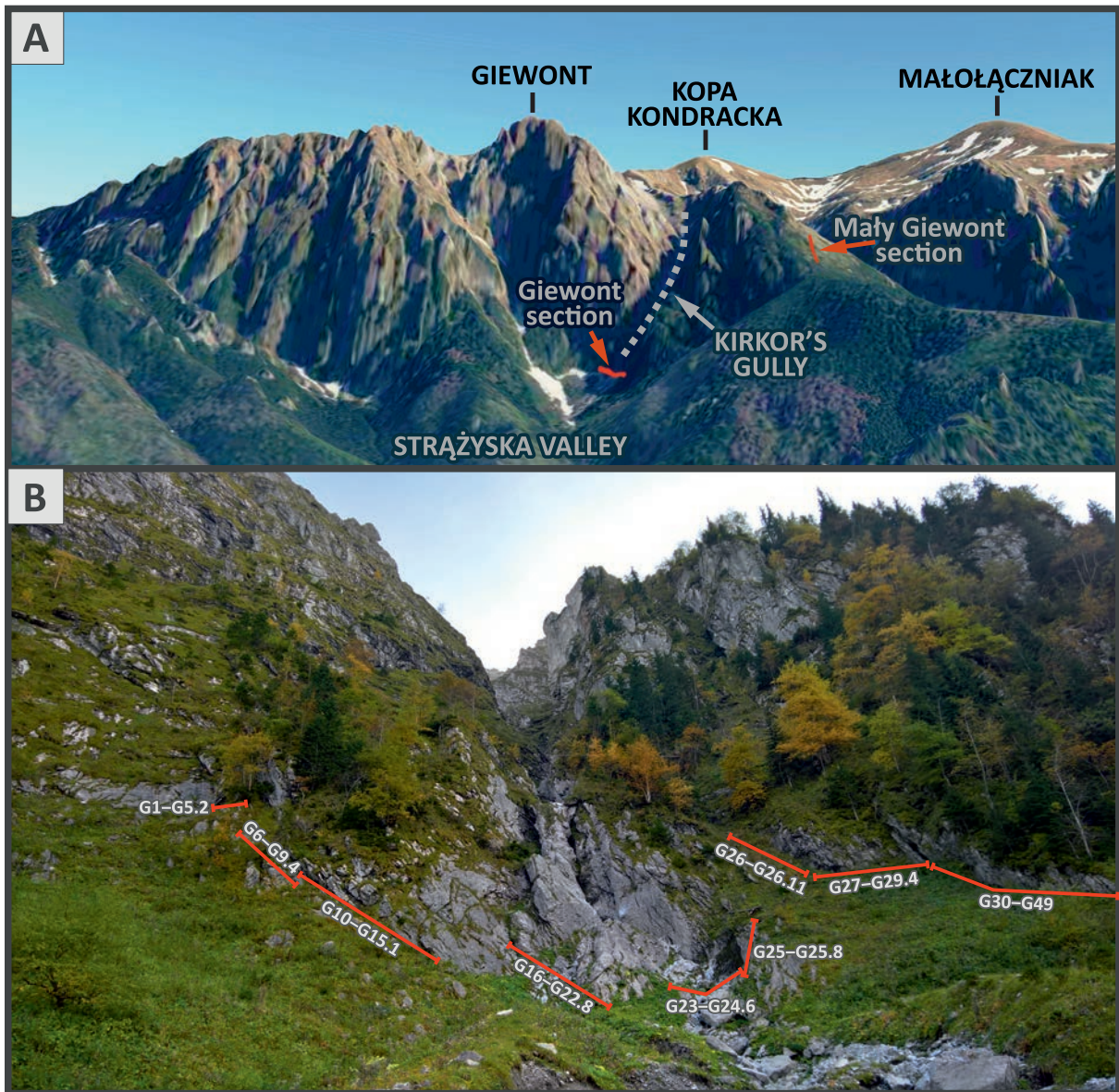
dle member (upper Oxfordian–Berriasian), with light gray Lombardia (= *Saccocoma*)-pseudo-oolitic limestones (Passendorfer 1928; Kotański and Radwański 1959; Lefeld and Radwański 1960; Lefeld 1968; Lefeld *et al.* 1985); and 3) the upper member (Valanginian–Hauterivian), characterized by dark brown (almost black) onco-oolitic limestones (Kotański 1959; Lefeld 1968; Lefeld *et al.* 1985). Lefeld (1968) described also Hauterivian crinoidal limestones (= encrinites), however these were not included in the later lithostratigraphic scheme of Lefeld *et al.* (1985). The RTL Fm. is followed by the Barremian–Aptian Wysoka Turnia Limestone Formation (WTL Fm.), which consists of Urgonian type limestones abundant in reef corals, orbitolinids, brachiopods, bivalves, calcareous algae, bryozoans, hydrozoans and gastropods (Lefeld *et al.* 1985; Masse and Uchman 1997).

Integrated bio- and chemostratigraphy of the Upper Jurassic of the Mały Giewont section was provided by Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016). These authors proposed also a modification of the RTL Fm. lithostratigraphy, suggesting a late Oxfordian–early Tithonian age for the middle member of the Fm. However, the uppermost Tithonian and the lowermost Cretaceous beds were not documented due to lack of their exposure. An insight into this interval is however provided by the Giewont section (see below).

Description of the sections

This study was conducted based on the material collected from two localities, namely the Mały Giewont and the Giewont sections (Text-figs 1–2). The Mały Giewont section (49°15'09" N; 19°55'30" E) was first described by Lefeld (1968). It provides a record of ca. 80 m thick Kimmeridgian–Lower Cretaceous rocks (Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016). A substantial part of the section is made of the dark gray to gray oncooid-bearing limestones of the RTL Fm. followed by the light gray bioclastic limestones of the WTL Fm.; nevertheless, the section is characterized by numerous observational gaps, covering also the boundary between the RTL and the WTL Fms.

A continuous, yet stratigraphically more restricted record characterizes the Giewont section (49°15'15" N; 19°55'52" E). This is a new section located on the northern slopes of Mount Giewont, in the foothills of Kirkor's Gully (pol. Żleb Kirkora), giving an insight into the 40 m thick record of the RTL Fm. to the WTL Fm. transition (Text-fig. 3). Massive, thick to medium bedded, gray to dark gray pelitic limestones with rare macrofossils (ammonites, bivalves) characterize the lowermost 12 m of the section (G1–G15



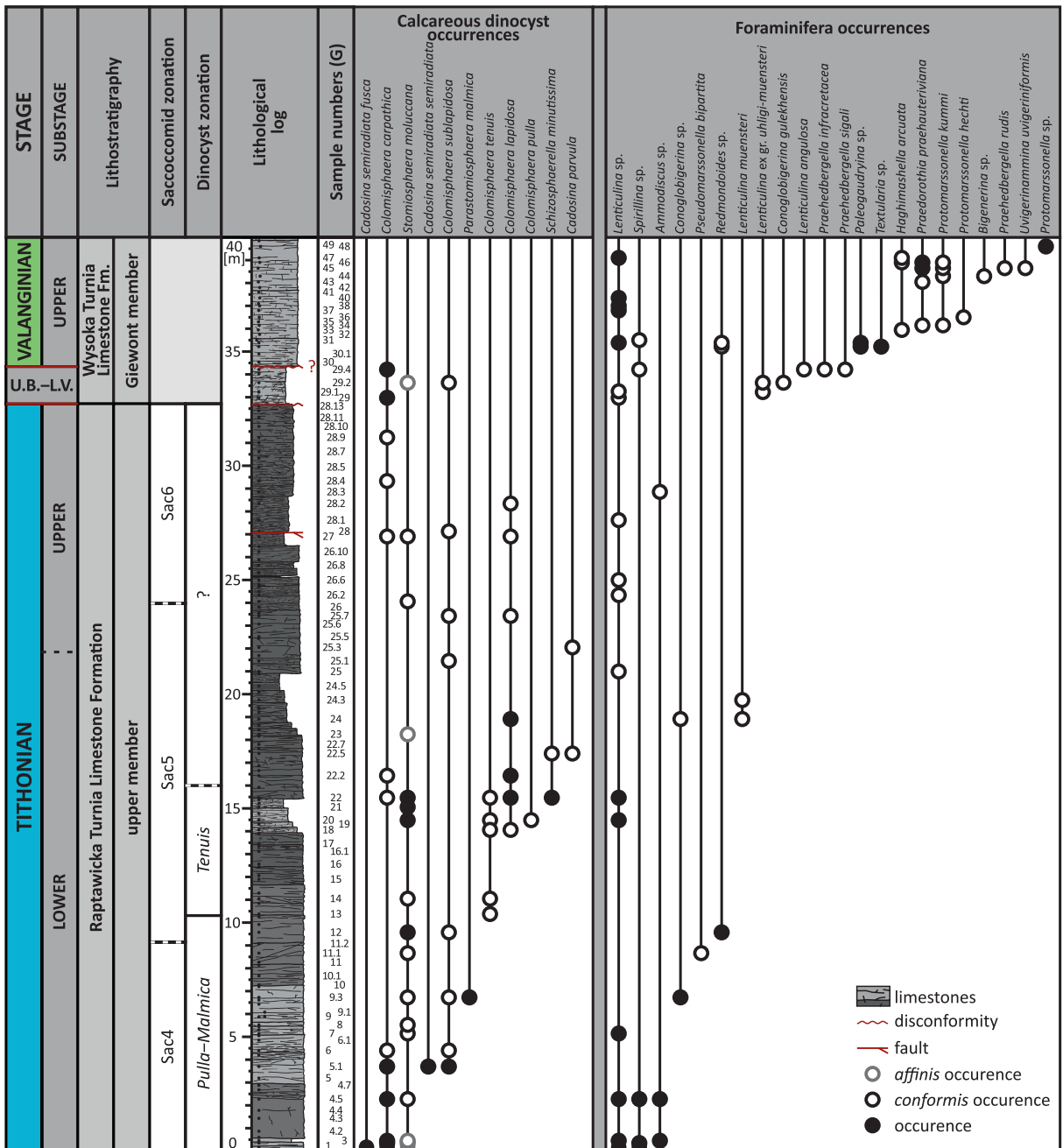
Text-fig. 2. Area of this study. A – Localization of the Giewont and the Mały Giewont sections in the Western Tatra Mountains. B – General outlook of the Giewont section; red lines indicate intervals in which given samples were taken from (for details see Appendix 1 – Supplementary material available only in the online version).

samples). Above (12–32.5 m; samples G15.1–G28.13) the rocks gradually become darker and reflect some signs of cross-stratification. Between samples G27 and G28 (ca. 27 m) a fault zone with tectonic breccia and a slight differentiation of dip are observed. The topmost investigated part of the section (32.5–40 m; G29–G49) consists of light gray, medium to thin bedded crinoidal packstones (encrinites) with cross-beddings. Basic observations were conducted also within the following 10 m interval; these rocks are identical in lithology to those below. Detailed photographic

documentation of the Giewont section is presented in Appendix 1 (Supplementary material available only in the online version).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field measurements and laboratory analyses of the Mały Giewont section were conducted in years 2013–2014; here we interpret them in the light of recently collected data. The Giewont section was inves-



Text-fig. 3. Calcareous dinoflagellates and foraminifers range charts from the Giewont section. Dinocyst zonation after Reháková (2000); Saccocomid zonation after Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a). Abbreviations: U.B.–L.V. – upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian. Colors on lithological log correspond to the colors of the fresh rock surfaces.

tigated in years 2018–2020; also microfacies analysis of the Mały Giewont section was performed in this time, in order to enable direct correlation with observations from the Giewont section. The data used in this study are presented in tabular form (.xlsx file) in Appendix 2 (Supplementary material available only in the online version).

Microfossil biostratigraphy and microfacies analysis

A total number of 79 thin sections from the material collected in the Giewont section was prepared in the Laboratory of Geological Education (ECEG) in Chęciny, Poland (affiliated with the University

of Warsaw) using a Logitech PM5 Lapping and Polishing System. Additional 66 thin sections from the Mały Giewont sections were taken for investigations from the archives of the Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute. Microfossil biostratigraphy was investigated using Nikon ECLIPSE LV100POL polarizing microscope (Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences). In this study we adopted the calcareous dinoflagellate and calpionellid zonation after Reháková (2000) and the *Saccocoma* zonation after Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a).

Microfacies analyses were performed using Nikon ECLIPSE LV100POL (for 2× and higher magnification) and NIKON SMZ1000 (for 0.8x magnification) microscopes, both in the Optical Microscopy Lab of the Faculty of Geology, University of Warsaw. Images were taken in natural and cross polarized light (XPL) using Nikon NIS software. Microfacies analysis was performed using ImageJ software. On a 0.8× magnification image a 20×30 grid was put in order to determine the general microfacies characteristics of the sample and to estimate the percentage of oncoids, burrows and lithoclasts. Subsequently, a 23×30 grid was put on a 2× magnified representative area of the sample in order to count cyanoids, cortoids, peloids, (other) biogenic detritus and matrix (spar and micrite).

Magnetic susceptibility and rock magnetism

Magnetic susceptibilities (MS) of 209 stratigraphic horizons (138 in the Giewont and 71 in the Mały Giewont section) were measured during the field work using ZH Instruments SM30 Magnetic Susceptibility Meter; MS of each horizon was measured three times in order to calculate its mean value. Among them, 144 horizons (77 from Giewont and 70 from the Mały Giewont section) were intended for sampling and detailed laboratory investigations of rock magnetic properties in the Paleomagnetic Laboratory of the Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute (PGI-NRI). Rock samples were crushed into a homogenous fine-gravel fraction and packed in 8 cm³ sample boxes. Rock magnetic investigations comprised mass-normalized measurements of the MS and laboratory induced magnetizations: isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM) and anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM). MS measurements were performed using Agico KLY2 kappabridge; susceptibilities of sample boxes were subtracted from the results. IRM was applied along the Z axis in the field of 1 T

(IRM_{1T}) and then antiparallel in the field of 100 mT (IRM_{100mT}) using Magnetic Measurements MPPM Pulse Magnetizer; measurements were performed using Agico JR6A spinner magnetometer. ARM was produced in a Molspin pARM device with peak alternating field of 100 mT and a steady field bias of 0.1 mT. All the measurements were processed using Agico Rema6 software. S-ratio (-IRM_{100mT}/IRM_{1T}) was calculated in order to indicate proportions between low and high coercivity minerals (e.g. Opdyke and Channell 1996). Domination of low coercivity fraction (e.g. magnetite) is characterized by high S-ratio values (above 0.6), whilst the lower S-ratio the higher is contribution of high coercivity minerals, e.g. hematite. ARM/IRM_{1T} ratio is often used as a proxy for magnetic grains size or magnetite/hematite ratio. (e.g. Opdyke and Channell 1996; Jovane *et al.* 2007; Venuti *et al.* 2007).

Gamma-ray spectrometry (GRS) and elements geochemistry

Field gamma-ray spectrometric measurements were carried out using a Georadis GT-32 portable natural radioisotope assay analyzer with BGO 2×2" detector. Energy windows of potassium, uranium and thorium were analyzed in 300 s time intervals. The results account for the value of the total dose (nGy/h), SGR (standard gamma ray; ppm), counts per minute (cpm) for K, U and Th as well as their converted concentrations (% for K and ppm for U and Th). A total number of 162 measurements was performed (88 in the Giewont and 74 in the Mały Giewont section); those were fully integrated with the horizons of the MS measurements and rock sampling. Due to the fact that K concentrations were usually near or below the cpm to % conversion limit of the handheld device, in this paper we consider CGR (computed gamma ray index), which is calculated using the following formula: CGR [API] = Th [ppm] × 3.93 + K [%] × 16.32 (Rider 1999). CGR is regarded as a good proxy for terrigenous contribution in carbonates (e.g. Kumpan *et al.* 2014; Grabowski *et al.* 2019).

Additional chemical analyzes of 79 whole-rock samples (49 from the Giewont and 30 from the Mały Giewont section) were performed at the Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories, Canada (ACME) using multi-acid MA250 method (for details see Bureau Veritas Minerals Schedule of Services and Fees 2020). In this study GRS data and laboratory-measured Th concentrations are used and discussed for correlation purposes only.

Stable carbon and oxygen isotopes

A total number of 128 bulk rock samples (only from the Giewont section) were intended to $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ analysis. Homogenous powder was obtained by dry micro-drilling in the same samples as were used for rock magnetic investigations. Analyses were carried out in the Stable Isotope Laboratory of the GeoZentrum Nordbayern, Erlangen, Germany. Carbonate powders were analyzed using a Gasbench II connected to a ThermoFisher Delta V Plus mass spectrometer. All values are reported in per mil relative to V-PDB scale. Reproducibility and accuracy was monitored by replicate analysis of laboratory standards calibrated by assigning $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of +1.95‰ to NBS19 and -47.3‰ to IAEA-CO9 references and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of -2.20‰ to NBS19 and -23.2‰ to NBS18. Reproducibility for both $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ was ± 0.0 (1 std. dev.). Oxygen isotope values of dolomite, siderite, aragonite etc. were corrected using the phosphoric acid fractionation factors given by Kim *et al.* (2007) and Rosenbaum and Sheppard (1986). Data for the Mały Giewont section comes from the Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) dataset.

RESULTS

Microfossil biostratigraphy

The calcareous dinoflagellate and calpionellid stratigraphies of the Mały Giewont section have been already published by Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016). Their study provided also a documentation of relatively rich, however of limited stratigraphic value, assemblage of planktonic and benthic foraminifers, as well as a detailed commentary on the Late Jurassic ammonites reported over the years from the area of this study. Although we adopt the stratigraphic framework of Pszczółkowski *et al.* (op. cit.), based on correlation with the Giewont section we revise the stratigraphic position of the basal and the topmost intervals of their section (see Interpretation chapter).

Only calcareous dinoflagellates, foraminifers and saccocomids were found to provide significant stratigraphic information in the Giewont section. Nevertheless, both dinocysts and foraminifers are rare and poorly preserved, which usually prevented their exact taxonomic designation; in turn the *Saccocoma* stratigraphy (Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015a, b) has limited stratigraphic resolution. Worth noting also is the almost complete absence of calpionellids; only a single specimen of indeterminable ?*Calpionellidae* sp.

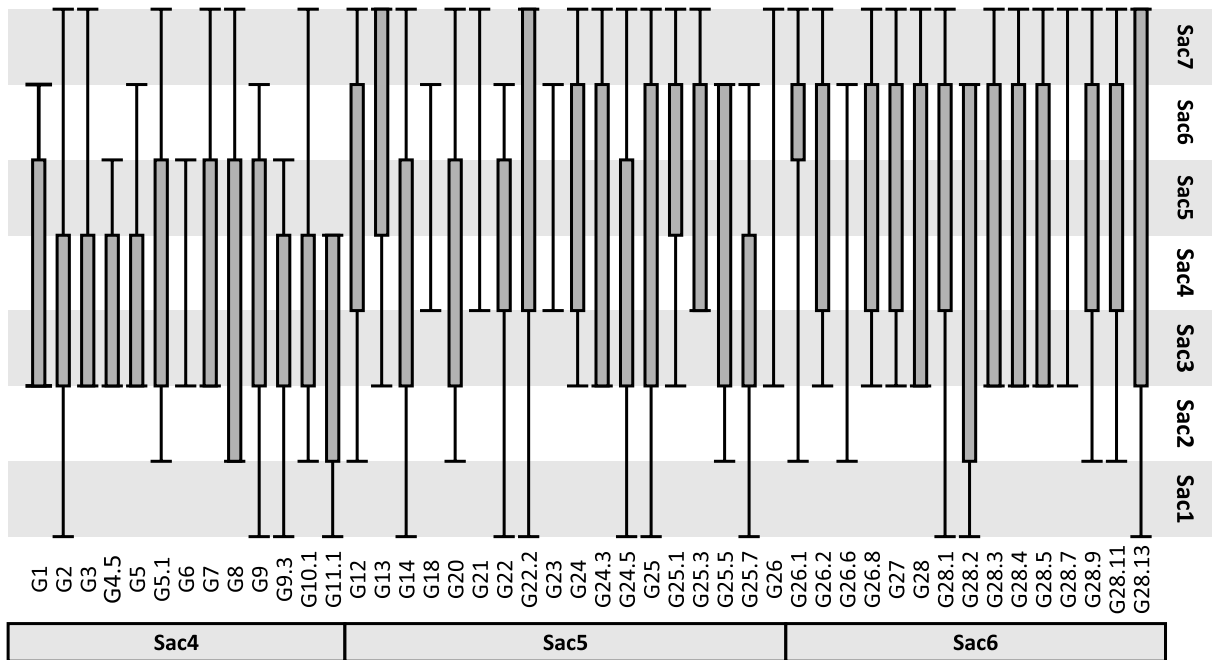
was observed in sample G29.1. Consequently, only two calcareous dinoflagellate biozones and three *Saccocoma* zones were recognized. Occurrences of recorded taxa are depicted on Text-fig. 3. For details on the stratigraphic interpretation of the studied sections see Interpretation chapter.

Calcareous dinoflagellates of the Giewont section

The basal part of the Giewont section (G1–G12 samples) accounts for the association of *Cadosina semiradiata fusca*, *Cadosina semiradiata semiradiata*, *Colomisphaera carpathica*, *Colomisphaera sublapidosa*, *Stomiosphaera moluccana* and *Parastomiosphaera malmica* dinoflagellates (Text-fig. 3). This assemblage – in particular *P. malmica* – is characteristic of the early Tithonian (compare e.g. with Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015b; Grabowski *et al.* 2019; Lodowski *et al.* 2021; Michalik *et al.* 2021), thus is assigned here to the *Pulla–Malmica* Zone. The first occurrence (FO) of *Colomisphaera tenuis* in sample G13 evidences the mid-Tithonian *Tenuis* calcareous dinoflagellate Zone (Reháková 2000). The *Tenuis* Zone is correlated with the upper part of the *Chitinoidea* calpionellid Zone (= *Chitinoideidae* Zone after Benzaggagh 2021). Above, the only observed FO's are those of *Colomisphaera lapidosa*, *Colomisphaera pulla*, *Schizosphaerella minutissima* and *Cadosina parvula* (Text-fig. 3), therefore an assemblage that does not yield any significant information in the context of upper Tithonian stratigraphy. Selected specimens of calcareous dinoflagellates of the Giewont section are presented on Pl. 1.

Foraminifers of the Giewont section

Foraminifers of the Giewont section are rare and in most cases did not allow an exact taxonomical determination. Among planktonic foraminifers a few specimens of genera *Conoglobigerina* and *Prae-hedbergella* were documented; benthic forams are represented by genera *Ammodiscus*, *Bigenerina*, *Haghimashella*, *Lenticulina*, *Paleogaudryina*, *Praedorothia*, *Protomarssonella*, *Pseudomarssonella*, *Redmondoides*, *Spirillina*, *Textularia* and *Uvigerinamina* (Text-fig. 3). Within the lower and the middle part of the section (samples G1–G28.13) only three specimens were identified to species level; these are *Pseudomarssonella bipartita* documented in sample G11.1 and *Lenticulina* cf. *muensteri* recognized in samples G24 and G24.3 (Text-fig. 3). More diverse associations are observed from sample G29 upwards. There, benthic foraminifers are



Text-fig. 4. Ranges of *Saccocoma* skeletal elements occurring in the studied samples of the RTL Fm. in the Kirkor's Gully (Western Tatra Mts.). *Saccocomid* zones (Sac1 to Sac7) after Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a).

represented by *Lenticulina* ex gr. *uhligi-muensteri* (G29.1 and G29.2 samples), *Lenticulina angulosa* (G29.4), *Haghimashella* cf. *arcuata* (FO in G33 sample), *Praedorothia praehauteriviana* (FO in sample G34), *Protomarssonella kummi* (FO in sample G34), *Protomarssonella hechti* (G36) and *Uvigerinamina uvigeriniformis* (G45). In turn the assemblage of planktonic forams consists of *Conoglobigerina gulekhensis* (G29.2), *Praehedbergella infracretacea* (G29.4), *Praehedbergella sigali* (G29.4) and *Praehedbergella rudis* (G45) (Text-fig. 3). These taxa account for the predominantly Valanginian age of the interval (for detailed discussion see Interpretation chapter). Selected specimens of foraminifers (and a single specimen of gastropod) are shown on Pl. 2.

Saccocomids of the Giewont section

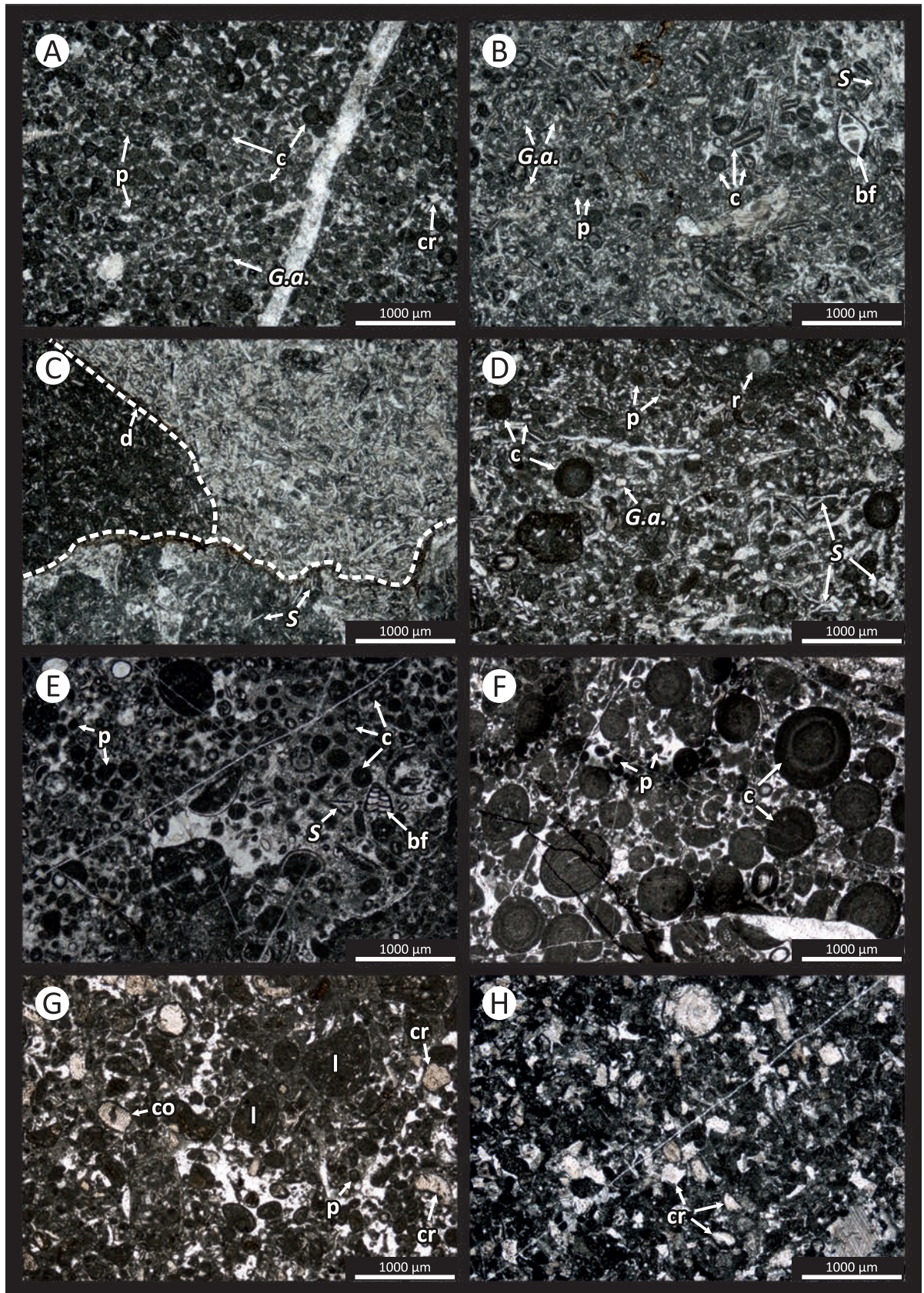
In principle, *Saccocomidae* zonation is based on the variable geometry and relative abundance of their skeletal elements (Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015a). During this study elements of relatively wide stratigraphic range

(even Sac1–Sac7) were observed in most of samples. However, the most frequent are those characteristic of zones Sac4–Sac6, which belong to the lower–lower upper Tithonian interval (Text-fig. 4). The boundary between Sac4 and Sac5 zones was put between samples G11.1 and G12, where Sac3 Zone and older elements become less common. In turn, the boundary between the Sac5 and Sac6 zones was established between samples G26 and G26.1, where *Saccocoma* skeletal elements are the most characteristic of Sac6 Zone (Text-fig. 4). Nevertheless, due to stratigraphic inaccuracy this interpretation has to be regarded as an approximation. Examples of characteristic *Saccocoma* skeletal elements are shown on Pls 3–5.

Microfacies

According to Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016), the microfacies succession of the Mały Giewont section may be simplified to: 1) upper Kimmeridgian oncolitic limestones and following biomicrites, both with *Globochaete* algae, thin-shelled bivalves and

Text-fig. 5. Microfacies of the upper Kimmeridgian–upper Valanginian limestones of the Giewont Unit. A – MF IA, sample MG64; B – MF IB, sample MG75A; C – MF II, sample MG84; D – MF III, sample MG95; E – MF III, sample G17; F – MF IV, sample G28.4; G – MF V, sample G29.1; H – MF VI, sample G36. Abbreviations: bf – benthic foraminifera; c – cyanoid; co – cortoid; cr – crinoid; d – dissolution features; *G. a.* – *Globochaete alpina*; l – lithoclast; p – peloid; r – radiolarians; *S* – *Saccocoma* skeletal element; G – Giewont section; MG – Mały Giewont section.



Saccocomidae elements; 2) lower Tithonian biomicrites with *Saccocoma* and *Globochaete*, gradually passing into the upper Tithonian oncosparites; and 3) echinoderm-dominated Lower Cretaceous (?Barremian–Aptian) limestones. In this study we provide more detailed insight into the microfacies succession of both the Giewont and Mały Giewont sections (see below).

Pszczółkowski (2018) confirmed the assumption of Lefeld and Radwański (1960) that the Upper Jurassic coated grains of the Giewont Unit (previously regarded also as “oolites”) are predominantly of bacterial (cyanobacteria) origins, and thus should be regarded rather as porostromate (micro)oncooids or cyanoids. During this study two kinds of oncooidal structures were observed. Those of the first group are usually larger than 2 mm in diameter, have ovoidal, elongate or lobate shape, often manifesting aggregation of smaller bodies while the nucleus may be either simple (e.g. bioclast) or compound. The second group accounts for smaller coated grains (usually below 1 mm in diameter), more regular in shape (usually cylindrical or ovoidal), with tangential or no inner structure and a single bioclast or peloid as a nucleus. Based on it, for the purpose of microfacies analysis two separate classes for 1) oncooids and 2) microoncooids (here referred simply as “cyanoids” *sensu* Pszczółkowski 2018; compare with cyanoids *sensu* Riding 1983) were set aside. The other class of coated grains are cortoids, here defined as bioclasts with a thin bacterial coating, in the order of 0.02 mm. Besides, dark-gray rounded grains with blurred edges and no internal structure, usually smaller than 0.2 mm in diameter, are interpreted here as peloids. The microfacies of the Giewont and Mały Giewont sections are presented in Text-fig. 5, whilst the relative shares of selected rock constituents and structures (matrix, biodetritus, oncooids, microoncooids, cortoids, peloids, burrows) are visualized in Text-fig. 6. Photographs of polished rock surfaces of samples G28.13 and G29 are shown in Text-fig. 7.

Mały Giewont

The basal part of the section (MF IA; 0–11 m, samples MG56–MG69; lower part of the upper Kimmeridgian) consists of wackestones-packstones

abundant in cyanoids and peloids. Stylolites and dissolution seams are observed; *Globochaete* algae dominate among bioclasts, however ammonites, benthic foraminifers, as well as crinoidal and shelly detritus also occur. Microoncooids are small and relatively spherical; micrite dominates the matrix, however spar sectors are also observed.

Above, (MF IB; 11–22 m, samples MG70–MG80; upper part of the upper Kimmeridgian) the succession becomes more densely packed in bioclasts and rich in burrowing structures. Pressure dissolution features are observed; the matrix is dominated by micrite, however spar sectors also occur. Cyanoids and peloids gradually disappear, whilst *Saccocoma* skeletal elements and *Globochaete* algae are still common.

The following beds (MF II; 22–33 m, samples MG81–MG91; Kimmeridgian/Tithonian transition) are barren in coated grains. A patchwork of *Saccocoma*–*Globochaete* packstone and wackestone sectors combined with common pressure dissolution features (both dissolution seams and stylolites) and micrite matrix account for the pseudonodular texture of the interval.

Cyanoids reappear gradually from sample MG92. The entire interval of samples MG92–MG104C (33–53 m; lower Tithonian) is characterized by heterogeneous wackestones and packstones (MF III). Oncooids are common at the basal part of the interval; upwards they are replaced by cyanoids. Stylolites and dissolution seams occur, yet the pseudonodular texture is observed no longer. Bioclasts are dominated by *Saccocoma* and *Globochaete* elements; matrix is dominated by micrite, spar is rare.

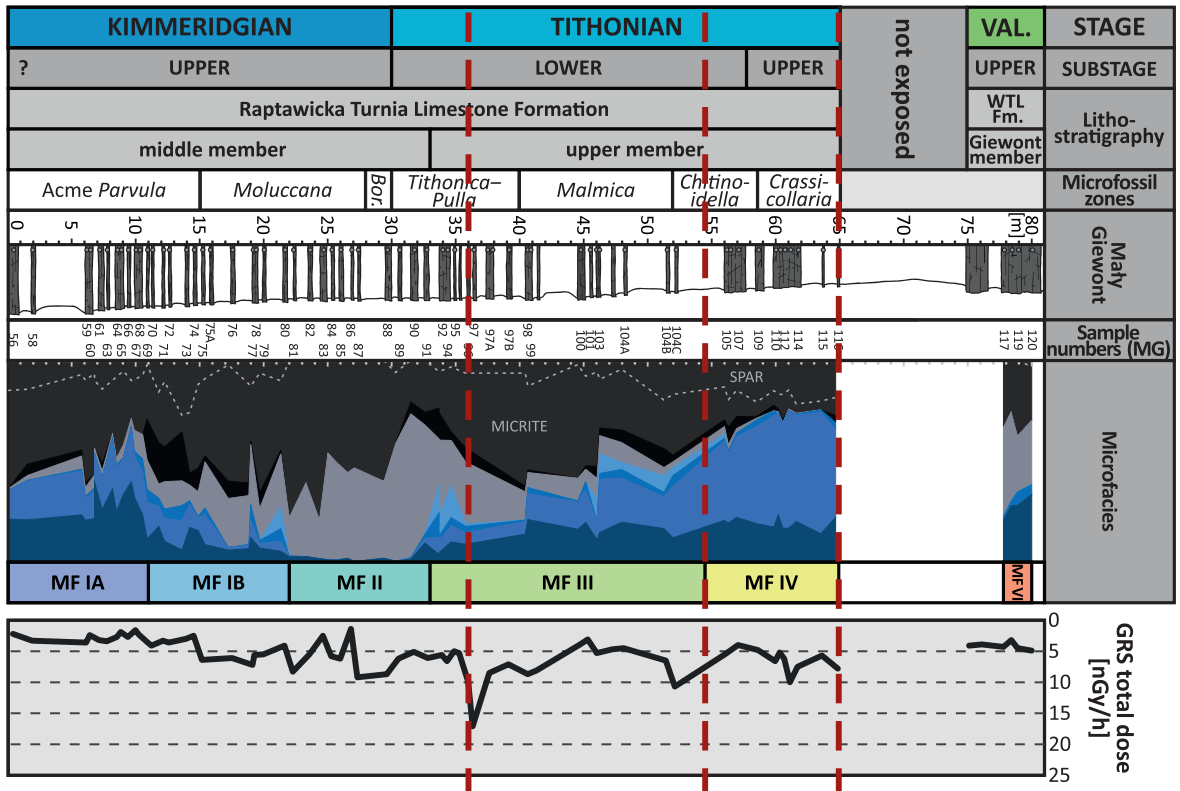
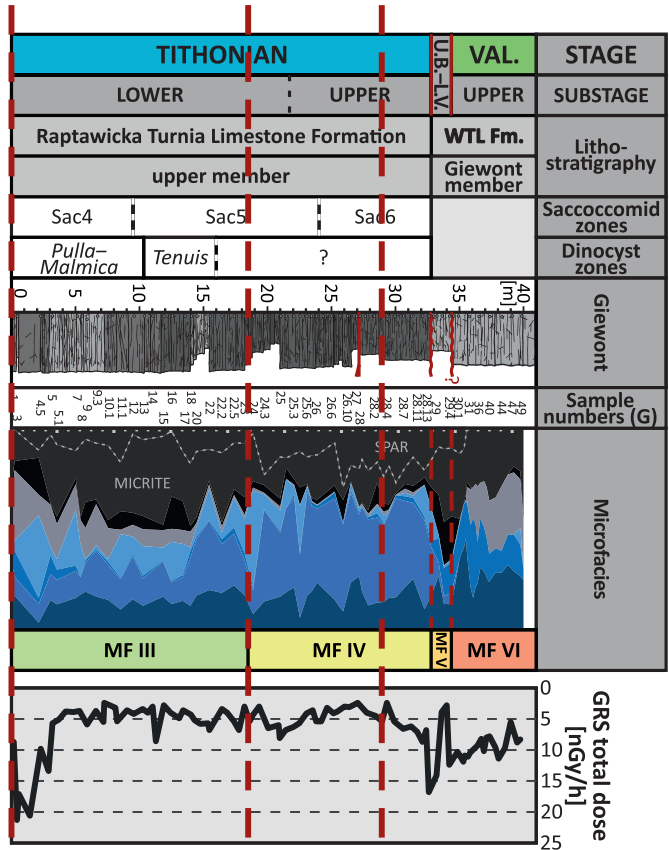
Samples MG105–MG116 (56–65 m; uppermost lower–upper Tithonian) were taken from cyanoid packstone with peloids (MF IV). Uncoated bioclasts almost do not occur; *Saccocoma* elements and shelly material are the most common nuclei of coated grains, however they are less frequent than in underlying beds. Pressure dissolution features are uncommon; both micrite and spar matrix sectors occur.

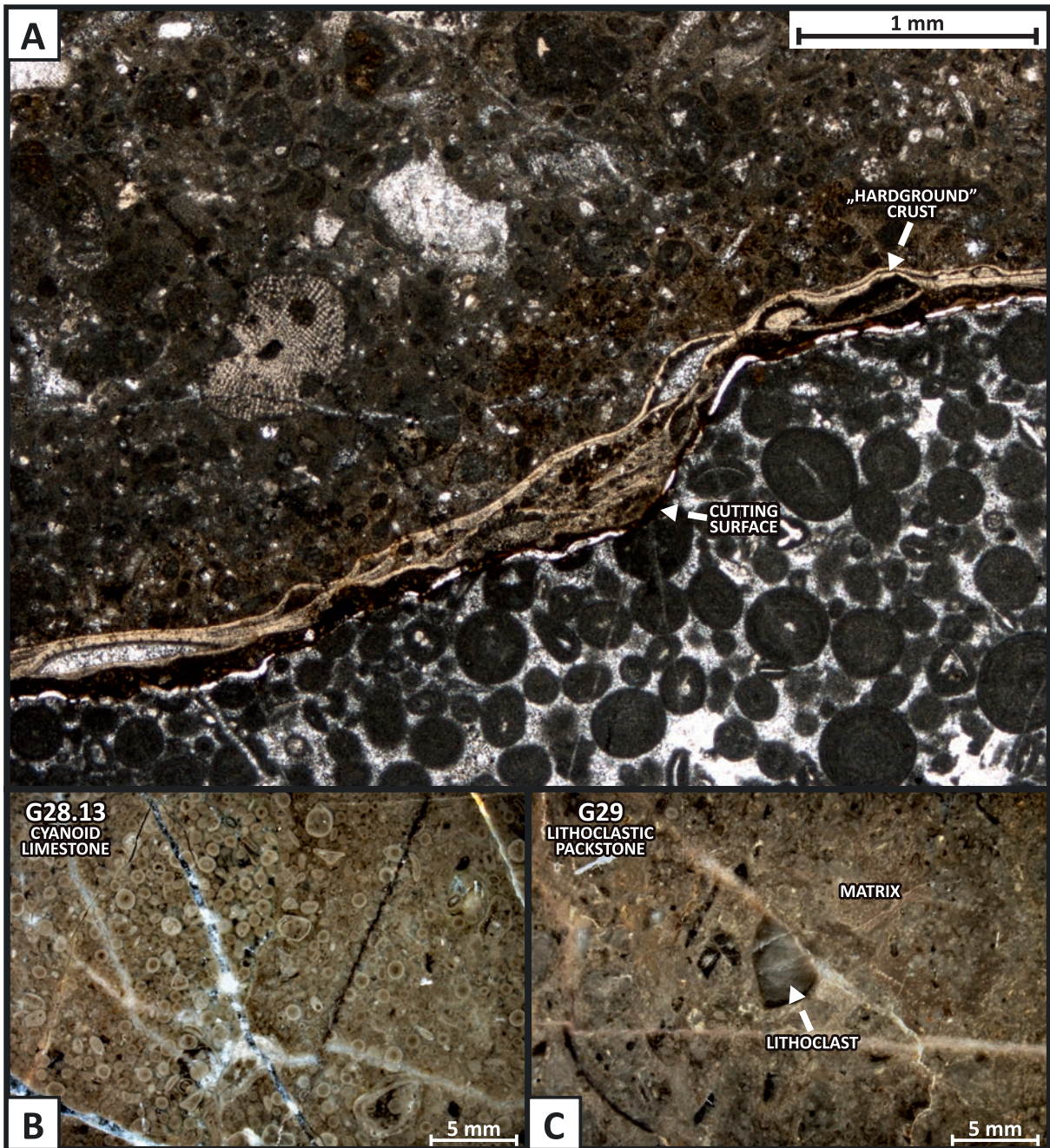
Crinoidal packstones (encrinites) with peloids constitute the topmost part of the section (MF VI; MG117–MG120; 77–80 m; lower Cretaceous); these calcarenites are poor in other microfossils, amongst which benthic foraminifers are the most common.

Text-fig. 6. Correlation between the Giewont and Mały Giewont section in the light of relative share of microscopically observed rock constituents. GRS total dose logs are shown for comparison. Stratigraphy of the Mały Giewont section after Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016; modified, see text for discussion). Thick dashed lines indicate correlation horizons. Explanations: MF IA – cyanoid-peloid wackestones and packstones; MF IB – cyanoid-peloid wackestones and packstones with other bioclasts; MF II – *Saccocoma*–*Globochaete* pseudonodular limestones; MF III – heterogeneous wackestones and packstones with cyanoids; MF IV – cyanoid packstones with peloids; MF V – lithoclastic packstone with crinoids; MF VI – crinoidal packstones (encrinites). Abbreviations: U.B–L.V. – upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian; VAL. – Valanginian; U. – Upper; WTL Fm. – Wysoka Turnia Limestone Formation; Bor – Borzai. →

Explanations:

- peloids
- cyanoids
- cortoids
- oncoids
- detritus (biogenic)
- burrows
- matrix
- limestones (on lithologic logs)





Text-fig. 7. Microphotographs of cyanoid packstone (MF IV) and lithoclastic packstone (MF V). A – Contact between the cyanoid packstone (below) and lithoclastic packstone (above) in sample G29 (thin section). Cutting surface and a hardground crust are indicated by arrows.

B – Cyanoid packstone in sample G28.13 (polished rock surface). C – Lithoclastic packstone in sample G29 (polished rock surface).

Giewont

The microfacies succession in the Giewont section corresponds well to that of the Mały Giewont (Text-fig. 6), starting with heterogenous wackestones and packstones (MF III; G1–G23 samples,

0–18.2 m), subsequent cyanoid packstones (MF IV; G24–G28.13, 18.85–32.95 m) and lithoclastic packstone and encrinites on top (MF V and MF VI; G29–G49, 32.95–40 m). This allowed an initial (however precise; see Interpretation chapter) correlation between the studied sections, putting the base of the

Giewont section at or near the 36 m level of the Mały Giewont section (Text-fig. 6).

A new feature in the Giewont section, not observed in the Mały Giewont, is a thin interval of lithoclastic packstone (MF V; samples G29–G29.4, 32.95–34.20 m; Text-figs 5–7). It is characterized by abundant peloids, cortoids (with crinoidal elements as nuclei as usual) and burrows. Noteworthy, the contact between MF IV and MF V is marked by an erosion surface, covered by a thin (?)hardground crust (Text-fig. 7). Lithoclasts of MF V are variable in size, sub-rounded to rounded-edged and falling in the sand fraction (0.125–2 mm in diameter; Text-fig. 5G), however larger clasts also occur (see Text-fig. 7C). They have wackestone characteristics, with a dark-gray to dark-brown matrix (Text-fig. 5G and 7C) and indeterminable bioclasts (Text-fig. 5G). Above, lithoclastic packstone encrinites of MF VI occur (samples G30–G49; 34.8–40 m); they are rich in peloids, cortoids and bioclasts, and are characterized by predominantly homogenous texture (see Text-figs 5–6). Although contact between MF V and MF VI is not observed in thin sections, field ob-

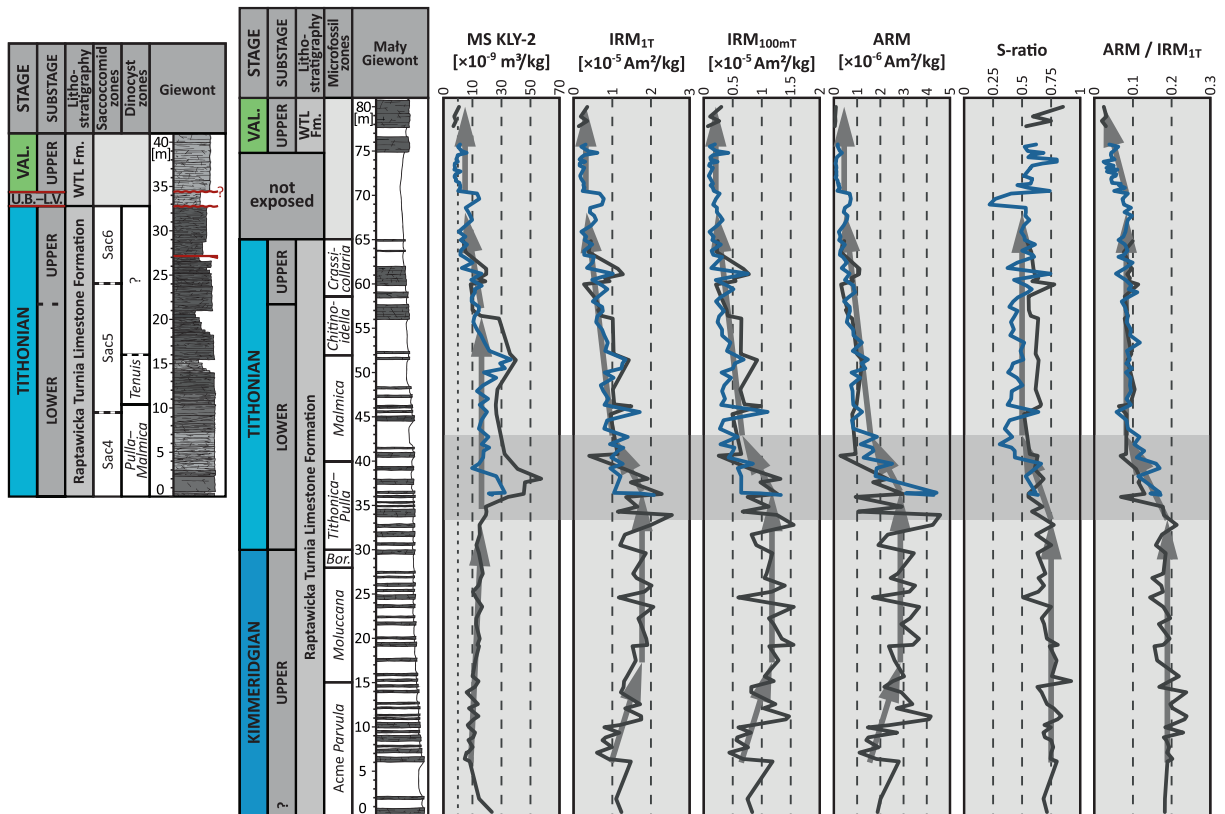
servations suggests the discordant character of this boundary. Occurrence of a fault is rather excluded as no near-fault structures – such as tectonic breccia, mineralization or slickensides – were observed, whilst slight differentiation in dip may be noticed (see Appendix 1, photograph 43). Finally, four samples were collected from the following 10 m thick interval (40–50 m; not shown on text-figures); these also represent microfacies MF VI.

Rock magnetism

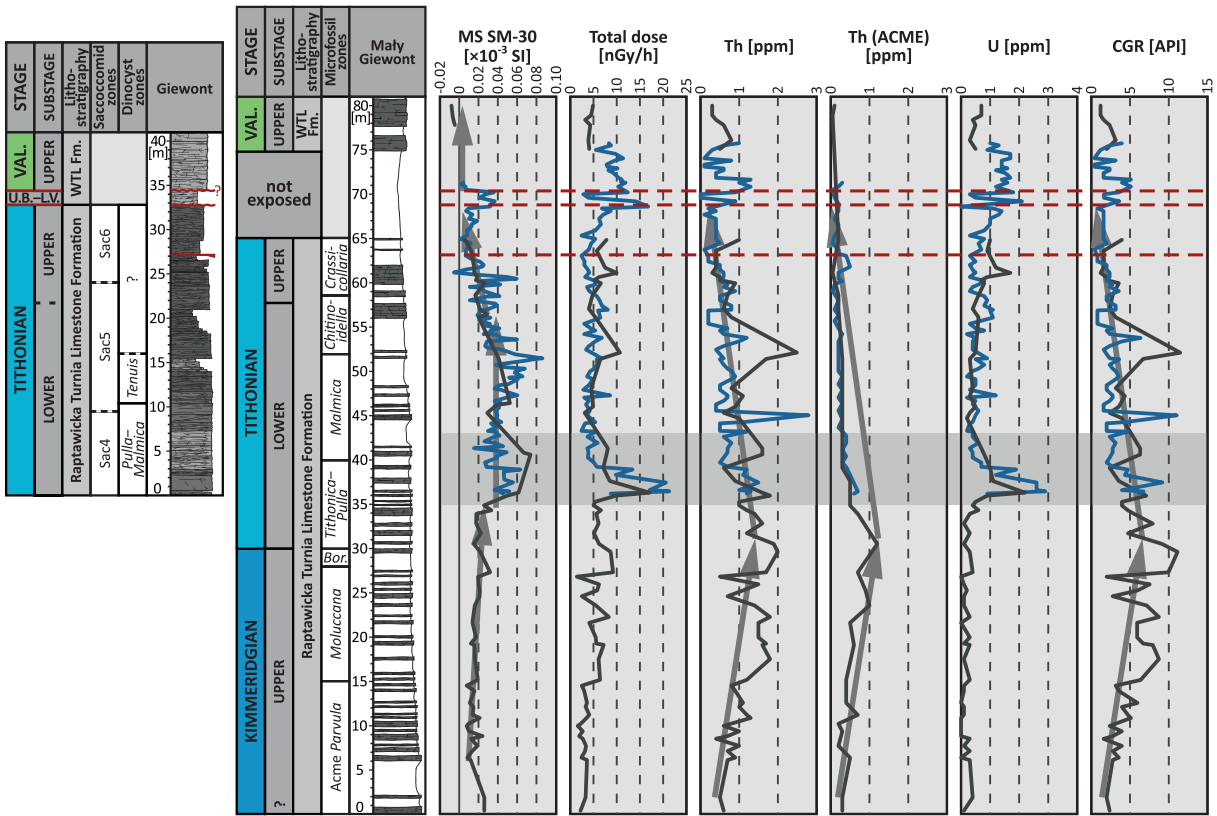
Mały Giewont

The magnetic susceptibility log obtained from the Mały Giewont section (Text-figs 8–9) may be divided in three intervals with clearly different trends: 1) the upper Kimmeridgian, characterized by slightly increasing MS ($5\text{--}20 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^3/\text{kg}$); 2) the lower Tithonian, elevated MS values ($15\text{--}60 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^3/\text{kg}$); and 3) the uppermost lower Tithonian–lower Cretaceous, which manifests decreasing MS ($-5\text{--}10 \times 10^{-9} \text{m}^3/\text{kg}$).

Both $\text{IRM}_{1\text{T}}$, $\text{IRM}_{100\text{mT}}$ and ARM (Text-fig. 8)



Text-fig. 8. Magnetic susceptibility, $\text{IRM}_{1\text{T}}$ and $\text{IRM}_{100\text{mT}}$, ARM, S-ratio and $\text{ARM} / \text{IRM}_{1\text{T}}$ logs from the Giewont Unit of the High-Tatric succession. $\text{IRM}_{100\text{mT}}$ is presented in absolute values. Gray arrows indicate trends; gray belt indicates an interval of rock magnetic perturbations. Gray lines – Mały Giewont section logs; blue lines – Giewont section logs. Dashed red lines indicate levels of possible discontinuities. Abbreviations: U.B.–L.V. – upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian; Val. – Valanginian; WTL Fm. – Wysoka Turnia Limestone Formation; Bor. – Borzai.



Text-fig. 9. The results of portable MS and gamma-ray spectrometry measurements performed in the upper Kimmeridgian–Valanginian of the Giewont Unit. For comparison laboratory Th concentrations (ACME) are shown. MS, Th and AI trends are indicated by arrows. Explanations and abbreviations as on Text-fig. 8. Note that interval of rock magnetic perturbations (gray belt) correlates with maximum content of U and GRS total dose.

manifest coherent trends through the entire upper Kimmeridgian–Lower Cretaceous. They are characterized by initially slightly increasing and subsequently relatively stable values, with maximum in the *Tithonica–Pulla* Zone of the lower Tithonian. They decrease sharply above, towards the *Malmica* calcareous dinocyst Zone; decreasing, however more gentle trends continue upwards, up to the top of the succession studied.

S-ratio and ARM/IRM_{IT} logs depict relatively high and stable values through the upper Kimmeridgian–lowermost Tithonian (ca. 0.75 and 0.2 respectively; Text-fig. 8). Both ratios depict decreasing trends starting in the *Tithonica–Pulla* calcareous dinocyst Zone, however in case of the S-ratio the drop is only slightly pronounced. Following beds, up to the top of the Tithonian, manifest stable S-ratio (ca. 0.65) and ARM/IRM_{IT} values (ca. 0.1). The topmost beds of the Mały Giewont section show variable and relatively high S-ratio (0.5–0.8) and lowered ARM/IRM_{IT} (ca. 0.025).

Giewont

Rock magnetic logs obtained during investigations of the Giewont sections agree well along with those of the Mały Giewont (Text-fig. 8). The most important differences are that: 1) the lower Tithonian interval of elevated MS is characterized by lower laboratory-measured values than in the Mały Giewont section (compare MS on Text-figs 8 and 9); and 2) the *Tithonica–Pulla* drop in the S-ratio is more distinct in the Giewont section; similarly, the following beds manifest lower values of the ratio (ca. 0.5). Noteworthy, the collected rock magnetic data fully support the microfacies-based correlation of the studied sections (compare Text-fig. 6 and Text-figs 8–9).

In addition, the Giewont section provides a rock magnetic record of the Jurassic/Cretaceous boundary interval, which is not exposed on the slopes of the Mały Giewont. The topmost Tithonian beds manifest continuation of the previous trends, both in the MS, IRM, ARM, S-ratio and ARM/IRM_{IT} logs

(Text-fig. 8). The basal Cretaceous of the Giewont section (G29–G29.4 samples; 32.95–34.20 m) is characterized by slightly elevated MS (Text-figs 8–9) and IRM_{IT} , as well as a significant drop in the S-ratio (Text-fig. 8), which might support the occurrence of the hiatus between samples G28.13 and G29 (as induced from microfacies analysis; MF IV/MF V boundary). Above (samples G30-upwards) a noticeable drop is observed in both MS (Text-figs 8–9) and IRM_{IT} , ARM reaches its lowest values, whilst IRM_{100mT} becomes highly variable (Text-fig. 8). This results in a relatively high but variable S-ratio, as well as decreasing ARM/ IRM_{IT} ; besides, these perturbations may serve as a support for another hiatus between samples G29.4 and G30 (MF V/MF VI boundary; see the Microfacies chapter above).

Gamma-ray spectrometry and geochemistry of elements

The total dose of the gamma-ray radiation in the Mały Giewont section increases through the upper Kimmeridgian, depicting a significant peak already within the lowermost Tithonian beds (*Tithonica–Pulla* calcareous dinocyst Zone; Text-fig. 9). Above it decreases and remains relatively stable from the *Malmica* calcareous dinocyst Zone up to the top of the studied section. One may notice that in the upper Kimmeridgian–lowermost Tithonian (up to 35 m) the total dose apparently correlates with the CGR ($r_{CGR} = 0.90$), which might indicate that in this interval GRS predominantly reflects the contribution of the detrital fraction. In turn above (35–80 m) the total dose is much more prone to the U content ($r_U = 0.87$ vs. $r_{CGR} = 0.47$), which suggests decreasing lithogenic influx and relative increase of U content.

The GRS measured Th content (Text-fig. 9) increases through the upper Kimmeridgian reaching a broad maximum within the Kimmeridgian/Tithonian boundary interval. Besides one second-order peak, the Tithonian is characterized by the consecutively decreasing contribution of Th. Noteworthy, these observations are coherent with laboratory ICP-MS Th concentrations (Text-fig. 9). The same trend is observed in the CGR curve, which approximates terrigenous input utilizing both Th and K data.

The upper Kimmeridgian is characterized by very low U concentrations (Text-fig. 9). A major peak is observed within the lowermost Tithonian beds; above it decreases, however remaining higher than in the Kimmeridgian. The uranium content increases again within the upper Tithonian and decreases only in the topmost part of the succession studied.

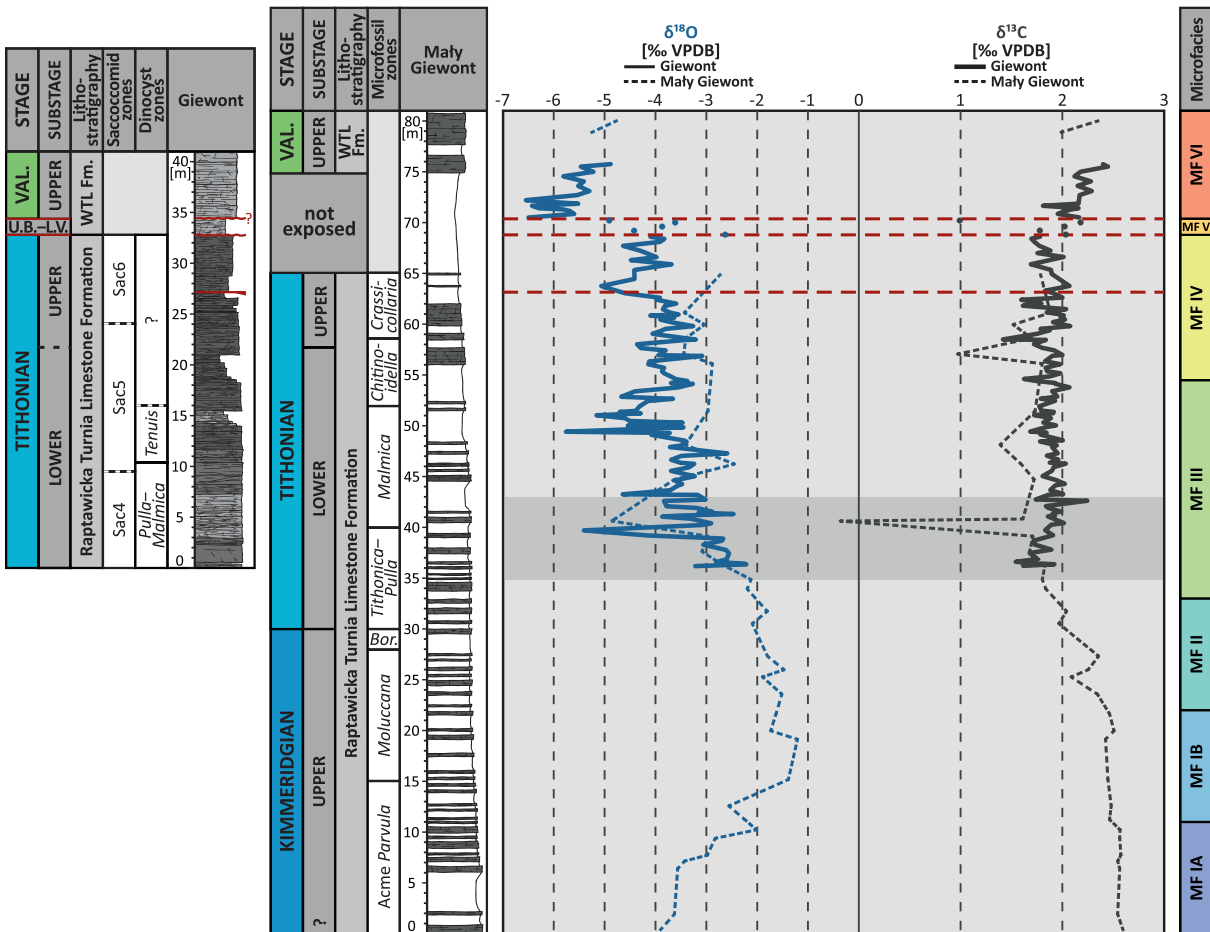
Similarly as in the case of rock magnetic data, GRS logs from the Giewont section correspond well to those of the Mały Giewont (Text-fig. 9); the most prominent is flawless correlation between the lowermost Tithonian total dose and U peaks. This additionally supports the adopted correlation of the studied sections. Furthermore, within the uppermost Tithonian–lowermost Cretaceous beds (G28.3–G47 samples), the total dose of radiation, U and CGR manifest elevated values.

Stable carbon and oxygen isotopes

Stable carbon and oxygen isotope curves from the Mały Giewont section have been already published by Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016). They correlate well with the more detailed logs from the Giewont section (this study) (Text-fig. 10); single outstanding negative peaks are thought to result from diagenetic overprint.

The upper Kimmeridgian is characterized by relatively high (ca. 2.5‰ VPDB) and stable $\delta^{13}C$ values (Text-fig. 10). Near the Kimmeridgian/Tithonian boundary $\delta^{13}C$ decreases by approximately 0.5–0.6‰ and remains at ca. 1.8–1.9‰ VPDB through the entire lower–upper Tithonian. No clear trend is observed within the MF V lithoclastic packstone interval (samples G29–G29.4). Although four samples depict values similar to those of the upper Tithonian beds, sample G29.4 manifests a significantly lighter carbon isotope signature (0.99‰ VPDB). From above the sample G30, $\delta^{13}C$ manifests an increasing trend, reaching values as high as 2.45‰ in sample G48; similarly, the topmost part of the Mały Giewont section is also characterized by elevated $\delta^{13}C$ (2.35‰ in sample MG120).

The stable oxygen isotopes curve (Text-fig. 10) increases from ca. -4‰ VPDB at the base of the Mały Giewont section to ca. -2.5‰ VPDB within the upper Kimmeridgian *Moluccana* calcareous dinocyst Zone. From below the Kimmeridgian/Tithonian boundary upwards a generally decreasing $\delta^{18}O$ trend is observed, reaching ca. -4‰ VPDB in the topmost Tithonian beds. Nevertheless, local fluctuations and minima are observed within the *Tithonica–Pulla*, *Malmica* and *Crassicollaria* zones, reaching as low as -5‰ VPDB. Values near -4‰ VPDB characterize also the basal Cretaceous beds, however a significant drop (to ca. -6‰ VPDB) is observed above, between samples G29.4 and G30. This phenomenon is thought to evidence the discordant character of the boundary between the MF V (lithoclastic packstone) and MF VI (encrinites). The following beds (MF VI) account for an increasing trend, up to ca. -5‰ VPDB.



Text-fig. 10. Stable oxygen and carbon isotopes in the Upper Jurassic–lowermost Cretaceous of the Giewont Unit. Note different scales for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ curves. Microfacies types log (composite) is put for context. Abbreviations as on Text-fig. 8. Note that interval of rock magnetic perturbations (gray belt) correlates with change in trends of both isotopic curves.

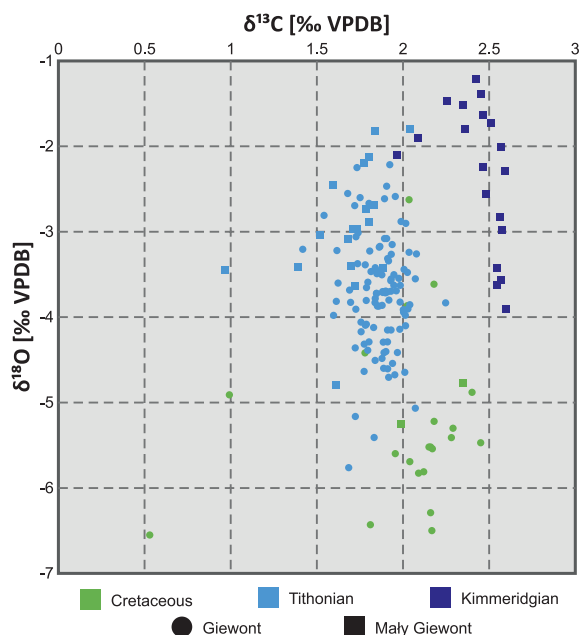
Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) considered the possibility of a diagenetic alteration of the isotope record (e.g. Colombie *et al.* 2011), relying on an apparently positive correlation between carbon and oxygen isotopes within the upper Kimmeridgian–Tithonian of the Mały Giewont section. However, when both the Mały Giewont and Giewont section isotope data are plotted, it appears that the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures do not correlate (Text-fig. 11), which is confirmed by the Pearson correlation coefficient ($r = 0.17$; for Giewont section alone $r = -0.1$). Therefore, we can safely assume that at least primary $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ trends are preserved. The burial diagenesis (e.g. Moore 2001) most likely affected oxygen isotopic ratios, as they manifest significantly lower values than other Western Tethyan successions (either bulk or belemnite; e.g. compare Text-fig. 10 with fig. 26.1 in Hesselbo *et al.* 2020). Although the paleoenvironmental significance of

stable carbon and oxygen isotopes is not yet clear and is not discussed in this paper, it is worth noting an apparent correlation between the uppermost Kimmeridgian–lowermost Tithonian change in their trends and an interval of rock magnetic perturbations, elevated GRS parameters and U peak (compare Text-figs 8–10).

INTERPRETATION

Correlation between the Giewont and Mały Giewont sections

Based on microfacies observations, the base of the Giewont section was initially correlated with meter 36 of the Mały Giewont section (Text-fig. 6). Here we summarize rock magnetic and GRS observations



Text-fig. 11. Cross-plot of stable carbon and oxygen isotopes values in the Giewont (this study) and Mały Giewont (Pszczołkowski *et al.* 2016) sections.

(Text-figs 8–9), which provide evidence for the correctness of this interpretation.

The basal part of the Giewont section is characterized by elevated MS (Text-figs 8–9) as well as decreasing trends in IRM (both 1 T and 100 mT), ARM, S-ratio and ARM/IRM_{1T} logs (Text-fig. 8). Corresponding characteristics of these rock magnetic proxies are found near meter 36 of the Mały Giewont section. Similarly, near-zero MS and very low IRM and ARM values are observed in the topmost intervals of both sections.

Besides rock magnetic perturbations, the basal part of the Giewont section depicts significant peaks in GRS total dose and U concentration; a similar phenomenon is observed at 36–37 m (*Tithonica–Pulla* calcareous dinocyst Zone) of the Mały Giewont section (Text-fig. 9). Noteworthy, also Th (both GRS and ICP-MS) and CGR reach their highest values within the *Tithonica–Pulla* Zone, which is coherent with observations from the Giewont section (Text-fig. 9).

Biostratigraphy of the Giewont section

The biostratigraphic data collected during this study allows for only a rough dating of the Giewont section. Therefore, the stratigraphic scheme of the Giewont succession presented in this paper was de-

veloped based on an integrated stratigraphy approach, including biostratigraphy, chemostratigraphy and MS stratigraphy, as well as detailed correlation with the Mały Giewont section (Pszczołkowski *et al.* 2016).

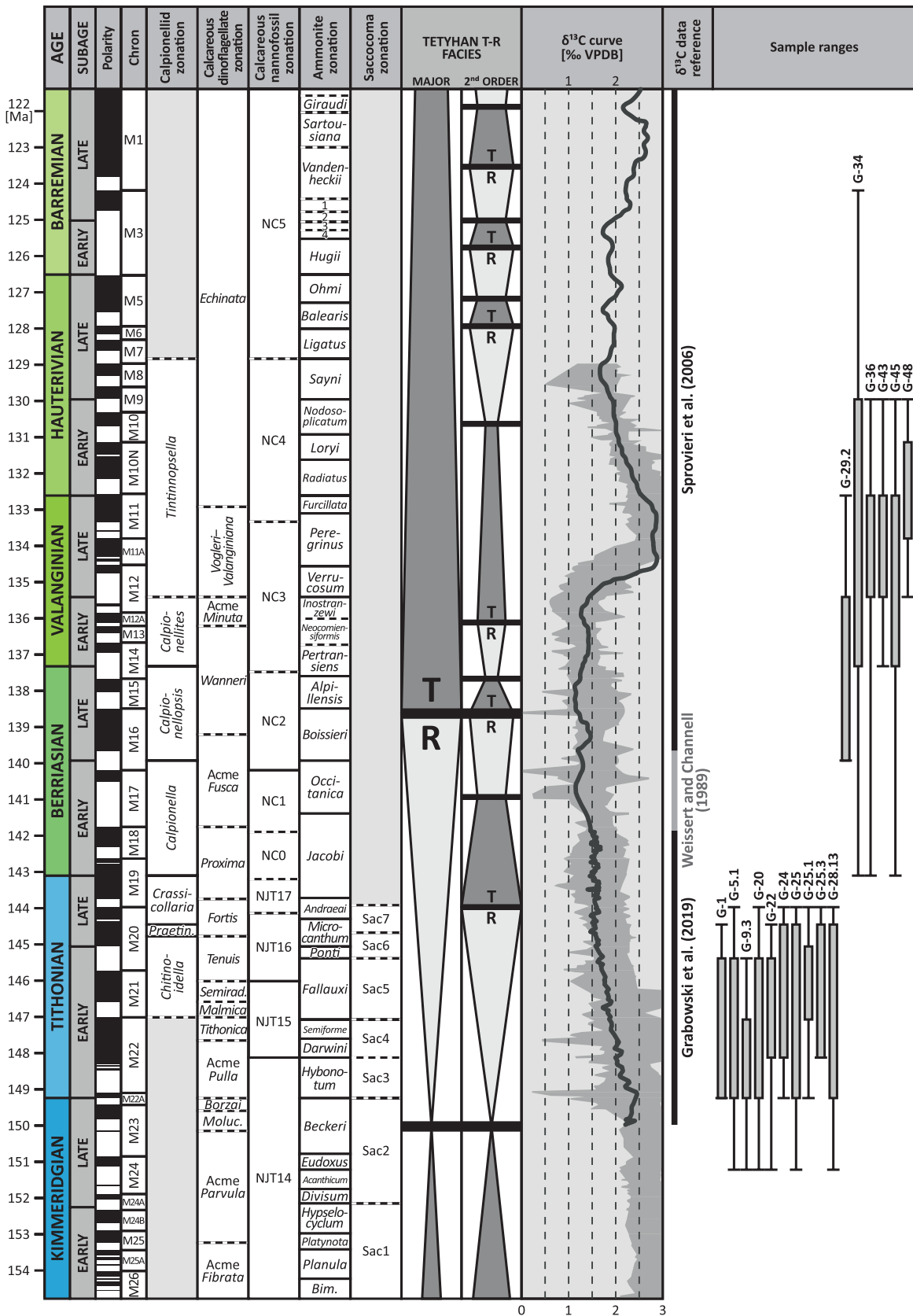
The calcareous dinoflagellates assemblage of the Giewont section allowed for determination of only two biozones, namely the lower Tithonian *Pulla–Malmica* Zone and the lower–lower upper Tithonian *Tenuis* Zone. These ages are supported by the correlation with the Sac4–Sac6 Saccocomidae zones of Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a, b) (Text-fig. 3).

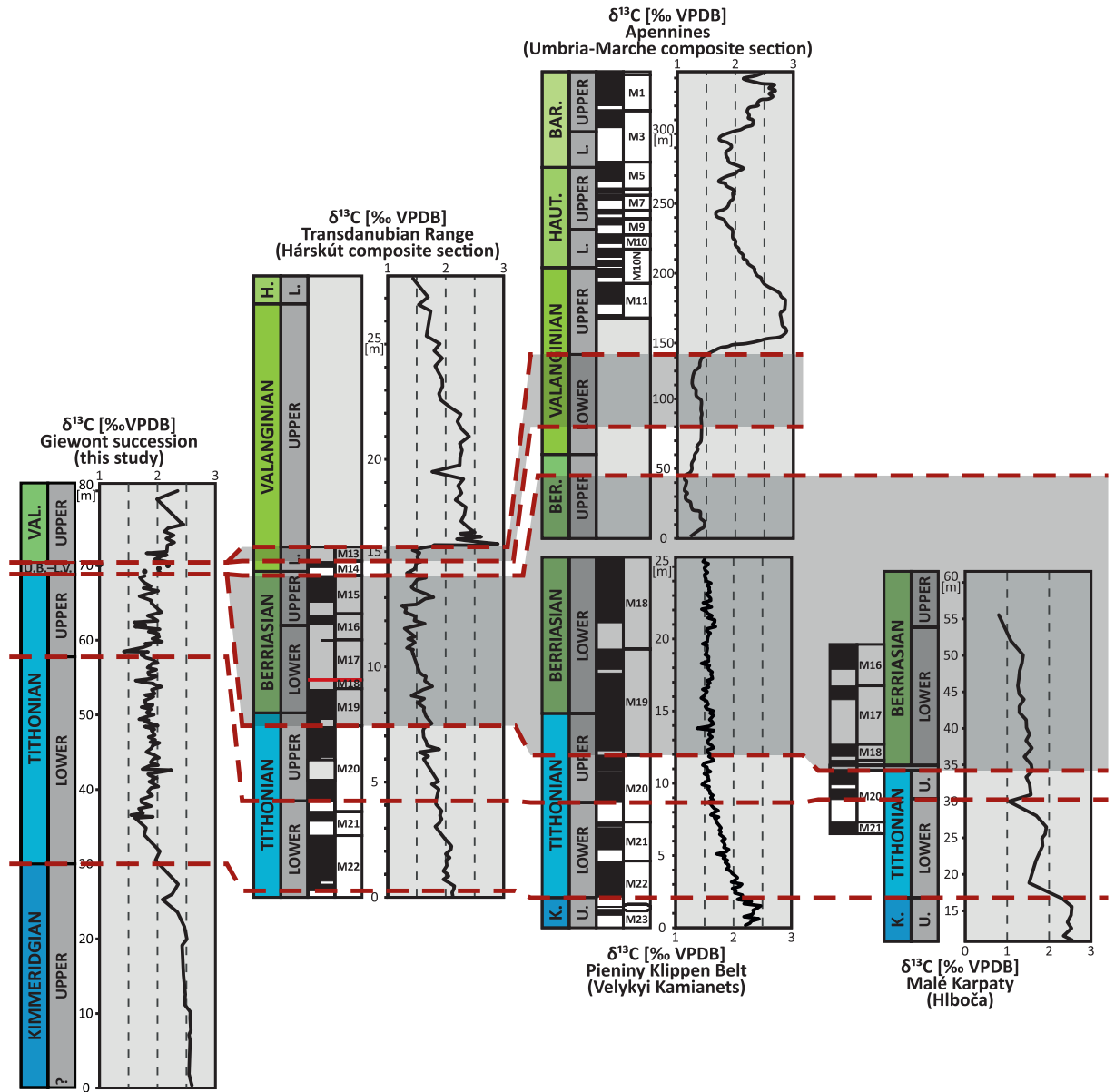
Stratigraphically significant data for the upper part of the Giewont section (G29–G49 samples interval) is provided by foraminiferal assemblages (Text-fig. 3). *Conoglobigerina cf. gulekhensis* from sample G29.2 indicates its late Berriasian–early Valanginian age (cf. Omaña *et al.* 2017; Gradstein *et al.* 2020). In turn, a specimen of the early Valanginian–Aptian (Coccioni *et al.* 2007; Barchetta 2015) *Praehedbergella cf. sigali* was observed in sample G29.4. Noteworthy, both taxa come from the matrix of lithoclastic packstone (MF V; Pl. 2), hence were most probably not redeposited.

The most common species within G30–G49 samples are *Praedorothia praeauteriviana* and *Protomarssonella kummi*, indicating the Valanginian–early Hauterivian (Desai and Banner 1987; Kaminski *et al.* 1992; Olszewska *et al.* 2012) and the Berriasian–Hauterivian (?Barremian) (Gradstein *et al.* 1999; Olszewska *et al.* 2008; Borowska 2015) age of the interval, respectively. Finally, *Uvigerinammina cf. uvigeriniformis* recognized in sample G45 was reported to have become extinct during the Valanginian (Krajewski and Olszewska 2007; Olszewska *et al.* 2008; Borowska 2015). Also, the occurrence of the small gastropod *Pseudonerinea cf. vaceki* (sample G48), according to Kollmann (2002), suggests the late Valanginian–early Hauterivian age of the sample. The approximated stratigraphic position of selected (= biostratigraphically significant) samples are visualized in Text-fig. 12.

δ¹³C stratigraphy

A decreasing upper Kimmeridgian–Tithonian carbonate carbon isotopes trend has been already correlated with Hilboča (Malé Karpaty; Grabowski *et al.* 2010), Brodno (Pieniny Klippen Belt; Michalík *et al.* 2009) and Długa Valley (Fatric succession of the Western Tatra Mts, Jach *et al.* 2014a) sections by Pszczołkowski *et al.* (2016). Here we provide additional correlations with the Hárskút (Transdanubian Range; Fözy *et al.* 2010; Lodowski *et al.* 2021) and Velykyi Kamianets (Pieniny Klippen Belt; Gra-





Text-fig. 13. Correlation of the stable carbon isotope curves between the Giewont Unit and selected western Tethyan successions: Transdanubian Range (Fözy *et al.* 2010 and Lodowski *et al.* 2021), Pieniny Klippen Belt (Grabowski *et al.* 2019), Apennines (Sprovieri *et al.* 2006) and Malé Karpaty (Grabowski *et al.* 2010). Gray areas represent stratigraphic ranges of hiatuses within the Giewont succession, as interpreted in this study. Abbreviations: BAR. – Barremian; BER. – Berriasian; H., HAUT. – Hauterivian; K. – Kimmeridgian; Val. – Valanginian; U.B–L.V. – upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian; L. – Lower; U. – Upper.

← Text-fig. 12. Stratigraphic framework of selected stratigraphically important Giewont section samples. Magnetostratigraphy and timescale after Ogg (2020). Calpionellid zonation as presented in Lodowski *et al.* (2021), supplemented by the data from Reháková and Michalík (1997) for the upper Valanginian–Barremian. Calcareous dinoflagellate zonation after Reháková (2000) supplemented by Jach *et al.* (2014a) and Grabowski *et al.* (2019). Tethyan calcareous nannofossil zonation combined after Erba and Tremolada (2004); Channell *et al.* (2010); Casellato and Erba (2021). Tethyan ammonite zones combined after Zeiss (2003), Reboulet *et al.* (2018) and Hesselbo *et al.* (2020). Saccocomid zonation after Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a). Major and 2nd order eustatic cycles with respect to Hardenbol *et al.* (1998) and Haq (2014, 2018). Stable carbon isotopes (bulk) combined of Weissert and Channell (1989), Sprovieri *et al.* (2006) and Grabowski *et al.* (2019); gray field represents global $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ stack as presented in Price *et al.* (2016). An offset of -0.5‰ has been applied to the oxygen curve of Grabowski *et al.* (2019). Abbreviations: Praectin. – Praetintinnopsella; Bim. – Bimammatum; Moluc. – Moluccana. Explanations: 1 – Moutonianum; 2 – Compressissima; 3 – Pulchella, 4 – Nicklesi.

bowski *et al.* 2019) sections, which agree well with the Pszczółkowski *et al.* (op cit.) interpretation (Text-fig. 13).

Characteristic for the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ curve of the Giewont succession is an increasing trend observed in its uppermost part (for ca. 0.7‰ magnitude, from 1.78‰ VPDB in the uppermost Tithonian sample G28.13 to 2.45‰ VPDB in sample G48; Text-fig. 10). Such heavy carbon isotope signatures are not observed in the Berriasian–lower Valanginian of the Western Tethys (Text-fig. 12). When compared either to the reference Tithonian–Barremian log of Föllmi (2012; combined from Weissert and Channell 1989 and Sprovieri *et al.* 2006), or the stack curve of Price *et al.* (2016), such an increase can be related only to: 1) the upper Valanginian Weissert event; or 2) the Barremian increasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signature (see Text-fig. 12). Discovery of hiatuses in sample G29 and between samples G29.4 and G30 (Text-fig. 7) could support either interpretation; nonetheless, due to the fact that: 1) the approximated stratigraphic position of samples G29–G49 cluster within Valanginian–early Hauterivian ages (see Text-fig. 12); and 2) the rocks overlying the hardground do not meet the characteristics of the High-Tatric Urganian (Barremian–Aptian; see the Discussion chapter), herein the former solution is adopted.

In principle, the Weissert event is characterized by a ca. 1.5‰ increase of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, to values close to 3‰ VPDB (Text-figs 12–13). Consequently, the topmost interval of the Giewont succession (encrinites of MF VI; samples G30-upwards) might be correlated with an onset of the positive carbon isotope excursion, that is the beginning of significantly increasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ trend near the lower/upper Valanginian boundary, as observed in the Transdanubian Range (Fözy *et al.* 2010; Lodowski *et al.* 2021) and Apennines (Sprovieri *et al.* 2006) (Text-fig. 13). To state unequivocally whether the Giewont section records the Weissert carbon isotope event a high-resolution sampling of the interval following the top of the section studied is required.

A separate issue is the unclear age of the MF V lithoclastic packstone (G29–G29.4 samples). As evidenced by the microfacies succession (MF IV/MF V and MF V/MF VI boundaries; Text-figs 5–7), rock magnetic (Text-fig. 8), GRS (Text-fig. 9) and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ logs (Text-fig. 10) from the top and the bottom it is bounded by disconformities. In addition, the foraminiferal assemblage of the interval suggests its late Berriasian–early Valanginian age or not much later (see chapter above and Text-figs 3 and 12). However, most of datapoints manifest $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of ca. 2‰ VPDB, hence much heavier than the signatures expected for the upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian

(ca. 1‰ VPDB; compare Text-fig. 10 with Text-figs 12–13); only in sample G29.4 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ falls to 0.99‰ VPDB. Nonetheless, taking into account the lithologic appearance of the interval (lithoclastic packstone) we can't exclude that the isotopic composition of the sampled material is (at least partly) affected by older lithoclasts (upper Tithonian–?lower Berriasian); as may be seen on Text-fig. 5 their size and distribution likely prevented successful sampling of matrix material alone. In conclusion, an exact age of the G29–G30 interval must be regarded as an approximation.

DISCUSSION

Remarks on the stratigraphy of the Mały Giewont section

Although a detailed biostratigraphic study of the Mały Giewont section was presented by Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) some corrections to their interpretation have to be applied. In their paper they assumed that the Acme *Parvula* dinoflagellate Zone was early Kimmeridgian in age. Nonetheless, more up-to-date research from Velykyi Kamianets (Grabowski *et al.* 2019) has proved the upper Kimmeridgian occurrence of this biozone (?its upper part), as high as within the M23r magnetozone. However, the top of the Acme *Parvula* Zone was earlier correlated with the upper boundary of the early Kimmeridgian *Divisum* ammonite Zone (Fig. 5 in Reháková *et al.* 2011; compare with Hesselbo *et al.* 2020). These (somewhat ambiguous) data from the Velykyi Kamianets section may indicate that in the Mały Giewont section (Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016) the ammonites studied by Passendorfer (1928; cf. *Divisum* and/or *Acanthicum* ammonite zones, see Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016) represent the lower/upper Kimmeridgian boundary interval, or even are of the earliest late Kimmeridgian age (M24A–M24 according Hesselbo *et al.* 2020), as adopted in this study.

Also the age of the topmost part of the Mały Giewont section (encrinites of MG117–MG120 samples) has to be revised. Based on its stratigraphic position and the lithostratigraphic scheme of Lefeld *et al.* (1985) Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) considered it to be Urganian (Barremian–Aptian). However, according Lefeld *et al.* (op cit.) and Masse and Uchman (1997) the High-Tatric Urganian is characterized by an abundance of fossils, including reef corals, orbitolinids, brachiopods and bivalves, which essentially occur neither within the lowermost Cretaceous beds of the Mały Giewont nor the Giewont section. Consequently, as the topmost interval of the Giewont

section is interpreted here as the upper Valanginian, this age is also assigned to the top of the Mały Giewont section (e.g. Text-fig. 6).

Stratigraphy of the Giewont Unit

Lefeld *et al.* (1985) included the Berriasian and Valanginian into the Raptawicka Turnia Limestone Fm. The presence of the Berriasian was established based on the occurrence of *Crassicollaria intermedia*, *Calpionellites darderi* and *Calpionella* sp., whilst the Valanginian was documented by *Tintinnopsella* (*Remaniella*) cf. *cadischiana* and *T. carpathica* (Lefeld 1968). Noteworthy, these forms were reported from within the pseudo-oolite limestones of the Mały Giewont, which is contrary to the results of this and Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) studies. Moreover, *Cr. intermedia* and *C. darderi* are not known to co-occur (compare e.g. Grabowski *et al.* 2016 with Grabowski *et al.* 2019 and Lodowski *et al.* 2021), what implies either the wrong taxonomic designation of either of the species or redeposition.

Besides, within the Giewont succession *Saccocoma* skeletal elements are observed through the entire upper Kimmeridgian–upper Tithonian, yet become less frequent already in the upper Tithonian microfacies MF IV and do not occur within the upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian lithoclastic packstone (MF V). This is against the statement of Lefeld and Radwański (1960) who reported *Saccocoma* skeletal elements from as high as the Berriasian–Valanginian (?Hauterivian) limestones. This discrepancy is thought to result from the erroneous stratigraphic calibration adopted by the authors (following Lefeld 1959), namely assigning the gray pseudo-oolitic limestones to the Berriasian (here the upper Tithonian). Moreover, Lefeld and Radwański (op. cit) reported saccocomids from within biodetrital limestones (= encrinites) of the Hauterivian (upper Valanginian herein), what is not confirmed by our observations.

In view of the above considerations we have to assume that some of the taxonomic designations adopted by Lefeld (1968) and Lefeld *et al.* (1985; see also Kotański 1959 and Kotański and Radwański 1960) require revision. In the light of the data presented herein there is no evidence for stratigraphic continuity at the contact of the upper Jurassic and the lower Cretaceous deposits of the Giewont Unit.

Lithostratigraphy of the High-Tatric succession

Based on the data collected during this study the top of the middle member of the RTL Fm. (= gray

micrites and the following interval of pseudonodular limestone; MF I and MF II) falls in the lowermost Tithonian *Tithonica–Pulla* dinoflagellate Zone, whilst the upper member (near black cyanoid limestones) is cut by the upper Tithonian–Berriasian disconformity (MF IV/MF V boundary). Interestingly, the basal Cretaceous beds of the Giewont section (upper Berriasian–upper Valanginian) do not resemble either the middle or the upper members of the RTL Fm. nor the Urganian-type WTL Fm. *sensu* Lefeld *et al.* (1985), yet they meet the definition of the Hauterivian *sensu* Lefeld (1968). This also applies to the topmost interval of the Mały Giewont section.

Consequently, we propose following modifications to the lithostratigraphic scheme of Lefeld *et al.* (1985; Text-fig. 14), to be applied at least to the Giewont Unit and Osobita Massif areas: 1) the top of the middle member of the RTL Fm. falls in the lowermost Tithonian and may be defined as the boundary between the pseudonodular limestone (MF II) and heterogenous limestones with cyanoids and peloids (MF III); 2) the upper boundary of the RTL Fm. (thus the top of the upper member) falls in the upper Tithonian and is cut by the disconformity; 3) in the Osobita massif the RTL Fm. continues as the upper Tithonian–lower Berriasian Sobótka Member (Madzin *et al.* 2014); 4) a new Giewont Member shall be defined and included into the WTL Fm., in concordance with the following definition:

Giewont Member (new member)

Name: After the type section, located in the northern wall of the Mt. Giewont (Western Tatra Mts).

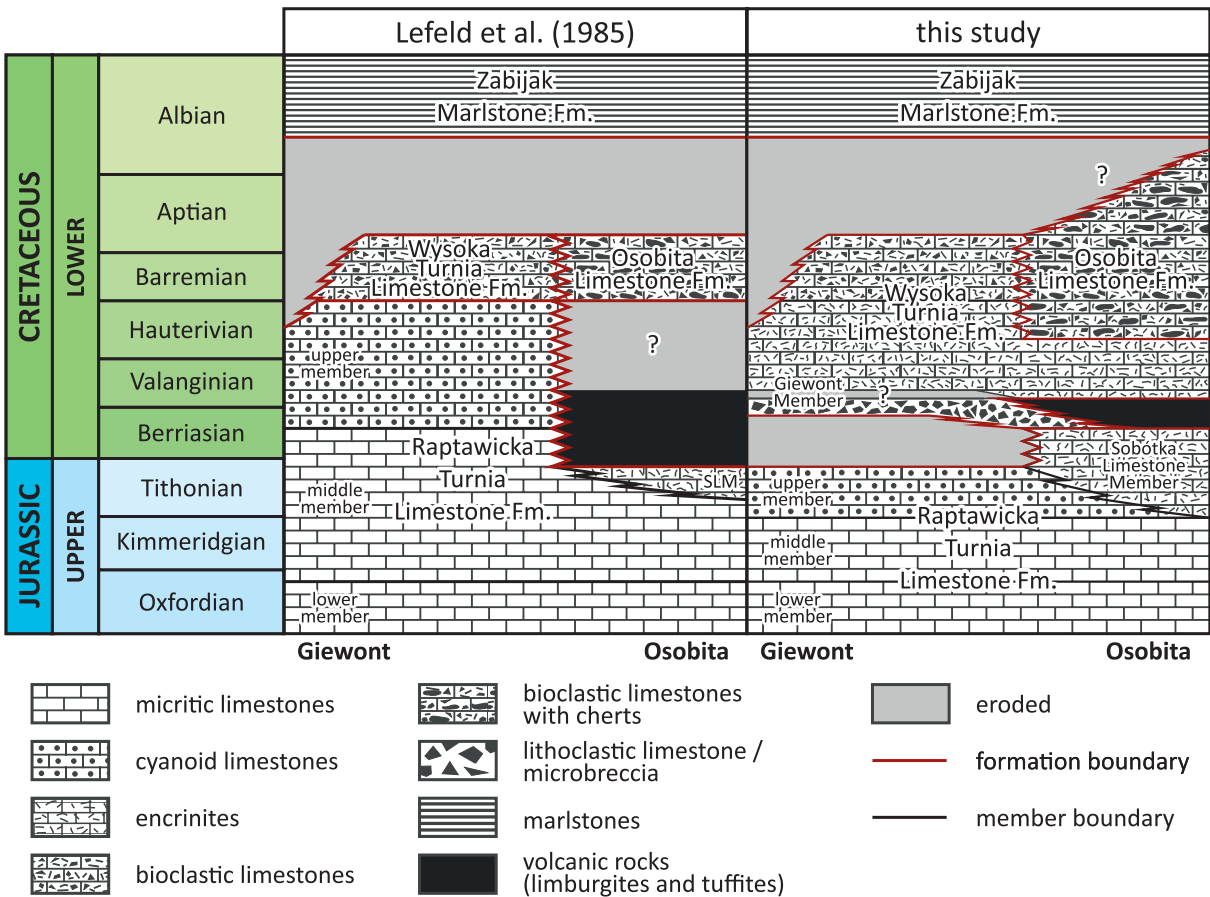
History: The rocks distinguished here as the Giewont Member were assigned by Kotański (1959) to the Urganian (Barremian–Aptian) and so they were mapped in subsequent cartographic studies. Lefeld (1968) established their age as the Hauterivian, however they were not discussed in the lithostratigraphic scheme of Lefeld (1985); more recently they were assigned to the Barremian–Aptian of the Wysoka Turnia Limestone Fm. (e.g. Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016).

Type section: Lowermost part of the Kirkor's Gully.

Thickness: At least 17 m at the type locality.

Dominant lithology: Light gray encrinites with peloids. Basal beds comprise a lithoclastic packstone (ca. 1.5 m in thickness).

Boundaries: Lower – sharp, at the hardground on top of the Raptawicka Turnia Limestone Fm; a stratigraphically continuous passage from the Sobótka Member encrinites to the lower beds of the Giewont Member may occur in the Osobita Massif, yet this



Text-fig. 14. Generalized Upper Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous lithostratigraphic scheme of the High-Tatric series in the para-autochthonous Giewont Unit and the Osobita Massif. Revised scheme (right) is composed of this study and Madzin *et al.* (2014) data. Abbreviations: SLM – Sobótka Limestone Member. Uncertain stratigraphic range of the hiatus between the lower and upper beds of the Giewont Member is marked by a question mark.

is not entirely clear here (see Fig. 3 in Madzin *et al.* 2014). Upper – not defined; according to Lefeld (1968) (?)Hauterivian encrinites gradually pass into the Urgonian facies.

Geological age: Late Berriasian–Hauterivian.

Distribution: Lower parts of the Kirkor's Gully, northern slopes of the Mały Giewont Mt., Osobita Massif area; also Kościeliska and Spis-Michałowa valleys according to Lefeld (1968).

Subdivision: Basal beds (upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian) – gray to light gray lithoclastic packstone with cortoids, peloids and burrows. Upper beds (upper Valanginian–Hauterivian) – light gray encrinites with peloids. In the Giewont section a discontinuity was documented between the basal and the upper beds (Text-fig. 7).

Equivalents: Basal beds: upper Berriasian microbreccia of the Osobita Massif (Madzin *et al.* 2014;

assigned there to the RTL Fm.); ?Berriasian–lower Valanginian of the Niedźwiedz crag (Borowska 2015). The stratigraphic position of the basal beds roughly corresponds to the volcanic rocks (limburgites) of the Osobita Massif.

Upper beds: light gray Urgonian limestones of the Kirkor's Gully section of Kotański (1959), probably their lower part; Hauterivian of the Raptawicka Turnia Limestone Fm. of Lefeld (1985); encrinites of the lowermost part of the Osobita Limestone Fm. (Staniszewska and Ciborowski 2000; Madzin *et al.* 2014); ?Valanginian of the Niedźwiedz crag (Borowska 2015).

Although Madzin *et al.* (2014) included the upper Berriasian microbreccia of the Osobita Massif (see also Staniszewska and Ciborowski 2000) into the RTL Fm., here we suggest its assignation to the basal beds of the Giewont Member (WTL Fm.; Text-

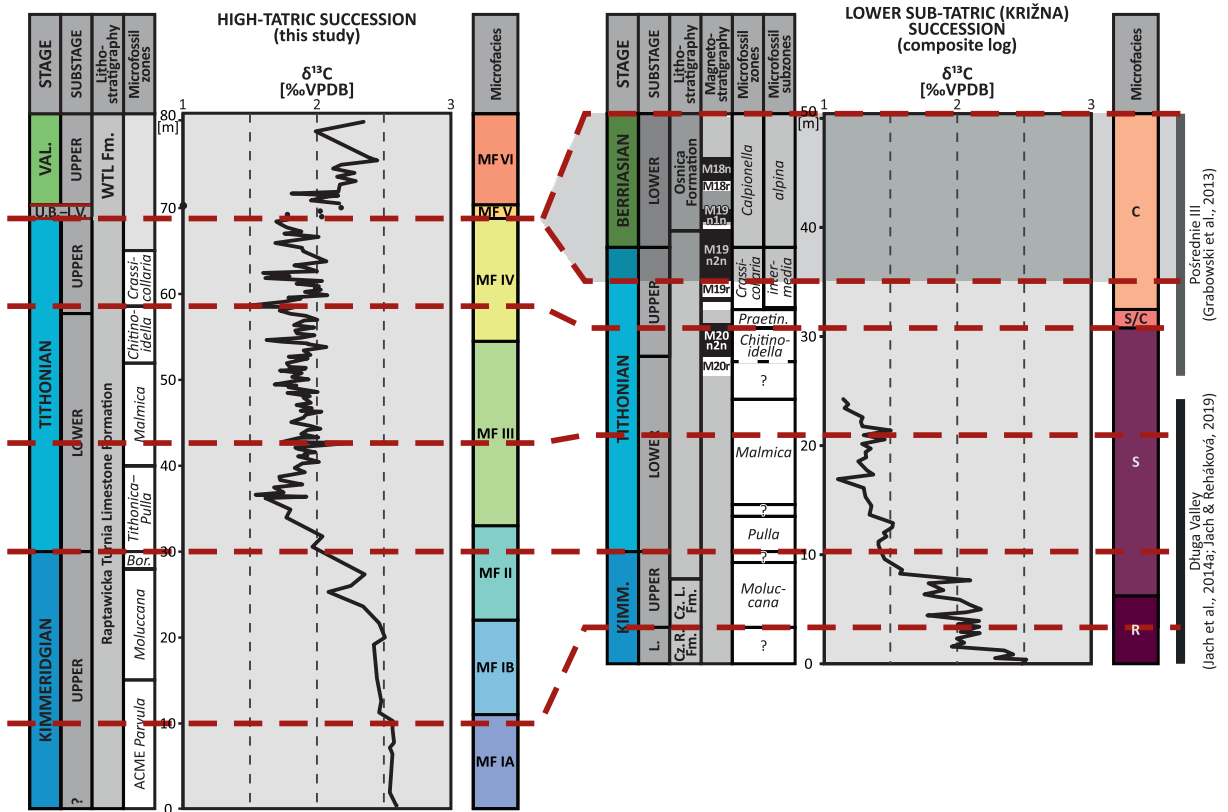
fig. 14). This is because cyanoid limestones of the upper member of the RTL Fm. are not known from the Osobita Massif, where encrinites of the Sobótka Limestone Member (RTL Fm.) overlie directly the Kimmeridgian micrites (Kotąński and Radwański 1959; Lefeld *et al.* 1985). Besides, based on lithologic resemblance (compare Text-fig. 5H with fig. 9 in Madzin *et al.* 2014) we suggest the inclusion of the upper Valanginian–lower Hauterivian encrinites of the Osobita Massif into the upper beds of the Giewont Member. These proposed modifications (Text-fig. 14) provide a more consistent definition of the boundary between the RTL Fm. and the WTL Fm., utilizing the discovery of an important hiatus within the Giewont Unit as well as adopting microbreccia and lithoclastic packstone as local stratigraphic markers. Noteworthy, the Upper Jurassic–Lower Cretaceous lithostratigraphic scheme of Lefeld *et al.* (1985) has been adopted by numerous authors (e.g. Pszczółkowski 2003; Jach *et al.* 2014b; Madzin *et al.* 2014; Borowska 2015;

Pszczółkowski *et al.* 2016; Łuczyński 2021), therefore the proposed modification is of big importance for local geology. Nevertheless, further studies performed in other High-Tatric autochthonous and para-autochthonous units are required in order to propose a major revision of the Lefeld *et al.* (op. cit.) scheme.

Sedimentary trends and events

Disappearance of Saccocoma skeletal elements

According to Grabowski *et al.* (2019) and Lodowski *et al.* (2021), in the Western Tethyan successions *Saccocoma* MF disappear near the M20n/M19r magnetozone boundary (mid upper Tithonian; see also Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015b). In the Lower Sub-Tatric succession this phenomenon is observed within the *Praetintinnopsella* Zone and the lower part of the *Crassicollaria calpionellid* Zone, where transitional MF (= decreasing contribution of *Saccocoma* skel-



Text-fig. 15. Correlation between the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and microfacies of the High-Tatric (this study) and Lower Sub-Tatric (Křižna) successions (synthetic log composed of the data from Grabowski *et al.* 2013, Jach *et al.* 2014a and Jach and Reháková 2019). Approximated range of the uppermost Tithonian–lower Berriasian erosional gap in the High-Tatric succession (grayed out on the Lower Sub-Tatric logs) is indicated. Microfacies of the lower Sub-Tatric indicate the most common component: R – radiolarian; S – *Saccocoma*; S/C – transition interval between the *Saccocoma*- and calpionellid-dominated microfacies; C – calpionellid. Abbreviations: KIMM. – Kimmeridgian; VAL. – Valanginian; U.B.–L.V. – upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian; L. – lower; Cz. L. Fm. – Czorsztyn Limestone Formation; Cz. R. Fm. – Czajakowa Radiolarite Formation; WTL Fm. – Wysoka Turnia Limestone Fm.; Bor. – Borzai; Praetin. – Praetintinnopsella.

etal elements) was documented (Grabowski and Pszczółkowski 2006 and unpublished data; Text-fig. 15). This most likely corresponds to the cyanoid packstones of the Giewont succession (MF IV), characterized by less common saccocomids (in relation to underlying beds, especially the MF III interval). Consequently, the topmost Tithonian beds of the Giewont section are thought to record an interval of *Saccocoma* vanishing or slightly below, and thus they might be roughly correlated with magnetozones M20n and/or M19r. This assumption is in concordance with biostratigraphic data, namely the topmost Tithonian beds of the Mały Giewont section falling in the *Crassicollaria calpionellid* Zone (Text-fig. 6).

Origins of the upper Tithonian–(?)upper Berriasian disconformity

Stratigraphic gaps discovered within the upper part of the Giewont section are thought to result from the combination of eustasy and tectonic uplift. These eventually led to erosion, caused by long-term wave processes in a shallow paleobathymetric setting, however also (?periodic) emersion during the Berriasian cannot be excluded. The trend of decreasing depths of deposition is supported by the microfacies succession, as well as via correlation with neighboring successions.

Cyanobacteria are known to obtain energy from photosynthesis, thus also the most of cyanoids should be restricted to the photic zone, whose base is customarily approximated to ca. 200 m below the sea surface (e.g. Sutton 2013; see also Jenkyns 1972). Noteworthy, allochthonous origins of the High-Tatric cyanoids was already rejected by Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) and Pszczółkowski (2018; compare with Lefeld and Radwański 1960), therefore they can be reliably used for paleobathymetric considerations. Consequently, the vanishing of cyanoids during the late Kimmeridgian (MF IA–IB on Text-fig. 6) and the gradual passage from the latest Kimmeridgian–earliest(?) Tithonian pseudonodular limestone (MF II) towards the late Tithonian cyanoid limestones (MF III–IV) is thought to document the latest Kimmeridgian paleoenvironmental perturbations and the Tithonian trend of decreasing depths of deposition, respectively.

Although intensified lithogenic influx (= less clear water column) during the latest Kimmeridgian–earliest Tithonian (increasing Th content on Text-fig. 9) might have efficiently reduced the depth of the photic zone (hence the paleobathymetric range of cyanoids), relative deepening is also thought to be important for vanishing of cyanoids within the MF

II. Accordingly, it is suggested that during the late Kimmeridgian the High-Tatric area was subjected to vertical tectonic movements, likely connected with the pull-apart tectonics within the Zliechov Basin (see Jach and Reháková 2019), however the impact of rising sea-level during the transgressive cycle (Text-fig. 12) also cannot be excluded. These are in turn thought to result in the late Kimmeridgian trend of increasing depths of deposition, temporal disappearance of cyanoids (MF IA–IB on Text-fig. 6) and the formation of the pseudonodular limestone (MF II).

Irrespective of the processes controlling the presence of cyanoids, the key to understanding the mechanisms responsible for the late Tithonian–Berriasian discordance is to estimate the paleobathymetry during the formation of the pseudonodular limestone. Since MF II lacks cyanoids and is rich in dissolution seams and stylolites (Text-fig. 5), the nodular structure is interpreted here as resulting from early-diagenetic (partial) dissolution (see Jenkyns 1974), possibly in depths of ?several hundred meters, fairly below the base of the photic zone (Text-fig. 6). Besides, sedimentation of the Kimmeridgian–Tithonian nodular limestones of the Manín Unit (transitional zone between the South Tatric Ridge and the Zliechov Basin, e.g. Plašienka 2019) was interpreted to taken place at depths of ca. 750–1000 m (Michalík and Vašíček 1987; see also Michalík *et al.* 2012). This may be indirect evidence, that – although inevitably shallower – the paleobathymetric setting of the Giewont Unit during this time was also relatively deep. Consequently, even though the late Berriasian was characterized by the maximum of a major regressive cycle (Text-fig. 12; Hardenbol *et al.* 1998; Haq 2014), we assume that such a dramatic paleobathymetric change (from more than 200 m during the Kimmeridgian/Tithonian transition to depths enabling wave erosion during the Berriasian) cannot be related to sea-level fall alone. Accordingly, latest Jurassic–earliest Cretaceous tectonic activity is evidenced in the High-Tatric area by the microbreccia and volcanic rocks of the Osobita Massif (Kotański 1961; Staniszewska and Ciborowski 2000; Madzin *et al.* 2014; see Text-fig. 14). The Tithonian–Berriasian tectonic uplift of the Pieniny Klippen Belt has been discussed by Krobicki (1994); also the increasing energy of the environment documented by Grabowski *et al.* (2019) in the Velykyi Kamianets section is most likely related to this phenomenon. In addition, in the Manín Unit the Lower Cretaceous sequence starts with a hiatus – the stratigraphic range of which perfectly corresponds to that observed in the Giewont succession – and a basal breccia comprising Tithonian and Berriasian clasts

(Michalík and Vašíček 1987; Michalík *et al.* 2005). Michalík *et al.* (2012) interpreted this phenomenon as resulting from “an extensive bottom denivelation due to tectonic stress and by submarine erosion of older strata”; a similar solution is proposed to explain the gap in the Giewont succession. Furthermore, a discontinuity within the J/K boundary interval is observed also in the Vysoká Unit of the Malé Karpaty, which provides an insight into the slope facies of the Zliechov Basin (Grabowski *et al.* 2010). In the view of the above, paleobathymetric perturbations during the latest Jurassic–earliest Cretaceous were of big importance for sedimentation in the Central Western Carpathians, in particular its shallower (= ridge) zones (see also Michalík *et al.* 1995; Reháková 2000; Michalík *et al.* 2012). Ultimately, erosional gap and Berriasian bauxites document episodes of aerial exposure in the Villány Hills (southern Hungary; e.g. Szederkényi *et al.* 2013). There, bauxites overlie the upper Jurassic microoncooid facies (e.g. Török 1999) resembling much the cyanoid limestones documented in this study (MF IV), which suggests that (?temporal) emersion could have been possible also in the case of the Giewont Unit. The latest Jurassic–earliest Cretaceous evolution of the High-Tatric succession will be considered in detail in a separate paper.

CONCLUSIONS

- The J/K boundary interval of the Giewont succession has been investigated in terms of bio- and chemostratigraphy, microfacies, rock magnetism and GRS. Biostratigraphic investigations performed in the Giewont section (Text-fig. 3) resulted in the recognition of two calcareous dinocyst zones (*Pulla–Malmica* and *Tenuis*) as well as three saccocomid zones (Sac4–Sac6). The stratigraphic framework of Pszczółkowski *et al.* (2016) was adopted for the Mały Giewont section, albeit reinterpreted in terms of its lowermost and topmost intervals. High resolution rock magnetic and GRS data allowed precise correlation between the studied sections (Text-figs 6, 8–10).
- Two hiatuses have been recognized within the lowermost Cretaceous of the Giewont Unit. The lower one, documented by the disconformity and the hardground crust (Text-fig. 7) is estimated to span the latest Tithonian–early (?and partly late) Berriasian. The upper one is approximately dated to the early Valanginian and is evidenced by a contrasting microfacies (MF V/MF VI boundary; Text-figs 5–6) as well as perturbations in rock

magnetic (Text-fig. 8) and oxygen isotopes record (Text-fig. 10). Both disconformities are thought to result from an interplay of tectonics and eustasy. A restricted interval of late Berriasian–early Valanginian age (MF V) is evidenced by the occurrence of *Conoglobigerina cf. gulekhensis* and *Praehedbergella cf. sigali* (Text-fig. 3 and Pl. 2).

- The onset of an increasing $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ trend above the upper hiatus (Text-fig. 10) is compared to trends and events documented in other Western Tethyan successions (Text-fig. 13). This allowed for a rough dating of the uppermost part of the studied interval as upper Valanginian, however most likely below the maximum of the Weissert event.
- A modification of the High-Tatric lithostratigraphic scheme (Lefeld *et al.* 1985) is proposed (Text-fig. 14) based on this study and Madzin *et al.* (2014; Osobita Massif) data. This accounts for the new stratigraphic ranges of the middle and upper members of the RTL Fm., as well as the description of the Giewont Member of the WTL Fm. The upper Berriasian–lower Valanginian lithoclastic packstone (MF V) of the Giewont succession is correlated here with the upper Berriasian microbreccia of the Osobita Massif; these are included into the basal beds of the Giewont Member. Subsequently, the upper Valanginian encrinites of the Giewont Unit are correlated with the upper Valanginian–lower Hauterivian crinoidal limestones of the Osobita Massif; these are defined as the upper beds of the Member. Nevertheless, a systematic revision of the Lefeld *et al.* (op. cit.) scheme requires further studies focused on other High-Tatric successions.

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PLATE 1

Calcareous dinoflagellates of the Giewont section.

A – *Cadosina* cf. *semiradiata fusca* Wanner (sample G1); B – *Colomisphaera carpathica* Borza (sample G1); C – *Colomisphaera* cf. *carpathica* Borza (sample G4.5); D – *Stomiosphaera* aff. *mollucana* Wanner (sample G1); E, F – *Stomiosphaera mollucana* Wanner (E: sample G12; F: sample G21); G – *Cadosina semiradiata semiradiata* Wanner (sample G5.1); H, I – *Colomisphaera* cf. *sublapidosa* Vogler (H: sample G12; I: sample G28); J – *Colomisphaera* cf. *tenuis* Nagy (sample G22); K, L – *Colomisphaera lapidosa* Vogler (K: sample G22.2; L: sample G27); M – *Schizosphaerella minutissima* (Colom) (sample G22); N – *Schizosphaerella* cf. *minutissima* (Colom) (sample G22.5); O – *Cadosina* cf. *parvula* Nagy (sample G22.5).

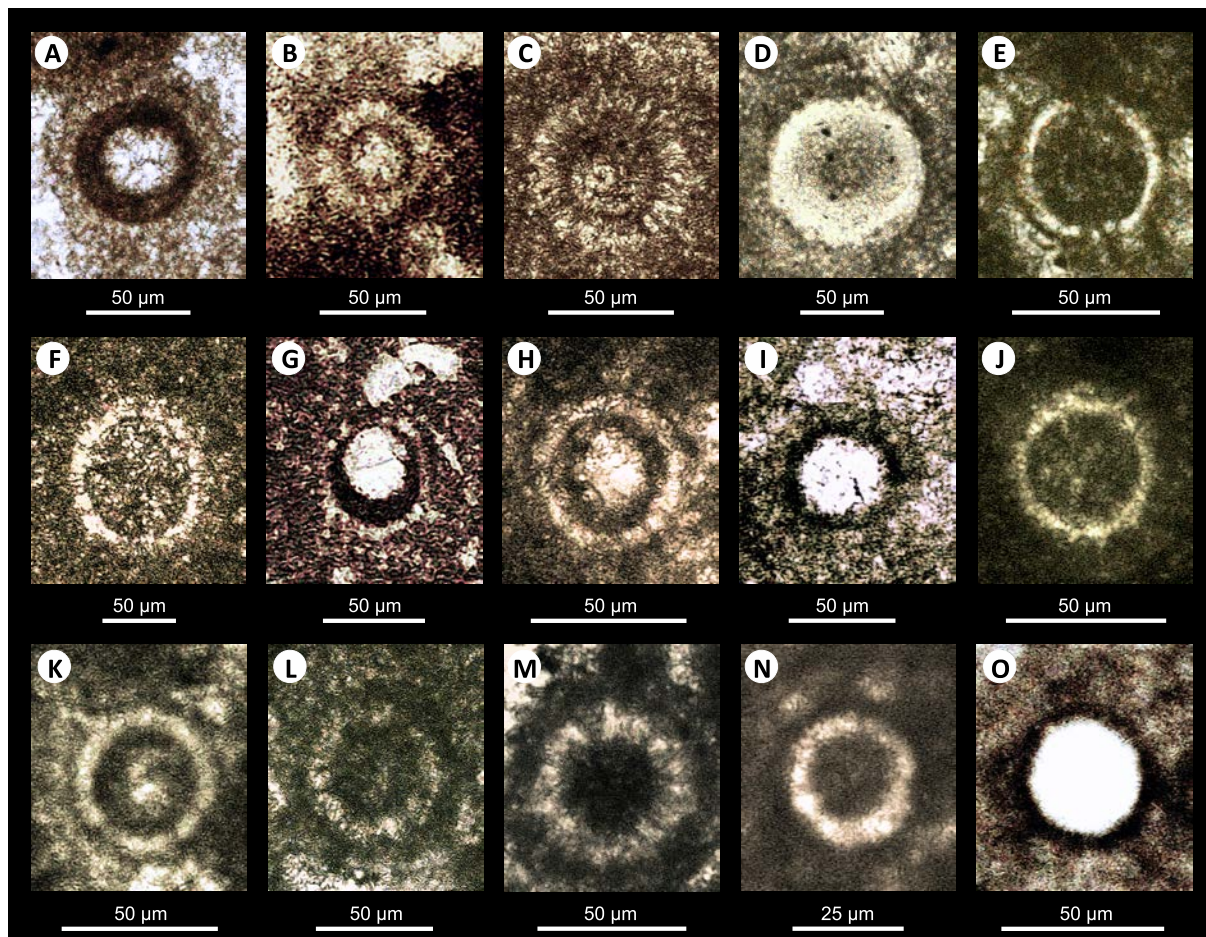


PLATE 2

Foraminifers (1–12; 14–15) and a gastropod (13) of the Giewont section.

1) *Lenticulina* cf. *muensteri* (Roemer) (sample G24); 2) *Lenticulina* ex gr. *uhligi–muensteri* (G29.2); 3) *Conoglobigerina* cf. *gulekensis* (Gorbachik and Poroshina) (G29.2); 4) *Lenticulina* cf. *angulosa* (Chapman) (G29.4); 5) *Praehedbergella* cf. *infracretacea* (Glaessner) (G29.4); 6) *Praehedbergella* cf. *SIGALI* (Moullade) (G29.4); 7) *Praedorothia* cf. *praehauteriviana* (Dieni and Massari) (G34); 8) *Praedorothia praehauteriviana* (Dieni and Massari) (8: G43) 9) *Haghimashella* cf. *arcuata* (Haeusler) (G47); 10–11) *Protomarsonella* cf. *kummi* (Zedler) (10: G34; 11: G44); 12) *Protomarsonella* cf. *hechti* (Dieni and Massari) (12: G53); 13) *Pseudonerinea* cf. *vaceki* Kollmann (G48); 14) *Uvigerinammina uvigeriniformis* (Seibold and Seibold) (G45); 15) *Praehedbergella* cf. *rudis* (Banner, Copestake and White) (G45).



PLATE 3

Sections of saccocomid skeletal elements Sac4 Zone, compared with those shown in the reference paper (Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015a).

A – skeletal element not found in the scheme of Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a), sample G1; B – skeletal element similar to: P in Fig. 3, AI in Fig. 9, G in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G3; C – section similar to elements: K in Fig. 4 and AN–AO in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G4.5; D – section similar to elements: CV in Fig. 3 and J in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G5.1; E – section similar to elements: G, J–K in Fig. 3, AJ in Fig. 6, AG in Fig. 9 and C in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G5.1; F – section similar to skeletal elements: AC in Fig. 3 and in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G6; G – section similar to skeletal elements: CX?, DG? in Fig. 3, U? in Fig. 9, D? in Fig. 13, J? in Fig. 15 (op. cit.), sample G7; H – section similar to elements: AI?–AJ in Fig. 4 and BJ?–BK in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G11.1; I – section from sample G11.1, exactly similar skeletal element not found in the scheme of Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a).

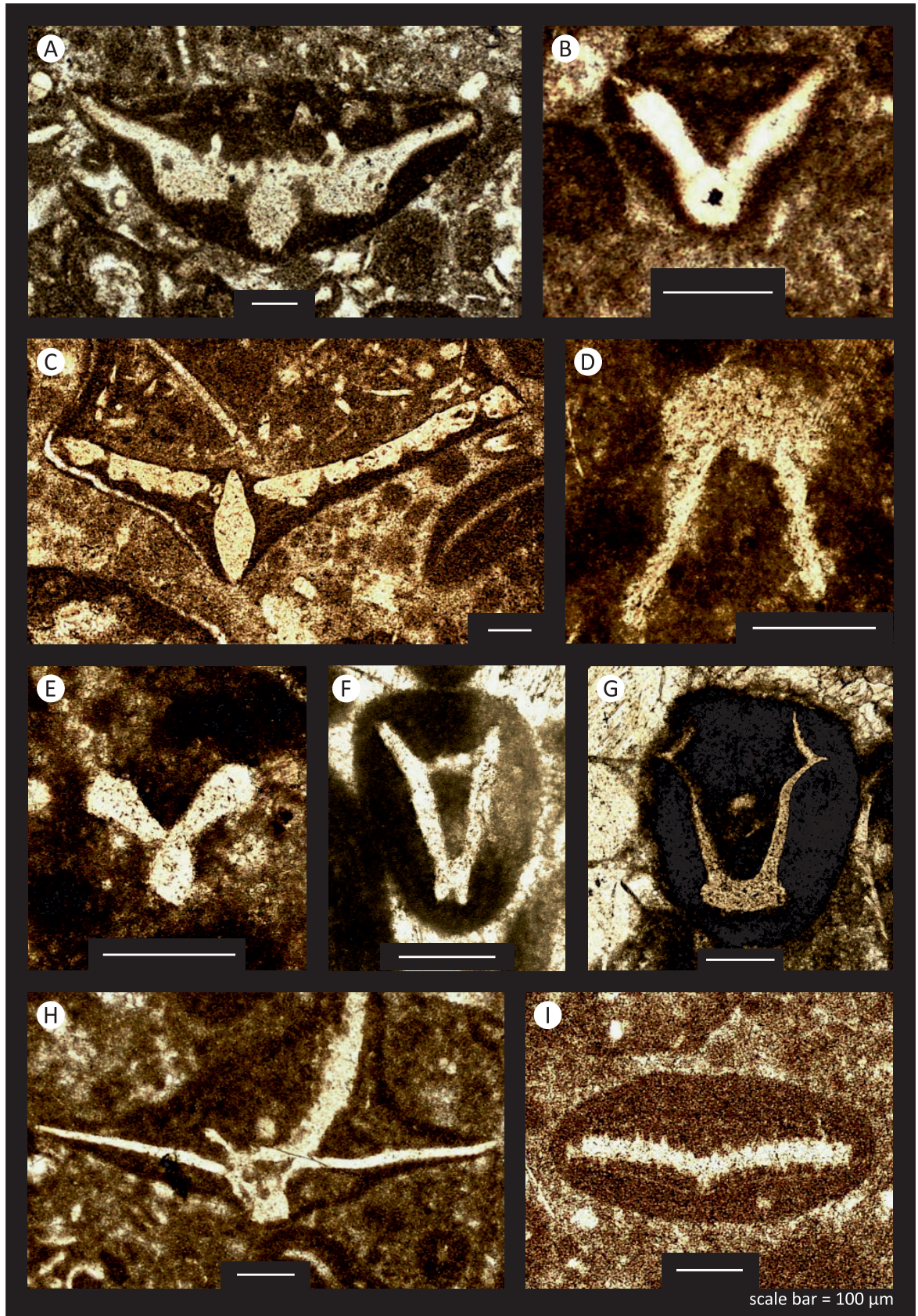


PLATE 4

Sections of saccocomid skeletal elements of Sac5 Zone.

A – section similar to skeletal elements: J–K in Fig. 3, AO? in Fig. 10 and D in Fig. 17 (*et al.* 2015a), sample G14; B – skeletal element not found in the reference paper (Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015a), sample G18; C – section similar to skeletal elements: M in Fig. 4, C? in Fig. 12 and AN in Fig. 17 (*op. cit.*), sample G18; D – section partly similar to AD? in Fig. 8 (*op. cit.*), however it seems that there is no exact counterpart of it among the skeletal elements included in the scheme of Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015a), sample G20; E – section partly similar to skeletal elements: BQ? in Fig. 5, AJ? in Fig. 6, U? in Fig. 10 and BN? in Fig. 13 (*op. cit.*), sample G24; F – section similar to skeletal elements: AE?, AG? in Fig. 3, AY? in Fig. 8, W? in Fig. 12, and AD in Fig. 17 (*op. cit.*), sample G24.3; G – section similar to skeletal elements: C in Fig. 4, N? in Fig. 9, AC, AE in Fig. 10 and AP in Fig. 17 (*op. cit.*), sample G25.3; H – section similar to skeletal elements: E in Fig. 4, X in Fig. 10 and AL in Fig. 17 (*op. cit.*), sample G25.5; I – section similar to skeletal elements: N? in Fig. 3, AK? in Fig. 6, AI in Fig. 9, BI? in Fig. 13, K–L? in Fig. 16 and E–G in Fig. 17 (*op. cit.*), sample G25.7.

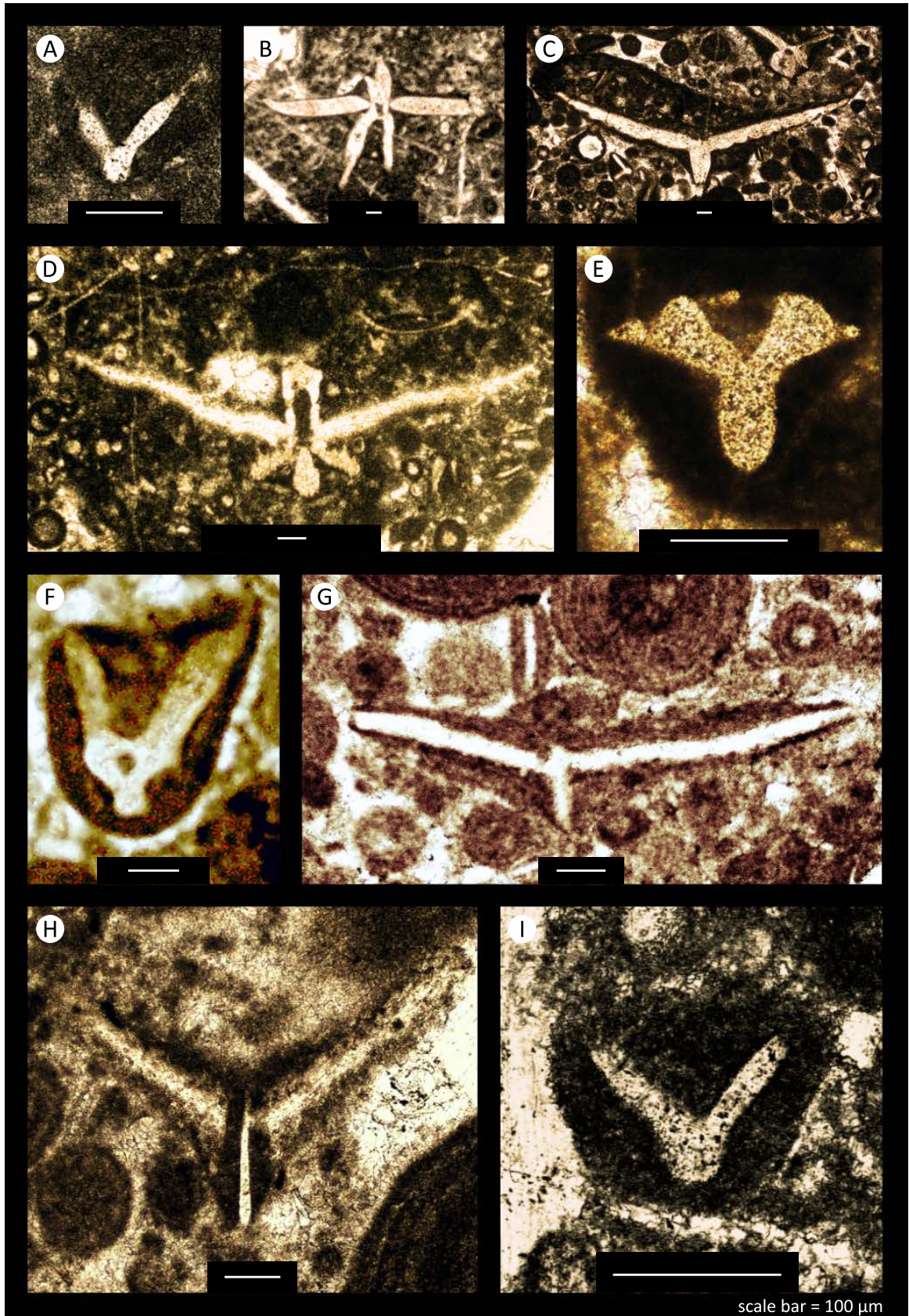
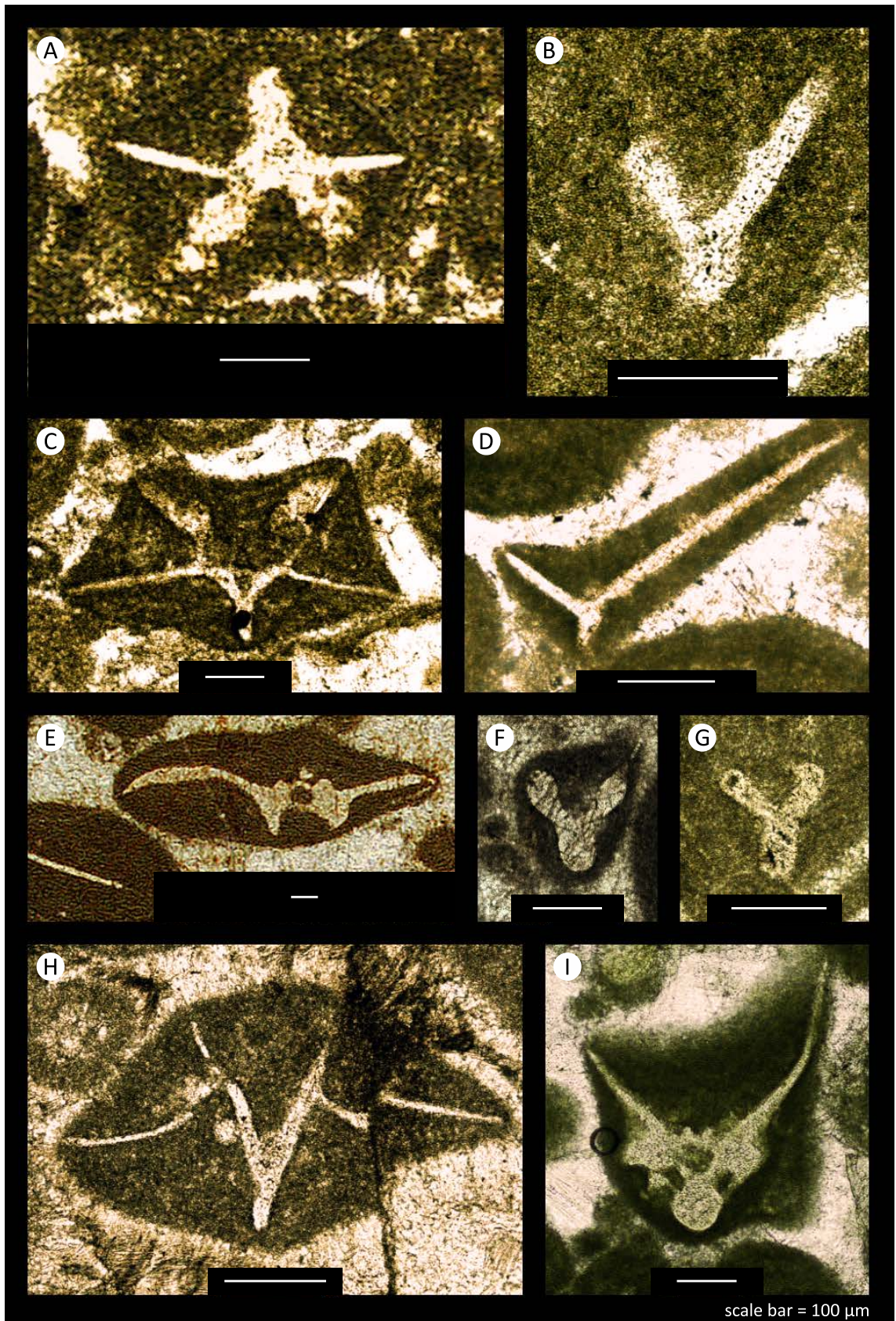


PLATE 5

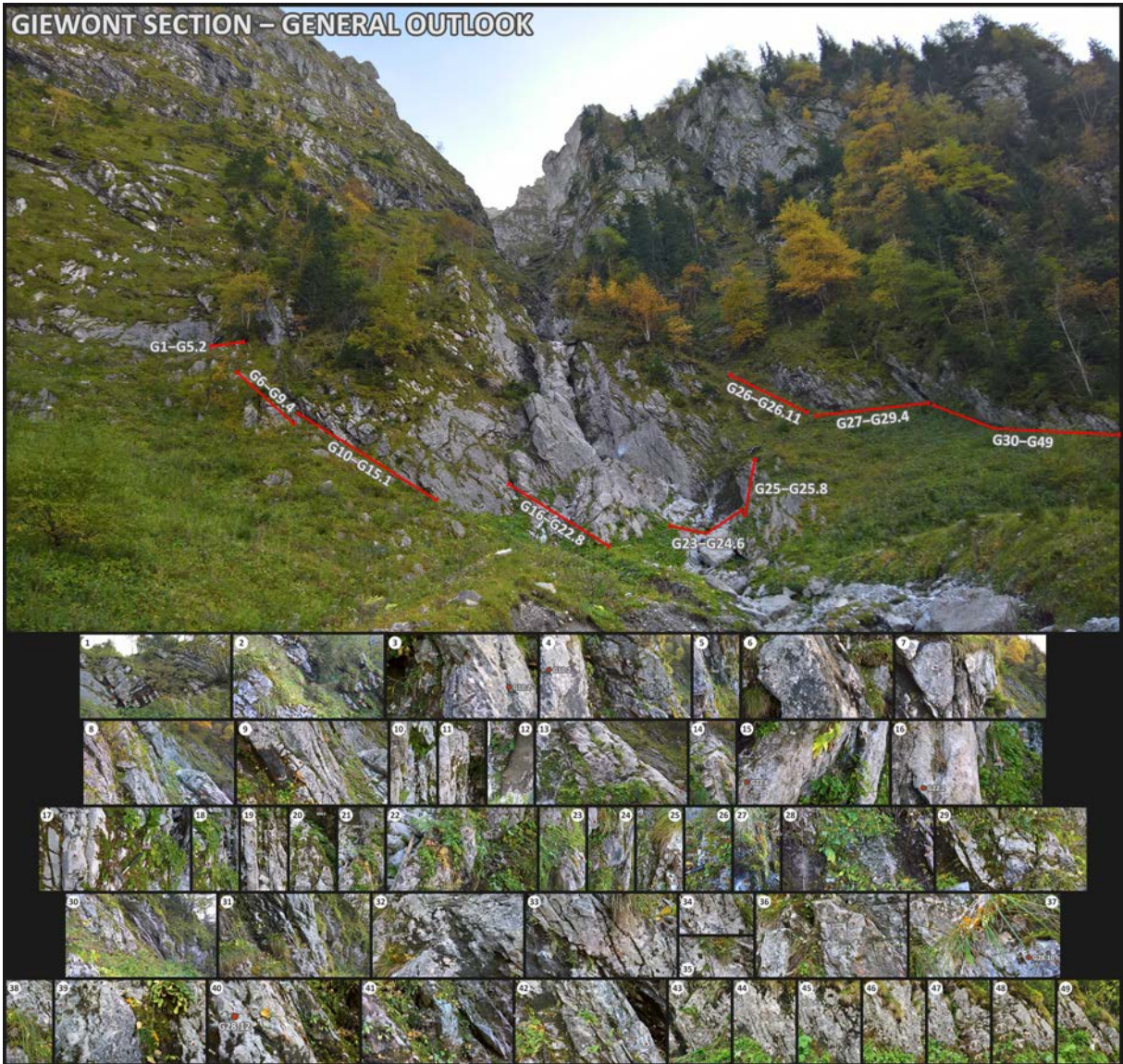
Sections of saccocomid skeletal elements of Sac6 Zone.

A – section similar to skeletal elements: AN? in Fig. 4 and BY–BS in Fig. 17 (Benzaggagh *et al.* 2015a), sample G26.6; B – section similar to skeletal elements: J in Fig. 3, AO? in Fig. 10, BO? in Fig. 13, N in Fig. 14, A–B? in Fig. 16 and D in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G26.8; C – section similar to skeletal elements: W–X in Fig. 4, AY? in Fig. 6, AM? in Fig. 8, AV? in Fig. 9, AL? in Fig. 15 and BY in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G27; D – section similar to skeletal elements: F–G in Fig. 4, V, Z in Fig. 12 and AM, AP in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G27; E – section similar to skeletal elements: AX, AZ in Fig. 4, D? in Fig. 8, C, G in Fig. 11 and BD in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G28.1; F – section similar to skeletal elements: L in Fig. 3, AG? in Fig. 9, BO in Fig. 13, N in Fig. 14, AK? in Fig. 16 and F? in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G28.1; G – section similar to skeletal elements: K–L in Fig. 3, AW? in Fig. 6, BZ in Fig. 13 and F? in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G28.2; H – section similar to skeletal elements: AV in Fig. 3, AL? in Fig. 15 and BX in Fig. 17 (op. cit.), sample G28.2; I – section from sample G28.13; similar skeletal element was not found in Benzaggagh *et al.* (2015).



APPENDIX 1

Photographic documentation of the Giewont section.



G 22.5	17.38	53.38	1.83E-05	0.0288	1.64E-04	2.21E-02	-1.15E-02	8.83E-06	-4.60E-06	3.03E-03	1.21E-06	0.52	0.14
G 22.4	16.85	52.85		0.0267									
G 22.3	16.65	52.65		0.0292									
G 22.2	16.44	52.44	2.16E-05	0.0443	1.54E-04	2.04E-02	-9.96E-03	8.16E-06	-3.98E-06	2.03E-03	8.11E-07	0.49	0.10
G 22.1	15.90	51.90		0.0582									
G 22	15.46	51.46	3.65E-05	0.0861	3.04E-04	3.35E-02	-1.72E-02	1.34E-05	-6.89E-06	3.67E-03	1.47E-06	0.51	0.11
G 21.2	15.36	51.36		0.0777									
G 21.1	15.22	51.22		0.0694									
G 21	15.03	51.03	2.90E-05		1.69E-04	3.16E-02	-1.34E-02	1.26E-05	-5.34E-06	2.96E-03	1.19E-06	0.42	0.09
G 20.1	14.74	50.74		0.0379									
G 20	14.47	50.47	3.24E-05	0.0469	1.06E-04	3.09E-02	-1.26E-02	1.24E-05	-5.05E-06	3.40E-03	1.36E-06	0.41	0.11
G 19	14.30	50.30		0.0679									
G 18	14.01	50.01	1.79E-05	0.0587	9.09E-05	2.01E-02	-7.65E-03	8.05E-06	-3.06E-06	1.90E-03	7.58E-07	0.38	0.09
G 17.1	13.85	49.85		0.0574									
G 17	13.41	49.41	2.64E-05	0.0655	1.35E-04	2.58E-02	-1.18E-02	1.03E-05	-4.73E-06	2.83E-03	1.13E-06	0.46	0.11
G 16.2	13.29	49.29		0.0516									
G 16.1	13.10	49.10		0.0606									
G 16	12.55	48.55	1.72E-05	0.0509	5.56E-05	1.75E-02	-8.87E-03	7.02E-06	-3.55E-06	1.84E-03	7.37E-07	0.51	0.11
G 15.2	12.43	48.43		0.0413									
G 15.1	12.05	48.05		0.0365									
G 15	11.90	47.90	1.30E-05	0.0433	1.68E-04	1.92E-02	-7.91E-03	7.68E-06	-3.16E-06	2.01E-03	8.03E-07	0.41	0.10
G 14.1	11.28	47.28		0.0602									
G 14	11.03	47.03	2.08E-05	0.0488	1.17E-04	2.25E-02	-9.17E-03	9.00E-06	-3.67E-06	2.04E-03	8.15E-07	0.41	0.09
G 13.1	10.65	46.65		0.0366									
G 13	10.35	46.35	1.50E-05	0.0442	1.28E-04	1.99E-02	-7.50E-03	7.97E-06	-3.00E-06	2.10E-03	8.39E-07	0.38	0.11
G 12.2	10.25	46.25		0.0377									
G 12.1	9.90	45.90		0.0413									
G 12	9.55	45.55	2.00E-05	0.0374		4.28E-02	-2.75E-02	1.71E-05	-1.10E-05	3.04E-03	1.21E-06	0.64	0.07
G 11.2	9.03	45.03		0.0396									
G 11.1	8.61	44.61	1.62E-05	0.0379	1.08E-04	2.17E-02	-8.56E-03	8.69E-06	-3.43E-06	1.95E-03	7.79E-07	0.39	0.09
G 11	8.25	44.25		0.0436									
G 10.2	8.12	44.12		0.0329									
G 10.1	7.65	43.65	1.44E-05	0.038	1.15E-04	1.98E-02	-6.96E-03	7.92E-06	-2.78E-06	2.10E-03	8.41E-07	0.35	0.11
G 10	7.25	43.25		0.0296									
G 9.4	7.19	43.19		0.0374									
G 9.3	6.73	42.73	2.10E-05	0.0418	1.84E-04	3.50E-02	-1.46E-02	1.40E-05	-5.84E-06	4.65E-03	1.86E-06	0.42	0.13
G 9.2	6.60	42.60		0.0361									
G 9.1	6.07	42.07		0.026									
G 9	5.90	41.90	1.63E-05	0.0371	1.36E-04	2.34E-02	-7.21E-03	9.37E-06	-2.88E-06	2.89E-03	1.16E-06	0.31	0.12
G 8.2	6.45	42.45											
G 8.1	5.88	41.88											
G 8	5.52	41.52	2.16E-05	0.0454	1.27E-04	3.22E-02	-1.32E-02	1.29E-05	-5.28E-06	4.13E-03	1.65E-06	0.41	0.13
G 7.2	5.46	41.46											
G 7.1	5.31	41.31		0.0152									
G 7	5.15	41.15	1.77E-05		2.06E-04	2.87E-02	-1.26E-02	1.15E-05	-5.04E-06	4.27E-03	1.71E-06	0.44	0.15
G 6.2	5.05	41.05		0.0362									
G 6.1	4.85	40.85		0.0491									
G 6	4.40	40.40	1.74E-05	0.0384	9.59E-05	2.43E-02	-1.07E-02	9.74E-06	-4.27E-06	3.18E-03	1.27E-06	0.44	0.13
G 5.2	4.23	40.23		0.0394									
G 5.1	3.70	39.70	1.45E-05	0.0266	9.23E-05	3.18E-02	-2.12E-02	1.27E-05	-8.48E-06	6.28E-03	2.51E-06	0.67	0.20
G 5	3.20	39.20	9.69E-06	0.0282	9.39E-05	2.37E-02	-1.47E-02	9.47E-06	-5.86E-06	4.60E-03	1.84E-06	0.62	0.19
G 4.7	2.90	38.90		0.0633									
G 4.6	2.68	38.68		0.0461									
G 4.5	2.29	38.29	2.64E-05	0.0462	2.74E-04	3.04E-02	-1.62E-02	1.21E-05	-6.47E-06	4.48E-03	1.79E-06	0.53	0.15
G 4.4	1.78	37.78		0.0465									
G 4.3	1.44	37.44		0.0557									
G 4.2	0.85	36.85		0.0417									
G 4.1	0.58	36.58		0.0364									
G 3	0.43	36.43	3.23E-05	0.0518	1.77E-04	2.61E-02	-1.61E-02	1.04E-05	-6.45E-06	1.11E-02	4.43E-06	0.62	0.42
G 2	0.35	36.35	2.12E-05	0.0425	2.27E-04	4.32E-02	-2.44E-02	1.73E-05	-9.74E-06	7.73E-03	3.09E-06	0.56	0.18
G 1	0.18	36.18	2.36E-05	0.0453	3.13E-04	5.19E-02	-3.32E-02	2.08E-05	-1.33E-05	1.07E-02	4.30E-06	0.64	0.21
MG 56	0.38	0.38	1.56E-05	0.0210	1.09E-04	3.10E-02	-2.09E-02	1.24E-05	-8.36E-06	4.71E-03	1.88E-06	0.68	0.15
MG 57	0.38	0.38	2.33E-05	0.0259	1.60E-04	4.48E-02	-3.21E-02	1.79E-05	-1.28E-05	8.17E-03	3.27E-06	0.72	0.18
MG 58	1.88	1.88	1.45E-05	0.0260	1.18E-04	2.74E-02	-1.88E-02	1.10E-05	-7.54E-06	5.02E-03	2.01E-06	0.69	0.18
MG 59	6.10	6.10	8.06E-06	0.0118	5.20E-04	3.70E-02	-2.97E-02	1.48E-05	-1.19E-05	7.00E-03	2.80E-06	0.80	0.19
MG 60	6.38	6.38	4.61E-06	0.0084	1.36E-04	2.27E-02	-1.69E-02	9.06E-06	-6.77E-06	4.58E-03	1.83E-06	0.75	0.20
MG 61	7.10	7.10	5.94E-06		6.35E-05	1.46E-02	-1.10E-02	5.84E-06	-4.40E-06	2.75E-03	1.10E-06	0.75	0.19
MG 62	7.10	7.10	6.96E-06	0.0133	1.01E-04	1.50E-02	-1.08E-02	6.01E-06	-4.33E-06	2.67E-03	1.07E-06	0.72	0.18
MG 63	7.70	7.70	1.02E-05	0.0188	1.14E-04	2.48E-02	-1.91E-02	9.92E-06	-7.65E-06	4.81E-03	1.92E-06	0.77	0.19
MG 64	8.50	8.50	7.18E-06	0.0124	6.52E-05	1.87E-02	-1.41E-02	7.47E-06	-5.62E-06	3.48E-03	1.39E-06	0.75	0.19
MG 65	8.80	8.80	1.04E-05	0.0241	9.43E-05	2.07E-02	-1.44E-02	8.26E-06	-5.78E-06	3.71E-03	1.48E-06	0.70	0.18
MG 66	9.35	9.35	1.18E-05	0.0100	1.06E-04	2.96E-02	-2.03E-02	1.19E-05	-8.13E-06	6.82E-03	2.73E-06	0.69	0.23
MG 67	9.95	9.95	7.56E-06	0.0077	1.09E-04	1.99E-02	-1.49E-02	7.94E-06	-5.97E-06	3.64E-03	1.46E-06	0.75	0.18
MG 68	10.20	10.20	6.67E-06	0.0096	9.93E-05	3.00E-02	-2.08E-02	1.20E-05	-8.32E-06	5.96E-03	2.38E-06	0.69	0.20
MG 69	10.85	10.85	1.09E-05	0.0212	1.43E-04	4.38E-02	-3.54E-02	1.75E-05	-1.42E-05	1.02E-02	4.09E-06	0.81	0.23
MG 70	11.20	11.20	1.42E-05	0.0138	1.73E-04	4.37E-02	-3.68E-02	1.75E-05	-1.47E-05	1.04E-02	4.18E-06	0.84	0.24
MG 71	12.10	12.10	7.59E-06	0.0148	1.54E-04	3.34E-02	-2.58E-02	1.33E-05	-1.03E-05	6.75E-03	2.70E-06	0.77	0.20
MG 72	12.55	12.55	1.38E-05	0.0109	1.56E-04	4.31E-02	-3.09E-02	1.72E-05	-1.24E-05	8.46E-03	3.38E-06	0.72	0.20
MG 73	13.90	13.90	5.92E-06	0.0157	6.10E-04	3.05E-02	-2.05E-02	1.22E-05	-8.18E-06	7.26E-03	2.90E-06	0.67	0.24
MG 74	14.50	14.50	1.17E-05	0.0076	1.41E-04	3.23E-02	-2.05E-02	1.29E-05	-8.19E-06	5.43E-03	2.17E-06	0.63	0.17
MG 75	15.15	15.15	1.42E-05	0.0192	1.21E-04	3.26E-02	-3.02E-02	1.30E-05	-1.21E-05	6.36E-03	2.55E-06	0.93	0.20
MG 75A	15.70	15.70	1.00E-05		2.12E-04	3.45E-02	-2.62E-02	1.38E-05	-1.05E-05	7.56E-03	3.02E-06	0.76	0.22
MG 76	17.50	17.50	1.20E-05	0.0162	1.80E-04	4.02E-02	-3.22E-02	1.61E-05	-1.29E-05	6.54E-03	2.62E-06	0.80	0.16
MG 77	19.10	19.10	1.45E-05	0.0156	1.35E-04	3.81E-02	-2.82E-02	1.52E-05	-1.13E-05	5.92E-03	2.37E-06	0.74	0.16
MG 78	19.25	19.25	1.34E-05	0.0120	1.26E-04	4.77E-02	-3.87E-02	1.91E-05	-1.55E-05	8.51E-03	3.40E-06	0.81	0.18

MG 79	19.95	19.95	1.50E-05	0.0173	1.68E-04	4.70E-02	-3.36E-02	1.88E-05	-1.35E-05	9.16E-03	3.66E-06	0.72	0.20
MG 80	21.60	21.60	1.24E-05	0.0137	1.77E-04	4.35E-02	-3.01E-02	1.74E-05	-1.20E-05	7.26E-03	2.90E-06	0.69	0.17
MG 81	22.25	22.25	1.26E-05	0.0144	1.46E-04	4.18E-02	-2.81E-02	1.67E-05	-1.12E-05	8.22E-03	3.29E-06	0.67	0.20
MG 82	23.55	23.55	1.67E-05	0.0161	2.66E-04	5.16E-02	-3.88E-02	2.06E-05	-1.55E-05	9.20E-03	3.68E-06	0.75	0.18
MG 83	24.60	24.60	1.23E-05	0.0209	7.95E-05	2.91E-02	-1.48E-02	1.16E-05	-5.94E-06	4.20E-03	1.68E-06	0.51	0.14
MG 84	25.25	25.25	1.03E-05	0.0212	2.37E-04	4.58E-02	-2.94E-02	1.83E-05	-1.18E-05	8.14E-03	3.26E-06	0.64	0.18
MG 85	25.95	25.95	1.42E-05	0.0199	1.59E-04	5.05E-02	-3.49E-02	2.02E-05	-1.40E-05	8.75E-03	3.50E-06	0.69	0.17
MG 86	26.80	26.80	1.56E-05	0.0195	6.82E-05	4.07E-02	-2.62E-02	1.63E-05	-1.05E-05	6.11E-03	2.44E-06	0.64	0.15
MG 87	27.30	27.30	1.72E-05	0.0319	2.46E-04	3.85E-02	-2.71E-02	1.54E-05	-1.08E-05	6.88E-03	2.75E-06	0.70	0.18
MG 88	29.60	29.60	1.45E-05	0.0218	1.82E-04	4.67E-02	-2.96E-02	1.87E-05	-1.18E-05	8.62E-03	3.45E-06	0.63	0.18
MG 89	30.50	30.50	1.27E-05	0.0150	9.75E-05	3.00E-02	-2.26E-02	1.20E-05	-9.06E-06	4.78E-03	1.91E-06	0.75	0.16
MG 90	31.70	31.70	1.50E-05	0.0223	1.28E-04	3.31E-02	-2.06E-02	1.32E-05	-8.24E-06	5.79E-03	2.32E-06	0.62	0.18
MG 91	32.80	32.80	1.49E-05	0.0175	2.12E-04	4.99E-02	-3.88E-02	2.00E-05	-1.55E-05	1.07E-02	4.26E-06	0.78	0.21
MG 92	33.90	33.90	9.56E-06	0.0176	9.96E-05	2.18E-02	-1.40E-02	8.74E-06	-5.61E-06	3.19E-03	1.28E-06	0.64	0.15
MG 93	33.91	33.91	1.93E-05	0.0166	2.96E-04	6.36E-02	-3.15E-02	2.54E-05	-1.26E-05	1.15E-02	4.58E-06	0.50	0.18
MG 94	34.30	34.30	1.97E-05	0.0332	1.42E-04	2.85E-02	-1.67E-02	1.14E-05	-6.70E-06	2.61E-03	1.04E-06	0.59	0.09
MG 95	34.85	34.85	1.91E-05	0.0256	1.68E-04	4.13E-02	-2.80E-02	1.65E-05	-1.12E-05	7.33E-03	2.93E-06	0.68	0.18
MG 96	35.95	35.95	3.45E-05	0.0496	1.42E-04	3.39E-02	-1.89E-02	1.35E-05	-7.54E-06	2.33E-03	9.33E-07	0.56	0.07
MG 97	36.30	36.30	4.54E-05	0.0614	5.24E-04	5.70E-02	-3.17E-02	2.28E-05	-1.27E-05	7.43E-03	2.97E-06	0.56	0.13
MG 97A	37.60	37.60	4.62E-05		2.43E-04	3.69E-02	-2.44E-02	1.48E-05	-9.76E-06	4.21E-03	1.69E-06	0.66	0.11
MG 97A1	38.00	38.00	5.74E-05		3.06E-04	4.80E-02	-3.31E-02	1.92E-05	-1.32E-05	5.77E-03	2.31E-06	0.69	0.12
MG 97B	39.10	39.10	4.11E-05		2.77E-04	3.30E-02	-2.01E-02	1.32E-05	-8.04E-06	3.57E-03	1.43E-06	0.61	0.11
MG 98	40.60	40.60	1.19E-05	0.0737	8.57E-05	1.01E-02	-6.42E-03	4.03E-06	-2.57E-06	6.86E-04	2.74E-07	0.64	0.07
MG 99	40.80	40.80	3.22E-05	0.0668	1.73E-04	2.84E-02	-1.62E-02	1.14E-05	-6.46E-06	2.35E-03	9.39E-07	0.57	0.08
MG 100	44.70	44.70		0.4395									
MG 101	45.30	45.30	2.65E-05	0.0290	1.84E-04	2.37E-02	-1.23E-02	9.50E-06	-4.92E-06	1.97E-03	7.90E-07	0.52	0.08
MG 102	46.20	46.20	2.61E-05	0.0388	2.03E-04	3.74E-02	-2.46E-02	1.49E-05	-9.84E-06	2.37E-03	9.49E-07	0.66	0.06
MG 103	46.40	46.40	2.61E-05	0.0524	1.55E-04	2.63E-02	-1.75E-02	1.05E-05	-7.01E-06	2.44E-03	9.77E-07	0.67	0.09
MG 104A	48.10	48.10	2.72E-05		8.42E-05	2.54E-02	-1.57E-02	1.02E-05	-6.29E-06	2.66E-03	1.06E-06	0.62	0.10
MG 104B	51.40	51.40	4.00E-05	0.0410	1.50E-04	3.57E-02	-2.30E-02	1.43E-05	-9.22E-06	3.07E-03	1.23E-06	0.65	0.09
MG 104C	52.10	52.10	3.59E-05		1.62E-04	2.58E-02	-1.60E-02	1.03E-05	-6.39E-06	2.48E-03	9.92E-07	0.62	0.10
MG 105	56.10	56.10	2.83E-05	0.0200	4.22E-04	2.53E-02	-1.62E-02	1.01E-05	-6.49E-06	1.99E-03	7.96E-07	0.64	0.08
MG 106	56.40	56.40	1.58E-05	0.0289	9.54E-05	1.79E-02	-1.03E-02	7.16E-06	-4.13E-06	1.57E-03	6.27E-07	0.58	0.09
MG 107	57.05	57.05	9.98E-06	0.0214	9.95E-05	1.57E-02	-8.76E-03	6.29E-06	-3.50E-06	1.28E-03	5.10E-07	0.56	0.08
MG 108	57.05	57.05	1.74E-05	0.0106	3.61E-04	1.77E-02	-9.90E-03	7.06E-06	-3.96E-06	1.49E-03	5.95E-07	0.56	0.08
MG 109	58.60	58.60	9.93E-06	0.0166	1.98E-04	1.31E-02	-7.33E-03	5.26E-06	-2.93E-06	1.04E-03	4.14E-07	0.56	0.08
MG 110	59.95	59.95	8.74E-06	0.0263	7.24E-05	6.71E-03	-5.24E-03	2.68E-06	-2.10E-06	7.64E-04	3.05E-07	0.78	0.11
MG 111	60.30	60.30	1.90E-05	0.0172	2.70E-04	2.33E-02	-1.37E-02	9.30E-06	-5.49E-06	2.06E-03	8.22E-07	0.59	0.09
MG 112	60.65	60.65	1.43E-05	0.0189	2.65E-04	2.02E-02	-1.30E-02	8.08E-06	-5.19E-06	1.87E-03	7.46E-07	0.64	0.09
MG 113	61.10	61.10	1.95E-05	0.0155	1.75E-04	3.19E-02	-1.95E-02	1.27E-05	-7.79E-06	2.71E-03	1.08E-06	0.61	0.09
MG 114	61.70	61.70	1.95E-05	0.0155	1.84E-04	2.86E-02	-1.71E-02	1.14E-05	-6.86E-06	2.77E-03	1.11E-06	0.60	0.10
MG 115	63.60	63.60	5.29E-06	0.0124	7.27E-05	9.69E-03	-5.64E-03	3.88E-06	-2.26E-06	7.40E-04	2.96E-07	0.58	0.08
MG 116	64.85	64.85	3.68E-06	0.0058	1.06E-04	1.12E-02	-6.07E-03	4.47E-06	-2.43E-06	1.12E-03	4.46E-07	0.54	0.10
MG 117	77.80	77.80	-3.14E-06	-0.0046	3.54E-05	3.31E-03	-1.77E-03	1.32E-06	-7.10E-07	1.00E-04	4.00E-08	0.54	0.03
MG 118	78.40	78.40	-1.37E-06	-0.0061	7.25E-04	8.88E-03	-6.68E-03	3.55E-06	-2.67E-06	1.74E-04	6.96E-08	0.75	0.02
MG 119	78.90	78.90	-2.58E-06	-0.0070	2.89E-05	4.57E-03	-2.72E-03	1.83E-06	-1.09E-06	1.44E-04	5.76E-08	0.59	0.03
MG 120	80.00	80.00	7.54E-07	-0.0081	4.70E-05	8.89E-03	-7.61E-03	3.56E-06	-3.04E-06	2.20E-04	8.81E-08	0.86	0.02

MG 118	78.40	78.40	3.2	67.80	0.00	0.00	0.40	8.10	0.4	3.4	2
MG 117	77.80	77.80	4.3	108.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	9.90	0.6	5.9	2
MG 117B	76.10	76.10	3.9	104.40	0.00	0.00	0.30	7.80	0.8	6.9	3
MG 117A	75.10	75.10	4.1	98.30	0.00	0.00	0.50	10.20	0.5	4.5	2
MG 116	64.85	64.85	7.8	128.80	0.00	1.10	1.00	18.90	1	9	4
MG 115	63.60	63.60	5.7	130.10	0.00	5.70	0.90	15.80	0.4	3.8	2
MG 114	61.70	61.70	7.5	117.10	0.00	2.50	1.20	21.40	0.4	4.5	2
MG 113	61.10	61.10	10	141.20	0.00	8.40	1.70	29.70	0.3	4.1	1
MG 112	60.65	60.65	6.2	125.80	0.00	0.00	0.90	16.80	0.5	4.8	2
MG 111	60.30	60.30	5.2	121.60	0.00	0.00	0.70	13.40	0.5	5.2	2
MG 110	59.95	59.95	6.6	135.50	0.00	0.00	0.80	15.50	0.9	8.3	4
MG 109	58.60	58.60	4.8	78.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	11.30	0.7	6.2	3
MG 108	57.05	57.05	4	86.70	0.00	0.00	0.40	9.20	0.6	5.5	2
MG 107	57.05	57.05	3.5	116.50	0.00	0.00	0.20	6.10	0.8	7.3	3
MG 106	56.10	56.10	4.3	86.90	0.00	0.00	0.40	8.50	0.8	7.6	3
MG 105	56.10	56.10	5.4	133.40	0.00	0.00	0.60	12.30	0.8	7.3	3
MG 104C	52.10	52.10	10.7	202.90	0.10	28.60	0.50	15.50	2.5	22.2	11
MG 104B	51.40	51.40	6.5	164.20	0.00	11.20	0.30	9.50	1.7	15.3	7
MG 104A	48.10	48.10	4.5	170.10	0.00	8.40	0.40	9.50	0.8	6.9	3
MG 104	47.20	47.20	4.7	110.40	0.00	0.00	0.30	8.10	1.1	9.7	4
MG 103	46.00	46.00	4.9	110.40	0.00	0.00	0.20	7.10	1.4	12.1	6
MG 102	46.00	46.00	5.3	133.80	0.00	0.40	0.50	11.30	0.9	8.3	4
MG 101	45.30	45.30	3.1	131.00	0.00	4.60	0.30	6.10	0.6	5.5	2
MG 100	44.70	44.70	3.9	119.80	0.00	1.50	0.20	6.40	1	8.7	4
MG 99A	41.30	41.30	8.1	221.30	0.00	17.80	0.70	15.10	1.6	13.9	6
MG 98	40.60	40.60	7.8	209.10	0.00	17.50	0.70	15.50	1.3	12.1	5
MG 99	40.60	40.60	8.7	223.40	0.00	16.80	0.80	17.50	1.6	14.2	6
MG 97B	39.10	39.10	7.1	173.10	0.00	11.60	1.00	18.60	0.6	6.2	2
MG 97A	37.60	37.60	8.5	171.50	0.00	13.70	1.10	21.70	0.9	8.3	4
MG 97	36.30	36.30	17.1	283.00	0.00	41.90	2.20	42.60	1.6	15.3	6
MG 96	35.95	35.95	9.9	190.70	0.00	11.20	0.90	20.70	1.8	16	7
MG 95A	35.25	35.25	5.3	154.70	0.00	6.70	0.50	10.60	1	9.4	4
MG 95	34.85	34.85	5	112.50	0.00	3.60	0.40	9.90	1	9	4
MG 94	34.30	34.30	6.6	156.20	0.00	5.00	0.60	13.70	1.2	10.8	5
MG 93	33.90	33.90	3.8	137.30	0.00	6.00	0.00	2.90	1.4	11.8	6
MG 92	33.90	33.90	5.6	147.50	0.00	12.30	0.30	8.80	1.3	11.8	5
MG 91	32.80	32.80	6.1	241.00	0.10	24.40	0.10	6.10	1.6	13.5	8
MG 90	31.70	31.70	5.1	195.90	0.00	2.50	0.30	8.80	1.2	10.8	5
MG 89	30.50	30.50	6.2	186.50	0.10	17.50	0.10	6.10	1.9	16.3	9
MG 88	29.60	29.60	8.7	168.50	0.20	39.80	0.30	9.20	2	17	11
MG 87	27.30	27.30	9.2	188.10	0.20	51.20	0.40	9.90	1.7	14.6	10
MG 86	26.80	26.80	1.4	138.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	0.5	4.5	2
MG 85	25.95	25.95	6.2	155.80	0.10	29.30	0.10	5.70	1.5	12.8	8
MG 84	25.25	25.25	5.8	139.20	0.10	32.10	0.20	6.10	1.1	9.7	6
MG 83	24.60	24.60	2.5	77.10	0.00	2.20	0.10	4.00	0.7	5.9	3
MG 82	23.55	23.55	5.5	164.80	0.10	22.00	0.10	5.00	1.4	12.5	7
MG 81	22.25	22.25	8.3	175.70	0.10	36.30	0.30	9.50	1.8	15.6	9
MG 80	21.60	21.60	4.1	130.20	0.00	4.30	0.00	2.90	1.5	13.2	6
MG 79	19.95	19.95	5.5	152.40	0.00	8.40	0.30	8.10	1.5	13.2	6
MG 78	19.25	19.25	5.6	133.00	0.00	13.70	0.10	5.70	1.7	14.9	7
MG 77	19.10	19.10	7.2	174.90	0.10	24.80	0.30	9.50	1.6	14.2	8
MG 76	17.50	17.50	6.1	178.40	0.10	20.60	0.10	5.40	1.8	15.6	9
MG 75	15.15	15.15	6.4	142.90	0.10	31.80	0.30	7.80	1.2	10.4	6
MG 74	14.50	14.50	2.5	98.80	0.00	0.00	0.10	2.90	0.8	7.3	3
MG 73	13.90	13.90	3	85.50	0.00	0.00	0.10	4.30	0.9	7.6	4
MG 72	12.55	12.55	3.6	99.60	0.10	12.30	0.00	0.80	1.1	9.4	6
MG 71	12.10	12.10	3.3	87.40	0.00	3.20	0.10	4.30	1	9	4
MG 70	11.20	11.20	4.1	86.80	0.00	4.30	0.10	5.40	1.2	10.8	5
MG 69	10.85	10.85	3.5	82.60	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.00	1.3	11.1	5
MG 68	10.20	10.20	2.3	80.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.8	7.3	3
MG 67	9.95	9.95	1.6	81.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.6	5.2	2
MG 66	9.35	9.35	2.7	98.20	0.00	1.10	0.00	1.20	1	8.7	4
MG 65	8.80	8.80	1.9	53.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90	0.7	5.9	3
MG 64	8.50	8.50	2.7	75.50	0.00	0.00	0.30	6.40	0.4	3.4	2
MG 63	7.70	7.70	3.4	113.50	0.00	4.60	0.10	4.70	1	8.7	4
MG 62	7.10	7.10	2.9	112.30	0.00	0.00	0.20	4.70	0.7	6.6	3
MG 61	7.10	7.10	3.2	115.30	0.00	0.00	0.30	6.80	0.6	5.2	2
MG 60	6.38	6.38	2.4	99.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	0.9	7.6	4
MG 59	6.10	6.10	3.6	119.90	0.00	2.50	0.30	7.50	0.7	5.9	3
MG 58	1.88	1.88	3.3	84.80	0.00	0.00	0.40	7.50	0.5	4.8	2
MG 57	0.38	0.38	1.8	80.30	0.00	0.00	0.10	2.90	0.5	4.1	2
MG 56	0.38	0.38	2.2	71.80	0.00	5.70	0.10	2.60	0.6	5.5	2

Sample	[m]		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰ VPDB]	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ [‰ VPDB]
G 49	39.75	75.75	2.40	-4.88
G 48	39.50	75.50	2.45	-5.47
G 47	39.00	75.00	2.18	-5.22
G 45	38.55	74.55	2.12	-5.81
G 43	38.05	74.05	2.28	-5.41
G 41	37.60	73.60	2.15	-5.52
G 39	37.10	73.10	2.29	-5.30
G 37	36.70	72.70	2.17	-5.54
G 35	36.20	72.20	0.53	-6.55
G 33	35.85	71.85	2.16	-5.52
G 32	35.65	71.65	1.81	-6.43
G 31	35.40	71.40	2.16	-6.29
G 30.3	35.30	71.30	2.09	-5.83
G 30.2	35.15	71.15	2.04	-5.69
G 30.1	34.85	70.85	1.95	-5.60
G 30	34.50	70.50	2.17	-6.50
G 29.4	34.20	70.20	0.99	-4.91
G 29.3	34.00	70.00	2.18	-3.61
G 29.2	33.60	69.60	2.02	-3.87
G 29.1	33.20	69.20	1.78	-4.42
G 29	32.95	68.95	2.03	-2.63
G 28.13	32.60	68.60	1.78	-4.10
G 28.12	32.40	68.40	1.70	-3.83
G 28.11	32.10	68.10	1.73	-3.91
G 28.10	31.70	67.70	1.77	-4.64
G 28.9	31.22	67.22	1.88	-4.29
G 28.8	30.98	66.98	1.76	-4.17
G 28.7	30.60	66.60	2.01	-3.98
G 28.6	30.30	66.30	1.88	-4.48
G 28.5	29.89	65.89	1.69	-3.68
G 28.4	29.33	65.33	1.89	-4.42
G 28.3	28.95	64.95	1.90	-7.80
G 28.2	28.45	64.45	1.97	-4.41
G 28.1	27.75	63.75	2.07	-5.07
G 28	27.28	63.28	1.83	-7.66
G 27	27.05	63.05	1.91	-4.61
G 26.11	26.60	62.60	2.00	-3.91
G 26.10	26.40	62.40	1.60	-3.98
G 26.9	26.02	62.02	1.80	-3.59
G 26.8	25.80	61.80	1.61	-3.81
G 26.7	25.47	61.47	2.04	-3.85
G 26.6	25.15	61.15	1.85	-3.72
G 26.5	24.95	60.95	1.97	-3.55
G 26.4	24.85	60.85	2.01	-4.10
G 26.3	24.65	60.65	1.98	-3.63
G 26.2	24.45	60.45	2.03	-3.90
G 26.1	24.20	60.20	1.91	-3.70
G 26	23.80	59.80	2.08	-3.26
G 25.8	23.53	59.53	1.79	-3.80
G 25.7	23.40	59.40	1.88	-3.86
G 25.6	23.05	59.05	1.76	-4.06
G 25.5	22.48	58.48	1.42	-3.21
G 25.4	22.43	58.43	1.84	-3.42
G 25.3	22.02	58.02	1.72	-4.36
G 25.2	21.65	57.65	1.80	-4.29
G 25.1	21.41	57.41	1.92	-3.80
G 25	20.95	56.95	2.00	-3.94
G 24.6	20.87	56.87	1.90	-3.08
G 24.5	20.33	56.33	1.83	-4.12
G 24.4	20.05	56.05	1.98	-4.14
G 24.3	19.70	55.70	1.84	-3.83
G 24.2	19.35	55.35	1.85	-3.87
G 24.1	19.15	55.15	1.98	-3.82
G 24	18.85	54.85	1.88	-3.70
G 23.2	18.60	54.60	1.62	-3.60
G 23.1	18.40	54.40	1.74	-3.37

Sample	[m]		$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰ VPDB]	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ [‰ VPDB]
MG 120	80.00	80.00	2.35	-4.77
MG 119	78.90	78.90	1.99	-5.25
MG 116	64.85	64.85	1.79	-2.73
MG 113	61.10	61.10	1.88	-3.43
MG 110	59.95	59.95	1.52	-3.03
MG 109	58.60	58.60	1.70	-3.40
MG 107	57.05	57.05	0.97	-3.44
MG 105	56.10	56.10	1.81	-2.88
MG 104B	51.40	51.40	1.73	-2.97
MG 104A	48.10	48.10	1.39	-3.41
MG 102	46.20	46.20	1.59	-2.45
MG 100	44.70	44.70	1.72	-3.63
MG 99	40.80	40.80	1.61	-4.80
MG 98	40.60	40.60	-0.37	-4.86
MG 97B	39.10	39.10	1.71	-2.97
MG 97A	37.60	37.60	1.68	-3.09
MG 97	36.30	36.30	1.83	-2.69
MG 95	34.85	34.85	1.81	-2.12
MG 93	33.90	33.90	1.84	-1.82
MG 92	33.90	33.90	1.77	-2.20
MG 90	31.70	31.70	2.04	-1.80
MG 89	30.50	30.50	1.97	-2.10
MG 87	27.30	27.30	2.36	-1.80
MG 85	25.95	25.95	2.26	-1.47
MG 84	25.25	25.25	2.09	-1.90
MG 82	23.55	23.55	2.35	-1.51
MG 80	21.60	21.60	2.47	-1.63
MG 79	19.95	19.95	2.51	-1.73
MG 77	19.10	19.10	2.42	-1.21
MG 75	15.15	15.15	2.45	-1.39
MG 72	12.55	12.55	2.48	-2.56
MG 70	11.20	11.20	2.47	-2.25
MG 68	10.20	10.20	2.57	-2.01
MG 66	9.35	9.35	2.56	-2.83
MG 63	7.70	7.70	2.58	-2.98
MG 62	7.10	7.10	2.55	-3.43
MG 60	6.38	6.38	2.57	-3.56
MG 58	1.88	1.88	2.55	-3.63
MG 57	0.38	0.38	2.59	-2.28
MG 56	0.38	0.38	2.60	-3.90

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G 23	18.20	54.20	1.93	-3.70
G 22.8	18.12	54.12	1.93	-3.26
G 22.7	17.77	53.77	2.07	-3.55
G 22.5	17.38	53.38	1.90	-4.40
G 22.4	16.85	52.85	1.95	-4.67
G 22.3	16.65	52.65	1.79	-3.65
G 22.2	16.44	52.44	1.93	-4.15
G 22.1	15.90	51.90	1.77	-4.32
G 22	15.46	51.46	1.79	-4.39
G 21.2	15.36	51.36	1.92	-4.70
G 21.1	15.22	51.22	1.91	-4.29
G 21	15.03	51.03	1.72	-5.16
G 20.1	14.74	50.74	1.89	-4.60
G 20	14.47	50.47	1.84	-4.51
G 19	14.30	50.30	1.81	-3.47
G 18	14.01	50.01	1.94	-4.54
G 17.1	13.85	49.85	1.84	-3.45
G 17	13.41	49.41	1.68	-5.76
G 16.2	13.29	49.29	1.85	-3.72
G 16.1	13.10	49.10	1.79	-4.08
G 16	12.55	48.55	2.01	-3.44
G 15.2	12.43	48.43	1.78	-3.39
G 15.1	12.05	48.05	1.95	-3.50
G 15	11.90	47.90	1.90	-3.71
G 14.1	11.28	47.28	1.95	-2.59
G 14	11.03	47.03	1.85	-3.49
G 13.1	10.65	46.65	1.96	-3.69
G 13	10.35	46.35	1.88	-3.50
G 12.2	10.25	46.25	2.03	-3.24
G 12.1	9.90	45.90	1.92	-3.34
G 12	9.55	45.55	1.90	-3.69
G 11.2	9.03	45.03	1.81	-3.23
G 11.1	8.61	44.61	1.95	-3.63
G 11	8.25	44.25	2.03	-3.48
G 10.2	8.12	44.12	1.93	-3.55
G 10.1	7.65	43.65	1.88	-3.71
G 10	7.25	43.25	2.01	-4.65
G 9.4	7.19	43.19	1.87	-3.17
G 9.3	6.73	42.73	1.74	-3.01
G 9.2	6.60	42.60	2.25	-3.83
G 9.1	6.07	42.07	1.84	-3.78
G 9	5.90	41.90	1.86	-3.18
G 8	5.52	41.52	1.99	-2.88
G 7.2	5.46	41.46	1.94	-3.15
G 7.1	5.31	41.31	1.90	-2.47
G 7	5.15	41.15	1.93	-3.57
G 6.2	5.05	41.05	1.86	-3.87
G 6.1	4.85	40.85	1.91	-3.31
G 6	4.40	40.40	2.02	-2.90
G 5.2	4.23	40.23	1.89	-3.08
G 5.1	3.70	39.70	1.83	-5.41
G 5	3.20	39.20	1.91	-4.15
G 4.7	2.90	38.90	1.80	-2.67
G 4.6	2.68	38.68	1.72	-2.69
G 4.5	2.29	38.29	1.73	-3.06
G 4.4	1.78	37.78	1.89	-2.61
G 4.3	1.44	37.44	1.68	-2.55
G 4.2	0.85	36.85	1.75	-2.60
G 4.1	0.58	36.58	1.54	-2.81
G 3	0.43	36.43	1.73	-2.25
G 2	0.35	36.35	1.92	-2.22
G 1	0.18	36.18	1.62	-3.22

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Sample	[m]	[m] succession				
G 49	39.75	75.75				G 49
G 48	39.50	75.50				G 48
G 47	39.00	75.00				G 47
G 46	38.80	74.80				G 46
G 45	38.55	74.55				G 45
G 44	38.30	74.30				G 44
G 40	37.35	73.35				G 40
G 37	36.70	72.70				G 37
G 36	36.40	72.40				G 36
G 34	36.05	72.05				G 34
G 33	35.85	71.85				G 33
G 31	35.40	71.40				G 31
G 30.3	35.30	71.30				G 30.3
G 30.2	35.15	71.15				G 30.2
G 29.4	34.20	70.20				G 29.4
G 29.2	33.60	69.60	X			G 29.2
G 29.1	33.20	69.20	aff.			G 29.1
G 29	32.95	68.95	cf.			G 29
G 28.13			X			G 28.13
G 28.11						G 28.11
G 28.9	31.22	67.22	cf.			G 28.9
G 28.7						G 28.7
G 28.5						G 28.5
G 28.4	29.33	65.33	cf.			G 28.4
G 28.3	28.95	64.95				G 28.3
G 28.2	28.45	64.45		X		G 28.2
G 28.1	27.75	63.75				G 28.1
G 28	27.28	63.28				G 28
G 27	27.05	63.05	X	cf.		G 27
G 26.8						G 26.8
G 26.6	25.15	61.15				G 26.6
G 26.2	24.45	60.45				G 26.2
G 26.1	24.20	60.20	cf.			G 26.1
G 26						G 26
G 25.7						G 25.7
G 25.5						G 25.5
G 25.3	22.02	58.02				G 25.3
G 25.1	21.41	57.41				G 25.1
G 25	20.95	56.95				G 25
G 24.5	20.33	56.33				G 24.5
G 24.3	19.70	55.70				G 24.3
G 24	18.85	54.85				G 24
G 23	18.20	54.20	aff.			G 23
G 22.5	17.38	53.38				G 22.5
G 22.2	16.44	52.44	cf.			G 22.2
G 22	15.46	51.46	cf. X			G 22
G 21	15.03	51.03	X			G 21
G 20	14.47	50.47	X			G 20
G 18	14.01	50.01				G 18
G 14	11.03	47.03	cf.			G 14
G 13	10.35	46.35				G 13
G 12	9.55	45.55	X	cf.		G 12
G 11.1	8.25	44.25	X			G 11.1
G 10.1	7.25	43.25				G 10.1
G 9.3	6.73	42.73	cf.	cf. X		G 9.3
G 9	5.90	41.90				G 9
G 8						G 8
G 7	5.15	41.15	cf.			G 7
G 6	4.40	40.40	cf.	cf.		G 6
G 5.1	3.70	39.70	X	X		G 5.1
G 5	3.20	39.20				G 5
G 4.5	2.29	38.29	cf. aff.			G 4.5
G 3	0.43	36.43	aff.			G 3
G 2	0.35	36.35	cf. aff.			G 2
G 1	0.18	36.18	X	cf. aff.		G 1

X occurrence
cf. conformis occurrence
aff. affinis occurrence

INTERPRETATION

G 49
G 48
G 47
G 46
G 45
G 44
G 40
G 37
G 36
G 34
G 33
G 31
G 30.3
G 30.2
G 29.4
G 29.2
G 29.1
G 29
G 28.13
G 28.11
G 28.9
G 28.7
G 28.5
G 28.4
G 28.3
G 28.2
G 28.1
G 28
G 27
G 26.8
G 26.6
G 26.2
G 26.1
G 26
G 25.7
G 25.5
G 25.3
G 25.1
G 25
G 24.5
G 24.3
G 24
G 23
G 22.5
G 22.2
G 22
G 21
G 20
G 18
G 14
G 13
G 12
G 11.1
G 10.1
G 9.3
G 9
G 8
G 7
G 6
G 5.1
G 5
G 4.5
G 3
G 2
G 1

Sac6

Sac5

Sac4

cf. Pseudonereis vaccki (snail)

Sac1
Sac2
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