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The terminal interval of the well (3356–3259 m) is occupied by a 3 m-thick carbonate paraconglomerate. Its provenance is local and it is assumed to be deposited directly above the pre-Neogene basement.

Within the Blatné Depression similar new stratigraphic results have been obtained from the Dubové-2, Špačince-5, Ratkovce-1, Trakovice-1, Trakovice-4 wells which spread all round the depocenter. All of these wells have penetrated the complete Miocene sequence and so far no evidence for the lower Miocene strata was found. Of course, this dataset is not yet sufficient to rule out occurrence of these sediments out, but careful consideration is advised in the future.

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## **New findings of middle Miocene (Badenian) bony fish otoliths in Northern Croatia**

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Fine to medium-grained Miocene clastic deposits (dominantly marls) exposed around the western slopes of the Medvednica Mt. near Zagreb (NW Croatia) comprise rich assemblages of marine biota, including the fish scales, teeth and otoliths. The most abundant otoliths were found at localities Dubravica and Veternica (Husain 2018; Šeparović 2019). Diverse small otoliths of shallow-water gobiid fishes, together with neritic-pelagic clupeiform *Etrumeus* and codlets of the genus *Bregmaceros* dominate at the locality Veternica, while pelagic genera of cods, lanternfishes and silvery lightfishes (*Gadiculus*, *Physiculus*, *Diaphus*, *Valencienellus* and *Maurolicus*) dominate at the locality Dubravica (Husain 2018) (Fig. 1). Associated fauna at the locality Veternica comprises solitary corals, numerous gadilid and some dentalid scaphopods, small oysters, foraminifera, ostracods, decapod crustaceans and echinoids. This fossil assemblage points to the temporarily increased input of fresh water into the basin, therefore a shelf environment with a nearby river-mouth is presumed for this locality (Šeparović 2019). Otoliths and the associated fauna at the locality Dubravica (foraminifera, ostracods, sponges, diverse scaphopods, bivalves, gastropods, crustaceans) represent a mixture of shallow-marine and pelagic taxa, probably deposited on the upper continental slope. Badenian age of these deposits is determined on the basis of the foraminifera, while the associated nannoplankton is scarce, poorly preserved and points to the wide stratigraphic range (NN4 to NN6 Zones).

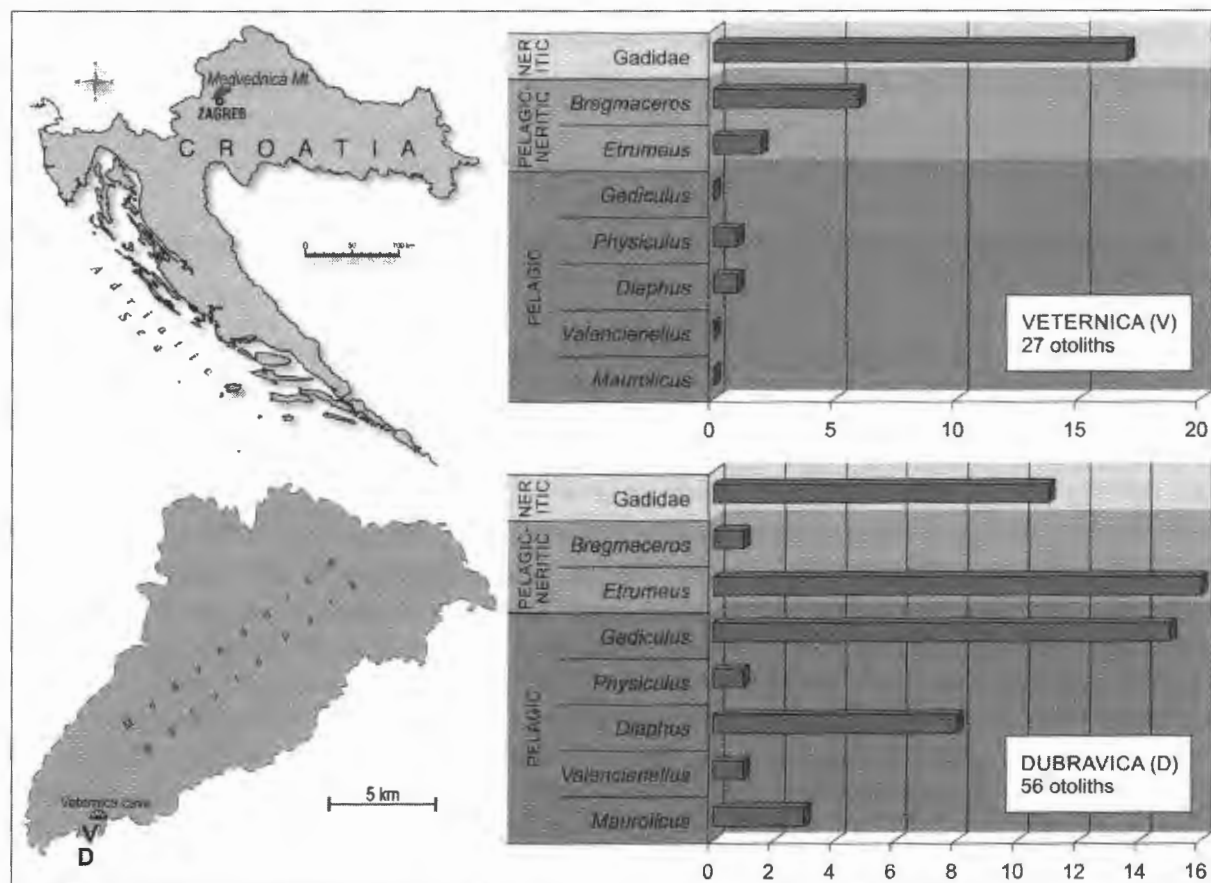


Fig. 1 Position of localities Dubravica and Veternica (SW Medvednica) and number of determined otoliths

Fish fauna shows similarity with the Badenian assemblage from the borehole LOM-1 situated in Lomnice/Tišnov denudational relict (Carpathian Foredeep, Czech Republic; Holcová et al. 2015), and, partly, Badenian to Sarmatian ichthyofauna from the vicinity of Belgrade (Schwarzahns et al. 2015).

This research highly improves the knowledge on the Badenian teleost fauna from northwestern Croatia, regarding the only two taxa (*Chrysophrys* sp. and Acanthuridae gen. et sp. indet.) previously determined from fossil teeth found in this area (Kochansky 1944; Tripalo et al. 2016).

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