Supporting Information for

The contribution of integrated 3D model analysis to Protoaurignacian stone tool design

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	Range	Mean	SE	SD	25 propti	Median	75 propti
Alternate (n = 40)					prenti		prenti
Volume	46.0 to 513.0	193.6	18.80	118.9	108.2	153.8	240.1
Length	16.0 to 44.0	27.2	1.03	6.5	22.8	25.7	30.4
Width	3.4 to 10.1	6.4	0.23	1.4	5.4	6.2	7.2
Thickness	0.9 to 2.6	1.6	0.07	0.4	1.3	1.6	1.9
Elongation	2.7 to 6.1	4.3	0.11	0.7	3.8	4.2	4.8
Robustness	2.6 to 6.7	4.0	0.14	0.9	3.4	3.9	4.7
Direct unilat. (n = 10)							
Volume	57.9 to 795.6	304.1	92.3	291.9	72.8	156.6	568.1
Length	16.2 to 51.6	28.4	3.8	12.0	18.1	24.6	38.4
Width	3.7 to 10.4	6.9	0.76	2.4	4.7	6.4	9.3
Thickness	1.1 to 3.8	2.2	0.30	0.9	1.3	2.1	2.8
Elongation	2.6 to 5.4	4.1	0.26	0.8	3.8	4.0	4.8
Robustness	1.7 to 4.5	3.4	0.29	0.9	2.6	3.4	4.3
Direct bilat. (n = 36)							
Volume	26.8 to 978.9	171.9	30.8	184.9	75.5	113.3	196.0
Length	11.3 to 50.4	24.2	1.35	8.1	18.6	22.3	29.4
Width	2.9 to 11.4	5.5	0.27	1.6	4.6	5.3	6.4
Thickness	0.6 to 3.6	1.8	0.12	0.7	1.4	1.4	2.4
Elongation	2.9 to 7.6	4.4	0.15	0.9	3.9	4.4	4.7
Robustness	1.9 to 6.2	3.2	0.17	1.0	2.5	3.2	3.6
Inverse (n = 12)							

Volume	56.0 to 934.5	266.6	70.9	245.7	75.9	213.5	384.6
Length	14.4 to 54.5	29.3	3.26	11.3	20.3	30.0	36.3
Width	4.4 to 9.9	7.0	0.50	1.7	5.8	6.8	8.0
Thickness	0.9 to 3.3	1.9	0.21	0.7	1.2	1.2	2.4
Elongation	2.4 to 8.3	4.2	0.45	1.6	3.1	3.8	4.8
Robustness	2.4 to 6.2	4.0	0.39	1.3	3.0	4.0	5.4

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	Blade	Blade, ret.	Bladelet	Bladelet, ret.
Blade	-	0.19	< 0.01	< 0.01
Blade, ret.			< 0.01	< 0.01
Bladelet				< 0.01
Bladelet, ret				-

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	rs	р
PC1 to volume	0,30	0.01
PC2 to volume	0,02	0.5
PC3 to volume	0,38	0.01
PC4 to volume	0,11	0.3

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	Blade	Bladelet	Blade, ret.	Bladelet, ret.
Blade	-	0.67	0.63	1.31
Bladelet		-	1.01	0.70
Blade, ret.			-	1.48
Bladelet, ret.				-

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	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate	-	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.3
Direct unilat.			< 0.01	0.04
Direct bilat.				0.02
Inverse				-

S5 Table. Pairwise Euclidean distance matrix between all retouch groups (*p*-values of each comparison). Significant *p*-values are in bold. Unilat. stands for unilateral and bilat. for bilateral.

	Alternate	Direct bilat.	Direct unilat.	Inverse
Alternate	-	0.50	0.95	0.38
Direct bilat.		-	0.81	0.66
Direct unilat.			-	0.91
Inverse				-

S6 Table. Multidimensional Euclidean distance matrix between the groups' centroids. Unilat. stands for unilateral and bilat. for bilateral.

	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate		< 0.01	0.1	0.5
Direct unilat.	37		< 0.01	0.02
Direct bilat.	487	54		0.3
Inverse	212	14	171	

S7 Table. Results of the Mann–Whitney pairwise comparisons on PC2 scores. U-values are given in the lower diagonal, while *p*-values in the upper diagonal. Significant *p*-values are in bold. Unilat. stands for unilateral and bilat. for bilateral.

	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate		0.4	< 0.01	0.2
Direct unilat.	164		< 0.01	0.28
Direct bilat.	314.5	59		< 0.01
Inverse	144.5	43	55	

S8 Table. Results of the Mann–Whitney pairwise comparisons on PC3 scores. U-values are given in the lower diagonal, while *p*-values in the upper diagonal. Significant *p*-values are in bold. Unilat. stands for unilateral and bilat. for bilateral.

	Alternate	Direct bilat.	Direct unilat.	Inverse
Alternate		0.27	< 0.01	0.72
Direct bilat.	1646		< 0.01	0.24
Direct unilat.	891	708		< 0.01
Inverse	1043	833	151	

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	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate	-	0.2	< 0.01	0.6
Direct unilat.			0.02	0.4
Direct bilat.				< 0.01
Inverse				-

S10 Table. Pairwise Euclidean distance matrix between all retouch groups (*p*-values of each comparison). Significant *p*-values are in bold. Unilat. stands for unilateral and bilat. for bilateral.

	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate		0.6	< 0.01	0.9
Direct unilat.	178		< 0.01	0.6
Direct bilat.	196	80		< 0.1
Inverse	233	51	34	

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	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate	-	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.7
Direct unilat			0.4	0.1
Direct bilat.				< 0.01
Inverse				-

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	Alternate	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Inverse
Alternate	-	0.04	< 0.01	0.8
Direct unilat.	115		0.5	0.1
Direct bilat.	293	154		< 0.01
Inverse	229	35	87	-

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	Inverse	Direct unilat.	Direct bilat.	Alt. ventral	Alt. dorsal
Inverse	-	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.5
Direct unilat.	0.661		0.9	0.1	0.2
Direct bilat.	2.445	1.42		< 0.01	< 0.01
Alt. ventral	3.06	3.649	8.972		0.9
Alt. dorsal	2.349	2.987	7.786	1.046	-

S14 Table. Results of the Tukey's pairwise comparisons on mean retouch angles. Q-values are given below the diagonal, while *p*-values above the diagonal. Significant *p*-values are in bold. Unilat. stands for unilateral, bilat. for bilateral and alt. for alternate.

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