Permission was granted by Italy’s Natural History Museum of Trieste, to whom the original finders had donated the specimen. The mandible, determined to be from a male who died in his 20s, was described by the team as, “the left portion of an isolated adult mandible bearing a canine, two premolars, and the first two molars.”

The 12-person team of researchers from university and governmental facilities in Italy and Australia used Dental Tribune U.S. Edition | October 2012

A) Distal-mesial section of lower left canine. B) Micro-CT detail of crown showing thickness of beeswax (in yellow). Beeswax exactly fills shallow cavity in exposed dentin and upper part of crack. B2) 3-D reconstruction and B3) microphotograph of crown in occlusal view with indication of surface covered by beeswax (within yellow dotted line). C) Micro-CT based cross-sections showing enamel cracks along labial and lingual aspects. Positions of the cross-sections are shown in B2. Beeswax is shown yellow. Scale bars, 2 mm.

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Various views of the mandible discovered in a cave in southern Slovenia. Scale bar, 10 mm.


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