



## NEW INSECTIVOROUS PLACENTALS FROM THE EOCENE OF PAKISTAN

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### ABSTRACT

We report the discovery of two lower molars of small placental mammals from the late early/middle Eocene Kuldana Formation of the Kala Chitta Hills, Punjab, Pakistan. The first of these is tribosphenic, but lacks an entoconid. We name it *Perizalambdodon punjabiensis* and suggest that it may be related to the tenrecoid radiation of Africa. A second partial lower molar of a small tribosphenic placental is too incomplete to be identified to the family level. However, it does not pertain to any described taxon from Indo-Pakistan. Together with recent finds in the early Eocene of India, these teeth suggest that the diversity of the small insectivorous placentals from Indo-Pakistan was significant, and that much of this fauna remains to be discovered.

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