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NEW SPECIES OF ALBANERPETONTIDAE (LISSAMPHIBIA) FROM THE LOURINHÃ FORMATION

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Albanerpetontidae are an extinct group of derived small ballistic-tongue-feeding amphibians of uncertain affinities. They ranged from the early Bathonian to the early Pleistocene, and have been recovered from Europe, North America, Asia and North Africa. Due to their small size, their fossil record is scarce and usually fragmentary, most generally recovered as isolated bones from vertebrate microfossil assemblages. In this work we describe historic and new material from the Late Jurassic Lusitanian Basin of Portugal, including specimens previously informally described from the Guimarota microfossil assemblage –Kimmeridgian– and new material from three localities in the Lourinhã Formation (Kimmeridgian–Turonian). Specimens here described include cranial and post-cranial elements, such as (but not limited) premaxillae, maxillae, dentaries, fused frontals, parietals, articular, atlases, axes, humeri, femora, and ilia. The specimens here presented exhibit intraspecific variation but support the presence of a new species in the Upper Jurassic of Portugal. Frontals show affinities with the genus *Celtdens* –hourglass outline frontal bone, with a curved orbital margin and a broad; blunt internasal process. The paired maxillae differ from those in *Celtdens ibericus* by having a small, undivided suprapalatal pit facing laterolingually, instead of having it more medial and facing lingually; but share affinities with *Anouaelerpeton* and Lower Cretaceous specimens of the Isle of Wight, United Kingdom. The triangular nasal process of the maxillae is round and slightly anteriorly projected, a condition shared with more basal albanerpetontids, as the lack of dorsal process in the dentaries and the ornamented postorbital wing of the parietal. Our material confirms the presence of a new species of Albanerpetontidae during the Late Jurassic of Portugal, as previously informally proposed. However, it may represent a new form, different from *Celtdens*.

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