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(Smith et al., 1999)
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Rodriguez, D. L. (2007). Equinoideos mesozoicos de las cuencas andinas del centro-oeste de Argentina (Tesis Doctoral, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires). Available from [add link if available]

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

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Figure 1. A, Paleogeographic boundary of the Neuquén Basin during the late Valanginian showing fossil localities mentioned in the text; B, geologic map showing the studied sections. Abbreviations: AM, Agrio del Medio; BA, Bajada del Agrio; BV, Bajada Vieja.

Figure 9. Chartronella spiralis sp. nov. (MPEF-PI 3590) in A, lateral; B, basal, and C, apertural views. Scale bar equals 5 mm.

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Concavity constant value (k)	Number of MPTs	Fit
8	3	67.8909
9	18	63.7890

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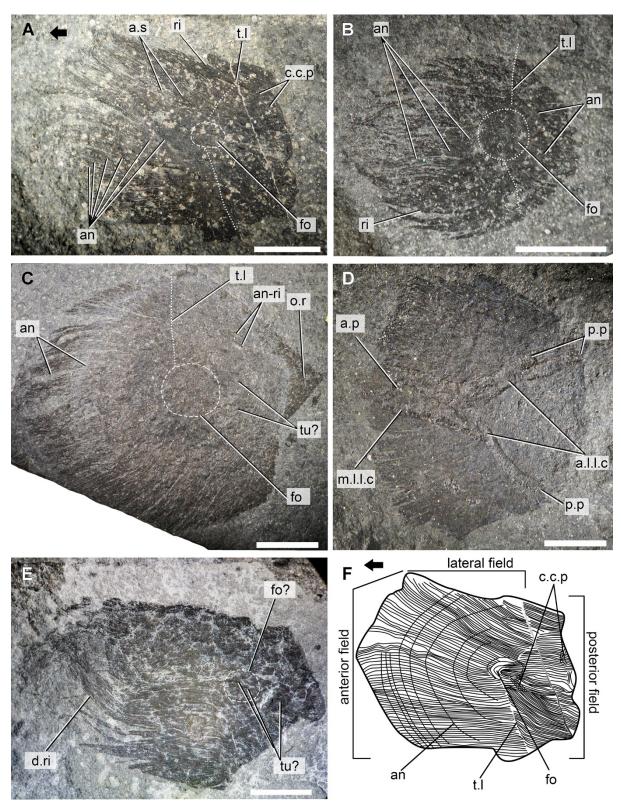


Figure 1. Morphotypes of elasmoid scales of amioid-type from the Ameghino Formation at Longing Gap. A, morphotype A (IAA-Pv 843 b); B, morphotype B (IAA-Pv 840 a, reversed); C, morphotype C (IAA-Pv 835 b, reversed); D, morphotype D (IAA-Pv 834 b); E, morphotype E (IAA-Pv 842 a); F, drawing of IAA-Pv 843b to illustrate the main traits described in the text. Abbreviations: a.l.l.c, accessory lateral line canal; an, annuli; an-ri, annular ridges; a.s, anastomosed section; c.c.p, criss-

cross pattern of ridges in the posterior field; d.ri, distorted ridges; fo, focus; fo?, focus?; m.l.l.c, main lateral line canal; o.r, ossified rim; p.p, posterior pores; ri, ridges; t.l, transverse line; tu?, tubercles?. Arrowhead points anteriad. Scale bars equal 3 mm in A, C—E, and 2 mm in B.

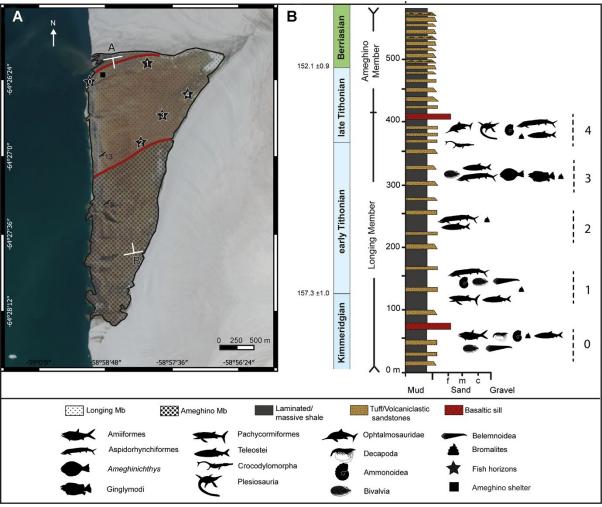


Figure 2. Sketch map and lithological column of the Ameghino Formation at Longing Gap. A, sketch map of Longing Gap including data from Kiessling (1999) and Kietzmann and Scasso (2020) traced on a high-resolution photograph taken in December 2022 (Copernicus Sentinel Data from EO Browser); B, lithological column of the Ameghino Formation at Longing Gap (modified from Kietzmann & Scasso, 2020, fig. 3) showing the fish horizons and the approximate position of the specimens (vertebrates, invertebrates, and bromalites) recovered during the Argentinian Antarctic summer field expeditions 2016–2022.