

Microevolution in prehistoric Andean populations: Chronologic nonmetrical cranial variation in northern Chile

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Multivariate distance statistics were computed from 14 nonmetrical cranial variables among five prehistoric samples representing steps in the microevolutionary history of a coastal population in northern Chile. Roughly 70% of nonmetrical cranial variation was found to be explained by chronologic distance covering a period of 6,500 years. This estimate is similar to a previous one derived from craniometric data. Implications of these findings are briefly discussed. Copyright © 1984 Wiley-Liss, Inc., A Wiley Company