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Abstract

Vulcanodon karibaensis is one of the earliest-branching members of Sauropoda and a forerunner of the largest terrestrial animals ever to have lived. Its stratigraphic position has most recently been given as Toarcian (latest Early Jurassic), making it a contemporary of the northern African taxon *Tazoudasaurus*, but some literature suggests that it may be considerably older. This uncertainty obscures our understanding of the timing of major