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Bone Structure and Evolutionary Transitions in Human Locomotion

Since its origin 6+ million years ago, the hominin clade has gone through a number of major behavioral transitions, including moving to an exclusively terrestrial environment, decreasing in relative muscular strength, and becoming progressively more sedentary. Because long bone shafts are developmentally plastic, responding to the mechanical forces placed on them, they preserve a record of behavior during life. I review fossil and archaeological evidence for changes in long bone structure that sheds light on the timing and nature of these behavioral shifts throughout hominin evolution, including very recent changes associated with industrialization.

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