

New fossil suggest ancient human ancestors the same species: *Homo erectus*

The spectacular fossilised skull of an ancient human ancestor that died nearly two million years ago in central Asia has forced scientists to rethink the story of early human evolution.

The odd dimensions of the fossil prompted the team to look at normal skull variation, both in modern humans and chimps, to see how they compared. They found that while the Dmanisi skulls looked different to one another, the variations were no greater than those seen among modern people and among chimps.

Rather than being separate species, the human ancestors found in Africa from the same period may simply be normal variants of *H erectus*.

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