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Biostratigraphy of The Carboniferous Deposits in The Ramsheh Area-SE of Isfahan Based on Conodonts

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Abstract

The studied section is located in Central Iran, in 35 km southeast of Shahreza in Ramsheh area. The Ramsheh area structurally belongs to the southwest Central Iran including the Shahreza – Abadeh – Hambast belt, which is separated by faults from the Gavkhoni- Abarquh depression to the northeast and from the Yazdekhast-Dehbid metamorphism belt to the southeast.

The Carboniferous deposits with 620m thickness including Shishtu2 and sardar Formations, the former (Shishtu2 Fm), mainly consists of 315m dark to gray limestones with dolomites and alternation of thin to medium bedded platy shales. According to Conodont fauna the following Conodozones are recognized:

1-? *expansa-sulcata zone* 2-*duplicate zone* 3-*typicus zone* 4-*ancuralis-latus zone* The upper part (Sradar Fm.)with 298m thickness consists of carbonate-terrigenous deposits including limestones, sandy limestones conglomerate and oolitic limestones with conodont fauna. The following conodozones are recognized from this part:

1-*muricatus zone* 2-*noduliferous zone* 3-*sinutus-minutus zone* 4- *sinusus-delicatus zone* 5-? *elongatus zone*

The section checked with regard to Conodont biostratigraphy and depositional environment. According to the above mentioned Conodozones, the Carboniferous deposits in Asadabad section dated from Tournasian to Moscovion in age. The topmost of the section with the Vajnan Formation have parallel disconformity and the lower boundary is covered. The upper located among rocks of late Carboniferous is probably related to global variation of sea level due to glacial epoch (Late Carboniferous) in vast area of Gondwanan Supercontinent.

Keywords: Carboniferous, Conodonts, Tournasian, Bashkirian

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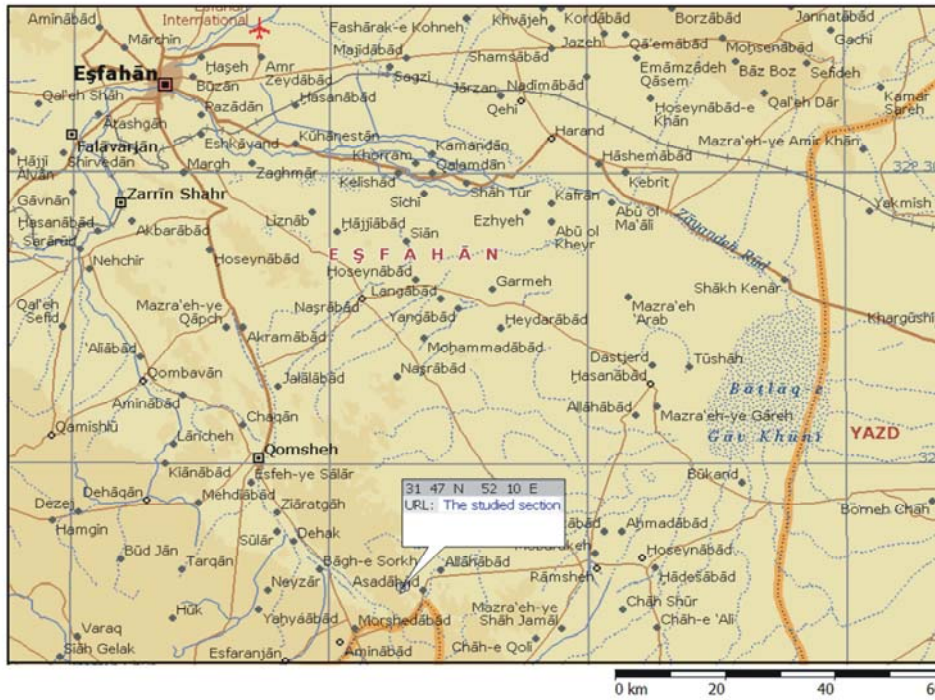
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Lower crenulata () Late expansa Zone

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zone

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?expansa –

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duplicate zone :

Polygnathus inornatus Branson & Mehl, 1934
Polygnathus communis communis Branson, 1934
Bispathodua stabilis Branson & Mehl, 1934
Gnathodus Pseudosemiglaber Thompson & Fellows,
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Gnathodus Pseudosemiglaber
ancuralis-latus zone

texanus zone

Polygnathus communis Bispathodua stabilis
communis

ancuralis-latus

zone

ancuralis-latus zone

Polygnathus inornatus Branson & Mehl, 1934
Clydagnathus unicornis

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Polygnathus inornatus Branson & Mehl, 1934
Pseudopolygnathus dentilineatus E. R. Branson, 1934
Bispathodus aculeatus aculeatus Branson & Mehl, 1934
Pseudopolygnathus brevipennatus

Bispathodus aculeatus aculeatus

Upper duplicate zone Middle expansa zone

Pseudopolygnathus dentilineatus

typicus zone Early duplicate zone

duplicate

zone

duplicate zone

typicus zone :

Bispathodus aculeatus aculeatus Branson & Mehl, 1934
Gnathodus typicus Hass, 1953

Gnathodus typicus

Late) typicus zone

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ancuralis-latus zone :

texanus zone

Declinognathus noduliferous

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noduliferus

zone

Neoglyphioceras yazdii sp.

Dombarites sp. nov.(Hairapetian et al, 2006)

sinutus – minutus zone :

muricatus Zone :

Rhachistognathus minutus minutus Higgins & Bouckaert, 1968

Idiognathodus sinuatus Harris & Hollingworth, 1933

Rhachistognathus minutus minutus

sinutus –

Idiognathodus sinuatus

sinuosus zone

minutus zone

Rhachistognathus muricatus Dunn, 1965

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Rhachistognathus muricatus

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Upper

Muricatus zone

serpokhovian

sinutus – minutus zone

condense section

Late Namurian – Bashkirian

Rhachistognathus

Keybed

noduliferus zone :

sinuosus – delicatus zone :

Declinognathus noduliferous noduliferus Ellison & Graves, 1941

sinuosus – delicatus zone
(?elongatus zone)Gzhelian

Idiognathodus sinuosus Ellison & Graves, 1941
Idiognathodus delicatus Gunnell, 1931

sinuosus – delicatus zone

?elongates zone :

Slope

Streptognathodus expansus Igo & Koike, 1964
Streptognathodus expansus

Siphonodella

(Paleoecology)

Streptognathodus expansus

Assilian () Stephanian

Pseudopolygnathus, Bispathodus, Polygnathus
Gnathodus

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Bispathodus

Pseudopolygnathus

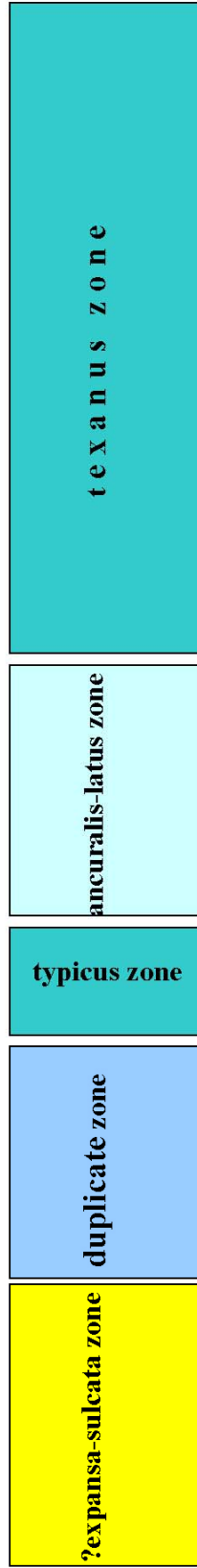
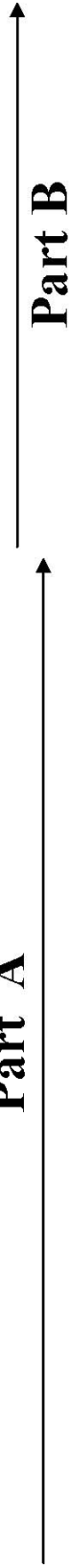
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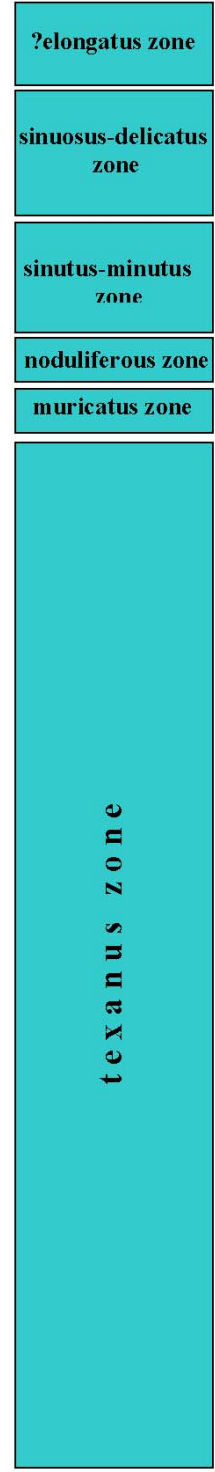
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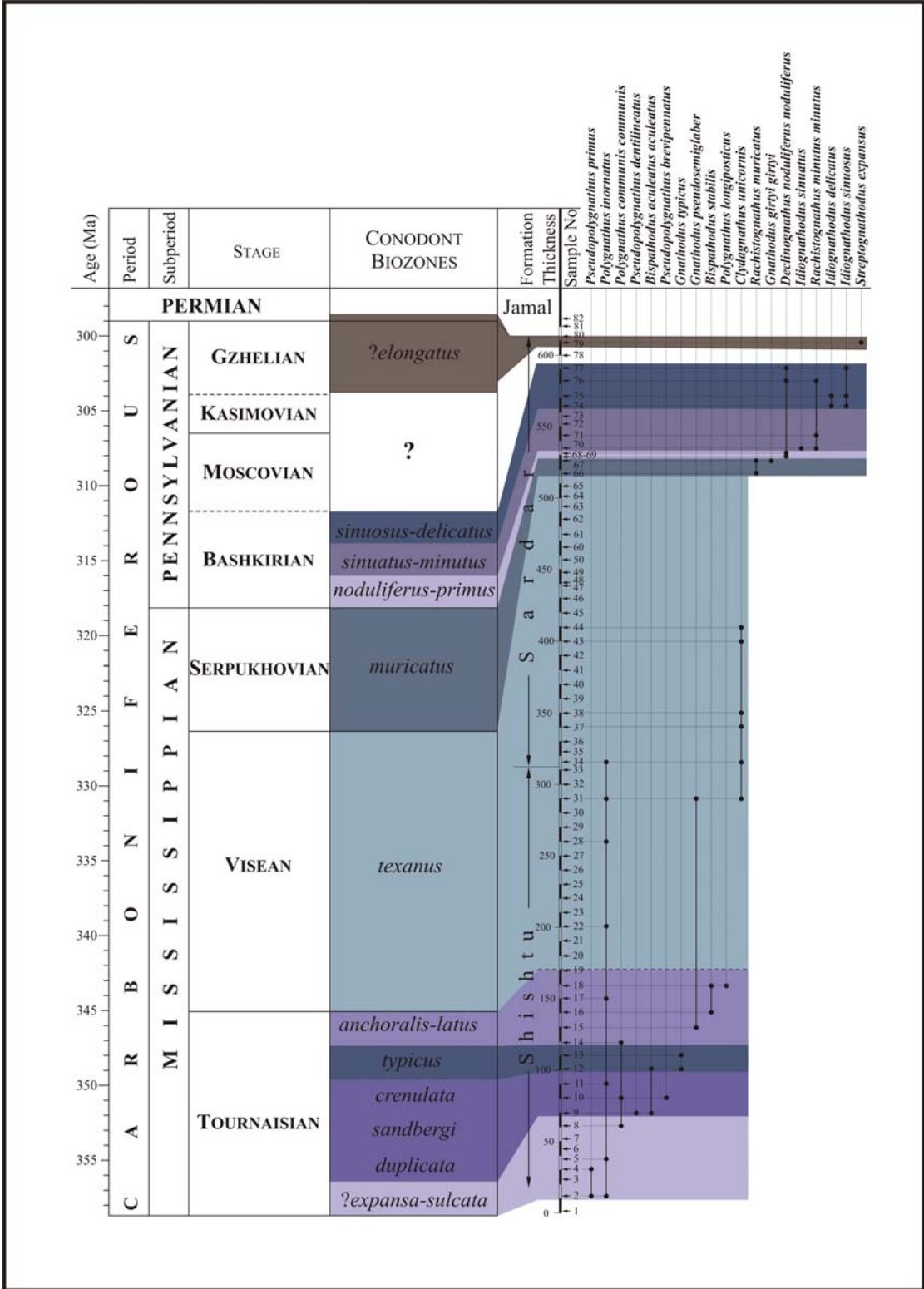
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Period	Stage	Formation	Thickness	Sample NO.	Lithology
Carboniferous	Tournaisian	Shih t u III	310	33	Brown to red shale with iron nodules
			300	32	Black limestone med to thick bedded containing shell fragments, brachiopods and spongy spicols
			290	31	Alteration of platy green shale, thin to med bedded with limestone containing, brachiopod small crinoid stems and holotorian remains
			280	30	
			270	29	
			260	28	
			250	27	
			240	26	
			230	25	Sandy limestone intercalated with shale, containing brachiopods, crinoid stems, bryozoans conodonts and shell fragments
			220	24	
			210	23	
			200	22	
			190	21	Alteration of unfossiliferous grey massive limestone and thin bedded dolomite
			180	20	
			170	19	
			160	18	
			150	17	Grey micritic limestone , thin bedded with shell fragments, gasteropods and conodonts
			140	16	
			130	15	
			120	14	
			110	13	Dark to grey limestone med bedded with intercalation of dolomite
			100	12	
			90	11	
			80	10	
			70	9	Dark micritic limestone med to thickbedded with conodonts and brachiopods
			60	8	
			50	7	
			40	6	
			30	5	Dark to grey limestone with intercalation of thin to med bedded dolomite
			20	4	
			10	3	
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			310	33	



PERM	Asslian Submarian	Jamal	Thickness	Sample NO.	Lithology	
C a r b o n i f e r o u s	B a s h k i r i a n	S a r d a r	620	82	White rounded pure, medium grained siliceous sandstone	
				81	Sandy limestone	
				80	Paraconformity	
			610	79	Alteration of yellow limestone with dolomite	
			600	78	Oolitic limestone	
			590	77	Alteration of grey sandy limestone and dolomite	
			580	76	Oolitic limestone A bed rich of corals	
			570	75	Alteration of sandstone and shale	
			560	74	Intercalation of med to thick bedded grey limestone with sandy limestone containing fish remains and shell fragments	
			550	73	Yellow limestone with, crinoid stems, (Crinoidal bed) , fish remains, microvertebrat remains, gasteropods and brachiopod shells	
				72	Intraformational conglomerate with uneven basal - surface, Rounded pebbles	
				71	Alteration of thin to med brown limestone with sandstone	
				70	Grey sandy limestone with shale and some dolomite in parts	
				69	Volcanic rocks as a horizon	
				68	Alteration of red limestone with shale and some dolomite in parts	
				67	Intercalation of med to thick bedded and massive yellow limestone with corals and rare trilobite	
			V i s e a n	S e r p u k h o v i a n	S a r d a r	520
	510	65				Red thin bedded siltstone with goniatits, rinchonellids, crinoid stems
	500	64				Light to creame sandy limestone with shell fragments
	490	63				White rounded pure, medium grained siliceous sandstone
	480	62				
	470	61				
	460	60				
	450	59				
	440	58				
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Meters above base of section	12	30	37	60	70	80	90	100	120	130	140	150	160	200	260	290	315	340	350	400	410	518	527	530	535	535	545	565	570	583	592	610			
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Sample Wt. (Kg)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
Conodont taxa																																			
<i>Pseudopolygnathus primus</i>	5	7																																	
<i>Polygnathus inornatus</i>	9	7				7						7		6	3	4	1																		
<i>Polygnathus communis communis</i>				6		5			8																										
<i>Pseudopolygnathus dentilineatus</i>					3																														
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<i>Gnathodus typicus</i>							2																												
<i>Polygnathus longiposticus</i>													2																						
<i>Clydagnathus unicornis</i>																2		1	1	2	2														
<i>Rachistognathus muricatus</i>																							4	3											
<i>Declinognathus noduliferus noduliferus</i>																								2	2						3	4			
<i>Gnathodus girtyi girtyi</i>																							2		1										
<i>Idiognathodus delicatus</i>																													1	1					
<i>Idiognathodus sinuosus</i>																										3		1		1	1				
<i>Idiognathodus sinuatus</i>																										1									
<i>Rachistognathus minutus minutus</i>																										2	1			2					
<i>Streptognathodus expansus</i>																																		1	
<i>Mehlina</i> sp.					2			2																											
Total	14	7	7	6	9	9	7	6	8	2	2	7	4	6	3	7	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	4	2	7	1	2	1	6	5	1			

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