A clarification of the dental formula of *Bassariscus sumichrasti* (Carnivora; Procyonidae)

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The dental formula for *Bassariscus* sp., 3/3-1/1-3/4-3/2 = 40, as reported by Hall (1981) is valid for *Bassariscus astutus*. This is also evidenced by closely monitoring the tooth development of 31 young of this species (Poglayen-Neuwall and Poglayen-Neuwall 1993).

Six Central American cacomixtles (*Bassariscus sumichrasti*), born in the colony of the authors, were also checked every other day for tooth eruption and succession. The dentition for this species, however, was determined to be 3/3-1/1-4/4-2/2 = 40 (figure).

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