**SI Table 1** — Taphonomic protocol utilized in this study.

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| **Taphonomic attribute** | **Scores** | **More information** |
| Fragmentation  Fine-scale surface (FSA) alteration  Secondary color\* (or color alteration) | 0 = absent  1 = present  0 = pristine  1 = present  1.1 = small pits 1.2 = large pits  1.3 = small and large pits  1.4 = holes 1.5 = small pits and holes  1.6 = large pits and holes  1.7 = small and large pits and holes  0 = color lost; 1=natural; 2 = oxidized color; 3 = reduced color. | Zuschin et al. (2003)  Best (2008) and Ritter et al. (2013)  Best (2008) |
| \*oxidized color (cream, yellow, ochre, and red); reduce color (white, gray and black) | | |