



# Do we get better and make things worse?

Managing a taxon in zoos  
on the individual and the population level,  
using the giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) as an example



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# How are animals in zoos doing ?

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### Compromised Survivorship in Zoo Elephants

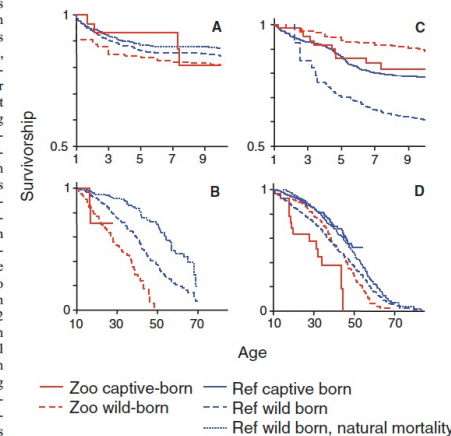
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Wild animals can experience poor welfare when held captive (1), an effect with ethical and practical implications. In zoos, the welfare of African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) and Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) has long caused concern. Infanticide, *Herpes*, tuberculosis, lameness, infertility, and stereotypic behavior are prevalent (2), and zoo elephant populations are not self-sustaining without importation (3). We compiled data from over 4500 individuals to compare survivorship in zoos with protected populations in range countries. Data representing about half the global zoo population (1960 to 2005) came from European "studbooks" and the European Elephant Group (4). We focused on females as relevant to population viability ( $N = 786$ , both wild-caught and captive-born; 302 African and 484 Asian). African elephants in Amboseli National Park, Kenya ( $N = 1089$ ), and Asian elephants in the Burmese logging industry (Myanmar Timber Enterprise, M.T.E.,  $N = 2905$ , wild-caught and captive-born) acted as well-provisioned reference populations [for details, see (2) and (5)].

For African elephants, median life spans (excluding premature and still births) were 16.9 years [95% confidence interval (CI) 16.4 to unknown; upper estimate for median not reached] for zoo-born females and 56.0 years (95% CI 51.5 to unknown) for Amboseli females undergoing natural mortality (35.9 years with human-induced deaths, 95% CI 33.8 to 40.3). Neither infant nor juvenile mortality differed between populations (Fig. 1A and tables S1 and S2), but adult females died earlier in zoos than in Amboseli (Fig. 1B and table S2). Zoo adult African survivorship has improved in recent years [ $z = -2.75$ ,  $P < 0.01$  (5)], but mortality risks in our data set's final year (2005) remained 2.8 times higher (95% CI 1.2 to 6.5) than that of Amboseli females undergoing natural mortality.

For Asian elephants, median life spans (excluding premature and still births) for captive-born females were 18.9 years in zoos (95% CI 17.7 to 34.0) and 41.7 years in the M.T.E. population (95% CI 38.2 to 44.6). Zoo infant mortality rates were high

(over double those of M.T.E.). A female's first pregnancy therefore had only a 42% chance of yielding a live year-old in zoos compared with 83% in M.T.E.



**Fig. 1.** Kaplan-Meier survivorship curves for female African (A and B) and Asian (C and D) elephants aged 1 to 10 [juveniles in (A) and (C)] and 10+ years [adults in (B) and (D)]. For wild-born reference (Ref, Amboseli or M.T.E.) populations, natural mortality excludes human-caused deaths; all mortality includes them (5). Results of statistical comparisons are given in table S2.

(table S1). Rates have not significantly improved over time (e.g., live births controlling for parity:  $z = 1.19$ ,  $P > 0.10$ ). For juveniles, captive-born survivorship did not significantly differ between populations, whereas wild-born survivorship was poorer in Burma (Fig. 1C and table S2) because of after-effects of capture (5). In adulthood, however, survivorship was lower in zoos (Fig. 1D and table S2), with no detectable improvement in recent years ( $z = -1.48$ ,  $P > 0.10$ ).

Within zoos, captive-born Asians have poorer adult survivorship than wild-born Asians (Fig. 1D and table S2). This is a true birth origin effect: Whereas zoo-born elephants are more likely to have been born recently and to primiparous dams, neither dam parity ( $z = 0.86$ ,  $P > 0.10$ ) nor recency ( $z = -1.48$ ,  $P > 0.10$ ) predict adult survivorship (controlling for recency makes birth origin more significant:  $z = -3.52$ ,

$P < 0.001$ ). Because the median importation age of wild-born females was about 3.4 years, this suggests that zoo-born Asians' elevated adult mortality risks are conferred during gestation or early infancy.

Interzoo transfers also reduced Asian survivorship (see supporting online text), an effect lasting 4 years posttransfer ( $z = -2.10$ ,  $P < 0.05$ , controlling for birth origin). Additionally, survivorship tended to be poorer in Asian calves removed from mothers at young ages ( $z = -1.92$ ,  $P < 0.10$ ) (5).

Overall, bringing elephants into zoos profoundly impairs their viability. The effects of early experience, interzoo transfer, and possibly maternal loss, plus the health and reproductive problems recorded in zoo elephants [e.g., (2)], suggest stress and/or obesity as likely causes.

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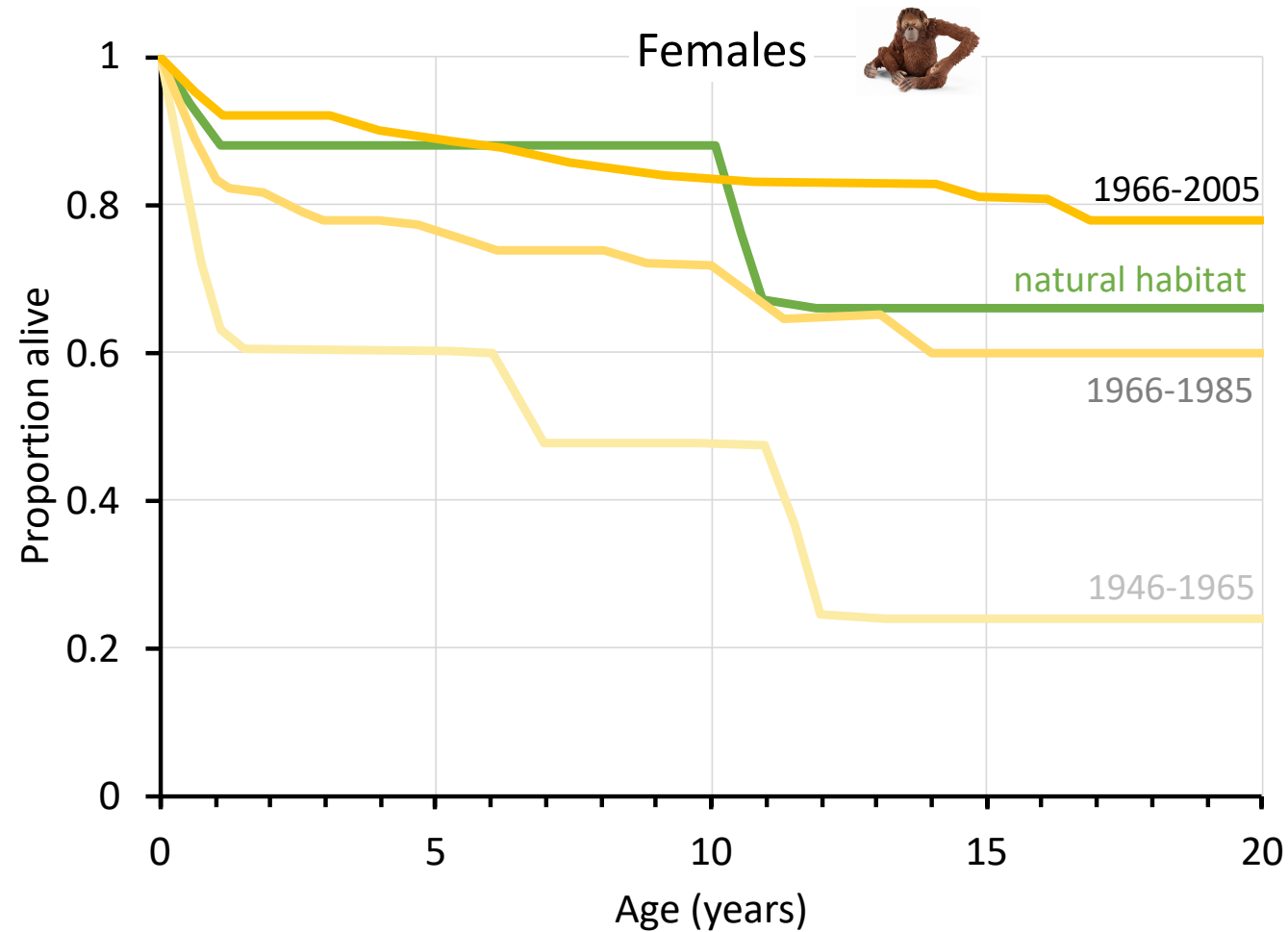
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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

Zoos are institutions where humans interact with a large variety of species kept for display and species conservation. Over the centuries, the value of zoos has expanded to include recreational, educational, and scientific purposes. Their conservation aims focus on both ex situ programs in terms of conserving individual species as such (Conde et al., 2011), and in situ actions in terms of contributing to habitat (and hence, indirectly species) conservation (Gusset & Dick, 2011; Tribe & Booth, 2003). These activities are performed with an increasing focus on animal welfare (Hosey et al., 2013).

There are several narratives about the aim of animal welfare. They include "proximal cause narratives," arguing that it is only justified, or socially acceptable, to pursue the zoological institution's other aims if animal welfare is not compromised and is state-of-the-art (Gray, 2017). While this narrative is plausible and valid, it tends to overshadow the "ultimate cause narrative" that optimal animal welfare is an aim of zoological institutions for its own sake, because of the self-concept of zoo professionals, and their vision that it is possible to create an ideal

environment, providing a meaningful yet anxiety-free life for individual animals that foregoes the many causes of fear and harm they are exposed to in natural habitats (Clauss & Schiffmann, 2021). Creating such conditions on a species-specific basis is a learning process, and zoos need to know if they are making progress.

In their dedication to professional animal husbandry, zoos have long instigated record-keeping systems that facilitate tracking individual animals and evaluating life stage-specific mortality (Carlsch et al., 2017; Müller et al., 2011; Tidère et al., 2016; Young et al., 2012). This also allows assessing progress in husbandry practices: one would expect uncontrolled, life stage-specific mortality (e.g., neonatal mortality) to decrease over time, if husbandry standards have improved over the years, as has been demonstrated in individual species like okapi (*Okapia johnstoni*) (EAZWV Summer School Participants & Clauss, 2008), orangutans (*Pongo sp.*) (Wich et al., 2009) or chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) (Havercamp et al., 2019).

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Here, we test whether several metrics—neonatal/juvenile mortality and the proportion of 1-year-old animals that reach 50% of the species' reported maximum longevity—changed in 95 zoo-kept carnivores over the last century. We found that juvenile mortality has decreased significantly over time, while adult longevity has increased. These findings suggest that zoos have become better at keeping animals alive over the last century.

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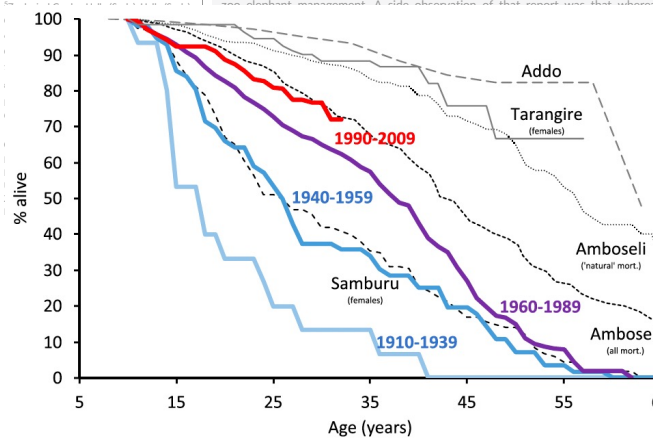
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Zoo animal husbandry is a skill that should be developing constantly. In theory, this should lead to an improvement of zoo animal survivorship over time. Additionally, it has been suggested that species that are at a comparatively higher risk of extinction in their natural habitats (in situ) might also be more difficult to keep under zoo conditions (ex situ). Here, we assessed these questions for three zoo-managed rhinoceros species with different extinction risk status allocated by the IUCN: the "critically endangered" black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*), the "vulnerable" greater one-horned (GOH) rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), and the "near threatened" white rhino (*Ceratotherium simum*). Comparing zoo animals  $\geq 1$  year of age, the black rhino had the lowest and the white rhino the highest survivorship, in congruence with their extinction risk status. Historically, the survivorship of both black and white rhino in zoos improved significantly over time, whereas that of GOH rhino stagnated. Juvenile mortality was generally low and decreased even further in black and white rhinos over time. Together with the development of population pyramids, this shows increasing competence of the global zoo community to sustain all three species. Compared to the continuously expanding zoo population of GOH and white rhinos, the zoo-managed black rhino population has stagnated in numbers in recent years. Zoos do not only contribute to conservation by propagating ex situ populations, but also by increasing species-specific husbandry skills. We recommend detailed research to understand specific factors responsible for the stagnation but also the general improvement of survivorship of zoo-managed rhinos.

#### KEYWORDS

husbandry, Perissodactyla, progress, survival, zoo

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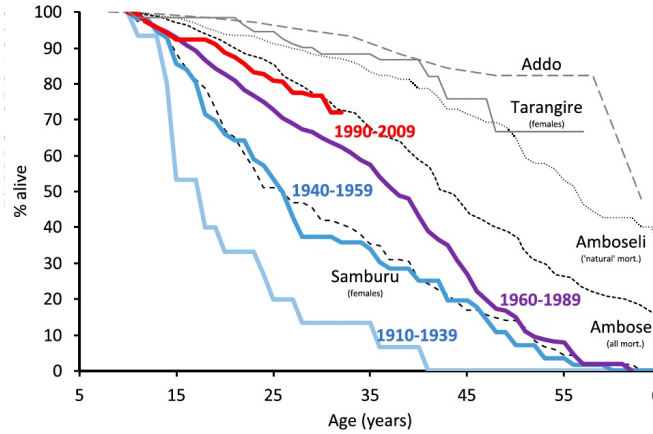
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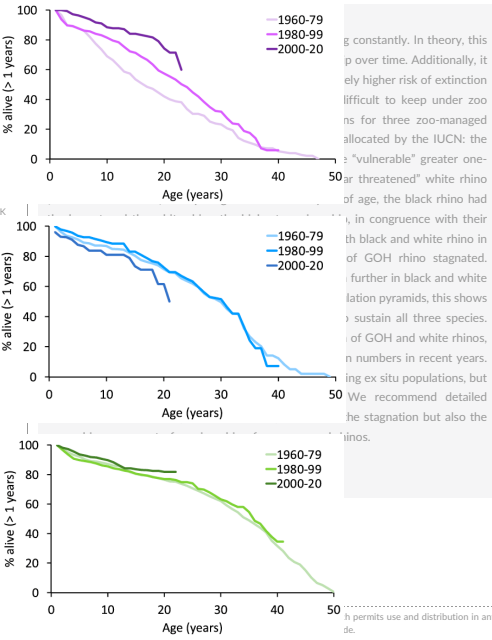
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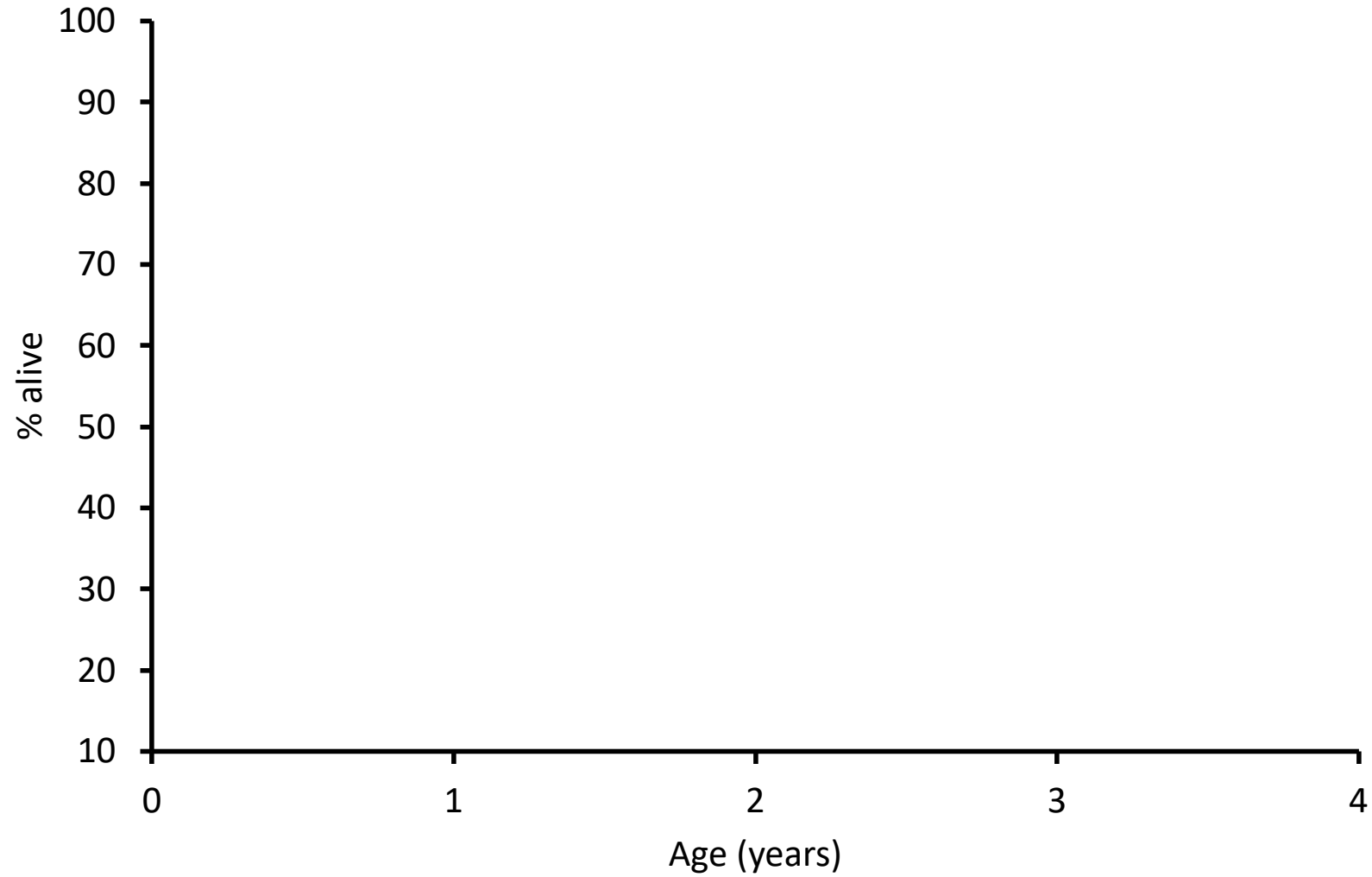
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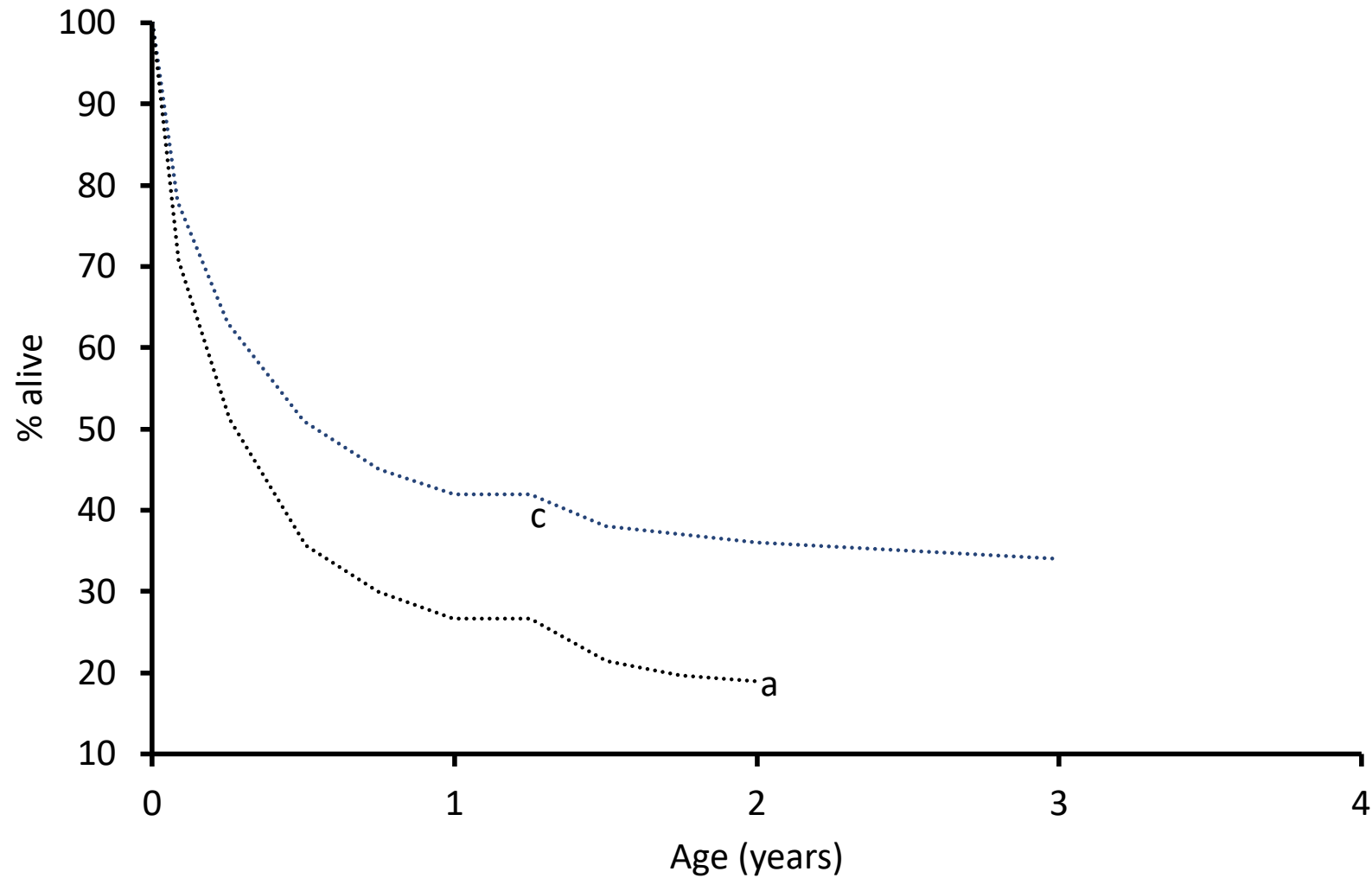


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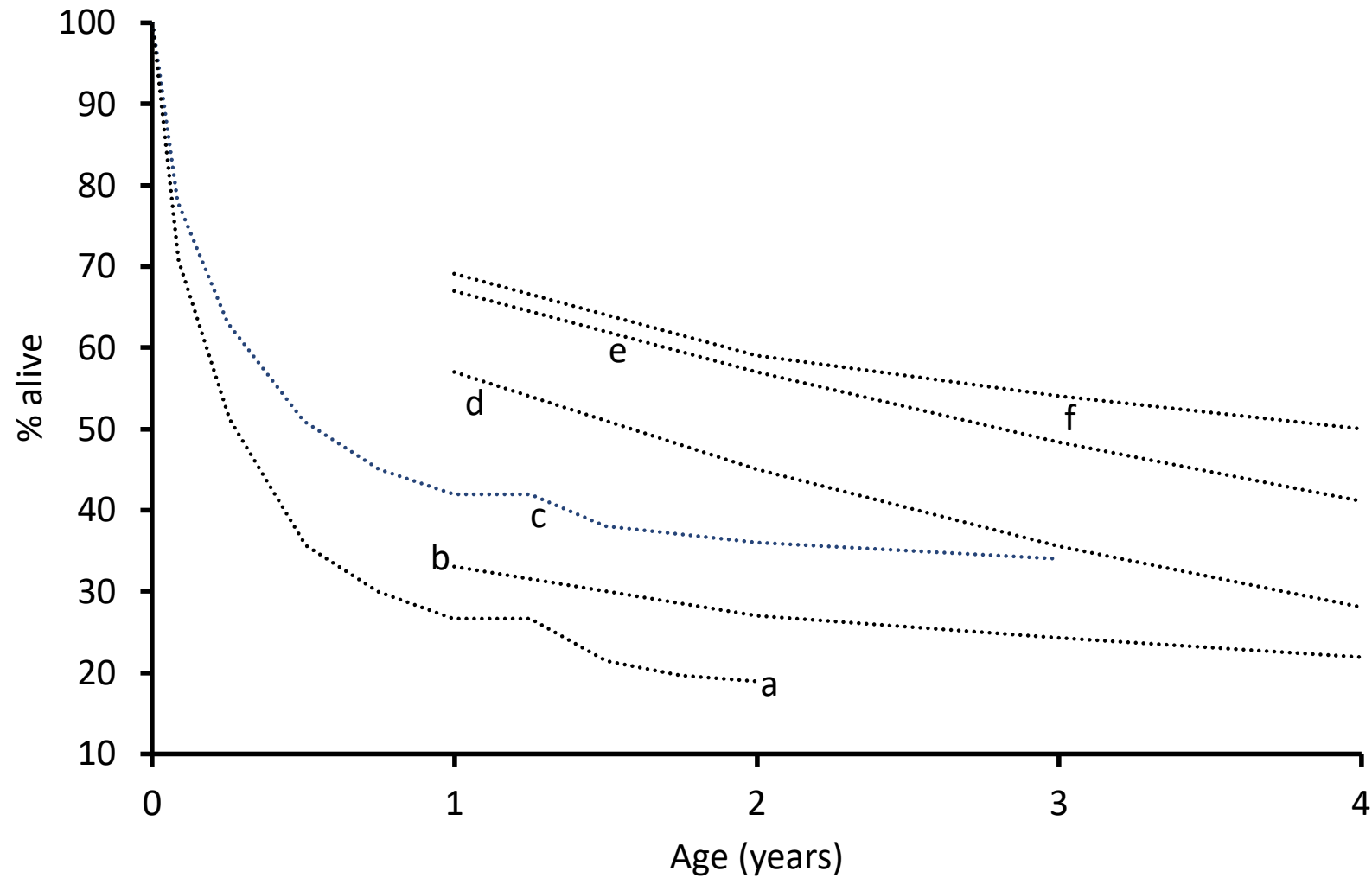


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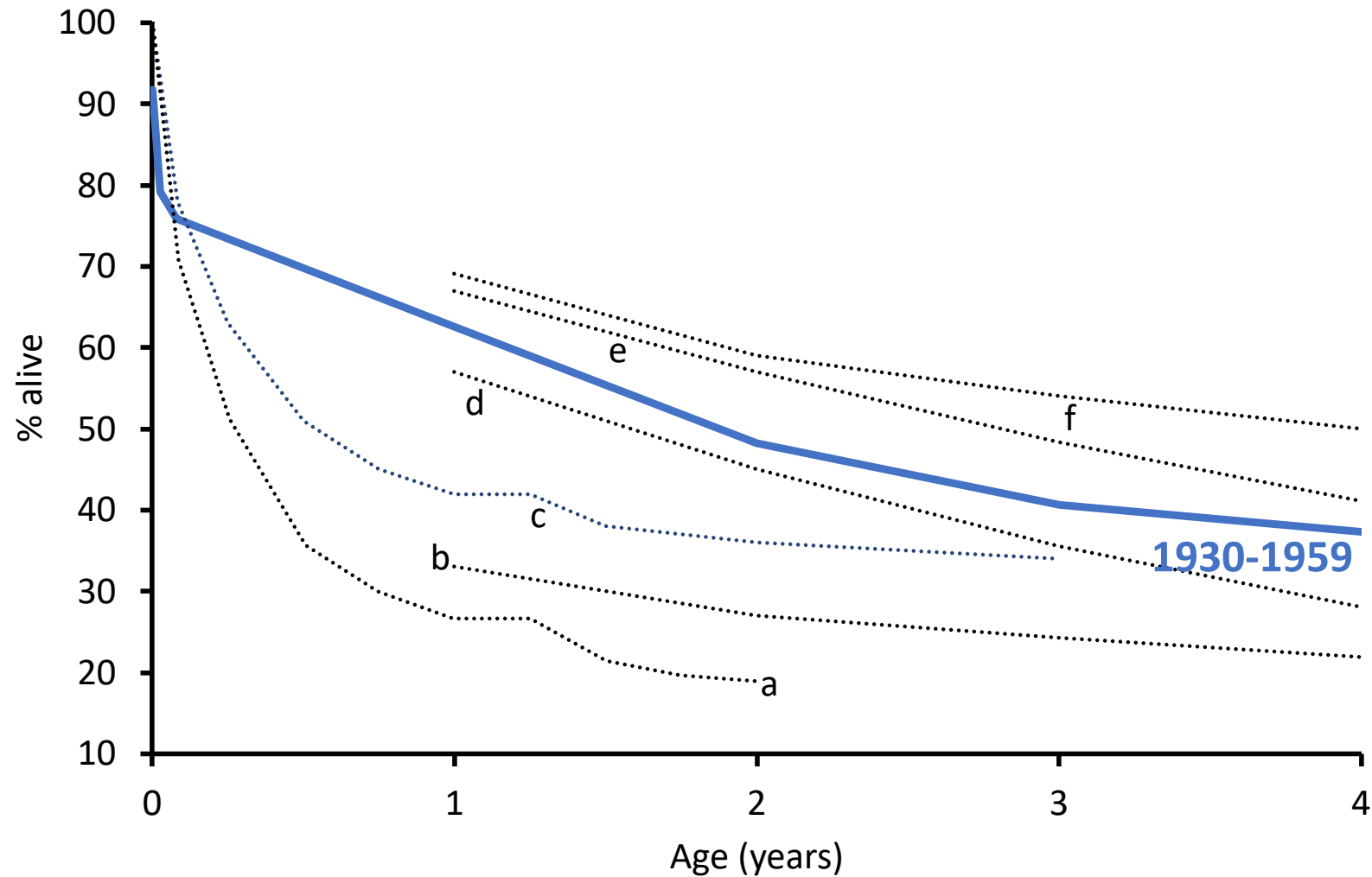
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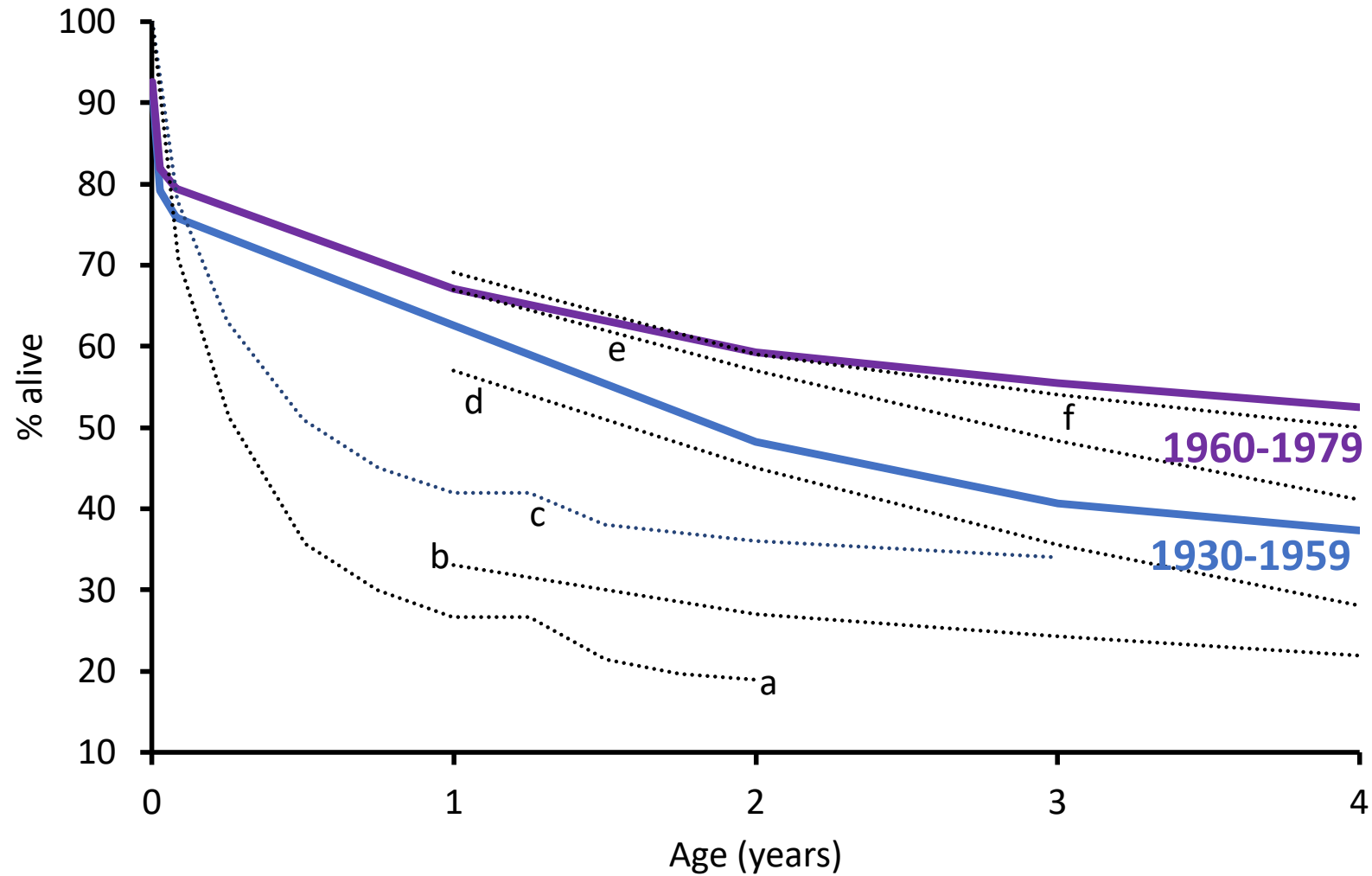
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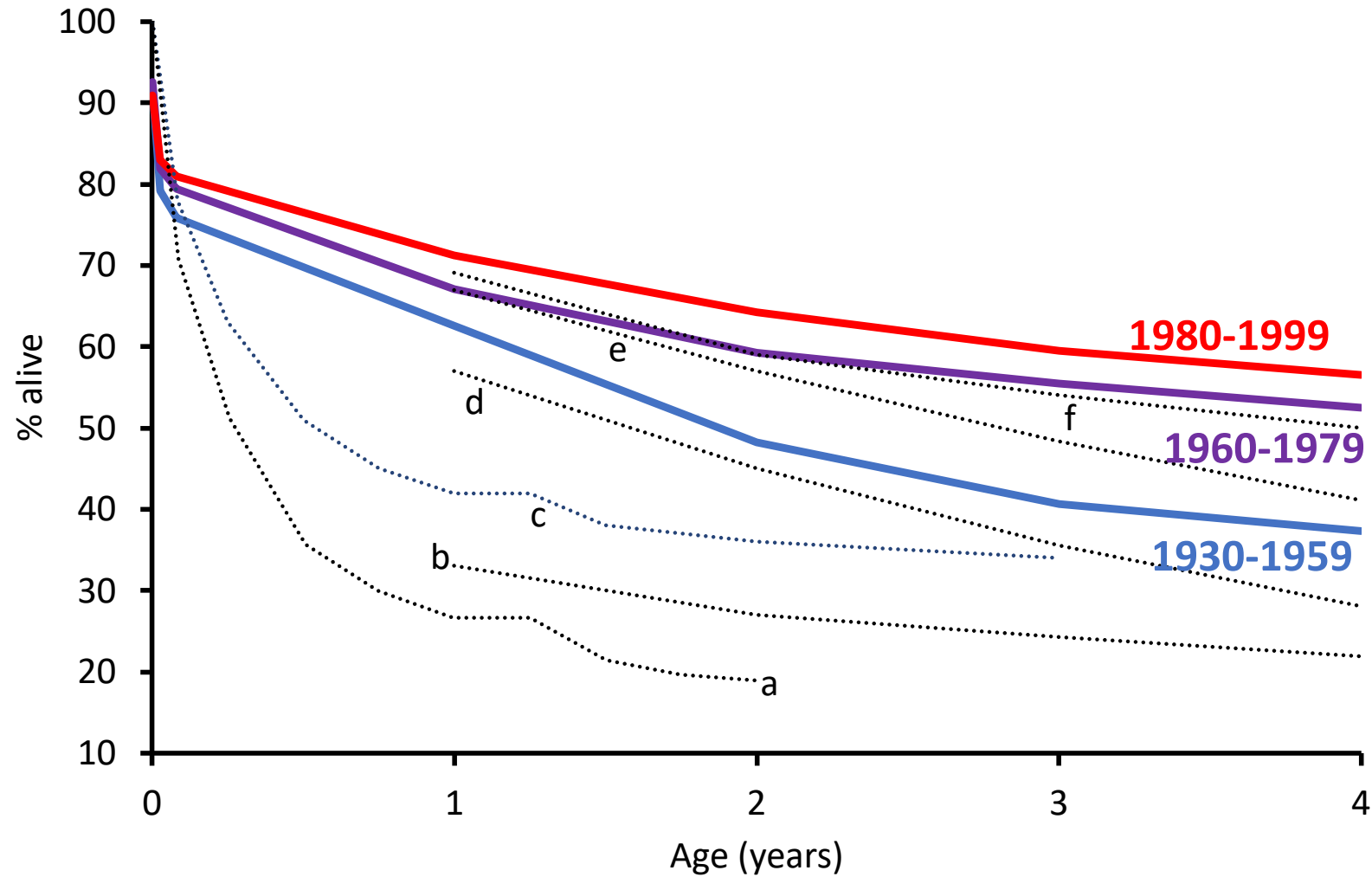


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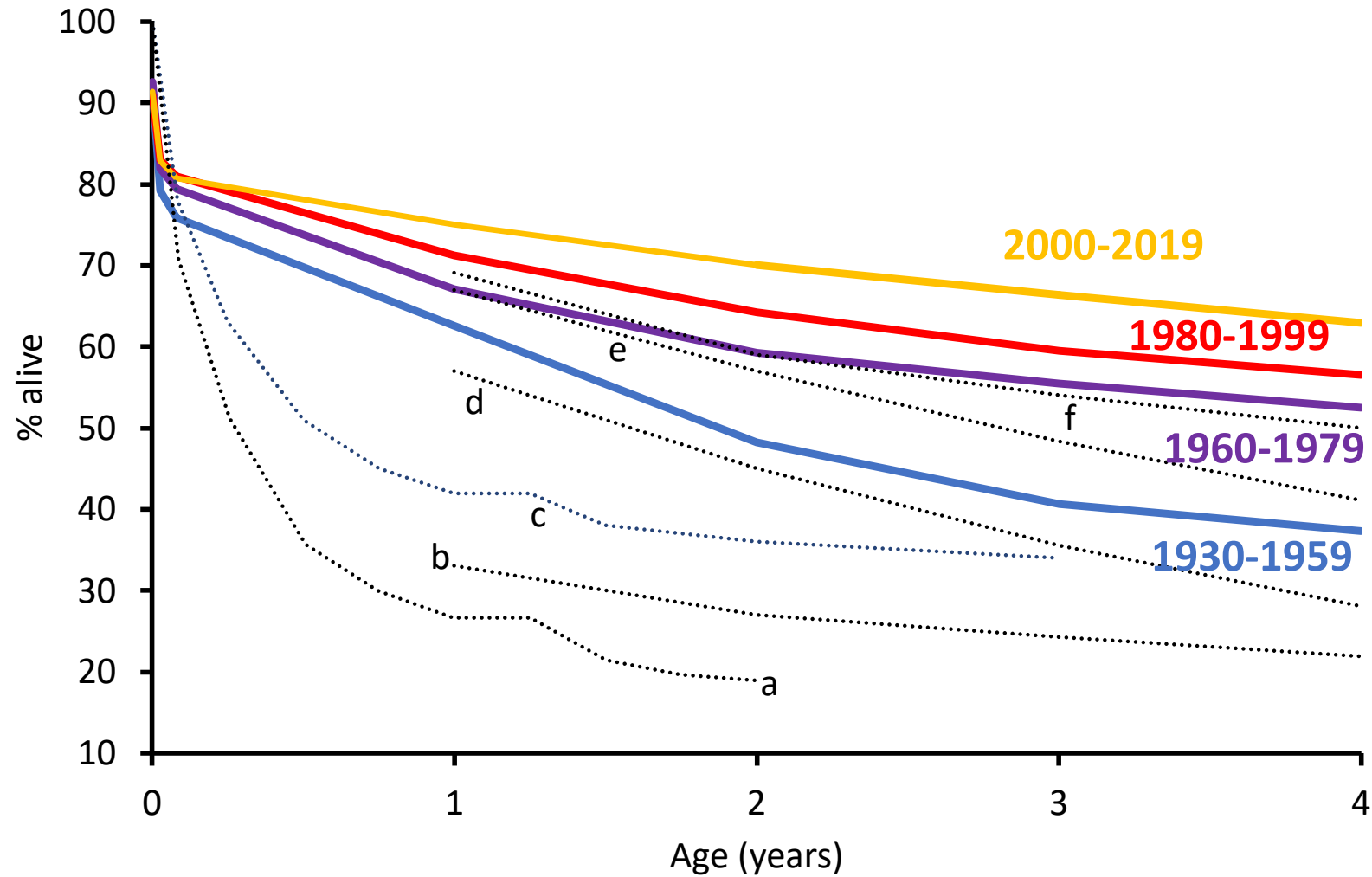
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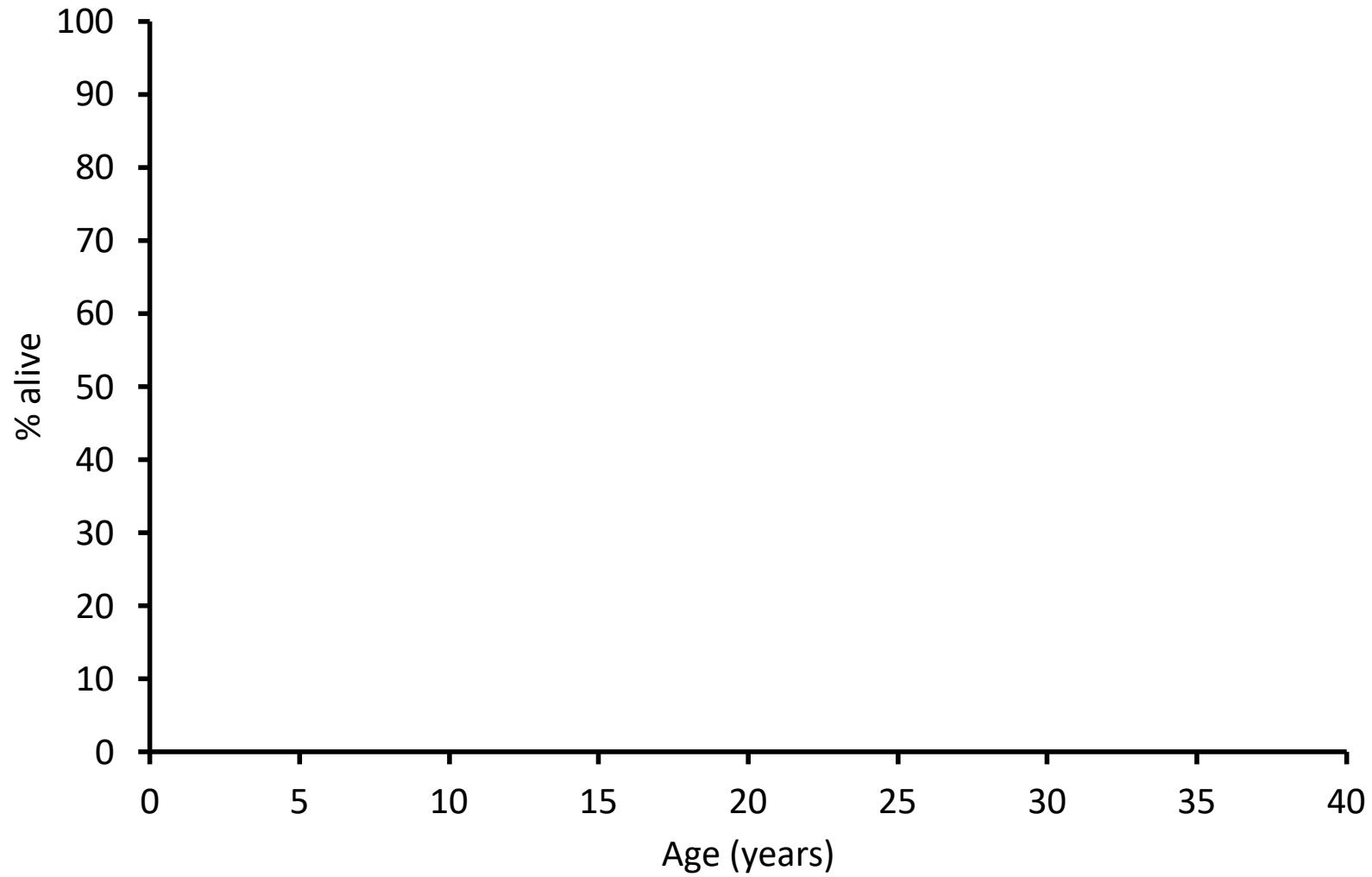
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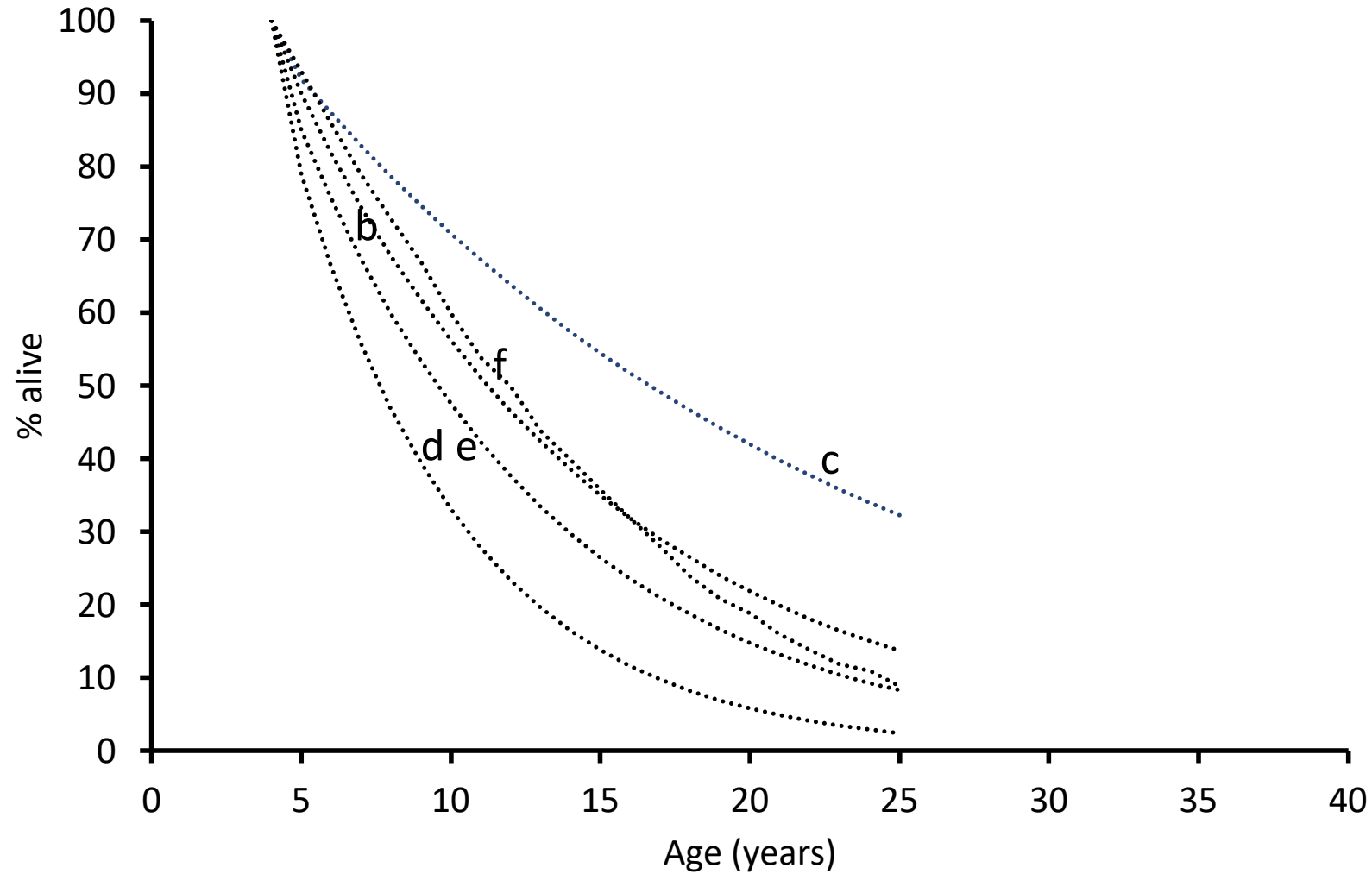
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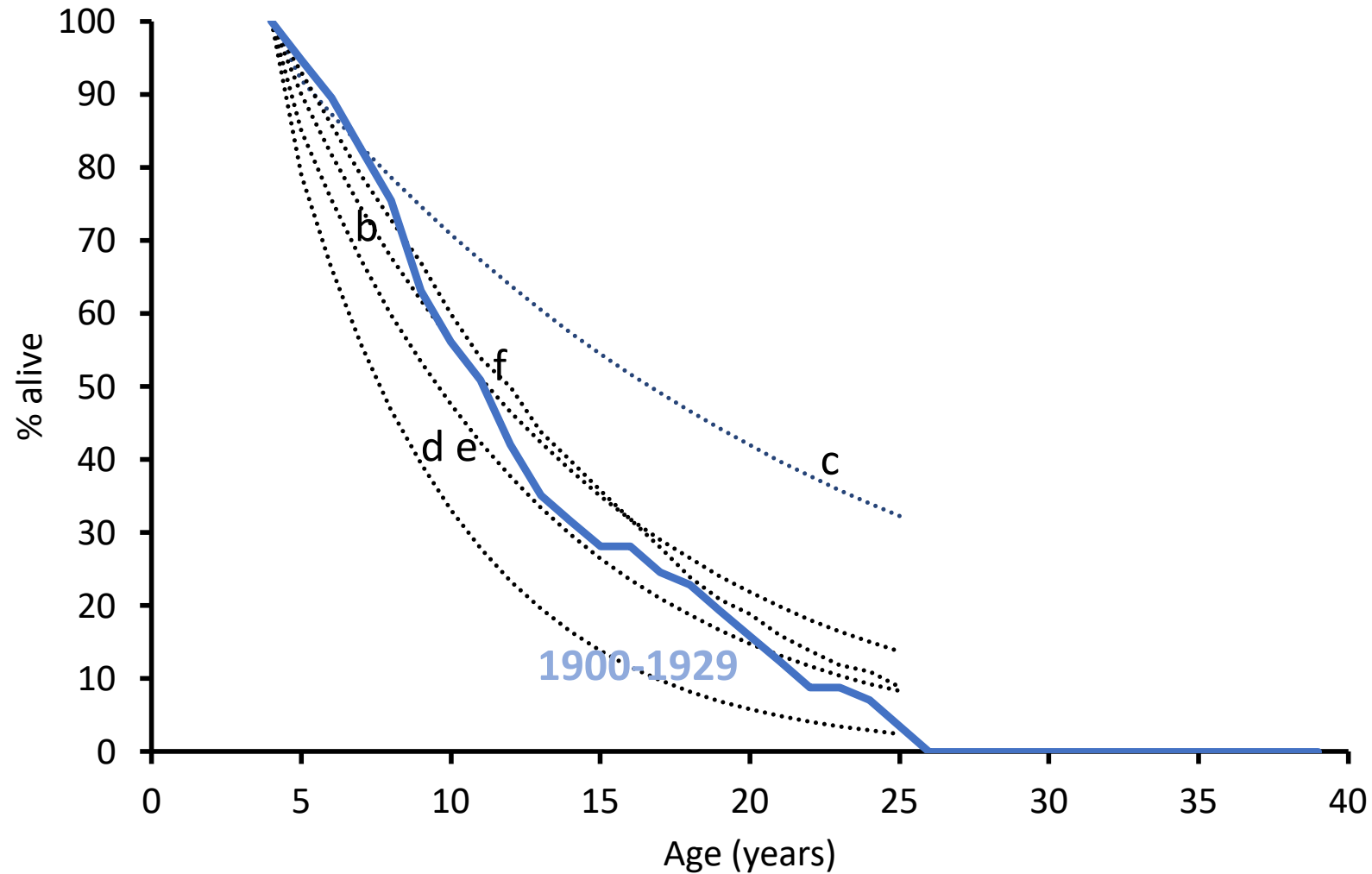
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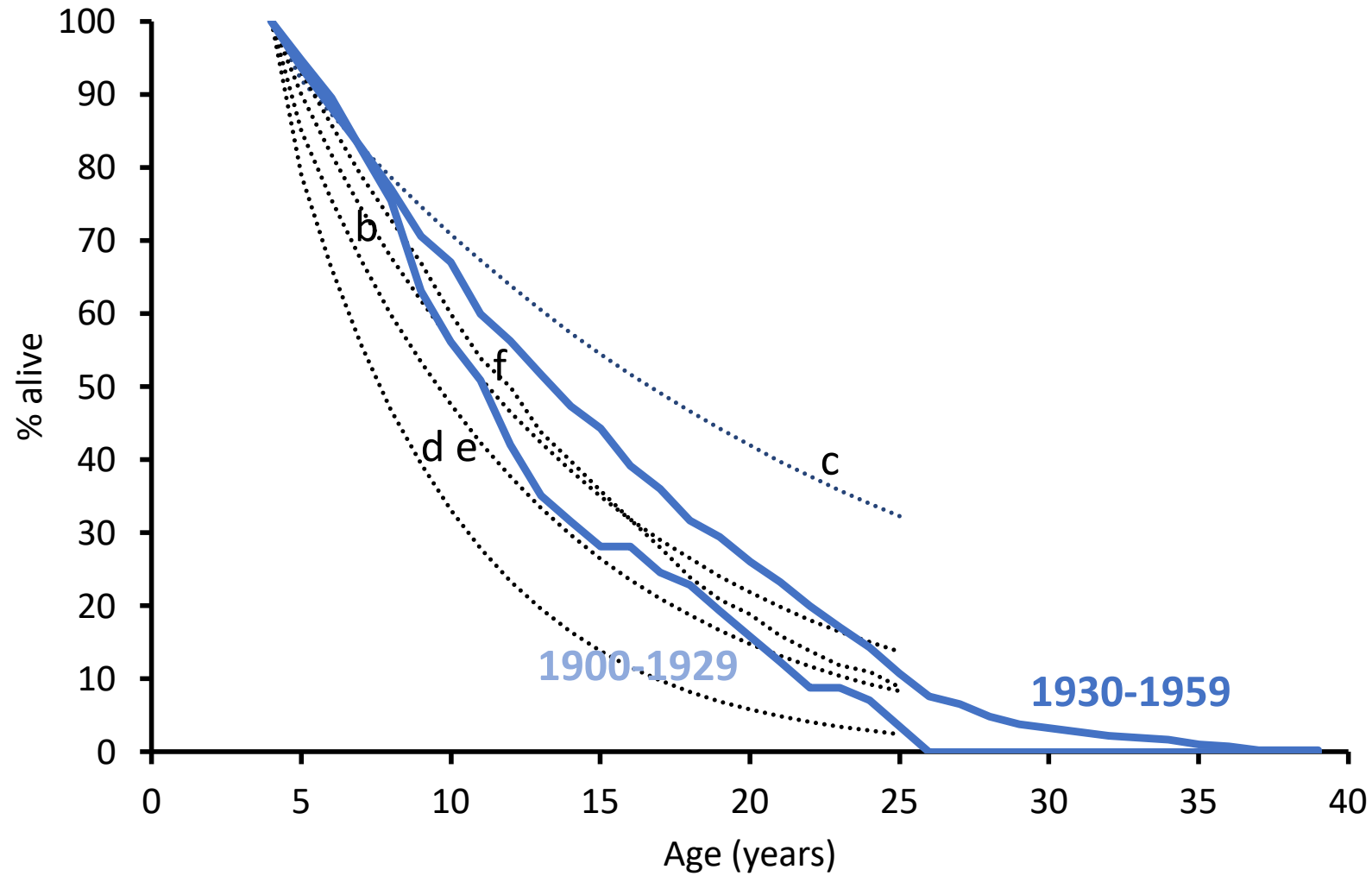
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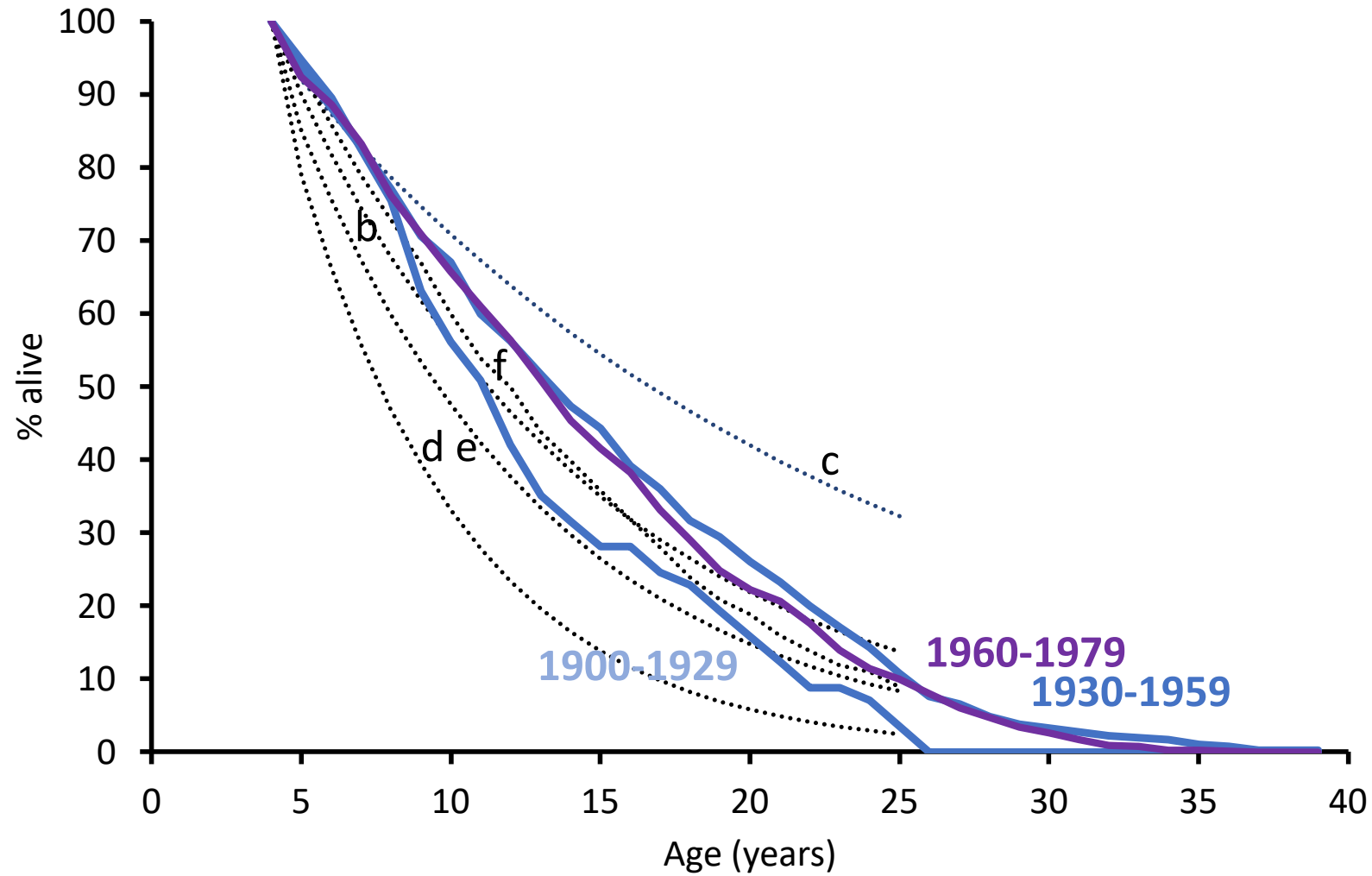


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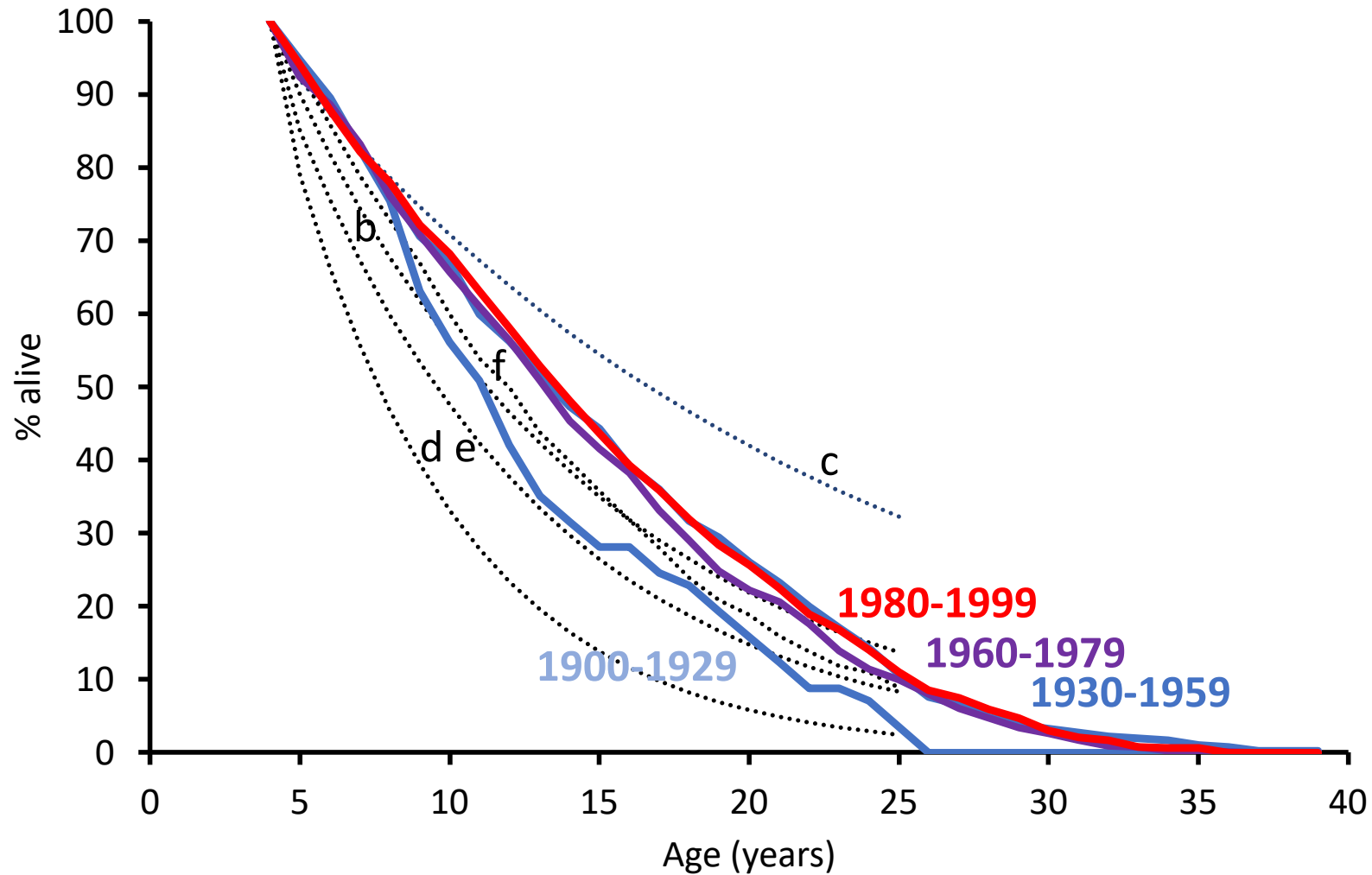
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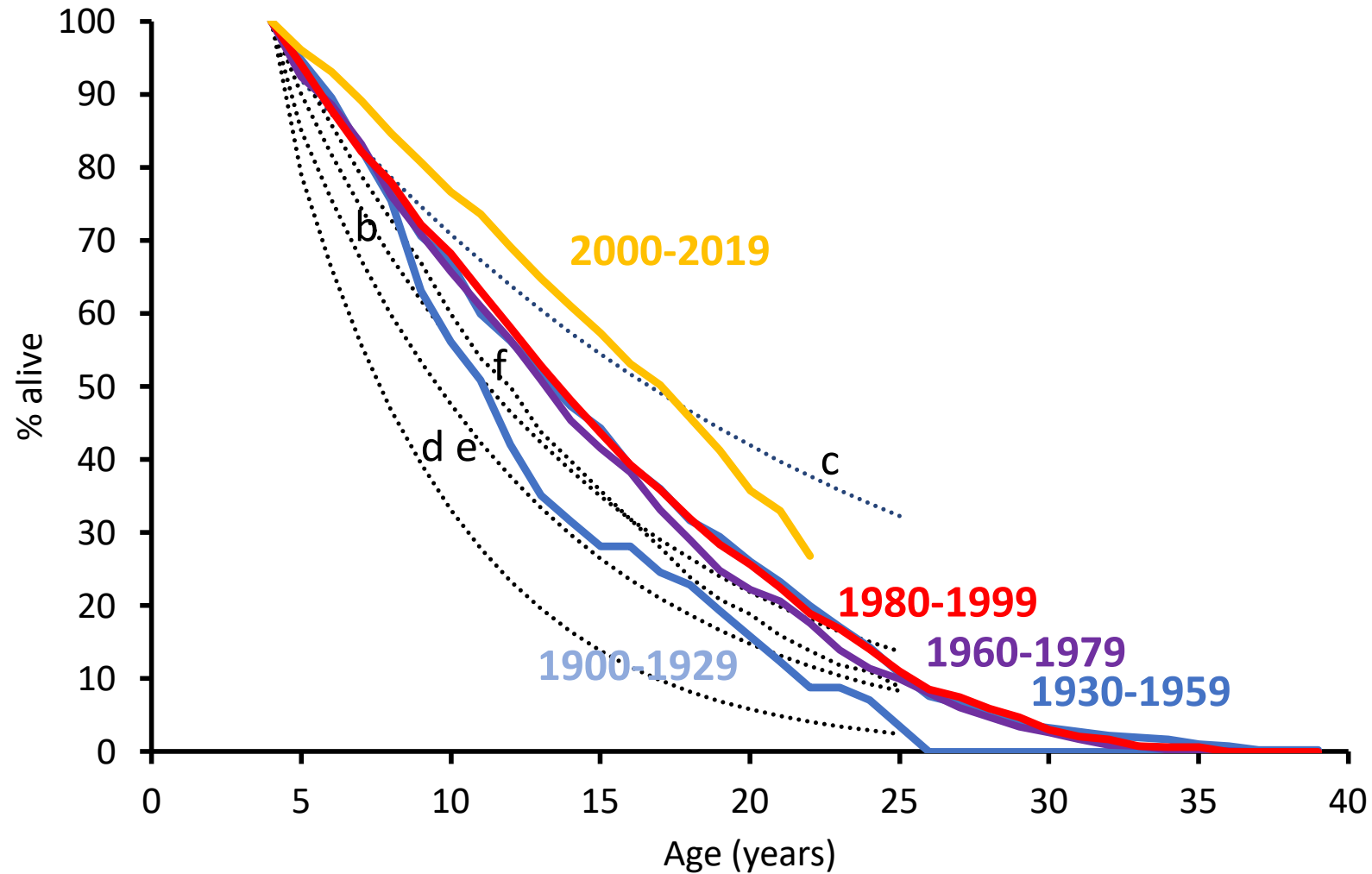
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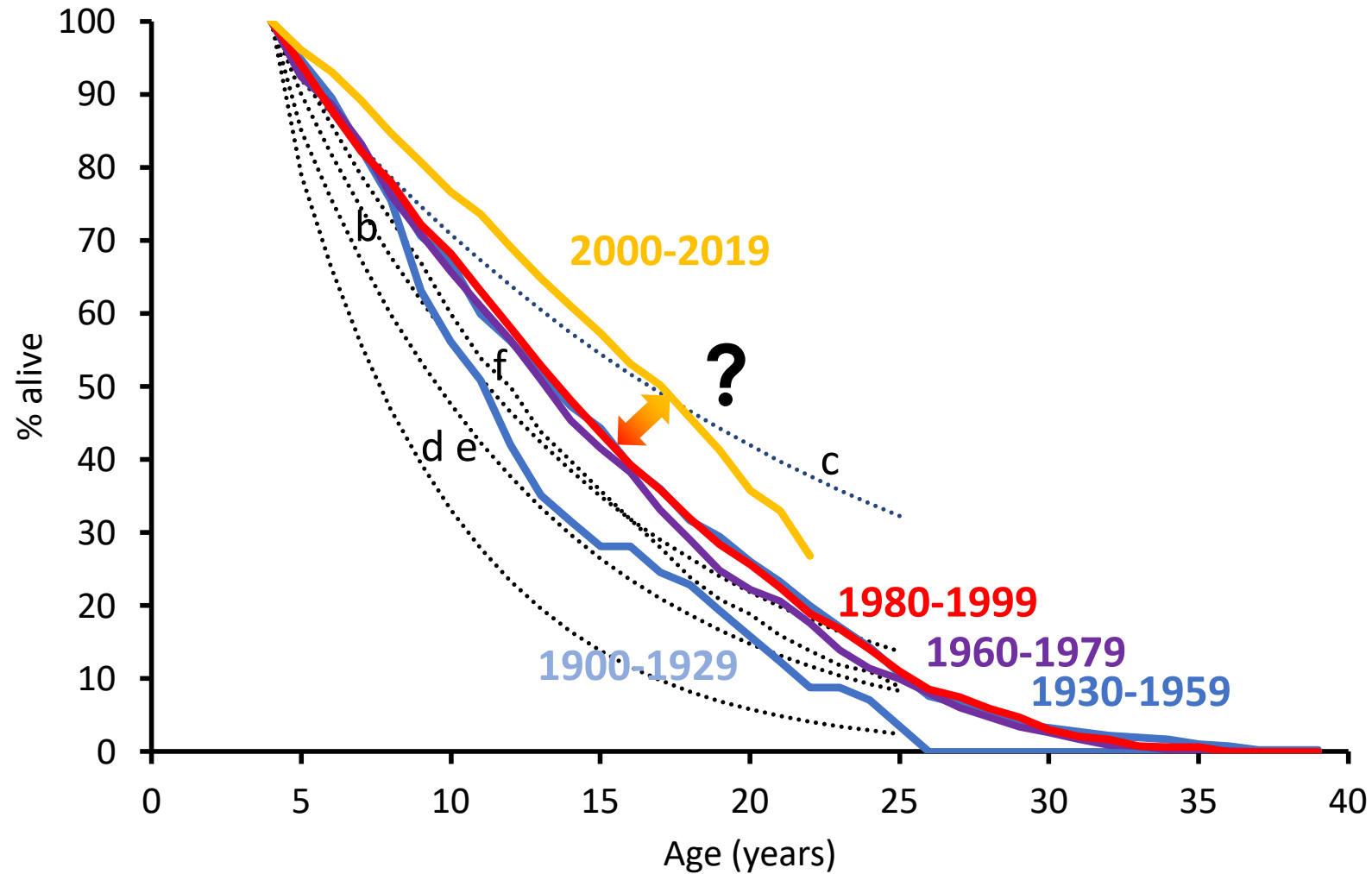


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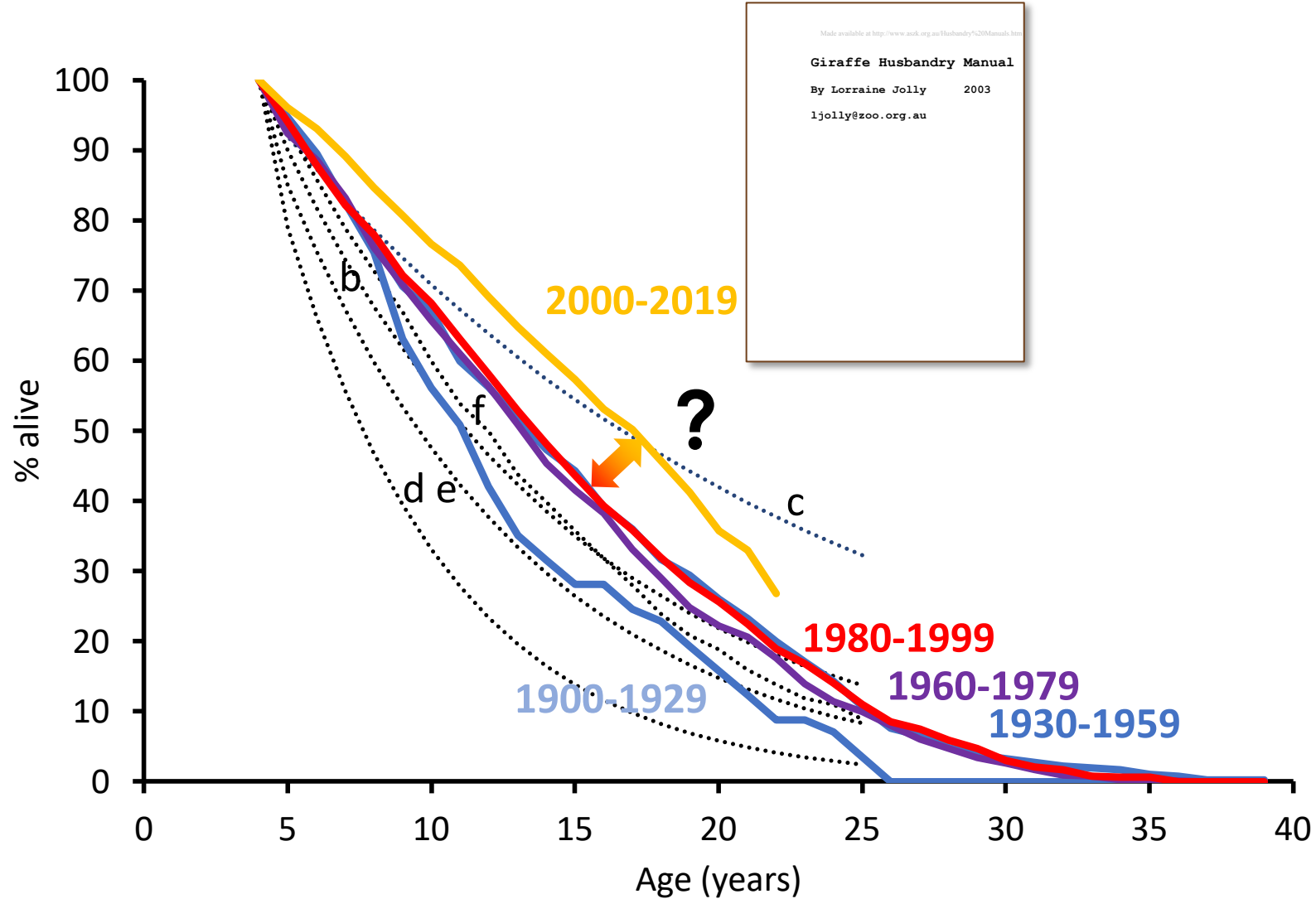
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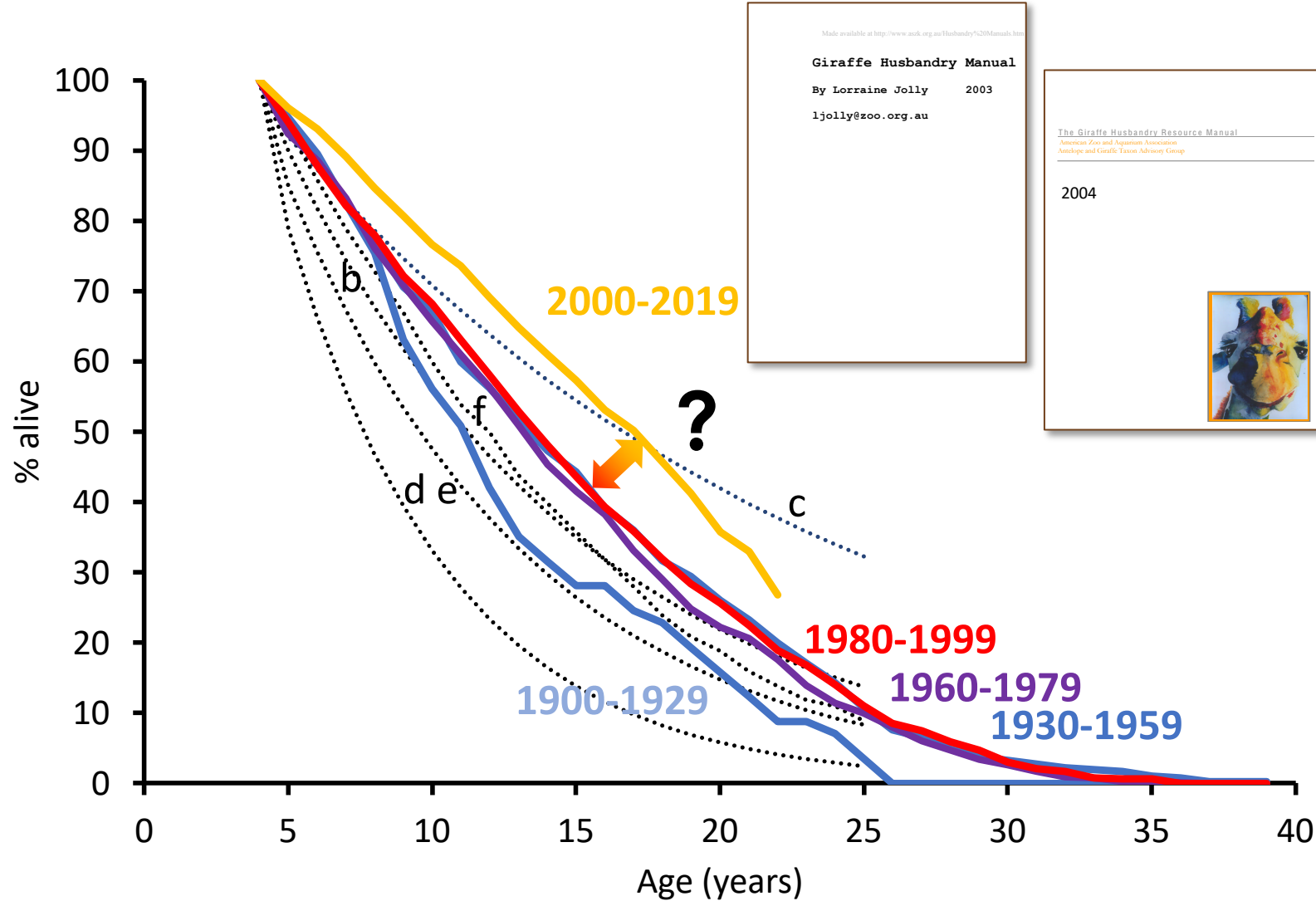
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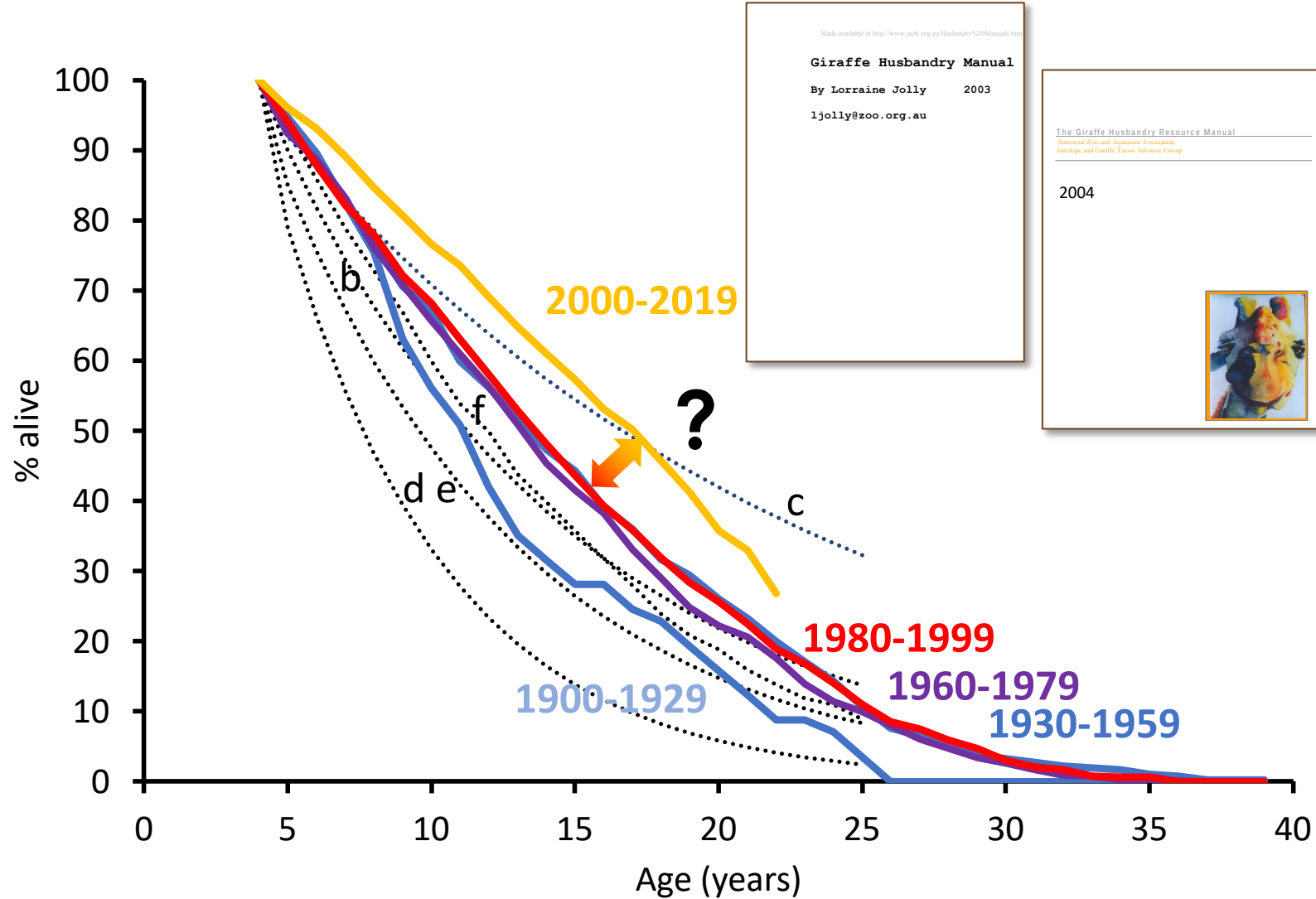
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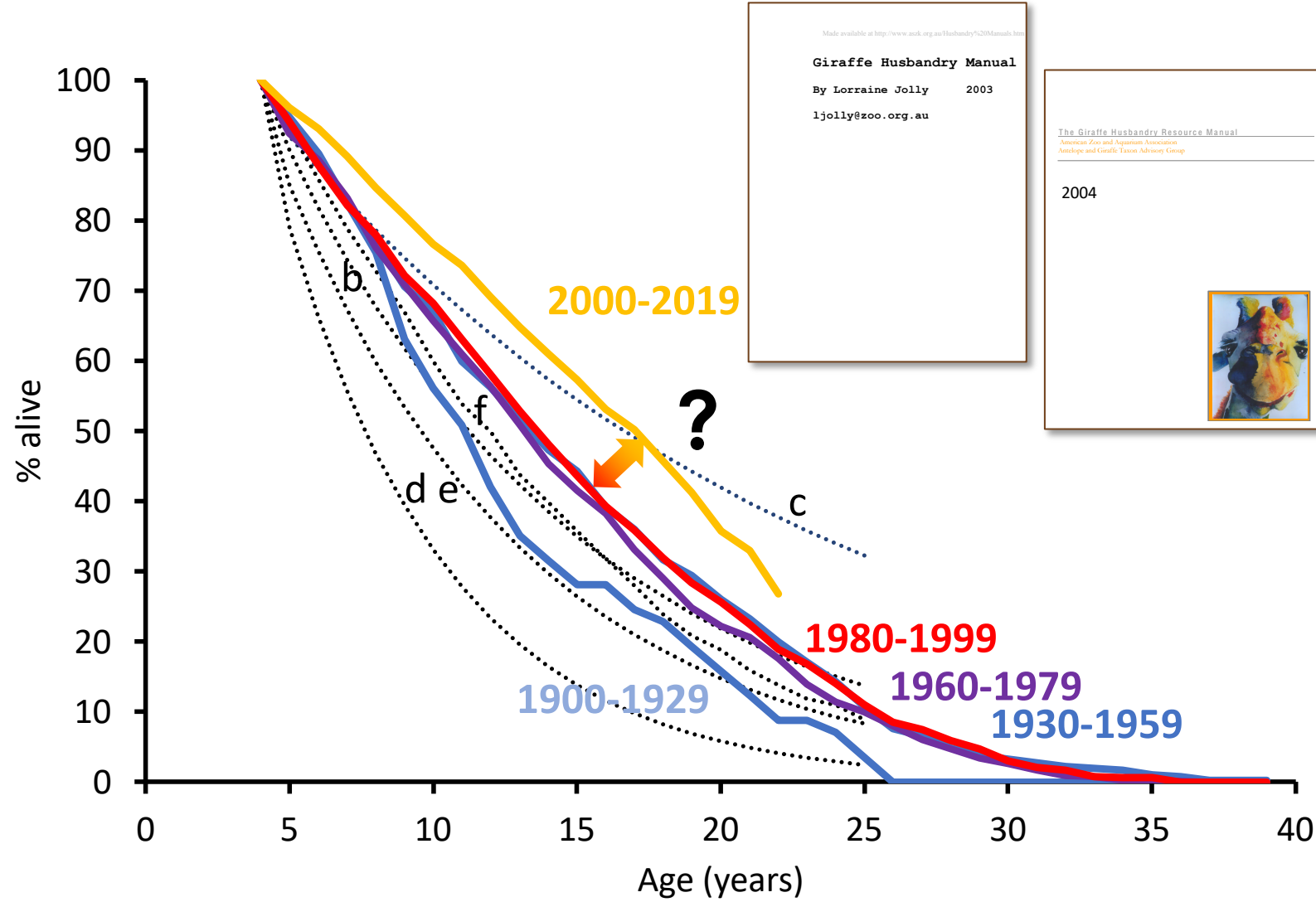


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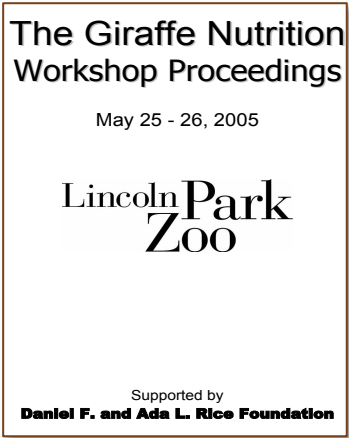
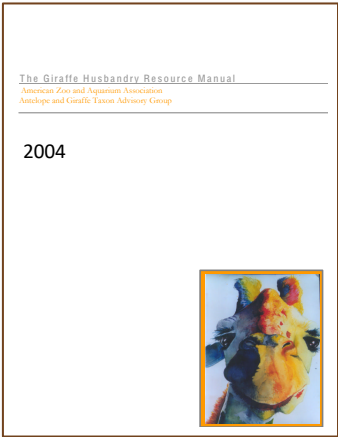


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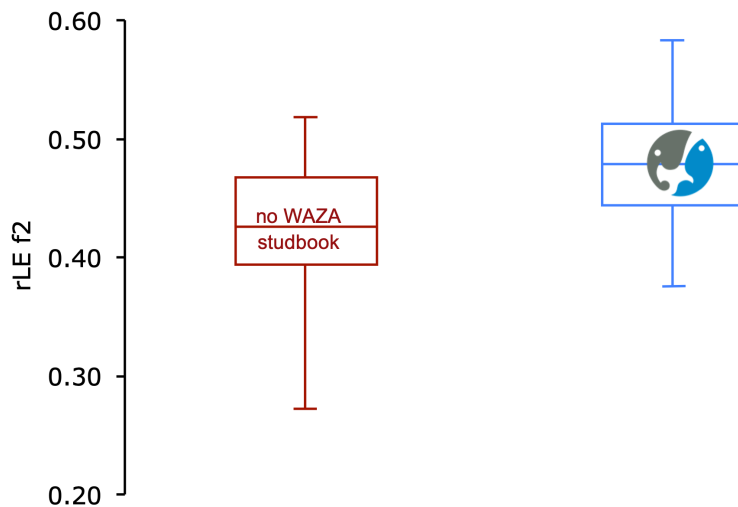


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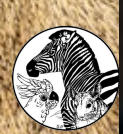
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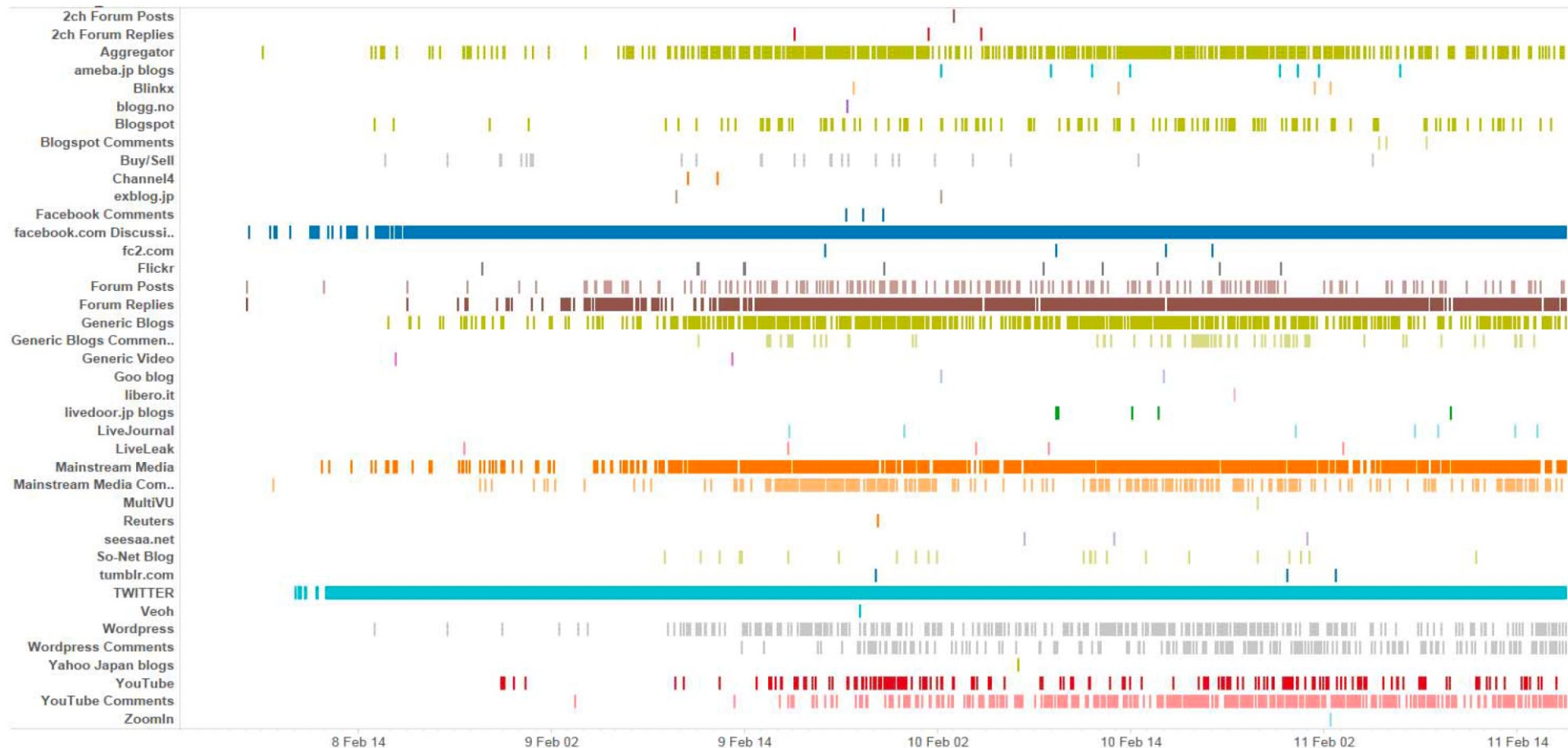


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Abigail Levin

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**David M. Powell,<sup>1\*</sup> and Matthew Ardaiole<sup>2</sup>**

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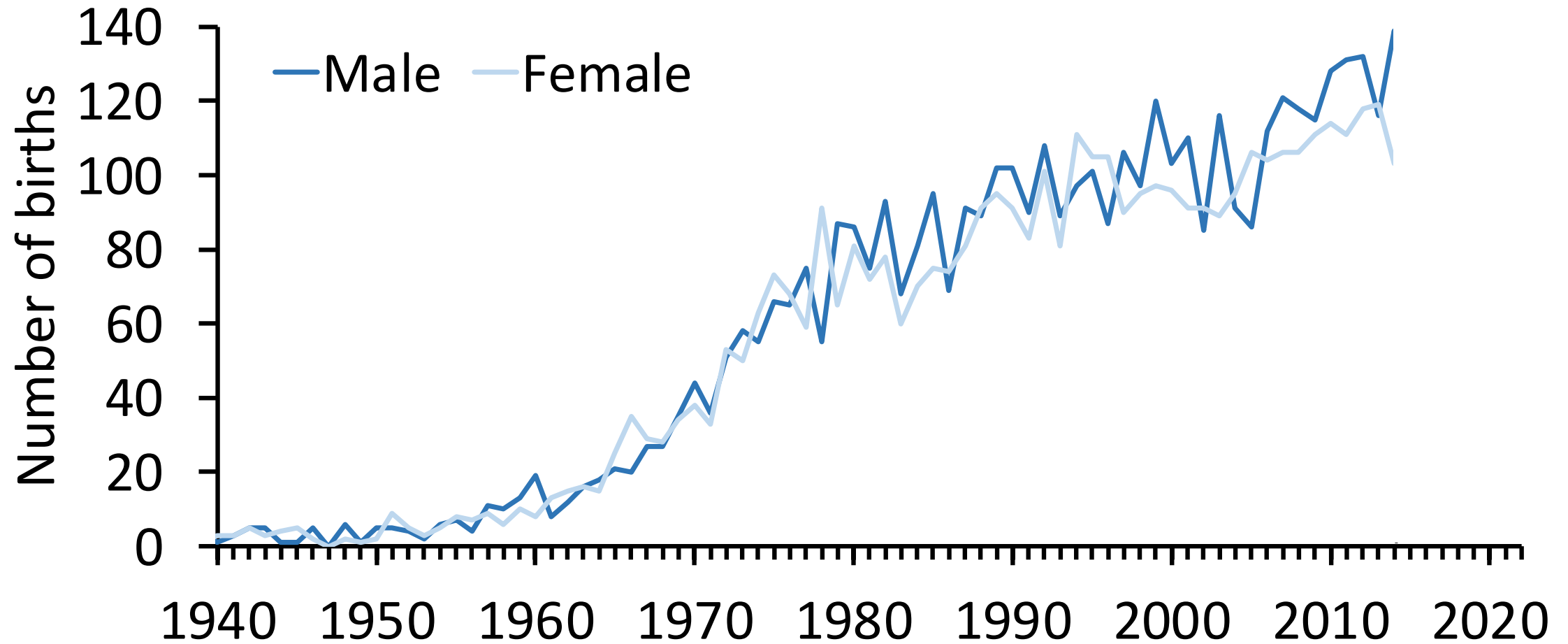
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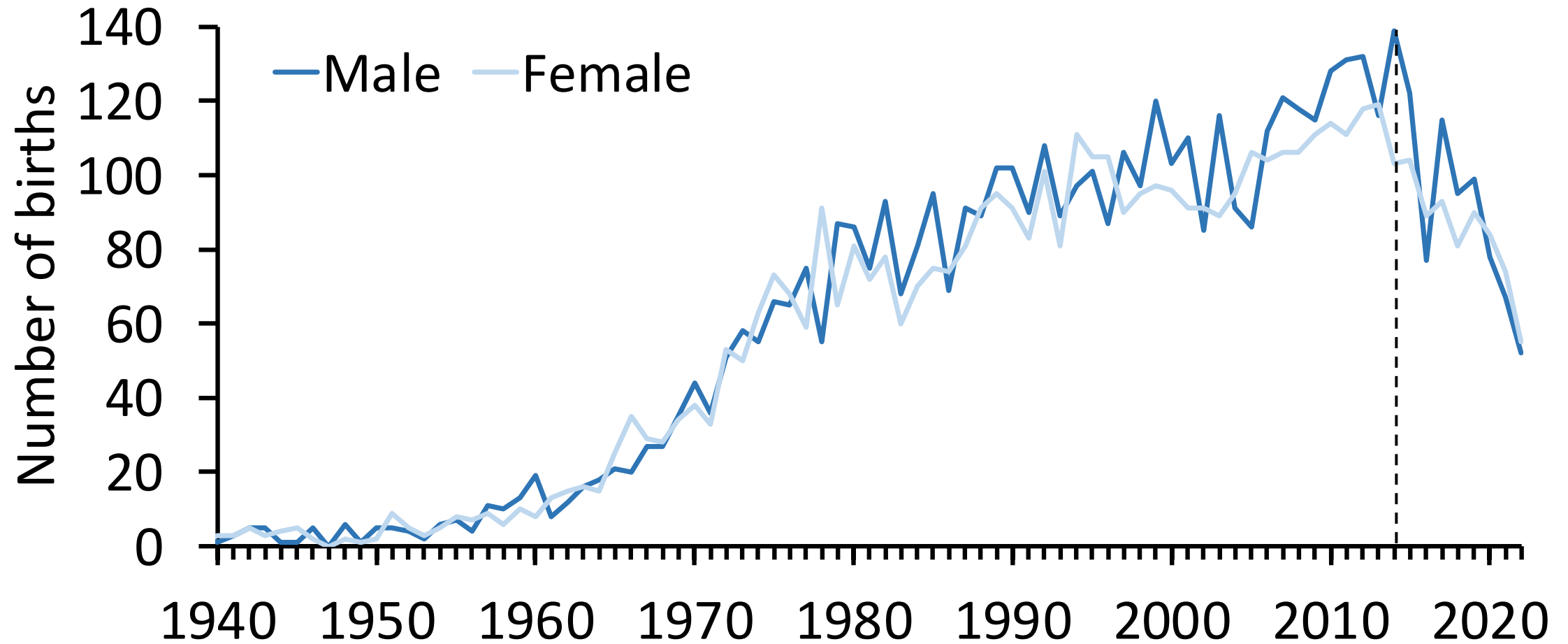


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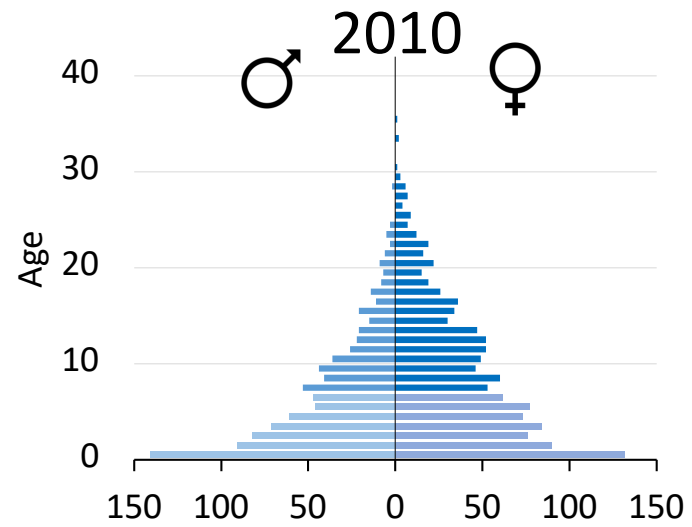


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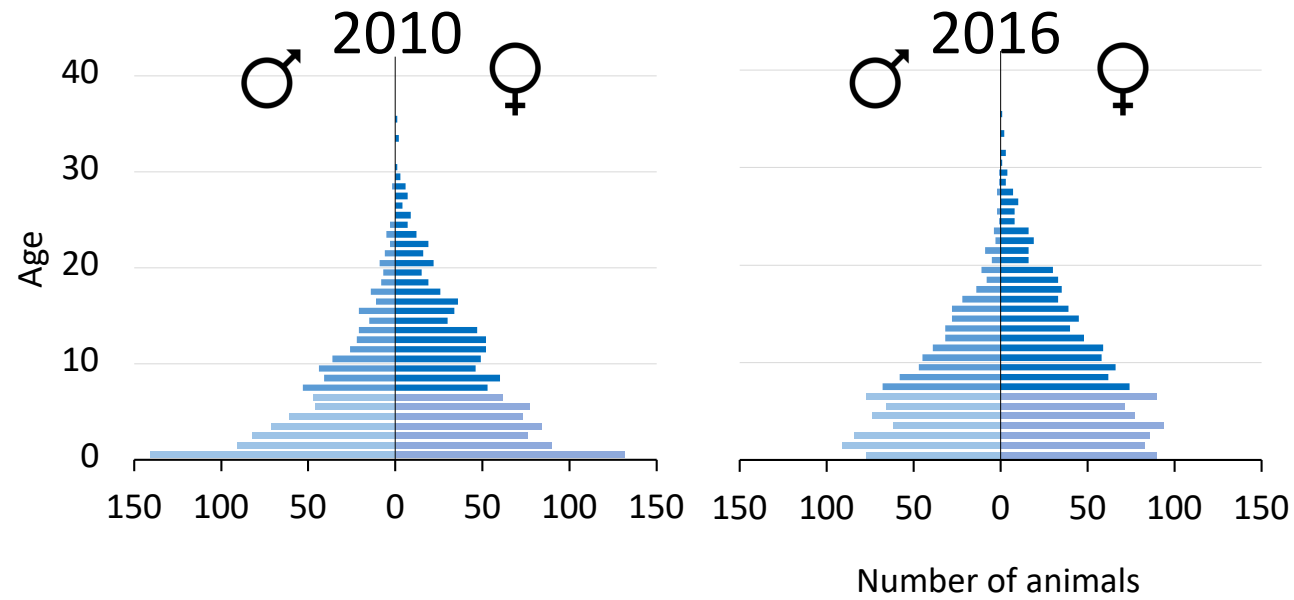
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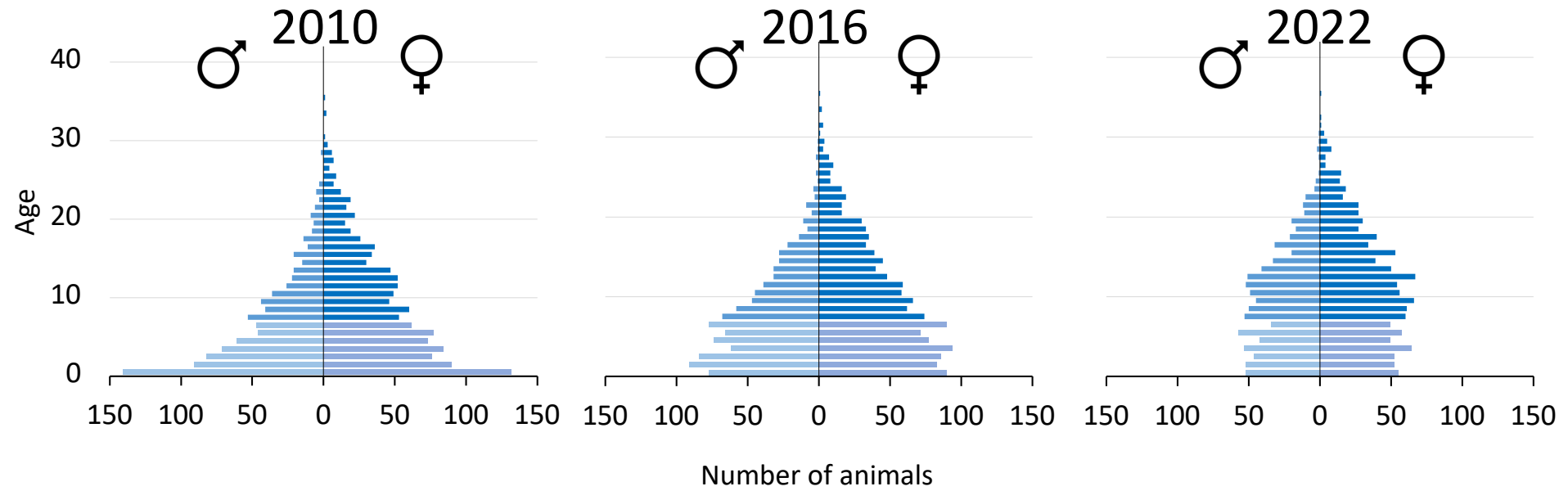
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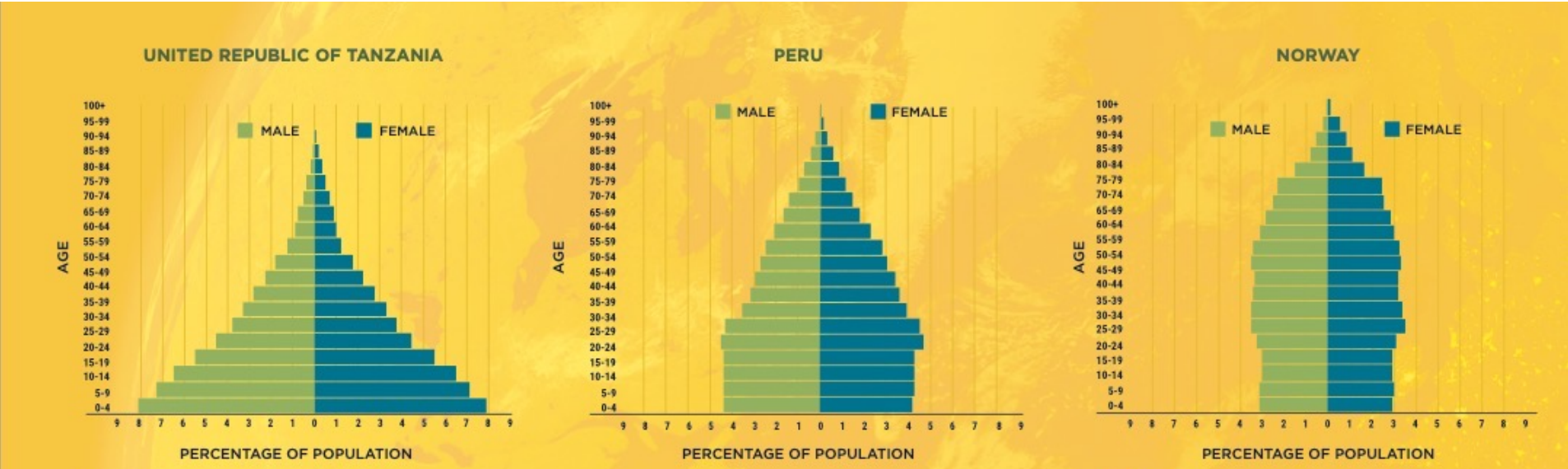
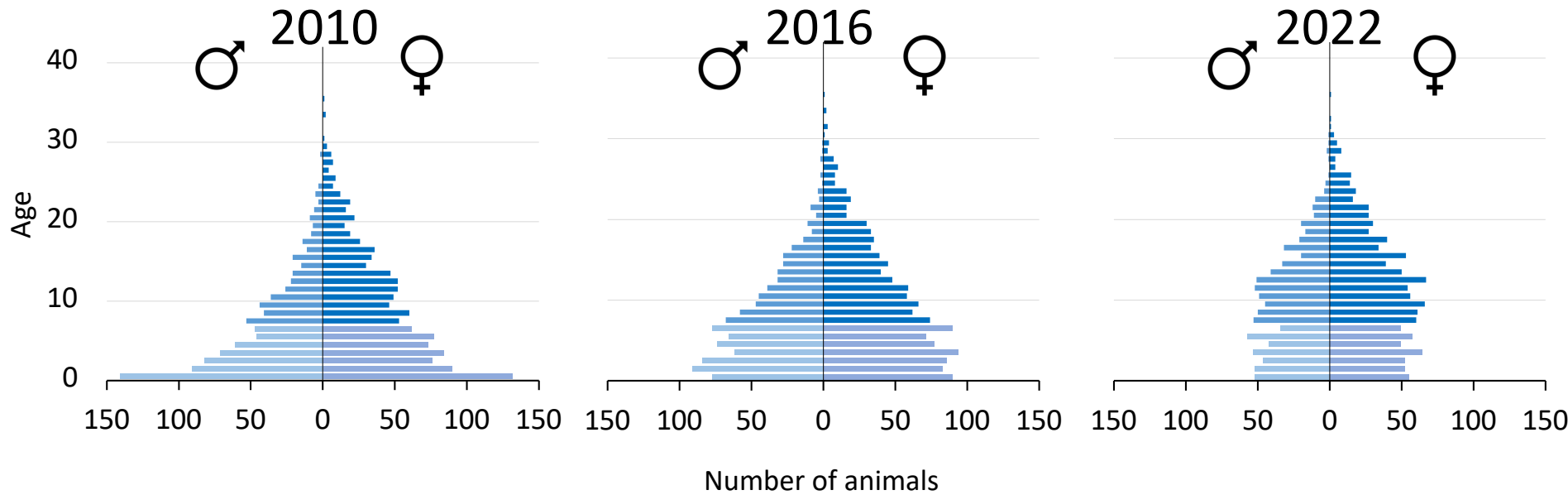


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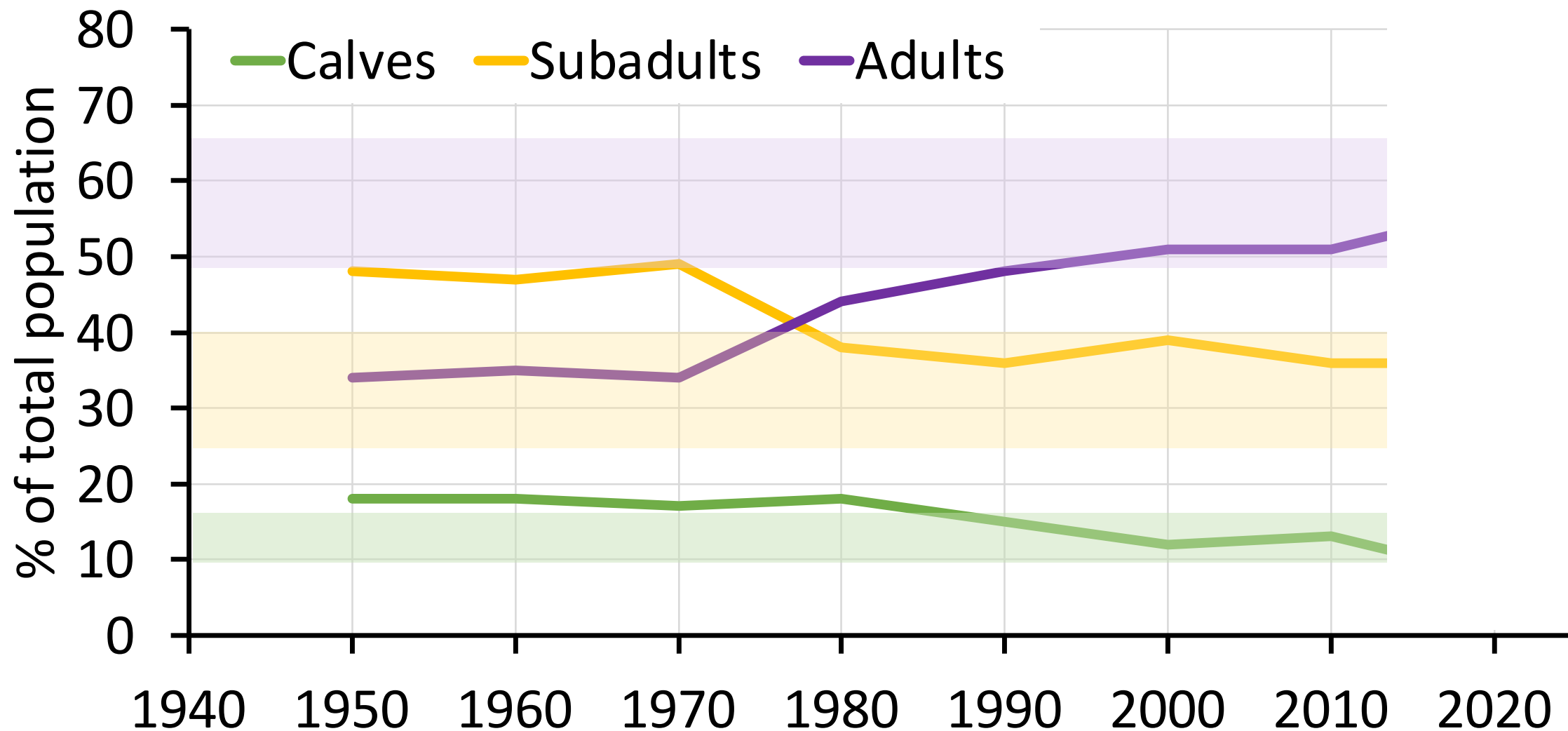


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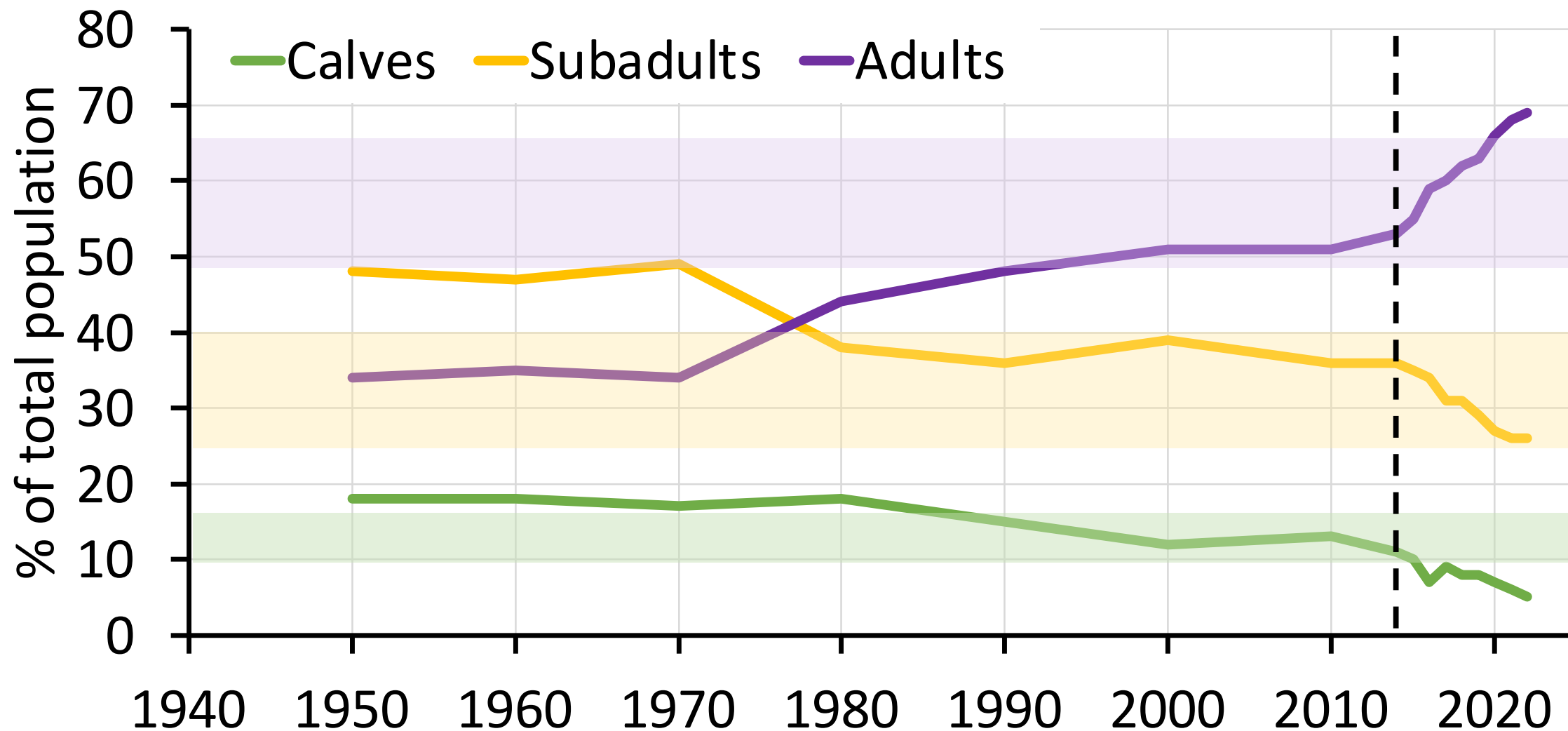


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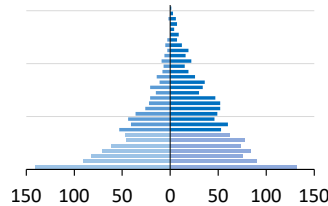
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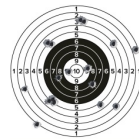
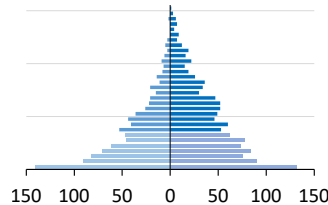


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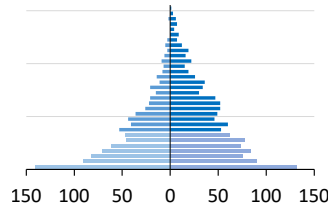
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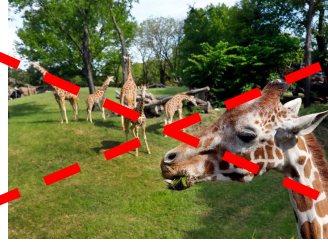
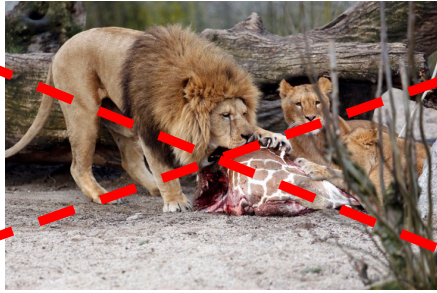
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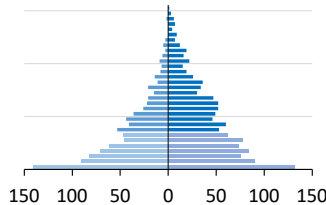
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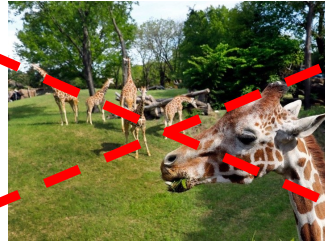
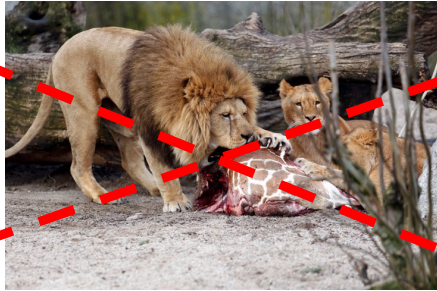
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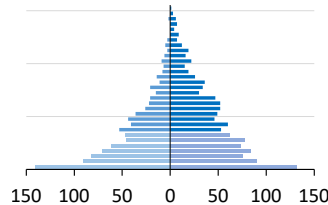
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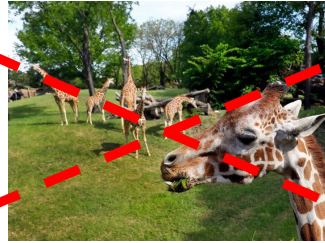
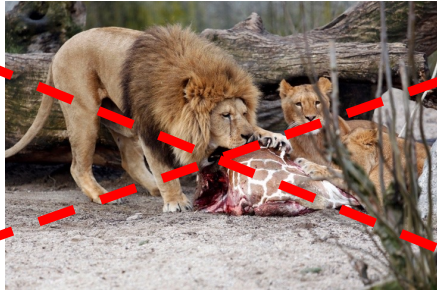


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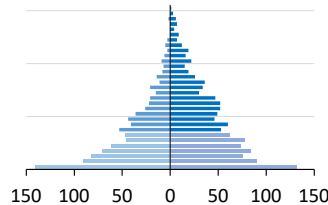


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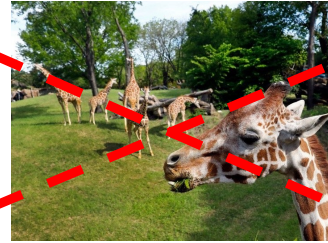
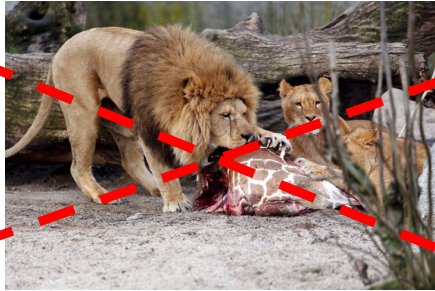


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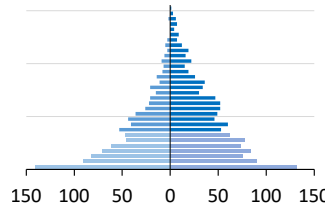


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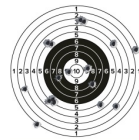
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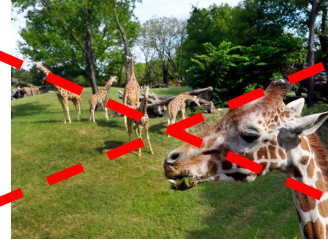
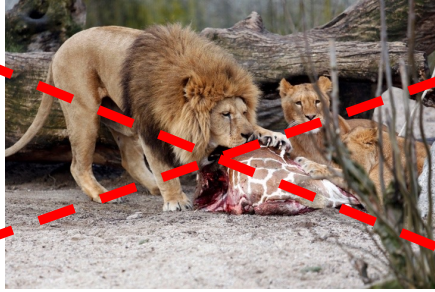


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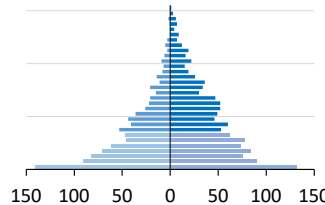


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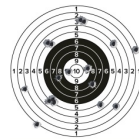
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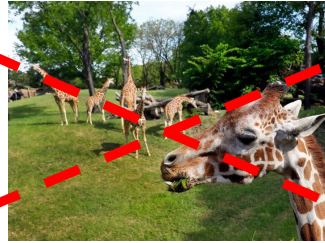
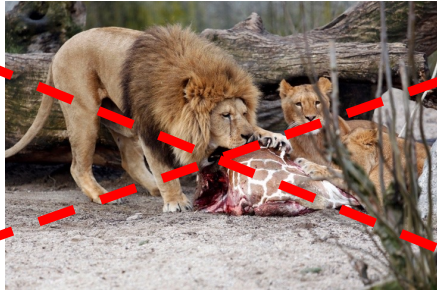
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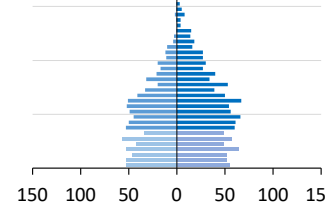
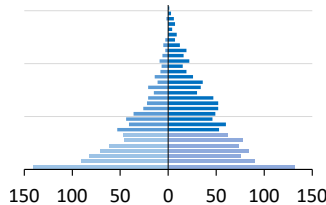


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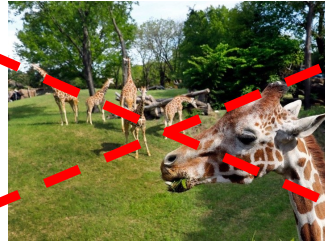
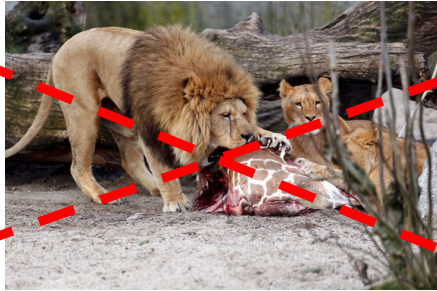
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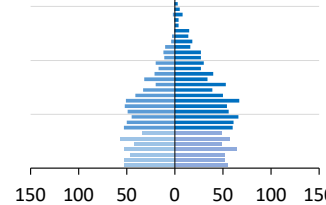
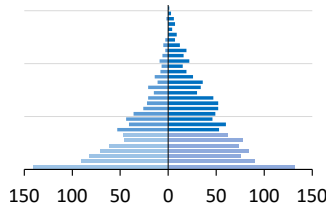


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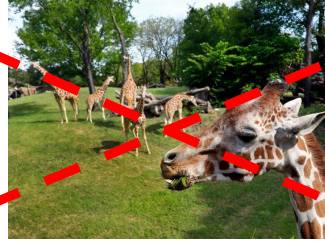
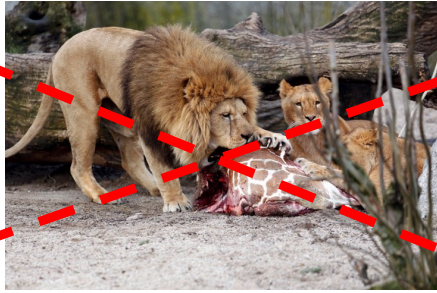
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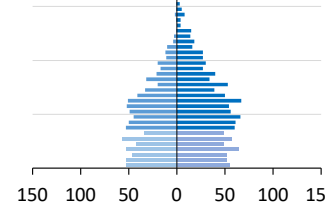
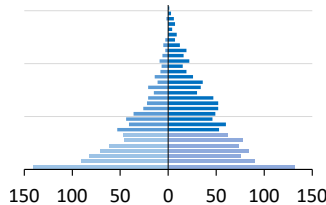


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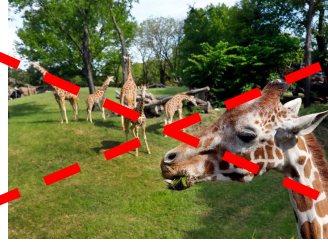
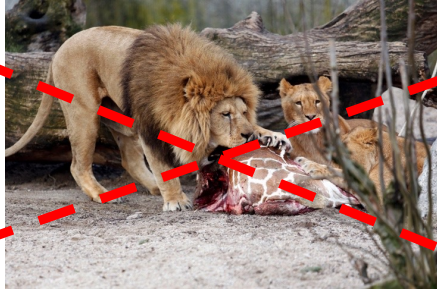


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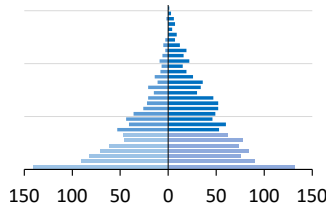


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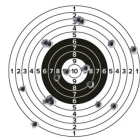
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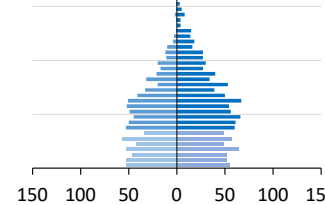
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1,4 Zwergkaninchen (Tierfutter)	1,0 Zwergzebu (Tierfutter)	2,9 Meerschweinchen (Tierfutter)	5,0 Meerschweinchen (Tierfutter)	1,0 Streifenwiesel (Juv.)	1,0 Rüsselspringer
1,0 Grevyzebra (Tierfutter)	0,1 Rotschnabeltoko	1,1 Mähpligs (Tierfutter)	0,1 Kaliforn. Seelöwe	1,0 Prinz-Alfred-Hirsch (Tierfutter)	1,0 Degus (Juv.)
1,0 Schabrackentapir	0,1 Rotohrbülbül	1,0 Wisent (Tierfutter)	0,1 Pinselohrschwein	1,0 Hirschziegenantilope (Juv.)	0,1 Steppenmurmeltier
1,2 Elenantilopen (Tierfutter)	1 Vellchenorganist (Juv.)	0,1 Kaffernbüffel (Tierfutter)	1 Zwergziege (Tierfutter)	0,1 Mähnenpringer (Juv.)	1,0 Ziesel (Tierfutter)
1,0 Weißer Löffler	1 Senegalamarant (Juv.)	2,0 Hirschziegenantilopen (1,0 Juv.)	4 Zwergziegen (Juv.)	0,1 Humboldtpinguin	1 Streifenwiesel (Juv.)
1,0 Türkistangare	1,0 Alpenkrähe	1,0 Mähnenpringer (Tierfutter)	1 Mähnenpringer (Juv.)	1,0 Amazonasente	0,1 Kalifornischer Seelöwe
1 Helmkopfgecko	0,1 Atlasagame	1,0 Waldrapp	1,0 Chileflamingo	1 Türkistangare	1,0 Kulan
2 Atlasagamen	1 Anolis	1,0 Marmelente	1,2 Amazonasenten (Tierfutter)	1 Senegalamarant	0,1 Przewalskipferd
1 Farberfrosch	1 Rotfeuerfisch	1,2 Amazonasenten (Tierfutter)	1,0 Wüstengimpel	1,0 Pantherchamäleon	0,3 Wapitis (Tierfutter)
0,1 Kärpflingscichlide	1 Wabenschilderwels	1 Senegalamarant (Juv.)	1 Senegalamarant (Juv.)	0,1 Regenbogenfisch	0,2 Rentiere (Tierfutter)
		1,0 Dornwaldgecko	1,0 Rotohrbülbül		1,0 Rotducker (Juv.)
		1,0 Helmkopfgecko	1 Europ. Sumpfschildkröte		0,1 Kamerunschaf
		1 Oman-Dornschwanzagame	1 Gecko		0,1 Steinhuhn
		1 Hardun-Agame	0,1 Bartagame		0,1 Vellchenorganist
		1 Hundskopfschlinger	0,1 Tanganjika-Killifisch		0,1 Wüstengimpel
		0,1 Tanganjika-Killifisch	1 Pfauenaugenbarsch		2 Schmetterlingsfinken
			2 Perlmutterbarsche		2 Senegalamaranten
			1 Wandelnde Gelge		3 Hardun-Agamen
			1 Rote Mangrovekrabbe		1 Rotfeuerfisch



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	Neutral		Positive		Negative		Total	Subjectivity
facebook.com Discussions	43254	66.8%	5930	9.2%	15606	24.1%	64790	0.50
Forum Replies	3459	85.5%	145	3.6%	441	10.9%	4045	0.17
Twitter	191378	82.4%	6842	2.9%	34065	14.7%	232285	0.21
Mainstream Media	2733	74.4%	323	8.8%	618	16.8%	3674	0.34
Others	5570	82.1%	5570	82.1%	886	13.1%	6787	1.16
Total	246394	79.1%	13571	4.4%	51616	16.6%	311581	0.26

Table 3: Subjectivity and Polarity of Online Media





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27.05.14 | Bengt Holst

## Marius' Zoochef ist "Kopenhagener des Jahres"

Bengt Holst ist der wohl berühmteste Zoochef der Welt. Er ließ die gesunde Giraffe Marius töten und löste einen gewaltigen Shitstorm aus. Jetzt wurde er zum "Kopenhagener des Jahres" gewählt.

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Die Dänen wählten den umstrittenen Zoodirektor Bengt Holst zum "Kopenhagener des Jahres"



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**CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

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