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Abstract A revised method for the description of the palmar and plantar dermatoglyphics in macaques, genus *Macaca*, is proposed. The method was deduced from the authors' recent observations of numerous dermatoglyphic prints from several species of macaques. A brief discussion concerning the definition of the area of plantar distal thenar pattern is also given. The results of observations made on the basis of this method will be reported in detail separately in due course.

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