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- STUDIED AREA
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- DISCUSSION
- CONCLUSIONS
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- REFERENCES

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Bazzanella M., Moser L., Mottes F. & Nicolis F., 1998 – The Neolithic levels of the Mezzocorona-Borgonuovo site (Trento): preliminary data. *Preistoria Alpina*, 34: 213-226.

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