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Benthic and planktonic foraminifers of the hypostratotype of the Paleocene (El Haria Fm., El Kef section, northern Tunisia) are discussed and described. The foraminifers identified have made it possible to distinguish 8 planktonic foraminiferal biozones with 5 subzones within the hypostratotype and to correlate them with their stratigraphic equivalents from Tethyan and epicontinental regions. The hypostratotypes of the Danian, Montian and Landenian are proposed and defined. The hypostratotype of the Paleocene *sensu stricto* is proposed as the stratotype of marine Paleocene section of the Tethyan region.

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