

1 **Adaptive Evolution of Deep-Sea Amphipods from the Superfamily**

2 **Lysiassanoidea in the North Atlantic**

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Abstract

In this study we reconstruct phylogenies for deep sea amphipods from the North Atlantic in order to test hypotheses about the evolutionary mechanisms driving speciation in the deep sea. We sequenced five genes for specimens representing 21 families. Phylogenetic analyses showed incongruence between the molecular data and morphological taxonomy, with some morphologically distinct taxa showing close molecular similarity. Approximate dating of nodes based on available calibration suggested adaptation to the deep sea around the Cretaceous-Palaeogene boundary, with three identified lineages within the deep-sea radiation dating to the Eocene-Oligocene transition. Two of those lineages contained species currently classified in multiple families. We reconstructed ancestral nodes based on the mouthpart characters that define trophic guilds (also used to establish the current taxonomy), and show a consistent transition at the earliest node defining the deep-sea lineage, together with increasing diversification at more recent nodes within the deep-sea lineage. The data suggest that the divergence of species was adaptive, with successive diversification from a non-scavenging ancestor to ‘opportunistic’, ‘obligate’ and ‘specialised’ scavengers. We propose that the North Atlantic species studied provide a strong case for adaptive evolution promoted by ecological opportunity in the deep sea.

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1. Introduction

It has been proposed that effectively continuous marine environments with few obvious geographical barriers should allow broad dispersal and promote panmixia (reviewed in Palumbi 1994), inhibiting reproductive isolation and speciation (known as the ‘marine speciation paradox’; Bierne et al. 2003). There are two main hypotheses generally put forward to explain the observed patterns of speciation in the marine environment. One is that species divergence is the result of ecological speciation (Puebla 2009) generating adaptive radiations, when multiple lineages evolve from a single common ancestor at a rapid pace. The other involves differentiation across geographic barriers which may include oceanographic factors such as current systems or thermal fronts (though typically less clearly defined than boundary systems in terrestrial environments). According to the first idea, relaxed ecological constraints (abundant resources and reduced competition) may create ecological opportunity in the colonisation of new habitats resulting in adaptive divergence (Schluter 1996; Schluter 2000; Puebla 2009). For example, speciation in the Pacific rockfish genus (*Sebastes*) is associated with divergence in habitat depth and depth-associated morphology, in the absence of geographic barriers (Ingram 2011).

According to the second idea, tectonically-driven changes to ocean basins or oceanographic factors may generate physical barriers to dispersal in vicariance events resulting in allopatric or parapatric speciation (reviewed in Palumbi 1994). Fully allopatric speciation has been observed across barriers such as the Isthmus of Panama (e.g. Marko 2002) but such clear examples are relatively rare in the marine environment. The same mechanisms that generate vicariance may generate ecological opportunity by releasing habitat that can then be colonised.

Adaptive radiations can be difficult to identify, but should be characterised by a correlation between phenotype and environment, novel phenotypes providing a selective advantage (difficult to prove without experimentation), and speciation should be rapid, with the emergence of multiple species from a recent common ancestor (see Schluter 2002). They have been frequently described for terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems, including well-known cases such as the Galapagos finches (e.g Schluter & Grant 1984) and cichlids of the African rift lakes (e.g. Seehausen 2006).

In aquatic ecosystems, habitat shifts from marine to freshwater have been shown to promote species diversification (e.g. Hou et al. 2011). Adaptive radiations described for marine systems include reef fish (e.g. Taylor & Hellburg 2005; Puebla 2007) and Antarctic fish species (Clarke & Johnson 1996). However, habitat shifts from shallow to deep-sea environments have been less well supported in the literature (but see Distel et al. 2000). Historically, deep-sea environments were thought to harbour reduced species diversity due to harsh environmental conditions (see Hessler & Sanders 1967). It was further suggested that rates of evolution were much slower at depth, leading to the idea that the deep sea was a refuge for ancient relics (Zenkevitch & Birstein 1960). More recently however, greater species diversity has been documented in various groups in the deep sea, including bivalves, gastropods, polychaetes and isopod crustaceans (reviewed in Wilson & Hessler 1987; Grassle 1989).

Here we examine the phylogeny of deep-sea amphipods in order to investigate the evolutionary processes driving their speciation in the deep sea. Amphipods occupy almost all aquatic environments as well as some subterranean and terrestrial habitats (Barnard & Karaman 1991). Despite their widespread distribution, the

relationships among and within the major amphipod taxonomic groups are poorly resolved, possibly due to the effects of convergent evolution (Englisch et al, 2003; Macdonald et al, 2005; Hou et al; 2007; Fiser et al, 2008; Ito et al, 2008; Havermans et al, 2010). We focus our analysis on amphipods collected at our study sites at the mid-Atlantic ridge, which can be classified within the superfamily Lysianassoidea (the taxonomy of which remains controversial, see below). Lysianassoid amphipods can be found from the colder waters of the Polar Regions (De Broyer *et al.*, 2004) to the tropics (Lowry & Stoddart, 2009) and from the intertidal to the deepest ocean trenches (Jamieson et al., 2010). Many members of the Lysianassoidea are known to be epibenthic, and infaunal scavengers and carnivores. They are numerically and taxonomically the most important group of deep-sea scavengers (Wolff, 1970; Hessler *et al.*, 1978; Smith, 1985; Thurston, 1990).

There have been numerous studies of the amphipod scavenging fauna in the deep sea, including biodiversity, distribution, ecology, taxonomy, and respiration and pressure effects (e.g. Hargrave, 1985; De Broyer, 2004; Premke & Graeve, 2009; Thurston 1979; 1990). However, despite the fact that the group contains some of the most primitive amphipods (Bousfield & Shih, 1994), little attention has been paid to studies of the molecular phylogeny of this group, and the Amphipoda in general have a history of taxonomic instability in the higher ranks (Superfamily and higher) to the extent that that they are generally listed alphabetically (e.g. see Martin & Davis, 2001). However, a recent study by Havermans et al (2010), looked at the molecular phylogeny of Antarctic lysianassoids in the families, Lysianassidae and Uristidae, based on nuclear 28S rRNA and mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase subunit I genes, and showed that the molecular and morphological taxonomies of these groups are largely incongruent and did not support the monophyly of several of the currently

proposed genera (including *Abyssorchomene*, *Orchomenella*, *Pseudorchomene* and *Falklandia*). In particular, their study indicated the need for a revision of the higher level systematics within the Lysianassoidea due to the apparent polyphyly of the Lysianassidae (Tryphosinae).

The major problems appear to stem from the use of the mouthpart morphology in higher level classification. In scavenging amphipods the mouthparts have evolved to fill an ecological niche associated with necrophagy in a sparse environment (Thurston, 1979, Dahl, 1979, De Broyer et al., 2004). For example, species from at least two groups (Uristidae and Lysiassanidae) have evolved morphology characteristic of ‘opportunistic’ scavengers with a tritulative mandibular molar for grinding food and shorter foregut (see De Broyer et al., 2004). It is probable that this has occurred more than once during the evolution of the Lysianassoidea. Other studies of amphipod phylogenetics have also illustrated that morphological and molecular evolution may become uncoupled during their radiation, giving rise to close genetic relatives with extreme morphological and ecological divergence (Macdonald et al., 2005).

In this study we use a multi-locus approach to generate a consensus tree with strong congruence, and consider the resultant lineage structure in the context of phenotypic characteristics related to foraging. We model the evolution of phenotypic traits along the phylogeny in order to test the hypothesis that phenotype and lineage structure are correlated. We assess diversification rate changes among lineages to test the hypothesis that there was an increased diversification rate in the deep-sea lineage, as expected in association with adaptive radiations. We estimate node dates based on published calibration points and test the hypothesis that the amphipods in the deep-sea environments of the North Atlantic radiated when habitat associated with

foraging opportunity was made available by environmental change associated with geologic transitions.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Sampling

The majority of specimens (see Table S1) used for this study were collected using baited (with mackerel) traps at ~2500m depth, during several expeditions to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (MAR; Table S2; see Horton et al, 2013 for full sampling details). This represented an extensive sampling program and involved the screening of 4900 ethanol-preserved specimens from which the included species were identified. Further samples came from baited traps at the Crozet Islands at 4192m (Cousins et al, in press) and offshore Angola at 2002m. Additional material was obtained from the Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin for 18 outgroup species representing 14 families (sequencing 1-2 samples per species; Table S1) from a range of habitats including marine pelagic and benthic, subterranean groundwater and freshwater. Fourteen ingroup species represented six families from the superfamily Lysianassoidea and one from the family Alicellidae (sequencing 1-4 specimens per species; Table S1). Although baited traps preferentially collect necrophagous amphipods (see Horton et al. 2013), there was good species representation for the Lysianassoid taxa.

The species *Abyssorchomene chevreuxi* and *A. abyssorum*, *Orchomenella gerulicorbis*, *Paralicella caperesca* and *Eurythenes gryllus*, are thought to have a cosmopolitan distribution, whereas the remaining eight ingroup species are believed to be confined to the Atlantic Ocean. These species include two recently described as new to science (*Hirondellea namarensis*, Horton & Thurston 2013; *Centromedon zoe*, Horton & Thurston 2011) and a further 5 species as yet undescribed but most

probably also new to science (*Cyclocaris* sp. nov., *Tmetonyx* sp. nov., *Orchomene* aff. *oxystoma*, *Orchomene* aff. *pectinata*, *Paracallisoma* sp. 1; see Horton et al. 2013). We focus on the ingroup of species present in the deep-sea habitat near the mid-Atlantic ridge, and the resolution of higher-level taxonomic groupings is beyond the scope of this study. Outgroups were included to provide calibration points and support for assessing the topology of the ingroup.

2.2 DNA Extraction and Amplification

Total genomic DNA was extracted from pereopods or whole organisms using a phenol-chloroform protocol, and many species were represented by multiple specimens (see Table S1). Amplification of the mitochondrial 16S and COI loci, and the nuclear, 18S and 28S rRNA and Histone 3 loci were carried out using both published primers and primers designed in this study (based on the comparison of published sequences in GenBank; Table S3). The reaction mix (50µl) contained a final concentration of 0.2mM each dNTP, 1.5mM MgCl₂, 0.5µM each primer and 1.25 units of Taq DNA Polymerase (Promeaga GoTaq). The PCR conditions were as follows: 2 minutes at 95 °C followed by 35 cycles of 40s at 94 °C, 40s at T_a °C (given in Table S3) and 40s at 72 °C, and a final extension for 10 minutes at 72 °C. Purified products were sequenced in both directions using an ABI DNA sequencer. All loci were sequenced for all samples except for a subset which could not be amplified, and some which were available from the Genbank database (see Table S4 for details and accession numbers).

2.3 Phylogenetic Reconstruction

190 Sequences were aligned using Clustal X (Thompson et al. 1997) after
191 checking sequence accuracy through the assessment of chromatograms and
192 comparison of forward and reverse sequences (no errors detected). As a screen
193 against the inclusion of pseudogenes in the analyses, coding gene sequences were
194 translated into amino acids (using MEGA; Tamura et al. 2011) and checked for stop
195 codons. Phylogenetic analyses were conducted on separate and combined data sets.
196 Parsimony and maximum likelihood analyses were carried out using PAUP 4.0b10
197 (Swofford 2002). The best evolutionary model was determined using JModeltest
198 0.1.1 (Posada 2008). Alignment gaps were treated as missing data. Heuristic
199 searches were carried out with random sequence addition (100 replicates) and using
200 tree bisection reconnection (TBR) branch swapping. Branch support was estimated
201 with bootstrap analysis using 1000 replicates. Partitioned Bremer support was used to
202 evaluate the contribution of individual data partitions in the combined analysis (Baker
203 and DeSalle, 1997). This was done by generating constrained trees in TreeRot V.2
204 (Sorenson 1999) and analysing them in combination with PAUP 4.0b10.

205 Bayesian analyses were conducted on the combined dataset using MrBayes
206 3.1.2 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck, 2003) with five partitions. The best-fit model for
207 each partition was selected using JModeltest 0.1.1 (Posada 2008). Each Bayesian
208 analysis was run for ten million generations sampling every 100 generations (every
209 1000 generations was also tested, with no change in outcome). The level of
210 convergence was monitored and the 'burn-in' value set accordingly. The first 25% of
211 trees (25,000) were discarded and the remaining trees were used to reconstruct a
212 consensus tree and estimate Bayesian posterior probabilities (BPP). The strategy is
213 summarised in Table S5

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2.4 Molecular Dating Analysis

Fossil records of amphipod crustaceans are rare, however several specimens have been found in Baltic amber, dated late Eocene, c. 35-40 Ma. These specimens most resemble the *Niphargus* species of the subgenus *Phaenogammarus* (Jazdzewski and Kulicka 2000; Coleman & Myers 2000), *Paeleogammarus*, a fossil species of the Family Crangonyctidae (Jazdzewski and Kulicka 2002; Coleman 2004) and *Stygobromus* sp. (Coleman 2006). We can therefore date the appearance of these lineages prior to the late Eocene and can use this date for molecular clock calibration. We used this date as an approximation for the upper boundary of divergence time of this monophyletic group of species. The origins of the genus *Gammarus* is proposed to have been ~61 Ma (Hou et al. 2011), and this provided a further reference point to test against dates determined in this analysis (though based on a molecular clock estimate, and therefore not as robust as the fossil calibrations).

The divergence times were obtained by applying a Bayesian method implemented in BEAST 1.6.1. We used the relaxed molecular clock model, GTR+I+G for the substitution model (for all genes except 16S where HKY+I+G was used as above), and a normal distribution with SD of 1 as priors on the calibration node to accommodate for calibration uncertainty. The Markov chain Monte Carlo was run for 50 million generations and sampled every 1,000 generations. Two independent runs were performed to help assess convergence which was examined using the effective sample sizes of each parameter (>200) in TRACER v1.4 (Rambaut & Drummond 2004). The last 40 million generations were used to construct the maximum clade credibility tree and the associated 95% highest posterior density distributions around the estimated node ages.

2.5 Morphological Analyses

We used our consensus phylogeny to examine trait evolution for seven morphological traits (Table 1). The traits were chosen based on gut and mandible morphology (as discussed in De Broyer et al, 2004) to define trophic guilds according to foraging strategy. In particular, species were distinguished as non-scavenger, obligate scavenger, obligate specialist or opportunistic scavenger. These same traits are often used in support of the classification of Lysianassoidea. We used a Bayesian method implemented in the *BayesTraits* v 1.0 package (available at www.evolution.rdg.ac.uk; Pagel et al. 2004) to reconstruct ancestral morphological character states at selected nodes in the phylogeny. *BayesTraits* uses a reversible-jump Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method to derive posterior probabilities on the trait values at ancestral nodes (Pagel et al. 2004). *BayesMultiState* was selected as the model of evolution, allowing for rapid state changes. We used a hyperprior approach specifying a gamma prior with its mean and variance seeded from uniform distributions on the interval 0 to 10. Thus, acceptance rates in the preferred range of 20–40% were achieved as recommended (Pagel et al. 2004). The average acceptance rate was 32.4%.

2.6 Diversification Rate Shifts

We used the program *SymmeTree* v1.1 (Chan & Moore 2004) to test the hypothesis that the branches of our amphipod phylogeny have diversified at significantly different rates, with respect to a specified node. The tree analysed included only a single copy of each known or putative species. As this tree showed the same topology as our consensus tree (Figure 1), we undertook the single-tree analysis in *SymmeTree*. We used the random resolution option for resolving

polytomies (only present in outgroup). We report results using the taxon-size sensitive equal-rates Markov random-branching model (TSS-ERM) for the random resolution of polytomies, as the authors note that this is conservative with respect to the null hypothesis (no significant diversification rate variation). The default number of 100,000 replicates was applied for random resolution and for approximating null distributions. Whole-tree rate variation is estimated in the program based on two rate-shift statistics (M_{II} and M_{Σ} ; Chan & Moore, 2002) and a tree imbalance statistic (B_1 ; Shao and Sokal, 1990). To locate the position of diversification rate shifts we followed default settings and report the significance levels for the two shift statistics, delta 1 and delta 2 (see Chan & Moore 2004).

3. Results

3.1 Phylogenetic Reconstruction

A final combined dataset of 2,442bp (18S – 1141bp, 28S – 345bp, H3 – 242bp, 16S – 354bp and COI - 346bp) was used in the analyses. Different selection criterion (Akaike Information Criterion and Bayesian Information Criterion) identified the same best-fit substitution model: the general time-reversible substitution model (GTR + I + G) for all partitions except 16S, where it identified the Hasegawa, Kishino and Yano model (HKY + I +G) as the best-fit model. A lack of multiple or ambiguous peaks confirmed that nuclear genes for the individuals included were homozygous and not compromised by multiple sequences from different isoforms of a given locus. Partitioned Bremer analysis provided support for homogeneity amongst genes in the combined dataset, though not all genes were informative for all nodes (Figure 1, Figure S2). Similar topologies were obtained for the separate data sets of all five genes, and conflicting nodes received low support. In the combined analyses,

lineages were supported by high bootstrap values (ML analysis) and Bayesian posterior probabilities (Figure 2; Parsimony showed similar support – data not shown). Note that although multiple specimens of a given species are including in the tree shown, trees including only one representative of each showed the same lineage structure (e.g. Figure 1).

The phylogeny supports four main lineages, one representing the outgroup, and the other three (labelled A, B & C in Figure 2) the deep-sea species. Within the deep-sea lineage, genera are all shown to be monophyletic however the parsimony, maximum likelihood analyses and Bayesian inference all gave clear evidence for polyphyly for the families Uristidae and Lysianassidae (Figure 2). In all analyses, three main lineages consistently received high bootstrap values and Bayesian posterior probabilities with one of these lineages incorporating species from four named families, and another incorporating two (Figure 2). *Hirondellea namarensis*, recently described as new to science (see Horton & Thurston 2013) and *Paracallisoma* sp. 1 are sister-species to the three well-supported lineages, which is consistent with the understanding that these genera are more ‘primitive’ scavengers, based on their morphology, without close relationships to other extant lysianassoid groups (Lowry & Stoddart 2010).

3.2 Ancestral State Reconstruction & Molecular Dating Analysis

The ancestral state reconstruction (see Table 1; Figure S1) indicates that five shifts have occurred: one transition from non-scavenger to opportunistic scavenger; two independent shifts from opportunistic scavenger to obligate scavenger and one shift from obligate to ‘specialised’ scavenger in *Stephonyx biscayensis* (Figure 3). The transition from non-scavenger to opportunistic scavenger occurred at the most

recent common ancestor (MRCA) to the deep-sea species (node a, Figure 4). Based on the reference points and our data, this node can be dated to ~60 Ma (95%HPD: 45 – 90 Ma) overlapping the transition to the Palaeogene. The origins of the genus *Gammarus* (dated at ~61 Ma (95%HPD: 45 – 83Ma) by Hou et al. 2011) is illustrated with a black dot in Figure 3 and is dated to 55 - 105 Ma (95 % HPD) in our study.

The shifts from opportunistic to obligate scavenger occur independently twice, firstly in the root of Lineage C (Figure 2) dated at 40 Ma (95%HPD: 30 – 65 Ma) (node d, Figure 4) and then again more recently along the branch to *Abyssorchomene* and *Orchomenella* dated at 20 Ma (95%HPD: 15 - 30 Ma) (node e, Figure 4). The shift from obligate to ‘specialised’ scavenger in *Stephonyx biscayensis* can be dated to 33 Ma (95%HPD: 24 – 50 Ma; node c, Figure 4). The fossil evidence for the *Stygobromus*, *Crangonyx*, and *Niphargus* specimens found in amber dates the origin of their shared lineage to before 35-40 Ma. This provides a calibration node at the base of this lineage (illustrated with a grey dot, Figure 4).

In general, over all traits, lineage A retains the state of the ancestral node representing the origin of the deep-sea lineage, whereas multiple shifts occur in the other two lineages and the end node states are mostly derived (see Table 1; Figure S1). The radiations of lineages A, B and C (Figure 2) can be dated to approximately 35 Ma (95%HPD: 28 – 55 Ma), 33 Ma (95%HPD: 26 – 50 Ma) and 40 Ma (95%HPD: 30 – 65 Ma) respectively (Figure 4).

3.4 Diversification Rate Shifts

Among the four tests for significant diversification across the full tree, three were significant after Bonferonni correction ($I_c = 0.008$; $M_{II} = 0.004$; $M_{\Sigma} = 0.005$) and one was not ($B_I = 0.107$). The results of two likelihood-ratio tests to locate shifts in

diversification identified one node, closest to significance at the 0.05 level, indicated in Figure 2 by a star, and reflecting the base of the deep-sea lineage ($p\Delta 1 = 0.066$; $p\Delta 2 = 0.066$).

4. Discussion

4.1 Polyphyly of Scavenging Amphipods

Our phylogeny does not support the current taxonomy within our focal deep sea ingroup. Most genera were monophyletic (apart from paraphyly in *Abyssorchomene*) however, two families, Uristidae and Lysianassidae, are polyphyletic, appearing in multiple well-supported lineages (Figure 2). One of these lineages contains specimens from four different families (Uristidae, Alicellidae, Eurytheneidae, Cyclocaridae) as currently classified (lineage C in Figure 2). Our focus in this study is on the nature of the radiation of this group of species in the deep-sea environment, and most details about the taxonomy will be published elsewhere. However, we focus briefly on the positioning of *Orchomenella gerulicorbis* and *Stephonyx biscayensis* as illustrative.

The molecular data suggests that *Orchomenella gerulicorbis* would be better placed in a clade alongside *Abyssorchomene*, and it could perhaps be argued that since the genus *Abyssorchomene* is likely a derived group of deep-sea scavengers within the Orchomenid group, that *Abyssorchomene* should be placed within the family Lysianassidae rather than placing *Orchomenella* within the Family Uristidae. Havermans et al. (2010) also found a cluster of *Orchomenella* (*Orchomenopsis*) *cavimanus* and the clade of *A. chevreuxi*, *Abyssorchomene* sp. and *A. scotianensis*, and suggested similar changes to the higher level taxonomy of that group.

364 The situation of *Stephonyx biscayensis* is more problematic. It has been
365 classified as Uristidae based, among other characteristics, on the possession of the 7/4
366 crown arrangement of setae on the Maxilla 1 outer plate and the setose tongue
367 mandibular molar. The genus does not have the subchelate (or imperfectly subchelate)
368 gnathopod 1 as defined by Hurley 1963 (see Figure 5), used by Lowry & Stoddart
369 (1992) as a defining characteristic of the Uristidae. Lowry & Stoddart (1997)
370 acknowledge that the assumption that the 7/4 crown arrangement could be used as a
371 synapomorphy for the Uristidae lineage, is tenuous. This is a concern supported by
372 our phylogeny, which shows the Uristidae to be polyphyletic, and therefore suggests
373 homoplasy for this characteristic.

374 It is possible that the chelate gnathopod 1 of *S. biscayensis* (Figure 5) is an
375 adaptation to ‘picking’ carcasses rather than cutting and slicing flesh as practised by
376 other scavengers, and may indicate a more derived state of this genus from a primitive
377 scavenging ancestor. This and the results of the phylogenetic analysis suggest that
378 *Stephonyx* would be better placed in a new Family. However the nature of this level
379 of classification requires further assessment beyond the scope of this study, in
380 particular given the presence of four named families in the lineage shared by *S.*
381 *biscayensis* in our phylogeny.

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383 4.2 Evolution of Trophic Adaptation in the Deep Sea

384 The current classification of deep-sea scavenging amphipod species is based
385 on traits representing trophic adaptations, especially the morphology of the
386 mouthparts and digestive tract (e.g. Lowry & Stoddart, 1992; 1997; De Broyer et al.,
387 2004; Dahl, 1979). *Centromedon zoe* and *Tmetonyx* sp. 1, (in lineage A, Figure 2)
388 along with *Orchomene* aff. *oxystoma* and *O.* aff. *pectinata* (lineage B) are

characteristic of ‘opportunistic’ scavengers, with a triturative mandibular molar for grinding food and shorter foregut (see De Broyer et al., 2004). The results of the Bayestraits analysis show that such traits are likely to have first appeared in the scavenging ancestor (Table 1; Figures 3 & S1). This opportunist ancestor then diverged firstly into a group of genera primarily (but not exclusively) inhabiting deep-sea habitats (*Eurythenes*, *Paralicella*, and *Cyclocaris*,) and then adapted to obligate necrophagy (lineage C, Figures 2 - 4) with several morphological modifications (Thurston, 1979, Dahl, 1979, De Broyer et al., 2004). This occurred at approximately 30 Ma (Figure 4) as discussed below. The split between lineage A and B occurred subsequently, and the ancestral characters are retained in lineage one (*Centromedon* and *Tmetonyx* species) but lineage B is shared by both opportunist (*Orchomene* complex of genera) and obligate (*Abyssorchomene* genus) scavengers (Figure 3, Table 1).

The morphological adaptations towards necrophagy in scavenging amphipods have been reported elsewhere (Thurston, 1979, Dahl, 1979, De Broyer et al., 2004) and in general the changes include a modification of the mandibular molar (Figure S1) from subcolumnar with a triturative surface (in opportunistic scavengers) capable of tearing and grinding tissue, through to a ridge-shaped mandibular molar with reduced triturative surface in more derived scavengers (e.g *Abyssorchomene*), and ultimately, in those species presumed to be obligate necrophages, to a non-tritulative conical flap (e.g. *Hirondellea*, *Eurythenes* and *Paralicella*; De Broyer et al., 2004; Figure S1). These adaptations allow larger fragments of food to be passed directly into the oesophagus, and combined with increased capacity for dilation of the midgut, mean that these species are capable of ingesting 10 times their body weight in food (Thurston, 1979). This suggests that deep-sea scavengers have the potential to survive

for long periods of time without feeding, which is an obvious adaptation to life in an environment where food supply is sparse (Smith & Baldwin, 1982). *S. biscayensis* is probably adapted as a ‘specialist’ scavenger and is the only species in this study to have adapted the ‘pincer’-like chelate gnathopod 1, discussed above (see Figure 5).

Our analyses indicate that traits associated with necrophagy have arisen independently multiple times during the radiation of Lysianassoidea in the deep sea, consistent with data presented by Havermans et al. (2010). The fact that multiple end character states have arisen, some independently multiple times, suggests that the deep-sea scavenger species evolved into novel niches as a result of ecological opportunity. Adaptive radiations have been seen in freshwater amphipods elsewhere (Hou et al 2011), and the most extreme example is from Lake Baikal (MacDonald et al. 2005).

We used a method that assesses whole-tree topology to determine if there is a signal for rate differentiation within the tree, indicative of an adaptive radiation. Although not all tests were significant at the 0.05 level, there was evidence in support of rate differentiation, and the suggestion that this occurred in association with the deep-sea lineage. These methods are affected to some extent by taxon sampling, and our ingroup is not meant to be an inclusive representation of the broader group, instead focussing on those species found in the North Atlantic near the mid-Atlantic ridge. Our outgroup reflects available database sequences to some extent. However, the ingroup is if anything under-sampled, which may be expected to make it harder to identify a signal for lineage differentiation.

4.3 Deep-Sea Colonisation and Radiations

Our results indicate that the colonisation of the deep-sea environment by a shallow water ancestor occurred at ~70 Ma at the Cretaceous-Palaeogene boundary and that the three identified lineages among the deep-sea scavenging species date to the Eocene-Oligocene boundary. Accurate dating with such a limited fossil record is difficult, although when interpreted in the context of geological changes, these estimated date ranges, though broad, are realistic and a good fit with a study on the timing of the freshwater diversification of *Gammarus* sp. (Hou et al. 2011; see Figure 4). Further, the available fossils place a minimum date on nodes at the same level in the phylogeny, sometime before the late Eocene.

The Cretaceous-Palaeogene boundary coincides with the timing of the transition of the North Atlantic from narrow, silled basins to the deep marine trenches of the modern Atlantic (Norris et al. 2001). This provided habitat for colonisation in the deep sea, and likely promoted the adaptations towards necrophagy that define this lineage. The Eocene-Oligocene transition was characterised by a climate change from ‘hothouse’ to ‘icehouse’ (Lear et al. 2008). During this period atmospheric CO₂ levels decreased, deep-sea waters cooled (Miller et al, 1987; Zachos et al. 2001) and primary productivity increased (Lear et al. 2008; Pearson et. al. 2008). It is suspected that this cooling during the Palaeogene may have caused extinctions in some taxa and this has been well documented for deep-sea Foraminifera and Ostracoda (Benson et al., 1985; Kaiho, 1998). Our results suggest that this is not the case for deep-sea Amphipoda for which the Eocene/Oligocene cooling may instead have been beneficial providing the opportunity for adaptive speciation.

This period is also concurrent with an increased speciation rate in cetaceans, a radiation that is thought to be driven by the development of the Antarctic circumpolar current and increased silicate upwelling which may have spurred the evolution of

filter-feeders (Steeman et al. 2009). Increased cetacean diversity and abundance, along with the increased primary productivity during this time, would increase the availability of carcasses on which scavenging amphipods could feed, although of course we have no direct evidence of an association with amphipod diversification. The hypothesis that habitat shifts promote adaptive speciation via ecological opportunity is well studied in terrestrial systems. We propose that the deep-sea Lysianassoidea provide a strong case in support of this hypothesis in the marine environment. The development of the deep-sea habitat, coupled with increased productivity and the availability of novel food resources free from competitive restraints could have provided this opportunity.

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Figure Captions

Figure 1: Strict consensus tree built using PAUP, indicating Bremer Support Indices for each gene (in order: 18S, 28S, COI, H3, 16S) at each node.

Figure 2: Bayesian phylogenetic tree with posterior probabilities based on the combined analysis (18S, 28S, COI, H3, 16S). The three deep-sea clades are labelled A, B & C (*c.f.* Table 1). Families are labelled: Uristidae, ①; Lysiassanidae, ②; Alicellidae, ③; Eurytheneidae, ④; Cyclocaridae group, ⑤; Scopelocheiridae, ⑥; and Hirondelleidae, ⑦). Branch nodes show Bayesian posterior probability support followed by ML bootstrap support (in italics). A shift in rate diversification is suggested by the SymmeTree analysis at the node denoted with a star.

Figure 3: Phylogenetic analysis of scavenger ‘type’ amongst deep-sea Lysiassanoids. Species were assigned to a trophic guild on the basis of 7 morphological traits. The probability of each trophic type occurring at ancestral nodes is indicated with pie charts at the nodes. Non-scavengers are shown in black (blue online), opportunistic scavengers are shown in dark gray (green online), obligate scavengers are shown in light gray (red online) and specialist in white (purple online).

Figure 4: Maximum clade credibility diagram inferred from a BEAST dating analysis. Nodes a-e marked with open circles (red online) are nodes of interest (see explanation in text), and horizontal bars show 95 % highest posterior density intervals of the posterior distributions. Node 1 (light gray dot, green online) is used for calibration.

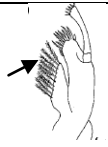
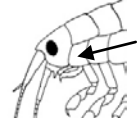
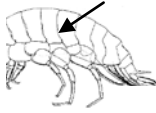
750 The black dot (yellow online) shows the origin of the *Gammarus* genus, dated to
751 ~61Ma (Hou et al. 2011). NG= Neogene; Q = Quaternary.

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753 Figure 5: Diagram showing the more specialised chelate gnathopod 1 of *Stephonyx*
754 *arabiensis* (reproduced from Diffenthal & Horton, 2007), probably used for picking
755 carcasses.

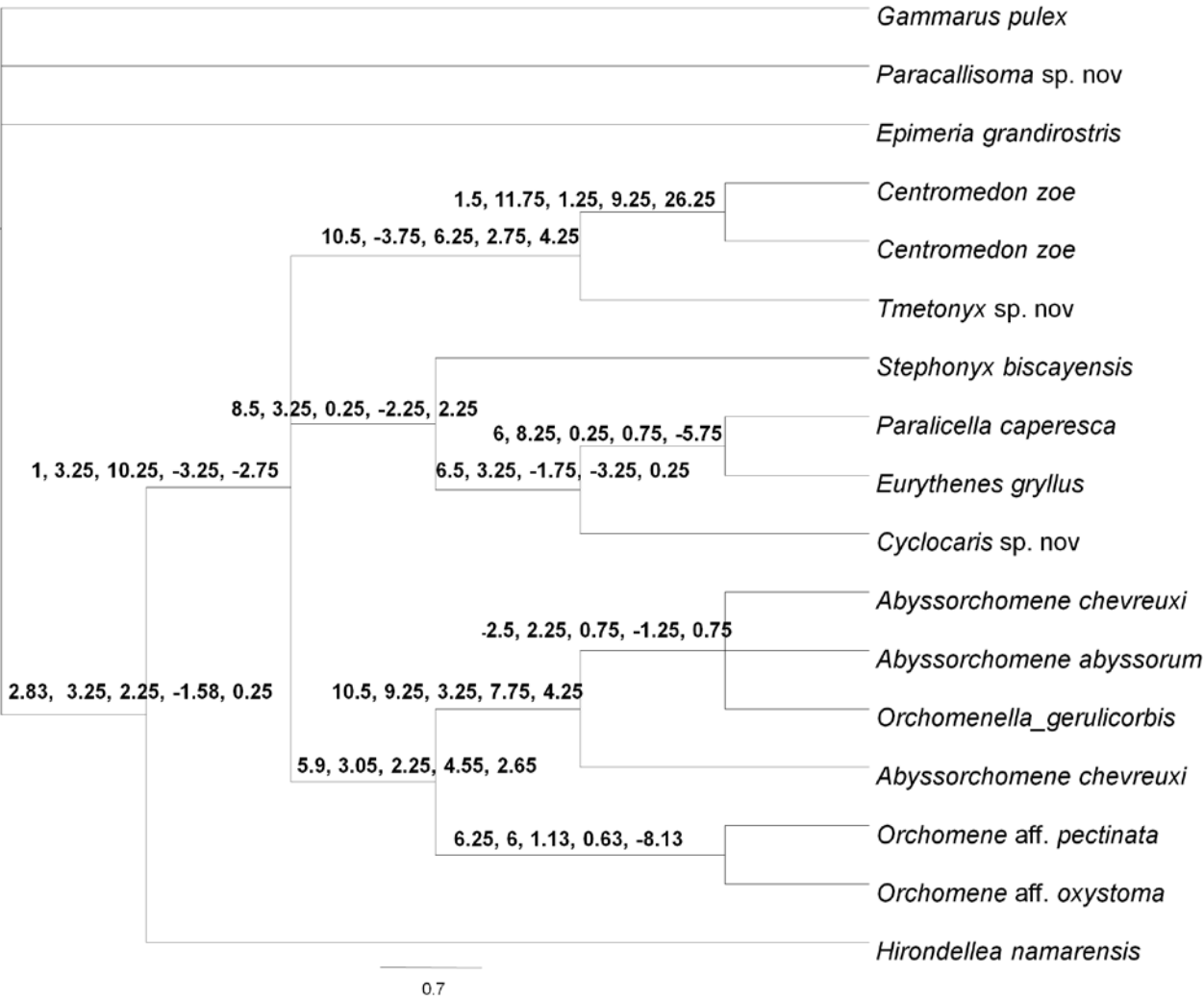
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Table 1. Maximum probability ancestral character states at nodes (from BayesTraits).

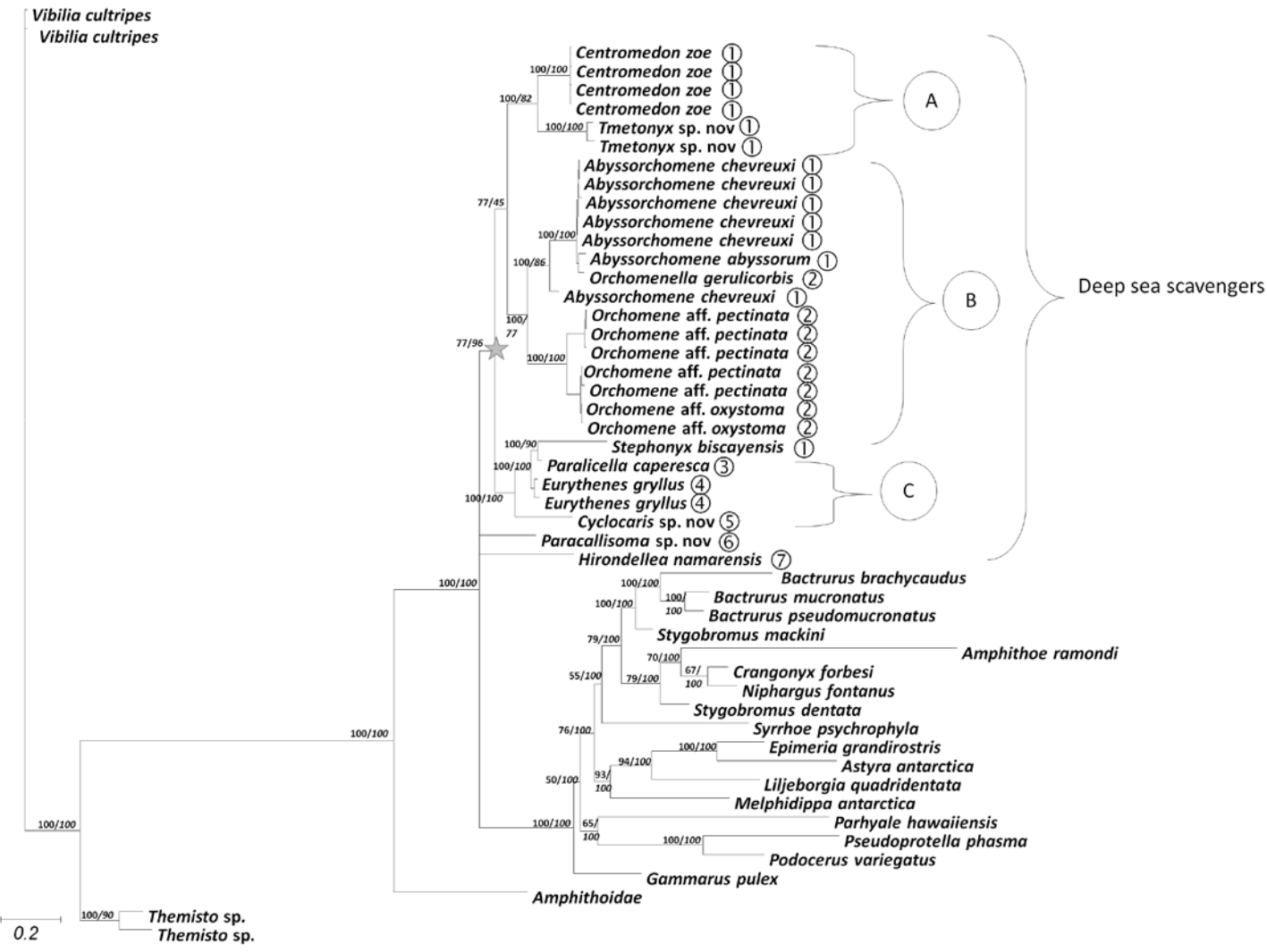
Trait	Diagram	Root	Deep-sea ancestral node	Lineage A	Lineage B	Lineage C
Maxilla 1 inner plate setation		1 (fully setose)	2 (2 apical setae)	2	2	3 (>2 apical setae)
Maxilla 1 outer plate tooth arrangement		1 (>11 spine teeth)	2 (7-4 crown)	2	3 (6-5 crown)	4 (8-3 crown)
Mandibular molar		1 (columnar)	2 (coni- colaminate)	2	1&2	2
Gnathopod 1		1 (sub- chelate)	1	1	1	2 (para- chelate)
Gnathopod 2		1 (sub- chelate)	2 (mitten)	2	2&3 (C: chelate)	4 (minute)
Coxa 1		1 (normal)	2 (tapered)	2	3 (expanded)	4 (vestigial)
Gut storage		1 (normal)	2 (elongated)	2	2	3 (midgut)

For each trait, 1-4 represents progressive change (defined parenthetically). The 'deep-sea ancestral node' defines lineages A-C (see figures 1&2).

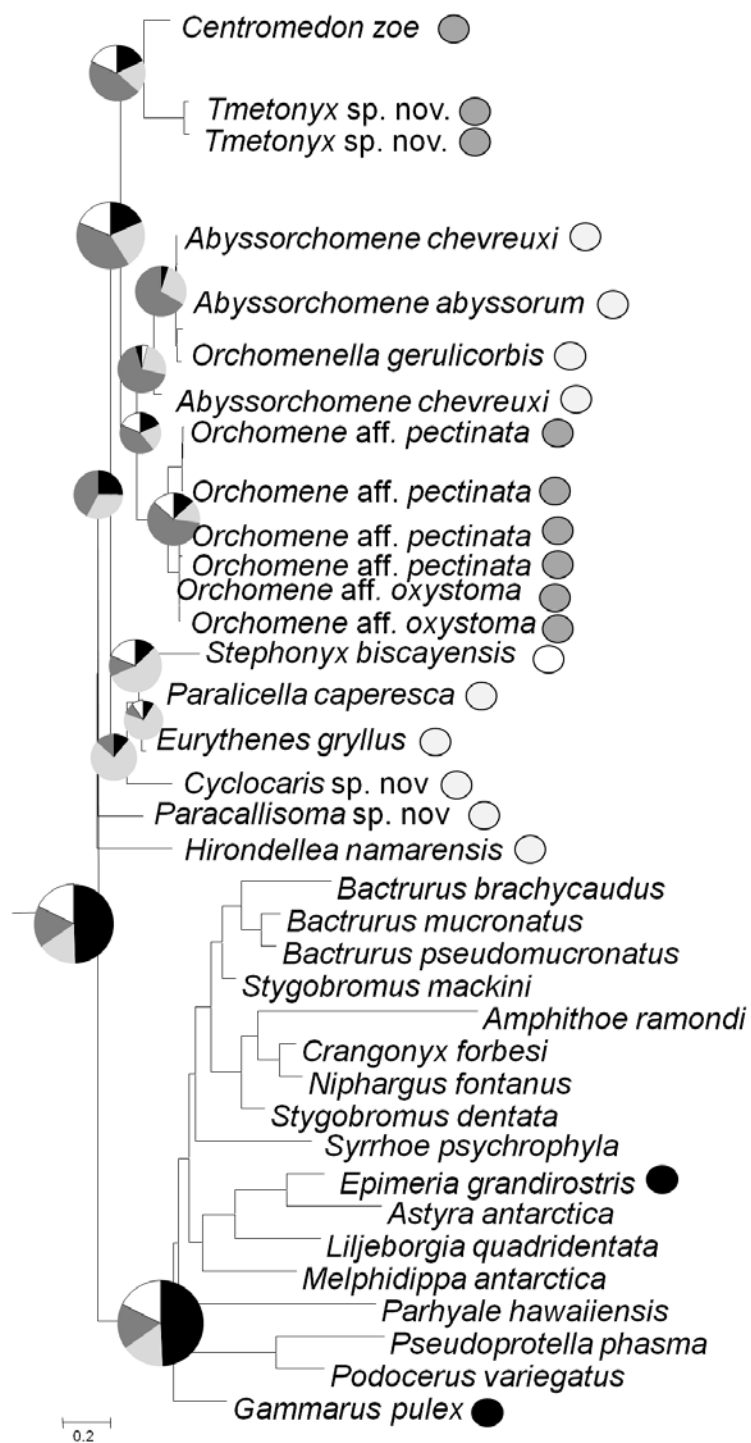
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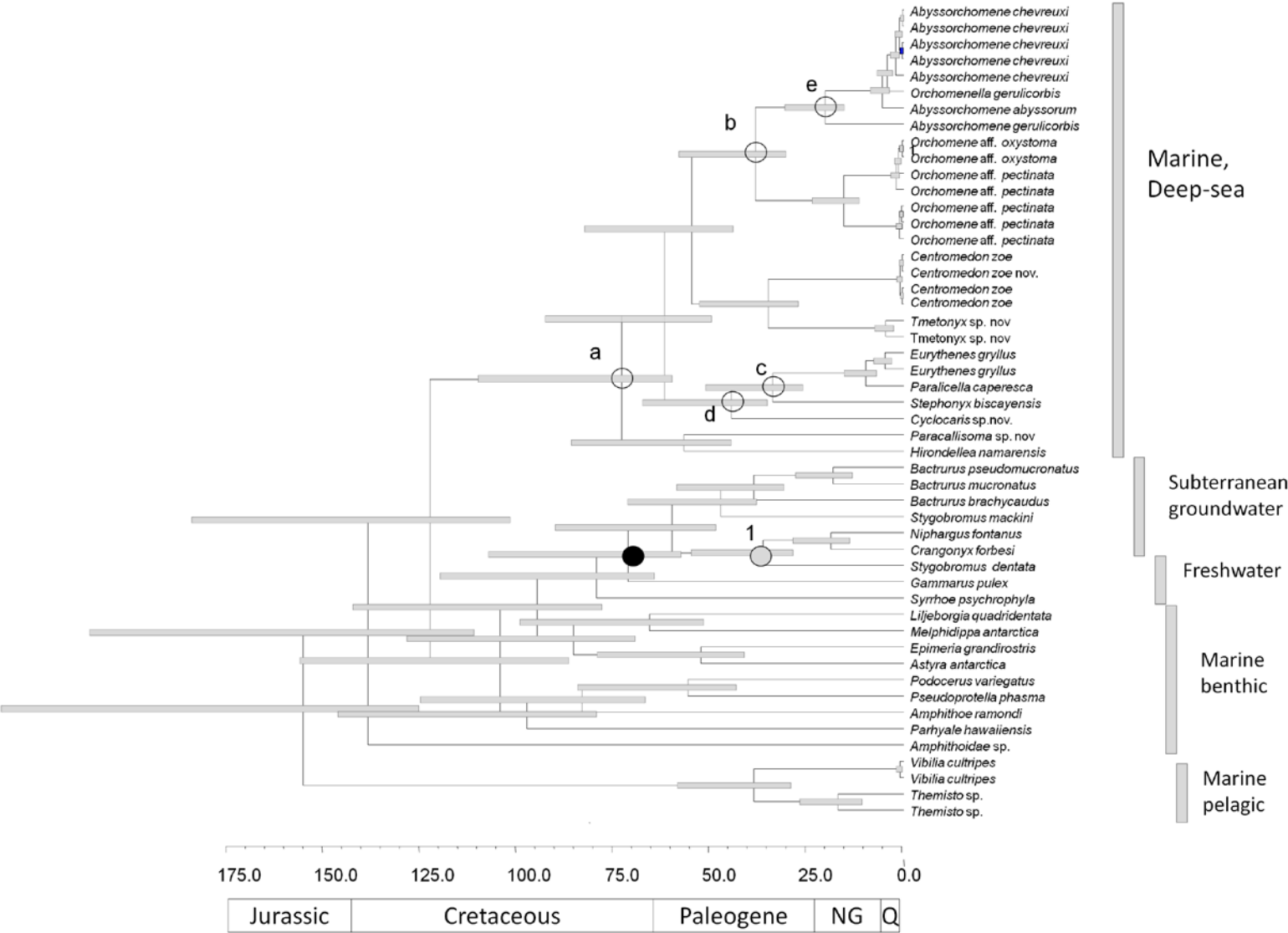


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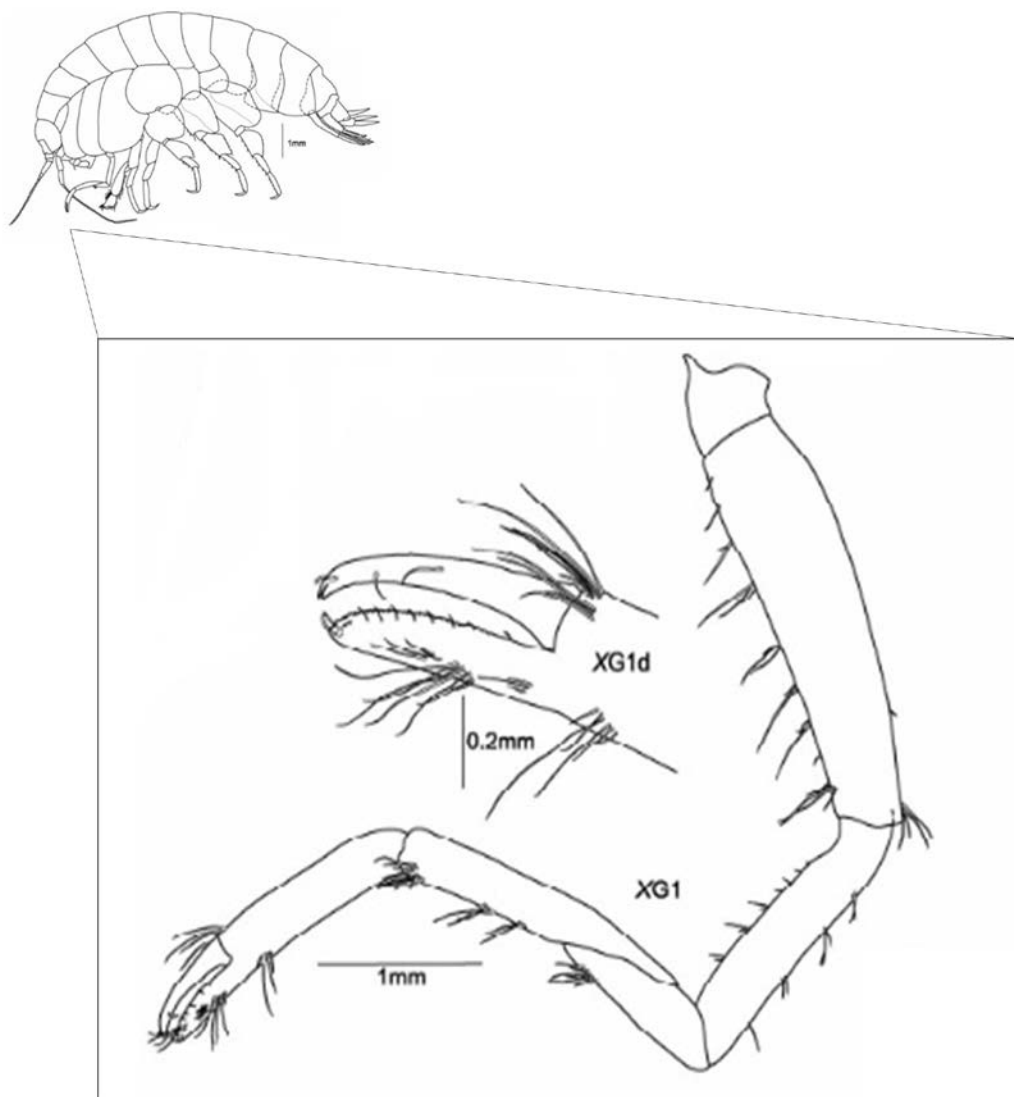


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Supplementary material:

Table S1. Data including depth and location of trapped taxa used in the phylogenetic study (including links to taxon pages on the World Register of Marine Species, Appletans et al., 2012). MAR = mid-Atlantic Ridge.

Family	Genus	Species	Number of specimens sequenced	Depth, m	Locality
Ingroup taxa:					
Uristidae Hurley, 1963	Tmetonyx	sp. nov.	2	2500	MAR
Uristidae Hurley, 1963	Abyssorchomene	chevreuxi (Stebbing, 1906)	3	2564	MAR
Uristidae Hurley, 1963	Abyssorchomene	abyssorum (Stebbing, 1888)	1	2500	MAR
Uristidae Hurley, 1963	Centromedon	zoe (Horton & Thurston 2011)	4	2453-2564	MAR
Uristidae Hurley, 1963	Stephonyx	biscayensis (Chevreux, 1908)	2	2564	MAR
Lysianassidae Dana, 1849	Orchomenella	gerulicorbis (Shulenberger & Barnard, 1976)	1	4192	CROZET
Lysianassidae Dana, 1849	Orchomene	aff. pectinata	4	2500	MAR
Lysianassidae Dana, 1849	Orchomene	aff. oxystoma	3	2500	MAR
Alicellidae Lowry & De Broyer, 2008	Paralicella	caperesca (Schulenberger & Barnard, 1976)	1	4192	CROZET
Eurytheneidae Stoddart & Lowry, 2004	Eurythenes	gryllus (Lichtenstein, 1822)	2	2453	MAR
Cyclocaridae Lowry & Stoddart, 2011	Cyclocaris	sp. nov.	1	1975	ANGOLA
Scopelocheiridae Lowry & Stoddart, 1997	Paracallisoma	sp. nov.	1	2500	MAR
Hirondelleidae Lowry & Stoddart, 201	Hirondellea	namarensis (Horton & Thurston, 2012)	1	2500	MAR
Outgroup taxa:					
Vibiliidae Dana, 1852	Vibilia	cultripes (Vosseler, 1901)	2		MAR
Hyperiididae Dana, 1852	Themisto	sp.	2		MAR
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Bactrurus	brachycaudus (Hubricht & Mackin, 1940)	1		
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Crangonyx	forbesi (Hubricht & Mackin, 1940)	1		
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Stygobromus	dentata (Hubricht, 1943)	1		
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Stygobromus	mackini Hubricht, 1943	1		
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Bactrurus	mucronatus (Forbes, 1876)	1		
Crangonyctidae Bousfield, 1973	Bactrurus	pseudomucronatus (Koenemann & Holsinger, 2000)	1		
Hyalidae Bulychева, 1957	Parhyale	hawaiiensis (Dana, 1853)	1		

Ampithoidae Stebbing, 1899	<i>Amphithoe</i>	ramondi (Audouin, 1826)	1		
Gammaridae Leach, 1814	<i>Gammarus</i>	pulex (Linnaeus, 1758)	1		
Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871	<i>Epimeria</i>	grandirostris (Chevreux,1912)	1		
Pariambidae Laubitz, 1993	<i>Pseudoprotella</i>	phasma (Montagu, 1804)	1		
Niphargidae Bousfield, 1977	<i>Niphargus</i>	fontanus (Bate, 1859)	1		
Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908	<i>Astyra</i>	antarctica (Andres, 1997)	1		
Synopiidae Dana, 1853	<i>Syrrhoe</i>	psychrophyla (Monod, 1926)	1		
Melphidippidae Stebbing, 1899	<i>Melphidippa</i>	antarctica (Schellenberg, 1926)	1		
Liljeborgiidae Stebbing, 1899	<i>Liljeborgia</i>	quadridentata (Schellenberg, 1931)	1		
Podoceridae Leach, 1814	<i>Podocerus</i>	variegatus (Leach, 1814)	1		

Table S2: Sample site location and sampling protocol. Time given is GMT. Duration = deployment time.

Site	Station #	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	Deployed	Time	Surfaced	Time	Duration	Trap Type
MAR NE	JC011/098	54°04.08'N	34°09.43'W	2500	09Aug2007	1313	11Aug2007	1215	46: 58	VET/DEMAR
MAR NE	JC011/114	54°02.31'N	34°09.60'W	2453	12Aug2007	1725	13Aug2007	1540	22: 15	VET/DEMAR
MAR NW	JC011/079	53°56.44'N	36°11.56'W	2564	05Aug2007	1951	07Aug2007	1400	42:09	VET/DEMAR
MAR NW	JC037/060	53°58.46'N	36°06.12'W	2340	27Aug2009	2143	30Aug2009	1115	61:32	VET/CORE
MAR SE	JC011/013	49°01.16'N	27°42.29'W	2627	19Jul2007	2322	20Jul2007	1230	13:08	VET/DEMAR
MAR SE	JC037/013	49°02.00'N	27°43.44'W	2501	08Aug2009	2235	10Aug2009	1620	41:45	VET/DEMAR
MAR SE	JC037/018	49°01.20'N	27°42.03'W	2500	10Aug2009	1920	17Aug2009	2108	169:48	VET/DEMAR
MAR SE	JC037/025	49°02.23'N	27°53.66'W	1830	17Aug2009	2311	18Aug2009	1520	16:09	VET/DEMAR
ANGOLA	56755#2	6.30342°S	10.68768°W	1975	26Oct2005	-	-	-	-	ROBIO
CROZET	15775#24	48°59'S	51°13'E	4192	03Jan2006	0631	04Jan2006	09:25	24:45	FRESP

Table S3 Primer sequences T_a

Locus	Primer	Primer sequence 5' - 3'	T _a (°C)	Reference
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	COIuR	TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA		
16S	16Sbr	CCGGTTTGAACTCAGATCATG	49	France & Kocher 1996
	16Sar	CGCCTGTTTATCAAAAACAT		
18S	18S1f	CGATAAGATACCGCCCTA	55	This study
	18S1r	GTCTCGTTCGTTATCGGA		
H3	HisH3f	AAATAGCYCGTACYAAGCAGAC	45	This study
	HisH3r	ATTGAATRTCYTTGGGCATGAT		
28S	28Sftw	AGGCGGAATGTTGCGT	50	This study
	28Srtw	CTGAGCGGTTTCACGGTC		

Table S4: Sequence data summary; accession numbers for previously published sequences shown in italics. ‘No amp’ means that the PCR reaction did not produce usable product.

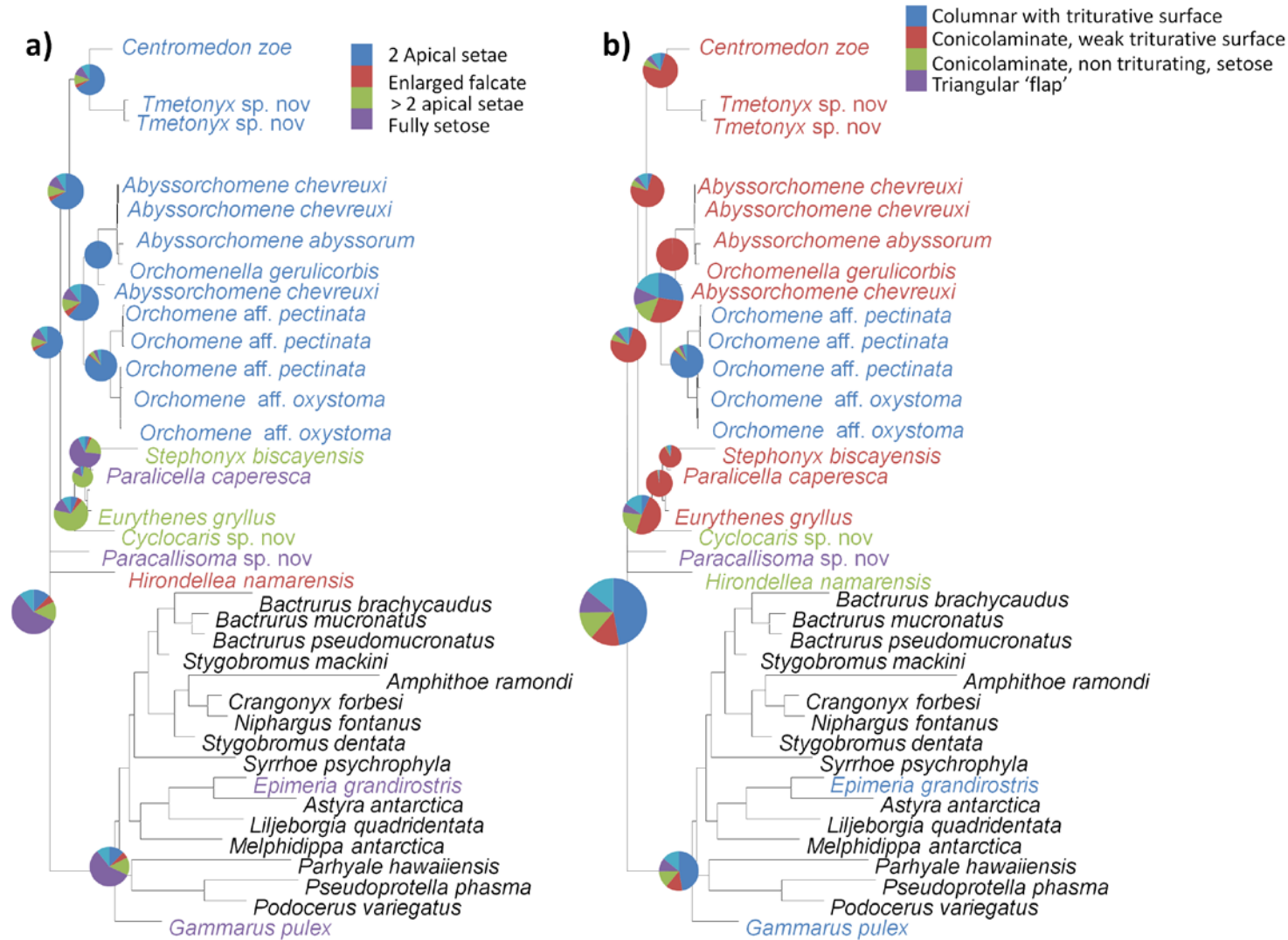
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<i>Centromedon</i>	<i>zoe</i>	KF430263	KF430236	KF430221	KF430293	KF484692
<i>Stephonyx</i>	<i>biscayensis</i>	KF430264	KF430237	KF430222	KF430294	KF484693
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<i>Cyclocaris</i>	sp. nov.	KF430272	KF430245	KF430230	KF430302	KF484701
<i>Paracallisoma</i>	sp. nov.	KF430271	KF430244	KF430229	KF430301	KF484700
<i>Hirondellea</i>	<i>namarensis</i>	KF430275	KF430248	KF430233	KF430305	KF484704
<i>Vibilia</i>	<i>cultripes</i>	KF430277	No amp	KF430235	KF430307	KF484706
<i>Themisto</i>	sp.	KF430276	KF430249	KF430234	KF430306	KF484705
<i>Bactrurus</i>	<i>brachycaudus</i>	KF430278	No amp	<i>AF202984</i>	KF430308	KF484707
<i>Crangonyx</i>	<i>forbesi</i>	KF430285	KF430256	<i>AF202980</i>	No amp	KF484714
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<i>Bactrurus</i>	<i>pseudomucronatus</i>	KF430292	KF430262	<i>AF202985</i>	KF430323	KF484723
<i>Parhyale</i>	<i>hawaiiensis</i>	KF430279	KF430250	<i>AY826957</i>	KF430309	KF484708
<i>Amphithoe</i>	<i>ramondi</i>	KF430280	KF430251	<i>DQ378024</i>	KF430310	KF484709
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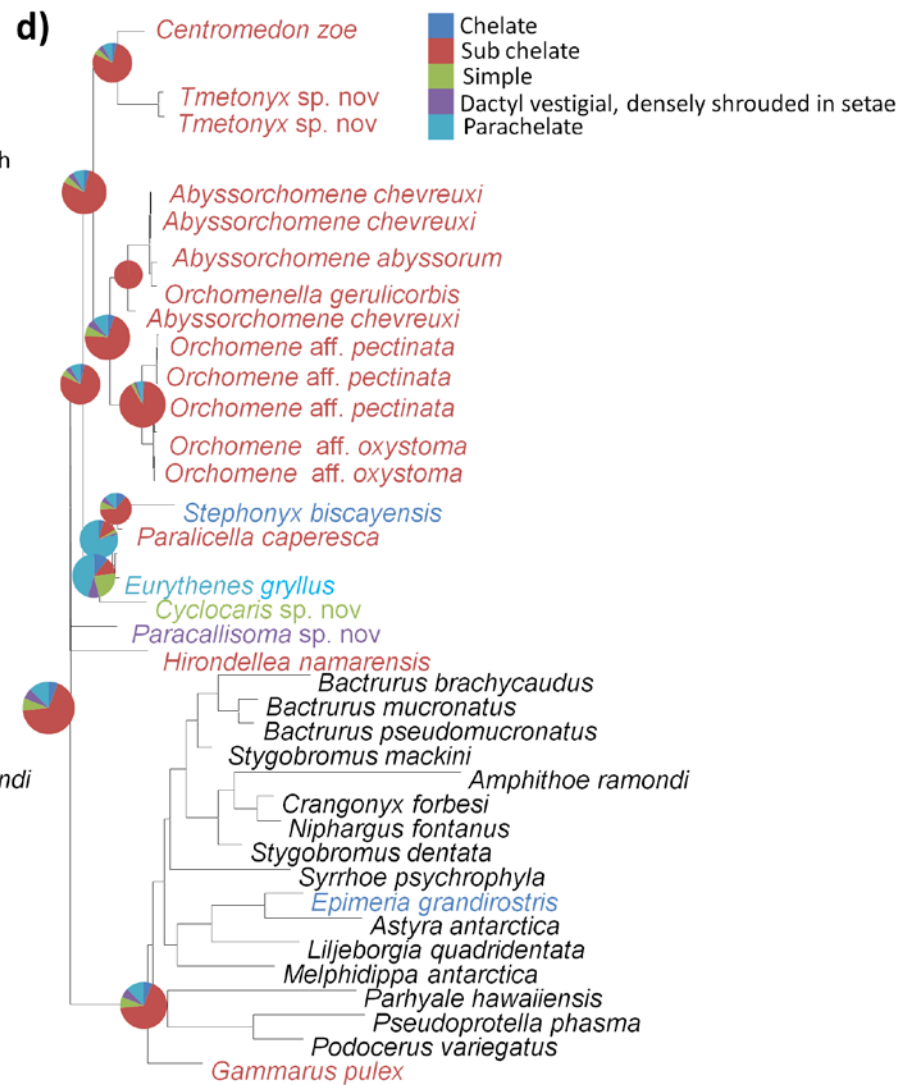
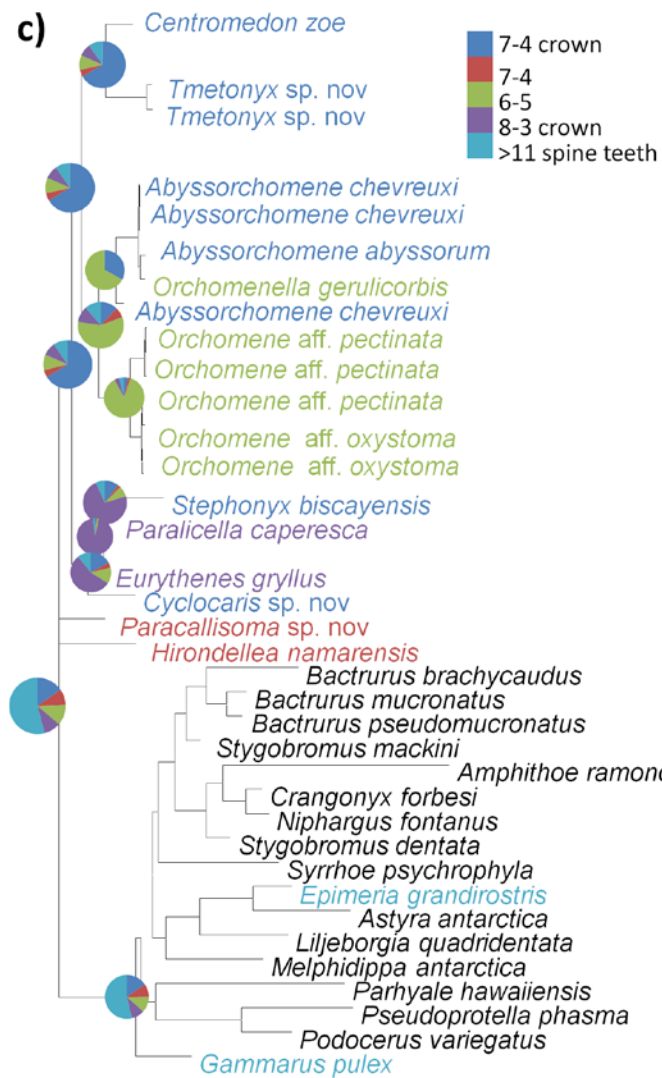
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<i>Podocerus</i>	<i>variegatus</i>	No amp	No amp	<i>DQ378022</i>	KF430321	KF484721

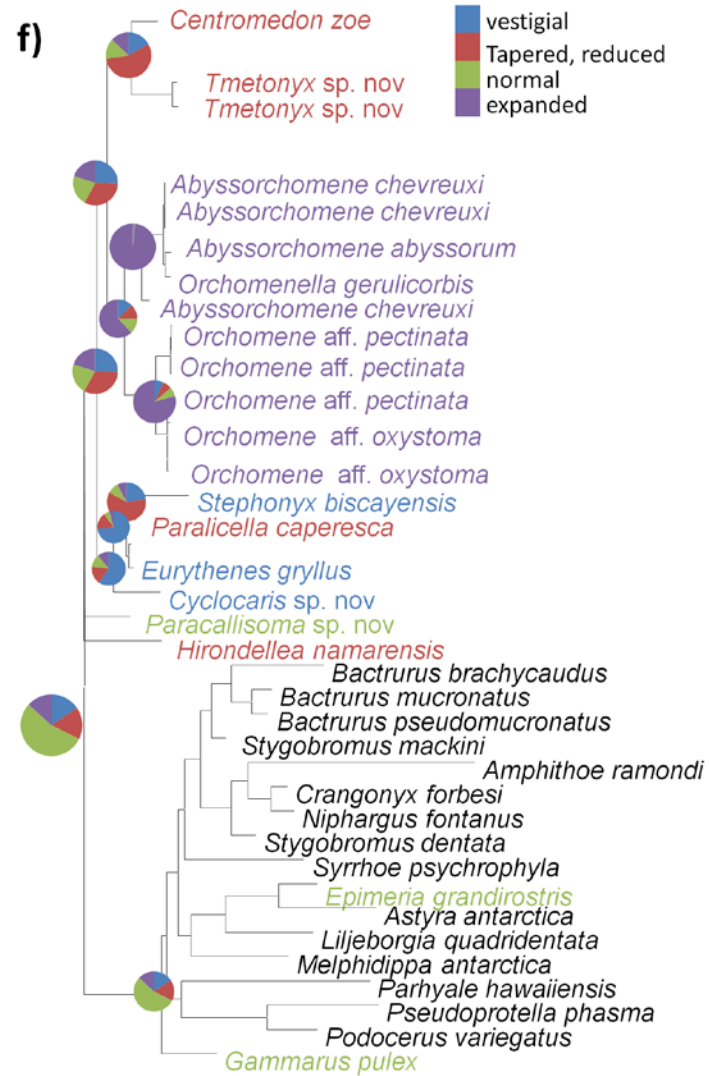
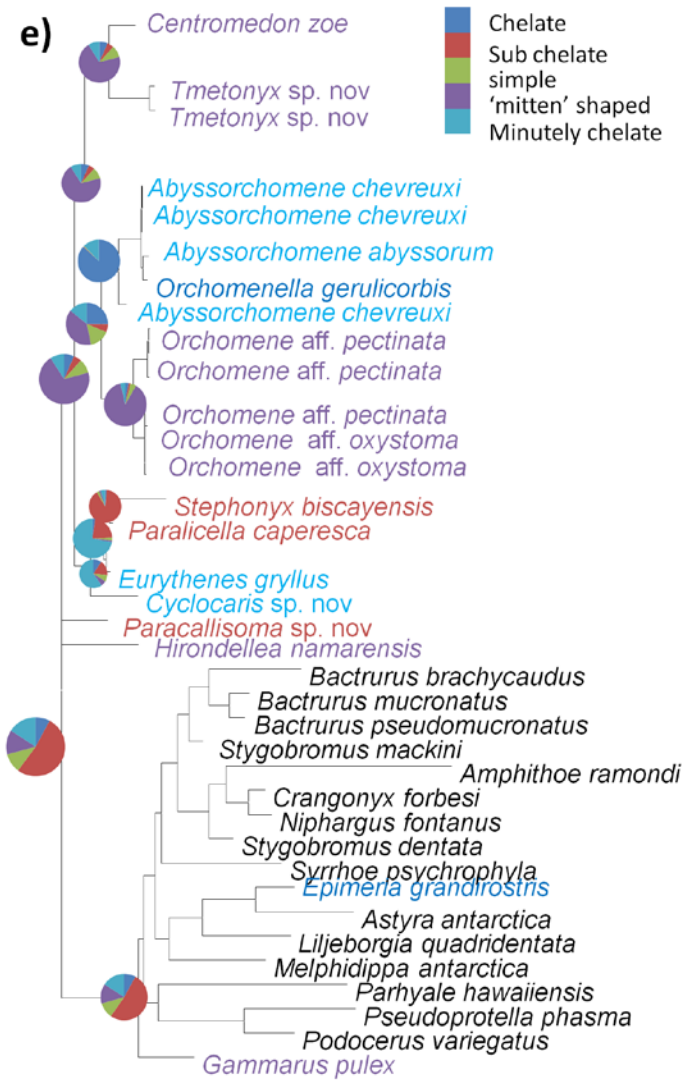
Table S5: Substitution models and model parameter prior for each gene in the MrBayes runs.

Gene Partition	Model	Rate Variation	Substitution Rates	Nucleotide frequencies	Shape parameter	Proportion of Invariable sites	Topology	Branch lengths
16S	HKY	Invgamma	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Uniform (0,200)	Uniform (0,1)	Uniform	Unconstrained: Exp(10.0)
COI	GTR	Invgamma	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Uniform (0,200)	Uniform (0,1)	Uniform	Unconstrained: Exp(10.0)
18S	GTR	Invgamma	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Uniform (0,200)	Uniform (0,1)	Uniform	Unconstrained: Exp(10.0)
28S	GTR	Invgamma	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Uniform (0,200)	Uniform (0,1)	Uniform	Unconstrained: Exp(10.0)
H3	GTR	Invgamma	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Dirichlet (1,1,1,1)	Uniform (0,200)	Uniform (0,1)	Uniform	Unconstrained: Exp(10.0)

Figure S1: Bayesian trees and Bayestrait analyses of a) maxilla 1 inner plate setation; b) mandibular molar; c) maxilla 1 outer plate tooth arrangement; d) gnathopod 1; e) gnathopod 2; f) coxa 1; g) gut storage. Pie charts illustrate relative trait probabilities at a given node.







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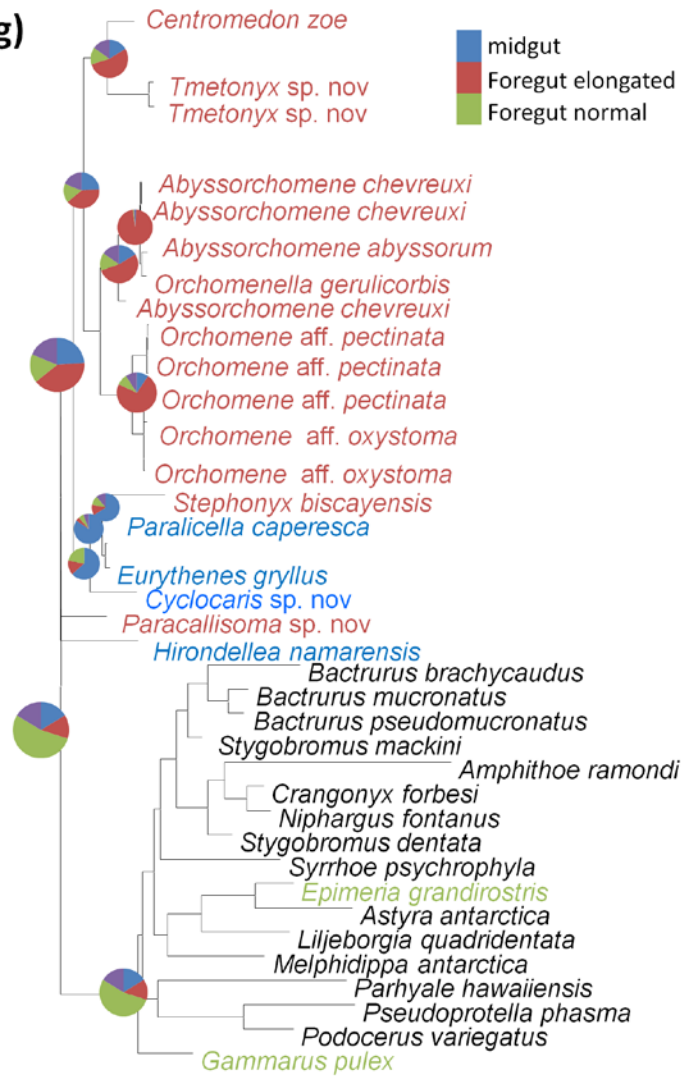
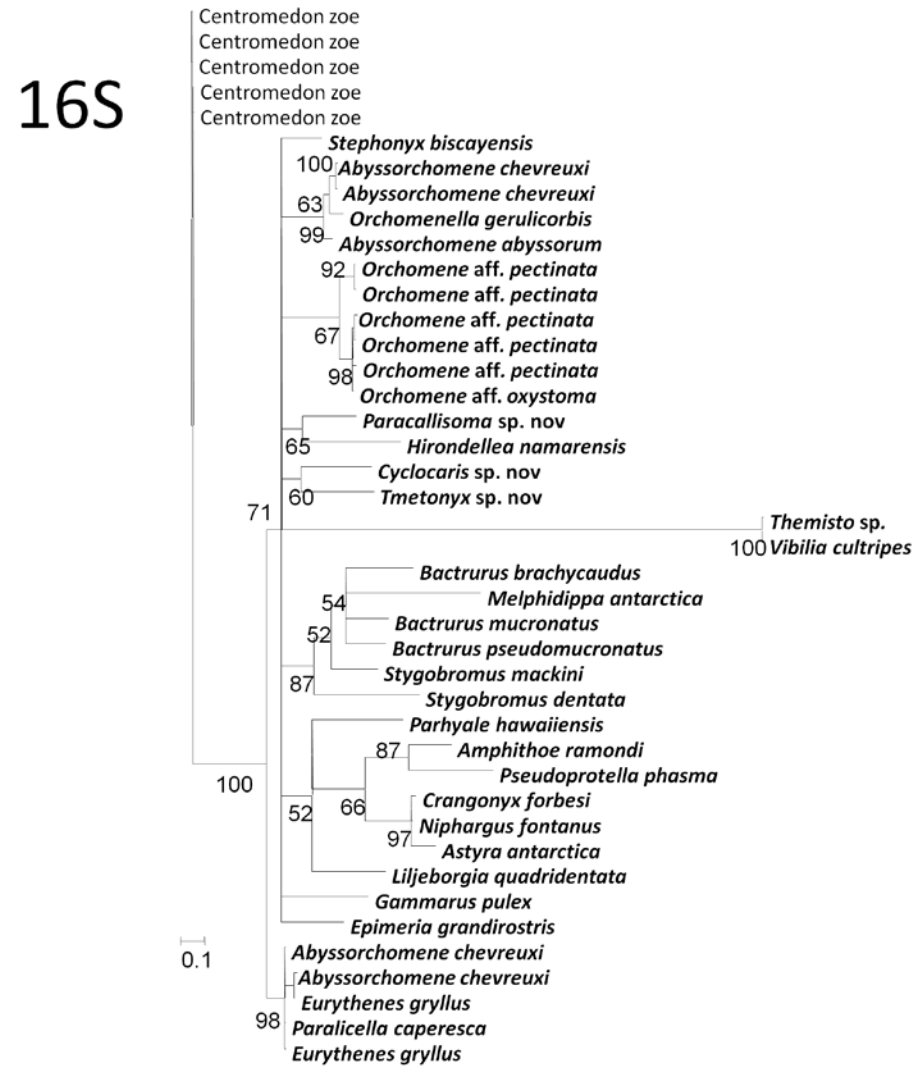
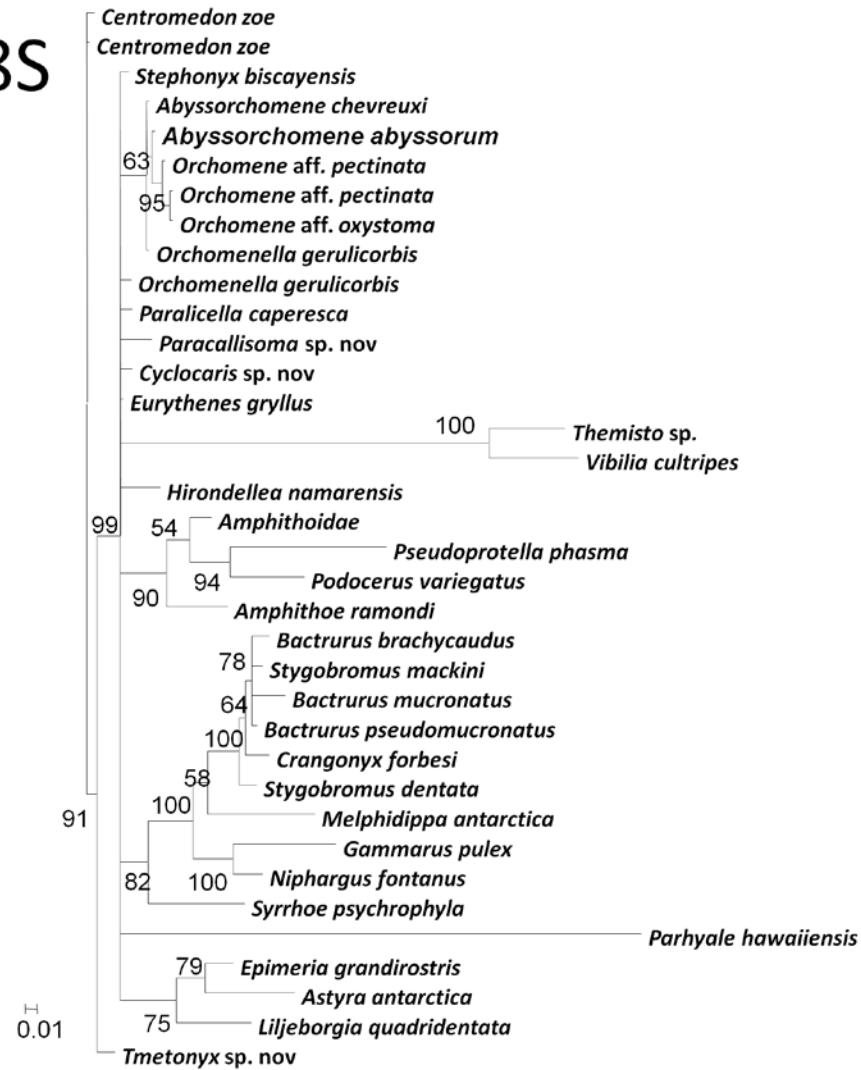


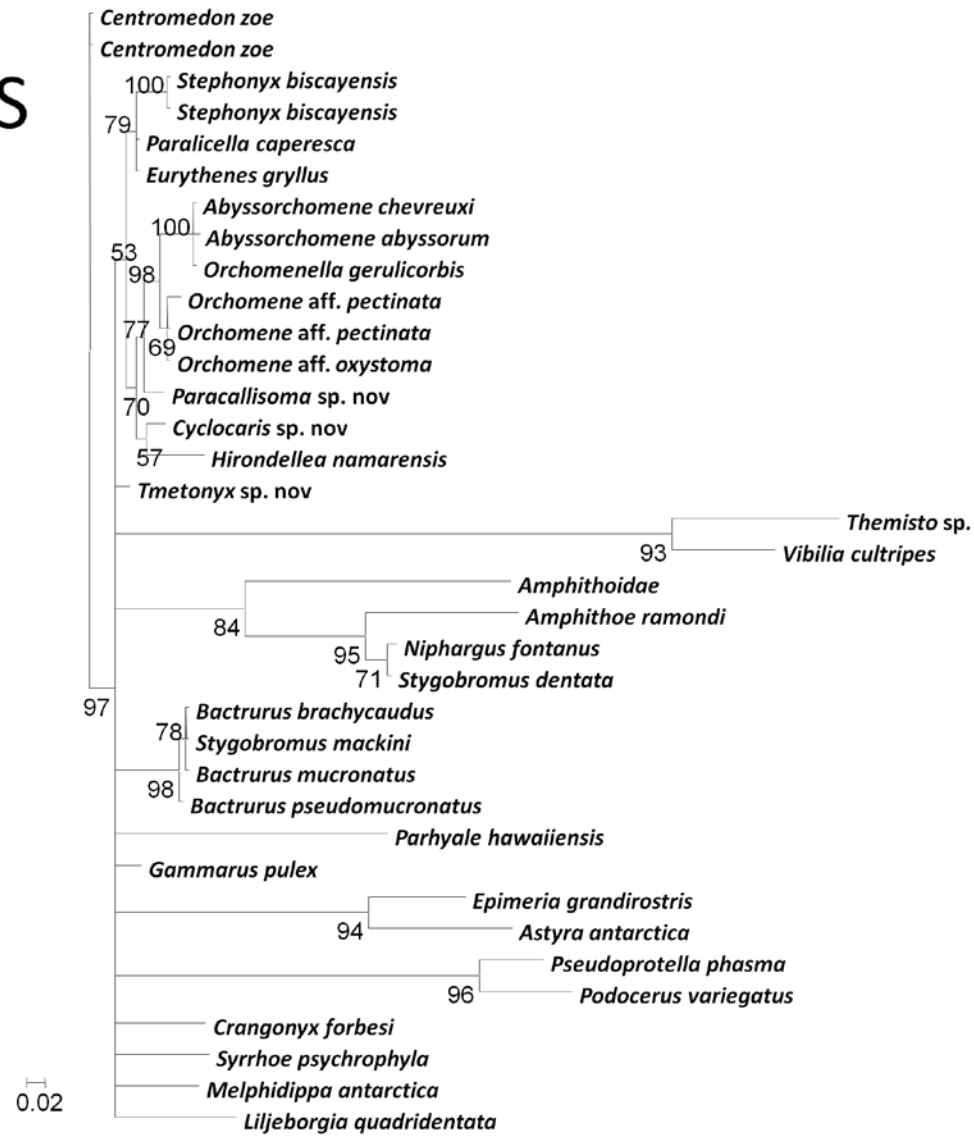
Figure S2: MrBayes phylogenies based on single genes showing node support (Bayesian Posterior Probabilities with 10,000 trees sampled).



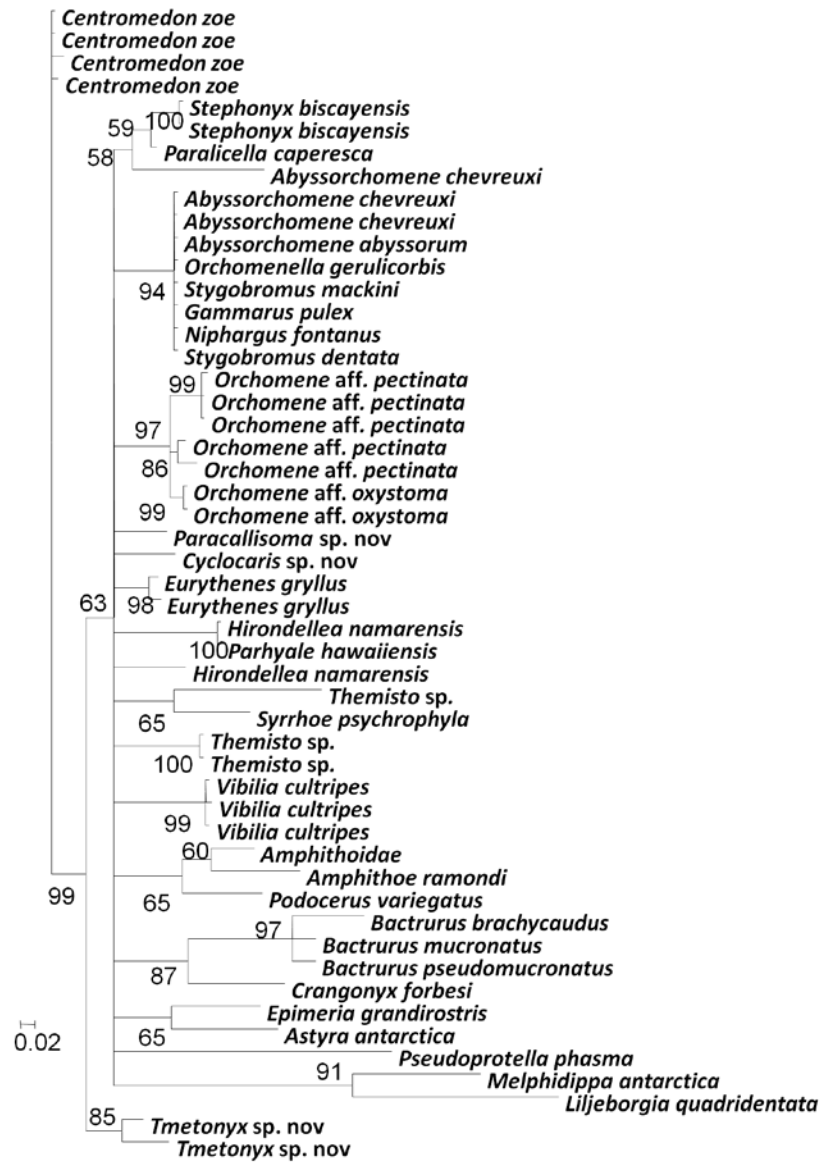
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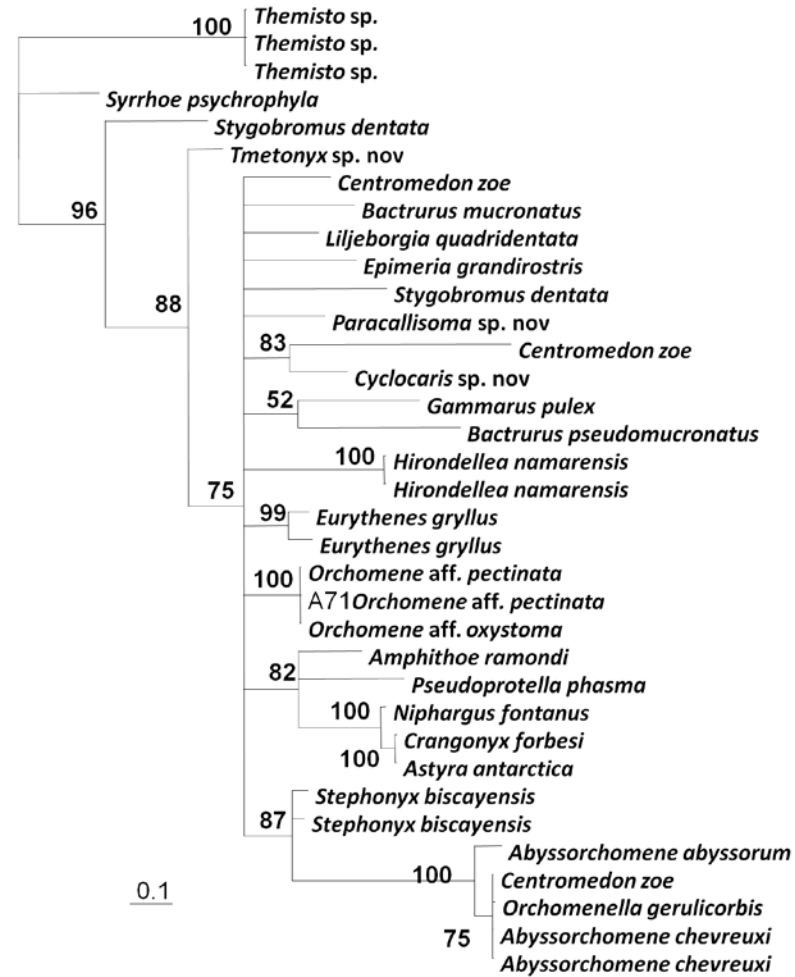
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