

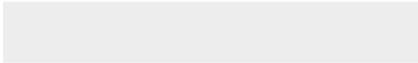
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Mini Review

Review of the Phylogenetic Reconstruction of the Diatoms Using Molecular Tools with an Analysis of a Seven Gene Data Set Using Multiple Outgroups and Morphological Data for a Total Evidence Approach

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Abstract: Medlin tested multiple outgroups with 18S rRNA dataset and found that haptophytes, ciliates, prasinophytes and chlorophytes recovered monophyletic Coscinodiscophyceae, Mediophyceae, Bacillariophyceae with strong BT support. Theriot *et al.* added six plastid genes to the diatom dataset but with only one outgroup, *Bolidomonas* and omitted most of the V4 region of that gene and bases beyond position 1200. They recovered a grade of clades from radial into polar centrics, into araphid pennates into the monophyletic raphid pennates. Their structural gradation hypothesis (SGH) contrasts to the CMB hypothesis of Medlin and Kaczmarska. We selected only those species with all seven genes from their dataset and added the entire 18S RNA gene to make a new dataset to which we sequentially added heterokont, haptophyte, and prasinophyte/chlorophyte outgroups. We analysed it using 1) evolutionary models with parameters relaxed across genes and codon positions for coding sequences (codon partition analysis scheme = CP) and 2) no partitions or evolutionary models as applied to each gene, using only optimised models of evolution for the entire dataset (NCP). CP recovered a monophyletic mediophycean and bacillariophycean clade and three coscinodiscophycean clades. Sequentially adding more outgroups did not change clade topology but dramatically increased BT support. NCP recovered a monophyletic Coscinodiscophyceae and Bacillariophyceae and three Mediophyceae clades, each with strong bootstrap support. Morphological data was added and analyzed similarly. NCP recovered three monophyletic classes and CP recovered the Bacillariophyceae arising from within the Mediophyceae, making the subphylum monophyletic but the class was paraphyletic. Each analysis was tested with SH tests in PAUP and IQTree. Plastid inheritance in the diatoms is not homogenous and thus their phylogenies may not be homologous. If so, then our

34 application of gene models may be overparametrising the data. The application of no
35 partitioning models with morphological data supported the CMB hypothesis.

36 **Keywords:** diatoms; CMB hypothesis; SG hypothesis; multi-gene phylogeny; multiple
37 outgroups.

38 Introduction

39 The diatoms are one of the most diverse groups of unicellular eukaryotic protists. Their
40 origins date from the early Mesozoic as judged by molecular clocks and their fossil records
41 (Kooistra & Medlin 1996; Sims *et al.* 2006, Sorhannus 2007, Medlin 2014). From the
42 Cenozoic, their global diversity has increased (Harwood & Gersonde 1990; Sims *et al.* 2006;
43 Finkel *et al.* 2005). They can be found in all aquatic habitats and in moist terrestrial habitats
44 and are responsible for nearly half of the primary production in the oceans and close to a
45 quarter of the carbon fixed globally (Smetacek 1999). Finkel & Kotrc (2010) report that
46 diatoms export organic carbon into the ocean depths by high sinking rates, relatively large
47 cell sizes and densities and their ability to form large blooms. Relative to other
48 phytoplankton groups, they remove more carbon out of contact with the atmosphere
49 because of their high growth rates (Finkel & Kotrc 2010). Their diversity has increased
50 from their origin to today (Finkel *et al.* 2005).

51 Diatoms have an absolute requirement for silica in order to initiate DNA replication,
52 thus they have an important impact on silica cycles (see references in Finkel & Kotrc 2010).
53 It is believed that as terrestrial grasslands evolved, they released silica to the global silica
54 pool and the diatoms had an adaptive advantage. Their large storage vacuole enabled
55 them to out-compete other phytoplankton. These hypotheses have been tested by re-
56 analysis of fossil data and have been refuted (Rabosky & Sorhannus 2009). Rabosky &
57 Sorhannus (2009) reported a drop in diatom diversity in the Oligocene, which they believe
58 was correlated with a major drop in CO₂ concentrations as temperatures fell globally.
59 Armbrust (2009) suggested that the divergence dates of the two centric classes as proposed
60 by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004) were correlated with declining CO₂ levels and their
61 divergence occurred when CO₂ levels rose. She used the molecular clock produced by
62 Sorhannus (2007) to provide divergence dates for her interpretation. Their closest
63 relatives, the Parmales in the Bolidophyceae, do not have an important influence

64 on silica cycles because they do not require silica for cell division (Yamada *et al.* 2014).
65 Finkel & Kotrc (2010) noted that oceanic silicic acid concentrations have declined since
66 diatoms have risen to prominence. Thus, the origin, evolution and diversity of the group is
67 important because they play such an important role in all aquatic ecosystems and they will
68 undoubtedly play an important role in oceanic ecosystems as climate changes.

69 Despite more than a century of morphological observation and nearly three decades of
70 molecular phylogenetic analyses, the study of diatom phylogeny has progressed slowly,
71 most of which has been controversial (see review in Medlin, 2016b). Medlin *et al.* (1993)
72 produced the first phylogeny of the diatoms using molecular data and suggested that the
73 centric and araphid diatoms were not monophyletic. Based on nearly 20 years of mismatch
74 between molecular and morphological classifications, Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004)
75 revised the classification system of the diatoms, creating two new subphyla,
76 Coscinodiscophytina: with the radial centrics in the amended Coscinodiscophyceae, and
77 Bacillariophytina with two classes: the pennates in the amended Bacillariophyceae and the
78 bipolar centrics in a new class, Mediophyceae. These three classes ((Coscinodiscophyceae
79 = radial centric diatoms) (Mediophyceae = polar centric diatoms + radial Thalassiosirales;
80 Bacillariophyceae = pennate diatoms)) more accurately reflect the evolution and diversity
81 of the diatoms than does the three-class system of centrics, araphid pennates and raphid
82 pennates presented in Round *et al.* (1990). Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004) defined the three
83 classes as follows: (1) the type of sexual reproduction and resultant auxospore formation,
84 (2) the presence/absence of a tube or process (in the case of the centric diatoms) or
85 raphe/sternum (in the pennate diatoms) inside the annulus (the initiation point for
86 silicification in the diatoms), (3) symmetry of the valves and (4) the arrangement of the
87 Golgi bodies in the cells (Medlin & Kaczmarska, 2004). The position of the cribrum in
88 loculate areolae (excluding pseudoloculate areolae, which must have an internal cribrum)
89 was added as another defining character to separate the two centric classes (Medlin 2014).
90 Kaczmarska & Ehrman (2015) added the spore-like structure of the auxospore as another
91 character separating the three classes. A summary of these traits can be found in Table 1.
92 Exceptions to each character have been noted and the placement of the radial
93 Thalassiosirales in the polar centric clade is one of the biggest exceptions to the
94 features defining each class. Medlin (2016a) suggested retention of an ancestral

95 polymorphism (scales) and loss of the ability to make bands to mould a radial centric into
96 a polar one to explain why the radial Thalassiosirales are recovered in the polar diatom
97 lineage, although they possess other valve features that place them in the polar lineage
98 (Table 1). There are other examples in the pennate diatoms where a round morphology is
99 presumed to reflect the loss of bands in the auxospore to squeeze the zygote into a pennate
100 shape (Ashworth *et al.* 2013).

101 Theriot *et al.* (2009) claimed that one obstacle to obtaining a robust diatom molecular
102 phylogeny has been that the nuclear-encoded small subunit ribosomal (SSU) was the
103 primary gene of choice for phylogenetic analysis (Table S2, refer to most studies by Medlin
104 and co-workers). Analysis of this gene under different taxon sampling schemes and with
105 different optimality criteria has yielded results that differ in detail from one another
106 (Theriot *et al.* 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015) and from that in Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004). In
107 Medlin (2016b), she showed that in Theriot *et al.* (2009)'s re-analysis of Medlin's data, they
108 had misrepresented the 99% tree burn in as the 90% tree burn to determine if her analysis
109 had been run for enough generations. The 90% burn in showed that the analysis had run
110 for a sufficient number of generations so the SSU gene could recover diatom phylogenies
111 when used alone. Thus their analysis was flawed and their conclusion that the SSU gene
112 could not be used to obtain a robust diatom phylogeny was subsequently flawed.

113 All of the analyses by Theriot and his co-workers (Table S2) have recovered more or
114 less a grade of clades from the so-called radial centrics into polar centrics, which grade
115 into araphid pennates, which themselves grade into the monophyletic raphid pennates,
116 which they have termed the structural gradation hypothesis (SGH) in contrast to the CMB
117 hypothesis (Coscinodiscophyceae, (Mediophyceae, Bacillariophyceae)) of Medlin and
118 Kaczmarska (2004). Some of the later analyses by the Theriot group (Table S1) have
119 recovered one or the other of the two centric classes monophyletic, whereas only those by
120 Medlin and co workers plus the lone analysis by the Theriot group in Li *et al.* (2015), and
121 the analyses done by Vaultot *et al.* (2007), Ehara *et al.* (2000) and Sorhannus (1997) have
122 consistently recovered the two subphyla and the three subclasses using either the SSU
123 alone or multiple genes and mostly with multiple outgroups (see Table S1 for more details
124 on the multiple outgroups used in these papers).

125 Medlin (2016b) reviewed the evidence as to whether the molecular data have supported
126 or refuted the classification changes made by Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004), i.e. whether
127 scheme 1, CMB model with monophyletic classes, or scheme 2, SGH model of grades of
128 clades, was better supported and to identify where future research areas in diatom
129 phylogeny should be directed. Although the taxonomic changes in the diatoms have not
130 been universally accepted, the general evidence shown in the review by Medlin (2016b)
131 and the detailed analysis by Medlin (2014) and the fact that the trees produced Theriot *et*
132 *al.* are not significantly different from the CMB hypothesis suggests that the revised
133 classification of scheme 1 as proposed by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004) should be
134 accepted because of the defining features of each class reflects the morphological and
135 sexual reproductive evolution of the diatoms. However, *if* the SGH hypothesis is the
136 correct phylogeny, then the acceptance of paraphyletic lineages would have to be invoked
137 to access the classification system proposed by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004).
138 Paraphyletic lineages are the natural course of evolution (see references in Medlin 2014).

139 To recover the CMB hypothesis or the three monophyletic classes obtained by Medlin
140 and Kaczmarska (2004), certain criteria must be met, which have not been followed or met
141 in full by the Theriot group. Medlin and Kaczmarska proposed that the recovery of the
142 two centric clades as monophyletic groups is highly dependent on an alignment based on
143 the secondary structure of the SSU rRNA gene and the use of multiple outgroups. The
144 effect of the secondary structure alignment on the topology of the rRNA tree has been
145 documented in several studies (Medlin *et al.*, 1993, 2008; Medlin, 2010; Rimet *et al.*, 2011)
146 and Theriot group only began using a secondary structure analysis in 2009 (Theriot *et al.*
147 2009), albeit the Gutell model, which does not have a structure for the V4 region of the SSU
148 gene in contrast to the van de Peer model that does (Medlin 2010) so they either do not use
149 it or only use the first helix in their analyses. The use of multiple outgroups has been
150 tested with a single gene (Medlin, 2014) and multiple genes (Sato, 2008; Medlin &
151 Desdevises, 2016), whereas the Theriot group has never tested the multiple outgroup
152 criterion, outside of multiple heterokonts (Theriot *et al.* 2009). The usual number of
153 outgroups the Theriot group use in their multi-gene analyses has been one or two
154 bolidophytes since they began to use a secondary structure alignment (Theriot *et*
155 *al.*, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015; Ashworth *et al.*, 2012, 2013, Li *et al.* 2011). Theriot *et al.*

156 (2009) concluded that the use of the SSU rRNA gene was insufficient to recover the
157 monophyletic classes as proposed by Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004) and directed their
158 subsequent research into multi-gene analysis. However the information contained by the
159 ribosomal RNA genes as compared to the protein-coding genes has been empirically
160 tested by Piganeau *et al.* (2012) who showed that, for protists, the SSU gene contained
161 more information and better resolution as compared to multi-cellular organisms.
162 However, most of this information at the species level is found in the variable V4 region,
163 most of which is omitted in the analyses by Theriot *et al.* (op cit). In the analysis of multiple
164 outgroups with only the SSU rRNA gene, Medlin (2014) showed that the omission of the
165 V4 region reverted the phylogeny recovered to a grade of centric clades, whereas its
166 inclusion recovered monophyletic classes. Further to the Theriot's *et al.* 2009 study, Medlin
167 (2014) provided evidence of an error in their interpretation of the phylogenetic analyses
168 value of the SSU gene, which invalidated their claim that SSU gene was insufficient for
169 resolving the diatom evolutionary history. Medlin (2014) explored the use of the SSU
170 rRNA gene with multiple outgroups for the resolution of the centric classes to determine
171 whether or not they were monophyletic, and if not, how many clades were recovered. She
172 used 34 datasets with different combinations of outgroups, ingroups and numbers of
173 nucleotides to study the effect of multiple outgroups on the ability of analyses of a single
174 gene, the SSU rRNA gene, to recover monophyletic classes. She found that multiple
175 representatives of haptophytes, chlorophytes, ciliates and heterokonts did recover
176 monophyletic classes with high bootstrap support. She also looked at the effects of
177 weighting the frequency of base substitutions per site if maximum parsimony analyses
178 were used for large datasets. In her study, three of the datasets recovered the
179 monophyletic clades. In her analysis, datasets 11 and 25 from Medlin (2014) were
180 examined in more detail, to determine whether the number of nucleotides and the
181 inclusion of short clone library sequences affected the relationships among the diatom taxa
182 in the analyses. In 2016, Medlin and Desdevises expanded the SSU dataset to include 3
183 plastid genes and tested this with multiple heterokont outgroups and recovered
184 monophyletic classes. In 2015, Theriot *et al.* expanded their data set for diatoms and
185 multiple genes to include 207 taxa and 7 genes SSU plus *atpB*, *psaA*, *psaB*, *psbA*,
186 *psbC* and *rbcL* from the plastid but still used a single outgroup and recovered a

187 grade of clades that they called the structural gradation hypothesis (SGH) relating the four
188 major structural groups (three clades of radial centrics, three clades of bipolar centrics, two
189 clades of araphid pennate diatoms, and the raphid pennate diatoms) but were unable to
190 recover a tree that invalidated those of Medlin & Kacsmarska (2004).

191 We explored the addition of multiple outgroups using the Theriot *et al.* (2015) data. We
192 only used their species that had all genes present because we found in Medlin &
193 Desdevises (2016) that the omission of a single gene caused that taxon to have an elongate
194 branch and making it subject to long-branch attraction errors (Figure S1). Using this
195 reduced version of their data set and thirteen outgroups (Table 3), we performed
196 phylogenetic analyses with and without an evolutionary model with parameters relaxed
197 across genes and codon positions for coding sequences (codon partition scheme = CP, no
198 evolutionary models for each gene = NCP). The decision not to use any codon models or
199 partitioning of the data set was based on the evidence in Theriot *et al.* (2015) and Medlin
200 and Desdevises (2016) that the third codon position in the plastid genes was not saturated.
201 All combinations were tested using Shimodeira & Hasegawa tests in IQ-TREE and in PAUP
202 against the monophyletic trees as obtained by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004) and a
203 reduced version of the Theriot *et al.* (2015) tree, removing all taxa without a complete set of
204 genes. We added morphological data (Table 1) to our dataset and analyzed this in two
205 ways: the morphological data was coded CATG for NCP analysis or numerically for CP
206 analysis and weighted to contribute equally to the molecular data set (Table 2).

207 Materials and Methods

208 rRNA sequences from the diatoms in Table S2 were uploaded from Genbank and
209 aligned to the SILVA SSU rRNA sequence alignment in the ARB program Version 5.5
210 using maximum primary and secondary structural similarity (Ludwig *et al.*, 2004). We
211 found many errors in the Genbank entries for the taxa in Table S1 from the Theriot *et al.*
212 paper. For example, *Syndera hypberborea* was moved to *Synedroposis* in Hasle *et al.* (1995)
213 but all of the sequences for all of its genes in Genbank list the taxon as *Syndera*. In some of
214 the taxa, the same strain is given with a species name for some of the genes and referred to
215 as “sp.” in others. We kept the specific epitats assuming that the specific epitats were the
216 correct and final identification.

217 The ARB database release (Ref. NR 99, Ludwig *et al.* 2004) used in these analyses
218 contained over 646,151 eukaryotic and prokaryotic sequences. Bases were aligned with
219 one another based on their pairing across a helix. The ARB program generates a most
220 parsimonious (MP) tree from all sequences and all positions in the database as its
221 reference tree. The full SSU gene was used because the accuracy of the SILVA alignment
222 enables the difficult V4 region to be aligned. The plastid protein genes (*rbcL*, *psaA*, *psbB*,
223 *psaC*, *psaB*, *atpB*) were aligned individually using amino acids, then exported to be
224 concatenated into one large file with the SSU gene.

225 Outgroups were chosen from other closely related algal groups based on the analyses
226 by Medlin (2014). Ciliates could not be included because they are not photosynthetic. Four
227 haptophytes, 2 chlorophytes, 2 prasinophytes, and 4 heterokonts and 2 bolidophytes
228 (Table S2) were used for these analyses. Multiple examples from each group were selected
229 to ensure that long-branch attraction was avoided by breaking up the long branch leading
230 to each outgroup. Most of the outgroup taxa had complete plastid genomes available and
231 their plastid genes were much longer than the amplified partial sequences from the
232 Theriot *et al.* (2015) database. Thus, the plastid genes had to be trimmed so that lengths
233 were almost identical, but we did not trim them as much as was done by Theriot *et al.*
234 (2015), see [Table 3](#). We selected only those species from Theriot *et al.* (2015) who were not
235 missing any of the 7 genes. Our reason for this was that in Medlin and Desdevises (2014)
236 we found that if one gene was missing in the data set, the branch length for that species
237 was elongated relative to the others (Medlin & Desdevises, 2014, Figure S1). Trees were
238 reconstructed from the concatenated alignment of the 7 genes (10565 bp, [Table 3](#)) using
239 maximum likelihood (ML) with RaxML (Stamatakis *et al.* 2008), and with IQ-Tree (Nguyen
240 *et al.* 2015), Bayesian Inference (BI) with MrBayes 3.2.6 (Ronquist *et al.* 2012). [In ML, branch
241 support was assessed using bootstrap and approximate likelihood-ratio test \(Anisimova
242 and Gascuel, 2006\). This latter test is a much faster validation method than bootstrapping,
243 and is based on a likelihood ratio test where the null hypothesis is that each tested internal
244 branch has length 0.](#)

245 BI was performed only on single genes with a mixed amino acid model for the
246 translated coding sequences (except for SSU) and for the total evidence analysis
247 when morphological data were added. Because of the high number of taxa,

248 Bayesian analyses could not be performed on coding DNA sequences, either using a codon
249 model or a codon partition scheme (CP), and on the concatenated dataset. The bootstrap
250 support values from the maximum likelihood analyses are reported as whole numbers.
251 Trees were loaded into FigTree (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk>) to display them.

252 The first ML analysis was performed without any partitions for the protein coding
253 genes using a general time reversible model accounting for rate heterogeneity across sites
254 via a Gamma distribution. The best tree obtained was then compared to the taxonomic
255 hypothesis from Medlin & Kaczmarek (2004), which was retrieved in 8% of the trees in
256 the bootstrap analysis, using a SH-Test (Shimodeira & Hasegawa 1999) with PAUP 4b10
257 (Swofford 2003, [Table 4](#)).

258 For the second analysis, the parameters in the first analysis were also used, with
259 additional parameters relaxed across genes and codon positions for coding sequences (CP)
260 (all except SSU rDNA). Two trees were reconstructed, without and with the topological
261 constraint (Coscinodiscophyceae, (Mediophyceae, Bacillariophyceae)) corresponding to
262 the taxonomic hypothesis tested here (Medlin & Kaczmarek 2004). The outgroups were
263 added sequentially in this order: bolidophytes, heterokonts, haptophytes,
264 chlorophytes/prasinophytes. Each tree with each additional outgroup added was
265 constrained by a similar tree with the CMB hypothesis. These two trees were then
266 compared to each other and to the best tree obtained without CP using SH-Test [and](#)
267 [Weighted SH-Test](#) (Shimodeira & Hasegawa 1999) using IQ-Tree and PAUP 4b10 (Tables 3
268 and 4). [The WSH test is a less conservative version of the SH test \(Shimodaira 2002\). SH](#)
269 [and WSH tests assess the difference between trees via their likelihoods. The significance of](#)
270 [this difference is assessed from a null distribution, and in the WSH, each difference is](#)
271 [divided by the estimate of the standard error.](#)

272 We also took the tree from Theriot [et al.](#) (2015), pruned the taxa missing one or more of
273 the plastid genes using Mesquite (ver. 3.2) (Maddison and Maddison 2017) and compared
274 that to the tree from NCP analysis and to the final tree obtained with CP, constrained by
275 the tree reflecting the CMB hypothesis with only one bolidomonad outgroup.

276 The morphological data in Table 1 were treated in two ways. They were first coded as
277 CATG so that they could be used in the ML analysis with NCP ([Table 2](#)). Secondly
278 they were coded numerically so that they could be used in a BI analysis with CP.

279 Characters were treated as unordered in the BI analysis, although initial tests with
280 ordering the auxospore characters produced strange trees and this coding was abandoned.
281 The features in Table 1 represent 7 characters; however it is certain that there are not just
282 seven genes coding for these characters. Thus, the information for the morphology is not
283 equal to the molecular information from the seven genes. Unequal data sets create a bias
284 with regards to one having a greater influence than the other on the results (De Queiroz et
285 al. 1995). Please refer to <http://research.amnh.org/~siddall/methods/day5.html> for a
286 general discussion on weighting of characters. Therefore the morphological data was
287 weighted by repeating the motive for the 7 characters (Table 1) because that essentially
288 multiples each character in the morphological data set, just as one would do in a weighted
289 parsimony analysis using a rescaled consistency index as the weighting tool. We repeated
290 it 230 times making it approximately the same length as the SSU gene, obtaining all three
291 clades, then gradually reduced the repeated motif in large blocks and repeated the
292 analysis until the monophyletic groups disappeared. At that point we decided arbitrarily
293 that one additional morphological motif would make the morphological information
294 approximately equal to that of an additional gene. The final number of repeated motifs
295 was 31 to yield a total of 217 nucleotides (numbers) for the morphological data.

296 Results

297 *Individual Gene Analysis:* Analyses were performed first with each gene individually
298 (Figures S2-7) using both a DNA and an AA based analysis (plastid genes). Of the
299 individual analyses, most of the plastid genes recovered a polytomy of many multiple
300 lineages and only the 18S and the *psaA* (based on AA) and *psaB* (based on DNA) of the
301 plastid genes on their own recovered any phylogenetic reconstruction that could be
302 reconciled with modern diatom systematics in contrast to that recovered by Theriot *et al.*
303 (2015) where *psaA* had the most phylogenetic information and the SSU had the least. In
304 our study the 18S rRNA gene on its own recovered the most meaningful data structure
305 (Figure S2) because it included the V4 region and bases beyond 1200, which were omitted
306 from the Theriot *et al.* (2015) analysis. The dataset used in our analysis is longer than that
307 used in Theriot *et al.* (2015) for two reasons (Table 3). We included the V4 region of the

308 SSU and bases beyond position 1200 and we did not trim the plastid genes so dramatically
309 as in their study.

310 *CP/NCP Analysis*: The first phylogenetic analysis (NCP) on the concatenated dataset
311 (Figure 1) without any codon partitioning or models of evolution applied to each gene
312 displayed a monophyletic Coscinodiscophyceae, three clades of Mediophyceae and a
313 monophyletic Bacillariophyceae. The monophyletic Coscinodiscophyceae (Figure 1) had
314 100% bootstrap support, which is among the highest support achieved for this clade to
315 date (Table 6, Table S1). The three clades of Mediophyceae recovered in Figure 1 had a
316 range of support from 64 to 96%, and the support for the backbone of three clades was
317 strong (BT = 71-93) except for the sister relationship of the last mediophycean clade to the
318 pennates, which was 43. Taxa in this last mediophyte clade were *Biddulphia* and *Attheya*
319 spp. The pennate clade had 100% BT support. The back bone of our trees also had
320 moderate to high bootstrap support (BT = 57-99, something that is missing from all of the
321 Theriot analyses (BT ranging from 12 to a polytomy).

322 In Figure 1, *Actinoptychus undulatus* appeared distinct from the rest of the
323 Coscinodiscophyceae and examination of its sequence revealed that its SSU sequence was
324 quite divergent. The fact that this species was pulled out onto its own branch emphasizes
325 the strong signal in the SSU gene relative to the other genes to the contrary reported by
326 Theriot *et al.* (2010). *Triparma* (= *Bolidomonas*) *pacifica* was also pulled inside the
327 Coscinodiscophyceae. A search of the bootstrap trees reveals about 8% of the trees had a
328 monophyletic Mediophyceae (Figure 2). One of the bootstrap replicates with the three
329 clades (classes) was extracted from the BT analysis (Figure 2) and compared to the tree
330 shown in Figure 1 using a SH-Test in PAUP (Table 4), which suggested that the tree with
331 three clades corresponding to the CMB hypothesis was better but only marginally
332 significantly different from the best tree found by the BT analysis.

333 The next analyses used evolutionary models determined for each gene partition and
334 codon position for coding genes (CP), with sequentially added outgroups and is presented
335 in Figures 3-6. The first analysis with only Bolidomonads as an outgroup (Figure 3)
336 recovered three clades of Coscinodiscophyceae, monophyletic Mediophyceae and
337 Bacillariophyceae, the latter of which consisted of three monophyletic clades:
338 basal araphids, core araphids, and raphids. Sequential addition of the other

339 outgroups: heterokonts, haptophytes, chlorophytes/prasinophytes, (Figures [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)
340 respectively) had the same topology but examination of the BT/aLRT support revealed
341 that with each outgroup added to the analysis, the support for the Mediophyceae grew
342 stronger, reaching a maximum of 90/51 when all outgroups were included ([Table 6](#)). The
343 support for the three clades of Coscinodiscophyceae were more or less the same with
344 increasing outgroups, except for clade 2, which slightly decreased. The addition of the
345 outgroups did not change the topology of the ingroups. The three clades of
346 Coscinodiscophyceae always contained the same taxa: Clade 1 had *Corethron* and
347 *Leptocylindrus*; Clade 2 had Melosiraceae and Stephanopyxidaceae; Clade 3 had all
348 remaining radial centrics. The tree with all outgroups built with the CP ([Figure 6](#)) had
349 higher bootstrap support for the individual clades (BT = 90-100) than those found in
350 Theriot *et al.* (2015), which ranged from 28 to 81 for the centric clades and 97 for the
351 pennate clade.

352 Because we wanted to test the monophyly of the three classes, we constrained the CP
353 analyses with the tree shown in [Figure 2](#), but with *Actinoptychus undulatus* inside the
354 Coscinodiscophyceae and sequentially added of outgroups with the same settings in IQ-
355 Tree, and compared the trees obtained with a several tests within IQ-Tree and within
356 PAUP ([Tables 4](#), [5](#)). The constrained trees with the sequential addition of the outgroups
357 also recovered three clades of Coscinodiscophyceae, a monophyletic Mediophyceae and
358 Bacillariophyceae, as in [Figures 3-6](#) (trees not shown). In these analyses, the topology of
359 the clades did not change with the addition of the increasingly distant outgroup. When
360 these trees were compared to that in [Figure 1b](#) using the SH test in PAUP, it was found
361 that they were not significantly different in normal SH tests but were in weighted SH tests
362 ([Table 4](#)). As the various outgroups were added to the constrained analysis, the difference
363 in the ln-L decreased from 176 with only bolidomonads to 122 with all heterokonts and
364 haptophytes. When the chlorophytes/prasinophytes were added as outgroups, the ln-L
365 was reduced to 23 and the constrained CMB tree was better. This continued reduction in
366 the difference in the log-likelihood ratio as more outgroups were added, can be
367 interpreted as increased support for the monophyletic classes. In the final analysis with the
368 maximum number of outgroups, the tree with the three monophyletic clades was
369 significantly better than the CP analysis in PAUP.

370 In IQ-Tree ([Table 5](#)), the partitioned analysis selected the best evolutionary model for
371 each gene partition and determined the best codon model for the seven gene dataset. The
372 analysis was constrained by a tree reflecting the CMB hypothesis. In [Table 5](#), the results
373 from the various tests run in IQ-Tree are shown. Of the tests computed by IQ-Tree, the AU
374 test is considered the best replacement for the SH test ([Shimodaira, 2002](#);
375 <http://www.iqtree.org/doc/Advanced-Tutorial>). In all comparisons, the CP tree was
376 better than the constrained tree and the significance does not seem to have any
377 relationship with the number of outgroups. The log-L difference is the greatest when the
378 green plastid genes (a different primary endosymbiosis than the red algal plastid) and
379 least when only heterokonts were used as outgroups. The most significant difference was
380 obtained when only the bolidomonads were used as outgroups, indicating that the
381 addition of multiple outgroups reduced the significant difference between the constrained
382 CMB tree and the tree based on evolutionary models. From this trend it could be predicted
383 that by adding more outgroups the significance would be reversed, albeit further
384 outgroups should only be added from the red plastid lineage because the codon model
385 analysis is greatly affected by the addition of the green plastid genes.

386 *Morphological Analysis:* We coded the morphological data in Table 1 as seven characters.
387 These seven characters were coded in two ways ([Table 2](#)). First, each character was coded
388 as a different nucleotide (CATG). This coding was used in the ML analysis with the NCP
389 restrictions. We coded the morphological data as numbers (1234) for the BI analysis in the
390 CP analysis. We repeated the motif 230 times because that placed the morphological
391 sequence just slightly longer than the SSU rRNA gene [and](#) gradually reduced the motif
392 until the phylogeny changed, when we assumed that the gene sequence data signal was
393 stronger than morphological data.

394 In coding the morphological data as nucleotides with the NCP analysis, we recovered
395 the CMB hypothesis (Fig. [7](#)). Coding the nucleotides as numbers with the CP analysis with
396 230 repetitions of the seven-character motif also produced three clades but they did not
397 correspond to the CMB hypothesis (Figure [8](#)). So strong is the signal for sexual
398 reproduction in the centrics that the radial and the bipolar centrics were sister groups to
399 the pennates in the traditional sense. Reducing the repeats of the motif continued
400 to recover the traditional sense of diatom phylogeny until only 31 repeats of the

401 motif were used. At this point, the bipolar centrics moved their position as sister to radial
402 centrics to be sister to the pennates as has been found in all molecular analysis since
403 Medlin *et al.* (1993), but the pennates arose from within the bipolar centrics (Figure 9).
404 Continued reduction of the character motif removed the monophyly of the radial centrics
405 and they became a grade of clades (data not shown) as seen in Figures 3-6. Thus, at 31
406 repeats of the character motif, we reasoned that the weighting of the morphological data
407 balanced the information of the molecular data in the CP analysis. At this point the
408 Coscinodiscophyceae are monophyletic and the Mediophyceae have the pennates arising
409 from within them, making them a grade clades of bipolar centrics and the last clade that
410 diverges before the pennates diverge sister to a clade containing most of the bipolar
411 centrics is the clade containing *Toxarium*, *Ardissonia* and *Climacophenia* (Figs. 9,10).

412 We took the nexus file from Theriot *et al.* (2015), pruned the taxa with more than one
413 gene missing and kept those taxa shown in Table S1, reanalyzed it in Mesquite and
414 recovered a tree with a structural grade of taxa with three clades of both Mediophyceae
415 and Coscinodiscophyceae (Figure 11) just as Theriot *et al.* (2015) did. SH tests were made
416 comparing this pruned tree from Theriot *et al.* (2015) to trees in Figures 7-10. The NCP tree
417 that reflected the CMB hypothesis was the better tree (Fig. 7), but it was not significantly
418 different using classical SH but was in weighted SH tests in PAUP (Tables 3). The final CP
419 with the minimum number of repeat motifs (Fig. 8) was also the better tree also but it was
420 not significantly different from the ET tree in PAUP in either test. In IQ-TREE, the ET tree
421 was better than the NCP tree but it was not significantly different. For the CP analysis, the
422 ET tree was significantly different with a very large log-L difference.

424 Discussion

425 Modern genomic approaches are now opening the possibility of utilizing a vast number
426 of genes to possibly recover a more robust hypothesis of phylogenetic relationships. The
427 question, however, is which gene compartment(s) might be expected to provide a tractable
428 result. It is the purpose of this paper to bring together these data to update the reviews by
429 Sims *et al.* (2006), Medlin (2016) and Mock & Medlin (2012) and to add analyses based on
430 multiple genes with multiple outgroups and morphological data to examine
431 which trees show concurrent data and which do not.

432 The diatoms are one of the most successful microalgal groups in both aquatic and
1 433 terrestrial habitats. Their complex bipartite siliceous cell walls (valves and girdle bands)
2 434 are unique among the algae. The pattern of cell size reduction in one of the daughter cells
3 435 following mitosis is also unique and results in a population of cells of smaller sizes that,
4 436 normally, can only be restored to the cell's maximum size following sexual reproduction
5 437 (see reviews in Mann & Marchant, 1989; Kaczmarska [et al.](#), 2013). Since the 19th century,
6 438 diatom classification has been based on the intricate designs of their cell walls (for a
7 439 review of the history of classification see Williams, 2007). [The diatoms \(Bacillariophyta\)](#)
8 440 [have more 10,000 described species and potentially many more cryptic species \(Mann,](#)
9 441 [1999\). There are likely at least 30,000 to 100,000 species \(Mann & Vanormelingen 2013\).](#)

442 Since the early 1990s, much work has been directed towards understanding diatom
19 443 classification [using molecular tools](#). In 2006, Sims [et al.](#) provided a review of the evolution
20 444 of the group as inferred from molecules, morphology and the fossil record. Mock &
21 445 Medlin (2012) reviewed the evolution of the group from its origins to its genes. Medlin [et](#)
22 446 [al.](#) (2007a) commented that where paraphyletic lineages have remained after molecular
23 447 investigations, investigators are either willing to live with non-monophyletic taxa, not able
24 448 to find new characters to define the new monophyletic groups, or unwilling to go against
25 449 conventional wisdom that would lead to the demise of long-standing taxa. Since these two
26 450 reviews, more molecular data from multiple genes, more information on sexual
27 451 reproduction and better congruence of molecular clades with morphological features have
28 452 appeared but paraphyletic lineages continue to appear and authors either describe new
29 453 taxa or ignore it, e. g., *Hippodonta* arises from within *Navicula* (Ashworth [et al.](#) 2016,
30 454 Kulikovsky [et al.](#) 2019), Mastogloiales is not monophyletic (Ashworth [et al.](#) 2016),
31 455 *Pierrecomperia* arises from within *Extubocellulus*, *Campylosira* arises from within *Cymatosira*
32 456 (Dabek [et al.](#) 2019), *Epithemia* and *Tetralunata* arising from within *Rhoplaodia*, *Campylodiscus*,
33 457 *Cymatopleura*, *Stenopterobia* and *Petrodictyon* arises from within *Surirella* (Ruck [et al.](#) 2016).

458 In all of the analyses by Medlin [et al.](#), multiple outgroups have been used (Table S2).
459 Where a single outgroup was used (Medlin and Kaczmarska 2004, fig. 3), a grade of clades
460 occurred, which is useful to show the branching order of the taxa to ask specific
461 evolutionary questions, such as what is the last bipolar clade to evolve before
462 pennates. In none of the studies by Theriot [et al.](#) have they used multiple

463 outgroups outside of one study with multiple heterokonts. When questioned about their
1 464 reluctance to do this, they have replied that multiple outgroups will only increase long-
2 465 branch attraction. This is true if only one representative of each outgroup is used but is not
3 466 the case when multiple representatives of each outgroup are used. In fact, the common
4 467 advice given to break up long-branch attraction is to add a close relative to break the
5 468 branch. In our analyses we have used a minimum of four species in each outgroup taxon
6 469 so that the possibility of long-branch attraction is kept to a minimum. We found in an
7 470 earlier analysis with multiple outgroups, that the omission of a single gene in the data set
8 471 produced that taxon on a long branch (Figure S1). Thus, our analysis only included those
9 472 taxa with a full complement of the seven genes. Also the inclusion of distant outgroups
10 473 should not disrupt the topology of the ingroup (Ackermann *et al.* 2014). In none of our
11 474 analysis, did the topology of the ingroup change when more distant outgroups were
12 475 added. The fact that they did not rearrange the ingroup means that they were not too
13 476 distant from the ingroup and thus were appropriate for recovering the phylogeny of the
14 477 diatoms. Future work could be directed to complete the seven gene complement for those
15 478 taxa in the Theriot *et al.* dataset missing one or more of the plastid genes or to add more
16 479 outgroups.

480 Despite this absence of testing of multiple outgroups by the Theriot group, they
31 481 conclude from their analyses that it is no more or less plausible that there are three clades
32 482 (Classes) of diatoms (radial centrics, polar centrics plus Thalassiosirales, pennates with the
33 483 latter two forming a larger monophyletic group) than it is that radial centrics grade into
34 484 polar centric which then grade into pennates, with Thalassiosirales in the radial grade.
35 485 They could not determine if the CMB or the SGH was correct.

41 486 Theriot *et al.* (2015) found that none of the positions in the codons of the seven genes
42 487 were saturated so applying codon evolutionary models may not be required. Our NCP
43 488 analysis is different from the CP analysis in that in the former the Coscinodiscophyceae is
44 489 monophyletic and in the latter, the Mediophyceae is monophyletic. Clearly applying
45 490 codon partitioning to the dataset and applying individual models of evolution to each
46 491 gene, which also consider the base position within each codon is affecting the monophyly
47 492 of the radial centrics. Our NCP ML analysis (Figure 1) also recovered three
48 493 classes reflecting the CMB hypothesis (Figure 2) in 8% of the bootstrap trees.

494 Those trees are not the best tree obtained by the analysis but they are not statistically
495 different from it even though the best trees have a lower log-likelihood ratio. The CP
496 analysis recovers a monophyletic Mediophyceae and a grade of clades in the
497 Coscinodiscophyceae (Figures 3-6).

498 The difference between the results of the NCP and the CP analysis may be a reflection
499 of the difference in the plastid inheritance in the diatoms, which is certainly not
500 homogenous. This may also likely be the cause of the various resolutions found in the
501 individual plastid trees (Figures S2-6). There are at least three patterns of plastid
502 inheritance in the diatoms: 1) Mereogenous (predominately found in the radial centrics)
503 where all plastids are removed from the sperm during meiosis so inheritance is only
504 maternal: 2) Hologenous (found in the bipolar centrics with one known exception at the
505 genus level) where plastids are retained by the sperm and where the offspring should be a
506 mixture of maternal and paternal plastids assuming no segregative mitoses and in
507 polyphasic plastids, the contribution of the maternal plastid should be greater, and 3) that
508 found in the pennates, with isogamous gametes where there can be a mixture of all
509 maternal, all paternal or both, termed unique, dual or stochastic by Mann (1996). In Table
510 6 we have reproduced the plastid inheritance table from Jensen *et al.* (2003), correcting
511 some mistakes they made in that paper and adding data from *Corethron* (Crawford 1995).
512 Among the merogenous radial centric diatoms, some species do not lose their plastids
513 during meiosis but do so before the sperm enters the cells. These species are marked with
514 arrows (H→M). This would make virtually all radial centric plastids maternally inherited
515 with no option of recombination. Notably the two exceptions to this from taxa whose
516 sexual reproduction is noted in from *Corethron* and *Leptocylindrus*, which are the first two
517 divergences in the three clades of radial centrics in Parks *et al.* (2017). Clearly, if the
518 inheritance of the plastid genome is not uniform across the centric diatoms, then this could
519 account for the differences in the NCP and CP trees. The fact that the Coscinodiscophyceae
520 are monophyletic in the NCP analysis suggests that this group is likely the most non-
521 homogeneous plastid gene group (Table 6) and applying different models of evolution for
522 genes that have different modes of inheritance across the radial centrics, likely causes this
523 group to become grade of clades in the CP analysis.

1 524 Chepurnov *et al.* (2002) suggested from their studies of *Semiavis* that in biparentally
2 525 inherited plastids, the plastids are segregated after the initial cell starts to divide so there
3 526 should be no heterozygous plastids. There is no way to tell morphologically which
4 527 plastids are maternal or which are paternal. Only different genotypes in plastid genes can
5 528 be used to trace the genealogy. Ardoor (2017) showed in *Semiavis* there were heterozygous
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7 529 plastids based on *rbcL* genotypes. Ghiron *et al.* (2008) in their study of plastic inheritance in
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9 530 *Pseudo-nitzschia delicatissima* showed that 16 out of 96 strains raised each from single F(1)
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11 531 cells had retained two paternal (PNd(+)) plastids, 20 had two maternal (PNd(-)) plastids
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13 532 and the remaining 60 had one maternal and one paternal plastid. So either two plastids are
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15 533 eliminated stochastically during auxospore development as suggested for *P. delicatissima*
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17 534 by Amato *et al.* (2005), or all survive into the initial cell and then segregate two by two in
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19 535 the first mitotic division. D’Alelio and Ruggerio (2015) also showed that biparental
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21 536 plastids can undergo recombination in *Pseudo-nitzschia*. Crosby and Smith (2012) tested if
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23 537 the mode of plastid inheritance affected genome architecture and found that paternally
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25 538 inherited plastids were more compact.

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27 539 Thus, the evolutionary pathways of the diatom plastid are not homogeneous. This
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29 540 evolutionary pathway is even more complex in that many of the genes in the diatom
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31 541 plastid can trace their origin to a green endosymbiont rather than a red one. A number of
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33 542 studies have shown that diatoms and other chromalveolates contain nuclear genes of
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35 543 green algal origin that together with those of red algal provenance comprise a chimeric
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37 544 plastid proteome in these taxa (Mustafa *et al.* 2005, Chan *et al.* 2011). In the latter paper, a
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39 545 comparison of membrane transporters in two diatoms showed that 24% of these genes
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41 546 showed non-linear descent. Either of these facts could account for the differences in the
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43 547 individual plastid phylogenies or the concatenated ones being non congruous and why the
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45 548 NCP tree appears in some tests to be the significant tree. Certainly in the IQ-Tree
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47 549 significance tests in the CP analysis, the addition of the green plastid genes had the largest
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49 550 log-L difference and lowest p-value.

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51 551 Yu *et al.* (2018) extracted 103 genes from 40 diatom plastid genomes with using only one
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53 552 Bolidomonad as the outgroup, they recovered grades of clades, concluding that two of the
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55 553 three classes of diatoms (Coscinodiscophyceae and Mediophyceae) were not
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57 554 monophyletic. In their study the first two clades of the Coscinodiscophyceae are

1 555 represented by single taxa and of these *Proboscia* (clade 2) is on a long branch because it
2 556 has multiple gene losses and *Leptocylindrus* (clade 1) is also on a long branch likely
3 557 because it has the largest single copy gene region and the smallest inverted repeats of all of
4 558 the radial centrics. With a secondary structure analysis of the SSU gene, *Proboscia* falls
5 559 inside the Mediophyceae (Medlin [et al. in press](#)). Yu [et al.](#) recover two clades of
6 560 Mediophyceae and the last clade before the pennates is that of *Attheya* + *Bidulphia* as in our
7 561 NCP analysis. The placement of this clade as the last centric one before the pennates has
8 562 merit in that the male sex cells of *Attheya* may possess the special filament found in other
9 563 araphid diatoms (Roschin pers. comm.). The majority of bipolar centrics + Thalassiosirales
10 564 were in one clade and the bipolar taxa had the smallest genome size among the
11 565 Mediophyceae. Could this be a reflection of paternal plastid inheritance as suggested by
12 566 Crosby and Smith (2010)? Their analysis also has an araphid taxon (*Plagiogrammopsis*
13 567 *vanhuerckii*) in the middle of the bipolar centrics but they do not comment on this
14 568 irregularity at all. They also discounted the possibility of recombination in the plastid
15 569 genome, but recombination can only occur if the plastid is biparentally inherited, which is
16 570 not the case in most of the Coscinodiscophyceae and comparison of the plastid genome
17 571 should concentrate on those species whose plastid inheritance is well documented.
18 572 Recombination of the plastid genome is more likely to happen in the pennates because
19 573 they have fewer plastids. It is unclear how this would occur in the hologenous radial and
20 574 even in bipolar centrics whose eggs have multiple plastids with only one sperm fertilizing
21 575 the egg with more than one plastid.

22 576 Parks [et al.](#) (2017) compared 94 diatom plastid genomes using an amino acid alignment
23 577 with four heterokont plastids as outgroups and recovered three clades of
24 578 Coscinodiscophyte, a monophyletic Mediophyceae + *Attheya* and a monophyletic
25 579 Bacillariophyceae, which is very similar to our CP analysis. They suggested that
26 580 incomplete lineage sorting disproportionately affects species tree inference at short
27 581 internodes, such as those separating the nodes of the Coscinodiscophyceae. Incomplete
28 582 lineage sorting was also invoked as a possible explanation for the radial Thalassiosirales
29 583 being included in the Mediophyceae or bipolar centrics (Medlin 2016a). In Medlin (2014),

584 the addition of only heterokont outgroups recovered almost identical results using only
585 the SSU genes: four clades of Coscinodiscophyceae, a monophyletic Mediophyceae and
586 Bacillariophyceae.

587 Our total evidence analysis also produced some interesting results. NCP analysis with
588 the morphological data coded as CATG recovered the CMB phylogeny using a 230 times
589 repeat of the morphological motif. CP analysis produced something different. Weighting
590 of the morphological characters 230 times coupled with evolutionary models for each gene
591 created an artefact in that oogamy found in both the radial and bipolar centrics linked
592 them together as sister groups to the exclusion of the pennates in the traditional sense of
593 their relationships: centrics and pennates. Reducing this to a 31 times repeat kept the
594 radial centrics monophyletic and placed the pennates arising from within the
595 Mediophyceae as with most molecular analyses done by the Theriot *et al.* group have
596 recovered.

597 Lastly, the diatom systematics in the revised version of eukaryotic classification by D.G.
598 Mann in Adl *et al.* (2019), he creates a different classification system by raising every order
599 of radial centrics to its own sub-phylum. This revision is not supported by any of the
600 molecular trees. (Table S2). The revised classification presented by D.G. Mann does,
601 however, recognize the Mediophyceae as a monophyletic class.

602 Conclusions

603 Because plastid inheritance in the diatoms is not homologous (Table 6, Mann 1996), the
604 pattern of evolution in each variation is different and therefore the application of codon
605 partition models for the plastid genes could over-parameterize the data. It might be
606 advantageous to investigate more nuclear genes and with the push to add about 100 diatom
607 genomes (T. Mock, pers. comm.), these genes would become available and more heterotrophic
608 organisms could be added as outgroups, which were important in recovering the
609 monophyletic clades in Medlin (2014). Because of the uncertainty regarding linear plastid
610 inheritance for several genes, the inclusion of the SSU gene and possibly the LSU gene would
611 seem to be a pre-requisite for recovering a robust analysis in contrast to the opinion of Theriot
612 et al (2009) that these genes cannot be used.

613 With additional outgroups in this plastid dataset, the ln-L decreases between the
614 constrained tree and the NCP tree, which suggests that adding even more outgroups could
615 push the significance in favor of the constrained tree. Because the topology of the ingroups
616 does not change with the addition of these distant outgroups in the NCP analysis, more
617 outgroups could be added. However with the CP analysis, only red plastid gene outgroups
618 should be added because this analysis was very sensitive to the addition of the green plastid
619 outgroups to the analysis, pushing the log-L difference to its highest.

620 The addition of the morphological data supported the CMB phylogeny but only in the
621 NCP analysis. This may come from overparametrization using CP with morphological data. It
622 has also been shown that different partitioning schemes sometimes lead to very different
623 clade supports (Kainer and Lanfear, 2015). De Quieroz et al. (1995) suggested that if the data
624 sets are heterogenous (in our case different plastid inheritance) then the phylogenies obtained
625 would be compromised.

626 In the CP analysis, the radial centrics were monophyletic, the bipolar ones a grade of
627 clades with the pennates arising from within them as the last divergence. In PAUP, the
628 addition of morphological data was significantly different from an analysis (ET tree) with no
629 morphological analysis. In IQ-Tree, the ET tree was the better tree and this tree was
630 significantly better when the signal from the morphological data repeat was at a minimum.
631 The task ahead of us is to identify plastid inheritance where possible to determine which are
632 homologous lineages and possibly devise some way to partition paternal, maternal and
633 heterozygous plastid inheritance. Alternatively, with the addition of more whole genome
634 analyses of the diatoms, perhaps more heterotrophic taxa can be added to the outgroup
635 selection. Adding more outgroup plastids outside the heterokont taxa and a total evidence
636 aspect to the data set by coding the morphological features identified in Table 1 has supported
637 the CMB hypothesis in the NCP analyses. Failure to recover the CMB hypothesis in the CP
638 analyses with the morphological data was not significantly different. The evidence presented
639 here suggests that the CMB hypothesis by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004) is different from an
640 analysis performed with codon partitioning and is different from the trees in Theriot *et al.*
641 (2015), which is likely a result of adding the V4 region, the multiple outgroups and variation
642 in plastid inheritance, which has rendered the grade of clades in the radial
643 centrics.

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12 864 Figure Legends

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14 865 Figures 1-2. Phylogenetic reconstruction of the diatoms without coding for any codon
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31 874 the major clades.

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34 876 Figures 7-10. Phylogenetic reconstruction with morphological data added to the gene
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36 877 sequence data set. 7. NCP analysis with morphological data coded as nucleotides, 230
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38 878 repeats, ML analysis. 8. CP data with morphological data coded as unordered numbers, BI
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42 880 analysis, 31 repeats. 10. Detail of the pennate divergence within the polar centrics

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45 882 Figure 11. Phylogenetic reconstruction of the Theriot data set pruning those taxa missing
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47 883 one or more of the genes.

- 1 Table 1. Summary of the morphological features used in the total evidence analysis supporting the classification of the diatoms in Medlin &
 2 Kaczmarek (2004). NCP = the coding of the morphological data in this analysis and CP = the coding of the morphological data in that analysis.
 3 These data are extracted below for ease of interpretation.
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Taxon Name	1. Sexual Reproduction ncp cp	2. Male sex cell ncp cp	3. Auxospore structure ncp cp	4. Structure in Annulus ncp cp	5. Position of cribrum in locualte areolae pseudolocuate excluded ncp cp	6. Golgi Postion ncp cp	7. Spore like nature of auxospore, i.e. heterovalvate and large dissimilarity between the vegetative and initial cell valve ncp cp	Exceptions to listed characters
Class Coscinodiscophyceae	oogamy c 1	sperm c 1	scales c 1	none	extern c 1	GERM ^b c 1	Yes, where known c 1	Golgi
Class Mediophyceae	oogamy c 1	sperm c 1	Scales + properizonium bands a 2	Yes, strutted or labiate process a 2	intern a 2	Peri-nuclear a 2	partially a 2	Auxospore and Golgi
Class Bacillariophyceae	anisogamy or isogamy a 2	Sperm with threads or no sperm g 4	Scales + properizonium c perizonium band or both t 3	Yes, sternum t 3	None found t 3	Peri-nuclear a 2	no t 3	none
Sub class Uneidiophycidae	anisogamy t 3	Sperm with filaments a 2	Scales + properizonium AND perizonium bands t 3	Yes, sternum t 3	None found t 3	Peri-nuclear a 2	no t 3	None Where known
Sub class Fragilariophycidae	isogamy g 4	No sperm t 3	Scales + perizonium bands g 4	Yes, sternum t 3	None found t 3	Peri-nuclear a 2	no t 3	None where known
Sub class Bacillariophycidae	isogamy ^a g 4	No sperm t 3	Scales + perizonium bands g 4	Yes, sternum + raphe g 4	None found t 3	Peri-nuclear a 2	no t 3	None where known

5 ^a can be physiological anisogamic

6 ^b Golgi/ Endoplasmic Reticulum/ Mitochondria Association

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8 Table 2 Coding of the morphological data from table 1 to be used in the CP and NCP analyses

9 Taxon	NCP coding	CP coding
10 Coscinodiscophyceae	CCCCCCC	1111111
11 Mediophyceae	CCAAAAA	1122222
12 Uneidiophycidae	AATTTAT	2233323
13 Fragilariophycidae	TTGTTAT	3343323
14 Bacillariophycidae	TTGGTAT	3344323

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18 Table 3. Comparison of the Theriot et al. (2015) data set with the current study in terms of nucleotides/gene and taxa.

	Theriot et al.	This study
Number of taxa	208	161
Number of outgroups	1	14
Number of nucleotides	9349	10575
SSU	1450	2068
<i>atpB</i>	1185	1297
<i>psaA</i>	1517	1627
<i>psaB</i>	1937	1933
<i>psbA</i>	853	920
<i>psbC</i>	1058	1484
<i>rbcL</i>	1352	1240

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25 Table 4. Shimodaira-Hasegawa test results using RELL bootstrap (one-tailed test) and 10000 bootstrap replicates in PAUP.

26	Tree	-ln L	Diff -ln L	SH	WT SH	Significance
27	Fig. 1a vs Fig. 1b					
28	1a	479976.45099	179.57072	0.094		
29	1b	479796.88027	(best)			
30	Only Bolidomonads (CP vs Constrained)					
31	1	354588.14536	(best)			
32	2	354763.78655	175.64119	0.23	0.0000	P < 0.05
33	Heterokonts (CP vs Constrained)					
34	1	372307.35541	(best)			
35	2	372455.28637	147.93096	0.2337	0.0000	P < 0.05
36	Haptophytes (CP vs Constrained)					
37	1	391874.36905	(best)			
38	2	391996.97037	122.60132	0.2640	0.0000	P < 0.05
39	Chlorophytes/Prasinophytes (CP vs Constrained)					
40	2	416777.05492	(best)			
41	1	416804.68386	27.62894	0.2857	0.0000	P < 0.05
42	ET tree vs. Fig. 3a					
43	2	349082.13795	(best)			
44	1	349115.05346	32.91551	0.1315	0.0000*	P < 0.05
45	Fig. 3c vs. ET tree					
46	1	356926.10172	(best)			
47	2	359209.10474	2283.00302	0.7224	0.7224	

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51 Table 5. IQ-tree test results of comparing trees under different analyses using 10000 RELL replicates. Those values with a (+) indicate no
 52 significance, whereas those with a (-) indicate significance at the 0.05 level and the tree is rejected.

53	Tree	ln L	Diff -ln L	p-SH	p-WSH	p-AU
54	all outgroups (Constrained vs. CP)					
55	1	-384716.358		1.0000+	1.0000+	1.0000+
56	2	-385214.014	497.656	0.0000-	0.0000-	0.0000-
57	Haptophytes (Constrained vs. CP)					
58	1	-342881.466		1.0000+	0.9483+	0.9518+
59	2	-342916.306	34.840	0.0517+	0.0517+	0.0482-
60	Heterokonts (Constrained vs. CP)					
61	1	-324859.448		1.0000+	0.9582+	0.9622+
62	2	-324890.836	31.388	0.0418-	0.0394-	0.0378-
63	only bolidomonads (Constrained vs. CP)					
64	1	-308673.146		1.0000+	0.9984+	0.9993+
65	2	-308728.365	55.219	0.0016-	0.0016-	0.0007-
66	ET vs. Fig. 3a					
67	1	-320657.9565	26.362	0.293+	0.293+	0.307+
68	2	-320631.5949		1.0000+	0.707+	0.693+
69	Fig. 3c vs ET					
70	1	- 310748.0897		1.0000+	1.0000+	0.998+
71	2	- 314468.9609	3720.9	0.000-	0.000-	0.00164-
72	Diff-L	: log -L difference from the maximum log -L in the set.				
73	p-SH	: p-value of Shimodaira-Hasegawa test.				
74	p-WSH	: p-value of weighted SH test.				

75 p-AU : p-value of approximately unbiased (AU) test

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77 Table 6. Comparison of BT/aLRT in the ML CP analysis after sequentially adding outgroups and with all outgroups in the ML NCP analysis.

Clades as found in the CP analysis in Figure 2 and in the NCP analysis in Figure 1	Only Bolidos	Only Heterokonts	Heterokonts + Haptophytes	Heterokonts + Haptophytes + Chlorophyceae /Prasinophyceae	No models No partitions
Cos 1	94/99	95/98	94/99	92/98	
Cos 2	59/95	43/86	17/83	21/67	
Cos 3	98/100	99/100	99/99	98/99	
Mediophyceae	86/28	86/30	90/42	90/51	
Bacillariophyceae	100/100	100/100	100/100	100/100	
Coscinodiscophyceae					100
Medio 1					84
Medio 2					65
Medio 3					96
Bacillariophyceae					100

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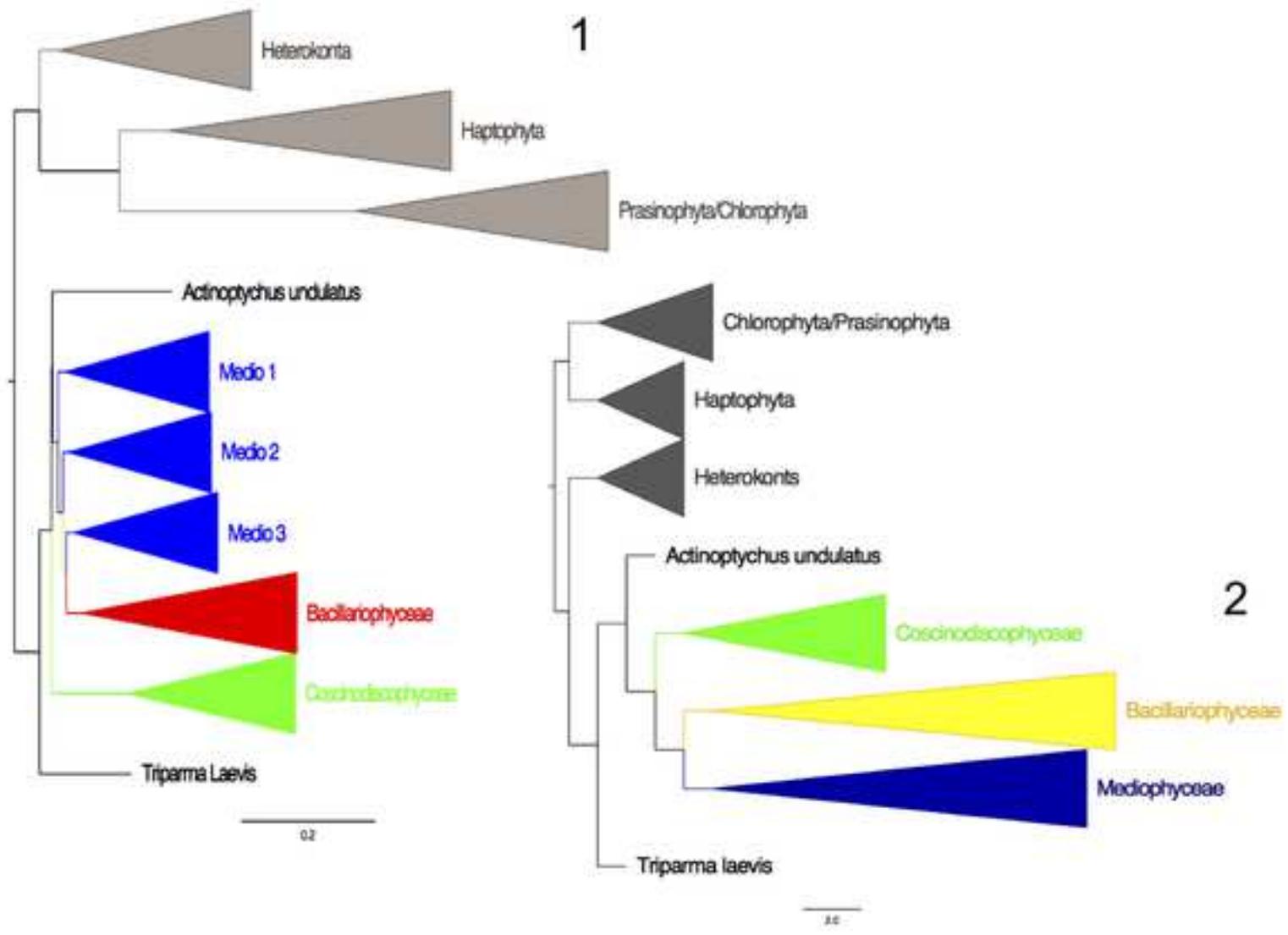
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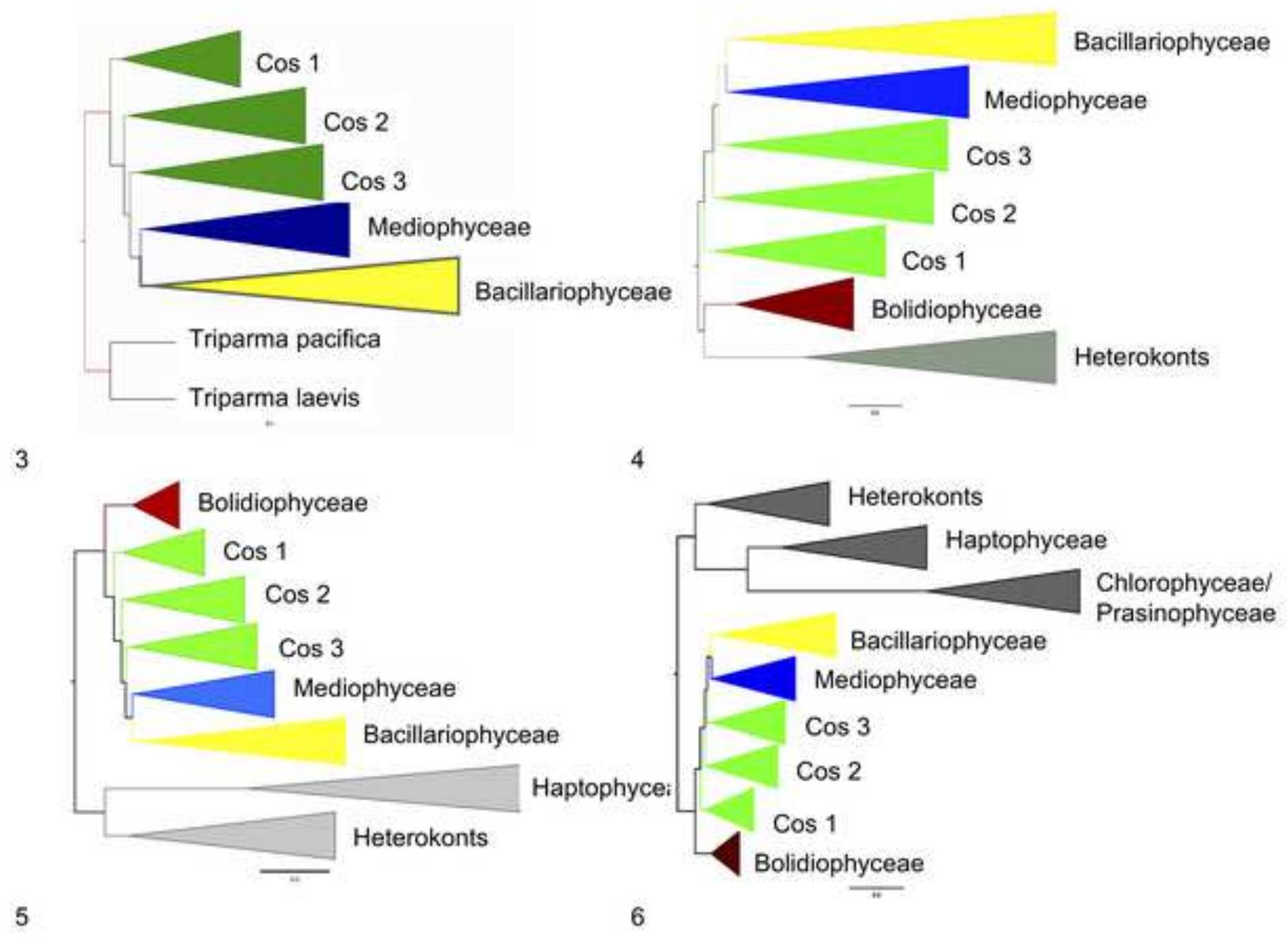
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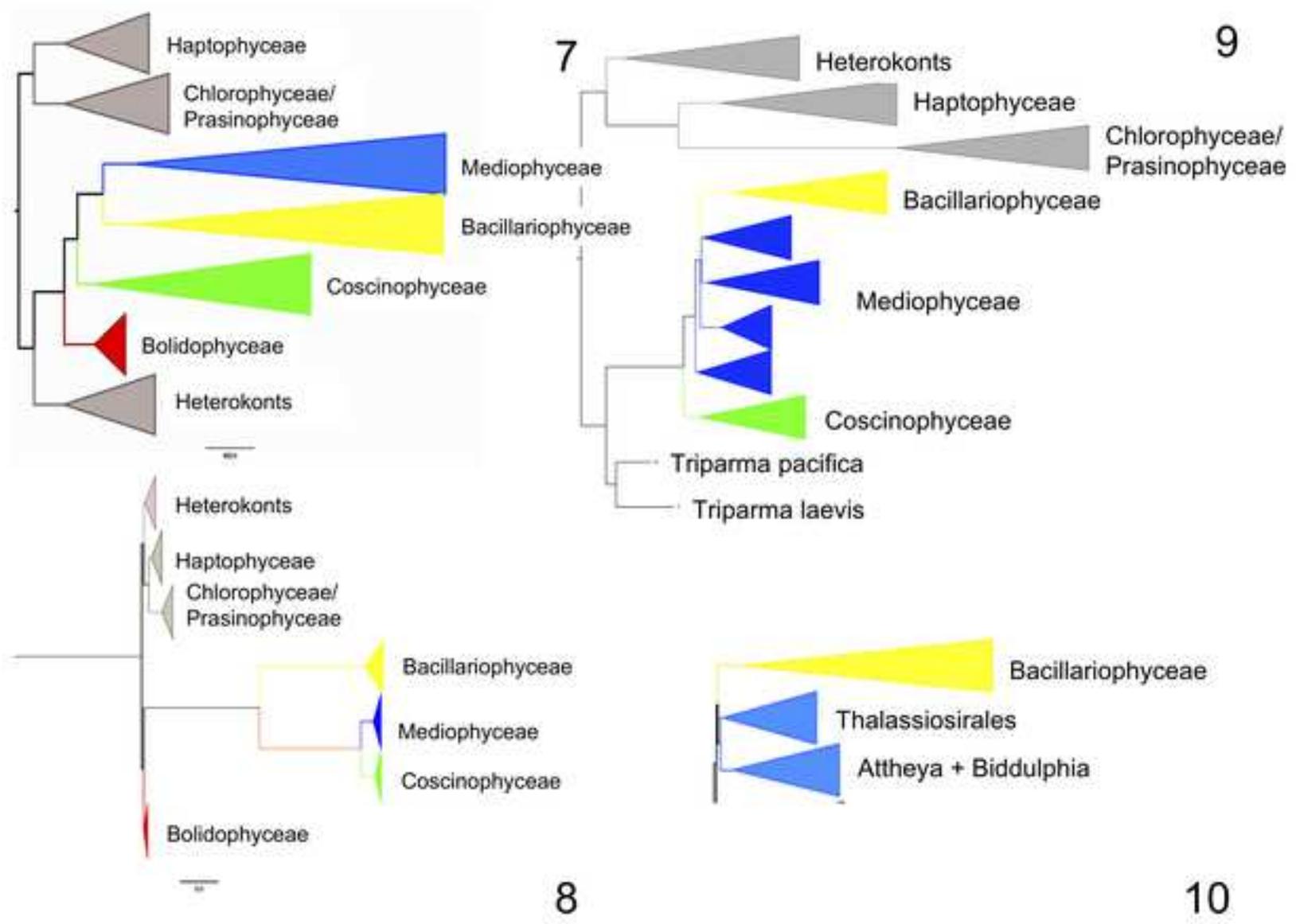
89 Table 6. Overview of the type of gametogenesis (hologenous (H) or merogenous (M)) of diatoms reported in the literature shown in Jensen et al.
 90 (2007) with errors corrected for the correct class (*). See Jensen et al. (2007) and Crawford (1995) for the original references for each species in the
 91 table. H→M* refers to taxa with hologenous gametogenesis but whose plastids degrade before fertilization making the plastid inheritance only
 92 maternally inherited or merogenous. The two taxa marked in a box are the early divergences in Parkes et al. (2016).

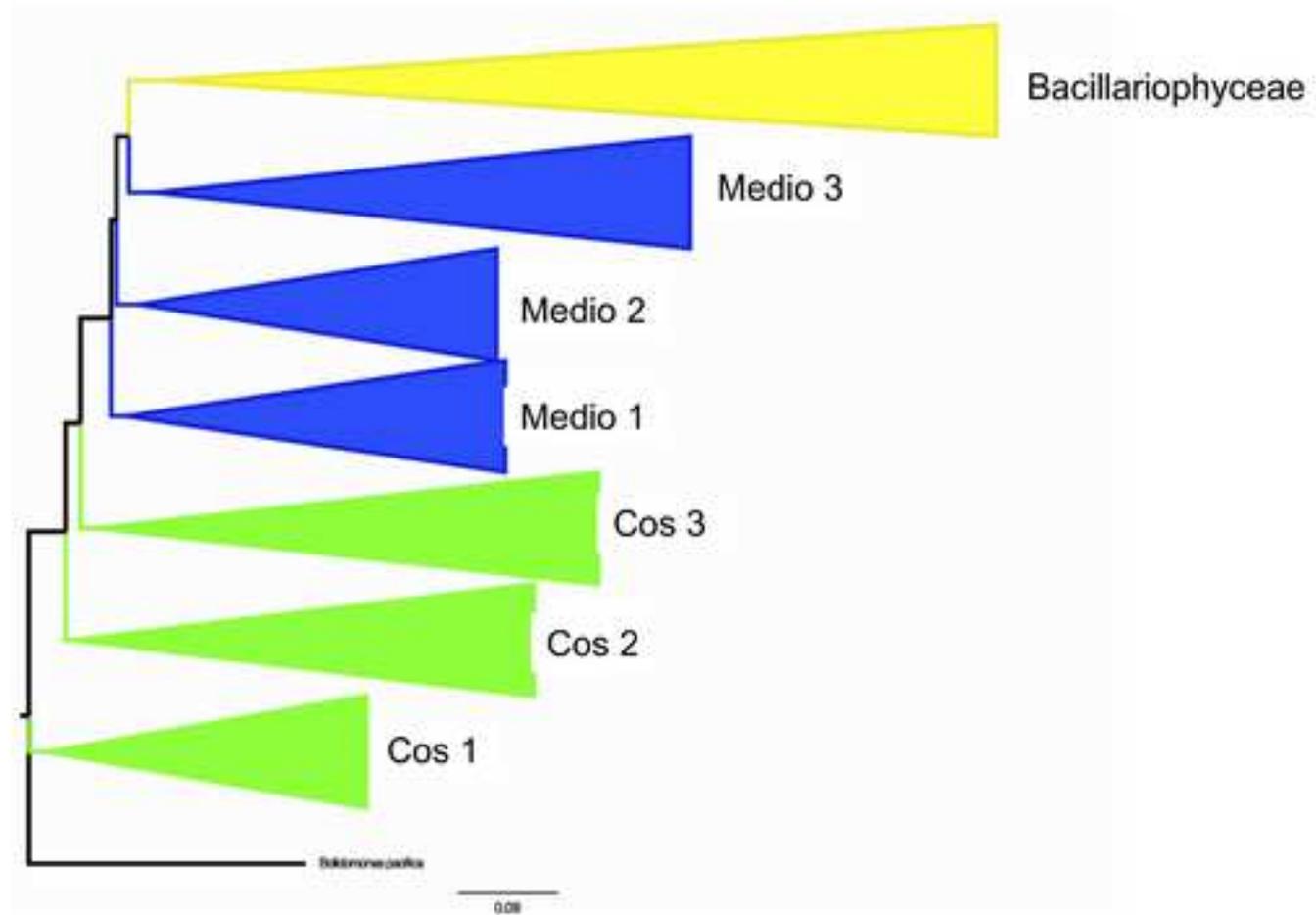
Taxon	Type
Coscinodiscophyceae	
<i>Actinocyclus</i> sp.	M
<i>Coscinodiscus granii</i> Gough	H→M*
<i>Guinardia delicatula</i> (Cleve) Hasle	M
<i>Leptocylindrus danicus</i> Cleve	H
<i>Melosira moniliformis</i> (O.F. Mull.) C. Ag.	M
<i>Melosira moniliformis</i> var. <i>octagolla</i> (Grun.) Hust.	H→M*
<i>Melosira varians</i> C. Ag.	M
<i>Rhizosolenia</i> sp.	H
<i>Stephanopyxis turris</i> (Arnott in Gre) Ralfs in Prich.	M
<i>Stephanopyxis palmeriana</i> (Grev.) Grun.	M
<i>Actinoptychus undulatus</i> (Bailey) Ralfs in Pritchard *	M
<i>Corethron pennatum</i> (Grun.) Ost	H→M*
Mediophyceae	
<i>Attheya decora</i> T. West	H
<i>Bacteriastrum hyalinum</i> Laud.	H
<i>Bellerochea malleus</i> (Brightwell) V. H.	H
<i>Chaetoceros</i> spp.	H
<i>Cyclotella meneghiniana</i> Kütz.	H
<i>Helicotheca tamensis</i> (Shrub.) Ric.	H
<i>Lithodesmium undulatum</i> Ehr.	H
<i>Odontella granulata</i> (Rop.) R. Ross	M
<i>Odontella mobiliensis</i> (J.W. Bail.) Grun.	M
<i>Odontella regia</i> (Schultze) Sim.	H→M*

<i>Odontella rhombus</i> (Ehr) Kütz	M
<i>Odontella sinensis</i> (Grev.) Grun.	H→M*
<i>Pleurosira laevis</i> (Ehr.) Comp.	M
<i>Skeletonema costatum</i> (Grev.) Cleve	M
<i>Thalassiosira lacustris</i> (Grun.) Hasle in Hasle & Fryx.	H
<i>Thalassiosira eccentrica</i> (Ehr.) Cleve	M











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