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1 **Mini Review**

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

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11 **Abstract:** Medlin tested multiple outgroups with 18S rRNA dataset and found that
12 haptophytes, ciliates, prasinophytes and chlorophytes recovered monophyletic
13 Coscinodiscophyceae, Mediophyceae, Bacillariophyceae with strong BT support. Theriot *et*
14 *al.* added six plastid genes to the diatom dataset but with only one outgroup, *Bolidomonas*
15 and omitted most of the V4 region of that gene and bases beyond position 1200; they
16 recovered a grade of clades from radial into polar centrics, into araphid pennates into the
17 monophyletic raphid pennates. Their structural gradation hypothesis (SGH) contrasts to
18 the CMB hypothesis of Medlin and Kaczmarek. We selected only those species with all
19 seven genes from their dataset and added the entire 18S RNA gene to make a new dataset
20 to which we sequentially added heterokont, haptophyte, and prasinophyte/chlorophyte
21 outgroups. We analysed it using 1) evolutionary models with parameters relaxed across
22 genes and codon positions for coding sequences (codon partition analysis scheme = CP)
23 and 2) no partitions or evolutionary models as applied to each gene, using only optimised
24 models of evolution for the entire dataset (NCP). CP recovered a monophyletic
25 mediophycean and bacillariophycean clade and three coscinodiscophycean clades.
26 Sequentially adding more outgroups did not change clade topology but dramatically
27 increased BT support. NCP recovered a monophyletic Coscinodiscophyceae and
28 Bacillariophyceae and three Mediophyceae clades, each with strong bootstrap support.
29 Morphological data was added and analyzed similarly. NCP recovered three
30 monophyletic classes and CP recovered the Bacillariophyceae arising from within the
31 Mediophyceae, making the subphylum monophyletic but the class was paraphyletic. Each
32 analysis was tested with SH tests in PAUP and IQTree. Plastid inheritance in the diatoms
33 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 relatives,
63 the Parmales in the Bolidophyceae, do not have an important influence on silica cycles
64 because they do not require silica for cell division (Yamada *et al.* 2014). Finkel & Kotrc
65 (2010) noted that oceanic silicic acid concentrations have declined since diatoms have risen
66 to prominence. Thus, the origin, evolution and diversity of the group is important because
67 they play such an important role in all aquatic ecosystems and they will undoubtedly play
68 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 features
94 defining each class. Medlin (2016a) suggested retention of an ancestral polymorphism
95 (scales) and loss of the ability to make bands to mould a radial centric into a polar one to
96 explain why the radial Thalassiosirales are recovered in the polar diatom lineage, although
97 they possess other valve features that place them in the polar lineage (Table 1). There are
98 other examples in the pennate diatoms where a round morphology is presumed to reflect
99 the loss of bands in the auxospore to squeeze the zygote into a pennate shape (Ashworth *et*
100 *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
103 the primary gene of choice for phylogenetic analysis (Table S2, refer to most

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

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

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

139 (2004). Paraphyletic lineages are the natural course of evolution (see references in Medlin
140 2014).

141 To recover the CMB hypothesis or the three monophyletic classes obtained by Medlin
142 and Kaczmarksa (2004), certain criteria must be met, which have not been followed or met
143 in full by the Theriot group. Medlin and Kaczmarska proposed that the recovery of the
144 two centric clades as monophyletic groups is highly dependent on an alignment based on
145 the secondary structure of the SSU rRNA gene and the use of multiple outgroups. The
146 effect of the secondary structure alignment on the topology of the rRNA tree has been
147 documented in several studies (Medlin *et al.* , 1993, 2008; Medlin, 2010; Rimet *et al.* , 2011)
148 and Theriot group only began using a secondary structure analysis in 2009 (Theriot *et al.*
149 2009), albeit the Gutell model, which does not have a structure for the V4 region of the SSU
150 gene in contrast to the van de Peer model that does (Medlin 2010) so they either do not use
151 it or only use the first helix in their analyses. The use of multiple outgroups has been
152 tested with a single gene (Medlin, 2014) and multiple genes (Sato, 2008; Medlin &
153 Desdevises, 2016), whereas the Theriot group has never tested the multiple outgroup
154 criterion, outside of multiple heterokonts (Theriot *et al.* 2009). The usual number of
155 outgroups the Theriot group use in their multi-gene analyses has been one or two
156 bolidophytes since they began to use a secondary structure alignment (Theriot *et al.*, 2009,
157 2010, 2013, 2015; Ashworth *et al.*, 2012, 2013, Li *et al.* 2011). Theriot *et al.* (2009) concluded
158 that the use of the SSU rRNA gene was insufficient to recover the monophyletic classes as
159 proposed by Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004) and directed their subsequent research into
160 multi-gene analysis. However the information contained by the ribosomal RNA genes as
161 compared to the protein-coding genes has been empirically tested by Piganeau *et al.* (2012)
162 who showed that, for protists, the SSU gene contained more information and better
163 resolution as compared to multi-cellular organisms. However, most of this information at
164 the species level is found in the variable V4 region, most of which is omitted in the
165 analyses by Theriot *et al.* (op cit). In the analysis of multiple outgroups with only the SSU
166 rRNA gene, Medlin (2014) showed that the omission of the V4 region reverted the
167 phylogeny recovered to a grade of centric clades, whereas its inclusion recovered
168 monophyletic classes. Further to the Theriot's *et al.* 2009 study, Medlin (2014) provided
169 evidence of an error in their interpretation of the phylogenetic analyses value of the SSU
170 gene, which invalidated their claim that SSU gene was insufficient for resolving the
171 diatom evolutionary history. Medlin (2014) explored the use of the SSU rRNA gene with
172 multiple outgroups for the resolution of the centric classes to determine whether
173 or not they were monophyletic, and if not, how many clades were recovered. She

174 used 34 datasets with different combinations of outgroups, ingroups and numbers of
175 nucleotides to study the effect of multiple outgroups on the ability of analyses of a single
176 gene, the SSU rRNA gene, to recover monophyletic classes. She found that multiple
177 representatives of haptophytes, chlorophytes, ciliates and heterokonts did recover
178 monophyletic classes with high bootstrap support. She also looked at the effects of
179 weighting the frequency of base substitutions per site if maximum parsimony analyses
180 were used for large datasets. In her study, three of the datasets recovered the
181 monophyletic clades. In her analysis, datasets 11 and 25 from Medlin (2014) were
182 examined in more detail, to determine whether the number of nucleotides and the
183 inclusion of short clone library sequences affected the relationships among the diatom taxa
184 in the analyses. In 2016, Medlin and Desdevises expanded the SSU dataset to include 3
185 plastid genes and tested this with multiple heterokont outgroups and recovered
186 monophyletic classes. In 2015, Theriot *et al.* expanded their data set for diatoms and
187 multiple genes to include 207 taxa and 7 genes SSU plus *atpB*, *psaA*, *psaB*, *psbA*, *psbC* and
188 *rbcL* from the plastid but still used a single outgroup and recovered a grade of clades that
189 they called the structural gradation hypothesis (SGH) relating the four major structural
190 groups (three clades of radial centrics, three clades of bipolar centrics, two clades of
191 araphid pennate diatoms, and the raphid pennate diatoms) but were unable to recover a
192 tree that invalidated those of Medlin & Kacsmarksa (2004).

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

207 ways: the morphological data was coded CATG for NCP analysis or numerically for CP
208 analysis and weighted to contribute equally to the molecular data set (Table 2).

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Materials and Methods

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

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

227 Outgroups were chosen from other closely related algal groups based on the analyses
228 by Medlin (2014). Ciliates could not be included because they are not photosynthetic. Four
229 haptophytes, 2 chlorophytes, 2 prasinophytes, and 4 heterokonts and 2 bolidophytes
230 (Table S2) were used for these analyses. Multiple examples from each group were selected
231 to ensure that long-branch attraction was avoided by breaking up the long branch leading
232 to each outgroup. Most of the outgroup taxa had complete plastid genomes available and
233 their plastid genes were much longer than the amplified partial sequences from the
234 Theriot *et al.* (2015) database. Thus, the plastid genes had to be trimmed so that lengths
235 were almost identical, but we did not trim them as much as was done by Theriot *et al.*
236 (2015), see Table 3. We selected only those species from Theriot *et al.* (2015) who were not
237 missing any of the 7 genes. Our reason for this was that in Medlin and Desdevises (2014)
238 we found that if one gene was missing in the data set, the branch length for that species
239 was elongated relative to the others (Medlin & Desdevises, 2014, Figure S1). Trees
240 were reconstructed from the concatenated alignment of the 7 genes (10565 bp,

241 Table 3) using maximum likelihood (ML) with RaxML (Stamatakis *et al.* 2008), and with
242 IQ-Tree (Nguyen *et al.* 2015), Bayesian Inference (BI) with MrBayes 3.2.6 (Ronquist *et al.*
243 2012). In ML, branch support was assessed using bootstrap and approximate likelihood-
244 ratio test (Anisimova and Gascuel, 2006). This latter test is a much faster validation
245 method than bootstrapping, and is based on a likelihood ratio test where the null
246 hypothesis is that each tested internal branch has length 0.

247 BI was performed only on single genes with a mixed amino acid model for the
248 translated coding sequences (except for SSU) and for the total evidence analysis when
249 morphological data were added. Because of the high number of taxa, Bayesian analyses
250 could not be performed on coding DNA sequences, either using a codon model or a codon
251 partition scheme (CP), and on the concatenated dataset. The bootstrap support values
252 from the maximum likelihood analyses are reported as whole numbers. Trees were loaded
253 into FigTree (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk>) to display them.

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

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

274 We also took the tree from Theriot *et al.* (2015), pruned the taxa missing one or
275 more of the plastid genes using Mesquite (ver. 3.2) (Maddison and Maddison

276 2017) and compared that to the tree from NCP analysis and to the final tree obtained with
277 CP, constrained by the tree reflecting the CMB hypothesis with only one bolidomonad
278 outgroup.

279 The morphological data in Table 1 were treated in two ways. They were first coded as
280 CATG so that they could be used in the ML analysis with NCP (Table 2). Secondly they
281 were coded numerically so that they could be used in a BI analysis with CP. Characters
282 were treated as unordered in the BI analysis, although initial tests with ordering the
283 auxospore characters produced strange trees and this coding was abandoned. The features
284 in Table 1 represent 7 characters; however it is certain that there are not just seven genes
285 coding for these characters. Thus, the information for the morphology is not equal to the
286 molecular information from the seven genes. Unequal data sets create a bias with regards
287 to one having a greater influence than the other on the results (De Queiroz et al. 1995).
288 Please refer to <http://research.amnh.org/~siddall/methods/day5.html> for a general
289 discussion on weighting of characters. Therefore the morphological data was weighted by
290 repeating the motive for the 7 characters (Table 1) because that essentially multiples each
291 character in the morphological data set, just as one would do in a weighted parsimony
292 analysis using a rescaled consistency index as the weighting tool. We repeated it 230 times
293 making it approximately the same length as the SSU gene, obtaining all three clades, then
294 gradually reduced the repeated motif in large blocks and repeated the analysis until the
295 monophyletic groups disappeared. At that point we decided arbitrarily that one additional
296 morphological motif would make the morphological information approximately equal to
297 that of an additional gene. The final number of repeated motifs was 31 to yield a total of
298 217 nucleotides (numbers) for the morphological data.

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Results

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

310 longer than that used in Theriot *et al.* (2015) for two reasons (Table 3). We included the V4
311 region of the SSU and bases beyond position 1200 and we did not trim the plastid genes so
312 dramatically as in their study.

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

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

336 The next analyses used evolutionary models determined for each gene partition and
337 codon position for coding genes (CP), with sequentially added outgroups and is presented
338 in Figures 3-6. The first analysis with only Bolidomonads as an outgroup (Figure 3)
339 recovered three clades of Coscinodiscophyceae, monophyletic Mediophyceae and
340 Bacillariophyceae, the latter of which consisted of three monophyletic clades: basal
341 araphids, core araphids, and raphids. Sequential addition of the other outgroups:
342 heterokonts, haptophytes, chlorophytes/prasinophytes, (Figures 4, 5, 6 respectively) had
343 the same topology but examination of the BT/aLRT support revealed that with
344 each outgroup added to the analysis, the support for the Mediophyceae grew

345 stronger, reaching a maximum of 90/51 when all outgroups were included (Table 6). The
346 support for the three clades of Coscinodiscophyceae were more or less the same with
347 increasing outgroups, except for clade 2, which slightly decreased. The addition of the
348 outgroups did not change the topology of the ingroups. The three clades of
349 Coscinodiscophyceae always contained the same taxa: Clade 1 had *Corethron* and
350 *Leptocylindrus*; Clade 2 had Melosiraceae and Stephanopyxidaceae; Clade 3 had all
351 remaining radial centrics. The tree with all outgroups built with the CP (Figure 6) had
352 higher bootstrap support for the individual clades (BT = 90-100) than those found in
353 Theriot *et al.* (2015), which ranged from 28 to 81 for the centric clades and 97 for the
354 pennate clade.

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

373 In IQ-Tree (Table 5), the partitioned analysis selected the best evolutionary model for
374 each gene partition and determined the best codon model for the seven gene dataset. The
375 analysis was constrained by a tree reflecting the CMB hypothesis. In Table 5, the results
376 from the various tests run in IQ-Tree are shown. Of the tests computed by IQ-Tree, the AU
377 test is considered the best replacement for the SH test (Shimodaira, 2002;
378 [http://www.iqtree.org/doc /Advanced-Tutorial](http://www.iqtree.org/doc/Advanced-Tutorial)). In all comparisons, the CP
379 tree was better than the constrained tree and the significance does not seem to

380 have any relationship with the number of outgroups. The log-L difference is the greatest
381 when the green plastid genes (a different primary endosymbiosis than the red algal
382 plastid) and least when only heterokonts were used as outgroups. The most significant
383 difference was obtained when only the bolidomonads were used as outgroups, indicating
384 that the addition of multiple outgroups reduced the significant difference between the
385 constrained CMB tree and the tree based on evolutionary models. From this trend it could
386 be predicted that by adding more outgroups the significance would be reversed, albeit
387 further outgroups should only be added from the red plastid lineage because the codon
388 model analysis is greatly affected by the addition of the green plastid genes.

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

397 In coding the morphological data as nucleotides with the NCP analysis, we recovered
398 the CMB hypothesis (Fig. 7). Coding the nucleotides as numbers with the CP analysis with
399 230 repetitions of the seven-character motif also produced three clades but they did not
400 correspond to the CMB hypothesis (Figure 8). So strong is the signal for sexual
401 reproduction in the centrics that the radial and the bipolar centrics were sister groups to
402 the pennates in the traditional sense. Reducing the repeats of the motif continued to
403 recover the traditional sense of diatom phylogeny until only 31 repeats of the motif were
404 used. At this point, the bipolar centrics moved their position as sister to radial centrics to
405 be sister to the pennates as has been found in all molecular analysis since Medlin *et al.*
406 (1993), but the pennates arose from within the bipolar centrics (Figure 9). Continued
407 reduction of the character motif removed the monophyly of the radial centrics and they
408 became a grade of clades (data not shown) as seen in Figures 3-6. Thus, at 31 repeats of the
409 character motif, we reasoned that the weighting of the morphological data balanced the
410 information of the molecular data in the CP analysis. At this point the
411 Coscinodiscophyceae are monophyletic and the Mediophyceae have the pennates arising
412 from within them, making them a grade clades of bipolar centrics and the last clade that

413 diverges before the pennates diverge sister to a clade containing most of the bipolar
414 centrics is the clade containing *Toxarium*, *Ardissonia* and *Climacophenia* (Figs. 9,10).

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

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Discussion

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

435 The diatoms are one of the most successful microalgal groups in both aquatic and
436 terrestrial habitats. Their complex bipartite siliceous cell walls (valves and girdle bands)
437 are unique among the algae. The pattern of cell size reduction in one of the daughter cells
438 following mitosis is also unique and results in a population of cells of smaller sizes that,
439 normally, can only be restored to the cell's maximum size following sexual reproduction
440 (see reviews in Mann & Marchant, 1989; Kaczmarska *et al.*, 2013). Since the 19th century,
441 diatom classification has been based on the intricate designs of their cell walls (for a
442 review of the history of classification see Williams, 2007). The diatoms (Bacillariophyta)
443 have more 10,000 described species and potentially many more cryptic species (Mann,
444 1999). There are likely at least 30,000 to 100,000 species (Mann & Vanormelingen 2013).

445 Since the early 1990s, much work has been directed towards understanding diatom
446 classification using molecular tools. In 2006, Sims *et al.* provided a review of the
447 evolution of the group as inferred from molecules, morphology and the fossil

448 record. Mock & Medlin (2012) reviewed the evolution of the group from its origins to its
449 genes. Medlin *et al.* (2007a) commented that where paraphyletic lineages have remained
450 after molecular investigations, investigators are either willing to live with non-
451 monophyletic taxa, not able to find new characters to define the new monophyletic
452 groups, or unwilling to go against conventional wisdom that would lead to the demise of
453 long-standing taxa. Since these two reviews, more molecular data from multiple genes,
454 more information on sexual reproduction and better congruence of molecular clades with
455 morphological features have appeared but paraphyletic lineages continue to appear and
456 authors either describe new taxa or ignore it, e. g., *Hippodonta* arises from within *Navicula*
457 (Ashworth *et al.* 2016, Kulikovskiy *et al.* 2019), *Mastogloiales* is not monophyletic
458 (Ashworth *et al.* 2016), *Pierrecomperia* arises from within *Extubocellulus*, *Campylosira* arises
459 from within *Cymatosira* (Dabek *et al.* 2019), *Epithemia* and *Tetralunata* arising from within
460 *Rhoplaodia*, *Campylodiscus*, *Cymatopleura*, *Stenopterobia* and *Petrodictyon* arises from within
461 *Surirella* (Ruck *et al.* 2016).

462 In all of the analyses by Medlin *et al.*, multiple outgroups have been used (Table S2).
463 Where a single outgroup was used (Medlin and Kazcmarska 2004, fig. 3), a grade of clades
464 occurred, which is useful to show the branching order of the taxa to ask specific
465 evolutionary questions, such as what is the last bipolar clade to evolve before pennates. In
466 none of the studies by Theriot *et al.* have they used multiple outgroups outside of one
467 study with multiple heterokonts. When questioned about their reluctance to do this, they
468 have replied that multiple outgroups will only increase long-branch attraction. This is true
469 if only one representative of each outgroup is used but is not the case when multiple
470 representatives of each outgroup are used. In fact, the common advice given to break up
471 long-branch attraction is to add a close relative to break the branch. In our analyses we
472 have used a minimum of four species in each outgroup taxon so that the possibility of
473 long-branch attraction is kept to a minimum. We found in an earlier analysis with multiple
474 outgroups, that the omission of a single gene in the data set produced that taxon on a long
475 branch (Figure S1). Thus, our analysis only included those taxa with a full complement of
476 the seven genes. Also the inclusion of distant outgroups should not disrupt the topology
477 of the ingroup (Ackermann *et al.* 2014). In none of our analysis, did the topology of the
478 ingroup change when more distant outgroups were added. The fact that they did not
479 rearrange the ingroup means that they were not too distant from the ingroup and thus
480 were appropriate for recovering the phylogeny of the diatoms. Future work could be
481 directed to complete the seven gene complement for those taxa in the Theriot *et*
482 *al.* dataset missing one or more of the plastid genes or to add more outgroups.

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

489 Theriot *et al.* (2015) found that none of the positions in the codons of the seven genes
490 were saturated so applying codon evolutionary models may not be required. Our NCP
491 analysis is different from the CP analysis in that in the former the Coscinodiscophyceae is
492 monophyletic and in the latter, the Mediophyceae is monophyletic. Clearly applying
493 codon partitioning to the dataset and applying individual models of evolution to each
494 gene, which also consider the base position within each codon is affecting the monophyly
495 of the radial centrics. Our NCP ML analysis (Figure 1) also recovered three classes
496 reflecting the CMB hypothesis (Figure 2) in 8% of the bootstrap trees. Those trees are not
497 the best tree obtained by the analysis but they are not statistically different from it even
498 though the best trees have a lower log-likelihood ratio. The CP analysis recovers a
499 monophyletic Mediophyceae and a grade of clades in the Coscinodiscophyceae (Figures 3-
500 6).

501 The difference between the results of the NCP and the CP analysis may be a reflection
502 of the difference in the plastid inheritance in the diatoms, which is certainly not
503 homogenous. This may also likely be the cause of the various resolutions found in the
504 individual plastid trees (Figures S2-6). There are at least three patterns of plastid
505 inheritance in the diatoms: 1) Mereogenous (predominately found in the radial centrics)
506 where all plastids are removed from the sperm during meiosis so inheritance is only
507 maternal: 2) Hologenous (found in the bipolar centrics with one known exception at the
508 genus level) where plastids are retained by the sperm and where the offspring should be a
509 mixture of maternal and paternal plastids assuming no segregative mitoses and in
510 polyphasic plastids, the contribution of the maternal plastid should be greater, and 3) that
511 found in the pennates, with isogamous gametes where there can be a mixture of all
512 maternal, all paternal or both, termed unique, dual or stochastic by Mann (1996). In Table
513 6 we have reproduced the plastid inheritance table from Jensen *et al.* (2003), correcting
514 some mistakes they made in that paper and adding data from *Corethron* (Crawford 1995).
515 Among the merogenous radial centric diatoms, some species do not lose their plastids
516 during meiosis but do so before the sperm enters the cells. These species are
517 marked with arrows (H→M). This would make virtually all radial centric plastids

518 maternally inherited with no option of recombination. Notably the two exceptions to this
519 from taxa whose sexual reproduction is noted in from *Corethron* and *Leptocylindrus*, which
520 are the first two divergences in the three clades of radial centrics in Parks *et al.* (2017).
521 Clearly, if the inheritance of the plastid genome is not uniform across the centric diatoms,
522 then this could account for the differences in the NCP and CP trees. The fact that the
523 Coscinodiscophyceae are monophyletic in the NCP analysis suggests that this group is
524 likely the most non-homogeneous plastid gene group (Table 6) and applying different
525 models of evolution for genes that have different modes of inheritance across the radial
526 centrics, likely causes this group to become grade of clades in the CP analysis.

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

542 Thus, the evolutionary pathways of the diatom plastid are not homogeneous. This
543 evolutionary pathway is even more complex in that many of the genes in the diatom
544 plastid can trace their origin to a green endosymbiont rather than a red one. A number of
545 studies have shown that diatoms and other chromalveolates contain nuclear genes of
546 green algal origin that together with those of red algal provenance comprise a chimeric
547 plastid proteome in these taxa (Mustafa *et al.* 2005, Chan *et al.* 2011). In the latter paper, a
548 comparison of membrane transporters in two diatoms showed that 24% of these genes
549 showed non-lineal descent. Either of these facts could account for the differences in the
550 individual plastid phylogenies or the concatenated ones being non congruous and why the

551 NCP tree appears in some tests to be the significant tree. Certainly in the IQ-Tree
552 significance tests in the CP analysis, the addition of the green plastid genes had the largest
553 log-L difference and lowest p-value.

554 Yu *et al.* (2018) extracted 103 genes from 40 diatom plastid genomes with using only one
555 Bolidomonad as the outgroup, they recovered grades of clades, concluding that two of the
556 three classes of diatoms (Coscinodiscophyceae and Mediophyceae) were not
557 monophyletic. In their study the first two clades of the Coscinodiscophyceae are
558 represented by single taxa and of these *Proboscia* (clade 2) is on a long branch because it
559 has multiple gene losses and and *Leptocylindrus* (clade 1) is also on a long branch likely
560 because it has the largest single copy gene region and the smallest inverted repeats of all of
561 the radial centrics. With a secondary structure analysis of the SSU gene, *Proboscia* falls
562 inside the Mediophyceae (Medlin *et al.* in press). Yu *et al.* recover two clades of
563 Mediophyceae and the last clade before the pennates is that of *Attheya* + *Bidulphia* as in our
564 NCP analysis. The placement of this clade as the last centric one before the pennates has
565 merit in that the male sex cells of *Attheya* may possess the special filament found in other
566 araphid diatoms (Roschin pers. comm.). The majority of bipolar centrics + Thalassiosirales
567 were in one clade and the bipolar taxa had the smallest genome size among the
568 Mediophyceae. Could this be a reflection of paternal plastid inheritance as suggest by
569 Crosby and Smith (2010)? Their analysis also has an araphid taxon (*Plagiogrammopsis*
570 *vanhuerckii*) in the middle of the bipolar centrics but they do not comment on this
571 irregularity at all. They also discounted the possibility of recombination in the plastid
572 genome, but recombination can only occur if the plastid is biparentially inherited, which is
573 not the case in most of the Coscinodiscophyceae and comparison of the plastid genome
574 should concentrate on those species whose plastid inheritance is well documented.
575 Recombination of the plastid genome is more likely to happen in the pennates because
576 they have fewer plastids. It is unclear how this would occur in the hologeneous radial and
577 even in bipolar centrics whose eggs have multiple plastids with only one sperm fertilizing
578 the egg with more than one plastid.

579 Parks *et al.* (2017) compared 94 diatom plastid genomes using an amino acid alignment
580 with four heterokont plastids as outgroups and recovered three clades of
581 Coscinodiscophyte, a monophyletic Mediophyceae + *Attheya* and a monophyletic
582 Bacillariophyceae, which is very similar to our CP analysis. They suggested that
583 incomplete lineage sorting disproportionately affects species tree inference at short
584 internodes, such as those separating the nodes of the Coscinodiscophyceae.
585 Incomplete lineage sorting was also invoked as a possible explanation for the

586 radial Thalassioairales being included in the Mediophyceae or bipolar centrics (Medlin
587 2016a). In Medlin (2014), the addition of only heterokont outgroups recovered almost
588 identical results using only the SSU genes: four clades of Coscinodiscophyceae, a
589 monophyletic Mediophyceae and Bacillariophyceae.

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

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

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Conclusions

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

616 With additional outgroups in this plastid dataset, the In-L decreases between the
617 constrained tree and the NCP tree, which suggests that adding even more outgroups could
618 push the significance in favor of the constrained tree. Because the topology of the
619 ingroups does not change with the addition of these distant outgroups in the

620 NCP analysis, more outgroups could be added. However with the CP analysis, only red
621 plastid gene outgroups should be added because this analysis was very sensitive to the
622 addition of the green plastid outgroups to the analysis, pushing the log-L difference to its
623 highest.

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

630 In the CP analysis, the radial centrics were monophyletic, the bipolar ones a grade of clades
631 with the pennates arising from within them as the last divergence. In PAUP, the addition of
632 morphological data was significantly different from an analysis (ET tree) with no
633 morphological analysis. In IQ-Tree, the ET tree was the better tree and this tree was
634 significantly better when the signal from the morphological data repeat was at a minimum.
635 The task ahead of us is to identify plastid inheritance where possible to determine which are
636 homologous lineages and possibly devise some way to partition paternal, maternal and
637 heterozygous plastid inheritance. Alternatively, with the addition of more whole genome
638 analyses of the diatoms, perhaps more heterotrophic taxa can be added to the outgroup
639 selection. Adding more outgroup plastids outside the heterokont taxa and a total evidence
640 aspect to the data set by coding the morphological features identified in Table 1 has supported
641 the CMB hypothesis in the NCP analyses. Failure to recover the CMB hypothesis in the CP
642 analyses with the morphological data was not significantly different. The evidence presented
643 here suggests that the CMB hypothesis by Medlin and Kaczmarska (2004) is different from an
644 analysis performed with codon partitioning and is different from the trees in Theriot *et al.*
645 (2015), which is likely a result of adding the V4 region, the multiple outgroups and variation
646 in plastid inheritance, which has rendered the grade of clades in the radial centrics.

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867 Figure Legends

868 Figures 1-2. Phylogenetic reconstruction of the diatoms without coding for any codon
869 positions or applying any models. 1. Best tree found in the bootstrap analysis, 2. Tree
870 reflecting CMB hypothesis found in 8% of the bootstrap replicates.

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872 Figures 3-6. Phylogenetic reconstructions using a ML analysis coding for each codon
873 position and applying models of evolution for each gene. 3. only two Bolidomonads as
874 outgroups. 4. Heterokonts and bolidomonads as outgroups. 5. Haptophytes, heterokonts
875 and bolidomonads as outgroups. 6. Prasinophytes/chlorophytes, haptophytes,
876 heterokonts and bolidomonads as outgroups. See Table 6 for bootstrap support for each of
877 the major clades.

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879 Figures 7-10. Phylogenetic reconstruction with morphological data added to the gene
880 sequence data set. 7. NCP analysis with morphological data coded as nucleotides, 230
881 repeats, ML analysis. 8. CP data with morphological data coded as unordered numbers, BI
882 analysis, 230 repeats. 9. CP data with morphological data coded as unordered numbers, BI
883 analysis, 31 repeats. 10. Detail of the pennate divergence within the polar centrics

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885 Figure 11. Phylogenetic reconstruction of the Theriot data set pruning those taxa missing
886 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		2. Male sex cell		3. Auxospore structure		4. Structure in Annulus		5. Position of cribrum in locualte areolae pseudolocuate excluded		6. Golgi Postion		7. Spore like nature of auxospore, i.e. heterovalvate and large dissimilarity between the vegetative and initial cell valve		Exceptions to listed characters
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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, struted 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

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

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

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17 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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24 Table 4. Shimodaira-Hasegawa test results using RELI bootstrap (one-tailed test) and 10000 bootstrap replicates in PAUP.

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

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

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

71 Diff-L : log -L difference from the maximum log -L in the set.
 72 p-SH : p-value of Shimodaira-Hasegawa test.
 73 p-WSH : p-value of weighted SH test.

74 | p-AU : p-value of approximately unbiased (AU) test

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76 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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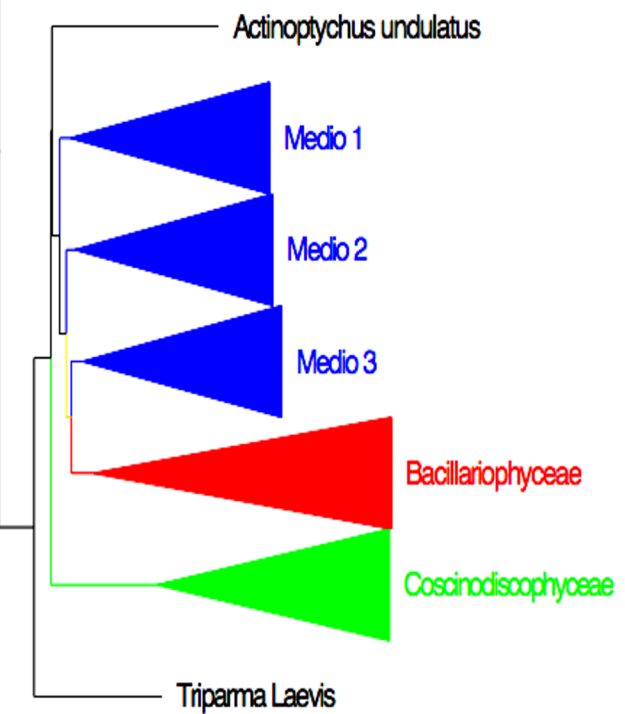
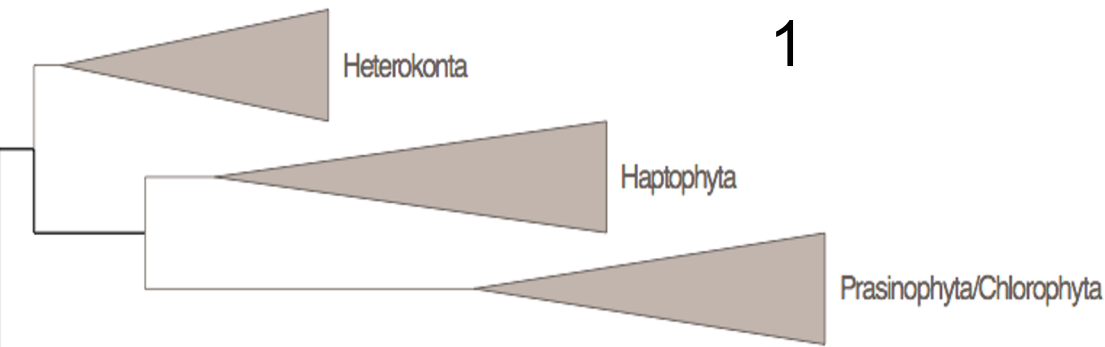
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90 Table 6. Overview of the type of gametogenesis (hologenous (H) or merogenous (M)) of diatoms reported in the literature shown in Jensen et al.
 91 (2007) with errors corrected for the correct class (*). See Jensen et al. (2007) and Crawford (1995) for the original references for each species in the
 92 table. H→M* refers to taxa with hologenous gametogenesis but whose plastids degrade before fertilization making the plastid inheritance only
 93 maternally inherited or merogenous. The two taxa marked in a box are the early divergences in Parkes et al. (2016).

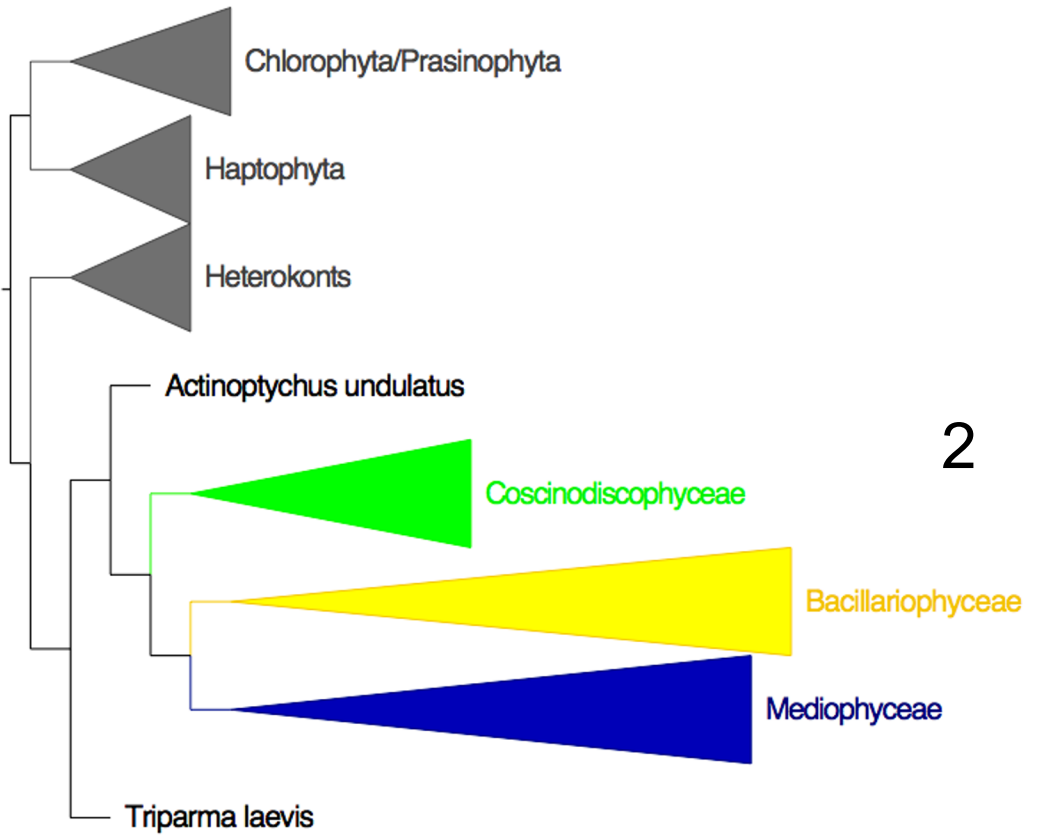
Taxon	Type
Coccinodiscophyceae	
<i>Actinocyclus</i> sp.	M
<i>Coccinodiscus granii</i> Gough	H→M*
<i>Guinardia delicatula</i> (Cleve) Hasle	M
<i>Leptocylindrus danicus</i> Cleve	H
<i>Melosira moniliformis</i> (O.F. Mull.) C. Ag.	M
<i>Melosira moniliformis</i> var. <i>octagolla</i> (Grun.) Hust.	H→M*
<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

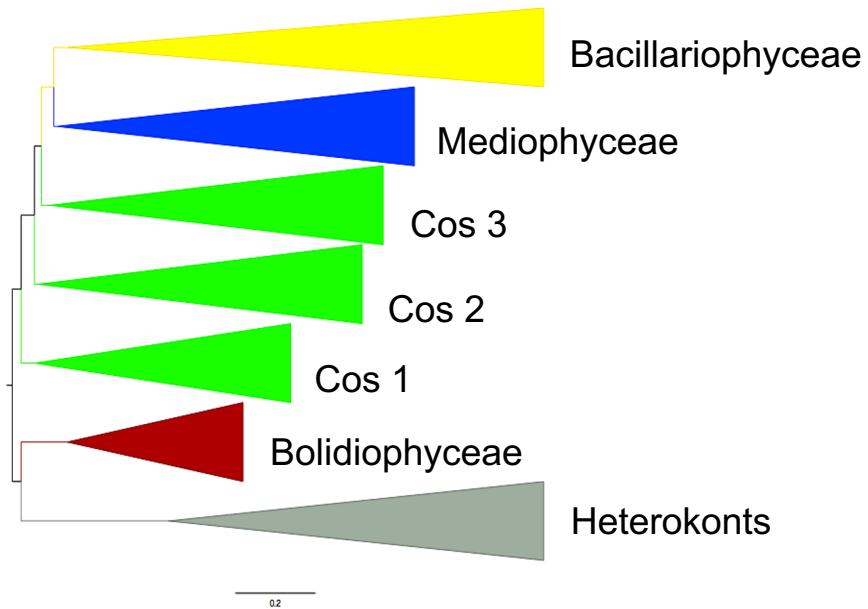
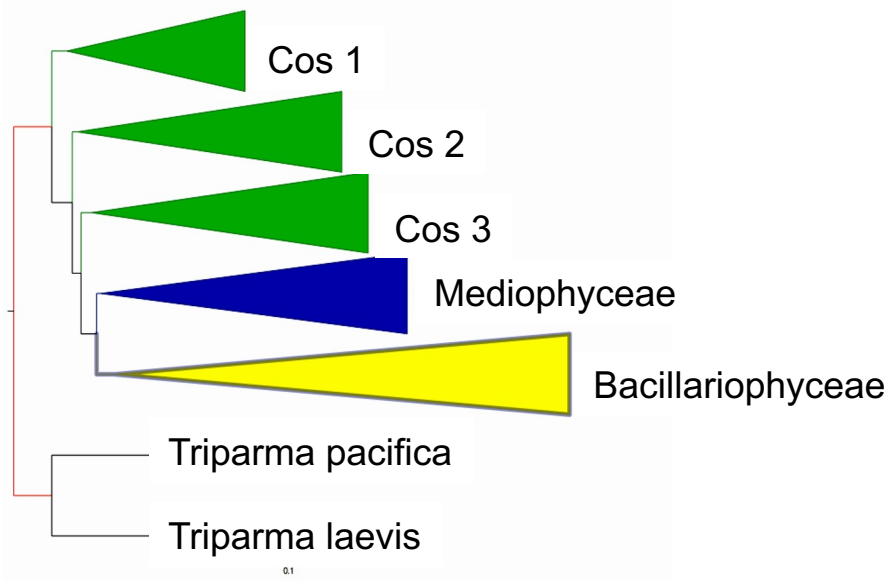
<i>Odontella regia</i> (Schultze) Sim.	H→M*
<i>Odontella rhombus</i> (Ehr) Kütz	M
<i>Odontella sinensis</i> (Grev.) Grun.	H→M*
<i>Pleurosira laevis</i> (Ehr.) Comp.	M
<i>Skeletonema costatum</i> (Grev.) Cleve	M
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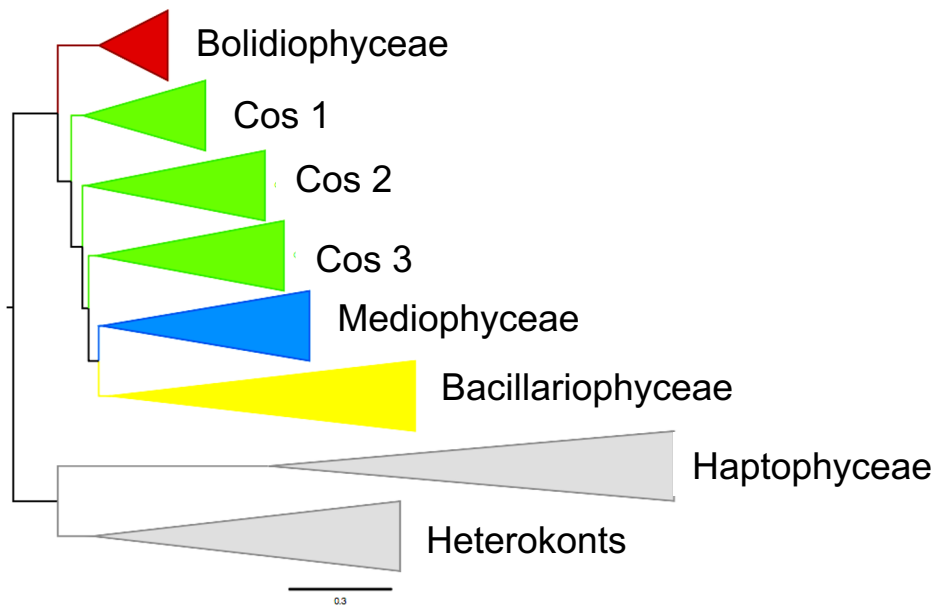


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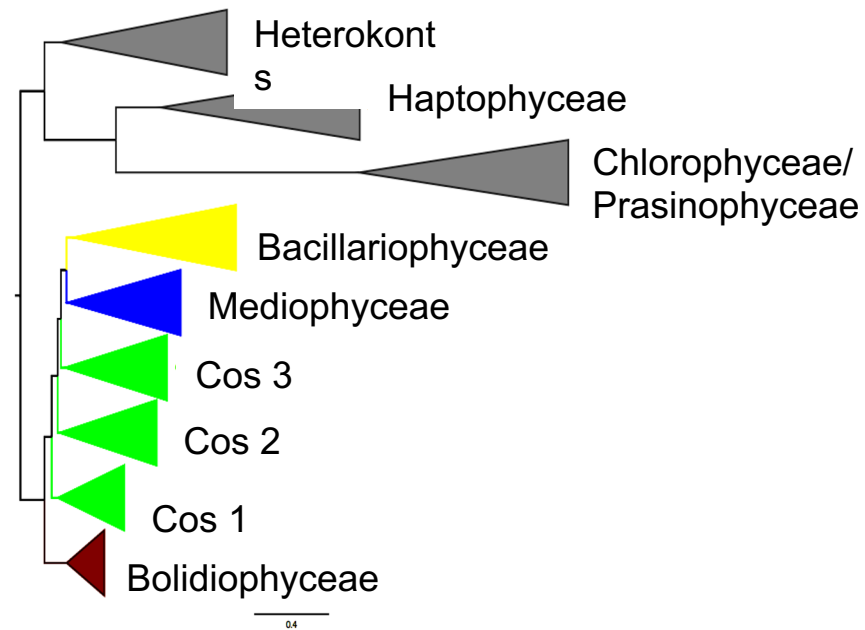




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