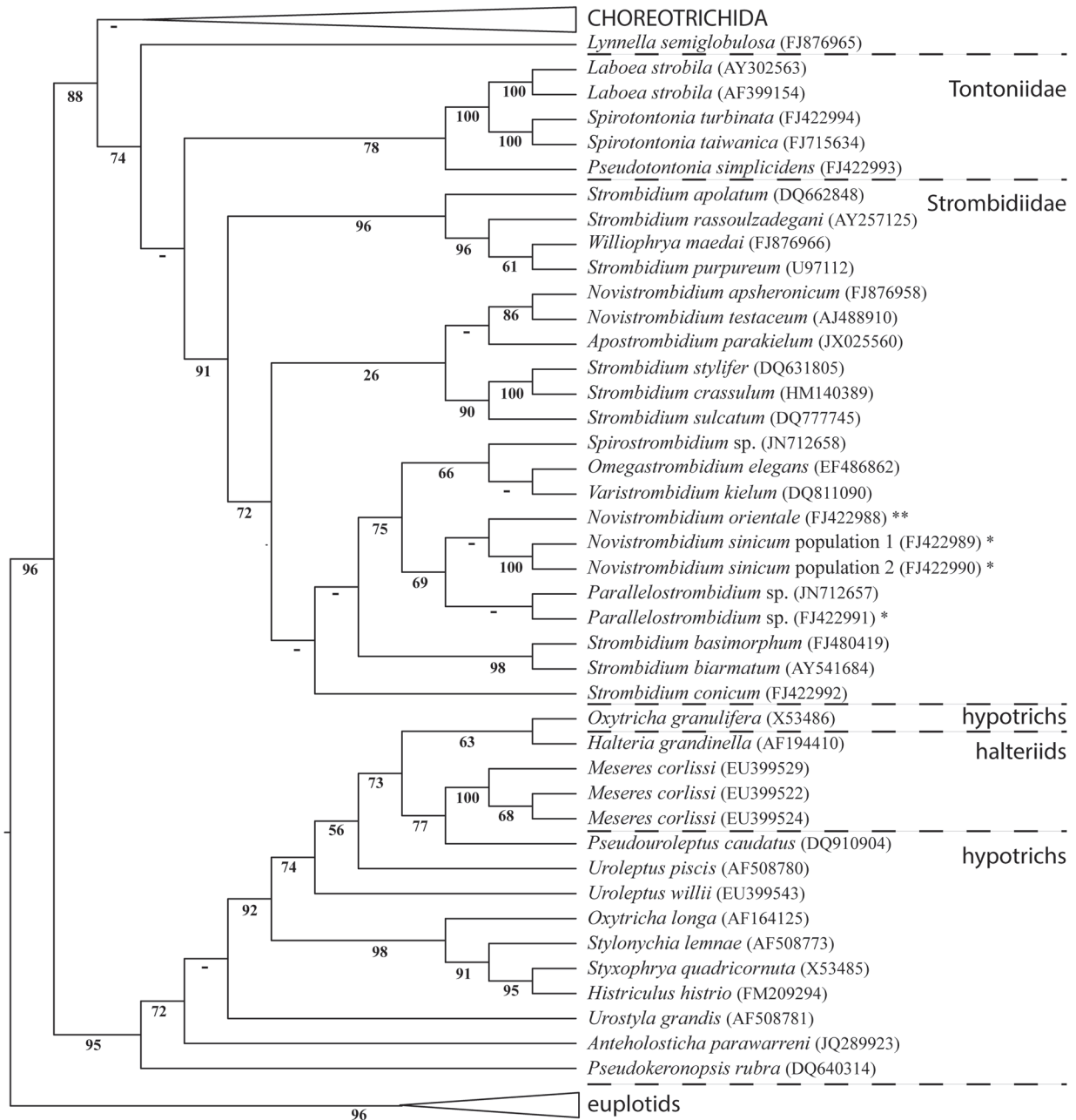
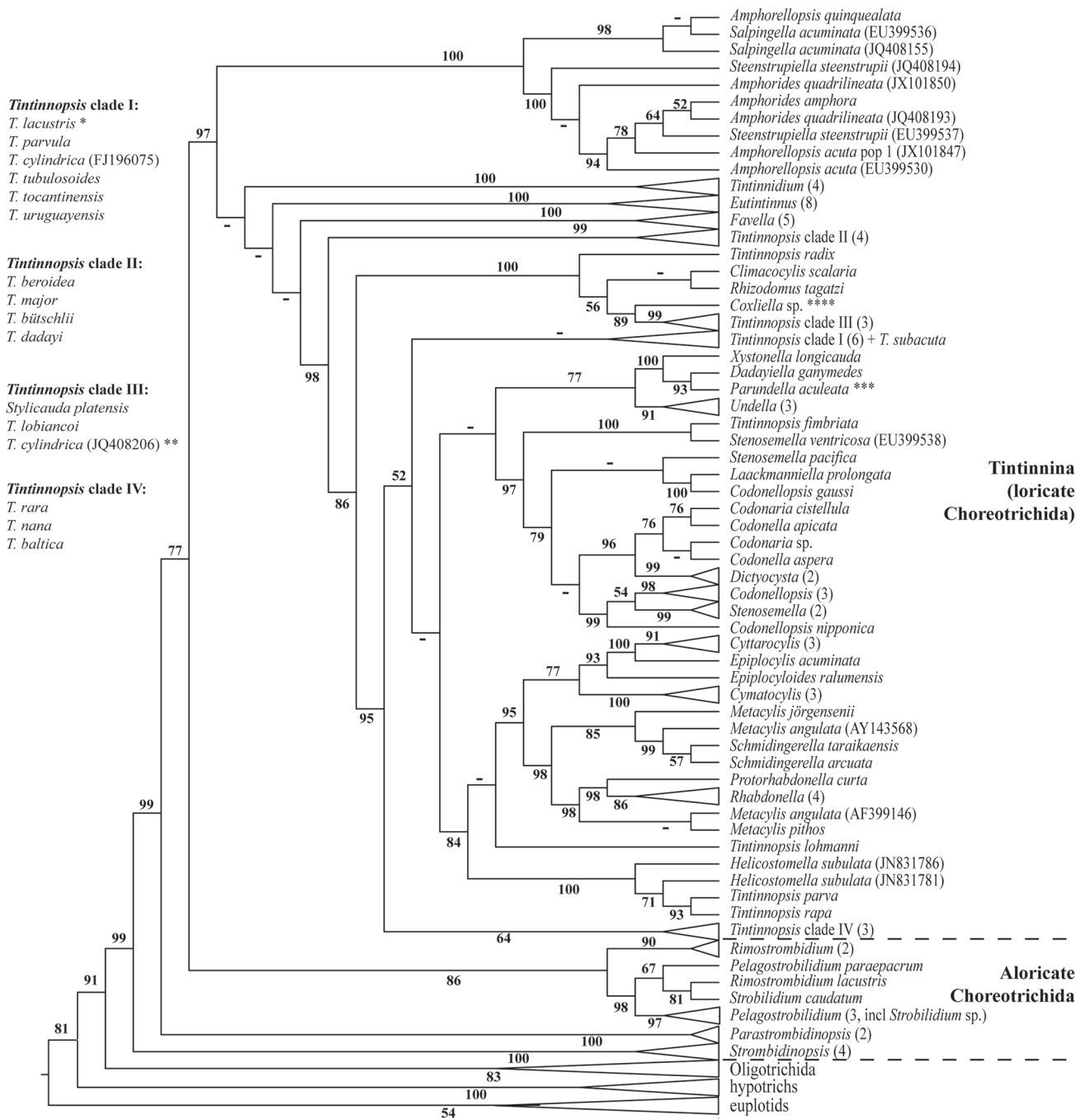


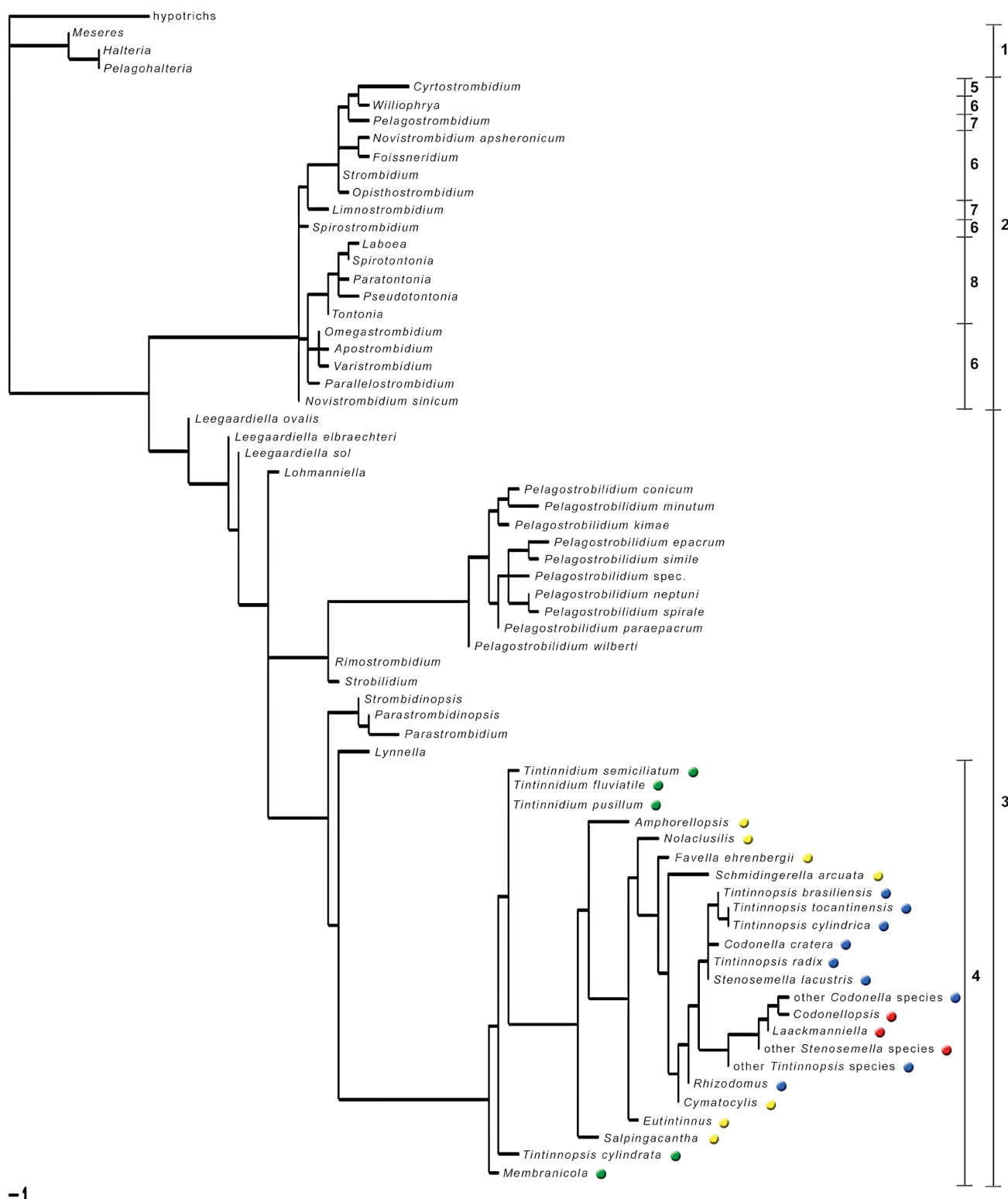
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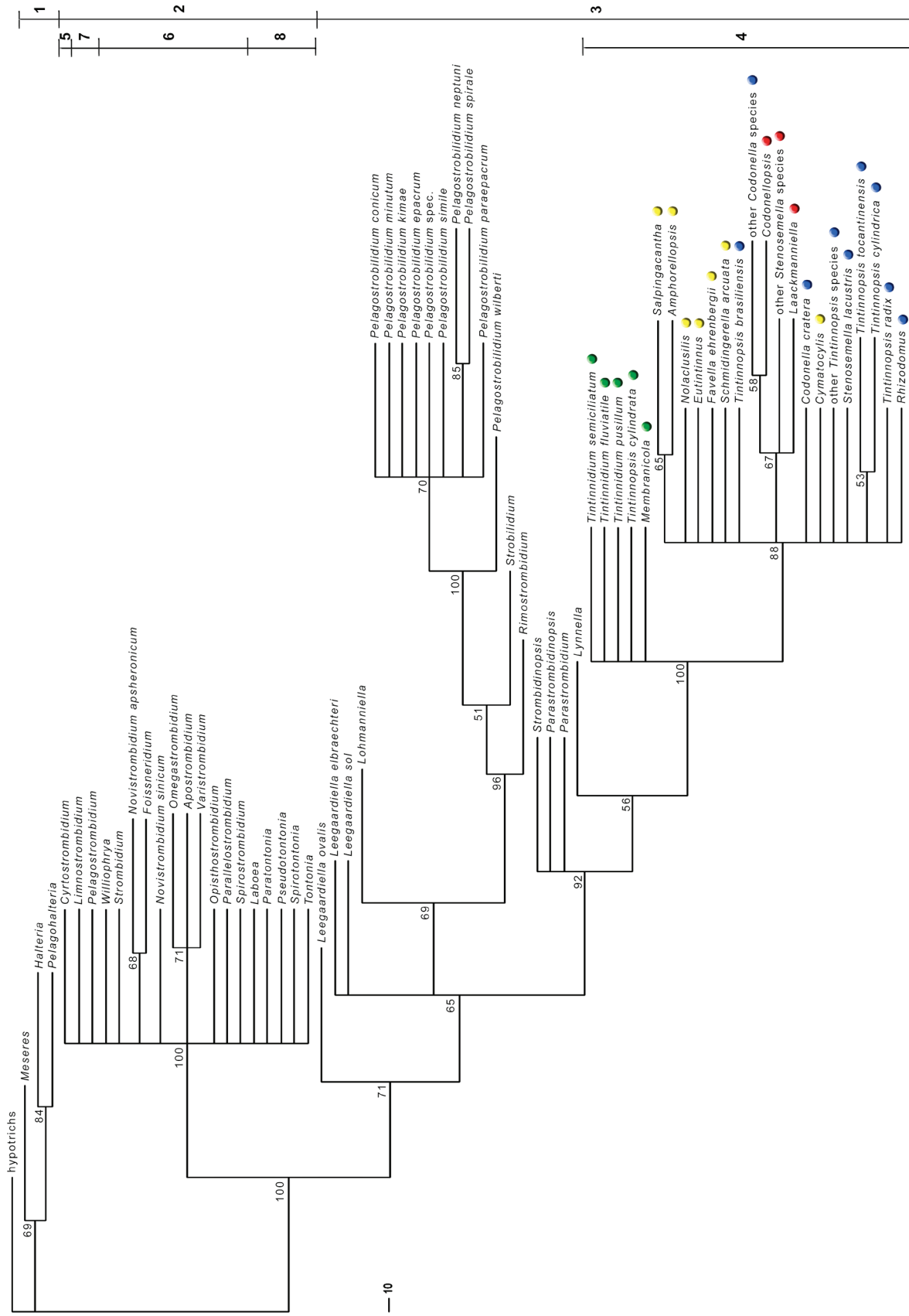
**Fig. S1.** Profile Neighbor Joining tree of the Oligotrichida inferred from small subunit ribosomal RNA (SSU rRNA) gene sequences (66 taxa and 1823 nucleotide positions) aligned with the Muscle algorithm (Edgar 2004) implemented in MEGA ver. 5.1 (Tamura *et al.* 2011). The tree was computed with ProfDistS (Wolf *et al.* 2008). Support values are listed at the nodes. Values below 50% are represented by dashes. \* – initially published as *Spirostrombidium* sp.; \*\* – initially published as *Parallelostrombidium* sp.



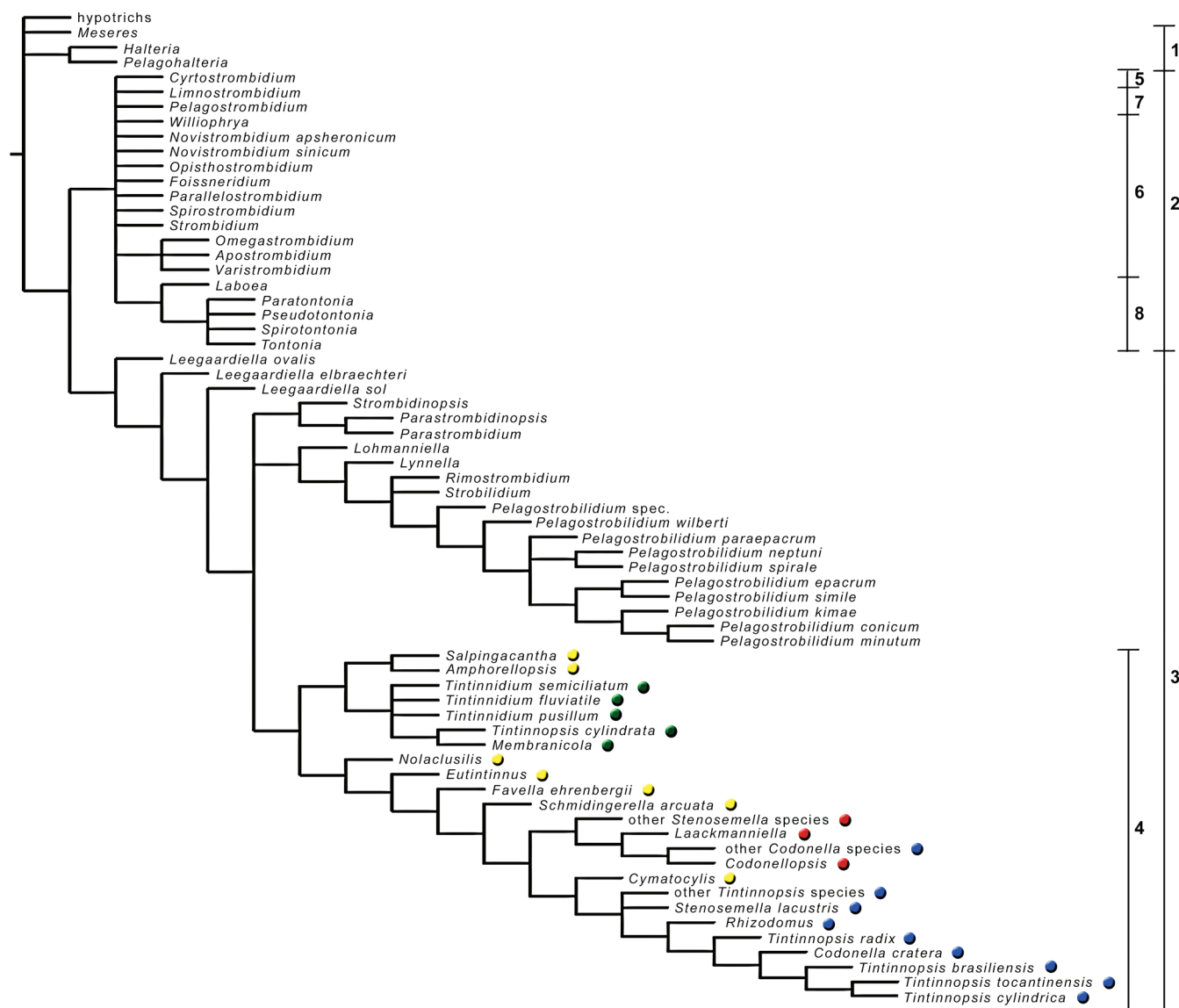
**Fig. S2.** Profile Neighbor Joining tree of the Choreotrichida inferred from small subunit ribosomal RNA (SSU rRNA) gene sequences (138 taxa and 1859 nucleotide positions) aligned with the Muscle algorithm (Edgar 2004) implemented in MEGA ver. 5.1 (Tamura *et al.* 2011). The tree was computed with ProfDistS (Wolf *et al.* 2008). Support values are listed at the nodes. Values below 50% are represented by dashes. Branches with unambiguously clustered taxa are collapsed, species of the genus *Tintinnopsis* grouped in 5 different clades numbered I–V. \* – after Kofoid and Campbell (1929) a synonym of *Codonella cratera*; \*\* – does not correspond with the redescription of Agatha and Riedel-Lorjé (2006); \*\*\* – possibly incorrectly identified, might be *Dadayiella acutiformis*; \*\*\*\* – invalid taxon, very likely a replacement lorica (see text).



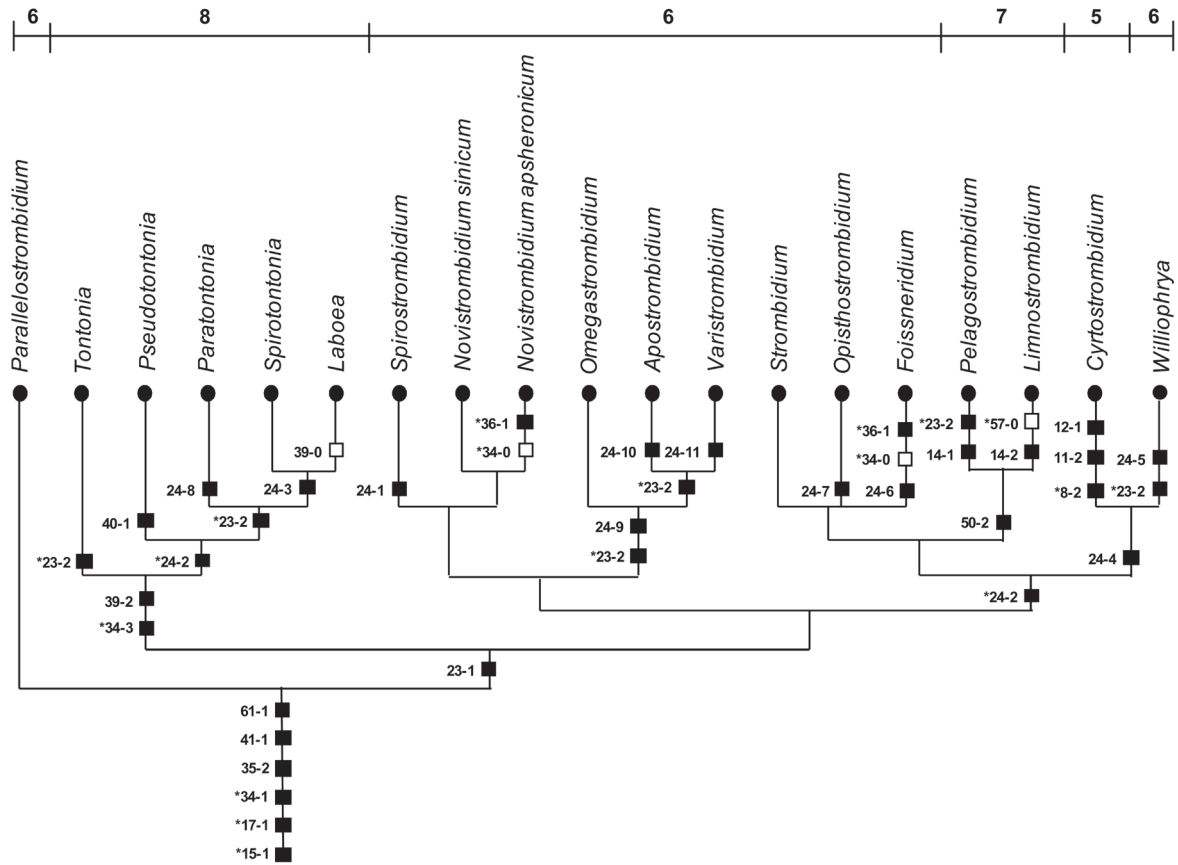
**Fig. S3.** Maximum parsimony tree calculated with PAUP\* vers. 4.0b10 (Swofford 2002), equally weighted morphologic characters (Tables S1, S2), and hypotrichs as outgroup. 83 out of 94 characters parsimony-informative, tree length 227, consistency index 0.71, homoplasy index 0.29, retention index 0.95. 1 – halteriids, 2 – oligotrichids, 3 – choreotrichids, 4 – tintinnids, 5 – Cyrtostrombidiidae, 6 – Strombidiidae, 7 – Pelagostrombidiidae, 8 – Tontoniidae. Most common lorica structures: ● – flexible, agglomerated, ● – hard, agglomerated, ● – hard, entirely hyaline, ● – hard, composed of hyaline collar and agglomerated bowl. *Pelagostrobilidium* spec. sensu Ota and Taniguchi (2003).



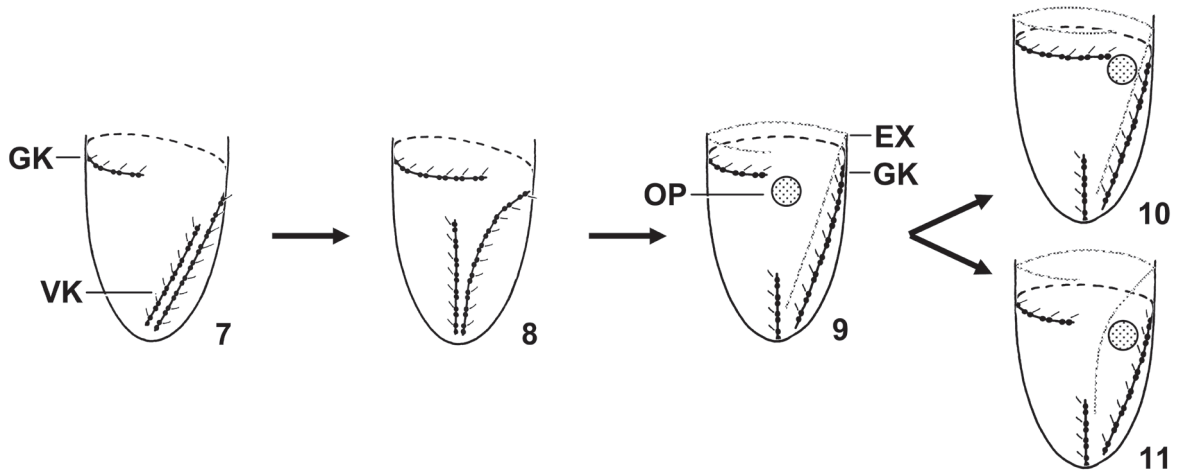
**Fig. S4.** Bootstrap 50% majority-rule consensus parsimony tree inferred from morphologic data of the Oligotricha (Tables S1, S2), using PAUP\* ver. 4.0b10 (Swofford 2002) and the hypotrichs as outgroup. 83 out of 94 characters were parsimony-informative. The bootstrap method with heuristic search included 100 replicates. 1 – halterids, 2 – oligotrichids, 3 – choreotrichids, 4 – tintinnids, 5 – Cyrtostrombidiidae, 6 – Pelagostrombidiidae, 7 – Strombidiidae, 8 – Tontoniidae. Most common lorica structures: ● – flexible, agglomerated, ● – hard, entirely hyaline, ● – hard, composed of hyaline collar and agglomerated bowl, *Pelagostrombidium* spec. sensu Ota and Tamiguchi (2003).



**Fig. S5.** Strict consensus tree of the Oligotrichea calculated with the computer program Hennig86 by a heuristic analysis of equally weighted morphologic characters (Tables S1, S2) and the branch-swapping algorithm, using the hypotrichs as outgroup. It has a length of 180, a consistency index of 66, and a retention index of 90. 1 – halteriids, 2 – oligotrichids, 3 – choreotrichids, 4 – tintinnids, 5 – Cyrtostrombidiidae, 6 – Strombidiidae, 7 – Pelagostrombidiidae, 8 – Tontoniidae. Most common lorica structures: ● – flexible, agglomerated, ● – hard, agglomerated, ● – hard, entirely hyaline, ● – hard, composed of hyaline collar and agglomerated bowl. *Pelagostrobilidium* spec. sensu Ota and Taniguchi (2003).



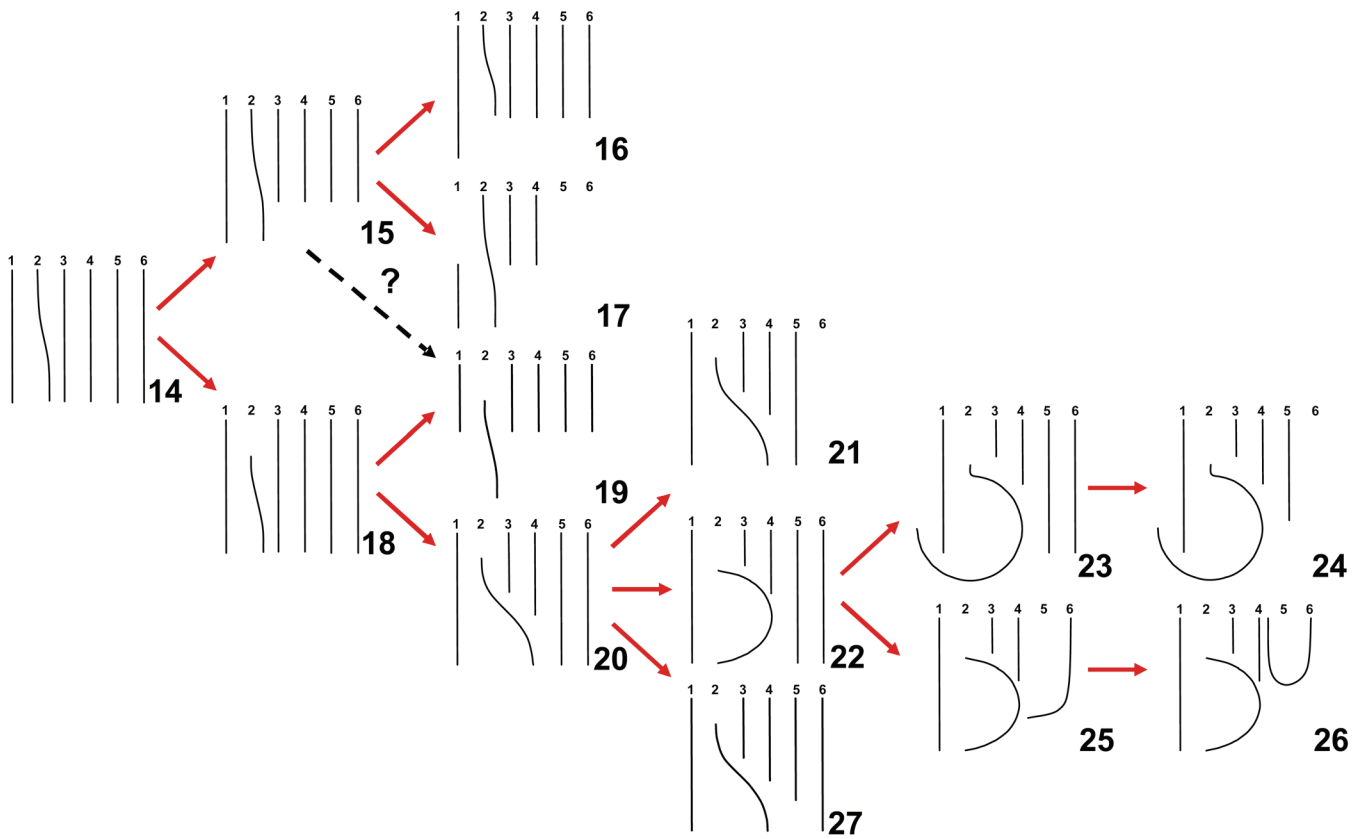
**Fig. S6.** Monophyletic oligotrichid ciliates in the maximum parsimony tree of the Oligotrichea generated by the Hennigian argumentation method. For character coding, see Table S1. Black squares mark apomorphies, open squares denote reversals to plesiomorphic states, and asterisks mark homoplasies. 5 – Cyrtostrombidiidae, 6 – Strombidiidae, 7 – Pelagostrombidiidae, 8 – Tontoniidae.



**Figs S7–S11.** Evolution of somatic ciliary patterns in the genera *Parallelostrombidium* and *Novistrombidium* [originals based on illustrations of Montagnes and Taylor 1994 (7), Xu *et al.* 2006 (8), Liu *et al.* 2009 (10), and Agatha 2003 (11); protargol impregnation]. The pattern of *Parallelostrombidium* (*Parallelostrombidium*) *siculum* (7) probably gave rise to the pattern of *Parallelostrombidium* (*Asymptokinetum*) *paralatum* (8), which possibly represents the transition stage to the genus *Novistrombidium* (9). The hypothetic ancestor of that genus had the stripe of extrusome attachment sites associated with the girdle kinety as usual, and both structures are posterior to the oral primordium. It represents the origin of the subgenus *Propecingulum* (10; with *N. ioanum* nov. comb., *N. orientale*, *N. platum* nov. comb., and *N. sinicum*) and the subgenus *Novistrombidium* (11; with *N. apsheronicum* and *N. testaceum*). EX – extrusome attachment sites, GK – girdle kinety, OP – oral primordium, VK – ventral kinety.

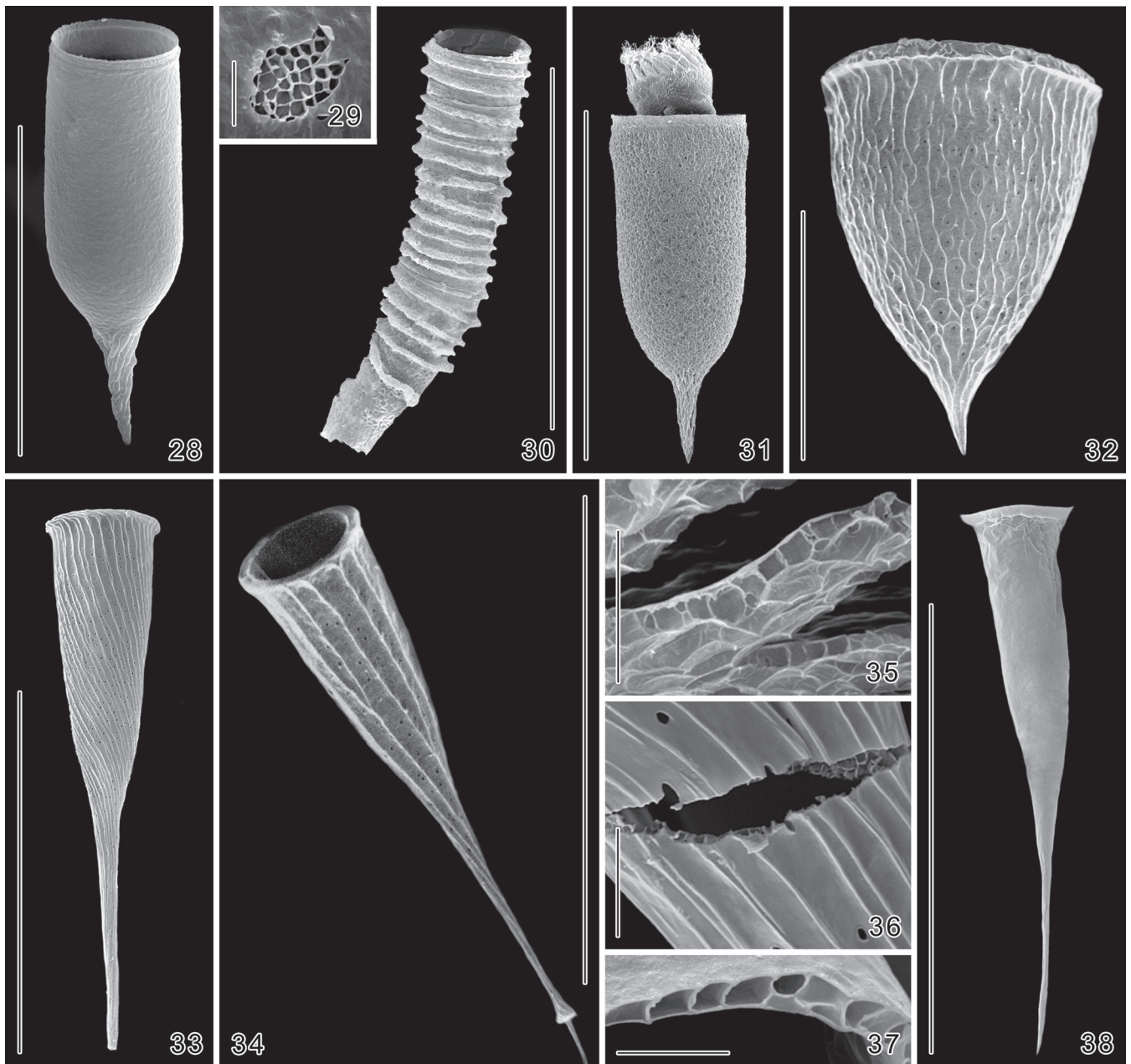


**Figs S12, S13.** Monophyletic choreotrichid ciliates (12) and monophyletic genus *Pelagostrobilidium* (13) in the maximum parsimony tree of the Oligotrichea generated by the Hennigian argumentation method. For character coding, see Table S1. Black squares mark apomorphies, open squares denote reversals to plesiomorphic states, and asterisks mark homoplasies. 4 – tintinnids, *Semiotintinnidium* – subgenus of the genus *Tintinnidium*, *Tintinnidium* – subgenus of the identically named genus. Most common lorica structures: ● – flexible, agglomerated, ● – hard, agglomerated, ● – hard, entirely hyaline, ● – hard, composed of hyaline collar and agglomerated bowl.

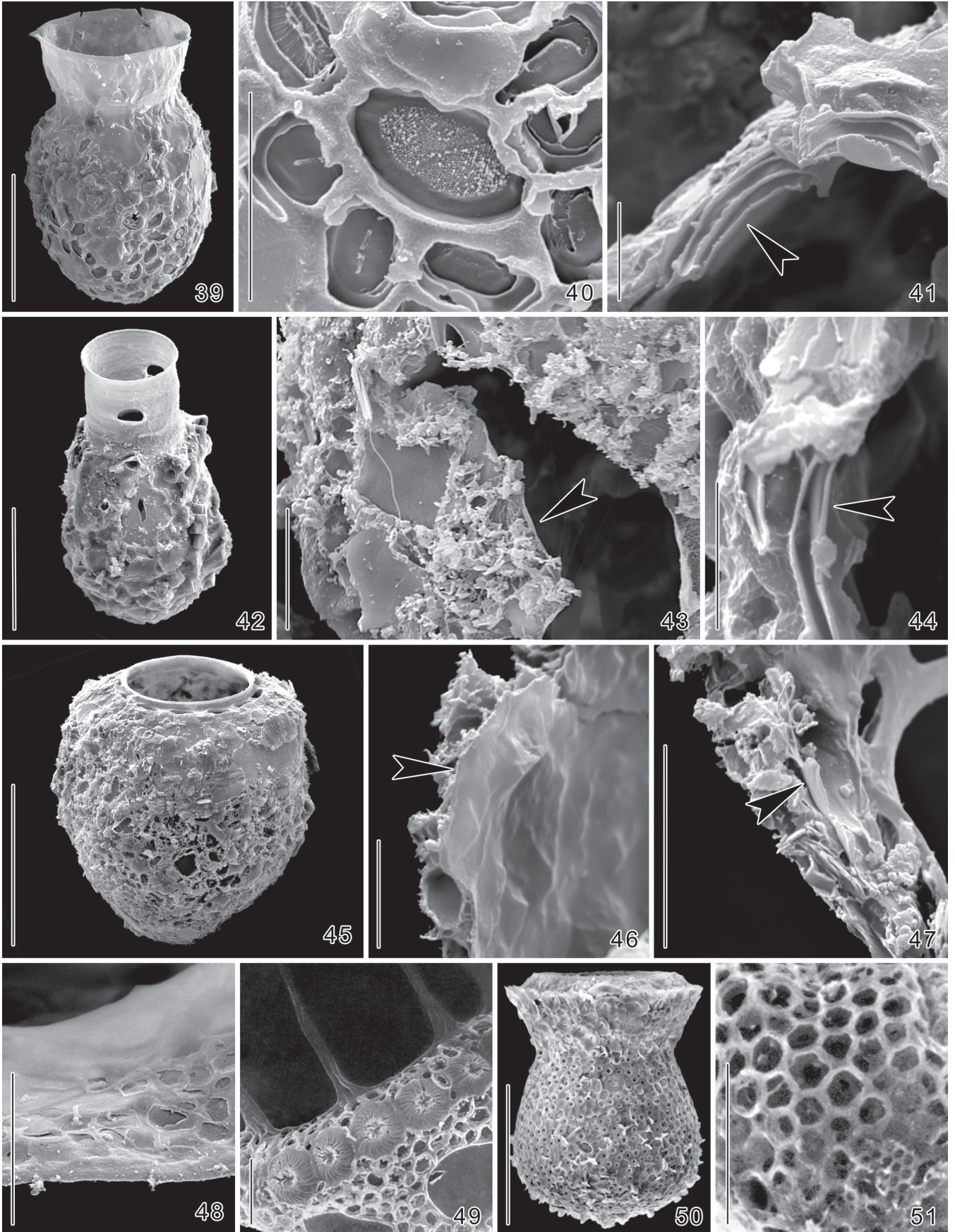


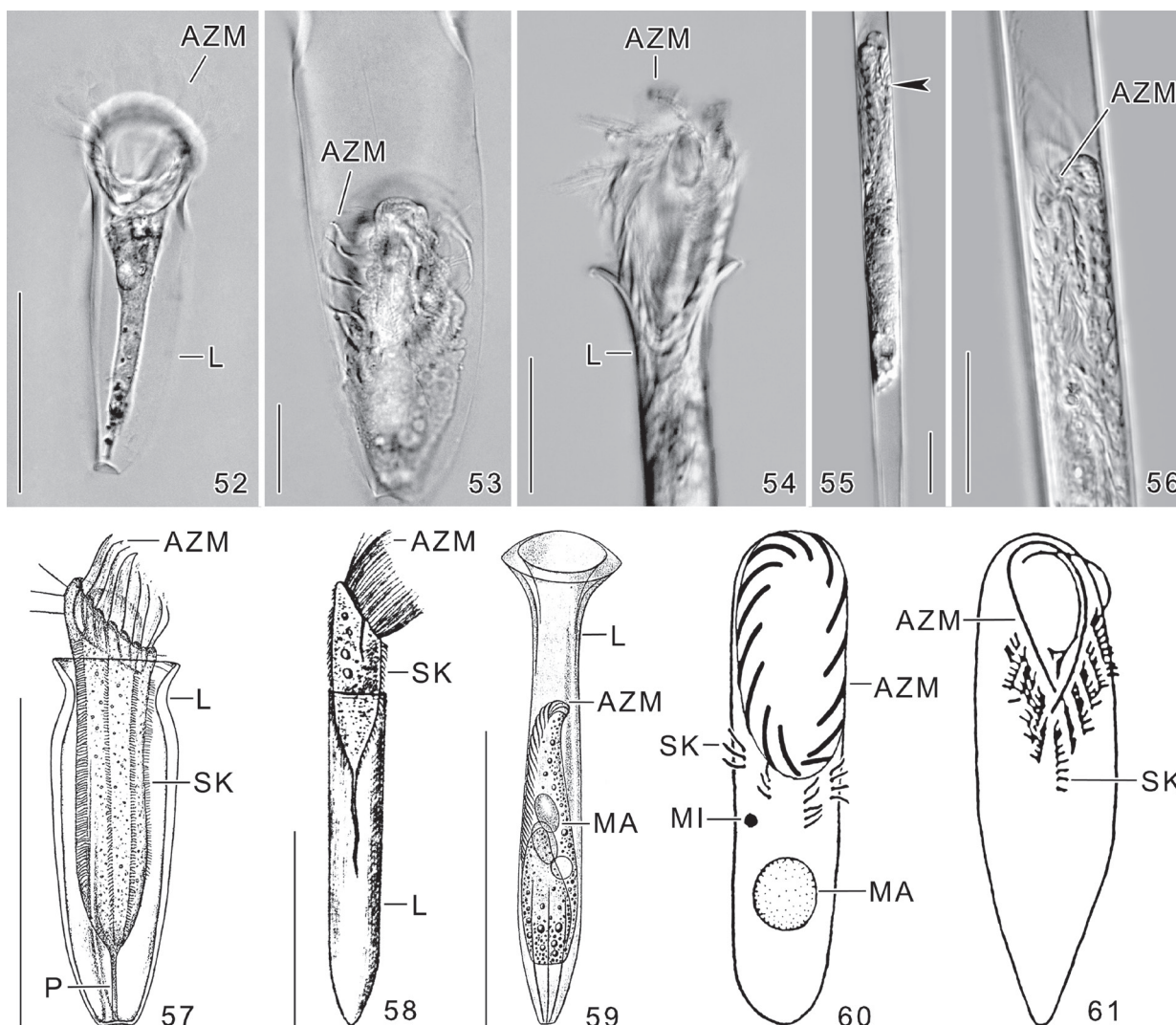
**Figs S14–S27.** Evolution of somatic ciliary patterns in choreotrichid genus *Pelagostrobilidium* [originals based on Lynn and Montagnes 1988 (21, 26), Montagnes and Taylor 1994 (25), Agatha and Riedel-Lorjé 1998 (16), Song and Bradbury 1998 (24), Ota and Taniguchi 2003 (23), Küppers *et al.* 2006 (18), Lee *et al.* 2011 (19), Liu *et al.* 2012 (17, 27); protargol impregnation]. **14** – Hypothetic *Rimostrobilidium*-like ancestor; **15, 20, 22** – hypothetic intermediate states; **16** – *P. conicum*; **17** – *P. minutum*; **18** – *P. wilberti*; **19** – *P. kima* nov. spec.; **21** – *P. epacrum*; **23** – *Pelagostrobilidium* spec.; **24** – *P. simile*; **25** – *P. neptuni*; **26** – *P. spirale*; **27** – *P. paraepacrum*. 1–5 – somatic kineties 1–5.





**Figs S28–S38.** Structure and texture of hyaline loricae [28–31, 33, 35–38, originals from specimens collected at the U.S. east coast (28, 29, 31, 35) and in the Mediterranean Sea (30, 33, 36–38); 32, after Abboud-Abi Saab 2008; 34, after Gold and Morales 1977; scanning electron micrographs]. **28, 29** – *Favella panamensis*, lateral view of lorica (28) and lorica wall with removed outer surface (29) showing the monolaminar texture with alveoli; **30** – *Climacocylis* sp., lateral view of lorica. The monolaminar texture with alveoli is recognizable in the posterior portion of the lorica, where the surface layer has been removed; **31, 35** – *Schmidingerella arcuata*, lateral view of lorica (31) and fracture of lorica wall (35). The lorica wall has minute pores and reticulate ridges on the outer surface; **32** – *Epiplocyloides*, lateral view of lorica. The wall has minute pores and reticulate ridges; **33, 34, 36** – *Rhabdonella spiralis* (33, 36) and *Rhabdonellopsis apophysata* (34), lateral views of loricae (33, 34) and fracture of lorica wall (36). The walls have minute pores and spiralled, anastomosing ridges; **37, 38** – *Xystonella longicauda*, lateral view of lorica (38) and fracture of lorica wall (37). Scale bars: 200  $\mu\text{m}$  (28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 38), 50  $\mu\text{m}$  (32), and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (29, 35–37).





**Figs S52–S61.** Obliquely orientated adoral zones of membranelles in tintinnids (52–56, originals from specimens collected in the Mediterranean Sea; 57, from Fauré-Fremiet 1924; 58, redrawn by Kent 1880–1882; 59, from Entz 1884; 60, 61, from Small and Lynn 1985; 52–59, from life; 60, 61, protargol impregnation). **52, 53, 57** – *Amphorides quadrilineata*, extended (52, 57) and contracted (53) specimens; **54–56** – *Salpingella attenuata*, just extending (54) and contracted specimens (55, 56). Arrowhead marks oblique adoral zone (55); **58** – *Bursaopsis obliqua*, extending specimen. Size taken from Kent (1881–1882); **59** – *Steenstrupiella entzi*. Entz (1884) and Kofoid and Campbell (1929) identified the cell in the lorica with a hypotrich ciliate, possibly based on the oblique and thus untypical orientation of the adoral zone; **60** – *Salpingacantha* sp., contracted specimen without lorica (size not mentioned); **61** – *Amphorellopsis acuta*, contracted specimen without lorica (size not mentioned). Scale bars: 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (52, 57–59) and 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (53–56). AZM – adoral zone of membranelles, L – lorica, MA – macronucleus, MI – micronucleus, P – peduncle, SK – somatic kineties.



**Figs S39–S51.** Structure and texture of agglomerated loricae (39–48, originals from specimens collected in the Mediterranean Sea; 49, after Burns 1983; 50, 51, after Gold and Morales 1977; scanning electron micrographs). **39–41, 48** – *Codonella aspera*, lateral view of lorica (39), detail of outer bowl surface with impressions of formerly incrustated coccoliths (40), fracture surface of bowl (41), and inner collar surface (48). The wall seems to be composed of compact matrix material, in which particles are/were embedded, and an inner layer (arrowhead); **42–44** – *Codonellopsis schabi*, lateral view of lorica (42) and surfaces and fracture surfaces of bowl (43, 44). Apparently, the agglomerated particles are embedded into compact matrix material and an inner layer (arrowheads) lines the bowl; **45–47** – *Stenosemella ventricosa*, lateral view of lorica (45) and fracture surfaces of bowls (46, 47) showing compact matrix material, in which particles are embedded, and a continuous inner layer (arrowheads); **49** – *Dictyocysta reticulata*, transition zone between collar and bowl. The impressions of the formerly embedded coccoliths strongly resemble those in *Codonella* (Figs S39, S40); accordingly, we assume a similar wall texture; **50, 51** – *Codonaria oceanica*, lateral view of lorica (50) and lorica matrix (51) after hydrochloric acid treatment that removed the coccoliths. The impressions of the formerly embedded coccoliths strongly resemble those in *Codonella* (Figs S39, S40); thus, a similar wall texture is supposed. Scale bars: 50  $\mu\text{m}$  (50), 40  $\mu\text{m}$  (39, 42, 45), 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (40, 43, 47–49, 51), and 4  $\mu\text{m}$  (41, 44, 46).

**Table S1.** Character states and coding used for construction of a cladogram with the Hennigian argumentation method (first or only code; Figs. S6, S12, S13) and for computer analyses (only or second code; Figs. S3–S5). The coding is mainly based on outgroup comparison with the hypotrichs. If not stated otherwise, the characters are ordered/additive (the states have a certain sequence; Wagner/Farris optimisation).

Characters	
Apomorphic states	Plesiomorphic states
1 Cell usually globular to obconical (coded 1)	Cell usually distinctly dorsoventrally flattened (coded 0)
2 Usually planktonic (coded 1)	Usually benthic (coded 0)
3 Adoral zone of membranelles mainly apical (coded 1) or secondarily ventral in contracted specimens (coded 2)	Adoral zone of membranelles mainly ventral (coded 0)
4 Adoral zone of membranelles circular (coded 1) or secondarily with minute ventral gap (coded 2)	Adoral zone of membranelles C-shaped (coded 0)
5 30–50% (coded 1) or 0% (coded 2) of adoral polykinetids composed of four rows of basal bodies	> 90% of adoral polykinetids composed of four rows of basal bodies (coded 0)
6 Postciliary and transverse microtubules absent in adoral membranelles (coded 1)	Postciliary and transverse microtubules present in adoral membranelles (coded 0)
7 Collar polykinetids bipartite (coded 1)	Collar polykinetids continuous (coded 0)
8 Adoral zone bipartite, i.e., composed of buccal membranelles with small polykinetids and short cilia and collar membranelles with broad polykinetids and long cilia (coded 1), buccal membranelles absent (coded 2)	Adoral zone not bipartite, i.e., polykinetids and cilia of membranelles gradually decrease in size towards the cytostome (coded 0)
9 Last collar membranelles with proximally elongated polykinetids (coded 1) or proximally and distally elongated polykinetids (coded 2)	All collar membranelles with similar-sized polykinetids (coded 0)
10 Undulating membrane(s) often diplostichomonad (two parallel rows of basal bodies) or polystichomonad (more than two parallel rows of basal bodies; coded 1)	Undulating membrane(s) monostichomonad (single row of basal bodies; coded 0)
11 Paroral membrane absent (coded 1), paroral and endoral membranes absent (coded 2)	Usually endoral and paroral membranes present (coded 0)
12 Cyrtos-like (conspicuously strong) pharyngeal fibres (coded 1)	Common pharyngeal fibres (coded 0)
13 Cirri absent (coded 1)	Cirri present (coded 0)
14 <sup>a</sup> Somatic kinetids unciliated (coded 1) or with clavate cilia (coded 2)	Somatic kinetids with rod-shaped or fusiform cilia (coded 0)
15 <sup>a</sup> Usually one or two somatic kineties (coded 1), usually ten or more somatic kineties (coded 2)	Usually 3–9 somatic kineties (coded 0)
16 $\geq 40\%$ of unspecialised somatic kineties shortened or entirely reduced (coded 1)	Unspecialised somatic kineties extend from adoral zone of membranelles to posterior cell end (coded 0)
17 <sup>a</sup> Some unspecialised somatic kineties curved (coded 1) or forming a posterior spiral (coded 2)	Unspecialised somatic kineties longitudinal (coded 0)
18 <sup>a</sup> <i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 1: anteriorly (coded 1) or posteriorly shortened (coded 2)	<i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 1: unshortened (coded 0)
19 <sup>b</sup> <i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 2: posteriorly shortened (coded 1; coded 10000); anteriorly shortened (coded 2; coded 01000); distinctly sigmoidal (coded 3; coded 01100); semicircular (coded 4; coded 01110); or performs $\sim 270^\circ$ curvature (coded 5; coded 01111)	<i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> : somatic kinety 2 unshortened and slightly sigmoidal (coded 0; coded 00000)
20 <i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kineties 3 and 4: posteriorly shortened (coded 1)	<i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kineties 3 and 4: unshortened (coded 0)
21 <i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 5: posteriorly shortened (coded 1) or absent (coded 2)	<i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 5: unshortened (coded 0)
22 <sup>b</sup> <i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 6: posteriorly shortened (coded 1; coded 1000); absent (coded 2; coded 1100); L-shaped (coded 3; coded 0010); or U-shaped (coded 4; coded 0011)	<i>Pelagostrobilidium</i> – somatic kinety 6: longitudinal and unshortened (coded 0)
23 <sup>a</sup> Oligotrichid ventral kinety erected (coded 1), usually indistinct or absent (coded 2)	Oligotrichid ventral kinety dextrally spiralled (coded 0)

Characters	
Apomorphic states	Plesiomorphic states
24 <sup>b</sup> Oligotrichid girdle kinety: dextrally spiralled with posterior end inversely orientated (coded 1; coded 10000000000); horizontally orientated anterior to oral primordium (coded 2; coded 01000000000); sinistrally spiralled (coded 3; coded 01100000000); horizontally orientated anterior to oral primordium with dorsal gap (coded 4; coded 01010000000); horizontally orientated at level of oral primordium, with dorsal gap (coded 5; coded 01011000000); horizontally orientated posterior to oral primordium and separate from extrusome attachment sites (coded 6; coded 01000100000); horizontally orientated posterior to oral primordium together with extrusome attachment sites (coded 7; coded 01000010000); Ω-shaped anterior to oral primordium (coded 8; coded 01000001000); Ω-shaped posterior to oral primordium (coded 9; coded 0000000100); extends to posterior cell end on ventral and dorsal sides, in two or three fragments (coded 10; coded 00000000110); in several mostly clockwise inclined fragments (coded 11; coded 00000000101)	Oligotrichid girdle kinety dextrally spiralled (coded 0; coded 00000000000)
25 Somatic kineties arranged in a right and left ciliary field (coded 1)	Somatic kineties more or less equidistantly arranged (coded 0)
26 <sup>a</sup> Two ventral organelles (coded 1) or one specialised tintinnid ventral kinety (coded 2)	Specialised ventral organelles or tintinnid ventral kinety absent (coded 0)
27 Tintinnid ventral kinety composed of a monokinetidal anterior and a dikinetidal posterior portion (coded 1)	Tintinnid ventral kinety monokinetidal (coded 0)
28 Right ciliary field and tintinnid ventral kinety separated by a broad unciliated stripe (coded 1)	Right ciliary field abuts on ventral kinety (coded 0)
29 Two dorsal kineties (coded 1) or one dorsal kinety (coded 2)	Specialised dorsal kinety/kineties absent (coded 0)
30 Posterior kinety present (coded 1)	Specialised posterior kinety absent (coded 0)
31 Lateral ciliary field present (coded 1)	Lateral ciliary field absent (coded 0)
32 <sup>b</sup> Unspecialised somatic kineties: some dikinetids with cilia only at the anterior basal bodies, other dikinetids with two cilia (coded 1; coded 10000000); all dikinetids with two cilia (coded 2; coded 11000000); most dikinetids with cilia only at the posterior basal bodies, few dikinetids with two cilia (coded 3; coded 11100000); all dikinetids with cilia only at the posterior basal bodies (coded 4; coded 11110000); some dikinetids with cilia only at the posterior basal bodies, some ciliated monokinetids (coded 5; coded 11111000); ciliated monokinetids (coded 6; coded 11111100); mostly ciliated monokinetids, some dikinetids with two cilia, some dikinetids with cilia only at the posterior basal bodies (coded 7; coded 11100010); mostly ciliated monokinetids, some dikinetids with two cilia (coded 8; coded 11100011)	Unspecialised somatic kineties composed of dikinetids, each has a distinct cilium associated only with the anterior basal body (coded 0; coded 00000000)
33 Somatic kinetids condensed (coded 1)	Somatic kinetids distinctly separate (coded 0)
34 <sup>a</sup> Majority of members with one ellipsoidal macronucleus nodule (coded 1), one C-shaped macronucleus (coded 2), or more than two macronucleus nodules (coded 3)	Majority of members with two macronucleus nodules (coded 0)
35 <sup>a</sup> Tintinnid extrusomes (capsules) and/or structures usually associated with tintinnid extrusomes (coded 1) or oligotrichid extrusomes (trichites; coded 2) present	Extrusomes absent (coded 0)
36 Stripe of extrusome (trichite) attachment sites distinctly apart from oligotrichid girdle kinety (coded 1)	Stripe of extrusome (trichite) attachment sites directly anterior to oligotrichid girdle kinety (coded 0)
37 <sup>a</sup> Capsule Type II (coded 1)	Capsule Type I (coded 0)
38 Mucocyst Type A (coded 1)	Mucocysts absent (coded 0)
39 <sup>a</sup> Contractility of peduncle (coded 1) or tail (coded 2)	Posterior cell portion acontractile (coded 0)
40 <sup>a</sup> Anterior cell portion with contractile tentacles (coded 1) or tentaculoids (coded 2)	Anterior cell portion without cytoplasmic appendages (coded 0)
41 Polysaccharidic cortical platelets (coded 1)	Cortical platelets absent (coded 0)
42 Kinetal lips covering bases of somatic cilia present (coded 1)	Kinetal lips covering bases of somatic cilia absent (coded 0)

Characters	
Apomorphic states	Plesiomorphic states
43 Vesicular reticulum present (coded 1)	Vesicular reticulum absent (coded 0)
44 Lorica present (coded 1)	Lorica absent (coded 0)
45 <sup>a</sup> Lorica types: bowl agglomerated, collar hyaline (coded 1); entirely hyaline (coded 2)	Lorica entirely agglomerated (coded 0)
46 <sup>b</sup> Lorica flexible with subterminal membrane (coded 1; coded 010), hard (coded 2; coded 100), or hard and collapsible (coded 3; coded 101)	Lorica flexible (coded 0; coded 000)
47 <sup>a</sup> Texture of lorica wall: monolaminar alveolar (coded 1); collar monolaminar alveolar, bowl bilaminar (coded 2); or collar monolaminar compact, bowl bilaminar (coded 3)	Texture of lorica wall monolaminar compact (coded 0)
48 <sup>a</sup> Closing apparatus: foldable with lorica sac (coded 1) or diaphragm-like without lorica sac (coded 2)	Lorica sac and closing apparatus absent (coded 0)
49 Enantiotropy (coded 1)	Homeotropy (coded 0)
50 <sup>b</sup> Stomatogenesis hypoapokinetal in transient tube (coded 1; coded 100), in permanent tube (coded 2; coded 110), or in transient pouch (coded 3; coded 101)	Stomatogenesis epiapokinetal (coded 0; coded 000)
51 Undulating membranes originate de novo (coded 1)	Undulating membranes originate from oral primordium or cirral anlagen (coded 0)
52 Unspecialised somatic kineties originate de novo (coded 1)	Unspecialised somatic kineties originate usually by intrakinetal proliferation of basal bodies (coded 0)
53 Reorganisation of somatic kineties present (coded 1)	Reorganisation of somatic kineties absent (coded 0)
54 Preformed emergence pore of resting cyst closed with a plug (coded 1)	Preformed emergence pore and plug absent in resting cyst (coded 0)
55 Ectocyst (outer cyst layer) bipartite and granular (coded 1)	Ectocyst comprises a single microfibrillar or membranous layer (coded 0)
56 Wall of resting cyst with inorganic layers (coded 1)	Wall of resting cyst without inorganic layers (coded 0)
57 <sup>a</sup> Lepidosome structure tubular (coded 1) or fibrous (coded 2)	Lepidosomes absent (coded 0)
58 Lepidosome shape conical/spine-like (coded 1)	Lepidosomes globular (coded 0)
59 “Curious structures” in cytoplasm of resting cyst present (coded 1)	“Curious structures” in cytoplasm of resting cyst absent (coded 0)
60 Cyst wall precursors of halteriid type (coded 1)	Cyst wall precursors of hypotrich type (coded 0)
61 Inner cyst membrane that encloses the ciliate emerging from the cyst absent (coded 1)	Inner cyst membrane that encloses the ciliate emerging from the cyst present (coded 0)
62 Pycnosis of vegetative macronucleus without fragmentation (coded 1)	Fragmentation of vegetative macronucleus prior to pycnosis (coded 0)
63 <sup>a</sup> Interlocking arrangement (coded 1) or oblique arrangement (coded 2) of conjugants	Parallel arrangement of conjugants (coded 0)
64 Transient dimorphism of conjugants (coded 1)	Isomorphic conjugants (coded 0)
65 Conjugants share membranelles (coded 1)	Conjugants do not share membranelles (coded 0)
66 Single derivative of first maturation division performs second division (coded 1)	All derivatives of first maturation division participate in second division (coded 0)

<sup>a</sup>Non-additive (unordered) character states, i.e., each state can change into any other state by one step.

<sup>b</sup>Binary coding of character state trees (first code for Hennigian argumentation scheme; second code for computer analyses).

**Table S2.** Distribution of character states over the taxa cladistically analysed with the computer programs PAUP\* and Hennig86 (Figs S3–S5). Note that the character state trees of Characters 19, 22, 24, 32, 46, and 50 (Table S1) were converted into additive binary coding. Shades of grey mark the most common (in  $\geq 50\%$  of species) character state in a polymorphic taxon and the presumed character state of a taxon adopted from the state in its closest relatives.

Taxon <sup>a</sup>	Characters									
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	
Hypo	00000000-1	0000000---	-----	-----	-----00	000000000-	--000000--	---000000	1000100000	2110
Mese	1110100100	0010000---	-----	-----	-----00	000000010-	--000000--	---100011	1010201100	?111
Halt	1110100100	0010010---	-----	-----	-----00	000000110-	--000000--	---100011	10102111?0	1111
Phal	1110100100	0010010---	-----	-----	-----00	000000110-	--000000--	---100011	10?0??11?0	?111
Cyrt	111020020-	2110111---	-----1	0101000000	0-----00	0000000120	--001000--	---110010	01?1?1????	000?
Will	1110200100	1010111---	-----2	0101100000	0-----00	0000000120	--00?000--	---110010	01?1??????	000?
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<sup>a</sup> *Amph* – *Amphorellopsis*, *Apos* – *Apostrombidium*, *bras* – *Tintinnopsis brasiliensis*, *Cera* – *Codonella cratera*, *Cpsi* – *Codonellopsis*, *cyda* – *Tintinnopsis cylindrata*, *cyli* – *Tintinnopsis cylindrica*, *Cyma* – *Cymatocyliis*, *Cyrt* – *Cyrtostrombidium*, *Euti* – *Eutintinnus*, *Fehr* – *Favella ehrenbergii*, *fluv* – *Tintinnidium fluviatile* of subgenus *Tintinnidium*, *Fois* – *Foissneridium*, *Halt* – *Halteria*, *Hypo* – *hypotrachs*, *Laac* – *Laackmanniella*, *Labo* – *Laboea*, *lacu* – *Stenosemella lacustris*, *Leib* – *Leegaardiella elbraechteri*, *Limn* – *Limnostrombidium*, *Lohm* – *Lohmanniella*, *Lova* – *Leegaardiella ovalis*, *Lsol* – *Leegaardiella sol*, *Lynn* – *Lynnella*, *Memb* – *Membranicola*, *Mese* – *Meseres*, *Noap* – *Novistrombidium apsheronicum*, *Nola* – *Nolachusilis*, *Nosi* – *Novistrombidium sinicum*, *Ocod* – other *Codonella* species, *Omeg* – *Omegastrombidium*, *Opis* – *Opisthostrombidium*, *Oste* – other *Stenosemella* species, *Otsp* – other *Tintinnopsis* species, *Parb* – *Parastrombidium*, *Parp* – *Parastrombidinopsis*, *Pato* – *Paratontonia*, *Pcon* – *Pelagostrobilidium conicum*, *Pepa* – *Pelagostrobilidium epacrum*, *Phal* – *Pelagohalteria*, *Pkim* – *Pelagostrobilidium kimae*, *Plle* – *Parallelostrombidium*, *Plst* – *Stelagostrombidium*, *Pmin* – *Pelagostrobilidium minutum*, *Pnep* – *Pelagostrobilidium neptuni*, *Pota* – *Pelagostrobilidium* studied by Ota and Taniguchi (2003), *Ppep* – *Pelagostrobilidium paraeacrum*, *Psim* – *Pelagostrobilidium simile*, *Pspi* – *Pelagostrobilidium spirale*, *Psto* – *Pseudotontonia*, *pusi* – *Tintinnidium pusillum* of subgenus *Tintinnidium*, *Pwil* – *Pelagostrobilidium wilberti*, *radi* – *Tintinnopsis radix*, *Rhiz* – *Rhizodorus*, *Rimo* – *Rimostrombidium*, *Scan* – *Salpingacantha*, *Schm* – *Schmidingerella arcuata*, *semi* – *Tintinnidium semiciliatum* of subgenus *Semitintinnidium*, *Spir* – *Spirostrombidium*, *Spsi* – *Strombidinopsis*, *Spto* – *Spirotontonia*, *Strb* – *Strobilidium*, *Stro* – *Strombidium*, *toca* – *Tintinnopsis tocaninensis*, *Tont* – *Tontonia*, *Vari* – *Varistrombidium*, *Will* – *Williophrya*.



**Table S3.** Alphabetical list of all sequences used in the phylogenetic analyses of this study: genus and species name, isolate or strain designation if necessary, and GenBank Accession Number.

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<i>Amphorellopsis acuta</i>	EU399530	<i>Favella campanula</i>	FJ422984
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<i>Amphorellopsis quinquealata</i>	JQ924058	<i>Favella markusovszkyi</i>	JN871725
<i>Amphorides amphora</i>	JX101849	<i>Favella panamensis</i>	AY143572
<i>Amphorides quadrilineata</i>	JQ408193	<i>Halteria grandinella</i>	AF194410
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<i>Anteholosticha parawarreni</i>	JQ289923	<i>Helicostomella subulata</i>	JN831786
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<i>Aspidisca steinii</i>	AF305625	<i>Laackmanniella prolongata</i>	JQ924056
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<i>Codonaria cistellula</i>	JQ408202	<i>Laboea strobila</i>	AY302563
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<i>Codonella aspera</i>	JQ408179	<i>Meseres corlissi</i> (strain CHI)	EU399529
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<i>Spirotontonia turbinata</i>	FJ422994	<i>Tintinnopsis lobiancoi</i>	JN831814
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<i>Stenosemella pacifica</i>	JN831792	<i>Tintinnopsis parva</i>	JN831824
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<i>Styxophrya quadricornuta</i>	X53485	<i>Xystonella longicauda</i>	JQ408160

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