

Supplementary Information

The Impact of Paleoclimatic Changes on Body Size Evolution in Marine Fishes

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Other supplementary materials for this manuscript include the following:

Raw sequence reads for >1100 exon markers for all newly generated taxa (145 individuals representing 135 species) in this analysis. Uploaded to NCBI Sequence Read Archive under BioProject number PRJNA767646:

Dataset S1

A compressed folder containing all data files is available from Dryad (<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.z34tmpgfw>).

These include:

Datasets S2-S13

Supplementary Materials and Methods:

Taxonomic sampling and genomic data. We generated new genomic data from tissue samples extracted from museum voucher specimens (Dataset S1, Table S13) for 131 species of the order Tetraodontiformes and four species in its living sister clade, Lophiiformes (1). We shipped DNA extractions to Arbor Biosciences for library preparation and target enrichment. Libraries for all samples were processed at the sequencing facilities at the University of Chicago (<https://fgf.uchicago.edu>). Sequencing of pair end 100 bp reads was completed on a HiSeq 4000 with a total of 192 samples multiplexed per lane, including samples for other projects not listed here. Raw reads for newly sequenced exon-capture data are archived on NCBI Sequence Read Archive under BioProject number PRJNA767646 (Dataset S1). Target capture probes were based on a set of 1,105 single-copy nuclear exon markers (2, 3). Several of these 1,105 loci include “legacy” markers, which are popular markers within fish phylogenetics (4). One of the 131 newly sequenced species (*Rhinecanthus verrucosus*) was excluded due to low capture efficiency, leaving 130 newly sequenced taxa for use in downstream analyses. To increase taxonomic sampling, exon markers from four additional tetraodontiform species were mined from previously published genomes and transcriptomes (2) (Dataset S2). In addition, a total of 51 tetraodontiform species and one outgroup (Perciformes: *Antigonia capros*) were downloaded from NCBI; these include sequences from one mitochondrial and 15 nuclear markers (1, 3–5) (Dataset S2). The final molecular matrix includes a total of 185 out of *ca.* 450 extant tetraodontiforms (~41.1%) representing all 10 extant families.

Alignment and quality control. Sequences for each exon were aligned with MACSE v 2.03 (6) after cleaning out potentially non-homologous fragments with the -cleanNonHomologousSequences option. Separate alignments were conducted, including the target exon in MAFFT v. 7.427 (7). All alignments were visually inspected to adjust the reading frames, remove poor-quality reads, and correct misaligned sections in Geneious Prime v. 2020.1.1 (8). Alignment summary statistics, such as the percentage of missing data, GC content, proportion of variable sites, and alignment length was assessed using the python package AMAS (9) (Dataset S8).

Given the pervasiveness of contamination in phylogenomic datasets, quality control analyses consisted of visual inspection of individual gene trees estimated in IQTREE v.1.6.12 (10) and manual inspection of individual gene alignments, following the pipeline implemented by Arcila et al. (11). Additional steps of quality control included cross-validating species identifications of all newly sequenced tissue samples by blasting the mtDNA-COI barcode region against the Barcode of Life Data System (BOLD) repositories (12) using the ‘bold_identification’ python script (13) (Dataset S10). After these quality control steps, two of the newly sequenced exons were deleted from the analysis due to high levels of missing data, leaving a total of 1,103 loci.

Phylogenomic inference. We inferred phylogenetic trees and support values using maximum likelihood with IQTREE v.1.6.12 (10) and a multi-species coalescent approach in ASTRAL-III (14) based on IQTREE gene trees. To account for the effects of missing data in our dataset, we conducted two concatenation-based maximum likelihood (ML) analyses: one including all newly sequenced taxa (134 tetraodontiform species, 47% missing data overall; Dataset S6), and a second analysis that excluded taxa with more than 65% missing data (102 tetraodontiform

species, < 33% missing data overall; Dataset S7) for all 1,103 exon markers. Because the topology and branch lengths are largely in agreement between the two analyses (*SI Appendix: Figs. S2, S3*), all downstream phylogenetic analyses use the complete dataset (134 tetraodontiform species and 1,103 exon markers). We used PartitionFinder2 (15) to infer the best partitioning scheme for the concatenated datasets, beginning with a total of 3,309 *a priori* partitions (three codon positions for each of the 1,103 loci). From these initial partitions, a best-fit scheme of 719 partitions was identified and used as input for all ML phylogenetic analyses. Each of the 719 partitions used a substitution model of either GTR+G or GTR+I+G.

To account for discordance arising from incomplete lineage sorting (ILS), we conducted a multi-species coalescent analysis with multi-locus bootstrapping in ASTRAL-III (14) (Dataset S5) using 1,103 unrooted individual gene trees (partitioned by codon position) inferred from IQTREE (Dataset S4). We estimated branch support for all gene trees in IQTREE using the ultra-fast bootstrapping approach with 1,000 replicates implemented using the ‘-bnni’ option (16). We used bootstrap replicates for each gene as input for ASTRAL, as well as all 1,103 maximum likelihood gene trees.

Integration of fossil and extant species. To combine the fossils and extant tetraodontiform species, we used the morphological matrix of Arcila and Tyler (17), which consists of 210 characters coded for 17 extant and 52 fossil tetraodontiform species plus two additional outgroup taxa (Lophiiformes: *Lophiodes monodi*, and Zeiformes: *Cyttus novaezealandiae*). We combined this morphological matrix with our genomic dataset for a total of 237 tetraodontiform species and seven outgroups. Our analyses use the GTRGAMMA and Mk models with four partitions; three for the molecular sequences (one for each codon position); and one for the morphological dataset.

Phylogenetic uncertainty and total evidence dating using the fossilized birth death process. In addition to the phylogenomic analyses described above, we conducted divergence time estimations under a total evidence, or tip-dating, framework using the Fossilized Birth Death (FBD) model in MrBayes v 3.2.7a (18). To account for topological uncertainty, we assembled 15 largely independent genomic subsets containing *ca.* 50 randomly selected loci (~20,000 bp) subsampled from the complete genomic dataset of 1,103 loci. All subsets overlap in only five “anchor” genes to maintain the same set of species for each subset (19, 20). In addition to genomic data, each subset contains the morphological dataset for fossil taxa. We ran all 15 subsets in MrBayes with tree sampling occurring every 10,000 generations. We used a relaxed clock model with the clock rate prior following a log normal distribution and independent gamma rate (IGR). After 6 months of total runtime, we found that only 5 (of the 15) subsets reached convergence based on estimated sample size (ESS) values close to or above 200. After filtering out analyses that fail to converge, we updated the root prior ages with different distributions and added certain phylogenetic constraints, described below.

Updated subset schemes (root priors and the inclusion/exclusion of Plectocretacioidea). Because there is not yet consensus on whether the superfamily Plectocretacioidea should be considered as stem tetraodontiforms and the exclusion of this superfamily has the potential to drastically affect age estimations (17, 21), we used two different schemes including and excluding the plectocretacoids for a total of 10 subsets. This superfamily, containing four extinct taxa, are some of the oldest acanthomorph fish fossils and share 14 morphological

synapomorphies with Tetraodontiformes (17). The first scheme includes plectocretacicoids in the analysis and places the oldest fossil calibration age at 95 Ma, the minimum age of the oldest plectocretacicoid fossil (*Plectocretacicus clarae*[†]). The second analysis excludes plectocretacicoids and the oldest fossil calibration is 59 Ma, based on the minimum age of the oldest fossil (*Moclaybalistes danekrus*[†]) assigned to crown tetraodontiforms.

To test if the tree age prior influences the root age, we assigned three of the five subsets in each scheme a uniform distribution and the remaining two an offset exponential distribution for the tree age prior. For the subset scheme inclusive of Plectocretacicoidea, the uniform distribution has a minimum age of 95.9 Ma and maximum age of 110, and the offset exponential distribution has a minimum age of 95 Ma and mean age of 107.9. In the subset scheme exclusive of Plectocretacicoidea, the uniform distribution has a minimum age of 59 Ma and maximum age of 67.43 Ma, and the offset exponential distribution has a minimum age of 59 Ma and mean age of 61.8 Ma. To examine potential effects of the root prior distribution on the posterior estimations, we ran each distribution scheme (uniform distribution and offset exponential) without data for both fossil schemes (with and without Plectocretacicoidea; Tables S1-S4).

We placed constraints onto extant tetraodontiform families, as their monophyly is not debated, but rather how they are placed at the short inner branches at the base of the tree. In addition, we placed constraints for: Tetraodontoidea (Diodontidae+Tetraodontidae), Balistoidea (Balistidae+Monacanthidae), Triacanthoidea (Triacanthidae+Triacanthodidae), Ostracioidea (Ostraciidae+Aracanidae), and Plectocretacicoidea[†]. We also included constraints on fossil families and fossil genera for Bolcabalistidae[†], Monacanthidae+ Bolcabalistidae[†], *Zignoichthys*[†]+*Iraniplectus*[†]+Molidae, Triodontidae+Ctenoplectus[†], Ostracioidea+*Protobalistum*[†]+*Spinacanthus*[†], Tetraodontoidea+*Balkaria*[†]. Lastly, we assigned additional constraints for all Tetraodontiformes, all Lophiiformes, all Percomorpha, and a root constraint.

We ran the updated subset schemes in MrBayes until convergence (around 100-150 million generations, depending on the exact subset) and we combined all runs for each subset after discarding 10% of the first tree sampled as burn-in. We evenly sampled 100 trees (i.e. we took every nth tree until 100 trees were obtained) from the posterior distribution of each subset in a given scheme to take into account phylogenetic uncertainty for downstream comparative analyses, for a total of 500 trees. In addition, we constructed a maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree from 10,000 trees evenly sampled from the posterior of all five subsets using TreeAnnotator (22) (Dataset S11, S12).

Trait data. We compiled total length (TL) and standard length (SL) data for most fossil and extant tetraodontiform species in our dataset, targeting five individuals per species when possible (Dataset S3). We obtained length data for extinct species from museum collection databases (e.g., Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History) and published papers, and data for extant species from published papers, museum collections, and FishBase (23). In the case where TL was the only measurement reported in a dataset, we estimated the equation for SL, for each tetraodontiform family, based on species measurements where both TL and SL were known (Dataset S13). Because of the bias for smaller specimens in museum collections, we omitted any measurements from individuals that were more than 20% smaller than the maximum recorded size listed on FishBase, leaving one to three individuals per species which were averaged to obtain a mean maximum SL per species. We chose maximum SL values as an indicator for how large a species could potentially reach. We excluded three of the extinct tetraodontiform species

(*Archaeotetraodon cerrinaferoni*[†], *Archaeotetraodon dicarloi*[†], and *Ctenoplectrus williamsi*[†]) from the body length analyses due to incomplete or fragmented fossils, which precluded SL from being accurately assessed. We performed all analyses using log transformed values.

Because many species of tetraodontiform fishes are irregularly shaped (i.e. boxfishes, pufferfishes, etc.), we assessed the robustness of using SL as a proxy for body size compared to other measurements such as volume and surface area (SA) in a subset of tetraodontiform species, representing all 10 extant families. Using publicly available computed-tomography (CT) scan data accessed from MorphoSource.org for 27 species of tetraodontiforms in addition to newly collected CT scan data for 14 species (Dataset S9), we created three-dimensional models using the image computing platform Slicer(24). To accurately calculate volume and surface area, we solidified models using the WrapSolidify option in the Segment Editor module and calculated volume (mm³) and SA (mm²) using the Segment Statistics module. We measured the SL of the models using the ruler tool. We log-transformed all measurements and performed phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analyses between SL and volume, and SL and SA. PGLS between SL and volume revealed a strong positive correlation ($p = 0.0005$; *SI Appendix*, Fig. S13). A similar pattern was found for SL and SA ($p = 0.0248$; *SI Appendix*, Fig. S14). Because the resulting measurements were highly correlated to SL across the majority of extant tetraodontiform families, we opted to simply use SL as a proxy for body size. In addition to the simplicity of calculating SL for each extant species in our dataset, SL is easily obtained from fossil taxa, whereas other measurements, such as volume or SA, are impractical to obtain for such species.

Paleotemperature data. We obtained temperature curves that span the nearly 100 Ma evolutionary history of tetraodontiforms from Scotese et al. (25). These authors used oxygen isotope data to reconstruct past global average ocean temperatures and sea surface temperatures between tropical latitudes (15°N-15°S). Given the broad distributions (circumtropical/subtropical latitudes) and habitat preferences (mainly marine shallow-water, but also deep-water, estuarine, and freshwater dwellers) of tetraodontiforms, these two contrasting temperature curves most accurately capture the spectrum of past environmental affinities in this group.

Evolutionary model fitting. We conducted model fitting analyses in R version 4.0.2 (26). We fitted models of continuous character evolution using the R package ‘geiger’ and the ‘fitContinuous’ function. We selected two standard models of evolution: a Brownian motion (BM) model, where body size is expected to be randomly dispersed through time and an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, which is similar to a BM model, but with a tendency for a trait to move towards a central optimum. In addition, we fitted evolutionary rate models which include an early burst (EB) model where the rate of trait evolution is initially high, then decreases exponentially over time and a rate trend model which fits a linear trend in evolutionary rates through time (either towards a larger or smaller rate of evolution). To test Cope’s rule, we fitted a mean trend (or drift) model, which fits a directional trend component (i.e. towards a larger or smaller body size through time). To more explicitly assess an increase in body size in response to paleoclimatic changes over time (Cope-Bergmann rule), we fitted a climate-dependent OU model (Eq. 1), which is an extension of the classical OU process and has a time-dependent optimum $\theta(t)$ (27).

$$dX(t) = \alpha[\theta(t) - X(t)]dt + \sigma dB(t) \quad (1)$$

We tested this model using the two temperature curves mentioned above from Scotese et al. (25). We considered the best fitting model to be that with the lowest corrected Akaike information criteria (AICc) score. To account for tree uncertainty, we tested all models with the 500 trees selected from the posterior distribution. Additionally, we account for interspecific variation by incorporating measurement error into our comparative analyses by calculating the standard error of the mean for each species (standard deviation of SL/number of individuals) and incorporating this into the model fitting analyses.

Because there is a global trend towards declining temperatures over the evolutionary history of Tetraodontiformes (i.e. from the late Cretaceous to present day), it can be difficult to decouple the effects of temperature (Bergmann's Rule) from other processes that may be correlated to increased body sizes (Cope's Rule). To disentangle the effects of the long-term cooling trend from the main cyclic fluctuations of temperatures over the past 100 Ma, we decomposed the temperature curves and constructed an alternate "decomposed" OU climate model which uses two additional parameters: the overall trend and the variations around this trend (Fig. S13). To assess which parameter was most important to model fit, we ran three analyses on both temperature curves (GAT and tropical latitudes). The first analysis modeled the two independent components (overall trend and variations) together, the second modeled only the overall trend, and the third modeled only the variations (Fig. S14).

Ecomorphological correlations. To further determine if tetraodontiforms adhere to the Cope-Bergmann rule, we examined patterns of body size in relation to past ocean temperature changes for the two temperature curves mentioned above. We performed ancestral state reconstructions of body sizes for all nodes and mapped these onto the MCC tree using the 'contMap' function in the R package 'phytools' (28). This function maps estimated states at internal nodes using maximum likelihood and the 'fastAnc' function under a Brownian motion model. To take phylogenetic independence into account, we performed a phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analysis on each temperature curve from Scotese et al. (25). Because a PGLS requires tips as input, we modify our MCC tree by grafting branches with zero lengths onto each node of the MCC tree. These we now consider "tips" which can be assigned the estimated ancestral body size reconstructions for use in the analyses. Using the 'gls' function in the R package 'nlme', we first compared a set of evolutionary models including PGLS under a Brownian Motion (PGLS-BM) model, an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (PGLS-OU) model, and a model where phylogeny is not considered (i.e. Ordinary Least Squares or OLS). Because the 'gls' function requires an input tree, the OLS regressions were run after transforming species covariances by a Pagel's λ value of 0 using the 'lambdaTree' function in the 'phytools' package .

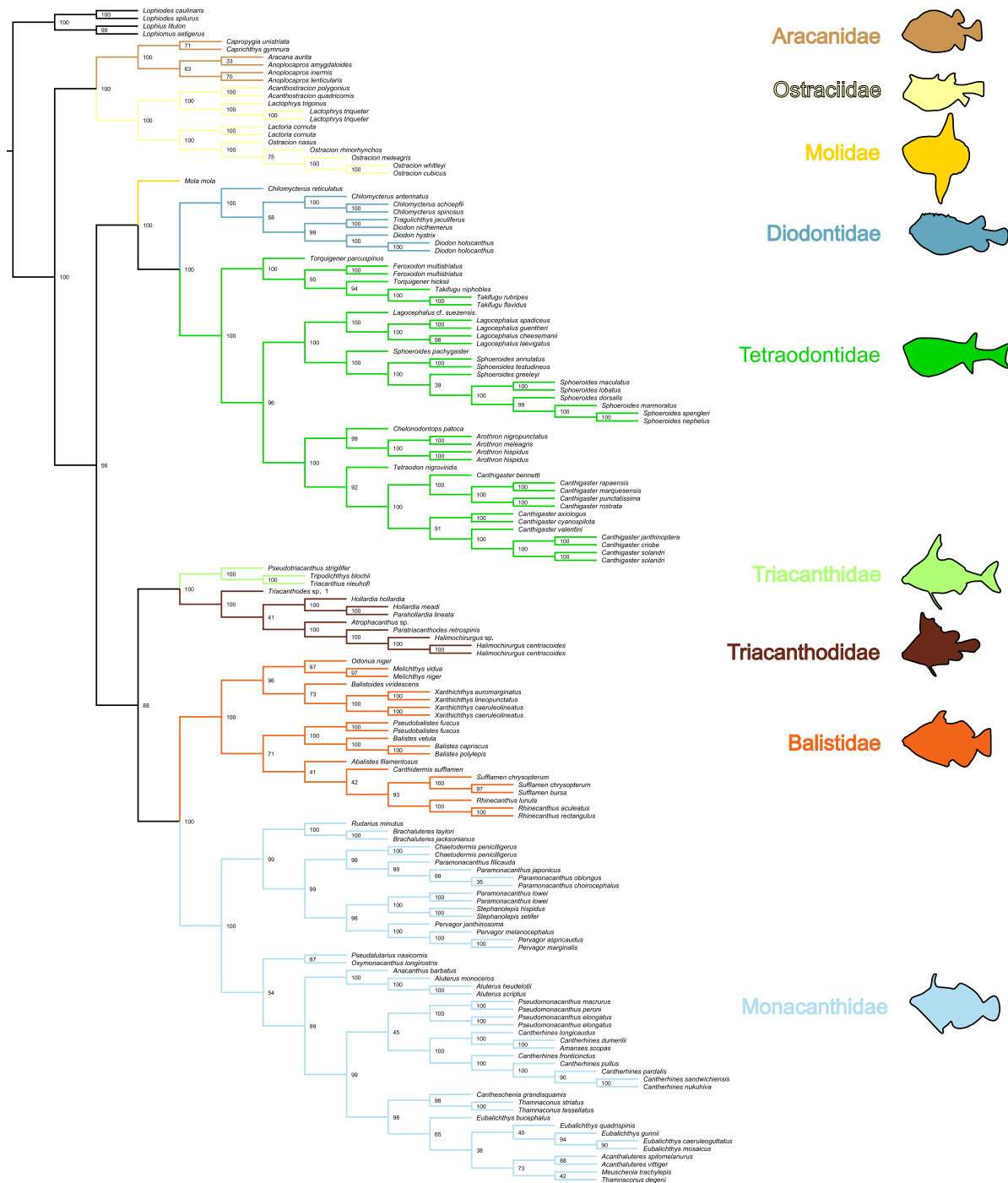


Fig. S1. Phylogeny of Tetraodontiformes based on multi-species coalescent analysis of 1,103 exons and 138 species (134 Tetraodontiformes, 4 outgroup Lophiiformes). Phylogenetic tree inferred with ASTRAL for all newly sequenced taxa and four previously published transcriptomes (3). Colors indicate families. Nodal values indicate bootstrap support. Tree is a cladogram and branch lengths do not represent any evolutionary distance.

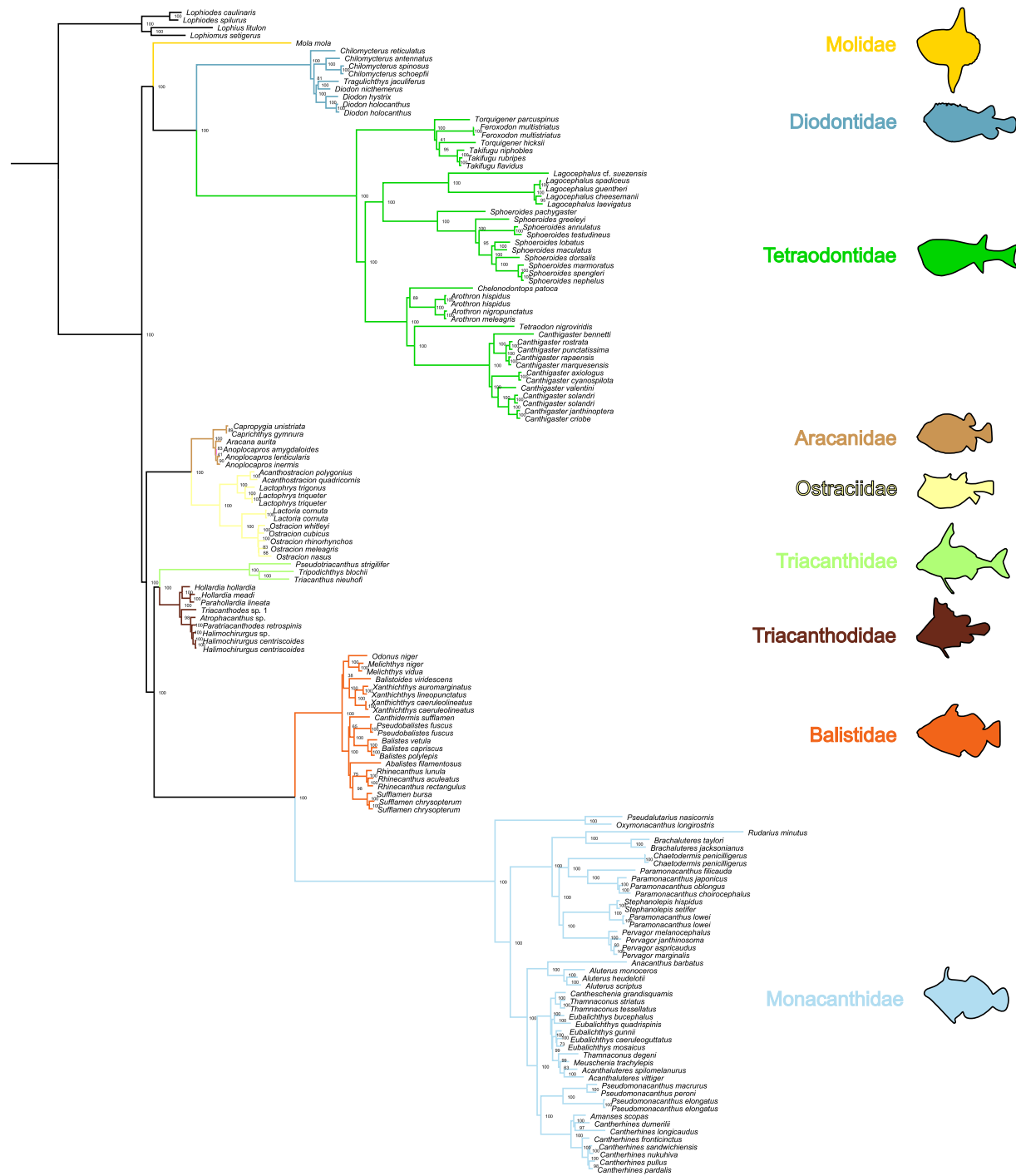


Fig. S2. Phylogeny of Tetraodontiformes based on concatenation analysis of 1,103 exons and 138 species (134 Tetraodontiformes, 4 outgroup Lophiiformes). Phylogenetic tree inferred with IQTREE using the best fit partition scheme identified with PartitionFinder for all newly sequenced taxa and four previously published transcriptomes (3). Colors indicate families. Nodal values indicate bootstrap support. Branch lengths are the number of nucleotide substitutions per nucleotide site.

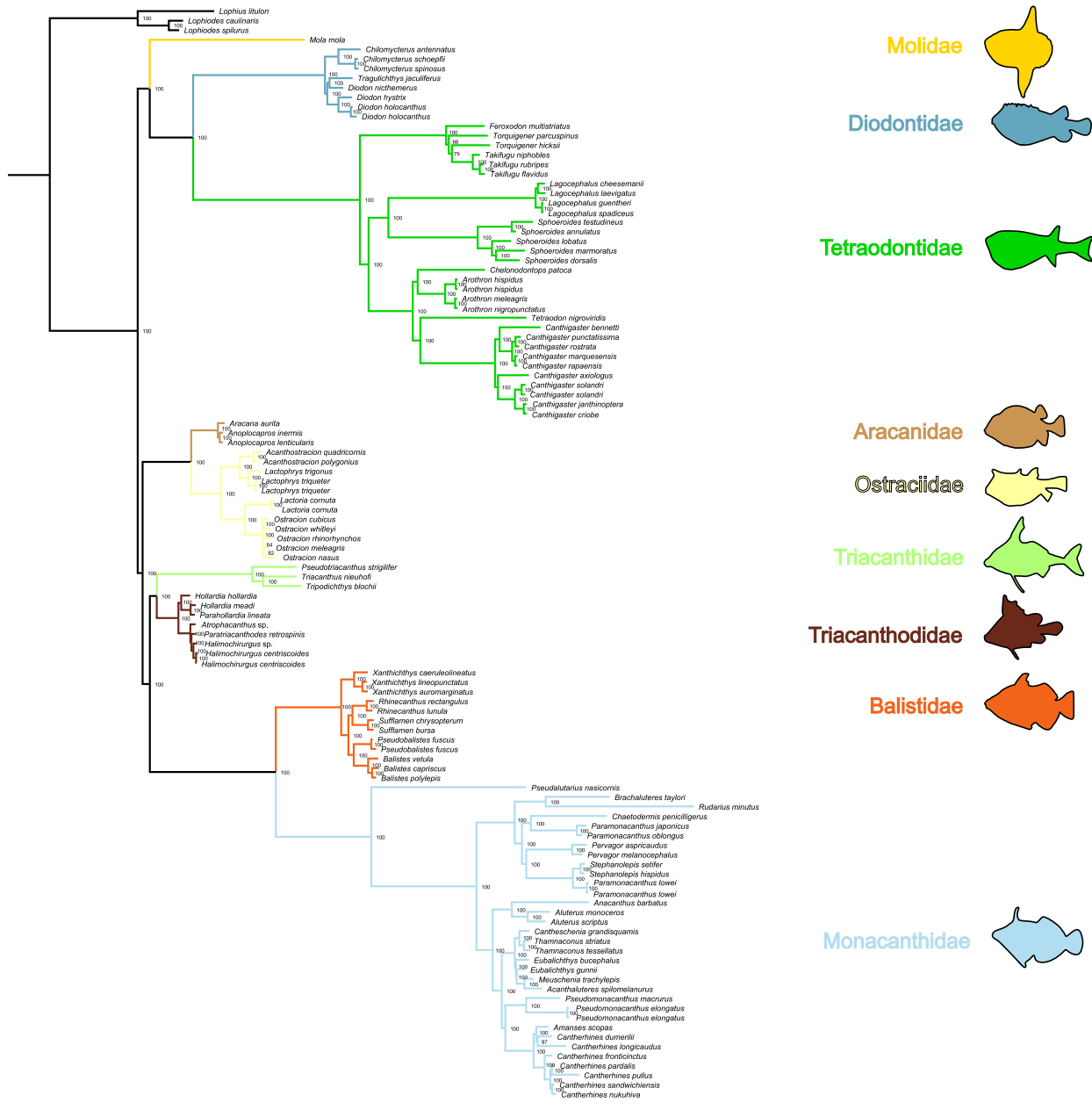
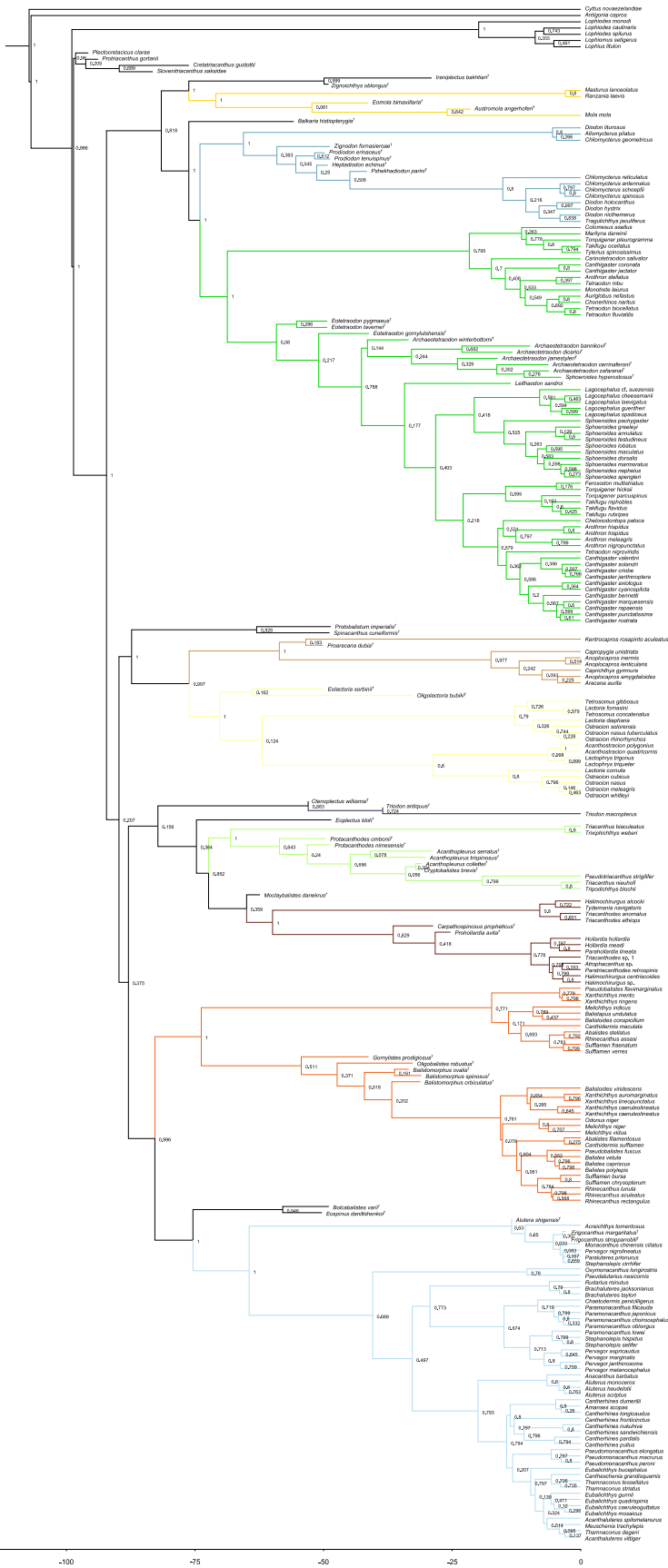


Fig. S3. Phylogeny of Tetraodontiformes, excluding taxa with more than 65% missing data, based on concatenation analysis of 1,103 exons and 105 species (102 Tetraodontiformes, 3 outgroup Lophiiformes). Phylogenetic tree inferred with IQTREE using the best fit partition scheme identified in PartitionFinder for all newly sequenced taxa and four previously published transcriptomes (3). Colors indicate families. Nodal values indicate bootstrap support. Branch lengths are the number of nucleotide substitutions per nucleotide site.



Molidae



Diodontidae



Tetraodontidae



Aracnidae



Ostraciidae



Triodontidae



Triacanthidae



Triacanthodidae



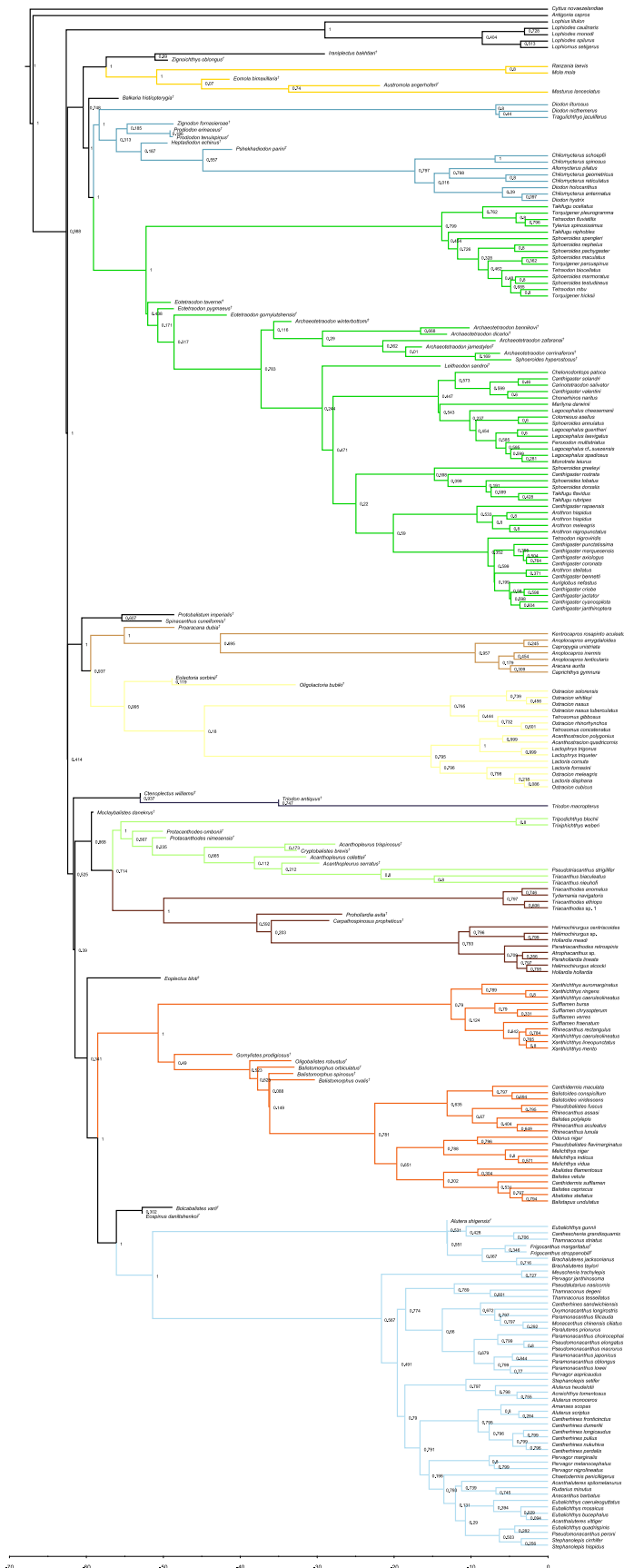
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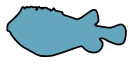
Fig. S4. Maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree of Tetraodontiformes. Time-calibrated phylogenetic tree using a total-evidence framework based on Bayesian inference of 1,103 exons and 237 tetraodontiforms (52 fossil, 185 extant) and seven outgroups. MCC tree generated from 10,000 trees evenly selected from the posterior distribution of five subsets. Colors indicate families. Scale bar represents millions of years. Posterior probability values are given for each node.



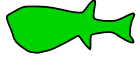
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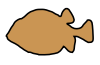
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Ostraciidae



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Fig. S5. Maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree of Tetraodontiformes, excluding the superfamily Plectocretacioidea. Time-calibrated phylogenetic tree using a total-evidence framework based on Bayesian inference of 1,103 exons and 233 tetraodontiforms (48 fossil, 185 extant) and seven outgroups. MCC tree generated from 10,000 trees evenly selected from the posterior distribution of five subsets. Colors indicate families. Scale bar represents millions of years. Posterior probability values are given for each node.

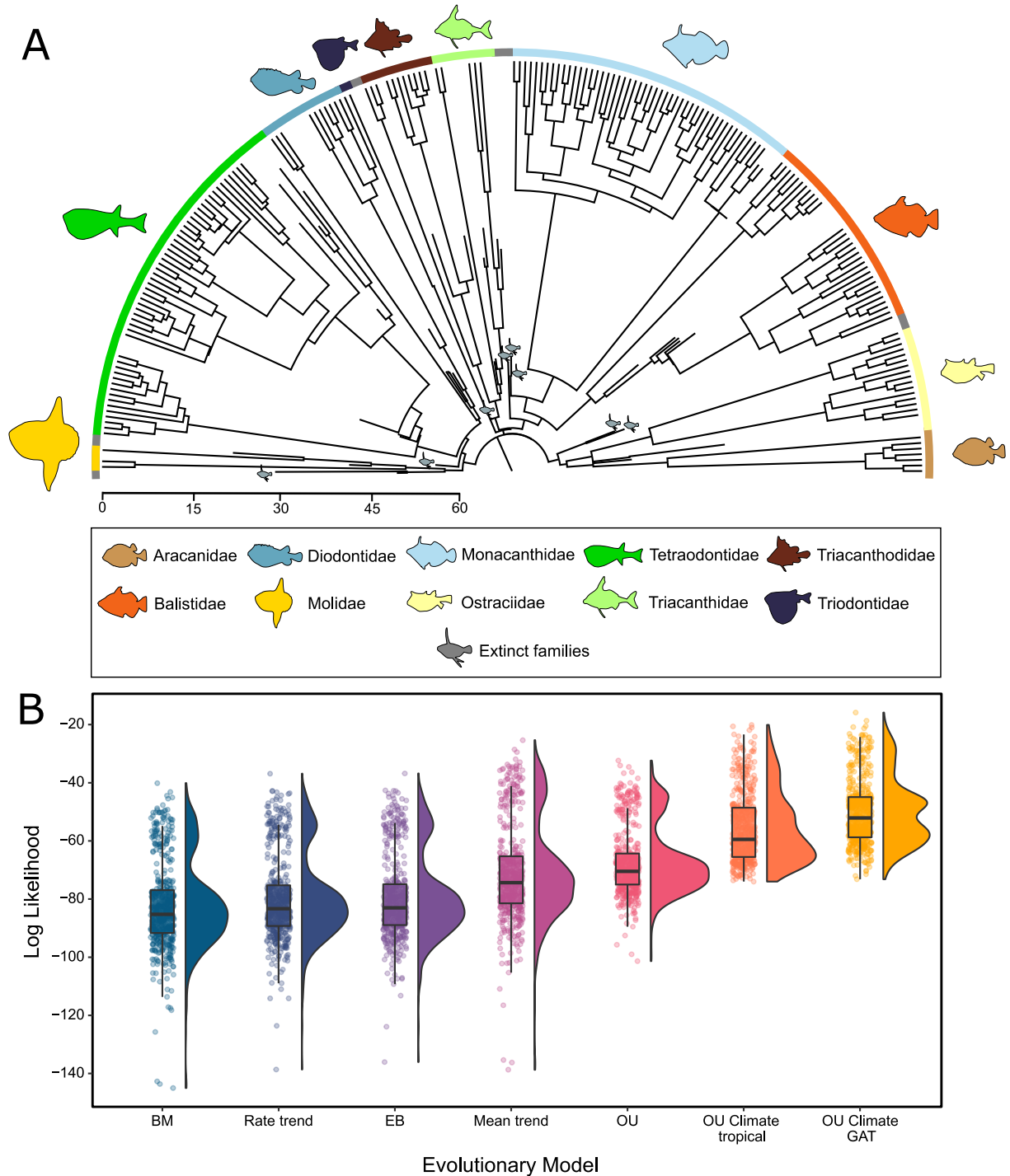


Fig. S6. Tip-dating tree inferred for tetraodontiforms and evolutionary model fitting results, excluding superfamily Plectocretacoidea. *A*, Maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree derived from a total-evidence dating analysis using the fossilized birth-death model in MrBayes (excluding plectocretacoids). MCC tree is derived from 10,000 trees evenly sampled from the posterior distribution of five independent subsets. See *SI Appendix*, Fig. S5 for an expanded version of this tree. *B*, Raincloud plots (half-violin plots and boxplots) for each model of body

size evolution tested, representing the distribution of likelihood scores from 500 trees evenly selected from the posterior distribution of five gene subsets in the Bayesian analysis (see also Table S6). Dots represent raw likelihood score for each of the 500 trees analyzed, for each model. Evolutionary models tested include Early-burst (EB), Brownian motion (BM), rate trend, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU), mean trend, a climate OU model using tropical ocean temperatures, and a climate OU model using global average ocean temperatures (GAT).

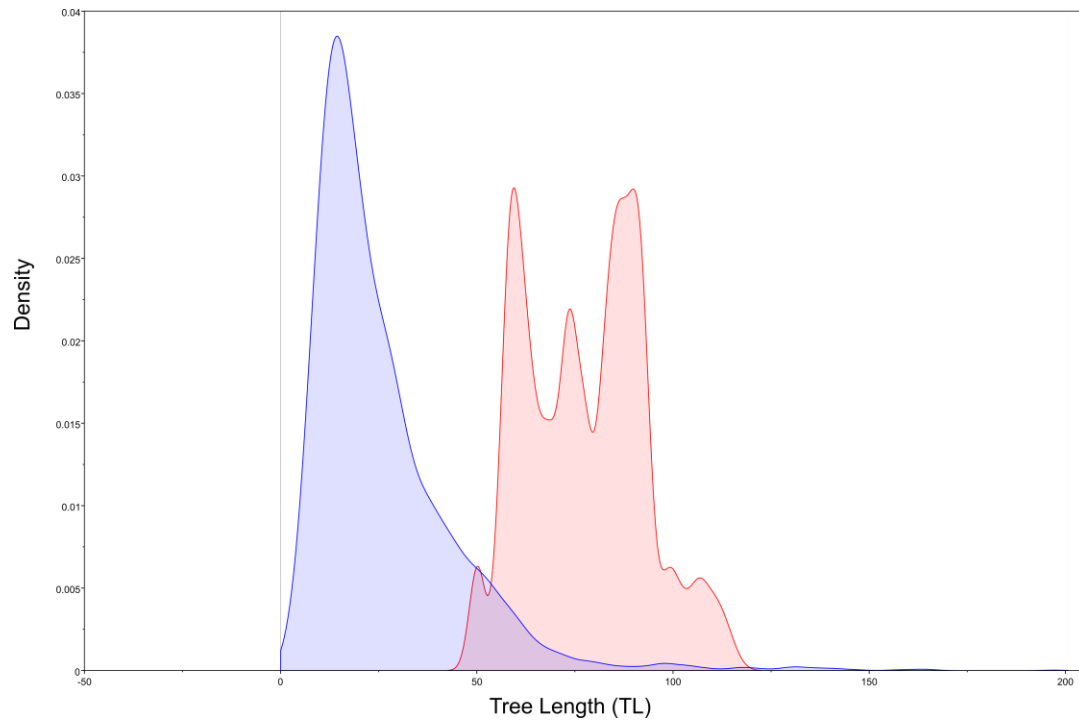


Fig S7. Kernel density plot for the tree length (TL) prior for a subset run with data (purple) and without data (green).

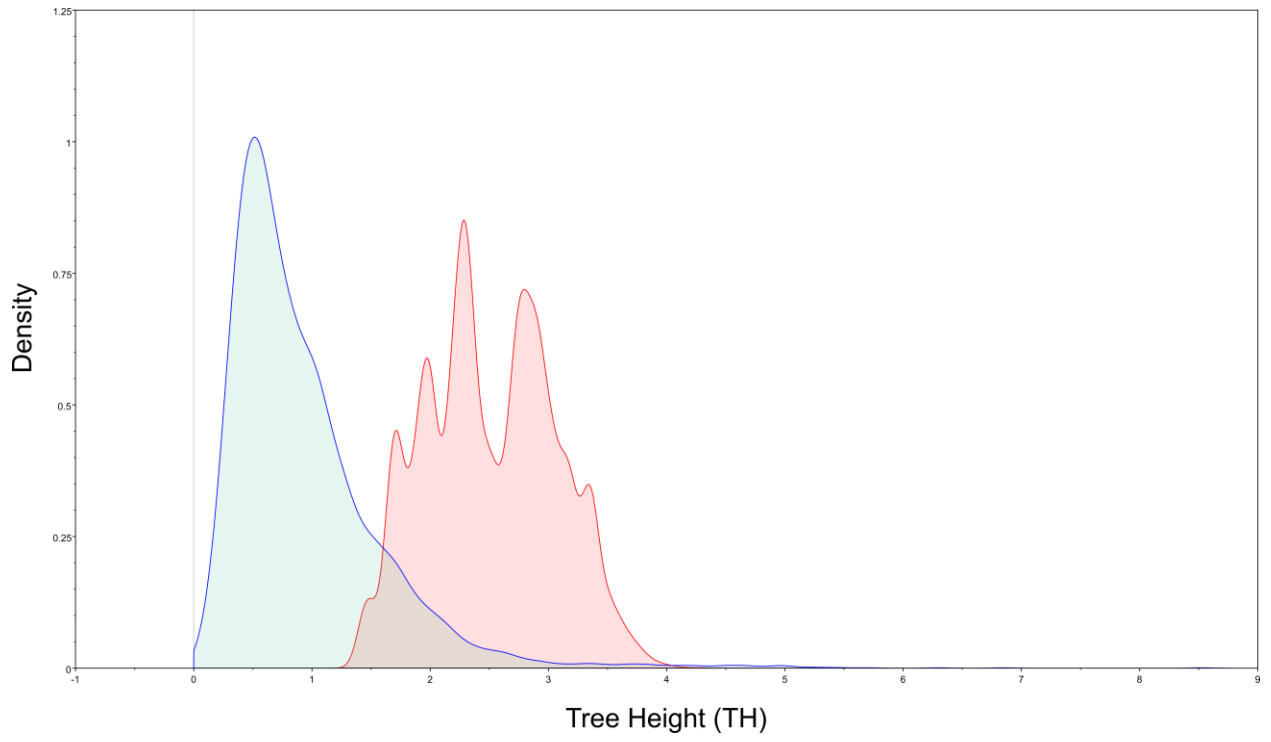


Fig. S8. Kernel density plot of the tree height (TH) prior for subset run with data (blue) and without data (red)

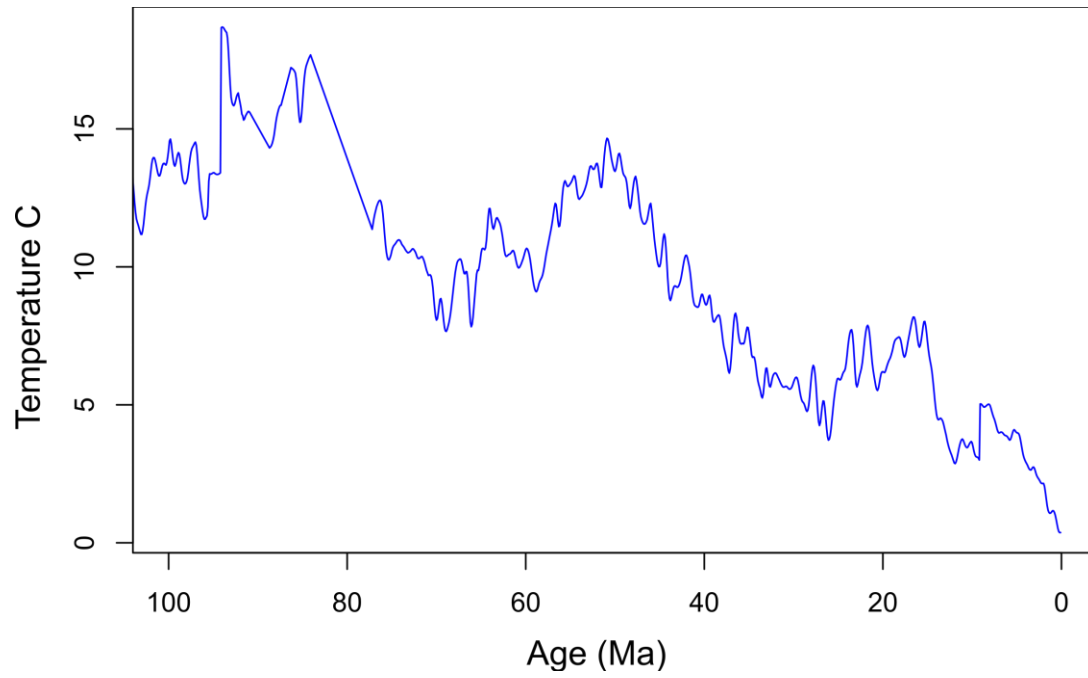


Fig. S9. Deep-sea temperature curve for the past 100 Ma based on data from Cramer et al. (33)

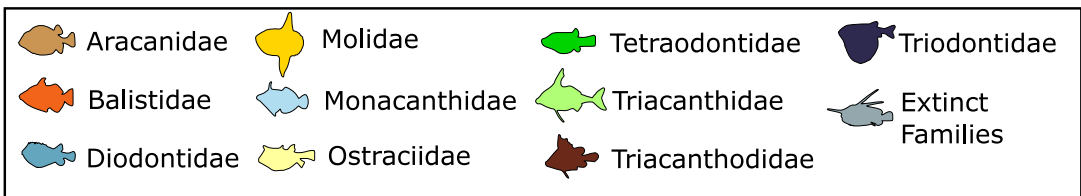
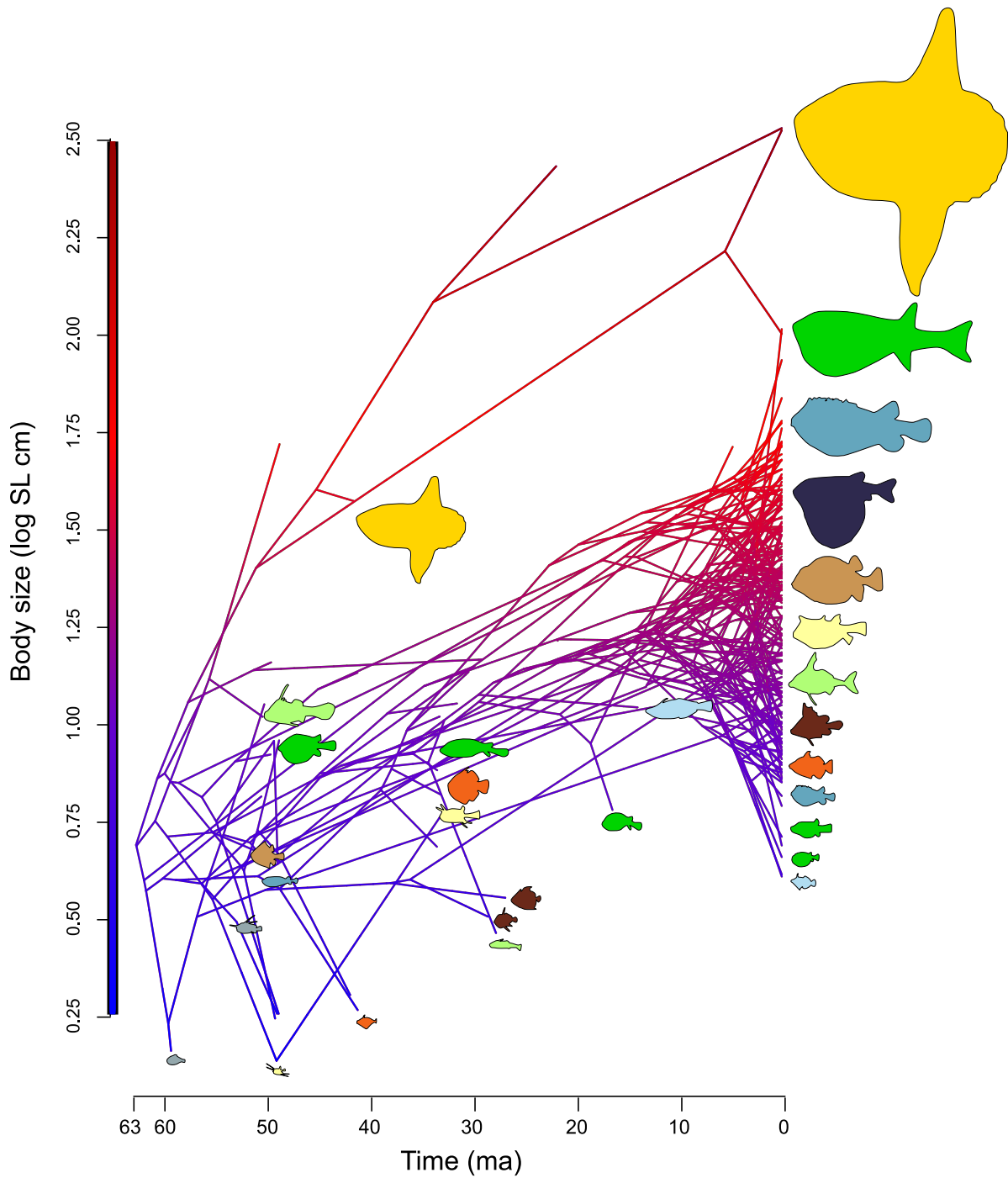


Fig. S10. Evolution of tetraodontiform body size over time, excluding superfamily Plectocretacioidea. Ancestral reconstruction of body size in tetraodontiforms, as estimated using the R package ‘phytools’ (28). The log-transformed mean maximum standard length for each species is plotted as a traitgram on the Y axis, with time on the X axis. Fish silhouettes are scaled to represent proportional log body size and colored by family, with extinct families in grey. The estimated ancestral body size of tetraodontiforms is 2-3 times smaller than that of present-day taxa.

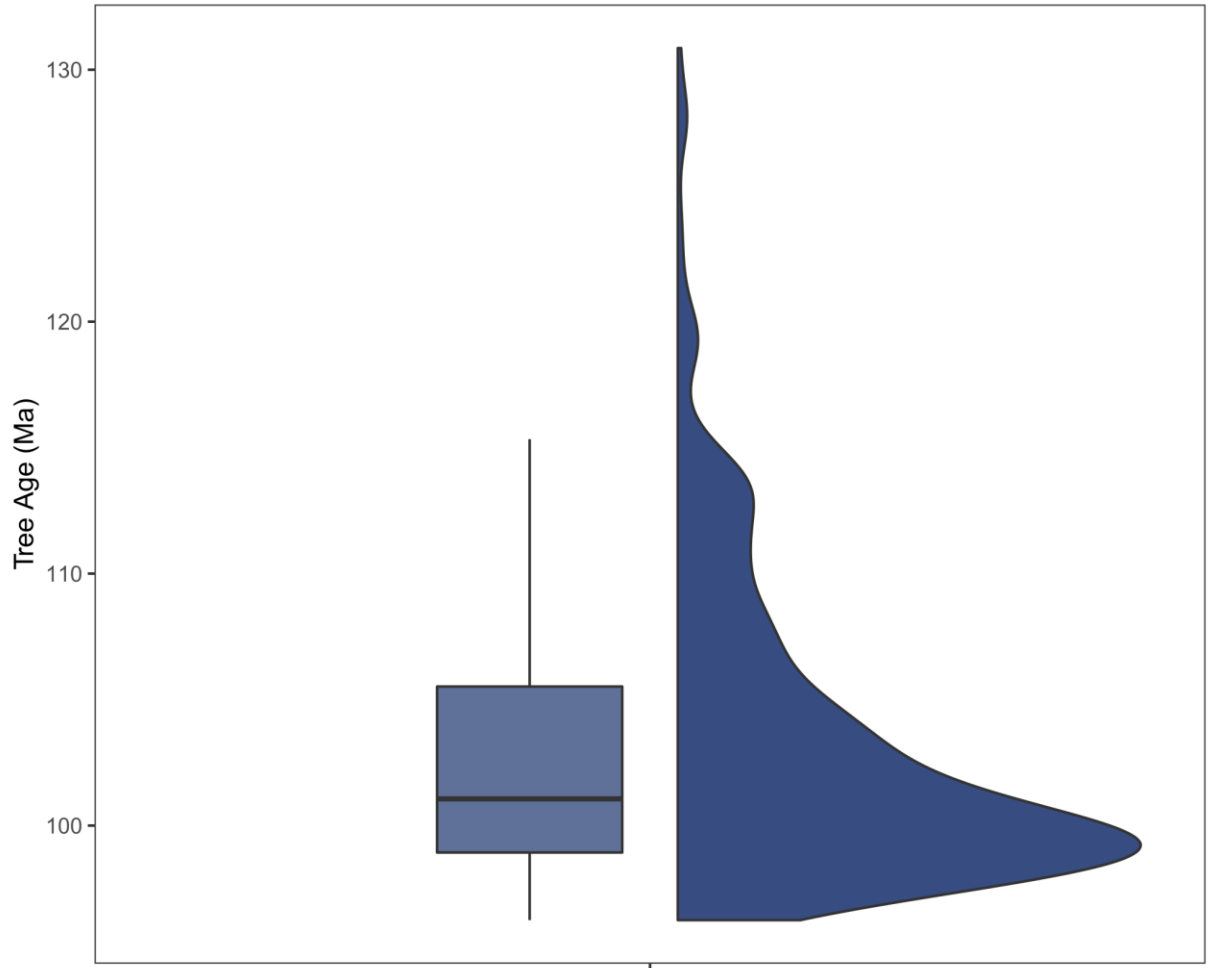


Fig. S11. Distribution plot showing the ages of 500 trees pulled from the posterior distribution. Tree ages range from 96.25 Ma to 130.86 Ma with a mean age of 103.18 Ma.

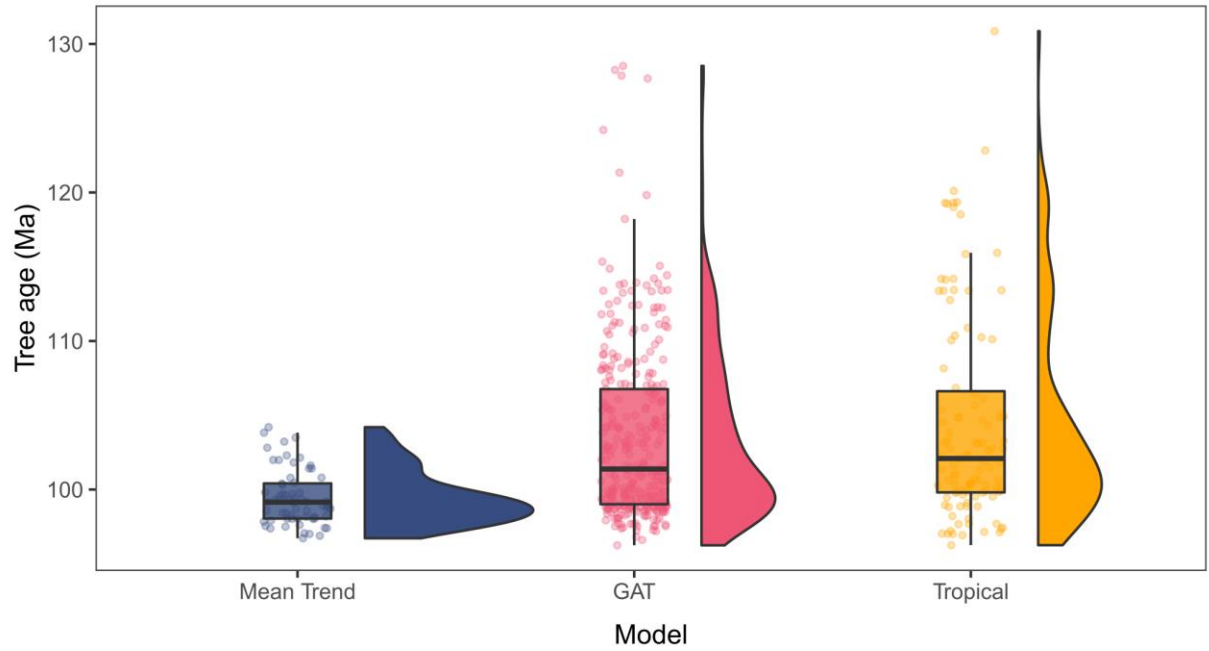


Fig. S12. Raincloud plots (half-violin plots and boxplots) showing the distribution of root ages of the 500 trees pulled from the posterior, separated by best-fit model.

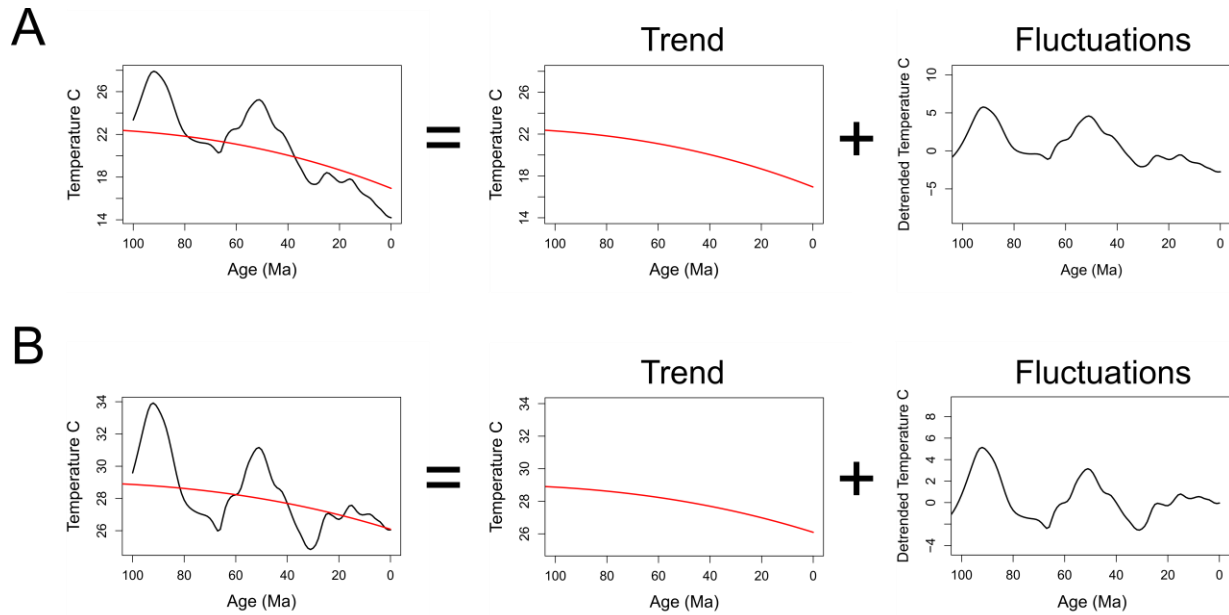


Fig. S13. The temperature curves for the **A**) global average temperature (GAT) and **B**) tropical latitude temperatures through the late Cretaceous to present day decomposed into an overall trend and the fluctuations around this trend. The temperature curve is thus the combination of the two curves.

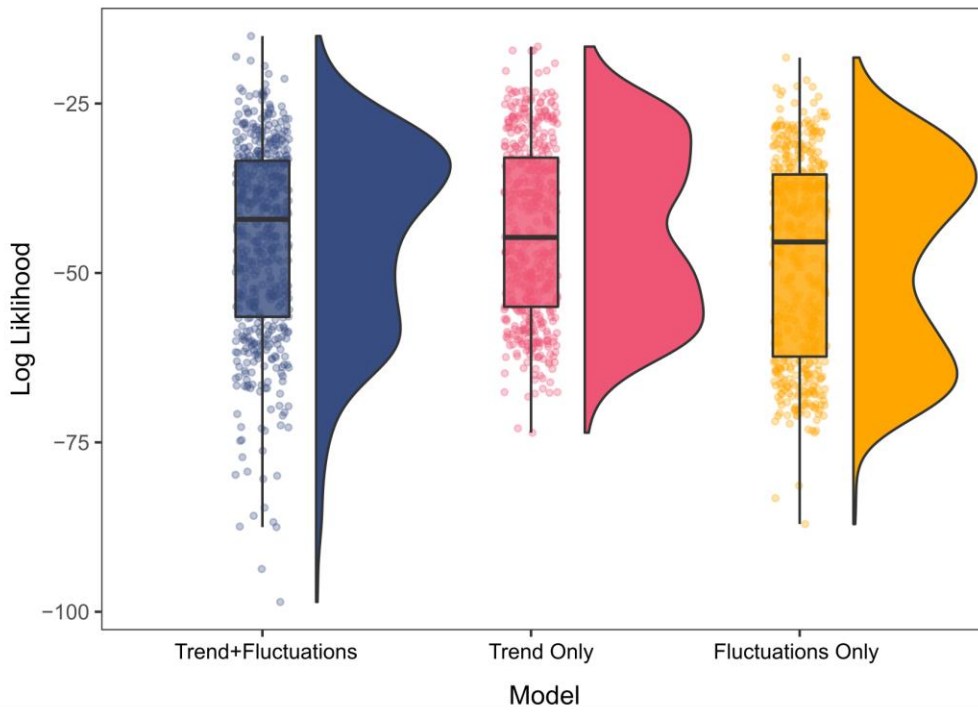
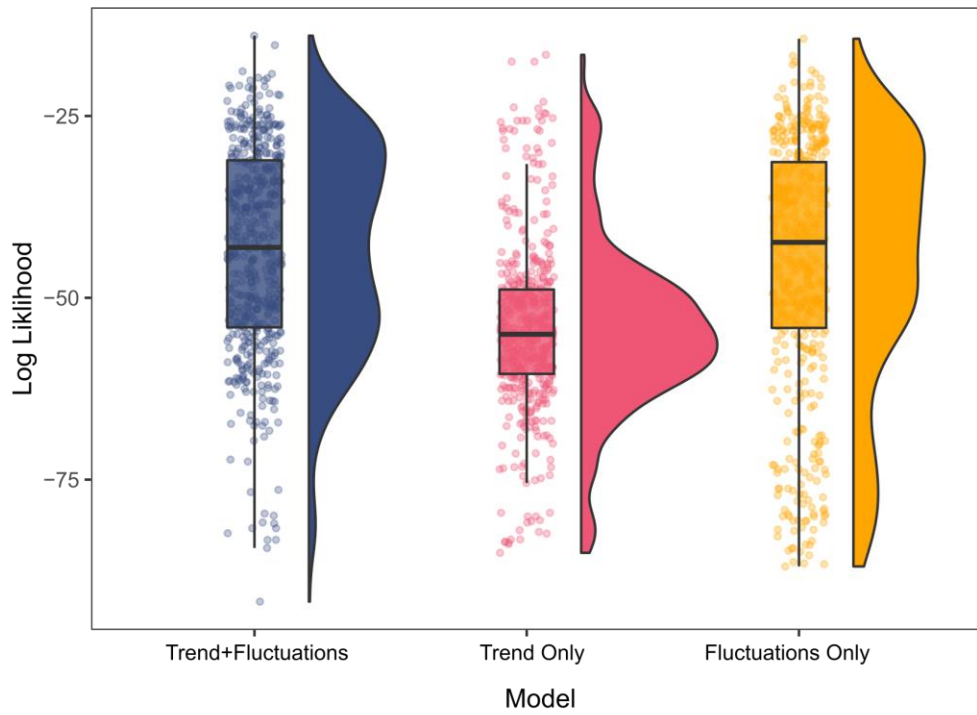
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Fig. S14. Raincloud plots (half-violin plots and boxplots) of the decomposed OU climate models showing three tested models: both the overall global trend and the fluctuations around that trend, the trend only, and the fluctuations only. Figure displays the distribution of likelihood scores from 500 trees evenly selected from the posterior distribution of five independent gene subsets in the Bayesian analyses for **A**) the global average temperature (GAT) curve and **B**) the tropical latitude temperature curve.

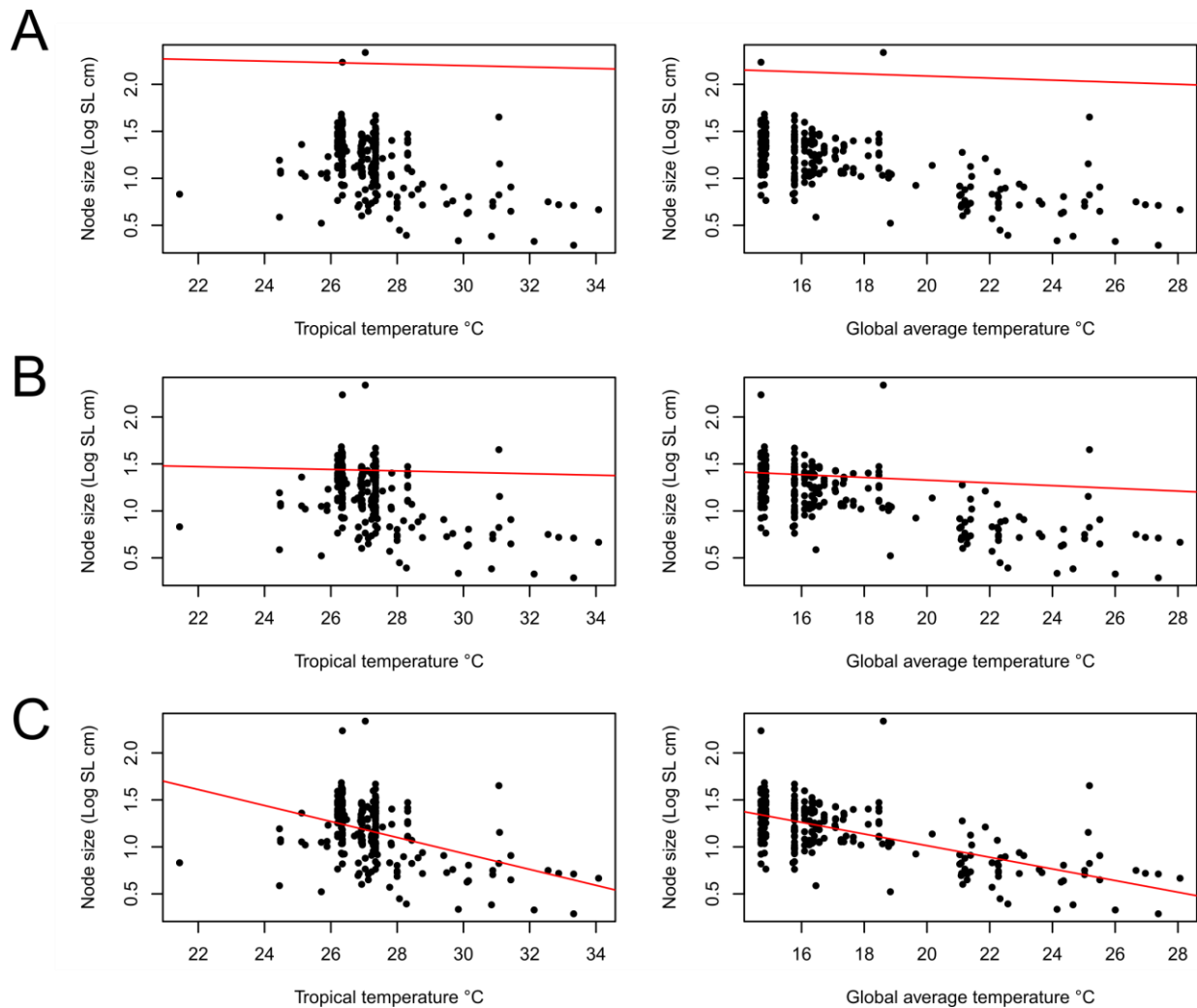


Fig. S15. Relationship between tetraodontiform body size and ocean temperature. Ancestral tetraodontiform body size, inclusive of superfamily Plectoretacoidea, was reconstructed at each node in the maximum clade credibility tree and PGLS analyses under three different models: A) Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, B) Brownian Motion (BM) model, and C) Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) model, were performed for two different curves: tropical (15°N-15°S) sea surface temperatures and global average sea temperatures. Under the best fit model (OU), Tetraodontiform body size is correlated with ocean temperatures using the global average curve ($p = 5.571e-03$) but not for the tropical curve ($p = 0.0653$).

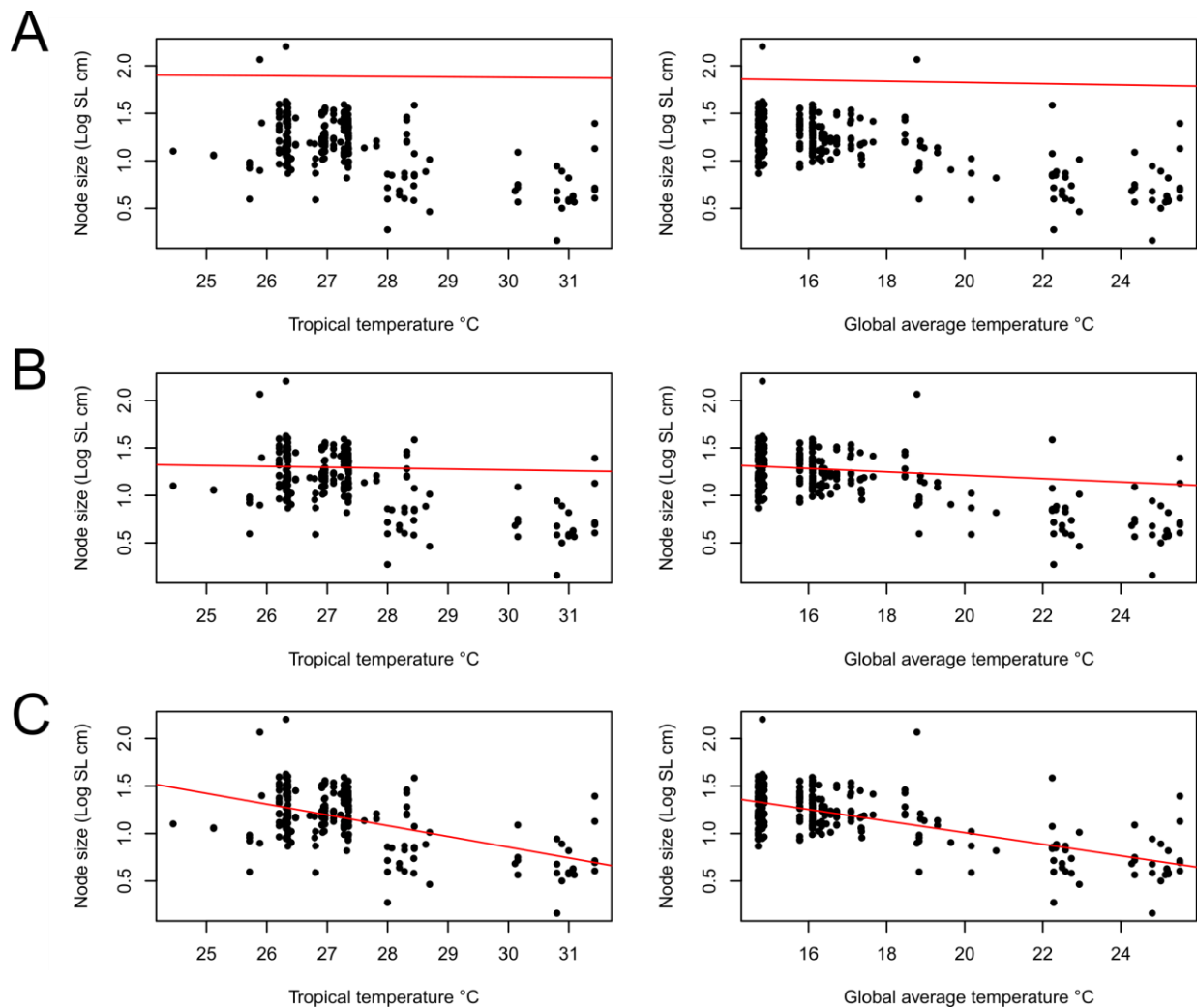


Fig. S16. Relationship between tetraodontiform body size and ocean temperature, without superfamily Plectocretacoidea. Ancestral tetraodontiform body size, inclusive of superfamily Plectocretacoidea, was reconstructed at each node in the maximum clade credibility tree and PGLS analyses under three different models: A) Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, B) Brownian Motion (BM) model, and C) Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) model, were performed for two different curves: tropical (15°N-15°S) sea surface temperatures and global average sea temperatures (GAT). Under the best-fit model, Tetraodontiform body size is significantly correlated with GAT (BM model, $p = 4.84e-05$), but not tropical temperatures (OU model, $p = 0.447$).

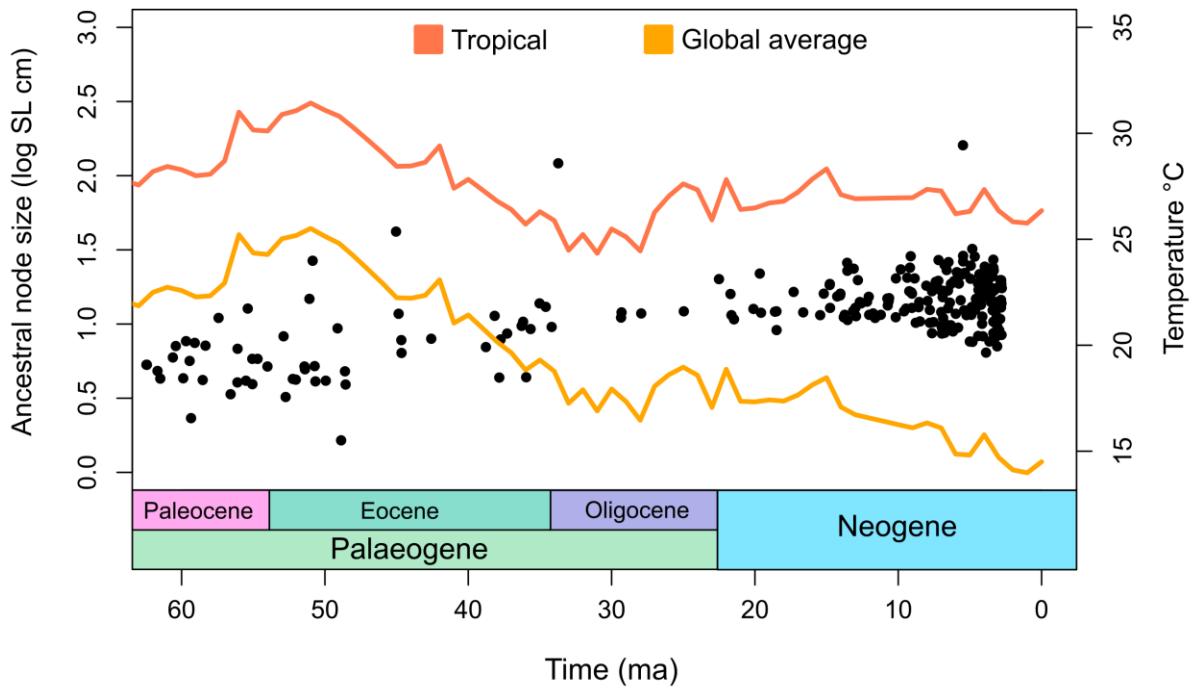


Fig. S17. Tetraodontiform body size and temperature over time, excluding *Plectocretacioidea*. Sea surface temperature for tropical latitudes (15°N-15°S) (orange line) and a global average sea temperature (yellow line) are plotted for the past 63 Ma. The reconstructed ancestral node body size (log mean maximum standard length in cm) for tetraodontiforms is plotted in the same time scale. Sea temperatures have been slowly cooling over time, while tetraodontiform body size has been slowly increasing.

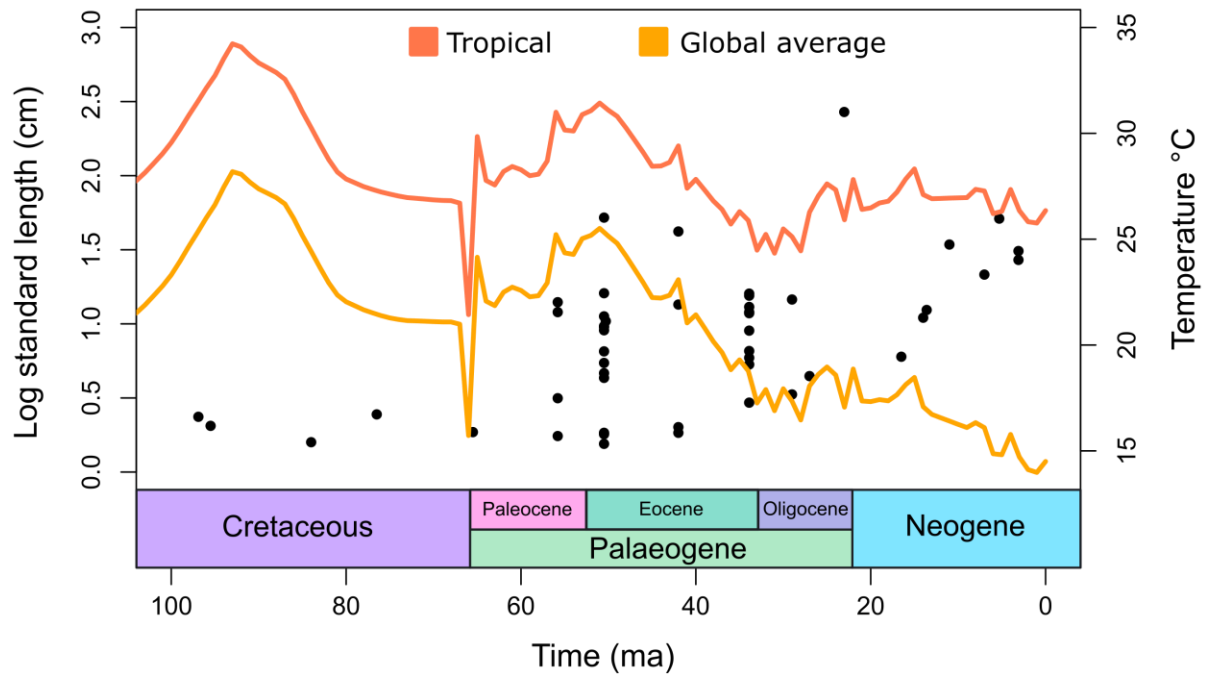


Fig. S18. Fossil tetraodontiform body size and temperature over time. Sea surface temperature for tropical latitudes (15°N-15°S) (orange line) and a global average sea temperature (yellow line) are plotted for the past 100 Ma. Body sizes for only fossil tetraodontiform species (log mean maximum standard length in cm) is plotted in the same time scale. Sea temperatures have been slowly cooling over time, while fossil tetraodontiform body size has been slowly increasing.

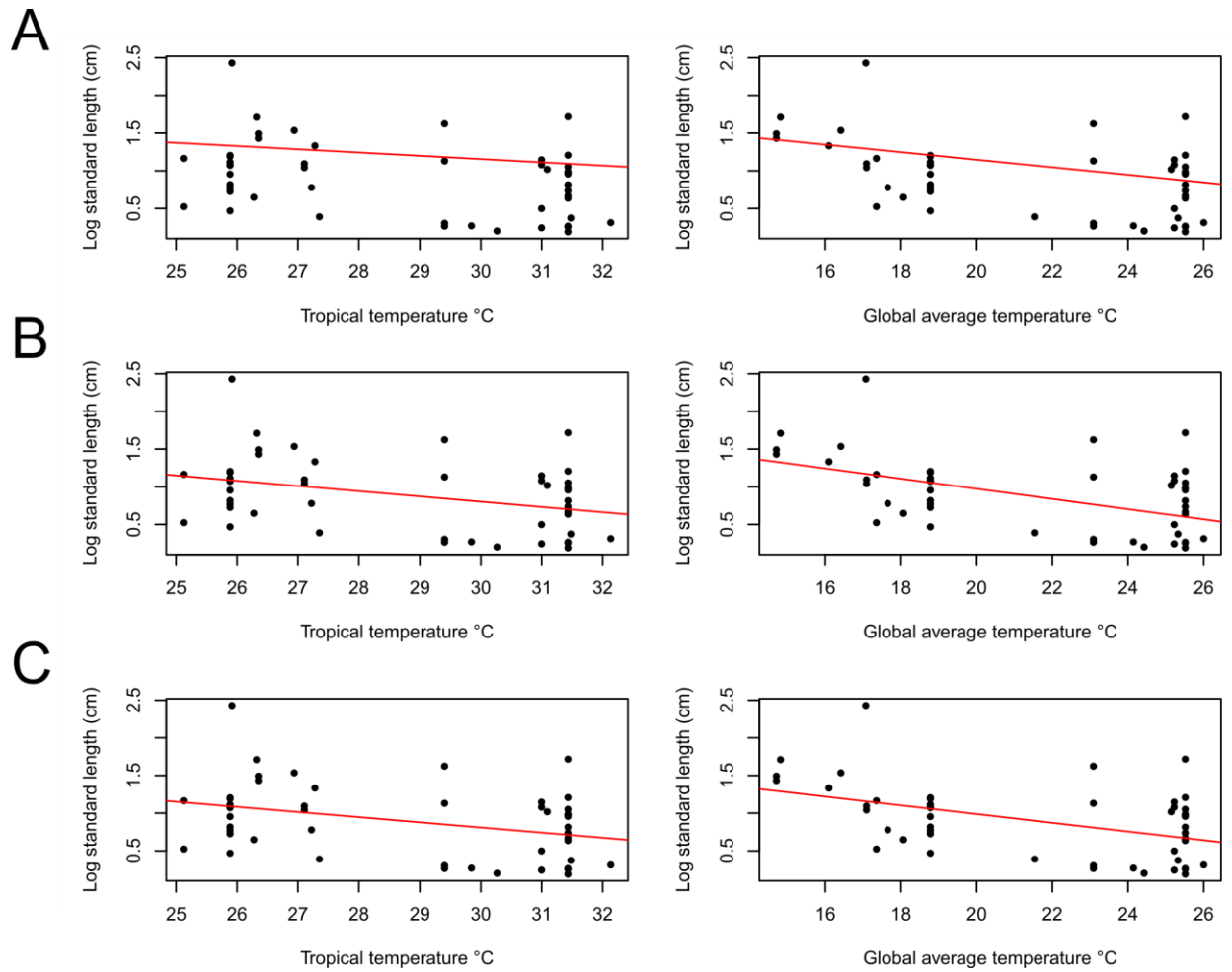


Fig. S19. Relationship between fossil tetraodontiform body size and ocean temperature. A PGLS analysis under three different models: A) Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU), B) Brownian Motion (BM), and C) Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) model, were performed between body size for fossil tetraodontiform species (log standard length (cm)) and ocean temperature for two different curves: tropical (15°N-15°S) sea surface temperatures and global average sea temperatures. Under the best fit model (OU), fossil body size is strongly correlated for global average temperature ($p = 0.0311$), but not tropical temperatures ($p = 0.1804$).

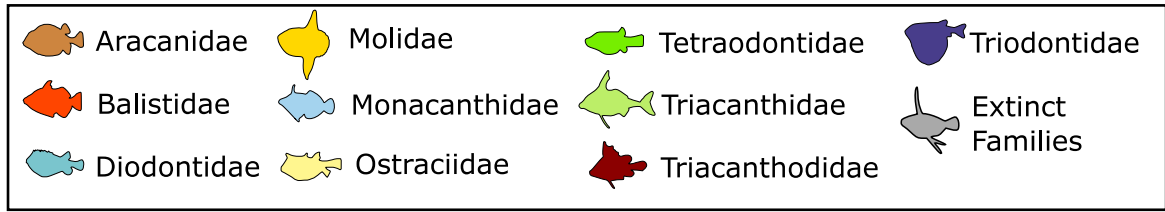
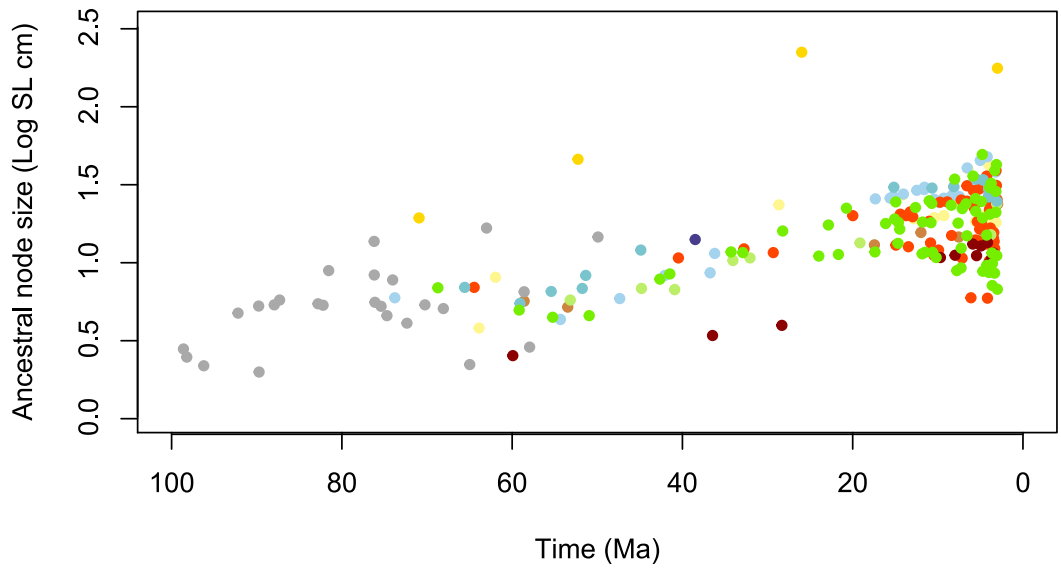


Fig. S20. Reconstructed ancestral node body size (log mean maximum standard length in cm) for tetraodontiforms is plotted against time. Nodal values are colored by family.

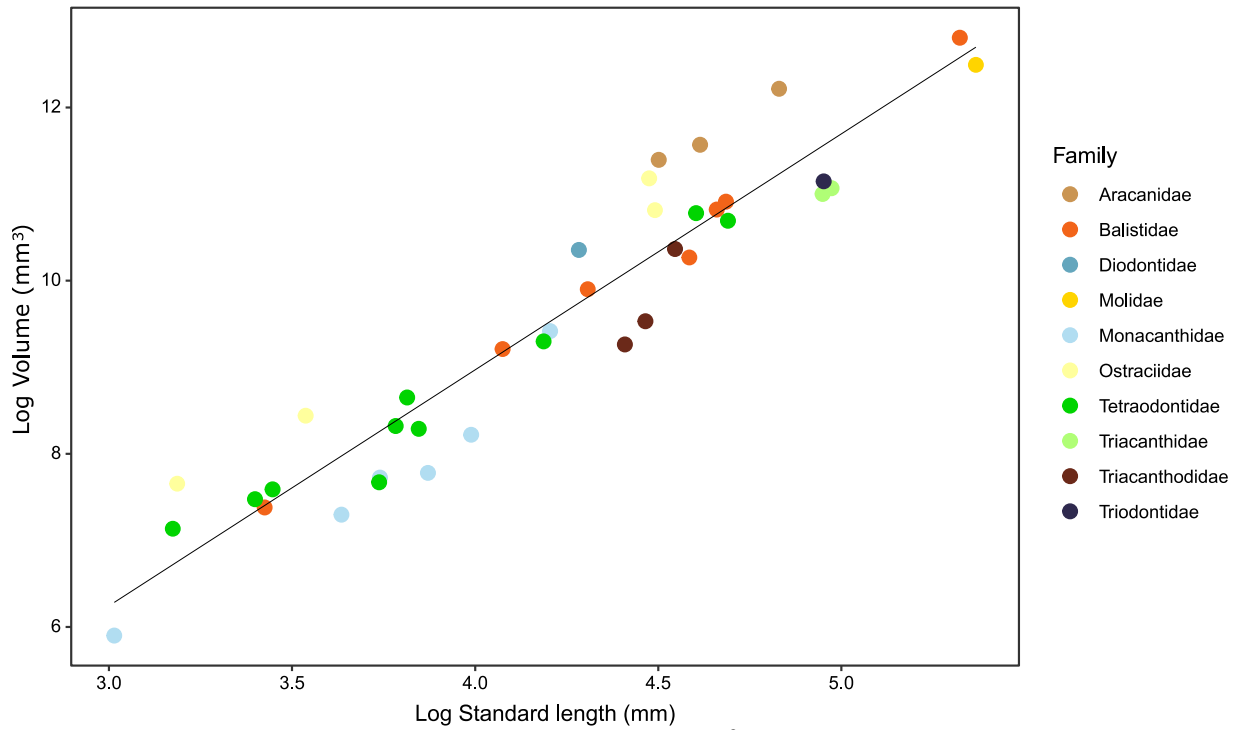


Fig. S21. Log standard length (mm) to log volume (mm³) relationships between 41 species of tetraodontiform fishes across all 10 extant families. Data were collected from publicly available computed-tomography (CT) scan data accessed from MorphoSource.org as well as newly generated CT data. The image computing software Slicer was used to create three-dimensional models using CT data as input. Models were made solid using the WrapSolidify option to calculate volume. Standard length was measured using the ruler tool. A phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analysis shows the relationship between tetraodontiform standard length and volume is positively correlated ($p = 0.0005$).

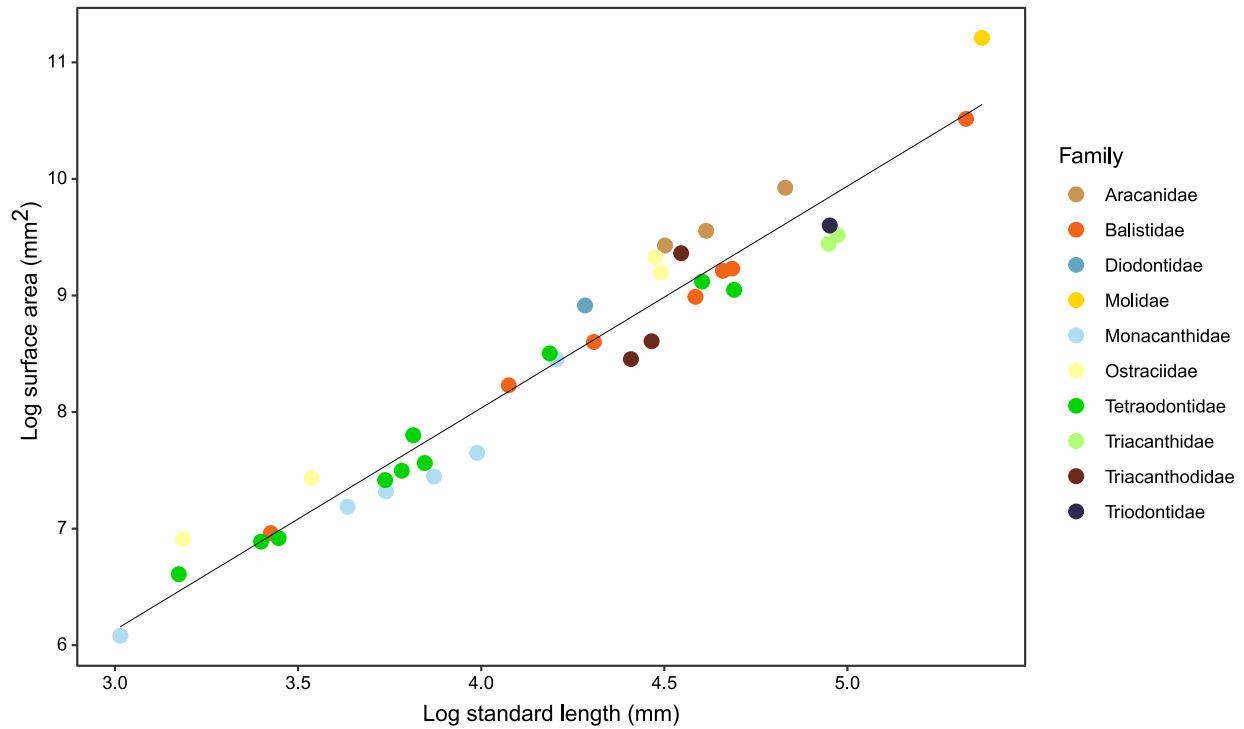


Fig. S22. Log standard length (mm) to log surface area (mm²) relationships between 41 species of tetraodontiform fishes across all 10 extant families. Data were collected from publicly available computed-tomography (CT) scan data accessed from MorphoSource.org as well as newly generated CT data. The image computing software Slicer was used to create three-dimensional models using CT data as input. Models were made solid using the WrapSolidify option to calculate surface area. Standard length was measured using the ruler tool. A phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analysis shows the relationship between tetraodontiform standard length and volume is positively correlated ($p = 0.0248$).

Table S1. Summary of tree age prior effect on the root node

(Tetraodontiformes+Outgroups). Table indicates the root prior distribution (offset exponential or uniform), whether or not the analysis ran with data, and a summary of the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) values for the mean root age, root age variance, upper and lower age bounds, and median root age. Bounds for the offset exponential root distribution were a minimum age of 95 Ma and a mean age of 107.9 Ma. Bounds for the uniform root distribution were a minimum age of 95.9 Ma and maximum age of 110 Ma.

| Root Distribution | With data? | 95% HPD Interval | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Mean | Variance | Lower | Upper | Median |
| Offset Exponential | Yes | 132.3739 | 204.7114 | 111.412 | 161.6181 | 129.3902 |
| Offset Exponential | No | 112.5834 | 55.90838 | 99.3592 | 126.3776 | 111.5328 |
| Uniform | Yes | 108.9578 | 0.964899 | 107.2127 | 110 | 109.267 |
| Uniform | No | 106.3641 | 6.494229 | 101.5038 | 109.9977 | 106.7817 |

Table S2. Summary of tree age prior effect on the root node

(Tetraodontiformes+Outgroups) when Plectocretacoidea is excluded. Table indicates the root prior distribution (offset exponential or uniform), whether or not the analysis ran with data, and a summary of the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) values for the mean root age, root age variance, upper and lower age bounds, and median root age. Bounds for the offset exponential root distribution were a minimum age of 59 Ma and a mean age of 61.8 Ma. Bounds for the uniform root distribution were a minimum age of 59 Ma and maximum age of 67.43 Ma

| Root Distribution | With data? | 95% HPD Interval | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Mean | Variance | Lower | Upper | Median |
| Offset Exponential | Yes | 93.30206 | 85.84346 | 73.55835 | 110.9355 | 92.23749 |
| Offset Exponential | No | 74.26792 | 19.14679 | 66.2045 | 82.83702 | 73.96716 |
| Uniform | Yes | 67.15891 | 0.07243 | 66.53637 | 67.42502 | 67.25915 |
| Uniform | No | 66.48487 | 0.714063 | 64.6329 | 67.42978 | 66.73349 |

Table S3. Summary of tree age prior effect on the crown node (crown Tetraodontiformes). Table indicates the root prior distribution (offset exponential or uniform), whether or not the analysis ran with data, and a summary of the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) values for the mean crown age, crown age variance, upper and lower age bounds, and median crown age. No age priors were placed onto the node for crown Tetraodontiformes.

| Root Distribution | With data? | 95% HPD Interval | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Mean | Variance | Lower | Upper | Median |
| Offset Exponential | Yes | 99.8399 | 49.56933 | 84.2824 | 112.6877 | 100.0196 |
| Offset Exponential | No | 94.55334 | 55.47974 | 79.4895 | 108.6024 | 94.97438 |
| Uniform | Yes | 94.72298 | 11.65628 | 87.54332 | 100.2006 | 95.3393 |
| Uniform | No | 92.28921 | 43.32038 | 79.27937 | 103.7278 | 92.94941 |

Table S4. Summary of tree age prior effect on the crown node (crown Tetraodontiformes) when Plectocretacoidea is excluded. Table indicates the root prior distribution (offset exponential or uniform), whether or not the analysis ran with data, and a summary of the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) values for the mean crown age, crown age variance, upper and lower age bounds, and median crown age. No age priors were placed onto the node for crown Tetraodontiformes.

| Root Distribution | With data? | 95% HPD Interval | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Mean | Variance | Lower | Upper | Median |
| Offset Exponential | Yes | 80.66592 | 42.09142 | 67.29957 | 93.55297 | 79.65927 |
| Offset Exponential | No | 71.04824 | 13.99969 | 64.13806 | 78.6117 | 70.88791 |
| Uniform | Yes | 62.45651 | 1.159584 | 60.80456 | 64.29212 | 62.4217 |
| Uniform | No | 65.11428 | 1.201485 | 62.871 | 66.96123 | 65.25346 |

Table S5. Evolutionary model results, including the deep-sea temperature curve from Cramer et al. 2011 (33). Number of model parameters, mean values for the corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc), mean log likelihood (lnL), and weighted AIC (AICw) are reported.

| Evolutionary Model | Parameters | AICc | lnL | AICw |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| OU climate deep-sea | 5 | 89.87 | -39.81 | 0.9849 |
| OU climate GAT | 5 | 98.25 | -43.99 | 0.0149 |
| OU climate tropical | 5 | 112.42 | -51.08 | 1.25e-05 |
| Mean trend | 3 | 126.91 | -60.40 | 8.95e-09 |
| OU | 3 | 137.88 | -65.89 | 3.71e-11 |
| Rate trend | 3 | 146.78 | -70.34 | 4.33e-13 |
| BM | 2 | 148.01 | -71.98 | 2.34e-13 |
| EB | 3 | 148.03 | -70.96 | 2.31e-13 |

Table S6. Evolutionary model results, excluding superfamily Plectoretacoidea. Model fitting results for the seven macroevolutionary models tested. Models were tested on 500 trees selected from the combined posterior distributions of five gene subsets. Number of model parameters and mean values for the corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc), log likelihood (lnL), and weighted AIC (AICw) are reported. The strongest support went to the climate-driven model using the global average temperature curve.

| Evolutionary Model | Parameters | AICc | lnL | AICw |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| OU climate GAT | 5 | 111.51 | -50.62 | 0.996 |
| OU climate tropical | 5 | 122.52 | -56.13 | 4.04e-03 |
| OU | 3 | 141.92 | -67.91 | 2.47e-07 |
| Mean trend | 3 | 149.42 | -71.66 | 5.82e-09 |
| EB | 3 | 165.91 | -79.90 | 1.53e-12 |
| Rate trend | 3 | 166.55 | -80.22 | 1.11e-12 |
| BM | 2 | 169.80 | -82.87 | 2.18e-13 |

Table S7. Number of times each evolutionary model was the best fit. Summary of the best fitting evolutionary model for each of the 500 trees selected from the posterior distribution of the Bayesian analysis, for both fossil schemes (with/without superfamily Plectocretacicoidea). The best fit model for each of the 500 trees was determined from the highest weighted Akaike information criterion (AICw) score. The OU climate model using the global average temperature (GAT) curve was the best fitting model overall (329/500 trees; 65.8%) for the scheme inclusive of the superfamily Plectocretacicoidea and also for the scheme excluding them (395/500 trees; 79%).

| Evolutionary Model | Number of trees (%) | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | With Plectocretacicoidea | Without Plectocretacicoidea |
| OU climate GAT | 329 (65.8%) | 395 (79%) |
| OU climate tropical | 107 (21.4 %) | 102 (20.4%) |
| Mean trend | 64 (12.8%) | 3 (0.006%) |
| OU | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| Rate trend | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| BM | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| EB | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |

Table S8. Decomposed climate OU model fitting results for the global average temperature curve (GAT). Number of model parameters, mean values for corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc), mean log likelihood (lnL), and weighted AICc (AICw) are reported. Most model support went to a temperature curve composed of a trend parameter and a fluctuations parameter.

| Model | Parameters | AICc | lnL | AICw |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Trend+Fluctuations | 6 | 96.53 | -42.08 | 0.7697 |
| Trend | 5 | 99.77 | -44.75 | 0.1524 |
| Fluctuations | 5 | 101.12 | -45.43 | 0.0777 |

Table S9. Decomposed climate OU model fitting results for the tropical latitude temperature curve. Number of model parameters, mean values for corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc), mean log likelihood (lnL), and weighted AICc (AICw) are reported. Most model support went to a temperature curve composed of only the fluctuations parameter.

| Model | Parameters | AICc | lnL | AICw |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Fluctuations | 5 | 95.01 | -42.37 | 0.8522 |
| Trend+Fluctuations | 6 | 98.52 | -43.07 | 0.1477 |
| Trend | 5 | 120.29 | -55.01 | 2.77e-06 |

Table S10. PGLS model fitting results, including superfamily Plectocretacoidea. Model fitting results for two temperature curves (global average temperature (GAT) and tropical latitudes) for phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analyses under an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, a Brownian Motion (BM) model, and a model where phylogeny is not considered (i.e. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)). The Akaike information criterion (AIC), log likelihood (lnL) and p values are reported for each model. Highest support went to an OU model for both temperature curves.

| Temperature curve | Model | AIC | lnL | p value |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| GAT | OU | -480.584 | 244.292 | 5.571E-03 |
| GAT | BM | -452.838 | 229.418 | 4.51E-04 |
| GAT | OLS | -2.9266 | 4.463 | 2.56E-29 |
| Tropical | OU | -476.312 | 242.156 | 6.54E-02 |
| Tropical | BM | -442.797 | 224.3984 | 1.23E-01 |
| Tropical | OLS | 81.05182 | -37.5259 | 4.76E-11 |

Table S11. PGLS model fitting results, excluding superfamily Plectocretacoidea. Model fitting results for two temperature curves (global average temperature (GAT) and tropical latitudes) for phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analyses under an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, a Brownian Motion (BM) model, and a model where phylogeny is not considered (i.e. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)). The Akaike information criterion (AIC), log likelihood (lnL) and p values are reported for each model. Highest support went to a BM model for the GAT curve and an OU model for the tropical curve.

| Temperature curve | Model | AIC | lnL | p value |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| GAT | OU | -476.94 | 242.470 | 0.208 |
| GAT | BM | -488.651 | 247.325 | 4.84E-05 |
| GAT | OLS | -38.771 | 22.385 | 1.82E-31 |
| Tropical | OU | -475.923 | 241.961 | 0.447 |
| Tropical | BM | -474.703 | 240.352 | 0.0995 |
| Tropical | OLS | 25.211 | -9.605 | 1.37E-17 |

Table S12. PGLS model fitting results for only fossil Tetraodontiformes. Model fitting results for two temperature curves (global average temperature (GAT) and tropical latitudes) for phylogenetic generalized least squares (PGLS) analyses under an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) model, a Brownian Motion (BM) model, and a model where phylogeny is not considered (i.e. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)). The Akaike information criterion (AIC), log likelihood (lnL) and p values are reported for each model. Highest support went to an OU model for both temperature curves.

| Temperature curve | Model | AIC | lnL | p value |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| GAT | OU | 48.627 | -20.313 | 0.0311 |
| GAT | BM | 51.578 | -22.789 | 1.53E-03 |
| GAT | OLS | 60.689 | -27.344 | 7.53E-04 |
| Tropical | OU | 51.543 | -21.771 | 0.1804 |
| Tropical | BM | 56.779 | -25.389 | 0.0239 |
| Tropical | OLS | 66.134 | -30.067 | 0.0128 |

Table S13. List of specimens newly sequenced (141 Tetraodontiformes representing 131 unique species) and four outgroup Lophiiformes). The museum catalog tissue and voucher numbers are provided. One specimen (*Rhinecanthus verrucosus*) was excluded from the analyses due to low capture efficiency and only being represented in a single gene.

| Affiliation | Family | Species Name | Voucher Number | Tissue Collection Number |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Outgroup</i> | Lophiidae | <i>Lophiodes caularis</i> | USNM 421345 | USNM AG7PC44 |
| <i>Outgroup</i> | Lophiidae | <i>Lophiodes spilurus</i> | USNM 421229 | USNM AG7PF91 |
| <i>Outgroup</i> | Lophiidae | <i>Lophiomus setigerus</i> | CSIRO H 6570-04 | CSIRO GT 1833 |
| <i>Outgroup</i> | Lophiidae | <i>Lophius litulon</i> | CSIRO H 7394-66 | CSIRO GT 6889 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Anoplocapros amygdaloides</i> | CSIRO H 6351-13 | CSIRO GT 5967 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Anoplocapros inermis</i> | CSIRO H 6836-11 | CSIRO GT 3695 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Anoplocapros lenticularis</i> | CSIRO H 6341-11 | CSIRO GT 214 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Aracana aurita</i> | CSIRO H 6812-01 | CSIRO GT 2350 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Caprichthys gymnura</i> | CSIRO H 6341-02 | CSIRO GT 203 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Aracanidae | <i>Capropygia unistriata</i> | CSIRO H 6350-23 | CSIRO GT 5956 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Abalistes filamentosus</i> | CSIRO unreg LM964 | CSIRO IN02982 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Balistes capriscus</i> | USNM 405175 | USNM AD9NF67 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Balistes polylepis</i> | USNM 421241 | USNM AG7PC77 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Balistes vetula</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0353 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Balistoides viridescens</i> | USNM 403379 | USNM AG9RF59 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i> | USNM 423028 | USNM AC7BZ85 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Melichthys niger</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0061 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Melichthys vidua</i> | STRI-X-60 | STRI BFT11786 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Odonus niger</i> | USNM 409200 | USNM AG7PW08 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Pseudobalistes fuscus</i> | USNM 400523 | USNM AG9RP93 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Rhinecanthus aculeatus</i> | USNM 400511 | USNM AG9RU13 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Rhinecanthus lunula</i> | USNM 392212 | USNM AG5NP92 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Rhinecanthus rectangulus</i> | USNM 400515 | USNM AG9RQ72 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Rhinecanthus verrucosus</i> | USNM 435559 | USNM AB6QS48 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Sufflamen bursa</i> | USNM 392517 | USNM AG5NQ79 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Sufflamen chrysopterum</i> | AMS I.44740-006 | CSIRO UG0735 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Sufflamen chrysopterum</i> | USNM 435999 | USNM AC1VD99 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Xanthichthys auromarginatus</i> | USNM 409459 | USNM AG7PY24 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Xanthichthys caeruleolineatus</i> | USNM 409149 | USNM AG7PV58 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Xanthichthys caeruleolineatus</i> | CSIRO H 6318-01 | CSIRO GT 168 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Balistidae | <i>Xanthichthys lineopunctatus</i> | CSIRO unreg KD795 | CSIRO IN02440 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Chilomycterus antennatus</i> | USNM 414367 | USNM AC2WT95 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Chilomycterus reticulatus</i> | CSIRO H 7305-08 | CSIRO IN02878 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Chilomycterus schoepfii</i> | USNM 415605 | USNM AC2WQ63 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Chilomycterus spinosus</i> | USNM 405184 | USNM AD9NF85 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Diodon holocanthus</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0286 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Diodon hystrix</i> | STRI-X-325 | STRI BFT11552 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Diodon nictemerus</i> | CSIRO H 6347-31 | CSIRO GT 5963 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Diodontidae | <i>Tragulichthys jaculiferus</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT 4734 |

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Acanthaluteres spilomelanurus</i> | CSIRO H 7101-12 | CSIRO GT 5571 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Acanthaluteres vittiger</i> | CSIRO H 6945-04 | CSIRO GT 4819 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Aluterus heudelotii</i> | USNM 405092 | USNM AD9NE01 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Aluterus monoceros</i> | No voucher | UPRFL1497 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Aluterus scriptus</i> | No voucher | UPRFLO003 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Amanses scopas</i> | USNM 392430 | USNM AG5NQ54 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Anacanthus barbatus</i> | CSIRO H 6146-06 | CSIRO GT 4577 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Brachaluteres jacksonianus</i> | CSIRO H 7103-08 | CSIRO GT 5588 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Brachaluteres taylori</i> | CSIRO H 6914-01 | CSIRO GT 4430 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Cantherhines dumerilii</i> | USNM 399512 | USNM AG9RT41 |
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| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Cantherhines longicaudus</i> | USNM 400537 | USNM AG9RP49 |
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| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Cantherhines pullus</i> | No voucher | UPRFLO403 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Cantherhines sandwichiensis</i> | USNM 392012 | USNM AG5NP68 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Cantheschenia grandisquamis</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT 4763 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Chaetodermis penicilligerus</i> | CSIRO H 6911-05 | CSIRO GT 4402 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Chaetodermis penicilligerus</i> | CSIRO H 8251-01 | CSIRO GT 10694 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Eubalichthys bucephalus</i> | Not retained | CSIRO GT 216 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Eubalichthys caeruleoguttatus</i> | CSIRO H 8282-02 | CSIRO GT 10791 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Eubalichthys gunnii</i> | CSIRO H 6944-01 | CSIRO GT 4806 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Eubalichthys mosaicus</i> | CSIRO H 6350-07 | CSIRO GT 5914 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Eubalichthys quadrispinis</i> | CSIRO H 6348-07 | CSIRO GT 311 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Meuschenia trachylepis</i> | CSIRO H 6838-09 | CSIRO GT 3654 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Oxymonacanthus longirostris</i> | AMS I.44739-002 | CSIRO UG0755 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus choirocephalus</i> | CSIRO H 6145-06 | CSIRO GT 4410 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus filicauda</i> | CSIRO H 6319-07 | CSIRO GT 4617 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus japonicus</i> | CSIRO unreg BY011 | CSIRO IN00550 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus lowei</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO CMR005207a |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus lowei</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO CMR005207b |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Paramonacanthus oblongus</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT 4244 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pervagor aspricaudus</i> | USNM 390982 | USNM AG5NP14 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pervagor janthinosoma</i> | AMS I.44714-026 | CSIRO UG0193 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pervagor marginalis</i> | USNM 409029 | USNM AG7PU39 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pervagor melanocephalus</i> | USNM 435755 | USNM AB6QU45 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudalutarius nasicornis</i> | CSIRO H 6937-08 | CSIRO GT 4711 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudomonacanthus elongatus</i> | CSIRO H 6904-02 | CSIRO GT 4289 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudomonacanthus elongatus</i> | CSIRO H 8249-02 | CSIRO GT 10812 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudomonacanthus macrurus</i> | USNM 435396 | USNM AB6QQ85 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudomonacanthus peroni</i> | CSIRO H 4643-03 | CSIRO 10V |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Rudarius minutus</i> | WAM P.33523-001 | CSIRO UG0547 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Stephanolepis hispidus</i> | USNM 405062 | USNM AD9ND41 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Stephanolepis setifer</i> | USNM 419328 | USNM AC4YM29 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Thamnaconus degeni</i> | CSIRO H 6942-04 | CSIRO GT 4786 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Monacanthidae | <i>Thamnaconus striatus</i> | CSIRO H 7220-09 | CSIRO IN02545 |

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| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Acanthostracion polygonius</i> | USNM 421721 | USNM AC2WV43 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Acanthostracion quadricornis</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0075 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Lactophrys trigonus</i> | USNM 415636 | USNM AC2WQ88 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Lactophrys triqueter</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0225 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Lactophrys triqueter</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0072 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Lactoria cornuta</i> | USNM 403207 | USNM AG9RD87 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Ostracion cubicus</i> | USNM 391997 | USNM AG5NP65 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Ostracion meleagris</i> | USNM 400508 | USNM AG9RT93 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Ostracion nasus</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT 4682 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Ostraciidae | <i>Ostracion whitleyi</i> | USNM 409290 | USNM AG7PW56 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Arothron hispidus</i> | USNM 400510 | USNM AG9RU11 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Arothron hispidus</i> | CSIRO H 8228-02 | CSIRO GT 10604 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Arothron meleagris</i> | USNM 391239 | USNM AG5NP43 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Arothron nigropunctatus</i> | NMV A.29880-008 | CSIRO UG0991 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster axiologus</i> | USNM 400503 | USNM AG9RT89 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster bennetti</i> | USNM 439632 | USNM AG5NT52 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster criobe</i> | USNM 400521 | USNM AG9RL45 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster cyanospilota</i> | CSIRO H 8206-01 | CSIRO GT 10464 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster janthinoptera</i> | USNM 392325 | USNM AG5NQ15 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster marquesensis</i> | USNM 409458 | USNM AG7PY23 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster punctatissima</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0354 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster rapaensis</i> | USNM 400531 | USNM AG9RO95 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster rostrata</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0412 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster solandri</i> | USNM 400518 | USNM AG9RM90 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster solandri</i> | SAIAB 78221 | KUIT 7224 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster valentini</i> | USNM 390990 | USNM AG5NP15 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Chelonodontops patoca</i> | CSIRO unreg LM921 | CSIRO IN02921 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Feroxodon multistriatus</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT 4433 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Feroxodon multistriatus</i> | CSIRO H 8257-01 | CSIRO GT 10714 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus cheesemani</i> | CSIRO H 7285-04 | CSIRO GT 6570 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus guentheri</i> | USNM 437742 | USNM AC1VJ91 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus laevigatus</i> | No voucher | UPRFL1635 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus cf. suezensis</i> | CSIRO unreg | CSIRO GT4214 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus spadiceus</i> | USNM 403468 | USNM AG9RG48 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides annulatus</i> | HB-1190 | STRI BFT05089 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides dorsalis</i> | USNM 433079 | USNM AB4OP01 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides greeleyi</i> | No voucher | UPRFL1637 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides lobatus</i> | No voucher | UPRFL1301 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides maculatus</i> | USNM 423825 | USNM AE2QZ45 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides marmoratus</i> | USNM 405093 | USNM AD9NE03 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i> | USNM 415007 | USNM AC4YB58 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides pachygaster</i> | USNM 405072 | USNM AD9ND61 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i> | No voucher | UPRFL0410 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Sphoeroides testudineus</i> | USNM 414276 | USNM AC8CC45 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu niphobles</i> | No voucher | ANSP 206060 large |

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| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Torquigener hicksii</i> | CSIRO H 6451-01 | CSIRO GT 741 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Tetraodontidae | <i>Torquigener parcuspinus</i> | CSIRO H 8267-06 | CSIRO GT 10748 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthidae | <i>Pseudotriacanthus strigilifer</i> | CSIRO H 7217-12 | CSIRO IN02762 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthidae | <i>Triacanthus nieuhofi</i> | CSIRO H 8157-03 | CSIRO IN02487 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthidae | <i>Tripodichthys blochii</i> | USNM 424823 | USNM AH0SW64 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Atrophacanthus</i> sp. | USNM 440414 | USNM AB4OL14 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Halimochirurgus centriscoides</i> | No voucher | ASIZP 0913987 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Halimochirurgus centriscoides</i> | CSIRO H 6574-18 | CSIRO GT 1416 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Halimochirurgus</i> sp. | CSIRO H 7135-19 | CSIRO GT 5806 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Hollardia hollardia</i> | VIMS 40109 | VIMS 40109 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Hollardia meadi</i> | USNM 431710 | USNM AG9RL06 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Parahollardia lineata</i> | VIMS 40107 | VIMS 40107 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Paratriacanthodes retrospinis</i> | NMV A 29672-007 | CSIRO GT 1472 |
| <i>Eupercaria</i> | Triacanthodidae | <i>Triacanthodes</i> sp. 1 | CSIRO H 6570-33 | CSIRO GT 1862 |

Table S14. List of prior distributions used for node dating in previous studies that included Tetraodontiformes. Lists the hard minimum ages and 95% soft maximum ages, if provided. Indicates whether or not the superfamily Plectocretacoidea was included in the divergence time estimations.

| Clade | Paper | Hard minimum age | 95% Soft maximum age | Includes Plectocretacoidea? |
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| Tetraodontiformes + Lophiiformes | Hughes et al. 2018 (3) | 85 Ma | 122 Ma | Yes- <i>Cretatriacanthus guidottii</i> |
| Tetraodontiformes | Near et al. 2013 (5) | --- | --- | No |
| Tetraodontiformes | Dornburg et al. 2014 (29) | 70.08 Ma | 109.845 Ma | Yes- <i>Plectocretacicus clarae</i> , <i>Cretatriacanthus guidottii</i> |
| Tetraodontiformes | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 85 Ma | 122 Ma | Yes- <i>Cretatriacanthus guidottii</i> |
| Tetraodontiformes + Lophiiformes | Chen et al. 2014 (30) | 83 Ma | 124 Ma | Yes- <i>Cretatriacanthus guidottii</i> |
| Tetraodontiformes | Santini et al. 2009 (31) | 59 Ma | 98 Ma | Yes- <i>Plectocretacicus clarae</i> |
| Tetraodontiformes | Near et al. 2012 (32) | --- | 71.4 Ma | No |
| Diodontidae + Tetraodontidae | Hughes et al. 2018 (3) | 50 Ma | 85 Ma | N/A |
| Tetraodontidae | Hughes et al. 2018 (3) | 32 Ma | 50 Ma | N/A |
| Tetraodontidae | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 32 Ma | 50 Ma | N/A |
| Diodontidae + Tetraodontidae | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 50 Ma | 85 Ma | N/A |
| Molidae | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 41 Ma | 85 Ma | N/A |
| Aracanidae + Ostraciidae | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 50 Ma | 85 Ma | N/A |
| Balistidae | Betancur-R et al. 2013 (1) | 35 Ma | 85 Ma | N/A |

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