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29 **Background**

30 Terraranae is a large clade of New World direct-developing frogs that includes 3–5 families and
31 >1,000 described species, encompassing ~15% of all named frog species. The relationships
32 among major groups of terraranan frogs have been highly contentious, including conflicts among
33 three recent phylogenomic studies utilizing 95, 389, and 2,214 nuclear loci, respectively. In this
34 paper, we re-evaluate relationships within Terraranae using a novel genomic dataset for 16
35 ingroup species representing most terraranan families and subfamilies.

36 **Results**

37 The preferred data matrix consisted of 2,665 nuclear loci from ultraconserved elements (UCEs),
38 with a total of 743,419 aligned base pairs and 57% missing data. Concatenated likelihood
39 analyses and coalescent-based species-tree analyses both recovered strong statistical support for
40 the following relationships among terraranan families: (Brachycephalidae, (Eleutherodactylidae,
41 (Craugastoridae + “Strabomantidae”))). Our placement of Brachycephalidae agrees with two
42 previous phylogenomic studies but conflicts with another. Our results place *Strabomantis* (of the
43 Strabomantidae) with (or within) *Craugastor* (Craugastoridae) rather than with other
44 strabomantid genera, rendering Strabomantidae paraphyletic with respect to Craugastoridae.

45 **Conclusions**

46 Our results suggest that Strabomantidae should be placed in the synonymy of the older
47 Craugastoridae. Furthermore, our results suggest that Pristimantinae is paraphyletic with respect
48 to Holoadeninae and should be subsumed into the older Holoadeninae. We also found that using
49 matrices of UCE loci with less missing data (and concomitantly fewer loci) generally decreased
50 support for most nodes on the tree. Overall, our results help resolve controversial relationships

51 within one of the largest clades of frogs, with a dataset containing ~7 times more loci than
52 previous studies focused on this clade.

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55 **Background**

56 Terraranae (*sensu* Heinicke et al. [1]) is one of the most species-rich clades of frogs. It contains
57 ~1,100 described species, equivalent to ~15% of all known species of anurans [2]. Terraranae is
58 characterized by several soft anatomical characters [3] and by direct development. Direct
59 development involves the evolutionary loss of the larval stage, such that 4-legged hatchlings
60 emerge from fully terrestrial eggs [4]. Terraranae occurs from the southern United States to
61 southern Brazil, including the West Indies [5,6]. Terraranan frogs are found in a variety of
62 habitats, from deserts to rainforests and from islands to high-elevation páramo and puna [5,6]. In
63 the Neotropics, terraranans have been estimated to make up (on average) >40% of all frog species
64 in local communities, with especially high richness in mesic habitats of Middle America, the
65 Andes of South America, and on Caribbean islands [7].

66 Terraranans have had a controversial taxonomy, largely because different studies support
67 contrasting phylogenetic hypotheses (Fig. 1). Prior to 2005, traditional taxonomy placed all
68 terraranans in the tribe Eleutherodactylini within the family Leptodactylidae [8]. Based on a
69 parsimony analysis of nuclear and mitochondrial DNA data, Frost et al. [9] subdivided
70 Leptodactylidae and placed all terraranans in the family Brachycephalidae. Hedges et al. [6]
71 proposed a new phylogeny for this group of frogs, to which they gave the unranked clade name
72 of Terrarana (latter amended to Terraranae [1,10]). They divided this clade into four families:
73 Brachycephalidae, Craugastoridae, Eleutherodactylidae, and Strabomantidae (Fig. 1A). They
74 showed weak support for relationships among families, with Eleutherodactylidae as sister to all
75 other families and Brachycephalidae as sister to Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae. Subsequently,
76 Heinicke et al. [11] added a fifth family, Ceuthomantidae, which was placed as sister to all other
77 families (Fig. 1B). Pyron and Wiens [12] performed a large-scale maximum likelihood analysis

78 of 12 concatenated nuclear and mitochondrial genes for many species, which placed
79 Strabomantidae within Craugastoridae (Fig. 1C). They also found Ceuthomantidae as sister to
80 other terraranans, and Brachycephalidae as sister to Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae. Padial
81 et al. [13] added two more nuclear and three more mitochondrial genes to the previous data sets,
82 and analysed relationships using dynamic homology [14,15] with parsimony. This analysis (Fig.
83 1D) placed Eleutherodactylidae as the sister taxon to Brachycephalidae + Craugastoridae
84 (including Strabomantidae), and placed Ceuthomantidae within Craugastoridae (including
85 Strabomantidae). Pinto-Sánchez et al. [7] combined data from two previous studies [12,16] to
86 analyze relationships in terraranan frogs. They found weak support for placing Brachycephalidae
87 as the sister taxon to Eleutherodactylidae (Fig. 1E), unlike Pyron and Wiens [12]. Pyron [17]
88 added published data to the matrix of Pyron and Wiens [12], and also found weak support for
89 placing Eleutherodactylidae with Brachycephalidae instead of Craugastoridae (including
90 Strabomantidae; Fig. 1F). Feng et al. [18] analysed 95 nuclear loci to infer relationships among
91 anurans and found support for the relationships: (Ceuthomantidae (Eleutherodactylidae
92 (Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae))) (Fig. 1G). Hutter et al. [19] performed a Bayesian analysis
93 of 158 hyloid genera including 13 nuclear and 7 mitochondrial genes that showed strong support
94 (Fig. 1H) for the relationships: (Ceuthomantidae, (Brachycephalidae, (Craugastoridae [including
95 Strabomantidae] + Eleutherodactylidae))). Heinicke et al. [1] analysed 389 nuclear loci and
96 placed Eleutherodactylidae as the sister taxon to a clade including Brachycephalidae and
97 Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae (Fig. 1I), again with Ceuthomantidae as sister to all other
98 terraranans. Finally, Streicher et al. [20] analysed 2,214 nuclear loci for hyloid frogs (including
99 five terraranan species) and found support for Brachycephalidae as the sister taxon of
100 Craugastoridae (including Strabomantidae) + Eleutherodactylidae (Fig. 1J).

101 The results from these studies can be summarized as follows. There are three main
102 competing hypotheses regarding relationships among terraranan families: (1) Eleutherodactylidae
103 as the sister taxon to Brachycephalidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae [1,6,11,13]; (2)
104 Brachycephalidae as the sister taxon to Eleutherodactylidae + (Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae)
105 [12,18,19,20]; and (3) Brachycephalidae + Eleutherodactylidae as sister to Craugastoridae +
106 Strabomantidae [7,17]. Another difference among studies is that the genus *Ceuthomantis* was
107 assigned to its own family by Heinicke et al. [11], and this was supported in subsequent
108 phylogenies given its placement as sister to all other terraranan families [12,17,18]. However,
109 Padial et al. [13] placed *Ceuthomantis* inside Craugastoridae.

110 What might explain these disagreements? With the exception of Feng et al. [18], Heinicke
111 et al. [1], and Streicher et al. [20], all previous molecular phylogenetic studies were based on
112 fewer than 10 mitochondrial and 14 nuclear loci, and often had relatively weak support for the
113 key, conflicting relationships. Most studies differed in their sampling of genes and taxa (Table 1),
114 which might have contributed to the conflicting results. Another potential cause of conflict
115 among studies is the different inference methods used (Table 1), including parsimony (with a
116 dynamic optimization criterion), maximum likelihood and Bayesian analysis of concatenated
117 data, and coalescent-based species-tree analyses. Even the three recent phylogenomic studies that
118 included multiple terraranan samples showed conflicting relationships among taxonomic families
119 (Fig. 1), despite having 97, 389, and 2214 loci (Table 1).

120 In recent years, a new class of molecular markers for phylogenomic studies has been
121 developed, based on ultraconserved genomic elements (UCEs) [21]. Because of their conserved
122 nature, researchers are able to enrich and capture DNA sequences from thousands of nuclear loci,
123 even from distantly related taxa [22]. UCEs have been used to address relationships within many

124 vertebrate clades, including major groups of reptiles [23] and among families of fishes [24], frogs
125 [20], lizards [25,26], and snakes [27]. UCEs have also been applied to phylogenetic questions at
126 lower taxonomic levels, such as among bird genera [28] and among species of birds and frogs
127 [29,30,31].

128 A potential disadvantage of UCEs is that the data matrices generated may include
129 considerable missing data. Specifically, including more UCE loci in a given dataset typically
130 requires increasing levels of missing data. Using UCE data from iguanian lizards, Streicher et al.
131 [25] examined the impacts of including different levels of missing data and different numbers of
132 loci on the performance of concatenated and species-tree analyses. These authors found that the
133 recovery of well-established clades (and overall branch-support) was maximized by including
134 loci with an intermediate level of missing data (up to 50% missing taxa per locus). However,
135 these authors only examined data matrices containing 20–60% missing taxa per locus. Here, we
136 use data from thousands of UCE loci to analyze higher-level relationships within Terraranae
137 using both concatenated and species-tree analyses. We also evaluate the effect of missing data on
138 phylogenetic inference in UCEs across a wider range of sampling strategies (allowing 10–90%
139 missing taxa per locus).

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141 **Methods**

142 **Taxon sampling**

143 Taxon sampling included 16 ingroup species of Terraranae encompassing representatives of four
144 of the five terraranan families (Table 2). We follow the standard taxonomy of AmphibiaWeb [32]
145 here and throughout the paper. We also included five outgroup species. Data for four of the
146 ingroup species and all five outgroup species were taken from Streicher et al. [20]. From the

147 family Eleutherodactylidae, we included samples from both subfamilies (Eleutherodactylinae and
148 Phyzelaphryninae) and all four genera (*Eleutherodactylus*, *Diasporus*, *Phyzelaphryne*, and
149 *Adelophryne*). Brachycephalidae contains only two genera, *Brachycephalus* and *Ischnocnema*,
150 and we included the former. From Craugastoridae, Craugastorinae was represented by one of the
151 two genera (*Craugastor*). Within *Craugastor* our samples represented the subgenera
152 *Campbellius*, *Craugastor*, and *Hylactophryne*. From Strabomantidae we sampled four of the
153 eighteen genera: *Barycholos* from the subfamily Holoadeninae, and representatives of *Lynchius*,
154 *Pristimantis*, and *Oreobates* from the subfamily Pristimantinae (Table 2). We lacked a sample of
155 *Ceuthomantis*, which has been considered a distinct family [1,11,12,17,18]. We also lacked
156 *Hypodactylus*, which has been considered a monogeneric subfamily of Strabomantidae [1].
157 However, our taxon sampling is able to address a major debate among studies of terraranan
158 phylogeny: the relationships among Brachycephalidae, Craugastoridae, Eleutherodactylidae, and
159 Strabomantidae.

160 Many previous phylogenetic studies have demonstrated that Terraranae is nested within
161 Hyloidea [9,12,17,18,20]. However, relationships among hyloid families have generally been
162 only weakly supported in most previous studies. For outgroups, we included representatives of
163 five hyloid families (Centrolenidae, Dendrobatidae, Hemiphractidae, Hylidae, Leptodactylidae).
164 Based on the well-supported tree of Streicher et al. [20], the sister group to Terraranae includes
165 Centrolenidae, Dendrobatidae, and Leptodactylidae. These (along with additional families) form
166 the clade Commutabirana, and the sister group to Commutabirana includes Hemiphractidae and
167 Hylidae (members of the clade Amazorana).

168 All samples used in this study were donated by established natural history museums and
169 herpetological collections. Specifically, samples were provided by the Círculo Herpetológico de

170 Panamá (CH), Museo de Historia Natural ANDES at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá
171 (ANDES), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley (MVZ),
172 Amphibian and Reptile Diversity Research Center at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA),
173 Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University (MCZ), and the Biodiversity Institute
174 and Natural History Museum at the University of Kansas (KU).

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176 **DNA extraction, library preparation, and sequencing**

177 Genomic DNA (gDNA) was extracted using DNeasy® Blood and Tissue kits (Qiagen) or using
178 magnetic beads (Sera-Mag Speedbeads, Fisher Scientific). Samples were digested overnight in 20
179 μL proteinase K in 180 μL of lysis buffer. Genomic DNA was captured with ca. 360 μL
180 magnetic beads, cleaned with two 700 μL washes of 70% EtOH, and eluted in 70 μL of 10 mM
181 Tris (pH 8). After extraction, we quantified the amount of gDNA via fluorometry using double-
182 stranded DNA high-sensitivity assay kits (Qubit, Life Technologies).

183 For capture and library preparation we followed the protocol of Faircloth et al. [33]
184 (available at <http://ultraconserved.org>), with the modifications used by Streicher et al. [25].
185 Template gDNA (~150 ng) was fragmented by either physical shearing with a Bioruptor
186 (Diagenode) using 6 cycles of high-speed agitation (with 30 seconds on and 90 seconds off), or
187 by enzymatic digestion using NEBNext dsDNA Fragmentase (New England Biolabs) at 37°C for
188 25 minutes. The post-hybridization PCR was conducted with NEB Phusion DNA polymerase and
189 TruSeq primers (following Streicher et al. [25]). Enriched libraries were visualized for fragment-
190 size distribution and abundance using a Bioanalyzer 7500 (Agilent®). We sequenced the three
191 capture libraries on three runs, each with 48 individuals (not all individuals were included in the
192 present study). We performed 600-cycle paired-end sequencing runs on an Illumina MiSeq at the

193 genomics core facility of the University of Texas at Arlington (Arlington, TX, USA;
194 <http://gcf.uta.edu/>).

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196 **Sequence quality control, assembly, and alignment**

197 UCE data were processed with the pipeline provided by Faircloth et al. [33] available at
198 <http://phyluce.readthedocs.org/en/latest/tutorial-one.html#preparing-data-for-raxml-and-examl>.

199 We trimmed sequences to remove adapters and low-quality bases using the Trimmomatic
200 package implemented in Illumiprocessor [34,35]. We assembled contigs *de novo* for each sample
201 using Velvet 1.2.10 [36] with a kmer length of 75 and a coverage cutoff of 10. Following contig
202 assembly, we processed the data using programs available from PHYLUCE 1.5.0 [37]
203 (<http://phyluce.readthedocs.org/en/latest/tutorial-one.html#preparing-data-for-raxml-and-examl>).

204 We identified the UCE contigs from *de novo* assemblies on a sample-by-sample basis. We used
205 MAFFT 7.130 [38] with default settings to align the resulting UCEs. MAFFT was selected
206 because it has been shown to achieve highly accurate multiple sequence alignments relative to
207 computational costs [39].

208

209 **Concatenated phylogenetic analyses**

210 We inferred phylogenetic relationships from each concatenated data matrix using maximum
211 likelihood (ML) analysis as implemented in RAxML version 8.0.19 [40]. We used the standard
212 GTRGAMMA substitution model. We did not search the data for partitions, given the very large
213 number of loci. Furthermore, there are few obvious *a priori* partitions for UCE data (e.g., many
214 loci are not protein coding, so most sites cannot be assigned to codon positions). We ran two
215 RAxML analyses for each dataset. First, we ran 20 replicate searches to find the optimal ML tree.

216 Second, we performed bootstrapping using the autoMRE option, which automatically determines
217 a sufficient number of bootstrap replicates. The bootstrap support values are shown on the
218 inferred best ML tree, and all trees were rooted using the outgroup species (see above).

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220 **Species-tree analyses**

221 We used two coalescent-based species-tree approaches designed to work on large phylogenomic
222 datasets. First, we used a species-tree approach (NJst) based on a matrix of internode distances
223 across gene trees [41], which approximates the species tree under the multi-species coalescent.
224 To build our species tree, we generated 100 bootstrap samples per locus using RAxML version
225 8.0.19 and the GTRGAMMA model. To obtain bootstrap support values for the inferred species
226 tree, we used a two-stage bootstrap procedure in which genes were randomly resampled followed
227 by random resampling of base pairs within the resampled genes [42]. We ran all NJst analyses
228 using the Species Tree Analysis Web (STRAW) Server [43]. As a second species-tree approach,
229 we also used the Accurate Species TRee ALgorithm (ASTRAL-II 5.5.9) [44,45]. This method
230 estimates an unrooted species tree given a set of unrooted gene trees, under a multi-species
231 coalescent model. Branch support for both NJst and ASTRAL-II analyses was estimated using
232 the same bootstrap method proposed by Seo [42]. Species trees were rooted using the outgroups.

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234 **Missing data**

235 We also evaluated the effect of varying the number of loci included and the concomitant amount
236 of missing data included (by changing the maximum amount of missing taxa allowed for a locus
237 to be included). We used PHYLUCe to filter the alignments to create nine data matrices that
238 differed based on the number of loci included, where the decision to include a locus was based on

239 the maximum percentage of taxa (including outgroups) that were missing data for that locus. We
240 created nine matrices, each allowing different maximum amounts of missing data per locus (10–
241 90%, in increments of 10). For example, the 10% matrix included only those loci that had data
242 for 90% or more of all taxa. The overall amount of missing data in a matrix could be quite
243 different from the maximum amount of missing taxa allowed per locus. For example, allowing
244 60% to 90% missing taxa per locus generates matrices with only 49–58% missing data overall
245 (Table 3). We estimated the overall number of parsimony-informative sites and the amount of
246 missing data in each dataset (Table 3) using Geneious pro 8.1 (Biomatters,
247 <http://www.geneious.com/>) and Perl scripts available from
248 <http://phyluce.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tutorial-one.html>. We generated alignment statistics using
249 the script `get_align_summary_data.py` implemented in `alignment_assessment_v1` [46].

250 Following Streicher et al. [20,25], we used the mean bootstrap value of all nodes across
251 the tree to evaluate how missing data and number of loci impacted the phylogenetic results. We
252 did not consider any clades within terraranans to be well-established based on non-molecular
253 data. Therefore, we did not focus on the bootstrap score for any particular clade. However,
254 previous studies [20,25] found that bootstrap support for well-established clades was strongly
255 correlated with mean bootstrap support for other nodes across the tree. Therefore, we used mean
256 support across nodes as a provisional index of performance for each approach. Nevertheless, we
257 acknowledge that there are conditions under which mean bootstrap support could be misleading
258 as a measure of method performance [47].

259

260 **Results**

261 **Phylogenetic results**

262 Using concatenated maximum likelihood analysis, the tree inferred from the matrix allowing up
263 to 80% missing data per locus (Fig. 2) provided the overall highest mean bootstrap support (bs)
264 values across the tree (Table 4). We describe this tree and then compare it with those obtained
265 based on other matrices and other inference methods. Terraranans formed a monophyletic group
266 with 100% bootstrap support, confirming previous phylogenetic results [6,9,11–13,18–20,37]. In
267 our results, Brachycephalidae, represented by *Brachycephalus quiririensis*, was recovered as the
268 sister taxon to a strongly supported clade (bs=100%) uniting all other sampled terraranan taxa.
269 Eleutherodactylidae was also strongly supported as monophyletic (bs=100%). Within
270 Eleutherodactylidae, the subfamilies Eleutherodactylinae (*Diasporus*, *Eleutherodactylus*) and
271 Phyzelaphryninae (*Adelophryne*, *Phyzelaphryne*) were each strongly supported as monophyletic
272 (bs=100%). Our results show strong support (bs=100%) for a clade uniting Craugastoridae (in
273 our phylogeny represented by *Craugastor augusti*, *C. daryi*, and *C. longirostris*) and
274 Strabomantidae (*sensu* AmphibiaWeb) [1,32] represented by *Barycholos pulcher*, *Lynchius*
275 *nebulanastes*, *Oreobates quixensis*, *Pristimantis miyatai*, *P. simonsii*, and *Strabomantis*
276 *anomalus*. However, Strabomantidae is non-monophyletic in this tree, because Craugastoridae is
277 nested within Strabomantidae (again following current taxonomy; [32]). There is moderate
278 support (bs=73%) for a clade uniting *Craugastor* (Craugastoridae) and *Strabomantis*
279 (Strabomantidae). The monophyly of *Craugastor* was strongly supported (bs=98%). The sister
280 relationship between the subgenera *Hylactophryne* (represented by *C. augusti*) and *Craugastor*
281 (represented by *C. longirostris*) relative to *Campbellius* (represented by *C. daryi*) was also well
282 supported (bs=93%). There was a strongly supported clade (bs=100%) uniting *Lynchius*,
283 *Oreobates*, *Pristimantis*, and *Barycholos*. These genera are currently assigned to the subfamilies
284 Pristimantinae (*Lynchius*, *Oreobates*, and *Pristimantis*) and Holoadeninae (*Barycholos*) of

285 Strabomantidae. The genera *Lynchius* and *Oreobates* together formed the sister clade (bs=100%)
286 to a clade including *Barycholos* and *Pristimantis* (bs =100%; Fig. 2). Thus, Pristimantinae was
287 paraphyletic with respect to Holoadeninae, with strong support for the relevant relationships.

288 Coalescent-based species-tree analyses using NJst and ASTRAL-II applied to the 80%
289 missing-data matrix yielded phylogenetic trees that generally agreed with each other and with the
290 concatenated ML results (see above) in terms of relationships among families and among
291 subfamilies (Figs. 2 and Additional file 1: Figure S1). We compare the statistical support
292 provided by these two methods, and then highlight the one topological difference with respect to
293 the concatenated ML results. NJst and ASTRAL-II provided strong support for the monophyly of
294 Terraranae (bs=100% for both methods), and moderately strong support for the clade uniting
295 Eleutherodactylidae, Craugastoridae, and Strabomantidae to the exclusion of Brachycephalidae
296 (NJst: bs=92%; ASTRAL-II: bs=85%). Support was strong for monophyly of
297 Eleutherodactylidae (NJst: bs=96%; ASTRAL-II: bs=100%), Eleutherodactylinae (NJst:
298 bs=99%; ASTRAL-II: bs=100%), and Physelaphryninae (NJst: bs=98%; ASTRAL-II:
299 bs=100%). Support for the monophyly of the clade uniting Craugastoridae and Strabomantidae
300 was moderately strong for NJst and very strong for ASTRAL-II (NJst: bs=85%; ASTRAL-II:
301 bs=96%). Craugastoridae was again placed inside Strabomantidae, rendering Strabomantidae
302 paraphyletic. However, support was moderate for the clade including *Strabomantis* and
303 Craugastoridae (NJst: bs=89%; ASTRAL-II: bs=70%). Relationships among *Barycholos*,
304 *Lynchius*, *Oreobates*, and *Pristimantis* were the same with NJst and ASTRAL-II as with
305 concatenated ML, and remained strongly supported (bs=94–100%). Importantly, *Barycholos*
306 (Holoadeninae) was again nested inside of Pristimantinae (*Lynchius*, *Oreobates*, and

307 *Pristimantis*) with strong support for the clade uniting Holoadeninae with *Pristimantis* (NJst:
308 bs=97%; ASTRAL-II: bs=100%).

309 The only major topological difference we observed among methods involved
310 relationships among craugastorids and *Strabomantis* (see Additional file 1: Figure S1). The
311 concatenated ML tree placed *Strabomantis* as sister to *Craugastor*. In contrast, the NJst and
312 ASTRAL-II trees placed *S. anomalus* and *C. daryi* as sister taxa (NJst: bs=92%; ASTRAL-II:
313 bs=73%), with this clade as the sister taxon of the other two sampled species of *Craugastor*.
314 Thus, both Craugastoridae and Strabomantidae were paraphyletic in the NJst and ASTRAL
315 analyses, whereas only Strabomantidae was paraphyletic in the ML analyses. The different
316 placements of *Strabomantis* and *C. daryi* may reflect the low number of UCE loci recovered for
317 these taxa (136 and 71 loci for *S. anomalus* and *C. daryi*, respectively; Table 2).

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319 **Impact of missing data**

320 As more missing data were allowed per locus (from 10% up to 90%), the number of UCE loci
321 included and total sequence length increased (Table 3). However, the range of variation in the
322 overall amount of missing data was relatively limited (no more than 58% missing data overall).
323 The number of parsimony-informative sites included also increased with the number of missing
324 bases (Table 3; Spearman's rank correlation, $r_s = 0.98$; $P < 0.0001$). This may explain why
325 bootstrap support values increased when higher levels of missing data were allowed. There were
326 also strong correlations between the number of loci included and mean support values for all
327 three methods (Spearman's rank correlation, ML $r_s = 0.95$, $P < 0.0001$; NJst $r_s = 0.92$, $P =$
328 0.0004 ; ASTRAL-II $r_s = 0.88$, $P = 0.0017$).

329 The phylogenetic results described above are based on the data matrix with up to 80%
330 missing data per locus. With matrices with 50% to 90% missing data per locus (44–58% missing
331 data overall), all analyses (ML, NJst, and ASTRAL-II; Additional files 1–4: Figures S1–S4)
332 supported the monophyly of Terraranae, Eleutherodactylidae, and Strabomantidae +
333 Craugastoridae. All of these analyses also placed Brachycephalidae as the sister taxon to
334 Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae. Importantly, these trees also placed
335 *Strabomantis* with or within Craugastoridae (rendering Strabomantidae paraphyletic) and
336 *Barycholos* with *Pristimantis* (rendering Pristimantinae paraphyletic). The number of loci
337 included varied from 1,262 when allowing 50% missing taxa per locus to 2,745 UCEs when
338 allowing 90% missing taxa per locus (Table 3).

339 The phylogenetic results were more variable when allowing $\leq 40\%$ missing taxa per locus.
340 When loci were included with a maximum of 40% missing taxa, the data matrix included only
341 632 loci, and the ASTRAL-II analysis placed *Brachycephalus quiririensis* inside the clade of
342 Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae (bs=7%; see Supplementary Fig. S4E online), whereas ML and
343 NJst topologies were unaffected. The concatenated ML and NJst analyses based on matrices with
344 40% or more missing data placed Brachycephalidae as sister to Eleutherodactylidae +
345 Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae. Thus, the ASTRAL-II analyses were more sensitive than NJst
346 and ML to the limited number of loci. The matrix allowing up to 30% missing taxa included only
347 202 loci. Mean bootstrap values dropped precipitously across the three inference methods (Table
348 4). In the data matrices allowing only 10 or 20% missing taxa per locus, the total number of loci
349 was very low (4 and 22 UCEs, respectively), and the ML, NJst, and ASTRAL-II analyses did not
350 recover the monophyly of Eleutherodactylidae or Craugastoridae (Additional file 2–4: Figures

351 S2–S4). The topologies were incongruent with many previously hypothesized relationships,
352 including monophyly of Terraranae (Additional file 2–4: Figures S2–S4).

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354 **Discussion**

355 Previous studies showed considerable uncertainty regarding the higher-level relationships among
356 terraranan frogs, with many conflicting trees and weak support values (Fig. 1). Based on
357 concatenated ML and species-tree analyses, our phylogenomic dataset of 2,665 loci provides a
358 well-supported hypothesis that may resolve much of this uncertainty (Fig. 2). The 80% matrix
359 (including loci with up to 80% missing taxa per locus) provided the overall best-supported
360 phylogeny for two of the three methods used (ML, ASTRAL-II; Table 4), and the inferred
361 relationships were mostly consistent regardless of the inference method employed (Fig. 2,
362 Additional file 1–4: Figures S1–S4 online).

363 The family-level phylogenetic relationships recovered here were most similar to those of
364 Pyron and Wiens [12], Feng et al. [18], and Streicher et al. [20]. Specifically, we placed the
365 family Brachycephalidae as the sister to Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae,
366 with relatively strong support for the latter clade (concatenated ML: bs=100%; NJst: bs=92%;
367 ASTRAL-II: bs=85%). This is consistent with Pyron and Wiens [12], based on concatenated ML
368 analysis using a dataset of 3 nuclear and 9 mitochondrial genes from 340 terraranan species.
369 Using a dataset of 95 nuclear genes from 16 terraranan species, Feng et al. [18] also placed
370 Brachycephalidae as the sister to Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae, but
371 with only moderate support for the latter clade (ML bs=68%). This same topology was also
372 recovered with strong support (bs=100%) in a study that used 2,214 UCEs but included only five
373 terraranan taxa [26]. Our results contradict Pyron [17], who used 3 nuclear and 9 mitochondrial

374 loci with 418 species, and placed Brachycephalidae + Eleutherodactylidae as sister to
375 Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae. The same topology was also supported by Pinto-Sánchez et al.
376 [7] and Hutter et al. [19]. Our findings also contradict Heinicke et al. [1] who placed
377 Eleutherodactylidae as sister to Brachycephalidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae (see also
378 Padial et al. [13]). Heinicke et al. [1] used a dataset of 389 genes for 30 terraranan species.
379 However, they found only weak support from a species-tree method for most relationships,
380 including the clade excluding Eleutherodactylidae (Fig. 1I). Among all these studies, our results
381 are based on the largest number of loci. Our results for these family-level relationships are
382 generally well-supported by both concatenated analyses and coalescent-based species-tree
383 analyses.

384 We do not think that the systematic relationships recovered here are spurious due to
385 limited taxon sampling. In fact, our family-level results are consistent with analyses based on 340
386 species [12]. Furthermore, analyses based on >300 species show considerable conflict, with some
387 placing Brachycephalidae with Eleutherodactylidae, others placing Eleutherodactylidae as sister
388 to Brachycephalidae, Craugastoridae, and Strabomantidae, and others placing
389 Eleutherodactylidae with Craugastoridae and Strabomantidae (Fig. 1; Table 1). There are similar
390 conflicts among studies with more limited taxon sampling (e.g. [1] vs. [18]). Furthermore, limited
391 taxon sampling would also be grounds to dismiss the results of Heinicke et al. [1], which are
392 based on a similar level of taxon sampling but much weaker sampling of genes. Thus, we do not
393 believe that conflicts among previous studies are due to limited taxon sampling, or that there is a
394 consistent bias associated with trees with fewer taxa. Instead, a recurring theme is that the
395 conflicting relationships often have relatively weak branch support. Using UCE loci, we recover
396 strong support for nodes that were contentious or poorly supported in previous studies.

397 Another conflict among recent molecular phylogenetic studies of Terraranae is the
398 placement of *Strabomantis* and the recognition of the family Strabomantidae. We found that
399 Strabomantidae is paraphyletic with respect to Craugastoridae, as also found by Pyron and Wiens
400 [12] and Hutter et al. [19]. Again, our results are not simply an artefact of limited taxon sampling,
401 given that the study with the most extensive taxon sampling [19] found a congruent result.
402 Following Article 23.1 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN, 1999), we
403 suggest synonymizing Strabomantidae with Craugastoridae, given that Craugastoridae is the
404 (slightly) older name (described on page 3 vs. page 5 of Hedges et al. [6]). Within
405 Craugastoridae, Pyron and Wiens [12] recognized the monogeneric subfamily Strabomantinae,
406 which is consistent with our ML results, but conflicts with our species-tree results, which place
407 *Strabomantis* within *Craugastor* (Additional files 1, 3, 4: Figures S1, S3, S4). While its exact
408 placement is uncertain, we did not support placing *Strabomantis* with other members of
409 Strabomantidae. Therefore, we recommend that Craugastoridae should be expanded to include
410 *Strabomantis* and all other genera of Strabomantidae. In contrast, Heinicke et al. [1] recognized
411 Strabomantidae as the sister taxon of Craugastoridae. Within Strabomantidae, they placed
412 *Strabomantis* as the sister taxon of a clade including *Barycholos*, *Oreobates*, and *Pristimantis*,
413 among other genera. Feng et al. [18] also recognized Strabomantidae, placing *Strabomantis*,
414 *Pristimantis*, *Hypodactylus*, and *Barycholos* in a clade that was the sister taxon of *Craugastor*. In
415 our concatenated ML tree, *Strabomantis* is placed as the sister taxon of *Craugastor* (bs=73%),
416 rather than with the other sampled genera of Strabomantidae (*Barycholos*, *Lynchius*, *Oreobates*,
417 *Pristimantis*). Both species-tree methods placed *Strabomantis* inside *Craugastor*, as sister to *C.*
418 *daryi* (NJst: bs=89%; ASTRAL-II: bs=73%). Either topology would render Strabomantidae non-
419 monophyletic with respect to Craugastoridae. Therefore, we support Pyron and Wiens [12],

420 Gomez-Mestre et al. [49], and others in placing Strabomantidae within Craugastoridae. We note
421 that this taxonomy would still be consistent with the phylogeny even if we were wrong about the
422 placement of *Strabomantis* and some previous hypotheses were correct instead (as long as
423 Craugastoridae and “Strabomantidae” are sister taxa). Importantly, we recognize that our data
424 were relatively limited for *Strabomantis* (136 loci), despite the large number of loci overall.
425 Finally, we note that there is little basis for saying that Strabomantidae must be recognized on the
426 grounds of taxonomic stability. Both Craugastoridae and Strabomantidae have only been
427 recognized very recently, and many previous authors considered Strabomantidae to be part of
428 Craugastoridae [7,12,17,19,20,49].

429 The relationships among genera of Holoadeninae and Pristimantinae also differ between
430 our study and previous studies. Here, we found Pristimantinae (represented by *Lynchius*,
431 *Oreobates*, and *Pristimantis*) to be paraphyletic with respect to Holoadeninae (represented by
432 *Barycholos*), with strong support from all three methods (Fig. 2). In contrast, among previous
433 studies that sampled these four genera (along with many other genera), Hedges et al. [6],
434 Heinicke et al. [1], Hutter et al. [19], Pyron [17], and Pyron and Wiens [12] all recovered the
435 following relationships (*Barycholos*, (*Pristimantis*, (*Lynchius*, *Oreobates*))). On the other hand,
436 Padial et al. [13] recovered a third topology: (*Pristimantis*, (*Barycholos*, (*Lynchius*, *Oreobates*))).
437 Our support here for the relationships among these four genera is higher than that obtained in
438 most previous studies and is based on many more loci (but with only 610 loci in *Barycholos*). We
439 also note that taxon sampling was more extensive in most previous studies, despite their more
440 limited sampling of genes [1,12,17,19]. Our results placing Holoadeninae (*Barycholos*) inside
441 Pristimantinae (*Lynchius*, *Pristimantis*, and *Oreobates*) suggest that one of these two subfamilies
442 is not valid. We note that the name Holoadeninae proposed by Hedges et al. [6] is available and

443 has priority over Pristimantinae [12], according to Article 23.1 of ICZN [50]. Therefore, we
444 recommend expanding Holoadeninae to encompass Pristimantinae. Again, we note that this
445 taxonomy would still be consistent with the phylogeny even if previous hypotheses were correct
446 about the placement of *Barycholos*. Thus, we propose that the family Craugastoridae should
447 contain the subfamilies Craugastorinae (containing the genera *Craugastor* and *Haddadus*),
448 Holoadeninae (containing *Barycholos*, *Bryophryne*, *Dischidodactylus*, *Euparkerella*, *Holoaden*,
449 *Lynchius*, *Microkayla*, *Niceforonia*, *Noblella*, *Oreobates*, *Phrynopus*, *Pristimantis*,
450 *Psychophrynella*, and *Yunganastes*), Hypodactylinae (containing *Hypodactylus*), and
451 Strabomantinae (containing *Strabomantis*).

452 In summary, our analyses using concatenated ML analysis and coalescent-based species-
453 tree methods (NJst and ASTRAL-II) resulted in high support for Brachycephalidae as the sister
454 taxon to the clade Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae, as also found by
455 Pyron and Wiens [12], Feng et al. [18], and Streicher et al. [20], but *contra* Heinicke et al.
456 [1,11,36], Hedges et al. [52], Padial et al. [13], Pinto-Sánchez et al. [7], and Pyron [17]. Our
457 results also show that Craugastoridae is nested inside of Strabomantidae (suggesting that
458 Strabomantidae should be placed in the older Craugastoridae). We also find that Holoadeninae is
459 nested inside Pristimantinae, and that Pristimantinae should be synonymized with Holoadeninae.

460 Our results may help resolve some controversial issues in terraranan phylogenetics, but
461 much additional work is needed. We suggest that the highest priority for future studies will be to
462 include more taxa. For example, because we had no samples of *Ceuthomantis* in this study, we
463 could not evaluate the hypothesis that this genus is sister to all other Terrananae. Nevertheless,
464 this hypothesis has been consistently supported by all other recent studies [1,11,12,17,18], except
465 Padial et al. [13]. The possible placement of *Strabomantis* within *Craugastor* should also be

466 addressed with better taxon sampling from both genera, and additional taxonomic changes may
467 be needed if the results from our species-tree analyses are supported. It will also be important to
468 include several genera that have not yet been included in molecular phylogenetic analyses (i.e.,
469 *Atopophrynus*, *Dischidodactylus*, *Geobatrachus*, and *Niceforonia*).

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471 **Missing data**

472 A major concern in phylogenomic analyses is the possible impact of missing data on
473 phylogenetic inference [25,53,54,55,56,57]. Here, we found that branch support values from
474 concatenated, ASTRAL-II, and NJst analyses increased in datasets containing more, not fewer,
475 missing data (Tables 3 and 4; Spearman's rank correlation: concatenated ML: $r_s = 0.95$, $P <$
476 0.0001 ; NJst: $r_s = 0.92$, $P = 0.0004$; ASTRAL-II: $r_s = 0.88$, $P = 0.0017$). This may occur because
477 including more missing data per locus allows for the inclusion of more sites, contributing to
478 concatenated analyses, and more loci, contributing to coalescent analyses (Table 3). Many
479 simulation and empirical studies have now shown that increasing the number of genes (for
480 species-tree methods) and characters (for concatenated analyses) may increase the accuracy of
481 phylogenetic analyses, despite the increase in missing data [25,38,41,42].

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483 **Conclusions**

484 Many previous studies of relationships among major groups of terraranan frogs were in
485 disagreement and had weak support for key branches (Fig. 1, Table 1). Our results provide a
486 generally well-supported estimate of relationships among most terraranan families and
487 subfamilies based on concatenated and species-tree methods, including the largest number of
488 genetic loci considered so far. At the family level, our results show that Brachycephalidae is the

489 sister taxon of Eleutherodactylidae + Craugastoridae + Strabomantidae. This result conflicts with
490 some previous studies [1,6,7,13,17,19] but is congruent with others [12,18,20]. Within these
491 families, we find that Strabomantidae is paraphyletic with respect to Craugastoridae, and
492 Pristimantinae is paraphyletic with respect to Holoadeninae. Given these results, we recommend
493 synonymizing Strabomantidae with the older Craugastoridae and Pristimantinae with the older
494 Holoadeninae. Note that these changes would make the taxonomy consistent with the phylogeny
495 even if most previous hypotheses were correct instead. Finally, we explored the effect of
496 including loci with progressively more missing data on three phylogenetic methods (concatenated
497 likelihood, and two species-tree methods, NJst and ASTRAL-II). We found that including loci
498 with more missing data generally increased mean bootstrap values for all three methods, given
499 that including more missing data allowed more loci to be included. Our results add more support
500 to the idea that the benefits of including more loci can potentially overcome the negative
501 consequences of including more missing data in phylogenomic analyses.

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503 **List of abbreviations**

504 **ASTRAL-II:** Accurate Species TRee Algorithm

505 **bs:** bootstrap support

506 **gDNA:** Genomic DNA

507 **ICZN:** International Commission for Zoological Nomenclature

508 **MAFFT:** multiple sequence alignment program

509 **ML:** maximum likelihood

510 **STRAW:** Species TRee Analysis Web server

511 **UCEs:** Ultraconserved Elements

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695 **Table 1.** Summary of previous studies of the phylogenetic relationships within Terraranae using
696 molecular data. The abbreviation for the inference methods are: maximum parsimony (MP),
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698 optimization criterion (POY), and coalescent-based species-tree estimation using Accurate
699 Species TRee Algorithm (ASTRAL) and NJst.
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Study	Terraranan taxa	Outgroup taxa	Mitochondrial genes	Nuclear genes	Inference method
Hedges et al. [6]	344	18	2	2	ML, Bayes
Heinicke et al. [11]	42	4	6	11	MP, ML, Bayes
Pyron and Wiens [12]	340	2533	3	9	ML
Padial et al. [13]	405	25	9	11	POY
Pyron [17]	418	2892	3	9	ML
Pinto-Sánchez et al. [7]	363	7	3	9	Bayes
Feng et al. [18]	16	278	--	97	ML, ASTRAL
Hutter et al. [19]	610*	1708*	7	13	Bayes
Heinicke et al. [1]	30	5	--	389	ML, ASTRAL
Streicher et al. [20]	5	45	--	2214	ML, NJst, ASTRAL

701 * Includes well-supported but undescribed species.

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'04 **Table 2.** Voucher information and amount of DNA data produced for each sample, including number of contigs assembled using
'05 the resulting number of aligned ultraconserved elements (UCEs) obtained. Sequence Read Archive (SRA) accession numbers provided
'06 obtained for each individual. Family-level taxonomy follows Heinicke et al. [1]. Accession numbers starting with SAMN were from
'07 Streicher et al. [20]. Museum numbers are from the following natural history collections: Museo Herpetológico de la Universidad
'08 (MHUA), Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), Museo de Historia Natural, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (MHNSM),
'09 de Panamá (CH), Museo de Historia Natural ANDES at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá (ANDES), the Museum of Vertebrate
'10 University of California, Berkeley (MVZ), Amphibian and Reptile Diversity Research Center at the University of Texas at Arlington
'11 Comparative Zoology at Harvard University (MCZ), and the Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum at Kansas University
'12 Herpetológica do Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, state of Paraná (DZUP). Three sample
'13 numbers: Jonathan A. Campbell (JAC), Erik R. Wild (ERW), and William E. Duellman (WED).

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Species	Family	Museum number	Contigs	UCEs	SRA accession
<i>Brachycephalus quiririensis</i>	Brachycephalidae	DZUP 522	5415	886	SAMN05559884
<i>Craugastor augusti</i>	Craugastoridae	UTA A-60654	3790	738	SAMN09873179
<i>Craugastor daryi</i>	Craugastoridae	UTA A-62648	375	71	SAMN09873180
<i>Craugastor longirostris</i>	Craugastoridae	MHUA 4809	2569	1301	SAMN05559889
<i>Eleutherodactylus johnstonei</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	ANDES-A 1912	4588	1792	SAMN09873181
<i>Eleutherodactylus longipes</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	JAC 29834	2710	1243	SAMN09873182
<i>Diasporus gularis</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	ANDES-A 3833	19214	427	SAMN09873183
<i>Diasporus vocator</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	CH 4786	8247	429	SAMN09873184
<i>Adelophryne adiastrata</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	ANDES-A 2560	3680	1515	SAMN05559873
<i>Phyzelaphryne miriame</i>	Eleutherodactylidae	ANDES-A 3834	3875	512	SAMN09873185

<i>Strabomantis anomalus</i>	Strabomantidae	ANDES-A 1416	1034	136	SAMN09873186
<i>Barycholos pulcher</i>	Strabomantidae	KU 217782	1261	610	SAMN09873187
<i>Lynchius nebulanastes</i>	Strabomantidae	ERW 86	11368	2233	SAMN05559921
<i>Oreobates quixensis</i>	Strabomantidae	ANDES-A 1954	4975	1198	SAMN09873188
<i>Pristimantis simonsii</i>	Strabomantidae	WED 56667	5268	2118	SAMN09873189
<i>Pristimantis miyatai</i>	Strabomantidae	ANDES-A 1776	4897	1429	SAMN09873190
<i>Espadarana prosoblepon</i>	Centrolenidae	MVZ 149741	6094	1851	SAMN05559886
<i>Stefania coxi</i>	Hemiphractidae	ROM 39478	3350	1826	SAMN05559931
<i>Dendropsophus leali</i>	Hylidae	KU 215259	6094	1767	SAMN05559892
<i>Hyloxalus nexipus</i>	Dendrobatidae	KU 211806	368	1456	SAMN05559914
<i>Leptodactylus didymus</i>	Leptodactylidae	MHNSM 14643	5814	1909	SAMN05559919

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717 maximum percentage of missing data allowed per locus in each matrix. The summary includes
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719 number of parsimony-informative sites summed across all UCEs, total number of missing data
720 cells in each matrix, percent of sites across all loci that contain parsimony-informative variation
721 (excluding sites with gap characters) in relation to the total length of the alignment, and the
722 overall percentage of missing data cells in each matrix.

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Maximum missing data per locus	Number of UCEs	Total DNA sequence length in bp	Parsimony-informative sites	Missing data cells	% informative sites	% missing data in matrix
90%	2,745	754,266	24,079	9,264,413	3.10%	58%
80%	2,665	743,419	24,079	8,844,779	3.20%	57%
70%	2,368	639,195	22,083	7,126,259	3.50%	53%
60%	1,906	503,502	17,390	5,166,952	3.50%	49%
50%	1,262	337,741	11,217	3,097,704	3.30%	44%
40%	632	172,052	5,513	1,359,560	3.20%	38%
30%	202	53,240	1,243	342,194	2.30%	31%
20%	22	5,565	83	23,879	1.50%	20%
10%	4	1,265	14	944	1.10%	4%

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726 **Table 4.** Mean bootstrap support across all nodes in trees inferred from nine data matrices, each
 727 allowing different amounts of missing taxa per locus (10% to 90%). Results are given for three
 728 phylogenetic methods (concatenated likelihood using RAxML, and the coalescent-based species
 729 tree methods NJst and ASTRAL-II).
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Missing taxa/locus	Average bootstrap support values across all nodes		
	ML	NJst	ASTRAL-II
90%	94.9	91.6	93.0
80%	95.7	90.9	94.1
70%	95.4	91.6	89.6
60%	93.8	91.3	93.0
50%	91.8	88.9	93.0
40%	91.6	80.3	83.4
30%	51.7	56.3	56.0
20%	41.3	15.0	13.0
10%	18.0	16.4	12.5

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732 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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754 **Figure 2.** Relationships among terraranan frogs based on a concatenated maximum likelihood
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790 the 80% missing-data matrix is shown in Additional file: Fig. S1A online. Outgroups not shown
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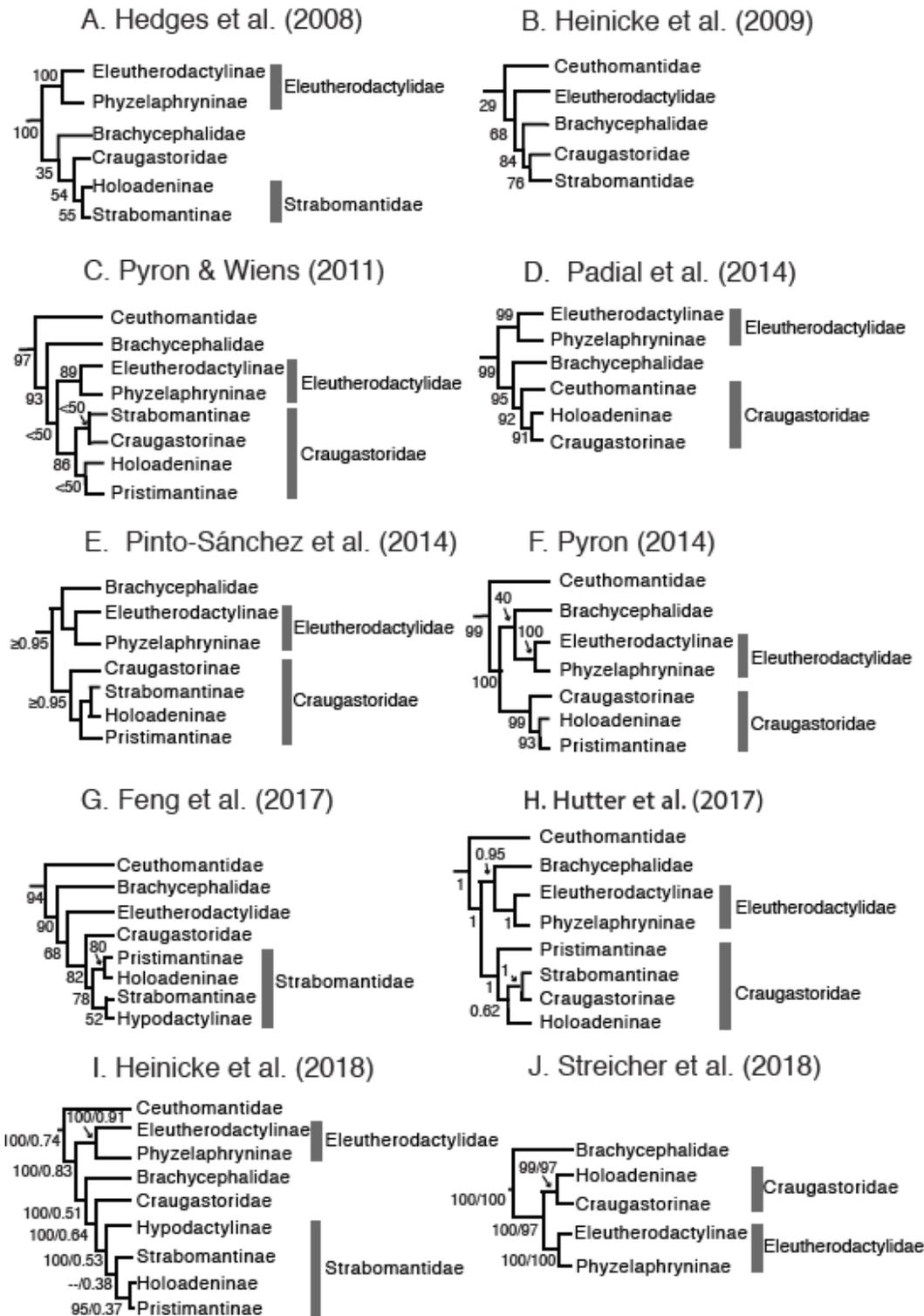


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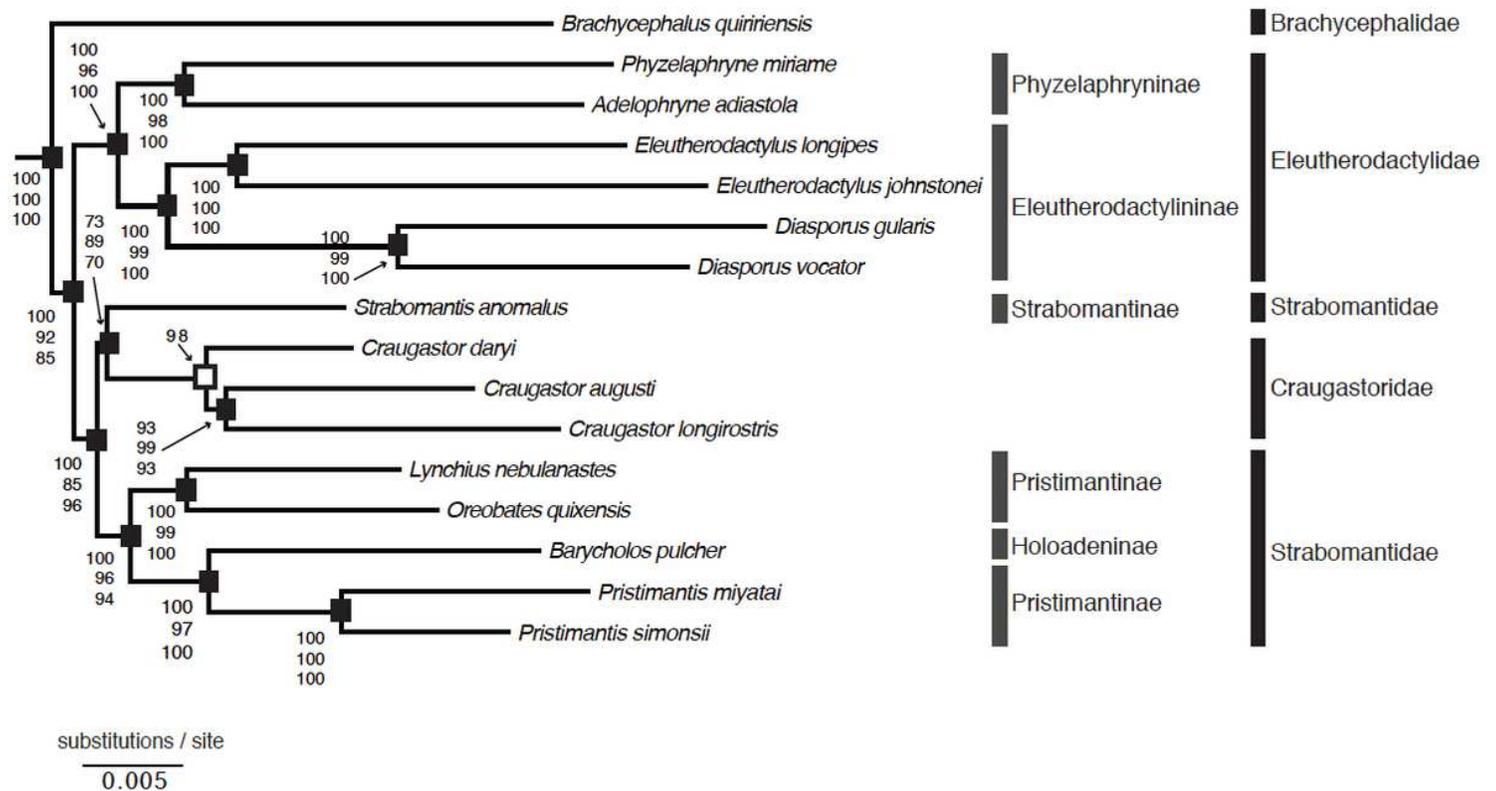


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