

Table S4. Parameter estimates of ω ratios, log-likelihood scores and LRT statistics for the ependymin data under different branch-, site-, and branch-site models of codon evolution. (References provided in the Additional file 2: Additional_Text.pdf)

Model	Estimates of Parameters	ℓ^a	LRT ^b	df ^c	p Value	PSS ^d
M0: $\omega_0 = \omega_{\text{FishBrain}} = \omega_{\text{FishTj}} = \omega_{\text{MERPs}}$	$\omega_0 = 0.155$	-27658.44				None
Postduplication and Postspeciation (PD-PS) Models [51]						
Mps₁: $\omega_b; \omega_{\text{MERPs(PD)}} = \omega_{\text{FishBrain(PD)}} = \omega_{\text{FishTj(PD)}}; \omega_{\text{MERPs(PS)}} = \omega_{\text{FishBrain(PS)}} = \omega_{\text{FishTj(PS)}}$	$\omega_{\text{(PD)}} = 1.139, \omega_{\text{(PS)}} = 0.161, \omega_b = 0.056$	-27650.30	M0 vs. Mps ₁	2	0.0003	
Mps₂: $\omega_b = \omega_{\text{MERPs}}; \omega_{\text{FishBrain(PD)}} = \omega_{\text{FishTj(PD)}}; \omega_{\text{FishBrain(PS)}} = \omega_{\text{FishTj(PS)}}$	$\omega_{\text{(PD)}} = 1.983, \omega_{\text{(PS)}} = 0.180, \omega_b = 0.114$	-27644.73	M0 vs. Mps ₂	2	< 0.0001	
Paralog Models [51]						
Mp₁: $\omega_b; \omega_{\text{FishBrain}}; \omega_{\text{FishTj}}; \omega_{\text{MERPs}}$	$\omega_{\text{FishBrain}} = 0.175; \omega_{\text{FishTj}} = 0.198; \omega_{\text{MERPs}} = 0.123; \omega_b = 0.057$	-27641.01	M0 vs. Mp ₁	3	< 0.0001	
Mp₂: $\omega_b = \omega_{\text{MERPs}}; \omega_{\text{FishBrain}}; \omega_{\text{FishTj}}$	$\omega_{\text{FishBrain}} = 0.175; \omega_{\text{FishTj}} = 0.198; \omega_{\text{MERPs}} = \omega_b = 0.114$	-27644.89	M0 vs. Mp ₂	2	< 0.0001	
Mp₃: $\omega_b; \omega_{\text{MERPs}}; \omega_{\text{Non-MERPs}}$	$\omega_{\text{MERPs}} = 0.1221; \omega_{\text{Non-MERPs}} = 0.1793; \omega_b = 0.068$	-27644.35	M0 vs. Mp ₃	2	< 0.0001	
Site - Models (Separate groups) [52-54]						
Model 0: One-ratio						
FishBrain (32 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.182$	-9390.26				
FishTj (12 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.195$	-6681.65				
MERPs (17 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.115$	-6147.06				
Basal (8 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.051$	-5050.18				

Model 3: Discrete (K = 3)

FishBrain (32 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.004, p_0 = 0.099, \omega_1 = 0.114,$ $p_1 = 0.498, \omega_2 = 0.414, (p_2 = 0.403)$	-9215.15	M0 vs. M3 (K = 3)	4	< 0.0001	None
FishTj (12 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.014, p_0 = 0.184, \omega_1 = 0.153,$ $p_1 = 0.415, \omega_2 = 0.470, (p_2 = 0.402)$	-6530.63	M0 vs. M3 (K = 3)	4	< 0.0001	None
MERPs (17 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.009, p_0 = 0.331, \omega_1 = 0.090,$ $p_1 = 0.418, \omega_2 = 0.482, (p_2 = 0.251)$	-5929.25	M0 vs. M3 (K = 3)	4	< 0.0001	None
Basal (8 Taxa)	$\omega_0 = 0.003, p_0 = 0.120, \omega_1 = 0.059,$ $p_1 = 0.757, \omega_2 = 0.382, (p_2 = 0.122)$	-4972.79	M0 vs. M3 (K = 3)	4	< 0.0001	None

Site - Models (70 sequences dataset) [52-54]

Model 0: one-ratio	$\omega_0 = 0.155$	-27658.44				None
Model 1a: Nearly Neutral (K = 2)	$(\omega_0 = 0.155), p_0 = 0.818, (\omega_1 = 1),$ $(p_1 = 0.182)$	-27729.28				Not Allowed
Model 3: Discrete (K = 2)	$\omega_0 = 0.0834, p_0 = 0.369, \omega_1 = 0.268,$ $(p_1 = 0.631)$	-27471.28	M0 vs. M3 (K = 2)	2	< 0.0001	None
Model 3: Discrete (K = 3)	$\omega_0 = 0.035, p_0 = 0.121, \omega_1 = 0.137,$ $p_1 = 0.430, \omega_2 = 0.320, (p_2 = 0.448)$	-27402.19	M0 vs. M3 (K = 3)	4	< 0.0001	None

Branch-Site Models (Testing PD branches for positive selection) [54-56]

PSS^d for each lineage Prob ($\omega > 1$) using BEB inference

Model A:

FishBrain	$p_0 = 0.396, p_1 = 0.087,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.517), \omega_2 = \infty$	-27724.32	51W ($p = 0.975$), 126Q ($p = 0.951$), 186 _ ($p = 0.952$)
FishTj	$p_0 = 0.790, p_1 = 0.174,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.036), \omega_2 = \infty$	-27726.70	144S ($p = 0.643$)
MERPs	$p_0 = 0.587, p_1 = 0.127,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.285), \omega_2 = \infty$	-27717.96	86R ($p = 0.964$), 128W ($p = 0.993$), 196T ($p = 0.972$), 224S ($p = 0.973$), 231T ($p = 0.952$)

Model B:

FishBrain	$p_0 = 0.257, p_1 = 0.436,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.307), \omega_0 = 0.083,$ $\omega_1 = 0.270, \omega_2 = \mathbf{1.983}$	-27466.48	MB vs. M3 (K = 2)	2	0.0083	Model B fits the data better than M3 (K=2)
FishTj	$p_0 = 0.280, p_1 = 0.477,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.243), \omega_0 = 0.084,$ $\omega_1 = 0.268, \omega_2 = \mathbf{2.420}$	-27471.28	MB vs. M3 (K = 2)	2	1.0	N.S.
MERPs	$p_0 = 0.315, p_1 = 0.530,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.155), \omega_0 = 0.084,$ $\omega_1 = 0.270, \omega_2 = \mathbf{18.170}$	-27469.29	MB vs. M3 (K = 2)	2	0.1372	N.S.

Branch-Site Tests of Positive Selection

	$p_0 = 0.422, p_1 = 0.094,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.484), \omega_0 = 0.155,$ $\omega_1 = 1, \omega_2 = 1$	-27725.91	Branch-site TEST 1 ^e		Branch-site TEST 2 ^e	
			MA vs. M1a	$p = 0.0071$	MA vs. MA	$p = \mathbf{0.0747}$
FishTj (MA with $\omega_2 = 1$ Fixed)	$p_0 = 0.741, p_1 = 0.165,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.094), \omega_0 = 0.155,$ $\omega_1 = 1, \omega_2 = 1$	-27729.28	MA vs. M1a	$p = 0.0763$	MA vs. MA	$p = \mathbf{0.0233}$
MERPs (MA with $\omega_2 = 1$ Fixed)	$p_0 = 0.570, p_1 = 0.124,$ $(p_2 + p_3 = 0.306), \omega_0 = 0.154,$ $\omega_1 = 1, \omega_2 = 1$	-27725.42	MA vs. M1a	$p < 0.0001$	MA vs. MA	$p = \mathbf{0.0001}$

^a ℓ , Log-likelihood scores.

^b LRT, likelihood ratio test.

^c df, Degrees of freedom.

^d PSS, Positively Selected Sites. Sites potentially under positive selection are identified using the human ependymin sequence [Epdr_Homo] as the reference.

^e TEST 1 and TEST 2 as defined in the Methods section of the main text [54-56]