

Supporting Information

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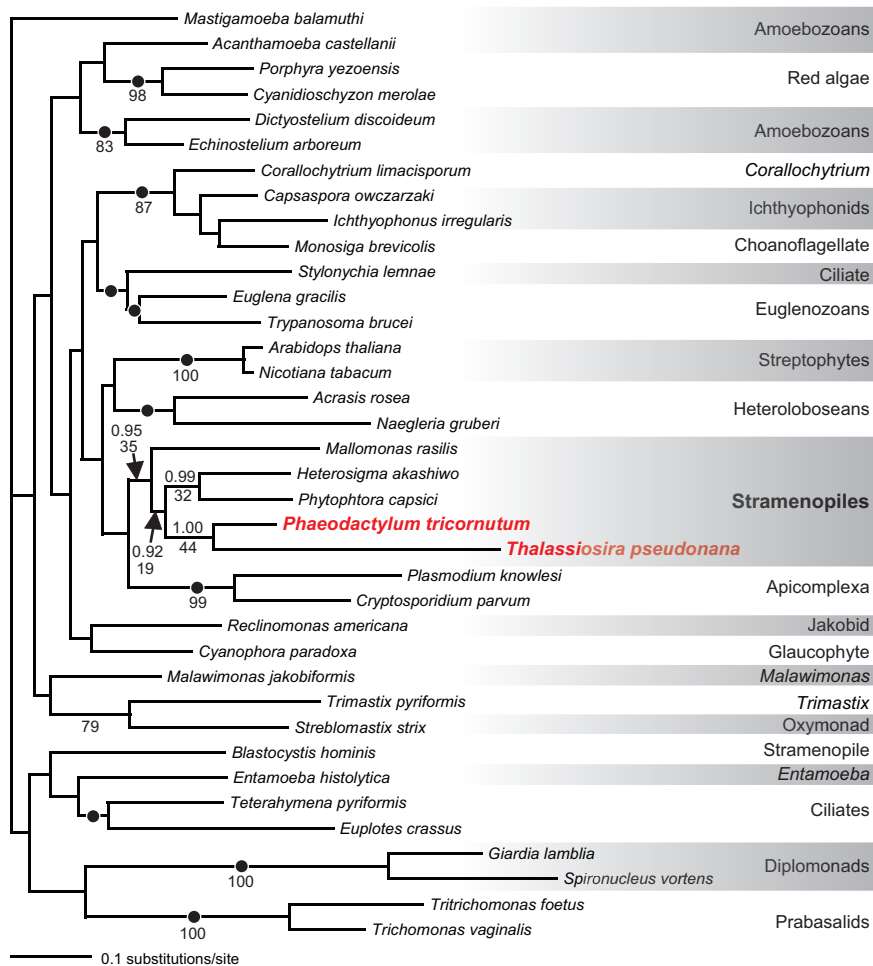


Fig. S1. Maximum-likelihood EF-1 α phylogeny estimated by IQPNNI v.3.1. The diatom sequences are highlighted in red. The ML bootstrap values and Bayesian posterior probabilities for the nodes that are significant for the origin of the diatom homologues are shown. For other nodes, only ML bootstrap values $\geq 70\%$ are indicated. Bayesian posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 calculated by MrBayes v. 3.1.1 are also highlighted by dots.

A P/T KK motif

Yeast EF-1 α	KKVGYNPKT-----VPFVP
Thapse EFL	QMIGFKPKK-----VPFIP
Linpol EFL	VKVGWK-----KDFVEKCVILP

B K indel

Yeast EF-1 α	LI IAGGVGE
Thapse EFL	LVP AEKGGF
Linpol EFL	MVPAD-GNF

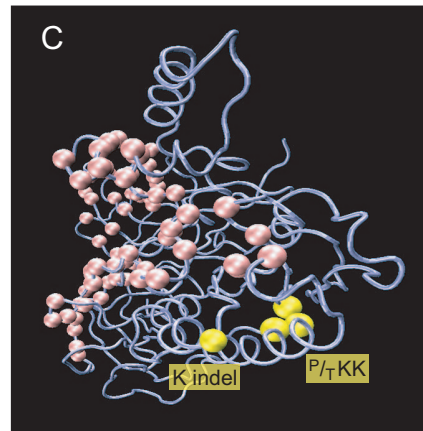


Fig. S2. P/T KK motif and K indel. (*A* and *B*) P/T KK motif (*A*) and K indel (*B*) in the primary structure. Yeast EF-1 α , *Thalassiosira* (Thapse) EFL, and *Ligulodinium* (Linpol) EFL sequences are aligned. The motifs are highlighted in yellow. (*C*) The two motifs in the putative EF-1 α /EFL tertiary structure. The EFL motifs are mapped on yeast EF-1 α tertiary structure (PDB ID code 1IJF). The putative residues that are responsible for elongation factor functions in EF-1 α (9) are highlighted in pink. The residues that correspond to the EFL motifs are highlighted in yellow.

Table S1. Clones obtained in the initial RT-PCR survey

Species	EFL	EF-1 α	eRF3	HBS1	Others*	Total	
Centrales	<i>Chaetoceras dydimus</i>	5	0	4	0	4	13
	<i>Detonula confervacea</i>	10	1	0	0	0	11
	<i>Ditylum brightwellii</i>	11	0	0	0	0	11
	<i>Skeletonema costatum</i>	12	0	0	2	0	14
Pennales	<i>Asterionella glacialis</i>	4	1	8	0	2	15
	<i>Achnanthes kawaiensis</i>	12	1	0	0	0	13
	<i>Cylindrotheca closterium</i>	7	0	3	0	2	12
	<i>Thalassionema nitzschioides</i>	8	1	0	0	0	9

eRF3, eukaryotic release factor 3; HBS1, hsp70 subfamily B suppressor 1.

*Sequences that do not belong to eukaryotic EF-1 α superfamily.

Table S2. Primers used for the RT real-time PCR assay

Gene	Target species	Primers		Annealing temp., deg. C
		Direction	Sequence	
EF-1 α	<i>Tp</i>	Forward	5'-CCACCACAACTGGGCATCTA-3'	55
		Reverse	5'-ACTACTGTGAAATCATACTTTGG-3'	
	<i>Pt</i>	Forward	5'-CACTACTGGTCATTTGATC-3'	52
		Reverse	5'-ATGACGGTAAAGGAGTATTTGG-3'	
EFL	<i>Tp</i>	Forward	5'-GGACACTTGATCTTCAAGC-3'	55
		Reverse	5'-GACAATGGTGTAGTGGTACTTTTC-3'	
α -tubulin	<i>Tp</i>	Forward	5'-CAAGTGTGATCCTCGTCACGG-3'	60
		Reverse	5'-GCAACCATGCACACGGCACG-3'	
	<i>Pt</i>	Forward	5'-CAAGTGTGATCCTCGTCACGG-3'	60
		Reverse	5'-GCAACCATGCACACGGCACG-3'	

Tp, *Thalassiosira pseudonana*; *Pt*, *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*.