Supplementary Information

The *Amphimedon queenslandica* **genome and the evolution of animal complexity**

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S1. Background Information on *Amphimedon queenslandica*

S1.1 More about the animal

Amphimedon queenslandica (Niphatidae, Haplosclerida, Demospongiae, Porifera) was formally described in 2006 from Heron and One Tree Island Reefs, southern Great Barrier Reef, Queensland, Australia and named for the type locality of Queensland.¹ There are approximately 50 valid species in the genus *Amphimedon* worldwide (see http://www.vliz.be/vmdcdata/porifera/), although the relationship of these to each other and *A. queenslandica* remains largely unknown. *A. queenslandica* has been found on a number of reefs in the central and northern regions of the Great Barrier Reef and has high sequence similarity with an *Amphimedon* species collected from Dahab, Egypt, suggesting a even wider distribution (unpublished).

On the southern Great Barrier Reef, *A. queenslandica* has a patchy distribution, living on the shallow intertidal reef flat and crest. There, the grey-blue to green adult grows over decaying coral or other substrata (Figure 1a). The thick encrusting body form rarely exceeds 20 cm in diameter. Brood chambers are up to 1 cm in diameter and contain up to 150 mixed-staged embryos (Figure 1b). Brood chambers can be found in adults any time of the year, although fecundity increases in the summer months October to April.² Embryos are brooded until they hatch as parenchymella larvae (Figure 1c). Year-round access to embryos and larvae and the ability to readily rear and stage live embryos, larvae, postlarvae (Figure 1d) and juveniles (Figure 1e) have made *A. queenslandica* a model for the study of demosponge development. In addition, *Amphimedon* is relatively robust compared to many other sponges, and can be transported and handled for months without marked deterioration. Whether they can be transported worldwide is currently being tested (see Degnan *et al.* 2009³ for detailed description of the ecology, life history and development of *A. queenslandica*).

Amphimedon cells are small (approximately 8 μ m diameter), and to date, no gene transfer system has been developed. *In situ* hybridization protocols for embryonic and larval gene expression, however, have been worked out,⁴ so that spatiotemporal expression patterns can be readily observed in the developing embryo and larva.

S1.2 Description of Figure 1a-e in the main paper

An adult *Amphimedon queenslandica* (Figure 1a) was photographed *in situ* in about 1 m of water at Shark Bay, Heron Island Reef, Great Barrier Reef. Brood chambers (Figure 1b) on the basal side of the adult were dissected by making 7-10 mm slices through the adult and photographed under a stereomicroscope. Multiple stages of embryogenesis can be observed, including spot and ring stage embryos. A whole mounted fixed larva cleared in benzyl alcohol/benzyl benzoate⁴ was photographed under a compound microscope with DIC (Figure 1c). The anterior swimming pole is to the left and the posterior pigment ring to the right. The inner cell mass, middle subepithelial layer and the epithelial layer are evident. A newly settled postlarvae photographed under a stereomicroscope (Figure 1d). In the laboratory, settlement can be induced in competent larvae about 4 hours after emerging from the adult.⁵ *A. queenslandica* larvae attach to the substratum by the anterior end, flatten and immediately begin metamorphosis and resorbing the pigment ring. 3

day old juvenile viewed under a stereomicroscope (Figure 1e). Numerous choanocyte chambers are present and the first large osculum is protruding from the apical surface (see Leys and Degnan 2001², 2002⁶; Adamska *et al.* 2007⁷ for further description of embryogenesis, larval development and metamorphosis).

S2. Genome Sequencing and Assembly

S2.1 Source of materials

Genomic DNA was isolated from ~1,500 embryos and larvae obtained from the brood chambers of a single mother sponge by the SDS/Proteinase K lysis method.⁸ The identity and number of fathers of this brood are unknown, although the genotyping of other brood chambers with multiple polymorphic microsatellite loci confirms that there are multiple fathers per brood chamber (S. Degnan, unpublished; Degnan et al. 2008^9). Prior to lysis, embryos and larvae were extensively washed in filtered seawater to remove associated external contaminants. High molecular weight genomic DNA was sent from The University of Queensland to JGI for sequencing.

To construct *Amphimedon queenslandica* cDNA libraries for expressed sequence tag (EST) analysis, total RNA was isolated from larvae obtained from multiple adults collected from Heron Island Reef, Great Barrier Reef. Larvae were released from adults maintained in large containers of sea water at 28°C. Isolated larvae were transferred to and washed in 0.2-m-filtered seawater at 22°C. These were then placed in RNALater (Ambion Inc.) and transferred to The University of Queensland and JGI, where RNA was extracted and cDNA libraries were constructed.

S2.2 Shotgun dataset

The *Amphimedon* whole genome shotgun (WGS) data set comprises paired end reads from seven libraries, including \sim 3 kb and \sim 7 kb insert plasmid libraries and three \sim 35 kb insert fosmid libraries (Table S2.2.1). In total, 2.92M reads were sequenced; all trace data is deposited at the NCBI Trace Archive (accession ACUQ00000000). A total of 2.21M (75.7%) passed stringent quality and vector trimming protocols. All reads were trimmed for quality using the JTRIM15 protocol (after masking vector with CrossMatch).¹⁰ The JTRIM algorithm finds the subsequence within a read with the maximum expected alignment score to an idealized reference given the Phred base-quality scores of the read and a specified match/mismatch penalty (+1/-30.6). "Passing" reads with trimmed length of at least 400 bases and a mate pair of at least 400 (trimmed) bases were used in the assembly. The passing sequences are summarized in Table S2.2.1.

S2.3 Genome assembly

The *Amphimedon* genome was assembled using a custom approach developed for polymorphic

genomes. In brief, passing reads are aligned in all pairwise combinations; clusters of overlapping reads are identified as likely derived from the same genomic locus; contigs are formed by local assemblies of clusters, which are subsequently ordered and oriented into scaffolds.

The following methods were used for alignment, clustering, and assembly of reads:

- Alignment: Read-to-read pairwise alignments were calculated using the MALIGN aligner module.^{10,11} MALIGN used the co-occurrence of at least 16 distinct 15-mers between pairs of reads to trigger banded, semi-global Needleman-Wunsch alignment. 15-mers occurring more than 80 times in the data set were not allowed to trigger alignments.
- Clustering: Alignments of at least 100bp and 95% identity were used to define the n-ring neighborhood sizes (n=1,2,3,4) for all reads (using the ringer 3 perl script¹²) (Figure S2.3.1). Single-linkage clustering was performed using read-read alignments of at least 100 bp and 99% identity (using the make clusters program, 12). Read-read alignments were rejected if both reads had a 2-ring neighborhood of more than 60 reads. (This step excludes highly repetitive regions.) 28,308 clusters of at least 5 reads were generated containing 1,551,646 reads.
- Contiging and Scaffolding: Each read-cluster was assembled with phrap (version 0.960731) using parameters -minmatch 35 -minscore 55. Quality scores were not used, as this allows distinct haplotypes to be assembled together (data not shown). The resulting contigs were ordered and oriented (*i.e.*, "scaffolded") using the perl script phrapOut2Scaffolds¹² in which contigs are iteratively merged via a greedy ordering based on the number and consistency of read-pair linkages between them.

The bulk statistics for the assembly of the *Amphimedon* genome are reported in Tables S2.3.1, S2.3.2 and S2.3.3. Half of the genome is captured in 310 scaffolds longer than 120kb or 2,652 contigs longer than 11.2kb. "Captured" gaps comprise 21,996,065 bp (13.2%) of the total scaffold sequence. The mean gap size is 1,500 bp; the median gap size is 650 bp.

A rough estimate of the true genome size can be made as follows. The assembly contains 145 Mb of contigs with an estimated \sim 10% residual redundancy (estimated below). It accounts for 70% of the shotgun read dataset. Assuming that the unassembled reads corresponding to repetitive and/or heterochromatic regions are shotgun sampled at the same rate as the assembled regions, the genome size is then approximately 0.9×145 Mbp/ $0.7 = 190$ Mbp. We note also that there may be significant haplotype-unique sequence in the sponge, as found in other heterozygous genomes (*e.g.*, *Ciona savignyi*13,14 and *Vitis vinifera*15).

S2.4 EST sequencing, clustering, and mapping

Three cDNA libraries were constructed for paired end EST sequencing (Table S2.4.1). Library CABF was prepared at UQ; libraries CAYH and CAYI were prepared at JGI. Sequencing was performed with standard JGI protocols^{16,17} on ABI 3730 and GE MegaBACE sequencing instruments. All ESTs that passed quality and vector filters were assembled using a custom EST clustering and assembly pipeline developed at JGI (Brokstein *et al.*, unpublished). A total of 66,375 EST sequences produced 15,333 consensus sequences assembled from 2 or more ESTs,

and 975 singlets (16,308 total). Once aligned to the genome the maximal assemblies were found using the PASA algorithm described in Haas et al. 2003 ¹⁸

The 66,375 processed/filtered ESTs plus an additional 70 full length cDNAs from the Degnan lab and 38 genbank mRNAs were aligned to the genome and assembled using the PASA pipeline. Sequences were trimmed for length, vector and DUST - 19,936 sequences were trimmed and 66,412 sequences remained after seqclean.¹⁹ ESTs were aligned to their best hit in the genome using gmap.²⁰ These alignments were then evaluated by $PASA¹⁸$ to ensure valid splice sites, and alignment over 90% coverage, 90% identity. If gmap alignment did not meet validation criteria, then sim 4^{21} was used. 62,767 (94.5%) ESTs had some alignment to the genome. 52,818 (79.5%) had an alignment that met the validation criteria of 90% identity, 90% coverage, intron length <= 55 kb, and valid splice sites. The validated alignments assembled into 9,699 assemblies, creating 8,478 subclusters (loci). 7,261 of the assemblies are comprised of two or more ESTs. 2,713 assemblies appear to be nominally complete genes, with start and stop codons and at least 150 bp of coding sequence.

S2.5 Evaluation of completeness and correctness of genome assembly

Comparison to ESTs

66,375 *A. queenslandica* ESTs were clustered and assembled into 16,308 contigs via the JGI EST pipeline. Of these, 4,861 contigs were found to have a complete (start codon to stop codon) ORF of at least 450 bp. Of these putatively full-length EST contigs, 3,375 had a hit to a human Refseq gene on the correct strand under blastx (-e 1e-5). 3,354 (99.4%) of these had a blat alignment (under default blat settings) to the assembled scaffolds. 3,275 (97.0%) had an alignment spanning the midpoint of the EST contig. 3,140 (93.0%) of these midpoint-spanning alignments are of at least 95% identity. Thus, we estimate that at least 93% of coding bases are spanned by the assembled scaffolds and that ~99% of genes are at least partially represented in the assembly. Additionally, 390 EST contigs (11.5%) had exactly two midpoint-spanning alignments to the scaffolds of at least 95% identity (consistent with scaffold redundancy estimates below based on assembly self-alignment).

Assembly self-comparison

As an alternate appraisal of the redundancy of the assembled scaffolds, they were aligned to themselves using blastn (-e 1e-100 -F 'm D' -W 24). In scaffolds larger than 10kb, we found 9.1M bases (8%) to be aligned to a single HSP of at least 96% identity from another scaffold.

Comparison with finished fosmids

Fifteen finished fosmid sequences totalling 557.3 kb (GenBank IDs AC167695-AC167709) were compared to the trimmed reads and the assembled contigs and scaffolds to assess the

completeness of the libraries and the assembly. Passing reads were aligned to the fosmid sequences with BLASTN (-e 1e-25 -F 'm D' -W 21). The distribution of the number of reads aligned (over at least 95% of their trimmed length) per fosmid base is shown in Figure 2.5.1. The fosmid AC167706 is essentially uncovered, and was excluded from further analysis as a presumed contaminant. (AC167706 has a notably different GC content than the rest of the genome, does not hit any *A. queenslandica* ESTs, and has no clear candidate genes, but does have a hit to human c17orf27, an expressed RING finger-containing gene). Two other fosmids (AC167695 and AC167699) have sparser than expected whole genome shotgun coverage, but seem likely to be sponge sequences and have average GC content. These represent either biases of the shotgun libraries or regions in which the haplotypes sampled in the fosmid are different enough from the shotgun reads as to evade our conservative alignment criterion, as would occur with modest indel variation, for example. The distribution of coverage depths at a cutoff of 97% identity is shown in Figure 2.5.2, displaying a broad peak centered at ~8-9x (mean 9.3, consistent with a total genome size \sim 185 Mbp) and including \sim 4.2% unsampled regions at the specified alignment cutoffs (mostly contributed by fosmids AC167695 and AC167699). Figure 2.5.3 shows coverage of the fosmids by the assembly, demonstrating the high level of completeness of the assembly relative to shotgun coverage.

S2.6 Analysis of overrepresented 15-mers

The trimmed reads were decomposed into overlapping 15-mer sequences and the frequency distribution of the resultant 15-mers was examined to assess depth of sequence sampling. An \sim 1% contamination of the BAYB library and significant haplotypic polymorphism were detected in the resultant distribution and complicate any direct assessment of depth of coverage as seen in Figure S2.6.1. The 15-mer frequency distribution approximates a power law (ax^b ; \overline{b} =-2.55; see Figure S2.6.2) for mers occuring more than 20 times in the data set, a finding consistent with moderate repetitive content¹⁰ (J. Chapman, unpublished).

S2.7 Bacterial sequence analysis

Assembled contigs from the full sponge assembly were separated into a high GC and low GC fraction. The high GC fraction contained 2.7 Mbp of assembled sequence in 388 contigs. BLAST searches 22 against the NCBI nonredundant nucleotide and amino acid databases identified approximately 100 contigs with perfect identity to the γ proteobacterium *Serratia proteomaculans*, also sequenced at the JGI. Primers designed to amplify these reads failed to amplify DNA on the source sponge embryo material. Hence, reads belonging to *Serratia proteomaculans* were considered as contamination and were discarded from further analysis.

Taxonomic assignments for the remaining unassembled reads were made using the MEGAN 2.0 program.23 Reads were first mapped against the *Amphimedon queenslandica* draft assembly, with any mapped reads being removed from analysis. Remaining reads were then screened against the vector database UniVec and reads with homology to cloning vectors were removed. 217,873 reads remained after all filtration. Those reads were searched against the NCBI

nonredundant amino acid database with BLASTX 2.2.15, implemented in parallel with $mpiBLAST.²⁴$

Due to computational constraints, taxonomic read assignments were performed on a randomly chosen representative subset of unassembled, filtered reads (120,000 out of 217,873 total). Of those, 7,720 (6.4%) were putatively assigned to the bacterial domain of life, and a very small number were assigned to archaea (161, 0.1%). No database hits were found for 38% of reads. Assignment to phyla and other major clades within Bacteria is shown in Figure S2.7.1, alongside the number of sequenced genomes for each clade. The majority of reads map to α - and γ -proteobacteria. We note that our method for read mapping is sensitive to the depth of taxonomic sampling for each group, such that a read might be erroneously recruited to a wellsequenced clade even if it truly belongs in a poorly sequenced clade for which a genome containing a homologous gene has yet to be sampled. For that reason, we plot the total number of finished and unfinished genomes for each group alongside the number of reads assigned, in order to qualitatively assess the relationship between assigned reads and depth of genomic coverage for each clade. In this way, we observe that the fraction of reads assigned to α proteobacteria exceeds the fraction of all sequenced genomes that belong to α proteobacteria. Likewise, we find an excess of reads assigned to Planctomycetes relative to the number of genomes sequenced, however the total number of putatively bacterial reads assigned to Planctomycetes is small (2.8%).

Thus, metagenomic analysis of sequence reads is consistent with existence of a dominant proteobacterial symbiont. Further phylogenetic analysis of marker genes is necessary to determine the exact branching point within the α -proteobacteria. We note, however, that MEGAN analysis assigns most bacterial reads to clades no deeper than the Class level (data not shown).

The presence of 10 randomly chosen proteobacterial sequences in DNA from independentlysourced larvae was assessed by PCR. Six of the 10 sequences were amplified, verifying that most of the putative prokaryotic sequences were sourced from organisms associated with *Amphimedon queenslandica* larvae (Figure S2.7.2). Transmission electron microscopy revealed bacteria present in *Amphimedon* larvae with similar ultrastructure to those found in other demosponges.25

S2.8 Evidence for CpG methylation

From a random sampling of 50,000 pairs (100k trimmed reads), the quantity $[XpY]/[X][Y]$ was computed over all di-nucleotides. For random sequence, this quantity is unity. The mean value for CpG dinucleotides is significantly lower (0.36) relative to random sequence, and the products of deamination of mCpG to TpG (reverse complement CpA) are higher (1.27). The selfcomplementary TpA dinucleotide is also depleted (0.87) . Other values of $[XpY]/[X][Y]$ range from 0.97-1.09. See Table S2.8.1.

S3. Estimation of Polymorphism Levels

Using a suite of four polymorphic microsatellite loci, individual embryos and larvae housed within single brood chambers from multiple mothers were genotyped. This revealed that different fathers have fertilized eggs within a single brood chamber (data available upon request). In some sponges we have detected over 20 paternal alleles represented in the embryos in a single brood chamber, with the mother consistently contributing one of two alleles (unpublished data). Four predominant alleles per locus were detected in the DNA isolated for the genome project (Supplementary Section S2.1), suggesting 4 dominant haplotypes, although it is likely that this genomic DNA contains additional paternal haplotypes.

To assess SNP levels from shotgun data, all scaffolds of at least 100 kbp were realigned to repeat-masked reads from the BAYA and BAYB libraries using blastn with parameters: -W 16 q -3 -U -F 'm D' -e 1e-50 . Best in genome alignments were used to call SNPs at positions with depth of at least four reads and at least two reads supporting two distinct alleles. The scaffolds were subdivided into windows of 100 bp and the number of SNPs per window were tallied for windows with mean depth of coverage between 10- and 15-fold and at least 4-fold coverage at every base in the window. This distibution of the number of SNPs per window is shown in Figure S3.1. The observed number n of SNPs per 100 bp is well-fit by a geometric distribution A $p(1-p)^n$ with A = 0.912 +/- 0.005 and p = 0.297 +/- 0.003. The mean number of SNPs per 100 bp is then given by $(1-p)/p = 2.37 +1/-0.03$ (*i.e.*, one SNP every 42 bp on average). The normalization factor, A, is required due to an excess of zero-SNP windows. This small excess of zero-SNP windows ($\sim 8.8\%$) is proposed to represent the fraction of the assembly that can only be aligned to a single haplotype in the reads, either because of extreme divergence from, or complete absence in, the other haplotypes. This is consistent with the mean depth of coverage in windows with no observed SNPs (9.5X) being lower than that observed in windows with at least one SNP (12.1X). This is also partly due to a residual ascertainment bias (higher depth positions are more likely to reveal polymorphism).

Independent sequencing of cDNAs reverse transcribed from pooled mRNA from a range of individuals revealed extensive polymorphisms in many genes (unpublished data). To validate the gene models produced from genome assembly, we PCR amplified regions of a representative set of gene models, comprising both exons and introns, from individual embryos derived from multiple mothers. Nine gene models

(*Axin*, Aqu1.225694; *Dishevelled*, Aqu1.226072; *Gsk3*, Aqu1.221634; *Tcf*, Aqu1.229819; *Par-6*, Aqu1.225622; *Igtir1*, Aqu1.221082; *Cadherin1*, Aqu1.212079; *EPRS*, Aqu1.222829; *Notch*, Aqu1.224719) were amplified from 8-12 individuals, cloned and sequenced. At least 10 sequences were obtained per gene per individual. Sequence data were consistent with the gene models at these loci, with two alleles per assembled locus (alignments available upon request, B Degnan). There was no evidence for the observed polymorphisms representing gene duplicates.

S4. Annotation of Protein Coding Genes

Models for protein-coding genes were generated using homology-based methods (Augustus²⁶, Genomescan²⁷) and one *ab initio* method (SNAP²⁸). Putative loci were defined for Genomescan homology modeling using homology and transcription evidence. Regions with homology were found by blastx of the soft-masked scaffolds to the

human, *Nematostella*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, and *Caenorhabditis elegans* proteomes using a significance cutoff of 1e-5.22 Additionally, transcript assemblies from *Amphimedon queenslandica* were aligned to the genome using Blat.²⁹ Blat output was processed so that all the best hit to the genome, as well as any other hit within 97% coverage of the best hit, were considered matches. Likely pseudogeneous matches were filtered out by disallowing secondary matches with only 1 exon if the best hit has multiple exons. Putative loci were defined by these peptide and EST hits and joined if overlapping. Each region with flanking sequence was submitted with its best template to genomescan. A training set for the *ab initio* modeler SNAP was generated from transcript assemblies mapping to the genome with canonical splice sites which appear to code for complete transcripts.

The model sets from Genomescan, Augustus, and SNAP were then submitted to PASA¹⁸ to find models consistent with *A. queenslandica* ESTs and cDNA. An additional model track was generated from the longest ORF from PASA-assembled ESTs and fl-cDNAs. All models were compared to Uniprot90 with blastp with an e-value cutoff of 1e-5. The best model per locus was then chosen by the following procedure: if there are PASA-validated models (completely consistent with EST evidence) the PASA validated models are chosen for this locus. If there are not PASA-validated models, the best hit to Uniprot90 is chosen. The best hit is chosen via a reciprocal coverage criteria where the coverage score = $(2^*$ residues aligned)/(lengthq + lengths), and the score closest to 1 is best. If there is no hit to Uniprot90, the model is kept only if there is EST evidence. This procedure generated 30,327 models at 29,867 loci, resulting in an average of 178 genes per megabase of assembled sequence.

Summary statistics for the gene models are reported in Table S4.1. 24,743 (83%) of the gene models are supported by BLAST against ESTs, or PFAM domains, or human proteins in the RefSeq database, or other proteins in the SwissProt database (Table S4.2) (these BLASTs were done using standard blastx parameters with an e-value cutoff of 1e-5).

S5. Intron Splice Site Conservation

Based on mutual-best BLAST alignments of protein sequences to human genes, a collection of 1,196 sets of orthologous genes was constructed (as described previously¹⁶) with representation from human, *Lottia gigantea*, *Nematostella vectensis*, *Trichoplax adhaerens*, *Amphimedon queenslandica*, *Monosiga brevicollis*, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, and *Cryptococcus neoformans*. MUSCLE alignments³⁰ were run for each of the clusters and intron positions were marked in the alignments.

A splice site was regarded as "highly-reliable" if the 8 flanking alignment positions (in both directions) had at least 3 amino acids with the same biochemical properties $(+ or * in Clustal)$, and no gaps. Additionally, we required that no splice site exist in any species within 4 amino acids from a highly reliable splice site. This last criterion removes seemingly different splice sites that may be due to ambiguous or cryptic splice sites artificially introduced by gene modeling. In total 1,993 highly-reliable conserved intron sites were identified. Out of these, 472 could be traced back to the eukaryotic ancestor; *Monosiga* retained 220, *Amphimedon* retained

348, *Trichoplax* retained 402, *Nematostella* retained 398, and the human genome retained 334. Out of the 1,993 highly-reliable intron positions considered, 928 could be traced back to the common ancestor of metazoans; out of these, *Amphimedon* retained 785, *Trichoplax* retained 826*, Nematostella* retained 815, and the human genome retained 708. Similarly, 1,063 were inferred to be present in the ancestor of eumetazoans; out of these *Trichoplax* retained 967*, Nematostella* retained 940, and the human genome retained 790.

Median intron sizes in *Amphimedon* are reduced relative to *Monosiga* and other metazoans: *Monosiga* has a median intron size of 117 bp, *Amphimedon* has 81 bp, *Trichoplax*, *Nematostella* and human have 105 bp, 377 bp, and 1045 bp, respectively. A similar trend is observed for the intergenic regions: *Monosiga* has a median size of intergenic regions of 832 bp, *Amphimedon* has 824 bp, *Trichoplax*, *Nematostella*, and human have 2,809 bp, 4,109 bp, and 22,345 bp, respectively. These data might indicate significant secondary loss of DNA in certain genomic regions in *Amphimedon*. Fisher's exact analysis shows that introns in MF00258 CAM family adhesion molecule proteins show the highest difference between *Amphimedon* and other metazoans and *Monosiga* (median for *Amphimedon* is 54 bp, whereas for *Monosiga* 112 bp).

S6. Conserved synteny in *Amphimedon*

As in Putnam *et al.* 2007¹⁶, and Srivastava *et al.* 2008¹⁷, orthologous genes were identified between the *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella* genomes. We used Fisher's Exact Test to test the significance of the apparent concentration of orthologous genes between regions of the *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella* genomes, and between *Amphimedon* and the ancestral linkage groups (Figure S6.1). In the dot-plot in Figure S6.1, segments of the *Nematostella* genome (*i.e.* assembled scaffolds) are organized into groups that represent the gene content of a putative chromosome in the cnidarian-bilaterian ancestor.

S7. Phylogenetic Analyses

Relationships of phyla at the base of the animal tree have remained contentious, and one of the benefits of whole-genome sequence data from these phyla is that they would lend more certainty to where these phyla are placed on the tree. In the methods discussed below, we present the most likely relationships using currently available genome sequence from a representative sponge (*Amphimedon*), a placozoan (*Trichoplax*) and two cnidarians (*Nematostella* and *Hydra*). This study is limited to organisms represented by whole-genome sequence to avoid the missing data problem associated with EST studies. We note that our aim is not an exhaustive molecular phylogenetic study of eukaryotes, but rather an initial exploration of the use of such complete gene sets. Since complete genomes are available for only one sponge, only one placozoan, and no representatives of ctenophores, these must be viewed as only provisional tests of phylogenetic hypotheses. It is clear that multiple representatives of the various basal metazoan phyla will be needed to refine these tests.

A major debate in the field focuses on the relationships of different sponge lineages to each other and to other animals. Specifically, the monophyly of all sponges - *i.e.,* the idea that all groups of sponges share a single common ancestor that is not shared by other animals - has been

challenged.31-34 The homoscleromorph sponge, *Oscarella carmella,* may belong to a lineage that diverged from eumetazoans after the separation of other sponge lineages.³³ Another debate in early animal evolution surrounds the phylum Ctenophora, the comb jellies. We used EST data available for *Oscarella* 35 and *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, a representative ctenophore to evaluate the positions of homoscleromorphs and ctenophores.

S7.1 Generation of datasets of orthologous genes

Phylogenetic analyses to establish the position of *Amphimedon* and *Trichoplax* in the animal tree were conducted on datasets generated using two methods -- the filtered mutual best-hit (fMBH) method and the four taxon kernel (FTK) method. The use of complete genomes minimizes difficulties in determining orthology and incompleteness found in transcriptome datasets.

In the filtered mutual best-hit method, lists of mutual best-hit genes from seventeen proteomes (human, *Strongylocentrotus*, *Branchiostoma*, *Lottia*, *Capitella*, *Helobdella*, *D. melanogaster*, *C. elegans*, *Pristionchus*, *Nematostella*, *Hydra*, *Trichoplax*, *Amphimedon*, *Neurospora*, *Arabidopsis*, *Paramecium*, and *Dictyostelium*) to genes in the *Monosiga* genome were generated. Only hits with e-value lower than 0.001 were retained. To avoid the use of confounding paralogs, the MBH lists were filtered such that an MBH-pair was retained only if the second best hit of either gene in the other genome had a score smaller than half the score of the best hit. Single-linkageclustering using the *Monosiga* genes was used to generate clusters of orthologous genes. Since any gene in the *Monosiga* genome had only one MBH in each of the other genomes, the resulting clusters contained no more than one gene from each of the eighteen genomes in the analysis.

In the four taxon kernel method, a two-step approach was taken. In the first step, genes that yielded trees that mirror well-established topologies of a subset of species were identified. In the second, orthologs from other species were pledged to these gene clusters.

For the first step, lists of mutual best hit genes were generated for four genomes against each other; these genomes were *Lottia*, *Branchiostoma*, *Nematostella* and *Monosiga*. Only hits with evalue equal to or less than 0.001 were retained. Single-linkage-clustering of these MBH lists was used to generate sets of potentially orthologous genes from these proteomes. Only clusters with one gene from each of the four proteomes were retained for further analysis. Each gene set was aligned using ClustalW^{36,37} and trimmed using GBlocks³⁸ (with default settings b3=8, b4=10). Neighbor-joining (using Phylip)³⁹ and maximum likelihood (using PhyML)⁴⁰ trees were generated for a subset of these gene sets. Out of 12 test cases, the trees from NJ and ML analyses were identical for 11 sets. Thus, neighbor-joining trees were generated for all the gene sets. These trees were rooted using the *Monosiga* gene (choanoflagellates are an outgroup to animals and, in the case of single-copy orthologous genes, choanoflagellate genes can be considered as an outgroup for animal genes). The topologies of these trees were evaluated and only trees that showed the expected ((*Lottia*, *Branchiostoma*), *Nematostella*) relationship of ingroup genes were retained for further analysis. The justification for filtering the genes in this manner is that, by limiting the phylogenetic analyses to genes that yield a topology congruent with previously known relationships, we can avoid the use of genes with altered rates of evolution that don't yield even well-established relationships. However, it is possible that this selection would bias the

gene set toward genes that support bilaterian monophyly by virtue of having evolved rapidly along the bilaterian stem. Of the 2,149 gene sets that had one gene each from *Lottia*, *Branchiostoma*, *Nematostella* and *Monosiga*, only 1,215 showed the expected topology. The 1,215 kernels had one gene for each of the four species.

In the second step of the FTK method, lists of MBH-pairs from fourteen proteomes (human, *Strongylocentrotus, Capitella, Helobdella, Drosophila melanogaster, Caenorhabditis elegans, Pristionchus, Hydra, Trichoplax, Amphimedon, Neurospora, Arabidopsis, Paramecium* and *Dictyostelium*) were used to pledge more genes into the 1,215 kernels. For each of the fourteen additional proteomes, a gene was placed into a kernel only if it was a mutual best hit to each of the four genes originally in the cluster. No more than one gene from a proteome could be pledged into a cluster, as by definition it was the best hit in that genome for the kernel genes. Similar to the fMBH-method, this method also yielded clusters of orthologous genes that contained no more than one gene from each of the eighteen genomes in the analysis.

In both approaches, the orthologous clusters could be used to generate data sets with different amounts of missing data. For example, requiring that gene sets had sequences from all eighteen proteomes resulted in a small number of genes, but allowing gene sets to miss sequences from up to one, two, or three species yielded more gene sets. Six different datasets were generated (Table S7.1). Each set of orthologous genes was aligned using ClustalW and trimmed to retain highconfidence homologous positions using GBlocks (with default settings $b3=8$, $b4=10$). Gene sets belonging to any given dataset were then concatenated for total-evidence phylogenetic analyses as described below.

S7.2 Likelihood analyses and hypothesis testing

The results of maximum likelihood inference of phylogeny on all the datasets described above are summarized in Table S7.2. Three datasets for each orthologous gene set method (fMBH and FTK) were generated by allowing different amounts of missing data. The alignments were analyzed in PhyML using the Whelan and Goldman (WAG) model of amino acid evolution.⁴¹ The proportion of invariable sites was estimated using the data and four substitution rate categories were allowed with the γ distribution parameter estimated from the dataset. All six datasets (small, medium and large of the fMBH and FTK methods) were also analyzed by removing the two nematode (*C. elegans* and *Pristionchus*) branches.

To determine if the topology with the maximum likelihood in any of these analyses was significantly better than alternative topologies, a site-wise log-likelihood score matrix was generated for testing competing topologies using TREEPUZZLE 5.0.42 The alternative topologies cover a range of hypotheses including the placement of placozoans as the earliest animal branch or as sister to cnidarians (for details see Tables S7.6 and S7.7). The WAG substitution model was used with a mixed model of rate heterogeneity (four rate categories with the proportion of invariant sites and the γ distribution parameter α estimated from the data). The p-values for the one-sided Kishino Hasegawa (KH) test⁴³ and the Estimated Likelihood Weight (ELW) test⁴⁴ were determined using TREEPUZZLE 5.0.⁴² The p-values for the Shimodaira Hasegawa (SH) test, ⁴⁵ the weighted KH test, the weighted SH test and the Approximately

Unbiased (AU) test⁴⁶ were determined using CONSEL.⁴⁶ These results are summarized in Tables $S7.8 - S7.11$. Given the inaccuracies of the KH test⁴⁷ and the conservative nature of the SH tests,⁴⁴ we rely on the weighted KH test, the ELW test and the AU test to evaluate the alternative topologies. A p-value below 0.05 allows rejection of the null hypothesis that the topology under consideration is derived from the same distribution as the topology with the highest likelihood.

The smallest dataset from the fMBH method recovers nematodes (*C. elegans* and *Pristionchus*) as a sister group to all other animals (Table S7.2, Figure S7.4). This is a well-known long-branch attraction phenomenon.48-50 In this tree, *Trichoplax* appears to be a sister group to cnidarians (*Nematostella* and *Hydra*), but removing nematodes from the alignment places placozoans as a eumetazoan branch, sister to cnidarians and bilaterians. Neither dataset is powerful enough to reject alternative topologies, which is also the case for the smallest dataset in the FTK method (though nematodes appear correctly as ecdysozoans in this method). In the latter case, *Trichoplax* appears as the earliest animal branch, sister to all other animal groups (Table S7.2, Figure S7.1).

Allowing up to one species to be missing from each gene set (in the FTK method) and allowing up to two species to be missing from each gene set (in the fMBH method) gives mid-sized datasets of about 22,000 amino acid positions each (Table S7.1). Long branch attraction of nematodes persists in the fMBH dataset, but upon removal of nematodes, *Trichoplax* is recovered as the earliest eumetazoan branch and *Amphimedon* as the earliest metazoan branch with high bootstrap support, and alternative topologies are rejected (Table S7.2, Figure S7.5). The same relationships are recapitulated in the FTK dataset, regardless of the inclusion of nematodes in the matrix (Table S7.2, Figure S7.2).

The largest datasets in both the fMBH and FTK methods produce the topology shown in Figure 1f, with *Amphimedon* as the earliest animal branch and then *Trichoplax* emerging before the divergence of cnidarians and bilaterians (Figure S7.3, S7.6). In the fMBH method, the longbranch attraction of nematodes is corrected with the addition of more data to the medium-sized matrix. The FTK dataset is discriminating, and is able to reject all other topologies, as is the fMBH dataset without nematodes (the FTK dataset including nematodes is unable to reject the alternative hypothesis of placozoans as sister to cnidarians, possibly due to confounding signals from the nematode sequences) (Table S7.2).

One hundred bootstrap replicates were generated for each of the twelve datasets analyzed in the likelihood framework using PhyML. The six datasets that contain nematodes disagree regarding the placement of *Trichoplax* relative to sponges, cnidarians and bilaterians. However, there is very poor bootstrap support (<50) for the various positions (*Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians, *Trichoplax* as the earliest animal branch, *Trichoplax* as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians). Effectively, these analyses are indifferent to the position of *Trichoplax* and the relationship of *Amphimedon*, *Trichoplax* and cnidarians should be shown as a polytomy. The only position with high bootstrap support (71) is *Trichoplax* as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians in the large fMBH dataset. Five of the six datasets without nematodes, however, converge and place *Amphimedon* as the earliest animal branch and *Trichoplax* as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with high bootstrap support (Figure 1f, Table S7.2, Table S7.3, Figures S7.1-S7.6).

The increasing support for the topology in Figure 1f with increasing amounts of data in the matrix, as well as with the removal of nematodes, suggests that the alternative placements for *Trichoplax* may be artifacts of a small amount of data and the confounding effect of long branches (nematodes). The large fMBH and large FTK datasets were analyzed further with alternative inference methods as described below.

S7.3 Bayesian analyses

Because of the known over-estimation of posterior clade probabilities in Bayesian methods⁵¹. likelihood analyses were used to evaluate the different datasets described above. To confirm that the maximum likelihood topology obtained from the largest fMBH and FTK datasets is also supported by other methods, Bayesian inference was used as an alternative method to obtain support values. The 229 gene FTK and 242 gene fMBH datasets were analyzed using MrBayes $v3.1.2^{52,53}$ using a mixed amino acid model prior and a variable rate prior. Two chains were run for both datasets (one tree was sampled per 100 generations; 10,000 trees were discarded as burnin) and after 470,000 MCMC generations, the runs had converged. Both datasets yielded the same tree, with the same topology as in Figure 1f, with *Amphimedon* as the earliest branching animal lineage and *Trichoplax* as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians (all branches on these trees have a posterior probability of 1) (see also Figure S7.7). All nodes have posterior probabilities of 100. The 100% credibility tree set has only one tree for the FTK dataset, and the fMBH dataset explored a second tree switching the positions of *Dictyostelium* and *Arabidopsis* with a probability of 0.001.

S7.4 Use of site-heterogeneous models

The Bayesian and likelihood analyses described above use empirically-derived models of amino acid evolution (specifically, the Whelan and Goldman WAG model, which is known to work for nuclear protein sequences).⁴¹ These models do not model heterogeneity in rates across sites or time, but rather hold equilibrium frequencies of amino acids constant. Recently, methods have become available that allow for more complex models of amino acid evolution. Aamodel, a Bayesian inference program, allows for a model similar to the $GTR+\gamma$ model often used for nucleotide sequence alignments.⁵⁴ CAT, a model that allows for different substitution processes across sites was proposed by Lartillot and Philippe 2004⁵⁵ and can be used in the Bayesian inference program PhyloBayes.^{55,56} We used both of these methods to infer animal phylogeny using the 229 gene FTK dataset and the 242 gene fMBH dataset.

Aamodel was run using the following parameters: -a=poisson, tempering parameter -r=190.0, γ rate categories -g=4, for 1,000,000 generations. (-a=poisson simply sets the parameters of the Dirichlet prior distribution on the 190 exchangeability parameters of the GTR model; the rate parameters are allowed to vary). Both the large FTK and the large fMBH datasets give the same 50% majority rule consensus tree, which has the same topology as the tree in Figure 1f (Figures S7.8, S7.9). The fMBH dataset has 100% posterior probability for all nodes, but the FTK dataset supports *Trichoplax*+cnidarians+bilaterians to the exclusion of *Amphimedon* with a posterior probability of 95% (Table S7.3). This is consistent with the likelihood analyses, in which the

fMBH dataset has higher bootstrap support for this clade and is able to reject all alternative topologies, whereas the FTK dataset is unable to reject some alternative positions of *Trichoplax* (consistent with the appearance of three other trees in the 100% credibility tree set in the Aamodel analysis). Thus, it appears that the additional computational burden of modeling complex amino acid evolution did not give results very different from the methods using the empirically-derived WAG model.

PhyloBayes 2.3 was used to infer phylogeny using default settings (CAT-Poisson - the equilibrium frequency profiles of substitution processes modeled as simple Poisson processes; γ distributed rates with four categories) (Table S7.12). Two chains were run for each dataset for >1,000,000 generations, with one tree sampled every 100 generations (the first 100 trees were discarded as burnin). For both datasets, the two runs showed good congruence/mixing (maxdiff < 0.1) and were used to generate a consensus tree. The 50% majority rule consensus tree from the 229 gene FTK dataset separates early animal lineages (*Amphimedon*, *Trichoplax* and cnidarians) into a monophyletic group that is sister to bilaterians (Figure S7.11). However, the posterior probability for this clade is 0.68, and the node should be collapsed given that in Bayesian analyses only clades with posterior probability of 0.95 or higher are considered well-supported. This would leave the earliest animal node as a polytomy with three branches - cnidarians, bilaterians and a clade containing *Amphimedon* and *Trichoplax*. This polytomy is consistent with the better-resolved tree from the 242 gene fMBH dataset, in which cnidarians and bilaterians are supported as sister groups with a posterior probability of 1 (the partition of cnidarian and bilaterian taxa to the exclusion of other species does appear in the FTK dataset analysis, albeit with a posterior probability of 0.21) (Figure S7.10). The fMBH-based tree also recovers *Amphimedon*+*Trichoplax* as a clade with high credibility (0.98).

Though PhyloBayes 2.3 has a better model, CAT+GTR, which allows for a mixture of general time reversible (GTR) substitution processes with different equilibrium frequency profiles for nucleotide sequences, it does not implement such a model for amino acids. This method would be comparable to the one implemented in aamodel, as described above. It is difficult to reconcile the different results from these two methods that account for rate heterogeneity in amino acid sequence evolution. The 100% credibility tree set in the aamodel analysis of the FTK data does contain the FTK PhyloBayes tree (but with posterior probability 0.04) and the fMBH PhyloBayes tree (but with posterior probability 0.009). One can only speculate about which method (CAT+Poisson or GTR) models the real underlying substitution processes across the large set of eukaryotic genes used in these analyses. Lartillot and Philippe report that the GTR model tends to fit the data better for large amino acid datasets (see PhyloBayes 3.2 instruction manual). There is great debate among researchers on the benefits of modeling rate heterogeneity^{55,56} and some warn against using models with many parameters.⁵⁷ Further studies are needed to evaluate these new methods. For the purposes of this study, we therefore propose the position of *Trichoplax* as a sister to cnidarians and bilaterians, with *Amphimedon* as the earliest branching animal lineage as the most likely topology (since it is well-supported by likelihood and Bayesian inference methods, in the latter both with or without complex models for amino acid evolution).

S7.5 Evaluating the positions of homoscleromorphs and ctenophores

To address the question of the monophyly of sponges³¹⁻³⁴, we used EST data available for the homoscleromorph sponge, *Oscarella carmella*, which allowed us to generate 5,117 open reading frames.³⁵ To address the position of ctenophores in the animal tree, we used EST data available for *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, which allowed us to generate 2,278 open reading frames.

Oscarella genes could be pledged into 170 of the 1,215 clusters from the FTK method, as they were mutual best hits of all four kernel genes (one each

from *Lottia*, *Branchiostoma*, *Nematostella* and *Monosiga*) in those clusters. Of the 170, 64 were in the 229 clusters (missing sequences from no more than two species) of the large FTK dataset that resulted in the tree in Figure 1f (Table S7.1). Similarly, *Mnemiopsis* genes could be pledged into 124 of the 1,215 clusters, and 46 of these 124 clusters were a subset of the 229 clusters of the large FTK dataset (Table S7.1).

In the fMBH method, 3,412 sets of genes were obtained by single linkage clustering of lists of filtered MBH genes as described above. Of these, 426 could be assigned an *Oscarella* gene and 404 could be assigned a *Mnemiopsis* gene (based on filtered MBH lists of *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* to *Monosiga* proteins). Of the 426 *Oscarella*-containing clusters, 53 were a subset of 242 clusters selected to generate the largest matrix for the fMBH method; similarly, 48 of the 404 clusters that received *Mnemiopsis* genes were a subset of the 242 selected genes (Table S7.1).

The 229 (from the FTK method) and 242 (from the fMBH method) clusters, now with *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* sequences added where possible, were used to infer the maximum likelihood tree (Table S7.1). The FTK dataset reproduces the same relationships of animals as it did previously in the absence of *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis*, with *Oscarella* now placed as a sister lineage to *Amphimedon* (with a very poor bootstrap support of 31) and *Mnemiopsis* as the earliest diverging animal lineage (sponges, placozoans and other animals form a clade to the exclusion of *Mnemiopsis* in 80 of 100 replicates) (Figure S7.12). The fMBH dataset is sensitive to the addition of *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* sequences, in that the relationships of other animals are altered (*Oscarella*+*Trichoplax*, both in turn being sister to cnidarians; *Mnemiopsis* appears as sister to *Amphimedon*, both in turn being sister to all other animals), and the poor bootstrap support leaves all early animal relationships unresolved (Figure S7.13).

When known long branches (*Caenorhabditis*, *Pristionchus*, and *Paramecium*) were removed from these analyses, the support for *Mnemiopsis* as the earliest animal branch increased to 93, and support for *Oscarella* as sister to *Amphimedon* increased to 46 in the FTK analysis (Figure S7.12). In the fMBH analysis, *Mnemiopsis* was recovered as sister to all other animals in 69 out of 100 replicates, but the position of *Oscarella* remained poorly resolved (Figure S7.13).

The loss of resolution of relationships upon the addition of *Mnemiopsis* and *Oscarella* sequences is potentially due to the large amount of missing data from these species. Thus, we evaluated alternative positions for *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* using the data that are available from these EST projects, and fixed relationships between other animals based on the tree in Figure 1f.

For testing alternative hypotheses for the placement of *Oscarella*, the following datasets were considered:

- 1. 229 genes of the FTK method that were used to establish the topology in Figure 1f, with *Oscarella* genes assigned where possible (to 64 gene sets), and *Mnemiopsis* sequences removed from the concatenated alignment.
- 2. 242 genes of the fMBH method that were used to establish the topology in Figure 1f, with *Oscarella* genes assigned where possible (to 53 gene sets), and *Mnemiopsis* sequences removed from the concatenated alignment.
- 3. Dataset in 1) without nematodes
- 4. Dataset in 2) without nematodes

For testing alternative hypotheses for the placement of *Mnemiopsis*, the following datasets were considered:

- 1. 229 genes of the FTK method that were used to establish the topology in Figure 1f, with *Mnemiopsis* genes assigned where possible (to 46 gene sets), and *Oscarella* sequences removed from the concatenated alignment.
- 2. 242 genes of the fMBH method that were used to establish the topology in Figure 1f, with *Mnemiopsis* genes assigned where possible (to 48 gene sets), and *Oscarella* sequences removed from the concatenated alignment.
- 3. Dataset in 1) without nematodes
- 4. Dataset in 2) without nematodes

Most alternate topologies for relationships among all other animals could be rejected for both the 229 FTK and the 242 fMBH genes (Table S7.2). Alternative placements for *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* were thus evaluated by adding data from these two taxa to the gene sets where possible, and constraining the relationships of all other animals. (Tables S7.13, S7.14). The genes in each of these new datasets were concatenated to yield a single matrix, and the sequence from *Paramecium* was removed to avoid confounding signals from this long branch. The results of these tests, done using TreePuzzle and CONSEL, are summarized in Table S7.4 (Tables S7.15, S7.16). Of the topologies tested, the 229 genes of the FTK method gave the most likely position of *Oscarella* as sister to *Amphimedon*; however, this placement is not significantly more likely than topologies with alternative positions for *Oscarella* - only the sisterrelationship of *Oscarella* with cnidarians and of *Oscarella* with bilaterians, and the placement of *Oscarella* as the branch after *Trichoplax* but before cnidarians can be rejected. The FTK method does not allow us to discriminate between two alternate positions of *Mnemiopsis* (earliest branching metazoan lineage, or sister to Amphimedon). The fMBH method datasets are less discriminating, possibly because of less stringent assigning of *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* genes to orthologous gene clusters.

The removal of long branches from these analyses did not change the evaluation of different topologies by the FTK analysis, although a few more alternate placements for *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* could be rejected in the fMBH analysis (but these were also rejected by the FTK analysis) (Table S7.4, Tables S7.15, S7.16). This may suggest that the fMBH analysis is more prone to artifacts from long-branch effects.

S7.6 Summary of phylogenetic analyses

Phylogenetic analyses on concatenated alignments of single-copy nuclear genes from eighteen genomes (comprising thirteen animal species and five other eukaryotes) place demosponges (as represented by *Amphimedon*) as the earliest branching animal lineage, with placozoans as a sister group to cnidarians and bilaterians, consistent with previous studies¹⁷ (Figure 1f). This topology is the most likely, all its nodes have a posterior probability of 1 in Bayesian analyses, and it gains greater support with increasing numbers of characters in the amino acid matrix. The largest datasets from two different methods allow us to formally reject the possibility that the placozoan lineage diverged prior to the divergence of sponges, cnidarians and bilaterians (Table S7.2, Tables S7.6, S7.8), a position that is supported by other studies using concatenated morphological, nuclear and mitochondrial nucleic acid and amino acid data.⁵⁸

The addition of orthologous EST sequences from the homoscleromorph sponge, *Oscarella carmella*, and the comb jelly, *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, to the eighteen-taxon matrix suggests that ctenophores may be the earliest branching animal lineage and that *Oscarella* may be sister to *Amphimedon*. Although these positions are recovered as the most likely, they are not significantly better than other potential placements for *Oscarella* and *Mnemiopsis* (Table S7.4). The position that we find to be most likely for *Mnemiopsis* has previously been proposed by others,59 but in our analyses ctenophores are almost as likely to be sister to sponges. The recovery of sponges as a monophyletic group adds to the debate generated by recent analyses that place homoscleromorphs as a lineage separate from other sponges, and sister to eumetazoans. $32,33$

S7.7 Remaining issues in deep animal phylogeny

The placement, in our analyses, of *Trichoplax* as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians, with sponges as the earliest animal branch, disagrees with results from mitochondrial trees $60-62$ However, mitochondrial analyses are complicated by the long branch lengths (*i.e.*, unusually high levels of amino acid divergence) found in bilaterian mitochondrial peptides relative to their basal metazoan orthologs.^{62,63} Figure 1f shows that peptides encoded by the nuclear genome show no notable differences in amino acid substitution levels between basal metazoans and bilaterians, suggesting that our proposed phylogeny based on nuclear genes is less susceptible to long-branch attraction artifacts.

Recently, another study using several EST and whole-genome datasets to attempt to resolve animal relationships also placed placozoans as sister to cnidarians and bilaterians, albeit with weak support.⁶⁴ However, a different study that takes a "total evidence" approach - combining nuclear and mitochondrial protein coding genes, ribosomal RNA genes, and morphological characters - disagrees with our results and with the Philippe *et al* tree.58 The topology recovered in this "total evidence" study places all early branching animal lineages in a monophyletic group that is sister to bilaterians; *i.e.,* the metazoan ancestor, in this scenario, gave rise to bilaterians in one lineage, and to cnidarians, ctenophores, placozoans and sponges in the other. Within the "early animal" clade, placozoans diverge first, then sponges, and ctenophores and cnidarians are sister taxa. This study attempts to address the possible swamping of the tree by mitochondrial

data, and though the authors argue that a minority of nodes in the tree are supported only by mitochondrial data, they fail to point out that it is the key nodes in their topology that are the ones indeed supported by mitochondrial data. Also, most of the methods and weighting schemes in this study give very poor support to the critical node where early animals diverge from bilaterians. Given this lack of robust support, and the ambiguous coding of morphological characters, it is difficult to evaluate the validity of this study.65 The datasets used in our analyses consistently reject topologies with an "early animal" clade.

Though the putative position of *Mnemiopsis* as the earliest branching taxon in our analyses appears in agreement with the Dunn *et al.* (2008) dataset, more data from this species and other ctenophores will be critical in establishing just how robust is this position. It is possible that *Mnemiopsis* falls out as the earliest branch in our and others' analyses because of longbranch attraction, and that better taxon sampling is needed to determine the correct placement of ctenophores. The Philippe *et al.* (2009) study that uses the CAT model in fact recovers the more traditional "Coelenterata" clade, with ctenophores and cnidarians as sisters. These different scenarios offer very different interpretations of events in animal evolution. If comb jellies are the earliest branching animal phylum, then the features they share with bilaterians (such as neurons and mesoderm) were characteristics of the metazoan ancestor that have been lost in sponges (possibly more than once), placozoans and cnidarians. If ctenophores form a monophyletic group with cnidarians, then absence of nerves and muscles in sponges and placozoans is primary.

The inability of datasets in this study to reject alternative placements for *Oscarella* suggests that, at this time, we do not have enough data to resolve its relationships to other animals. As with ctenophores, broader taxon sampling within sponges for large molecular datasets will be crucial in resolving the issue of sponge paraphyly. If different sponge lineages branched off at different times from the lineage that gave rise to eumetazoans, then it is likely that the metazoan ancestor bore resemblance to modern sponges (given that it is unlikely that sponge morphology and lifestyle evolved convergently more than once). If sponges are monophyletic, then the morphology of the metazoan ancestor is more difficult to ascertain. The recent dataset from Philippe *et al.* (2009) contains the largest sampling of sponges yet (all sponge groups are represented with large amounts of newly-generated EST data) and supports that idea that all modern sponges descended from one common ancestor that is not shared by other animals.

Limitations of these methods with regards to eukaryotic group relationships: Since our main focus was on early metazoan relationships, we only used a small selection of diverse nonholozoan outgroups, intended to polarize the root of Holozoa. To address the deep relationships among these (and other) diverse eukaryotic groups would require far more complete taxon sampling than attempted here. (In contrast, for deep metazoan relationships we included all available genomes from "basal" metazoan phyla.) The tree shown in Figure 1 places *Arabidopsis* as a sister clade to opisthokonts, which is contradictory to the results of recent phylogenomic analyses aimed at resolving deep relationships among eukaryotic lineages. Some have suggested that Alveolates (a group containing ciliates, *e.g., Paramecium*) and plants are sister-groups.^{66,67} However, other phylogenomic studies⁶⁸ though studies with broader taxon sampling 69 do not recover high support for this new hypothesis. Furthermore, the placement of the root for the eukaryotic tree is highly debated,⁷⁰ rendering sister-group relationships between the major eukaryotic groups uncertain. However, these studies recover amoebozoans as a sister

clade to opisthokonts, and given that the eukaryotic tree is unlikely to be rooted between amoebozoans and opisthokonts, the phylogeny we propose here does not recover expected relationships (*i.e.*, we do no recover support for *Dictyostelium*, the single amoebozoan in our analyses, as sister to opisthokonts). Further analysis with more complete taxonomic coverage is clearly required to address deep eukaryotic relationships.

S7.8 Estimating divergence in time and percent change

Based on the tree in Figure 1f, we find that 28% (0.0717/0.2559 substitutions per considered site) of the amino acid substitutions in the human lineage since the holozoan ancestor occurred on the metazoan stem.

Based on reports placing the earliest unequivocal bilaterian fossils at 555 mya, $\frac{1}{1}$ we fixed the bilaterian radiation in our trees at 555 mya, which is in the estimated range for this radiation using other fossil dates for calibration.⁷² Four trees generated from four different datasets as described above (Table S7.8.1) were used to estimate divergence times using the r8s software.⁷³ The estimates for the last common holozoan ancestor range from 923-990 mya, comparable to the estimates from fossil calibrations in other studies.⁷⁴

S8. Analysis of the Gene Complement of Sponge

S8.1 Identification of Amphimedon genes

Putative orthologs of genes involved in various processes in bilaterians were identified by reciprocal BLAST of human, mouse, or *Drosophila* genes against the *Amphimedon* gene models (blastp) or the assembly (tblastn) (in the latter case, gene models predicted at the best-hitting loci were tested for orthology). PFAM⁷⁵ domain composition, assignment of PANTHER HMMs^{76,77} and phylogenetic trees were used to determine orthology. Trees were built using the neighbor method in Phylip³⁹ with the distance matrix generated using protdist and one hundred bootstrap replicates (unless noted otherwise). Appropriate outgroup sequences were used when available. By studying the distribution of orthologs across species representing various eukaryotic clades, all gene families were annotated based on which stem in the eukaryotic tree they most likely first appeared. For example, a family such as the Wnt family, which has no recognizable homologs outside of animals, can be annotated as a novel metazoan gene, which most likely originated on the metazoan stem.

S8.2 Cell cycle and growth

Cell cycle regulators

The hallmarks of multicellular life are social controls on cell division, growth and death to achieve balance; coordinated cell-cell and cell-matrix adhesion to produce organismal

morphology; specification of differentiated cell types to achieve division of labour and processes for distinguishing self from non-self to maintain individuality. While most of these features are also found outside of animals in other multicellular clades (e.g., plants, fungi, volvocale alga, etc.), the corresponding molecular functions are typically executed by analogous rather than homologous genes and proteins.

Orthologs of genes involved in the mammalian cell cycle were identified in *Nematostella*, *Trichoplax*, *Amphimedon*, *Monosiga*, and other outgroups (*Paramecium*, *Dictyostelium*, *Saccharomyces*, *Arabidopsis*) using a variety of methods (Table S8.2.1). The bilaterian members of these families were analyzed for domain composition and orthologs were identified based on essential domain compositions. In some cases, clear orthologs could be identified using reciprocal best BLAST methods. In the case of large families, such as cyclins and cyclindependent kinases (CDKs), phylogenetic trees were made using the neighbor joining method in Phylip with one hundred replicates (Figures S8.2.1-S8.2.6).

Cell cycle control is an ancient process that allows organisms (single- and multi-celled) to respond to stress (e.g., lack of nutrients, DNA damage) and many of the molecules for cell cycle progression are conserved among eukaryotes.78-80 However, the cell cycle of extant vertebrates has been the result of novel proteins and duplicates of ancient eukaryotic cell cycle genes that appeared at different times over the course of evolution (Figure 3a). For example, Cyclin E proteins appear to be unique to animals (there is a clear ortholog in *Amphimedon*); though a divergent potential homolog is present in *Monosiga*, it does not fall into a monophyletic group with animal Cyclin E in phylogenetic trees (Figure S8.2.1). Most subfamilies of cyclin dependent kinases are ancient, some are unique to choanoflagellates and animals (Cdk10, CCRK, PCTAIRE), some appear unique to animals (Cdk2 and PFTAIRE) and one is present only in eumetazoans (Cdk4/6) (Figure S8.2.2). The cell cycle transcriptional regulator Rb is an ancient protein found in animals as well as plants, but the protooncogene Myc and the tumor suppressor p53 have recently been reported as evolving more recently in holozoans.81 The Myc (a bHLH-ZIP transcription factor) homolog in the unicellular *Monosiga* only retains homology in the bHLH and zipper regions and lacks certain N-terminal amino acids that are highly conserved in animal Myc proteins, including the 'DCMW' motif, mutations in which abrogate Myc function in vertebrates (Figure $S8.2.3$).⁸²

The E2F/DP group of transcription factors are ancient, with single genes from all eukaryotic species represented in the DP subfamily (Figure S8.2.4). The major families of mitotic kinases (polo-like, aurora and NIMA-related) are ancient, however certain Plk and Nek subfamilies diverged more recently - many Nek subfamilies appeared in the common ancestor of choanoflagellates and animals, and one family (Nek11) is novel to animals (Figure S8.2.5). Negative regulators of the cell cycle have evolved independently along different multicellular lineages⁸³. The CDKN1 (Cip/Kip) family of CDK inhibitors appears unique to eumetazoans (bonafide orthologues of p21, p27 and p57 were found in *Nematostella*, *Hydra* and *Trichoplax*, but are missing in the current assembly of the *Amphimedon* genome). The CDKN2/INK4 family $(p15, p16, p18, p19)$ is a chordate innovation (Table S8.2.1). The Myt1 subfamily of the Wee1 family of CDK-inhibiting kinases is novel to metazoans.

From the unicellular perspective cell proliferation results directly in reproductive success, but in a multicellular context inappropriate proliferation can be detrimental to the organism. The use of the CDKN1 family appears to be a uniquely animal way of controlling the cell cycle through which signals from neighbouring cells can negatively regulate the cell cycle. The novel transcriptional regulator Myc is itself regulated by various signaling pathways that metazoan cells use to communicate with each other. It is possible that cell cycle regulators novel to animals are recruited to bring the cell cycle under social control (Myc and p53 could have been preadaptations in the holozoan ancestor that were recruited for social control in animals/eumetazoans).

Akt signaling

The growth of multicellular animals is a consequence of both cell growth and cell proliferation. Cell growth is an outcome of the synthesis of proteins and other molecules that compose the cell. While cell division and cell growth are coupled in single celled organisms such as yeast, external and developmental signals can also regulate the extent to which cell growth results in cell proliferation. Various pathways that regulate growth in response to extracellular signals have been identified.⁸⁴⁻⁸⁶

The tuberous sclerosis proteins Tsc1 and Tsc2 function together as a GAP (GTPase activating protein) for Rheb. Inactivation of Tsc1 or Tsc2, or increased expression of Rheb, result in increased activation of the Target of Rapamycin (Tor) kinase in the Tor-Raptor complex (TORC1) (Figure 3b). This most likely occurs through a direct interaction of Rheb and Tor. Activation of TORC1 leads to the phosphorylation of the ribosomal protein S6 by the S6 kinase, resulting in an increase in translation of TOPs mRNAs (which encode ribosomal components and translation initiation factors). Ultimately, this results in mass accumulation. S6 kinase may inactivate eIF-4E BP, which inhibits the translation initiati on factor eIF-4E. Once phosphorylated, eIF-4E BP releases eIF-4E, thus resulting in translation of a variety of cellular proteins. All of these proteins are ancient eukaryotic proteins except for Tsc1, which appears to have originated on the stem leading to the fungal-holozoan radiation.

In mammalian cells insulin-dependent signaling leads the activation of TORC1, hence resulting in growth. Akt, another kinase downstream of the insulin receptor, inactivates eIF-4E BP. Of the main cytosolic effectors of insulin signaling, most (PI3K, PTEN, Akt, S6K, PDK-1 and Tor) are ancient eukaryotic proteins, whereas the insulin receptor substrate (IRS-1) is novel to animals. The insulin receptor itself is a eumetazoan invention (though the receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) family is a holozoan invention) (Table 8.7.1), associated proteins Gab1 and Gab2 novel to animals. Given the absence of the insulin receptor in *Amphimedon*, it remains to be tested if an RTK molecule signals through the PI3 kinase pathway to modulate growth.

RTKs can also signal via the Ras pathway to stimulate growth - Ras stimulates Erk1/2 (an ancient eukaryotic protein, see Table S8.2.2), which then phosphorylates Mnk1/2 kinases (a metazoan-specific subfamily of MAPKAPK, see Table S8.7.2), which has been shown to phorphorylate eIF-4E, resulting in an increase of cap-dependent translation initiation (*i.e.* greater protein synthesis). Ras can also activate PI3K (Figure 3b), and therefore activates components downstream of insulin signaling.

The Myc oncogene is thought to activate growth via transcriptional activation of a number of genes involved in protein synthesis and metabolism. As described in the previous section, the Myc subfamily of bHLH genes may have originated in holozoan stem, but *bona fide* Myc orthologs are only found in animals (Figure S8.2.3).

Cytokine signaling mediated by Janus kinase (JAK) and Signal transducer and activator of transcription (STAT) has been implicated in growth.⁸⁷ Ligand binding induces the multimerization of the cytokine receptor which results in phosphorylation of JAK. The activated JAKs subsequently phosphorylate additional targets, including both the receptors and the major substrates, STATs. STAT phosphorylation results in dimerization of STATs, which then enter the nucleus. The biological consequences of JAK/STAT pathway activation are complicated by interactions with other signaling pathways.⁸⁸⁻⁹⁰ The best characterized interactions of the JAK/STAT pathway are with the RTK/Ras pathway. Activated JAKs can phosphorylate tyrosines on their associated receptors that can serve as docking sites for SH2-containing adapter proteins from other signaling pathways. These include SHP-2 and Shc, which recruit the GRB2 adapter and stimulate the Ras cascade. The same mechanism stimulates other cascades, such as the recruitment and JAK phosphorylation of insulin receptor substrate (IRS), which results in the activation of the phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K) pathway [for more on PI3K signaling, see Foster *et al.* 2003⁹¹]. JAK appears to be unique to bilaterians, suggesting that the control of growth by this pathway may be a recent innovation relative to the metazoan radiation (Table S8.2.2). Consistent with the appearance of JAK in the bilaterian stem, cytokine receptors that signal through JAK/STAT also appear to be a bilaterian novelty (only one highly divergent protein known from invertebrates is known to function as a cytokine receptor upstream of $JAK/STAT.⁹²$

Though G1 cyclin/CDK complexes are traditionally thought to promote cell cycle entry in response to growth factors, some studies suggest that Cyclin D can promote growth. Overexpression of Cyclin D and Cdk4/6 increases the growth of post-mitotic cells in *Drosophila*. In contrast, Cyclin E promotes S-phase entry but does not promote growth. It is difficult to generalize the role of Cyclin D in growth regulation to other organisms, however, this hypothetical role in the metazoan ancestor can be tested by studying the functions of Cyclin D in sponges.

Thus, it appears that ancient growth pathways acquired novel regulators that allow for complex interactions of growth and proliferation in animals.

Warts-Hippo pathway

Warts/Hippo/Mats are ancient eukaryotic proteins and their functional cassette is preserved in fungi, where they operate in the mitotic exit and septation initiation networks to promote cytokinesis.93 Though the module is preserved, the net outcomes are different - in *Drosophila* the pathway limits cell proliferation/growth, but in yeast it enables cell division. All these proteins are present in *Arabidopsis* and known to not be involved in cytokinesis, but potentially in cell

fate specification.⁹⁴ Hippo (Hpo) (Mst in mammals) autophosphorylates and then phosphorylates Salvador (WW45 in mammals), Warts (Lats in mammals) and Mats (Mob in mammals)⁹⁵ (Figure S8.2.7). Salvador, which facilitates the phosphorylation of Warts by Hpo, appears to be a novel animal protein. Warts autophorphorylates, and then phosphorylates the transcription factor Yorkie (Yap in mammals). Yap, like salvador has two WW domains and appears to be novel to animals (though a divergent protein with one WW domain that appears equally related to Salvador and Yorkie has been identified in *Monosiga*). In *Drosophila*, the FERM-domain proteins Expanded (a *Drosophila* tumor suppressor) and Merlin (known to be a mammalian tumor suppressor) were found to be upstream regulators of the Warts/Hpo/Mats cassette. While Expanded appears to be a protein unique to *Drosophila*, Merlin is a metazoan novelty. Recently, the Fat type cadherin (a tumor suppressor and a holozoan novelty) has been linked to the Warts/Hippo pathway. The unconventional myosin Dachs, which is inhibited by Fat and inhibits the activity of Warts, is likely to belong to a novel myosin subfamily in animals. Discs overgrown (Dco), related to casein kinase 1 delta and epsilon families, promotes Fat signaling. Choanoflagellates, sponges, placozoans and cnidarians all have a putative CSK1e/d orthologue.

Thus, it appears that the ancient Warts/Hippo/Mats cassette may have been co-opted as a tumor suppressor cassette⁹⁶ in animals by coming under the control of proteins novel to the animal lineage (Table S8.2.3, Figure S8.2.7).

S8.3 Programmed cell death

Programmed cell death is executed by the caspases, a metazoan-specific family of cysteine aspartyl proteases, which are activated either by the Intrinsic or the Extrinsic pathway. The *Amphimedon* genome encodes for three putative initiator caspases that possess the characteristic pro-domains [two proteins with a caspase recruitment domain (CARD) and one with two death effector domain (DEDs)], and an expanded repertoire of putative effector capases. With the exception of three *Amphimedon* sequences (including a putative DEDcontaining protein) that clade within the caspase 8/10 subtypes, all other candidate sponge caspases could not be further assigned to the subtypes defined for vertebrates (Table S8.3.1; Figure S8.3.1).

The intrinsic pathway drives programmed cell death by initiating the permeabilization of the outer mitochondrial membrane and is tightly regulated by the Bcl2 oncogene family of pro- and anti-apoptotic factors. Among the pro-apoptotic family members, Bak arose in the metazoan lineage, while Bax and Bok are eumetazoan-specific. As for the anti-apoptotic protein family members, *Amphimedon*, other sponges^{97,98} and *Nematostella* encode putative divergent Bcl2/Bcl-X-like proteins (Table S8.3.1; Figure S8.3.2). In bilaterians, these molecules trigger cell survival by interacting with the pro-apoptotic proteins. Since lineage-specific expansions have been reported for both the Bcl2 and the caspase family in other animal groups, $99,100$ it is possible that relaxed constraints on the evolution of these gene families have allowed different invertebrate lineages to exploit alternative apoptotic networks that are not found in the bilaterians, perhaps reflecting life-cycle traits that necessitate a higher cell turnover (*e.g.* metamorphosis and regeneration) or simply the co-option of these protein families in a nonapoptotic functional context. Perhaps as a consequence, the protein families that regulate both

the anti-apoptotic Bcl2 and the capsase families in bilaterians, namely the BH3-only proteins (Bid, Bim, and NOXA) and the BIR domain-containing proteins (cIAP1 and cIAP2), are not found in *Amphimedon* and other early-branching metazoan phyla (Table S8.3.1), suggesting that the first metazoans either lacked these additional layers of control or used different genes altogether. Mitochondrial permeabilization releases various proteins including the ancient AIF (apotosis-inducing factor) that contributes to caspase-independent apoptosis, metazoan-specific APAF1 (apoptotic protease activating factor 1), and eumetazoan *sensu strictu (s.s.)*-specific caspase-activated DNase (CAD) and its regulator ICAD.

In the extrinsic pathway, external signals that lead to apoptosis are typically detected by death domain-containing transmembrane receptors belonging to the tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNFR) family. These receptors rely on their death domain for interactions with downstream adaptors. The *Amphimedon* genome encodes a nerve growth factor receptor (NGFR) p75-like protein, though it lacks the crucial death domain that is seen in *Nematostella* and other animals.99 Classic death TNFRs (*i.e.* Fas, DR4, DR5 and TNFR1) appeared late in the vertebrate lineage. ^{99,101} Since the intrinsic cascade is composed of components that are found in both metazoan and non-metazoan groups, it is likely to have been the original mechanism for inducing apoptosis.

S8.4 Germline specification

In sexually-reproducing organisms, gametes are the cells that transmit genetic material across generations. The precursors of all cells that can become gametes are the germ cells, collectively known as the germ-line. Germ cells are unique among metazoan cell types in that they must become highly specialized to produce either sperm or egg while simultaneously retaining their potential to give rise to all types of differentiated cells, including extra-embryonic tissues, in the adult organism.¹⁰² In most bilaterian animals, the germ-line originates as primordial germ cells (PGCs), a population of undifferentiated stem cells that are capable of undergoing meiosis and that will give rise exclusively to germ cells.103 This single founder population of germ cells is segregated from diploid somatic cells at a single point in time during embryogenesis, and thereafter is not significantly amplified, replaced or renewed throughout the entire life of the animal.¹⁰³

Molecular markers have become a widely accepted way to identify germ cells upon their first appearance during embryonic development and thus to establish their embryonic origin. Conserved members of the Vasa and Nanos gene families have been shown to be important for the specification and differentiation of germ cells from PGCs in diverse bilaterians (reviewed in Extavour and Akam 2003¹⁰³), although the mechanisms may vary.¹⁰⁴ In nonbilaterian animals studied to date, vasa, nanos and PL10 seem to be associated with specifying the germ line in the cnidarian *Nematostella vectensis*105, but perhaps not so in the ctenophore *Mnemiopsis leidyi* (Pang & Martindale, pers. comm.). It is therefore unclear at present whether the germ line is homologous in all metazoans, or whether alternative genes may be involved in specifying the germ cells in the basal metazoan phyla.

Poriferans reproduce both asexually and sexually, the latter usually as simultaneous hermaphrodites with internal fertilization.¹⁰⁶ Oocytes and spermatocytes undergo gametogenesis in the mesohyl to form eggs and sperm, respectively¹⁰⁶; gametes derive from various subpopulations of pluripotent mesechymal cells.¹⁰⁷ Sponges lack gonads, and gametes instead occur either in simple clusters (sperm, sometimes eggs) or individually (eggs, usually), but in both cases widely distributed throughout the mesohyl of the adult, although within diffusion distance of a canal or chamber. In contrast to the single developmental origin of germ cells in bilaterian animals, sponges are thought to generate germ cells continuously throughout their adult reproductive life.

The *Amphimedon* genome contains several genes implicated in primary germ cell development in eumetazoans (Table S8.4.1). Consistent with an earlier report on the freshwater sponge *Ephydatia fluviatilis*¹⁰⁸, these include a single vasa and a single PL10 gene, in addition to 18 other genes belonging to the DEAD-box helicase family. We also find a single zinf finger family nanos gene, and $\overline{3}$ piwi genes (see Grimson *et al.* 2008¹⁰⁹ for details on the piwis). The presence of these core bilaterian germline genes suggests that sponges might use similar genetic tools to bilaterians to segregrate the germ line, although we currently have no expression or cell lineage data to validate this. The only existing evidence in non-bilaterians comes from the cnidarian *Nematostella vectensis*¹⁰⁵, in which vasa, nanos and PL10 seem to be associated with specifying the germ line late in embryonic development. One notable difference is that the *N. vectensis* genome contains 2 vasa, 2 nanos and 1 PL10 gene, compared to just one of each in *Amphimedon queenslandica*; interestingly, the genome of the placozoan *Trichoplax adhaerens* contains only a single PL10 and a single nanos gene. Both the *A. queenslandica* and the *N. vectensis* genomes encode 3 piwis, but none are detectable in *Trichoplax adhaerens*. In *A. queenslandica*, we also find two mago nashi, three tudor-related, a single pumilio and a single a par-1 gene, all of which are present throughout the eukaryotes and are known in other eumetazoans to play an essential role in germ cell determination often via interaction with either vasa or nanos.

Given the lack of both mesoderm and a gonad in sponges, it is particularly interesting that we are unable to identify a DM DNA-binding-domain-containing *DMRT1* gene (vertebrate ortholog of *Doublesex* and *Mab-3*). This gene has been implicated in many eumetazoan taxa as playing a highly conserved role in development of the mesoderm-derived somatic gonad.

S8.5 Signaling pathways

Wnt Signaling Pathway

Detailed description of the origins of the Wnt pathway can be found in the paper in preparation by Adamska *et al*. (Adamska, unpublished) Some highlights are described below and in Table S8.5.1.

The Wnt pathway is a critical factor in determining polarity in eumetazoan *s.s.* development (*e.g.* Wikramanayake *et al*., 2003110; Broun *et al*., 2005111; Lee *et al*., 2007112; Momose *et al*., 2008113), and the polar expression of Wnt ligands in *Amphimedon queenslandica* embryos may indicate a more ancient, pan-metazoan ancestry of the Wnt pathway's role in axial patterning.⁷ *Amphimedon* has 3 Wnt family genes, but these cannot be confidently assigned to the defined bilaterian orthology groups, nor do they appear to represent a lineage-specific expansion. Of note, a dramatic expansion of the Wnt family has occurred after poriferan divergence, with eumetazoans *s.s.* possessing 12-15 Wnt genes.¹¹⁴

The reception of Wnt ligands is carried out by Frizzled (Fzd) receptors, in complex with low density lipoprotein receptor related proteins (LRP5/6s). *Amphimedon* has 2 Fzd genes and while Fzd-related genes have also been described from amoebozoans,¹¹⁵ no other Fzd-like genes are present in any other non-metazoan organisms making the ancestry of this family unclear. LRP5/6s are single-pass multidomain transmembrane proteins with no discernable homologs outside the Metazoa. Upon ligand binding, Dishevelled (Dsh) interacts with Fzd whilst Axin is bound by LRP5/6. These interactions cause the dissolution of a downstream cytosolic protein complex, the so-called destruction complex. Comprised of Axin, Adenomatous Polypotis Coli (APC) and GSK, the complex phosphorylates, and subsequently degrades, cytosolic β -catenin in the absence of a Wnt signal. GSK is a pan-eukaryotic kinase, but APC and Axin are not found outside the Metazoa. Non-bilaterian Axins and APCs are lacking specific protein-protein binding motifs that are required for the correct formation of the destruction complex in their bilaterian counterparts (e.g., the sponge and cnidarian APC and Axin proteins appear to be missing β catenin binding domains). However it is unclear whether this truly reflects a lack of interaction between these proteins. For example, whilst APC lacks recognisable Axin binding domains, APC binding domains are detected in Axin - suggesting that the molecules can interact at some level.

In the absence of nuclear β -catenin, TCF/LEF proteins form a transcriptional repression complex by recruiting the co-repressor Groucho and Histone deacetylases. When Wnt signaling stimulates the nuclear accumulation of β -catenin, Groucho is displaced and a transcriptional activation complex of β -catenin, Tcf/Lef and the Histone acetylase CBP is formed instead. TCF/LEF and Groucho, like the majority of Wnt pathway components, also likely arose on the metazoan stem (Figure S8.5.1). A *β-catenin* related gene (*Aardvark*) is present in amoebozoans, but Aardvark is more akin to certain plant proteins that also share armadillo repeats, in both sequence similarity and domain composition.^{115,116}

<u>TGF-β Signaling Pathway</u>

Transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β) signaling (reviewed by Massagué 2000¹¹⁷) is restricted to the Metazoa; neither ligand nor receptor molecules are found outside the animal kingdom (Table S8.5.2). TGF- β pathway receptors are serine threonine kinases (STKRs) of two types – Type I and Type II. Both types are present in *Amphimedon*, but these receptors cannot be further assigned to eumetazoan subfamilies within these groupings (Figure S8.5.2) (see kinome analysis for further details on STKRs). Two major clades of ligands are recognized, the TGF-β sensu *strictu/TGF-β* related (*e.g.* Activins, Leftys, GDF8s), and BMP related (*e.g.* BMPs, Nodals).118 In phylogenetic analyses, one *Amphimedon* gene lies outside these clades, along with other divergent ligands such as GDF9/15 (Figure S8.5.3). Five *Amphimedon* genes group together, suggesting an independent expansion event, and fall within another divergent clade,

the DVRs. A further two *Amphimedon* genes are nested within the TGF-β related clade. Their placement as sister to the $TGF-\beta s.s$ subclass was found to be consistent across a number of phylogenetic analyses (data not shown). To date, TGF- β s.s ligands have only been identified in deuterostomes, with no members found in genome screens of *C. elegans*, *Drosophila* or *Nematostella,*118 so this placement of *Amphimedon* ligands warrants

further investigation.

Transmission of the $TGF-\beta$ signal from the membrane to the nucleus occurs via Smad family proteins – another metazoan invention. *Monosiga* has a Smad-like MH2 domain, but this is coupled with a C2H2 zinc finger as opposed to the metazoan Smads which comprise of a MH1 and MH2 domain only. In contrast to the lack of phylogenetic resolution among *Amphimedon* TGF-β receptor and ligands, *Amphimedon* Smads can be assigned to recognized eumetazoan subclasses (Figure S8.5.4). Type I receptors recruit and phosphorylate receptor regulated Smads (R-Smads, Smad 1/5, Smad 2/3) that form multisubunit complexes with common partner Smads (Co-Smads, Smad4) before entering the nucleus to affect a response. Both R-Smads and Co-Smads are found in *Amphimedon*. Inhibitory Smads (I-Smads, Smad6/7) interfere with either the phosphorylation of R-Smads, or the formation of the Rsmad/Co-Smad complexes. I-Smads have not been located outside the Eumetazoa, suggesting that the regulatory activity of I-Smads did not evolve until after the divergence of Porifera and Placozoa.

In the nucleus, Smad complexes recruit a number of proteins including Fos/ATF3 and Jun metazoan subfamilies of bZIP transcription factors (Figure S8.5.5)- and Myc and Max, which belong to the bHLH superfamily of transcription factors. While a *Myc*-like gene is present in *Monosiga*, it does not possess a classic Myc domain, in contrast, Max is definitively present in *Monosiga* suggesting that the Max subfamily originated in the holozoan stem lineage (Figure S8.5.6). Smads also recruit the co-activators CBF β and CBP (which arose in the Metazoa), and the co-repressor, Ski/Sno. Ski/Sno is present in all eumetazoans; in *Amphimedon* while the most similar gene does possess a Smad binding domain, it lacks the DNA binding domain of classic Ski/Sno proteins.

Extracellular inhibition of TGF- β signaling can occur via eumetazoan specific 'ligand trapping' proteins such as Follistatin and members of the CAN (Cerebrus/DAN) family. Chordin is another inhibitory molecule that also acts by sequestering $TGF-\beta$ ligands extracellularly; it is restricted to cnidarians and bilaterians. The E3 ubiquitin ligase Smurf is another pathway regulator that acts by targeting R-Smads and receptors for degradation - Smurfs are an animal specific subfamily of E3 ligases (Figure S8.5.7).

To summarize, the primary components of the $TGF- $\beta$$ pathway (ligands, receptors, Smads) have emerged in the metazoan stem lineage, prior to poriferan and placozoan divergence, with no discernable precursors present in choanoflagellates, indicating that TGF - β signaling is an ancient metazoan synapomorphy. However, clear differences exist in the potential activity of the TGF- β pathway in the Porifera when compared with Eumetazoa, as the addition of multiple regulatory elements - I-Smads, ligand traps and SARA - has occurred after the divergence of sponges.

Hedgehog Signaling Pathway

The canonical Hedgehog signaling pathway is activated by the binding of a secreted ligand from the Hedgehog (Hh) family to the multi-transmembrane receptor Patched (Ptch) which in turn releases a second transmembrane protein, Smoothened (Smo), from Patched repression (reviewed by Ma 2008119*).* No evidence of Hh ligands outside the Eumetazoa *s.s* has been found (Table S8.5.3). While the *Monosiga* and *Amphimedon* genomes do possess Hh N-terminal signaling domains, these are located within the large membrane-bound Hedgling proteins instead of linked to an autocatalytic intein domain as in Eumetazoa *s.s.* 120 It has been proposed that Hedgling represents an alternate ligand for the Hh pathway, implying that Hh signaling originated as a short-range cell-cell mechanism with the addition of the diffusible ligand occurring later, in the proto-eumetazoan stem. However the *Amphimedon* genome does not encode a Ptch receptor. Although there are two Ptch-like proteins in *Monosiga*, the most similar gene model in *Amphimedon* is a member of the Ptch-related Niemann Pick-C family of sterolsensing receptors (Figure S8.5.8). *Amphimedon* also lacks the transmembrane protein Dispatched (Disp) that transports the Hh ligands across the membranes of signaling cells, yet again, there is a Disp-like molecule in *Monosiga* (Figure S8.5.8). *In lieu* of Ptch, a candidate receptor for Hedgling is the Ihog/CDON family of IgCAM proteins. This family binds the Hh ligand in vertebrates and flies, and gene models with similar domain configurations to Ihogs/CDONs are present in the *Amphimedon* genome, although not in *Monosiga*.

As Smo is not found outside Eumetazoa *s.s*. (Figure S8.5.9), the initiation of Hh signaling through Hh-Ptch-Smo interactions is a eumetazoan *s.s.* invention. A further invention is the Hedgehog interference protein (Hhip), which can also bind Hh ligands and in doing so regulates the availability of Hh to the Ptch receptor. Signal transduction downstream of Smo is not wholly conserved between flies and vertebrates . While both systems make use of Sufu, CK1, GSK and PKA (all of which are pan-metazoan proteins), whether Fused (pan-eukaryotic) and Kif7/Cos2 (a metazoan-specific class of kinesins) (Figure S8.5.10) are also common components remains unresolved. The outcome of canonical Hh signaling is the regulation of Gli/Ci transcription factors that are common to all metazoans and represent an animal-specific subfamily of zinc finger binding proteins (Figure S8.5.11). The pan-eukaryotic kinases CK1 and GSK function in the phosphorylation and processing of Gli/Ci.

Despite the cytosolic components of the Hh pathway being common to all Metazoa, the absence of Hh and Smo from poriferans and placozoans suggests that canonical Hh signaling is a eumetazoan *s.s.* synapomorphy. A subject that requires further investigation is the presence of *Ptch*- and *Disp*-like genes in *Monosiga*.

Notch Signaling Pathway

The Notch signaling pathway is unusual in that both the ligand and receptor molecules are membrane-bound, meaning that the signal can only be propagated between directly neighboring cells (reviewed by Bray 2006^{121}). The ligands (Delta and Jagged/Serrate) and receptor (Notch) are multidomain proteins, and whilst the majority of these domains (EGF, ANK, NL) are not restricted to the Metazoa, the combination of the domains is thought to be metazoan-specific

(Table S8.5.4). Delta ligands are present in the *Amphimedon* genome, but Jagged/Serrate ligands (which have an additional VWC domain and expanded EGF region) appear later, in the Eumetazoa *s.s*. Notch receptors in bilaterians contain two additional domains, Nod and Nodp, which are variously present in some non-bilaterians (both in *Nematostella*, Nod only in *Hydra* and *Trichoplax*), but absent from *Amphimedon*. Of interest, *Monosiga* also possesses a gene model containing the same domain configuration as *Amphimedon* Notch, albeit with a greatly reduced number of EGF repeats, perhaps hinting at the origins of this molecule.

Prior to reaching the membrane, both the receptor and ligand molecules undergo glycosylation by the holozoan specific *o*-fucosyltransferase, and the metazoan-specific Fringe proteins (which are related to the pan-eukaryotic $\beta 3GLT$ glycosyltransferase superfamily) (Figure S8.5.12). The degree of glycosylation affects the ligand/receptor binding abilities and is a key regulatory aspect of the pathway and *Amphimedon* possesses six *Fringe* genes.

Signal transduction in the Notch pathway occurs via regulated intramembrane proteolysis. The first cleavage of Notch is by Furin and results in the formation of a heterodimeric receptor structure that is an absolute requirement for signaling in vertebrates, but has not been shown to be essential for signaling in *Drosophila*. At the outer membrane, Notch is then further cleaved by members of the ADAM amily of proteins (ADAM10/17), releasing the extracellular region of the receptor. Subsequently the Notch intracellular domain (NICD) is released by the action of the transmembrane γ -secretase complex. These proteins that process Notch, thereby facilitating the signaling event, are common throughout the Metazoa, many of them with far more ancient origins (*e.g.* Pan-Eukaryota : Presenilin, Nicastrin). On reaching the nucleus, the NICD forms a transcriptional complex with the CSL DNA binding protein (metazoan-specific) that transforms CSL from a transcriptional repressor to activator. This implicates a number of other nuclear c of actors including the pan-metazoan HDAC, CBF β and CBP nuclear proteins. The cofactor Mastermind is an integral part of this complex in bilaterians, but while present in cnidarians, no *mastermind* gene has been identified in *Amphimedon* or *Trichoplax*.

On the whole, across all metazoans, the core members of the Notch pathway can be identified, indicating that this signaling system arose on the protometazoan stem. While many of the cytosolic components are pre-metazoan, the ligand and receptor molecules are animal-specific.

Growth Factor, GPCR and Ras signaling

Growth factors activate cellular proliferation and/or differentiation during development and throughout the adult lifespan of animals. Growth factor signaling is propagated via the reception of growth factors by tyrosine kinase receptors on the surface of receiving cells (*e.g.*, Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor, EGFR; Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor, FGFR; Placental Derived Growth Factor Receptor, PDGFR – see kinome section for analysis of receptor origins). Aberrant growth factor signaling has major effect on organism viability due to their mediation (both positive and negative) of cell proliferation. These activities are a result of the induction, by growth factors, of nuclear localized proto-oncogenes such as *Fos*, *Myc* and *Jun*.

The *Amphimedon* genome contains a gene model with strong similarity to the *EGF* ligands of humans and mice, indicating that this ligand arose prior to poriferan divergence (Table S8.5.5). No similar gene is found in *Monosiga*, suggesting that *EGF* was a protometazoan innovation. In contrast, *FGF*, *PDGF* and *TGF* are not present in the sponge

or *Trichoplax* genomes, suggesting that they evolved later in eumetazoan history. FGF ligands are first recognized in cnidarians, where they have undergone major diversification: fifteen FGFs have been identified in *Nematostella*.¹²² PDGFs are also present in Cnidaria, but there is only a single member in the *Nematostella* and *Hydra* genomes indicating that this ligand has not undergone the same level of expansion in Cnidaria as has been the case for the FGFs (Table S8.5.5).

An analysis of the origins of components downstream of growth factors and GPCRs is described in Table S8.5.5.

S8.6 Developmental transcription factors

A detailed discussion of several developmental transcription factor families in *Amphimedon* can be found in Larroux et al 2008.123 A list of *Amphimedon* orthologs in ETS, HMG, bZIP and C2H2 families is shown in Table S8.6.1. Origins of developmental transcription factors involved in neurogenesis are shown in Table S8.9.1.

Three Gli C2H2 zinc finger transcription factors (TF) were detected in the *Amphimedon* genome (two Gli2/3-like genes and one Glis1/3-like gene) but we found no Snail or Zic C2H2 zinc finger TFs. A sponge gene was characterised containing two GATA zinc fingers, a BIM domain, and a DUF1518 domain. 17 BZIP, 13 non-Sox HMG, and 9 ETS TF genes were identified in the *Amphimedon* genome and appear to belong to various subfamilies. Of these three classes, ETS appears to be metazoan-specific with only two ETS genes and one ERM gene clearly belonging to these eumetazoan subfamilies.

Of the transcription factor classes with important roles in metazoan development, NK, pairedlike, Pax, POU, LIM-HD, and Six homeobox genes as well as ETS, mef2, Sox, and nuclear hormone receptor genes are present in the sponge genome but not in *Monosiga* or other nonanimal eukaryotes to date. These classes hence appear to have arisen in the lineage leading up to the metazoan LCA. In contrast, Fox, BZIP, non-Sox HMG, TALE, and bHLH transcription factors are more ancient with the former two present in *Monosiga* and fungi and the latter three also in plants.81,123-125 Although they are absent from *Monosiga* and fungi, T-box genes are likely to be a holozoan invention as they are present in *Amphimedon* 123 and a non-choanoflagellate holozoan protist.¹²⁶ The developmental zinf finger GATA and Gli genes are present in the sponge genome but not Snail and Zic. As Gli, Snail, and Zic C2H2 zinc finger TFs are present in *Nematostella* but not found in *Monosiga*, it appears that Gli is a metazoan innovation while Snail and Zic are eumetazoan innovations. GATA are ancient eukaryotic genes.

S8.7 Kinases

All kinases in the *Amphimedon* genome were identified and classified using previously published methods.¹²⁷ Many kinases were fragmentary; most of these mapped to the end of contigs, or next to internal gaps, though some mapped well within contigs and may reflect assembly limitations. 23 fragmentary predictions from short contigs with >95% AA identity to longer predictions were removed as possible second haplotypes or assembly errors. Gene models with homology to other kinases but without a kinase domain were omitted. All kinases with their assigned classes are shown in a separate supplemental spreadsheet (Supplemental table S8.7.1.xls).

The 705 *Amphimedon* kinases include representatives of more than 70% of all human kinase classes (compared with 59% in choanoflagellate and 83% in sea anemone, see Tables S8.7.1 and S8.7.2). Curiously, the kinomes of advanced bilaterian models *Drosophila* and *C. elegans*, have only 77% and 70% respectively of human classes, with extensive gene loss outpacing invention of new kinases, further highlighting the signaling complexity in early metazoans (Fig S8.7.1). Several kinase losses are coordinated within pathways. For instance, the MEKK2-MEK5-Erk5 variant of the MAPK cascade is fully present in Amphimedon and Nematostella, but all three members are lost in flies and nematodes. Several other pathways (Fig. 3) show gradual addition of kinase and other components over evolution, indicating that these are highly modular, and can be functional in many different combinations. Of 196 defined kinase classes, 47 kinase classes are found in *Amphimedon* and eumetazoa, and another 17 are eumetazoan-specific, and 12 kinase classes are lost from *Amphimedon* (Table S8.7.2). 150 classes have 1-2 members, with over half of the kinome (360 genes) being found within 11 expanded classes of the TK and TKL groups, including the Met (58 genes), Eph (64) receptor tyrosine kinases and a sponge-specific subfamily of Src kinases (Src-Aque1, 26 members).

Most kinases have domain combinations similar to their metazoan counterparts, but there are several exceptions. In particular, many receptor tyrosine kinases have unusual extracellular domains, probably responding to extrinsic rather than intrinsic signaling. One Eph-like and one Met-like receptor lack extracellular domains entirely and appear to be membrane anchored by PH domains instead. Unusual intracellular domain combinations include death domains in 3 members of the extended Src family.

Table S8.7.1 (uploaded as a supplemental Excel spreadsheet): The *Amphimedon* **kinome.** A

list of all known kinases in *Amphimedon* and their kinase and Aqu1 IDs. Full sequences and additional data available at http://kinase.com/amphimedon/. These are derived from standard gene models, sometimes edited, and from de-novo kinase gene prediction. Aqu1 gene model IDs are listed where they overlap with kinase models; cases where no Aqu1 model includes the kinase catalytic domain are noted.

S8.8 Cell-cell and cell-matrix adhesion and formation of polarized epithelia

Animal cell-cell adhesion molecules (CAMs) are often large multidomain proteins with highly variable domain architecture (particularly with variation occurring in the numbers of tandemly repeated domains). We focused largely on cell adhesion superfamilies which are characterized

by the presence of a particular type of extracellular domain. We searched representative eukaryote, opisthokont, holozoan and animal genomes for the occurrence of putative proteins containing leucine rich repeat (LRR), cadherin, immunoglobulin-like (Ig) and Ig plus fibronectin type III (FN3) domains in association with predicted signal peptides and transmembrane helices. Putative LRR-containing transmembrane proteins were found in plant, *Dictyostelium*, *Monosiga* and animal genomes indicating a probable ancient eukaryotic origin. Cadherins and IgCAMs were found in *Monosiga* and animal genomes but not in fungal or non-opisthokont genomes. A single *Monosiga* protein was found to contain both Ig and FN3 domains, however the domain architecture consisting of an N-terminal stretch of Ig domains followed by a stretch of FN3 domains was found to be specific to metazoans, with many such proteins present in the *Amphimedon* genome. We also searched for orthologs of Neurexin I/II/III like proteins, a family of proteins that function in synaptic adhesion, 128 and found these to be restricted to eumetazoans *s.s.*.

For the extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins we focused more closely on orthology groups characterized by particular combinations of domains. All ECM protein families were found to be metazoan-specific with the exception of collagen triple helix repeat encoding proteins which were also found in the *Monosiga* genome. Fibrillar collagen and thrombospondin-like proteins appear to be present in *Amphimedon,* whereas agrin and netrin appear to be specific to the Eumetazoa. All analyzed ECM binding transmembrane proteins were found to be metazoanspecific, with good homologs of integrin α , integrin β and dystroglycan family proteins present in the sponge genome.

The results of these analyses are summarized in Table S8.8.1.

Tissues with an epithelial grade of organization are generally believed to be a eumetazoan innovation. There are three defining characteristics of epithelial tissues: (a) aligned apical-basal polarity of component cells, (b) adhesion (cell-cell) via belt-form junctions (adhesive or occluding), and (c) adhesion (cell-ECM) to an underlying basal lamina. Studies in bilaterian model organisms have allowed for the identification of many of the genes involved in giving rise to these characteristics, particularly in the epithelia of *Drosophila* and of vertebrates. We used sequence similarity and domain searches to identify orthologs of these genes in representative animal, choanoflagellate and fungal genomes (Table S8.8.2).

S8.9 Neuronal genes in Amphimedon

Transcription factor gene families

Although metazoan transcription factor (TF) classes antedate metazoan cladogenesis, many specific bilaterian families arose through a duplication and divergence events early in eumetazoan evolution^{123-125,129,130} When assessing the presence of TF genes and families in *Amphimedon* that are associated with the specification, determination and patterning of neurons in bilaterians and cnidarians,¹³¹ it is clear that many regulatory gene families are eumetazoan-specific gene families, although *Amphimedon* does possess some orthologues of genes that control neurogenesis (*e.g.*, PaxB, Lhx, SoxB, Msx, Mef2, and group A bHLH neurogenic factors; Table S8.9.1).

Synaptic genes

Genes that encode proteins associated with both the post-synaptic density and pre-synaptic element are well-represented in Amphimedon (Tables S8.9.2 and S8.9.3). These include the post-synaptic scaffolds DLG, SHANK, HOMER, GRIP, GRASP, SCRIB, and MAGI, as well as associated signaling molecules, such as Cript, SPAR, GKAP, CIT, NOS, KALRN, and SYNGAP. Scaffolding molecules that coordinate the localization of synaptic vesicles, calcium channels, and signaling machinery to the pre-synaptic compartment, such as LIN10, LIN7, UNC13, RIMBP, PTPRF, and PPF1A are also present (Figure S8.9.1). The Amphimedon genome encodes genes for synaptic vesicle proteins that allow vesicle exocytosis to be regulated in response to calcium influx. These genes include Synaptophysin (binds to VAMP to regulate its availability for SNARE complex formation), SV2 (calcium uptake), and Synaptotagmin (calcium sensor). UNC13, also present, regulates SNARE complex formation by binding to Syntaxin. Trans-synaptic adhesion genes such as cadherin, beta-catenin, and cortactin are present.

While most of the core pre- and post-synaptic genes are present in Amphimedon, some key genes are conspicuously missing. For example, there are no members of the ionotropic glutamate receptor family, 132 although neuronal type metabotropic glutamate receptors, as well as homologs of dopamine and serotonin receptors are present. Amphimedon also lacks a homolog of RIMS, a central presynaptic scaffold involved in priming synaptic vesicles for fusion. While Amphimedon does possess a homolog of the ephrin receptor, a protein functioning in axon guidance, the ephrin ligand is not present. Several other axon guidance proteins (e.g., slit, netrin, unc-5, and robo) also appear absent from the genome.

Neuropeptide and neurohormone processing and secretion

Proteins involved in the key steps of neurohormone and neuropetide production are predominantly encoded by genes belonging to eight main families 133 . These proteins include (i) peptidases that cleave the immature neuropeptide/hormone precursors to produce distinct functional subunits, (ii) enzymes that are required for specific modifications (such as C-terminal amidation, N-terminal acetylation and pyrolation) of these subunits, and (iii) molecules required for their Ca2+-dependent release. The *Amphimedon* genome encodes proteins that belong to these eight gene families (Table S8.9.4).

We found in *Amphimedon* 10 proprotein convertases (PC, also known as proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type, PCSK)*,* which are key proteins in the processing of several proteins to give biologically active neuropeptides or peptide hormones.¹³⁴ Two major types of PCs (PC1/3 and PC2) are expressed exclusively in neuroendocrine tissues in bilaterians. Five PC2-like proteins but no PC1/3 are found in *Amphimedon* (Figure S8.9.2). Arginyl aminopeptidase B *(*AP-B*)* are other proteins involved in the cleavage of immature neuropeptide/hormone precursors in

vertebrates.¹³⁴ *AP-B* belongs to a gene family that also contains, as close relatives, two other subfamilies in vertebrates, *arginyl aminopeptidase O (AP-O),* and *leukotriene A4 hydrolase* (*LTA4H*). Interestingly, *AP-B* genes are only found in deuterostomes and molluscs while in other species of eukaryotes either *AP-O* and *LTA4H* or only *LTA4H* are present. The *Amphimedon* genome contains a *LTA4H* gene but no *AP-B* and *AP-O* genes (Figure S8.9.3). The c*arboxypeptidase* (*CP*) gene family encodes proteases, one of which, CP-E, is involved in the cleavage of immature neuropeptide/hormone precursors.134 Other proteins of the family, CP-D in particular, may also be involved in the same process.135 The *Amphimedon* genome encodes a single *CP* gene of the *CP-D* type (Table S8.9.4). *CP-E* is also absent from the genomes of *Trichoplax*, *Nematostella*, and *Hydra*, suggesting that the presence of *CP-E* is specific to bilaterians. A fourth family of proteases, cysteine cathepsins are also involved in the proteolytic processing of neuropeptides and peptide hormones.134 The *cathepsin* genes form a large family with several subfamilies among which cathepsin-L is involved in neurosecretion.136 There are 25 cathepsin genes in *Amphimedon*, of which 3 are closely-related to eumetazoan cathepsin-L genes (Figure S8.9.4).

C-terminal amidation is required for the biological activity of many animal peptides and has been shown to successively involve two enzyme activities, peptidylglycine α -hydroxylating monooxygenase (PHM) and peptidyl- α -hydroxyglycine α -amidating lyase (PAL) activities.¹³⁷ In some species, such as vertebrates, the two enzymes are co-synthesized as adjacent domains of a bifunctional protein, peptidylglycine α -amidating monooxygenase (PAM) that, following specific cleavage events, or as a consequence of alternative splicing, produces monofunctional PHM and PAL enzymes. In other species, such as *Drosophila*, the two enzymes are encoded by distinct genes.138 In still other species, such as *Caenorhabditis*, both monofunctional *PHM* and *PAL*, and bifunctional *PAM* genes exist.¹³³ In both *Amphimedon* and *Trichoplax*, a single *PAM* gene can be found, but neither *PAL* nor *PHM* genes (Figure S8.9.5). Another post-translational modification of neuropeptides is N-terminal pyrolation which is mediated by a glutaminyl-peptide cyclotransferase (GC).139 A single *GC* gene is found in the genome of *Amphimedon* (Figure S8.9.6).

Secretion of neuropeptides is a Ca2+-dependent process that involves several proteins, including the calcium activated protein for secretion (caps) and protein tyrosine phosphatase receptor type N (ptprn) (also named islet cell autoantigen, ia2), both of which are markers for neurosecretory cells in bilaterians140-142. The *Amphimedon* genome encodes a single representative for each of these metazoan gene families (Figures S8.9.7 and S8.9.8).

Taken together, these data suggest that *Amphimedon* has the molecular machinery required to produce secreted biologically active peptides. However, sequence similarity searches failed to detect homologs of the known neuropeptides and peptide hormones of bilaterians, suggesting that the *Amphimedon* peptides are different from those found in bilaterians.
G-protein coupled receptors

The GRAFS classification system¹⁴³ was used to place all *Amphimedon* G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) gene models into recognised families. GPCRs were compiled from the draft assembly and parsed into Rhodospin, Frizzled/Taste, Glutamate and Adhesion/Secretin families based on identity with sequences in NCBI and domain architecture (shown in the uploaded spreadsheet Supplemental table S8.9.5.xls). Many of the Rhodopsin GPCR genes are organised in head-to-tail tandem arrays ranging in size from 2 to 18 (Figure 8.9.9; Supplemental table S8.9.5.xls). A number of small Glutamate and Adhesion/Secretin gene clusters, ranging in size from 2 to 4 genes, were observed. Phylogenetic analysis of Rhodopsin GPCRs reveals that a majority of *Amphimedon* genes form a species-specific clade, although there are a small number of genes with affinity to other defined clades, including LGR/Hormone receptor, opsin/prostanoid receptor, gonadotropin releasing hormone/neurotensin/somatostatin receptor and mas oncogene subclasses (Figure S8.9.10).

S8.10 Allorecognition and innate immunity

While some genes related to metazoan immune receptors are present in early eukaryotic lineages, others are restricted to metazoans (Table S8.10.1).144,145 For instance, *Amphimedon* encodes putative proteins that display the characteristic tripartite domain structure found in NLR proteins, but with an N-terminal death domain. This gene family contributes to a wide variety of functions in vertebrates, including immune recognition and apoptosis.¹⁴⁶ Multiple scavenger-receptor cysteine-rich (SRCR) proteins can also play a role in immunity.¹⁴⁷ The origin of these proteins is ancient,¹⁴⁸ but some of the domain configurations they display are unique to animals (*e.g.,* association with the complement control protein and the fibronectin domains in *Amphimedon* and other sponges¹⁴⁹).

The Toll-like receptors (TLRs) and Interleukin1 receptors (IL1Rs) are other crucial immune receptors. A protein related to the TLR has been reported in the sponge *Suberites domuncula* but is atypically short and lacks the diagnostic LRRs.¹⁵⁰ While no true TLRs are present in *Amphimedon* either, the demosponge possesses two putative receptors with an intracellular TLR-like Toll/Interleukin1 receptor/resistance (TIR) domain and IL1R-like Igs, suggesting that an ancestral form to the receptor superfamily evolved before metazoan cladogenesis and independent duplication and divergence led to the diversified TIR-containing receptors present in sponge and cnidarian lineages (Table S8.10.1).

S9. Novelty Analysis

S9.1 Clustering of orthologous animal genes

To identify orthologous sets of genes a phylogeny-informed clustering method was applied.¹⁶ Briefly, the clustering implements a graph approach where, in the first step, mutual best hit pairs between the species are identified. In the second step, paralogs that have shorter edges to the proteins from the same species than to the outgroup are added. To generate a more accurate all-against-all homology relation, position specific scoring matrices (PSSM) as implemented by PSI-BLAST were used. This has proven to be particularly useful for fastevolving sequences from *Drosophila*, or divergent domains from basal metazoans. Very similar paralog sequences might introduce bias into the PSSM. Therefore, this redundancy has to be removed before running PSI-BLAST. This was accomplished in each species by pre-clustering sequences that share high similarity (using standard BLASTP scores) and are connected by edges shorter than those leading to the other species.

S9.2 Type I, II and III novelties

Gene families that potentially appeared at a given node in the animal tree can be obtained by requiring absence of the orthologs in the outgroup and their presence in both ingroups (*e.g.*, metazoan novelties are defined as being absent in non-animals+*Monosiga* and present in *Amphimedon* and one of the eumetazoans) . Gene family clusters from the PSI-BLAST clustering (S9.1) were used. Type I novelties are defined as gene families that share no significant (1E-10) PSI-BLAST homology to any of the outgroup sequences. Type II novel gene families have a new domain absent in the outgroup and are subdivided into 2a (domain absent in all outgroups) and 2b (domain absent in outgroups, except *Monosiga*). Type III possess a new domain combination (architecture) and are subdivided into 3a (architecture absent in all outgroups) and 3b (architecture present in *Monosiga*). Several gene families that are classified as novel by the clustering do not fall into any of the groups, i.e., have an outgroup PSI-BLAST hit, and no novel domain architecture. These cases can be classified as novel gene families that acquired new function by accelerated divergence and not by gain or loss of a domain. Gene clusters that appear to be novelties by these measure at various nodes on the animal tree are listed in the uploaded spreadsheet Supplemental_table_S9.2.1.xls.

S9.3 PFAM domain analysis

Novel PFAM domains and architectures were obtained in the same way as for the gene families (separately uploaded spreadsheet Supplemental_table_S9.3.1.xls). Detailed PFAM domain analyses of death domain and laminin proteins presented in Figure 2 of the main paper are discussed below.

PFAM domains that originated in the metazoan ancestor show similar functional distribution as families from the protein clustering (see uploaded file Supplemental_table_S9.3.1.xls; for comparison see also uploaded file Supplemental_table_S9.2.1.xls and the main text of the paper). There are 231 novel PFAM domains and 747 different architectures that originated at the metazoan stem, followed by just 105 novel domains and 481 architectures at the eumetazoan stem.

S9.3.1 Domain evolution of death domain proteins

The death-fold domains exemplify the role of domain novelty and shuffling in metazoan evolution, particularly within the apoptotic signaling machinery. These modules permit distinct proteins to form complexes via homotypic interactions. Most members of the death-fold domain family (i.e. death domain, DED and CARD) appear to be animal novelties whereas the pyrin domain (PYD) arose later in vertebrates (viral PYD-containing proteins that allow pathogens to evade host defence are likely to be the result of a recent horizontal gene transfer). While it has recently been suggested that the origin of the death-fold domains could be even more ancient, this proposition is only substantiated by low confidence scores obtained from automated protein database searches that are likely to be false positives.¹⁵¹

The integration of the death-fold modules in various adaptors, such as the metazoan-specific FADD or the vertebrate-specific TRADD, permits signal transduction to occur between receptors (*e.g.* TNFRs) and effectors (*e.g.* caspases) and was probably an important step in the emergence of the apoptotic pathway. While homologous death-fold domain-containing proteins are present in metazoans, reshuffling has occurred repeatedly within the metazoan group, suggesting it had a crucial role in the subsequent generation of novel regulatory networks in specific lineages. For instance, while most animals are equipped with a FADD adaptor that consists of a DED associated with a death domain, the DED has been substituted to a CARD in *T. adhaerens* (see Table S8.3.1). The NLRs (which link innate immunity to cell-death signaling via caspasedependent and -independent pathways) seem to rely on a single death-fold domain type for their protein-protein interactions in *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella*. While this is also the case in the bilaterians *Capitella* and *Strongylocentrotus,* the NLR family exploits the death domain, CARD or DED in the cephalochordate *Branchiostoma floridae*, and CARD or PYD in vertebrates (Fig 2a; Table S8.3.1). Most animals, with the exception of *T. adhaerens*, encode initiator caspases with either a CARD or two DEDs as pro-domains, but some bilaterians *(e.g. Danio rerio)* also encodes a PYD-containing caspase (Table S8.3.1). Finally, some lineages also possess an expanded repertoire of domain combinations for a given protein, that is otherwise structurally conserved in other metazoans (*e.g.*, APAF1 in *Nematostella* and *Strongylocentrotus*) 99,100 (Fig 2a; Table S8.3.1).

S9.3.2 Domain evolution of laminin proteins

Laminins are multidomain extracellular matrix proteins that polymerize to provide a major structural component of the bilaterian basal lamina (also referred to as basement membrane).¹⁵² The individual units for polymerization are laminin heterotrimers, each formed through the combination of an α , β , and γ chain subunit. Although easily distinguishable from one another on the basis of domain composition and architecture, bilaterian α (α 1/2) and α 3/5), β and γ chains share a common overall organization, with a conserved Laminin Nterminal domain (LamNT), a series of repeating Laminin-type EGF (LamEGF) domains and a rod-like coiled coil region. These commonalities suggest that laminin genes evolved through duplication from a single precursor, with domain addition and domain shuffling giving rise to the distinct chain types. Laminin proteins and their component domains are not found in fungi or

plants, indicating that these events are likely to have occurred in the lineage leading to the Metazoa, concomitant with the elaboration of the extracellular matrix.⁸¹

A comparison of laminin genes from the genomes

of *Monosiga*, *Amphimedon*, *Trichoplax* and *Nematostella* with those from model bilaterians (*Drosophila*, *C. elegans* and mammals), reveals key differences in the overall gene complement for each individual lineage, as well as differences in the domain architectures of individual genes. *Monosiga* possesses a single laminin-like gene with no globular domains (IVA, IVB or α 3/5) interspersed within the LamEGF repeats, and a large region of coding sequence Cterminal to the putative coiled coil region (data not shown). *Amphimedon* has a gene similar to the *Monosiga* gene in its lack of globular domains, but with no additional coding sequence Cterminal to the coiled coil. Mammals are also known to possess a gene like this $(\beta 3 - not)$ shown), but considering that similar genes are not found in other bilaterians this laminin chain may represent the result of domain modifications occurring subsequent to the whole genome duplications at the base of the vertebrate lineage. In addition to the gene described above, *Amphimedon* possesses a single laminin gene with an architecture resembling the bilaterian γ chain. However unlike bilaterian laminin γ , this gene contains a short sequence which is similar in location and amino acid composition to the laminin β knob motif found only in the coiled coil region of bilaterian laminin β proteins (data not shown). The *Amphimedon* genome also contains an α 3/5-like gene that appears to be missing a IVA domain and contains only short, degenerate LamNT and α 3/5 domains. Lastly, *Amphimedon* possesses a gene with a combination of IVB and IVA globular domains that are not found in any of the laminin chains described in *Drosophila*, *C. elegans* and mammals. Interestingly, similar genes are detected in *Nematostella*, the sea urchin, *S. purpuratus*, and the

annelid, *Capitella sp.I*, suggesting that this form represents an ancestral chain type that has been lost independently in several bilaterian lineages. *Nematostella* and *Trichoplax* both appear to possess a nearly complete complement of the four bilaterian laminin subunit types (α 1/2, α 3/5, β and γ) but each contains a different α subtype, providing another example of apparent whole gene loss.

Despite the differences between *Amphimedon* and bilaterian basal lamina forming laminins, it seems likely that *Amphimedon* laminin chains can form a similar heterotrimer structure (S9.3.1). This hypothetical molecule is likely to have the capacity to interact with cell-surface adhesion proteins through the Laminin G modules of the α 3/5-like chain. The significance of the lack of a well-conserved Laminin N-terminal domain in the same chain is not clear, but it may affect the ability of the molecule to polymerize into a network.¹⁵³

Fig 2 Expanded legend

2A. A summary of domain architectures for putative death-fold domain containing proteins related to NLR, caspase and APAF1 found in *A. queenslandica*, *T. adhaerens*, *N. vectensis* and bilaterian genomes. The examples of bilaterian proteins provided do not necessarily occur across all the bilaterian lineages surveyed. We only report NLR proteins for which complete model predictions could be detected. However, the presence of fragmented *NRL*-like models on short genome contigs or on the edge of contigs suggests that additional domain configurations are

likely to be found in some lineages. For instance, the NLR model proposed for *N. vectensis* is a composite of two JGI protein prediction models. In *N. vectensis*, the APAF1 prediction models that display different numbers of CARDs are isoforms of the same protein.

2B. A summary of domain architectures for putative laminin related proteins found in *M. brevicollis*, *A. queenslandica*, *T. adhaerens*, *N. vectensis* and bilaterian genomes. Only genes containing typical laminin domains as well as a putative coiled coil region are included (excludes netrin, perlecan and usherin-like proteins). Mammalian laminins α 4, β 3 and γ 2, which are assumed to represent vertebrate-specific architecture modifications not found in other bilaterian laminins, are not depicted. For similar reasons, three unique or partial *S. purpuratus* laminin α genes are also not depicted. For multiple proteins sharing the same architecture, the order of domains remains constant while the number varies only for LamEGF domains (and LamG for *T. adhaerens* laminin α 1/2 which contains only three LamG domains). Domain diagrams are not drawn to scale but do reflect the locations of domains on the primary sequence. The laminin β -knob motif is not depicted. A degenerate LamG-like domain occurring at the beginning of the coiled coil region for *N. vectensis* laminin α 3/5 is also not depicted. Putative coiled coil regions were assigned by checking for sequence similarity with the corresponding regions of bilaterian laminin proteins. The following proteins are depicted – *D.melanogaster* laminin α 1/2 (wing blister), *N. vectensis* laminin α 3/5, *N. vectensis* laminin β , *A. queenslandica* laminin γ-like, *A. queenslandica* laminin β /γ-like1, *A. queenslandica* laminin 3/5-like and *A. queenslandica* laminin-like. The length in amino acids for each of these proteins is displayed at the bottom of the figure.

S9.4 Molecular function enrichment of novelties

Panther annotations were obtained for members of novel gene families and the gene families inferred to be present in the most recent common ancestor of metazoans using Panther annotation pipeline.⁷⁶ Each term was mapped to a molecular function (MF) as provided by the Panther database. To allow for a higher resolution, all high-level (more general) molecular function categories were mapped to the next, more specific, category one level lower in the hierarchy. For example, the high level "MF00036 Transcription factor" category was subdivided into more specific categories (*e.g.*, "MF00038 Homeobox transcription factor") when such subcategorization was available. To maintain a comparable level of functional annotation, all categories below this level were mapped back to it. All mappings included removing redundant annotations. A table with each row for a distinct MF and columns containing counts of gene families in the novel set versus ancestor set was produced. Fisher's exact test as implemented in R^{154} was run to test for enrichment or depletion of each MF category (contingency table contained counts for novel versus ancestor gene family sets and total count of MFs for novel versus ancestor sets). Multiple testing correction was done with the Bonferonni method (see uploaded spreadsheet Supplemental_table_S9.4.1.xls).

Metazoan novelties are particularly enriched in certain categories of transcription factors (*e.g.*, homeobox, bHLH, zinc finger), adhesion molecules (cadherin and CAMs), signaling (RTK, GPCR), as well as serine proteases and reverse transcriptases, the latter presumably because of residual transposable elements in the gene set (see uploaded file Supplemental table S9.4.1.xls).

S10. Gene Family Expansion Analysis

S10.1 Analysis of expansion in eukaryotic families

In identifying sources of genomic novelty that may have lead to new functions in early animal evolution, it is important to consider not only genes or domains that are new by virtue of having no recognizable homologs in outgroup species, but to also consider genes that are novel by virtue of gene duplication, yet have homologs in outgroup species. Gene duplication followed by subfunctionalization is a recognized process for the evolution of new gene functions. We sought to identify gene families that have expanded at different nodes in animal evolution and this may have been significant in giving new functions to different animal lineages.

The first step was the development of an algorithm for reconciling gene trees with the species tree given a particular rooting. To overcome the difficulty in identifying the correct rooting of hundreds of gene trees, phylogenetic trees were simulated with different parameters of duplication and loss to determine the rooting most likely to be correct by rooting the simulated trees over all possible roots and determining gene duplication histories for each scenario. These simulations suggested that the rooting with the minimum count comes closest to the real count of duplications, and thus metazoan gene families were reconciled with the species tree using the rooting that gave the minimum counts for all the species tree nodes. These methods are described in detail below.

Reconciliation of gene trees with the species tree

A Perl script (subfamily_count.pl) was written to take as input a gene tree (with the names of the genes containing information on which species they are from) and a species tree, both in Nexus format. The script uses BioPerl modules Bio::NEXUS and Bio::Phylo to manipulate and traverse through the trees. The flow of the algorithm is as follows:

For a given rooting of the gene tree:

- 1. All gene tree nodes (internal and tip nodes) are mapped to species tree nodes based on which species the genes descending from a particular gene tree node belong to. For example, a gene tree node containing a sponge, a cnidarian, and a human gene will be mapped to the ancestral metazoan node on the species tree.
- 2. All gene tree nodes are classified as duplications or speciations based on which species the genes descending from a particular gene tree node belong to. For example, a node that gives rise to a sponge gene on one side, and a human and a cnidarian gene on the other side will be classified as a speciation as the branching pattern of the genes mirrors that of the species tree. However, if the gene tree node gives rise to a sponge and a cnidarian gene on one lineage, and a human gene on the other, it will be classified as a duplication

because the relationship of the species implies that there had been a duplication prior to the divergence of the three species and over time one duplicate was lost in the human lineage and the other in the sponge and cnidarian lineages.

3. For each species tree node, each gene tree node is evaluated for whether it can or cannot be counted as a subfamily that was present at the given species tree node. Thus, the number of subfamilies for each species tree node is inferred given this rooting of the genetree.

The criteria for counting the number of subfamilies at a given internal species tree node are:

- 1. If there are no gene tree nodes that map to this species tree node (or its ancestral nodes), this gene family was not present in this species tree node, hence the count of subfamilies for this node is **zero**.
- 2. If the only gene tree nodes that map to this species tree node (or its ancestral nodes) are speciations, then only **one** subfamily of these gene family was present in the ancestral organism that this species tree node represents.
- 3. If there are duplications on the gene tree that map to this species tree node (or its ancestral nodes), then a gene tree node is counted as a subfamily for this species tree node if:
	- a. if the gene tree node has parent node that is a duplication (but not a polytomy) that maps to the species tree node (or its ancestral nodes) and none of the daughter nodes of the gene tree node are duplications that also map to the species tree node (or its ancestral nodes).
	- b. if the gene tree node is a polytomy, then its daughter nodes are resolved in a way that minimizes the number of implied duplications. If the polytomy maps to the species tree node (or its ancestral nodes), each of its daughter nodes that appear to have arisen from a duplication that maps to the species tree node (or its ancestral node) are counted as subfamilies mapping to this species tree node (as long as none of the daughter nodes of the gene tree node are duplications that also map to the species tree node (or its ancestral nodes).

To put it simply, a duplication in a species tree ancestor leads to the creation of subfamilies, that are inherited by the descendant species of this ancestor. So, to count the number of subfamilies at any given species tree ancestor, we count all gene tree nodes that are daughters of a duplication that happened in this species tree ancestor, or in the ancestors of this ancestor. For example, the eumetazoan ancestor has all the subfamilies that were created by duplications in the metazoan ancestor, and also those that are new duplications in the eumetazoan ancestor itself.

Simulation of gene family evolution

A gene tree representing relationships of a family of genes from different species can be reconciled with the species tree to understand the patterns of duplication (expansion) and loss along different lineages on the species tree. However, the correct inference of expansion or loss relies on knowing the correct rooting of the tree - different rootings of the same tree will imply different histories of gene family evolution. For example, consider a tree with four genes (A, B, C, D) from two species (S1 and S2). Let A and B be genes in S1 and let C and D be genes in S2. Let the topology of the tree for these four genes be $((A,C),(B,D))$. If the true root of the tree is at the mid-point, then the history of the family suggests that the common ancestor of S1 and S2 already had two genes (i.e. the family had duplicated prior to the divergence of S1 and S2), that gave rise to A and B in S1 and C and D in S2 upon speciation. However, if the true root of the tree were at D, it would imply that the common ancestor of S1 and S2 had three genes (i.e. the family had expanded before the divergence of S1 and S2), one of which gave rise to D in S2 (but was lost in S1), one that gave rise to B in S1 (but was lost in S2), and one that gave rise to A in S1 and C in S2.

To determine the rooting that is most likely correct, simulated trees of different sizes were generated using different levels of duplication, loss of resolution and node loss rates were used. These simulated gene trees were then rooted at all possible nodes and subfamily counts obtained for all internal nodes of the species tree. The counts from the algorithm described above were then compared with the known counts (since the trees were generated and their histories recorded).

To generated gene trees, a Perl script (make tree prune deresolve.pl) was written that uses the Bio::Phylo and Bio::NEXUS modules to make trees taking as input a species tree in Nexus format, and values for duplication rate (-r), rate of node loss or pruning (-p) and rate for losing resolution of a node or "deresolution" (-d). The algorithm for this method is as follows:

- 1. For each species tree node, the number of duplications is assigned using a poisson distribution - a random number is picked from a poisson distribution with mean lambda where lambda = (branch length $*$ duplication rate r). The branch length of all species tree nodes is set at 1. "r" can take any positive integer value.
- 2. The species tree is traversed root to tip breadth-first and a gene tree is created according to the duplications generated by the random poisson process above.
- 3. All gene tree nodes are then considered for loss using a Bernoulli trial process using the probability specified with the -p option. The node and all its descendants are removed from the tree if the random number generated is less that p. "p" can take a value between 0 and 1.
- 4. Remaining gene tree nodes are then considered for loss of resolution using a Bernoulli trial process using the probability specified with the -p option. The node is removed and its children placed as daughters of its parent node if the random number generated is less that d. "d" can take a value between 0 and 1.

Different combinations of duplication, pruning and deresolution rates were used with r ranging from 0 to 10, and p and d ranging from 0 to 0.15 and a species tree with five species was used $((58:1.0,(34:1.0,(19:1.0,(11:1.0,24:1.0):1.0):1.0):1.0);1.0;$). For all combinations, trees were generated in replicates of 50. All generated trees were then reconciled with the species tree for all possible rootings of the gene tree using the algorithm described above (count_multitree_multiroot_subfamilies3.pl). For each gene tree, the minimum, the maximum, the median and the mean counts over all possible rootings as well as the count for the assumed root of the gene tree were recorded for each species tree node. The differences between these counts and the real counts (known from the process of generating the tree) were compared. The minimum count came closest to the real count for gene trees created with a range of duplication, pruning and deresolution histories (Figure S10.1.1). Thus, it was determined that the rooting with that gives the minimum count for real gene trees is not only the most conservative estimate, but it may also be a reasonable estimate for the correct root.

Analysis of expansion in clustered eukaryotic families

The 113,220 eukaryotic gene family clusters generated as described above (Section S9.1), were filtered to retain clusters with 20 to 200 genes from at least 5 animal species. This filtering was done to reduce the computational burden and to target clusters that are likely to carry expansions at nodes leading to animal evolution. The resulted 924 clusters were aligned using ClustalW and the alignments filtered using GBlocks (with options $b3=15$, $b4=2$, $b5=a$, $e=.gb$, $p=t$, -g). Only those alignments that resulted in more than 20 amino acids after GBlocks were retained for further analysis. These measures resulted in 725 gene families or clusters.

Neighbor-joining (NJ) and neighbor-joining with bootstrap (NJboot) trees were generated for the 725 gene families using Phylip. Each tree generated was then reconciled with the species tree $((Pt, Dd, At, (Ne, (Mb, (Ag, (Ta, ((Ny, Hm), ((Ce, Dm), (Hs, Sp)))))))$;) to obtain the minimum counts of subfamilies for the species tree nodes (using the script get_multiroot_subfamilies.pl). A gene family was considered as expanded at a species tree stem if the the value $(log(d)-log(a))$ was greater than zero $(d = \text{subfamily count of the species tree node under consideration}, a =$ subfamily count of the ancestor of the species tree node under consideration. For example, a gene family has expanded along the protometazoan stem if the value of log(m)-log(h) is greater than zero ($m =$ subfamilies inferred for the metazoan ancestor, $h =$ subfamilies inferred for the holozoan ancestor).

By this measure, 452 families appear as expanded in the protometazoan stem using the NJ trees, while 203 appear expanded at this stem by using the NJ boot method (187 of the 725 gene families appear to have expanded at the protometazoan stem using both NJ and NJboot trees) (Figure S10.1.2). Though there is discrepancy in the numbers of subfamilies considered as expanded at various species tree nodes, there is a strong rank correlation (rho $= 1$, p-value $=$ 0.001) between the numbers of families considered expanded at different nodes by the two methods. Thus, of the families considered, the largest number expanded at the protometazoan stem.

The 725 clusters selected for this analysis do not appear to be enriched for any functional GO categories relative to the set of eukaryotic clusters. The families expanded at the protometazoan stem by both the NJ and NJboot measures are not enriched for any GO terms relative to the 725 clusters.

S10.2 Linkage of expanded gene families

To address the question of whether the new duplicates created at different nodes in early animal evolution were the result of tandem gene duplications or segmental duplications, paralog pairs from all *Amphimedon*, *Trichoplax*, *Nematostella*, and human generated at different animal tree nodes were assessed for linkage (presence on the same scaffold/chromosome in these genomes). Paralog pairs were determined using the NJ trees of the 725 gene families described above. The significance of the number of paralog pairs found to be linked was determined by generating 10,000 random datasets of the same size as the number of paralog pairs under consideration where random gene pairs in these genomes were tested for linkage. The p-value was defined as the number of datasets that showed at least the same count of linked paralog pairs as the real dataset divided by 10,000.

A significant fraction of paralog pairs generated at the protometazoan stem (up to 30%, as found in *Trichoplax*, p<0.0001) remain linked, indicating that (1) many gene family expansions originally occurred as tandem or proximal duplications, and (2) these genomically local duplications have remained linked over time (Table S10.2.1).

S11. Correlation of complexity with molecular functions

S11.1 Enrichment of molecular functions in complexity groups

Enrichment and depletions of molecular functions were tested with the same protocol as in S9.4. Total number of genes in each genome per Panther molecular function category were considered. We were interested in comparing different groups of morphological complexity: basal metazoans (represented by the non-bilaterian animals *Nematostella*, *Hydra*, *Trichoplax*, *Amphimedon*, with or without *Monosiga*); invertebrate bilaterians (*Drosophila*, *Caenorhabditis*, *Stongylocentrotus*); vertebrates (as represented in Fig. 5 by human, the best-annotated vertebrate); and non-animal outgroups (*Neurospora*, *Arabidopsis*, *Dictyostelium*, *Paramecium*, with or without *Monosiga*) (sheets one through four in Supplemental_table_S11.1.1.xls and Supplemental_table_S11.1.2.xls). We combined genomes into a few broad categories to reduce the impact of genome-specific expansions or depletions. Fisher's exact tests were run on several pairs of combinations for these groups.

By comparing pairs of different complexity groups we identifed molecular function categories that correlate with the differences in complexity. See uploaded spreadsheets Supplemental table S11.1.1.xls (enrichments) and Supplemental table S11.1.2.xls (depletions) which show a comparison between a pair of complexity groups on each sheet. For example, immunoglobulin receptor family members, immunoglobulins, MHC antigens, and cytokine receptors are enriched in human relative to invertebrate bilaterians. Relative to the "basal" metazoans, nuclear hormone receptors, homeobox, bHLH, and zinc finger transcription factors are enriched in other bilaterians group. In basal metazoans, relative to non-animals, we observed expansions of GPCRs, reverse transcriptases, the three groups of transcription factors, cell adhesion and cytoskeletal proteins. (Reverse transcriptase enrichment may be due to incomplete filtering of gene models for reverse transcriptases between different genomes.)

To visualise the functional expansions and depletions that potentially contributed to the increase in morphological complexity graphically, we took molecular function categories that were enriched/depleted in any of the four complexity groups. We limited the analysis to molecular function categories with p-value of equal to or lower than 1E-10 in Fisher's exact test for both

enrichment and depletion analyses. The molecular function categories were organized by decreasing level of significance of enrichment in vertebrates (relative to invertebrate bilaterians), then in invertebrates (relative to basal metazoans), then in metazoans (relative to non-animals), and then in basal metazoans+*Monosiga* (relative to the other outgroups). This order was used to generate a heatmap that shows counts of genes belonging to a particular Panther molecular function category. Counts were normalized to the total number of Panther annotated genes in each organism and each row was then normalized to the sum of squares (Figure S11.1.1). A subset of this heatmap that shows only the significant enrichments in vertebrates, invertebrate bilaterians, and basal metazoans is shown in Figure 5 of the main paper.

S11.2 Principal components analysis

To identify correlates of morphological complexity, molecular function counts (for all available PANTHER categories) were obtained for the four complexity groups. For this analysis we included additional species, specifically: non-animals

(*Neurospora*, *Arabidopsis*, *Dictyostelium*, *Paramecium*, *Monosiga, S. cerevisiae*); basal metazoans (*Amphimedon*, *Nematostella, Hydra, Trichoplax*), invertebrate bilaterians (*Drosophila*, *Anopheles*, *Tribolium*,

C*aenorhabditis*, *Strongylocentrotus*, *Ciona*, *Branchiostoma*), and vertebrates (human, chicken, frog, zebrafish, mouse, rat). The average gene count in each functional category was computed for each complexity group. Principal components were identified using prcomp function in R (Supplemental table S11.2.1.xls). Projection of the individual species onto the first two principal components is shown in Fig. S11.2.1. 51.4% of the variance is explained by the first axis and the subsequent axes explain 26.9%, 21.7%, 1E-14% of the variance respectively. We note that some molecular function categories contribute to both PC1 and PC2 (e.g., G protein coupled receptors, zinc finger transcription factors). Such function categories (1) discriminate between animal/non-animal, and also (2) appear to increase from basal metazoan to invertebrate to vertebrate.

Tables and Figures

Table S2.2.1: Libraries used in whole genome shotgun sequencing

*Assuming a genome size of ~190 Mbp, 1,707 Mb total coverage is ~9x, and 7,184 Mbp = total clone coverage \sim 38x (10x in fosmid-end pairs).

Table S2.3.1: Contig summary. The contig N50 number is indicated in bold lettering.

Table S2.3.2: Scaffold summary. The scaffold N50 number is indicated in bold lettering.

Table S2.3.3: Gap summary

Figure S2.3.1: n-ring neighborhood size distributions

Figure 2.5.1. Coverage of fosmid sequences by shotgun reads. Whole genome shotgun reads were aligned to the fosmids by BLAST as described. Percent identity of read (over >95% of length) vs. fosmid is shown by color code: >98% identical (red), 94-98% identical (green), or <94% identical (blue).

Figure. 2.5.2. Depth distribution vs. fosmids. Histogram of depth of coverage across fosmids (omitting AC167706) using only alignments that span at least 95% of the trimmed read length and at least 97% sequence identity.

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Figure 2.5.3. Coverage of fosmid sequences by assembled scaffolds. Whole genome shotgun assembly aligned **Figure 2.5.3. Coverage of fosmid sequences by assembled scaffolds.** Whole genome shotgun assembly aligned to fosmids.

Figure S2.6.1: 15-mer frequency distribution

Figure S2.6.2: 15-mer frequency distribution for mers occurring more than 20 times in the dataset

Figure S2.7.1: Frequency of sponge metagenome taxonomy assignments and depth of genomic sequencing for each clade. Shotgun sequence reads were assigned to taxonomic groups as described in the text. The fraction of all 7720 putatively bacterial reads assigned to a particular clade is shown in red. The depth of isolated genome sequencing for each clade is shown in blue as the fraction of genomes sequenced for that clade out of all bacterial genomes, taken from Genomes Online Database¹⁵⁵. We find an abundance of reads putatively assigned to α - and γ -Proteobacteria.

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Fig. S2.7.2 (A) Putative bacterial traces assessed for presence in *Amphimedon* larvae by PCR. Most significant Blast hits are listed below the trace sequences. Oligonucleotide primer sequences are highlighted in yellow. (B) PCR amplicons of 10 primer sets corresponding to the 10 sequences shown in A.

Figure S3.1: SNP distribution in 100bp windows.

	Median	Mode
Peptide Length	280aa	118
exons		
Intron Length	80	50
Gene span	1365 bp	384

Table S4.2: Support for *Amphimedon queenslandica* **gene models**

	p19_pal_15	11_laq_01q	$p19$ pal 2	n ¹⁹ _hal_10	p19_pal_9	p19 pal_14	19 μ μ $\bar{1}$	$p19$ pal 4	p19_pal_13	$p19$ pal 8	$p19$ _pal_7	$p19$ pal 3	$p19$ pal 5	p19 pal 12	p ₁₉ pal 6
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Contig13508	20	25	6	$\overline{7}$	$\boldsymbol{7}$	$\boldsymbol{7}$	7	3	$\overline{4}$	7	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{\mathbf{3}}$	$\overline{7}$	5	12
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Contig13465	10	4	23	$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{4}$	6	7	$\mathbf{1}$	5	\overline{c}	$\mathbf{1}$	$\,1$	5	\mathfrak{Z}	$\sqrt{3}$
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Contig13335	$\overline{4}$		18	\overline{c}	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\sqrt{2}$		3			$\,1$		\overline{c}	\overline{c}
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Contig13217 Contig13500	$\mathbf{1}$ 6	$\,$ 8 $\,$	$\overline{7}$ 3	$\mathbf{1}$ 48	13	3 9	12	$\mathbf{1}$ \overline{c}	$\mathbf{1}$ 5	5	5	$\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$ 6	6	$\sqrt{2}$ $\overline{\mathbf{3}}$
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Contig13374	$\sqrt{2}$	3	\overline{c}	\mathfrak{Z}	\overline{c}	5	$\sqrt{2}$	14	\overline{c}			$\mathbf{1}$	\overline{c}	\overline{c}	5
Contig13479	5		$\overline{4}$	$\sqrt{3}$	3	$\overline{\mathbf{3}}$	$\overline{4}$	10	$\sqrt{3}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathfrak z$	$\sqrt{2}$	3	3	6
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Contig13441	$\boldsymbol{7}$			$\sqrt{2}$	5	$\overline{4}$	$\sqrt{2}$	\overline{c}	11	$\,$ 8 $\,$	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathfrak{Z}	$\mathbf{1}$	\mathfrak{Z}	5
Contig13501	$\,8\,$	3	$\sqrt{2}$	5	$\overline{4}$	5	$\overline{4}$	4	8	28	$\mathbf{1}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{4}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{4}$
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Table S6.1: p-value grid for synteny between *Amphimedon* **scaffolds and ancestral linkage groups.**

Multiple test

correction =

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$p \le 0.05$

 $p \le 0.09$

 $p \le 0.50$

Figure S6.1: Dot-plot of orthologous genes between *Nematostella* and *Amphimedon* scaffolds. Blue dots represent the genomic locations (number of genes from the end of the scaffold) of orthologous genes in the *Nematostella vectensis* (horizontal coordinate) and *Amphimedon queenslandica* genomes (vertical coordinate). Horizontal and vertical lines mark the boundaries of draft genome scaffolds of the *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella* genome assemblies respectively. *Amphimedon* scaffolds are ordered as in Table S6.1, and *Nematostella* scaffolds are ordered to group scaffolds assigned to the same ancestral cnidarian-bilaterian ancestral chromosome 16. Numbers and alternating horizontal gray bars indicate the partitioning of *Nematostella scaffolds* into ancestral linkage groups.

Chordate linkage	Amphimedon	Number of shared named						
group	scaffold	genes	Names of well-known genes					
cho1	Contig13513	6	BTRC CTBP1 DOCK1 DUSP1 PDCD4 WFS1					
cho10	Contig13489	6	GABBR1 LHX3 NOTCH1 NR5A1 PPARD RXRA					
cho10	Contig13521	6	GABBR1 POU2F1 POU5F1 PSMB8 PSMB9 TRAF1					
cho11	Contig13421	5	CTSH CTSS CYP1A1 CYP4F2 PTBP1					
cho11	Contig13511	5	ANXA2 CA9 HINT1 MCL1 TP53BP1					
cho11	Contig13514	5	CYP1A1 CYP4F2 NEDD4 RECK UPF1					
cho11	Contig13519	τ	ACO1 CTSH CTSS GNAQ IREB2 NEDD4 PRPF3					
cho12	Contig13313	4	AIP AIPL1 RPA1 STX1A					
cho12	Contig13447	7	BLMH C1QBP EWSR1 PPP1CA PPP4C YWHAE YWHAG					
cho12	Contig13500	9	ADRBK2 CDC45L DYNLL1 MLXIPL NF2 ORAI1 P2RX1 P2RX7 PRODH					
cho13	Contig13514	6	ACSL4 CUL3 CUL4A CYP3A4 LAMP1 LIG4					
cho13	Contig13520	6	ABCC4 ABCC5 CUL3 CUL4A HDAC4 TPT1					
cho15	Contig13248	4	GLO1 PSMA6 SNAP23 SNAP25					
cho15	Contig13438	5	CBL FLI1 GSTZ1 SIRT2 XRCC1					
cho15	Contig13489	5	BRF1 ESR2 PRDX5 SLC12A6 SLC3A1					
cho15	Contig13507	τ	ERCC1 GSTZ1 KAT5 MTA1 MUS81 POMT2 PSMA6					
cho15	Contig13521	8	ATP1A2 BMP4 H2AFX PLCB1 POLH TGFB3 TJP1 ZW10					
cho16	Contig13289	$\overline{4}$	COL1A1 DBI HUS1 TIMELESS					
chol6	Contig13470	6	ESPL1 HEXIM1 STAT1 STAT2 STAT5B STAT6					
cho16	Contig13482	6	ATF2 BIN1 ETV1 GLB1 SEMA3A TFCP2					
cho16	Contig13508	5	GLB1 ITGA3 ITGA4 ITGB3 KAT2A					
cho16	Contig13520	6	ABCB1 ABCB11 BARD1 CREB1 ITGB3 TUBA1A					
cho17	Contig13315	4	ADARB1 CTSC RPGR TCP1					
cho17	Contig13501	10	ACAT1 ACAT2 CUL5 FZD4 PICALM ROS1 RPS6KA3 TCP1 TNFAIP3 U2AF1					
cho17	Contig13511	6	CHMP2B IL18R1 IL18RAP IL1R1 IL1RL1 RPGR					
cho17	Contig13514	5	ACAT1 ACAT2 CUL5 GAB2 MYO6					
cho17	Contig13520	6	CTSC CUL5 HDAC1 INPPL1 MYO6 TCP1					
cho ₂	Contig13516	5	FTH1 FTL HSD3B1 HSP90B1 TDG					
cho3	Contig13514	5	ADH1B CDH23 CYP4V2 EIF4E PRKG1					
cho4	Contig13504	5	ALDH1L1 ATXN7 COL7A1 GNL3 TRO					
cho4	Contig13514	6	CAV1 CAV2 CUL1 CYP27B1 TBXAS1 WNT2					
cho4	Contig13516	10	ALAS2 APPL1 BCAP31 CERK HUWE1 IKBKE LTA4H MCM10 MCM2 PTPN22					
cho4	Contig13520	5	CHIT1 CUL1 HDAC6 IKBKE SLC26A4					
cho5	Contig13490	10	$AXIN1 AXIN2 CBY1 GNA12 HGS KIAA1303 MYH1 MYH10 PDIA2 SEPT9 $					
cho5	Contig13519	17	ABCC1 ABCC6 ACTB GNA12 MAD1L1 MAP3K7IP1 MKL1 MPG MYH1 MYH10 NUDT1 PDIA2 PRKCA SPHK1 TK1 TSC2 UNC13D					
cho5	Contig13520	9	ABCC1 ABCC6 CARD11 DNASE1 ITGB4 MYH1 MYH10 PLA2G6 SFRS2					
cho7	Contig13511	6	ANXA6 CAMK2A KDR PPP2R2B TLR1 TLR2					
cho9	Contig13360	5	CETP CNDP1 LBP PLTP SLC7A9					
cho9	Contig13519	5	GNAS LMAN1 MC1R RALBP1 WWP1					
cho9	Contig13521	9	BRD7 CDT1 CEBPB CEBPE FKBP1A GNAS NP PLCG1 WWOX					

Table S6.2: Examples of genes shared between syntenic blocks in *Amphimedon* **and chordates.**

Table S7.1: Datasets generated using the four taxon kernel (FTK) and filtered mutual best hit (fMBH)

methods.

		FTK method		fMBH method			
Number of species allowed to be missing	None	One	Two	One	Two	Three	
Number of orthologous gene clusters matching criteria	38	118	229	25	112	242	
Number of genes with alignments after GBlocks	38	116	226	23	108	237	
Number of amino acids in alignment	8,191	24,520	44,616	4,339	20,099	44,707	
Name of dataset	FTK small	FTK medium	FTK large	fMBH small	fMBH medium	fMBH large	
Number of clusters with Oscarella genes			64			53	
Number of clusters with <i>Mnemiopsis</i> genes			46			48	

Table S7.2: Topologies tested with fMBH and FTK datasets including nematodes

All topologies placing sponges, placozoans and cnidarians in a clade sister to bilaterians are rejected by all datasets (12 datasets described above).

Table S7.3: Maximum likelihood bootstrap support values and Bayesian posterior probabilities for clades of the tree in Figure 2.1 using various methods. ML = maximum likelihood bootstrap values, PP = posterior probabilities from Bayesian inference analyses.

Clade	FTK large dataset					fMBH large dataset					
	ML	ML (no nematodes)	PP	PP (aamodel)	ML	ML (no nematodes)	PP	PP (aamodel)			
Opisthokont	99	100	100	100	93	100	100	100			
Holozoa	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
Metazoa	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
$Trichoplax +$ Eumetazoa	25	99	100	95	71	98	100	100			
Eumetazoa	25	92	100	96	73	100	100	100			
Cnidaria	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
Bilateria	7	100	100	100	79	100	100	100			
Protostomia	25	100	100	92	77	100	100	100			
Ecdysozoa	27	NA	100	100	79	NA	100	100			
Lophotrochozoa	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
Deuterostomia	88	\ast	100	100	100	100	100	100			

*In the FTK topology without nematodes, *Strongylocentrotus* appears as a long branch at the base of the Bilateria, thus deuterostomes are not recovered as a monophyletic group.

Table S7.4: Summary of statistical tests done to determine plausible positions for *Oscarella* **and** *Mnemiopsis***.**

Values in parentheses are for the datasets without nematodes (only indicated if different from the dataset that included nematodes).

Figure S7.1: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for small FTK dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

Figure S7.2: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for small fMBH dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

Figure S7.3: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for medium FTK dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

Figure S7.4: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for medium fMBH dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

Figure S7.5: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for large FTK dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

 Figure S7.6: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for large fMBH dataset including (left) and excluding (right) nematodes.

Figure S7.7: Bayesian inference-derived topology obtained for large fMBH dataset including nematodes.

Figure S7.8: Bayesian inference topology obtained using a GTR+y model of amino acid evolution in aamodel **for large fMBH dataset including nematodes.**

Trees in the 95% clade credibility set:

tree tree 1 [p = 1.000, P = 1.000] = $[\& W 1.000000]$

(*Paramecium*,*Dictyostelium*,(*Arabidopsis*,(*Neurospora*,(*Monosiga*,(*Amphimedon*,(*Trichoplax*,((*Hydra*,*Nematostella*) ,((*Strongylocentrotus*,(*Homo*,*Branchiostoma*)),((*Drosophila*,(*Caenorhabditis*,*Pristionchus*)),(*Lottia*,(*Capitella*,*Helo bdella*)))))))))));

Figure S7.9: Bayesian inference topology obtained using a GTR+- model of amino acid evolution in aamodel for large FTK dataset including nematodes.

Trees in the 95% clade credibility set:

tree tree_1 [$p = 0.920$, $P = 0.920$]

(*Paramecium*,*Dictyostelium*,(*Arabidopsis*,(*Neurospora*,(*Monosiga*,(*Amphimedon*,(*Trichoplax*,((*Hydra*,*Nematostella*) ,((*Strongylocentrotus*,(*Homo*,*Branchiostoma*)),((*Drosophila*,(*Caenorhabditis*,*Pristionchus*)),(*Lottia*,(*Capitella*,*Helo bdella*)))))))))));

tree tree $2 [p = 0.041, P = 0.961]$

(*Paramecium*,*Dictyostelium*,(*Arabidopsis*,(*Neurospora*,(*Monosiga*,(((*Hydra*,*Nematostella*),(*Amphimedon,Trichoplax*)),((*Drosophila*,(*Caenorhabditis*,*Pristionchus*)),((*Strongylocentrotus*,(*Homo*,*Branchiostoma*)),(*Lottia*,(*Capitella*,*Hel obdella*))))))))));

tree tree $3 [p = 0.030, P = 0.991]$

(*Paramecium*,*Dictyostelium*,(*Arabidopsis*,(*Neurospora*,(*Monosiga*,(*Amphimedon*,(*Trichoplax*,((*Hydra*,*Nematostella*) ,((*Drosophila*,(*Caenorhabditis*,*Pristionchus*)),((*Strongylocentrotus*,(*Homo*,*Branchiostoma*)),(*Lottia*,(*Capitella*,*Helo bdella*)))))))))));

tree tree $4 [p = 0.009, P = 1.000]$

(*Paramecium*,*Dictyostelium*,(*Arabidopsis*,(*Neurospora*,(*Monosiga*,(((*Hydra*,*Nematostella*),((*Drosophila*,(*Caenorha bditis*,*Pristionchus*)),((*Strongylocentrotus*,(*Homo*,*Branchiostoma*)),(*Lottia*,(*Capitella*,*Helobdella*))))),(*Amphimedon, Trichoplax*))))));

Figure S7.10: Bayesian inference topology obtained using CAT+Poisson model of amino acid evolution in PhyloBayes for large fMBH dataset including nematodes. Phylogram on left; cladogram on right shows frequency of taxon bipartitions with clarity.

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Figure S7.11: Bayesian inference topology obtained using CAT+Poisson model of amino acid evolution in PhyloBayes for large FTK dataset including nematodes. Phylogram on left; cladogram on right shows frequency of taxon bipartitions with clarity.

Figure S7.12: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for large FTK dataset with (left) and without (right) nematodes, with *Oscarella* **and** *Mnemiopsis* **genes added where possible.**

Figure S7.13: Maximum likelihood topology obtained for large fMBH dataset with (left) and without (right) nematodes, with *Oscarella* **and** *Mnemiopsis* **genes added where possible.**

Table S7.5: Key for species symbols used in topologies in Tables S7.6, S7.7, S7.13, S7.14.

Table S7.6: Topologies tested with fMBH and FTK datasets without nematodes

Tree 1 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 2 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with *Drosophila* as early-branching bilaterian

 $(((((([([p57:1.0,[p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0]:1.0],[10:1.0,p11:1.0]:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p97:1.0):1.0;p0:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p110:1.0,p111:1.0,p12:1.0,p12:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p12:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p111:1.0,p11$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 3 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):(p17:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p7:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p10:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,p11:1.0:1.0,1.0:1.0,1.0:1.0,1.0:1.0,1.0:1.0,1.0,1.0:1$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 4 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with *Homo* as early-branching deuterostome

 $(((((([(p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 5 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch with *Drosophila* as early-branching bilaterian $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p1.1.0,p1.1.0,p07:1.0):1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 6 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch with *Homo* as early-branching deuterostome

 $(((((([(p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p10:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 7 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 8 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians with *Drosophila* as early-branching bilaterian

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.$ 0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 9 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians with *Homo* as early-branching deuterostome

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0);1.0,(p17:1.0,p24:1.0);1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p3:1.0);1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0,p63:1.0);1.0,p100:1.0);1.0,$ $0, p21:1.0:1.0, p80:1.0:1.0, p98:1.0, p101:1.0, p48:1.0);$

Tree 10 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0);1.0,p3:1.0);1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p24:1.0);1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0);1.0,p21$:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 11 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians with *Drosophila* as early-branching bilaterian

(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,((p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,((p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21 :1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 12 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians with *Homo* as early-branching deuterostome

 $(((((({p57:1.0},{p60:1.0},{p65:1.0}) : 1.0), (p17:1.0,{p24:1.0}) : 1.0,p11:1.0); 1.0,p3:1.0); 1.0,(p19:1.0,{p97:1.0}) : 1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0); 1.0,p21$:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Table S7.7: Topologies tested with fMBH and FTK datasets including nematodes

Tree 1 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0),p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.$ 1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 2 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals

 $((((((((657:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0);1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0);1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0,1.0)$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 3 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian $((((((((657:1.0,(660:1.0,665:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p1.0:1.0),(p10:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 4 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians and bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian, *Homo* as early branching deuterostome

 $((((((((657:1.0,(660:1.0),65:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p17:1.0,p24:1.0);1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p3:1.0);1.0,p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0,p63:1.0);1.0,p100:1.0);1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 5 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0),(p19:1.0,p0$ 1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 6 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch with nematodes as early branching animals

 $((((((((657:1.0,660:1.0,65:1.0):1.0,1.0,63:1.0):1.0,6(617:1.0,011:1.0):1.0,024:1.0):1.0,1.0):1.0,011:1.0):1.0,011:1.0,011:1.0)$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 7 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian

 $((((((((657:1.0,(660:1.0,665:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0,p10:1.0,p10:1.0,p10:1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0)$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 8 = *Trichoplax* as earliest animal branch with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian, *Homo* as early branching deuterostome

 $(((((((((657:1.0,666:1.0,65:1.0):1.0):(1.0,624:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0,p10:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0)$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 9 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0)$ $63:1.0)$:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 10 = *Trichoplax* sister to with nematodes as early branching animals

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 11 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p0:1.0),(p17:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0):1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.0,p1:1.$.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 12 = *Trichoplax* sister to cnidarians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian, *Homo* as early branching deuterostome

 $(((((([([p57:1.0,[p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0]:1.0],[(p17:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,[(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0],[(p17:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0],[(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0],[(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0],[(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0],[(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0],[(p$ $.0, (p111:1.0, p12:1.0):1.0, p21:1.0):1.0, p80:1.0):1.0, p98:1.0, p101:1.0, p48:1.0);$

Tree 13 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians

((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0):1.0,((p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p7 3:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 14 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals

 $((((((\text{p57:1.0},\text{p60:1.0},\text{p65:1.0}):1.0,\text{p3:1.0}):1.0,(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0),(p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,(p19:1$ 11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 15 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0):1.0,(p11:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,(p11:1.0,p11:1.0),(p24:1.0):1.0),(p31:1.0),(p41:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1.0),(p51:1$ $11:1.0, p12:1.0):1.0, p21:1.0):1.0, p80:1.0):1.0, p98:1.0, p101:1.0, p48:1.0):$

Tree 16 = *Trichoplax, Amphimedon* and cnidarians sister to bilaterians with nematodes as early branching animals, *Drosophila* as early branching bilaterian, *Homo* as early branching deuterostome

 $(((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):(1.0),(p17:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p3:1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0),(p10:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),(p11:1.0),($ 11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p101:1.0,p48:1.0);

Table S7.8: p-values for statistical tests of topologies using the FTK datasets including nematodes.

WKH – Weighted Kishino Hasegawa Test

ELW – Expected Likelihood Weight Test

AU – Approximately Unbiased Test

Topology Tested	Four taxon kernel (FTK) method (without nematodes)									
	Small			Medium			Large			
	WKH	ELW	AU	WKH	ELW	AU	WKH	ELW	AU	
Tree 1	0.335	0.2443	0.481	0.974	0.9602	0.990	0.983	0.9829	0.980	
Tree 2	0.004	0.0000	0.008	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	8e-07	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$3e-04$	
Tree 3	0.006	0.0034	0.018	$9e-05$	0.0000	$2e-04$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$4e-09$	
Tree 4	0.665	0.6456	0.726	0.026	0.0233	0.025	θ	0.0000	$3e-11$	
Tree 5	0.004	0.0011	0.003	Ω	0.0000	$3e-05$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	3e-78	
Tree 6	0.192	0.0524	0.182	0.016	0.0082	0.014	0.017	0.0085	0.021	
Tree7	0.192	0.0524	0.182	0.016	0.0082	0.014	0.017	0.0085	0.021	
Tree 8	0.003	0.0000	0.003	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-05$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$9e-05$	
Tree 9	0.005	0.0010	0.002	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-06$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$7e-05$	
Tree 10	$3e-04$	0.0000	6e-10	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	0.001	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-56$	
Tree 11	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$3e-04$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$2e-04$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$9e-52$	
Tree 12	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$4e-04$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-48$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$2e-05$	

Table S7.9: p-values for statistical tests of topologies using the FTK datasets without nematodes.

Table S7.10: p-values for statistical tests of topologies using the fMBH datasets including nematodes.

Topology Tested	Filetered mutual best hits (fMBH) method (without nematodes)									
	Small			Medium			Large			
	WKH	ELW	AU	WK H	ELW	AU	WK \bf{H}	ELW	AU	
Tree 1	0.164	0.0925	0.264	0.984	0.9659	0.996	0.998	0.9979	1.000	
Tree 2	0.283	0.1849	0.522	0.002	0.0020	0.001	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-06$	
Tree 3	0.717	0.6081	0.854	0.002	0.0000	0.004	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$4e-07$	
Tree 4	0.085	0.0273	0.109	0.016	0.0201	0.017	0.002	0.0020	0.002	
Tree 5	0.122	0.0400	0.152	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$7e-05$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$3e-32$	
Tree 6	0.042	0.0030	0.030	0.010	0.0060	0.008	0.002	0.0000	$3e-04$	
Tree7	0.042	0.0030	0.030	0.010	0.0060	0.008	0.002	0.0000	$3e-04$	
Tree 8	0.054	0.0116	0.063	$4e-04$	0.0000	0.002	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-63$	
Tree 9	0.056	0.0298	0.098	0.001	0.0000	0.001	Ω	0.0000	$7e-53$	
Tree 10	$2e-04$	0.0000	6e-51	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$3e-05$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$1e-52$	
Tree 11	$2e-04$	0.0000	5e-05	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$2e-06$	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$2e-06$	
Tree 12	$3e-04$	0.0000	0.002	$\mathbf{0}$	0.0000	$3e-39$	θ	0.0000	$9e-43$	

Table S7.11: p-values for statistical tests of topologies using the fMBH datasets without nematodes.

Table S7.12: Details of the Phylobayes analyses

Though the Max difference for the fMBH dataset is not < 0.1, it is at the acceptable level of 0.3, giving a good qualitative picture of the posterior consensus. The source of disagreement between the two runs is the alternative placement of *Paramecium* and *Dictyostelium* in a group, vs. placing *Paramecium* and *Arabidopsis* in a group.

Table S7.13: Topologies with different placements for *Oscarella* **tested with fMBH and FTK datasets. The topologies were also tested by removing nematodes (p12 and p111).**

Tree 1 = *Oscarella* as the earliest animal branch

 $((((((((657:1.0,(666:1.0,65:1.0):1.0):1.0),(63:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0),p24:1.0);1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0$ 1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p93:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 2 = *Oscarella* as sister to cnidarians

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,$ p93:1.0):1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 3 = *Oscarella* as branch after *Trichoplax* but before cnidarians

 $((((((((657:1.0,(660:1.0,665:1.0):1.0):1.0),(63:1.0,(p111:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0)$ 1.0,p93:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 4 = *Oscarella* as sister to *Trichoplax*

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0),p1.0,p24:1.0);1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0)$ 1.0,(p63:1.0,p93:1.0):1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 5 = *Oscarella* as branch after *Amphimedon* but before *Trichoplax*

 $((((((((\mathbf{p57:1.0},\mathbf{p60:1.0},\mathbf{p65:1.0}):1.0),1.0),1.0,(\mathbf{p3:1.0},(\mathbf{p11:1.0},\mathbf{p12:1.0}):1.0);1.0,(\mathbf{p17:1.0},\mathbf{p11:1.0}):1.0,\mathbf{p24:1.0}):1.0,(\mathbf{p19:1.0},\mathbf{p97:1.0}):1.0);1.0)$ $1.0, p63:1.0)$:1.0,p93:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 6 = *Oscarella* as sister to *Amphimedon*

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p24:1.0);1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0);$ 1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,(p93:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 7 = *Oscarella* as sister to bilaterians

 $(((((((((657:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0);1.0),(p11:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p11:1.0))$:1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,p23:1.0):1.0,p93:1.0):1.0,p19:1.0 p97:1.0):1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Table S7.14: Topologies with different placements for *Mnemiopsis* **tested with fMBH and FTK datasets. The topologies were also tested by removing nematodes (p12 and p111).**

Tree 1 = *Mnemiopsis* as the earliest animal branch

 $((((((((657:1.0,(660:1.0,665:1.0):1.0):1.0),(63:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0),p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0,p12:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1$ $1.0, p63:1.0)$:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p104:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 2 = *Mnemiopsis* as sister to cnidarians

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0,(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0,$ p104:1.0):1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 3 = *Mnemiopsis* as branch after *Trichoplax* but before cnidarians

 $(((((((((657:1.0,660:1.0,65:1.0):1.0);1.0,(p3:1.0,611:1.1.0,p12:1.0):1.0);1.0,((p17:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,p24:1.0);1.0,011:1.0,p97:1.0);1.0)$ 1.0,p104:1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 4 = *Mnemiopsis* as sister to *Trichoplax*

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0,(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):(p17:1.0,p11:1.0):1.0,p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0)$ 1.0,(p63:1.0,p104:1.0):1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 5 = *Mnemiopsis* as branch after *Amphimedon* but before *Trichoplax*

 $((((((((657:1.0,666:1.0,65:1.0):1.0):1.0,69:1.0,69:1.0,69:1.0,611:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0)(p17:1.0,p11:1.0);1.0,0$ 1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p104:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 6 = *Mnemiopsis* as sister to *Amphimedon*

 $((((((((p57:1.0,(p60:1.0,p65:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p3:1.0,(p11:1.0,p12:1.0):1.0):1.0),(p11:1.0,p11:1.0,p11:1.0),p24:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p97:1.0):1.0),(p19:1.0,p07:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.0),(p19:1.0,p11:1.$ 1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,(p104:1.0,p100:1.0):1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Tree 7 = *Mnemiopsis* as sister to bilaterians

 $((((((((657:1.0,666:1.0,65:1.0):1.0):1.0,69:1.0,69:1.0,69:1.0,61:1:1.0,61:1.0):1.0);1.0,1.0,1.1.0,1.1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,61:1.0,61:1.0,61:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0,60:1.0$,p97:1.0):1.0):1.0,p63:1.0):1.0,p100:1.0):1.0,p21:1.0):1.0,p80:1.0):1.0,p98:1.0,p48:1.0);

Table S7.15: p-values for statistical tests for alternative positions for *Oscarella* **using fMBH and FTK datasets. Values in parentheses are for the datasets without nematodes.**

		FTK method		fMBH method			
Topology Tested	WKH	ELW	AU	WKH	ELW	AU	
<i>Oscarella</i> as earliest animal branch (Tree	0.087	0.0399	0.087	0.011	0.0001	0.001	
	(0.260)	(0.1391)	(0.307)	(0.016)	(0.0017)	(0.001)	
<i>Oscarella</i> as sister to cnidarians (Tree 2)	0.012	0.0024	0.011	0.053	0.0344	0.076	
	(0.004)	(0.0000)	(0.006)	(0.039)	(0.0258)	(0.053)	
Oscarella as branch after Trichoplax but	0.010	0.0001	0.012	0.567	0.3271	0.749	
before cnidarians (Tree 3)	(0.006)	(0.0001)	(0.006)	(0.602)	(0.4125)	(0.805)	
Oscarella as sister to Trichoplax (Tree 4)	0.130	0.0925	0.153	0.379	0.1895	0.423	
	(0.243)	(0.1731)	(0.259)	(0.267)	(0.1212)	(0.299)	
Oscarella as branch after Amphimedon	0.212	0.1454	0.395	0.433	0.1364	0.547	
but before Trichoplax (Tree 5)	(0.386)	(0.1772)	(0.581)	(0.398)	(0.1668)	(0.565)	
Oscarella as sister to Amphimedon (Tree	0.788	0.7179	0.865	0.364	0.3001	0.393	
6)	(0.614)	(0.5095)	(0.709)	(0.317)	(0.2492)	(0.341)	
<i>Oscarella</i> as sister to bilaterians (Tree 7)	0.007	0.0018	0.010	0.035	0.0125	0.041	
	(0.007)	(0.0011)	(0.008)	(0.044)	(0.0228)	(0.050)	

Table S7.16: p-values for statistical tests for alternative positions for *Mnemiopsis* **using fMBH and FTK datasets. Values in parentheses are for the datasets without nematodes.**

		FTK method		fMBH method			
Topology Tested	WKH	ELW	AU	WKH	ELW	AU	
Mnemiopsis as earliest animal branch (Tree 1)	0.714 (0.766)	0.6911 (0.7372)	0.750 (0.795)	0.727 (0.809)	0.5274 (0.6705)	0.766 (0.857)	
<i>Mnemiopsis</i> as sister to cnidarians (Tree $\mathbf{2}$	0.002 (0.017)	0.0000 (0.0010)	0.002 (0.003)	0.057 (0.029)	0.0218 (0.0158)	0.084 (0.045)	
Mnemiopsis as branch after Trichoplax but before cnidarians (Tree 3)	0.001 (0.001)	0.0000 (0.0000)	7e-05 $(9e-$ 10)	0.060 (0.027)	0.0074 (0.0031)	0.114 (0.030)	
Mnemiopsis as sister to Trichoplax (Tree 4)	0.031 (0.019)	0.0194 (0.0115)	0.035 (0.015)	0.236 (0.128)	0.1678 (0.0846)	0.309 (0.189)	
Mnemiopsis as branch after Amphimedon but before Trichoplax (Tree 5)	0.015 (0.017)	0.0002 (0.0019)	0.003 (0.003)	0.276 (0.163)	0.0997 (0.0666)	0.482 (0.335)	
Mnemiopsis as sister to Amphimedon (Tree 6)	0.286 (0.234)	0.2893 (0.2485)	0.347 (0.292)	0.273 (0.191)	0.1733 (0.1578)	0.379 (0.289)	
<i>Mnemiopsis</i> as sister to bilaterians (Tree 7)	$2e-04$ $(4e-04)$	0.0000 (0.0000)	$2e-04$ $(2e-$ (04)	0.024 (0.011)	0.0027 (0.0015)	0.025 (0.014)	

Table S7.8.1: Estimated divergence times for various nodes using the r8s⁷³ **program.**

Table S8.2.1: Classification of cell cycle genes by origin.

Figure S8.2.1: Neighbor-joining tree for cyclin genes. CyclinE (red) and CyclinJ (green) appear to be animalspecific subfamilies. The names of *Monosiga* genes that have best hits to these groups are highlighted in the respective colors. However, they do not form monophyletic groupings with their corresponding animal proteins. All other cyclin subfamilies appear to be ancient eukaryotic genes. Only cyclins A, B, D, and E are implicated in cell cycle control. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dr, *Danio rerio*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Cb, *Caenorhabditis briggsae*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hm, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aqu, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosoga brevicollis*. At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Sc, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Figure S8.2.2: Neighbor-joining bootstrap tree for cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) genes. PFAIRE and PCTAIRE (red) and Cdk10 (blue) appear to be holozoan-specific subfamilies, Cdk9 (green) appears to be animalspecific, Cdk4/6 (pink) appears to be a eumetazoan-specific family. All other families are known to be ancient to eukaryotes. Hsap, *Homo sapiens*; Spur, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Dmel, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nvec, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hmag, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Tadh, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aqu, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mbre, *Monosiga brevicollis*. At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum* .

Figure S8.2.3: Alignment of animal and *Monosiga* **Myc orthologs.** The *Monosiga* protein aligns in the bHLH and zipper regions, but does not share conserved motifs found in the N-terminal region of all animal Myc proteins. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Mm, *Mus musculus*; Gg, *Gallus gallus*; Xl, *Xenopus laevis*; Tr, *Tetraodon rubripes*; Dr, *Danio rerio*; Bf, *Branchiostoma floridae*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Lg, *Lottia gigantea*; Cap*, Capitella*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosoga brevicollis*.

Figure S8.2.4: Neighbor-joining tree for E2F/Dp family of transcription factors. The E2F and DP subgroups are known to be ancient families with members known from plants and animals. Multiple members of the E2F group that likely fall into different E2F subfamilies are seen here from the genomes of *Nematostella*, *Trichoplax*, *Monosiga* and *Amphimedon*. One member of the DP group (red) was found in each of these genomes. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dr, *Danio rerio*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Cb, *Caenorhabditis briggsae*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hm, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aqu, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosoga brevicollis*. At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Mm, *Mus musculus*.

Table S8.2.2: Classification of Akt signaling pathway genes by origin

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Figure S8.2.7: Schematic of the Warts/Hippo pathway with components colored by node of origin

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Figure S8.3.1: Rooted neighbor-joining tree for the conserved region of the caspase domain. Mid-point rooting is used. An expansion of the caspase gene family can be observed in the sponge lineage (gene models that clearly correspond to alleles of the same locus were not included, but some might have been overlooked). Only some of the sponge caspases predicted from the genome were used in the phylogenetic analyses. With the exception of three *Amphimedon* caspases (in orange) that group within the caspase 8/10 subtypes, all other sponge caspases could not be reliably assigned to other bilaterian subtypes (tree has poor branch support)*. Trichoplax* does not appear to have caspases with prodomains but some models could be partial. All *Trichoplax* genes group together within the caspase 3/6/7 clade (in green); most occur in a cluster in the placozoan genome. *Nematostella* has candidate caspases that clade within the caspase 8/10 and the caspase 3/6/7 subtypes. Putative poriferan and cnidarian caspases with a CARD prodomain, which showed highest BLAST similarity to bilaterian caspase 9, form a separate clade represented in blue that was not recovered within bilaterian subfamilies (in purple and red). One *Nematostella* and *Trichoplax* CARD-containing caspase groups with the caspase 3/6/7 bilaterian subfamily (in green). Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica;* Gc, *Geodia cydonium*; Lg *Lottia gigantea.* Sequences with an asterisk denote *Amphimedon* sequences that are derived from models other than Aqu1. The presence of prodomains (i.e. CARD and DED) is indicated in brackets after the gene identifier.

Figure S8.3.2: Rooted Neighbor-joining tree for Bcl2-related proteins. Mid-point rooting is used. The Bcl2 related proteins can be broadly divided into the pro-apoptotic groups (Bak, Bax and Bok) and the anti-apoptotic Bcl2 group. Although these groups were recovered in our analysis, we overall obtained poor branch support. *Amphimedon* has two Bak-like representatives (green), while the Bax-like and the Bok-like gene families are eumetazoan-specific (represented in red and blue respectively). A poriferan gene cluster (in purple), which is related to the anti-apoptotic Bcl2 group (in cyan) and includes five *Amphimedon* genes, forms a clade separate to other bilaterian subtypes. Various other animal Bcl2-related protein members are of uncertain affiliation. Nodes are labelled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Sp *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus,* Lg *Lottia gigantea,* Hm *Hydra magnipapillata*, Lb *Lubomirskia baicalensis*, Gc *Geodia cydonium,* Am *Acropora millepora,* Cg *Crassostrea gigas*, Sd *Suberites domuncula.*

Table S8.4.1: Classification of bilaterian germ-cell specification genes by origin.

Table S8.5.1: Classification of Wnt signaling pathway genes by origin.

Figure S8.5.1: Rooted neighbor-joining tree of TCF, capicua, and Sox HMG genes. The tree is rooted with the fungal gene *ScRox1p*. *Amphimedon*, *Nematostella*, and *Trichoplax* have clear *TCF* genes while the closest BLAST matches to *TCF*s in the *M. brevicollis* genome are conclusively *capicua* genes. Nodes of interest are labeled with bootstrap values (100 replicates). Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Amq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Ci, *Ciona intestinalis*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Sc, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Rn, *Rattus norvegicus*; Mm, *Mus musculus*; Dp, *Drosophila pseudoobscura*; Ag, *Anopheles gambiae*; Xl, *Xenopus laevis*; Am, *Apis mellifera*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Dr, *Danio rerio*.

Table S8.5.2 : Classification of TGF- β signaling pathway genes by origin.

Figure S8.5.2: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for TGF- β receptors. Representatives of Type I (blue) and Type II (red) receptors are common to all Metazoa. Receptor subtypes: Activin I, II (green, orange); BMP I, II (purple, yellow); TGF- β I (aqua); appear to be eumetazoan-specific subfamilies. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*.

Figure S8.5.3: Bayesian tree for TGF-β ligands. Most of the TGF-β pathway ligands group into two major clades, TGF-β related (blue) or BMP related (red). 2 *Amphimedon* ligands clade within the TGF-β related group (purple). 5 other *Amphimedon* ligands appear to represent a lineage specific expansion (green), and are located outside the two major ligand clades, along with other divergent ligands such as GDF9 and BMP15. Nodes are labeled with posterior probability proportions, analysis was run for 4 million generations. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Dr, *Danio rerio*; Mm, *Mus musculus*; Gg, Gallus gallus; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Xl, *Xenopus laevis*; Xt, *Xenopus tropicalis*; Ci, *Ciona intestinalis*; Pl, *Paracentrotus lividus*; Tc*, Tribolium castaneum*.

Figure S8.5.4: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree of Smad genes. *Amphimedon*, *Nematostella*, and *Trichoplax* have *Smad4*, *Smad2/3* and *Smad1/5* genes. Interestingly, the latter two taxa only have one representative of each, but *Amphimedon* has 2-3 representatives of each subfamily. *Nematostella* and *Trichoplax* also have *Smad6/7* genes (inhibitory Smads). Two *Amphimedon* genes are of uncertain affiliation; they are at the base of a clade of Smad4 and Smad6/7 subfamilies. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values (100 replicates), only values >50 are shown. Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Ci, *Ciona intestinalis*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Bf, *Branchiostoma floridae*; Lg, *Lottia gigantea*.

Figure S8.5.5: Rooted neighbor-joining tree of Fos and Jun bZIP genes. The tree was rooted with *NF-E2* genes. *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella Jun*-like genes belong to a metazoan family of *Jun* genes. *Amphimedon* and *Nematostella Fos*-like genes do not clearly belong to this family but rather are probably descendants of an ancestral *Fos/ATF3* gene that gave rise to the two families in bilaterians. The positions of the plant and fungi *bZIP* genes, which are most similar to metazoan *Jun* and *Fos* genes, are unresolved but they do not seem to belong to either metazoan clade. No *Trichoplax Fos*, *ATF3*, or *Jun* gene was detected; the closest match seems to be a *NF-E2* gene. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Hs, *Homo sapiens*, Cs, *Ciona savigny*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Sc *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Figure S8.5.6: Rooted neighbor-joining tree of Myc and Max bHLH genes. As *Myc* and *Max* are known to be sister families, the tree was rooted with *SREBP* genes. *Monosiga*, *Amphimedon*, *Trichoplax*, and *Nematostella* genes fall into both the *Myc* and the *Max* clade, suggesting they all have these two genes. However, the *Monosiga* putative *Myc* gene does not have the Myc domain and does not fall into this family in other types of analyses (not shown). Hence, it is likely not a true *Myc* gene. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values (100 replicates), only values >50 are shown. Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Hs, *Homo sapiens*.

Figure S8.5.7: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for E3 ubiquitin ligases with HECT domains. The Smurf subfamily (red) appears to be metazoan-specific grouping within the pan-eukaryotic family of E3 ubiquitin ligases. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Nc, *Neurospora crassa*; Pt, *Paramecium tetraurelia*; Sc *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Table S8.5.3: Classification of Hedgehog signaling pathway genes by origin.

Figure S8.5.8: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for Patched-related genes. Patched receptors are a holozoan subfamily within the ancient sterol-sensing domain (SSD) family of receptors. One *Amphimedon* gene (red) contains a SSD, but it is excluded from both the Patched (pink) and Dispatched (green) subfamilies, which are the only clades implicated in Hedgehog binding. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hm, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*. At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Sc, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Ns, *Neurospora crassa*; Pt, *Paramecium tetraurelia*; Af, *Aspergillus fumigatus*.

Figure S8.5.9: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for Frizzled-related genes. Smoothened (red) appears to be a eumetazoan-specific gene family, related to the larger metazoan Frizzled family of ancient G-protein coupled receptors. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*. Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*.

Figure S8.5.10: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for the Kinesin family. Within the ancient kinesin family, Kif7/Kif27 belongs to an animal-specific subfamily (blue). The *Drosophila* ortholog *Costal* is a divergent ortholog of Kif7/Kif27, and is not recovered within the subfamily in this analysis. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*.;At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Nc, *Neurospora crassa*.

Figure S8.5.11: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for C2H2 zinc fingers. The Gli transcription factor superfamily (blue) appears to be an animal-specific clade within the ancient family of C2H2 zinc finger binding proteins. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*.

Figure S8.5.12: Unrooted neighbor-joining tree for Fringe and β **3GLT.** Metazoan Fringe (red) and β 3GLT (blue) proteins form a monophyletic clade to the exclusion of plant Fringe-related (green) and other members of the B3GLT family. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Ag, *Anopheles gambiae*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Bf, *Branchiostoma floridae*; Bm, *Bombyx mori*; Bt, *Bos Taurus*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Cf, *Canis familiaris*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Dr, *Danio rerio*; Es, *Euprymna scolopes*; Gg, *Gallus gallus*; Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Mm, *Mus musculus*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Pt, *Pan troglodytes*; Rn, *Rattus norvegicus*; Sp, *Strongylocentrotus purpurtus*; Tc, *Tribolium castaneum*.

Table S8.5.5: Classification of growth factor, GPCR, and Ras signaling genes by origin.

Figure S8.5.13: Rooted neighbour joining tree for G a proteins. Midpoint rooting has been used. Trees were built using the neighbor-joining method in Phylip³⁹ using default settings with all programs except Neighbour, for which the input order of species was randomized. *Amphimedon* G protein α -like proteins fall into several wellsupported clades in a phylogenetic tree created for the eukaryotic G protein α family. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Nc, *Neurospora crassa*.

Figure S8.5.14: Rooted neighbor-joining tree of PLC genes. The tree is rooted with plant *PLC*s. The best match in the *M. brevicollis* genome for *PLCB* genes clusters alongside these genes, suggesting that it is orthologous to metazoan *PLCB* genes and that this gene originated in the holozoan stem. Nodes of interest are labeled with bootstrap values (100 replicates), only values >50 are shown. Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Hs, *Homo sapiens*, At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Sc *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Ci, *Ciona intestinalis*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Ce, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Yl, *Yarrowia lipolytica*.

Figure S8.5.15: Rooted neighbour joining tree of 14-3-3 family genes. Midpoint rooting has been used. Trees were built using the neighbor-joining method in Phylip³⁹ using default settings with all programs except Neighbour, for which the input order of species was randomized. *Amphimedon* 14-3-3-like proteins fall into a well-supported clade along with several metazoan and *Paramecium* proteins and may represent descendants of a lineage specific expansion. Nodes are labeled with bootstrap values, only values >50 are shown. Hs, *Homo sapiens*; Dm, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Nv, *Nematostella vectensis*; Ta, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Aq, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Mb, *Monosiga brevicollis*; At, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Dd, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Nc, *Neurospora crassa*; Pt, *Paramecium tetraurelia*.

Table S8.6.1: Transcription factor genes in the *Amphimedon* **genome.**

Table S8.7.2: Origins of kinase classes

Figure S8.7.1: Loss and retention of human kinase classes in various species. Scer, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Mbre, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Aque, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Nvec, *Nematostella vectensis*; Cael, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Dmel, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Hsap, *Homo sapiens*.

Table S8.8.1: Classification of adhesion genes by origin.

Table S8.8.2: Origins of genes associated with polarized epithelia

Table S8.9.1. Origins of regulatory genes involved in bilaterian neurogenesis.

Table S8.9.2. Classification of pre-synaptic genes by origin

Table S8.9.3. Classification of post-synaptic genes by origin

Fig. S8.9.1. Evolution of the synaptic scaffold. Orthologs of synaptic proteins were identified in animal genomes. Colors indicate the common ancestor in which a gene ortholog most likely emerged (refer to tree at right). The inclusion of a gene in a particular species is based upon reciprocal best hit with the human gene/gene family and results were filtered by looking at conservation of domain architecture whenever possible.

Figure S8.9.2: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the prohormone convertases (PC). A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight γ -rates). Midpoint rooting has been used. Nodes that define the different subfamilies are indicated by red circles and are supported by bootstrap values superior to 90% (150 replicates). There are 5 *PC2* genes in *Amphimedon* but no *PC1* gene. *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Apimel* = *Apis mellifera*; *Aplcal* = *Aplysia californica*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Brumal* = *Brugia malayi*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Halasi* = *Haliotis asinina*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Hydmag* = *Hydra magnipapillata*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Lymsta* = *Lymnaea stagnalis*; *Monbre* = *Monosiga brevicollis*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nasvit* = *Nasonia vitripennis*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Pedhumcor* = *Pediculus humanus corporis*; *Pladum* = *Platynereis dumerilii*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Tricas* = *Tribolium castaneum*.

Figure S8.9.3: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the arginyl aminopeptidase B (AP-B), arginyl aminopeptidase O (AP-O), and leukotriene A4 hydrolase (LTA4H) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight γ -rates). Midpoint rooting has been used. Nodes that define the different subfamilies are indicated by red circles and are supported by bootstrap values superior to 80% (150 replicates). There is a single *LTA4H* gene in *Amphimedon* but neither *AP-B* nor *AP-O* genes. *Acypis* = *Acyrthosiphon pisum*; *Aedaeg = Aedes aegypti*; *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Anogam* = *Anopheles gambiae*; *Bommor* =

Bombyx mori; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Culqui = Culex quinquefasciatus*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Hydmag* = *Hydra magnipapillata*; *Ixosca = Ixodes scapularis*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Monbre* = *Monosiga brevicollis*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nasvit* = *Nasonia vitripennis*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Pedhumcor* = *Pediculus humanus corporis*; *Schpom* = *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Tricas* = *Tribolium castaneum*.

CTS-L-like group 1

CTS-L-like group2

Figure S8.9.4: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the cathepsin-L (CTS-L) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML⁴⁰ is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight γ -rates). The tree has been rooted using the closest cathepsin subfamily, CTS-H. Nodes that define the different subfamilies are indicated by red circles and are supported by bootstrap values superior to 90% (150 replicates). There are 17 *Amphimedon* genes that group with *CTS-L* genes from eumetazoans: 14 of them form 2 *Amphimedon*-specific groups of divergent *CTS-L* genes; the 3 other ones are included into 2 groups of *CTS-L-like* genes that include all the *CTS*-L genes from eumetazoans. *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Hydmag* = *Hydra magnipapillata*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Monbre* = *Monosiga brevicollis*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*.

Figure S8.9.5: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the peptidylglycine -amidating monooxygenase (PAM) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with $PHYML^{40}$ is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight γ -rates). Midpoint rooting has been used. All the nodes of the tree are supported by bootstrap values superior to 95% (150 replicates). There is a single *PAM* gene in *Amphimedon*. *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Calpar = Calliactis parasitica*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Xenlae = Xenopus laevis*.

Figure S8.9.6: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the glutaminyl-peptide cyclotransferase (GC) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML⁴⁰ is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight y-rates). Midpoint rooting has been used. Most of the nodes of the tree are supported by bootstrap values superior to 70% (150 replicates). There is a single *GC* gene in *Amphimedon*. *Acypis* = *Acyrthosiphon pisum*; *Aedaeg = Aedes aegypti*; *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Apimel* = *Apis mellifera*; *Aplcal* = *Aplysia californica*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Caebri* = *Caenorhabditis briggsae*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Culpipqui = Culex quinquefasciatus*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Ixosca = Ixodes scapularis*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Monbre* = *Monosiga brevicollis*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nasvit* = *Nasonia vitripennis*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Tricas* = *Tribolium castaneum*; *Xenlae = Xenopus laevis*; *Xentro = Xenopus tropicalis.*

Figure S8.9.7: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the calcium activated protein for secretion (caps) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML⁴⁰ is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight y-rates). Midpoint rooting has been used. Most of the nodes of the tree are supported by bootstrap values superior to 75% (150 replicates). There is a single *caps* gene in *Amphimedon*. *Acypis* = *Acyrthosiphon pisum*; *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Anogam* = *Anopheles gambiae*; *Apimel* = *Apis mellifera*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Ixosca = Ixodes scapularis*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nasvit* = *Nasonia vitripennis*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Tricas* = *Tribolium castaneum*; *Xentro = Xenopus tropicalis.*

Figure S8.9.8: Rooted phylogenetic tree of the protein tyrosine phosphatase receptor type N (ptprn) proteins. A Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree produced with PHYML⁴⁰ is shown. PHYML analyses were performed using the WAG amino-acid substitution model, the frequencies of amino acids being estimated from the data set, and rate heterogeneity across sites being modelled by two rate categories (one constant and eight γ -rates). The tree has been rooted using the closest protein tyrosine phosphatase receptors from mouse and *Drosophila*. The node defining the *ptprn* subfamily is indicated by a red circle and is supported by a bootstrap value of 100% (150 replicates). There is a single *ptprn* gene in *Amphimedon*. *Ampque* = *Amphimedon queenslandica*; *Apimel* = *Apis mellifera*; *Braflo* = *Branchiostoma floridae*; *Brumal* = *Brugia malayi*; *Caebri* = *Caenorhabditis briggsae*; *Caeele* = *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Capsp1* = *Capitella sp I*; *Cioint* = *Ciona intestinalis*; *Culpipqui = Culex quinquefasciatus*; *Danrer* = *Danio rerio*; *Dappul* = *Daphnia pulex*; *Dromel* = *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Galgal* = *Gallus gallus*; *Homsap* = *Homo sapiens*; *Hydmag* = *Hydra magnipapillata*; *Lotgig* = *Lottia gigantea*; *Musmus* = *Mus musculus*; *Nasvit* = *Nasonia vitripennis*; *Nemvec* = *Nematostella vectensis*; *Strpur* = *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; *Triadh* = *Trichoplax adhaerens*; *Tricas* = *Tribolium castaneum*; *Xenlae = Xenopus laevis*; *Xentro = Xenopus tropicalis.*

Fig. S8.9.9. An example tandem array of Rhodopsin GPCR genes in *Amphimedon***.** 16 single exon genes and one 2-exon gene arranged in a head–to-tail manner; 3 non-GPCR genes are labeled a-c are in blue. Contig 12965 is only 60 kb suggesting this array may be larger. Gene model identifiers: Aqu1.212154-212167 (excluding 212161) and g.13855.t1-13859.t1.

Fig. S8.9.10. Estimated phylogenetic position of 138 Rhodopsin-class GPCR genes of *Amphimedon* **using Maximum Likelihood.** Most (129) *Amphimedon* GPCR genes (red branches), including those of the tandem array illustrated in Figure S8.9.9, form a distinct cluster. All human and fly genes were downloaded from the curated database GPCRDB version 8.10.6 (Horn et al 2003). GPCR sequences were obtained from the Aqu1 filtered gene models using blastp searches (retaining the 100 best hits) with the following human GPCRs as queries: mtr1a, cxcr7,ta2r;o43898, aa2ar, tshr, ptafr, hrh1, q8nh44, ffar3, gpbar, q5juh7, q59er8, mrgx2, cltr1, qrfpr, opsx, q5ku28, gnrr2, gpr85, q5jrh7. Only non-redundant sequences longer than 100 amino acids were included in the phylogenetic analysis. Sequences from all 3 species were then aligned to a Hidden Markov Model trained on the rhodopsin class GPCR alignment (4,993 rhodopsin class GPCRs from various animal phyla) curated at GPCRDB (Horn et al 2003) using HMMR3 (Eddy 1998). This alignment, which includes 918 sequences and 245 positions, was used to estimate the illustrated unrooted gene tree. Tree construction was done under maximum likelihood, implemented in RaxML (Stamatakis, 2006) and assuming the WAG+G+F model. Other phylogenetic analyses (not shown) using selected non-rhodopsin GPCRs as outgroups supported the assignment of sponge genes shown here to the rhodopsin class of GPCR's.

Figure S9.3.1: Hypothetical assembly of *Amphimedon* **laminins.** Schematic diagram of a putative *Amphimedon* laminin heterotrimer structure. The trimer contains the three *Amphimedon* laminin chains which display closest resemblance to the α , β , and γ chains of characterized bilaterian laminins. The most similar full length mammalian laminin is shown as an inset for comparison. Diagrams are drawn roughly to scale and depict the locations of domains on the primary sequence. The coiled coil regions of all *Amphimedon* laminin chains are approximately the same length and possess putative interchain disulfide forming cysteines at the N- and C-termini suggesting that they have the potential to form heterotrimers *in vivo*.

Figure S10.1.1: The rooting with the minimum count is the best approximation of the true count in simulation studies. (a) Boxplot showing the differences in numbers of subfamilies inferred using the assumed root of the tree (given), the rootings with the minimum, maximum, mean and median counts and the known real numbers of ancestral subfamilies. The data points for all the internal nodes of the species tree and simulations ranging over varied levels of duplication, pruning and deresolution rates were pooled together for this analysis. **(b)** A histogram of the differences between the minimum estimate and the known correct number of subfamilies (min) showing that only a small fraction deviate from a difference of zero.

Figure 310.1.2: Subfamily expansions in animal evolution. A tree indicating relationships of species used in the subfamily analysis is shown. The stems are decorated with numbers of gene families (of the 725 families included in the analysis) that are inferred to have expanded using the neighbor joining (green) and the neighbor joining with bootstrap (red) methods, and using both methods (blue).

Table S10.2.1: p-values for significantly linked paralog pairs generated at different animal evolution nodes in 725 gene families.

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Figure S11.1.1: Heatmap representation of molecular functions enriched or depleted in various complexity groups. Molecular function categories that show significant (1e-10) enrichment or depletion in Fisher's exact tests were selected (Supplementary Note S11). Significance of enrichments (grey background) and depletions (white background) for the three animal complexity groups are indicated in the columns to the left of the heatmap. The heatmap shows normalized gene counts of PANTHER molecular function categories for the species in the analysis (color range: blue 0, red 1). Ath, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Ddi, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Pte, *Paramecium tetraurelia*; Ncr, *Neurospora crassa*; Mbr, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Aqu, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Tad, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Nve, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hma, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Dme, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Cel, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Spu, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Hsa, *Homo sapiens*.

Figure S11.2.1: Projection of species and complexity groups on the first two principal components. Black squares represent the four morphological complexity groups used in the principle components analysis. Species are bound in colored ellipses for the complexity group they belong to. Non-animals, green; basal metazoans, pink; invertebrate bilaterians, yellow; vertebrates, blue. Ath, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Ddi, *Dictyostelium discoideum*; Pte, *Paramecium tetraurelia*; Ncr, *Neurospora crassa*; Sce, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae;* Mbr, *Monosiga brevicollis*; Aqu, *Amphimedon queenslandica*; Tad, *Trichoplax adhaerens*; Nve, *Nematostella vectensis*; Hma, *Hydra magnipapillata*; Dme, *Drosophila melanogaster*; Cel, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; Tca, *Tribolium castaneum;* Aga, *Anopheles gambiae;* Cin, *Ciona intestinalis*; Bfl, *Branchipstoma floridae*; Spu, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*; Hsa, *Homo sapiens*; Dre, *Danio rerio*; Xtr, *Xenopus tropicalis*; Gga, *Gallus gallus*; Rno, *Rattus norvegicus*; Mmu, *Mus musculus*.

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