

Supplementary Figures

- **Figure S1.** *B. leachii* has a genome well suited for *de novo* assembly. **(A)** Quality check results for the sequencing libraries. **(B)** de Bruijn graph quantification presenting the computational complexity of the assembly.
- **Figure S2.** Gene Ontology terms identified in the orthologs clusters (**A**) shared by colonial botryllids, (**B**) shared by all analyzed tunicates, (**C**) shared by the sessile tunicates, (**D**) specific to *B. schlosseri* and (**E**) specific to *O. dioica*. The names of the species included in a given group are written above each REVIGO table.
- **Figure S3.** Duplication of Wnt5a genes in tunicate genomes. Genomic representation of the intron-exon structure of Wnt5-like genes within each indicated genome. Note that no Wnt5a ortholog is present in the O. dioica genome. Major ticks indicate 1 Mb, minor ticks 100 bp and double-parallel lines a gap of > 1 Mb.
- **Figure S4.** Tunicate genes for **(A)** the Notch signalling pathway and **(B)** the Retinoic Acid signalling pathway.
- **Figure S5.** Protein sequence alignments used to generate the phylogenies presented in the main text. (**A**) Alignment for the Notch signalling pathway shown in Fig. 7. (**B**) Alignment for the Retinoic Acid signalling pathway shown in Fig. 8.

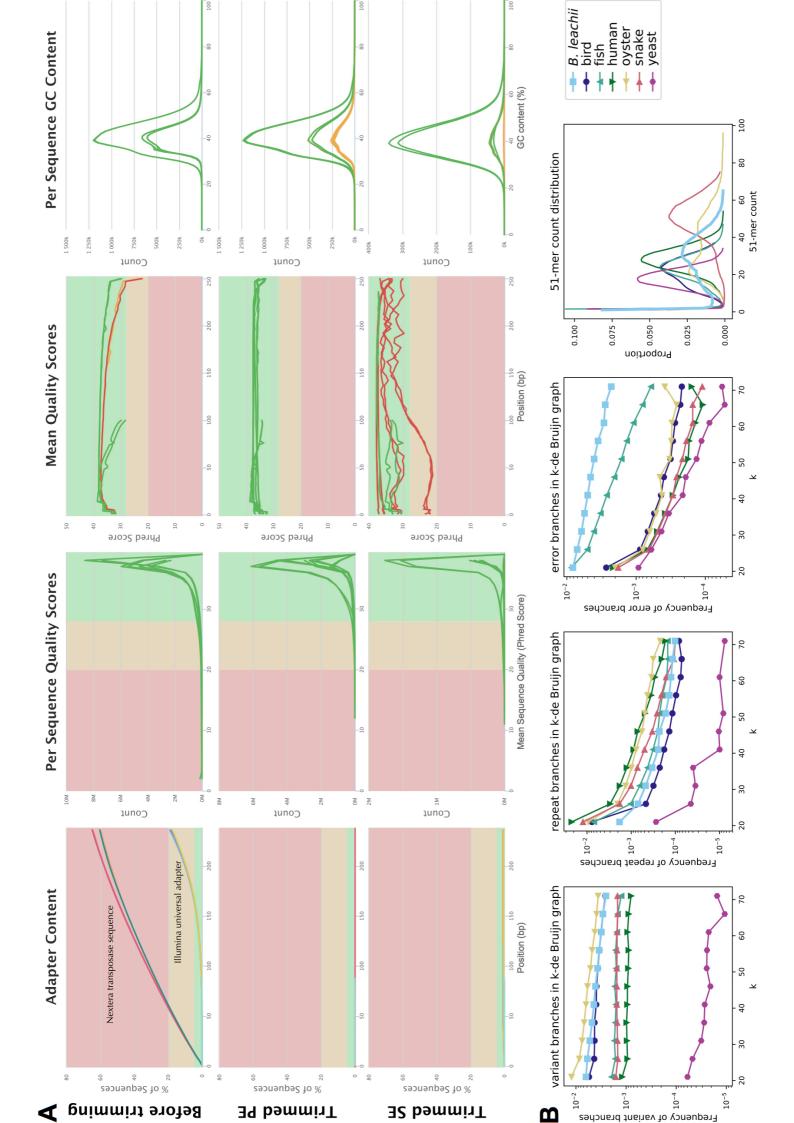
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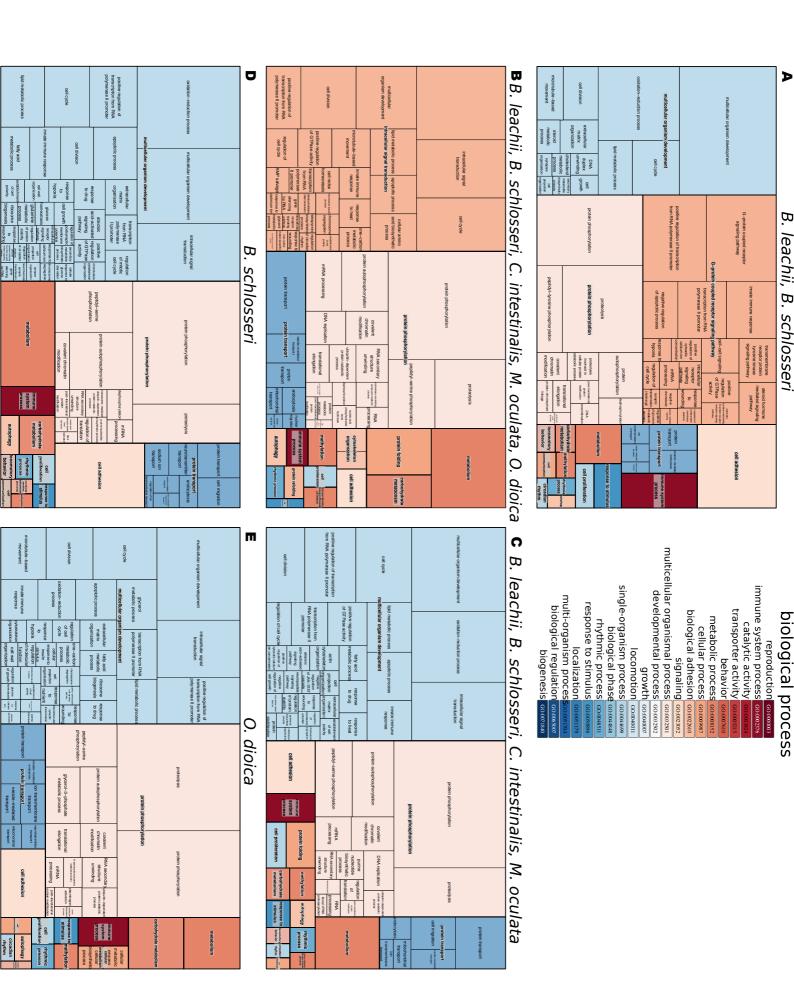
- **File S1.** BUSCO results for the *B. leachii* genome.
- **File S2.** Repetitive elements identified by RepeatMasker using *de novo* repeat libraries for the genomes of *B. leachii, B. schlosseri, C. robusta, O. dioica* and *M. oculata*.
- **File S3.** Zip folder containing the results from the tunicate orthologs analysis including gene clustering, multiple sequence alignments, consensus protein sequences and BLASTp hits. A README.txt file provides further details on the content of each file. This is available to download at http://wilsonlab.otago.ac.nz/projects/genome.
- **File S4.** GOrilla and REVIGO results used for GO term overrepresentation analysis in the orthologs group between the *B. leachii* and *B. schlosseri* genomes.
- **File S5.** Gene IDs and corresponding transcript IDs (see Zondag *et al.*, 2016) for genes of interest. This table includes accession numbers for the protein sequences used in phylogeny construction (Fig. 7 and 8).

Supplementary Tables

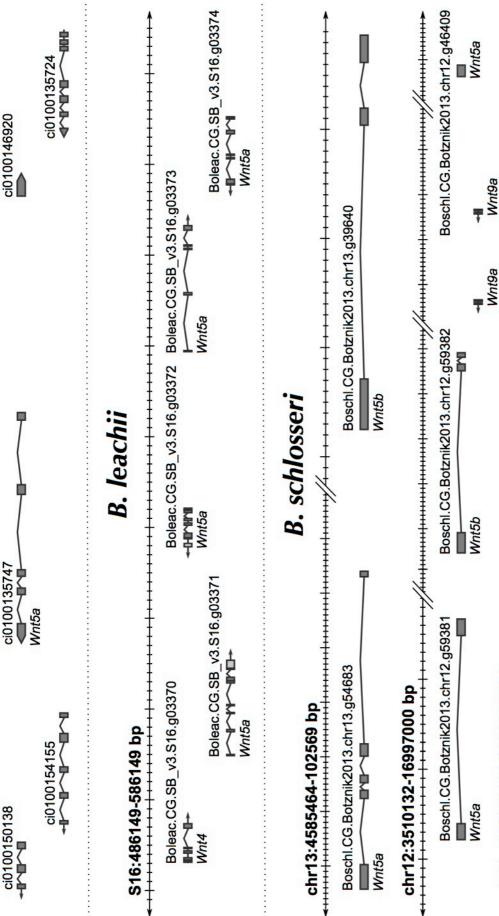
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Table S2. Conserved domains used to identify the corresponding proteins in tunicate genomes.





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M. oculata

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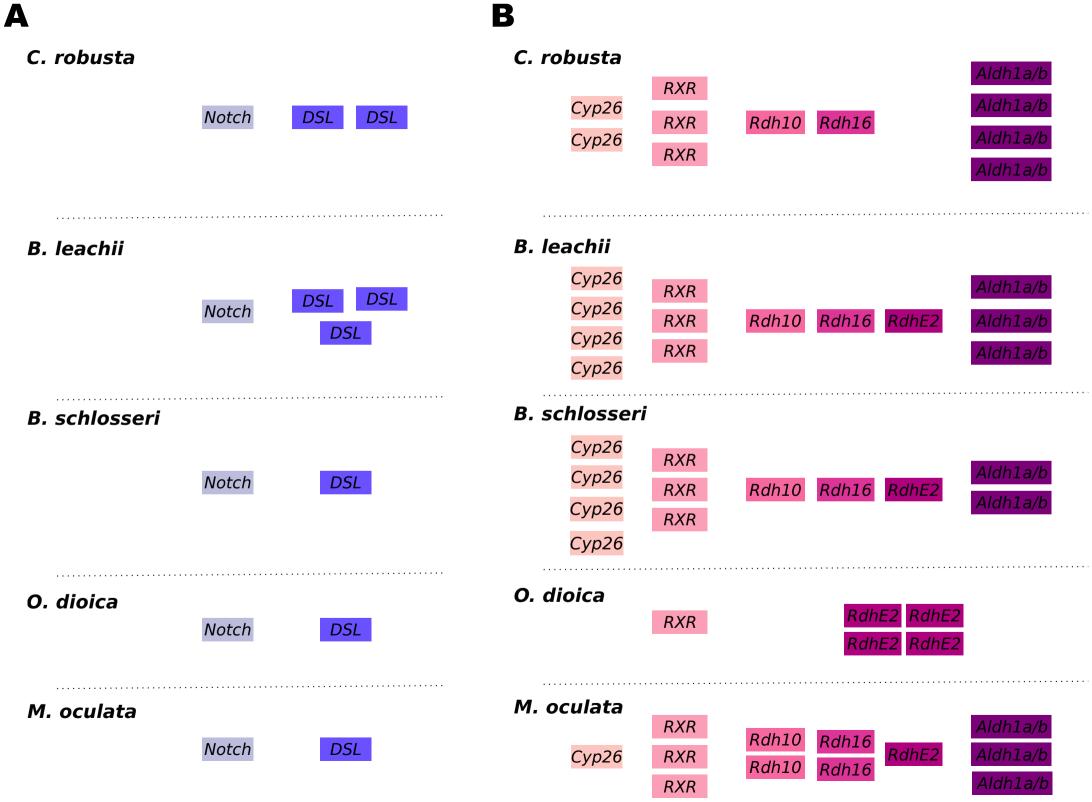
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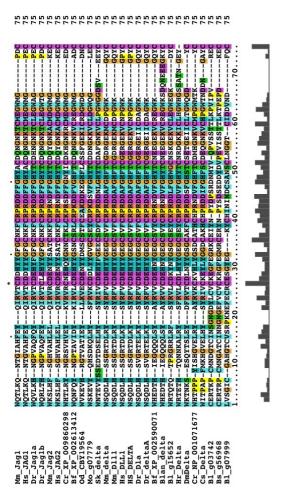
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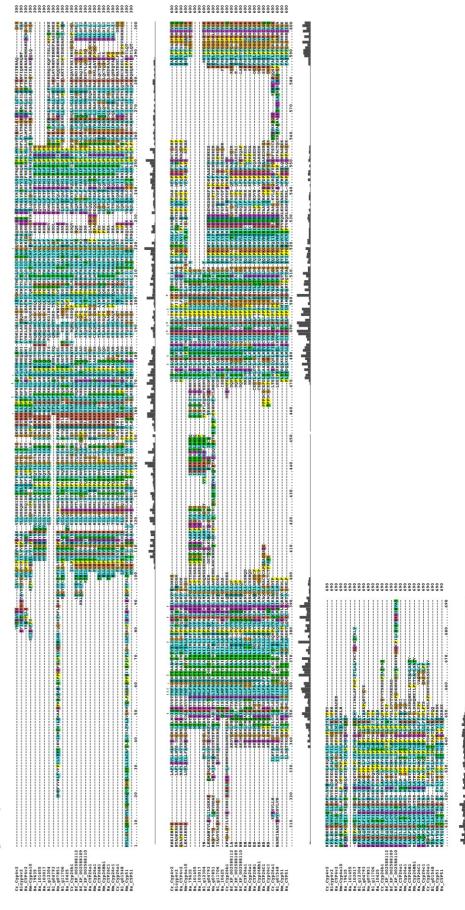


Table S1. Quality metrics of the iterative meta-assembly approach followed for the *de novo* **assembly of the** *B. leachii* **genome.** At the end of each round, the assemblies were ranked (see values in brackets), and these assemblies were then combined following the order of their rank. Note that the BUSCO and Glimmer scores were obtained using the default species model, not using the model trained specifically for *B. leachii*. "Mate-pair size" refers to the average length of the mate-pair library used by Metassembler. Assembly "3 kb" from round 3 (in bold) was chosen as the final draft genome.

Round 1 Assembler	N50 [rank]	BUSCO [ra	ankl Glimmei	Glimmer (all / >1.5 kb) [rank]	
AbySS	864 [4]			6085 [2]	
		473 [3]			
ALLPATHS-LG	45148 [1]	603 [1]	25933 /	8686 [3]	
MaSuRCA_filtered	3060 [2]	500 [2]	54586 /	7121 [1]	
MaSuRCA	974 [3]	78 [6]	21907 /	664 [6]	
SOAPdenovo2	250 [6]	161 [5]	35832 /	1332 [5]	
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Velvet	598 [5]	380 [4]	35021 /	3297 [4]	
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Round 2					
Ranking used	N50	BUSCO	Glimmer	STAR [rank]	
-			(all / >1.5 kb)	·	
N50	47795	611	24051 / 8575	20537 [2]	
BUSCO	45481	607	25170 / 8702	20618 [1]	
Glimmer	11860	617	24375 / 8240	17487 [3]	
<u>Round 3</u>					
Mate-pair size [chosen] N50		BUSCO	Glimmer	STAR	
3 kb [X]	48085	616	23618 / 84	486 20509	

612

611

48702

46966

23534 / 8459

23662 / 8505

9488

20541

8 kb

15 kb

Table S2. Conserved domains used to identify the corresponding proteins in tunicate genomes.

Conserved protein domain family	Accession ID
Delta serrate ligand protein domain	Pfam01414
Notch LNR (lin-notch repeat)	Pfam00066
Wnt	Pfam00110
DIX (dishevelled)	Pfam00778
Cytochrome p450	Pfam00067
17β-HSDXI-like SDR (dehydrogenase)	Cd05339
NR_LBD_RAR	Cd06937
CRD_TK_ROR_like	Cd07459
Aldh-SF	cl11961
SOX-TCF_HMG box	Cd01388
PTKc_Src	Cd05071