

Supplementary Information for

Mosaic origin of the eukaryotic kinetochore

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Data and Methods

Profile-versus-Profile searches

To find distant homologs of kinetochore proteins, we constructed HMM profiles and used genome-wide databases to apply profile-versus-profile searches. For each of the proteins included in our previous analysis [1], and for some other proteins we studied more recently (Nkp1, Nkp2, Csm1, Lsr4, Mam1, Hrr25 [2]), we aligned the sets of orthologous sequences (MAFFT, v.7.149b [3] ‘einsi’ or ‘linsi’) and used these to construct HMM profiles (www.hmmer.org, version HMMER 3.1b1) and HMM-formatted profiles. For each protein, we made such a profile from the full-length alignment. In addition, if a protein has well-annotated domains, we made separate profiles of these domains. While Zwint-1 has two RWD domains, we only used the first as a separate domain profile, because the second is very poorly conserved across species (“SI Appendix, Fig. S2”). All 147 HMM3 profiles can be found in “SI Appendix, External Data: Hidden Markov Models”. We applied two different search strategies, using different tools and different search databases. For the first, we searched with full-length profiles of the kinetochore proteins and searched against a database compiled of profiles from PANTHER11.1 [4] and the kinetochore protein profiles themselves. For this search, we made use of PRC (version 1.5.6) [5]. For the second strategy, we searched with domain profiles if available for a given protein, and otherwise full-length profiles. We downloaded scop70 (March 1, 2016), pdb70 (September 14, 2016) and PfamA (version 31.0) profile databases from the HH-suite depository (http://wwwuser.gwdg.de/~compbiol/data/hhsuite/databases/hhsuite_dbs/, downloaded on July 15, 2017) and combined these profiles with the kinetochore domain/full-length profiles we also used as queries. We searched using HHsearch (version 2.0.15) [6]. For each of the search strategies, we identified which of the database profiles correspond to the kinetochore domains/proteins. Using this information, we parsed the search results identifying ‘best hits’ and ‘bidirectional best hits’ for each kinetochore domain/protein profile. We made a network using the results from the second (HHsearch-based) search strategy, applying an E-value cut-off of 1 or 10. We visualised this network in Cytoscape (version 3.5.1) [7]. The network can be found in “SI Appendix, External Data: HHsearch Network”. In this network, we also added the available cellular component GO terms to the hits using SIFTS [8]. In addition, we used information from the first (PRC-based) search strategy to trace the distant homology between subunits of the Mis12 and NANO complexes (“SI Appendix, Text”). The results of both search strategies can be found in “SI Appendix, Dataset S1”.

Phylogenetic trees

For inference of the phylogenetic trees presented in this manuscript, we used a variety of methods. We collected homologs by searching with our tailor-made and Pfam HMM profiles against our local proteome database [1]. The first four letters of the eukaryotic sequences represent the species, of which the full names can be found in “SI Appendix, Table S3”. For the phylogenies of Zw10 and related tethering factors, HORMA, histones, RWD and Trip13, we used a subset of the species in this database, including species present in “SI Appendix, Fig. S4”. The phylogeny of all eukaryotic kinases was based on sequence-based subsampling, selecting for the slowest-evolving kinases [9]. For the prokaryotic sequences in the UBC/RWD and histone phylogenies, we performed phmmer/jackhmmer online (<http://ebi.ac.uk/Tools/hmmer/>) and collected sequence hits from the UniProt database. For the HORMA and Trip13 phylogenies, we searched with the bacterial sequences reported by Burroughs et al. [10], from species possessing ‘Bacterial-HORMA2’ and ‘Bacterial-HORMA1’. We added contig information for species not included by Burroughs et al. [10] (“SI Appendix, Dataset S5”). For all protein families, multiple sequence alignments were inferred using MAFFT (v.7.149b [3], ‘einsi’ or ‘linsi’) [11], and trimmed with trimAl

the function ‘merge’ of MAFFT (ginsi, unalignlevel 0.6). We manually scrutinized the resulting multiple sequence alignments (“SI Appendix, Dataset S3, Dataset S4”) for clear misalignments based on structure-based alignments of available UBC/RWD and histones domains (“SI Appendix, Dataset S2, External Data: RWD/UBC, histone structures”). Of note: due to extensive sequence divergence, we did not include Atg7, Atg10, Med14, Med17 and Fanc1-1 to the UBC/RWD phylogenetic analysis. Trees were made using RAxML (version 8.0.20, automatic substitution model selection, GAMMA model of rate heterogeneity, rapid bootstrap analysis of 100 replicates) [13] and/or IQ-TREE (version 1.6.3, extended model selection, ultrafast bootstrap (1000) and SH-like approximate likelihood ratio test) [14]. Trees were visualised and annotated using FigTree [15].

Structural similarity and secondary structure prediction

To identify potential homologs based on structural similarity with LECA kinetochore proteins, we searched both the literature and databases such as PFAM (<http://pfam.xfam.org> [16]), ECOD (<http://prodata.swmed.edu/ecod/> [17]), RCSB Protein Data Bank (<http://rcsb.org> [18]) and CATH (<http://www.cathdb.info/> [19]). All databases were consulted between January and March 2019. Structures were visualized and processed using the python-based software package Pymol version 2.1.1 [20]. Structural alignments were performed using either ‘cealign’ and ‘super’ or were directly downloaded from the aforementioned databases and/or the DALI webserver [21]. All-versus-all structural similarity Z-scores of relevant candidate homologs, were calculated using the algorithms implemented DALI webserver [22]. An overview of the Z-scores and various hyperlinks to databases that we consulted, can be found in (“SI Appendix, Dataset S2”). A structure was considered significantly similar with a Z-score of 2.0 or higher. Average (hierarchical) linkage clustering of the DALI Z-scores was used to infer evolutionary scenarios for TBP-like and UBC/RWD (see Fig. 2 and 3). Pymol session files, containing most of the structures used for the comparison of RWD/UBC-like proteins, TBP-like domains, histones and Mis12/NANO-like are made available (“SI Appendix, External Data: RWD/UBC, TBP-like, histones, Mis12/NANO structures”). Secondary structure predictions for Zwint-1 were performed using the JPRED webserver [23], embedded in the alignment package Jalview [24].

Classifications and interpretations of homologous protein families

We identified closest homologs of kinetochore proteins based on phylogenetic trees, profile-versus-profile searches and structural similarity. We classified these closest homologs as either eukaryotic or prokaryotic. A closest eukaryotic homolog is a paralog resulting from a gene duplication before LECA [25]. In this, we distinguished kinetochore paralogs from paralogs involved in other eukaryotic cellular processes. If a protein has a kinetochore protein as its closest paralog, likely their ancestral, pre-duplication protein was already part of the primordial kinetochore. Likewise, if more than two kinetochore proteins are most closely related to one another, this group of proteins likely resulted from multiple successive duplications of a single pre-duplication kinetochore protein. We refer to this ancestral kinetochore protein as ‘anc_KT’ for ‘ancestral kinetochore unit’ (“SI Appendix, Table S1”). Hence, the ‘anc_KT’ is the protein that got involved in the kinetochore, and then duplicated to give rise to the paralogous kinetochore proteins. This ancestral kinetochore protein might have had also closest homolog (either eukaryotic or prokaryotic) outside of the kinetochore, which we also identified. If a LECA kinetochore protein has no closest paralog in the kinetochore, the protein itself forms the ancestral kinetochore unit.

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Detecting kinetochore homologs using different resources

To complete our picture of the origin of kinetochore proteins, we made use of four different sources of information: phylogenetic trees, (HMM) profile-versus-profile searches and structural information, supplemented with literature-curated evolutionary links of kinetochore proteins when available. These different information types result in different qualifications of relationships between pairs of (suspected) homologs (“SI Appendix, Table S1”). In general, the profile-versus-profile searches were in agreement with the relationships observed from the phylogenies (“SI Appendix, Dataset S1, Fig. S1). However, we noted that various kinetochore proteins, such as RWD proteins and Cep57, hit coiled-coil proteins. In general, the hits we identified as likely coiled-coil were ignored, because coiled-coil similarity might not be indicative of homology, since it could also evolve convergently [26].

Proteins in LECA kinetochore & alternative eukaryotic roots

To determine which proteins were present in the LECA kinetochore (Fig. 1B), we first inferred for each protein if it was likely encoded in the genome of LECA (“SI Appendix, Table S2”). In principle, we did so based on Dollo parsimony, which states that a protein can only be invented once, hence the origin of the protein dates back to the last common ancestor of all species that have it. In applying this approach, we assume that the divergence between Opimoda (Opisthokonta and Amoebozoa) and Diphoda (Stramenopila-Alveolata-Rhizaria (SAR), Archaeplastida, Excavata) represents the root of the eukaryotes (“SI Appendix, Fig. S4”) [27]. While we are well aware of the controversies about the position of the eukaryotic root [28], we think that alternative rootings would not dramatically alter our model of the LECA kinetochore. If for example the root actually lies between (a subset of) Excavata and all other eukaryotes, such as proposed by [29], the presences of kinetochore proteins in this lineage would also support their presence in LECA. This is the case for the CCAN subunits (‘Cenp’ proteins, Nkp1 and Nkp2, Fig. 1B), because one of the Excavata species (*Trichomonas vaginalis*) contains CenpX and CenpS [30]. These proteins likely result from duplications, and their closest paralogs are CenpW and CenpT, respectively (Fig. 3). Hence, the common ancestor of the Excavata and the other eukaryotes (LECA) likely had these four CCAN components. Furthermore, the recently sequenced genome of the amitochondriate *Monocercomonoides sp. PA203*, an excavate species distantly related to e.g. *Trichomonas vaginalis*, contains four additional CCAN subunits: CenpI, CenpK, CenpL and CenpN (unpublished data). Given that the CCAN subunits strongly co-evolve, likely LECA had the complete CCAN, also under this alternative root. The Dam1 complex would have been inferred to have been present in LECA based on Dollo parsimony, but we think it is very likely that its genes were invented later in evolution and got horizontally transferred among distantly related eukaryotic species [31]. Nkp1 and Nkp2 would not have been found to have been present in LECA under Dollo parsimony. However, we argue that, because they are homologous to subunits of the Mis12 complex (Fig. 4), and because these Mis12 complex subunits are present across the eukaryotic tree of life, Nkp1 and Nkp2 likely resulted from ancient duplications before LECA, giving rise to Nkp1 and Mis12 (Mis12 complex), and to Nkp2 and Nnf1 (Mis12 complex). We infer that Nkp1 and Nkp2 were lost in major eukaryotic lineages quickly after LECA, since we do not observe them in most Diphoda lineages (“SI Appendix, Fig. S4”). Moreover, Nkp1 and Nkp2 are part of the CCAN, which strongly co-evolves, including Nkp1 and Nkp2 [2, 30]. If a protein likely was encoded by LECA, we in principle hypothesize it to be part of the LECA kinetochore. We nevertheless exclude such a protein from the LECA kinetochore if it depends on a non-LECA protein for the kinetochore function (Hrr25), or if it seems more likely to be involved in another process, as indicated by characterizations in multiple species (Skp1). The complete list of kinetochore proteins and considerations for in/excluding them as part of the LECA kinetochore can be found in “SI Appendix, Table S2”.

Kinetoplastid kinetochore proteins where not part of the LECA kinetochore

We did not analyze the origin of the non-conventional kinetochore proteins specific to kinetoplastids (KKT/KKIPs) [32, 33] because our reconstructions do not infer these proteins to have been part of the LECA kinetochore. Here we want to briefly explain why we infer a LECA kinetochore without any of the KKT/KKIPs. Most importantly all recent research on the eukaryotic tree of life places kinetoplastids next to euglenids, symbiontids and diplomonids in the group Euglenozoa [34], itself part of the excavate group Discoba, which also includes *Naegleria* [27–29, 35, 36]. Euglenids, such as *Euglena gracilis*, appear to possess ‘conventional’ kinetochore proteins, and no kinetoplastid kinetochore proteins [37]. *Naegleria* also harbors proteins for a nearly complete conventional kinetochore. These two observations make it the most likely scenario that (1) the kinetoplastid kinetochore is derived from an euglenozoan ancestor with a conventional kinetochore, and that (2) the common ancestor of Discoba connects to the remainder of the eukaryotes with a conventional set of kinetochore proteins. Even if, as older work has suggested, the root lies between Euglenozoa and all other eukaryotes [38], this eukaryotic phylogeny would still most parsimoniously infer the absence of the kinetoplastid kinetochore proteins (KKT/KKIP proteins) from LECA, and the presence of ‘conventional’ kinetochore proteins in LECA. The only potential argument for considering kinetoplastid kinetochore proteins as candidates for being part of the LECA kinetochore would be that kinetoplastids diverged first from all of the other eukaryotes. However, since a body of phylogenetic research stably places kinetoplastids within the Euglenozoa, and the Euglenozoa seem to be stably part of the Discoba, we do not think this argument will hold. We are aware that a euglenozoan ancestor with a conventional kinetochore implies that during evolution it was replaced by the kinetoplastid-like kinetochore in a major evolutionary transition. Such transitions are not unique, as the LECA kinetochore itself demonstrates: this structure after all was absent from the prokaryotic ancestors of eukaryotes. And the uniqueness or presence of a transition is not an argument for or against redefining the phylogenetic tree.

Mis12/NANO-like proteins

In this study, we present the subunits of the Mis12 complex (Mis12, Nnf1, Dsn1, Nsl1) and of the NANO complex (Nkp1, Ame1/CenpU, Nkp2, Okp1/CenpQ) to be all homologous to one another, having a domain we coin “Mis12/NANO” (Fig. 1, Fig. 4). We chose to use the new complex name ‘NANO’ instead of COMA since the COMA complex contains CenpO and CenpP as well, which are not present in the tetramer consisting of Nkp1, CenpU, Nkp2 and CenpQ. We inferred the homology of the Mis12 and NANO complex using different sources. First, Nnf1 and Nkp2 appear homologous by being each other’s bidirectional best hit in the profile-versus-profile output (“SI Appendix, Dataset S1”, HHsearch E-value 10). The Nkp1 and Mis12 full-length profiles hit each other best with PRC (“SI Appendix, Dataset S1”; PRC E-value 10). In the same search, the Nkp2 profile hit the Nnf1 profile, and the Nsl1 profile hit the Mis12 profile. Moreover, the profile of Nkp1 hits that of Mis12 in HHpred online [39], albeit at very high E-value: 180. The structures of the Mis12 subunits were already shown to be similar [40, 41], therefore we propose their homology. A recent study revealed the striking structural similarity of Nkp1, Nkp2, CenpQ and CenpU to the Mis12 complex [42]. It therefore seems plausible to assume that the four-member NANO complex is homologous to the Mis12 (Fig. 4). Structural comparisons did not reveal any particular higher order similarity between the different subunits of both the Mis12 and/or NANO complex (“SI Appendix, Dataset S2”). Given the similar relative position within the complexes and the topology of the helical elements (coiled-coil and helices) of each of the four subunits per complex, we propose the Mis12 and NANO complex arose through an ancestral whole complex duplication before LECA (Fig. 4D). Furthermore, the Mis12-Nnf1 and Nkp1-Nkp2 dimer have a similar long ‘head domain’ and have significantly similar sequences (see above), suggesting that the Dsn1-Nsl1 and CenpU-CenpQ dimer might have a common evolutionary origin as well. Since we have no indications for

other (prokaryotic or eukaryotic) homologs, we infer that the Mis12/NANO domain was invented during the FECA-to-LECA transition and gave rise to these eight kinetochore proteins via gene duplications (see above).

Double RWD domain in Zwint-1 orthologs

In our sensitive profile-versus-profile analysis, various kinetochore RWD proteins hit each other, as well as other RWD-like and E2/UBC proteins, indicating that their sequences were sufficiently similar to confirm their homology, with the notable exceptions of the RWD domains of CenpP (full-length profiles are hit, see “SI Appendix, Dataset S1”). Interestingly, Zwint-1, the only KMN (Knl1-Mis12-Ndc80) network subunit for which a structure has not yet been determined [43], was hit by various RWD HMM profiles. Indeed, upon further inspection of the predicted secondary structure of Zwint-1 orthologs, we found that they follow a classic tandem RWD topology (“SI Appendix, Fig. S2”), similar to its direct interaction partner Knl1 and to the CenpO-CenpP dimer. Interestingly, many Zwint-1 orthologs show degeneration of the C-terminus, resulting in the loss of either the second or both RWD domains; making this a protein family that is particularly hard to predict orthologs for (see also van Hooff et al. [1]). Since all kinetochore RWD proteins form dimers through RWD-RWD interactions and since the main interactor of Zwint-1 is the double RWD protein Knl1, we predict that Zwint-1 is a bona fide double RWD kinetochore protein.

RWD/UBC evolution

Since bona fide catalytic UBCs were found in both Bacteria and Archaea, ubiquitin-like modification was likely the ancestral function of this fold in FECA [44–47]. Both catalytic [48] and non-catalytic [44] families of the UBC superfamily expanded extensively between FECA and LECA. Functionally, the non-catalytic UBC-like proteins comprise four major groups (see Fig. 2, “SI Appendix, Fig. S1E, Fig. S3, Dataset S2”): (1) ubiquitin-related non-enzymatic vesicle trafficking proteins like Uev1/Tsg101 [49] and Aktip [50], (2) E2/E3-related canonical RWD proteins (RWD) involved in DNA/RNA-related processes (e.g. Gcn2 [51]), (3) orphan RWD/UBC-like proteins like FancL [52] and subunits of the Mediator complex [53], and (4) eight LECA kinetochore proteins that form hetero- or homodimers, with either a single RWD: Spc24-Spc25, Mad1-Mad1, Csm1-Csm1, or a double RWD configuration: CenpO-CenpP and Knl1-Zwint-1 (Zwint-1 is also a RWD protein, see ‘Double RWD domain in Zwint-1 orthologs’). Due to the highly divergent sequence evolution of bacterial UBC-like proteins, kinetochore RWD proteins and other non-catalytic UBCs (RWD and for instance Uev1/Tsg101), we could only construct a short alignment (90 positions, minimal 30% column occupancy) for the whole UBC family (“SI Appendix, Dataset S3”). Our structural similarity searches indicated that the mediator subunits Med14, Med17 [44], the first RWD-like domain of FancL and the autophagy-related enzymes Atg7 and Atg10 [44] were part of the RWD/UBC superfamily as well (“SI Appendix, Dataset S2”). We could however not align them in a reliable manner yielding a sensible phylogenetic tree and we therefore left them out of the phylogenetic analysis and only considered their structural similarity when devising an evolutionary scenario (Fig. 2D, “SI Appendix, Fig. 3”). All in all, we performed the phylogenetic analysis using a limited amount of phylogenetic informative positions. Therefore, the parameters for the maximum likelihood methods are potentially overfitted and the resulting phylogenetic tree is therefore likely subject to artefacts such long-branch attraction (see for instance ‘divergent UBC’ and ‘bacteria_E’), resulting in the likely misplacement of some divergent branches and distortion of the overall tree topology. Nonetheless, overall the eukaryotic UBC superfamily evolved into two distinct groups in eukaryotes: E2 ubiquitin conjugases (UBC, bootstrap:77/100) and two non-catalytic UBC-like groups (RWD and kinetochore RWD; bootstrap:96/100). The inconsistent placement of the second RWD domain of Knl1 and Zwint-1 (Knl1-2 and Zwint-1-2), precluded the conclusive inference for a single origin of kinetochore RWD domains. Whether this means that Knl1-2 and Zwint-1-2 were independently acquired compared to CenpO-2 and CenpP-2 or signify a shared and more complex origin of RWD domains is unclear. Likely the origin of kinetochore RWD domains is closely related to FancL, another

double RWD protein that found in eukaryotic genomes, and subunits of the Mediator complex, Med14-17 (structural similarity) and Med15, for which we uncovered the presence of a C-terminal RWD domain in this study. How bacterial UBCs are related to archaeal and eukaryotic UBCs and RWDs is not clear from our studies. Many different classes of modification systems that operate UBC-like folds are also present in Bacteria (bact_UBC_A-D) and even a non-catalytic domain is found in some lineages (bact_UBC_E) [44]. In addition, a number of bacterial UBCs cluster together with archaeal and eukaryotic UBCs. Likely, bacterial UBCs represent an ancient protein modification system (bacteria_UBC_A-E) that has been optimized in archaeal lineage that are closely associated with FECA. Concomitantly, our trees suggest multiple horizontal gene transfers of archaeal/eukaryotic UBCs to bacteria. Various non-catalytic UBC proteins can be found in the Asgard Archaea (closest to the archaeal ancestor of eukaryotes, Fig. 1A) [45], which are phylogenetically affiliated with both RWD and UBC (“SI Appendix, Fig. S1E, Fig. 3”). Therefore, an RWD-like protein could have already been present in the archaeal ancestor of eukaryotes. Given that UBCs of archaeal descent extensively radiated in eukaryotes [48], we think it is likely that RWD and kinetochore RWD were also part of this radiation and are thus of archaeal descent.

Reconstruction of histone fold evolution

Although the canonical nucleosomal histones are amongst the most highly conserved eukaryotic proteins at the amino acid level, most other histones in eukaryotes are highly divergent, including the TFIID-related TBP-associated factors (TAFs), SAGA-related proteins (SUPTs), CCAAT-binding complex/nuclear transcription factor (CBF/NF), Negative coregulator 2 (NC2), subunits of the DNA polymerase epsilon (DPOE), Chromatin Accessibility Complex (CHRAC) and the kinetochore histones (CenpA, CenpS, CenpT, CenpX, CenpW) (“SI Appendix, Fig. S1I”). To produce an informative alignment, we first made separate alignments of slowly evolving orthologs (manually curated) of each of the LECA histone proteins, which we subsequently aligned (corrected based on structural alignments, see “SI Appendix, Data and Methods, Dataset S2, Dataset S4, External Data”). In addition, we added archaeal and bacterial histone-like sequences, which we acquired through jackhmmer runs against archaeal and bacterial UniProt databases online (see “SI Appendix, Data and Methods”), using known archaeal histones such as HMf [54], the reported Asgard histone-like proteins [45] and the ‘DUF1931’ protein family as queries. Due to the limited amount of positions (69) and highly divergent nature of the histone family, we could not fully resolve histone evolution as different algorithms (RAxML and IQTREE) and various models gave inconsistent results: (1) a number of different histone groups (H2B, Taf3/8/Supt7, Taf12) appeared at different positions in the tree, (2) the duplication order within for instance the TAF clade was often different with various low bootstrap support values, (3) the position of bacterial and archaeal taxa varied, and (4) the exact placement of CenpX and CenpW relative to each other changed (further detailed below). We here present one of the trees in which CenpX and CenpW are each other’s closest paralog (“SI Appendix, Fig. S1I”). In archaea and bacteria, histones are found that are affiliated to different eukaryotic histone groups. The presence of a high number of bacterial histone-like proteins surprised us. Although our analyses did not give a consistent result, it is likely that histone-like proteins in Bacteria were acquired through horizontal gene transfers from either archaeal or eukaryotic lineages. In general, we observe that CenpX and CenpW cluster together with one of two major histone groups: (1) Taf11, H2A, NFY, NC2, DPOE and Chrac1, while CenpS, CenpT and CenpA are more similar to (2) H2B, H3, H4 and all the other TAFs and Supts (not Taf11). The duplication of CenpA and H3 is not always supported and in a number of cases CenpA branches from within the H3 clade. The duplication of CenpT and CenpS is overall well supported (bootstrap:87-99/100). The position of CenpX and CenpW varied. The various trees (using different evolutionary models) suggested a closest paralog for CenpX, i.e. Taf11, H2A, NC2A and a bacterial clade, and for CenpW, i.e. Taf12 or NC2A/NFY. Apart from the duplication of the kinetochore histone dimer partners, the NFYA-NFYB, NC2A-NC2B and Dpoe3-Doe4/Chrac1 histones seem to originate from an internal duplication as well. The order of duplication

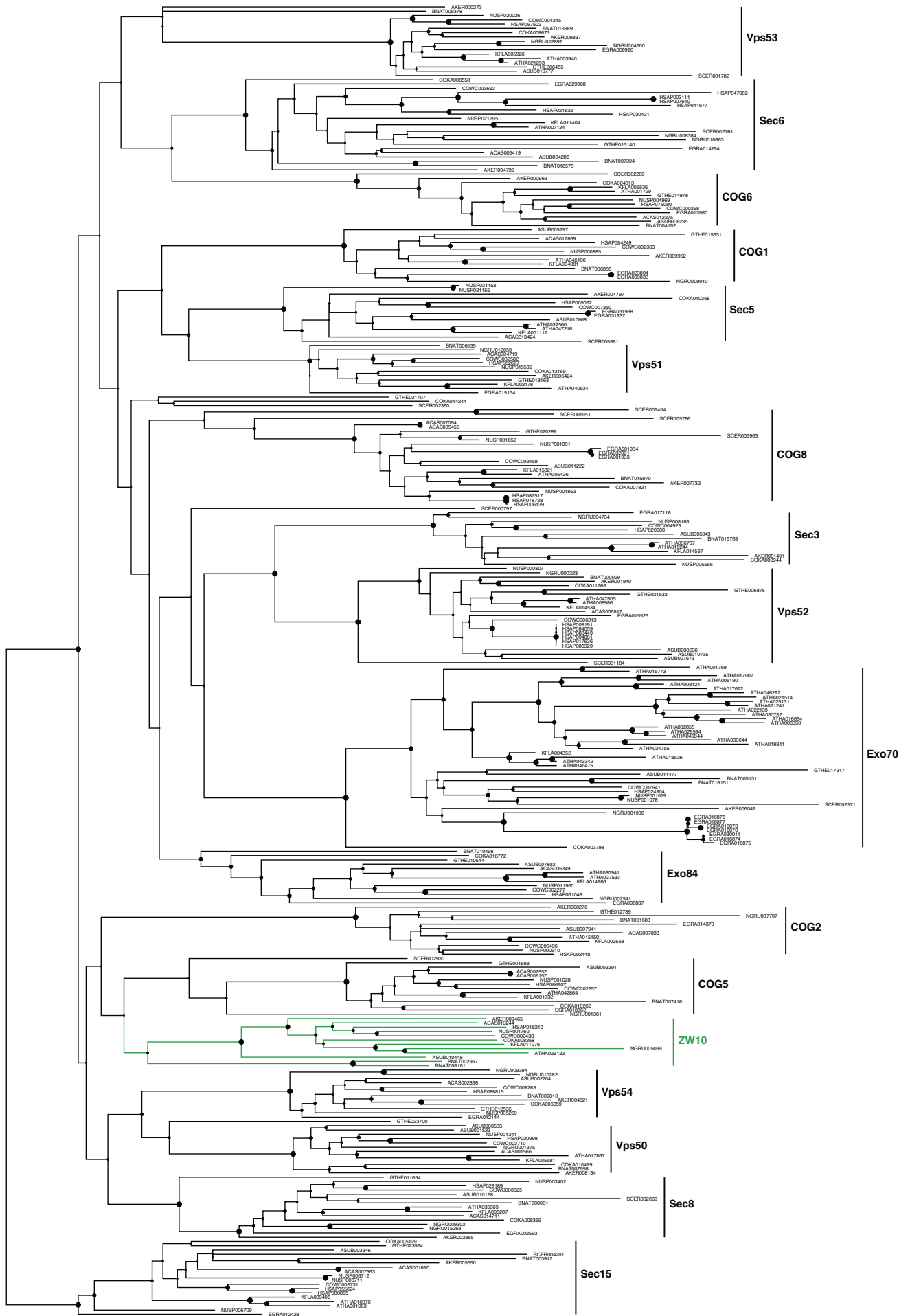
for the TFIID and SAGA complex TAF/SUPTs could however not be easily reconciled with the known dimer pairs (see “SI Appendix, Fig. S11”: heterodimers are Taf3/8-Taf10, Taf4-Taf12, Taf6-Taf9, Taf11-Taf13, Supt7-Supt3, Supt3-Taf10 and Ada1-Taf12).

Figure S1. Phylogenetic trees of domains present in kinetochore proteins.

Kinetochore proteins are indicated in green, closest homologs (e.g. eukaryotic closest paralogs). Details on tree inference methods can be found in “SI Appendix, Text, Data and Methods”. The sequences were obtained from our local proteome database in combination with bacterial and archaeal entries from the Uniprot database, harvest through online jackhmmmer tool (see “SI Appendix Data and Methods”). The first four letters of the protein name indicate the species as listed in “SI Appendix, Table S3”. Due the size of the tree, the IDs in E (RWD) and I (Histones) are not displayed.

- (A) Vps51-like tethering complex subunits (Zw10)
- (B) WD40 (Cdc20)
- (C) WD40 (Bub3)
- (D) kinases (MadBub, Mps1, Aurora, Plk)
- (E) RWD (Zwint-1, Knl1, CenpO, CenpP, Spc24, Spc25, Mad1, Csm1)
- (F) HORMA (Mad2, p31^{comet})
- (G) AAA+ ATPase (Trip13)
- (H) WD40-NRH-Sec39 (Rod)
- (I) histones (CenpA, CenpT, CenpS, CenpX, CenpW) – support is shown for internal nodes that correspond to the origin of new orthologous groups up to the LECA level.

Figure S1A. Vps51-like tethering complex subunits (Zw10)

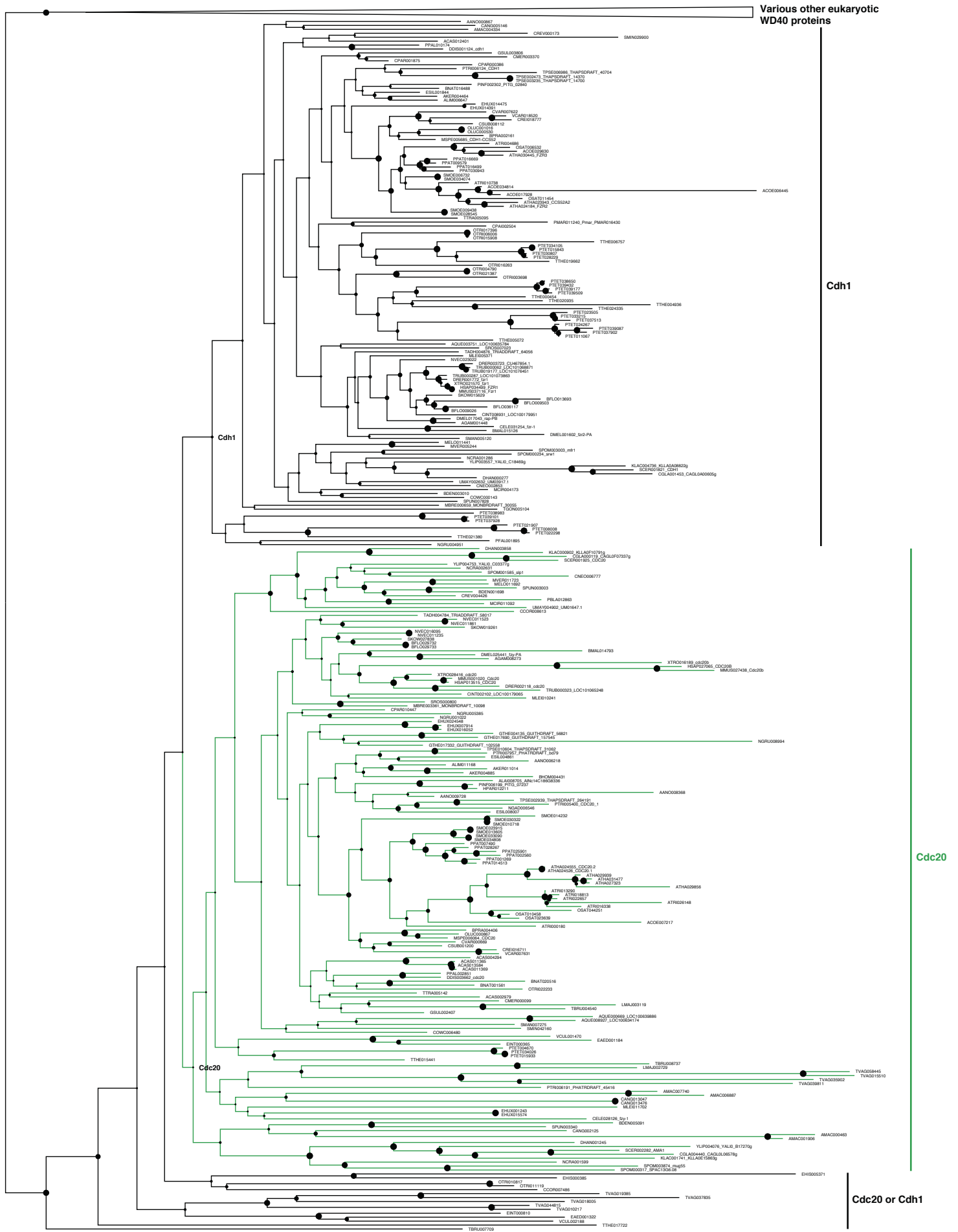


Support (rapid bootstraps)

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Model: LG + G (RAxML)

Figure S1B. WD40 (Cdc20)



Various other eukaryotic WD40 proteins

Cdh1

Cdc20

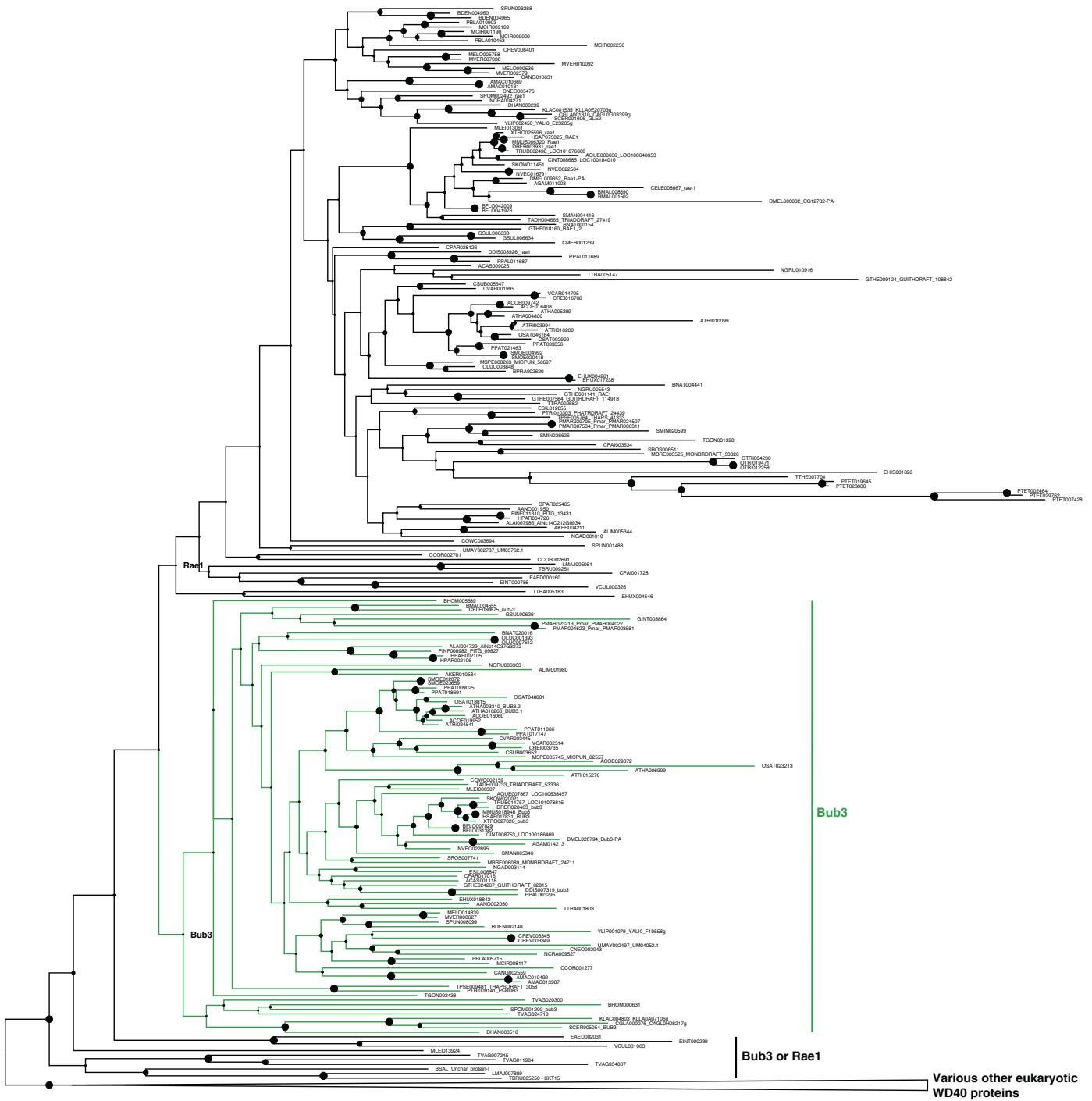
Cdc20 or Cdh1

Support (rapid bootstraps)

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Model: LG+G (RAXML)

Figure S1C. WD40 (Bub3)

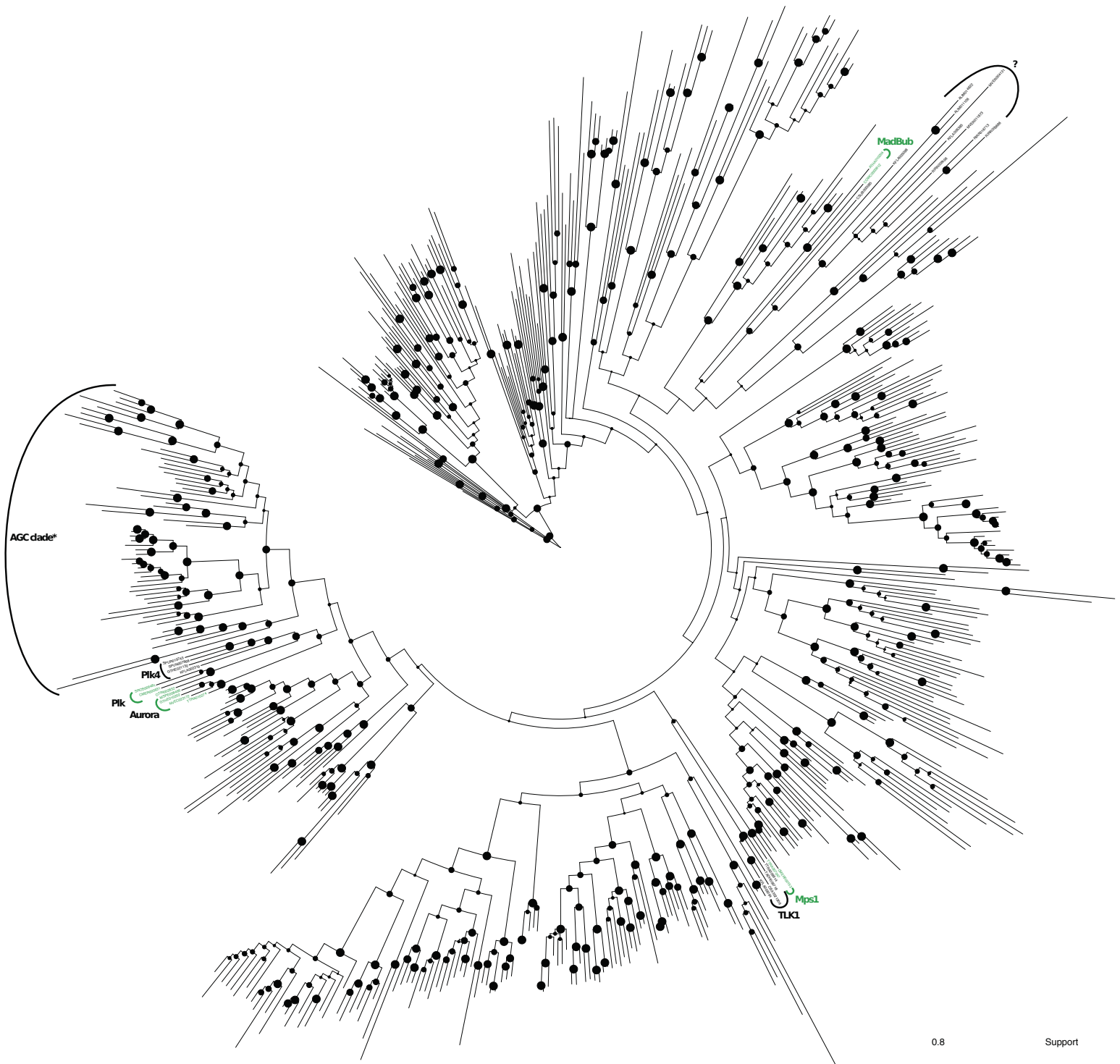


Support (rapid bootstraps)

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Model: LG + G (RAxML)

Figure S1D. kinases (MadBub, Mps1, Aurora, Plk)



0.8

Support

Support (rapid bootstraps)

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Model: LG + G (RAxML)

Figure S1E. RWD (Zwint-1, Knl1, CenpO, CenpP, Spc24, Spc25, Mad1, Csm1)

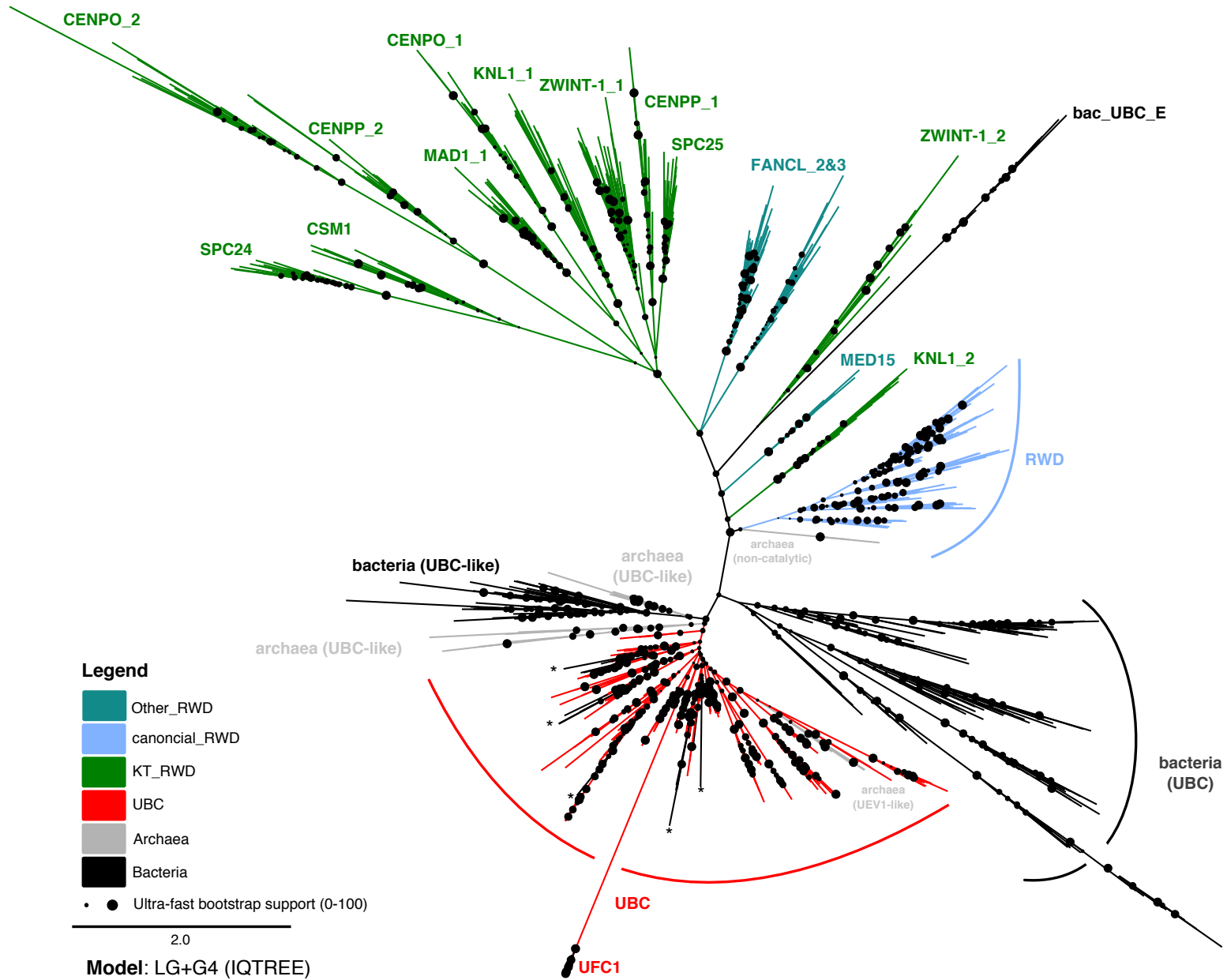


Figure S1F HORMA (Mad2, p31^{comet})

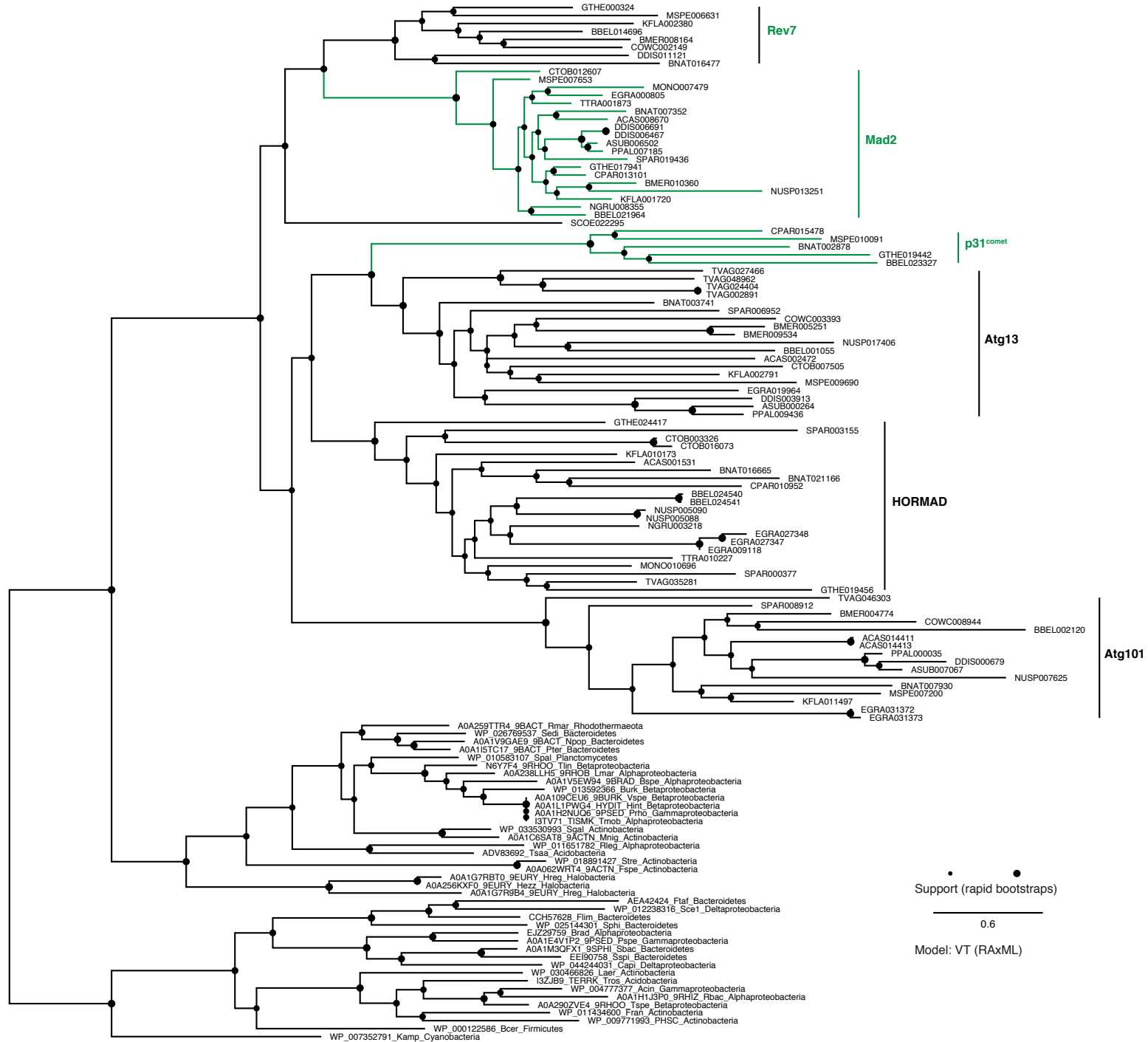


Figure S1G. AAA+ ATPase (Trip13)

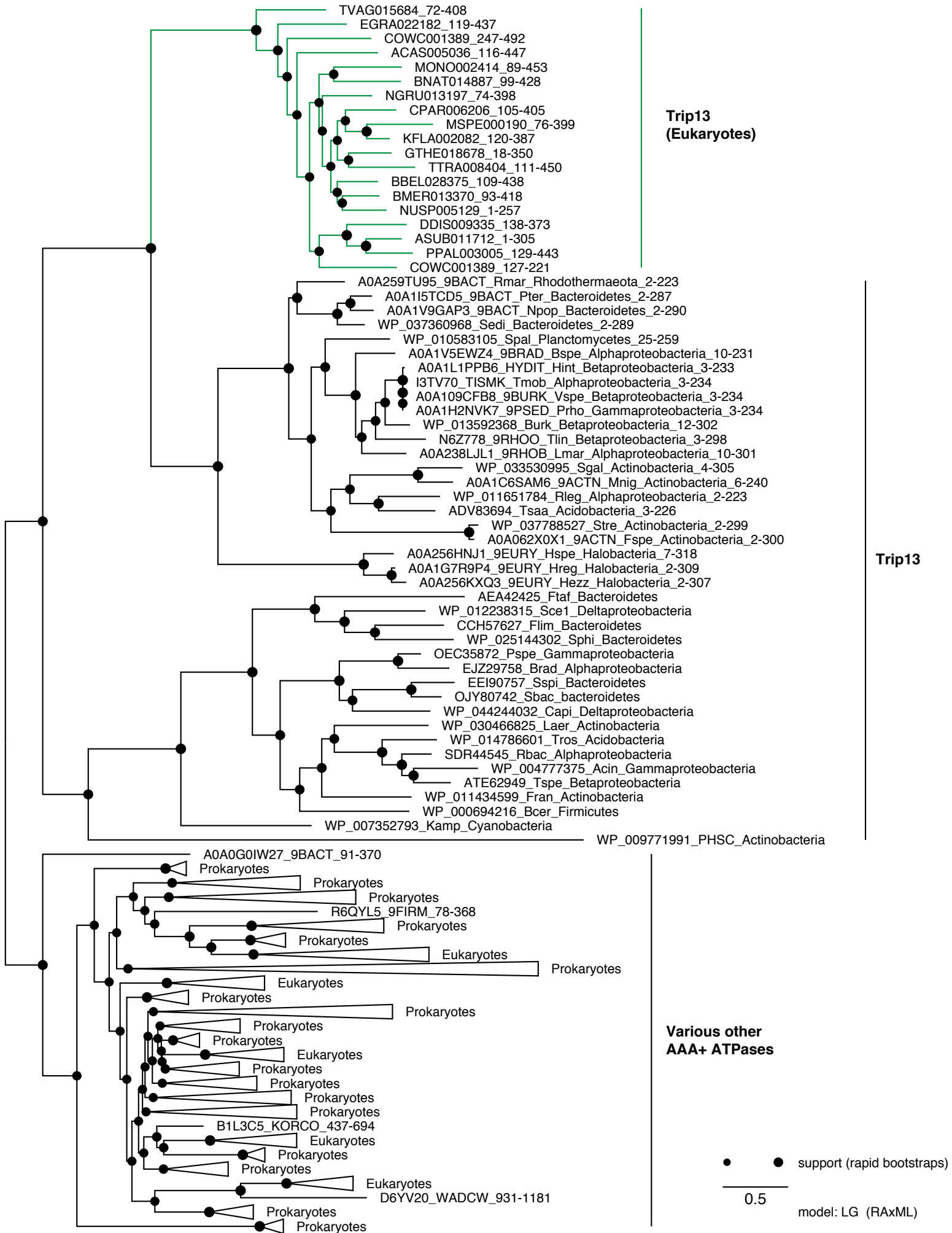
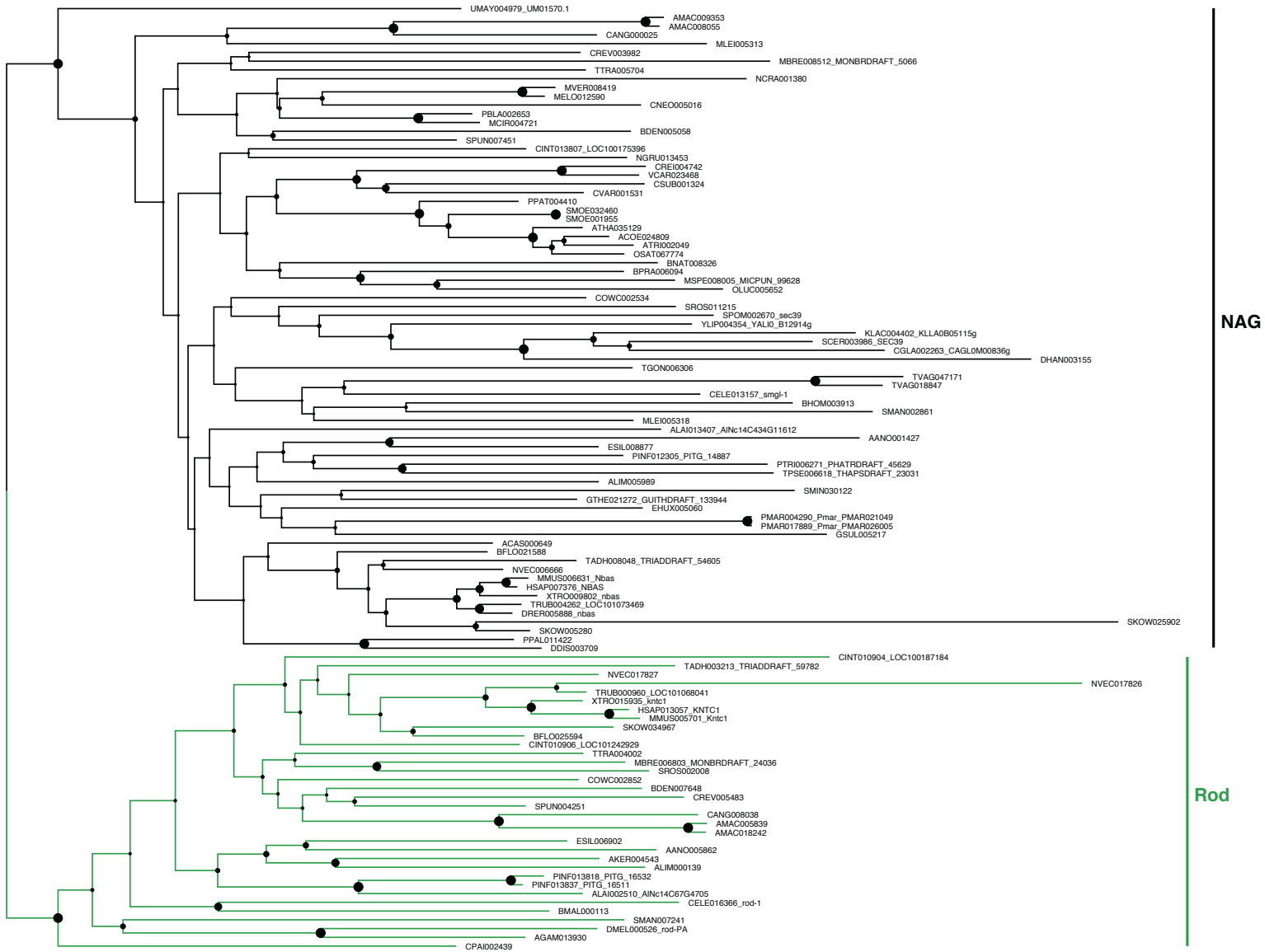


Figure S1H. WD40-NRH-Sec39 (Rod)

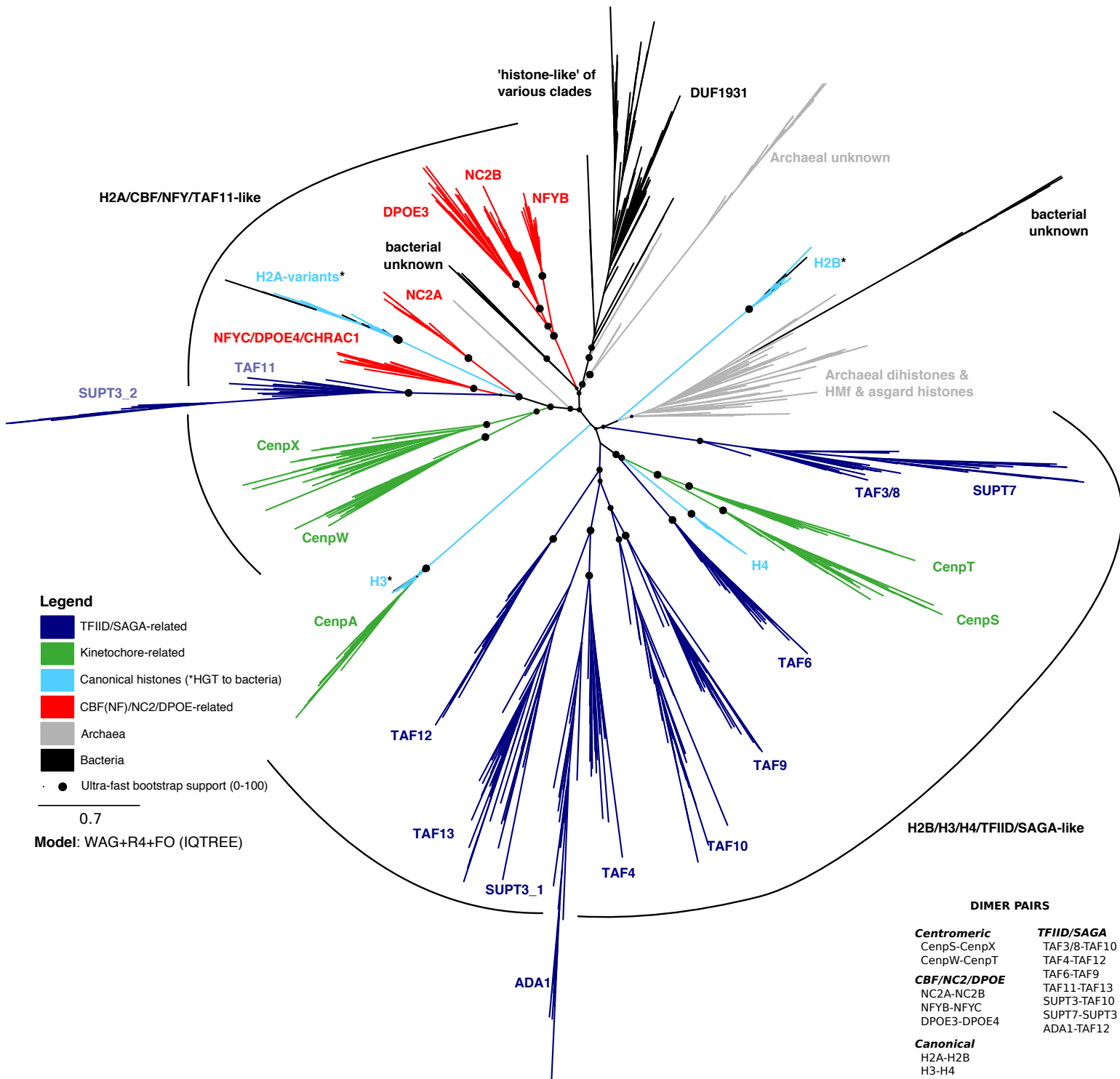


Support (rapid bootstraps)

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Model: LG + G (RAxML)

Figure S11. histones (CenpA, CenpT, CenpS, CenpX, CenpW)



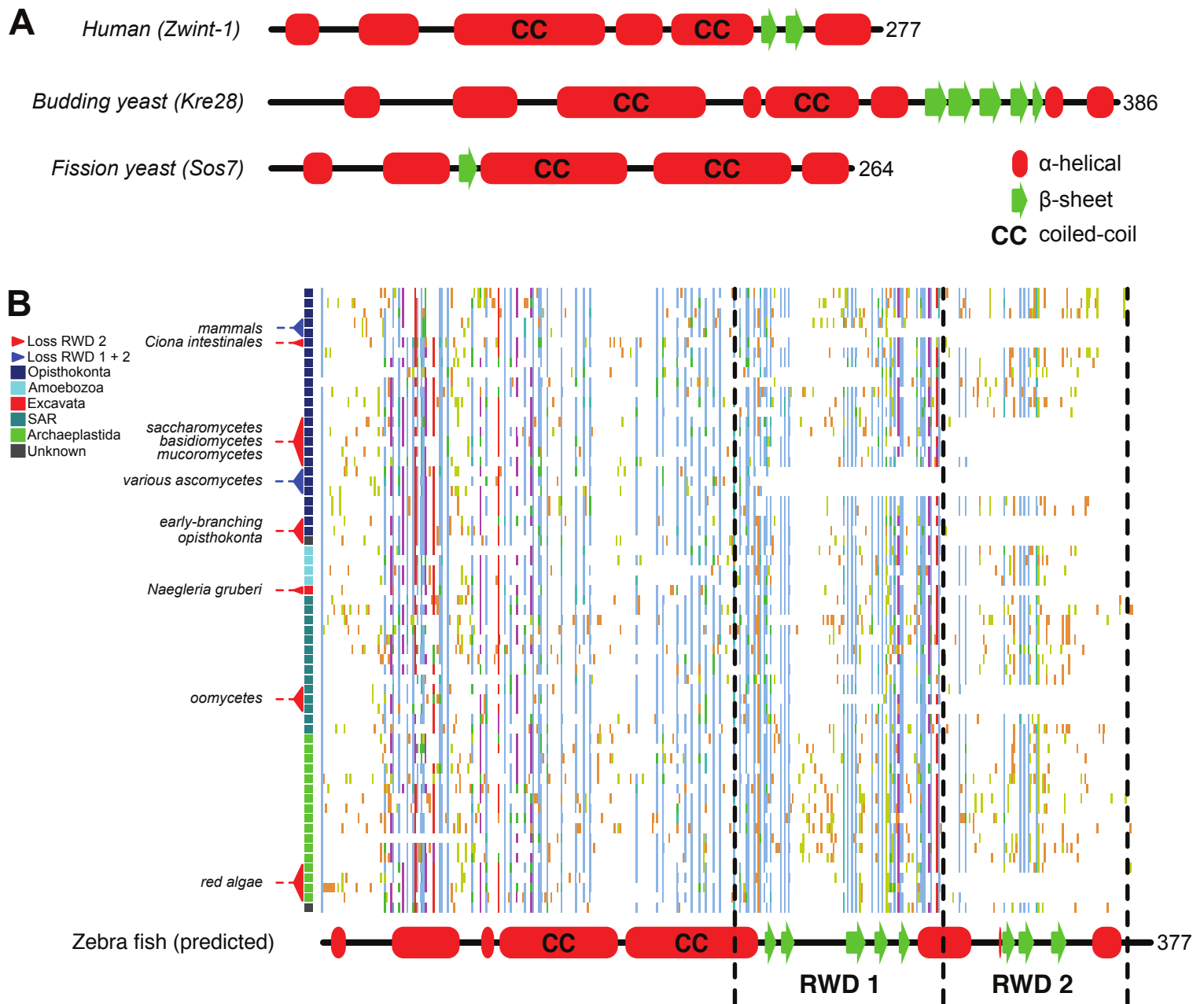


Figure S2. Recurrent loss of RWD domains during the evolution of Zwint-1.

(A) Secondary structure prediction of three *Zwint-1* orthologs: *Zwint-1* (human), *Kre28* (budding yeast) and *Sos7* (fission yeast), reveal a highly divergent C-terminal region. (B) Overview of a multiple sequence alignment of 83 *Zwint-1* orthologs that was based on the de novo predicted *Zwint*-like ortholog in zebra fish (*Danio rerio*). The colors of the alignment are based on the classic Clustal coloring scheme and the alignment is condensed so that the letters of the residues are not visible anymore. Note that the second RWD domain is more degenerated and therefore less conserved throughout the eukaryotic lineages that have a *Zwint-1* ortholog. On the left the small colored blocks indicate the supergroup to which each species belongs. The red and blue clades indicate which of the orthologs lost the RWD-2 or both the RWD-1 and RWD-2 domain respectively.

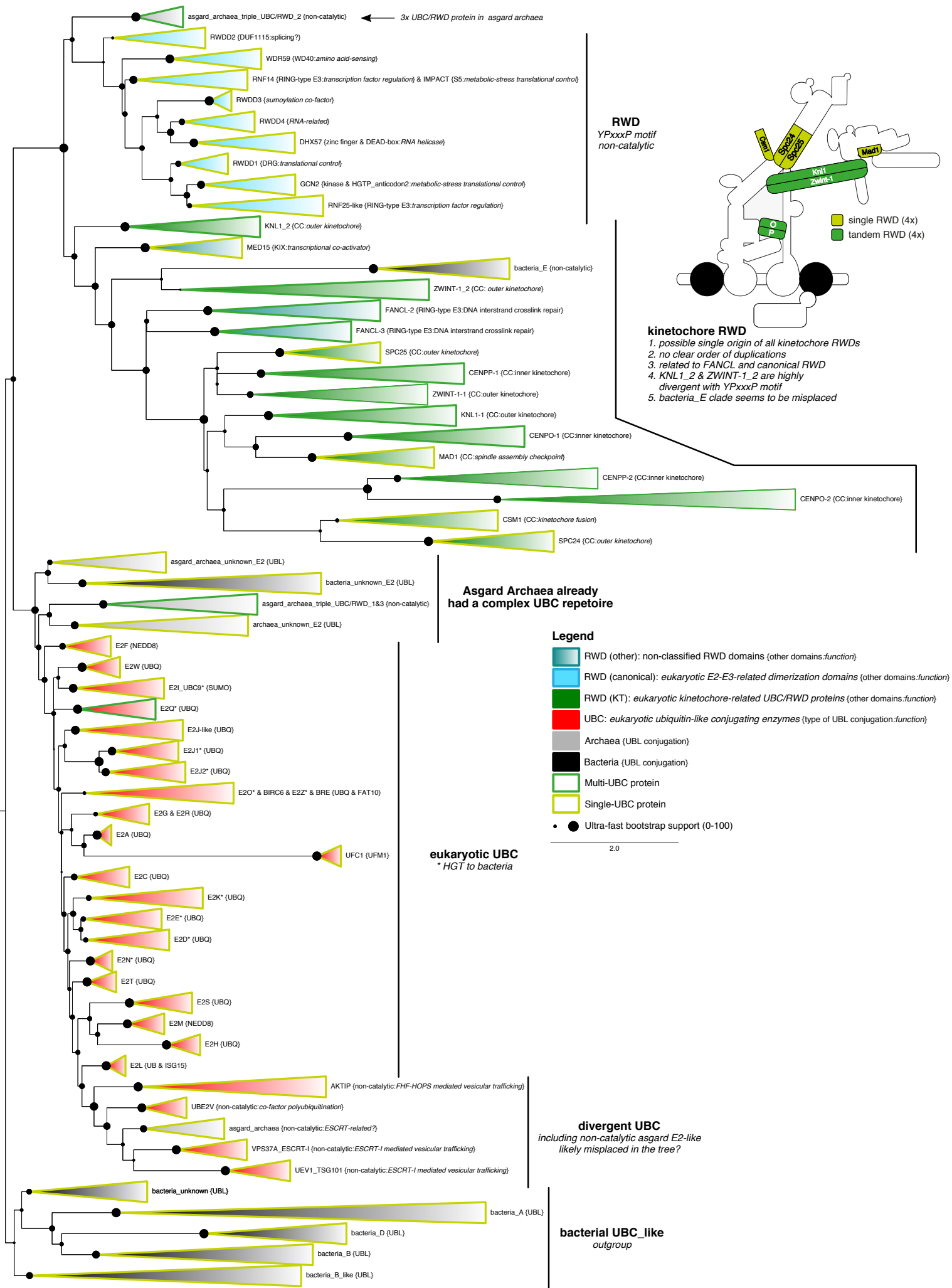


Figure S3. UBC superfamily evolution

Annotated phylogenetic tree of the UBC superfamily (based on “SI Appendix, Fig. S1E”). ‘{ }’ denote other domains present and general function for RWD proteins (kinetochore [KT] & other), while for UBC-like proteins it signifies potential substrates. See “SI Appendix, Text – RWD/UBC evolution” for discussion. In short: : the RWD and UBC proteins in eukaryotes are likely descendant from a bona fide ubiquitin-like modification system [47] that can be found in lineages that are phylogenetically affiliated with the archaeal ancestor of eukaryotes. Subsequent duplications and sub/neofunctionalization can be classified into four groups: (1) UBC (E2 ubiquitin conjugases), (2) canonical RWD (‘other’, E2/E3-associated proteins), and (3) orphan non-canonical RWD/UBC-like proteins and (4) RWD kinetochore proteins (KT), which are likely the closest homolog to the triple RWD protein *Fancl* and members of the Mediator complex (*Med14*, *Med15* and *Med17*). The latter three RWD-like groups are likely highly related. Note the presence of a RWD-like domain in an Asgard protein with 3x RWD/UBC domains. Note that the RWD-like domains *Fancl-1*, *Med14*-(1-2-3), *Med17* and the UBC-like enzymes *Atg7/Atg10* are not included in this tree (“SI Appendix, Text”). The stroke in light/dark green correspond to the RWD configuration present in each UBC/RWD group (single versus multiple).

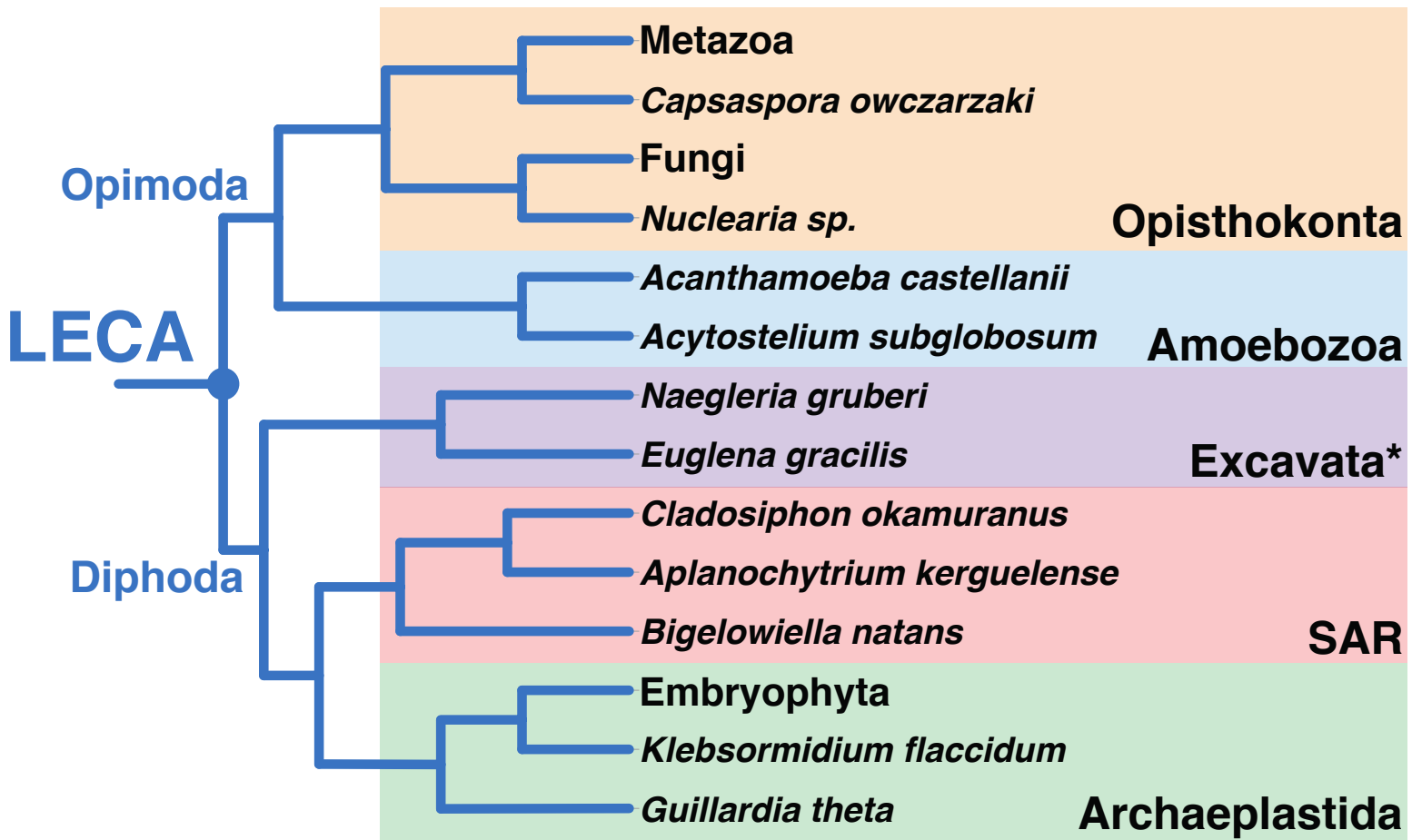


Figure S4. Phylogeny of eukaryotes.

Cartoon of the eukaryotic species tree with Opimoda-Diphoda root and eukaryotic supergroups [27]. This topology was used to infer whether a protein was likely present in LECA (“SI Appendix, Table S2”, Fig. 1B). * = Discoba + Metamonads, but excluding Malawimonas.

HORMA

Trip13 (AAA+ ATPase)

HORMA Trip13

Eukaryotes

- kinetochore
- DNA damage
- autophagy
- meiosis

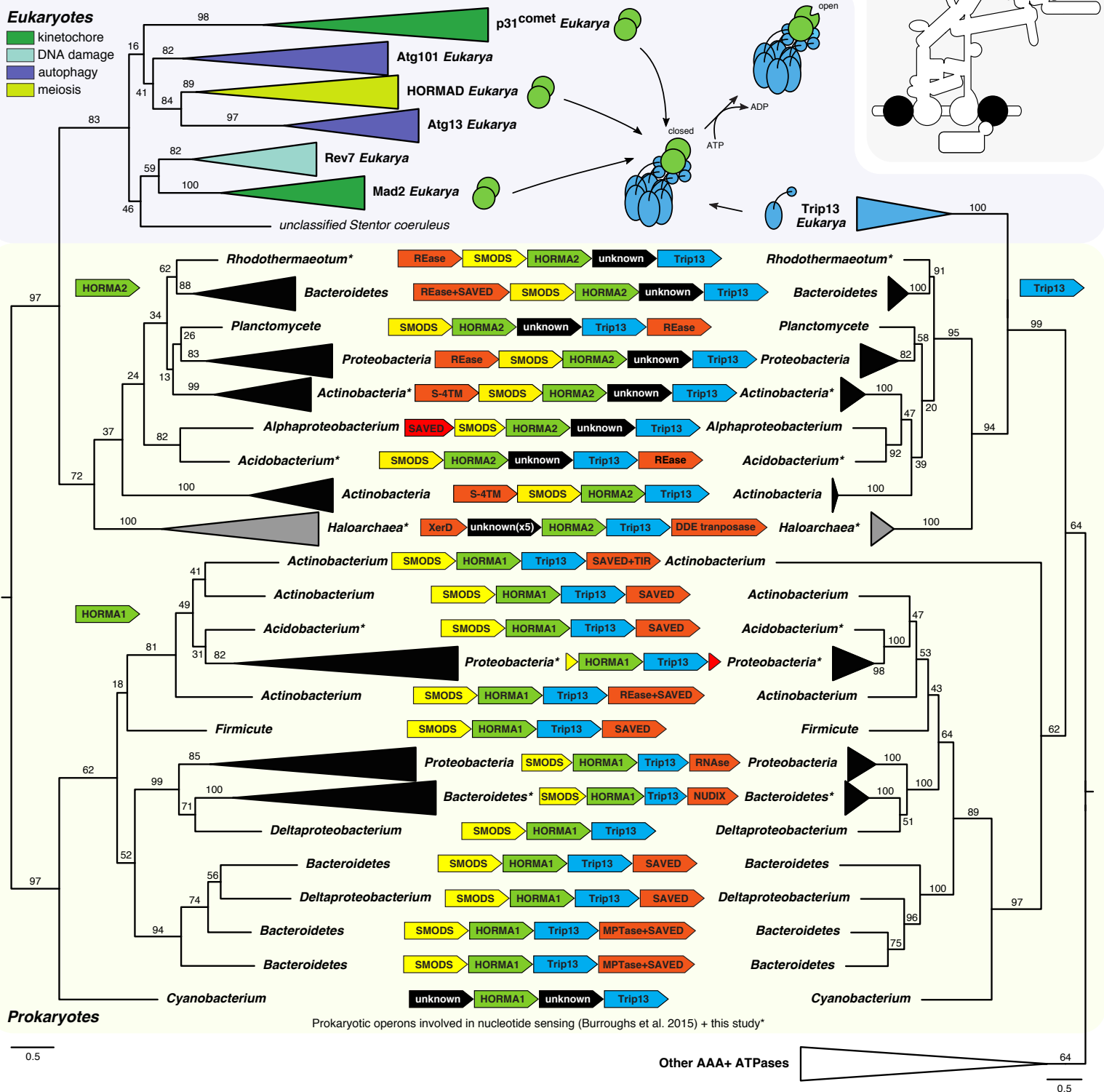


Figure S5. The HORMA-Trip13 module likely has a prokaryotic origin.

Full phylogenetic trees of HORMA domain proteins and AAA+ ATPases. In eukaryotes, HORMAD, Mad2 and p31comet are structurally modified (open/closed) by a Trip13 hexamer (upper panel, right side). In prokaryotes, HORMA (two types: 1, 2) and Trip13 are present in a single operon, strongly suggesting that they also interact in these species and thus that this interaction is ancient. The phylogenetic trees indeed suggest that the eukaryotic HORMA domain and Trip13 were derived from prokaryotes. In addition, the prokaryotic operons include proteins that are involved in nucleotide signaling (yellow: nucleotide transferase [SMODS], red: transposase-related [SAVED and others], and black: unknown), signifying that prokaryotic HORMA and Trip13 are affiliated to this process [10]. The uncollapsed trees can be found in “SI Appendix, Fig. S1F, S1G”. Asterisks indicate the species for which we discovered a HORMA-Trip13 operon (see Dataset S5 for annotation). The collapsed red and yellow domains in Proteobacteria (HORMA1) indicate the presence of various different domains in the operons amongst these lineages (see “SI Appendix, Dataset S5”).

Table S1 Ancient homologs of kinetochore domains and their functions (Figure 1, 6)

Note that if multiple domains have a shared evolutionary history, we regard them as a single unit in this table (kinase-polo box, WD40-NRH-Sec39). Some domains were recruited to the kinetochore before they duplicated to give rise to multiple kinetochore proteins. Those initial kinetochore entities are the ‘ancestral kinetochore units’. If a protein does not have closely related homologs in the kinetochore, the protein itself was the ancestral unit that got involved in the kinetochore. For all relationships, we indicate which type of evidence we have for it. A: phylogenetic tree, B: hit in profile-profile search, C: structure and/or literature. *The phylogeny of Ska1, Ska2 and Ska3 cannot be rooted, therefore it is unknown which are the each other’s closest paralog. **The BIR domain is involved in multiple processes in animals, but the kinetochore (inner centromere) function might be the ancestral one, because this is also reported in budding and fission yeast, which only have one BIR domain protein.

domain	LECA KT	closest pre-LECA kinetochore homolog(s)	ancestral kinetochore unit	closest pre-LECA non-kinetochore homolog(s)	other closely-related pre-LECA non-kinetochore homolog(s)
kinase +(polo)	Plk	-	Plk	centrosome (Plk4) A	diverse cellular functions (AGC kinases) A
	Aurora	-	Aurora	centrosome (Plk-Plk4) A	
kinase	MadBub	-	MadBub	uncharacterized A	unresolved A
	Mps1	-	Mps1	chromatin assembly & DNA repair (Tlk) A	unresolved A
TPR	MadBub	Mps1 B	anc_KT_TPR	unresolved AB	spliceosome (Syf1/Crnl1) B
	Mps1	MadBub B			
histone	CenpA	-	CenpA	nucleosome (H3) A	TBP-associated factors (TFIID, SAGA) A nucleosome (H3/H4/H2B) A
	CenpS CenpT	CenpT A CenpS A	anc_KT_histone_1	unresolved A (low bootstrap)	
	CenpW CenpX	CenpX A CenpW A	anc_KT_histone_2	unresolved A (low bootstrap)	
WD40	Cdc20	-	Cdc20	cell cycle progression (Cdh1) A	unresolved A
	Bub3	-	Bub3	nuclear mRNA transport (Rae1) A	unresolved A
HORMA	Mad2	-	Mad2	DNA repair (Rev7) A	autophagy (Atg13, Atg101) A meiosis (HORMAD) A
	p31 ^{comet}	-	p31 ^{comet}	unresolved (low bootstrap) A	prokaryotic nucleotide signaling (HORMA1) A
KT_RWD (1x)	Spc24 Spc25 Mad1 Csm1	unresolved order of duplications ABC	anc_KT_RWD	DNA repair (Fancl) ABC transcription (Med15) AB transcription (Med14, Med17) C	ubiquitin-like conjugases (E2) ABC canonical RWD (e.g. Gcn2) ABC autophagy (Atg7, Atg10) C
KT_RWD (2x)	Zwint1 Knl1 CenpO CenpP				
NN-CH	Ndc80 Nuf2	Nuf2 BC Ndc80 BC	anc_KT>NN-CH	unresolved [55] BC	intraflagellar transport (Ift54-81, Cluap1) BC RNA splicing & transport (Fam98, Rtraf) BC vesicle transport (Ccdc22, Ccdc93) BC

TBP-like	CenpN CenpL	CenpL C CenpN C	anc_KT_TBP-like	unresolved C	transcription (TBP, Med18, Med20) C binding of cargo (AP-2b/4b, COPb/g1) C enzymes (e.g. RNaseH3, spermine synthase) C
Mis12 NANO	Mis12 Nkp1 Nnf1 Nkp2 Dsn1 CenpU Nsl1 CenpQ	Nkp1 BC Mis12 BC Nkp2 BC Nnf1 BC CenpU C Dsn1 C CenpQ C Nsl1 C	anc_KT_Mis12/NANO	kinetochore-specific	
Ska-like	Ska1 Ska2 Ska3	unresolved* A	anc_KT_Ska	kinetochore-specific	
winged-helix	Ska1	-	Ska1	unresolved C	transcription and replication related proteins (e.g. RepA (prokaryotic), Cdt1, Orc1, Cdc6) C
AAA+ ATPase	Trip13	-	Trip13	prokaryote nucleotide signaling (Trip13) A	-
WD40-NRH-Sec39	Rod	-	Rod	Golgi-to-ER retrograde transport (Nag) A	vesicle coats (Clathrin, COPII, NUPs) C
vesicle tether	Zw10	-	Zw10	intra-Golgi transport (Cog5) A	vesicle tethering (COG, GARP and exocyst) A
BIR	Survivin**	-	Survivin	-	-
cupin	CenpC	-	CenpC	unresolved ABC	metabolic enzymes, transcription factors ABC
HEAT	Cenpl	-	Cenpl	unresolved BC	nuclear transport (importin beta) C coatomers (COPb, AP-1g) C DNA repair (FancI) C Signaling (PP2A) C
GTPase	CenpM	-	CenpM	unresolved AB	Nuclear transport (Ran) BC ER-Golgi transport (Rab1A) BC
kinesin	CenpE	-	CenpE	unresolved [56] A	Spindle formation (Kif15) B Golgi-to-ER retrograde transport (Kif1C) B
zinc finger	BugZ	-	BugZ	unresolved BC	transcription regulation (Znf879) B
novel domains	Zwilch, Incenp, Borealin, Sgo, Cep57, CenpH, CenpK				

Table S2. Kinetochores proteins from human and/or yeast and their inferred presence in the LECA kinetochore (Figure 1B).

For each of these proteins, we determined the orthologs across eukaryotic species [1] and determined whether it was encoded by the LECA genome (a ‘LECA protein’), based on Dollo parsimony (present in both Opimoda and Diphoda, “SI Appendix, Fig. S4”), or based on the inference of a pre-LECA duplication that gave rise to this protein. In addition, we assessed how likely this protein was part of the LECA kinetochore (‘LECA KT protein’). Model species (h: human, y: budding yeast). Supergroup presence (Opisthokonta (O), Amoebozoa (Am), Excavata (E), SAR (S), Archaeplastida (Ar)).

Protein	Model species	Kinetochores complex	Known domains	Supergroup presence	LECA (y/n: reason)	LECA KT (y/n: reason)
Mad1	h, y	Mad1-Mad2	RWD [57]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Mad2	h, y	Mad1-Mad2, MCC	HORMA [58]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Bub3	h, y	MCC	WD40 [59]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Cdc20	h, y	MCC	WD40 [60]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
MadBub	h, y	MCC	TPR, kinase [61]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Mps1	h, y		TPR, kinase [62–64]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
p31	h	Mad2-Mad2, MCC	HORMA [65]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Trip13	h	Mad2-Mad2, MCC	AAA+ ATPase [66–68]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Kn11	h, y	Kn11-Zwint-1	RWD (2x) [43]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Zwint-1	h, y	Kn11-Zwint-1	RWD (2x) [30, 43]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Dsn1	h, y	Mis12-C	Mis12 NANO [40, 42, 69]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Nsl1	h, y	Mis12-C	Mis12 NANO [40, 42, 69]	O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes

Nnf1	h, y	Mis12-C	Mis12 NANO [40, 42, 69]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Mis12	h, y	Mis12-C	Mis12 NANO [40, 42, 69]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
CEP57	h			O, E, S	yes: parsimony	yes
ARHGEF 17	h		RhoGEF [70]	O	no: parsimony	no
Ndc80	h, y	Ndc80-C	CH [55, 71]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Spc24	h, y	Ndc80-C	RWD [72]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Spc25	h, y	Ndc80-C	RWD [72]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Nuf2	h, y	Ndc80-C	CH [55, 71]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Ska1	h	Ska-C	Ska-like [31, 73]	O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Ska2	h	Ska-C	Ska-like [31, 73]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Ska3	h	Ska-C	Ska-like [31, 73]	O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Ska1	H	Ska-C	winged- helix [74]	O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Dam1	y	Dam1-C	all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Duo1	y	Dam1-C	Duo2- Dad2-like [31], all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Dad2	y	Dam1-C	Duo2- Dad2-like [31], all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no

Dad1	y	Dam1-C	Dad1/4-Ask1-like [31], all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, Am, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Dad3	y	Dam1-C	all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Dad4	y	Dam1-C	Dad1/4-Ask1-like [31], all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Hsk3	y	Dam1-C	all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S	no: HGT [31]	no
Ask1	y	Dam1-C	Dad1/4-Ask1-like [31], all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
Spc19	y	Dam1-C	all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O	no: parsimony	no
Spc34	y	Dam1-C	all Dam1-C subunits [75]	O, S, Ar	no: HGT [31]	no
SKAP	h	SKAP-Astrin		O	no: parsimony	no
Astrin	h	SKAP-Astrin		O	no: parsimony	no
Spindly	h	RZZS	BICD(R), TRAK/HAP, CDR2 [76]	O	no: parsimony	no
Rod	h	RZZS	NRH, Sec39, WD40 [77]	O, E, S	yes: parsimony	yes, but without Spindly, it is unclear how it was recruited to the KT

Zwilch	h	RZZS		O, S	yes: parsimony	yes, but without Spindly, it is unclear how it was recruited to the KT
Zw10	h	RZZS	Vsp51 [78]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes, but without Spindly, it is unclear how it was recruited to the KT
Aurora	h, y	CPC	Kinase [79]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Incenp	h, y	CPC		O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Survivin	h, y	CPC	Baculoviral IAP repeat (BIR) [80]	O, E, S	yes: parsimony	yes
Borealin	h	CPC		O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Sgo	h, y	CPC		O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
BugZ	h		Zinc finger	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
Plk	h, y		Kinase, polo box [81, 82]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpA	h, y	Histone	Histone [83]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony and phylogeny [1]	yes
CenpB	h	CCAN	TC5-DDE (TE) [84]	O	no: parsimony	no
CenpC	h, y	CCAN	Cupin [85]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpF	h			O	no: parsimony	no
CenpE	h		Kinesin [86]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	yes

CenpH	h, y	CCAN-HIKM	[42]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpI	h, y	CCAN-HIKM	HEAT-like repeats [87]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpK	h, y	CCAN-HIKM	[42]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpM	h	CCAN-HIKM	GTPase [87]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpL	h, y	CCAN-LN	TBP-like [42, 88]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpN	h, y	CCAN-LN	TBP-like [42, 88]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpO	h, y	CCAN- OPQRU	RWD (2x) [42, 89]	O, Am, S, Ar	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpP	h, y	CCAN- OPQRU	RWD (2x) [42, 89]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpQ	h, y	CCAN- OPQRU	Mis12 NANO [42]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
CenpR	h	CCAN- OPQRU		O	no: parsimony	no
CenpU	h, y	CCAN- OPQRU	Mis12 NANO [42]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony	yes
Nkp1	y	CCAN-Nkp	Mis12 NANO [42]	O	yes: predicted pre-LECA duplicate	yes
Nkp2	y	CCAN-Nkp	Mis12 NANO [42]	O, Am	yes: predicted pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpT	h, y	CCAN-TSWX	Histone [90, 91]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes

CenpW	h, y	CCAN-TSWX	Histone [90, 91]	O, Am, S	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpS	h, y	CCAN-TSWX	Histone [91]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
CenpX	h, y	CCAN-TSWX	Histone [91]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony + pre-LECA duplicate	yes
Ndc10	y	CBF3	GCR1_C, Crypton F- like [92]	O	no: parsimony	no
Ctf13	y	CBF3	F-box [93]	O	no: parsimony	no
Cep3	y	CBF3	Zinc finger, HEAT repeat [94]	O	no: parsimony	no
Skp1	y	CBF3	[95]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	yes: parsimony	No: likely operated in SCF ubiquitin ligase complex and was recruited to the KT with the CBF3 complex
Csm1	y	Monopolin	RWD [2, 96]	O, Am, S, Ar	Yes: parsimony	yes
Lsr4	y	Monopolin	[96, 97]	O	No: parsimony	no
Mam1	y	Monopolin	[97]	O	No: parsimony	no
Hrr25	y	Monopolin	Kinase [97]	O, Am, E, S, Ar	Yes: parsimony	No: likely KT function since the origin of Lsr4, Mam1 (Saccharomyce tales)

Table S3. Eukaryotic species used for phylogenetic analysis.

Table containing all eukaryotic species information from which sequences are used to construct the phylogenetic trees in “SI Appendix, Fig. S1A-I”.

Tax ID	Abbrev.	Scientific name	Common name	Eukaryotic supergroup	Group
595528	COWC	<i>Capsaspora owczarzaki ATCC 30864</i>	Amoeboid symbiont	Opisthokonta	Filasterea
431895	MBRE	<i>Monosiga brevicollis MX1 / ATCC 50154</i>	Choanoflagellate	Opisthokonta	Choanomonada
946362	SROS	<i>Salpingoeca rosetta</i>	Choanoflagellate	Opisthokonta	Choanomonada
400682	AQUE	<i>Amphimedon queenslandica</i>	Sponge	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
10228	TADH	<i>Trichoplax adhaerens</i>	Placozoan	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
45351	NVEC	<i>Nematostella vectensis</i>	Starlet sea anemone	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
27923	MLEI	<i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i>	Sea walnut/Warty comb Jelly	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
6183	SMAN	<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>	Flatworm	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
6239	CELE	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	Roundworm	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
6279	BMAL	<i>Brugia malayi</i>	Filarial nematode worm	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
7227	DMEL	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	Fruitfly	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
180454	AGAM	<i>Anopheles gambiae str. PEST</i>	Mosquito	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
10224	SKOW	<i>Saccoglossus kowalevskii</i>	Acorn worm	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
7719	CINT	<i>Ciona intestinalis</i>	Transparent sea squirt	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
7739	BFLO	<i>Branchiostoma floridae</i>	Florida lancelet	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
7741	BBEL	<i>Branchiostoma belcheri</i>	Belcher's lancelet	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
7955	DRER	<i>Danio rerio</i>	Zebrafish	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
31033	TRUB	<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	Japanese pufferfish	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
8364	XTRO	<i>Xenopus tropicalis</i>	Western clawed frog	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
10090	MMUS	<i>Mus musculus</i>	Mouse	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
9606	HSAP	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	Opisthokonta	Metazoa
1993908	NUSP	<i>Parvularia atlantis</i>		Opisthokonta	Holomycota
948595	VCUL	<i>Vavraia culicis floridensis</i>	Microsporidian parasite	Opisthokonta	Microsporidia
876142	EINT	<i>Encephalitozoon intestinalis ATCC 50506</i>	Microsporidian parasite	Opisthokonta	Microsporidia
1003232	EAED	<i>Edhazardia aedis USNM 41457</i>	Microsporidian parasite	Opisthokonta	Microsporidia
684364	BDEN	<i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis JAM81</i>	Chytrid fungus	Opisthokonta	Chytridiomycota
645134	SPUN	<i>Spizellomyces punctatus DAOM BR117</i>	Chytrid fungus	Opisthokonta	Chytridiomycota

578462	AMAC	<i>Allomyces macrogynus</i> ATCC 38327	Chytrid fungus	Opisthokonta	Blastocladales
765915	CANG	<i>Catenaria anguillulae</i> PL171	Chytrid fungus	Opisthokonta	Blastocladales
1220926	MCIR	<i>Mucor circinelloides</i> 1006PhL	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Mucoromycotina
763407	PBLA	<i>Phycomyces blakesleeanus</i> NRRL1555	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Mucoromycotina
1069443	MVER	<i>Mortierella verticillata</i> NRRL 6337	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Mortierellaceae
310910	MELO	<i>Mortierella elongata</i>	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Mortierellaceae
1357683	BBER	<i>Basidiobolus meristosporus</i> B9252		Opisthokonta	Entomophthorales
796925	CCOR	<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i> NRRL28638	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Entomophthorales
763665	CREV	<i>Coemansia reversa</i> NRRL 1564	Zygomycete fungus	Opisthokonta	Kickxellomycotina
237631	UMAY	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	Fungus	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
235443	CNEO	<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	Fungus	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
4896	SPOM	<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> (strain 972 / ATCC 24843)	Fission yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
367110	NCRA	<i>Neurospora crassa</i> OR74A	Filamentous fungus	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
284591	YLIP	<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i> CLIB 122	Yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
284592	DHAN	<i>Debaryomyces hansenii</i> CBS767	Yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
284590	KLAC	<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i> NRRL Y-1140	Yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
284593	CGLA	<i>Candida glabrata</i> CBS138	Yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
559292	SCER	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> S288C	Baker's yeast	Opisthokonta	Dikarya
461836	TTRA	<i>Thecamonas trahens</i> ATCC 50062	Bacterivorous flagellated protist	(sister to Opisthokonta)	Apusomonadida
1257118	ACAS	<i>Acanthamoeba castellanii</i> str. Neff	Amoeba	Amoebozoa	Discosea
294381	EHIS	<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> HM-1:IMSS	Amoeba	Amoebozoa	Entamoebidae
352472	DDIS	<i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i> AX4	Slime mould	Amoebozoa	Dictyosteliida
670386	PPAL	<i>Polysphondylium pallidum</i> PN500	Cellular slime mold	Amoebozoa	Dictyosteliida
1410327	ASUB	<i>Acytostelium subglobosum</i> LBI		Amoebozoa	Dictyosteliida
280463	EHUX	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i> CCMP1516	Haptophyte	(sister to SAR)	Haptophyta
1460289	CTOB	<i>Chrysochromulina tobin</i> strain CCMP291	Haptophyte	(sister to SAR)	Haptophyta
453998	MONO	<i>Monocercomonoides</i> sp. PA203		Excavata	Oxymonadida
412133	TVAG	<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> G3	Protozoan	Excavata	Parabasalia
941442	GINT	<i>Giardia intestinalis</i> assemblage A	Protozoan	Excavata	Fornicata
347515	LMAJ	<i>Leishmania major</i> strain Friedlin	Protozoan	Excavata	Discicristata
185431	TBRU	<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i> TREU 927	Protozoan	Excavata	Discicristata
3039	EGRA	<i>Euglena gracilis</i>		Excavata	Discicristata

744533	NGRU	<i>Naegleria gruberi</i> strain NEG-M	Protozoan	Excavata	Discicristata
12968	BHOM	<i>Blastocystis hominis</i>	Single-celled protozoan parasite	SAR	Stramenopiles
702273	AKER	<i>Aplanochytrium kerguelense</i> PBS07	Marine protist	SAR	Stramenopiles
717989	ALIM	<i>Aurantiochytrium limacinum</i> ATCC MYA-1381	Marine protist	SAR	Stramenopiles
	SPAR				
403677	PINF	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i> T30-4	Potato late blight fungus	SAR	Stramenopiles
890382	ALAI	<i>Albugo laibachii</i> Nc14	Arabidopsis pathogen	SAR	Stramenopiles
272952	HPAR	<i>Hyaloperonospora parasitica</i>	former name: Peronospora parasitica. Also called Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis	SAR	Stramenopiles
1093141	NGAD	<i>Nannochloropsis gaditana</i> CCMP526	Stramenopile alga	SAR	Stramenopiles
44056	AANO	<i>Aureococcus anophagefferens</i> CCMP1984	Harmful bloom alga	SAR	Stramenopiles
2880	ESIL	<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	Brown alga	SAR	Stramenopiles
309737	COKA	<i>Cladosiphon okamuranus</i>	Brown alga	SAR	Stramenopiles
556484	PTRI	<i>Phaeodactylum tricorutum</i> CCAP1055/1	Diatome	SAR	Stremenopiles
296543	TPSE	<i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i>	Marine diatom	SAR	Stremenopiles
423536	PMAR	<i>Perkinsus marinus</i> ATCC 50983		SAR	Alveolata
1202447	SMIN	<i>Symbiodinium minutum</i>	Dinoflagellate	SAR	Alveolata
36329	PFAL	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> 3D7	Protozoan	SAR	Alveolata
414452	CPAI	<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i> Iowa II	Protozoan	SAR	Alveolata
508771	TGON	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> ME49	Protozoan	SAR	Alveolata
5888	PTET	<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	Paramecium	SAR	Alveolata
5911	TTHE	<i>Tetrahymena thermophila</i>	Tetrahymena	SAR	Alveolata
1172189	OTRI	<i>Oxytricha trifallax</i>	Ciliate	SAR	Alveolata
5963	SCOE	<i>Stentor coeruleus</i>	Ciliate	SAR	Alveolata
753081	BNAT	<i>Bigelowiella natans</i> CCMP2755	Chlorarachniophyte alga	SAR	Rhizaria
905079	GTHE	<i>Guillardia theta</i> CCMP2712	Cryptomonad alga	Archaeplastida	Cryptophyceae
2762	CPAR	<i>Cyanophora paradoxa</i>	Glaucohyte	Archaeplastida	Glaucohyta
130081	GSUL	<i>Galdieria sulphuraria</i>	Red alga	Archaeplastida	Rhodophyceae
280699	CMER	<i>Cyanidioschyzon merolae</i> 10D	Red alga	Archaeplastida	Rhodophyceae
554065	CVAR	<i>Chlorella variabilis</i> NC64A	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
574566	CSUB	<i>Coccomyxa subellipsoidea</i> C-169	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida

3055	CREI	<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
3068	VCAR	<i>Volvox carteri</i>	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
296587	MSPE	<i>Micromonas species RCC299</i>	Picoplanktonic green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
436017	OLUC	<i>Ostreococcus lucimarinus CCE9901</i>	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
1075084	BPRA	<i>Bathycoccus prasinos RCC1005</i>	Green alga	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
3175	KFLA	<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>		Archaeplastida	Klebsormidiaceae
145481	PPAT	<i>Physcomitrella patens subsp. patens</i>	Moss	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
88036	SMOE	<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	Spikemoss	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
13333	ATRI	<i>Amborella trichopoda</i>		Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
39947	OSAT	<i>Oryza sativa japonica</i>	Rice	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
3702	ATHA	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale cress	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida
218851	ACOE	<i>Aquilegia coerulea Goldsmith</i>	Rocky mountain columbine	Archaeplastida	Chloroplastida

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Datasets

Dataset S1 (Excel sheets)

HHsearch/PRC output.

Dataset S2 (Excel sheets)

Overview of all the structures analyzed in this study, including all all-vs-all structure similarity scores for RWD/UBC, histone, TBP-like, winged-helix and Mis12/NANO.

Dataset S3 (multiple sequence alignment)

Multiple Sequence alignment of RWD/UBC-like, associated to Figure 2D, “SI Appendix, Fig. S1E, Fig. S3”.

Dataset S4 (multiple sequence alignment)

Multiple Sequence Alignment of histones, associated to Figure 3B and “SI Appendix, Fig. S1I”.

Dataset S5 (Excel sheets)

Information on the operon structure of prokaryotes with HORMA-1/HORMA-2 and Trip13 proteins, associated to Figure 5 and “SI Appendix, Fig. S5”.

External Data

Please find the datasets described below by clicking on this link: <https://figshare.com/s/884e8848b032f02eb7c3>

Hidden Markov Models (archive text files)

Archived text files (.zip) containing 147 HMM profiles (hmmer3.1b format) of kinetochore proteins and/or their domains used in the profile-versus-profile searches using HHsearch and PRC (for results see “SI Appendix, Dataset S1, External Data: HHsearch Network”).

HHsearch Network (Cytoscape Network file)

Cytoscape files of the HHsearch network. Raw profile-versus-profile bit-scores and E-values, and the used HMM profiles can be found in “SI Appendix, Dataset S1, External Data: Hidden Markov Models”. This file can be opened with Cytoscape (<https://cytoscape.org/>).

RWD/UBC structures (Pymol session file)

Pymol session file, containing all RWD/UBC structures used in this study, associated to the analysis shown in Figure 2C. Raw structural similarity scores can be found in the RWD table in “SI Appendix, Dataset S2”. This file can be opened with Pymol (<http://pymol.org/>).

TBP-like structures (Pymol session file)

Pymol session file, containing all TBP-like structures used in this study, associated to the analysis shown in Figure 3C. Raw structural similarity scores can be found in the TBP-like table in “SI Appendix, Dataset S2”. This file can be opened with Pymol (<http://pymol.org/>).

Histone structures (Pymol session file)

Pymol session file, containing all histone structures used in this study, associated to the analysis shown in Figure 3B. Raw structural similarity scores can be found in the histones table in “SI Appendix, Dataset S2”. This file can be opened with Pymol (<http://pymol.org/>).

Mis12/NANO structures (Pymol session file)

Pymol session file, containing all Mis12/NANO structures used in this study, associated to the analysis shown in Figure 4. Raw structural similarity scores can be found in the Mis12/NANO table in “SI Appendix, Dataset S2”. This file can be opened with Pymol (<http://pymol.org/>).