

THE MACROEVOLUTIONARY LANDSCAPE OF SHORT-NECKED PLESIOSAURIANS

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY PHYLOGENETIC INFORMATION

We modified the matrix of Fischer et al. ¹ by adding six species: *Rhaeticosaurus mertensi* ², *Acostasaurus pavachoquensis* ³, *Pliosaurus patagonicus* ⁴, *Pliosaurus almanzaensis* ⁵, *Sachicasaurus vitae* ⁶, and *Kronosaurus boyacensis* ⁷. We also modified the scores of *Stenorhynchosaurus munozi* according to ⁸, except for the following four characters, for which we retained the scores of ^{1,9}:

- #49. The parietal vault is poorly preserved and the character scores appears as ambiguous from the data provided in ⁸. We scored this character as “?”.
- #56. We think that the bone interpreted as a jugal in ⁸ contains parts of the squamosal, which is especially evident in Figure 3C of ⁸, where the bone interpreted as a jugal forms most of squamosal arch. If true, this would mark a clear departure from the morphology observed other derived pliosaurids ^{9–11}. Moreover, the jugal-squamosal connection appears to be broken off. For these reasons, we conservatively scored this character as “?”.
- #127. We kept the score “1”, because the dorsal portion of the surangular still appears blade-like (Figure 2A in ⁸).
- #130 We kept the score “0”, because the dorsal surface of the articular does not seemingly form a concave surface (Figures 2 and 3 in ⁸).

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1. Taxonomic sampling and completeness ratio. *Manemergus anguirostris* was removed prior to the analyses because of the (very) young ontogenetic stage of the type and only specimen ^{1,12}; we decided to keep the data here for further use. Taxa in grey did not pass the 50% completeness threshold and were also removed prior to the analyses. Surface scanned taxa are marked with an *; see supplementary information to download the 3D models.

Taxon	Clade	Completeness	Source of data
<i>Hauffiosaurus longirostris</i>	Pliosauridae	36.4%	^{13,14} ; measurements from photographs of the holotype
<i>Hauffiosaurus tomistomimus</i>	Pliosauridae	18.2%	¹⁴ and measurements on MMUM LL8004
<i>Hauffiosaurus zanoni</i>	Pliosauridae	72.7%	¹⁵ ; measurements on photos of HAUF 7 (uncatalogued at the time)
<i>Marmornectes candrewi</i>	Pliosauridae	72.7%	¹⁶ ; measurements on photos of the holotype
<i>Peloneustes philarchus</i>	Thalassophonea	90.9%	Measurements on GPIT 03182
<i>Simolestes vorax</i>	Thalassophonea	100%	¹⁷ ; measurements on photos from Andrews ¹⁸ and Noé ¹⁹ (NHMUK R3319)
<i>Pliosaurus westburyensis</i>	Thalassophonea	54.5%	^{20,21} and measurements on photos BRSMG CC332
<i>Pliosaurus carpenteri</i>	Thalassophonea	54.5%	^{21,22} and measurements on photos of BRSMG Cd6172
<i>Pliosaurus brachydeirus</i>	Thalassophonea	45.4%	Measurements on OUMNH J.9245, and estimations from Knutsen ²²
<i>Pliosaurus kevani</i>	Thalassophonea	72.7%	¹¹ and measurements on photos of DORCM G.13,675
<i>Pliosaurus andrewsi</i>	Thalassophonea	54.5%	¹⁹ and measurements from photos NHMUK R3891
<i>Pliosaurus brachyspondylus</i>	Thalassophonea	72.7%	²²⁻²⁴ and measurements on CAMSM J 35991
<i>Liopleurodon ferox</i>	Thalassophonea	81.8%	Measurements on GPIT 03184 (previously 1754/2)
<i>Kronosaurus queenslandicus</i> *	Thalassophonea	72.7%	Data from McHenry ²⁵ on QM F10113 and QM

			F18827 (only for teeth) and Holland ²⁶ (KK F0630, for mandible proportions). Measurements from photos and laser scans of QM F10113 (0.8mm resolution) and a cast of MCZ 1285 held at QM (0.2mm resolution)
<i>Megacephalosaurus eulerti</i> *	Thalassophonea	63.6%	Measurements a white light scan of FHSM VP-321 (0.5 to 1mm resolution; provided by Chase Shelburne) and ²⁷ for additional tooth crown data
<i>Brachauchenius lucasi</i> *	Thalassophonea	63.6%	Measurements from a laser scan of the holotype (USNM 4989) (0.5mm resolution)
<i>Stenorhynchosaurus munozi</i>	Thalassophonea	63.6%	^{8,28} and measurements from photos
<i>Anguanax zignoi</i>	Thalassophonea	27.3%	^{29,30} and measurements from photos
<i>Makhaira rossica</i>	Thalassophonea	18.2%	³¹ and measurements on YKM 68249/1-10
<i>Luskhan itilensis</i>	Thalassophonea	72.7%	⁹ and measurements on YKM 68344/1_262
<i>Acostasaurus pavachoquensis</i>	Thalassophonea	72.7%	³ and measurements from photos of UNDG R-1000
<i>Pliosaurus patagonicus</i>	Thalassophonea	0.00%	⁴ and measurements from photos of MLP 80-V-29-1
<i>Pliosaurus almanzaensis</i>	Thalassophonea	36.4%	⁵ and measurements from photos of MOZ 3728P
<i>Sachicasaurus vitae</i>	Thalassophonea	72.7%	⁶ and measurements from photos of MP111209-1
<i>Kronosaurus boyacensis</i>	Thalassophonea	27.3%	Data from "El fosil" Hampe 1992; measurements from photos
<i>Edgarosaurus muddi</i>	Polycotyliidae	81.8%	³² and measurements from photos of MOR 751
<i>Plesiopleurodon wellsi</i> *	Polycotyliidae	72.7%	Measurements on a laser scan of CM 2815 (0.3mm resolution)
Richmond 'pliosaur'*	Polycotyliidae	81.8%	Measurements on a laser scan of QM F1609 (0.3mm resolution)
<i>Palmulasaurus quadratus</i>	Polycotyliidae	9.1%	³³ and humerus/femur ratio from ³⁴ and

			measurements from photos of MNA V9442
<i>Pahasapasaurus haasi</i>	Polycotyliidae	54.5%	³⁵ and measurements from photos of AMM 98.1.1
<i>Polycotylus latipinnis</i>	Polycotyliidae	81.8%	³⁶ and measurements from photos SDSM 23020) for cranium; ¹⁷ for neck/skull ratio (using specimen YPM 1125)
<i>Thillilua longicollis</i>	Polycotyliidae	63.6%	^{1,37} and measurements on MHNGr.PA. 11710
<i>Trinacromerum bentonianum*</i>	Polycotyliidae	72.7%	Measurements from a laser scan (resolution 0.3 mm) of KUVV 5070; ¹⁷ for neck/skull ratio; ³⁸ for symphyseal teeth
<i>Dolichorhynchops osborni*</i>	Polycotyliidae	90.9%	Measurements from a laser scan (resolution 0.3 mm) of KUVV 1300; ³⁸ for symphyseal teeth
<i>Dolichorhynchops bonneri*</i>	Polycotyliidae	81.8%	Measurements from a laser scan (resolution 0.3 mm) of KUVV 40001. Symphyseal teeth data from ³⁸ ; limb data from ³⁹
<i>Eopolycotylus rankini</i>	Polycotyliidae	18.2%	³³ and measurements from photos of MNA V9445
<i>Dolichorhynchops tropicensis</i>	Polycotyliidae	81.8%	³⁴ and measurements from photos of MNA V10046; McKean pers. comm. Dec. 2018 for coronoid; Gillette pers. comm. Dec. 2018 for retroarticular
<i>Dolichorhynchops herschelensis</i>	Polycotyliidae	54.5%	⁴⁰ and measurements from photos of RSM P2310.1
<i>Sulcusuchus erraini</i>	Polycotyliidae	0.00%	⁴¹ and measurements from photos of MPEF 650
<i>Mauriciosaurus fernandezi</i>	Polycotyliidae	54.5%	⁴² and measurements from photos of CPC RFG 2544 P.F.1)
<i>Manemergus anguirostris</i>	Polycotyliidae	90.9%	¹² and measurements on SMNK 386

Table S2. Morphometric ratios and measurements used to quantify Baupläne, with description of function or characterisation justification.

Name	Explanation	Completeness
HL_mandible	Height of the mandible (at the level of the coronoid process) ÷ length of mandible. Characterises maximum aspect ratio for jaw; proxy for the maximum dorsoventral flexural stiffness of the jaw ⁴³⁻⁴⁵ .	57.5%
Retro_coro	Length of retroarticular process ÷ height of the mandible at the level of the coronoid process. Characterises the leverage to open the jaw against the drag of the water ⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ .	50%
Snout_width	Skull width just anterior to the orbit ÷ mandible length. Characterises skull shape and is related to (i) resistance to lateral shaking ⁴⁹ , and (ii) to the volume of water needed to be expelled to close the jaws ⁵⁰ .	45%
Rel_snout	Snout length ÷ mandible length. Characterises snout shape and is related to (i) resistance to lateral shaking ⁴⁹ , (ii) to the volume of water needed to be expelled to close the jaws ⁵⁰ , and (iii) to the amount of drag during swimming ⁵¹ .	57.5%
Rel_Symphysis	Symphyseal length ÷ mandible length. Characterises the shape of the snout and the mechanical response of the anterior jaw to dorsoventral, mediolateral and rotational loads during biting ^{44,45,52} .	77.5%
Symph_teeth_density	Number of symphyseal teeth ÷ symphysis length. Proxy for the preferential use of the anterior jaw for prey capture ⁴⁵ .	60%
Crown_height	Maximum absolute crown height. Absolute crown size has been shown to be a major determinant of diet in modern cetaceans ⁵³ .	67.5%
Crown_shape	Crown height ÷ crown basal diameter. Characterises tooth shape (slender vs. broad); proxy for bending resistance of the tooth ^{45,54-56} .	70%
Hum/Fem	Humerus proximodistal length ÷ femur proximodistal length. Characterises the appendicular body plan. Humeri and femora are known to reduce in length with increased employment for swimming ^{57,58} ; the length of the humerus and femur relative to one another may therefore be considered as a proxy for fore-limb driven, hind-limb driven or equally driven underwater locomotion.	57.5%
Mand/fem	Mandible length ÷ femur proximodistal length. Animals with relatively long limbs and small heads will swim, accelerate, and catch food in distinct manner to animals with relatively large heads and small limbs ^{59,60} . This character is therefore a proxy for elongation of limbs relative to skull size.	50%
Neck/skull	Neck length ÷ mandible length. Characterises the general body plan; proxy for potential feeding arc and reach of cranium away from the trunk ⁶¹ .	45%

Table S3. PERMANOVA p-values, testing the strength of the main clusters (cut =2) and increasingly smaller subclusters (cut = 3:10).

Cut value	PERMANOVA p-value
2	<0.001 (***)
3	<0.001 (***)
4	<0.001 (***)
5	<0.001 (***)
6	<0.001 (***)
7	<0.01 (**)
8	<0.05 (*)
9	0.1359
10	0.1688

Table S4. Results of the principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) on craniodental data.

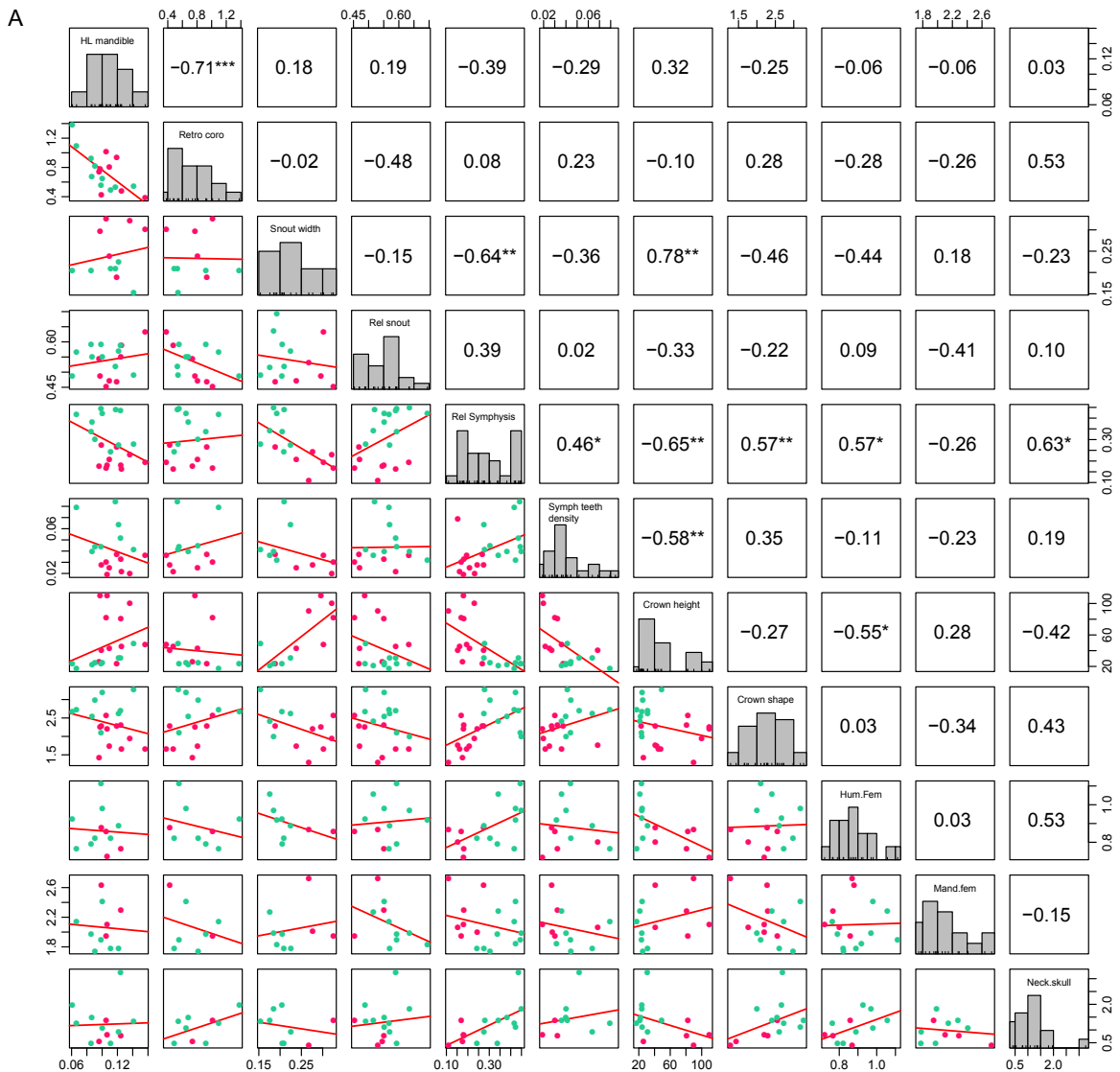
	Eigenvalues	Corrected eigenvalues	Relative corrected eigenvalues	Cumulative relative eigenvalues
1	102.193121771145	463.869462205815	0.148492965411724	0.148492965411724
2	61.1457772100602	286.698653395902	0.0917774000898045	0.240270365501528
3	37.412108106037	230.906291332669	0.0739172606214767	0.314187626123005
4	37.1438087569245	218.014953030361	0.0697905111615476	0.383978137284553
5	24.1970034832429	184.980045187141	0.0592154424678333	0.443193579752386
6	17.4956260661365	154.380339782146	0.0494199259130125	0.492613505665399
7	14.6075672498017	139.40377519477	0.0446256579810724	0.537239163646471
8	10.3880323787846	123.366667471945	0.0394918910996198	0.576731054746091
9	4.87235481758962	105.516997690975	0.0337778904736844	0.610508945219775
10	3.44554160087047	98.5462618389466	0.0315464324405401	0.642055377660315
11	2.47363171827753	95.9988649635975	0.0307309648426034	0.672786342502919
12	1.33856470420492	90.1189258073412	0.0288486904682545	0.701635032971173
13	1.11702012312488	85.0453908259296	0.0272245605871294	0.728859593558302
14	0.0565502248815406	82.3023067639064	0.0263464499979853	0.755206043556288
15	0	78.2362022814413	0.0250448167552968	0.780250860311585
16	-0.354687044831845	76.2641335132217	0.024413522041486	0.804664382353071
17	-0.489879979068597	74.4051616679499	0.0238184316886772	0.828482814041748
18	-0.680875139407188	72.9336824358365	0.023347384696967	0.851830198738715
19	-0.861558503234132	70.3399447859105	0.0225170825828634	0.874347281321578

20	-1.55745510920335	69.5584661827946	0.0222669172138593	0.896614198535437
21	-1.83599166025336	66.0102568940532	0.0211310715458104	0.917745270081248
22	-2.24507794773183	63.2571664406893	0.0202497577306636	0.937995027811911
23	-4.04686739313769	56.3910713738424	0.0180517970965951	0.956046824908506
24	-5.14765636630927	53.5068377716017	0.017128501998659	0.973175326907165
25	-6.44220248625217	35.8548873857984	0.0114777949104533	0.984653121817619
26	-8.79691827973208	30.6130863821715	0.00979980004649877	0.994452921864117
27	-13.9451315515094	17.3282292839322	0.00554707813588232	1
28	-21.2566818323273	0	0	1
29	-22.5385094591177	0	0	1

Table S5. Test of disparity overdispersion over time. The values of the sum of range (SoR) and sum of variance (SoV) for each time bin (Early Jurassic [EJ], Mid Jurassic [MJ], Late Jurassic [LJ], Early Cretaceous [EK], and Late Cretaceous [LK]) always fall within the mean ± 2 *standard deviation of our bootstrapping procedure using the entire dataset (1000 random samples without replacement of all taxa, with the same bin size as the time bin to which it is compared). Hence, no time bin shows a notable under- or overdispersion of morphological disparity, even though the Late Jurassic bin is very close to the underdispersion threshold.

	EJ	MJ	LJ	EK	LK
SoR	NA	117.43	113.76	131.50	171.49
Boot_SoR_mean-2sd	NA	113.25	112.95	124.04	158.24
Boot_SoR_mean+2sd	NA	127.68	127.96	138.88	173.56
SoV	NA	104.82	94.18	111.52	108.51
Boot_SoV_mean-2sd	NA	94.14	94.05	96.09	102.33
Boot_SoV_mean+2sd	NA	128.61	128.45	126.83	120.71

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



B Phylogenetic tree

Cluster dendrogram

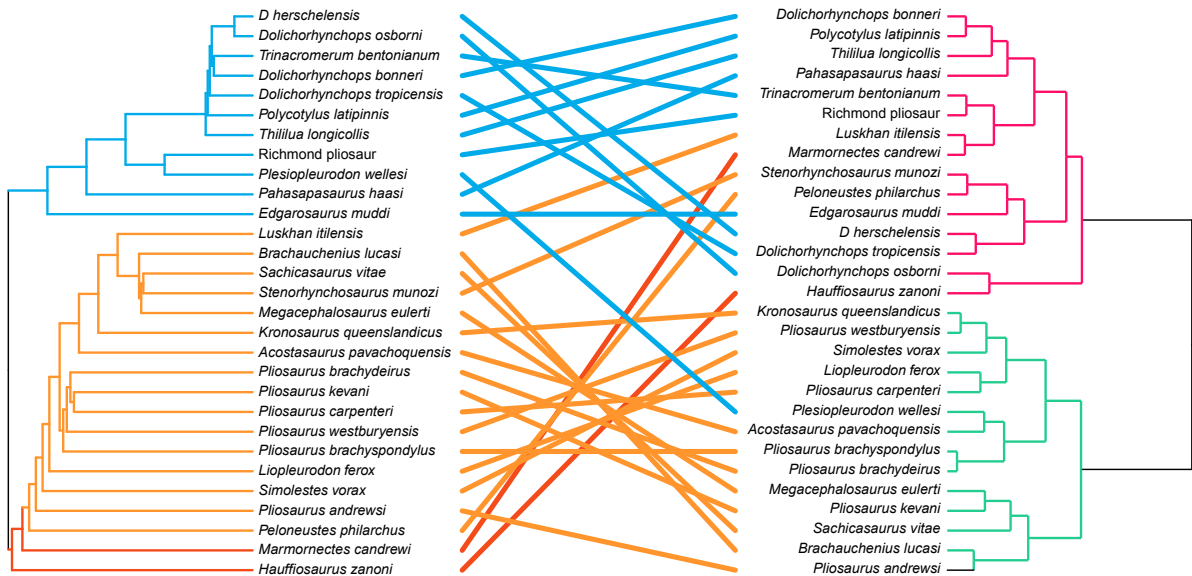


Figure S 1. A, Histograms, pairwise distribution, and correlation of the Bauplan variables used here. The lower panels denote the distribution of the data, and each dot is coloured with respect to the major clusters: longirostrines in aquatic green and latirostrines in dark pink. The upper panels indicate the pairwise correlation (Pearson's correlation coefficient); asterisks indicate significance at $\alpha=0.05$ (*) and 0.01 (**). B, Tanglegram comparing phylogeny (one randomly sampled most parsimonious tree) with the hierarchy of the cluster dendrogram, craniodental dataset. The packages psych v1.8.12⁶² and dendextend v.1.13.2.⁶³ in the R v3.6.2 statistical environment⁶⁴ (<https://www.r-project.org>) were used to produce this figure.

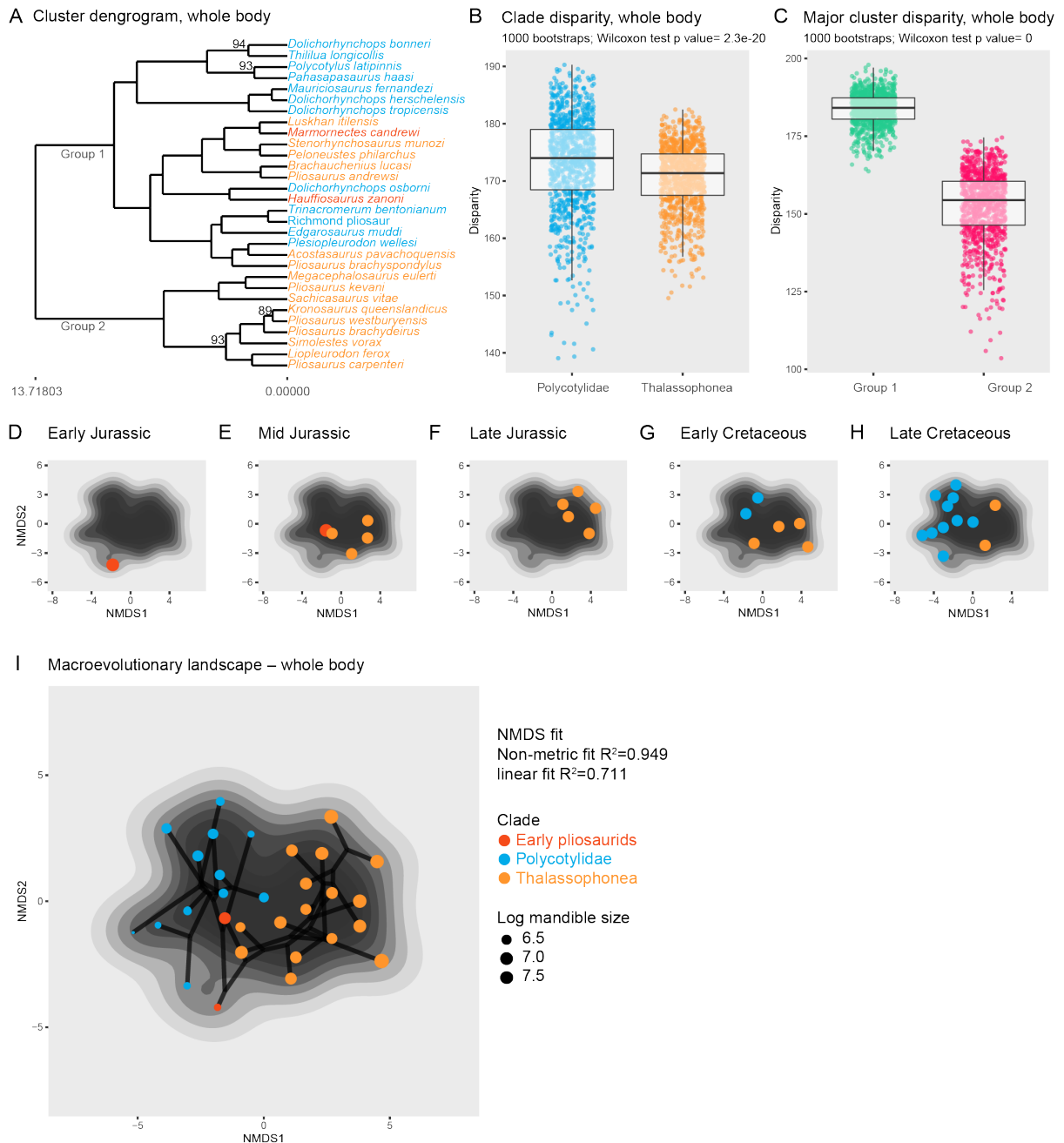
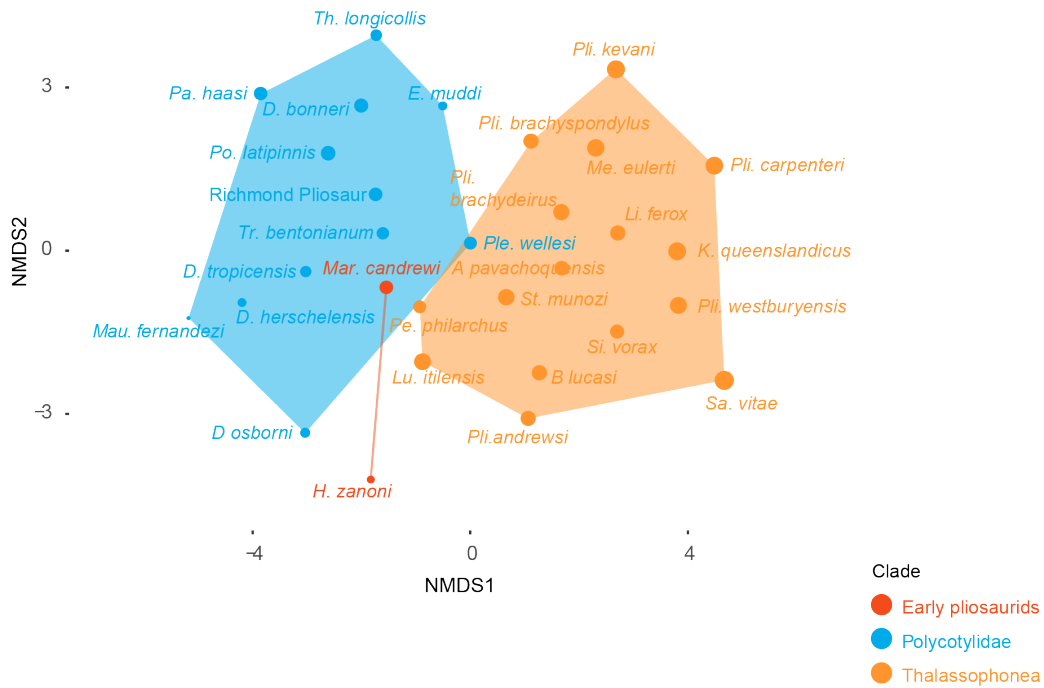


Figure S 2. Results of whole body analyses. A, Cluster dendrogram using the entire dataset. Values of node support (approximate unbiased p-value) are indicated when below 97%. B, comparison of total disparity per taxonomy (Polycotylidae | Thalassophonea). C, comparison of total disparity per Bauplan cluster (group 1 | group 2). D-I, Morphospace occupation over time and density using NMDS of the whole dataset. D, Early Jurassic occupation superimposed on the final landscape. E, Middle Jurassic occupation superimposed on the final landscape. F, Late Jurassic occupation superimposed on the final landscape. G, Early Cretaceous occupation superimposed on the final landscape. H, Late Cretaceous occupation superimposed on the final landscape. I, all taxa with superimposed phylogeny, using a randomly-sampled most parsimonious tree. The packages ggplot2 v3.3.1⁶⁵, ggdendro v0.1-20

⁶⁶ , dendextend v.1.13.2. ⁶³, ggrepel v0.8.1 ⁶⁷, gridextra v2.3. ⁶⁸ and plotly v4.9.1 ⁶⁹ in the R v3.6.2 statistical environment ⁶⁴ (<https://www.r-project.org>) were used to produce this figure.

A Bauplan data – NMDS – whole body
 Non-metric fit $R^2=0.949$; linear fit $R^2=0.711$



B Bauplan data – NMDS – craniodental
 Non-metric fit $R^2=0.958$; linear fit $R^2=0.766$

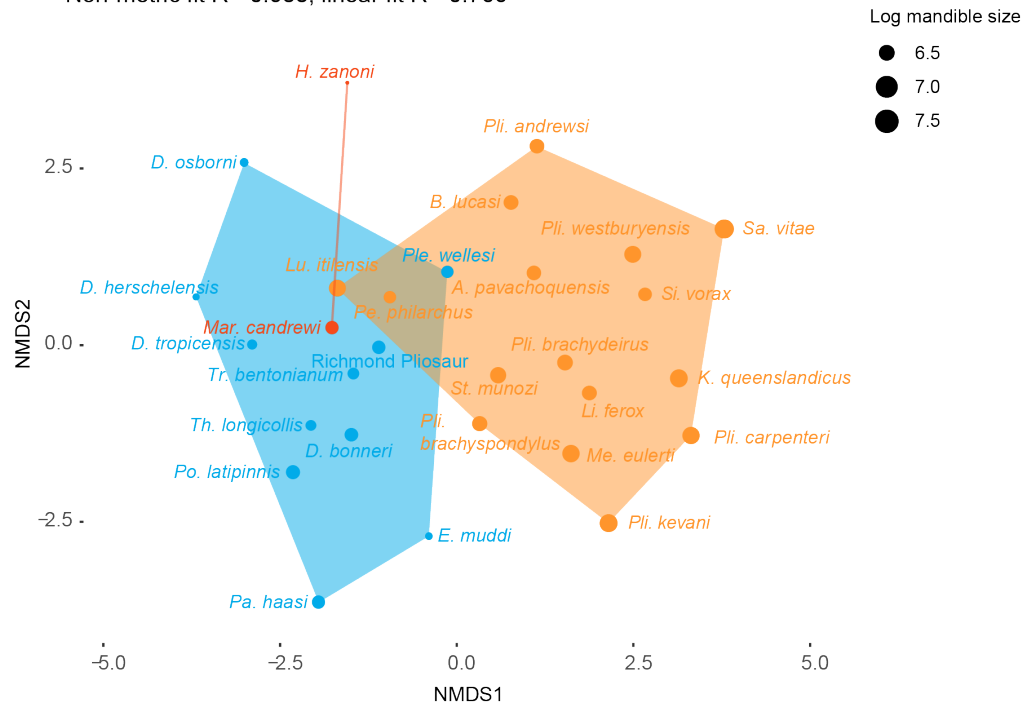
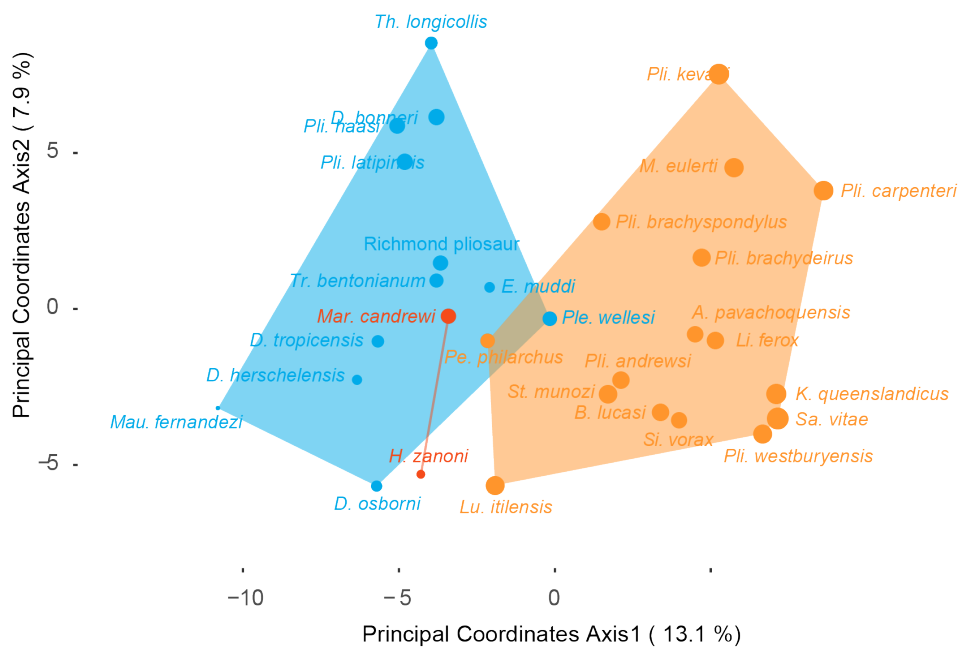


Figure S 3. Morphospaces using NMDS of the whole dataset (A) and the craniodental dataset (B). The size of each data is proportional to the \log_{10} of mandible size. The package ggplot2 v3.3.1⁶⁵ in the R v3.6.2 statistical environment⁶⁴ (<https://www.r-project.org>) was used to produce this figure.

C Bauplan data – PCoA – whole body



D Bauplan data – PCoA – craniodental

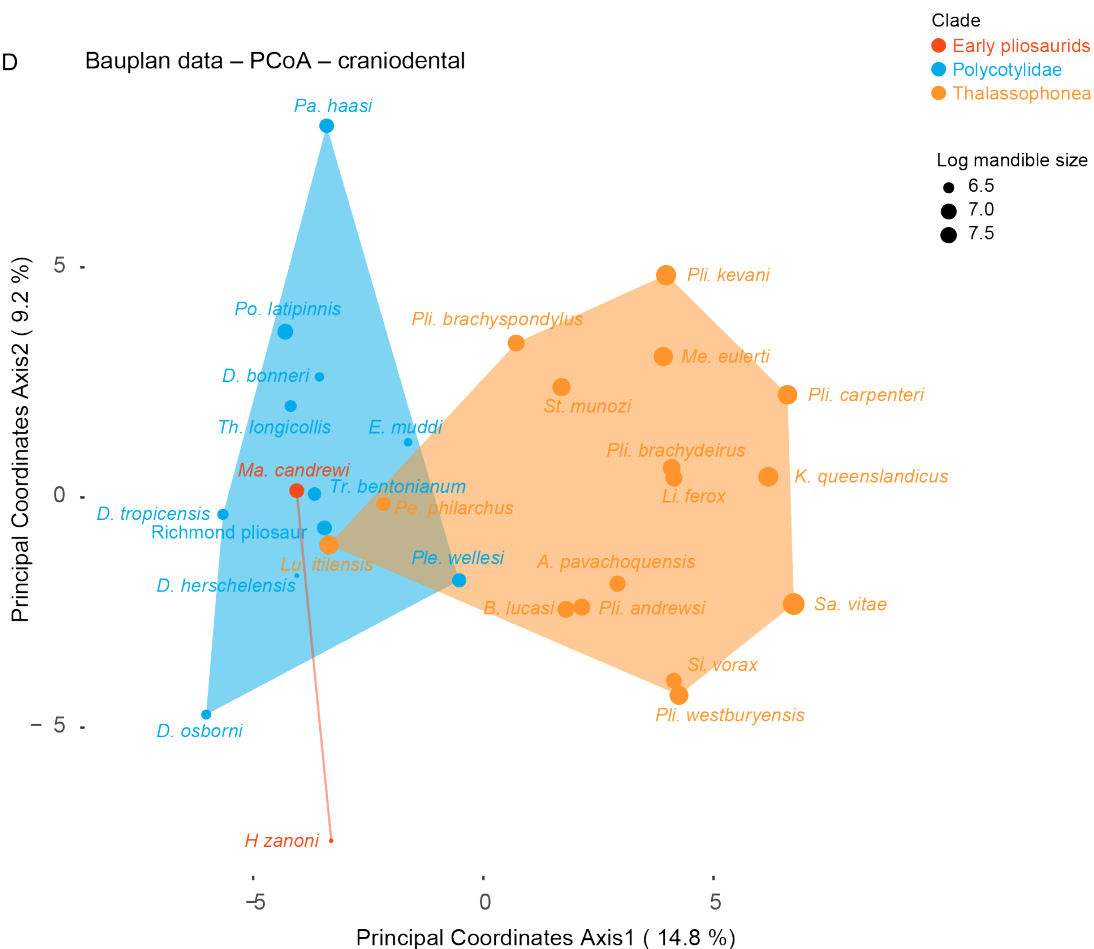


Figure S 4. Morphospaces using the first two axes of the PCoA of the whole dataset (A) and the craniodental dataset (B). The size of each data is proportional to the log10 of mandible size. The package ggplot2 v3.3.1⁶⁵ in the R v3.6.2 statistical environment⁶⁴ (<https://www.r-project.org>) was used to produce this figure.

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