

1 **A phylogenomic perspective on the robust capuchin monkey (*Sapajus*) radiation**

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24 **Graphical Abstract**

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26 **Highlights**

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- 28 ● Phylogenomic analyses support *Sapajus* and *Cebus* clades within capuchin mon-
- 29 keys
- 30 ● Molecular data support *Sapajus nigritus*, *S. robustus* and *S. xanthosternos* as
- 31 species
- 32 ● UCE phylogeny lumps *Sapajus* Amazonian and grassland morphospecies
- 33 ● SNP data separate *S. flavius* and *S. libidinosus* as sister species
- 34 ● We recommend collapsing *S. apella*, *S. macrocephalus* and *S. cay* as one species

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36 **Abstract**

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38 Phylogenetic relationships among robust capuchin monkeys (*Sapajus*) are poorly under-

39 stood. Taxonomies for this group based on morphology have considered from one to

40 twelve different species. Current IUCN classification lists eight robust capuchins: *S.*

41 *xanthosternos*, *S. nigritus*, *S. robustus*, *S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, *S. cay*, *S. apella* and *S.*

42 *macrocephalus*. Here we assembled the first phylogenomic data set for robust capuchin

43 monkeys using ultra-conserved elements (UCEs) to construct a robust capuchin phylog-

44 eny using RAxML. We extracted SNPs from the UCE data set, and created SNP phy-

45 logenies using Bayesian and Maximum Likelihood methods. We estimated a species

46 tree using SVDquartets analyses. All phylogenomic analyses strongly supported *Sapa-*

47 *jus* and *Cebus* clades within capuchin monkeys, and *Sapajus nigritus*, *S. robustus* and *S.*
48 *xanthosternos* as species. However, the UCE phylogeny lumped morphospecies *S. cay*,
49 *flavius*, *libidinosus*, *apella*, *macrocephalus*, and *flavius* together as a single widespread
50 evolutionary lineage. The Bayesian SNP phylogeny was better resolved, and recovered
51 *S. flavius* and *S. libidinosus* as sister species, together as sister to an *S. apella* + *macro-*
52 *cephalus* + *cay* clade; *S. apella*, *S. cay*, and *S. apella* individuals were interspersed to-
53 gether in the topology with no evidence for monophyly for any of these three morpho-
54 logical species. The species tree topology differed from the UCE and SNP topologies in
55 that it reconstructed two major clades for robust capuchin monkeys: one Atlantic Forest
56 clade (*S. robustus*, *S. xanthosternos*, and *S. nigritus*) and one widely distributed clade
57 (*S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, plus north and south Amazonian robust capuchins). As mor-
58 phological and molecular subdivisions of the Amazonian group + southern grasslands
59 group (currently recognized as *S. cay*, *S. apella* and *S. macrocephalus*) are discordant,
60 we recommend lumping all Amazonian plus southern grassland robust capuchin taxa as
61 *S. apella* without subspecies.

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63 **Keywords**

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65 tree, Ultraconserved elements (UCEs)

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67 **1. Introduction**

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69 Robust capuchin monkeys (*Sapajus*) comprise a widespread Neotropical primate
70 genus found across cis-Andean Latin America, from the Colombian Llanos to the Gui-
71 anas and throughout the Amazon basin as well as in the Atlantic Forest, Cerrado,
72 Caatinga and Central Grasslands of South America, as far south as northern Argentina
73 (Rylands et al., 2013). These primates as a group are true habitat generalists, with an
74 incredible diet breadth compared to other Neotropical primates. While fruit and insects
75 form the bulk of their diets, their robust jaw morphology coupled with behavioral adap-
76 tations for tool use and manipulative and extractive foraging together allow for the ex-
77 ploitation of encased and hidden foods unavailable to most other non-human animals
78 (Fragaszy et al., 2004; Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012b).

79 Taxonomists have disagreed about the proximity of the relationship of robust
80 capuchins to gracile capuchins. Elliot (1913) created a taxonomic key that divided the
81 genus *Cebus* into tufted and non-tufted groups on the basis of the presence or absence of
82 hair tufts on the frontal region of the head. However, only after Hershkovitz (1949) was
83 there a general consensus about this division, with just one species (*Cebus apella* Lin-
84 naeus, 1758) recognized among the tufted group. Hill (1960) also considered all robust
85 capuchins as one cosmopolitan species, *Cebus apella*, placed within the gracile capu-
86 chin genus, *Cebus*. Groves (2001, 2005) considered capuchins to form two species
87 groups: (1) *C. capucinus* group with *C. capucinus*, *C. albifrons*, *C. olivaceus*, and *C.*
88 *kaapori*; and (2) *C. apella* group with *C. apella*, *C. libidinosus*, *C. nigrinus*, and *C. xan-*
89 *thosternos* (Table 1). Silva-Júnior (2001) separated robust capuchins as a different sub-
90 genus (*Sapajus*) from gracile capuchins (*Cebus*) on the basis of distinct cranial, post-
91 cranial and pelage morphology. Subsequently, genetic research validated the separation
92 of robust and gracile capuchins as two distinct and equally diverse clades using mito-
93 chondrial (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012a; Lima et al., 2017) and a combination of mtDNA

94 and nuclear (Perelman et al., 2011) markers. Two Alu elements provide strong evidence
95 for the monophyly of robust *versus* gracile capuchins: Alu element S49P is present in
96 *Sapajus* but not *Cebus* (Viana et al., 2015) and the AluSc8 insertion is found in *Cebus*
97 but not *Sapajus* (Martins Jr. et al., 2015). A recent review justified the splitting of ro-
98 bust and gracile capuchins into two genera (*Cebus* for gracile capuchins and *Sapajus* for
99 robust capuchins) based on the distinct morphology, biogeographic history, behavior,
100 and ecology of each type (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012b).

101 Taxonomists have also disagreed about the number of species encompassed by
102 extant robust capuchins based on morphology (Table 1). Elliot (1913) recognized
103 twelve species of robust capuchins, but Cabrera (1957) and Hill (1960) placed all robust
104 forms into one species, *Cebus apella*, while retaining 11 and 16 subspecies, respective-
105 ly. For the four decades between 1960 and 2000, most researchers lumped all robust
106 capuchins as one species irrespective of place of origin, usually without regard for sub-
107 species designations (e.g. Cole, 1992; Daegling, 1992; Ford and Hobbs, 1996; Master-
108 son, 1997; Wright, 2005a; 2005b, 2007), leading to obfuscation of species or population
109 differences within the robust capuchin literature (see Lynch Alfaro et al., 2014 for dis-
110 cussion). However, Torres de Assumpção (1983) pointed to distinct geographical varia-
111 tion in morphology among robust capuchin populations within Brazil, and especially
112 within the Atlantic Forest. More recent morphological analyses have provided evidence
113 for multiple *Sapajus* species (Groves, 2001, 2005; Silva-Júnior, 2001, 2002, 2005;
114 Rylands et al., 2005, 2012, 2013; Rylands and Mittermeier, 2009). The robust capuchin
115 group is now considered by most taxonomists to be comprised of four to eight species
116 (Silva-Júnior., 2001; Groves, 2001; Rylands and Mittermeier, 2009; Rylands et al.,
117 2005, 2012, 2013). The IUCN (2015) currently recognizes eight species: *Sapajus fla-*
118 *vius*, the blonde capuchin; *S. xanthosternos*, the yellow-breasted capuchin; *S. robustus*,

119 the robust tufted capuchin; *S. nigritus*, the black-horned capuchin; *S. apella*, the brown
120 capuchin; *S. macrocephalus*, the large-headed capuchin; *S. cay*, Azara's capuchin; and
121 *S. libidinosus*, the bearded capuchin.

122 Recent biogeographic analyses based on mitochondrial DNA suggest that the
123 time depth of the radiation of extant robust capuchins is about 2.5 My of diversification,
124 with diversity accumulating first in the Atlantic Coastal Forest of Brazil, and a recent
125 expansion of robust capuchins throughout the Amazon Basin and Cerrado, Caatinga and
126 Central Grasslands in the last 500,000 years (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012a; Lima et al.,
127 2017). These analyses suggest that while the Atlantic Forest populations are relatively
128 old and distinct, and can be separated as up to four different species, the Ama-
129 zon/Grasslands radiation is better considered a highly polymorphic single species or
130 species complex (Lima et al., 2017). If our current nuclear data set is congruent with the
131 mtDNA data, we would expect to see evidence for four to five species: *S. nigritus*, *S.*
132 *robustus*, and *S. xanthosternos* each as reciprocally monophyletic clades, with *S. flavius*
133 either nested within or as the sister group to a single clade that extends across the Ama-
134 zon and grasslands habitats in South America (and encompasses *S. apella*, *S. libidino-*
135 *sus*, *S. macrocephalus* and *S. cay* morphospecies) (Lima et al., 2017).

136 Here we use phylogenomic markers, ultraconserved elements (UCEs), to infer
137 the phylogeny for robust capuchin monkeys, and to assess the evidence for congruence
138 with species assignment by morphology and by mitochondrial and Alu markers. The
139 UCE-based approach enriches DNA libraries for hundreds or thousands of UCEs and
140 their flanking regions; then employs massively parallel sequencing for these libraries,
141 and informatic tools to assemble, align and analyze the data (Faircloth et al., 2013). The
142 UCE approach has been used successfully to resolve historically contentious taxonomi-
143 cal questions (McCormack et al., 2012; Crawford et al., 2012) including Pleistocene

144 radiations (McCormack et al., 2015). Previous studies using nuclear markers for capu-
145 chin phylogeny have utilized a limited number of taxa and used captive individuals
146 from unknown provenance as species exemplars (i.e. Perelman et al., 2011, Springer et
147 al., 2012). The present study marks the first test of robust capuchin phylogeny using
148 phylogenomic markers to analyze genetic relationships across species-representative
149 individuals from known provenance and assigned morphologically to each of the eight
150 currently recognized *Sapajus* species. Based on the most comprehensive mtDNA analy-
151 sis for the capuchin monkey radiation (Lima et al., 2017) we expect that much of the
152 diversification within the *Sapajus* genus has occurred relatively recently, within the
153 Pleistocene. We use SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms) data recovered within the
154 UCE results in order to refine our understanding of robust capuchin diversification, as
155 this technique was successful recently in elucidating the scrub-jay phylogeny across a
156 similar geologic time frame (McCormack et al., 2015).

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158 **2. Material and methods**

159 *2.1. Samples, DNA extraction and sequencing*

160 We sampled 67 individuals from 8 species of the genus *Sapajus* and 4 species of
161 the genus *Cebus* from 62 localities distributed throughout the Atlantic Forest, Amazon,
162 Central Grasslands habitats and Central America (Figure 1 and Table 2). The total ge-
163 nomic DNA was extracted from muscle and blood samples using the Qiagen DNeasy
164 Blood & Tissue Kit, according to the manufacturer's protocol. Library preparation, se-
165 quence capture and sequencing of ultraconserved elements were performed by RAPiD
166 Genomics (Gainesville, FL, USA). Samples were quantified, normalized and sheared to
167 an average fragment length of 350 base pairs (bp) for library preparation. Samples were

168 dual-indexed with unique i5 and i7 8bp indexes. Libraries were then pooled with
169 equimolar concentrations and the target sequence was captured using a custom set of
170 4715 probes targeting approximately 2300 UCE loci and 46 exons. Capture libraries
171 were then pooled with equimolar concentrations for multiplexed dual-end (2x100bp)
172 sequencing on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 v4 machine.

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174 *2.2. Sequence read quality control, assembly and UCE identification*

175 We performed quality control using the trimming tool Trimmomatic 0.32.1
176 (Bolger et al., 2014) which trimmed sequences for adapter contamination, barcodes and
177 low-quality regions using the parallel wrapper script in Illumiprocessor 2.0.6 (Faircloth,
178 2013) (<https://github.com/faircloth-lab/illumiprocessor>). We assembled the contigs for
179 each sample using Trinity software package (vers. 2-25-2013) with default parameters
180 using Phyluce 1.5.0 (Faircloth, 2016). We matched our assembled contigs to 4715 UCE
181 loci custom-designed probe set using `phyluce_assembly_match_contigs_to_probes` in-
182 tegrating LASTZ 1.02.00 (Harris, 2007) from the Phyluce 1.5.0 (Faircloth, 2016) to
183 remove any contigs that did not match probes or that matched multiple probes designed
184 from different UCE loci. We performed in Phyluce 1.5.0 (Faircloth, 2016) the align-
185 ment of the contigs using the program `phyluce_align_seqcap_align` with MAFFT 7.271
186 (Kato and Standley, 2013).

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188 *2.3. Phylogenetic analyses*

189 For the phylogenetic analyses, we used a concatenated data set in a single
190 alignment constructed in Phyluce 1.5.0 (Faircloth et al., 2012; Faircloth, 2016). We

191 used two data sets of UCE alignments that included greater than 95% of taxa present for
192 each UCE locus (5% missing) and greater than 75% of taxa present for each UCE locus
193 (25% missing), totaling 1838 UCEs with five exons (RAPGEF1, NAT15, GRIA21,
194 CLOCK e BDNF) and 1388 UCEs with two exons (NAT15, GRIA21) respectively. We
195 performed phylogenetic tree reconstruction under maximum likelihood (ML) in
196 RAxML 8.0.19 (Stamatakis, 2014), using a GTRCAT model of nucleotide substitution,
197 1000 replicate searches to identify the optimal tree and we generated non-parametric
198 bootstrap replicates using the autoMRE option of RAxML. To find the best partitioning
199 scheme, we used PartitionFinder (Lanfear et al., 2012). We considered each UCE as a
200 data block and enabled hcluster (Lanfear et al., 2014) with equal weights. To evaluate
201 the fit of each model we used the Bayesian information criterion (BIC).

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203 2.4. SNPs Analyses

204 Upon identifying the target UCE loci, we computed the coverage at each base of
205 each contig using a python wrapper included in Phyluce
206 (phyluce_assembly_get_trinity_coverage_for_uce_loci). We then employed a de novo
207 SNPs calling approach by aligning all raw reads against our sample of *S. robustus*, the
208 reference sample with the highest coverage across all UCE loci enriched. This method
209 integrated BWA (v 0.7.7-1) and PICARD (v 1.106-0) to output de novo aligned align-
210 ments in BAM format, repair any formatting violations, add read group header infor-
211 mation, and mark duplicates in each BAM. We then merged all resulting BAMs into
212 one file, realigning the data and calling SNPs and indels using GATK (v 3.5-0-
213 g36282e4). To ensure high-quality SNPs in downstream analyses, we hierarchically
214 filtered the data according to stringent quality and validation parameters, excluding

215 SNPs with QUAL under 25, low variant confidence, and poor validation. Finally, the
216 resulting VCF was passed through VCFTOOLS (v 0.1.14) to remove all loci that
217 missed SNP calls for over 25% of all 67 samples.

218 On a parallel track, we passed our SNP data through a recently developed auto-
219 matic pipeline called SNPhylo (Lee et al. 2014), designed to efficiently reconstruct trees
220 based on genome wide SNPs. We modified our filtered VCF file by manually filling in
221 autosomal chromosome positions for each SNP call, a necessary condition in order to
222 run the program. We then set the Minor Allele Frequency threshold to 0.04 and negated
223 the LD threshold to enable a more inclusive dataset for phylogenetic inference. We also
224 bypassed the default low-quality data removal step, because the dataset had already un-
225 dergone quality filtration with GATK. As a final step, the SNPhylo pipeline employs
226 DNAML to generate a maximum likelihood hypothesis and passes the tree through
227 PHANGORN, which generates 1000 bootstrap replicates for the final result.

228 Additionally, in ExaBayes 1.4.1 (Aberer et al., 2014), we performed two inde-
229 pendent runs, each with four chains (three heated and one cold), from random starting
230 topologies for 10 million generations with a sampling frequency of 500 generations.
231 Posterior distributions of trees were summarized with the consensus script and com-
232 bined with the postProcParam script. Convergence and stationarity of parameter esti-
233 mates were verified using Tracer 1.6.0 (Rambaut et al., 2013).

234 We estimated a species tree using SVDquartets analyses (Singular Value De-
235 composition Scores for Species Quartets; Chifman and Kubatko, 2014) implemented in
236 PAUP* v4.0a147 (Swofford, 2002). This method infers quartets based on summaries of
237 SNPs in a concatenated sequence matrix species using a coalescent model. We random-
238 ly sampled 10 million quartets from the data matrix to infer a species tree and we meas-

239 ured uncertainty in relationships using nonparametric bootstrapping with 1000 repli-
240 cates. For this analysis, we did not include the samples from the widely distributed
241 clade that did not form a part of the Northern Amazon or Southern Amazon subclades in
242 the Bayesian (Exabayes) and maximum likelihood (SNPhylo) trees.

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244 2.5. Divergence dating analyses

245 For the purposes of divergence time estimation, the 75% complete dataset was
246 re-analyzed in PartitionFinder 2 (Lanfear et al., 2017) using the *k*-means algorithm de-
247 scribed by Frandsen et al. (2015) and the BIC as the model selection method. We identi-
248 fied the fastest-evolving partition based on the rate multipliers reported in auxiliary files
249 generated using the “--save-phylofiles” flag. This partition, totaling 10,316 sites, was
250 then used to conduct a time tree analysis in BEAST 1.8.2 (Drummond et al., 2012).

251 We used the birth-death branching process (Gernhard 2008) with default hyper-
252 priors placed on the growth rate and relative death rate hyperparameters to generate the
253 joint prior distribution on tree topology and node heights. The uncorrelated lognormal
254 relaxed clock was used to model the distribution of branch rates across the tree. In order
255 to constrain the branch rate distribution to biologically realistic values, we placed a
256 lognormal hyperprior with a mean of 0.005 (in real space) and a standard deviation of 1
257 on the ucl.d.mean hyperparameter (initial value of 0.005), and assigned a truncated ex-
258 ponential distribution with support from 0 to 1 and a mean of 0.3 to the ucl.d.stdev hy-
259 perparameter (initial value of 0.1). GTR+ Γ was specified as the nucleotide substitution
260 model; all of its free parameters were assigned default priors, the base frequencies were
261 estimated rather than fixed, and the gamma rate heterogeneity distribution was discre-
262 tized into 4 categories.

263 We ran the analysis under the fixed topology operator mix as specified in
264 BEAUTi v1.8.4 (Drummond et al., 2012), with the tuning of the ucl.d.mean and
265 ucl.d.stdev operators set to 0.9 and their weight increased to 6.0. All remaining operators
266 were kept at their default values. The topological constraint we employed (Supplemen-
267 tary Figure 1) was based on the species tree inferred with SVDquartets (see below),
268 with one callitrichid and seven catarrhine outgroups manually added to the tree based on
269 the generally accepted phylogeny of the Simiiformes (Perelman et al., 2011; Springer et
270 al., 2012). The data for outgroup species were generated from Faircloth et al. 2012.
271 Since most of the calibration points we used were concentrated within the catarrhine
272 part of the tree, we pruned the capuchin taxon sample down to 4 species, with 2 repre-
273 sentatives of the genus *Cebus* (*C. capucinus* and *C. olivaceus*) and 2 representatives of
274 *Sapajus* (*S. apella* and *S. xanthosternos*) in order to increase the ratio of calibrated to
275 uncalibrated nodes, as well as to achieve a more uniform placement of fossil data
276 throughout the tree.

277 To calibrate the tree, we used all of the fossil dates previously employed by
278 Springer et al. (2012) that were applicable to our restricted taxon sample (Table 3). To
279 assess the sensitivity of the posterior node age distribution to the root age prior, we also
280 ran an additional analysis using an older root calibration derived from the age of *Pe-*
281 *rupithecus* (Bond et al., 2015). Each calibration point was assigned an offset exponen-
282 tial density such that the upper bound specified by Springer et al. (2012) corresponded
283 to the 95th percentile of the distribution. In contrast to the uniform densities utilized by
284 Springer et al. (2012), exponential distributions have the advantage of concentrating
285 most probability mass close to the lower bound. As single-parameter distributions, ex-
286 ponentials are also less arbitrary than lognormal priors commonly used in BEAST time

287 tree analyses, which can render the posterior overly sensitive to the choice of calibration
288 density hyperparameters (Warnock et al., 2012).

289 The Markov chain Monte Carlo analysis was run for 400 million generations,
290 sampling every 1000 generations and removing the initial 10% of samples as burnin.
291 We assessed convergence of the chain using the effective sample sizes (ESS) reported
292 for each parameter in Tracer 1.6.0 (Rambaut et al., 2013) by ensuring that all the ESS
293 values exceeded 200. The posterior distribution of time trees was summarized into a
294 maximum clade credibility tree using TreeAnnotator 1.8.3 (Rambaut and Drummond,
295 2015a).

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297 **3. Results**

298 *3.1. Quality control*

299 We sequenced a total of 178 million read pairs (mean = 2,661,695.4) for all
300 samples. An average of 3309 contigs per sample (min = 1162, max = 6170) was assem-
301 bled from 67 individuals (Table 2). After alignment and trimming as described above,
302 we got an average of 1882 unique contigs matching UCE loci from each sample. We
303 produced a 75% complete data matrix containing 1843 alignments of UCE loci, which
304 produced a concatenated matrix of 550,515 bp (average length: 298.70 bp per align-
305 ment) and a 95% complete data matrix containing 1390 alignments of UCE loci, which
306 produced a concatenated matrix of 439,190 bp (average length: 315.96 bp per align-
307 ment).

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309 *3.2. Phylogenomic analyses*

310 We recovered strong support in the tree topology from our RAxML (75% and
311 95%) analyses for reciprocal monophyly between the *Sapajus* and *Cebus* clades (Figure
312 2 and Supplementary Figure 2). Our analyses show strong molecular support for three
313 of the morphological species within the genus *Sapajus*: *S. robustus*, *S. xanthosternos*
314 and *S. nigritus*, all within the Atlantic Forest of Brazil. All other morphologically de-
315 fined species within the genus (*S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, *S. apella*, *S. cay*, and *S. macro-*
316 *cephalus*) group together with high support in a widely distributed clade (from the At-
317 lantic Forest to the Amazon), but there is no support for any subclades within this group
318 in either the 75% or 95% taxa sets. Thus, the RAxML tree suggests four species of *Sap-*
319 *ajus*: *S. robustus*, *S. xanthosternos* and *S. nigritus* from the Atlantic Forest of Brazil,
320 and a widespread species that encompasses morphotypes *S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, *S.*
321 *apella*, *S. cay*, and *S. macrocephalus*.

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323 3.3. SNPs Analyses

324 After filtering out low quality SNPs, we retained a total of 19,583 SNPs across
325 all samples. We then filtered for missing data and included only the SNPs that were
326 parsimony-informative sites, generating a 75% complete matrix with a total of 11,462
327 informative high quality SNPs.

328 Similar to the RAxML analyses, our Maximum Likelihood and Bayesian trees
329 using SNPs from the UCE data recover *S. xanthosternos* and *S. nigritus* as monophylet-
330 ic clades, with the single *S. robustus* sample as the sister group to *S. xanthosternos*
331 (Figure 3). However, within the widely distributed clade in the SNP trees, there are two
332 distinct subclades. One subclade recovers monophyly of the species *Sapajus flavius* and
333 also contains all *S. libidinosus* samples in a clade with *S. apella* specimens from Tuc-

334 ruí. The other subclade contains *S. cay*, *S. apella*, and *S. macrocephalus*; clusters within
335 this subclade are geographically coherent but do not correspond to the current morpho-
336 logical taxonomy of the genus *Sapajus*. There is a clear division between Amazonian
337 *Sapajus* north and south of the Amazon River, with some exceptions. Thus, our phylo-
338 genomic SNP data provides some support for six distinct species within *Sapajus*: *S.*
339 *nigrinus*, *S. robustus*, *S. xanthosternos*, *S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus* and a widespread Ama-
340 zonian and southern grasslands species.

341 While the ExaBayes and SNPhylo had similar topologies, the two trees differed
342 in the strength of their support for particular clades. For example, the SNPhylo tree re-
343 solved *S. nigrinus* as the sister group to the widespread *Sapajus* clade (98), and *S. ro-*
344 *bustus* as sister to *S. xanthosternos* (96). SNPhylo also resolved *S. flavius* + (*S. libidino-*
345 *sus* + Tucuruí *S. apella*) clade as the sister group to *S. apella* + *S. macrocephalus* + *S.*
346 *cay* (100). On the other hand, the ExaBayes tree provided higher support for the *S. fla-*
347 *vius* + (*S. libidinosus* + Tucuruí *S. apella*) clade (0.99) and for the *S. cay* + Rondônia *S.*
348 *apella* clade (0.99). Within the widespread Amazonian *S. apella* + *S. macrocephalus* +
349 *S. cay* clade, ExaBayes recovered a northwestern *S. macrocephalus* subclade (0.99) and
350 a northeastern *S. apella* subclade (0.99) that were strongly supported as sister to each
351 other (0.97). ExaBayes also supported the sister relationship (0.95) between the *S. cay* +
352 Rondônia *S. apella* subclade and a south-central Amazonian *S. macrocephalus* clade
353 (Atalaia, Purus, Jirau, Canutama, Cujubim, Mamiraua, Japura, Jamari; 0.91). In con-
354 trast, the internal topology for the subclades of the *S. apella* + *S. macrocephalus* + *S.*
355 *cay* clade was less well-supported in SNPhylo.

356 In the species tree recovered using SVDquartets analyses (Figure 4), we found
357 strong support (100) in the tree topology for reciprocal monophyly between *Sapajus* and
358 *Cebus*. The internal topology differed in some regards for *Sapajus* when compared to

359 our RAxML, ML and Bayesian trees using SNPs from the UCE data. As in other anal-
360 yses, *Sapajus xanthosternos* and *S. robustus* were strongly supported as sister taxa
361 (100), but here *S. nigritus* was weakly supported (77) as sister to *S. xanthosternos* + *S.*
362 *robustus*. While in the other trees, *S. apella*, *S. macrocephalus*, *S. cay*, *S. flavius*, and *S.*
363 *libidinosus* formed a subclade nested within the Atlantic forest robust capuchin clade
364 and sister to *S. nigritus*, here this widespread group forms a second and well-supported
365 (100) clade distinct from the Atlantic forest clade, with *S. flavius* supported (90) as sis-
366 ter to *S. libidinosus*, and Northern Amazonian and Southern Amazonian robust capu-
367 chins together forming a clade (100).

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369 3.4. Divergence time analyses

370 While the BEAST run with the younger root calibration (based on *Aegypto-*
371 *pithecus* at 28.3 Ma) reached convergence after the specified number of generations
372 (ESS values ≥ 250 for all parameters), the analysis employing the *Perupithecus*-derived
373 36 Ma minimum on the age of the root failed to converge, as indicated by an effective
374 sample size of <200 for the age of the hominoid-cercopithecoid divergence (node 6). An
375 additional run of 100 million generations was performed and combined with the first
376 chain using LogCombiner 1.8.3 (Rambaut and Drummond, 2015b); however, the result-
377 ing ESS values were lower than those obtained from the first run alone, suggesting that
378 the two chains had sampled from different distributions. To overcome this problem, a
379 third chain of 500 million generations was run in BEAST under the same settings. The
380 ESS values for both the third run alone and the total combined run of 900,000 samples
381 exceeded 200 for all parameters.

382 Regardless of the choice of root prior, the 95% highest posterior density (HPD)
383 intervals of all calibrated nodes were well within the bounds used to construct the re-
384 spective calibration densities (compare Tables 3 and 4). Use of the *Perupithecus* cali-
385 bration shifted the marginal posterior distribution of the root age from the Late to Mid-
386 dle Eocene but exercised comparatively little influence on the estimated ages of shal-
387 lower divergences (Table 4). The intrageneric divergences within both *Cebus* and *Sapa-*
388 *jus* (Table 4; nodes 7 and 8) were consistently older and less precise (marked by wider
389 95% HPD intervals) when estimated under the *Perupithecus*-derived root age prior. The
390 mean estimated split between robust and gracile capuchins (Table 4; node 9) shifted
391 from 5.4 to 6.8 Ma when *Perupithecus* was used to calibrate the platyrrhine-catarrhine
392 divergence, while the width of the corresponding 95% HPD interval remained un-
393 changed.

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395 **4. Discussion**

396 Together our analyses provide genetic support for six distinct species within
397 *Sapajus*: five morphological species (strong support for *S. robustus*, *S. xanthosternos*, *S.*
398 *nigritus*, and more equivocal support for *S. libidinosus* and *S. flavius*) and one morpho-
399 logically diverse Amazonian + Central Grasslands species that contains two major
400 clades separated by distributions in Northern *versus* Southern Amazonia. Recent mito-
401 chondrial studies provide some additional support for the species status of *S. robustus*,
402 *S. xanthosternos* and *S. nigritus* though the exact relationships among species varies
403 (Lima et al., 2017; Ruiz-Garcia et al., 2012). *S. flavius* is recovered as a monophyletic
404 group with mitochondrial data, but is embedded within the widespread clade, or posi-
405 tioned as sister to the widespread clade (Lima et al., 2017), whereas the nuclear results

406 here place *S. flavius* and *S. libidinosus* as sister taxa. Both the mtDNA and the nuclear
407 DNA topologies are discordant with Groves' (2001) taxonomic hypothesis that *S. ro-*
408 *bustus* is a subspecies of *S. nigritus*, because *S. nigritus* and *S. robustus* do not group
409 together as sister taxa within *Sapajus*. In the previous studies employing large numbers
410 of concatenated loci to elucidate primate relationships (Perelman et al., 2011; Springer
411 et al., 2012), *S. robustus* and *S. xanthosternos* are recovered as sister taxa to the exclu-
412 sion of *S. apella*. In Springer et al. (2012) *S. apella* is recovered as sister to *S. libidino-*
413 *sus*, consistent with our present phylogeny.

414 While all *Sapajus libidinosus* samples with light yellow pelage phenotype found
415 across *S. libidinosus* distribution in the relatively dry biomes of Caatinga and Cerrado
416 cluster together in one clade, that clade also includes samples that present standard *S.*
417 *apella* pelage at the border of the two species distributions, near Tucuruí, Pará, on the
418 eastern side of the lake that was formed by the damming of the Tocantins River for a
419 Hydroelectric Plant (Figure 5b). These same individuals with *S. apella* morphotypes
420 from Tucuruí cluster genetically with all sampled individuals with *S. libidinosus* pelage
421 from within *S. libidinosus* distribution when using mitochondrial markers (Lima et al.,
422 2017). Tucuruí capuchins have darker pelage and live in tropical forest habitat, while
423 nearby *S. libidinosus* are adapted to open Cerrado and Caatinga habitats, and have light-
424 er pelage. *S. libidinosus* has also been shown to have cranial and post-cranial adapta-
425 tions to increased ground use and encased fruit extraction (Wright et al., 2015). Mor-
426 phometric data are not available for the Tucuruí specimens, to determine if their cranial
427 and post-cranial characteristics cluster with *S. libidinosus* or *S. apella*. Their external
428 coloration should also be studied in detail to compare with other *Sapajus* specimens.
429 The unexpected topology leaves us with various possibilities; it may be that the *S. libid-*
430 *inosus* lineage has expanded from the Cerrado biome to make inroads into the Amazon,

431 and that *S. libidinosus* populations living in forested areas evolve darker pelage, so that
432 they converge in appearance with *S. apella*. This could be a result of genetic adaptation,
433 or it could be that capuchins have a developmental response with coat color adjusting to
434 habitat conditions. Either way, this suggests ecological forces may be driving coat color
435 and morphological characteristics. A second possibility is that *S. apella* east of the To-
436 cantins River became isolated from other robust Amazonian capuchins, and over time
437 gave rise to the Caatinga and Cerrado populations of *S. libidinosus*. A third possibility is
438 that *S. apella* and *S. libidinosus* have come into secondary contact at the borders of their
439 distribution, and that despite significant gene flow, the two populations maintain their
440 pelage characteristics. More morphological, genetic and ecological data will need to be
441 collected in the Cerrado-Amazon transition zone in order to better understand relation-
442 ships among capuchin populations here.

443 Note that *Sapajus libidinosus* + Tucuruí samples formed a clade with *S. flavius*.
444 For this study, we sampled across western Caatinga and Cerrado for *S. libidinosus*, but
445 we do not have samples here for eastern Caatinga where *S. libidinosus* is found close to
446 *S. flavius* in northeastern Brazil (Figure 5b). More data from the Cerrado-Amazon tran-
447 sition zone and the Caatinga-Atlantic Forest transition zone could resolve if *S. flavius*
448 and *S. libidinosus* are geographical variants of the same species, two distinct species, or
449 are best lumped within the widespread *S. apella* group described below.

450 The molecular distinctiveness of the other morphological species currently as-
451 signed to *Sapajus* is not supported. Within the widespread *Sapajus* clade recovered in
452 the SNP tree, there were strong indications for shared evolutionary history among mor-
453 photypes *S. cay*, *S. apella* and *S. macrocephalus*. There was no reciprocal monophyly
454 between any of these morphologically defined species; instead, we observed geographic
455 coherence for recovered lineages that did not correspond to current species hypotheses

456 for Amazonian and grassland *Sapajus*. The pattern is more concordant with an isolation-
457 by-distance model across the entire ‘widespread *Sapajus*’ clade, and morphological var-
458 iation driven by habitat type. The samples designated as *S. cay* formed a clade with ge-
459 ographically proximate *S. apella* samples, indicating either a high index of gene flow
460 between the two, or that the two types actually are within the same species and have
461 evolved phenotypic variation related to habitat type. Another possibility is that there is
462 more than one taxon encompassed within the current taxonomic classification of *S. cay*.
463 Some studies have already indicated that *S. cay* from the Brazilian Pantanal and from
464 Paraguay may not be a monophyletic group (Casado et al., 2010; Lima et al., 2017), but
465 in this study, we do not have samples from both areas. *S. macrocephalus* as defined by
466 Rylands et al. (2013) is also paraphyletic in our study, with two distinct lineages, one
467 found north of the Solimões and Japurá rivers and south of the Rio Negro (recovered as
468 sister to *S. apella* north of the Amazon River: Figure 5c) and the other in south-central
469 Amazon south of the Amazon and Solimões rivers (recovered as the sister group to
470 south Amazonian *S. apella* and *S. cay*: Figure 5d). Note that our study extends the *S.*
471 *macrocephalus* morphotype east of the Madeira River, into the Brazilian state of Ron-
472 dônia. *S. apella* appears in multiple places across the topology of both the RAxML and
473 SNP trees, divided among various lineages which do not form a monophyletic group,
474 but instead are interspersed with clades of *S. libidinosus*, *S. macrocephalus*, and *S. cay*.

475 It is important to note that the geographic boundaries and taxonomic affinities
476 for *S. apella*, *S. cay*, *S. libidinosus* and *S. macrocephalus* are disputed by the two pre-
477 dominant morphological authorities (Groves 2001, 2005; Silva-Júnior, 2001, 2002). For
478 example, Groves (2001) considers *S. cay* as two distinct subspecies of *S. libidinosus*
479 (called *Cebus libidinosus paraguayanus* and *Cebus libidinosus pallidus*), and *S. macro-*
480 *cephalus* as a subspecies of *S. apella* (*Cebus apella macrocephalus*). Neither mitochon-

481 drial (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012a; Lima et al., 2017) nor nuclear data from the present
482 study recovered reciprocal monophyly for *S. cay*, *S. apella*, or *S. macrocephalus*. Com-
483 bining genetic and morphological data, we interpret that these morphotypes are not
484 clearly defined and discrete species, but instead form one morphologically diverse, re-
485 cently evolved pan-Amazonian plus grassland clade of robust capuchins. If we collapse
486 these three taxa into one species, the taxonomic name would be *Sapajus apella*, which
487 has priority over the other names because it was given first by Linnaeus in 1758. We do
488 not recommend the use of subspecies within this cosmopolitan species, because molecu-
489 lar and morphological subdivisions are discordant with one another suggesting a high
490 index of morphological plasticity and convergence within the species.

491 We also note that while the two major *Sapajus* clades within the Amazon are di-
492 vided roughly by the Amazon River (see Figures 5c and d), that some samples within
493 the Northern clade were from individuals south of the Amazon, and vice versa. In most
494 cases these were individuals that were very close geographically to the Amazon River
495 itself, and may be the result of human-mediated transport across the rivers in recent or
496 modern times. It is also possible that capuchins cross the Amazon at low frequency in
497 areas where there are many seasonal islands. Squirrel monkeys show a similar pattern in
498 the eastern Amazon basin, where the Amazon River forms the border for the distribu-
499 tions of *Saimiri sciureus* and *S. collinsi*, with some cases of limited dispersal to the op-
500 posite bank of the Amazon River for each species in the Juruti and Faro regions of Pará
501 State, Brazil (Mercês et al., 2015).

502 The time trees based generated from our BEAST analysis placed the mean esti-
503 mated divergence time for gracile and robust capuchins at 5.4 Ma using the *Aegypto-*
504 *pithecus* tree root prior, or 6.8 Ma, using the *Perupithecus* tree root prior. These com-
505 pare to previous mean estimates for divergence between *Cebus* and *Sapajus* at 5.8 Ma,

506 using mitochondrial data (Lima et al., 2017), at 6 Ma using a BEAST analysis for 54
507 nuclear genes (Perelman et al. 2011), and 6.6 Ma for the MCMC tree in PAML utilizing
508 autocorrelated rates and soft-bounded constraints for a supermatrix of both nuclear and
509 mitochondrial genes (Springer et al., 2012). In other words, all analyses converge on a
510 late Miocene divergence time for robust and gracile capuchin monkeys. This timing is
511 consistent with the formation of the savanna-like Cerrado leading to vicariance of a
512 widespread capuchin ancestor previously spanning the Amazon to the Atlantic Forest
513 (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2015; Lima et al., 2017).

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515 **5. Conclusions**

516 Our phylogenomic data provided strong support for *Cebus* and *Sapajus* as two
517 reciprocally monophyletic clades. This is concordant with morphological evaluations of
518 distinctiveness between robust and gracile capuchins (Elliott, 1913; Hershkovitz, 1949;
519 Groves, 2001, 2005; Silva-Júnior, 2001, 2002; Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012b), and mito-
520 chondrial and Alu element data that also point to this split (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012a;
521 Lima et al., 2017; Martins Jr. et al., 2015; Viana et al., 2015). We recovered a late Mio-
522 cene split for robust and gracile capuchins, concordant with previous molecular studies.
523 The timetree mean estimate for the initial diversification of robust capuchins was at 2.1
524 Ma (using the *Aegyptopithecus* root calibration) or 2.6 Ma (using the *Perupithecus* root
525 calibration); this early Pleistocene diversification is also consistent with previous stud-
526 ies using mitochondrial data (Lynch Alfaro et al. 2012a; Lima et al., 2017).

527 In general, our phylogenies based on ultraconserved elements were congruent
528 with mitochondrial phylogenies for robust capuchins (Lynch Alfaro et al., 2012; Lima
529 et al., 2017), although the placement of *S. robustus* as sister to *S. xanthosternos* was

530 unique to the nuclear phylogenomic data, as was the recovery of a sister relationship
531 between *S. flavius* and *S. libidinosus*. Our UCE tree distinguished only four *Sapajus*
532 species, but the ExaBayes SNP tree provided more support for six robust capuchin spe-
533 cies, *S. xanthosternos*, *S. robustus*, *S. nigritus*, *S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, and *S. apella*
534 (which subsumes *S. cay* and *S. macrocephalus*), although *S. apella* morphotypes from
535 Tucuruí were found within the *S. libidinosus* clade. The major division for Amazonian
536 capuchins according to molecular data is a North-South division (both in the present
537 work and from mitochondrial data in Lima et al., 2017), whereas the morphological
538 division of *S. macrocephalus* and *S. apella* has been described as more of an East-West
539 division, with the Madeira and Negro rivers as the suggested dividing line (Groves,
540 2001, 2005; Silva-Júnior, 2001, 2002). As morphological and molecular subdivisions of
541 the Amazonian group are discordant, we recommend lumping all Amazonian plus
542 southern grassland robust capuchin taxa as *S. apella* without subspecies. However, this
543 does not discount the importance of populational differences in behavior, morphology
544 and ecology in *S. apella* across the Amazon and southern grasslands; these populational
545 differences may serve as a model for understanding the rapid evolution of populational
546 differences across diverse habitats in other highly polymorphic species, such as humans.

547 The taxonomic relationship of *S. nigritus* to other capuchins is not well support-
548 ed, with the species tree placing it as the sister group to *S. xanthosternos* + *S. robustus*,
549 but the gene trees placing it as the sister group to the widespread clade of robust capu-
550 chins (*S. flavius*, *S. libidinosus*, *S. apella* as above). In contrast, mitochondrial phyloge-
551 netic reconstructions have placed *S. nigritus* as the sister to all other *Sapajus* (Lima et
552 al., 2017). More work needs to be done delineating the relationship and geographical
553 boundaries between *S. nigritus nigritus* from Minas Gerais to Sao Paulo, Brazil and *S.*
554 *n. cucullatus* from southern Brazil and Argentina, and their relationships to other capu-

555 chins. Future work is also needed to determine the relationship of Critically Endangered
556 *S. apella margaritae* endemic to Margarita Island, Venezuela to the other Amazonian
557 and Guianan robust capuchins.

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757 **Table 1:** Taxonomies of robust capuchins.

Elliot (1913)	Hershkovitz (1949)	Cabrera (1957)	Hill (1960)	Groves (2001, 2005)
<i>Cebus apella</i>	<i>Cebus apella</i>	<i>Cebus apella</i>	<i>Cebus apella</i>	<i>Cebus apella</i>
<i>Cebus fatuellus</i>		<i>C. a. apella</i>	<i>C. a. apella</i>	<i>C. a. apella</i>
<i>C. f. fatuellus</i>		<i>C. a. margaritae</i>	<i>C. a. margaritae</i>	<i>C. a. fatuellus</i>
<i>C. f. peruanus</i>		<i>C. a. macrocephalus</i>	<i>C. a. fatuellus</i>	<i>C. a. macrocephalus</i>
<i>Cebus macrocephalus</i>		<i>C. a. libidinosus</i>	<i>C. a. peruanus</i>	<i>C. a. peruanus</i>
<i>Cebus libidinosus</i>		<i>C. a. paraguayanus</i>	<i>C. a. tocantinus</i>	<i>C. a. tocantinus</i>
<i>Cebus azarae</i>		<i>C. a. pallidus</i>	<i>C. a. macrocephalus</i>	<i>C. a. margaritae</i>
<i>C. a. azarae</i>		<i>C. a. xanthosternos</i>	<i>C. a. libidinosus</i>	<i>Cebus libidinosus</i>
<i>C. a. pallidus</i>		<i>C. a. versutus</i>	<i>C. a. cay</i>	<i>C. l. libidinosus</i>
<i>Cebus frontatus</i>		<i>C. a. nigrinus</i>	<i>C. a. pallidus</i>	<i>C. l. pallidus</i>
<i>Cebus variegatus</i>		<i>C. a. vellerosus</i>	<i>C. a. frontatus</i>	<i>C. l. paraguayanus</i>
<i>Cebus versuta</i>		<i>C. a. robustus</i>	<i>C. a. xanthosternos</i>	<i>C. l. juruanus</i>
<i>Cebus cirrifer</i>			<i>C. a. nigrinus</i>	<i>Cebus nigrinus</i>
<i>Cebus crassiceps</i>			<i>C. a. robustus</i>	<i>C. n. nigrinus</i>
<i>Cebus caliginosus</i>			<i>C. a. magnus</i>	<i>C. n. robustus</i>
<i>Cebus vellerosus</i>			<i>C. a. juruanus</i>	<i>C. n. cucullatus</i>
			<i>C. a. maranonis</i>	<i>Cebus xanthosternos</i>

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769 **Table 2:** List of samples, locality data and resulting for UCE data.

Code	Species	Latitude	Longitude	Trimmed reads	Contigs Assembled
1	<i>S. xanthosternos</i>	-15.17	-39.07	2681597	3274
2	<i>S. xanthosternos</i>	-15.41	-39.5	2843593	3661
3A	<i>S. xanthosternos</i>	-14.79	-39.05	3196673	3802
3B	<i>S. xanthosternos</i>	-14.79	-39.05	3521726	4275
4	<i>S. robustus</i>	-19.95	-43.85	4538948	5198
5	<i>S. nigritus</i>	-23.86	-46.14	2762021	3471
6	<i>S. nigritus</i>	-23	-49.32	946881	1937
7	<i>S. flavius</i>	-6.56	-35.13	2713906	3096
8	<i>S. flavius</i>	-7.01	-34.96	4787966	5150
9	<i>S. flavius</i>	-7.02	-35.09	2877922	3601
10	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-2.77	-41.81	2764451	3430
11	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-2.8	-41.87	4348317	5094
12	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-5.09	-42.43	2612178	3208
13	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-7.93	-44.2	3068523	3551
14	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-5.28	-48.3	3303530	3885
15	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-14.14	-48.17	3381894	3603
16	<i>S. libidinosus</i>	-16.6	-49.26	3301692	3884
17A	<i>S. apella</i>	-3.83	-49.64	3541159	3793
17B	<i>S. apella</i>	-3.83	-49.64	2980533	3534

18	<i>S. apella</i>	-6.15	-49.56	1908769	2828
19	<i>S. apella</i>	-3.36	-51.74	3391742	3723
20	<i>S. apella</i>	-2.61	-51.54	5485708	6170
21	<i>S. apella</i>	-0.58	-52.33	1311929	2137
22	<i>S. apella</i>	3.22	-52.03	1757726	2338
23	<i>S. apella</i>	0.83	-53.93	2781762	2805
24	<i>S. apella</i>	1.29	-58.7	2130450	2604
25	<i>S. apella</i>	-1.49	-56.8	1572934	2413
26	<i>S. apella</i>	-2.47	-58.4	3571090	3780
27	<i>S. apella</i>	-2.6	-56.18	2394355	3227
28	<i>S. apella</i>	-3.18	-55.8	1890413	2709
29	<i>S. apella</i>	-3.88	-56.78	1276241	2039
30	<i>S. apella</i>	-4.71	-56.44	1746336	2515
31	<i>S. apella</i>	-10	-56.04	1791793	2450
32	<i>S. apella</i>	-9.2	-59.06	2103015	2895
33	<i>S. apella</i>	-12.03	-60.67	2339872	3027
34	<i>S. apella</i>	-12.56	-63.44	3883141	4558
35	<i>S. cay</i>	-16.06	-57.72	1624662	2588
36	<i>S. cay</i>	-13.52	-60.43	2361492	2991
37	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-12.45	-62.92	2986344	3335
38	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-8.67	-62.37	2962283	3477
39	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-9.1	-62.88	2222218	2882
40	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-8.89	-63.24	3054313	3411
41	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-8.8	-63.95	1459387	2148
42	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-8.19	-64.02	2196025	2741
43	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-5.69	-63.24	3840307	4395
44A	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.99	-62.96	3199632	3780
44B	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.99	-62.96	1163783	2218
45	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.75	-61.28	2351064	3072

46	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.44	-60.32	2219015	2938
47	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-3.37	-60.48	1876035	2707
48	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-1.05	-62.89	2044899	2699
49	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-0.48	-64.41	2723327	3234
50	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-0.61	-64.92	3169376	3983
51	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-0.23	-66.85	2105443	2681
52	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-2.47	-64.83	3117247	3756
53	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-2.59	-64.89	2484843	2946
54	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-2.45	-65.36	1918138	2692
55	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-1.84	-69.03	2085573	2716
56	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.4	-70.14	3522837	4000
57	<i>S. macrocephalus</i>	-4.94	-68.17	4107017	4659
-	<i>C. unicolor</i>	-9.22	-66.74	2057387	3279
-	<i>C. o. castaneus</i>	-0.58	-52.33	2107696	3145
-	<i>C. o. castaneus</i>	1.84	-52.74	1401630	2151
-	<i>C. kaapori</i>	-2.33	-46.08	2885841	3593
-	<i>C. capucinus</i>	10.95	-84.55	3954729	4702
-	<i>C. capucinus</i>	10.88	-85.78	508807	1162
-	<i>C. albifrons</i>	-2.59	-64.89	3111458	3951

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771 **Table 3:** Fossil calibrations used for divergence time estimation (see Supplementary

772 Figure 1 for node labels).

Calibrated node	Divergence	Fossil	Reference
1	Hominina / <i>Pan</i>	<i>Ardipithecus kadabba</i>	Springer et al., 2012
4	Hominini / <i>Gorilla</i>	<i>Sivapithecus</i> sp.	Springer et al., 2012
5	<i>Papio</i> / <i>Macaca</i>	<i>Macaca libyca</i>	Springer et al., 2012
6	Hominoidea / Cercopithecidae	<i>Afropithecus turkanensis</i>	Springer et al., 2012

10	Callitrichidae / Cebidae (<i>sensu</i> Rylands et al., 2012)	<i>Patasola magdalena</i> ; <i>Lagonimico conclucatus</i>	Kay, 2015 (minimum); Springer et al., 2012 (maximum)
11	Catarrhini / Platyrrhini	<i>Aegyptopithecus zeuxis</i> / <i>Perupithecus ucayaliensis</i>	Springer et al., 2012 / Bond et al., 2015

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780 **Table 4:** Summary of the posterior distribution of divergence times (in Ma) estimated
781 using BEAST (see Supplementary Figure 1 for node labels).

Node	Springer et al. root calibration			
	Median	Mean	95% HPD	Median
1	5.6	5.8	5.1–7.3	5.7
2	7.9	8.2	5.7–11.1	8.6
3	14.2	14.5	10.1–19.5	11.4
4	17.4	17.7	12.1–23.2	15.5
5	6.5	6.9	5.5–9.6	6.3
6	23.6	24.4	20.6–30.8	25.8
7	1.7	1.8	0.4–3.4	2.2
8	1.9	2.1	0.6–4.0	2.4
9	5.2	5.4	3.2–8.0	6.6
10	17.0	17.4	13.4–22.1	14.9

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Figure Captions

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Figure 1. Map showing the sampled localities for *Sapajus*

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Figure 4. Species tree for robust capuchins using SNP quartets.

Figure 5. (a) Map with minimum convex polygons to show geographic distribution of major subclades within the widespread *Sapajus* clade, (b) Minimum convex polygon for range distribution for *S. flavius* and *S. libidinosus* clades within the ExaBayes phylogeny, (c) Minimum convex polygon for range distribution for the Northern Amazonian *Sapajus* clade within the ExaBayes phylogeny and (d). Minimum convex polygon for range distribution for the Southern Amazonian *Sapajus* clade within the ExaBayes phylogeny. Larger map depicts subclades of south central Amazonian *S. macrocephalus* and southern Amazonian + grasslands *S. apella* + *cay*.

Supplementary Figure 1. Topological constraint used for divergence time estimation in BEAST.

Supplementary Figure 2. Maximum likelihood (RaxML) 95% phylogeny for UCE data.

Graphical Abstract.

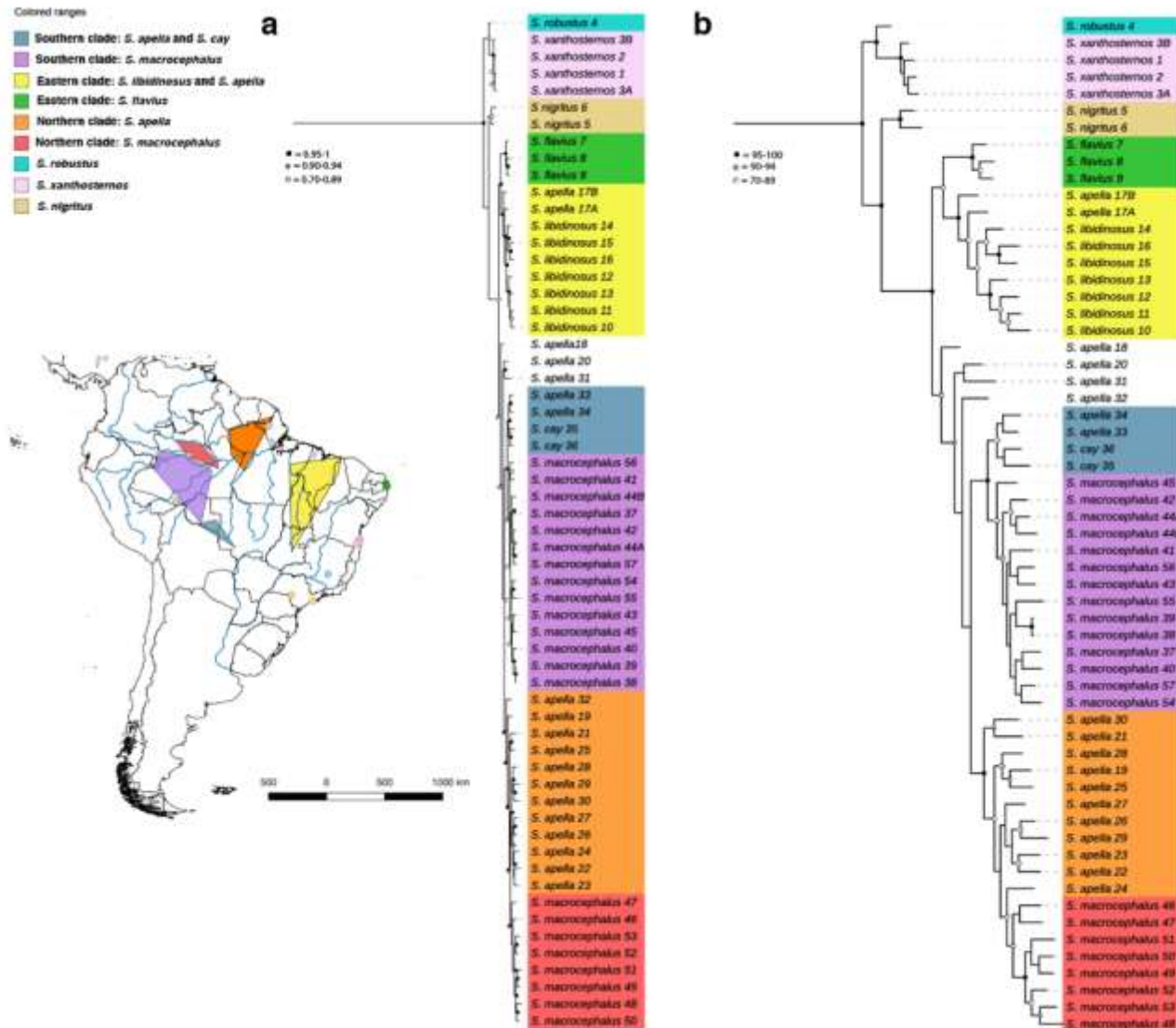


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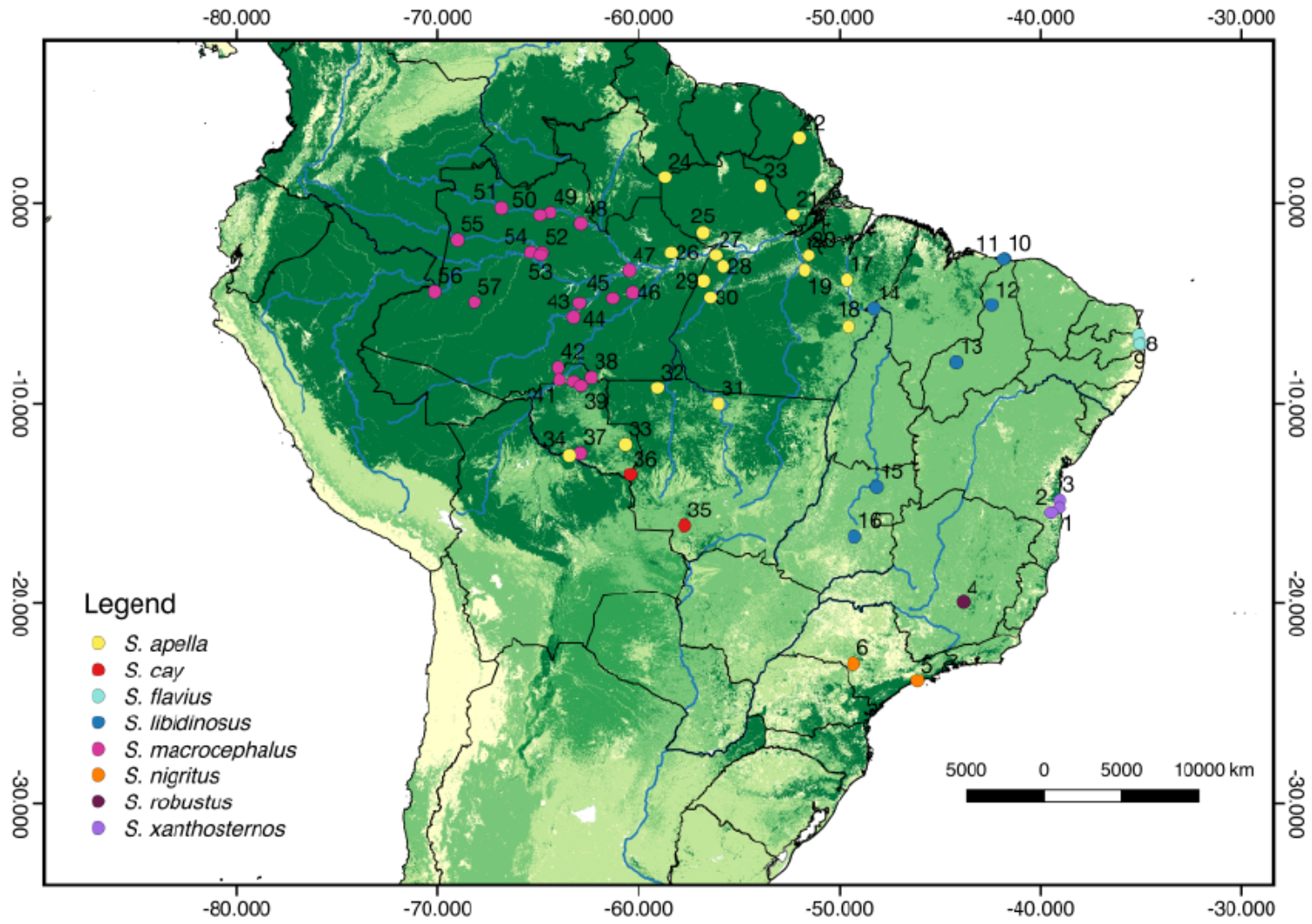


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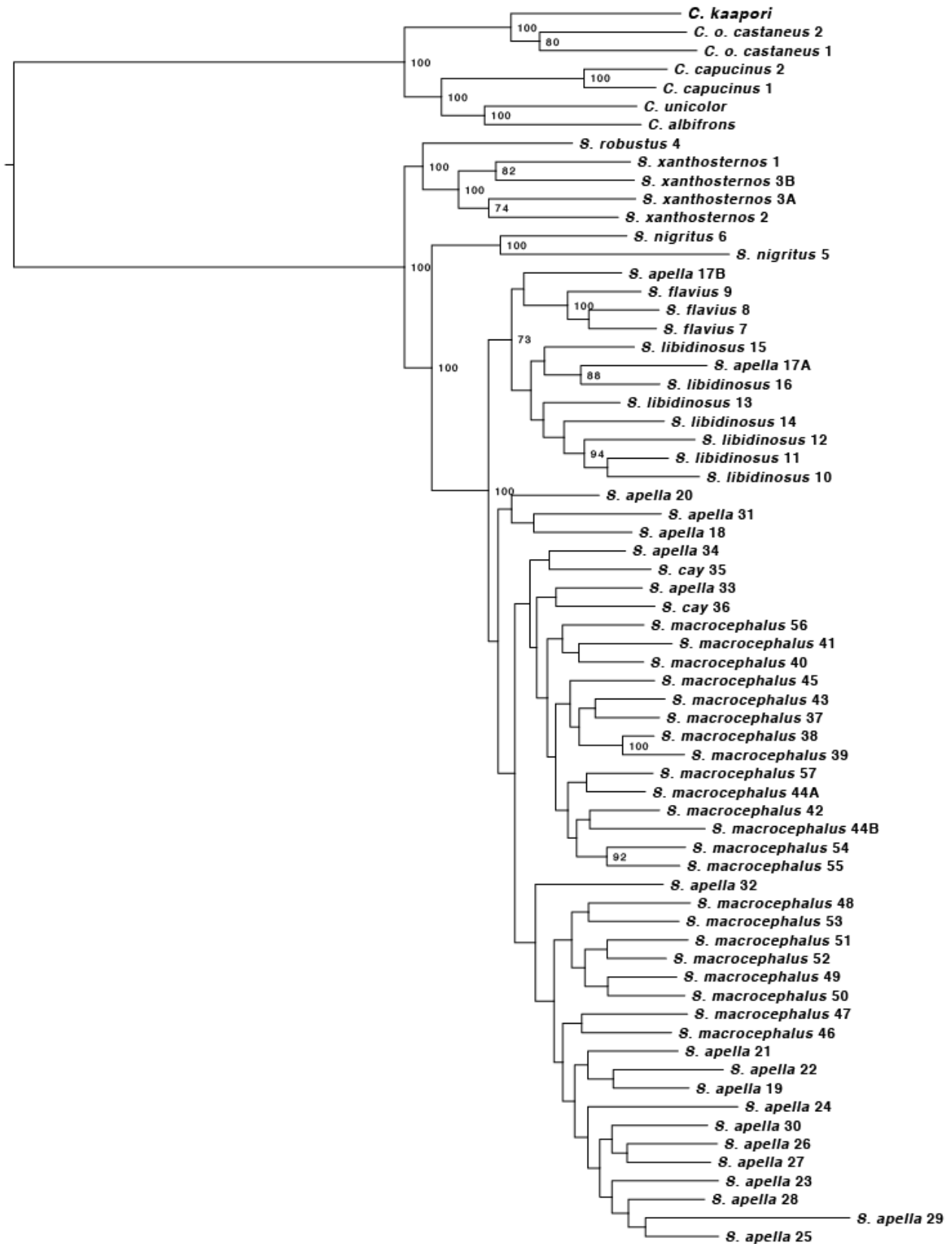


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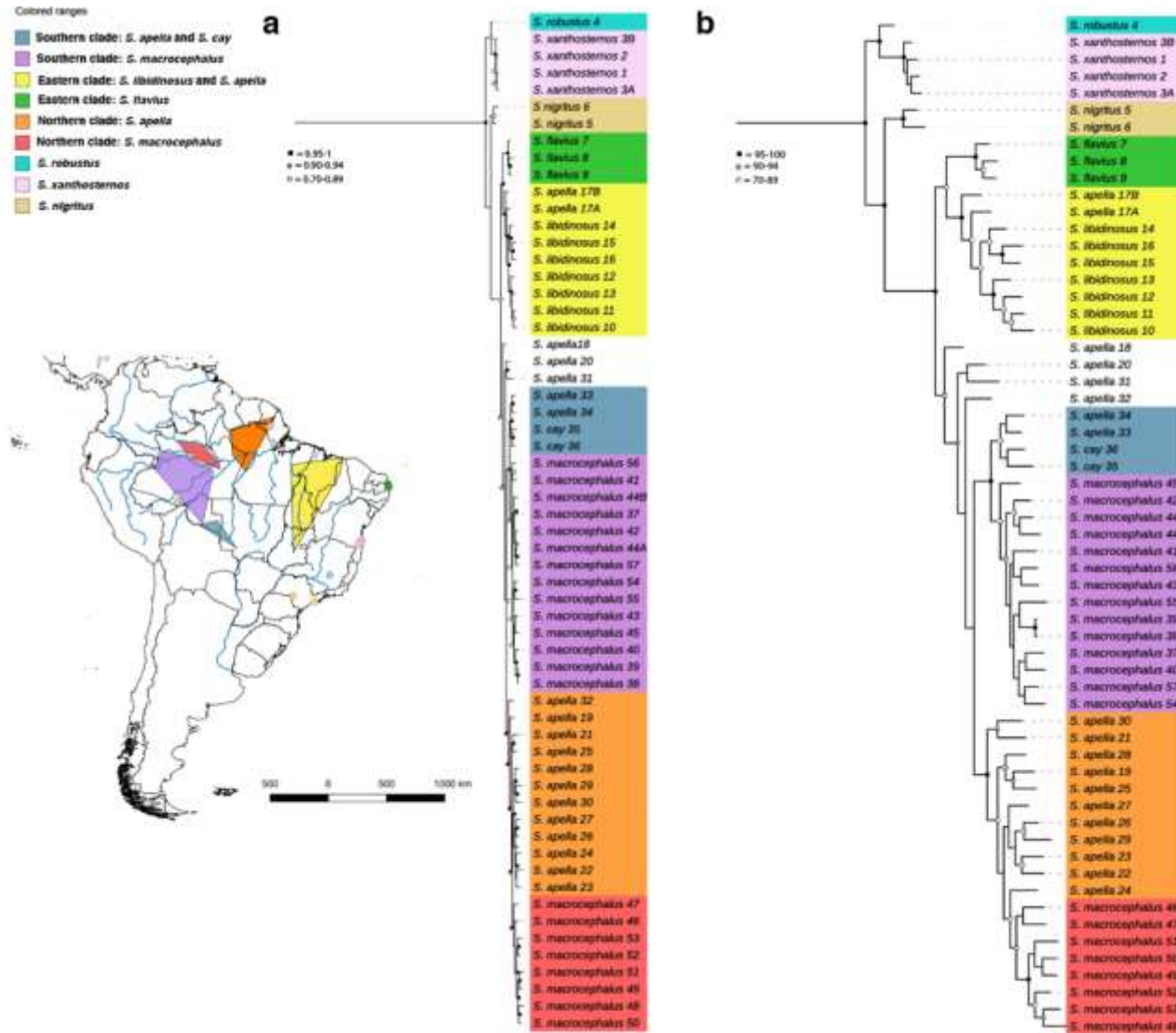


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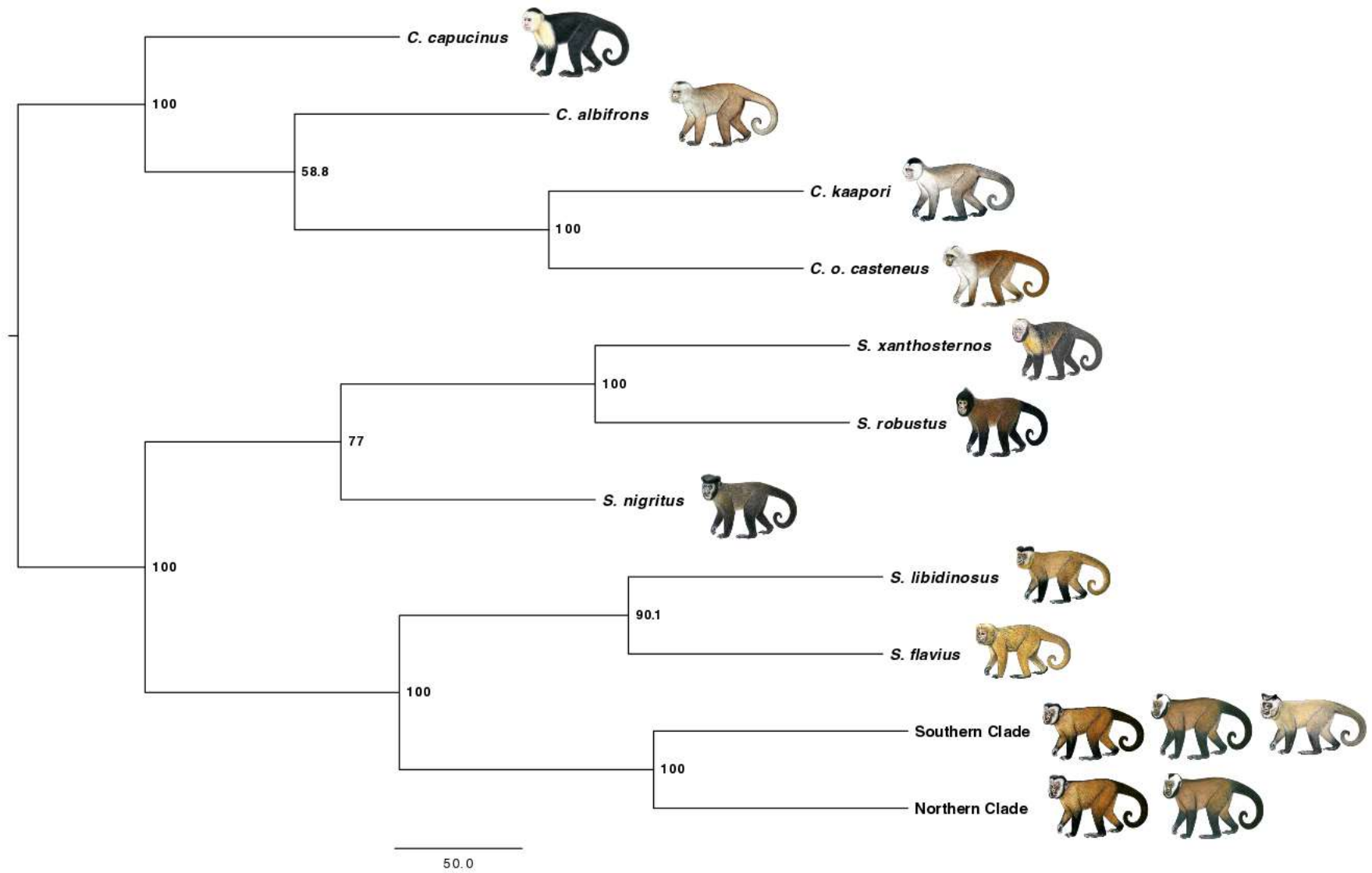
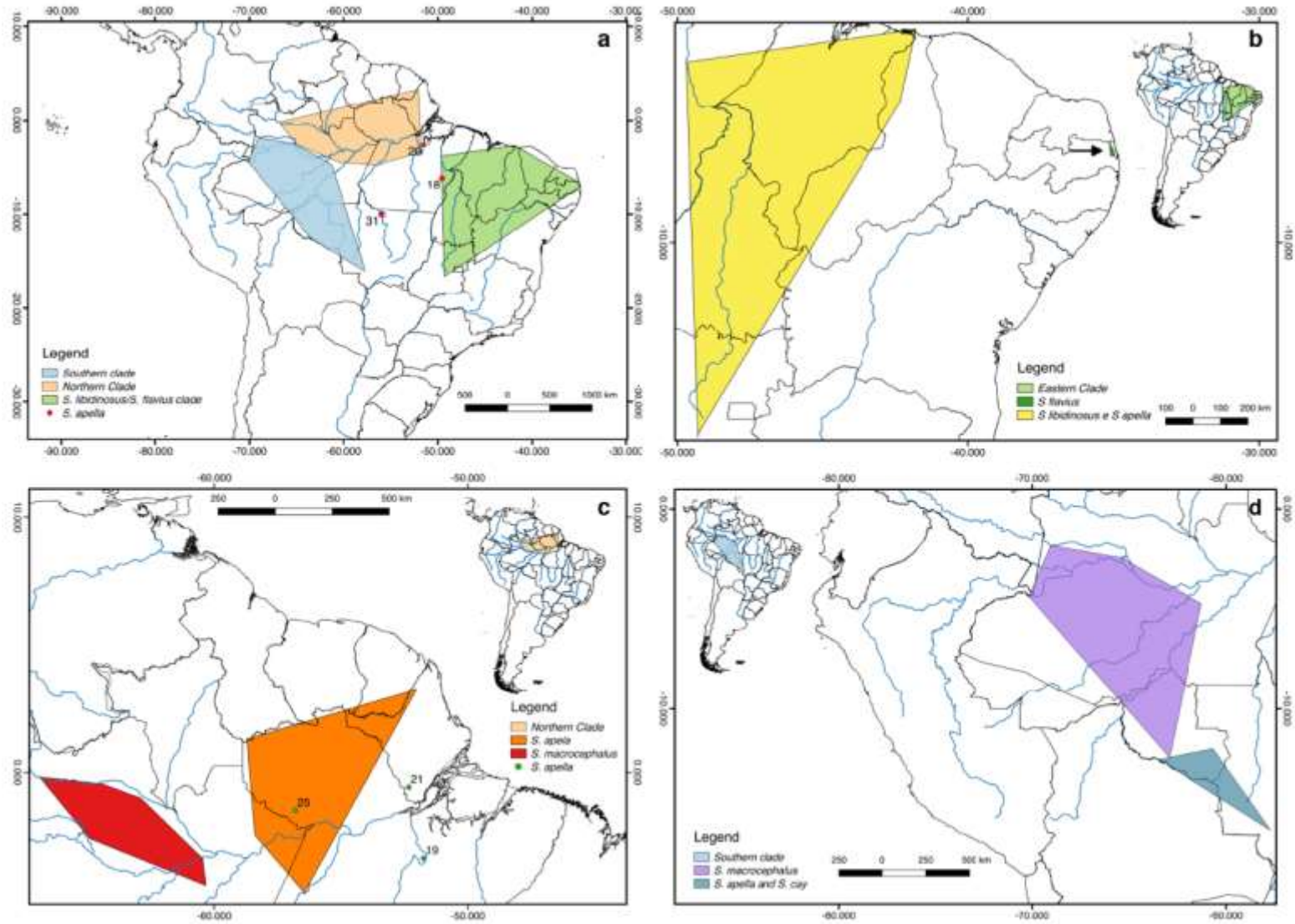
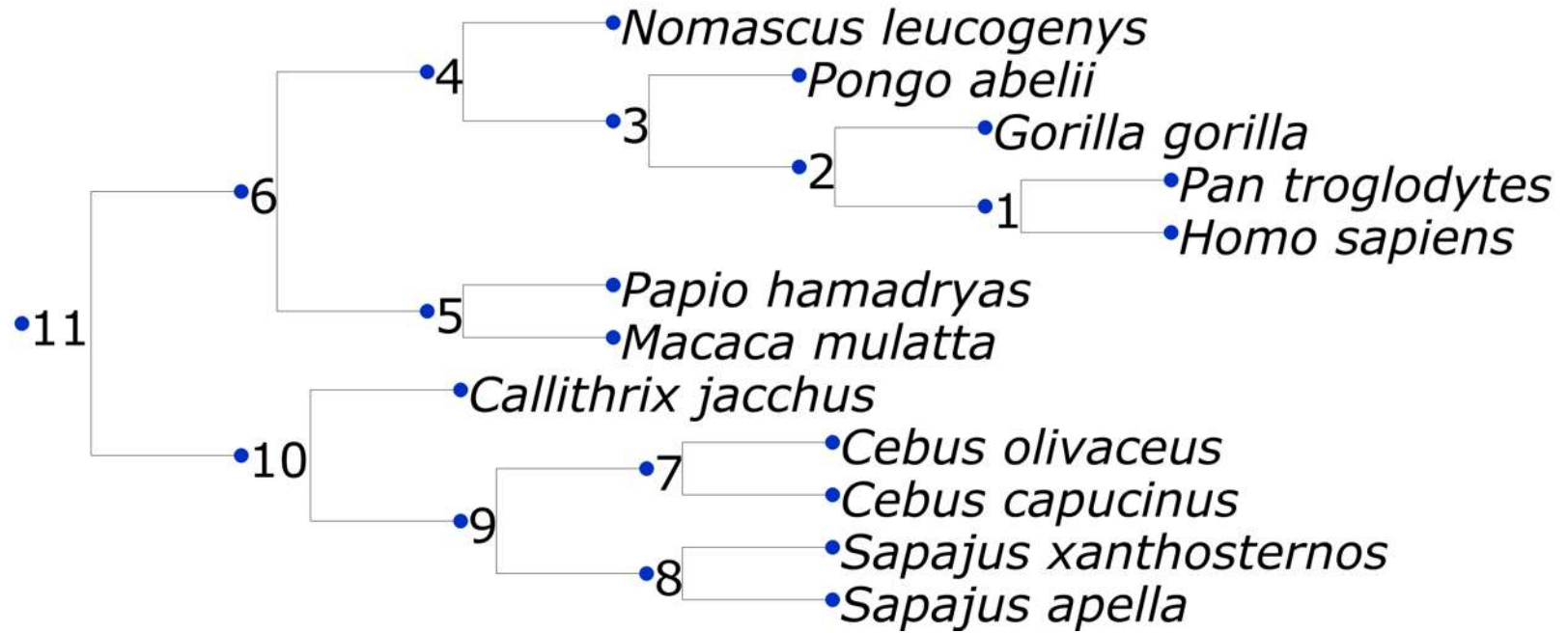


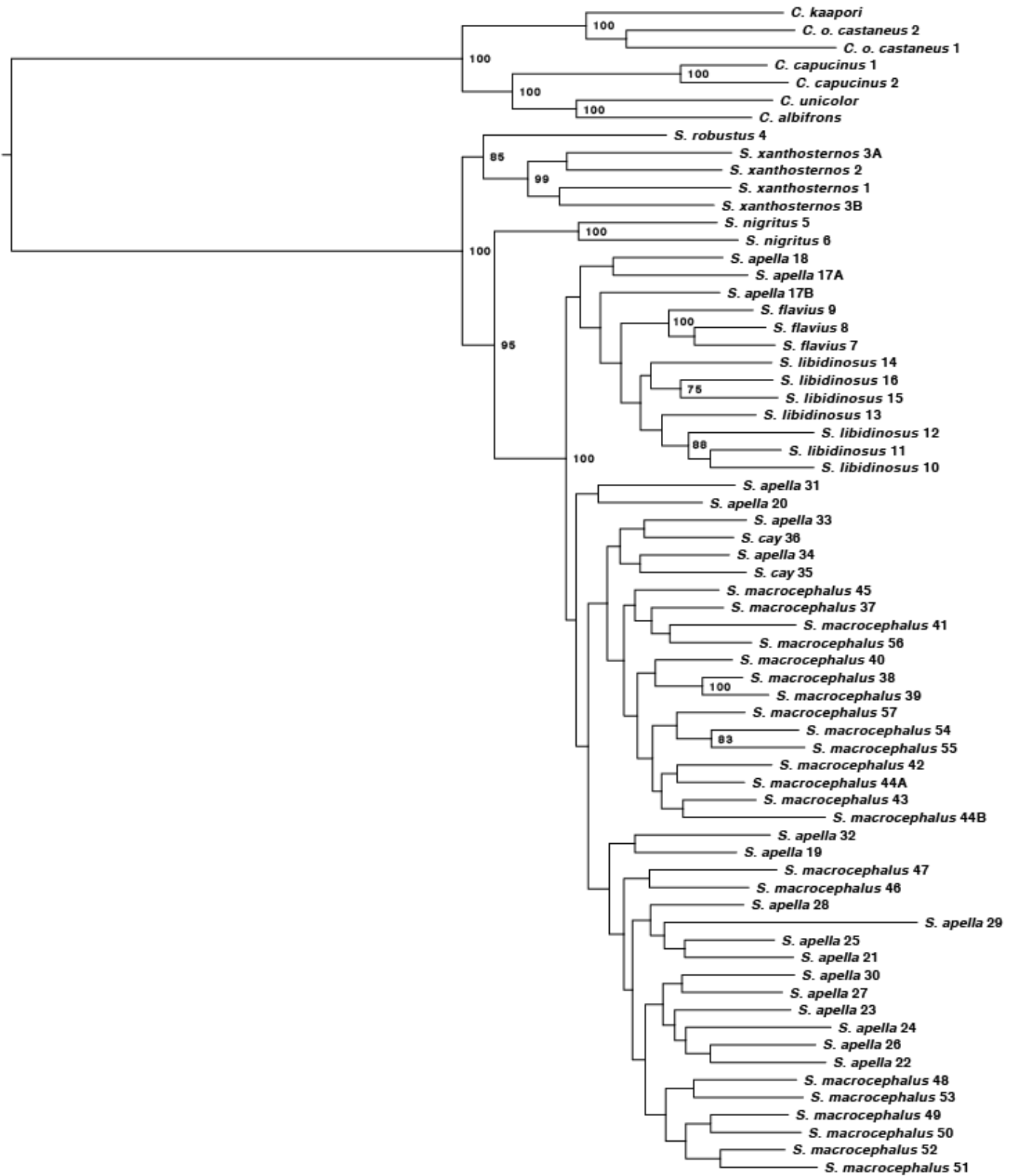
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Supplementary Figure 1.



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