Using ultraconserved elements to reconstruct the termite tree of life

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Abstract

The phylogenetic history of termites has been investigated using mitochondrial genomes and

transcriptomes. However, both sets of markers have specific limitations. Mitochondrial

genomes represent a single genetic marker likely to yield phylogenetic trees presenting

incongruences with species trees, and transcriptomes can only be obtained from well-preserved

samples. In contrast, ultraconserved elements (UCEs) include a great many independent

markers that can be retrieved from poorly preserved samples. Here, we designed termite-

specific baits targeting 50,616 UCE loci. We tested our UCE bait set on 42 samples of termites

and three samples of *Cryptocercus*, for which we generated low-coverage highly-fragmented

genome assemblies and successfully extracted *in silico* between 3,426 to 42,860 non-duplicated

UCEs per sample. Our maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree, reconstructed using the 5,934

UCE loci retrieved from upward of 75% of samples, was congruent with transcriptome-based

phylogenies, demonstrating that our UCE bait set is reliable and phylogenetically informative.

Combined with non-destructive DNA extraction protocols, our UCE bait set provides the tool

needed to carry out a global taxonomic revision of termites based on poorly preserved

specimens such as old museum samples. The Termite UCE database is maintained at:

https://github.com/oist/TER-UCE-DB/.

1. Introduction

Termites are the most ancient lineage of social insects, with a fossil record dating back to the Early Cretaceous, ~135 million years ago (Mya) (Thorne *et al.*, 2000; Grimaldi & Engel, 2005; Engel *et al.*, 2009). All modern termites share a common ancestor estimated at 140-150 Mya by time-calibrated phylogenetic trees (Bourguignon *et al.*, 2015; Bucek *et al.*, 2019). However, the bulk of the modern termite species diversity belongs to the Termitidae, a lineage that originated during the early Eocene, ~50 Mya, as indicated by time-calibrated phylogenetic trees (Bourguignon *et al.*, 2015, 2017; Bucek *et al.*, 2019) and by the fossil record (Engel *et al.*, 2011). While the backbone of the phylogenetic tree of termites is now largely resolved, most termite species are still awaiting to be placed on the tree of life.

Our understanding of the phylogenetic history of termites was mostly based on mitochondrial markers and fossils to calibrate estimated times of divergence until Bucek *et al.* (2019) published a phylogenetic tree of termites based on transcriptome data. The first phylogenetic trees of termites were based on a couple of PCR-amplified mitochondrial markers, sometimes combined with nuclear 18S or 28S sequences and/or morphological characters, which hardly contributed to any phylogenetic signal (e.g., Lo *et al.*, 2004; Inward *et al.*, 2007; Legendre *et al.*, 2008). These phylogenies provided a good overview of the relationships among the main termite lineages but lacked the robustness of phylogenetic trees inferred from full mitochondrial genomes (e.g., Cameron *et al.*, 2012; Bourguignon *et al.*, 2015, 2017). Full mitochondrial genomes, which became easy to sequence with the rise of second-generation sequencing technologies, resolve both shallow and deep divergences in the evolutionary history of termites and other insect lineages (Cameron, 2014), making them a marker of choice for phylogenetic reconstructions. However, mitochondrial genomes form a single marker, as all mitochondrial genes are linked and maternally inherited as a single package. Consequently, mitochondrial phylogenies are sometimes discordant with species phylogenies, especially for

closely related species and short internal branches that diverged in periods of time too brief for

alleles to coalesce (Whitfield & Lockhart, 2007; Degnan & Rosenberg, 2009). One example of

such discordance is provided by Sphaerotermitinae, the unambiguous sister group of

Macrotermitinae according to transcriptomic data; but supported as sister to non-

macrotermitine non-foraminitermitine Termitidae by mitochondrial genome phylogenies

(Figure 1; Bucek *et al.*, 2019). Phylogenies based on multiple independent nuclear markers are

needed to resolve the evolutionary history of organisms accurately.

Transcriptomes, the snapshot of genes expressed by an organism during tissue sampling,

include many independent nuclear markers that can be used to build robust phylogenetic trees.

Transcriptome-based phylogenies, reconstructed using up to ~4,000 single-copy orthologous

nuclear genes spanning over 7.7 million nucleotide positions, have provided a robust picture of

the ancient evolutionary history of termites (Bucek *et al.*, 2019). The sequencing of

transcriptomes is now affordable, but, unfortunately, RNA is unstable and can only be extracted

from samples that have been adequately preserved and stored, preventing the use of most

samples collected before the genomic era began and making the approach impractical for large-

scale studies. One alternative is to mine the conserved genetic markers present in whole-

genome shotgun sequencing datasets, such as some datasets generated to sequence

mitochondrial genomes.

Ultraconserved Elements (UCEs) are highly conserved nuclear regions whose functions

remain largely unknown (Bejerano *et al.*, 2004; Faircloth *et al.*, 2012). UCEs are found across

all regions of animal genomes, including the exonic, intronic, and intergenic regions.

Phylogenetic trees inferred from UCEs have contributed to our understanding of the

evolutionary history of various animal lineages spanning across the animal tree of life (e.g.,

Faircloth *et al.*, 2012; Ryu *et al.*, 2012; Smith *et al.*, 2014; White & Braun, 2019; Zhang *et al.*,

2019). Unlike transcriptomes, UCEs can readily be obtained from museum samples through

baiting conserved elements and their phylogenetically-informative flanking regions from

fragmented genome assemblies (Blaimer *et al.*, 2016; Faircloth, 2017; Derkarabetian *et al.*,

2019). No UCE bait set has been designed for termites so far. We filled this gap as follows: (*i*)

we designed *in silico* baits to capture UCEs; (*ii*) we compared phylogenetic trees reconstructed

using all possible combinations of mitochondrial genomes, nuclear ribosomal RNA genes, and

UCEs; and (*iii*) we showed that UCEs obtained from low-coverage shotgun genome assemblies

are an alternative to transcriptome-based phylogenies for the reconstruction of multi-gene

phylogenies. Finally, we set up a Termite UCE Database, thereby ensuring a long-term re-

usability of published data.

2. Material and Methods

Biological samples and sequencing

We used sequence data from 42 samples of termites and three samples of *Cryptocercus*, the

wood-feeding subsocial cockroach genus forming the sister group of termites. The sequencing

data of 14 species were retrieved from previous studies (for details, see Table S1). The

sequencing data from the remaining 31 species were obtained from samples preserved in 80%

ethanol stored at room temperature or from samples preserved in RNA-later® and stored at

temperatures ranging between -20°C and -80°C until DNA extraction. DNA was extracted

using the DNeasy Blood & Tissue extraction kit (Qiagen). Libraries were prepared using the

NEBNext® Ultra™ II FS DNA Library Preparation Kit (New England Biolabs) and the Unique

Dual Indexing Kit (New England Biolabs), with reagent volumes reduced to one-fifteenth of

recommended volumes. For samples preserved in 80% ethanol, libraries were prepared without

the enzymatic fragmentation step as the DNA of these samples is typically highly fragmented.

Libraries were pooled in equimolar concentration and paired-end sequenced using the Illumina

HiSeq X or Novaseq platforms at a read length of 150 bp.

UCE loci identification and in silico *bait design*

The identification of UCE loci was carried out using PHYLUCE *v*1.6.6 (Faircloth, 2016)

following the recommendations of the tutorial (https://phyluce.readthedocs.io/en/stable/) and

outlined workflow (Faircloth, 2017). Four publicly available genomes belonging to distantly

related termite species were used to design baits: *Zootermopsis nevadensis* (Archotermopsidae),

Cryptotermes secundus (Kalotermitidae), *Coptotermes formosanus* (Rhinotermitidae), and

Macrotermes natalensis (Termitidae). Genome completeness was assessed using BUSCO

*v*4.1.2 (Simão *et al.*, 2015) and QUAST *v*5.0.2 (Gurevich *et al.*, 2013). The genome of *M.*

natalensis was chosen as the base genome for bait design due to its comparatively higher quality

(for details, see Table S1).

Repetitive elements, retroelements, transposons, and small RNAs were masked from

genome assemblies using RepeatMasker *v*4.1.1 (Smit *et al.*, 2015) with the command line "-

species eukaryota -div 50". Assemblies were converted in the 2-bit format using the

faToTwoBit tool of the BLAT suite of programs (Kent, 2002). We simulated 100 bp error-free

paired-end sequencing reads from the three genome assemblies other than that of *M. natalensis*

using art_illumina Q *v*2.5.8 (Huang *et al.*, 2012) with the command line "--fcov 2 --mflen 200

--sdev 150". In order to identify orthologous loci representing putative UCEs, the reads

simulated from the three termite genome assemblies were mapped independently on the

genome assembly of *M. natalensis* with a 0.05 substitution rate onto the base genome using the

permissive raw-read aligner Stampy *v*1.0.32 (Lunter & Goodson, 2011). The three alignment

maps were handled with SAMtools *v*1.9 (Li *et al.*, 2009) and converted into BED files with

bedtools *v*2.29.2 (Quinlan & Hall, 2010). In each BED file, putative conserved regions

overlapping by at least one nucleotide were merged using bedtools. Conserved sequences

shorter than 80 bp or containing over 25% of masked nucleotides were discarded using the

phyluce program phyluce_probe_strip_masked_loci_from_set. The putative orthologous loci

found across the four termite genomes were combined into a database using

phyluce_probe_get_multi_merge_table (Supplementary Data 1). A total of 175,535 loci shared

by the four termite genomes were identified and extracted using

phyluce_probe_query_multi_merge_table and

phyluce_probe_get_genome_sequences_from_bed, respectively. Extracted UCE sequences

shorter than 180 bp were buffered to 180 bp by including 5' and 3' flanking regions in equal

amounts with phyluce_probe_get_genome_sequences_from_bed (Supplementary Data 2).

A preliminary set of 120 bp baits was designed from the base genome of *M. natalensis*

using phyluce_probe_get_tiled_probes. Baits targeted a region of 180 bp and overlapped in its

center by 60 bp (at 2X tiling density). UCEs with ambiguous base calls and GC-content above

70% or below 30% were discarded from the bait set. Duplicates, defined as sequences having

50% identity over half of their length, were also removed from the bait set using LASTZ (Harris,

2007) implemented in the programs phyluce_probe_easy_lastz and

phyluce_probe_remove_duplicate_hits_from_probes_using_lastz. In order to further identify

and remove non-specific baits, we aligned the bait set (Supplementary Data 3) to the four

genomes with phyluce_probe_run_multiple_lastzs_sqlite using a minimum identity threshold

of 80% and minimum coverage of 83%. Sequences shorter than 180 bp were buffered to 180

bp by including 5' and 3' flanking regions in equal amounts and extracted from the alignments

using phyluce_probe_slice_sequence_from_genomes. The loci shared by the four termite

genomes were identified using phyluce_probe_get_multi_fasta_table and

phyluce_probe_query_multi_fasta_table (Supplementary Data 4). The final UCE bait set was

designed with phyluce_probe_get_tiled_probe_from_multiple_inputs, and duplicates were

removed using LASTZ as described above (397,910 baits targeting 50,616 loci; Supplementary

Data 5).

Genome assembling and mining of phylogenetic markers

Adapters and low-quality bases were trimmed from raw reads using fastp *v*0.20.1 (Chen *et al.*,

2018). Trimmed reads were assembled using metaSPAdes *v*3.13 (Nurk *et al.*, 2017). The quality

and completeness of assemblies were assessed with QUAST and BUSCO (for details, see Table

S1). Mitochondrial genome scaffolds were identified in metaSPAdes assemblies and annotated

using MitoFinder *v*1.4 (Allio *et al.*, 2020). Nuclear ribosomal RNA genes (5S, 5.8S, 18S, and

28S) were extracted from metaSPAdes assemblies using barrnap *v*0.9

(https://github.com/tseemann/barrnap). UCE loci were extracted from metaSPAdes assemblies

using the final set of termite baits we designed and the PHYLUCE suite of programs with

parameter values set as recommended in the tutorial and previously published studies (Faircloth

et al., 2015; Faircloth, 2017; Quattrini *et al.*, 2018). Briefly, baits were aligned to the

metaSPAdes assemblies at a minimum similarity threshold of 50% with

phyluce_probe_run_multiple_lastzs_sqlite. Sequences of the metaSPAdes assemblies

matching baits were extracted with the flanking 200 bp situated at both the 5' and 3' ends using

phyluce_probe_slice_sequence_from_genomes. Extracted sequences were mapped back to the

baits using phyluce_assembly_match_contigs_to_probes with a minimum identity of 80% over

67% of bait length to remove duplicates and sequences matching multiple UCE loci

(Supplementary Data 6; Contribution #1 to the Termite UCE Database available at:

https://github.com/oist/TER-UCE-DB/).

Sequence alignment

The 13 mitochondrial protein-coding genes, two mitochondrial rRNAs genes, 22 mitochondrial

tRNA genes, four nuclear rRNA genes, and UCEs were aligned using MAFFT *v*7.305 (Katoh

& Standley, 2013). For mitochondrial protein-coding genes, we translated DNA sequences into

the corresponding amino acid sequences using the transeq function from EMBOSS *v*6.6.0 (Rice

et al., 2000) and aligned protein sequences with MAFFT. Protein alignments were back-

translated into codon alignments using PAL2NAL *v*14 (Suyama *et al.*, 2006). The other four

types of genes, the mitochondrial rRNAs and tRNA genes, nuclear rRNA genes, and UCEs,

were aligned as DNA sequences. UCE loci were aligned using MAFFT implemented in

phyluce_align_seqcap_align, and internal trimming was performed under default parameters

with Gblocks (Castresana, 2000; Talavera & Castresana, 2007) implemented in

phyluce_align_get_gblocks_trimmed_alignments_from_untrimmed. Loci absent in more than

25% of taxa were filtered out with phyluce_align_get_only_loci_with_min_taxa. The final

UCE   supermatrix   was   exported   using   phyluce_align_format_nexus_files_for_raxml

(Supplementary Data 7). Mitochondrial and nuclear gene alignments were concatenated using

FASconCAT-G_v1.04.pl (Kück & Longo, 2014).

Phylogenetic analyses

We ran one separate phylogenetic analysis for the mitochondrial genome alignment, the nuclear

rRNA alignment, and the UCE alignment. We also ran one phylogenetic analysis for the

combined UCE and mitochondrial genome alignments. The mitochondrial genome alignment

was separated into five distinct partitions: combined rRNAs, combined tRNAs, and combined

first, second, and third codon positions of protein-coding genes. Nuclear rRNA gene and UCE

alignments were given a single partition each. Phylogenetic trees were reconstructed in a

maximum likelihood (ML) framework using IQ-TREE *v*1.6.12 with 1,000 ultrafast bootstrap

replicates (UFB) to assess branch supports (Nguyen *et al.*, 2015; Chernomor *et al.*, 2016; Hoang

et al., 2018). The best-fit nucleotide substitution model was selected for each partition with the

Bayesian Information Criterion using ModelFinder implemented in IQ-TREE

(Kalyaanamoorthy *et al.*, 2017). We calculated a global bootstrap support (GBS) value for each

tree by averaging bootstrap values of all nodes. To assess concordance among UCEs, we carried

out a multi-gene coalescence analysis with ASTRAL-III *v*5.7.7 (Zhang *et al.*, 2018) using

individual gene trees obtained with IQ-TREE as described above. We allowed polytomies to

reduce gene tree biases. Branch supports calculated with ASTRAL represent local posterior

probabilities (LPP), which are based on gene tree quartet frequencies (Sayyari & Mirarab, 2016).

Topological conflicts between individual gene trees and the ASTRAL species tree were

assessed with PhyParts (Smith *et al.*, 2015) and visualized with PhyPartsPieCharts

(https://github.com/mossmatters/phyloscripts/tree/master/phypartspiecharts).

3. Results

In silico *data mining*

The mitochondrial genomes were retrieved from all 42 termite metaSPAdes assemblies. We

also retrieved the four nuclear rRNA genes from 84% of the samples (see Table S1).

Our termite UCE bait set targeted a total of 50,616 loci. We extracted between 3,426

and 42,860 non-duplicated UCE loci from 42 termite metaSPAdes assemblies (Table S1). The

number of non-duplicated UCE loci extracted from the assemblies of *Cryptocercus* roaches

varied between 13,480 and 16,331. The final supermatrix, complete at 75% and containing loci

present in at least 33 of the 45 taxa, was composed of 5,934 loci (Table S1) spanning over

1,677,394 nucleotide positions, 591,343 of which were parsimony-informative. The 45 taxa

were represented by 939 to 5,928 loci.

Phylogenetic reconstructions

Many deep and shallow relationships within termites were poorly resolved by the nuclear rRNA

phylogenetic tree (GBS = 72.12) (Figure S1). Because of its poor performance, we excluded

the rRNA alignment from the analysis on combined marker classes. The phylogenetic

reconstruction based on mitochondrial genomes resolved most relationships (GBS = 87), except

for several nodes within the Serritermitidae, the Rhinotermitidae, and the Termitinae (Figure

S2), as previously reported (Bourguignon *et al.*, 2015). The phylogenetic analysis performed

exclusively on UCEs provided the most robust phylogenetic tree among the analyses performed

on separate marker classes (Figure S3; GBS = 98.59). Combining UCEs and mitochondrial

genomes marginally improved the resolution of the phylogenetic reconstruction (Figure 1;

Figure S4; GBS = 99.02). The combined phylogenetic reconstruction resolved all nodes with

high supports, except for the position of the rhinotermitid *Termitogeton planus* (UFB = 52 and

65, respectively). The phylogenetic analysis with ASTRAL revealed minimal discordance

among the 5,934 UCE markers (Figure S5; final normalized quartet score of 0.89) (LPP = 1),

except for five of the 42 nodes that presented conflicts among UCE markers. Within the

Rhinotermitidae, the nodes corresponding to the split of *T. planus* and *Prorhinotermes simplex*

displayed moderate concordance among UCE markers (LPP of 0.89 and 0.83, respectively).

Within the Termitidae, the nodes corresponding to the split of *Neocapritermes utiariti*,

Pericapritermes sp. 4, and of *Nitiditermes + Cavitermes* showed moderate to high levels of

discordance (LPP of 0.66, 0.98, and 0.39, respectively). PhyParts analyses on a subset of 1,000

gene trees revealed some levels of topological discordances (Figure S6). Nodes with

discordance were mostly dominated by a plethora of topologies rather than by a single

alternative and uninformative gene trees.

4. Discussion

We reconstructed phylogenetic trees for 42 species of termites and three species of

Cryptocercus using three classes of markers: nuclear rRNA genes, mitochondrial genomes, and

UCEs. The performance of the three types of phylogenetic markers decreased along the

sequence: UCEs, mitochondrial genomes, and nuclear rRNA genes. The phylogenetic tree

inferred from the latter class of markers, the nuclear rRNA genes, was poorly resolved and did

not recover well-established relationships, such as the sister position of *Mastotermes* in respect

to all other termites. The phylogenetic tree inferred from mitochondrial genomes was robust

but failed to retrieve Sphaerotermitinae as sister to Macrotermitinae, as previously reported

(Bourguignon *et al.*, 2015; Bucek *et al.*, 2019). The best phylogenetic tree was that

reconstructed using UCEs (Figure 1). This phylogenetic tree was almost fully resolved and

largely congruent with the phylogenetic trees inferred from transcriptomic data (Bucek *et al.*,

2019). Therefore, our results indicate that the termite UCE bait set we designed performs very

well when reconstructing phylogenetic relationships among termite species. The addition of

mitochondrial genome data, which, as UCEs, can be recovered from shotgun genome

assemblies, slightly improved the global bootstrap support of the termite phylogenetic tree.

The analysis with ASTRAL revealed a few cases of discordance among UCE markers

for lineages of Rhinotermitidae and Termitidae whose phylogenetic position was also

unresolved with transcriptomic data (Bucek *et al.*, 2019). We used 5,934 UCE loci, a large

number of markers that inevitably led to topological discordances between individual UCE

trees and the species tree. These discordances are possibly caused by the lack of phylogenetic

signal present in a single UCE marker and by population-level processes, such as incomplete

lineage sorting and introgression, which frequently occurs during the emergence of new

lineages (Degnan & Rosenberg, 2009; Blom *et al.*, 2017; Parins-Fukuchi *et al.*, 2021). The

actual relationships among termite lineages with unresolved positions remain unclear, possibly

reflecting intricate evolutionary history that cannot be satisfactorily resolved by molecular

phylogenetic techniques.

We ran our analyses on samples for which we generated low coverage genome

assemblies. Notably, we retrieved numerous UCE sequences for all samples, including many

that produced highly fragmented assemblies with low BUSCO scores (for details, see Table

S1). All samples were accurately placed on the phylogenetic tree. Therefore, our UCE bait set

has the potential to be used for mining phylogenetically informative genetic data from

assemblies obtained from shotgun sequencing experiments. Used in combination with non-

destructive DNA extraction protocols, our UCE baits could also be used to obtain sequence

data from material that cannot be damaged, such as specimens from type series. This approach

was successfully applied to centuries-old museum specimens such as Opiliones, carpenter bees,

and weevils (Blaimer *et al.*, 2016; Van Dam *et al.*, 2017; Derkarabetian *et al.*, 2019). We

recently sequenced the mitochondrial genome of a Syntype of the termite *Archotermopsis*

wroughtoni collected at the end of the 19th century (Wang *et al.*, 2021). Termite UCEs could

be extracted using the same procedures. Termite taxonomy, which is led by a shrinking pool of

experts and is largely based on soldier and worker gut morphology, could benefit from the use

of the many UCE markers designed in this study (Eggleton, 1999; Korb *et al.*, 2019). UCE

baiting from whole-genome shotgun sequencing is the perfect tool to carry out a global

taxonomic revision of termites.

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Figure captions

Figure 1: (**A**) Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of termites reconstructed with IQ-TREE

using 5,934 UCE loci and complete mitochondrial genomes. Only UCE loci present in more

than 75% of species were used. Support values are indicated for non-fully resolved nodes:

ultrafast bootstrap (UFB; summarized from the phylogenetic trees reconstructed using UCE

only and UCE + mitochondrial DNA displayed in Figures S3 and S4, respectively) and

ASTRAL-III local posterior probabilities (LPP; phylogenetic tree displayed in Figure S5)

values. (**B**) Family-level summary topology of termites supported by both UCEs (this study)

and transcriptomic data (Bucek *et al*., 2019), with the indication of alternative topologies

inferred from mitochondrial genome data alone (Bourguignon *et al*., 2015, 2017). Unsupported

splits were summarized as polytomies (branches in red).

A

Cryptocercus punctulatus
Cryptocercus hirtus
Cryptocercus meridianus

Mastotermes darwiniensis — Mastotermitidae
Porotermes quadricollis — Stolotermitidae
Hodotermopsis sjostedti — Hodotermopsidae
Zootermopsis nevadensis — Archotermopsidae

Kalotermes flavicollis
Glyptotermes pubescens
Neotermes castaneus
Cryptotermes secundus
Cryptotermes cavifrons
Kalotermitidae

Stylotermes halumicus — Stylotermitidae
Glossotermes occulatus — Serritermitidae
Rhinotermes hispidus
Dolichorhinotermes longilabius — Rhinotermitinae
Termitogeton planus — Termitogetoninae
Prorhinotermes simplex — Prorhinotermitinae
Reticulitermes flavipes
Heterotermes tenuis
Coptotermes formosanus
Coptotermes testaceus
Reticulitermes + Heterotermes + Coptotermes group

(Rhinotermitidae)

Sphaerotermes sphaerothorax — Sphaerotermitinae
Macrotermes natalensis
Odontotermes formosanus
Macrotermitinae
Labritermes buttelreepeni
Foraminitermes rhinoceros
Foraminitermitinae
Allognathotermes hypogeus
Anoplotermes banksi
Astalotermes sp. D
Apicotermitinae
Microcerotermes sp. — Microcerotermitinae
Embiratermes neotenicus
Labiotermes labralis
Cornitermes pugnax
Syntermitinae
Neocapritermes utiariti — Termitinae
Leptomyxotermes doriae
Nasutitermes corniger
Constrictotermes cyphergaster
Subulitermes sp. 1-1
Nasutitermitinae
Promirotermes redundans
Cavitermes tuberosus — Termitinae
Nitiditermes sp. — Cubitermitinae
Pericapritermes sp. 4
Dentispicotermes n. sp. 2
Amitermes californicus
Termitinae

Termitidae

● 90≤UFB≤99
● 90>UFB
▲ 1>LPP

⸠ ⸡ Polyphyletic ⸠ ⸡

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B

Mastotermitidae
Stolotermitidae
Hodotermopsidae
Archotermopsidae
Kalotermitidae
Stylotermitidae
Serritermitidae — Rhinotermitinae
Rhinotermitinae — Prorhinotermitinae
Termitogetoninae — Termitogetoninae
Prorhinotermitinae — Serritermitidae
Reticulitermes+Heterotermes +Coptotermes-group
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Microcerotermitinae
Syntermitinae
Termitinae
Nasutitermitinae
Termitinae
Cubitermitinae
Termitinae