

1 **Title:** Expressed *vomerinasal type-1 receptors (V1rs)* in bats uncover conserved mechanisms of
2 social chemical signaling

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15 **Abstract**

16 In mammals, social and reproductive behaviors are mediated by chemical cues encoded by
17 hyperdiverse families of receptors expressed in the vomeronasal organ. Between species, the
18 number of intact receptors can vary by orders of magnitude. However, the evolutionary
19 processes behind variation in receptor number, and also its link to fitness-related behaviors are
20 not well understood. From vomeronasal transcriptomes, we discovered the first evidence of
21 intact *vomeronasal type-1 receptor (V1r)* genes in bats, and we tested whether putatively
22 functional bat receptors were orthologous to those of related taxa, or whether bats have evolved
23 novel receptors. We found that *V1rs* in bats and show high levels of orthology to those of their
24 relatives, as opposed to lineage-specific duplications, and receptors are under purifying selection.
25 Despite widespread vomeronasal organ loss in bats, *V1r* copies have been retained for >65
26 million years. The highly conserved nature of bat *V1rs* challenges our current understanding of
27 mammalian *V1r* function and suggest roles other than conspecific recognition or mating
28 initiation in social behavior.

29 Nearly all mammals can perceive pheromones —broadly construed as any olfactory cue
30 excreted from individuals of a different species or conspecific (Silva & Antunes 2017)— though
31 there is great variation in the genetic detection mechanism and morphological structures involved
32 (Young et al. 2010; Meisami & Bhatnagar 1998; Grus et al. 2007). Mammalian pheromone
33 detection, or vomerolfaction (Cooper & Burghardt 1992), mediates key social and reproductive
34 behaviors including mating and courtship, parental care, conspecific identification, and
35 territoriality (Liberles 2014). Pheromone detection occurs in the vomeronasal organ, composed
36 of a cluster of sensory neurons in the nasal anterior that express ultrasensitive G-protein coupled
37 receptors (e.g. vomeronasal type-1 receptors [V1Rs], vomeronasal type-2 receptors [V2Rs]).
38 These receptors bind to the pheromones (Ibarra-Soria et al. 2014), and trigger a signaling cascade
39 that activates the Transient receptor potential cation channel 2 (Trpc2) ion channel resulting in
40 depolarization, so the cue can be processed by the brain (Mast et al. 2010). However, pinpointing
41 which of the hundreds of receptors mediates a given behavior is challenging. A comparative
42 approach can narrow down the scope of functional characterization, as understanding the gene
43 history and molecular evolution across divergent lineages can help determine which receptors are
44 relevant to particular species. Here we analyze the diversity of mammalian *V1rs* —focusing
45 particularly on bats—and infer the processes responsible for their evolutionary history. We
46 concentrate primarily on *V1rs*, as they show the greatest variation in number of genes across
47 species of any mammalian gene family (Grus et al. 2007; Young et al. 2010), and dominate
48 among vomeronasal receptors in placental mammals (Silva & Antunes 2017).

49 Despite its importance in fitness-related behaviors, the vomeronasal organ is vestigial in a
50 few clades including several aquatic mammals, catarrhine primates, and many bats (Bhatnagar &
51 Meisami 1998; Zhang & Webb 2003; Yohe et al. 2017; Yu et al. 2010). The relaxation of

52 selection in these lineages has led to pseudogenization of many elements of the molecular
53 pathways involved in pheromone detection and transduction (Yohe et al. 2017; Yu et al. 2010;
54 Zhang & Webb 2003; Young et al. 2010; Zhao et al. 2011), and losses may be related to shifts to
55 underwater or diurnal niches. No explanation has emerged, however, for variation in the
56 maintenance of the vomeronasal system of bats, as more than a dozen independent functional
57 losses in *Trpc2* gene function seem unrelated to either the evolution of flight, or of other
58 specialized senses (Yohe et al. 2017).

59 *Vlrs* play a role in species-specific behaviors (Ibarra-Soria et al. 2014; Grus & Zhang
60 2004), and may even play a role in speciation. For example, in rodents, orthologous receptors
61 vary among species and subspecies, with less than 20% of genes shared between mouse and rat
62 (Zhang et al. 2007; Park et al. 2011; Wynn et al. 2012). Duplications of *Vlrs* prior to the
63 diversification of lemurs and lorises expanded the number of intact *Vlrs* by an order of
64 magnitude (Yoder et al. 2014; Yoder & Larsen 2014), perhaps promoting strepsirrhine
65 diversification as they colonized Madagascar. Like other chemosensory genes, *Vlrs* evolve via a
66 birth-death process by which gene copies frequently duplicate and pseudogenize over time (Nei
67 & Rooney 2005). This birth-death process generates great variance in receptor numbers across
68 species; for example, there are well over 200 *Vlrs* in the platypus and mouse lemurs, fewer than
69 10 intact *Vlrs* in catarrhine primates, and none were detected in either the bottlenose dolphin or
70 the two species of bats previously analyzed (Young et al. 2010). Attempts to explain this
71 variance have linked *Vlr* numbers to nocturnality (Wang et al. 2010), but correlating numbers of
72 receptors to functional ecology fails to address the evolutionary history of *Vlr* repertoires. Here
73 we trace the phylogenetic history of each bat *Vlr* gene and infer its orthology to determine
74 whether each *Vlr* is shared among divergent mammals, or instead unique to a species or clade.

75 Because *VIRs* have been shown to mediate species-specific behaviors that may be related to
76 species boundaries, we hypothesized that bat *VIRs* have evolved through lineage-specific
77 duplications and perhaps served as a key innovation that facilitated speciation of the New World
78 leaf-nosed bats (Phyllostomidae)—a species rich clade with diverse dietary adaptations and
79 conserved a functional *Trpc2* (Yohe et al. 2017). Alternatively, *VIRs* may be conserved orthologs
80 of non-bat lineages. As orthologous chemosensory genes of divergent species will have a higher
81 probability of detecting a similar compound than will paralogs within a species (Adipietro et al.
82 2012), shared orthology among bats and non-bats could indicate that the receptor binds to similar
83 ligands or mediate similar behaviors.

84 To test our hypotheses, we generated new transcriptomes from the vomeronasal organs of
85 six species of phyllostomids (Table S1), and we combined these with data from published
86 genomes of 13 additional species. Our data revealed at least one intact *VIR* in each transcriptome,
87 thus providing the first evidence of transcribed *VIRs* in bats. The vampire bat (*Desmodus*
88 *rotundus*) had eight distinct expressed *VIRs*, the most of any of the bat species we examined. We
89 validated these receptor transcripts with the *VIR* sequences identified from the recently published
90 vampire bat genome (Lisandra Zepeda Mendoza et al. 2017). With one exception, all transcribed
91 *VIRs* were found among the 14 intact *VIR* sequences identified in the genome (Fig. S1).

92 We also characterized intact and pseudogenized *VIRs* from all other available bat
93 genomes (14 in total), as well as the horse and the dog, two outgroup representatives within
94 Laurasiatheria. In genome searches of bats from the suborder Yangochripta, several intact *VIRs*
95 were detected in *Miniopterus natalensis* and *Pteronotus parnellii*, two non-phyllostomid species
96 previously shown to have an intact *Trpc2* gene (Fig. 1). However, we identified few intact *VIRs*
97 in any other bat genome. An abundance of pseudogenized receptor genes were found in the

98 exclusively Old World suborder Yinpterochiroptera, all of which have pseudogenized *Trpc2*
99 genes (Fig. 1). Three species of yinpterochiropterans, of the 11 species predicted to lack a
100 vomeronasal organ based on *Trpc2*, are an exception, with 1-2 *Vlrs* with intact reading frames
101 identified (Fig. 1). We also detected several fewer receptors (between 3-6 genes) from the horse
102 and dog genomes than had been previously reported (Young et al. 2010). We emphasize,
103 however, that the reported number of *Vlr* genes per species should be considered a dynamic
104 value and may change as genome assemblies and annotation methods improve.

105 To determine orthologous gene groups (orthogroups) of *Vlrs*, we reconstructed unrooted
106 trees and identified genes forming monophyletic groups across different species (Ballesteros &
107 Hormiga 2016). We pruned the gene tree into orthogroups while also allowing in-paralogs, genes
108 within an orthogroup duplicated since a species diverged, to remain in the tree. Eighteen
109 orthogroups were recovered, but five of these orthogroups contained only a single gene and
110 many contained only two or three genes. Thus, we recovered a total of three orthogroups (Fig.
111 2A–C) informative for subsequent analyses of molecular evolution. An orthogroup of six bat-
112 specific genes was recovered, but two distantly related bat and horse genes were excluded due to
113 low bootstrap (Fig. 2D). There were no orthogroups with more than six genes that solely
114 contained bats, suggesting all bats share orthologs with either the horse or dog lineage.

115 In mice, lemurs, and marsupials, considerable variation in *Vlr* copies among species
116 suggests vomerolfaction mediates species recognition, and possibly speciation (Yoder et al.
117 2014; Grus et al. 2005; Wynn et al. 2012). Although most bats with transcribed *Vlrs* are found
118 within the recently radiated New World leaf-nosed bats (Dumont et al. 2012), the small number
119 of species-specific paralogs combined with the 100% orthology between bat receptors and those
120 from the horse and dog (compared to ~10% orthology seen in mouse and 16% in rats (Ohara et

121 al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2007; Grus & Zhang 2004)) together suggest that they play no role in
122 species recognition. Hence, the low *V1r* diversity in bats implies an alternative function for these
123 receptors. Comparisons in ruminants (cow, sheep, and goat) revealed conserved *V1r* repertoires
124 with up to 70% orthology between species, but very little overlap with rodent *V1r* repertoires
125 (Ohara et al. 2009). Like other laurasiatherians (Keller & Lévy 2012), bats display a high degree
126 of orthology with their relatives. Such sequence conservation hints at function mediating innate
127 behaviors common to all laurasiatherians, as the vomeronasal neurons that express *V1rs* are hard-
128 wired to a common region of the brain responsible for similar instinctive behaviors (Bear et al.
129 2016), including mating, predator detection, and parental care. Although the receptors may differ
130 in the compounds they bind as a result of amino acid differences among lineages; thus sequence
131 conservation and orthology imply functions shared by all laurasiatherian species rather than
132 species-specific roles.

133 To test for Darwinian selection in bat *V1rs*, we estimated the ratio of nonsynonymous to
134 synonymous substitution rates (ω) for bats and compared to the background rate including genes
135 from the horse and dog. First considering rates for the entire tree of intact *V1rs*, we found no
136 significant difference between rates in bats and other species (Table 1 (PAML): $\chi^2_{(1)} = 0.71$ $P =$
137 0.40 ; Table 2 (RELAX): $\chi^2_{(1)} = 0.05$; $P = 1.0$), suggesting similar evolutionary processes are
138 shaping the *V1r* repertoires of bats and non-bats. Nevertheless, rates of *V1r* molecular evolution
139 are relatively high in both bats and their sampled relatives. Both across the entire phylogeny of
140 intact receptors and within orthogroups (Table 1, 2), there were at least 48%, and sometimes as
141 many as 62%, of codon sites evolving neutrally ($\omega = 1.0$) in both bats and non-bats.
142 Chemosensory genes are among the fastest-evolving in the mammalian genome, second only to
143 genes involved in pathogen-recognition (Yoder & Larsen 2014; Wynn et al. 2012). As the neural

144 mechanisms of signal processing are highly conserved in vertebrates (Bear et al. 2016), the
145 duplicative nature of these genes and the high rates of evolution likely reflect fine-tuning the
146 detection for ever-changing environmental chemical space.

147 Contrary to what is seen in the gene tree as a whole, orthogroups are to be evolving
148 differently in bats and non-bats. For some *Vlrs*, bats have a higher rate and for others, horses
149 have a higher rate (Table S3), indicating potential clade-specific adaptation of particular
150 receptors. There were significant differences between bats and non-bats in all three orthogroups
151 (Table 1; A: $\chi^2_{(1)} = 17.5$ $P = 2.9e-5$; B: $\chi^2_{(1)} = 17.5$ $P = 2.9e-5$; C: $\chi^2_{(1)} = 5.8$ $P = 0.02$). For
152 Orthogroup A, a few sites (1.3%) were evolving at a very high rate in bats, potentially indicating
153 adaptive selection in this group of *Vlrs*. This orthogroup also showed recent duplications within
154 *Artibeus fraterculus* leading to four detected copies. In Orthogroups B and C, bats showed low ω
155 rates relative to the background branches for 17% and 26% of the sites, indicating strong
156 purifying selection in bats for these genes.

157 Both putatively functional and pseudogenized bat *Vlrs* illuminate the evolutionary
158 processes shaping the vomeronasal system as a whole (Yohe & Dávalos 2018). The same copies
159 of some receptors have been maintained since the ancestor of bats diverged from those of the
160 horse or dog, as shown by both the high degree of orthology (Fig. 2), and slight differences in
161 rates of evolution between the intact receptors of bats and those of related non-bats (Tables S3,
162 S4). This finding bolsters the hypothesis that phyllostomid and miniopterid bats with seemingly
163 intact vomeronasal systems retained function throughout bat diversification, while most other bat
164 families independently lost function. Moreover, our data support the idea that all components of
165 the vomeronasal system evolve together, resulting in an all-or-nothing pattern. Specifically,
166 lineages with intact *Vlrs* also have intact *Trpc2* (Fig. 1) and well-developed morphology, while

167 bat families with pseudogenized *Trpc2* and/or degraded morphology tend to lack intact receptors.
168 Together with analyses correlating high rates of *Trpc2* codon substitutions and loss of the
169 vomeronasal brain region (Yohe & Dávalos 2018), patterns of *V1r* pseudogenization in bats
170 highlight the consequences of relaxed selection on molecular components of the system. Finally,
171 the phylogeny of bat *V1r* pseudogenes also reveals intact copies from the horse and dog are
172 sometimes pseudogenized across all bats (Fig. 3), even in species with intact *Trpc2*. While these
173 receptors are likely still relevant to the ecology of the horse and dog, their complete loss of
174 function indicates they are no longer relevant to bats.

175 Why some bats have completely lost vomeronasal function, while some have been under
176 strong selection to retain it remains a mystery. We propose another group of receptors other than
177 *V1rs*, such as those expressed in the main olfactory epithelium, may respond to pheromones
178 becoming sufficient for detecting the relevant social chemical cues. While *V2rs*, the other major
179 vomeronasal receptor gene family, were not found in the transcriptomes of these bats, the dog
180 and cow genomes also lack *V2rs*, and these genes might not be relevant in laurasiatherians (Grus
181 et al. 2007). In contrast to rodents, sheep and goats (also laurasiatherians) primarily use their
182 main olfactory system for processing social chemical signals (Keller & Lévy 2012). The many
183 genes expressed in the main olfactory epithelium, including the *major histocompatibility*
184 *complex* (MHC), *trace amine-associated receptors* (*TAARs*), and olfactory receptors, all have
185 been shown to play a role in social chemical communication (Fortes-Marco et al. 2013; Li et al.
186 2013; López et al. 2014). An association between mate choice, and *MHC*-class 1 alleles and
187 variation within *TAAR3*—both gene families that express in the main olfactory epithelium—
188 was recently reported for the greater sac-winged bat (*Saccopteryx bilineata*), a bat with no
189 vomeronasal organ but with large scented glands embedded in the wing membrane (Santos et al.

190 2016). As odorant-binding ligands have been identified for none of the hundreds of bat olfactory
191 receptors (Hayden et al. 2014), some may respond to pheromonal cues.

192 Numerous neurobiological and behavioral studies have described strong interactions
193 between the main olfactory epithelium and vomeronasal organ in detecting and discriminating
194 pheromonal cues and initiating the behavioral response (Fraser & Shah 2014). If the main
195 olfactory epithelium has the potential to maintain behaviors critical to survival, then bat
196 vomerolfaction may be redundant and susceptible to relaxed selection, explaining its frequent
197 loss among bats.

198 **Material and Methods**

199 RNA-seq libraries of the vomeronasal organ were generated for six phyllostomid species (Table
200 S1). Reads underwent quality control (Table S2), were assembled using Trinity v. 2.2.0
201 (Grabherr et al. 2011), and screened for chimeric transcripts. Vomeronasal tissue was validated
202 by identifying the tissue-specific ion channel *Trpc2* β isoform transcripts (GenBank: MH010883-
203 MH010888). Vomeronasal receptors were identified in the six new bat transcriptomes, and 16
204 published genomes (14 bats including the vampire bat, and the horse and dog) through a
205 modified pipeline (Hayden et al. 2010) that implements a hidden Markov model algorithm to
206 search for similar sequences using HMMER v. 3.12b trained from *V1r* sequence motif profiles
207 (Eddy 2010). Sequences were aligned for intact receptors only, and then for intact and
208 pseudogenized receptors. The best-fit model of evolution was estimated for both alignments
209 using ModelOMatic v. 1.01 (Whelan et al. 2015), and maximum likelihood gene trees were
210 inferred from each alignment. Orthogroups were determined using the program UPhO
211 (Ballesteros & Hormiga 2016). Rates of molecular evolution (ω) were estimated for bat and non-
212 bat branch classes using Clade Model C in PAML v. 4.8 (Yang 2007) and RELAX (Wertheim et

213 al. 2014).

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226 **Table 1.** Results from the PAML clade models. The grey box indicates the selected model or the
 227 null model not rejected based on the likelihood ratio test. Values for the site classes are ω
 228 estimates for each of the three site classes: purifying (ω_1), neutral (ω_2), and varying (ω_3). The
 229 percentages in parentheses are the proportion of sites found within that respective site class.

Model	lnL	np	K	TL	LR	p	ω site classes		
							ω_1	ω_2	ω_3
Whole Tree									
<i>M2a_rel (null)</i>	-36789	154	2.33	40.5	---	---			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.15 (14%)	1.0 (48%)	0.48 (37%)
<i>Clade Model C</i>	-36789	155	2.33	40.5	0.71	0.40			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.14 (14%)	1.0 (49%)	0.47 (37%)
ω_{bats}							0.14 (14%)	1.0 (49%)	0.50 (37%)
Orthogroup A									
<i>M2a_rel (null)</i>	-5593	28	2.67	4.43	---	---			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.13 (25%)	1.0 (62%)	0.13 (12%)
<i>Clade Model C</i>	-5584	29	2.74	4.62	17.5	2.9e-5			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.13 (37%)	1.0 (62%)	0.00 (1.3%)
ω_{bats}							0.13 (37%)	1.0 (62%)	13.1 (1.3%)
Orthogroup B									
<i>M2a_rel (null)</i>	-4071	20	2.63	2.59	---	---			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.34 (63%)	1.0 (0%)	1.31 (37%)
<i>Clade Model C</i>	-4066	21	2.58	2.56	17.5	2.9e-5			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.30 (20%)	1.0 (54%)	0.70 (26%)
ω_{bats}							0.30 (20%)	1.0 (54%)	0.03 (26%)
Orthogroup C									
<i>M2a_rel (null)</i>	-7145	36	2.52	4.78	---	---			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.18 (24%)	1.0 (62%)	0.18 (14%)
<i>Clade Model C</i>	-7142	37	2.52	4.77	5.8	0.02			
$\omega_{\text{background}}$							0.23 (21%)	1.0 (62%)	0.23 (17%)
ω_{bats}							0.23 (21%)	1.0 (62%)	0.00 (17%)

lnL: log-likelihood; np: number of parameters; TL: tree length; K: transition/transversion rate; LR: likelihood ratio; p: p-value of likelihood ratio of alternative relative to null for each test

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232 **Table 2.** Results from RELAX analyses. Values for the site classes are ω estimates for each of
 233 the three site classes: purifying (ω_1), neutral (ω_2), and positive (ω_3). The percentage values in
 234 parentheses are the proportion of sites found within that respective site class. The grey box
 235 indicates the model with the best fit, demonstrating the lowest AICc.

Model	lnL	np	AIC _c	k	LR	p	ω site classes			
							ω_1	ω_2	ω_3	
<i>null</i>	-36748	168	73835	1	---	---				
							$\omega_{\text{background}}$	0.01 (40%)	1 (57%)	16.1 (3%)
							ω_{bats}	0.01 (40%)	1 (57%)	16.1 (3%)
<i>alternative</i>	-36748	169	73837	1.01	-0.05	1.0				
							$\omega_{\text{background}}$	0.01 (40%)	1 (57%)	16.0 (3%)
							ω_{bats}	0.01 (40%)	1 (57%)	15.8 (3%)

lnL: log-likelihood; *np*: number of parameters; *AICc*: sample sized corrected Akaike Information Criterion; *k*: selection intensity; LR: likelihood ratio; *p*: *p*-value of likelihood ratio of alternative relative to null for each test

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237 **Figure 1.** Number of intact and pseudogenized *Vlrs* among laurasiatherians. *Vlrs* from the
238 transcriptome are highlighted in grey. The remaining species were characterized from available
239 genomes. Pseudogenized *Vlrs* are receptor genes with a frameshift or premature stop codon but
240 with at least 650 base pairs. Vertical lines are bats that likely have a vestigial vomeronasal
241 system, either based on morphology or *Trpc2*. Silhouettes are not to scale and were obtained
242 from PhyloPic.











243 **Figure 2.** Codon model gene tree for intact *Vlrs* identified from the vomeronasal organ
244 transcriptomes of bats (black names), the few functional *Vlrs* from bat genomes (also in black),
245 and the genomes of *Equus caballus* and *Canis familiaris* (grey names). Node labels are bootstrap
246 support values. Numbers on the tip label gene correspond the either the GenBank number
247 (transcriptome data), RefSeq number, or genome location for newly identified genomic
248 sequences in which no RefSeq number is available. Letter labels indicate orthogroups identified
249 from the UPhO analysis that resulted in more than 6 taxa and included any non-bats. Orthogroup
250 D is a bat-specific orthogroup that was not included in the selection analyses. Silhouettes were
251 obtained from PhyloPic.

252 **Figure 3.** Gene tree inferred under a transitional model of nucleotide evolution of functional
253 *Vlrs* from horse, dog, and bat, as well as pseudogenes identified from all bat genomes. Horse
254 and dog pseudogenes were not included for clarity. Red branches indicate pseudogenized genes
255 and black indicates intact *Vlrs*. Insets (A) and (B) show monophyletic groups in which the gene
256 copy is intact in the horse or dog, and most bats with intact *Trpc2*. However, the copy has been
257 pseudogenized in yinpterochiropteran lineages, which lack an intact *Trpc2*. Inset (C) shows a
258 monophyletic group of genes in which the gene copy is intact in the ancestral dog, but has been
259 lost in all bats, including species with an intact *Trpc2*. This orthogroup may be nonfunctional in

260 phyllostomids, as there is no evidence it was expressed in the transcriptome.

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262 Figure 1.

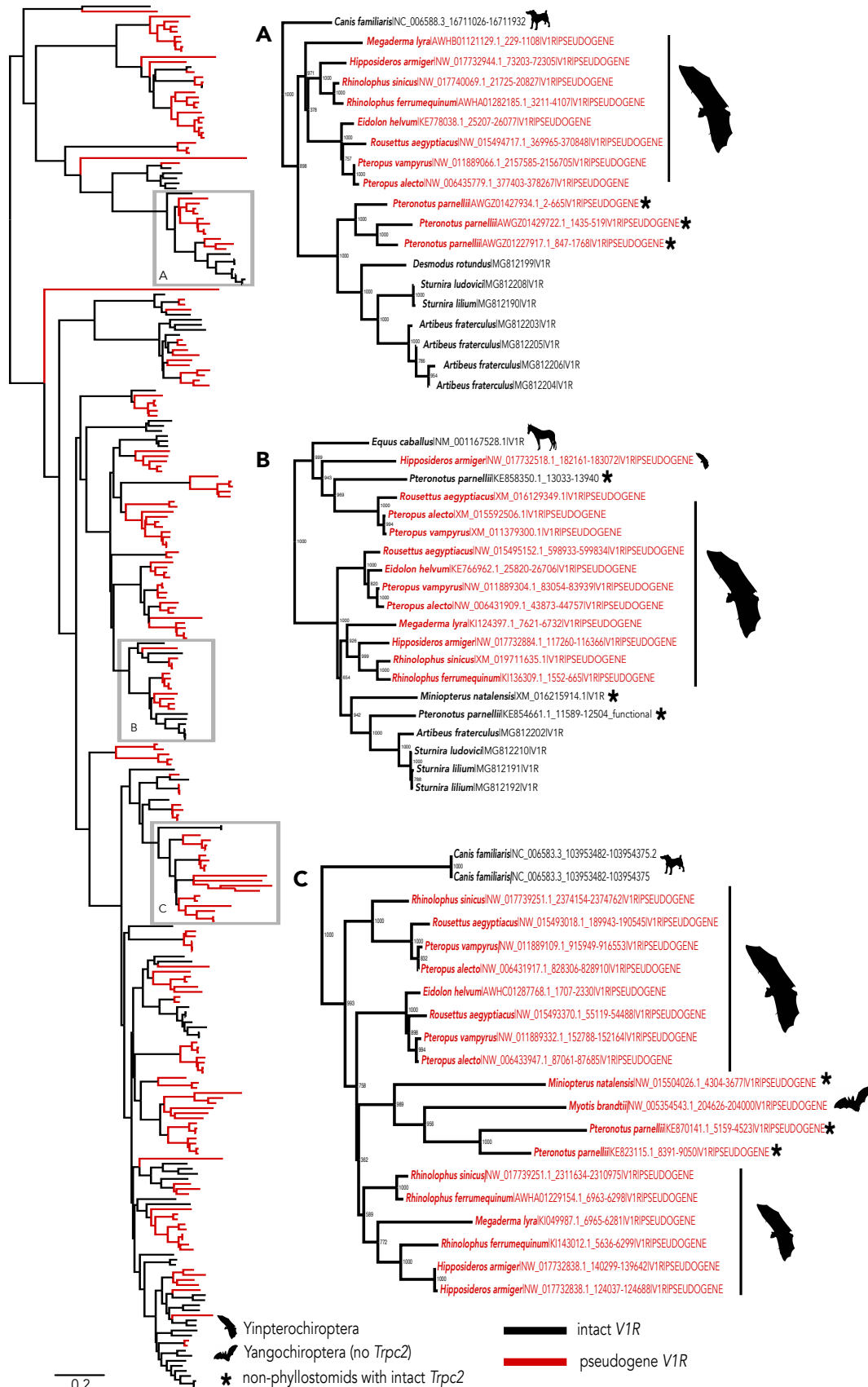
Order	Species	<i>Trpc2</i>	Intact V1rs	Pseudogene V1rs
Eulipotyphyla	 <i>Sorex araneus</i> ◆		44	80
	 <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> ◆		39	84
Carnivora	 <i>Canis familiaris</i>	*	6	28
	 <i>Felis catus</i> ◆		17	79
Perissodactyla	 <i>Equus caballus</i>	*	30	48
Artiodactyla	 <i>Vicugna vicugna</i> ◆		22	36
	 <i>Bos taurus</i> ◆		40	43
Chiroptera	 <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> ◆	ψ	0	33
	<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	ψ	0	21
	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>		0	23
	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>		0	18
	 <i>Hipposideros armiger</i>	ψ	2	18
	<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	ψ	0	22
	<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>		1	22
	<i>Megaderma lyra</i>	ψ	1	17
	<i>Miniopterus natalensis</i>	*	6	3
	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>		0	3
	 <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	ψ	0	1
	<i>Myotis davidii</i>		0	2
	<i>Myotis brandtii</i>		0	3
	<i>Pteronotus parnellii</i>	*	3	19
<i>Desmodus rotundus</i> (genome)	*	14	2	
	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	*	8	---
	<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	*	2	---
	<i>Carollia brevicauda</i>	*	1	---
	<i>Sturnira ludovici</i>	*	4	---
	<i>Sturnira lilium</i>	*	4	---
	<i>Artibeus fraterculus</i>	*	7	---

◆ V1r numbers taken from the values in the supplement (not adjusted) of Young, et al. (2010) and therefore may be an underestimate as genome assemblies have improved.

* *Trpc2* is intact; ψ *Trpc2* is a pseudogene. See (Zhao et al. 2011; Yohe et al. 2017) for reference.

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268 Figure 3.

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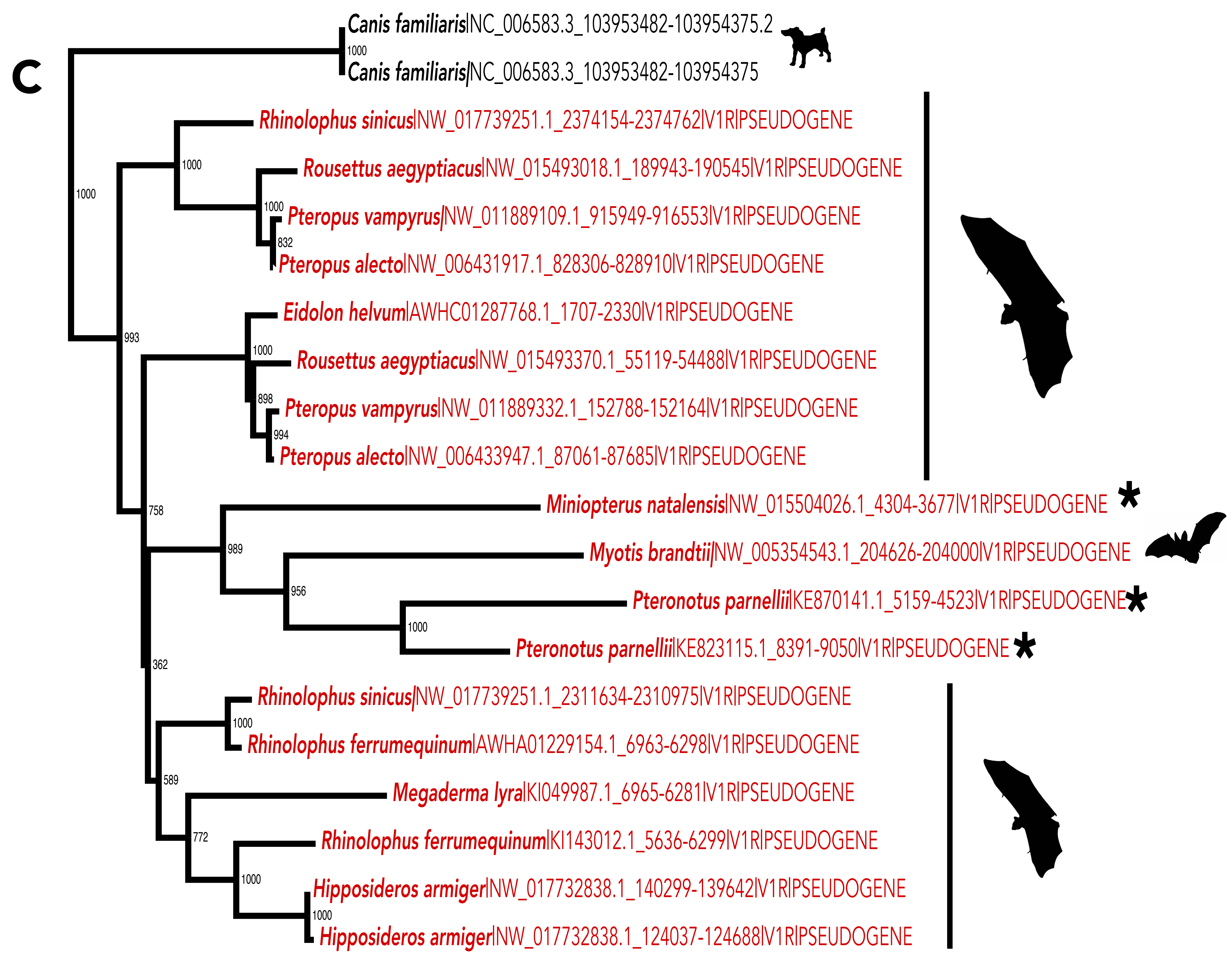
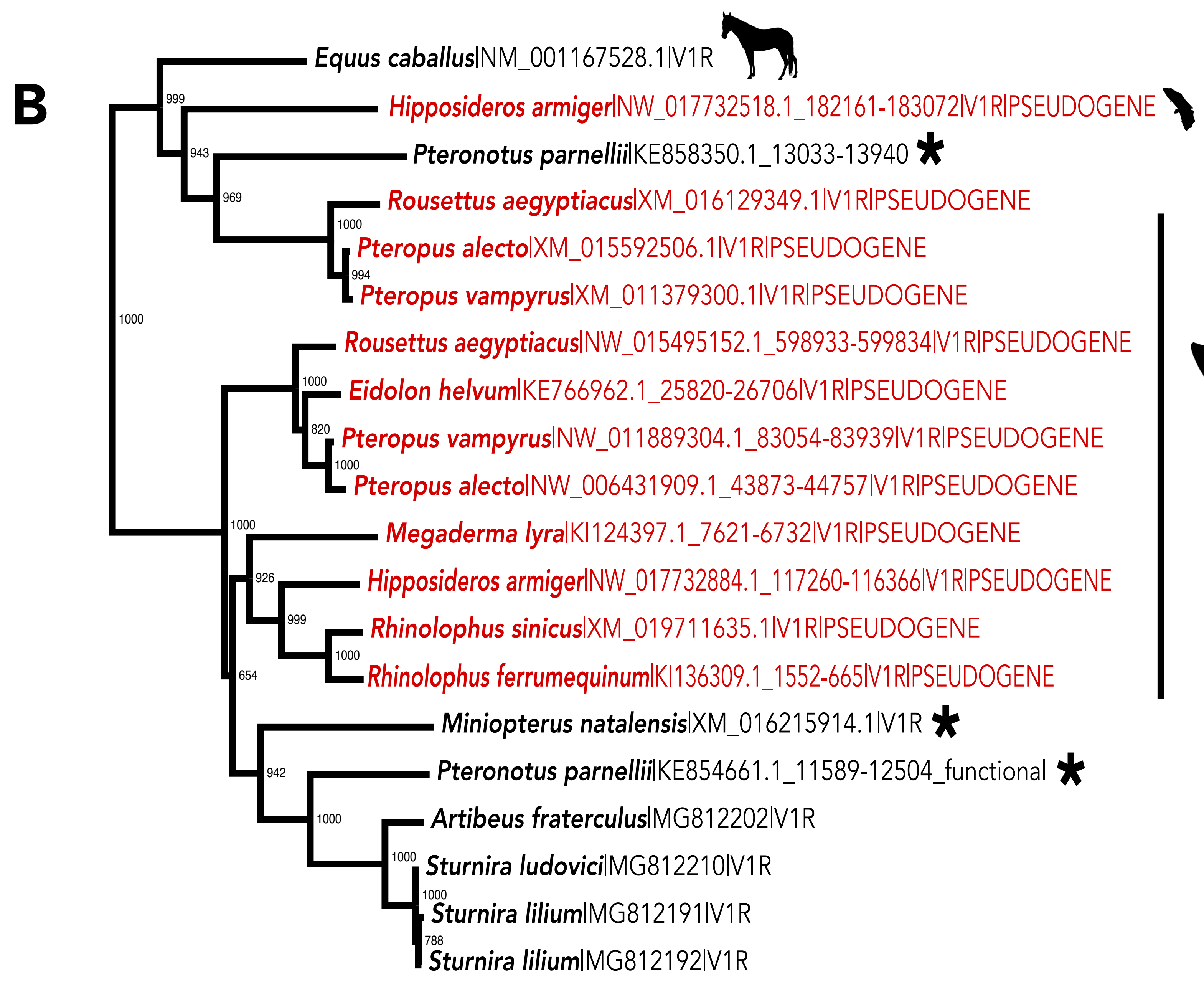
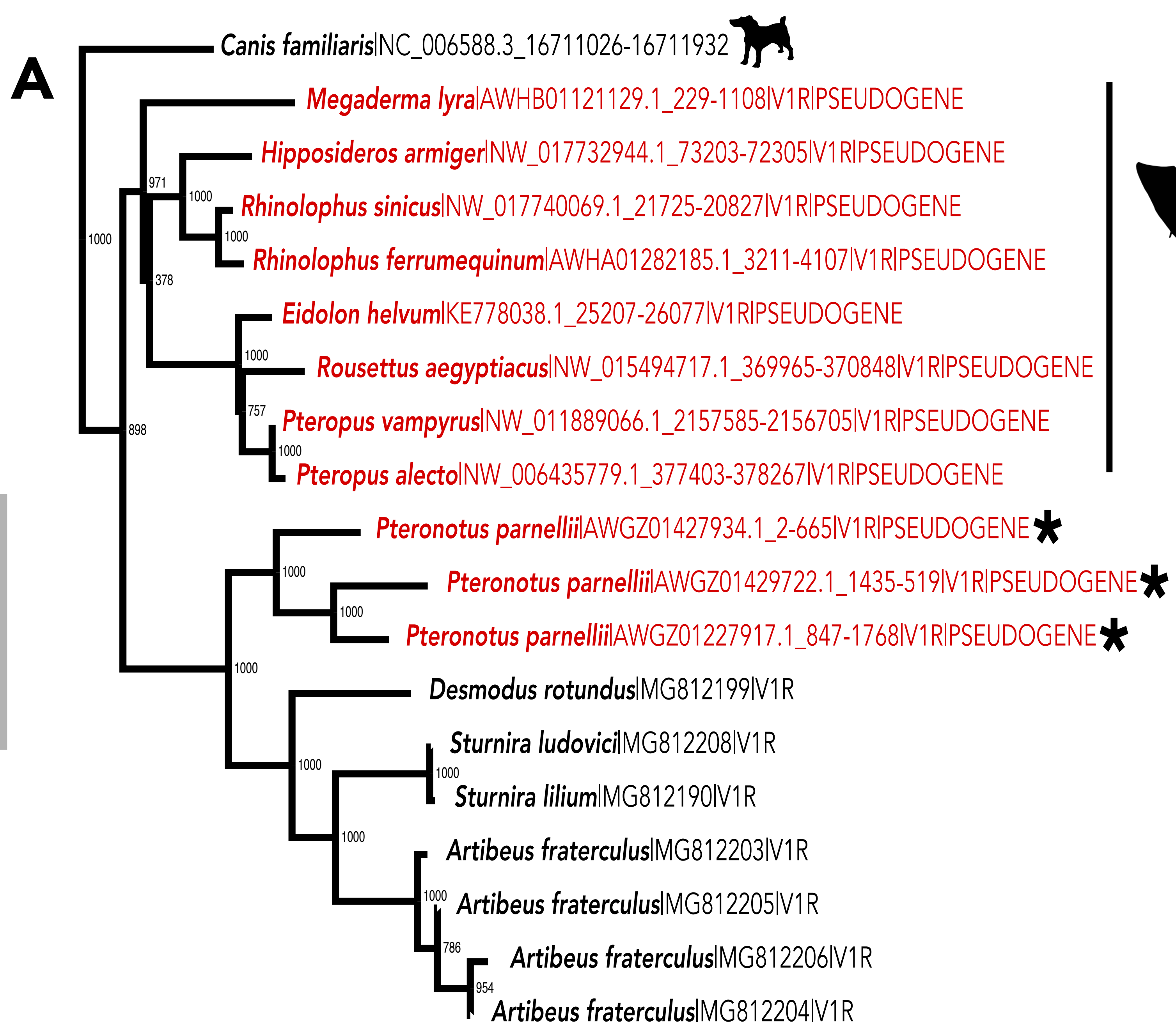
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Order		Species	Trpc2	Intact V1rs	Pseudogene V1rs
Eulipotyphyla		<i>Sorex araneus</i> ◆		44	80
Carnivora		<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> ◆		39	84
		<i>Canis familiaris</i>	*	6	28
		<i>Felis catus</i> ◆		17	79
Perissodactyla		<i>Equus caballus</i>	*	30	48
Artiodactyla		<i>Vicugna vicugna</i> ◆		22	36
		<i>Bos taurus</i> ◆		40	43
Chiroptera		<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> ◆	ψ	0	33
		<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	ψ	0	21
		<i>Pteropus alecto</i>		0	23
		<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>		0	18
		<i>Hipposideros armiger</i>	ψ	2	18
		<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	ψ	0	22
		<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>		1	22
		<i>Megaderma lyra</i>	ψ	1	17
		<i>Miniopterus natalensis</i>	*	6	3
		<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>		0	3
		<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	ψ	0	1
		<i>Myotis davidii</i>		0	2
		<i>Myotis brandtii</i>		0	3
		<i>Pteronotus parnellii</i>	*	3	19
		<i>Desmodus rotundus</i> (genome)	*	14	2
	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	*	8	---	
	<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	*	2	---	
	<i>Carollia brevicauda</i>	*	1	---	
	<i>Sturnira ludovici</i>	*	4	---	
	<i>Sturnira lilium</i>	*	4	---	
	<i>Artibeus fraterculus</i>	*	7	---	

◆ V1r numbers taken from the values in the supplement (not adjusted) of Young, et al. (2010) and therefore may be an underestimate as genome assemblies have improved.

* Trpc2 is intact; ψ Trpc2 is a pseudogene. See (Zhao et al. 2011; Yohe et al. 2017) for reference.



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Yangochiroptera (no *Trpc2*)

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