Large DNA virus promoted the endosymbiotic evolution to make a photosynthetic eukaryote

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Abstract

Chloroplasts in photosynthetic eukaryotes originated from a cyanobacterial endosymbiosis far more than 1 billion years ago[1-3]. Due to this ancientness, it remains unclear how this evolutionary process proceeded. To unveil this mystery, we analysed the whole genome sequence of a photosynthetic rhizarian amoeba[4], *Paulinella micropora*[5,6], which has a chloroplast-like organelle that originated from another cyanobacterial endosymbiosis[7-10] about 0.1 billion years ago[11]. Here we show that the predacious amoeba that engulfed cyanobacteria evolved into a photosynthetic organism very quickly in the evolutionary time scale, probably aided by the drastic genome reorganization activated by large DNA virus. In the endosymbiotic evolution of eukaryotic cells, gene transfer from the endosymbiont genome to the host nucleus is essential for the evolving host cell to control the endosymbiont-derived organelle[12]. In *P. micropora*, we found that the gene transfer from the free-living and endosymbiotic bacteria to the amoeba nucleus was rapidly activated but both simultaneously ceased within the initiation period of the endosymbiotic evolution, suggesting that the genome reorganization drastically proceeded and completed. During this period, large DNA

50 virus appeared to have infected the amoeba, followed by the rapid amplification and
51 diversification of virus-related genes. These findings led us to re-examine the
52 conventional endosymbiotic evolutionary scenario that exclusively deals with the host
53 and the symbiont, and to extend it by incorporating a third critical player, large DNA
54 virus, which activates the drastic gene transfer and genome reorganization between
55 them. This *Paulinella* version of the evolutionary hypothesis deserves further testing of
56 its generality in evolutionary systems and could shed light on the unknown roles of
57 large DNA viruses[13] in the evolution of terrestrial life.
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59 **Main manuscript**

60 Our laboratory culture of *P. micropora* MYN1[5,6] (Fig. 1a) is not axenic and
61 contains bacteria. From this culture, we prepared the chromatins of *P. micropora* by
62 micromesh-aided cell isolation and chromatin immunoprecipitation using a canonical
63 histone antibody. Shotgun sequencing of this chromatin DNA gave us a high-quality
64 draft genome assembly of 967 Mb (Fig. 1, Extended Data Fig. 1, Supplementary Table
65 1). K-mer analysis estimated the genome size of *P. micropora* MYN1 to be 1.35 Gb

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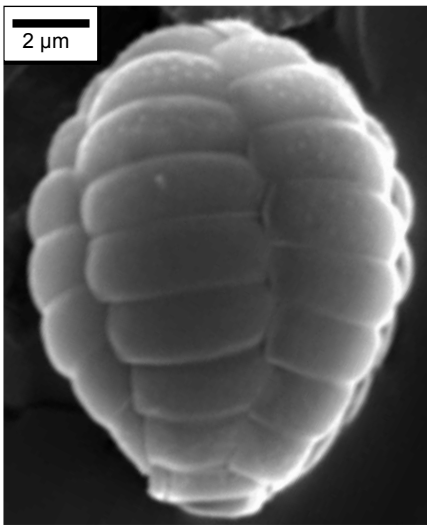

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Total Scaffold length	966,816,691 bp
Scaffolds No.	8,276
Scaffold N50	468,729 bp
%GC	44.01
Gene No.	36,763
Average Gene size (cds size)	10,400 bp (1,522 bp)
Average intron No. per gene	7.9

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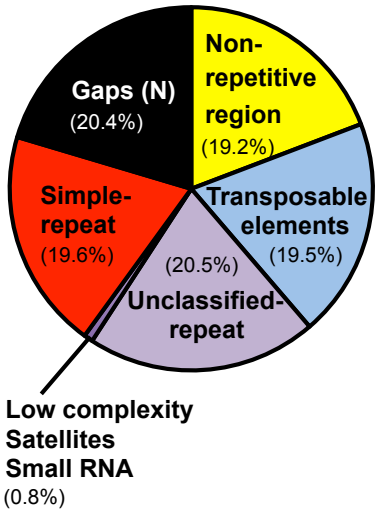

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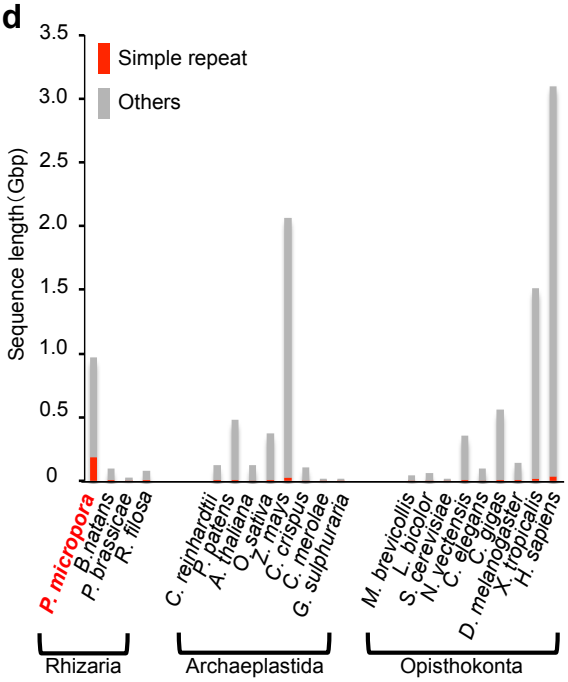

Fig. 1. An overview of the *P. micropora* MYN1 draft genome. a, A SEM image of *P. micropora* MYN1. **b,** The statistics of the draft genome. **c,** The genome composition of *P. micropora* MYN1 analysed by RepeatMasker[27]. **d,** Simple repeats are extraordinarily rich in *P. micropora* MYN1 compared with other organisms.

66 (Extended Data Fig. 1); hence, our draft assembly covered 72% of the whole genome.
67 The genome is largely composed of repeated sequences, with 19.2% unique sequences
68 (Fig. 1c). Simple repeat sequences are extraordinarily rich, amounting to 19.6% (Fig. 1c,
69 1d). As much as simple repeats and transposons, 20.5% of the genome is occupied by
70 unclassified repeat sequences that contain notable amounts of DNA virus-like fragments
71 (Fig. 1c, Supplementary Table 2, 3).

72 A total of 36,763 protein gene models were predicted; on average, they were
73 10.4 kb long and contained eight introns, implying large and complex structures (Fig.
74 1b, Supplementary Table 4). Their gene ontology (GO) term analysis showed that
75 DNA-related metabolism which associated with DNA virus is significantly
76 over-represented compared with that of other rhizarian organisms (Extended Data Fig.
77 1e, Supplementary Table 5).

78 From the above gene set of *P. micropora*, we attempted to characterize the
79 genes that have been pivotal for the endosymbiotic evolution. We extracted the genes
80 derived from cyanobacteria as well as those derived from the rest of the bacteria; we
81 refer to the former as endosymbiotic gene transfer (EGT) candidates and the latter as

82 horizontal gene transfer (HGT) candidates in this study. We obtained 177 EGT and 248
83 HGT candidates (Fig. 2, Supplementary Table 6). Half of the EGT candidates are genes
84 for high light inducible proteins (HLIPs)[12], which are involved in the protection against
85 excess light energy. Phylogenetic analysis of these HLIPs showed that they are
86 polyphyletic, suggesting that HLIPs should have been acquired by multiple independent
87 gene transfers from cyanobacteria (Extended Data Fig. 2). Thus, the gain of a light
88 protection system should have been crucial for the predacious amoeba to evolve into a
89 photosynthetic organism.

90 HGT candidates contain genes of diverse functions, including ribosome
91 biogenesis, DNA synthesis and amino acid metabolism. These genes appear to be
92 involved in (1) endosymbiont biogenesis and (2) changes of the cellular nutrient state
93 from heterotrophy to photo-autotrophy. To further examine the genes essential to the
94 evolution of a photosynthetic organism, we compared orthologs among *P. micropora*,
95 primary photosynthetic eukaryotes and predaceous eukaryotes (Extended Data Fig. 3a,
96 3b); 12 orthologous groups are conserved in the former two but not in the latter,
97 including the genes for light acclimation, organelle gene expression and changes of the

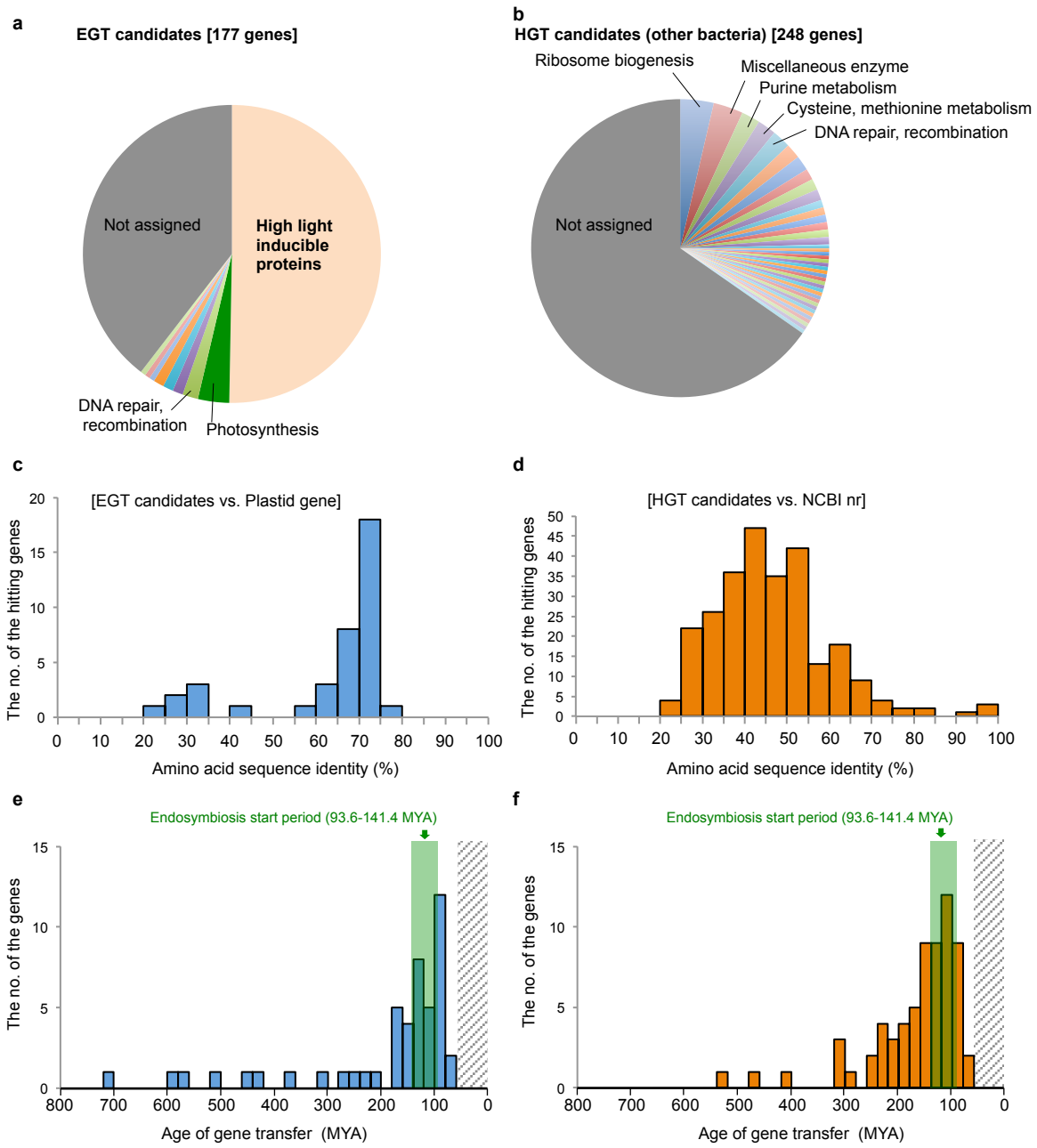

Fig. 2. *P. micropora* nuclear genes acquired by EGT/HGT. a, b, A functional classification of the *P. micropora* nuclear genes derived from cyanobacteria (EGT candidates) (**a**), and those from other bacteria (HGT candidates) (**b**). **c, d,** The amino acid sequence identity of EGT candidates against *P. micropora* MYN1 plastid genes (**c**) and that of HGT candidates against bacterial genes of the NCBI nr database (**d**). **e, f,** An estimation of the gene transfer age for EGT candidates (**e**) and HGT candidates (**f**). The endosymbiosis initiation period is green-highlighted. The ages of gene transfer in (**e**) and (**f**) were calculated based on the divergent time points (45.7–64.7 MYA) of two *Paulinella* species; thus, a gene transfer age younger than 60 MYA (striped phase) could not be estimated.

98 cellular nutrient state. Some of them were obtained horizontally from eukaryotes
99 (Extended Data Figs. 3b–d). Therefore, *P. micropora* utilized the genes of diverse
100 origins for endosymbiotic evolution.

101 The biggest challenge of this study is to elucidate the temporal sequence of
102 the events that occurred at the birth of photosynthetic eukaryotes. To solve this puzzle,
103 we first estimated how and when EGT occurred, based upon the sequence similarity
104 between the EGT candidates and organelle-encoded genes. The results were surprising.
105 We could not find any case with more than 80% amino acid sequence identity
106 conserved between them (Fig. 2c), suggesting that plastidial EGT did not occur in a
107 recent time period (Fig. 2e). We further searched for nuclear-localized plastid DNAs
108 and nuclear-localized mitochondria DNAs[15,16] in the genome and found the latter but
109 not the former. Therefore, it is likely that plastidial EGT rapidly activated and then
110 ceased early in the endosymbiotic evolution in *P. micropora*, while this cool down was
111 not found for mitochondrial EGT (Extended Data Fig. 4).

112 We confirmed this hypothesis from the different angle. Phylogenetic tree
113 analysis of the EGT candidates showed that most of them already lost their counterparts

114 in the plastid genome, except for four genes; hence, we reckon that these four genes
115 were transferred from the plastid to the nucleus relatively recently. The divergences of
116 the four genes between their nuclear and plastid counterparts were estimated to have
117 occurred 319.8 to 98.6 million years ago (MYA) (Extended Data Fig. 5). Considering
118 that the photosynthetic *Paulinella* species have diverged from the heterotrophic species
119 141.4 to 93.6 MYA[11], even the latest EGT at 98.6 MYA had occurred within the
120 initiation period of the endosymbiotic evolution. Taken together, the results of this
121 study strongly suggest that EGT rapidly activated and ceased within the initial period of
122 the endosymbiotic evolution (Fig. 2e), and a similar time course was also found for
123 HGT (Fig. 2d, 2f).

124 What does this rapid and simultaneous cool-down of EGT and HGT (Figs.
125 2c–2f) mean? The most simple and likely explanation is that the predaceous *Paulinella*
126 shrank and lost phagocytic activity at this time to become a photosynthetic organism,
127 accompanied by the shut-down of phagocytosis-aided EGT/HGT. In reality, HGT from
128 prey cyanobacteria occurred in the predaceous *Paulinella* species[17]. If our assumption is
129 correct, the predaceous *Paulinella* should have changed its cellular, genomic and

130 metabolic systems very quickly in terms of the evolutionary time scale. How was this
131 drastic change possible? To examine this, we re-focused this study on DNA virus-like
132 fragments frequently found in the *P. micropora* genome.

133 Fig. 3a shows a genomic scaffold containing putative virus fragments that are
134 characterized by having from a dozen to a hundred copies, high GC content, ORFs
135 similar to eukaryotic virus genes, and many intron-less genes of heterogeneous origins
136 with unknown functions (Extended Data Fig. 6, Supplementary Table 3). In addition,
137 they are often intermingled with simple repeats and mobile genetic elements, i.e.,
138 Maverick/Polinton-type giant transposons[18,19] and retrotransposons. Most notably, the
139 maximum fragment size reaches 300 kb (Extended Data Fig. 6). These structural
140 features of the DNA virus-like fragments resemble those of nucleocytoplasmic large
141 DNA viruses (NCLDV)[20] whose genome size ranges from 100 kbp to 2.5 Mbp and who
142 have many genes of heterogenous origins with unknown functions. However, a
143 phylogenetic analysis based on DNA polymerases shows that those genes, encoded by
144 the putative viral fragments, form a monophyletic clade distant from the genes of
145 eukaryotes, prokaryotes and known NCLDVs (Fig. 3b). Therefore, we assume that they

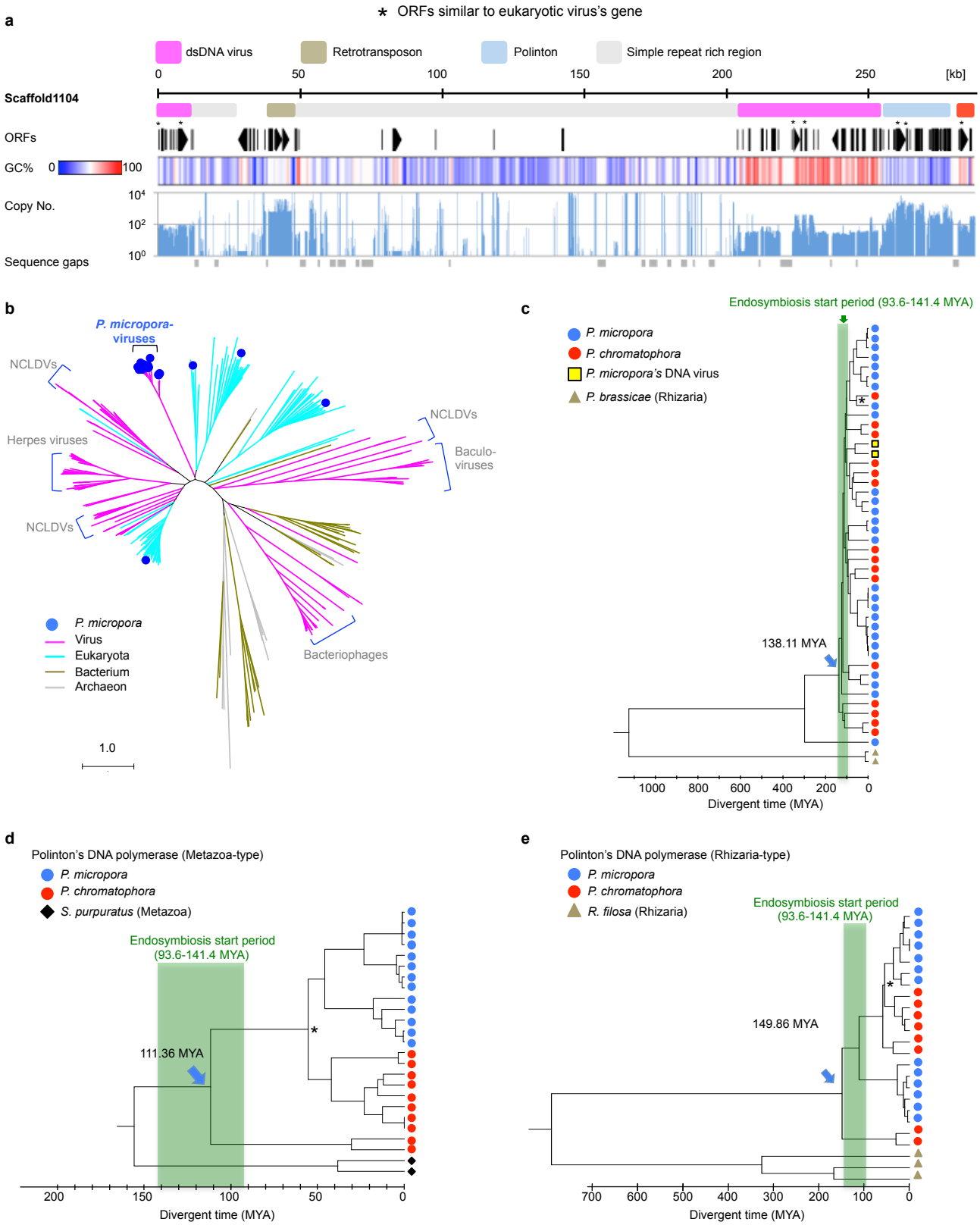

Fig. 3. Putative DNA virus and mobile elements in *P. micropora* MYN1. a, A schematic view of DNA virus-like fragments and mobile elements in the *P. micropora* draft genome (Scaffold 1104). The genomic regions were coloured according to the sequence characteristics; putative dsDNA virus (pink), Polinton (light blue), retrotransposon (brass yellow) and simple repeat-rich region (grey). The copy number of the interspersed repeat elements was analysed by BLASTN against the simple-repeat-masked *P. micropora* draft genome. **b,** ML phylogenetic tree of DNA polymerases of viruses, eukaryotes and prokaryotes. **c,** Divergent time analysis of the virus-type GPCR in *Paulinella*'s lineage. **d, e,** Divergent time analysis of DNA polymerase genes of metazoa-type (**d**) and rhizarian-type (**e**) Polintons. Asterisks: the branch point of *P. micropora* and *P. chromatophora* set at 45.7–64.7 MYA. Green bands: initiation periods of endosymbiosis with cyanobacteria (93.6–141.4 MYA). *P. micropora*; *Paulinella micropora* MYN1, *P. chromatophora*; *Paulinella chromatophora* CCAC0185, *P. brassicae*; *Plasmodiophora brassicae*, *R. filosa*; *Reticulomyxa filosa*, *S. purpurgus*; *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*.

146 are from a novel large DNA virus but share several properties with known NCLDVs.

147 Our next question was when the putative virus infected the *Paulinella* lineage.

148 Although ancient infection hallmarks were already smeared, we found a suggestive case

149 in a *Paulinella*-specific gene family (Fig. 3c, Extended Data Fig. 7). The G-protein

150 coupled receptor (GPCR) genes rapidly expanded and diversified within a short

151 evolutionary period around the endosymbiosis initiation point. Noteworthily, two genes

152 of this family were found only in the putative viral fragment regions (yellow squares in

153 Fig. 3c and Extended Data Fig. 7). This suggests that these two genes diverged from the

154 rest of the family around the endosymbiosis initiation point and have been inherited

155 from the virus genome. This indicates that the putative virus has infected the *Paulinella*

156 lineage around the endosymbiosis initiation point or earlier.

157 To further prove this, we investigated the Maverick/Polinton-type transposons

158 derived from a virophage[21], which parasitizes giant viruses (extremely large NCLDVs)

159 with its propagation depending on the host virus[21,22]. Virophages are also integrated into

160 the nuclear genome and could function as an anti-DNA virus system to protect

161 eukaryotic cells from the DNA virus[23,24]. Therefore, we hypothesized that the

162 emergence of Mavericks/Polintons and their amplifications have occurred concomitant
163 with the DNA virus infection. In the *P. micropora* genome, two distinct
164 Mavericks/Polintons, metazoan- and rhizaria-type, were detected in abundance
165 (Extended Data Fig. 8, Supplementary Table 7). The divergent time analysis showed
166 that both started amplification in the endosymbiosis initiation period (Fig. 3d, 3e).
167 These results of the Maverick/Polinton-type transposons support the hypothesis that the
168 large DNA virus infected the *Paulinella* lineage around the endosymbiosis initiation
169 period.

170 Recent studies of NCLDV and giant DNA virus have drastically changed our
171 conventional view of viruses[13], especially their huge potential to incorporate diverse
172 genetic materials of heterogenous origins[25,26] and to mediate their shuffling.
173 Considering these properties of large DNA virus and the results of this study, we could
174 reconstruct the initial evolutionary process of the photosynthetic *Paulinella* species as
175 shown in Fig. 4. In this hypothetical model, large DNA virus contributed to the
176 endosymbiotic evolution as a critical player, in addition to the original players of the
177 host and symbiont. We should note that, in general, the detection of ancient infection

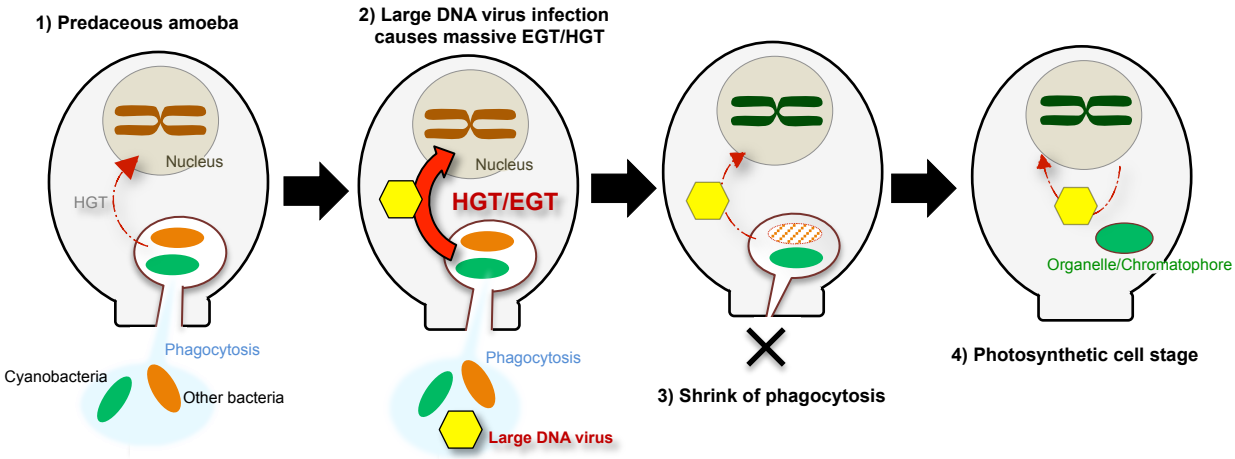

Fig. 4. Initial process of the endosymbiotic evolution of photosynthetic *Paulinella* species modeled from the *P. micropora* genomic data. 1) Predacious ancestors digested prey bacteria via phagocytosis with continuing low levels of HGT. **2)** The infection of large DNA virus triggered the massive HGT/EGT to promote the rapid endosymbiotic evolution. **3)** Acquiring photosynthetic competency shrunk the phagocytic activity to shut down the source of HGT/EGT. **4)** The photo-autotrophic *Paulinella* sp. contains one photosynthetic organelle per cell, hence, release of the organelle DNA hardly occurred without losing photosynthetic activity. In this final stage, virus-mediated gene transfer continued at trace level.

178 hallmarks of large DNA virus seems difficult because (1) it could be easily lost due to
179 its harmful and undesirable effects on host proliferation, (2) of poor information of the
180 virus sequences and (3) of repeated sequences that are apt to be omitted in the assembly
181 process of the genomic sequencing projects. This *Paulinella* version of the
182 endosymbiotic evolution hypothesis deserves further examination to test its generality
183 in many evolutionary systems.
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185 **Methods**

186 **Data availability**

187 The sequences of the *P. micropora* draft genome, plastid (chromatophore) genome,
188 mitochondria genome and the raw reads data set were deposited to the DDBJ
189 (Accession No. are shown in Supplemental Table 8) and DDBJ reads archives (DRA
190 Accession No. DRA003059, DRA003106, DRA008524).
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192 ***P. micropora* culture and cell isolation.** The *P. micropora* MYN1 strain (NIES
193 Collection, Tsukuba, JAPAN, NIES-4060) was cultured according to Nomura et al.

194 (2014)[5] and harvested by low-speed centrifugation (500 × g, 2 min) at 4 °C. The
195 harvested cells were resuspended in the culture medium and filtrated through a 20 μm
196 mesh nylon filter (HD-20, Nippon Rikagaku Kikai Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) to remove
197 dead cell aggregates with high bacterial contamination. Recovered healthy cells were
198 repeatedly washed with culture medium and subjected to RNA extraction. For
199 extraction of chromatin DNA, the cells were subsequently washed three times with 10
200 mM Tris-HCL (pH 8.0), six times with 10 mM Tris-HCL (pH 8.0) plus 10 mM EDTA,
201 and recovered by a 5 μm mesh nylon filter (PP-5n, Kyoshin Rikoh Inc., Tokyo, Japan)
202 to give clean cells largely free of bacterial contamination.
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204 **Chromatin and genomic DNA extraction.** Genomic DNA used for paired-end (300 b,
205 500 b) and mate-pair (3 kb, 5 kb) libraries for HiSeq sequencing were purified by
206 chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) as follows. Ten milligrams of *P. micropora* cells
207 were homogenized in 500 μl homogenizing buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 10 mM
208 NaCl, 10 mM KCl, 2.5 mM EDTA, 250 mM sucrose, 0.1 mM spermine, 0.5 mM
209 spermidine and 1 mM DTT) using a 30μm clearance glass homogenizer (RD440911,

210 Teraoka Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan). After centrifugation (1000 × g, 10 min, 4 °C), the
211 pellets were resuspended in 300 μl ChIP buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 500 mM
212 NaCl, 10 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, 0.5% Na-deoxycholate, 1% Triton X-100, 1 mM DTT
213 and 10% glycerol) with 20 μl Dynabeads protein G (Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA,
214 U.S.A.) charged with 1 μg anti-histone H3 antibody (Ab1791) (Abcam plc, Cambridge,
215 UK) and incubated at 4 °C for 20 min. Dynabeads were then washed twice with ChIP
216 buffer, twice with glycerol-free ChIP buffer and finally suspended in DNA extraction
217 buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA and 1% SDS). After RNase A (10
218 μg/ml) and proteinase K (200 μg/ml) treatment, DNAs were purified by using Plant
219 DNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). For the construction of the long mate-pair
220 libraries (12 kb, 15 kb, 18 kb and 20 kb), the total *P. micropora* genome was extracted
221 without ChIP purification.
222
223 **Genome sequencing and assembly.** Sequencing libraries were prepared using a
224 TruSeq DNA PCR-Free Library Preparation Kit and a Nextera Mate Pair
225 Library Prep Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA). Two paired-end libraries with

226 300 and 500bp inserts and six mate pair libraries (3kb, 5kb, 12kb, 15kb,
227 18kb, and 20kb) were constructed and sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq
228 2500 sequencers with 151 cycles per run. The nuclear draft genome was
229 assembled by SOAPdenovo v2.04-r240[28] with a k-mer size of 121 after removing the
230 sequence reads of the plastid (chromatophore) and mitochondria genomes, and those of
231 two contaminating bacteria genomes. After the genome assembly, we checked for the
232 contamination of the organelle genome and the bacteria genomes again, and we
233 removed the contaminants from the draft genome. K-mer frequency analysis was
234 performed by Jellyfish[29]. Genome scaffolds longer than 1 kb were analysed in this
235 study.
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237 **RNA-seq and Iso-Seq analysis.** RNAs were extracted from *P. micropora* cells at 0, 4,
238 8, 12, 16 and 20 hr of 14L/10D photoperiod by Trizol® reagent (Thermo Fisher
239 Scientific), and further purified using Plant RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) with RNase-free
240 DNase I treatment (Qiagen). Samples of the above time points were equally mixed and
241 subjected to RNA-seq analysis using Agilent Strand Specific RNA Library Preparation

242 Kit (Agilent Technologies, CA, U.S.A) and Illumina HiSeq 2500 (Illumina). The paired
243 end reads of RNA-seq were *de novo* assembled by Trinity[30] with the default setting or
244 by CLC Genomics Workbench 7.0.3 (Qiagen) using a K-mer value of 54. The RNA-seq
245 reads were mapped on the genome with Tophat[31] and assembled with Cufflinks[32] or
246 Trinity[30]. For isoform-sequencing (Iso-Seq) of full-length transcripts, cDNAs were
247 prepared from polyA+RNA using SMARTer® PCR cDNA Synthesis Kit (Takara Bio
248 Inc., Shiga, Japan). The cDNA samples were size-fractionated with the BluePippin™
249 system (Sage Science, MA, USA) and 700–1500 bp, 1500–3000 bp and 3000–6000 bp
250 fractions were analysed with a PacBio®RSII sequencer (Pacific Biosciences, CA,
251 U.S.A.). Iso-Seq-contigs were constructed using the RS_IsoSeq protocol in SMRT
252 Analysis (v2.3.0) with the parameter of estimated cDNA size. The *de novo* assembled
253 RNA-seq-contigs and Iso-Seq-contigs were mapped to the genome by BLAT[33], and
254 each contig was annotated when at least 80% of its sequence was mapped. The mapped
255 transcript data were used to make longer transcript models with PASA2 v. 2.0.2[34].
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257 **Annotation of repeat sequences.** Repeat sequences of *P. micropora* were identified

258 using the RepeatModeller package (v. open-1-0-8, http://www.repeatmasker.org) and
259 masked by RepeatMasker v. 4.0[27], using the identified-model repeat sequences and the
260 repeat sequences of Repbase (ver. 20150807)[35] (https://www.girinst.org/repbase/). The
261 model repeat sequences were annotated based on the sequence homology search against
262 the NCBI nr database by BLASTX[36]. Representative Polintons and retrotransposons in
263 Supplementary Table 3 were identified by manual inspection of the *P. micropora* draft
264 genome aided by a sequence similarity search using BLAST software[36].
265
266 **Gene annotation.** Protein genes of *P. micropora* were annotated by a combination of
267 transcriptome-based gene modelling, *ab initio* gene prediction and protein
268 homology-based gene prediction. In the transcriptome-based gene modelling, the
269 transcripts were masked first by RepeatMasker because many spurious repetitive
270 sequences, which were not removed by genome-repeat-masking, were detected. We
271 discarded the transcript models when more than 80% of the region was masked by
272 RepeatMasker. Exceptions were made when ORFs (> 50 aa) were predicted from the
273 unmasked region. The ORFs and coding sequences of transcripts were predicted with

274 the Transdecoder Utility of Trinity[37]. *Ab initio* gene prediction was performed by
275 Augustus[38], whose training was performed using Iso-Seq data. Since *P. micropora*
276 protein genes often contain simple repeat sequences in the exon regions, we avoided
277 masking them for the *ab initio* gene prediction. The protein homology-based gene
278 prediction was performed by Exonerate[39] after masking both the simple repeat and the
279 interspersed repeat sequences, because the homology search in the presence of simple
280 repeat sequences generated an extraordinary number of meaningless candidates (data
281 not shown). In the Exonerate analysis, we used the protein sequences that passed the
282 prescreening by BLASTX search (*P. micropora* genome vs. a local protein database
283 composed of Uniprot and 4 rhizarian organisms, *B. natans*, *P. brassicae, P.*
284 *chromatophore* and *R. filosa*). All gene models described above were combined, and the
285 best one for each gene locus was chosen according to the bit score of the BLAST search,
286 the presence/absence of transcript and ORF length. The quality of the genome assembly
287 and the annotation was assessed by BUSCO v. 1[40].
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289 **Detection of DNA virus-like fragments.** Genomic segments with discernible

290 boundaries and distinct from the rest of the genome by the following four criteria were
291 denoted as DNA virus-like fragments or putative DNA virus fragments: 1) repeat
292 sequences detected by RepeatModeller but distinct from retrotransposons and the
293 Maverick/Polinton-type transposons, 2) higher GC content, 3) large heterogeneous
294 intron-less gene clusters and 4) ORFs similar to DNA virus proteins are encoded; DNA
295 virus genes are found within the top 100 by BLASTP search against the NCBI nr
296 database. The detailed procedure is as follows. Genomic scaffolds containing repeat
297 sequences of the unknown class[27] were subjected to ORFfinder[41], and ORFs detected
298 were annotated by BLASTP[36] search against the NCBI nr database. The GC%
299 distribution was analysed with CLC genomic workbench 7.0.3 (Qiagen).The virus copy
300 number was analysed using the BLASTN[36] program searching the simple
301 repeat-masked draft genome for virus coding sequences (Supplementary Table 3) or 100
302 b fragments generated by slicing the virus-containing scaffolds (Fig. 3, Extended Data
303 Fig. 6). BLASTN-redundant hits were manually removed.
304
305 **GO-term-, metabolism-pathway-, orthogroup- and protein-domain analysis.**

306 GO-terms were acquired by InterproScan 5[42], and the enrichment analysis was

307 performed by web-based GOstat[43] (http://gostat.wehi.edu.au/) using 27,653 GO-terms

308 of 12,007 *P. micropora* genes and 88,634 GO-terms of 39,773 genes of 4 rhizarian

309 organisms (*B. natans, P. brassicae, R. filosa* and *P.micropora,*). Metabolism-pathways

310 were analysed using KAAS of KEGG[44] (https://www.genome.jp/kegg/kaas/).

311 Orthogroup-analysis of Extended Data Fig. 3 was performed by Orthofinder[45] using a

312 local protein database (Supplementary Table 10). Protein domain information in

313 Extended Data Fig. 7 was acquired by NCBI conserved domain (CD) search

314 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi)[46].

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316 **nuclear-localized plastid DNA (nupDNA) and mitochondria DNA (numDNA)**

317 **analysis.** Using the *P. micropora* plastid genome (DDBJ Accession No. LC490351) and

318 mitochondria genome sequence (DDBJ Accession No. LC490352) for queries, nupDNA

319 and numDNA were searched for by BLASTN against the *P. micropora* draft genome

320 and the raw sequence reads of Illumina HiSeq2500. In the raw read-based nupDNA and

321 numDNA analysis, chimeric segments of the organelle-like and non-organelle

322 sequences, which represent the junction region of nuclear localized organelle DNA,
323 were surveyed. The detected reads were assembled by CodonCode Aligner (CodonCode
324 Corporation, MA, U.S.A.). The chimera artefacts due to sequencing adaptors, or
325 contaminated bacterial and mitochondria genomes, were identified by BLAST analysis
326 using the NCBI database (nt, nr) and the mitochondria genome sequence (LC490352).
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328 **Phylogenetic analysis and the divergent time analysis.** Multiple sequence alignment
329 analyses were performed by MUSCLE[47] and MAFFT[48]. The phylogenetic trees were
330 constructed using MEGA packages (version 6[49], 7[50] and -CC[51]) and IQ-tree[52]. The
331 divergent time analysis was performed using the RelTime method[53] implemented in
332 MEGA 6. Parameters used for phylogenetic analyses are shown in Supplementary Table
333 6 and 9, respectively.
334
335 **Analysis of EGT/HGT candidates.** *P. micropora* nuclear genes derived from
336 cyanobacteria are referred to as EGT, and those derived from the rest of the bacteria are
337 defined as HGT. To screen the EGT/HGT candidates, *P. micropora* MYN1 genes were

338 used as queries for the BLASTP search against the NCBI nr database with e-value ≤
339 $1e^{-10}$, and top-hitting genes of the *Paulinella* plastid genes or prokaryotic protein
340 sequences were selected. These genes were subjected to multiple alignment analyses by
341 MUSCLE using the protein sequences of a local protein dataset in Supplementary Table
342 10 and of the best BLASTP hit sequences. The obtained data sets were subjected to a
343 neighbour joining (NJ) phylogenetic analysis (MEGA6, 7, CC) to choose *P. micropora*
344 nuclear genes that form sister groups with prokaryotes or photosynthetic eukaryotes.
345 After fine taxon re-samplings from the NCBI nr database, the NJ analysis selection was
346 conducted again. The selected genes were finally subjected to maximum likelihood
347 (ML) analysis using MEGA packages (MEGA6, 7, CC). *P. micropora* nuclear genes
348 that satisfied at least one of the following three criteria were used as EGT and HGT
349 candidates. 1) BLAST analysis of the gene gave no hint of eukaryote genes in the NCBI
350 nr database. 2) EGT and HGT are supported by ML phylogenetic analysis with a high
351 bootstrap value. We adopted a bootstrap value of 95 as threshold when phylogenetically
352 available protein alignment sequence positions were long enough (≥ 100 aa). We
353 lowered the threshold to 70 when the available sites were less than 100 aa. 3) The gene

354 is included in the clade of photosynthetic organisms. To confirm the validity of the
355 above mentioned EGT candidate selection, we also screened the EGT candidates by
356 another independent procedure. The EGT candidates obtained by these two independent
357 analyses were almost overlapping and, therefore, used for the analysis (Supplementary
358 Table 6). The alternative analysis procedure is as follows. We performed a phylogenetic
359 analysis using the software of multiple alignment (MAFFT) and ML phylogenetic
360 analysis (IQ-tree), and alignment trimming tools (trimAI[54], BMGE[55]). We selected
361 genes hitting alpha-type cyanobacteria[56,57] within the top 100 by BLAST search against
362 a custom database, which consists of the NCBI nr database supplemented with the
363 protein sequences of 14 phylogenetically informative protists (Supplemental Table 10).
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365 **Estimation of EGT/HGT timing.** To estimate the timing of EGT/HGT, we used *P.*
366 *micropora* genes whose counter genes of *P. chromatophora* CCAC0185 were reported
367 as EGT/HGT candidates[58,59]. In addition, we restricted the analysis to *Paulinella*
368 ortholog's pairs that form a monophyletic sister group with a high bootstrap value (≥
369 70). The nearest protein sequences of HGT/EGT candidates were surveyed from NCBI

370 nr database by BLASTP analysis. Within the top 2000 sequences of BLASTP hits, the
371 phylogenetically nearest gene sequences were estimated using NJ and ML phylogenetic
372 analysis. To estimate gene transfer timing, the branching time point when *P. micropora*
373 MYN1 separated from the nearest non-rhizarian organisms in the ML phylogenetic tree
374 was calculated using the RelTime method[55]. We used an estimated value of the
375 divergence of *P. micropora* and *P. chromatophora* (45.7–64.7 MYA) based on the 18S
376 rRNA phylogenetic tree corrected by fossil information[11,60].
377
378 **Analysis of Mavericks/Polinton transposons.** *P. micropora's* Mavericks/Polintons
379 transposons were detected from the draft genome by tBLASTN using the sequence of
380 the DNA polymerase (DNA-pol) domain. Thousands of DNA polymerase ORFs,
381 predicted from the genome sequences by Transdecoder[37], were subjected to NJ
382 phylogenetic analyses. We grouped highly similar copies. Representative sequences that
383 have long ORFs and less ambiguous amino acid residues were selected from each group
384 and subjected to ML phylogenetic analysis.
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386 **Divergent time analysis of the mobile elements.** In the divergent time analysis of
387 Marvericks/Polintons DNA polymerases, representative DNA-pol sequences of *P.*
388 *micropora* MYN1 Polintons having the traits of recent amplification (nucleotide
389 sequence identity between the copies ≥ 90%) were used. For the DNA-pol sequences of
390 *P. chromatophora* CCAC0185 Polintons, the genome sequence-reads (SRR3217293.sra,
391 SRR3217303.sra) were searched by BLASTX (e-value < $1e^{-20}$) using the sequence of *P.*
392 *micropora* MYN1 Polintons, and then, the hit-reads were assembled into contigs with
393 CLC Genomic Workbench 7.0 (Qiagen). For the analysis of virus-type GPCR genes, in
394 addition to *P. micropora* MYN1 genes and *P. micropora* putative virus genes, the
395 translated ORFs of *P. chromatophora* CCAC0185 transcripts were analysed. The GPCR
396 gene family was detected by Orthofinder[45] and BLASTP[36] search. In this analysis, the
397 genes encoding seven intact trans-membrane domain sequences, of which all seven
398 trans-membrane helices can be identified by CD search[46], were used. Furthermore,
399 several genes predicted *ab initio* by Augustus without any supporting experimental data
400 were removed from the analysis, because their gene models appeared to be artificial
401 from applying eukaryotic splicing rules to virus-like fragments. The divergent time

402 points of the mobile elements and GPCR genes were calculated by setting the nearest
403 branching point of *P. micropora* MYN1 and *P. chromatophora* CCAC0185 at 45.7–
404 64.7 MYA.
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406 **Statistical analysis**
407 In GO-term enrichment analysis, Fisher's exact test (two tailed test) was performed and
408 the p-values corrected with false discovery rate (Benjamini) were calculated. In the
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738 **Figure Legends**

739 **Fig. 1. An overview of the *P. micropora* MYN1 draft genome. a,** A SEM image of *P.*
740 *micropora* MYN1. **b,** The statistics of the draft genome. **c,** The genome composition of
741 *P. micropora* MYN1 analysed by RepeatMasker[27]. **d,** Simple repeats are extraordinarily
742 rich in *P. micropora* MYN1 compared with other organisms.

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744 **Fig. 2. *P. micropora* nuclear genes acquired by EGT/HGT. a, b,** A functional
745 classification of the *P. micropora* nuclear genes derived from cyanobacteria (EGT
746 candidates) (**a**), and those from other bacteria (HGT candidates) (**b**). **c, d,** The amino
747 acid sequence identity of EGT candidates against *P. micropora* MYN1 plastid genes (**c**)
748 and that of HGT candidates against bacterial genes of the NCBI nr database (**d**). **e, f,** An
749 estimation of the gene transfer age for EGT candidates (**e**) and HGT candidates (**f**). The
750 endosymbiosis initiation period is green-highlighted. The ages of gene transfer in (**e**)
751 and (**f**) were calculated based on the divergent time points (45.7–64.7 MYA) of two
752 *Paulinella* species; thus, a gene transfer age younger than 60 MYA (striped phase)
753 could not be estimated.

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755 **Fig. 3. Putative DNA virus and mobile elements in *P. micropora* MYN1. a,** A
756 schematic view of DNA virus-like fragments and mobile elements in the *P. micropora*
757 draft genome (Scaffold 1104). The genomic regions were coloured according to the
758 sequence characteristics; putative dsDNA virus (pink), Polinton (light blue),
759 retrotransposon (brass yellow) and simple repeat-rich region (grey). The copy number
760 of the interspersed repeat elements was analysed by BLASTN against the
761 simple-repeat-masked *P. micropora* draft genome. **b,** ML phylogenetic tree of DNA
762 polymerases of viruses, eukaryotes and prokaryotes. **c,** Divergent time analysis of the
763 virus-type GPCR in *Paulinella*'s lineage. **d, e,** Divergent time analysis of DNA
764 polymerase genes of metazoa-type (**d**) and rhizarian-type (**e**) Polintons. Asterisks: the
765 branch point of *P. micropora* and *P. chromatophora* set at 45.7–64.7 MYA. Green
766 bands: initiation periods of endosymbiosis with cyanobacteria (93.6–141.4 MYA). *P.*
767 *micropora*; *Paulinella micropora* MYN1, *P. chromatophora*; *Paulinella*
768 *chromatophora* CCAC0185*, P. brassicae*; *Plasmodiophora brassicae*, *R. filosa*;
769 *Reticulomyxa filosa*, *S. purpurgus*; *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*.

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771 **Fig. 4. Initial process of the endosymbiotic evolution of photosynthetic *Paulinella***

772 **species modeled from the *P. micropora* genomic data. 1)** Predacious ancestors

773 digested prey bacteria via phagocytosis with continuing low levels of HGT. **2)** The

774 infection of large DNA virus triggered the massive HGT/EGT to promote the rapid

775 endosymbiotic evolution. **3)** Acquiring photosynthetic competency shrunk the

776 phagocytic activity to shut down the source of HGT/EGT. **4)** The photo-autotrophic

777 *Paulinella* sp. contains one photosynthetic organelle per cell, hence, release of the

778 organelle DNA hardly occurred without losing photosynthetic activity. In this final

779 stage, virus-mediated gene transfer continued at trace level.

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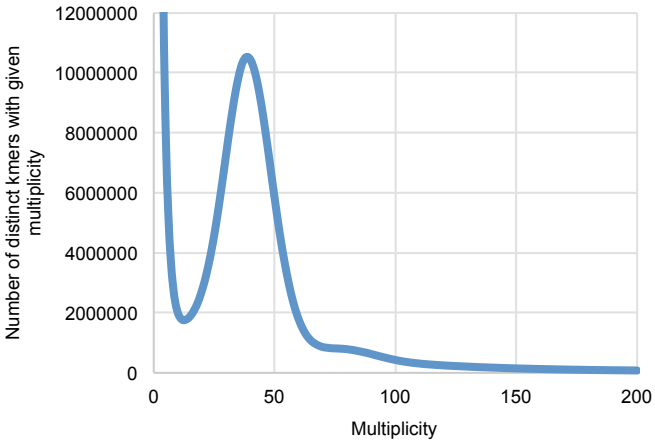

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	Plastid (Chromatophore)	Mitochondria
Genome size (bp)	977,199	37,153
GC%	39.3	23.6
Protein coding gene	874	23
rRNA gene	3 (X2)	2
tRNA gene	42	20

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Mapped cDNA-region (%)	No. of the mapped cDNAs	Percent (%) of the mapped cDNAs
>80	13747	99.7 (%)
>90	13606	98.7
>95	13279	96.3
100	10532	76.4

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Species name	***P. micropora* MYN1**	***A. thaliana***	***P. brassicae***
Complete BUSCOs	388 (90%)	401 (93%)	392 (91%)
Complete Duplicated BUSCOs	139 (32%)	268 (62%)	95 (22%)
Fragmented BUSCOs	19 (4.4%)	10 (2.3%)	17 (3.9%)
Missing BUSCOs	22 (5.1%)	18 (4.1%)	20 (4.6%)

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Biological process

GO ID	Description	p-value
GO:0015074	DNA integration	0
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GO:0006260	DNA replication	0
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GO:0043283	biopolymer metabolic process	4.39E-65
GO:0043170	macromolecule metabolic process	6.18E-36
GO:0009186	deoxyribonucleoside diphosphate metabolic process	7.42E-21
GO:0009262	deoxyribonucleotide metabolic process	3.35E-17
GO:0009132	nucleoside diphosphate metabolic process	7.65E-17
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GO:0005578	proteinaceous extracellular matrix	6.52E-05
GO:0000785	chromatin	0.009764
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Molecular function

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GO:0003688	DNA replication origin binding	2.85E-77
GO:0043565	sequence-specific DNA binding	2.39E-59
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GO:0004930	G-protein coupled receptor activity	3.70E-22
GO:0003899	DNA-directed RNA polymerase activity	1.67E-20
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GO:0016775	phosphotransferase activity, nitrogenous group as acceptor	3.57E-16
GO:0004673	protein histidine kinase activity	3.57E-16
GO:0000155	two-component sensor activity	3.57E-16

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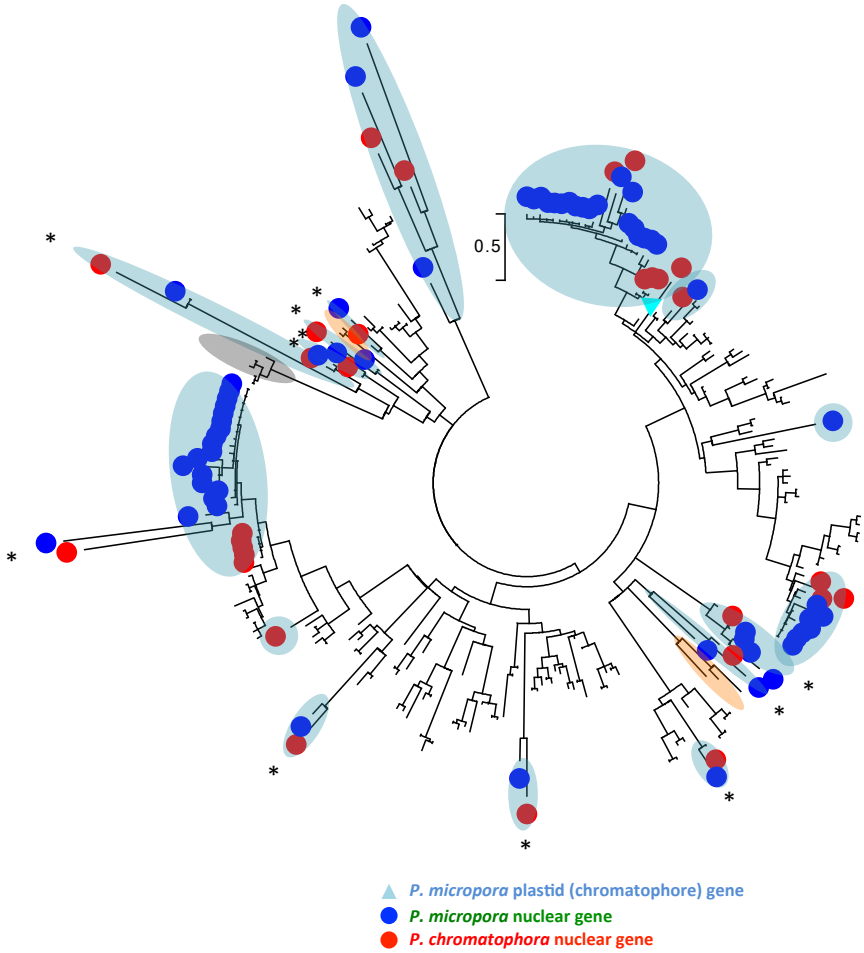

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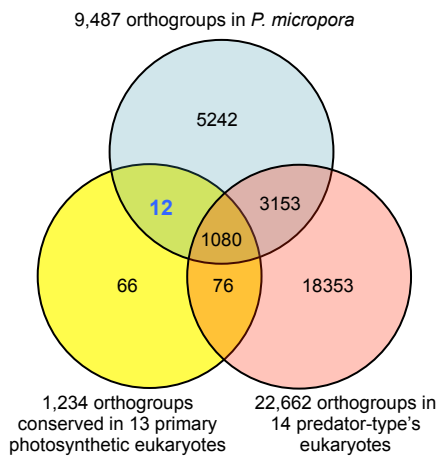

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Orthogroup ID	Function	No. of *P. micropora* genes	Cellular localization of the orthologs in *A. thaliana*	Estimated origin
OG0000217	Chlorophyll A-B binding family protein (High light inducible protein)	81	Plastid	Cyanobacteria or Photosynthetic-eukaryote
OG0000633	Probable plastid-lipid-associated protein	4	Plastid	Cyanobacteria or Photosynthetic-eukaryote
OG0000868	Zeta-carotene desaturase	1	Plastid	Bacteria
OG0001101	Acetylglutamate kinase	1	Plastid	Bacteria
OG0001187	Arogenate dehydratase/prephenate dehydratase	1	Plastid	Unknown
OG0001403	Unknown	3	unknown	Cyanobacteria
OG0001742	Plastid stem-loop binding protein of 41kDa	1	Plastid	Haptophyta
OG0001936	SOUL heme-binding family protein	2	Plastid, golgi, vacuole	Bacteria and eukaryote
OG0002023	Biotin synthase	1	Mitochondoria	Stramenopiles
OG0003327	Unknown	1	Plastid	Cyanobacteria or Photosynthetic-eukaryote
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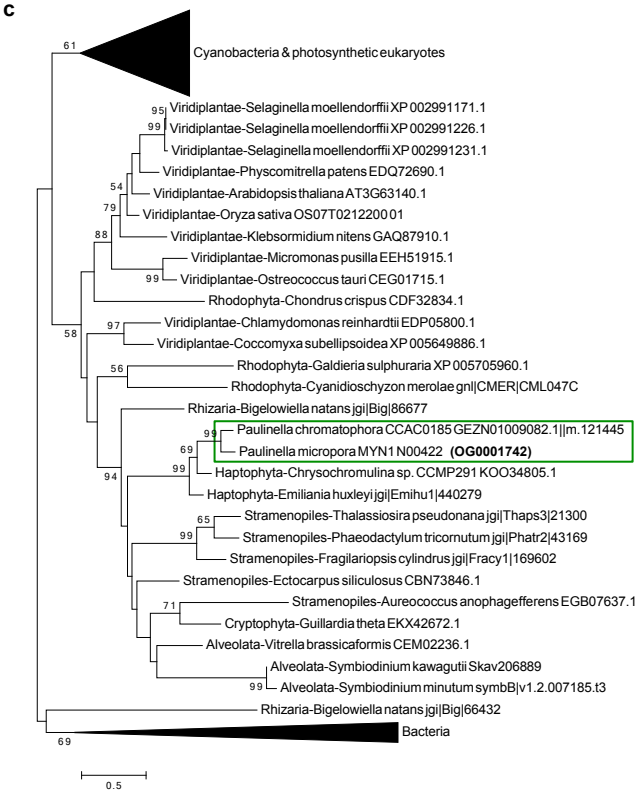

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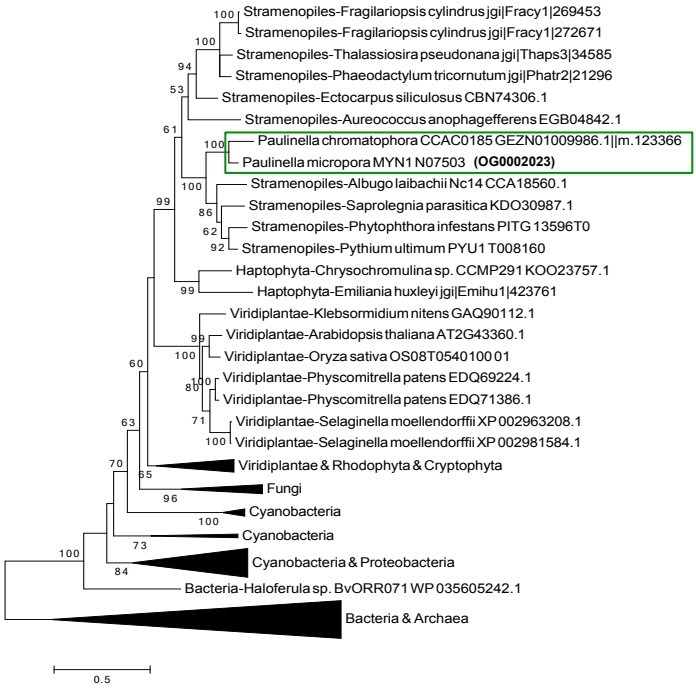

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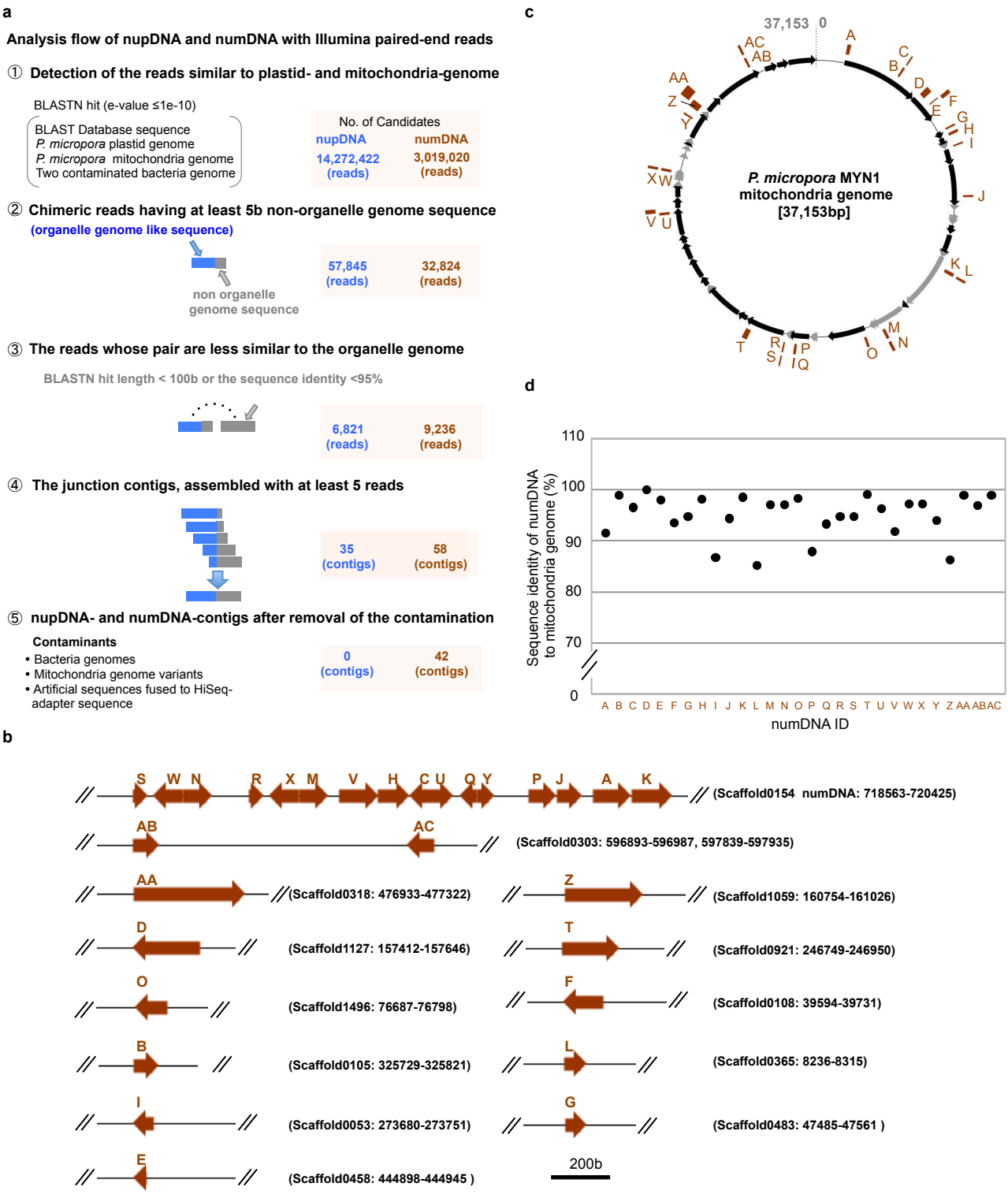

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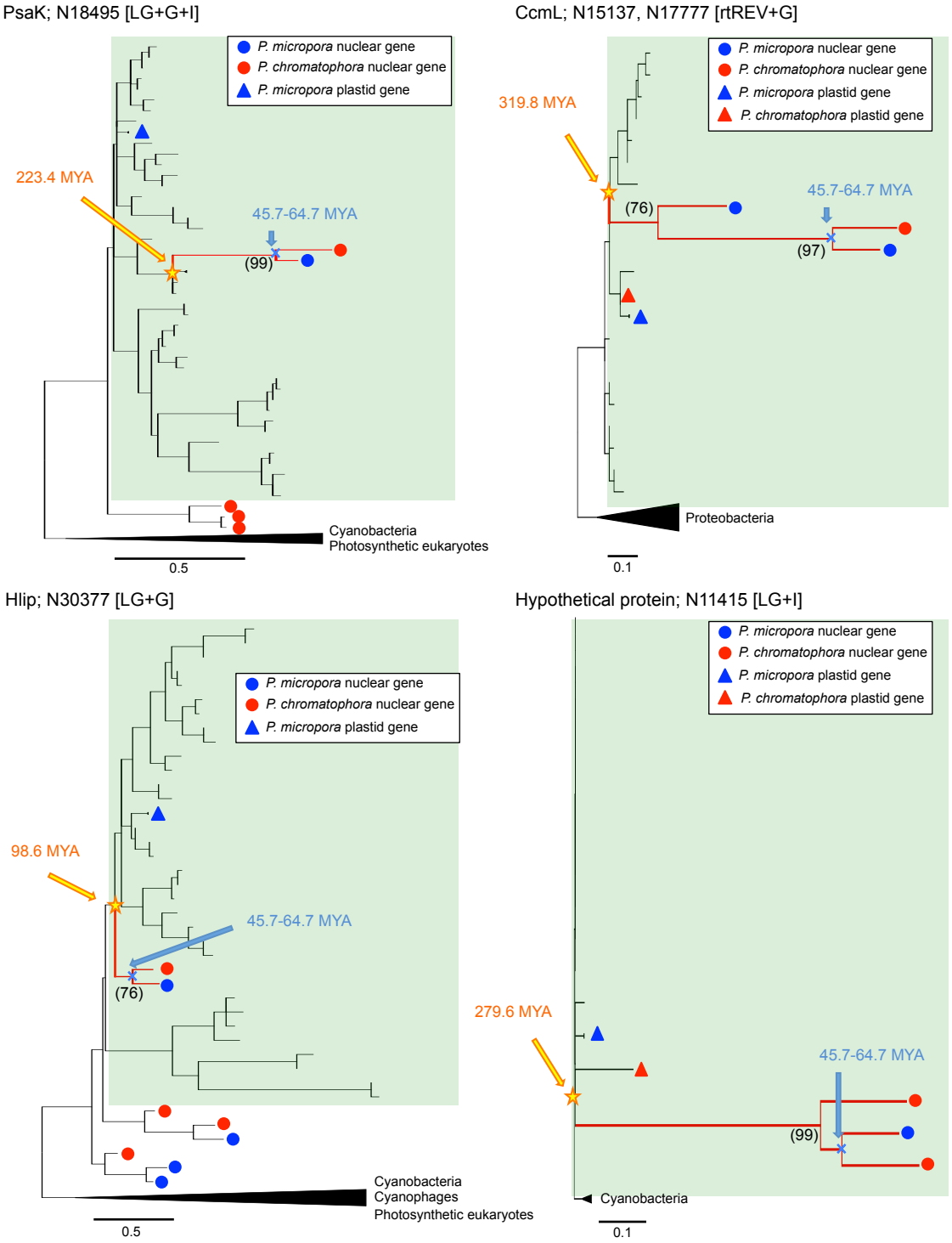

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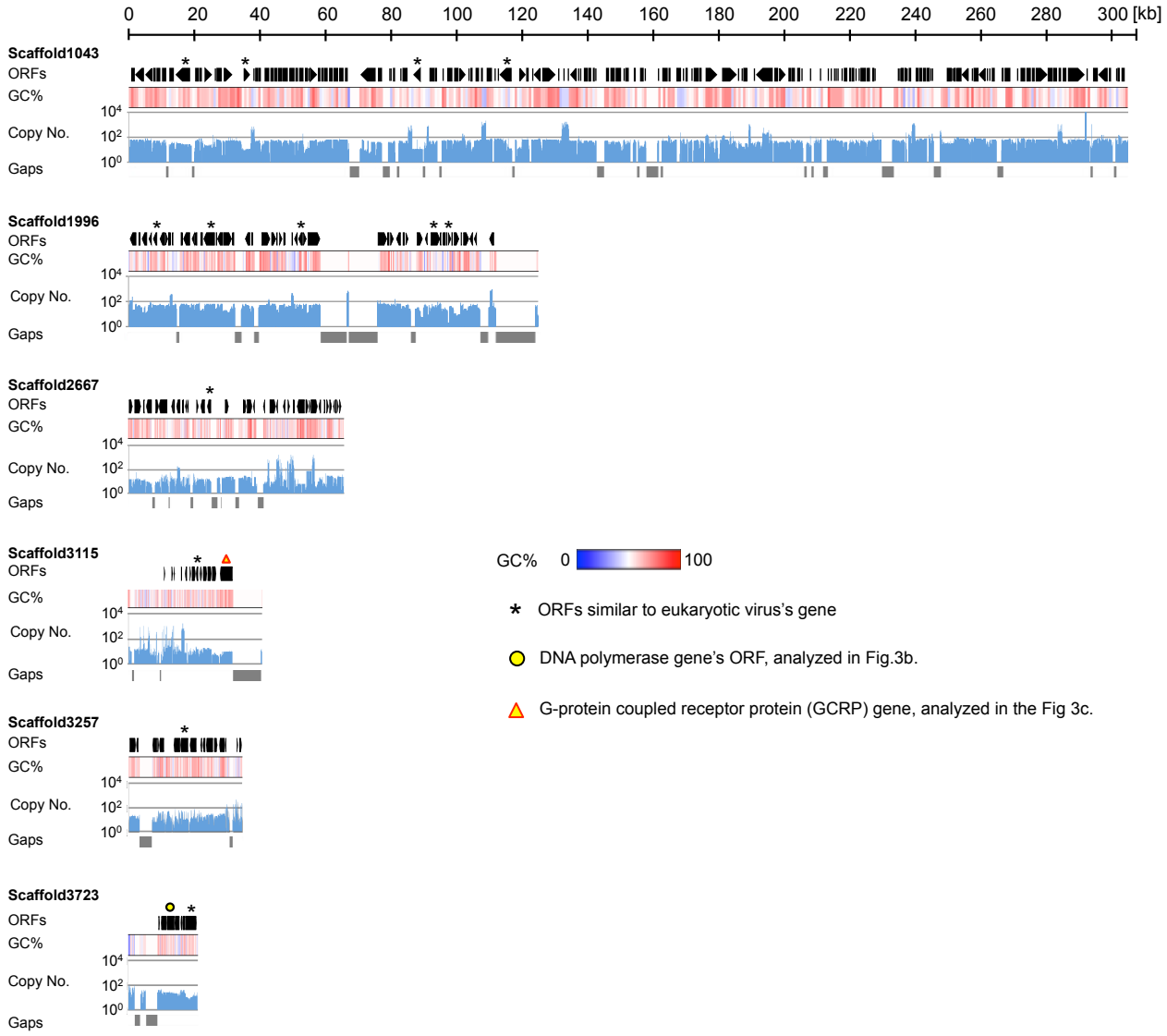

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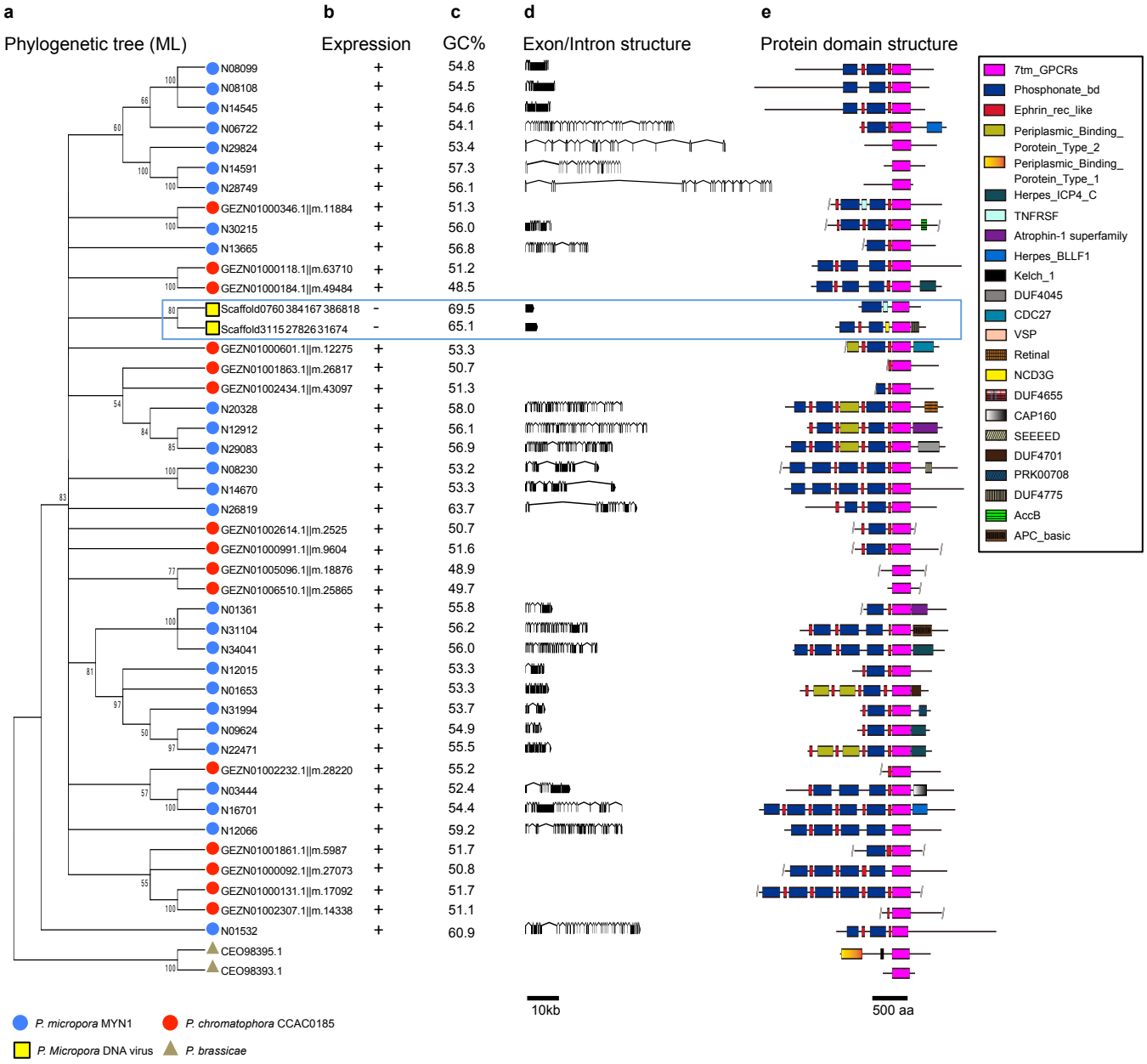

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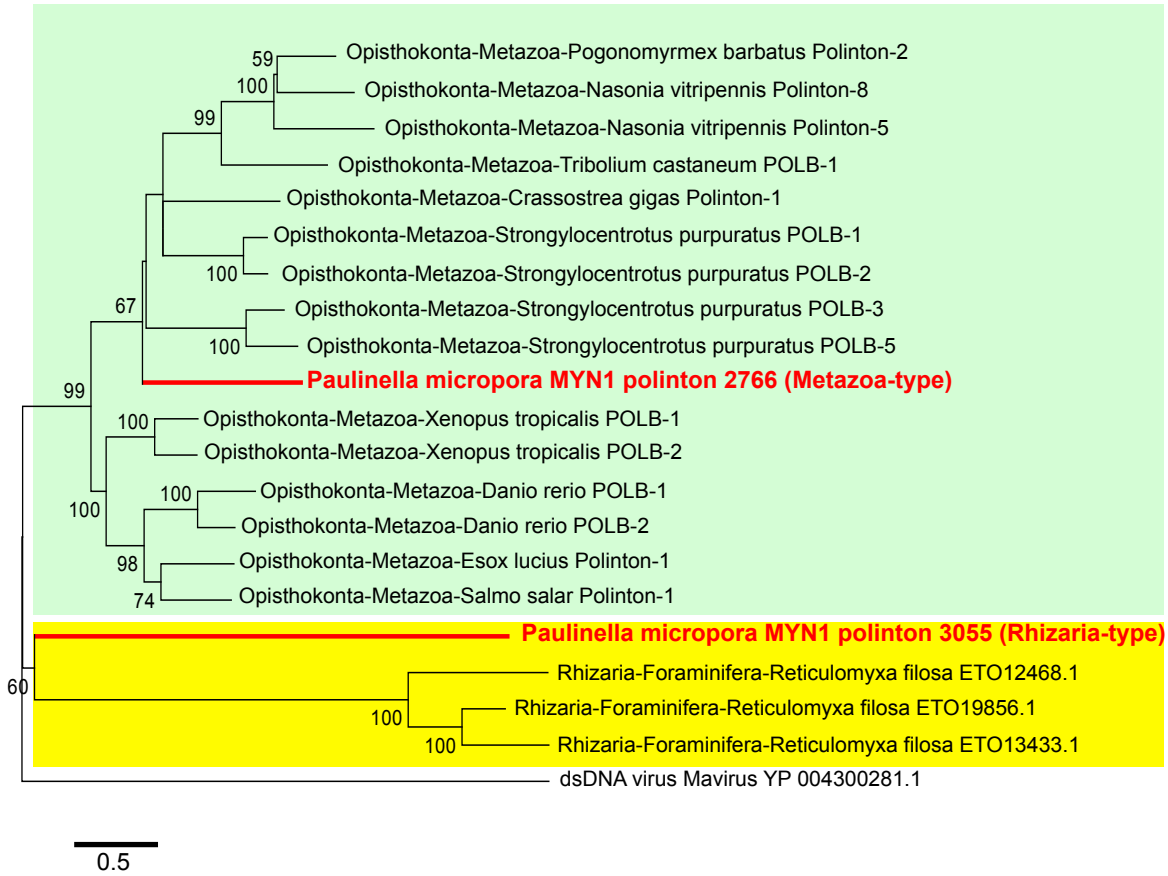

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