Trichoplax adhaerens

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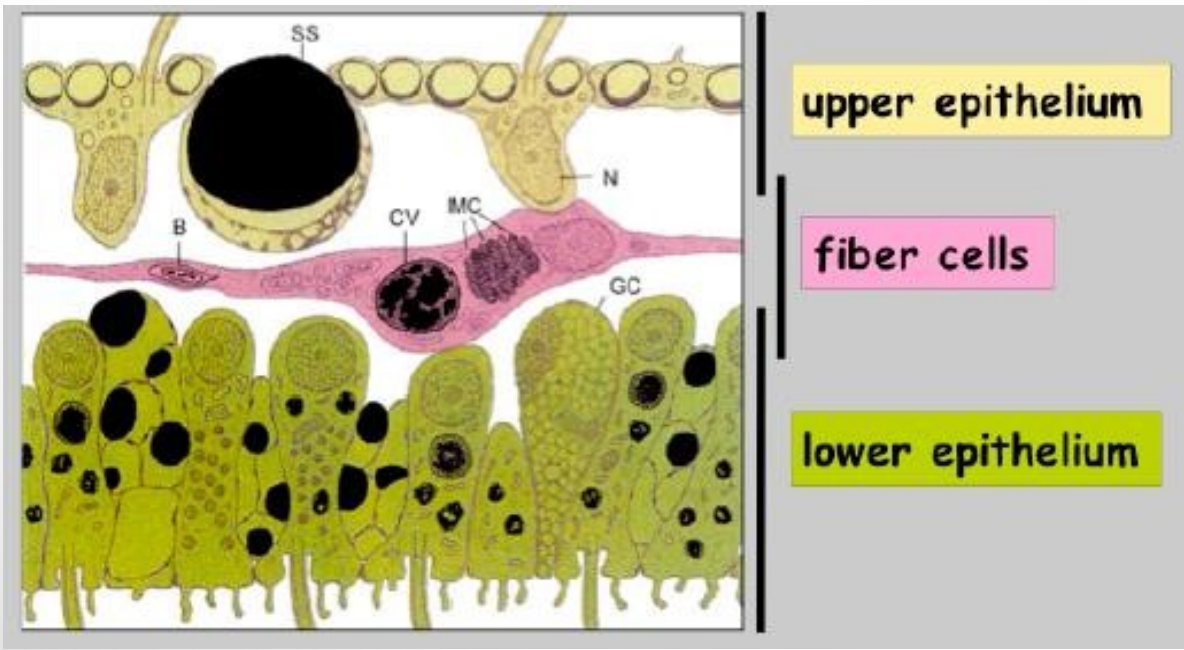
1. Introduction and bauplan

Picture left: *Trichoplax adhaerens*, light microscope

source: www.ecolevol.de

Picture right:
The bauplan of *Trichoplax adhaerens*



Source: Schierwater, Eitel (2010)

2. Biodiversity

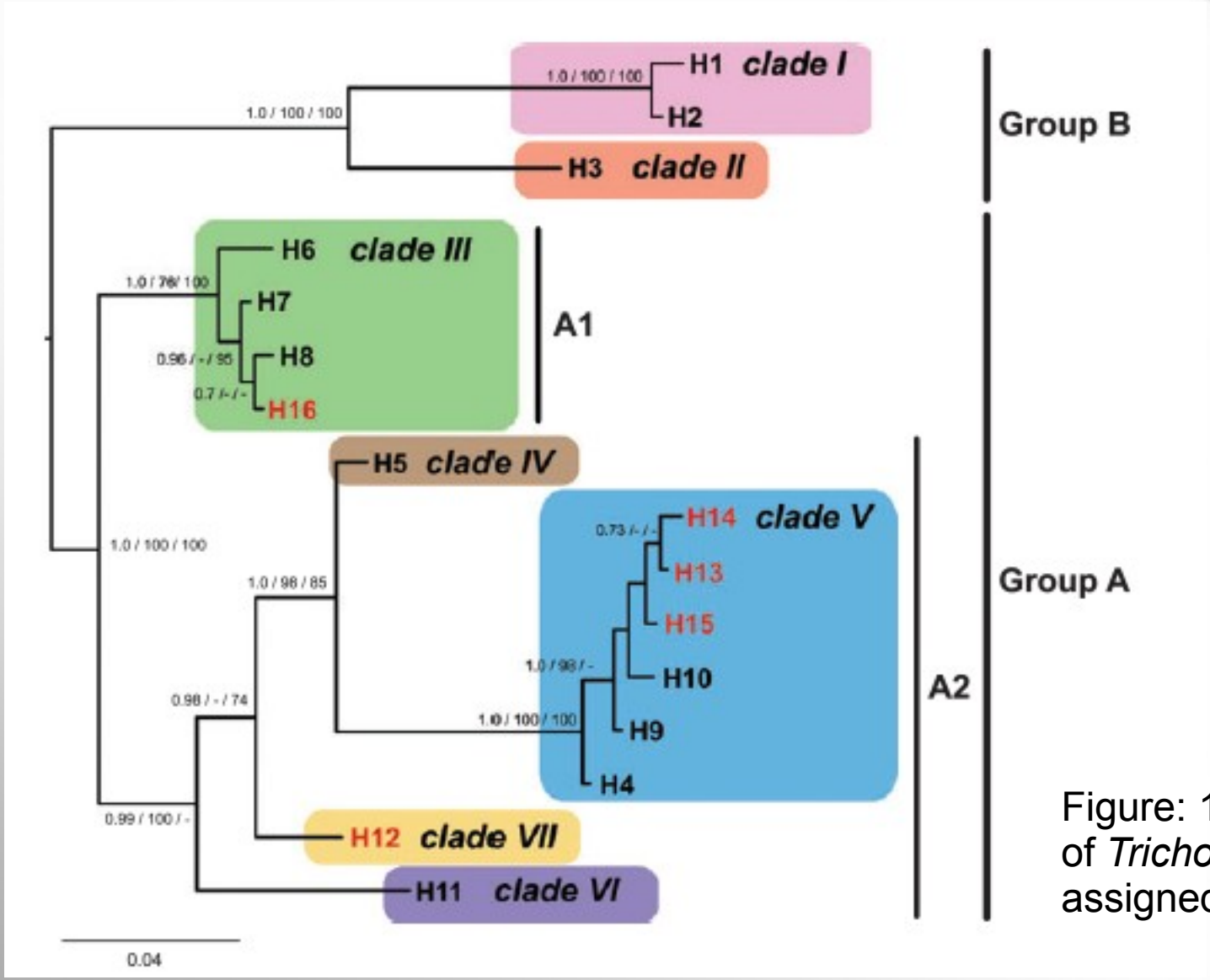
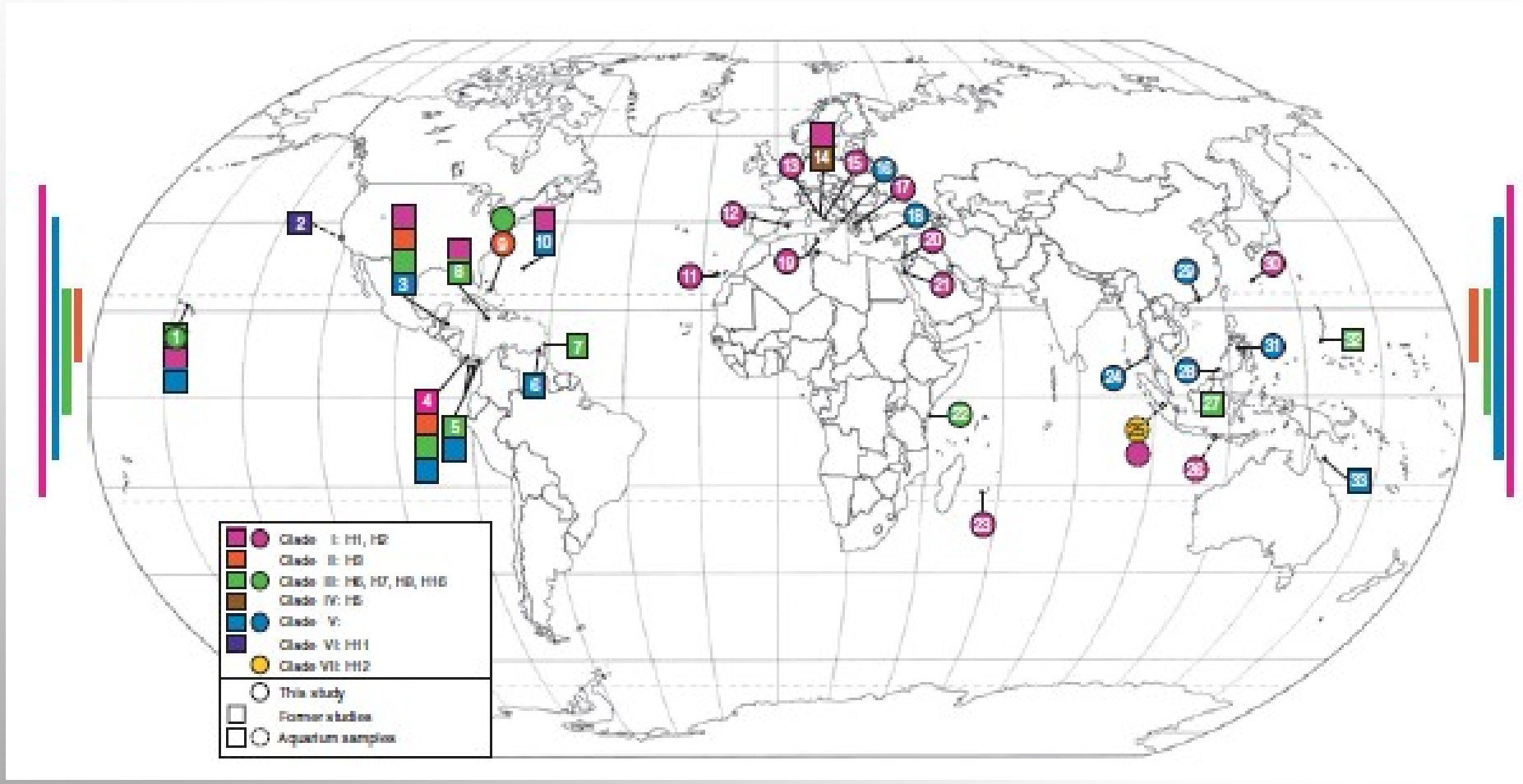


Figure: 16 different Haplotypes of *Trichoplax adhaerens*, assigned to 7 clades

Source: Schierwater, Eitel (2010)

2. Biodiversity

Figure: The spots, where the different clades are found



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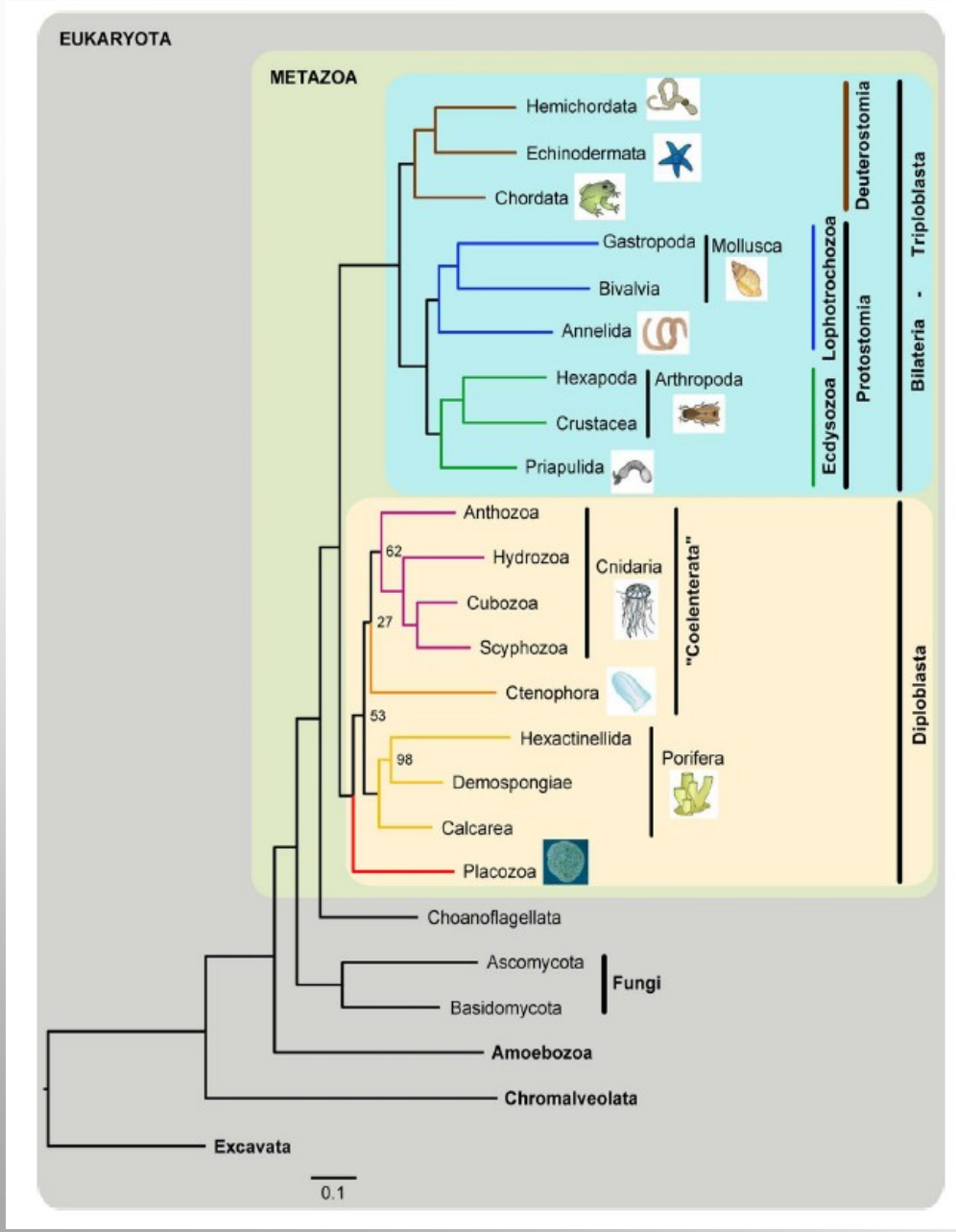
3. Position in the Tree of Life



Tree of Life:
Bilateria Diploblasta sister hypothesis

Source: Schierwater, Hardrys, DeSalle, et al (2009)

Summary

- Trichoplax has very simple bauplan (five cell-types)
- Very high genetic diversity
- Maybe the most basal Metazoa

Thank you,

for your attention

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