



## Phylogeny and anatomy of marine mussels (*Bivalvia*: *Mytilidae*) reveal convergent evolution of siphon traits

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## 24 INTRODUCTION

25           Apart from their economic importance, mussels from the family Mytilidae Rafinesque,  
26 1815 exhibit remarkable phenotypic and lifestyle diversity. These bivalves, also known as  
27 marine mussels, have an extensive fossil record, dating back to the Silurian (~427 Mya)  
28 (Berry & Boucot, 1973; Kříž, 2008). From shallow to deep waters, marine mussels represent  
29 an important benthic component in many communities, playing key ecological roles, such as  
30 colonization, bioerosion, aggregation, and supporting associated fauna (Seed *et al.*, 2000;  
31 Dinesen & Morton, 2014). Lifestyles are remarkably diverse, including epifaunal, infaunal,  
32 semi-infaunal, and boring into hard substrates (Morton, 2015). In addition, lineages of  
33 Mytilidae have proved to be suitable models for evolutionary studies, casting light on broader  
34 questions concerning adaptive radiation, diversification rates, and evolutionary novelties  
35 (Distel, 2000; Owada, 2007; Lorion *et al.*, 2013).

36           Many shell features and body plans within the Mytilidae are putative adaptations to  
37 either epifaunal or infaunal lifestyles (Stanley, 1972; Morton & Dinesen, 2011; Dinesen &  
38 Morton, 2014; Morton, 2015). A classic example is the calcareous borer species in the genera  
39 *Adula*, *Botula*, *Leiosolenus*, and *Lithophaga*. Despite a lack of shared history, these species  
40 have similar patterns of shell shape and chemical boring methods (Yonge, 1955; Morton &  
41 Scott, 1980; Owada, 2007, 2015; Ockelmann & Dinesen, 2009). Likewise, the adaptive  
42 radiations of deep-sea mussels on vents, seeps and organic falls are marked by convergent  
43 transitions to these deep-sea environments driven, in part, by their bacterial symbiosis (Distel  
44 *et al.*, 2000; Jones *et al.*, 2006; Samadi *et al.*, 2007; Duperron *et al.*, 2009; Lorion *et al.*, 2010;  
45 Lorion *et al.*, 2013; Fontanez & Cavanaugh, 2013). Thus, convergence in mytilid morphology  
46 and physiology provides compelling insights into the correlation between phenotype and  
47 environment (*e.g.*, Stanley, 1972; Owada, 2007; Morton, 2015).

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3 48 In this context, the mantle margin is a promising model to study convergent evolution,  
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5 49 due to its strong association with habitat use and lineage diversification (Yonge, 1983;  
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7 50 Audino & Marian, 2016). In bivalves, this anatomical region is usually organized in three  
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9 51 folds responsible for sensory, muscular and secretory roles (Yonge, 1983), and often exhibits  
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11 52 great disparity among bivalve groups. While anatomical data for the mytilid mantle margin  
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13 53 are available for some species (*e.g.*, Soot-Ryen, 1955; Morton & Scott, 1980; Narchi &  
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15 54 Galvão-Bueno, 1983, 1997; Morton & Dinesen, 2010; Morton, 2012; Dinesen & Morton,  
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17 55 2014), these data are lacking for most mytilids. Nevertheless, the observed variation in mantle  
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19 56 margin morphology indicates that Mytilidae is a suitable model for testing hypotheses on trait  
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21 57 evolution, correlation with lifestyles, and putative adaptations. Previous studies suggest that  
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23 58 evolutionary convergences may have underlain morphological diversification of the family  
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25 59 (*e.g.*, Distel, 2000). For example, siphon development would be expected among infaunal  
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27 60 lineages as an adaptation to burrowing habits in soft sediments (Stanley, 1968).  
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33 61 The Mytilidae exhibit very favorable features for evolutionary investigations. The  
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35 62 family has been consistently recovered as monophyletic and phylogenetically placed within  
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37 63 the Pteriomorpha, along with oysters, scallops, and ark clams (Distel, 2000; Giribet &  
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39 64 Wheeler, 2002; Matsumoto, 2003; Owada, 2007; Samadi *et al.*, 2007; Bieler *et al.*, 2014;  
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41 65 Combosch *et al.*, 2017; Sun & Gao, 2017; Liu *et al.*, 2018; Lee *et al.*, 2019). Recent  
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43 66 phylogenetic analyses from transcriptome and whole mitochondrial genome datasets indicate  
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45 67 that the mytilids are organized into two major clades with high support for most genera  
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47 68 (Gerdol *et al.*, 2017; Liu *et al.*, 2018; Lee *et al.*, 2019). However, while the relationships  
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49 69 within some subfamilies are relatively well understood, such as the deep-sea Bathymodiolinae  
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51 70 (Jones *et al.*, 2006; Duperron *et al.*, 2009; Lorion *et al.*, 2010; Lorion *et al.*, 2013),  
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53 71 traditionally accepted subfamilies such as the hard-substrate borers of Lithophaginae and the  
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55 72 Mytilinae (Distel, 2000; Owada, 2007; Gerdol *et al.*, 2017; Liu *et al.*, 2018; Lee *et al.*, 2019)  
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73 do not appear to be monophyletic. This suggests that convergent morphologies and lifestyles  
74 may be more prevalent among mytilids than expected. Such an evolutionary pattern, with  
75 pervasive morphological convergences, has been already demonstrated for other  
76 pteriomorphian clades, including Arcida and Pectinida (Oliver & Holmes 2006; Serb *et al.*,  
77 2011; Serb *et al.*, 2017, Audino *et al.*, 2019).

78 To test our hypothesis that similar mytilid morphologies are likely convergent and  
79 associated with independent transitions to similar lifestyles (*i.e.*, boring, epifaunal, or  
80 infaunal), we investigated mantle evolution within Mytilidae. A phylogenetic framework was  
81 used to reconstruct the evolution of lifestyles and key mantle traits, based on extensive  
82 observations of preserved specimens, and to test hypotheses of trait correlation. In addition,  
83 we thoroughly investigated the mantle margin of two epifaunal and two borer species to  
84 explore their detailed structure and associated functions.

## 86 MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 87 *Taxon sampling*

88 A detailed history of taxonomic proposals for mytilid subfamilies was summarized by  
89 Morton (2015). The classification adopted herein is in accordance with Huber (2010, 2015),  
90 also adopted by the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS,  
91 <http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=211>), including ten subfamilies  
92 and 52 genera. We used a combination of five genes from mitochondrial (16S rRNA and  
93 COI) and nuclear (18S rRNA, 28S rRNA, and histone H3) genomes for our phylogenetic  
94 inference of the Mytilidae, totalizing 5,710 bp. Data was curated from Genbank, the public  
95 repository maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). In total,  
96 the molecular character matrix is comprised of 33 mussel species (19 genera, Table 1),  
97 including representatives of all but one subfamily (*i.e.*, Crenellinae), and has a completeness

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3 98 of 79%. Eight pteriomorphian and five non-pteriomorphian bivalve species served as  
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5 99 outgroups for the phylogenetic analyses (Table 1).  
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8 100 Morphology was examined in 21 of those 33 species based on preserved specimens  
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10 101 from museum collections. For the remaining 12 sequenced species, morphological data was  
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12 102 obtained using surrogate species within the same genus. In total we examined 43 species (25  
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14 103 genera) from the following collections: Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ), Museum of  
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16 104 Zoology “Prof. Adão José Cardoso” of the University of Campinas (ZUEC-BIV), Museum of  
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18 105 Zoology of the University of São Paulo (MZSP), Smithsonian National Museum of Natural  
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20 106 History (USNM), and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH). Museum catalog  
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22 107 numbers are listed in Table 1. Specimens were dissected in ethanol and qualitative  
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24 108 observations were made under the stereomicroscope (Table 2, supplementary Table S1).  
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### 30 110 *Microscopy techniques*

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33 111 For detailed anatomical studies, four species were collected by hand along the São  
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35 112 Sebastião’s coast (São Paulo State, Brazil) during low tide. Specimens of *Perna perna*  
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37 113 (Linnaeus, 1758) and *Brachidontes exustus* (Linnaeus, 1758) were collected on rocky shores  
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39 114 and piers, while the borers *Leiosolenus aristatus* (Dillwyn, 1817) and *Leiosolenus bisulcatus*  
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41 115 (d’Orbigny, 1853) were removed from oyster aggregations and coral fragments. All  
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43 116 individuals were anesthetized in an isotonic 7.5% solution of MgCl<sub>2</sub> for 2 h before fixation.  
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45 117 Fragments of the mantle margin were dissected and fixed for 3 h in a modified Karnovsky  
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47 118 solution and stored in cacodylate buffer (Audino & Marian, 2018).  
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51 119 For scanning electron microscopy, samples were prepared and analyzed as described  
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53 120 in Audino & Marian (2018). For histology, samples were completely dehydrated and  
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55 121 embedded in glycol methacrylate resin (Leica Historessin Kit, Germany). Serial sections of 4  
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57 122 µm were stained by the following methods (Behmer *et al.*, 1976; Bancroft & Stevens, 1982;  
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3 123 Pearse, 1985): hematoxylin and eosin (HE), toluidine blue and basic fuchsin (TF), Gomori  
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5 124 trichrome stain (GO), mercury-bromophenol blue (BB), periodic acid-Schiff (PAS), and  
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8 125 alcian blue (AB). To recognize putative secretory cells, PAS and AB methods were used to  
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10 126 identify mucosubstances, while BB stained protein aggregates (Bancroft & Stevens, 1982;  
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12 127 Pearse, 1985). All histological slides were deposited at the Museum of Zoology “Prof. Adão  
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14 128 José Cardoso” of the University of Campinas (ZUEC-BIV) under the following catalog  
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16 129 numbers: *B. exustus* (8166–8167) *L. aristatus* (8151–8153) *L. bisulcatus* (8148–8150) *P.*  
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18 130 *perna* (8164–8165).

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### 132 *Phylogenetic analysis and divergence time estimation*

133         Sequence alignments were generated with MAFFT v7.311 under the L-INS-i option  
134 (Kato & Standley, 2013). Selection of the best-fit model of nucleotide evolution was  
135 performed in ModelFinder (Kalyaanamoorthy *et al.*, 2017) under the corrected Akaike  
136 information criterion (AICc). The best fit model for the concatenate dataset was TIM + I + G.  
137 Maximum likelihood (ML) searches were conducted in IQ-TREE (Nguyen *et al.*, 2014) and  
138 node support was estimated by bootstrap with 100 replicates (Felsenstein, 1985).

139         Divergence times were estimated by Bayesian Inference (BI) in RevBayes under the  
140 fossilized birth-death model (Heath *et al.*, 2014; Höhna *et al.*, 2016). A relaxed molecular  
141 clock was applied assuming an uncorrelated exponential model on molecular branch rates.  
142 Posterior probabilities were sampled using the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method  
143 in four independent chains for 500,000 iterations. Convergence of the posteriors were verified  
144 in Tracer (Rambaut *et al.*, 2018). Fossil taxa were pruned prior to summarizing the  
145 phylogenetic trees as a maximum clade credibility tree, with a burn-in of 10%. In addition, a  
146 plot of lineages-through-time was produced in IcyTree (Vaughan, 2017).

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5 148 of all fossil taxa are from the Paleobiology Database (<https://paleobiodb.org/>), with  
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9 150 constrained between 520.5 and 530 Mya (million years ago), based on the fossil *Fordilla*  
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11 151 *troyensis* (Pojeta *et al.*, 1973). The age of Mytilidae was calibrated based on the fossils  
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13 152 *Phthonia regularis* (427.4–425.6 Mya, Kříž, 2008) and *Mytilus* sp. (427.4–419.2 Mya) (Berry  
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15 153 & Boucot, 1973), with ages constrained around  $423.3 \pm 4.1$  Mya. The fossil *Bathymodiolus*  
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19 155 the Bathymodiolinae. The fossil *Lithophaga subelliptica*, constrained around  $301.1 \pm 2.3$  Mya  
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21 156 (Newell, 1942), was used to calibrate the Lithophaginae. For the Modiolinae, the fossil  
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23 157 *Modiolus koneckii* was constrained around  $292.8 \pm 2.7$  Mya (Dickins 1963). The fossil  
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25 158 *Musculus somaliensis*, constrained around  $164.8 \pm 1.3$  Mya (Dickins 1963), was used to  
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27 159 calibrate the Musculinae. Finally, the Mytilinae was calibrated based on the fossil *Mytilus*  
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### 37 162 *Character evolution*

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39 163 Incurrent and excurrent apertures of mytilid mantle are traditionally treated as siphons,  
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41 164 regardless of their level of development (Soot-Ryen, 1955). For ancestral state estimation of  
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43 165 the excurrent siphon, we considered short siphons to be those in which the aperture is 1)  
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45 166 wider than the length of the siphon and 2) does not form a conical structure. Alternatively,  
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47 167 long excurrent siphons are produced by extended mantle projections, creating long conical  
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49 168 structures. Similarly, the incurrent aperture also can form a siphon if the mantle is elongated  
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51 169 enough to be longer than the apertures' width (i.e., conical). Mantle margin characters were  
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53 170 coded and states were assigned to terminals based on observations of corresponding species  
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55 171 or close relatives (Table 2; supplementary Table S1). Additional characters studied for trait  
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3 172 evolution include the presence of posterior projections (lobules) on the mantle margin and  
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5 173 siphon length relative to the aperture. Ecological data (i.e., lifestyle and substrate type) were  
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7 174 compiled from the literature (supplementary material, Table S2). Lifestyles include epifaunal  
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10 175 (above substrate), semi-infaunal (partially buried in the sediment), infaunal (buried in the  
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12 176 sediment) and boring (into hard substrate such as wood or limestone) (Table 2).

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14 177 Ancestral state estimation (ASE) was conducted under maximum likelihood in  
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16 178 Mesquite (Maddison & Maddison, 2018) using the ML topology. Two models for rate  
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18 179 transition were considered: 1) the one parameter model (MK1), which assumes the same rate  
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20 180 for all transitions, and 2) the two parameter model (AsymmMK), which allows different  
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22 181 transition rates. A likelihood ratio test (LRT) was used to determine the model that best fits  
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24 182 the data (Maddison & Maddison, 2018).

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26 183 When two characters with multiple transitions across the phylogeny seemed to be  
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28 184 associated with each other, a correlation test was applied to evaluate evolutionary dependence  
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30 185 between traits (Pagel, 1994). Searches were carried out with 100 iterations and  $p$  value  
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32 186 estimated from 10,000 simulations in Mesquite. Hypotheses of evolutionary correlation were  
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34 187 accepted whenever the eight-parameters model presented a better fit ( $p < 0.05$ ) than the four  
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36 188 parameters model (uncorrelated hypothesis) (Pagel, 1994; Maddison & FitzJohn, 2015).

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## 43 44 190 RESULTS

### 45 46 191 *Mantle margin diversity*

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48 192 In mytilids, the mantle margin comprises three folds. The outer and middle mantle  
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50 193 folds are located at the distal end of the margin (Fig. 1A). These folds are usually thin and  
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52 194 homogenous, extending along the shell margin. A thick periostracum is formed between the  
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54 195 outer and middle folds, reaching over the outer fold to cover the external surface of the shell  
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56 196 (Fig. 1A; thick grey line). In contrast, the inner mantle fold is proximal, being much longer  
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3 197 posteriorly (Fig. 1B). Despite this general pattern, the posterior mantle margin is highly  
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5 198 variable with the type of associated structures, level of extension, and presence of  
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8 199 pigmentation among species (Fig. 1).

10 200 Many epifaunal mussels bear posterior lobules on the inner surface of the inner fold  
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12 201 along the incurrent aperture (arrows, Fig. 1B-E). They are usually large and folded, as  
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14 202 observed in *Aulacomya atra* (Fig. 1B), *Mytella charruana* (Fig. 1C), all *Mytilus* species (Fig.  
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16 203 1D), *Mytilisepta bifurcata*, *Xenostrobus pulex*, and *Perna perna* (Fig. 2A), but may be  
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18 204 proportionally smaller, less numerous, and sparse, like in *Septifer bilocularis*, *Perumytilus*  
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20 205 *purpuratus*, and all *Brachidontes* species examined (Table 2, Fig. 1E).

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23 206 In the posterior region, there is a point where the inner folds of the left and right  
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25 207 mantle lobes become fused, forming an excurrent siphon. Conversely, the incurrent region  
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27 208 does not form a delimited aperture, since the inner folds of each side do not fuse ventrally  
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29 209 (Fig. 1B-L). Incurrent apertures forming no siphon and with wide apertures were observed in  
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31 210 most genera, including *Mytella*, *Xenostrobus*, *Dacrydium* and those from Brachidontinae  
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33 211 (except for *Geukensia demissa*), Bathymodiolinae, Modiolinae, and Mytilinae (Table 2). Long  
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35 212 incurrent and excurrent siphons were observed in the boring species *Adula diengensis*,  
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37 213 *Gregariella coralliophaga* (Fig. 1H), *Leiosolenus*, and *Lithophaga* (Fig. 1K-L), and in the  
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39 214 semi-infaunal/infaunal mussels *Arcuatula senhousia*, *Geukensia demissa* (Fig. 1I), and  
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41 215 *Musculus discors* (Fig. 1J) (Table 2). Generally, long siphons were greatly contracted in  
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43 216 preserved specimens, but still very extensible when pulled up.

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46 217 Beneath the incurrent aperture, close to the fusing point, there is a mantle tissue  
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50 219 excurrent and incurrent siphons. This membrane is the “basal siphonal valve” (*sensu* Carter *et*  
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52 220 *al.*, 2012), and shows great morphological diversity (Fig. 1M-P) in length (relative to the  
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54 221 length of the excurrent aperture), presence of a callus, presence of a median flap, and presence  
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222 of papillae (Table 2). The basal siphonal valve is generally shorter than the excurrent aperture  
223 in most species, forming a triangle immediately ventral to the mantle fusion point (Fig. 1M-  
224 N), as observed in *Brachidontes exustus* (Fig. 1E) and in the genera *Mytella*, *Mytilus* (Fig.  
225 1D), and *Perna*. In other mytilids, such as *Lithophaga* and *Adula*, the basal siphonal valve is  
226 either similar in length or longer than the excurrent aperture (Fig. 1O-P). In many species, for  
227 example from the genera *Brachidontes* (Fig. 1E), *Gregariella*, and *Leiosolenus*, the central  
228 margin of the basal siphonal valve can be thick, forming a callus (Fig. 1N). In other mytilids,  
229 a median flap may be present, corresponding to a long projection that extends between the  
230 ctenidia (Fig. 1O). This is the case for *Geukensia demissa* (Fig. 1I) and *Lithophaga* species.  
231 Papillae can be distributed along the basal siphonal valve margin or on its outer surface, (Fig.  
232 1P), as observed in *Bathymodiolus termophilus* (Fig. 1F) and most species of *Lithophaga* and  
233 *Leiosolenus*.

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### 235 *Functional anatomy*

236 The mantle margin in *Perna perna* and *Brachidontes exustus* is very pigmented  
237 posteriorly and lobules are present on the inner mantle fold along the incurrent aperture (Fig.  
238 2A-D). The siphons are very short, forming only wide apertures. The posterior lobules are  
239 intensely folded (Fig. 2A, B, D) and are covered by densely distributed, short cilia (Fig. 2C,  
240 E). The inner fold in *P. perna* contains numerous secretory cells (Fig. 2F); their content is  
241 PAS-positive, but negative to Alcian blue, indicating neutral mucosubstances. Most secretory  
242 cells occupy an inner position within the fold, with extensions to the epithelium where they  
243 release their content (Fig. 2G). The lobules also have secretory cells, although they are much  
244 less numerous (Fig. 2H). Subepithelial gland cells are abundant at the base of the inner fold  
245 and on the inner mantle epithelium of *P. perna*. These cells secrete either acid  
246 mucosubstances alone (*i.e.*, with affinity only for AB) or a mixture of acid and neutral

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3 247 mucosubstances (*i.e.*, with affinity for both AB and PAS; Fig. 2I). In *Br. exustus*, secretory  
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7 249 distally located middle folds (Fig. 2J, L). In addition, the inner epithelium of the outer fold is  
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9 250 taller than the epithelium of the other folds, and the periostracal gland is greatly developed  
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14 252 The inner folds of *Leiosolenus aristatus* and *Le. bisulcatus* are greatly enlarged,  
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16 253 forming long siphons (Fig. 3A). The epithelium is covered by clusters of short cilia (Fig. 3B)  
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18 254 and subepithelial secretory cells are distally located along the fold (Fig. 3C). In addition, an  
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20 255 accessory fold is present in these species. This fold is located on the outer surface of the inner  
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22 256 fold, forming a lateral ridge on the excurrent siphon (Fig. 3D). The surface of the accessory  
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24 257 fold is densely covered by cilia (Fig. 3E), but no evidence of secretory activity or musculature  
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26 258 was found (Fig. 3F). The middle and outer folds are short, originating at a distal position (Fig.  
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28 259 3G). Ventrally, the mantle margin contains numerous subepithelial secretory cells positive for  
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32 261 close to the middle and outer folds, in a region named “posterior pallial gland”. The most  
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34 262 abundant type of secretory cell of this gland forms clusters of cells containing large granules  
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36 263 strongly positive for PAS (Fig. 3I) and for the Fast-Green stain of the GO method (Fig. 3J);  
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38 264 they showed weak affinity for eosin (Fig. 3K) and bromophenol blue (Fig. 3L). Interspersed  
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44 267 acid fuchsin of the GO method (Fig. 3J). These cells are PAS-negative (Fig. 3I).

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#### 48 49 269 *Phylogenetic hypothesis and divergence time*

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54 271 clade includes the Brachidontinae, Musculinae, Mytilinae, and Septiferinae, while the second

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3 272 clade comprises the Bathymodiolinae, Dacrydinae, Modiolinae, and Lithophaginae (Fig. 4).  
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7 274 and together form a clade sister to *Perumytilus* and *Mytilisepta*. The boring *Gregariella*  
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9 275 *coarctata* is recovered sister to *Mytilus*, while the semi-infaunal *Musculus* and *Arcuatula*  
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11 276 *senhousia* form a clade sister to the epifaunal *Perna*. Under the current taxonomic  
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13 277 classification of mytilids, only Septiferinae was recovered as monophyletic in this main clade  
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15 278 (Fig. 4). In the other main clade, Modiolinae is monophyletic, as well as Bathymodiolinae,  
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17 279 which groups the deep-sea genera (Fig. 4). Interestingly, the boring species *Leiosolenus*  
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19 280 *lischkei* is not sister to *Lithophaga* despite their similar habit and cylindrical shape.  
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21 281 *Dacrydium sp.* is closely related to *Lithophaga* (although bootstraps values are low), while  
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23 282 *Leiosolenus lischkei* is sister to the modioliform clades (Fig. 4). Considering the distant  
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25 283 phylogenetic position between *Arcuatula senhousia* and *Xenostrobus securis*, the subfamily  
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27 284 Arcuatulinae is not monophyletic in this analysis (Fig. 4).  
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33 285 The divergence time tree inferred by BI (Fig. 5) recovered the same topology as ML.  
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35 286 The family dates back to the Silurian, around 424.3 Ma, and the two main clades diverge in  
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37 287 the Early and Late Devonian, around 395.7 Ma and 379.9 Ma, respectively (Fig. 5). The most  
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39 288 recent common ancestor (MRCA) dates to the Late Triassic, including, for example, the genus  
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41 289 *Lithophaga* (205 Ma), Modiolinae (225.1 Ma), Bathymodiolinae (211.5 Ma), Brachidontinae  
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43 290 (222.7 Ma), and Musculinae (212.7 Ma). More recent divergences during the Mesozoic  
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45 291 include the MRCA of *Mytilus* group (182.8 Ma, Early Jurassic), *Bathymodiolus* group (128.2  
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47 292 Ma, Early Cretaceous), and *Perna* group (125.2 Ma, Early Cretaceous).  
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#### 52 294 *Character evolution*

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55 295 Ancestral state estimations (ASE) indicate an epifaunal ancestor for all marine  
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57 296 mussels (Fig. 6A). Transitions to the semi-infaunal habit occurred twice, within *Modiolus* and  
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3 297 *Geukensia*. Similarly, transitions to complete infaunal habit were convergently achieved by  
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5 298 *Dacrydium* and the ancestor of *Arcuatula* and *Musculus*. The habit of boring into hard  
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7 299 substrate is convergent for *Gregariella*, *Leiosolenus*, and *Lithophaga*. In addition, siphon  
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10 300 hypertrophy was investigated in combination with habits of life (Fig. 6B). According to ASE,  
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12 301 short siphons (Fig. 6C) are plesiomorphic, and long siphons (Fig. 6D) have convergently  
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14 302 evolved at least five times where lifestyle transition has occurred from epifaunal to either  
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16 303 semi-infaunal, infaunal or boring (Fig. 6A, B). A correlation hypothesis was tested and  
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18 304 returned a *p*-value of 0.03 ( $p < 0.05$ ), supporting evolutionary correlation between siphon  
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20 305 enlargement and lifestyle transition.  
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24 306 The posterior lobules on the inner mantle fold have a single origin for the diverse  
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26 307 clade including *Brachidontes*, *Mytilus*, *Mytilisepta*, *Perna*, and *Perymytilus* (Fig. 7). In  
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28 308 addition, similar structures were also gained in *Xenostrobus* (Fig. 7). Interestingly, posterior  
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30 309 lobules were likely lost multiple times, including in some lineages in which lifestyle shifted  
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32 310 from epifaunal to semi-infaunal/infaunal, such as *Arcuatula*+*Musculus*, *Geukensia*, and  
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## 39 313 DISCUSSION

### 40 314 *Evolutionary convergences*

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42 315 Similar phenotypes can evolve independently, i.e., by convergence, when unrelated  
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44 316 lineages experience transitions to similar environments (Losos, 2011; Serb *et al.*, 2011). If  
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46 317 repeated trait-environment associations are observed, this may indicate convergent adaptation  
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48 318 (Losos 2011). Then, subsequent functional analyses may help identify the selective  
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50 319 mechanism (Agrawal 2017). Phylogenetic hypotheses are essential to polarize character  
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52 320 evolution and to identify these patterns. Besides the present contribution to mussel  
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3 322 *al.*, 2019), our results reveal new examples of convergent morphological evolution associated  
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5 323 with lifestyle transitions in marine mussels.  
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7 324 The traditional view of mytilid evolution considers the semi-infaunal habit as the  
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9 plesiomorphic condition based on endobyssate fossils with modioliform shapes (Stanley,  
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12 326 in the Silurian. Subsequently, multiple lineages of mytilids shifted to other lifestyles in  
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14 327 association with changes in mantle morphology. For instance, transitions to semi-infaunal,  
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16 328 infaunal and boring habits are associated with posterior inner fold hypertrophy (*i.e.*, siphon  
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18 329 elongation) and suggest acquisition of common adaptive phenotypes under similar ecological  
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20 330 conditions. In addition, our results also support shifts to infaunal (*Musculus+Arcuatula*; Figs.  
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22 331 5, 6) and boring habits (*Lithophaga*; Figs. 5, 6) in the Triassic, corroborating previous  
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24 332 hypotheses of benthic diversification and infaunalization during the Mesozoic (Vermeij,  
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26 333 1977). The Late Triassic is regarded as an epoch of development of an evolutionary arms race  
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28 334 among marine groups, which characterizes the Mesozoic Marine Revolution, an era of  
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30 335 taxonomic radiations and adaptations in response to diversification of predatory pressures  
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32 336 (Vermeij, 1977; Harper & Skelton, 1993; Tackett & Bottjer, 2012). A similar  
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34 337 ecomorphological pattern was identified in ark clam lineages (*Arcida*) that evolved longer  
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36 338 inner folds associated with epifaunal-infaunal transitions during the Mesozoic (Audino *et al.*,  
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38 339 2019). These results highlight the evolvability of the mantle margin in bivalve evolution and  
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40 340 point to trends in the radiation of marine benthic lineages.  
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#### 45 343 *Morphological and functional diversity of the mantle margin*

46 344 While mytilid mantle margins exhibit morphological and functional diversity, we  
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48 345 identified specific trait-environment associations. Mantle fusion in Mytilidae occurs at a  
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50 346 single, posterior point, which corresponds to the type A described by Yonge (Yonge, 1982).  
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3 347 As a consequence, the mantle aperture becomes divided between a delimited excurrent siphon  
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5 348 and a ventrally opened incurrent siphon (Fig. 6C, D). Short siphons, usually forming a wide  
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7 349 aperture, are present among most epibyssate mussels (Table 2). They also have been reported  
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9 350 for other epifaunal mytilid genera, such as *Benthomodiolus*, *Choromytilus*, *Limnoperna*, and  
10 351 *Semimytilus* (Soot-Ryen, 1955; Narchi & Galvão-Bueno, 1983, 1997; Cosel, 2002; Morton &  
11 352 Dinesen, 2010; Morton, 2012; Oliver, 2015). In contrast, long and extensible siphons were  
12 353 observed in borer species, such as *Gregariella*, *Leiosolenus*, and *Lithophaga*, as well as in the  
13 354 borers *Adula* and *Botula* (Soot-Ryen, 1955; Yonge, 1955; Morton & Scott, 1980; Valentich-  
14 355 Scott & Tongkerd, 2008; Ockelmann & Dinesen, 2009). Long siphons are also present in  
15 356 some semi-infaunal/infaunal species that display the byssal nest-building habit, like  
16 357 *Arcuatula*, *Geukensia*, and *Musculus* (Bertrand, 1971; Morton & Dinesen, 2011; Morton,  
17 358 2015). Interestingly, siphons are short in the semi-infaunal *Dacrydium*, *Crenatula*, and  
18 359 *Mytella*. The hypertrophy of the inner fold to form long siphons is observed in most infaunal  
19 360 groups of bivalves and is considered an adaptive trait associated with burrowing in soft  
20 361 substrates (Stanley, 1968; Yonge, 1983; Audino *et al.*, 2019). Similarly, boring species create  
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26 364 Convergent glandular activity is abundant and highly specialized in species boring  
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29 367 glands, and siphonal glands (Yonge, 1955; Jaccarini *et al.*, 1968; Morton & Scott, 1980;  
30 368 Simone & Gonçalves, 2006). Our results on *Leiosolenus aristatus* and *Le. bisulcatus* revealed  
31 369 a well-developed posterior pallial gland, not detected in previous studies on *Lithophaga*  
32 370 species (Morton & Scott, 1980; Morton, 1993). Located along the margin leading to the outer  
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3 372 eosinophilic, proteinaceous substances on the posterior mantle margin. These secretions could  
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7 374 species (Jaccarini *et al.*, 1968). According to previous assumptions, when the mantle is  
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9 375 extended, this secretion is used to prevent calcification of the siphonal aperture, enlarging the  
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11 376 borehole, and inhibiting skeleton formation in species boring into live corals (Jaccarini *et al.*,  
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13 377 1968; Morton & Scott, 1980). The accessory fold observed on the outer surface of the inner  
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15 378 fold in *Leiosolenus* and *Lithophaga* species may act as a channel, facilitating secretion  
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17 379 distribution along the siphonal area by mucociliary transportation.

21 380 First described for *Mytilus edulis* (Kellogg, 1915), the morphology of the basal  
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23 381 siphonal valve is quite diverse among Mytilidae. This structure, formed by fused projections  
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25 382 from the inner folds, shows variable length and may exhibit papillae, a callus or a median  
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27 383 flap. Nevertheless, few details are available and information about this region is often ignored  
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29 384 in anatomical studies, maybe because it is difficult to examine in preserved animals. Short  
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33 386 *Mytella*, and *Perna* (Narchi & Galvão-Bueno, 1983, 1997; Morton, 2012). In contrast, a long  
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35 387 basal siphonal valve is common among the Bathymodiolinae. While some species have  
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37 388 numerous, well-developed papillae, e.g., *Bathymodiolus heckerae*, *Ba. thermophilus*,  
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39 389 *Benthomodiolus erebus*, and *Gigantidas platifrons* (Cosel, 2002; Oliver, 2015), others lack  
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41 390 them entirely, e.g., *Gigantidas childressi* and *Idas argenteus* (Cosel, 2002; Ockelmann &  
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43 391 Dinesen, 2011). A large basal siphonal valve is supposed to restrict the size of the incurrent  
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45 392 aperture, and thus control the inflow of large particles into the mantle cavity (Morton, 1974).  
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47 393 The presence of numerous papillae in *Lithophaga* and *Bathymodiolus*, for example, also  
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51 395 The present systematization of basal siphonal valve morphology for several species represents  
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3 397 Posterior lobules are very enlarged in epifaunal mussels, e.g., *Mytella*, *Mytilus*, *Perna*,  
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5 398 and *Xenostrobus* (Narchi & Galvão-Bueno, 1983, 1997, present study). Small and sparse  
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7 399 lobules are present in *Brachidontes* and *Mytilisepta* (Morton, 2012, present study). The  
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9 400 character evolution analyses suggest a single origin of lobules, except for a convergent gain in  
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11 401 *Xenostrobus*. Secretory cells and cilia distribution in the inner mantle fold of *Perna perna*  
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13 402 suggests intense secretion of mucous by this fold. Therefore, the lobules should provide  
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15 403 mucociliary transport (Sleigh, 1989), cleaning the mantle, and preventing the entrance and  
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17 404 accumulation of undesirable, large particles. Similarly, cilia type on the papillae of  
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21 406 layers of mucosubstances along the epithelium (Sleigh, 1989). In addition, lobules show  
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23 407 contraction in response to disturbance (JAA, pers. obs.), suggesting simple mechanoreception  
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25 408 as well. Interestingly, the fact that they were independently lost in secondarily semi-  
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27 409 infaunal/infaunal lineages suggests an adaptive role of the posterior lobes in epifaunal  
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## 37 412 CONCLUSION

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39 413 In conclusion, our results reveal new examples of convergent morphological evolution  
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41 414 associated with lifestyle transitions in Mytilidae, combined with increased knowledge on  
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45 416 ecomorphological patterns in marine mussels, our results add to the increasing body of  
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47 417 evidence of ecological factors driving convergent phenotypical evolution in marine  
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49 418 invertebrates (Distel 2000; Lindgren *et al.*, 2012; Li *et al.*, 2016; Sherratt *et al.*, 2016; Sherratt  
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7 **Figure 1.** Mantle margin morphology and diversity in Mytilidae. Lateral view in (C) and (E);  
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10 700 ventro-posterior view in (B), (D), (F-L). Posterior lobules on the inner fold are indicated by  
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12 701 arrows. Scale bars = 1mm. (A). Schematic representation of the variation of the mantle  
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14 702 margin along the antero-posterior axis; anterior region at top and posterior region at bottom.  
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16 703 (B). *Aulacomya atra* (MCZ288117). (C). *Mytella charruana* (ZUECBIV2177). (D). *Mytilus*  
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18 704 *californianus* (USNM802552). (E). *Brachidontes exustus* (USNM760843). (F).  
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26 708 *Lithophaga nigra* (USNM833842). (M-P). Schematic representations of the basal siphonal  
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28 709 valve morphology (posterior view). (M). Short basal siphonal valve. (N). Short basal siphonal  
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30 710 valve with callus. (O). Long basal siphonal valve with flap. (P). Long basal siphonal valve  
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32 711 with papillae. Abbreviations: ca, callus; es, excurrent siphon; fl, flap; ia, incurrent aperture; if,  
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34 712 inner mantle fold; is, incurrent siphon; ma, mantle; mf, middle mantle fold; of, outer mantle  
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36 713 fold; pa, papillae; pe, periostracum; sh, shell; sv, basal siphonal valve.  
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44 715 **Figure 2.** Mantle margin anatomy in the mussels *Perna perna*, (A-C), (F-I), and *Brachidontes*  
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46 716 *exustus*, (D), (E), (J-L). Scanning electron microscopy in (B-E), and histological sections in  
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48 717 (F-L) evidencing secretory cells (arrows and arrowheads). (A). Incurrent aperture and  
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50 718 posterior lobules on the inner fold, as observed in a living specimen (ventro-posterior view).  
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52 719 (B). Detail of lobules. (C). Short cilia covering the lobule's surface. (D). Detail of a lobule.  
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54 720 (E). Cilia distributed on lobule's surface. (F). Intense secretory content within the inner fold;  
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56 721 PAS. (G). Detail of secretory cells opening on the outer surface of the inner fold; PAS. (H).  
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3 722 Secretory cells in the lobules; PAS. (I). Detail of two types of subepithelial secretory cells at  
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5 723 the base of the inner fold and on the inner mantle epithelium: cells with AB-positive content  
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7 724 (arrowheads), and cells containing a mixture of PAS- and AB-positive contents (arrows). (J).  
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10 725 Section through the region where the inner folds are partially fused; TF. (K). Detail of a small  
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12 726 lobule on the inner fold; TF. (L). Outer mantle fold and middle mantle fold with the  
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14 727 periostracal gland located between them; GO. Abbreviations: if, inner mantle fold; lo,  
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16 728 posterior lobules; ma, mantle; mf, middle mantle fold; mu, muscle bundles; of, outer mantle  
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18 729 fold; pg, periostracal gland; sv, basal siphonal valve.  
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24 731 **Figure 3.** Mantle margin anatomy in the borers *Leiosolenus aristatus* (A-E), (I-L) and  
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26 732 *Leiosolenus bisulcatus* (F-H). Scanning electron microscopy in (A), (B), (D), and (E), and  
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28 733 histological sections in (C), (F-L) evidencing secretory cells. (A). Incurrent siphon formed by  
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30 734 long inner folds, ventral view. (B). Detail of cilia covering the surface shown in (A). (C).  
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32 735 Epithelium of the incurrent siphon with subepithelial secretory cells (arrows); TF. (D). Short  
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34 736 accessory fold (arrows) on the outer surface of the inner fold. (E). Detail of cilia distributed  
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36 737 on the accessory fold. (F). Section through the accessory fold; HE. (G). Mantle margin with  
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38 738 longer inner fold; TF. (H). Subepithelial secretory cells with mucopolysaccharide content  
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40 739 within the mantle margin at the ventral region of the body; PAS. (I-L). Posterior mantle  
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42 740 glands composed of large granules (arrowheads) interspersed with small secretory cells  
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44 741 (arrows) stained by several methods. (I). PAS. (J). GO. (K). HE. (L). BB. Abbreviations: af,  
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46 742 accessory fold; if, inner mantle fold; mf, middle mantle fold; of, outer mantle fold.  
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54 744 **Figure 4.** Phylogenetic relationships within Mytilidae. Maximum likelihood tree of Mytilidae  
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56 745 based on five nucleotide sequences (16S rRNA, 18S rRNA, 28S rRNA, COI, and H3).  
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58 746 Bootstrap values are indicated at the internal nodes. Mytilidae encompasses two main clades.  
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3 747 Subfamily names are in accordance with the classification proposed by Huber (2015), and  
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5 748 asterisks (\*) indicate subfamilies not recovered monophyletic in this analysis.  
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10 750 **Figure 5.** Time-calibrated phylogeny of Mytilidae. Divergence time analysis under Bayesian  
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12 751 Inference based on five genes (16S rRNA, 18S rRNA, 28S rRNA, COI, and H3) and seven  
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14 752 fossils used to calibrate internal nodes (red circles). Red numbers indicate median ages of  
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16 753 respective nodes. Bars indicate 95% highest posterior density intervals (HPD) for nodes of  
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18 754 interest. Posterior probabilities different than 1.0 are indicated on nodes. A lineages-through-  
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20 755 time plot is represented on the upper left.  
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26 757 **Figure 6.** Evolution of siphons and lifestyles in Mytilidae. Ancestral state estimation of mode  
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28 758 of life (A) and length of the excurrent siphon relative to width (B) in Mytilidae under  
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30 759 maximum likelihood approach and equal transition rates (MK1 model). The convergent  
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32 760 evolution of long siphons is closely associated with independent transitions to semi-infaunal,  
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34 761 infaunal, and boring habits. (C-D). Lateral view of the posterior mantle region depicting short  
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36 762 (C) and long (D) siphons, respectively. Black arrows indicate excurrent currents and grey  
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38 763 arrows indicate incurrent currents of water. Abbreviations: es, excurrent siphon; ia, incurrent  
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40 764 aperture; incurrent siphon; ma, mantle.  
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46 766 **Figure 7.** Origin of posterior lobules on the inner mantle fold. Ancestral state estimation  
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50 768 results suggest gain of posterior lobules in the clade including *Brachidontes*, *Mytilisepta*,  
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52 769 *Mytilus*, *Perna*, and *Perymytilus*, with a likely convergent gain for *Xenostrobus securis*.  
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## 772 TABLES

773 **Table 1.** Taxa included in the analyses. Only sequenced species were included in the phylogenetic analysis while congeneric or additional  
 774 species were observed for morphology. Collection catalog numbers and accession numbers in *GenBank* database are listed. Abbreviations:  
 775 Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ), Museum of Zoology “Prof. Adão José Cardoso” of the University of Campinas (ZUECBIV), Museum  
 776 of Zoology of the University of São Paulo (MZSP), Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (USNM), and Santa Barbara Museum of  
 777 Natural History (SBMNH).

Species	Author	16S	18S	28S	COI	Histone H3	Catalog number and collection
<i>Adula diegensis</i>	(Dall, 1911)						SBMNH83588
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<i>Aulacomya atra</i>	(Molina, 1782)						USNM869293, MCZ288117
<i>Bathymodiolus brooksi</i>	Gustafson, Turner, Lutz & Vrijenhoek, 1998						USNM1175390
<i>Bathymodiolus thermophilus</i>	Kenk & B. R. Wilson, 1985	KF611760	AF221638	GU966640	GQ473715	KF720623	SBMNH350528
<i>Benthomodiolus geikotsucola</i>	Okutani & Miyazaki, 2007	HF545049	AB679345	HF545023	AB679346	HF545149	
<i>Benthomodiolus lignocola</i>	Dell, 1987	KF611733	AF221648		AY275545	HF545156	
<i>Brachidontes adamsianus</i>	(Dunker, 1857)						USNM802545
<i>Brachidontes darwinianus</i>	(d'Orbigny, 1842)			KC844370	KC844414		
<i>Brachidontes exustus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KX71319	KT757791	KT757838	AY621838		USNM760843, SBMNH83454

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<i>Brachidontes rodriguezii</i>	(d'Orbigny, 1842)		DQ640530	KC844362	KC844477		MZSP115160
<i>Crenella decussata</i>	(Montagu, 1808)						USNM803487
<i>Dacrydium albidum</i>	Pelseneer, 1903						USNM886223
<i>Dacrydium sp.</i>	Torell, 1859	KX713210	KX713285	KX713372	KX713456	KX713529	
<i>Dacrydium vitreum</i>	(Møller, 1842)						USNM831489
<i>Geukensia demissa</i>	(Dillwyn, 1817)	U68772	L33450	AY622004	GQ282963	U68772	SBMNH95794
<i>Gigantidas childressi</i>	(Gustafson, Turner, Lutz & Vrijenhoek, 1998)						USNM1263668
<i>Gigantidas mauritanicus</i>	(Cosel, 2002)	HF545083	AY649828	FJ890504	FJ890502	HF545126	
<i>Gregariella coarctata</i>	(Carpenter, 1857)		AJ414641	AJ307538			
<i>Gregariella coralliophaga</i>	(Gmelin, 1791)						MZSP96956, ZUECBIV4844
<i>Idas argenteus</i>	Jeffreys, 1876						MCZ359142
<i>Idas washingtonius</i>	(Bernard, 1978)	HF545073	AF221645		AY275546		
<i>Ischadium recurvum</i>	(Rafinesque, 1820)	KT959477		AY622009	AY621933		USNM1286864, 1286716
<i>Leiosolenus aristatus</i>	(Dillwyn, 1817)						USNM803979
<i>Leiosolenus bisulcatus</i>	(d'Orbigny, 1853)						USNM803980
<i>Leiosolenus lischkei</i>	M. Huber, 2010	JQ267791	AB201235	AB103123	AB076944	LC004203	
<i>Leiosolenus malaccanus</i>	(Reeve, 1857)						SBMNH452667
<i>Leiosolenus plumula</i>	(Hanley, 1843)						SBMNH213239
<i>Lioberus castanea</i>	(Say, 1822)						USNM833820
<i>Lithophaga antillarum</i>	(d'Orbigny, 1853)	KX713229	KX713308	KX713397		KX713550	USNM847935
<i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	JF496757	AF120530		AF120644		USNM754499, MCZ271738

Species	Author	16S	18S	28S	COI	Histone H3	Catalog number and collection
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<i>Modiolus americanus</i>	(Leach, 1815)						USNM833854, MZSP104167
<i>Modiolus auriculatus</i>	(Kraus, 1848)		AJ389644	AJ307537	GQ480317		USNM836901
<i>Modiolus carpenteri</i>	Soot-Ryen, 1963						USNM802553
<i>Modiolus carvalhoi</i>	Klappenbach, 1966						ZUECBIV1134
<i>Modiolus modiolus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KF611732	AF124210	EF526455	HM884246		SBMNH361489
<i>Modiolus philippinarum</i>	(Hanley, 1843)	KY705073	AB201232		KY705073	LC004218	
<i>Modiolus rufus</i>	(Fischer von Waldheim, 1807)	KC429248	KC429330	KC429423	KC429094	KC429165	
<i>Musculus discors</i>	(Linnaeus, 1767)	KR827553	AF124206		KF643642	KP113647	USNM832507, MCZ358965
<i>Musculus niger</i>	(J.E. Gray, 1824)		KX713316	KX713404	KF644120		USNM847946
<i>Mytella charruana</i>	(d'Orbigny, 1842)						ZUECBIV2177
<i>Mytilisepta bifurcata</i>	(Conrad, 1837)		KJ453815	KJ453831			USNM802550, SBMNH80853
<i>Mytilisepta virgata</i>	(Wiegmann, 1837)	AB372228	KJ453817	KJ453832	AB076941		
<i>Mytilus californianus</i>	Conrad, 1837	AF317544	L33449		U68777	AY267745	USNM802552
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	Linnaeus, 1758	KC429249	KC429331	KC429424	KF644190	KC429166	MZSP120321
<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	(Lamarck, 1819)	AF317543	L33452	AB105357	AB076943	AY267748	USNM857641, MCZ251341
<i>Mytilus trossulus</i>	Gould, 1850	U22879	L33453		KF643612	AY267747	SBMNH235094
<i>Perna perna</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	DQ923882	DQ640520		KU743163		MZSP107780
<i>Perna viridis</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	AB265680	EF613234		DQ917584		MZSP55599

Species	Author	16S	18S	28S	COI	Histone H3	Catalog number and collection
<i>Perumytilus purpuratus</i>	(Lamarck, 1819)	JQ390293	KJ453820	KJ598046	KF661934		MZSP92756, USNM869289
<i>Septifer bilocularis</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)						MZSP 55012, USNM747766, 746371, MCZ301874
<i>Vilasina seminuda</i>	(Dall, 1897)						SBMNH85093
<i>Xenostrobus pulex</i>	(Lamarck, 1819)						SBMNH140005
<i>Xenostrobus securis</i>	(Lamarck, 1819)	AB372227	EF186014		JF430154		
<b>Outgroup</b>							
<i>Anadara notabilis</i>	(Röding, 1798)		KT757768	KT757816	AF416828	KT757863	MZSP84987, 84886
<i>Chione elevata</i>	(Say, 1822)	KC429298	KC429387	KC429495	KC429136	KC429219	
<i>Glycymeris glycymeris</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KC429246	KC429328	KC429421	KC429093	KC429163	USNM794960
<i>Lima lima</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KC429257	KC429339	KC429434	KC429101	KC429174	USNM754383
<i>Macoma balthica</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KC429303	KC429393	KC429501	KC429141	KC429224	
<i>Malleus albus</i>	Lamarck, 1819	KC429252	KC429334	HQ329464	KC429097	KC429169	MZSP55595
<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KC429265	AF229612	KC429443	AF303316	KC429185	
<i>Neotrigonia lamarckii</i>	(Gray, 1838)	KC429262	KC429345	KC429443	KC429105	KC429182	
<i>Nucula sulcata</i>	Bronn, 1831	KC984679	AF207642	KC984815	KC984746	KC984777	
<i>Ostrea edulis</i>	Linnaeus, 1758	AF052068	L49052	AF137047	AF120651	AY070151	USNM836256
<i>Pecten maximus</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	KC429258	L49053	HM630545	KC429102	EU379508	
<i>Pinctada margaritifera</i>	(Linnaeus, 1758)	HQ329425	AB214451	AB214466	AB259166	HQ329296	USNM836493
<i>Pinna carnea</i>	Gmelin, 1791	KC429255	HQ329375	KJ366067	KJ366325	KC429172	MZSP29040

779 **Table 2.** Mantle margin morphology and habits of life in Mytilidae species investigated in the present study, grouped according to current  
 780 putative subfamilies (Huber, 2010, 2015). References for ecological information and habits are listed in the supplementary material (Table S2).  
 781 The length of the basal siphonal valve is relative to the length of the excurrent aperture.

<b>MYTILIDAE</b>	<b>Posterior lobules</b>	<b>Basal siphonal valve</b>	<b>Siphons</b>	<b>Lifestyle</b>
<b>Arcuatulinae</b>				
<i>Arcuatula senhousia</i>	absent	short with callus	long	infaunal in sand and mudflats (byssal nest)
<i>Mytella charruana</i>	large and folded	short	short	semi-infaunal in mudflats
<i>Xenostrobus pulex</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrate
<b>Bathymodiolinae</b>				
<i>Bathymodiolus brooksi</i>	absent	short	short	epifaunal on seeps
<i>Bathymodiolus termophilus</i>	absent	long with flap and papillae	short	epifaunal on hydrothermal vent
<i>Gigantidas childressi</i>	absent	short	short	epifaunal on seeps
<i>Idas argenteus</i>	absent	short	short	epifaunal on whale bones and sunken wood
<b>Brachidontinae</b>				
<i>Brachidontes adamsianus</i>	short and sparse	long with callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrate
<i>Brachidontes exustus</i>	short and sparse	short with a callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrate
<i>Brachidontes rodriguezii</i>	short and sparse	long with a callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrate
<i>Geukensia demissa</i>	absent	long with flap	long	semi-infaunal in mudflats
<i>Perumytilus purpuratus</i>	short and sparse	long	short	epifaunal on hard substrate
<b>Crenellinae</b>				
<i>Crenella decussata</i>	absent	short	short	infaunal in soft substrate
<i>Vilasina seminuda</i>	absent	unknown	short	unknown
<b>Dacrydinae</b>				
<i>Dacrydium albidum</i>	absent	short	short	infaunal in mud
<i>Dacrydium vitreum</i>	absent	short	short	infaunal in mud
<b>Lithophaginae</b>				
<i>Adula diengensis</i>	absent	long	long	epifaunal in crevices
<i>Leiosolenus aristatus</i>	absent	long with callus and papillae	long	boring into bivalve shells and corals
<i>Leiosolenus bisulcatus</i>	absent	long with callus and papillae	long	boring into bivalve shells and corals
<i>Leiosolenus malaccanus</i>	absent	short with callus	long	boring into bivalve shells and corals
<i>Leiosolenus plumula</i>	absent	long with flap and papillae	long	boring into bivalve shells and calcareous rocks

<b>MYTILIDAE</b>	<b>Posterior lobules</b>	<b>Basal siphonal valve</b>	<b>Siphons</b>	<b>Lifestyle</b>
<i>Lithophaga antillarum</i>	absent	long with flap and papillae	long	boring into calcareous rocks and corals
<i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i>	absent	long with flap and papillae	long	boring into calcareous rocks
<i>Lithophaga nigra</i>	absent	long with flap	long	boring into calcareous rocks and corals
<b>Modiolinae</b>				
<i>Lioberus castanea</i>	absent	short with papillae	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Modiolus americanus</i>	absent	short with callus	short	epifaunal or semi-infaunal in a variety of substrates
<i>Modiolus auriculatus</i>	absent	long with callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Modiolus carpenteri</i>	absent	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Modiolus carvalhoi</i>	absent	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Modiolus modiolus</i>	absent	unknown	short	epifaunal or semi-infaunal in a variety of substrates
<b>Musculinae</b>				
<i>Gregariella coralliophaga</i>	absent	long with callus	long	semi-infaunal or boring into hard substrates
<i>Musculus discors</i>	absent	short	long	infaunal in sand, mud or algae (byssal nest)
<i>Musculus niger</i>	absent	short	long	infaunal in sand (byssal nest)
<b>Mytilinae</b>				
<i>Aulacomya atra</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Ischadium recurvum</i>	absent	short with flap	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Mytilus californianus</i>	large and folded	short with callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Mytilus trossulus</i>	large and folded	short with callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Perna perna</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Perna viridis</i>	absent	short with callus	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<b>Septiferinae</b>				
<i>Mytilisepta bifurcata</i>	large and folded	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates
<i>Septifer bilocularis</i>	short and sparse	short	short	epifaunal on hard substrates

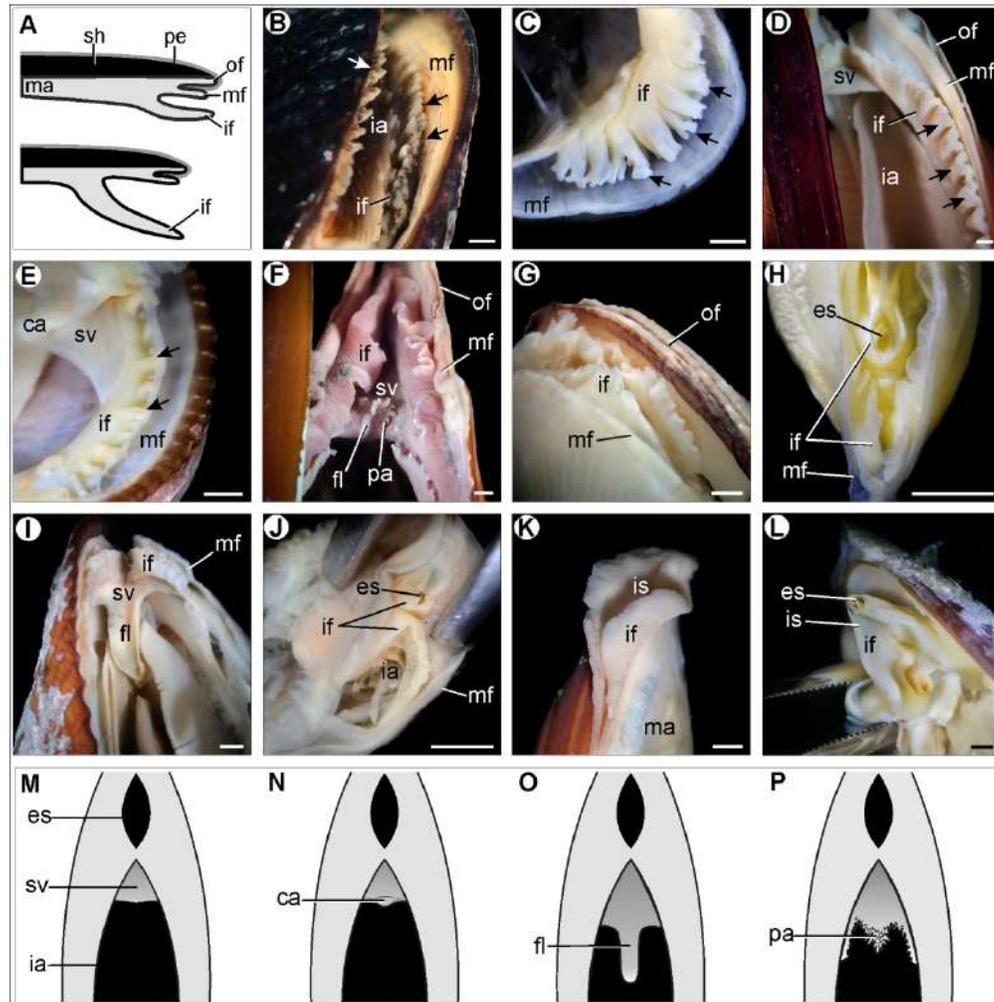


Figure 1. Mantle margin morphology and diversity in Mytilidae. Lateral view in (C) and (E); ventro-posterior view in (B), (D), (F-L). Posterior lobules on the inner fold are indicated by arrows. Scale bars = 1mm. (A). Schematic representation of the variation of the mantle margin along the antero-posterior axis; anterior region at top and posterior region at bottom. (B). *Aulacomya atra* (MCZ288117). (C). *Mytella charruana* (ZUECBIV2177). (D). *Mytilus californianus* (USNM802552). (E). *Brachidontes exustus* (USNM760843). (F). *Bathymodiolus termophilus* (SBMNH350528). (G). *Adula diegensis* (SBMNH83588). (H). *Gregariella coralliophaga* (MZSP96956). (I). *Geukensia demissa* (SBMNH95794). (J). *Musculus discors* (USNM832507). (K). *Lithophaga lithophaga* (MCZ271738). (L). *Lithophaga nigra* (USNM833842). (M-P). Schematic representations of the basal siphonal valve morphology (posterior view). (M). Short basal siphonal valve. (N). Short basal siphonal valve with callus. (O). Long basal siphonal valve with flap. (P). Long basal siphonal valve with papillae. Abbreviations: ca, callus; es, excurrent siphon; fl, flap; ia, incurrent aperture; if, inner mantle fold; is, incurrent siphon; ma, mantle; mf, middle mantle fold; of, outer mantle fold; pa, papillae; pe, periostracum; sh, shell; sv, basal siphonal valve.

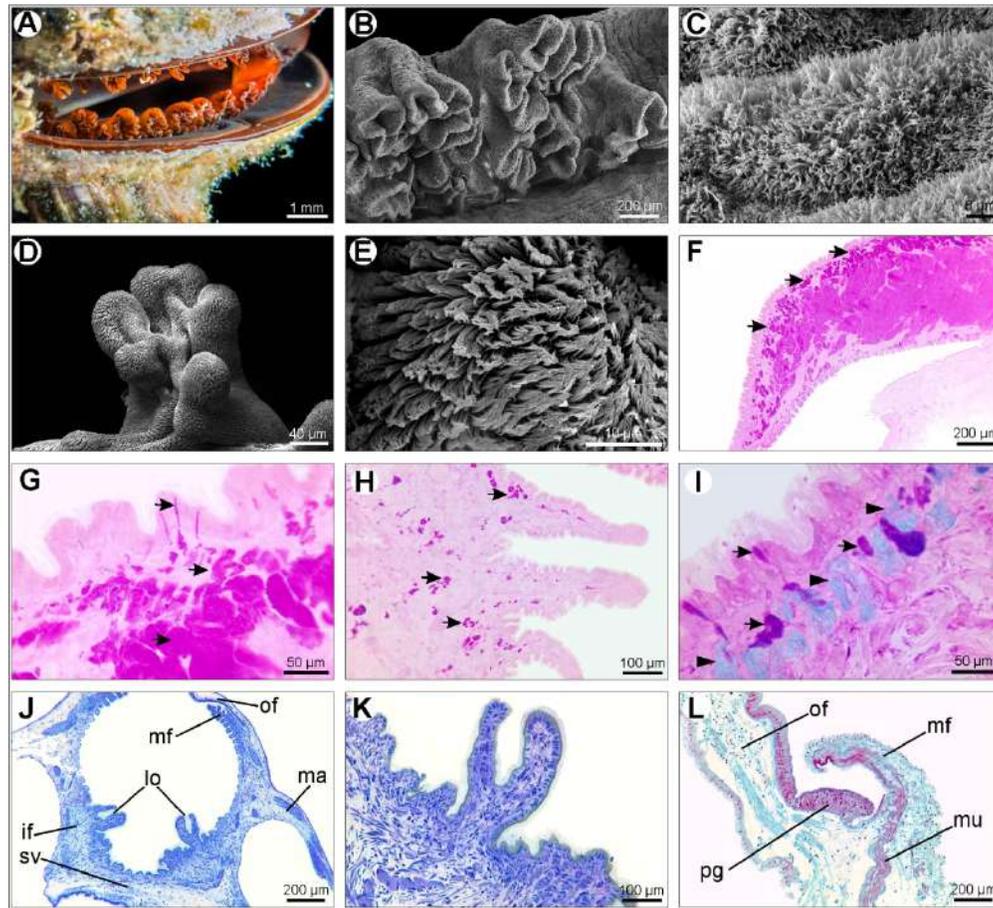


Figure 2. Mantle margin anatomy in the mussels *Perna perna*, (A-C), (F-I), and *Brachidontes exustus*, (D), (E), (J-L). Scanning electron microscopy in (B-E), and histological sections in (F-L) evidencing secretory cells (arrows and arrowheads). (A). Incurrent aperture and posterior lobules on the inner fold, as observed in a living specimen (ventro-posterior view). (B). Detail of lobules. (C). Short cilia covering the lobule's surface. (D). Detail of a lobule. (E). Cilia distributed on lobule's surface. (F). Intense secretory content within the inner fold; PAS. (G). Detail of secretory cells opening on the outer surface of the inner fold; PAS. (H). Secretory cells in the lobules; PAS. (I). Detail of two types of subepithelial secretory cells at the base of the inner fold and on the inner mantle epithelium: cells with AB-positive content (arrowheads), and cells containing a mixture of PAS- and AB-positive contents (arrows). (J). Section through the region where the inner folds are partially fused; TF. (K). Detail of a small lobule on the inner fold; TF. (L). Outer mantle fold and middle mantle fold with the periostracal gland located between them; GO. Abbreviations: if, inner mantle fold; lo, posterior lobules; ma, mantle; mf, middle mantle fold; mu, muscle bundles; of, outer mantle fold; pg, periostracal gland; sv, basal siphonal valve.

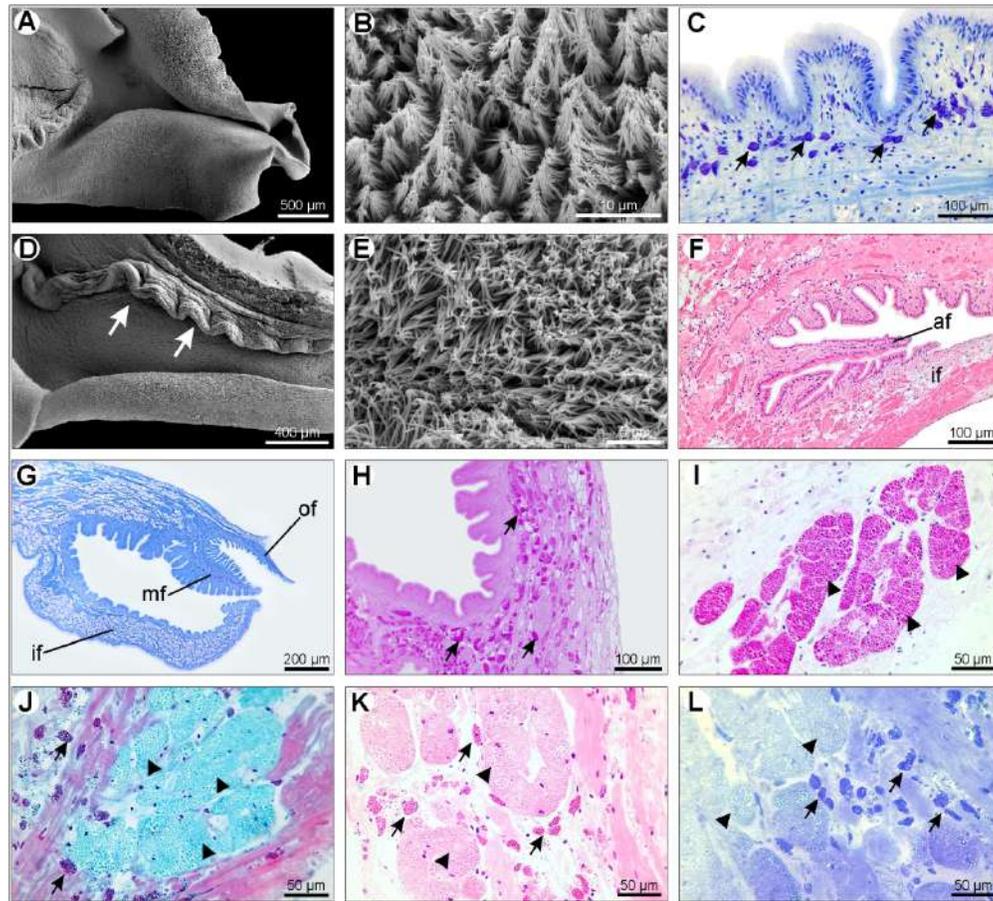
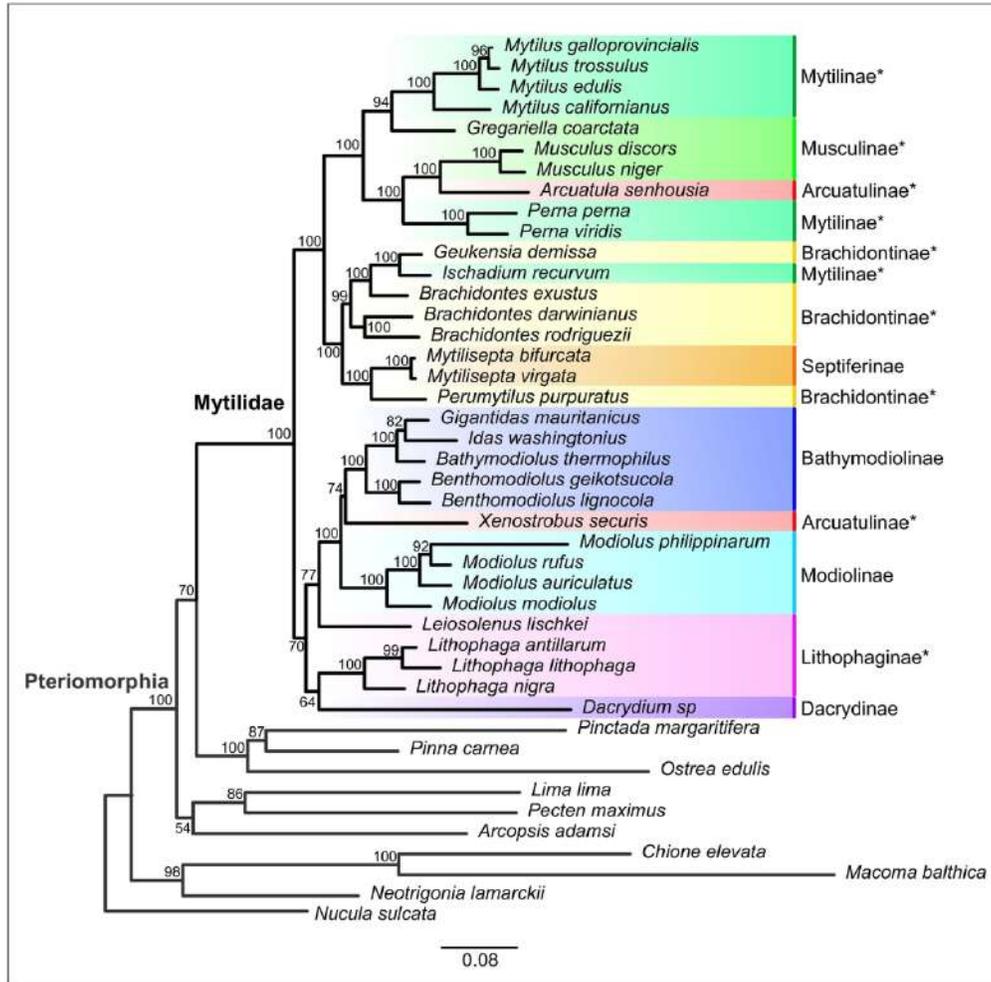


Figure 3. Mantle margin anatomy in the borers *Leiosolenus aristatus* (A-E), (I-L) and *Leiosolenus bisulcatus* (F-H). Scanning electron microscopy in (A), (B), (D), and (E), and histological sections in (C), (F-L) evidencing secretory cells. (A). Incurrent siphon formed by long inner folds, ventral view. (B). Detail of cilia covering the surface shown in (A). (C). Epithelium of the incurrent siphon with subepithelial secretory cells (arrows); TF. (D). Short accessory fold (arrows) on the outer surface of the inner fold. (E). Detail of cilia distributed on the accessory fold. (F). Section through the accessory fold; HE. (G). Mantle margin with longer inner fold; TF. (H). Subepithelial secretory cells with mucopolysaccharide content within the mantle margin at the ventral region of the body; PAS. (I-L). Posterior mantle glands composed of large granules (arrowheads) interspersed with small secretory cells (arrows) stained by several methods. (I). PAS. (J). GO. (K). HE. (L). BB. Abbreviations: af, accessory fold; if, inner mantle fold; mf, middle mantle fold; of, outer mantle fold.



Phylogenetic relationships within Mytilidae. Maximum likelihood tree of Mytilidae based on five nucleotide sequences (16S rRNA, 18S rRNA, 28S rRNA, COI, and H3). Bootstrap values are indicated at the internal nodes. Mytilidae encompasses two main clades. Subfamily names are in accordance with the classification proposed by Huber (2015), and asterisks (\*) indicate subfamilies not recovered monophyletic in this analysis.

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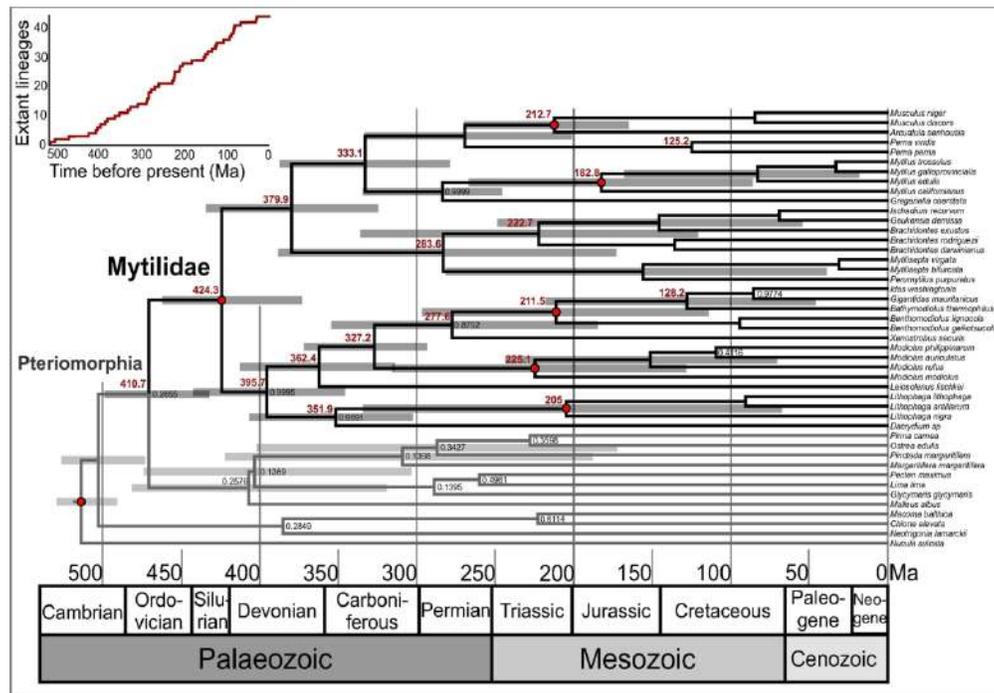


Figure 5. Time-calibrated phylogeny of Mytilidae. Divergence time analysis under Bayesian Inference based on five genes (16S rRNA, 18S rRNA, 28S rRNA, COI, and H3) and seven fossils used to calibrate internal nodes (red circles). Red numbers indicate median ages of respective nodes. Bars indicate 95% highest posterior density intervals (HPD) for nodes of interest. Posterior probabilities different than 1.0 are indicated on nodes. A lineages-through-time plot is represented on the upper left.

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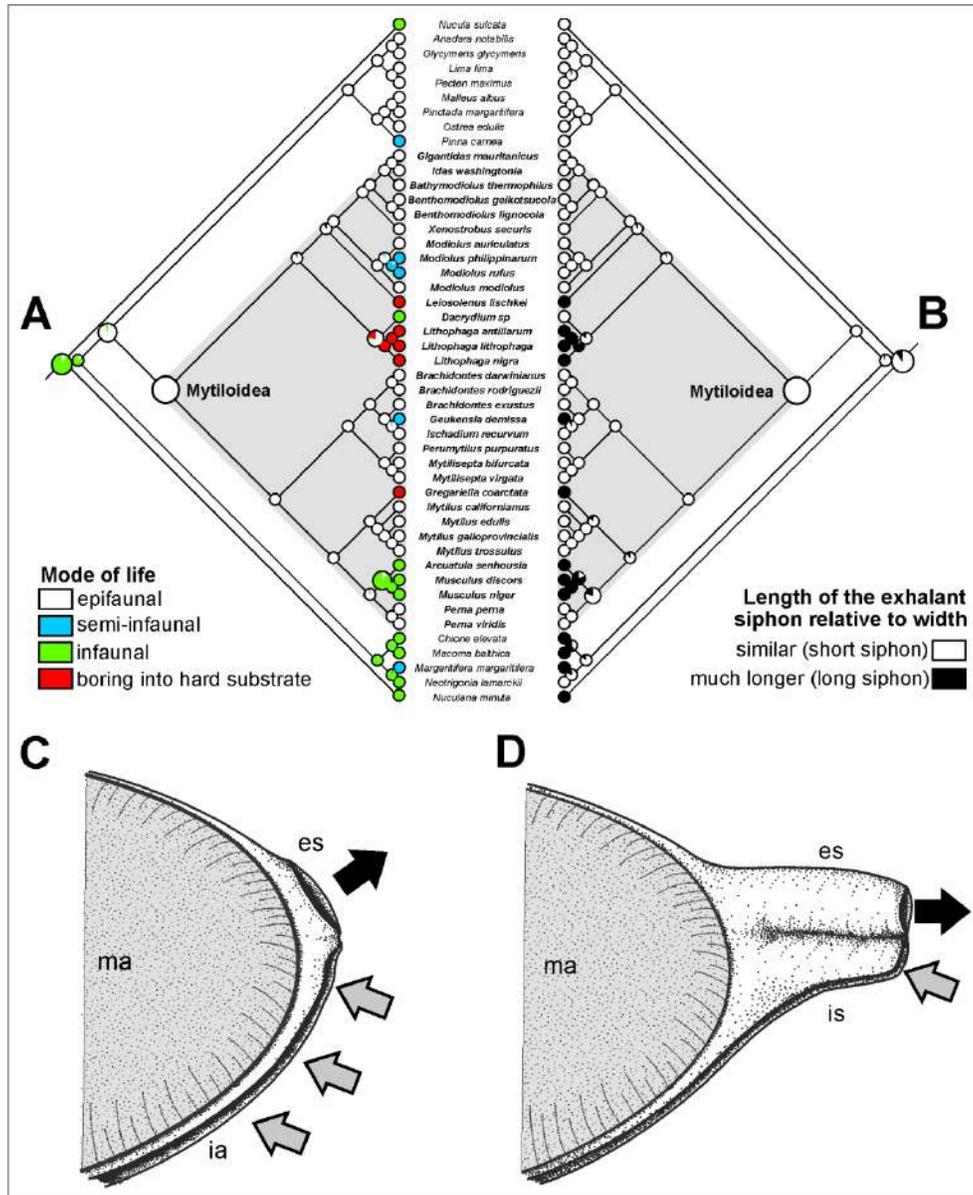


Figure 6. Evolution of siphons and lifestyles in Mytilidae. Ancestral state estimation of mode of life (A) and length of the excurrent siphon relative to width (B) in Mytilidae under maximum likelihood approach and equal transition rates (MK1 model). The convergent evolution of long siphons is closely associated with independent transitions to semi-infaunal, infaunal, and boring habits. (C-D). Lateral view of the posterior mantle region depicting short (C) and long (D) siphons, respectively. Black arrows indicate excurrent currents and grey arrows indicate incurrent currents of water. Abbreviations: es, excurrent siphon; ia, incurrent aperture; is, incurrent siphon; ma, mantle.

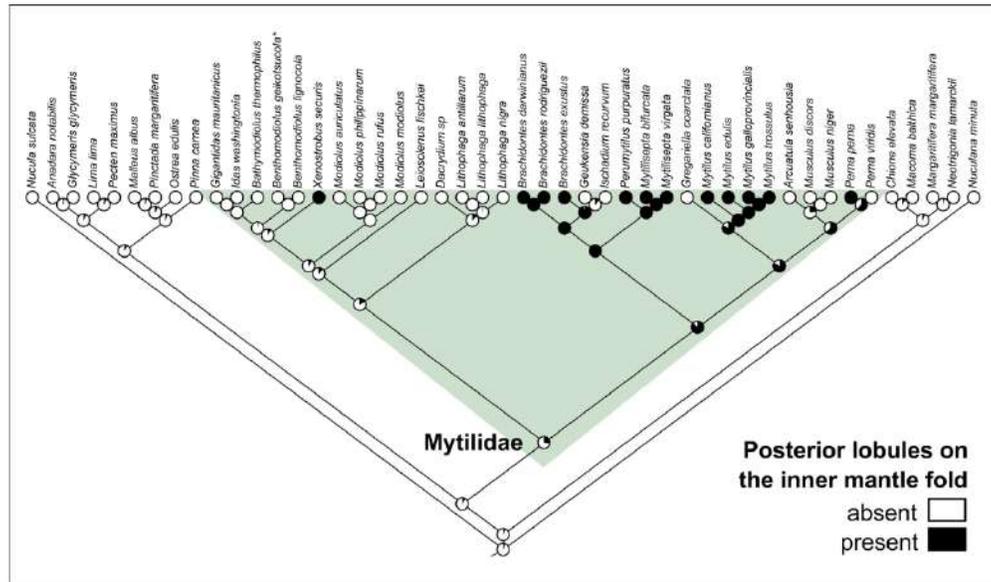


Figure 7. Origin of posterior lobules on the inner mantle fold. Ancestral state estimation under maximum likelihood approach with different transition rates (AsymmMK model). The results suggest gain of posterior lobules in the clade including *Brachidontes*, *Mytilisepta*, *Mytilus*, *Perna*, and *Perymytilus*, with a likely convergent gain for *Xenostrobus securis*. Multiple losses of posterior lobules are associated with lifestyle shifts from epifaunal to semi-infaunal/infaunal, such as in *Arcuatula*, *Gregariella*, *Geukensia*, and *Musculus*.

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