



**Table DR1. Palaeogeographical and stratigraphical distribution of Late Precambrian to Lower Palaeozoic treptichnid taxa. Fm= Formation.****References**

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**TABLE DR2**

<b>track</b>	<b>nb. of rotations</b>	<b>min. angle (<math>\alpha</math>) in °</b>	<b>max. angle (<math>\alpha</math>)</b>	<b>average angle (<math>\alpha</math>)</b>	<b>%CW</b>	<b>%ACW</b>	<b>%S</b>
1	16	10	83	39.5	44	56	0
2	13	20	56	33.7	100	0	0
3	20	9	53	29	95	5	0
4	6	5	45	19.2	50	50	0
6	8	5	85	44.9	88	12	0
7	18	6	46	20.5	28	72	0
8	23	4	55	23.7	48	52	0
9	17	0	61	24.5	0	88	12
10	19	3	62	24.5	42	58	0
11	8	10	50	23.4	88	12	0
14	21	0	67	25.4	58	33	9
15	9	1	35	18.1	56	44	0
16	47	0	73	26.2	49	40	11
17	4	18	64	45.7	75	25	0
18	7	7	27	14	28	72	0
<b>ALL</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>

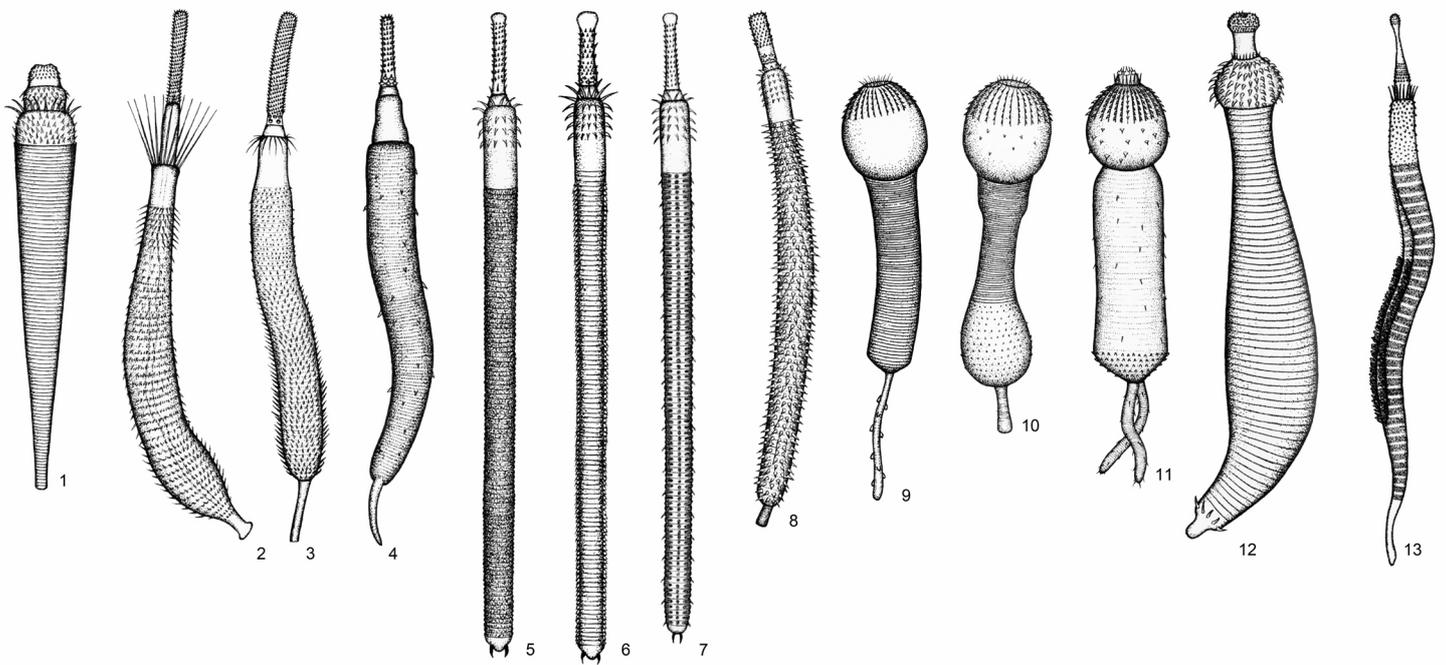
**Table DR2. Directional changes in the locomotion of *Priapulus* caudatus** (18 horizontal tracks; see Methods section). a= angle in ° between 2 successive cycles. CW= clockwise, ACW= anticlockwise, S= straight (a= 0°).

TABLE DR3

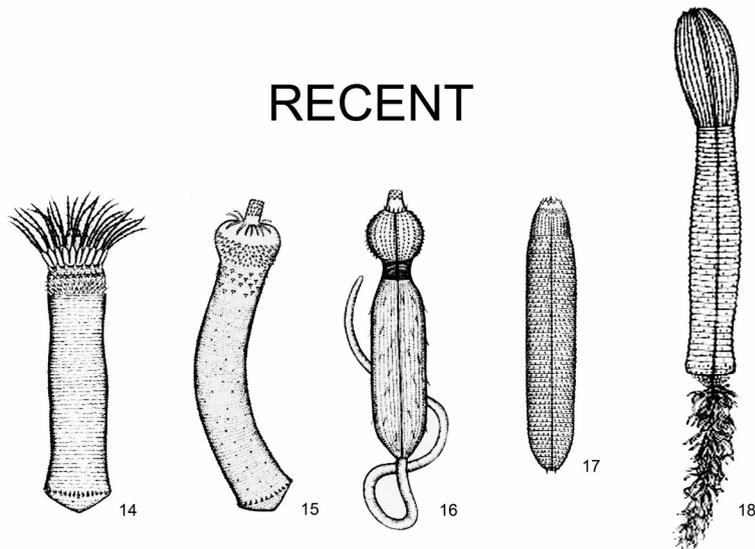
ichnospecies	coll. n°	stratigraphy	age	occurrence	nb. of rotations	min. angle (a) in °	max. angle (a)	average angle (a)	%CW	%ACW	%S
<i>Treptichnus pedum</i>	SGU 8598	Mickwitzia Sandstone	E. Cambrian	Lugnås, Sweden	41	8	115	40.7	54	46	0
<i>Treptichnus pedum</i>	no number	Meishucun	E. Cambrian	China	12	5	74	32.6	59	41	0
<i>Treptichnus pedum</i>	MGUH 19644 (T1)	Buen Fm.	E. Cambrian	N. Greenland	10	2	34	17.9	40	60	0
<i>Treptichnus pedum</i>	MGUH 19644 (T2)	Buen Fm.	E. Cambrian	N. Greenland	9	5	73	30.9	45	55	0
<i>Treptichnus pedum</i>	no number	Wiśniówka Fm.	Furongian	Poland	12	5	84	41.2	30	70	0
<i>Treptichnus rectangularis</i>	MUZWG ZI/29/3163	Wiśniówka Fm.	Furongian	Poland	10	76	101	88.5	50	50	0
<i>Treptichnus rectangularis</i>	MUZWG ZI/29/3184	Wiśniówka Fm.	Furongian	Poland	5	27	82	50.8	40	60	0
<i>Treptichnus bifurcus</i>	RMX 3337	Mickwitzia Sandstone	E. Cambrian	Lugnås, Sweden	19	4	130	54	79	21	0

Table DR3. Directional changes in treptichnid burrow systems from the Cambrian. a = angle in ° between 2 successive cycles. CW= clockwise, ACW= anticlockwise, S= straight (a= 0°).

# CAMBRIAN



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**Figure DR1.** Morphological diversity of Cambrian (1-13) and Recent (14-18) priapulid worms. 1-11 are from the Early Cambrian Chengjiang biota, 12 and 13 from the Middle Cambrian Burgess Shale biota. After Huang *et al.* 2004a, b and Huang 2005. Not to scale.

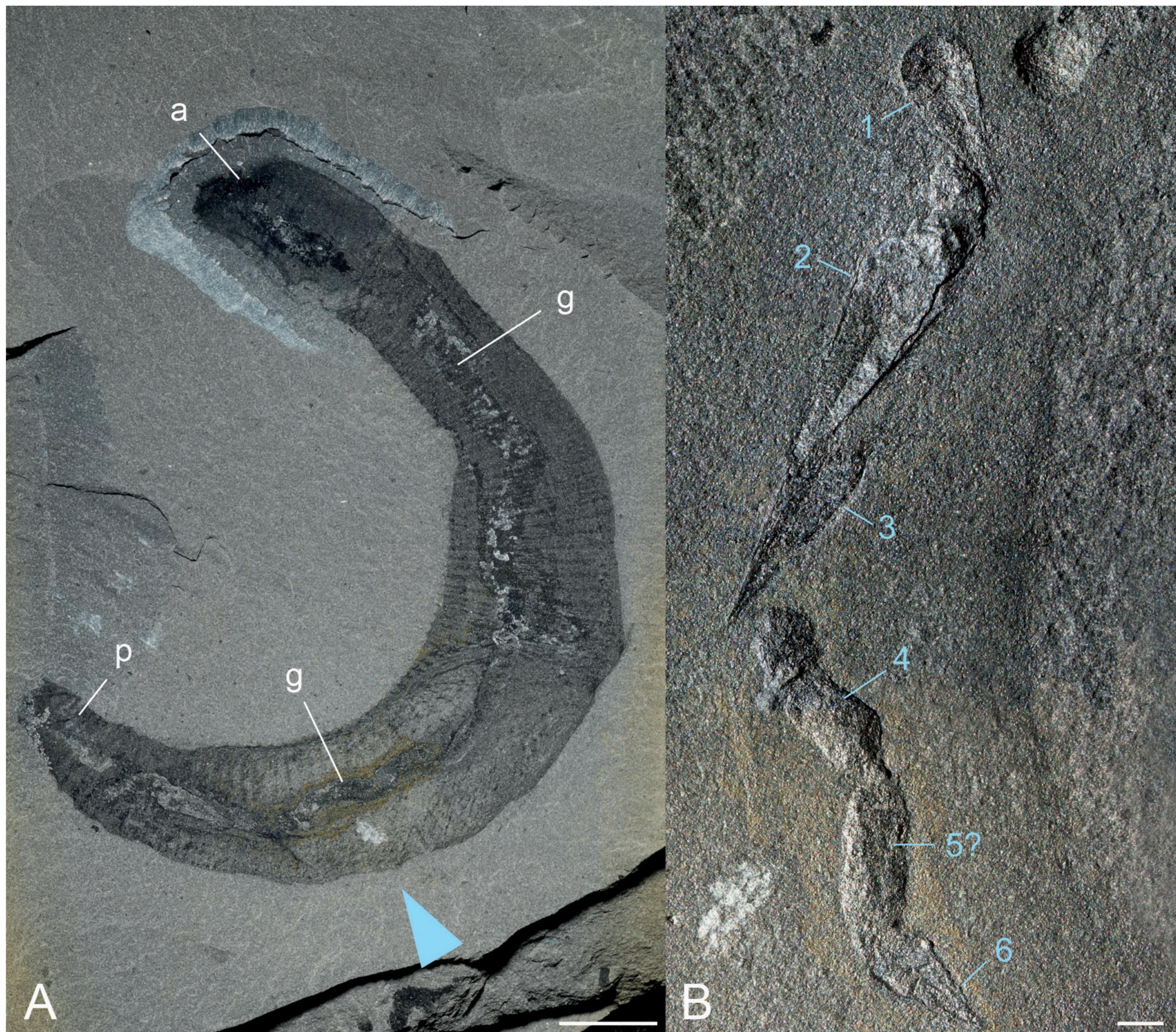
1, *Paraselkirkia sinica* ; 2, *Corynetis brevis* ; 3, *Anningvermis multispinosus* ; 4, *Xianjiella lubrica* ; 5, *Maotianshania cylindrica* ; 6, *Cricocosmia jinningensis* ; 7, *Tabelliscolex hexagonus* ; 8, *Tylotites petiolaris* ; 9, *Xiaoheiqingella peculiaris* ; 10, *Yunnanpriapulid halteriformis* ; 11, *Cambropriapulid sinicum* ; 12, *Ottoia prolifica* ; 13, *Louisella pedunculata* ; 14, *Maccabeus tentaculus* ; 15, *Meiopriapulid fijiensis* ; 16, *Tubiluchus corallicola* ; 17, *Halicryptus spinulosus* ; 18, *Priapulid caudatus*.

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**Figure DR2** *Ottoia prolifica* (Walcott, 1911), a priapulid worm from the Middle Cambrian Burgess Shale. A: general view. B: details of preserved gut contents with 5 or 6 hyolithid shells (probably *Haplophrentis carinatus*). a, p= anterior and posterior end of the worm; g= gut. Scale bars: A, 10 mm; B, 1 mm.

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**Video DR1.mov**