

Supplementary Information

Table DR1. Previous palaeontological studies of Sturtian-equivalent, interglacial and Marinoan-equivalent units.

| Time Bin | Unit (Group or Basin, Country) | Biota | References |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Marinoan Equivalent | Churochnaya Fm. (Laplandian Horizon- Russia) | simple filaments and coccoids | Sergeev et al., 2013 |
| Marinoan Equivalent | Ghadir Manqil Fm (Abu Mahara Group- Oman) | simple filaments | Butterfield and Grotzinger, 2012 |
| Marinoan Equivalent | Ghadir Manqil Fm (Abu Mahara Group- Oman) | 24-Isopropylcholestane, biomarker interpreted as evidence of Demospongiac | Love et al., 2009 |
| Interglacial | Ghadir Manqil Fm (Abu Mahara Group- Oman) | 24-Isopropylcholestane, biomarker interpreted as evidence of Demospongiac | Love et al., 2009 |
| Interglacial | Treazona Fm (Adelaide Rift Complex- Australia) | weakly calcified structures stromatolites | Maloof et al. 2010 Preiss, 1973 |
| Interglacial | Rashtof Fm (Otavi Group- Namibia) | Agglutinated structures microbialaminites | Bosak et al. 2011a; Bosak et al., 2012 Pruss et al., 2010 |
| Interglacial | Tsagaan Oloom Fm (Dzabkhan Basin -Mongolia) | Agglutinated structures Flask shaped structures | Bosak et al., 2011a Bosak et al., 2011b |
| Interglacial | Twitya Fm (Windermere Sprgrp- Canada) | Twitya disks- Ediacaran fauna-like macrofossils | Hofmann et al., 1990 |
| Interglacial | Twitya/Keele Fm (Windermere Sprgrp- Canada) | Stromatolites | James et al., 2005 |
| Interglacial | Cheikhia Group (Tauedeni Basin- W. Africa) | Disks- Ediacaran fauna-like macrofossils | Bertrand-Sarfati et al., 1995 |
| Interglacial | Omibaatje Fm and Auros Fm (Otavi Group- Namibia) | perforate globular structures | Brain et al., 2012 |
| Interglacial | Omibaatje Fm (Otavi Group- Namibia) | Stromatolites | Hoffman, 2011 |
| Interglacial | Bonahaven Fm (Argyll Group- Scotland) | Stromatolites | Spencer and Spencer, 1972 |
| Interglacial | Russoya Mbr (Polarisbrean Group- Svalbard) | Stromatolites | Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Interglacial | Etina Fm (Adelaide Rift Complex- Australia) | stromatolites | Preiss, 1973 |
| Interglacial | Brighton Fm (Adelaide Rift Complex- Australia) | stromatolites | Preiss, 1973 |
| Interglacial | Aralka Fm (Ringwood Mbr) (Amadeus Basin- Australia) | stromatolites | Glaessner et al., 1969 |
| Interglacial | Aralka Fm (lower) (Amadeus Basin- Australia) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , simple filaments, small fragment of ?process-bearing? Acritarch | Zang and Walter, 1992 |
| Interglacial | Datangpo, Minle Fms (Yangtze Platform- China) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , colonial aggregates | Yin, 1990 |
| Interglacial | Serra da Saudade (Bambui Group- Brazil) | leiiosphaerids | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000 |
| Interglacial | Lagoa do Jacaré (Bambui Group- Brazil) | leiiosphaerids | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000 |
| Interglacial | Serra de Santa Helena Fm (Bambui Group- Brazil) | leiiosphaerids | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000 |
| Interglacial | Sete Lagos Fm (Bambui Group- Brazil) | columnar,digitate, domical, planar stromatolites leiiosphaerids, colonial aggregates, simple filaments | Fairchild et al., 1996 |
| Interglacial | Grasdal Formation (Tanafjord Group- Norway) | Columnar stromatolites leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , rare, small, ?process-bearing? acritarchs, fragments of <i>Chuaria circularis</i> , abundant thin filaments | Bertrand-Sarfati and Siedlecka, 1980; Raaben et al., 1995 Vidal, 1981 |
| Interglacial | Dakkovarre Formation (Tanafjord Group- Norway) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , <i>Chuaria circularis</i> , small ?process-bearing? Acritarchs, colonial aggregates, thin filaments | Vidal, 1981 |
| Interglacial | Stangenes Formation (Tanafjord Group- Norway) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , small ?process-bearing? Acritarchs | Vidal, 1981 |
| Interglacial | Arena Fm* (Tillite Group -Greenland) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> | Vidal, 1979 Vidal, 1976 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Maikhan Ul Fm (Dzabkhan terrane- Mongolia) | problematic circular structures | Serezhnikova et al., 2014 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Jequitai Fm (Bambui Group- Brazil) | planar microbialites leiiosphaerids, colonial aggregates, simple filaments | Fairchild et al., 1996 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Ulveso Fm* (Tillite Group -Greenland) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> , <i>Octodryxiatum truncatum</i> , <i>Chuaria circularis</i> (may be reworked) | Vidal, 1979 Vidal, 1976 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Mineral Fork Fm (Wasatch Range-USA) | leiiosphaerids, <i>Sphaerocongregus variabilis</i> | Knoll et al., 1981 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Pirriyunka Formation (Central Officer Basin- Australia) | fragments of <i>Cerebrophaera buickii</i> (considered reworked) | Haines et al., 2008 |
| Sturtian equivalent | Chambers Bluff Tillite (Eastern Officer Basin- Australia) | fragments of <i>Cerebrophaera buickii</i> (considered reworked) | Eyles et al., 2007 |

*Vidal, 1976;1979 described fossils from the "Lower Tillite" and "Inter-tillite Beds", renamed "Ulveso Fm" and "Arena Fm", respectively (Hambrey and Spencer, 1987).

The Pickelhaube Fm, Port Nolloth Group Namibia (Gaucher et al., 2005) hosts *Sphaerocongregus variabilis* but is not included here due to stratigraphic uncertainty (Macdonald et al., 2010b). Similarly, recent work has reinterpreted the Kingston Peak Fm, Death Valley, USA (Macdonald et al., 2013), thus that microbiota (Corsetti et al., 2003) is omitted here. Serezhnikova et al. (2014) report problematic circular structures from the glacial Maikhan Ul Fm of Mongolia; they interpret this unit to be a Marinoan equivalent, but based upon the data presented by Macdonald (2011), this unit is placed here as a Sturtian equivalent.

Table DR2. Complement to text figure 3.

| Paleocontinent | Basin/ Group | Unit | Age (nature of constraints) | leiosphaerids present? | # org-walled eukaryote taxa excluding leiosphaerids | VSMs present? | other | References: paleo and age |
|----------------------|--|--|---|---|--|------------------|--------------------|---|
| Australia | Amadeus Basin | Bitter Springs Gillen Mbr | 820-810 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 8 | N | | Zang and Walter, 1992 |
| Australia | Amadeus Basin | Bitter Springs Loves Creek Mbr | 810-800 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 0 | N | | Schopf, 1968 |
| Australia | Amadeus Basin | Areyonga Fm | Sturtian glacial | Y | 0 | N | | this study; Kendall et al., 2006; Li et al., 2013 |
| Australia | Amadeus Basin | Aralka Fm | Sturtian glacial | Y | 0 | N | | this study; Kendall et al., 2006; Li et al., 2013 |
| Australia | Adelaide Rift Complex | Tapley Hill Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 1 | N | | this study; Li et al., 2013 |
| Australia | Adelaide Rift Complex | Brighton Limestone Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | N | | this study |
| Australia | Smithton Synclinorium | lower Black River Dolomite | 777-722 Ma (U-Pb zircon, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) | Y | 0 | Y | | Saito et al., 1988; LAR pers. obs.; Calver, 1998, |
| Australia | Smithton Synclinorium | Black River Dolomite Julius River Mbr | Sturtian glacial-equivalent | Y | 0 | N | | this study; Calver, 1998; Li et al., 2013 |
| Australia | Smithton Synclinorium | Togari Group | upper Black River Dolomite | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial $820\pm11-811$ Ma | Y | 0 | N | this study; Calver, 1998; Kendall et al., 2009 |
| North China | southern North China Block | Gouhou Fm. | (detrital zircons below, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation Bitter Springs anomaly) | Y | 7 | N | | Zang and Walter, 1992; Qian et al., 2009; Xiao et al., 2014 |
| North China | southern North China Block | Jinshanzhai Fm | $820\pm11->811$ Ma- beneath Gouhou Fm (detrital zircon, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | N | 4 | N | | Qian et al., 2009; Xiao et al., 2014 |
| Siberia | Turukhansk region | Miroyedikh Fm | 900-800 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 8 | N | | Jankauskas et al., 1989; Hermann, 1990; Knoll et al., 1995; Bartley et al., 2001 |
| Kazakhstan | Lesser Karatau Malokaroy Series | Chichkan Fm | ?-766±7 Ma (U-Pb zircon) | Y | 10 | Y | | Sergeev and Schopf, 2010; Levashova et al., 2011 |
| Congo | Otavi Group | Rasthof Fm | 717-635.6± 0.5 Ma (U-Pb zircon, glacial correlation) | N | 0 | n | agglutinated forms | Bosak et al., 2011a, 2012 |
| Tuva-Mongolia | Dzabkhan terrane | Tsagaan Oloom Fm | 715-635 Ma (U-Pb zircon, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) | N | 0 | n | putative ciliates | Bosak et al., 2011b |
| São Francisco Craton | São Francisco Block | Jequitá Fm | Sturtian glacial-equivalent | Y | 0 | n | | Fairchild et al., 1996; Uhlein et al., 2011; but see Li et al., 2013 |
| São Francisco Craton | Bambuí Group | Sete Lagoas Fm | 740±22 Ma (Pb-Pb isochron; $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial correlation) | Y | 0 | n | | Fairchild et al., 1996; Babinski et al., 2007; Misi et al., 2007; but see Li et al., 2013 |
| São Francisco Craton | Bambuí Group | Serra de Santa Helena Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | n | | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000; Misi et al., 2007 |
| São Francisco Craton | São Francisco Block Bambuí Group | Lagoa do Jacaré Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | n | | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000; Misi et al., 2007 |
| São Francisco Craton | Bambuí Group | Serra da Saudade Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | n | | Simonetti and Fairchild, 2000; Misi et al., 2007 |
| Laurentia | Amundsen Basin Shaler Supergroup | Wynnatt Fm | 825-815 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ correlations) | Y | 9 | n | | Hofmann and Rainbird, 1995; Butterfield and Rainbird, 1998; Butterfield 2005a,b; Jones et al., 2010 |
| Laurentia | Mackenzie Mountains Little Dal Group | Rusty Shale Formation | ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation, below Bitter Springs anomaly) | N | 2 | N | | Hofmann, 1985; Macdonald et al., 2010, Macdonald et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | Mackenzie Mountains Little Dal Group | Basinal and Platformal Assemblage | ?-850 Ma-811 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation, below Rusty Shale Fm. and intervening units) | Y | 7 | N | | Hofmann and Aitken, 1979; Hofmann, 1985; Macdonald et al., 2010, Macdonald et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | Ogilvie Mountains Mackenzie Mountains Supergroup | upper shale of Fifteenmile Group | 810-745 Ma (U-Pb zircon) | Y | 5 | N | scale microfossils | Allison and Awramik, 1989; Cohen and Knoll, 2012; Macdonald et al., 2010 |
| Laurentia | Ogilvie Mountains Windermere Supergroup | Callison Lake Dolostone Re-Os | ?-745-?716 Ma Re-Os | N | 0 | Y | | Strauss et al., 2012; Macdonald et al., 2010 |
| Laurentia | Chuar Group | Galeros +lower Kwagunt | 770-750 Ma (max:detrital zircon, min: interpolation) | Y | 16 | N | | Vidal and Ford, 1985; Nagy et al. 2009; SMP pers.obs.; Dehler et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | Chuar Group | upper Awatubi +Walcott | 750-742±6 Ma max: interpolation, min: U-Pb zircon) | Y | 1 | Y | | Vidal and Ford, 1985; Nagy et al. 2009; SMP pers.obs.; Karlstrom et al., 2000 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Roaldtoppen Group | Hunberg Fm | 820-805 Ma (lithological & $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 9 | N | | Knoll, 1984 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Roaldtoppen | Rysso Fm | 805-740 Ma (lithological & $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 6 | Y | | Knoll and Calder, 1983 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Academikerbreen Group | Svanbergfjellet Fm | ?-805-?790 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 21 | N | | Butterfield et al., 1994; Li et al., 2013 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Academikerbreen Group | DrakenFm | ?-790-?778 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 7 | Y | | Knoll et al., 1991 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Academikerbreen Group | Backlundtoppen Fm | ?-778-?740 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 0 | Y | | Knoll et al., 1989; Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Polarisbreen Group | Russoya Mbr | ?-740-?719 Ma ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ correlation) | Y | 0 | N | | LAR pers.obs.; Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | East Greenland+Svalbard Basin Polarisbreen Group | Macdonaldryggen Mbr | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | N | | this study; Hoffman et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Eleonore Bay Supergr | Eleonore Bay Grp Multicolor series | 820-800 Ma (regional correlation with Svalbard) | Y | 3 | N | | Vidal, 1976b; Vidal, 1979; Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Eleonore Bay Supergr | Eleonore Bay Grp Lower Limestone | 800-780 Ma (regional correlation with Svalbard) | Y | 3 | Y | | Vidal, 1976b; Vidal, 1979; Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Eleonore Bay Supergr | Eleonore Bay Grp Upper Limestone | 780-717 Ma (regional correlation with Svalbard) | Y | 2 | Y | | Vidal 1976b; Vidal, 1979; Hoffman et al., 2012 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Tillite Group | Ulveso Fm | Sturtian glacial-equivalent | Y | 1 | N | | Vidal, 1979; Hoffman et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013 |
| Laurentia | E.Greenland+Svalbard Basin Tillite Group | Arena Fm | Sturtian-Marinoan interglacial | Y | 0 | N | | Vidal, 1979; Hoffman et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013 |

Methods

Samples were processed by standard hydrofluoric maceration by Waanders Palynology Consulting and strewn slides were studied by transmitted light microscopy using Zeiss Axioskop 40. The abundance of organic-walled microfossils in these samples was low as compared to that of pre-Sturtian samples with similar lithology that have been processed in the same lab by the same methods (e.g. upper Chuar Group, Svanbergfjellet Formation, Bitter Springs Formation of BR05DD01 drillcore and Alinya Formation of Giles-1 drillcore).

Eukaryotic diversity assessments in text figure 3 are based on the first and second authors' estimates of within-assemblage taxonomic diversity based upon published synonymies and do not necessarily reflect the estimates given in the original works. As the genus concept is of dubious use in acritarch studies, these counts were based on occurrence of species. Forms considered by the present authors to be pseudofossils or taphonomic variants were not counted.

Text Figure 2 cores and depths: Wallara-1: **a** & **g**- 1411.2m, **c**-1395.9m, **j**-1367m, **q**-1293.9m **p**-1282.4m; BR05DD01: **b**, **h**, **d**-484.5m, **i**-531.5m, **e**-493.6m; Forest-1: **f**- 880.75m; SCYW-79-1a: **k**-1350.76m, **l**- 1238.7m, **m**- 1225.26m, **n** & **t**- 1201.32m, **o**-1266.74m, **v**, **r**, **s**-1254.9m, **u**-1298.81m.

Blinman-2 Discussion

In addition to samples discussed in the text, fourteen samples of Blinman-2 drill core (Fig DR1) of Adelaide Rift Complex were studied. All samples were found to be barren of fossils. Because a diagenetic cause of the absence of fossils cannot be ruled out, these data are not included in the main body of the study. These data are presented here in anticipation of future use and in the interest of publishing negative results to reduce duplication of efforts.

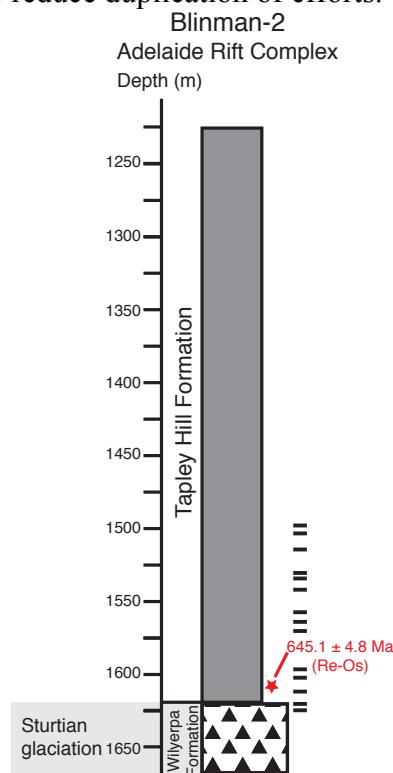


Figure DR1. Stratigraphic Column of Blinman-2 drill core. Modified from Gorjan et al., 2000 and Kendall et al., 2006. Re-Os date from Kendall et al., 2006.

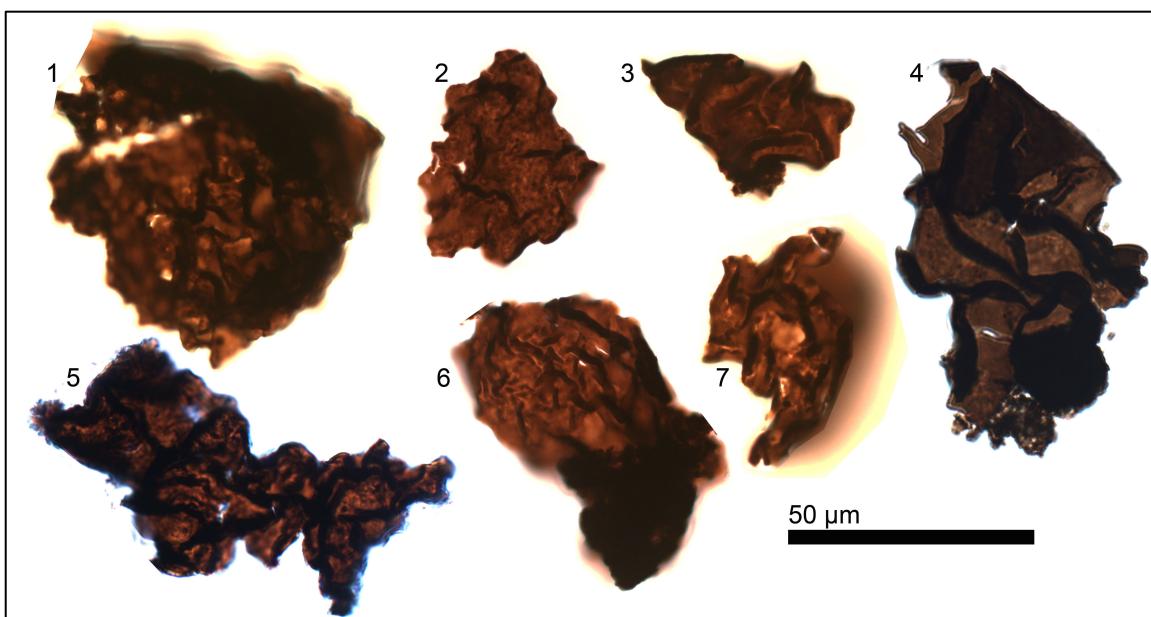


Figure DR2. Recovered fragments of *Cerebrosphaera buickii*. Due to poor quality, regarded as having been reworked. Cores and depths: 1–3, 6–7 BR05DD01, 517.16 m, 4–5 Wallara-1, 1354.9 m.

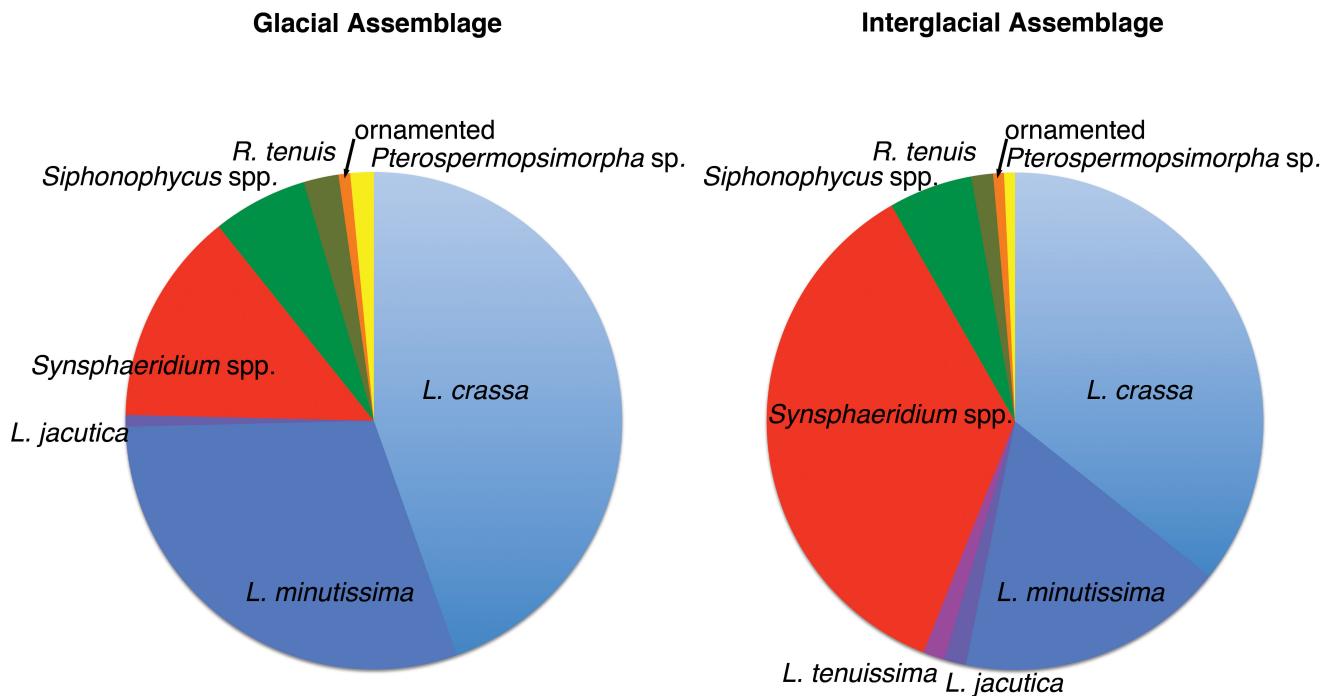


Figure DR3. Pie charts indicating relative contributions from various taxa.

Table DR3. Fossil counts for glacial and interglacial units discussed in text. Top-most table summarizes all samples from all units as divided by glacial or interglacial unit. Subsequent

| | | | samples barren | fragments only | N | Leiosphaerids | | | | Synsphaeridium spp. | filaments | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | | | | | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarchs | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> | |
| Total Interglacial (68 samples) | | | 11 | 9 | 277 | 2 | 48 | 98 | 4 | 4 | 98 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Total Synglacial (21 samples) | | | 4 | 2 | 141 | 11 | 39 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |

* *C. buickii* specimens occur as fragments and are interpreted to be reworked from pre-Sturtian sediments (see text). They are thus not included in total specimen counts (N)

Forest-1 drill core

| meterage | Unit Name | lithology | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | samples barren | fragments only | N | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | Synsphaeridium spp. | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> |
| 816.4 | Upper Black River Dolomite | black, fine-grained, pyritic | x | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 827.1 | Upper Black River Dolomite | black, fine-grained | | | 4 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 834.9 | Upper Black River Dolomite | dark grey, fine-grained | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 850.9 | Julius River Member | black, fine-grained matrix mm to 1cm clasts | x | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 880.76 | Julius River Member | black, fine-grained | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 886.3 | Julius River Member | dark grey, fine-grained | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 902.3 | Julius River Member | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 907.1 | Julius River Member | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 914.9 | Julius River Member | dark grey, fine-grained matrix with ~3mm clasts | x | | 10 | | 9 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 933.9 | Julius River Member | black matrix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 968.35 | Julius River Member | black matrix | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

BR05DD01 drill core

| meterage | Unit Name | lithology | | | N | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | Synsphaeridium spp. | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | samples barren | fragments only | N | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | Synsphaeridium spp. | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> |
| 484.5 | Areyonga Formation | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 22 | | 8 | 5 | | | | 4 | 5 | | | |
| 489.4 | Areyonga Formation | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 3 | | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 493.6 | Areyonga Formation | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 517.16 | Areyonga Formation | dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 18 | | 6 | 10 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 5 |
| 531.5 | Areyonga Formation | dark grey-brown, fine-grained matrix | | | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 532.25 | Areyonga Formation | light grey-green, fine-grained matrix | | | 6 | | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | |

Wallara-1 drill core

| meterage | Unit Name | lithology | | | N | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | Synsphaeridium spp. | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> |
|----------|--------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | samples barren | fragments only | N | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | Synsphaeridium spp. | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosopsis</i> sp. | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii*</i> |
| 1281.2 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 1282.4 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 9 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 6 | | | | |
| 1283.8 | Aralka Formation | medium to dark grey, blocky | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1284.4 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | x | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 1286.4 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 4 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 1287.9 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | |
| 1289.9 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 1292.9 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 1293.9 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | x | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| 1294.5 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1296.4 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | x | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 1298.5 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 20 | | 5 | 15 | | | | | | | | |
| 1300.4 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 3 | | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 1301.9 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 4 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 1304.3 | Aralka Formation | black, fine-grained, shaly | | | 10 | | 1 | 3 | | | | 6 | | | | |
| 1306.2 | Aralka Formation | dark grey, fine-grained | x | | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 1354.9 | Areyonga Formation | medium grey, silty matrix | | | 18 | | 1 | 10 | | | | 4 | | | | 1 |
| 1367 | Areyonga Formation | medium grey, silty matrix | | | 20 | | 3 | 12 | | | | 2 | | 3 | | 2 |
| 1376.8 | Areyonga Formation | light grey, fine-grained | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 1395.9 | Areyonga Formation | red-grey fine-grained matrix | | | 6 | | | 2 | | | | 3 | | | | |
| 1407.5 | Areyonga Formation | medium to dark grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 1411.2 | Areyonga Formation | medium-grey, fine-grained matrix | | | 17 | | 4 | 9 | | | | 4 | | | | |
| 1422.6 | Areyonga Formation | medium-grey, fine-grained matrix | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Macdonaldryggen Member outcrop samples

| sample number | lithology | samples barren | fragments only | N | Leiosphaerids | | | | | Synsphaeridium spp. | filaments | | | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii</i> * |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosoopsis</i> sp. | | | | |
| G435.25 | medium grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| G435.35 | dark grey, fine-grained | x | | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| G435.45 | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| G435.56 | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G435.66 | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G435.76 | dark grey, fine-grained | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G435.79.5 | dark grey, fine-grained | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-0.5m | medium grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-2.15m | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-3m | medium grey, fine-grained | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-10.2m | medium grey, fine-grained | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-15.2m | dark grey, fine-grained, blocky | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-22.5m | medium grey, fine-grained | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MacG 22-4-28m | medium grey, fine-grained, blocky | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SCYW-79-1a drill core

| meterage | Unit Name | lithology | samples barren | fragments only | N | Leiosphaerids | | | | | Synsphaeridium spp. | filaments | | | ornamented acritarch | <i>Pterospermopsimorpha</i> sp. | <i>C. buickii</i> * |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | <i>Leiosphaeridia</i> sp. | <i>L. minutissima</i> | <i>L. crassa</i> | <i>L. jacutica</i> | <i>L. tenuissima</i> | | <i>Siphophycus</i> sp. | <i>Rugosoopsis</i> sp. | | | | |
| 1172.67 | Brighton Limestone | light to medium grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1176.41 | Brighton Limestone | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1182.24 | Brighton Limestone | light to medium grey, fine-grained | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1191.42 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1194.42 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | | | 12 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 8 | 1 | | | | |
| 1201.32 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | | | 23 | | 6 | 7 | | | | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 1202.68 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | | | 4 | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| 1205.13 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 1207.16 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1215.88 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1218.1 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1225.26 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | | | 32 | | 3 | 12 | | | | 14 | 3 | | | | |
| 1226.13 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1230.73 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1237.3 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 28 | | 8 | 4 | | | | 12 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 1238.7 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1239.4 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1247.7 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 13 | | 2 | 3 | | | | 7 | | | | | 1 |
| 1249.86 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | 3 | | | | | 1 |
| 1254.9 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium to dark, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 7 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | | 1 |
| 1256.9 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium to dark, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1260.69 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 9 | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1266.74 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1279.74 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 10 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1289.73 | Tapley Hill Fm | medium grey fine-grained, shaly | x | | 6 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1298.81 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 9 | | 5 | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | | |
| 1306.17 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1314.87 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 5 | | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 1317.18 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1323.85 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 12 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 7 | 1 | | | | |
| 1338.78 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained | x | | 6 | | 4 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| 1341.78 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 12 | | 4 | | | | | 7 | 1 | | | | |
| 1350.76 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 10 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 5 | 2 | | | | |
| 1357.3 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | 6 | | 1 | 3 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| 1358.69 | Tapley Hill Fm | dark grey, fine-grained, shaly | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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