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3 **Biotic responses to volatile volcanism and environmental stresses over**
4 **Guadalupian-Lopingian (Permian) transition**

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8 **DR1. Laboratory methods**

9 Carbon and oxygen isotope: Weathered surfaces and large veins were trimmed and
10 each sample was cut into small pieces in the laboratory. The rock chips were then
11 ground to fine powder (< 200 mesh) using a stainless-steel puck mill that was cleaned
12 between samples by grinding with red quartz sand. Under vacuum, the sample powder
13 was reacted offline with 100% H₃PO₄ for 24h at 25°C. The carbon isotope
14 composition of the generated CO₂ was measured on a Finnigan MAT 251 mass
15 spectrometer. All isotopic data are reported as per mil (‰) relative to Vienna Pee Dee
16 belemnite (V-PDB) standard, based on duplicate analyses of national standards
17 GBW04416 ($\delta^{13}\text{C} = +1.61\text{\textperthousand}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -11.59\text{\textperthousand}$) and GBW04417 ($\delta^{13}\text{C} = +6.06\text{\textperthousand}$,
18 $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -24.12\text{\textperthousand}$). The analytical precision is better than $\pm 0.1\text{\textperthousand}$ for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\pm 0.2\text{\textperthousand}$
19 for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ based on duplicate analyses. The microscope, MAT 251, and EDS
20 equipped-SEM reside at the State Key Laboratory of Geological Processes and
21 Mineral Resources, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan).

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23 Mercury concentrations: Mercury content was measured using a LECO AMA254
24 mercury analyzer at the State Key Laboratory of Geological Processes and Mineral
25 Resources, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan). Prior to analysis, all samples
26 were freeze-dried to prevent decomposition of Hg. About 100 mg of mudstone or
27 shale and 150–200 mg of limestone were analyzed. Data reliability was ensured by
28 use of LECO standard 502-685 with a certified value of $0.04 \pm 0.008 \text{ ppm Hg}$

29 (laboratory QC data range from 0.0362 to 0.0433 ppm Hg), which was analyzed after
30 every 12 unknowns then followed by a repeat. Reproducibility of sample
31 concentrations was better than 10%.

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33 Total organic carbon (TOC) measurement: TOC content measurement was conducted
34 in the State Key Laboratory of Geological Processes and Mineral Resources by a
35 vario macro cube elemental analyzer. About 10 g powdered sample was put into the
36 50 mL tube, then 50 % HCl was injected to dissolve carbonate minerals until there
37 was no further bubbling. After multiple centrifugal and lyophilization, the residue was
38 analyzed for total organic carbon (TOC). Data quality was assessed through multiple
39 analyses of standard sample DP-1 ($65.44 \pm 0.33\%$). A standard sample and a repeat
40 were analyzed after every 12 unknowns, yielding an analytical accuracy of 5 % of the
41 reported values.

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43 Hg isotopes: Hg isotopic compositions of samples from the three sections were
44 analyzed at the Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Guiyang,
45 China. Approximately 0.5 g of ground sample and ~0.1 g of standard reference
46 materials (GSS-4, soil) were digested (95 °C for 90 mins) using 5 mL of aqua regia
47 (HCl/HNO₃ = 3, v/v). After digestion, the solution was centrifuged (3000 rpm for 10
48 mins) at room temperature and then decanted to obtain the supernatant. Before
49 conducting Hg isotope analysis, the digested sample solutions were diluted to 2 and 1
50 ng mL⁻¹ using Milli-Q water based on total Hg values. All the acid concentrations of
51 the diluted solutions were <20%. Similarly, NIST SRM 3133 and 3177 Hg standard
52 solutions with Hg concentrations of 2 and 1 ng mL⁻¹ were also prepared.

53 Isotopic values were measured using a Neptune MC-ICP-MS with high sensitivity

54 X skimmer cone. NIST SRM 997 Tl was the internal standard used for simultaneous
55 instrumental mass bias correction of Hg. SnCl₂ (4 ng mL⁻¹) was used to generate
56 elemental Hg⁽⁰⁾ before being introduced into the plasma. The stability of the
57 instrument and measurement precision were monitored using NIST SRM 3133 and
58 3177 Hg standard solutions, respectively. Sample-standard bracketing was based on
59 NIST 3133. Digest recovery of the samples was monitored by MC-ICP-MS using
60 δ²⁰²Hg signals. The sensitivity for δ²⁰²Hg during Hg isotope analysis was ~1.2 V per
61 ng mL⁻¹ Hg.

62 Hg isotopic variations are reported in δ²⁰²Hg notation in units of per mil (‰)
63 referenced to the NIST-3133 Hg standard (once every 3 samples):

$$64 \delta^{202}\text{Hg} (\text{\textperthousand}) = [(\text{^{202}\text{Hg}/^{198}\text{Hg}_{\text{sample}}}) / (\text{^{202}\text{Hg}/^{198}\text{Hg}_{\text{standard}}}) - 1] \times 1000 \quad (1)$$

65 Mass independent fractionation (MIF) of Hg isotopes is expressed in Δ-notation
66 (Δ^{xxx}Hg), which describes the difference between the measured δ^{xxx}Hg and the
67 theoretically predicted δ^{xxx}Hg value, using the following equations:

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$$69 \Delta^{199}\text{Hg} \approx \delta^{199}\text{Hg} - (\delta^{202}\text{Hg} \times 0.2520) \quad (2)$$

$$70 \Delta^{200}\text{Hg} \approx \delta^{200}\text{Hg} - (\delta^{202}\text{Hg} \times 0.5024) \quad (3)$$

$$71 \Delta^{201}\text{Hg} \approx \delta^{201}\text{Hg} - (\delta^{202}\text{Hg} \times 0.7520) \quad (4)$$

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73 Replicate analysis of the NIST 3177 Hg intra lab isotope reference standard (n = 4
74 analytical sessions) were as follows: δ²⁰²Hg = -0.42 ± 0.06‰ (2 sd); Δ¹⁹⁹Hg = -0.04 ±
75 0.02‰ (2 sd); Δ²⁰⁰Hg = 0.01 ± 0.04‰ (2 sd); Δ²⁰¹Hg = 0.01 ± 0.04‰ (2 sd).

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77 Analytical results of Hg concentrations, TOC contents, Hg isotopes, carbon and
78 oxygen isotopes (**Tables DR1**). Field and petrographic photos of giant bivalve
79 Alatoconchid (**Fig. DR1**), field photos of *Skolithos* piperock (**Fig. DR2**), all the TOC
80 and Hg concentrations data from Penglaitan section (**Fig. DR3**), and correlation
81 between Hg concentration and total organic carbon (TOC) content (**Fig. DR4**).

82 **Table DR1.** Hg concentrations and TOC contents, δ¹³C and δ¹⁸O values and Hg
83 isotopic compositions.

84 **Figure DR1.** (A-C) Alatoconchid shells (white arrows), the coin is 2 cm in diameter.
85 (D-F) Photomicrograph showing alatoconchid shell microstructure, valves show a
86 double-layered texture, consisting of prismatic calcite aligned perpendicularly to shell
87 surface, and inner mosaic granular calcite, Bed 3. The red scale bar is 500 μ m.
88 **Figure DR2.** (A) Profile view of *Skolithos* burrows (arrows) of piperock. The filler of
89 the burrows is siliceous mudstone, which is more weather-resistance than the
90 surrounding limestone. Bed 6k. (B) Plane view of *Skolithos* burrows (arrows) of
91 piperock, Bed 6k. (C) Polished slab showing vertical burrows of *Skolithos*.
92 **Figure DR3.** TOC and Hg concentrations from Penglaitan section. Red horizon line
93 illustrates the base of Laibin Limestone. Note that most of the TOC values are <0.1
94 wt.%, most of the Hg concentrations are < 10 ppb. Red points represent samples with
95 TOC value < 0.02 wt.% (below detectable limit).
96 **Figure DR4.** Cross plots of Hg concentration vs. total organic carbon (TOC) content.
97 There is no statistically significant correlation between Hg content and TOC ($R^2=0.12$,
98 correlation test: p value = 0.0138, estimate = -0.4066), indicating that Hg/TOC ratios
99 are controlled primarily by temporal variations in environmental Hg concentration.

Table DR1. Key geochemical parameters of all samples

Sample Number	Stratigraphy	Lithology	Conodont zones	Depth (m)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}\text{\textperthousand}$ (V-PDB)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}\text{\textperthousand}$ (V-PDB)	Hg (p.p.b.)	TOC (wt.%)	Hg/TOC (p.p.b/wt.%)	$\delta^{202}\text{Hg}$ (\textperthousand)	$\Delta^{199}\text{Hg}$ (\textperthousand)	$\Delta^{200}\text{Hg}$ (\textperthousand)	$\Delta^{201}\text{Hg}$ (\textperthousand)
PLT-36	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	11.05	NA	NA	13.28	1.31	10.13	-0.90	-0.05	0.04	-0.02
PLT-35	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.89	NA	NA	10.54	0.55	19.16	-0.66	-0.07	0.13	-0.04
PLT-34	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.76	NA	NA	3.87	0.24	16.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-33	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.68	3.2	-6.73	15.08	0.47	32.08	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-32	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.58	NA	NA	18.77	0.56	33.52	-0.97	0.03	0.05	-0.01
PLT-31	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.5	NA	NA	19.5	0.18	108.31	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-30	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.43	NA	NA	22.3	0.17	135.06	NA	NA	NA	NA

PLT-29	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.24	1.77	-7.96	19.4	0.12	165.19	-1.34	0.03	0.06	0.01
PLT-28	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	10.13	2.54	-7.3	16.4	0.14	117.51	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-27	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>Clarkina dukouensis</i>	9.84	NA	NA	19.26	0.16	122.07	-0.43	0.03	0.07	-0.04
PLT-26	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>C. postbitteri postbitteri</i>	9.49	3.71	-5.52	18.8	0.17	109.97	-0.36	0.01	0.05	0.02
PLT-25	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>C. postbitteri postbitteri</i>	9.18	2.99	-6.4	26.6	0.19	139.69	-1.30	0.07	0.05	0.05
PLT-24	Heshan Fm.	siliceous limestone	<i>C. postbitteri postbitteri</i>	9.02	NA	NA	23.35	0.17	138.8	-1.11	0.08	0.10	0.08
PLT-23	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>C. postbitteri postbitteri</i>	8.87	2.54	-5.73	18.5	0.42	43.67	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-22	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>C. postbitteri hongshuiensis</i>	8.6	4.61	-4.36	13.1	0.25	51.96	-0.41	0.03	0.10	0.10
PLT-21	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella</i>	8.36	4.76	-4.09	17.1	0.55	31.11	NA	NA	NA	NA

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PLT-20	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	8.23	4.94	-3.72	6.05	1.63	3.71	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-19	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	8.03	5.11	-3.97	5.6	0.5	11.2	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-18	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.9	5.1	-3.81	6.9	0.46	15.14	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-17	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.74	5.03	-4.03	5	0.43	11.6	-1.17	0.05	0.11	0.10
PLT-16	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.59	4.54	-4.18	14.7	0.34	42.69	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-15	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.42	4.4	-4.96	24.1	0.38	64.1	-1.28	0.05	0.08	0.16
PLT-14	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.28	4.69	-4.5	9.3	0.31	30.09	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-13	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	7.12	4.9	-4.38	6.6	0.24	27.19	-0.86	0.03	0.14	0.00

PLT-12	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	6.82	4.8	-4.29	9.1	0.52	17.41	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-11	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	6.56	4.84	-4.52	10.6	1.08	9.81	-0.66	0.03	0.11	0.12
PLT-10	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	5.5	4.5	-3.59	5.8	2.76	2.1	-0.03	-0.06	0.07	0.08
PLT-9	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>Jinogondolella granti</i>	4.69	NA	NA	6.12	0.32	19.12	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-8	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	3.92	NA	NA	8.92	0.37	24.12	0.15	-0.10	0.09	0.00
PLT-7	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	3.11	4.27	-5.73	6.3	0.6	10.58	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-6	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	2.31	NA	NA	3.37	0.5	6.73	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-5	Maokou Fm.	muddy limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	1.71	NA	NA	22.12	0.59	37.48	-0.20	-0.08	0.05	-0.02
PLT-4	Maokou Fm.	muddy	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	1.11	4.03	-5.96	6.9	0.28	24.29	NA	NA	NA	NA

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PLT-3	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	0.44	3.01	-6.4	15	0.72	20.83	-0.48	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
PLT-2	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	0.26	3.39	-6.64	6.4	0.92	6.94	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-1	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	0	NA	NA	7.9	0.44	17.96	NA	NA	NA	NA
GSS-4 (Soil)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.65	-0.28	-0.03	-0.30
GSS-4 (Soil)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.41	-0.30	0.00	-0.30
NIST 3177	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.48	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
NIST 3177	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.56	-0.03	-0.03	-0.07
PLT-100	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-0.1	NA	NA	10.11	0.09	112.33	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-101	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-0.45	NA	NA	7	0.09	77.8	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-102	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-1.1	NA	NA	5.34	0.12	44.49	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-103	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-1.45	NA	NA	2.33	0.15	15.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-104	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-1.75	NA	NA	2.25	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-105	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-2.2	NA	NA	1.48	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-106	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-2.6	NA	NA	3.36	0.03	112.04	NA	NA	NA	NA

PLT-107	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-2.9	NA	NA	4.31	0.02	215.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-108	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-3.3	NA	NA	5.78	0.03	192.52	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-109	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-3.55	NA	NA	5.8	0.02	290.22	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-110	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-4.05	NA	NA	8.71	0.03	290.18	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-111	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-4.4	NA	NA	11.12	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-112	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-4.75	NA	NA	6.05	0.06	100.86	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-113	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-5.6	NA	NA	8.83	0.02	441.46	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-114	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-6	NA	NA	11.65	0.15	77.65	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-115	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-6.4	NA	NA	13.34	0.06	222.28	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-116	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-6.75	NA	NA	7.72	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-117	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-7.5	NA	NA	10.02	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-118	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-7.8	NA	NA	5.6	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-119	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-8.1	NA	NA	5.07	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-120	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-8.4	NA	NA	6.64	0.08	82.98	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-121	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-8.7	NA	NA	3.93	0.04	98.33	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-122	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-9.1	NA	NA	5	0.27	18.52	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-123	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-9.5	NA	NA	4.25	0.05	84.98	NA	NA	NA	NA

PLT-124	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-9.9	NA	NA	12.51	0.05	250.21	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-125	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-10.6	NA	NA	3.66	0.09	40.69	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-126	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-10.9	NA	NA	11	0.04	275	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-127	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-11.5	NA	NA	2.26	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-128	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-11.8	NA	NA	8.97	0.09	99.69	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-129	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. xuanhanensis</i>	-12.15	NA	NA	5.02	0.06	83.69	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-130	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. prexuanhanensis</i>	-12.85	NA	NA	8.01	0.07	114.42	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-131	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. prexuanhanensis</i>	-13.15	NA	NA	7.34	0.11	66.75	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-132	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. prexuanhanensis</i>	-13.65	NA	NA	2.13	0.04	53.34	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-133	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. prexuanhanensis</i>	-14.15	NA	NA	2.91	0.12	24.28	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-134	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. prexuanhanensis</i>	-14.75	NA	NA	10.08	0.04	252.06	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-135	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-15.9	NA	NA	8.47	0.05	169.38	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-136	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-17.2	NA	NA	2.58	0.07	36.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-137	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-17.95	NA	NA	3.05	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-138	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-18.55	NA	NA	5.48	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-139	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-19.05	NA	NA	9.49	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-140	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. altudaensis</i>	-19.5	NA	NA	10.61	0.17	62.42	NA	NA	NA	NA

PLT-141	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-20.15	NA	NA	2.97	0.03	99.13	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-142	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-21.5	NA	NA	9.53	0.04	238.37	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-143	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-22.1	NA	NA	7.27	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-144	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-23.3	NA	NA	10.24	0.04	256	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-145	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-25.55	NA	NA	2.22	0.06	37.08	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-146	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-26.15	NA	NA	10.17	0.2	50.83	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-147	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. shannoni</i>	-26.75	NA	NA	11.38	0.16	71.11	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-148	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-29.25	NA	NA	0.75	0.12	6.22	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-149	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-33.25	NA	NA	6.66	0.21	31.73	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-150	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-36.75	NA	NA	7.62	0.26	29.29	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-151	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-41	NA	NA	12.73	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-152	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-42.3	NA	NA	7.03	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-153	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-46.06	NA	NA	1.86	0.02	93.07	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLT-154	Maokou Fm.	limestone	<i>J. postserrata</i>	-47.2	NA	NA	4.64	0.03	154.58	NA	NA	NA	NA
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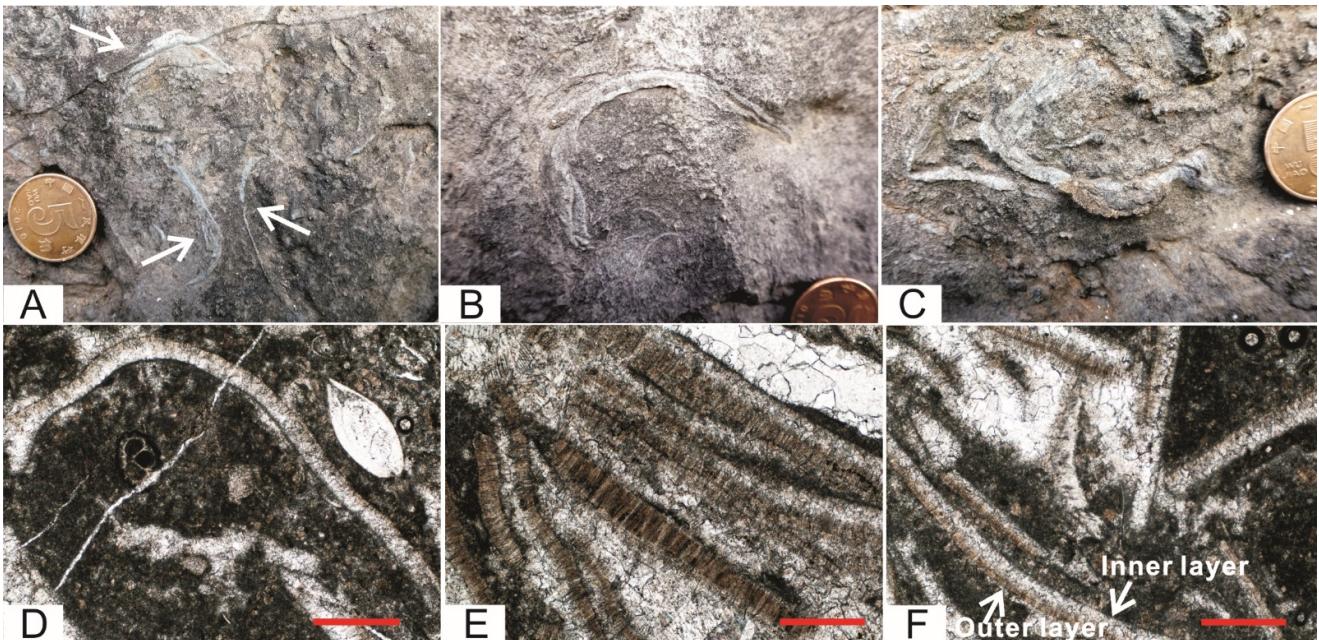
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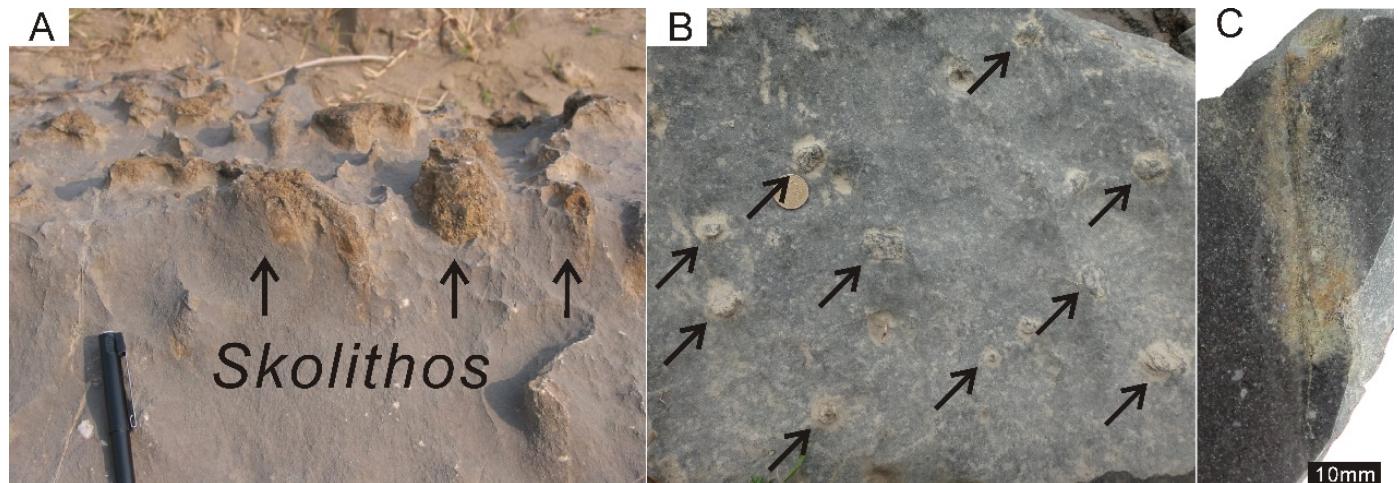
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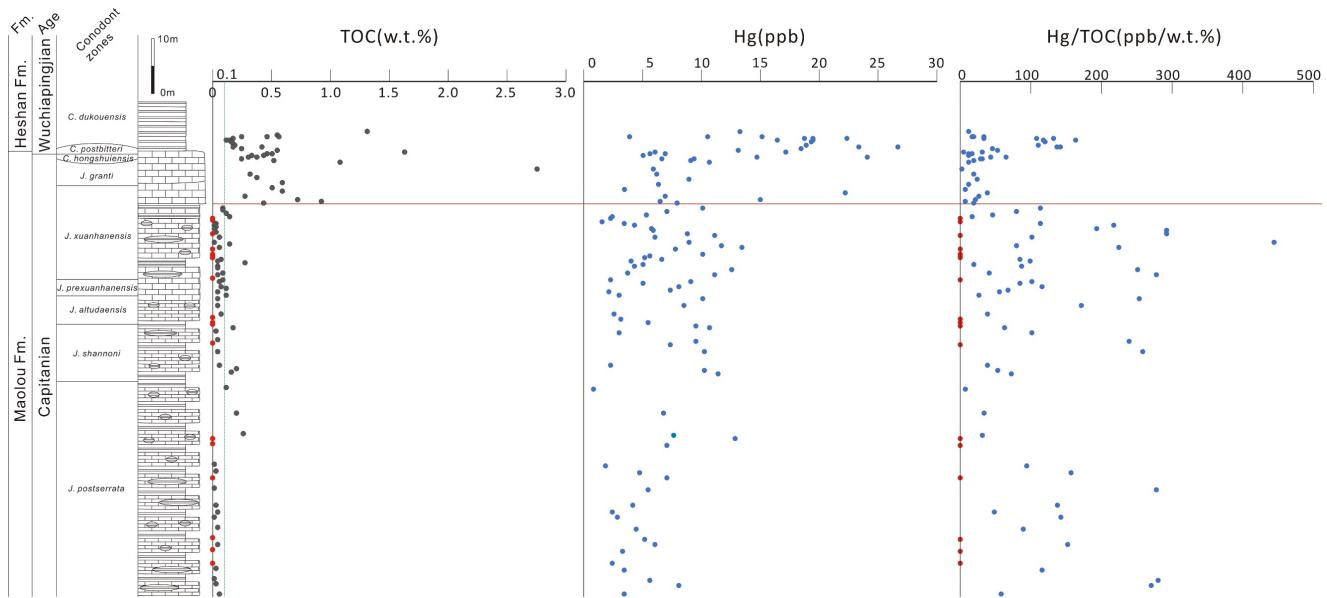
106 Figure DR1. (A-C) Alatoconchid shells (white arrows), the coin is 2 cm in diameter.
 107 (D-F) Photomicrograph
 108 showing alatoconchid shell microstructure, valves show a double-layered texture, consisting of prismatic
 109 calcite aligned perpendicularly to shell surface, and inner mosaic granular calcite, Bed 3. The red scale bar is
 110 500 μ m.



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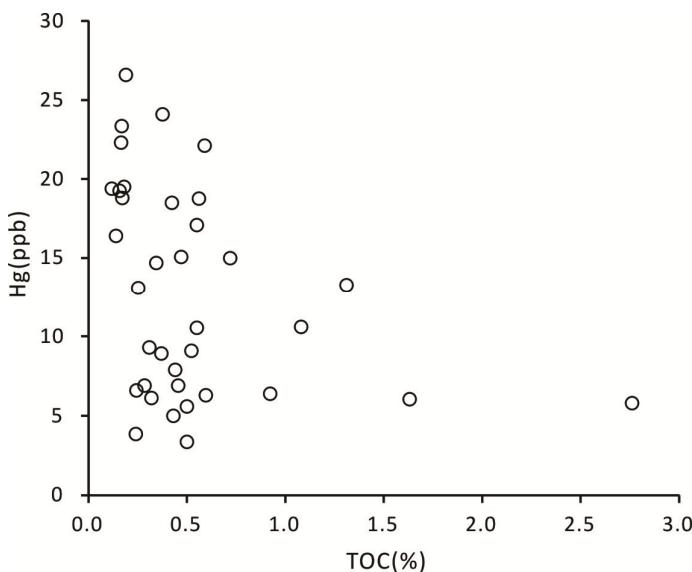
112 Figure DR2. (A) Profile view of *Skolithos* burrows (arrows) of piperock. The filler of the burrows is
 113 siliceous mudstone, which is more weather-resistance than the surrounding limestone. Bed 6k. (B) Plane
 114 view of *Skolithos* burrows (arrows) of piperock, Bed 6k. (C) Polished slab showing vertical burrows of
 115 *Skolithos*.

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118 Figure DR3. TOC and Hg concentrations from Penglaitan section. Red horizon line illustrates the base of
119 Laibin Limestone. Note that most of the TOC values are <0.1 wt.%, most of the Hg concentrations are < 10
120 ppb. Red points represent samples with TOC value < 0.02 wt.% (below detectable limit).

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123 Figure DR4. Cross plots of Hg concentration vs. total organic carbon (TOC) content. There is no statistically
124 significant correlation between Hg content and TOC ($r^2=0.12$, correlation test: $p.value = 0.0138$, estimate =
125 -0.4066), indicating that Hg/TOC ratios are controlled primarily by temporal variations in environmental Hg
126 concentration.