

**Fine-scale morphological, genomic, reproductive, and symbiont differences delimit the  
Caribbean octocorals *Plexaura homomalla* and *P. kükenthali***

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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**Table S1.** *Plexaura homomalla* and *P. kükenthali* sample collection dates for reproductive analysis.

| <b>Lunar Day*</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>15-Full Moon</b> | <b>17-19</b>                                                  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2018              |          | 17-Aug   | 20-June  | 28-July             |                                                               | 4-July    |           |
| 2019              | 7-July   |          | 6-Aug    |                     | <b>19-22 July</b><br><i>P. homomalla</i><br>observed spawning |           | 22-Aug    |

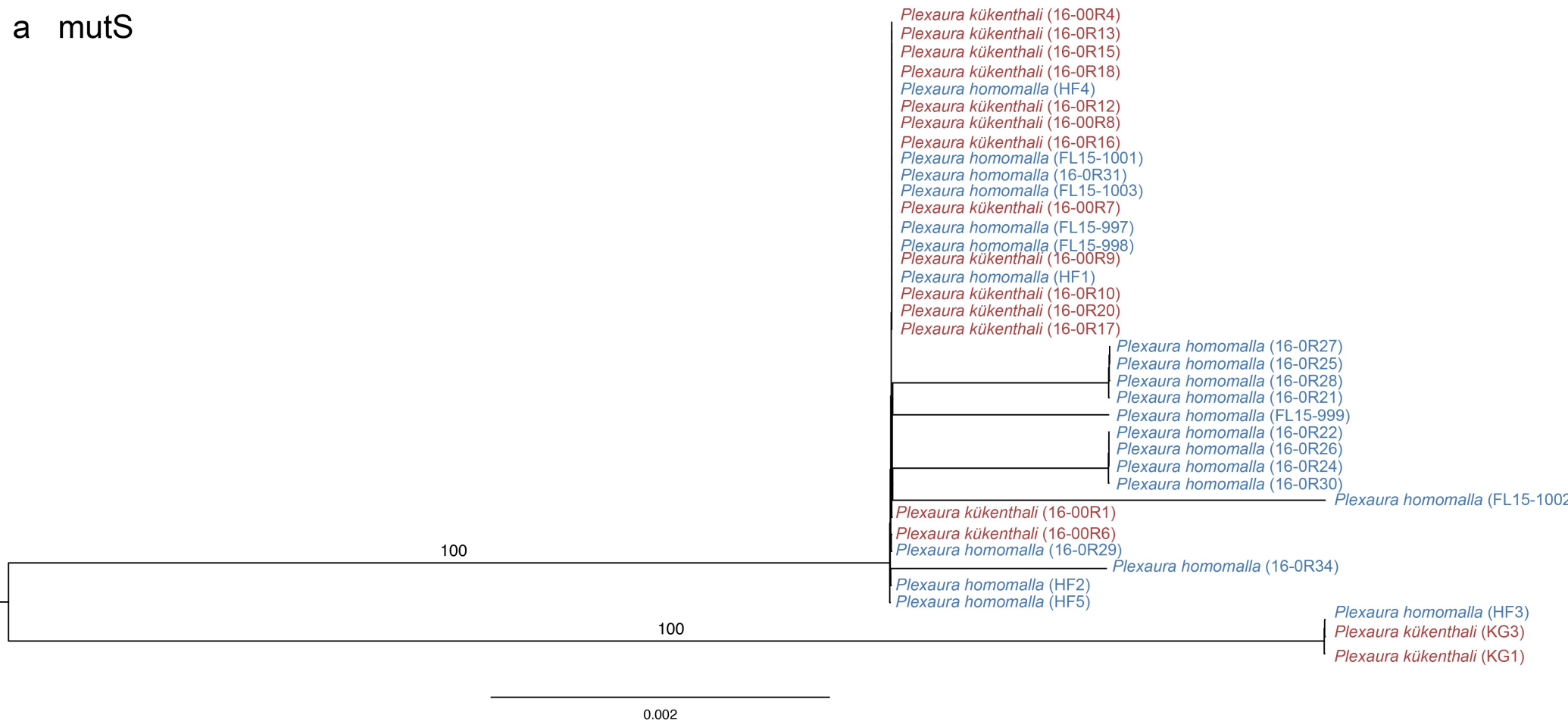
\* Lunar Day - 0 represents the new moon of each month

**Table S2.** Enriched GO terms from high- $F_{ST}$  genes, with raw  $P < 0.01$  Fisher's exact test. Note that no terms were significant ( $P > 0.05$ ) after a multiple comparisons correction using Benjamini and Hochberg method.

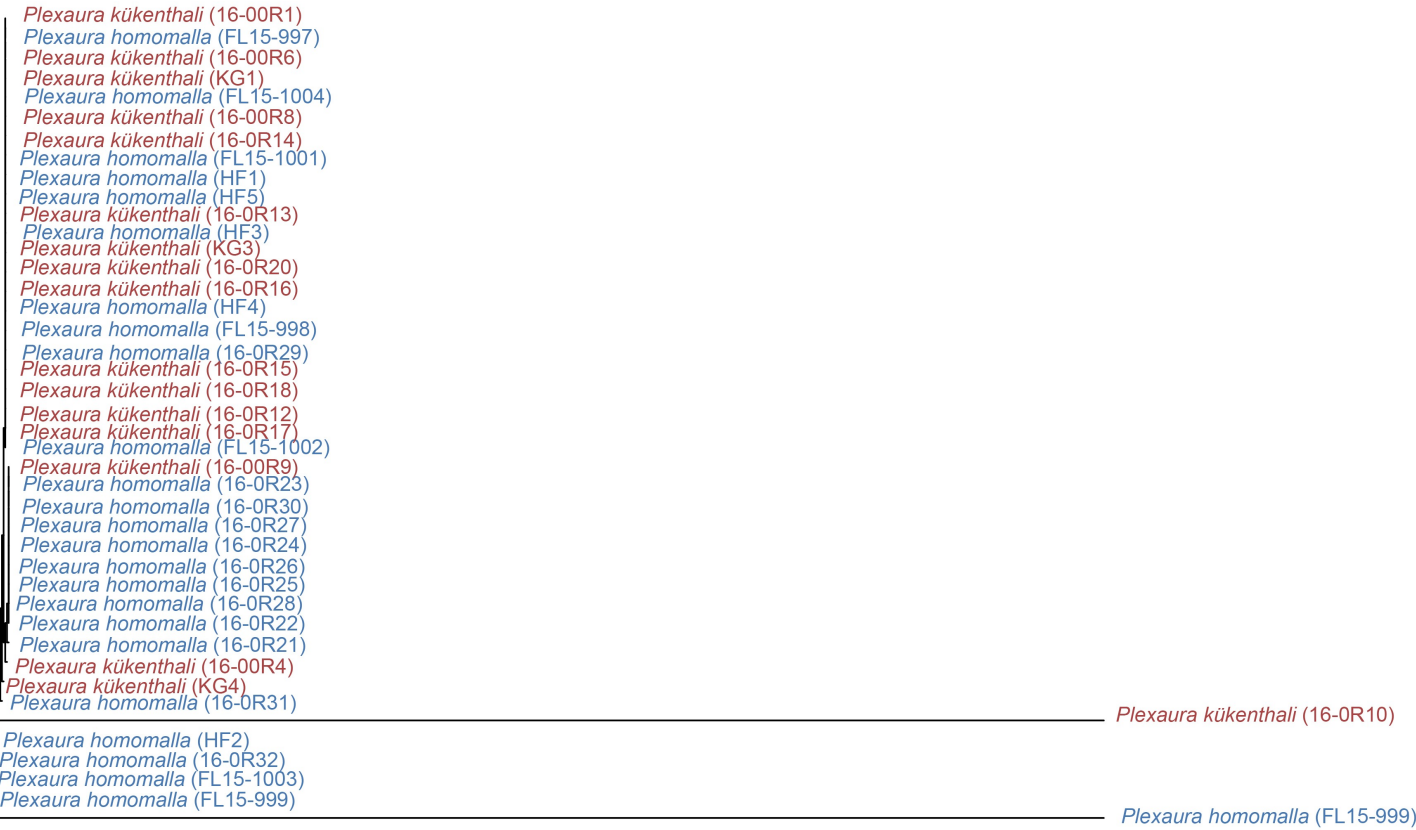
| GO.ID                     | Term                                                   | Annotated | Significant | Expected | Raw p-value |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| <b>Biological Process</b> |                                                        |           |             |          |             |
| GO:0044262                | cellular carbohydrate metabolic process                | 45        | 5           | 0.9      | 0.0018      |
| GO:0006739                | NADP metabolic process                                 | 14        | 3           | 0.28     | 0.0024      |
| GO:0043632                | modification-dependent macromolecule catabolic process | 214       | 11          | 4.27     | 0.0033      |
| GO:0000027                | ribosomal large subunit assembly                       | 18        | 3           | 0.36     | 0.005       |
| GO:0044271                | cellular nitrogen compound biosynthetic process        | 792       | 26          | 15.79    | 0.0053      |
| GO:0044265                | cellular macromolecule catabolic process               | 305       | 13          | 6.08     | 0.007       |
| GO:0006511                | ubiquitin-dependent protein catabolic process          | 206       | 10          | 4.11     | 0.0075      |
| GO:0019941                | modification-dependent protein catabolic process       | 210       | 10          | 4.19     | 0.0085      |
| GO:1901575                | organic substance catabolic process                    | 505       | 18          | 10.07    | 0.0098      |
| <b>Cellular Component</b> |                                                        |           |             |          |             |
| GO:0043229                | intracellular organelle                                | 2803      | 77          | 61.89    | 0.0025      |
| GO:0043226                | organelle                                              | 2831      | 77          | 62.51    | 0.0035      |
| GO:0043227                | membrane-bounded organelle                             | 2412      | 67          | 53.26    | 0.006       |
| GO:0005622                | intracellular                                          | 3520      | 90          | 77.72    | 0.0068      |
| GO:0044424                | intracellular part                                     | 3520      | 90          | 77.72    | 0.0068      |
| <b>Molecular Function</b> |                                                        |           |             |          |             |
| GO:0015103                | inorganic anion transmembrane transporter activity     | 17        | 3           | 0.35     | 0.0046      |

**Figure S1 (below).** Individual gene trees for A) mutS, B) ND2, C) CT2, D) I3P, and E) EF1a for samples of *Plexaura homomalla* (blue) and *P. kükenthali* (red). Branch supports are ML bootstraps; BS values < 75 are not shown.

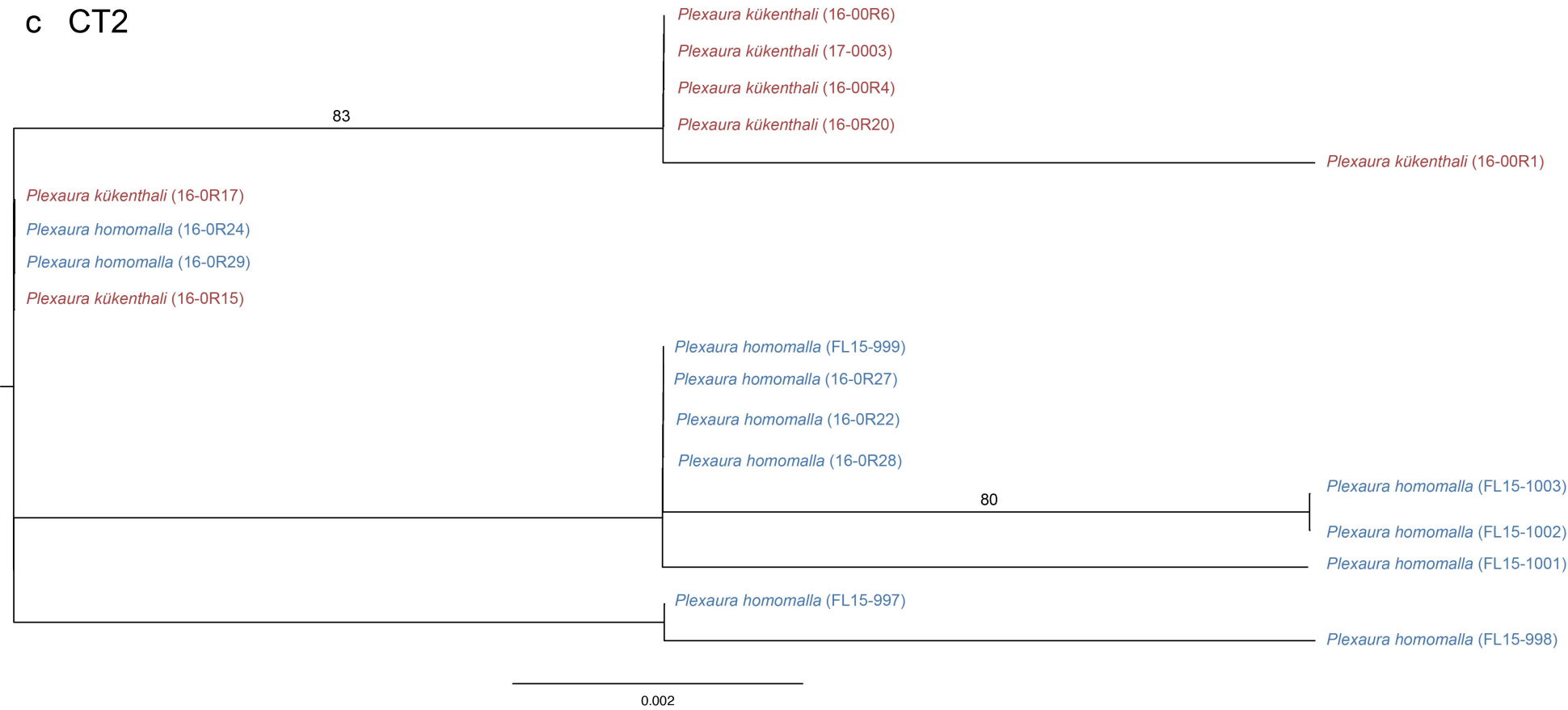
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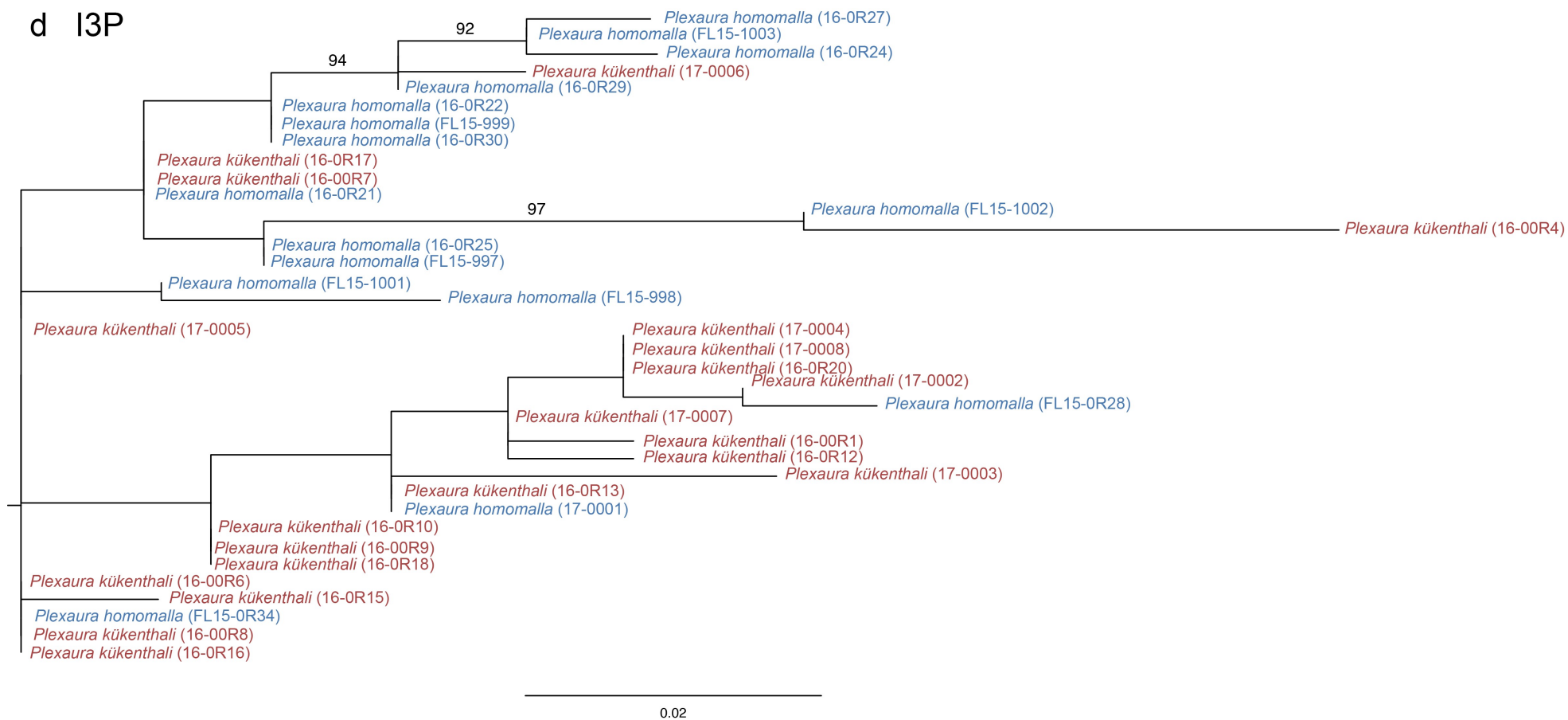
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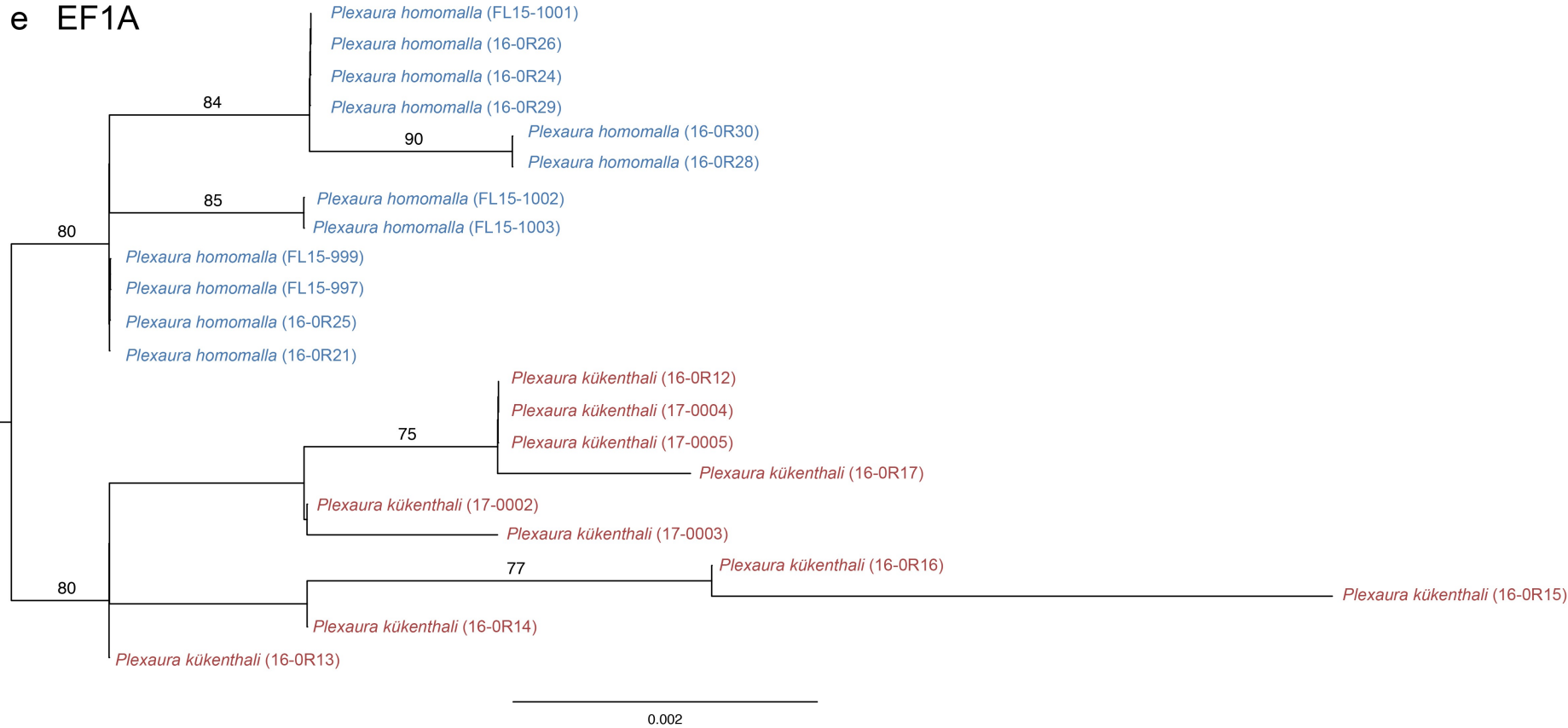
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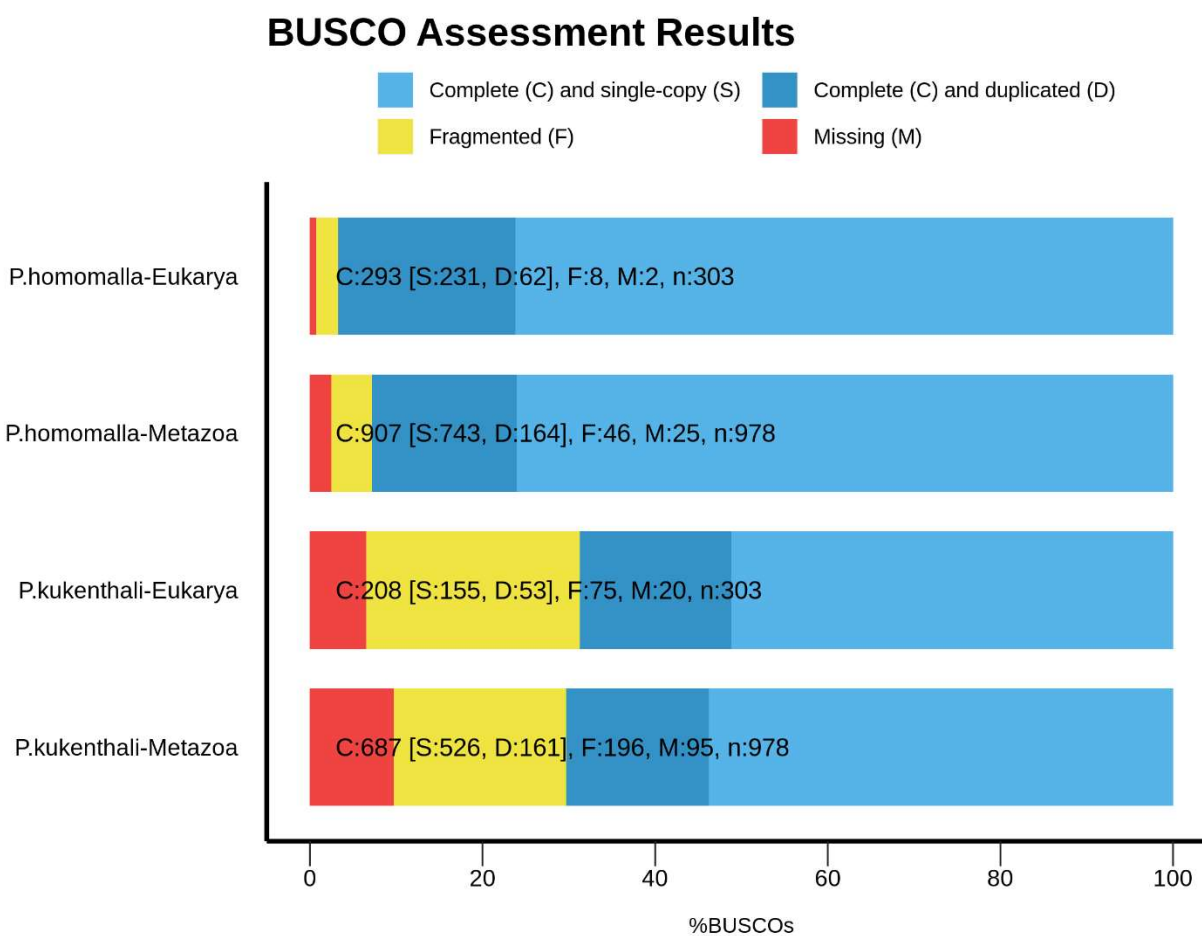
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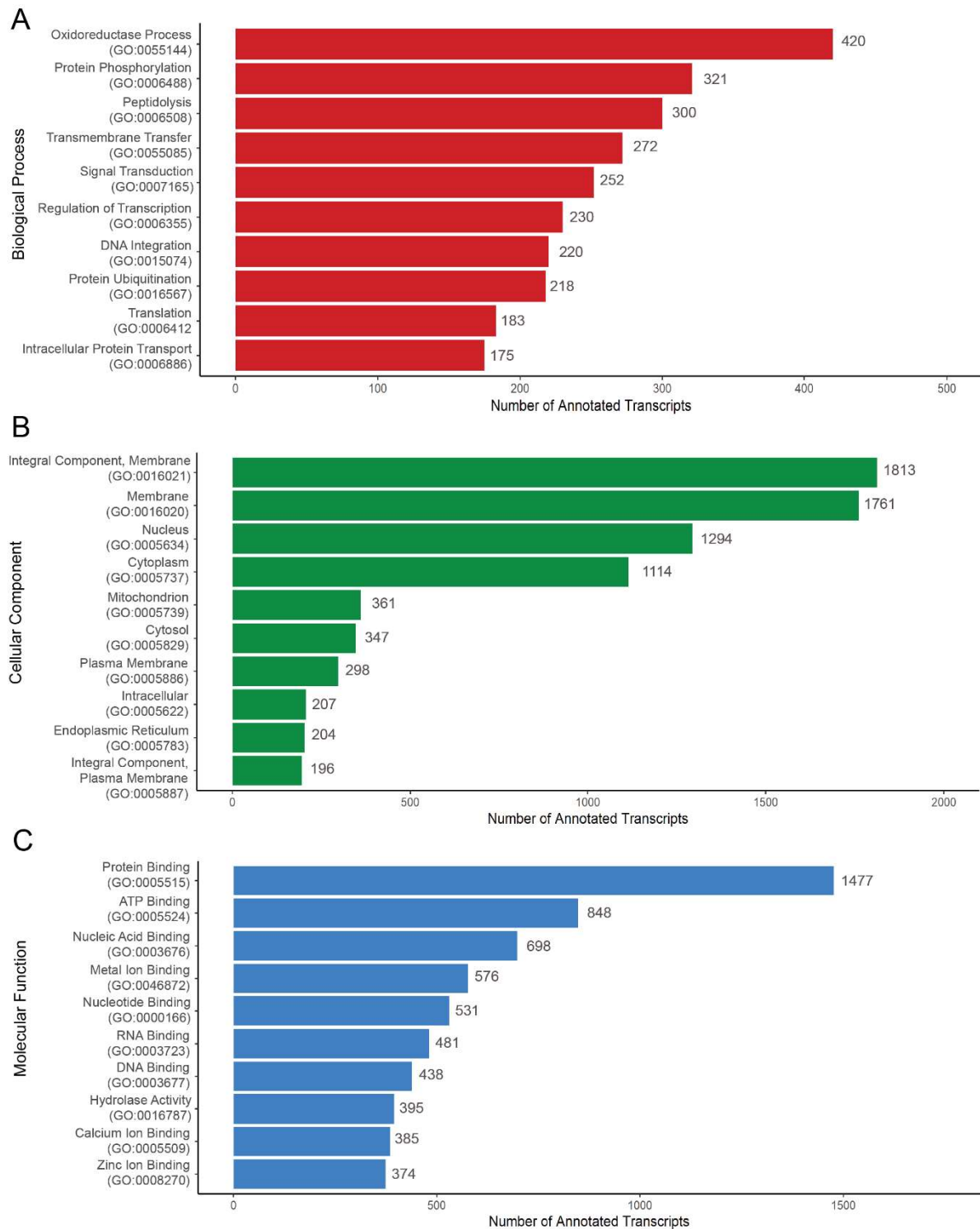
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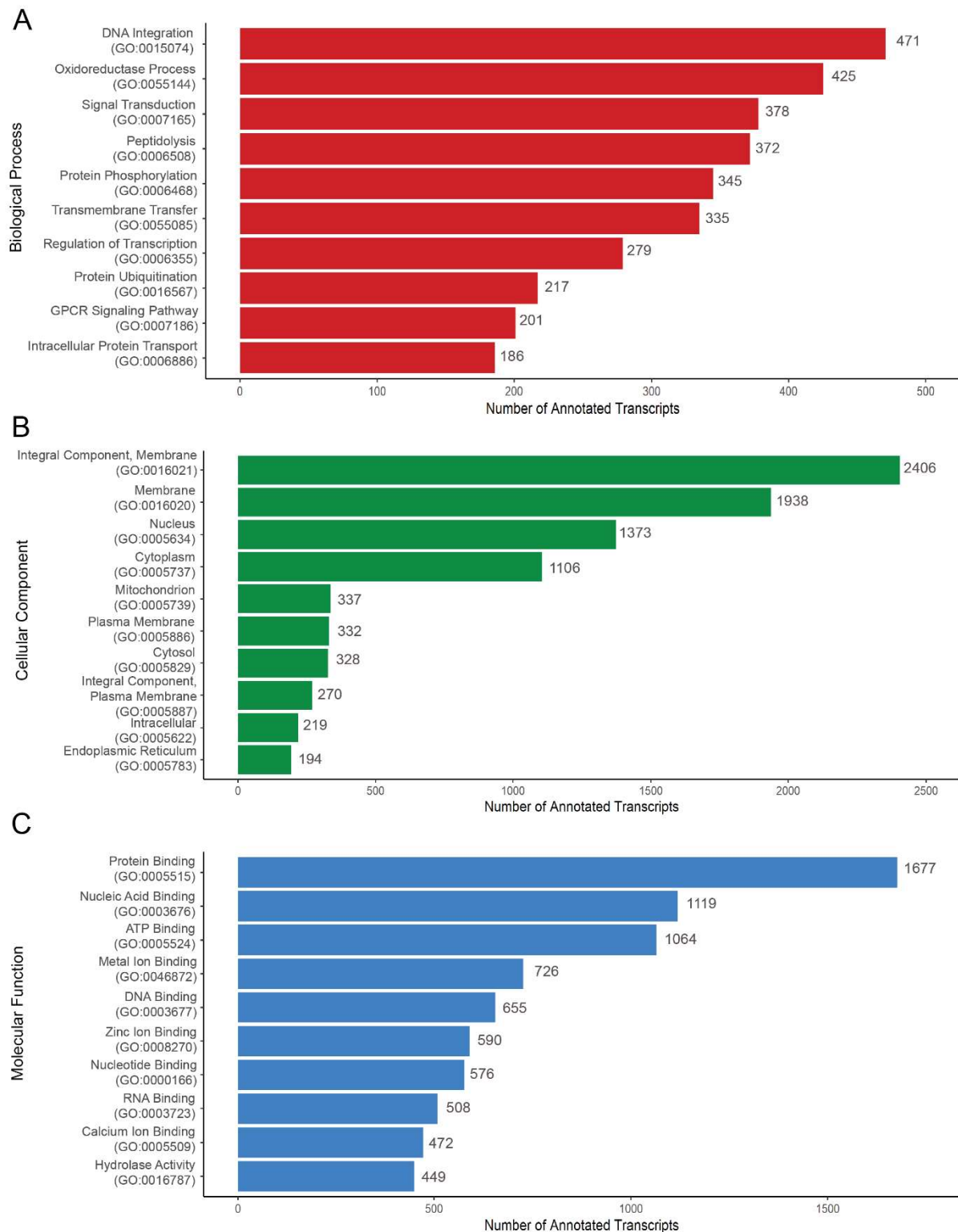




**Figure S2.** BUSCO results for *de novo* transcriptome assemblies of *P. homomalla* and *P. kukenthali* using Eukarya odb9 and Metazoa odb9 datasets.



**Figure S3.** Top ten most frequent Gene Ontology terms in A) Biological Process, B) Cellular Component, and C) Molecular Function domains for the *de novo* *Plexaura homomalla* transcriptome.



**Figure S4.** Top ten most frequent Gene Ontology terms in A) Biological Process, B) Cellular Component, and C) Molecular Function domains for the *de novo* *Plexaura kükenthali* transcriptome.

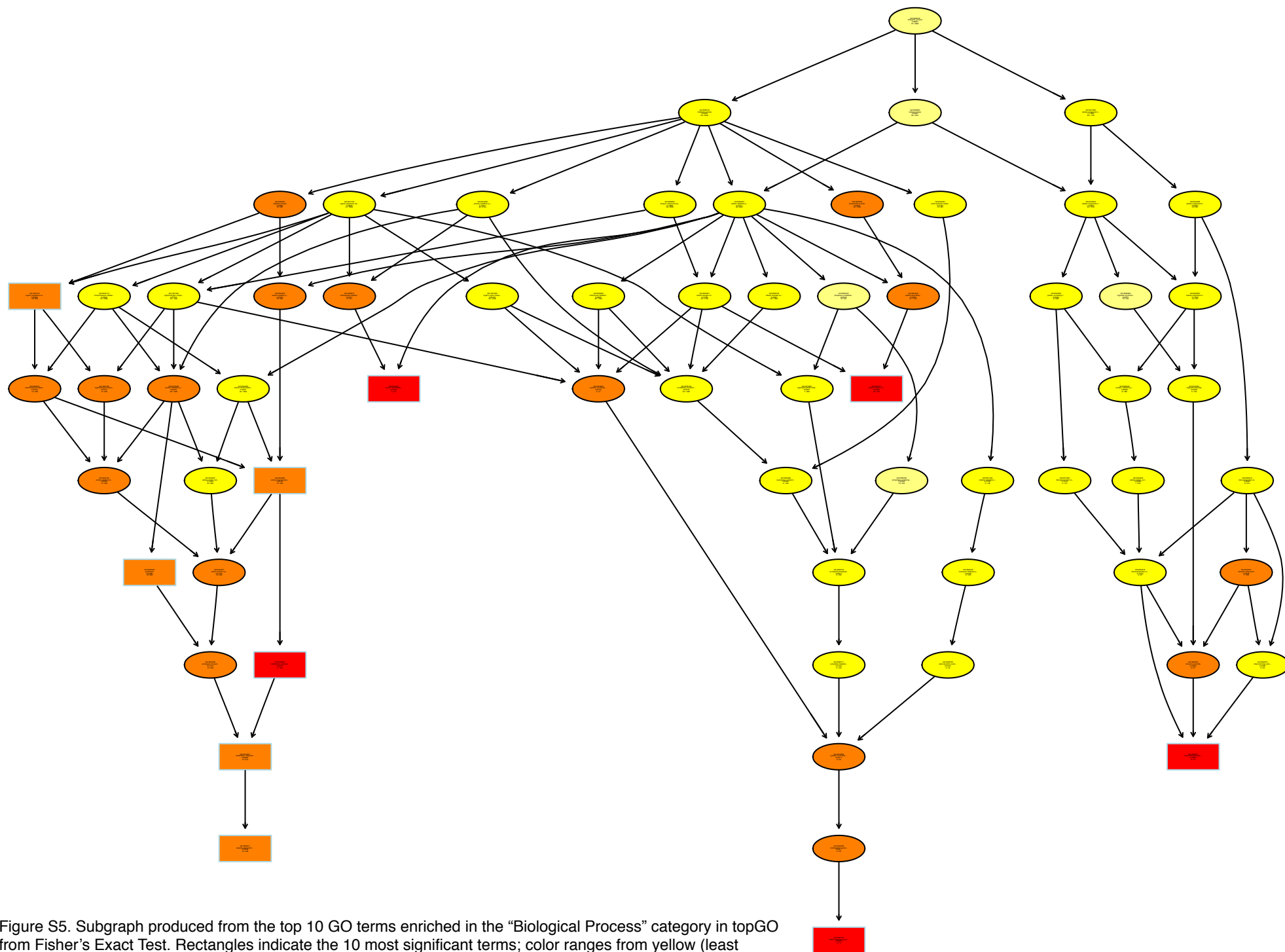
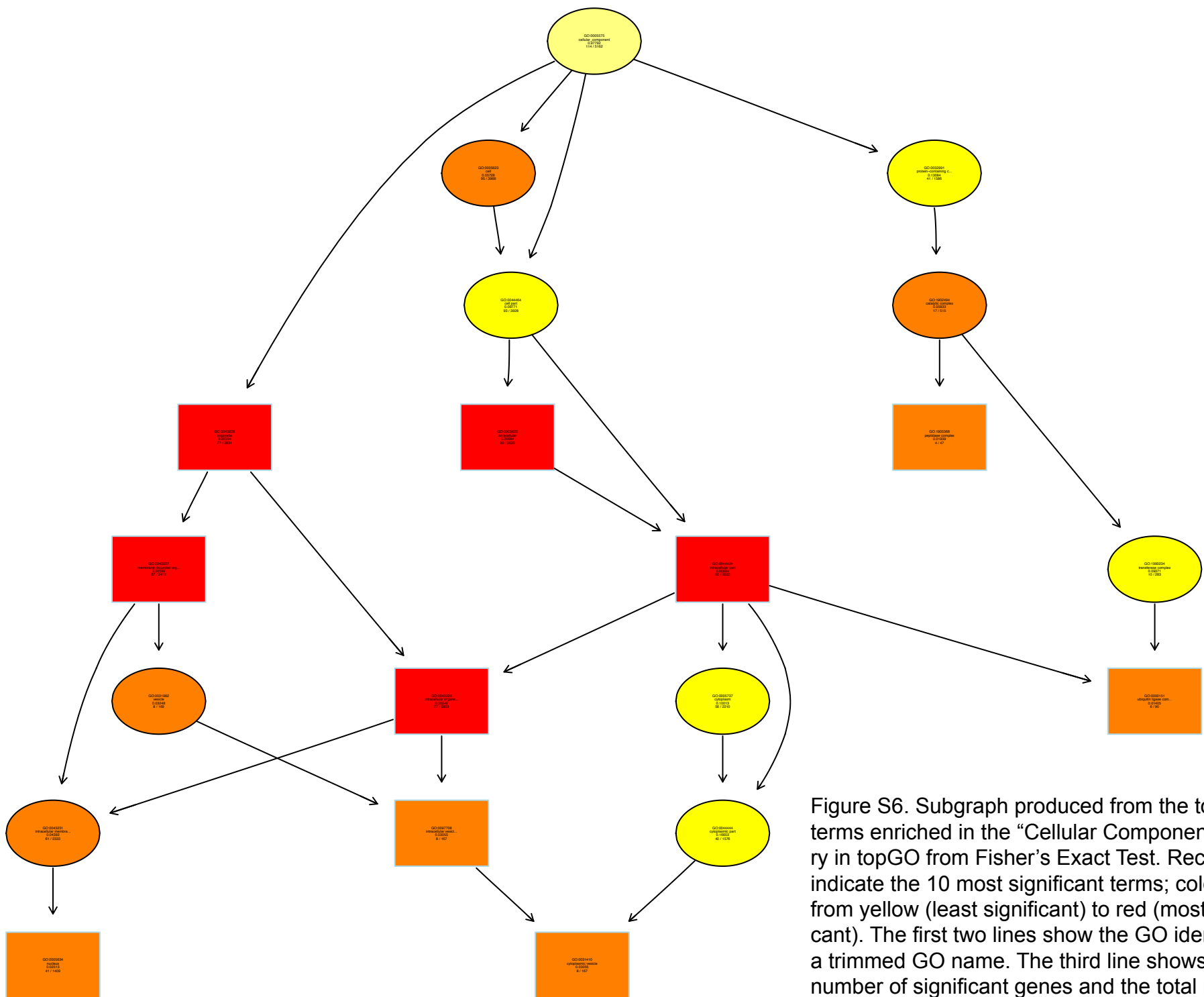


Figure S5. Subgraph produced from the top 10 GO terms enriched in the “Biological Process” category in topGO from Fisher’s Exact Test. Rectangles indicate the 10 most significant terms; color ranges from yellow (least significant) to red (most significant). The first two lines show the GO identifier and a trimmed GO name. The third line shows the number of significant genes and the total number of genes annotated for the respective GO term.







**Figure S8.** Images of colony H-F3, a putative hybrid between *P. homomalla* and *P. kükenthali*. While morphologically this colony appears as a typical *P. homomalla* individual, molecular evidence suggests it may be of hybrid origin with *P. kükenthali* as the maternal parent.

**Table S4.** Summary of  $R_{ST}$  values calculated using a) full and b) curtailed symbiont datasets. Values below diagonal are  $R_{ST}$  values above diagonal are corrected p-values using the Bonferroni method.

a.

|                      |          | <i>P. homomalla</i> |         |         | <i>P. kükenthali</i> |         |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                      |          | St. John            | P. Rico | Florida | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <i>P. homomalla</i>  | St. John |                     | 0.00004 | 0.00004 | 0.00004              | 0.00004 |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.2286              |         | 0.00004 | 0.00004              | 0.00004 |
|                      | Florida  | 0.34132             | 0.45372 |         | 0.00004              | 0.00004 |
| <i>P. kükenthali</i> | St. John | 0.15267             | 0.4394  | 0.47829 |                      | 0.03000 |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.22919             | 0.51247 | 0.51474 | 0.09799              |         |

b.

|                      |          | <i>P. homomalla</i> |         |         | <i>P. kükenthali</i> |         |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                      |          | St. John            | P. Rico | Florida | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <i>P. homomalla</i>  | St. John |                     | 0.00004 | 0.0004  | 0.0004               | 0.0004  |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.25847             |         | 0.0004  | 0.0004               | 0.0004  |
|                      | Florida  | 0.34132             | 0.49205 |         | 0.0004               | 0.0004  |
| <i>P. kükenthali</i> | St. John | 0.14654             | 0.4739  | 0.47991 |                      | 0.0060  |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.22919             | 0.53838 | 0.51474 | 0.08906              |         |



**Table S5.** Summary of  $\Phi_{PT}$  values calculated using a) full and b) curtailed symbiont datasets. Values below diagonal are  $\Phi_{PT}$  values above diagonal are corrected p-values using the Bonferroni method.

a.

|                      |          | <i>P. homomalla</i> |         |         | <i>P. kükenthali</i> |         |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                      |          | St. John            | P. Rico | Florida | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <i>P. homomalla</i>  | St. John |                     | 0.015   | 0.015   | 0.015                | 0.015   |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.229               |         | 0.015   | 0.015                | 0.015   |
|                      | Florida  | 0.341               | 0.454   |         | 0.015                | 0.015   |
| <i>P. kükenthali</i> | St. John | 0.152               | 0.440   | 0.479   |                      | 0.015   |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.229               | 0.512   | 0.515   | 0.095                |         |

b.

|                      |          | <i>P. homomalla</i> |         |         | <i>P. kükenthali</i> |         |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                      |          | St. John            | P. Rico | Florida | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <i>P. homomalla</i>  | St. John |                     | 0.045   | 0.015   | 0.030                | 0.030   |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.237               |         | 0.015   | 0.015                | 0.015   |
|                      | Florida  | 0.286               | 0.376   |         | 0.015                | 0.015   |
| <i>P. kükenthali</i> | St. John | 0.155               | 0.465   | 0.433   |                      | 0.015   |
|                      | P. Rico  | 0.189               | 0.480   | 0.429   | 0.081                |         |

**Table S6.** Microsatellite allele frequencies for symbionts harbored by *P. homomalla* and *P. kükenthali*. Allele sizes in bold are unique to one of the two species and *n* refers to the number of unique alleles.

| <b>Locus</b>   | <i>P. homomalla</i> |          |         | <i>P. kükenthali</i> |         |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>B7Sym15</b> | Florida             | St. John | P. Rico | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <b>229</b>     |                     | 0.4375   | 0.875   |                      |         |
| <b>231</b>     | 1                   |          |         |                      |         |
| <b>233</b>     |                     |          | 0.125   |                      |         |
| 247            |                     | 0.3125   |         | 0.393                |         |
| 249            |                     | 0.0625   |         | 0.214                |         |
| 251            |                     | 0.1875   |         | 0.250                | 0.500   |
| <b>253</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.143                | 0.250   |
| <b>255</b>     |                     |          |         |                      | 0.250   |
| <i>n</i>       | 1                   | 4        | 2       | 4                    | 3       |
| <b>B7Sym34</b> | Florida             | St. John | P. Rico | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <b>247</b>     | 0.182               |          |         |                      |         |
| 251            | 0.364               |          |         | 0.037                | 0.059   |
| 255            | 0.182               |          |         | 0.074                | 0.059   |
| 259            | 0.273               | 0.313    | 0.214   | 0.037                | 0.118   |
| 263            |                     | 0.313    | 0.071   | 0.407                | 0.176   |
| 267            |                     | 0.250    | 0.714   | 0.222                | 0.176   |
| 271            |                     | 0.125    |         | 0.222                | 0.118   |
| <b>275</b>     |                     |          |         |                      | 0.235   |
| <b>283</b>     |                     |          |         |                      | 0.059   |
| <i>n</i>       | 4                   | 4        | 3       | 6                    | 8       |
| <b>B7Sym36</b> | Florida             | St. John | P. Rico | St. John             | P. Rico |
| 163            | 1.000               | 0.500    | 1.000   |                      | 1.000   |
| <b>167</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.120                |         |
| 169            |                     | 0.500    |         | 0.880                |         |
| <i>n</i>       | 1                   | 2        | 1       | 2                    | 1       |
| <b>B7Sym4</b>  | Florida             | St. John | P. Rico | St. John             | P. Rico |
| 138            | 1                   | 0.688    | 0.813   | 0.115                |         |
| 140            |                     | 0.313    |         | 0.538                | 0.235   |
| 142            |                     |          | 0.188   | 0.192                | 0.059   |
| <b>144</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.115                | 0.353   |
| <b>146</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.038                | 0.294   |
| <b>148</b>     |                     |          |         |                      | 0.059   |
| <i>n</i>       | 1                   | 2        | 2       | 5                    | 5       |
| <b>GV2 100</b> | Florida             | St. John | P. Rico | St. John             | P. Rico |
| <b>190</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.074                | 0.188   |
| <b>193</b>     |                     |          |         | 0.111                | 0.063   |
| 196            |                     | 0.125    |         | 0.296                | 0.063   |
| 199            |                     | 0.250    |         | 0.407                | 0.438   |
| 202            |                     | 0.063    |         | 0.111                | 0.188   |
| 205            |                     | 0.063    |         |                      | 0.063   |
| <b>208</b>     |                     | 0.438    | 0.071   |                      |         |
| <b>211</b>     | 0.455               |          | 0.143   |                      |         |
| <b>214</b>     | 0.364               |          | 0.500   |                      |         |
| <b>217</b>     | 0.182               | 0.063    | 0.143   |                      |         |
| NA             |                     |          | 0.143   |                      |         |
| <i>n</i>       | 3                   | 6        | 5       | 5                    | 6       |

**Table S7.** Summary of symbiont genotypes harbored by *P. homomalla* and *P. kükensthalii* in each region by species using the curtailed data set.

| Region               | <i>P. homomalla</i> |          |             | <i>P. kükensthalii</i> |             | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      | Florida             | St. John | Puerto Rico | St. John               | Puerto Rico |              |
| No. Genotypes        | 5                   | 14       | 6           | 19                     | 14          | 58           |
| No. Genotypes Shared | 4                   | 2        | 2           | 3                      | 1           | 12           |
| No. Samples          | 10                  | 15       | 11          | 21                     | 14          | 71           |