Divergence

Monotremata-Theria

(= 'root height')

Calibration

Hard minimum = 162.5 MYA – age of oldest known theriimorph mammals (following Benton and Donoghue [1])

Mean = 185 MYA - lower end of the molecular estimates of van Rheede et al. [2]

Soft maximum = 220 MYA – the age of the oldest known mammals [3]

Ornithorhynchus-Tachyglossus

Hard minimum = 15.92 MYA – age (lower bound) of the oldest known tachyglossid, *Megalibgwilia* [4,5] (the apparent early Palaeocene ornithorhynchid *Monotrematum sudamericum* was not used to date this node, as it is possible that an ornithorhynchid-like morphology is plesiomorphic for crown-group monotremes as a whole)

Mean = 52.2 MYA – lower end of molecular date of Bininda-Emonds et al. [6]

Soft maximum = 125 MYA – age (lower bound) of oldest known monotreme, *Teinolophus trusleri* [7]

Hard minimum = 124.6 MYA – age (lower bound) of the oldest known eutherian, *Eomaia scansoria* [8], and the oldest known metatherian, *Sinodelphys szalayi* [9]

Mean = 165 MYA – lower end of the molecular estimates of van Rheede et al. [2]

Eutheria-Metatheria

Soft maximum = 185 MYA – based on estimated age of Monotremata-Theria split assumed here

Hard minimum = 58.5 MYA – age of oldest known xenarthran, *Riostegotherium yanei* [10]

Mean = 96 MYA – lower end (lower bound of 95% confidence interval) of molecular date of Murphy et al. [11]

Soft maximum = 125.4 MYA – age (upper bound) of oldest eutherian, *Eomaia scansoria* [8]

Hard minimum = 58.5 MYA – oldest known crown-marsupials from the late Palaeocene Itaborai fauna [12-15]

Mean = 75.4 MYA – lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 98.5 MYA – age (upper bound) of oldest stem-marsupial, *Kokopellia juddi* [17]

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – age (lower bound) of oldest undoubted australidelphians [4,5]

Mean = 63.5 MYA – lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 71.2 MYA – age (lower bound) of the Alamitian fauna of South America, in which marsupials appear to be completely absent; there is no evidence of australidelphians amongst the numerous Late Cretaceous metatherians known

Eulipotyphla-Xenarthra

Crown marsupial radiation

Crown australidelphian radiation

from North America, suggesting the Australidelphia did not radiate until marsupials reached South America, at the earliest

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – age (lower bound) of oldest known thylacinid, *Badjcinus turnbulli* [18]

Mean = 23.8 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 54.65 MYA - age (upper bound) of the Tingamarra Local Fauna [19], in which there is no evidence of either thylacinids or dasyurids

Hard minimum = 4.45 MYA – age (lower bound) of the oldest known crown dasyurine, cf. *Dasyurus* sp. [20], and the oldest known phascogaline, *Antechinus* sp. [20,21]

Mean = 10.0 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 23.03 MYA – age (upper bound) of oldest stem-dasyurid, *Barinya wangala* [22]

Hard minimum = 4.45 MYA – age (lower bound) of cf. *Dasyurus* sp. [20]

Mean = 6.3 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 23.03 MYA – age (upper bound) of oldest stem-dasyurid, *Barinya wangala* [22]

Thylacinus-dasyurids

Dasyurinae-Phascogalinae

Dasyurus-Dasyuroides

Didelphini-Monodelphis

Hard minimum = 11.8 MYA – age (lower bound) of oldest known undoubted crown didelphid, *Micoureus laventicus* [23]; *Micoureus* is more closely related to *Monodelphis* than to didelphins [24,25]

Mean = 25.3 - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Steiner et al. [25]

Soft maximum = 60.4 MYA – age (upper bound) of Middle Palaeocene Tiupampa fauna (following Gradstein et al. [26]), at which didelphids appear to be entirely absent

Echymipera-Peramelinae

Hard minimum = 3.53 MYA – age of cf. *Peroryctes* spp. [20], the oldest known peroryctines

Mean = 10.2 MYA – lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 23.03 MYA – age (upper bound) of *Yarala burchfieldi*, the oldest known stemperamelemorphian [27,28]

Phalangerida-Vombatiformes

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – lower age estimate of oldest phalangeridans and vombatiforms [4,5]

Mean = 53.7 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 65 MYA, following Raterman et al. [29]

Crown phalangeridan radiation

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – oldest known petauroids, burramyids, phalangerids, and macropodoids [4,5]

Mean = 47.9 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 54.65 MYA – upper age estimate of Tingamarra fauna [19], in which there is no evidence of phalangeridans

Phascolarctos-Vombatus

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – oldest known phascolarctids and vombatoids [4,5]

Mean = 37.4 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 54.65 MYA – upper age estimate of Tingamarra fauna [19], in which there is no evidence of vombatiforms

Crown-macropodid radiation

Hard minimum = 4.45 MYA – lower age estimate of *Dorcopsis wintercookorum* and *Thylogale ignis*, the oldest known crown macropodids [30]

Mean = 12.6 MYA - lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 23.03 MYA – upper age estimate of oldest known macropodids [4,5]

Phalanger-Trichosurus

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA – lower age estimates of oldest trichosurins [31]

Mean = 24.9 MYA – lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 54.65 MYA – upper age estimate of Tingamarra fauna [19], in which there is no evidence of phalangerids

Petauridae-Pseudocheiridae

Hard minimum = 23.03 MYA - lower age estimate of oldest known petaurids and pseudocherids [4,5]

Mean = 29.3 MYA – lower end (1 standard deviation less than the point estimate) of molecular date of Beck [16]

Soft maximum = 54.65 MYA – upper age estimate of Tingamarra fauna [19], in which there is no evidence of petauroids

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