Supplementary Material: Global plate model choice impacts reconstructions of the latitudinal biodiversity gradient

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# Supplementary tables

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| Table S 1: Equal-area latitudinal bins used in this study. Bins are generated assumming a regular spheroid Earth model with a mean radius of ~6,371 km.   | Bin | Maximum (º) | Midpoint (º) | Minimum (º) | Area (m2) | Proportion of Area | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 41.81031 | 65.90516 | 90.00000 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | | 2 | 19.47122 | 30.64077 | 41.81031 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | | 3 | 0.00000 | 9.73561 | 19.47122 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | | 4 | -19.47122 | -9.73561 | 0.00000 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | | 5 | -41.81031 | -30.64077 | -19.47122 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | | 6 | -90.00000 | -65.90516 | -41.81031 | 8.5e+13 | 0.167 | |

# Supplementary figures

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| Figure S 1: Number of fossil localities per palaeolatitudinal bin within each Phanerozoic stage that could be palaeogeographically reconstructed using four Global Plate Models: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Differences in the number of localities within each palaeolatitudinal bin reflects differences between Global Plate Models in their palaeogeographic reconstruction. |

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| Figure S 2: Phanerozoic stage-level reconstructions of the latitudinal biodiversity gradient for five major marine invertebrate groups (Bivalvia, Brachiopoda, Cephalopoda, Gastropoda, and Trilobita). Each individual plot depicts the raw normalised genus richness within each palaeolatitudinal bin for four Global Plate Models: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Raw genus richness was normalised for each stage and Global Plate Model by dividing the genus counts within each palaeolatitudinal bin by the maximum value across palaeolatitudinal bins. |

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| Figure S 3: Phanerozoic heatmaps of raw genus counts for five major marine invertebrate groups (Bivalvia, Brachiopoda, Cephalopoda, Gastropoda, and Trilobita). Each individual panel depicts the normalised genus richness for four Global Plate Models: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Heatmaps depict the normalised raw genus counts within palaeolatitudinal bins (low, middle, and high) within the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. Genus richness was normalised for each stage and Global Plate Model by dividing the genus richness within each palaeolatitudinal bin by the maximum value across palaeolatitudinal bins. Grey tiles indicate palaeolatitudinal bins without sufficient data to generate richness estimates. Period abbreviations are as follows: Cambrian (Cm); Ordovician (O), Silurian (S), Devonian (D), Carboniferous (C), Permian (P), Triassic (Tr), Jurassic (J), Cretaceous (K), Paleogene (Pg) and Neogene (Ng). The Quaternary is not depicted. The geological time scale axis was added to the plot using the R package ‘deeptime’ ver. 2.1.0 [5]. |

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| Figure S 4: Phanerozoic heatmaps of the pairwise difference in normalised raw genus richness for four Global Plate Models: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Genus richness was computed for each stage, palaeolatitudinal bin, and model using raw counts. Genus richness was normalised for each stage and Global Plate Model by dividing the genus richness within each palaeolatitudinal bin by the maximum value across palaeolatitudinal bins. White tiles indicate palaeolatitudinal bins without sufficient data to generate richness estimates or where estimates are not available for both GPMs being compared. Period abbreviations are as follows: Cambrian (Cm); Ordovician (O), Silurian (S), Devonian (D), Carboniferous (C), Permian (P), Triassic (Tr), Jurassic (J), Cretaceous (K), Paleogene (Pg) and Neogene (Ng). The Quaternary is not depicted. The geological time scale axis was added to the plot using the R package ‘deeptime’ ver. 2.1.0 [5]. |

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| Figure S 5: Phanerozoic heatmaps of the pairwise difference in normalised estimated (coverage-based rarefaction) genus richness for four Global Plate Models (GPMs): GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Genus richness was estimated for each stage, palaeolatitudinal bin, and model using coverage-based rarefaction using the iNEXT R package ver. 3.0.1 [6] with a coverage level (otherwise known as a quorum level) of 0.4. Estimated genus richness was normalised for each stage and GPM by dividing the genus richness within each palaeolatitudinal bin by the maximum value across palaeolatitudinal bins. White tiles indicate palaeolatitudinal bins without sufficient data to generate richness estimates or where estimates are not available for both GPMs being compared. Period abbreviations are as follows: Cambrian (Cm); Ordovician (O), Silurian (S), Devonian (D), Carboniferous (C), Permian (P), Triassic (Tr), Jurassic (J), Cretaceous (K), Paleogene (Pg) and Neogene (Ng). The Quaternary is not depicted. The geological time scale axis was added to the plot using the R package ‘deeptime’ ver. 2.1.0 [5]. |

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| Figure S 6: Phanerozoic plot of the palaeolatitudinal bin (low, middle, high) with the greatest raw genus counts within the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere for each Global Plate Model: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Grey shading highlights intervals in which the palaeolatitudinal bin with the greatest genus richness is in agreement across the four GPMs. Period abbreviations are as follows: Cambrian (Cm); Ordovician (O), Silurian (S), Devonian (D), Carboniferous (C), Permian (P), Triassic (Tr), Jurassic (J), Cretaceous (K), Paleogene (Pg) and Neogene (Ng). The Quaternary is not depicted. The geological time scale axis was added to the plot using the R package ‘deeptime’ ver. 2.1.0 [5]. |

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| Figure S 7: Phanerozoic plot of the normalised average rank order pairwise difference between latitudinal biodiversity gradients (raw genus richness) for each Global Plate Models: GOLONKA [1], PALEOMAP [2], MERDITH2021 [3], and TorsvikCocks2017 [4]. Average rank order differences are normalised by maximum possible average difference given the number of ranks available. Period abbreviations are as follows: Cambrian (Cm); Ordovician (O), Silurian (S), Devonian (D), Carboniferous (C), Permian (P), Triassic (Tr), Jurassic (J), Cretaceous (K), Paleogene (Pg) and Neogene (Ng). The Quaternary is not depicted. The geological time scale axis was added to the plot using the R package ‘deeptime’ ver. 2.1.0 [5]. |

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