## pr2-primers: an 18S rRNA primer database for protists

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Supplementary Material

**Table S1:** List of 18S rRNA primers in the pr2-primers database ordered by start position relative to the sequence of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (FU970071). Some specific primers do not match the yeast sequence and are found at the bottom of the table. DOI for reference can be found in the on-line web application.

id Name	Sequence	Direction	n Start	Specificity	Reference
71 PF1	TGCGCTACCTGGTTGATCCTGCC	fwd	-5		Keeling, (2002)
78 EukA	AACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAGT	fwd	0		Medlin et al. (1988)
81 Euk328F	ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAG	fwd	1		Moon et al. (2001
138 18SV1V2F	ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCA	fwd	1	non-Metazoa	Clerissi et al. (2018)
331 Heterokonta	For ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAGTAGTCATAC	fwd	1	Heterokonta	Scheckenbach et al. (2010)
220 NSF4/18	CTGGTTGATYCTGCCAGT	fwd	3		Hendriks et al. (1989)
333 18SForBod	CTGGTTGATTCTGCCAGTAGT	fwd	3	Kinetoplastea	Scheckenbach et al. (2010)
168 Pbr1	GGTTGATCCTGCCAGTAGTC	fwd	5	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
169 Pbr1r	GACTACTGGCAGGATCAACC	rev	5	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
109 SF2Dark	GTTGATCCTGCCAGTAGTGT	fwd	6	Myxomycetes	Fiore-Donno (2016)
334 kineto14F	CTGCCAGTAGTCATATGCTTGTTTCAAGGA	fwd	13	Kinetoplastea	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005
155 NS1	GTAGTCATATGCTTGTCTC	fwd	19		White et al. (1990)
142 25F	CATATGCTTGTCTCAAAGATTAAGCCA	fwd	24		Cavalier-Smith et al. (2009)
346 Thx25F	CATATGCTTGTCTCAAAGATTAAGCCA	fwd	24		Cavalier-Smith and von der Heyden (2007
79 63f	ACGCTTGTCTCAAAGATTA	fwd	27		Lepere et al. (2011)
136 F04	GCTTGTCTCAAAGATTAAGCC	fwd	29		Blaxter et al. (1998)
255 HapGenFor	3 TTGYCTYAAAGATTAAGCCATGCA	fwd	31	Haplosporidia	Ward et al. (2019)
234 18S-42F	CTCAARGAYTAAGCCATGCA	fwd	35		López-García et al. (2003)
294 73F	GCCATGCATGTCTAAGTATAAACWTC	fwd	47	Glissomonads	Howe et al. (2009)
329 Tel103-126l	TACACGGTGAGACTGCGAAT	fwd	74	Telonemia	Bråte et al. (2010)
246 Plas1f	TCAGTGAATCTGCGGATGGC	fwd	77	Plasmodiophorids	Neuhauser et al. (2014)
107 SFAca22	CGGYGAGACTGCGGATGG	fwd	78	Acanthamoeba	Fiore-Donno (2016)
256 HapGenFor	4 CTGTGAAACTGCAKATGGCTC	fwd	78	Haplosporidia	Ward et al. (2019)
300 sA4-gra	CNGTGAAACWGCAGATGG	fwd	78	Granofilosea incl. Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
231 18S-82F	GAAACTGCGAATGGCTC	fwd	82		López-García et al. (2003)
313 NSF83	GAAACTGCGAATGGCTCATT	fwd	82		Hendriks et al. (1989)
366 18S V2i F	CTGTGAATGGCTCCTTACATCAG	fwd	86	Euglenids	Guminska et al. (2021)
104 Kineto 80	CATCAGACGYAATCTGCCGC	fwd	103	Kinetoplastea	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
82 152+	TTACATGGATAACCGTGGTAATTC	fwd	135	oligotrich, choreotrich	Tamura et al. (2011)
280 LGD-135	TAAGACGACGATTGCTGATTT	rev	135	Cyclotrichiid Ciliates	Bass et al. (2009)
301 V2f-d5	GGATAGCCGTACTAATTGTGG	fwd	142	Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
368 150+	AHTTACATGGATAACCGTGG	fwd	150	ciliates	Doherty et al. (2007)
98 Chryso 240	GGAAACCAATGCGGGGCAAC	fwd	216	Chrysophyceae	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
289 243F	CCAATGCACCCTCTGGGTGGTT	fwd	243	Cercomonas-clade A	Karpov et al. (2006)
310 Diphy257F	AAGWGGARTCATAATAACTTTTGCG	fwd	257	Diphyllatea	Orr et al. (2018)
88 Cer2F	ATTTCTGCCCTATCAGCT	fwd	300	Cercozoa	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
315 Oom278F	CTATCAGCTTTGGATGGTAGGA	fwd	309	Oomycetes	Holt et al. (2018)
252 Hap-E312f	CATAGCAGATGGAAGTTTGAGG	fwd		Haplosporidium sp.	Ward et al. (2019)
308 AU2	TTTCGATGGTAGGATAGDGG	fwd		Fungi	Vandenkoornhuyse et al. (2002)
139 18SV1V2R	GTARKCCWMTAYMYTACC	rev		non-Metazoa	Clerissi et al. (2018)
302 C3f-d5	GACATCTGAGGTGATAACGAA	fwd	344	Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
292 369R	TCGCATTACGTATCGCATTTCGCTG	rev	369	пецсиатовьа эрр.	Karpov et al. (2006)
367 18S V2i R	GCTSCCTCTCCGGAATCRAACC	rev	371	Euglenids	Guminska et al. (2021)
137 R22	GCCTGCCTCCCTTGGA		412	Lugierilus	Blaxter et al. (1998)
251 Hap-M412r	CGAGGTTGCCAAGTTCTTTCG	rev		Minchinia mytili	Ward et al. (2019)
195 Par 18S-F		rev		Parabasalids	` ,
227 545F	GCAGCAGAGCGAAAC	fwd		raiabasailus	Michaud et al. (2020)
	AGGCGCGTAAATTACCCAATC	fwd	427	Diale distan	Kawachi et al. (2016)
311 Diphy453F	CGCAAATTACCCAATCCTG	fwd		Diphyllatea	Orr et al. (2018)
254 Hap-E449r	TTGGATGCACCTACTCACACC	rev		Haplosporidium sp.	Ward et al. (2019)
151 SAR V3 F	AYTCAGGGAGGTAGTGACAAG	fwd	451		Sisson et al. (2018)
242 mik451F	GCCGAGAYGGTTAAWGAGCCTCCT	fwd	451	Mikrocytid	Hartikainen et al. (2014)
83 528-	CCCGGCCCGTTATTTCTTGT	rev	467	oligotrich, choreotrich	Tamura et al. (2011)
344 MARa 502F	CAGAGATTTTCAATGGGGGATATTTAAYG	fwd		Neobodo designis marine clade	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005
250 Hap-M258f	AACTTTTAGCGTCCAGCCCA	fwd	528	Minchinia mytili	Ward et al. (2019)
232 Euk-516r	ACCAGACTTGCCCTCC	rev	547		Amann et al. (1990)
65 Uni18SF	AGGGCAAKYCTGGTGCCAGC	fwd	549		Zhan et al. (2013)
9 3NDf	GGCAAGTCTGGTGCCAG	fwd	551		Cavalier-Smith et al. (2009)
156 NS2	GGCTGCTGGCACCAGACTTGC	rev	552		White et al. (1990)
157 NS3	GCAAGTCTGGTGCCAGCAGCC	fwd	552		White et al. (1990)

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13	515F	GTGCCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA	fwd	561		Parfrey et al. (2014)
19	515FY	GTGYCAGCMGCCGCGGTA	fwd	561		Parada et al. (2015)
25	EUK581-F	GTGCCAGCAGCCGCG	rev	561	non-Metazoan	Carnegie et al. (2003)
31	515F Univ	GTGYCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA	fwd	561		Needham and Fuhrman (2016)
320	530R	CCGCGGCKGCTGGCAC	rev	561	Microsporidia	Williams et al. (2018)
4	563f	GCCAGCAVCYGCGGTAAY	fwd	563		Hugerth et al. (2014)
7	V4 1f	CCAGCASCYGCGGTAATWCC	fwd	564		Bass et al. (2016)
8	TAReuk454FWD1	CCAGCASCYGCGGTAATTCC	fwd	564		Stoeck et al (2010)
67	Claudia Vannini (F)	CCAGCASCCGCGGTAATWCC	fwd	564	ciliates	Boscaro et al. (2017)
187	EuF-V4	CCAGCASCCGCGGTAATWCC	fwd	564		Belevich et al. (2017)
218	TAReuk454FWD1 Choi	i CCAGCAGCCGCGGTAATTCC	fwd	564		Choi and Park (2020)
1	F-566	CAGCAGCCGCGGTAATTCC	fwd	565		Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
	568	GGTSTAAATTCRKYTCATTKC	rev		ciliates	Doherty et al. (2007)
	EUKAF	GCCGCGGTAATTCCAGCTC	fwd	570	Silatos	Moreno et al. (2018)
69	ParaV45F	GCYGCGGTAATWCCAGCTCT	fwd		Parabasalids	Jasso-Selles et al. (2017)
	E572F	CYGCGGTAATTCCAGCTC	fwd	571	Tarabasands	
						Comeau et al. (2011)
14	528F	CCGCGGTAATTCCAGCTC	fwd	571		Zhu et al. (2005)
17	NSF563	CGCGGTAATTCCAGCTCCA	fwd	572		Mangot et al. (2013)
75	SSU556F	CGCGGTAATTCCAGCTYC	fwd		dinoflagellates	Smith et al (2017)
2	A-528F	GCGGTAATTCCAGCTCCAA	fwd	573		Cheung et al. (2010)
	DIV4for	GCGGTAATTCCAGCTCCAATAG	fwd		diatoms	Visco et al. (2015)
3	574*f	CGGTAAYTCCAGCTCYV	fwd	574		Hugerth et al. (2014)
15	590F	CGGTAATTCCAGCTCCAATAGC	fwd	574		Venter et al. (2017)
32	Euk528F	CGGTAATTCCAGCTCC	fwd	574		Edgcomb et al. (2011)
132	574f	CGGTAAYTCCAGCTCYAV	fwd	574		Hugerth et al. (2014)
20	D512for	ATTCCAGCTCCAATAGCG	fwd	579	diatoms	Zimmermann et al. (2011
199	FF1100	CCAGCTCCAATAGCGTATATTA	fwd	582	Fungi	Vainio and Hantula (2000)
207	S32 J	CCAGCTCCAATAGCGTATAC	fwd	582	Radiolaria	Decelle et al. (2012)
208	S32 TASN	CCAGCTCCAATAGCGTATRC	fwd	582	Radiolaria	Ishitani et al. (2012)
21	Cerc479F	TGTTGCAGTTAAAAAGCTCGT	fwd	608		Harder et al. (2016)
16	EK-565F-NGS	GCAGTTAAAAAGCTCGTAGT	fwd	612		Simon et al. (2015)
152	SAR V3 R	RACTACGAGCTTTTTAACTGC	rev	612	SAR	Sisson et al. (2018)
5	616f	TTAAAAVGYTCGTAGTYG	fwd	616		Hugerth et al. (2014)
6	616*f	TTAAARVGYTCGTAGTYG	fwd	616		Hugerth et al. (2014)
90	S616F Cerco	TTAAAAAGCTCGTAGTTG	fwd	616	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
91	S616F Eocer	TTAAAAAGCGCGTAGTTG	fwd	616	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
	Hap-E620r	GGAGCCAAATCCGAGGACTT	rev	620	Haplosporidium sp.	Ward et al. (2019)
	AMV4.5NF	AAGCTCGTAGTTGAATTTCG	fwd		mycorrhizal fungi	Sato et al. (2005)
	FWb 681F	GGAGTCGGTTACGTCCCRTCCTCCGRRYCG	fwd	681	Neobodo designis freshwater clade	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005
	LGD-698	GCTTAGGTTTCTCGTCTTAGGA	fwd	698	Cyclotrichiid Ciliates	Bass et al. (2009)
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	Chryso 651	CTATTTTGCTCACAGTAAATGACGAG	rev	735	Chrysophyceae	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
	V4r-d5b	GGATGACAATGTTTGCGGTGA	rev	740	Reticulamoeba gemmipara	Bass et al. (2012)
	Kineto 651	TTGGTCGCRCTTYTTTAGTCACAG	rev	746	Kinetoplastea	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
	817F	TTAGCATGGAATAATRRAATAGGA	fwd	793		Yang et al. (2020)
	ChloroF	TGGCCTATCTTGTTGGTCTGT	fwd		Chlorophyceae	Valiente Moro et al. (2009)
190	HaptoR1	CGAAACCAACAAAATAGCAC	rev	823	Prymnesiophyceae	Egge et al. (2013)
296	Gv847F	ATCATTYAGCATGGAATAAACAYAAC	fwd	847	Sainouroids	Bass et al. (2016)
304	V4r-d5a	CTCGGATTCCTGAAACCAATG	rev	850	Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
206	S879	CCAACTGTCCCTATCAATCAT	rev	855	Radiolaria	Decelle et al. (2012)
377	AMDGR	CCCAACTATCCCTATTAATCAT	rev	855	mycorrhizal fungi	Sato et al. (2005)
244	mik868F	GGACTACCAGWGGCGAAAGCGCCT	fwd	868	Mikrocytid	Hartikainen et al. (2014)
89	Cer1R	ATACTAGCACCCCAACT	rev	870	Cercozoa	Lentendu, G. et al. (2014)
52	Cerc750R	TGAATACTAGCACCCCAAC	rev	871	Cercozoa	Harder et al. (2016)
74	DIV4rev3	CTCTGACAATGGAATACGAATA	rev	879	diatoms	Visco et al. (2015)
22	DimA	RGGGACRGGTGAAATAGGATG	fwd	893	diplonemids	Cannon et al. (2018)
76	SSU911R	ATYCAAGAATTTCACCTCTGAC	rev	894	dinoflagellates	Smith et al. (2017)
	690R	ATCCAAGAATTTCACCTCTGAC	rev	894	•	Alves-de-Souza et al (2011)
	B-706R	AATCCRAGAATTTCACCTCT	rev	897		Cheung et al. (2010
		AGAGGTGRAATTCTHRGA	fwd	897		Hugerth et al. (2014)
127		aa. a. a. a. a. a. a. a. a. a. a				, ,
127	897r	TCYDAGAATTYCACCTCT	rev			
128	897r Kin 1240rev	TCYDAGAATTYCACCTCT	rev	897	Kinetonlastea	Hugerth et al. (2014)
128 337	897r Kin1240rev R-952	TCYDAGAATTYCACCTCT GCCTTCGCTGTAGTTCGTC TTGGCAAATGCTTTCGC	rev rev rev	924 935	Kinetoplastea	Scheckenbach et al. (2010) Hadziavdic et al. (2014)

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	S947R Cerco	AAGAAGACATCCTTGGTG	rev		Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
	PRYM01+7	GATCAGTGAAAACATCCCTGG	rev		Haptophyta	Egge et al. (2013)
	V4 18S Next.Rev	ACTTTCGTTCTTGATYRATGA	rev	960		Piredda et al. (2017)
	S963R Cerco	CAACTTTCGTTCTTGATTAAA	rev		Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
	TAReukREV3	ACTTTCGTTCTTGATYRA	rev	963	00:00204	Stoeck et al (2010)
	V4RB	ACTTTCGTTCTTGATYRR	rev	963		Balzano and Leterme (2015)
	EUKAR	CYTTCGYYCTTGATTRA	rev	963		Moreno et al. (2018)
	TAReukREV3 Choi	ACTITICATITICATITICA		963		Choi and Park (2020)
	Par 18S-R	CCTACTCTCGCYCTTGATCG	rev		Parabasalids	Michaud et al. (2020)
	picoR2	AKCCCCYAACTTTCGTTCTTGAT	rev	966	raiabasaiius	Belevich et al. (2017)
202	•	ACTITCGTTCTTGAT		966		, ,
	Nex 18S 0964 R		rev	967		Bradley et al. (2016)
		GATCCCYYAACTTTCGTTCTTGA	rev			Kim et al. (2016)
	1119R	TCCCCTAACTTTCGTTCTTC	rev	968	allista	Kawachi et al. (2016)
	Claudia Vannini (R)	TCTGRTYGTCTTTGATCCCYTA	rev		ciliates	Boscaro et al. (2017)
	LABY-A	GGGATCGAAGATGATTAG	fwd		Labyrinthulomycetes	Stokes et al. (2002)
	V4 euk R1	GACTACGACGGTATCTRATCRTCTTCG	rev	989		Bråte et al. (2010)
	V4 euk R2	ACGGTATCTRATCRTCTTCG	rev	989		Bråte et al. (2010)
44	E1009R	AYGGTATCTRATCRTCTTYG	rev	989		Comeau et al. (2011)
	Uni18SR	GRCGGTATCTRATCGYCTT	rev	991		Zhan et al. (2013)
51	D978rev	GACTACGATGGTATCTAATC	rev	996	diatoms	Zimmermann et al. (2011)
321	CM-V5F	GATTAGANACCNNNGTAGTTC	fwd	996	Microsporidia	Trzebny et al. (2020)
324	18S Naslb R	GAGACTACGACGGTATCTGATC	rev	996	Nassellaria	Sandin et al. (2019)
193	Oxy 18S-F	ATCAGAWACCGYCGTAGTC	fwd	997	Oxymonads	Michaud et al. (2020)
198	FF700	GATACCGTNGTAGTCT	fwd	1001	Fungi	Vainio and Hantula (2000)
257	C5f-Hapl	GTAGTCCCARCYATAAACBATGTC	fwd	1010	Haplosporidia	Hartikainen et al. (2014b)
316	Oom1024R	CTCATACGGTGCTGACAAGG	rev	1024	Oomycetes	Holt et al. (2018)
370	1199+	GCCGACTCGGGATCGGGGGC	fwd	1031	ciliates	Doherty et al. (2007)
380	1199+	GCCGACTCGGGATCGGGGGC	fwd	1031	oligotrich, choreotrich	Tamura et al. (2011)
305	V5r-d5b	GTCAACGCTCGCTGATCCCTG	rev	1055	Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
298	Gv1063F	AGCRAAAGCATTCATCAAT	fwd	1063	Sainouroids	Bass et al. (2016)
306	V5r-d5a	GGTGCCAACGAGGTCGTTTCA	rev	1075	Reticulamoeba spp.	Bass et al. (2012)
230	s14F3	ACGCAMGTGTGAAACTTG	fwd	1119	Foraminifera	Holzmann et al. (2003)
48	EUK1134-R	TTTAAGTTTCAGCCTTGCG	rev	1120		Carnegie et al. (2003)
265	UNonMet DB	CTTTAARTTTCASYCTTGCG	rev	1120	non-Metazoan	Bass and del Campo (2020)
30	926wF	AAACTYAAAKGAATTGRCGG	fwd	1130		Wilkins et al. (2013)
60	926R	CCGYCAATTYMTTTRAGTTT	rev	1130		Needham and Fuhrman (2016)
159	NS5	AACTTAAAGGAATTGACGGAAG	fwd	1131		White et al. (1990)
36	1132r	CCGTCAATTHCTTYAART	rev	1132		Hugerth et al. (2014)
211	1132rmod	TCCGTCAATTYCTTTAAGT	rev	1132		Geisen et al. (2018)
	NS4	CTTCCGTCAATTCCTTTAAG	rev	1133		White et al. (1990)
	1132R modified	CCGTCAATTHCTTYAAR	rev	1133		Hu et al. (2016)
	ParaV45R	AAGRAATTGACGGAAGNGCA	rev		Parabasalids	Jasso-Selles et al. (2018)
	1119r	GGTGCCCTTCCGTCA	rev	1144		Parfrey et al. (2014)
	s14f1	AAGGGCACCACAAGAACGC	fwd		Foraminifera	de Vargas et al. (1997)
	CM-V5R	TAANCAGCACAMTCCACTC	rev		Microsporidia	Trzebny et al. (2020)
	DimB	CAAATTGAGCCGCAGACTCC	rev	1168	wiidiosporiala	Cannon et al. (2018)
	960F					,
	R-1200	GGCTTAATTTGACTCAACRCG CCCGTGTTGAGTCAAATTAAGC	fwd	1177 1178		Gast et al. (2004)
			rev			Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
	F-1183	AATTTGACTCAACACGGG	fwd	1182		Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
	1196R	TCTGGACCTGGTGAGTTTCC	rev	1199		Yang et al. (2020)
	1259F	GGTCCRGACAYAGTRAGGATTGACAGATTGAAG			Cercozoa	Karpov et al. (2006)
	1301f	GATTGAAGCACCACCACACAACAACAACAACAACAACAACAACA	fwd		Plasmodiophorida	Bass et al. (2018)
	1256R	GCACCACCAYAGAATCAAGAAAGAWCTTC			Cercozoa	Bass and Cavalier-Smith (2004)
	FWb 1244R	TATTCTCTTTTGGCGGGMTCAGCAAGCGAG	rev		Neobodo designis freshwater clade	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005)
	s15.3	CCTATCACATAATCATGAAAG	rev		Foraminifera	Pawlowski, J., et al., (2014)
	1055R	ACGGCCATGCACCACCCAT	rev	1260		Alves-de-Souza et al (2011)
	1055F	GGTGGTGCATGGCCGTTCTT	fwd	1266		Alves-de-Souza et al (2011)
	1300R	CACCAACTAAGAACGGCCATGC	rev	1272		Venter et al (2017)
266	SSR-F1 289	TGGAGYGATTTGTCTGGTTDATTCCG	fwd	1292		Nagai et al. (2016)
54	ChloroR	GAATCAACCTGACAAGGCAAC	rev	1295	Chlorophyceae	Valiente Moro et al. (2009)
299	hkx1295R	TCAATCCACTCACTTCCCAAAGGC	rev	1295	Sainouroids	Bass et al. (2016)
197	FF390	CGATAACGAACGAGACCT	fwd	1316	Fungi	Vainio and Hantula (2000)
		GGACGTGCTGAGGATATTCCCGWTA	rev		Neobodo designis marine clade	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005)

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245 mik1340	TGCATCACGGACCTACCTTWGACC	rev	1340 Mikrocytid	Hartikainen et al. (2014)
217 LABY-Y	CWCRAACTTCCTTCCGGT	rev	1400 Labyrinthulomycetes	Stokes et al. (2002)
160 NS6	GCATCACAGACCTGTTATTGCCTC	rev	1415	White et al. (1990)
161 NS7	GAGGCAATAACAGGTCTGTGATGC	fwd	1415	White et al. (1990)
221 Nex 18S 1434 F	GAGGCAATAACAGGTCTGTGATG	fwd	1415	Kim et al. (2016)
201 V8f	ATAACAGGTCTGTGATGCCCT	fwd	1421	Bradley et al. (2016)
203 1422f	ATAACAGGTCTGTGATGC	fwd	1421	Hadziavdic et al. (2016)
226 NSR1438	GGGCATCACAGACCTGTTAT	rev	1421	Van De Peer et al. (2000)
194 Oxy 18S-R	GGGCATMACRGACCTGTTA	rev	1422 Oxymonads	Michaud et al. (2020)
204 1424f	AACAGGTCHGWRATGCCC	fwd	1423	Hugerth et al. (2014)
131 R-1443	AAGGGCATCACAGACCTG	rev	1425	Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
297 hkx1442R	ATCTAAGAGCATCACGGACCTTTTATC	rev	1442 Sainouroids	Bass et al. (2016)
243 mik1511	CCTATTCAGCGCGCTCTGTTGAGA	rev	1511 Mikrocytid	Hartikainen et al. (2014)
238 SL175pr5F	ACGAGGAATGCCTAGTAAGCGCAA	fwd	1569 Mantoniella antarctica	Gast et al. (2014)
330 Tel3250-3230R	GACGTAATCAGGGCGGTCT	rev	1590 Telonemia	Bråte et al. (2010)
277 ParaGENrGW	GTGTACAAAGGRCAGGGACT	rev		Ward et al. (2016)
27			1614 Paramyxids	, ,
	CCCTGCCHTTTGTACACAC	fwd	1617	Amaral Zettler et al (2009)
318 Microsp1342r	ACGGCGGTGTGTACAAAGAACAG	rev	1619 Microsporidia	Stentiford et al. (2017)
62 U1391R	GGGCGGTGTGTACAARGR	rev	1623	Edgcomb et al. (2011)
28 1389F	TTGTACACACCGCCC	fwd	1626	Amaral Zettler et al (2009)
29 1388F	TTGTACACACCGCCCGTCGC	fwd	1626	Piredda et al. (2017)
59 1392-R	ACGGGCGTGTGTRC	rev	1628	Wilkins et al. (2013)
145 18r71	GCGACGGCGGTGTGTAC	rev	1628	Alves-de-Souza et al (2011)
166 ITS9MUNngs	TACACACCGCCCGTCG	fwd	1629	Tedersoo and Lindahl (2016)
200 FR1	ANCCATTCAATCGGTANT	rev	1647 Fungi	Vainio and Hantula (2000)
309 AU4	RTCTCACTAAGCCATTC	rev	1657 Fungi	Vandenkoornhuyse et al. (2002)
295 1682R	ATCCGTGAAGCTCACTAATC	rev	1682 Glissomonads	Howe et al. (2009)
290 1733R	TGATCAAGTTTGATTCAGTTCTCGGAT	rev	1733 Cercomonas-clade A	Karpov et al. (2006)
260 sB2hap	CCTTGTTACGACTTBTYCTTCCTC	rev	1744 Haplosporidia	Hartikainen et al. (2014b)
307 sB2-d5	CCTTGTTACGACTTTTGC	rev	1750 Reticulamoeba spp. + some eukaryote:	s Bass et al. (2012)
332 Heterokonta Rev	GGTTCACCTACGGAAACCTTGTTACGACTTCA	rev	1752 Heterokonta	Scheckenbach et al. (2010)
95 1801r	ACGGAAACCTTGTTACGACTTC	rev	1753 Plasmodiophorida	Bass et al. (2018)
61 U1492R	GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT	rev	1754	Edgcomb et al. (2011)
63 U1517R	ACGGCTACCTTGTTACGACTT	rev	1754	Edgcomb et al. (2011)
80 1818r	ACGGAAACCTTGTTACGA	rev	1757	Lepere et al. (2011
267 SSR-R1 772	TCACCTACGGAAACCTTGTTACG	rev	1758	Nagai et al. (2016)
235 18S-1498R	CACCTACGGAAACCTTGTTA	rev	1760	López-García et al. (2003)
222 Nex 18S 1757 R	CAGGTTCACCTACGGAAACCT	rev	1765	Kim et al. (2016)
371 1765-	CCCCAKCACGACDCMTATTGCTG	rev	1765 ciliates	Doherty et al. (2007)
			1766 Pyramimonas cf. tychotreta	
237 RS11pr4R	CTGCAGGTTCACCTACGGAAACC TCCGCAGGTTCACCTACGGA	rev	, ,	Gast et al. (2014)
162 NS8		rev	1770	White et al. (1990)
259 sB1N	GATCCHTCYGCAGGTTCACCTACG	rev	1772	Hartikainen et al. (2014b)
262 Sb1n	GATCCHTCYGGAGGTTCACCTACG	rev	1772 Paradinids	Ward et al. (2018)
57 EukB	TGATCCTTCTGCAGGTTCACCTAC	rev	1773	Medlin et al. (1988)
58 1510R	CCTTCYGCAGGTTCACCTAC	rev	1773	López-García et al. (2003)
143 1801R	TGATCCTTCTGCAGGTTCACCT	rev	1775	Cavalier-Smith et al. (2009)
336 18SRevBodo	TGATCCAGCTGCAGGTTCACC	rev	1776 Kinetoplastea	Scheckenbach et al. (2010)
312 Diphy1881R	CGACCAAAACTCCAAAGATTTC	rev	1860 Diphyllatea	Orr et al. (2018)
347 Helio1979R	CACACTTACWAGGAYTTCCTCGTTSAAGACG	rev	1979 Centrohelid heliozoa	Cavalier-Smith and von der Heyden (2007)
335 kineto2026R	GATCCTTCTGCAGGTTCACCTACAGCT	rev	2026 Kinetoplastea	von der Heyden and Cavalier-Smith (2005)
106 SRAca28	CCAATTACAAGACTCTTRTCGAG	fwd	Acanthamoeba	Fiore-Donno (2016)
108 SR19Dark	GTCCTCTAATTGTTACTCGAD	fwd	Myxomycetes	Fiore-Donno (2016)
112 Pdir1	GATTTCGGGCGGGTTCCA	fwd	Pedinophyceae	Milyutina et al. (2019)
113 Pdir2	GATCGGGCTTCGGTTCGAG	fwd	Pedinophyceae	Milyutina et al. (2019)
114 Prev2	CTCGCGGAACTCGAACCGAAG	rev	Pedinophyceae	Milyutina et al. (2019)
115 Pdir3	CCTCAGCCTGCTAAATAGCTAC	fwd	Pedinophyceae	Milyutina et al. (2019)
116 Pdir4	GACTTTCGGGGTTTTACCCGGA	fwd	Pedinophyceae	Milyutina et al. (2019)
134 S19F	GTGCATGGCCGTTCTTAGTTC	rev	Foraminifera	Morard et al. (2011)
135 S15rF	CCCGTACRAGGCATTCCTAG	fwd	Foraminifera	Morard et al. (2011)
144 329R	GTGAACCTGCRGAAGGATCA		i oraniimera	, ,
		rev	Placmadicahara	Alves-de-Souza et al (2011)
170 Pb121	GGATACAAAAACCAAACCTGGC	fwd	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
171 Pb121r	GCCAGGTTTGGTTTTTGTATCC	rev	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
186 SB	GTAGGTGAACCTGCAGAAGGATCA	rev		Sogin (1990)

id Name	Sequence	Direction Start Specificity		Reference
192 PRYM03+3	GTAAATTGCCCGAATCCTG	fwd	Prymnesiophyceae	Egge et al. (2013)
205 17	CGGTCACGTTCGTTGC	rev	Foraminifera	Cordier et al. (2019)
210 S51 TAS	YAAGAATTTCACCTCTCGCTT	rev	Radiolaria	Ishitani et al. (2012)
214 QPX-F	ATCCTCGGCCTGCTTTTAGTAG	fwd	Quahog parasite	Stokes et al. (2002)
215 QPX-R2	GAAGTCTCTACCTTTCTTGCGA	rev	Quahog parasite	Stokes et al. (2002)
236 RS11pr4F	ATGTTCGGATCGCGGCGAGAC	fwd	Pyramimonas cf. tychotreta	Gast et al. (2014)
239 SL175pr5R	TAGAAAGCCACGGTCCGAACGC	rev	Mantoniella antarctica	Gast et al. (2014)
240 Gempr2F	TCGGATTGCTGGGTAGAACTTCGT	fwd	Geminigera cryophila	Gast et al. (2014)
241 Gempr2R	CACCTACGGGAAACCTTGTTACGAC	rev	Geminigera cryophila	Gast et al. (2014)
247 Plas1r	GGTGCSKCKAGRTVCAAGAGGC	rev	Plasmodiophorids	Neuhauser et al. (2014)
248 Plas2f	TGGATGTACGAGAGTACTACATGG	fwd	Plasmodiophorids	Neuhauser et al. (2014)
249 Plas2r	CGTTGAACCTAGCATTGTAGCG	rev	Plasmodiophorids	Neuhauser et al. (2014)
258 V5f-Hapl	GGACTCRGGGGGAAGTATGCT	fwd	Haplosporidia	Hartikainen et al. (2014b)
261 V4fAsce	GGAATAATAWGATAGGACTTCRGCA	fwd	Paradinids	Ward et al. (2018)
263 V5fAsce	GYTCRGCACCKTATTYGAGAAATCA	fwd	Paradinids	Ward et al. (2018)
264 EndoR1	CGACTTCTCCTTCCTCTAARYRDTAWG	rev	Paradinids	Ward et al. (2018)
276 Para1fGW	GGGCGAGGGGTAAAATCT	fwd	Paramyxids	Ward et al. (2016)
278 Para3fGW	GGCTTYTGGGAGAKTACGG	fwd	Paramyxids	Ward et al. (2016)
281 myxo 617F all	CGCGCAAATTACCCAMTCCA	fwd	Myxozoa	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
282 myxo 764F all	CCGCGGTAATTCCAGCTCCAG	fwd	Мухоzоа	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
283 myxo 2313R all	CGTTACCGGAATRRCCTGACAG	rev	Мухоzоа	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
284 myxo 1817 v1	ATTTCACCTCTCGCCATCGA	rev	Myxozoa	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
285 myxo 1817 v2	ATTTCACCTCTCGCGGCMAA	rev	Myxozoa	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
286 myxo 1817 v3	ATTTCACCTCTCGCTGCCAA	rev	Мухоzоа	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
317 CTMicrosp	CACCAGGTTGATTCTGCCTGACG	fwd	Microsporidia	Stentiford et al. (2017)
319 V1F	CACCAGGTTGATTCTGCCTGAC	fwd	Microsporidia	Williams et al. (2018)
323 APU-1R	CTTCCTTTGGTTAAAACAC	rev	Apusomonads	Torruella et al. (2017)
325 18S NassII F	AGCATGGAATAATAACTGATGA	fwd	Nassellaria	Sandin et al. (2019)
326 18S NassII R	CACCARTTCATCCAATCGGTAG	rev	Nassellaria	Sandin et al. (2019)
340 DiploF	GATATCTAAACCTGTC	fwd	diplonemids	Lara et al. (2009)
341 DiploR	GCATTCCTCATTCAAGGA	rev	diplonemids	Lara et al. (2009)
378 BaciF	AGATTGCCCAGGCCTCTCG	fwd	Bacillariophyceae	Valiente Moro et al. (2009)
379 BaciR	CCATCGTAGTCTTAACCATAAAC	rev	Bacillariophyceae	Valiente Moro et al. (2009)
381 1765-	CCCCAKCACGACDCMTATTGCTG	rev	oligotrich, choreotrich	Tamura et al. (2011)
172 Pbr2r	CTCTATGCCCGAATCGCTTC	rev	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
173 Pbr4	GTGTCGCTTAAGATATAGTC	fwd	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)
174 Pbr4r	GACTATATCTTAAGCGACAC	rev	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. (2011)

**Table S2:** List of 18S rRNA primer sets used for metabarcoding in the pr2-primers database. Size corresponds to the average amplicon size (bp) for sequences from the PR2 database. DOI for reference can be found in the on-line web application.

id	Name	Primer fwd	Primer rev	Region	Size	Specificity	Reference
1	Hadziavdic 1	F-566	R-1200	V4	654		Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
2	Hadziavdic 2	A-528F	R-952	V4	392		Hadziavdic et al. (2014)
3	Hugerth 1	574*f	1132r	V4	594		Hugerth et al. (2014)
4	Hugerth 2	563f	1132r	V4	604		Hugerth et al. (2014)
5	Hugerth 3	616f	1132r	V4	551		Hugerth et al. (2014)
6	Hugerth 4	616*f	1132r	V4	551		Hugerth et al. (2014)
7	Bass 2016 A	V4 1f	TAReukREV3	V4	433		Bass et al. (2016)
8	Stoeck V4 2	TAReuk454FWD1	TAReukREV3	V4	433		Stoeck et al (2010)
12	Geisen	3NDf	1132rmod	V4	617		Geisen et al. (2018)
13	Brate1	3NDf	V4 euk R1	V4	473		Bråte et al. (2010)
14	Brate2	3NDf	V4 euk R2	V4	475		Bråte et al. (2010)
15	Moreno	EUKAF	EUKAR	V4	425		Moreno et al. (2018)
16	Piredda V4	TAReuk454FWD1	V4 18S Next.Rev	V4	432		Piredda et al. (2017)
17		E572F	E1009R	V4	454		Comeau et al. (2011)
18	Parfrey	515F	1119r	V4	615		Parfrey et al. (2014)
19	Vannini	Claudia Vannini (F)	Claudia Vannini (R)			ciliates	Boscaro et al. (2017)
21	Zimmerman	D512for	D978rev	V4		diatoms	Zimmermann et al. (2011)
	Kim V4 2016	528F	Nex 18S 0964 R	V4	431		Kim et al. (2016)
23	Venter	590F	1300R	V4	738		Venter et al (2017)
24	Simon	EK-565F-NGS	EUK1134-R	V4	538		Simon et al. (2015)
25	Mangot	NSF563	NSR951	V4	394		Mangot at al. (2013)
27	Stoeck V9	1391F	EukB	V9	175		Stoeck et al (2010)
	Amaral 1	1380F	1510R	V9	184		Amaral Zettler et al (2009)
	Amaral 2	1389F	1510R	V9	175		Amaral Zettler et al (2009)
31	Piredda V9	1388F	1510R	V9 V6-V8	175 534		Piredda et al. (2017)
33	Wilkins Needham	926wF 515F Univ	1392-R 926R	V6-V8 V4	606		Wilkins et al. (2013)
34		515F OIIIV	NSR951	V4 V4	405		Needham and Fuhrman (2016)
35	UNonMet	EUK581-F	EUK1134-R	V4 V4		non-Metazoa	Lambert et al. (2019) Carnegie et al. (2003)
36	Stoeck V4 1	TAReuk454FWD1	V4RB	V4 V4	433	Hon-Metazoa	Balzano and Leterme (2015)
	Cannon	DimA	DimB	V-5		diplonemids	Cannon et al. (2018)
39		A-528F	PRYM01+7	V4		Haptophyta	Egge et al. (2013)
	Zhan	Uni18SF	Uni18SR	V4	476	· iaptopily ta	Zhan et al. (2013)
41	Harder	Cerc479F	Cerc750R	V4		Cercozoa	Harder et al. (2016)
59	Tamura OCSP-A	152+	528-	V2-V3		oligotrich, choreotrich	, ,
	Lentendu 2014a	Cer2F	Cer1R	V3-V4		Cercozoa	Lentendu et al. (2014)
63	Fiore-Donno 2018a	S616F Cerco	S963R Cerco	V4	378	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
64	Fiore-Donno 2018b	S616F Eocer	S963R Cerco	V4	377	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
65	Fiore-Donno 2018c	S616F Cerco	S947R Cerco	V4	359	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
66	Fiore-Donno 2018d	S616F Eocer	S947R Cerco	V4	359	Cercozoa	Fiore-Donno et al. (2018)
67	Bass 2018	1301f	1801r	V7-V9	544	Plasmodiophorida	Bass et al. (2018)
68	Pawlowski 2010	s14f1	s15.3	37F	160	Foraminifera	Pawlowski and Lecroq (2010)
69	Lentendu 2014b	Chryso 240	Chryso 651	V2-V3	546	Chrysophyceae	Lentendu et al. (2014)
72	Lentendu 2014c	Kineto 80	Kineto 651	V2-V3	786	Kinetoplastea	Lentendu et al. (2014)
73	Fiore-Donno 2016a	SRAca28	SFAca22	V2		Acanthamoeba	Fiore-Donno et al. (2016)
74	Fiore-Donno 2016b	SR19Dark	SF2Dark	V2		Myxomycetes	Fiore-Donno et al. (2016)
76	Lundgreen 2019	F-1183	R-1443	V7	274		Lundgreen et al. (2019)
77	Hugerth 5	574f	1132r	V4	594		Hugerth et al. (2014)
80	Creer 2010	F04	R22	V1-V2	406		Creer et al. (2010)
81	Clerissi 2018	18SV1V2F	18SV1V2R	V1-V2	338	non-Metazoa	Clerissi et al. (2018)
83	Hugerth 6	A-528F	1132r	V4	596		Hugerth et al. (2014)
84	Sisson 2018	SAR V3 F	SAR V3 R	V3	184	SAR	Sisson et al. (2018)
86	Belevich 2017	EuF-V4	picoR2	V4	437	picoplankton	Belevich et al. (2017)
87	Michaud 2019a	Oxy 18S-F	Oxy 18S-R	V3-V4	460	Oxymonads	Michaud et al. (2020)
88	Michaud 2019b	Par 18S-F	Par 18S-R	V5	484	Parabasalia	Michaud et al. (2020)
89	Bradley 2016 V9	V8f	1510R	V8-V9	382		Bradley et al. (2016)
90	Bradley 2016 V4	TAReuk454FWD1	V4r	V4	433		Bradley et al. (2016)
91	Cordier 2019	s14f1	17	37F-41F	323	Foraminifera	Cordier et al. (2019)
92	Chemidlin 2011	FF390	FR1	V7-V8	367	fungi	Chemidlin Prevost-Boure et al. (2011)

id N	lame	Primer fwd	Primer rev	Region	Size Specifici	ity	Reference
97 S	Stokes 2002	LABY-A	LABY-Y	V6	437 Labyrint	hulomycetes	Stokes et al. 2002
98 F	adev 2018	A-528F	V4RB	V4	424		Fadeev et al. (2018)
99 X	(u 2020	A-528F	B-706R	V4	356		Xu et al. (2020)
100 K	(ilias 2013	A-528F	1055R	V4	725		Kilias et al. (2013).
101 H	łu 2016	574*f	1132R modified	V4-V5	594		Hu et al. (2016)
102 P	Piwosz 2019	TAReuk454FWD1	HaptoR1	V4	280 Haptoph	ıyta	Piwosz (2019)
103 E	mberg 2018	E572F	897r	V4	361		Enberg et al. (2018)
104 C	Choi 2020	TAReuk454FWD1 Choi	TAReukREV3 Choi	V4	432		Choi and Park (2020)
106 K	(im V9 2016	Nex 18S 1434 F	Nex 18S 1757 R	V8-V9	371		Kim et al. (2016)
107 H	luo 2020	960F	NSR1438	V7	277		Huo et al. (2020)
108 K	(ataoka 2017	545F	1119R	V4	573		Kataoka et al. (2017)
109 Li	i 2020	s14F3	17	37F-41F	347 Foramin	ifera	Li et al. (2020)
110 R	Rachik 2018	18S-82F	Euk-516r	V2-V3	484		Rachik et al. (2018)
117 W	Vard 2018 round 1	V4fAsce	Sb1n	V5-V9	995 Paradini	ds	Ward et al. (2018)
118 W	Vard 2018 round 2	V5fAsce	EndoR1	V5-V9	797 Paradini	ds	Ward et al. (2018)
119 B	Bass 2020	574*f	UNonMet DB	V4	583 non-Met	azoa	Bass and del Campo (2020)
120 N	lagai 2016	SSR-F1 289	SSR-R1 772	V7-V9	502		Nagai et al. (2016)
124 J	ohannes 2010	817F	1196R	V5-V7	431		Yang et al. (2020)
128 H	lartikainen 2016 round 1	myxo 617F all	myxo 2313R all	V4	996 Myxozoa	a	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
129 H	lartikainen 2016 round 2	myxo 764F all	myxo 1817 v1	V4	351 Myxozoa	a	Hartikainen et al. (2016)
134 W	Villiams 2018	V1F	530R	V1-V3	441 Microspo	oridia	Williams et al. (2018)
135 Tr	rzebny 2020	CM-V5F	CM-V5R	V5	195 Microspo	oridia	Trzebny et al. (2020)
144 G	Guminska 2021	18S V2i F	18S V2i R	V2	356 Euglenic	ds	Guminska et al. (2021)
149 S	Sato 2005	AMV4.5NF	AMDGR	V4	260 mycorrh	izal fungi	Sato et al. (2005)

Table S3: Overall statistics for  $in\ silico\ \%$  amplification of PR<sup>2</sup> sequences for primer sets listed in the pr2-primers database.

	general	specific
forward primers		
min	36.4	0.0
mean	91.0	49.7
max	98.7	97.6
reverse primers		
min	43.2	0.0
mean	88.7	32.4
max	98.6	98.9
mmim on acta		
primer sets		
$\min$	30.0	0.0
mean	83.4	18.6
max	96.5	92.7

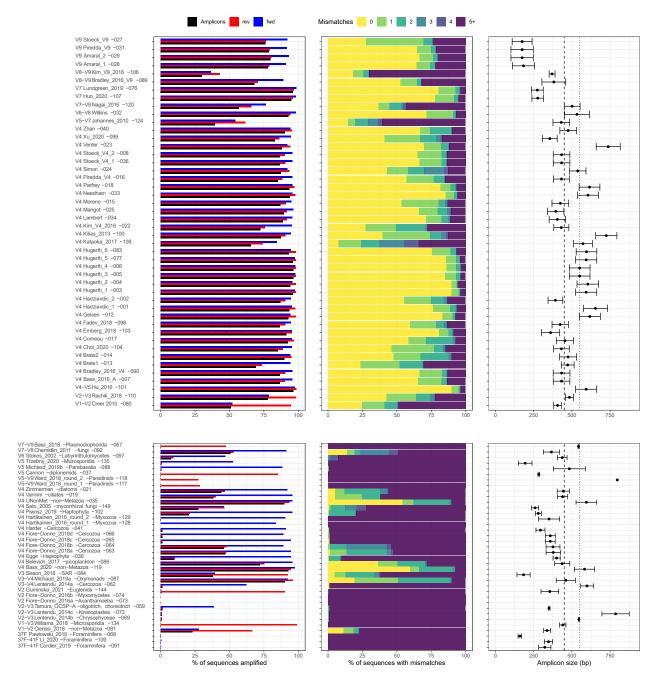


Figure S1: Evaluation of all general (top) or specific (bottom) primer sets (Table S2) for the 18S rRNA gene against the  $PR^2$  reference database (version 4.12.0). See Fig. 2 for legend.

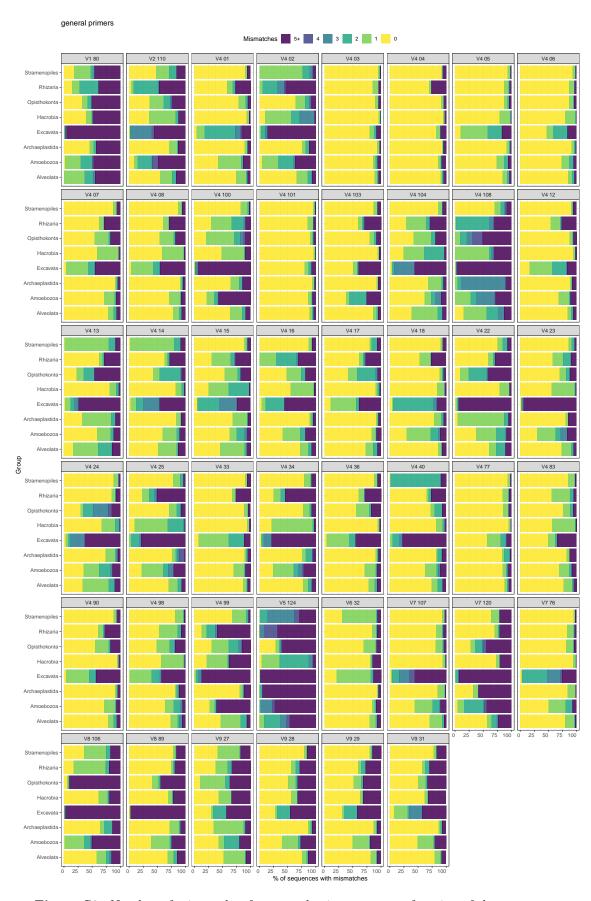
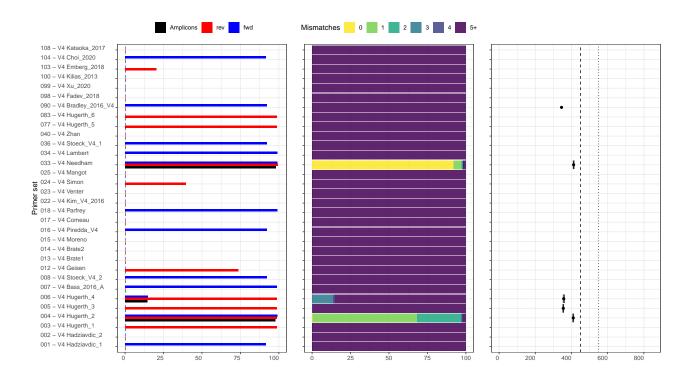
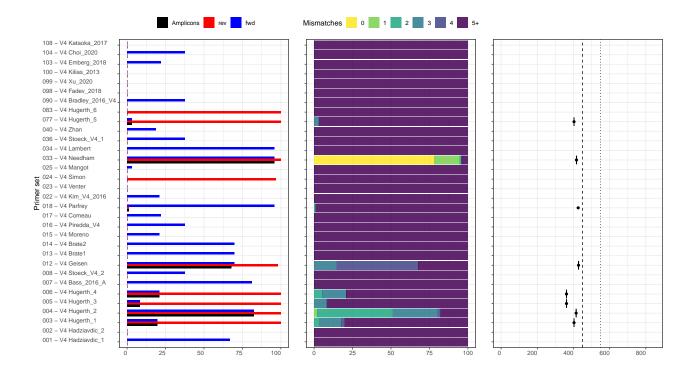


Figure S2: Number of mismatches for general primer sets as a function of the supergroup.

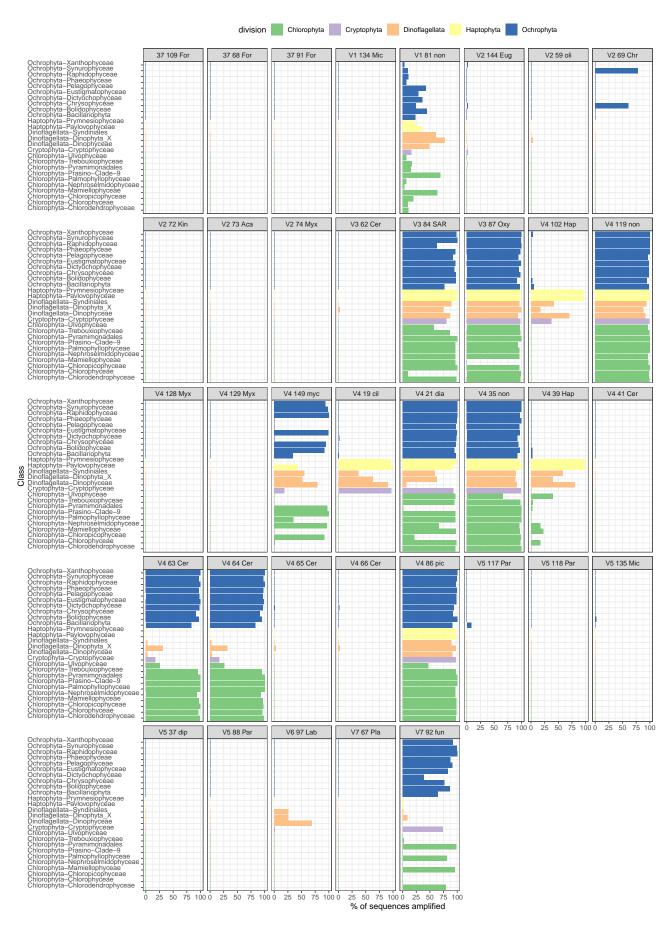


**Figure S3:** Evaluation of general primer sets (Table S2) targeting the V4 region of the 18S rRNA gene against bacterial 16S rRNA sequences from the Silva seed reference database (version 132). Legend as in Figure 2.



**Figure S4:** Evaluation of general primer sets (Table S2) targeting the V4 region of the 18S rRNA gene against archaeal 16S rRNA sequences from the Silva seed reference database (version 132). Legend as in Figure 2.

**Figure S5:** Number of mismatches for specific primer sets as a function of the supergroup. Target group is indicated inside the corresponding supergroup bar (e.g., Foraminifera are inside Cercozoa).



**Figure S6:** Percentage of sequences amplified with specific primer sets for different photosynthetic classes belonging to the Ochrophyta, Haptophyta, Dinoflagellata and Chlorophyta divisions.