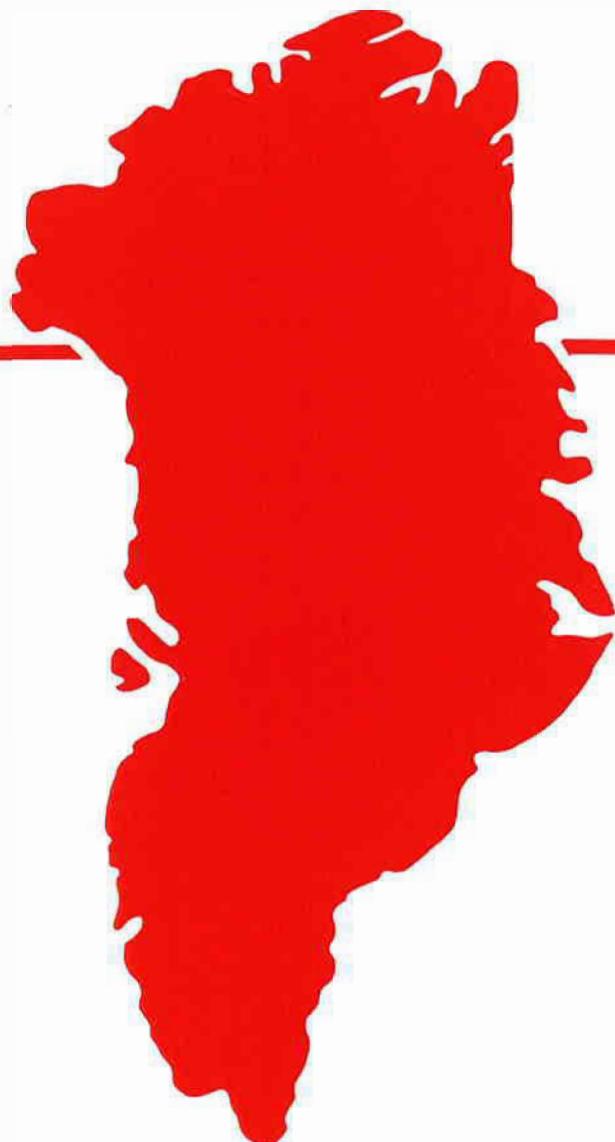


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Abstract

Stratigraphical ranges and geographical distribution of dinoflagellate cysts and selected pollen species are described based on analysis of approximately 70 samples from 9 surface and 5 subsurface sections of Late Cretaceous age on Svartenhuk Halvø, West Greenland. The sections make up an approximately 300 m thick marine black mudstone succession, previously dated as Late Turonian to Early Campanian on the basis of scattered ammonite occurrences.

The dinoflagellate cysts date the majority of the studied samples to Coniacian to Early Santonian, whereas two samples are dated as Late Santonian/? Early Campanian. It has been possible to divide the studied succession into six distinguishable dinoflagellate cyst zones. The diversity of the studied dinoflagellate cysts is relatively high, more than 80 species were recorded. The assemblages are dominated by the genera *Chatangiella* and *Isabelidinium*, which in several samples constitute 20 to 50 percent of the dinoflagellate content.

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INTRODUCTION

The present study is part of the EFP-91 project 'Sequence analysis of the Cretaceous sediments in West Greenland', which aims to describe the Cretaceous sediments and set up a palynostratigraphy for sequence stratigraphical analysis for the Disko-Nuussuaq-Svartenhuk area in West Greenland (Christiansen *et al.*, 1992; Christiansen, 1993).

The Upper Cretaceous-Lower Tertiary black mudstone on Disko, Nuussuaq and Svartenhuk Halvø are the only marine sediments of this age exposed in the entire Labrador Sea-Baffin Bay region and studies of these are essential for a detailed interpretation of the offshore geology.

Field work on the marine succession in the summers 1990 to 1992 has been concentrated on: detailed sedimentological studies, sampling for palynological and organic geochemical studies, and mapping and structural analysis (Christiansen *et al.*, 1992).

PREVIOUS PALYNOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE TURONIAN TO CAMPANIAN OF GREENLAND AND ELSEWHERE, A REVIEW.

West Greenland

Previous studies of Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellate cysts from West Greenland are very sparse (Croxton, 1976; 1978; 1980; Ehman *et al.*, 1976; Lentin & Williams, 1980). Lentin & Williams mentioned (1980, p. 20) that the Campanian assemblage from West Greenland contain elements of both the offshore eastern Canadian assemblages (also called the Williams suite) and the Mackenzie Delta, Arctic Canada, assemblages (the so-called McIntyre suite) described by McIntyre (1974; 1975). The Paleocene dinoflagellate cyst assemblages from West Greenland have been described by Hansen (1980).

Croxton (1978) briefly described the palynomorph content from three localities at Svartenhuk Halvø and Itsako (C10, C11, C12). The locality C10 were given an Paleocene age by Croxton (1978) on the basis of pollen, whereas she gave the C12 locality a Coniacian to Campanian age on the basis of pollen and dinoflagellates. Croxton (1978, p. 65) mentioned that the thermally altered palynomorphs from the Itsako section C11 have caused problems; however on the basis of pollen she dated the lower part of the section as

Late Albian–Early Cenomanian, whereas pollen from the top of the section may indicate a Paleocene age.

The ages given by Ehman *et al.* (1976) are not consistent from text to logs (Pulvertaft, 1987; Table 1). However these workers reported a Cenomanian age for their two localities S5 and S1 in the Umîvik area.

Hansen (1980, p. 92) recorded uppermost Lower Paleocene dinoflagellate cysts in the Svartenhuk area (locality unspecified).

The above mentioned palynological investigations have been reviewed and commented on by Pulvertaft (1987).

Arctic Canada

Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellate cysts have been described from Arctic Canada by Manum (1963); Manum & Cookson (1964). Felix & Burbridge (1976) mentioned that the samples that Manum & Cookson described from the Hassel Formation (Upper Albian–Lower Cenomanian) were from the Kanguk Formation (Upper Cenomanian–Lower Campanian). McIntyre (1974; 1975) described a Santonian (Upper?) to Maastrichtian assemblage from the Mackenzie Delta. Doerenkamp *et al.* (1976) proposed zonation for the Cretaceous Aptian to Upper Albian (Isachsen, Christopher and Hassel Formations), the Santonian to Maastrichtian Kanguk Formation and the Paleocene to Eocene Eureka Sound Formation from Banks Island and adjacent areas. Doerenkamp *et al.*'s study indicates the presence of a hiatus between Upper Albian and Santonian.

Ioannides & McIntyre (1980) recognized 4 palynological associations from the District of Mackenzie; one of these associations is Upper Campanian. Núñez-Betelu & Hills (1992) preliminarily described the palynomorph content of the Kanguk Formation (Turonian to Campanian) on Ellesmere Island. Ioannides (1986) studied the dinoflagellate cyst assemblages from the Santonian to Maastrichtian part of the Kanguk Formation and the Lower Paleocene Eureka Sound Formation on Bylot and Devon Islands. The dinoflagellate cyst assemblages described by Ioannides (1986) is very similar to the material from West Greenland, unfortunately Ionnanides' stratigraphy is not very detailed, due to poor outcrop, and absence of macrofossils.

Western Canada, Western U.S.A.

Wall & Singh (1975) reported a most probably Campanian age microfossil assemblage from North-Central Alberta; Harland (1973) described the marine palynomorphs of the Bearpaw Formation (Upper Campanian) in southern Alberta and continued (Harland, 1977) with the description of the palynomorphs of the Bearpaw Formation (?Upper Campanian–Maastrichtian) in Montana, U.S.A. Sweet & McIntyre (1988) described Upper Turonian palynomorphs from North Central Alberta, Bloch *et al.* (1993) presented a revised stratigraphy for the lower part of the Colorado Group (Albian to Turonian) in Western Canada. Stone (1973) described the palynology from the ammonite dated Almond Formation (Upper Campanian to possibly Maastrichtian) in Wyoming. Harker *et al.* (1990) described the Campanian dinoflagellate cyst assemblage of the Interior Plains of Canada, Wyoming and Texas.

Offshore Eastern Canada, Eastern U.S.A.

The following papers all describe the Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellate cyst content from wells in the Gulf of Lawrence, Scotian Shelf, Grand Banks and Labrador shelf offshore eastern Canada: Barss *et al.* (1979), Bujak & Williams (1978), Williams (1975), Williams & Brideaux (1975), Williams & Bujak (1977a; 1977b), Williams *et al.* (1974) and Williams *et al.* (1990).

The stratigraphical distribution of Mesozoic and Cenozoic dinoflagellate cysts has been described by Williams & Bujak (1985) for the world and by Williams *et al.* (1993) for the northern hemisphere.

Benson (1976) described the dinoflagellate cyst assemblages from the Maastrichtian and Paleocene in Maryland. May (1980) described the dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from the Campanian to Maastrichtian Monmouth Group of New Jersey. Aurisano & Habib (1977) established a Campanian to lowermost Tertiary dinoflagellate cyst zonation from New Jersey. Aurisano (1989) proposed a Cenomanian to Maastrichtian dinoflagellate cyst zonation for the Atlantic Coastal Plain of New Jersey and Delaware. Tocher (1987) described the Campanian to Maastrichtian dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from the United States Atlantic Margin.

Northern North Sea, clastic deposits

According to Costa & Davey (1992, pp. 105–106) no dinoflagellate cyst information has been published from these regions, but unpublished personal observation by Lucy. I. Costa (in Costa & Davey, pp. 105–106) indicates assemblage affinities with the Upper Cretaceous arctic assemblages described by Vozzhennikova (1967) from Siberia, Manum & Cookson (1964) and Doerenkamp *et al.* (1976) from Arctic Canada, and McIntyre (1974) from the District of Mackenzie, Canada.

North-western Europe

The stratigraphical distribution of Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellate cysts in North-West Europe has been compiled by Foucher (1979) and by Costa & Davey (1992) who probably included some of Foucher's numerous data in their description of the stratigraphical ranges of Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellate cysts from the British Isles, the North Sea and around the Shetland Islands. Clarke & Verdier (1967) described the Cenomanian to Campanian on the Isle of Wight and made the first and only attempt to establish a dinoflagellate zonation for the British Upper Cretaceous. Hart *et al.* (1987) listed dinoflagellate cysts together with microfossils from key Upper Cretaceous sections on the Isle of Wight.

The dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from the Turonian type area around Saumur in France has been described by Foucher (1982). Tocher & Jarvis (1987) described Turonian dinoflagellate cysts from Devon, England. Jarvis *et al.* (1987; 1988) described the Albian to Turonian stratigraphy and anoxic events in the Cenomanian–Turonian.

Foucher (1971a,b) and Robaszynski *et al.* (1980) described dinoflagellate cyst assemblages of Coniacian age from France. Schiøler (1992) described a diverse dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from the island of Bornholm, Denmark. Westin (1992) established a dinoflagellate cyst stratigraphy from the Albian to Santonian in the southern Sweden. The diverse assemblages described from Bornholm (Schiøler, 1992) and Sweden (Westin, 1992) are dominated by North Sea and North-West European limestone facies species; however the abundance of the northern North Sea genus *Chatangiella*, especially in southern Sweden, is remarkable.

Yun (1981) described a Lower Santonian dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from northwest Germany.

Australia, Antarctica

There are numerous papers describing Cretaceous dinoflagellate cysts from Australia. Helby *et al.* (1987) established a palynological zonation covering the entire Mesozoic of Australia.

Askin (1988) described the Campanian to Eocene palynological succession of Seymour Island and adjacent islands, Antarctica.

Mohr & Gee (1992) and Mao & Mohr (1992) described the Cenomanian to Maastrichtian dinoflagellate cyst assemblages from the ODP leg 120 in the southern Indian Ocean.

The interesting point about the Upper Cretaceous palynomorphs recorded from Australia and around Antarctica is that they are quite similar on assemblage level to the material recorded from West Greenland, whereas moving down to species level there are small but distinguishable differences between superficially similar species from the two regions, which makes direct correlation difficult.

SAMPLES AND METHODS

Samples

The Upper Cretaceous samples analysed in the present biostratigraphic study were collected during hydrocarbon-related field work carried out by the Geological Survey of Greenland (GGU) in the summers of 1990 to 1992, in onshore areas of West Greenland (69° – 72° N) (Christiansen *et al.*, 1992; Christiansen, 1993).

A dinoflagellate cyst stratigraphy has been established for the Upper Cretaceous sediments in the Umívík area of Svartenhuk Halvø (Fig. 1). Marine palynomorphs was recorded from nine outcrop localities and five subsurface sections represented by slim cores from shallow wells drilled in 1992 by GGU is helicopter-transportable drilling equipment. The sections represent thicknesses of 2 to 150 metres. The sections make up an approximately 300 m thick sandy shale sequence (Fig. 2).

Preparation

Palynological preparation and studies were carried out at GGU. Palynomorphs were extracted from 20 g of sample by modified standard preparation techniques. The bulk of the minerals was dissolved by hydrochloric and hydrofluoric acids. A first slide was made after this treatment. A second slide was made of the organic residue after sieving using a 20 micron nylon mesh. A third slide was made after oxidation (3 to 5 minutes) with fuming nitric acid, followed by washing with a weak potassium hydroxide solution. The oxidation was carried out in order to clean the sample of minor amorphous kerogen particles and pyrite. Finally palynomorphs were separated from coal particles and woody material in most samples using the method described by Hansen & Gudmundsson (1978).

After each of the steps mentioned above the organic residues were mounted in a permanent medium Eukitt R (produced by O. Kindler, Germany).

Recording of material and analyses

The palynological slides were studied with transmitted light using a Leitz Dialux 22 microscope (512 742/057691). All the coordinates in the plate text refer to this microscope. England finder index corners: Z 75 4 = 74.6–92.3; Z 1 3 = 1.9–9220; A 1 1 = 1.9–116.7; A 65 2 = 64.6–116.6, centre: O 38 = 38.1–103.3.

The illustrated dinoflagellate cysts are marked with GGU number (sample number), slide number, microscope coordinates, laser-video-record number (LVR) and database number (MicroImage; MI) for later identification. The slides are housed at the Geological Survey of Greenland where they are accessible for examination.

Composition of the organic material; maturation

The organic material is dominated by black to brownish woody material and cuticles, whereas amorphous organic material, dinoflagellate cysts, spores and pollen constitute a minor part.

The TAI (Thermal Alteration Index) evaluation was carried out on the sieved slide before oxidation. The study revealed TAI values between –2 and +3, which indicate that the organic material is thermally immature to mature with respect to oil generation.

DINOFLAGELLATE CYST STRATIGRAPHY AND ZONATION ON SVARTENHUK HALVØ

A dinoflagellate cyst stratigraphy has been established for the Upper Cretaceous sediments in the Umîvik area of Svartenhuk Halvø (Fig. 1). Marine palynomorphs was recorded from nine outcrop localities and five subsurface sections represented by slim cores from shallow wells drilled in 1992 by GGU's helicopter-transportable drilling equipment.

Due to the very sparse macrofossil content and the rather homogeneous lithology, the stratigraphical correlation of the geographically widely spread 14 sections is based solely on the first and the last occurrences and acme of stratigraphically important dinoflagellate species.

The dinoflagellate cyst assemblages in all the studied sections are characterised by a large number of *Chatangiella* specimens. According to the literature the genus *Chatangiella* ranges from the Upper Cenomanian to the Upper Maastrichtian (Costa & Davey, 1992, and many others). Geographically the genus *Chatangiella* dominates Upper Cretaceous assemblages in Western Interior, U.S.A., Western Canada, Arctic Canada and the northern North Sea. The genus *Chatangiella* is also very abundant in the southern hemisphere (especially in Australia and Antarctica), whereas the genus is less distributed in Northwestern Europe and in the Tethyan realm (Lentin & Williams, 1980, Costa & Davey, 1992).

The presence of the species *Heterosphaeridium difficile* in all but one of the studied sections on Svartenhuk Halvø indicates an Early/Middle Turonian to Early (?Late) Santonian age (Haq *et al.*, 1987; Costa & Davey, 1992). The presence of *Isabelidinium cooksoniae* indicates a post Early Turonian age (Costa & Davey, 1992).

The absence of the characteristic species *Litosphaeridium siphoniphorum* and *Stephodinium coronatum*, both of which have their last occurrence in the Turonian, the presence of *Heterosphaeridium difficile* and the abundance of *Chatangiella* specimens advocate for a post-Turonian to pre-Campanian age for all, except one, of the studied sections at Svartenhuk Halvø.

The species list on the cumulate range chart illustrates that the assemblage changes only little with time. However, based on the first and last occurrences of a few

morphologically characteristic and stratigraphically important species, it has been possible to distinguish six dinoflagellate zones from the cumulate section.

***Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita* Zone**

The dinoflagellate cyst assemblage recorded from the well GGU 400709 (Encl. 2) indicates the presence of the oldest recorded marine influenced depositional environment on Svartenhuk Halvø.

Age. The age of the zone is most likely Coniacian but a latest Turonian age cannot be excluded.

Definition. The zone is defined by the interval containing *Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita*, its upper limit being the lowermost occurrence of *Spinidinium echinoideum*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone has only been recorded in well GGU 400709 (Encl. 2), where it is represented by approximately 75 m sediments.

Characteristic species. The zone is characterised by the presence of the species *Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita*, *C. granulifera*, *C. verrucosa*, *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum*, *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides*, *Dinopterygium* aff. *cladoides*, *Cribroperidinium* aff. *intricatum*, *Scriniodinium* aff. *obscurum*, *Odontochitina striatoperforata*, *Desmocysta plekta*, *Trigonopyxidia ginella*, *Fromea fragilis*, a few *Florentinia* aff. *mantelli* specimens, a few specimens of *Isabelidinium* aff. *magnum* and a single specimen of *Xenascus* aff. *perforatus*.

Discussion. According to Costa & Davey's (1992) observations from the North Sea, region the presence of *Heterosphaeridium difficile* and *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum* throughout the zone indicates an age no younger than Early Santonian. *Florentinia deanei* has its last occurrence in the uppermost Coniacian in Europe (Foucher, 1979; Costa & Davey, 1992). According to Costa & Davey (1992) and Williams *et al.* (1993) *Florentinia mantelli* has its last occurrence in the uppermost Turonian. Schiøler (1992) reported *F.*

mantelli as a presumed reworked species in his study of Coniacian on Bornholm, Denmark, whereas Yun (1982) reported *F. mantelli* *in situ* from Santonian deposits in Germany.

Williams *et al.* (1993) reported that the species *Chatangiella verrocosa* has its first occurrence in the Lower Coniacian and ranges to the Upper Campanian in the northern hemisphere. Williams & Bujak (1985) reported a similar range (Lower Coniacian to Upper Campanian) for the morphologically closely related *Chatangiella granulifera*, whereas Costa & Davey (1992) reported a Lower Turonian to Upper Campanian range for *C. granulifera*.

Williams & Bujak (1985) also reported a Lower Coniacian to Upper Campanian range for the species *Trigonopyxidia ginella*, which was described from the ?Upper Albian–Cenomanian from Australia by Cookson & Eisenack (1960).

In the present study the species *Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita* has only been recorded from well GGU 400709 (Encl. 2) and the lowermost sample in well GGU 400712 (Encl. 8). *Chatangiella tripartita* was described by Cookson & Eisenack (1960) from probably Upper Turonian to Middle Senonian of Australia. Schiøler (1992) reported *C. tripartita* from the Lower to "mid"-Coniacian on the Danish island of Bornholm. Davey & Costa (1992) reported the *C. tripartita/victoriensis* complex from Upper Cenomanian to Lower Maastrichtian in the North Sea region. Helby *et al.* (1987) reported the species from Lower Santonian (consistent) to Middle and Upper Santonian (inconsistent).

The presence of only a few species characteristic for the Turonian advocates an Coniacian age, for this zone.

***Spinidinium echinoideum* Zone**

Age. Coniacian or ?Early Santonian.

Definition. Interval from the first occurrence of *Spinidinium echinoideum* to immediately below the first occurrence of *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone is only represented by two samples in the upper part of well GGU 400709 (Encl. 2), where it constitutes approximately 10 m of the section.

Characteristic species. The zone is characterised by the presence of the species *Spinidinium echinoideum*, *Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita*, *C. granulifera*, *C. verrucosa*, *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, *Surculosphaeridium?* *longifurcatum*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides*, *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, *Cribroperidinium* aff. *intricatum*, *Scriniodinium* aff. *obscurum*, *Odontochitina striatoperforata*, *Fromea fragilis* and a few *Florentinia* aff. *mantelli* specimens.

Discussion. The first occurrence of the species *Spinidinium echinoideum* in the upper part of well GGU 400709 (Encl. 2) indicates a Coniacian to Early Santonian age. The species was described by Cookson & Eisenack (1960) from the Santonian and Campanian in Australia. According to Clarke & Verdier (1967) and Foucher (1979) *Spinidinium echinoideum* ranges from the Lower Santonian to the lowermost Campanian in England and France. However, Foucher (1979) reported in addition a *S. cf. echinoideum* from the Upper Turonian in France. Schiøler (1992) recorded *S. echinoideum echinoideum* from Coniacian deposits from the island of Bornholm, Denmark.

The species *S. mariae* is according to the present author almost identical with *S. echinoideum*. According to Aurisano (1984, 1989) *Spinidinium mariae* ranges in the Atlantic Coastal plain of New Jersey, U.S.A. from Lower Santonian to uppermost Lower Campanian.

***Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* Zone**

Age. Coniacian or ?Early Santonian

Definition. Interval from the first occurrence of *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* to immediately below the first occurrence of *Laciadiinium arcticum*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone is represented by the lower 57 m of well GGU 400712 (Encl. 8) and maybe by the two lowermost samples (approximately 40 m) from section C12 (Encl. 12).

Comments. The diversity of the present zone is remarkably higher than in the two previous zones. The appearance of several species not recorded from the older zones, could indicate that in the Svartenhuk area there exist sediments of older age than the age represented by the *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* Zone and younger than the *Spinidinium echinoideum* Zone these are probably situated in the subsurface below the lowermost sample in well GGU 400712 (Encl. 8). A hiatus could also explain the remarkable diversity change.

Characteristic species. The zone is characterised by the presence of numerous *Chatangiella* specimens, which constitute between 35 and 53% of the dinoflagellate cysts assemblages, and *Odontochitina striatoperforata* which constitutes up to 10% of the assemblage. The zone is also characterised by the incoming of the species *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii*, *Chatangiella* aff. *spectabilis*, *C.* aff. *ditissima*, *Eurydinium* aff. *glomeratum* and *Palaeotetradinium silicorum* whereas the following characteristic species continue their occurrence from the previous *Spinidinium echinoideum* Zone: *Spinidinium echinoideum*, *C. granulifera*, *C. verrucosa*, *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusoroides*, *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, *Odontochitina striatoperforata*, *Desmocysta plekta*, *Trigonopyxidia ginella*, *Fromea fragilis*, *Wallodinium anglicum*, *Trityrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, a few *Florentinia* aff. *mantelli* specimens and a single specimen of *Xenascus* aff. *perforatus* and *Dorocysta litotes*.

The species *Chatangiella* aff. *tripartita* is only represented in the lowermost sample in the present zone.

Discussion. The abundance of the species *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* in the present zone is quite interesting. Previously *A. sheii* only has been reported by Manum (1963) who described the species (as *Deflandrea sheii*) from a "Deflandreoid"-dominated assemblage from Graham Island, arctic Canada, where according to Manum (1963) and Manum & Cookson (1964) it is very common. The dinoflagellate cyst assemblage from the sample reported by Manum & Cookson (1964) from the presumed Kanguk Formation at Graham Island is quite similar to the assemblage recorded from the *A. aff. sheii* Zone on Svartenhuk Halvø. However the appearance of the species *Lacinidinium arcticum* (as *Diconodinium arcticum*) on Graham Island has not been observed in the *A. aff. sheii* Zone on Svartenhuk Halvø. Manum (1963) and Manum & Cookson (1964) indicated that their

samples were from the Upper Albian–lower Cenomanian Hassel Formation, whereas Felix & Budbridge (1976) considered that Manum's samples more likely represented the Kanguk Formation of Late Cenomanian to Early Campanian age.

***Laciadiinium arcticum* Zone**

Age. Coniacian or ?Early Santonian

Definition. Interval from the first occurrence of *Laciadiinium arcticum* to the last occurrence of *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone is represented by approximately 50 m in well GGU 400711 (Encl. 10), approximately 50 m in section C12 (Encl. 12), approximately 20 m in the composite section GGU 400712+HNH 920821/1 (Encl. 8) and maybe by one sample in section HNH920822/3 (Encl. 6)

Characteristic species. The zone is like the underlying zone characterised by the presence of numerous *Chatangiella* specimens. The zone is also characterised by the incoming of the species *Laciadiinium arcticum*, *Isabelidinium* aff. *acuminatum* and *Eurydinium* aff. *glomeratum* with a small apical horn. The species *Microdinium reticulatum*, *Tanyosphaeridium* cf. *variecalamus*, *Scriniodinium campanula* and *Florentinia* sp. 1 HNH are only recorded from the present zone, however their appearance is rare. The following species continue their appearance from the previous *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* zone: *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii*, *Chatangiella* aff. *spectabilis*, *C.* aff. *ditissima*, *Spinidinium echinoideum*, *C. granulifera*, *C. verrucosa*, *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, *Surculosphaeridium?* *longifurcatum*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides*, *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, *Odontochitina striatoperforata*, *Desmocysta plekta*, *Trigonopyxidium ginella*, *Fromea fragilis*, *Wallodinium anglicum*, *Trithyrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, *Xenascus* aff. *perforatus* and *Florentinia* aff. *mantelli*. The species *Eurydinium* aff. *glomeratum* and *Palaeotetradinium silicorum* have their last occurrence in the lower part of the zone.

Discussion. The palynomorph assemblage of the present zone is very similar to the "Deflandreoid"-dominated assemblage from Graham Island, arctic Canada, recorded by Manum (1963) and Manum & Cookson (1964). In addition to the abundance of the species *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* and the presence of *Laciadiinium arcticum* there are 15 other palynospecies from the present zone that are also represented in the Graham Island samples.

***Heterosphaeridium difficile* Zone**

Age. Coniacian or ?Early Santonian

Definition. Interval from immediately above the last occurrence of *Arvalidinium* aff. *sheii* to the last occurrence of *Heterosphaeridium difficile*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone is represented in six outcrop sections and two subsurface sections in the Svartenhuk area. The zone is represented by 94 m in the composite section GGU 400708+HNH 920806/1 (Encl. 3), 16 m in section HNH 920809/1 (Encl. 4), 20 m in section HNH 920822/2 (Encl. 5), maybe from the uppermost sample in section HNH 920822/3 (Encl. 6), 15 m in section HNH 920822/5 (Encl. 9), 71 m in the composed section GGU 400710+FGC 910807/2 (Encl. 11) and by approximately 60 m in section C12 C.C (Encl. 12).

Characteristic species. The zone is characterised by a poorly preserved low diversity palynomorph assemblage.

The frequency of *Chatangiella* specimens is very low compared to the previous zone. Species such as *Laciadiinium arcticum*, *Spinidinium echinoideum*, *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusoroides*, *Odontochitina striatoperforata* and *Chatangiella* aff. *ditissima* are present throughout the zone, whereas *Surculosphaeridium?* *longifurcatum*, *Isabelidinium* aff. *acuminatum*, *Trigonopyxidia ginella*, *Walldinium anglicum* and *Eurydinium* aff. *glomeratum* (with a small apical horn) are only recorded from the lower part of the zone. The following species have a more sporadic occurrence

whit in the zone: *Chatangiella granulifera*, *C. aff. spectabilis*, *Desmocysta plekta*, *Xenascus aff. perforatus*, *Florentinia aff. deanei* and *F. aff. mantelli*.

Discussion. The last occurrences of *Heterosphaeridium difficile* and *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum* with in the zone indicate according to Costa & Davey (1992) an age no younger than Early Santonian.

***Dinogymnium cf. sibiricum* Zone**

Age. ?Late Santonian or ?Early Campanian

Definition. Interval from immediately above the last occurrence of *Heterosphaeridium difficile* up to the last occurrence of *Dinogymnium cf. sibiricum*.

Thickness and distribution. The zone has only been recorded in a three metre interval in the section JLG (Encl. 7) situated just below the base of the hyaloclastic basalt.

Characteristic species. The zone is represented by a low diversity palynomorph assemblage, characterised by well preserved specimens of *Isabelidinium aff. ?acuminatum*, and very few specimens of *Dinogymnium cf. sibiricum*. The following stratigraphically interesting species continue their occurrence from the previous zones: *Chatangiella aff. ditissima*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides*, *Spinidinium echinoideum*, *Trithyrodinium* sp. and *Xenascus aff. perforatus*.

Discussion. The presence of the species *Chatangiella aff. ditissima*, *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides* and *Trithyrodinium* indicates according to Costa & Davey (1992) an age no younger than Campanian; the same authors mention that the species *Isabelidinium acuminatum* first occurs, or first become consistent in the Lower Campanian. The presence of *Spinidinium echinoideum* indicates according to Foucher (1979) an age no younger than Early Campanian. The species *Dinogymnium sibiricum* has a Coniacian to Early Santonian range according to Costa & Davey (1992), whereas McIntyre (1974) reported a Late

Santonian to Late Campanian range for the very similar species *Dinogymnium* sp. cf. *Gymnodinium sibiricum*.

The discussion above clearly illustrates the difficulties in dating the present zone. However the absence of *Heterosphaeridium difficile* and the presence of *Spinidinium echinoideum* indicate a Late Santonian/Early Campanian age.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MACROFOSSIL AGES

The presence of ammonites of Late Turonian, Coniacian, Santonian and Early Campanian ages on south-east Svartenhuk Halvø (Fig. 3) was recorded by Birkelund (1965; Fig. 2, Table 1) in her monograph on Upper Cretaceous ammonites from West Greenland. The ammonite record was correlated with other macrofossil records by Rosenkrantz & Pulvertaft (1969) in their review of Cretaceous–Tertiary stratigraphy and tectonics in northern West Greenland.

Birkelund (1965) recorded *in situ* ammonites indicating the presence of Lower Coniacian deposits at the ammonite locality at Umivik. This locality corresponds to the uppermost part of well GGU 400712 which in the present study has been referred to the *Laciadiinium arcticum* dinoflagellate zone (Coniacian or Lower Santonian). From the same locality Birkelund (1965) recorded ammonites of Santonian and Early Campanian ages in displaced blocks.

The loose specimens of ammonites recorded from the Store Tange V locality indicate a Late Turonian age (Birkelund, 1965), this locality corresponds to the locality C12/CC (Encl. 12) collected by Catherine A. Croxton, which according to the present dinoflagellate study is of Coniacian or Early Santonian age.

A little north of the Store Tange V locality at Lille Tange V Birkelund (1965) recorded ammonites of Early Santonian age *in situ* at 180–200 m above sea-level, which correlate well with the age indicated by dinoflagellate from the upper part of section C12/CC (Encl 12).

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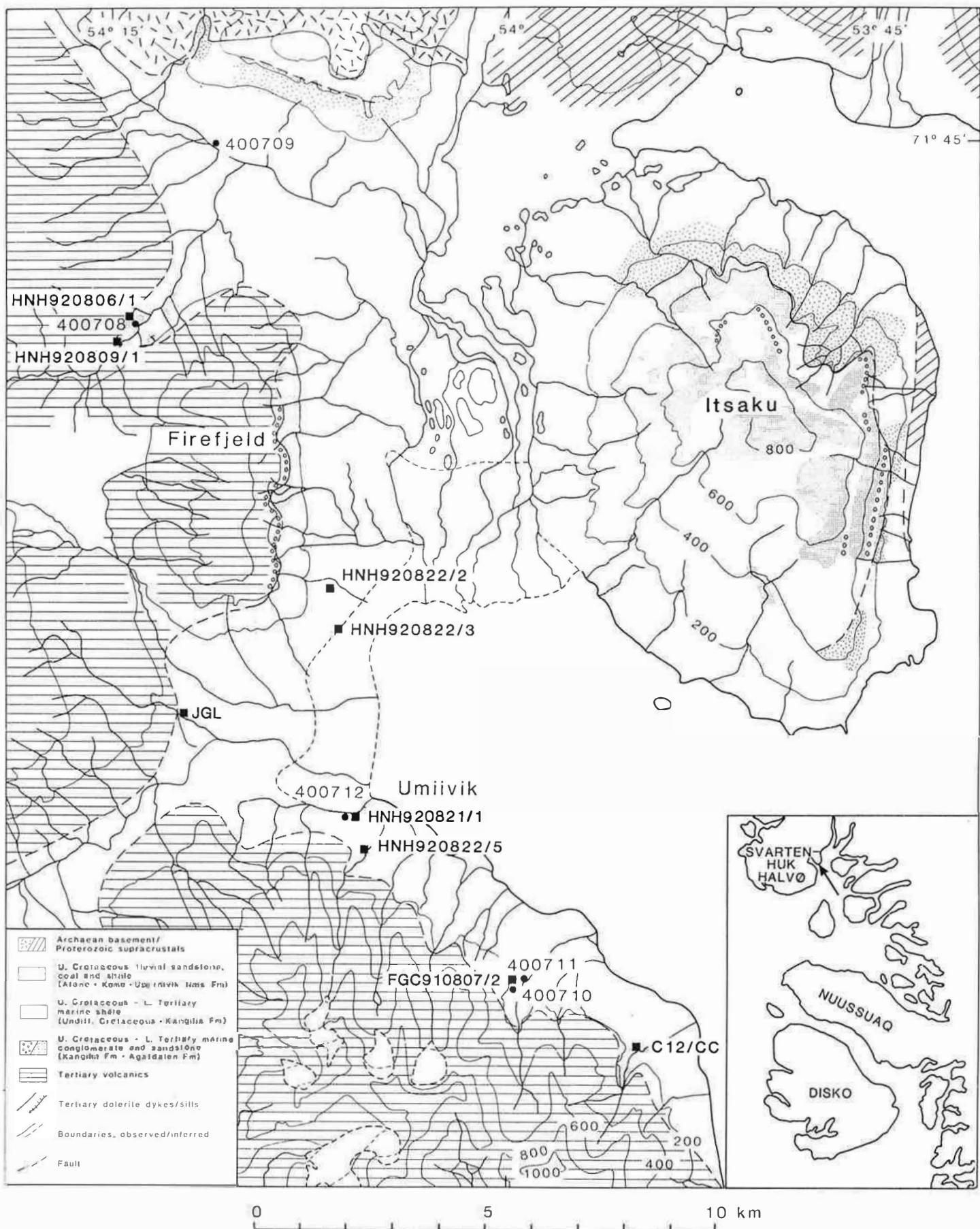


Fig. 1. Location of the examined outcrops and subsurface sections that yielded dinoflagellate cysts.

Dinoflagellate cyst stratigraphy, Svartenhuk, West Greenland

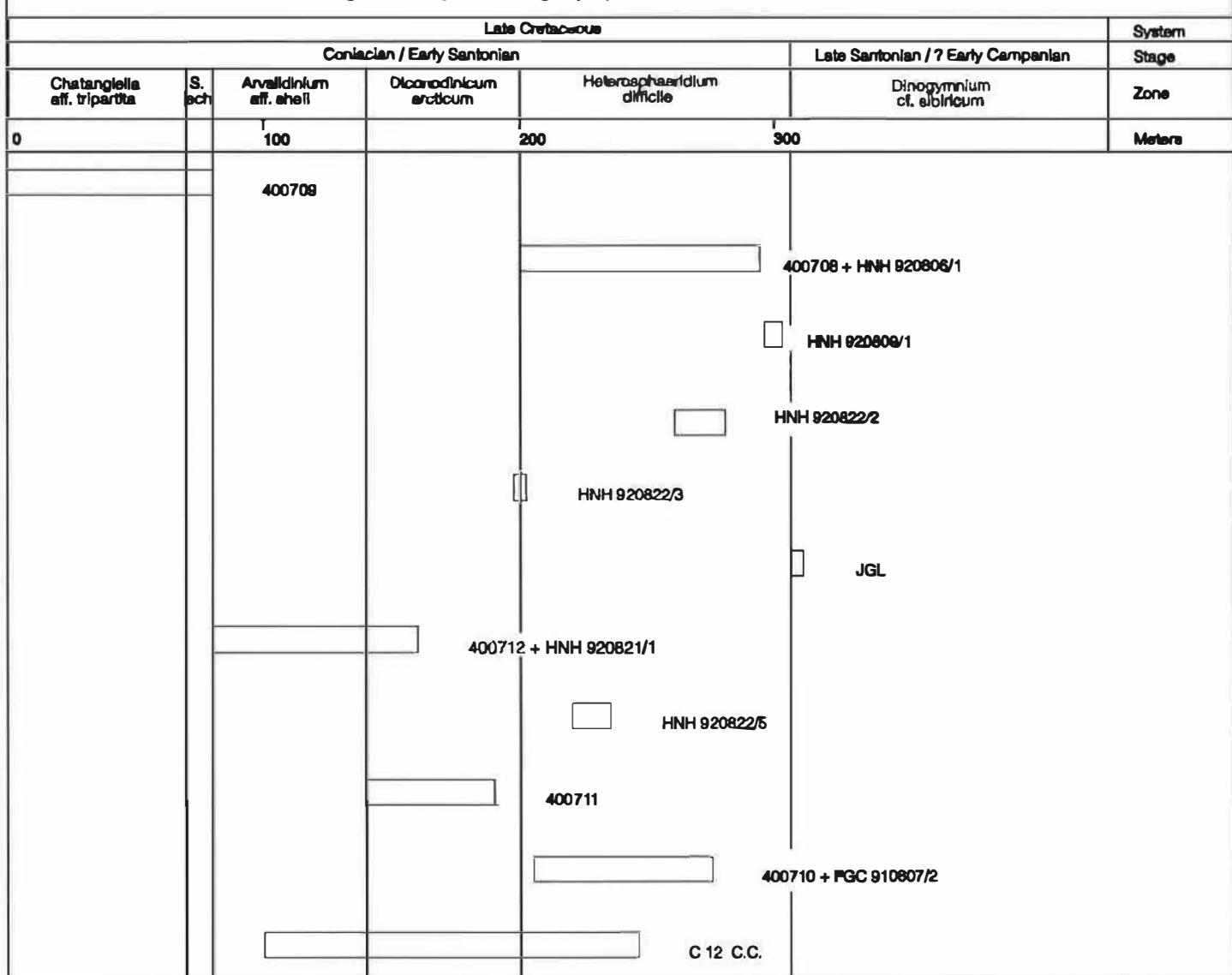


Fig. 2 Stratigraphical correlation of the sections that yielded dinoflagellate cysts.

Ammonite datings, Birkelund (1965), Svartehuk, West Greenland

The figure is a geological map of the Late Cretaceous period, specifically the Campanian stage. The map shows the location of the ammonite locality, which is indicated by two rectangular boxes. One box is located in the northern part of the map, and the other is in the southern part. Below these boxes, the text "The Ammonite locality" is written. To the left of the southern box, there is another rectangular box labeled "Store Tange V Kløft (Displaced)". Further down and to the right, another rectangular box is labeled "Lille Tange V Kløft (180-200m a.s.l.)". At the bottom center of the map, there is a large rectangular box labeled "Itsako". The map also features several place names and geological features, such as "Turonian", "Coniacian", "Santonian", and "Campanian", which are likely referring to different geological layers or stages.

Fig. 3. Previous ammonite datings obtained from Birkelund (1965)

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|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------|---|
| CONIAC / L. SANTON | | | | | | STAGE |
| C AFF TRIPARTITA | S. ECHINOI | A AFF SHEII | L ARCTICUM | H DIFFICILE | | ZONE |
| 0 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 |
| | | | | | | DEPTH |
| | | | | | REF: | LITHOLOGY |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | SAMPLES |
| 40070926 | | | | | | <i>Fromea fragilis</i> <i>Acritarch</i> sp. 1 HNH <i>Verychium</i> spp. <i>Fromea amphora</i> <i>Schizocystis</i> spp. <i>Isabelidinium cooksoniae</i> <i>Odontochitina operculata</i> <i>Isabelidinium</i> sp. 7 HNH <i>Chetangiella aff. tripartita</i> <i>Chlamydophorella</i> spp. <i>Pterodinium</i> spp. <i>Chetangiella verrucosa</i> <i>Dinopterygium</i> aff. <i>cladoides</i> <i>Scriniodinium</i> aff. <i>obscureum</i> <i>Cribroperidinium</i> aff. <i>intricatum</i> <i>Burculopheidium longifurcatum</i> <i>Florentinia</i> aff. <i>deensi</i> <i>Palaeohystrichophora infusorioridae</i> <i>Exochosphaeridium</i> spp. <i>Odontochitina striatoperforata</i> <i>Stiphrosphaeridium anthophorum</i> <i>Hystrichodinium pulchrum</i> <i>Heterosphaeridium difficile</i> <i>Circulodinium distinctum</i> <i>Palaeoperidinium pyrophorum</i> <i>Chetangiella granulifera</i> <i>Spiniferites</i> spp. <i>Trityrodinium</i> eff. <i>suspectum</i> <i>Senoniasphaera</i> eff. <i>protusa</i> <i>Isabelidinium</i> aff. <i>magnum</i> <i>Trigonopyxidea ginella</i> <i>Deinocystis plekta</i> <i>Spindinium?</i> sp. <i>Dinocyst</i> HNH sp. 10 <i>Oligosphaeridium pulcherrimum</i> <i>Xenacus</i> cf. <i>ceratoides</i> <i>Chorat</i> sp. 2 HNH <i>Coronifera oceanica</i> <i>Florentinia</i> eff. <i>mentellii</i> <i>Scriniodinium</i> eff. <i>europylum</i> <i>Wallodinium anglicum</i> <i>Chlamydophorella nyel</i> <i>Spindinium echinoideum</i> <i>Paroednia</i> spp. <i>Isabelidinium</i> sp. 12 HNH <i>Eurydinum</i> eff. <i>glomeratum</i> <i>Palaeoperidinium</i> <i>crestatum</i> <i>Arvalidinium</i> aff. <i>shadi</i> <i>Isabelidinium cooksoniae</i> <i>Oligosphaeridium</i> complex <i>Chorat</i> sp. 5 HNH <i>Trityrodinium</i> eff. <i>suspectum</i> <i>Chetangiella</i> eff. <i>ditissima</i> <i>Palaeotetredinium</i> <i>silicorum</i> <i>Oligosphaeridium</i> eff. <i>pulcherrimum</i> <i>Membranilnarcia?</i> spp. <i>Chlamydophorella</i> <i>trabeculosa</i> <i>Trityrodinium</i> sp. <i>ansli</i> <i>Chetangiella</i> eff. <i>spectabilis</i> <i>Achomospheera</i> aff. <i>seagene</i> <i>Dorocyste</i> <i>litotes</i> <i>Microdinum</i> spp. <i>Scriniodinium</i> spp. "Tenuis" spp. <i>Vesperopsis?</i> sp. <i>Stephodinium?</i> sp. <i>Xiphophoridium</i> eff. <i>elatum</i> <i>Chetangiella</i> sp. A HNH |
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| L. ARCTICUM | | Z O N E | |
| 50 | | 0 | D E P T H |
| | | REF: | L I T H O L O G Y |
| S A M P L E S | | | |
| -4007114 | 1 | | Acritarch sp. 1 HNH |
| -4007110 | 1 | | Fromea amphora |
| -4007112 | 1 | | Fromea fragilis |
| -4007115 | 1 | | Verychecium spp. |
| -4007118 | 1 | | Schizocystis spp. |
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| -4007114 | 1 | | Trithyrodinium sp. small |
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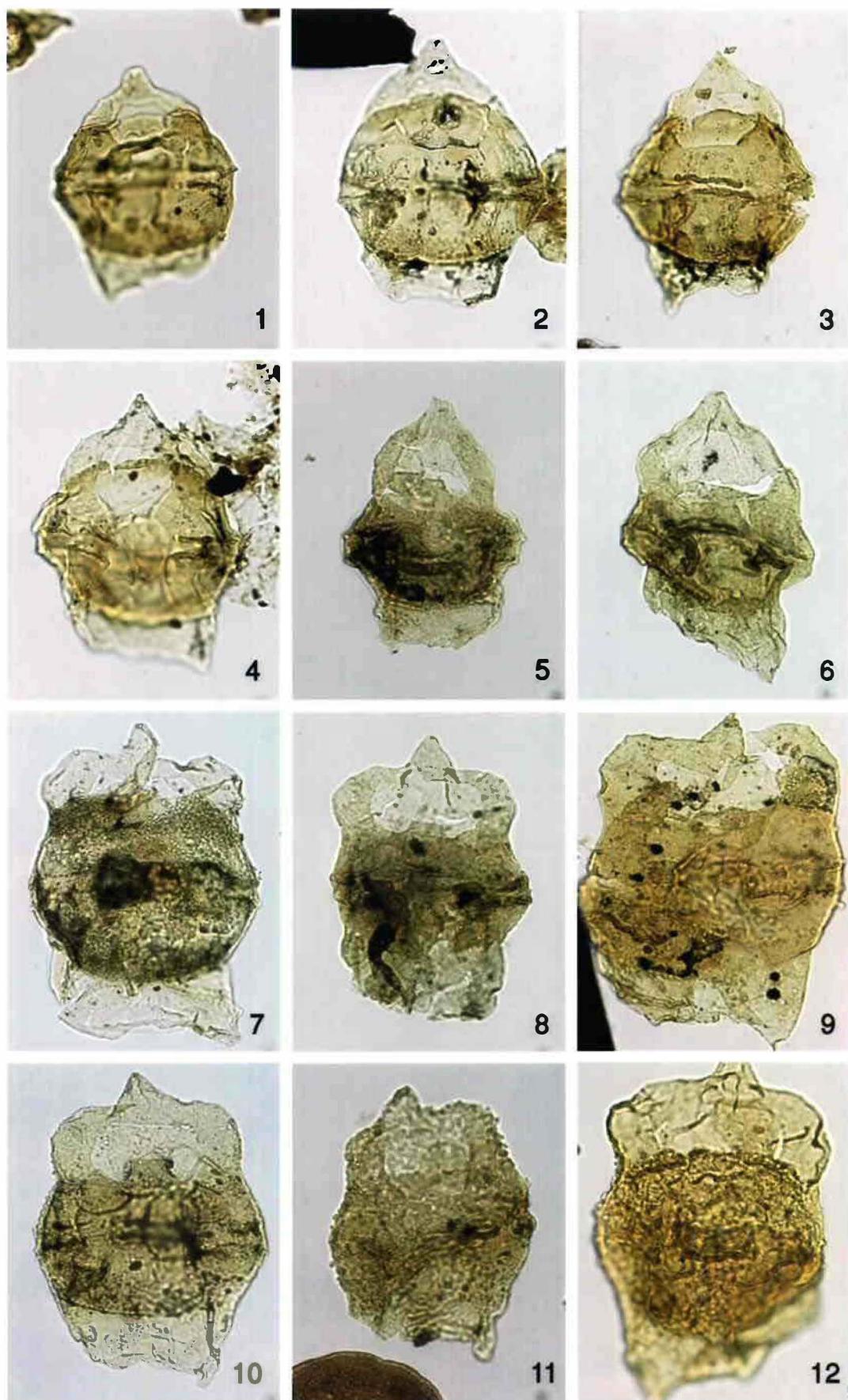
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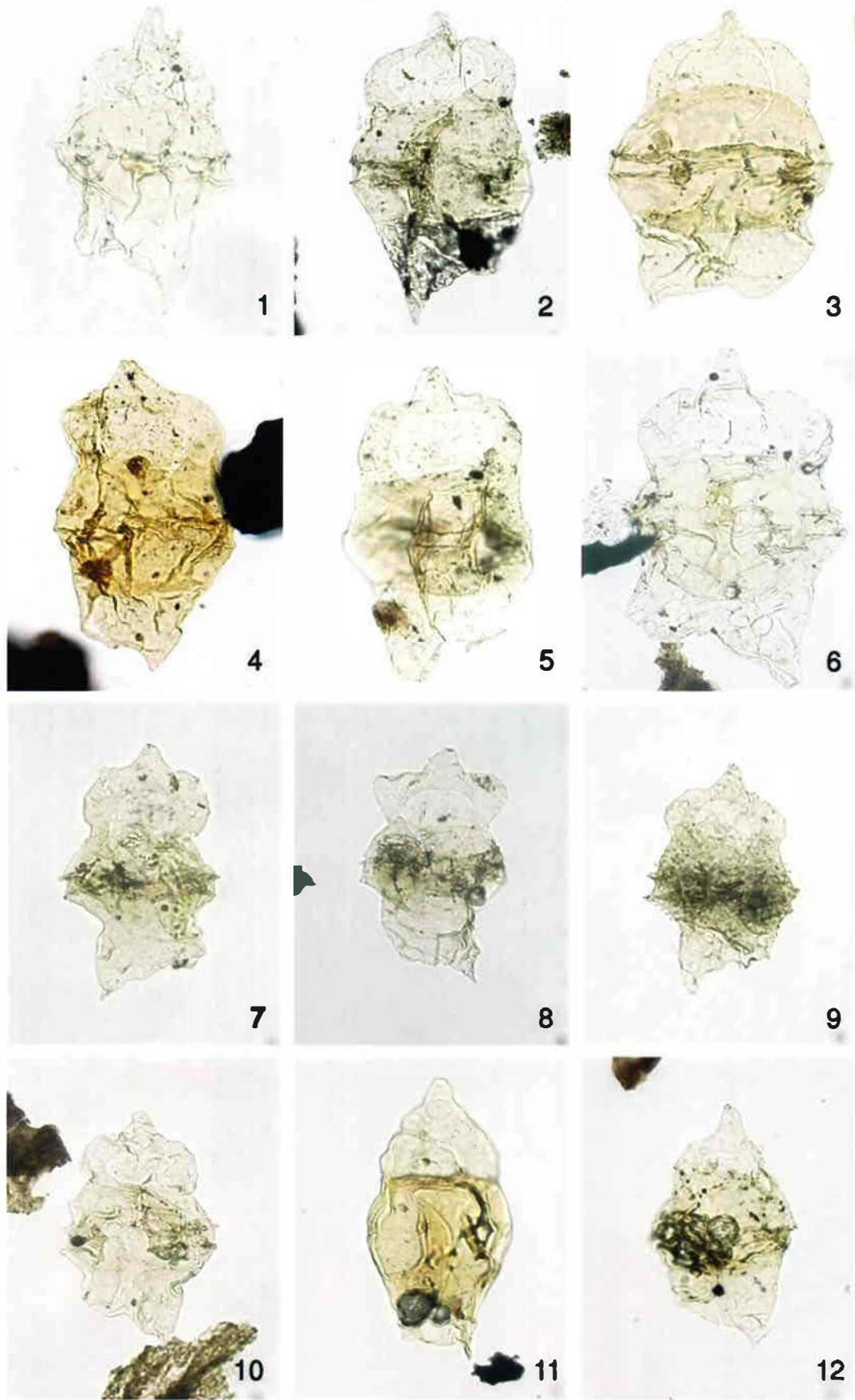
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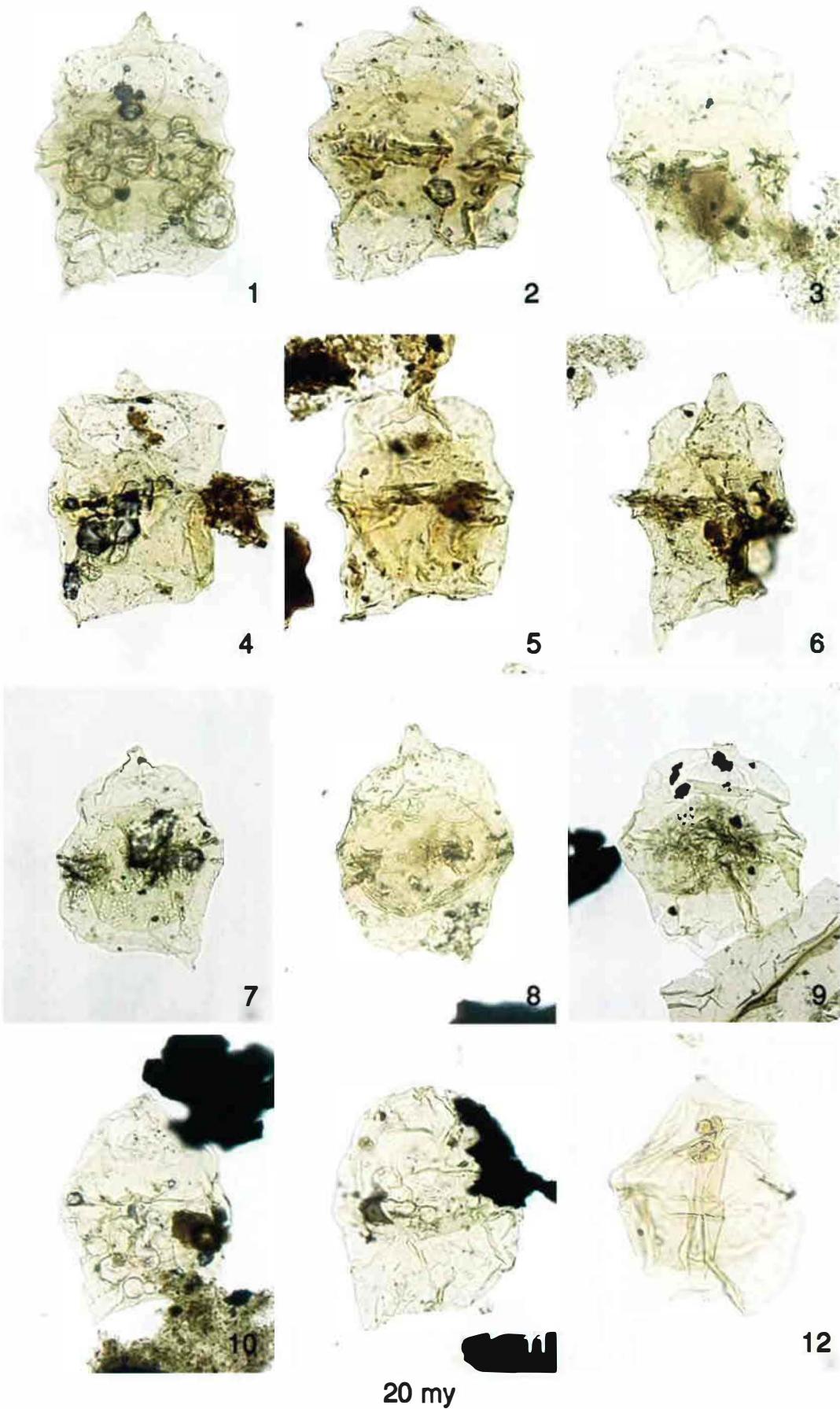


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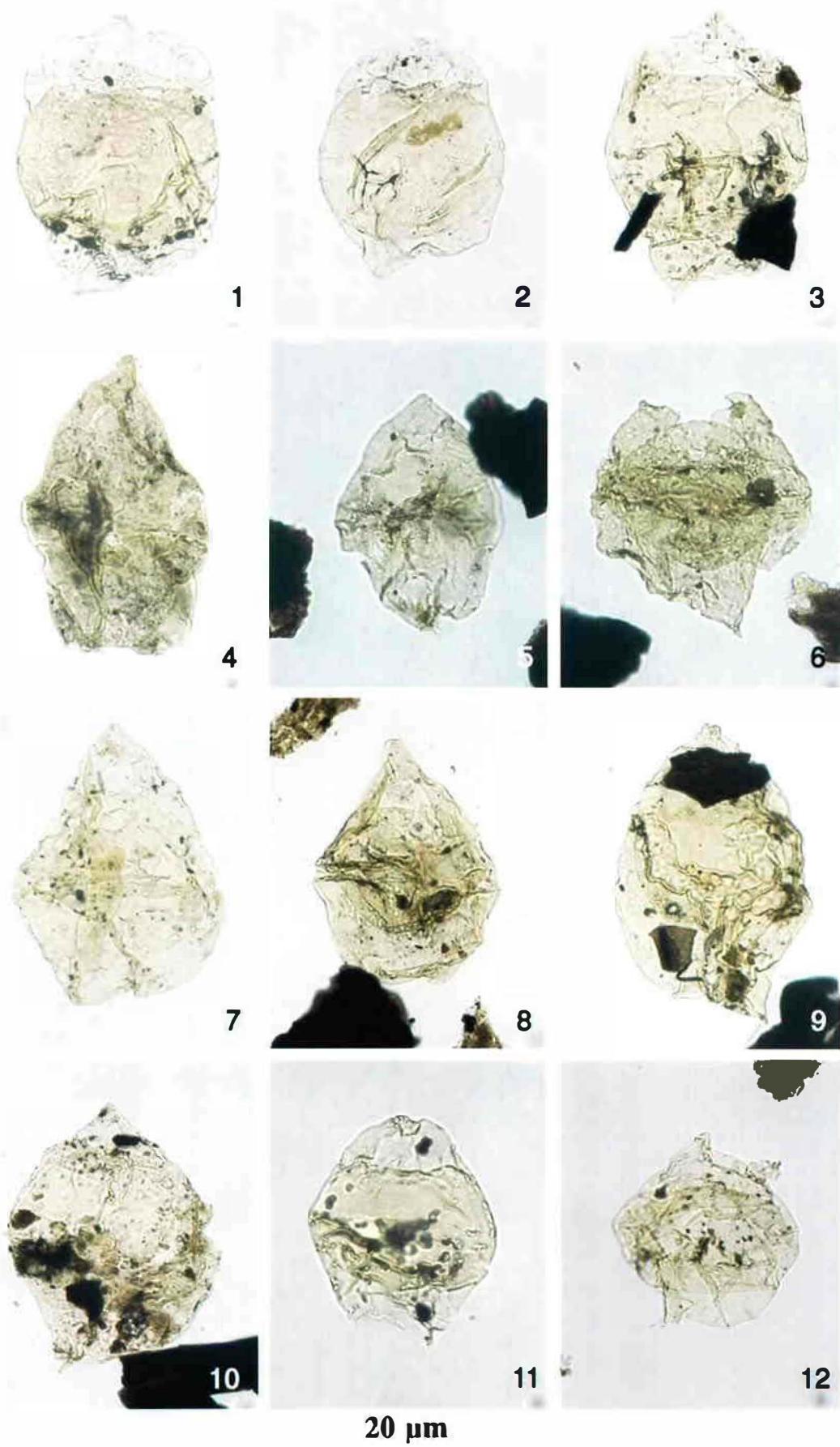
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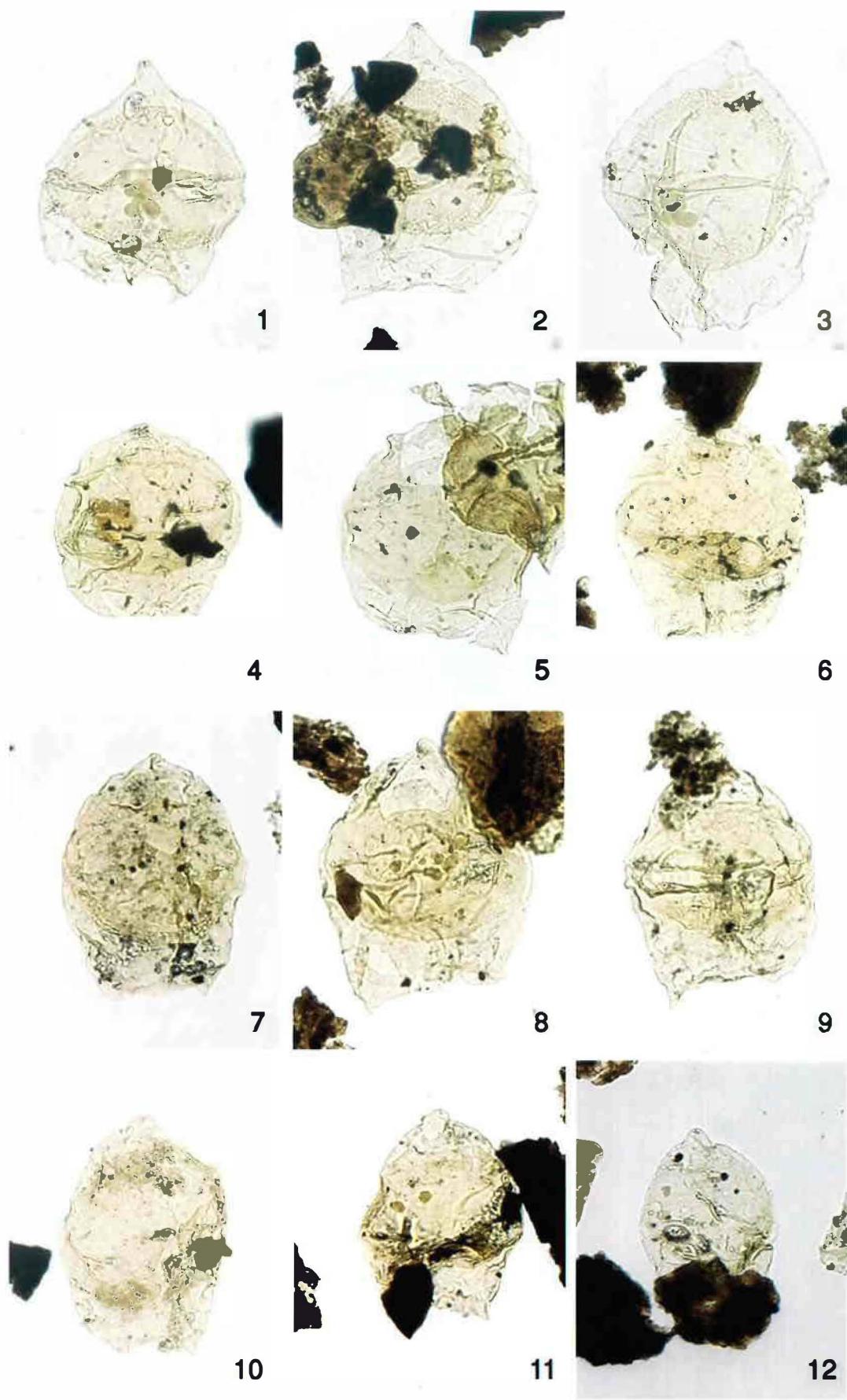
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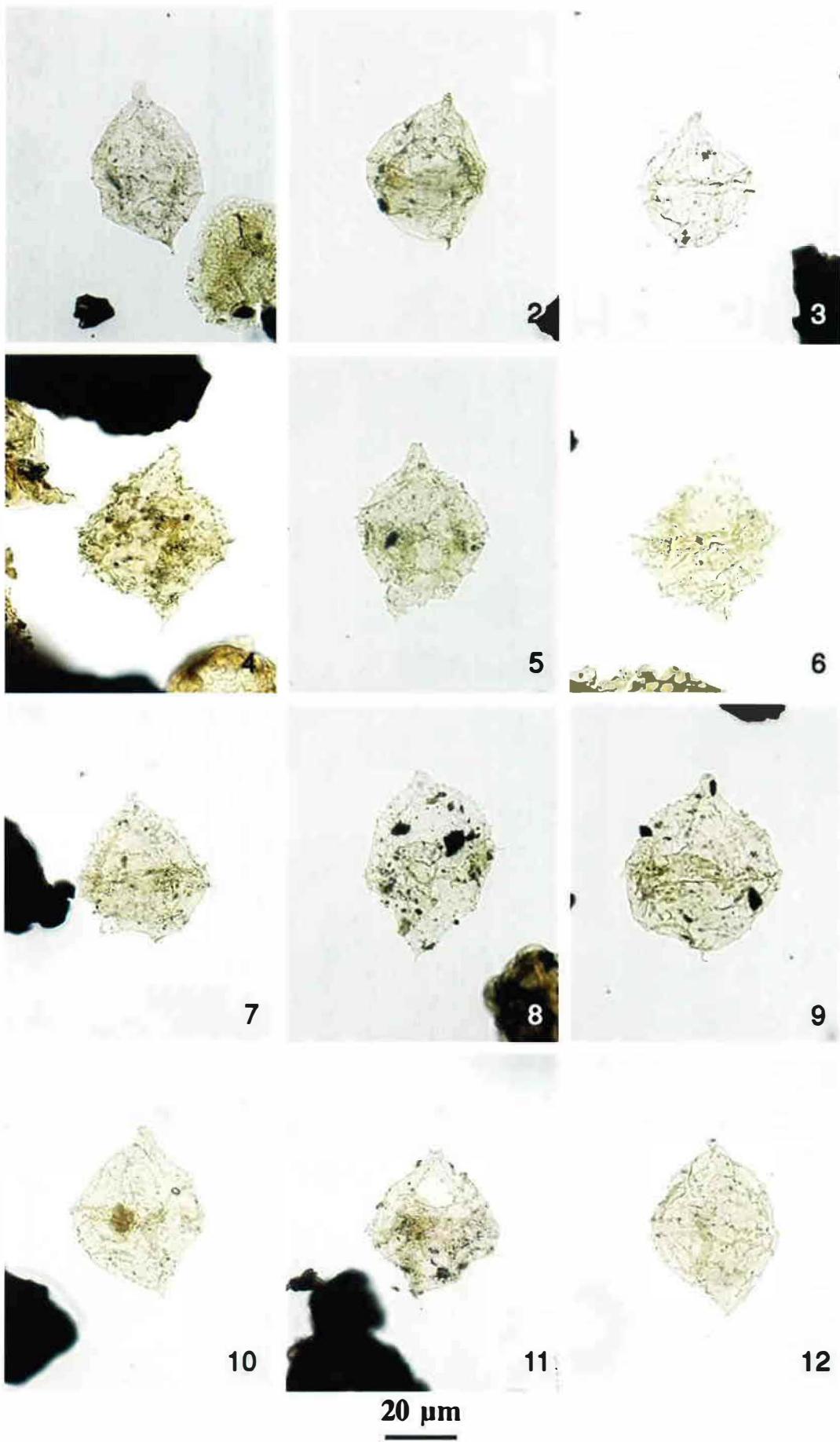


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Fig. 1. *Cribroperidinium* aff. *intricatum*, GGU 400709-24-3; 52.4-107.6; LVR 1.762; MI 439

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Fig. 3. *Cribroperidinium* sp., GGU 400711-8-4; 34.8-112.5; LVR 1.1464; MI 944

Fig. 4. *Dinopterygium* aff. *cladoides*, GGU 400709-26-3; 49.4-101.0; LVR 1.738; MI 417

Fig. 5. *Dinopterygium* aff. *cladoides*, GGU 400709-24-3; 30.5-108.7; LVR 1.760; MI 437

Fig. 6. *Dinopterygium* aff.? *cladoides*, GGU 400711-8-4; 50.8-95.6; LVR 1.1472; MI 951

Fig. 7. *Palaeohystrichodinium infusoroides*, GGU 400709-24-3; 30.6-99.0; LVR 1.750; MI 427

Fig. 8. *Endoscrinium campanula*, GGU 402664-8, 400712; 26.0-105.8; LVR 1.1620; MI 1079

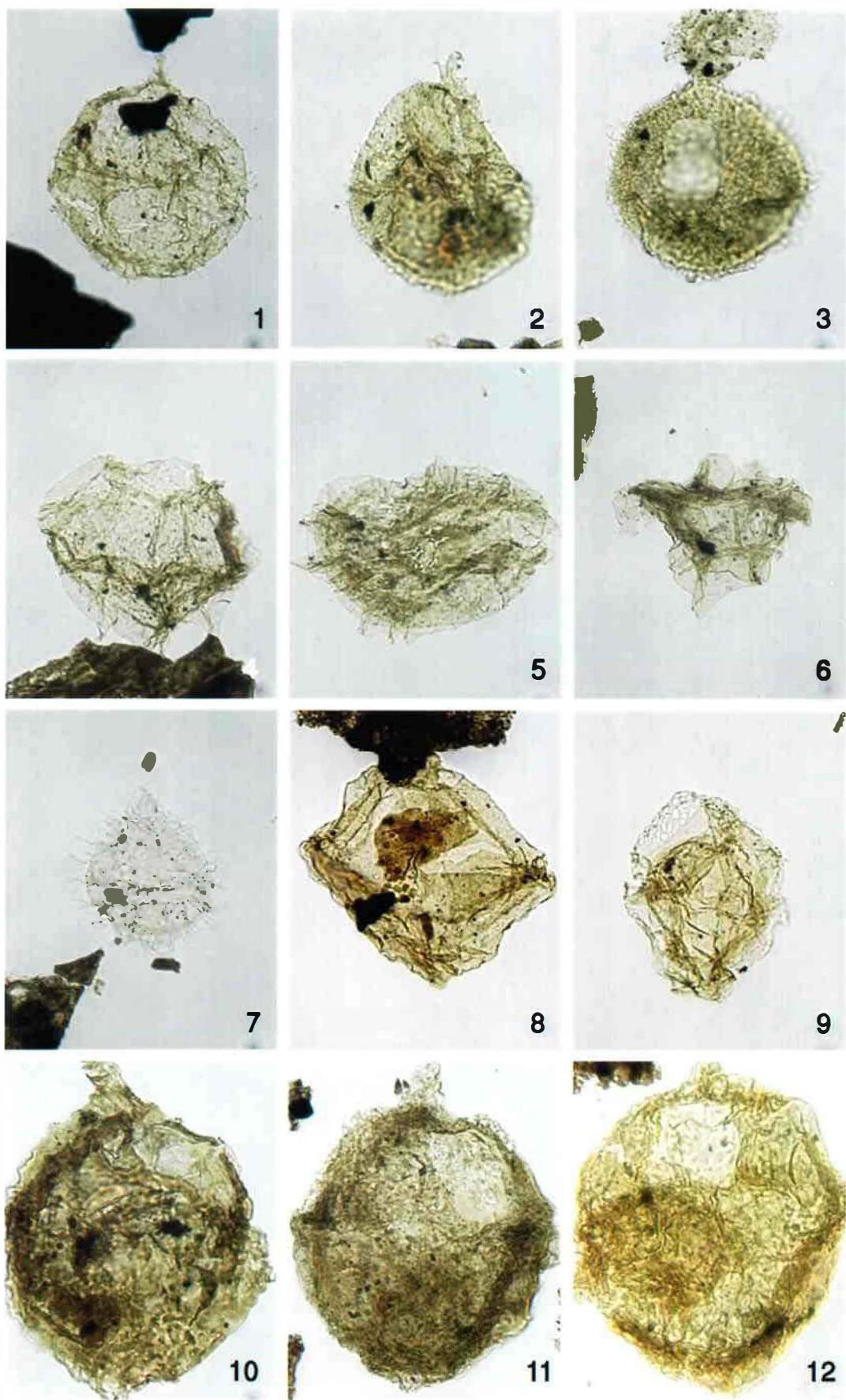
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Fig. 11. *Scriniodinium?* aff. *obscurum*, GGU 400712-15-4; 40.0-104.5; LVR 1.1678; MI 1136

Fig. 12. *Scriniodinium?* aff. *obscurum*, GGU 400712-26-3; 32.0-109.0; LVR 1.2204; MI 1566

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Fig. 1. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400709-10-4, 42.8-107.3; LVR 1.1151; MI 669

Fig. 2. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400711-14-4, 41.2-99.9; LVR 1.1325; MI 828

Fig. 3. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400711-8-4, 47.9-108.0; LVR 1.1463; MI 943

Fig. 4. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400712-17-4, 35.6-94.5; LVR 1.1715; MI 1171

Fig. 5. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400712-23-3 42.8-107.3; LVR 1.1738; MI 1194

Fig. 6. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400712-25-4, 31.1-111.9; LVR 1.1800; MI 1253

Fig. 7. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400712-11-7, 30.6-105.7; LVR 1.1870; MI 1320

Fig. 8. *Odonthochitina striatoperforata*, GGU 400709-20-3, 54.4-110.0; LVR 1.794; MI 469

Fig. 9. *Xenascus aff. perforatus*, GGU 400711-6-4, 49.5-109.0; LVR 1.1481; MI 959

Fig. 10. *Xenascus aff. perforatus*, GGU 400711-12-3, 47.8-109.7; LVR 1.1376; MI 869

Fig. 11. *Xenascus aff. perforatus*, GGU 400711-12-3, 56.2-101.9; LVR 1.1377; MI 870

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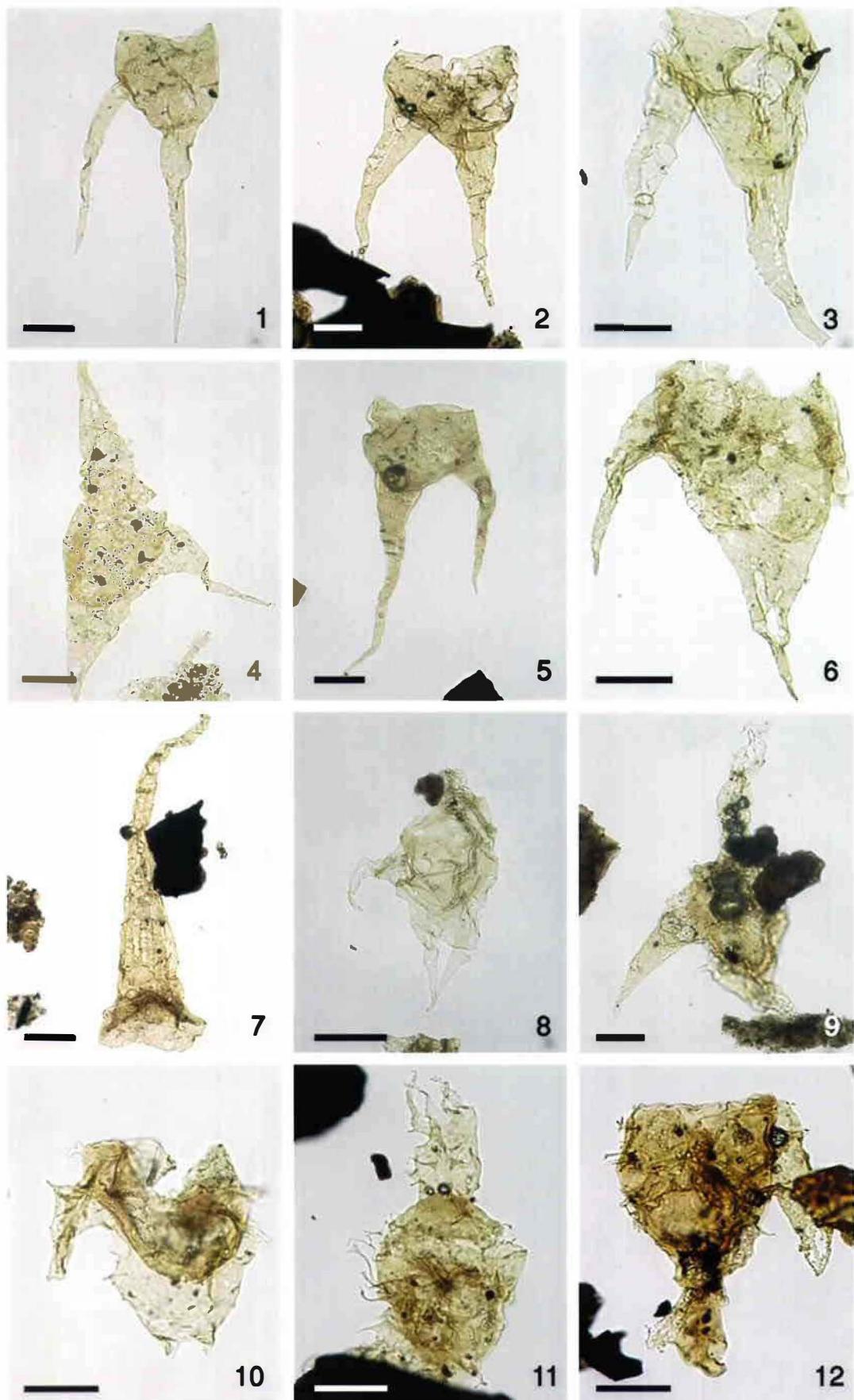


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Fig. 1. *Microdinium reticulatum* 402664-9, 400712; 48.3-110.3; LVR 1.1293; MI 799

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Fig. 3. *Microdinium?* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400711-12-4; 46.0-110.5; LVR 1.1392; MI 881

Fig. 4. *Microdinium?* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400710-15-4; 47.4-95.1; LVR 1.1527; MI 999

Fig. 5. *Microdinium?* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400712-16-4; 36.2-104.8; LVR 1.1703; MI 1159

Fig. 6. *Microdinium?* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400712-16-4; 53.8-104.2; LVR 1.1704; MI 1160

Fig. 7. *Microdinium?* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 38.0-93.1; LVR 1.1812; MI 1264

Fig. 8. *Microdinium?* sp. 2 HNH, GGU 400708-20-6; 44.5-111.7; LVR 1.1293; MI 799

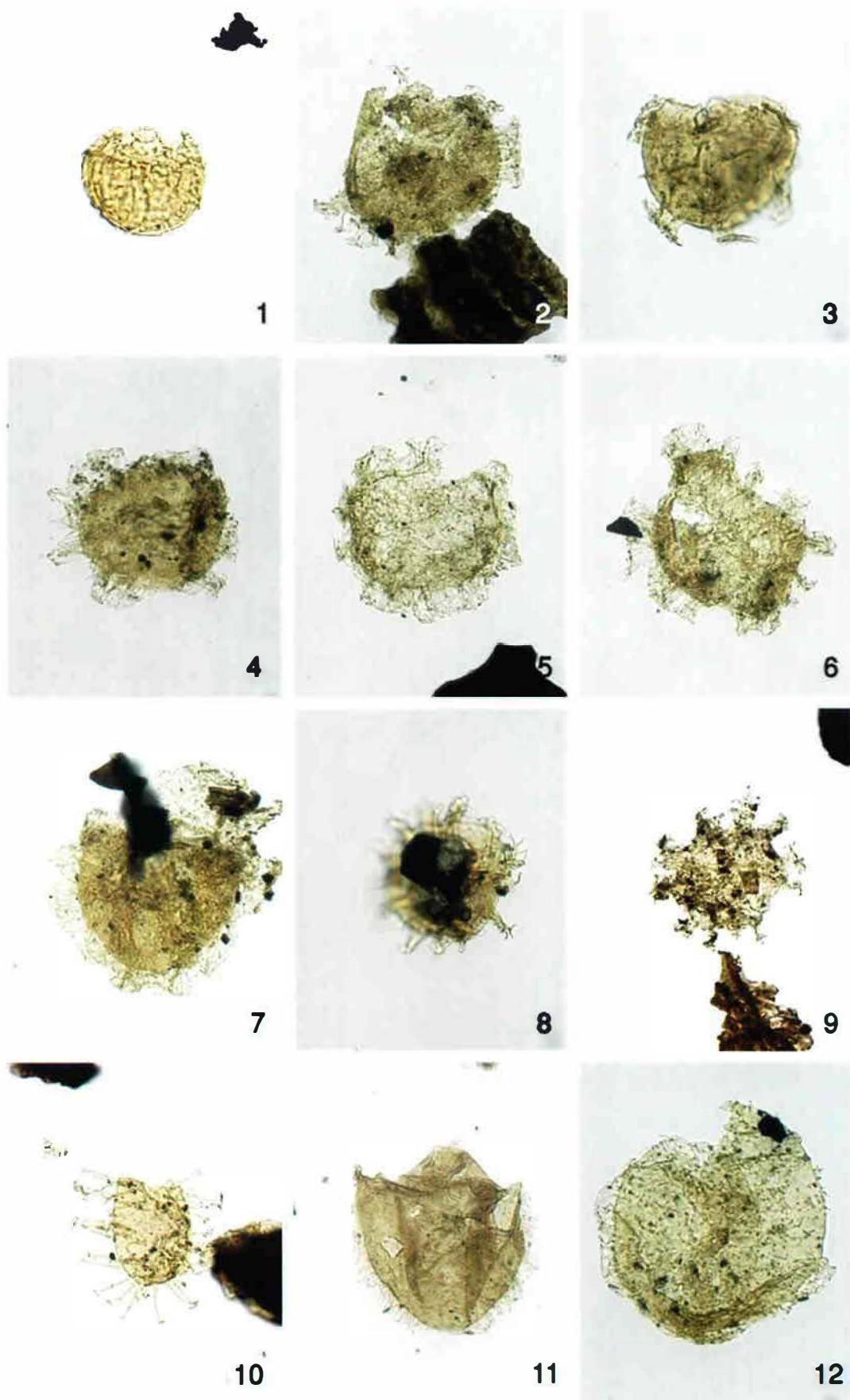
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Fig. 11. *Trithyrodinium?* sp. 2 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4, 28.8-104.0; LVR 1.1799; MI 1252

Fig. 12. *Trithyrodinium?* sp. HNH, GGU 400711-6-7, 30.7-103.7; LVR 1.1505; MI 982

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Fig. 1. *Trithyrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, GGU 402680-7, HNH920822/5; 46.9-107.3; LVR 1.1221; MI 739

Fig. 2. *Trithyrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, GGU 400712-23-3; 31.5-100.6; LVR 1.1750; MI 1205

Fig. 3. *Trithyrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, GGU 400712-24-3; 37.6-95.8; LVR 1.1785; MI 1238

Fig. 4. *Trithyrodinium* aff. *suspectum*, GGU 251506-5, JGL; 32.3-102.8; LVR 1.695; MI 379

Fig. 5. *Trithyrodinium?* sp., GGU 400712-15-4; 41.8-96.0; LVR 1.1680; MI 1137

Fig. 6. *Trithyrodinium?* sp., GGU 400712-26-4; 24.8-93.7; LVR 1.1840; MI 1290

Fig. 7. *Trithyrodinium?* sp., GGU 400709-24-3; 36.9-104.5; LVR 1.752; MI 429

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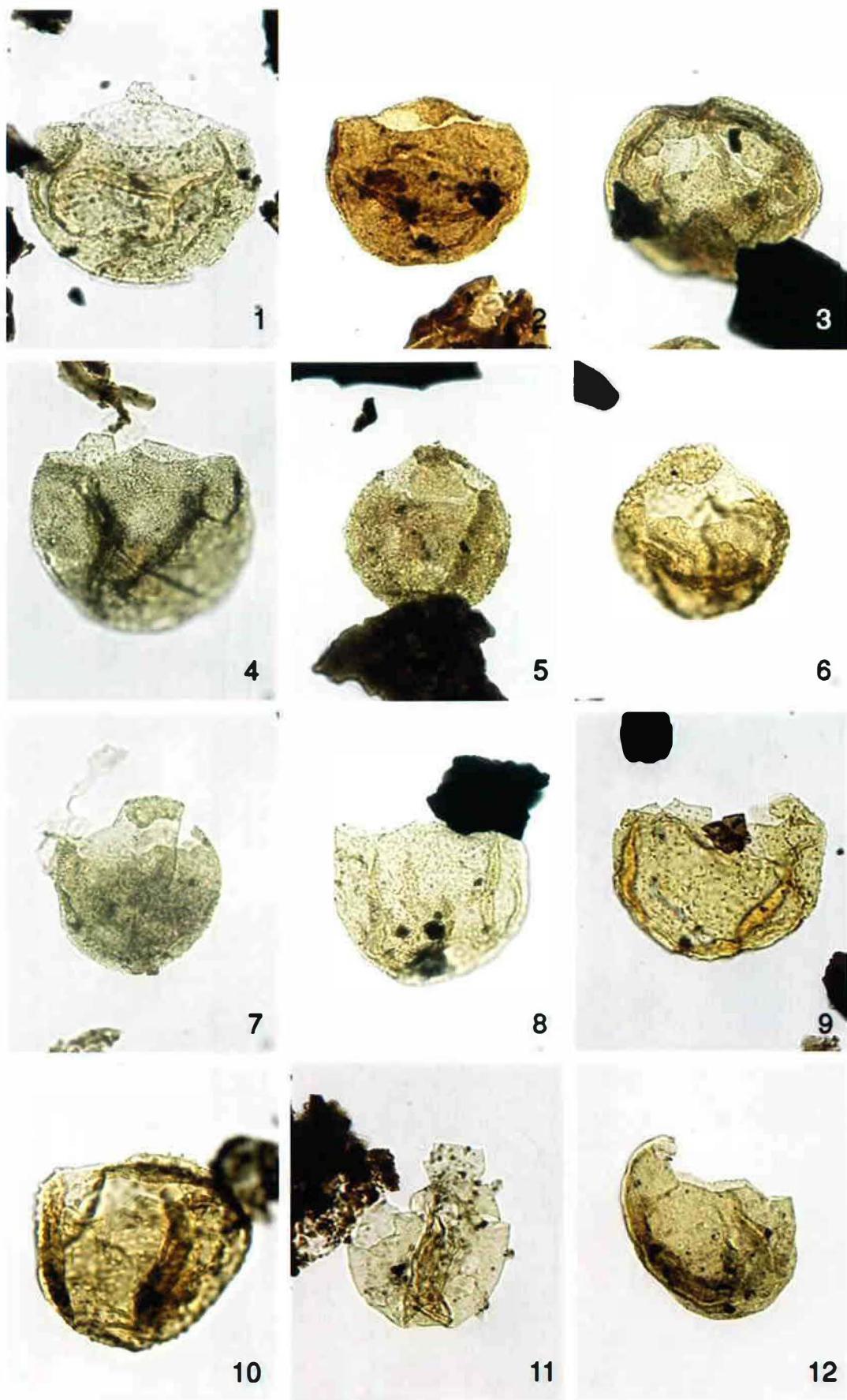
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Fig. 12. *Trithyrodinium?* sp., GGU 400712-14-4; 39.9-96.4; LVR 1.650; MI 1108

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Fig. 1. *Achromosphaera?* sp. 400709-20-3, 28.0-96.4; LVR 1.793; MI 468

Fig. 2. *Achromosphaera aff. sagena*, GGU 402673-4, HNH920822/3; 24.3-109.7; LVR 1670; MI 354

Fig. 3. *Oligosphaeridium complex*, GGU 400712-23-3, 32.4-101.7; LVR 1.1747; MI 1203

Fig. 4. *Oligosphaeridium aff. complex*, GGU 400711-12-4, 46.0-97.5; LVR 1.1407; MI 894

Fig. 5. *Oligosphaeridium aff. pulcherrimum*, GGU 400709-14-5, 41.2-106.0; LVR 1.831; MI 504

Fig. 6. *Oligosphaeridium aff. pulcherrimum*, GGU 400711-10-4, 44.8-111.9; LVR 1.1444; MI 926

Fig. 7. *Stiphrosphaeridium aff. anthophorum*, GGU 400711-12-4 44.3-106.4; LVR 1.1404; MI 892

Fig. 8. *Stiphrosphaeridium aff. anthophorum*, GGU 400712-26-4 37.3-106.9; LVR 1.1835; MI 1285

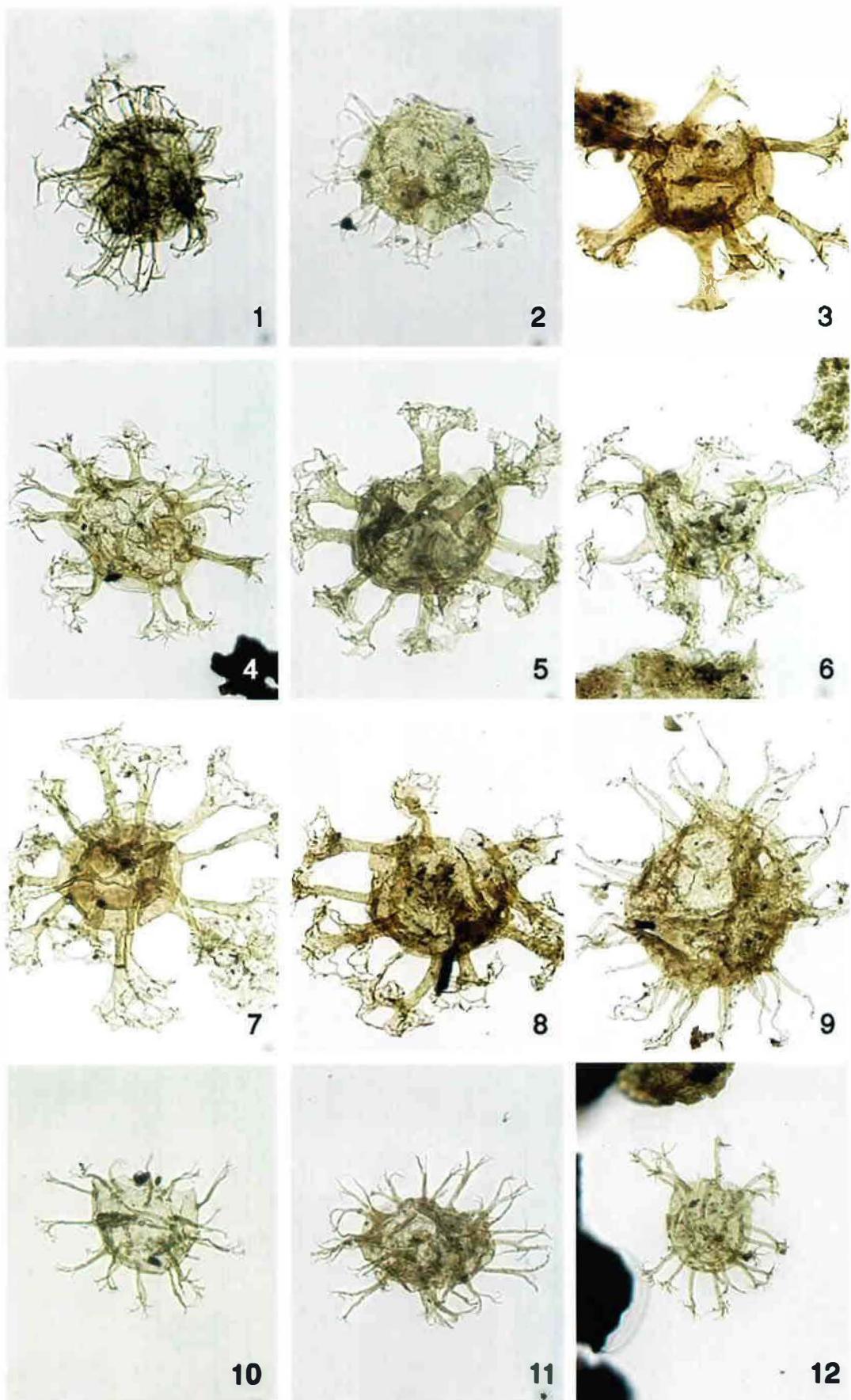
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Fig. 11. *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum*, GGU 400709-18-3, 24.6-106.4; LVR 1.810; MI 484

Fig. 12. *Surculosphaeridium? longifurcatum*, GGU 400712-23-4, 26.0-97.0; LVR 1.1737; MI 1193

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Fig. 1. *Florentinia* aff. *mantellii*, GGU 400709-24-3; 29.1-96.8; LVR 1.757; MI 434

Fig. 2. *Florentinia* aff. *mantellii*, GGU 400709-16-4; 37.8-99.5; LVR 1.828; MI 501

Fig. 3. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 400712-17-4; 35.3-101.5; LVR 1.1720; MI 1176

Fig. 4. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 400712-26-5; 42.9-108.2; LVR 1.2203; MI 1565

Fig. 5. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 400712-25-5; 42.9-105.9; LVR 1.2208; MI 1570

Fig. 6. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 400712-15-4; 51.0-109.3; LVR 1.1684; MI 1141

Fig. 7. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 402664-10, 400712; 37.3-109.0; LVR 1.1628;
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Fig. 8. *Florentinia* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400711-14-3; 24.1-112.2; LVR 1.1345; MI 846

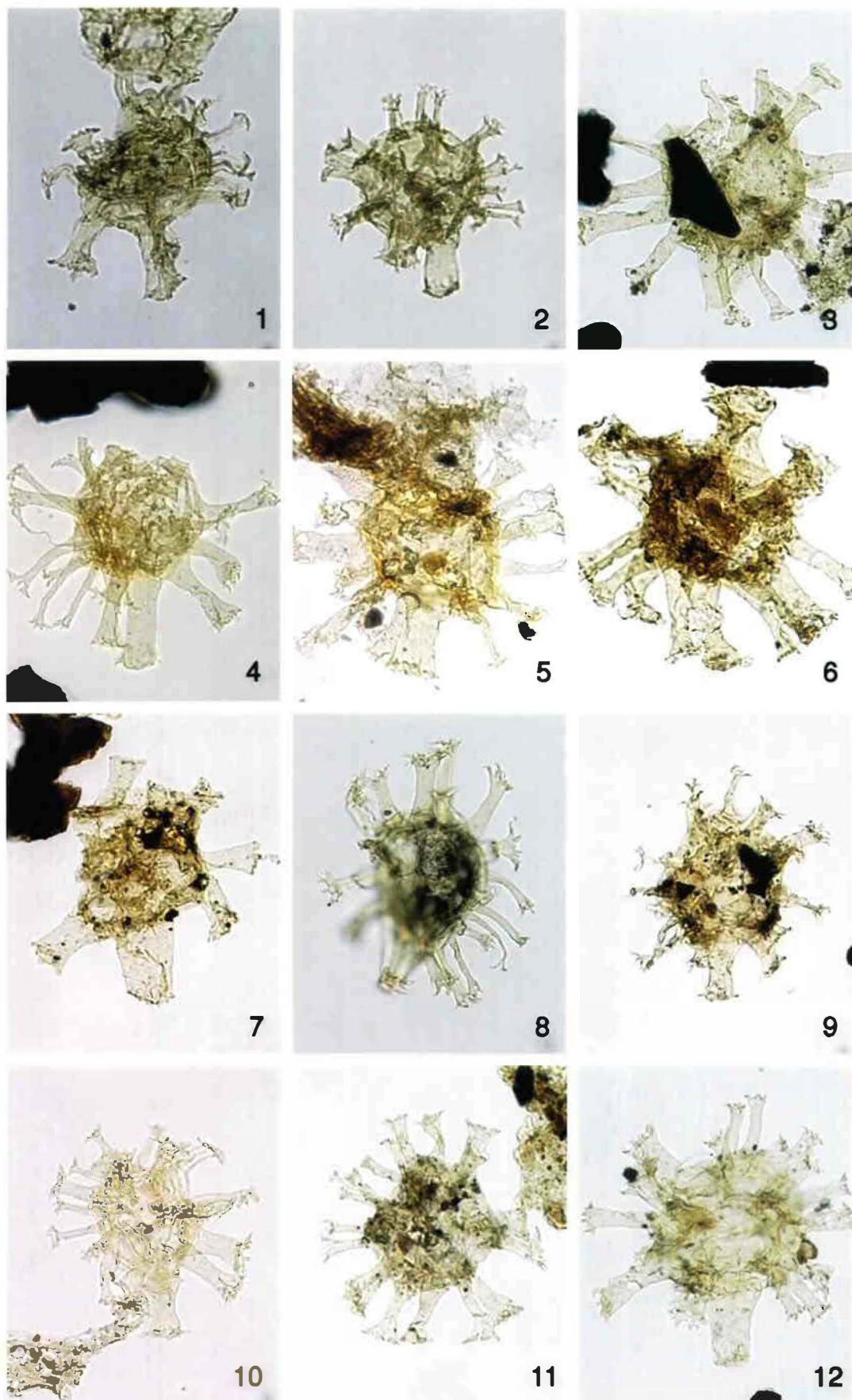
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Fig. 11. *Florentinia* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400711-12-3; 37.1-97.0; LVR 1.1402; MI 889

Fig. 12. *Florentinia* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400711-12-7; 24.1-102.6; LVR 1.2780; MI 2067

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Fig. 2. *Florentinia* aff. *deanei*, GGU 400711-8-8; 47.0-92.9; LVR 1.2787; MI 2074

Fig. 3. *Florentinia* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400711-8-8; 37.0-109.2; LVR 1.2788; MI 2075

Fig. 4. *Florentinia?* sp. HNH, GGU 400711-12-8; 48.4-96.5; LVR 1.2784; MI 2071

Fig. 5. *Florentinia?* sp. HNH, GGU 400711-12-8; 23.0-102.5; LVR 1.2782; MI 2069

Fig. 6. *Florentinia?* sp. HNH, GGU 400711-12-8; 25.1-109.6; LVR 1.2783; MI 2070

Fig. 7. *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, GGU 400711-14-4; 28.3-104.2; LVR 1.1319; MI 822

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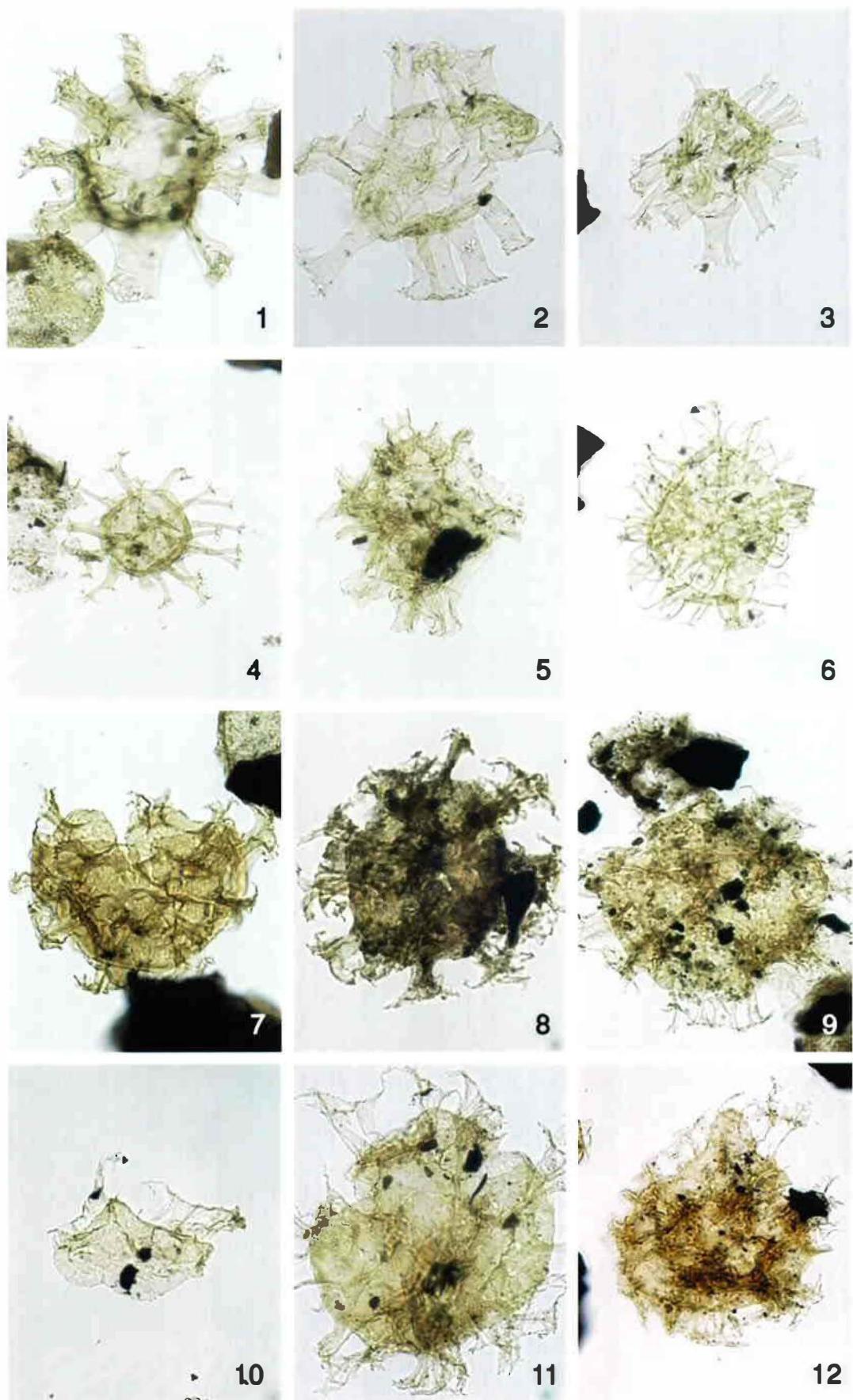
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Fig. 11. *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, GGU 400710-15-7; 25.1-98.7; LVR 1.1522; MI 995

Fig. 12. *Heterosphaeridium difficile*, GGU 400712-26-4; 48.1-106.2; LVR 1.1842; MI 1292

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Fig. 1. *Chlamydophorella?* aff. *grossa*, GGU 400712-25-4; 44.1-107.0; LVR 1.1803; MI 1256

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Fig. 3. *Chlamydophorella* sp. 3 HNH, GGU 400711-12-4; 33.7-107.4; LVR 1.1371; MI 866

Fig. 4. *Chlamydophorella* sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 20.4-112.5; LVR 1.1801; MI 1254

Fig. 5. *Chlamydophorella* sp. 6 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 21.9-94.8 LVR 1.1802; MI 1255

Fig. 6. *Chlamydophorella nyei*, GGU 402680-4, HNH920822/5; 32.3.1-112.0; LVR 1.1199; MI 717

Fig. 7. *Exochosphaeridium* sp. 2 HNH, GGU 400711-10-4; 48.6-99.9 LVR 1.1435; MI 918

Fig. 8. *Exochosphaeridium* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400710-15-7; 30.7-107.7 LVR 1.1530; MI 1002

Fig. 9. *Exochosphaeridium* sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400712-17-4; 53.1-108.0 LVR 1.1724; MI 1180

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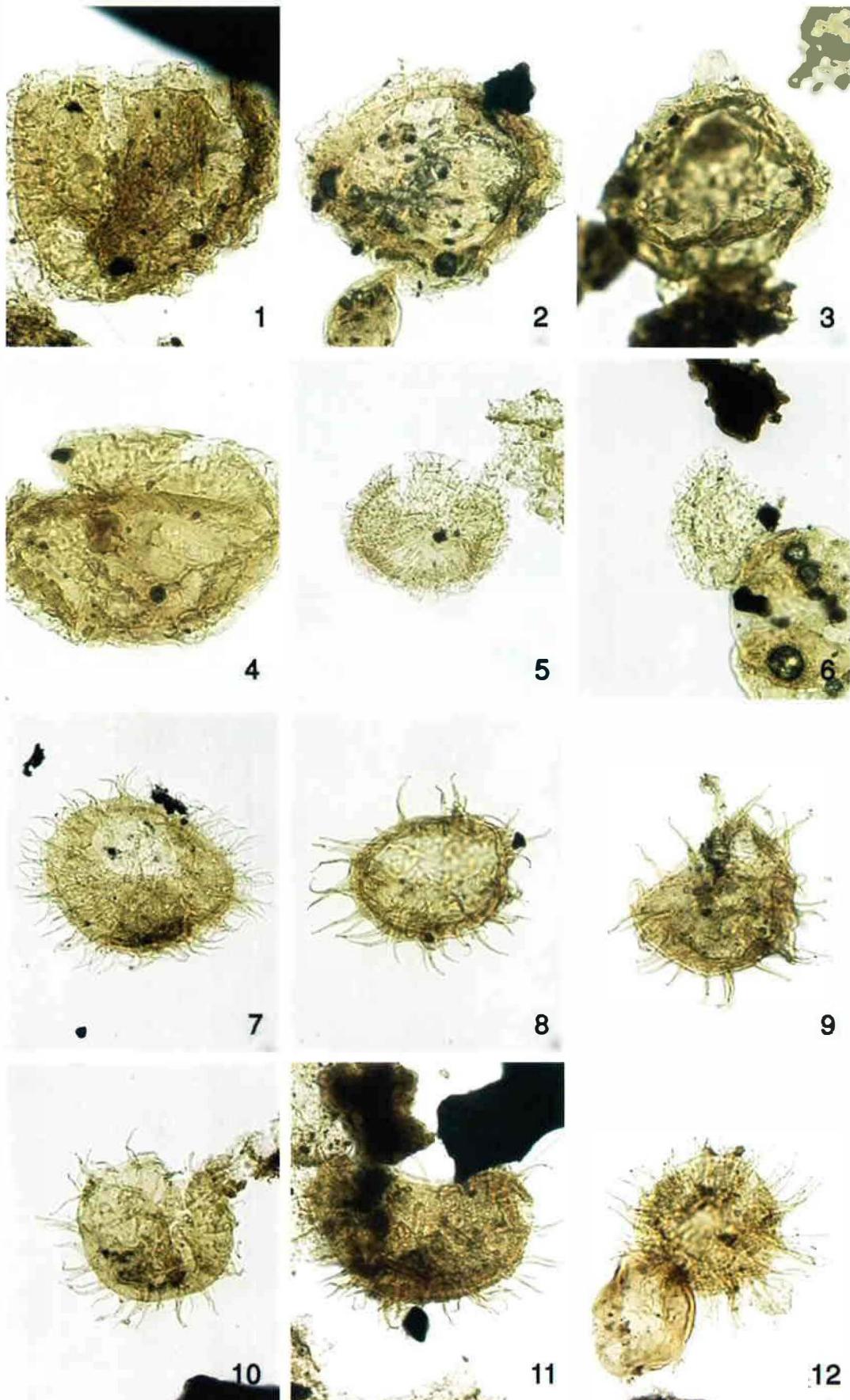


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Fig. 1. *Chlamydophorella?* sp. 4 HNH, GGU 400712-14-4; 48.2-105.7; LVR 1.1635; MI 1093

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Fig. 3. Dinocyst sp. 3 HNH, GGU 400708-12-5; 25.2 103.1; LVR 1.1310; MI 813

Fig. 4. Dinocyst sp. 2 HNH, GGU 402601-4, HNH920806/1; 33.8 95.8; LVR 1.1165; MI 684

Fig. 5. Dinocyst sp. 9 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 51.4 100.7; LVR 1.1820; MI 1271

Fig. 6. *Spiniferites* sp., GGU 402680-4, HNH920822/5; 53.0-106.0; LVR 1.1196; MI 714

Fig. 7. Chorat sp. 15 HNH, GGU 400711-6-7; 30.5 97.7; LVR 1.1503; MI 980

Fig. 8. Chorat sp. 2 HNH, GGU 400709-18-4; 34.4 98.0; LVR 1.817; MI 490

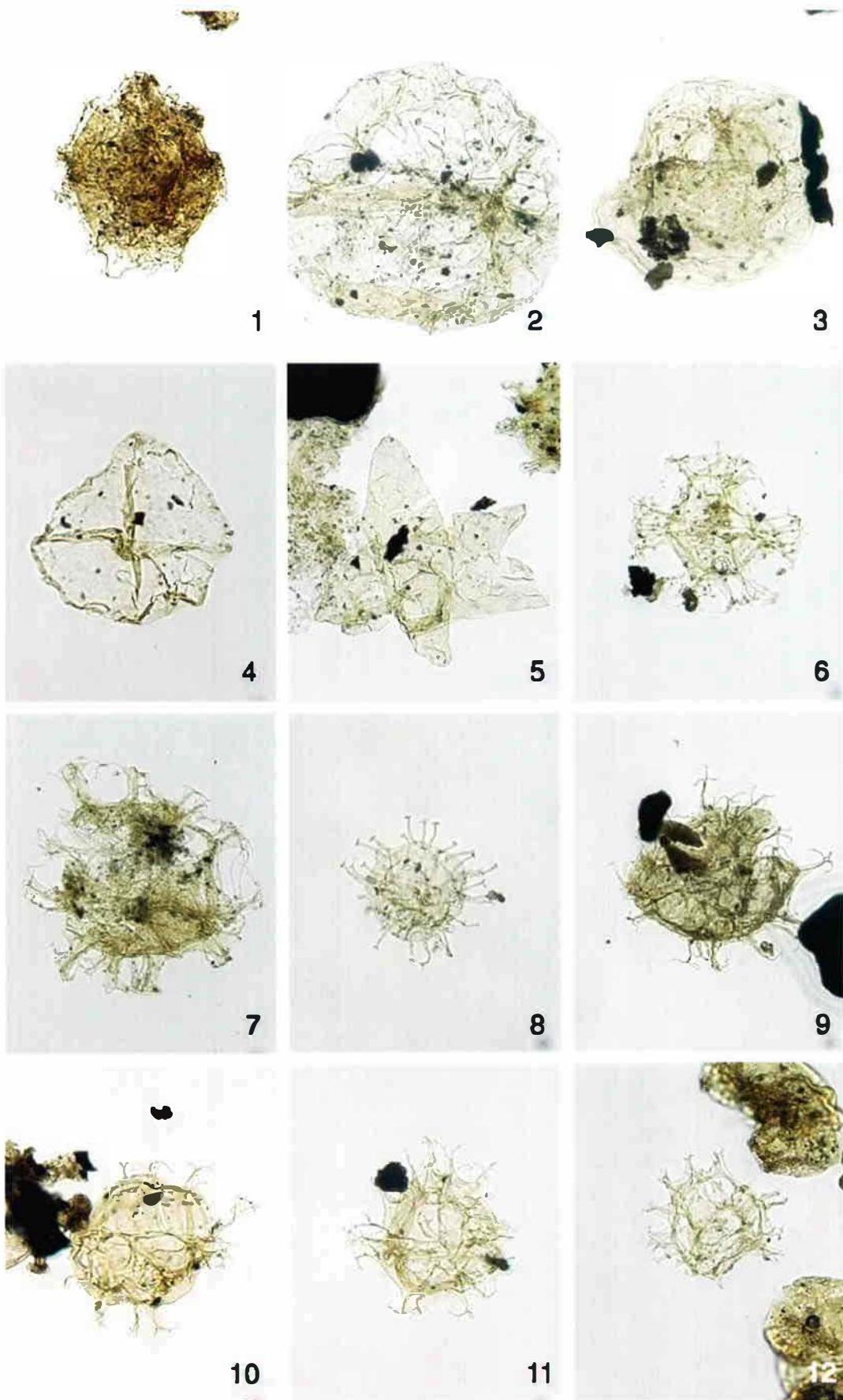
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Fig. 11. Chorat sp. 4 HNH, GGU 402610-4, HNH920806/1; 46.8-101.7; LVR 1.1171; MI 689

Fig. 12. Chorat sp. 4 HNH, GGU 402664-4, 400712; 51.5-107.3; LVR 1.1609; MI 1068

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Fig. 1. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 402678-7, HNH920822/5; 52.8-94.8; LVR 1.1181; MI 699

Fig. 2. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 402625-7, HNH920809/1; 27.9-107.3; LVR 1.1230; MI 747

Fig. 3. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 402628-4, HNH920809/1; 23.2-109.9; LVR 1.1239; MI 756

Fig. 4. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400708-20-3; 25.4-100.8; LVR 1.1282; MI 788

Fig. 5. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 402664-9, 400712; 49.4-112.6; LVR 1.1625; MI 1084

Fig. 6. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400712-23-3; 47.6-110.0; LVR 1.1757; MI 1211

Fig. 7. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400712-24-3; 24.4-111.7; LVR 1.1773; MI 1226

Fig. 8. Chorat sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 17.1-111.4; LVR 1.1798; MI 1251

Fig. 9. Chorat sp. 7 HNH, GGU 402615-8, HNH920806/1; 40.4-94.9; LVR 1.1178; MI 696

Fig. 10. Chorat sp. 8 HNH, GGU 402680-7, HNH920822/5; 21.0-109.6; LVR 1.1214; MI 732

Fig. 11. Chorat sp. 9 HNH, GGU 402680-7, HNH920822/5; 28.0-96.3; LVR 1.1217; MI 735

Fig. 12. Chorat sp. 11 HNH, GGU 400711-12-4; 51.7-95.0; LVR 1.1406; MI 893

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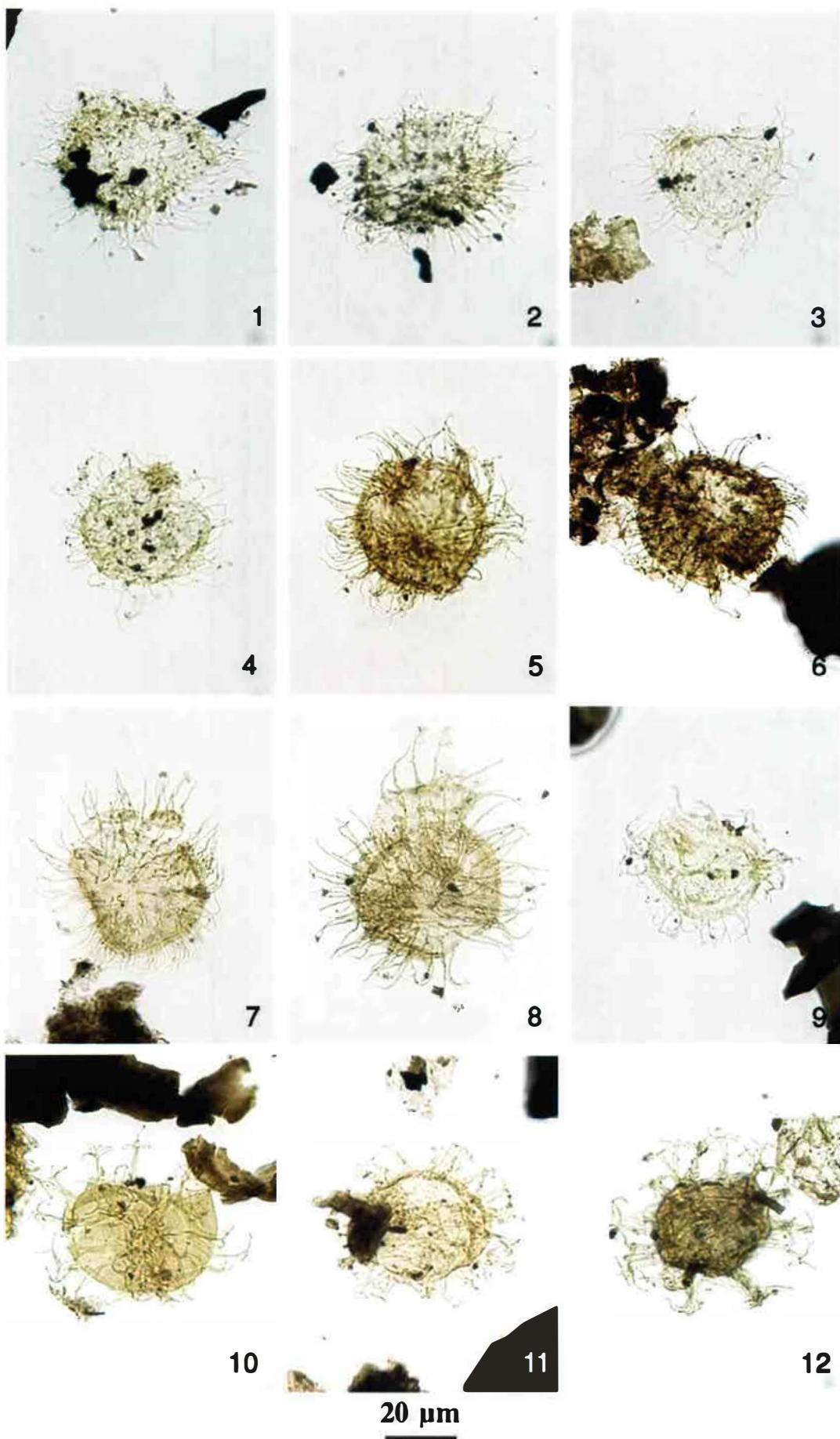


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Fig. 3. Chorat sp. 14 HNH, GGU 400711-6-4; 42.0-111.4; LVR 1.1491; MI 968

Fig. 4. Chorat sp. 16 HNH, GGU 400710-11-8; 38.3-104.8; LVR 1.1535; MI 1007

Fig. 5. Chorat sp. 17 HNH, GGU 400710-11-7; 45.1-110.5; LVR 1.1538; MI 1010

Fig. 6. Chorat sp. 18 HNH, GGU 400712-14-4; 29.0-114.9; LVR 1.1652; MI 1110

Fig. 7. Chorat sp. 21 HNH, GGU 400712-23-3; 46.0-102.2; LVR 1.1756; MI 1210

Fig. 8. Chorat sp. 22 HNH, GGU 400712-24-3; 28.0-109.2; LVR 1.1778; MI 1231

Fig. 9. Chorat sp. 22 HNH, GGU 400712-24-3; 49.3-96.6; LVR 1.1779; MI 1232

Fig. 10. Chorat sp. 23 HNH, GGU 400712-24-3; 28.0-94.5; LVR 1.1782; MI 1235

Fig. 11. Chorat sp. 24 HNH, GGU 400712-25-4; 35.6-93.8; LVR 1.1811; MI 1263

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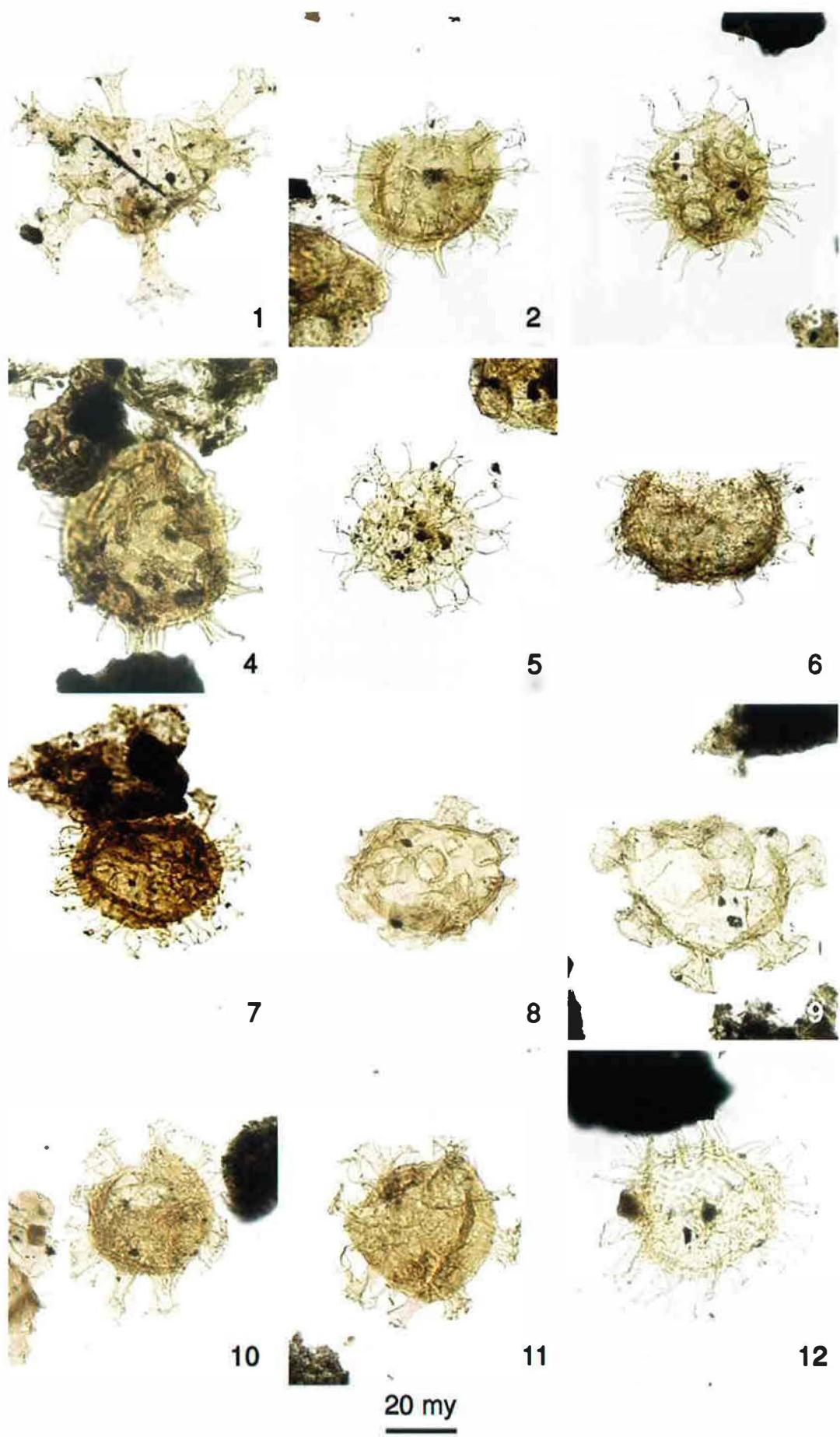


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Fig. 2. *Desmocysta plekta*, GGU 400711-12-5; 30.0-105.7; LVR 1.1411; MI 898

Fig. 3. *Desmocysta aff. plekta*, GGU 400710-9-9; 27.9-101.9; LVR 1.2791; MI 2078

Fig. 4. *Dinogymnium cf. sibiricum*, GGU 251506-8, JGL; 48.8-100.4; LVR 1.705; MI 388

Fig. 5. *Dinogymnium cf. sibiricum*, GGU 251507-4, JGL; 52.3-105.5; LVR 1.713; MI 394

Fig. 6. Dinocyst sp. 7 HNH, GGU 400710-15-4; 44.2-91.7; LRV 1.1525; MI 997

Fig. 7. *Fromea fragilis*, GGU 400709-26-3; 43.5-102.5; LVR 1.731; MI 410

Fig. 8. *Fromea amphora*, GGU 400711-12-4; 47.0-96.5; LVR 1.1408; MI 895

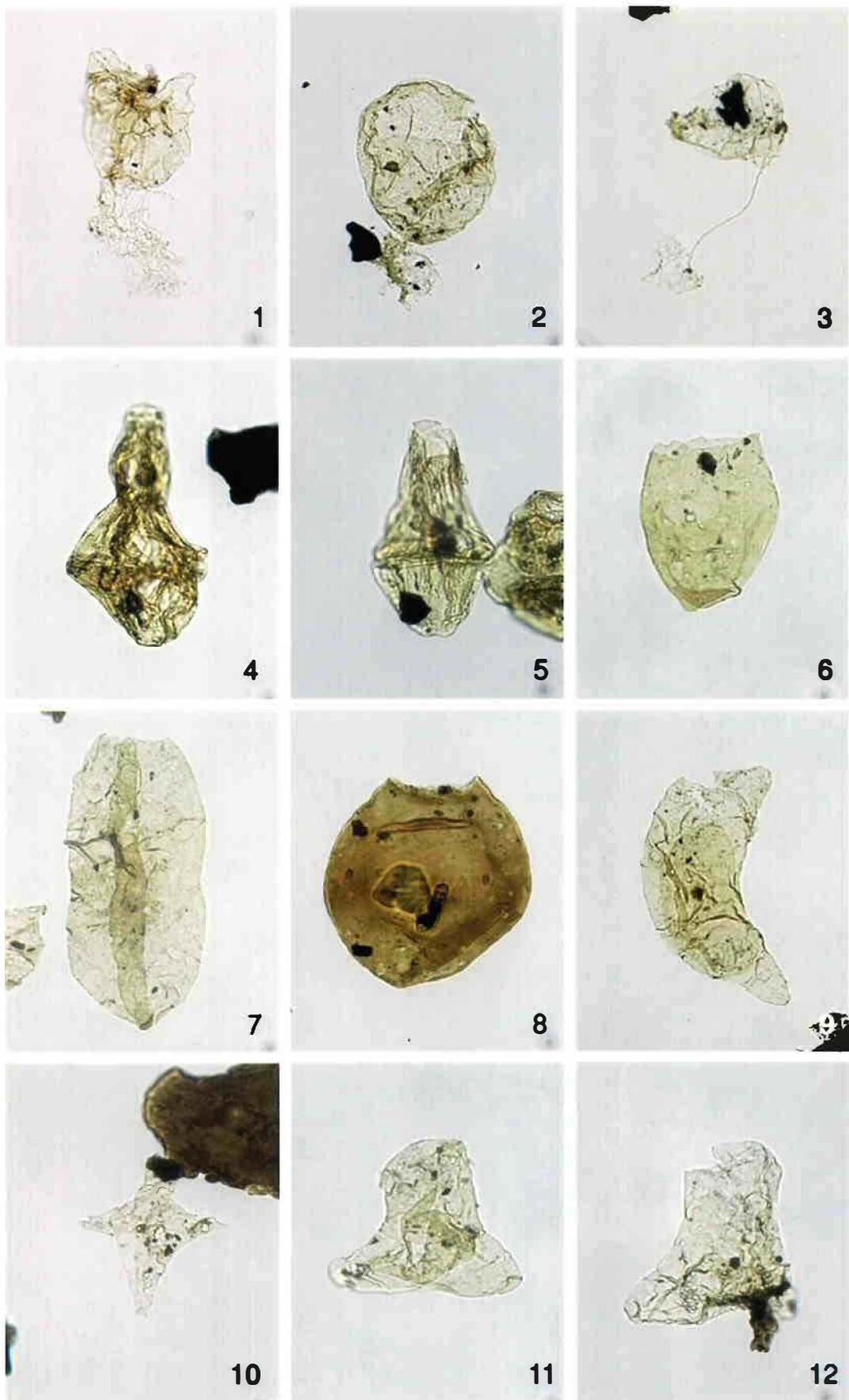
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Fig. 11. *Trigonopyxidina ginella*, GGU 400709-24-3; 27.4-110.9; LVR 1.755; MI 432

Fig. 12. *Trigonopyxidina ginella*, GGU 400709-22-3; 31.7-98.7; LVR 1.782; MI 458

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Fig. 1. *Veryhachium cruciatum*, GGU 400708-20-4; 28.2-107.8; LVR 1.1287; MI 793

Fig. 2. *Veryhachium cruciatum*, GGU 400711-12-4; 33.0-106.7; LVR 1.1386; MI 876

Fig. 3. Acritarch sp. 3 HNH, GGU 400711-12-4; 30.3-112.8; LVR 1.1385; MI 875

Fig. 4. Acritarch sp. 1 HNH, GGU 400709-24-3; 47.9-96.3; LVR 1.765; MI 442

Fig. 5. Acritarch sp. 4 HNH, GGU 400710-15-7; 22.4-107.8; LVR 1.1529; MI 1001

Fig. 6. Acritarch sp. 5 HNH, GGU 400712-15-4; 50.7-94.3; LVR 1.1682; MI 1139

Fig. 7. *Palambages* sp., GGU 402601-7, HNH920806/1; 52.9-96.7; LVR 1.1170; MI 688

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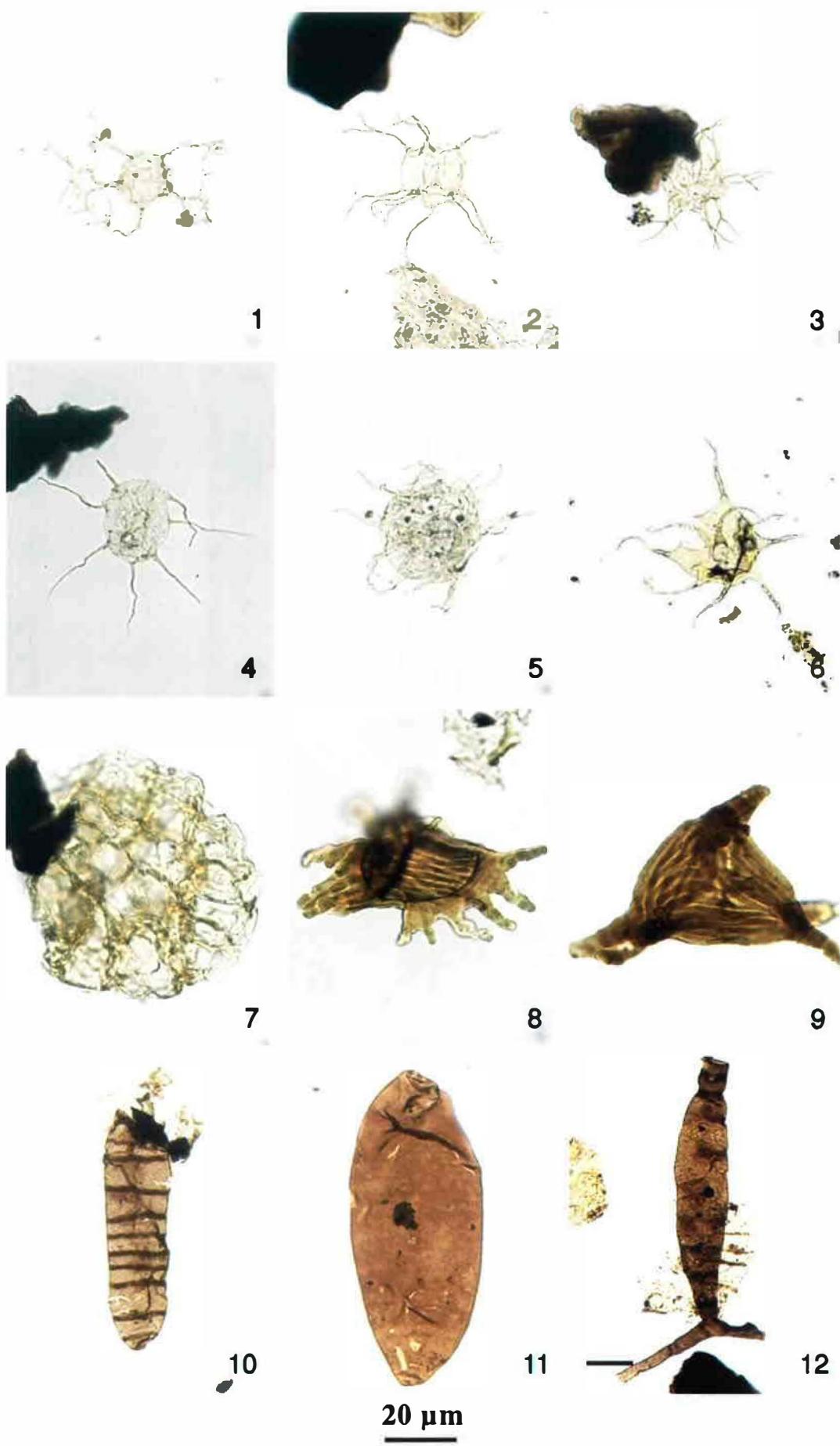
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