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**Supplementary Information for: “The rise of feathered dinosaurs:
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Supplementary Tables

Sample	Quartz (wt %)	K-feldspars (wt %)	Biotite (wt %)	Albite (wt %)	Kaolinite (wt %)	total
Granite 1	38	21.3	9.3	25.7	5.8	100.1
Granite 2	39.4	32	/	28.5	/	99.9
Granite 3	6	59	9.5	21.7	3.4	99.6
Granite 4	15.9	34.7	16.9	32.5	/	100

Supplementary Table S1. X-ray diffraction based compositions of the four igneous rock samples that crop out on top hill. The four samples have a rather similar overall composition (with quartz, feldspars, biotite, and kaolinite), but differ by the relative abundance of their components

^b U and Pb content and Th/U ratio were calculated relative to GJ-1 reference zircon

^c percentage of the common Pb on the ²⁰⁶Pb. b.d. = below detection limit.

^d corrected for background, within-run Pb/U fractionation (in case of ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U) and common Pb using Stacy & Kramers (1975) model Pb composition and subsequently normalised to GJ-1 (ID-TIMS value/measured value); ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U calculated using ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb/(²³⁸U/²⁰⁶Pb*1/137.88)

^e rho is the ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U/²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U error correlation coefficient.

^f Accuracy and reproducibility (2 SD) was checked by repeated analyses (n = 8 to 15) of Plesovice and BB-16 zircon and Itabe and Manangotry monazite; data given as mean with 2 standard deviation uncertainties

Supplementary Table S2. La-ICP-MS data and ages for zircons and monazites (the latter marked with *) collected from Kulinda deposits.

Spores

- Annulispora folliculosa* (Rogalska) de Jersey, 1959
- Biretisporites eneabbaensis* Backhouse, 1978
- Biretisporites vallatus* Sajjadi et Playford, 2002
- Cingulatisporites saevus* Balme, 1957
- Concavisporites junctus* (Kara-Mursa) Semenova, 1970
- Cyathidites australis* Couper, 1953
- Cyathidites minor* Couper, 1953
- Cyathidites punctatus* (Delcourt et Sprumont) Delcourt, Dettmann et Hughes, 1963
- Densoisporites velatus* Weyland et Kreiger, 1953
- Dictyophyllidites equiexinus* (Couper) Dettmann, 1963
- Dictyophyllidites harrisii* Couper, 1958
- Eboracia granulosa* (Tralau) Timochina, 1977
- Eboracia torosa* (Sachanova et Iljina) Timochina, 1977
- Equisetosporites variabilis* (Vinogradova) Glushko et Strepetilova, 1994
- Gleicheniidites* sp.
- Leiosphaeridia* sp.
- Leiotriletes nigrans* Naumova, 1953
- Leiotriletes pallescens* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Leiotriletes selectiformis* Bolchovitina, 1953
- Leiotriletes subtilis* Bolchovitina, 1953
- Leptolepidites verrucatus* Couper, 1953
- Neoraistrickia* aff. *taylorii* Playford et Dettmann, 1965
- Osmunda papillata* Bolchovitina, 1953

Osmundacidites jurassicus (Kara-Mursa) Kuzitschkina, 1963
Pilasporites marcidus Balme, 1957
Polycingulatisporites triangularis (Bolchovitina) Playford et Dettmann, 1965
Punctatosporites scabratus (Couper) Norris, 1953
Retitriletes subrotundus (Kara-Mursa) E. Semenova, 1970
Stereisporites bujargiensis (Bolchovitina) Schulz, 1966
Stereisporites compactus (Bolchovitina) Iljina, 1985
Stereisporites congregatus (Bolchovitina) Schulz, 1970
Stereisporites granulatus Tralau, 1968
Stereisporites incertus (Bolchovitina) Semenova, 1970
Stereisporites infragranulatus Schulz, 1970
Stereisporites psilatus (Ross) Pflug, 1953
Stereisporites seebergensis Schulz, 1970
Todisporites major Couper, 1958
Todisporites minor Couper, 1958
Tripartina variabilis Maljavkina, 1949
Undulatisporites fossulatus Singh, 1971
Undulatisporites pflugii Pocock, 1970
Uvaeспорites scythicus Semenova, 1970
Verrucosispores varians Volkheimer, 1971

Pollen

Alisporites bilaterialis Rouse, 1959
Alisporites bisaccus Rouse, 1959
Alisporites grandis (Cookson) Dettmann, 1963

- Alisporites pergrandis* (Bolchovitina) Iljina, 1985
- Alisporites similis* (Balme) Dettmann, 1963
- Araucariacites australis* Cookson ex Couper, 1953
- Callialasporites dampieri* (Balme) Sukh-Dev, 1961
- Classopollis classoides* Pflug, 1953
- Cycadopites dilucidus* (Bolchovitina) Ilyina, 1985
- Dipterella oblatinoides* Maljkavina, 1949
- Ginkgocycadophytus* sp.
- Inaperturapollenites dubius* Potonie et Venitz, 1934
- Piceapollenites mesophyticus* (Bolchovitina) Petrosjan, 1971
- Piceites asiaticus* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Piceites podocarpoides* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Pinus divulgata* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Pinus incrassata* Bolchovitina, 1953
- Pinus pernobilis* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Pinus subconcinua* Bolchovitina, 1953
- Pinus vulgaris* (Naumova) Bolchovitina, 1953
- Podocarpidites ellipticus* Cookson, 1947
- Podocarpidites multesimus* (Bolchovitina) Pocock, 1970
- Podocarpidites rousei* Pocock, 1970
- Podocarpus major* (Maljkavina) Bolchovitina, 1953
- Podocarpus paula* Bolchovitina, 1956
- Podocarpus tricocca* (Maljkavina) Bolchovitina, 1953
- Protoconiferus funarius* (Naumova) Bolchovitina, 1956
- Protopicea cerina* Bolchovitina, 1956

Protopinus subluteus Bolchovitina, 1956

Pseudopicea grandis (Cookson) Bolchovitina, 1961

Pseudopicea magnifica Bolchovitina, 1956

Pseudopicea monstruosa Bolchovitina, 1956

Pseudopicea variabiliformis Bolchovitina, 1956

Sciadopityspollenites multiverrucosus (Sahanova et Iljina) Iljina, 1985

Supplementary Table S3. List of spore and pollen taxa from the Kulinda locality.

Rock type	Granites				Deposits trench 3						
Sample	1	2	3	4	bb	1F	1C	4	7	10F	10C
SiO ₂	69.72	78.36	67.71	68.75	75.93	76.9	68.93	77.8	73.55	57.12	58.37
TiO ₂	0.47	0.046	0.44	0.411	0.854	0.731	0.37	0.77	0.376	1.421	0.671
Al ₂ O ₃	15.7	12.44	17.01	15.96	14.6	13.23	16.65	13.6	16.59	22.22	28.85
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.34	0.24	1.91	1.72	<0.01	<0.01	2.88	<0.01	0.13	0.3	0.006
MnO	0.05	0.007	0.031	0.029	0.008	0.004	0.03	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.07
MgO	0.43	0.03	0.32	0.38	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.11	0.05	0.11	0.08
CaO	1.61	0.49	1.44	1.55	0.18	0.11	0.06	0.13	0.14	0.52	0.08
Na ₂ O	4.12	3.33	4.24	4.3	0.07	0.07	0.28	0.07	0.24	0.03	0.07
K ₂ O	3.9	5.17	4.9	4.34	1.41	1.62	3.96	1.91	3.23	0.88	1.15
P ₂ O ₅	0.17	<0.01	0.25	0.17	0.05	0.1	0.12	0.11	0.1	3.75	0.15
LOI	1.43	0.19	1.59	1.28	7.02	5.38	5.18	5.36	4.91	10.26	10.62
Total	100.3	100.3	100.3	99.44	100.5	98.47	98.49	100.1	99.33	96.61	100.4
Sc	3	<1	3	3	3	3	5	3	2	8	4
Be	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	24	5
V	39	<5	38	33	59	34	46	41	26	79	65
Cr	20	<20	20	20	130	90	40	110	80	150	90
Co	4	1	7	3	2	2	7	2	2	1	2
Ni	<20	<20	<20	<20	20	<20	30	<20	30	<20	<20
Cu	10	<10	30	<10	40	40	10	30	50	30	<10
Zn	50	<30	60	40	<30	<30	80	<30	40	30	<30
Ga	21	18	22	22	28	25	18	25	14	40	23
Ge	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	4.1	1.8
As	23	11	20	18	29	12	149	15	18	24	42
Rb	139	277	156	157	55	60	116	65	95	32	38
Sr	346	37	346	329	345	426	468	382	313	>10.000	584
Y	13.2	2.2	11.6	7.7	20.2	14.8	8.9	20.6	6.6	109	7.9
Zr	407	14	369	338	199	288	241	298	219	142	243
Nb	11.7	2.6	11	10.7	11.7	8.8	7.5	8.7	5.1	20.3	9.8
Mo	<2	<2	<2	<2	5	7	48	4	3	15	9
Ag	1.2	<0.5	1.3	1.3	4.4	0.9	0.8	1	0.9	0.8	0.8
In	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Sn	4	<1	6	2	3	3	1	2	3	4	2
Sb	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	5.3	3	6.4	4.1	3.2	14.4	10.4
Cs	6.2	13.8	5.1	4.4	2.4	2.1	1.7	2	1.4	0.9	0.7
Ba	547	64	784	597	304	298	665	322	500	1978	168
Hf	11.6	0.9	11.2	10.4	5.5	9.3	6.6	8.6	6.1	5.9	7.3
Ta	1.43	0.71	1.37	1.51	1.34	0.96	0.94	1	1.51	1.55	0.83
W	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.1	10.4	4.6	3.3	5.4	4.4	11.1	7.2
La	30.2	8.09	31.8	22.4	35.9	36.7	31.1	35.7	19.8	888	27.1
Ce	125	11.8	98.2	76.4	48.3	73.6	65.5	64.6	44.9	1790	47.4
Pr	5.7	1.68	6.03	3.62	6.46	8.02	7.15	6.85	5.35	190	4.83
Nd	19	5.42	19.8	11.2	22.2	28.7	26.5	25.3	21.2	705	17.9
Sm	3.51	0.49	3.69	2.02	3.69	5.09	4.53	4.24	3.73	117	2.9
Eu	0.719	0.143	0.726	0.52	0.925	1.09	0.885	1.05	0.834	23.9	0.748
Gd	2.35	0.33	2.31	1.3	3.21	3.47	3.02	3.79	2.27	73.8	2.19
Tb	0.38	0.06	0.41	0.21	0.5	0.45	0.42	0.57	0.31	8.35	0.3
Dy	2.38	0.38	2.52	1.31	2.8	2.53	2.06	3.2	1.44	32.8	1.53
Ho	0.47	0.08	0.47	0.28	0.56	0.5	0.38	0.63	0.24	4.18	0.27
Er	1.47	0.25	1.35	0.94	1.57	1.38	1.05	1.85	0.66	8.73	0.79
Tm	0.253	0.05	0.254	0.188	0.235	0.234	0.151	0.291	0.096	0.885	0.119
Yb	1.91	0.39	1.76	1.46	1.47	1.54	0.99	1.95	0.64	4.59	0.78
Lu	0.299	0.064	0.283	0.23	0.226	0.243	0.166	0.309	0.106	0.602	0.134
Tl	0.67	1.15	0.68	0.71	<0.05	0.27	0.8	0.28	0.45	0.15	0.19
Pb	23	44	26	26	24	22	34	24	24	542	44
Bi	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	0.3
Th	32.3	11.3	29.5	28.6	8.63	14.2	11.1	14.6	8.73	107	9.56
U	1.97	0.99	2.59	2.21	11.3	32.6	15.7	17	4.94	160	27.1
Th/U	16.4	11.41	11.39	12.94	0.76	0.44	0.71	0.86	1.77	0.67	0.35
Σ REE	193.64	29.23	169.60	122.08	128.05	163.55	143.90	150.33	101.58	3847.84	106.99
LREE/HREE	25.119	21.185	22.113	24.604	15.332	21.379	24.966	15.051	26.131	59.414	24.785
Eu/Eu*	1.176	1.671	1.169	1.508	1.263	1.219	1.124	1.231	1.347	1.209	1.395

Supplementary Table S4. Major (wt %), trace (ppm), and rare earth element (ppm)

concentrations of Kulinda deposits. Part I. Samples from the basement and trench 3.

Rock type	Deposits trench 3/3				Deposits trench 4						
Sample	5F	5C	7	8	bb	3F	3C	8	9F	9G	11
SiO ₂	79.57	72.67	73.46	72.23	53.46	76.01	65.44	75.01	78.72	72.29	68.55
TiO ₂	0.745	0.384	0.896	0.585	0.588	0.884	0.749	0.314	0.734	0.447	0.788
Al ₂ O ₃	12.37	18.99	16.17	17.01	10.76	13.28	20.51	14.54	12.3	17.59	16.76
Fe ₂ O ₃	<0.01	0.11	0.25	0.13	21.1	0.01	1.34	1.25	<0.01	<0.01	0.16
MnO	0.009	0.005	0.004	0.01	0.655	0.006	0.05	0.063	0.005	0.006	0.013
MgO	0.11	0.05	0.17	0.09	0.41	0.19	0.06	0.04	0.13	0.08	0.31
CaO	0.15	0.08	0.16	0.09	0.29	0.21	0.47	0.15	0.19	0.16	0.35
Na ₂ O	0.07	0.13	0.05	0.14	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.31	0.08	0.14	0.08
K ₂ O	1.37	1.98	1.46	2.22	2.42	1.51	2.92	4.38	2.19	3.16	2.81
P ₂ O ₅	0.13	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.32	0.06	0.33	0.1	0.12	0.12	0.18
LOI	6.02	6.27	7.31	6.32	9.16	6.65	7	3.87	5.63	5.94	8.99
Total	100.8	100.8	100.1	99.4	100.3	99.57	99.28	100	100.4	100.3	99.45
Sc	4	2	5	3	18	3	5	4	5	3	5
Be	4	4	5	4	7	4	3	3	3	3	7
V	51	27	63	45	147	60	52	34	58	40	67
Cr	100	90	110	80	60	90	40	80	60	40	80
Co	3	2	1	4	9	3	33	10	2	3	7
Ni	<20	<20	30	20	40	<20	50	40	<20	<20	40
Cu	40	<10	30	10	20	30	20	40	30	20	40
Zn	<30	<30	<30	40	180	40	150	60	<30	<30	60
Ga	23	12	20	20	16	27	22	15	21	15	22
Ge	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.6
As	29	17	21	17	94	62	105	63	45	38	41
Rb	55	62	60	69	95	63	105	119	84	99	115
Sr	662	464	483	569	710	141	200	490	432	341	575
Y	9.1	4.1	11.2	8.1	37.9	7.5	12.1	7.1	9.5	5.6	14.7
Zr	190	161	181	186	201	127	265	137	202	234	207
Nb	8.8	5.8	9.3	6.7	9.9	9.2	8.4	4.8	10	6	9.2
Mo	3	3	<2	5	11	7	11	23	5	6	3
Ag	3.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	6.7	0.9	0.7	5.6	1	0.8
In	<0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1
Sn	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
Sb	4	2.5	2.1	1.9	2.2	5.6	4.2	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.9
Cs	3.1	1.2	3.2	1.6	3	5	0.9	1.5	3	1.6	4.8
Ba	273	271	264	413	389	249	160	758	293	346	409
Hf	5.5	5.8	4.9	4.9	5.6	3.9	8	4.3	5.4	6.8	6.5
Ta	1.28	0.58	1.04	0.75	0.83	1.08	0.67	0.59	1.2	0.63	0.97
W	7.8	3.7	5.8	4.2	4.3	10.2	4.8	3.8	8.8	3.7	5
La	43.4	22.2	34.3	35.9	50.2	14.9	30.1	30	39.3	27.3	53.5
Ce	88.5	44.7	69.4	70.3	138	24.3	53.4	54.1	67.5	46.8	112
Pr	9.43	4.84	7.44	7.32	17.1	2.3	5.4	6.04	6.74	4.52	12.1
Nd	34	17.3	26.8	26.9	70.1	7.14	19.2	21.8	22.3	15.6	43.7
Sm	5.88	3.17	4.69	4.79	12.1	1.03	3.31	3.32	3.23	2.2	8.4
Eu	1.36	0.794	0.989	0.986	2.39	0.36	0.879	0.808	0.831	0.587	1.55
Gd	4.26	2.17	3.13	3.13	9.97	0.8	2.28	2.22	2.11	1.42	5.28
Tb	0.49	0.27	0.4	0.39	1.28	0.13	0.36	0.33	0.27	0.19	0.69
Dy	2.15	1.12	1.9	1.79	6.73	0.88	2.24	1.74	1.47	1.09	3.2
Ho	0.31	0.16	0.36	0.29	1.22	0.18	0.44	0.28	0.28	0.21	0.5
Er	0.83	0.41	1.07	0.78	3.32	0.59	1.21	0.72	0.82	0.57	1.34
Tm	0.113	0.061	0.171	0.121	0.47	0.1	0.165	0.096	0.129	0.09	0.201
Yb	0.8	0.47	1.15	0.84	2.91	0.7	1.01	0.62	0.94	0.68	1.34
Lu	0.149	0.083	0.163	0.124	0.442	0.121	0.145	0.105	0.158	0.111	0.203
Tl	<0.05	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.46	<0.05	0.52	1.07	<0.05	0.33	0.46
Pb	23	15	28	18	51	24	29	29	39	24	27
Bi	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.4	<0.1	0.3	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Th	16.2	9.52	14.1	15	13.8	5.75	7.91	7.53	14.5	8.96	21
U	22.3	3.28	16.3	11.1	40.3	10.8	16.7	11.7	9.81	9.96	46
Th/U	0.73	2.90	0.87	1.35	0.34	0.53	0.47	0.64	1.48	0.90	0.46
Σ REE	191.67	97.75	151.96	153.66	316.23	53.53	120.14	122.18	146.08	101.37	244.00
LREE/HREE	36.210	34.592	26.456	32.392	16.821	18.008	19.406	28.769	33.401	32.037	29.609
Eu/Eu*	1.277	1.423	1.213	1.197	1.023	1.864	1.504	1.399	1.496	1.561	1.094

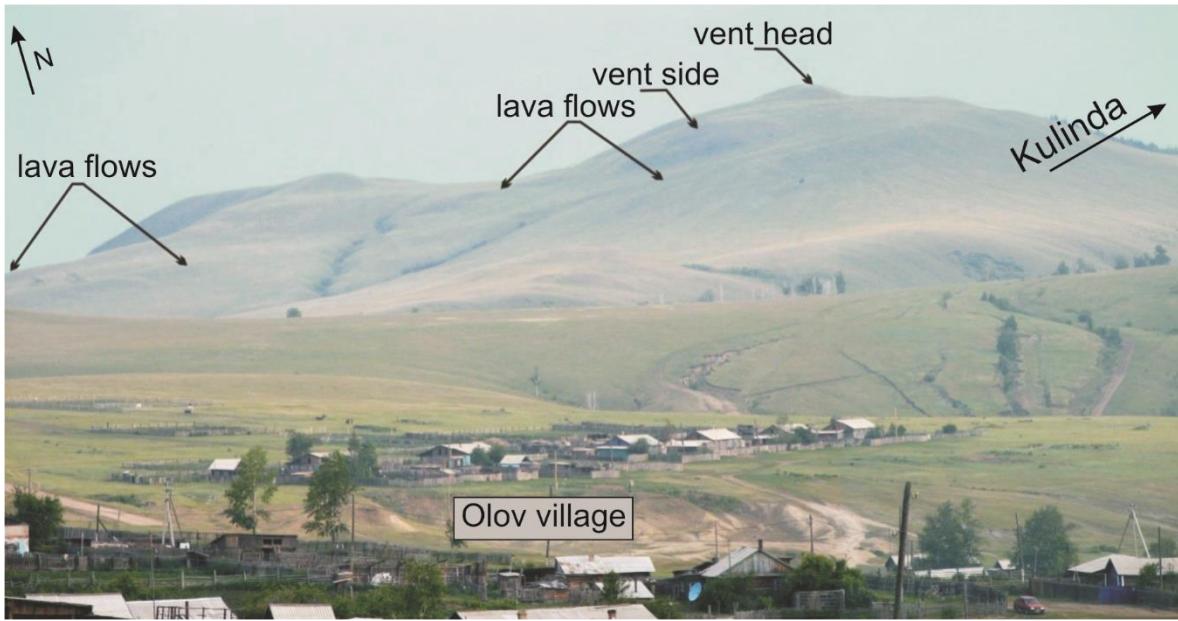
Supplementary Table S4. Major (wt %), trace (ppm), and rare earth element (ppm)

concentrations of Kulinda deposits. Part II. Samples from the trenches 3/3 and 4.

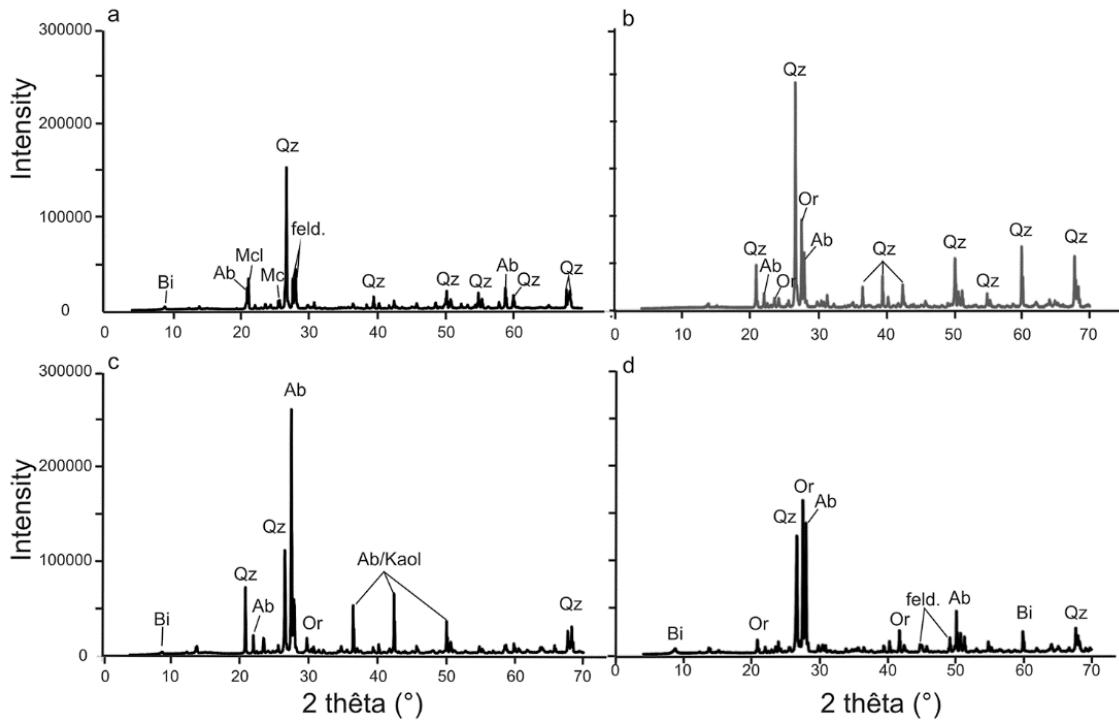
Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure S1. 3D reconstruction of *Kulindadromeus zabaikalicus*. The neornithischian dinosaur is reconstructed with its integumentary coverage consisting of epidermal, overlapping scales on the tail and the distal part of the tibiae, non-overlapping scales around the manus, tarsus, metatarsus, and pes, monofilaments around the thorax, on the back and skull, clusters of filaments and their basal plate on the humerus and femur, and ribbon-shaped structures on the proximal part of the tibiae. 3D reconstruction: J. Dos Remedios and M. Mohamed. Photograph credit: RBINS (T. Hubin).



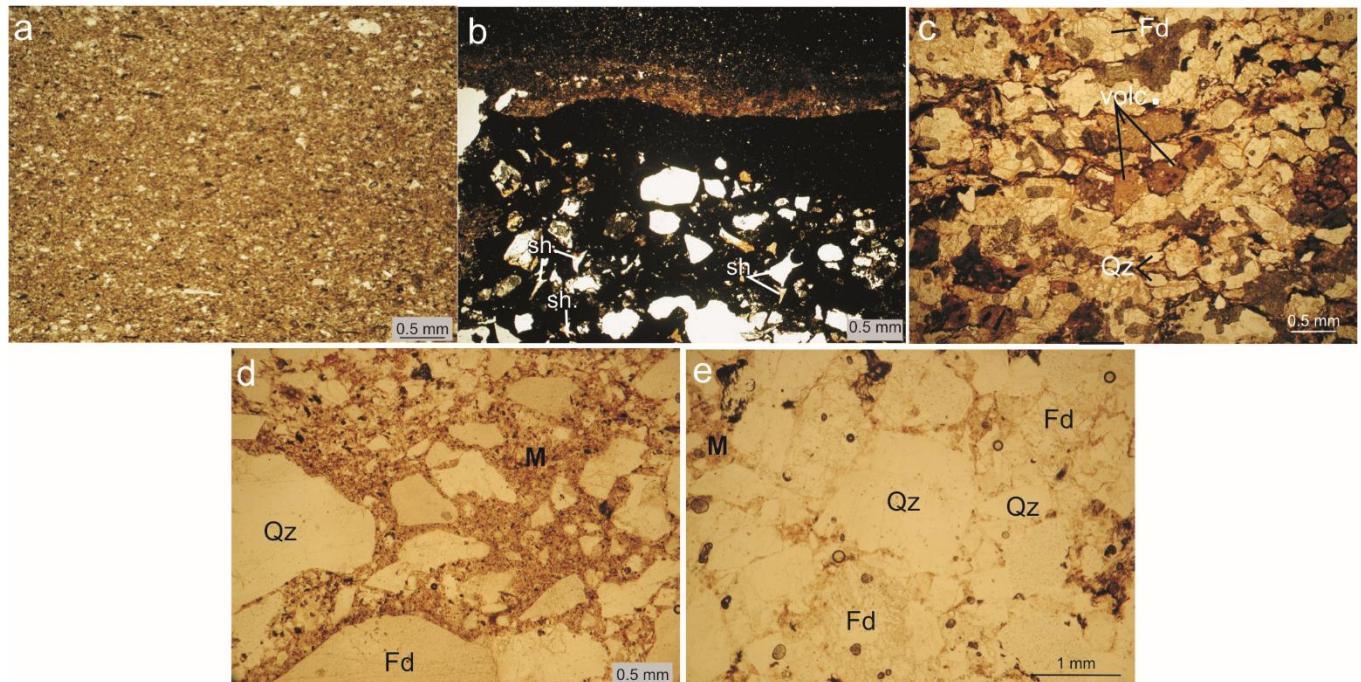
Supplementary Figure S2. Photograph of the Pharaoh volcano located in the background of the Olov village, southwest of Kulinda locality (after Kozlov, 2011). Volcanic rocks (trachyandesites) were observed on the western part of the edifice (see the arrows). Radiochronological dating indicates an Early Cretaceous age for these deposits (Kozlov, 2011).



Supplementary Figure S3. X-ray diffraction spectra of igneous rock samples from Kulinda.

The spectra show the main mineralogical features for four igneous rock samples that crop out on top hill: (a) biotite granite, (b) granite, (c) and (d) quartz-biotite monzonites. All samples contain quartz and feldspars in various, generally high, abundances, together with, less, biotite and kaolinite. The percentages of the main mineral phases are shown in Supplementary Table S1.

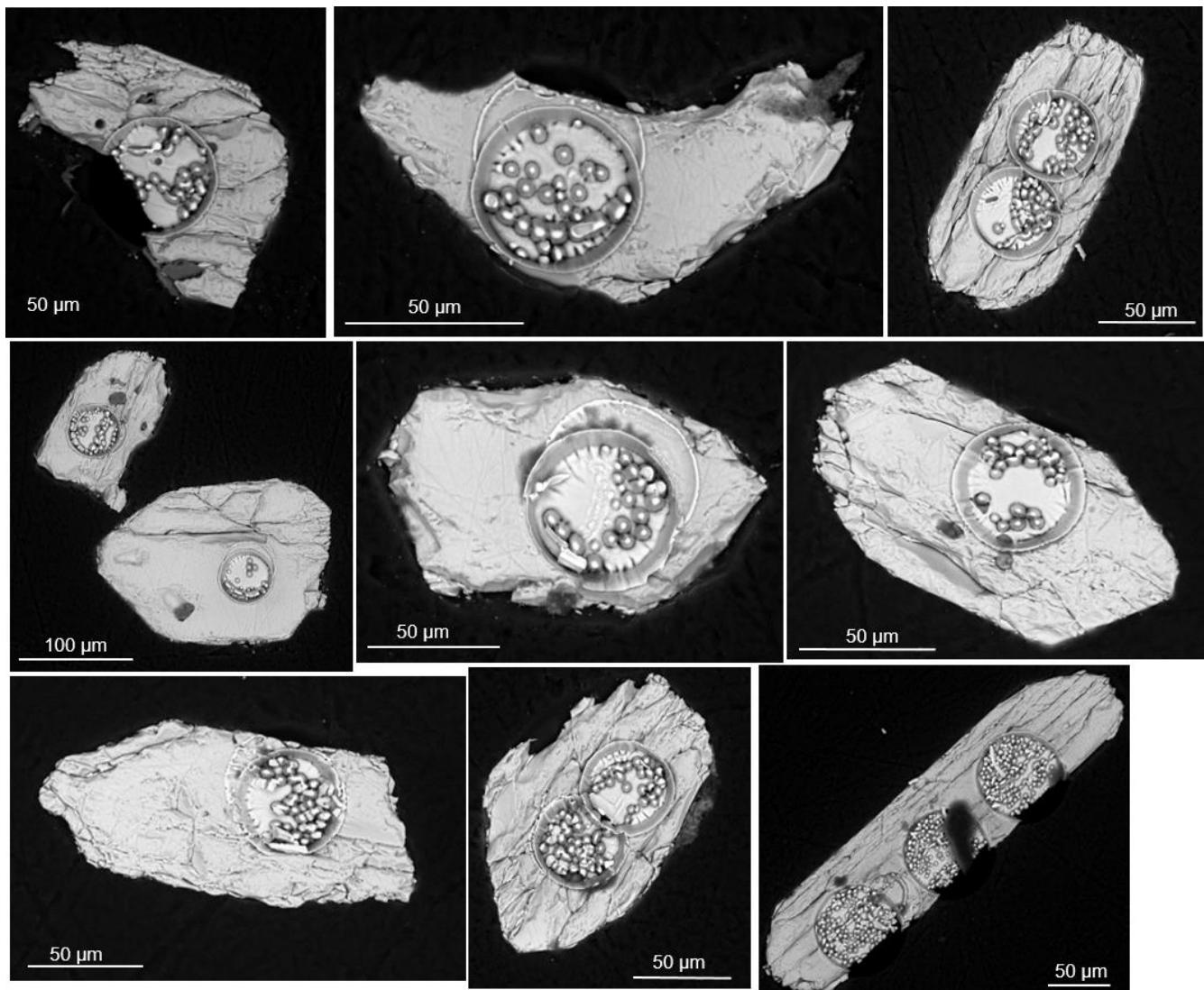
Abbreviations: Qz, quartz; Ab, albite; Or, orthoclase; Mcl, microcline; feld., feldspars, refer to probable solid solution between albite and orthoclase; Bi, biotite; Kaol., kaolinite.



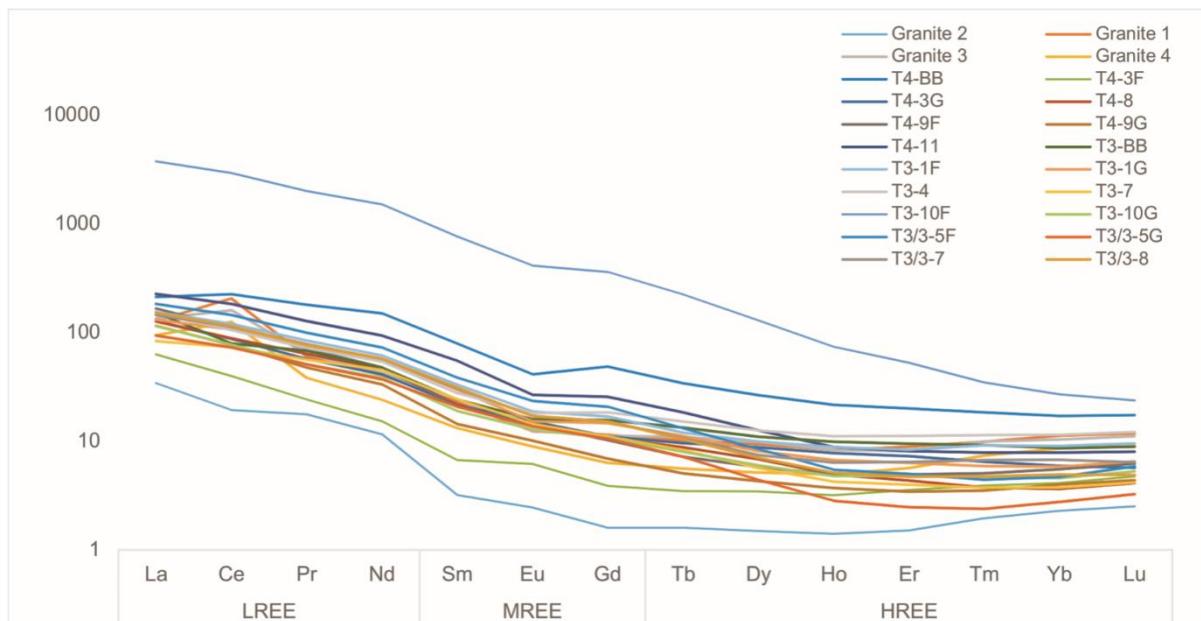
Supplementary Figure S4. Microfacies encountered in Kulinda deposits. (a) mudstone from trench 3 (sample T3-3), (b) tuffaceous siltstone from trench 4 (sample T4-5), (c) lithic arenite from trench 4 (sample T4-5), (d) greywacke from trench T3/3 (sample T3/3-5), and (e) brecciated sandstone from trench 3 (sample T3-7). Abbreviations: Qz, quartz; volc, volcanic lithics; sh, glass shards; Fd, feldspars; M, matrix.



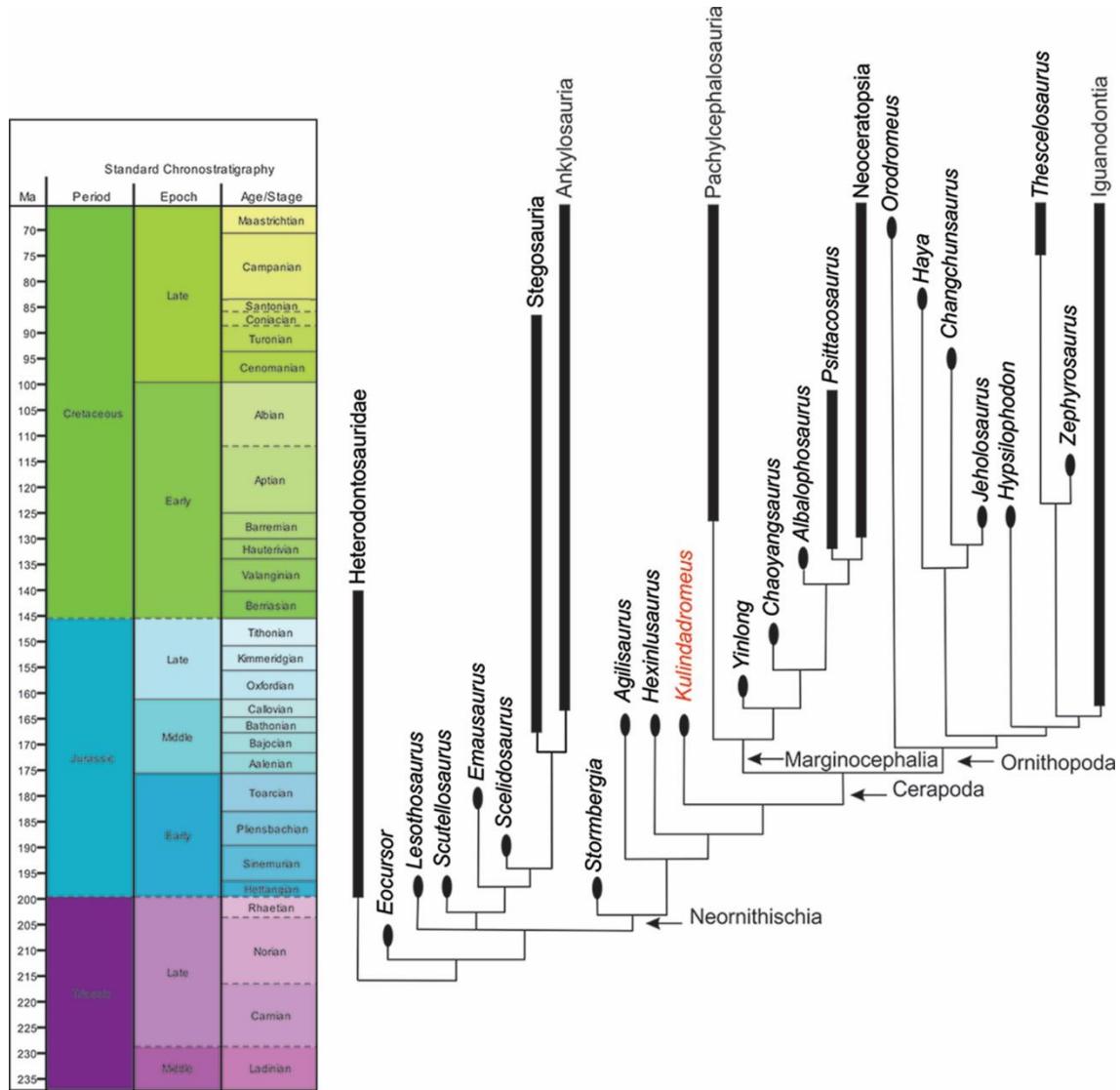
Supplementary Figure S5. Selected rock samples from Kulinda locality. The photographs show (a) a granite and (b) a biotite granite collected on top hill, (c) and (d) greywackes (siltstones) from trench 4, (e) and (f) breccia and brecciated sandstone from trench 3, (g) very coarse-grained sandstone and (h) mudstone from trench 3/3.



Supplementary Figure S6. Backscattered electron (BSE) images of selected zircons from the volcaniclastic sediments. These images show the location of the laser beam used for radiometric (LA-ICP-MS) analyses of the minerals.



Supplementary Figure S7. Rare earth element (REE) chondrite-normalized diagram for Kulinda deposits. The distribution pattern is rather similar for all samples and show an enrichment in light REE (LREE) with respect to the heavy REE (HREE). Values for normalization were taken from Sun & McDonough (1989).



Supplementary Figure S8. Time-calibrated phylogeny of basal ornithischian dinosaurs
(modified from Godefroit et al., 2014).

Supplementary Methods

Composition and provenance of the deposits. Kulinda locality is located in the Chernyshevsky District of the Transbaikal Region, in south-eastern Siberia (Russia). During the last field campaign conducted in the summer of 2015, two trenches (T4 and T3) - previously excavated on a steep hillside in 2013 (Godefroit et al., 2014) - have been studied, along with a new third trench (T3/3) located at an intermediate elevation, between the trenches T4 and T3 (Fig. 3 in the main manuscript). The geochemistry of the Kulinda deposits have been studied in detail using a total of thirty-six rock samples. Twelve samples have been collected from trench 4, nine from trench 3/3, and eleven from trench 3. In addition, four samples were collected from the plutonic intrusion. Twenty-two samples (seven from trench 4, four from trench 3/3, and seven from trench 3) were analysed by fusion ICP-MS for major and trace element analyses. For this purpose, samples have been crushed to a grain size <125 µm. Ten major elements - Si, Al, Fe, Mn, Mg, Ca, Na, K, Ti, and P -, thirty one trace elements - Sc, Be, V, Cr, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Ag, In, Sn, Sb, Cs, Ba, Hf, Ta, W, Tl, Pb, Bi, Th, U -, and the rare earth elements - La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu - were analysed. Total iron was expressed as Fe₂O₃ (total). Values for major elements and rare earth elements have been normalized to chondrites (McDonough & Sun, 1995), and trace elements have been normalized to the Upper Continental Crust (UCC; McLennan, 2001).

The mineralogy of selected rock samples from Kulinda has been studied by X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis using a PANalytical Empyrean diffractometer (at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences) with Cu K_α radiation. A tube voltage of 45 kV and a tube current of 40 mA were used. The goniometer scanned from 3° to 69° 2θ for the bulk rock. The semi-quantitative interpretation of data was made using Visual Crystal 6 software.

Backscattered electron (BSE) imaging of the zircons was performed using an environmental QUANTA 200 (FEI) scanning electron microscope at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences. The mean acceleration voltage is 20 kV.

Supplementary Text

Geological setting. Kulinda (Transbaikal region, south-eastern Siberia, Russia; GPS coordinates: 52°31'N; 116°42'E) is located at the boundary between the Onon Island Arc and the active margin of Siberia, close to the eastern part of the Mongolia-Okhotsk suture (Xu et al., 1997; Zorin, 1999; Kravchinsky et al., 2002). The Mongol-Okhotsk Orogenic Belt forms the eastern and youngest segment of a major geotectonic unit, the Central Asian Orogenic Belt (Wang et al., 2015) and is related to the suture of the Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean, a huge segment of the paleo-Pacific (Zorin et al., 1995), located between Siberia, the Onon Island Arc, and the Mongolia-North China continent in the Devonian time (Zorin et al., 2001; Donskaya et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2015). The subduction of the oceanic lithosphere beneath Siberia and Mongolia from the Early Permian led to the scissor-like eastward collision of Mongolia-North China and Siberia continental blocks (Xu et al., 1997; Zorin, 1999). The collision between the two blocks lasted since the Late Permian up to the Early Jurassic (Zorin, 1999; Donskaya et al., 2013). The exact closure time of the ocean is still debated, but it likely occurred during the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous (Zorin et al., 2001; Kravchinsky et al., 2002; Jolivet et al., 2013; Vorontsov, Yarmolyuk & Komaritsyna, 2016). However, the closure of the Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean in south-eastern Siberia likely took place at the Early-Middle Jurassic boundary (Zorin, 1999; Zorin et al., 2001), or during the early Middle Jurassic (Jolivet et al., 2013).

Intense magmatism occurred during the Permian, Triassic and Early Jurassic in south-eastern Siberia, because of the subduction of the Mongol-Okhotsk oceanic plate beneath Siberia (Zorin, 1999; Zorin et al., 2001). Granite and granodiorite plutons are therefore widespread in the region, with calc-alkaline rock suites located in the front part of the active continental margin, and sub-alkaline suites in the back part of the continental margin (Tomurtogoo et al., 2005). Although magmatism dropped in the Jurassic period, probably related to the ending of the subduction (Donskaya et al., 2013), Middle-Late Jurassic granitoids and other various igneous rocks are known in the region of Kulinda (Zorin et al., 2001). Marine sedimentation occurred in central and south-eastern Transbaikalia until the early Middle Jurassic, followed by a period of continental rifting reflected by the formation of grabens in the region (Starchenko, 2010; Rudenko & Starchenko, 2010). Later magmatic events in the region occurred in the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous and are the consequence of the post-collisional rifting (Zorin et al., 1995; Zorin, 1999; Stupak, Kudryashova & Lebedev, 2016).

Discussion on the composition of the Kulinda dinosaur fauna. All the ornithischian material discovered at Kulinda belongs to the basal neornithischian *Kulindadromeus zabaikalicus* (Godefroit et al., 2014). An alternative interpretation for the dinosaur fauna at Kulinda was proposed (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2014; 2015) and named three new taxa from this locality: the ‘hypsilophodontian’ ornithopods *Kulindapteryx ukureica* and *Daurosaurus olovus* (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2014), and the ‘nqwebasaurid’ ornithomimosaur *Lepidocheirosaurus natalis* (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2015). Detailed description of the osteology of the dinosaurs from Kulinda is beyond the scope of this paper, but some brief comments are made below.

It should be noted that these interpretations were not done with the modern taxonomic standards for elaborating the classification schemes: they do not use cladistic methods for inferring the

phylogenetic relationships between taxa. *Kulindapteryx* and *Daurosaurus* only differ in the structure of their ischia (the only bone that is preserved in both taxa), but those differences can easily be explained by differences in the orientation of the bones: PIN 5434/25a, the holotype of *Kulindapteryx ukureica*, is clearly exposed in dorsal view, not in lateral view as hypothesized by the authors. We therefore consider *Kulindapteryx ukureica* and *Daurosaurus olovus* as nomina dubia, and that the specimens both fall within the *Kulidromeus zabaikalicus* hypodigm.

In their paper, the authors claimed that the caudal vertebrae and associated scales referred to *Kulidromeus zabaikalicus* (Godefroit et al., 2014) belong to a new ornithomimosaur, *Lepidocheirosaurus natalis* (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2015). This interpretation is based on analysis of one partially articulated manus and of caudal vertebrae associated by caudal scales. The caudal vertebrae show a spool-shaped centrum, well-developed postzygapophyses and weakly developed neural spine; these features were thought to be characteristic of theropods and to contrast with the vertebrae of bipedal Ornithischia (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2015), characterized by better developed neural spines, a cylindrical centrum and weakly developed postzygapophyses. However, this interpretation is apparently based on direct comparisons with the ornithopod *Hypsilophodon foxii* and lacks a broader phylogenetic context (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2015). For example, caudal vertebrae of more basal ornithischians, e.g., the heterodontosaurid *Tianyulong confuciusi* (see Sereno, 2012, fig.25), closely resemble those discovered at Kulinda: from about the tenth vertebra, the centrum is elongated and spool-shaped in lateral view, the neural spines are reduced to a ridge, and both the pre-and postzygapophyses are long, extending beyond the level of the articular surfaces of the centra. Except for the absence of evidence for ossified tendons, the caudal structure in *Tianyulong* is remarkably similar to that in dromaeosaurid theropods (Sereno, 2012). Furthermore, the hand of *Lepidocheirosaurus natalis* from Kulinda closely resembles that

of *Tianyulong* (see Sereno, 2012, fig. 27). Combined, these observations strongly indicate a lack of support for the hypothesis that basal ornithomimosauroids were present at Kulinda and that the caudal and manus material described by (Alifanov & Saveliev, 2015) can be confidently attributed to basal ornithischians, such as *Kulindadromeus zabaikalicus*. The most parsimonious interpretation of the Kulinda bone beds is thus that they represent accumulation of a monospecific dinosaur assemblage (Godefroit et al., 2014).

Paleofloral assemblage. The macrofloral assemblage recovered from Kulinda deposits is relatively poor and mostly consists of fossil plants that are widespread in strata from the Siberian paleofloristic region. Moss sprouts are rare and their remains are most commonly subordinate in the deposits. They nonetheless comprise remains of the dichotomous mosses *Hepaticites cf. arcuatus* (L. et H.) Harris and the cormophytic mosses *Muscites samchakianus* Srebr. Gymnosperms are mainly represented by Coniferales – *Elatides ovalis* Heer, *Pityospermum* sp., *Carpolithes*, the archaic Pinaceae *Schizolepidopsis* –, and Leptostrobales – *Czekanowskia* – trees and shrubs. Horsetails (*Equisetites*), ferns (*Coniopteris*), conifers (*Pityophyllum*), and leptostrobaleans are represented by highly fragmented specimens identifiable at the generic level, only. In trench 4, one can identify the following taxa: *Algites* sp., *Hepaticites cf. arcuatus*, *Equisetites* sp., *Czekanowskia ex. gr. rigida*, *Elatides ovalis*, and *Schizolepidopsis elegans*; in trench 3/3: *Hepaticites cf. arcuatus*, *Carpolithes* sp., and *Algites* sp.; and in trench 3: *Hepaticites cf. arcuatus*, *Muscites samchakianus*, *Schizolepidopsis* sp., and *S. moellerii*.

The assemblage is characterized by the predominance of small herbaceous plants represented by the mosses *Hepaticites cf. arcuatus* and *Muscites samchakianus*. Such delicate moss stems are generally rare in Jurassic deposits, and their remains are, commonly, not abundant in floral oryctocoenoses (Vakhrameev, 1991). Nevertheless, mosses are widespread in all regions of the

world since the Palaeozoic, and some species can occupy harsh environments (Bardunov, 1984).

It should be noted that, at Kulinda, ferns, arthrophytes, and leptostrobaleans are only represented by highly fragmented remains and their identification was possible at the generic level, only.

Gymnosperms are abundant in some layers, and especially Coniferales and Leptostrobales, which formed trees and bushes. *Czekanowskia* ex gr. *rigida* is a typical Siberian gymnosperm species characterized by a wide stratigraphic extension: it is known from the Lower Jurassic to the Upper Jurassic (Vakhrameev, 1991; Samylina & Kiritchkova, 1993). The moss *Hepaticites arcuatus* was originally found in the Middle Jurassic of Yorkshire (Harris, 1961; 1964). The absence of epidermal structure in the specimens from Kulinda locality allows the definition of this species in the open nomenclature, only. *Elatides ovalis*, *Schizolepidopsis moelleri*, *S. elegans*, *S. levis* are also interpreted as Early-Middle Jurassic species (Vakhrameev, 1970; 1991; Mogutcheva, 2009).

The modern morphology of the conifers was already established in the early Mesozoic (Andrews, 1961). The evolution of the axillary region led to the formation of seeds with spliced scales, which is a typical feature for the group and particularly for the genus *Schizolepidopsis*. The first occurrences of *Schizolepidopsis* are reported from the Triassic of the Fergana Valley in eastern Uzbekistan (Stiksel, 1966). All specimens identified at Kulinda were observed in the Lower Jurassic of Central Asia as well (Turutonova-Ketova, 1950). However, they seem more abundant in the Ukurey Formation, where the presence of unique morphotypes might reflect endemicity.

Abundant bifurcate seed scales of *Schizolepidopsis* are typical for the Middle and Upper Jurassic deposits of Siberia (Vakhrameev, 1991). The fern *Coniopteris* appeared in the late Early Jurassic but became common since the Middle Jurassic (Vakhrameev, 1991; Deng & Lu, 2006). *Muscites samchakianus* is reported in Middle-Upper Jurassic deposits from Transbaikal region (Srebrodolskaya, 1980). The taxonomic composition of the paleofloral assemblages from Kulinda

locality cannot therefore give a more detailed age than the Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous time range for the deposits.

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