MIOCENE AND PLIOCENE SEDIMENTS DREDGED FROM THE SEA FLOOR OFF ST HELENS, NORTHEASTERN TASMANIA

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Calcarenites dredged from 807 and 960m, 50km southeast of St Helens, Tasmania, have yielded Early Miocene and mid-Pliocene foraminiferid faunas. The Miocene fauna is a deeper water continental shelf type of the same age (N4/5) as other sediments well known from the northern coast of Tasmania. It contains a higher percentage of planktic forms than known in coeval sediments elsewhere in Tasmania. The mid-Pliocene (approximately N20) including a significant planktic component, is the first such fauna documented from Tasmania.

Key Words: Miocene, Pliocene, foraminifera, Tasmania.

INTRODUCTION

Very little is known of the Cretaceous-Cainozoic geological history of southeastern Australia marginal to the Tasman Sea apart from the results of the studies of onshore sections by Carter (1964) and the extensive summary by Abele et al. in Douglas and Ferguson (1976) of the Gippsland Basin Tertiary. In eastern Tasmania, the only Tertiary foraminiferids studied are those from Great Mussel Roe Bay and the islands of the Furneaux Group by Quilty (1972) who recognised only Early Miocene (possibly latest Oligocene in Great Mussel Roe Bay).

Thus there is a marked gap in knowledge concerning development of oceanic circulation patterns, water temperature changes in the oceans and results of onshore drainage since sometime in the Cretaceous, although generalised evolution of these aspects has been addressed by Deighton et al. (1976), Edwards (1975) and Kennett et al. (1975).

Two new sample locations have been identified by fortuitous recovery of sedimentary rocks from the sea floor during trawling operations by the Tasmanian Fisheries Development Authority, some 30km offshore, approximately 50km southeast of St Helens (fig 1) and 130km south-southeast of the closest known marine Tertiary samples from submarine outcrops in Great Mussel Roe Bay.

Australian Tertiary Stage terminology, as summarised by Abele in Douglas and Ferguson (1976), includes in the Pliocene the early part of the Cheltenhamian, the Kalimnan and the Werrikooian. Most of the Pliocene so far studied is from shallow

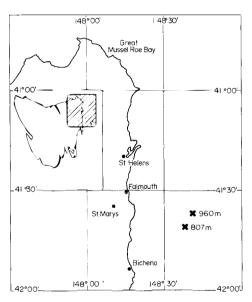


FIG. 1 — Location of samples

water sections containing characteristic benthic forms. The new Tasmanian sample is a deeper water sediment, lacking the characteristic benthic foraminiferids, but including a planktic fauna probably representing the total diversity living in the area at an instant in the Pliocene. Thus Australian stage terminology is not readily applicable to the Pliocene recorded here.

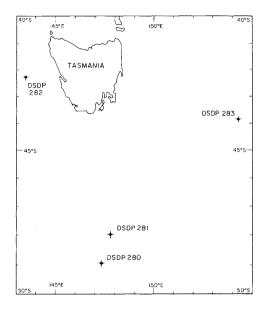


FIG. 2 — Locality map showing Deep Sea Drilling Project sites

Contemporaneous faunas of New Zealand are well known through such works as Hornibrook (1961) and Jenkins (1971).

Five Deep Sea Drilling Project sites can be regarded as close to Tasmania. They are site 280 283 (fig. 2) and 284 some 300km west of the northern tip of the South Island of New Zealand. Early Miocene sections, equivalent to that recorded are found in the following drill-holes: Site 281, 93-119m (lower part); Site 282, 9-55m (lower part); Site 283, 10-19m (?). The only Pliocene sections equivalent to that recorded here, are found at Site 283, somewhere in the interval 0-0.5m and particularly in site 284 (approximately 110-140m).

Specimens of the rocks and figured specimens are housed at the Geology Department, University of Tasmania and accession numbers are listed in the plate explanations.

NEW MATERIAL

The samples come from the following locations:-

A 41° 40.8′S : 148° 38.6′E water depth 807 m B 41° 37′S : 148° 42′E water depth 960 m

They are thus from the present day continental slope and are taken to represent outcrops of Tertiary sediment on the seafloor.

Two lithologies and two environments are represented. It is unknown which rock type comes from which locality. The lithologies are: 1. Pale grey, fine-grained, poorly-sorted, somewhat consolidated bryozoal calcarenite; 2. Yellowish, ferruginous, medium to coarse-grained, well-sorted, friable bryozoal calcarenite.

The rocks have a very different appearance, suggesting very different marine environments of deposition and this is supported by study of the foraminiferids which shows that the rocks formed at quite different times and environments.

RESULTS

Pale grey, fine-grained calcarenite (sample 1 above)

Age

Planktic foraminiferid basis.

The sample contains a very numerous planktic component but diversity is low and the fauna is predominantly of species of *Globigerina* (table 1). Jenkins (1971) studied the distribution of planktic foraminiferids from New Zealand and is thus the only author who has attempted a comprehensive review of the planktic foraminiferid faunas from sections of rocks of comparable age in a nearby locality.

The main diagnostic forms present are Globoquadrina dehiscens dehiscens (Chapman, Parr and Collins), Globigerina woodi woodi Jenkins G. w. connecta Jenkins, G. labiacrassata Jenkins, Globigerinoides quadrilobatus immaturus LeRoy and Globorotalia (Turborotalia) nana Bolli. It has been difficult to identify the specimens uniquely in every case even though preservation is good, and a large part of the fauna has been assigned to intermediate forms in the G. w. woodi-G. w. connecta plexus. The identification of G. labiacrassata seems a little anomalous, particularly as it makes up a significant part of the fauna. It may be that other authors would include all such specimens in G. woodi. However the specimens recovered here seem typical morphotypes and as noted by Kennett and Srinivasan (1984), there is a strong phylogenetic link between the species. A degree of subjectivity is involved in their differentiation.

The age of the fauna is taken on planktic forms alone, to be Early Miocene, Globigerina w. woodi or G. w. connecta Zones of Jenkins (1971) or approximately N4 or N5 (Globigerinoides quadrilobatus primordius/ Globorotalia kugleri Zone or Globoquadrina dehiscens praedehiscens-G. dehiscens dehiscens Zone) of the scheme proposed by

TABLE 1 SPECIES RECORDED FROM EARLY MIOCENE SEDIMENT Benthic Foraminiferids

	%	Rank		%	Rank
Cibicidoides perforatus (Karrer)	27	1	Rosalina sp.	1.1	16
Karreria maoria (Finlay)	14	2	Guttulina sp.	1.0	19
Cibicides thiara Stache	10	3	Anomalinoides nonionoides (Parr)	.7	20
Gaudryina convexa (Karrer)	8	4	Siphotextularia cf. bolivina		
Lenticulina sp.	5	5	Hornibrook	.4	21
Eponides repandus (Fichtel & Moll)	4	6	Sigmoidella elegantissima (Parker &		
Globocassidulina subglobosa (Brady)	3.6	7	Jones)	,4	21
Gypsina globulus (Reuss)	2.8	8	Mississippina concentrica (Parker &		
Heronallenia lingulata (Burrows			Jones)	.3	23
& Holland)	2.8	8	Fissurina spp.	.3	
Siphonina australis Cushman	2.8	8	Lagena spp.	.3	23
Discorbis balcombensis Chapman,			Reussella simplex (Cushman)	.3	
Parr & Collins	2.4	11	Planodiscorbis irregularis Carter	.3	23
Notorotalia clathrata (Brady)	2.2	12	Guttulina communis (d'Orbigny)	. 1	28
Planulinoides biconcavus (Jones			Bolivina victoriana Cushman	. 1	_
& Parker)	2.2	12	Spirillina sp.	.1	28
Ehrenbergina serrata Reuss	1.5	14	Elphidium chapmani Cushman	. 1	28
Sphaeroidina bulloides d'Orbigny	1.5	14	Anomalinoides macraglabrus (Finlay)	.1	
Notorotalia howchini Chapman, Parr			Gyroidina neosoldanii Brotzen	. 1	28
& Collins	1.4	15	Sigmomorphina wynyardensis Parr		
Discorbinella sp.	1.1	16	& Collins	0	34
Glabratella globigeriniformis (Heron-			Astrononion centroplax Carter	0	34
Allen & Earland)	1.1	16	Operculina victoriensis Chapman		
			& Parr	0	34
			Gypsina sp.	0	34

Planktic Foraminiferids

	%	Rank		%	Rank
Globigerina praebulloides group	31	1	Globorotalia nana Bolli	2.5	7
Globigerinita glutinata (Egger)	25	2	G. zealandica Hornibrook	1.7	8
Globigerina brazieri Jenkins	16	3	Globigerina woodi connecta Jenkins	1.3	9
Globoquadrina dehiscens dehiscens			G. bulloides bulloides d'Orbigny	.1	10
(Chapman, Parr & Collins)	14	4	G. rubescens decoraperta Takayanagi		
Globigerina labiacrassata Jenkins	6	5	& Saito	.1	10
G. woodi woodi Jenkins	3.5	6	Globigerinoides quadrilobatus		
			immaturus Lerov	.1	10

Blow (1969). Therefore the samples are comparable in age with much of the Tertiary along Tasmania's northern and northwestern coast documented by Quilty (1972), but the deeper water aspect shows that the planktic content recorded here represents a greater diversity whereas the earlier studies were on shallower faunas probably of reduced diversity.

Benthic foraminiferid basis.

Carter in particular has contributed a great deal to the knowledge of the stratigraphic distribu-

tion of southeastern Australian benthic foraminiferids (Carter 1958, 1964) and this has been extended by Quilty (1974, 1977, 1982) to include the Tasmanian species. Key species in Carter's Schemes to be recovered here are Discorbis balcombensis Chapman, Parr and Collins, Notorotalia howchini (Chapman, Parr and Collins), Astrononion centroplax Carter and Operculina victoriensis Chapman and Parr, consistent with assignment to Carter's (1958) Faunal Units 6-8, and also consistent with, but not as precise as, the Early Miocene age identified above on the basis of planktics.

TABLE 2 SPECIES RECORDED FROM PLIOCENE SEDIMENT

Benthic Foraminiferids

	%	Rank.		% F	Rank.					
Cibicidoides perforatus (Karrer)	25.5	1	Quinqueloculina oblonga (Montagu)	.5	32					
Elphidium crispum (Linnaeus)	9.1	2	Planodiscorbis rarescens (Brady)	.5	32					
Globocassidulina subglobosa (Brady)	6.6	3	Pullenia bulloides d'Orbigny	.5	32					
Cibicides cicatricosus (Schwager)	6.0	4	Discorbis procera (Brady)	.5	32					
Euuvigerina compacta Collins	4.9	5	Pileolina sp.	.5	32					
Cassidulina neocarinata Thalmann	3.3	6	Triloculina trigonula (Lamarck)	.4	38					
Elphidium imperatrix (Brady)	2.7	7	Rectobolivina columellaris (Brady)	.4	38					
Textularia sagittula Defrance	2.5	8	Cibicidoides pseudoungerianus							
Gaudryina convexa (Karrer)	2.3	9	(Cushman)	.4	38					
Ehrenbergina serrata Reuss	2.2	10	Textularia vertebralis Cushman	.3	41					
Lagena spp.	2.1	11	Dorothia parri Cushman	.3	41					
Cibicidoides mediocris (Finlay)	1.9	12	Martinottiella sp.	.3	41					
Elphidium verriculatum (Brady)	1.9	12	Epistomina elegans (d'Orbigny)	.3	41					
Pileolina australensis (Heron-Allen &			Unidentified miliolid	.3	41					
Earland)	1.8	14	Spirillina vivipara Ehrenberg	.3	41					
Anomalinoides cf. macraglabrus			Gavelinopsis lobatulus (Parr)	.3	41					
(Finlay)	1.8	14	Glabratella sp.	.3	41					
Quinqueloculina lamarckiana			Astrononion sp.	.3	41					
d'Orbigny	1.6	16	Quinqueloculina angularis d'Orbigny	.2	50					
Lenticulina sp.	1.5	17	Bulimina fijiensis (Cushman)	.2	50					
Buliminella elegantissima (d'Orbigny)	1.4	18	Spirillina decorata Brady	.2	50					
Miliolinella subrotunda (Montagu)	1.4	18	S. sp.	.2	50					
Cibicides cf. lobatulus (Walker			Pileolina opercularis (d'Orbigny)	.2	50					
& Jacob)	1.3	20	Planulinoides biconcavus (Jones							
Guttulina communis (d'Orbigny)	1.2	21	& Parker)	.2	50					
Fissurina spp.	1.1	22	Planopulvinulina dispansa (Brady)	.2	50					
Trifarina bradyi Cushman	1.0		Cymbaloporetta sp.	.2	50					
Planulina ariminensis d'Orbigny	.9		Eponides repandus (Fichtel & Moll)	.2	50					
Osangularia sp.	.8		Calcarina calcar d'Orbigny	.2						
Textularia sp.	.7		Pullenia subcarinata (d'Orbigny)	.2						
Bolivina alata (Seguenza)	.7		Gyroidina broeckhiana (Karrer)	.2	50					
Discorbinella subbertheloti (Cushman	,		Pyrgo depressa (d'Orbigny)	. 1						
Pvrgo vespertilio (Schlumberger)	.6		Marginulina sp.	0	63					
Quinqueloculina granulosa Natland	.6		Pseudopolymorphina sp.	0	63					
Q. laevigata d'Orbigny	.6									
Cornuspira incerta (d'Orbigny)	.5	32								
Planktic Foraminiferids										
	%	Rank.		% J	Rank.					
Globorotalia inflata (d'Orbigny)	37	1	Globorotalia obesa Bolli	1.2	9					
small globigerinids	24	2	G. crassula crassula Cushman &		-					
Globigerina bulloides bulloides	-	-	Stewart	.6	11					
d'Orbigny	11	3	Orbulina universa d'Orbigny	.5	12					
Globorotalia acostaensis acostaensis		_	Globigerina falconensis Blow	.4	13					
Blow	10	4	Globorotalia crassaformis (Galloway							
G. scitula scitula (Brady)	5	5	& Wissler)	.3	14					
Globigerina rubescens decoraperta	-	•	Globigerinita incrusta Akers	.2	15					
Takayanagi & Saito	4	6	Globorotalia conomiozea mons							
Globigerinita sp.	3.2		Hornibrook	.2	15					
G. quinqueloba (Natland)	1.4	8	Hastigerina pelagica d'Orbigny	. 1	15					
G. sp. indet.	1.2	9	Globorotalia hirsuta praehirsuta Blow	. 1	17					
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Environment of Deposition

Depth

Planktic foraminiferids comprise 62% of the total fauna, suggesting a middle to outer continental shelf regime. The absence of large shallow water benthics (such as Amphistegina, Planorbulinella spp., Sherbornina) all are inconsistent with an inner shelf origin. The high diversity (19 species making up 95% of the benthic fauna) and moderate dominance (percentage of the fauna consisting of the dominant species — 27) are consistent with the planktic indications. The low proportion of buliminids, presence of very rare shallow species (e.g. Operculina victoriensis) and presence of large numbers of an attached form such as Karreria maoria (Finlay) would suggest a shallower origin than outer shelf. Perhaps overall, the indicators suggest a middle shelf origin, say approximately 100-150m.

There are about 265 foraminiferids per gram of sediment.

Temperature

The presence of *Operculina victoriensis* and *Gypsina globulus* suggests that the benthic forms occupied warm temperate waters or warmer. This is in contrast with the planktic indicators.

There are no keeled globorotalids, consistent with the results elsewhere around Tasmania for faunas of this age (Quilty 1972). The total planktic fauna consists of nine species and subspecies and thus although numerically large, has a diversity similar to that in modern cool temperate faunas. Bandy (1964) would suggest that the presence of non-keeled globorotalids would occur in water temperatures of 9–17° C. The very low numbers would indicate the lower part of that temperature range.

Other aspects of the enviornment.

All other indications are that normal open ocean conditions applied.

Yellowish, coarse-grained calcarenite (Sample 2 above)

Age

Planktic foraminiferid basis.

Jenkins (1971), Kennett and Vella (1975) and Srinivasan and Kennett (1981a, b) have provided a basis for comparison of the faunas from the new samples with deeper water, more complete sections. In addition the monumental work by Blow (1969) has provided a useful foundation.

This sample contains abundant planktic foraminiferids, dominated by Globorotalia inflata. (Also present are G. acostaensis acostaensis, G.

conomiozea mons, G. crassaformis, G. hirsuta praehirsuta, Globigerina rubescens decoraperta and many other species (see table 2) not diagnostic of age at this level. All these determinations (other than Globorotalia conomiozea mons) are consistent with the Late Pliocene faunas recorded by Srinivasan and Kennett from DSDP Site 281. Srinivasan and Kennett (1981b, fig. 8) summarised all the available data and in that scheme, the present samples clearly correlate best with the mid Pliocene, Globorotalia crassaformis Zone, approximately N20. G. r. decoraperta is transitional to G. r. rubescens perhaps also consistent with an N20 age.

In the scheme proposed by Hornibrook (1982) for DSDP Site 284, the correlation would suggest an older age (G. puncticulata or G. margaritae Zones) if the apparently anomalous early appearance of G. inflata is ignored. If G. c. mons is ignored, all schemes become compatible and the age can be taken as mid-Pliocene. Blow's (1969) and Jenkins' (1971) works do not allow an age determination more precise than "Pliocene". This appears to be the first foraminiferid-based Pliocene age documented from Tasmania.

As important in this context as the species present, are those not known in the sample. Despite detailed searching, there is no evidence of *Globorotalia truncatulinoides* d'Orbigny or any sphaeroidinellids or pulleniatinids. *Globigerinoides* also is absent.

Benthic foraminiferid basis.

Much of the development of Australian Stage terminology is based on the study of molluscs and benthic foraminiferids. Molluscs are common in this sediment but have not been studied. Benthic foraminiferids are abundant but seem to be of a deeper water facies than usually encountered in the Australian Pliocene known so far, and thus age diagnostic forms are absent.

Environment of Deposition

Depti

The fauna contains 53% planktic forms and thus can be regarded as a middle continental shelf fauna. This figure probably is lower than it should be because the sediment shows considerable evidence of winnowing. Dominance is 25% and diversity about 40, roughly consistent with middle to inner shelf values as developed in the Gulf of Mexico (Walton 1964). The higher content of buliminacean species suggests water a little deeper than for the Early Miocene sample. There are no shallow water indicators. The sediment probably accumulated near or a little over the continental shelf edge, perhaps in a situation and under conditions similar to those where the samples were

Temperature

Water temperature was probably higher than in the Early Miocene of the vicinity. Only the Lepidocyclina limestone of northwestern Tasmania (Quilty 1972) would represent considerably warmer Tertiary conditions in Tasmania. The planktic fauna includes keeled Globorotalia spp such as G. conomiozea mons, G. crassula crassula and G. hirsuta praehirsuta, although all are uncommon suggesting that waters may have been cool to warm temperate. As noted earlier other significant warm water groups are absent. Very warm water indices are absent

Deposition of this mid-Pliocene sediment probably coincided approximately with the Kalimnan of southeastern Australia (approximately N19-early N20; Abele et al. in Douglas and Ferguson 1976), although of a much deeper water deposition than the stratotype Kalimnan. There is no benthic basis for correlation between the two sections. As the stratotype Kalimnan probably represents sedimentation at a sea-level high coinciding with the last relatively warm-water period, and immediately prior to a major fall in sea level, this mid-Pliocene sediment is likely to be of a (relatively) warmer-water aspect than any forming in this location since.

According to Shackleton and Kennett (1975) the Late Pliocene was an interval of notably depressed surface water temperatures coinciding with a sea-level low of the order of 50m below present level following a mid-Pliocene high stand probably also coinciding with the last warm water episode before the onset of Pleistocene glaciation. Shackleton and Kennett performed their analyses from DSDP sites on the Pacific plate but no analyses of any significance are available from closer localities particularly from the Indian - Australian plate. Between the Early Miocene and Late Pliocene (some 18-19 million years), Australia had moved north some 1200km, consistent in a general way with increasing sea water temperature.

CONCLUSIONS

Early Miocene and mid-Pliocene marine sediments have been identified from new localities. The Early Miocene sediments are an extension of sedimentary sequences well known from elsewhere around northern Tasmania but mid-Pliocene sediments are not known elsewhere in Tasmania and the environment of deposition has not been recorded in southeastern Australia before.

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PLATE 1 MIOCENE PLANKTIC FORAMINIFERIDS

- FIG. 1,8 Globigerina brazieri Jenkins; 1. ventral view, x 85. UTGD 122680; 8. dorsal, x 85. UTGD 122680.
- FIG. 2,3 G. woodi connecta Jenkins; 2. ventral x 210; 3. dorsal, x 160. UTGD 122681.
- FIG. 4 G. labiacrassata Jenkins; 2. ventral x 210; 3. dorsal, x 160. UTGD 122681.
- FIG. 5,6 G. woodi woodi Jenkins; 5. ventral, x 85; 6. dorsal, x 100. UTGD 122683.
- FIG. 7 G. rubescens decoraperta (Takayanagi and Saito); oblique ventral view, x 110. UTGD 122684.

- FIG. 9 Globigerinoides quadrilobatus immaturus LeRoy; dorsal view, x 100. UTGD 122685.
- FIG. 10 Globigerinita glutinata (Egger); ventral view, x 150. UTGD 122686.
- FIG. 11-13 Globoquadrina dehiscens dehiscens (Chapman, Parr and Collins); 11. ventral x 85; 12. detail of aperture, x 350; 13. dorsal x 105. UTGD 122687.
- FIG. 14, 15 Globorotalia zealandica Hornibrook; 14. ventral, x 195; 15. dorsal, x 170. UTGD 122688.

PLATE 2 PLIOCENE PLANKTIC FORAMINIFERIDS

- FIG. 1—Globorotalia (Truncorotalia) acostaensis acostaensis Blow; ventral view, x 130. UTGD 122689.
- FIG. 2 Globigerina falconensis Blow; ventral view, x 150. UTGD 122690.
- FIG. 3 Globigerinita incrusta Akers; ventral view, x 195, UTGD 122691.
- FIG. 4 Turborotalita quinqueloba (Natland); ventral view, x 170. UTGD 122692.
- FIG. 5,6 Globorotalia (Hirsutella) scitula scitula (Brady); 5. ventral, x 115; 6. dorsal, x 150. UTGD 122693.
- FIG. 7,8 G. (Truncorotalia) inflata (d'Orbigny); 7. ventral, x 90; 8. dorsal, x 80. UTGD 122694.

- FIG. 9,10 G. (Truncorotalia) crassaformis (Galloway & Wissler); 9. ventral, x 85; 10. dorsal, x 100. UTGD 122695.
- FIG. 11,12 G. (Hirsutella) hirsuta praehirsuta Blow, 11. ventral, x 50; 12. dorsal, x 65. UTGD 122696.
- FIG. 13,14 G. (Truncorotalia) conomiozea mons Hornibrook; 13. dorsal, x 140; 14. apertural, x 130. UTGD 122697.
- FIG. 15-16 G. (Truncorotalia) c. crassula Cushman and Stewart; 15. ventral, x 135; 16. dorsal, x 145. UTGD 122698.

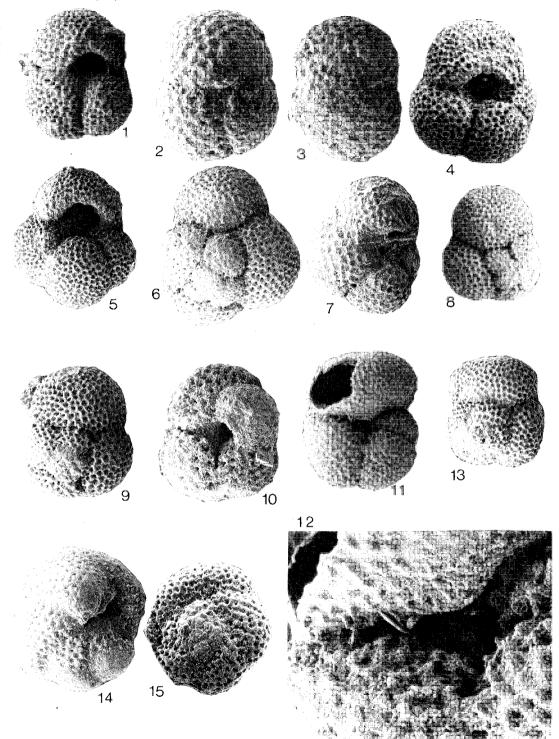


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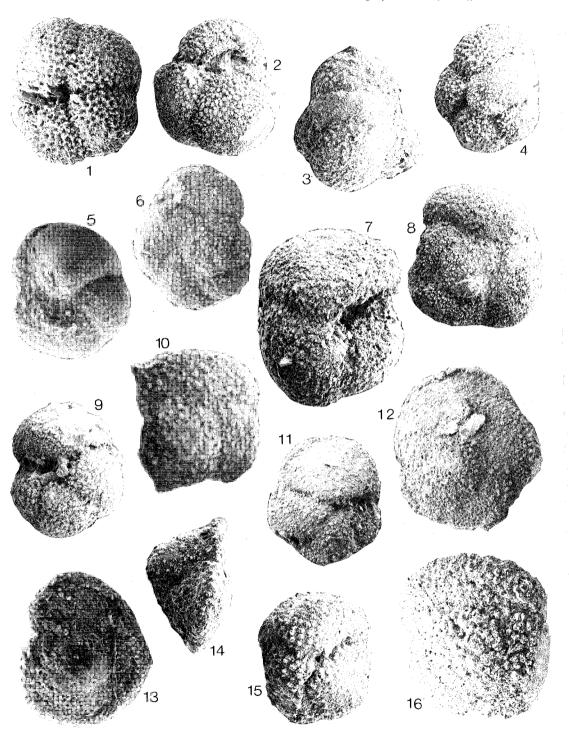


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