

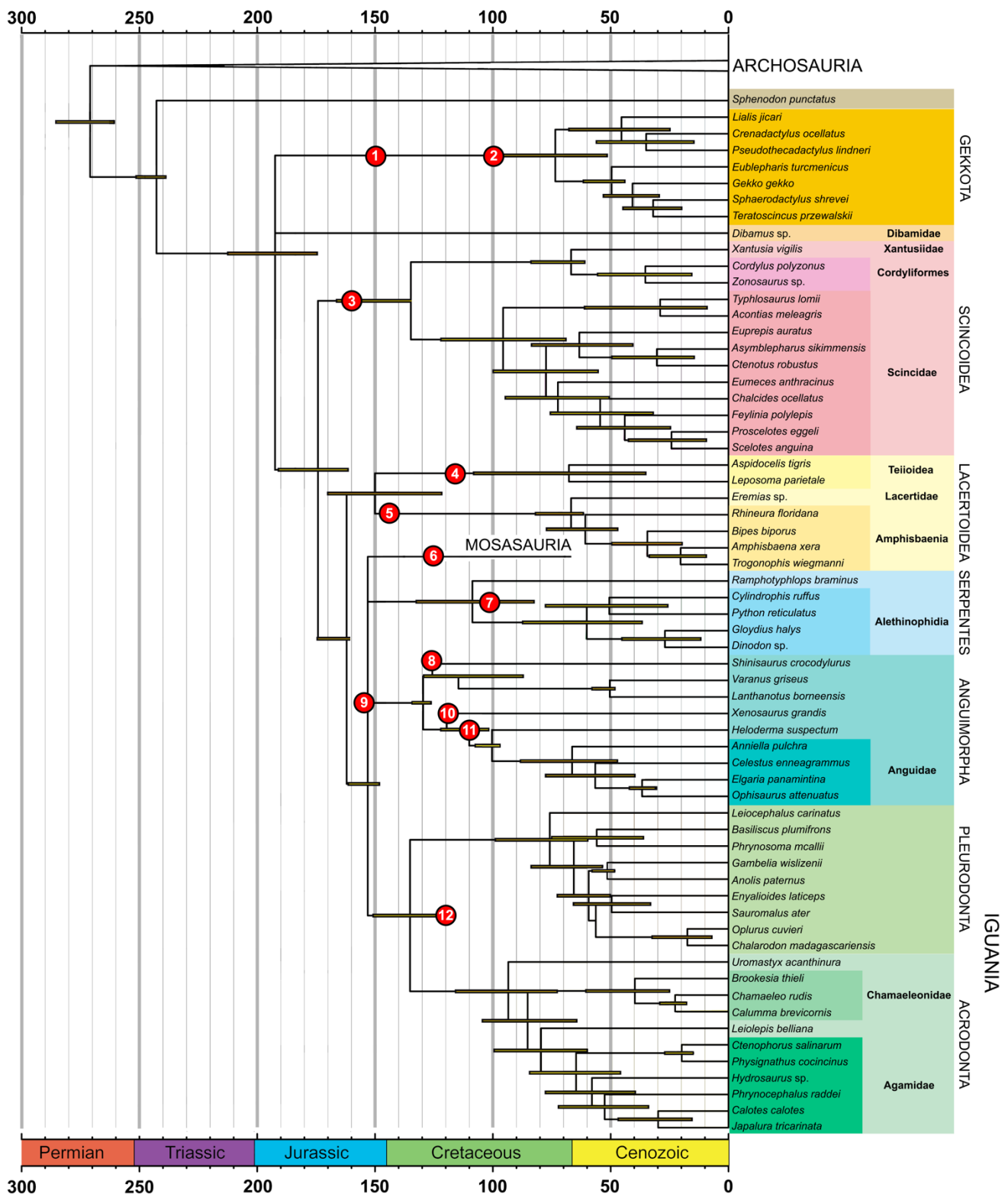


Figure 2.1 Molecular time tree (scale in mya) for Squamata, redrawn and simplified from Jones et al. [14], showing putative early representatives of major clades discussed in the text. 1: *Eichstaetiisaurus* (Upper Jurassic, Germany); 2: *Hoburogecko* (Lower Cretaceous, Mongolia); 3: Paramacellodidae and *Saurillodon* (Upper Jurassic, Portugal); 4: *Asagaolacerta*, *Kuwajimalla*, Polyglyphanodontia (Lower Cretaceous, Japan); 5: *Purbicella* (Lower Cretaceous, UK); 6: *Kaganaias* (Lower Cretaceous, Japan); 7: '*Coniophis*' (Albian-Cenomanian, North America) and terrestrial + aquatic snakes (Albian-Cenomanian, Algeria); 8: *Dalinghosaurus* (Lower Cretaceous, China); 9: *Dorsetisaurus* (Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous, Pan-Laurasia); 10: ?*Xenostius* (Early Cretaceous, Mongolia); 11: *Primaderma* (Albian-Cenomanian, North America); 12: ?*Hoyalacerta* (Early Cretaceous, Spain).