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Text S1: Expanded geological setting

- South China was situated at a low latitude during the Ordovician-Silurian (O/S)
- 30 transition (Fig. S1) and consisted of the Yangtze Block to the northwest and the
- 31 Cathaysia Block to the southeast (Lin et al., 2024). The northern margins of the South
- 32 China Block were flooded by the tropical, epicontinental Yangtze Shelf Sea, which

33 deepened toward the north and interconnected with the Panthalassa Ocean (Fig. 2 in

main text). Upper Ordovician to lower Silurian strata in the Yangtze region comprise

35 the basal Pagoda and Linhsiang limestones, representing early-mid Katian carbonate

platform environments (Zhan et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2023); overlying carbonaceous

37 shales of the Wufeng Formation in deep-water shelf areas, and argillaceous

38 limestones and interbedded calcareous shales of the Daduhe Formation deposited in

39 shallow-water proximal shelf areas, representing regional sea-level rise and increased

40 terrestrial inputs due to the northward progression of the Kwangsian Orogeny (Chen et

al., 2014); the Hirnantian Kuanyinchiao Bed (KB), consisting of calcareous mudstones

42 with carbonate concretions and abundant shelly fossils of the cool-water Hirnantia

- fauna (e.g., brachiopods, trilobites, corals and gastropods) (Rong et al., 2020). This 43 flourished during the maximum glacio-eustatic sea-level fall and disappeared abruptly 44 with the end of the Hirnantian glaciation. The succeeding graptolitic shale of the 45 Lungmachi Formation deposited during post-glacial marine transgression and oceanic 46 euxinia from the latest Hirnantian to Rhuddanian (Zou et al., 2018). In the Yichang and 47 Central Guizhou uplifts, the Lungmachi Shale directly overlies the Linhsiang Limestone, 48 reflecting a Late Ordovician to early Silurian depositional hiatus, and exposure and 49 erosion of the Late Ordovician carbonates during the maximum Hirnantian glaciation 50
- 51 (Chen et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2013).



- 53 **Figure S1.** Late Ordovician (450~445 Ma) paleogeography showing the approximate
- 54 locations of compilated sections and cores (colored dots). The base map is adapted
- ⁵⁵ with permission from Ron Blakey, © Colorado Plateau Geosystems Inc.
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In this study, we obtained samples from four sections across the Yangtze Shelf 57 (Fig. 2 in main text): the Wanhe section (103.4762°E, 27.7552°N), Shuanghe section 58 (104.8842°E, 28.3847°N), Mingtongchang section (108.5461°E, 31.7697°N) and 59 Liziping section (109.8689°E, 31.5686°N). We also compiled Ca/Al, calcite, total 60 organic carbon (TOC) and carbon isotope data from 13 globally-distributed locations 61 (Achab et al., 2011; Ahm et al., 2017; Bergström et al., 2016; Challands, 2008; 62 Hammarlund et al., 2012; Hammarlund et al., 2019; Hounslow et al., 2021; Jones et al., 63 2016; LaPorte et al., 2009; Sánchez-Roda et al., 2024; Smolarek-Lach et al., 2019; 64 Stockey et al., 2020; Sullivan et al., 2018; Underwood et al., 1997; Young et al., 2020; 65 Young et al., 2010) (Fig. S1; Table S1) and 45 cores and sections in South China (Cao 66 et al., 2023; Chen, 2018; Dong et al., 2022; Fan et al., 2009; He, 2020; Hu et al., 2021; 67

Hu et al., 2024; Li, 2019; Li et al., 2019a; Li et al., 2021a; Li et al., 2024; Li et al., 2019b; 68

- Li et al., 2019c; Li et al., 2021c; Liu, 2017; Liu et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2016; Lu et al., 69
- 2021; Lu et al., 2022; Men et al., 2022; Qiu et al., 2020; Qiu et al., 2022a; Qiu et al., 70
- 2022b; Shen et al., 2019; Shi, 2021; Sun, 2018; Wang et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022; Xi 71
- et al., 2021; Xiao et al., 2021; Yan et al., 2009; Yan et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2022; 72
- Zhang et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2021; Zhou et al., 2017; Zou et al., 2018). (Fig. S2; 73
- Table S2). 74



76 Figure S2. Locations of all sections and cores used for the TOC and $\delta^{13}C$

77 **compilation.** The base map is taken from *Google Maps*.

The Wanhe section was situated in a nearshore shallow-water area of the Yangtze 79 Shelf Sea during the Late Ordovician. The basal part of this section consists of 80 medium-to thick-bedded nodular limestones of the Pagoda (or Baota) Formation (0-81 19.8 m), representing a middle Sandbian- early Katian carbonate platform 82 environment with a relatively stable water depth and tectonic setting (Zhan et al., 83 2016). Above the Pagoda Formation is the thin-bedded, nodular argillaceous 84 limestone of the Linhsiang (or Linxiang) Formation (19.8–29.8m), reflecting sea-level 85 fall (Zhan and Jin, 2007). The overlying Daduhe Formation can be divided into two 86 members: the lower member (29.8-42.9 m) consists of thin-bedded argillaceous 87

- 88 limestone interbedded with calcareous mudstone, while the upper member (42.9–51.9
- m) comprises calcareous mudstone/shale intercalated with argillaceous limestone.
- 90 The topmost part of the Daduhe Formation is the Kuanyinchiao Bed (51.9-58.6 m),
- 91 which consists of lenticular argillaceous limestone and calcareous mudstone, and is
- ⁹² rich in shelly fossils (Fig. S2). The Lungmachi (or Longmaxi) Formation conformably
- overlies the Kuanyinchia Bed and consists of black graptolitic shale in the lower part
- 94 (52. 6 m-58.6 m), grading up into silty shale or mudstone in the mid-upper part (58.6-
- 95 81 m).
- During the late Katian, the Shuanghe section was consistently situated in a deep inner-shelf setting. The Wufeng Formation in this section is composed of black graptolitic shale and calcareous mudstone, with a thickness of 10 m (Zou et al., 2018).

99 The Kuanyinchiao Bed is about 60 cm thick and mainly comprises calcareous

- 100 mudstone and lenticular shelly mudstone. The Lungmachi Formation comprises black
- 101 graptolitic shale with a thickness of over 10 m.
- 102 The Mingtongchang and Liziping sections accumulated in a deep-water outer
- 103 shelf environment during the O/S transition. (Li et al., 2021b; Xiao et al., 2022).
- 104 Sedimentary successions and lithofacies in the two sections can be correlated with
- 105 the Shuanghe and Wangjiawan sections (Chen et al., 2006). Notably, the Wufeng
- Formation is relatively thin (about 2 m), and the Kuanyinchiao Bed is composed of ~ 2
- 107 m of black calcareous siltstone at the Liziping section. The Lungmachi Formation
- 108 comprises black siliciclastic shale with abundant graptolites, with a thickness of over

109 20 m in the two sections.

110 Text S2: Hirnantian carbonate-rich deposits—the Kuanyinchiao Bed

The Kuanyinchiao Bed, deposited between the Wufeng and Lungmachi shales, is 111 characterized by high carbonate concentrations and abundant shelly fossils of the 112 well-known, cool-water *Hirnantia* fauna, which includes brachiopods, trilobites, corals 113 and gastropods (Rong et al., 2020) (Fig. S3). The Kuanyinchiao Bed is widely 114 distributed on the Yangtze Shelf and records a dramatic eustatic sea-level drop (at 115 least 80 m; (Brenchley et al., 2006) during the peak Hirnantian glaciation (Zhan and 116 Jin, 2007). The thickest and most complete lithological sequence of the Kuanyinchiao 117 Bed is found at the Honghuayuan section of Tongzi, northern Guizhou Province, where 118

- it reaches a thickness of over 5 m and consists of multiple layers of grey, mid-bedded
- 120 argillaceous limestone (Fig. S3A-B) intercalated with graptolitic shales. In the Wanhe
- 121 section, this formation is composed of lenticular argillaceous limestone and
- 122 calcareous mudstone with a thickness of 0.7 m (Fig. S3C-D).
- In deep-water environments, the Kuanyinchiao Bed is generally less than 1 m thick and consists of lenticular, shelly argillaceous limestone and calcareous mudstone (Zhang et al., 2016), such as a 0.6 m thick lenticular shelly limestone at Shuanghe (inner shelf; Fig. S3E-G), a 0.27 m thick lenticular shelly limestone at Huangying (mid-shelf; Fig. S3H-I), and a 0.3 m thick shelly calcareous mudstone at Qiliao (mid-shelf; Fig. S3J). In outer-shelf regions, there is an increase in siliciclastic content,
- 129 but this formation remains rich in carbonate. For instance, at the Liziping section, the

130 Kuanyinchiao Bed is distinguished by ~ 2 m of calcareous siltstone (Fig. S3K).

131 Notably, Hirnantian carbonate-rich deposition is widespread throughout other

132 continents (Jones et al., 2011; LaPorte et al., 2009; Melchin and Holmden, 2006). Even

133 in deep basin settings, significant carbonate enrichments (indicated by elevated

134 CaCO₃ and Ca/Al values) occur in the Hirnantian intervals, suggesting a global-scale

135 carbonate burial event.



137 Figure S3. Representative field photographs of the Kuanyinchiao Bed (KB)

- 138 throughout the Yangtze Shelf. A: The boundary between the Lungmachi Formation
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Enlargement of mid-bedded argillaceous limestone and calcareous siltstone within the 140 Kuanyinchiao Bed in Fig. S3A. C: Lenticular argillaceous limestone and calcareous 141 mudstone of the Kuanyinchiao Bed at the Wanhe section, Zhaotong, Yunnan. D: 142 Enlargement of shelly argillaceous limestone in Fig. S3C showing brachiopods (yellow 143 dashed circles). E: Black lenticular shelly limestone at the Shuanghe section, 144 Changning, Sichuan. F-G: Enlargement of shelly limestone in Fig. S3E showing 145 brachiopods (the yellow dashed circle). H: The O-S transition succession at the 146 Huangying section, Wulong, Chongqing. I: Enlargement of shelly limestone seen in Fig. 147 S3H showing *Hirnantia* that have been pyritized. J: Calcareous mudstone of the 148 Kuanyinchiao Bed at the mid-shelf Qiliao section, Shizhu, Chongqing. K: Calcareous 149

and the Kuanyinchiao Bed at the Honghuayuan section, Tongzi, Guizhou. B:

siltstone of the Kuanyinchiao Bed at the out-shelf Liziping section, Zhuxi, Hubei. 150

Text S3: Materials and methods 151

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A total of 200 outcrop samples were collected from the four sections in the Yangtze 152

region, South China, including 108 samples from the Wanhe section, 43 samples from 153

- the Shuanghe section, 25 samples from the Mingtongchang section, and 24 samples 154
- from the Liziping section. Before geochemical analysis, the fresh samples were 155
- carefully trimmed to remove weathered surfaces, visible veins and pyrite nodules. The 156
- remaining sample was then powdered to approximately 200 mesh using an agate mill. 157
- All samples were analyzed for major elements and total organic carbon (TOC) content 158
- at the Key Laboratory of Petroleum Resources of the Northwest Institute of 159

160 Eco-Environment and Resources, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Lanzhou, China.

- 161 Additionally, 157 samples from the Wanhe, Mingtongchang and Liziping sections were
- 162 analyzed for organic carbon isotopes, and 84 samples from the Wanhe (41) and
- 163 Shuanghe (43) sections were analyzed for carbonate carbon isotopes, Ca isotopes
- 164 and trace element (Sr, U) concentrations in carbonate minerals at the State Key
- 165 Laboratory of Geological Processes and Mineral Resources, China University of
- 166 Geosciences, Wuhan, China. All data are shown in Table S3.

167 Organic carbon contents and isotopes

- 168 Prior to analysis, ~0.1 g of dried sample powder was decarbonated via two sequential
- 169 dissolutions with 4 M HCl at room temperature. Samples were then washed with
- 170 deionized water to remove all remaining acid and dried at 50°C. TOC contents were

171 measured using a CS-902C High Frequency Infrared Carbon Sulfur Analyzer. The

- 172 analytical reproducibility was better than ±0.1% based on duplicate analyses. Organic
- 173 carbon isotopes ($\delta^{13}C_{org}$) were analyzed using a Finnigan MAT253 Mass
- 174 Spectrometer and reported in standard δ -notation relative to the Vienna Peedee
- 175 Belmnite (VPDB) standard. The analytical reproducibility of $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ was better than ±
- 176 0.1‰.

177 Carbonate carbon isotope analysis

- 178 About 100 mg of sample powder was weighed into a 10 mL Na glass vial, and then
- 179 sealed by a butyl rubber septum. After flushing with helium gas, the sample was

- reacted with 100% phosphoric acid at 72°C to release CO₂. The carbonate carbon
- 181 isotope ($\delta^{13}C_{carb}$) compositions of the released CO₂ were then measured with a
- 182 MAT253 Mass Spectrometer and isotope data was calculated as permil (‰) relative to
- 183 the VPDB standard. The analytical reproducibility was better than ±0.1‰.

184 Elemental analysis of whole-rock samples

- 185 Bulk major element analyses were measured using a PANalytical Sequential X-ray
- 186 Fluorescence (XRF) spectrometer. Prior to analysis, powdered samples were dried at
- 187 105°C. Approximately 4 g of dried sample powder was weighed into a mold with boric
- 188 acid lining the edges and bottom. The powdered samples were pressed into a pellet
- 189 with an inner diameter of 32 mm using a ZHY-401A press machine at a pressure of 30
- 190 tons. The raw data were analyzed using SuperQ (Version 5.0) Software. The analytical

191 precision for all major elements was maintained at better than ±3%.

For bulk trace element analysis, ~50 mg of sample powder was weighed into 192 Teflon beakers. Sequentially, 1.50 mL of 68% HNO₃, 1.5 mL of HF, and 0.01 mL of 193 HClO₄ were added to the Teflon beakers. Afterwards, the Teflon beakers were placed 194 on a hotplate at 140°C. Dissolved samples were evaporated to dryness, then 195 re-dissolved in 1.50 mL HNO₃ and 1.50 mL HF. Then the capped Teflon beakers were 196 placed into an oven at 195°C for over 48 h. Dissolved samples were evaporated to 197 dryness, and then 3 mL HNO₃ was added. Re-dissolved samples were evaporated to 198 dryness, and then 3 mL 50% HNO₃ was added and the beakers placed into an oven at 199 150°C for 24 h. The dissolved samples were transferred into 100 mL tubes, and Rh 200

- internal standard solution was added. Deionized water was added into the tube to 100 201
- g, ensuring the concentration of Rh in the solution was 50 mg/mL. The final solutions 202 were analyzed using an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS 203 Agilent 7700e). 204

Elemental analysis of carbonate minerals 205

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- For the analysis of trace elements in carbonates, about 200 mg of sample powder was 206
- individually weighed into centrifuge tubes, and 2 mL of deionized water was added. 207
- After 10 mins vibration, the samples were centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 10 mins and all 208
- supernatant was removed. The deionized water washing procedure was repeated. 209
- After washing, the samples were dried and finely re-ground. Next, about 50 mg of the 210
- dried sample powder was weighed into a new centrifuge tube, and 0.25 mL of acetic 211

acid (0.86 M) was added. The samples were sonicated for 30 minutes, then allowed to react at room temperature for 24 h. Subsequently, the samples were centrifuged again 213 at 4000 rpm for 10 mins, and the supernatant was removed. To ensure complete 214 removal of absorbed Ca, the acetic acid washing procedure was repeated. Afterwards, 215 the samples were then re-dried and re-ground. Subsequently, the samples were 216 re-dissolved with 0.5 mL of 0.86 M acetic acid. After 30 minutes vibration, the samples 217 were allowed to react at room temperature for 24 h. Subsequently, the samples were 218 centrifuged again at 4000 rpm for 10 mins, and the supernatant was carefully 219 transferred into a new Teflon vial. This final extraction with acetic acid was repeated 220 twice for each sample, with all supernatants added into the same Teflon vial. The 221

resulting solution was analyzed for trace elements using an ICP-MS (Agilent 7700e).

223 Calcium isotope analysis of carbonate minerals

In this study, we only analyzed Ca isotope compositions of carbonate minerals, rather than whole-rock samples. The same extraction procedure for carbonate as described

above for testing trace elements in carbonate rocks was applied. Therefore, the initial

227 dissolved sample solutions used for Ca isotope measurements are identical to the

228 final dissolved sample solutions for carbonate trace element analysis. Firstly, an

aliquot containing about 40 µg of Ca was transferred into a 7 mL vial. The solution

was dried and re-dissolved with 400 mL of 4 mol/L HNO₃ and then loaded on DGA

extraction chromatography resin to purify. About 6 mL of 4 mol/L HNO3 was added to

232 completely rinse off matrix elements. 3 mL of deionized water was subsequently

added to quantitatively elute the Ca. The purified sample solutions were evaporated to

dryness and re-dissolved with 2 mL of 0.35 mol/L HNO₃ prior to calcium isotope

235 measurements. The final sample solutions were measured for calcium isotope ratios

- using a multi-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (MC-ICP-MS;
- Nu Plasma 1700) operated in high-resolution mode. The Ca isotopic compositions of
- the samples are reported as δ -notation relative to seawater ($\delta^{44}Ca-SW$):
- 239 δ^{44} Ca (in ‰) = [(⁴⁴Ca / ⁴⁰Ca)_{sample} / (⁴⁴Ca / ⁴⁰Ca)_{SW} 1] × 1000
- Measurement uncertainty for each sample is $\pm 0.06\%$ (two-standard deviation: 241 2SD) and the long-term external precision of δ^{44} Ca is better than $\pm 0.07\%$ (2SD) (Li et
- al., 2018). In this study, the average δ^{44} Ca value of the SRM 915a standard relative to

243 seawater was 1.92 ± 0.07‰.

244 Age model

Each of our samples and compiled data were assigned chronometric ages using 245 age-constrained graptolite zones (Fig. S4). The Stage boundary ages and durations of 246 each graptolite zone are derived from the latest International Chronostratigraphic 247 Chart (v2023/09) and the 2012 Geologic Time Scale (Cooper et al., 2012). For a few 248 global shallow-water sections without graptolite zones, we used well-established 249 conodont or chitinozoan zones. Global correlation among graptolite, conodont and 250 chitinozoan biozones was based on the framework of Goldman et al. (2023). Linear 251 ages were constructed assuming a constant sedimentation rate within the 252 age-controlled graptolite zone. 253

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- **Figure S4. Global correlation chart of graptolite zonation and referenced ages from**
- the Upper Ordovician to Lower Silurian (Chen et al., 2000; Chen et al., 2006; Cooper et al.,
- al., 2012; Goldman et al., 2023).
- 258 **Processing of compiled \delta^{13}C_{org} data**
- A total of about 2100 data points from 42 drill cores and outcrop sections were used
- to map lateral variability in $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ values on the Yangtze Shelf across the Hirnantian

- glaciation. According to our age framework, we assigned an interpreted age to all data
- points. To reduce the influence from outliers, we extracted six $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ values with 1 Ma
- intervals between 447.5Ma and 442.5Ma from the 10% LOWESS (locally weighted
- scatterplot smoothing) fitted $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ curves (Fig. S5) for each section. The LOWESS
- regression was performed using Matlab Software. Maps of $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ were created using



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- Figure S5. Example of six extracted $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ values from the 10% LOWESS fitted curve
- 269 in the Wanhe section.

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Age (Ma) 442

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Text S4: Framework for calcium isotope and diagenesis interpretations

- 272 Carbonate minerals preferentially sequester light Ca isotopes from seawater,
- exhibiting a δ^{44} Ca offset of ~-1.5% for aragonite and ~-0.9% for calcite compared to

contemporaneous seawater (Gussone et al., 2020). However, post-depositional 274 diagenetic processes (in particular, early marine diagenesis) can alter and reset 275 original δ^{13} C and δ^{44} Ca signals recorded in carbonate sediments (Fantle and Higgins, 276 2014; Higgins et al., 2018). Paired measurement of δ^{44} Ca, Sr/Ca and U/Ca ratios is a 277 potential approach to constrain the extent and style of early marine diagenetic 278 alteration in carbonate rocks (Ahm et al., 2018; Higgins et al., 2018). Shallow-water 279 carbonate sediments are often associated with fluid-buffered alteration, characterized 280 by extensive exchange between porewater and seawater, resulting in isotopic 281 equilibrium between diagenetic carbonate minerals and seawater (Hoffman and 282 Lamothe, 2019; Holmden et al., 2024). In such open diagenetic regimes, the δ^{44} Ca 283 values in diagenetic minerals are expected to increase to approach contemporaneous 284

seawater compositions (~0% in modern seawater, ~-0.7% to ~-0.25% in the Late

Ordovician seawater) (Holmden, 2009; Holmden et al., 2024), while Sr/Ca and U/Ca 286 ratios would be lowered compared to primary aragonite or calcite (Busch et al., 2022). 287 By contrast, the isotopic signatures of $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{44}Ca$ in deep-water carbonate 288 sediments may be preserved during early marine diagenesis due to sluggish porewater 289 circulation (in a closed system) and the majority of the re-precipitated Ca is inherited 290 from the precursor carbonate minerals (under sediment-buffered conditions) (Ahm et 291 al., 2018; Hoffman and Lamothe, 2019; Holmden et al., 2024). In the cross-plots of 292 δ^{44} Ca vs. Sr/Ca and δ^{44} Ca vs. U/Ca (Fig. S6), our mudstone/shale samples from the 293 Shuanghe section and most shale samples from the Wanhe section plotted in or near 294

to the sediment buffered field, showing no apparent covariation between Sr/Ca and 295 δ^{44} Ca, or U/Ca and δ^{44} Ca. The carbonate samples from the Wanhe section are closer 296 to the seawater-buffered field, exhibiting a broadly negative covariation between Sr/Ca 297 and δ^{44} Ca, as well as U/Ca and δ^{44} Ca. In addition, limestone samples have lower 298 Sr/Ca and U/Ca values, and high δ^{44} Ca values. This is consistent with shallower 299 sedimentary settings for carbonate rocks, which were characterized by extensive 300 exchange between porewater and seawater, resulting in δ^{44} Ca signals of carbonate 301 minerals increasing to seawater values, along with the loss of some Sr and U (Busch 302 et al., 2022). We thus suggest that our shale samples deposited from the relatively 303 deep-water settings preserve the original δ^{44} Ca signals and can be used to reconstruct 304 local marine Ca cycling. By contrast, δ^{44} Ca signals of carbonate samples from the 305



- Figure S6. Cross-plots of δ^{44} Ca vs. Sr/Ca and δ^{44} Ca vs. U/Ca. The δ^{44} Ca value of bulk
- silicate Earth (~-0.96‰ relative to modern seawater) is from Fantle and Tipper (2014).
- 310 The range of δ^{44} C values of primary calcite and aragonite are calculated based on the
- average fractionation factors of -0.9% and -1.5% for the two carbonate minerals,

- respectively, (Gussone et al., 2020), as well as the estimated δ^{44} Ca ranges (~-0.7‰ to
- ~-0.25‰) of Late Ordovician seawater from Holmden, 2009 and Holmden et al., 2024.







317 shale facies with low Ti/Al, Zr/Al, Al+K+Ti, bulk Ca (Ca_{bulk}) and carbonate Ca (Ca_{carb})

318 concentrations are interpreted to reflect rising sea-level and associated

319 carbonate-platform drowning (Fanton and Holmden, 2007; LaGrange et al., 2020; Li et

al., 2021a). The light-purple shaded band denotes low sea-level intervals. $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ and

321 bulk Ca data for the Shuanghe section are replotted from Zou et al. (2018). The

322 log-transformed anhysteretic remanent magnetization (ARM) profile of the Wanhe

section is redrawn from Zhong et al. (2020). Notably, in the Daduhe Formation of the

324 WH section, sea-level fluctuations correlate well with 405 thousand year Milankovitch

325 cycles, and can be compared with long-term transgression-regression cycles in the

326 coeval Wufeng Formation of the SH section.



- Figure S8. Sea level, Ca contents and carbon isotope comparison among the Monitor
- Range (A) (Holmden et al., 2012), Anticosti (Jones et al., 2019) (B), Wanhe (C), and
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