For likelihood computations, the command file should include:

1- The name of the sequence files.

Each sequence file is preceded by the instruction seqfileN (N indicates the number of the sequence file).

For example in the case of the mitochondrial data set: seqfile1 ND1.ali seqfile2 ND2.ali seqfile3 COX1.ali seqfile4 COX2.ali seqfile5 ATP8.ali seqfile6 ATP6.ali seqfile7 COX3.ali seqfile8 ND3.ali seqfile9 ND4L.ali seqfile10 ND4.ali seqfile11 ND5.ali

seqfile12 CYTB.ali

2- The format of the sequence files.

For each sequence file, the file format should be indicated. fasta, phylip, clustal, and mase formats can be recognized by the program. Each file format is preceded by the instruction formatN (N indicates the number of the sequence file).

For example in the case of the mitochondrial data set:

format1 fasta format2 fasta format3 fasta format4 fasta format5 fasta format6 fasta format7 fasta format8 fasta format10 fasta format11 fasta format12 fasta

<u>3- The model of sequence of the sequence</u>.

For each sequence file, the model of sequence evolution should be indicated. JTT, dayoff ("DAY"), and REV models can be recognized by the program. Each model of sequence evolution is preceded by the instruction modelN (N indicate the number of the sequence file).

For example in the case of the mitochondrial data set: model1 rev model2 rev model3 rev model4 rev model5 rev model6 rev model7 rev model8 rev model9 rev model10 rev model11 rev model12 rev

4- The size of the alphabet of the model of sequence of the sequence.

The program is, currently, only able to consider protein sequences so the size of the alphabet should be 20 for each sequence file.

For example in the case of the mitochondrial data set:

alphabet1 20 alphabet2 20 alphabet3 20 alphabet4 20 alphabet5 20 alphabet6 20 alphabet7 20 alphabet8 20 alphabet9 20 alphabet10 20 alphabet11 20 alphabet12 20

For nucleotide sequences, a beta version is available upon request.

<u>5- The name of the tree file.</u> The tree file should be in NEWICK/PHYLIP format and unrooted. It may include branch lengths or not (but no negative branch lengths...). If branch lengths are indicated, they will be used as a first guess for the reconstruction of the best tree (it can save computation time). The name of the tree file should be preceded by the instruction treefile.

For example: treefile tree.tre

6- The name of the output file.

The name of the tree file should be preceded by the instruction logfile.

For example: logfile outfile.txt

7- Gamma

The word gamma should be added if among site rate variation is to be taken into account. Otherwise, the homogenous model is considered.

8- Log level

loglvl indicated the level of the details included in the output file. Currently it is better to use "loglvl 10"

In order to shorten the computation time it is possible to indicate a first guess for the alpha parameters of each tree and for the rates of each gene. The second case should only be applied when the proportional model is used.

For example:

For the N-GAM models: gamma alpha1 0.49 alpha2 0.52 alpha3 0.68

alphaN 0.35

For the 1-GAM models: gamma alpha 0.49

(no index should be added to the instruction alpha)

For the proportional models: rate1 0.49 rate2 1.58 rate3 2.86 ... rateN 0.34

For Kishino-Hasegawa test computations, the two command files <u>MUST</u> include

All the information included above all (point 1-8), as well as all the information concerning the alpha parameters of each tree and the rates of each gene (for the proportional model). The tree files considered must also include branch lengths. In the case of the separate model, the N trees should be given in one file one after the other.

For example in the case of a data set including 3 genes the tree file format should be: ((spA:0.6,spB:0.56), spC:0.04,spD:1.06); ((spA:0.3,spB:0.79), spC:0.43,spD:0.007); ((spA:0.2,spB:0.1), spC:0.783,spD:0.12345);