

Table 2: Glottochronology-Derived Median Dating Estimates¹⁰

Median Dating in Years Before Present	Median Cognation Retention Between Related Languages
500	86%
1000	74%
1500	64%
2000	55%
2500	47%
3000	40%
4000	30%
5000	22%
6000	16%
7000	12%
8000	9%
9000	7%
10000	5%

¹⁰ Christopher Ehret, "Testing the Expectations of Glottochronology against the Correlations of Language and Archaeology in Africa," in *Time Depth in Historical Linguistics*, Vol. 2, ed. A. McMahon C. Renfrew and L. Trask (Cambridge: McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, 2000), 395.