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ABSTRACT

First palynological data, supplemented by detrital zircon U–Pb ages, from the *Fenestella* Shale Formation near the Gund Village in the Banihal area of Jammu and Kashmir State, India, provide new insights into the floristic evolution of Gondwana during the Late Palaeozoic, especially in India, from where the Carboniferous–Permian macro- and microfloral records are impoverished. We also present a first approach to the palynological correlation of the Carboniferous–Permian palynoassemblages described from the various Gondwana countries.