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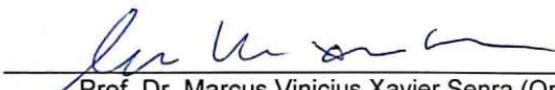
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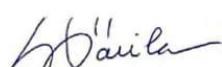
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## RESUMO

*Paramecium* são seres vivos, microscópicos, que podem ser encontrados em vários ambientes aquáticos, tanto de água doce quanto salgada. Eles são seres unicelulares, ou seja, o seu corpo é formado apenas de uma célula, e é todo recoberto de cílios, alimentam-se de bactérias, algas, matéria em decomposição, pois eles não conseguem produzir seu próprio alimento. Estes seres vivos são muito abundantes, distribuídos entre 19 espécies válidas, e bastante utilizados como modelo de estudo em vários campos de pesquisa. Porém, questões sobre quando esses organismos surgiram, e como sua estrutura populacional se encontra ainda não estão muito claras para os pesquisadores. Então, os objetivos deste trabalho foram identificar quando estes seres vivos surgiram, e como essa estrutura populacional encontra-se organizada. Para isso, utilizamos sequências de DNA, depositadas em bancos de dados próprios para esse fim, que juntamente com programas computacionais e fósseis datados previamente conhecidos, permitem estabelecer este surgimento. Encontramos que estes seres vivos surgiram há cerca de 300 milhões de anos atrás, e que cada uma de suas espécies, tiveram uma data distinta de surgimento. Além disso, certamente existam bem mais espécies do que é conhecido atualmente, e questões ambientais, bem como questões fisiológicas destes seres vivos, é o que provavelmente influencia na sua distribuição.

Palavras-chave: Ambiente; distribuição; *Paramecium*; surgimento

## ABSTRACT

Members of the genus *Paramecium* (Ciliophora, Oligohymenophorea) are widespread ciliates able to colonize many aquatic brackish and freshwater environments. They are currently divided in 5 subgenera encompassing 19 valid species, including *Paramecium multimicronucleatum*, *Paramecium caudatum*, *Paramecium aurelia* (complex) and *Paramecium bursaria*, which are considered cosmopolitan organisms. Despite that many *Paramecium* species have been historically and extensively used as model organisms in research fields ranging from genomics to conservation biology, their origin and populational structure remains elusive. Here, two datasets (18S rDNA and cytochrome oxidase subunit I [COI]) including sequences from all 5 subgenera and from most of the accepted species, we used the 18S rDNA to reconstruct a time-calibrated tree of *Paramecium* to elucidate the evolutionary origin of extant accepted *Paramecium* species and to evaluate intra-genus phylogenetic relationships. The COI dataset was used to evaluate, through species delimitation algorithms (PTP and mPTP) the existence of independent evolutionary unities (IEUs) within accepted *Paramecium* species. Our data rises more evidences supporting the idea that most accepted *Paramecium* species may be, in fact complexes of species, and that the diversity of cryptic species may be higher than previously though; the identified IEUs are not spatially structured, actually, many of them co-occurs over vast geographical areas, indicating that intercontinental distances are not barriers for IEUs` dispersion and gene flow, and other eco-physiological features may be responsible to their distribution.

Keywords: Cryptic species; time tree, species delimitation; genetic diversity; species complex.

## LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

COI	Gene Citrocomo Oxidase- I
18S	Gene 18S ribosomal RNA
PTP	Poisson Tree Processes
MPTP	Multi-rate PTP/ Multi-taxa PTP
MCMC	Markov Chain Monte Carlo
MAFFT	Multiple sequence alignment program
IEU	Independent evolutionary unities
Bold	Barcode of Life Data System
BEAST	Bayesian evolutionary analysis by sampling trees
ESS	Effective sample size
LPCA	Last <i>Paramecium</i> Common Ancestor
Ma	Millions of years
ML-	Maximum likelihood
WGD	Whole-genome duplication

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Among members of the phylum Ciliophora Doflein, 1901, unicellular microeukaryotes able to colonize a wide variety of environments, including soil, fresh and marine waters, and which have as synapomorphies: nuclear dimorphism (somatic and germinative nuclei within the same cell), presence of an infraciliature, and sexual reproduction through conjugation (Lynn, 2008), *Paramecium* Muller, 1786 (Oligohymenophorea) is possibly the best known and studied genus (Tarcz et al., 2012). These organisms are widespread and molecularly diverse (Krenek et al., 2015), exhibiting high reproduction rate (Grolière et al., 1990) and they can be easily cultivate under laboratory conditions, amenable to genetic modification and have high sensitivity to environmental disturbances (Delmonte Conrrado et al., 2006; Tan et al., 2010).

These characteristics make *Paramecium* good model organisms and have been extensively used over the last 250 years in a vast array of studies, ranging from genomics to conservation biology (Mansano et al., 2016; Quispe et al., 2016) and have been applied for biomonitoring and bioremediation of impacted environments (Sleigh, 1988; Grolière et al., 1990; Sparagano and Groliere, 1991; da Silva-Paiva and Silva-Neto, 2004).

Moreover, many information on the function and functioning of microRNAs (catalytic RNAs), telometric repeats, histone epigenetic modifications came also from works using *Paramecium* as model organisms (Bass and Cech 1984; Greider and Blackburn 1985; Greider and Blackburn 1989 ; Gao et al., 2013; Wang and Sheng, et al., 2017; Zhao et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2018).

Despite this long history of vast research, aspects about the origin and evolution still elusive (Krenek et al., 2015). Recently, Fernandes and Schrago (2019) established the origin of the genus *Paramecium* in 450-240 Ma. However, many questions remain unanswered, such as when was the emergence of the extant species and how it may have influenced their actual geographic distribution?

There are, currently more than 40 described species in the literature, however, only 19 are considered valid species, being this validation, the species based in description morphological, and most of the descriptions were not done

correctly. (Fokin, 2002; Fokin, 2010; Krenek, 2015; Silva Paiva, 2016). The genus *Paramecium* can be divided into 5 subgenera: <sup>1</sup>*Paramecium* (Jankowski, 1969) encompassing the species of *P. aurelia* complex (Sonneborn, 1975), *P. multimicronucleatum* (Powers and Mitchell, 1910), *P. caudatum* (Ehrenberg, 1833), *P. jenningsi* (Diller and Earl, 1958), *P. schewiakoffi* (Fokin et al, 2004), *P. africanum* (Dragesco, 1970), *P. jankowskii* (Dragesco, 1972), *P. wichertmani* (Mohammed and Nashed, 1969) and *P. ungandae* (Dragesco, 1972); <sup>2</sup>*Cypristostomum*, including *P. neprhridiatum* (Gelei, 1925), *P. woodruffi* (Wenrich, 1928) *P. polycaryum* (Woodruff and Spencer, 1923), *P. pseudotrichium* (Dragesco, 1970) and *P. calkinsi* (Woodruff, 1921); <sup>3</sup>*Viridoparamecium*, represented by the species *P. chorelligerum* (Kahl, 1935); <sup>4</sup>*Helianter* (Jankowski, 1969), comprising *P. putrinum* (Claparède and Lachmann, 1858), *P. duboscqui* (Chatton and Brachon, 1933) and *P. buetschlii* (Krenek, 2015); and <sup>5</sup>*Chloroparamecium*, represented by *P. bursaria* (Focke, 1836). Recently, a novel species was included to the list, *Paramecium grohmannae* (Paiva et al., 2016), which was described from an urban wastewater treatment plant in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), highlighting the importance of more taxonomical studies within neotropics. (These accepted species and their geographical distribution are summarized in Table 1).

Despite these microeukaryotes can be found, in general in most freshwater (lakes, rivers, streams) (Sonneborn, 1975) and brackish environments all around the world (Fokin and Chivilev, 1999) with temperatures ranging from 3°C to 28°C (Landis, 1988; Krenek et al., 2015), their geographic distribution and the amount of genetic variability remain topics of intense debate (Catania et al., 2009). Among protistologists there are two competing schools, some authors supporting the “everything is everywhere” microbiology maxima (few species with widespread distribution) (Fenchel and Finlay, 2004). While others defend the view that, there is a great richness of protist species, and they tent, actually to be endemics (Foissner, 1999). In fact, data on the geographic distribution of some *Paramecium* species do not seems to support this cosmopolitan model of distribution (Fokin, 2010). According to Fokin (2010), although some species, such as *P. caudatum*, *P. multimicronucleatum*, *P. aurelia* (complex) and *P. bursaria* do appear to be cosmopolitan, others may be, in fact endemic to certain regions, such as *P. sonneborni* (North American), *P. schewiakoffi* and *P.*

*wichtermani* (Asia) (Table 1). Still, this author and others also defend the view that the assumption of cosmopolitanism in ciliates is likely associated with the lack of taxonomic specialists and largely unexplored areas, such as the tropics, which lead to misidentifications and poor taxonomical species characterizations (Foissner, 1999; Fokin et al., 2004, Fokin, 2010).

**Table 1. Distribution of *Paramecium* morphospecies**

Species	Locality						Reference
	Europe	Asia	North A	South A	Africa	Oceania	
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	Ehrenberg 1838
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	Powers and Mitchell 1910
<i>Paramecium shewiakoffi</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	Fokin et al., 2004
<i>Paramecium sonneborni</i>	+	-	+	-	-	-	Aufderheide et al., 1983
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	+	+	+	-	+	-	Diller and Earl, 1958
<i>Paramecium aurelia</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	Müller, 1773
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	+	+	+	+	+	-	Chatton and Brachon, 1933
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+	Claparede and Lachmann, 1858
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	Kahl 1935; Kreutz et al. 2012
<i>Paramecium woodruffi</i>	+	+	+	-	-	-	Wenrich 1928
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	+	+	+	-	-	-	Woodruff, 1921
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>						-	Gelei 1925
<i>Paramecium polycaryum</i>	+	+	+	-	+	-	Woodruff and Spencer, 1923
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	Focke, 1836
<i>Paramecium africanum</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	Dragesco 1970
<i>Paramecium wichertmani</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	Mohammed and Nashed 1968-1969
<i>Paramecium pseudotrichium</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	Dragesco 1970
<i>Paramecium grohmannae</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	Silva-Paiva et al.; 2016

(+) Presence (-) Absence

Moreover, there are evidences suggesting that many accepted *Paramecium* species would be, in fact complexes of species (Catania et al., 2009;

Krenek et al., 2015; Przyboś et al., 2018). Among these, the best studied complex is the *P. aurelia* complex, a group of 15 sibling species, which are morphologically (Catania et al., 2009) identical, but are genetically and reproductively isolated, exhibiting great levels of genetic variability across siblings (Catania et al., 2009). Krenek et al. (2015) found genetic evidence for cryptic species in *P. caudatum* and *P. multimicronucleatum*. According to Prybós and Tarcz (2016), *Paramecium jenningsi* should be considered a complex of species, describing three isolated reproductive groups, and then proposing the binominal names: *P. primjenningsi*, *P. bijenningsi*, and *P. trijenningsi*. *P. bursaria*, the only species within the *Chloroparamecium* subgenera, is also divided into five syngens (cryptic species) (Greczek-Stachura et al., 2012; Zagata et al., 2015).

The widespread existence of cryptic species within the accepted *Paramecium* species represents an obstacle toward the better understanding on the systematics and ecology of this group of organisms. Two methods have been used to identify and characterize cryptic species within *Paramecium*: Crossing (mating tests) (Prybós and Tarcz, 2016) and molecular tests (Krenek et al., 2015). Mating tests may be inconvenient and more laborious, since one has to co-cultivate possible mates and evaluate the occurrence of conjugation (or not) and so, not efficient for large populational studies, while molecular methods could be efficiently applied to in large scale studies.

However, we still do not have a consensus on the boundaries between what can be considered intraspecific and interspecific variations. Therefore, the use of new molecular methodologies, which could efficiently identify cryptic species would be greatly desirable to improve our current understanding about the real species diversity, evolution and the spatial distribution of *Paramecium*.

In this view, in this present work, we used a 18S rDNA-based time calibrated phylogenetic reconstruction in order to evaluate the evolutionary origin and the intra-genus relations of the genus *Paramecium*. We applied (and compared) commonly used molecular species delimitation algorithms to evaluate the existence of Independent Evolutionary Units (IEUs) within a Cytochrome Oxidase I (COI)-based phylogenetic reconstruction, in which members of all *Paramecium* subgenera and sequences from most of accepted species were included into the analyses, aiming to identify new cryptic species within

*Paramecium*. Moreover, we compare whether the IEUS corroborate with the valid species.

## 2.MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1.DATASET

Two datasets were generated and the sequences used are listed in Table S1 and S2. The first one includes all 18S rDNA sequences longer than 1200bp of *Paramecium* available at the curated ARB-SILVA database (Quast et al., 2013) plus 4 *Tetrahymena* (Oligohymenophorea, Hymenostomatida), 2 *Euplotes* (Spirotricha, Euplotida) and 1 Monoeuplotes (Spirotricha, Euplotida) sequences, which were used as out group. This dataset was aligned using SINA v1.2.11 ([WWW.arb-silva.de/aligner](http://WWW.arb-silva.de/aligner)), manually inspected for unaligned nucleotides and then trimmed using SeaView v3 (Gouy and Gascuel, 2010), resulting in a matrix of 133 taxons and 1907 characters. The second dataset used in this work was constructed using 546 cytochrome oxidase subunit I (COI) sequences of the genus *Paramecium*, plus 8 *Tetrahymena* sequences, which were used as outgroup. All these sequences were retrieved from the Barcode of Life Data System (Bold) molecular database ([www.barcodinglife.org](http://www.barcodinglife.org)). The Dataset was aligned using MAFFT v7 (<https://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/software/>) with default parameters, and then visually inspected and curated using Gblocks (Castresana, 2000), as implemented in SeaView v3 (Gouy and Gascuel, 2010) for removal of poorly aligned sites. From the initial 546 *Paramecium* COI sequences, 28 short (~320bp) *P. aurelia* sequences, and 1 *P. chlorelligerum* and 1 *P. bueschii* low quality sequences were removed from the final aligned dataset, resulting in a matrix of 638bp and 507 *Paramecium* taxa.

### 2.2.PHYLOGENETIC RECONSTRUCTION

Phylogenetic reconstructions were performed using a Bayesian (18S rDNA and COI datasets) and maximum likelihood (18S rDNA) frameworks. First, the best model for sequence evolution within this dataset was evaluated using jModelTest2 (Darriba, Taboada and Posada, 2012). Then, we used BEAST 2.4.8

(Bayesian Evolutionary Analysis Samples Trees) (Drumont et al., 2006) to infer phylogenies using GTR +G +I and combinations of strict and relaxed molecular clock models under Yule and Coalescence priors. The analyses were conducted for 20 million generations using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), which were enough to ensure an effective sample size (ESS) greater than 200, as verified using the Tracer (Drumont and Rambaut, 2007). The resulting trees were summarized by a majority rule criterion using TreeAnnotator (Drumont et al., 2006 & Drumont et al., 2012). Since all trees generated presented the same overall topologies, the strict Yule tree was selected for further analyses. ML inference were conducted using phyML v3 (Guindon et al., 2010), applying GTR +G +I sequence evolution model and reliability of branches was accessed through nonparametric bootstrap method of 1000 pseudoreplicates.

### **2.3.TIME CALIBRATED TREE**

A timetree was inferred using Retime 2016 method as implemented in Mega X (Kumar et al., 2016) using as template the 18S rDNA BI inferred topology and branch lengths. As calibration constraint, we used the interval of 450-240 million years established by Fernandes and Schrago (2019) to the node representing the Last *Paramecium* Common Ancestor (LPCA).

### **2.4.GENETIC DIVERSITY WITHIN PARAMECIUM**

Within subgenera and species genetic diversity was estimated using MEGA X (Kumar et al., 2016) from 18S rDNA and COI dataset by measuring p-distances between sequences. The genetic distances of the 18S rDNA of *P. buetschlii*, *P. schewiakoffi*, *P. woodruffi*, *P. polycaryum* and COI of *P. schewiakoffi*, *P. woodruffi* and *P. sonnerborni* have not been calculated, as they have only 1 sequence. And *P. sonnerborni* for not having an 18 rDNA sequence, and *P. buetschlii* COI available.

### **2.5.INDEPENDENT EVOLUTIONARY UNITS (IEUS) DELIMITATION**

Two commonly used algorithms of computational species delimitation, the Poisson Tree Processes (PTP) (Zhang et al., 2013) and the multi-rate PTP (MPTP) (Kapli et al., 2017) were employed, using default parameters to evaluate the existence of potential cryptic species within the formally recognized species within both the 18S rDNA and COI BI phylogenetic trees. Both methods compute the ML delimitations from an inferred phylogenetic tree. But, while PTP uses a single exponential distribution for the delimitation process, the MPTP assumes a distinct exponential distribution for the branching events of each of the delimited species, which allows, according to the authors (Kapli et al., 2017) to fit to a wider range of empirical datasets.

### **3.RESULTS**

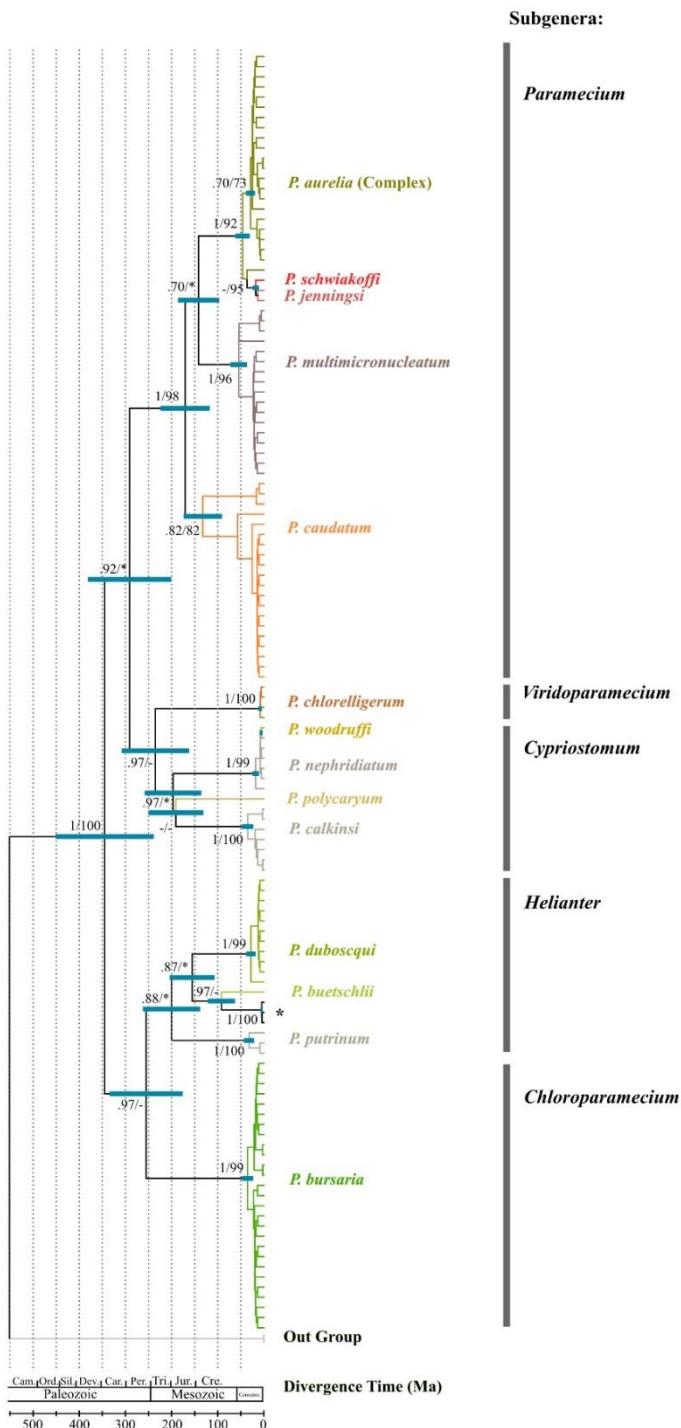
#### **3.1.EVOLUTIONARY ORIGIN OF *PARAMECIUM*, SUBGENERA AND EXTANT SPECIES**

All data generated on the origin and evolution of *Paramecium* are presented in Figure 1 and data summarized in Table 2. Accordingly, we found evidences that all extant *Paramecium* species irradiated from a last common ancestor during the transition from Devonian to Carboniferous. The first cladogenesis event (345 Ma) within the *Paramecium* phylogeny separated the genus in two main clades: in one side, *Paramecium*, *Cyriostomum* and *Viridoparamecium* subgenera; and *Chloroparamecium* and *Helianter* subgenera in the other. The next dichotomy (290.91 Ma), resulted in the split, during the late carboniferous of *Paramecium* from *Cyriostomum/Viridoparamecium* subgenera clade, which became independent groups 235.23 Ma during the Triassic. The emergence of *Helianter* and *Chloroparamecium* subgenera may have occurred within the transition Permian/Triassic (255.14 Ma), after split from a common ancestral.

Within the subgenus *Paramecium*, the first split, during the Jurassic period (170.57 Ma) separated *P. caudatum* from *P. aurelia* (complex), *P. schewiakoffi*, *P. jenningsi* and *P. multimicronucleatum* (Figure 1 and Table 2), which remained as a clade until the late Jurassic (141.82 Ma) when *P. multimicronucleatum* emerged as independent evolutionary lineage. *P. schewiakoffi* and *P. jenningsi*

evolved from a common *P. aurelia* (complex) ancestral within the Paleogene (36.40 Ma), eventually splitting to become separated species in the mid Neogene (17.40 Ma).

**Figure 1- Phylogenetic reconstruction based on data from 18S sequences of the genus *Paramecium* along with their divergence time. genus *Paramecium* along with their divergence time.**



Fonte: O Autor

**Table 2: Means and 95% credibility intervals of *Paramecium* subgenera and divergence times**

Taxon*	Mean divergence time (Ma)	95% CI
<b>Last <i>Paramecium</i> common ancestor</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>240-450</b>
<b>Last <i>Paramecium/Cypriostomum/Viridoparamecium</i> subgenera common ancestor</b>	<b>290.91</b>	<b>202.37-379.45</b>
<b>Last <i>Helianter/Chloroparamecium</i> subgenera common ancestor</b>	<b>255.14</b>	<b>177.49-332.79</b>
<b>Last <i>Cypriostomum/Viridoparamecium</i> subgenera common ancestor</b>	<b>235.23</b>	<b>163.64-306.83</b>
<b>Subgenus <i>Chloroparamecium</i></b>	<b>35.62</b>	<b>24.78-46.46</b>
<i>P. bursaria</i>	35.62	24.78-46.46
<b>Subgenus <i>Helianter</i></b>	<b>199.85</b>	<b>139.03-260.68</b>
<i>P.dubosqui</i>	28.34	19.71-38.96
<i>P. bueschlii</i>	92.03	64.02-120.03
<i>P.putrinum</i>	31.99	22.25-41.72
<b>Subgenus <i>Paramecium</i></b>	<b>170.57</b>	<b>118.65-222.48</b>
<i>P.caudatum</i>	132.53	92.19-172.86
<i>P.multimicronucleatum</i>	54.54	37.94-71.13
<i>P.aurelia</i> (complex)	46.07	32.05-60.09
<i>P.jenningsi</i>	17.40	9.46-17.74
<i>P.schewiakoffi</i>	36.40	12.11-22.70
<b>Subgenus <i>Cypriostomum</i></b>	<b>196.84</b>	<b>136.93-256.75</b>
<i>P.calkinsi</i>	35.23	24.51-45.95
<i>P.polycaryum</i>	190.63	132.61-248.65
<i>P.nephridiatum</i>	17.81	12.39-23.22
<i>P.woodruffi</i>	6.19	4.30-8.07
<b>Subgenus <i>Viridoparamecium</i></b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>5.67-10.62</b>
<i>P.chlorelligerum</i>	8.14	5.67-10.62

\*Entities of high taxonomic levels are highlighted in bold

Fonte: O autor

The subgenus *Viridoparamecium* which has a single species, *P. chlorelligerum* and is a sister group of *Cypriostomum* may have arisen in the Carnian's late Triassic (235.23 Ma). The first split within the subgenus *Cypriostomum* was at the Jurassic/Triassic transition (196.84 Ma) and separated

the group in two clades: *P. nephridiatum* and *P. woodruffi* from *P. polycaryum* and *P. calkinsi*. The second split (190.63 Ma) separated *P. polycaryum* from *P. calkinsi*. And finally, within Neogene (6.19 Ma) *P. woodruffi* emerged from an *P. nephridiatum* ancestor as an independent lineage (Figure 1).

The subgenus *Chloroparamecium*, which has a single species, *P. bursaria* originated after a split of the clade composed by *Chloroparamecium* and *Helianter* subgenera within the Permian/Triassic transition (255.14 Ma). The second dichotomy within this ancestral clade separated the *Helianter* subgenus in *P. putrinum* and *P. duboscqui* and *P. bueschlii* during the Jurassic/Triassic transition (199.85 Ma). While the third, during the Jurassic/Cretaceous transition (155.44 Ma) gave rise to *P. duboscqui* and *P. bueschlii* (Figure 1).

### **3.2. GENETIC DIVERSITY WITHIN *PARAMECIUM***

The evolutionary origin of each accepted *Paramecium* species with available 18S rDNA sequence which were include in our phylogenetic reconstructions is presented in Table 2. Our reconstructions demonstrate that the species did not all appear at the same time. And since the emergence of each of them, species are in a constant process of speciation, may be exposed to different selective pressures and have been subjected to an independent diversification dynamic, resulting from the balance of (high / low) diversification and (high / low) extinction rate.

As shown in Table 3 the highest genetic distances, within the 18S rDNA dataset were observed for *Helianter* and *Cyriostomum* subgenera, 0.033 and 0.034, respectively, and within *P. caudatum* and *P. putrinum* species, 0.016 and 0.012, respectively. While the lowest genetic distances were found for *Viridoparamecium* and *Chloroparamecium* subgenera, 0.001 and 0.007, respectively and for *P. chlorelligerum* and *P. nephridiatum* species, 0.001 and 0.002, respectively.

On the other hand, within the COI dataset, the highest genetic distances were observed in *Paramecium* and *Cyriostomum* subgenera, 0.185 and 0.152, respectively, and within *P. aurelia* (complex) and *P. calkinsi*, 0.157 and 0.183, respectively. While the lowest, was in *Viridoparamecium* and *Chloroparamecium*,

0 and 0.058, respectively and in *P. nephridiatum* and *P. duboscqui*, 0.031 and 0.038 respectively (Table 3).

**Table 3: 18S rDNA and COI genetic distance table of *Paramecium* lineages**

TAXON	18S rDNA	COI
<i>Paramecium</i>	0.03	0.185
<i>Helianter</i>	0.033	0.109
<i>Cyprostomum</i>	0.034	0.152
<i>Chloroparamecium</i>	0.007	0.058
<i>Viridoparamecium</i>	0.001	0
<i>P.aurelia</i>	0.004	0.157
<i>P.putrinum</i>	0.012	0.062
<i>P.calkinsi</i>	0.006	0.183
<i>P.caudatum</i>	0.016	0.041
<i>P.multimicronucleatum</i>	0.008	0.066
<i>P.bursaria</i>	0.007	0.058
<i>P.nephridiatum</i>	0.002	0.031
<i>P.chlorelligerum</i>	0.001	0
<i>P.buestchii</i>	n/c	-
<i>P.dubosqui</i>	0.012	0.038
<i>P.jenningsi</i>	0.003	0.076
<i>P.schewiakoffi</i>	n/c	n/c
<i>P.woodruffi</i>	n/c	n/c
<i>P.polycaryum</i>	n/c	0.053
<i>P.sonneborni</i>	-	n/c

n/c Not calculated; (-) Sequence absent in the dataset

Fonte: O autor

### **3.3.DISTRIBUTION AND INDEPENDENT EVOLUTIONARY UNITS (IEUS) WITHIN *PARAMECIUM* ACCEPTED SPECIES**

The high genetic diversity observed in some cosmopolitan species, such as *P. caudatum* and *P. multimicronucleatum* (Table 3) raises questions about the structure of their population across wide geographical areas and about the presence of cryptic species within these formally accepted *Paramecium* species. To shed some light into these long termed debated questionings we applied commonly used species delimitation the algorithms PTP (Zhang et al., 2013) and

mPTP (Kapli et al., 2016) (as described in method section) to our phylogenetic reconstructions using both the 18S rDNA dataset and the population-level molecular marker (COI) dataset.

The results from these analyses varied across datasets (18S rDNA or COI) and algorithms (PTP or mPTP). In general, mPTP resulted in more conservative analyses, delimiting less IEUs within the COI dataset (69 IEUs) and within the 18S rDNA (16 IEUs), while PTP tended to divide *Paramecium* in more IEUs (COI = 82 and 18S rDNA = 19) (Table 4, Table S1 and in Figure S1). Concerning the 18S rDNA dataset, most of the accepted *Paramecium* morphospecies were assigned into unique IUEs. Both algorithms divided *P. caudatum* and *P. multimicronucleatum* into 2 and 3 IUEs, respectively. While, PTP also identified 2 IEUs within *P. duboscqui*, *P. putrinum* and *P. calkinsi* (Table 4, Table S1 and in Figure S1). However, there were two cases, in which different morphospecies were grouped in a same IUEs, such as *P. sonneborni*, *P. schewiakoffi* and *P. jenningsi* (PTP, IEU 14; mPTP, IEU 12) and *P. woodruffi* and *P. nepridiatum* (PTP, IEU 18; mPTP, IEU 15) (Table 4, Table S1 and in Figure S1). With this applied method also we could identify a clade composed by metagenome sequences isolated from Denmark, which is a sister group of *P. buetschlli* and was identified as a possible new species in Table 4 and marked with (\*) in Figure 1). However, no morphological data is available what makes the proper characterization of these organisms unfeasible. In addition, two sequences of *Paramecium sp.* were delimited common with the clade of *P. bursaria*. Two sequences with a *P. caudatum* clade; Four sequences with a *P. multimicronucleatum* clade; 3 sequences to the aurelia complex, two sequences with *P. calkinsi* and a sequence of *P. nepridiatum*, reported that may be possible in these morphospecies.

**Table 4: Number of Independent Evolutionary units (IEUs) identified within the *Paramecium* 18S rDNA and COI datasets using PTP and MPTP algorithms**

Species	Number of IEUs			
	18S rDNA		COI	
PTP	MPTP	PTP	MPTP	
<i>P. caudatum</i>	2	2	6	6
<i>P. multimicronucleatum</i>	3	3	10	9
<i>P. sonneborni</i>			1	
<i>P. schewiakoffi</i>	-	-	1	$1^\Theta$
<i>P. jennignsi</i>			4	4
<i>P. aurelia</i>	1 $^\Psi$	1 $^\Psi$	16	16
<i>P. dubosqui</i>	2	1	5	5
<i>P. putrinum</i>	2	1	10	6
<i>P. chlorelligerum</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>P. calkinsi</i>	2	1	8	8
<i>P. woodruffi</i>	1*	1*	1	1
<i>P. nephridiatum</i>			3	$1^\S$
<i>P. polycaryum</i>	1	1	4	3
<i>P. buetschlii</i>	1	1	-	-
<i>P. Sp nov. (?)</i>	1	1	-	-
<i>Paramecium sp</i>	1	1	2	1
<i>P. bursaria</i>	1	1	10	8
TOTAL	19	16	82	69

( $\Psi$ ), (\*) and ( $\Theta$ ) marked species which were delimited in the same IEU. (-) species absent within the dataset. ( $\S$ ) this species also appears twice in IEUs shared with *P. calkinsi*

Fonte: O autor

Considering the analyses of the COI dataset, the results were relatively similar for both algorithms (Table 4, Table S1 and in Figure S2), succeeding in most of the cases in discriminate valid species (PTP = 10/13 and mPTP = 11/13). However, the number of IEUs identified within *Paramecium* varied considerably, (82 using PTP and 69, using mPTP). Despite of this discrepancy, both methods congruently suggest that most morphospecies were subdivided into multiples IEUs. On the other hand, both algorithms had problems to discriminate some sequences of *P. nephridiatum* and *P. calkinsi* (mPTP: IEUs 54 and 56; PTP: IEUs 66) and some sequences of the *P. aurelia* (complex) (mPTP IEUs 24, 29, 32, 33 and 34; PTP IEUs 26, 32, 36, 37, 38) (Table S1 and Figure S2). Additionally,

mPTP algorithm also failed to discriminate *P. schewiakoffi* and *P. sonneborni* (IEU 17) (Table S1 and Figure S2). In addition, the mPTP algorithm also failed to discriminate *P. schewiakoffi* e *P. sonneborni* (IEU 17) (Table S1 e Figure S2). These being two species are valid, indicating that this method is more conservative than PTP, it is not possible to recover the data obtained with the morphology. However, it is also worth remembering that only two sequences were available in the database (one from each), highlighting the need for more sequences of these species for analysis. This data has also increased evidence that as the species accept the *Paramecium* can be subdivided into IEUs, suggesting that these species, facts and complexes are identified. Or, many strings present in the databases may be identified as wrong, since there was irradiation of species (*P. calkinsi* and *P. nephridiatum*) in several points of the tree (never for its subgenus *Cyriostomum*).

We next compared the continent from which each *Paramecium* sequence was obtained with the data on the IEUs delimitation, aiming to establish the geographical distribution of these IEUs (Table S1). Table 5 summarizes the data from the analysis of the COI dataset using the PTP algorithm (for complete data, please see Table S1 and Figures S1-2). *P. calkinsi*, *P. nephridiatum*, *P. aurelia* (complex), *P. schewiakoffi* and *P. sonneborni* and *P. woodruffi* were removed from this analysis because of the problems concerning assigning of IEUs, as mentioned above, which would have caused misleading interpretation of the data. In general, the morphospecies can be composed by IEUs with restricted and/or wide geographical distribution and different IEUs from the same morphospecies can occupy the same geographical area (Table 5). However, in none of the cases a clear populational structure correlation between geographic distribution and IEUs could be noticed, indicating that the distances between continents do not constitute significative barriers to their dispersion. This dispersion can occur through the intermediary of insects and migratory animals, whose habitat is associated with water and, consequently, introducing the species in different locations. This is possibly common in all species that can be considered as cosmopolitans.

**Table 5: Geographic distribution of IEU within the COI database using PTP algoritim**

Species	Locality	Species/IEU	Locality
<i>P.bursaria</i>		<i>P. polycaryum</i>	
IEU I	Europe and Asia	IEU I	North America
IEU II	Asia	IEU II	Africa
IEU III	North America	IEU III	Europe and Asia
IEU IV	Asia	IEU IV	Europe, Asia and North America
IEU V	Asia	<i>P.jenningnsi</i>	
IEU VI	Asia	IEU I	Asia
IEU VII	Oceania, Europe and Asia	IEU II	Europe and Asia
IEU VIII	Asia	IEU III	Africa, Asia and Europe
IEU IX	Asia	IEU IV	Asia
IEU X	Asia	<i>P. multimicronucleatum</i>	
<i>P.dubosqui</i>		IEU I	North America
IEU I	Asia	IEU II	Asia
IEU II	Asia	IEU I	Europe, Asia and Oceania
IEU III	Asia	IEU II	Asia
IEU IV	Europe and Asia	IEU III	North America
IEU V	Europe and Asia	IEU VI	Europe and Asia
<i>P. chlorelligerum</i>		IEU V	Europe, Asia and South America
IEU I	Europe and Asia	IEU VI	Asia
<i>P. putrinum</i>		IEU VII	Europe and Asia
IEU I	Asia	IEU VIII	North America
IEU II	Asia	IEU IX	North America
IEU III	Asia	IEU X	Asia
IEU IV	Europe and Asia	<i>P. caudatum</i>	
IEU V	Europe and Asia	IEU I	Asia, North America and South America
IEU VI	Asia	IEU II	Asia
IEU VII	Asia	IEU III	Europe and Asia
IEU VIII	Asia	IEU IV	?
IEU IX	Europe and Asia	IEU V	Oceania
IEU X	Europe and Asia	IEU VI	Oceania

Fonte: O autor

#### 4.DISCUSION

The establishment of accurately time-calibrated phylogenetic trees is of great importance to the better understanding of the evolution of any living organism (Parfrey et al., 2011). The first attempt to investigate the origin of Ciliophora, one of the most diverse group within microeukaryotes was done by Wright and Lynn (1997) using, as secondary calibrations for their 18S rDNA-based phylogeny the fossil record of teleost fishes which are parasitized by the ciliate *Ichthyophthirius*. According to their data the origin and diversification of Ciliophora occurred in the Paleo-proterozoic (1980-2200 Ma). Later, Fernandes and Schrago (2019), using multi-gene phylogeny and primary calibrations, based of unambiguously identified ciliate taxa, proposed a substantially earlier emergence of Ciliophora, which may have occurred 1143 Ma, with a highest diversification rate within the Paleozoic. According to these present work the evolutionary origin of *Paramecium* may have occurred within the Carboniferous (345 Ma). Therefore, besides it was one of the firsts Intramacronucleata (Ciliophora) groups to irradiate (Fernandes and Schrago, 2019), it occurred relatively late within Eukaryote evolution. By this period, terrestrial animal life was already well established and major extant insect lineages were already flying through out Earth, que contribuiu para o seu processo de dispersão (Misof et al., 2014).

However, despite many works have applied molecular dating methods to study the evolution of many groups of Ciliophora (Wright and Lynn, 1997; Vďačný 2015; Rajter and Vďačný 2016; Rataj and Vďačný 2018; Vďačný 2018; Jiang et al. 2019; and Fernandes and Schrago 2019) the origin and evolution of extant *Paramecium* species, which have been extensively studied for more than 250 years as model organisms in a wide variety of research fields (Krenek et al. 2015) have not been accessed in previous works, therefore remaining elusive. Our estimate on the timescale of *Paramecium* origins indicates that the subgenus *Paramecium* was the first to irradiates within the Carboniferous (290.91 Ma) after split from a common ancestor with *Cypristomum* and *Viridoparamecium* subgenera. Following, *Chloroparamecium* and *Helianter* subgenera separated within the Permian (255.14). The last subgenera to start their irradiation were *Cypristomun* and *Viridoparamecium*, which may have occurred within the

Triassic (235.23 Ma). Among all extant *Paramecium* species, the first species to emerge was *P. polycaryum* (*Cyprinostomum*) while the last was *P. chlorelligerum* (*Viridoparamecium*).

Among species with cosmopolitan distribution *P. caudatum* was the first to emerge (132.53 Ma, 95% = 92.19-172.86 Ma), possibly within the Jurassic (145-201 Ma). Therefore, concomitantly with the final breakup of Laurasia and Gondwana supercontinents (Ericson 2011), which may have contributed to its worldwide distribution. On the other hand, *P. multimicronucleatum*, *P. aurelia* and *P. bursaria*, also cosmopolitans may have originated after the split of the continents suggesting efficient dispersion mechanisms may act to disperse these fresh/brackish water *Paramecium* through 6 out 7 continents.

Unfortunately, not all accepted *Paramecium* species have their 18S rDNA sequence available at public repositories, such as *P. africanum*, *P. wichermani*, *P. pseudotrichium*, *P. grohmannae*. However, this sequence was eliminated from the analyses because is shorter than our established length cut off value (>1200 bp). The inclusion of short sequences into the dataset results in phylogenetic inferences with lower resolution, which could lead to erroneous phylogenetic relationships and low branch support values (Dittmar et al. 2006). Nevertheless, members of all subgenera could be included into our dataset and their evolutionary origin could be established.

Since its emergence, the genus *Paramecium* has certainly been exposed the distinct selective pressures and has had plenty of time for accumulate changes in its genetic material. And as presented in this work and in previous data from the morphology and molecular (Fokin, 2010; Krenek, 2015), the genus *Paramecium* recorded in a monophyletic as a sister group of *Tetrahymena* sp. subdivided into 5 subgenera

As in Hoshina et al. (2006), in this work, recover the subgenus groups that reflect similarities in body size in the cytostome position, stomatognathic patterns, number of somatic kinetics and nuclear characteristics, according to data with the Fokin et al. (2004). The members of the genus Paramecium were divided into two large groups: on one side or subgenera *Chloroparamecium* (*P. bursaria*) and *Helianter* (*P. duboscqui* and *P. putrinum*), on the other side *Cypristomum* (*P. calkinsi*, *P. polycaryum*, *P. nephridiatum*) *Viridoparamecium* (*P. chlorelligerum*)

and subgenera *Paramecium* (*P. woodruffi*, *P. jenningsi*, *P. aurelia complex*, *P. schewiakoffi*, *P. multimicronucleatum* and *P. caudatum* clade).

The quantity and micronucleus, as well as the structure of the contractile vacuole (Fokin, 2010) are also important taxonomic morphological characters for distinguishing species. Regarding the variations of the micronucleus of this genus, the following variations can be found: Micronucleus of the vesicular type, which includes the species of *P. polycaryum*, *P. aurelia*, *P. multimicronucleatum*. Endosomal micronucleus: *P. calkinsi*, *P. woodruffi*, *P. dubosqui*, *P. nephridiatum*; Chromosomal type micronucleus: *P. jenningsi*, *P. schewiakoffi* and Compact micronucleus, which includes the species: *P. caudatum*, *P. bursaria*, *P. putrinum* and probably *P. ungandae* and *P. wichertmani*. In our work, we did not recover clades that reflected the similarity in relation to the micronucleus, considering then the grouping of these then artificial subgenera. And the same can be said for the pore number character of a contractile vacuole. For example, *P. caudatum* and *P. aurelia complex* spp. always present one pore per contractile vacuole, whereas *P. bursaria* and *P. nephridiatum*, from 2 to 5.

Regarding distance genetics, according to Shirk et al., (2016) it can be understood as the distance between differences in genetic material between species of the same species or not. In this work, *P. calkinsi* is the one with the highest average intraspecific genetic distance within the COI genetic marker of the *Paramecium* species, corroborating with Barth (2006), where he is also showing the highest average intraspecific variability. *P. calkinsi* has a close relationship with *P. nephridiatum* and also *P. woodruffi*, showing a lot of cytological similarities (number and type of micronuclei).

Their differences are more related to the behavioral level of swimming and molecular analysis (Przybós et al., 2012). So, we believe that this distance is greater in our analysis, and it is due errors of identification of some sequences of *P. calkinsi* and *P. nephridiatum*, leading to several phylogenetic placements independent of these two species in our phylogenetic reconstruction used in IOC, generating results confused in the mean intraspecific variation estimate.

When eliminating these species from the analysis, cosmopolitan species, *P. aurelia* (0.157), *P. multimicronucleatum* (0.066), *P. bursaria* (0.058) and *P. caudatum* (0.041), are among the *Paramecium* species with the highest intraspecific genetic distances within the COI molecular marker. Catania et al.

(2006), demonstrated that the strains reproductively use *P. aurelia* presenting substantial genetic variability. Barth et al., (2006) demonstrated an intraspecific divergence in the following COI data strings from *P. caudatum* and *P. multimicronucleatum*. Zhao et al., (2013), also demonstrate a significant genetic variation in *P. bursaria*, which raises questionings about their genetic structure and existence of cryptic species within accepted *Paramecium* species. In fact, previous works have already identified that many *Paramecium* morphospecies consist of cryptic species, morphologically identical species but genetically and reproductively isolated.

The most well-known species complex is *P. aurelia*, composed by 15 sibling species (Aufderheide et al. 1983; Sonneborn 1975) which may have diverged as result of two consecutive rounds of whole-genome duplication (WGD) events (Aury, 2006; McGrath et al., 2014). According to McGrath et al (2014), the most recent WGD event leading to *P. sexaurelia*-*P. biaurelia*/*P. tetraurelia* speciation, occurred ~320 Ma. This estimate came out on the bases of the established per site per cell division mutation rate of *P. tetraurelia* (Sung et al. 2012), assuming that this organism divides 100 times per year in nature. According to our time-calibrated tree this speciation event may have, actually occurred ~28.83 Ma. Suggesting that their generation time or mutation rate in nature may be substantially higher than predicted (McGrath et al., 2014).

However, although in lower numbers, evidences for the existence of cryptic species have been described in many morphospecies across most subgenera, such as subgenera *Paramecium*: *P. multimicronucleatum* (Tarcz et al., 2012) *P. caudatum* (Krenek et al., 2015), *P. jenningsi* (Przyboś and Tarcz, 2013, 2016), *P. bursaria* (Greczek-Stachura et al., 2012; Zagata et al., 2015); Subgenera *Helianter*: *P. putrinum* (Tarcz et al., 2014), *P. duboscqui* (Boscaro et al., 2012); Subgenera *Cypriostomum*: *P. calkinsi* (Przyboś et al., 2012), *P. polycarium* (Przyboś et al., 2018) and *P. nephridiatum* (Fokin et al., 1999; Przyboś et al., 2018).

But it is worth mentioning that the current understanding of the population genetics of free-living single-celled eukaryotes is still limited and the amount of genetic variability in these organisms is still a matter of debate.

Our data on the diversity of independent evolutionary units (IEUs) within the 18S rDNA and COI datasets using both species delimitation algorithms (PTP

and mPTP) suggest that the diversity of cryptic species within *Paramecium* may be higher than previously thought. As expected, more IEUs were suggested within the COI dataset than in the 18S rDNA dataset, given their differences sequence conservation. Our data on diversity of independent evolutionary units (IEUs) in the 18S rDNA and COI data sets using the species delimitation algorithms (PTP and mPTP) suggest that the diversity of enigmatic species in *Paramecium* may be greater than previously thought. As expected, more IEUs were suggested in the COI dataset than in the 18S rDNA dataset, given as differences in sequence conservation, as we know that there is a greater variation in mtDNA when compared to the 18S gene. For this reason, mtDNA sequences are often used to study intraspecific genetic variation between species (Barth et al., 2006). It is also worth mentioning that, in our work, we had more IEUs delimited due to the much greater number of COI sequences used (507 sequences), than the 18S gene (125 sequences). As expected, given the greater sequence variation and greater sequence numbers compared to the 18S rDNA data set, analysis of IEUs using the COI data set identified substantially higher numbers of IEUs in the *Paramecium* morphospecies. And between the two analyzes (PTP and mPTP) within the COI data set, we would tend to believe that mPTP can represent a more realistic scenario about the diversity of enigmatic species in *Paramecium* morphospecies, representing a more conservative estimate. This can be attributed to the distinct Poisson exponential distribution for the branching events used by mPTP, which may allow the use of this algorithm for a wider range of empirical data than its predecessor (PTP) for delimiting IEUs (Kapli et al., 2017).

Considering data from the more conservative analysis (mPTP) of the 18S rDNA dataset *P. caudatum* and *P. multimicronucleatum* was divided in 2 and 3 IEUs, respectively, correctly distinguishing previously identified cryptic species, such as *Paramecium* sp. GO1 ("Eucandidatus *Paramecium germanicus*" - KM091236) (Krenek et al. 2015) and *P. caudatum* pakستانicus (HE662763, HE662764, HE662765) (Shakoori et al., 2014) from other *P. caudatum* and have distinguished *Paramecium* sp. BR3 ("Eucandidatus *paramecium brasiliense*" – AJ548822) (Krenek et al., 2015) from other *P. multimicronucleatum*. In his work, Krenek (2015) uses 18S-rDNA and COI markers, which already clearly indicate which species are in question, if they are possible cryptic species.

However, this method underestimated the number of potential cryptic species in comparison with data in the literature (Przyboś et al., 2018 and references within) by assigning to most other species only one IEU, and by grouping, *P. schewiakoffi*, *P. jenningsi* and *P. aurelia*, and *P. calkinsi* and *P. nephridiatum* as single IEUs. With respect to the analysis using PTP algorithm, our data also corroborate. Boscaro et al. (2012), in his work used three molecular markers, 18S rDNA, COI and the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 genes, which provided evidence of the presence of cryptic species within *P. duboscqui*. Here, we identified two IEUs within *P. duboscqui*, one formed by HE819871-79 plus AF100312 and the other by AM236094.

In any case, these data from these two analyses highlight the limited power of resolution of this molecular marker to distinguish close related species and indicating more variable molecular marker would be preferable for identification of IEUs within *Paramecium* morphospecies.

Nevertheless, since all the work done here are based solely in DNA sequences and computational analyses future works performed by taxonomists applying integrative taxonomy insights would be required to better evaluate the real cryptic species diversity within *Paramecium* lineages. In any case, we understand that computational methods for IEUs identification may greatly contribute to this field, given methodological impediments of mating test performance for cryptic species identification in large population studies by means of reverse taxonomy (Markmann and Tautz 2005), as a tool to indicate potential lineages to be tested in more details using classical methods.

As mentioned before, the complex species structure in addition to under-sampling of many *Paramecium* morphospecies (Fokin, 2010), may effectively interfere with in our understanding with phylogeographic patterns within *Paramecium* (Przyboś et al., 2018). To shed some more light into this problem, we compare the data on the localities, within each sequence within the COI dataset was sampled with the IEUs delimitation data. However, similar results were noticed for the mPTP analysis. Our data show that, every one of these morphospecies can be composed by IEUs with restricted or wide geographical distribution; two or more IEUs can have overlapped distribution; However, any structure, correlation between IEUs and geographical distribution could be noticed for any morphospecies.

A crucial fact for the discussion about the distribution of these species is also a subsampling that has these microeucaryotes. On the European, Asian, and North American continents, the knowledge about the occurrence of *Paramecium* species is much more robust. In contrast, there is a gap about which species occur in the climatic regions (South America, Africa, for example). So, make a correlation between endemicity and omnipresence is still something that requires many studies, mainly in the identification of species by specialized taxonomists, and in the correct sequence of their genetic materials in climatic regions.

It seems that the "Every gene is everywhere, except the environment you select" view of Low Becoming in the microbial world can be applied to some IEUs identified in this work *P. bursaria*, *P. duboscqui*, *P. chlorelligerum*, *P. putrinium*, *P. polycaryum*, *P. jenningsi*, *P. multimicronucleatum* and *P. caudatum*. However, further studies combining more molecular markers, correct species identification, is desirable for a better explanation of this scenario.

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**APENDICE A- Sequências 18S rDNA *Paramecium***

**Table S1. 18S rDNA *Paramecium* sequences used in this work**

Taxon	Accession number	Locality	IEU (PTP/mPTP)	Reference
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KU729877.1	North America	12/14	Szokoli,F.et al.,2016
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KU729876.1	North America	12/14	Szokoli,F.et al.,2016
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX712111.1	?	12/14	Szokoli, unpublished
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	MG009435.1	Europe	12/14	Potekhin,A.et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	MG009438.1	Europe	12/14	Potekhin,A.et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	MG009437.1	Europe	12/14	Potekhin,A.et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium buetschlii</i>	KM091234.1	Europe	03/04	Krenek,S. et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206537.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206538.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495065.1	?	01/01	Gong. J. unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206539.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206541.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206543.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495069.1	?	01/01	Gong. J.unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495068.1	?	01/01	Gong. J.unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206540.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206542.1	Asia	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB219526.1	Oceania	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495067.1	?	01/01	Gong. J. unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495070.1	?	01/01	Gong. J. unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495064.1	?	01/01	Gong. J. unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KC495066.1	?	01/01	Gong. J. unpublished
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206544.1	Europe	01/01	Hoshina,R. et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB206545.1	Europe	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2005
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB252000.1	?	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB252001.1	Europe	01/01	Hoshina,R. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	LN869937.1	Europe	01/01	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	LN869940.1	Europe	01/01	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	AB252002.1	?	01/01	Hoshina,R.et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	LN869938.1	Europe	01/01	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	MG589318.1	Asia	01/01	Lanzoni, O. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	MG589317.1	Asia	01/01	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	MG589316.1	Asia	01/01	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	AF100301.1	North America	13/15	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	AF100310.1	Europe	13/15	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	MH819561.1	South America	13/15	Campello-Nunes,P.H. 2018
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	KY996811.1	Europe	13/16	Sabaneyeva,E.et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	MG018200.1	Europe	13/16	Sabaneyeva,E.et al.,2018

<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AB252003.1	Asia	06/08	Hoshina,R. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AB252005.1	Asia	06/08	Hoshina,R. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AF217655.1	North America	06/08	Struder-Kypke,M.C. et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589311.1	Europe	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG697233.1	Europe	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589309.1	Asia	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG009439.1	Europe	06/08	Potekhin,A. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589314.1	Asia	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589310.1	Europe	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MH188278.1	South America	06/08	Castelli, M. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AB252004.1	Asia	06/08	Hoshina,R. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HE664171.1	Europe	06/08	Schrallhammer,M. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589312.1	Europe	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	MG589313.1	Asia	06/08	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	LT549004.1	Asia	06/08	Serra,V. 2017
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HE662763.1	Asia	08/10	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HE662765.1	Asia	08/10	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HE662764.1	Asia	08/10	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KM091235.1	Europe	16/19	Krenek,S. et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669631.1	Asia	16/19	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2017
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669630.1	Asia	16/19	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2017
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669629.1	Asia	16/19	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2017
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	AF100312.1	Europe	02/02	Struder-Kypke,M.C et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819879.1	Africa	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819874.1	Europe	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819871.1	Asia	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819873.1	North America	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819872.1	Asia	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819876.1	Europe	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819875.1	Europe	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819877.1	Europe	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HE819878.1	Europe	02/02	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	AM236094.1	Asia	02/03	Schrallhammer,M. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium duboscqui</i>	HM140398.1	?	15/18	Khan and Shin,unpublished
<i>Paramecium jenningsi</i>	AF100311.1	Asia	12/14	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium jenningsi</i>	HE662760.1	Asia	12/14	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	AB252006.1	Asia	09/11	Hoshina,S. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	AF255361.1	North America	09/11	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	AB252007.1	Asia	09/11	Hoshina,S. et al.,2006

<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	MG994988.1	Asia	10/12	Kaur,R. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HE650906.1	Asia	11/13	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HE662762.1	Asia	11/13	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HE650907.1	Asia	11/13	Shakoori et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HG315606.1	Europe	11/13	Vanini,C.et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HG315607.1	Europe	11/13	Vanini,C.et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	HE662761.1	Asia	11/13	Shakoori et al., 2014
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<i>Paramecium multimicronuclatum</i>	LT549005.1	Europe	11/13	Serra,V. 2017
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	AF100316.1	Asia	15/18	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	HE978251.1	Europe	15/18	Boscaro,V. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	AF100317.1	Asia	15/18	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	MG573198.1	Asia	15/18	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	MG009440.1	Europe	12/14	Potekhin,A.et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	MG573197.1	Asia	12/14	Lanzoni, O. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polycaryum</i>	AF100313.1	Asia	14/17	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	AF100315.1	Asia	12/14	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	MG573195.1	Europe	12/14	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	MG573196.1	Europe	12/14	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	MG573194.1	Asia	12/14	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	AF255360.1	Asia	05/06	Struder-Kypke,M.C. et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	MG573199.1	Europe	05/07	Lanzoni, O. et al.,2018
<i>Paramecium schewiakoffi</i>	AJ548821.1	Asia	12/14	Fokin,S. et al.,2004
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	AB252008.1	North America	12/14	Hoshina,S. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	AB252009.1	?	12/14	Hoshina,S. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	X03772.1	?	12/14	Sogin & Elwood.,1986
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	AF149979.1	Asia	12/14	Preer,L.B et al.,1999
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	AY102613.1	Asia	12/14	Beier,C.L.et al.,2002
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	KY852452.1	?	12/14	Wang, unpublished
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	EF502045.1	Asia	12/14	Shuja,R.N.et al.,2009
<i>Paramecium woodruffi</i>	AF255362.1	Asia	15/18	Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2000
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	LN869981.1	Europe	06/08	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	KM091236.1	Europe	07/09	Krenek,S. et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	AJ548822.1	Asia	11/13	Michaux,unpublished
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	FR869987.1	Asia	11/13	Shakoori et al., 2014

<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	LN869927.1	Europe	11/13	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	LN869962.1	Europe	11/13	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	LN869956.1	Europe	12/14	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	LN869961.1	Europe	12/14	Rossi, A.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	MG009436.1	Europe	12/14	Potekhin,A.et al.,2018 Zhang and Song unpublished
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	FJ875142.1	?	13/15	Zahid, unpublished
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	FR869986.1	?	13/15	Krenek,S. et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	KM091237.1	Europe	15/18	Karst M,S. 2017
<i>metagenome</i>	OBAT01029766.1	Europe	15/18	Karst M,S. 2017
<i>metagenome</i>	OBEP011407967.1	Europe	15/18	Karst M,S. 2017
<i>metagenome</i>	OBRS01776142.1	Europe	15/18	Karst M,S. 2017
<i>metagenome</i>	OBEP011068739.1	Europe	05/06	Karst M,S. 2017 Struder-Kypke,M.C.et al.,2001
<i>Tetrahymena rostrata</i>	AF364042.1	North America		Chantangsi,unpublished
<i>Tetrahymena pyriformis</i>	EF070254.1	?		Chantangsi,unpublished
<i>Tetrahymena tropicalis</i>	EF070259.1	?		Spangler and Blackburn,1985
<i>Terahymena thermophila</i>	M10932.1	North America		Chen and Song,unpublished
<i>Euplotes eurystomus</i>	AF452707.1	?		Hewitt,E.A.et al.,2003
<i>Euplotes aediculatus</i>	AF508756.1	North America		Hewitt,E. A. et al.,2003
<i>Moneuplates crassus</i>	AF508761.1	North America		

## APENDICE B- Sequências COI *Paramecium*

**Table S2. COI *Paramecium* sequences used in this work**

Taxon	Accession number	Locality	IEU (PTP/mPTP)	Reference
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661375.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	MF593920.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661378.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX752228.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013 Boscaro,V. et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	HF969033.1	North America	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	MF593919.1	Oceania	38/34	Szokoli,F. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX008306.1	North America	38/34	Szokoli,F. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX008305.1	North America	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX752227.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661383.1	North America	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661379.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661377.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661381.1	Asia	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661376.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661380.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013 Boscaro, V. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	HF948010.1	North America	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	KX752226.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661382.1	Asia	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661374.1	North America	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013 Boscaro, V. et al., 2014
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	HF969032.1	Europe	38/34	Barth & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	FN421325.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium biaurelia</i>	JX661433.1	Asia	38/34	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082039.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082034.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082030.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082041.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082037.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082035.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082040.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082036.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082033.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082028.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082038.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082027.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082025.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082032.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082031.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013

<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082023.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082026.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082029.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082022.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082062.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082063.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082061.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082060.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708906.1	Asia	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708903.1	Asia	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708907.1	Asia	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708908.1	Asia	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701571.1	Asia	82/69	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708910.1	Asia	82/69	Greczek-Stachura, M. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708909.1	Asia	82/69	Greczek-Stachura, M. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708902.1	Asia	82/69	Greczek-Stachura, M. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082058.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082059.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082057.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082015.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082017.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082056.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082019.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082014.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082045.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708891.1	Europe	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082012.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082048.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082050.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082046.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701573.1	Asia	82/69	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082043.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082053.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082042.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082047.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082016.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082055.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082018.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708894.1	Europe	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JX082044.1	Asia	82/69	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708901.1	Asia	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708892.1	Europe	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708886.1	Europe	82/69	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701576.1	Asia	81/68	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701577.1	Asia	81/68	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708905.1	Asia	81/68	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701575.1	North America	80/67	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701574.1	North America	80/67	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708916.1	Asia	79/66	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701560.1	Asia	78/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708913.1	Asia	77/65	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701564.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701570.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701561.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701569.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701568.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708911.1	Asia	77/65	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701567.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701566.1	Asia	77/65	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708904.1	Asia	77/65	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
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<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708915.1	Oceania	76/64	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708914.1	Oceania	76/64	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708898.1	Europe	76/64	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	FN421334.1	Asia	76/64	Barth & Berendonk, 2011Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701558.1	Asia	75/63	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701556.1	Asia	74/63	Zagata,P. et al.,2014

<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701559.1	Europe	73/62	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708899.1	Europe	73/62	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708897.1	Europe	73/62	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708896.1	Europe	73/62	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708893.1	Europe	73/62	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	KJ701557.1	Asia	73/62	Zagata,P. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	JF708895.1	Europe	73/62	Tarcz,S. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium bursaria</i>	FJ905152.1	North America	73/62	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304178.1	Asia	68/58	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304173.1	Asia	66/56	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304174.1	Asia	66/56	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304175.1	Asia	62/54	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304180.1	Asia	61/53	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304181.1	Asia	61/53	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304179.1	Asia	61/53	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304177.1	Asia	60/52	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	JF304176.1	Asia	60/52	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	FN421329.1	Europe	58/50	Barth, D. & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	MG953270.1	North America	57/49	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	MG953269.1	North America	57/49	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium calkinsi</i>	FJ905147.1	Europe	56/48	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149724.1	Oceania	14/14	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149723.1	Oceania	14/14	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149722.1	Oceania	13/13	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256283.1	North America	12/12	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149725.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256281.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256280.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256264.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256263.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256274.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256272.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256275.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256273.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256271.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256279.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016

<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256265.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149721.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149720.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256266.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149726.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149716.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256270.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256269.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256268.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256267.1	Asia	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072782.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256278.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256276.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149719.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256277.1	Europe	11/11	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM407718.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072781.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149717.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072778.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	HQ149718.1	Asia	11/11	Krenek,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FJ905148.1	Asia	11/11	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072779.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM407720.1	Europe	11/11	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072777.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM407719.1	Europe	11/11	Krenek, S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072780.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JF304187.1	Europe	11/11	Przybos,E. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072776.1	Europe	11/11	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	KY399443.1	Europe	10/10	Killeen,J. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FN256282.1	South America	09/09	Snoke,M.S. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	FJ905142.1	South America	09/09	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072775.1	Oceania	09/09	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082083.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013

<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082096.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082101.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082080.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082079.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082097.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082100.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082095.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082099.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082078.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082094.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082081.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082103.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082077.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082102.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082098.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082076.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082069.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082086.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082088.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082084.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082093.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082068.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082090.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082073.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082092.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082089.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082072.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082074.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082071.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082070.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082087.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082082.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082091.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082085.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082066.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082067.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082075.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082065.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	JX082064.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium caudatum</i>	AM072774.1	Asia	09/09	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669633.1	Asia	55/47	Lanzoni, O. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669632.1	Asia	55/47	Lanzoni, O. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KX669634.1	Asia	55/47	Lanzoni, O. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium chlorelligerum</i>	KM091239.1	Europe	55/47	Krenek, S. et al., 2015

<i>Paramecium decaurelia</i>	JX661435.1	Asia	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium decaurelia</i>	JX661434.1	Asia	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium decaurelia</i>	JX661437.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium decaurelia</i>	JX661436.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium decaurelia</i>	JX661419.1	Europe	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819881.1	Asia	44/40	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819880.1	Asia	43/39	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082147.1	Asia	42/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082145.1	Asia	42/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082142.1	Asia	42/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082141.1	Asia	42/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082128.1	Asia	42/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082146.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082131.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082136.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082130.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082134.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082139.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082137.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082143.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082138.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082132.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082140.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082135.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082133.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082144.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082127.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082129.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JX082126.1	Asia	41/38	Zhao, Y. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819886.1	Asia	40/37	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819883.1	Asia	40/37	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	FN421332.1	Asia	40/37	Barth & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819885.1	Asia	40/36	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819882.1	Asia	40/36	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	HE819884.1	Asia	40/36	Boscaro,V. et al.,2012
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	FJ905146.1	Asia	40/36	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium dubosqui</i>	JF304185.1	South America	39/35	Przybos,E. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110713.1	Asia	23/21	Przybos and Tarcz., 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	JF304188.1	Asia	23/21	Przybos,E. et al., 2012

<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110712.1	Asia	22/20	Przybos and Tarcz., 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	FN421328.1	Europe	22/20	Barth and Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110711.1	Africa	21/19	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KY635386.1	Asia	21/19	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110710.1	Africa	21/19	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110709.1	Asia	21/19	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110718.1	Asia	20/18	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110719.1	Asia	20/18	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110715.1	Asia	20/18	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110717.1	Asia	20/18	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110716.1	Asia	20/18	Przybos & Tarcz, 2014
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	KF110714.1	Asia	20/18	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium jennignsi</i>	FJ905139.1	Asia	20/18	
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>				
Clade I	JF741271.1	North America	08/08	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544200.1	Asia	07/07	Lu,X. et al.,2019
Clade I	FJ905145.1	Asia	07/07	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn., 2016
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741247.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	JF741246.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741257.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	JF741270.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741245.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	AM072771.1	Europe	07/07	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741251.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	JF741244.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741261.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	JF741269.1	Asia	07/07	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	AM072770.1	Europe	07/07	Barth,D. et al., 2016
Clade I	AM072772.1	South America	06/06	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544191.1	Asia	05/05	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I	MH544190.1	Asia	05/05	Lu,X. et al., 2019

<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>				
Clade I		JF741259.1	Asia	05/05	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741248.1	Asia	05/05	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I		MH544199.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544197.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		MH544195.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544193.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		MH544192.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544194.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		MH544189.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544188.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		MH544185.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741260.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I		JF741255.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544196.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		AM072769.1	Asia	04/04	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741242.1	Europe	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I		MH544187.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544186.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		JF741267.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741268.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I		JF741256.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	MH544198.1	Asia	04/04	Lu,X. et al., 2019
Clade I		JF741266.1	Asia	04/04	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	AM072768.1	Asia	04/04	Barth,D. et al., 2016
Clade I		JF741273.1	North America	03/03	Tarcz,S. et al.; 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741272.1	North America	03/03	Tarcz,S. et al.; 2012
Clade I		JF304189.1	North America	03/03	Tarcz,S. et al.; 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	FJ905144.1	North America	02/02	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
Clade I		FJ905143.1	North America	02/02	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741249.1	Asia	01/01	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I					

<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>				
Clade I	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741254.1	Europe	01/01	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741243.1	Europe	01/01	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade I	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741252.1	Europe	01/01	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	AM072767.1	Europe	01/01	Barth,D. et al., 2016
Clade I	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741253.1	Europe	01/01	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	AM072766.1	Oceania	01/01	Barth,D. et al., 2016
Clade I	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741258.1	Asia	01/01	Barth,D. et al., 2016
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741265.1	Asia	16/15	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade II	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741264.1	Asia	16/15	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741263.1	Asia	16/15	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
Clade II	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741262.1	Asia	16/15	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium</i>	<i>multimicronucleatum</i>	JF741250.1	Asia	15/15	Tarcz,S. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		MG953273.1	Asia	67/57	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		MG953272.1	Asia	67/57	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		MG953271.1	Asia	67/57	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082124.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082115.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082125.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082112.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082116.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082111.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082117.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082108.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082118.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082106.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082122.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082105.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082119.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082120.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082114.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082123.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082110.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082109.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082121.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082113.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082107.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		JX082104.1	Asia	67/57	Zhao & Song, 2013
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		FN421331.1	Europe	67/57	Barth, D. 2016 Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>		FJ905151.1	Asia	66/56	

<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	MG953276.1	Asia	65/55	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	MG953275.1	Asia	62/55	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium nephridiatum</i>	MG953274.1	Asia	63/55	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KX752244.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KX752246.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KX752245.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KX752247.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KX752243.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661431.1	Asia	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661430.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661432.1	Asia	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661428.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661425.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	KP973727.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661426.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661427.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661429.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	FN421327.1	Europe	32/29	Barth,D. & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium novaurelia</i>	JX661389.1	Europe	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium octaurelia</i>	JX661424.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium octaurelia</i>	JX661422.1	Europe	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium octaurelia</i>	JX661421.1	Europe	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium octaurelia</i>	JX661420.1	Europe	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium octaurelia</i>	JX661418.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661405.1	Europe	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661402.1	Asia	32/29	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661401.1	Europe	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661406.1	Asia	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661404.1	Europe	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661400.1	Europe	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661403.1	Asia	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium pentaurelia</i>	JX661399.1	Europe	29/27	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953285.1	North America	72/61	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953278.1	Africa	71/61	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953284.1	Asia	70/60	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953283.1	Asia	70/60	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953277.1	Asia	70/60	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	FN421330.1	Europe	70/60	Barth, D. 2016
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953282.1	North America	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953280.1	Asia	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953281.1	Asia	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953279.1	Asia	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MH432643.1	Asia	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	MG953286.1	North America	69/59	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium polcaryum</i>	FJ905155.1	Asia	69/59	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016

<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661373.1	Asia	28/26	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661370.1	Asia	27/25	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661368.1	Asia	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661367.1	Asia	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661372.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661366.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661369.1	Asia	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661365.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JX661371.1	North America	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	JF304182.1	Europe	26/24	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	FN421324.1	Asia	26/24	Barth & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	FJ905141.1	Europe	26/24	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium primaurelia</i>	KX752234.1	Asia	36/34	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649989.1	Asia	54/46	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649988.1	Asia	54/46	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649984.1	Asia	53/45	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649992.1	Asia	52/44	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649994.1	Asia	51/44	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649993.1	Europe	51/44	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649987.1	Asia	51/44	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649991.1	Asia	50/43	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649990.1	Asia	49/43	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649986.1	Asia	48/43	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649985.1	Asia	48/43	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649983.1	Asia	47/42	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	KF649982.1	Asia	45/41	Tarcz,S. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	FN421333.1	Asia	45/41	Barth & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium putrinum</i>	FJ905153.1	Asia	45/41	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium septaurelia</i>	JX661417.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium septaurelia</i>	JX661415.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium septaurelia</i>	JX661416.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium septaurelia</i>	JX661414.1	Asia	37/33	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium septaurelia</i>	JX661396.1	Asia	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661413.1	Asia	25/23	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661410.1	Asia	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661409.1	Asia	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661411.1	Asia	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661408.1	Asia	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752239.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752237.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752238.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752241.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752236.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752240.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017

<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661412.1	Asia	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	JX661407.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752242.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KX752235.1	Europe	24/22	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	FJ905154.1	Europe	24/22	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium sexaurelia</i>	KY635387.1	Asia	23/21	Tarcz,S. et al., 2018
<i>Paramecium sonneborni</i>	KF650001.1	Europe	19/17	Przybos,E. et al.,2014
<i>Paramecium shewiakoffi</i>	AM072773.1	Asia	18/18	Barth,D. et al.,2006
<i>Paramecium tedrecaurelia</i>	JX661440.1	Asia	39/35	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium tedrecaurelia</i>	JF304184.1	Europe	39/35	Przybos,E. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium tedrecaurelia</i>	KX752225.1	Europe	38/34	Tarcz,S. et al.,2017
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661392.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al. 2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661394.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al. 2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661393.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al. 2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JF304183.1	Oceania	36/32	Przybos,E. et al., 2012
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	KX752233.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	KX752232.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	KX752231.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	KX752229.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661395.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661398.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661397.1	Europe	36/32	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	FN421326.1	Europe	36/32	Barth & Berendonk, 2011
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	JX661439.1	North America	35/31	Tarcz,S. et al.,2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661390.1	Asia	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661388.1	Europe	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661391.1	Asia	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661387.1	Europe	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661386.1	North America	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661385.1	North America	31/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium triaurelia</i>	JX661384.1	North America	30/28	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium undecaurelia</i>	JX661438.1	North America	34/31	Tarcz,S. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium undecaurelia</i>	KX752248.1	Europe	33/30	Tarcz,S. et al., 2017
<i>Paramecium woodruffi</i>	FJ905150.1	Asia	59/51	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	KM091241.1	Europe	64/54	Krenek,S. et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082150.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082159.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082149.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082158.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082148.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082152.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082151.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium sp.</i>	JX082154.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013

<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	JX082153.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	JX082156.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	JX082155.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	JX082157.1	Asia	43/39	Zhao, Y. et al., 2013
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	FJ905140.1	North America	26/24	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	KM091240.1	Europe	17/16	Krenek,S.et al.,2015
<i>Paramecium</i> sp.	FJ905149.1	Asia	11/11	Strueder-Kypke & Lynn, 2016
<i>Tetrahymena thermophila</i>	DQ411879.1	North America		Lynn & Strueder-Kypke,2006
<i>Tetrahymena</i> sp.	GU439294.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena</i> sp.	GU439293.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena</i> sp.	GU439292.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena tropicalis</i>	GU439311.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena pyriformis</i>	GU439229.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena canadensis</i>	GU439213.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011
<i>Tetrahymena hegewischi</i>	GU439219.1	North America		Kher,C.P.et al., 2011