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# First report on the complete mitochondrial genome of the deep-water scalpellid barnacle *Arcoscalpellum epeeum* (Cirripedia, Thoracica, Scalpellidae)

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#### ABSTRACT

Scalpellids are one of the largest families of Scalpelliformes and reproduce either androdioeciously or dioeciously. Here, we characterized the first mitogenome of a scalpellid barnacle (*Arcoscalpellum epeeum*), which was 15,593 bp in length with a 71.5% AT content. In comparison with the pollicipedids *Capitulum mitella* and *Pollicipes polymerus*, the tRNA genes of *A. epeeum* were rearranged between ND3 and ND5, between CYTB and ND1, and between 12S rRNA and ND2. On the mitogenomic tree, the Scalpelliformes families Pollicipedidae and Scalpellidae were not monophyletic, which concurs with previous studies.

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Stalked barnacles of the order Scalpelliformes are found in various marine aquatic environments ranging from the intertidal zone to the deep sea and show great reproductive diversity, including hermaphroditism, androdioecy, and dioecy (Lin et al. 2015). Despite revising Scalpelliformes to five families, Calanticidae, consist of Eolepadidae, Lithotryidae, Pollicipedidae, and Scalpellidae, it was still found to be polyphyletic (Buckeridge and Newman 2006; Ahyong et al. 2011; Herrera et al. 2015; Lin et al. 2015). As of 24 August 2018, GenBank contains two complete mitochondrial genomes (mitogenomes) from hermaphrodite pollicipedid barnacles, but no mitogenomes from the other families. Scalpellids are one of the largest families of Scalpelliformes, with over 260 species and have either androdioecious or dioecious reproductive systems (Chan et al. 2014). To understand the phylogenetic relationships and reproductive evolution of Scalpelliformes, we determined the first mitogenome of a deep-sea scalpellid barnacle, Arcoscalpellum epeeum, which is and rodioecious.

*Arcoscalpellum epeeum* specimens were collected from the Norfolk Ridge between New Caledonia and New Zealand (22°53'S and 167°12'E; 403–429 m depths). The genomic DNA extraction, sequencing, gene annotation, and phylogenetic analyses followed Kim et al. (2017, 2018). The specimen used for the mitogenomic analysis has been deposited in the Biodiversity Research Museum, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (ASIZCR).

The complete mitogenome of *A. epeeum* is 15,593 bp in length (71.5% AT content; GenBank accession no.

MH791047), consisting of 13 protein-coding genes (PCGs), two ribosomal RNAs (rRNAs), 22 transfer RNAs (tRNAs), and one non-coding region. The intergenic region between tRNA<sup>Trp</sup> and ND2 was not determined completely, despite our efforts using Sanger sequencing and comparative mitogenomics.

The gene arrangement and transcriptional polarity showed the ancestral pancrustacean pattern, except for some tRNAs. In comparison with the Scalpelliformes *Capitulum mitella* and *Pollicipes polymerus*, the tRNA genes in the *A. epeeum* mitogenome were rearranged between ND3 and ND5, between CYTB and ND1, and between 12S rRNA and ND2. All of the PCGs had an ATN start codon, except COX1, for which the start codon was not determined. Most of the PCGs terminated with a complete stop codon (TAA or TAG), although COX1, COX3, and ND4 had incomplete stop codons (T–). The 16S and 12S rRNAs were 1299 bp (76.3% AT content) and 753 bp (70.8% AT content), respectively. A 118-bp-long (76.3% AT content) non-coding region was located between the 12S rRNA and tRNA<sup>I/e</sup>.

A phylogenetic tree was constructed using the PCGs of 18 barnacles using maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference (Figure 1). The scalpellid barnacle *A. epeeum* was positioned as an ancestral node of verrucomorph and balanomorph barnacles. Two Scalpelliformes families, Pollicipedidae and Scalpellidae, were not monophyletic, which concurs with previous studies (Pérez-Losada et al. 2008; Linse et al. 2013; Herrera et al. 2015; Lin et al. 2015). In Scalpelliformes, the

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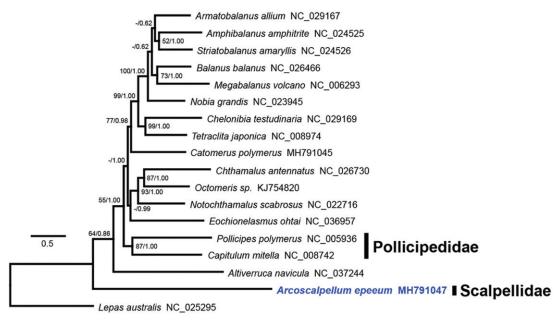


Figure 1. Phylogenetic tree of Arcoscalpellum epeeum and other thoracican barnacles based on 13 protein-coding genes from mitogenomes. The model GTR + I + G was selected as the best evolutionary model using jModelTest 2.1.4 (MEGA Inc., Ocheyedan, IA). Numbers at internodes are the maximum-likelihood bootstrap proportions (left) and Bayesian posterior probabilities (right). An asterisk indicates a bootstrap value of less than 50%.

mitogenomes of Calanticidae, Eolepadidae, and Lithotryidae have not been determined, and further mitogenomic analysis of undetermined taxa is required to deepen our understanding of their phylogeny, sexual evolution, and biogeography.

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