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## Mitochondrial genome of a leaf-mining beetle *Prionispa champaka* Maulik (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae)

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### ABSTRACT

*Prionispa champaka* is a leaf-mining species which feeds on *Polia* spp. and widely distributes in southern China. The complete mitogenomic sequence of *P. champaka* (Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae) was obtained and annotated, with a length of 20,494 bp. It was longer than those of other Chrysomelid species (not including Bruchinae) because of its much longer non-coding sequences. Gene arrangement and content of *P. champaka* was identical to the most common type in insects, and it was also biased toward AT (accounting for 78.4%). Phylogenetic analysis based on mitochondrial PCGs indicated that *P. champaka* was closely clustered with 5 other Cassidinae species, supporting the traditional morphological classification within Cassidinae.

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The genus *Prionispa* Chapuis, 1875, which consists of 29 described species globally and 7 species in China, belongs to the tribe of Oncocephalini (Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae). It mainly occurs in the oriental tropics (Chen et al. 1986; Staines 2015). The larvae of *Prionispa* are leaf-miners and generally form irregular blotch mines (Liao et al. 2018). *P. champaka* feeds on *Polia japonica* Thunb. and *P. siamensis* (Craib) Faden ex Hong (Commelinaceae) and widely distributes in southern China (Chen et al. 1986; Liao et al. 2018). In this study, the complete mitochondrial genome of *P. champaka* was obtained and annotated for the first time. The species was collected in 31 October 2016 from Anjishan mountain, Jiangxi Province, China (N 24.870, E 114.606). All studied specimens were deposited in the Leafminer Group, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, Gannan Normal University, Jiangxi, China.

The complete mitogenome of *P. champaka* (GenBank accession no. MG543679) was 20,494 bp in length. It was within the range from 14,257 bp to 26,613 bp which were reported in other sequenced Coleoptera genomes (Bae et al. 2004; Sayadi et al. 2017). However, it was longer than those of other Chrysomelid species (not including Bruchinae) (Nie and Yang 2014; Guo et al. 2017a, 2017b; Wang and Tang 2017), because of the longer non-coding sequences of *P. champaka*. With overall base composition of 41.80% As, 36.60% Ts, 9.40% Gs and 12.20% Cs, the mitogenome was biased toward AT (accounting for 78.4%). The circular genome had 13 protein-coding genes, 22 tRNA genes, two rRNA

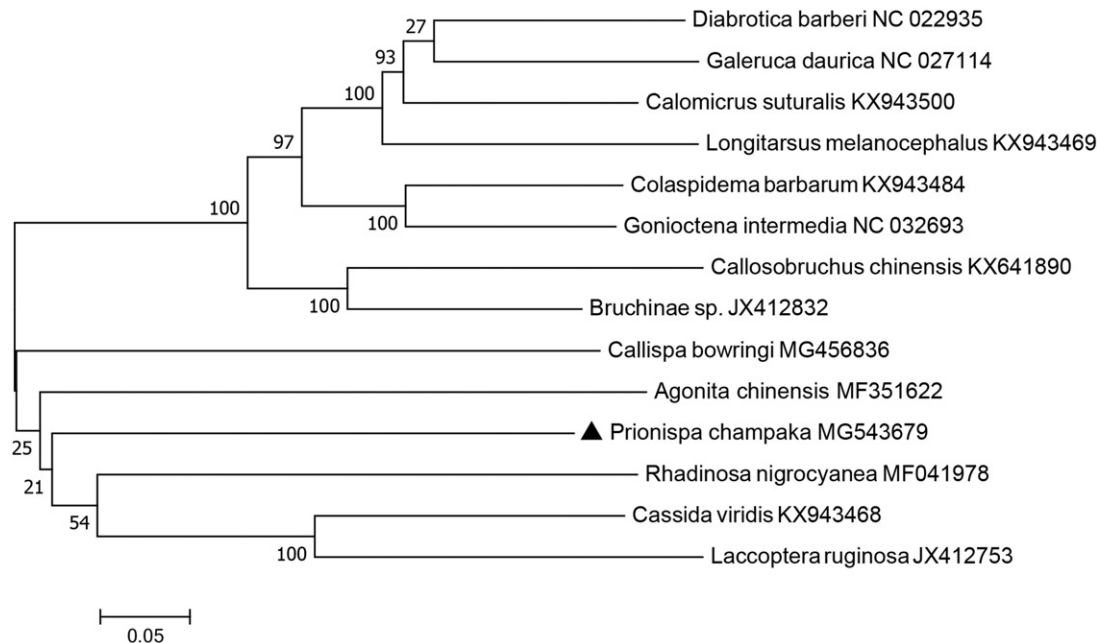
genes and one AT-rich region. Gene arrangement and content of our species was identical to the most common type of the putative ancestor of insects (Cameron 2014). There existed 12 gene overlaps at gene junctions, but most of them were only 1–2 bp; the longest one (8 bp) existed between tRNA<sup>Trp</sup> and tRNA<sup>Cys</sup>, and between tRNA<sup>Tyr</sup> and COX1. For the 13 protein-coding genes, only four PCGs (NAD1, NAD4, NAD4I and NAD5) encoded on the L-strand, others on the H-strand; the shortest one is ATP8 gene (153 bp) and the longest one is NAD5 gene (1705 bp). All PCGs started with ATN (except for NAD1 which started with TTG), ended with T (NAD2, COX1, COX2, COX3, NAD3, NAD5 and COB), TAG (NAD1) and TAA (ATP8, ATP6, NAD4, NAD4I and NAD6). All of the 22 tRNAs had a typical cloverleaf secondary structure, except for tRNA<sup>ser</sup>(AGN) which had a shorter dihydrouridine. All tRNAs had normal lengths which ranging from 60 to 70 bp.

The concatenated nucleotide sequences of 13 PCGs from 13 species of four chrysomelid subfamilies were chosen for phylogenetic analysis, including five species of Cassidinae, two species of Chrysomelinae, two species of Bruchinae and four species of Galerucinae. The phylogenetic trees were constructed with MEGA 7 (Kumar et al. 2008) using maximum-likelihood method. The phylogenetic position of *P. champaka* was closely clustered with five other Cassidinae species (Figure 1), which was consistent with the traditional morphological classification within Cassidinae.

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**Figure 1.** Maximum-likelihood tree indicating evolutionary relationships among *Prionispa champaka* and 13 other chrysomelid species based on mitochondrial PCGs concatenated dataset.


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