

## Complete mitochondrial genome of the bamboo snout beetle, *Cyrottrachelus buqueti* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

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### ABSTRACT

The bamboo snout beetle *Cyrottrachelus buqueti* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) is a destructive forest pest and distributed widely in Southeast Asia. The 15,035 bp complete mitochondrial genome of the species consists of 13 protein-coding genes (PCGs), two ribosomal RNA genes (rRNAs), 21 transfer RNA genes (tRNAs) and a control region (GenBank accession no. MG674390). The *trnI* gene was not found in the *C. buqueti* mitogenome. The gene order and the orientation of *C. buqueti* were similar to those found in other Coleoptera species. The nucleotide composition was significantly biased (A, G, C, and T was 38.18%, 10.10%, 16.16%, and 35.56%, respectively) with A + T contents of 73.74%. ATG, ATA, ATT, AAT, and TTG were initiation codons and TAA, TAG, and T were termination codons. All the 21 tRNAs displayed a typical cloverleaf secondary structure, except for *trnS*, which lacked the dihydrouridine arm. Phylogenetic analysis was performed using 13 PCGs with 14 other beetles showed that *C. buqueti* is closely related to *Eucryptorhynchus brandti*, which agree with the traditional classification.

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The bamboo snout beetle, *Cyrottrachelus buqueti* Guerin-Meneville (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), is a highly destructive forest pest and distributed widely in Southeast Asia (Yang et al. 2017). The larvae of *C. buqueti* bore into the shoots of clumping bamboo species, causing serious damage to bamboo production (Yang et al. 2009). Adult specimens of *C. buqueti* were collected from Nanming District, Guiyang City, Guizhou Province, China (N26°33', E106°46'). Samples have been deposited in the insect specimen room of Guiyang University with an accession number GYU-Col-20170001).

The circular mitochondrial genome of *C. buqueti* was 15,035 bp in length (GenBank accession no. MG674390) and included sets of genes, including 13 protein-coding genes (PCGs), two ribosomal RNA genes (*rnrL* and *rnrS*), 21 transfer RNA genes (tRNAs), and a large non-coding region (putative control region). The *trnI* was not found in the *C. buqueti* mitogenome, as observed in *Sympiezomias velatus* (Tang et al. 2017), another completely sequenced species in Coleoptera. The gene order and the orientation of *C. buqueti* were similar to those of putative ancestor of insects (Boore 1999). The nucleotide composition of was significantly biased (A, G, C, and T was 38.18%, 10.10%, 16.16%, and 35.56%, respectively) with A + T contents of 73.74%. The AT-skew and GC-skew of this genome were 0.036 and -0.231, respectively. Twenty-two genes were transcribed on the J-strand, whereas the others were oriented on the N-strand. Gene overlaps were

present at eight gene junctions and involved a total of 20 bp; the longest overlap (7 bp) existed between *atp8* and *atp6*. A total of 59 bp intergenic spacers were found in 10 positions, ranging in size from 1 to 21 bp. The largest intergenic spacer sequence of 21 bp was located between *trnS*<sub>2</sub> and *nad1*. The control region was located between *rnrS* and *trnQ* gene with a length of 430 bp, and the A + T content was 81.16%.

All the 21 tRNAs were predicted to have typical cloverleaf secondary structures, except the gene *trnS*<sub>1</sub> (AGN) lacking a stable dihydrouridine arm, which were consistent with those reported in other animal mitogenomes (Wolstenholme 1992; Yuan et al. 2016). The length of these tRNAs ranged from 63 bp (*trnC* and *trnE*) to 71 bp (*trnK*), A + T content ranged from 58.46% (*trnN*) to 86.15% (*trnD*). The *rnrL* was located between *trnL*<sub>1</sub> and *trnV*, and *rnrS* resided between *trnV* and the control region. The *rnrL* was 1298 bp in length with A + T content of 78.43%, and the *rnrS* was 788 bp in length with A + T content of 75.13%.

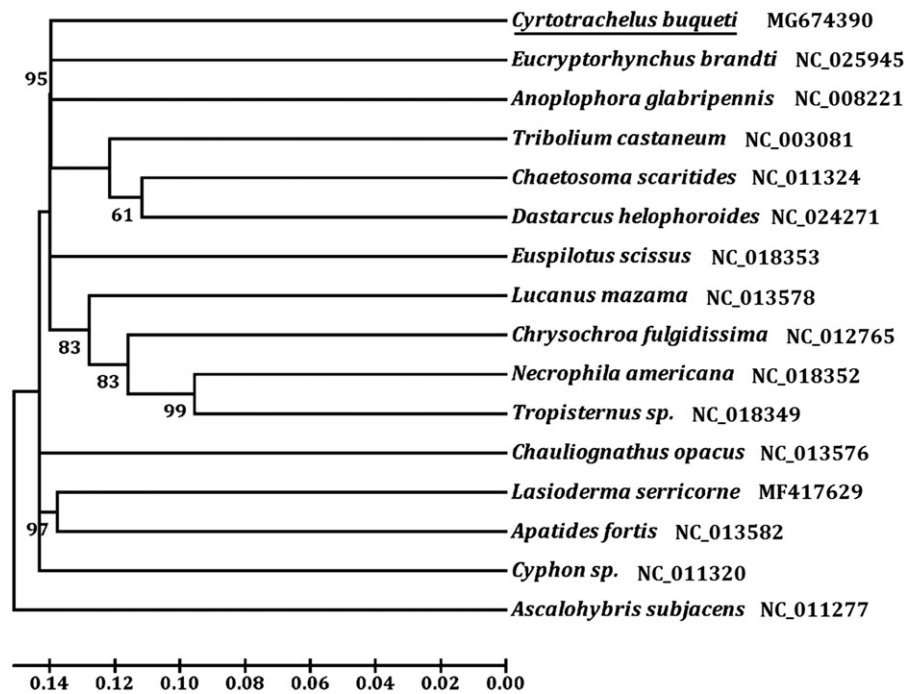
The initial codons for 11 PCGs of *C. buqueti* were the canonical putative start codons ATN (ATG for *atp6*, *nad4L*, and *cob*; ATT for *cox2*, *atp8*, and *nad5*; ATA for *cox3*, *nad3*, *nad1*, and *nad4*; ATC for *nad2*). However, *cox1* and *nad6* used AAT and TTG as start codon, respectively. Nine PCGs were terminated with TAA or TAG, and the remaining PCGs including *cox1*, *cox3*, *nad4*, and *nad5* use a single T as stop codon. We analyzed the amino acid sequences of 13 PCGs with neighbour-joining method to construct the phylogenetic

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**Figure 1.** Phylogenetic tree showing the relationship between *C. buqueti* and 14 other beetles based on neighbour-joining method. *Ascalohybris subjacens* was used as an outgroup. GeneBank accession numbers of each species were listed in the tree.

relationship of *C. buqueti* with 14 other representative beetles. The result showed that *C. buqueti* is closely related to *Eucryptorhynchus brandti* (Figure 1), which agree with the traditional classification.

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