

## The complete mitochondrial genome of *Hyperhalosydna striata* (Kinberg, 1856) (Annelida: Polynoidae) collected from Jeju Island, Korea

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### ABSTRACT

The mitogenome sequence of *Hyperhalosydna striata* was determined for the first time in the present study. The genome is 15,226 bp long and contains 13 protein-coding genes (PCGs), two ribosomal RNA genes (rRNAs), and 22 transfer RNA genes (tRNA). The overall base composition was 28.0% A, 21.9% C, 13.0% G, and 37.1% T. A phylogenetic tree was constructed to infer the phylogenetic position of *H. striata* among polynoid species whose mitochondrial genome sequences are available in GenBank. *Hyperhalosydna striata* was closely related to the species of subfamily Lepidonotinae.

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### Introduction

The scale worm, *Hyperhalosydna striata* (Kinberg 1856), belongs to the family Polynoidae Kinberg, 1856. It is easily distinguished from its congeners by the presence of stripes on the elytra. They are known to be free-living or to live in association with other polychaetes, such as eunicids (Hanley and Bruke 1991; Park et al. 2016). The type locality of *H. striata* is Jackson Port, Sydney, Australia (Kinberg 1856). However, this species is widely distributed throughout the South Pacific and the Indo-West Pacific, including Asian Waters (Grube 1876; McIntosh 1885; Moore 1903; Augener 1922; Fauvel 1932; Knox 1951; Imajima and Hartman 1964; Pillai 1965; Uschakov 1982; Uchida 1988; Imajima 2001; Wehe 2006; Park et al. 2016).

Recently, mitochondrial genomes have been used for phylogenetic and evolutionary studies of the highly diverse Polynoidae (Zhang et al. 2018; Gonzalez et al. 2021). However, studies are still scarce. For this reason, an additional complete mitogenome of the polynoid species *H. striata* was analyzed in this study.


### Materials and methods


The specimen was collected by scuba diving in a subtidal rocky zone (depth 18 m) of Jeju Island (33°13'41.29"N, 126°33'41.29"E, Munseom Islet, Seogwipo-si, South Korea) (Figure 1). Species identification was performed under a stereomicroscope based on the description of Park et al. (2016). The specimen was deposited at the National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR, <http://www.nibr.go.kr/>), Eun-Jung

Nam, [ejnam@korea.kr](mailto:ejnam@korea.kr), Republic of Korea (NIBRIV0000902986). Genomic DNA was extracted from the pygidium of the

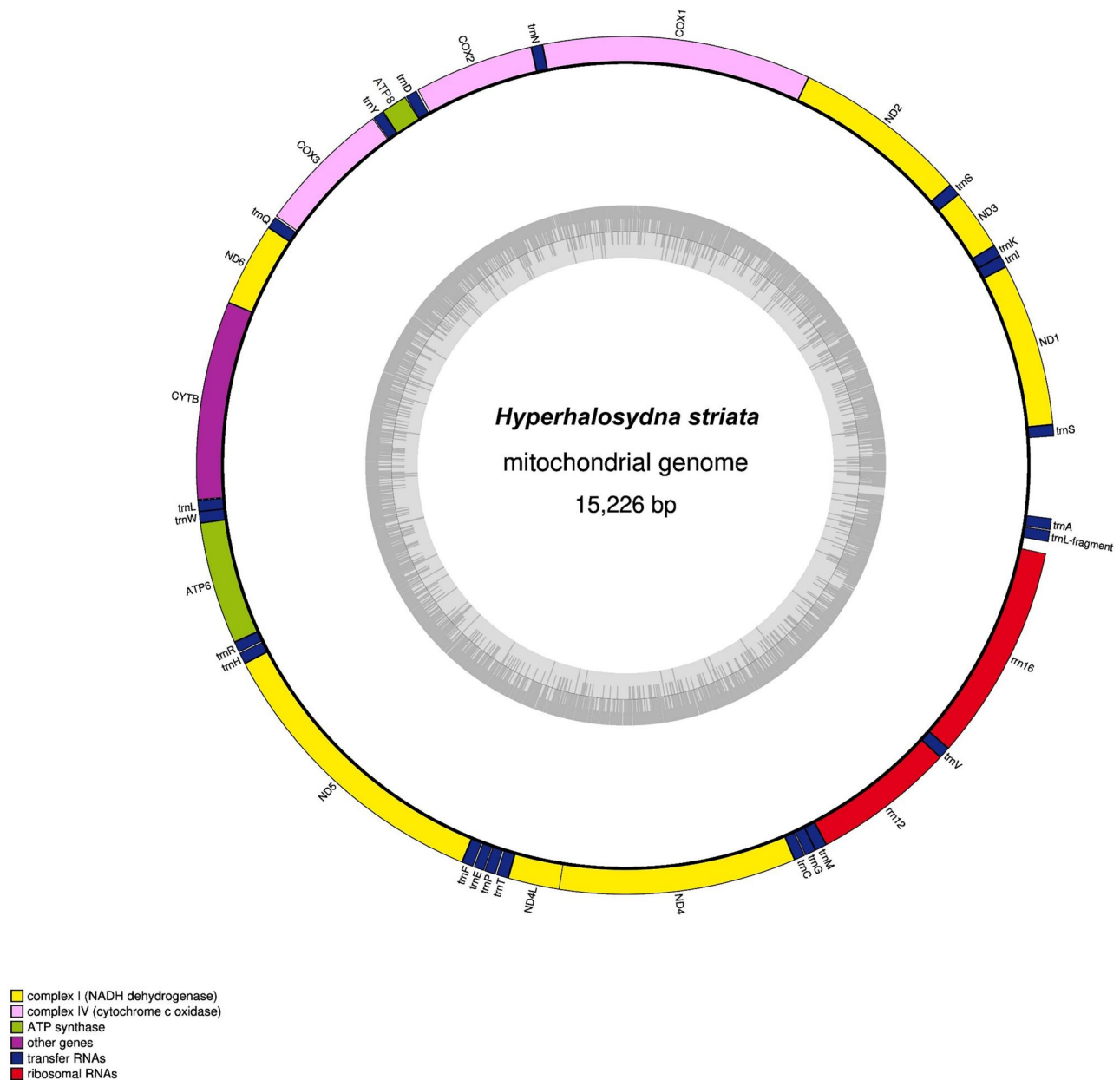


Figure 1. Underwater image of the *Hyperhalosydna striata*. The photo was taken by TP, a corresponding author of this paper.

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**Figure 2.** Schematic map of overall features of the *H. striata* mitochondrial genome.

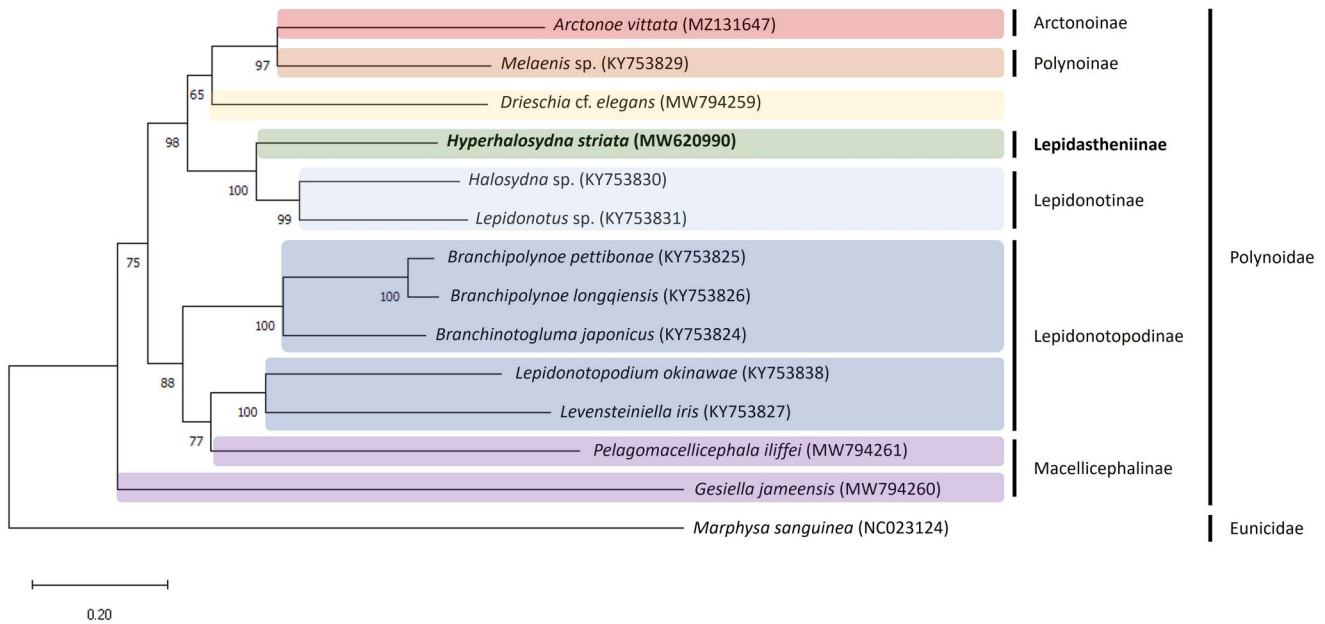
specimen using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). REPLI-g Mitochondrial DNA Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) was used for mitochondrial DNA amplification, and mitochondrial genome sequencing was performed using the NovaSeq 6000 sequencing system (Illumina, San Diego, CA). Phylogenetic analysis was conducted to examine the phylogenetic position of *H. striata* using MEGA X software (Kumar et al. 2018). The tree was reconstructed using the ML method using the GTR + G + I model with 1000 bootstrap replicates. Illumina sequencing data of *Hyperhalosydna striata* were mapped on *H. striata* mitochondrial genome sequence and depth of mapped reads was calculated respectively using `clc_ref_assemble` and `clc_mapping_info` with default parameters in CLC Assembly Cell package ver. 4.2.1 (Qiagen, Aarhus, Denmark). Assembler and annotation tools, NOVOPlasty (Dierckxsens et al. 2017) and Chlorobox (Tillich et al. 2017), were used, respectively.

## Results and discussion

The complete mitogenome of *H. striata* (GenBank accession no. MW620990) was 15,226 bp long and consisted of 13 protein-coding genes (PCGs), two ribosomal RNA (rRNA) genes, and 22 transfer RNA (tRNA) genes (Figure 2). The overall nucleotide composition was 28.0% A, 21.9% C, 13.0% G, and 37.1% T, with high G + C content (65.1%). The average mapping depth is  $\times 410,057$  (Figure S1). The phylogenetic tree results showed that *H. striata* sister was cluster to the Lepidonotinae species (*Halosydna* sp., *Lepidonotus* sp.) (Figure 3).

## Ethical approval

The material of this paper does not involve ethical conflicts. *Hyperhalosydna striata* is neither endangered on the CITES catalogue nor collected from a natural reserve.



**Figure 3.** Maximum-likelihood (ML) tree reconstructed using a concatenated data set of 13 protein-coding genes based on 14 mitogenome sequences, including *Hyperhalosydna striata* from the present study. Bootstrap replicates were performed 1000 times. The GenBank accession number of each species is shown in parentheses after the species name. The following sequences were used: *Hyperhalosydna striata* MW620990, *Arctonoe vittata* MZ131647 (Park et al. 2021), *Melaenis* sp. KY753829 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Drieschia* cf. *elegans* MW794259 (Gonzalez et al. 2021), *Halosydna* sp. KY753830 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Lepidonotus* sp. KY753831 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Branchipolynoe pettibonae* KY753825 (Zhang et al. 2018), *B. longqiensis* KY753826 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Branchinotogluma japonicus* KY753824 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Lepidonotopodium okinawae* KY753838 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Levensteiniella iris* KY753827 (Zhang et al. 2018), *Pelagomacellicephalo iliffei* MW794261 (Gonzalez et al. 2021), and *Gesiella jameensis* MW794260 (Gonzalez et al. 2021).

## Author contributions

Kwang-Soo Kim conducted collecting the specimen, species identification, and wrote draft. Jiseon Park analyzed the mitogenome sequence and wrote draft. Taeseo Park contributed conception, designing this study, and revising manuscript.

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## Data availability statement

The genome sequence data supporting this study's findings are available in the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) GenBank (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) under accession no. MW620990. The associated BioProject, SRA, and BioSample numbers were PRJNA727906, SRR14566003, and SAMN19229862, respectively. The data that support the findings of this study are openly available in Mendeley (<https://doi.org/10.17632/9h4gtkx9fn.1>).

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