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Present and future of the study on Korean land planarians (Platyhelminthes: Tricladida: Geoplanidae)

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ABSTRACT. To date, two species of land planarians, *Diversibipalium koreense* (Frieb, 1923) and *Microplana unilineata* (Frieb, 1923), have been recorded for the Republic of Korea. Meanwhile, various morphotypes of land planarians were discovered during the terrestrial invertebrate sampling campaign conducted in 2020, predicting that many species may inhabit the country. Accordingly, we initiated an international collaborative research in 2021 to elucidate the biodiversity of land planarians in the country and to document each species. We grouped more than 70 specimens collected from 2020 to 2022 into 22 morphospecies based on their external appearance. Subsequently, we tested the morphospecies independently in a molecular phylogeny inferred from the mitochondrial COI gene. Maximum likelihood (ML) analysis suggests that the 22 morphospecies are assigned to each clade as follows: (1) Bipaliinae (15 spp.), (2) Microplaninae (6 spp.), and (3) Rhynchodeminae (1 sp.). The Assemble Species by Automatic Partitioning (ASAP) analysis predicted that there would be 14 species of Bipaliinae instead of 15, reducing the number of putative species to 21. As previous sampling campaigns have only covered a small portion of the Republic of Korea, the expected number of species should be much higher. We hope that this international collaboration will continue to help reveal the true richness of Korean land planarians.

KEYWORDS. ASAP, COI, molecular phylogeny, Republic of Korea, richness.

INTRODUCTION

Geoplanidae Stimpson, 1858, land planarians, are a family of free-living Platyhelminthes with the necessary adaptations for a terrestrial lifestyle, currently divided into four subfamilies: Bipaliinae von Graff, 1896, Geoplaninae Stimpson, 1857, Microplaninae Pantin, 1953 and Rhynchodeminae von Graff, 1896. They are mainly found in natural habitats under rotten trees, leaves and stones. And sometimes they are found under bricks, plastic, trash, especially damp wood around human habitation (Tyler et al. 2006–2024, Winsor 1998). They are the top predators in terrestrial ecosystems and were suggested as an indicator

taxon in biodiversity and conservation studies because of their biological traits and habitat needs (Ogren 1995, Jones and Cumming 1998, Sluys 1999, Prasniski and Leal-Zanchet 2009). Certain species have been introduced in different regions around the world, adversely affecting some areas (Jones et al. 2001, Ducey et al. 2007, Sugiura 2009, Iwai et al. 2010, Justine et al. 2014, 2020, 2022, Sluys 2016, Brown et al. 2022, De Luna and Boll 2023). Therefore, research on their diversity and accurate taxonomic identification is fundamentally necessary to identify which species have a positive or negative impact on terrestrial ecosystems. Currently, most of the research on land planarians has been carried out by European and South American researchers (e.g., Carbayo

et al. 2016, Negrete et al. 2019, Rossi et al. 2019, Araujo et al. 2020, Lago-Barcia et al. 2021, 2023, Negrete et al. 2021, Almeida et al. 2022, 2023 Grau et al. 2022, Solà et al. 2023). On the other hand, there has been no domestic researchers on land planarians in the Republic of Korea until now. To date, there are two land planarian species known in the Republic of Korea as follow: *Diversibipalium koreense* (Frieb, 1923) and *Microplana unilineata* (Frieb, 1923). Meanwhile, various morphotypes of land planarians were discovered during the terrestrial invertebrate sampling campaign conducted by J-HS in 2020, predicting that many species may inhabit the Republic of Korea. Consequently, we began an international collaborative research in 2021 to elucidate the biodiversity of land planarians in the Republic of Korea and to document each species. Herein we provide the results of a molecular analysis of the material sampled to infer the richness of land planarians collected from the Republic of Korea in the period 2020–2022.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens were collected by hand or soft tweezers from 2020 to 2022 in humid areas near mountain streams in administrative divisions Chungcheongbuk-do, Chungcheongnam-do, Daegu, Gangwon-do, Gyeonggi-do, Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongsangnam-do, Jeju-do, Jeolla-

buk-do, and Ulsan of the Republic of Korea (Fig. 1). The map showing the collection sites was created using SimpleMapp (Shorthouse 2010). More than 70 land planarians were collected and grouped into 22 morphospecies according to their external appearance (Figs 2–23). Genomic DNA was extracted from tissues (approximately 2 mm in length) of the posteriormost region of the body, using the QIAGEN DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The remainder of the body is preserved in 80% ethanol for further morphological analysis. PCR amplification of the mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) gene from each specimen was performed using a pair of primers, namely, Flatworm-COI-F (5'-GCAGTTTTTGGTTTTTTGGACATCC-3') and FlatwormCOI-R (5'-GAGCAACAACATAATAAGTATCATG-3') (Sunnucks et al. 2006). The PCR amplification condition was as follows: an initial denaturation step at 95 °C for 5 min; 40 cycles each of 95 °C for 20 s, 48 °C for 20 s, and 72 °C for 1 min; and a final extension step at 72 °C for 5 min. Purification and sequencing of PCR products were carried out by Macrogen Corporation (Daejeon, Republic of Korea). Sequences were aligned using the MAFFT align option with default parameters in Geneious Prime v.2019.0.4 (Kearse et al. 2012). Five different datasets were generated, including GenBank sequences and new sequences from Korean specimens (Appendix 1). Dataset 1 corresponds to COI



Figure 1. Map showing the collection sites of the land planarians of the Republic of Korea.



Figures 2–23. Photos of morphospecies from the Republic of Korea: (2) Geoplanidae sp. 1; (3) Geoplanidae sp. 2; (4) Geoplanidae sp. 3; (5) Geoplanidae sp. 4; (6) Geoplanidae sp. 5; (7) Geoplanidae sp. 6; (8) Geoplanidae sp. 7; (9) Geoplanidae sp. 8; (10) Geoplanidae sp. 9; (11) Geoplanidae sp. 10; (12) Geoplanidae sp. 11; (13) Geoplanidae sp. 12; (14) Geoplanidae sp. 13; (15) Geoplanidae sp. 14; (16) Geoplanidae sp. 15; (17) Geoplanidae sp. 16; (18) Geoplanidae sp. 17; (19) Geoplanidae sp. 18; (20) Geoplanidae sp. 19; (21) Geoplanidae sp. 20; (22) Geoplanidae sp. 21; (23) Geoplanidae sp. 22.

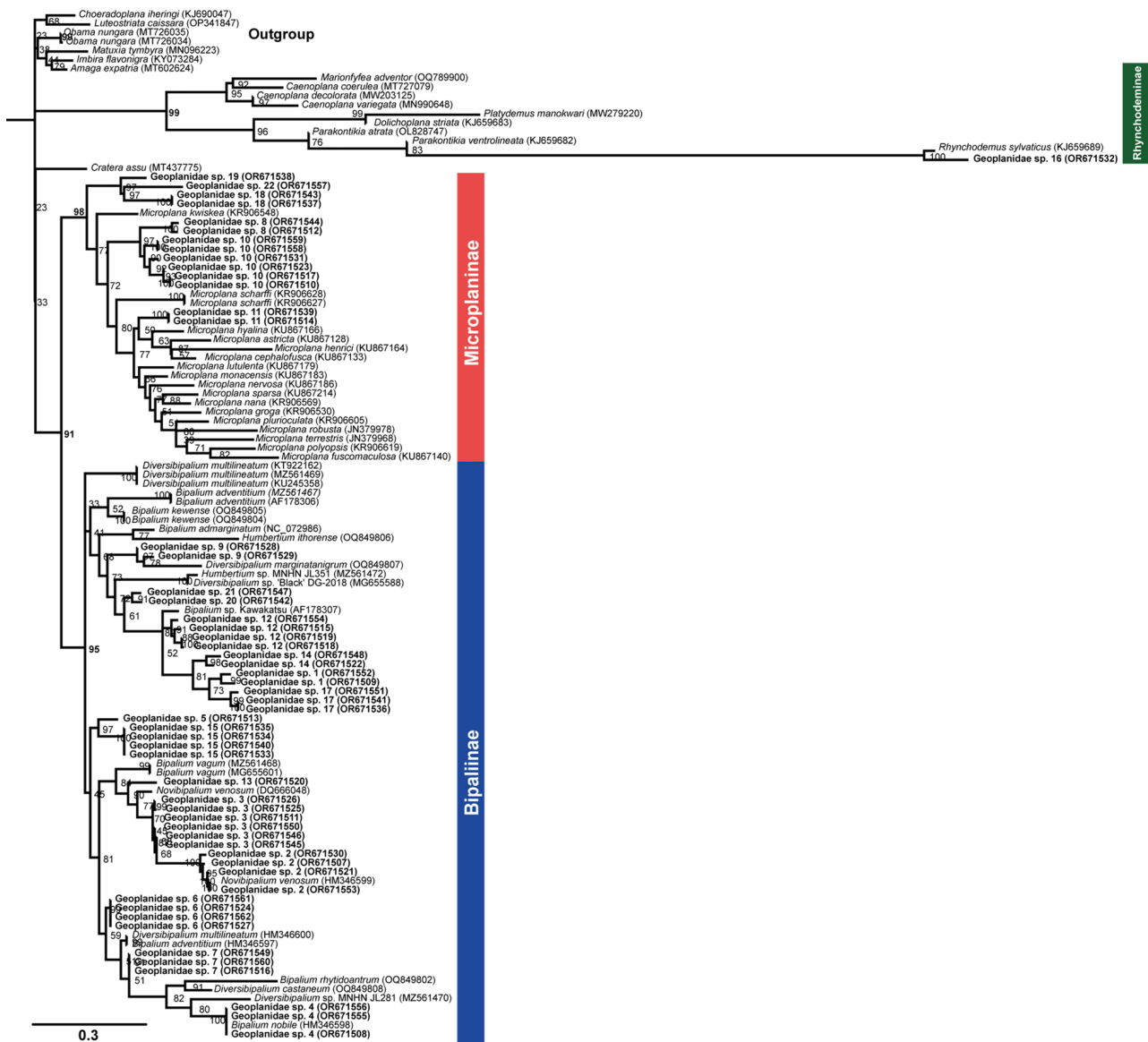


Figure 24. ML phylogenetic tree inferred from COI gene fragment of some land planarians sequenced for this work and GenBank (dataset 1). Numbers at nodes are ultrafast bootstrap (UFB) values. Scale bar means number of substitutions per site.

sequences from all subfamilies of Geoplanidae (Bipaliinae, Geoplaninae, Microplaninae, and Rhynchodeminae) using Geoplaninae and Rhynchodeminae as outgroups; dataset 2 corresponds to COI sequences excluding the two longest branches of dataset 1 (*Rhynchodemus sylvaticus* (Leidy, 1852) KJ659689, Geoplanidae sp. 16 OR671532); dataset 3 corresponds to COI sequences from representatives of the subfamilies Bipaliinae and Microplaninae using only Geoplaninae as outgroup (Rhynchodeminae excluded from outgroups);

dataset 4 corresponds to COI sequences from representatives of the subfamily Bipaliinae using Microplaninae as the outgroup; and dataset 5 corresponds to COI sequences from representatives of the subfamily Microplaninae using Bipaliinae as the outgroup. Maximum likelihood (ML) analysis and dataset-specific model selection of 114 COI sequences of land planarians (including 58 GenBank data) were performed on the W-IQTREE web server (<http://iqtree.cibiv.univie.ac.at/>) (Trifinopoulos et al. 2016). The models

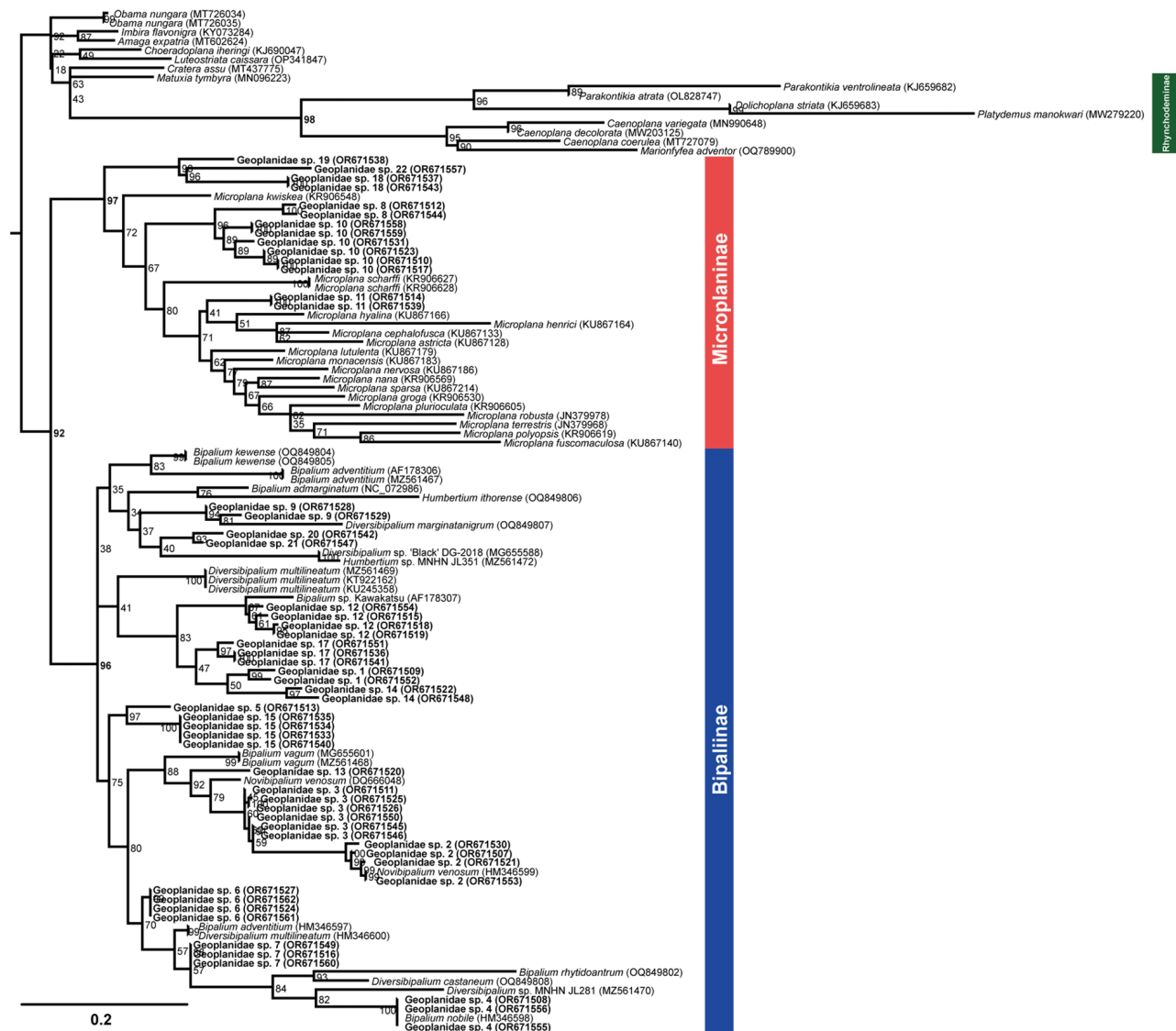


Figure 25. ML phylogenetic tree inferred from COI gene fragment of some land planarians sequenced for this work and GenBank (dataset 2). Numbers at nodes are ultrafast bootstrap (UFB) values. Scale bar means number of substitutions per site.

selected for each dataset were: TIM+F+I+G4 (datasets 1, 2, and 4); GTR+F+I+G4 (datasets 3 and 5). Branch support in the ML analysis was performed with 1,000 ultrafast bootstrap (UFBoot) replicates, and UFBoot of 95% or greater for a branch is considered to provide high support to the branch (Minh et al. 2013). The figure of the ML tree was obtained using FigTree v1.3.1 (Rambaut 2009). Molecular species delimitation was tested with Assemble Species by Automatic Partitioning (ASAP), a tool designed to propose partitioning of species hypotheses using computed pairwise genetic

distances between DNA sequences without phylogenetic reconstruction (Puillandre et al. 2021).

RESULTS

Dataset 1 corresponds to 114 COI sequences with a length of 194 bp; dataset 2 is composed of 112 COI sequences with a length of 194 bp; dataset 3 corresponds to 104 COI sequences with a length of 194 bp; dataset 4 is composed of 70 COI sequences with a length of 227 bp; and dataset

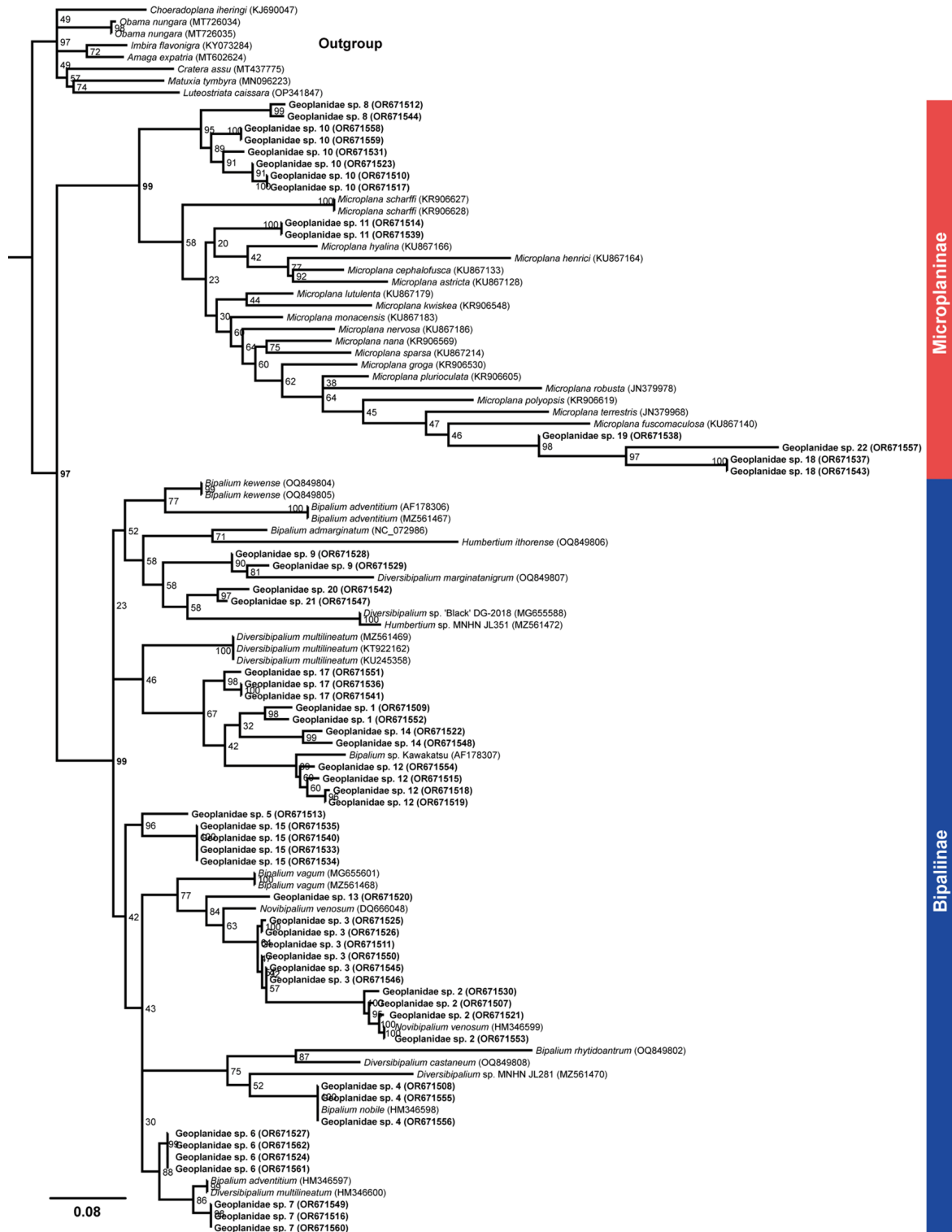


Figure 26. ML phylogenetic tree inferred from COI gene fragment of some land planarians sequenced for this work and GenBank (dataset 3). Numbers at nodes are ultrafast bootstrap (UFB) values. Scale bar means number of substitutions per site.



Figure 27. ML phylogenetic tree inferred from COI gene fragment of some land planarians sequenced for this work and GenBank (dataset 4). Numbers at nodes are ultrafast bootstrap (UFB) values. Scale bar means number of substitutions per site.

5 is composed of 36 COI sequences with a length of 255 bp. In the ML analysis of dataset 1, the phylogenetic tree shows the following results: (1) Korean land planarians belong to three subfamilies (Bipaliinae, Microplaninae, and Rhynchodeminae); (2) Rhynchodeminae clade forms long branches (especially *R. sylvaticus* KJ659689 and Geoplanidae sp. 16 OR671532); (3) Geoplaninae species does not form a

monophyletic group (*Cratera assu* Araujo, Carbayo, Riutort & Álvarez-Presas, 2020 MT437775 and other sequences); and (4) the node connecting Bipaliinae and Microplaninae clades is not supported (91%), and Bipaliinae and Microplaninae clades are supported at 95% and 98%, respectively (Fig. 24). For dataset 2, the following results are shown: (1) Geoplaninae forms a clade with Rhynchodeminae; and (2)

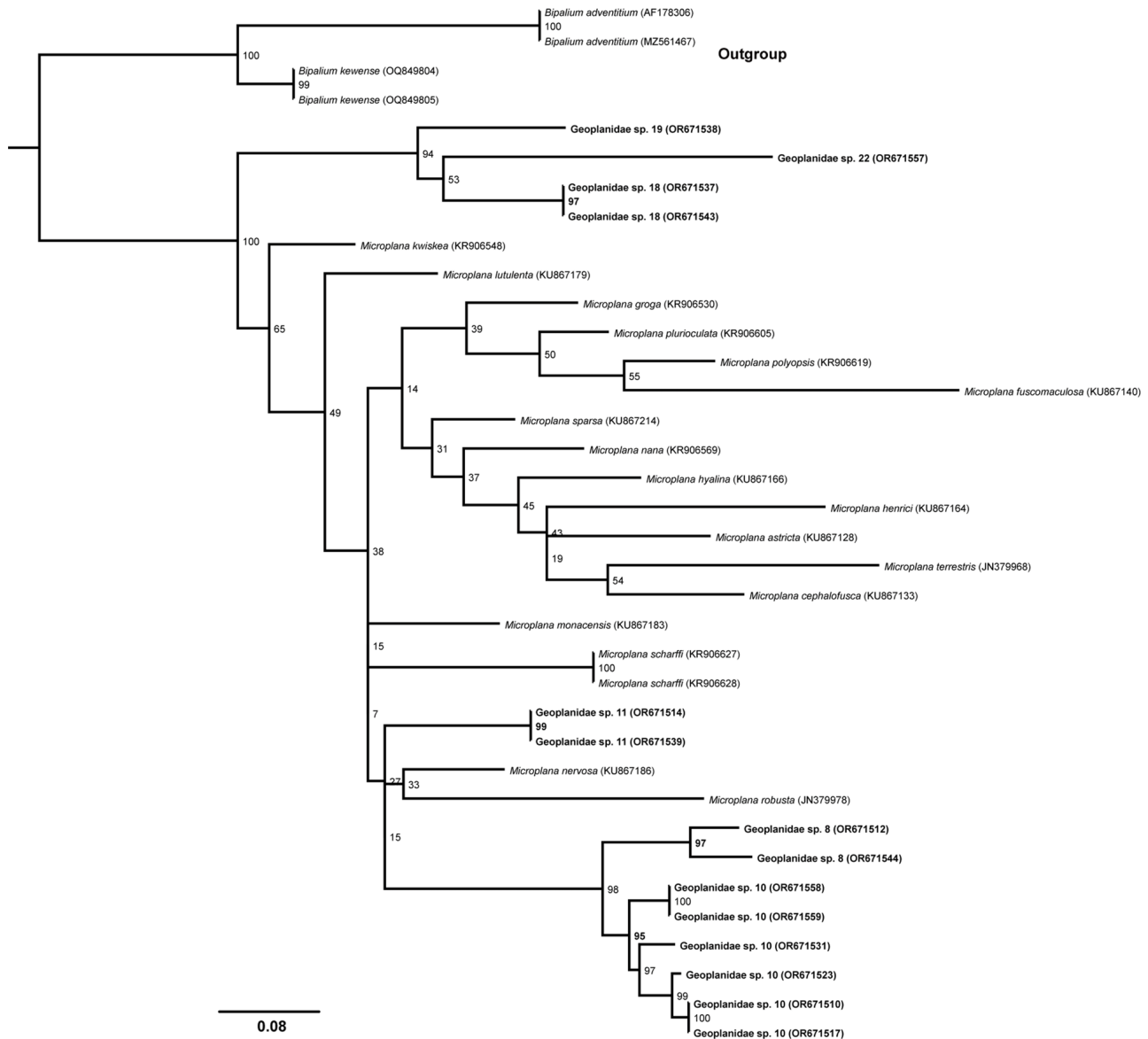
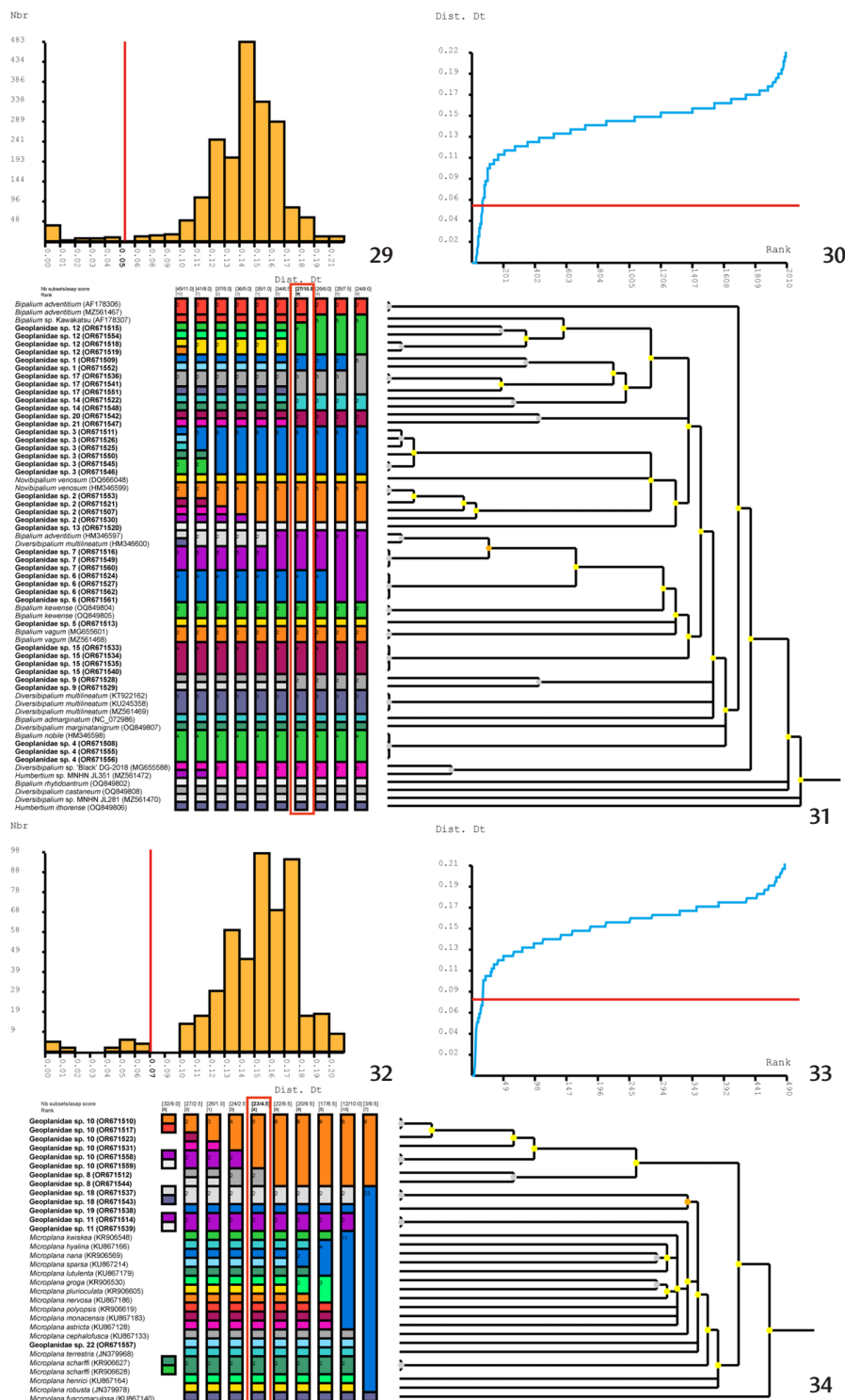


Figure 28. ML phylogenetic tree inferred from COI gene fragment of some land planarians sequenced for this work and GenBank (dataset 5). Numbers at nodes are ultrafast bootstrap (UFB) values. Scale bar means number of substitutions per site.

the node connecting Bipaliinae and Microplaninae clades is not supported (92%), and Bipaliinae and Microplaninae clades are supported at 96% and 97%, respectively (Fig. 25). In dataset 3, the node connecting Bipaliinae and Microplaninae is supported (97%), and both Bipaliinae and Microplaninae clades are highly supported at 99% (Fig. 26). In the phylogenetic tree of dataset 4, *Geoplanidae* sp. 2, 4, and 7 form clades with *Novibipalium venosum* (Kaburaki, 1922) (HM346599), *Bipalium nobile* Kawakatsu & Makino, 1982 (HM346598),

and *Bipalium adventitium* Hyman, 1943 (HM346597) from GenBank data, respectively, and are highly supported (96%, 99%, and 97%) (Fig. 27). In dataset 5, all Korean Microplaninae species form a separate clade from the GenBank data, and all but two branches (*Geoplanidae* sp. 19 OR671538 and *Geoplanidae* sp. 22 OR671557) are highly supported ($\geq 95\%$) (Fig. 28). The phylogenetic trees for all datasets show that 15, 6, and 1 of the 22 represented morphospecies of Korean land planarians are assigned to the Bipaliinae, Microplaninae, and



Figures 29–34. Output results made with the ASAP method: (29) Histogram in Bipaliinae species; (30) Ranked distances in Bipaliinae species; (31) Graphical output of groups in Bipaliinae species; (32) Histogram in Microplaninae species; (33) Ranked distances in Microplaninae species; (34) Graphical output of groups in Microplaninae species.

Rhynchodeminae clades, respectively. The ASAP partition for Korean Bipaliinae that most closely approximated the 15 proposed morphospecies had a score of 10.50 at a threshold distance of 0.057. This partition showed 14 different putative species, as the genetic distance between *Geoplanidae* sp. 20 and 21 is lower (0.053) than the threshold distance (0.057). The ASAP partition for Korean Microplaninae with a score of 4.50 at a threshold distance of 0.075 produced six distinct putative species, corresponding to the number of six proposed morphospecies (Figs 29–34).

DISCUSSION

This preliminary study shows for the first time the large and still unexplored richness of Korean terrestrial planarians, which exceeds at least 21 undescribed species. The ML results of datasets 1 and 2 show that *Geoplaninae* does not form a monophyletic clade and does not support a node connecting the *Bipaliinae* and *Microplaninae* clades. These results are thought to be due to the long-branch attraction (LBA) artefact of *Rhynchodeminae* species (Figs 24, 25). LBA often leads to incongruence in phylogenetic analyses (Bergsten 2005, Philippe et al. 2017). In dataset 3, with *Rhynchodeminae* removed, *Geoplaninae* forms a monophyletic group, and a node connecting the *Bipaliinae* and *Microplaninae* clades is supported (Fig. 26). The ASAP result suggests that *Geoplanidae* sp. 20 and 21 are probably conspecific among the 15 proposed morphospecies of Korean *Bipaliinae*. In addition, it suggests that *Geoplanidae* sp. 2, 4, and 7 are probably conspecific with *N. venosum*, *B. nobile*, and *B. adventitium*, respectively. However, these possibilities need to be confirmed by histological examination (Figs 29–34).

Most of the Korean land planarian species were found under stones, rotting trees and leaf litter around mountain streams in well-preserved forests, while sampling efforts in rotten forests and meadows yielded poorer results (pers. obs.). This supports previous research suggesting that this organism can be used as a bioindicator of well-preserved habitats (Carbayo et al. 2002, Fonseca et al. 2006). Meanwhile, some species (*Geoplanidae* sp. 2, 4, and 7) were also found in disturbed habitats but are simultaneously found in well-preserved forests, which suggest that these species can tolerate disturbed habitats (Table 1). Our results showed that all sub-families except *Geoplaninae*, the South American group, are distributed in the Republic of Korea. The native distribution of *Bipaliinae* is known to be Madagascar, South, East and Southeast Asia, while *Microplaninae* and *Rhynchodeminae* are known to have a cosmopolitan distribution (Sluys and

Table 1. Number of putative species by administrative division from the Republic of Korea through sampling campaigns. Abbreviations by administrative division: (GY) Gyeonggi, (GW) Gangwon, (NG) North Gyeongsang, (SG) South Gyeongsang, (NC) North Chungcheong, (SC) South Chungcheong, (NJ) North Jeolla, (UL) Ulsan, (DA) Daegu, (JE) Jeju.

Putative species	Administrative division									
	GY	GW	NG	SG	NC	SC	NJ	UL	DA	JE
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 1			O							
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 2			O ^A				O	O	O ^B	
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 3		O	O		O		O			
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 4			O							O ^C
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 5		O								
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 6	O	O	O		O		O			
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 7		O	O ^D	O	O	O		O		
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 8		O		O						
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 9		O			O					
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 10	O	O	O		O	O	O			
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 11						O				
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 12			O					O		O
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 13								O		
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 14		O				O				
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 15	O									
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 16							O			
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 17		O	O							
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 18		O								
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 19					O					
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 20		O								
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 21		O								
<i>Geoplanidae</i> sp. 22		O								
Total	3	13	9	2	6	4	5	4	1	2

(A–D) Disturbed habitats: (A) meadow, (B and C) arboretum and zoo, (D) rotten forest. Land planarians were not found in sampling conducted in disturbed habitats other than three administrative divisions (NG, DA, JE), such as rotten forest, planted forest, meadow.

Riutort 2018, Solà et al. 2023). Therefore, it is not surprising that many species (14 spp.) included in *Bipaliinae* were discovered in the Republic of Korea through this study. Interestingly, among the species of *Bipaliinae*, *Bipalium kewense* Moseley, 1878, from the Vietnamese highlands (Winsor et al. 2004), which is known to have been introduced worldwide, was not found during the sampling campaigns conducted in the Republic of Korea so far (Winsor 1983, Winsor et al. 2004). This may be explained by the fact that most of the sampling was done in natural habitats, which are not preferred by the species outside its natural distributional range. To date, only one *Microplaninae* species has been recorded for the Republic of Korea, namely *M. unilineata*, or a nearby region,

namely *Statomicroplana ruteocephala* (Kaburaki, 1922), from Japan. However, according to our results, it is estimated that at least six species are present in the Republic of Korea alone. In particular, the Rhynchodeminae representative was discovered for the first time in the country through this study. Although the sampling campaigns conducted so far covered very few areas in the Republic of Korea, we found 21 putative species of land planarians. Considering that the Republic of Korea has many mountains, sampling effort at each site was relatively low, and that our sampling was conducted over only three years, the actual richness of Korean land planarians is expected to be much higher than 21 species. In fact, the regions with the highest species diversity were Gangwon-do and Gyeongsangbuk-do, which border two major mountain ranges (Taebaek Mountains and Sobaek Mountains) in the Korean peninsula (Table 1). In particular, at one sampling site in Gangwon State, as many as eight putative species were collected together (Fig. 1).

Currently, this collaborative study is the starting point for research on Korean land planarians, and future research is required to answer the following main questions: (1) What is the actual diversity of these organisms in the Republic of Korea?; (2) can they be used as bioindicators?; (3) is each species native or invasive? If it is an invasive species, where was it introduced?; and (4) what are their effects on the soil ecosystems?

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Postscript: Recent sampling campaigns throughout the Republic of Korea have yielded an additional 20 putative species of land planarians, identified using the same methodology as in this paper.

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Appendix 1. GenBank accession numbers of the specimens used in the phylogenetic analyses of this study.

Numbers	Specimen code	Species	GenBank accession numbers
1	76_2	Geoplanidae sp. 1	OR671509
2	248_3	Geoplanidae sp. 1	OR671552
3	41_9	Geoplanidae sp. 2	OR671507
4	201_3	Geoplanidae sp. 2	OR671521
5	232_1	Geoplanidae sp. 2	OR671530
6	251_1	Geoplanidae sp. 2	OR671553
7	76_12	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671511
8	204_2	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671525
9	204_3	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671526
10	246_1	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671545
11	246_2	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671546
12	249_3	Geoplanidae sp. 3	OR671550
13	22_44	Geoplanidae sp. 4	OR671508
14	250_2	Geoplanidae sp. 4	OR671555

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Numbers	Specimen code	Species	GenBank accession numbers
15	250_3	Geoplanidae sp. 4	OR671556
16	194_1	Geoplanidae sp. 5	OR671513
17	203_3	Geoplanidae sp. 6	OR671524
18	204_5	Geoplanidae sp. 6	OR671527
19	76_33	Geoplanidae sp. 6	OR671561
20	241_5	Geoplanidae sp. 6	OR671562
21	76_28	Geoplanidae sp. 7	OR671516
22	249_2	Geoplanidae sp. 7	OR671549
23	242_10	Geoplanidae sp. 7	OR671560
24	149_2	Geoplanidae sp. 8	OR671512
25	245_4	Geoplanidae sp. 8	OR671544
26	230_1	Geoplanidae sp. 9	OR671528
27	222_2	Geoplanidae sp. 9	OR671529
28	76_11	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671510
29	76_31	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671517
30	203_2	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671523
31	232_2	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671531
32	205_15	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671558
33	205_18	Geoplanidae sp. 10	OR671559
34	197_1	Geoplanidae sp. 11	OR671514
35	206_100	Geoplanidae sp. 11	OR671539
36	76_21	Geoplanidae sp. 12	OR671515
37	200_2	Geoplanidae sp. 12	OR671518
38	201_1	Geoplanidae sp. 12	OR671519
39	250_1	Geoplanidae sp. 12	OR671554
40	201_2	Geoplanidae sp. 13	OR671520
41	196_1	Geoplanidae sp. 14	OR671522
42	249_1	Geoplanidae sp. 14	OR671548
43	240_1	Geoplanidae sp. 15	OR671533
44	240_3	Geoplanidae sp. 15	OR671534
45	241_1	Geoplanidae sp. 15	OR671535
46	240_4	Geoplanidae sp. 15	OR671540
47	232_3	Geoplanidae sp. 16	OR671532
48	242_2	Geoplanidae sp. 17	OR671536
49	245_1	Geoplanidae sp. 17	OR671541
50	248_2	Geoplanidae sp. 17	OR671551
51	242_3	Geoplanidae sp. 18	OR671537
52	245_3	Geoplanidae sp. 18	OR671543
53	243_1	Geoplanidae sp. 19	OR671538
54	245_2	Geoplanidae sp. 20	OR671542
55	246_3	Geoplanidae sp. 21	OR671547
56	242_1	Geoplanidae sp. 22	OR671557
57	–	<i>Bipalium admarginatum</i>	NC_072986
58	–	<i>Bipalium adventitium</i>	AF178306
59	–	<i>Bipalium adventitium</i>	HM346597
60	–	<i>Bipalium adventitium</i>	MZ561467
61	–	<i>Bipalium kewense</i>	OQ849804
62	–	<i>Bipalium kewense</i>	OQ849805
63	–	<i>Bipalium nobile</i>	HM346598
64	–	<i>Bipalium rhytidoantrum</i>	OQ849802
65	–	<i>Bipalium</i> sp. Kawakatsu	AF178307

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Numbers	Specimen code	Species	GenBank accession numbers
66	–	<i>Bipalium vagum</i>	MG655601
67	–	<i>Bipalium vagum</i>	MZ561468
68	–	<i>Diversibipalium castaneum</i>	OQ849808
69	–	<i>Diversibipalium marginatanigrum</i>	OQ849807
70	–	<i>Diversibipalium multilineatum</i>	HM346600
71	–	<i>Diversibipalium multilineatum</i>	KT922162
72	–	<i>Diversibipalium multilineatum</i>	KU245358
73	–	<i>Diversibipalium multilineatum</i>	MZ561469
74	–	<i>Diversibipalium</i> sp. 'Black' DG-2018	MG655588
75	–	<i>Diversibipalium</i> sp. MNHN JL281	MZ561470
76	–	<i>Humbertium ithorensense</i>	OQ849806
77	–	<i>Humbertium</i> sp. MNHN JL351	MZ561472
78	–	<i>Novibipalium venosum</i>	DQ666048
79	–	<i>Novibipalium venosum</i>	HM346599
80	–	<i>Microplana astricta</i>	KU867128
81	–	<i>Microplana cephalofusca</i>	KU867133
82	–	<i>Microplana fuscomaculosa</i>	KU867140
83	–	<i>Microplana groga</i>	KR906530
84	–	<i>Microplana henrici</i>	KU867164
85	–	<i>Microplana hyalina</i>	KU867166
86	–	<i>Microplana kwiskea</i>	KR906548
87	–	<i>Microplana lutulenta</i>	KU867179
88	–	<i>Microplana monacensis</i>	KU867183
89	–	<i>Microplana nana</i>	KR906569
90	–	<i>Microplana nervosa</i>	KU867186
91	–	<i>Microplana plurioculata</i>	KR906605
92	–	<i>Microplana polyopsis</i>	KR906619
93	–	<i>Microplana robusta</i>	JN379978
94	–	<i>Microplana scharffi</i>	KR906627
95	–	<i>Microplana scharffi</i>	KR906628
96	–	<i>Microplana sparsa</i>	KU867214
97	–	<i>Microplana terrestris</i>	JN379968
98	–	<i>Amaga expatria</i>	MT602624
99	–	<i>Choeradoplana iheringi</i>	KJ690047
100	–	<i>Cratera assu</i>	MT437775
101	–	<i>Imbira flavonigra</i>	KY073284
102	–	<i>Luteostriata caissara</i>	OP341847
103	–	<i>Matuxia tymbyra</i>	MN096223
104	–	<i>Obama nungara</i>	MT726034
105	–	<i>Obama nungara</i>	MT726035
106	–	<i>Caenoplana coerulea</i>	MT727079
107	–	<i>Caenoplana decolorata</i>	MW203125
108	–	<i>Caenoplana variegata</i>	MN990648
109	–	<i>Dolichoplana striata</i>	KJ659683
110	–	<i>Marionfyfea adventor</i>	OQ789900
111	–	<i>Parakontikia atrata</i>	OL828747
112	–	<i>Parakontikia ventrolineata</i>	KJ659682
113	–	<i>Platydemus manokwari</i>	MW279220
114	–	<i>Rhynchodemus sylvaticus</i>	KJ659689

Numbers 47, 114 (two longest branches of dataset 1) excluded in dataset 2; Numbers 47, 106–114 (long-branched taxa of datasets 1 and 2, Rhynchodeminae) excluded in dataset 3.