


Development of 15 nuclear microsatellite markers in *Deuterocohnia* (Pitcairnioideae; Bromeliaceae) using 454 pyrosequencing

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PREMISE OF THE STUDY: Microsatellite markers were developed in *Deuterocohnia longipetala* (Bromeliaceae) to investigate species and subspecies boundaries within the genus and the genetic diversity of natural populations.

METHODS AND RESULTS: We used 454 pyrosequencing to isolate 835 microsatellite loci in *D. longipetala*. Of 64 loci selected for primer design, 15 were polymorphic among 23 individuals of *D. longipetala* and 76 individuals of the heterologous subspecies *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana* and *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*. Twelve and 13 of these loci were also polymorphic in one population each of *D. brevispicata* and *D. seramisiana*, respectively. Numbers of alleles per locus varied from two to 14 in *D. longipetala*, two to 12 in *D. meziana*, one to nine in *D. brevispicata*, and one to 10 in *D. seramisiana*. STRUCTURE analyses clearly separated the taxa from each other.

CONCLUSIONS: The 15 new microsatellite markers are promising tools for studying population genetics in *Deuterocohnia* species.

KEY WORDS 454 pyrosequencing; Bromeliaceae; *Deuterocohnia*; genetic differentiation; genetic diversity; microsatellites.

The genus *Deuterocohnia* Mez (Bromeliaceae) includes 17 species that are mainly distributed in the Andes of central South America (Schütz, 2013). It comprises terrestrial or saxicolous plants with thorny leaves in dense rosettes, giving rise to woody, perennial inflorescence axes that are able to bloom for several years (Smith and Downs, 1974; Benzing, 2000). All species are adapted to extremely arid environments such as steep and rocky slopes of the Andes and inter-Andean valleys, but some also grow on rocky outcrops in lowlands of eastern Bolivia and western Brazil (Schütz, 2013, 2014). Species delimitation within *Deuterocohnia* is often difficult due to hybridization among closely related species and subspecies (Schütz, 2014). Considering data of floral display, seed and floral morphology, and pollinators (Benzing, 2000), it seems that species from *Deuterocohnia* may present a variety of characteristics related to outcrossing. So far, this reproductive system was previously reported for *D. meziana* Kuntze ex Mez, which is self-incompatible and clonal (Arruda, 2016), and has winged seeds adapted for long-distance dispersal (Schütz, 2014).

To date, very little is known about the genetic diversity and population structure in any *Deuterocohnia* species. However, this information is important for endangered species like *D. meziana* (Ministério do Meio Ambiente, 2014; Schütz, 2014). It can contribute to our understanding of microevolutionary processes of natural populations, assist in the delimitation of species and subspecies (Palma-Silva et al., 2011), and help to detect hybridization (Zanella et al., 2016) and to design management and conservation strategies (Ribeiro et al., 2013). Here, we present 15 polymorphic microsatellite loci developed for the genus *Deuterocohnia* using 454 pyrosequencing technology.

METHODS AND RESULTS

Total DNA was extracted from fresh leaves following the protocol of Tel-Zur et al. (1999). The source DNA for 454 sequencing was derived from one individual plant of *D. longipetala* (Baker) Mez

that was collected along the road from Bermejo to Limal (Bolivia) and that is now cultivated in the greenhouse of the University of Kassel (accession NiSch_06-068; Appendix 1). We chose this species for microsatellite isolation and primer design because it has the widest distribution range of any *Deuterocohnia* species (Schütz, 2013). Library preparation and pyrosequencing of a 5- μ g DNA aliquot were performed as described by Wöhrmann et al. (2012). Using default settings, 25,827 raw reads with an average length of 337 bp were obtained and imported into the pipeline iQDD (version 1.3; Megléc et al., 2010); these sequences were also submitted to the National Center for Biotechnology Information's Sequence Read Archive (accession no. SRP126618). From those sequences, we identified 835 perfect repeats with a minimum of seven units for di-, six for tri-, five for tetra-, and four for penta- and hexanucleotide repeats, respectively. Sixty-four microsatellite loci with sufficient flanking sequence and high repeat numbers were selected for PCR primer construction (Appendix 2), following previously described criteria (Wöhrmann et al., 2012).

All primer pairs were initially tested for successful amplification in two individuals each of *D. meiziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora* Rauh (NiSch_06-007J, NiSch_06-007M) and *D. brevispicata* Rauh & L. Hrom. (NiSch_06-040F, NiSch_06-040M), as well as in one individual each of *D. seramisiana* R. Vásquez, Ibisch & E. Gross (NiSch_06-045K) and *D. longipetala* (NiSch_06-068 as a positive control). PCRs were conducted in 12.5- μ L volumes in a T-Gradient

thermocycler (Biometra, Göttingen, Germany) following a touch-down protocol (Wöhrmann et al., 2012). As evidenced by electrophoresis on 1.5% agarose gels, 52 of the 64 primer pairs generated single, distinct PCR products within the expected size range in the positive control (Appendix 2). Forty-seven primer pairs also performed well in one or more accessions from other *Deuterocohnia* species, and only 12 loci failed in all samples (Appendix 2). Of 22 primer pairs that amplified in all individuals of the test set, 15 were validated by genotyping the full set of 129 samples listed in Appendix 1 (for locus characteristics see Table 1). Fluorescence-labeled primers were used for PCR, and amplicons were electrophoresed on denaturing 6% polyacrylamide gels in 1 \times TBE buffer, using an automated sequencer (Li-Cor 4300 IR²; Li-Cor Biosciences, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA). Fragment sizes were scored with the help of an external size standard as described by Wöhrmann et al. (2012).

Population genetic parameters are compiled in Table 2. Allele numbers as well as observed (H_o) and expected (H_e) heterozygosity values were determined with ARLEQUIN version 3.11 (Excoffier et al., 2005). Wright's inbreeding coefficients (F_{IS}) and deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) were calculated with GENEPOP (Raymond and Rousset, 1995). All 15 loci proved to be polymorphic in *D. longipetala* and in *D. meiziana*, whereas three and two loci, respectively, were monomorphic in *D. brevispicata* and *D. seramisiana*. Altogether 80 alleles were detected in 23 individuals of *D. longipetala* from various localities, showing mean heterozygosity

TABLE 1. Characteristics of 15 polymorphic microsatellite loci and flanking primer pairs developed for *Deuterocohnia*. Expected allele sizes were inferred from the unique, microsatellite-containing 454 sequences of *D. longipetala* (accession NiSch_06-068).

Locus	Primer sequences (5'-3')	T_a (°C)	Repeat motif	Expected product size (bp)	GenBank accession no.
ngDeu_5	F: ACTACTTCCAAGACCAAAAGG R: TCACTCACTAGAGGGGTACAA	55	(GGA) ₉	151	MF838869
ngDeu_9	F: GGAAGCTCGAAGTCGGTGGT R: CAATGGCCCAAGAAGAGAAA	60	(TCG) ₁₀	189	MF838873
ngDeu_11	F: CGTACGATCGAAAAGCCAAA R: ATCAAGTGCGCCTCAAGC	61	(GAA) ₁₂	189	MF838875
ngDeu_15	F: GCAAACACAGATGTCGTAAC R: CTTGGCCTTGCTTATTATTT	56	(ATCT) ₇	157	MF838879
ngDeu_17	F: CCTTAATGACCTACAGTTTCG R: CTTGGTTCAGAGGAGTCTAT	55	(AGAAG) ₄	147	MF838881
ngDeu_19	F: GGAGGAGAAGTTGGAGGA R: CCCTCTCTCTTTCCAG	55	(GATCGA) ₅	131	MF838883
ngDeu_26	F: AAACCAGAATTACCTCGCGC R: CGTGAGTATGTCGGTGGGAT	59	(TCT) ₈	158	MF838890
ngDeu_43	F: AGATACAAACAAGGAGCAACATG R: ACGTGCCCTGCTTCCAT	59	(GA) ₁₂	150	MF838907
ngDeu_46	F: GCGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTA R: TCTCCCTCTCTCTGCTCCA	59	(GA) ₁₂	200	MF838910
ngDeu_48	F: ACGACTCCAGTCTTGCTC R: AGAAGTCGTCGGAGAAGTC	55	(TCT) ₆	165	MF838912
ngDeu_49	F: TGGCGAACATGGACCTCTAG R: CGAGTGTACAGAGCGCTTC	59	(TCC) ₆	206	MF838913
ngDeu_50	F: TAGACTGAGGCAGGATACAGA R: CAGGAACTGCAAGAAAAGTA	55	(AGT) ₆	144	MF838914
ngDeu_58	F: GGAGGTTGGAGACGAAGAT R: AACCTAGACACTACGTTGCT	56	(CGC) ₇	149	MF838922
ngDeu_61	F: ATTCTCACACCCTCCACACA R: AAAGAACAAGCTGGACCACG	59	(AAAT) ₅	194	MF838925
ngDeu_63	F: TAGGCTGTCGGTTGGATGT R: AGAAACTCTCCCTTGTCTCT	59	(TCTCT) ₄	197	MF838927

Note: T_a = optimal annealing temperature (averaged over both values).

TABLE 2. Population genetic parameters determined in *Deuterocohnia longipetala*, *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*, *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*, *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana*, *D. brevispicata*, and *D. seramisiana* across 15 polymorphic microsatellite markers.^a

Locus	<i>D. longipetala</i> (n = 23)						<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>carmineo-viridiflora</i> (n = 28)						<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>meziana</i> (n = 48)						<i>D. brevispicata</i> (n = 13)						<i>D. seramisiana</i> (n = 17)						All samples (n = 129)					
	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	A	H _o	H _e	F _{IS} ^b	F _{IS} ^b	
ngDeu_5	5	0.57	0.79	0.29*	0.16 ^{ns}	6	0.71	0.62	-0.16 ^{ns}	0.15 ^{ns}	8	0.71	0.83	0.15 ^{ns}	0.11 ^{ns}	6	0.62	0.69	0.11 ^{ns}	0.11 ^{ns}	6	0.71	0.63	-0.12 ^{ns}	-0.12 ^{ns}	11	0.67	0.86	-0.12 ^{ns}	-0.12 ^{ns}	11	0.67	0.86	-0.12 ^{ns}	-0.12 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_9	8	0.52	0.84	0.39**	0.07 ^{ns}	5	0.50	0.47	-0.07 ^{ns}	0.25*	6	0.49	0.65	0.25*	0.11 ^{ns}	6	0.85	0.77	-0.11 ^{ns}	0.08 ^{ns}	6	0.75	0.82	0.08 ^{ns}	0.08 ^{ns}	13	0.57	0.80	0.08 ^{ns}	0.08 ^{ns}	13	0.57	0.80	0.08 ^{ns}	0.08 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_11	14	0.83	0.92	0.11***	0.01 ^{ns}	5	0.79	0.78	-0.01 ^{ns}	—	5	0.85	0.90	0.06*	0.06*	10	0.94	0.86	-0.10 ^{ns}	—	10	0.94	0.86	-0.10 ^{ns}	—	19	0.53	0.73	-0.10 ^{ns}	—	19	0.53	0.73	-0.10 ^{ns}	—	
ngDeu_15	8	0.30	0.74	0.59***	0.04 ^{ns}	3	0.50	0.52	0.04 ^{ns}	0.40*	3	0.54	0.75	0.29**	0.29**	1	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	10	0.26	0.75	—	—	10	0.26	0.75	—	—	
ngDeu_17	3	0.26	0.34	0.23 ^{ns}	0.25 ^{ns}	2	0.30	0.39	0.25 ^{ns}	—	2	0.08	0.08	—	—	2	0.08	0.08	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	0.12	0.36	—	—	3	0.12	0.36	—	—	
ngDeu_19	9	0.39	0.86	0.55***	0.04 ^{ns}	5	0.61	0.63	0.04 ^{ns}	0.33 ^{ns}	6	0.38	0.38	0.33 ^{ns}	0.33 ^{ns}	8	0.38	0.38	0.33 ^{ns}	0.33 ^{ns}	5	0.53	0.58	0.09 ^{ns}	0.09 ^{ns}	13	0.41	0.83	0.09 ^{ns}	0.09 ^{ns}	13	0.41	0.83	0.09 ^{ns}	0.09 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_26	2	0.70	0.49	-0.44 ^{ns}	-0.09 ^{ns}	3	0.20	0.18	-0.09 ^{ns}	-0.01 ^{ns}	3	0.05	0.05	-0.01 ^{ns}	-0.01 ^{ns}	3	—	—	—	—	4	0.76	0.57	-0.37 ^{ns}	-0.37 ^{ns}	5	0.33	0.34	-0.37 ^{ns}	-0.37 ^{ns}	5	0.33	0.34	-0.37 ^{ns}	-0.37 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_43	4	0.48	0.70	0.32**	0.06 ^{ns}	3	0.70	0.66	-0.06 ^{ns}	-0.02 ^{ns}	4	0.07	0.07	-0.02 ^{ns}	-0.02 ^{ns}	4	0.86	0.74	-0.18 ^{ns}	-0.18 ^{ns}	3	0.18	0.27	0.34 ^{ns}	0.34 ^{ns}	9	0.35	0.75	0.34 ^{ns}	0.34 ^{ns}	9	0.35	0.75	0.34 ^{ns}	0.34 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_46	8	0.65	0.85	0.24***	0.11 ^{ns}	10	0.76	0.85	0.11 ^{ns}	0.49***	12	0.42	0.82	0.49***	0.49***	4	0.67	0.71	0.06 ^{ns}	0.06 ^{ns}	7	0.76	0.81	0.05 ^{ns}	0.05 ^{ns}	15	0.61	0.87	0.05 ^{ns}	0.05 ^{ns}	15	0.61	0.87	0.05 ^{ns}	0.05 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_48	3	0.43	0.50	0.14 ^{ns}	0.14 ^{ns}	3	0.21	0.38	0.46*	0.18 ^{ns}	3	0.43	0.56	0.25 ^{ns}	0.25 ^{ns}	4	0.24	0.53	0.56**	0.56**	4	0.24	0.53	0.56**	0.56**	4	0.25	0.48	0.56**	0.56**	4	0.25	0.48	0.56**	0.56**	
ngDeu_49	3	0.39	0.58	0.33**	0.02 ^{ns}	2	0.52	0.51	-0.02 ^{ns}	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	0.23	0.47	0.52 ^{ns}	0.52 ^{ns}	3	0.41	0.47	0.13 ^{ns}	0.13 ^{ns}	3	0.28	0.52	0.13 ^{ns}	0.13 ^{ns}	3	0.28	0.52	0.13 ^{ns}	0.13 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_50	3	0.39	0.50	0.22 ^{ns}	0.24 ^{ns}	3	0.68	0.55	0.24 ^{ns}	1.00***	3	0.00	0.50	1.00***	1.00***	2	0.00	0.21	1.00 ^{ns}	1.00 ^{ns}	2	0.29	0.52	0.44 ^{ns}	0.44 ^{ns}	3	0.28	0.64	0.44 ^{ns}	0.44 ^{ns}	3	0.28	0.64	0.44 ^{ns}	0.44 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_58	4	0.30	0.72	0.58***	0.05 ^{ns}	4	0.21	0.58	0.65***	-0.05 ^{ns}	4	0.14	0.13	-0.05 ^{ns}	-0.05 ^{ns}	4	—	—	—	—	2	0.36	0.30	-0.18 ^{ns}	-0.18 ^{ns}	7	0.22	0.68	-0.18 ^{ns}	-0.18 ^{ns}	7	0.22	0.68	-0.18 ^{ns}	-0.18 ^{ns}	
ngDeu_61	4	0.13	0.61	0.79***	0.64***	5	0.20	0.55	0.64***	-0.03 ^{ns}	5	0.07	0.07	-0.03 ^{ns}	-0.03 ^{ns}	5	—	—	—	—	5	0.43	0.64	0.34*	0.34*	7	0.16	0.66	0.34*	0.34*	7	0.16	0.66	0.34*	0.34*	
ngDeu_63	2	0.26	0.50	0.49*	-0.10 ^{ns}	2	0.21	0.19	-0.10 ^{ns}	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	0.42	0.71	0.42 ^{ns}	0.42 ^{ns}	3	0.76	0.63	-0.22 ^{ns}	-0.22 ^{ns}	5	0.24	0.44	-0.22 ^{ns}	-0.22 ^{ns}	5	0.24	0.44	-0.22 ^{ns}	-0.22 ^{ns}	
Mean	5.3	0.44	0.66	0.32	0.11	3.6	0.22	0.35	0.24	0.24	4.5	0.39	0.50	0.28	0.28	4.1	0.47	0.51	0.12	0.12	6.2	0.47	0.51	0.12	0.12	8.5	0.35	0.65	0.12	0.12	8.5	0.35	0.65	0.12	0.12	
Total	80					61					68				58					62																

Note: A = number of alleles; A_{mez} = number of alleles across all *D. meziana* samples; F_{IS}^b = inbreeding coefficient; F_{IS}^c = inbreeding coefficient observed in *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*; F_{IS}^d = inbreeding coefficient observed in *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana*; F_{IS}^e = inbreeding coefficient observed in *D. brevispicata*; F_{IS}^f = inbreeding coefficient observed in *D. seramisiana*; H_e = expected heterozygosity; H_o = observed heterozygosity; n = number of individuals tested.

^aLocality and voucher information are provided in Appendix 1.

^bp-value of F_{IS} (***) < 0.001, ** < 0.01, * < 0.05, ns = not significant).

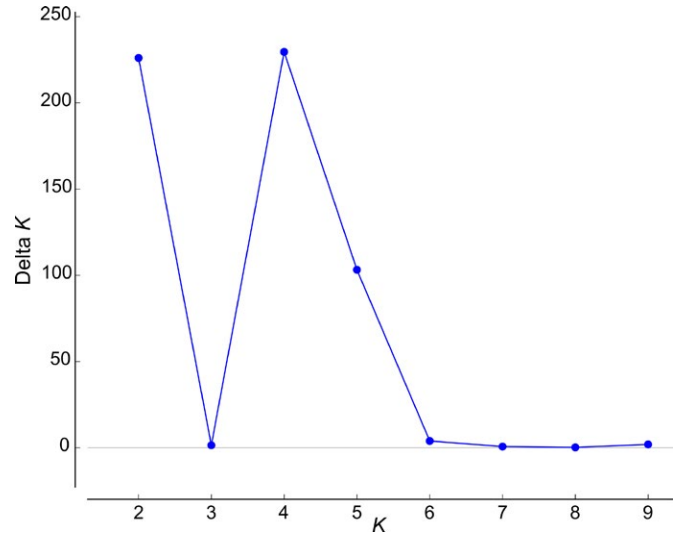


FIGURE 1. STRUCTURE results for natural populations of *Deuterocohnia meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*, *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana*, *D. brevispicata*, *D. seramisiana*, and *D. longipetala* from central Bolivia and western Brazil showing the *K* graph from STRUCTURE HARVESTER indicating a maximum at *K* = 4. Delta *K* = mean(|L''(*K*)|) / sd(L(*K*)).

values of 0.44 (H_o) and 0.66 (H_e). A total of 68 alleles were detected in 76 individuals of *D. meziana*, represented by *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora* (two populations, *n* = 28) and *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana* (five populations, *n* = 48), and the overall number of alleles ranged from two to 12. In the *D. brevispicata* population (*n* = 13), mean heterozygosity values of 0.39 (H_o) and 0.50 (H_e) over all loci were obtained. Finally, up to 10 alleles per locus were found in the 17 samples of the *D. seramisiana* population. Mean heterozygosity values in this species were 0.47 (H_o) and 0.51 (H_e). Mean F_{IS} values ranged from a minimum of 0.11 for *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora* to a maximum of 0.32 for *D. longipetala* (Table 2, Appendix 1). Significant deviations from HW were observed at 11 loci in *D. longipetala*, at three loci each in *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora* and *D. brevispicata*, at four loci in *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana*, and at two loci in *D. seramisiana* (Table 2).

To evaluate the potential of microsatellite markers for distinguishing between closely related taxa, a Bayesian cluster analysis was performed on a set of 129 plants comprising all samples from the two subspecies of *D. meziana*, *D. brevispicata*, *D. seramisiana*, and *D. longipetala*, using the program STRUCTURE version 2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000). For the determination of the most appropriate number of genetic clusters (*K* value), the analysis was run for 1,000,000 generations in the burn-in period and for 100,000 generations in the Markov chain Monte Carlo simulation analyses after burn-in. Ten repetitions for each *K* (1 ≤ *K* ≤ 10) were performed, and the admixture level for each individual (*Q*) was also inferred. By calculating the Δ*K* statistic using STRUCTURE HARVESTER version 0.6.94 (Earl and von Holdt, 2012), the most likely number of clusters was identified to be four, closely followed by two and five (Fig. 1). Final plots were visualized in STRUCTURE PLOT version 2.0 (Ramasamy et al., 2014). For the three estimates of *K* (2, 4, and 5), there is a clear division among one cluster composed of all *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana* samples (Fig. 2). For *K* = 4, there is a second cluster containing all *D. meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora* plants, a third cluster combining all samples from *D. brevispicata* and *D. seramisiana*, and a fourth

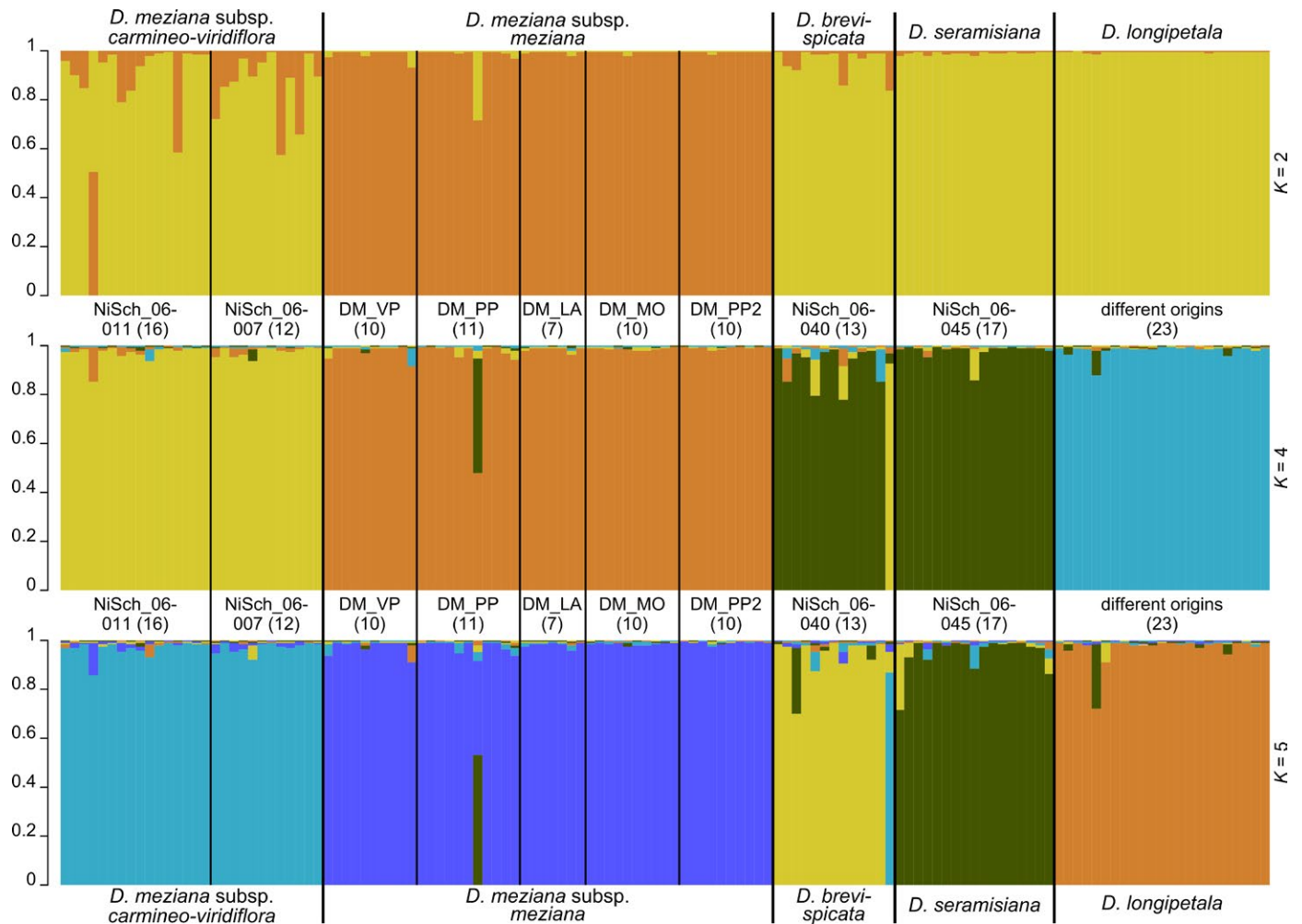


FIGURE 2. STRUCTURE results for natural populations of *Deuterocohnia meziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*, *D. meziana* subsp. *meziana*, *D. brevispicata*, *D. seramisiana*, and *D. longipetala* from central Bolivia and western Brazil showing the bar plot with individual assignments to groups for $K = 2$ (upper panel), $K = 4$ (middle panel), and $K = 5$ (lower panel). Populations and numbers of samples per population are depicted between bar plots.

containing all samples from *D. longipetala* (Fig. 2, middle panel). Assuming $K = 5$, *D. brevispicata* and *D. seramisiana* also become clearly separated from each other (Fig. 2, lower panel).

CONCLUSIONS

The 15 microsatellite markers developed from 454 sequences of *D. longipetala* revealed moderate levels of genetic diversity in the source species as well as in three heterologous *Deuterocohnia* taxa investigated. Whereas the two subspecies of *D. meziana* were surprisingly well separated from each other, the distinction between *D. brevispicata* and *D. seramisiana* was less pronounced, suggesting some ongoing gene flow among populations of these two species. The microsatellite markers developed here are promising tools for the study of population genetics, phylogeography, and the cohesion and delimitation of species and subspecies in *Deuterocohnia*. Genetic data generated by these markers will also provide important guidelines for designing management and conservation strategies in endangered species like *D. meziana*.

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APPENDIX 1. Geographical origins and voucher information of the 129 *Deuterocohnia* individuals analyzed in the present study.

Taxon	Locality/source	Plant ID/voucher	Herbarium ^a	n	Geographic coordinates
<i>D. meziana</i> Kuntze ex Mez subsp. <i>meziana</i>	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	322	COR	10	19.95225°S, 57.332841°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>meziana</i>	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	LA 1	COR	11	19.143316°S, 57.381266°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>meziana</i>	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	327	COR	7	19.141138°S, 57.384622°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>meziana</i>	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	SO 1	COR	10	19.164783°S, 57.315494°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>meziana</i>	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	AT 722	COR	10	19.178080°S, 57.377043°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>carmineo-viridiflora</i> Rauh	Bolivia, Santa Cruz de La Sierra	NiSch_06-011	FR	16	18.14867°S, 63.92992°W
<i>D. meziana</i> subsp. <i>carmineo-viridiflora</i>	Bolivia, Santa Cruz de La Sierra	NiSch_06-007	FR	12	18.01537°S, 64.10005°W
<i>D. brevispicata</i> Rauh & L. Hrom.	Bolivia, Chuquisacasaca	NiSch_06-040	FR	13	19.66250°S, 64.03533°W
<i>D. seramisiana</i> R. Vásquez, Ibsch & E. Gross	Bolivia, Chuquisacasaca	NiSch_06-045	FR	17	19.14432°S, 64.51910°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (Baker) Mez (N 116)	Unknown	285-01-89-83	B	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 273)	Unknown	WT 5165	WU	1	30.50°S, 66.35°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 127)	Argentina	WT sn	B	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 245)	Argentina	WT sn	HEID	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 269)	Argentina, Córdoba	WT 5025	WU	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 270)	Argentina, Córdoba	WT 5038	WU	1	30.50°S, 64.35°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 274)	Argentina, Córdoba	WT 5221	WU	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 260)	Argentina, Jujuy	WT 10082 a	WU	1	23.54°S, 65.28°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 264)	Argentina, Jujuy	WT 10126	WU	1	24.29°S, 65.1730°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 131)	Argentina, La Rioja	Leuenberger 4478a	HEID	1	30.4707°S, 66.9048°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 271)	Argentina, La Rioja	WT 5089	WU	1	29.00°S, 67.28°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 280)	Argentina, La Rioja	sn	WU	1	29.10°S, 67.30°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 284)	Argentina, La Rioja	WT 5068	WU	1	29.54°S, 67.09°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 272)	Argentina, San Juan	WT 5131	WU	1	30.3830°S, 67.29°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 208)	Argentina, Salta	NiSch_06-118	LIL	1	25.4046°S, 65.4127°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 210)	Argentina, Salta	NiSch_06-124	LIL	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 257)	Argentina, Tucumán	WT 10045	WU	1	26.16°S, 65.30°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 259)	Argentina, Tucumán	WT 10050	WU	1	26.18°S, 65.35°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 267)	Argentina, Tucumán	WT 10249	WU	1	Unknown
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 175)	Bolivia, Tarija	NiSch_06-066	FR	1	22.2839°S, 64.2859°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 176)	Bolivia, Tarija	NiSch_06-067	FR	1	22.2929°S, 64.2754°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (N 276)	Bolivia, Tarija	WT 79	WU	1	21.25°S, 63.58°W
<i>D. longipetala</i> (positive control)	Bolivia, Tarija	NiSch_06-068	KAS	1	22.57043°S, 64.41242°W

Note: AT = Adriana Takahasi; LA = Lescano Almeida; NiSch = Nicole Schütz; n = number of samples; SO = Silvia Ortiz; WT = Walter Till.

^aHerbaria acronyms are per Index Herbariorum (<http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/ih/>).

APPENDIX 2. Characteristics of primer pairs designed on the basis of *Deuterocohnia longipetala* microsatellite loci (accession NiSch_06-068).

Locus	GenBank accession no.	Repeat motif	Expected product size (bp)	Forward primer (5'–3')	Reverse primer (5'–3')	T _a (°C)	Efficiency of PCR amplification ^a						
							1	2	3	4	5	6	
ngDeu_1	MF838865	(TA) ₁₂	103	GGATGTTGATGCAAGGTG	CGATTAGCTAACAATAACAAC	54	(+)	(+)	(+)	—	—	+	4
ngDeu_2	MF838866	(AC) ₁₄	166	ATTAAGTCTAGCAAGCTGGT	AAGTTGGCTCATATTTAAAC	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_3	MF838867	(TG) ₁₅	118	AAATCGCTTGTAAACCTCAT	CTTAGAGTTACTAAGAGCAACA	55	—	—	—	—	(+)	+	2
ngDeu_4	MF838868	(GA) ₁₅	141	ACCTGGTATTGAGTGGTTCT	CTTCTCCTCCTACTACTCC	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_5*	MF838869	(GGA) ₉	151	ACTACTTCCAGCAACCAAAAGG	TACTACTAGAGGGGTACAA	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_6	MF838870	(GCC) ₉	129	CCTTGCCTTACTCTTTTC	CCTTGACCCGCAATAGAT	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_7	MF838871	(TTC) ₁₀	149	CACGAATACGCCGACTAC	CGACGGTAAAAACAGTAAACA	55	—	—	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	4
ngDeu_8	MF838872	(AAT) ₁₀	151	ATTAACAACAACCGTCAAAG	GGGCTACAACAGATGTAACAG	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_9*	MF838873	(TCG) ₁₀	189	GGAAGTCGAAGTCGGTGGT	GAATGCCCAAGAAGAGAAA	60	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_10	MF838874	(GGA) ₁₀	186	GCGAGCTGTAAATCACTATC	CGATACATCACTCTCTCT	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_11*	MF838875	(GAA) ₁₂	189	CGTACGATCGAAAAGCAAA	ATCAAGTCCGCTCAAGC	61	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_12	MF838876	(AAT) ₁₇	152	GTGAGATCTTACACTCCTTA	CTCCAAACAAGATTTATTTC	54	+	+	+	(+)	+	+	6
ngDeu_13	MF838877	(TAA) ₉	165	AAGATTAGACCCCACTCTT	CATAGAGTCCATTTCGTTG	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
ngDeu_14	MF838878	(ATAC) ₆	134	TAGATGATTTTGCAGGGATA	ACGAGAACAATTTATGCGAGTA	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
ngDeu_15*	MF838879	(ATCT) ₇	157	GCAAAACACAGATGCTAAAC	CTTGGCTTCTTATATTTT	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_16	MF838880	(TTAT) ₉	147	GTGCTTCGATTTGAGACAG	TTGGTCCCTCTCTCATA	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
ngDeu_17*	MF838881	(AGAAG) ₄	144	CCTTAATGACCTACAGTTTCG	CTTGTTCACAGGAGGCTCAT	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_18	MF838882	(AAAAT) ₃ G(ATA) ₁₇	170	ACAACCTAGGCTCGAAGAAG	TACAAGCTGTGTGAAGGAT	55	(+)	+	(+)	—	+	+	5
ngDeu_19*	MF838883	(GATCGA) ₅	131	GGAGGAGAAGTTGGAGGA	CCCTCTCTCTTCCAG	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_20	MF838884	(CCTCGC) ₅	192	CATCTCTCTTCTCTCTCT	TATAAGGAGAAGATCGTGGTG	55	+	+	+	(+)	+	(+)	6
ngDeu_21	MF838885	(GA) ₁₂	136	CTCAAGATAGTGTAGTCCAA	TATATAAACACTAGCCGCTCA	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
ngDeu_22	MF838886	(AT) ₁₃	159	CTGTAAGATTTGGAATACAGC	TGATGGTAGATTACTCAAT	55	(+)	+	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	6
ngDeu_23	MF838887	(CT) ₁₅	145	AACCTTAAAGACTTCTCTCG	GGTAGTACGGTAGTAGGAG	55	—	—	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	4
ngDeu_24	MF838888	(TCC) ₈	102	ATCCTCGTCTCTCATC	GTAGATCGTACCCTCAAGAT	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_25	MF838889	(CGC) ₈	164	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTCT	CTGGAGAATTGCCAGATG	55	—	+	+	+	+	+	5
ngDeu_26*	MF838890	(TCT) ₈	158	AAACAGAAATACCTCGCCG	CGTAGATGTGCGTGGGAT	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_27	MF838891	(ATT) ₈	167	CGATTGTGAACAGCTATGAT	CACCTTCTCTTGTATTTTGG	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_28	MF838892	(ATT) ₉	150	TCGAATATACAGCATCAT	AAACCGACATCTTAACTCA	55	—	—	+	+	+	+	3
ngDeu_29	MF838893	(CTT) ₉	164	ATTTTTGTCCTCTCTCATGTT	GACGCAAAAGAAGAATCAGAA	55	(+)	—	(+)	—	+	+	4
ngDeu_30	MF838894	(TTC) ₉	132	ATTTAATGCTTGGAGGAAGT	GAAAGTTAAAGGGGAAATCA	55	(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_31	MF838895	(CTT) ₁₀	146	GCGAAGCGGAAGGTTAAG	TAGTGAACCTGTGAATGACC	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_32	MF838896	(TAA) ₁₂	187	CAAAAAGAAATAGCCTGTCA	CACATGGTGGTATTTGAAGTT	56	—	—	—	(+)	—	(+)	2
ngDeu_33	MF838897	(ATA) ₈	156	TTCACAAGGAAATAGTGAAA	CACCTACCATCACTCGACTATC	56	—	—	+	—	+	+	3
ngDeu_34	MF838898	(TATT) ₆	135	GGCAAAAATGAAATGTGAT	ATACAGCAAAAACAACATCCA	56	+	—	—	—	—	+	4
ngDeu_35	MF838899	(TTCT) ₆	134	AGATGATCTTCTCTCTCTGG	GACAGGAGAGAGAAAGGAAAG	55	—	(+)	—	—	(+)	+	3
ngDeu_36	MF838900	(AGGC) ₆	143	AGTGCAGATCAATCCATCT	GAGGGGAAAAGAAAAGTTAT	56	—	—	+	—	—	+	1
ngDeu_37	MF838901	(GGTTC) ₄	148	GGATGCCATCTTATTCACA	ATGACCGCAACCCGAAC	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_38	MF838902	(AAATC) ₄	147	GAATAGATAGGGTGTAGGAA	TGATTACAAATCTGGAGGAG	55	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	6
ngDeu_39	MF838903	(GTTAGG) ₅	154	GAGGAGGCAAGGGAAG	GACCATCCGAGAAGATGAG	56	—	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	5
ngDeu_40	MF838904	(CGCCTC) ₅	156	GTGCTCACTCTCTCTCAAC	CTTTTGTGAACGAACGAC	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_41	MF838905	(AG) ₇	150	TAAACAACCTCTCTCAACCA	GAGGGTGGAGACTTAGAGAAG	55	+	+	+	+	+	(+)	6
ngDeu_42	MF838906	(AT) ₇	203	ACTCTGGGAAGTAGACAT	AAAAGGGGTGAGGTTACTA	55	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	5
ngDeu_43*	MF838907	(GA) ₁₂	150	AGATACAACAAGGAGCAACATG	ACGTGCCCTGCTTCTCCAT	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	6
ngDeu_44	MF838908	(CG) ₇	196	TGAAAAGACTCGGCTTCA	TGCCGTAGTGTGTGTG	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_45	MF838909	(AT) ₉	158	CACTATTTGTCAAGCCCCAG	CGTCAAAATACAGGGGAGAC	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	5
ngDeu_46*	MF838910	(GA) ₁₂	200	GCGGGTAGGGTTAGGGTTA	TCTCCTCTCTCTCTCTCA	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	6

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APPENDIX 2. (continued)

Locus	GenBank accession no.	Repeat motif	Expected product size (bp)	Forward primer (5'–3')	Reverse primer (5'–3')	T _a (°C)	Efficiency of PCR amplification ^a							
							1	2	3	4	5	6		
ngDeu_47	MF838911	(CA) ₁₃	155	TCCTCTTCGAGATATGTTGCCT	GTTTAGGAAGGTAGCTCGCG	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_48*	MF838912	(TCT) ₆	165	ACGACTCAGTTCCTTGCTC	AGAAGTCGTGGAGAAGTC	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_49*	MF838913	(TCC) ₆	206	TGGCGAATGACACCTCTAG	CAGTGTTCACAGAGCGCTTC	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_50*	MF838914	(AGT) ₆	144	TAGACTGAGGCCAGGATACAGA	CAGGAACTGCAAGAAAAGTA	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_51	MF838915	(AGT) ₆	195	AGGAGAGCATTATGTGGCA	GCACACTAGCACACAGGA	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_52	MF838916	(CCG) ₆	133	AGTCGGTATTGGGACGAG	GACCGTAGCTAGGTCTGT	56	(+)	(+)	(+)	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_53	MF838917	(CCG) ₆	171	ATCCACAGATGAGGTAGGAAG	CTGGGAGCGATAGGGTTC	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_54	MF838918	(CGC) ₆	158	AGAGAAGAAGATGACGATTC	AGGAGCTAGGTTCAACAC	55	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_55	MF838919	(CGG) ₆	271	TCCCTGTGTTTGGATCTGT	TGTTGTTGATGTCGATGATCCG	59	(+)	(+)	—	+	+	(+)	+	+
ngDeu_56	MF838920	(GCG) ₆	142	GATGTAGAACCCTCTCT	ACTTCGGAGGAAACAATAGTC	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_57	MF838921	(TTC) ₇	182	CAAGGATGGCATCTCGC	ACGGTGAACCTGTGAATGAC	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	(+)	+
ngDeu_58*	MF838922	(CGC) ₇	149	GGAGGTTGGAGACGAGAT	AACCCTAGACACTACGTTGCT	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_59	MF838923	(AAT) ₁₅	154	GAAAAATTTATTGAGCATCGTG	TTGGAATGTTGCTAATATTCTT	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ngDeu_60	MF838924	(ATA) ₂₁	232	GCTACAGAGTGAACAACC	CATGATCTCAGTCCGCC	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_61*	MF838925	(AAAT) ₅	194	ATTCTCACACCCTCCACACA	AAAGAACAGCTGGACCACG	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_62	MF838926	(CCTC) ₅	151	AGCTCCATCCATAATCAGTCCA	GCCGGATCTAGGGGTTTTC	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(+)
ngDeu_63*	MF838927	(TCTCT) ₄	197	TAGGCTGTCGGTTTGGATGT	AGAACTCTCCCTTGTCTCT	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ngDeu_64	MF838928	(CTCCT) ₄	240	ACCCAGTAGTCCATTACCCA	AGATTGAGCTGAGGAACCCA	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Note: + = one distinct PCR product observed on 1.5% agarose gels; (+) = weak bands; — = no PCR product observed; # = number of accessions for which a successful PCR amplification could be detected.
^aSuccess of PCR amplification in a test set consisting of six *Deuterocohnia* individuals: 1 = NISch_06-007J, 2 = NISch_06-007M (both individuals of *D. meiziana* subsp. *carmineo-viridiflora*); 3 = NISch_06-040F, 4 = NISch_06-040M (both individuals of *D. brevispicata*); 5 = NISch_06-045K (*D. seramisiensis*); 6 = NISch_06-068 (*D. longipetala* as positive control).
 *Primer pairs used in the present study (see also Tables 1 and 2).