# Genealogy of the nuclear $\beta$-fibrinogen intron 7 in Lissotriton boscai (Caudata, Salamandridae): concordance with mtDNA and implications for phylogeography and speciation 

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#### Abstract

The power of phylogeographic inference resides in its ability to integrate information from multiple sources in an iterative hy-pothesis-testing framework. In this paper, we build upon previous mtDNA-based hypotheses about the evolutionary history of the Iberian newt Lissotriton boscai using sequences of the highly variable nuclear $\beta$-fibrinogen intron 7 . In addition to the nuclear sequences, we produced new mtDNA data across the species range to delineate contact zones and test the congruence between nuclear and mitochondrial datasets at the same level of spatial organization. Through a combination of phylogenetic, phylogeographic continuous diffusion, and genetic landscape modelling analyses, we infer the evolutionary history of the species. We found notable congruence between nuclear and mtDNA datasets, which confirms deep and consistent differentiation between two major lineages that originated in the Miocene. Additionally, we found a new nuclear haplogroup with no mtDNA counterpart, roughly circumscribed to the Iberian Sistema Central mountains, and extensive areas of nuclear admixture across mtDNA lineages. We describe potential historical dispersal routes from an ancestral hypothetical refugium in the western end of the Sistema Central in central Portugal and highlight how deep phylogeographic breaks do not necessarily indicate cryptic speciation events.

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## Introduction

The field of phylogeography, originally defined as a bridge between phylogenetics and population genetics (Avise et al., 1987), has rapidly grown to become one of the most successful disciplines in evolutionary biology (Hickerson et al., 2010), with a prominent role in our understanding of the origin and conservation of biodiversity (Dufresnes et al., 2013). Currently, some of the major trends in the study of phylogeographic patterns include: 1) analysis of multilocus datasets (with a rapid shift from the early reliance on mtDNA to highthroughput next-generation sequencing, McCormack et al., 2013; Reitzel et al., 2013), 2) strong emphasis on hypothesis testing (Forester et al., 2013), and 3) use of spatially-explicit methods of data visualisation and
analysis (Alvarado-Serrano and Knowles, 2014).
One of the keys to the field's success is proper consideration of the iterative nature of phylogeographic research: the continuous feedback between data from related fields that allows new hypotheses to be successively tested and refined (Buckley, 2009). For instance, nuclear DNA data are used to test and revise hypotheses based on mtDNA, and GIS data are used to visualise and compare genetic patterns across markers, populations, species and regions and to formulate new hypotheses. There are many possibilities for the integration of genetic and geographic data, yet the use of geo-
referenced data in phylogeography is still relatively limited (Chan et al., 2011) and methods are still not unified.

Amphibians are suitable model systems in phylogeography because their low vagility and philopatry usually result in strong genetic differentiation, even at small geographic scales (Martínez-Solano and Lawson, 2009; Milá et al., 2010; Zhao et al., 2013). Many studies have documented varying levels of divergence of inter- and intraspecific phylogroups, sometimes (especially in temperate regions) showing genetic signatures of past population fluctuations related to major
a) $\beta$-fibint 7


Haplogroup A OHaplogroup B OHaplogroup C OHaplogroup D OHaplogroup E

## b) mtDNA



Fig. 1. Range of Lissotriton boscai in the Iberian Peninsula (adapted from DíazPaniagua, 2002 and Teixeira, 2008), showing the distribution of $\beta$-fibint 7 haplogroups (a) and mtDNA clades (b). Numbers represent localities in Appendix I. Colour codes as in Fig. 2.
climatic changes in the past, mostly during the Pleistocene glaciations (Gonçalves et al., 2009; Nuñez et al., 2011; Wielstra et al., 2013).

Southern European peninsulas are well known as hotspots for specific and subspecific diversity across taxonomic groups, including amphibians (Gómez and Lunt, 2007; Habel et al., 2010). In particular, the Iberian Peninsula is rich in amphibian endemics, both at the specific and intraspecific levels. For instance, strong phylogeographical structure has been described for the morphologically homogeneous Iberian endemic Bosca's newt, Lissotriton boscai (Lataste in Tourneville, 1879), in which mtDNA lineages diverged during the Miocene (Martínez-Solano et al., 2006). Previous analyses have focused on the relative timing of events and historical demography, but some major questions about its evolutionary history are still pending. For instance: are patterns in mitochondrial DNA mirrored in the nuclear genome? What were the most important historical barriers to gene flow and potential dispersal routes for the different haplogroups/lineages? Where were the main refugia located during climatically unfavourable periods? To address some of these issues, we analyse new intron data (the highly variable nuclear beta-fibrinogen intron 7, $\beta$-fibint7 (Johnson and Clayton, 2000; Prychitko and Moore, 2003; Godinho et al., 2006; Sequeira et al., 2006), plus an increased mtDNA dataset, with several new populations from the vicinity of inferred contact zones between the previously identified mtDNA lineages, in a geographically comprehensive sample ( 86 populations). We investigate the evolutionary history of $L$. boscai in an integrative framework, combining phylogenetic methods and phylogeographic continuous diffusion models with GIS-based data analysis and visualisation tools (Genetic Landscape Shape and Monmonier's Maximum Difference Algorithm). Specifically, we assess the congruence of mtDNA and nuclear DNA genealogies in an explicit spatial context and advance new hypotheses regarding the process of diversification in $L$. boscai. We identify a new refugial area in the mountains of the Sistema Central, and evaluate the possibility that one or more cryptic genetic entities are present within the species.

## Material and methods

## Sampling design

We screened $\beta$-fibint7 haplotypic variation in 149 individuals of Lissotriton boscai from 73 localities across

Western Iberia (Fig. 1a, Appendix I). We used tissue samples from 98 individuals from 54 localities available from the study of Martínez-Solano et al. (2006). In order to improve the geographical coverage of the species range at a finer scale, especially along the previously identified contact zones between the main mtDNA lineages, we sampled 51 additional individuals from 19 new localities (populations 68 to 86, Fig. 1a, Appendix I). The sampling was designed to obtain a balanced and thorough coverage of the species range (Fig. 1).
Tissue samples consisted of tail tips of larvae and toe or tail clips of adults. All individuals were released in the wild after tissue collection. The number of samples per location varied between one and seven (Appendix I).

## PCR amplification and sequencing

DNA was extracted from ethanol-preserved tissues using a standard proteinase K protocol (Sambrook et al., 1989). The entire intron 7 and incomplete exon 8 from the $\beta$-fibrinogen nuclear gene were amplified using a combination of two pairs of primers: FIBX7 ( $5^{\prime}$ - GGA GAN AAC AGN ACN ATG ACA ATN CAC $-3^{\prime}$ ) and FIBX8 (5' - ATC TNC CAT TAG GNT TGG CTG CAT GGC - 3'), followed by the internal primers BFXF (5'- CAG YAC TTT YGA YAG AGA CAA YGA TGG - $3^{\prime}$ ) and BFXR ( $5^{\prime}$ - TTG TAC CAC CAK CCA CCA CCR TCT TC - 3') (Sequeira et al., 2006). For all specimens, a nested two-step amplification procedure was used following the conditions described in Sequeira et al. (2006).

Sequences were determined using one or both (eight individuals were sequenced for both) of the primers BFXF and BFXR in a 3100 Applied Biosystems (Carlsbad, CA, USA) DNA sequencing analyser. After removing the 5 ' flanking exon sequences, the 575 base pair (bp) intron 7 and 39 bp exon 8 sequences were aligned manually in BioEdit 5.0.9 (Hall, 1999). The identity of the nuclear intron was confirmed by comparing the flanking exon sequence with GenBank sequences. For several of the samples, sequencing revealed that the sample consisted of two alleles that differed at one or more sites. In these cases, we inferred haplotype phase using the software PHASE 1.1 (Stephens et al., 2001) with haplotype probabilities assessed through 1,000 replicates.

We used the published mitochondrial sequences of the 103 individuals analysed in Martínez-Solano et al. (2006). Additional examination of mtDNA haplotypic variation was performed in 22 samples from 12 new
localities (populations 67 to 78, Appendix I, Fig. 1b) from the contact zones between the main previously identified mitochondrial lineages. Amplification and sequencing of the nad 4 and control region markers were performed as described in Martínez-Solano et al. (2006). All new sequences have been deposited in GenBank under the accession numbers KP265980KP266321.

## Genetic diversity

In the $\beta$-fibint 7 dataset, the number of haplotypes ( $h$ ), nucleotide diversity index ( $\pi$, Nei 1987), haplotype diversity $(H d)$ and the average number of nucleotide differences $(k)$ were used as estimates of the genetic diversity of the total dataset and within the main haplogroups detected. Genetic diversity calculations were performed excluding recombinant sequences for the global data set and within distinctive haplogroups using DnaSP v4.10.9 (Rozas et al., 2003). We used the software PHIPACK (Bruen et al., 2006) to evaluate the presence of recombination in $\beta$-fibint7 sequences using the pairwise homoplasy index. This method has been shown by simulation studies to be less sensitive than other available statistics to falsely infer recombination when levels of recurrent mutation are high (Bruen et al., 2006). We used a permutation test ( 1000 permutations) to estimate the $p$-values for the null hypothesis of no recombination.

Intraspecific median-joining haplotype networks were constructed for both $\beta$-fibint7 and the combined nad4 and control region sequences in Network version 4.2 (Bandelt et al., 1999).

Phylogenetic, phylogeographic, and demographic analyses

Phylogenetic analyses of the $\beta$-fibint7 data were performed on a reduced dataset including single haplotypes (and excluding recombinant haplotypes). Lissotriton italicus and $L$. helveticus were used as outgroups, with sequences downloaded from GenBank (accession numbers: DQ823400, Sequeira et al., 2006; and JF812960 and JF812963, Recuero and García-París, 2011). Analyses were run in Mr. Bayes v3.2.1 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001; Ronquist and Huelsenbeck, 2003). We sampled across the GTR substitution model parameter space (Huelsenbeck et al., 2004) by using the ' $n s t=$ mixed rates=gamma' option. Here and hereafter, we used the gamma parameter $(+G)$ to describe rate heterogeneity among sites. The proportion of invariable
sites parameter (I) was not included in the models, given the correlation of the two parameters and the difficulty of optimising them simultaneously (e.g. Yang, 2006; Stamatakis, 2014). Analyses were run for 100 million generations, with a sampling frequency of 10 , 000 . Of the resulting 10,000 trees, the first $10 \%$ were discarded as burn in.

The evolutionary and demographic history of $L$. boscai was further investigated through the use of phylogeographic continuous diffusion models and skyline plots as implemented in BEAST 1.8.0 (Drummond and Rambaut, 2007; Lemey et al., 2010). These methods produce a spatially explicit visualisation of the evolutionary history of the species based on inference of gene genealogies and reconstruction of ancestral clade ranges using information from the sequences and the latitude and latitude coordinates of sampling locations, together with the reconstruction through time of the effective population sizes. First, we obtained an independent time estimate for the major population split in L. boscai. We selected one haplotype of each of the two major mtDNA lineages in $L$. boscai and added sequences of other Lissotriton species (L. italicus and $L$. helveticus), and the related genera Triturus (T. marmoratus, T. pygmaeus, T. cristatus, T. dobrogicus, T. karelinii), Ichthyosaura (I. alpestris), Calotriton (C. asper), Ommatotriton ( $O$. vittatus), and Neurergus ( $N$. strauchii) available in GenBank (Appendix II) (Zhang et al., 2008; Wiens et al., 2011; Marjanovic and Laurin, 2013). The mtDNA dataset was divided in four partitions (by gene and codon position), as indicated by results of PartitionFinder v1.1 (Lanfear et al., 2012). Substitution models for each partition were also selected based on results of this program: p1 (nad4, first positions+ tRNA-Hist): TrN+G; p2 (nad4, second positions): HKY+I+G, implemented as HKY+G, see above; p 3 (nad4, third positions): $\mathrm{TrN+G}$; and p4 (control region): HKY+G. Relaxed molecular clocks (uncorrelated LogNormal) were unlinked across partitions but tree topologies were linked. Substitution rates for each partition were estimated from the data, using a diffuse gamma prior for the parameter (shape $=0.01$, scale $=100$, offset $=0$ ). As calibration points for the relaxed molecular clocks, we specified divergence times for three nodes based on the fossil record and previously published estimates of divergence times. First, we specified a maximum age for the root of the trees of 41-61 mya [lognormal distribution; mean $=51$ mya, $\log ($ stdev $)=0.1)$ ]. Although wide, this range includes previously published estimates based on two different calibration strategies (Zhang et al., 2008; Wiens et al., 2011). We
then added two calibration points based on the fossil record. The dates of the fossils were used as minimum ages for clades, incorporating these dates as priors in the analysis. We used lognormal distributions for these priors, with an offset equal to the age of the fossil, a mean of 5 myr , and a standard deviation of 1 (see Wiens et al., 2011). In this way, the age of the clade is placed between 1 myr and 15 myr (mean roughly 3 myr ) before the appearance of the fossil, a conservative approach that incorporates the uncertainty about the maximum age for the clade. We calibrated the origin of Triturus based on the oldest known fossil for the genus [offset: 23.8 mya; mean $=5$; stdev $=1$; resulting in a range between 24-40 mya] (Estes, 1981; Zhang et al., 2008; Wiens et al., 2011; Marjanovic and Laurin, 2013). We also calibrated the origin of Lissotriton based on some of the oldest known fossils for the genus (offset=17 mya; mean $=5$; stdev $=1$; resulting in a range between 1732 mya) (Rage and Bailon, 2005; Böhme, 2010; Martín and Sanchiz, 2013). As a speciation model, we specified the Yule coalescent prior (Gernhard, 2008). The time estimates for the split between the two major lineages in $L$. boscai obtained in this analysis were then used in subsequent analyses as a prior for the root of the trees. Using multiple calibration points is sometimes problematic, since the information provided by the different priors may be antagonistic and hard to reconcile given the data, leading to unrealistic results. Therefore, we ran the same analysis but with an empty alignment, sampling only from the prior, to be sure that the priors for the calibrated nodes were working properly, and to analyse the relative contribution of priors and data to the parameter posterior estimates.

We then reconstructed the demographic history of L. boscai through a multilocus Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot (EBSP) as implemented in BEAST1.8.0 (Heled and Drummond, 2008). We ran the analysis on the full dataset (excluding recombinant haplotypes for the nuclear dataset), excluding outgroups, and the data partitioned in four partitions according to PartitionFinder results: p1 (nad4, first positions): K80+G; p2 (nad4, second positions, tRNA, D-Loop): K81uf +I , implemented as K81uf+G; p3 (nad4, third positions): TN93; p4 ( $\beta$-fibint7): HKY+I, implemented as HKY+G. Models and clocks were unlinked across partitions, and the topologies for $\mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{p} 2$, and p 3 were linked (mitochondrial genealogy). We used a strict clock for all the partitions in this analysis, with a diffuse prior for the clock rates (gamma distribution, shape $=0.01$; scale $=100$ ), and 10 categories for the parameter + G. For the genealogical reconstruction, we
used the coalescent prior Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot (EBSP) and an uninformative gamma prior (shape $=1$; scale $=500$ ) for the parameter Demographic. popMean. The analysis was calibrated and rooted specifying a prior for the age of the root derived from the results of the previous analysis (lognormal distribution, mean $=9$ mya, st. dev. $=0.17$ ).

We also calculated Tajima's $D$ (Tajima, 1989) and Fu's Fs (Fu, 1997) statistics for the $\beta$-fibint 7 dataset in DnaSP, to test for evidence for population expansion in the total dataset and for each of the main haplogroups identified. Analyses were run for the complete dataset and in a reduced dataset including a single sequence per sampling locality in order to conform to the expectations of the unstructured coalescent (see Wakeley, 2004); since results were similar, we report only those from the analysis of the full dataset (see Table 1).

Finally, we ran independent phylogeographic continuous diffusion analyses for the two markers (Lemey et al., 2010). We included the geographic coordinates of each sample in the analysis. For these geographic traits, we assumed gamma-distributed variation in geographic diffusion rates across branches (Lemey et al., 2010). We also included a jitter module in the xml file to add random variation to locations for sequences with the exact same geographic coordinates (random noise uniformly drawn from a window size of 0.1). The analyses were again calibrated and rooted assigning a temporal prior to the root of the trees consistent with previous results (lognormal prior, mean $=9$ mya, st. dev. $=0.17$ ), estimating substitution rates (prior: gamma distribution, shape $=0.01$; scale $=100$; offset $=0$ ), and using the EBSP as coalescent prior for the tree topologies. The resulting annotated trees were analysed in SPREAD v1.0.5 (Bielejec et al., 2011) using the option of the 'Time slicer' to generate $80 \%$ HPD polygons for the inferred geographic location through time of every node of the tree.

## Geographical analyses

Mantel tests (Mantel, 1967) and analyses of spatial autocorrelation were performed for both nuclear and mitochondrial markers as implemented in Alleles in Space (AIS) v1.0 (Miller, 2005) to determine the correlation between genetic and geographical distances across the study area. The spatial autocorrelation analyses were conducted using 10,20 and 50 geographic distance classes of equal size. The significance of both tests was evaluated through the use of a randomisation procedure based on 1000 permutation replicates.

To visualise the spatial patterns of genetic diversity at both nuclear and mitochondrial markers across the study area, we produced genetic distance synthetic maps, also named 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolations (Miller, 2005; Miller et al., 2006). We used Alleles in Space v1.0 (Miller, 2005) to construct a connectivity network based on Delaunay triangulations (Delaunay, 1934) among all of the sampling locations and to calculate the genetic distances between observations connected in the network. The analyses were conducted using residual genetic distances derived from the linear regression of all pairwise genetic and geo-
graphical distances as recommended by Manni et al. (2004) to overcome the potential problems caused by correlations between genetic and geographical distances. The genetic distances and respective geographical coordinates of midpoints of each connection were then imported to the Geographical Information System Arc Gis 9.0 (ESRI, Redland, CA, USA). The 'Inverse Distance Weighted' (IDW) procedure with a power of one was used for the interpolation of the genetic distance surfaces as suggested by Miller (2005). IDW assumes that each input point has a local influence that diminishes with distance. The resulting genetic distances
a) $\beta$-fibint 7


Fig. 2. Median-joining network of $\beta$-fibint7 (a) and mtDNA haplotypes (b) in L. boscai. $\beta$-fibint7 haplogroups are labelled A-E, and mtDNA clades are named as in Martínez-Solano et al. (2006). Colour codes as in Fig. 1. Circle size is proportional to haplotype frequencies. Codes in $\beta$-fibint 7 haplotypes represent localities as in Appendix I. Note the position of recombinant haplotype H30 (Code: EVOR2, hatched).
maps were plotted as 3-dimensional surfaces over the study area. The spatial representation of the 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolation areas was adjusted with a mask of the species' range in order to exclude areas outside its known distribution.

We also used Monmonier's Maximum Difference algorithm (Monmonier, 1973), as implemented in Alleles in Space v1.0 (Miller, 2005) to visualise in an explicit geographic context the main genetic barriers between the populations. This technique has been used extensively to depict the boundaries associated with the highest rate of change in genetic distances between sample locations (e.g. Manni et al., 2004; Barbujani and Belle, 2006; Soltis et al., 2006). The procedure begins by generating a connectivity network of all sampling locations using Delaunay triangulation (Delaunay, 1934). Next, a matrix of genetic distances between neighbouring samples is constructed and the pairwise values are associated to the respective edge of connection in the triangulation. Monmonier's algorithm is then used to identify barriers by tracing the highest genetic distances between pairs of samples in the connection network (Patten and Smith-Patten, 2008). The analyses were conducted using residual genetic distances derived from the linear regression of the pairwise genetic and geographical distances. The first two boundaries identified at each marker by Monmonier's algorithm were imported to the GIS program by using the geographical coordinates from the selected edges given by AIS and then represented over the 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolation map.

## Comparative analyses between mitochondrial and nuclear DNA lineage distributions

We used Pearson and Spearman's Bivariate Correlation coefficients in SPSS 14.0 (SPSS Inc, Chicago, IL, USA)
to compare the genetic distance maps of mitochondrial and nuclear DNA markers. Pearson's correlation coefficient measures linear relationships between variables. It is based on the assumption that both X and Y values are sampled from populations that approximately follow a Gaussian distribution (with large samples, this assumption is less important). The nonparametric Spearman correlation is based on the ranking of the two variables, thus, making no assumption about the distribution of the values (Cann, 2002). We used the nuclear and mtDNA genetic distance values generated by Alleles in Space for a regular grid of $50 \times 50$ cells.

## Results

## Genetic diversity

A total of $35 \beta$-fibint 7 haplotypes and 49 variable ( 40 parsimony-informative) sites were detected in the 298 sequences analysed (Fig. 2a, Appendix III). The variable positions included three insertions and one deletion of 1 bp . An A + T biased content of $59 \%$ was observed in $\beta$-fibint 7 sequences, which is in agreement with values reported for this marker in other amphibian (Sequeira et al., 2006; Gonçalves et al., 2007) and reptile species (Godinho et al., 2006). Five haplogroups separated by four to 10 mutations (labelled A to E, Fig. 2a) can be identified, exhibiting strong geographical correspondence (Fig. 1a). Estimates of genetic variation for each haplogroup are shown in Table 1. Haplotype and nucleotide diversity averaged respectively 0.907 and 0.016 in the total dataset.

Haplogroup A exhibited the highest values of genetic diversity ( $h=10, H d=0.740$ ) and differentiation from other groups. This haplogroup is exclusively present in

Table 1. Sample sizes ( $n$ ), number of haplotypes ( $h$ ), haplotype diversity ( $H d$ ), nucleotide diversity $(\pi)$, average number of nucleotide differences ( $k$ ), Tajima's $D$ and Fu's Fs statistics for each $\beta$-fibint7 haplogroup in Lissotriton boscai. Note that sample sizes refer to number of alleles (two per sampled individual).

| Group | n | h | Hd | $\pi$ | k | Tajima's D |  | Fu's Fs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | D value | $P$ value | Fs | $P$ value |
| Haplogroup A | 60 | 10 | 0.740 | 0.0018 | 1.107 | -0.936 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | -4.423 | $\mathrm{P}>0.05$ |
| Haplogroup B | 86 | 8 | 0.644 | 0.0014 | 1.443 | -0.232 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | -0.861 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ |
| Haplogroup C | 45 | 3 | 0.129 | 0.0002 | 0.131 | -1.306 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | -2.178 | $\mathrm{P}>0.05$ |
| Haplogroup D | 28 | 8 | 0.758 | 0.0036 | 2.382 | 0.460 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | -0.908 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ |
| Haplogroup E | 77 | 5 | 0.554 | 0.0011 | 0.659 | 0.1497 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | 0.117 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ |
| Total | 296 | 34 | 0.907 | 0.0160 | 9.747 | 1.021 | $\mathrm{P}>0.10$ | 0.459 | $\mathrm{P}>0.05$ |



Fig. 3. Calibrated chronogram including mitochondrial haplotypes from the most divergent clades in L. boscai (FFOZ2 and VALG1) and haplotypes from related species and genera within Salamandridae. Mean divergence times are indicated for each node, together with their 95\% Highest Posterior Density intervals (95\% HPD, blue bars). Posterior probabilities are indicated above the branches. The temporal scale represents millions of years (mya)

Fig. 4. Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot (EBSP), representing the effective population size through time in L. boscai. The mean population size (dark purple) is represented together with the lower and higher bounds of its 95\% HPD. The xaxis represents the temporal scale in millions of years (mya). Population size is represented in the $y$-axis (units= population size x generation time). The plot does not show clear signals for expansions or bottlenecks, except a slight decrease in the effective population size between 200 and 70 kya, and an increase from 60 kya onwards, more evident in the last 20 ky .
populations from Southwestern Iberia (Fig. 1a). Haplogroup B is distributed mainly north of the Tejo River, with the exception of one sequence in the population of Évora. It is the most common haplogroup in central Portugal and the Spanish Sistema Central but it is also common throughout the northern limit of the species' range. Haplogroup C is restricted to the area north of the Douro River, where it co-occurs substantially with haplogroup
B. Haplogroup D shows a rare but widespread distribution over the central area of the species distribution, cooccurring with all other haplogroups. Although this haplogroup was present in 20 populations, only in one location it was the most frequent (Valverde del Fresno, population ID: 50). Haplogroup E was found mainly south of the Tejo River, being exclusive throughout the Southeastern region of the species' range (Fig. 1a).

Despite the lower levels of genetic divergence in the nuclear dataset, results of phylogenetic analyses of $\beta$-fibint7 data (excluding the recombinant haplotype H30, see below) support three main clades (Supplementary file S1). One of them corresponds to the most differentiated haplogroup (A), whereas the other two group together haplotypes from two different haplogroups each ( $\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{E}$, respectively). Values of statistical support (posterior probability, PP) for these clades are 1.0 in Bayesian analyses. However, relationships between these clades are unresolved. Some additional subclades were recovered with significant support within the latter two clades, including haplogroups C and E (Bayesian Posterior Probabilities: 1.0 in both cases). Tajima's D and Fu's Fs statistics failed to detect a significant departure from neutral expectations in the $\beta$-fibint7 dataset or in any haplogroup (Table 1).

The recombination test using the pairwise homoplasy index identified the occurrence of recombination ( $\mathrm{p}<0.05$ ). Visual inspection of haplotype variable positions suggests that H30 probably resulted from a recombination event between haplotypes from haplogroups A and D, since it shows a mosaic composition of the most frequent haplotypes from these haplogroups (haplotypes H6 and H28, Appendix III). Both parental lineages are found in sympatry in its population of origin: Azaruja, Évora (population ID: 10).

The 22 additional nad 4 and control region sequences from individuals from 12 populations unscreened in Martínez-Solano et al. (2006) clarified the distribution limits of mtDNA clades and helped to track down potential contact zones with a finer resolution (Fig. 1b). New samples grouped with the previously described mtDNA clades (Martínez-Solano et al., 2006, Fig. 1b). We did not find haplotypes from different mtDNA clades coexisting in any of the new sampled locations. The mitochondrial haplotype network consists of two highly differentiated clades (A and B) separated by 85 mutations. Each of them is in turn subdivided into three clades (labelled A1 to A3 and B1 to B3 as in MartínezSolano et al., 2006, Fig. 2b). The geographical distribution of clades shows high congruence between nuclear haplogroups A, B, C, and E and mitochondrial clades $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{A} 1, \mathrm{~A} 2$ and A 3 , respectively.

## Phylogenetic and phylogeographic analyses

The phylogenetic tree resulting from the analysis of the reduced dataset is shown in Fig. 3. The topology is congruent with the most widely accepted phylogenetic hypotheses for the family except for the sister clade rela-
tionship between Calotriton and Triturus, not recovered in our analysis (Zhang et al., 2008; Wiens et al., 2011). Divergence time estimates among groups are also congruent with these and other studies, except slightly younger ages obtained for species within Triturus (e.g. Wielstra and Arntzen, 2011). Mean substitution rates and their associated $95 \%$ highest posterior density (HPD) intervals estimated for each partition were as follows (units: substitutions $/ \mathrm{site} / \mathrm{my}^{-1}$ ): pl (nad4, first positions+ tRNA-Hist): 0.0038 [0.0029-0.0047]; p2 (nad4, second positions): 0.0011 [0.0008-0.0015]; p 3 (nad4, third positions): 0.020 [0.015-0.025]; and p4 (control region): 0.0028 [0.0023-0.0033]; total mean $=$ 0.007 . These values are within the range of previous estimates of mtDNA substitution rates in urodeles (Mueller, 2006; Schwartz and Mueller, 2010). The split between the main mtDNA lineages in $L$. boscai was estimated between 6 and 12 mya (mean=9 mya). This estimate was used as a temporal prior for the subsequent analyses. Running the analysis with an empty alignment, and therefore sampling only from the priors, confirmed the adequacy of the calibration points used in the study (Supplementary file S2). The temporal priors behaved as expected, with similar marginal likelihood distributions in the two analyses, but the non-calibrated nodes were dated differently, as it is expected when data is considered into the analysis.

We reconstructed the demographic history of $L$. boscai through an Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot (EBSP), which is shown in Fig. 4. The plot did not show clear signals for expansions or bottlenecks, except a slight decrease in the effective population size between 200 kya and 70 kya, and an increase from 60 kya onwards, more evident in the last 20 ky .

The continuous phylogeographic reconstructions for the two markers showed similar although not identical patterns, which are depicted in Fig. 5. The geographic location for the root in the two reconstructions is found in the same region, in central Portugal, at the western-most end of the Iberian Sistema Central (Fig. $5 \mathrm{af})$, between 9 and 6 mya. The uncertainty about the exact geographic location is, however, notable along this time interval. From there, the species would have expanded latitudinally around $2.5-2$ mya (Fig. 5bg), reaching the southernmost area of its distribution around $900-700$ kya (Fig. 5ch). The expansion towards the east proceeded along two axes, yet the patterns are different between markers. The mtDNA reconstruction showed a main dispersal axis along the Iberian Sistema Central, starting around 600 kya (Fig. $5 \mathrm{~cd})$. From there, there was a southward expansion,


Fig. 5. Continuous diffusion phylogeographic reconstruction in L. boscai. We represent the dispersal dynamics through time for the species inferred from mtDNA (left panels, a-e) and the nuclear marker $\beta$-fibint7 (right panels, $\mathbf{f}-\mathbf{j}$ ). The polygons in the map represent the $80 \%$ HPD intervals for the location of each node of the sampled genealogies, a measure of the uncertainty of the estimated location. The white-red gradient of the polygons represents the relative age of the dispersal events, from white (old) to red (recent).
resulting in the colonization of the southeastern extreme of the range (200-70 kya) (Fig. 5d). A second axis of dispersal was established in a southeast direction, but dispersion along this axis was limited (Fig. $5 \mathrm{~cd})$. The easternmost limit of the distribution along the Iberian Sistema Central was reached 40 kya and the colonization of the northernmost area of the distribution occurred very recently, after the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) (Fig. 5e).

In contrast, the reconstruction based on the nuclear marker showed the two eastern axes as equally important for dispersal and colonization of the east/southeast distribution areas. The south-eastern part of the distribution is not colonized from the Iberian Sistema Central as inferred in the mtDNA reconstruction, but from this second south-eastern axis, starting 600 kya , and reaching the south-eastern limits of the distribution 200 kya (Fig. 5hi). Similarly, the northernmost area of the distribution was reached very recently (20 kya) (Fig. 5j).

The diffusion rates for the species estimated in both analyses yielded similar values (mean around 176-193 $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{myr}$, with $95 \%$ HPD intervals ranging between 115 and $280 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{myr}$ ). The continuous phylogeographic reconstructions are provided as Supplementary files S3 and S 4 , and can be visualized in GoogleEarth ${ }^{\circledR}$.

## Geographical analyses

Mantel tests detected significant correlations between genetic and geographic distances for both nuclear $(\mathrm{r}=0.408, \mathrm{p}<0.001)$ and mitochondrial $(\mathrm{r}=0.316$, $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ) data. Likewise, spatial autocorrelation analyses were also significant ( $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ) for all grouping sets, indicating the existence of a clear relationship between genetic and geographic distances.

The 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolations produced a highly informative spatial illustration of genetic differentiation between populations (Fig. 6). For the nuclear $\beta$-fibint7, this technique detected a major 'ridge' (indicating greatest genetic distances) located along the centre of the distribution of the species, essentially separating haplogroup E from haplogroup B (Fig. 6a). A second evident 'ridge' is depicted in southwestern Iberia, separating haplogroup A from haplogroups E and B. For mtDNA, the major 'ridge' is detected in southwestern Iberia, separating populations from lineages A and B (Fig. 6b). Two other minor 'ridges' are apparent from Central Portugal to the southeastern limit of the species' range and from northwestern Portugal to the Cantabrian Mountains in Northern

Spain, separating populations from mtDNA clades A1 and A3 and clades A1 and A2, respectively. These results are in close concordance with those reported in Martínez-Solano et al. (2006).

The use of Monmonier's Maximum Difference algorithm (Monmonier, 1973) to detect the main genetic barriers for Iberian populations of $L$. boscai is in close agreement with the 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolations as illustrated in Fig. 6. For the nuclear dataset, the two major genetic barriers were identified along the centre of the species distribution and in southwestern Iberia, depicting the same geographical pattern as in the genetic distance synthetic map. For the mtDNA this method identified the main genetic barriers in southwestern Iberia. Although the method detected three barriers, the second and third are contiguous and interpreted as a single barrier, separating mtDNA clades A2 and A3 (Fig. 6b). Both of these barriers overlap closely with the main mtDNA ridges of the 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolations.

Comparative analyses between mitochondrial and nuclear DNA lineage distributions

The phylogeographical patterns obtained for the $\beta$-fibint7 nuclear marker are highly congruent with those obtained for the mtDNA markers, both in terms of number, phylogenetic relationships and distribution of haplogroups (Figs. 1, 2). Both Pearson and Spearman's coefficients depicted significant correlations ( $\mathrm{p}<0.001, \mathrm{r}=0.547$ and $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{s}}=0.463$, respectively) for the genetic distance synthetic maps between the analysed mitochondrial and nuclear markers, confirming the existence of similar spatial patterns between these markers.

Nonetheless, some differences are apparent between these markers including: 1) the existence of a fifth group in the nuclear $\beta$-fibint7 dataset (haplogroup D), which is not present in the mtDNA dataset (Fig. 1); 2) an overall lower genetic differentiation between the nuclear haplogroups, particularly visible within haplogroup A , between haplogroup A and the remaining haplogroups, and between haplogroups B and C (Fig. 2); 3) a proportionally higher genetic differentiation between the nuclear haplogroup E and the other clades in comparison with the corresponding mtDNA lineage A3 (Fig. 2); and 4) a broader distribution and admixture of all nuclear clades, especially of haplogroup B north of the Douro river, where it co-occurs widely with haplogroup C, and haplogroup E in the southeastern area of the species' distribution, where based on mtDNA

## а) $\beta$-fibint 7



## b) mtDNA



Fig. 6. Three-dimensional 'Genetic Landscape Shape' interpolations and graphical representation of Monmonier's Maximum Difference algorithm showing areas characterised by major genetic breaks in the $\beta$-fibint7 (a) and the mtDNA (b) datasets in L. boscai.
results we expected the presence of haplogroup $B$ instead (Fig. 1). Most of these features are also reflected in the genetic distances synthetic map, where 1) the southwestern 'ridge' geographically overlaps for the two markers, although with a decrease of intensity in the nuclear data set, 2) the central 'ridge' shows conversely a higher intensity in the nuclear data and a geographical displacement to the north in comparison to the mitochondrial data, and 3) the northern 'ridge' depicted in the mitochondrial synthetic map, separating lineages A1 and A2, is not evident in the nuclear map,
probably because of geographical admixture of nuclear clades B and C (Fig. 6).

## Discussion

Nuclear DNA phylogeography of Lissotriton boscai
Previous studies have revealed the utility of the nuclear intron $\beta$-fibint 7 for phylogenetic analyses (Johnson and Clayton, 2000; Prychitko and Moore, 2003; Sequeira et
al., 2006; Gonçalves et al., 2007), but few have also employed this marker in intraspecific studies (e.g. Godinho et al., 2006; Velo-Antón et al., 2008; Gonçalves et al., 2009). In this study, despite relatively shallow levels of genetic divergence among intraspecific clades due to expected low substitution rates for the nuclear marker, we found clear genetic structure and geographic patterns in the $\beta$-fibint 7 sequences, suggesting its potential utility for phylogeographic studies in other taxa.

We identified five well-differentiated nuclear haplogroups (Fig. 2a), with localised distributions but wide areas of overlap (Fig. 1a), suggesting either extensive admixture across some mtDNA borders or incomplete lineage sorting. However, some areas are characterised by little admixture between nuclear haplogroups, like southwestern Portugal and Spain or the eastern Sistema Central mountains in Central Spain, suggesting restricted gene flow between adjacent haplogroups or founder effects, with both events potentially causing fixation of certain haplotype variants. Sampling issues, however, cannot be completely ruled out due to the low number of individuals analysed per location. Historical demographic analyses failed to detect signatures of recent demographic expansions in all $\beta$-fibint7 haplogroups, perhaps limited by the relatively low number of variable characters in the dataset. The inferred EBSP, however, is consistent with this inference of overall demographic stability, punctuated by modest population declines and expansions, the most recent dating back to the LGM.

An interesting peculiarity of the nuclear dataset is the presence of an additional haplogroup with no match in the mtDNA dataset (haplogroup D). This haplogroup has a wide distribution, but is more frequent in the Sistema Central mountains in central Spain, an area that has been characterised as a potential glacial refuge for other endemic amphibians and reptiles (e.g. Salamandra salamandra almanzoris, Martínez-Solano et al., 2005; Iberolacerta cyreni, I. martinezricai, Arribas and Carranza, 2004; Lacerta schreiberi, Paulo et al., 2001; Podarcis carbonelli, Pinho et al., 2007). The low frequency of this haplogroup within its range (Fig. 1a) and the lack of a mitochondrial counterpart could be explained by drift as it is known that mtDNA is much more sensitive to bottleneck effects than nuclear genes because of its four times lower effective population size (Moore, 1995).

The overall geographic patterns for $\beta$-fibint7 and mtDNA haplotypes are notably congruent. The phylogenetic relationships between clades are also in accordance for the nuclear and the mitochondrial datasets,
although support values are lower in the nuclear dataset. The similarity between nuclear and mitochondrial phylogeographic patterns is highly relevant because this is not often the case (e.g. Ballard et al., 2001; Gamache et al., 2003; Monsen and Blouin, 2003; Schaschl et al., 2003; Bensch et al., 2006) and confirms the existence of deep and consistent differentiation across intraspecific lineages. In spite of the overall similarities, the phylogeographic diffusion models and geographical analyses reveal distinct primary dispersal routes and phylogeographic breaks for the nuclear and mtDNA (Fig. 6). The primary 'ridge' in the mtDNA dataset (Fig. 1b, Fig. 6b) reflects the phylogenetic break between the most differentiated mitochondrial lineage B from southwestern Iberia and the other Iberian mtDNA lineages (Martínez-Solano et al., 2006). By contrast, the primary 'ridge' in the nuclear data set divides the range of the species into north and south groups, separating haplogroup E from adjacent haplogroup B (Fig. 1a, Fig. 6a). However, the second most important $\beta$-fibint7 'ridge', separating the southwestern haplogroup A from the remaining clades, closely overlaps with the primary mtDNA 'ridge'. Similarly, the second most important mtDNA 'ridge', which separates lineages A1 and A3, corresponds roughly to the primary $\beta$-fibint7 'ridge' (although with a displacement to the south in the southeastern limit of the species' range reflecting different nuclear and mtDNA clade assignment in this area). Most of the depicted 'ridges' correspond roughly to geographic areas where the species is less abundant due to ecological factors (as shown by the areas where the species was not detected within its range, Fig. 1a, b; Díaz-Paniagua, 2002; Teixeira, 2008). According to our temporal estimates, the two major intraspecific lineages in L. boscai would have originated during the Miocene, with subsequent splits around the Pliocene-Pleistocene boundary. These lineages would have survived in different allopatric refugia during the Pleistocene glacial cycles, expanding their ranges from these refugia to the current distribution of the species, during climatologically favourable periods (Fig. 5). According to this interpretation, supported by inference from phylogeographic diffusion models, both nuclear and mtDNA breaks would reveal areas of secondary contact between anciently diverged lineages.

Patterns of gene flow and admixture are not similar between mitochondrial and nuclear markers, nor are they similar in all the contact zones revealed. Historical and ecological factors, together with the explicit spatial context where the contact zones occur, contribute to the differences observed. However, little is
known about some basic biological traits of the species, such as patterns of dispersal, necessary to understand the processes that shaped the differences observed. It might be the case that some differences are due to male-biased dispersal in the species (as observed in Ichthyosaura alpestris, Joly and Grolet, 1996). It could be also possible that different haplogroup dispersal is affected by the local habitat quality (Denoël and Lehmann, 2006), by competitive exclusion (Dolmen, 1988), or is density-dependent (Jánosi and Scheuring, 1997; Aars and Ims 2000), in which case individuals may exhibit limited dispersal to geographical areas already occupied by conspecifics. As another plausible scenario, individuals might disperse but fail to reproduce or exhibit asymmetrical reproductive success in occupied areas due to sexual selection (Aragón et al., 2000; Gabor et al., 2000; Babik et al., 2003) or genetic barriers (e.g. Herrero, 1991). These alternative but not mutually exclusive hypotheses have yet to be empirically tested with further field and laboratory experiments, explicitly taking into account the historical, ecological and geographical contexts in which the processes are taking place, i.e. the distinct secondary contact zones revealed in our analyses.

The implementation of Monmonier's algorithm and 'Genetic Landscape Shapes' in GIS programs produces overall similar results and provides a number of different approaches for portraying patterns of genetic diversity and divergence across landscapes. Both methods share the common goal of identifying spatial patterns associated with the largest genetic distances in a data set but the 'Genetic Landscape Shape' procedure potentially allows for inferences about the entire landscape as opposed to identifying sets of maximally differentiated individuals. The Monmonier's algorithm approach shows in some cases difficulties to consistently identify a main barrier (as in the case of barrier \#2 in the mtDNA data set, Fig. 6b), being highly susceptible to isolated genetic distance peaks or high values located near a main barrier. Performing the 'Genetic Landscape Shapes' interpolations and the representation of the synthetic maps in a GIS program instead of in Alleles in Space (Miller, 2005) revealed three major advantages: 1) the interpolation surface is continuous and no grid cell size needs to be defined, 2) the graphical representation of genetic diversity patterns can be depicted either as 2 or 3-dimensional surface plot over a study area map instead of over a geographically unreferenced grid, and 3) the interpolation area does not need to be a regular grid and can be adjusted to the species' range. As suggested by Kidd and

Ritchie (2006), the applications of GIS-mediated analysis and spatial representation methods confirm to be very informative and highly promising tools for phylogeographical analysis.

## Implications for species formation

Deep phylogeographic breaks in mtDNA can identify population groups of particular conservation value (ESUs sensu Moritz, 1994), but are in many cases insufficient to clarify species status (e.g. Zangari et al., 2006). In this respect, our study provides a direct comparison of nuclear and mitochondrial DNA patterns and suggests admixture between parapatric and very divergent mtDNA lineages, illustrating how deep phylogeographic breaks do not necessarily indicate instances of cryptic speciation. Even in a case in which mitochondrial breaks are a consequence of ancient speciation processes, current population admixture, through secondary contact, might overcome the incipient reciprocal coalescence of isolated lineages, resulting in incomplete speciation. Our approach revealed broad areas of nuclear DNA admixture superimposed over the patterns observed with mtDNA, and thus suggested lack of reproductive isolation in otherwise genetically differentiated groups of populations (the mtDNA lineages A and B of L. boscai), through gene flow (as suggested by the finding of heterozygote individuals and evidence of recombination events). The disruption of the expected outcome of a long speciation process initiated in the Miocene emphasises, once more, the problems of single-marker species delineation.

It has long been recognised that delineating species in amphibians is a difficult task. One of the major problems relates to the widespread absence of effective reproductive isolation mechanisms between taxa that have evolved in isolation for millions of years (Hickerson et al., 2006; Malone and Fontenot, 2008). This makes it hard to predict the outcome of evolutionary interactions between deeply divergent clades from tree topologies alone. This pattern-based approach should be accompanied by the study of the actual mechanisms driving lineage divergence (Wiens, 2004). For instance, our results allowed us to pinpoint potential contact zones of interest to study the evolutionary mechanisms related to lineage diversification in L. boscai. Future studies should therefore emphasise the analysis of variation in genetic, physiological, behavioural and ecological traits and their interrelations in these contact zones. The need for an 'integrative taxonomy' (Padial et al., 2010) is undisputed; however, this should not just
rely on data addition but, more importantly, on data integration, which would reflect the evolutionary processes and mechanisms leading to species formation.

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## Online supplementary material

S1. Bayesian $50 \%$ majority rule phylogram for the $\beta$-fibint 7 haplotypes in $L$. boscai. Three main clades were recovered in the analysis, although the relationships between them were not fully resolved: the first one, in purple, corresponds to the most differentiated haplogroup (A); the second one groups together haplotypes from haplogroups B, in green, and C, in orange; the third included haplogroups D, in yellow, and E, in blue.

S2. Marginal likelihood distributions for (A) the root of the tree, (B) the Time to the Most Recent Common Ancestor (TMRCA) for Triturus, (C) the TMRCA for the split between Lissotriton and Ichthyosaura, and (D) the TMRCA for the two most divergent lineages within L. boscai. The distributions obtained when sampling only from the prior (in black) are compared to the marginal distributions obtained when data is considered into the analysis (in blue). Calibration points were added in $(\mathbf{A})$ and $(\mathbf{B})$, and both distributions are congruent, as expected when the information contained in the priors is not conflicting. When no prior calibration is included [nodes (C) and (D)], the resulting distributions are very different, meaning that the final posterior distributions will be shaped by the data, as expected. The x -axis is scaled in millions of years.

S3. .kml file showing the inferred continuous diffusion process in Lissotriton boscai based on a time-calibrated $\beta$-fibint7 genealogy reconstructed with BEAST. This file can be visualized with the software Google Earth ${ }^{\circledR}$.

S4. .kml file showing the inferred continuous diffusion process in Lissotriton boscai based on a time-calibrated mtDNA genealogy reconstructed with BEAST. This file can be visualized with the software Google Earth ${ }^{\circledR}$.
Appendix I
Sampling localities, population identifiers (ID), sample sizes (number of individuals sequenced) and GenBank accession numbers for the sequences used in this study. In parentheses, locality codes (see also Fig. 2 and Appendix III).

| Population ID | Locality | Nuclear <br> Sample <br> size | GenBank Accession numbers | MtDNA <br> Sample <br> size | GenBank Accession numbers |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\beta$-fibint7 |  |  | nad4 | control region |
| 1 | Portugal: Monchique (MCHQ) | 3 | KP265980-KP265985 | 4 | DQ491737-491740 | DQ491840-491843 |
| 2 | Portugal: Arrifana, Alzejur (ARRF) | 1 | KP265986-KP265987 | 1 | DQ491741 | DQ491844 |
| 3 | Portugal: Zambujeira de Baixo, Aljezur (ALZR) | 1 | KP265988-KP265989 | 1 | DQ491742 | DQ491845 |
| 4 | Portugal: Barqueiros, Odemira (CERC) | 1 | KP265990-KP265991 | 1 | DQ491743 | DQ491846 |
| 5 | Portugal: Santa Margarida da Serra, Grândola (GRAN) | 3 | KP265992-KP265997 | 2 | DQ491744-491745 | DQ491847-491848 |
| 6 | Portugal: Sintra (SINT) | 2 | KP265998-KP266001 | 1 | DQ491746 | DQ491849 |
| 7 | Portugal: S. Bartolomeu dos Galegos, Lourinhã (LRNH) | 2 | KP266002-KP266005 | 2 | DQ491747-491748 | DQ491850-491851 |
| 8 | Portugal: Alcanena, Alcobaça (ALCN) | 3 | KP266006-KP266011 | 2 | DQ491749-491750 | DQ491852-491853 |
| 9 | Portugal: Valado dos Frades, Nazaré (NAZR) | 3 | KP266012-KP266017 | 4 | DQ491751-491754 | DQ491854-491857 |
| 10 | Portugal: Azaruja, Évora (EVOR1-3) | 3 | KP266018-KP266023 | 3 | DQ491755-491757 | DQ491858-491860 |
| 11 | Portugal: Castelo de Vide (VIDE) | 2 | KP266024-KP266027 | 2 | DQ491758-491759 | DQ491861-491862 |
| 12 | Portugal: Cernache de Bonjardim, Sertã (SERT) | 2 | KP266028-KP266031 | 2 | DQ491760-491761 | DQ491863-491864 |
| 13 | Portugal: Lousã (LOUS) | 1 | KP266032-KP266033 | 1 | DQ491762 | DQ491865 |
| 14 | Portugal: Góis (GOIS) | 1 | KP266034-KP266035 | 1 | DQ491763 | DQ491866 |
| 15 | Portugal: Famalicão, Guarda (ESTR) | 2 | KP266036-KP266039 | 3 | DQ491764-491766 | DQ491867-491869 |
| 16 | Portugal: São Pedro do Sul (SPSL) | 1 | KP266040-KP266041 | 1 | DQ491767 | DQ491870 |
| 17 | Portugal: Pinhão (PINH) | 2 | KP266042-KP266045 | 2 | DQ491768-491769 | DQ491871-491872 |
| 18 | Portugal: Mogadouro (MOGD) | 1 | KP266046-KP266047 | 1 | DQ491770 | DQ491873 |
| 19 | Portugal: Chaves (CHAV) | 1 | KP266048-KP266049 | 1 | DQ491771 | DQ491874 |
| 20 | Portugal: Cabeceiras de Basto (CABT) | 4 | KP266050-KP266057 | 2 | DQ491772-491773 | DQ491875-491876 |
| 21 | Portugal: Alfena, Valongo (VALG) | 4 | KP266058-KP266065 | 4 | DQ491774-491777 | DQ491877-491880 |
| 22 | Portugal: Vila Nova de Cerveira (CERV) | 1 | KP266066-KP266067 | 1 | DQ491778 | DQ491881 |
| 23 | Portugal: Carris, Terras de Bouro (GERS) | 4 | KP266068-KP266075 | 1 | DQ491779 | DQ491882 |
| 24 | Spain: A Pobra do Caramiñal, A Coruña (PONT/RIBE) | 1 | KP266076-KP266077 | 1 | DQ491780 | DQ491883 |
| 25 | Spain: Abelleira, A Coruña (COMP) | 2 | KP266078-KP266081 | 2 | DQ491781-491782 | DQ491884-491885 |
| 26 | Spain: Noceda, Pontevedra (LALI) | 2 | KP266082-KP266085 | 1 | DQ491783 | DQ491886 |
| 27 | Spain: Alto da Ermida, Ourense (OURE) | 2 | KP266086-KP266089 | 1 | DQ491784 | DQ491887 |
| 28 | Spain: Alfonxe, Lugo (LUGO) | 1 | KP266090-KP266091 | 1 | DQ491785 | DQ491888 |
| 29 | Spain: Villacondide, Asturias (NAVI) | 2 | KP266092-KP266095 | 1 | DQ491786 | DQ491889 |
| 30 | Spain: Esqueiro, Asturias (OVIE) | 1 | KP266096-KP266097 | 1 | DQ491787 | DQ491890 |
| 31 | Spain: Carracedelo, León (PONF) | 2 | KP266098-KP266101 | 2 | DQ491788-491789 | DQ491891-491892 |
| 32 | Spain: Destriana, León (LEON) | 2 | KP266102-KP266105 | 1 | DQ491790 | DQ491893 |
| 33 | Spain: Sanabria, Zamora (SANA3) | 1 | KP266106-KP266107 | 1 | DQ491791 | DQ491894 |
| 34 | Spain: Lubián, Zamora (SANA1-2) | 1 | KP266108-KP266109 | 1 | DQ491792 | DQ491895 |
| 35 | Spain: Sarracín de Aliste, Zamora (CULB2-3) | - |  | 1 | DQ491793 | DQ491896 |
| 36 | Spain: Tábara, Zamora (CULB1) | 1 | KP266110-KP266111 | 1 | DQ491794 | DQ491897 |
| 37 | Spain: Saelices el Chico, Salamanca (RODR) | 2 | KP266112-KP266115 | 1 | DQ491795 | DQ491898 |
| 38 | Spain: Miranda del Castañar, Salamanca (BEJR) | 2 | KP266116-KP266119 | 1 | DQ491796 | DQ491899 |


| DQ491797 | DQ491900 |
| :--- | :--- |
| DQ491798-491799 | DQ491901-491902 |
| DQ491800-491801 | DQ491903-491904 |
| DQ491802 | DQ491905 |
| DQ491803 | DQ491906 |
| DQ491804-491805 | DQ491907-491908 |
| DQ491806 | DQ491909 |
| DQ491807 | DQ491910 |
| DQ491808 | DQ491911 |
| DQ491809 | DQ491912 |
| DQ491810-491811 | DQ491913-491914 |
| DQ491812 | DQ491915 |
| DQ491813-491814 | DQ491916-491917 |
| DQ491815-491816 | DQ491918-491919 |
| DQ491817-491818 | DQ491920-491921 |
| DQ491819-491820 | DQ491922-491923 |
| DQ491821-491822 | DQ491924-491925 |
| DQ491823 | DQ491926 |
| DQ491824 | DQ491927 |
| DQ491825-491826 | DQ491928-491929 |
| DQ491827 | DQ491930 |
| DQ491828 | DQ491931 |
| DQ491829-491832 | DQ491932-491935 |
| DQ491833-491834 | DQ491936-491937 |
| DQ491835 | DQ491938 |
| DQ491836-491837 | DQ491939-491940 |
| DQ491838 | DQ491941 |
| DQ491839 | DQ491942 |
| KP266300 | KP266278 |
| KP266301-KP266302 | KP266279-KP266280 |
| KP266303-KP266304 | KP266281-KP266282 |
| KP266305 | KP266283 |
| KP266306-KP266307 | KP266284-KP266285 |
| KP266308 | KP266286 |
| KP266309 | KP266287 |
| KP266310-KP266312 | KP266288-KP266290 |
| KP266313-KP266314 | KP266291-KP266292 |
| KP266315-KP266317 | KP266293-KP266295 |
| KP266318-KP266319 | KP266296-KP266297 |
| KP266320-KP266321 | KP266298-KP266299 |
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| Spain: Navatalgordo, Ávila (AVIL7-8) | 2 | KP266120-KP266123 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spain: Navas del Marqués, Ávila (AVIL4-5) | - |  |
| Spain: Robledo de Chavela, Madrid (MADR12-13) | - |  |
| Spain: Navas del Rey, Madrid (MADR2) | - |  |
| Spain: Navalagamella, Madrid (MADR10) | - |  |
| Spain: Guadarrama, Madrid (MADR19-20) | 1 | KP266124-KP266125 |
| Spain: Sierra de la Higuera, Madrid (TALV4-5) | 2 | KP266126-KP266129 |
| Spain: El Real de San Vicente, Toledo (TALV1) | - |  |
| Spain: San Pablo de los Montes, Toledo (TOLD) | 2 | KP266130-KP266133 |
| Spain: Garciaz, Cáceres (TRUJ) | 2 | KP266134-KP266137 |
| Spain: Garganta la Olla, Cáceres (PLAS) | 3 | KP266138-KP266143 |
| Spain: Valverde del Fresno, Cáceres (FRES) | 2 | KP266144-KP266147 |
| Spain: Acebo, Cáceres (ACEB) | - |  |
| Spain: Gata, Cáceres (GATA) | - |  |
| Spain: Villasbuenas de Gata, Cáceres (VGAT) | - |  |
| Spain: Montánchez, Cáceres (SPED) | 3 | KP266148-KP266153 |
| Spain: Villar del Rey, Badajoz (BADJ) | 2 | KP266154-KP266157 |
| Spain: Pallares, Badajoz (SMOR) | 1 | KP266158-KP266159 |
| Spain: Fuentes de León, Badajoz (ARAC4) | 1 | KP266160-KP266161 |
| Spain: Cortelazor, Huelva (ARAC1-2) | - |  |
| Spain: Linares de la Sierra, Huelva (ARAC3) | - |  |
| Spain: Calañas, Huelva (CALÑ) | 1 | KP266162-KP266163 |
| Spain: Doñana, Huelva (DOÑA) | 1 | KP266164-KP266165 |
| Spain: El Pedroso, Sevilla (SEVL1) | 1 | KP266166-KP266167 |
| Spain: Constantina, Sevilla (SEVL2-3) | - |  |
| Spain: Almadén, Ciudad Real (ALMD) | 2 | KP266168-KP266171 |
| Spain: Villanueva de Córdoba, Córdoba (VCOR) | 1 | KP266172-KP266173 |
| Spain: Venta del Charco, Córdoba (CORD) | 1 | KP266174-KP266175 |
| Spain: Azuaya, Badajoz (AZUA) | - |  |
| Portugal: Corte Figueira, Almodôvar (CALD) | 2 | KP266176-KP266179 |
| Portugal: Escoural, Évora (EVOR4-10) | 7 | KP266180-KP266193 |
| Portugal: Charneca da Caparica, Almada (AMAD) | 1 | KP266194-KP266195 |
| Portugal: Mora (MORA) | 2 | KP266196-KP266199 |
| Portugal: Gavião, Nisa (NISA) | 4 | KP266200-KP266207 |
| Portugal: Segura, Idanha-a-Nova (SEGU) | 2 | KP266208-KP266211 |
| Portugal: Água Boa, Tomar (TOMR) | 3 | KP266212-KP266217 |
| Portugal: Santiais, Pombal (POMB) | 3 | KP266218-KP266223 |
| Portugal: Carvalhais, Figueira da Foz (FFOZ) | 6 | KP266224-KP266235 |
| Portugal: Mira (MIRA) | 3 | KP266236-KP266241 |
| Portugal: Albergaria das Cabras, Arouca (AROU) | 2 | KP266242-KP266245 |
| Spain: Fornillos de Fermoselle, Zamora (FERM) | 2 | KP266246-KP266249 |
| Spain: Samir de los Caños, Zamora (ZAMO) | 2 | KP266250-KP266253 |
| Spain: Penoselo, León (ANCA) | 2 | KP266254-KP266257 |
| Spain: Tenebrón, Salamanca (CIUD) | 1 | KP266258-KP266259 |
| Spain: Robledillo de Gata, Salamanca (ROBL) | 4 | KP266260-KP266267 |
| Spain: Aceituna, Cáceres (ACEI) | 3 | KP266268-KP266273 |
| Spain: Puebla de Don Rodrigo, Ciudad Real (REAL) | 1 | KP266274-KP266275 |
| Spain: Huelva (HUEL) | 1 | KP266276-KP266277 |
| Total number of individuals | 149 |  |

[^0]Appendix II
Sequences downloaded from GenBank for the phylogenetic analysis of the family Salamandridae, including references of the original publications.
Appendix III
Variable sites and the list of 35 haplotypes observed in the $\beta$-fibint 7 dataset in L. boscai (a). The variable positions 580 and 582 are located at exon 8 of $\beta$-fibrinogen. Reconstruction of the possible recombinant events originating haplotype H 30 (b).




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