Molecular phylogeny of the tribe Philodryadini Cope, 1886 (Dipsadidae: Xenodontinae): Rediscovering the diversity of the South American Racers

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Abstract. South American racers of the tribe Philodryadini are a widespread and diverse group of Neotropical snakes with a complex taxonomic and systematic history. Recent studies failed to present a robust phylogenetic hypothesis for the tribe, mainly due to incomplete taxon sampling. Here we provide the most extensive molecular phylogenetic analysis of Philodryadini available so far, including 20 species (83% of the known diversity) from which six were not sampled previously. Our results reveal that Philodryadini is not monophyletic, but instead includes a central Andean clade formed by *Philodryas simonsii, P. tachymenoides,* and *P. amaru,* and a southern and cis-Andean clade including all remaining philodryadines. This discovery requires resurrection of two genera as well as erection of a new tribe of Xenodontinae for the central Andean clade. Within the southern and cis-Andean radiation, our analyses resolve a basal dichotomy separating two main lineages: Clade A, containing the Common Green Racers *P. laticeps* and *P. viridissima* and the South American Vine snakes *P. georgeboulengeri* and *P. argentea;* and Clade B, including the remaining species of *Philodryas sensu stricto.* We resurrect the genera *Chlorosoma* and *Xenoxybelis* to better represent the monophyly of lineages within the southern and cis-Andean clade.

Key-Words. Philodryas; Chlorosoma; Xenoxybelis; Andean Endemism; New Tribe; Hemipenial morphology.

INTRODUCTION

The South American racers of the tribe Philodryadini Cope 1886 are a diverse and widespread group of snakes with a wide variety of morphologies and ecological roles, ranging from large, semiarboreal, and generalist species to small, secretive, and diet specialist species (Greene & Jaksic, 1992; Hartmann & Marques, 2005; Marques *et al.*, 2006). Most of this diversity occurs along the cis-Andean portion of South America (Table 1). Twenty species are distributed from Colombia to Argentina, while only four species inhabit the trans-Andean parts of Ecuador,

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The unpublished PhD thesis of Robert A. Thomas (1976) was the first large taxonomic review of the genus *Philodryas*, and several of his conclusions are currently accepted and followed by most researchers. Subsequent taxonomic studies that changed significantly the composition and diversity of the genus were made by Thomas and colleagues (Thomas, 1977; Thomas & Dixon,

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Table 1. Species diversity and geographical distribution of the members of the tribe Philodryadini (*sensu lato*). CE = Central, E = East, NO = North, NE = Northeastern, NW = Northwestern, SO = South, SE = Southeastern, SW = Southwestern, W = West, Ar = Argentina, Co = Colombia, Ch = Chile, Bo = Bolivia, Br = Brazil, Ec = Ecuador, Gu = Guianas, Pa = Paraguay, Pe = Peru, Su = Suriname, Ve = Venezuela, and Ur = Uruguay.

Species	Geographical Distribution	Andes related Distribution
Ditaxodon taeniatus (Peters, 1868)	SE Br	cis-Andean
Philodryas aestiva (Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854)	NW Ar, Bo, SW-SE-SO Br, Pa, and Ur	cis-Andean
Philodryas agassizii (Jan, 1863)	Ar, SW-SO Br, Pa, and Ur	cis-Andean
Philodryas amaru Zaher et al., 2014	CE-S0 Ec	trans-Andean
Philodryas argentea (Daudin, 1803)	SO Co, Bo, CE-NO-NE-NW Br, E Ec, Gu, E Pe, and SO Ve	cis-Andean
Philodryas arnaldoi (Amaral, 1932)	SW Br	cis-Andean
Philodryas boliviana Boulenger, 1896	CE Bo	cis-Andean
Philodryas baroni Berg, 1895	NO Ar, W Bo, SW Br, and Pa	cis-Andean
Philodryas chamissonis (Wiegmann, 1835)	CE-W Ch	trans-Andean
Philodryas cordata Donnelly & Myers, 1991	SO Ve	cis-Andean
Philodryas erlandi Lönnberg, 1902	NO Ar, Bo, and Pa	cis-Andean
Philodryas georgeboulengeri (Grazziotin et al., 2012)	Bo, CE-NO-NW Br, and E Pe	cis-Andean
Philodryas laticeps Werner, 1900	CE Bo and SE Br	cis-Andean
Philodryas livida (Amaral, 1923)	SW Br and NO Pa	cis-Andean
Philodryas mattogrossensis Koslowsky, 1898	SW Br	cis-Andean
Philodryas nattereri Steindachner, 1870	SW-CE-NE Br and NO Pa	cis-Andean
Philodryas olfersii (Lichtenstein, 1823)	CE-NO Ar, SO Co, Bo, Br, E Ec, Gu, Pa, E Pe, Su, SO Ve, and Ur	cis-Andean
Philodryas patagoniensis (Girard, 1858)	SO-CE-NO Ar, Bo, SO-SE-CE-NE Br, Pa, and Ur	cis-Andean
Philodryas psammophidea Günther, 1872	NW Ar and SW Br	cis-Andean
Philodryas simonsii Boulenger, 1900	CE-SO Ec and Pe	trans-Andean
Philodryas tachymenoides (Schmidt & Walker, 1943)	CE-SO Pe	trans-Andean
Philodryas trilineata (Burmeister, 1861)	NO Ar	cis-Andean
Philodryas varia (Jan, 1863)	NW Ar and W Bo	cis-Andean
Philodryas viridissima (Linnaeus, 1758)	SO Co, Bo, NW-NO-NE-CE-SE Br, E Ec, Gu, E Pe, Su, and SO Ve	cis-Andean

1977; Thomas & Fernandes, 1996; Thomas & Johnson, 1984; Thomas & Di-Bernardo, 2001), D'Agostini (1998), Barrio *et al.* (1977), and Zaher (Zaher, 1999; Zaher *et al.*, 2008, 2009, 2014). Nonetheless, a number of widely distributed and taxonomically complex entities with poorly assessed morphological variation await investigation, including, for example, *P. aestiva, P. olfersii, P. patagoniensis,* and *P. psammophidea* (Arredondo, 2012; Thomas, 1976; Zaher *et al.*, 2008).

Several molecular phylogenetic studies incorporated a limited number of representatives of Philodryadini, and obtained conflicting hypotheses of relationships for the tribe (Cadle, 1984a, b, c; Grazziotin et al., 2012; Jenner & Dowling, 1985; Machado, 1993; Maglio, 1970; Zaher, 1999; Zaher et al., 2009). Cadle (1984a) found that Philodryas was not related to Alsophis, as previously stated by Maglio (1970), but rather was more closely related to the South American genus Xenodon. Machado (1993), based on hemipenial evidence, allocated Oxybelis argenteus (Daudin, 1803) to the new xenodontine genus Xenoxybelis which, along with Pseudablabes agassizii (Jan, 1863), were considered by Zaher (1999) to share hemipenial characteristics with Philodryas. Lobo & Scrocchi (1994) provided the first osteological phylogenetic analysis of Philodryas, based on representatives of 11 species. Thomas & Fernandes (1996) further revised the morphological definition of Philodryas by including monotypic Platyinion Amaral, 1923 in the synonymy of Philodryas. According to Zaher (1999), Philodryas was paraphyletic and could be divided in two distinct lineages defined by their hemipenial morphology: the olfersii-group including Xenoxybelis; and the chamisso*nis*-group. More recently, a series of molecularly oriented studies allowed a better understanding of supra-generic relationships within New World colubroid snakes, corroborating many of Zaher's (1999) previous morphological conclusions for that group (Vidal *et al.*, 2000, 2010; Zaher *et al.*, 2009). Subsequent molecular assessments that included species of the tribe Philodryadini invariably recovered the tribe as a monophyletic assemblage (Grazziotin *et al.*, 2012; Pyron *et al.*, 2011, 2013; Vidal *et al.*, 2010; Zaher *et al.*, 2018, 2019). Nevertheless, the sampled diversity of Philodryadini in these studies never exceeded slightly more than half of the known species of the tribe (Table 2).

Here, we provide a phylogenetic analysis based on a multilocus molecular dataset that incorporates representatives of 83% of all known species of Philodryadini. Our assessment requires a taxonomic revision to maintain monophyletic lineages.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Taxon sampling, DNA extraction, and sequencing

We based our analyses on a molecular dataset comprising 33 terminals previously classified as Philodryadini and 59 additional colubroidean terminal taxa (Extended Data S1; see Supplementary Information at Figshare <u>http://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.13061516</u>). We included representatives of the following five families (number of terminals in parenthesis): Colubridae (3), Sibynophiidae (2), Grayiidae (1), Natricidae (4) and

Species	Zaher <i>et al.</i> (2009)	Vidal <i>et al.</i> (2010)	Pyron <i>et al.</i> (2011)	Grazziotin <i>et al.</i> (2012)	Figueroa <i>et al.</i> (2016)	Zaher <i>et al.</i> (2018)	Zaher <i>et al.</i> (2019)	This study	Distribution
P. aestiva	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. agassizii	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. argentea	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. arnaldoi								XA	cis-Andean
P. baroni		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. georgeboulengeri			Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. chamissonis					Х			X ^A	trans-Andean
P. erlandi								XA	cis-Andean
P. laticeps								XA	cis-Andean
P. livida							Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. mattogrossensis	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. nattereri			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. olfersii		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. patagoniensis	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. psammophidea		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. simonsii								X ^A	trans-Andean
P. tachymenoides								XA	trans-Andean
P. trilineata					Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. varia							Х	Х	cis-Andean
P. viridissima		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	cis-Andean
Total	5	9	7	10	13	12	14	20	

Table 2. Species of Philodryadini (sensu lato) employed by the most recent molecular phylogenetic studies. X^A = Species sampled for the first time in a molecular study.

Dipsadidae (49). In order to provide a proper test for the monophyly of Philodryadini, we densely sampled within Dipsadidae by including representatives of the 12 tribes of Xenodontinae (31), of the subfamilies Carphophiinae (5) and Dipsadinae (11), and of the Asian genera Thermophis (1) and Stichophanes (1). Our sample of the genus Philodryas comprised all known species, with the exception of P. amaru Zaher et al., 2014, P. boliviana Boulenger, 1896, and P. cordata Donnelly & Myers, 1991, which are known from only a few type specimens (Donnelly & Myers, 1991; Wallach et al., 2014; Zaher et al., 2014). We did not obtain sequences from Ditaxodon Hoge 1958, the other genus of Philodryadini, also known from only a few specimens (Thomas et al., 2006). We rooted our resulting trees on Natricidae, following the topology presented in Zaher et al. (2019).

We extracted DNA from liver, muscle, scales, or shed skins, using Phenol-Chloroform method or PureLink[®] Genomic DNA kit (ThermoFisher, MA, USA). We amplified fragments via polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for three nuclear (*bdnf, c-mos* and *nt3*) and three mitochondrial (*12S, cox1* and *cytb*) genes. The primer sets and protocols used in the PCR were based in the following studies: Noonan & Chippindale (2006) for *bdnf* and *nt3*; Zaher *et al.* (2009) for *12S* and *c-mos*; Grazziotin *et al.* (2012) for *cytb*; Graboski *et al.* (2018) for *cox1*.

We used standard PCR protocols with modifications to improve the efficiency as follows: adding 10% of Trehalose 100 for 12S, cytb, and cox1, and 0.4% of Triton 100 for cmos, bdnf, and nt3. We amplified both strands and employed an annealing temperature of 54°C for 12S, 56°C for bdnf and cmos, a touch down cycle of 58-46°C with final annealing of 48°C for nt3, and a touch down cycle of 60-50°C with final annealing of 54°C for cytb and cox1. All PCR products were purified with the Exo-Sap (exonuclease and shrimp alkaline phosphatase) protocol and the sequences were processed at the Laboratório de Biologia Genômica e Molecular from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Laboratório de Toxinologia Aplicada (LETA) from Instituto Butantan, and Macrogen (Seul, Korea). We sequenced and checked both strands, and when necessary the chromatographs were edited manually. We performed the assembly and generated the consensus sequences using Geneious 6.1.8 (<u>http://www.geneious.com</u>, Kearse *et al.*, 2012).

Phylogenetic analyses

We generated 179 new sequences and obtained other 300 sequences from GenBank to build our molecular matrices (Extended Table S1). Our concatenated dataset comprised a total of 4,433 base pairs of aligned sequences, including 510 from *125*, 1,107 from *cox1*, 997 from *cytb*, 710 from *bdnf*, 586 from *cmos*, and 523 from *nt3* (Extended Data S1).

We used MAFFT 1.3.6 (Katoh *et al.*, 2005), as implemented in Geneious, to align all sequences. The rRNA gene *12S* was aligned under the E-INS-i algorithm, while the protein-coding genes *bdnf, c-mos, cox1, cytb,* and *nt3* were aligned under the G-INS-i algorithm. We used default parameters for gap opening and extension. All protein-coding genes were visually checked using Geneious to verify if all sequences follow the correct reading frame. We concatenated our sequences using Sequence Matrix 1.8 (Vaidya *et al.*, 2011).

We used PartitionFinder 2 (Lanfear *et al.,* 2016) to choose the models of molecular evolution for our database and employed two different analyses. In the

first analysis, we used the Akaike Information Criterion with correction (AICc), allowing the selection of models of molecular evolution implemented in RAxML 8.2.3 (Stamatakis, 2014), using unlinked branch lengths and the greedy search option. We only allowed PartitionFinder to select GTR model with or without GAMMA, preventing models with correction for proportion of invariant sites, as suggested in the RAxML manual. In the second analysis, we used the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), allowing selection of all models of molecular evolution implemented in MrBayes 3.2.5 (Ronguist et al., 2012). We preliminarily defined 16 partitions for our concatenated matrix, treating the rRNA gene (12S) as a separate partition and partitioning all five protein-coding genes by their codon positions. The results of PartitionFinder are provided in Extended Table S2.

We conducted a maximum likelihood (ML) analysis in RAxML using the algorithm that conducts a rapid bootstrap analysis and searches for best scoring ML tree in the same run (option -f a), and defined 1,000 bootstrap iterations to estimate branch support (BS). We also conducted a Bayesian Inference phylogenetic analysis (BI) in MrBayes 3.2.5 with four independent runs, 20 million generations, sampling trees every 1,000 generations. We used Tracer 1.7.1 (Rambaut et al., 2018) to check the effective sample size (ESS) and trace convergence to set the burn-in. We estimated Bayesian posterior probability (PP) after burn-in. Both ML and BI phylogenetic analyses were carried out on the CIPRES Science Gateway (http://www.phylo.org, Miller et al., 2010). Robustness of clades were checked using both BS and PP support values.

When defining and naming evolutionary lineages retrieved in our analyses, we followed the Taxon Naming Criteria (TNCs) suggested by Vences *et al.* (2013), avoiding taxonomic instability and inadequate classification schemes of non-monophyletic groups.

RESULTS

The ML and BI tree topologies showed very similar higher-level relationships, with Colubridae, Natricidae, Sibynophiidae, and Dipsadidae being all recovered as monophyletic lineages with robust to unambiguous support values (Fig. 1; Extended Figs. S1-S2). Only the position of Grayiidae varied, being retrieved with ambiguous support as the sister group of Colubridae in the ML tree and as the sister group of a clade formed by Colubridae and Sibynophiidae in the BI tree (Fig. 1; Extended Fig. S2). Within Dipsadidae, the Asian Thermophis baileyi and Sticophanes ningshaanensis were retrieved as two successive sister taxa to the New World dipsadids in both ML and BI topologies (Fig. 1). Within the New World radiation, North American Carphophiinae was retrieved as monophyletic only in the ML tree, with no statistical support. Subfamilies Dipsadinae and Xenodontinae as well as tribes Imantodini and Dipsadini were retrieved as robustly supported clades in both ML and BI topologies (Fig. 1; Extended Fig. S2).

Considering both ML and BI analyses, only the tribes Philodryadini and Echinantherini within Xenodontinae were not recovered as monophyletic groups. All other tribes represented by more than one terminal were recovered with strong to unambiguous support values in both analyses, but relationships between them were not supported by high values of support, with the BI tree resulting in a large polytomy (Fig. 1; Extended Fig. S2).

The traditionally recognized tribe Philodryadini was split into two monophyletic lineages in both analyses—a central Andean clade and a southern and cis-Andean clade—with Tropidodryadini nested between them, robustly positioned in both analyses as the sister group of the southern and cis-Andean radiation of Philodryadini (Fig. 1; Extended Figs. S1-S2). The central Andean clade was retrieved as the sister group of the clade formed by Tropidodryadini + southern and cis-Andean Philodryadini only in the ML analysis, with low values of BS, while in the BI analysis it was recovered in a polytomy along with several other clades (Fig. 2).

The central Andean clade was composed by the strictly Andean species *Philodryas simonsii* and *Philodryas tachymenoides*. These represented a distinct evolutionary lineage from the southern and cis-Andean clade of Philodryadini. Phylogenetic affinities exhibited within southern and cis-Andean radiation were the same in both ML and BI topologies (Extended Figs. S1-S2).

Phylogenetic relationship within the southern and cis-Andean radiation revealed the presence of two main evolutionary lineages: Clades A and B in Fig. 2. Clade A was recovered with low values of support, and contained the Common Green Racer P. viridissima and the rare P. laticeps forming Subclade A1, and the South American Vine Snakes P. argentea and P. georgeboulengeri composing Subclade A2, both with robust and unambiguous support values (Fig. 2). The remaining species of Philodryas grouped in the robustly supported Clade B, with P. nattereri placed as the sister group of five successive, robustly to unambiguously supported subclades, as follow: Subclade B2 composed by P. mattogrossensis and P. erlandi; Subclade B3 including the Southern Andean P. chamissonis as sister of the Argentinian species P. baroni and P. trilineata; Subclade B4 formed by the South American Green Racers P. olfersii and P. arnaldoi; Subclade B5 composed only by the Brazilian Green Racer P. aestiva; and Subclade B6 formed by the "patagoniensis group" composed by P. agassizii, P. livida, P. patagoniensis, P. psammophidea, and P. varia (Fig. 2). Within the "patagoniensis group", P. varia and P. patagoniensis on the one hand, and P. psammophidea nested with P. livida + P. agassizii, on the other hand, grouped together as sister clades, the former lacking statistical support values while the latter was robustly supported.

Our results indicate that the traditional taxonomic arrangement for Philodryadini does not reflect the topology of the phylogenetic tree. To determine a more accurate classification based on monophyletic groups, we propose below a revised classification for the tribe based on our phylogenetic results and on a diagnostic set of morphological characters.



Figure 1. Maximum likelihood (ML) tree of Dipsadidae estimated using RAxML. Summary tree with collapsed terminals showing higher-level relationships. Numbers above and below branches indicate bootstrap and posterior probability support values, respectively. Bootstrap values below 70% and posterior probabilities below 85% are not shown. Abbreviations: CA = central Andean; SAE = southern and cis-Andean.

Systematic Account

Tribe Philodryadini Cope, 1886

Type-genus: *Philodryas* Wagler, 1930 by original designation and monotypy.

Type species: Coluber olfersii Lichtenstein, 1823.

Content: *Chlorosoma* Wagler, 1830 resurrected; *Ditaxodon* Hoge, 1958; *Philodryas* Wagler, 1830; *Xenoxybelis* Machado, 1993 resurrected.

Diagnosis: Members of the tribe Philodryadini can be distinguished from the other xenodontine genera by the following combination of characters: hemipenis bilobed, semicalyculate and semicapitate; large body calyces cov-

ering both medial and distal portions of the asulcate side of the hemipenial body and lobes (Figs. 3-4); maxillary dentition diacranterian and opisthoglyphous, with a deep groove that opens laterally.

Geographical distribution: most of the Cis-Andean portion of South America, from southern Colombia, Venezuela, Guianas, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina, and in the Trans-Andean portion of the southern Andes in Chile.

Genus Philodryas Wagler, 1930

Type species: Coluber olfersii Lichtenstein, 1823.

Synonyms: See Wallach *et al.* (2014) for a complete list of generic synonyms.

Content (16 species): *Philodryas aestiva* (Duméril, Bibron & Duméril, 1854), *Philodryas agassizii* (Jan, 1863), *Philodryas arnaldoi* (Amaral, 1932), *Philodryas boliviana* Boulenger, 1896, *Philodryas baroni* Berg, 1895, *Philodryas chamissonis* (Wiegmann, 1835), *Philodryas cordata* Donnelly & Myers, 1991, *Philodryas erlandi* Lönnberg, 1902, *Philodryas livida* (Amaral, 1923), *Philodryas mattogrossensis* Koslowsky, 1898, *Philodryas nattereri* Steindachner, 1870, *Philodryas olfersii* (Lichtenstein, 1823), *Philodryas patagoniensis* (Girard, 1858), *Philodryas psammophidea* Günther, 1872, *Philodryas trilineata* (Burmeister, 1861), and *Philodryas varia* (Jan, 1863).

Diagnosis: *Philodryas* can be distinguished from the other Philodryadini genera by the following combination of characters: Hemipenial body much longer than the lobes (more than twice the length), with the asulcate side of the hemipenial body covered with two parallel rows of

enlarged body calyces on most or all its surface (Figs. 3-4); dentary teeth equal in size (significantly enlarged dentary teeth in *Ditaxodon*); ventral scales smooth (keeled in *Chlorosoma*); buccal epithelium cream or white.

Geographical distribution: Same as the tribe.

Etymology: Donnelly & Myers (1991: 46) argued convincingly that the meaning of the generic name *Philodryas* is "friendly tree nymph," being a feminine gender resulting from the combination of the Greek words *Philos*- (noun, φίλος, meaning "friend or friendly") and *-Dryas* (noun, Δρὕᾶς, meaning "tree nymph").

Genus Chlorosoma Wagler, 1830 resurrected

Type species: Coluber viridissimus Linneaus, 1758, by original designation and monotypy.



Figure 2. Maximum likelihood (ML) tree estimated using RAxML, showing only the relationships of Incaspidini (1), Tropidodryadini (2), and Philodryadini (3). Terminal names on the left are presented following nomenclature in current literature, while generic and tribal arrangements on the right show our changes in the classification of Philodryadini. Numbers above and below branches indicate posterior probability and bootstrap support values, respectively. Bootstrap values below 70% and posterior probabilities below 85% are not shown.



Figure 3. Hemipenes of *Chlorosoma viridissimum* (MUSM 2403) in A and B, and *Incaspis amaru* (FHGO 4749) in C and D. Photographs in A and C are in sulcate views, and photographs in B and D are in asulcate views. Scale bars: 5 mm.

Content: (two species) *Chlorosoma laticeps* (Werner, 1900) new combination; *Chlorosoma viridissimum* (Linneaus, 1758).

Diagnosis: Chlorosoma can be distinguished from the other genera of Philodryadini by the following combination of characters: ventral and subcaudal scales strong-

ly angulated laterally (keeled); ontogenetic change in color pattern, with juveniles exhibiting dark chevrons throughout the body dorsum and adults changing to a homogeneously green dorsum; ventral surface with a yellow, white or cream gular region (excluding infralabial scales) and green venter and tail; short hemipenes with reduced lateral enlarged spines.



Figure 4. Hemipenis of *Philodryas chamissonis* (MNHN 3807) in A and B, *Tropidodryas serra* (MNRJ 7354) in C and D, and *Xenoxybelis argenteus* (BMNH 1994.7000) in E and F. Photographs in A, C, and E are in sulcate views, and photographs in B, D, and F are in asulcate views. Scale bars: 5 mm.

Geographical distribution: *Chlorosoma viridissimum* occurs in the eastern lowlands of northern and central South America, including Amazonian forests of Colombia, Venezuela, Suriname, Guyanas, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Bolivia. In Brazil this species also inhabits the ecotone between Amazonian and Cerrado biomes, and a single population is present in the lowland forest of the Atlantic coast of the Bahia state. *Chlorosoma laticeps* shows a disjunct distribution pattern, with records from central Bolivia in Santa Cruz and Cochabamba departments, and Southeastern Brazil in Espírito Santo, Minas Gerais and Santa Catarina states (Zaher *et al.*, 2008).

Etymology: The generic name is neuter, being a combination of the Greek words *Chloros*- (adjective, $\chi\lambda\omega\rho\delta\varsigma$, meaning "bright green") and *-soma* (noun, $\sigma\tilde{\omega}\mu\alpha$, meaning "body"), in reference to the overall bright green coloration of the body in these species. The gender of the name *Chlorosoma* is grammatically neuter (Amaral 1929a, b, c, 1932) since the meaning given by Wagler (1830) was of a "green snake." Therefore, the correct spelling for the type species of the genus is *Chlorosoma viridissimum*.

Comment: Wagler (1830) used the same contribution to erect the genera Chlorosoma and Philodryas for the species Coluber viridissimus Linneaus 1758 and Coluber olfersii Liechtenstein 1823, respectively. Shortly after, Günther (1858), redefined the genus Philodryas to allocate P. aestivus, P. dorsalis (= Ialtris), P. goudotii (= Ithycyphus), P. olfersii, P. serra (= Tropidodryas), Philodryas schottii (= patagoniensis), and Philodryas viridissimus. Considering that Wagler (1830) described Chlorosoma before Philodryas on page 185, Amaral (1929a, b, 1932) decided to apply the Principle of Priority and assigned all species of Philodryas known at the time to the genus Chlorosoma (i.e., C. aestivum, C. arnaldoi, C. burmeisteri (= trilineata), C. mattogrossense, C. olfersii, C. schottii (= patagoniensis), C. psammophideum, and C. viridissimum). However, Parker (1932) pointed out that Günther's (1858) generic classification using the name Philodryas for these species had priority under the Principle of the First Reviser (Art. 24.2.2, ICZN 1999). Thus, the genus Chlorosoma is available for the recovered evolutionary lineage including Philodryas viridissima and Philodryas laticeps.

Genus Xenoxybelis Machado, 1993 resurrected

Type species: *Coluber argenteus* Daudin, 1803, by original designation.

Synonyms: *Oxybelis* Wagler, 1830; *Philodryas* Wagler, 1830.

Content: (two species) *Xenoxybelis argenteus* (Daudin, 1803); *Xenoxybelis boulengeri* (Procter, 1923) species name revalidated.

Diagnosis: *Xenoxybelis* can be distinguished from the other genera of Philodryadini by the following combination of characters: markedly elongated snout, forming

an acuminated and sharp head shape; large number of prediastemal maxillary teeth (16-21), followed by one or two grooved postdiastemal teeth; short heart-shaped hemipenes with a well-defined papillate longitudinal crest, formed by the confluence of the body calyces, that runs medially in the asulcate surface; lateral surfaces of hemipenes covered with two to four rows of well-developed enlarged lateral spines (Fig. 4).

Geographical distribution: Both species occur in the Amazonian region, from Colombia and Guianas to Bolivia and Paraguay (Cunha & Nascimento, 1978; Prudente *et al.*, 2008).

Etymology: The generic name of the South American Vine snake *Xenoxybelis* is formed by the Greek words *Xenos*- (adjective, $\xi \dot{\epsilon} v \circ \varsigma$, meaning "different"), *-oxy*- (adjective, $\delta \xi \dot{\circ} \varsigma$, meaning "sharp"), and *-belos* (noun, $\beta \dot{\epsilon} \lambda \circ \varsigma$, meaning "dart"), in reference to their external similarity with the unrelated Neotropical Vine snake genus *Oxybelis* Wagler, 1830.

Comment: Zaher *et al.* (2009) and Grazziotin *et al.* (2012) placed *Xenoxybelis* and *Pseudablabes* under the synonymy of *Philodryas.* With this nomenclatural act, *Philodryas boulengeri* (Procter, 1923) became secondary homonyms (Grazziotin *et al.,* 2012), resulting in the proposition of the new replacement name *georgeboulengeri* for the latter species. According to our phylogenetic results, returning *Philodryas georgeboulengeri* (Procter, 1923) to the revalidated genus *Xenoxybelis* eliminates the homonymy. Therefore, we revalidate the species name *Xenoxybelis boulengeri* (Procter, 1923).

Tribe Incaspidini, New tribe

Type-genus: *Incaspis* Donoso-Barros, 1974, by original designation, resurrected.

Type species: *Philodryas simonsii* Boulenger, 1900, by original designation.

Content: *Incaspis* Donoso-Barros, 1974, resurrected.

Diagnosis: Members of the tribe Incaspidini can be distinguished from the other genera of Xenodontinae by the following combination of characters: maxillae diacranterian and opisthodont, with ungrooved postdiastemal teeth; hemipenes significantly longer than wide (up to 3.5 times), with large shallow body calyces on upper half of the asulcate region, numerous small-sized lateral enlarged spines, and a well-defined constriction in the proximal region of the hemipenial body (Fig. 3).

Geographical distribution: Andean region in Southern Ecuador, Peru and possibly northern Chile.

Etymology: The singular of the genitive case of the second part of the tribe name (*aspis*) is *aspides*. Therefore, the correct spelling of the new tribe is Incaspidini.

Genus Incaspis Donoso-Barros, 1974, resurrected

Type species: *Philodryas simonsii* Boulenger, 1900, by original designation.

Content: (three species) *Incaspis amaru* (Zaher, Arredondo, Valencia, Arbeláez, Rodrigues & Altamirano-Benavides, 2014) new combination; *Incaspis simonsii* (Boulenger, 1900) new combination; *Incaspis tachymenoides* (Schmidt & Walker, 1943) new combination.

Diagnosis: Same as the tribe.

Geographical distribution: Same as the tribe.

Etymology: The genus name is a combination of the Quechua word *lnca* (adjective, meaning royalty) and the Greek word *-aspis* (noun, $\dot{\alpha}\sigma\pi$ (ς , meaning venomous snake), in reference to the Andean region where the lnca Empire was established.

Comment: The generic name *Incaspis* was erected by Donoso-Barros (1974) to describe *Incaspis cercostropha*, which, along with *Dromicus angustilineatus* Schmidt & Walker, 1943 and *Dromicus inca* Schmidt & Walker, 1943, were shortly after placed under the synonymy of *Philodryas simonsii* Boulenger, 1900 by Thomas (1977). Although no tissue samples were available from *Incaspis amaru*, we allocate this species in the genus *Incaspis since* it shares all the diagnostic features listed above for the genus and the tribe. The occurrence of *I. amaru* in the same biogeographical region as *I. simonsii* and *I. tachymenoides* also supports its allocation in the tribe, which seems to be an endemic component of Central Andes.

DISCUSSION

As in most recent systematic studies, our analyses retrieve the highly diverse family Dipsadidae with strong support (Figueroa et al., 2016; Grazziotin et al., 2012; Pyron et al., 2011; Vidal et al., 2010; Zaher et al., 2009, 2018, 2019). Notwithstanding, our results from both ML and BI support the monophyly of most previously hypothesized xenodontine tribes (Zaher et al., 2009; Grazziotin et al., 2012), but do not recover well-established relationships between them (Fig. 1). One notable exception is the robustly supported clade formed by the Tropidodryadini and the redefined tribe Philodryadini (Figs. 1-2). Historically, a close relationship between members of the tribes Philodryadini and Tropidodryadini has already been advocated by several authors (Amaral, 1937; Dowling & Duellman, 1978; Ferrarezzi, 1994; Günther, 1858; Lobo & Scrocchi, 1994; Pyron et al., 2011; Vidal et al., 2010; Zaher et al., 2012, 2018, 2019; but see Grazziotin et al., 2012 and Pyron et al., 2013). However, none of these studies had adequate taxon sampling within Philodryas, reaching only a maximum of 58% of the known diversity of the tribe Philodryadini and lacking representation

of the Central Andean species (e.g., Pyron et al., 2011; Figueroa et al., 2016) (Table 2). Consequently, Pyron et al. (2011) retrieved a non-monophyletic Philodryadini, with P. viridissima clustering with Tomodon and Hydropsini instead of the other species of Philodryas. In contrast, Figueroa et al. (2016) recovered a highly supported clade composed by P. chamissonis, P. trilineata, and the genera Xenopholis, Hydrodynastes, and Caaeteboia, while the remaining species of Philodryas grouped with Sordellina punctata and the Echinantherini. As pointed out by these authors, their topology most likely resulted from the absence of homologous molecular markers for these lineages, as they only used sequences for the mitochondrial gene nd4 for P. chamissonis and P. trilineata, and a combination of 12S, 16S, bdnf, cmos, and cytb for the remaining species of Philodryas.

Pyron et al.'s (2011) and Figueroa et al.'s (2016) unexpected phylogenetic results highlight the necessity of a comprehensive taxon sampling to resolve the phylogenetic affinities within this group. Here, we expand both gene and taxon samplings for the group, reaching 83% of the known diversity of the former composition of Philodryadini. We also added for the first time critical central and Southern Andean lineages of *Philodryas* and the rare species C. laticeps (Table 2). Surprisingly, our results reveal that the central Andean species-represented by Incaspis simonsii, I. tachymenoides, and I. amaru—are a distinct lineage of Andean endemics while the genus Tropidodryas appears in a robustly supported clade as the sister group of all other southern and cis-Andean species of Philodryas (Fig. 2). Resurrection of Incaspis for the central Andean species, with its allocation in the new tribe Incaspidini, reflects their distinctiveness and uncertainties regarding their phylogenetic relationships within Xenodontinae, while highlighting the closer affinities revealed by the Tropidodryadini and the southern and cis-andean Philodryas (Fig. 1; Extended Fig. S2). Therefore, our results restrict Philodryadini to a widespread lineage of mostly lowland cis-Andean species, except for the trans-Andean P. chamissonis, which occurs in both low and high elevations throughout southern Andean region (Sallaberry-Pincheira et al., 2011). Further, Incaspidini represents a distinct lineage of endemic species mainly found in highlands of the central Andes of Ecuador and Peru.

Historically, a certain confusion has existed around the systematics of the species here allocated in the tribe Incaspidini, mainly because their characteristic ungrooved postdiastemal maxillary teeth led several authors to associate them with the opisthodont genera *Alsophis, Dromicus,* and *Leimadophis* (Amaral, 1929a, b, c; Parker, 1932; Peters, 1960; Thomas, 1977). Additionally, *P. chamissonis* also retains ungrooved postdiastemal (opisthodont) maxillary teeth, although its hemipenial morphology characterized by a very long hemipenial body and moderately long lobes closely approaches the one of the larger mainland cis-andean species *P. nattereri, P. psammophidea, P. baroni,* and *P. trilineata* (Zaher, 1999). *Philodryas chamissonis* was viewed accordingly as a morphological intermediate between the central Andean opisthodont and the cis-Andean opisthoglyph species of *Philodryas* (Thomas, 1976; Lobo & Scrocchi, 1994; Zaher, 1999). However, our results show that the opisthodont condition found in the Incaspidini and in *P. chamissonis* owes to convergence rather than being a shared derived characteristic (Zaher *et al.*, 2014).

The southern and cis-Andean radiation is recovered in our analyses as two sister Clades A and B (Fig. 2). The topology provides the basis for the resurrection of Chlorosoma and Xenoxybelis, for the Common Green Racers and South American Vine snakes, respectively. Xenoxybelis corresponds to a genus of highly specialized arboreal snakes that have been traditionally considered to be morphologically distinct from all the other Philodryadini. However, their uncertain position within the group led to its synonymization with the latter as a way to reinstate a monophyletic definition for the group (Grazziotin et al., 2012). Our expanded taxonomic coverage recovers a more stable phylogenetic hypothesis that allows the recognition of its morphological differences. Similarly, Chlorosoma corresponds to a vestigial clade of arboreal snakes that also harbors morphological differences from Philodryas (Clade B), including a short hemipenes and laterally keeled ventral scales.

The redefined genus Philodryas includes now 14 species that are retrieved in our analyses in six strongly supported subclades (Subclades B1 to B6 in Fig. 2). Subclades B1 and B2 include Philodryas nattereri and P. erlandi + P. mattogrossensis, respectively, two successive sister groups to the remaining Subclades B3-B6. Subclades B1 and B2 include species that occur throughout the open biomes of Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina (Nogueira et al., 2019), reinforcing the view that cis-Andean Racers of the genus Philodryas originated in open areas in South America and only later occupied forested biomes, such as the Atlantic and Amazonian forests. Species from Subclade B2 have a unique coloration pattern of gradual change from anterior green or yellow to reddish brown in the rest of the body and tail (Cacciali et al., 2016; Thomas, 1976). This appears to represent a synapomorphic trait for this subclade.

Subclade B3 includes *P. chamissonis, P. baroni,* and *P. trilineata,* and it corresponds to a group of racers restricted to the southern part of the continent, with *P. chamissonis* reaching as a single dispersal event the eastern part of southern Andes. According to Thomas (1976) and Lobo & Scrocchi (1994), *P. baroni,* and *P. trilineata* are sister species, a hypothesis corroborated in our analysis.

Subclades B4, B5, and B6 include the commonest species of the genus, and these occur mostly in open and forested areas of the continent, east of the Andes and south of the Amazonian basin. The only exception is *P. olfersii*, whose range extends to parts of the Amazonian biome. Subclades B4 and B5 include the southern and southeastern Atlantic forest endemics *P. aestiva* and *P. arnaldoi*, and widespread *P. olfersii*; all three occur mainly in forested areas in South America.

Species in Subclade B6 inhabit both forested and open biomes. In this subclade, *P. varia* occurs in northern Argentina and Bolivia, while *P. patagoniensis* inhabits the southern and eastern parts of the continent, from northern Pará and Tocantins to Chubut in southern Argentina. In contrast, *P. psammophidea, P. livida*, and *P. agassizi* occur in the open biomes throughout the central and southern parts of the continent.

Redefined Philodryadini contains species with high relevance in public health (Sánchez et al., 2014; Weinstein et al., 2011). Records of envenomation exist for several species, including lethal cases for humans (Da Rocha et al., 2006; Weinstein et al., 2013). Philodryas has opisthoglyphous dentition, a venom delivery apparatus, and gland secretions containing venomous proteins and toxins (Modahl et al., 2016; Urra et al., 2015). This genus of South American opisthoglyphous snakes is responsible for most of the non-front fanged envenomations (Oliveira et al., 2017). Because most studies focusing on venom and envenomation of Philodryas were developed without a robust evolutionary context (Acosta et al., 2003; Da Rocha et al., 2006), they likely bypassed issues on intra and inter-specific variation and phylogenetic structure within species groups. Our phylogenetic hypothesis provides a more accurate evolutionary framework that will lead to a better understanding of venom variation and diversification in that group.

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Family	Subfamily	Tribe	Terminal	12s	BDNF	CMOS	CyT-b	NT3	COI
Colubridae			Ahaetulla prasina	YPX543	YPX543	YPX543	KC010338	YPX543	YPX543
Colubridae			Coluber constrictor	U96794	YPX528	YPX528	EU180486	YPX528	AY122735
Colubridae			Lampropeltis getula	AY122821	YPX511	YPX511	FJ997820	YPX511	YPX511
Dipsadidae	Carphophiinae		Carphophis amoenus	AY577013	—	DQ112082	AF471067	—	—
Dipsadidae	Carphophiinae		Contia tenuis	AY577021	GU112361	AF471134	AF471095	—	—
Dipsadidae	Carphophiinae		Diadophis punctatus	CTMZ04132	CTMZ04132	AF471122	EU193843	YPX089	YPX089
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Atractus trihedrurus	CBGM00028	CBGM00028	CBGM00028	YPX112	CBGM00028	CBGM00028
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Dipsas catesbyi	CBGM00104	YPX119	DICA001	EF078537	YPX119	CBGM00104
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Geophis godmani	CTMZ04114	YPX123	_	YPX123	YPX123	YPX123
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Hypsiglena torquata	EU728591	—	AF471159	EU728591	FJ455192	NC13992
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Imantodes cenchoa	EU728586	YPX127	GQ457865	EU728586	YPX127	NC13988
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Ninia atrata	GQ457814	YPX131	GQ457874	YPX131	YPX131	YPX131
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Pliocercus euryzonus	TG2201	TG2201	TG2201	_	TG2201	TG2201
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Sibon nebulatus	EU728583	_	AF544736	EU728583	FJ455189	NC13985
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Sibynomorphus mikanii	GQ457832	YPX141	GQ457892	YPX141	YPX141	JQ627383
Dipsadidae	Dipsadinae		Synophis bicolor	CTMZ0854	CTMZ0854	CTMZ854	CTMZ854	CTMZ0854	YPX144
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Alsophis antillensis	FJ416691	CTMZ04929	_	FJ416726	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Antillophis parvifrons	YPX108	YPX108	—	FJ416740	YPX108	YPX108
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Borikenophis portoricensis	FJ416696	CTMZ04118	AF471126	FJ416732	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Cryophis hallbergi	_	_	GQ895807	EF078496	GQ334666	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Cubophis cantherigerus	AF158405	FJ433999	AF544694	AF544669	FJ434100	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Alsophiini	Magliophis exiguum	FJ416694	_	AF471117	FJ416724	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Caateboiini	Caaeteboia amarali	GQ457807	_	GQ457867	CBGM0239	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Conophiini	Conophis lineatus	GQ457788	YPX116	CTMZ04125	JQ598924	_	YPX116
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Echinantherini	Echinanthera undulata	EUN001	CBGM0292	EUN002	CBGM0292	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Echinantherini	Sordellina punctata	SOPU001	YPX143	CTMZ04952	CTMZ04952	YPX143	—
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Echinantherini	Taeniophallus affinis	CBGM0427	CBGM0427	GQ457853	CBGM00427	—	—
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Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Elapomorphini	Elapomorphus quinquelineatus	CBGM00070	CBGM0070	CBGM00070	CBGM0070	CBGM00070	CBGM00070
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Elapomorphini	Phalotris lemniscatus	GQ457817	YPX133	GQ457877	CBGM0241	—	—
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Hydrodynastini	Hydrodynastes bicinctus	CBGM00240	YPX125	GQ457862	YPX125	YPX125	—
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Hydropsini	Helicops modestus	CBGM00197	CBGM00197	CBGM00197	—	CBGM00197	CBGM00197
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Hydropsini	Hydrops triangularis	CBGM00083	CBGM00083	CBGM00083	AF471039	YPX126	CBGM00083
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Hydropsini	Pseudoeryx plicatilis	CBGM00270	—	GQ457886	GQ895885	—	—
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas aestiva	MCP 5994					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas aestiva	UFRGST 2362					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas agassizii	CBGM00080	CBGM00080	CBGM00080	CBGM00080	CBGM00080	CBGM00080
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas agassizii	UFRGST 3219					
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Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas arnaldoi	MCP 6888					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas arnaldoi	UFRGST 3111					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas baroni	FML 24092					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas baroni	FML 27110					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas chamissonis	R0169	R0169	R0169	R0169	R0169	R0169

Table S1. Continued.

Family	Subfamily	Tribe	Terminal	12s	BDNF	CMOS	CyT-b	NT3	COI
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas chamissonis	R165/A	R165/A	R165/A	R165/A	R165/A	R165/A
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas erlandi	IB-MB 5624					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas georgeboulengeri	CTMZ13750	CTMZ13750	CTMZ13750	CTMZ13750	CTMZ13750	CTMZ13750
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas georgeboulengeri	CTMZ13754	CTMZ13754	CTMZ13754	CTMZ13754	CTMZ13754	CTMZ13754
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas laticeps	SB0512	_	_	SB0512	SB0512	SB0512
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas livida	CTMZ04172	CTMZ04172	CTMZ04172	CTMZ04172	CTMZ04172	CTMZ04172
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas mattogrossensis	CTMZ10870	CTMZ10870	CTMZ10870	CTMZ10870	CTMZ10870	CTMZ10870
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas nattereri	CBGM00220	CBGM00220	CBGM00220	AF236806	CBGM00220	CBGM00220
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas nattereri	CTMZ00916	CTMZ00916	CTMZ00916	CTMZ00916	CTMZ00916	CTMZ00916
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas olfersii	MTR 18549					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas olfersii	MNRJ22730	MNRJ22730	MNRJ22730	MNRJ22730	MNRJ22730	MNRJ22730
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas patagoniensis	MCP 5753					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas patagoniensis	MACN47276	MACN47276	MACN47276	MACN47276	MACN47276	MACN47276
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas psammophidea	CTMZ00274	CTMZ00274	CTMZ00274	CTMZ00274	CTMZ00274	CTMZ00274
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas simonsii	CORBIDI 11238					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas simonsii	MUSA COL-016					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas tachymenoides	MUSA COL-007					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas trilineata	CTMZ00683	CTMZ00683	CTMZ00683	CTMZ00683	CTMZ00683	CTMZ00683
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas trilineata	CTMZ04935	CTMZ04935	CTMZ04935	CTMZ04935	CTMZ04935	CTMZ04935
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas varia	CTMZ00202	CTMZ00202	CTMZ00202	CTMZ00202	CTMZ00202	CTMZ00202
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas viridissima	CTMZ14603	CTMZ14603	CTMZ14603	CTMZ14603	CTMZ14603	CTMZ14603
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Philodryadini	Philodryas viridissima	PMJ 254					
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Pseudoboini	Oxyrhopus petola	OXPE001	CBGM00149	OXPE001	GQ334554	GQ334684	CBGM00149
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Pseudoboini	Pseudoboa nigra	CTMZ00036	CTMZ00036	CTMZ00036	YPX136	CTMZ00036	CTMZ00036
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Psomophiini	Psomophis joberti	CBGM00211	CBGM00211	CBGM00211	YPX137	YPX137	CBGM00211
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Saphenophiini	Pseudalsophis biserialis	CTMZ4659	_	CTMZ4647	YPX107	YPX107	YPX107
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Saphenophiini	Pseudalsophis elegans	AF158401	CTMZ07428	CTMZ07428	CTMZ07428	_	_
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Tachymenini	Pseudotomodon trigonatus	CTMZ00238	_	CTMZ00238	_	CTMZ00238	CTMZ00238
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Tachymenini	Tachymenis peruviana	CBGM00063	YPX145	CBGM00063	_	CBGM00063	CBGM00063
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Tachymenini	Tomodon dorsatus	GQ457838	CBGM00217	GQ457897	YPX148	YPX148	YPX148
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Tropidodryadini	Tropidodryas serra	CTMZ00717	CTMZ00717	CTMZ00717	CTMZ00717	CTMZ00717	CTMZ00717
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Tropidodryadini	Tropidodryas striaticeps	CTMZ00185	CTMZ00185	CTMZ00185	CTMZ00185	CTMZ00185	CTMZ00185
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Xenodontini	Erythrolamprus epinephelus	MHUAT0694	MHUAT0694	MHUAT0694	_	MHUAT0694	MHUAT0694
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Xenodontini	Lygophis elegantissimus	CTMZ04988	CBGM00055	CBGM00055	CBGM00055	CBGM00055	CBGM00055
Dipsadidae	Xenodontinae	Xenodontini	Xenodon merremii	CBGM00178	CBGM00178	CBGM00178	YPX150	YPX150	CBGM00178
Dipsadidae			Farancia erytrogramma	CTMZ04131	YPX122	_	—	YPX122	YPX122
Dipsadidae			Heterodon platirhinos	CTMZ04116	YPX568	YPX568	YPX568	GU353271	—
Dipsadidae			Sticophanes ningshaanensis	KJ719252	_	KJ638717	KJ719252	—	KJ719252
Dipsadidae			Thermophis baileyi	—	—	EU496922	EU864147	—	—
Grayiidae			Grayia ornata	AF158434	YPX055	YPX055	YPX055	YPX055	YPX055
Natricidae			Afronatrix anoscopus	YPX522	YPX522	YPX522	AF420073	YPX522	YPX522
Natricidae			Amphiesma stolatum	YPX553	YPX553	YPX553	AF471030	YPX553	YPX553
Natricidae			Natrix natrix	YPX538	EU402655	AF471121	AY866541	KF234022	AY122664
Natricidae			Thamnophis sirtalis	YPX539	YPX539	DQ902094	AF420193	YPX539	YPX539
Sibynophiidae			Scaphiodontophis annulatus	—	YPX080	GQ927318	GQ927323	YPX080	—
Sibynophiidae			Sibynophis collaris	YPX535	YPX535	YPX535	KC000121	_	YPX535

Method	Partition	Best Model	Subset Partitions	Subset Sites
	p1	GTR+I+G	12s	1-510
	p2	K80+I	bdnf (p2), bdnf (p1)	512-1220\3, 511-1220\3
	р3	K80+I+G	bdnf (p3)	513-1220\3
	р4	HKY+G	cmos (p1	1221-1806\3
	р5	K80+I+G	nt3 (p3), nt3 (p2), cmos (p2), cmos (p3)	3913-4433\3, 3912-4433\3, 1222-1806\3, 1223-1806\3
MaDaura	рб	F81+I+G	coi (p1)	1807-2913\3
MIBAYES	р7	GTR+G	coi (p2)	1808-2913\3
	p8	SYM+I+G	coi (p3)	1809-2913\3
	р9	GTR+G	cytb (p1)	2914-3910\3
	p10	GTR+G	cytb (p2)	2915-3910\3
	p11	HKY+G	cytb (p3)	2916-3910\3
	p12	HKY+G	nt3 (p1)	3911-4433\3
	р1	GTR+G	12s	1-510
	p2	GTR+G	bdnf (1)	511-1220\3
	р3	GTR+G	bdnf (2), cmos (3)	512-1220\3, 1223-1806\3
	р4	GTR+G	bdnf (3)	513-1220\3
	р5	GTR+G	cmos (1)	1221-1806\3
	рб	GTR+G	cmos (2), nt3 (3)	1222-1806\3, 3913-4433\3
DAVAN	р7	GTR+G	coi (1)	1807-2913\3
KAXML	p8	GTR+G	coi (2)	1808-2913\3
	р9	GTR+G	coi (3)	1809-2913\3
	p10	GTR+G	cytb (1)	2914-3910\3
	p11	GTR+G	cytb (2)	2915-3910\3
	p12	GTR+G	cytb (3)	2916-3910\3
	p13	GTR+G	nt3 (1)	3911-4433\3
	P14	GTR+G	nt3 (2)	3912-4433\3

Table S2. The partitions of the mitochondrial and nuclear genome sequences identified by Partition Finder for analysis run in MrBayes and RaxML.