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The current distribution patterns of many Mediterranean species are often a consequence of large and impactful past geoclimatic events, such as the Messinian Salinity Crisis (MSC) and the Quaternary glacial cycles. Cicadas are flying insects with poor dispersal ability, which have experienced intense local differentiation in the Mediterranean, where the genus Tettigettalna has surfaced as a biogeographic model. The genus includes 10 species with species-specific calling songs but identical morphology. All Tettigettalna species are restricted to Southern Iberia, with the exception of T. estrellae (northwest Iberia), the widespread T. argentata (mainly Iberia, France and Italy) and T. afroamissa (Morocco). With an expanded genetic dataset involving nuclear (EF1 $\alpha$ ) and mitochondrial (5' and 3' COI and ATP) loci, we reconstructed the phylogeny of the genus and estimated divergence dates for Tettigettalna species under a Bayesian framework. Phylogeny with the new mitochondrial dataset was in agreement with previous studies, whereas the nuclear EF1 $\alpha$  supported T. josei and T. afroamissa as monophyletic clades but lacked resolution to resolve the remaining taxa. Some sister taxa share mitochondrial haplotypes, hinting for incomplete lineage sorting. Estimates of divergence time settled T. josei as the earliest diverging lineage, likely as a pre- or early-MSC event. As for the origin of *T. afroamissa* in Morocco, though time estimates could not entirely rule out post-MSC dispersal, the most likely scenario points to isolation of African Tettigettalna after the reopening of the strait of Gibraltar. The Pleistocene glaciations that followed likely impacted on the diversification of the remaining species of the genus in southern Iberia refugia.

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#### 65 1. INTRODUCTION

The complex historical biogeography of Western Mediterranean has been extensively studied for many plant and animal taxa, where two major geo-climatic events have been often evoked to explain current patterns of distribution and molecular diversity: the Pleistocene Ice Ages (<2.6 Ma) and the Messinian Salinity Crisis (MSC) at the end of the Miocene, 5.97-5.33 Ma (Gómez & Lunt, 2007; Hewitt, 2000, 1999; Marabuto et al., 2020; Médail & Diadema, 2009; Schmitt, 2007, Trájer et al., 2021).

The MSC was triggered by tectonic movements that isolated the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean and accompanied by climatic changes that led to several series of evaporation cycles, progressively lowering the sea-level to its nearly complete desiccation (Krijgsman et al., 2018, 1999; Manzi et al., 2013). Extensive land connections were formed between Europe and North Africa during this process (see Fig. 1), functioning as land bridges for fauna and flora exchange among the two continents (Gibert et al., 2013; Husemann et al., 2014). These connections were suddenly interrupted when the Mediterranean basin was refilled through the Gibraltar Strait corridor, at 5.33 Ma (Blanc, 2002). This event marked the beginning of the Pliocene and created a sea barrier for poorly dispersive biota and triggered differentiation on either side of the strait, contributing to the high endemism observed today in this biodiversity hotspot (Lavergne et al., 2013; Médail & Diadema, 2009; Puissant & Sueur, 2010).

By late Pliocene, the Iberian Peninsula had already acquired its modern coastal configuration (Elez et al., 2016; Jolivet et al., 2006), with the closest distance between Europe and Africa found at the Gibraltar Strait (14 km, Fig. 1C). In the following period, the Pleistocene, the Northern Hemisphere was subject to several glacial cycles which strongly affected the distribution and survival of biota (Hewitt, 2000, 1999). The heterogeneity in topography and habitats within the Iberian Peninsula and Maghreb enabled the survival of previously widespread lineages into a plethora of local refugia (Tzedakis, 2009), supporting the concept of "refugia within refugia" (Fig. 1D, Gómez & Lunt, 2007; Feliner, 2011; Martínez-Freiría et al, 2020; Miraldo et al., 2011; Petit, 2003). Nevertheless, overseas dispersal could have been facilitated under glacial maxima by a significant drop in sea levels, which were estimated to

have reached over 100 m lower than today (Dumitru et al., 2021; Rohling et al., 2014). Post-MSC overseas dispersal to either side of Gibraltar has been suggested for several taxa, such as bellflowers (García-Aloy et al., 2017), lizards (Mendes et al., 2017), newts (Veith et al. 2004), butterflies (Habel et al., 2011; Marabuto et al., 2020), beetles (Mas-Peinado et al., 2021) and spittlebugs (Rodrigues et al., 2014). In some cases, however, divergence time estimates place lineage split events between Europe and Africa much before the reopening of the Strait of Gibraltar (see for e.g. Mendes et al., 2017; Paulo et al., 2008).

Cicadas (Hemiptera: Cicadidae) are a worldwide varied group of insects with over 3,000 species (Sanborn, 2014), characterized by low dispersal and long egg-to-adult life cycles (see Table S2 in Simon et al., 2022), with 500 species belonging to the largest tribe Cicadettini (Marshall et al., 2016). The Cicadettini are thought to have an Australasian origin, with two smaller centers of diversity in the Mediterranean and South Africa (Marshall et al., 2016). Cicadas spend multiple years underground as nymphs, contrasting with their ephemeral adult winged stage above ground, generally lasting up to a few weeks in which they seek to mate and lay their eggs. The male uses a unique calling mechanism to attract receptive females. These calls are usually species-specific and recognized as effective for species delimitation (Boulard, 2006). Although several aspects of their biology are still largely unknown, cicadas make interesting models for biogeography, as exemplified by studies from New Zealand, where vicariance appears to have played an important role in their diversification and speciation (Arensburger et al., 2004a; Bator et al., 2021; Buckley & Simon, 2007; Marshall et al., 2008). 

In the western Mediterranean, cicadas of tribe Cicadettini have recently received some attention regarding their diversity and biogeography (Hertach et al., 2015, 2016; Mendes et al., 2014; Nunes et al., 2014a; Puissant & Sueur, 2010). The genus Tettigettalna was created in 2010 to accommodate nine morphologically similar species of Cicadettini with distinct calling songs (Puissant & Sueur, 2010), with all but one restricted to the Iberian Peninsula (see Fig. 1E). The only species extending its range beyond the Pyrenees is T. argentata, reaching southern France, Italy, western Slovenia and southern Switzerland (Gogala & Gogala, 1999; Hertach & Nagel, 2013; Puissant & Sueur, 2010). The biogeographic setting of the genus changed with the recent discovery of *T. afroamissa*, a new species found in northern Morocco and the first Tettigettalna to be reported out of Europe (Costa et al., 2017). Ecologically and morphologically analogous to the widespread *T. argentata*, this new species is allopatric to all other Tettigettalna, has a distinctive calling song and is genetically well differentiated (Costa et 

al., 2017). The discovery of this species led to an important question: How and when did *T*. *afroamissa* get into North Africa?

Sequence data available thus far to infer the phylogeny of *Tettigettalna spp*. is based on a single mitochondrial gene, the cytochrome c oxidase I (Costa et al., 2017; Nunes et al., 2014a). Both Tettigettalna josei and T. afroamissa stand out as the earliest diverging species of the genus, but single-gene analysis proved as insufficient to resolve which *Tettigettalna* species diverged in the first place (Costa et al., 2017). Mitochondrial genes evolve faster than nuclear ones and often tell a biased story based on a maternally inheritance only (Ballard & Whitlock, 2004; Rubinoff & Holland, 2005; Shaw, 2002). Therefore, we use an extended dataset in this study, with mitochondrial and nuclear gene coverage, and add molecular age dating calibration to unfold the evolutionary history of early Tettigettalna diversification and find the best explanation for current distribution of *T. afroamissa* in North Africa.

Three biogeographical scenarios can be hypothesized: The first is an overseas dispersal in either direction, resulting in the splitting of the European and Moroccan lineages before the onset of the MSC at 5.9 Ma. The second scenario, that of vicariance, postulates that a large population existed across the land connection during the MSC, which was divided with the opening of the Gibraltar Strait at the end of the MSC (5.33 Ma). The third scenario places overseas dispersal of Tettigettalna from Europe to Africa as a post-MSC event, after 5.3 Ma, which should have happened most likely during the Pleistocene glacial maxima, when sea level was remarkably lower. To determine which of these scenarios is the most likely, we reconstructed the phylogenetic relationships of Tettigettalna using two methods for species-tree reconstruction within a Bayesian framework: gene concatenation and multispecies coalescence (Heled & Drummond, 2010; Lambert et al., 2015; Tonini et al., 2015). The results of both methods are discussed under these biogeographical hypotheses to determine the most parsimonious scenario explaining *Tettigettalna* spp. distribution. 

#### 153 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

**2.1** Sampling, DNA extraction and sequencing

Sampling from previous Tettigettalna phylogenies by Nunes et al. (2014a) and Costa et al. (2017) was extended with the collection of 41 new specimens in the Iberian Peninsula. Cicadas were collected by hand or sweeping net and assigned to species according to their male calling song. GPS data was recorded at each capture site and a front leg was removed and preserved in 100% ethanol for genetic analysis (Fig. 2; Table S1, Supp. Info.). Dry specimens are stored at the Department of Animal Biology of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal. Legs from the four Italian specimens of *T. argentata* included in this dataset were provided by Thomas Hertach from his own collection.

Genomic DNA was isolated with the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen). Four gene fragments were sequenced, with a total of 2504 base pairs (Table 1): (i) COI-Lep: 5' region of the cytochrome C oxidase I (COI) mitochondrial gene; (ii) COI-CTL: 3' region of the cytochrome C oxidase I (COI) mitochondrial gene; (iii) ATP: mitochondrial locus comprising tRNA-Asp gene ( complete sequence), ATPase subunit 8 gene (complete coding sequence) and ATPase subunit 6 gene (partial sequence) and (iv) EF-1 $\alpha$ : nuclear locus of Elongation Factor 1 $\alpha$  comprising exon2 (partial coding sequence), intron2 (complete sequence), exon3 (complete sequence), intron3 ( complete sequence) and exon4 (partial coding sequence). Amplification of each locus by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was performed in a total volume of 20  $\mu$ l containing 1xPCR buffer (Promega), 0.6 U Taq polymerase (Promega), 2.8 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.10 mM dNTPs and 0.4  $\mu$ M of each primer (see Table S2, Supp Info. for primers sequences and sources). The standard cycling conditions used were 94°C for 3 min, 35 x (30 s at 94° C, 30 s at the specific annealing temperature as in Table S2 and 30 s at 72°C) followed by a final elongation step at 72°C for 10 min. PCR products were purified with Sureclean (Bioline) following the manufacturer instructions. Purified fragments were sequenced with Big Dye Terminator v.3.1 (Applied Biosystems) on Macrogen or Beckman Coulter Genomics facilities.

Sequences were edited in Sequencher v4.0.5 (Gene Codes Co.) to correct noisy and ambiguous base calling. Mitochondrial sequences were checked for stop codons in DnaSP v5.10 (Librado & Rozas, 2009). Sequences of nuclear EF-1 $\alpha$  found to be heterozygous in length were reconstructed as in Flot et al. (2006). Haplotype phase was inferred with PHASE v2.1.1 (Stephens et al., 2001) with default settings and ran for 1000 iterations (ambiguities were assigned as N if phase probability was < 0.70). A total of 262 new sequences were generated by this study and deposited in GenBank (Table S1). This dataset was combined with 107 sequences of COI-Lep from Tettigettalna generated by previous works (see Table S1; Costa et

al., 2017; Nunes et al., 2014a; Simões et al., 2014). All the 148 *Tettigettalna spp* specimens of
the dataset were represented by COI-Lep sequences, whilst 61 were successfully sequenced
for nuclear EF-1α and 45 were sequenced for all four DNA fragments (Table S1).

#### **2.2** *Phylogenetic analysis*

Sequence alignments were carried out with MAFFT v7.273 (Katoh & Standley, 2013). Site substitution saturation was tested in DAMBE (Xia et al., 2003; Xia & Xie, 2001) for each codon position at coding sequences and found to be non-significant (p-value>0.05) for all mitochondrial loci. Conversion of files from FASTA to NEXUS or PHYLIP format as well as gene concatenation performed with TriFusion (available were at https://github.com/ODiogoSilva/TriFusion). Maximum likelihood (ML) trees were obtained by assigning each separate locus dataset a GTRCAT model, 1000 replicates and a rapid bootstrap analysis (-x) on RAxML-HPC v.8 (Stamatakis, 2014). For the Bayesian inference (BI), each dataset was partitioned into loci subsets and coding sequences were further partitioned into codon positions. These partitions were subsequently tested and assigned an evolution model on PartitionFinder v2 (Lanfear et al., 2016) under the corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc), with a greedy search parameter. Bayesian inference trees were generated on MrBayes v3.2.6 (Ronquist et al., 2012). Each dataset was assigned with two independent runs with four chains, 5x10<sup>7</sup> generations with burn-in set to the initial 25% trees and the evolution models previously selected with PartitionFinder2. Parameter's convergence was checked in TRACER and if confluence was not attained, runs were assigned additional 5x10<sup>7</sup> generations and checked again for confluence. Hilaphura varipes, Cicada orni and Cicada barbara were chosen as outgroups (Table S1). All analyses were run as implemented on the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller et al., 2010). Output trees were visualized in FigTree (http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/) and imaged in Inkscape.

#### **2.3** General approach for BEAST model optimization

BEAST v.1.8.4 (Drummond et al., 2012) was used to estimate divergence times as implemented in the CIPRES Science Gateway. Input files for BEAST analysis were initially assembled on BEAUti (a package of BEAST) and then visually inspected or adjusted manually for substitution site models not implemented on BEAUti. Initial substitution site models were the same used for the BI tree analysis, *i.e* selected under an AICc criterion on PartitionFinder v2. Site models with low ESS values would be discarded and the next best site model, ranked under AICc, would be selected. After optimization, the selected site models were: TIM1e for the COI-CTL, COI-LEP and ATP unlinked partitions; HKY+G for EF-1a exon and HKY for EF-1a intron. Tree models were linked, with a Yule process prior, for the three mitochondrial partitions and for the EF-1 $\alpha$  partitions. Clock models were linked for the COI partitions (COI-LEP + COI-CTL). Because the parameter "ucld.stdev" of the EF-1 $\alpha$  exon partition abutted 0 on preliminary runs, the clock model was changed from "uncorrelated relaxed" to a "strict clock with a lognormal distribution". The remaining partitions were assigned an uncorrelated relaxed clock, with a lognormal distribution with "mean in real space" checked. 

Fossil records of Cicadidae are scarce worldwide (reviewed by Moulds, 2018) and none is adequate for clock calibration for *Tettigettalna* cicadas. Clock rate estimates for COI and EF-1 $\alpha$ follow the ones of Marshall et al. (2016) set for phylogenetic analysis of Cicadettini with a relaxed clock (analysis K - subclades), in which Tettigettalna josei and T. argentata were included (see Marshall et al. (2016) Table S3- COI and Table S4 - EF-1 $\alpha$  subclade I). The values used were M=0.01172 with S=0.288 for COI partition, M=0.001965 with S=2.0 for EF-1 $\alpha$  exon and M=0.0075 with S=2.0 for EF-1 $\alpha$  intron. 

As no calibrations were available for ATP, we assigned an uniform clock prior bound between 1.0x10<sup>-4</sup> and 100 to this gene during preliminary runs, and afterwards inferred with a lognormal clock prior assigned with M=0.0149 and S=2.0. The Tettigettalna clade was constrained to be monophyletic, regardless of the outgroup being Cicada orni, Cicada barbara or Hilaphura varipes. The parameter "ucld.stdev" was set to an exponential distribution bound between 0 and 3.33. MCMC chain length was set for 2,5x10<sup>8</sup> iterations logging every 25000<sup>th</sup> iteration and ran 6-7 times to check for repeatability. 

Tracer v1.4 was employed to assess convergence and correct mixing of all parameters by visually inspecting the .log files and securing the Effective Sample Size (ESS) of each informative parameter to be over 200. Logcombiner was used to combine the replicate runs with a 10% burnin of each run for the log and tree files. 

 **2.3.1** *Time estimates with concatenation model* - The gene concatenation model relies on a 252 super-matrix of multiple concatenated loci to retrieve a species-tree. One of the shortcomings 253 of this method is that mitochondrial loci generally have more variable positions which often 254 mask the phylogenetic signal provided by nuclear loci, thus losing much of its resolution, 255 especially on deeper-level phylogenies (Rubinoff & Holland, 2005).

To infer divergence time, we selected a subset of 38 Tettigettalna samples that represented all relevant branches of the phylogeny: two samples per species/lineage were selected, each corresponding to the most ancestral and most recently derived haplotypes. All samples in this subset were sequenced for all four loci (except for T. afroamissa, which couldn't be successfully sequenced for COI-CTL). To implement the concatenated model in BEAST, each locus was defined as a separate, unlinked site model and clock models were assigned as previously stated in the general approach. Tree models were linked across nuclear and mitochondrial loci, on BEAUti. The input file for this analysis can be accessed in the Supplementary File: beast input.xml.

2.3.2 Time estimates with multispecies coalescence model - Multispecies coalescence models are often considered as superior to concatenation by differently weight – and unlink – nuclear and mitochondrial loci, thus accounting for sources of gene and species-tree mismatch, such as incomplete lineage sorting (Heled et al., 2013; Lanier & Knowles, 2015; Mccormack et al., 2010). For time estimates with the multispecies coalescent model, \*BEAST (Heled and Drummond, 2010) was used instead, which is an extension package of BEAST v.1.8.4 (Drummond et al., 2012). \*BEAST enables the user to provide information on the ploidy of the locus – *i.e* differentially weighing the mutations that occur in the slower-evolving nuclear loci and the faster-evolving mitochondrial loci. Preliminary runs with the full mitochondrial and nuclear datasets (148 individuals) mixed poorly, and Tracer showed low convergence among most parameters, resulting in very low effective sample sizes, probably due to the lack of resolution of the only nuclear gene included. Since nuclear EF-1 $\alpha$  only resolves T. josei and T. afroamissa as monophyletic clades, leaving the remainder of the Tettigettalna as a large polytomy, we decided it was best to place these under a single monophyletic entity, which was named "Core Tettigettalna" (i.e. T. argentata, T. estrellae, T. mariae, T. aneabi, T. defauti, T. 

armandi, T. helianthemi and T. boulardi). Model optimization was rapidly obtained with this
 reduced trait set (T. josei, T. afroamissa and Core Tettigettalna). The final dataset for the
 \*BEAST analysis included 5 partitions: COI-CTL, COI-LEP, ATP, EF-1α intron and EF-1α exon and
 the input file can be accessed in the Supplementary File: star\_beast\_input.xml.

285 Densitree was used to represent the distribution and topology of the large number of 286 generated trees, and to retrieve clade support. Time to the most recent common ancestor 287 (tMRCA) boxplots were generated in R Studio.

**3. RESULTS** 

#### **3.1** Single and concatenated gene phylogenies

293 Phylogenetic trees constructed for each mitochondrial locus with BI and ML are broadly 294 concordant and successfully retrieve most song-delimited species (Figures S1 and S2, Supp. 295 Info.). While mitochondrial loci efficiently reconstruct more recent relationships, all fail 296 individually to reconstruct the deep nodes amongst *Tettigettalna*, having low support values, 297 particularly the ones involving *T. josei* and *T. afroamissa*. Their relationship remains unclear 298 and even conflicting in single-gene analyses.

When concatenating all three mitochondrial loci, most clades defined with COI-Lep in previous studies were here retrieved with both BI (Fig. 3a) and ML (Fig. S3) analyses. The concatenated tree provides good support for considering *T. josei* as sister to all other *Tettigettalna*, in both BI (1 pp, Fig. 3a) and ML (99% BS, Fig. S3), followed by *T. afroamissa* and the remainder of the *Tettigettalna* (0.98 pp; <70% BS).

As in Nunes et al. (2014a), an unresolved clade in the concatenated tree joins *T. argentata*, *T. aneabi* and *T. mariae* (BI 1pp; ML 99% BS). Regarding *T. heliathemi*, the apparent polyphyly of this species was confirmed in this study, where samples of subspecies *T. h. galantei* from Western Sierra Nevada, defined as type II by Nunes *et al.* (2014a), group with *T. boulardi* (BI 308 1pp). The remainder of *T. h. galantei*, referred as type I by Nunes et al. (2014a), form a well-

supported sister clade to T. h. helianthemi, as it would be expected from their song differences (BI 1pp, ML 99% BS).

The enlarged sampling enabled the resolution of a standing *T. defauti* and *T. armandi* polytomy (1 pp, Fig. 3a; 92% BS, Fig. S3). The new dataset also revealed additional lineages with marked geographical structure: Sierra Nevada and Ronda & Zagra populations of T. defauti (0.89 pp, Fig. 3a; 77% BS, Fig. S3) and Jerez and Gibraltar populations of *T. armandi* (1 pp, Fig. 3a; 94% BS, Fig.S3).

Sequence data from the nuclear gene EF-1 $\alpha$  has about five times fewer parsimony-informative sites than mitochondrial loci (Table 1) and 39 out of 63 sequenced individuals were heterozygous for indel length (length of indels varied between 1 and 4 bases). Indels were coded as N for phylogenetic analyses. Their distribution among taxa was random, without diagnostic value. Both BI and ML phylogenetic reconstruction with nuclear gene EF-1 $\alpha$  have low resolution (Fig 3b and Fig. S4). This locus fully retrieved T. afroamissa as well as T. josei as monophyletic taxa, whereas the remainder of the specimens form a large and weakly supported polytomy. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that among T. helianthemi, while mitochondrial DNA clearly defines two lineages corresponding to the two acoustically defined subspecies (T. h. helianthemi and T. h. galantei Type I) and a third diverging lineage of T. h. galantei (Type II) clustering with specimens of T. boulardi (Fig. 3a), such genetic structure is not supported by EF-1 $\alpha$ , where T. boulardi groups with some specimens of the subspecies T. h. helianthemi instead (Fig. 3b). Samples Thh645 and Thh238 of T. h. helianthemi actually share the same EF-1 $\alpha$  haplotype with *T. boulardi* samples, signaling incomplete lineage sorting among these parapatric species in southern Spain. 

#### **3.2** Divergence time with concatenation method

Divergence time estimates for Tettigettalna nodes using BEAST are summarized in Table 2 and Fig. 4. The concatenated species-tree is congruent with both the BI and ML trees of mitochondrial datasets, apart from the basal relationships recovered within the core Tettigettalna. BEAST concatenated species-tree confirms T. josei (from southwestern Iberia) as the earliest diverging taxon (node A), between 9.6 and 2.8 Ma, with a mean age estimate of

5.9 Ma. The divergence of Moroccan T. afroamissa (node B) was estimated between 7.8 and 2.3 Ma, with a mean age estimate of 4.8, after the reopening of the Strait of Gibraltar. The remaining taxa were arranged in two main subclades (node C) with a mean age estimate of 3.4 Ma, during late Pliocene. One subclade comprises T. estrellae, T. boulardi, T. helianthemi galantei Type II, T. defauti and T. armandi (BS=1). Tettigettalna estrellae remains incertae-sedis within this subclade. Relationships between T. defauti and T. armandi, and between T. boulardi and T. h. galantei Type II remain well supported (both BS=1). Estimates place divergence of T. defauti and T. armandi (node F) between 2.9 and 0.8 Ma and divergence of T. boulardi from T. *h. galantei* Type II (node G) between 2.1 and 0.5 Ma, both during the Pleistocene.

The second subclade (node H, BS=0.92) comprises the *T. argentata* species complex (*T. argentata*, *T. mariae*, *T. aneabi*) together with its putative sister taxon *T. helianthemi*, including its two recognized subspecies (*T. h. helianthemi* and *T. h. galantei* Type I). Both groups within this subclade are well resolved (BS=1), but *T. argentata*, *T. mariae* or *T. aneabi* remain polyphyletic. Divergence time estimates within subclade H (nodes I and J) are recent, during the Pleistocene, between 2.5 and 0.6 Ma.

#### **3.3** Divergence time with coalescent method

To make a bona fide estimation of the chain of events of the diversification of the Tettigettalna, we estimated tMRCA of the clades definable by the nuclear dataset: T. josei, T. afroamissa and Core Tettigettalna. Age estimates are summarized in Table 3. Because we were working with a reduced number of ingroup taxa, we could ponder all the three possible phylogenetic relationship scenarios within the Tettigettalna clade (see introduction). The probabilities of such sub-clades are presented in Table 3 and Fig. 5. Of the three likely phylogenetic relationship scenarios (Fig. 5), the one with *T. josei* as sister to all other species in the genus has the highest bootstrap support (81.59%, Table 3), against the remaining which have a combined reduced probability (<20%). The mean age estimate for the divergence of T. josei is 6.9 Ma, before the MSC, though the 95% highest probability density intervals are wide (Table 3). The tMRCA for the T. afroamissa – Core Tettigettalna split was estimated between

 368 9.5 and 2.0 Ma, with a mean age estimate of 5.3 Ma, coinciding with the reopening of the
369 Strait of Gibraltar and the end of the MSC (Fig. 6).

**4. DISCUSSION** 

#### **4.1** *Phylogeny of Tettigettalna*

With this study, we used an extended set of mitochondrial sequences and obtained the first nuclear data to investigate the evolution of the Mediterranean genus Tettigettalna. These small-sized and colour-cryptic cicadas occur at fairly low density, being very difficult to sample without the use of acoustic location. Hence, and because females are mute and seldom seen, the dataset is composed of males only. The inclusion of nuclear sequences is particularly relevant to corroborate patterns found with mitochondrial data and discard potential bias in male dispersal. As expected, nuclear EF-1 $\alpha$  had much lower diversity than mitochondrial genes and lacked resolution in Tettigettalna, though without conflicting with mitochondrial phylogenies.

Regarding the order of lineage splitting among Tettigettalna, our study gives support to T. josei as sister to the remaining extant members of the genus, consistent with morphological and acoustic differentiation observed for this species (Mendes et al., 2014). Nonetheless, the other two phylogenetic scenarios in the species coalescent tree (i.e subclades T. josei - Core Tettigettalna and T. afroamissa – T. josei) have some degree of support (8 – 9 %). Species T. afroamissa and T. argentata are amongst the most genetically distant taxa in the phylogeny, even though they share a similar calling song pattern. Tettigettalna has no parallel with any other cicada genus occurring in Iberia, being the most species rich<mark>, with species defined mainly</mark> by song characterization (Puissant & Sueur, 2010). Such diversity of songs within Tettigettalna has evolved without significant morphological divergence, not even at genitalia morphology, often a key trait to distinguish between closely related species, as it may prevent successful mating of heterospecific couples (Knowles et al., 2016; Langerhans et al., 2016). A few song operational taxonomic units within *Tettigettalna* remain polyphyletic with the new sequence

data as in Nunes et al. (2014a) and Costa et al. (2017), namely the widespread T. argentata with cryptic T. mariae and T. aneabi, which present partially overlapping distribution ranges (Nunes et. al, 2014b). Insect songs are genetically inherited but the genes ruling them remain poorly known, in particular for cicadas (Fujisawa et al. 2018; Sueur, 2006; Xu & Shaw, 2019, 2021). Neutral genetic markers fail to differentiate among such close species, either because divergence among their songs is too recent for complete lineage sorting or episodes of introgression on secondary contact have eroded such divergence, or very likely both. Similar cases of polyphyly among cryptic species of Cicadettinni have been detected in Cicadetta of Italy and Greece (Hertach et al., 2015, 2016; Wade et al., 2015), and in Kikihia and Maoricicada of New Zealand (Buckley et al. 2006; Marshall et al., 2008), where molecular phylogeny failed to recover some acoustically defined taxa.

Only a few nuclear genes have been sequenced thus far to investigate phylogenetic relationships among cicadas worldwide, being EF-1 $\alpha$  the most extensively used and informative (Arensburger et al., 2004b; Banker et al., 2017; Buckley & Simon, 2007; Hill et al. 2021; Lee & Hill, 2010; Marshal et al., 2008, 2016, 2018; Owen et al., 2017; Price et al., 2019; Simon et al., 2019). Nuclear genes have been shown as insufficient to resolve the phylogeny of cryptic cicada species where hybridization is suspected, even when multiple genes were used (Banker et al., 2017; Buckley & Simon, 2007; Wade et al., 2015). A genomic approach and a fine-scale sampling at contact zones would be preferable to overcome single-gene shortcomings and will certainly help to disentangle introgression events and incomplete lineage sorting among T. argentata, T. mariae and T. aneabi. 

Another incongruence between acoustics and genetics found within the *T. helianthemi* ssp. remains unexplained, as T. h. galantei Type II, though sharing the same calling song with T. h. galantei Type I, is remarkably different at mitochondrial data. T. h. galantei Type II has a parapatric distribution with Type I (they were not overlapping) with no obvious breaks in habitat features to justify such level of genetic divergence. Amplification of nuclear mitochondrial DNA sequences (NUMTs) could be a reason for this pattern of divergence i.e, mutations at the primer biding sites that would bias amplification towards nuclear copies of COI at this particular taxon (Song et al., 2008). This seems unlikely since the same phylogenetic pattern was recovered for all three independently amplified fragments of mitochondrial DNA (COI-LEP, COI-CTL and ATP). Further studies with phylogenomic data should bring some light to the roots to this mismatch. 

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**Biogeographic scenarios** 

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432 Time estimates inferred with the concatenated model and the multispecies coalescence model 433 for the oldest splits within Tettigettalna have both very wide confidence intervals (12-2 Ma), 434 with which we cannot confidently exclude any of the three scenarios. However, if considering 435 mean ages, both methods place the divergence of *T. josei* as a likely pre-MSC or early MSC 436 event, probably before the land-bridge was fully established (mean ages of 5.9 and 6.9 Ma, 437 respectively). As for the divergence of the Moroccan T. afroamissa from the remainder of the 438 European Tettigettalna, mean age estimates place this event as a likely post-MSC event (4.8 439 and 5.3 MA, respectively). Divergence time estimates are sensitive to assumptions used in 440 clock calibration, hence a considerable degree of uncertainty is inevitably associated to 441 inferred dates (Carruthers & Scotland, 2020), particularly among cicadas, where no accurate 442 fossil calibration can be used. When dating divergence events among Cicadettini, Marshall et 443 al. (2016) tested many assumptions and attempted to correct inflation when using literature 444 based values from other arthropods. Even though relaxed clock models accommodate more 445 uncertainty about the substitution rate, configuring analyses such that they adequately 446 account for uncertainty remains a challenge (Carruthers & Scotland, 2020).

447 When coupling divergence-time estimates with the tree topology, our most parsimonious 448 biogeographic reconstruction has a chain of events scenario involving three phases (Fig. 6). 449 First, an ancestral Tettigettalna population was likely present across the southern Iberian 450 Massif before or during early Messinian (Fig 6A). Then, in the second phase, the ancestor of T. 451 josei became geographically or ecologically disconnected from the remainder of the 452 Tettigettalna in the southwest, where today is southern Portugal (Fig. 6B). This divergence is 453 concurrent with the closing of the Baetic and Guadalhorce corridors, 7.3 Ma and 6.8 Ma, 454 respectively, and the formation of the Guadalquivir Basin (Martin et al., 2001; 2009). Presently 455 there is little recorded evidence for the role of the Guadalquivir Sea basin as a biogeographical 456 barrier within the Iberian Peninsula, but it has been implied in the divergence of two Iberian 457 subspecies of fire salamander, though more recently, during the early Pliocene (Antunes et al., 458 2018; García-París et al., 1998). The progressive uplift of the Baetic basement basin led to the 459 formation of the Eurafrican land connection (Schoorl and Veldkamp, 2003), enabling the main Tettigettalna ancestral population to migrate southwards, into Africa (Fig. 6B). Finally, in the third phase, the reopening of the Strait of Gibraltar at 5.33 Ma likely worked as an effective barrier to gene flow between the ancestor of *T. afroamissa* in Africa and "core" Tettigettalna in southeastern Iberia (Fig. 6C). Examples of rupture of genetic and biological intercontinental continuity with the end of MSC are well known among western Mediterranean lineages occurring in Iberia and/or the Maghreb. To cite only some of the most remarkable, the re-opening of the Strait of Gibraltar isolated midwife toads Alytes maurus from Alytes dickhilleni and Alytes muletensis on opposite sides of the Mediterranean (Martínez-Solano et al., 2004), and the same happened to trapdoor spiders Ummidia sp. 'Tarifa' and U. aedificatoria (Opatova et al., 2016) and to Anthocharidini butterflies (Marabuto et al., 2020).

The lower 95% HPD for the divergence of *T. afroamissa* points to less than 2.5 Ma, although a founder event resulting from post-MSC long dispersal to Africa seems very unlikely. Adult cicadas are short-lived (1-6 weeks) and need to feed daily on plant sap, turning long travelling overseas without feeding sources on the way into a risky endeavor. Dispersal in cicadas seems to occurs mostly in a step-wise fashion, with travel distances reported as not exceeding 1 km for large-body Quesada gigas (Andrade et al., 2020), 500 m for Cicada orni (Simões & Quartau, 2007) or 150 m for Magicicada spp. (Karban, 1981). Even in a scenario where dispersal across Gibraltar was mediated by extreme winds or other stochastic events (Mas-Peinado et al., 2021; Osozawa et al., 2021), the likelihood of survival and successful settling afterwards is low. Some accidental human-mediated introductions of cicada nymphs have been occasionally reported, likely via potted plants trading (Hertach & Nagel, 2013; Hill et al., 2005; Osozawa et al., 2021; Pons et al., 2021), but this hypothesis can be safely discarded for *T. afroamissa*, as it was found in remote and nearly untouched habitats of Morocco (Costa et al., 2017). Adding to this, the deep level of divergence of T. afroamissa from Iberian Tettigettalna is not compatible with an anthropogenic founder event.

#### 4.3 The effect of Pleistocene climate changes

 488 After the MSC, with *T. afroamissa* isolated in the Maghreb, and *T. josei* in SW Iberia, the chain 489 of events therein is however less well supported. Nevertheless, it seems to be closely tied to the Pleistocene climate changes, since age estimates inferred with the concatenated model for species within "core" Tettigettalna resulted in upper 95% HPD that do not predate 2.9 Ma, well after the reopening of the Strait of Gibraltar. Splits are estimated to have occurred in the early to mid-Pleistocene (Fig 4: nodes F, G, I and J), during the Gelasian and Calabrian periods (2.58 - 0.781 Ma), coinciding with the acceleration of glacial conditions and the retreat of populations into more favorable areas, especially the thermophilic ones (Gómez & Lunt, 2007). Given the heightened species richness of this area, complex geography and climatic stability over long periods of time (Manzano et al., 2017), it is conceivable that the most recent common ancestor for most modern Tettigettalna could have inhabited the southern portion of the Iberian Peninsula, and especially the Baetic area. Nowadays, *Tettigettalna* spp. in southern Iberia have parapatric or partially overlapping distributions and it is likely that finer-scale sampling would detect hybrid zones between sister taxa, as detected for Cicadettini cicadas of the genus Kikihia (Marshall et al., 2008, 2011; Banker et al., 2017). The genus Kikihia provides a remarkable example of species-rich lineages that experienced rapid evolutionary radiation of song-defined cryptic species during the Pleistocene, as mountain-building isolated populations and affected habitat structure in New Zealand (Marshall et al., 2008; Marshall et al., 2011). This process might be analogous to what could have happened with *Tettigettalna* in southern Iberia, at a smaller geographical scale.

Among extant Iberian "core" Tettigettalna, only T. estrellae seems not to be affiliated with the Baetic southern hotspot of diversity. Instead, the NW Iberian distribution of T. estrellae seems to gravitate around a putative glacial refugium represented by the Douro valley or mountains around it, as seen for other ectotherms such as newts (Martínez-Solano et al., 2006), lizards (Miraldo et al. 2011; Paulo et al., 2001) and vipers (Martínez-Freiría et al., 2020). Likewise, the northern clade of widespread T. argentata probably expanded from some uncertain refugia, up and beyond the Iberian Peninsula. Haplotypes found in France and Italy seem to be the most derived, but further sampling and genomic data is necessary to investigate the phylogeography of *T. argentata* in its full range. We found no consistent differences in ecology or morphology compared to other Tettigettalna spp. that could explain T. argentata's success in expanding northwards (Mendes et al., 2014; Puissant & Sueur, 2010; Nunes et al., 2014b). Perhaps tolerance to temperate climate, adaptation to a wider range of plant hosts or less competition with other Tettigettalna while expanding from southern refugia could be hypotheses to explore in the future.

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Several other cicada species share a similar trans-Mediterranean distribution as *Tettigettalna*. Genera such as Cicada, Tibicina, Euryphara or Pseudotettigetta have species on both sides of the Strait of Gibraltar, but the North-African counterparts remain poorly studied (Pinto-Juma et al, 2009; Puissant & Sueur, 2010; Sueur et al, 2007). We hope that future studies may lessen the knowledge gap between the two continents and investigate the underlying causes for their current patterns of distribution. Credit authorship contribution statement Study design: GJC, VLN, OSP, PCS; Sampling: VLN, EM, RM, PP, JMB, TH; DNA isolation and sequencing: VLN; Data analyses: GJC, VLN, DNS; Writing: GJC, VLN. All authors contributed to review the final manuscript. 

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922 (2014), Nunes et al. (2014b) and Costa *et al.* (2017). Legend: 1–*T. estrellae*; 2–*T. josei*; 3–*T. mariae*; 4–*T. armandi*; 5–*T. aneabi*; 6–*T. defauti*; 7– *T. helianthemi helianthemi*; 8–*T. h. galantei*; 9–*T. boulardi*; 10–*T. afroamissa*. Species' distributions in brown overlap with those of other species. The distribution of *T. argentata* is not shown as it is widespread across several European countries and the Iberian Peninsula with exception of the Baetic ranges in southeastern Iberia. Scale bar equals 100 km.

Figure 2. Sampling of *Tettigettalna* spp. Circles indicate same-species collection points. Due to
the volume of sampling from the Southern Iberian Peninsula, the smaller box below shows
additional sampling points for other species annotated for that area. Legend: 1–*T. estrellae*; 2– *T. josei*; 3–*T. mariae*; 4–*T. armandi*; 5–*T. aneabi*; 6–*T. defauti*; 7– *T. helianthemi helianthemi*;
8–*T. h. galantei*; 9–*T. boulardi*; 10–*T. afroamissa*; 11A –*T. argentata* South Clade; 11B – *T. argentata* North Clade; 11C – *T. argentata* Central Clade; 11D – *T. argentata* Catalonia Clade.

26<br/>27934Figure 3. Bayesian phylogenetic trees for the concatenated mitochondrial loci (A) and nuclear28<br/>29935EF-1 $\alpha$  (b). Posterior probabilities > 0.90 are shown next to branch nodes. Scale bar represents30936the number of estimated changes per branch length. *H. varipes* (Hva608), *C. barbara* (Cba203)31<br/>32937and *C. orni* (Cor298) were set as outgroup. Root length was truncated for imaging purposes.

Figure 4. *Tettigettalna* species tree with concatenation model as output of BEAST. Posterior probabilities >0.9 are shown next to each node. Node bars A-J illustrate the 95% HPD interval (age estimates for each node are listed in Table 2). Vertical gray shading under the timescale bar refers to two past geological events: the Messinian Salinity Crisis and the Pleistocene Ice ages. To illustrate song diversity within the target genus, oscillograms are shown next to each taxon.

Figure 5. Age estimate boxplots of the possible nodes by the multispecies coalescent speciestree with \*BEAST. The first boxplot plots the age estimates of the basal node of *Tettigettalna*,
with the remainder plotting a different topology (TAF=*T. afroamissa*, TJO= *T. josei*, TCO= "core" *Tettigettalna*).

**Figure 6.** DensiTree output of the Bayesian inference species tree of *Tettigettalna* with the partitioned unlinked mtCOI and nuEF-1 $\alpha$  dataset. The consensus trees are shown by the bold blue line. Uncertainty of node heights and topology is shown by the transparent green, purple and red lines. Core *Tettigettalna* refers to the clade composed of the remainder of the

Tettigettalna (see methods for explanation). Scale bar indicates Ma. The broken lines A-C refer to key moments in time illustrated in the left panes. A) Mid-Tortonian (~10-8 Ma) when the ancestral population of the Tettigettalna occurred in the southern Iberian Peninsula; the broken line marks the separation of the *T. josei* lineage from the main ancestral population. B) Late Messinian, during the Salinity Crisis, when the main population disperses to North Africa, via the formed land bridge; the broken line indicates the rupture caused by the opening of the Gibraltar Strait by end of the Messinian (5.33 Ma). C) Early Pliocene (~4 Ma), showing the three lineages: T. josei in Southwestern Iberia; T. afroamissa in Morocco and the remainder of the European Tettigettalna lineage which would later diverge into all other species. In the lower left corner, a female of the Moroccan species *T. afroamissa* is shown.

**Table 1.** Loci sequenced for *Tettigettalna*, with information about sequence length, number of individuals sequenced (N), number of haplotypes, number of variable sites (V) and number of parsimony-informative sites (P).

Locus name	Locus Size (bp)	N Haplotypes	V	Р
COI-Lep mtDNA	581	148 83	208	175
COI-CTL mtDNA	683	59 41	106	76
ATP mtDNA	668	55 42	211	162
EF-1α nuDNA	561	63 59*	82*	30

\*including indels

975	Table 2. Mean age estimates in million years ago (Ma) and 95% highest posterior density (HPD)
976	intervals for nodes A to J, as in Fig. 4, according to BEAST analysis (concatenation model).

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Node	Mean ± Std Error	95% HPD Interval
А	5.9191 ± 9.18x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.8488 - 9.6307
В	4.8203 ± 7.48x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.2826 - 7.8374
С	3.4142 ± 5.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.6048 - 5.5004
D	2.7216 ± 4.21x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.3082 - 4.4336
Е	2.5574 ± 4.00x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2458 - 4.1976
F	1.8258 ± 2.84x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.8167 - 2.9201
G	1.2287 ± 2.15x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.4944 - 2.1052
Н	2.9220 ± 4.60x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.3616 - 4.7695
I	1.5040 ± 2.43x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.6722 - 2.5244
J	1.2858 ± 2.05x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.5653 - 2.0989

Table 3. Mean age estimates in million years ago (Ma) and 95% highest probability density
intervals of tMRCA as in Fig.5 according to \*BEAST analysis (multispecies coalescent model).
Clade support is given in percentage of trees post-burnin that support that topology.

Split	Mean ± Std Error	95% HPD Interval	Support
Tettigettalna spp	7.039 ± 0.080	2.638 -12.274	95.12%
T. afroamissa / T. josei	6.952 ± 0.080	2.429x10 <sup>-3</sup> - 12.41	9.00%
T. afroamissa / "Core" Tettigettalna	5.308 ± 0.054	2.047 - 9.565	81.59%
T. josei / "Core" <i>Tettigettalna</i>	6.965 ± 0.080	2.548 - 12.297	8.40%

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Figure 1. Major geological events of the Western Mediterranean, Pleistocenic glacial refugia and Tettigettalna spp. distributions. Panels A – D show a schematic of the evolution of the West Mediterranean region from the Tortonian to the Late Pleistocene. A - Mid Tortonian, depicting the three Eurafrican corridors that later closed, between 7.8 to 6.0 Ma. B - Late Messinian, during the Salinity Crisis an extensive land bridge formed between Iberia and North Africa. Arrow points to the Guadalquivir basin, a large saltwater basin. C -Early Pliocene, land bridge is now disrupted, and the Guadalquivir basin has almost retreated. D - Late Pleistocene, during the period when sea level was lowest, according to Rohling et al. (2014), approx. 150 m lower. No land bridges are present during this period. Putative Pleistocenic glacial refugia of the Western Mediterranean inferred for flora (Médail & Diadema 2009) in green, and terrestrial fauna and flora (Gómez & Lunt 2007) shown with broken lines. E - Present day Tettigettalna spp. distributions in orange, according to Puissant & Sueur (2010), Simões et al., (2014), Nunes et al. (2014b) and Costa et al. (2017). Legend: 1-T. estrellae; 2–T. josei; 3–T. mariae; 4–T. armandi; 5–T. aneabi; 6–T. defauti; 7– T. helianthemi helianthemi; 8-T. h. galantei; 9-T. boulardi; 10-T. afroamissa. Species' distributions in brown overlap with those of other species. The distribution of *T. argentata* is not shown as it is widespread across several European countries and the Iberian Peninsula with exception of the Baetic ranges in southeastern Iberia. Scale bar equals 100 km

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Figure 2. Sampling of *Tettigettalna* spp. Circles indicate same-species collection points. Due to the volume of sampling from the Southern Iberian Peninsula, the smaller box below shows additional sampling points for other species annotated for that area. Legend: 1–*T. estrellae*; 2–*T. josei*; 3–*T. mariae*; 4–*T. armandi*; 5–*T. aneabi*; 6–*T. defauti*; 7– *T. helianthemi helianthemi*; 8–*T. h. galantei*; 9–*T. boulardi*; 10–*T. afroamissa*; 11A –*T. argentata* South Clade; 11B – *T. argentata* North Clade; 11C – *T. argentata* Central Clade; 11D – *T. argentata* Catalonia Clade.

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Figure 4. *Tettigettalna* species tree with concatenation model as output of BEAST. Posterior probabilities >0.9 are shown next to each node. Node bars A-J illustrate the 95% HPD interval (age estimates for each node are listed in Table 2). Vertical gray shading under the timescale bar refers to two past geological events: the Messinian Salinity Crisis and the Pleistocene Ice ages. To illustrate song diversity within the target genus, oscillograms are shown next to each taxon.

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Figure 5. Age estimate boxplots of the possible nodes by the multispecies coalescent species-tree with \*BEAST. The first boxplot plots the age estimates of the basal node of *Tettigettalna*, with the remainder plotting a different topology (TAF=*T. afroamissa*, TJO= *T. josei*, TCO= "core" *Tettigettalna*).

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Figure 6. DensiTree output of the Bayesian inference species tree of *Tettigettalna* with the partitioned unlinked mtCOI and nuEF-1a dataset. The consensus trees are shown by the bold blue line. Uncertainty of node heights and topology is shown by the transparent green, purple and red lines. Core *Tettigettalna* refers to the clade composed of the remainder of the *Tettigettalna* (see methods for explanation). Scale bar indicates Ma. The broken lines A-C refer to key moments in time illustrated in the left panes. A) Mid-Tortonian (~10-8 Ma) when the ancestral population of the *Tettigettalna* occurred in the southern Iberian Peninsula; the broken line marks the separation of the *T. josei* lineage from the main ancestral population.
B) Late Messinian, during the Salinity Crisis, when the main population disperses to North Africa, via the formed land bridge; the broken line indicates the rupture caused by the opening of the Gibraltar Strait by end of the Messinian (5.33 Ma). C) Early Pliocene (~4 Ma), showing the three lineages: *T. josei* in Southwestern Iberia; *T. afroamissa* in Morocco and the remainder of the European *Tettigettalna* lineage which would later diverge into all other species. In the lower left corner, a female of the Moroccan species *T. afroamissa* is shown.

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## D) Elongation Factor $1-\alpha$





#### Figure S4. Maximum likelihood tree for the nuclear locus Elongation Factor 1- $\alpha$ . ZSC submitted manuscript

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**Table S1.** Specimens included in phylogenetic analyses, with codes, collection points, GPS coordinates and GenBank accession numbers. For nuclear EF1- $\alpha$ , when specimens were heterozygous, both haplotype accession numbers are listed, separated by a hyphen. Accession numbers starting with "M" or "ON" (marked in bold) were sequenced for this study. The remaining come from previous studies and are marked with a/b/c/, corresponding to Nunes *et al.* 2014a, Simões *et al.* 2014 and Costa *et al.* 2017, respectively.

Taxa	Code	Country	Locality	GPS coordinates	COI-Lep	COI-CTL	ATP	EF1-α
T. afroamissa	Taf781	Morocco	Chefchaouane	35.184, -5.224	KX582158 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf782	Morocco	Chefchaouane	35.184, -5.224	KX582159 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf783	Morocco	Chefchaouane	35.184, -5.224	KX582160 <sup>c</sup>		MG918037	MG978212
T. afroamissa	Taf786	Morocco	Afouzar	33.871, -4.029	KX582161 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf806	Morocco	Bni Hadifa	35.030, -4.164	KX582162 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf807	Morocco	Bni Hadifa	35.030, -4.164	KX582163 <sup>c</sup>		MG918038	MG978213-4
T. afroamissa	Taf808	Morocco	Bni Hadifa	35.030, -4.164	KX582164 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf813	Morocco	Targuist	34.965, -4.344	KX582165 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf814	Morocco	Tizi Tchen	34.929, -4.492	KX582166 <sup>c</sup>			
T. afroamissa	Taf815	Morocco	Tizi Tchen	34.929, -4.492	KX582167 <sup>c</sup>		MG918039	MG978215-6
T. josei	Tjo106	Portugal	Porches	37.136, -8.385	KC807272 <sup>a</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo113	Portugal	Porches	37.136, -8.385	KF977493 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo116	Portugal	Lagoa	37.136, -8.385	KC807271 <sup>a</sup>	MG918021	MG918080	MG978292
Г. josei	Tjo119	Portugal	Budens	37.079, -8.837	KF977491 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo120	Portugal	Budens	37.073, -8.812	KC807267 <sup>a</sup>			
Г. josei	Tjo121	Portugal	Budens	37.073, -8.812	KC807268 <sup>a</sup>	MG918022		
Г. josei	Tjo122	Portugal	Budens	37.073, -8.812	KF977492 <sup>b</sup>			
F. josei	Tjo135	Portugal	Castro Marim	37.186, -7.484	KC807270 <sup>a</sup>	MG918023	MG918081	MG978293
<sup>-</sup> . josei	Tjo137	Portugal	Castro Marim	37.186, -7.484	KF977502 <sup>b</sup>	MG918024		
Г. josei	Tjo140	Portugal	Castro Marim	37.186, -7.484	KC807269 <sup>a</sup>			
Г. josei	Tjo141	Portugal	Moncarapacho	37.078, -7.821	KF977499 <sup>b</sup>	MG918025		
Г. josei	Tjo145	Portugal	S. Brás de Alportel	37.137, -7.848	KF977498 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo154	Portugal	Moncarapacho	37.078, -7.821	KF977500 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo159	Portugal	Tavira	37.134, -7.635	KF977501 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo309	Portugal	Quinta do Lago	37.060, -8.021	KF977495 <sup>b</sup>			
Г. josei	Tjo355	Portugal	Quinta do Lago	37.060, -8.021	KF977496 <sup>b</sup>			
Г. josei	Tjo362	Portugal	Quinta do Lago	37.060, -8.021	KF977497 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo557	Spain	Cartaya	37.261, -7.129	KF977503 <sup>b</sup>			
	Tio562	Spain	Cartaya	37.261, -7.129	KF977504 <sup>b</sup>			
T. josei	<b>J</b>							

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T. josei	Tjo58	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.128, -8.093	KC807273 <sup>a</sup>			
T. josei	Tjo64	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.128, -8.093	KC807274 <sup>a</sup>	MG918020		
T. josei	Tjo66	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.128, -8.093	KF977494 <sup>b</sup>			MG978294-5
T. josei	Tjo765	Portugal	Armação de Pêra	37.105, -8.361	MG905079			
T. josei	Tjo766	Portugal	Armação de Pêra	37.105, -8.361	MG905080			
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T. estrellae	Tes27	Portugal	Braga	41.582, -8.321	KC807261 <sup>a</sup>			
T. estrellae	Tes34	Portugal	Braga	41.582, -8.321	MG905076	MG918007		MG978277-8
T. estrellae	Tes41	Portugal	Braga	41.582, -8.321	KC807264 <sup>a</sup>	MG918009		MG978279-80
T. estrellae	Tes47	Portugal	Amarante	41.243, -8.034	KC807262 <sup>a</sup>			
T. estrellae	Tes49	Portugal	Amarante	41.243, -8.034	MG905077			
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T. estrellae	Tes55	Portugal	Amarante	41.243, -8.034	KC807266 <sup>a</sup>			
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T. h. galantei type 1	Thg704	Spain	Rubite	36.822, -3.335	MG905078			MG978285
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T. h. helianthemi	Thh226	Spain	Cabo da Gata	36.838, -2.293	KC807294 <sup>a</sup>			
T. h. helianthemi	Thh230	Spain	Cabo da Gata	36.838, -2.293	KC807297 <sup>a</sup>			
T. h. helianthemi	Thh236	Spain	Vera	37.213, -1.900	KC807295 <sup>a</sup>	MG918017	MG918077	MG978287
T. h. helianthemi	Thh237	Spain	Vera	37.213, -1.900	KC807293 <sup>a</sup>			
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T. h. helianthemi	Thh630	Spain	Sierra Filabres, north slope	37.366, -2.732	ON470142	MG918018	MG918078	MG978290

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40 41	T. aneabi	Tan711	Spain	Estepa	37.366, -4.818	MG905054	MG917980	MG918047	MG978230-1
42	T. mariae	Tma143	Portugal	Vale do Lobo	37.061, -8.061	KC807253 <sup>a</sup>			
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T. mariae	Tma153	Portugal	Vale do Lobo	37.061, -8.061	KC807257 <sup>a</sup>			
T. mariae	Tma378	Spain	Cartaya	37.262, -7.130	MG905083			
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T. mariae	Tma68	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.106, -8.095	KC807251 <sup>a</sup>	MG918026	MG918084	MG978298-9
T. mariae	Tma71	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.106, -8.095	KC807254 <sup>a</sup>	MG918027	MG918085	MG978300
T. mariae	Tma720	Spain	Huelva	37.226, -7.035	MG905082	MG918030	MG918086	MG978301-2
T. mariae	Tma722	Spain	Huelva	37.226, -7.035	MG905083	MG918031	MG918087	MG978303-4
T. mariae	Tma74	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.106, -8.095	KC807252 <sup>a</sup>			
T. mariae	Tma79	Portugal	Vale Judeu	37.106, -8.095	KC807256 <sup>a</sup>			
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T. argentata North clade	Tar10	Portugal	Sesimbra	38.443, -9.089	KC807244 <sup>a</sup>	MG917981	MG918048	
T. argentata North clade	Tar12	Portugal	Sesimbra	38.445, -9.091	MG905055	MG917982		MG978232
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T. argentata North clade	Tar162	France	Bouzigues	43.455, 3.657	KC807233 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata North clade	Tar163	France	Narbonne	43.155, 2.964	KC807234 <sup>a</sup>			
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T. argentata North clade	Tar387	Italy	Cella, Lombardy	44.780, 9.187	KC807235 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata North clade	Tar747	Italy	Pietrafitta, Calabria	39.249, 16.340	MG905064	MG917996	MG918060	MG978255-6
T. argentata South clade	Tar17	Portugal	Portel	38.303, -7.709	KC807238 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata South clade	Tar93	Portugal	Portel	38.303, -7.709	KC807239 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata South clade	Tar97	Portugal	Portel	38.303, -7.709	MG905068			MG978260
T. argentata South clade	Tar100	Portugal	Portel	38.303, -7.709	KC807248 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata South clade	Tar123	Portugal	S. Bartolomeu de Messines	37.257, -8.297	KC807240 <sup>a</sup>	MG917986	MG918049	MG978233-4
T. argentata South clade	Tar126	Portugal	S. Bartolomeu de Messines	37.257, -8.297	KC807242 <sup>a</sup>			
T. argentata South clade	Tar127	Portugal	S. Bartolomeu de Messines	37.257, -8.297	MG905056			MG978235-6
T. argentata South clade	Tar130	Portugal	S. Bartolomeu de Messines	37.257, -8.297	KC807241 <sup>a</sup>	MG917987		
T. argentata South clade	Tar161	Portugal	Moncarapacho	37.078, -7.821	MG905057	MG917988	MG918050	MG978238
T. argentata South clade	Tar256	Spain	Espiel	38.194, -5.027	KC807232 <sup>a</sup>	MG917989	MG918051	MG978239-40

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	T. argentata South clade	Tar258	Spain	Espiel	38.194, -5.027	KC807231 <sup>a</sup>			
1	T. argentata South clade	Tar360	Portugal	Mata Lobo	37.080, -7.949	MG905059		MG918053	
2 3	T. argentata South clade	Tar365	Spain	Ayamonte	37.276, -7.342	KC807246 <sup>a</sup>	MG917991	MG918054	MG978243-44
4	T. argentata South clade	Tar369	Spain	Ayamonte	37.276, -7.342	KC807247 <sup>a</sup>			
5	T. argentata South clade	Tar649	Spain	Oria	37.497, -2.292	MG905060	MG917995	MG918059	MG978253-4
6	T. argentata Central clade	Tar526	Spain	Almaraz	39.760, -5.735	MG905062	MG917993	MG918057	MG978249-50
7	T. argentata Central clade	Tar547	Spain	Albarracín	40.425, -1.381	MG905063	MG917994	MG918058	MG978251-2
8 9	T. argentata Catalonia clade	Tar843	Spain	Girona	42.057, 2.991	MG905066	MG917997		MG978258
10	T. argentata Catalonia clade	Tar850	Spain	Catalonia	42.069, 3.107	MG905067	MG917998	MG918062	MG978259
11	T. argentata Catalonia clade	Tar754	Spain	Alicante	38.634, -0.523	MG905065		MG918061	MG978257
12	Cicada barbara	Cba203	Spain	Lanjarón, Sierra Nevada	36.916, -3.504	KC807317 <sup>a</sup>	MG917971		
13	Cicada orni	Cor298	Spain	Serra d'Aire & Candeeiros	39.455, -8.752	KC807318 <sup>a</sup>			
14 15	Hilaphura varipes	Hva608	Spain	Pinos Genil, Sierra Nevada	37.138, -3.476	KX582168 <sup>c</sup>	MG917972	MG918032	MG978201
16	Maoricicada cassiope	Mcass14	New Zealand	-	-				

**Table S2.** Primers and annealing temperature used to amplify each locus.

Gene	Primers Primer sequence (from 5' to 3')		References	Product length (bp)	T <sub>annealing</sub> (°C)
Mitochondrial loci					
Cytochrome oxidase I (COI-Lep) 5' region	LepF LepR	ATT CAA CCA ATC ATA AAG ATA TTG G TAA ACT TCT GGA TGT CCA AAA AAT CA	Hajibabaei <i>et al.</i> (2006) Hajibabaei <i>et al.</i> (2006)	650	45
Cytochrome oxidase I (COI-CTL) 3' region	C1-J-2195 TL2-N-3014	TTG ATT TTT TGG TCA TCC AGA AGT TCC AAT GCA CTA ATC TGC CAT ATT A	Simon <i>et al.</i> (1994) Simon <i>et al.</i> (1994)	850	53
ATP synthetase A6/A8	TK-J-3799_for A6A8_rev	GGC TGA AAG TAA GTA ATG GTC TCT ATG RCC AGC AAT TAT ATT AGC TG	Buckley <i>et al.</i> (2001) modified from Marshall <i>et al.</i> (2008)	800	57
Nuclear loci					
Elongation factor $1\alpha$	EF1a-97_for EF1a-189_rev	ACG CCC CTG GAC ATA GAG AT CAA CCT GAG ATT GGC ACA AA	Buckley <i>et al.</i> (2006) Buckley <i>et al.</i> (2006)	600	60