The complete mitogenome of *Lysmata vittata* (Crustacea: Decapoda: Hippolytidae) and its phylogenetic position in Decapoda

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Abstract

In this study, the complete mitogenome of *Lysmata vittata* (Crustacea: Decapoda: Hippolytidae) has been determined. The genome sequence was 22003 base pairs (bp) and it included thirteen protein-coding genes (PCGs), twenty-two transfer RNA genes (tRNAs), two ribosomal RNA genes (rRNAs) and three putative control regions (CRs). The nucleotide composition of AT was 71.50%, with a slightly negative AT skewness (-0.04). Usually the standard start codon of the PCGs was ATN, while *cox1*, *nad4L* and *cox3* began with TTG, TTG and GTG. The canonical termination codon was TAA, while *nad5* and *nad4* ended with incomplete stop codon T, and *cox1* ended with TAG. We compared the order of genes of Decapoda ancestor and found that the positions of the two tRNAs genes (*trnA* and *trnR*) of the *L. vittata* were translocated. The phylogenetic tree showed that *L. vittata* was an independent clade, namely Hippolytidae.

Introduction

*Lysmata vittata* (Crustacea: Decapoda: Hippolytidae) belongs to a small marine ornamental shrimp, commonly known as peppermint shrimp, which is popular in the marine aquarium trade. The species has a special sexual system, ie, protandric simultaneous hermaphrodite (PSH) [1]. It is a member of the clean shrimp family, a common marine ornamental species that originated in the Indian Ocean-Pacific region, including coastal areas such as China, Japan, Philippines and Australia [2-4]. *L. vittata* prefers to move in the range of 2~50 m below the sea surface, usually hiding in
the reef during the day and activating at night [5]. In view of the research needs of \textit{L. vittata}, we sequenced its mitogenome sequence.

The mitogenome is a significant tool for studying identification and phylogenetic relationships in the different species [6]. In shrimps, the mitochondria is maternally inherited, usually is circular and approximately 15 to 20 kb in length, including thirteen PCGs, two rRNAs, twenty-two tRNAs and one CR. The mitogenome is a complete system, which not only contains abundant information, but also the phylogenetic tree based on the genome has the advantages of stable and reliable structure.

Decapoda includes the largest number of species in crustaceans (8000 ~ 10000 species), with the greatest economic value and the most widely known invertebrates [7]. It includes many aquatic products with important economic value, such as lobsters, prawns and crabs. Therefore, the phylogeny and classification of decapod crustaceans have been the focus of research for many years. The classification of Hippolytidae was the most controversial family in Decapoda, especially the monophyly of Hippolytidae and the position of the genus \textit{Lysmata} [1, 8]. The Hippolytidae is an important group of marine benthic organisms and a common group in shallow sea biomes. Most species of the Hippolytidae are small shrimps living in shallow water, which are distributed worldwide. It occupies an important position in the animal classification system. However, we are the first to publish the mitochondrial genome sequence of the Hippolytidae species in the GenBank database, which is of great significance for us to expand the database of Hippolytidae.

In this study, the mitogenome of \textit{L. vittata} has been successfully determined, which helps us to understand the characteristics of mtDNA of \textit{L. vittata}. Furthermore, phylogenetic analysis using the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of thirteen PCGs helps us to reconstruct the phylogenetic relationship between \textit{L. vittata} and related species. The addition of newly determined mitogenome complements the record of the mitochondrial gene library of Hippolytidae from scratch.

**Materials and methods**

**Mitochondria DNA sequencing and genome assembly**

Specimens of \textit{L. vittata} were collected in Xiamen, Fujian province, China. The morphological characteristics of the species follow the previous description of Abdelsalam [9]. Approximately 5g of fresh leaves was harvested for mtDNA isolation using an improved extraction method [10]. After DNA isolation, the isolated DNA
was purified according to manufacturer’s instructions (Illumina), and then 1 μg was taken to create short-insert libraries, whose insertion size was 430 bp, followed by sequencing on the Illumina Hiseq 4000 [11] (Shanghai BIOZERON Co., Ltd). The high molecular weight DNA was purified and used for PacBio library prep, BluePippin size selection, then sequenced on the Sequel Sequencer.

The raw data obtained by sequencing was processed and then the duplicated sequences were assembled. The mitogenome was reconstructed using a combination of the PacBio Sequel and the Illumina Hiseq data. Assemble the genome framework by the both Illumina and PacBio using SOAPdenovo2.04 [12]. Verifying the assembly and completing the circle or linear characteristic of the mitogenome, filling gaps if there were. Finally, the clean data were mapped to the assembled draft mitogenome to correct the wrong bases, and the most of the gaps were filled through local assembly.

**Validation of mitogenome data**

In order to ensure the accuracy of the *L. vittata* mitogenome data, we resequenced the samples on the Illumina HiSeq X10 platform (Nanjing Genepioneer Biotechnologies Co. Ltd).

**Genome annotation and sequence analysis**

Mitogenome sequences were annotated using homology-based prediction and de novo prediction, and the EVidenceModeler v1.1 [13] was used to integrate the complete genetic structure. Twenty-two tRNAs and two rRNAs were predicted by tRNAscan-SE [14] and rRNAmer 1.2 [15]. The circular of the complete *L. vittata* mitogenome graphical map was drawn using OrganellarGenomeDRAW v1.2 [16]. The RSCU of thirteen PCGs (remove incomplete codons) was calculated using MEGA 5.0 [17]. The composition skewness of each component of the genome was calculated according to the following formulas: AT-skew = (A-T) / (A+T); GC-skew = (G-C) / (G+C) [18]. The secondary cloverleaf structure of tRNAs was examined with MITOS WebServer (http://mitos2.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de/index.py) [19].

**Phylogenetic analysis**

To reconstruct the phylogenetic relationship among shrimp, the PCGs sequences of the 51 Decapoda species were downloaded from GenBank database (S1 Table). The PCGs sequences of *Euphausia superba* (NC_040987.1) were used as outgroup. The nucleotide and amino acid sequences of 13 PCGs were aligned using MEGA 5.0 [17].
Gblocks was used to identify and selected the conserved regions [20]. Subsequently, Bayesian inference (BI) and Maximum likelihood (ML) analysis were utilized for reconstructing phylogenetic tree by MrBayes v3.2.6 [21] and PhyML 3.1 [22]. According to the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) [23], GTR + I + G model was considered as the best-fit model for analysis with nucleotide alignments using jModeltest [24], and MtArt + I + G + F model was the optimal model for the amino acid sequence dataset using ProtTest 3.4.2 [25]. In BI analysis, two simultaneous runs of 10000000 generations were conducted for the matrix. Sampling trees every 1000 generations, and diagnostics were calculated every 5000 generations, with three heated and one cold chains to encourage swapping among the Markov-chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) chains. Additionally, the standard deviation of split frequencies was below 0.01 after 10000000 generations, and the potential scale reduction factor (PSRF) was close to 1.0 for all parameters. Posterior probabilities over 0.9 or bootstrap percentage over 75%, the results were regarded as credible [26, 27]. The resulting phylogenetic trees were visualized in Fig Tree v1.4.0.

Results and discussion

Genome structure, organization and composition

The mitogenome of *L. vittata* was a typical circular molecule of 22003 bp in size. It contained 37 mitochondrial genes (thirteen PCGs, twenty-two tRNAs, two rRNAs and three CRs) (Fig 1 and S2 Table). Among the 37 genes, the coding direction of the twenty-three genes was clockwise (F-strand), and the coding direction of the remaining fourteen genes was counterclockwise (R-strand) (Fig 1 and S2 Table). The nucleotide composition of the mitogenome was biased toward A and T (T=37.15%, A=34.35%, C=16.69%, G=11.80%) (Table 1). The relatively AT contents of the complete mitogenome were calculated [mitogenome (71.50%), PCGs (69.79%), tRNAs (69.58%) and rRNAs (69.29%)] (Table 1). The AT-skew values (-0.04) and GC-skew values (-0.17) for the entire mitogenome were negative, showing that there were higher Ts than As and Cs than Gs (Table 1). All original sequence data in this study were submitted to the NCBI database under accession number MT478132.

![Fig 1. Mitogenome map of *Lysmata vittata*. The genes outside the map were coded on the F strand, whereas the genes on the inside of the map are coded on the R strand. The middle black circle displays the GC content and the inside purple and green circle displays the GC skew.](image-url)
Table 1. Composition and skewness of *Lysmata vittata* mitogenome.

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**PCGs and codon usage**

The PCGs region was 11144 bp long, and accounted 50.6% of the *L. vittata* mitogenome. Nine of thirteen PCGs (*atp6, atp8, cob, cox1-3, nad2-3* and *nad6*) were encoded on the light (F) strand, while the other four genes (*nad1, nad4L* and *nad4-5*) were encoded on the heavy (R) strand (Table 1). Each PCG was initiated by a
canonical ATN codon (ATG for atp6, atp8, nad2-5 and cob; ATT for cox2 and nad1; ATC for nad6), except for cox1 (TTG), nad4L (TTG) and cox3 (GTG) (S2 Table). Two of the thirteen PCGs (nad5 and nad4) terminated with incomplete stop codon T, one PCG (cox1) terminated with stop codon TAG, and the other ten PCGs terminated with the canonical termination codon TAA (S2 Table).

The RSCU values of L. vittata mitogenome were analyzed and the results were shown in Table 2. The total number of codons in thirteen PCGs was 3714 except eleven canonical stop codons and two incomplete stop codons and the most common amino acids were Ile (AUR) (499), Phe (UUR) (357) and Leu2 (UUR) (315), whereas codons encoding Cys (UGR) (41) and Met (AUR) (24) were rare (Fig 2). The overall A + T content of thirteen PCGs was 69.79%, the AT-skews and GC-skews were negative which implied a higher occurrence of Ts and Cs than As andGs (Table 1).

**Table 2. The codon number and relative synonymous codon usage (RSCU) in L. vittata mitochondrial protein coding genes.**

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Transfer RNAs and Ribosomal RNAs

The mitogenome of *L. vittata* contained twenty-two tRNAs and these genes ranged from 60 (trnA) to 77 bp (trnN) (S2 Table). The tRNAs showed a strong A +T bias (69.58%), while they also exhibited positive AT-skew (0.04) and GC-skew (0.08) (Table 1). Eight tRNAs [trnQ (CAA), trnC (UGC), trnY (UAC), trnF (UUC), trnH (CAC), trnP (CCA), trnL1 (CUA) and trnV (GUA)] were present on the R strand and the remaining fourteen were present on the F strand (S2 Table). The examined secondary structure of twenty-two tRNAs was shown in S1 Fig. The other twenty-one tRNAs had typical cloverleaf secondary structure except that trnS1 (AGA) lacked the dihydropyridine (DHU) arm [18, 19, 27, 28] (S1 Fig). In the secondary structure of the tRNAs, the most common non-Watson–Crick base pair was G–U (e.g. trnC, trnE), followed by U–U (e.g. trnA, trnC) [19]. In addition, several mismatches were common in tRNAs, such as A–C (e.g. trnA), C–U (e.g. trnA, trnG) and A–A (e.g. trnM, trnS1) (S1 Fig).

Two rRNA genes were found on the R strand. The *rrnL* was 1494 bp and *rrnS* was 821 bp, one located between *trnL1* and *trnV* and another located between *trnV* and CR1 (S2 Table and Fig 1). The total A+T content of the two rRNAs was 69.29%, with a positive AT-skew (0.06) (Table 1).

Overlapping and intergenic regions

The mitogenome of *L. vittata* contained four overlapping regions, these four pairs of genes were presented: *atp8 / atp6, trnE / trnF, nad4 / nad4L and trnL1 / rrnL*, with the longest 23 bp overlap located between *trnL1* and *rrnL* (S2 Table). The 27 intergenic regions were found with a length varying from 2 ~ 3821 bp (S2 Table). Three putative CRs had been identified in *L. vittata* mitogenome. The CR1 was located between *rrnS* and *trnI*, with a length of 650 bp, and the A+T content was 80.46%. The CR2 was located between *cox1* and *trnL2*, with a length of 3821 bp, and
the A+T content was 72.23%. The CR3 was located between *trnL2* and *cox2*, with a length of 888 bp, and the A+T content was 77.25% (Table 1 and S2 Table).

To our knowledge, this study is the first reported mitogenome from the genus *Lysmata*. How multiple CRs were generated and evolved in the mitogenome of *Lysmata* is a novel problem that has not yet been solved, and more mitogenomes of *Lysmata* are still needed to clarify the mechanism forming this phenomenon.

**Gene rearrangement**

Compared with the gene order of a Decapoda ancestor [20, 29], two tRNA gene (*trnA* and *trnR*) positions of *L. vittata* had translocated, which indicates that the *L. vittata* was quite unconserved in its evolution (Fig 3). In fact, gene rearrangement was a very common phenomenon in the mitogenome and the rearrangement mainly occurred in tRNA genes. Gene arrangement was stable, and it could be used as an important phylogenetic marker in the analysis of evolutionary perspective on shrimp. At present, no other species in the Hippolytidae have been tested for mitogenome, and the common characteristics of gene order were not easy to determine.

**Fig 3. Comparison of the order of mitochondrial genes of Lysmata vittata and the ancestor of Decapoda.**

**Phylogenetic analysis**

Using ML and BI analysis methods, phylogenetic analysis was performed based on the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of thirteen PCGs of the species in S1 Table, and the analysis results were presented (Fig 4 and Fig 5). The phylogenetic tree based on the nucleotide sequence of thirteen PCGs showed that the monophyly of each family was basically well supported, especially the clade of the Hippolytidae was strongly supported (ML BP = 100%; BI PP = 1). A basal split separates two clades, with insignificant support (Fig 4). The first clade revealed the two phylogenetic relationships: (Hippolytidae + (Atyidae + (Alpheidae + Palaemonidae))) and (Palinuridae + (Astacidae + (Nephropsidae + Enoplometopidae))). The second clade revealed the one phylogenetic relationship: (Sergestidae + (Solenoceridae + Penaeidae)) (Fig 4). The phylogenetic tree based on the amino acid sequence of 13 PCGs revealed that the phylogenetic relationship between Hippolytidae and Atyidae has changed as follows: (Atyidae + (Hippolytidae + (Alpheidae + Palaemonidae))). However, the clade of the Hippolytidae was very weak support (ML BP = 52%; BI PP
We could still reach a conclusion that the Hippolytidae was an older family than Atyidae, and the Atyidae formed a sister group to Alpheidae—Palaemonidae. The Caridea were dominated by Palaemonidae, followed by Alpheidae, Atyidae and Hippolytidae [30]. At present, the phylogenetic study of the Hippolytidae was limited to the partial fragments of mitochondrial genes 16S or 12S of individual species in several genera (such as Lysmata, Exhippolysmata, Ligur, Mimocaris and Lysmatella) [31-34]. The successful determination of the mitogenome of *L. vittata* could provide a deeper understanding of the phylogenetic status of the Hippolytidae.

![Fig 4. Phylogenetic tree inferred from nucleotide sequences of 13 PCGs of the mitogenome using ML and BI methods (BP / PP).](image)

![Fig 5. Phylogenetic tree inferred from amino acid sequences of 13 PCGs of the mitogenome using ML and BI methods (BP / PP).](image)

**Conclusion**

In this study, we successfully obtained the mitogenome sequence of the *L. vittata*, which was also the first species of the Hippolytidae to publish the mitogenome sequence in the GenBank database. The genome sequence was 22003 base pairs (bp) and it included 37 genes and three CRs. Each PCGs was initiated by a canonical ATN codon, except for *cox1*, *nad4L* and *cox3*, which were initiated by a TTG, TTG and GTG. Two of the thirteen PCGs (*nad5* and *nad4*) terminated with incomplete stop codon T, and one (*cox1*) terminated with stop codon TAG. The AT-skew (-0.04) and the GC-skew (-0.17) were both negative in the mitogenomes of *L. vittata*. Compared with the gene order of a Decapoda ancestor, the gene arrangement order of the *L. vittata* has changed. Furthermore, phylogenetic analyses showed that *L. vittata* was not in the clades of other families, but was an independent clade, namely the Hippolytidae.

**Supporting information**

S1 Table. List of species used to construct the phylogenetic tree.

S2 Table. Summary of *Lysmata vittata* mitogenome.
S1 Fig. Predicted secondary structure for the tRNAs of Lysmata vittata mitogenome.

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Lysmata vittata
Complete Mitochondrial Genome
Length: 22003 bp
Ancestor of Decapoda

cox1 L2 cox2 K D atp8 atp6 cox3 G nd3 AR N S1 E F nd5 H nd4 nd4L T P nd6 cob S2 nd1 L1 rmL V rmS CR I Q M nd2 WC Y

Lysmata vittata

cox1 CR2 L2 CR3 cox2 K D atp8 atp6 cox3 G nd3 R A N S1 E F nd5 H nd4 nd4L T P nd6 cob S2 nd1 L1 rmL V rmS CR1 I Q M nd2 WC Y