

1 **Genome sequence and cell biological toolbox of the highly regenerative,**  
2 **coenocytic green feather alga *Bryopsis***

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## 35 **Abstract**

36 Green feather algae (Bryopsidales) undergo a unique life cycle in which a single cell  
37 repeatedly executes nuclear division without cytokinesis, resulting in the development of  
38 a thallus (> 100 mm) with characteristic morphology called coenocyte. *Bryopsis* is a  
39 representative coenocytic alga that has exceptionally high regeneration ability: extruded  
40 cytoplasm aggregates rapidly in seawater, leading to the formation of protoplasts.  
41 However, the genetic basis of the unique cell biology of *Bryopsis* remains poorly  
42 understood. Here, we present a high-quality assembly and annotation of the nuclear  
43 genome of *Bryopsis* sp. (90.7 Mbp, 27 contigs, N50 = 6.7 Mbp, 14,034 protein-coding  
44 genes). Comparative genomic analyses indicate that the genes encoding BPL-  
45 1/Bryohealin, the aggregation-promoting lectin, are heavily duplicated in *Bryopsis*,  
46 whereas homologous genes are absent in other Ulvophyceae algae, suggesting the basis  
47 of regeneration capability of *Bryopsis*. *Bryopsis* sp. possesses >30 kinesins but only a  
48 single myosin, which differs from other green algae that have multiple types of myosin  
49 genes. Consistent with this biased motor toolkit, we observed that the bidirectional  
50 motility of chloroplasts in the cytoplasm was dependent on microtubules but not actin in  
51 *Bryopsis* sp. Unexpectedly, most genes required for cytokinesis in plants are present in  
52 *Bryopsis*, including those in the SNARE or kinesin superfamily. Nevertheless, a kinesin  
53 crucial for cytokinesis initiation in plants (NACK/Kinesin-7II) is hardly expressed in the  
54 coenocytic part of the thallus, possibly underlying the lack of cytokinesis in this portion.  
55 The present genome sequence lays the foundation for experimental biology in coenocytic  
56 macroalgae.

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## 58 **Significance statement**

59 The exceptionally coenocytic body and remarkable regeneration ability of *Bryopsis* have  
60 attracted biologists for years. However, molecular biological tools remain  
61 underdeveloped, partly due to the lack of genome information. Here, we report high-  
62 quality assembly and annotation of the genome, providing a crucial resource for  
63 experimental biology and genomics studies of *Bryopsis*. Furthermore, comparative  
64 genomic analysis reveals a unique gene repertoire that possibly underlies the highly  
65 regenerative coenocytic body.

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## 67 **Introduction**

68 Eukaryotic cells are typically characterised by a single nucleus at the centre of the  
69 cytoplasm. However, some exceptions exist. For example, red blood cells are anucleated.  
70 Multinucleated cells have also been observed in a variety of species. In animals, the  
71 syncytium in *Drosophila* embryos and muscle cells in mammals have been extensively  
72 studied in cell and developmental biology, for example for the mechanisms of nuclear  
73 positioning and synchronised nuclear division (Kwon and Scholey, 2004; Padilla et al.,  
74 2022). In flowering plants, seed endosperm undergoes repeated mitotic nuclear divisions

75 without cytokinesis after double fertilisation, forming a large multinucleated cell called  
76 ‘coenocyte’ (Ali et al., 2023). Many species of marine macroalgae (seaweeds) possess  
77 multinucleated cells in their body (Graham et al., 2008). An extreme situation is seen in  
78 green feather algae; the thalli of *Caulerpa* or *Bryopsis* develop and reach over 10 cm in  
79 length with characteristic side branches, but strikingly, there are no cell walls to separate  
80 the numerous nuclei (Mine et al., 2008). This coenocytic feature raises many evolutionary  
81 and cellular biology questions, such as how the characteristic features evolve specifically  
82 in this algal lineage or how intracellular components are organised in the extremely large  
83 cytoplasm (Mine et al., 2008; Umen and Herron, 2021). Non-uniform distribution of  
84 transcripts might partly contribute to cytoplasmic organisation in coenocytes (Ranjan et  
85 al., 2015). However, the underlying mechanism remains poorly understood, partly  
86 because of the lack of an experimental model system in which genetic and molecular  
87 biological tools can be instantly applied. As the first step, it is critical to understand the  
88 genome sequences and gene repertoires of these species.

89 Among green feather algae, *Bryopsis* has garnered special attention for its remarkable  
90 regenerative capabilities in laboratory settings: cytoplasm extruded from mature thalli is  
91 rapidly clustered and transformed into protoplasts, followed by thallus development  
92 under the laboratory culture condition (Ikeuchi et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2001; Pak et al.,  
93 1991; Tatewaki and Nagata, 1970). This amazing regeneration ability, undergoing ‘life  
94 without a cell membrane’ (Kim et al., 2001), might be critical for this single-celled  
95 organism when they are physically damaged, for example by predators (Zan et al., 2019).  
96 Regarding the factors required for regeneration, Kim and colleagues found that the  
97 aggregation of the extruded cytoplasm is facilitated by the F-type domain-containing  
98 lectin termed Bryohealin (also called BPL-1) in *B. plumosa* (Kim et al., 2006). The BPL-  
99 1-like protein similarly facilitates aggregation in *Bryopsis hypnoides* (Niu et al., 2009).  
100 Aggregation is inhibited by N-acetyl-D-glucosamine and N-acetyl-D-galactosamine,  
101 which possess high affinity to BPL-1 (Kim et al., 2006; Niu et al., 2009; Yoon et al.,  
102 2008). Three other types of lectins, BPL-2 (Han et al., 2010a), BPL-3 (Han et al., 2010b),  
103 and BPL-4 (Han et al., 2012), have been also identified in *Bryopsis*, which bind to the  
104 above two sugars (BPL-3/4) or D-mannose (BPL-2). Since extremely high regeneration  
105 ability is a unique feature of *Bryopsis*, an interesting scenario would be that some of these  
106 lectins uniquely evolved in *Bryopsis*.

107 The taxon Chlorophyta, to which most green algae belong, exhibits remarkably  
108 varied body plans (Del Cortona et al., 2020; Gulbrandsen et al., 2021; Hou et al., 2022;  
109 Leebens-Mack et al., 2019). Green microalgae, such as the model species  
110 *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, are generally unicellular with a single nucleus, whereas  
111 Dasycladales, including the classical cell biology model organism *Acetabularia*, is  
112 unicellular with a single nucleus but with extremely large cytoplasm (up to 10 cm).  
113 Ulvales species have canonical multicellular bodies that are made of mono-nucleated  
114 cells separated by cell walls, while Cladophorales is multicellular with multiple nuclei

115 per cell. Several genome sequences of green algae are available, including those of the  
116 coenocytes *Caulerpa lentillifera* and *Ostreobium quekettii* (Arimoto et al., 2019;  
117 Hanschen and Starkenburg, 2020; Iha et al., 2021). However, genomic information is  
118 lacking for the family Bryopsidaceae, which includes the genus *Bryopsis*. Moreover, the  
119 gene repertoire that possibly characterises coenocytic cells has not been extensively  
120 investigated yet. In this study, we present the first and high-quality genome sequences of  
121 *Bryopsis* species (registered as *Bryopsis* sp. KO-2023). We then report the cell biological  
122 toolbox of *Bryopsis* and other green algae.

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## 124 **Results and Discussion**

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### 126 **Characterisation of *Bryopsis* species isolated on Sugashima Island, Japan**

127 We isolated two *Bryopsis*-like specimens from an outdoor tank at Sugashima Marine  
128 Biological Laboratory (Fig. 1A). Sequencing of the rDNA ITS locus showed > 99.5%  
129 identity in 437 base pairs (bp) with that of a *Bryopsis* species registered in the database  
130 (line name: HIRO:HIRO-MY 77087). DNA staining showed that multiple nuclei were  
131 distributed in the cytoplasm of the main axis, confirming the coenocytic feature (Fig. 1A,  
132 middle). High regeneration ability was also confirmed. When the cytoplasm was  
133 squeezed out, the extrusion quickly aggregated and transformed into a membrane-  
134 encircling protoplast, followed by tip growth (Fig. 1B, Movie 1). Furthermore, this  
135 process was suppressed by N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (Fig. S1A) (Kim et al., 2006; Niu et  
136 al., 2009).

137 Next, we tested whether the obtained lines underwent a previously reported life cycle  
138 (Tatewaki, 1973). The morphology of the gametes suggested that one line was male and  
139 the other was female. Under conditions similar to those used in previous studies, we  
140 successfully observed gamete production from both lines, mating of the gametes to  
141 generate a sporophyte (diploid), and zoospore generation (Fig. 1A).

142 We also observed the microtubules and actin filaments using confocal microscopy  
143 after immunostaining. They were observed only near the thallus surface, that is, in the  
144 cortical cytoplasm, and ran along the main axis of the thallus (Fig. S1B, C). They  
145 overlapped largely, but not entirely. The microtubules were not visible after treatment  
146 with oryzalin, a microtubule-destabilising drug widely used in land plants. Colocalised  
147 actin filaments were also diminished, whereas other short actin bundles remained (Fig.  
148 S1D). In contrast, the commonly used actin inhibitor, latrunculin A, completely destroyed  
149 actin filaments, whereas microtubule bundles remained intact (Fig. S1E). These  
150 observations are largely consistent with those of previous studies using different drugs  
151 and epifluorescence microscopy (Menzel and Schliwa, 1986a; Menzel and Schliwa,  
152 1986b).

153 Based on these observations, we concluded that the collected lines were male and  
154 female *Bryopsis*.

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## 156 **Genome sequences and annotation – nucleus**

157 We extracted RNA and DNA separately from haploid thalli (female) and performed  
158 sequencing. A draft nuclear genome was assembled based on the short and long reads.  
159 The genome comprised 27 contigs (90.7 Mbp, N50 length 6.7 Mbp) (Table 1). The  
160 average coverage was 45× (short reads) and 322× (long reads). The GC content was  
161 45.9%, similar to that of *O. quekettii* (52.4%) and *C. lentillifera* (40.4%) (Table S1).

162 Several contigs had a common repeat sequence (CCCTAAA) at the end (Fig. 2A, red  
163 bars at the end of contigs). This sequence was identical to the telomeric repeat sequences  
164 of *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Richards and Ausubel, 1988), suggesting that they represent the  
165 chromosomal end. This repeat was identified at both ends of the five contigs, suggesting  
166 that complete sequences of the five chromosomes were obtained in our analysis. In the  
167 other eight contigs, the repeat was observed at one end. Provided that this repeat indeed  
168 represents telomeric sequences, *Bryopsis* sp. haploid would possess nine or more  
169 chromosomes.

170 A total of 14,034 protein-coding genes were predicted in 27 contigs (Table 1).  
171 BUSCO analysis (protein mode) using the chlorophyta lineage dataset indicated that  
172 92.6% of the single-copy orthologues were recovered, which was higher than those of *O.*  
173 *quekettii* (55.0%) and *C. lentillifera* (67.0%) (Table S1).

174 These analyses suggest that the nuclear genome of *Bryopsis* sp. was assembled and  
175 annotated with high quality compared to many other algal genomes (Hanschen and  
176 Starkenburg, 2020).

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## 178 **Genome sequences and annotation – chloroplast and mitochondrion**

179 The chloroplast genome was assembled into a single circular sequence. The number  
180 and identity of protein-coding genes, rRNA, and tRNA, as well as the overall genome  
181 size were comparable to those of the reported sequences derived from *B. plumosa* and *B.*  
182 *hypnoides* (Leliaert and Lopez-Bautista, 2015; Lu et al., 2011) (Table 2). Detailed  
183 information on the genome, including unique features identified in our line, is provided  
184 in the **Supplementary Document**.

185 The mitochondrial genome was assembled into a single circular sequence (Table 2).  
186 Our sequence substantially diverged from the reported ‘*Bryopsis plumosa*’ sequence (Han  
187 et al., 2020). However, our own analysis of the reported sequences indicated that the  
188 specimen belonged to the order Ulvales, and not Bryopsidales (Fig. S2). We think that  
189 ours represent the first full mitochondrial DNA sequences of *Bryopsis*. The detailed  
190 description the genome feature is provided in the **Supplementary Document**.

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## 192 **Overview of the *Bryopsis* sp. nuclear genome**

193 The availability of high-quality genome allowed us to conduct a high-level  
194 comparative genomic study of *Bryopsis*. As comparison, we selected two land plant

195 species and 20 green algal species (5 macroalgae and 15 microalgae), which covered  
196 several classes in Chlorophyta (Fig. 2B, Table S2). The genomes of most species have  
197 been annotated in high quality, except for *O. quekettii* (Bryopsidales), whose BUSCO  
198 value (genome mode) is less than 70% (Table S1).

199 First, the comparison of the sequences of 10 single copy genes indicated that *Bryopsis*  
200 sp. was indeed phylogenetically classified into the order Bryopsidales and was closer to  
201 *C. lentillifera* than *O. quekettii* (Fig. 2B) (Del Cortona et al., 2020; Gulbrandsen et al.,  
202 2021; Hou et al., 2022; Leebens-Mack et al., 2019). Second, the repeat sequences were  
203 surveyed, as they would reflect the phylogeny (Dodsworth et al., 2014). In all three  
204 Bryopsidales species, Ty1/Copia-type long terminal repeat (LTR) retrotransposons were  
205 scarcely detected (<0.01%), in contrast to their prevalence in *Ulva mutabilis*, *C.*  
206 *reinhardtii*, and land plant (Table S1). The LINES were also infrequently detected in  
207 Bryopsidales. These results are consistent with the phylogenetic tree derived from gene  
208 sequences. Third, we provided functional annotation based on KEGG (Kyoto  
209 Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) and investigated which unigenes are over- or  
210 under-represented in *Bryopsis* (Table S3). *Bryopsis* sp. had >10% more unigenes than the  
211 average numbers of green algae in several categories, including signal transduction,  
212 transport and catabolism, and cell motility (Table S3). This analysis, however, could not  
213 be applied to other Bryopsidales species, as their relatively poor gene annotation would  
214 result in underestimation of the unigene numbers. We next analysed total numbers of the  
215 genes in each category, which would be less sensitive to genome quality. This analysis  
216 showed that the genes in the signalling pathway including SnRK2 kinase were expanded  
217 in Bryopsidales (Fig. S3, Table S4). This pathway is involved in stress response in plants  
218 (Chen et al., 2021). How this expansion contributes to coenocytic life cycle remains to be  
219 determined.

220 Overall, the global survey suggests that *Bryopsis* in essence possesses a similar set  
221 of genetic pathways to other green algal species.

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### 223 **Massive duplication of genes encoding Bryohealin, a lectin required for cytoplasmic** 224 **aggregation, specifically in *Bryopsis***

225 Next, we aimed to identify the specific genes (or gene families) that might  
226 characterise *Bryopsis*.

227 The best-known feature of *Bryopsis* is its amazing regeneration ability, which  
228 appears to be specific to this genus. We therefore focused on lectin, which facilitates  
229 cytoplasmic aggregation during regeneration (Kim et al., 2006; Niu et al., 2009). We  
230 searched for *BPL* lectin genes in the *Bryopsis* sp. genome and identified 12 genes highly  
231 homologous to *BPL-1* (named *BPL-1A* – *BPL-1L*) (Fig. 3). *BPL-1* is characterised by a  
232 conserved ‘F-type domain’, which is widely observed in the genome of animals but not  
233 of land plants. Interestingly, the F-type domain was hardly found in other green algae  
234 genome we surveyed, and could not be identified also in *C. lentillifera* or *O. quekettii*,

235 which belongs to Bryopsidales; we found them only in Volvocaceae among 26 green  
236 algal species surveyed in this study (Fig. 3A, Table S4). Thus, this type of lectin was lost  
237 in the majority of the green plant lineage, but dramatically expanded in *Bryopsis*.

238 BPL-2 lectin protein was also found only in *Bryopsis* (Fig. S4, Table S4). BPL-3 and  
239 BPL-4 possess the H-type domain. Our survey identified three and two homologues in  
240 the genome of *Bryopsis* sp., respectively. Unlike BPL-1 (F-type domain-containing), the  
241 H-type domain was found in the genome of *C. lentillifera* (11 genes). However, we could  
242 not identify this type of lectin in other green algae (Fig. S4, Table S4).

243 We searched for other lectin families, including R-type, L-type, and B-type lectins  
244 that are found in land plants, and C-type lectin and galectin that have been extensively  
245 studied in animals (Varki et al., 2022). However, we could not identify any of them. The  
246 only lectin we found was calnexin/chitinase, which is commonly present in eukaryotes.

247 Thus, our analysis revealed an intriguing correlation in which key lectin genes that  
248 facilitate cytoplasmic aggregation are expanded in *Bryopsis*. Lectin gene duplication  
249 might endow *Bryopsis* with its exceptional regeneration ability.

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### 251 **No peculiarity in gene superfamily involved in membrane trafficking, including** 252 **those essential for plant cytokinesis, in *Bryopsis***

253 Conceivably, the development of an extremely large cell is accompanied by a  
254 sophisticated organisation of the cytoplasm. Genes involved in membrane trafficking,  
255 which is required for cellular organisation and cytokinesis, are possibly increased or  
256 decreased in Bryopsidales.

257 Conserved gene families regulating membrane trafficking include the Rab GTPase,  
258 which is crucial for vesicle trafficking, and SNARE, which is required for the final step  
259 in vesicular trafficking, namely membrane fusion (Lipka et al., 2007). Previous study  
260 suggested that the increase in the number of SNARE genes parallels the rise of  
261 multicellularity among the green plants (Viridiplantae) and also Opisthokonta, based on  
262 the genome-wide survey of model species, such as *A. thaliana*, *P. patens*, *C. reinhardtii*,  
263 *Ostreococcus tauri*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and *Homo sapiens* (Sanderfoot, 2007).  
264 Similarly, the number of Rab GTPase is dramatically increased in land plants and animals  
265 compared to unicellular yeast, leading to the notion that multicellular organisms have  
266 more complex systems of internal membranous organelles than unicellular organisms  
267 (Saito and Ueda, 2009). Notably, land plants harbour a large number of Rabs and  
268 SNAREs that diverge in a manner unique to plant lineage (Saito and Ueda, 2009).

269 We searched for genes encoding Rab GTPase and SNARE based on BLAST and  
270 confirmed their massive increases in land plants compared to *Chlamydomonas* (Table S4).  
271 However, further survey in coenocytic Bryopsidales (*Bryopsis* sp., *C. lentillifera*, *O.*  
272 *quekettii*) and multicellular *Ulva*, and *Chara* (closest relative of land plants) indicated that  
273 the gene number was comparable to *Chlamydomonas*, regardless of the body form.

274 Among SNARE genes, *KNOLLE* is specifically required for the final step of

275 cytokinesis, namely vesicle fusion to the cell plate; the loss of KNOLLE proteins  
276 produces multinucleated cells in land plant cells (Lauber et al., 1997; Saito and Ueda,  
277 2009). However, this type of SNARE was present in Bryopsidales (Table S4). These  
278 results suggest that the lack of cytokinesis in *Bryopsis*'s main axis cannot be attributed to  
279 the lack of vesicle trafficking machinery.

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### 281 **Cytoskeletal motor toolbox**

282 Cytoskeleton and the associated motor proteins, which are categorised into 'cell  
283 motility' in KEGG database, are also key elements to cellular organisation. Microtubules  
284 and actin filaments serve as tracks for motor proteins (kinesin/dynein and myosin,  
285 respectively) to carry various cargo such as organelles. Although  $\alpha/\beta$ -tubulin and G-actin,  
286 the building blocks of microtubules and actin filaments, respectively, are highly  
287 conserved molecules, different organisms have remarkably different motor repertoires  
288 (Reddy and Day, 2001; Vale, 2003). The motor repertoire reflects the cellular dynamics  
289 and lifecycle of a species. For example, the development and function of sperm flagella  
290 requires the dynein motor as the force generator and driver of intraflagellar transport, and  
291 the loss of flagellated sperm during plant evolution coincides with the loss of dynein  
292 genes (Lucas and Geisler, 2022). Long-range transport in filamentous fungi is driven by  
293 fast and processive motor Kinesin-3, which is lost in short budding yeast (Siddiqui and  
294 Straube, 2017). Spatial distribution of mRNA encoding motor proteins may also be  
295 indicative of spatially regulated cellular activity (Andresen et al., 2021b).

296 We analysed cytoskeletal motor proteins based on the conserved motor domains of  
297 myosin, dynein heavy chain (DHC), and kinesin. The targeted genome sequences were  
298 of two land plant and nine green algal species (Table S2). In addition, we obtained the  
299 raw data on RNA-seq from the database for three species from Dasycladales  
300 (*Acetabularia acetabulum*, *Polyphysa clavata*, *Chlorocladus australasicus*), and two  
301 from Cladophorales (*Chlorocradiella pisiformis* and *Chlorocradiella medogensis*)  
302 (Andresen et al., 2021b; Hou et al., 2022). We assembled those sequences and annotated  
303 the genes (BUSCO values in Table S5). Dasycladales has a unique life cycle, in which a  
304 giant cytoplasm develops without nuclear division. Cladophorales is multicellular but  
305 each cell has multiple nuclei; cytokinesis is not coupled with nuclear division (Del  
306 Cortona et al., 2020; Shirae-Kurabayashi et al., 2022). For some motors, BLAST search  
307 was conducted for those species.

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### 309 **Myosin**

310 Three classes of myosin have been identified in green plants. Myosin-XI drives  
311 cytoplasmic streaming and organelle/vesicle transport in *Arabidopsis* and moss (Tamura  
312 et al., 2013; Vidali et al., 2010). Closely-related Myosin-XIII is also likely involved in  
313 intracellular transport as well as cell growth in green algae, based on localisation study in  
314 *Acetabularia* (Andresen et al., 2021b; Vugrek et al., 2003). Cytoplasmic streaming is



315 dependent on actin filaments in the extremely large cytoplasm of *Acetabularia* (Nagai  
316 and Fukui, 1981). Myosin-VIII regulates microtubule-actin crosslinking and is required  
317 for cell tip growth, branching, and cytokinesis in moss (Wu and Bezanilla, 2014; Wu and  
318 Bezanilla, 2018; Wu et al., 2011). We anticipated that myosin genes would be conserved  
319 and the numbers possibly increased in organisms with giant cytoplasm.

320 This was indeed the case for Dasycladales: we identified at least five Myosin-XI/XIII  
321 in all three species examined. In surprising contrast, we identified only one myosin gene  
322 (Myosin-XI) in *Bryopsis* sp. (Fig. 4A, S5, Table S4). Other Bryopsiales species had two  
323 Myosin-XI genes, but no Myosin-VIII or -XIII. This contrasted with Cladophorales,  
324 which had multiple Myosin-XI and Myosin-XIII genes, or *U. mutabilis* and *C. reinhardtii*,  
325 where Myosin-VIII was present (Fig. 4A, B, S5, Table S4).

326 The lack of Myosin VIII in Bryopsiales and Cladophorales might be consistent with  
327 the lack of nuclear division-coupled cytokinesis in these organisms. In contrast, the  
328 underdevelopment of Myosin-XI/XIII suggests that actomyosin system is unexpectedly  
329 not prevalent in the intracellular transport of Bryopsiales.

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### 331 ***Dynein***

332 Dynein is the major minus-end-directed (or ‘retrograde’) transporter in many species,  
333 except for seed plants, which lack dynein genes. Our analysis identified 13 dynein heavy  
334 chain (*DHC*) genes in *Bryopsis* sp. (Table S4). Each belongs to one of the 16 subfamilies  
335 of *C. reinhardtii* DHC (Hom et al., 2011), which consists of either the inner arm, outer  
336 arm, or intraflagellar transport (IFT) dynein complex. This was an expected finding, as  
337 flagella were present in the gametes and zoospores of *Bryopsis* sp. (Fig. 1A). We analysed  
338 the expression level of *DHC* genes based on RNA-seq. We observed that the expression  
339 of each *DHC* gene was extremely low in the main axis or rhizoid and elevated in the side  
340 branch where flagella were later developed (Table S6,  $p < 0.05$  for 8 out of 13 genes,  
341 Likelihood ratio test). Similar *DHC* repertoire was identified in other green algal species  
342 (some genes were not identifiable either because they are absent or genome assembly is  
343 incomplete).

344 In the Opisthokonta lineage, ‘cytoplasmic dynein’ was evolved and acts as the major  
345 retrograde transporter in the cytoplasm of animal and fungal cells. However, we could  
346 not see the development of new types of dynein (i.e. non-flagellar dynein) in any green  
347 algal species, including *Bryopsis* sp.

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### 349 ***Kinesin***

350 The kinesin superfamily has been further classified into 14 subfamilies (Lawrence et  
351 al., 2004; Shen et al., 2012). We identified a total of 34 kinesin genes in *Bryopsis* (Fig.  
352 S6.1–6.3, Table S4). Several notable features are as follows:

353 *Kinesin-GA*. The phylogenetic tree indicated that 20 genes belong to the canonical  
354 kinesin subfamily. Their functions can be deduced from the rich research history on

355 kinesins in animal and plant models. However, 14 kinesins form clades that are apparently  
356 green algae-specific and do not contain plant kinesins (termed GA1–10 clades). GAs  
357 represent 40% of the total kinesins of *Bryopsis* sp.; the function of each kinesin-GA is  
358 unknown. We suggest the addition of these new subfamilies to the kinesin superfamily.

359 *Kinesin-14*. Land plants duplicated Kinesin-14 genes and utilise them as retrograde  
360 transporters. In *P. patens*, Kinesin-14II (KCH) is responsible for nuclear migration,  
361 whereas Kinesin-14VI (KCBP) transports the chloroplasts and others (Yamada and  
362 Goshima, 2018; Yamada et al., 2017; Yoshida et al., 2019). We identified in *Bryopsis* sp.  
363 two Kinesin-14II and three Kinesin-14VI genes, which may act as transporters (Fig. 4A,  
364 Table S4); the expression level of Kinesin-14VI is high (Table S6). Three or more  
365 Kinesin-14VI genes were found in Bryopsidales and Cladophorales, whereas  
366 Dasycladales and *Ulva* have one or two. The increase in kinesin-14VI genes and their  
367 high expression are consistent with the notion that Bryopsidales heavily utilises a  
368 microtubule-based system for cargo transport.

369 *Kinesin-ARK*. Animals use Kinesin-1 (also called ‘conventional kinesin’) as the  
370 versatile plus-end-directed (or ‘anterograde’) transporter, whereas ARK kinesin has  
371 recently been identified as the plant counterpart (Kanda et al., 2023; Yoshida et al., 2023).  
372 Some algal species possess a kinesin whose motor domain is similar to ARK but lacks  
373 their characteristic tail (here termed Kinesin-ARK). These are candidate anterograde  
374 transporters. However, the orthologous genes are missing in Bryopsidales. Instead, they  
375 encode an algae-specific kinesin (kinesin-GA1) that is phylogenetically close to Kinesin-  
376 ARK (Fig. 4A, C). This kinesin subfamily possibly participates in anterograde transport;  
377 however, our RNA-seq analysis suggested that the expression level of GA1 was  
378 extremely low throughout the haploid thallus (Table S6). Therefore, it remains unclear  
379 which genes drive anterograde transport in *Bryopsis*. Intriguingly, an algae-specific  
380 Kinesin-GA9 gene (GMH32198.1) showed the highest expression level among  
381 cytoskeletal motors throughout the thallus, comparable to a sum of three Kinesin-14VIs  
382 (Table S6: total reads of this GA9 and 14VI were 535 and 498 [Deseq2]). We speculate  
383 that this novel kinesin subfamily plays an important role in *Bryopsis*, possibly as  
384 anterograde transporters.

385 *Kinesin-12*. Kinesin-12 genes are expanded in plants; six and 18 genes have been  
386 identified in the genomes of *A. thaliana* and *P. patens*, respectively (Shen et al., 2012).  
387 The majority of plant Kinesin-12 genes studied thus far are involved in cytokinesis. For  
388 example, plant Kinesin-12II (PAKRP) is localised in the midzone of phragmoplasts (a  
389 microtubule-based apparatus assembled in late mitosis) and is required for cytokinesis  
390 (Lee et al., 2007). Kinesin-12I (POK) is essential for the directed expansion of  
391 phragmoplasts and for division plane orientation (Livanos and Muller, 2019). In our  
392 survey, Kinesin-12II was found only in *Chara braunii* and land plants. This coincides  
393 with the development of phragmoplasts in plant evolution (Buschmann and Zachgo,  
394 2016). However, multiple other Kinesin-12 genes, including POK-like kinesin and

395 unclassified ones, were present in coenocytic *Bryopsis* sp. or *C. lentillifera* (Fig. 4A).  
396 They were highly expressed throughout the haploid thallus (Table S6). The result  
397 suggests that Kinesin-12I has a hitherto unknown, non-cytokinetic function in cells.

398 Kinesin-7. Mutants of Kinesin-7II (also known as NACK) fail to form the cell plate,  
399 resulting in multinucleate cells in tobacco and *Arabidopsis* (Nishihama et al., 2002;  
400 Tanaka et al., 2004). Upon sister chromatid separation in mitotic anaphase, Kinesin-7II  
401 recruits MAP kinase to the phragmoplast, by which conserved microtubule-binding  
402 protein MAP65 is phosphorylated (Sasabe and Machida, 2012). MAP65 then recruits  
403 proteins involved in vesicle trafficking for cell plate formation (Steiner et al., 2016). Thus,  
404 this kinesin acts at cytokinesis initiation. In this context, the presence of kinesin-7II in  
405 *Bryopsis* and *C. lentillifera* was unexpected (Fig. 4A). However, gamete formation in the  
406 side branch involves cellularisation in *Bryopsis*. RNA-seq analysis indicated that kinesin-  
407 7II is hardly expressed in the main axis ( $1.5 \pm 0.49$  reads,  $\pm$ SD,  $n = 4$ , normalised by  
408 DESeq2) or rhizoid ( $0.0 \pm 0.0$ ) but is expressed at higher levels in the side branch ( $7.7 \pm$   
409  $2.6$ ). Thus, it is tempting to speculate that the lack of cell separation in the cytoplasm in  
410 the *Bryopsis* is partly attributed to the reduced presence of this kinesin protein.

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#### 412 **Chloroplast motility depends on cytoplasmic microtubules, but not actin filaments**

413 Cytoplasmic streaming in the giant cytoplasm of *Acetabularia* or in the internodal  
414 cell of *Chara* is inhibited by actin filament disassembly (Nagai and Fukui, 1981; Nagai  
415 and Kamiya, 1977). Consistent with this, multiple myosin-XIs, one of which is the fastest  
416 cytoskeletal motor (Haraguchi et al., 2022), are encoded by *C. braunii* (Fig. 4A, Table  
417 S4). Similarly, the addition of an actin polymerisation inhibitor suppressed chloroplast  
418 motility in the *Bryopsis* thallus (Menzel and Schliwa, 1986b). However, this observation  
419 was hard to reconcile with the genomics data where only one myosin gene was identified  
420 in *Bryopsis*. Therefore, we empirically revisited the contribution of microtubules and  
421 actin in intracellular transport (Fig. 5).

422 We focused on chloroplasts because they are autofluorescent and can be traced  
423 unambiguously using live confocal imaging. A previous study indicated that motility is  
424 dependent on both actin filaments and microtubules (Menzel and Schliwa, 1986b). We  
425 observed that chloroplasts moved along the long axis at  $339 \pm 131$  nm/s ( $\pm$  SD,  $n=50$ ).  
426 The movement was bidirectional and a directional switch was occasionally observed (Fig.  
427 5B, red arrowhead; 5C, arrow; Movie 2). Motility was dependent on microtubules;  
428 oryzalin treatment almost completely abolished motility (Fig. 5C, D). Surprisingly,  
429 motility was not affected by latrunculin A treatment, although the concentration and  
430 incubation time were identical to those used when actin disappearance was confirmed by  
431 immunofluorescence microscopy (Fig. 5C, D, S1E). We presumed that cytochalasin D,  
432 which was used in a previous study to disrupt the actin cytoskeleton, has an off-target  
433 effect in *Bryopsis*. The presence of only one myosin in *Bryopsis* sp. is consistent with the  
434 notion that bidirectional transport is not driven by actomyosin. We conclude that

435 chloroplast motility is dependent on microtubules, but not on actin filaments. The  
436 bidirectional nature of motility suggests the involvement of both retrograde and  
437 anterograde transporters. Multiplicated kinesin-14VI genes are strong candidates  
438 responsible for retrograde motility.

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## 440 **Conclusions**

441 This study provides the first information on the nuclear genome of the family  
442 Bryopsidaceae. Small contig numbers (27) and the detection of probable telomere  
443 sequences at both ends of the five contigs suggested a high-level assembly. These  
444 sequences allowed comparative genomic analyses, as illustrated here for several gene  
445 families. In addition, specialised chromosomal DNA sequences such as centromeres may  
446 be analysable. Male and female lines have been cultured in the laboratory for a few years  
447 and could, therefore, be excellent targets for developing tools for genetics and the cell  
448 and developmental biology of *Bryopsis*.

449

## 450 **Materials and methods**

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### 452 ***Bryopsis* isolation and culture**

453 Two *Bryopsis*-like macroalgal thalli were collected on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from an  
454 outside tank at the Sugashima Marine Biological Laboratory. In addition to having  
455 relevant morphology and life cycle, they were confirmed to be *Bryopsis* by PCR, using  
456 primers designed for the rDNA ITS region (Shirae-Kurabayashi et al., 2022). Daily  
457 cultivation of haploid thalli was conducted at 15 °C (90  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , light: 16 h, dark: 8  
458 h) in ocean surface water (salt concentration 2.8–3.4%), which was filtered using a 0.22-  
459  $\mu\text{m}$  Millipore Stericup, autoclaved, and supplied with Daigo's IMK medium (252 mg/L,  
460 Shiotani M.S.). Male and female gametes were obtained by culturing severed haploid  
461 thalli for 1–2 weeks at 15 °C (90  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , light: 16 h, dark: 8 h). They were mixed  
462 and cultured under the same conditions for ~1 week. Once sporophyte (diploid)  
463 germination was detected, the culture condition was changed (25 °C, 20  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  
464 light: 10 h, dark: 14 h). After six months, the cells darkened. Culture conditions were  
465 changed (15 °C, 90  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , light: 16 h, dark: 8 h). Zoospores (haploids) were  
466 released under these conditions, followed by germination in ~1 week.

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### 468 **Protoplast formation from extruded cytoplasm**

469 The thallus was cut with a scalpel, and sandwiched and crushed with two slide glasses.  
470 The extruded cytoplasm was slowly dripped into autoclaved seawater in the presence or  
471 absence of N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (40 mM) or the control glucose (40 mM).

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### 473 **RNA sequencing (RNA-seq)**

474 For genome assembly and gene annotation The *Bryopsis* sample (female line, *Bryopsis*

475 sp. KO-2023) was crushed in liquid nitrogen, and the total RNA was purified using the  
476 RNeasy Plant Mini Kit (#74904; Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) with DNase treatment,  
477 according to the manufacturer's instructions. The RNA yield was quantified using a  
478 NanoVue microplate reader (GE Healthcare, Chicago, IL, USA). The sample volume was  
479 adjusted to 2 µg/100 µL for subsequent RNA-seq analysis. RNA-seq analysis was  
480 performed at the core facility of Nagoya University following the protocol described by  
481 (Matsumura et al., 2022). Briefly, 1 µg total RNA was used for mRNA purification with  
482 NEBNext Oligo d(T)<sub>25</sub> (NEBNext poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module; New  
483 England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA, USA), followed by first-strand cDNA synthesis with the  
484 NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New England Biolabs) and  
485 NEBNext Multiplex Oligo for Illumina (New England Biolabs) according to the  
486 manufacturer's protocols. The amount of cDNA was determined using an Agilent 4150  
487 TapeStation System (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA). The cDNA libraries were  
488 sequenced as paired-end reads of 81 nucleotides using an Illumina NextSeq 550  
489 (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA).

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491 Spatial dissection Fragments of < 1 mm from the tip of the main axis of *Bryopsis* sp. were  
492 cut and cultured in autoclaved seawater supplemented with Daigo's IMK medium for 10  
493 –14 days at 15 °C (90 µmol m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, light: 16 h, dark: 8 h). The thalli that developed side  
494 branches were cut into three parts; 'side branch', 'main axis' (central stalk), and 'rhizoid'.  
495 After removing water, each sample was separately crushed with mortar and pestle that  
496 had been prechilled at -80 °C, and the total RNA was purified using the RNeasy Plant  
497 Mini Kit. This manipulation was independently performed four times on different days.  
498 RIN values for all samples were greater than 8.0. The samples were sequenced with  
499 Illumina NovaSeq6000 platform, which produced 150 bp paired-end reads. The amount  
500 of reads for each gene was calculated using RSEM v1.2.28 (Li and Dewey, 2011) with  
501 STAR v2.7.10b (Dobin et al., 2012) for mapping. Normalisation was performed using  
502 TPM and DESeq2 (Love et al., 2014).

503

#### 504 **Genome sequencing**

505 Whole-genome shotgun sequencing was performed using the PacBio and Illumina  
506 sequencing platforms. Genomic DNA from *Bryopsis* sp. KO-2023 (female) was isolated  
507 using a CTAB/Genomic-tip Kit (QIAGEN). A SMRTbell library for continuous long-  
508 read (CLR) sequencing was prepared using a SMRTbell Express Template Prep Kit 2.0  
509 (Pacific Bioscience, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The CLR  
510 library was size-selected using the BluePippin system (Sage Science, Beverly, MA, USA)  
511 with a lower cutoff of 30 kb. One SMRT Cell 8M was sequenced on the PacBio Sequel  
512 II system with Binding Kit 2.0 and Sequencing Kit 2.0 (20 h collection times). In addition,  
513 genomic DNA was fragmented to an average size of 500 bp using an M220 Focused-  
514 ultrasonicator M220 (Covaris Inc., Woburn, MA, USA). A paired-end library with insert

515 sizes ranging from 450 to 550 bp was constructed using the TruSeq DNA PCR-Free  
516 Library Prep kit (Illumina) and was size-selected on an agarose gel using a ZymoClean  
517 Large Fragment DNA Recovery Kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA). The final library  
518 was sequenced using a 2 × 150 bp paired-end protocol on the NovaSeq 6000 system  
519 (Illumina).

520

### 521 **Genome assembly**

522 Chloroplast *De novo* assembly of the chloroplast genome was performed using a  
523 combination of 150 bp × 2 short reads and Get-organelle v 1.7.6.1 (Jin et al., 2020) with  
524 the options -k 21, 45, 65, 85, 105, -P 1000000, and -R 50. Two complete *Bryopsis*  
525 chloroplast sequences (NC\_026795.1 and NC\_013359.1) were used as seeds. This  
526 provided two closed circular sequences of identical length (91,672 nt). The two sequences  
527 were nearly identical except for the central region (~11 kb). One sequence was discarded  
528 because structural errors were found near the central region when it was aligned with long  
529 reads. The other sequences showed no structural errors across the entire sequence length.  
530 The error check was repeated at different starting positions. Finally, the downstream of  
531 *psbA* was set at +1 position.

532

533 Mitochondrion Highly fragmented contigs with a total length of ~150 kb were obtained  
534 using Get-organelle v 1.7.6.1 assembly (Jin et al., 2020) with the seed references of green  
535 algal species (NC\_045361.1, KU161104.1, and NC\_001638.1) (Repetti et al., 2020;  
536 Vahrenholz et al., 1993; Zhou et al., 2016). These putative mitochondrial sequences had  
537 a sequencing depth ~200 times higher than that of the nuclear genome. The high copy  
538 number of the mitochondrial genome enabled assembly based on random selection of a  
539 small portion of PacBio long reads (≥20 kb). One percent of the long reads was sufficient  
540 for the assembly of the mitochondrial genome. Flye (Kolmogorov et al., 2019; Lin et al.,  
541 2016) with '--pacbio-raw' option produced one circular sequence (356,161 bp) that had  
542 global synteny with other algal mitochondrial sequences. To check if there was mis-  
543 assembly in this sequence, full long and short reads were aligned using minimap2 (Li,  
544 2021) with the 'map-pb' and 'sr' presets, respectively. This revealed six indel errors at  
545 the homopolymer sites but did not identify any large sequence gaps or structural errors.  
546 Small indels were corrected using bwa (mapping) and Pilon (Walker et al., 2014). To  
547 confirm the completeness of the mitochondrial genome assembly, the +1 position was  
548 changed by 20,000 bp and the long reads were aligned using minimap2. No sequence  
549 gaps were found during this operation, indicating that no structural errors existed in the  
550 mitochondrial assembly. Finally, the +1 position was reset downstream of *rrnL3b*.

551

552 Nuclear genome The assembly of long-read data was used to determine the nuclear  
553 genome. However, the genome sequences of symbiotic bacteria, commonly detected in  
554 marine macroalgae, inevitably contaminate *Bryopsis* genome sequences. Therefore, a

555 provisional genome assembly was first performed, in which the obtained genome  
556 sequences were clustered into groups which were thought to originate from the same  
557 species. Based on the sequence characteristics and mapping results of the RNA-seq data,  
558 grouped sequences considered to be derived from *Bryopsis* were identified. Sequences  
559 were extracted from clustered groups.

560 Illumina reads were used for K-mer analysis and genome size estimation. The 21-  
561 mer frequencies were calculated using Jellyfish v2.3.0 (Marcais and Kingsford, 2011),  
562 and the genome size was estimated using GenomeScope 2.0 (Ranallo-Benavidez et al.,  
563 2020). The estimated genome size was used as the input parameter for *de novo* pre-  
564 assembly. Pre-*de novo* assembly of the nuclear genome was performed based on the  
565 PacBio reads using Canu v2.1.1 (Koren et al., 2017) with the following options:  
566 genomeSize = 500M, corOutCoverage = 200, and 'batOptions = -dg 3 -db 3 -dr 1 -ca 500  
567 -cp 50'. Pre-assembled contigs were polished using long and short reads. They were  
568 polished through three rounds of Arrow v2.3.3, and three rounds of Pilon v1.23 (Walker  
569 et al., 2014). In these steps, PacBio reads were mapped using pbmm2 v1.3.0  
570 (<https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/pbmm2>), and trimmed Illumina reads were  
571 mapped using BWA v0.7.17 (Li, 2013). Then, binning was performed using MetaBAT2  
572 v2.15 (Kang et al., 2019) to group contigs derived from the same species, and each cluster  
573 was named 'bin'. As input for MetaBat2, read coverage information was calculated from  
574 the Illumina read mapping results against polished pre-assembled contigs using BWA  
575 v0.7.17.

576 Raw RNA-seq data were trimmed and filtered using Platanus\_trim v1.0.7. *De novo*  
577 transcriptome assembly was performed based on the trimmed RNA-seq reads using  
578 Trinity v2.8.5 (Grabherr et al., 2011). Transcriptome assembly contigs were splice-  
579 mapped to polished, pre-assembled genomic contigs using GMAP v.2018-08-25 (Wu and  
580 Watanabe, 2005). The bin containing the most-mapped transcriptome assembly contigs  
581 was designated as the main nuclear bin. In addition, other bins and contigs derived from  
582 *Bryopsis* were manually selected based on the overall information, such as the  
583 transcriptome assembly contig mapping rate, GC rate, and Illumina read coverage.

584 PacBio and Illumina reads derived from *Bryopsis* were extracted for the final *de*  
585 *novo* assembly. PacBio reads were extracted from Canu intermediate files used in the pre-  
586 *de novo* assembly. Illumina reads were extracted by mapping the trimmed Illumina reads  
587 to contigs derived from *Bryopsis* using BWA v0.7.17. The extracted trimmed Illumina  
588 reads were used for K-mer analysis and genome size estimation, as described above. The  
589 estimated genome size was used as an input parameter for the final *de novo* assembly.  
590 Final *de novo* assembly of the nuclear genome was performed based on the PacBio reads  
591 derived from *Bryopsis* using Canu v2.2 with the following options: genomeSize = 100M,  
592 corOutCoverage = 200, and 'batOptions = -dg 3 -db 3 -dr 1 -ca 500 -cp 50'. The final  
593 assembled contigs were polished using long and short reads. The final assembly contigs  
594 were polished through three rounds of Arrow v2.3.3 and three rounds of NextPolish

595 v1.4.0 (Hu et al., 2019). Next, the arrow-identified variants were filtered via Merfin v1.0  
596 (Formenti et al., 2022) using the trimmed Illumina reads derived from *Bryopsis*. In the  
597 long-read-based polish, PacBio reads derived from *Bryopsis* were mapped using pbmm2  
598 v1.3.0. Haplotigs were then removed using Purge\_dups v1.2.3 (Guan et al., 2020) to  
599 reduce sequence redundancy and increase assembly continuity.

600 These analyses yielded the assembly and selection of 49 contigs. Finally, to verify the  
601 origin of each contig, BLASTx searches were conducted for a portion of the sequence of  
602 each contig. The sequences derived from 22 contigs were highly homologous to bacterial  
603 and fungal sequences, whereas those of the other 27 contigs were not. Thus, 27 contigs  
604 were considered derived from *Bryopsis*.

605

#### 606 **Gene annotation**

607 *Chloroplast* ncRNAs were annotated using the GeSeq web server. ‘DNA search identity’  
608 was set at 85. Four reference sequences (NC\_013359.1, NC\_026795.1, NC\_037363.1,  
609 and NC\_030629.1) were used as ‘3rd Party References.’ The CDS was manually  
610 annotated using a combination of GeSeq annotation, protein alignment with *B. plumosa*  
611 (NC\_026795.1), and RNA-seq alignment. This collaborative annotation was further  
612 curated using a homology-based approach against the proteomes of closely related  
613 species to verify the completeness of each CDS. In total, 83 predicted protein-coding  
614 genes, three rRNAs, and 26 tRNAs were identified.

615

616 *Mitochondrion* Annotation of the mitochondrial genome using GeSeq predicted virtually  
617 no protein-coding genes. This suggests that no closely related protein-coding genes were  
618 annotated. To overcome this limitation, open reading frames (ORFs) were searched using  
619 the NCBI ORF finder (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/orffinder/>). The predicted ORFs of  
620 all six frames were manually aligned with the mitochondrial proteins of *Ostreobium*  
621 *quekettii* (Repetti et al., 2020) and the putative CDS coding frame of the RNA-seq was  
622 constructed with TransDecoder. To verify the obtained CDS, promising coding frames  
623 were manually searched for homology to proteins of closely related species using  
624 BLASTx. This procedure identified 40 protein-coding genes with complete CDS  
625 sequences. In addition, a tBLASTn search using publicly available green algal  
626 mitochondrial protein sequences identified 14 small genes encoded in the introns of  
627 already annotated genes. ncRNAs were annotated using the Geseq web server. tRNAs  
628 were identified with Geseq, where the following ‘3rd Party References’ were used:  
629 NC\_045361.1, NC\_001638.1, NC\_028538.1, NC\_035722.1, NC\_029701.1,  
630 NC\_035809.1, NC\_28081.1, NC\_040163.1, and NC\_041082.1. This resulted in 17  
631 annotated tRNAs. rRNAs were searched against the mitochondrial genome using  
632 BLASTn with the following queries: NC\_045361.1, NC\_001638.1, NC\_028538.1,  
633 NC\_035722.1, NC\_029701.1, NC\_035809.1, NC\_28081.1, NC\_040163.1, and  
634 NC\_041082.1. Candidate genes were manually compared with the RNA-seq alignment



635 data. This procedure identified three rRNA genes in the mitochondrial genome. Intron  
636 length is defined as the length of the region between exons within a gene (protein-coding  
637 or non-coding). When other genes were present within the introns of a host gene, the  
638 length of the internal gene was not excluded from the intron length of the host gene.  
639 Domains of genes present in introns were searched using NCBI's Conserved Domains  
640 database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi>) with default settings.

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642 *Nucleus* Protein-coding genes were predicted by combining the results of RNA-seq-,  
643 homology-, and *ab initio*-based prediction methods. RNA-seq-based prediction utilises  
644 both assembly-first and mapping-first methods. For the assembly-first method, RNA-seq  
645 data were assembled using Trinity v2.12.0 (Grabherr et al., 2011) and Oases v2.0.9  
646 (Schulz et al., 2012). The redundant assembled RNA contigs were removed using CD-  
647 HIT v4.8.1 (Fu et al., 2012), and then splice-mapped to the genome sequences using  
648 GMAP v2018-07-04 (Wu and Watanabe, 2005). For the mapping-first method, RNA-seq  
649 data were mapped to genome scaffolds using HISAT2 v2.2.1 (Kim et al., 2019), and gene  
650 sets were predicted with StringTie v2.2.0 (Pertea et al., 2016) from mapped results. The  
651 ORF regions were estimated using TransDecoder v5.5.0  
652 (<https://github.com/TransDecoder/TransDecoder>) from both the assembly-first and  
653 mapping-first method results. Regarding homology-based prediction, amino acid  
654 sequences of *O. quekettii* (NCBI accession No: GCA\_905146915.1), *C. reinhardtii*  
655 (NCBI accession No: GCF\_000002595.2), *Volvox carteri* (NCBI accession No:  
656 GCF\_000143455.1), and *Monoraphidium neglectum* (NCBI accession No:  
657 GCF\_000611645.1), were splice-mapped to genome scaffolds using Spaln v2.3.3f  
658 (Gotoh, 2008), and gene sets were predicted. For *ab initio* prediction, training sets were  
659 first selected from the RNA-seq-based prediction results. Then, AUGUSTUS v3.3.3  
660 (Stanke and Waack, 2003) was trained using this set. The SNAP v2006-07-28 (Korf,  
661 2004) was used in this study. All predicted genes were combined using an in-house  
662 merging tool. However, the ORF of some genes did not start with ATG (methionine),  
663 which was manually fixed. In some cases, the start codon was manually identified, and  
664 the amino acid sequences were corrected. In other cases (~700), the ORF assignment was  
665 rejected as the start codon and transcript could not be identified. Finally, 14,034 genes  
666 encoding proteins were identified.

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### 668 ***De novo* transcriptome assembly and annotation**

669 *De novo* transcriptome assembly and gene annotation were conducted based on the  
670 published RNA-seq raw data, following the methods described in (Andresen et al., 2021b)  
671 and (Hou et al., 2022) for the following species: [Dasycladales] *Acetabularia acetabulum*,  
672 *Chlorocladus australasicus* and *Polyphysa clavata*; [Cladophorales] *Chlorocradiella*  
673 *pisiformis* and *Chlorocradiella medogensis* (Supplementary Data). The raw sequence data

674 were obtained from the European Nucleotide Archive under the accession No.  
675 PRJEB40460 and PRJNA726747.

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### 677 **Genome information used in this study**

678 The genomes primarily used in each analysis were *Bryopsis* sp. KO-2023 (this study), *C.*  
679 *lentillifera* (Arimoto et al., 2019), *O. quekettii* (Iha et al., 2021), *U. mutabilis* (De Clerck  
680 et al., 2018), *C. reinhardtii* (Merchant et al., 2007), *Dunaliella salina* (Polle et al., 2017),  
681 *Pleodorina starrii* (Takahashi et al., 2023), *V. carteri* (Prochnik et al., 2010),  
682 *Raphidocelis subcapitata* (Suzuki et al., 2018), *Monoraphidium neglectum* (Bogen et al.,  
683 2013), *Auxenochlorella protothecoides* (Gao et al., 2014), *Coccomyxa subellipsoidea* C-  
684 169 (Blanc et al., 2012), *Chlorella vulgaris* (Cecchin et al., 2019), Pedinophyceae sp.  
685 YPF-701 (Repetti et al., 2022), *Chloropicon primus* (GCA\_023205875.1), *Micromonas*  
686 *pusilla* (Worden et al., 2009), *O. tauri* (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2014), and *Bathycoccus*  
687 *prasinos* (Yau et al., 2020) for Chlorophyta and *Klebsormidium nitens* (Hori et al., 2014),  
688 *C. braunii* (Nishiyama et al., 2018), *P. patens* (Lang et al., 2018) and *A. thaliana* (Lin et  
689 al., 1999; Mayer et al., 1999; Salanoubat et al., 2000; Tabata et al., 2000; Theologis et al.,  
690 2000) for Streptophyta (Table S2). Note that the available *A. acetabulum* genome  
691 sequences were not amenable to comparative genomics due to low quality (BUSCO  
692 <11%) (Andresen et al., 2021a).

693

### 694 **Circular visualization of the genome assembly (Circos plot)**

695 The genomic features of the 27 contigs were plotted in a circular genome plot using  
696 shinyCircus V2.0 hosted in a local server (Wang et al., 2023). GC content was calculated  
697 as the ratio of the average of AT and GC per 10,000 bp. For repetitive sequences plot, all  
698 types of repeats were used from the result of repeatmasker (see below). All information  
699 used for the circus-plot is available ([https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis\\_sp\\_KO-](https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis_sp_KO-2023_genome_sequence_Information)  
700 [2023\\_genome\\_sequence\\_Information](https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis_sp_KO-2023_genome_sequence_Information)).

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### 702 **Comparative genomics analysis**

703 Repetitive sequences Repetitive sequences were identified using a combination of *de novo*  
704 and homology-based methods. First, Repeat sequences were *de novo* searched using  
705 RepeatModeler v2.0.1 (<http://www.repeatmasker.org/RepeatModeler/>) with "--  
706 LTRstruct". Then, identified repetitive sequences, including transposable elements, were  
707 counted using RepeatMasker v4.1.1 (<http://www.repeatmasker.org/>) based on the repeat  
708 model created by RepeatModeler (Table S1).

709

710 Evaluation of assembly quality BUSCO metrics were used to assess the integrity of the  
711 genome assembly and the completeness of the gene prediction (Waterhouse et al., 2017).  
712 BUSCO v5.5.0 was run with genome or protein mode on 18 published genomes of  
713 Chlorophyta, including *Bryopsis* sp. with Chlorophyta dataset (chlorophyta\_odb10), and

714 four published genomes of Streptophyta with the Viridiplantae (viridiplantae\_odb10) or  
715 Brassicales (brassicales\_odb10) dataset (Table S1). The transcriptome mode was applied  
716 for transcriptomes of two Cladophorales and three Dasycladales with Chlorophyta dataset  
717 (chlorophyta\_odb10) (Table S5).

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719 Functional annotation with KEGG database Functional annotation was performed based  
720 on KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) using GhostKoala (Kanehisa et  
721 al., 2016). The unigenes of each pathway in each genome were counted with KEGG  
722 mapper (<https://www.genome.jp/kegg/mapper/>) (Table S3). Subsequently, ‘MAPK  
723 signaling pathway-plants’ in the ‘Signal transduction’ category was analysed with  
724 BLASTp searches using the representative *A. thaliana* proteins as queries, as extremely  
725 high number of genes were identified in this category for Bryopsidales including *Bryopsis*  
726 sp. (accession No: PYR/PYL/RCARs (NP\_180174.1, O49686.1, NP\_563626.1),  
727 PP2C\_GroupA (P49598.1), HOS15 (Q9FN19.1), RBOH (O48538.1, Q9FIJ0.1), KAT1  
728 (Q39128.1), QUAC1 (O49696.1), SLAC1 (Q9LD83.1), ABFs/ABI (Q9M7Q3.1,  
729 Q9SJM0.1, Q9M7Q5.1), SOD (AEE74978.1, AEE85010.1), CAT1 (Q96528.3)). SnRK2  
730 annotated with KEGG was confirmed by KEGG BLASTp web server (Fig. S3, Table S4).

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### 732 **Phylogenetic inference**

733 Chlorophyta species 10 highly conserved single-copy OGs were selected from 63 single  
734 copy ortholog genes (OGs) obtained using Orthofinder v2.3.14 (Emms and Kelly, 2019)  
735 in 18 published genomes of Chlorophyta including *Bryopsis* sp. and three Streptophyta  
736 (Table S2). 10 single-copy OGs list is available in Supplementary Data. Each OG  
737 sequences were aligned using MAFFT v7.505 (Katoh and Standley, 2013) with FFT-NE-  
738 2 strategy. All gaps were removed using MEGAX (Kumar et al., 2018), and the individual  
739 OGs were combined to obtain a sequence of 2,713 amino acids (Supplementary Data).  
740 Finally, ML tree was inferred using IQ-TREE v1.6.12 (Nguyen et al., 2015) with  
741 LG+F+R4 selected as the best-fit model and branch support estimated with ultrafast 1,000  
742 bootstrap.

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744 Mitochondrial genome Seven mitochondrial housekeeping genes, including *nad1*, *nad2*,  
745 *nad4*, *nad5*, *nad6*, *cob*, *cox1*) were retrieved from 17 species, including *Bryopsis* sp. and  
746 registered *B. plumosa* (MN853874.1) (Fig. S2). The same procedure as for chloroplasts  
747 was used for the subsequent analysis.

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749 Lectin BLASTp/tBLASTn searches were conducted for published *Bryopsis* BPL-1, -2, -  
750 3, and -4 proteins. For all possible hit sequences (Supplementary Data), the presence of  
751 characteristic domains of each BPL protein was confirmed with the NCBI conserved  
752 domain search (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi>).  
753 BLASTp/tBLASTn searches were also conducted against *Bryopsis* sp. for R-, L-, B- and

754 C-type lectins (accession No: P06750.1, PWZ39448.1, AAL09432.1, Q9FVA1.1,  
755 Q9FV99.1, Q9NNX6.1), malectin (accession No: AEE78805.1), calnexin (accession No:  
756 KAB1259615.1), calreticulin (accession No: CAA55890.1), chitinase (accession No:  
757 AEC10291.1), and galectin (accession No: KAJ0248405.1) as queries. Amino acid  
758 sequences of each gene were aligned by MAFFT v7.505 with FFT-NE-2 strategy. All  
759 gaps were removed using MEGAX, and sequences of 116 amino acids (BPL-1), 132  
760 amino acids (BPL-2), and 102 amino acids (BPL-3/4) were obtained (Supplementary  
761 Data). ML tree was drawn using IQ-TREE v1.6.12 with WAG+G4 (BPL-1, -2) or LG+G4  
762 (BPL-3/4) selected as the best-fit model and branch support was estimated with 1,000  
763 ultrafast bootstrap.

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765 Rab GTPase and SNARE Genes were searched with BLASTp/tBLASTn using the  
766 representative *A. thaliana* proteins as queries (Rab GTPase accession No: NP\_568678.1,  
767 SNARE: (Lipka et al., 2007)).

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769 Myosin Genes were searched with BLASTp/tBLASTn in nine genomes of Chlorophyta,  
770 including *Bryopsis* sp., three genomes of Streptophyta, and five transcriptomes of  
771 Cladophorales and Dasycladales (Fig. 4A, Table S2), using the following queries:  
772 Myosin-VIII (accession No: F4JIU4.1), Myosin-XI (accession No: F4HXP9.1,  
773 GMH40817.1), and Myosin-XIII (accession No: AAB53061.1, AAB53062.1). All hit  
774 sequences with the e-value  $\leq e^{-10}$  were subjected to the NCBI conserved domain search,  
775 and the sequences in which conserved motor domains could not be identified were  
776 removed from the list (Supplementary Data). Some myosin proteins, for which long  
777 amino acid sequences could be retrieved, were shown as schematic diagrams (Fig. 4B)  
778 and/or subjected to phylogenetic tree construction (Fig. S5). For tree construction, the  
779 amino acid sequences were aligned by MAFFT v7.505 with FFT-NE-2 strategy and all  
780 gaps were removed using MEGAX, and a sequence of 184 amino acids was obtained  
781 (Supplementary Data). ML tree was drawn using IQ-TREE v1.6.12 with LG+I+G4  
782 selected as the best-fit model and branch support was estimated with 1,000 ultrafast  
783 bootstrap (Fig. S5).

784

785 Dynein heavy chain (DHC) Genes were searched with BLASTp/tBLASTn using  
786 previously reported *C. reinhardtii* DHC1–16 proteins (Hom et al., 2011) as queries (Table  
787 S4).

788

789 Kinesin Genes were searched with BLASTp/tBLASTn using the amino acid sequences  
790 of 1–350 aa of the human kinesin heavy chain (KIF5B/kinesin-1: accession No:  
791 P33176.1) and *Arabidopsis thaliana* KIN4C (accession No: F4K0J3.2) as queries.  
792 Additional BLASTp/tBLASTn searches were conducted for several kinesins: Kinesin-  
793 ARK and Kinesin-GA1 (ARK-like) in 10 genomes of Chlorophyta, seven genomes of

794 Streptophyta, and five transcriptomes of Cladophorales and Dasycladales; Kinesin-7II,  
795 Kinesin-12, Kinesin-14II, and Kinesin-14VI in five transcriptomes of Cladophorales and  
796 Dasycladales (Table S2). All hit sequences with the  $e$ -value  $\leq e^{-10}$  were subjected to the  
797 NCBI conserved domain search, and the sequences in which conserved motor domains  
798 could not be identified were removed from the list (Supplementary Data). The kinesin  
799 amino acid sequences in nine published genomes of Chlorophyta, including *Bryopsis* sp.,  
800 and three Streptophyta were aligned by MAFFT v7.505 with FFT-NE-2 strategy and all  
801 gaps were removed using MEGAX, followed by ML tree construction (IQ-TREE v1.6.12  
802 with LG+I+G4 and branch support was estimated with 1000 ultrafast bootstrap) (Fig. S6).

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#### 804 **Immunostaining**

805 A three-week-old thallus after cytoplasm extrusion was fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde  
806 in modified PHEM buffer (Sobue et al., 1988) (60 mM Pipes, 25 mM Hepes, 0.5 M NaCl,  
807 10 mM EGTA, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> ; pH 6.9) for 1 h at 25 °C, followed by permeabilisation  
808 with 1% Triton X-100 in PBS for 1 h at 25°C. After washing twice with PBST (0.1%  
809 Triton X-100 in PBS), the specimen was incubated with blocking solution (1% BSA in  
810 PBST) for 1 h at 25 °C, followed by addition of primary antibodies at 4 °C overnight with  
811 rotation (mouse anti- $\beta$ -actin [Proteintech, 66009-1-Ig], 1:1000, and rat anti- $\alpha$ -tubulin  
812 [YOL1/34, MCA78G, Bio-Rad], 1:1000). The specimen was washed three times with  
813 PBST and incubated with secondary antibodies (anti-mouse, Jackson ImmunoResearch,  
814 715-545-151, 1:1000, and anti-rat, Jackson ImmunoResearch, 712-165-153, 1:1000) and  
815 DAPI (final 1  $\mu$ g/ml) overnight at 4 °C with rotation. After washing twice with PBST,  
816 the specimen was mounted on a glass slide with a mounting medium (Fluoromount™;  
817 Diagnostic BioSystems).

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#### 819 **Microscopy**

820 *Bryopsis* sp. thalli were imaged using a Nikon SMZ800N stereo microscope, Plan Apo  
821 1x/WF lens, and NY1S-EA camera (SONY). The gametes and zoospores were imaged  
822 using an ECLIPSE E200 microscope (Nikon) and NY1-EA2. Fluorescent images of DNA  
823 (DAPI), chloroplasts, microtubules, and actin were acquired using a Nikon Ti2 inverted  
824 microscope equipped with a CSU-10 spinning-disc confocal scanner unit (Yokogawa), a  
825 Zyla CMOS camera (Andor), and four laser lines (637, 561, 488, and 405 nm). 40 $\times$  0.95  
826 NA lens or a 100 $\times$  1.40 NA lens was used to image live or fixed cells, respectively. To  
827 obtain the chloroplast motility rate, a 35-mm glass-bottom dish was prepared, on which  
828 a piece of kitchen garbage net (~10  $\times$  20 mm) was attached with double-sided tape. After  
829 cytoplasmic extrusion, a 3-week-old thallus and a coverslip were laid over the net,  
830 followed by the addition of 1-mL of autoclaved seawater. This net prevented thallus  
831 movement during imaging. Autofluorescent chloroplasts were imaged every 10 s using a  
832 spinning-disc confocal microscope and a 40 $\times$  0.95 NA lens. At 2 min during imaging of  
833 untreated specimen, oryzalin (10  $\mu$ M), latrunculin A (10  $\mu$ M), or control DMSO was

834 added (3 mL volume each). The unidirectional motility rate of randomly selected  
835 chloroplasts 5–6 min after drug addition was manually measured after obtaining  
836 kymograph images using Fiji.

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### 838 **Data availability**

839 The genome sequence of *Bryopsis* sp. is available at the DNA Data Bank of Japan  
840 (DDBJ) under project PRJDB15746  
841 (<https://ddbj.nig.ac.jp/resource/bioproject/PRJDB15746>) and sample accession  
842 SAMD00599708 (<https://ddbj.nig.ac.jp/resource/biosample/SAMD00599708>) with  
843 accession numbers BSYQ01000001.1–BSYQ01000027.1 (nuclear genome), LC768901  
844 (chloroplast), and LC768902 (mitochondria). The raw sequence data for NextSeq 550,  
845 NovaSeq 6000, and Sequel II are available under accession numbers DRA016305,  
846 DRA016314, and DRA016315, respectively. The assembled genome and annotation are  
847 also available from NCBI with GenBank accession ID: GCA\_030272585.1. The IDs of  
848 the genes used for the phylogenetic tree construction are shown in the figures.  
849 Gene and protein sequences used for phylogenetic tree construction and comparative  
850 genomic analyses are summarised in Supplementary data  
851 ([https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis\\_sp.\\_KO-](https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis_sp._KO-2023_genome_sequence_Information)  
852 [2023\\_genome\\_sequence\\_Information](https://github.com/KantaOchiai/Bryopsis_sp._KO-2023_genome_sequence_Information)).

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860 **Table 1. Information of the nuclear genome of *Bryopsis* sp. KO-2023**  
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		<i>Bryopsis</i> sp. KO-2023
Accession number of genome		BSYQ01000001.1– BSYQ01000027.1
Assembly statistics	Genome size (Mbp)	90.7
	Assembly level	Contig
	Number of chromosomes/scaffolds/contigs	27
	scaffolds/contigs N50 (Mbp)	6.7
	GC percent (%)	46
	Predicted protein coding genes	14,034
BUSCO_protein	Dataset	Cholophyta
	Complete (%)	95.5
	Complete and single-copy (%)	92.6
	Complete and duplicated (%)	2.9
	Fragmented (%)	0.2
	Missing (%)	4.3
	Total BUSCO groups searched	1,519
Repeat	Total repeat (%)	30.02
	Retroelements	11.87
	SINEs	0.00
	LINEs:	0.76
	LTR elements:	11.10
	Ty1/Copia	0.01
	Gypsy/DIRS1	10.94
	Retroviral	0.03
	DNA transposons:	0.57
	Unclassified:	15.70
	Total interspersed repeats:	28.15

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863 **Table 2. Comparison of the chloroplast and mitochondrial genome**  
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	<i>Bryopsis</i> <b>sp.</b>	<i>Caulerpa</i> <i>lentillifera</i>	<i>Ostreobium</i> <i>quekettii</i>	<i>Ulva</i> sp.	<i>Chlamydomonas</i> <i>reinhardtii</i>	<i>Physcomitrium</i> <i>patens</i>	<i>Arabidopsis</i> <i>thaliana</i>
Genome	Chloroplast	Chloroplast	Chloroplast	Chloroplast	Chloroplast	Chloroplast	Chloroplast
Accession number of genome	LC76890 1.1	NC_0393 77.1	NC_0306 29.1	KP72061 6.1	NC_0053 53.1	NC_0050 87.2	NC_0009 32.1
Genome size (Kbp)	91.7	119.4	82.0	100.0	203.8	122.8	154.4
GC percent (%)	30.4	32.6	31.9	25.3	34.5	28.5	36.3
Predicted protein coding genes*	83	91	78	79	65	85	79
rRNA genes*	3	3	3	3	5	3	4
tRNA genes*	26	28	31	28	29	32	30
Coding DNA (%)**	85.4	86.0	84.0	81.8	49.9	72.3	72.0
Large inverted repeat (>5 kb)	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	present	present
Genome	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion	Mitochondrion
Accession number of genome	LC76890 2.1	KX76157 7.1	NC_0453 61.1	KP72061 7.1	NC_0016 38.1	NC_0079 45.1	NC_0373 04.1
Genome size (Kbp)	356.2	209	241.7	73.5	15.8	105.3	367.8
GC percent (%)	54.4	50.9	48.3	32.4	45.2	40.6	44.8
Predicted protein coding genes*	54	76	54	50	8	42	122
rRNA genes*	3	3	3	2	14	3	3
tRNA genes*	17	20	28	25	3	24	22
Intron number	72	29	47	10	0	26	18
Intronic DNA (%)**	54.1	43.4	39.3	21.7	0	28.4	8.14

865 \* Duplicate genes were counted as single genes.

866 \*\* Total gene length, which includes introns, was divided by the entire genome length.

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## 868 **Supplementary document**

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### 870 **Overview of the chloroplast genome**

871 In this study, the chloroplast genome was assembled into a single closed sequence of  
872 91,672 base pairs (bp). This length was close to the size of previously reported chloroplast  
873 genomes of *Bryopsis plumosa* (106,859 bp) (Leliaert and Lopez-Bautista, 2015) and  
874 *Bryopsis hypnoides* (153,429 bp) (Lu et al., 2011). No long reverse repeat sequences were  
875 identified, consistent with other green algae of the order Bryopsidales of the family  
876 Ulvophyceae, and genus *Ulva* (Turmel and Lemieux, 2018; Turmel et al., 2017). The GC  
877 content was 30.4%, which was similar to the reported chloroplast genomes of *B. plumosa*  
878 (30.8%) (Leliaert and Lopez-Bautista, 2015) and *B. hypnoides* (33.1%) (Lu et al., 2011).  
879 The coding DNA sequences occupied 85.4% of the chloroplast genome, which was much  
880 higher than that of the mitochondria (66.1%) (Table 2, Table S7, S9). Drastic expansion  
881 of introns, which was evident in the mitochondrial genome, was not observed in either  
882 *Bryopsis* lines.

883 GeSeq-based annotation revealed that the chloroplast genome contained 83 protein-  
884 coding genes, 79 of which were identical to the previously annotated *bona fide* or  
885 hypothetical protein-coding genes of *B. plumosa* (NC\_026795.1) and were conserved in  
886 other green algae (Table S8). The remaining four protein-coding genes included two open  
887 reading frames (ORFs) found within the introns of *psaA* and *psbB*, one previously  
888 reported ORF, and one novel ORF. The two ORFs in the introns showed high homology  
889 with the previously reported *orf1* and *orf2* of *B. plumosa* (NC\_026795.1). ORF480 (i.e.  
890 480 a.a.) in the intron of *psaA* encodes a protein that has a reverse transcriptase-like  
891 superfamily and RVT\_N superfamily domains, suggesting that it functions as a reverse  
892 transcriptase. In contrast, ORF300 in the intron of *psbB* did not contain any characteristic  
893 domains, suggesting that it might not represent a protein.

894 One of the two isolated ORFs, termed ORF92, is a 281 bp reading frame (i.e. 92 a.a.)  
895 found in a ~2.5 kb flanking region between *chlN* and *trnL*. RNA-seq analysis indicated  
896 that this gene was transcribed *in vivo*. However, the translated sequences showed no  
897 homology to known proteins in the database. Thus, this might be specifically encoded in  
898 the chloroplast genome of our line. The other orphan ORF, termed ORF431, showed weak  
899 sequence identity with GIIM superfamily proteins (group II intron, maturase-specific  
900 domain) according to a domain search (CD-search). ORFs with the GIIM superfamily  
901 domain were also present in other orders of Bryopsidales, except *O. quekettii*, suggesting  
902 that they are widely conserved in Bryopsidales. A portion of the amino acid sequence  
903 also showed weak homology with reverse transcriptases of the order Bryopsidales,  
904 suggesting that it may function as a reverse transcriptase.

905 In addition to protein-coding genes, 26 tRNAs and 3 rRNAs were annotated,  
906 consistent with a previous report on *B. plumosa* (NC\_026795.1). The anticodons of all  
907 the 26 tRNA genes were identical (Table S8).

908 The chloroplast genome of our line was ~15 kb shorter than the registered genome  
909 (NC\_026795.1). This was largely because our line had smaller intergenic regions and  
910 fewer introns. For example, the intergenic region between *trnG* (*ucc*) and *rrnF* in our line  
911 was 1,362 bp, which was much shorter than that of the other line (13,011 bp).  
912 NC\_026795.1 had an intron and an intronic ORF in the *rrnL* gene, while neither was  
913 present in our line.

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### 915 **Overview of the mitochondrial genome**

916 The mitochondrial genome of our *Bryopsis* sp. line was assembled as a single closed  
917 sequence of 356,152 bp, which was much longer than the hitherto-reported longest  
918 sequence in green algae (*O. quekettii*: 241,739 bp) (Repetti et al., 2020). There is one  
919 report on the mitochondrial genome of *B. plumosa* (Han et al., 2020). However, our  
920 sequences were substantially different from registered sequences. Our own survey of the  
921 sequences reported by Han et al. strongly suggested that their specimen belong to *Ulva*es,  
922 and not *Bryopsis* (Fig. S2).

923 We compared the obtained sequences with those of other green algae (Table S9). The  
924 size of the genome (356,152 bp) was much larger than that of any other mitochondrial  
925 genome of green algae (second longest was that of *O. quekettii* at 241,739 bp (Repetti et  
926 al., 2020)). This was partly attributed to an increase of introns: we identified 72 introns  
927 in 17 genes, which was more than in *O. quekettii* (47 introns in 18 genes) or *C. lentillifera*  
928 (29 introns in 13 genes). In extreme cases, 17 introns and 18 exons were present in *cox1*,  
929 whereas only 11, 5, and 4 introns were found in *cox1* of *O. quekettii*, *C. lentillifera*, and  
930 *Ulva* sp., respectively (Melton et al., 2015; Repetti et al., 2020; Zheng et al., 2018). In  
931 total, introns occupied 54.1% of the genome, which was higher than that in *O. quekettii*  
932 (39.3%) or *C. lentillifera* (43.4%).

933 Manual annotation revealed 54 protein-coding genes, 17 tRNAs, and 3 rRNAs. The  
934 rRNA numbers were similar to those of most other green algae (Table S9). tRNAs  
935 corresponding to 15 amino acids were identified, whereas those corresponding to Ala,  
936 Cys, Glu, Lys, and Asn were not.

937 Of the 54 protein-coding genes, seven were not unambiguously assigned as real  
938 ORFs because the encoded amino acid sequences did not show homology to proteins with  
939 known functions. In contrast, 47 genes encoded proteins that have conserved domains,  
940 many of which are required for mitochondrial function, such as NADH:ubiquinone  
941 oxidoreductase (complex I; *nad* genes) or ATP synthase (complex V; *atp* genes) (Table  
942 S10). The number of *nad* and *atp* genes encoded in the mitochondrial genome varies  
943 among green algae; our *Bryopsis* line often had more than the average number. For  
944 example, *nad10* and *tatC* have been found in the mitochondrial genome but not in many  
945 other green algae species. However, there was also a reverse case: the mitochondrial  
946 genome of *O. quekettii*, but not ours, had *atp4* gene (Table S10).

947 Manual annotation revealed 72 introns in 17 genes. Introns were more prevalent than

948 those in *O. quekettii* (47 introns in 18 genes) or *C. lentillifera* (29 introns in 13 genes)  
949 (Table S9). The number of introns was particularly high in *nad5*, *cob*, *cox1* and *atp1*. In  
950 extreme cases, 17 introns and 18 exons were identified in *cox1*, whereas only 11, 5, and  
951 4 introns were found in *cox1* of *O. quekettii*, *C. lentillifera*, and *Ulva* sp., respectively  
952 (Fig. S7) (Melton et al., 2015; Repetti et al., 2020; Zheng et al., 2018). The mean intron  
953 length was 2,676 bp, which was comparable to that of the two Bryopsodales *O. quekettii*  
954 (2,022 bp) and *C. lentillifera* (3,126 bp) (Fig. S8). Introns accounted for 54.1% of the  
955 mitochondrial genome, which was higher than that in *O. quekettii* (39.3%) and *C.*  
956 *lentillifera* (43.4%) (Table S9).

957 Interestingly, 14 protein-coding genes were found in the introns of other genes. A  
958 tBLASTn search for published green algal mitochondrial proteins  
959 (<https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/refseq/release/mitochondrion/>) identified three ORFs  
960 showing homology to the putative LAGLIDADG endonuclease, ten ORFs showing  
961 homology to the putative group II intron reverse transcriptase/maturase, and one ORF  
962 encoding a putative protein in the introns of *cox1*, *atp1*, and *rnl* (six in *cox1*, five in *atp1*,  
963 and three in *rnl*). The introns of *cox1* contain one gene encoding a LAGLIDADG  
964 endonuclease and five genes encoding putative group II intron reverse  
965 transcriptases/maturases. The encoded LAGLIDADG endonuclease is likely functional  
966 because it possesses LAGLIDADG domains at the N- and C-termini that are required for  
967 endonuclease activity (Hausner, 2012; Lambowitz and Belfort, 1993). Four ORFs of the  
968 putative group II intron reverse transcriptase/maturase contained one or more RT\_G2  
969 introns or RT\_like superfamily domains, and three of them possessed the  
970 Intron\_maturas2 superfamily domain, suggesting that these reverse transcriptases are  
971 functional (Table S11).

972 *O. quekettii* also has endonuclease-like protein ORFs and a putative group II intron  
973 reverse transcriptase/maturase on the introns of *cox1*, *atp1*, *rns*, and *rnl*. Thus, the  
974 mitochondrial genome size of green algae belonging to the order Bryopsidales, including  
975 *Bryopsis*, may have increased in accordance with the increased number and size of introns  
976 compared with the mitochondrial genomes of other green algae.

977 The alignment of *nad2*, *nad7*, *nad5*, *nad9* genes with several green algae, including  
978 *O. quekettii* and land plants (*A. thaliana* and *P. patens*), suggested that UGA encodes Trp  
979 rather than a termination codon (Fig. S9). This is consistent with other green algae,  
980 including *O. queketti*, *Pedinomonas minor*, and *Pycnococcus provasolii* (Noutahi et al.,  
981 2019; Repetti et al., 2020).

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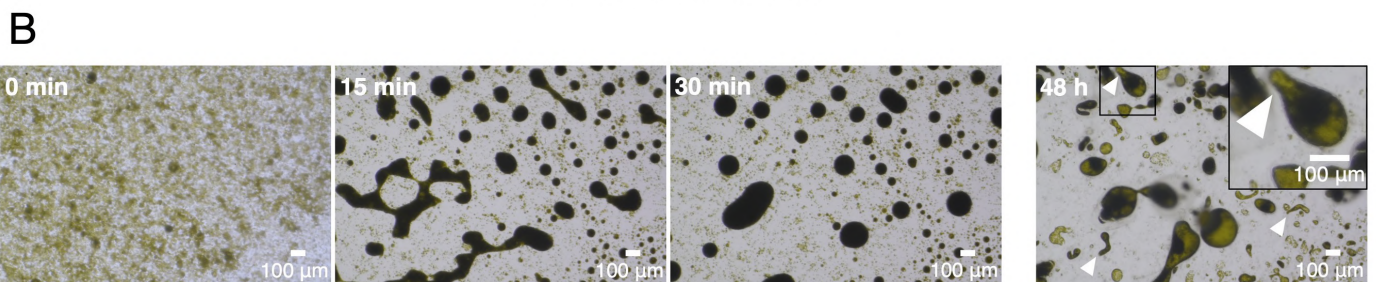
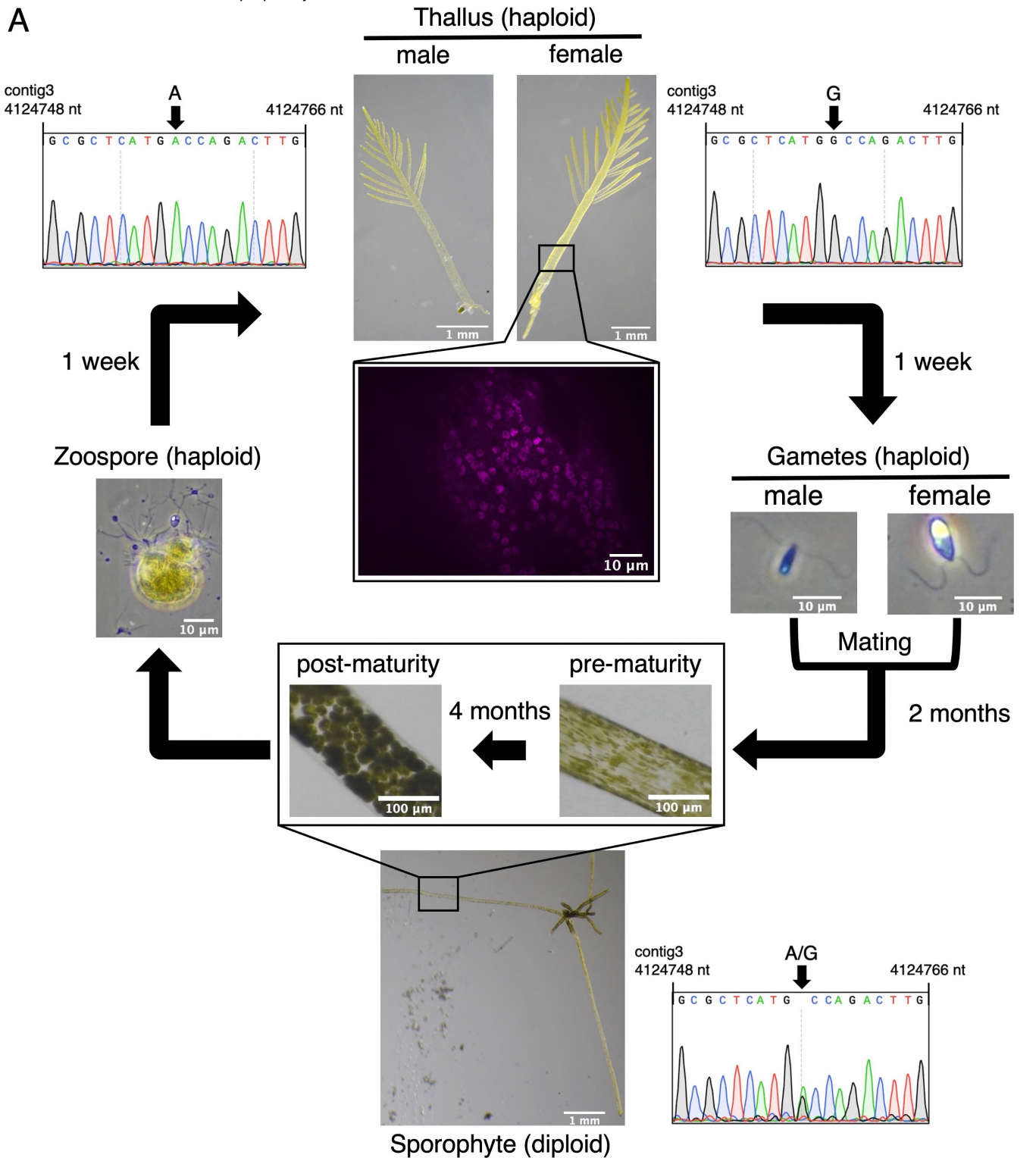
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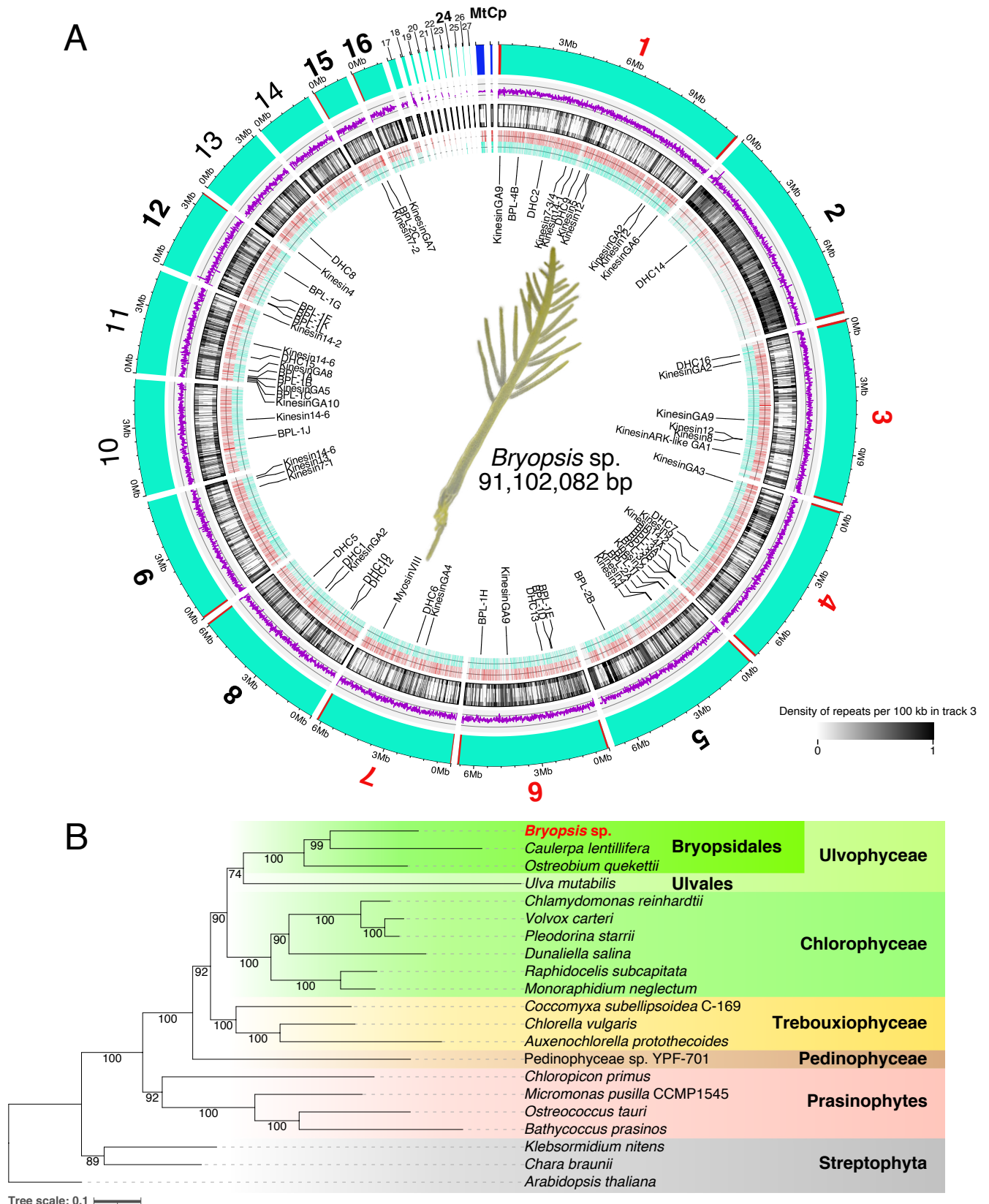
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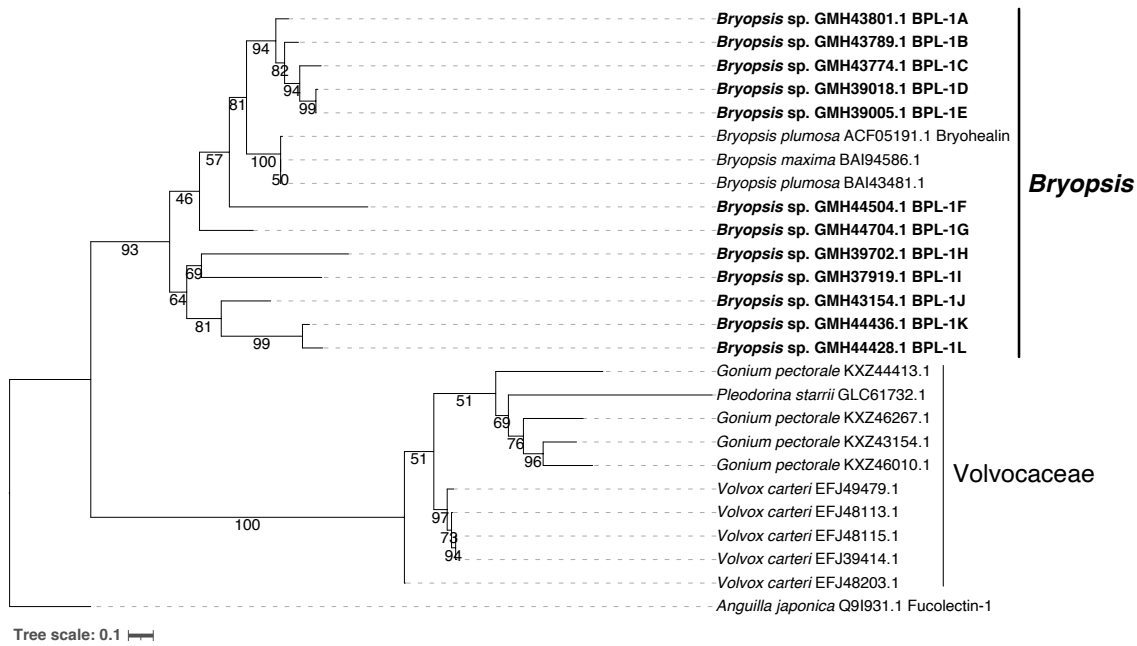
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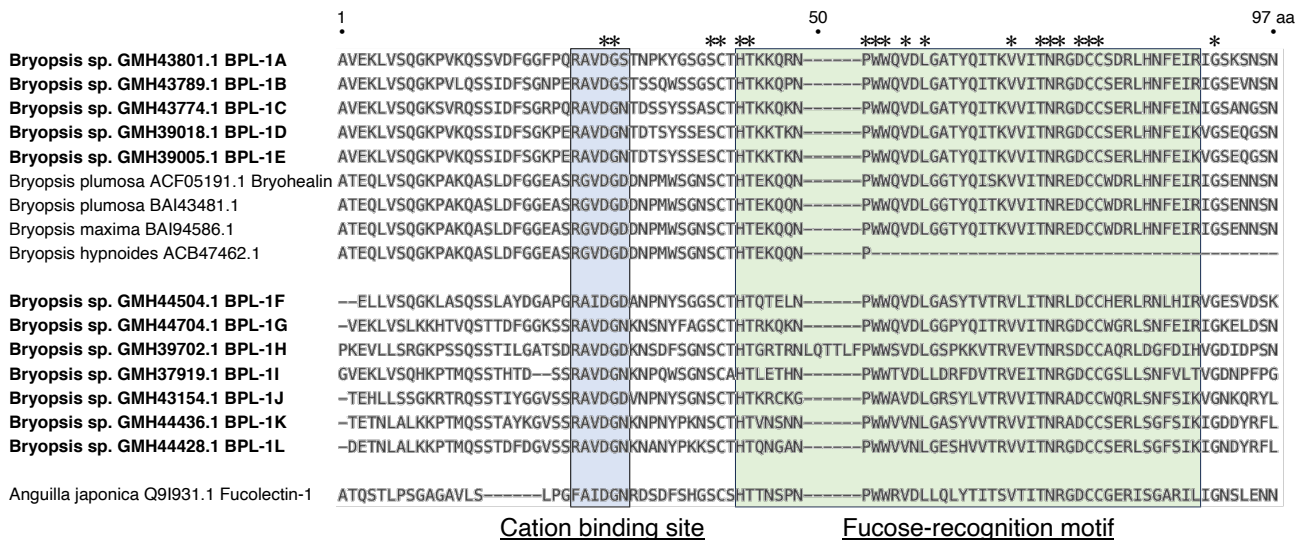
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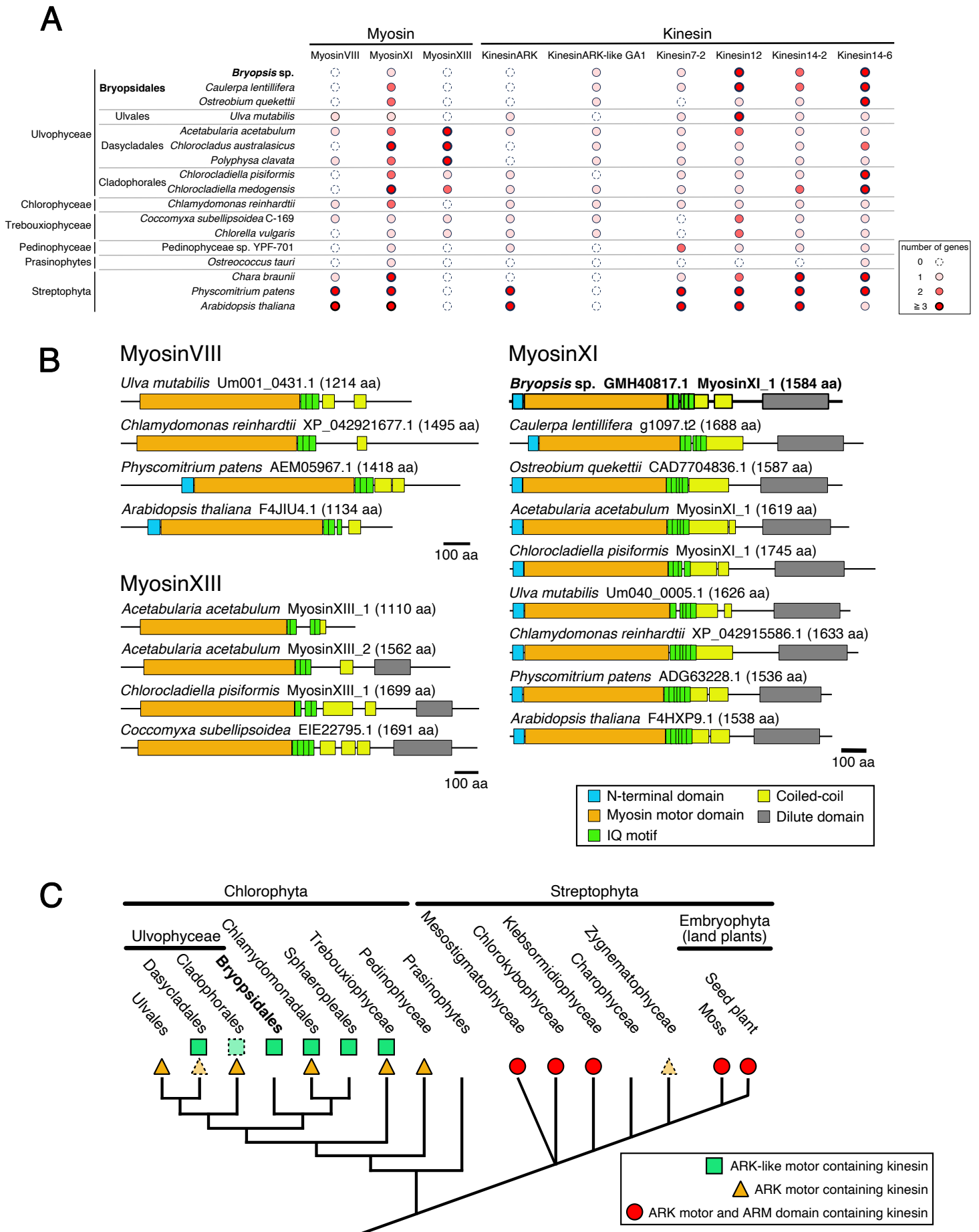


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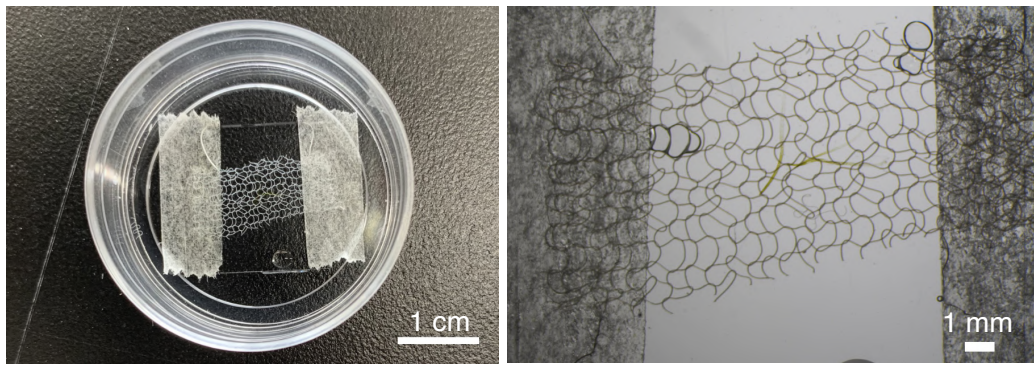
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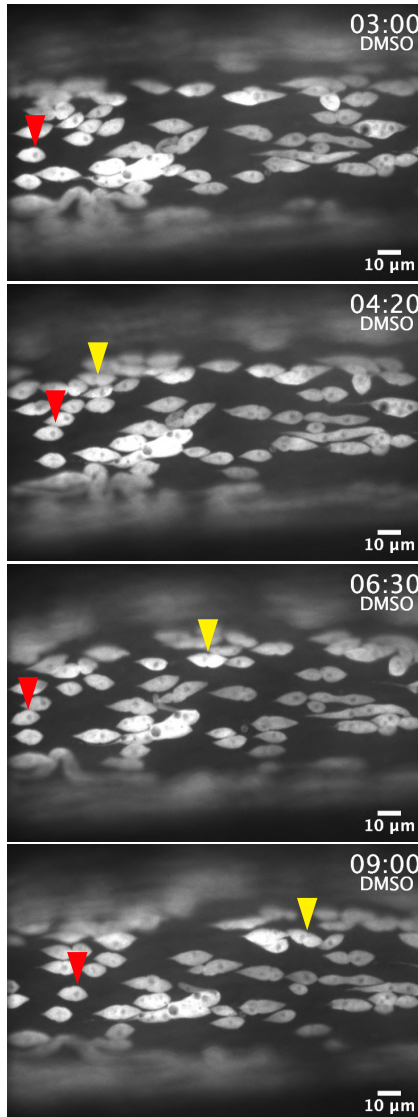
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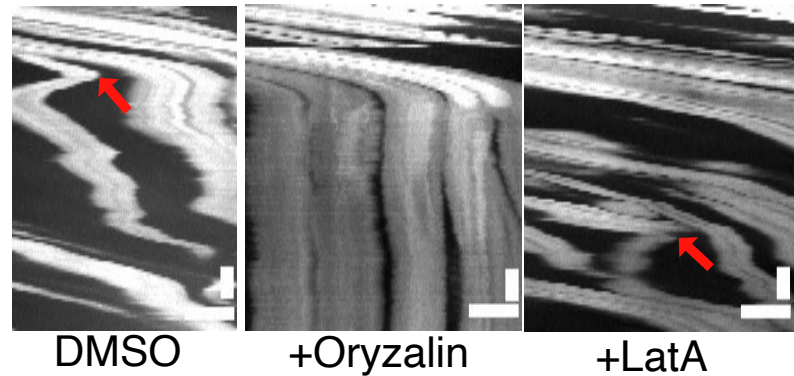
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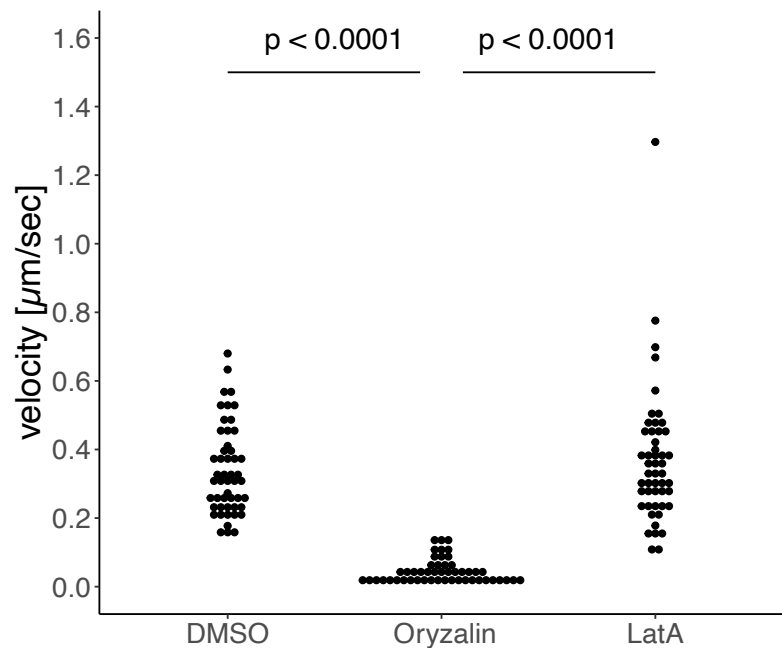
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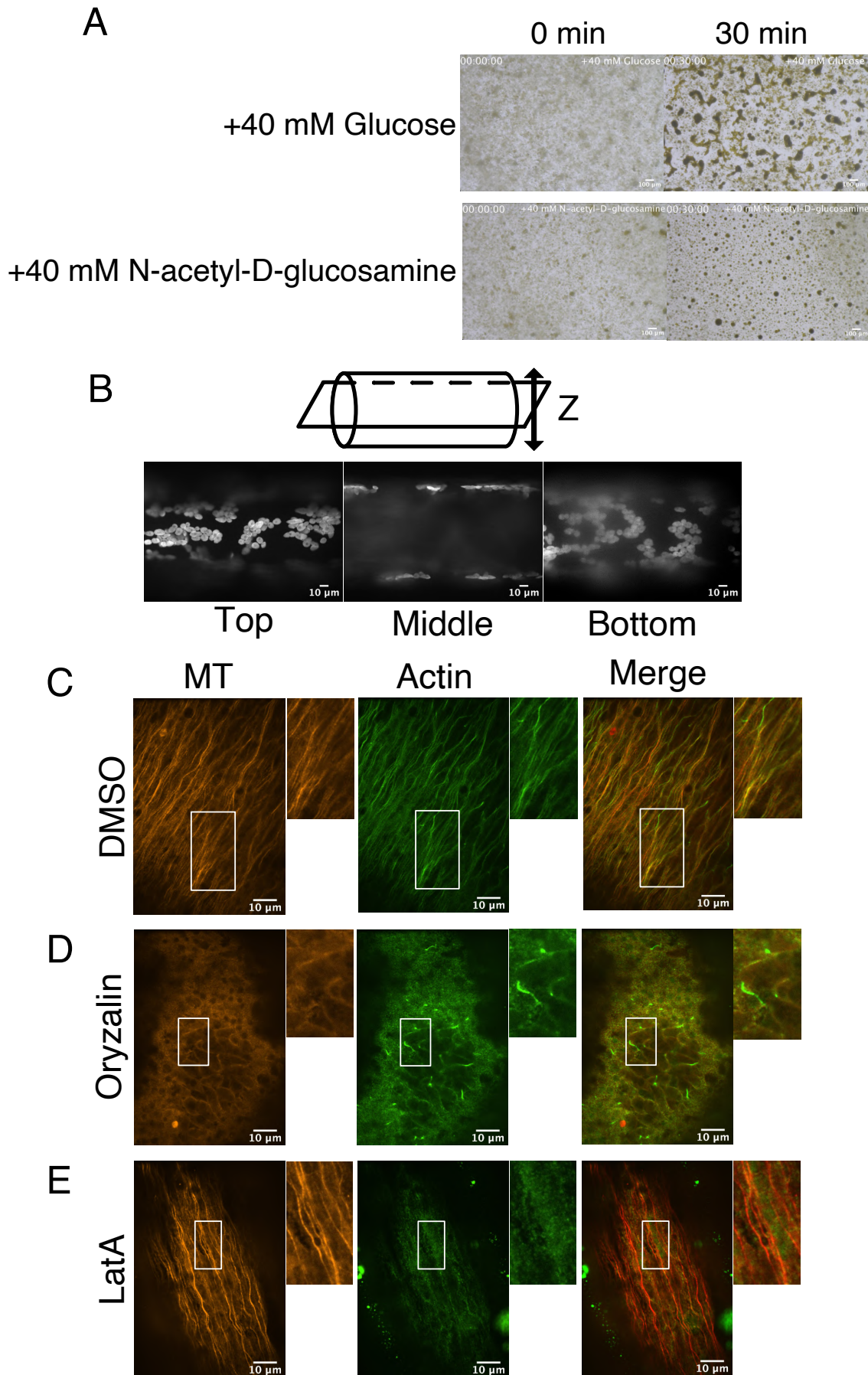
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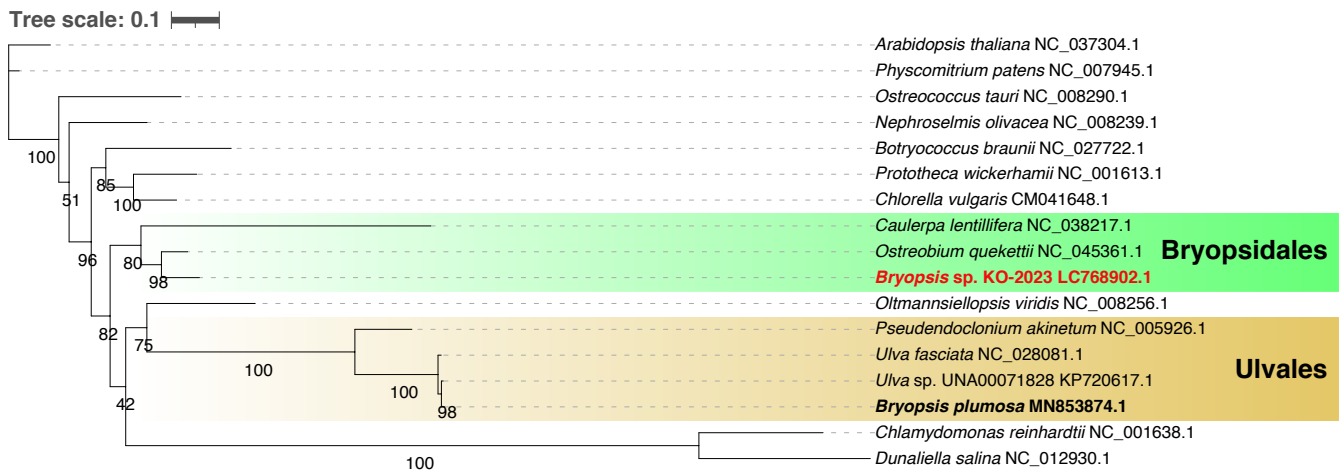
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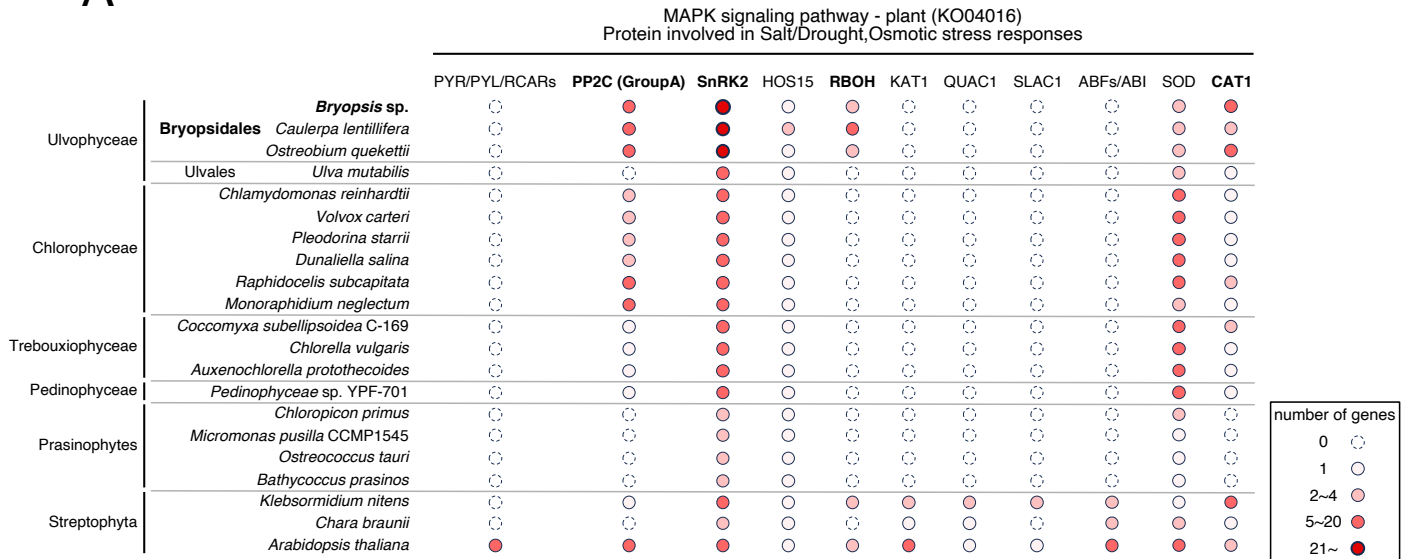
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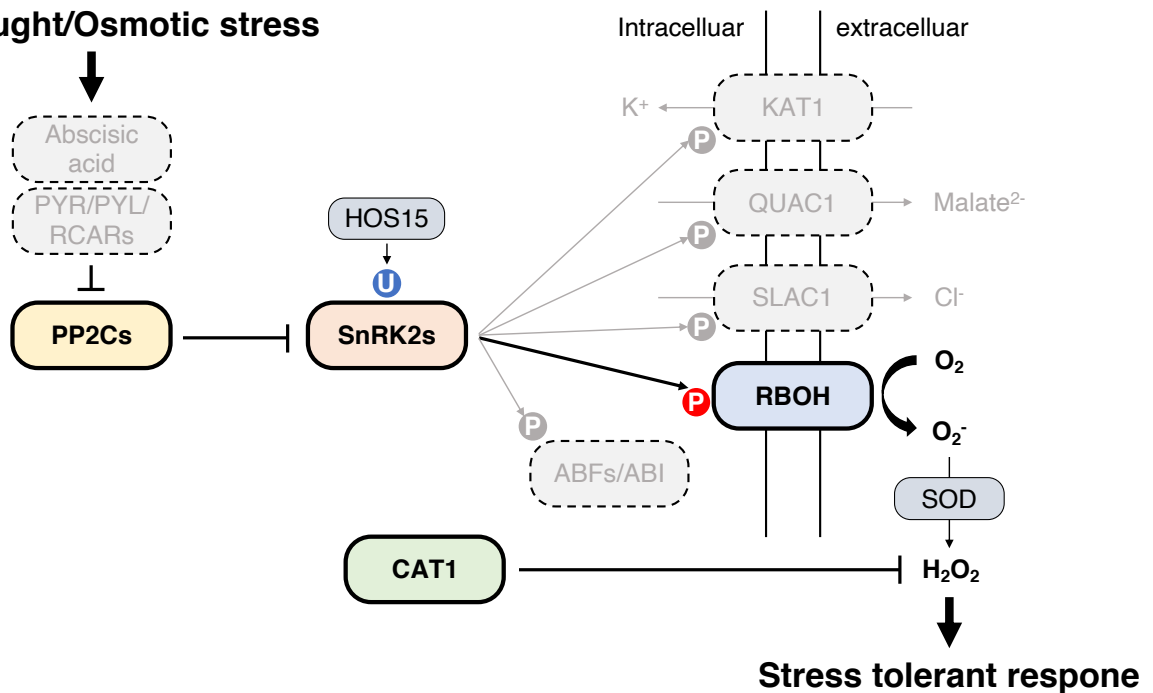
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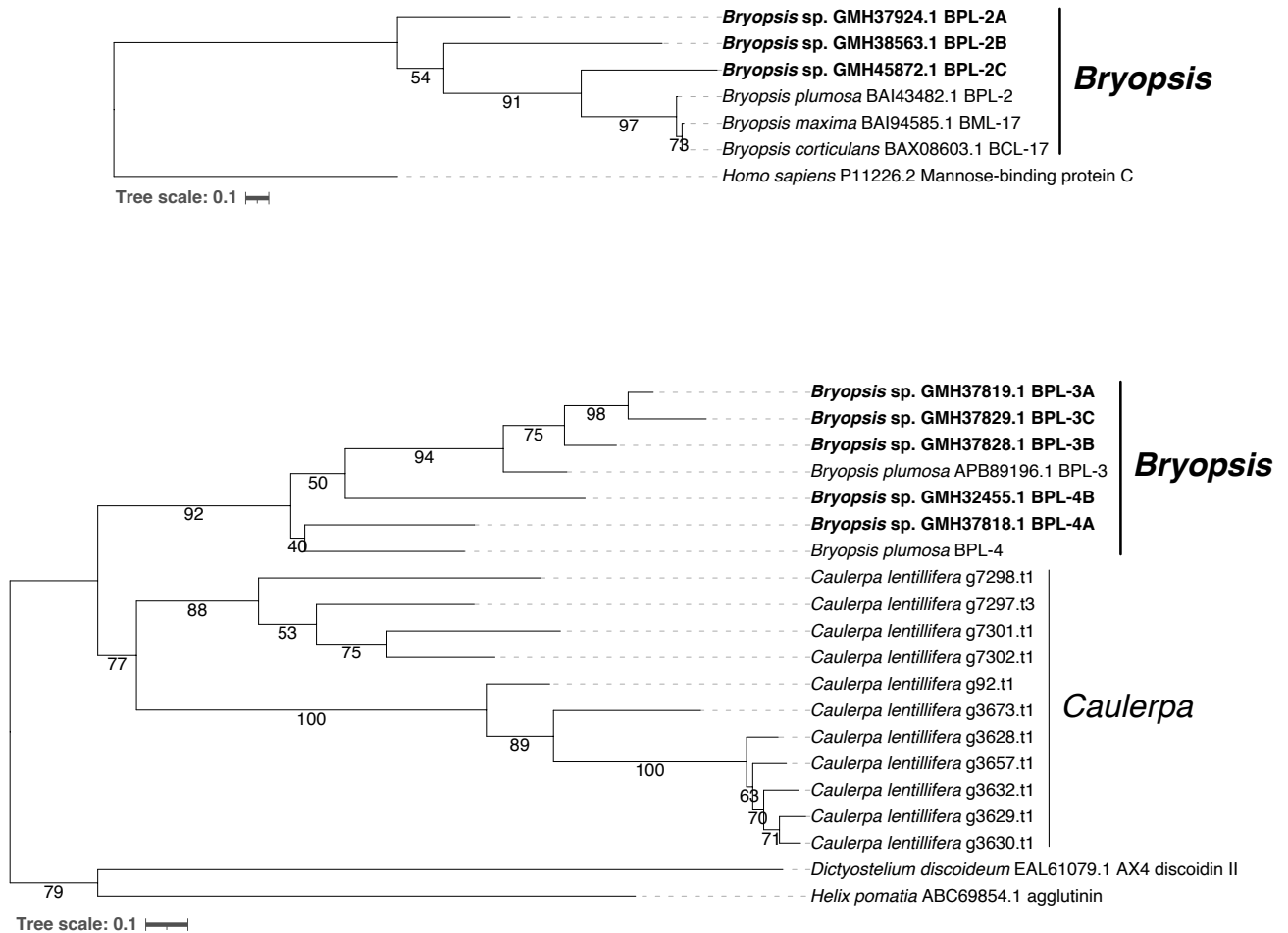
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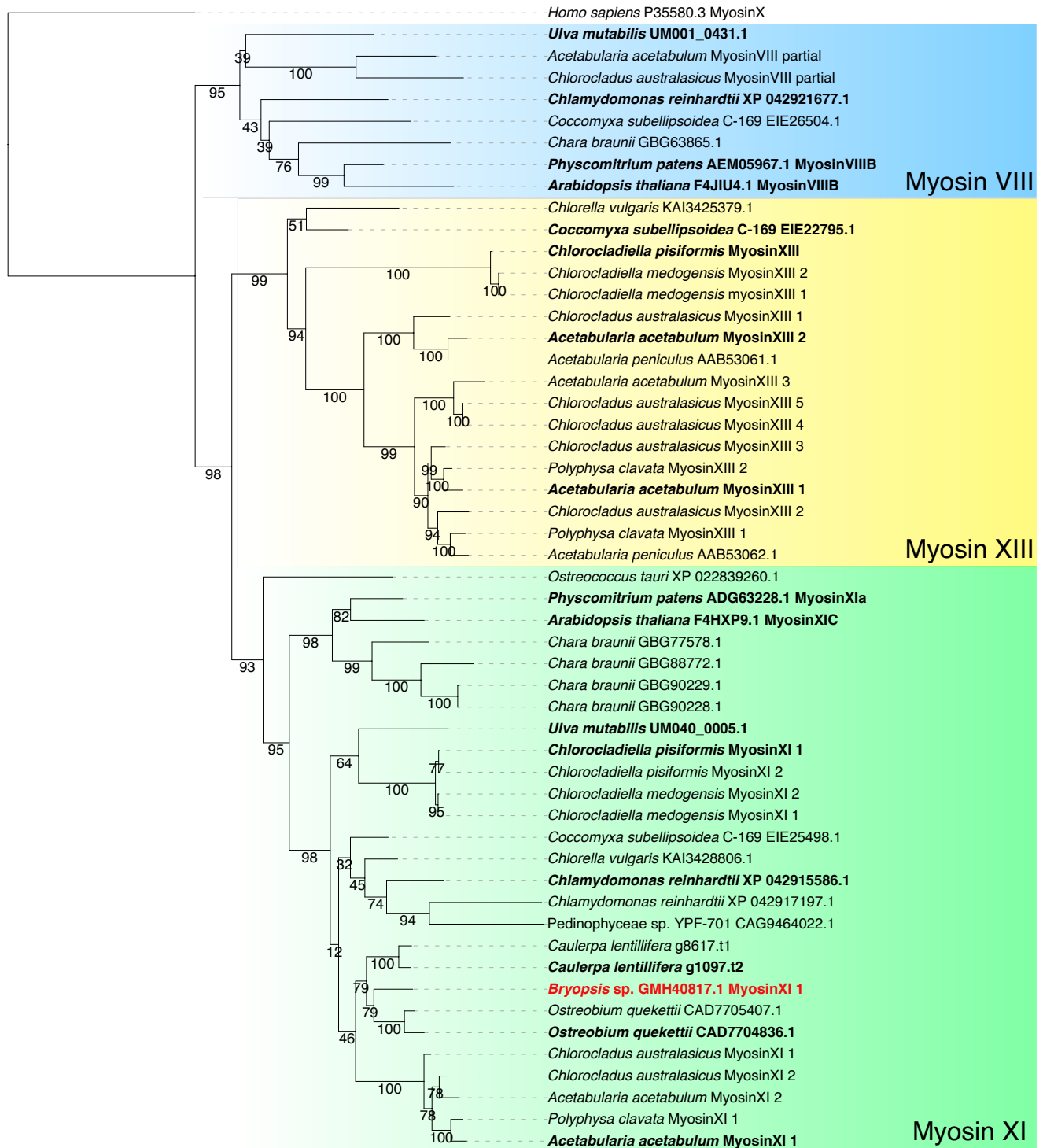
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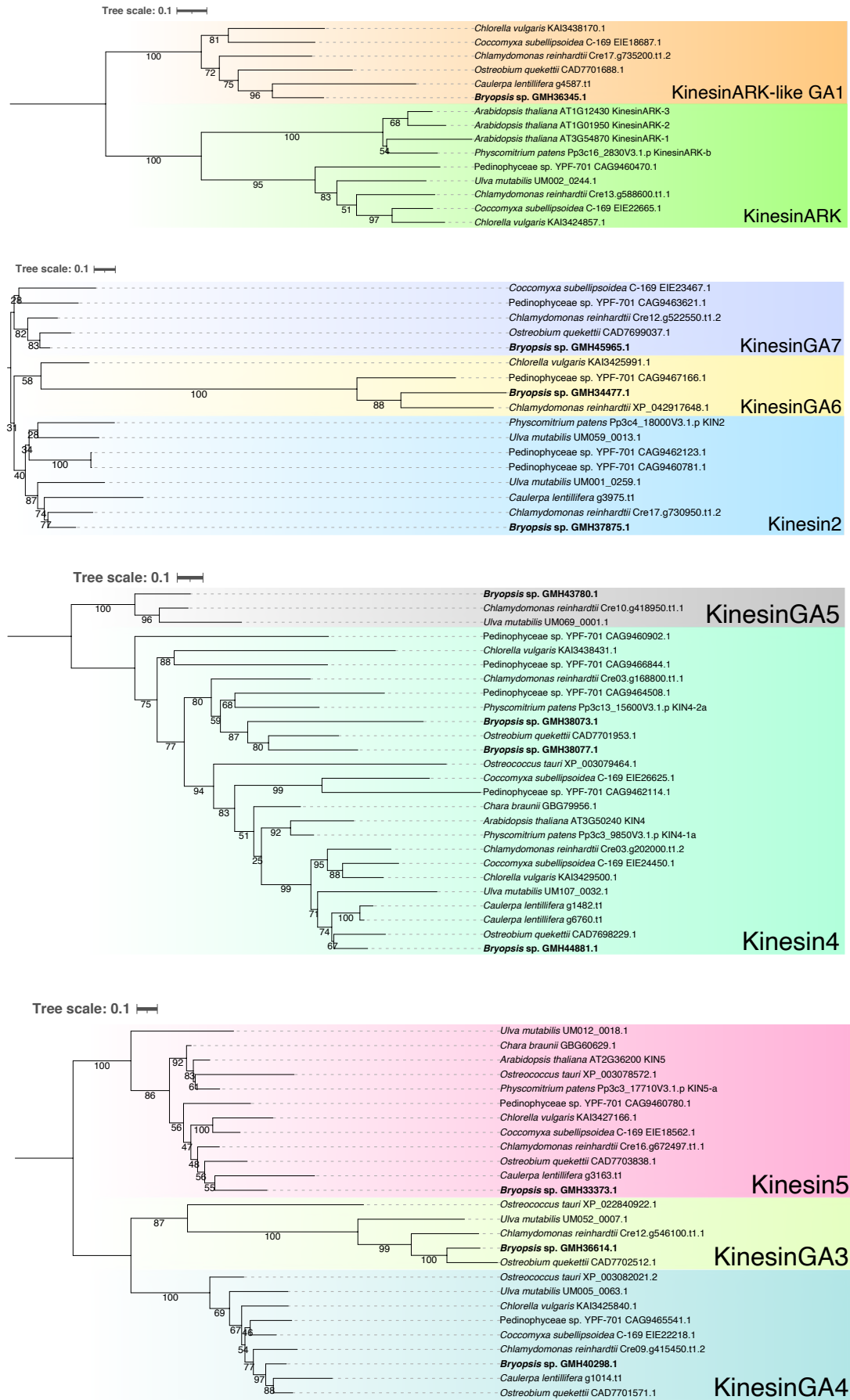
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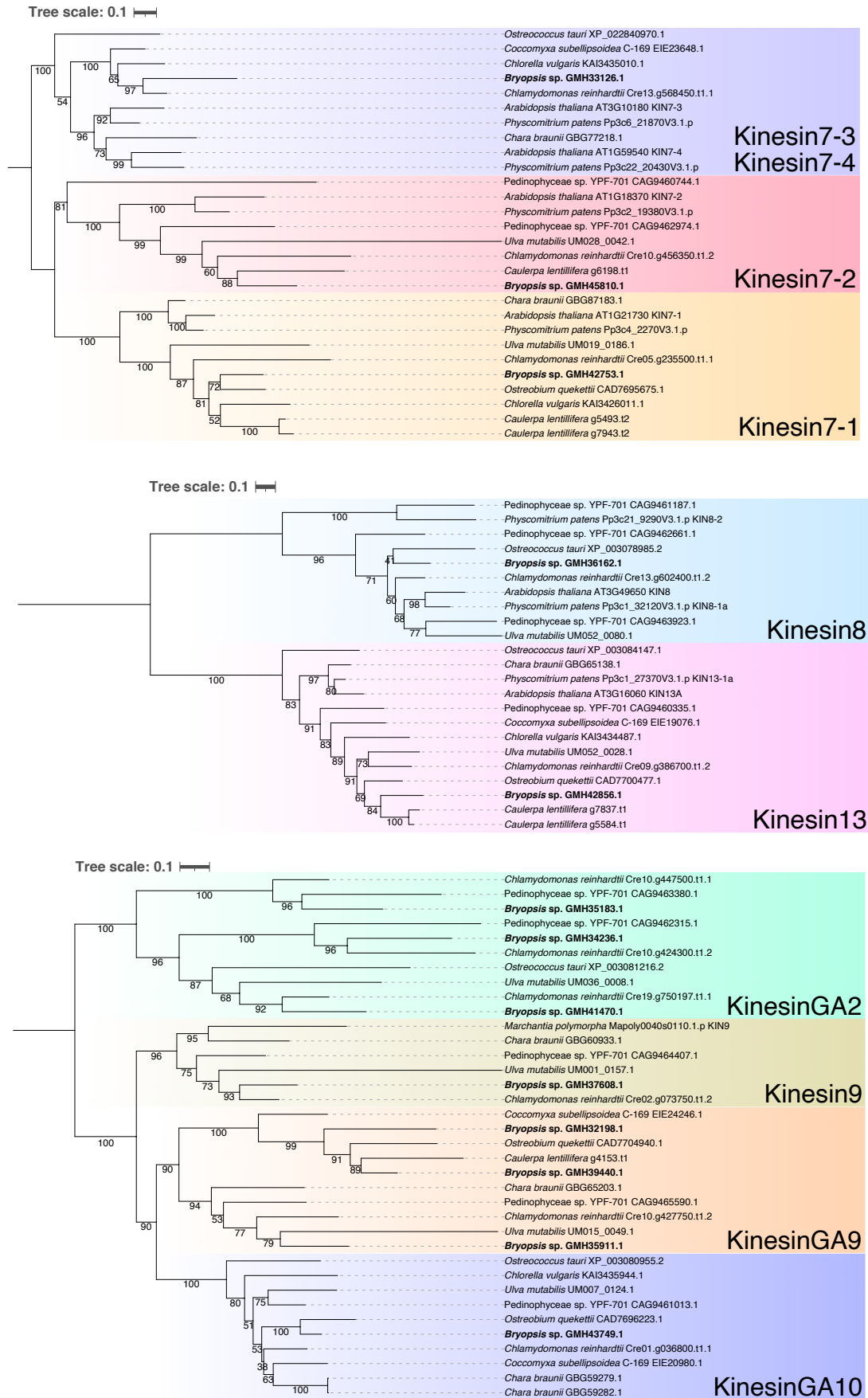
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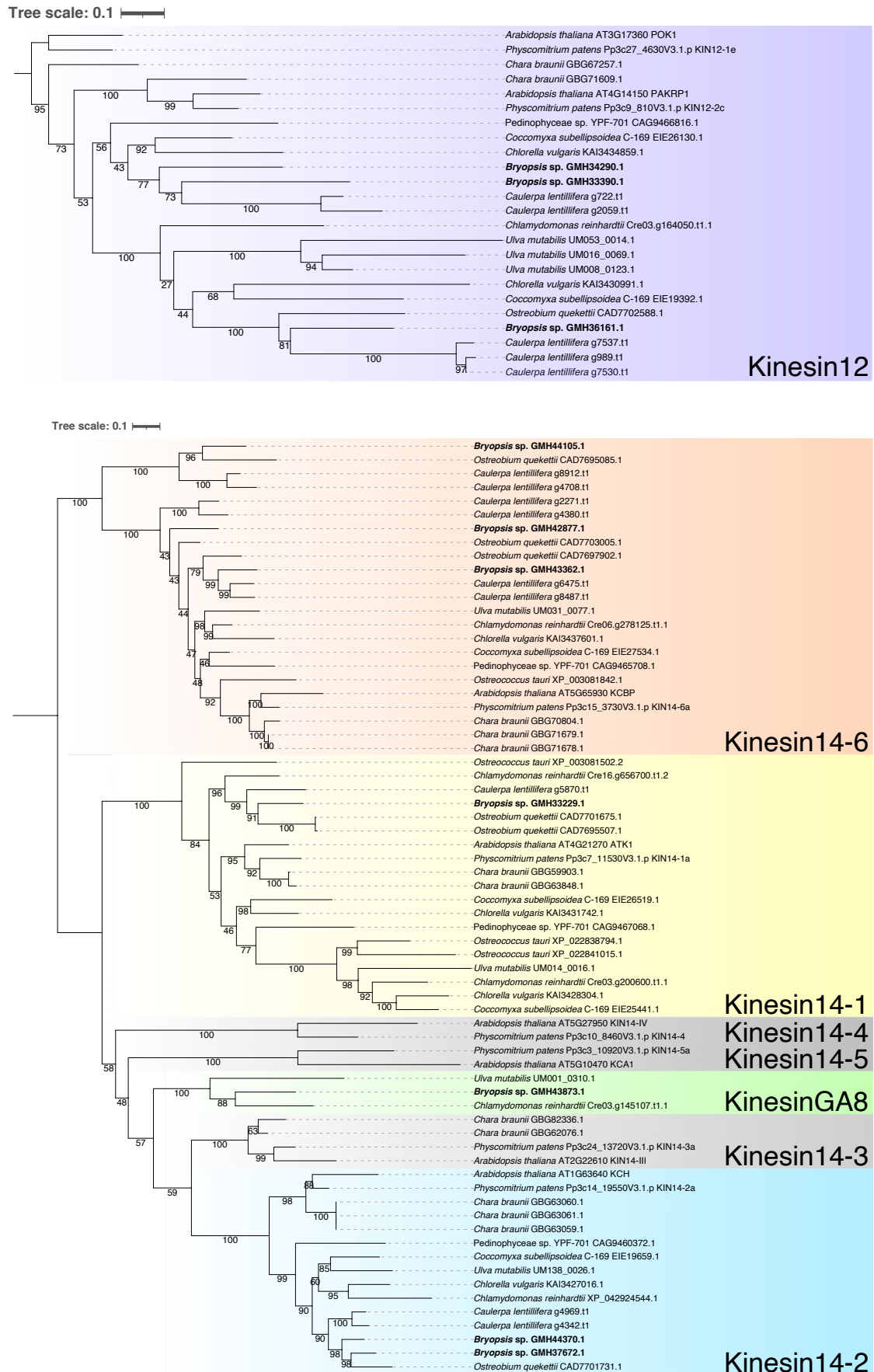
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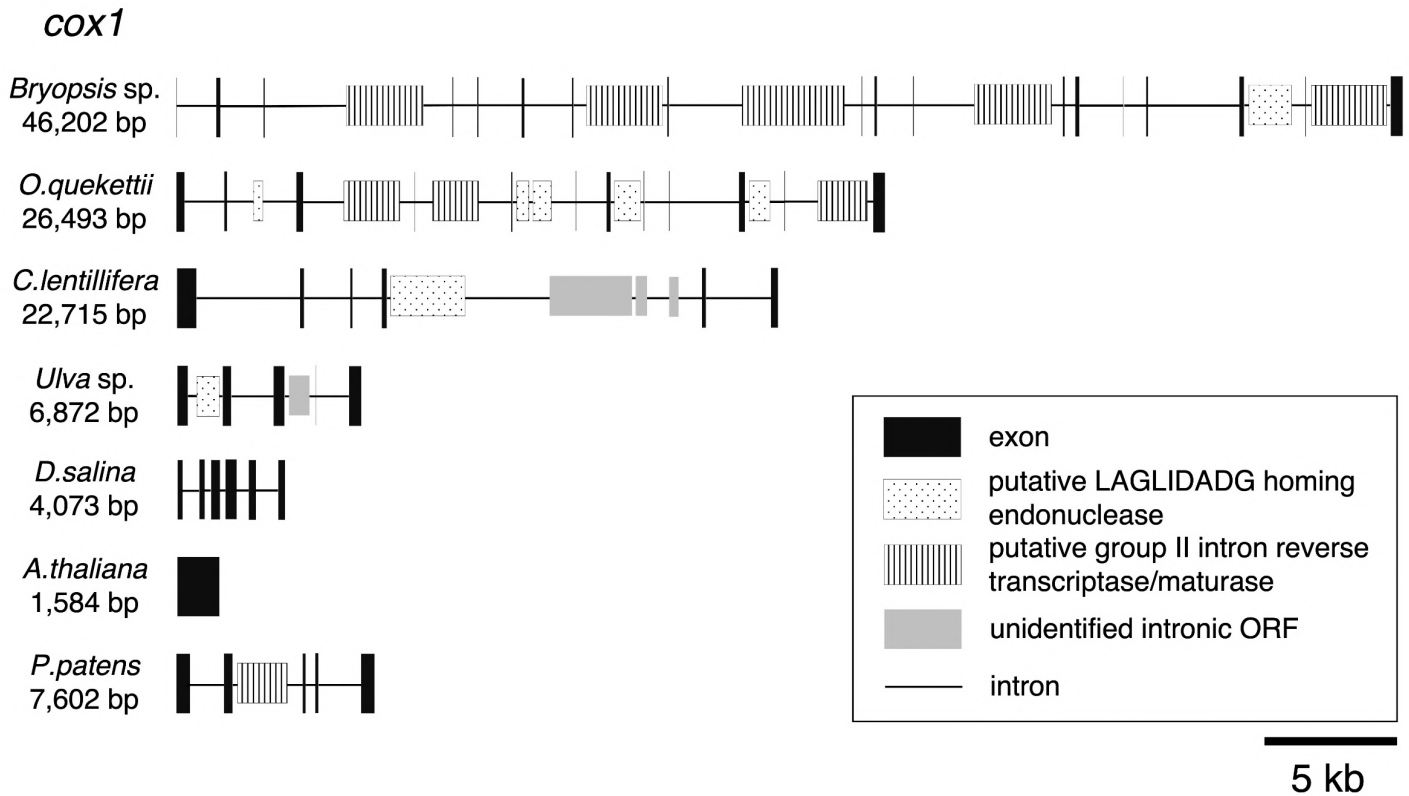
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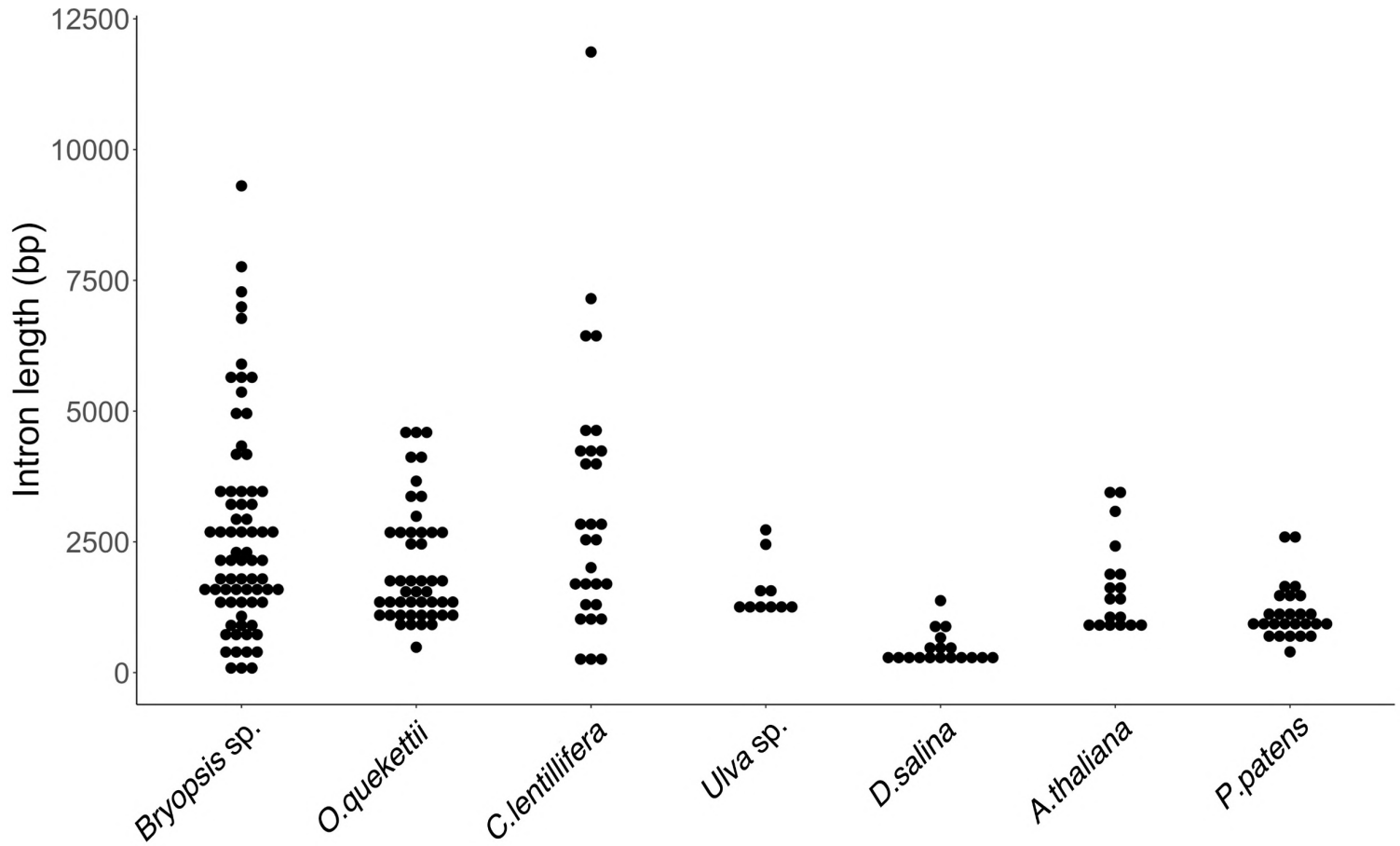
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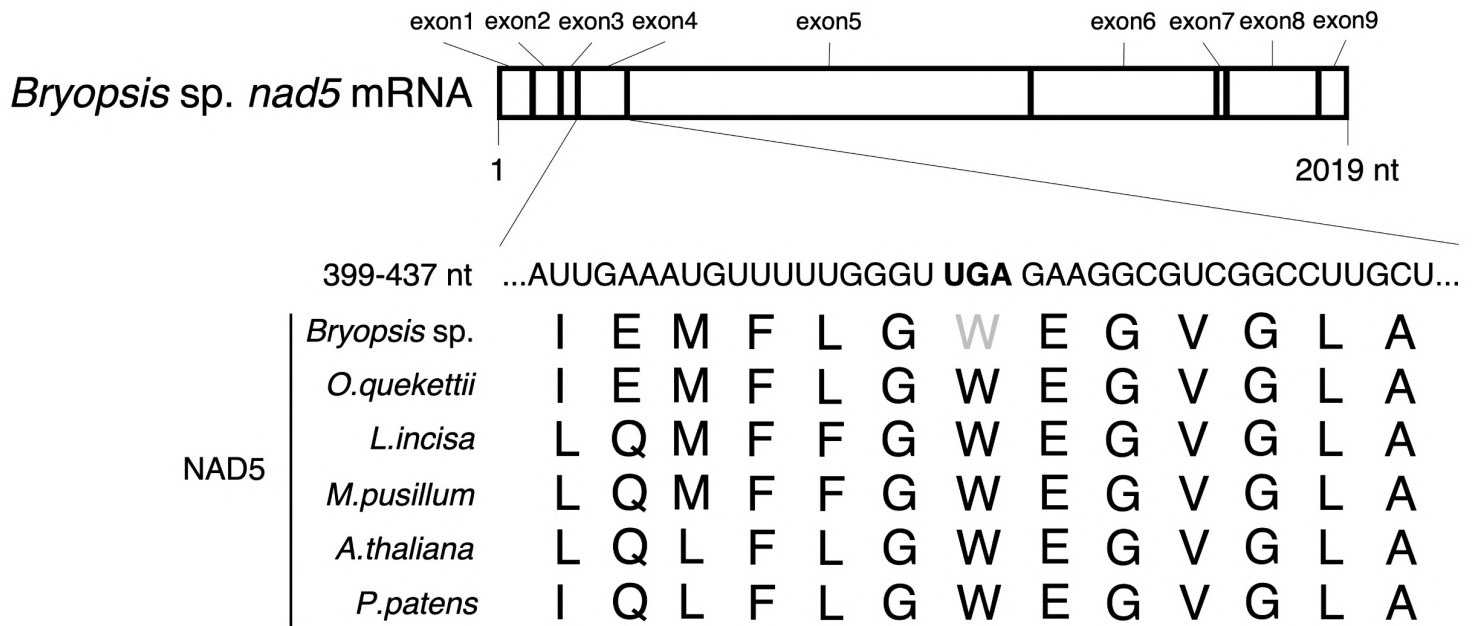
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