



**On the shoulder of giants: Mitogenome recovery from non-targeted genome projects for phylogenetic inference and molecular evolution studies**

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34 **ABSTRACT**

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## 56 INTRODUCTION

57 The advent of high-throughput sequencing technologies (HTS), some fifteen years ago  
58 (Margulies et al., 2005), has had a major impact on life sciences. Unlike Sanger methods,  
59 this technology enables the parallel sequencing of multiple samples at much reduced time  
60 and costs (Kulski, 2016; Mardis, 2008). The rapid progress of HTS tools, combined with the  
61 emergence of sequencing service providers and a great development of bioinformatics, has  
62 fostered the generation of a large amount of non-targeted DNA sequences as part of Whole-  
63 Genome Sequencing (WGS) (Lam et al., 2012) and RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) (Wang,  
64 Gerstein, & Snyder, 2009) projects from a variety of non-model organisms (Kulski, 2016).  
65 HTS data generated in published research is usually made publicly available on on-line  
66 platforms, such as the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) (Geer et al.,  
67 2010). The increasing amount of genetic information available in these databases (Sayers et  
68 al., 2019) not only allows the validation of results through experimental reproducibility  
69 (Resnik & Shamoo, 2017), but it is also a valuable resource that can be “recycled” for its use  
70 in novel projects at no cost. In this regard, WGS and RNA-seq data may potentially include  
71 as a by-product a relevant yet usually overlooked piece of information, the mitochondrial  
72 genome (mitogenome, mtDNA).

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74 Previous studies have shown that HTS data mining has a great potential for the  
75 retrieval of *de novo* mtDNA at a low cost, which is especially relevant in organisms with  
76 poor mitogenomic information (e.g. non model organisms) (Vieira & Prosdocimi, 2019).  
77 While the assembly of complete mitogenomes from WGS data has been proven relatively  
78 simple (Vieira & Prosdocimi, 2019), recovering mitochondrial data from RNA-seq data is  
79 more challenging. A common procedure during the generation of RNA-seq data is the target  
80 enrichment of nuclear messenger RNA (mRNA) sequences –which make up a tiny fraction  
81 of the total RNA– usually accomplished by means of poly-A enrichment treatments, which  
82 could hinder subsequent mitogenomic mining (Ozsolak & Milos, 2011). Nevertheless,  
83 available evidence suggests that polyadenylation is not exclusive of nuclear mRNA.  
84 Although with different functionality, some prokaryotes are also capable of adding poly-A  
85 tails, not only to mRNA, but also to transfer RNA (tRNA) and ribosomal RNA (rRNA)  
86 (Régnier & Marujo, 2013). The former observation in combination with the high abundance  
87 and expression levels of mitochondria within the cell (Pisani et al., 2013; Smith, 2016), and  
88 the use of proper assembly tools would favor the successful recovery of mitochondrial reads  
89 to a variable extent (Plese et al., 2019; Tian & Smith, 2016). In this regard, Plese et al. (2019)

90 have recently designed *Trimitomics*, a bioinformatic pipeline that simplifies and optimizes  
91 the assembly of mtDNA data from RNA-seq sequencing projects by combining freely  
92 available software. The pipeline, consisting in the sequential implementation of three  
93 assembly methods, namely *Novoplasty*, *Bowtie2* and *Velvet*, has been proven useful for the  
94 assembly of complete or partial mitogenomes (Plese et al., 2019), with a level of success  
95 depending on factors such as (1) the sequencing depth, (2) the evolutionary distance of the  
96 target taxa to the closer available mitogenome, which is used as a reference or seed, and (3)  
97 the presence and role of polyadenylation within the target taxa.

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99 The mtDNA has been extensively used as a marker to trace evolutionary history in  
100 different fields of biology, including evolutionary biology (Carapelli, Liò, Nardi, Van Der  
101 Wath, & Frati, 2007), systematics (Carapelli, Fanciulli, Frati, & Leo, 2019), biogeography  
102 (Bauzà-Ribot et al., 2012), population genetics (Killnç et al., 2018) or conservation  
103 (Rubinoff, 2006). In metazoans the mtDNA is haplotypic, generally assumed to lack  
104 recombination, and maternally inherited (although there are some remarkable exceptions, see  
105 Breton, Beaupré, Stewart, Hoeh, & Blier, 2007; Ladoukakis & Zouros, 2017). It encodes a  
106 relatively conserved set of 37 genes, including 13 protein coding genes (PCG), 22 tRNAs  
107 and 2 ribosomal subunits, alongside one or more control regions (Boore, 1999; Gissi, Iannelli,  
108 & Pesole, 2008).

109 Several features make the mtDNA data a valuable resource to resolve phylogenetic  
110 relationships and tackle a diverse array of evolutionary questions. On the one hand, its high  
111 copy number, unambiguous orthology and combination of faster and slower evolving regions  
112 make the mtDNA a relevant source of information for phylogenomic inference, especially at  
113 the lower taxonomic levels (Pisani et al., 2013). However, its higher substitution rate  
114 compared to nuclear genes—due to a greater mutation rate and smaller efficient population  
115 size— and strand-specific compositional bias are responsible for distortions in the  
116 phylogenetic signal, which may lead to poor or artifactual results when considering  
117 relationships at higher taxonomic levels (Pisani et al., 2013). On the other hand, mtDNA can  
118 be used to interrogate aspects such as the evolution of gene rearrangement and RNA  
119 secondary structure across taxa.

120 The typical secondary structure of metazoan tRNAs consists in a cloverleaf with four  
121 arms, namely the acceptor, the DHU, the anti-codon and the T $\Psi$ C—except for tRNA-S1<sub>GCT</sub>,  
122 that usually lacks a DHU-arm (Jühling, Pütz, Bernt, et al., 2012). Although mitochondrial  
123 tRNA sequences evolve at a high rate and can be quite variable—even between close

124 relatives– their secondary structure is usually conserved, since it determines the tertiary  
125 structure and function of these small molecules (Sakurai, Watanabe, Watanabe, & Ohtsuki,  
126 2006). However, several studies have described atypical tRNAs, indicating that deviations  
127 from the canonical structure could be more common than previously thought. Non canonical  
128 tRNAs are characterized by a shortened encoding sequence which conforms a secondary  
129 structure lacking either the DHU arm, the TΨC arm (Masta & Boore, 2008; Wolstenholme,  
130 Macfarlane, Okimoto, Clary, & Wahleithner, 1987), or even both (Jühling, Pütz, Florentz, &  
131 Stadler, 2012; Pons, Bover, Bidegaray-Batista, & Arnedo, 2019). These atypical tRNAs  
132 apparently can fold in the canonical tertiary structure and become fully functional thanks to  
133 post-transcriptional editing (Wende et al., 2014).

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135 In spite of constituting the most diverse biological group, arthropod mitogenomes are  
136 poorly represented in public databases, where the availability of mtDNA data is highly biased  
137 towards vertebrates (Geer et al., 2010). Spiders (order Araneae) exemplify well this pattern.  
138 Despite ranking sixth among the most diverse orders of animals (Roskov et al., 2019), with  
139 more than 48000 species, 4100 genera and 120 families (World Spider Catalog, 2019), there  
140 are only 45 complete spider mtDNA records at the organelle genome database at the NCBI  
141 (Wolfsberg, Schafer, Tatusov, & Tatusova, 2001) (Retrieved from  
142 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/organelle>, accessed on July 2019).

143 The family Dysderidae C. L. Koch, 1837 (**Fig. 1**) is a highly diverse group of  
144 araneomorph spiders, which currently comprises 564 species (World Spider Catalog, 2019),  
145 classified in 24 genera and 3 subfamilies, namely Dysderinae, Harpacteinae and Rhodinae  
146 (Deeleman-Reinhold & Deeleman, 1988). The family is an exceptionally well-suited model  
147 system for evolutionary research, and has been used to address evolutionary (Arnedo, Oromí,  
148 & Ribera, 2001; Bidegaray-Batista, Ferrández, & Arnedo, 2014; Macías-Hernández, Oromí,  
149 & Arnedo, 2008), ecological (Arnedo, Oromí, Múrria, Macías-Hernández, & Ribera, 2007;  
150 Macías-Hernández et al., 2018; Řezáč, Pekár, & Lubin, 2008) and biogeographic (Bidegaray-  
151 Batista & Arnedo, 2011; Bidegaray-Batista, Macías-Hernández, Oromí, & Arnedo, 2007;  
152 Macías-Hernández, Bidegaray-Batista, Emerson, Oromí, & Arnedo, 2013) questions.

153 Dysderidae has a Western Palearctic distribution, mostly restricted to the Mediterranean  
154 basin. Nonetheless, the species-rich genus *Dysdera* Latreille, 1804 (285 species) has  
155 managed to further colonize the Macaronesian archipelagos, a group of volcanic islands on  
156 the eastern North Atlantic Ocean, where it has undergone a major diversification process  
157 (Arnedo et al., 2001). Approximately fifty endemic species have been documented in the

158 Canary Islands (Macías-Hernández, López, Roca-Cusachs, Oromí, & Arnedo, 2016),  
159 providing one of the most extreme cases of island diversification within spiders world-wide  
160 (Arnedo, 2009), most likely representing a case of adaptive radiation (Arnedo et al., 2007).  
161 Former studies have revealed that most of the archipelago diversity is the result of local  
162 diversification processes following two to three independent colonization events (Arnedo et  
163 al., 2007, 2001). Canarian endemics form two well-defined clades correlating to the  
164 geographic location of the islands. The Eastern clade includes species from Lanzarote and  
165 Fuerteventura, the oldest and more eroded islands (closest to the African continent), while  
166 most of the endemic species from the central (Gran Canaria, Tenerife) and western islands  
167 (La Palma, La Gomera and El Hierro) belong to the Western clade. Finally, the eastern  
168 species *D. lancerotensis* Simon, 1907 is more closely related to continental species, and  
169 represents a recent independent colonization of the archipelago (Arnedo et al., 2001).  
170 However, previous studies have failed to clarify the relationship between the Eastern and  
171 Western clades, and the phylogenetic position of two western endemics, namely *D. sibyllina*  
172 Arnedo, 2007 and *D. andamanae* Arnedo & Ribera, 1997, remains unresolved, since some  
173 evidence suggests they could actually be more closely related to the Eastern clade (Arnedo  
174 et al., 2007).

175 The family Dysderidae is also a suitable model to study tRNA evolution. It is known  
176 that spiders have compacted tRNAs, exhibiting a three-arms only structure, with the presence  
177 of several miss-pairings and G-U pairs in the acceptor arm (Masta & Boore, 2008).  
178 Additionally, Pons et al. (2019) have recently reported extremely compacted tRNAs in the  
179 Dysderidae genera *Parachtes* Alicata, 1964 and *Harpactocrates* Simon, 1914, including the  
180 shortest arm-less tRNAs ever described in any organism. These extremely compacted  
181 structures have been preserved at least since the divergence of these two sister taxa, which  
182 dates back to 30 Mya (Bidegaray-Batista & Arnedo, 2011). This raises the question of  
183 whether the extreme compaction of these molecules is exclusive of these two genera.  
184 Alternatively, it could be shared by other members of the family or even other closely related  
185 families, which would trace its origin even further back in time.

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187 Here, 1) we investigate the potential of HTS data generated in non-mitogenomic  
188 targeted studies to recover and assemble complete mitogenomes, and 2) we assess the  
189 potential of the recovered mitogenomic data to tackle a diverse array of evolutionary  
190 questions within the spider family Dysderidae, including a) phylogenetic relationships and



191 island colonization within Canarian *Dysdera*, and b) evolution of gene arrangement and  
192 tRNA secondary structure within the family Dysderidae.

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## 194 MATERIALS & METHODS

### 195 *Data acquisition*

196 Mitogenome assembly was performed over two types of HTS data, genomic (WGS)  
197 and transcriptomic (RNA-seq), obtained from two different sources. First, we used HTS data  
198 generated from ongoing in-house projects, specifically 13 genomes and 9 transcriptomes  
199 belonging to 17 different Dysderidae species. The taxonomic sampling included 13 species  
200 of the genus *Dysdera*, 10 of them from the Canary Islands (8 from the western and central  
201 islands and 2 from the eastern ones); 2 species of *Parachtes*, which together with *Dysdera*  
202 belong to the Dysderinae subfamily; and one representative of each of the other two  
203 Dysderidae subfamilies, namely Harpacteinae and Rhodinae (**Appendix 1**). Second, we  
204 downloaded HTS data from most genomic and transcriptomic records belonging to the spider  
205 clade Synspermiata, to which the Dysderidae family belongs (Michalik & Ramírez, 2014),  
206 and one of its sister lineages, the family Hypochilidae Marx, 1888 (Fernández et al., 2018;  
207 Garrison et al., 2016; Shao & Li, 2018), available at the NCBI database. The transcriptomic  
208 dataset consisted of 33 records, representing the family Hypochilidae and 13 out of the 17  
209 Synspermiata families. Regarding genomic data, only one record, belonging to the family  
210 Sicariidae Keyserling, 1880 was available at the time this study was conducted (**Appendix**  
211 **2**). NCBI files were downloaded in SRA format, and converted to FASTQ format with fastq-  
212 dump from SRAtoolkit.2.9.2 (Leinonen, Sugawara, & Shumway, 2011). In addition, for the  
213 phylogenetic analyses we downloaded the 45 complete spider mitogenomes available at the  
214 NCBI mitogenome database (**Appendix 3**).

215 For tRNA annotation and reconstruction we selected a subset of seven Dysderidae  
216 species spanning the largest evolutionary diversity within the family, namely the Dysderinae  
217 species *D. iguanensis* Wunderlich, 1987, *D. silvatica* Schmidt 1981 and *D. sibyllina*, from  
218 the western Canaries; *D. longa* Wunderlich, 1992, from the eastern Canaries, and the  
219 continental *D. asiatica* Nosek 1905, the Harpacteinae species *Stalagtia hercegovinensis*  
220 (Nosek, 1905) and the Rhodinae species *Parastalita stygia* (Joseph, 1882) (**Fig. 1**). The  
221 species *Pholcus phalangioides* J.K. Füssli, 1775, which is the closest complete mitogenome  
222 available, was also included for outgroup comparisons.

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### 224 *Mitogenome recovery*

225 The assembly of mtDNA reads from genomic and transcriptomic data was performed  
226 following the *Trimitomics* pipeline (Plese et al., 2019) originally designed for optimizing the  
227 extraction of mitochondrial information from RNA-seq data, but also suitable for WGS. The  
228 *Trimitomics* workflow consists of three different methods, implemented stepwise depending  
229 on the success of the previous step. The first step was the assembly of raw reads against a  
230 full mitogenome, using different k-mer distributions, with the organelle assembler  
231 NOVOPlasty v3.2 (Dierckxsens, Mardulyn, & Smits, 2017). This step usually recovers  
232 complete mitogenomes from WGS data (Vieira & Prosdocimi, 2019), especially when  
233 sequences from closely related species are available to be used as a seed. In the second step  
234 the raw reads were cleaned from adapters with Trimmomatic 0.32 (Bolger, Lohse, & Usadel,  
235 2014), mapped to a reference mitogenome with Bowtie2 (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012), and  
236 further assembled with Trinity 2.2.0 (Grabherr et al., 2011). Finally, the third step consisted  
237 in assembling either the whole transcriptome with Trinity or the whole genome with Velvet  
238 1.2.10 (Zerbino & Birney, 2008) and subsequently extracting mitochondrial contigs with  
239 BLASTN (Altschul, Gish, Miller, Myers, & Lipman, 1990). When the complete mitogenome  
240 could not be recovered in a single contig, we manually combined the contigs obtained in all  
241 three steps with the help of the software Geneious v11.1.2 (Kearse et al., 2012) (**Fig. 2**).

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### 243 *Mitogenome annotation*

244 PCGs and rRNAs were automatically annotated in both complete and partial recovered  
245 mitogenomes using the new MITOS2 version of Mitoswebserver (Bernt et al., 2013)  
246 (available at <http://mitos2.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de/index.py>), with default parameters. For the  
247 PCGs, the accuracy of the automatic annotation was assessed by checking the reading frame  
248 and manually curating to fine-tune the boundaries of the genes. We identified putative start  
249 and stop codons and corroborated them by aligning each gene sequence with the sequences  
250 of all spider mitogenomes available in NCBI. We used a similar comparative framework to  
251 determine the boundaries of the two rRNA sequences.

252 The annotation of tRNA genes was performed combining the results obtained with two  
253 different annotation programs, MITOS2 and ARAGORN (Laslett & Canback, 2004). To  
254 improve the detection, automatic annotation was performed using only sequences unassigned  
255 to protein coding genes as a template, allowing an overlapping of 50 base pairs (bp)  
256 (Morrison, 2010). The two programs were prone to both false positives and false negatives,  
257 and in combination were capable to annotate the full complement of tRNAs in only three

258 species (*D. longa*, *S. hercegovinensis* and *P. stygia*) (**Table S1**). Nevertheless, thanks to the  
259 overall conservation of the gene order and the anticodon arm sequence, we were able to  
260 manually identify and annotate all the missing tRNAs by aligning and searching for the  
261 anticodon motif.

262

### 263 *Phylogenetic analyses*

264 Because of the variable levels of success in recovering the full mitogenome among  
265 samples (from 10 to 100% of the total length) (see results), we decided to explore the impact  
266 of missing data on the phylogenetic inference. We built three different datasets of increasing  
267 amounts of missing data: (1) The first set, named S1, included all the complete mitogenomes  
268 downloaded from the NCBI database and mitogenomes in which we recovered over 70% of  
269 the total length from the in-house Dysderidae data (62 terminals, 0.8% of missing data in the  
270 matrix), (2) S2 included the data from S1 and remaining mitogenomes with over 30%  
271 recovered length (76 terminals, 9.4% of missing data), and (3) S3 included all the available  
272 mitogenomic data, independently of the recovery success (93 terminals, 22.63% of missing  
273 data) (**Fig. 2, Appendix 4 & Table S3**). In addition, we investigated the impact of rRNA  
274 data in the phylogenetic inference by constructing datasets exclusively formed by PCGs and  
275 datasets including both the PCGs and the rRNAs for each of the three taxa datasets (S1, S2  
276 and S3), adding up to 6 final matrices. Additional information on the final matrices are  
277 summarized in **Table 1**.

278 Alignments of the 13 PCGs were built with the *Translation alignment* option in  
279 Geneious. The ribosomal genes were aligned using the online version of the program MAFFT  
280 v. 7 (Kato, Asimenos, & Toh, 2009, available at <http://mafft.cbrc.jp>). We tried different  
281 alignment strategies, and finally selected the G-INS-I algorithm, with default values, based  
282 on the similarity of the trees recovered to those obtained from the PCGs. Ambiguous or  
283 incomplete alignment ends of each gene were trimmed. Individual gene alignments were  
284 concatenated in a supermatrix using Geneious, and non-retrieved fragments were scored as  
285 missing data. Finally, we translated the “only PCGs” datasets S1 and S3 to perform analyses  
286 at the amino acid level.

287 Phylogenetic inference on the concatenated matrix was conducted under two different  
288 model-based approaches, maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference, to evaluate  
289 systematic error, e.g. the sensitivity of the results to changes in methodological assumptions  
290 (Wheeler, 1995). The best-fit partitioning scheme and nucleotide substitution models were  
291 selected with Partition Finder v2.1.1 (Lanfear, Frandsen, Wright, Senfeld, & Calcott, 2017),

292 assuming linked branch lengths under the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC). Further  
293 details about the tested partitions are detailed in **tables S5 and S6**.

294 Maximum likelihood analyses were run with the software IQtree v1.6.2 (Nguyen,  
295 Schmidt, Von Haeseler, & Minh, 2015) with 1000 replicates of complete non-parametric  
296 bootstrap and edge equal partition model (Chernomor, Von Haeseler, & Minh, 2016).  
297 Bayesian inference was conducted using two different programs, MrBayes v3.2.6 (Ronquist  
298 & Huelsenbeck, 2003) and PhyloBayes mpi 1.8 (Lartillot, Rodrigue, Stubbs, & Richer,  
299 2013). MrBayes analyses consisted of two Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) runs of 50  
300 million generations sampling trees and parameters every 1000 generations, each with 8  
301 chains and a “heating temperature” of 0.15. The burn-in was set to the 25% first generations  
302 and the supports of the clades were estimated as posterior probabilities. PhyloBayes analyses  
303 were run under the site-heterogeneous model CAT-GTR +  $\Gamma$  on both the nucleotide and  
304 amino acid complement of the PCGs datasets S1 and S3. The CAT model has been proven  
305 convenient for overcoming long-branch attraction (LBA) artifacts, and particularly useful  
306 when working with mitogenome data dominated by genes with a relatively high substitution  
307 rate and saturation (Lartillot, Brinkmann, & Philippe, 2007; López-López & Vogler, 2017;  
308 Talavera & Vila, 2011; Timmermans et al., 2016). The analyses consisted of two independent  
309 runs of 10000 cycles. Convergence was assessed using the maximum difference in the  
310 bipartitions of the chains, as reported by bpcomp, and assessing the effective sample sizes  
311 (ESS) and relative differences for all parameters with tracecomp, both programs part of the  
312 PhyloBayes package (Convergence statistics are reported in **Figs. S14-S17**). Although all  
313 PhyloBayes analyses converged in the tree space (bpcomp), few parameters in the amino acid  
314 analyses showed EES values below 50 (tracecomp). Nevertheless, it has been shown that  
315 convergence of the CAT chains towards the correct topology is rapid, and does not require  
316  $ESS > 50$  for every parameter if the topology of the chains is almost identical (post-  
317 publication material Simion et al., 2017). Based on this suggestion, we assessed the resulting  
318 topology of each chain individually finding nearly indistinguishable topologies.

319 Phylogenetic analyses were run remotely at the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller,  
320 Pfeiffer, & Schwartz, 2010) and on a local cluster. The trees obtained were visualized with  
321 FigTree v1.4.3 (Rambaut, 2016).

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### 323 *Reconstruction of the tRNA structure*

324 The reconstruction of the tRNA secondary structure was first performed automatically  
325 with MITOS2 and with ARAGORN. Nevertheless, in several cases these programs were not

326 able to generate coherent reconstructions (**Table S1**), either because the reconstructions  
327 failed to meet the structural requirements or because motifs were not conserved across taxa.  
328 In the former cases, we used manual reconstruction by identifying candidate structures that  
329 were tested in a comparative framework, using a multiple alignment that included the well  
330 annotated sequences of the closely related genera *Parachtes* and *Harpactocrates* available  
331 from Pons et al. (2019). Candidate structures for a given tRNA included: (1) suitable  
332 structures found with the automatic algorithms for any of the species, (2) secondary structures  
333 inferred by Pons et al. (2019) for *Parachtes* and *Harpactocrates*; and (3) structures manually  
334 inferred based on conserved complementary DNA sequence regions that could correspond to  
335 arms in either canonical, three-armed, or arm-less structures. Finally, when possible, we  
336 selected the most optimal and conserved structure across all the species.

337

## 338 RESULTS

### 339 *Mitogenome recovery*

340 Mitogenome recovery performance with the *Trimitomics* pipeline was variable and  
341 dependent upon the taxon and the source and type of sequence data (**Fig. 3, Appendix 4 &**  
342 **Tables S2-S3**).

343 The use of NOVOPlasty, the first step in the *Trimitomics* pipeline, already recovered  
344 the complete mitogenomes from all the 13 Dysderidae genomes sequenced at low coverage  
345 in the lab. Six of them were circularized, while the rest resulted in almost complete  
346 mitogenomes after concatenation of 2 to 4 long assembled contigs with Geneious. We tried  
347 different k-mer values (25, 39, 45 and 51), 39 being the optimal value in most cases. We used  
348 the mitogenomes of *P. teruelis* (Kraus, 1955)—NCBI accession MN052921—and *P. ignavus*  
349 (Simon, 1882)—NCBI accession MN052920—as a seed for the first round of analyses,  
350 which worked well for most samples. The circularized mitogenome of *D. asiatica* obtained  
351 in the first round was further used in a second round as a seed for three samples (*D. sibyllina*,  
352 *D. silvatica* and *D. yguanirae* Arnedo & Ribera, 1997) that were not fully recovered in the  
353 first place. The only problematic sample of this set was *D. sibyllina*, for which the  
354 combination of two long contigs obtained in different analyses generated an ambiguous  
355 region affecting the *atp6* and *coxIII* genes, which was coded as missing data. Because of  
356 format incompatibility errors, the NOVOPlasty analysis could not be conducted on the only  
357 genomic sample downloaded from NCBI. On the other hand, NOVOPlasty performed poorly  
358 with transcriptomic data. We tested this software with the transcriptomes of three *Dysdera*  
359 species from different sources (NCBI and in-house), and the results were sparse even in the

360 best-case scenario. For instance, we failed to recover the mitogenome of *D. gomeriensis* from  
361 transcriptomic data even when using as a seed the full mitogenome of the same species,  
362 previously assembled from genomic data.

363 The second step, consisting in the serial combination of *Trimmomatic*, *Bowtie2* and  
364 *Trinity*, managed to recover more than 90% of the total mitogenomic data (including all PCGs  
365 and rRNAs) from in-house deep coverage transcriptomic data (>200 millions of reads) by  
366 using mitogenomes from the same species as reference, which had been previously  
367 assembled from genomic data. The output consisted of many small contigs ( $\approx$  200-2000nt in  
368 length) that were manually checked and selected by aligning them against a reference  
369 mitogenome. After trimming PolyA tails, we assembled the good quality contigs with  
370 Geneious. Nevertheless, we discarded these data for subsequent phylogenetic analyses, since  
371 we had already recovered the complete mitogenomes from genomic data of the same species.  
372 The performance of the *Trimmomatic*, *Bowtie2* and *Trinity* pipeline with the rest of the  
373 transcriptomic data and the NCBI genome was poor, with recovered lengths ranging from 0  
374 to 17%, and most of them below 5%. This final recovered length was the combination of the  
375 results obtained by mapping the cleaned reads using five different reference mitogenomes,  
376 including all the Synspermiata genera available in our dataset, namely *Dysdera* and  
377 *Parachtes* (family Dysderidae), *Pholcus* Walckenaer, 1805 and *Mesavolivar* González-  
378 Sponga, 1998 (family Pholcidae), and the outgroup *Hypochylus* Marx, 1888 (family  
379 Hypochilidae). This approach was implemented to improve the recovery, as many of the taxa  
380 were too distantly related to all the available reference sequences.

381 The third step of the *Trimitomics* pipeline was the most time-consuming, as it required  
382 the *de novo* assembly of the complete transcriptomes. Once again, we combined the results  
383 obtained using five different taxa as a seed to improve the recovery performance. The success  
384 rate was again variable, but significantly better than in the previous step (**Fig. 3 & Table S2**).  
385 In general, the closer the taxon was to the seed mitogenomes, the more complete were the  
386 results.

387 The combination of all of the contigs obtained in the different steps of the *Trimitomics*  
388 pipeline slightly improved the results for some of the samples, since each method recovered  
389 a different region of the mitogenome. Three taxa—*Filistata insidiatrix* (Forskoel, 1775),  
390 *Hypochilus gertschi* Hoffman, 1963, and *Opopaea* sp.—were discarded for further analysis,  
391 as the output contigs turned out to be contamination and it was not possible to safely assign  
392 any of the sequences to the corresponding taxa (**Fig. 3, Appendix 4 & Tables S2-S3**).

393 Finally, we annotated the PCGs and rRNAs in all mitogenomes and checked the PCG  
394 reading frames. Surprisingly, we detected two nucleotide insertions affecting the reading  
395 frame of the *atp6* of *D. sibyllina*. These insertions were close to the ambiguous region  
396 previously discarded. Multiple alignment with all available *Dysdera atp6* genes showed that  
397 the rest of the sequence was very conserved, indicating that they were most probably  
398 sequencing errors. Therefore, we decided to manually remove both insertions. We did not  
399 attempt to annotate the long AT-rich control region, which is located between genes *trnQ*  
400 and *trnM* (Pons et al., 2019). This region contains high numbers of short repeated units (Lunt,  
401 Whipple, & Hyman, 1998; Wolstenholme, 1992) causing automatic assemblers perform  
402 poorly. The only way to circumvent this problem is by validating the assembled sequence  
403 either by Sanger or long-read (i.e. PacBio) sequencing (Pollard, Gurdasani, Mentzer, Porter,  
404 & Sandhu, 2018). Therefore, the sequence obtained for the AT-rich control region should be  
405 regarded with caution, and we decided not to use it in downstream analyses.

406

#### 407 *Phylogenetic inference*

408 For all PCG matrices, the best partition scheme consisted in 39 partitions (by gene and  
409 codon position), while for the PCG+rRNA matrices the preferred scheme consisted in 40  
410 partitions (by gene and codon position in PCG plus a single partition for both rRNA genes).  
411 Further information on partition scores are summarized in **Tables S5-S6**.

412 The trees inferred for each dataset (S1, S2 and S3) under different analytical procedures  
413 (Maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference with MrBayes) and character sets (with or  
414 without rRNA data), showed high topological congruence. Trees and supports of these  
415 alternative analyses are summarized in **Fig. 4, Fig. 5 & Figs. S1-S13**. Overall, Bayesian trees  
416 showed higher support values, while there were no remarkable differences in the supports  
417 obtained from data with or without rRNA information. The trees derived from the datasets  
418 with lower level of missing data, S1 (**Fig. 4**) and S2 (**Fig. S1**) (**Table 1**), were better resolved,  
419 most of the nodes obtained high support by both inference methods, and most taxonomic  
420 groups were recovered monophyletic. However, analyses including rRNA data, most  
421 remarkably S2, failed to recover the sister relationship between the superfamily Scytodoidea  
422 and the Lost Tracheae Clade, supported by previous phylotranscriptomic studies (Fernández  
423 et al. 2018). The trees obtained from the matrix with the highest proportion of missing data  
424 (S3) (**Fig. 5**) also supported the monophyly of all the families, but above family-level  
425 relationships were less resolved, particularly in clades that involved the taxa with higher  
426 levels of missing data. Additionally, the position of some taxa in S3 trees was conflictive,

427 albeit with low support: neither the superfamily Scytodoidea nor the Lost Tracheae Clade  
428 were recovered as monophyletic due to the position of *Calponia harrisonfordi* Platnick,  
429 1993, *Ochyrocera* sp. Simon, 1892, and the clade conformed by *Drymusa* sp. Simon, 1892  
430 and *Periegops suteri* (Urquhart, 1892); Synspermiata was recovered as paraphyletic due to  
431 the position of *Kukulcania hibernalis* Hentz, 1842 as sister group of the superfamily  
432 Dysderoidea; and, surprisingly, the three individuals of *Pholcus phalangioides* were  
433 recovered as paraphyletic with high support. When considering all three datasets, some  
434 relationships were ambiguous at the genus level, that is the case of *Epeus* Peckham &  
435 Peckham, 1886, *Telamonia* Thorell, 1887 and *Plexipus* C. L. Koch, 1896, within the family  
436 Salticidae Blackwall, 1841, and *Araneus* Clerck, 1757, *Neoscona* Simon, 1864 and *Argiope*  
437 Audouin, 1827 within the family Araneidae Simon, 1895. In this last case, the different  
438 matrices recovered conflicting relationships: S1 recovered *Argiope* as sister to *Neoscona*,  
439 while the rest of the analyses allied *Argiope* and *Araneus*, both relationships supported in  
440 some Bayesian analyses.

441 Relationships within the family Dysderidae (**Fig. 6**) were congruent and well resolved  
442 under all analytical conditions. The subfamilies Rhodinae, represented by *Parastalita stygia*,  
443 and Harpacteinae, represented by *Stalagtia hercegovinensis*, were supported as sister lineages  
444 in most of the trees, and the Dysderinae subfamily, the genera *Parachtes* and *Dysdera*, and  
445 the Canarian *Dysdera* species were recovered as monophyletic. Finally, the relationships  
446 within the Canarian clade were congruent, fully resolved and highly supported in all trees,  
447 and confirmed the paraphyly of the western group, since *D. sibyllina* was supported as sister  
448 to the Eastern clade.

449 The trees obtained with PhyloBayes were congruent and showed no obvious  
450 differences with those obtained with IQtree and Mr. Bayes (**Figs. S14-S17**).

#### 451 452 *Mitogenomic organization*

453 All recovered mitogenomes coded for the standard 13 PCGs and 2 rRNAs commonly  
454 found in most metazoan species. Similarly, the 8 species in which the tRNA complement was  
455 fully annotated, showed the standard set of 22 tRNAs. The plus strand encoded 22 genes (9  
456 PCGs and 13 tRNAs), while the minus strand encoded 15 genes (4 PCGs, 9 tRNAs, and 2  
457 rRNAs) (**Fig. 7**). The gene arrangement in *Dysdera*, *Harpactea* and *Stalagtia* was the same  
458 recently described in *Parachtes* (Pons et al., 2019), except for the cave-dwelling species *D.*  
459 *sibyllina*, which seems to have suffered a translocation involving the region that includes  
460 *trnN*, *trnA*, *trnS1*, *trnR* and *trnE* (**Fig. 8**), and *S. hercegovinensis*, with a translocation



461 affecting the *trnL2*. While *trnL2* is located immediately after *nad3* and before a short control  
462 region in most species (Pons et al., 2019), in *S. hercegovinensis* it is placed after this control  
463 region and immediately before the *trnN*. As previously reported by Pons et al. (2019), the  
464 typical arrangement found in Dysderidae is derived, and differs from the closely related  
465 Pholcidae in the position of the *trnI*, constituting a putative synapomorphy for the family.

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#### 467 *Reconstruction of the tRNA*

468 Only a handful of the secondary structures inferred by automatic algorithms met the  
469 requirements to be considered candidate structures (**Table S1**), most likely as a result of the  
470 lack of conservation of the typical cloverleaf structure across spiders. Although MITOS2 was  
471 more prone to find three-armed or armless structures than ARAGORN, it usually generated  
472 aberrant structures. After manually assessing the alternative candidate structures for each  
473 tRNA, we found that none of them could be fold in a cloverleaf secondary structure that was  
474 conserved among all the species. Ten tRNAs showed a three-armed structure, eight of them  
475 lacked the T $\Psi$ C arm (D, F, G, H, I, L1, T and W), and the two others lacked the DHU arm  
476 (Q, S2). Four tRNAs were found to be armless (A, R, S1 and Y), as we did not find any  
477 structure with conserved DHU or T $\Psi$ C arms. Finally, for the remaining eight tRNAs (C, E,  
478 K, L2, M, N, P and V), we found two possible structures, namely arm-less or T $\Psi$ C-less (**Fig.**  
479 **9 & Figs. S18a-S18g**). In the latter cases we were not able to choose among both alternatives  
480 because the T $\Psi$ C-less structure showed a very conserved DHU arm, while the acceptor arm  
481 was more conserved in the armless option (**Fig. 10**). Nevertheless, the T $\Psi$ C-less structure  
482 seems to be more plausible, since it is more similar to the canonical structure. Overall, the 22  
483 tRNA secondary structures inferred were very conserved not only within *Dysdera*, but also  
484 within Dysderidae (**Fig. 10**), albeit with some exceptions—e.g. Both tRNA-T and tRNA-W  
485 show a T $\Psi$ C arm conserved between *Stalagtia* and *Parastalita* that was not recovered in  
486 *Dysdera* (**Figs. S18a-S18g**).

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## 488 **DISCUSSION**

### 489 *Mitogenome recovery*

490 In this study we used HTS data to assemble thirteen complete and forty partial  
491 mitogenomes, the latter with a wide range of recovery success (from 98% to 10% of the total  
492 length). Our results confirm that HTS data, including low coverage WGS and RNAseq, is a  
493 rich source of mitogenomic information. However, the efficiency of the recovery depends on  
494 several factors, including (1) the data type (e.g. genomic or transcriptomic), (2) the

495 phylogenetic distance of the seed sequence to the mined specimens, (3) the sequencing  
496 coverage (i.e. depth) and (4) the data source. With regard to the data type, as expected, WGS  
497 data yielded the best results. Complete mitogenomes were recovered from all but one of the  
498 genomic samples. Conversely, the recovery success with transcriptomic data was variable  
499 and relied heavily on additional factors (see below). Concerning the phylogenetic distance of  
500 the mined specimen to the seed, the recovery success was greater when the mitogenome from  
501 a closely related species was available to use as a seed. This was the case of the species  
502 belonging to Dysderidae, Pholcidae and Hypochilidae families, for which mitogenomes of  
503 the same genus/family were available, (**Fig. 3, Appendix 4 & Tables S2-S3**). As regards the  
504 sequencing depth, the data coverage seemed largely irrelevant when using WGS data.  
505 However, it did have a major impact on the performance of the second step of *Trimitomics*  
506 when using transcriptomic data. Transcriptomes with deeper coverage (> 200 million reads)  
507 yielded near complete mitogenomes (around 95%), while recovery success dropped below  
508 17% when using lower coverage data (< 50 million reads). Finally, the mitogenome recovery  
509 success also seemed dependent on the original lab source of the HTS data (**Table S2**). The  
510 explanation is most probably related to the use of alternative methodologies and protocols to  
511 generate the data—i.e. mRNA capture, sequencing kits, etc...—which would determine the  
512 amount of mitochondrial information present in the raw reads.

513 The most successfully recovered mitogenome regions from RNA-seq data were the  
514 PCGs and rRNAs, while the tRNAs and intergenic regions were mostly absent. The recovery  
515 profile agrees with the pattern of mitochondrial expression found by Plese et al. (2019) in  
516 arthropods, with a higher expression of proteins of the respiratory complex IV (COXI, COXII  
517 and COXIII), ATP6 and ATP8—which were usually recovered as a single contig—and the  
518 two ribosomal genes (**Table S3**).

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#### 520 *Phylogenetic relationships*

521 Mitogenomic data successfully resolved relationships at most phylogenetic levels,  
522 especially when the proportion of missing data was minimized. As expected, the higher the  
523 level of missing data, the poorest the phylogenetic resolution, including low supports and  
524 artifactual placement of taxa. The impact of the rRNA data on the results also seemed to be  
525 related to the amounts of missing data. rRNA data improved resolution when missing data  
526 levels were low, but it had a negative effect when adding partial mitogenomes to the matrix.  
527 This was most probably a methodological artifact resulting from the mitogenome mining.  
528 Unlike the PCGs, which quality can be assessed by aligning and checking their reading

529 frame, assessing the quality of the recovered rRNA is challenging. Also, many of the output  
530 contigs recovered as rRNAs with *Bowtie2* consisted in single short fragments that could have  
531 been easily misassigned.

532 Our results (**Figs. 4-5 & Fig. S1**) were overall congruent with those obtained in recent  
533 studies aimed to resolve phylogenetic relationships within spiders, using either a Sanger  
534 target gene approach (Wheeler et al., 2017) or comparative transcriptomics (Fernández et al.,  
535 2018). As exceptions to that general agreement, all our mitogenomic trees recovered the sister  
536 relationship between the Mygalomorph families Dipluridae (curtain-web spiders) and  
537 Theraphosidae (tarantula spiders), while previous studies had recovered (Wheeler et al.,  
538 2017) or robustly supported (Fernández et al., 2018) Theraphosidae as sister to the trap-door  
539 family Nemesidae. Similarly, the lynx spiders (Oxyopidae) were supported as sister to the  
540 wolf spiders (Lycosidae). This relationship was recovered with low support by Wheeler et  
541 al. (2017), but rejected by transcriptomics, which supported Oxyopidae as sister to the crab  
542 spiders (Thomisidae) (Fernández et al., 2018). The tree with higher levels of missing data  
543 (S3) (**Fig. 5**) recovered the crevice-weaver Filistatidae as sister to the superfamily  
544 Dysderoidea, while most previous studies supported its sister relationship to the lampshade  
545 spiders Hypochilidae (Fernández et al., 2018; Wheeler et al., 2017). Some of the  
546 mitogenomic trees failed to recover the sister relationship between Scytodoidea and the Lost  
547 Tracheae Clade (Fernández et al., 2018; Wheeler et al., 2017). The position of Caponiidae  
548 was also conflictive, it is included within Scytodoidea in this study, but was previously  
549 recovered (Wheeler et al., 2017) or supported (Fernández et al., 2018) as sister to  
550 Dysderoidea. Finally, the supported paraphyly of *Pholcus phalangioides* in our trees is most  
551 likely the result of a specimen misidentification.

552 Some relationships at the family level within the superfamily Dysderoidea were also  
553 ambiguous, most likely due to an incomplete taxon sampling and high levels of missing data.  
554 Previous studies agreed in supporting Segestriidae as the sister taxa to the remaining families,  
555 (Fernández et al., 2018; Wheeler et al., 2017). However, most mitogenomic trees in this study  
556 supported Segestriidae as sister to Oonopidae. In addition, within Dysderidae,  
557 phylotranscriptomics (Fernández et al., 2018) supported Harpacteinae as sister to  
558 Dysderinae, while our mitogenomic trees supported Harpacteinae as sister to Rhodinae

559 Ambiguous relationships between the mitogenomic trees obtained from matrices with  
560 different levels of completeness are most likely the result of the increasing amounts of  
561 missing data. Conversely, conflictive relationships recovered across all our matrices are most  
562 probably due to either poor taxon sampling or phylogenetic artifacts derived from the

563 accelerated rate of mitochondrial genome evolution (Pisani et al., 2013). The congruent  
564 results obtained using the more complex model CAT, in PhyloBayes (**Figs S14-S17**) prove  
565 that the supported nodes in our trees are robust and not sensitive to the use of alternative  
566 models or inference methods. Increasing the taxonomic sampling will certainly improve our  
567 results by shortening long branches and improving alignments (i.e. homology statements),  
568 which may avoid long branch attraction problems. But dealing with compositional and  
569 mutation biases will require the development of more realistic and sophisticated evolutionary  
570 models for mitochondrial evolution.

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#### 572 *The colonization of the Canary Islands by Dysdera spiders*

573 The mitogenomic data fully resolved, with high support, the phylogenetic relationships  
574 within the genus *Dysdera*, providing insights into the evolutionary scenario for the  
575 colonization of the Canary Islands by this group (**Fig. 6**). All trees supported the monophyly  
576 of Canarian species, suggesting a single origin for the Eastern and the Western species  
577 groups, relationship that had been contentious in former studies (Arnedo et al., 2007, 2001;  
578 Macías-Hernández, Bidegaray-Batista, Oromí, & Arnedo, 2012; Macías-Hernández et al.,  
579 2008). These results support the hypothesis of the double colonization of the archipelago,  
580 first by the ancestor of most Canarian endemics and later by the ancestor of the single  
581 endemic *D. lancerotensis* (Arnedo et al., 2001; Bidegaray-Batista et al., 2007). Additionally,  
582 our results reject the monophyly of the species from the western islands, since the western  
583 species *D. sibyllina* was recovered as sister to the Eastern clade. This result was already  
584 advanced by Arnedo et al. (2007) based on two mitochondrial genes and morphological data.  
585 Under the new topology, the most parsimonious scenario is that the eastern Canaries were  
586 colonized from western-central islands ancestors. Alternatively, and taking into  
587 consideration the older age of the eastern islands, the western-central islands would have  
588 been colonized twice independently from the eastern ones. A more thorough sampling of  
589 Canarian endemics would be required to decide among these two alternative scenarios.

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#### 591 *Mitochondrial rearrangements in Dysderidae*

592 The length of the circularized mitogenome contigs ranged from 14150 to 15037 bp  
593 (**Table S4**), being similar to the average size of other spider mitogenomes available at the  
594 NCBI ( $14330 \pm 240$  bp). This size is among the smallest reported within arthropods, and it  
595 is most likely the result of the great compaction, involving a reduction of the non-coding  
596 intergenic regions and slight gene overlapping (Pisani et al., 2013; Pons et al., 2019).

597 We detected three different synteny arrangements within Dysderidae, one in *S.*  
598 *hercegovinensis*, one in *D. sibyllina*, and one shared across the rest of the dysderids included.  
599 The mitochondrial gene organization found in most Dysderidae specimens analyzed here  
600 agreed with that described by Pons et al. (2019) for the Dysderidae genera *Parachtes* and  
601 *Harpactocrates* (**Fig. 7 & Fig. 8**). This typical Dysderidae arrangement differs from that  
602 observed in the remaining araneomorph spiders—including Pholcidae (*P. phalangoides*),  
603 the closest family with mitogenomic information available—in the position of *trnI* (Pons et  
604 al., 2019). On the other hand, the gene arrangements found in *D. sibyllina* and *S.*  
605 *hercegovinensis*, involving the transposition of the tRNA group *trnN*, *trnA*, *trnS1*, *trnR* and  
606 *trnE*, and *trnL2* respectively, are described here for the first time (**Fig. 8**).

607 As already stated by other authors (Pons et al., 2019; Stokkan, Jurado-Rivera, Juan,  
608 Jaume, & Pons, 2016), the generation of new gene arrangements in metazoans at the lower  
609 taxonomic levels seems to be primarily driven by the transposition of tRNAs, with PCG and  
610 rRNAs remaining in the same relative position. Particularly, the most common  
611 rearrangements in arthropod mtDNAs consist on translocations of tRNA genes surrounding  
612 the AT-rich Control Region or the cluster *trnA-trnR-trnS1-trnE-trnF* (Gissi et al., 2008). The  
613 latter is related to the presence of a short non coding region considered as the putative minor  
614 strand origin of replication (Boore, 1999; Pons et al., 2019)

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#### 616 *tRNA detection and reconstruction*

617 Our results revealed that the compacted tRNA secondary structures found by Pons et  
618 al. (2019) in the Dysderinae genera *Parachtes* and *Harpactocrates* are conserved across the  
619 Dysderidae family (**Fig. 9, Fig. 10 & Fig. S18**). Based on the current estimates of the split  
620 of Dysderidae from its sister taxa (Fernández et al., 2018; Magalhaes, Azevedo, Michalik, &  
621 Ramírez, 2019) we suggest that the origin of the extreme tRNA compaction in these spiders  
622 could trace back to approximately 100 million years ago.

623 As anticipated, the identification and, particularly, the reconstruction of the secondary  
624 structure of Dysderidae tRNAs was a very time consuming and difficult process, even with  
625 the help of available mitochondrial searching algorithms specifically designed for tRNAs  
626 (Morrison, 2010). Most spider tRNAs are atypical, lacking one or both DHU and TΨC arms  
627 and bearing several G-T wobble pairs and miss-pairings in the acceptor arm (Masta & Boore,  
628 2008). Since searching algorithms are designed to detect tRNAs with the canonical cloverleaf  
629 structure (Masta & Boore, 2008), they failed to identify and correctly reconstruct most  
630 Dysderidae tRNAs (**Table S1**). The automatic annotation retrieved different and divergent

631 tRNA structures across closely related taxa, which required that the conserved secondary  
632 structures had to be mostly manually constructed. In this context, a full comparative analysis  
633 based on the multiple alignment of closely related sequences, has been proven to be the most  
634 convenient annotation strategy for the mtDNA tRNAs (Morrison, 2010). Additionally, as  
635 already pointed out in Pons et al. (2019), the development of covariation models that account  
636 for atypical arm-less structures and multiple mispairings in the acceptor arm would greatly  
637 ease the retrieval of atypical structures, reducing the impact of subjective decisions made as  
638 a result of the manual inference.

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## 640 CONCLUSIONS

641 Our results confirm that HTS data are a rich and cost-efficient resource to recover  
642 mtDNA information. However, the data mining efficiency depends on several factors,  
643 including data type, the phylogenetic relatedness of the seed, the sequencing coverage and  
644 the data source. The ability of mtDNA data to resolve phylogenetic questions is sensitive to  
645 both the amount of missing data and the taxon sampling but may provide information at  
646 multiple phylogenetic levels. In this study, we assembled thirteen complete and forty partial  
647 mitogenomes belonging to the spider clade Synspermiata, that helped us to investigate a  
648 diverse array of evolutionary questions posed by the family Dysderidae. On the one hand,  
649 our analyses confirm the monophyly of the endemic Canary Islands species of the genus  
650 *Dysdera*—with the exception of *D. lancerotensis*—supporting two independent  
651 colonizations of the archipelago. We also revealed that western-central islands species are  
652 paraphyletic with regard to the eastern Canarian species, suggesting a colonization from the  
653 former islands to the later. Alternatively, and taking into account the older age of the eastern  
654 Canaries, the western-central islands could have been colonized twice from the eastern ones.  
655 On the other hand, our results indicate that the mitogenomic gene arrangement is mostly  
656 conserved across the Dysderidae family, with the only exceptions of two cave-dwelling  
657 species, *S. hercegovinensis* and *D. sibyllina*, each of them with a unique ordering described  
658 here for the first time. Finally, we showed that the armless tRNA secondary structures are  
659 conserved across the family Dysderidae, suggesting that they could have originated at least  
660 as early as the family split from its sister group, estimated approximately 100 Mya.

661 Increasing the taxon sampling will further help to clarify the phylogenetic structure of  
662 the whole family Dysderidae and, specifically, of the remarkable radiation of *Dysdera* in the  
663 Canarian archipelago, and to more accurately map the origin and trends of mtDNA  
664 compaction within spiders.

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673 **ABBREVIATIONS**674 *atp6* and *atp8*: genes for ATP synthase subunits 6 and 8675 *cob*: gene for cytochrome b676 *cox1*, *cox2* and *cox3*: genes for cytochrome c oxidase subunits 1, 2 and 3677 *nad1*, *nad2*, *nad3*, *nad4*, *nad4L*, *nad5* and *nad6*: mitochondrial genes for NADH  
678 dehydrogenase subunits 1-6 and 4L679 *rrnS* and *rrnL*: genes for small (12S) and large (16S) subunits of ribosomal RNA

680 genes for transfer RNAs: *trnA* (alanine), *trnC* (cysteine), *trnD* (aspartic acid), *trnE* (glutamic  
681 acid), *trnF* (phenylalanine), *trnG* (glycine), *trnH* (histidine), *trnI* (isoleucine), *trnK* (lysine),  
682 *trnL1* (leucine anticodon NAG), *trnL2* (leucine anticodon YAA), *trnM* (methionine), *trnN*  
683 (asparagine), *trnP* (proline), *trnQ* (glutamine), *trnR* (arginine), *trnS1* (serine anticodon  
684 NCU), *trnS2* (serine anticodon NGA), *trnT* (threonine), *trnV* (valine), *trnW* (tryptophan),  
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975 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

976 **Figure 1.** Representatives of the family Dysderidae: A) *Dysdera longa* (Dysderinae), photo  
977 credit Pedro Oromí; B) *Dysdera tilosensis* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; C)  
978 *Dysdera silvatica* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; D) *Dysdera sibyllina*  
979 (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; E) *Parastalita stygia* (Rhodinae), photo credit  
980 Fulvio Gasparo; F) *Stalagtia hercegovinensis* (Harpacteinae), photo credit Jana Bedek.

981 **Figure 2.** Pipeline workflow for the recovery of mitogenomes from NGS data and  
982 constitution of the final datasets for phylogenetic inference. r. l.= recovered length. See text  
983 for further details.

984 **Figure 3.** *Trimmitomics* performance. Graph showing the percentage of recovered  
985 mitogenome length (calculated over the average length of all the spider mitogenomes  
986 available at the NCBI public database), both in total (black bars) and in each step of the  
987 pipeline, for each mined specimen. Data type codified as **G** (genomic) and **T**  
988 (transcriptomic). The plus sign (+) mark deep coverage genomes (>15X) and transcriptomes  
989 (>200 million reads).

990 **Figure 4.** Summary phylogenetic tree from dataset S1 (lower levels of missing data).  
991 Bayesian inference (BI) tree obtained from the concatenated analysis of mitochondrial  
992 protein coding genes (PCGs) and ribosomal RNAs (rRNAs), summarizing maximum  
993 likelihood (ML) and BI (MrBayes) supports from the analyses based in PCG and the analyses  
994 based in PCG and rRNA. Clade support: Left column: ML, PCG data (above), PCG + rRNA  
995 data (below); right column: BI, PCG data (above), PCG + rRNA data (below). Black square,  
996 node supported by ML bootstrap > 80%, and posterior probability > 0,95; grey square, clade  
997 recovered but support < 80 or 95%, respectively; white square, clade not recovered. LTC  
998 stands for Lost Tracheae Clade and SC for Scytodoidea. Assembled and annotated  
999 mitogenomes coded as \* (Taxa from S1). Curated mitogenomes downloaded from NCBI  
1000 without asterisk.

1001 **Figure 5.** Summary phylogenetic tree from dataset S3 (higher levels of missing data).  
1002 Bayesian inference tree obtained from the concatenated analysis of mitochondrial protein  
1003 coding genes and ribosomal rRNAs, summarizing maximum likelihood and Bayesian  
1004 inference (MrBayes) supports from both the analyses based in PCG and the analyses based  
1005 in PCG and rRNA. Clade supports coded as in Fig. 4. Taxa with a taxonomically incongruent

1006 placement are highlighted in red. Assembled and annotated mitogenomes coded as \* (taxa  
1007 from S1), \*\* (taxa from S2), \*\*\* (taxa from S3). Curated mitogenomes downloaded from  
1008 NCBI without asterisk.

1009 **Figure 6.** Detail of the family Dysderidae showing the phylogenetic relationships and  
1010 geographic distribution within the Canarian *Dysdera*. The tree corresponds to the family  
1011 Dysderidae as recovered with S1 (**Fig. 4**). Supports coded as in Fig. 4. Map drawn with the  
1012 ggmap package (Kahle & Wickham, 2013).

1013 **Figure 7.** Map of the complete *Dysdera silvatica* mitogenome obtained with OGDRAW  
1014 v1.3.1 (Greiner, Lehwark, & Bock, 2019), representing PCGs, rRNAs and tRNAs. Genes  
1015 inside the circle are transcribed clockwise, while genes outside the circle are transcribed  
1016 counter-clockwise. The inner circle shows the GC content graph.

1017 **Figure 8.** Comparison of the mitochondrial gene organization (PCG, tRNAs and rRNAs)  
1018 found in the eight species analyzed in this study and *P. romandiola* from Pons et al. (2019)  
1019 within a phylogenetic framework. Loci rearrangements are highlighted in yellow and orange,  
1020 with the dark color tone marking the derived condition. Cave adapted taxa are indicated with  
1021 a cave symbol. *P. phalangioides* (Pholcidae); *P. stygia* (Rhodinae, Dysderidae); *S.*  
1022 *hercegovinensis* (Harpacteinae, Dysderidae); *P. romandiola*, *D. asiatica*, *D. sibyllina*, *D.*  
1023 *longa*, *D. silvatica*, and *D. iguanensis* (Dysderinae, Dysderidae). Gene arrangements drawn  
1024 with OGDRAW v1.3.1.

1025 **Figure 9.** Secondary structures predicted for the set of 22 tRNA of *Dysdera silvatica*. tRNAs  
1026 with two alternative secondary structures are highlighted in boxes. Structures drawn with  
1027 VARNA.

1028 **Figure 10.** Diagram showing two alternative secondary structures predicted for tRNA-M in  
1029 all the species included in the study within a phylogenetic framework. Cave adapted taxa are  
1030 indicated with a cave symbol. Structures drawn with VARNA (Darty, Denise, & Ponty,  
1031 2009).

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## 1033 LIST OF SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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1048 mitochondrial PCG from dataset S1 (lower levels of missing data).
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1050 PCG from dataset S1 (lower levels of missing data).
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1054 PCG and rRNA from dataset S2 (intermediate levels of missing data).
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1056 mitochondrial PCG from dataset S2 (intermediate levels of missing data).
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1058 PCG from dataset S2 (intermediate levels of missing data).
- 1059 **Figure S10.** Maximum likelihood tree obtained from the concatenated analysis of  
1060 mitochondrial PCG and rRNA from dataset S3 (higher levels of missing data).

- 1061 **Figure S11.** Bayesian inference tree obtained from the concatenated analysis of  
1062 mitochondrial PCG and rRNAs from dataset S3 (higher levels of missing data).
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1076 species analysed. For some tRNAs there is more than one plausible structure.

1077 **TABLES**

1078 **Table 1. Final alignments information.** Information on the size (number of terminals and  
 1079 characters) and percentage of missing data (%MD) of the six matrices used for phylogenetic  
 1080 inference analysis.

Dataset	S1		S2		S3	
	PCG	PCG+rRNA	PCG	PCG+rRNA	PCG	PCG+rRNA
# Terminals	62	62	76	76	93	93
# Characters	10473	12492	10527	12549	10562	12586
% MD	0.66	0.80	8.98	9.40	21.97	22.63

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1082 **APPENDICES**

1083 **Appendix 1. Dysderidae genomic (a) and transcriptomic (b) data generated in-house.** Source coded as MA lab (Miquel Arnedo lab) and JR  
 1084 lab (Julio Rozas lab). Coverage (Cov.) coded as deep (genomes >15X, transcriptomes >200 million reads), and low (genomes <15X, transcriptomes  
 1085 <200 million reads). Institution (Inst.) coded as UB (University of Barcelona) and CBSS (Croatian Biospeleological Society).

**a. Genomic**

<b>SUBFAMILY: Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Cov.</b>	<b>Bio Sample accession #</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Inst.</b>
<b>DYSDERINAE:</b>						
<i>Dysdera asiatica</i> Nosek, 1905	SRR12105779	MA lab	Low	SAMN14852306	Fener Mahallesi, Antalya, Turkey	UB
<i>Dysdera bandamae</i> Schmidt, 1973	SRR12115710	JR lab	Deep	SAMN14839776	Gran Canaria, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera gomeriensis</i> Strand, 1911	SRR12114572	JR lab	Deep	SAMN14839773	La Gomera, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera iguanensis</i> Wunderlich, 1987	SRR12106847	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839779	Tenerife, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera sibyllina</i> Arnedo, 2007	SRR12106848	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839778	Tenerife, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera silvatica</i> Schmidt, 1981	SRR7340408	JR lab	Deep	SAMN09381544	La Gomera, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera tilosensis</i> Wunderlich, 1992	SRR12115711	JR lab	Deep	SAMN14839775	Gran Canaria, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera verneau</i> Simon, 1883	SRR12115483	JR lab	Deep	SAMN14839774	Tenerife, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera yguanirae</i> Arnedo & Ribera, 1997	SRR12106849	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839777	Gran Canaria, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Parachtes riberai</i> (2) Bosmans, 2017	SRR12105362	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839780	Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Parachtes teruelis</i> (2) (Kraus, 1955)	SRR12105366	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839781	Guadalajara, Spain	UB
<b>HARPACTEINAE:</b>						
<i>Stalagtia hercegovinensis</i> (Nosek, 1905)	SRR12105800	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839782	Fuzine, Croatia	CBSS
<b>RHODINAE:</b>						
<i>Parastalita stygia</i> (Joseph, 1882)	SRR12106476	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839783	Dubrovnik, Croatia	CBSS

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**b. Transcriptomic**

<b>SUBFAMILY/ Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Cov.</b>	<b>Bio Sample accession #</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Inst.</b>
<b>DYSDERINAE:</b>						
<i>Dysdera bandamae</i> Schmidt, 1973	SRR6820569-73, SRR6820584-85	JR lab	Deep	SAMN08667720-26	Gran Canaria, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera coiffaiti</i> Denis, 1962	SRR12105326	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839772	Madeira, Portugal	UB
<i>Dysdera fustigans</i> Alicata, 1966	SRR12105371	MA lab	Low	SAMN14852305	Italy	UB
<i>Dysdera gomeriensis</i> Strand, 1911	SRR6820576-79	JR lab	Deep	SAMN08667716-19	El Hierro, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera longa</i> Wunderlich, 1992	SRR1210536	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839770	Fuerteventura, eastern Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera nesiotetes</i> Simon, 1907	SRR12105351	MA lab	Low	SAMN14839771	Lanzarote, eastern Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera silvatica</i> Schmidt, 1981	SRR3203326, SRR3203350, SRR3203363-64	JR lab	Deep	SAMN04527047-50	La Gomera, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera tilosensis</i> Wunderlich, 1992	SRR6820566-68, SRR6820574-75, SRR6820586-91	JR lab	Deep	SAMN08667727-36	Gran Canaria, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB
<i>Dysdera verneau</i> Simon, 1883	SRR6820580-83	JR lab	Deep	SAMN08667712-15	Tenerife, western Canary Islands, Spain	UB

1088 **Appendix 2. Synspermiata genomic and transcriptomic data downloaded from GenBank.** Institution (Inst.) coded as BCM (Baylor College  
 1089 of Medicine), AB (Auburn University), HU (Harvard University), RF (Rosa Fernandez), and CAS (Chinese Academy of Sciences).

**a. Genomic**

<b>FAMILY: Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b># of spots</b>	<b># of bases</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Bio Sample accession #</b>	<b>Institution</b>
<b>SICARIIDAE:</b> <i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (g) Gertsch & Mulaik, 1940	SRX494491	106.911.238	21.6G	13.7Gb	SAMN02671248	BCM

**b. Transcriptomic**

<b>FAMILY: Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b># of spots</b>	<b># of bases</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Bio Sample accession #</b>	<b>Institution</b>
<b>CAPONIIDAE:</b> <i>Calponia harrisonfordi</i> Platnick, 1993	SRR3144089	59.921.781	6G	3.7Gb	SAMN04453334	AU
<b>DIGUETIDAE:</b> <i>Diguetia</i> sp. Simon, 1895	SRR3144093	19.838.746	4.4G	1.9Gb	SAMN04453337	AU
<b>DRYMUSIDAE:</b> <i>Drymusa</i> sp. Simon, 1892	SRR6997739	77.728.210	23.3G	11.1Gb	SAMN08436905	RF
<b>DYSDERIDAE:</b> <i>Dysdera crocata</i> (1) C. L. Koch, 1838	SRR3144095	22.746.728	5G	2.2Gb	SAMN04453338	AU
<i>Dysdera crocata</i> (2) C. L. Koch, 1838	SRR1328258	20.060.716	6G	3.2Gb	SAMN02837098	HU
<b>FILISTATIDAE:</b> <i>Filistata insidiatrix</i> (Forsskål, 1775)	SRR6997865	30.407.368	9.1 G	4.1 Gb	SAMN08436908	RF
<i>Kukulcania hibernalis</i> (Hentz, 1842)	SRR1514878	42.693.292	4.3 G	2.6 Gb	SAMN02837058	AU
<b>HYPOCHILIDAE:</b> <i>Hypochilus gertschi</i> Hoffman, 1963	SRR6997860	20.891.420	6.3 G	3 Gb	SAMN08436914	RF
<i>Hypochilus pococki</i> Platnick, 1987	SRR1514889	25.747.925	2.6 G	1.7 Gb	SAMN02837061	AU
<b>OCHYRO CERATIDAE:</b> <i>Ochyrocera</i> sp. Simon, 1892	SRR7028536	11.833.027	3.5G	1.7Gb	SAMN08436938	RF

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<b>FAMILY: Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b># of spots</b>	<b># of bases</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Bio Sample accession #</b>	<b>Institution</b>
<b>OONOPIDAE:</b>						
<i>Ischnothyreus</i> sp. Simon, 1893	SRR6997859	18.550.258	5.6G	2.7Gb	SAMN08436915	RF
<i>Opopaea cornuta</i> Yin & Wang, 1984	SRR6425918	23.323.737	5.8G	2.9Gb	SAMN08241469	CAS
<i>Opopaea</i> sp. Simon, 1892	SRR6998659	21.857.441	6.6G	3Gb	SAMN08436940	RF
<b>ORSOLOBIDAE:</b>						
Gen. sp. Cooke, 1965	SRR6998651	9.269.339	2.8G	1.2Gb	SAMN08436941	RF
<i>Maoriata</i> sp. Forster & Platnick, 1985	SRR6997868	29.155.015	8.7G	4.1Gb	SAMN08436922	RF
<b>PERIEGOPIDAE:</b>						
<i>Periegops suterii</i> (Urquhart, 1892)	SRR6998656	10.563.192	3.2G	1.4Gb	SAMN08436946	RF
<b>PHOLCIDAE:</b>						
<i>Pholcus manuli</i> (1) Gertsch, 1937	SRR6425913	25.653.145	6.4G	3.1Gb	SAMN08241462	CAS
<i>Pholcus manuli</i> (2) Gertsch, 1937	SRR1365208	22.570.061	6.8G	3.6Gb	SAMN02848470	HU
<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i> (1) (Fuesslin, 1775)	SRR3144082	58.019.035	5.8G	3.4Gb	SAMN04453342	AU
<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i> (2) (Fuesslin, 1775)	SRR1514900	24.861.584	2.5G	1.5Gb	SAMN02837063	AU
<b>PSILODERCIDAE:</b>						
<i>Altheplus christae</i> Wang & Li, 2013	SRR6425911	30.078.398	9G	2.8Gb	SAMN08241483	CAS
<i>Flexicrurum</i> sp. Tong & Li, 2007	SRR6425916	23.694.710	5.9G	3Gb	SAMN08241467	CAS
<b>SCYTODIDAE:</b>						
<i>Scytodes globula</i> Nicolet, 1849	SRR6998911	47.256.101	14.2G	6.1Gb	SAMN08436955	RF
<i>Scytodes</i> sp. Latreille, 1804	SRR6425915	25.239.370	6.3G	3Gb	SAMN08241464	CAS
<i>Scytodes thoracica</i> (Latreille, 1802)	SRR1514872	30.924.460	6.2G	2.7Gb	SAMN02837050	AU
<i>Stedocys</i> sp. Ono, 1995	SRR6425909	29.003.517	8.7G	3.1Gb	SAMN08241484	CAS
<b>SEGESTRIIDAE:</b>						
<i>Segestria bavarica</i> C. L. Koch, 1843	SRR6425927	25.857.888	6.5G	2.9Gb	SAMN08241472	CAS
<i>Segestria</i> sp. Latreille, 1804	SRR3144084	38.407.502	8.4G	3.7Gb	SAMN04453344	AU
<b>SICARIIDAE:</b>						
<i>Loxosceles deserta</i> Gertsch, 1973	SRR3144077	61.963.685	6.2G	3.6Gb	SAMN04453345	AU
<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (1) Gertsch & Mulaik, 1940	SRR1824530	26.556.146	5.4G	3.6Gb	SAMN03353442	BCM
<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (2) Gertsch & Mulaik, 1940	SRR1824531	22.846.862	4.6G	3.1Gb	SAMN03353443	BCM
<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (3) Gertsch & Mulaik, 1940	SRR1824532	27.587.079	5.6G	3.7Gb	SAMN03353441	BCM
<i>Loxosceles rufescens</i> (Dufour, 1820)	SRR6425917	36.245.511	9.1G	4.1Gb	SAMN08241466	CAS

1091 **Appendix 3. Araneae mitogenomic data downloaded from GenBank.**

<b>FAMILY: Species name</b>	<b>Genbank accession #</b>	<b>Lenght</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>AGELENIDAE:</b>			
<i>Agelena silvatica</i> Oliger, 1983	NC_033971.1	14776	circular
<b>ARANEIDAE:</b>			
<i>Araneus angulatus</i> Clerck, 1757	NC_032402.1	14205	circular
<i>Araneus ventricosus</i> Uyemura, 1961	NC_025634.1	14617	circular
<i>Argiope amoena</i> L. Koch, 1878	NC_024282.1	14121	circular
<i>Argiope bruennichi</i> (Scopoli, 1772)	NC_024281.1	14063	circular
<i>Cyclosa argenteoalba</i> Bösenberg & Strand, 1906	NC_027682.1	14575	circular
<i>Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis</i> Strand, 1918	NC_028077.1	14402	circular
<i>Hypsosinga pygmaea</i> (Sundevall, 1831)	NC_028078.1	14193	circular
<i>Neoscona adianta</i> (Walckenaer, 1802)	NC_029756.1	14161	circular
<i>Neoscona nautica</i> (L. Koch, 1875)	NC_029755.1	14049	circular
<i>Neoscona theisi</i> (Walckenaer, 1841)	NC_026290.1	14156	circular
<i>Trichonephila clavate</i> (L. Koch, 1878)	NC_008063.1	14436	circular
<b>DICTYNIDAE:</b>			
<i>Argyroneta aquatica</i> (Clerck, 1757)	NC_026863.1	16000	circular
<b>DIPLURIDAE:</b>			
<i>Phyxioschema sutherlandi</i> Raven & Schwendinger, 1989	NC_020322.1	13931	circular
<b>DYSDERIDAE:</b>			
<i>Harpactocrates appenicola</i> Simon, 1914	MN052924	14213	circular
<i>Parachtes limbarae</i> (Kraus, 1955)	MN052922	14111	linear
<i>Parachtes riberai</i> (1) Alicata, 1964	MN052919	14632	linear
<i>Parachtes romandiola</i> (Caporiacco, 1949)	MN052923	14220	circular
<i>Parachtes teruelis</i> (1) (Kraus, 1955)	MN052921	13850	linear
<i>Parachtes igvanus</i> (Simon, 1882)	MN052920	14667	linear
<b>HYPOCHILIDAE:</b>			
<i>Hypochilus thorelli</i> Marx, 1888	NC_010777.1	13991	circular

**LIPHISTIIDAE:**

<i>Liphistius erawan</i> Schwendinger, 1996	NC_020323.1	14197	circular
<i>Songthela hangzhouensis</i> (Chen, Zhang & Zhu, 1981)	NC_005924.1	14215	circular

**LYCOSIDAE:**

<i>Pardosa laura</i> Karsch, 1879	NC_025223.1	14513	circular
<i>Pirata subpiraticus</i> (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906)	NC_025523.1	14528	circular
<i>Wadicosa fidelis</i> (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1872)	NC_026123.1	14741	circular

**NEMESIIDAE:**

<i>Calisoga longitarsis</i> (Simon, 1891)	NC_010780.1	14070	circular
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**OXYOPIIDAE:**

<i>Oxyopes sertatus</i> L. Koch, 1878	NC_025224.1	14442	circular
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**PHOLCIDAE:**

<i>Mesabolivar</i> sp. (1) González-Sponga, 1998	NC_040859.1	14941	circular
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<i>Mesabolivar</i> sp. (3) González-Sponga, 2000	NC_040861.1	14727	circular
<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i> (Fuesslin, 1775)	NC_020324.1	14459	circular
<i>Pholcus</i> sp. Walckenaer, 1805	KJ782458.1	14279	circular

**SALTICIDAE:**

<i>Carrhotus xanthogramma</i> (Latreille, 1819)	NC_027492.1	14563	circular
<i>Cheliceroidea longipalpis</i> Zabka, 1985	NC_041120.1	14334	circular
<i>Epeus alboguttatus</i> (Thorell, 1887)	NC_042829.1	14625	circular
<i>Habronattus oregonensis</i> (Peckham & Peckham, 1888)	NC_005942.1	14381	circular
<i>Plexippus paykulli</i> (Audouin, 1826)	NC_024877.1	14316	circular
<i>Telamonia vlijmi</i> Prószyński, 1984	NC_024287.1	14601	circular

**SELENOPIIDAE:**

<i>Selenops bursarius</i> Karsch, 1879	NC_024878.1	14272	circular
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**SICARIIDAE:**

<i>Loxosceles similis</i> Moenkhaus, 1898	NC_042902.1	14683	circular
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**TETRAGNATHIDAE:**

<i>Tetragnatha maxillosa</i> Thorell, 1895	NC_025775.1	14414	circular
<i>Tetragnatha nitens</i> (Audouin, 1826)	NC_028068.1	14639	circular

**THERAPHOSIDAE:***Cyriopagopus schmidti* (von Wirth, 1991)

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**THOMISIDAE:***Oxytate striatipes* L. Koch, 1878

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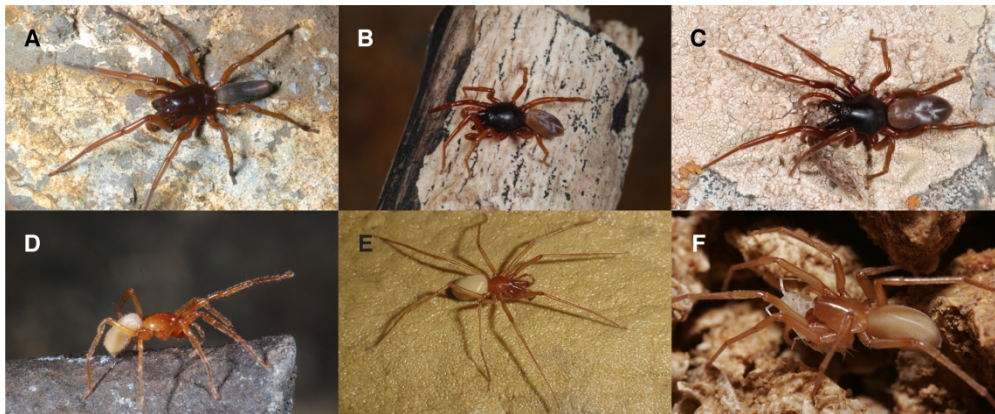
1093 **Appendix 4. Matrices composition for phylogenetic analyses.** Total information for each  
 1094 terminal expressed in base pairs (bp) and as a percentage over the average length for the  
 1095 complete concatenated set of loci (13 PCGs + 2 rRNAs) (%). Type of data coded as G  
 1096 (Genomic) and T (Transcriptomic). Taxa highlighted in grey indicate 0% recovery success,  
 1097 and exclusion for subsequent analysis. Lateral bars indicate taxa included in datasets S1, S2  
 1098 and S2.

Source	Type	Family	Species	Total length (bp)	Total length (%)	S1	S2	S3
In-house	G	Dysderidae	<i>Parastalita stygia</i>	12443	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera gomerensis</i>	12417	100			
	T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera longa</i>	12416	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera yguanirae</i>	12400	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Stalagtia hercegovinensis</i>	12541	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera silvatica</i>	12399	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Parachtes teruelis</i>	12385	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera verneaui</i>	12380	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera bandamae</i>	12375	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera tilosensis</i>	12367	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera iguanensis</i>	12365	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera asiatica</i>	12354	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Parachtes riberai</i>	12347	100			
	G	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera sibyllina</i>	12151	98			
	T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera coiffaiti</i>	11825	95			
	T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera fustigans</i>	11543	93			
T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera nesiotis</i>	9439	76				
NCBI	T	Pholcidae	<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i> (1)	11466	92			
	T	Pholcidae	<i>Pholcus manueli</i> (2)	11451	92			
	T	Hypochilidae	<i>Hypochilus pococki</i>	9999	81			
	T	Pholcidae	<i>Pholcus manueli</i> (1)	9114	74			
	T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera crocata</i> (1)	8066	65			
	T	Segestriidae	<i>Segestria bavarica</i>	5362	43			
	T	Scytodidae	<i>Stedocys</i> sp.	4935	40			
	T	Dysderidae	<i>Dysdera crocata</i> (2)	4747	38			
	T	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (1)	4596	37			
	T	Pholcidae	<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i> (2)	4493	36			
	T	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (3)	4326	35			
	T	Psilodercidae	<i>Flexicurum</i> sp.	4132	33			
	T	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (2)	4077	33			
	T	Oonopidae	<i>Opopaea cornuta</i>	4000	32			
	T	Filistatidae	<i>Kukulcania hibernalis</i>	3510	28			
	T	Segestriidae	<i>Segestria</i> sp.	3352	27			
	T	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles rufescens</i>	3260	26			
	T	Orsolobidae	Gen. sp.	3100	25			
	T	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles deserta</i>	3049	25			
	T	Psilodercidae	<i>Althepus christae</i>	2526	20			
	T	Ochyroceratidae	<i>Ochyrocera</i> sp.	2318	19			
	G	Sicariidae	<i>Loxosceles reclusa</i> (g)	2239	18			
	T	Orsolobidae	<i>Maoriata</i> sp.	2178	18			
	T	Scytodidae	<i>Scytodes</i> sp.	2166	17			
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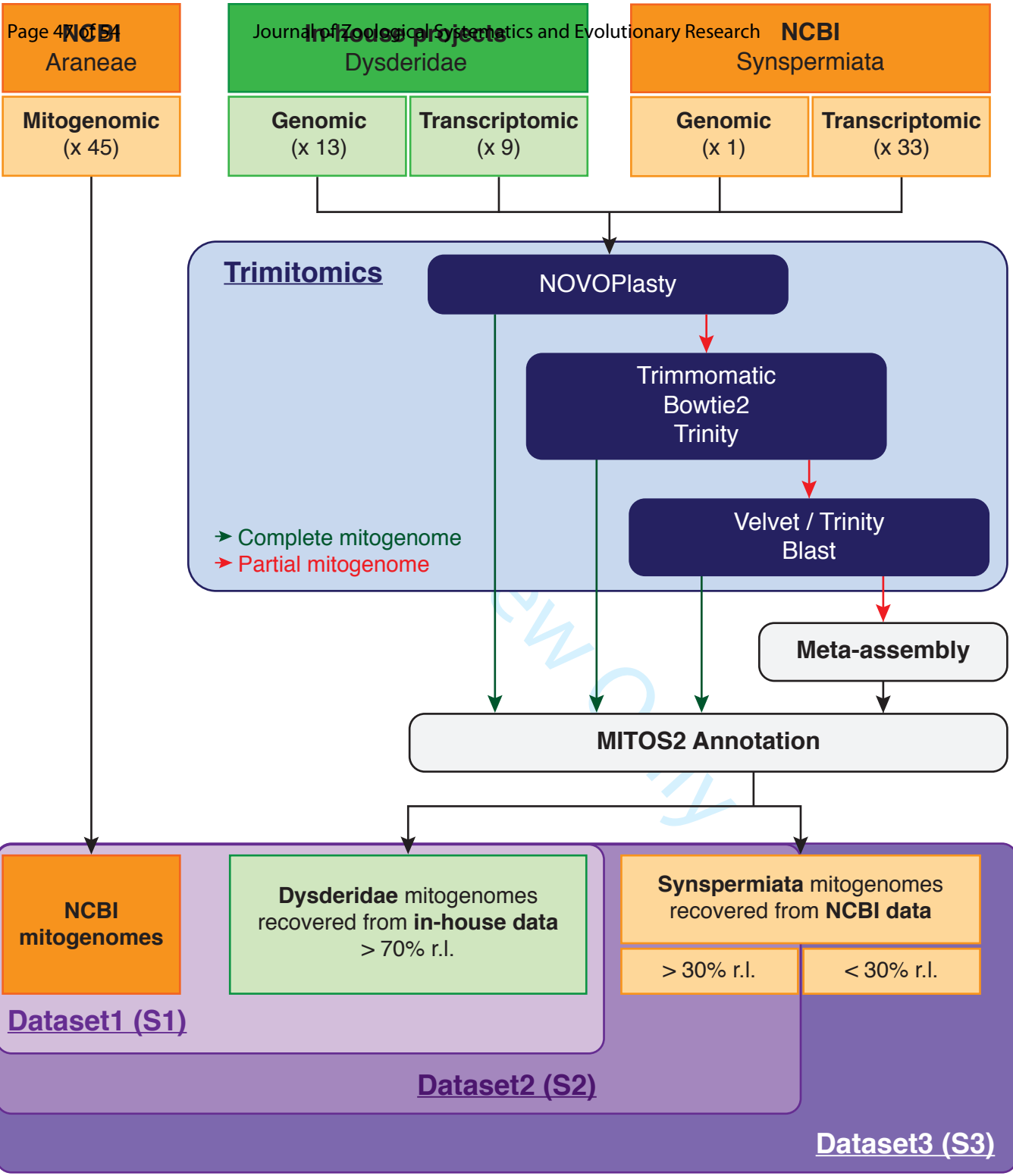
T	Diguetidae	<i>Diguetia sp.</i>	1526	12	
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T	Oonopidae	<i>Ischnothyreus sp.</i>	1513	12	
T	Periegopidae	<i>Periegops suterii</i>	1427	12	
T	Filistatidae	<i>Filistata insidiatrix</i>	0	0	
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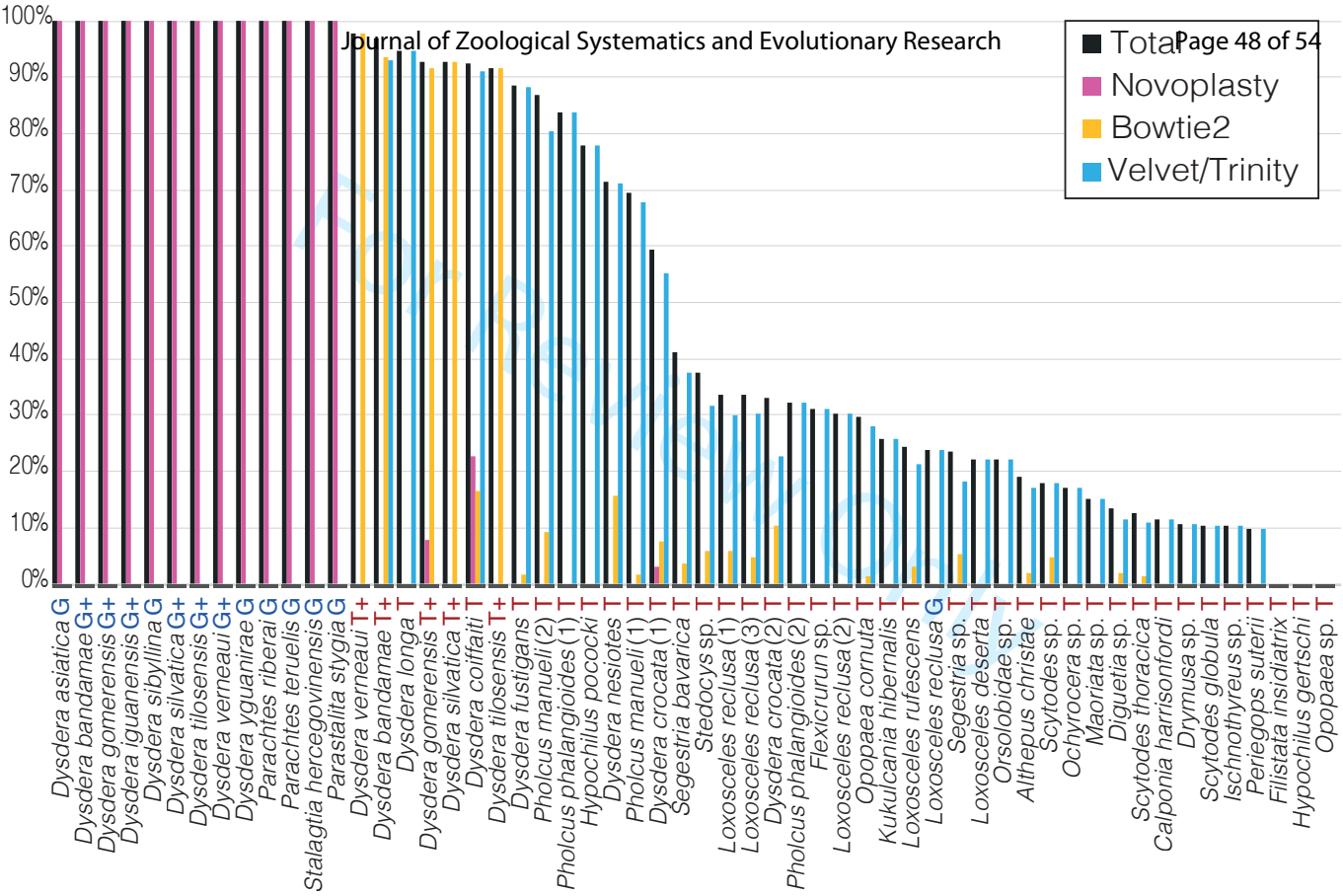
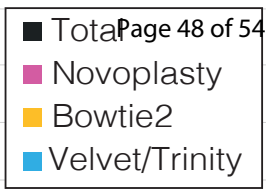
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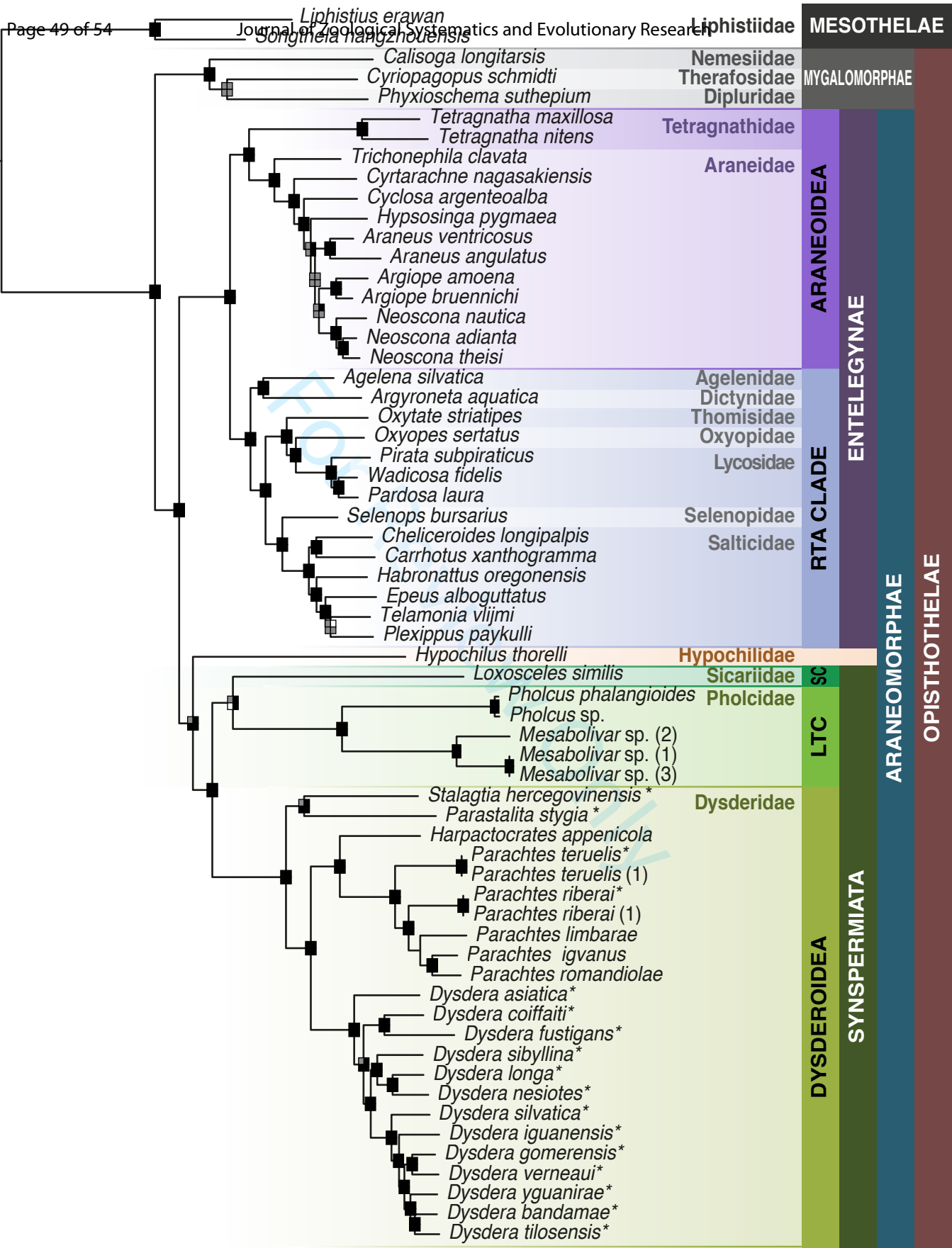


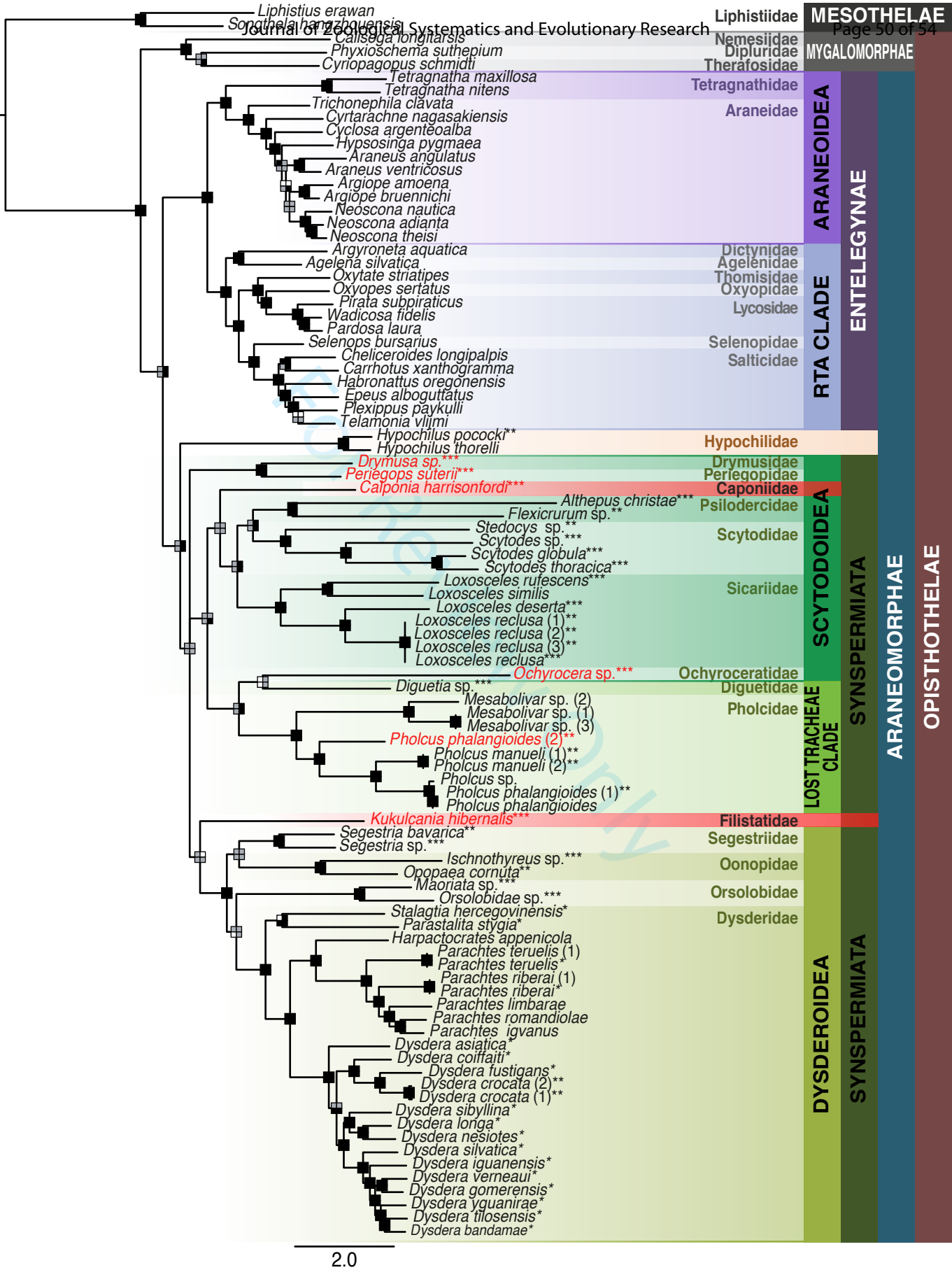
**Figure 1.** Representatives of the family Dysderidae: A) *Dysdera longa* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; B) *Dysdera tilosensis* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; C) *Dysdera silvatica* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; D) *Dysdera sibyllina* (Dysderinae), photo credit Pedro Oromí; E) *Parastalita stygia* (Rhodinae), photo credit Fulvio Gasparo; F) *Stalagtia hercegovinensis* (Harpacteinae), photo credit Jana Bedek.

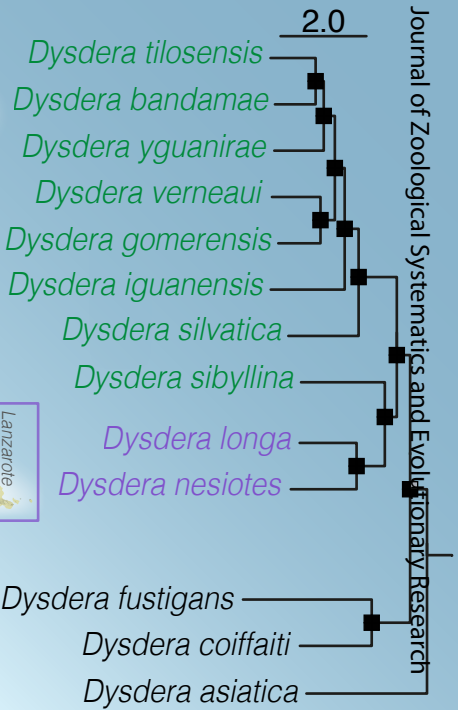












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