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Plastid phylogenomic insights into the evolution of the Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* (Dipsacales)



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ABSTRACT

The family Caprifoliaceae s.l. is an asterid angiosperm clade of ca. 960 species, most of which are distributed in temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. Recent studies show that the family comprises seven major clades: Linnaeoideae, Zabelia, Morinoideae, Dipsacoideae, Valerianoideae, Caprifolioideae, and Diervilloideae. However, its phylogeny at the subfamily or genus level remains controversial, and the backbone relationships among subfamilies are incompletely resolved. In this study, we utilized complete plastome sequencing to resolve the relationships among the subfamilies of the Caprifoliaceae s.l. and clarify several long-standing controversies. We generated and analyzed plastomes of 48 accessions of Caprifoliaceae s.l., representing 44 species, six subfamilies and one genus. Combined with available Caprifoliaceae s.l. plastomes on GenBank and 12 outgroups, we analyzed a final dataset of 68 accessions. Genome structure was strongly conserved in general, although the boundaries between the Inverted Repeat were found to have contracted across Caprifoliaceae s.l. to exclude rpl2, rps19, and ycf1, all or parts of which are typically present in the IR of most angiosperms. The ndhF gene was found to have been inverted in all plastomes of Adoxaceae. Phylogenomic analyses of 68 complete plastomes yielded a highly supported topology that strongly supported the monophyly of Zabelia and its sister relationship to Morinoideae. Moreover, a clade of Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae was recovered as sister to a clade of Linnaeoideae + Zabelia + Morinoideae clade, and Heptacodium was sister to remaining Caprifolioideae. The Diervilloideae and Caprifolioideae were successively sister to all other Caprifoliaceae s.l. Major lineages of Caprifoliaceae s.l. were estimated to have diverged from the Upper Cretaceous to the Eocene (50-100 Ma), whereas within-genus diversification was dated to the Oligocene and later, concomitant with global cooling and drving. Our results demonstrate the power of plastid phylogenomics in improving estimates of phylogeny among genera and subfamilies, and provide new insights into plastome evolution across Caprifoliaceae s.l.

1. Introduction

Complete plastome sequences have become a powerful tool for resolving plant phylogenies (e.g., Jansen et al., 2007; Moore et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2016; Lu et al., 2016; Niu et al., 2018; Pinard et al., 2019; Li et al., 2019) and have long been used in population-level analyses as well (e.g., Shaw et al., 2014). The plastome has some advantages over the nuclear genome, such as being haploid, having maternal inheritance, and possessing a more or less canonical structure in vascular plants with minimal gene duplication (Wu et al., 2010; Li et al., 2017; Bi et al., 2018). Specifically, the vast majority of plastomes in vascular plants have a quadripartite structure composed of two copies of a large inverted repeat (IR) separating the Large and Small Singlecopy regions (LSC and SSC, respectively) (Saski et al., 2005; Zhu et al., 2016).

The family Caprifoliaceae s.l., in the order Dipsacales, includes

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Fig. 1. Alternative relationships for the Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* backbone based on previous analyses. (A) Donoghue et al. (2001); parsimony analyses based on chloroplast *rbcL* sequences and morphological characteristics; (B) Bell et al. (2001); maximum likelihood tree from the combined chloroplast DNA data; (C) Zhang et al. (2003); maximum likelihood tree based on chloroplast *trnL-F* and *ndhF* sequences; (D) Jacobs et al. (2010); maximum parsimony Dipsacales phylogeny based on nuclear and chloroplast sequence data; (E) this study; maximum likelihood tree based on 68 complete plastomes.

about 960 species in 41 genera. The family has a nearly cosmopolitan distribution, with centers of diversity in eastern North America and eastern Asia, but is absent in tropical and southern Africa (Manchester and Donoghue, 1995; Bell, 2004). In recent phylogenetic analyses based on limited numbers of genes, all species in the family have been resolved into seven major clades: Diervilloideae, Caprifolioideae, Linnaeoideae, Morinoideae, Zabelia, Dipsacoideae and Valerianoideae (Donoghue et al., 1992; Jacobs et al., 2010; Smith et al., 2010; Landrein et al., 2012; Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG), 2016; Stevens, 2019). Although the major groups within Dipsacales are well understood, the relationships among them are less clear. For example, early studies of Dipsacales phylogeny based on limited chloroplast DNA data recovered Linnaeoideae as sister to a clade of Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae + Morinoideae with weak support and found a sister relationship between Morinoideae and Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae with lower bootstrap support (Fig. 1A, B, C) (Donoghue et al., 2001; Bell et al., 2001; Zhang et al., 2003). Using nuclear and chloroplast sequence data across Dipsacales, Jacobs et al. (2010) recovered Valerianoideae as sister to Dipsacoideae + Morinoideae with weak support, and Linnaeoideae as sister to Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae (Fig. 1D). Based on nuclear ribosomal cistron data and more extensive plastid data, Tank and Donoghue (2010) recovered the same position for Linnaeoideae as Jacobs et al. (2010). Based on molecular and pollen data, Xu et al. (2011) recovered Linnaeoideae as sister to а clade of Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae + Morinoideae. Hence, the relationships among the Zabelia + Morinaceae clade, Linnaeoideae, and the Dipsacoideae + Valerianoideae clade are still uncertain.

Likewise, the systematic positions of *Zabelia* and *Heptacodium* have not yet been fully resolved (Landrein et al., 2012; Bittrich and Kadereit, 2016). Originally, *Zabelia* was included in *Abelia* or in *Linnaea* (Rehder, 1911; Fukuoka, 1972; Xu, 1988). Subsequent studies supported the separation of *Abelia* and *Zabelia* based on morphological evidence (Erdtman, 1952; Ikuse and Kurosawa,1954; Fukuoka, 1968, 1969) and molecular evidence (Bell et al., 2001; Donoghue et al., 2001; Winkworth et al., 2008). Based on molecular data, Jacobs et al. (2010) raised sect. *Zabelia* to a genus, and more recent studies have confirmed the distinctiveness of *Zabelia* (Landrein et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2015), often finding it sister to Morinoideae, although with low to moderate support (Donoghue et al., 1992; Jacobs et al., 2010; Tank and Donoghue, 2010; Wang et al., 2015).

The position of *Heptacodium* has also been somewhat uncertain. Similarities in inflorescence morphology have suggested that *Heptacodium* may be related to Caprifolioideae (Fukuoka, 1972), al-though it has usually been placed in Linnaeoideae (Hara, 1983; Takhtajan, 1987; Xu, 1988). Based on *ndhF* sequence data, *Heptacodium* was recovered as sister to all members of Caprifolioideae with weak support (Pyck and Smets, 2000), a result confirmed in numerous later studies (Bell et al., 2001; Donoghue et al., 2001; Zhang et al., 2003;

Tank and Donoghue, 2010).

Despite progress in understanding Dipsacales phylogeny, most advances have been based on relatively limited molecular and/or morphological data (e.g., Donoghue, 1983; Donoghue et al., 1992, 2001; Judd et al., 1994; Jacobs et al., 2010; Landrein et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2015). Only one study has examined Dipsacales phylogeny using plastome-scale data (Fan et al., 2018), but this study employed only 14 taxa and omitted many key lineages of Caprifoliaceae s.l. Here, we test the power of complete plastome sequences for resolving the broader phylogeny of Caprifoliaceae s.l. by generating and analyzing complete plastomes of 48 accessions across most key lineages of Caprifoliaceae s.l. Compared with phylogenetic studies limited to a few complete plastomes or a few plastid loci, plastome phylogenomic studies provide potentially much greater resolution and support (Burke et al., 2012). In addition, based on comparative genomic analyses, mutational hotspots can be identified within plastomes for use as informative regions for phylogenetics or DNA barcoding at lower taxonomic levels (Doorduin et al., 2011; Li et al., 2013, 2014). Our research objectives were as follows: (1) to reconstruct the phylogenetic relationships for the major lineages within Caprioliaceae s.l.; (2) to investigate global structural patterns of Caprifoliaceae s.l. complete plastomes; and (3) to explore plastome differentiation and divergence times in Dipsacales.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Taxon sampling

Our sampling strategy involved maximizing the taxonomic and geographical coverage within Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* In total, 56 accessions representing 47 species of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* were analyzed (Table 1), including representatives of all seven major clades of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* as described by APG (2016) and Stevens (2019). We added 12 Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* plastomes from GenBank (Table 1), yielding a grand total of 23 Linnaeoideae accessions, eight *Zabelia* accessions, two Morinoideae accessions, five Valerianoideae accessions, five Dipsacoideae accessions. Also included were 12 outgroup taxa from Adoxaceae (Table 1) whose selection was based on previous genus-level, family-wide analyses (Jacobs et al., 2010; APG, 2016; Fan et al., 2018; Stevens, 2019). Samples were collected in the field (33 accessions), at botanical gardens (nine accessions), and from herbarium material (eight accessions); Table 1 provides locality and voucher information.

2.2. DNA extraction and sequencing

Total genomic DNA was extracted from dried leaf tissue using the cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB) protocol of Doyle and Doyle (1987). Genomic DNA from each sample was analyzed for quality and quantity using an Agilent BioAnalyzer 2100 (UCDAVIS Genome Center,

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Table 1

Sampling information and the GenBank accession numbers of sequences.

Order	Subfamily	In/Out group	Taxon	Locality	Voucher specimen number	Accession number in GeneBank	
1	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Dipelta floribunda Maximowicz Bull	Cambridge UK	HUTB SDM	MN524643	
2	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Dipelta floribunda Maximowicz Bull	Cambridge, UK	HUTB dv3	MN524642	
3	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Dipelta floribunda Maximowicz Bull	Xi'an Shanxi China	NA	NC 037955 1	
4	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Dipelta floribunda Yi F. Wang & Y. S. Lian	Pingliang, Gansu, China	HUTB, dv2	MN524641	
5	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Dipelta yunnanensis Franch	Nujiang, Yunnan, China	HUTB, dy1	MN524644	
6	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Diabelia serrata (Siebold et Zucc.) Landrein	Tokushima, Japan	HUTB, e0310	MN524640	
7	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Diabelia ionostachya var. tetrasepala (Siebold &	Pref, Japan	HUTB, t3209	MK033553	
8	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Diabelia sanguinea (Siebold & Zucc.) Landrein	Miyagi Japan	HUTB p2102	MK033544	
9	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Diabelia spathulata var. spathulata (<u>H. Hara</u>)	Shiga, Japan	HUTB, p2801	MK033548	
10	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	<u>Lanurem</u> Kollwitzia amabilis Graebn	Weinan Shanyi China	ΝA	NC 029874 1	
11	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Kolkwitzia amabilis Graebn	Weinan Shanxi, China	HUTB kal	MN524646	
12	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Kolkwitzia amabilis Graebn	Weinan Shanxi China	HUTB ka2	MN524647	
13	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Abelia macrotera (Graebn, et Buchw.) Rehd.	Nanchuan, Shanxi, China	HUTB, C215	MN524637	
14	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Abelia uniflora R. Brown	Wuvishan, Fujian, China	HUTB, 339	MN524638	
15	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Abelia chinensis R. Brown	Jujiang, Jiangxi, China	HUTB, JJ02	MN384463	
16	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Abelia \times grandiflora (André) Rehd.	Zhengzhou, Henan, China	HUTB, ag1	MN524635	
17	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Abelia forrestii (Diels) W. W. Smith	Nujiang, Yunnan, China	HUTB, af	MN524636	
18	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Vesalea coriacea (Hemsl.) T.Kim & B.Sun ex Landrein	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	HUTB, vc3	MN524620	
19	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Vesalea mexicana Villarreal	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	HUTB, C184	MN524622	
20	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Vesalea floribunda M.Martens & Galeotti	Oaxaca, Mexico	HUTB, C189	MN524621	
21	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Vesalea occidentalis (Villarreal) Wang, H.F. &	Durango, Mexico	HUTB, V08	MN524623	
22	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Linnaea borealis Linn.	Yili, Xinjiang, China	HUTB, Ib13	MN524649	
23	Linnaeoideae	Ingroup	Linnaea borealis Linn.	Yili, Xinjiang, China	HUTB, Ib8	MN524648	
24	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia coreana (Nakai) Hisauti & H.Hara	Sinchon, Korea	HUTB, AB02	MN524629	
25	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia biflora Turcz.	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	HUTB, LDM	MN524627	
26	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia integrifolia Koidz	Kyushu, Japan	HUTB, zi	MN524632	
27	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia dielsii (Graebn.) Makino	Ganzi, Sichuan, China	HUTB, zd1	MN524631	
28	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia corymbosa (Regel & Schmalh.) Makino	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	HUTB, zc	MN524630	
29	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia triflora R.Br. ex Wall.	Bangalore, India	HUTB, zt	MN524633	
30	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia buddleioides W. W. Smith	Nujiang, Yunnan, China	HUTB, AB09	MN524628	
31	Zabelia	Ingroup	Zabelia tyaihyoni (Nakai) Hisauti & H. Hara	Sinchon, Korea	HUTB, AB03	MN524634	
32	Monrinoideae	Ingroup	Morina longifolia Wall. ex DC.	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	HUTB, m1	MN524607	
33	Monrinoideae	Ingroup	Acanthocalyx alba (HandMazz.) M. Connon	Nujiang, Yunnan, China	HUTB, m01	MN524639	
34	Valerianoideae	Ingroup	Patrinia scabra Bunge	Beijing, China	HUTB, B269	MN524610	
35	Valerianoideae	Ingroup	Patrinia heterophylla Bunge	Beijing, China	HUTB, B268	MN524608	
36	Valerianoideae	Ingroup	Patrinia_scabiosifolia Fisch. ex Trevir.	Yanqing, Beiijing, China	HUTB, C77	MN524609	
37	Valerianoideae	Ingroup	Patrinia saniculifolia Hemsl.	Kangwon, Korea	NIBRVP0000642096	NC_036835.1	
38	Valerianoideae	Ingroup	Valeriana officinalis Linn.	Baoding, Hebei, China	HUTB, B267	MN524619	
39	Dipsacoideae	Ingroup	Scabiosa tschiliensis Gruning	Chang ping, Beijing, China	HUTB, C/2	MN524616	
40	Dipsacoideae	Ingroup	Scabiosa ischiliensis Gruning	Yanqing, Beijing, China	HUIB, C78	MN524617	
41	Dipsacoideae	Ingroup	Pterocephalus nookeri (C.B. Clarke) Diels	Basu, libet, China	HUIB, COO	MN524611	
42	Dipsacoideae	Ingroup	Dipsucus juponicus Miq.	Motuo Tibot, China	HUTP C64	MNE24619	
43	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicara stanbanocarna Franch	Vitan Shanyi China	NA	NC 027054 1	
45	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera hispida Pall ex Schult	Zhouzhi Shanyi China	HUTB C71	MN524605	
46	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera fragrantissima var lancifolia (Rehder)	Ankang Shanxi China	NA	MG738669 1	
47	Convifolioidooo	Ingroup	Q.E. Yang, Landrein Lowiere diage Franch	Mirrun Politing China	LUTP C70	MNE24602	
49	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera ianonica Trunb	Rejijng China	NA	NC 026830 1	
49	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera confusa D C	Haikou China	HUTB B272	MN524602	
50	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera tatarinowii Maxim	Xinglong Hebei China	HUTB C73	MN524606	
51	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera ferdinandii Franch	Haidian, Beiiing China	HUTB, C80	MN524604	
52	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Lonicera calcarata Hemsl	Wenshan Yunnan China	HUTB C60	MN524650	
53	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Triosteum pinnatifidum Maxim	Baoii, Shanxi, China	NA	NC 037952.1	
54	Caprifolioideae	Ingroup	Heptacodium miconioides Rehder	Hangzhou.Zheijang, China	HUTB, B158	MH712480	
55	Divervilloideae	Ingroup	Weigela florida (Bunge) A. DC.	Wendeng, Shandong, China	HUTB, C75	MN524626	
56	Divervilloideae	Ingroup	Weigela florida (Bunge) A. DC.	Kangwon, Korea	NIBRVP0000642096	NC 037950.1	
57	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Sambucus williamsii Hance.	Haidian, Beijing, China	HUTB, C91	MN524615	
58	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Sambucus williamsii Hance.	Haidian, Beijing, China	HUTB, C90	MN524614	
59	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Sambucus williamsii Hance.	Heyuan, Guangdong, China	NA	NC_033878.1	
60	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Sambucus nigra Linn.	Beijing, China	HUTB, sn1	MN524612	
61	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Sambucus nigra Linn.	Beijing, China	HUTB, sn2	MN524613	
62	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Tetradoxa omeiensis (H. Hara) C.Y. Wu	NA	NA	NC_034793.1	
63	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	Adoxa moschatellina linn.	NA	NA	NC_034792.1	
64	Adoxoideae	Outgroup	<i>Sinadoxa corydalifolia</i> C.Y. Wu, Z.l. Wu & R.F. Huang	Yushu, Qinghai, China	NA	NC_032040.1	
65	Opuloideae	Outgroup	Viburnum betulifolium Batalin	Xi'an, Shanxi, China	NA	NC_037951.1	
66	Opuloideae	Outgroup	Viburnum fordiae Hancew	Wuyishan, Fujian, China	HUTB, B156	MN524625	
67	Opuloideae	Outgroup	Viburnum brachybotryum Hemsl.	Ganzhou, Jiangxi, China	HUTB, B160	MN524624	
68	Opuloideae	Outgroup	Viburnum utile Hemsley J. Linn.	Nanyang, Henan, China	NA	NC_032296.1	

Davis, California, USA). Approximately 0.8 μ g of DNA was sheared and used to prepare paired-end libraries with 200–400 bp insert size. Samples were sequenced using the BGISEQ-500 platform at BGI Shenzhen (China), yielding about 8 Gb high quality per sample with 100 bp paired-end reads. We trimmed raw reads with SOAPfilter_v2.2 (BGI-Shenzhen, China) using the following criteria: first, reads with > 10% N's; second, reads with > 40% low quality bases (quality score < 10); third, reads contaminated by adaptor sequence and produced by PCR duplication.

2.3. Plastome assembly, annotation, and structural analyses

About 6 Gb of clean data were assembled against the plastomes of *Lonicera japonica* (NC_026839), *Kolkwitzia amabilis* (NC_029874), and *Viburnum utile* (NC_032296) using MITO bim v1.8 (Hahn et al. 2013). All contigs were

aligned to the reference plastomes [Lonicera japonica (NC_026839), Kolkwitzia amabilis (NC_029874), and Viburnum utile (NC_032296)] using BLAST (Li et al., 2017) as implemented in Geneious R11.0.5 (Biomatters Ltd., Auckland, New Zealand). To verify sequencing depth and contig overlap, cleaned reads were mapped to reference plastomes in Geneious R11.0.5. Newly sequenced plastomes were annotated in a variety of ways, including using DOGMA (Dual Organellar GenoMe Annotator; Wyman et al., 2004), with corrections for start/stop codons based on published Caprifoliaceae plastomes. Intron/exon boundaries were further determined using alignments in MAFFT v7 (Katoh and Standley, 2013) against the plastomes of. Lonicera japonica (NC_026839) and Kolkwitzia amabilis (NC_029874). In addition, tRNAscan-SE1.21 was used to verify all of the tRNA genes (Peter et al., 2005). IR boundaries were confirmed with Unipro UGENE v1.32 (Rose et al., 2018). The annotated plastomes sequences were deposited in GenBank with accession numbers (MN524602-MN524650, MN384463) (Table 1). Genome maps were drawn using OGDRAW (Lohse et al., 2013), with subsequent manual editing. Sequences were aligned using PROGRESSIVEMAUVE v2.4.0 to compare the structure and gene contents among the plastomes (Darling et al., 2010).

2.4. Phylogenetic analysis

Sequences were aligned using MAFFT v7 (Katoh and Standley, 2013) under default parameters and regions with > 80% missing data were excluded from phylogenetic analyses. Unpartitioned, aligned plastid data were analyzed using maximum likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI) approaches. After selecting the best-fitting model of nucleotide substitution for the entire dataset (GTR + I + G), as determined by the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) in jModelTest v2.1.7 (Santorum, et al., 2014), the ML and BI analyses were conducted in RAxML-HPC v8.2.20 with GTR + I + G (Stamatakis, 2014; with 1000 bootstrap replicates) and MrBayes Version v.3.2.7a (Ronquist et al, 2012), respectively. For Bayesian inference (burnin = 1,000), two independent chains were run with a random starting tree and default priors for 400,000,000 generations, with trees sampled every 1, 000 generations. The first 25% of calculated trees were discarded as burn-in, and a consensus tree was constructed from the remaining trees to estimate posterior probabilities. Convergence of the MCMC chains was assumed when the average standard deviation of split frequencies reached 0.01 or less. Adoxaceae was designated as the outgroup for rooting based on the APG (2016) classification system. ML analyses were also conducted using the following seven data partitions: (1) complete plastomes; (2) coding regions; (3) non-coding regions; (4) LSC region; (5) IR region; and (6) SSC region; (7) complete plastomes minus one copy of the IR region. All analyses were performed on the CIPRES Science Gateway website (Miller et al., 2010). FigTree v.1.3.1 (Drummond et al., 2012) was used to visualize the resulting phylogenetic trees.

2.5. Genome comparative analysis and molecular marker identification

Plastome comparisons across the 44 Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* species (employing only one accession per species) were performed in Shuffle-LAGAN mode in mVISTA (Frazer et al., 2004) using the plastome of *Vesalea floribunda* as a reference. To explore variability among all protein-coding and noncoding (intergenic spacer and intron) regions for future population genetic and species identification studies, nucleotide diversity (P_i) was evaluated with DnaSP v.5.10 (Librado and Rozas, 2009).

2.6. Divergence time estimation

Bayesian searches for tree topologies and node ages were conducted on the complete data set in BEAST using a GTR + G substitution model selected by MrModelTest (Posada, 2008) and an uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock (Drummond et al., 2012). A Yule process was specified as tree prior. Three calibration points were used to constrain each node. First, a fruit fossil of the genus Diplodipelta from the late Eocene Florissant flora of Colorado (36 Ma; Manchester and Donoghue, 1995) was considered to be the oldest possible date for the age of *Diabelia*. Hence we set the stem of *Dipelta* with a lognormal mean = 0, SD = 1.0 and an offset = 36 Ma. Second, Bell and Donoghue (2005) suggested that the Dipsacales node to be 102-110 Ma, which originated by the mid-Cretaceous. In this study, the Dipsacales node (the root of our tree) was constrained to 103 Ma, with a normal prior, a mean = 103 Ma, and a SD = 5, which is based on a secondary calibration of the Dipsacales node to be 102-110 Ma (Bell and Donoghue 2005). Third, the stem of *Viburnum* was set to a lognormal mean = 0, a SD = 1.0 and an offset = 89.3 Ma based on a leaf fossil of Viburnum from the Upper Cretaceous in North America (Bell, 1957). The analyses were run for 900,000,000 generations and the parameters were sampled every 1,000 generations. The effective sample size (> 200) was determined using Tracer v 1.6 (Drummond et al., 2012) and the first 25% of the samples were discarded as burn-in. TreeAnnotator v.1.8.0 (Drummond et al., 2012) was used to summarize the set of post-burn-in trees and their parameters in order to produce a maximum clade credibility chronogram showing the mean divergence time estimates with 95% highest posterior density (HPD) intervals. FigTree v1.3.1 (Drummond et al., 2012) was used to visualize the resulting divergence times.

3. Results

3.1. Plastome features and gene content

The plastomes of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* species differed little in sequence length, ranging in size from 151,267 bp (*Patrinia scabra*) to 158,313 bp (*Scabiosa tschiliensis*) (Table 2). All plastomes displayed the typical quadripartite structure of nearly all land plants, consisting of a pair of IRs (22,064–26,410 bp) separated by the LSC regions (86,715–90,956 bp) and SSC regions (16,288–22,622 bp). The GC content among these 44 plastomes was very similar (37.7–39.0%) (Table 2). The 44 plastomes encoded 128 genes, including 83 proteincoding genes, 37 tRNA genes, and eight rRNA genes. Within the IR, eight tRNA genes, seven protein-coding genes, 14 genes harbored a single intron (*trnK-UUU*, *trnG-GCC*, *trnI-GAU*, *trnL-UAA*, *trnV-UAC*, *trnI-GAU*, *atpF*, *ndhA*, *ndhB*, *petB*, *petD*, *rpoC1*, *rpl2* and *rps16*) and two genes (*ycf3* and *rps12*) harbored two introns. The *ndhF* gene was found to be inverted in all Adoxaceae (Fig. 3B).

3.2. Boundaries between the IR and SC regions

Expansion and contraction at the borders of IR regions was the main reason for size variation among Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* plastomes (Fig. 2).

Table 2

Summary of major characteristics of Dipsacales plastomes, including aspects of genome size, G-C content, and gene number (per type and loc	ation).
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Species	Genome size	LSC Length	SSC Length	IR Length	Total GC	LSC GC	SSC GC	IR GC %	Protein	tRNA LSC	rRNA IR _A
	(0))	(0))	(5))	(5)	,,,				50um ₈		
Dipelta florifbunda	157,206	90,426	18,984	23,898	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
D. yunnanensis	156,972	90,184	18,966	23,911	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Diabelia serrata	156,755	89,910	18,857	24,051	38.5	36.6	33.1	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Ionostachya var. tetrasepala	156,635	89,947	18,820	23,934	38.5	36.6	33.2	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
D. sanguinea	156,842	90,912	18,894	23,923	38.5	36.6	33.2	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
D. spathulata var. Spathulata	156,810	90,051	18,863	23,948	38.4	36.5	33.0	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Kolkwitzia amabilis	157,389	90,570	19,057	23,881	38.4	36.4	33.2	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Abelia macrotera	157,186	90,344	18,999	23,921	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
A. uniflora	157,038	90,219	18,998	23,910	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
A. chinensis	157,310	90,464	19,043	23,902	38.4	36.4	33.0	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
A. \times grandiflora	157,107	90,360	18,993	23,877	38.4	36.5	33.0	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
A. forrestii	157,263	90,463	18,996	23,902	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Vesalea floribunda	157,330	90,345	19,035	23,975	38.4	36.5	33.2	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
V. mexicana	157,448	90,424	19,056	23,984	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
V. coriacea	157,736	90,638	19,122	23,988	38.4	36.5	33.2	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
V. occidentalis	157,399	90,377	19,074	23,974	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Linnaea borealis	157,271	90,402	19.017	23,926	38.5	36.5	33.3	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Zabelia dielsii	157,201	90,449	19.066	23,843	38.4	36.5	33.1	44.2	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z. integrifolia	157,551	90.533	19.014	24,002	38.4	36.5	32.9	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z. coreana	156.714	90.083	18.807	23.912	38.4	36.6	33.1	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z. buddleioides	157 823	90,938	19 181	23,852	38.4	36.5	33.4	44 1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z triflora	156 827	90 173	18 982	23,836	38.4	36.6	33.0	44 1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z tvaihvoni	152 441	87 551	18 634	23 128	38.4	36.5	32.9	44 1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
7 hiflora	157 136	86 715	17 734	26,120	38.4	36.5	32.6	43.3	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Z. opphora	157 225	00,715	19 974	20,410	38.5	36.6	22.0	44.0	82[0]	30[7]	4[4] 4[4]
Z. corynibosa Morina longifolia	157,325	90,203	18,679	24,093	38.6	36.7	33.2	44.0	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
A can the conground	157,000	90,252	10,075	23,005	38.4	36.5	22.2	44.0	82[0]	30[7]	4[4] 4[4]
Datrinia saabra	151 967	90,730	19,413	23,910	20.4	26.0	22.2	44.0	02[0]	20[7]	4[4]
Patrinia scabra	151,207	87,209	18,020	22,969	30.0	30.0	33.4 33.6	44.2	02[0]	30[7]	4[4]
P.Scabiosijolisa	154,019	89,132	17,297	23,795	38.5	30.0	33.0	43.8	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
P. neterophytia	151,964	87,380	16,500	23,039	38.0	30.8	33.3 99 F	44.3	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
valeriana officinalis	151,505	87,619	16,288	23,799	38.4	36.5	32.5	44.0	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Dipsacus japonicus	154,709	88,605	18,538	23,783	39.0	37.2	33.6	44.4	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Scabiosa tschiliensis	158,313	90,843	21,022	23,224	37.7	36.5	28.7	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Pterocepalus hookeri	158,012	90,794	22,622	22,064	37.7	36.4	29.8	44.3	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Triplostegia glandulifera	157,560	90,239	21,099	23,111	37.9	36.5	30.7	44.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Lonicera confusa	155,346	89,122	18,634	23,795	38.6	37.1	33.5	43.4	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
L. elisae	156,550	90,466	18,830	23,627	38.2	36.7	32.9	43.4	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
L. tatarinowii	155,781	89,458	18,637	23,843	38.3	36.8	33.1	43.1	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
L. hispida	155,857	89,353	18,705	23,815	38.3	36.7	33.1	43.4	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
L. ferdinandii	155,904	89,532	18,930	23,721	38.4	36.8	33.0	43.4	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
L. calcarata	158,010	90,956	21,823	22,616	37.9	36.3	33.2	43.5	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Heptacodium miconioides	156,313	89,760	18,745	23,904	38.4	36.6	32.9	43.8	82[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Sambucus williamsii	158,375	86,889	18,948	26,269	37.9	36.3	31.7	43.0	84[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Sambucus nigra	158,321	87,075	18,274	26,261	38.0	36.3	31.8	43.0	84[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Viburnum fordiae	157,627	86,544	18,773	26,155	38.1	36.5	32.0	43.1	84[8]	30[7]	4[4]
Viburnum brachbotryum	157,433	86,552	18,615	26,133	38.1	36.4	32.0	43.1	84[8]	30[7]	4[4]

Abbreviations: CDS, protein-coding sequences/genes; LSC, large single-copy region; SSC, small single-copy region; IR, inverted repeat (A or B) regions.

Numbers in brackets mean the number of duplicated genes, e.g. 80[8] means there were 80 unique genes in the plastome, of which 8 were duplicated in the IRs.

Within the Adoxaceae outgroups, all plastomes shared similar IR/SC boundaries within the *rps19* and *ycf1* genes, similar to most other angiosperms (Fig. 2). However, within most Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, the IR/LSC junction was found to reside within the *rpl23* gene (Fig. 2). In several cases, however, the IR was found to have contracted to exclude *rpl23* entirely, in *Weigela, Scabiosa, Pterocephalus, Triplostegia,* and *Lonicera hispida*. In *Patrinia scabiosifolia*, the IR was found to have expanded to include *trnH-GUG* (Fig. 2). Likewise, the IRa/SSC junction was also found to have contracted in Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, to exclude *ycf1*. The IRb/SSC junction was located in the *ndhF* gene in *Lonicera confusa* (Fig. 2).

3.3. Phylogenetic relationships

ML and BI analyses of 68 Dipsacales plastomes yielded identical tree topologies except for the position of some species of *Lonicera*, which swapped positions between ML and BI trees (Fig. 4). Support was generally very high for most relationships within Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* except for some branches within *Dipelta, Diabelia and Vesalea* (Fig. 4).

Within Dipsacales, two major lineages were clearly defined: Adoxaceae and Caprifoliaceae s.l. with maximal support (Fig. 4). Caprifoliaceae s.l. was resolved into seven major clades with a highly supported topology of (Diervilloideae, (Caprifolioideae, ((Dipsacoideae, Valerianoideae), (Linnaeoideae, (Morinoideae, *Zabelia*))))). and, each with maximal support (Fig. 4). *Heptacodium* was sister to remaining Caprifolioideae with maximal support (Fig. 4). Within Linnaeoideae, all genera (*Dipelta*, *Diabelia, Kolkwitzia, Abelia, Vesalea* and *Linnaea*) were recovered as monophyletic with strong support (Fig. 4). Relationships among these genera were fully resolved with maximal support (Fig. 4).

3.4. Sequence divergence analysis

The mVISTA plot is provided in Fig. 5, and percent variation is provided in Supplementary Table S1. Mean percent sequence variation was 2.80% among the 56 Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* plastomes. Percent variation in coding regions (mean = 1.71%) was lower than that in non-coding regions (mean = 3.89%). Among coding regions, the five genes with the highest nucleotide diversity (P_i) values were *rpl22*, *psbJ*, *rps15*,

	129bp 153bp	728bp	150bp	318bp	291bp		152bp	585bp	513bp	610bp	99bp
Dipelta floribunda	LSC:90,426bp IR _B :23,898bp	SSC:18,984bp	146bp	IRA:23,898bp 307bp	255bp	Z. buddleioides	137bpl 244	IR ₈ :23,850bp SS 322bp bp	C:19,187bp	IRA:23,850bp 409bp	52bp
D. yunnanensis	rp123 LSC:90,184bp IRg:23,911bp	SSC:18,966bp	yef1	IRA:23,911bp	TrnH-GUG	Z. tyaihyoni	LSC:87,551bp	IR ₈ :23,128bp SS	yef1 C:18,634bp	IRA:23,128bp	260hn
Diabelia ionstachy var. tetrasepala	151bp 131bp 7 (rp123) LSC:89.947bp Ba-23.934bp	662bp	yefl	296bp trnl-CAU	73bp trnH-GUG	Morina longifolia	133bp 1611 <i>rpl23</i> TLSC:90,292bp	bp IRg:24,089bp SS	ycfl C:18,679bp	IRA:24,089bp	trnH-GUG
	107bp 175bp	695bp	121bp	340bp	/182bp		185bp 124	bp	341bp	289bp	442bp
D. sanguinea	LSC:90,102bp IRg:23,923bp	SSC:18,894bp	99bp	IRA:23,923bp	/111bp	Acanthocalyx alba	LSC:90,750bp	IR ₈ :23,918bp SS bp 121bp	C:19,413bp 4247bp	IRA:23,918bp	233bp
D. spathulata var. spathulata	139bp 142bp (<i>rp123</i>) LSC:90,051bp IR ₈ :23,948bp	ssc:18,863bp	ycf1	IRA:23,948bp	trnH-GUG	Patrnia scabiosifolia	LSC:89,132bp	IR ₈ :23,795bp SS	C:17,297bp	IRA:23,795bp	psbA
	128bp 154bp	675bp	103bp	317bp	262bp	D soobra	155bpl 1211 rp123	bp 361bp ndhF	223bp	291bp	90bp
D.serrata	LSC:90,024bp IRg:23,937bp	SSC:18,857bp 748bp	163bp	IRA:23,937bp 311bp	_322bp	r. scabra	155bp 1210	18g:22,9896p SS 397bp bp	273bp	1RA:22,989bp 291bp	88bp
Kolkwitzia amabilis	136bpi 146bp (ppl23) LSC:90,570bp IR _B :23,881bp	ssc:19,057bp	ycf1	IRA:23,881bp	IrnH-GUG	P. heterophylla	LSC:87,380bp	IR ₈ :23,039bp SS	C:18,506bp	IRA:23,039bp	(IrnH-GUG
Abelia uniflora	140bpl 142bp (<i>rp123</i>	739bp	152bp	307bp	259bp	Valeriana officinalis	239bp 43b <i>rpl23</i> LSC:87,619bp	p IRg:23,799bp SS	ycf1	IRA:23,799bp	trnH-GUG
	LSC:90,214bp IR ₈ :23,874bp 124bp 158bp	SSC:19,006bp	123bp	IRA:23,874bp 323bp	150bp		256bp 0t	bp 1332bp	1122bp	Obp	173bp
A. macrotera	rpl23 LSC:90,344bp IRg:23,921bp	/ ndhF SSC:18,937bp	yef1	IRA:23,921bp	trnH-GUG	Scabiosa tschiliensis	LSC:90,813bp	IR ₈ :23,093bp SS pp 1787bp	C:21,253bp 1536bp	IRA:23,093bp 0bp	
A. chinensis	129bp 153bp rp123 LSC:90,462bp IR ₈ :23,884bp	ndhF SSC:18,995bp	yef1	IRA:23,884bp	trnH-GUG	Pterocephalus hookeri	LSC:90,794bp	I-CAU ndhF IR ₈ :22,622bp SS	C:22,064bp	IRA:22,622bp	/
	134bpl 148bp	734bp	154bp	313bp	295bp	Dipsacus	129bp 1561	bp	257bp	321bp	/126bp
A. \times grandiflora	LSC:90,360bp IR _B :23,887bp	SSC:18,993bp 732bp	146bp	IRA:23,887bp 329bp	326bp	japonicus	257bp	bp 1340bp	1116bp	2bp	44bp
A. forrestii	117bp 164bp (rp123) LSC:90,463bp IR _B :23,902bp	ssc:18,996bp	yefl	IRA:23,902bp	trnH-GUG	Triplostegia glandulifera	LSC:90,239bp	I-CAU / ndhF IR ₈ :23,111bp SS 22bp	yef1 C:21,099bp	IRA:23,111bp	453hn
Varalaa ooriacaa	129bp <mark>1</mark> 153bp (<i>rp123</i>)	720bp	146bp	329bp	313bp	Lonicera hispida	100bp rpl23	^{13bp} <i>ndhF</i> IR ₈ :23,627bp SS	vcf1 C:18,830bp	IRA:23,627bp	trmH-GUG
resulta contacea	129bpi 153bp	703bp	132bp	319bp	180bp		176bp. 1031 (rpl23)	bp	182bp	268bp	98bp
V. mexicana	rp123 LSC:90,455bp IR ₈ :23,969bp	SSC:18,991bp	yef1	IRA:23,969bp	170hn	L. elisae	LSC:89,458bp	IR ₈ :23,843bp SS bp 21bpl2241bp	C:18,637bp	IRA:23,843bp 286bp	/152bp
V. floribunda	130bp 152bp rp123 LSC:90,390bp IR ₈ :24,000bp	ssc:18,946bp	yefl	IRA:24,000bp	InH-GUG	L. confusa	LSC:89,122bp	IR ₈ :23,795bp SS	vef1 C:18,634bp	IRA:23,795bp	trmH-GUG
	133bp 149bp	734bp	160bp	318bp	86bp	I. tatarinowii	171bp 1211 (rpl23)	bp	213bp	286bp	169bp
V. occidentails	LSC:90,377bp IRg:23,974bp	SSC:19,074bp	146bp	IRA:23,974bp 318bp	/172bp	Land mown	170bpl 1211	hg_23,8130p 35	331bp	286bp	85bp
Linnaea borealis	rp123 rp123 LSC:90,402bp IRg:23,926bp	SSC:19,017bp	ycfl !	IRA:23,926bp	TrnH-GUG	L. ferdinandii	LSC:89,532bp	IR ₈ :23,721bp SS 2138bp	C:18,930bp	IRA:23,721bp	
Zabelia coreana	136bpl 146bp (19123)	539bp	173bp ycf1	311bp	96bp	L. calcarata	139bp 1521 <i>rpl23</i> LSC:90,955bp	bp IR _B :22,616bp SS	C:21,823bp	IRA:22,616bp	ImH-GUG
	136bpl 146bp	716bp	189p	311bp	236bp	Hentacodium	131bpi 1661	bp 553bp	153bp	331bp	/283bp ////////////////////////////////////
Z. biflora	(rp/23) LSC:90,441bp IRg-23,928bp	SSC:19,029bp	237bp	IRA:23,928bp	/157bp	miconioides	229bp	IR ₈ :23,904bp SS bp 1548bp	C:18,745bp 1351bp	IRA:23,904bp	49bp
Z. integrifolia	154bp 146bp <i>rpl23</i> LSC:90,533bp IR ₈ :24,002bp	ssc:19,014bp	yef1	IRA:24,002bp	trnH-GUG	Weigela florida	LSC:90,144bp	rnI-CAU ndhF IR ₈ :23,168bp SS	yef1 C:21,486bp	IRA:23,168bp	trnH-GUG
	136bpi 146bp (<i>rp123</i>	620bp	207bp	311bp	I78bp	Sambucus	163bp 1161	bp IRs:26,269bp SS	4586bp ycf1 C:18.948bp	178bp 1084bp IRA:23,898bp	1mH-GUG
Z. dielsii	LSC:90,435bp IR _B :23,893bp 136bp	SSC:18,904bp	133bp	IRA:23,893bp 310bp	242bp	wuuamsn	240bp 39bp	p 93bp	4539bp	101bp	81bp
Z. corymbosa	(rpi23) LSC:90,265bp IR _B :24,093bp	SSC:18,874bp	227bp	IRA:24,093bp 311bp	208bp	Sambucus nigra	LSC:87,014bp	IR ₈ :26,253bp SS 122bp	C:18,685bp	IRA:26,253bp 92bp,	
Z. triflora	136bp ¹ 146bp (<i>rpl23</i>) LSC:90,173bp IR _B :23,836bp	ssc:18,982bp	yefl	IRA:23,836bp	trmH-GUG	Viburnum fordiae	245bp 34bp (rps19) LSC:86,544bp	p IR _B :26,155bp SS	4003bp ycf1 C:18,773bp	IRA:26,155bp	/
V brachshotrsum	245bp 34bp (ps19)	10bp	4606bp 1	92bp 92bp 18A-26 133bp	^{80bp}						

Fig. 2. Comparison of the IR/SC junctions among 47 Dipsacales plastomes.

rpl33 and *rpl32*. all of which had values > 4%. The most variable noncoding regions (all with P_i > 7%) were found to be the *rpl2* intron, the *trnV-UAC-trnM-CAU* spacer region, *psbJ-psbL* spacer region, the *ycf3*

intron, the *infA-rps8* spacer region, the *rrn5-trnR-ACG* spacer region, the *trnE-UUC-trnT-GGU* spacer region, the *psbI-trnS-GCU* spacer region, the *ycf3-trnS-GGA* spacer region, and the *rpl32-trnL-UAG* spacer region.



Fig. 3. Generalized maps of Dipsacales complete plastomes. (A) Plastome map of Caprifoliaceae s.l.; (B) Inset map of the plastome of *Sambucus nigra*, showing the inverted orientation of *ndhF* in the outgroup; (C) Inset map of the plastome of *Kolkwitzia amabilis*, showing typical orientation of *ndhF*. Genes inside and outside the outer circle are transcribed clockwise and counterclockwise, respectively.

3.5. Divergence times of major lineages

The results of the BEAST analyses are provided in Fig. 6. The earliest split in crown group Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* was dated to 100.49 Ma (95% HPD = 67.37–119.49 Ma), with the following split dated to 93.91 Ma (95% HPD = 76.21–115.56 Ma). The divergence of remaining Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* was dated to 78.88 Ma (95% HPD = 60.03-99.17 Ma). The divergence between Dipsacoideae and Valerianoideae was dated to 70.19 Ma (95% HPD = 51.23-92.43 Ma). The earliest divergence of crown group Linnaeoideae was dated to 52.19 Ma (95% HPD = 40.61-65.26 Ma), and that of crown group *Zabelia* to 48.15 Ma (95% HPD = 24.41-80.61 Ma).

4. Discussion

4.1. Plastome structural evolution

Although the overall gene content and arrangement within the 44 Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* plastomes is highly similar (Table 2), the positions of the IR boundaries vary within *Caprifoliaceae s.l.* and between the ingroup and outgroup (Fig. 2). Variation at the IR boundaries is well known, and often contributes significantly to overall length variation among angiosperm plastomes (e.g., Downie and Jansen, 2015; Yang et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2017; Yan et al., 2018). Given the near uniformity of IR boundaries in Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, it is clear that these shifts must have occurred in the ancestor of the clade.

Another notable finding of our work is the inversion of *ndhF* in Adoxaceae. Numerous studies have documented plastome inversions in many angiosperm lineages, including Asteraceae (Kim et al., 2005; Walker et al., 2014), Fabaceae (Martin et al., 2014; Schwarz et al., 2015), and Styracaceae (Yan et al., 2018). Because of their relative rarity, easily determined homology, and easily inferred state polarity,

plastome inversions are considered highly valuable in phylogenetics (Cosner et al., 1997; Dugas et al., 2015; Schwarz et al., 2015). The cause of inversions is not fully known, but explanations have generally focused on intramolecular recombination between dispersed short inverted/direct repeats and tRNA genes (Cosner et al., 1997; Haberle et al., 2008; Sloan et al., 2014). Given the position of *ndhF* near the IRb/SSC boundary, it is also possible that this inversion is due to an expansion of the IR to include *ndhF*, followed by a contraction of the boundary to exclude it. This would leave *ndhF* in an inverted state. However, it is not possible to sort between this possibility and a simple inversion of the gene.

4.2. Phylogenetic relationships

Our study presents highly resolved phylogenies of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* based on a comprehensive plastome sampling of major lineages, including species representing all major clades of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* and representative outgroups. Compared to prior studies based on small numbers of genes (Pyck, 2001; Zhang et al., 2003; Landrein et al., 2010, 2012; Wang et al., 2015; Niu et al., 2018), we focused on the usefulness of complete plastomes to resolve phylogenetic relationships in Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, exploring more of the plastome to obtain additional informative sites and regions.

4.2.1. Backbone relationships of Caprifoliacee s.l.

Our analyses strongly support the seven major clades found in previous analyses of the family based on fewer genes (Jacobs et al., 2010; APG, 2016): Linnaeoideae, *Zabelia*, Morinoideae, Valerianoideae, Dipsacoideae Caprifolioideae, and Diervilloideae (Fig. 4). Importantly, our phylogenomic analyses provide much stronger support for the relationships among these clades than has been recovered in previous work. This is particularly true within regions of shorter branches, as in



Fig. 4. Phylogenetic relationships of Dipsacales inferred from maximum likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI) based on 68 complete plastome sequences. Representative images of seven major backbone clades of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* on the right, respectively. Support values above the branches are maximum likelihood bootstrap support/Bayesian posterior probability; "*" indicates 100%/1.0 support values. Major clades/genera of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* are indicated by different colors. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

the earliest diversification of Linnaeoideae, Zabelia, Morinoideae, Valerianoideae, and Dipsacoideae (Fig. 4). For example, using rbcL, Donoghue et al. (2001) recovered Linnaeoideae as sister to (Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae) + Morinoideae with weak support (Fig. 1A). Later, using expanded chloroplast gene sampling, Zhang et al. (2003) also recovered weak support for these relationships (Fig. 1C). Based on nuclear and chloroplast sequence data, Jacobs et al. (2012) also found Linnaeoideae as sister to the (Valerianoideae + Dipsacoideae) + (Morinoideae + Zabelia) clade, but again with weak support (Fig. 1D). It should not be surprising that our analyses recovered much stronger support, given that our phylogenomic

analyses included far greater amounts of data, and employed noncoding regions as well as coding regions.

4.2.2. Relationships within the Linnaeoideae

Our analyses provide excellent support for the monophyly of each of the six genera of Linnaeoideae included in our analyses (*Abelia, Dipelta, Diabelia, Kolkwitzia, Vesalea* and *Linnaea*), as well as their relationships (Fig. 4). Our study confirms that *Abelia, Diabelia* and *Vesalea,* all formerly treated as part of *Abelia* based on morphological similarities (Kim et al., 1999; Jacobs et al., 2010), are best treated as distinct genera, as advocated by Landrein et al. (2010) and Wang et al. (2015). Moreover,



Fig. 5. Alignment of 44 Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* complete plastome sequences. Annotated genes are displayed along the top. Sequence identity is shown as a percentage between 50 and 100% on the *y*-axis. On the *x*-axis, *V. floribunda* genes are indicated on the top line, and arrows represent the transcriptional direction. Genome regions are distinguished by color. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



Fig. 6. BEAST analysis of divergence times based on the plastome alignment. Calibration points are indicated by A, B. and C. Numbers 1–7 represent major divergence events in Dipsacales; mean divergence times and 95% highest posterior densities are provided for each.

our results support the sister relationship of *Diabelia* and *Dipelta*, as well as that of *Linnea* and *Vesalea*, as detected in previous studies (Wang et al., 2015). Landrein et al. (2016) suggested that nectary morphology is a shared character between *Linnaea* and *Vesalea*. While the relationships recovered here for Linnaeoideae are promising, further research should sample more species in this clade as well as additional nuclear data. For example, Heckenhauer et al. (2019) indicated that discordance in placement of *Parashorea* between phylogenetic trees based on complete plastome and nuclear single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) data may be evidence of ancient hybridization.

4.2.3. Relationships within the Caprifolioideae

In previous studies, *Heptacodium* has been placed in different tribes, sometimes in Linnaeeae (Hara, 1983; Takhtajan, 1987; Tang and Li, 1994), and sometimes in Caprifolieae *s.s.* (Fukuoka, 1972; Donoghue, 1983). Using *ndhF*, Pyck and Smets (2000) recovered *Heptacodium* as

sister to the clade consisting of *Leycesteria*, *Lonicera*, *Symphoricarpos* and *Triosteum*, but only with weak support. We found strong support for the sister relationship of *Heptacodium* to *Lonicera* + *Triosteum* (Fig. 4). This result is inconsistent with previous morphological studies (Hara, 1983; Takhtajan, 1987; Xu, 1988), but has been recovered consistently in molecular studies (e.g. Bell et al., 2001; Donoghue et al., 2001; Zhang et al., 2003; Pyck and Smets, 2004; Xiang et al., 2019).

4.2.4. Phylogenetic position of Zabelia

The phylogenetic position of *Zabelia* has been a longstanding issue (Bell et al., 2001; Donoghue et al., 2001; Winkworth et al., 2008). Based on nuclear (ITS) and plastid (*trnK*, *matK*, *atpB-rbcL*, *trnL-F*) sequence data, Jacobs et al. (2010) found that *Zabelia* appeared to be either sister to Valerianoideae (low support) or the Morinoideae. Wang et al. (2015) found it to be sister to *Zabelia* and Morinoideae based on sequences of the nuclear ribosomal ITS and nine plastid regions. Our results strongly

support the monophyly of *Zabelia* and its sister relationship to Morinoideae (Fig. 4). The taxonomic status of *Zabelia* at the suprageneric level has been debated recently, with some treating it as a separate family within Dipsacales (Bittrich and Kadereit, 2016), and others subsuming *Zabelia* within Morinoideae (Xu et al., 2011). The phylogenetic and morphological distinctiveness of *Zabelia* seems to warrant its treatment as its own subfamily (Zabelioideae) within Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, but it would be prudent to wait until additional nuclear phylogenomic data can be gathered to test this hypothesis before formally proposing such a change. In particular, it is important to investigate whether the position of *Zabelia* will differ between nuclear and plastid phylogenomic data, and whether such incongruence may result from hybridization and/or incomplete lineage sorting (Lin et al., 2019; Heckenhauer et al., 2019; Olmstead and Bedoya, 2019).

4.3. Molecular dating

Our estimated divergence times (Fig. 6) are older than those previously reported for the clade, including the plastome studies of Dipsacales by Fan et al. (2018), the Dipsacales study of Bell and Donoghue (2005), and those based on broader studies of angiosperms (Li et al, 2019). For example, we recovered a mid-Cretaceous age for the diversification of crown group Caprifoliaceae *s.l.*, earlier than the Tertiary ages recovered for this clade in Bell and Donoghue (2005), Bell (2010), and Wikström et al. (2015). The older dates recovered here may be a function of the constraint we placed at the base of the tree, but differences in amount of data and taxon sampling can also drive differences in dating estimates because they influence branch length.

We recovered pre-Oligocene ages for divergences among genera of Caprifoliaceae *s.l.* and post-Eocene ages for diversification within genera. Hence it would appear that the diversification of these major herbaceous lineages within Dipsacales may have generally coincided with the global cooling and drying that have characterized much of the Earth's history since the end of the Eocene (Zachos et al., 2001).

5. Conclusions

This work represents a major advance in understanding Dipsacales phylogenetics and plastome evolution. Our results clearly document the power of the plastome to resolve relationships, and they also document strong phylogenetic patterns of plastome structural evolution. Nevertheless, we must emphasize that our results are from plastome sequence alone, and are not taxonomically comprehensive. Differences in tree topologies are often noted between genomic compartments and even among nuclear loci (Heckenhauer et al., 2019; Olmstead and Bedoya, 2019). A number of factors may account for these topological differences, including differences in taxon sampling and biological factors such as hybridization/introgression, incomplete lineage sorting, gene duplication and/or loss, and horizontal gene transfer (Degnan and Rosenberg, 2006; Naciri and Linder, 2015; Nicola et al., 2019; Lin et al., 2019). Although we included species from all major clades of Caprifoliaceae s.l., our taxon sampling was not comprehensive for all genera, and it is possible that the inclusion of additional genera may alter the topology and/or support values. Moreover, we cannot resolve reticulate evolution using our data set because plastome DNA is generally uniparentally inherited. Future studies should investigate patterns of incongruence among nuclear and plastid loci more rigorously as data become available.

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