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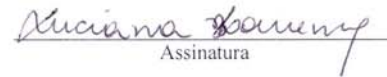
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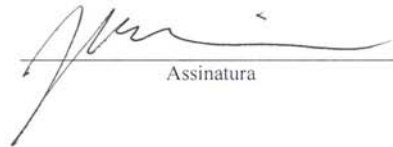
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Resumo

O anuro *Engystomops petersi* está amplamente distribuído na bacia Amazônica, compreendendo países como o Brasil, Equador, Peru e Bolívia. Estudos prévios já descreveram variações no canto e também variações genéticas nesse anuro. Nós apresentamos aqui uma análise citogenética da população de Puyo (Equador), um sítio que inclui a região descrita como sendo a localidade-tipo dessa espécie, duas outras populações Equatorianas que apresentam isolamento pré-zigótico (Yasuní e La Selva), e uma população Brasileira do Estado do Acre. Todos os espécimes analisados citogeneticamente foram também incluídos em estudos filogenéticos utilizando seqüências de DNA mitocondrial. A sequência de parte de um gene nuclear (rodopsina) também foi utilizada neste trabalho. Uma enorme variação citogenética foi encontrada e muitos padrões cariotípicos puderam ser observados, mesmo entre populações que não apresentam isolamento pré-zigótico. Este resultado nos permite sugerir que dados cariotípicos podem ter participado no processo de especiação de *Engystomops*. Populações de Puyo e do Acre apresentaram cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos compondo o sistema XX/XY, o que não foi identificado nas outras populações Equatorianas. Já que as populações Equatorianas estão localizadas em um clado separado das populações do Acre, nós sugerimos a hipótese de que a presença dos cromossomos sexuais X e Y seja um caráter plesiomórfico neste grupo. A análise do gene nuclear permitiu ainda identificar seis SNPs (Polimorfismos de simples nucleotídeos) e alguns espécimes heterozigotos para esses sítios. As variações cariotípicas e moleculares aqui apresentados, em conjunto com os dados previamente descritos, corroboram a hipótese de que *Engystomops petersi* seja um complexo de espécies e sugerem que eventos de hibridação e introgressão possam ter ocorrido entre as populações desse grupo.

Abstract

The frog *Engystomops petersi* is widely distributed in the Amazon basin. Genetic divergence and speciation mechanisms of *E. petersi* populations have been inferred mainly from mitochondria DNA (mtDNA) and microsatellite polymorphisms, male advertisement call and sexual selection. In spite of the significant progress resulting from these studies, many cytogenetic, taxonomic and evolutionary aspects of *E. petersi* populations remain unclear. In the present study, cytogenetic analysis and nucleotide divergence in mtDNA and in the rhodopsin nuclear gene of *E. petersi* populations are described in an attempt to contribute to the understanding of this anuran. High cytogenetic variation distinguished karyotypic patterns, which included two populations with no prezygotic isolation. The Puyo and Acre populations showed heteromorphic sexual chromosomes (XX/XY), which were not identified in the other Equatorial populations. Since all the Equatorial populations were placed in a clade separated from the Acre populations, we hypothesize that the sex chromosomes X and Y is a plesiomorphic condition in this group. The results from mtDNA found here were very similar to those found in previous studies. In the rhodopsine nucleotide sequences, 6 SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) were identified and various specimens were heterozygous for these nucleotide sites. The karyotypic and molecular data presented herein, in conjunction with previously reported data, corroborate the hypothesis that *Engystomops petersi* is a complex of distinct species and suggested hybridization and introgression events between populations. Moreover, the data indicated that karyotypic evolution patterns may have played a substantial role in the *Engystomops* speciation.

Introdução

Em geral, a análise de anuros baseada estritamente em dados morfológicos não tem revelado muitos caracteres informativos para estudos evolutivos, já que muitos dos caracteres morfológicos encontram-se conservados nesse grupo (Hillis, 1991; Ford & Cannatella, 1993; Cannatella *et al.*, 1998). Além disso, muitos caracteres morfológicos são polimórficos e, portanto, de difícil interpretação nas análises filogenéticas (ver Hoffman & Blouin, 2000). Por essa razão, cada vez mais, dados citogenéticos, moleculares e comportamentais têm sido pesquisados nesse grupo. É interessante notar que estudos mais conclusivos acerca de importantes questões taxonômicas e evolutivas têm resultado da combinação de caracteres de diversas naturezas (exemplos em Scott, 2005 e Faivovich *et al.*, 2005).

Estudos **citogenéticos** de anuros têm descrito interessantes e diversos fenômenos cromossômicos. Enquanto alguns grupos apresentam evolução cariotípica bastante conservativa, como é o caso de algumas espécies de *Hypsiboas* (= *Hyla*) com 24 cromossomos em seu complemento diplóide (Ananias *et al.*, 2004), existem gêneros altamente variáveis, seja em relação ao número diplóide [por exemplo, *Pseudis* (Busin *et al.*, 2001) e *Megaelosia* (Rosa *et al.*, 2003)], em relação à morfologia dos cromossomos ou à distribuição de regiões organizadoras de nucléolo e da heterocromatina [como em *Epipedobates*, (Aguiar-Jr. *et al.*, 2002)]. Em alguns grupos, a diversificação cariotípica supera a morfológica, fazendo da análise citogenética uma importante ferramenta para a distinção de espécies morfológicamente muito parecidas, como é o caso de *Dendropsophus nanus* (= *Hyla nana*) e *Dendropsophus sanborni* (= *Hyla sanborni*) (Medeiros, 2000) e de duas espécies do gênero *Scythrophrys* (Lourenço *et al.*, 2003a).

Em grupos mais estudados do ponto de vista citogenético, sinapomorfias cromossômicas são reconhecidas e permitem a elaboração de propostas para a evolução cariotípica das espécies em estudo. Esse é o caso dos gêneros *Alsodes* (Cuevas e Formas, 2003), *Eupsophus* (Iturra e Veloso, 1989; Cuevas e Formas, 1996; Veloso *et al.*, 2005), *Mantella* (Odierna *et al.*, 2001) e das espécies de *Paratelmatobius* e *Scythrophrys* (Lourenço *et al.*, 2003a,b; 2007). Para as espécies do gênero *Alsodes*, por exemplo, foi sugerido que $2n=26$ com ausência de cromossomos telocêntricos seria um caráter primitivo. A presença de pares cromossômicos telocêntricos ou cariótipo com número diplóide menor ($2n=22$) em outras espécies do mesmo gênero seriam consideradas como sinapomorfias, provavelmente relacionadas à translocações cromossômicas (Cuevas e Formas, 2003). Entretanto, mesmo nesses casos, estudos utilizando outros marcadores citogenéticos ainda são necessários para o completo entendimento da evolução cariotípica nos grupos.

Atualmente, os marcadores citogenéticos mais utilizados no estudo de anuros são as regiões organizadoras de nucléolos (NORs) e as bandas heterocromáticas. As regiões de heterocromatina têm recebido especial atenção. Inicialmente a heterocromatina foi descrita como a região do genoma de uma célula que estava em constante estado de condensação durante todo o ciclo celular e se comportava diferente da eucromatina. Posteriormente, seqüências repetitivas de DNA foram detectadas nessas regiões de heterocromatina. Hoje, já se sabe que as regiões heterocromáticas são formadas por vários componentes específicos, inclusive protéicos e de RNA, que são classificados de acordo com suas funções, dentre elas a metilação do DNA, a metilação de histonas e a repressão transcricional, e atividades relativas à etapa de replicação do DNA (ver revisão de Craig, 2004). As principais regiões de concentração da heterocromatina são as regiões centroméricas e teloméricas dos cromossomos, que estão arranjadas em “cromocentros”

durante a intérfase (para referências, ver revisão de Grewal e Jia, 2007). Algumas das características dessas regiões podem ser analisadas e utilizadas como marcadores citogenéticos.

Uma análise preliminar das seqüências repetitivas de DNA presentes nas regiões heterocromáticas pode ser realizada pela coloração dos cromossomos por fluorocromos base-específicos. A detecção das regiões ricas em bases AT é realizada, por exemplo, por meio da utilização do fluorocromo DAPI (4,6-diamidino-2-fenilindole). Já regiões ricas em bases GC podem ser detectadas pela cromomicina A3 (CMA3) ou mitramicina (MM).

O uso de corantes GC-específicos evidencia também as regiões organizadoras do nucléolo (NOR) em espécies de diferentes grupos, tais como peixes, anfíbios e insetos. Ao contrário da técnica de Ag-NOR, os fluorocromos identificam NORs mesmo que estas estivessem inativas durante a interfase prévia e ainda identificam heteromorfismos de NORs, como por exemplo, em peixes (Amemiya *et al.*, 1986). No entanto, as técnicas mais precisas e mais utilizadas para a detecção de NORs em estudos citogenéticos são a impregnação por prata (método Ag-NOR) e a hibridação *in situ* (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998; Medeiros *et al.*, 2003; Busin *et al.*, 2006; Silva *et al.*, 2006).

O uso seqüencial desses fluorocromos na coloração de cromossomos foi primeiramente descrito por Schweizer (1976) e representa uma interessante abordagem para estudos cromossômicos. Desde então vem sendo utilizado para caracterização citogenética em diferentes espécies desde vertebrados (Schmid, 1978; Schweizer, 1980; Amemiya *et al.*, 1986; Odierna *et al.*, 1999; Kasahara *et al.*, 2003) a insetos (Bione *et al.*, 2005; Brito *et al.*, 2003; Golub *et al.*, 2004) e plantas (Zoldos *et al.*, 1999).

Marcadores citogenéticos ligados ao sexo podem vir a representar outra importante ferramenta para estudos cariotípicos, embora ainda não tenham sido devidamente isolados

para esse fim. Dentre as espécies de anuros citogeneticamente estudadas, apenas cerca de 10-15% que equivalem a aproximadamente 30 espécies apresentam cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos e em vários desses casos, o heteromorfismo só é detectado em cariótipos submetidos a alguma técnica de bandamento cromossômico (Chakrabarti *et al.*, 1983; Iturra, *et al.*, 1989; Mahony, 1991; ver revisão de Schmid *et al.*, 1991; Schmid *et al.*, 1992; Nishioka *et al.*, 1993; Miura, 1994a,b; Cuevas & Formas, 1996; Lourenço *et al.*, 1999; Ryuzaki *et al.*, 1999; Hanada, 2002; Schmid *et al.*, 2002, Schmid *et al.*, 2003; Wiley, 2003; Odierna, *et al.*, 2007; Ananias *et al.*, 2007; Busin *et al.*, 2008). Tanto sistemas cromossômicos XX/XY, como ZZ/ZW (ver referências em Schmid *et al.*, 1991) e também sistemas múltiplos, como o de *Eleutherodactylus biporcatus* (previamente descrito como *E. maussi*; Schmid *et al.*, 1992) já foram descritos para anuros pertencentes a diversas famílias, o que evidencia que a diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais ocorreu diversas vezes após a origem dos anuros.

Os mecanismos que levaram à diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais ainda são pouco conhecidos em Anura. A heterocromatinização como evento responsável pela assincronia no padrão de replicação do DNA de dois cromossomos homólogos, implicando uma redução na frequência de recombinação entre esses, foi inicialmente sugerida por Singh *et al.* (1976) como o primeiro passo para a diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais, com base em observações em Ophidia. Dentre as espécies de Anura que apresentam cromossomos sexuais diferenciados, apenas os cromossomos de *Pyxicephalus adspersus* (Ranidae) (Schmid, 1980) e *Gastrotheca riobambae* (Hylidae) (Schmid *et al.*, 1983) se adequam a essa hipótese. King (1991), analisando os dados de Green (1988a) sobre *Leiopelma hochstetteri* (Leiopelmatidae), sugere que as variações na quantidade de heterocromatina dos diferentes W encontrados nessa espécie constituem outro exemplo

inequívoco de transformação da eucromatina, embora Green não interprete seus dados dessa maneira, se referindo apenas a uma variação geográfica. Schempp & Schmid (1981), em estudo com o ranídeo *Pelophylax ridibundus* (= *Rana esculenta*), discutem a possibilidade de haver uma concentração diferencial de DNA satélite entre os cromossomos sexuais mesmo que o bandamento C não revele regiões de heterocromatina sexo-específicas.

Por outro lado, o ganho e a perda de heterocromatina, e a perda de DNA ribossomal também já foram considerados fenômenos desencadeadores da diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais em alguns grupos de anuros (Green, 1988b; Iturra & Veloso, 1989; Mahony, 1991; Schmid *et al.*, 1990; Schmid *et al.*, 1993). Outros dois eventos considerados por John (1988) como possíveis responsáveis pela redução de recombinação entre cromossomos homomórficos ancestrais de cromossomos sexuais são: a localização de quiasma determinada genotipicamente e rearranjos estruturais, especialmente inversão pericêntrica. Em Anura, esses mecanismos ainda não foram demonstrados como eventos iniciais na evolução de cromossomos sexuais.

A caracterização dos cromossomos sexuais em espécies proximalmente relacionadas poderá auxiliar na inferência de possíveis fenômenos relevantes no processo de acúmulo de diferenças entre os cromossomos sexuais. Já que a diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais é um importante fenômeno na divergência cariotípica interespecífica de anuros, seu estudo pode elucidar importantes eventos de evolução cromossômica, podendo representar valiosos marcadores para estudos filogenéticos.

Em relação aos **dados moleculares**, embora estudos de alozimas e análises de sítios de restrição presentes em determinadas seqüências dos genomas nuclear e mitocondrial já tenham sido utilizadas com sucesso em inferências filogenéticas de espécies de anuros

(exemplos em Cannatella *et al.*, 1998, Macey *et al.*, 2001; e Hillis & Davis, 1987, Sumida, 1997, respectivamente), a maioria das informações utilizadas em reconstruções filogenéticas consiste em seqüências de DNA, principalmente aquelas localizadas no genoma mitocondrial (exemplos em Hay *et al.*, 1995; Ruvinsky & Maxson, 1996; Lehr *et al.*, 2005; Crawford & Smith, 2005; Chen *et al.*, 2005; Ron *et al.*, 2006).

Algumas características do genoma mitocondrial facilitam sua utilização em estudos filogenéticos e justificam a prevalência dessas inferências em relação àquelas feitas com seqüências do genoma nuclear. Uma delas refere-se à ausência ou à baixa freqüência de eventos de recombinação no DNA mitocondrial (DNAm_t). Embora várias evidências da ocorrência de rearranjos na molécula de DNAm_t já tenham sido descritas para protistas, fungos e plantas (ver revisão de Gray, 1989), no reino animal tais rearranjos são considerados pouco freqüentes, já que a ordem dos genes mitocondriais não varia muito dentro das grandes linhagens (ver revisões de Boore, 1999, e Pereira, 2000). Tal fato justifica a escassez de seqüências parálogas (pseudogenes, por exemplo) nesse genoma, o que está diretamente relacionado a uma menor produção de possíveis ruídos em inferências filogenéticas realizadas com DNAm_t.

A presença de múltiplas cópias do DNAm_t por célula (Michaels *et al.*, 1982; Robin & Wong, 1988) é outra particularidade importante desse genoma, pois facilita sua manipulação e a obtenção das seqüências nucleotídicas utilizadas nos estudos.

A terceira relevante característica do genoma mitocondrial é sua elevada taxa evolutiva, estimada em 5-10 vezes maior do que a do genoma nuclear (Brown *et al.*, 1979, 1982; Miyata *et al.*, 1982). Isso possibilita a detecção de sinais filogenéticos mesmo em estudos de táxons menos abrangentes.

Alguns fatores que aparentemente contribuem para a rápida taxa evolutiva observada no genoma mitocondrial são mencionados a seguir: a) elevada exposição a danos oxidativos; b) sistema de replicação falho; c) ausência ou deficiência de mecanismos de reparo; d) eventos de recombinação pouco frequentes e, portanto, menor chance de eliminar mutações pouco deletérias; e) rápida renovação das moléculas de DNA mitocondrial (revisão de Gray, 1989).

Assim como no genoma nuclear, diferentes regiões do genoma mitocondrial apresentam diferentes taxas evolutivas, sendo as seqüências não-codificadoras as que apresentam maior variabilidade. No genoma mitocondrial animal existem dois genes que codificam RNAs ribossomais, os genes 12S e 16S. Apenas uma cópia de cada um desses genes está presente em cada genoma e eles não contêm regiões espaçadoras. Diferentes taxas evolutivas podem ser observadas ao longo dos genes ribossomais, sendo os sítios mais conservativos aqueles relacionados à associação do ribossomo com proteínas, RNAm e RNAt (Hillis & Dixon, 1991).

Em vertebrados estão presentes 22 genes codificadores de RNAt no genoma mitocondrial. Tais regiões evoluem mais rapidamente do que os genes de RNAt nucleares. Assim como ocorre com os genes ribossomais, as regiões codificadoras de RNAt também apresentam diferentes graus de conservação intramoleculares. Em cada molécula de RNAt, a região codificadora da alça portadora do anticódon é a mais conservada evolutivamente. Alguns estudos sugerem, ainda, que a porção 3' desses genes tenha menor taxa evolutiva do que a porção 5' (revisões de Simon *et al.*, 1994; Pereira, 2000).

As variações intramoleculares da taxa de divergência dos nucleotídeos ao longo do tempo permitem que os genes ribossomais e aqueles codificadores de RNAt sejam capazes de fornecer informações filogenéticas para diferentes categorias taxonômicas. Por isso,

esses genes mitocondriais são utilizados em inferências filogenéticas tanto de espécies proximamente relacionadas (exemplos em Cannatella *et al.*, 1998; Richards & Moore, 1998; Ron *et al.*, 2006), como de grandes grupos taxonômicos (exemplos em Hay *et al.*, 1995, Ruvinsky & Maxson, 1996, Feller & Hedges, 1998, Emerson *et al.*, 2000; Bossuyt & Milinkovitch, 2000; Darst & Cannatella, 2004), embora nesse caso nem sempre os sinais filogenéticos são facilmente recuperados (ver Hertwig *et al.*, 2004).

Ao contrário dos genes mitocondriais, que apresentam herança materna, os genes nucleares apresentam herança dupla, materna e paterna, e menor taxa de substituição nucleotídica (Springer *et al.*, 2001). A utilização de genes nucleares para análises moleculares e filogenéticas pode aumentar o desempenho das seqüências mitocondriais em reconstruir as relações antepassadas (Springer *et al.*, 2001; Hoegg *et al.*, 2004).

***Engystomops* da Amazônia - o objeto de estudo**

O gênero *Engystomops* foi recentemente revalidado por Nascimento *et al.* (2005), com base na análise fenética de dados morfológicos, para abrigar as sete espécies anteriormente reunidas no grupo *Physalaemus pustulosus*: *E. coloradum* (Cannatella & Duellman, 1984), *E. guayaco* (Ron *et al.*, 2005), *E. montubio* (Ron *et al.*, 2004), *E. petersi* Jiménez-de-la-Espada, 1872, *E. pustulatus* (Shreve, 1941), *E. pustulosus* (Cope, 1864) e *E. randi* (Ron *et al.*, 2004). Outras duas espécies ainda não descritas já foram reconhecidas e alocadas nesse gênero, que se mostrou monofilético em análises conduzidas por Ron *et al.* (2006), com base em aproximadamente 2,4kb de DNA mitocondrial, que abrangia os genes ribossomais 12S e 16S e o gene codificador do RNAt-Val.

No entanto, a revalidação de *Engystomops* é ainda motivo de controvérsia. Funk *et al.* (2007) argumentaram que os dados apresentados por Nascimento *et al.* (2005) não apóiam a revalidação desse gênero e defenderam o uso do nome genérico *Physalaemus* para as espécies atribuídas a ele. Até o momento não há nenhuma análise filogenética que permita testar a hipótese de Nascimento *et al.* (2005). Optamos, no presente projeto, por seguir a revalidação proposta por Nascimento *et al.* (2005), assim como Frost *et al.* (2007) e Ron *et al.* (2006), embora acreditemos que novos estudos sejam necessários para uma reavaliação taxonômica desse grupo.

Outra informação taxonômica controversa na literatura refere-se ao táxon *E. freibergeri*. Barros (1969) descreveu a espécie *E. freibergeri* com base na análise de espécimes de Rurrenabaque (Rio Beni), Bolívia, mas esta foi sinonimizada a *E. petersi* por Cannatella & Duellman (1984). O nome *E. freibergeri* ressurgiu, no entanto, no trabalho de Cannatella *et al.* (1998), identificando espécimes do sul do Peru. Na última revisão sobre *Engystomops* apresentada por Ron *et al.* (2006), os autores identificaram um espécime coletado no Rio Tejo, na Reserva Extrativista do Alto Juruá, no Estado do Acre (Brasil) como *E. cf. freibergeri*, devido à proximidade geográfica desta região com a localidade-tipo de *E. freibergeri* e à divergência genética desse indivíduo em relação a populações próximas à localidade-tipo de *E. petersi* (oriente do Equador, provavelmente Napo-Pastaza – ver referência em Cannatella & Duellman, 1984). Funk *et al.* (2007), com base em análises de seqüências moleculares, novamente sugerem a possibilidade de revalidação de *E. freibergeri*. No entanto, nenhum estudo com espécimes da localidade-tipo de *E. freibergeri* foi realizado e a revalidação desse táxon ainda não foi formalmente proposta.

Apesar dos problemas taxonômicos mencionados, dois clados podem ser claramente definidos dentre as espécies de *Engystomops*. Um deles é composto por *E. coloradurum*, *E.*

guayaco, *E. montubio*, *E. pustulatus*, *E. randi* e as duas espécies ainda não descritas identificadas por Ron *et al.* (2006), todas distribuídas em baixas altitudes a oeste da Cordilheira dos Andes, no Equador e no norte do Peru. O segundo clado inclui *E. pustulosus*, que ocorre na América Central e norte da América do Sul, e os anuros da Amazônia, *E. petersi* e *E. cf. freibergi* (Ron *et al.*, 2006).

A análise citogenética de espécimes coletados na mesma localidade do indivíduo identificado como *E. cf. freibergi* por Ron *et al.* (2006) distinguiu facilmente dois citótipos ocorrendo em simpatria, evidenciando a existência de espécies crípticas naquela região (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998, 1999). Além dessa importante implicação taxonômica, os estudos citogenéticos citados revelaram fenômenos muito interessantes dentre os espécimes portadores do citótipo I, como intenso polimorfismo de NORs e de blocos heterocromáticos e a presença de cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos (X e Y). Devido à ampla distribuição geográfica de *Engystomops* (Figura 1), a análise citogenética de um grande número de populações pode revelar outros fenômenos cromossômicos e auxiliar na identificação taxonômica do gênero.



Figura 1. Mapa parcial da América do Sul, com a indicação da possível distribuição geográfica de *Engystomops petersi* (extraído de <http://www.puce.edu.ec/zoologia/vertebrados/amphibiawebe/especies/anura/leiuperidae/petersi/petersi>).

O trabalho de Lourenço *et al.* (1998) foi a primeira descrição cariotípica para *Engystomops* da Amazônia e a segunda disponível para o gênero, uma vez que o número e a morfologia dos cromossomos de *E. pustulosus* foram apresentados por Morescalchi & Gargiulo (1968). No referido trabalho, no entanto, embora uma metáfase mitótica de *E. pustulosus* corada com Giemsa tenha sido apresentada, não há uma descrição cariotípica minuciosa, o que impossibilita a análise da presença de cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos. Já que os autores não mencionam a existência de heteromorfismos, considera-se que cromossomos sexuais não tenham sido detectados. Recentemente, Rivera (2006) caracterizou citogeneticamente mais uma espécie do gênero: *Engystomops sp.* D. De

acordo com os autores, essa espécie apresentou $2n=20$, diferindo das outras duas anteriormente citadas ($2n=22$), a NOR se localizava no par 9 e também nenhum polimorfismo em relação a cromossomos sexuais foi descrito. Além disso, dentre as espécies de *Physalaemus* já estudadas citogeneticamente, nenhum caso de heteromorfismo de cromossomos sexuais foi detectado. Isso sugere que a diferenciação de cromossomos sexuais seja um evento recente na história evolutiva desses anuros, uma vez que *Physalaemus* é considerado proximamente relacionado a *Engystomops* (ver Nascimento *et al.*, 2005). Conseqüentemente, a análise citogenética nos gêneros citados pode revelar caracteres informativos para estudos evolutivos.

Grande divergência também foi detectada entre as populações de *E. petersi* do Equador, tanto em relação ao canto (Boul & Ryan, 2004; Boul *et al.*, 2007) quanto em análises genéticas (Ron *et al.*, 2006; Boul *et al.*, 2007). Com base nessas variações, Ron *et al.* (2006) sugeriram a existência de um complexo de espécies dentre os *Engystomops* da Amazônia. Ron *et al.*, (2006), e Boul *et al.* (2007) atribuíram à seleção sexual por cantos complexos a divergência observada em relação ao canto e consideraram que tal fenômeno resultou no isolamento reprodutivo de diversas populações, levando a um conseqüente processo de especiação incipiente. Com base em novos experimentos de fonotaxia, Guerra & Ron (2008) corroboraram a proposta de envolvimento de seleção sexual na divergência dos *Engystomops* da Amazônia e sugeriram que outros fatores também estejam envolvidos na divergência de caracteres relacionados ao reconhecimento e/ou preferência de parceiros para cruzamento. Tal processo (denominado de “reinforcement”) resulta da seleção natural contra híbridos e pode melhor explicar o fato de fêmeas de Puyo discriminarem o canto de machos de La Selva (isolamento pré-zigótico), já que em ambas as populações o mesmo tipo de canto simples é observado.

Funk *et al.* (2007) testaram a hipótese de que barreiras impostas por rio e a de que gradiente elevacional estejam envolvidos no surgimento da diversidade encontrada dentre os anuros atualmente identificados como *Engystomops petersi*. Os autores encontraram suporte apenas para a hipótese do rio Madre de Dios ter representado uma importante barreira no surgimento de dois grupos de *E. petersi* no Peru. No entanto, nem mesmo nesse caso os autores descartam a hipótese de que a variação observada nessa região seja resultante de um contato secundário entre populações já distintas. Dentre o que foi sugerido pelos autores, a existência de um complexo de espécies é novamente colocada em questão.

Objetivos

Já que conspícua variação cromossômica foi encontrada dentre anuros do Acre identificados como *E. petersi* (= *E. cf. freibergi* em Ron *et al.*, 2006) (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998, 1999), a análise citogenética de outras populações de *Engystomops* da Amazônia parece representar valiosa ferramenta para o estudo desse grupo, que compreende espécies crípticas e cuja taxonomia permanece pouco compreendida. Considerando ainda que a identificação desses exemplares do Acre permanece duvidosa (ver discussão em Ron *et al.*, 2006), o presente trabalho tem como objetivos:

1. O estudo citogenético de espécimes provenientes de Puyo, localizado na Província de Pastaza, sítio que provavelmente está incluído na região descrita como a localidade-tipo de *E. petersi* (Napo-Pastaza; ver referência em Cannatella & Duellman, 1984).

2. O estudo citogenético de espécimes da Estación Científica Yasuní, localizada no oriente do Equador, próximo a Napo-Pastaza, e de La Selva, no Equador, populações que

apresentam canto complexo e simples, respectivamente e que apresentam isolamento pré-zigótico.

3. O estudo citogenético da população de *Engystomops* encontrada no Parque Zoobotânico da Universidade Federal do Acre, localizado a cerca de 30 km da Reserva de Humaitá, com o intuito de aumentar a amostra de populações dessa região.

4. A análise filogenética dos *Engystomops* da Amazônia, incluindo espécimes analisados citogeneticamente, e exemplares do Parque Zoobotânico da Universidade Federal do Acre, população não amostrada na análise conduzida por Funk *et al.* (2007).

5. Comparar os dados cromossômicos com os de canto disponíveis na literatura e com as inferências filogenéticas.

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Cytogenetic and molecular analyses in Amazonian populations of the frog *Engystomops petersi* (Anura; Leiuperidae)

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Abstract

The frog *Engystomops petersi* is widely distributed in the Amazon basin. Genetic divergence and speciation mechanisms of *E. petersi* populations have been inferred mainly from mitochondria DNA (mtDNA) and microsatellite polymorphisms, male advertisement call and sexual selection. In spite of the significant progress resulting from these studies, many cytogenetic, taxonomic and evolutionary aspects of *E. petersi* populations remain unclear. In the present study, cytogenetic analysis and nucleotide divergence in mtDNA and in the rhodopsin nuclear gene of *E. petersi* populations are described in an attempt to contribute to the understanding of this anuran. High cytogenetic variation distinguished karyotypic patterns, which included two populations with no prezygotic isolation. The Puyo and Acre populations showed heteromorphic sexual chromosomes (XX/XY), which were not identified in the other Equatorial populations. Since all the Equatorial populations were placed in a clade separated from the Acre populations, we hypothesize that the sex chromosomes X and Y is a plesiomorphic condition in this group. The results from mtDNA found here were very similar to those found in previous studies. In the rhodopsine nucleotide sequences, 6 SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) were identified and various specimens were heterozygous for these nucleotide sites. The karyotypic and molecular data presented herein, in conjunction with previously reported data, corroborate the hypothesis that *Engystomops petersi* is a complex of distinct species and suggested hybridization and introgression events between populations. Moreover, the data indicated that karyotypic evolution patterns may have played a substantial role in the *Engystomops* speciation.

Introduction

The *Engystomops petersi* is an Amazonian frog considered particularly interesting for speciation studies. The geographical distribution of *E. petersi* extends from the Andean foothills of Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia to the Colombian, Brazilian, and French Guianan Amazon basin. The wide geographical distribution of this mainland frog in a region of several rivers and Andean foothills allowed Funk *et al.* (2007) to test some rivers and elevation gradient as barriers to gene flow. In that study, Funk *et al.* (2007) provided some support for the barrier hypothesis for the Madre de Dios River, but little evidence for the elevational gradient hypothesis of barrier. Interestingly, the authors found three distinct and well supported clades. The Ecuador and northern Peru populations composed one clade, referred as 'northwestern clade'. The second clade, referred as 'southwestern clade', comprised the populations of Acre, southern Peru and Bolivia. A population sampled in the state of Pará, Brazil, composed the third clade. The authors discussed the existence of a complex of species being confused and put together in the same taxon (*E. petersi*). In addition, Funk *et al.* (2007) suggested that *E. petersi* (named *Physalaemus petersi* by those authors) encompass the northwestern clade while the southwestern Amazon clade would be *E. freibergi* (named *Physalaemus freibergi* by them) corroborating the proposal of Ron *et al.* (2006).

Based on analyses of male advertisement call, Ron *et al.* (2006), Boul *et al.* (2004, 2007) and Guerra & Ron (2008) proposed that sexual selection has played an important role in divergence and speciation of the Amazonian *Engystomops*. Distinct calls were identified among populations of diverse geographic Amazon region. For instance, an interesting variation was found between La Selva and Yasuní, two populations in opposite sides of the Napo River, in Ecuador (Boul & Ryan, 2004; Ron *et al.*, 2006; Boul *et al.*, 2007; Guerra &

Ron, 2008). The females from La Selva and Yasuní show preference for calls from the same population besides calls from foreign populations in crossing experiments made in laboratory according to Boul *et al.* (2007). Also females from Puyo, other equatorial locality, did not recognize the call from La Selva, although both populations had simple calls. However, mating preference driven by call selection was not observed when experiments were conducted with females from Puyo, which did not discriminate between the local call and the call from Yasuní (Guerra & Ron, 2008).

Since sexual selection did not explain all the genetic variation observed, Guerra & Ron (2008) suggested that additional factors are involved in the prezygotic isolation of *Engystomops* populations. The authors consider that selection against hybridization (reinforcement) can be involved in *Engystomops* speciation, favoring genetic divergence in mate recognition traits and/or mate preferences and leading to reproductive isolation.

Cytogenetic analyses in three *E. petersi* populations from the Acre State, in the Brazilian Amazon, revealed the sympatry of two distinct karyotypes (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998, 1999). The studies revealed high variation in NOR and C-band sites among specimens identified as cytotype I. Additionally, heteromorphic sex chromosomes, a rare condition in anurans, were identified in this cytotype.

In spite of the recent substantial progress that resulted from recent investigations, many cytogenetic, taxonomic and evolutionary aspects of *E. petersi* populations remain unclear. To contribute to the understanding of this anuran, in the present work we described cytogenetically the population of *Engystomops petersi* from Puyo, Ecuador, a site in the region of Napo-Pastaza, considered to be the type-locality of this species (Cannatella & Duellman, 1984). We also analyzed the populations from Yasuní and La Selva, two populations from Ecuador that show prezygotic isolation (Guerra & Ron, 2008), and

another population from the state of Acre, in Brazil. All the specimens analyzed cytogenetically were included in a phylogenetic study using mtDNA sequences. In addition, the nucleotide divergence in the rhodopsin nuclear gene was analyzed for the same specimens.

Materials and methods

Specimen sampling for cytogenetic analysis

The cytogenetic analyses comprised six males and five females from Puyo ('Puyo' specimens), at the Provincia of Pastaza, Ecuador, a site within the region described as the type-locality of this species; five males ('Yasuní' specimens) from the Estación Científica Yasuní, Provincia of Orellana, Ecuador; one male ('Yasuní km 26' specimen) sampled about 26 km distant from the Estación Científica Yasuní; one juvenile ('La Selva' specimen) from La Selva, Provincia del Orellana, Ecuador; four males and four females from the Parque Zoobotânico da Universidade Federal do Acre, Brazil, here referred as 'UFAC' specimens. Specimens sampled in Ecuador were deposited in Museo de Zoología de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (QCAZ), Quito, Ecuador. The Brazilian specimens were sampled under a permit issued by the Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis (IBAMA/10678-1) and Voucher specimens were deposited in the Museu de Zoologia Prof. Adão José Cardoso (ZUEC), Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP), SP, Brazil.

Chromosome preparation

Chromosomes were obtained from metaphasic cells from intestine and testes of animals previously treated with colchicine, according to Schmid (1978) and Schmid *et al.* (1979) with few modifications. Prior to the intestine and testes removal, the animals were deeply anesthetized. Cell suspensions were dripped in clean plates and stored at -20°C. Chromosomes were stained with Giemsa 10%, silver-stained by the Ag-NOR method (Howell & Black, 1980) and submitted to C-banding (King, 1980). As for heterochromatin characterization, the karyotypes were sequentially stained with the fluorochromes 4'-6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) and mytramycin (MM). Several plates were firstly submitted to C-banding, without Giemsa treatment, and then stained with fluorochromes. The NORs were also detected by *in situ* hybridization with the rDNA probe HM123 (Meunier-Rotival *et al.*, 1979), according to the technique described by Viegas-Péquignot (1992). Metaphases were photographed under an Olympus microscope and analyzed using Image Pro-Plus version 4 (Media Cybernetics). Chromosomes were ordered and classified according to Green and Sessions (1991).

Molecular analysis

The sequences used in the molecular analysis were obtained from specimens collected at the same localities as the ones cytogenetically analyzed or from GenBank, as shown in Figure 1 and Appendix 1. Specimens collected at Rio Tejo, Acre, Brazil, population previously studied by Lourenço *et al.* (1998) were also included in the molecular analysis.

Genomic DNA was extracted from liver or muscle tissues stored at -70°C in the tissue bank at the Department of Cell Biology-Unicamp, Campinas-SP, Brazil, using the

TNES method. Tissue samples were immersed in TNES buffer solution (250 mM Tris pH 7.5, 2 M NaCl, 100 mM EDTA, 2.5% SDS). The solution was then supplemented with proteinase K (100 µg/ml) and the samples were incubated for 5 hours at 55°C. NaCl was added for protein precipitation. DNA was precipitated with isopropyl alcohol, washed with ethanol (70%), resuspended in TE (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA pH 8.0) and stored at -20°C.

The sequences of the 12S, tRNA-val, 16S mitochondrial genes were PCR amplified using the primers MVZ 59(L), MVZ 50(H), 12L13, Titus I (H), Hedges16L2a, Hedges16H10, 16Sar-L and 16Sbr-H (for primer sequences, see Goebel *et al.*, 1999). The primers Rhod1A and Rhod1C (Bossuyt and Milinkovitch, 2000) were used for PCR amplification of the rhodopsin nuclear gene. The DNA segment from each specimen was bi-directionally sequenced.

The PCR amplification products were purified with GFX PCR and Gel Band DNA Purification kit (GE Healthcare) and directly used as templates for sequencing in an automatic DNA sequencer ABI/Prism (Applied Biosystems, Inc.) using the BigDye Terminator kit (Applied Biosystems), as recommended by the manufacturer. DNA sequences were edited using Bioedit version 7.0.1 (<http://www.mbio.ncsu.edu/BioEdit/bioedit.html>) and aligned using ClustalW.

Phylogenetic relationships were inferred from mtDNA sequences by the Maximum Parsimony (MP) (Camin & Sokal, 1965) and Maximum Likelihood (ML) methods, using PAUP* 4.0β10 (Swofford, 2000). Transitions and transversions were considered to have the same weight. The most appropriate evolution model for likelihood analyses was selected by Modeltest 3.7 (Posada and Crandall, 1998). All the constant and non-

informative characters were deleted in the ML analysis in order to make the analysis feasible. The phylogenetic trees were searched using heuristic algorithm, with 10 random addition-sequence replicates. Nodal support was assessed through nonparametric bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein, 1985), with heuristic search based on 1000 pseudoreplicates. Additional *Engystomops* species were used as outgroup in the parsimony analysis (Appendix 1).

Results

Cytogenetics of the Puyo population

In all analyzed individuals, the chromosome diploid number was 22, except for one female (QCAZ 34935) that was $2n=23$. The karyotype of the $2n=22$ karyotypes consisted of 7 pairs of metacentric chromosomes (pairs 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10), 3 submetacentric (pairs 3, 4 and 7) and one subtelocentric (pair 11), as shown in Figure 2. The 11th pair was characterized as a sexual chromosome pair of the system XX/XY. The X chromosomes were homomorphic in three females analysed and all the males showed a chromosome Y. Two females showed a heteromorphic X pair, but the difference here was concerned the terminal C-band, which in one chromosome was larger than the other (insights in Figure 2A, B, E).

Secondary constrictions were observed in the terminal region of the long arm of pair 8 and in the pericentromeric region of the long arm of the sex chromosome X (Figure 2A). These regions were identified as NORs by the Ag-NOR method (Figure 2B) and *in situ* hybridization (Figures 2C and 2D). In two specimens, one female and one male, an additional NOR was observed in an interstitial region of the long arm of one homologue in pair 9 (Figure 2D).

Centromeric regions were identified by C-banding in all chromosomes, including the sexual pair (Figure 2E), as well as the terminal region of both arms of chromosomes 8 and 9, and of the long arm of chromosomes 10 and X. Frequently, the terminal regions were more bluish than the centromeric regions. In one specimen QCAZ 34937, one homologue of pair 10 also had a terminal C-band in the short arm. The terminal C-band in the long arm of chromosome 8 was apparently adjacent to the NOR (Figures 2B and 2C). In the NOR-bearing homologue 9, the terminal C-band in the long arm was adjacent to the NOR.

Chromosomes not submitted to C-banding were uniformly stained by DAPI, except for the NORs, which were negatively stained. After MM staining, the chromosomes were uniformly stained, but the terminal region of the short arm of chromosome 8 and of the long arm of chromosome 9 remained unstained (Figure 2F). The centromeric regions were not distinguishable by the fluorochrome staining. The previously C-banded plates showed a different result, since they had the centromeric and terminal C-bands of the chromosomes 8, 9, 10 and X brightly stained by DAPI. A heteromorphism in pair 10 for the presence of a terminal C-band in the short arm, was also observed upon DAPI staining of C-banded karyotypes (Figure 2G). Most likely, this heteromorphism justifies the differences found on the morphology of the homologues of this pair (Figures 2A and 2G).

The MM staining revealed pericentromeric regions in some chromosomes pairs, including the NOR-bearing X chromosome (Figure 2G). A large telomeric region, coincident with a DAPI positive region, was strongly stained with the MM fluorochrome in the X chromosome of the specimen QCAZ 34940. The same telomeric region was positive for DAPI but negative for MM in the specimen QCAZ 34939 (Figure 2G).

A pericentromeric region of the short arm of chromosome 1 was observed as a secondary constriction after Giemsa or fluorochrome staining without previous treatment (Figures 2A and 2F) and after silver staining (Figure 2B) or C-banding (Figure 2E). In C-banded metaphases stained with MM and specially with DAPI, this pericentromeric region seemed stained (Figure 2G), and that could represent some class of heterochromatin.

The extra chromosome found in all the 76 metaphases analyzed from the specimen QCAZ 34935 was tentatively identified to be a chromosome 8, since it had a NOR at the long arm and the terminal C-bands at both arms, but we do not discard the possibility of being a chromosome 9 (Figure 2H).

The analysis of meiotic cells did not show multivalent configurations (data not shown).

Cytogenetics of the Yasuní population

All specimens analyzed had the same diploid number ($2n=22$). The chromosomes were classified as metacentric (pairs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9), submetacentric (pair 10) and subtelocentric (pairs 5 and 11). The pair 11 was not heteromorphic in the five males analyzed, in contrast with the observed in Puyo karyotype (Figure 3A).

Giemsa staining discriminated the chromosome pairs 3 and 8, with secondary constrictions in their long arm (Figure 3A). The secondary constriction of the chromosome 3 was the only one recognized as NOR using the Ag-NOR technique (Figure 3B). This secondary constriction showed a weird feature, characterising an intraindividual variation. This secondary constriction was observed as a small constriction region in 39 of the 164 metaphases in the six specimens analyzed, but in 58 metaphases, it appeared as a large chromosome distention. In 67 metaphases, the distended region could only be seen in one

of the homologues (Figure 3A). All of those regions were also stained by Ag-NOR technique (Figure 3B).

The centromere in all chromosome pairs was detected after C-banding (Figures 3C and 3D). In addition, terminal C-bands were observed in both arms of the chromosomes 3 and 8, in the long arm of the chromosomes 4, 10 and 11, and in the short arm of chromosome 6 were also seen. A weakly stained C-band could be distinguished at the short arm of one homologue of the chromosome pair 10 (Figure 3C). In chromosome 3, there were two consecutive C-bands in the short arm, as well as terminal and a small interstitial C-band adjacent to the NOR in the long arm.

All chromosomes were homogeneously stained with DAPI, except for the NOR. Some of the terminal heterochromatic regions stained slightly brighter. The MM fluorochrome did not stain the terminal heterochromatic region of the chromosomes 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 (Figure 3E). After C-banding, all centromeres and terminal C-bands of the chromosomes 3, 4, and 8 were evidenced by DAPI (Figure 3F). The MM fluorochrome did not evidence any of the telomeric regions, but some centromeres were weakly stained in metaphases previously submitted to C-banding (Figure 3F).

The presence of NOR and terminal C-bands in both arms of the chromosome pair 9 distinguished the male QCAZ 34948 of the Yasuní population (Figure 3D). These characteristics resembled the chromosome 3, but chromosome 9 is smaller and lacks the consecutive C-bands observed in both arms of pair 3. In chromosome 9, only one large block of C-band was observed in the terminal region of both arms. Another peculiar characteristic of this *E. petersi* specimen is a slight heteromorphism in the chromosome homologue morphology of the pairs 2, 3 and 6 (Figure 3D).

The analysis of meiotic cells did not show multivalent configurations (data not shown).

Karyotype of the specimen Yasuní-km 26

The karyotype of the Yasuní-km26 specimen (QCAZ 30826) was remarkably distinct from the other analyzed *E. petersi* specimens of this geographic region (Figure 4A). Interestingly, this karyotype was highly similar to the Puyo specimens, differing only in NOR distribution (Figures 4B and 4C). In the Yasuní-km26 specimen metaphases that were submitted to the Ag-NOR technique and *in situ* hybridization with the HM123 probe the NORs were observed at the pericentromeric region in the short arm of chromosome 4, long-arm of chromosome 6 and in a large extension of the long arm of the X chromosome. In several metaphases, there were three blocks of NORs in the pericentromeric X region, in association with heterochromatic regions (Figures 4D, 4E and 4F).

Karyotype of the juvenile La Selva specimen

This karyotype had a diploid complement of 22 chromosomes, with nine metacentric chromosome pairs (1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), one pair of submetacentric (pair 5) and one pair of subtelocentric (pair 2) (Figure 5). A secondary constriction was observed in the short arm of the chromosome pair 6 (Figure 5A), which was revealed as NOR by the Ag-NOR method (Figure 5C). In the pair 6, a longer short arm characterized one of the homologues. This heteromorphism was not due to the NOR size, but was indeed a size difference related to a chromosome segment between the NOR and the telomere (Figure 5).

The C-banding revealed conspicuous centromeric heterochromatic regions in all chromosomes (Figure 5B). In addition, terminal C-bands were observed at the telomeres of

both arms of the chromosomes 6, 7, 10 and 11. Telomeric bands could also be seen in the long arm of the chromosome 3, and in the short arms of chromosomes 8 and 9. Two additional C-bands were observed in interstitial regions of the long arm of chromosome 5 and of the short arm of chromosome 8.

After the C-banding treatment, the central area of all centromeric heterochromatin was strongly stained with DAPI, and the pericentromeric regions were brightly stained with MM. Terminal heterochromatic regions were simultaneously stained with both fluorochromes. The interstitial C-band of the chromosome 5 was stained by DAPI and was adjacent to the pericentromeric MM-positive band in the long arm of this chromosome. The NOR was not stained with MM or DAPI, but the regions adjacent to the NOR were strongly evidenced by these fluorochromes (Figures 5C-G).

Cytogenetics of the UFAC-Acre population

In all UFAC-Acre specimens the karyotype was $2n=22$ and consisted of 6 metacentric chromosome pairs (1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9), 3 submetacentric pairs (3, 10, 11) and 2 subtelocentric pairs (4 and 8) (Figure 6A). Because the chromosome pair 8 was heteromorphic in all males and homomorphic in the females, it was classified as a sexual chromosome pair (Figure 6). Another heteromorphic pair, which was observed in four specimens, was present in both male and female specimens and so it was considered non-related to sex determination (Figures 6 and 7).

NOR sites, in a total of five, were individually detected in the regions pericentromeric of the long arm of the chromosome 3, distal of the long arm of chromosome 7, distal of the long arm of chromosome 9, interstitial in the long arm of chromosome 11 (Figures 6B and 7). The only apparently fixed NOR was observed in the

chromosome 7. The remaining NOR sites were not always present, thus related to the NOR polymorphism detected in this population (Figures 6B and 7). In the UFAC-Acre specimens, a maximum of eight NOR-bearing chromosomes was observed (Figure 7C).

All the centromeres were C-banded and terminal C-bands were present in 4p, 7p, 7q, 9p, 9q, and Xq, while interstitial C-bands were seen in 11q and Xq. The terminal C-bands in the chromosomes 7 and 9, and the interstitial C-band in 11q were adjacent to NOR sites. The interstitial C-band in 11q was occasionally absent, similarly to its adjacent NOR, which implied in a morphological chromosome difference (Figure 7). The sex chromosome pair of the female ZUEC 14435 was heteromorphic according to its C-band pattern (Figure 7A).

All the centromeres were MM positive in the plates not treated with C-banding and also in those previously C-banded (Figures 6D and 6E). Only the interstitial region of the X chromosome was stained with DAPI before C-banding (Figure 6D), neither the NOR and the terminal regions were stained by this fluorochrome before C-banding. In contrast, all the non-centromeric heterochromatic regions in the X chromosome and in the chromosomes 7, 9 and 11 were strongly stained with DAPI in C-banded metaphases (Figure 6E). The NORs in pairs 7 and 9 could be detected by MM in the C-banded metaphases (Figure 6E).

Chromosome Breaks

Chromosome breaks were observed in some of the metaphases. In the Puyo population, there were three metaphases with breaks. Many chromosome breaks were observed in the specimen QCAZ 34935 and, apparently, there were chromosomes with more than one centromere as well (Figure 8A). The specimen QCAZ 34937 of the Puyo

population showed a break in the short arm of chromosome 10 (Figure 8B). Chromosome breaks were present in two metaphases of the Yasuní specimens QCAZ 34944 and QCAZ 34947. In the Yasuní QCAZ 34947, the break apparently occurred in the chromosome 3 (Figure 8C). The UFAC-Acre population showed four metaphases with breaks in the specimens ZUEC 14455, 14432 and 14434. As for the ZUEC 14455 specimen, the break probably occurred in the X chromosome (Figure 8D). Although these abnormal chromosomes were present in quite low frequencies, it is conceivable that breaks indicate fragile DNA regions involved in the karyotypic differentiation of these anurans.

Molecular Analysis

The ML analysis used a GTR+G+I model of sequence evolution. The search for the best trees comprised 106 OTUs (Operational Taxonomic Units), without outgroups, consisted of 258 nucleotides each. Of 2418 nucleotides in the MP analysis, 571 were informative. A hundred of MPT (most parsimony trees) was generated, with 1474 steps. The strict consensus of these MPT is shown in Figure 9. The ML tree (not shown) was similar to the ML tree reported by Funk *et al.* (2007).

The Amazonian *Engystomops* were clustered in three major clades of the MP trees (Figure 9). The first clade was composed by the *Engystomops* specimens from Pará, which was supported by a high value of bootstrap (100%). The second major clade (southwestern clade) was weakly supported by bootstrap analysis and comprised all the Brazilian populations, the specimens from North bank of Madre De Dios River and South bank of Madre de Dios River, in Peru, and the population from Bolivia. The remaining populations were grouped in a third clade (northwestern clade), supported by 92% bootstrap value.

Inside the southwestern clade, the Brazilian UFAC population, not sampled by Funk *et al.* (2007), was clustered with a high bootstrap support (100%) together with the population from Rondônia and with the population from North bank of Madre De Dios River (Peru).

Sub-groups were also observed inside the northwestern clade. The Yasuní and Tiputini populations (Ecuador) remained together in a same sub-group with 100% bootstrap value. The populations from Puyo, Jatun Sacha, Shell, Cando and Napo (Ecuador) were grouped together with highly supported value (100%). Except for the Cando specimens, the other specimens were not grouped according to their sampling locality. Loreto (Peru) and Sucumbios (Ecuador) populations were paraphyletic in relation to the populations of the northwestern clade (Figure 9).

The relationships among the populations from Puyo, La Selva and Estación Científica Yasuní are still unclear. The first ones were closely related in the MP analysis, but with a low bootstrap support. In contrast, the La Selva and Estación Científica Yasuní populations showed high phylogenetic proximity in the ML analysis. In both MP and ML analyses, the specimen QCAZ 30826 from the *E. petersi* ‘Yasuní km 26’ population was grouped together with the specimens from Puyo, regardless of their geographical distance.

The variation in the rhodopsin gene was low among the haplotypes (Appendix 2). Of 312 nucleotides analyzed, only six were variable. The Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) identified as a C-T transition in the nucleotide site (nt) 17 clearly discriminated the specimens of the three populations from Ecuador (Yasuní, Yasuní-26km and Puyo) from the two Brazilian populations UFAC-Acre and Rio Tejo-Acre. The nt14 was not polymorphic in the Ecuador specimens and was equal to a few of the specimens from Brazil. Intrapopulational polymorphism was found in five nucleotide sites within the

Brazilian populations and four of the Ecuador populations. The typical sites of Puyo specimens were also found in the specimen QCAZ 30826, Yasuní-26km specimen. It was also interesting to note the presence of heterozygotes in the Puyo and Yasuní populations, and specially in the UFAC-Acre population. In all the variable nucleotide sites, only two different states (nucleotide types) were observed.

Discussion

Preliminar taxonomic considerations

The phylogenetic relationships between the *Engystomops* populations inferred in our ML analysis were very similar to the ML inferences reported by Funk *et al.* (2007), but differed in minor arrangements from our MP analysis. The principal differences referred to the relatedness of the Yasuní, La Selva and Puyo populations. La Selva and Yasuní were closely related in the ML analysis done in the present work and by Funk *et al.* (2007). Nevertheless, such arrangement was not maintained in the MP analyses described herein, such that the La Selva population was grouped in the same clade of the Puyo population, although supported by low bootstrap value. The other inconsistencies between MP and ML analysis did not affect the relevant groups in the Amazonian *Engystomops*.

In the MP tree and the ML tree, the UFAC-Acre population, which had not been previously analyzed, was grouped together with the specimens from Guajará-Mirim (Rondônia, Brazil) and from Amazonian Cusco, in the north bank of the Madre De Dios River (Peru), within a highly supported clade in the southwestern clade of the Amazonian *Engystomops*. Therefore, according to the proposal of *E. freibergi* revalidation to allocate the southwestern clade (Ron *et al.*, 2006; Funk *et al.*, 2007), the UFAC-Acre specimens

would be *E. freibergi* representatives. However, the bootstrap support was low for the southwestern clade in the MP analysis reported here.

The karyotypes found in Acre state of Brazil

The UFAC-Acre karyotypes shed new light on the previously described Rio Tejo-Acre karyotypic data (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998, 1999). In the Rio Tejo-Acre karyotype referred to as type I, possibly the chromosome 8 is actually the X chromosome, as these chromosomes were very similar in both morphology and C-banding pattern. This equivocated chromosome pairwise could be due to the high polymorphism in the analyzed sample, which comprised heteromorphic pairs. By increasing the Acre sample size and including several females, the present work has contributed to the understanding of chromosome variation in *E. petersi*. At least three of the six C-banded karyotypes (type I) described by Lourenço *et al.* (1999) could be reorganized according to the chromosome classification of the karyotypes from the UFAC-Acre population.

However some of the karyotypes I previously described really differ from those from UFAC. In the C-banded karyotype of the single specimen from the Tejo River Mouth (in the REAJ) and of one of the specimens from the Humaitá Reserve (ZUEC 9620) previously analyzed (Lourenço *et al.*, 1999), the chromosome now classified as 7 (identified as chromosome 6 by Lourenço *et al.*, 1999) had no terminal heterochromatic bands, in contrast with the chromosome 7 of the karyotypes from UFAC population. Another difference observed between the karyotype I previously described and those presented herein was noted in pair 10 of the former. This chromosome was very similar to that chromosome 10 found in the Puyo karyotype, but differed from all the chromosomes in the UFAC-Acre karyotype. Despite different, the chromosome 10 from the previously

described karyotype I resemble the UFAC-Acre chromosome 9, differing from that only by the absence of a terminal C-band in the short arm. These real differences represent some interpopulational cytogenetic divergence between the acrean populations.

The interpopulational variations in the *Engystomops* from Ecuador

High cytogenetic variation was observed among the specimens from Puyo, Yasuní and La Selva populations. Interestingly, each of karyotypic group was supported by high bootstrap value in the MP analyses. The karyotype of the juvenile La Selva specimen was the most distinct among the studied populations. In this specimen from La Selva there was no chromosome similar to the X chromosome of Puyo population. High amounts of heterochromatin specially in the centromeric regions and in the terminal regions of some chromosomes characterized the La Selva specimen. The centromeric heterochromatin was clearly heterogeneous with a DAPI-positive band near the centromere plus MM-positive pericentromeric bands. In addition, the NOR site in the chromosome pair 6 was exclusive to the La Selva specimen.

Fluorochrome staining has been widely used in cytogenetic analyses and it may discriminate different heterochromatin classes in karyotypes from different species (Odierna *et al.*, 2001; Kasahara *et al.*, 2003; Silva *et al.*, 2006). Herein, it allowed us to clearly discriminate the centromeric heterochromatin in the *Engystomops* karyotypes. Besides La Selva karyotype, only the UFAC karyotype had MM positive heterochromatin associated to the centromeres. The other populations had karyotypes with AT-rich centromeric heterochromatin. Although helpful in discriminating the karyotypes, the presence of CG-rich heterochromatin associated to the centromeres was not phylogenetically informative, since La Selva and UFAC population are inside different

clades. The presence of DAPI or MM positive heterochromatin may be a result of selective amplification of different classes of repetitive sequences and it can vary between species of the same genus. Such an interspecific variation was already seen for *Mantella* species by Odierna *et al.* (2001), that also concluded for the limited phylogenetic relevance of the heterochromatin classification in that genus.

The Puyo and Yasuní populations have no prezygotic isolation (Guerra and Ron, 2008). Even though, karyotype homologies between these two populations were not clear. The most similar chromosome pairs between Puyo and Yasuní were the 8 and 10, specially regarding terminal C-bands, but the pair 8 was NOR-bearing only in the Puyo karyotypes.

Interestingly, the karyotype of the Yasuní-26km specimen (QCAZ 30826) differed from the geographically related Yasuní specimens. The Yasuní-26km karyotype was similar to the Puyo karyotype and was included in the Puyo clade in the MP and ML analyses. It suggested that this specimen is more related to Puyo specimens and this finding is a clear evidence of the consistency of the karyotypic patterns proposed here.

Since the hybrid offspring of specimens with very distinct karyotypes may have unbalanced genome, we hypothesize that a selective pressure against hybrids of diverse karyotypic groups could have played a role in the differentiation of *Engystomops*. Hence, karyological traits could be an important factor involved in the arisement of prezygotic isolation independent of sexual selection driven by divergent calls. In spite of that, the karyological traits would have been involved in the reinforcement phenomenon, previously proposed by Guerra & Ron (2008) to be an important process involved in *Engystomops* evolution.

The hybridization hypothesis

Guerra and Ron (2008) found that females from Puyo recognize the Yasuní calls and consider them as much attractive as the local calls, and conclude that a prezygotic isolation via mate choice is unlikely between these two populations. Even though, these two populations were clearly distinguished in the cytogenetic analysis. Thus, it is conceivable that rare events of hybridization and introgression could have occurred between the Puyo and Yasuní populations. This hypothesis could explain the diverse karyotype of the Yasuní QCAZ 34948 specimen, which contains heteromorphic chromosome pairs and the chromosome pair 9 with terminal C-bands not observed in the remaining Yasuní specimens. In addition, in the Yasuní QCAZ 34948 specimen, the NOR was in the chromosome pair 9, whereas in the other specimens it was in the pair 3.

Most likely, the high polymorphism detected in the analyzed Brazilian Acre populations, specially the Tejo River Mouth (in the REAJ), is a result of hybridization and introgression events. In addition, the great difficult in pairwising the chromosomes of the karyotypes of some specimens (like ZUEC 9620 and ZUEC 9625) described by Lourenço *et al.* (1998, 1999), even after the correct identification of the X chromosome proposed here, could be explained by these events. This hypothesis is corroborated by the presence of multivalent meiotic configurations in the Acrean specimens from REAJ and Humaitá Reserve (Lourenço *et al.*, 2000).

The heterozygous nucleotide sites in the gene rhodopsin, a nuclear gene considered highly conserved among *Engystomops* populations, support above proposed hybridization hypothesis. However, these heterozygotes could as yet be explained by ancestral polymorphisms, which might have occurred before population divergence and persisted in these populations. The rhodopsin nucleotide polymorphism, although relatively low as is

expected for this conserved gene, was substantial in distinguishing the diverse populations. Further analysis increasing specimen numbers could verify if the nt17 rhodopsin SNP is suitable to be a diagnostic marker capable of discriminating the geographically distant Amazonian *Engystomops* populations from Ecuador and Brazil.

Sex chromosome divergence

Heteromorphic sexual chromosomes X and Y were observed in the specimens from Puyo and Acre locations, but not in Yasuní and La Selva. The Yasuní male karyotypes contained homomorphic chromosomes in the pair 11, which were quite similar to X chromosome in the Puyo karyotypes. In the phylogenetic inferences reported herein and by Funk *et al.* (2007), the Puyo, Yasuní and La Selva Ecuadorian populations were closer to each other than to the Brazilian populations from Acre. If so, then the heteromorphic sex chromosomes could be a plesiomorphic condition in this Amazonian anuran group.

The sex chromosomes from Puyo and Acre were similar, but with a few different characteristics. The X chromosome of the Brazilian Acre specimens contained interstitial heterochromatic segments not observed in the Puyo karyotypes. As for the Y chromosome, there was an additional variation in some of the Brazilian males from Acre consisting of a terminal NOR in the long arm (Lourenço *et al.*, 1998).

In the sex chromosome differentiation hypotheses, the heterochromatinization of the Y and W chromosomes is considered relevant. Apparently, heterochromatinization has happened in diverse anuran species, such as *Gastrotheca riobambae* (Schmid *et al.*, 1983), *Pyxecephalus adpersus* (Schmid e Bachmann, 1980), *Leiopelma hamiltoni* (Green, 1988), *Crinia bilingua* (Mahony, 1991), *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus* (= *Rana tigrina*) (Chakrabarti *et al.*, 1983), *Pseudis tocantins* (Busin *et al.*, 2008), *Pristimantis euphronides* (=

Eleutherodactylus euphronides), *Pristimantis shrevei* (= *Eleutherodactylus shrevei*) (Schmid *et al.*, 2002) and *Proceratophrys boiei* (Ananias *et al.*, 2007). Nevertheless, in the Puyo and Acre *Engystomops*, a large amount of heterochromatin was present in the X chromosome and was absent in the Y chromosome. Only the centromeric region was C-banded in the chromosome Y. In *Eupsophus migueli* (Iturra & Veloso, 1989), the Y chromosome did not show any heterochromatic region, whereas the X chromosome seemed similar to the *Engystomops* from Puyo and Acre. In some *Engystomops* species, this morphological differentiation of sex chromosomes may have involved similar heterochromatinization of the X chromosome in a homomorphic ancestral pair. However, further studies are needed towards a better understanding of the evolutionary pathway of the *Engystomops* sex chromosomes.

Conclusions

The cytogenetic analysis revealed great similarity within each population and allowed the recognition of diverse karyological groups in the Amazonian *Engystomops*. The data suggested that karyological variation might be substantial in the speciation mechanisms of this anuran group.

The intrapopulation polymorphisms, the presence of multivalent meiotic configurations previously described (Lourenço *et al.*, 2000), and the heterozygous nucleotide sites in the rhodopsin gene suggested that hybridization and introgression might have been relevant in the evolution of the Amazonian *Engystomops*.

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Legends

Figure 1. **A.** Partial South America map in small scale displaying the sampling locations (yellow stars) in which *Engystomops* populations were surveyed. Geographical distributions of the *Engystomops* northwestern and southwestern clades are indicated in rectangles and shown in B and C large scales, respectively.

Figure 2. Karyotypes of male specimens of *Engystomops petersi* from Puyo (**A**) stained with Giemsa, (**B**) submitted to the Ag-NOR technique, (**E**) C-banded, (**F**) DAPI-stained (top) and MM-stained (bottom), (**G**) DAPI-stained (top) and MM-stained (bottom) after C-banding technique. The insets in A, B and E show the homomorphic and the heteromorphic pair XX from the females ZUEC 34939 (A;B), ZUEC 34935 (E) and ZUEC 34937, respectively. **C.** NOR-bearing chromosomes of a female hybridized with the rDNA probe HM 123. Note that some heterochromatic regions clearly evidenced by Ag-NOR in B are not detected in C. **D.** NOR-bearing chromosomes of the male QCAZ 34940 after the Ag-NOR technique (left) and hybridized with the rDNA probe HM 123 (right). Note the additional NOR in one homologue 9. **H.** Giemsa-stained karyotype from the Puyo female QCAZ 34935 with $2n=23$. The arrow points the trissomic set. In the insets, the chromosomes 8 after the Ag-NOR technique (left) and C-banding (right). Bar = 2 μ m.

Figure 3. Karyotypes of the *E. petersi* Yasuní specimens QCAZ 34944, QCAZ 34947 and QCAZ 34946 submitted to (A) Giemsa staining, (B) the Ag-NOR technique and (C) C-banding, respectively. The arrowheads in C indicate the two heterochromatic bands flanking the NOR. The insets in A and B show the chromosome pair 3 homomorphic (left) and heteromorphic (right) for NOR distension. D. C-banded karyotype from the specimen QCAZ 34948. The inset shows the NOR-bearing chromosome 9 after the Ag-NOR technique. E. DAPI-stained (top) and MM-stained (bottom) karyotypes. F. DAPI-stained (top) and MM-stained (bottom) after C-banding technique. Bar = 2 μ m.

Figure 4. Cytogenetics of the Yasuní specimen QCAZ 30826 A. Karyotype submitted to C-banding. B. Karyotype after Ag-NOR staining. The NORs were pointed by arrows. C. Mitotic metaphase hybridized with the rDNA probe HM 123 and stained with propidium iodide. Note that some heterochromatic regions seen in A are clearly detected by the Ag-NOR method. D. X chromosome hybridized with the HM123 probe and stained with DAPI (left). In the right, only the DAPI stained. E. X chromosome after C-banding. F. X chromosome after the Ag-NOR technique. Note the presence of three NOR blocks in B and F, separated by heterochromatic regions (E).

Figure 5. Cytogenetics of the La Selva specimen A. Giemsa-stained karyotype. B. C-banded karyotype C-E. The 6th pair after Ag-NOR, DAPI and MM staining, respectively. Note the heterochromatic blocks flanking the NOR. F-G. The same metaphase stained with DAPI and MM, respectively, after C-banding. Note the different regions stained by these fluorochromes. The arrow in F points an interstitial heterochromatic band in the chromosome 5. The arrowheads in F and G indicate the NOR. Bar = 2 μ m.

Figure 6. Giemsa-stained (**A**), silver stained (**B**) and C-banded (**C**) karyotypes from the female ZUEC 14432 from UFAC population. The inset in A shows the heteromorphic pair from a male. **D-E**. DAPI-stained (top) and MM-stained (bottom) karyotypes from the female ZUEC 14432, after C-banding technique (**E**) or not (**D**). Bar = 2 μ m.

Figure 7. NOR-bearing chromosome pairs from seven different UFAC specimens (**A-G**) stained by Ag-NOR (top) and hybridized with the rDNA probe HM 123 (middle). In the bottom, the C-banded pairs 11 and sexual of the seven specimens. Bars = 2 μ m.

Figure 8. Mitotic metaphases with chromosome breaks. **A-B**. Puyo specimens QCAZ 34935 and QCAZ 34937 . **C**. Specimen QCAZ 34947 from Estación Científica Yasuní. **D**. UFAC specimen ZUEC 14455 . Arrowheads indicate the chromosome breaks. The arrows in **A** indicate chromosomes that probably have 2 centromeres. Bars = 2 μ m.

Figure 9. Strict consensus cladogram of *Engystomops* inferred by MP analysis using sequences of the mitochondrial genes 12S rDNA, val-tRNA and 16S rDNA. Numbers above the branches are bootstrap values. Branches without numbers had bootstrap <50. In the parentheses, the specimens numbers as indicated in Appendix 1. Available data of vocal calls (Boul *et al.*, 2007) are indicated for the cytogenetically studied populations.

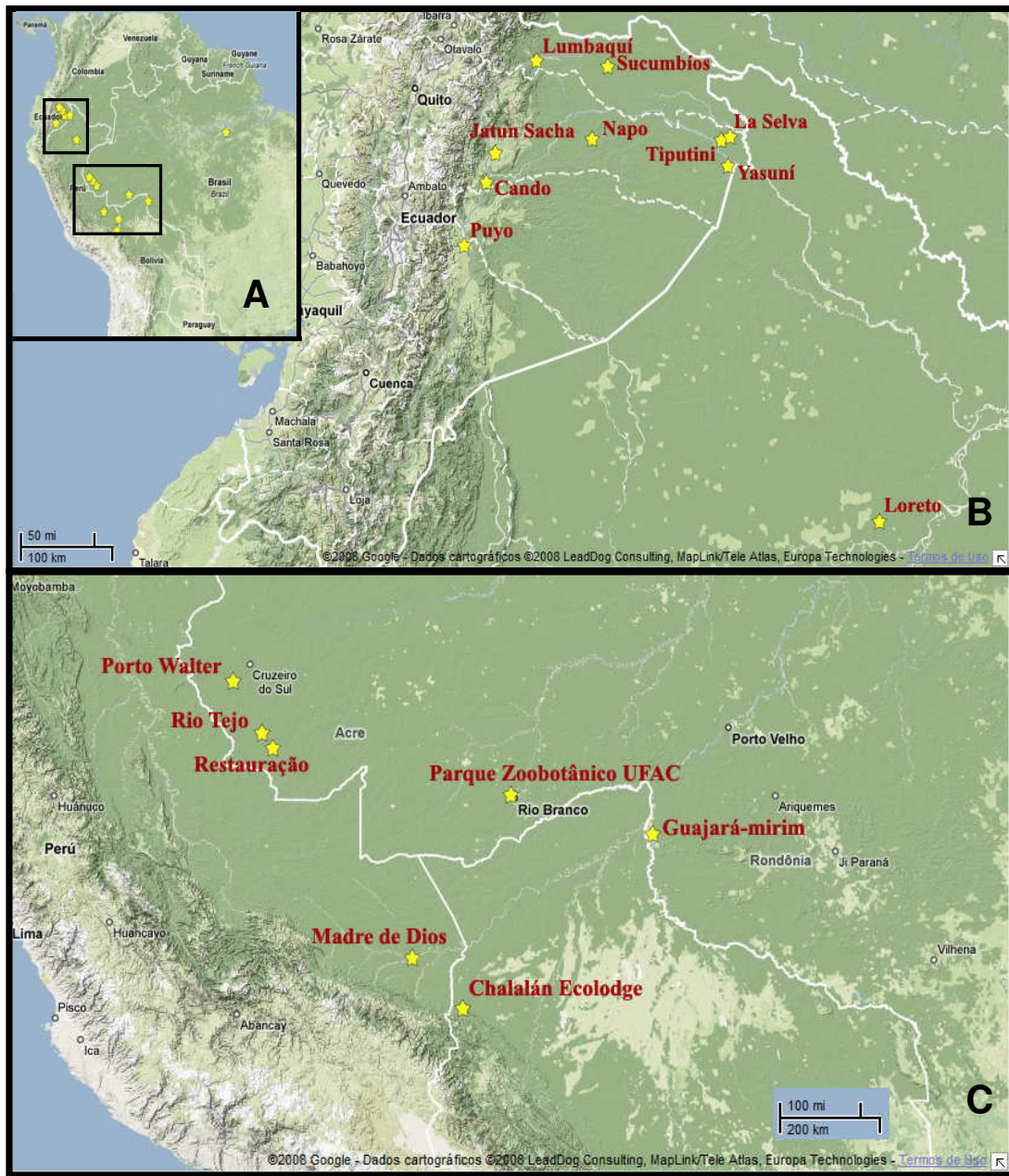


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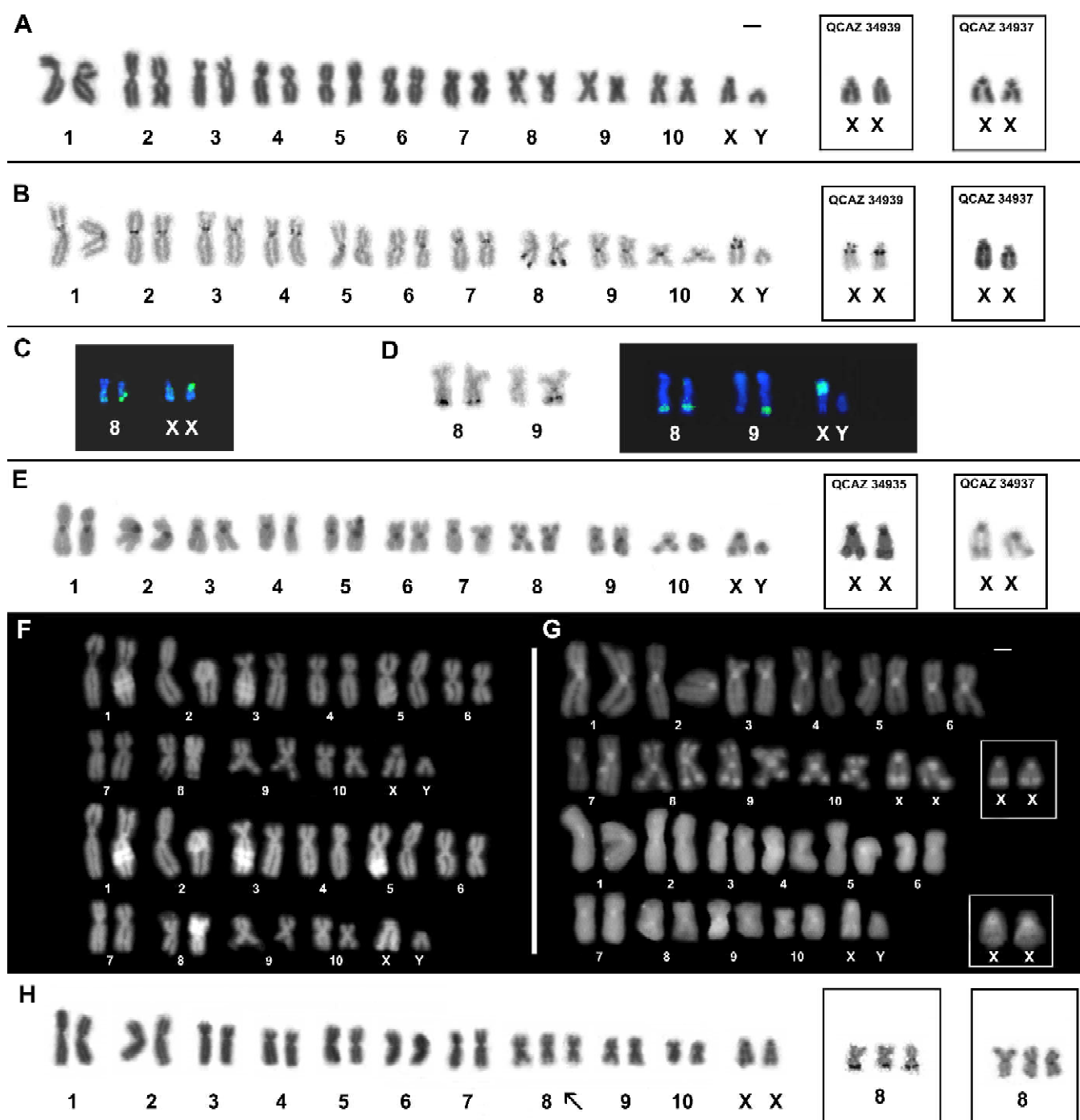


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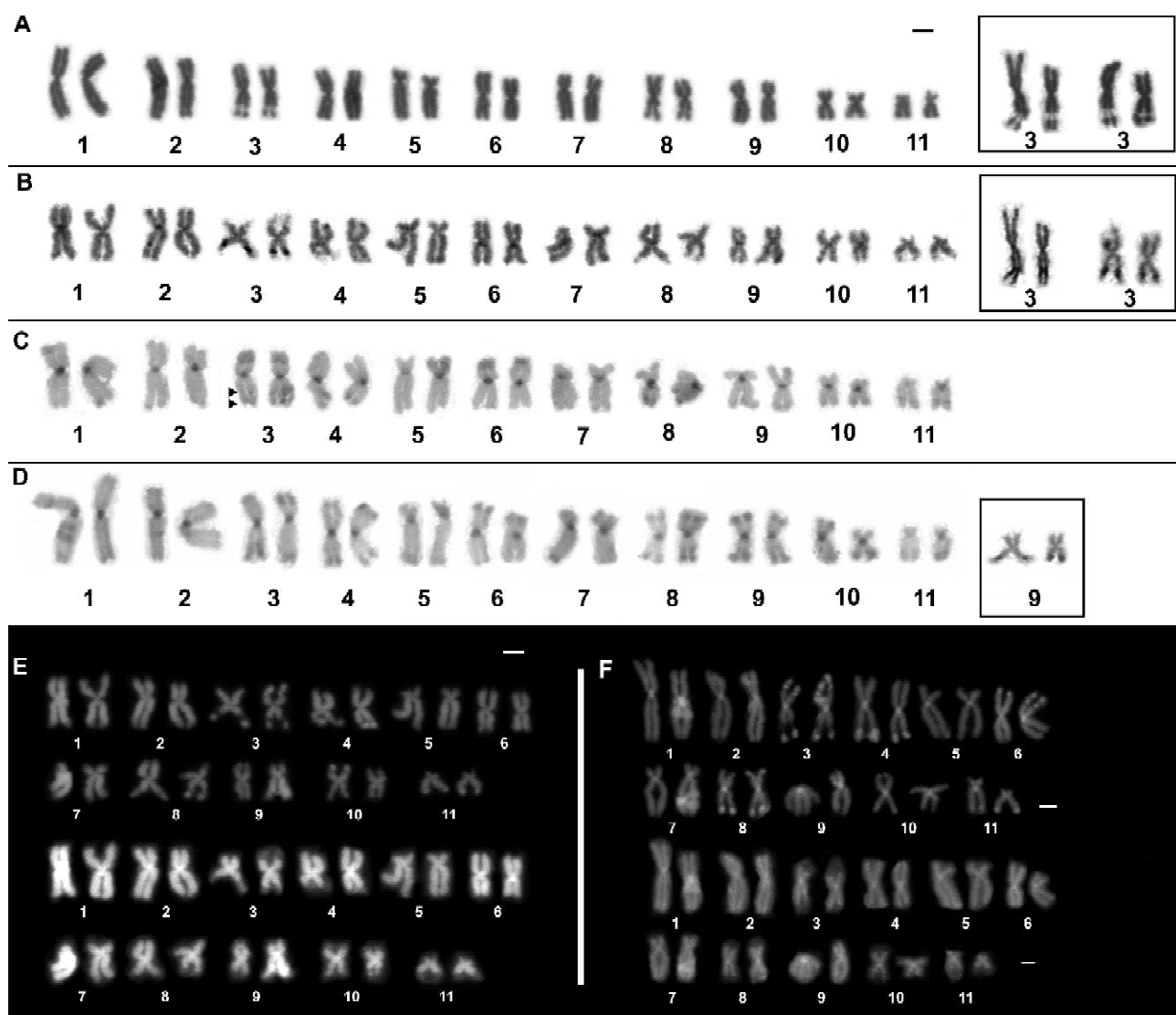


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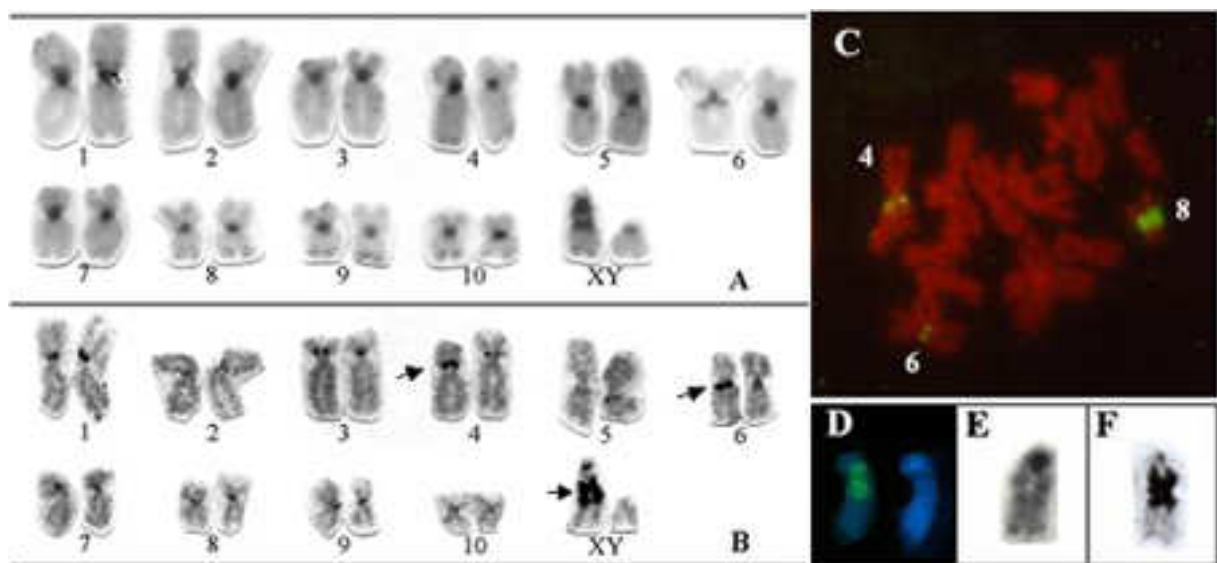


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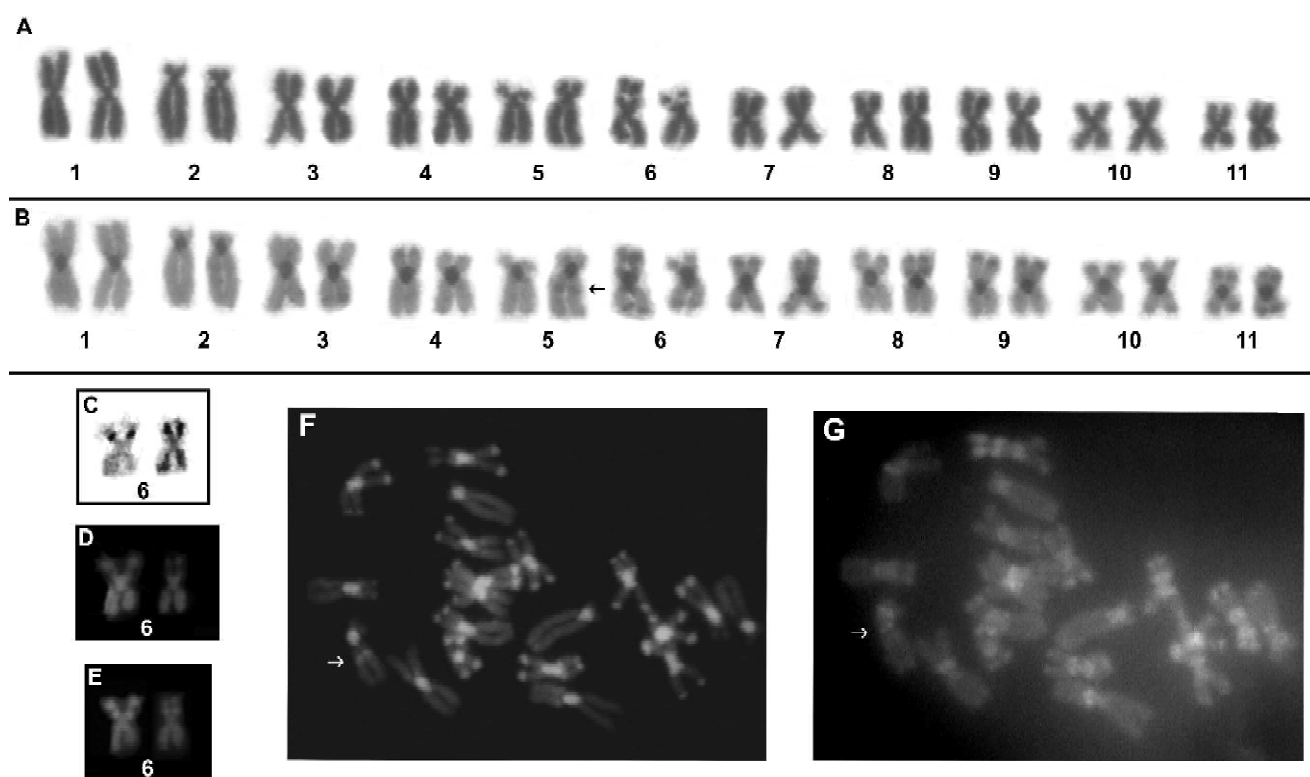


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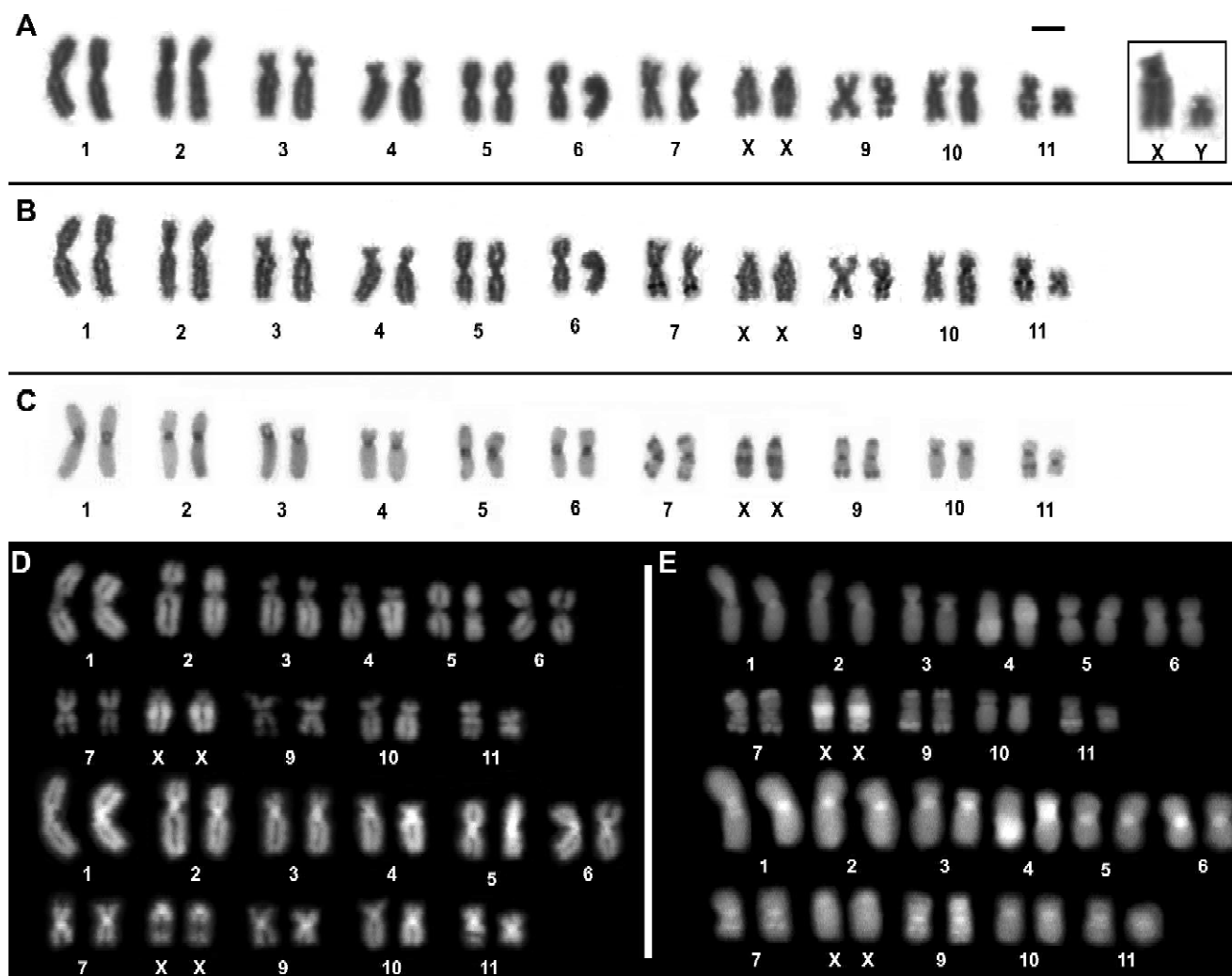


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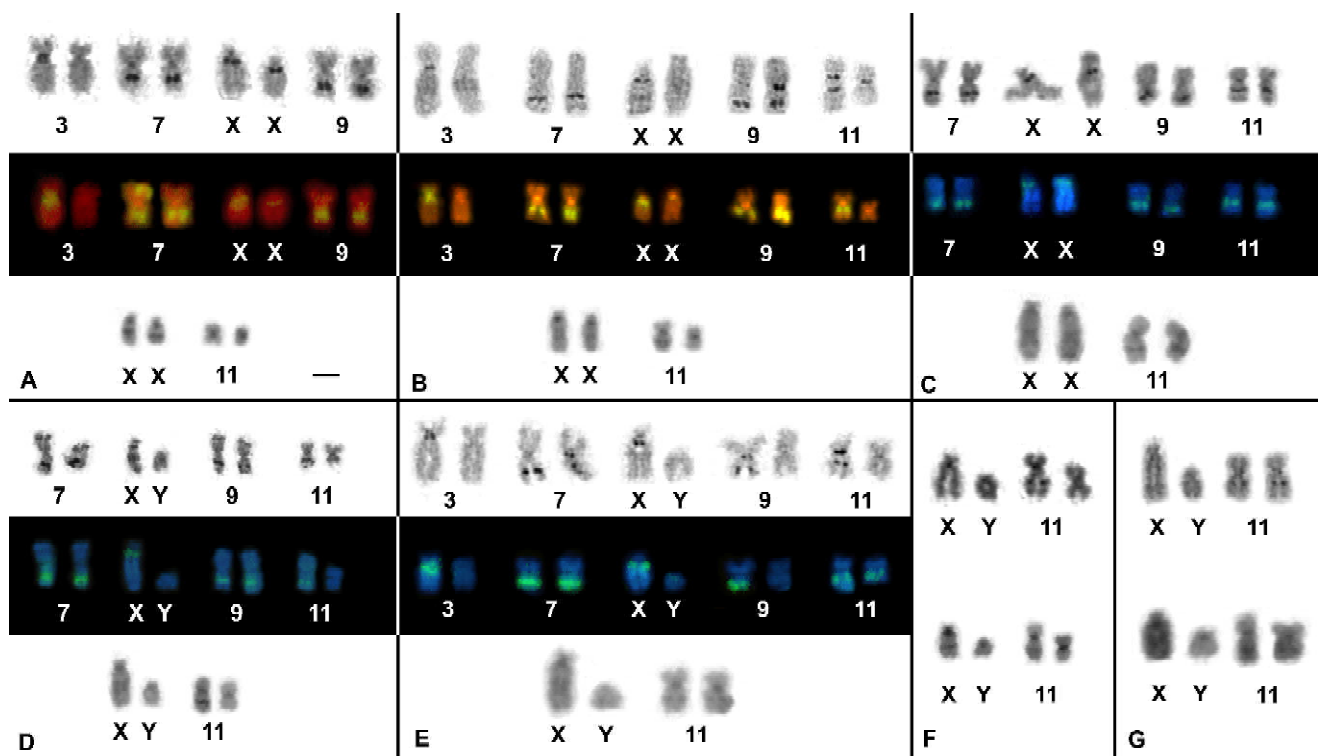


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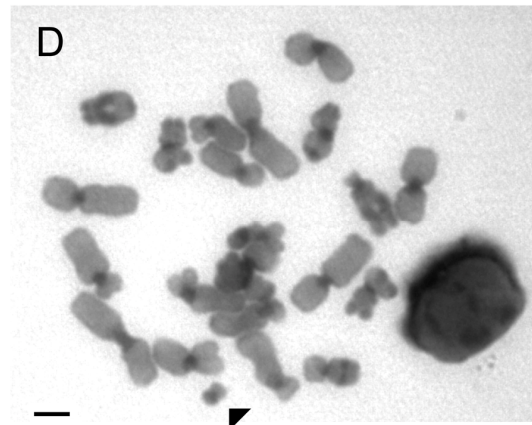
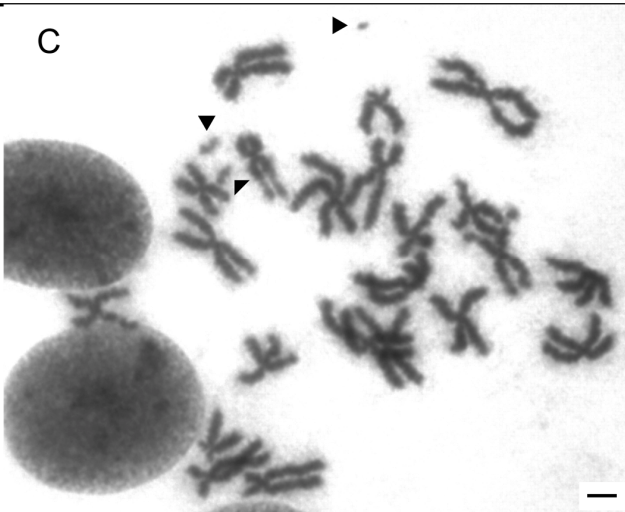
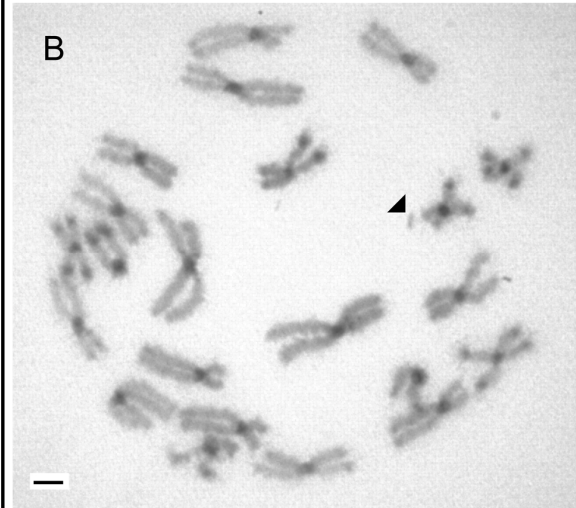
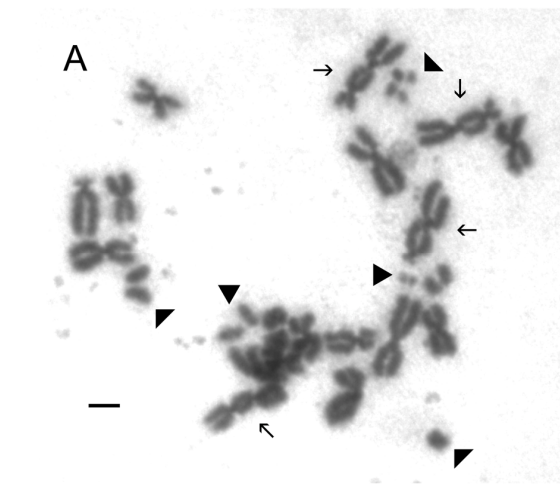


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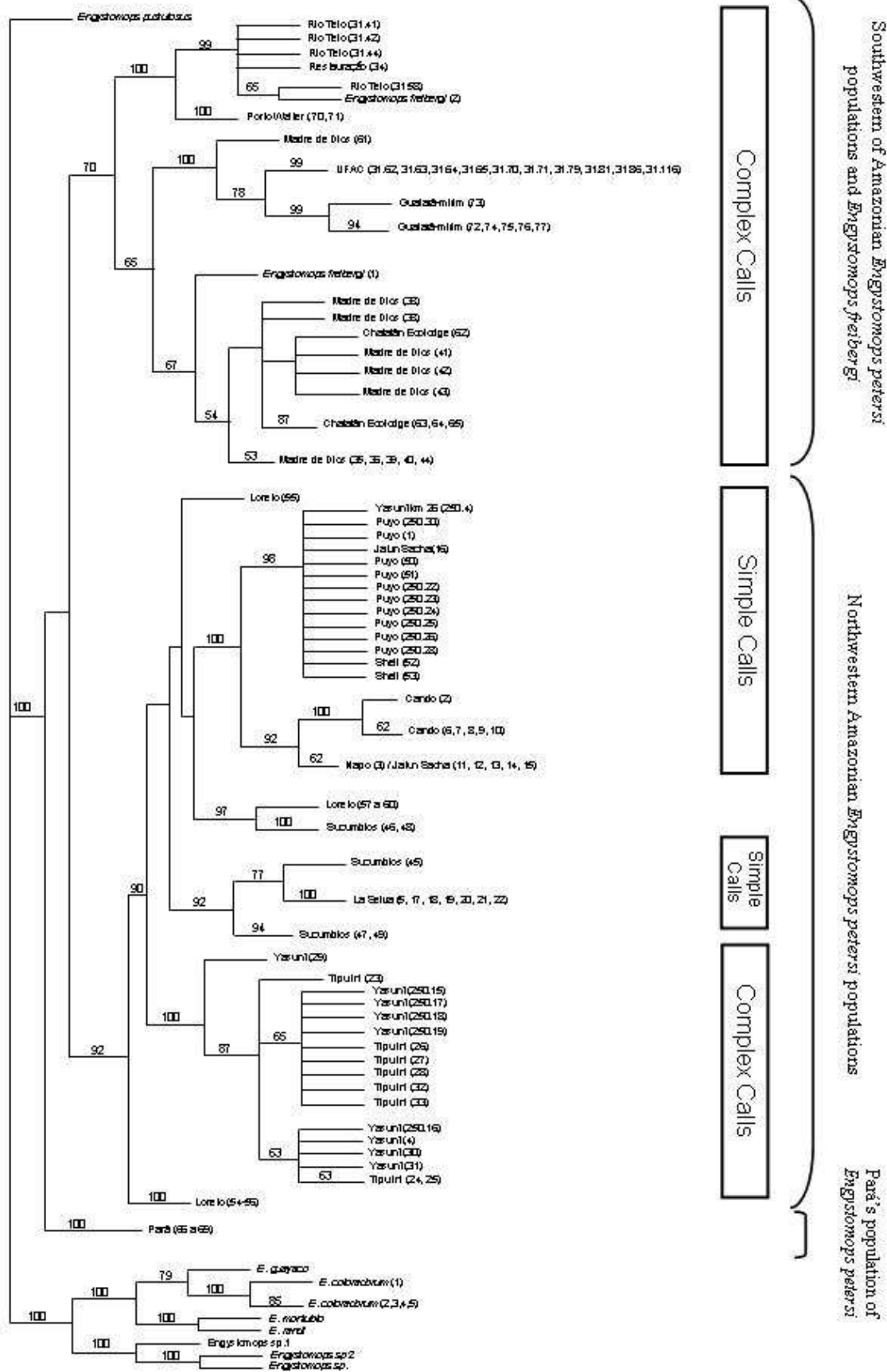


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Appendix 1. Specimens used for the phylogenetic analysis, their geographic procedence, and DNA sequences used. 12S/16S: 12S rDNA, val-tRNA and 16S rDNA mitochondrial sequences; Rhod: nuclear gene of rhodopsin

Species	Locality	Molecular Reference	GenBank accession number	Voucher number	Cytogenetic Reference	Genes	Symbol
Engystomops petersi	Brazil: Rondônia: Parque Estadual Guajará-mirim	Funk <i>et al.</i> , 2007	EF470285	LSUMZ 17523	-	12S/16S	77
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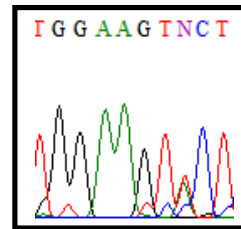
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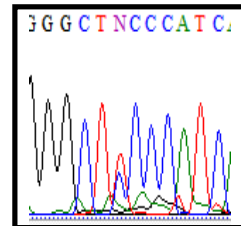
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Appendix 2. SNPs sites of the rhodopsin gene. M refers to cytosine or adenine; Y refers to thymine or cytosine; W refers to thymine or adenine. In the side, electropherograms from rhodopsin sequences of different specimens from UFAC showing double peaks at the SNP site.

Specimens	SNPs sites					
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31.45 Rio Tejo, Acre	M	.	.	W	Y	Y
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31.47 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	.	.	C	T
31.49 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	Y	.	.	N
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31.52 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	.	.	Y	T
31.53 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	.	.	.	T
31.54 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	.	.	.	T
31.56 Rio Tejo, Acre	.	.	Y	.	Y	T
31.57 Rio Tejo, Acre	M	.	.	.	.	Y
31.58 Rio Tejo, Acre	A	.	.	.	.	.
31.62 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	A	.	T
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31.65 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	Y
31.66 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	Y
31.70 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	T
31.71 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	T
31.79 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	.	.	T
31.81 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	.	.	T
31.82 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	T
31.83 UFAC, Acre	A	.	.	.	.	T
31.86 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	T
31.92 UFAC, Acre	A	.	.	W	.	T
31.110 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	W	.	T
31.116 UFAC, Acre	.	.	.	.	.	T
250.04 26Km Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	.
250.15 Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	.	.	.
250.16 Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	.	.	.
250.17 Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	.	.	.
250.18 Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	W	.	.
250.19 Yasuní, Ecuador	A	C	.	.	.	.
250.07 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.08 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.09 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.10 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.11 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	Y
250.13 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	Y
250.22 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.23 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	.
250.24 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.25 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	Y
250.26 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.28 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	T
250.30 Puyo, Ecuador	A	C	.	A	.	Y



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Considerações Finais

- Cada população de *Engystomops* aqui analisada possuiu um padrão cariotípico diferente, inclusive as populações de Puyo e Yasuní, que não apresentam isolamento pré-zigótico. Esse fato permitiu sugerir que a diferenciação citogenética possa exercer algum papel no isolamento de populações e, conseqüentemente, nos processos de especiação desses anuros.
- A análise citogenética da população de UFAC (Acre, Brasil) permitiu uma nova interpretação dos dados cariotípicos antes descritos para outras populações do Acre e uma re-descrição daqueles cariótipos foi apresentada.
- As populações de Puyo e do Acre possuíram um par de cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos do sistema XX/XY, uma característica rara em anuros. As populações de Yasuní e de La Selva não apresentaram essa característica. A análise comparativa desses dados com as inferências filogenéticas permitiu sugerir que a presença de cromossomos sexuais heteromórficos seja uma condição plesiomórfica para esse grupo de *Engystomops* amazônicos.
- A presença de heterozigotos para nucleotídeos simples no gene da rodopsina pode ser interpretada como resultante de uma possível ocorrência de eventos de hibridação e introgressão entre as populações. Esses eventos podem favorecer a grande variação cariotípica encontrada inter e intra-populacionais e sua ocorrência é corroborada pela identificação de indivíduos com cariótipos em que o reconhecimento inequívoco de alguns pares cromossômicos não é possível e pela ocorrência de configurações meióticas multivalentes em alguns espécimes.

- Os resultados da filogenia utilizando DNA mitocondrial corroboraram o trabalho de Funk *et al.* (2007). Três grandes clados foram reconhecidos dentre os *Engystomops* da Amazônia: o clado com espécimes do Pará, o clado referente às populações do Equador e norte do Peru (denominado de clado noroeste), e o clado que inclui as populações do Acre, sul do Peru e Bolívia (denominado de clado sudoeste). A população da UFAC, não incluída nas análises de Funk *et al.* (2008), pertence a esse último clado.
- Os resultados moleculares e citogenéticos obtidos corroboram a presença de um complexo de espécies dentre os *Engystomops* amazônicos, mas sugerem a possibilidade de ocorrência de híbridos e introgressão entre espécies crípticas dessa região.

DECLARAÇÃO

Declaro para os devidos fins que o conteúdo de minha **Tese de Mestrado** intitulada:
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sp.(Anura, Leiuperidae)”:

() não se enquadra no Artigo 1º, § 3º da Informação CCPG 01/2008, referente a bioética e biossegurança.

(X) está inserido no Projeto CIBio (Protocolo nº 2005/03), intitulado Citogenética e biologia molecular de anfíbios anuros

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