

System Position and Divergent Time of Based on ITS Sequence *Humulus scandens*

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ABSTRACT

This article mainly studied *Humulus scandens*' ITS sequence, its system position and its divergent time. ITS is 624 bp with a GC percentage content of 57.21%. It only has the variation in 585 (C changes T), systematic position in *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) and *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990), with *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) has the near sibship. *Humulus* in Moraceae family system position between *Cudrania tricuspidata* and Artocarpeae, support the Cannabiodeae promotion for Cannabinaceae. The divergent time of *Humulus* is 70.88 mya in Moraceae, *Humulus scandens* and *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) is 12.78 mya, with *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) is 1.10 mya. In the Moraceae branch's molecular systematics research, the suitable choice is to choose *Humulus scandens* as Moraceae's outgroup.

Keywords: Moraceae; *Humulus scandens*; ITS; Systematic Position; Divergent Time

1. Introduction

Humulus scandens is a twining or prostrate vine that grows as an annual. The opposite leaves are 7 - 10 cm in length and deeply divided into five distinct palmate lobes with a serrate margin and rough surface. The underside of the leaf is pubescent, bearing yellow glands. The stems and petiole are covered with sharp, downward-curving hairs. Male flowers are yellowish green panicles 15 - 25 cm long. Female flowers are catkin-like drooping spikes about 5 mm in diameter. The ovary, covered in a white tomentum, is triangular with an acuminate apex, and enclosed in a papery bract with two external stigmata. *Humulus scandens* is distributed widely in most provinces in China, with the exception of Hainan, Tibet, and Qinghai. It occurs in ditch, wastelands, debris, and forest margins. It also occurs in Vietnam and Japan [1]. *Humulus scandens* is a useful traditional herb which contains various nutrients. Young *Humulus scandens* can be used as fodders. The stem fibers can be used for papermaking, and the seed oils are used in soap production. The flowers can be substituted for *Humulus lupulus* in brewing. It has strong resistance, and can be used to conserve soil and water. As a climbing twining vine, *Humulus scandens* may cause damage to fruit trees and grain crops or decrease production because of its climbing and twining tendency. Meanwhile, due to the spinibarbus, it also causes damage

on the human skin and hinders the production activities of the human being. In China, *Humulus scandens* is also one of pollen allergy pathogenic source plants in autumn.

Humulus scandens is widely reported in DNA extraction, amplified fragments length polymorphism (AFLP), inter simple sequence repeat (ISSR), sequence characterized amplified regions (SCAR) marker, complementary DNA (cDNA) expression library, morphological microstructure, pharmaceutical composition, fodder value, biopesticides and viruses dip, particularly in the pharmaceutical composition, fodder value [2-13]. But there is few report on the system location and divergent time. In this article, we collected a *H. scandens* from Chongqing Botanical Garden, and 15 other Moraceae plants in East Asia. We also downloaded 19 internal transcribed spacer (ITS) sequences of Americas and Africa's Moraceae plants from GenBank to analysis the system location and divergent time of *Humulus scandens*. In order to accumulate more data of Moraceae molecular phylogeny, we searched more reasonable Moraceae groups.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Materials

Humulus scandens is collected from Chongqing flowers and plants garden (**Figure 1**). Other moraceae material



Figure 1. *Humulus scandens* of Chongqing flowers and plants garden.

(Table 1), outgroup designation is the *Ulmus parvifolia*.

2.2. DNA Extraction

We used CTAB (cetyl trimethylammonium bromide) [14] method with a slightly modified to extract DNA. Briefly, DNAs were isolated from 0.15 g of silica gel-dried leaves, and the quality and consistency of DNAs were determined by 0.4% agarose gel electrophoresis in the presence of λ DNA/Hind—marker or by GeneQuant spectrophotometer (Eppendorf, Germany).

2.3. PCR Amplification and Sequencing

The total volume of PCR amplification reaction is 20 μ L, the reaction system including 10 ng DNA template, 50 ng forward and reverse primer, 2.5 mM of dNTPs, 2 μ L 10 \times PCR buffer and 5 U Taq DNA polymerase. The PCR amplification procedure is 94°C denaturation for 4 min, then each circulate 94°C denaturation for 1 min, 55°C annealing (proposed) for 1 min, 72°C extensions for 1 min, a total of 33 circulates, at last extension for 7 min at 72°C, and the end control in 12°C reactions. The amplification primers are designed based on GenBank, and adjusted slightly referring to the research of Mr. White etc. [15], then compounded by Shanghai Shengong Sequencing Department. The primers are followed:

ITS5: 5'-GGAAGTAAAAGTCGTAACAAGG-3'

ITS4: 5'-TCCTC CGCTTATTGATAT GC-3'

which were synthesized by SSBETS (Shanghai Sangon Biological Engineering Technology and Services Co., Ltd; Shanghai). After purification with Microcon YM100 column (Millipore) and adjustment of the concentration, PCR products were sequenced with ABI Prism 3730 genetic analyzer by SSBETS using BigDye terminator v3.1 reagents. PCR primers were used as sequencing primers too, and the sequences were determined in both directions with Sanger dideoxy method.

Table 1. Materials of the other moeaceae for the Molecular systematics research of *Humulus scandens*.

NO	Material name	Source	Specimens
1	<i>F. beipeiensis</i>	Chongqing	XNS0001
2	<i>F. elastica</i>	Dadukou	XNS0002
3	<i>A. nanchuanensis</i>	Chongqing	XNS0003
4	<i>F. virens</i>	Chongqing	XNS0005
5	<i>F. tikoua</i>	Chongqing	XNS0006
6	<i>F. religiosa</i>	Chongqing	XNS0278
7	<i>C. tricuspidata</i>	Beibei	XNS0007
8	<i>F. carica</i>	Beibei	XNS0368
9	<i>B. kazinoki</i>	Qianjiang	XNS0009
10	<i>F. var. pusillifolia</i>	Beibei	XNS0010
11	<i>F. pumila</i>	Beibei	XNS0011
12	<i>M. alba</i>	Nanchong	XNS0015
13	<i>M. nigra</i>	Hetian	XNS0218
14	<i>B. papyrifera</i>	Chongqing	XNS0277
	Outgroup		
15	<i>U. parvifolia</i>	Kunming	XNS0008

2.4. Sequence Analysis Methods

DNA sequences were assembled with Sequencher 4.1.4 software (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI, USA), while a few wrong bases in the sequences were corrected according to the base peak shape. And then, 19 ITS sequences that *Milicia excelsa*, *Streblus glaber*, *Naucleopsis guianensis*, *Castilla elastica*, *Maquira calophylla*, *Helicostylis tomentosa*, *Poulsenia armata*, *Antiaropsis decipiens*, *Sparattosyce dioica*, *Ficus variegata*, *Ficus racemosa*, *Ficus irisana*, *Dorstenia roigii*, *Dorstenia africana*, *Trymatococcus oligandrus*, *Brosimum guianense* *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) was downloaded the from GenBank [16,17]. These were compared together with previous spliced sequences by using Clustalx 1.83 c software [18,19]. The determination of ITS sequences' range in this experiment's was based on GenBank published data of *Humulus lupulus* cultivar Wye Target (GenBank: EF136401), 18S rRNA gene 3', 26S rRNA gene 5'. Bioedit software was used to remove both ends of non-ITS sequences, and DNASTAR software was used to analyze the length, G + C, percentage content, and mutation sites of ITS sequences. The phyletic series position of *Humulus scandens* was analyzed through the cooperation of PAUP Ver.4.0b10 and Modeltest V3.06 softwares [20-22]. *Ulmus parvifolia* was treated as outgroups, and divergent time (height) of *Humulus scandens* was calculated by BEAST software [23-25].

3. Results

3.1. Length, GC Percentage Content and Characters of *Humulus scandens* ITS Sequences

The boundary of *Humulus scandens* ITS sequences in this study was determined according to the published GenBank sequences of the 18S rRNA gene 3' end, 28S rRNA gene 5' end, and the 5.8S rDNA gene of *Humulus lupulus* cultivar Wye Target (GenBank: EF136401). Our results show that the full length of *Humulus scandens* ITS is 624 bp with a GC percentage content of 57.21%. The characters of *Humulus scandens* ITS sequence is shown in **Figure 2**.

3.2. The Systematic Position of *Humulus scandens*

Using the PAUP Ver.4.0b10 and Modeltest V3.06 software, and MP method to analyze the systematic position of *Humulus scandens*, we learn that the Tree length is 1467, Consistency index (CI) is 0.5794, retention index (RI) is 0.7666, rescaled consistency index is (RC) 0.4442. 704 total characters with 224 constant, 104 variable characters are in parsimony-uninformative. The number of parsimony-informative characters 376. The branching diagram sorted *Cudrania tricuspidata* out firstly, Bootstrap 100%, then *Humulus*, Bootstrap 100%. *Humulus scandens* system location is between *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) and *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990), has a closer relationship with *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) (**Figure 3**).

3.3. The Divergent Time of *Humulus scandens*

According to the divergent time of Marijuana is 132 mya [26], using the sequence data file (NEXUS) which calculate the systematic position of *Humulus scandens* in the last section, input it into BEAST software package and do analysis. The loose molecular clock estimates the divergent time (height) of *Humulus scandens*, the divergent time of *Humulus* is 70.88 mya in Moraceae. *Humulus scandens* and *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) is 12.78 mya, and *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285). *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) is 1.10 mya (**Figure 4**).

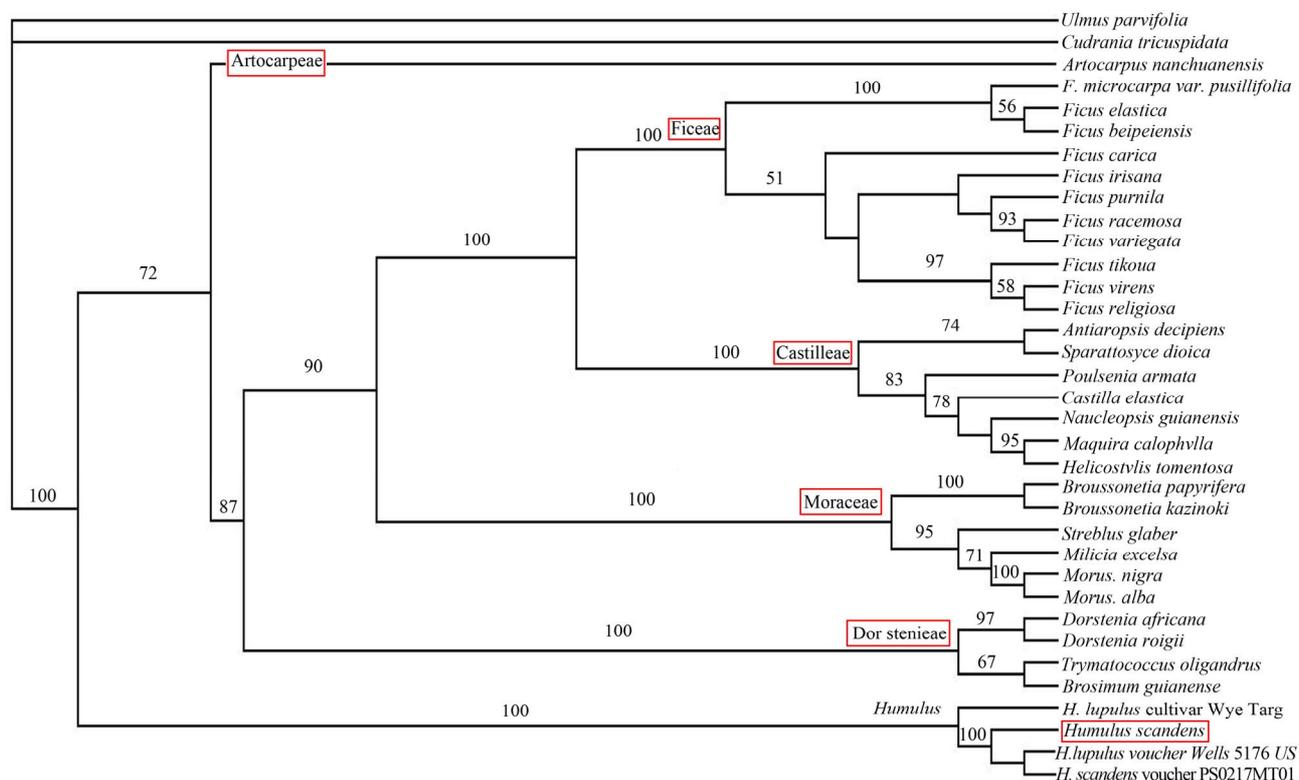
4. Discussion

4.1. *Humulus scandens* ITS Sequence's Variation

This article downloaded the ITS sequence of *Humulus scandens* voucher PS0217MT01 (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* cultivar Wye Target (GenBank: EF136401), *Humulus lupulus* voucher Wells 5176 US (GenBank: DQ005990) from GenBank, and then compared them with ITS sequence of *Humulus scandens*. The results show that the variation (C to T) of *Humulus scandens* can only take place in the 585 location, but the variation of *Humulus lupulus* cultivar Wye Target (GenBank: EF136401) which is downloaded from GenBank is wide, because there are 44 nucleotide variations in it. the variation(T to A) of *Humulus scandens* voucher PS0217MT01 (GenBank: FJ980285) takes place in the 567 location, and there is no variation in *Humulus lupulus* voucher Wells 5176 US (GenBank: DQ005990). However, the results of the cladogram show that they are in the same

1	TCGAAACCTG	CAACAGCAGA	ACGACCCGCG	AACACGTTTT	AAACAACCTT
51	GGGCGGGCGA	GAGGAGCTCG	CTCCTCGGAC	CTCCCTCAC	CCTCCAGGAG
101	AAATCTTGGC	GGGCTAACGA	ACCCCGGCGC	GATCCGCGCC	AAGGAACAAT
151	AAAAGATTAG	TGTTCTTCAA	GTGCGGAGAC	CCGGAGACGG	TGTTCCCCGC
201	TCGAGTTGCG	CGCGTTCCTC	AAATGCTAAA	CGACTCTCGG	CAACGGATAI
251	CTCGGCTCTC	GCATCGATGA	AGAACGTAGC	GAAATGCGAT	ACTTGGTGTG
301	AATTGCAGAA	TCCCGTGAAC	CATCGAGTTT	TTGAACGCAA	GTTGCGCCCG
351	AAGCCACTAG	GCCGAGGGCA	CGTCTGCCTG	GGCGTCACAC	ACCGTTGCCC
401	CCCCTGAACC	TCGCCAATCC	CTCTACAGGA	GAGGCAGCCA	GGAGGGGCGG
451	AGATTGGCCT	CCCATGAGCT	TTTGTCTCGT	GGTTGGCCTA	AATTCGAGTC
501	ATCGGCTGCG	ATCGCCGCGA	CATTCCGTGG	TTTTCGATTG	TATCGGTGCC
551	CCGTCGTGCG	CGAATCTGCA	GCTGAGTGGA	CCAATGCGAC	CCCAATGCAT
601	TACATTGTAG	TGCCTTCAAC	GCGA		

Figure 2. The ITS sequence of *Humulus scandens*.



Note: In the branch digit is Bootstrap surpasses 50% above values, insufficient 50% have not arranged in order on.

Figure 3. Systematic position of *Humulus scandens* based on ITS sequence analysis.

branch, which means this variation doesn't break through the range of *Humulus*.

4.2. Comparison Based on the Systematical Position of *Humulus scandens* ITS and Classical Botanical Taxonomy

Humulus scandens has a large controversy in the taxonomy. In Engler system, *Humulus scandens* belongs to *Humulus* of the subfam. Cannabiodeae, which is under the *Moraceae*. From 1926 to 1934, Hutchinson and Rendle upgraded the subfam. Cannabiodeae to Cannabinaceae, so some taxonomists such as Hu Xian-su, Tahtaian, Cronquist all classified *Humulus scandens* to *Humulus*, Cannabinaceae [27]. "Eight-Class System" [28] supported by Wu Zheng-yi and *Flora of China* classified the *Humulus* in subfam. Cannabiodeae, *Moraceae* as same as in Engler system. In this study, according to the cladogram, the *Cudrania tricuspidata* can be firstly separated from the outgroup *Ulmus parvifolia*, and then the rest will become a major branch, and the bootstrap is 100%. This is followed by *Humulus* whose bootstrap is also 100%. The 5 groups of *Moraceae* that are Artocarpeae, Dorstenieae, Moreae, Castilleae and Ficeae, and they have almost the same with the on 26S, ndhF genes based by Nyree J. C., 2005. Because *Humulus* is not divided into the 5 groups of *Moraceae*. Thus, Hutchinson and Rendle point of view,

Humulus from *Moraceae* Separate. The results are as same as the APF's researchful views Consistency [29].

4.3. *Humulus scandens* Can Be the *Moraceae* Outgroup in the Study of Molecular Systems

Nyree *et al.*, used 26S and ndhF gene to research the *Moraceae* molecular System in 2005. He used *Celtidaceae*, *Celtis philippinensis*, *Cannabaceae*, *Cannabis sativa*, *Humulus lupulus*, *Cecropiaceae*, *Coussapoa villosa*, *Cecropia*, *Cecropia peltal*, *Urticaceae*, *ourouma* sp., *Leucosyke* sp., *Boehmeria nivea*, *Pilea*, *Pikea fobтана*, *Debregeasia* *Debregeasia longifolia*, *Poikilospermum*, *Poikilospermum suaveolens* on outgroups selection, but he didn't analyze which outgroups is best. In this study, The *Cudrania tricuspidata* first separates from the *Moraceae*, then the *Humulus*. According to Sang Tao, 1996, Maddison, *et al.*, 1984; Watrous *et al.*, 1981 study, cladistics study on the principle of outgroup selection principle, multiple outgroup, the closer the better within the outgroup comparable [30]. If you know the earliest group which separates from others in the intraspecific groups, this group can be used as the outgroup of the other members of the outgroup [31]. So, in *Moraceae* molecular system, *Humulus scandens* is better as the *Moraceae* outgroups.

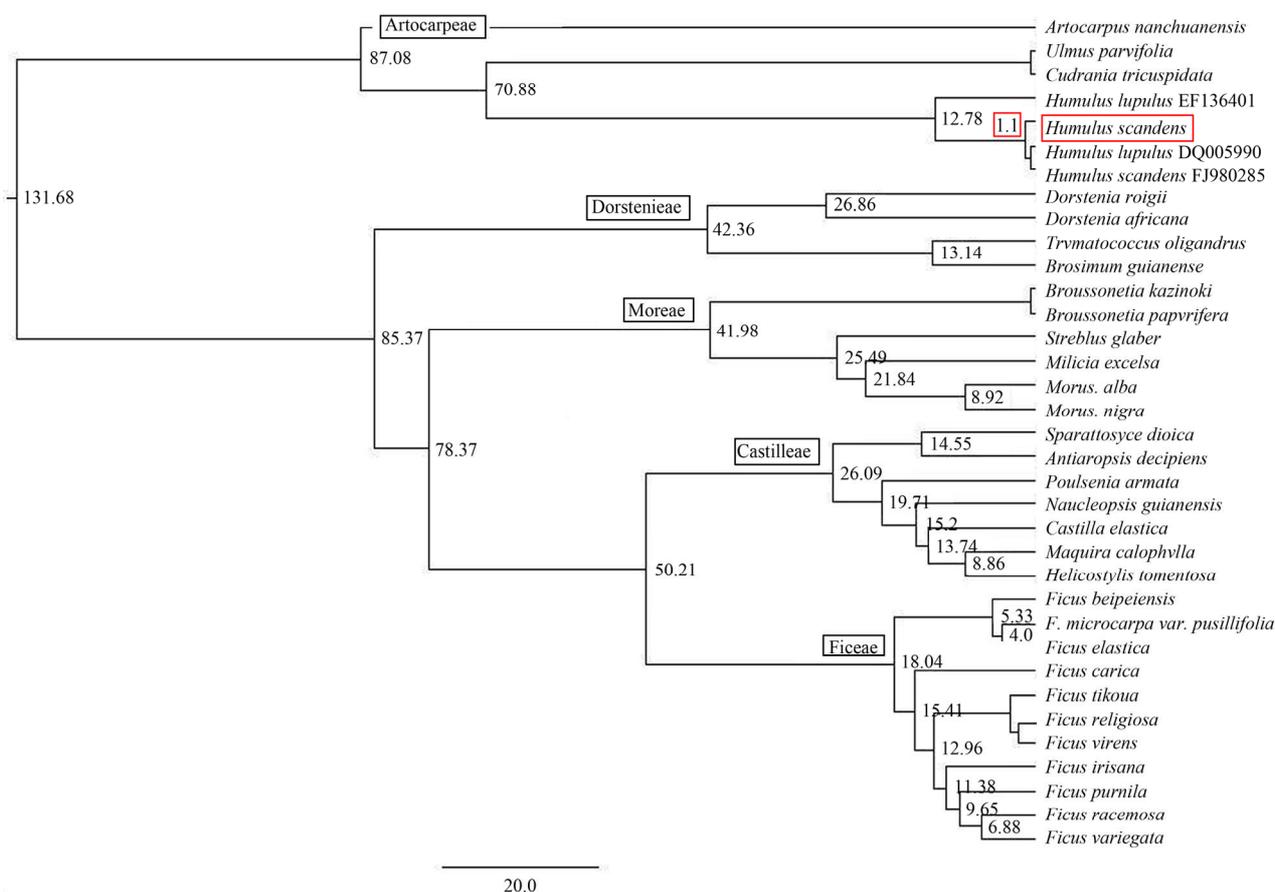


Figure 4. *Humulus scandens* divergent time of based on ITS sequences.

5. Conclusion

This *Humulus scandens*' ITS sequence length is 624 bp with a GC percentage content of 57.21%, and systematic position in *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) and *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990), with *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) has the near sibship. *Humulus* in Moraceae family system position between *Cudrania tricuspidata* and Artocarpeae. The divergent time of *Humulus* is 70.88 mya in Moraceae; *Humulus scandens* and *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: EF136401) is 12.78 mya; with *Humulus scandens* (GenBank: FJ980285), *Humulus lupulus* (GenBank: DQ005990) is 1.10 mya. In the Moraceae branch's molecular systematics research, the suitable choice is to choose *Humulus scandens* as Moraceae's outgroup.

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