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## MITOGENOME ANNOUNCEMENT

# The complete mitochondrial genome of Taiwanese barbel steed, *Hemibarbus schlegelii* (Günther) (Teleostei: Cyprinidae)

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### Abstract

In this study, the complete mitogenome sequence of cyprinid fish, Taiwanese barbel steed, *Hemibarbus schlegelii* (Günther, 1868) (Teleostei: Cyprinidae) has been amplified and sequenced by employing long polymerase chain reaction method. The mitogenome, consisting of 16,612 bp, had the typical vertebrate mitochondrial gene arrangement, including 13 protein-coding genes, 22 transfer RNAs, 2 ribosomal RNAs genes and a non-coding control region (CR). CR of 933 bp length is located between *tRNA<sup>Pro</sup>* and *tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>*. The overall base composition of *Hemibarbus schlegelii* is 29.9% for A, 27.2% for C, 25.9% for T and 17.0% for G, with a slight AT bias of 55.8%. The complete mitogenome may provide rather essential and important DNA molecular data for further phylogenetic analysis for not only congeneric species but also higher different taxa of Cyprinid fishes.

### Keywords

*Hemibarbus schlegelii*, mitogenome, Taiwanese barbel steed

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The cyprinoid fishes are highly diverse group in freshwater habitats of Eastern Asia. The fishes of freshwater cyprinid genus *Hemibarbus* Bleeker inhabit in river basins from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China southward to Vietnam (Chen & Fang, 1999; Yue, 1995). The Taiwanese barbel steed, *Hemibarbus schlegelii* (Günther, 1868) was collected from northern Taiwan which had been overlooked as *H. labeo* (Pallas) morphologically for a long time. A fin tissue was sampled and preserved in 95% ethanol. Total DNA was extracted from the fish tissue using the High Pure DNA Extraction Kit (Roche Applied Sciences, Penzberg, Germany). The mitogenome of Taiwanese barbel steed, *Hemibarbus schlegelii* was amplified in its entirety using a long PCR technique (Miya & Nishida, 1999) with 16 pairs of primers designed in accordance with equivalent mitochondrial genome sequences of over 30 species of Cypriniformes (Chen, 2013; Chen et al., 2013a; Han et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2008, 2011; Yang et al., 2012).

The complete mitochondrial genome of *Hemibarbus schlegelii* was found to be similar to that of most other vertebrates

(Chen, 2013; Chen & Wu, 2013; Chiang et al., 2013). It was amplified and sequenced to be 16,612 bp in size (GenBank accession number: KF 703442), including 13 typical vertebrate protein-coding genes, 22 transfer RNA genes, 2 ribosomal RNA genes and a control region (Table 1).

All genes were encoded on H-strand with exception of one protein-coding gene (*ND6*) and eight tRNA genes (*tRNA<sup>Gln</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Ala</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Asn</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Cys</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Tyr</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Ser(UCN)</sup>*, *tRNA<sup>Glu</sup>* and *tRNA<sup>Pro</sup>*). The overall base composition is 29.9% for A, 27.2% for C, 25.9% for T and 17.0% for G, with a higher AT content of 55.8%

All the 13 mitochondrial protein-coding genes share the start codon ATG, except for *CO I* (GTG start codon). It is also important to note that three of 13 protein-coding genes are inferred to terminate with an incomplete stop codon T- (*CO II* and *Cyt B*) and TA- (*CO III*); five of them share typical termination codon TAA (*ND1*, *CO I*, *ATPase 8*, *ATPase 6* and *ND4L*); five of them share typical termination codon TAG (*ND2*, *ND3*, *ND4*, *ND5* and *ND6*). Many cyprinoid fishes also used such incomplete codon structure as a signal to halt the process of protein translation (Ai et al., 2013; Chen, 2013; Chen et al., 2013; Huang et al., 2012; Li et al., 2012; Tseng, 2013). The longest one is *ND5* gene (1383 bp) in all protein coding genes, whereas the shortest is *ATPase 8* gene (165 bp). The CR (D-loop) is 933 bp in length, and is located between the *tRNA<sup>Pro</sup>* and *tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>* genes. The two ribosomal RNA genes, *12S rRNA* gene (960 bp) and *16S rRNA* gene (1690 bp), are located between *tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>* and *tRNA<sup>Leu(UUR)</sup>* and separated by *tRNA<sup>Val</sup>*. We expect that the present result would elucidate the further phylogenetic approach among related group in Cyprinidae as well as the phylogenetic approach among different *Hemibarbus* species in Eastern Asia.

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133 Table 1. Organization of the mitogenome in *Hemibarbus schlegelii*.

134 Gene/element	From	To	length	Start codon	Stop codon	Anticodon	Intragenic nucleotides*	Strand
135 <i>tRNA-Phe</i>	1	69	69			GAA	0	H
136 <i>12S rRNA</i>	70	1029	960				0	H
137 <i>tRNA-Val</i>	1030	1101	72			TAC	0	H
138 <i>16S rRNA</i>	1102	2791	1690				0	H
139 <i>tRNA-Leu 1 (UAA)</i>	2792	2867	76			TAA	1	H
140 <i>ND1</i>	2869	3843	975	ATG	TAA		4	H
141 <i>tRNA-Ile</i>	3847	3919	72			GAT	-2	H
142 <i>tRNA-Gln</i>	3918	3988	71			TTG	2	L
143 <i>tRNA-Met</i>	3990	4058	69			CAT	0	H
144 <i>ND2</i>	4059	5105	1047	ATG	TAG		-2	H
145 <i>tRNA-Trp</i>	5104	5174	71			TCA	2	H
146 <i>tRNA-Ala</i>	5177	5245	69			TGC	1	L
147 <i>tRNA-Asn</i>	5247	5319	73			GTT	32	L
148 <i>tRNA-Cys</i>	5352	5419	68			GCA	1	L
149 <i>tRNA-Tyr</i>	5421	5491	71			GTA	1	L
150 <i>CO 1</i>	5493	7043	1551	GTG	TAA		1	H
151 <i>tRNA-Ser 1 (UGA)</i>	7045	7113	69			TGA	4	L
152 <i>tRNA-Asp</i>	7118	7189	72			GTC	13	H
153 <i>CO 2</i>	7203	7893	691	ATG	T-		0	H
154 <i>tRNA-Lys</i>	7894	7969	76			TTT	1	H
155 <i>ATP8</i>	7971	8135	165	ATG	TAA		-7	H
156 <i>ATP6</i>	8129	8812	684	ATG	TAA		-1	H
157 <i>CO 3</i>	8812	9596	785	ATG	TA-		-1	H
158 <i>tRNA-Gly</i>	9596	9668	73			TCC	0	H
159 <i>ND3</i>	9669	10,019	351	ATG	TAG		-2	H
160 <i>tRNA-Arg</i>	10,018	10,087	70			TCG	0	H
161 <i>ND4L</i>	10,088	10,384	297	ATG	TAA		-7	H
162 <i>ND4</i>	10,378	11,760	1383	ATG	TAG		-1	H
163 <i>tRNA-His</i>	11,760	11,828	69			GTG	0	H
164 <i>tRNA-Ser 2 (GCU)</i>	11,829	11,897	69			GCT	1	H
165 <i>tRNA-Leu 2 (UAG)</i>	11,899	11,971	73			TAG	0	H
166 <i>ND5</i>	11,972	13,807	1836	ATG	TAG		-4	H
167 <i>ND6</i>	13,804	14,325	522	ATG	TAG		0	L
168 <i>tRNA-Glu</i>	14,326	14,394	69			TTC	4	L
169 <i>Cyt b</i>	14,399	15,539	1141	ATG	T-		0	H
170 <i>tRNA-Thr</i>	15,540	15,611	72			TGT	0	H
171 <i>tRNA-Pro</i>	15,612	15,679	68			TGG	0	L
172 Control region (D-loop)	15,680	16,612	933				0	-

\*Intergenic nucleotides: negative number indicates that adjacent genes overlap.

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