

FIG. S1. Chromosome-number reconstruction for the Colchicaceae inferred with outgroups on the chronogram [A], the ultrametric tree [B], and the phylogram [C]. Numbers at the tips are the haploid chromosome numbers of species. Pie charts at nodes and tips represent the probabilities of the inferred haploid chromosome numbers; the color-coding of the chromosome numbers is explained in the inset. Numbers inside the pie charts are the chromosome numbers with the highest probability. Numbers above branches represent the expected number of the four possible events (gains, losses, duplications, and demi-duplications) inferred with an expectation >0.5 . The color-coding of events, the sum of the single events and the total number of events are explained in the insets.

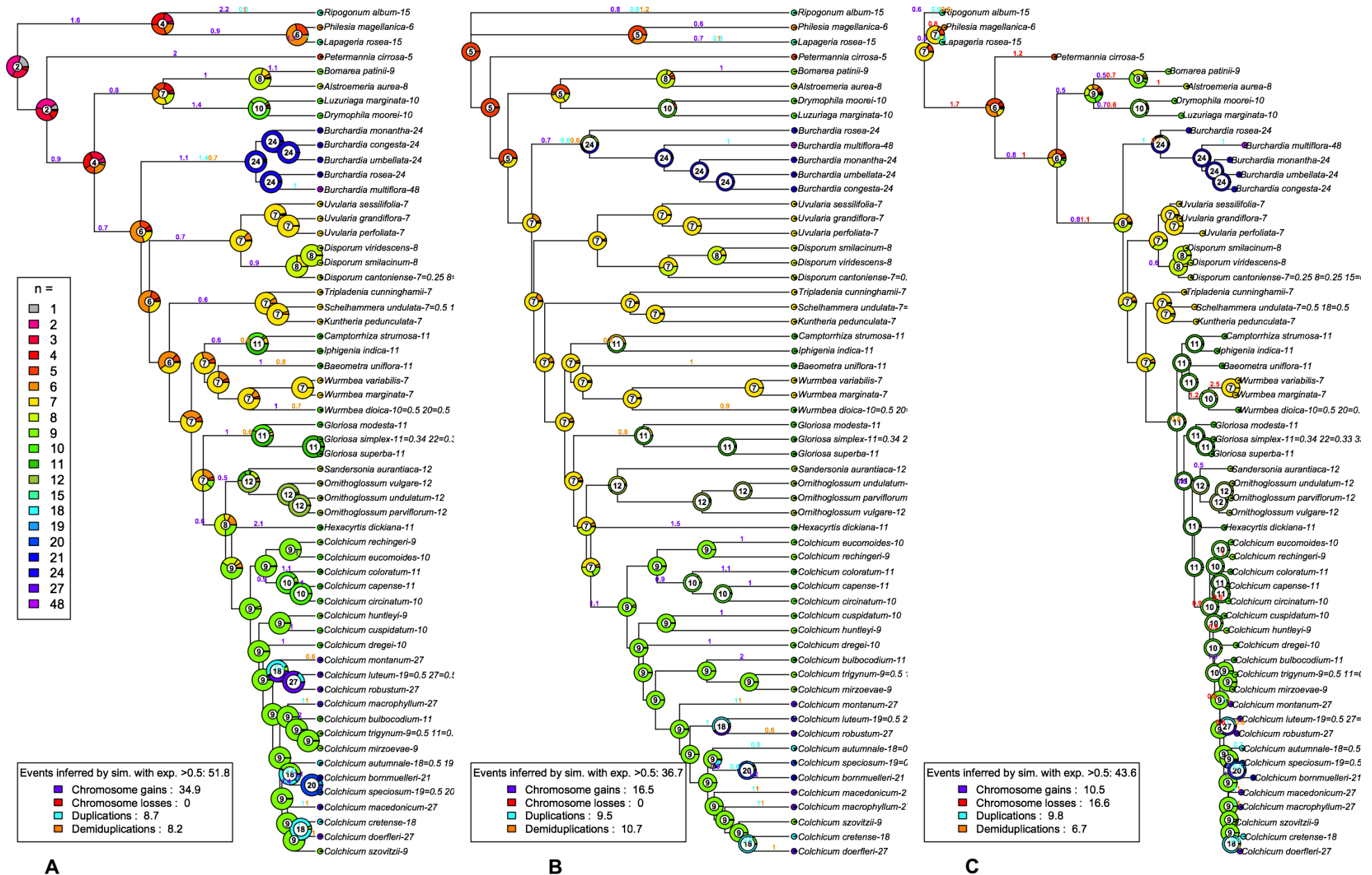


FIG. S2. Chromosome-number reconstruction in *Colchicum* inferred on the chronogram obtained in BEAST. In these analyses the root node number has been fixed to $a = 11$. Numbers at the tips are the haploid chromosome numbers of species. Pie charts at nodes and tips represent the probabilities of the inferred haploid chromosome numbers; the color-coding of the chromosome numbers is explained in the inset. Numbers inside the pie charts are the chromosome numbers with the highest probability. Numbers above branches represent the expected number of the four possible events, i.e. gains, losses, duplications, and demi-duplications occurring along that branch inferred with an expectation >0.5 . The color-coding of events, the sum of the single events, and the total number of events are explained in the insets.

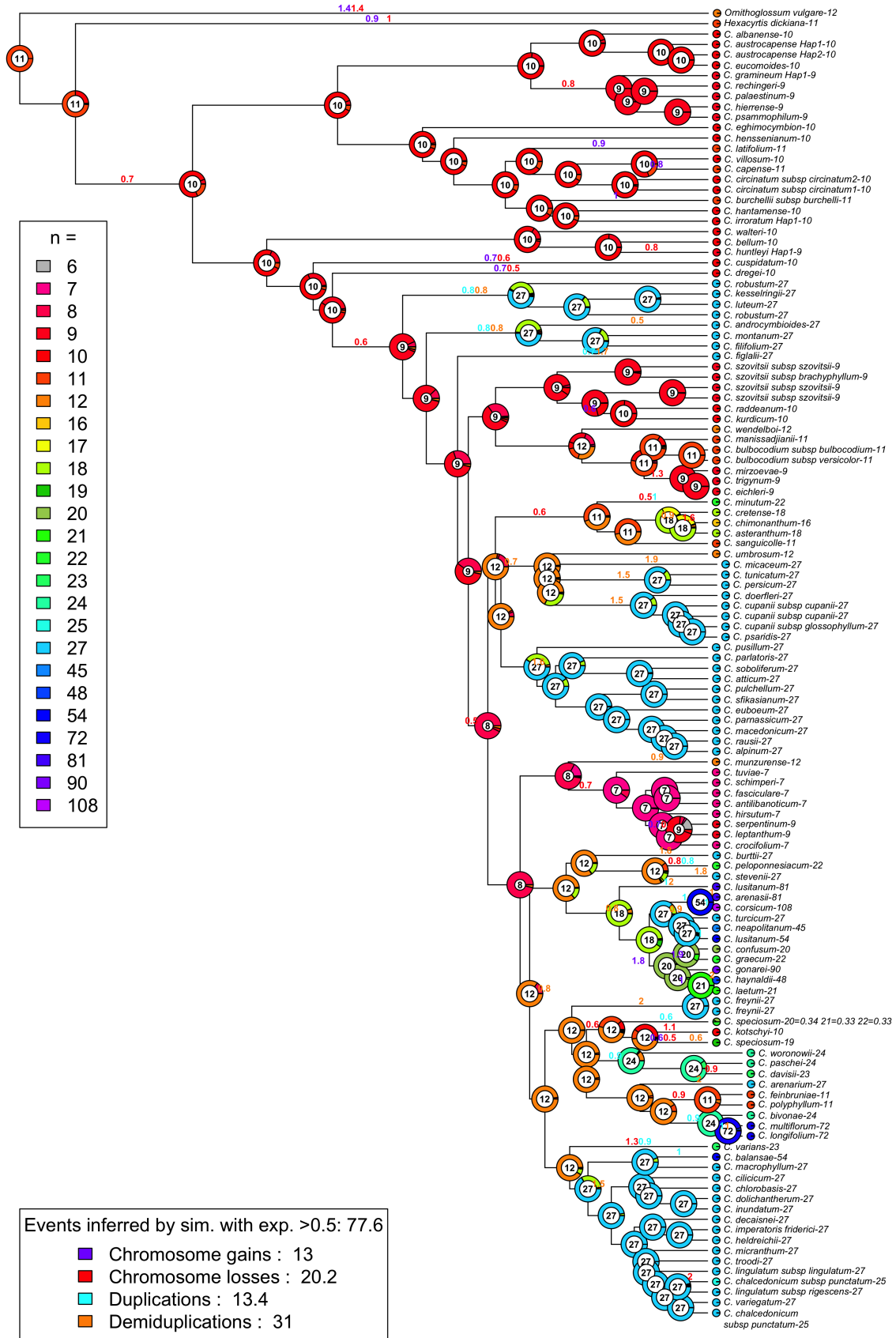


FIG. S3. Chromosome-number reconstruction in *Colchicum* inferred on the ultrametric tree obtained from the phylogram using Sanderson's penalized likelihood approach. Numbers at the tips are the haploid chromosome numbers of species. Pie charts at nodes and tips represent the probabilities of the inferred haploid chromosome numbers; the color-coding of the chromosome numbers is explained in the inset. Numbers inside the pie charts are the chromosome numbers with the highest probability. Numbers above branches represent the expected number of the four possible events, i.e. gains, losses, duplications, and demi-duplications occurring along that branch inferred with an expectation >0.5 . The color-coding of events, the sum of the single events, and the total number of events are explained in the insets.

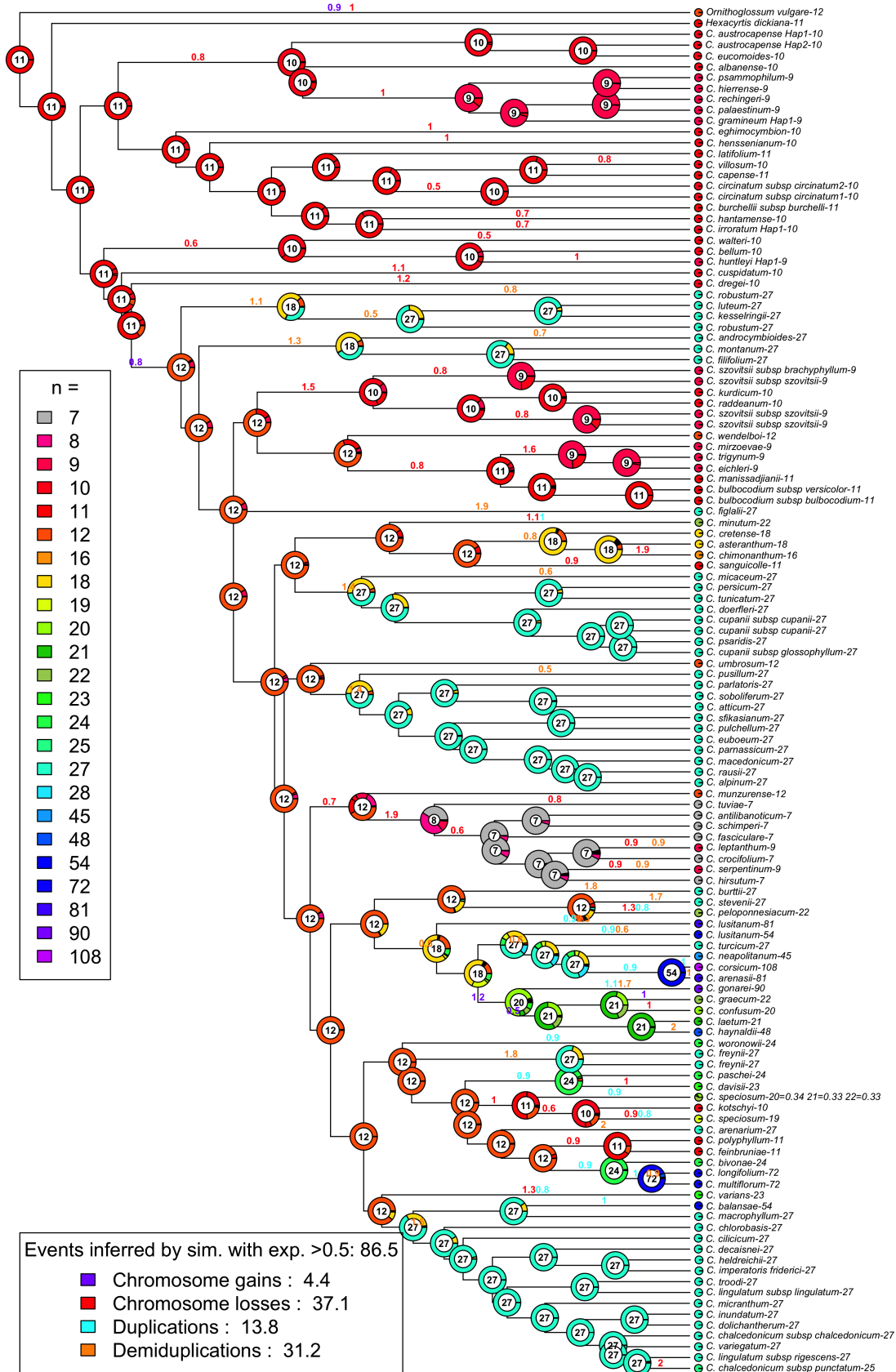


FIG. S4. Chromosome-number reconstruction in *Colchicum* inferred on the phylogram. In these analyses the root node number has been fixed to $a = 11$. Numbers at the tips are the haploid chromosome numbers of species. The haploid chromosome numbers for those clades are also shown. Pie charts at nodes and tips represent the probabilities of the inferred haploid chromosome numbers; the color-coding of the chromosome numbers is explained in the inset. Numbers inside the pie charts are the chromosome numbers with the highest probability.

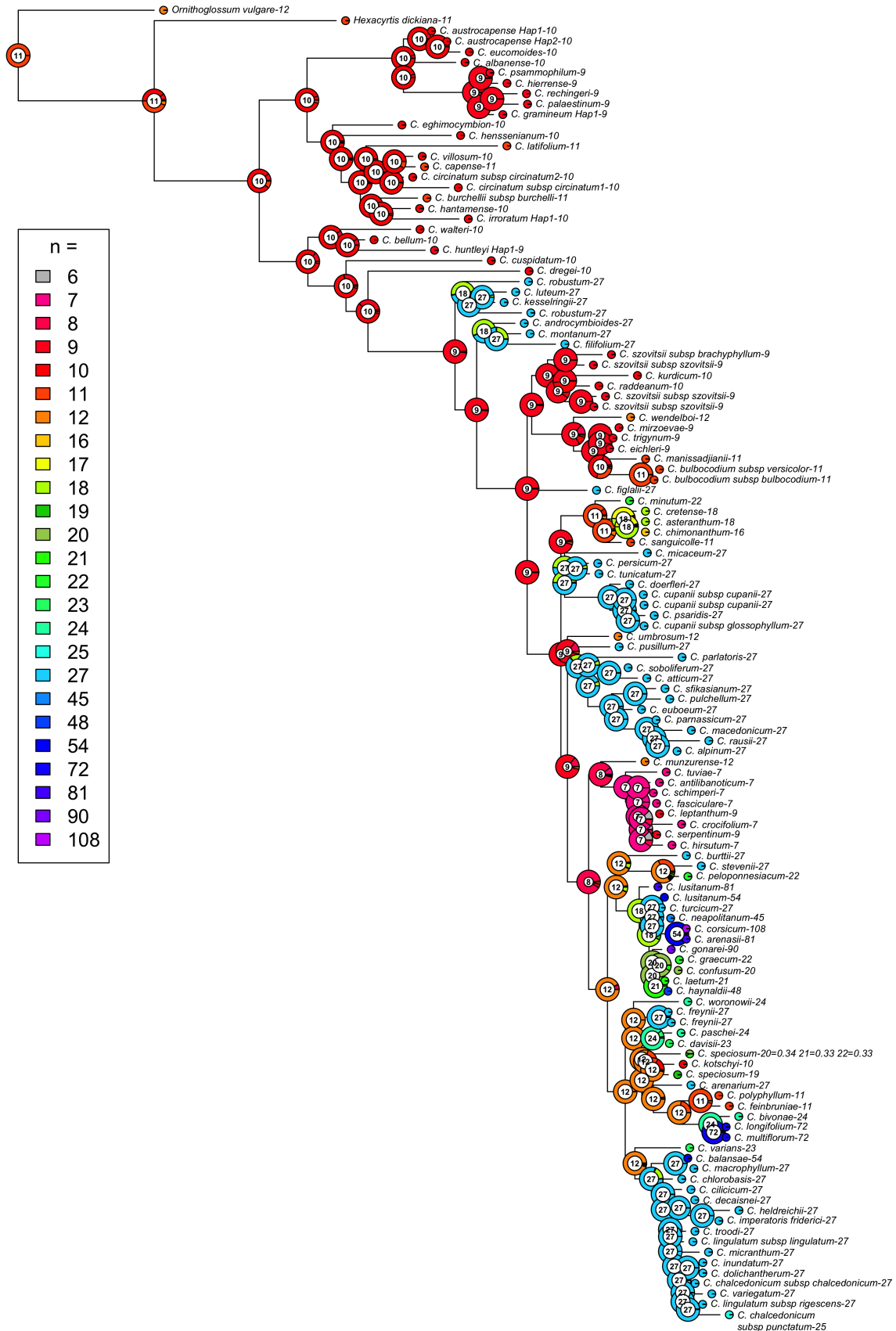


FIG. S5. Events inferred on the ultrametric tree of *Colchicum*. In this analysis the root node number has been fixed to $a = 11$. Numbers at the tips are the haploid chromosome numbers of species. Numbers above branches represent the expected number of the four possible events, i.e. gains, losses, duplications, and demi-duplications occurring along that branch inferred with an expectation >0.5 . The color-coding of events is explained in the insets, the sum of the single events and the total number of events are also indicated there.

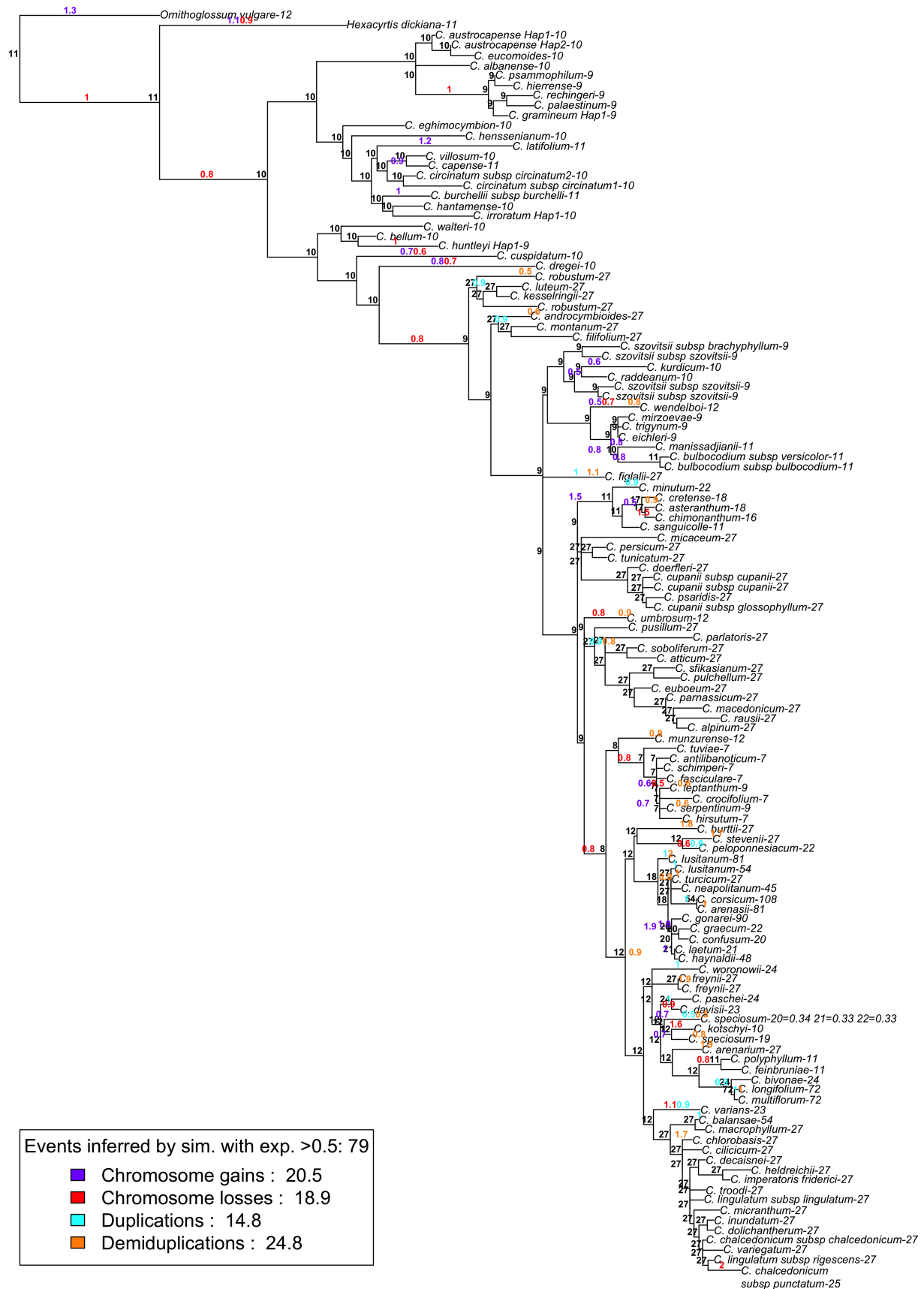


TABLE S1. Chromosome numbers available for the Colchicaceae and the outgroup species. See the literature cited below the table. The *Androcymbium* species names cited in the corresponding reference is written in parenthesis.

Species	<i>n</i>	2 <i>n</i>	References
COLCHICACEAE			
<i>Baeometra uniflora</i> (Jacq.) G.J.Lewis		22	Nordenstam 1998
<i>Burchardia congesta</i> Lindl.	24		Keighery 2005
<i>Burchardia monantha</i> Domin	24		Keighery 1984
<i>Burchardia multiflora</i> Lindl.	48		Keighery 1984
<i>Burchardia</i> sp.	24		Keighery 1984
<i>Burchardia umbellata</i> R. Br.	24		Keighery 2005
<i>Camptorrhiza strumosa</i> (Baker) Oberm.		22	Nordenstam 1998
<i>Colchicum alpinum</i> DC.		54, ca 120*	Feinbrun 1958; Cecchi and Fiorini 2002; Camarada 1979*
<i>Colchicum arenarium</i> Waldst. & Kit.		38	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum asteranthum</i> Vassil. & K. Perss.		36	Vassiliades and Persson 2002
<i>Colchicum atticum</i> Spruner ex. Tomm.		54	Phitos et al. 1989
<i>Colchicum austrocapense</i> (U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium austrocapense</i> U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i> L.		36, 38*	Feinbrun 1958*; Sveshnikova and Krichfalushij 1985; Krichphalushi 1989; Dobeá and Hahn 1997; Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i> subsp. <i>autumnale</i> L.		38	Murin and Majovsky 1979
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i> subsp. <i>pannonicum</i> (Griseb. & Schenk.) Nyman		38	Murin and Majovsky 1987
<i>Colchicum balansae</i> Planch.		108	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum baytopiorum</i> C.D. Brickell		46	Conran 1985
<i>Colchicum bellum</i> (Schltr. & K.Krause) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium bellum</i> Schltr. & K.Krause)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum bivonae</i> Guss.		32, 36*	Feinbrun 1958*; Papanicolaou 1984;

		52*, 54*	Sik and Küçüker 1998; Persson 1998; Peruzzi and Cesca 2002
<i>Colchicum boissieri</i> Orph.		36	Sik and Küçüker 1998
<i>Colchicum bulbocodium</i> Ker Gawl.		22	Wetschnig 1992
<i>Colchicum capense</i> (L.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium capense</i> (L.) K.Krause)		22	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum</i> cf. <i>stevenii</i> Kunth		14, 38	Garbari and Crisman 1988
<i>Colchicum chalcedonicum</i> Azn.		50	Küçüker 1984
<i>Colchicum chalcedonicum</i> subsp. <i>chalcedonicum</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum chalcedonicum</i> subsp. <i>punctatum</i> K. Perss.		50	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum chimonanthum</i> K. Perss.		32	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum chlorobasis</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 2005
<i>Colchicum cilicicum</i> (Boiss.) Dammer		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum circinatum</i> (Baker) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium</i> <i>circinatum</i> Baker)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum clanwilliamense</i> (Pedrola, Membrives & J.M.Monts.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium</i> <i>albanense</i> subsp. <i>clanwilliamense</i> Pedrola, Membrives & G. Monts.)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum coloratum</i> J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium latifolium</i> Schinz)		22	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum coloratum</i> J.C.Manning & Vinn. subsp. <i>burchellii</i> (Baker) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium</i> <i>burchellii</i> Baker)		22	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum confusum</i> K. Perss.		40	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum corsicum</i> Baker		ca 216	Persson 1993
<i>Colchicum cretense</i> Greuter		36	Persson et al. 2011
<i>Colchicum cupanii</i> Guss.		54	Feinbrun 1958; Camarada 1979; Arrigoni and Mori 1980; Colombo et al. 1982
<i>Colchicum cupanii</i> var. <i>latifolium</i> Guss.		54	Bartolo et al. 1981
<i>Colchicum cuspidatum</i> (Baker)		20	Montserrat Martí et

J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium cuspidatum</i> Baker)			al. 2002
<i>Colchicum davisii</i> C.D. Brickell		46	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum decaisnei</i> Boiss.		54	Feinbrun 1958; Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum doerfleri</i> Halácsy		54	Persson et al. 2011
<i>Colchicum dolichantherum</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum dregei</i> (C.Presl.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium dregei</i> C.Presl.)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum eghimocymbion</i> (U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium eghimocymbion</i> U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum eichleri</i> (Regel) K. Perss.		18	Bokeriya 1988
<i>Colchicum euboicum</i> (Boiss.) K. Perss.		54	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum eucomoides</i> (Jacq.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium eucomoides</i> (Jacq.) Willd.)		20	Margeli et al. 1999
<i>Colchicum feinbruniae</i> K. Perss.		22	Persson 1992
<i>Colchicum gonarei</i> Camarada		182	Camarada 1979
<i>Colchicum graecum</i> K. Perss.		42-44	Persson 1988
<i>Colchicum gramineum</i> (Cav.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium gramineum</i> (Cav.) J.F.Macbr.)		18	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999
<i>Colchicum hantamense</i> (Engl.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium hantamense</i> Engl.)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum haynaldii</i> Heuff.		96	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum heldreichii</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum henssenianum</i> (U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium henssenianum</i> U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum hiemale</i> Freyn		54	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum hierosolymitanum</i> Feinbr.		18	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum hierrense</i> (A.Santos) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium hierrense</i> A.Santos)		18	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999; Pedrola-Monfort and Caujapé-Castells

			1998
<i>Colchicum huntleyi</i> (Pedrola, Membrives, J.M.Monts. & Caujape) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium huntleyi</i> Pedrola, Membrives, J.M.Monts. & Caujapé)		18	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum imperatoris-friderici</i> Siehe ex K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum inundatum</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum irroratum</i> (Schltr. & K.Krause) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium irroratum</i> Schltr. & K.Krause)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum kotschyi</i> Boiss.		20	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum laetum</i> Steven		42	Magulaev 1992
<i>Colchicum leptanthum</i> K. Perss.		18	Persson 2001
<i>Colchicum lingulatum</i> Boiss. & Spruner		48	Conran 1985
<i>Colchicum lingulatum</i> Boiss. & Spruner subsp. <i>lingulatum</i>		54	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum lingulatum</i> subsp. <i>rigescens</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum liparochiadys</i> Woronow		42, 48	Bokeriya 1988
<i>Colchicum lusitanicum</i> Brot.		90/92†, 94/96†, 106, ca 110*	Camarada 1979*; Baldini 1997; Fridlender et al. 2002†
<i>Colchicum lusitanum</i> Brot.		102, 106	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum luteum</i> Baker		38, 54*	Feinbrun 1958; Persson et al. 2011*
<i>Colchicum macedonicum</i> Kosanin		54	Persson et al. 2011
<i>Colchicum macrophyllum</i> B.L. Burtt		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum micaceum</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum micranthum</i> Boiss.		54	Küçüker 1984
<i>Colchicum minutum</i> K. Perss.		44	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum mirzoevae</i> (Gabr.) K. Perss.		18	Pogosian 1997
<i>Colchicum montanum</i> L.		54	Persson et al. 2011
<i>Colchicum munzurensense</i> K. Perss.		24	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum neapolitanum</i> Ten.		38, 140, 146*	Feinbrun 1958; Camarada 1979*
<i>Colchicum palaestinum</i> (Baker) Boulos (<i>Androcymbium palaestinum</i> Baker)		18	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999

<i>Colchicum parnassicum</i> Sart., Orph. & Heldr.		54	Persson 1988
<i>Colchicum paschei</i> K. Perss.		48	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum poeltianum</i> (U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium poeltianum</i> U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies)		18+1-2B	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum psammophilum</i> (Svent.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium psammophilum</i> Svent.)		18	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999; Pedrola-Monfort and Caujapé-Castells 1998
<i>Colchicum pulchellum</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1988
<i>Colchicum pusillum</i> Sieber		27, 54, 58	Kamari and Matthas 1986
<i>Colchicum rausii</i> K. Perss.		54	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum rechingeri</i> (Greuter) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium rechingeri</i> Greuter)		18+0-2B	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999
<i>Colchicum ritchii</i> R. Br.		14	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum robustum</i> (Bunge) Stef.		54	Persson et al. 2011
<i>Colchicum sanguicolle</i> K. Perss.		22	Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum schimperi</i> Janka ex Stef		14	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum sfikasianum</i> Kit Tan & Iatroú		54	Persson 1998
<i>Colchicum speciosum</i> Steven		38, 40, 42	Feinbrun 1958, Bokeriya 1988; Persson 1999
<i>Colchicum stevenii</i> Kunth		54	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum szovitsii</i> Fisch. & C.A. Mey.		18	Bokeriya 1988
<i>Colchicum trigynum</i> (Steven ex Adam) Stearn		18 22*, 24†	Bojeryia 1988; Magulaev 1992†; Johnson and Brandham 1997*
<i>Colchicum triphyllum</i> Kunze		20, 21, 42*, 54†	Feinbrun 1958; Lentini et al. 1988*; Sik and Küçüker 1998†
<i>Colchicum tunicatum</i> Feinbr.		54	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum turcicum</i> Janka		52	Küçüker 1984
<i>Colchicum tuviae</i> Feinbr.		14	Feinbrun 1958
<i>Colchicum umbrosum</i> Steven		24	Bokeriya 1988
<i>Colchicum variegatum</i> L.		42, 44	Feinbrun 1958; Sik and Küçüker 1998

<i>Colchicum villosum</i> (U.Müll.-Doblies & D.Müll.-Doblies) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium villosum</i> U.Müll.-Doblies & D. Müll.-Doblies)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum walteri</i> (Pedrola, Membrives & J.M.Monts.) J.C.Manning & Vinn. (<i>Androcymbium walteri</i> Pedrola, Membrives & G.Monts.)		20	Montserrat Martí et al. 2002
<i>Colchicum woronowii</i> M.R. Bokeriya		42, 48	Bokeriya 1990
<i>Colchicum wyssianum</i> (Beauverd & Turrett.) J.C.Manning & Vinn.		18 18+0- 1B	Margeli et al. 1995, 1999
<i>Colchicum zangezorum</i> Grossh.		18	Bokeriya 1988
<i>Disporum calcaratum</i> D. Don		16,18? (16+2B ?)	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum cantoniense</i> (Lour.) Merrill var. <i>cantoniense</i>		14,16, 30	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum cantoniense</i> var. <i>kawakamii</i> (Hayata) Hara		16, 32	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum cantoniense</i> var. <i>multiflorum</i> (Blume) Hara		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum kawakamii</i> Hayata		16	Saito et al. 2009
<i>Disporum leucanthum</i> Hara		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum longistylum</i> (Lév. et Van.) Hara		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum lutescens</i> (Maxim.) Koidzumi		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum ovale</i> Ohwi		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum sessile</i> (Thunb.) D. Don ex Schult. & Schult.f.		16 (24)	Therman 1956; Hara 1988
<i>Disporum smilacinum</i> A. Gray		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum uniflorum</i> Baker		16	Hara 1988
<i>Disporum viridescens</i> (Maxim.) Nakai		16	Therman 1956; Hara 1988
<i>Gloriosa carsonii</i> Baker x <i>G. richmondensis</i>		44	Narain 1979
<i>Gloriosa lutea</i> auct. x <i>G. plantii</i> (Planch.) Loudon		22	Narain 1979
<i>Gloriosa masterpiece</i> (unresolved name)		44	Hegde and Lugade 1991
<i>Gloriosa modesta</i> (Hook.) J.C. Manning & Vinn.		22	Amano et al. 2008
<i>Gloriosa simplex</i> L.		22, 44,	Karihaloo 1985

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<i>Gloriosa superba</i> L.	irr.	20*, 21*, 22, 66†	Narain 1981; Tarar et al. 1985; Vishwakarma and Tarar 1989*; Lugade and Hegde 1992; Vijayavalli and Mathew 1990a†,b, 1992†; Amano et al. 2008
<i>Gloriosa virescens</i> Lindl. x <i>G. richmondensis</i> x <i>G. superba</i> L.		44	Narain 1979
<i>Hexacyrtis dickiana</i> Dinter		22	Nordenstam 1998
<i>Iphigenia indica</i> (L.) A. Gray ex Kunth	11*	22	Sarkar and Datta 1978*; Rama et al. 1987
<i>Iphigenia magnifica</i> Ansari & R. Rao	11*	22	Rama et al. 1983, 1987; Lugade and Hegde 1994; Sarkar and Datta 1978*
<i>Iphigenia mysorensis</i> Arekal & Swamy	11*	22	Rama et al. 1983, 1987; Sarkar and Datta 1978*
<i>Iphigenia novae-zelandiae</i> (Hook.f.) Baker		20	Hair and Beuzenberg 1966
<i>Iphigenia pallida</i> Baker	11*	22	Rama et al. 1983, 1987; Sarkar and Datta 1978*
<i>Iphigenia stellata</i> Blatt.	11*	22	Rama et al. 1983, 1987; Sarkar and Datta 1978*
<i>Kuntheria pedunculata</i> (F.Muell.) Conran & Clifford		14	Conran 1985
<i>Ornithoglossum parviflorum</i> B. Nord.		24	Nordenstam 1982
<i>Ornithoglossum undulatum</i> Sweet		24	Nordenstam 1982
<i>Ornithoglossum vulgare</i> B. Nord.		24	Nordenstam 1982
<i>Ornithoglossum zeyheri</i> (Baker) B. Nord.		24	Nordenstam 1982
<i>Sandersonia aurantiaca</i> Hook.		24	Pandey and Pal 1980
<i>Schelhammera multiflora</i> R. Br.		14	Conran 1985
<i>Schelhammera undulata</i> R. Br.		14, 36*	Conran 1985; Briggs et al. 2002*
<i>Tripladenia cunninghamii</i> D. Don		14	Nordenstam 1998
<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i> Sm.	7		Therman and Denniston 1984
<i>Uvularia perfoliata</i> L.		14	Utech 1980

<i>Uvularia sessilifolia</i> L.		14	Utech 1980; Love and Love 1981; Plante 1995
<i>Wurmbea dioica</i> (R. Br.) F. Muell.		20, 40	Wiltshire and Jackson 2003
<i>Wurmbea marginata</i> (Desr.) B. Nord.		14	Nordenstam 1986
<i>Wurmbea variabilis</i> B. Nord.		14	Nordenstam 1986
OUTGROUPS			
ALSTROEMERIACEAE			
<i>Alstroemeria aurea</i> Graham		16	Buitendijk and Ramanna 1996; Buitendijk et al. 1998
<i>Bomarea patinii</i> Baker		18	Baeza et al. 2008
<i>Drymophila moorei</i> Baker	10		Conran 1985
<i>Luzuriaga marginata</i> (Gaertn.) Benth. & Hook.f.		20	Moore 1967
PETERMANNIACEAE			
<i>Petermannia cirrosa</i> F. Muell.		10	Conran 1985
PHILESIACEAE			
<i>Lapageria rosea</i> Ruiz & Pav.		30+1B	Hanson et al. 2003
<i>Philesia magellanica</i> J.F.Gmel.		12	Moore 1981
RIPOGONACEAE			
<i>Ripogonum album</i> R.Br.		30	Hanson et al. 2003

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