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# Phylogeny and relationships of the neotropical *Adiantum raddianum* group (Pteridaceae)

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**Abstract** With more than 200 species, the maidenhair fern genus *Adiantum* is among the top ten most diverse fern genera. *Adiantum* is pantropical in distribution and, due to the presence of a unique synapomorphy (sporangia borne on indusia rather than laminae), perhaps the most easily recognized fern genus. Many of its members, including numerous cultivars derived from *A. raddianum*, are grown as ornamentals. Because of its size, a comprehensive taxonomic study of *Adiantum* is difficult and the genus is perhaps better approached through a series of narrower studies. Here, we focus specifically on *A. raddianum* and putative allies. We find a newly defined *A. raddianum* group to be strongly supported as monophyletic and segregated from other maidenhair ferns on the basis of genetic as well as morphological characteristics. Bayesian inference and maximum likelihood analyses of plastid *atpA*, *chlL*, *chlN*, *rbcL*, and *rpoA* sequences support the *A. raddianum* clade as sister to *A. poiretii* and its allies. We identify round-reniform indusia to be a characteristic of the *A. raddianum* group (vs. lunate in the *A. poiretii* group). Additionally, we find species in the *A. poiretii* group to differ in having a unique 66 nucleotide deletion in our *chlN* gene alignment. The neotropical *A. raddianum* group comprises at least 17 species (14 studied here), some widely distributed; one was recently described (*A. alan-smithii*).

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**Supplementary Material** DNA sequence alignment is available in the Supplementary Data section of the online version of this article at http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iapt/tax

#### ■ INTRODUCTION

Adiantum L., with more than 200 species, is among the largest fern genera and accounts for approximately 20% of the diversity in the fern family Pteridaceae (Smith & al., 2006, 2008). Adiantum is globally distributed (most diverse in the tropics), and many species are grown as ornamentals, including many cultivars derived over the years from A. raddianum C.Presl and its allies (Hoshizaki, 1970; Goudey, 1985). Due to this widespread cultivation, the A. raddianum group has become naturalized in many countries, including Jamaica (Proctor, 1985), Hawaii (Palmer, 2003), Mexico (Mickel & Smith, 2004), and perhaps also Taiwan (Knapp, 2011). However, no one has heretofore circumscribed its constituent species, provided evidence for their interrelationships, or produced a comprehensive phylogenetic study involving the group and its relatives.

Early molecular phylogenetic studies resolved *Adiantum* as most closely related to vittarioids (e.g., Hasebe & al., 1994, 1995; Crane & al., 1995; Pryer & al., 1995; Gastony & Johnson,

2001; Schneider & al., 2004; Schuettpelz & Pryer, 2007; Bouma & al., 2010). Later, more comprehensive analyses of the Pteridaceae showed that *Adiantum* belongs to a well-supported adiantoid clade comprising *Adiantum* and the various vittarioid genera (ca. 125 spp.; Prado & al., 2007; Schuettpelz & al., 2007, 2014). Rothfels & Schuettpelz (2014), using six markers (three plastid loci: *atpA*, *atpB*, *rbcL*; one nuclear locus: *gapCp*; and two mitochondrial loci: *atp1*, *nad5*) obtained strong support for the monophyly of *Adiantum* (maximum likelihood bootstrap percentage, MLBS = 94%; Bayesian posterior probability, PP = 1.0). Results from an analysis of nuclear data by Rothfels & al. (2015) and plastid data by Pryer & al. (2016) reached this same conclusion, and it is now clear that *Adiantum* is monophyletic.

Relationships within *Adiantum* were first explicitly examined by Huiet & Smith (2004). A main objective of their study was to test the informal classification of *Adiantum* proposed by Tryon & Tryon (1982). Based on morphological characters (e.g., laminar division, ultimate segment shape, venation, and aspects of the indusia), Tryon & Tryon (1982) divided *Adiantum* into eight groups (each named after a prominent species):

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A. capillus-veneris L., A. patens Willd., A. pectinatum Kunze ex Baker, A. philippense L., A. phyllitidis J.Sm., A. platyphyllum Sw., A. reniforme L., and A. tetraphyllum Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd. Huiet & Smith (2004) conducted molecular analyses using 40 Adiantum species (widely distributed) and two plastid markers (rps4, rps4-trnS). Their analyses demonstrated that while the A. philippense, A. tetraphyllum, and A. platyphyllum groups were monophyletic, the A. patens, A. pectinatum, and A. capillus-veneris groups were not. Based on this new phylogenetic information, Huiet & Smith (2004) tentatively showed a new arrangement for Adiantum, with nine informal groups: A. capillus-veneris, A. lunulatum Burm.f., A. hispidulum Sw., A. peruvianum Klotzsch, A. pedatum L., A. raddianum, A. tenerum Sw., A. tetraphyllum, and A. venustum D.Don. Their A. raddianum group was strongly supported as monophyletic (MPBS = 100%), comprising species previously placed in the A. capillus-veneris and A. patens groups (sensu Tryon & Tryon, 1982), and defined by veins ending in the sinuses at the segment margins (Sundue & al., 2010).

Later, Lu & al. (2012) explored the relationships of Chinese *Adiantum* species using a dataset of 56 adiantoid taxa and five plastid markers (*atpA*, *atpB*, *rbcL*, *rps4-trnS*, *trnL-trnF*). Their results showed that temperate *Adiantum* species form a clade nested within a pantropical grade, suggesting a tropical origin for the genus. They contrasted Ching's (1957) and Lin's (1980, 1990) classifications of Chinese *Adiantum* species, based on morphological characters, where *Adiantum* was treated in six and seven series, respectively. The molecular results of Lu & al. (2012) are partially consistent with Lin's (1980, 1990) classification.

McCarthy (2012) studied the neotropical Adiantum peruvianum group (as defined by Huiet & Smith, 2004) to determine its constituent species. She sampled 39 taxa (using Vittaria as the outgroup) and two plastid markers (atpA, rbcL) and found a neotropical clade (referred to as "clade D") with two subclades (D1, D2). Subclade D1 was characterized by visible venuloid idioblasts (silica bodies resembling veins) between veins, whereas subclade D2 contained species lacking visible venuloid idioblasts between veins. The Adiantum peruvianum group was nested within subclade D2, as D2.III, and contained at least eight species.

Within the Adiantum raddianum group, the study by Huiet & Smith (2004) initially included five species: A. raddianum, A. lorentzii Hieron., A. patens, A. concinnum Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd., and A. poiretii Wikstr. Later, Prado & al. (2007: fig. 8) showed that A. raddianum and A. cuneatum Langsd. & Fisch. form a strongly supported, discrete clade (PP = 100%) separate from other Adiantum groups. Based on these phylogenetic findings, Sundue & al. (2010), using only morphological characters, suggested the possibility of 17 species belonging to the A. raddianum group. According to Sundue & al. (2010), this group can be recognized by having 2–4-pinnate, decompound, non-conform laminae (lacking a terminal pinna); orbicular, obovate, rhomboid, or flabellate ultimate segments; silica bodies absent between veins; and orbicular to reniform or lunate sori.

In their study of the Chinese species of *Adiantum*, Lu & al. (2012: figs. 2 & 3) included some neotropical species (Fig. 1).

Among these were several accessions of *A. raddianum* and other potentially closely related species, and their analyses supported this group as comprising a well-supported monophyletic subclade within *Adiantum* (*atpA*, *atpB*, *rbcL*, MPBS = 71%, PP = 100%; *atpA*, *atpB*, *rbcL*, *rps4-trnS*, *trnL-trnF*, MPBS = 73%, PP = 100%). Included in this subclade (their "subclade II") were *A. raddianum* (including *A. cuneatum*), *A. excisum* Kunze, and *A. chilense* Kaulf., and three unidentified individuals.

Because *Adiantum* is a large genus with a broad distribution, a comprehensive study of the group is challenging. We therefore decided to initially focus our phylogenetic studies on the group of *A. raddianum* and its close relatives. This group was selected based on three attributes: (1) the type collection of *A. raddianum* is from Brazil; (2) all of the probable closest relatives of *A. raddianum* occur in the Neotropics; and (3) we had previously studied the morphology and taxonomy of *A. raddianum* and its purported allies (Sundue & al., 2010).

Here, we aim to better define the *Adiantum raddianum* group, identify its members, and confirm its monophyly. We also look for morphological characters that support this clade. Our phylogenetic approach is a necessary first step toward the taxonomic revision of the *A. raddianum* group in the Neotropics (Hirai & Prado, in prep.).

#### ■ MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Taxonomic sampling.** — Our ingroup corresponds to the clade uniting subclades I and II of Lu & al. (2012). Together, these subclades form a well-supported monophyletic group that is sister to subclade III (Fig. 1). Based on the results of Huiet & Smith (2004), Lu & al. (2012) (Fig. 1), and Pryer & al. (2016), we included the following taxa: A. aethiopicum L., A. diaphanum Blume, A. hispidulum (previously resolved in subclade I of Lu & al., 2012), A. fournieri Copel. and A. novaecaledoniae Keyserl. We also included A. formosum R.Br. as a representative of subclade III of Lu & al. (2012), to serve as our outgroup. For subclade II, we included a combination of taxa that had previously been resolved there (e.g., A. raddianum and A. chilense; Lu & al., 2012) and taxa hypothesized (based on morphological grounds) to be allied with A. raddianum. The first candidates for inclusion came from Tryon & Tryon (1982) and Sundue & al. (2010). From Tryon & Tryon (1982), we targeted species from their groups 1 and 2 (Adiantum capillusveneris and A. patens groups, respectively), but not those species with veins ending in teeth (e.g., in A. capillus-veneris), as Huiet & Smith (2004) and Pryer & al. (2016) showed that this character was not present in the neotropical species of the A. raddianum group. Adiantum sinuosum Gardner (placed in the A. patens group by Tryon & Tryon, 1982) was excluded from consideration because preliminary analyses by Huiet & al. (in prep.) demonstrated that this species was resolved well outside our ingroup (in clade II of Lu & al., 2012) (Fig. 1). We also attempted to sample the 15 species (excluding A. digitatum Hook. and A. sinuosum) that were assigned to the A. raddianum group on morphological grounds by Sundue & al. (2010); we were able to obtain suitable material for 13 species. In all, from

Tryon & Tryon (1982) and Sundue & al. (2010), we identified 23 species as possibly belonging to the subclade II (Table 1) and were able to include 20 species in our analyses. Additionally, six specimens representing four unidentified species, but having the basic morphology of the *A. raddianum* group, were included in our sampling.

Most samples were collected from the field in Brazil and Argentina by authors of this paper. Other samples came from Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Mexico, and were provided by collaborators (see Acknowledgments). The remaining samples were obtained from herbarium collections. Overall, our sampling encompassed 50 collections of *Adiantum* thought to be part of, or closely related to, the *A. raddianum* group. With 6 additional samples representing subclades I and III of Lu & al. (2012), our final five-gene dataset included 56 terminals, corresponding to 29 species. Complete voucher information and GenBank accession numbers for all samples are listed in the Appendix 1.

**DNA extraction, amplification, and sequencing.** — Genomic DNA was extracted using a modified CTAB protocol (Doyle & Doyle, 1987) executed in a 96-well format (Beck & al., 2011) or using the Qiagen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit. Nuclear sequencing in ferns has proven difficult, due to a lack of generalized protocols for the amplification and sequencing of the nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region and

the problematic nature of recently developed low-copy nuclear genes (Schuettpelz & al., 2008). For this reason, and also because nuclear markers (when available) have corroborated the results of plastid analyses (Rothfels & al., 2015), we exclusively targeted plastid genes in the present study. These genes (atpA, chlL, chlN, rbcL, rpoA), which have been previously demonstrated as sufficiently powerful to resolve relationships in Adiantum and across ferns (Pryer & al., 1995; Schuettpelz & Pryer, 2007; Lu & al., 2012, 2015; Pryer & al., 2016), were amplified and sequenced according to previously published protocols (Schuettpelz & al., 2006; Schuettpelz & Pryer, 2007; Cochran & al., 2014; Schuettpelz & al., 2016). Primer information is provided in Table 2. All resulting sequences were submitted to GenBank (Appendix 1).

**Sequence alignment and analysis.** — For each plastid gene, the corresponding sequences were assembled and manually aligned using Mesquite v.2.75 (Maddison & Maddison, 2011); one existing sequence (EF473680; Prado & al., 2007), for *Adiantum pseudotinctum* Hieron., was incorporated into the *rbcL* alignment. Regions at the ends of each alignment containing copious amounts of missing data were excluded, as were internal areas with ambiguous alignment. Statistics for each alignment are provided in Table 3.

Each of the five single-gene datasets was phylogenetically analyzed in MrBayes v.3.2.1 (Huelsenbeck & Ronquist, 2001;

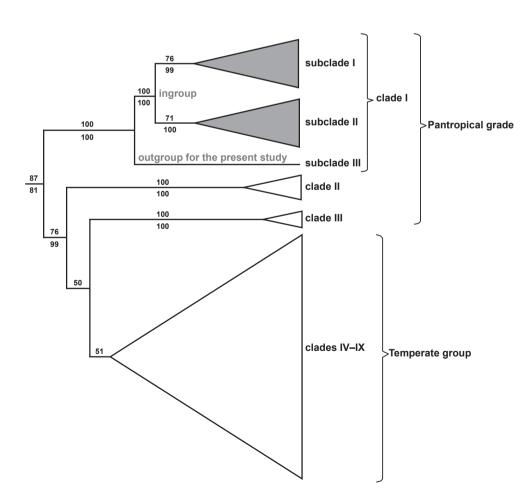


Fig. 1. Schematic phylogeny of Adiantum based on data presented by Lu & al. (2012: fig. 2, from analysis of plastid atpA, atpB, and rbcL sequences; maximum parsimony bootstrap percentages and Bayesian posterior probabilities are shown above and below the lines, respectively; outgroups not shown). Adiantum raddianum is resolved in subclade II. In addition to numerous species thought to be allied to A. raddianum, our analysis included other known members of subclades II and I (our ingroup), and A. formosum from subclade III (our outgroup).

Ronquist & Huelsenbeck, 2003), using the GTR+G model of sequence evolution. Each analysis incorporated four independent runs, with four chains of 10 million generations. Trees were sampled every 1000 generations. To identify when the runs had reached stationarity, the standard deviation of split frequencies between the four runs was examined, and the output parameter estimates were plotted using Tracer v.1.6 (Rambaut & al., 2014). Based on these convergence diagnostics, the first 2500 trees were (very conservatively) excluded from each analysis before obtaining a majority-rule consensus phylogeny with clade posterior probabilities.

The resulting gene trees were rooted with *Adiantum formosum*, the sister group of our ingroup as indicated by earlier studies with broader sampling of *Adiantum* (Huiet & Smith, 2004; Lu & al., 2012; Pryer & al., 2016), and then visually inspected for well-supported ( $PP \ge 0.95$ ) differences. Finding none, we concatenated the five datasets and analyzed them in unison. The combined dataset was analyzed as above, using the GTR+G model, but with parameters estimated and optimized separately for each gene. We additionally conducted a maximum likelihood analysis of the combined dataset using RAxML v.8.2.0 (Stamatakis, 2014). This analysis employed the

GTRGAMMA model of sequence evolution, with parameters independently estimated for each gene, and involved 10,000 rapid bootstrap inferences followed by a thorough maximum likelihood search.

# **■ RESULTS**

In this study, 260 new sequences were obtained and deposited in GenBank (Appendix 1). The concatenated dataset, with five plastid markers (*rbcL*, *atpA*, *chlL*, *chlN*, *rpoA*), contains 4815 characters (1309, 1764, 598, 523, and 621 characters, respectively; Table 3).

Bayesian and maximum likelihood analyses of our fivegene dataset reveal strong support for a split within our ingroup corresponding to subclades I and II of Lu & al. (2012). In our analyses, their subclade I was supported by a Bayesian posterior probability (PP) of 0.99 and a maximum likelihood bootstrap percentage (MLBS) of 80%. All species previously thought to be allied to *Adiantum raddianum* are resolved in a large well-supported (PP = 1; MLBS = 100%) clade corresponding to their subclade II (Fig. 2). Within this clade, we

**Table 1.** List of species previously suggested as belonging to the *Adiantum raddianum* group by Tryon & Tryon (1982; TT) or Sundue & al. (2010; S); updated affinities are also indicated, based on the results of the current study.

Species	Literature	Updated
1. A. camptorachis Sundue & al.	S	A. poiretii group
2. A. chilense Kaulf.	S	A. poiretii group
3. A. excisum Kunze	S	A. poiretii group (based on Lu & al., 2012)
4. A. gertrudis Espinosa	S	A. poiretii group
5. A. glanduliferum Link	S	A. poiretii group
6. A. poiretii Wikstr.	TT, S	A. poiretii group
7. A. sulphureum Kaulf.	TT, S	A. poiretii group
8. A. scabrum Kaulf.	S	A. poiretii group
9. A. lorentzii Hieron.	S	A. raddianum group
10. A. concinnum Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.	TT	A. raddianum group
11. A. cuneatum Langsd. & Fisch.	TT	A. raddianum group (= A. raddianum)
12. A. galeottianum Hook.	TT	A. raddianum group
13. A. lobatum C. Presl	TT	A. raddianum group (based on morphology)
14. A. oatesii Baker	TT	A. raddianum group
15. A. orbignyanum Mett. ex Kuhn	TT, S	A. raddianum group
16. A. patens Willd.	TT, S	A. raddianum group
17. A. pseudotinctum Hieron.	S	A. raddianum group
18. A. raddianum C. Presl	TT, S	A. raddianum group
19. A. ruizianum Klotzsch	TT	A. raddianum group
20. A. rufopunctatum Mett. ex Kuhn	S	A. raddianum group (= A. moorei Baker)*
21. A. sessilifolium Hook.	TT	A. raddianum group (= A. henslovianum Hook.f.)
22. A. shepherdii Hook.	TT	A. raddianum group
23. A. subvolubile Mett. ex Kuhn	TT, S	A. raddianum group (based on morphology)

<sup>\*</sup> Adiantum moorei is the older name for A. rufopunctatum (Hirai & Prado, in prep.).

in turn uncover two distinct, well-supported (PP = 1; MLBS = 100%) lineages, which we refer to as the *A. poiretti* and *A. raddianum* groups (Fig. 2). The *A. poiretii* group comprises two well-supported subclades, one with *A. poiretii* and *A. camptorachis* Sundue & al. (PP = 1; MLBS = 89%) and the other consisting of *A. chilense*, *A. scabrum* Kaulf., and four other species (PP = 1; MLBS = 99%). The *A. poiretii* group differs from the *A. raddianum* group by a unique deletion of 66 nucleotides, at positions 288–353 in the *chlN* gene alignment (Fig. 3).

Although the *Adiantum raddianum* group is well supported (PP = 1; MLBS = 100%), internal resolution and support are poor at the deepest levels. Our Bayesian analysis reveals a trichotomy of *A. henslovianum* Hook.f. (PP = 1; MLBS = 100%), a rather poorly supported subclade including *A. pseudotinctum* and four other species (PP = 0.97; MLBS = 59%), and a very poorly supported subclade with *A. ruizianum* Klotzsch and eight other species (PP = 0.69; MLBS < 50%). Collapsing the

poorly supported branches within the *A. raddianum* clade effectively results in a polytomy of six lineages. *Adiantum pseudotinctum* is isolated within the smaller subclade and *A. patens* appears to be paraphyletic relative to *A. galeottianum* Hook., *A. shepherdii* Hook., and *A. oatesii* Baker. *Adiantum ruizianum* and *A. concinnum* are, in turn, isolated within the larger subclade, although the remaining species together compose a well-supported group (PP = 1; MLBS = 99%) therein. *Adiantum lorentzii* is strongly supported (PP = 1; MLBS = 100%) as sister to a clade composed of *A. alan-smithii* R.Y.Hirai & al., *A. moorei* Baker, *A. raddianum*, and *Adiantum* sp., and these all are, together, sister to *A. orbignyanum* Mett. ex Kuhn plus *A. tinctum* T.Moore (PP = 1; MLBS = 99%).

Of the six specimens representing four unidentified species, three were found to belong to the *Adiantum raddianum* group (*A. alan-smithii*, *A. tinctum*, and *Adiantum* sp. – 2978) and one to the *A. poiretii* group (*Adiantum* sp. – 8897).

**Table 2.** Primers utilized in this study of the *Adiantum raddianum* group.

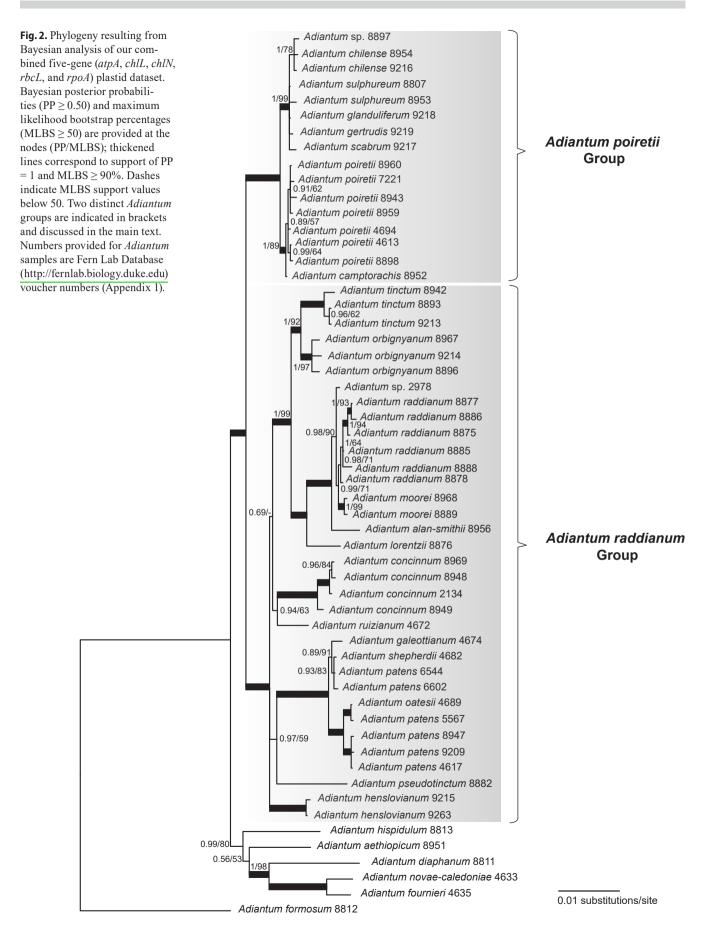
Region	Name	Type	Sequence	Reference
atpA	ESATPF412F	Forward	GARCARGTTCGACAGCAAGT	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
atpA	ESTRNR46F	Reverse	GTATAGGTTCRARTCCTATTGGACG	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
atpA	ESATPA856F*	Forward	CGAGAAGCATATCCGGGAGATG	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
atpA	ESATPA877R*	Reverse	CATCTCCCGGATATGCTTCTCG	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
atpA	ESATPA535F*	Forward	ACAGCAGTAGCTACAGATAC	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
atpA	ESATPA557R*	Reverse	ATTGTATCTGTAGCTACTGC	Schuettpelz & al., 2006
chlL	chlL-F1	Forward	GRATTGGMAARTCAACAACTAGCTG	Cochran & al., 2014
chlL	chlL-R1	Reverse	CBAGTACRGGCATGGGRCAAGCTTC	Cochran & al., 2014
chlN	chlN-F2	Forward	CGWTAYGCRAYGGCVGAATYGSAAG	Schuettpelz & al., 2016
chlN	chlN-R2	Reverse	CAWATTTTTCGATCCARGCRCGTG	Schuettpelz & al., 2016
rbcL	ESRBCL1F	Forward	ATGTCACCACAAACGGAGACTAAAGC	Pryer & al., 2004
rbcL	ESRBCL1361R	Reverse	TCAGGACTCCACTTACTAGCTTCACG	Pryer & al., 2004
rbcL	ESRBCL628F*	Forward	CCATTYATGCGTTGGAGAGATCG	Pryer & al., 2004
rbcL	ESRBCL654R*	Reverse	GAARCGATCTCTCCAACGCAT	Pryer & al., 2004
rpoA	rpoA-F1	Forward	TRCAYGAGTATTCYACAATAACGGG	Schuettpelz & al., 2016
rpoA	rpoA-R1	Reverse	AATTAAARGCTCTRGCRGGTRATTC	Schuettpelz & al., 2016

<sup>\*</sup>Primers used only for sequencing.

**Table 3.** Details for alignments analyzed in this study.

Dataset		Characters					
	Taxa	Total	Included	Variable	Parsimony- informative	Data missing*	
atpA	53	1,844	1,764	217	92	6.03%	
chlL	44	523	523	62	36	0.19%	
chlN	54	621	621	107	58	0.03%	
rbcL	54	1,309	1,309	151	79	2.06%	
rpoA	56	598	598	107	52	0.59%	
Combined	56	4,895	4,815	644	317	8.45%	

<sup>\*</sup>Calculation based on included characters



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						288	289	290	291	292	293		348	349	350	351	352	353						
Α	C	G	Α	Α	С	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	А		С	С	G	Т	G	Т	С	А	Α	Α	Α	Α
Α	Т	G	Α	G	С	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	А		С	Т	G	С	G	Т	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Α	Т	G	Α	G	С	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		С	Т	G	С	G	Т	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	А
Α	Т	Α	Α	G	С	С	Α	Α	Α	G	Α		С	Т	G	Т	G	Т	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
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Α	Т	Т	Α	G	Т	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
Α	Т	Т	Α	G	Т	-	1	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	С	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
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Fig. 3. Part of the chlN alignment showing a 66-nucleotide deletion characterizing the Adiantum poiretii group.

### **■** DISCUSSION

Adiantum formosum

Adiantum novae-caledoniae

Adiantum fournieri
Adiantum aethiopicum
Adiantum poiretii
Adiantum sulphureum
Adiantum camptorachis
Adiantum chilense
Adiantum tinctum
Adiantum lorentzii
Adiantum raddianum

We resolved all our sampled species thought to be allied to Adiantum raddianum (Table 1) within a large clade corresponding to subclade II of Lu & al. (2012) (Fig. 1). Members of this clade can be recognized by a suite of morphological characters: pseudopedate to (1–)3–5-pinnate laminae lacking a conform terminal pinna; flabellate to flabellate-cuneate, or sometimes dimidiate to obovate, short- to long-stalked ultimate segments; laminar tissue with or without silica bodies; veins ending in sinuses at the segment margins; and orbicular, reniform, or lunate indusia. However, we also find strong support for a deep split within this larger clade and, after considering the morphology of each lineage, we favor the recognition of two informal groups: the A. poiretii group and the A. raddianum group. This choice is helpful to facilitate the taxonomic revision of each group, since both have widely distributed species.

Lu & al. (2012: figs. 2 & 3) also found this deep split within subclade II, albeit with much reduced sampling. Their sampling of the *A. poiretii* group included only three species: *A. chilense*, *A. excisum*, and *Adiantum* sp. (*Nee 53851* = *A. poiretii*). Likewise, their sampling of the *A. raddianum* group comprised just three samples of *A. raddianum*, one of *A. cuneatum* (= *A. raddianum*), and two other undetermined species (*Nee 53885* = *A. lorentzii*; *Wen 6893*, not seen).

In our analyses, we find Adiantum camptorachis, A. chilense, A. gertrudis Espinosa, A. glanduliferum Link, A. poiretii, A. scabrum, and A. sulphureum Kaulf. to compose the A. poiretii group (Fig. 2). Notably, all of these were previously proposed as A. raddianum allies (Sundue & al., 2010) (Table 1). Other species, such as A. excisum and A. pearcei Phil. (both endemic to Chile), certainly also belong to the A. poiretii group but were not included in our analyses. Adiantum excisum appears in Lu & al. (2012) in the subclade II sister to A. chilense. In our results, the last species is a member of the A. poiretii group. We find two morphological characters that support the separation of the A. poiretii group from the A. raddianum group: (1) lunate indusia (Fig. 4A, B)

vs. round-reniform indusia in the A. raddianum group (Fig. 4C-F); and (2) a lack of 66 nucleotides at positions 288–353 in the chlN gene alignment (Fig. 3). The A. raddianum group can, in turn, be recognized morphologically by the unique combination (in Adiantum) of the following characters: pseudopedate to 1–5-pinnate laminae, sterile segments with veins ending in sinuses at the segment margins (vs. veins ending in teeth), and round-reniform sori (vs. oblong, lunate). Other morphological features may also distinguish these two closely related groups within Adiantum. Among these could be the presence/absence of silica bodies and their position in the laminar tissue (Sundue, 2009). In particular, Sundue (2009) commented that silica bodies could be a potential synapomorphy for recognizing groups within the adiantoid clade. He studied three species of the A. raddianum group (A. concinnum, A. patens, A. raddianum) and found silica bodies to be present on the veins; he also found one species of the A. poiretii group (A. poiretii) that lacked silica bodies. Before employing this character as diagnostic in Adiantum, additional studies are necessary, since the intra- and inter-specific variation in this character have yet to be thoroughly evaluated. Additionally, the observation of this character under the dissecting microscope is not a simple task; confirming the presence of such bodies requires wetashing leaf fragments.

The Adiantum raddianum group is well supported, but the internal polytomy that appears in our analyses still needs resolution. Studies involving nuclear or additional plastid markers might clarify these relationships. In our analyses, we sampled 14 of the 17 neotropical species that we believe belong to the A. raddianum group, as treated taxonomically by Hirai & Prado (in prep.). Adiantum lobatum C.Presl., A. subvolubile Mett. ex Kuhn, and A. imbricatum R.M.Tryon (Fig. 4F) are missing from our analyses. Adiantum tinctum is here found to be another member of the A. raddianum group, although in the past it was sometimes misidentified as A. raddianum (Tryon & Stolze, 1989) or A. subvolubile (Sundue & al., 2010). Adiantum pseudotinctum (Fig. 4C, D; from southern Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay) is sister to a small subclade, including

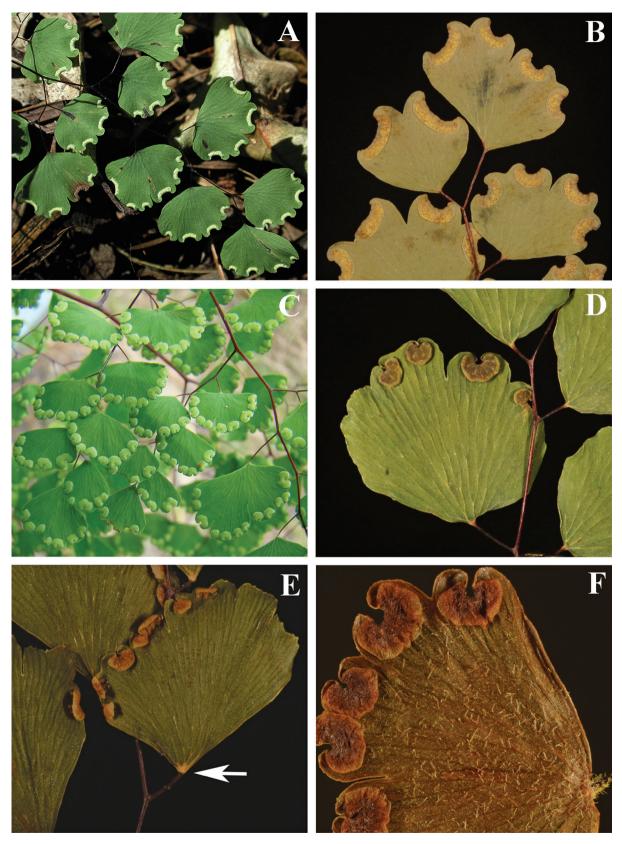


Fig. 4. A & B, Adiantum poiretii group. A, Pinnules with lunate sori (photo by M. Sundue, from Sundue 845, NY); B, Detail of pinnules showing lunate indusia with yellow farina (Schmit & al. 324, SP). C-F, A. raddianum group. C, A. pseudotinctum (Hirai & Prado 691, SP), pinnules with round-reniform sori; D, A. pseudotinctum (Hirai & Prado 691, SP), pinnules with detail of the sori; E, A. orbignyanum, detail of the articulate segment (arrow) (Quirogo 1598, MCNS); F, A. imbricatum, detail of the subarticulate segment showing sori and acicular hairs (Bües 1305 p.p., UC).

A. galeottianum, A. patens, and A. shepherdii. Morphologically, these species all have similar primary laminar division (1-pinnate, pseudopedate, or subdichotomously divided; Hirai & Prado, in prep.).

Based on our analyses, Adiantum patens is not monophyletic, because African A. oatesii (sensu Burrows, 1990) and Mexican A. shepherdii and A. galeottianum nest within A. patens (Fig. 2). Our phylogeny suggests that two exemplars of Mexican A. patens (6544, 6602) could represent a different species than specimens of this species from Central America and the Andes. However, the support for this topology is not sufficiently strong (PP = 0.89; MLBS = 93%) to convincingly corroborate this hypothesis. Moran & Smith (2001) alluded to some morphological differences between specimens of A. patens from Central and South America. Adiantum oatesii has often been considered a subspecies (e.g., Schelpe, 1967; Jacobsen, 1983) or variety (e.g., Ballard, 1940) of A. patens, but Hyde & al. (2015) treated it as synonymous with A. patens. Our results suggest that A. oatesii may not be distinguishable, even infraspecifically, from at least some forms of A. patens in the Neotropics.

The sister relationship between *Adiantum lorentzii* (represented in our analyses by only one sample) and a small subclade comprising *A. raddianum*, *A. moorei*, and *A. alan-smithii* is supported morphologically only by the presence of (2)3–5-pinnate laminae. Hirai & al. (2014) recently described *A. alan-smithii*, and it was segregated from Mexican specimens previously identified as *A. raddianum* by Mickel & Smith (2004). *Adiantum moorei* is the closest relative to *A. raddianum*, differing by the presence of glandular laminar hairs (Hirai & Prado, in prep.).

Among species with veins ending in sinuses at segment margins, included by Tryon & Tryon (1982) in the *Adiantum capillus-veneris* and *A. patens* groups, 12 species were found to belong to the *A. raddianum* group and two species to the *A. poiretii* group, as circumscribed in the present study (Table 1). Of the candidates suggested as having affinities to the *Adiantum raddianum* group by Sundue & al. (2010), our results support the placement of seven in the *A. raddianum* group as defined here (Table 1). Eight others belong to the *A. poiretii* group based on our phylogenetic analyses and/or the presence of characteristic lunate sori.

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Appendix 1. Taxonomic sampling, including voucher information and accession numbers for this study of the Adiantum raddianum group.

Species, collection locality, voucher information, Fern Lab Database voucher number (FLDB: http://fernlab.biology.duke.edu), GenBank accession numbers for *rbcL*, *atpA*, *rpoA*, *chlL*, and *chlN*. All but one (indicated with \*) sequence newly obtained in this study. A dash (–) indicates not available.

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