

PDF issue: 2025-12-05

Fredericqia (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) in the northwestern Pacific, with the description of Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov.

Suzuki, Masahiro Kitayama, Taiju

(Citation)

Phycologia, 60(3):210-214

(Issue Date) 2021-05-04

(Resource Type)
journal article

(Version)

Accepted Manuscript

(Rights)

This is an Accepted Manuscript of an article published by Taylor & Francis in [Phycologia on 2021] available online:

http://www.tandfonline.com/10.1080/00318884.2021.1892399

(URL)

https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.14094/90008477



1

Fredericgia (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) in the northwestern Pacific,

with the description of *Fredericgia chiharae sp. nov*.

Masahiro Suzuki¹ and Taiju Kitayma²

¹Kobe University Research Center for Inland Seas, Awaji, Hyogo, 656-2401, Japan

²Department of Botany, National Museum of Nature and Science, Amakubo, Tsukuba, Ibaraki

305-0005, Japan

CONTACT

Masahiro Suzuki dtk-shark2625@goo.jp

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to the late Dr Makoto Yoshizaki (Toho University) for his valuable comments

about 'Gymnogongrus incurvatus'. We thank Mr Hideki Haga (Choshi Experiment Place,

Marine Biosystems Research Center, Chiba University) for his help in collecting samples at

Choshi Peninsula, Chiba Prefecture, Japan. We also thank the editor and reviewers for their

valuable comments. Computations were partially performed on the NIG supercomputer at

Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS) National Institute of Genetics.

FUNDING

This work was supported by JSPS KAKENHI Grant Number 20K06797 to M.S.

RUNNING TITLE

Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov. from Japan

ABSTRACT

We describe a new species of *Fredericqia* (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) from the Choshi Peninsula, Japan (previously listed as '*Gymnogongrus incurvatus nom. nud.*') based on morphological and molecular analyses. We assign the binomial *Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov.* to this new entity. Our combined *rbcL*, *cox1*, and 28S rDNA analyses suggested that *F. chiharae* belongs to genus *Fredericqia*, and is distinct from other *Fredericqia* species. *Fredericqia chiharae* is characterized by a flattened incurved thallus, marginal proliferations, dioecious gametophytes and a procarp consisting of a three-celled carpogonial branch situated on a supporting cell and bearing a sterile lateral on the basal cell. The cystocarpic characteristics of *F. chiharae*, i.e. a cystocarp loosely immersed in the medulla, the absence of secondary medullary cells around the cystocarp and the presence of multiple carpostomes, are congruent with those of *Fredericqia*. *Fredericqia chiharae* is the first representative of the genus to be reported from the northwestern Pacific.

KEYWORDS

28S rDNA; cox1; Gigartinales; Phylogeny; rbcL; Taxonomy

INTRODUCTION

The marine red algal genus *Fredericqia* Maggs, L.Le Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders, a member of the family Phyllophoraceae, was originally described by Maggs *et al.* (2013) with *F. deveauniensis* Maggs, L.Le Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders as type species. Two additional species were recognized: *F. chiton* (M. Howe) Maggs, L.Le Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders and *F. decewii* Maggs, L.Le Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders (Maggs *et al.* 2013). *Fredericqia deveauniensis* had previously been misidentified as *Gymnogongrus devoniensis* (Greville) Schotter and as *G. crenulatus* (Turner) J. Agardh, in Ireland and the western Atlantic, respectively (Maggs *et al.* 1992, 2013). *Fredericqia chiton* was first described

as *Actinococcus chiton* M. Howe, which was regarded as parasitic on *Gymnogongrus* species (Howe 1914). Doubt (1935) concluded that *A. chiton* is not a parasite but rather the tetrasporoblast produced by *G. platyphyllus* N.L. Gardner. Silva (1979) transferred *A. chiton* to *Gymnogongrus* as *G. chiton* (M. Howe) P.C. Silva & DeCew. McCandless & Vollmer (1984) treated *G. platyphyllus* as a heterotypic synonym of *G. chiton*. Maggs *et al.* (2013) transferred *G. chiton* from *Gymnogongrus* to *Fredericqia* based on *rbc*L and *cox*1 analyses. Silva (1979) noted that specimens previously identified as *Ahnfeltia gigartinoides* J. Agardh from the Pacific coast of North America belonged to a separate species, which he designated '*Ahnfeltiopsis pacifica* P.C. Silva & DeCew' (not validly published for lack of Latin diagnosis and type designation; Turland *et al.* 2018). Maggs *et al.* (2013) treated '*A. pacifica*' as a new species of *Fredericqia*, and described it under the name *F. decewii*.

A previously undescribed phyllophoracean species collected from the Choshi Peninsula, Japan, was recognized as a new entity by Dr Mitsuo Chihara; he labelled his collection with the binomial 'Gymnogongrus incurvatus' Chihara'. Fifty-two herbarium specimens of 'G. incurvatus' prepared by Chihara are stored at the National Museum of Nature and Science, Japan (TNS). Yoshizaki (2008) cited 'G. incurvatus' with a comment that Chihara's binomial had not been validly published. Since then, 'G. incurvatus' has not been mentioned in the published literature and remains a nomen nudum. To clarify the taxonomy of 'G. incurvatus', we collected specimens from the Choshi Peninsula, and sequenced rbcL and cox1 genes, and 28S rDNA, and examined their vegetative and reproductive morphology in detail. The molecular analyses indicated that 'G. incurvatus' belongs to Fredericqia, and both molecular and morphological investigations suggested that 'G. incurvatus' is distinct from other Fredericqia species.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens were collected from Tokawa, Choshi City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan (Table S1). For molecular analyses, specimens were quickly dried in silica gel. For anatomical observations, specimens were preserved in 5% formalin; voucher herbarium specimens were deposited at TNS. The TNS herbarium specimens collected from Cape Inubosaki, Choshi City, by Chihara were also studied.

For molecular phylogenetic analyses, partial *rbc*L and *cox*1 genes, and 28S rDNA were sequenced. Genomic DNA was extracted and sequenced as described previously (Suzuki *et al.* 2016). The *rbc*L, *cox*1 and 28S rDNA sequences of two specimens of *Fredericqia* from Japan were sequenced (Table S1). For combined *rbc*L, *cox*1 and 28S rDNA analysis we compiled sequence data available from GenBank for three *Fredericqia* species and eleven genera belonging to the Phyllophoraceae. As the Phyllophoraceae have been resolved as monophyletic (Maggs *et al.* 2013; Calderon & Boo 2016a, b, 2017; Calderon *et al.* 2016), three taxa belonging to Gigartinaceae were designated as outgroup (Table S1). The 18 *rbc*L, *cox*1 and 28S rDNA sequences were aligned using ClustalW (Larkin *et al.* 2007). The 28S rDNA sequence alignments were further refined by eye based on published secondary structure of the 28S rRNA of *Palmaria palmata* (Linnaeus) Kuntze (Wuyts *et al.* 2002) using SeaView 4.1 (Gouy *et al.* 2010). The ambiguous regions of the alignments were removed. The 18 *rbc*L (1275 bp), *cox*1 (645 bp) and 28S rDNA (2620 bp) taxa were included in the data matrix.

The *rbc*L, *cox*1 and 28S rDNA analyses were subjected to maximum likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI) phylogenetic analyses. For both analyses, the alignment was partitioned by region and codon, and distinct models were applied to each partition. The substitution models for ML and BI are summarized in Table S2. The ML analysis was performed using RAxML-NG

v1.0.1 (Kozlov *et al.* 2019). Bootstrap values (BP) for the ML analysis were calculated based on 1,000 pseudoreplications. BI analysis was performed using MrBayes 3.2.7a (Ronquist *et al.* 2012), as described previously (Suzuki *et al.* 2016).

Heights and widths of thalli were measured in 56 specimens. For anatomical observations, specimens were sectioned by hand or using a freezing microtome (MA-101, Komatsu Electronics, Komatsu, Japan). Sections were stained with 1% cotton blue, acidified with 1% HCl and mounted in 50% aqueous Karo syrup with 3% formalin to prevent microbial growth. Photomicrographs were taken using a BX51 microscope (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) with an ATZ digital camera (Kenis, Tokyo, Japan). Drawings were made with the aid of a camera lucida.

RESULTS

Molecular analyses

The ML tree based on combined rbcL, cox1 and 28S rDNA sequences and the BI analyses had similar topologies, only the phylogenetic positions of $Archestenogramma\ profundum\ C.W.$ Schneider, Chengsupanimit & G.W. Saunders and $Schottera\ koreana\ M.S.$ Calderon, T.H. Seo & S.M. Boo differed, but with no statistical support (BP = 30%; PP <0.5) (Fig. 1). The three Fredericqia species and the new Japanese specimens formed a monophyletic group with full statistical support (BP = 100%; PP = 1.00). Within this Fredericqia clade, the Japanese sample was sister to the other Fredericqia species but this relationship had moderate support (BP = 83%; PP = 0.99). Molecular analyses suggest that the Japanese sample is a distinct Fredericqia species, which we describe here.

Fredericqia chiharae Mas. Suzuki & Kitayama sp. nov.

Figs 2–14

DESCRIPTION: Thalli linear, flattened, slightly to moderately incurved, 5–12 cm high and < 3 mm wide, and arising in groups from a discoid holdfast. Thalli dichotomously branched three to five times, often producing marginal proliferations. Thallus solid, with an outer cortex of compact anticlinal filaments composed of three to four small ellipsoidal cells, and a medulla composed of 12–14 layers of large ovoid cells, with two to three layers of smaller subcortical ovoid to rounded cells present between the cortex and medulla. Gametophytes dioecious. Spermatangia developing in surface sori on apical parts of the thalli. Cystocarps scattered over the middle and upper parts of the thallus surface, except in the terminal portion. Procarp consisting of a three-celled carpogonial branch situated on a supporting cell and bearing a sterile lateral on the basal cell. Auxiliary cell forming gonimoblast initials radially. Mature cystocarps loosely immersed within the medulla, slightly protruding equally on both sides of the thallus, and bearing a thick pericarp penetrated by multiple carpostomes.

HOLOTYPE: TNS-AL 209185, female gametophyte, collected 12 May 2017 by M. Suzuki, deposited in the National Museum of Nature and Science, Japan (TNS). DDBJ Accession numbers: *cox*1, LC589700; *rbc*L, LC589696.

ISOTYPE: TNS-AL 209186, female gametophyte, collected 12 May 2017 by M. Suzuki, deposited in TNS.

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINED. 1) **Japan:** Cape Inubosaki, Choshi City, Chiba Prefecture, *M. Chihara*, 11 June 1972, TNS-AL 150323–150365; 4 May 1969, TNS-AL 150366–150370; 25 April 1970, TNS-AL 150371–150374. 2) **Japan:** Tokawa, Choshi City, Chiba Prefecture, *M. Suzuki*, 22 June 2008, female gametophyte, TNS-AL 207116 (DDBJ Accession Numbers: 28S rDNA, LC589692; *cox*1, LC589699; *rbc*L, LC589695); 23 June 2013, female gametophyte, TNS-AL 213791; 23 June 2013, male gametophyte, TNS-AL 213914.

TYPE LOCALITY: Tokawa, Choshi City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan, 35°41'N, 140°51'E.

ETYMOLOGY: The species is named for Dr Mitsuo Chihara (1927–2016), who first recognized it as a distinct species.

JAPANESE NAME: Mizo-okitsunori.

Gametophytes grow on rocks in lower intertidal zones with strong wave action. Thalli are linear, flattened, slightly to moderately incurved, 5–12 cm high and < 3 mm wide, rose-red in colour, and arising in groups from a discoid holdfast (Figs 2, 3). Thalli are dichotomously branched three to five times, and often produce marginal proliferations (Fig. 3, arrows). The thallus is solid, with an outer cortex of compact anticlinal filaments composed of three to four small ellipsoidal cells, and a medulla composed of 12–14 layers of large ovoid cells, with two to three layers of smaller subcortical ovoid to rounded cells present between the cortex and medulla (Figs 4, 5, S1, S2). Subcortical and medullary cells are secondarily pit-connected.

Gametophytes are dioecious. Spermatangia develop in surface sori on apical parts of the thallus. One to two spermatangia are produced terminally on parental cells. Mature spermatangia are ellipsoidal, 5–6 μm long and 2–3 μm in diameter (Figs 6, 7). Cystocarps are scattered over the middle to upper parts of the thallus surface, except in the terminal portion (Fig. 8). The procarp consists of a three-celled carpogonial branch situated on a supporting cell and bearing a sterile lateral on the basal cell (Figs 9, 10). The auxiliary cell forms gonimoblast initials radially (Figs 11, S3, S4). The medullary cells close to the auxiliary cell are connected by secondary pit connections and produce cells that grow into filaments similar to gonimoblast filaments (Figs 11, S3–S6). Gonimoblast filament development could not be interpreted using the available figure. Secondary medullary cells do not form around the cystocarps. Medullary cells are connected to clusters of carposporangia (Figs 12, 13). Mature carposporangia are polygonal, 12–17 μm in length and 8–11 μm in diameter. Mature cystocarps are immersed within the medulla, slightly protruding equally on both sides of the thallus, and bear a thick pericarp penetrated by multiple carpostomes (Fig. 14). Sporophytes and tetrasporoblasts were not observed.

DISCUSSION

The combined rbcL, cox1 and 28S rDNA analyses grouped four Fredericgia species, including F. chiharae, into a monophyletic natural assemblage (with strong support), in agreement with other published tree topologies (Maggs et al. 2013; Calderon & Boo 2016a, b, 2017; Calderon et al. 2016). Fredericgia is characterized morphologically by a cystocarp loosely immersed in the medulla and the presence of cystocarps with multiple carpostomes (Maggs et al. 2013; Calderon & Boo 2016a, b, 2017; Calderon et al. 2016). The characteristics of the F. chiharae cystocarp are congruent with these. Secondary medullary cells around the cystocarp, which are characteristic of Acletoa M.S. Calderon & S.M. Boo, Ahnfeltiopsis P.C. Silva & DeCew, and Asterfilopsis M.S. Calderon & S.M. Boo, and radial connection of the medullary cells to the carposporangia, which is characteristic of Asterfilopsis, were not observed in F. chiharae (Calderon & Boo 2016a, b, 2017; Calderon et al. 2016). The sporophytes of F. decewii and F. deveauniensis are crustose; F. deveauniensis forms cruciate tetrasporangia or bisporangia in catenate rows located in an intercalary position (Maggs et al. 1992, 2013). Fredericgia chiton produces tetrasporoblastic nemathecia (Doubt 1935; Abbott & Hollenberg 1976). No tetrasporoblasts or other sporangial structures were found on the erect thalli of F. chiharae. Yoshizaki (2008) reported that released carpospores of 'Gymnogongrus incurvatus' (i.e. F. chiharae) developed into crusts that may form sporangia. Therefore, the life history of F. chiharae is presumably heteromorphic.

Molecular analyses suggested that *F. chiharae* is distinct from other *Fredericqia* species. A comparison of *F. chiharae* with three other *Fredericqia* species showed that *F. chiharae* is similar to *F. chiton* and *F. deveauniensis* (Table 1). All three species have flattened thalli, whereas *F. decewii* has a cylindrical thallus (Abbott & Hollenberg 1976; Silva 1979; Maggs *et*

al. 1992, 2013). Fredericqia chiharae is distinguished from F. chiton and F. deveauniensis by an incurved thallus, the production of marginal proliferations and dioecious gametophytes (Doubt 1935; Abbott & Hollenberg 1976; Silva 1979; Maggs et al. 2013). Fredericqia chiharae is the first Fredericqia species reported from the northwestern Pacific region.

REFERENCES

- Abbott I.A. & Hollenberg G.J. 1976. *Marine algae of California*. Stanford University Press, California. 827 pp.
- Calderon M.S. & Boo S.M. 2016a. A new genus *Phyllophorella* gen. nov. (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) from central Peru, including *Phyllophorella peruviana* comb. nov., *Phyllophorella humboldtiana* sp. nov., and *Phyllophorella limaensis* sp. nov. *Botanica Marina* 59: 339–352. DOI: 10.1515/bot-2016-0070.
- Calderon M.S. & Boo S.M. 2016b. Phylogeny of Phyllophoraceae (Rhodophyta, Gigartinales) reveals *Asterfilopsis* gen. nov. from the Southern Hemisphere. *Phycologia* 55: 543–554. DOI: 10.2216/16-9.1.
- Calderon M.S. & Boo S.M. 2017. The Phyllophoraceae (Gigartinales, Rhodophyta) from Peru with descriptions of *Acletoa tarazonae* gen. & sp. nov. and *Gymnogongrus caespitosus* sp. nov. *Phycologia* 56: 686–696. DOI: 10.2216/16-126.1.
- Calderon M.S., Miller K.A., Seo T.H. & Boo S.M. 2016. Transfer of selected *Ahnfeltiopsis* (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) species to the genus *Besa* and description of *Schottera koreana* sp. nov. *European Journal of Phycology* 51: 431–443. DOI: 10.1080/09670262.2016.1201701.
- Doubt D.G. 1935. Notes on two species of *Gymnogongrus*. *American Journal of Botany* 22: 294–310. DOI: 10.1002/j.1537-2197.1935.tb05020.x.

- Gouy M., Guindon S. & Gascuel O. 2010. SeaView version 4: A multiplatform graphical user interface for sequence alignment and phylogenetic tree building. *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 27: 221–224. DOI: 10.1093/molbev/msp259.
- Howe M.A. 1914. The marine algae of Peru. Memoirs of the Torrey Botanical Club 15: 1–185.
- Kozlov A.M., Darriba D., Flouri T., Morel B. & Stamatakis A. 2019. RAxML-NG: a fast, scalable and user-friendly tool for maximum likelihood phylogenetic inference. *Bioinformatics* 35: 4453–4455. DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btz305.
- Larkin M.A., Blackshields G., Brown N.P., Chenna R., McGettigan P.A., McWilliam H., Valentin F., Wallace I.M., Wilm A., Lopez R., Thompson J.D., Gibson T.J. & Higgins D.G. 2007. ClustalW and Clustal X version 2.0. *Bioinformatics* 23: 2947–2948. DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btm404.
- Maggs C.A., Douglas S.E., Fenety J. & Bird C.J. 1992. A molecular and morphological analysis of the *Gymnogongrus devoniensis* (Rhodophyta) complex in the North Atlantic. *Journal of Phycology* 28: 214–232. DOI: 10.1111/j.0022-3646.1992.00214.x.
- Maggs C.A., Le Gall L., Mineur F., Provan J. & Saunders G.W. 2013. Fredericqia deveauniensis, gen. et sp. nov. (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta), a new cryptogenic species. Cryptogamie, Algologie 34: 273–296. DOI: 10.7872/crya.v34.iss2.2013.273.
- McCandless E.L. & Vollmer C.M. 1984. The nemathecium of *Gymnogongrus chiton* (Rhodophyceae, Gigartinales): immunochemical evidence of meiosis. *Phycologia* 23: 119–123. DOI: 10.2216/i0031-8884-23-2-119.1.
- Ronquist F., Teslenko M., van der Mark P., Ayres D.L., Darling A., Höhna S., Larget B., Liu L., Suchard M.A. & Huelsenbeck J.P. 2012. MrBayes 3.2: Efficient Bayesian phylogenetic inference and model choice across a large model space. *Systematic Biology* 61: 539–542. DOI: 10.1093/sysbio/sys029.
- Silva P.C. 1979. The benthic algal flora of central San Francisco Bay. In: *San Francisco Bay: the urbanized estuary* (Ed. by T.J. Conomos), pp 287–345. Pacific Division, American Association for the Advancement of Science, San Francisco.

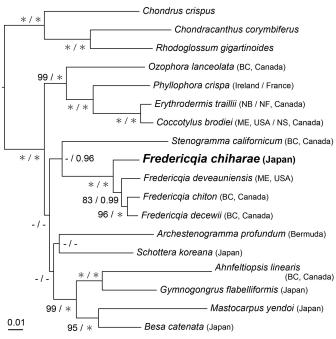
- Suzuki M., Segawa T., Mori H., Akiyoshi A., Kurihara A., Sakayama H., Kitayama T., Abe T., Kogame K., Kawai H. & Nozaki H. 2016. Next-generation sequencing of an 88-year-old specimen of the poorly known species *Liagora japonica* (Nemaliales, Rhodophyta) supports the recognition of *Otohimella* gen. nov. *PLOS One* 11: Article e0158944. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0158944.
- Turland N.J., Wiersema J.H., Barrie F.R., Greuter W., Hawksworth D.L., Herendeen P.S., Knapp S., Kusber W.-H., Li D.-Z., Marhold K., May T.W., McNeill J., Monro A.M., Prado J., Price M.J. & Smith G.F. [Eds] 2018: International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (Shenzhen Code) adopted by the Nineteenth International Botanical Congress Shenzhen, China, July 2017. Regnum Vegetabile 159. Koeltz Botanical Books, Glashütten. 254 pp. DOI: 10.12705/Code.2018.
- Wuyts J., van den Peer Y., Winkelmans T. & De Wachter R. 2002. The European database on small subunit ribosomal RNA. *Nucleic Acids Research* 30: 183–185. DOI: 10.1093/nar/30.1.183.
- Yoshizaki M. 2008. Field guide to seaweeds in Choshi Peninsula, Chiba Prefecture, Japan. *Japanese Journal of Phycology* 56: 217–224.

LEGENDS FOR FIGURES

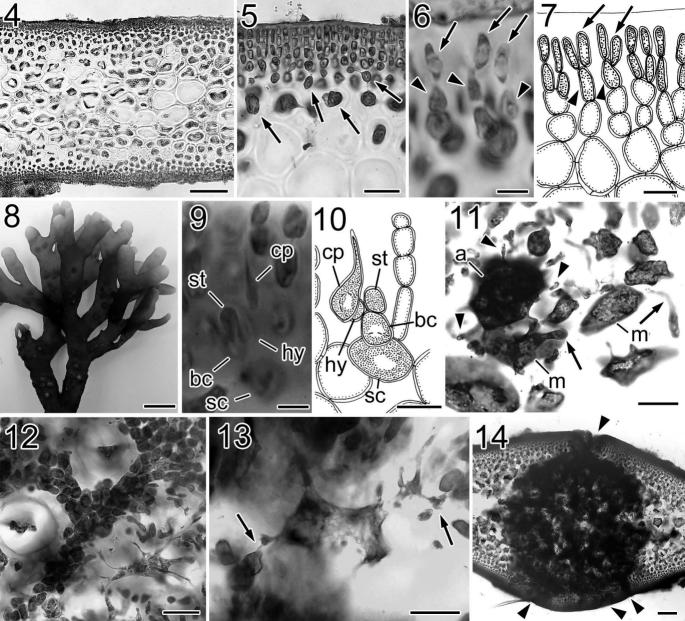
- Fig 1. Maximum Likelihood (ML) phylogeny based on combined rbcL, cox1 and 28S rDNA sequences. Numbers below the branches indicate the bootstrap values (BP, left) and Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP, right). Only the BP \geq 50% and PP \geq 0.95 are shown. Asterisk (*) means BP = 100% and PP = 1.00.
- Figs 2, 3. Habit of Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov.
 - **Fig. 2.** Habit of a plant growing on an intertidal rock. Scale bar = 1 cm.
 - **Fig. 3.** Holotype, female gametophyte (TNS-AL 209185). Arrows indicate marginal proliferations. Scale bar = 3 cm.

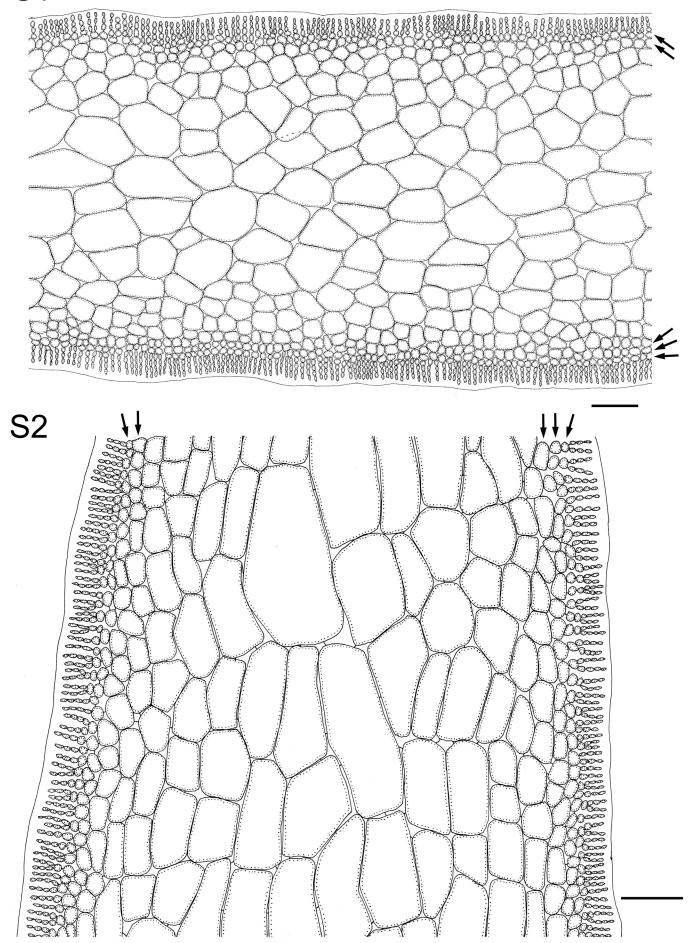
- Figs 4–17. Vegetative and reproductive structures of *Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov*.
 - **Fig. 4.** Transverse section of thallus (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue. Scale bar = $100 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 5.** Close-up of a section (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue showing outer compact cortex composed of anticlinal filaments, subcortical cells (arrows) and hyaline medullar cells. Scale bar = $20 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 6.** Transverse section of male gametophyte (TNS-AL 213914) stained with cotton blue. Spermatangia (arrows) are produced terminally on the spermatangial parental cells (arrowheads). Scale bar = $5 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 7.** Hand drawing of the transverse section of male gametophyte (TNS-AL 213914). One or two spermatangia (arrows) are produced terminally on the spermatangial parental cells (arrowheads). Scale bar = $5 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 8.** Close up of a female gametophyte (TNS-AL 213791). Cystocarps are scattered over the middle to upper portions of the thallus surface, except in the terminal portion. Scale bar = 5 mm.
 - **Fig. 9.** A procarp (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue showing a carpogonium (cp), hypogenous cell (hy), basal cell (bc), and a sterile lateral (st) from the basal cell borne on the supporting cell (sc). Scale bar = $5 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 10.** Hand drawing of a procarp (TNS-AL 213791) showing a carpogonium (cp), hypogenous cell (hy), basal cell (bc), and a sterile lateral (st) from the basal cell borne on the supporting cell (sc). Scale bar = $10 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. 11.** A post-fertilization stage (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue. The auxiliary cell (a) forms gonimoblast initials (arrowheads) radially. The medullary cells (m) close to the auxiliary cell produce cells that grow into filaments similar to gonimoblast filaments (arrows). Scale bar = $20 \mu m$.
 - Fig. 12 Medullary cell surrounded by clusters of carposporagia (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue. Scale bar = $30 \mu m$.

- Fig. 13. Medullary cell connected to carposporangia (arrows, TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue. Scale bar = $20 \mu m$.
- **Fig. 14.** Transverse section of mature cystocarp (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue. Arrowheads indicate carpostomes. Scale bar = $100 \mu m$.
- Figs S1, S2. Hand drawings of vegetative structures of Fredericgia chiharae sp. nov.
 - **Fig. S1.** Transverse section of thallus (TNS-AL 213791) showing cortex and medulla. Arrows indicate two to three layers of subcortical cells. Scale bar = $50 \mu m$.
 - **Fig. S2.** Longitudinal section of thallus (TNS-AL 213791) showing cortex and medulla. Arrows indicate two to three layers of subcortical cells. Scale bar = $50 \mu m$.
- Figs S3–S6. Post-fertilization stages of *Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov*. (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue.
 - Fig. S3. The medullary cells (m) close to the auxiliary cell (a) produce cells that grow into filaments similar to gonimoblast filaments (arrows). Scale bar = $20 \mu m$.
 - **Figs S4-S6.** Close up of the auxiliary cell and the medullary cell in three different focal planes.
 - **Fig. S4**. Gonimoblast initials (gi) and secondary pit connection between auxiliary cell and medullary cell (arrowhead). Scale bar = $10 \mu m$.
 - Figs S5, S6. Secondary pit connection between auxiliary cell and medullary cell (arrowhead) and produced filaments (arrows). Scale bar = $10 \mu m$.





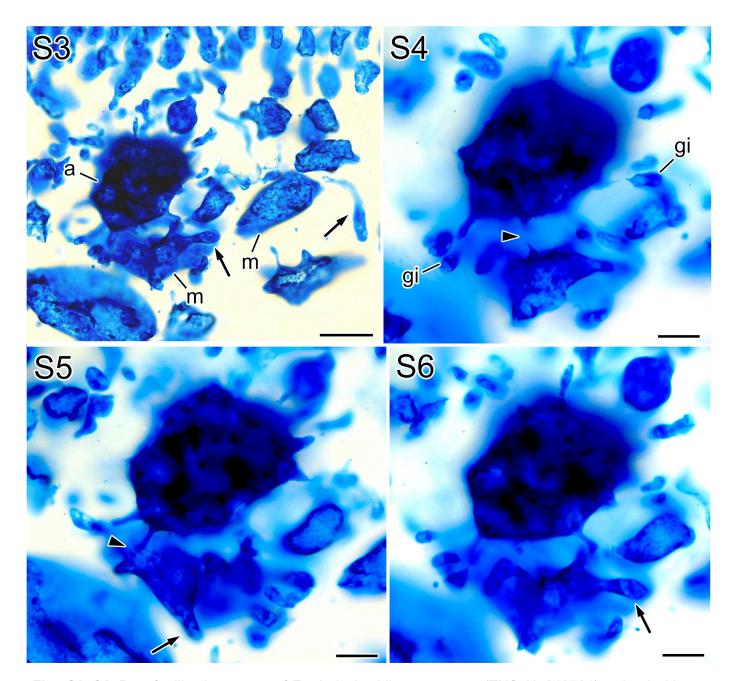




Figs S1, S2. Hand drawings of vegetative structures of Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov.

Fig. S1. Transverse section of thallus (TNS-AL 213791) showing cortex and medulla. Arrows indicate two to three layers of subcortical cells. Scale bar = $50 \mu m$.

Fig. S2. Longitudinal section of thallus (TNS-AL 213791) showing cortex and medulla. Arrows indicate two to three layers of subcortical cells. Scale bar = $50 \mu m$.



Figs S3–S6. Post-fertilization stages of *Fredericqia chiharae sp. nov.* (TNS-AL 213791) stained with cotton blue.

- Fig. S3. The medullary cells (m) close to the auxiliary cell (a) produce cells that grow into filaments similar to gonimoblast filaments (arrows). Scale bar = $20 \mu m$.
- Figs S4-S6. Close up of the auxiliary cell and the medullary cell in three different focal planes.
- **Fig. S4.** Gonimoblast initials (gi) and secondary pit connection between auxiliary cell and medullary cell (arrowhead). Scale bar = $10 \mu m$.
- **Figs S5**, **S6**. Secondary pit connection between auxiliary cell and medullary cell (arrowhead) and produced filaments (arrows). Scale bar = $10 \mu m$.

Table S1. Collection locations and details, and INSD (DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank) accession numbers of samples used in the *rbc*L, *cox*1, and 28S rDNA sequence analyses. Accession numbers in bold were determined for this study.

Species	Collection information (locality; date; collector, voucher; Reference)	rbcL	cox1	28S rDNA
Gigartinaceae				
Chondracanthus corymbiferus	Indian Is., Kitsap Co., WA, USA; 10 June 1994; M.H. Hommersand;	DQ869094		
(Kützing) Guiry	Hughey & Hommersand (2008)			
	Wizard Islet, Vancouver Is., BC, Canada; G.W. Saunders; GWS002830;		GQ398090	GQ338088
	Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Chondrus crispus Stackhouse	Cheyne Beach, Devon, England; 3 Apr. 2010; K.M. Kim & K.M. Lee;	KU640262	KU640326	
	CNU034179; Calderon & Boo (2016)			
	Harper & Saunders (2001)			AF419120
Rhodoglossum gigartinoides (Sonder)	Flinders Jetty, VIC, Australia; G.T. Kraft & G.W. Saunders; G0098;	JN403074		GQ338091
Edyvane & Womersley	Schneider et al. (2011)			
	Robe, Cape Dombey Jetty, SA, Australia; 17 Nov. 2011; G.W. Saunders		KF026468	
	& K. Dixon; GWS029663; Kraft & Saunders (2014)			
Phyllophoraceae				
Ahnfeltiopsis linearis (C. Agardh) P.C.	Bradys Beach, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 15 Jun. 2005; G.W. Saunders, B.	GQ338148		
Silva & DeCew	Clarkston & D. McDevit; GWS003998; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
	Bradys Beach, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 8 Jun. 2005; G.W. Saunders;		GQ380028	GQ338104
	GWS002887; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Archestenogramma profundum C.W.	Cathedral Rock off Castle Harbour, Bermuda; 23 August 2010; C.W.	JN403075	HQ933371	
Schneider, Chengsupanimit & G.W.	Schneider, C. Lane, D. McDevit & T. Popolizio; BDA0365; Schneider et			
Saunders	al. (2011)			
	Cathedral Rock off Castle Harbour, Bermuda; 23 August 2010; C.W.			JN403059
	Schneider, C. Lane, D. McDevit & T. Popolizio; BDA0368; Schneider et			
	al. (2011)	T ==== (1)		
Besa catenata (Yendo) M.S. Calderon	Katada (34°15' N, 136°50' E), Shima Town, Shima City, Mie Pref.,	LC589694 ¹⁾	LC589698 ²⁾	LC589691
& S.M. Boo	Japan; 14 Apr. 2017; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 209180; this study			
Coccotylus brodiei (Turner) Kützing	Starboard, ME, USA; 25 Apr. 2006; G.W. Saunders, L. Le Gall, D.	GQ338135	GQ380037	
	McDevit, S. Clayden & C. Lane; GWS003640; Le Gall & Saunders			
	(2010)			

Table S1. Continued.

Species	Collection information (locality; date; collector, voucher; Reference)	rbcL	cox1	28S rDNA
	Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, NS, Canada; 2 Sep. 2004; G.W. Saunders;			GQ338109
	GWS002350; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Erythrodermis traillii (Holmes ex	Meadow Cove, NB, Canada; 3 Dec. 2006; G.W. Saunders, D. Saunders,	GQ338133	GQ380105	
Batters) Guiry & Garbary	L. Le Gall & D. McDevit; GWS005655; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
	English Harbour Eastern Cove, NF, Canada; 20 Jul. 2006; L. Le Gall, D.			GQ338108
	McDevit & J. Utge; GWS007553; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Fredericqia chiharae Mas. Suzuki &	Tokawa (35°41' N, 140°51' E), Choshi City, Chiba Pref., Japan; 22 Jun.	LC589695	LC589699	LC589692
Kitayama sp. nov.	2008; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 207116; this study			
	Tokawa (35°41' N, 140°51' E), Choshi City, Chiba Pref., Japan; 12 May	LC589696 ³⁾	LC589700 ⁴⁾	
	2017; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 209185 *Holotype; this study			
Fredericqia chiton (M. Howe) Maggs,	Point Holmes, Comox, BC, Canada; 15 Jun. 2007; G.W. Saunders, B.	GQ338149	GQ380107	
L.Le Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W.	Clarkston, D. McDevit & K. Roy; GWS008640; Le Gall & Saunders			
Saunders	(2010)			
	Scotts Bay, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 13 Sep. 2005; J. Mortimer;			GQ338107
	GWS003109; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Fredericqia decewii Maggs, L.Le Gall,	Pachena Beach, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 5 Jun. 2007; D. McDevit, B.	GQ338150	GQ380018	
Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders	Clarkston, K. Roy & H. Kucera; GWS008273; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
	Pachena Beach, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 4 Jun. 2005; G.W. Saunders; GWS002712; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			GQ338105
Fredericqia deveauniensis Maggs, L.Le	Cape Neddick, ME, USA; 3 Nov. 2006; G.W. Saunders & D. McDevit;	GQ338151	GQ380113	
Gall, Mineur, Provan & G.W. Saunders	GWS005620; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)	3Q330131	3Q300113	
2000, 111112002, 110 (021 00 01 11) 200220022	Cape Neddick, ME, USA; 14 Apr. 2005; G.W. Saunders; GWS002678;			GQ338106
	Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			3 200100
Gymnogongrus flabelliformis Harvey	Ebisujima (34°39' N, 138°57' E), Susaki, Shimoda City, Shizuoka Pref.,	LC473155	LC473168	LC473147
	Japan; 14 May 2014; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 188599; Suzuki <i>et al.</i> (2021),			
	this study			
Mastocarpus yendoi Masuda & T.	Enoshima (35°17' N 139°29' E), Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Pref., Japan;	LC589697	LC589701	LC589693
Yoshida	17 Apr. 2014; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 188596; this study			

Table S1. Continued.

Species	Collection information (locality; date; collector, voucher; Reference)	rbcL	cox1	28S rDNA
Ozophora lanceolata L.Le Gall & G.W.	Bradys Beach, Bamfield, BC, Canada; 15 Jun. 2006; G.W. Saunders, B.	GQ338128	GQ380341	GQ338112
Saunders	Clarkston & D. McDevit; GWS004011; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Phyllophora crispa (Hudson) P.S.	Mullaghmore Head, Ireland; 28 Jul. 2003; G.W. Saunders; GWS001813;	GQ338131		
Dixon	Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
	St Michel de Plouguerneau, Brittany, France; 15 Jul. 2007; J.		GQ380358	GQ338114
	Martin-Lescanne; JML017; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			
Schottera koreana M.S. Calderon, T.H.	Shiraishinohana (33°54' N, 132°42' E), Takahama Town, Matsuyama	LC538294	LC538301	LC538303
Seo & S.M. Boo	City, Ehime Pref., Japan; 9 Apr. 2016; M. Suzuki; TNS-AL 207074;			
	Suzuki et al. (2021), this study			
Stenogramma californicum Harvey	Wizard I., Bamfield, BC, Canada; 3 Jun. 2008; B. Clarkston & S. Toews;	GQ338125	GQ380375	GQ338121
	GWS010565; Le Gall & Saunders (2010)			

¹⁾ This sequence was determined from the specimen used in Shibneva et al. (2021), and identical (longer 5' read) to MT188617.

References

- Calderon M.S. & Boo S.M. 2016. Phylogeny of Phyllophoraceae (Rhodophyta, Gigartinales) reveals *Asterfilopsis* gen. nov. from the Southern Hemisphere. *Phycologia* 55: 543-554. DOI: 10.2216/16-9.1.
- Harper J.T. & Saunders G.W. 2001. Molecular systematics of the Florideophyceae (Rhodophyta) using nuclear large and small subunit rDNA sequence data. *Journal of Phycology* 37: 1073-1082. DOI: 10.1046/j.1529-8817.2001.00160.x.
- Hughey J.R. & Hommersand M.H. 2008. Morphological and molecular systematic study of *Chondracanthus* (Gigartinaceae, Rhodophyta) from Pacific North America. *Phycologia* 47: 124-155. DOI: 10.2216/07-36.1.
- Kraft G.T. & Saunders G.W. 2014. *Crebradomus* and *Dissimularia*, new genera in the family Chondrymeniaceae (Gigartinales, Rhodophyta) from the central, southern and western Pacific Ocean. *Phycologia* 53: 146-166. DOI: 10.2216/13-213.1.
- Le Gall L. & Saunders G.W. 2010. DNA barcoding is a powerful tool to uncover algal diversity: a case study of the Phyllophoraceae (Gigartinales, Rhodophyta) in the Canadian flora. *Journal of Phycology* 46: 374-389. DOI: 10.1111/j.1529-8817.2010.00807.x.
- Maggs C.A., Le Gall L., Mineur F., Provan J. & Saunders G.W. 2013. *Fredericqia deveauniensis*, gen. et sp. nov. (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta), a new cryptogenic species. *Cryptogamie Algologie* 34: 273-296. DOI: 10.7872/crya.v34.iss2.2013.273.

²⁾ This sequence was determined from the specimen used in Shibneva et al. (2021), and identical (longer 5' and 3' read) to MT188618.

³⁾ This sequence is identical to LC589695.

⁴⁾ This sequence is identical to LC589699.

- Schneider C.W., Chengsupanimit T. & Saunders G.W. 2011. A new genus and species from the North Atlantic. *Archestenogramma profundum* (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta), with taxonomic resolution of the orphaned *Leptofauchea brasiliensis*. *European Journal of Phycology* 46: 416-441. DOI: 10.1080/09670262.2011.628699.
- Shibneva S.Y., Skriptsova A.V., Semenchenko A.A. & Suzuki M. 2021. Morphological and molecular reassessment of three species of *Besa* (Phyllophoraceae, Rhodophyta) from the North-west Pacific. *European Journal of Phycology* 56: 72-84. DOI: 10.1080/09670262.2020.1765025.
- Suzuki M., Terada R., Shibata K. & Kawai H. 2021. New records of *Chondracanthus saundersii* and *Schottera koreana* (Gigartinales, Rhodophyta) from Japan based on molecular and morphological analyses. *Phycological Research* DOI: 10.1111/pre.12447.

Table S2. Substitution models for the maximum likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI) phylogenetic analyses on the basis of *rbc*L, *cox*1, and 28S rDNA sequences.

	Combined rbcL, cox1, and 28S rDNA analyses
Number of taxa	18
Number of nucleotides (bp)	rbcL: 1275, cox1: 645, 28S rDNA: 2620
Substitution model for ML	rbcL: 1st codons (TrN+I+G4), 2nd codons (TIM2+I+G4), 3rd
analyses1)	codons (TIM2+I+G4)
	cox1: 1st codons (TIM1ef+I+G4), 2nd codons (TPM3uf+I), 3rd
	codons (TPM2uf+I+G4)
	28S rDNA: TIM3+I+G4
Substitution model for BI	rbcL: 1st codons (GTR+I+G), 2nd codons (GTR+I), 3rd codons
analyses ²⁾	(GTR+I+G)
	cox1: 1st codons (SYM+G), 2nd codons (HKY+I), 3rd codons
	(GTR+I+G)
	28S rDNA: GTR+I+G

¹⁾Each substitution model was selected by Akaike's information criterion using ModelTest-NG 0.1.6 (Darriba *et al.* 2019).

References

Darriba D., Posada D., Kozlov A.M., Stamatakis A., Morel B. & Flouri T. 2019. ModelTest-NG: a new and scalable tool for the selection of DNA and protein evolutionary models. *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 37: 291-294. DOI: 10.1093/molbev/msz189.

Nylander J.A.A. 2004. *MrModeltest 2.3. Program distributed by the author*. Evolutionary Biology Centre, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

²⁾ Each substitution model was selected by Akaike's information criterion using MrModeltest 2.3 (Nylander 2004).