

Table S1 Summary of main studies of the basal leptosporangiate ferns. (Gle: Gleicheniales; Hym: Hymenophyllales)

Study	Phylogenetic depth	Sampled			Data types	Methods	Topology
		Ferns	Gle	Hym			
Hasebe et al. (1994)	Leptosporangiate ferns	58	5	3	Plastid (rbcl)	NJ; MP	Fig. 1A
Hasebe et al. (1995)	All ferns	107	6	6	Plastid (rbcl)	NJ; MP; ML	Fig. 1D
Pryer et al. (1995)	All ferns	50	5	1	Plastid (rbcl); Morphology (77)	MP	Fig. 1D
Pryer et al. (2001)	Vascular plants	21	2	1	Plastid (3); Nuclear (18S rDNA); Morphology (136)	MP; ML	Fig. 1A
Pryer et al. (2004)	All ferns	53	10	2	Plastid (3); Nuclear (18S rDNA)	MP; ML; BI	Fig. 1C
Schneider et al. (2004)	All ferns	41	1	1	Plastid (2)	BI	Fig. 1A
Wikström & Pryer (2005)	All ferns	20	2	1	Plastid (3); Nuclear (18S rDNA); Mitochondrion (atp1); Morphology (138)	ML; BI	Fig. 1A
Qiu et al. (2006)	Land plants	36	1	2	Plastid (4); Nuclear (18S rDNA); Mitochondrion (LSU rDNA); cp genome (67); Genomic structure (28)	MP; ML	Fig. 1A
Schuettpelz et al. (2006)	All ferns	52	9	2	Plastid (4); Nuclear (18S rDNA)	ML; BI	Fig. 1A
Schuettpelz & Pryer (2006)	All ferns	101	10	50	Plastid (rbcl)	BI	Fig. 1A
Qiu et al. (2007)	Land plants	36	1	2	Plastid (4); Nuclear (18S rDNA); Mitochondrion (2)	ML	Fig. 1A
Schuettpelz & Pryer (2007)	Leptosporangiate ferns	400	11	28	Plastid (3)	ML	Fig. 1A
Rai & Graham (2010)	Land plants	34	4	3	Plastid (17)	MP; ML	Fig. 1A
Kuo et al. (2011)	All ferns	78	3	2	Plastid (3)	ML; BI	Fig. 1F
Lehtonen (2011)	All ferns	2656	35	168	Plastid (4)	ML	Fig. 1A
Knie et al. (2015)	All ferns	30	2	2	Plastid (5); Mitochondrion (4)	ML	Fig. 1B
Rothfels et al. (2015)	All ferns	73	3	2	Nuclear (25)	ML; BI; coalescent	Fig. 1D
Testo et al. (2016)	All ferns	3973	41	209	Plastid (7)	ML	Fig. 1A
Shen et al. (2018)	All ferns	69	2	1	Nuclear (2391/1334)	ML; coalescent	Fig. 1E
Kuo et al. (2018)	All ferns	26	2	2	Plastid (71)	ML	Fig. 1A
Qi et al. (2018)	All ferns	127	8	6	Nuclear (146)	ML; coalescent	Fig. 1E
Wolf et al. (2018)	All ferns	24	1	1	Nuclear (25)	ML	Fig. 1A

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