

# *Magnolia* sensu lato or sensu stricto?



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*Here is my answer: one magnificent genus Magnolia*

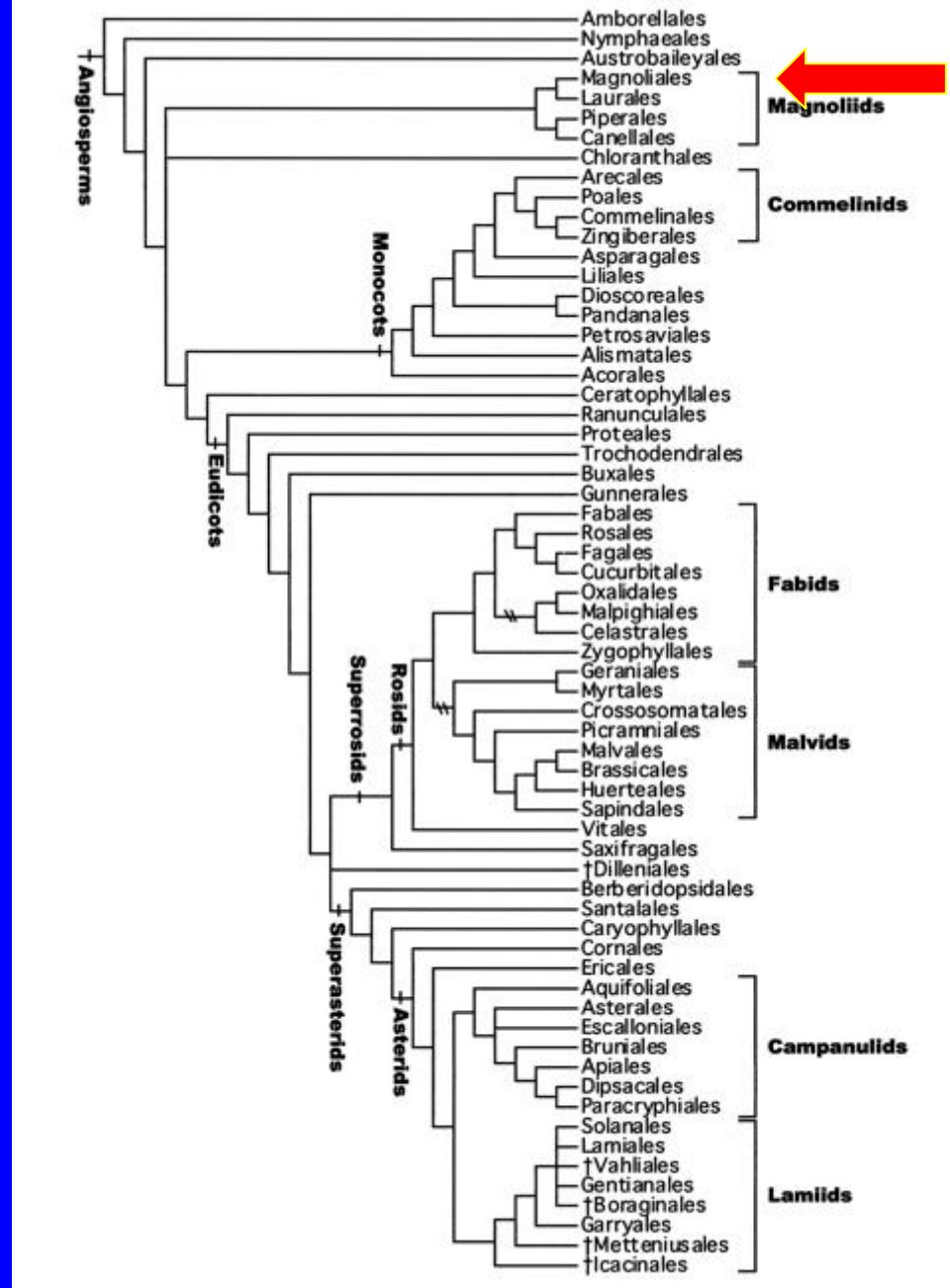


# *Introduction*

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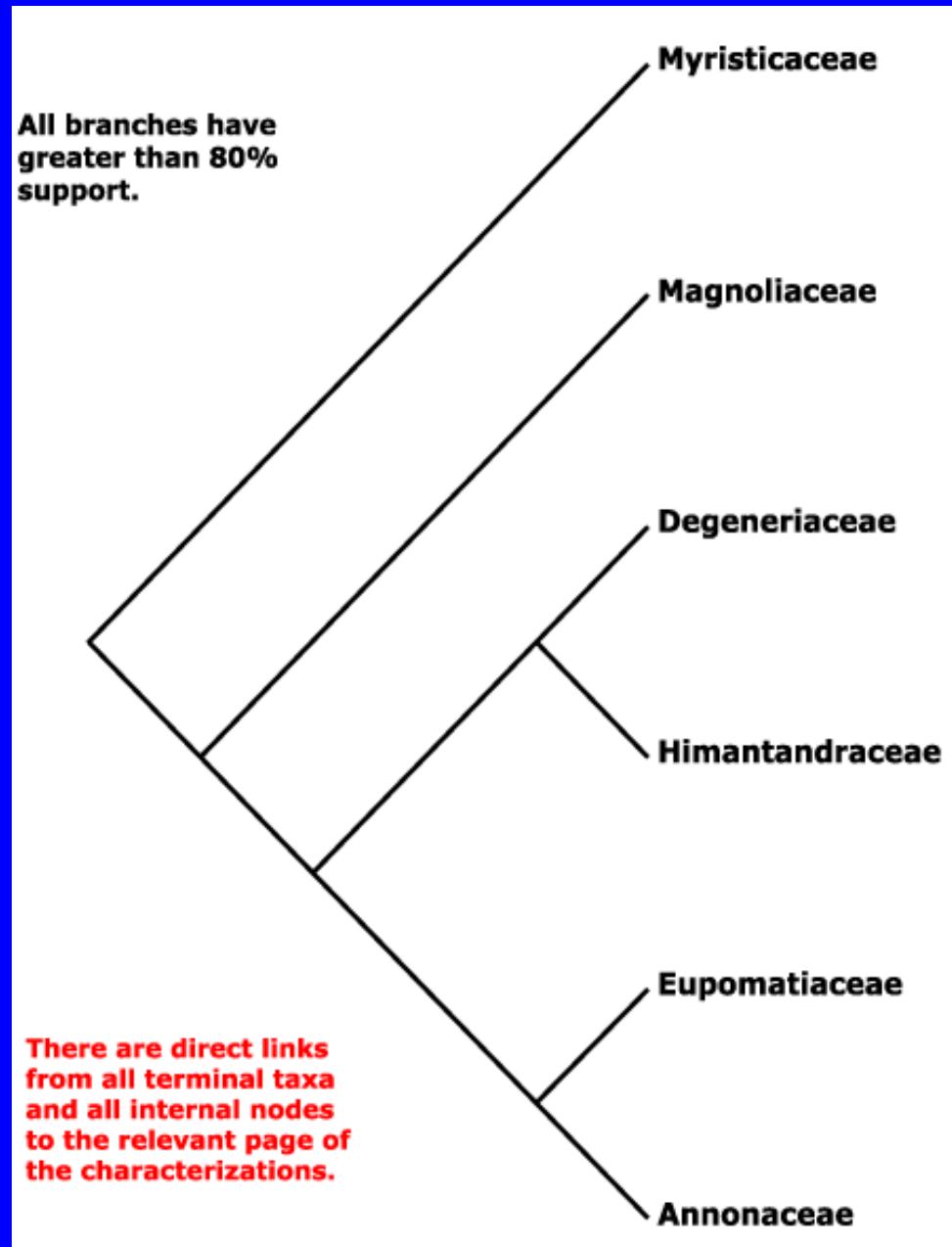
## Basal Angiosperms

### Magnoliiales



# *Magnoliales*

Stevens 2001 onwards



# *Charles Plumier*



NOVA  
PLANTARUM  
AMERICANARUM  
GENERA,

Authore P. CAROLO PLUMIER Ordinis  
Minimorum in Provincia Franciæ, & apud Insulas  
Americanas Botanico Regio.



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PARISIIS,

Apud JOANNEM BOUDOT, Regis & Regis Scientiarum  
Academie Typographum, via Jacobea, ad Solem Aureum,

M. DCCIII.

CUM PRIVILEGIO REGIS.

de posse debellari, si præcipue Galenicis præceptis chymica remedia veniant subdio; specimen etiam plantarum, ubi plantæ quædam typis æneis perbelle exprimuntur. Opus extat apud Hadriani Beys, Parisiis, an. 1611. in quarto.

## ZANONIA.

Tab. 15.

**Z**anonia est plantæ genus flore A rosaceo, tribus scilicet petalis B constante, in orbem positis, & calyci C insidente infundibuli-formi; is autem calyx abit deinde in fructum D molle, convolutum, succo plenum, & duobus ut plurimum se: minibus E subrotundis fœtum.

Zanonia unicam novi speciem.

Zanonia graminea, perloliata.

Clarissimus D. Jacobus Zanoni, Botanicus, & in Horto publico Bononiensi Praefectus, plantarum ab antiquis memoratarum dif- cretor perspicacissimus, & dissertator sapientissimus, Historiam Botanicam edidit, in qua tum antiquorum, tum recentiorum plantæ non ante obseruatæ, ac ex variis orbis partibus advec- ta, ad vitrum tabulis æneis representantur, & genuinis des- criptionibus referuntur. Extat Opus Bononiae apud Josephum Longhi 1675. fol.

## MAGNOLIA.

Tab. 7.

**M**agnolia est plantæ genus flore A rosaceo, plurimis scili- cet petalis I in orbem positis, constante; ex cuius calyce H surgit pistillum B, quod deinde abit in fructum C clavatum, durum, tuberosum, in quo veluti nidulantur L officula oblonga E, ejusdem figurae nucleus F conidentia.

Magnolia unicam speciem vidi.

Magnolia amplissimo flore albo, fructu cœruleo.

Clarissimus D. Petrus Magnol, Regis Consiliarius, in aula Monspeliensis Medicorum Academia Professor Reginus, nec non ejusdem Horti Praefectus, & Professor Botanicus per triennium à Ludovico Magno designatus. Inter Botanicos nostri eui fama magnus, & magna mercede dignus, ut qui à juvenilibus annis tum in Medicina ediscenda, tum in re Botanica amplificanda

& illustranda, non sine fructu magno contulerit operam. Quam magnus sit ejus labor testatur Hortus Regius Monspeliensis, sive Catalogus plantarum quo in Horto Regio Monspeliensi ab ipso sunt demonstratae, in quo obscuræ multa illustrantur, no- varum aliquot plantarum icones & descriptiones dedit, ac nar- ratus etiam juxta Neotericorum principia breviter explicavit.

## GUAIACUM.

**G**uaiacum est plantæ genus flore A rosaceo, plurimis scili- Tab. 17. cet petalis B in orbem positis, constante; e cuius calyce L surgit pistillum C, quod deinde abit in fructum D carnosum, subrotundum, officulo, aut officulæ fœtum E ovatis H, & pulpa tenerima involutis F G.

Guaiaci species sunt.

Guaiacum flore cœruleo, fructu subrotundo.

Guaiacum flore cœruleo, fimbriato, fructu tetragono.

Guaiacum, vulgo Guaiac, nomen est Americanum, satis apud Europeanum notum.

## CALABA.

**C**alaba est plantæ genus flore A rosaceo, plurimis scilicet Tab. 18. petalis B C in orbem positis, constante; e cuius calyce E surgit pistillum, quod deinde abit in fructum sphæricum F car- nolum, officulo, seu semine fœtum G, ejusdem formæ nucleus includente H.

Calabæ unicam novi speciem.

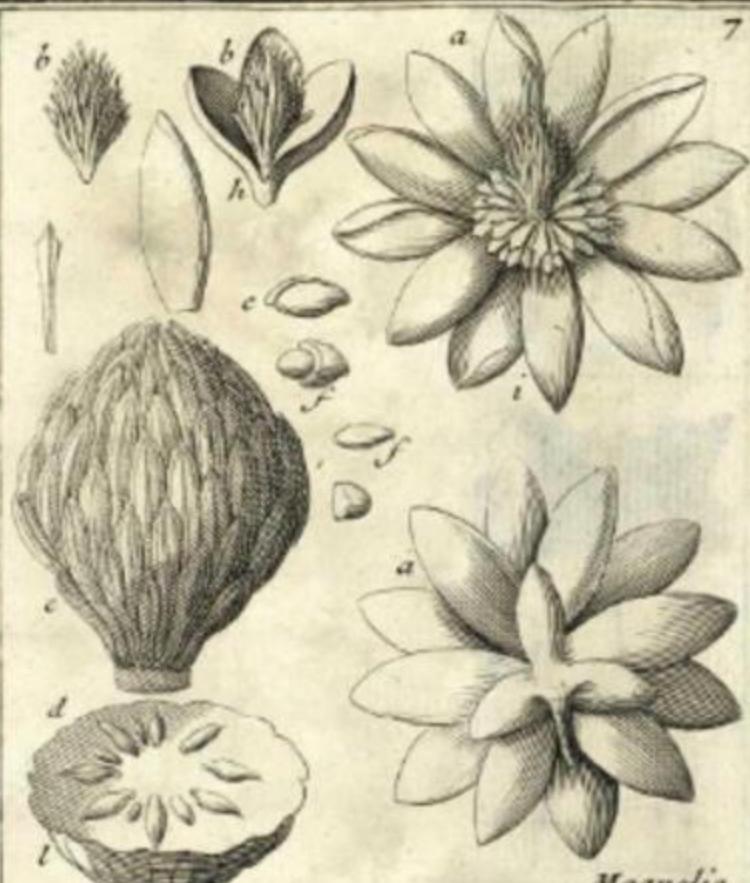
Calaba folio citrii splendente.

Calaba est nomen Americanum apud Caraibas vulgare.

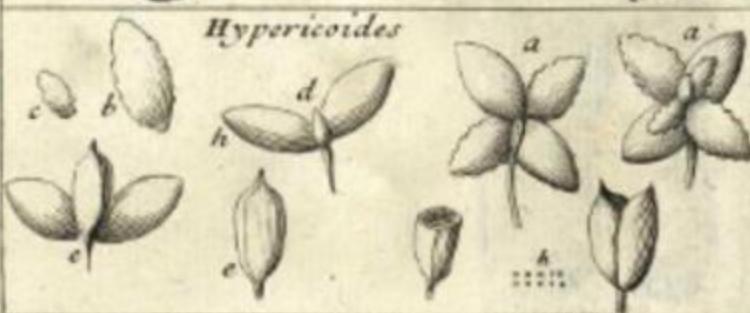
## REYNIA.

**R**eynia est plantæ genus flore A rosaceo, plurimis scilicet Tab. 19. petalis B in orbem positis, constante; ex cuius calyce C sur- git pistillum G, quod deinde abit in fructum D, seu siliquam mollem, carnosam, feminibusque fœtam E reniformibus, & car- nosis F.

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Magnolia



# *Pierre Magnol*



610. MAGNOLIA.\* *Plum. 7. Dill. elth. 168.*

CAL. *Perianthium* triphyllum: *foliolis* ovatis, concavis, petaliformibus, deciduis.

COR. *Petala* novem, oblonga, concava, obtusa, basi angustiora.

STAM. *Filamenta* numerosa, brevia, acuminata, compressa, receptaculo communi pistillorum infra germina inserta. *Antheræ* lineares, margini filamentorum utrinque adnatæ.

PIST. *Germina* numerosa, ovato-oblonga, receptaculum clavatum tegentia. *Styli* recurvi, contorti, brevissimi. *Stigmata* longitudinalia styli, villosa.

PER. *Strobilus* ovatus: *Capsulis* compressis, subrotundis, vix imbricatis, confertis, acutis, unilocularibus, bivalvibus, sessilibus, extrorsum dehiscentibus, persistentibus.

SEM. solitaria, reniformia, filo pendentia ex sinu singulæ squamæ strobili.

## 611. MICHELIA.†

CAL. *Perianthium* nullum sed basi vestita cortice truncato.

COR. *Petala* octodecim, lanceolata; exterioribus majoribus.

STAM. *Filamenta* plurima, subulata, brevissima. *Antheræ* erectæ, acutæ.

PIST. *Germina* numerosa, in spicam oblongam imbricata. *Styli* nulli. *Stigmata* reflexa, obtusa.

PER. *Baccæ* totidem, globosæ, uniloculares, in racemum dispersæ.

SEM. quatuor, hinc convexa, inde angulata.

## MAGNOLIA.

*virginiana.*

1. MAGNOLIA.  
*Magnolia foliis ovato-lanceolatis. Hort. cliff. 222. Gron.*  
*virg. 61. Roy. tagdb. 493.*  
 a. *Magnolia foliis ovato-lanceolatis subtus glaucis. Anon. glauca.*  
*Magnolia lauri folio subtus albicante. Catesb. car. 1. p.*  
*39. t. 39. Dill. eltb. 207. t. 168. f. 205.*  
*Tulipifera virginiana, laurini foliis aversa parte rore*  
*cæruleo cætis, coni-baccifera. Pluck. alm. 379. t. 68.*  
*f. 4.* Lau-

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## 536 POLYANDRIA POLYGYNIA.

- fœtida. Laurus tulipifera, baccis calyculatis. *Raj. bist. 1690.*  
 β. *Magnolia foliis ovato-oblongis subtus viridibus. Anon.*  
*Magnolia altissima, flore ingenti candido. Catesb. car.*  
*2. p. 61. Libr. pict.*  
 Magnolia amplissimo folio, fructu cæruleo. *Plum. gen.*  
 38.
- magnolia flore maximo albo fœtido, foliis deciduis am-  
 plis, florum ad ramulorum seriem sphæricæ cingenti-  
 bus, fructu majori. *Gron. virg. 61.*
- grisea. γ. *Magnolia foliis ovato-oblongis subtus griseis. Anon.*  
*Laurus tulipifera, foliis subtus ex cinereo aut argenteo*  
*purpurascentibus. Raj. bist. 1718.*
- tripetala. δ. *Magnolia amplissimo flore albo, fructu coccineo. Cæ-*  
*tesb. car. 2. p. 80. t. 80.*
- acuminata. ε. *Magnolia flore albo, folio majore acumniato haud al-*  
*bicante. Catesb. car. 2. p. 15. t. 15. Gron. virg. 61.*  
*Habitat in Virginia, Carolina. 5*
- Utrum he: α. β. γ. δ. ε. sint distinctæ, determinentes*  
*autoptæ in solo naturali? barum.*
- δ. Petalis tribus exterioribus reflexis.  
 ε. Foliis ovatis acuminatis.  
 β. Flore maximo & longiore in diametro  
*quam foliorum longitudo & Foliis*  
*subtus griseis.*

## MICHELIA.

- Champaca. 1. MICHELIA. *Fl. zeyl. 144.*  
*Champacam. Rheed. mal. 1. p. 31. t. 19. Raj. bist. 1641.*  
*Habitat in India. 5*

*One single genus! Why?*

**Table 1** Classifications of the Magnoliaceae by different authors

Dandy (1927, 1950, 1974, 1978b)	Law (1984, 2000)	Nooteboom (1985, 1987)	Figlar (2006)	Xia (2012)	Sima & Lu (2012)	This study
<b>Tribe Magnolieae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Magnolioideae</b>
Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Tribe Magnolieae	Tribe Magnolieae	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Tribe Magnolieae	Tribe Magnolieae	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>
Subgen. <i>Magnolia</i>	Subtribe Manglietinae	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Subgen. <i>Magnolia</i>	Genus <i>Houpoea</i>	Genus <i>Paramagnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Splendentes</i>
Sect. <i>Rytidospermum</i>	Genus <i>Manglietia</i>	Subgen. <i>Magnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Auriculata</i>	Genus <i>Oyama</i>	Genus <i>Metamagnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Talauma</i>
Sect. <i>Oyama</i>	Genus <i>Manglietiastrum</i>	Sect. <i>Rytidospermum</i>	Sect. <i>Macrophylla</i>	Genus <i>Lirianthe</i>	Genus <i>Houpoea</i>	Sect. <i>Gwillimia</i>
Sect. <i>Lirianthe</i>	Genus <i>Pachylarnax</i>	Sect. <i>Oyama</i>	Sect. <i>Rytidospermum</i>	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Genus <i>Oyama</i>	Sect. <i>Tulparia</i>
Sect. <i>Gwillimia</i>	Subtribe Magnoliinae	Sect. <i>Lirianthe</i>	Subsect. <i>Rytidospermum</i>	Genus <i>Pachylarnax</i>	Genus <i>Lirianthe</i>	Sect. <i>Macrophylla</i>
Sect. <i>Magnolia</i>	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Gwillimia</i>	Subsect. <i>Oyama</i>	Genus <i>Parakmeria</i>	Genus <i>Magnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Magnolia</i>
Sect. <i>Theorodon</i>	Genus <i>Talauma</i>	Sect. <i>Magnolia</i>	Sect. <i>Gwillimia</i>	Genus <i>Talauma</i>	Genus <i>Pachylarnax</i>	Sect. <i>Rytidospermum</i>
Sect. <i>Gynopodium</i>	Genus <i>Dugandiodendron</i>	Sect. <i>Theorodon</i>	Subsect. <i>Gwillimia</i>	Genus <i>Dugandiodendron</i>	Genus <i>Talauma</i>	Sect. <i>Oyama</i>
Sect. <i>Maingola</i>	Genus <i>Aromadendron</i>	Sect. <i>Gynopodium</i>	Subsect. <i>Blumiana</i>	Genus <i>Kmeria</i>	Genus <i>Dugandiodendron</i>	Sect. <i>Gynopodium</i>
Subgen. <i>Yulania</i>	Genus <i>Parakmeria</i>	Sect. <i>Maingola</i>	Sect. <i>Magnolia</i>	Genus <i>Woonyoungia</i>	Genus <i>Kmeria</i>	Sect. <i>Kmeria</i>
Sect. <i>Yulania</i>	Genus <i>Kmeria</i>	Sect. <i>Alcimandra</i>	Sect. <i>Talauma</i>	Genus <i>Manglietia</i>	Genus <i>Manglietia</i>	Sect. <i>Manglietia</i>
Sect. <i>Buergeria</i>	Genus <i>Woonyoungia</i>	Subgen. <i>Yulania</i>	Subsect. <i>Talauma</i>	<b>Tribe Michelieae</b>	<b>Tribe Michelieae</b>	Sect. <i>Tulpastrum</i>
Sect. <i>Tulpastrum</i>	Subtribe <i>Alcimandriinae</i>	Sect. <i>Yulania</i>	Subsect. <i>Dugandiodendron</i>	Genus <i>Yulania</i>	Genus <i>Yulania</i>	Sect. <i>Yulania</i>
Genus <i>Pachylarnax</i>	Genus <i>Alcimandra</i>	Sect. <i>Buergeria</i>	Subsect. <i>Cubenses</i>	Genus <i>Michelia</i>	Genus <i>Michelia</i>	Sect. <i>Maingola</i>
Genus <i>Parakmeria</i>	<b>Tribe Michelieae</b>	Sect. <i>Tulpastrum</i>	Sect. <i>Kmeria</i>	Genus <i>Elmerrillia</i>	Genus <i>Aromadendron</i>	Sect. <i>Michelia</i>
Genus <i>Talauma</i>	Genus <i>Elmerrillia</i>	Subgen. <i>Talauma</i>	Sect. <i>Manglietia</i>	Genus <i>Aromadendron</i>	<b>Subfam. Liriodendroideae</b>	<b>Subfam. Liriodendroideae</b>
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Genus <i>Manglietia</i>	Genus <i>Paramichelia</i>	Sect. <i>Blumiana</i>	Sect. <i>Yulania</i>	<b>Subfam. Liriodendroideae</b>		
Genus <i>Michelia</i>	Genus <i>Tsoongiodendron</i>	Sect. <i>Aromadendron</i>	Subsect. <i>Yulania</i>	Genus <i>Liriodendron</i>		
Genus <i>Elmerrillia</i>	<b>Subfam. Liriodendroideae</b>	Sect. <i>Manglietiastrum</i>	Subsect. <i>Tulpastrum</i>			
Genus <i>Tsoongiodendron</i>	Genus <i>Liriodendron</i>	Genus <i>Pachylarnax</i>	Sect. <i>Michelia</i>			
Genus <i>Aromadendron</i>		Genus <i>Kmeria</i>	Subsect. <i>Michelia</i>			
Genus <i>Alcimandra</i>		Genus <i>Manglietia</i>	Subsect. <i>Elmerrillia</i>			
<b>Tribe Liriodendreae</b>		<b>Tribe Michelieae</b>	Subsect. <i>Aromadendron</i>			
Genus <i>Liriodendron</i>		Genus <i>Michelia</i>	Subsect. <i>Maingola</i>			
		Genus <i>Elmerrillia</i>	Subgen. <i>Gynopodium</i>			
		Genus <i>Liriodendron</i>	Sect. <i>Manglietiastrum</i>			
			Sect. <i>Gynopodium</i>			
			<b>Subfam. Liriodendroideae</b>			
			Genus <i>Liriodendron</i>			

Very slow evolutionary rate in the family

Very low number of polyploids in the family

WGD (whole genome duplication) may lead to a genomic combination that generates evolutionary novelty

Polyplody may serve as a catalyst for diversification

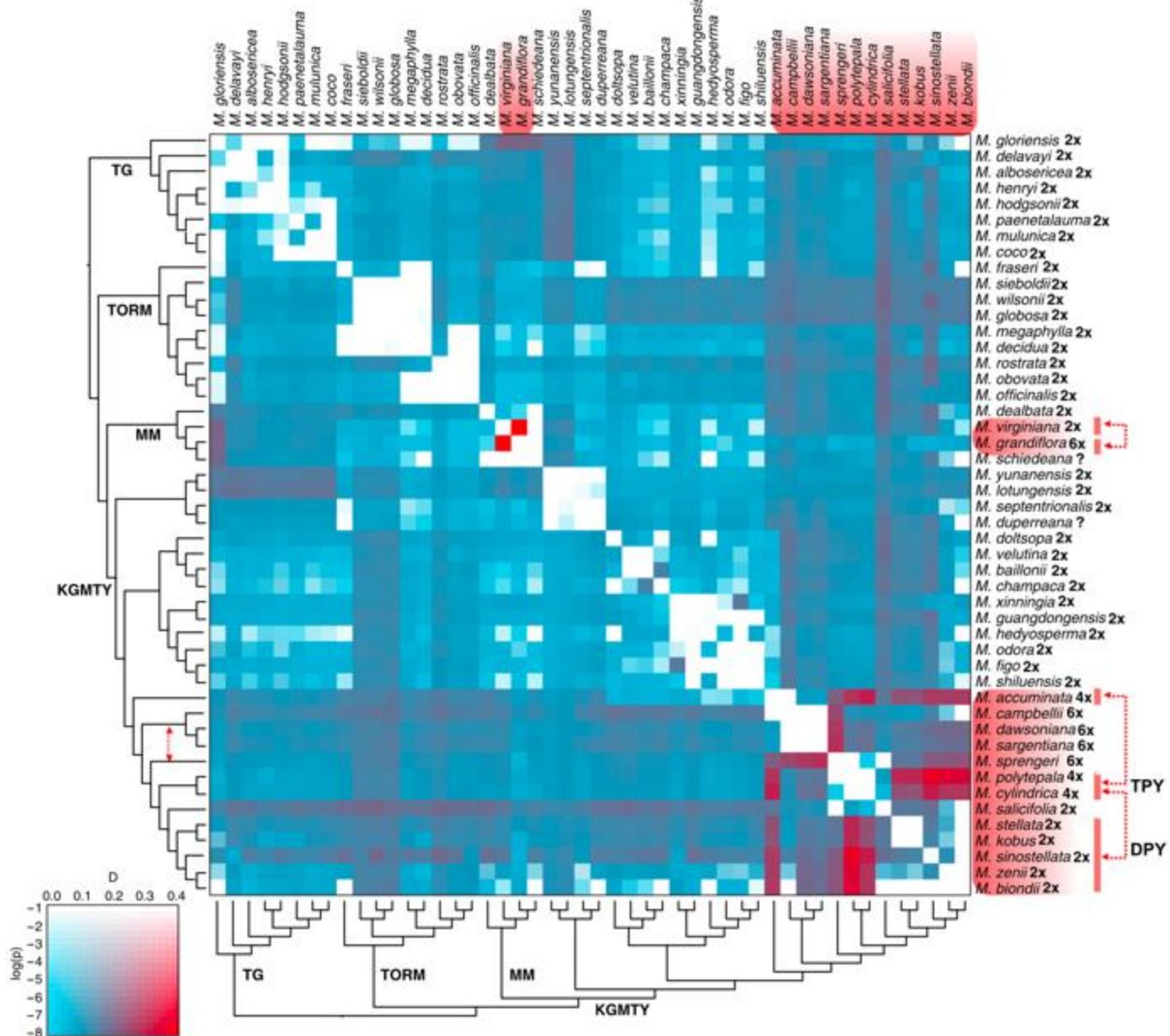


Fig. 2. Detection of introgression events using Patterson's D-statistic among different *Magnolia* species.

Easy hybridization between species from different sections, often producing fertile hybrids

de Spoelberch 1998

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *Magnolia denudata* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia tripetala* (*Rytidospermum*) x *Magnolia virginiana* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia tripetala* (*Rytidospermum*) x *Magnolia sieboldii* (Oyama)

*Magnolia obovata* (*Rytidospermum*) x *Magnolia virginiana* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia obovata* (*Rytidospermum*) x *Magnolia sieboldii* (Oyama)

Lorentzon 1998

*Magnolia obovata* (*Rytidospermum*) x *Magnolia wilsonii* (Oyama)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *Magnolia liliiflora* (*Yulania*)

Gong et al. 2001

*Magnolia delavayi* (*Gwillimia*) x *Parakmeria lotungensis* (*Gynopodium*)

Wang et al. 2005

*Magnolia "guangnanensis"* (*Manglietia*) x *henryi* (*Gwillimia*)

Lobdell 2021

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *campbellii* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *denudata* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *figo* (*Michelia*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *kobus* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *sargentiana* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *sprengeri* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia acuminata* (*Tulipastrum*) x *stellata* (*Yulania*)

*Magnolia coco* (*Gwillimia*) x *grandiflora* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia globosa* (*Oyama*) x *obovata* (*Rytidospermum*)

*Magnolia globosa* (*Oyama*) x *virginiana* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia insignis* (*Manglietia*) x *virginiana* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia liliiflora* (*Yulania*) x *foveolata* (*Michelia*)

*Magnolia liliiflora* (*Yulania*) x *laevifolia* (*Michelia*)

*Magnolia obovata* (*Rytidospermum*) x *fraseri* (*Tuliparia*)

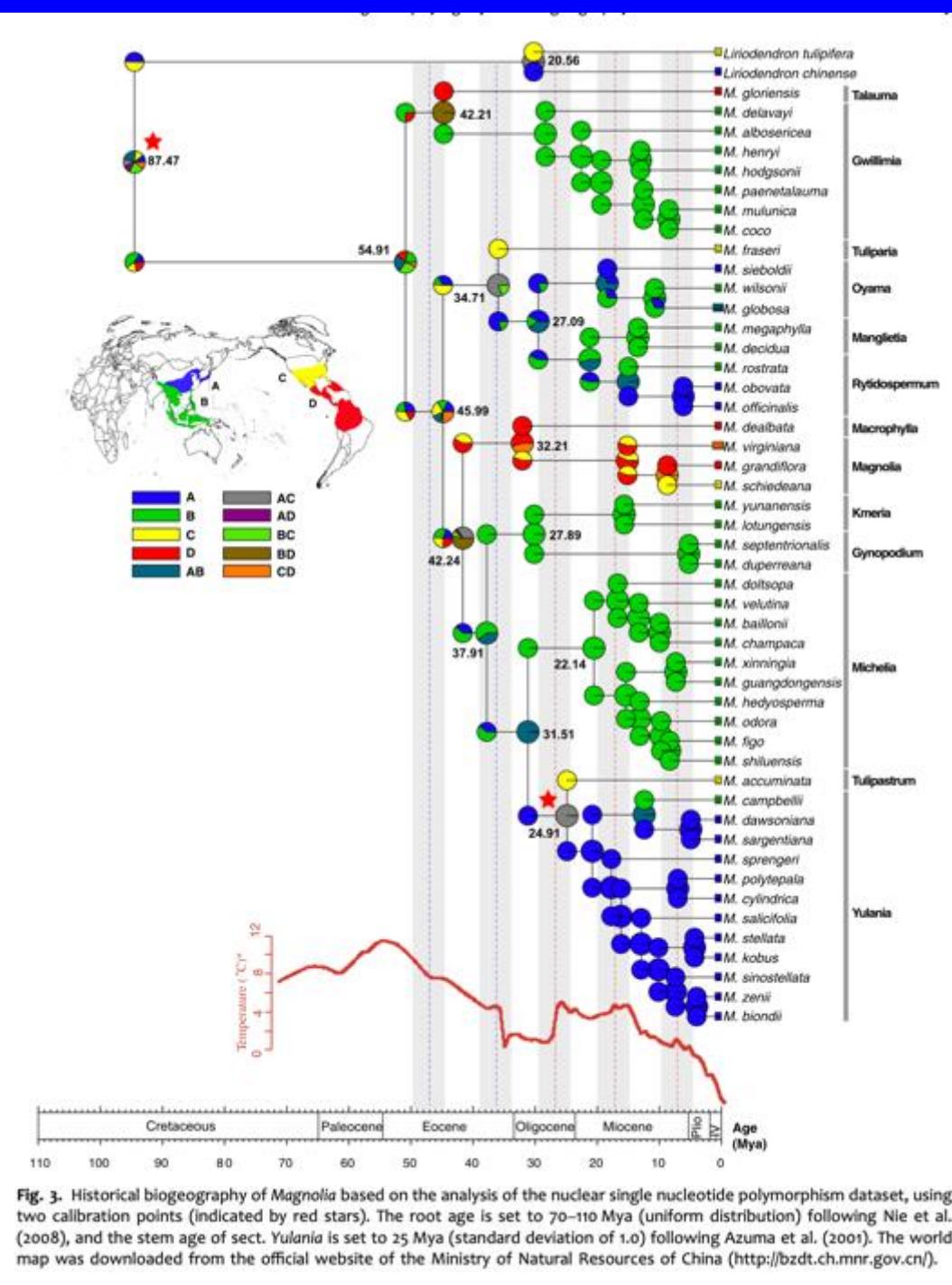
*Magnolia sieboldii* (*Oyama*) x *grandiflora* (*Magnolia*)

*Magnolia sieboldii* (*Oyama*) x *macrophylla* (*Macrophyllae*)

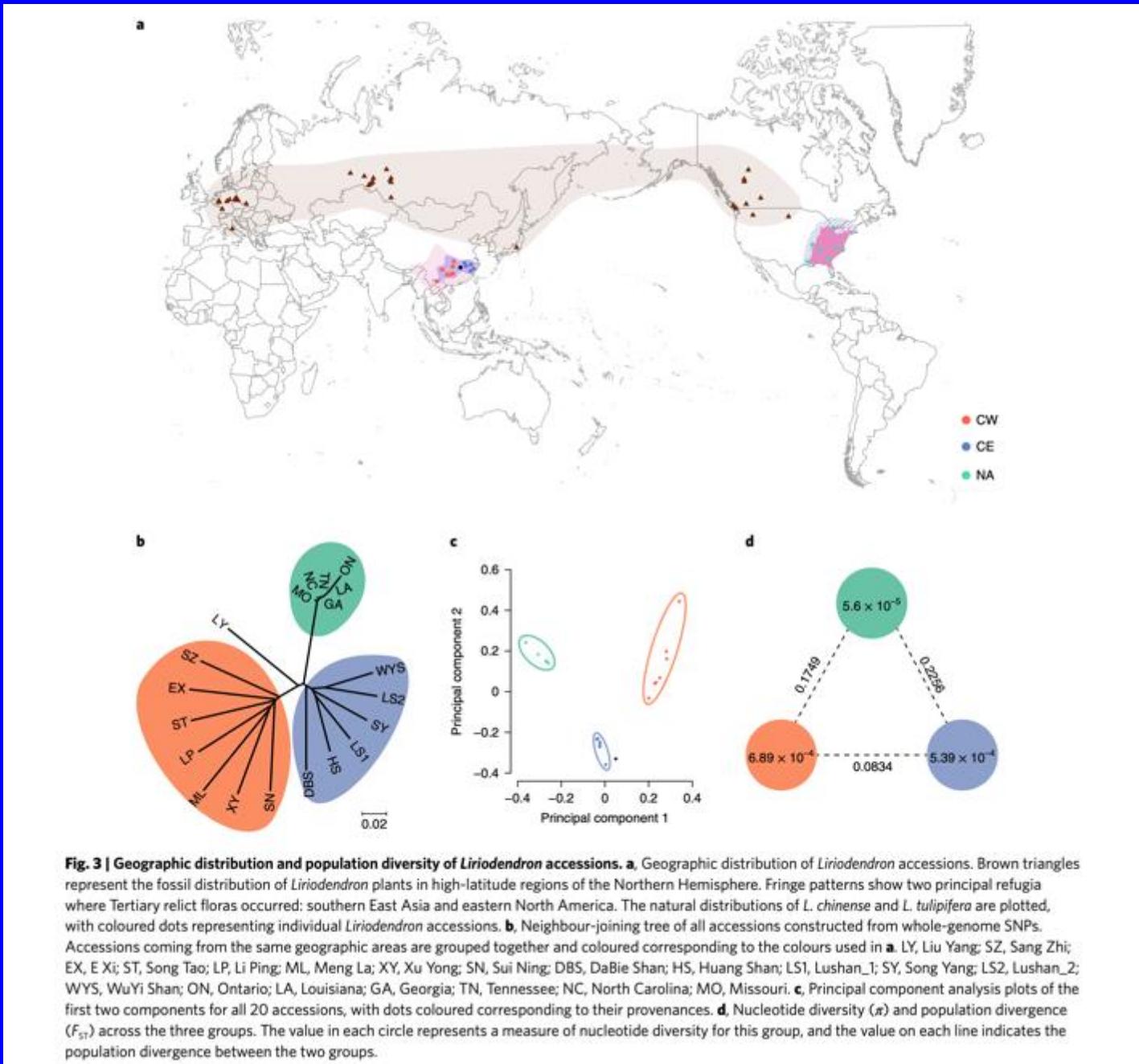
*Magnolia sieboldii* (*Oyama*) x *tripetala* (*Rytidospermum*)

*Magnolia virginiana* (*Magnolia*) x *macrophylla* (*Macrophyllae*)

*Magnolia virginiana* (*Magnolia*) x *macrophylla* (*Macrophyllae*)



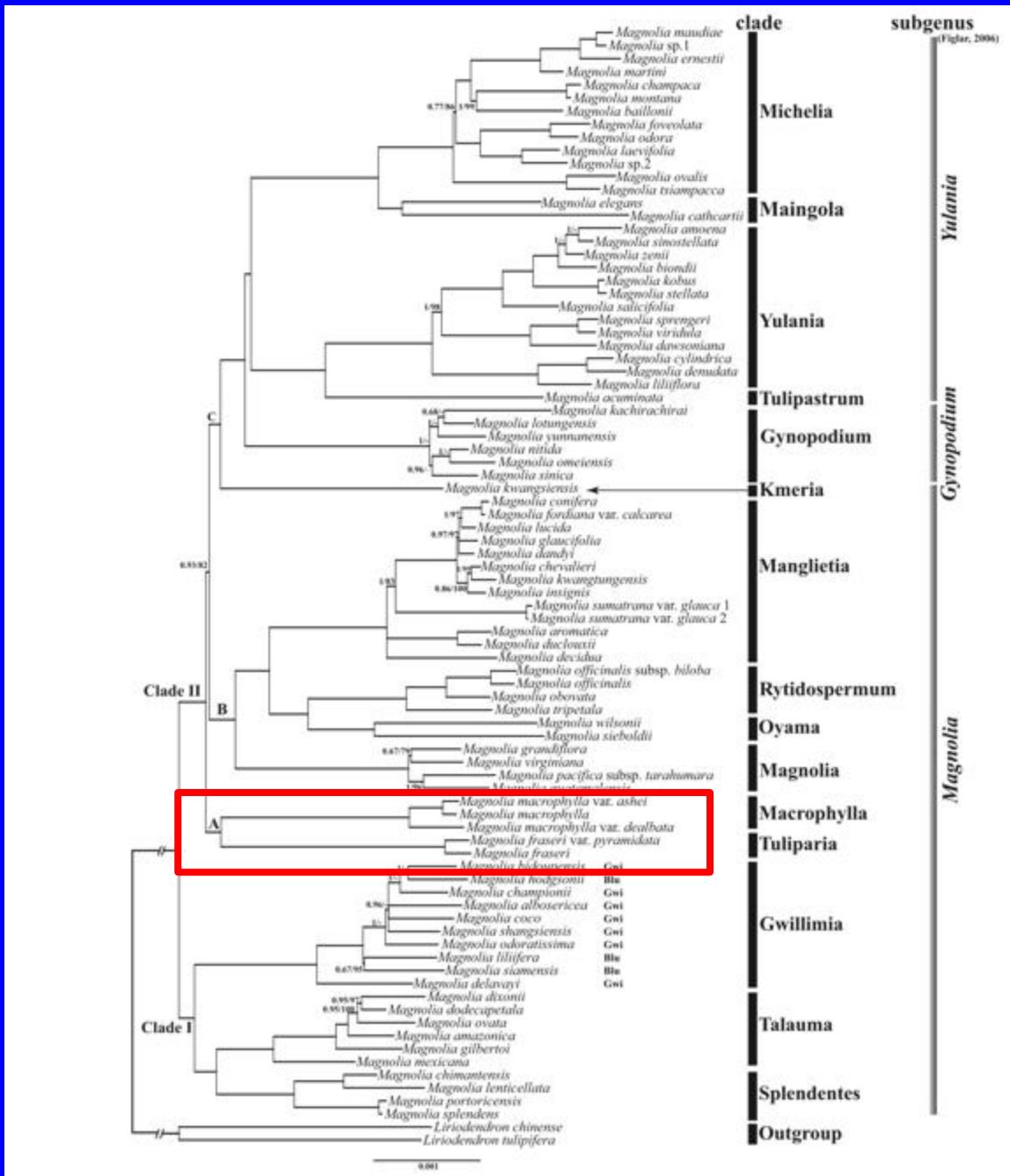
**Fig. 3.** Historical biogeography of *Magnolia* based on the analysis of the nuclear single nucleotide polymorphism dataset, using two calibration points (indicated by red stars). The root age is set to 70–110 Mya (uniform distribution) following Nie et al. (2008), and the stem age of sect. *Yulania* is set to 25 Mya (standard deviation of 1.0) following Azuma et al. (2001). The world map was downloaded from the official website of the Ministry of Natural Resources of China (<http://bzdt.ch.mnr.gov.cn/>).



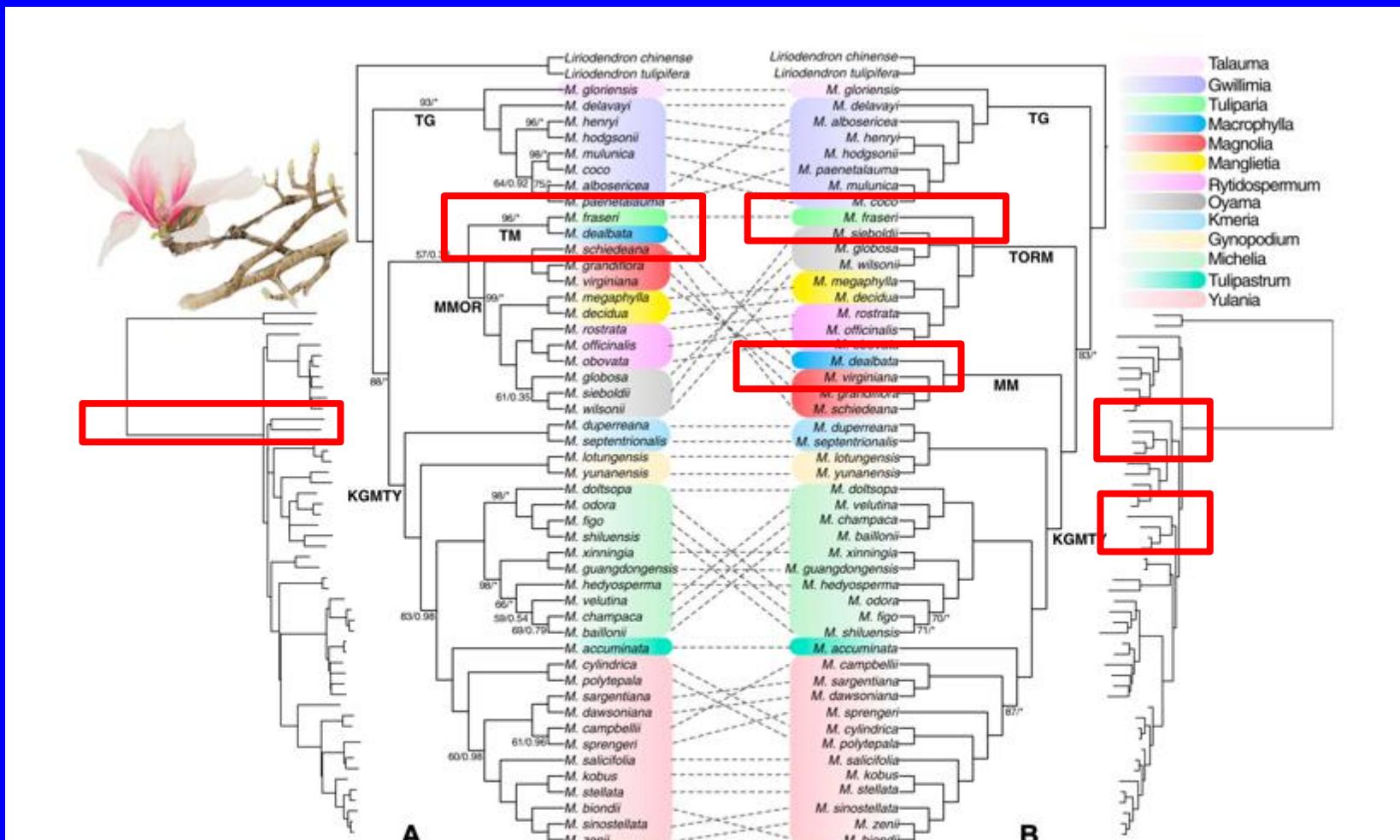
*A survey of the 15 sections  
recognized by  
Wang et al. 2020*

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*Dong et al. 2021*



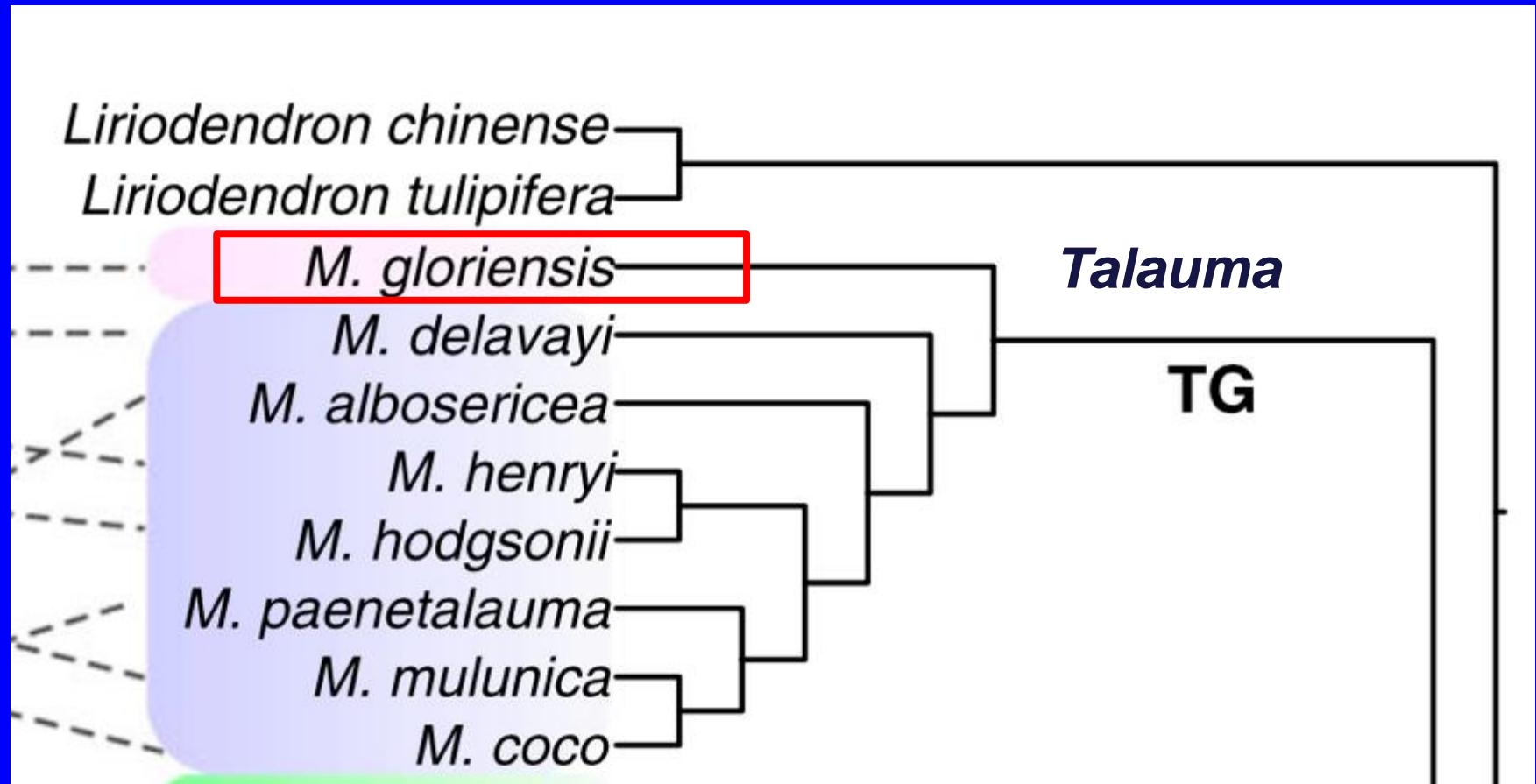
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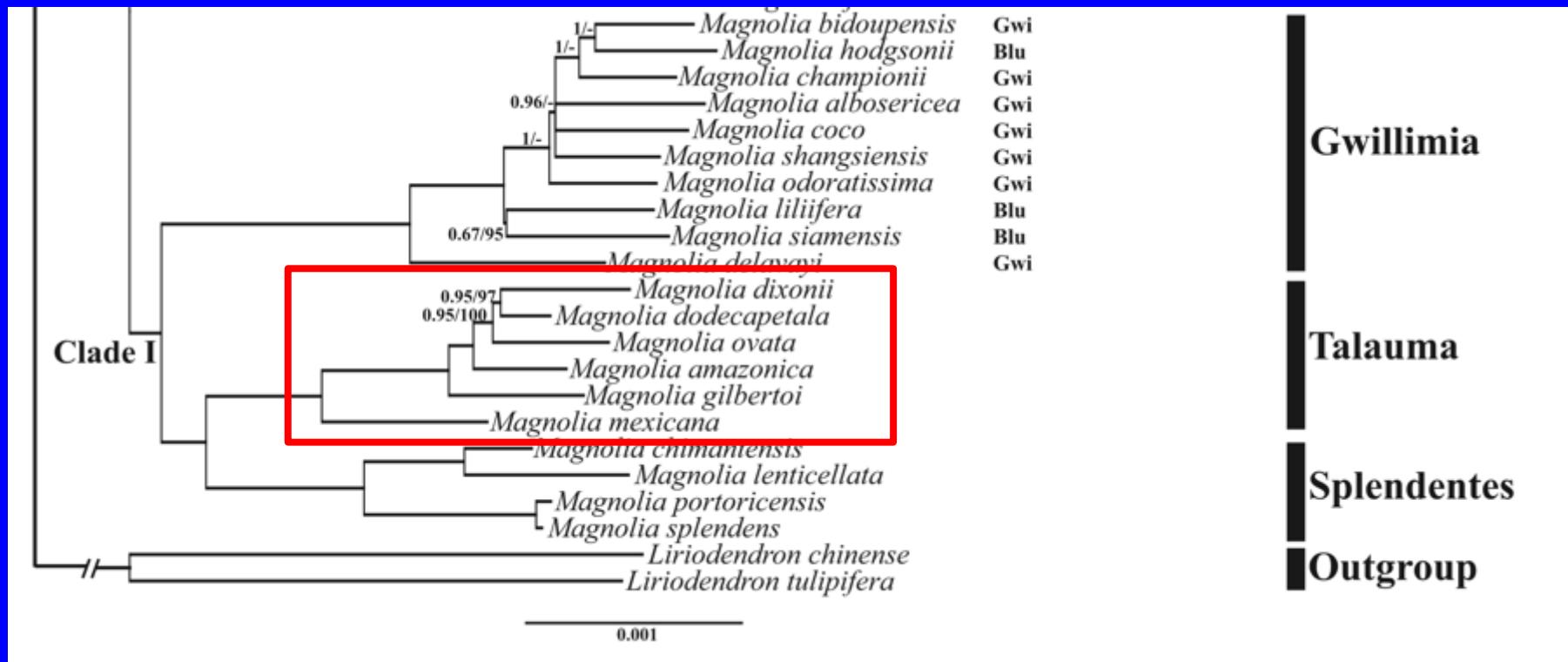


**Fig. 1.** Plastid and nuclear incongruences of *Magnolia*. **A**, Plastid maximum likelihood (ML) tree inferred from a concatenated nucleotide dataset of 75 protein-coding genes (PCGs). **B**, Nuclear ML tree inferred from concatenated 1323 643 single nucleotide polymorphism loci within regions of 3745 single copy PCGs. Branches were maximally supported by the ML or Bayesian methods unless otherwise indicated. Asterisk indicates branches maximally supported by either method. Dashed gray lines connect taxa between the two phylogenies.

	AM	AS
Talauma	94	0
Splendentes	28	0
Gwillimia	0	30
Tuliparia	1	0
Oyama	0	4
Rytidospermum	1	3
Manglietia	0	41
Magnolia	39	0
Macrophyllae	10	0
Kmeria	0	3
Gynopodium	0	8
Tulipastrum	1	0
Yulania	0	26
Maingola	0	12
Michelia	0	61
Total	174	188

*(1) sectio Talauma  
(genus Talauma)*





Wang et al. 2020

Plants evergreen

Petiole with large scars of stipules

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

Ovules 2 per carpel

***Carpels opening circumscissile***

***Stomata of Baranova type 5***

# *Magnolia chigula*

Perez et al. 2016



FIGURE 2. *Magnolia chigula*. A. Flora bud (dried specimen). B. Flower in male phase. C. Flowering branch with flower in female phase. D. Outer side of fruit (dried). E. Inner side of fruit and seeds, during dehiscence. F. Mature fruit before dehiscence. Photographs: B–C and E–F by Álvaro J. Pérez; A, D by Antonio Vázquez; all from the holotype.

# *Magnolia pajarito*

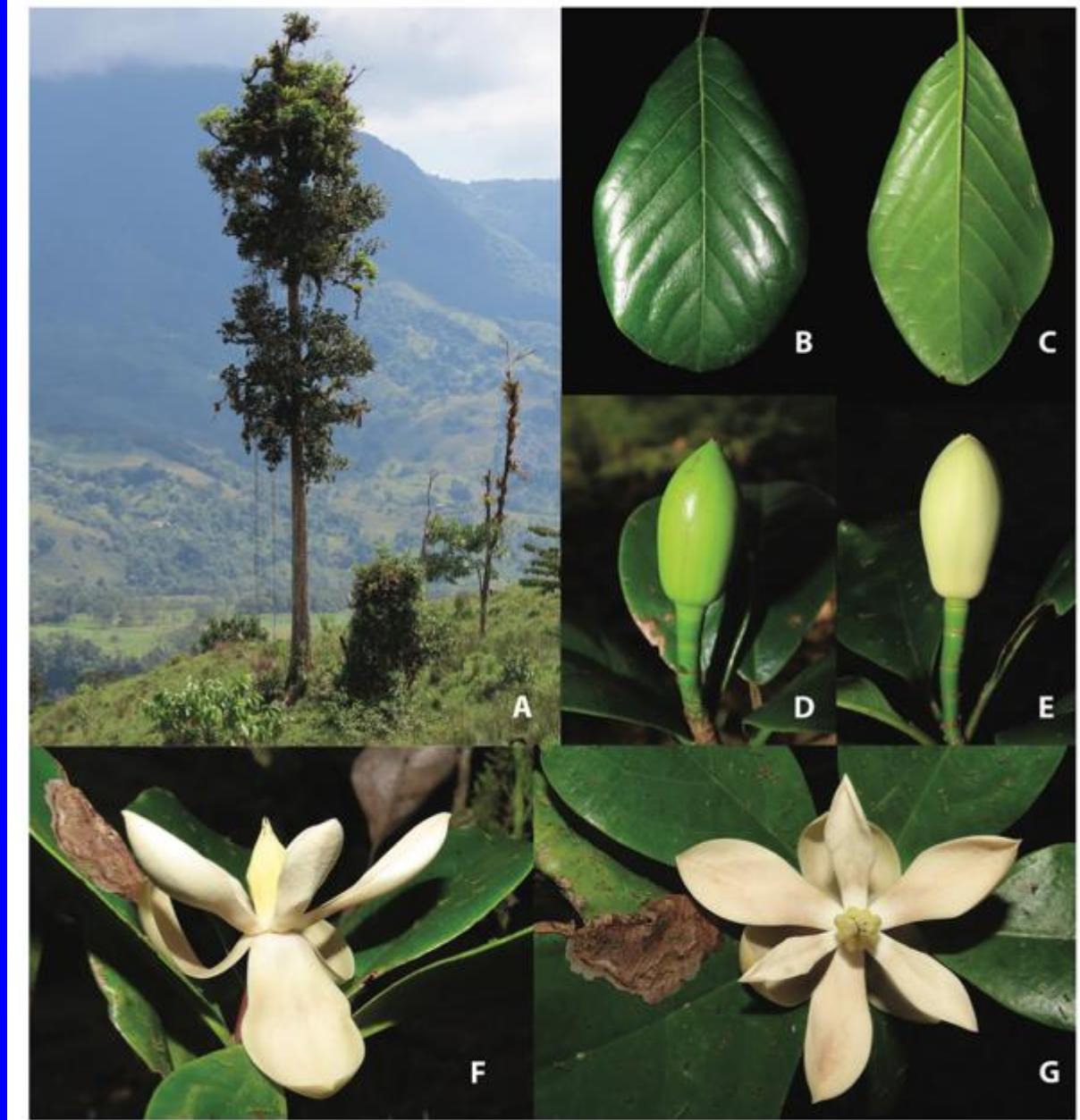


FIGURE 2. *Magnolia pajarito* Aymard, Rodríguez-D. & M. Escobar. A, Habit; B, Leaf adaxial size partially showing the canaliculate scar along the petiole; C, Leaf abaxial surface; D, Flower bud with spathaceous bract; E, Flower bud without spathaceous bract showing one of the sepals in the foreground; F, Flower, lateral view; G, Flower, upper view. Photographs by D. Rodríguez-D.

# *Magnolia mindoensis*

Vazquez-Garcia et al. 2017

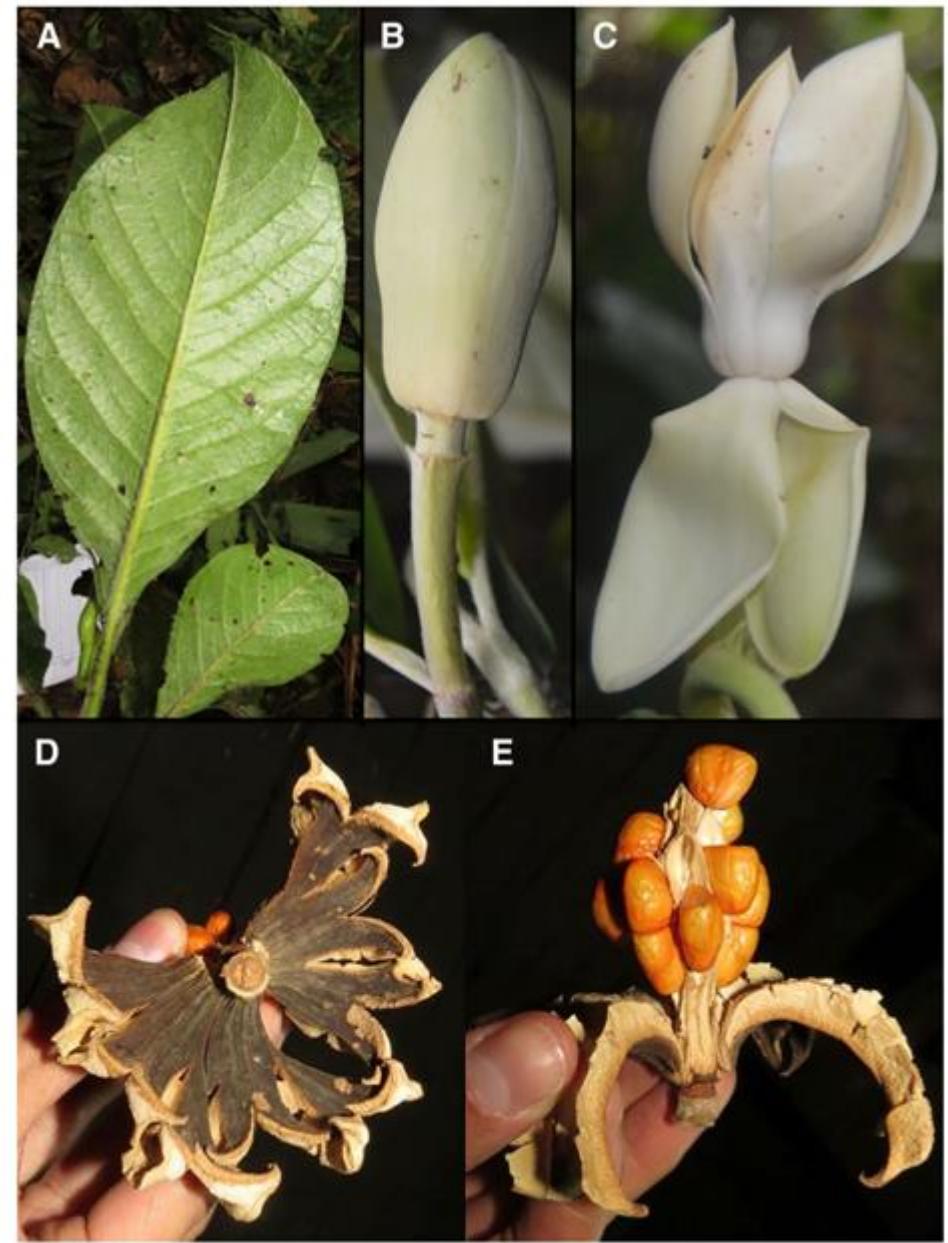


FIG. 2. *Magnolia mindoensis*. A. Hoja. B. Botón floral sin bráctea. C. Flor cerrando en primer día de apertura, fase femenina. D. Fruto visto por el dorso. E. Fruto con semillas durante la dehisencia. (Fotografías A, D–E de S.M. Urbano 1180 (COL) por Sandra M. Urbano-Apraez; B–C del holotipo (ECUAMZ), por Alex Duhua.).

# *Magnolia brasiliensis*

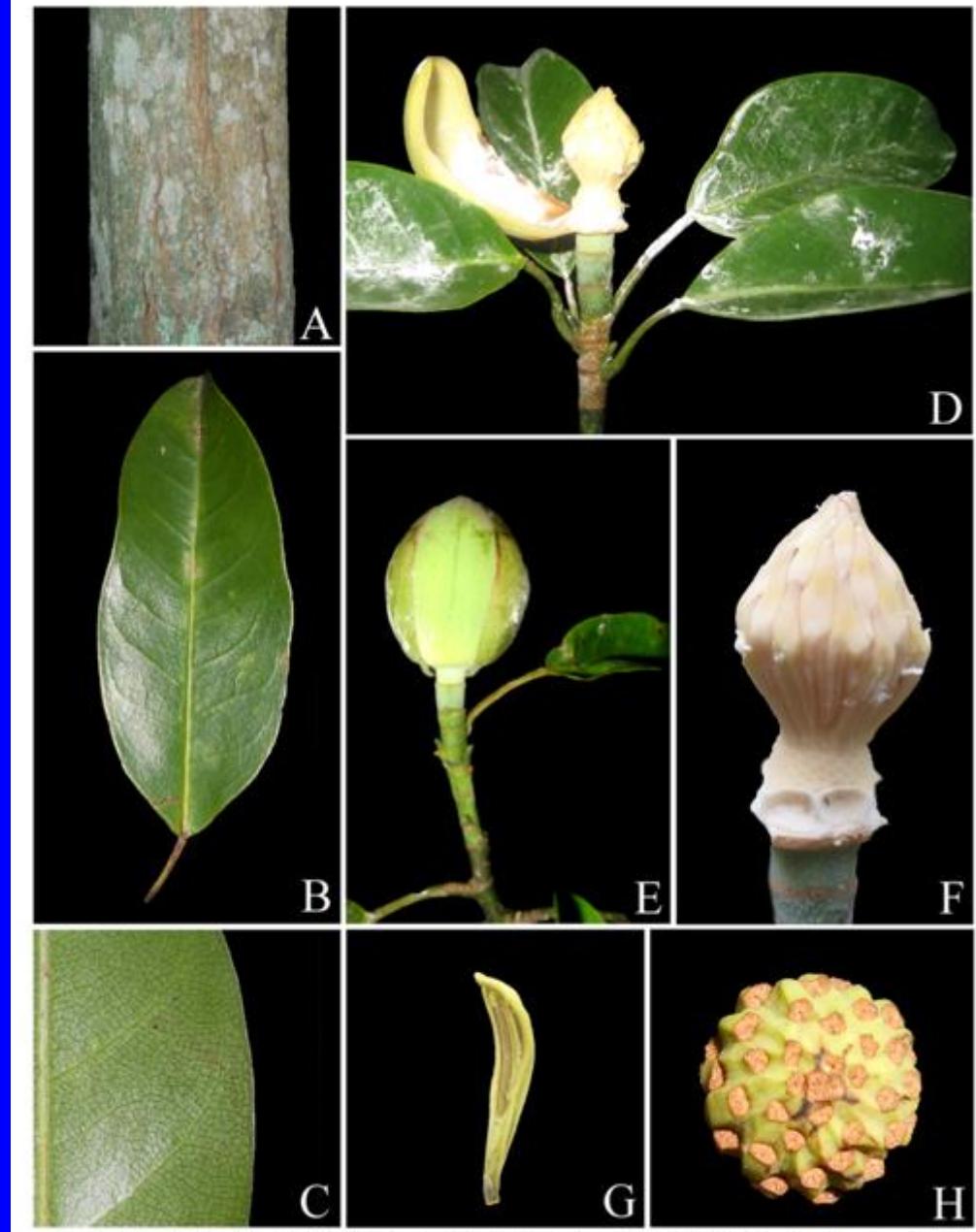
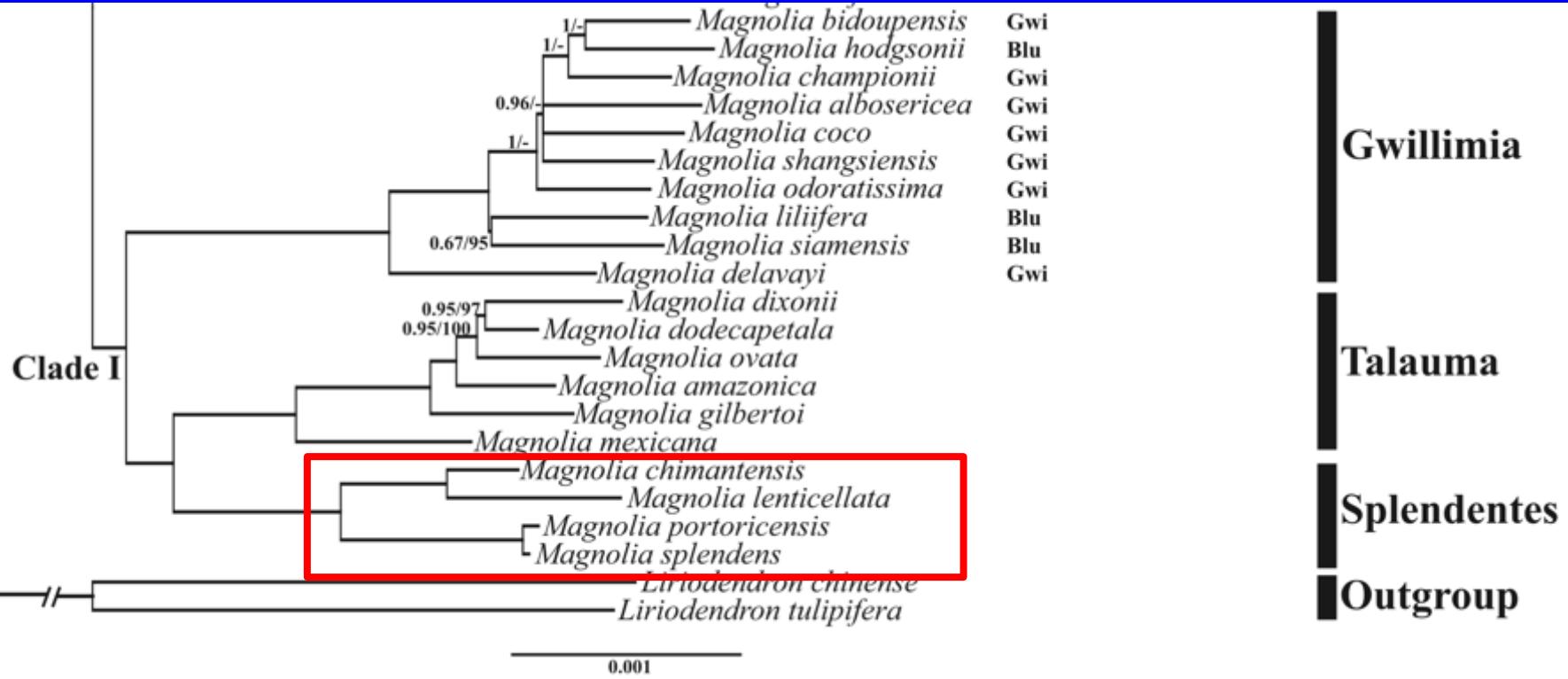


FIG. 1. *Magnolia brasiliensis*. A. Detail of the trunk. B. Adaxial surface of leaf. C. Detail of the abaxial surface of leaf. D. Branch with a senescent flower (with just one sepal). E. Branch with floral bud. F. Gynoecium, with sepals, petals and stamens removed. G. Stamen. H. Apical view of immature fruit. Photos: A–C and G, by L. C. Marinho, D–F and H, by C. O. Azevedo.

**(2) sectio *Splendentes***  
**(genus *Dugandiodendron*)**



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Plants evergreen

***Stipules (nearly) free from the petiole***

***Stamens with long connective embedded in gynoecium***

Anthers with introrse opening

Carpels opening longitudinally or circumscissile

***Stomata of Baranova types 2 & 3***

# *Magnolia bankardiorum*



Figura 16. *Magnolia bankardiorum* M.O. Dillon & Sánchez Vega. A) Rama. B) Detalle de la flor. Espécimen Arroyo & Pérez 291 (QCA).

# *Magnolia hamorii*

Howard 1948



# *Magnolia jaenensis*

Marcelo-Peña & Arroyo 2013

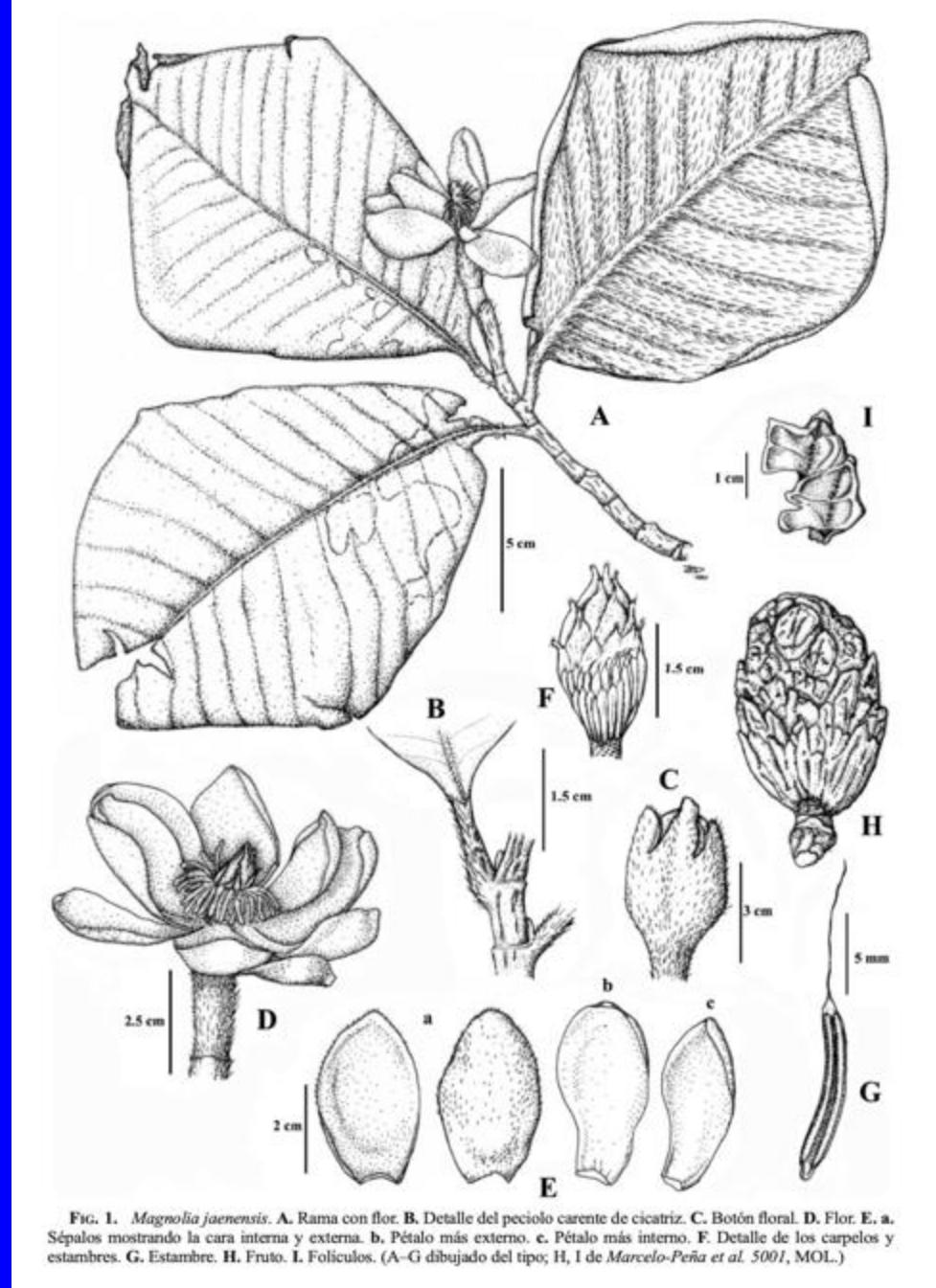
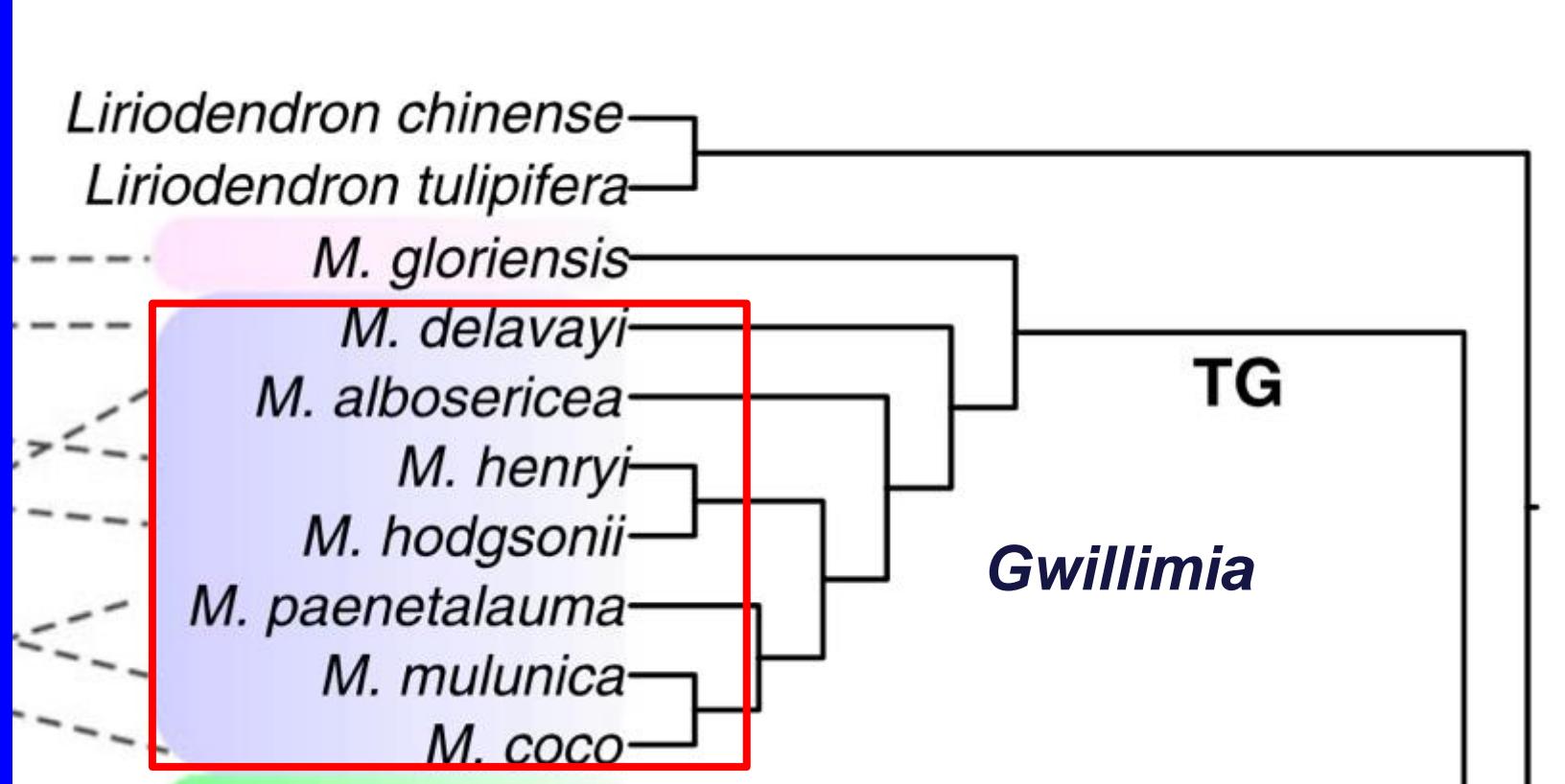
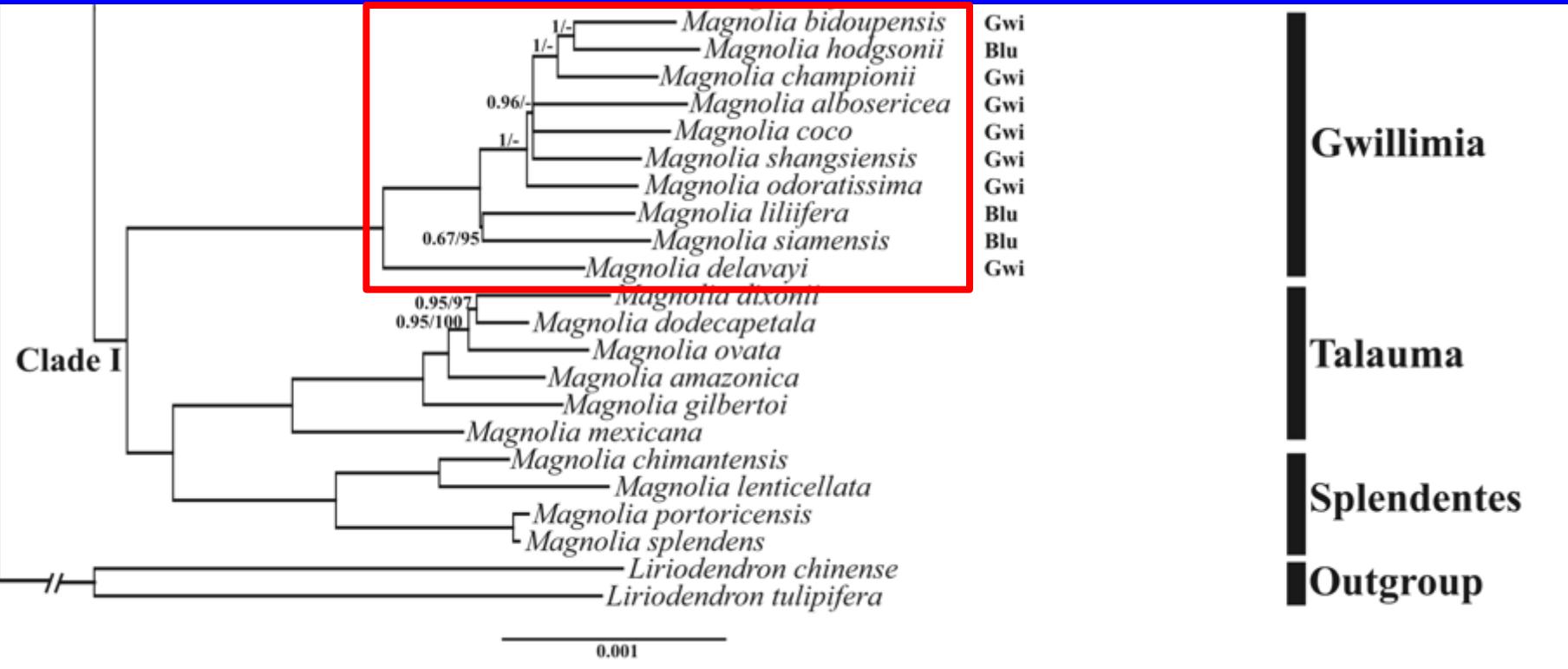


FIG. 1. *Magnolia jaenensis*. A. Rama con flor. B. Detalle del pecíolo carente de cicatriz. C. Botón floral. D. Flor. E. a. Sépalos mostrando la cara interna y externa. b. Pétalo más externo. c. Pétalo más interno. F. Detalle de los carpelos y estambres. G. Estambre. H. Fruto. I. Folículos. (A-G dibujado del tipo; H, I de Marcelo-Peña et al. 5001, MOL.).

**(3) sectio *Gwillimia*  
(genus *Lirianthe*)**



Dong et al. 2021



Wang et al. 2020

Plants evergreen

Petiole with large scars of stipules

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with intorse opening

Gynoecium sessile

Ovules 2 per carpel

Carpels opening longitudinally or circumscissile

***Stomata of Baranova type 9***

# *Magnolia tiepii*

Van et al. 2015

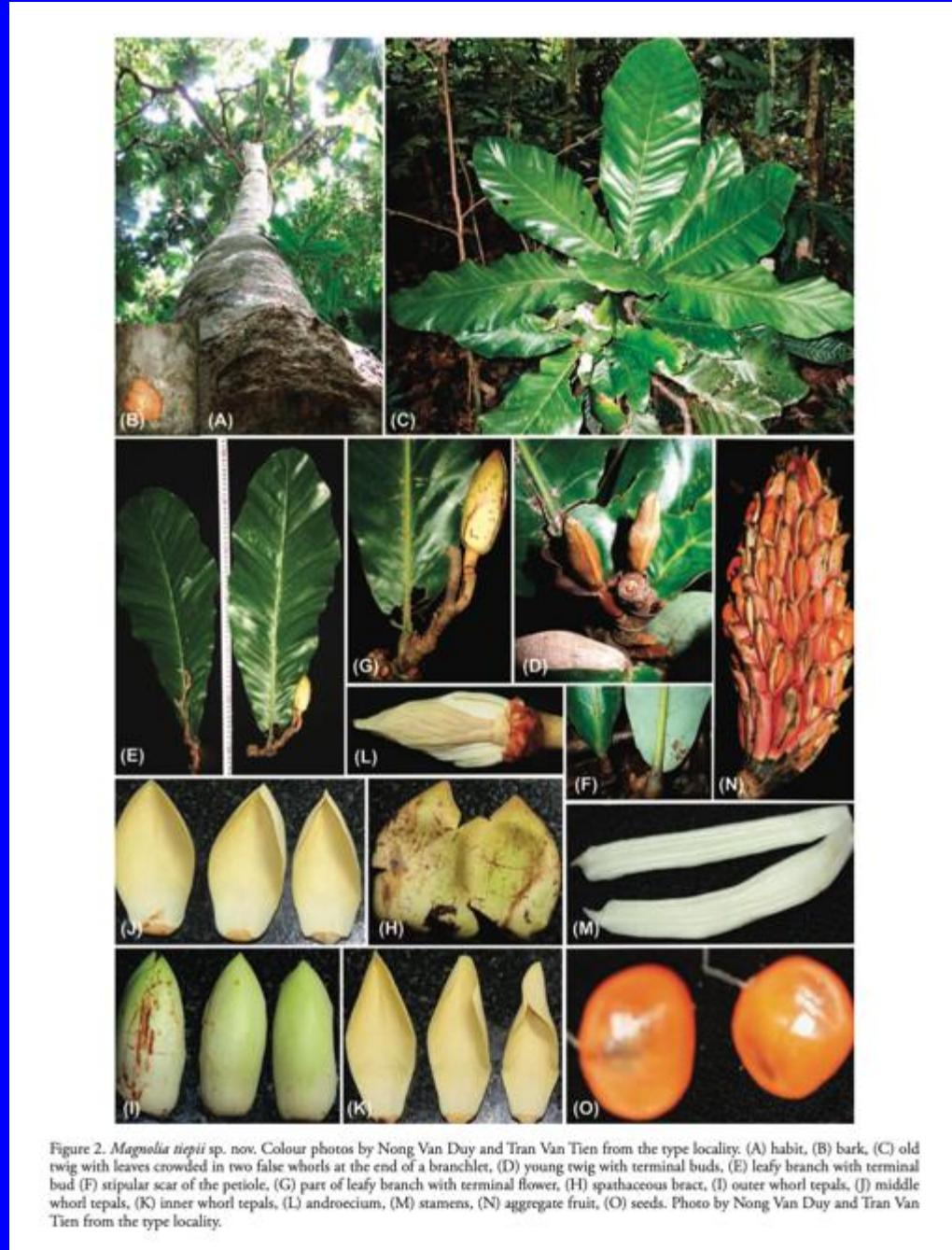
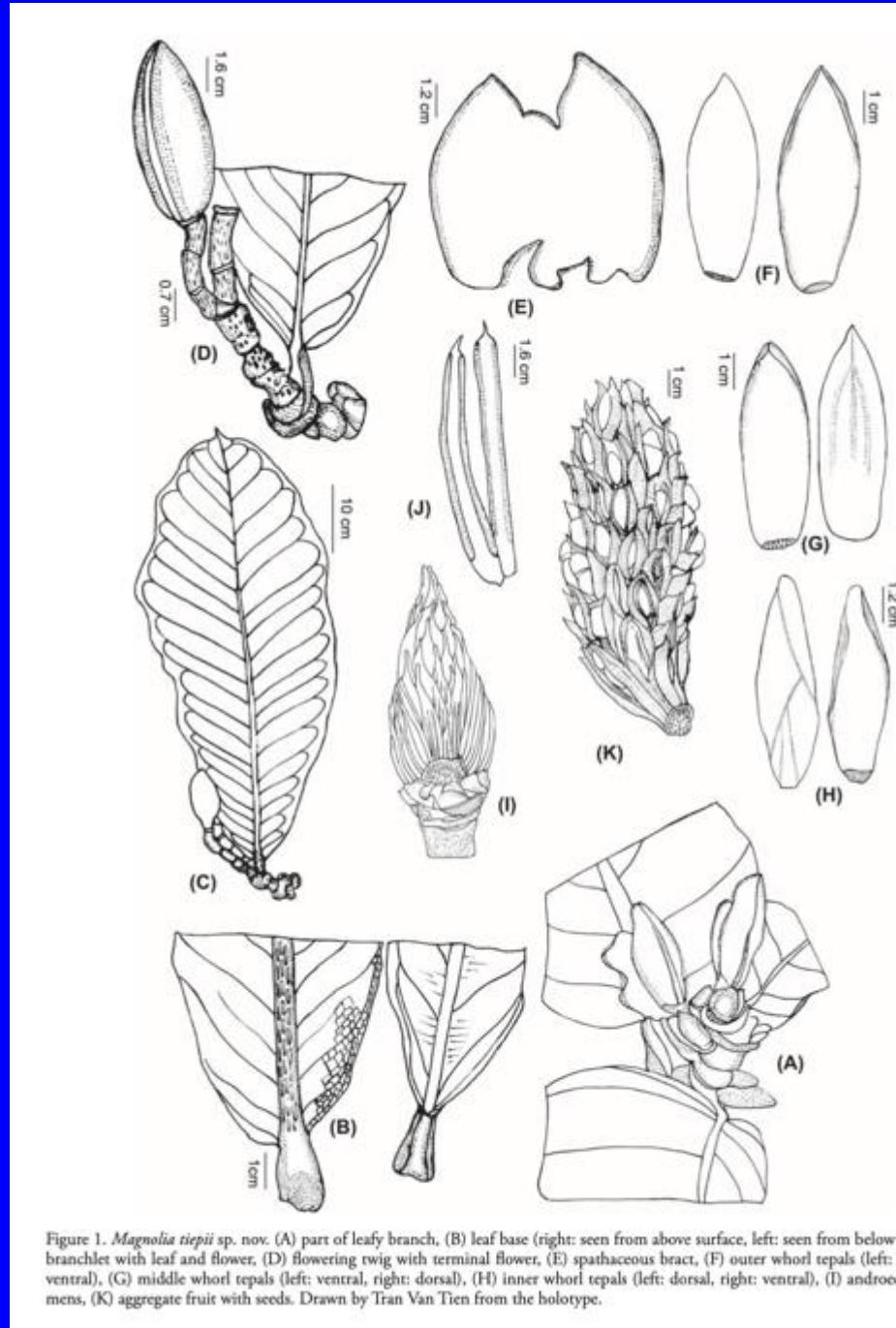


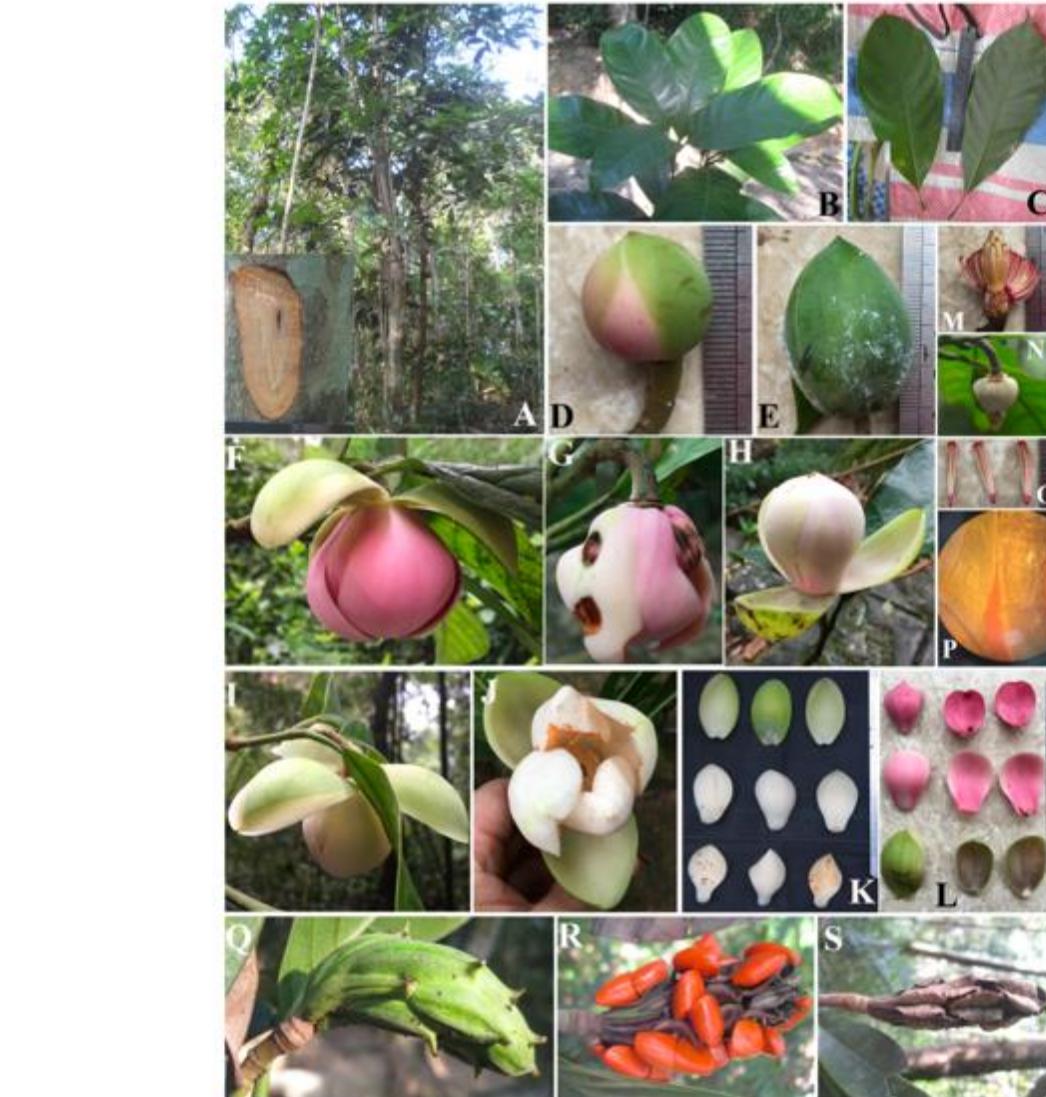
Figure 2. *Magnolia tiepii* sp. nov. Colour photos by Nong Van Duy and Tran Van Tien from the type locality. (A) habit, (B) bark, (C) old twig with leaves crowded in two false whorls at the end of a branchlet, (D) young twig with terminal buds, (E) leafy branch with terminal bud (F) stipular scar of the petiole, (G) part of leafy branch with terminal flower, (H) spathaceous bract, (I) outer whorl tepals, (J) middle whorl tepals, (K) inner whorl tepals, (L) androecium, (M) stamens, (N) aggregate fruit, (O) seeds. Photo by Nong Van Duy and Tran Van Tien from the type locality.

# *Magnolia tiepii*

Van et al. 2015



# *Magnolia quangninhensis*



**FIGURE 1.** *Magnolia quangninhensis*. A. Habit, with inset showing bark (lower left). B. Branch apex with adaxial view of leaves. C. Adaxial and abaxial view of leaves, with inset showing scars of petioles (lower left). D. Flower pink-purple globose bud. E. Flower creamy-white broadly ovoid bud. F. Pink-purple flower. G. Pink-purple flower with outermost tepals removed, inner tepals creamy-white and innermost tepals pink. H. Pink-purple flower with creamy white outer tepals. I. Creamy white flower. J. Creamy white flower, showing six tepals of three whorls. K–L. Tepals. M–N. Androecium and gynoecium. O. Stamens. P. Portion of a brachyblast, showing brown tomentose to tomentulose surface and glabrous lower surface of leaf. Q–S. Fruits with bright red seeds.

# *Magnolia* *liliifera*

Nooteboom 1998

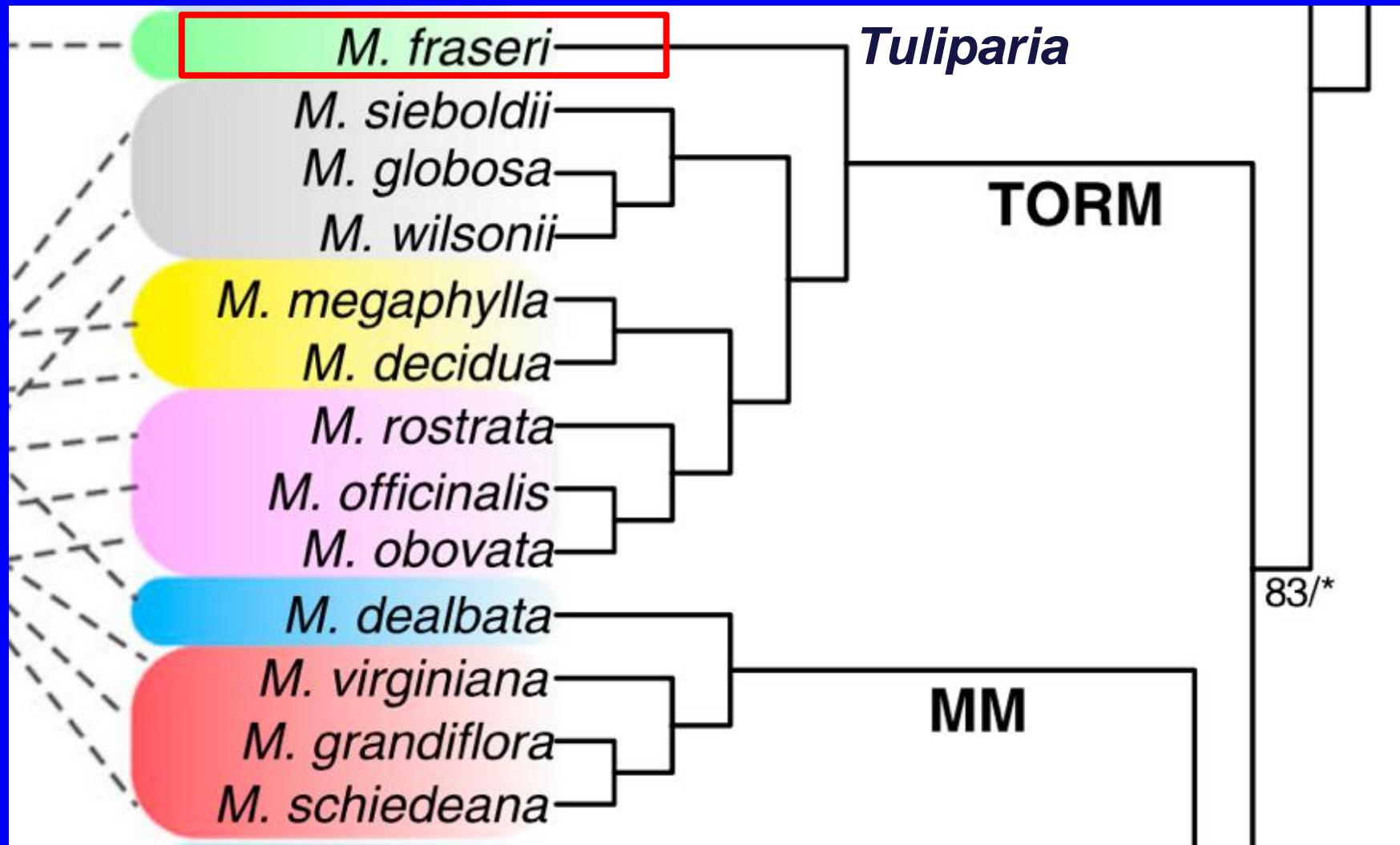


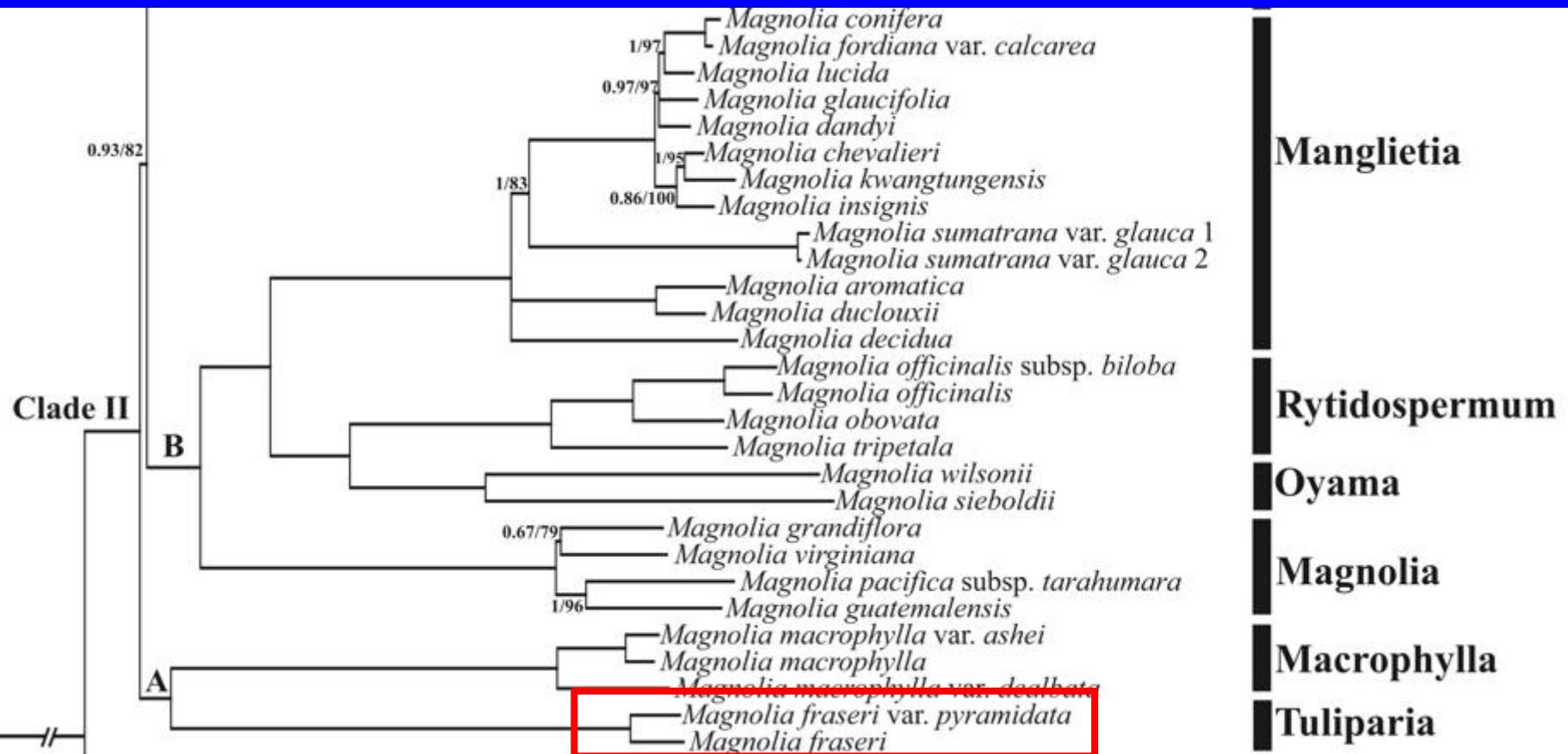
Fig. 3. *Magnolia candolii* (Blume) H. Keng var. *candollii*: a, habit; b, fruit (van Steenis 9417); c, carpel (Kostermans 7337), all  $\times 0.75$ ; d, ovaries  $\times 1.1$ ; e, anther  $\times 3.3$  (both Herb. Bog. 124717). From Blumea 32(2): 372 (1987).



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*(4) sectio Tuliparia  
(genus Paramagnolia)*





*Leaves deciduous, with auriculate base*

*Early-season leaves arranged in false whorls*

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

*Stomata of Baranova type 6*



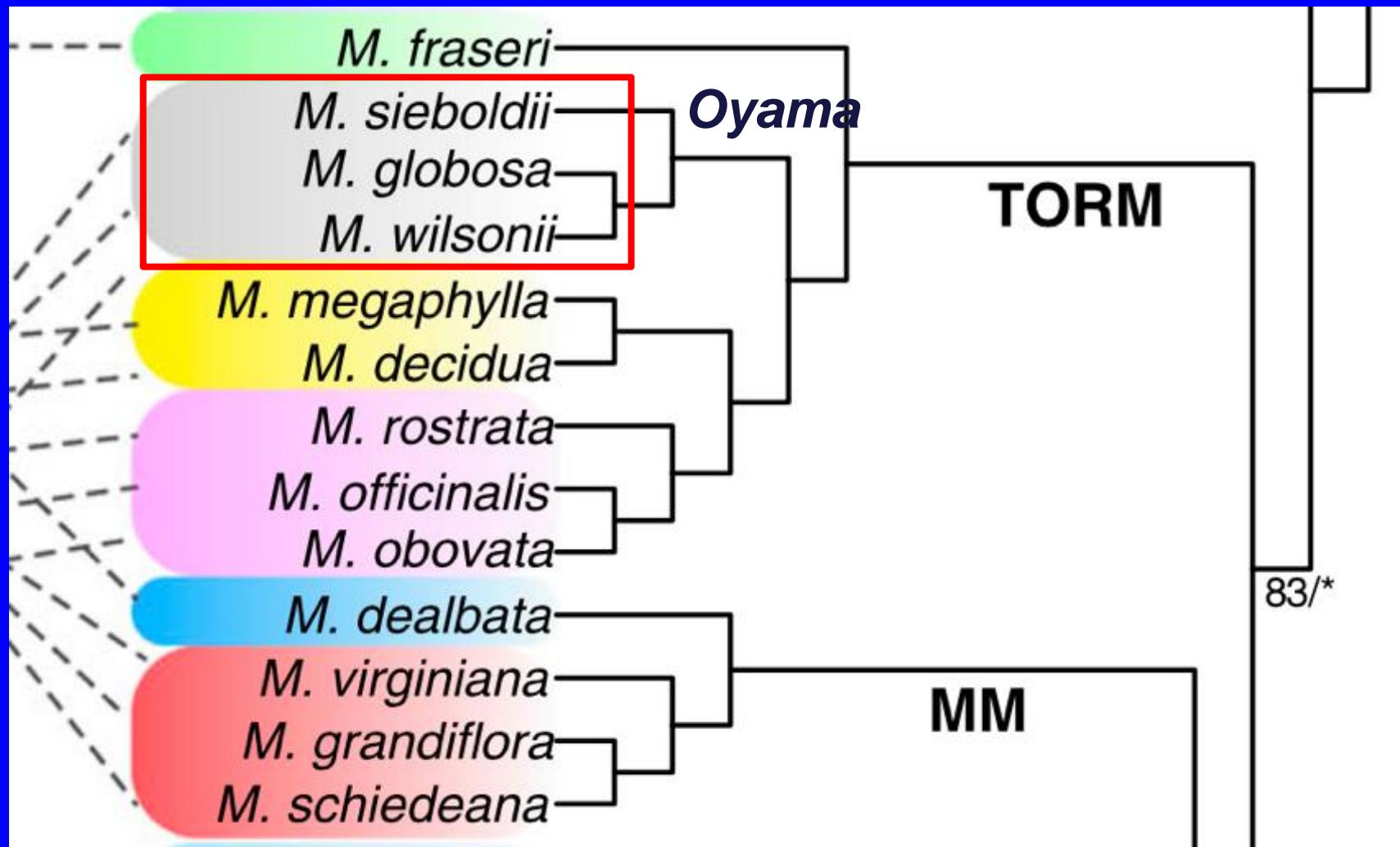
*Magnolia fraseri*

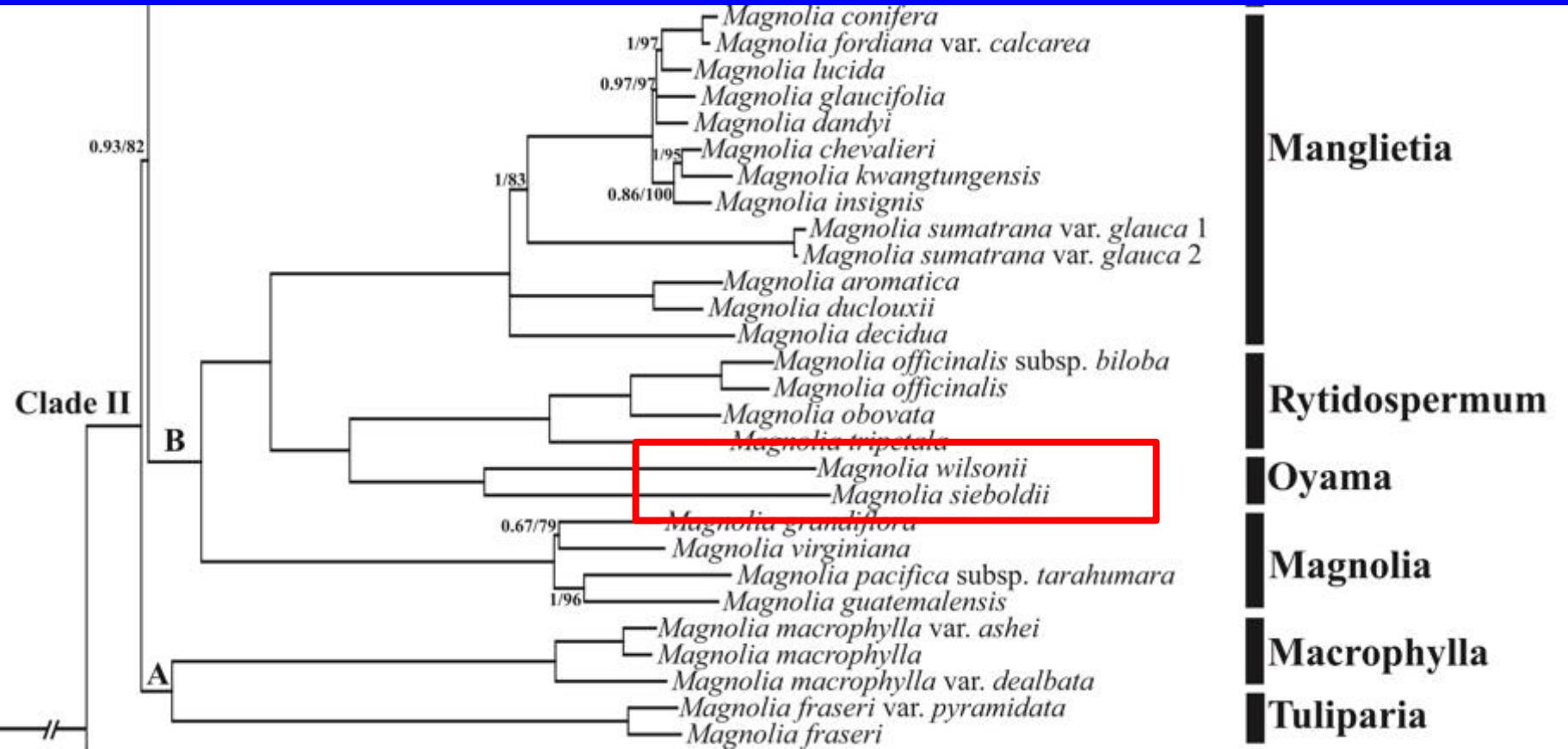


30 Magnolia

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*(5) sectio Oyama  
(genus Oyama)*





*Leaves deciduous*

*Branching by prolepsis*

*Peduncles slender and pendent*

*Stamens persistent during male flowering phase*

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

*Stomata of Baranova type 7*



*Magnolia sieboldii*

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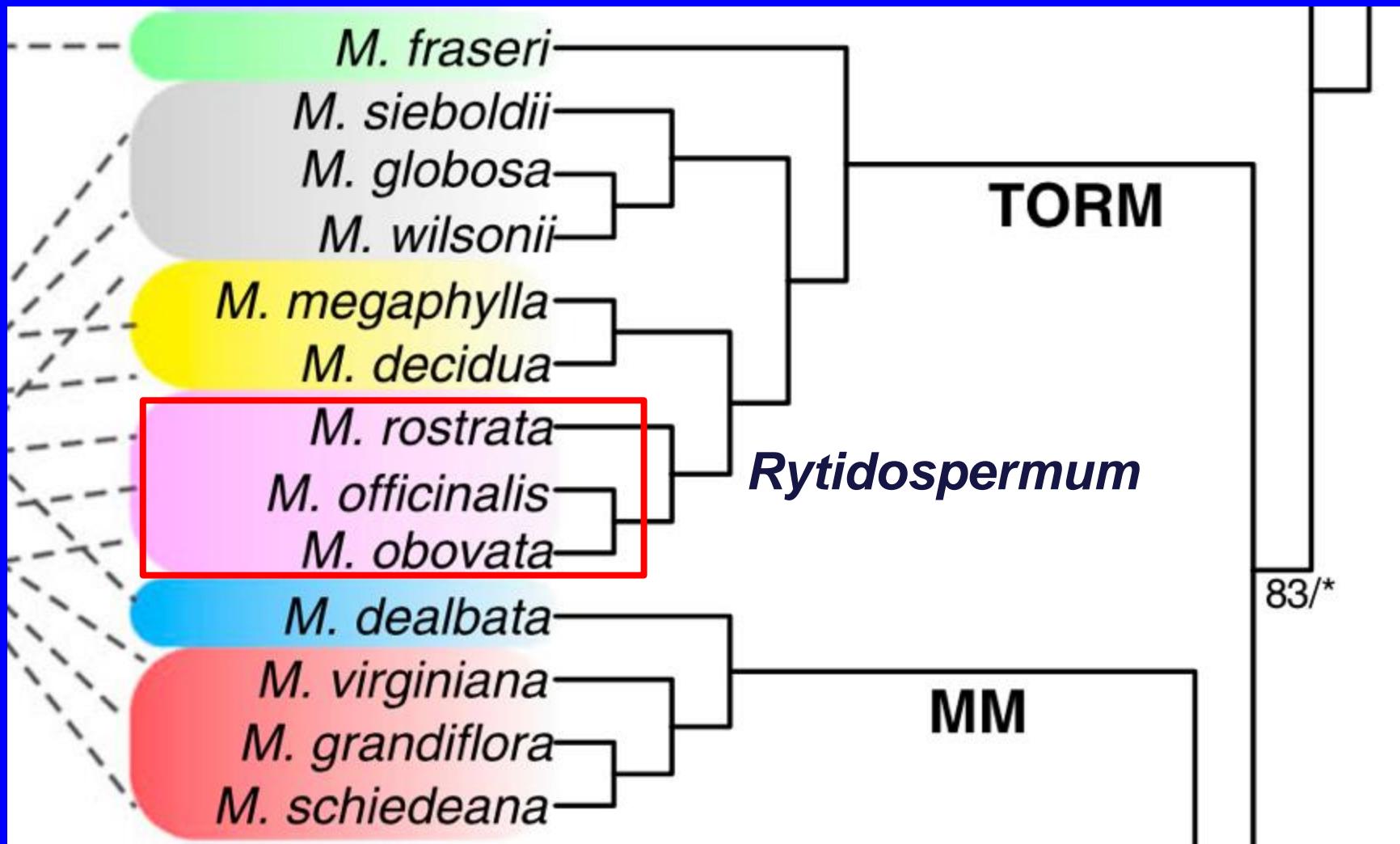


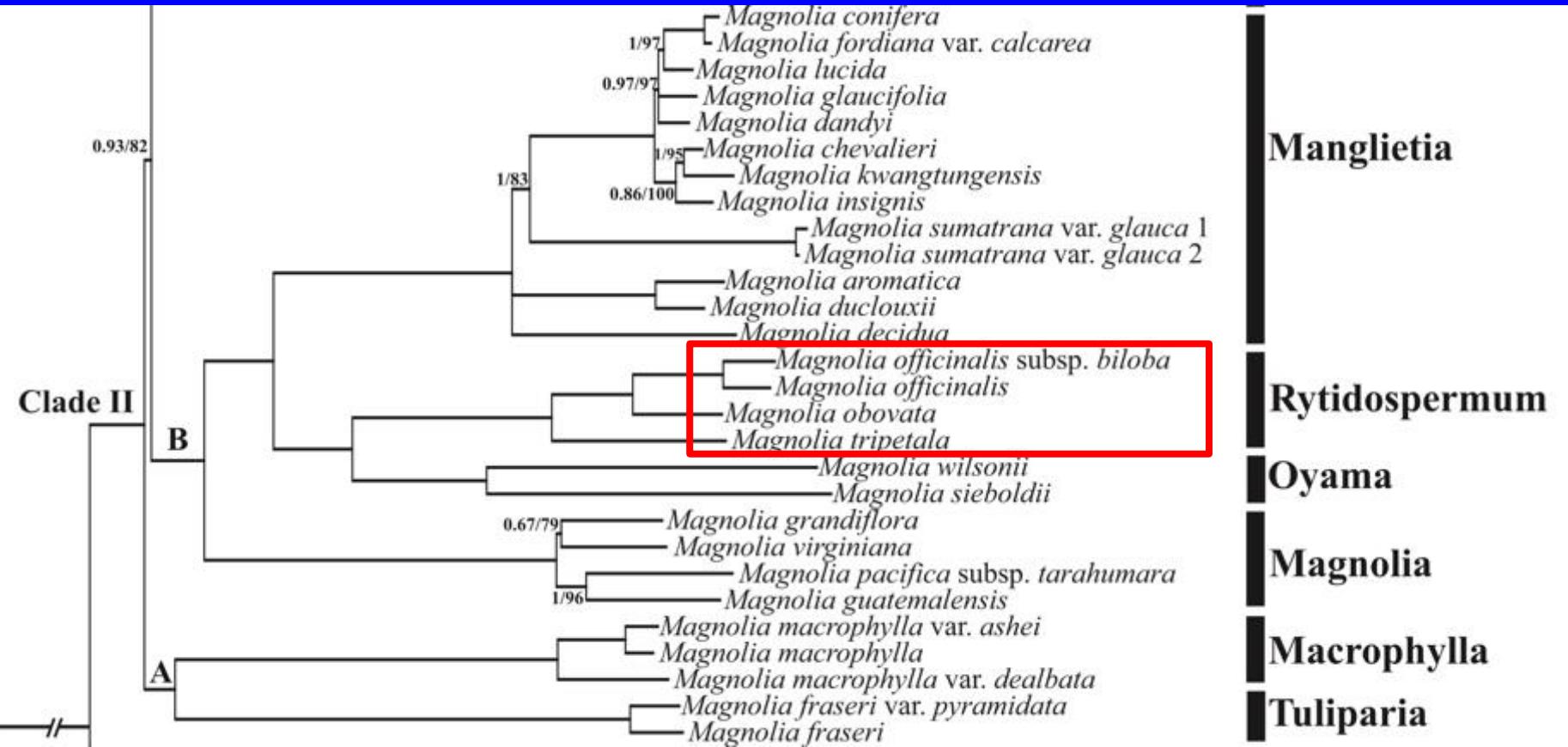
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(6) *sectio Rytidospermum*  
*(genus Houpoëa)*





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*Leaves deciduous*

*Early-season leaves often forming false whorls*

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

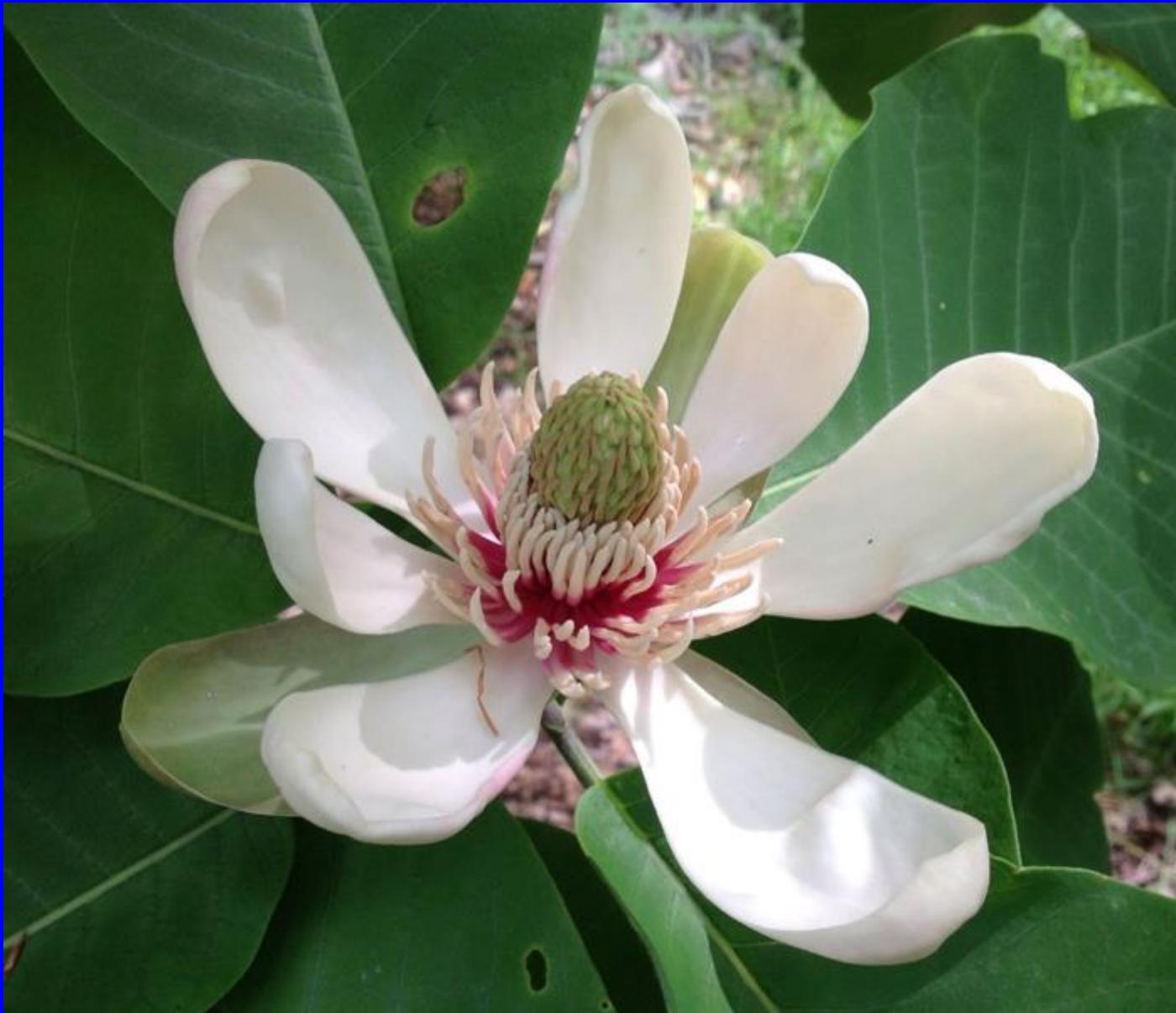
*Stomata of Baranova type 7*

*Magnolia  
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*Magnolia tripetala*

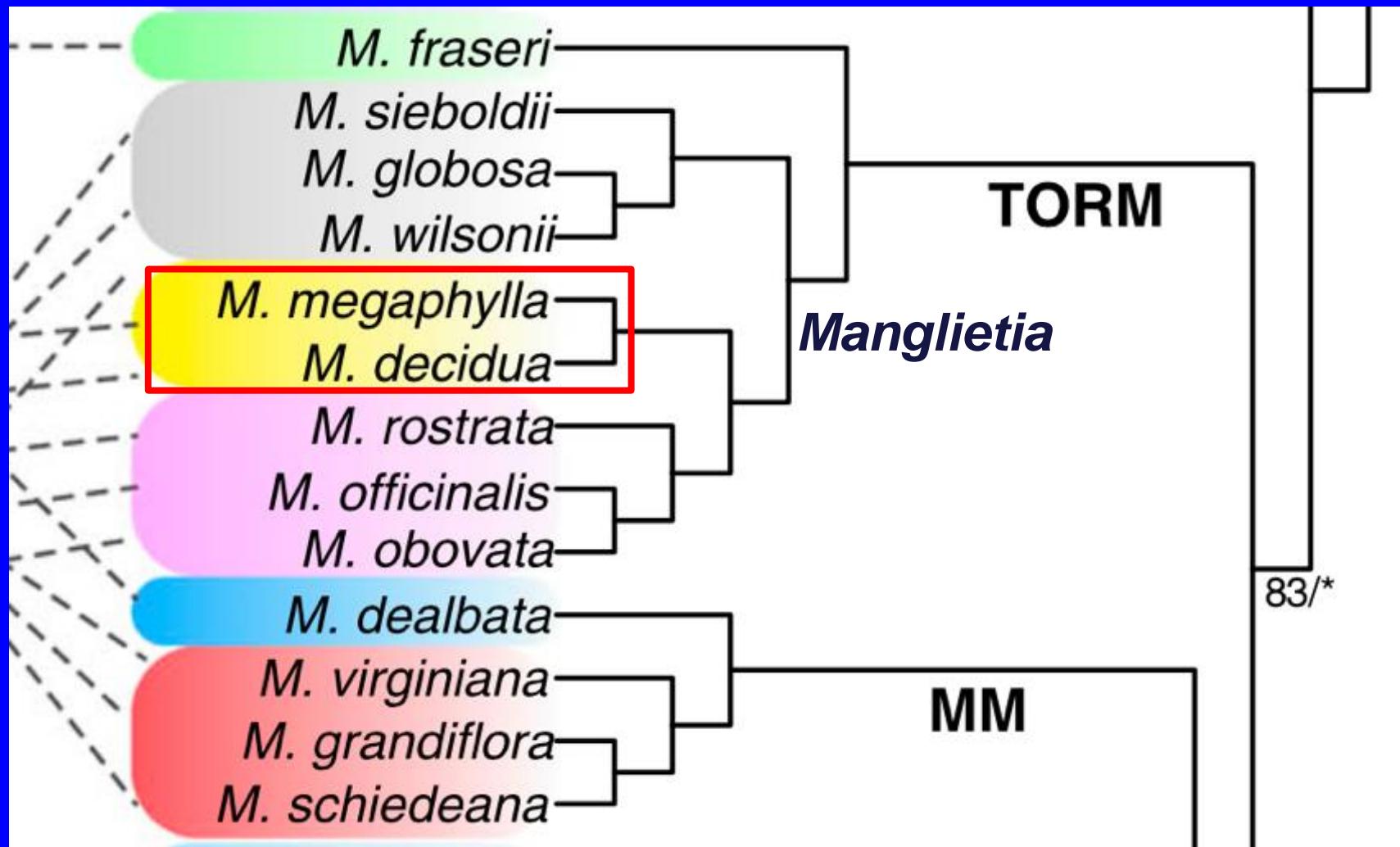


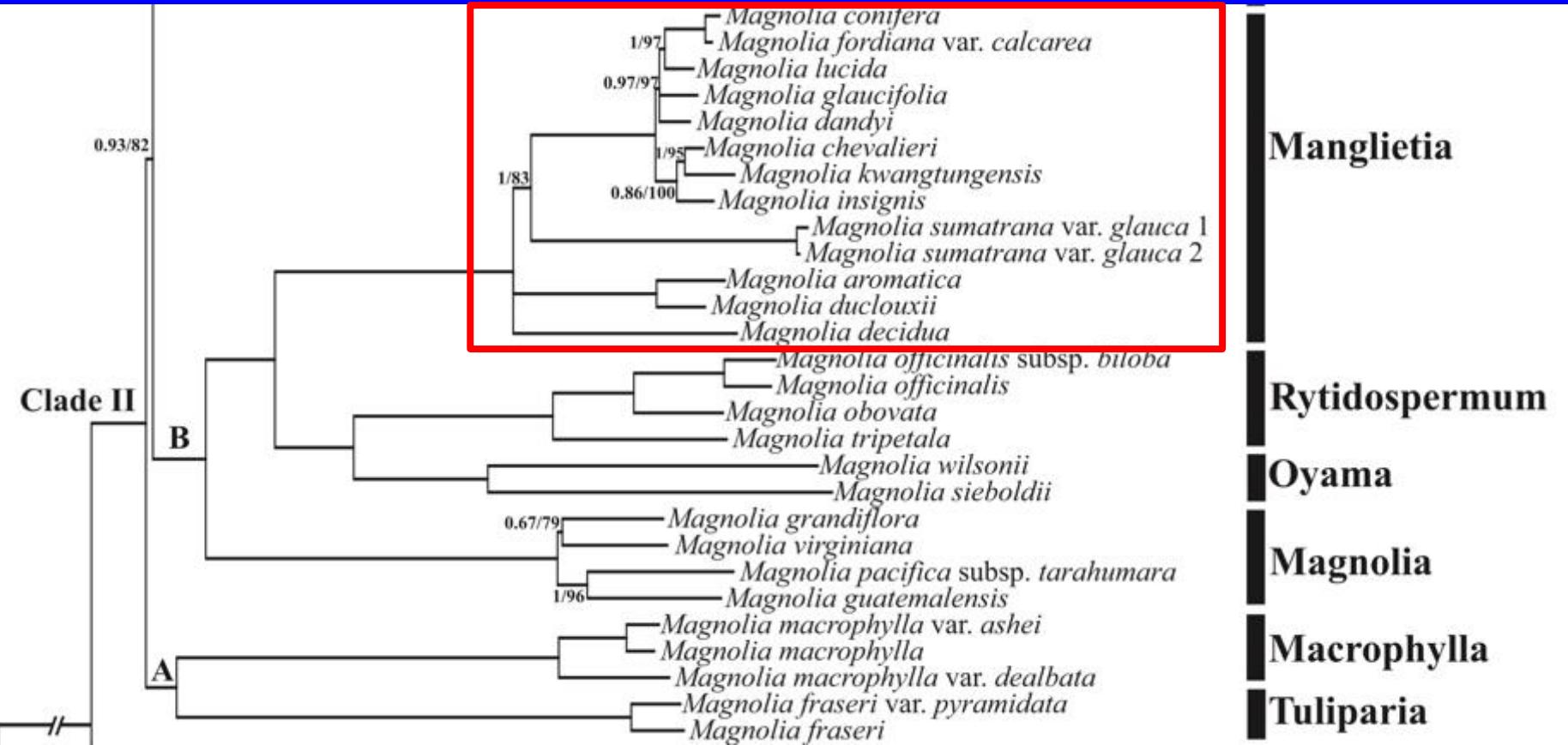
*Magnolia officinalis*



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**(7) sectio *Manglietia*  
(genus *Manglietia*)**





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Plants evergreen (except in *M. decidua*)

Petioles with large scars of stipules

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

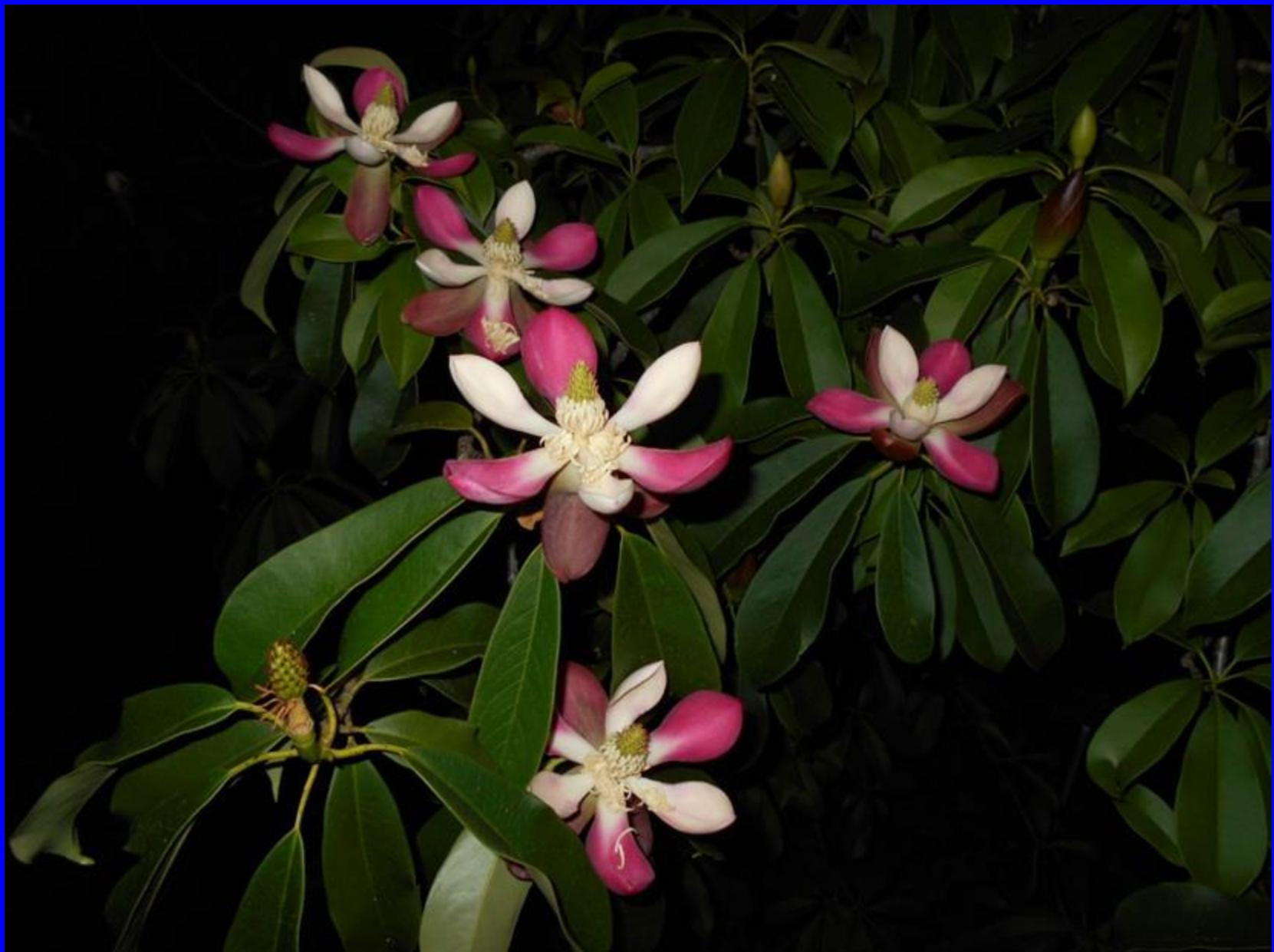
Gynoecium sessile

*Ovules 4 -10 per carpel*

*Stomata of Baranova type 8*



*Magnolia fordiana*



*Magnolia insignis*

# *Magnolia sabahensis*

Nooteboom 1998

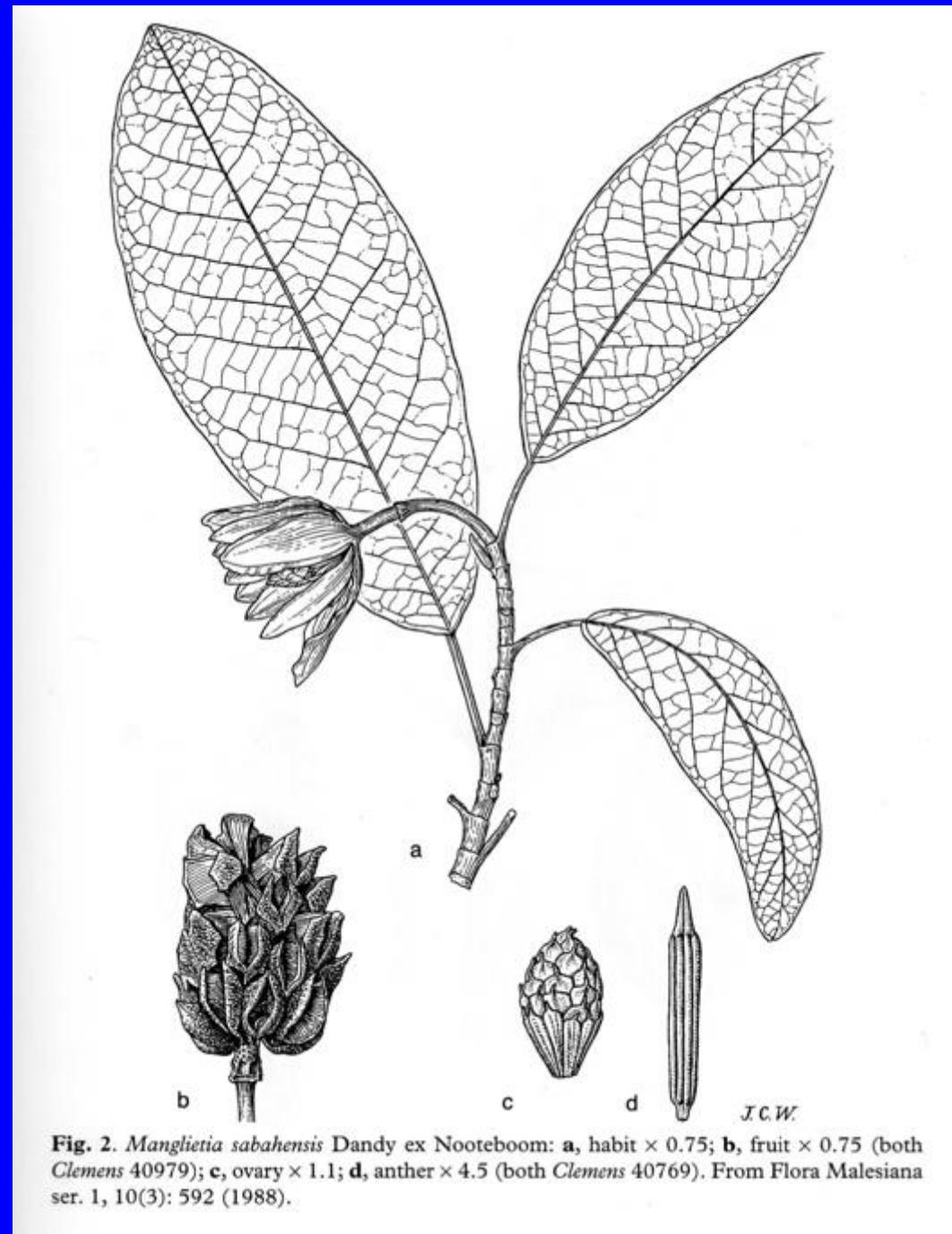


Fig. 2. *Manglietia sabahensis* Dandy ex Nooteboom: a, habit  $\times 0.75$ ; b, fruit  $\times 0.75$  (both Clemens 40979); c, ovary  $\times 1.1$ ; d, anther  $\times 4.5$  (both Clemens 40769). From Flora Malesiana ser. 1, 10(3): 592 (1988).



57. *Magnolia sieboldii*

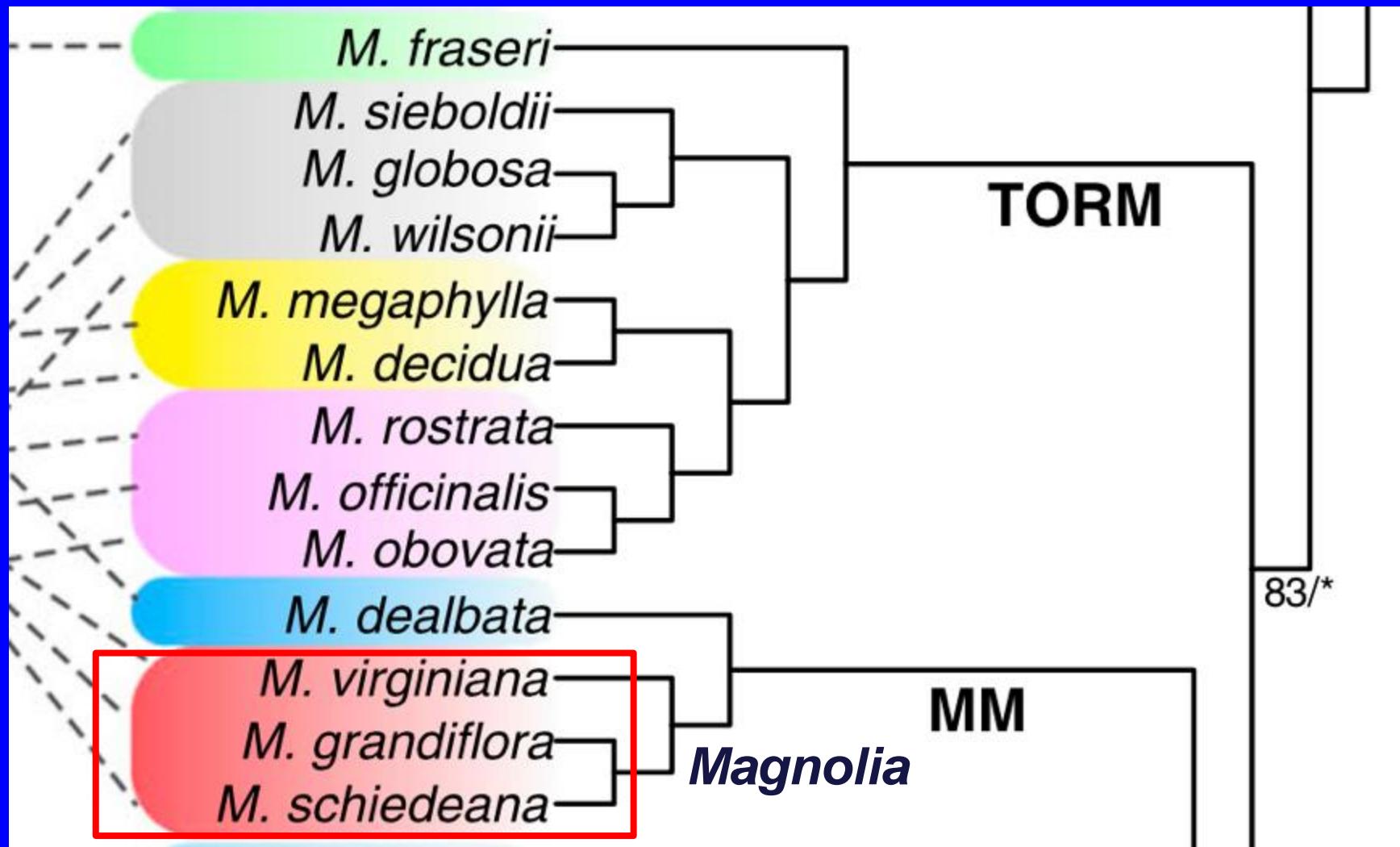
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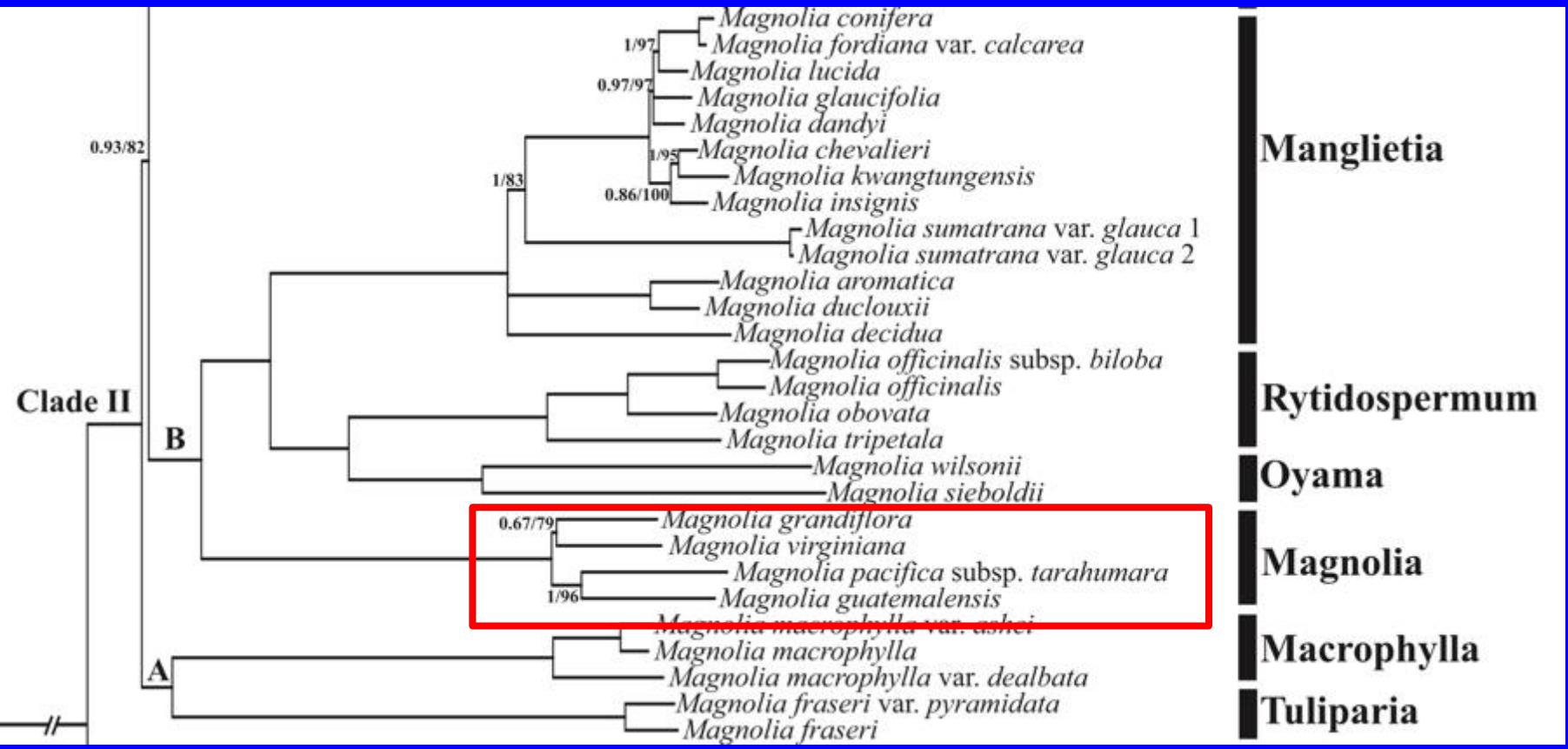


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*(8) sectio Magnolia*





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Plants evergreen (or facultatively deciduous)

Petiole without (rarely with) scars of stipules

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

Ovules 2 per carpel

*Stomata of Baranova type 5*



*Magnolia virginiana*



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*Magnolia virginiana*

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# *Magnolia yoroconte*

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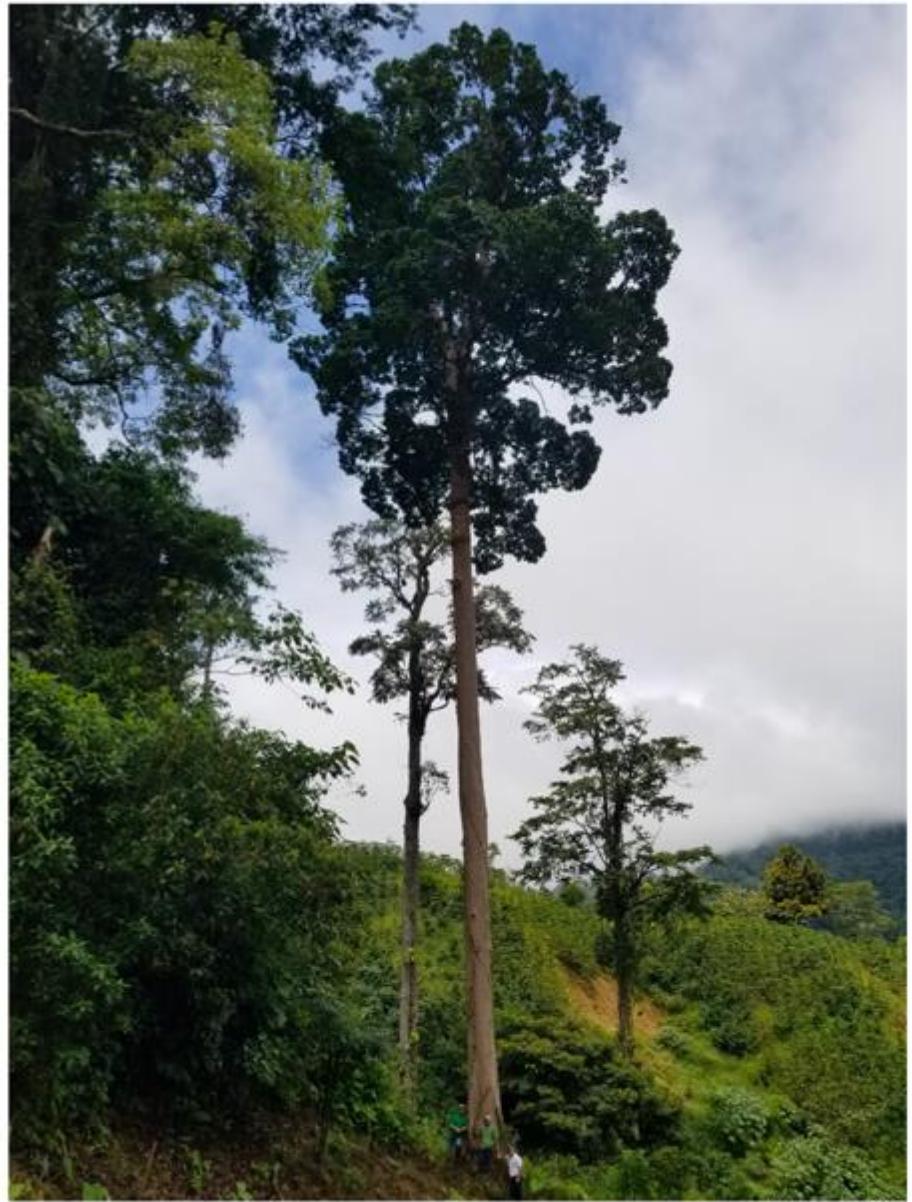


FIGURE 23. *Magnolia yoroconte*. Tree ca. 40 m tall, in habitat at Negro Norte, Morales, Izabal, Guatemala, near the border of Honduras, close to and endangered by agricultural expansion. Dario Mejia, Yovany Alvarado-Padilla and Francisco Deras standing at the base of the tree. Photograph by W. Morales.

# *Magnolia yoroconte*

Vazquez-Garcia et al. 2020a

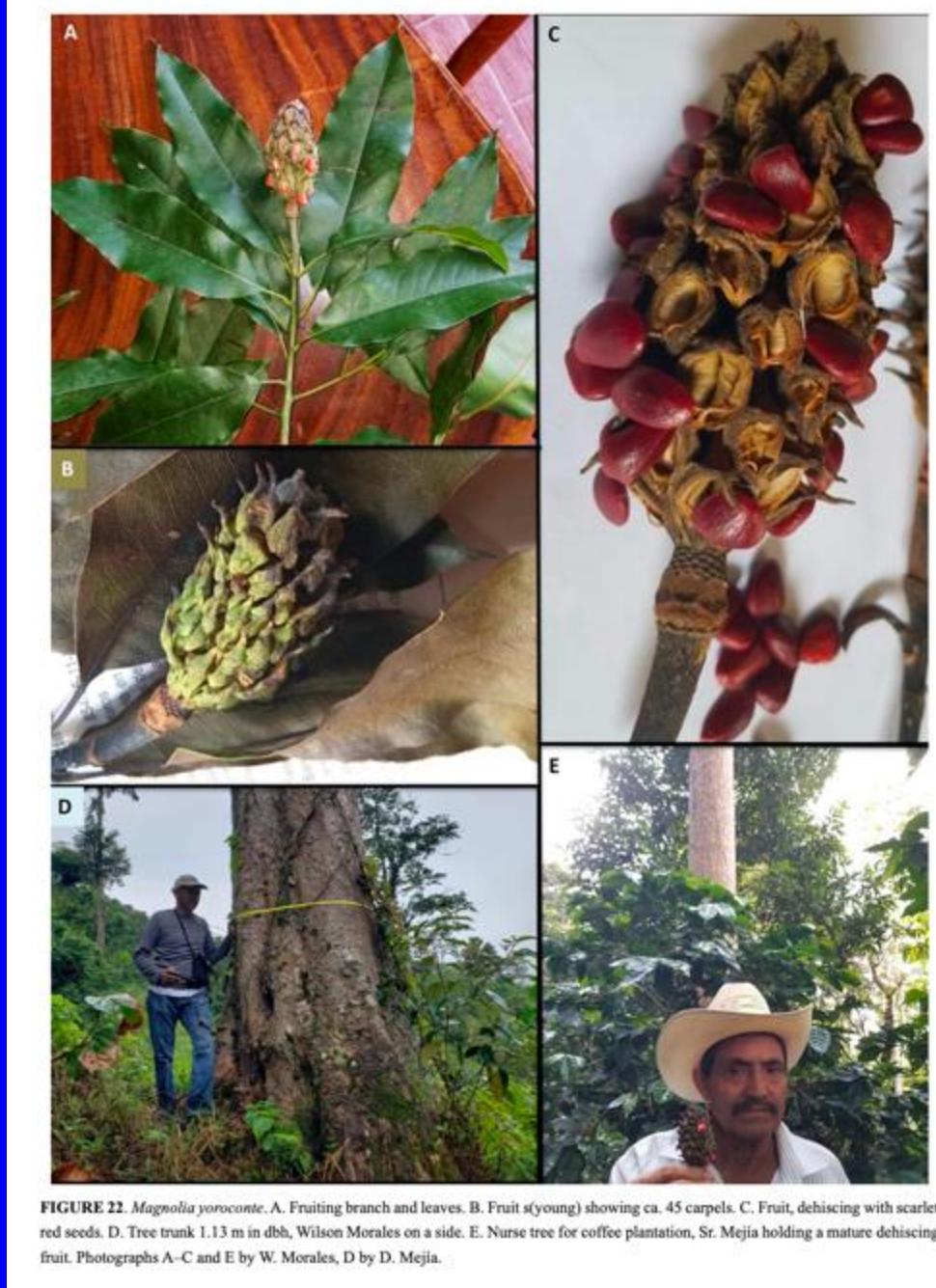
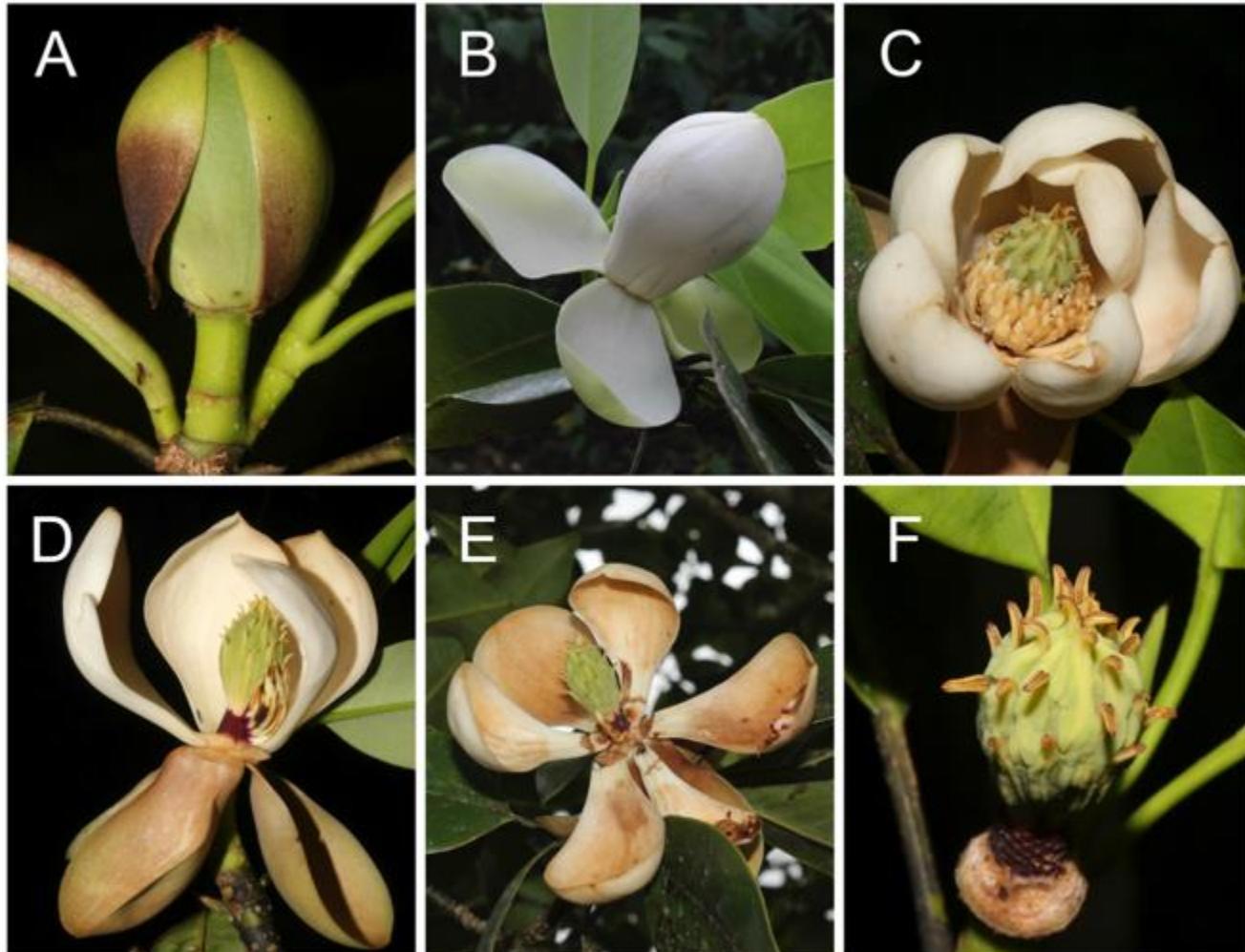


FIGURE 22. *Magnolia yoroconte*. A. Fruiting branch and leaves. B. Fruit (young) showing ca. 45 carpels. C. Fruit, dehiscing with scarlet red seeds. D. Tree trunk 1.13 m in dbh, Wilson Morales on a side. E. Nurse tree for coffee plantation, Sr. Mejia holding a mature dehiscing fruit. Photographs A–C and E by W. Morales, D by D. Mejia.

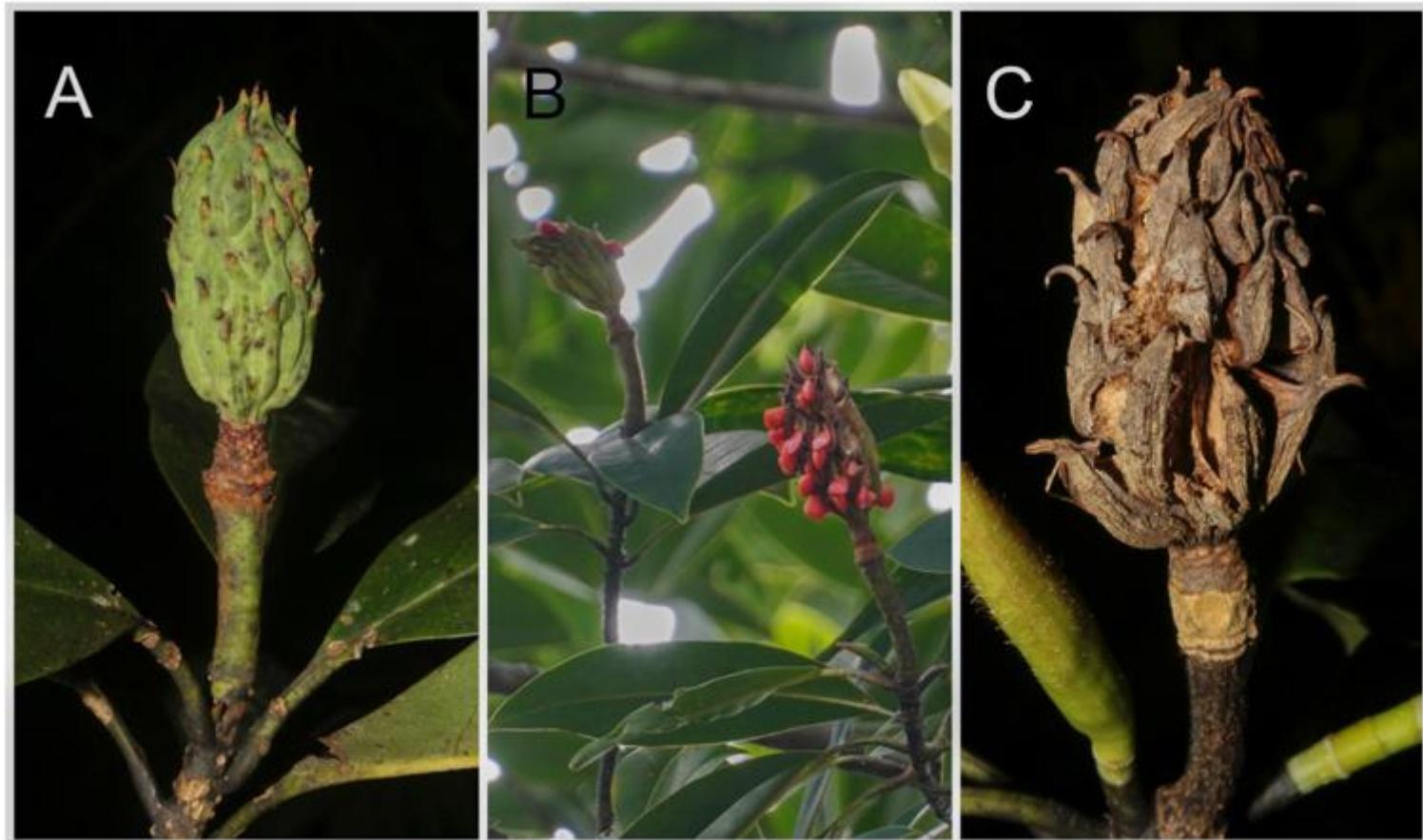
# *Magnolia pogomchi*



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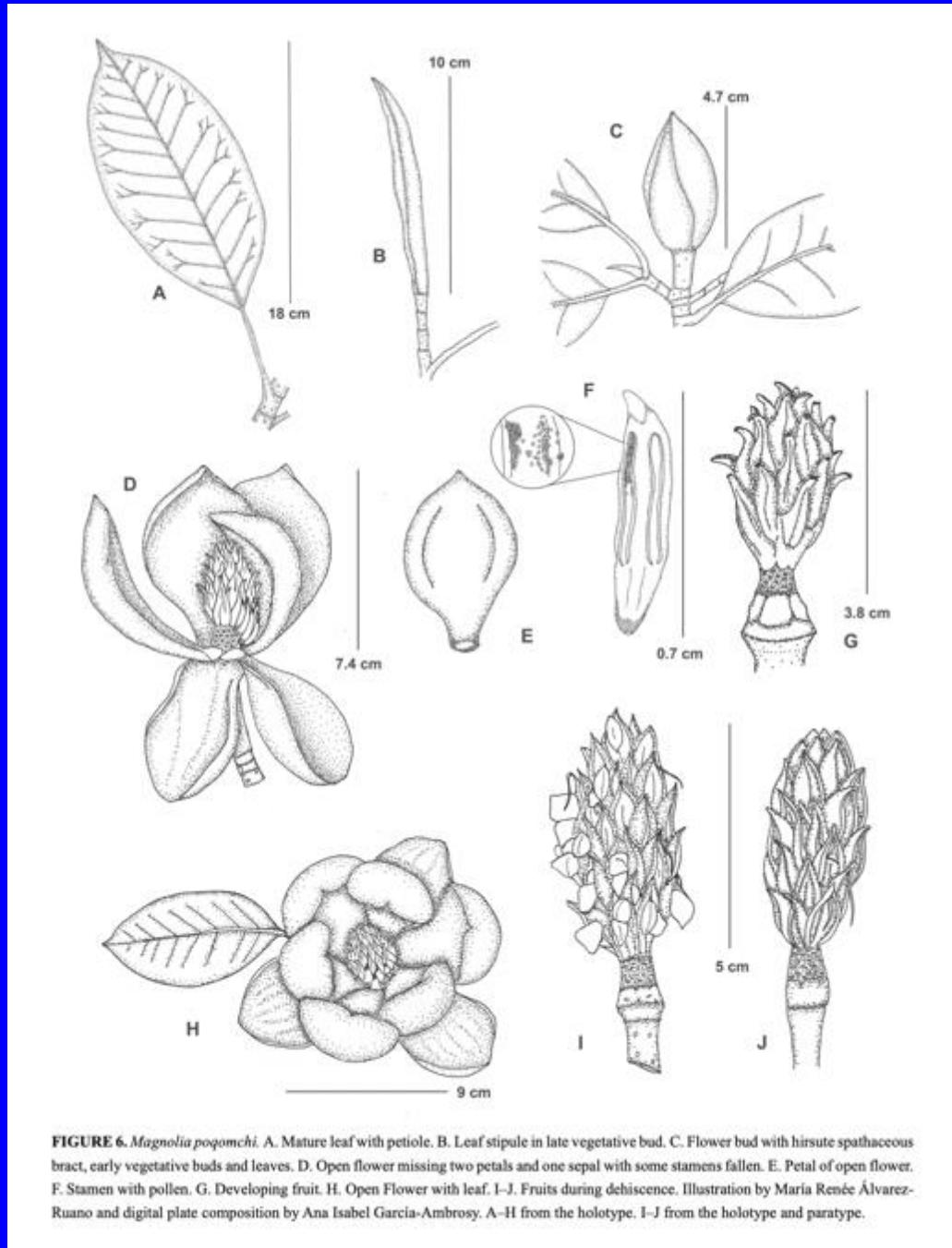
**FIGURE 4.** *Magnolia pogomchi*. A. Flower bud with hirsute spathaceous bract. B. Closed flower. C. Flower during male phase. D. Flower after male phase, dropping the stamens. E. Late flower, after male phase. F. Gynoecium with yellowish green stigmas. Photographs by Rafael Grajeda-Estrada from holotype.

# *Magnolia poqomchi*



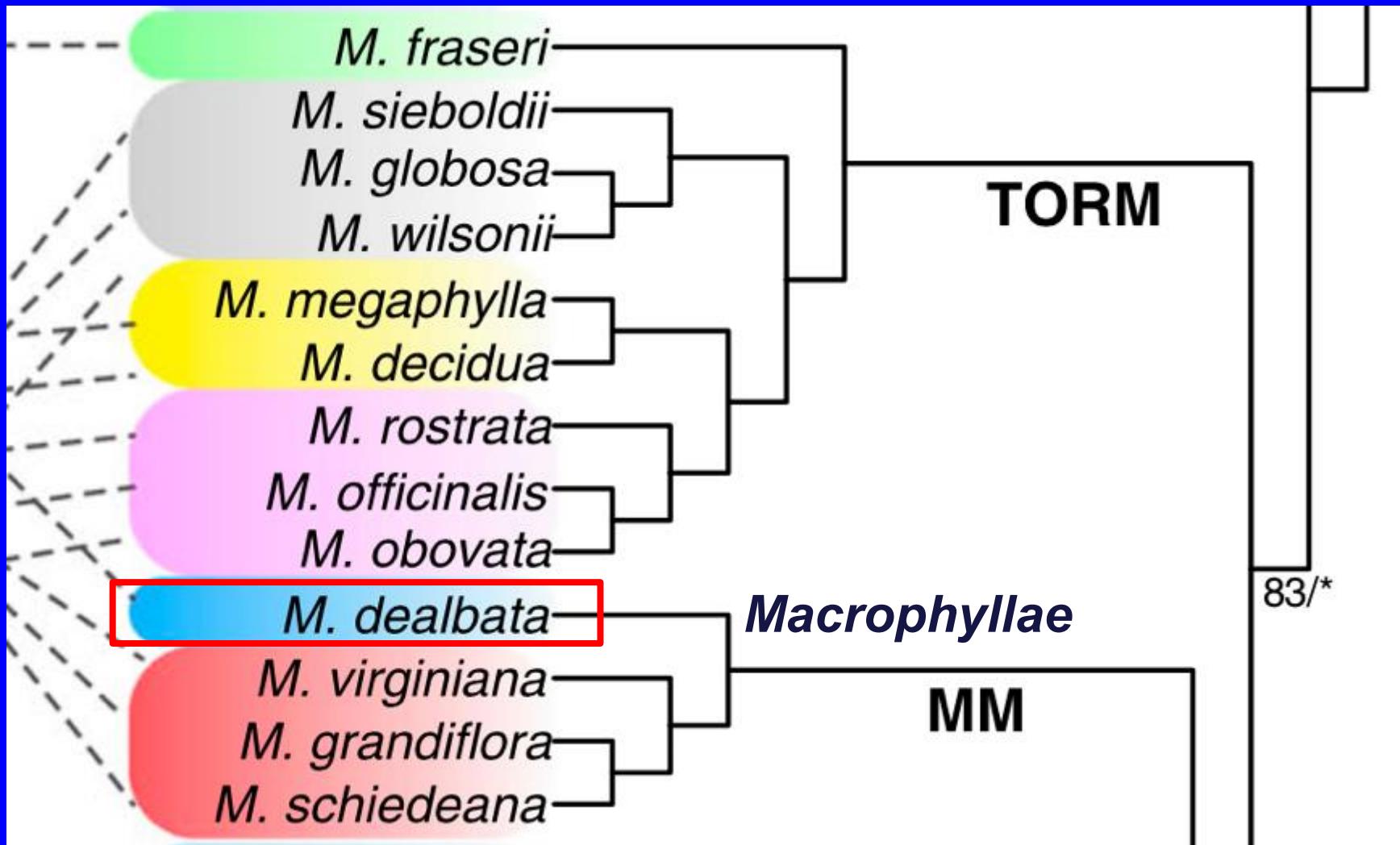
**FIGURE 5.** *Magnolia poqomchi*. A–F. Fruit maturation to dehiscence. Photographs by Rafael Grajeda-Estrada & Marcelo J. Serrano, A & C from the holotype; B from paratype.

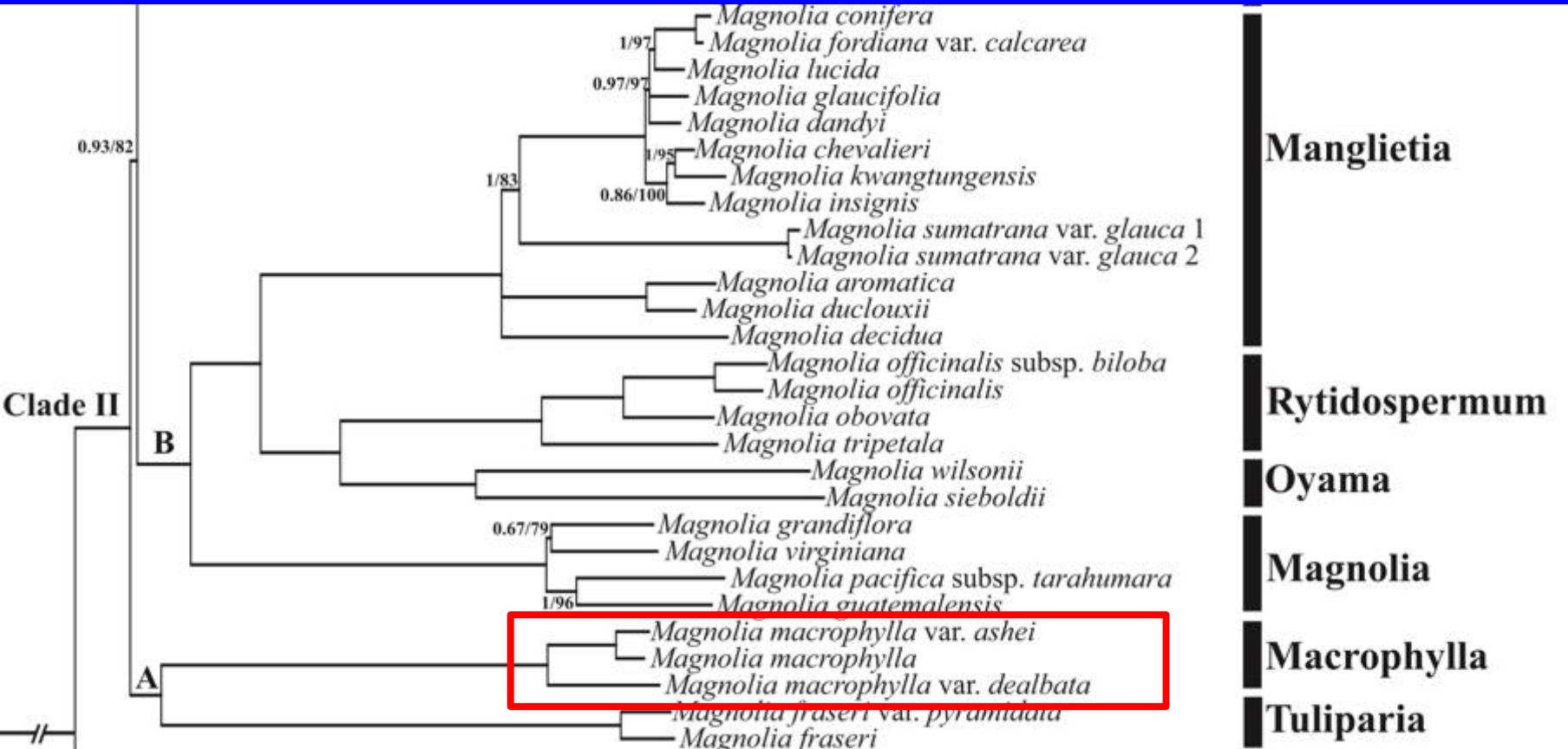
# *Magnolia poqomchi*



**FIGURE 6.** *Magnolia poqomchi*. A. Mature leaf with petiole. B. Leaf stipule in late vegetative bud. C. Flower bud with hirsute spathaceous bract, early vegetative buds and leaves. D. Open flower missing two petals and one sepal with some stamens fallen. E. Petal of open flower. F. Stamen with pollen. G. Developing fruit. H. Open Flower with leaf. I-J. Fruits during dehiscence. Illustration by María Renée Álvarez-Ruano and digital plate composition by Ana Isabel García-Ambrosy. A-H from the holotype. I-J from the holotype and paratype.

(9) *sectio Macrophyllae*  
*(genus Metamagnolia)*





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*Leaves deciduous, with cordate to auriculate base*

*Early-season leaves more or less in false whorls*

Stamens caducous in male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium sessile

*Stomata of Baranova type 4*

## *Magnolia zotictla* (L)

## *Magnolia dealbata* (R)



FIGURE 2. *Magnolia zotictla* (A–D): A. Flower bud in female phase. B. Stamens and stigmas. C. Flower in female phase. D. Flower in male phase. *Magnolia dealbata* (E–H): E. Flower bud in female phase. F. Stamens and stigmas. G. Flower in female phase. H. Flower in male phase. Photographs A–D by Arturo Sánchez. Photographs E–H by Reyna Dominguez.

*Magnolia zotictla* (T)

*Magnolia dealbata* (U)



FIGURE 3. *Magnolia zotictla* (A–C): A. Mature fruit, B–C. During and after dehiscence. *Magnolia dealbata* (D–F): D. mature fruit, E–F. During and after dehiscence. A–C Photographs by Arturo Sánchez. D–F Photographs by Reyna Domínguez.

# *Magnolia zotictla*

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FIGURE 4. *Magnolia zotictla*. Trees with dehiscing fruits from Zóoticla, Hidalgo. Photographs: Arturo Sánchez

# *Magnolia rzedowskiana*

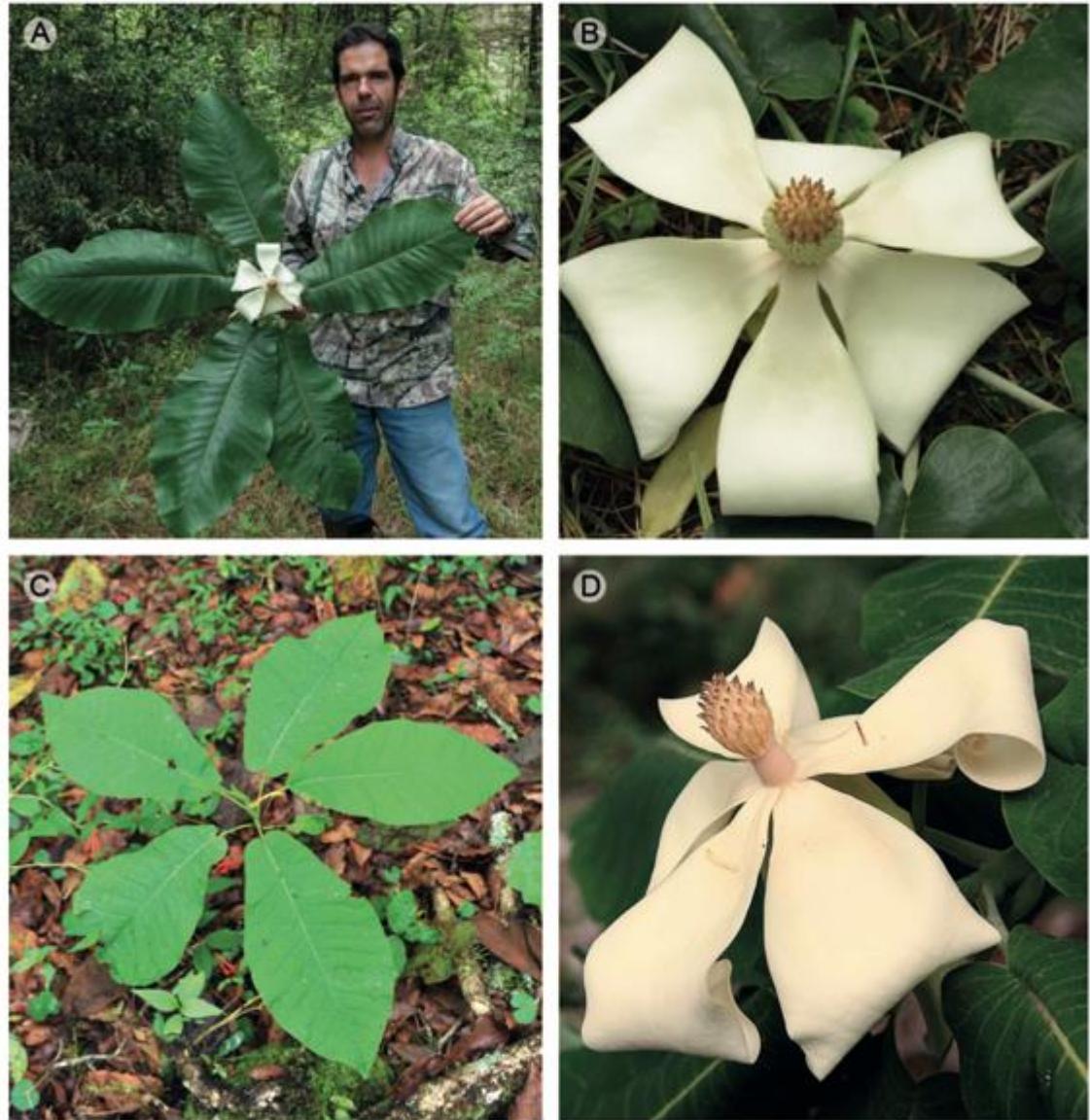


Fig. 3. *Magnolia rzedowskiana*. A. Roberto Pedraza Ruiz, con rama y flor; B. flor, aun conservando sus estambres; C. plántula; D. flor después de que han caído sus estambres. Fotografías de Roberto Pedraza.

# *Magnolia rzedowskiana*

Vazquez-Garcia et al. 2015

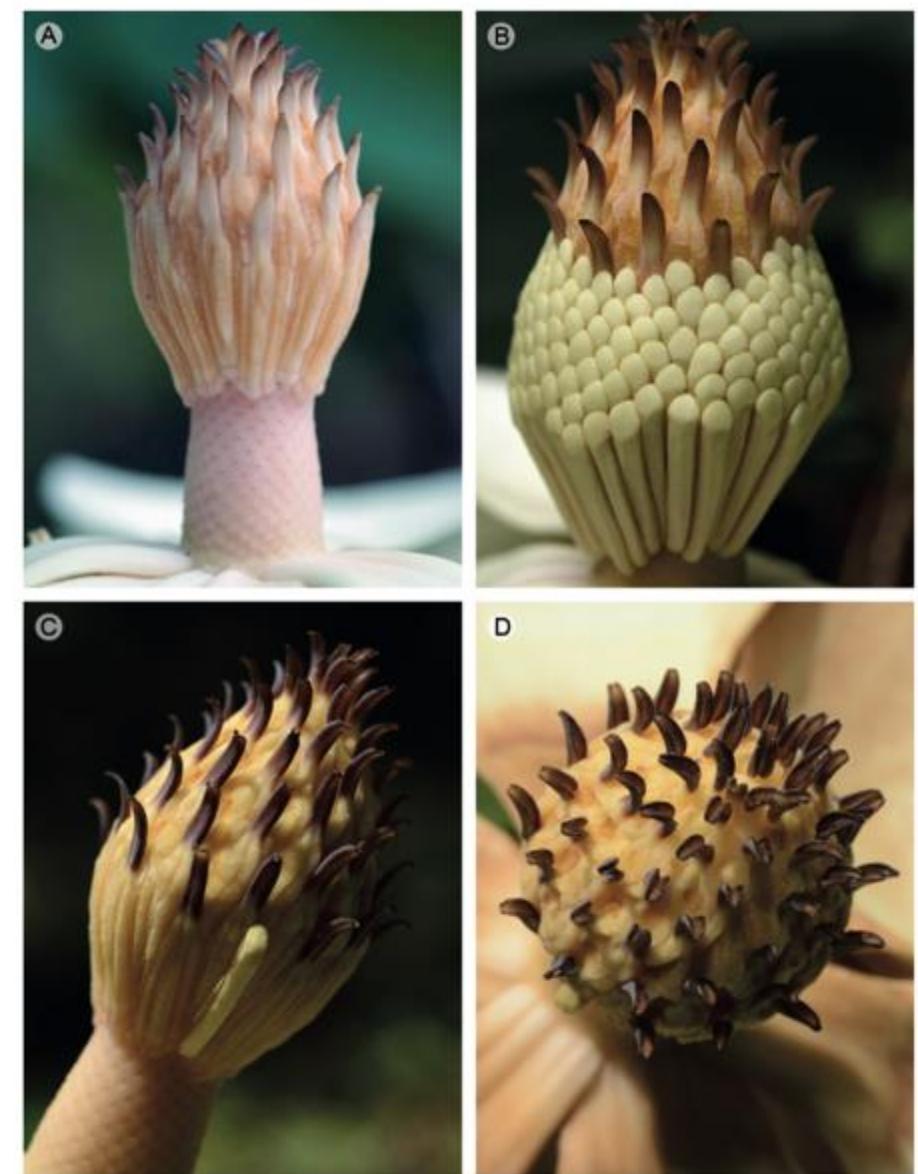
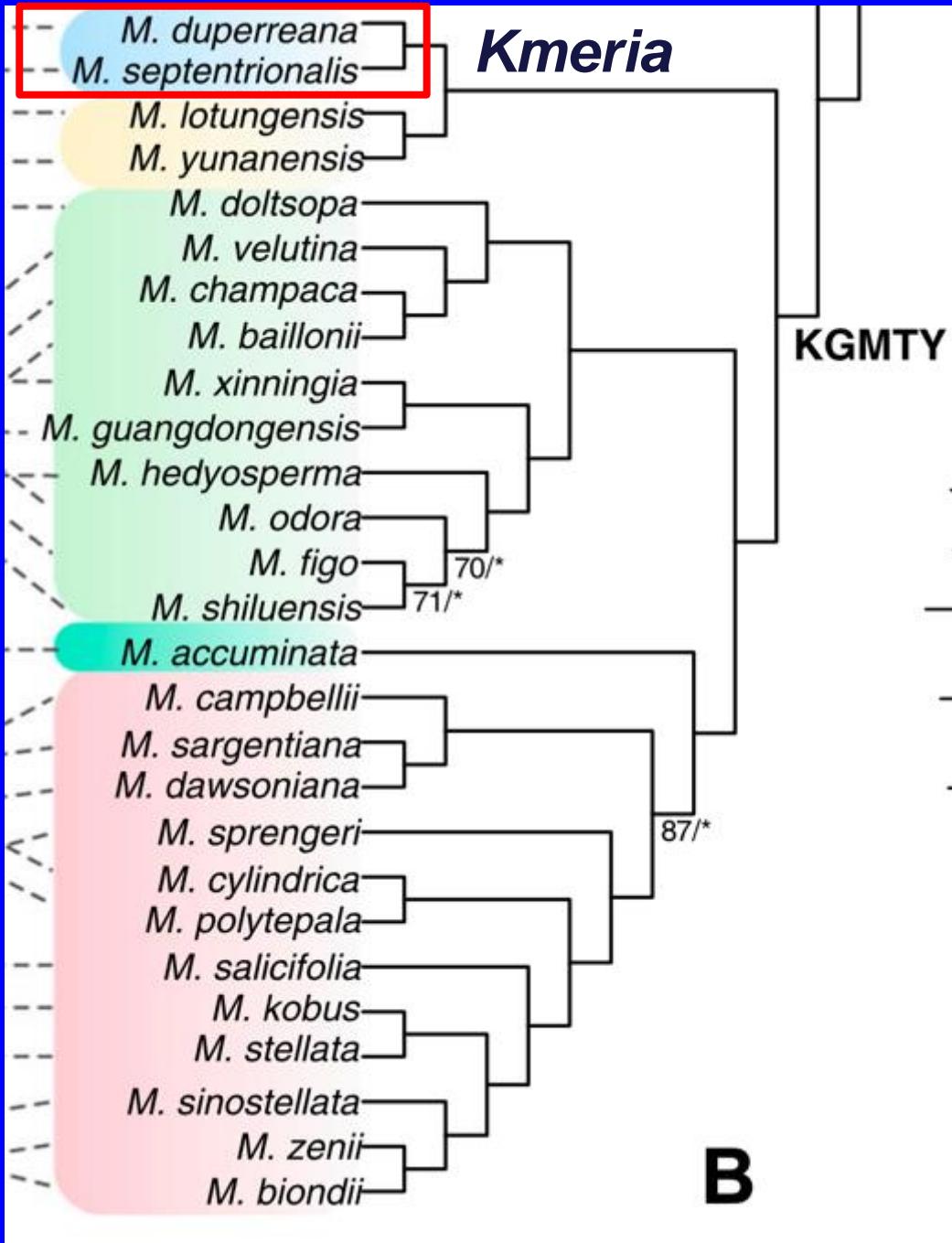


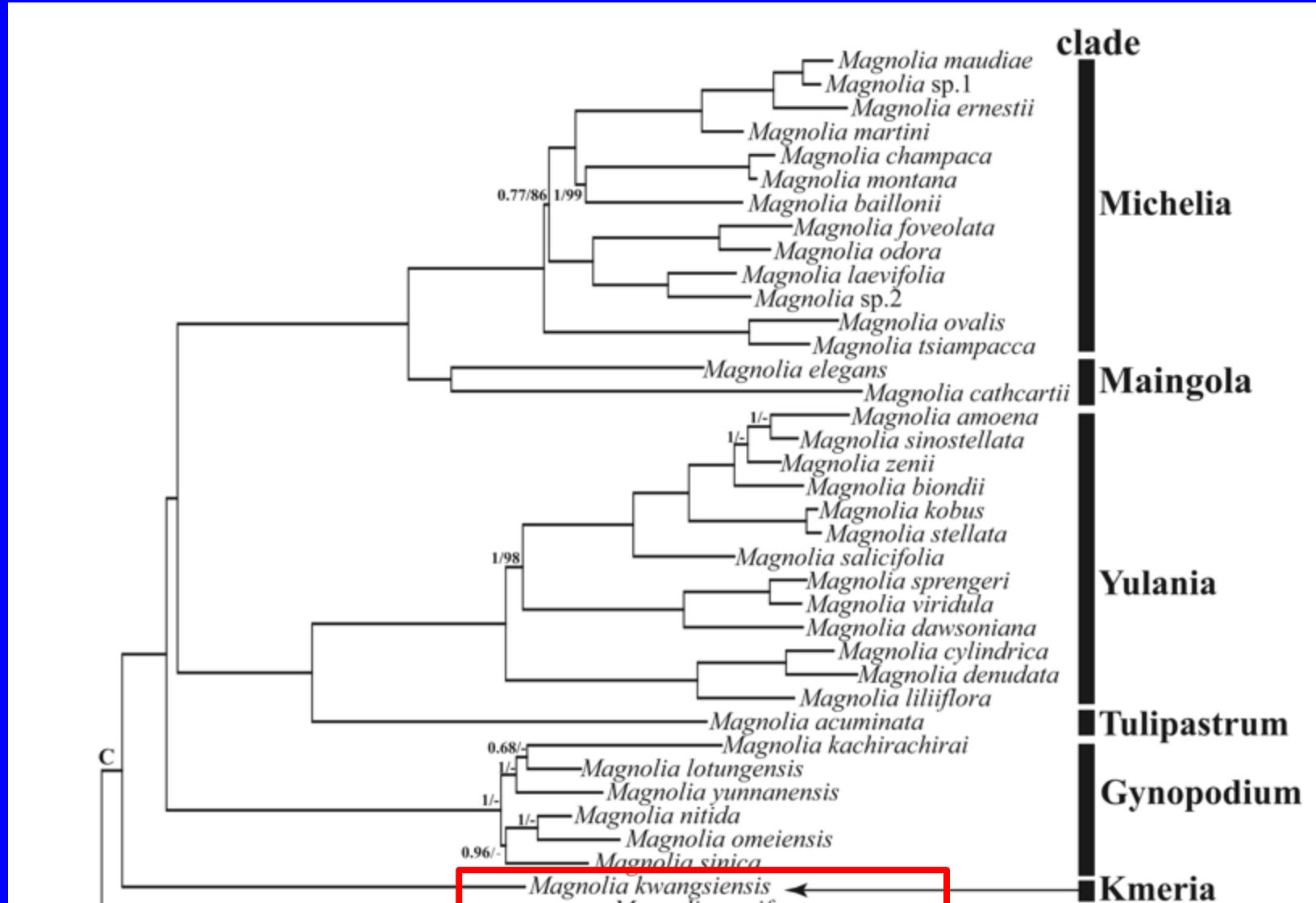
Fig. 4. *Magnolia rzedowskiana*. A. Gineceo receptivo con estambres removidos; B. gineceo receptivo, aún conservando los estambres; C. gineceo no receptivo después de que los estambres han caído de manera natural; D. gineceo no receptivo, iniciando el desarrollo del fruto. Fotografías de Roberto Pedraza.



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*(10) sectio Kmeria  
(genera Kmeria, Woonyoungia)*





Plants evergreen

Petiole with large scars of stipules

*Plants dioecious*

Anthers with latrorse opening

Gynoecium sessile

*Stomata of Baranova type 11*



*Magnolia kwangsiensis*

# *Magnolia thailandica*

Nootboom &  
Chalermglin 2009

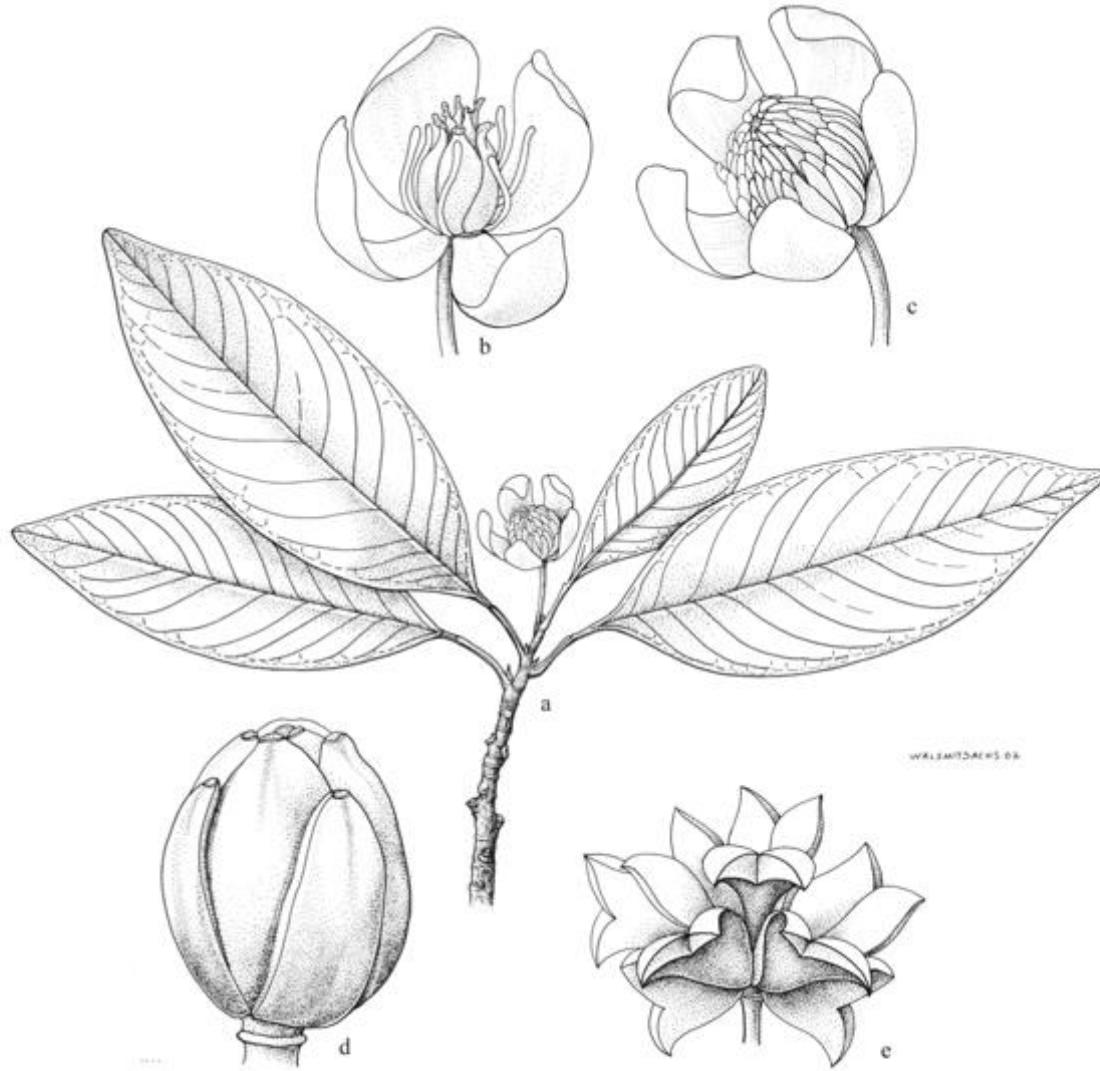
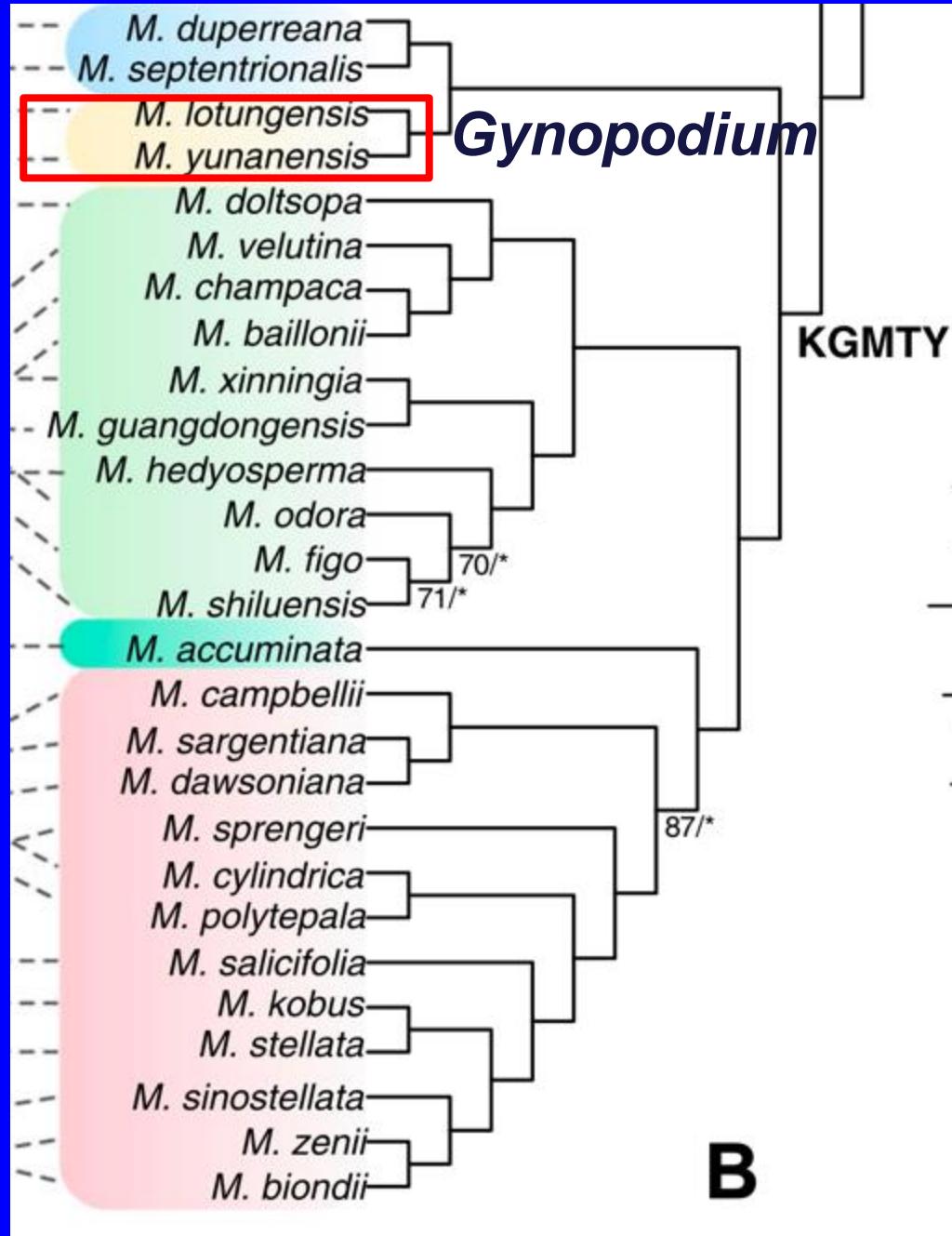
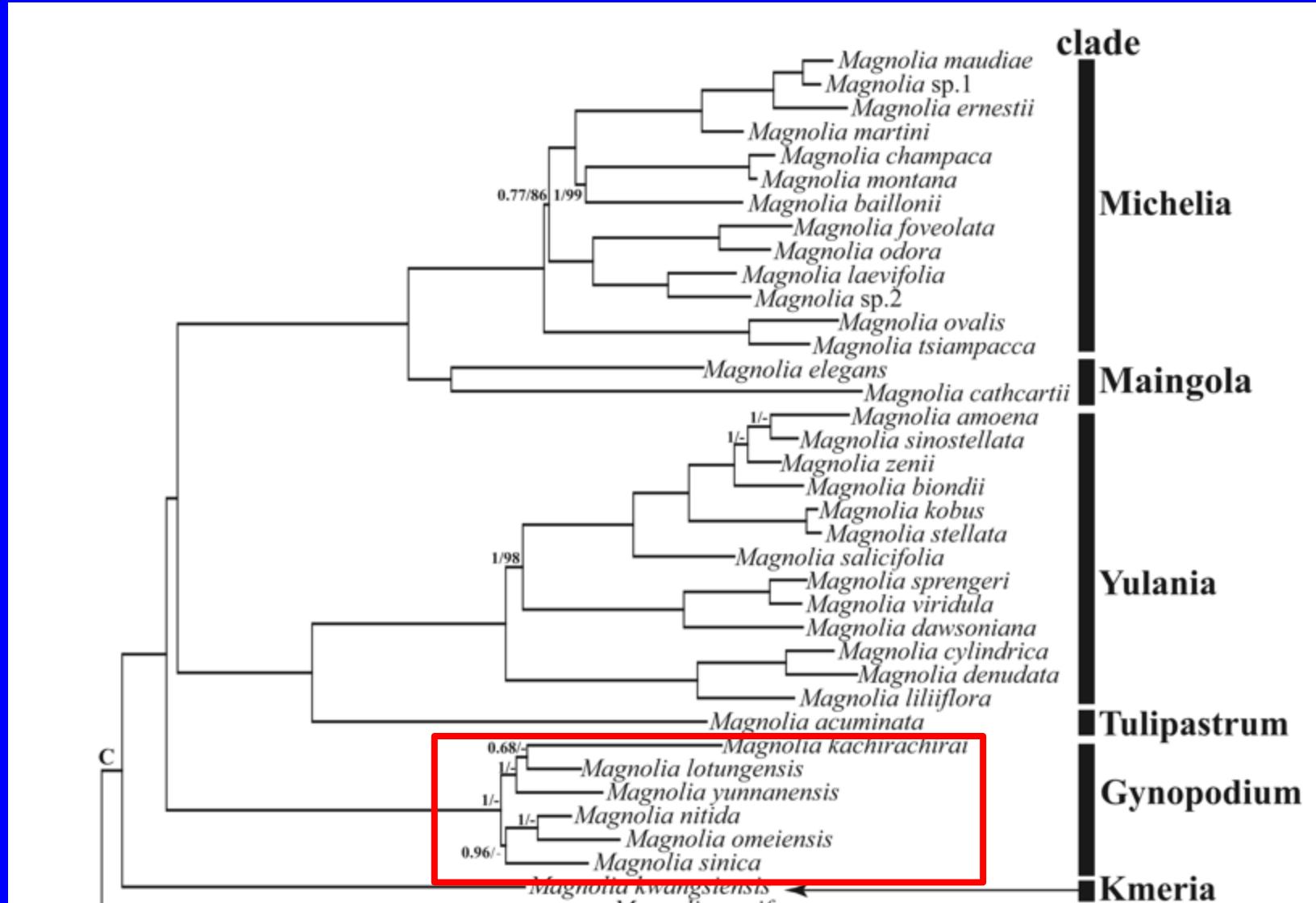


Figure 2. *Magnolia thailandica* Noot. & Chalermglin: a. habit (*Chalermglin* 410530); b. female flower (*Chalermglin* 450417-2); c. male flower (*Chalermglin* 450417-2); d. young fruit (*P. Chalermglin* 410719); e. ripe fruit (*Chalermglin* 411203).

**(11) sectio *Gynopodium*  
(genera *Pachylarnax*, *Parakmeria*)**





Plants evergreen

*Young leaves open in bud (not conduplicate)*

Stipules completely free from the petiole

*Branching by prolepsis*

Stamens persistent during male flowering phase

Gynoecium sessile or shortly stipitate

Ovules 2-8 per carpel

*Stomata of Baranova types 10 & 11*



**a**



**b**

Fig. 1. a. Conuplicate prefoliation; b. open prefoliation  
(after Flora of China).

# *Magnolia sinica*



**Fig. 1.** Flowering process, insects visitors and fruits of *M. sinica*. (A) A bud tip at the pre-pistillate stage; (B)–(C) Tepals separating and moving outwards to a fully open at the pistillate stage; (D) Tepals re-closing at the end of the pistillate stage; (E) Tepals except for the outer ones remaining closed during the pre-staminate stage; (F) The tepals completely re-opening at the staminate stage; (G)–(H) Beetles entering the open chamber at the pistillate stage. (I)–(J) Beetles leaving the re-opening chamber at the staminate stage; (K)–(L) Beetles (Pleocomidae) visiting the open flower, touching the exudate-secreting stigma; (M) Tepals partly eaten on the inside by visiting beetles. (N) Bees (*A. mellifera*) visiting a re-opening flower during the staminate stage; (O) Young fruit; (P) Mature fruit with red aril on seeds.

# *Magnolia sinica*

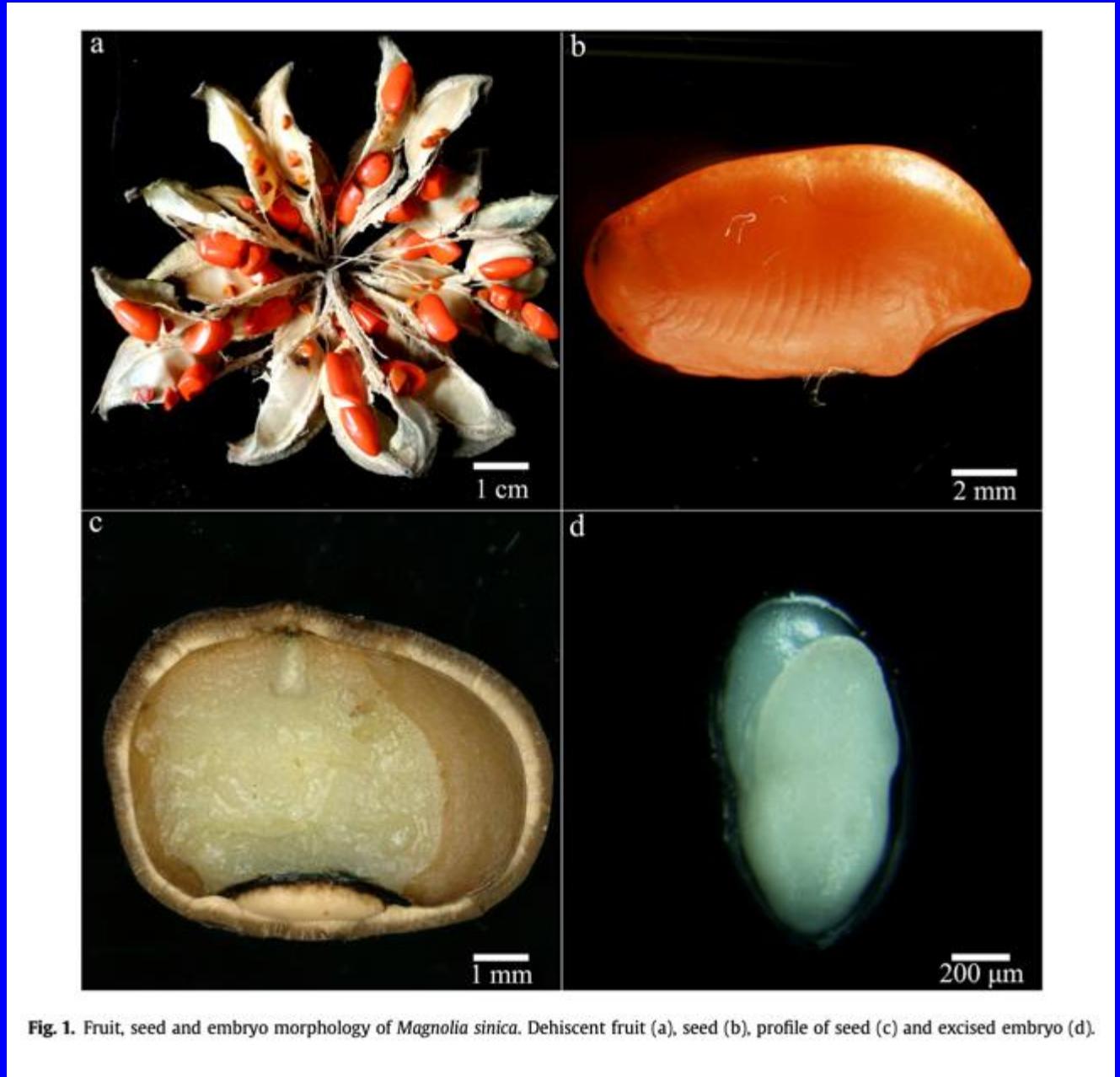


Fig. 1. Fruit, seed and embryo morphology of *Magnolia sinica*. Dehiscent fruit (a), seed (b), profile of seed (c) and excised embryo (d).

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# *Magnolia praecalva*

Nooteboom 1985



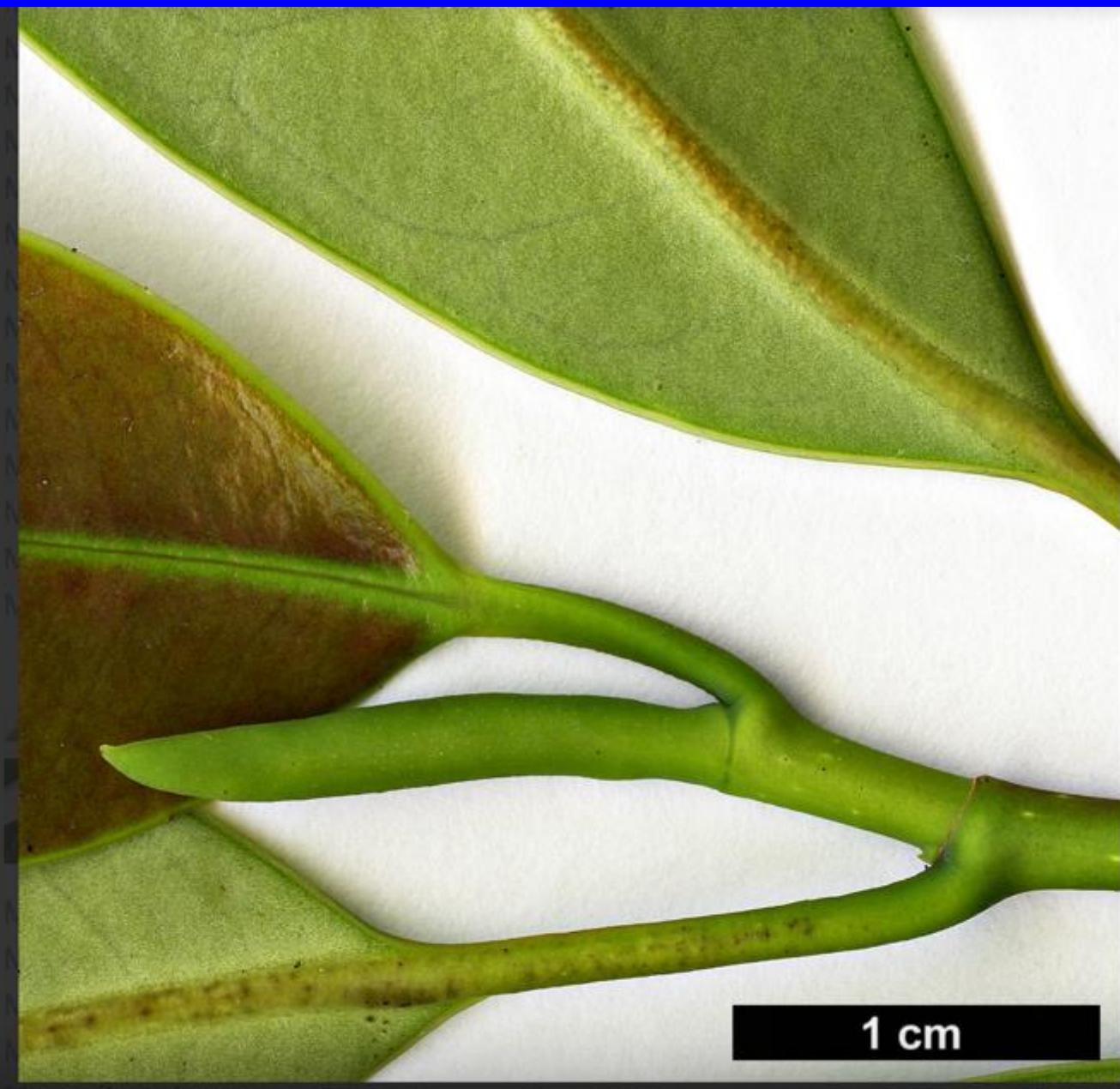
Fig. 4. *Pachylarnax praecalva* Dandy. — a. Habit,  $\times \frac{2}{3}$ ; b. fruit,  $\times \frac{2}{3}$ ; c. ovary,  $\times 2$ ; d. anther,  $\times 3$  (*Curtis 3012*). J.C.W.



39 Magnolia nitida

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59. *Magnolia opipara*



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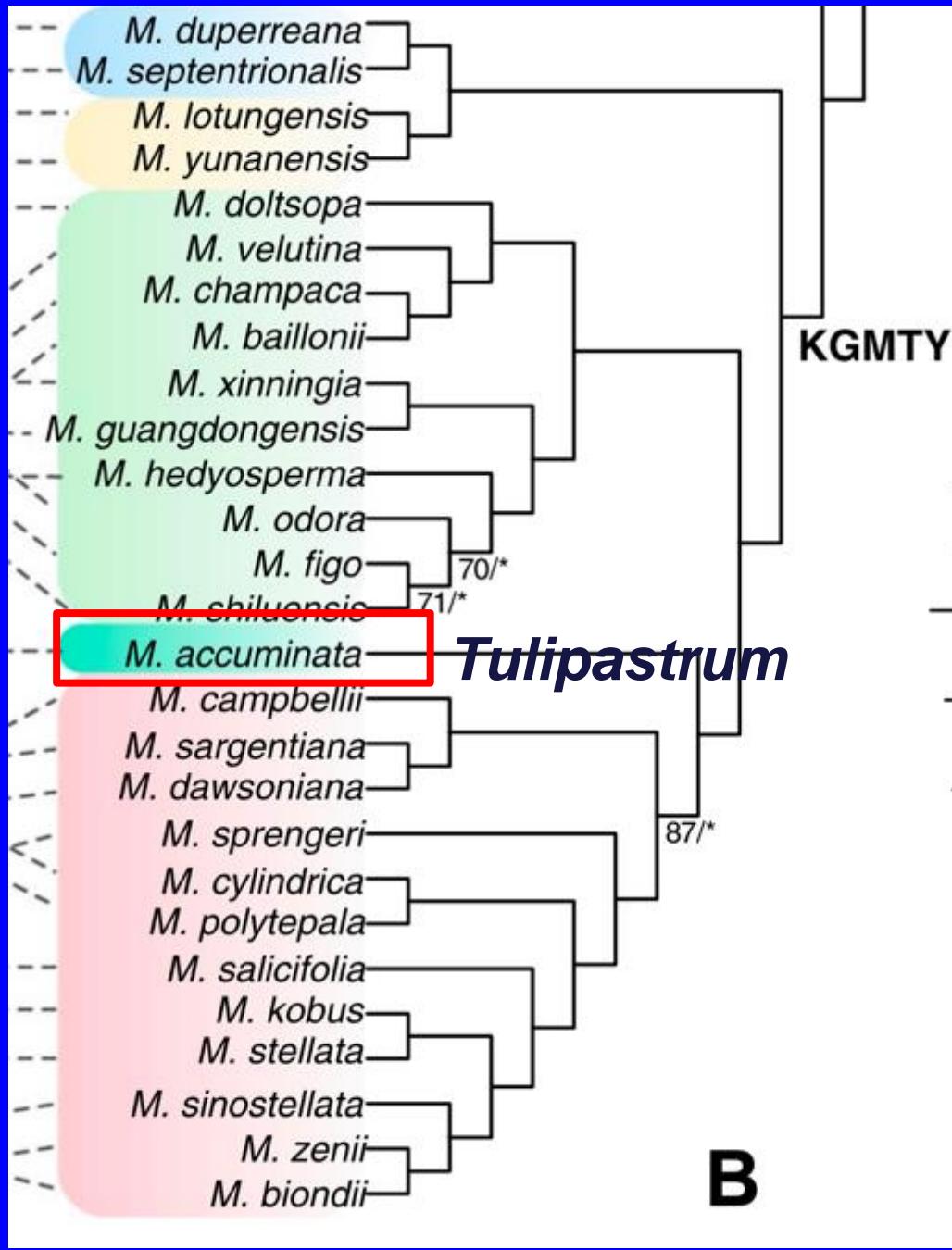
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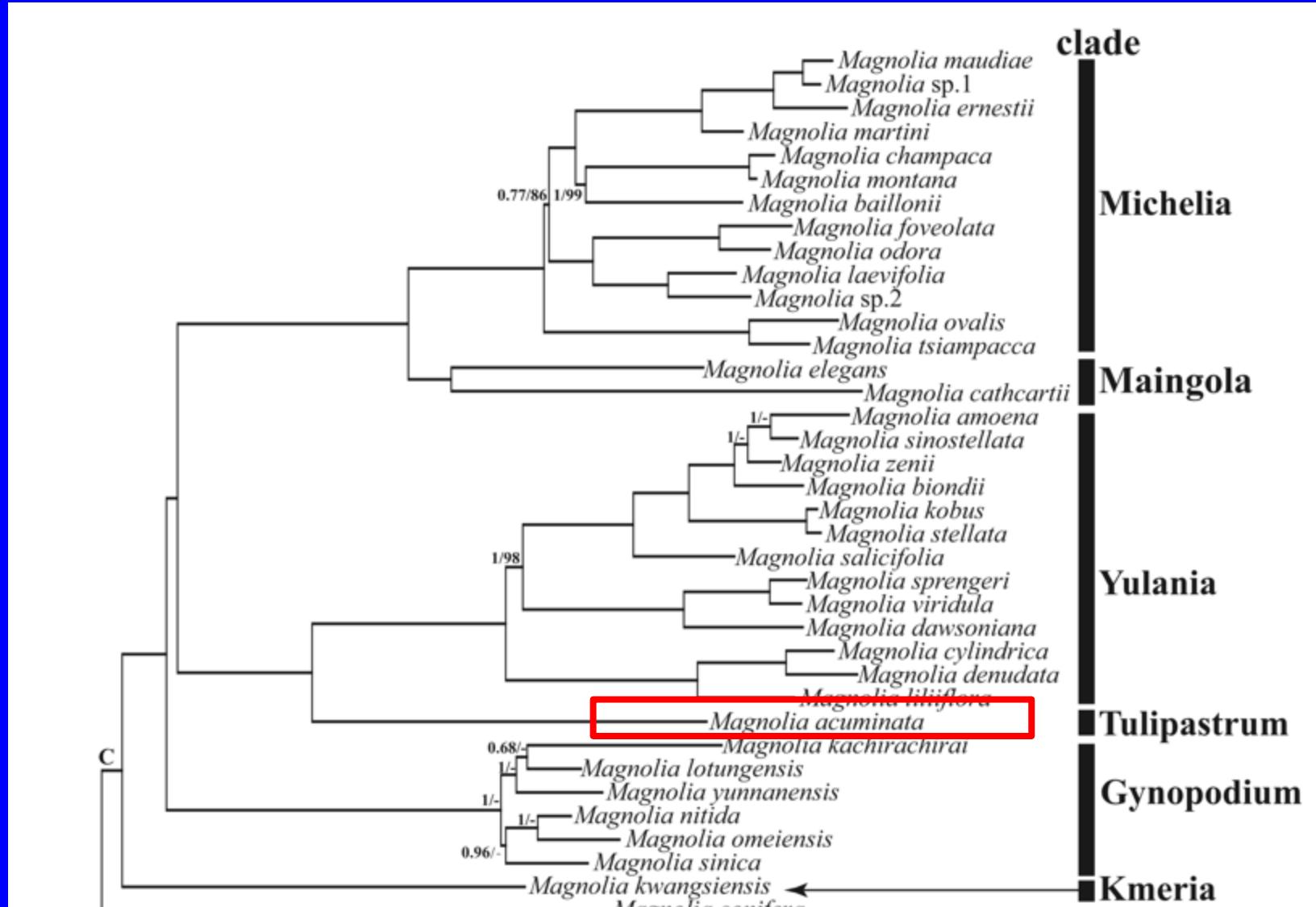


48. *Magnolia macduffiei*

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**(12) sectio *Tulipastrum*  
(genus *Tulipastrum*)**





Leaves deciduous

*Branching by prolepsis*

*Flowering semi-precocious*

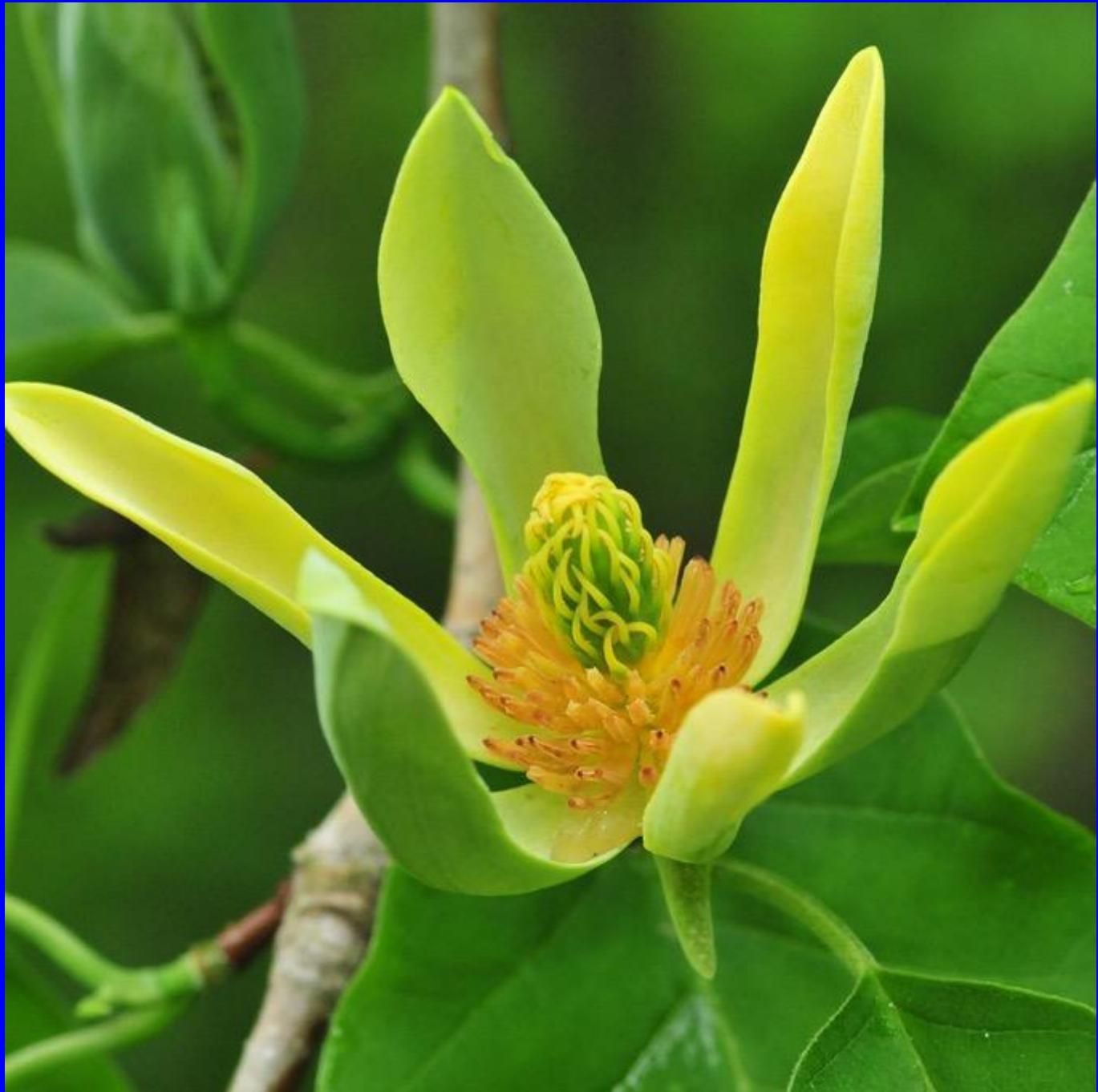
*Tepals green to yellow*

Stamens persistent during male flowering phase

*Anthers with latrorse opening*

*Stomata of Baranova type 13*

*Magnolia  
acuminata*





*Magnolia acuminata*



16. *Magnolia denudata*

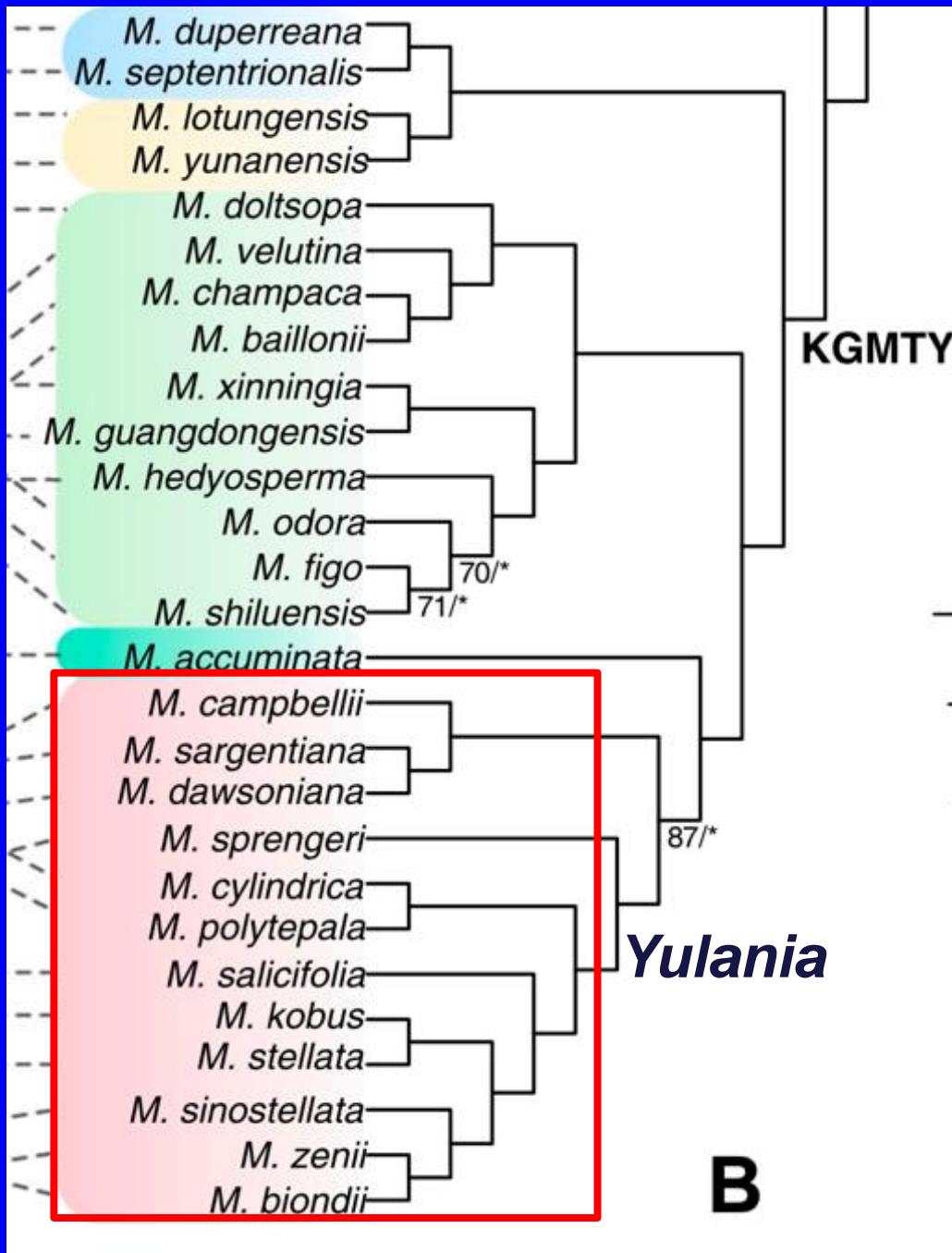
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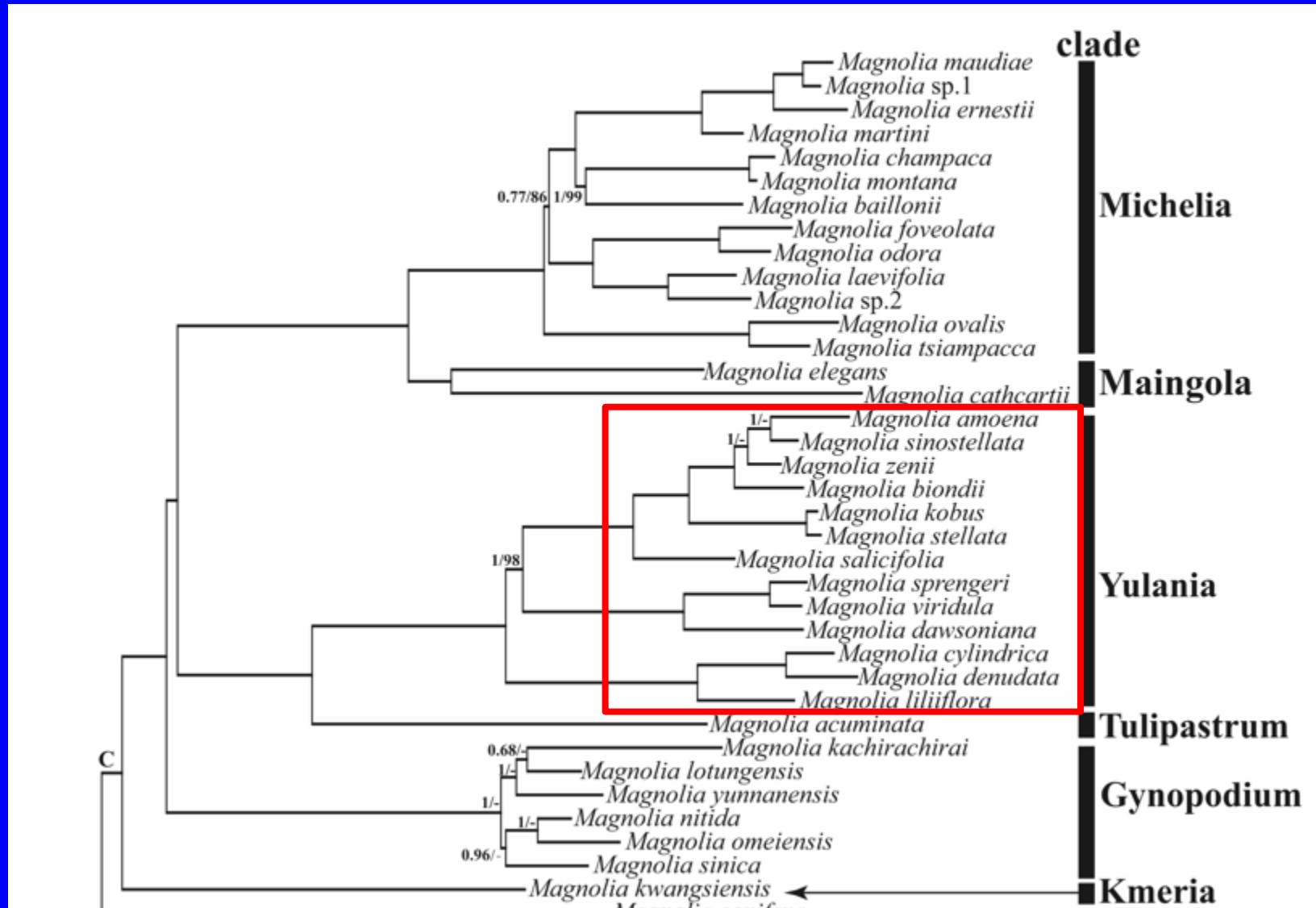


*Magnolia* *decidua*

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**(13) *sectio Yulania*  
*(genus Yulania)***





Leaves deciduous

*Branching by prolepsis*

*Flowering pronounced precocious*

*Tepals white, pink or purple*

Stamens persistent during male flowering phase

Anthers with latrorse opening

*Stomata of Baranova type 13*

# *Magnolia denudata*

Wang et al. 2014

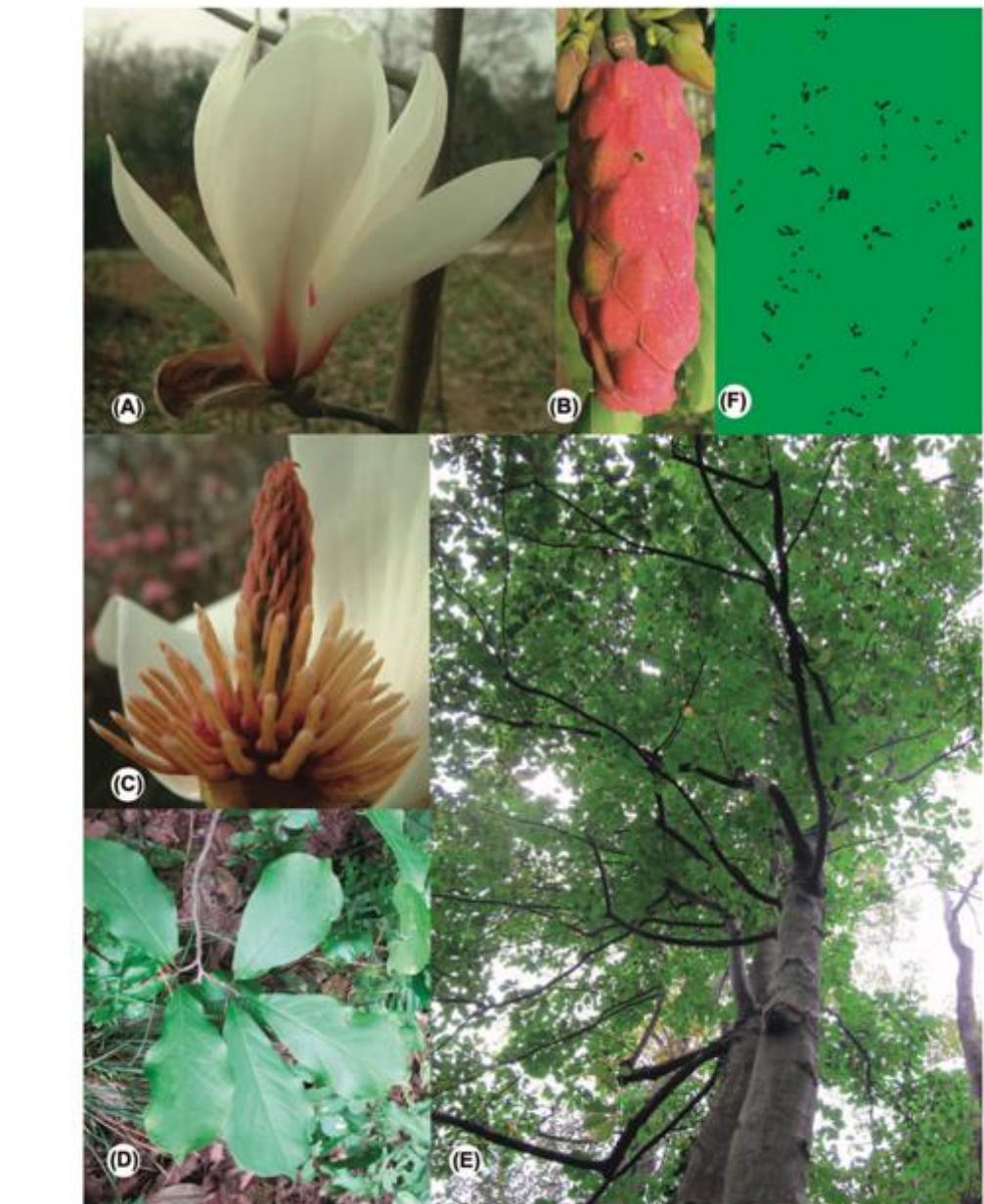


Figure 1. *Magnolia denudata* var. *glabrata* var. nov. from Mt Hengshan. (A) flower, (B) fruit, (C) stamens and gynoecium, (D) leaves, (E) tree, (F) metaphase of meiosis.

# *Magnolia denudata*

Wang et al. 2014

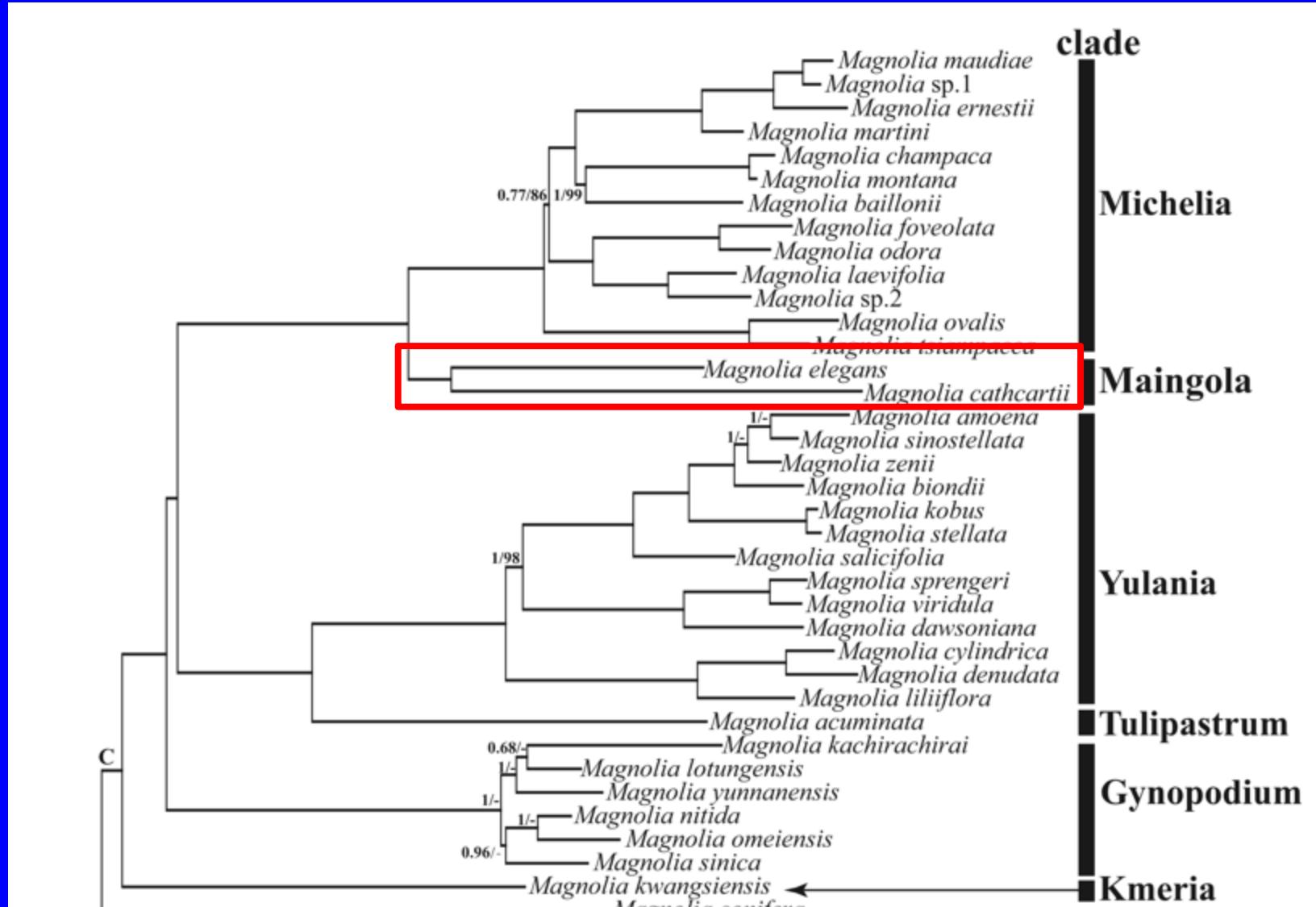


Figure 2. *Magnolia denudata* var. *glabrata* var. nov. (A) flower bud, (B) flower, (C) outer tepals, (D) middle tepal, (E) inner tepal, (F) androecium and gynoecium, (G) leaf, (H) fruit. Drawn by Dinghan Cui.



Magnoliaceae\_Magnolia\_sprengeri\_var. sprengeri\_HWH84329-esv\_JDL019347\_25AUG2014\_01.jpg

**(14) sectio *Maingola*  
(genera *Alcimandra*, *Aromadendron*)**



Plants evergreen

Stipules completely free from the petiole

*Branching by prolepsis*

Stamens persistent during male flowering phase

Anthers with introrse opening

Gynoecium stipitate or sessile

Ovules 2-5 per carpel

*Stomata of Baranova types 12 & 14*



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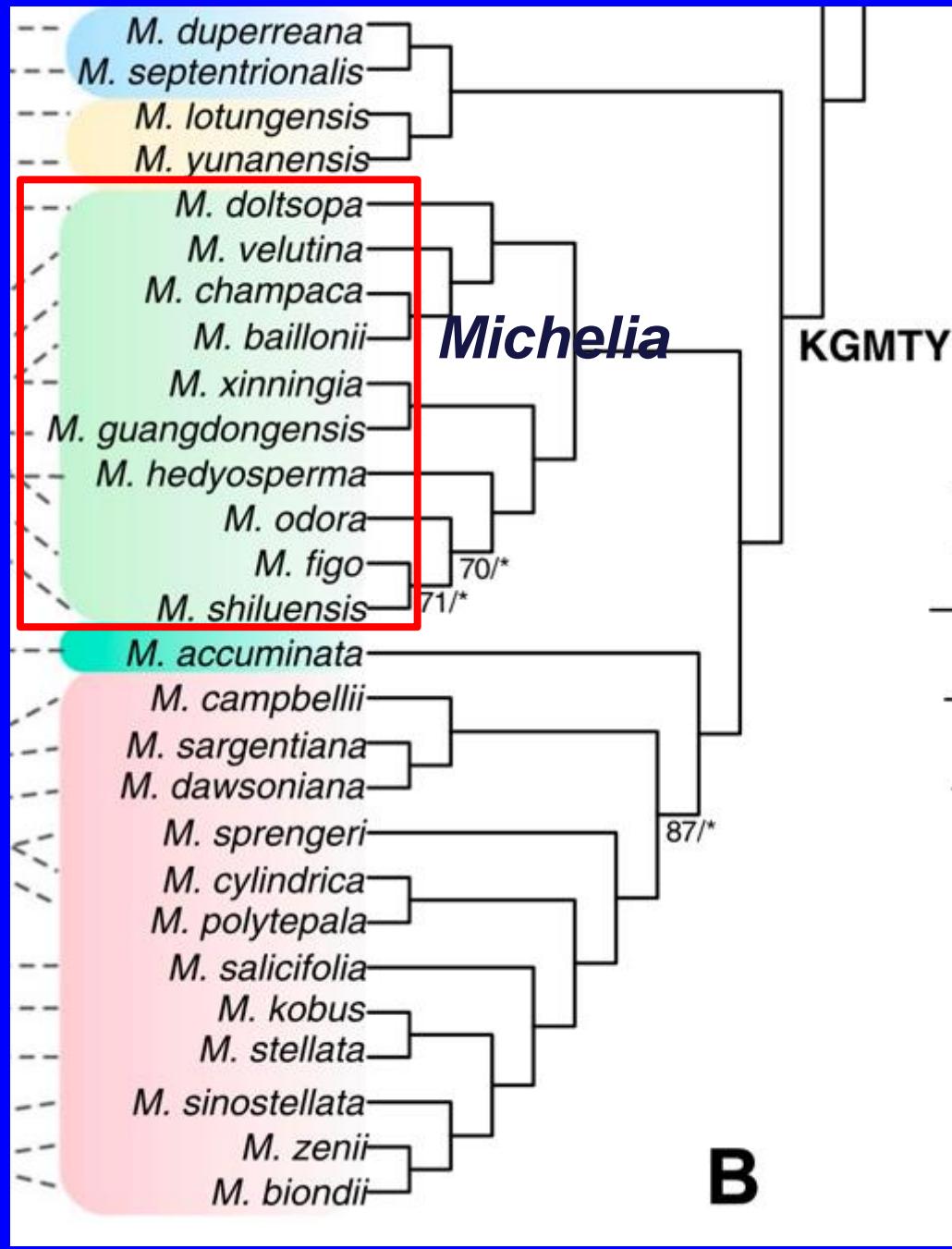
*Magnolia  
cathcartii*

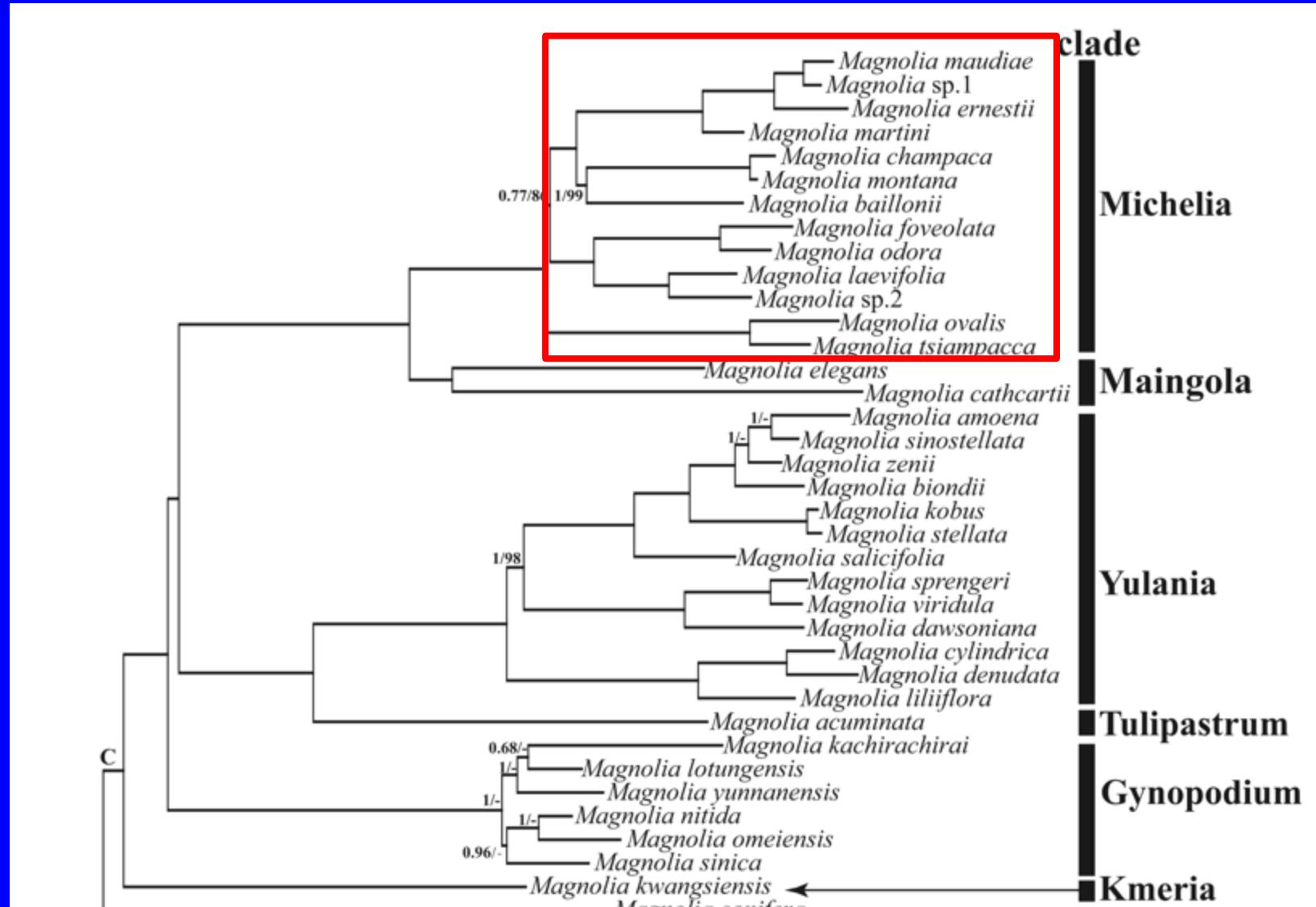


70 Magnolia cathcartii

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(15) *sectio Michelia*  
*(genera Michelia, Elmerrillia)*





Plants evergreen

*Flowers on lateral proleptic brachyblasts*

Stipules free from or connate with the petiole

Stamens persistent during male flowering phase

Anthers with latrorse or introrse opening

Gynoecium stipitate or sessile

Ovules 2-6 (to many) per carpel

*Stomata of Baranova type 12*

# *Magnolia* *sectio Michelia*

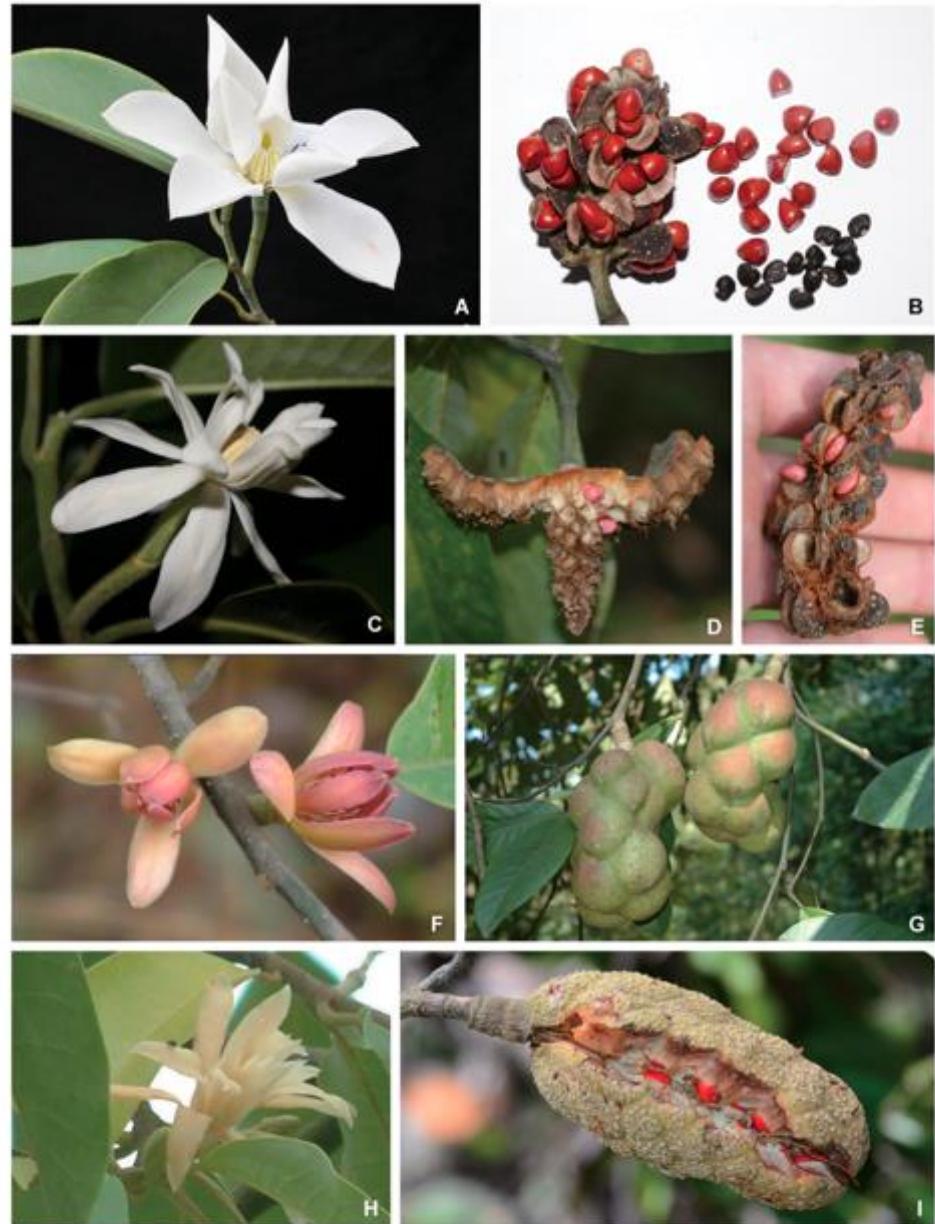


Fig. 5. Representatives of *Magnolia* sect. *Michelia* species. A, B, *M. maudiae*. C, D, *M. vriesiana*. E, *M. tsiampacca* subsp. *tsiampacca*. F, G, *M. odora*. H, I, *M. baillonii*. Photo credit: A and B: Yubing Wang; C and E: Fabian Brambach; D: Jun Wen; F and H: Yongkang Sima; G: Hongfeng Chen; I: Renbin Zhu.

# *Magnolia citrata*

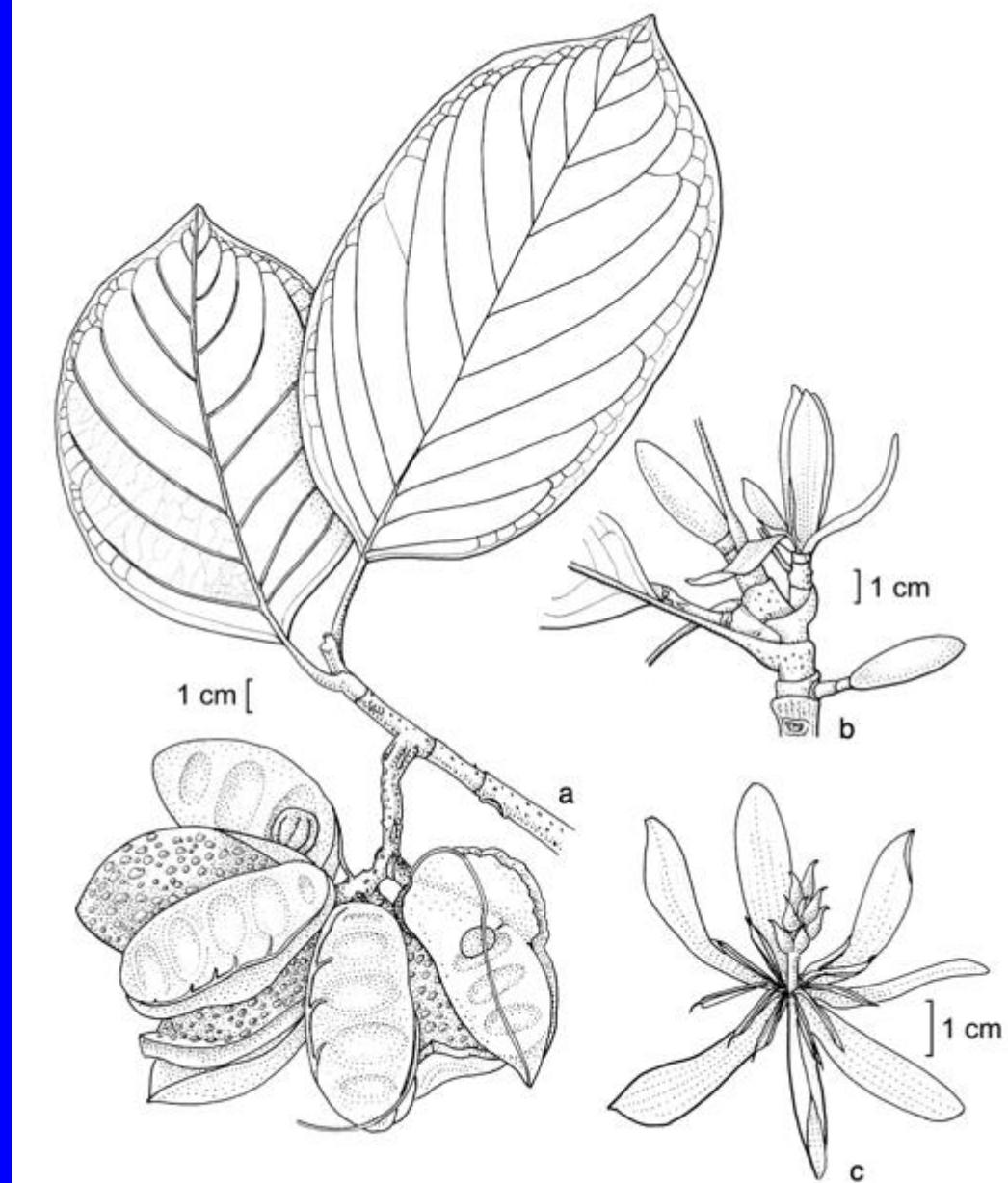


Fig. 1. *Magnolia citrata* Noot. & Chalermglin. a. Habit with ripening fruit; b. flower buds; c. flower  
(a: Smitinand 90-269; b, c: P. Chalermglin 420410).

# *Magnolia tsiampacca*

Nootboom 1985



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Fig. 7. *Elmerrillia tsiampacca* (L.) Dandy subsp. *tsiampacca* var. *tsiampacca*. — Flowering twig,  
x 2/3 (Koorders 17776).

# *Magnolia scorchedinii*

Nooteboom 1985



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Fig. 9. *Michelia scorchedinii* (King) Dandy. — a. Habit,  $\times \frac{2}{3}$ ; b. young fruit,  $\times 2$ ; c. anther,  $\times 4$ ; d—e. ovary,  $\times 4$  (a, c—e SF Holttum 31244; b Grashoff 335).

# *Magnolia koordersiana*

Nootboom 1985

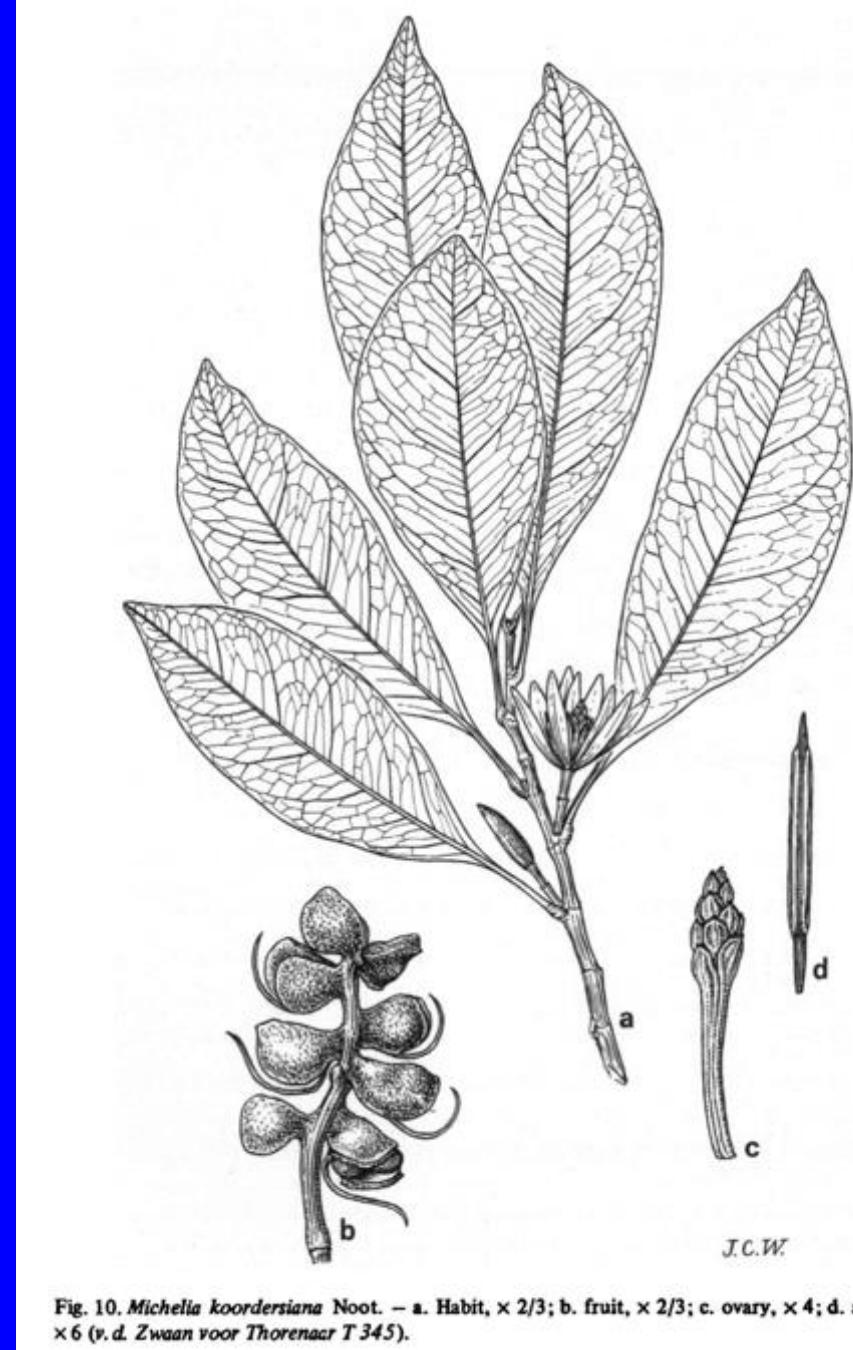


Fig. 10. *Michelia koordersiana* Noot. – a. Habit,  $\times \frac{2}{3}$ ; b. fruit,  $\times \frac{2}{3}$ ; c. ovary,  $\times 4$ ; d. anther,  $\times 6$  (v. d. Zwaan voor Thorenaar T 345).



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15. *Magnolia dandy*

Magnoliaceae\_ *Magnolia champaca*\_HBUG0000\_JDL019670\_06MAR2015\_01.jpg



Magnoliaceae\_Magnolia\_champaca\_HBUG0000\_JDL019670\_06MAR2015\_02.jpg



26. *Magnolia fordiana*

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1 cm



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26. Magnolia fordiana

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24. *Magnolia konishii*

25. *Magnolia ×fogglii* (*M.doltsopa* × *M. figo*)

26. *Magnolia fordiana*

27. Magnoliaceae\_ *Magnolia ernestii*\_ITURRA0000R-Mbulk\_JDL019785\_06JUL2015\_08.jpg

## *The take home messages*

One single genus *Magnolia*, with 15 sections

Evolution in this genus was very slow, most sections do not appear before Midst Oligocene (30 My bp)

All sections are clearly distinguished by molecular data

All sections are morphologically distinguished by a combination of characters

All sections are restricted to either America or Asia (except for *Rytidospermum*)

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