

# Conformation of Phylogenetic Relationship of Penaeidae Shrimp Based on Morphometric and Molecular Investigations<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract**—Understanding of accurate phylogenetic relationship among Penaeidae shrimp is important for academic and fisheries industry. The Morphometric and Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) analysis was used to make the phylogenetic relationship among 13 Penaeidae shrimp. For morphometric analysis forty variables and total lengths of shrimp were measured for each species, and removed the effect of size variation. The size normalized values obtained was subjected to UPGMA (Unweighted Pair-Group Method with Arithmetic Mean) cluster analysis. For RAPD analysis, the four primers showed reliable differentiation between species, and used correlation coefficient between the DNA banding patterns of 13 Penaeidae species to construct UPGMA dendrogram. Phylogenetic relationship from morphometric and molecular analysis for Penaeidae species found to be congruent. We concluded that as the results from morphometry investigations concur with molecular one, phylogenetic relationship obtained for the studied Penaeidae are considered to be reliable.

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## INTRODUCTION

Penaeidae shrimps worldwide are classified into 26 genera and 225 species, of which 13 genera are found along the Indian coasts. It is a diverse and worldwide distributed family of shrimps, particularly in the Indo-West Pacific region and contributes to 50% of crustacean fisheries in the world [1]. In India Penaeidae shrimps constitute a highly valuable fishery along the East and West coasts. The estimated Indian landings of Penaeidae shrimps in 2010 was 2, 17, 900 mt, contributing 51% of total crustacean landings [2].

Generally, the Penaeidae shrimp differs from non Penaeidae by pattern of arranging of pleurae regularly, third pereopods chelated and abdominal segment do not has sharp bend but non-Penaeidae prawns the pleurae of the second abdominal segment are overlapping those of first and third segments; third pereopods not chelated and abdominal segment has sharp bend in the non-Penaeidae prawns. Moreover in Penaeidae shrimp, the distinguished identical characters are the rostral structure, rostral teeth, antenna colouration and body colour with strips. In majority of the Penaeidae shrimp, rostral teeth are important charac-

ters to distinguish the different species and also within the groups. In *Penaeus* sensu lato group, the rostral teeth are present both in the upper and lower portions of the rostrum, and but in other case, the rostral teeth are present only in the dorsal side of the rostrum. Moreover depending on the nature of carapace the *Penaeus* sensu lato can be divided as *Melicertus* (grooved) and non-*Melicertus* (non-grooved). Carapace with longitudinal suture, lacking transverse suture and fourth and fifth pairs of pereopods with elongate dactyl subdivided into articles in *Xiphopenaeus*, carapace with longitudinal, transverse sutures, and fourth and fifth pair of pereopods with dactyl neither elongate nor subdivided into articles in *Trachypenaeus*.

Penaeidae into three tribes according to the characters of gill formula (presence or absence of epipod on the third maxilliped and pleurobranch on the fifth pereopod), spination of the antennular peduncle (presence or absence of a spine on the ventromedian margin of proximal segment) and the telson (tip simple or trifid), namely the Peneini (*Penaeus*, *Heteropenaeus*, *Funchalia*, *Pelagopenaeus*), the Parapeneini (*Parapenaeus*, *Artemesia*, *Penaeopsis*, *Metapenaeopsis*), and the Trachypeneini (*Metapenaeus*, *Macropetasma*, *Trachypenaeopsis*, *Atypopenaeus*, *Protrachypene*,

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*Xiphopenaeus*, *Parapenaeopsis*, *Trachypenaeus*) [3]. Penaeidae shrimp, on the basis of complex morphological similarity matrix into five groups; 1—*Penaeus*; 2—*Penaeopsis*; 3—*Atpopenaeus*, *Trachypenaeopsis*, *Metapenaeus*; 4—*Parapenaeus*, *Parapenaeopsis*, *Trachypenaeus*; 5—*Metapenaeopsis* [4].

The extraordinary morphological diversity among these species poses substantial challenge to their phylogenetic study. Limited fossil records and incomplete palaeogeographic evidences are of little significant in phylogenetic studies of Penaeidae [5, 6]. The system of morphometric measurements called the truss network system have been widely used for population and taxonomic studies [7–11]. The conservation of body skeleton and definite body ratio facilitated using truss-net work system as a taxonomical tool to differentiate physically similar species and compared to traditional morphological method such tool can be used as clear, accurate and precise descriptor [12]. The morphometric measurements have been used to describe the taxonomical relationship between *Melicertus kerathurus*, *Metapenaeus dobsoni* and *Penaeus semisulcatus* [13]. Apart from morphological characters, the shape and size evolutionary relationship species of Penaeidae species is limited. Hence in the present study the truss network system was used to analyses the phylogenetic relationship by morphometry with concerning shape and size.

The molecular analysis using PCR-based markers has been of great significance on studying the phylogeny and taxonomy. Random amplification of polymorphic DNA (RAPD) is random amplification of anonymous loci by PCR. The method is simple, rapid and cheap, has high polymorphism, requires only a small amount of DNA and allows creation of genomic markers from species of which little information is known about the target sequences to be amplified. RAPD markers are produced by PCR using short oligonucleotide primers of random sequences. Different RAPD patterns arise when genomic regions vary according to the presence/absence of complementary primer annealing sites. RAPDs have gained considerable attention particularly in population genetics, species and subspecies identification, phylogenetics, linkage group identification, chromosome and genome mapping, analysis of interspecific gene flow and hybrid speciation, and analysis of mixed genome samples breeding analysis and as a potential source for single-locus genetic fingerprints [14]. Randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) data showed higher levels of polymorphism than allozymes [15]. Allozyme has limitations for highly divergent group [15, 16].

The robust taxonomy is both the morphological and molecular data agreement [17]. Molecular data are a complementary approach to morphology, especially in discriminating cryptic or sibling species [18, 19] and for constructing phylogenetic relationships

[15]. Raymunida—squat lobsters (formerly in genus *Munida*), distinguished by small morphological differences, which matched clear differences in mitochondrial nucleotide sequences [20]. Data are available from studies of mitochondrial marker like cytochrome oxidase subunit I, and 12S and 16S rRNA (ribosomal RNA). However, analyses by non nuclear marker alone or combined, still have not provided a reliable taxonomy for Penaeidae shrimps. Nuclear DNA marker only provides high resolution to resolve the evolutionary relationship of the shrimp [6, 21]. Only mitochondrial DNA marker observation is available on Penaeidae phylogeny [22, 23], but lot of studies on phylogeny of super family Penaeoidea are there, where only the least explanation about the Penaeidae shrimp as one of the family along with four other family Aris-taeidae, Solenoceridae, Benthescymidae, Sicyonidae [24–26]. Moreover the other studies are *Penaeus sensu lato* [27, 28] and *Penaeus sensu strict* [29–31]. Previously several morphometric and genetic analysis were conducted for species variation and systematic studies for various fishes [32–35]. Currently, there is no report available on phylogenetic relationship of Penaeidae species analysed employing both morphometry and Nuclear DNA molecular marker. In the present study, we have used both the techniques, with diverse shrimp, to conform the phylogenetic relationship of Penaeidae shrimp species.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Collection of samples.** Six species from *Penaeus* genus (1) *Fenneropenaeus indicus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837), (2) *Fenneropenaeus merguiensis* (De Man, 1888), (3) *Melicertus latisulcatus* (Kishinouye, 1896), (4) *Penaeus monodon* (Fabricius, 1798), (5) *Penaeus semisulcatus* (De Haan, 1844), (6) *Marsupenaeus japonicus* (Bate, 1888); three species from *Parapenaeopsis* genus (1) *Parapenaeopsis stylifera* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837), (2) *Parapenaeopsis hardwickii* (Miers, 1878), (3) *Parapenaeopsis uncta* (Alcock, 1905); two species from *Metapenaeus* genus (1) *Metapenaeus monoceros* (Fabricius, 1798), (2) *Metapenaeus dobsoni* (Miers, 1878), *Metapenaeus affinis* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837) and one species from *Penaeopsis* genus *Penaeopsis jerryi* (Perez Farfante, 1979), totally thirteen species were collected from the East coast of India. All species were identified according to published literature [36–38].

**Multivariate cluster analysis of morphometric data.** After identification of species, from each species 5 male sample only taken and female omitted due to size variation. The measurement were taken on the basis of truss net work system (Fig. 1) in which eighteen landmarks, forty factor or variables plus total length of each shrimp (tip of rostrum to end of telson), totally forty one variables. From the five sample of each species the average value was taken. The significant correlations were observed between average morphometric measurement and size of the species.

Hence for removing the effect of size variation for all species, the transformation of absolute measurement to size independent variable were carried out, in which the formula  $M_{adj} = M(L_s/L_o)^b$  was used [39]. Where  $M_{adj}$  the size adjusted measurement of each variable,  $M$  is the original measurement of each variable,  $L_o$  the standard length of shrimp (total length from tip of rostrum to end of telson) and  $L_s$  the overall mean of measurement for all shrimp for each variable. Allometric vs. standard estimates allometric coefficients with respect to standard. The standard variable was placed in the first column and each additional column is regressed onto the first column after log-transformation, giving a slope (allometric coefficient)  $b$  for that variable. The  $L_s/L_o$  is computed in the excel sheet and detecting the  $b$  parameter was carried out using paleontological statistics software (PAST) package version 1.93. From these sizes adjusted morphometric measurements for each species were subjected to UPGMA multivariate cluster analysis. Euclidean method (statistic tool that quantifies the extent to which species within clusters are similar to one another) was followed to detect the morphometrical relationship of Penaeidae studied using paleontological statistics software (PAST) package (Table 1–3—<http://cytgen.com/articles/4860017s.pdf>).

**DNA isolation.** Total genomic DNA was isolated from muscle tissue by SDS–phenol/chloroform method described with slight modifications [40]. Briefly, shrimp muscle (200 mg) was cut into small pieces, crushed using a sterile porcelain mortar and pestle with 1 mL of chilled TEN buffer (50 mM Tris–HCl, pH 8.0, 50 mM EDTA and 100 mM NaCl), and transferred to 2 mL Eppendorf tube. Proteinase K 8  $\mu$ L (300 mg/mL), sucrose 20  $\mu$ L (2%), and 20  $\mu$ L sodium dodecyl sulfate SDS (2%) were added to the tube. After overnight incubation at 60°C, the lysate was extracted once with phenol and twice with chloroform/isoamyl alcohol. DNA was precipitated with isopropanol, washed once with 70% ethyl alcohol, and suspended in TE (Tris EDTA, pH 8.0) buffer. DNA quality and quantity were determined by Agarose gel electrophoresis and Bio-photometer plus (Eppendorf, Germany).

**RAPD–PCR amplification and data analysis.** Eighteen primers were used for RAPD analysis. DNA amplification reactions were performed in 200  $\mu$ mol/L each dNTP, 2  $\mu$ mol/L  $MgCl_2$ , 19 standard Taq polymerase buffer, 0.2  $\mu$ mol/L random primer, 40 ng genomic DNA and 0.75 U Taq polymerase in a final volume of 25  $\mu$ L. PCR conditions included initial denaturation at 94°C for 5 min, followed by 45 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 35°C for 1 min, extension at 72°C for 2 min and final extension at 72°C for 10 min. The amplified DNA was separated by electrophoresis through 2% agarose gel containing Ethidium bromide in 1  $\times$  TBE buffer at a constant 80 V. To maintain consistency, only the repeatable major bands ranging from 10000 to 1000 bp

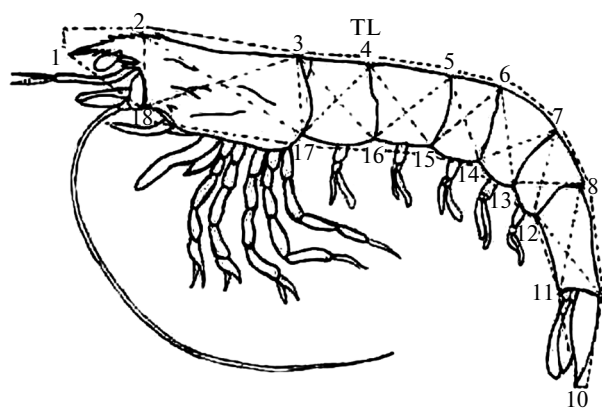


Fig. 1. The truss network system.

were scored. Molecular weights of amplified bands were estimated by comparing with known molecular weight marker (1 Kbp DNA ladder, Bangalore Genie, India). DNA profiles generated for all samples were compared in a pairwise manner. RAPD banding patterns were recorded on spread sheets as binary matrix marking alleles absent (0) and present (1). The similarity index between species [41] and subsequently the data used to construct a dendrogram using the (UPGMA) algorithm, as described [42].

## RESULTS

**Morphometrical relationship.** When converting the actual measurement value into size standaisation value, there were lot of variation between two kinds of value for most morphometrical variable. The size adjusted value for all variables for all species described the relationship of species. This values were relatively closeness for *Penaeus* species, *Metapenaeus*, *Parapenaeopsis* and *Penaeopsis jerryi*. While these size adjusted morphometric value of all variables subjected to UPGMA cluster analysis, produced 10 clades. The first clade included *P. jerryi*, *M. latisulcatus* second, *M. japonicas* third, *P. monodon*—*F. indicus* fourth, *F. merguensis* fifth, *P. semisulcatus* sixth, *M. affinis* seventh, *M. brevicornis*—*M. dobsoni* eighth, *P. uncta* ninth, and *P. styliфера*—*P. hardwickii* tenth (Fig. 2).

**Genetic relationship.** For RAPD molecular analysis, among 18 primers used, 10 primers responded, but only four primer RM03 5' AAT CGG GCT G 3', RM07 5' CAA TGC CCG T 3', RM014 5' GTA TTG CCC T 3', RM017 5' TCC CTC GTG C 3' generated good and reproducible RAPD profiles for all the species studied. Totally 99 major DNA bands produced, 11 bands polymorphic. The most number of banding pattern were similar for *F. indicus* and *P. monodon*; *P. semisulcatus* and *F. merguensis*; *M. latisulcatus* and *M. japonicas*; *P. stylifera*, *P. hardwickii* and *P. uncta*. *P. jerryi* banding pattern vary, however most of the bands close to *Metapenaeus* and *Parapenaeopsis* spe-

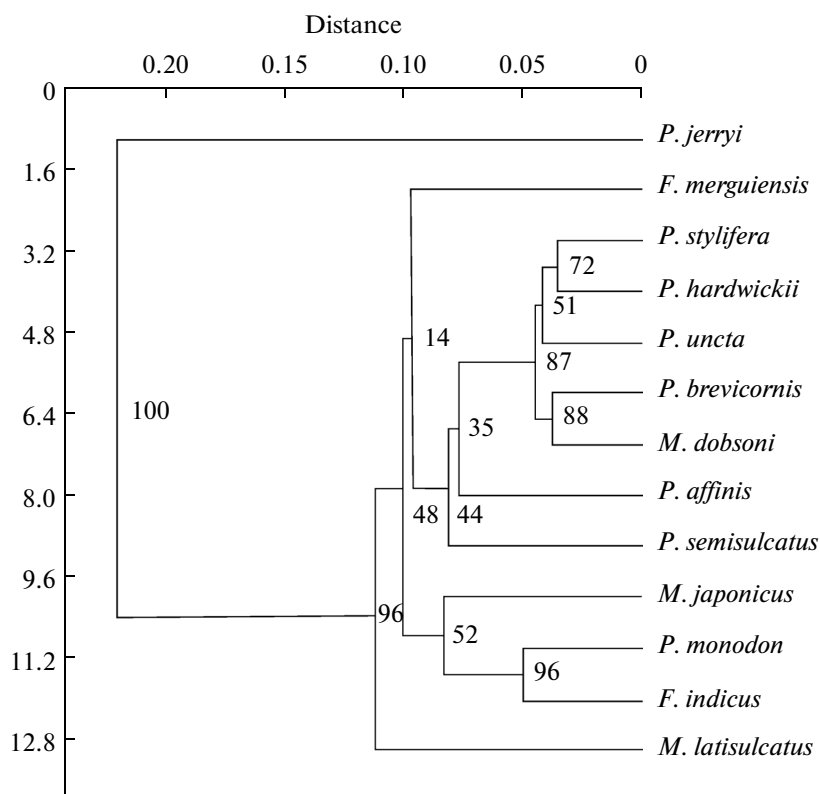


Fig. 2. Phylogeny of shrimps based on morphometric analysis using PAST Package.

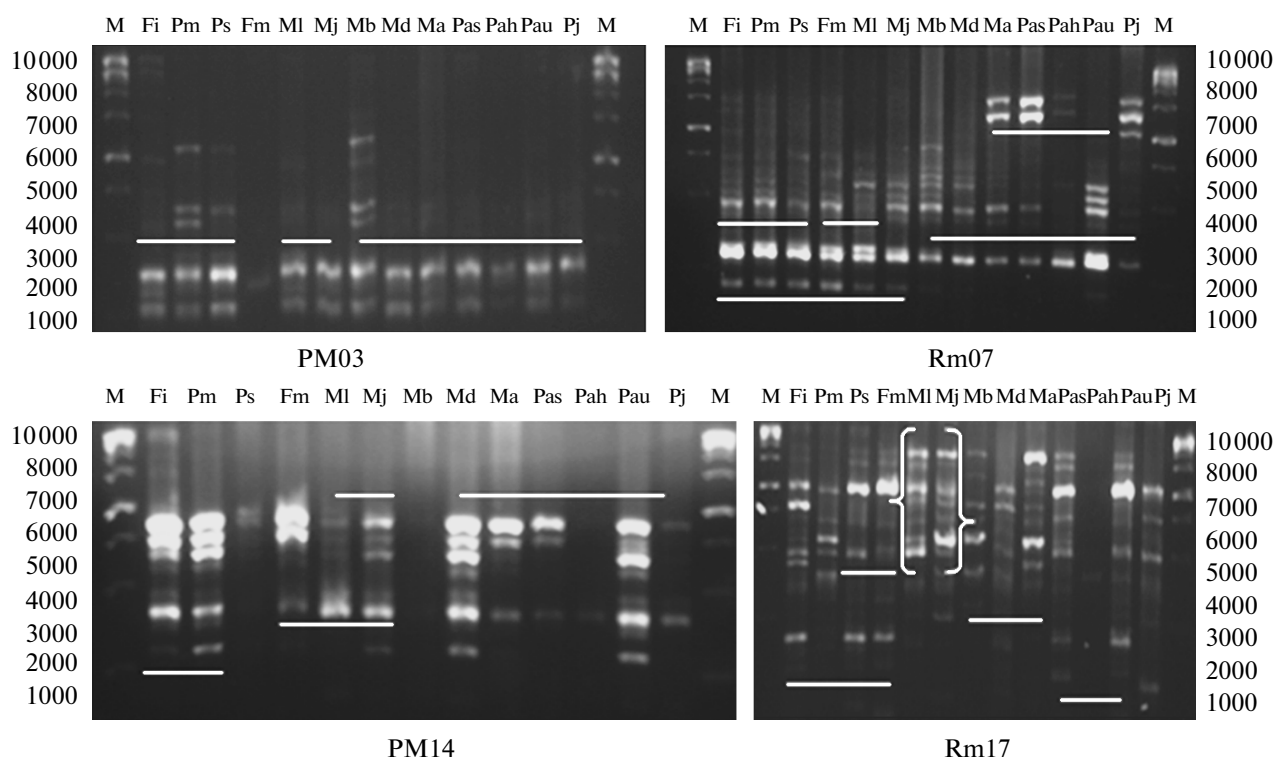
cies (Fig. 3). Genetic similarity values range from 0–1 for all isolates, and high similarity value for *Penaeus* genus of non-*Melicerus* clade species of *F. merguiensis*, *P. semisulcatus*, *F. indicus*, *P. monodon*, than *Melicerus* clade species of *M. japonicus* and *M. latisulcatus*. As for *Metapenaeus* genus, the genetic similarity value for the species, *M. affinis*, *M. dobsoni*, *M. brevicornis* were closely related, and *Parapenaeopsis* genus the species of *P. stylifera*, *P. hardwickii*, *P. uncta* were coming closely. *Penaeopsis* species *P. jerryi* genetic similarity value close to *Metapenaeus* and the *Parapenaeopsis*. As construction of UPMGA dendrogram based on genetic similarity, producing 9 clades, in which the order of relationship that *M. marsupenaeus*—*M. latisulcatus* in first clade, *P. monodon*—*F. indicus* in second, *P. semisulcatus*—*F. merguiensis* in third, *P. jerryi*, in fourth, *M. affinis* in fifth, *M. monoceros*—*M. dobsoni* sixth, *P. uncta* in seventh, *P. hardwickii*—*P. stylifera* eighth in ninth (Fig. 4).

## DISCUSSIONS

In the present study the comprehensive investigation of phylogenetic relationship of Penaeidae species by increasing number of morphometrical trait using truss net work system and many primer for RAPD analysis, resulting confirmed the phylogenetic relationship of this family. Penaeidae shrimps differ in variety of morphological characteristics that are the

expression of genetic differences among them. There are, numerous studies of the morphological differences among species which can be used for taxonomic distinctions. Morphometric is a quantitative study of pattern of covariance with shape [43] and many morphological attributes of biological form are obviously reflection of evolutionary process [44–46], and since assessment of pattern of morphologically variation have been traditionally to infer phylogenetic relation [47–49] it would seem be natural to assume that morphometric analyses would play a large role in phylogenetic studies. The most of morphometrical trait are unique for a species of Penaeidae in our analysis, the closely related valued species more phylogenetic related than other. Thus the morpho-metric characters are describing the phylogenetic relationship among tested penaeidae.

Though RAPDs are not sensitive to large-scale length mutations, hence the variation might be underestimated as the technique is based on the PCR amplification of discrete regions of genome. The using of high number of primer in the present study, among which the four producing good amplification for all sample, hence the probability of reliability is high in the present study. Detecting the phylogenetic relatedness of species, on basis of DNA banding pattern the among them. Thus both morphometry and RAPD

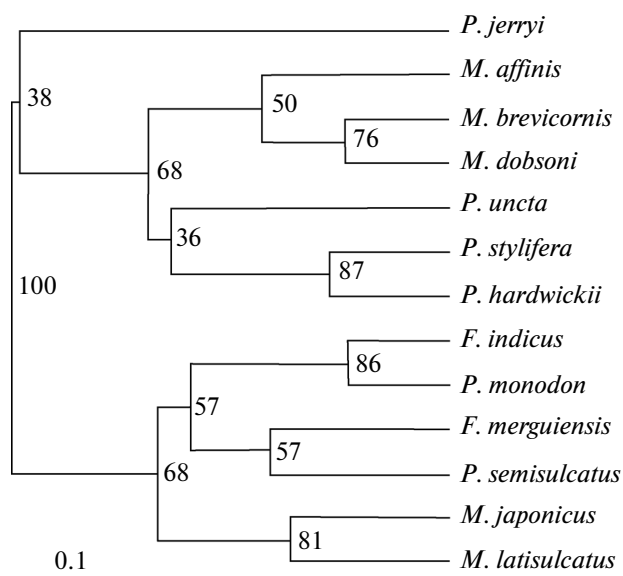


**Fig. 3.** RAPD profile of shrimps generated by polymerase chain reaction using four primer: M—Marker, Fi—*F. indicus*, Pm—*P. monodon*, Ps—*P. semisulcatus*, Fm—*F. merguensis*, Ml—*M. latisulcatus*, Mj—*M. japonicas*, Mb—*M. brevicornis*, Md—*M. dobsoni*, Ma—*M. affinis*, Pas—*P. stylifera*, Pah—*P. hardwickii*, Pau—*P. uncta*, Pj—*P. jerryi*. Line shows the similarity of DNA bands (monomeric).

tool are helping to detect the phylogenetic relationship of Penaeidae in the present study.

The phylogenetic relationship based on morphological traits such as grooved, non grooved on the carapace, last abdominal somite, presence hepatic ridge, shape of petasma, nature of thylecum open or closed and coloration are used by [3, 4] and [37] for *Penaeus* s.l. not that much influence on evolutionary relationship, because these morphological characters could be diverged by sexual selection and convergent evolution, plesiomorphic, so the *Penaeus* s.l. group is to put old *Penaeus* genus, which is both morphological and molecular data agreement [32]. In the present study using both analyses, as for *Penaeus* sensu lato, the *Melicertus* and *Penaeus* sensu stricto (non-*Melicertus*) are paraphyletic which concurrent with previous phylogenetic studies [27, 28, 31, 50, 51]. The *Fenneropenaeus* and *Penaeus* s.s. are sharing their relationship, since *P. monodon* and *P. semisulcatus* combined with *F. indicus* and *F. merguensis* these observation stand on the view [22 28]. Thus *Penaeus* s.s., *Fenneropenaeus*, *Farfantepenaeus* and *Litopenaeus* could be put on another clade against *Melicertus* as non-*Melicertus*. In other Penaeidae genus such *Metapenaeus* and *Parapenaeopsis*, which are coming as closely in both analyses. This classification prevents the confusion of academic and fishery industry.

New studies should be improved than prediction of previous studies, in present study using four genera of Penaeidae family described not only evolutionary relationship but also interspecies relationship at genus



**Fig. 4.** Phylogenetic relationship of Penaeidae shrimps as per RAPD analysis using UPGMA algorithm.

level. For example as for *Metapeneus* species *M. dohsoni* and *M. brevicornis* are closely related than *M. affinis*. *Parapenaeopsis* species *P. stylifera* and *P. hardwickii* are closely related than *P. uncta*. The *P. jerryi* single species in *Penaeopsis* genus, which as one of the sister genus in the Penaeidae family as given by [3, 4] which form separate clade.

In the present study stand on [3] view that the tribe Peneini diverged earlier than other two tribes, with tribe Parapeneini and Trachypeneini sharing common ancestor, Penaeidae form a monophyletic group with a *Penaeus* shrimp as a common ancestor. Our phylogenetic observations also agree with findings that evolutionary polarity of family was from *Penaeus* to *Trachypenaeus* [52]. When combined investigation of both morphometrical and genetical (RAPD) analysis of Penaeidae species, the result that both analysis outcomes are concurrent. The taxonomical relationship of genus *Penaeus*, in which the *Melicertus* and non-*Melicertus* clade; *Metapenaeus*, *Parapenaeopsis* and *Penaeopsis* are high agreement in both analyses. Phylogenetic relationship developed through this study, not only helping conservation, systematic, ecological and evolutionary studies would also help to produce superior captive shrimp with economical trait strains through hybridization of closely related species.

## CONCLUSION

In the present study, phylogenetic relationship of different genera *Penaeus*, *Metapenaeus*, *Parapenaeopsis*, and *Penaeopsis* reported based on molecular tool is congruent with morphometric one. Thus it could be concluded that morphometrical traits using truss net work system more useful for phylogenetic studies of Penaeidae than traditional morphological and meristematic traits. The comparative account of genetic (RAPD) and morphometric based results would be a reliable tool for confirmation of phylogenetic relationship of these economically important species. Further studies also needed to increase the numbers of Penaeidae species.

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