

1 **Chromosome-level genome assembly of the Chinese Longsnout**

2 **catfish *Leiocassis longirostris***

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22 **Abstract**

23 The Chinese Longsnout catfish *Leiocassis longirostris* (*L. longirostris*) is one of the
24 most economically important freshwater catfish in China. It is a valuable model for
25 studies on sexual dimorphism, comparative and conservation biology since its wild
26 resources have declined sharply. However, there is lack of high-quality chromosome-
27 level genome information for comparative genomic analysis and genome evolutionary
28 studies. Therefore, we constructed the first high-quality chromosome-level reference
29 genome for *L. longirostris* using a combined strategy of BGI-SEQ500, Nanopore, and
30 Hi-C technologies. The assembled genome of *L. longirostris* contained a total length
31 of 703.19 Mb with 389 contigs, and an N50 size of 4.29 Mb. Using the Hi-C data, we
32 finally successfully generated 82 chromosome-level scaffolds anchored onto 26
33 chromosomes with a total length of 685.53 Mb (97.44% of the total genome
34 sequences), ranging in size from 17.36 Mb to 43.97 Mb. A total of 23,708 protein-
35 coding genes were identified in the *L. longirostris* genome, and up to 97.73% of *L.*
36 *longirostris* genes were functionally annotated. In addition, the genome contained
37 239.11 Mb (33.99% in the total genome) repetitive sequences and 6,303 non-coding
38 RNAs. The phylogenetic analysis indicated that the divergence time between *L.*
39 *longirostris* and their closest relative species *Pelteobagrus fulvidraco* was
40 approximately 26.6 million years. Collinearity analyses showed 26 chromosomes of *L.*
41 *longirostris* displayed high homology with the corresponding scaffold (≥ 3 M) of *P.*

42 *fulvidraco* and the corresponding chromosomes of the *Ictalurus punctatus*. The high-
43 quality reference genome of *L. longirostris* was assembled for the first time and will
44 pave a way for genome-scale selective breeding, genome comparisons and evolution
45 investigations.

46 **Keywords:** *Leiocassis longirostris*; Chromosome-level genome assembly; Nanopore
47 sequencing; Hi-C; Comparative genomics

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49 **1 Introduction**

50 The Siluriformes (catfish) is one of the most diverse order in fish, with roughly 4100
51 species, which account for nearly 12% of all fish species (Z. Liu et al., 2016). Catfish
52 is the major aquaculture species in the world especially in the United States, China
53 and Vietnam (Kocher & Kole, 2008). Additionally, catfish can serve as a model for
54 comparative genome studies because they are evolutionarily closer to a common fish
55 ancestor than most bony fish in phylogenetic analysis (Moyle, Cech, & Cummings,
56 2004).

57 The Chinese Longsnout catfish (*Leiocassis longirostris* Günther), also named
58 Jiangtuan, belonging to the family Bagridae which consists of more than 220 species
59 (Ferraris, 2007), order Siluriformes, is a semi-migratory freshwater species, and an
60 indigenous commercially important fish species commonly distributed in the Huaihe
61 River, Liaohe River, Minjiang River, Yangtze River and Pearl River in China, and
62 western regions of the Korean Peninsula (Shen et al., 2014; Wang, Zhou, Ye, Wei, &
63 Wu, 2006; Zhu et al., 2005). In recent years, the wild resources of *L. longirostris* are
64 rapidly decreased due to over-fishing, water pollution, and other human disturbances,
65 such as building hydropower stations (Liang, Guo, Luo, Li, & Zou, 2016; Luo, Jiang,

66 Liu, Zhan, & Xia, 2000; Wang et al., 2006; Xiao & Yang, 2009). So, it is urgent to
67 conduct studies on the conservation biology of *L. longirostris*.

68 With the increasing demands of consumption owing to its nutritional value, and
69 wonderful flavor, the commercial value of *L. longirostris* is becoming higher. The
70 rapid expansion and intensification of *L. longirostris* aquaculture have led to
71 tremendous challenges, including germplasm degeneration and poor diseases
72 resistance, which have seriously limited the sustainable development of the industry
73 of this species. *L. longirostris* exhibits markedly sex dimorphism in growth, that the
74 males grow much faster than females, therefore, constructing reference genome of *L.*
75 *longirostris* will facilitate developing genetic breeding programs and the sex control
76 technique, thus benefit the aquaculture industry with increasing the yield of fishery.

77 In this report, we constructed the first high-quality chromosome-level reference
78 genome for *L. longirostris* using a combined strategy of BGI-SEQ500, Nanopore and
79 high-throughput chromosome conformation capture (Hi-C) technologies. In addition,
80 a genome-wide phylogenetic analysis and gene family analysis among 11 teleost
81 species had been performed. The findings of this work will be useful for genome-
82 scale selective breeding of *L. longirostris*, as well as offering chromosome
83 information for genome comparisons and evolution investigations among important
84 aquaculture species.

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86 **2 Materials and Methods**

87 **2.1 Sample collection and DNA / RNA extraction.**

88 One healthy adult female *L. longirostris* (Figure 1) collected from a farm of Sichuan
89 Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Meishan, Sichuan Province, China, was used for
90 genome sequencing. The muscle was collected for DNA extraction after treatment
91 with the anaesthetic tricaine MS-222. Then the liver tissues of 15 *L. longirostris*
92 collected from the same farm were harvested for RNA extraction. All samples used
93 for DNA extraction were kept at -80°C, while the tissues used for RNA extraction
94 were immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen for 2 hours and then stored at -80°C.

95 Genomic DNA was isolated from muscle using the standard chloroform-isoamyl
96 alcohol extraction procedures (Orkin, 1990). DNA quality and quantity were
97 measured using NanoDrop™ One UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher
98 Scientific, USA) and Qubit® 3.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, USA), respectively. This
99 study followed the guidelines of the Committee of Laboratory Animal
100 Experimentation at Southwest University.

101 The livers were used for RNA extraction using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, USA), and
102 then treated with DNase I (Invitrogen, USA) to remove genomic DNA (Ye et al.,
103 2018). RNA concentration and integrity were measured using Qubit® RNA Assay Kit
104 in Qubit® 2.0 Fluorometer (Life Technologies, CA, USA) and RNA Nano 6000 Assay
105 Kit of the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 system (Agilent Technologies, CA, USA),
106 respectively. Three RNA sequencing libraries with an insert size of 250-300 bp were
107 prepared using NEBNext® Ultra™ RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina® (NEB, USA)
108 following the manufacturer's protocol, and then sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq X

109 Ten platform (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) as 150 bp paired-end reads.

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111 **2.2 Library construction and sequencing.**

112 Genomic DNA from the one healthy adult female *L. longirostris* muscle was used for

113 sequencing on the BGI-SEQ500 and Nanopore platform. DNA library with 200-400

114 bp insert size was constructed following the manufacturer's instructions as the

115 description in the previous study (Huang et al., 2017). Then, the library was

116 sequenced according to the BGISEQ-500 protocol (Huang et al., 2017). For the

117 Nanopore sequencing, the DNA after recovering, terminal repairing, and quantifying

118 was used to prepare a library with Ligation Sequencing Kit (Oxford, SQK-LSK109)

119 according to manufacturer's instructions. This library was sequenced with the

120 Nanopore GridION X5 sequencer on a flow cell. For the construction of Hi-C library,

121 1 g muscle tissue was used to prepare a library according to the previous studies (Rao

122 et al., 2014). The library was then sequenced on a BGISEQ-500 sequencer using 100

123 bp pair end sequencing.

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125 **2.3 de novo assembly of the *L. longirostris* genome.**

126 In the genome survey, the raw reads of the *L. longirostris* from BGI-SEQ500 platform

127 were filtered using SOAPnuke software (Y. Chen et al., 2017), and then BLAST was

128 applied for the evaluation of sample contamination (Altschul, Gish, Miller, Myers, &

129 Lipman, 1990). The adapter sequences were removed from the reads, and paired reads

130 with more than 10% ambiguous or low-quality (Phred Score < 5) bases were also

131 discarded. GenomeScope was used for *Kmer*-based analysis of *L. longirostris* genome
132 (Vurture et al., 2017). A *Kmer* frequency distribution of *L. longirostris* was obtained
133 using *Kmer* size of 17.

134 Long reads generated from the Nanopore sequencing platform were used for the de
135 novo genome assembly using Canu software according three steps of error-correction,
136 repairing, and assembling (Koren et al., 2017). Then, contigs were polished three
137 times using BGI-SEQ500 short reads by Pilon (Walker et al., 2014). Finally, we used
138 the Purge Haplotigs pipeline to produce an improved, deduplicated assembly (Roach,
139 Schmidt, & Borneman, 2018). The completeness of assembled genome for *L.*
140 *longirostris* was validated by Benchmarking sets of Universal Single-Copy Orthologs
141 (BUSCO) analysis using BUSCO v3.0 with the actinopterygii_odb9 database (PMID:
142 26059717 DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btv351).

143 For chromosome-level assembly of *L. longirostris*, the Hi-C reads from the library
144 sequenced on a BGISEQ-500 sequencer using 100 bp pair end sequencing were first
145 filtered by HIC-Pro (Servant et al., 2015). Then, Juicer (version 1.5) (Durand,
146 Shamim, et al., 2016) and 3D-DNA (3D de novo assembly) (Dudchenko et al., 2017)
147 were used to map the Hi-C reads to the assembled contig sequences. The interaction
148 frequencies among each contig were calculated from the sequencing data, and the
149 contig contact matrix of *L. longirostris* genome was mapped using Juicebox (Durand,
150 Robinson, et al., 2016).

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152 **2.4 Gene prediction and functional annotation.**

153 For the annotation of repetitive sequences, we used RepeatModeler v1.0.10
154 (RepeatModeler, RRID:SCR 015027), which employs two complementary
155 computational methods (RECONv1.08 and RepeatScout v1.0.5 (RepeatScout,
156 RRID:SCR 014653)) for identifying repeat element boundaries and family
157 relationships from sequence data. Subsequently, the outputs from RepeatModeler and
158 the RepBase library were combined and used for further characterization of
159 transposable elements (TEs), many of which are not repetitive, and other repeats by
160 homology-based methods, including identification with Repeat-Masker (v4.0.7,
161 rmbblast-2.2.28) (RepeatMasker, RRID:SCR 012954).

162 The combined strategy of homology-based, *de novo*, and transcriptome-based method
163 was used for genes structure prediction. The protein sequences of 9 fish species
164 including *Danio rerio*, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*, *Ictalurus Punctatus*, *Larimichthys*
165 *crocea*, *Oreochromis niloticus*, *Oryzias latipes*, *Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*,
166 *Tachysurus fulvidraco*, and *Takifugu rubripes*, were downloaded from the Ensembl
167 database and mapped onto the assembled *L. longirostris* genome using BLASTN
168 (Altschul et al., 1990). And then, GeneWise (version 2.2.0) (Birney, Clamp, &
169 Durbin, 2004) were used to homologous annotation. For *de novo* prediction, Augustus
170 (Stanke & Waack, 2003) was used to predict the structure of genes. In addition, the
171 RNA-seq data were aligned to the assembled *L. longirostris* genome to predict gene
172 coding regions by PASA (DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkg770). We used Swissprot
173 (Boeckmann et al., 2003), Kyoto Encyclopedia of Gene and Genomes (KEGG)
174 (Kanehisa & Goto, 2000), TrEMBL (Boeckmann et al., 2003), Interpro (Zdobnov &

175 Apweiler, 2001), and Gene Ontology (GO) (Ashburner et al., 2000) to re-annotate
176 protein-coding genes.

177 For non-coding RNAs, miRNAs and snRNAs were predicted by the INFERNAL tool
178 using Rfam database (Kalvari et al., 2018). The tRNAs and rRNAs were identified by
179 tRNAscan-SE v1.3.1 (tRNAscan-SE, RRID:SCR_010835) software (Lowe & Eddy,
180 1997) and RNAmmer v1.2 (Lagesen et al., 2007), respectively.

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182 **2.5 Gene family and phylogenetic analysis**

183 To identify gene families, protein sequences from the longest transcripts of each gene
184 from *L. longirostris* and other 10 fish species, including *D. rerio*, *Astyanax*
185 *mexicanus*, *G. aculeatus*, *Glyptosternum maculatum*, *I. punctatus*, *Lepisosteus*
186 *oculatus*, *O. niloticus*, *O. latipes*, *Pelteobagrus fulvidraco*, and *T. rubripes*, were
187 aligned to each other using BLASTP (Altschul et al., 1990) with e-value threshold of
188 $1e^{-5}$. And then, OrthoMCL (L. Li, Stoeckert, & Roos, 2003) were used to construct
189 gene families.

190 To investigate the evolutionary relationship of *L. longirostris* with the other above
191 mentioned 10 fish species, the common single-copy genes were used for phylogenetic
192 reconstruction by MUSCLE (Edgar, 2004). Then, RAxML (Stamatakis, 2014) was
193 employed to construct the phylogenetic tree. MCMCTREE (PAML software package)
194 (Yang, 2007) were used to estimate the divergence time based on the “Correlated
195 molecular clock” and “HKY85” model. Collinearity analyses of chromosomes or
196 scaffold between *L. longirostris* and *P. fulvidraco* and between *L. longirostris* and *I.*

197 *punctatus* were performed using MCSScan software⁵⁵ (Tang et al., 2008).

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199 **3 Results and Discussion**

200 **3.1 Genome Assembly**

201 BGI-SEQ500 sequencing data, Nanopore sequencing and Hi-C reads were used for
202 estimating genome size, contig assembly, and the chromosome assembly,
203 respectively. As a result, we obtained a total of 64.11 Gb clean data for the genome
204 survey, 43.23 Gb long reads with the average sequencing coverage of 61.48 X for the
205 following genome assembly, and 243.13 Gb raw Hi-C data (Table S1). Using *Kmer*
206 size of 17, a *Kmer* frequency distribution for *L. longirostris* was obtained (Figure S1).
207 As a result, the genome size of *L. longirostris* was estimated as 688.99 Mb with the
208 heterozygosity, repeat content, and GC content of 0.35%, 42.53%, and 38.43%,
209 respectively. After contig assembly using long reads generated from the Nanopore
210 sequencing platform, we obtained the assembled genome of *L. longirostris* containing
211 a total length of 703.19 Mb with 389 contigs, and an N50 size of 4.29 Mb, which is
212 the middle genome size in sequenced catfish genomes (Table 1; Table S2). The
213 overall GC-content of 39.67% in *L. longirostris* genome was slightly higher than that
214 of the walking catfish (*Clarias batrachus*) (N. Li et al., 2018) and *Cyprinus carpio* but
215 much lower than those of most of the teleost genomes (Xu et al., 2014). The
216 completeness of assembled genome for *L. longirostris* was validated by
217 Benchmarking sets of Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) analysis using
218 BUSCO v3.0 with the actinopterygii_odb9 database. As a result, 4,293 (93.6 %) of

219 the 4,584 BUSCO genes were completely identified in the genome with 4,109
220 (89.6%) single-copy and 184 (4.0%) duplicated genes (Table 2), suggesting a great
221 success of the de novo genome assembly in *L. longirostris*.

222 A total of 126.35 Gb clean Hi-C reads were obtained, and finally, we successfully
223 generated 82 chromosome-level scaffolds containing 473 contigs anchored onto 26
224 chromosomes with a total length of 685.53 Mb (97.44% of the total genome
225 sequences). The number of chromosomes scaffold in this study was consistent with the
226 result of previous karyotype analyses for *L. longirostris* by Hong et al. 1984 (2n=52)
227 (Hong & Zhou, 1984). The lengths of chromosomes ranged from 17.36 Mb to 43.97
228 Mb. The scaffold and contig N50 of the chromosome assembly was 28.03 and 3.09
229 Mb, respectively (Table S3). The heatmap of chromosome crosstalk indicated that the
230 *L. longirostris* genome assembly was complete and robust (Figure 2).

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232 **3.2 Genome Annotation**

233 Using a combination of homology based on the Repbase and *de novo* methods, a total
234 of 239.11 Mb (33.99% in the total genome) were identified as repetitive elements, in
235 which DNA transposons (146.40Mb, 20.81%) were most abundant repeat type in the
236 genome (Table 3). The proportion of repetitive elements of *L. longirostris* is similar to
237 the *Glyptosternon maculatum* genome (33.96%) (H. Liu et al., 2018), and higher than
238 those of most teleost genomes, such as 5.7% in *Tetraodon nigroviridis* (Van de Peer,
239 2004), 7.1% in *T. rubripes* (Aparicio et al., 2002), 13.48% in *G. aculeatus* (Jones et
240 al., 2012), 26.13% in *L. crocea* (B. Chen et al., 2019), 30.68% in *Oryzias latipes*

241 (Kasahara et al., 2007), 31.3% in *C. carpio* (Xu et al., 2014), 32.56% in *I. punctatus*
242 (X. Chen et al., 2016), but lower than that for the *Bagarius yarrelli* (35.26%) (Jiang et
243 al., 2019), *Onychostoma macrolepis* (46.23%) (Sun et al., 2020), and *D. rerio* genome
244 (52.2%) (Howe et al., 2013).

245 We combined the results from the three approaches (homology-based, *de novo*, and
246 transcriptome-based method) used for genes structure prediction, and found that a
247 total of 23,708 protein-coding genes were identified in the *L. longirostris* genome
248 (Table 4). Compared with other published catfish genomes, the number of genes in *L.*
249 *longirostris* is similar to that in *P. fulvidraco* (Gong et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2018),
250 *G. maculatum* (H. Liu et al., 2018), *I. Punctatus* (X. Chen et al., 2016; Z. Liu et al.,
251 2016), and *C. batrachus* (N. Li et al., 2018), but more than that in *B. yarrelli* (Jiang et
252 al., 2019), and less than that in *P. hypophthalmus* (Kim et al., 2018) (Table 1). The
253 comparison between *L. longirostris* and other 3 catfish species in gene length, coding
254 DNA sequence (CDS), intron length, exon number, and exon length distribution, were
255 showed in Figure S2. A total of 23,170 protein-coding genes were annotated with at
256 least one of the databases, and up to 97.73% of *L. longirostris* genes were functionally
257 annotated (Table S4). After non-coding RNAs analysis, 422 miRNA, 2,118 tRNA,
258 1,838 rRNA, and 1,925 snRNA, were annotated in *L. longirostris* genome (Table S5).
259 The BUSCO analysis was performed to test for completeness of the assembled
260 genome using single-copy gene database of Actinopterygii. As a result, about 92.4%
261 complete BUSCOs were found, and with 5.6% duplicates, 4.0% fragmented, and
262 3.6% missing from the reference gene set. The results indicated that we obtained a good

263 assembly genome for *L. longirostris*.

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265 **3.3 Comparative Genomic Analyses**

266 To estimate species-specific and shared genes in the *L. longirostris* compared with
267 other 10 fish species, we used OrthoMCL (L. Li et al., 2003) to define the orthologous
268 genes. The results showed that a total of 19,438 gene families were identified among
269 the 11 species, in which 3,585 single-cope ortholog families from the 11 species were
270 identified, and 68 families were specific to *L. longirostris* (Table S6). Furthermore, a
271 total of 11,729 gene families were shared by the 4 catfish species, and 301 gene
272 families were specific to *L. longirostris* (Figure 3).

273 Then, a genome-wide phylogenetic tree was constructed based on the identified
274 single-cope ortholog genes. The phylogenetic analysis indicated that the same family
275 Bagridae species *L. longirostris* and *P. fulvidraco* were clustered into one branch, and
276 *L. longirostris* is close to clades of the *P. fulvidraco*, *G. maculatum*, and *I. punctatus*,
277 which belong to the Siluriformes order. This result was similar to the phylogenetic
278 analysis based on mitochondrial genome by Liu et al. (Y. Liu et al., 2019). The
279 divergence time was estimated using 7 calibration points between *L. longirostris* and
280 their closest relative species *P. fulvidraco* was approximate 26.6 million years (Figure
281 4). In addition, the phylogenetic analysis estimated that the *I. punctatus* around 82.2
282 million years ago from their common ancestor *P. fulvidraco*, which consistent with the
283 result of 81.9 million years analysis by Gong et al. (Gong et al., 2018).

284 Collinearity analyses of chromosomes or scaffold between *L. longirostris* and *P.*

285 *fulvidraco* and between *L. longirostris* and *I. punctatus* were performed using
286 MCSScan software⁵⁵ (Tang et al., 2008). As a result, all 26 pseudo-chromosomes of *L.*
287 *longirostris* displayed high homology with the corresponding scaffold (≥ 3 M) of *P.*
288 *fulvidraco* and the corresponding chromosomes of the *I. punctatus* (Figure 5),
289 suggesting a good assembly genome for *L. longirostris*.

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291 **4 Conclusion**

292 In the present study, the first high-quality chromosome sequences for *L. longirostris*
293 were constructed using a combined strategy of BGI-SEQ500, Nanopore and Hi-C
294 technologies. Likewise, the contig N50 of 4.29 Mb was assembled with a high quality
295 of the reference genome (703.19 Mb) in *L. longirostris*. Also, 473 contigs were
296 successfully scaffolded into 26 chromosomes with a scaffold N50 length of 28.03 Mb
297 through Hi-C technologies. In addition, 23,708 protein-coding genes were predicted
298 and annotated in the assembled *L. longirostris* genome. Intriguingly, the phylogenetic
299 analysis indicated that the same family Bagridae species *L. longirostris* and *P.*
300 *fulvidraco* were clustered into one branch, and the divergence time between these two
301 fish species was approximately 26.6 million years. The findings of this study will
302 facilitate developing genome-scale selective breeding of *L. longirostris*, as well as
303 offering chromosome information for genome comparisons and evolution
304 investigations among important aquaculture species.

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307 The authors declare that they have no conflict interests.

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488 Figure 1 A picture of the *L. longirostris* used for the genome sequencing

489 Figure 2 The Hi-C contact map of the *L. longirostris* genome, The color bar shows the
490 contact density from red (high) to white (low)

491 Figure 3 Venn diagram of the orthologous genes

492 Figure 4 Phylogenetic tree of 11 fish genomes constructed using 3,585 single copy
493 orthologous genes

494 Figure 5 Genome comparisons between *L. longirostris* and *P. fulvidraco* (A), and
495 between *L. longirostris* and *I. punctatus* (B)

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Table 1 Summary of sequenced catfish genomes

Species	Family	Sequencing platform	Assembled genome size (Mb)	Identified genes	Scaffold (Mb)	N50 (kb)	Contig N50 (kb)	References
Longsnout catfish, <i>Leiocassis longirostris</i>	Bagridae	BGI-SEQ500, Nanopore, Hi-C	703.19	23,708	28.03		3090.00	
Yellow catfish, <i>Pelteobagrus fulvidraco</i>	Bagridae	Illumina, PacBio, Hi-C	732.80	24,552	25.80		1100.00	Gong et al., 2018
		Illumina, PacBio	714.00	21,562	3.65		970.00	Zhang et al., 2018
<i>Glyptosternon maculatum</i>	Sisoridae	PacBio, Illumina, Genomics, BioNano	662.34	22,066	20.90	10X	993.67	H. Liu et al., 2018
Channel catfish, <i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	Ictaluridae	Illumina	845.40	21,556	7.25		48.50	X. Chen et al., 2016
		Illumina, Pacbio	783.00	26,661	7.73		77.20	Z. Liu et al., 2016
Giant Devil Catfish, <i>Bagarius yarrelli</i>	Sisoridae	Illumina, Pacbio	571.00	19,027	3.10		1600.00	Jiang et al., 2019
Walking catfish, <i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Clariidae	Illumina	821.00	22,914	0.36		19.00	N. Li et al., 2018
Striped catfish, <i>Pangasianodon hypophthalmus</i>	Pangasiidae	Illumina	700.00	28,600	14.29		6.00	Kim et al., 2018

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Table 2 BUSCO analysis results of the *L. longirostris* genome

	Proteins	Percentage (%)
Complete identified BUSCOs	4,293	93.6
Complete Single-Copy BUSCOs	4,109	89.6
Complete Duplicated BUSCOs	184	4.0
Fragmented BUSCOs	90	2.0
Missing BUSCOs	201	4.4
Total BUSCOs searched	4,584	100

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Table 3 Classification of repeat elements in the *L. longirostris* genome

Type	Rebase TEs		<i>De novo</i> TEs		TE protiens		Combined TEs	
	Lengt h (Mb)	% in genome	Lengt h (Mb)	% in genome	Lengt h (Mb)	% in genome	Lengt h (Mb)	% in genome
DNA	80.23	11.41	107.28	15.25	948.20	0.13	146.40	20.81
LINE	30.71	4.37	64.31	9.14	19.22	2.73	82.19	11.68
SINE	15.34	2.18	6.28	0.89	0	0.00	20.52	2.92
LTR	19.17	2.73	68.24	9.7	8.42	1.2	78.65	11.18
Others	0.03	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.03	0.00
Unknown	0	0.00	1.96	0.28	0	0.00	1.96	0.28
Total	129.07	18.35	214.87	30.55	28.53	4.06	239.11	33.99

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Table 4 Statistics of predicted protein-coding genes in the *L. longirostris* genome

Method		Gene numbers	Average gene length (bp)	Average CDS length (bp)	Average intron length (bp)	Average exon length (bp)	Average exon per gene
Homolog	<i>Danio rerio</i>	22,607	24,906.24	1,586.43	2,991.09	180.35	8.80
	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	19,515	14,591.05	1,522.77	1,622.74	168.20	9.05
	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	23,916	19,607.43	1,698.77	2,068.38	175.89	9.66
	<i>Larimichthys crocea</i>	19,859	21,505.49	1,685.09	2,269.19	173.10	9.73
	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	19,427	25,587.29	1,664.02	2,771.77	172.78	9.63
	<i>Oryzias latipe</i>	19,122	58,907.43	1,603.53	7,358.53	182.48	8.79
	<i>Pangasianodon hypophthalmus</i>	22,691	20,471.44	1,737.03	2,119.68	176.56	9.84
	<i>Tachysurus fulvidraco</i>	25,662	19,646.64	1,676.25	2,081.63	174.01	9.63
	<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	18,205	16,156.31	1,440.29	1,964.65	169.64	8.49
<i>De novo</i>	Augustus	23,758	14,112.19	1,448.53	1,734.99	174.54	8.30
Transcript	PASA	51,771					
Merge	Glean	23,708	16,546.44	1,792.67	1,547.65	170.20	10.53

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