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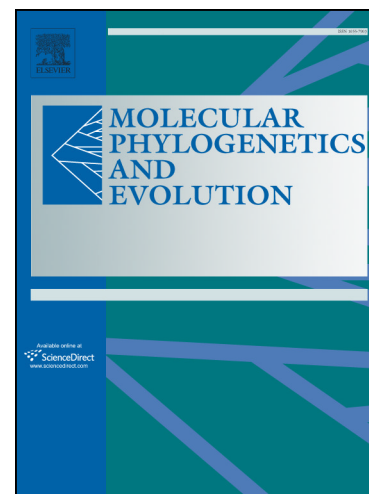
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**Abstract**

The phenotypic, geographic, and species diversity of cichlid fishes have made them a group of great interest for studying evolutionary processes. Here we present a targeted-exon next-generation sequencing approach for investigating the evolutionary relationships of cichlid fishes (Cichlidae), with focus on the Neotropical subfamily Cichlinae using a set of 923 primarily single-copy exons designed through mining of the

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