

TABLE S1. Numerically ordered list of specimens examined in the present study (according to the Map ID code “ given to each specimen and which is displayed on the map in Figure 1). Their corresponding taxon names, voucher numbers, locality names and molecular markers with the corresponding accession numbers from GenBank are also provided (“x” indicates successful PCR amplification and “–” indicates no amplification product). The lab_number refers to the code given to each specimen used in the laboratory for the present study which is displayed in all the phylogenetic trees.

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					ITS1-ITS2	EXT	MAPKK	psbK-psbI	psbA-trnH	trnL intron	trnL-trnF	rps16
1	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	137b	Klisoures, Chalki	23905	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	137a	Klisoures, Chalki	23905	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	87	Hozoviotissa Monastery, Amorgos	21619	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	84	Lagada, Amorgos	21620	x	x	x	x	–	–	x	–
5	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	85	Lagada, Amorgos	21620	x	x	x	x	–	–	x	–
6	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	99	Hozoviotissa Monastery, Amorgos	21618	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
7	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	1	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
8	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	170	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	x	x	x	x	–	–	–	x
9	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	171	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
10	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	174	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	x	x	x	x	–	x	–	x
11	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	172	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
12	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	175	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
13	<i>O. calcaratum</i>	173	Roussa Ekklesia, Sitia	21601	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
14	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	9	Kato Symi, Lassithi	21633	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
15	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	21	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21632	x	x	x	x	x	–	x	–
16	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	14	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21633	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
17	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	16	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21634	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
18	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	17	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21631	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
19	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	19	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21633	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	–
20	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	18	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21607	x	x	x	x	–	x	–	x

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21	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	15	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21634	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
22	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	5	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21607	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
23	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	10	Vrysi gorge, Rethymno	21640	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
24	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	20	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21632	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
25	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	34	Therisso gorge, Chania	21602	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
26	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	35	Sugia, Ag.Irini gorge, Chania	21631	x	x	x	x	x	–	x	–
27	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	33	Therisso gorge, Chania	21603	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
28	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	12	Skaloti gorge, Chania	21617	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
29	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	13	Skaloti gorge, Chania	21617	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
30	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	11	Skaloti gorge, Chania	21617	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
31	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	46	Mundros gorge, Rethymno	21655	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
32	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	103	Imbros gorge, Chania	21677	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
33	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	96	Imbros gorge, Chania	21606	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
34	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	53	Zaros gorge, Heraklio	21658	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
35	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	51	Zaros gorge, Heraklio	21656	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
36	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	52	Zaros gorge, Heraklio	21657	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
37	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	132	Kamares gorge, Rethymno	23901	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
38	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	150	Kamares gorge, Rethymno	23901	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
39	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	3	Havga gorge, Lassithi	21629	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
40	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	8	Kato Symi, Lassithi	21626	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
41	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	4	Havga gorge, Lassithi	21629	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
42	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	6	Havga gorge, Lassithi	21630	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
43	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	105	Vriomeni Monastery, Ierapetra	21679	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
44	<i>O. dictamnus</i>	183	Katharo, Lassithi	23920	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
45	<i>O. microphyllum</i>	2	Kroussia, Chania	21608	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
46	<i>O. microphyllum</i>	42	Samaria gorge, Chania	21635	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
47	<i>O. microphyllum</i>	44	Samaria gorge, Chania	21636	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
48	<i>O. microphyllum</i>	49	Samaria gorge, Chania	21637	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x

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108	<i>O. onites</i>	119	Koutsoutis, Rhodos	23141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
109	<i>O. onites</i>	135	Kastro, Chalki	23903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
110	<i>O. onites</i>	127	Lindos, Rhodos	23131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
111	<i>O. onites</i>	134	Pontamos, Chalki	23915	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
112	<i>O. onites</i>	120	Afandou, Rhodos	23140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
113	<i>O. onites</i>	121	Koutsoutis, Rhodos	23141	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-
114	<i>O. onites</i>	124	Siana, Rhodos	23137	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-
115	<i>O. onites</i>	126	Lindos, Rhodos	23131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
116	<i>O. onites</i>	136	Katsias, Chalki	23904	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
117	<i>O. onites</i>	139	Ag. Kyriaki, Chalki	23907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
118	<i>O. onites</i>	145	Klisoures, Chalki	23905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
119	<i>O. onites</i>	47	Karpathos, Mesohori	21648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
120	<i>O. onites</i>	101	Karpathos	21221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
121	<i>O. onites</i>	98	Symi	21206	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-
122	<i>O. onites</i>	141	Ag. Marina, Symi	23909	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123	<i>O. onites</i>	140	Symi	23908	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
124	<i>O. onites</i>	144	Nanou gorge, Symi	23914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
125	<i>O. onites</i>	142e	Dysalona bay, Symi	23910	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
126	<i>O. onites</i>	143	Nanou gorge, Symi	23913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
127	<i>O. onites</i>	29	Lagada, Amorgos	21621	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	x
128	<i>O. onites</i>	31	Zakros	21625	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-
129	<i>O. onites</i>	23	Zakros	21624	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-
130	<i>O. onites</i>	22	Zakros	21624	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
131	<i>O. onites</i>	82	Goudouras, Lassithi	21675	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-
132	<i>O. onites</i>	180	Rihti gorge, Sitia	23917	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
133	<i>O. onites</i>	176	Mitato, Sitia	21697	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
134	<i>O. onites</i>	77	Kalymnos	21670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135	<i>O. onites</i>	76	Kalymnos	21669	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-
136	<i>O. onites</i>	75	Kalymnos	21668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
137	<i>O. onites</i>	97	Katsarini, Samos	21232	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	-

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138	<i>O. onites</i>	102	Prof. Ilias, Samos	14646	x	x	x	x	x	–	x	–
139	<i>O. onites</i>	92	Pnaka, Samos	21233	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
140	<i>O. onites</i>	93	Pnaka, Samos	21233	x	x	x	x	–	–	–	–
141	<i>O. scabrum</i>	147	Taygetos Mt., Peloponissos	14538	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
141a	<i>O. scabrum</i>	147a	Taygetos Mt., Peloponissos	14538	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
142	<i>O. scabrum</i>	147b	Taygetos Mt., Peloponissos	14538	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
143	<i>O. symes</i>	142a	Dysalona bay, Symi	23910	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
144	<i>O. symes</i>	142d	Dysalona bay, Symi	23910	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
145	<i>O. symes</i>	142c	Dysalona bay, Symi	23910	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
146	<i>O. symes</i>	142b	Dysalona bay, Symi	23910	x	x	–	x	–	–	–	–
147	<i>O. vetteri</i>	48	Kali Limni Mt., Karpathos	21646	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
148	<i>O. vetteri</i>	50	Kali Limni Mt., Karpathos	21645	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
149	<i>O. vulgare</i>	292	Pylos		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
150	<i>O. vulgare</i>	83	Viliza, Ioannina	20592	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
151	<i>O. vulgare</i>	64	Kalesmeno, Evritania	21365	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
152	<i>O. vulgare</i>	71	Skyros	21664	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
153	<i>O. vulgare</i>	146	Ag. Petros, Arkadia	14550	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
154	<i>O. vulgare</i>	26	Argyroupoli, Rethymno	21644	x	x	x	–	–	–	–	–
155	<i>O. vulgare</i>	30	Kera, Lassithi	23923	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
156	<i>O. vulgare</i>	40	Kirgiana, Rethymno	21652	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
157	<i>O. vulgare</i>	41	Avdou, Lassithi	21654	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x
158	<i>O. vulgare</i>	59	Velonado gorge, Rethymno	21663	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
159	<i>O. vulgare</i>	115	Rodovani, Chania	21689	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
160	<i>O. vulgare</i>	95	Zourva, Chania	20492	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
161	<i>O. vulgare</i>	116	Vouvala peak, Rethymno	21690	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
162	<i>O. vulgare</i>	160	Kourna lake, Chania	21694	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
163	<i>O. vulgare</i>	158	Sises, Rethymno	21692	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
164	<i>O. vulgare</i>	62	Agrafiotis river, Agrafa	21364	x	x	x	x	x	–	x	–
165	<i>O. vulgare</i>	67	Aspros river,	21358	x	x	x	–	–	–	–	–
166	<i>O. vulgare</i>	61	Amarandos, Karditsa	21351	x	x	x	x	–	x	x	x

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195	<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	178	Vai, Sitia	21698 Drew & Sytsma, 2012 / Federici <i>et al.</i> , 2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
196	<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	-	-		JQ669137	JQ669214	-	-	HE819478	-	-	-

TABLE S2. Names of the genes, primer pairs, primer sizes and PCR protocols used.

Gene name	Primer pairs	Size	PCR conditions	Reference
<i>ITS1-ITS2</i>	ITS-5: GGAAGGAGAAGTCGTAACAAGG ITS-4: TCCTTCCGCTTATTGATATGC	~500	3mM MgCl, 94°C/1min 54°C/30sec 72°C/2min x30 cycles	(DOWNIE & KATZ- DOWNIE 1996)
<i>ETS</i>	ETS -F: TTTGYGTGATGGATCCCTGCT ETS-R: AGGTAGCATTCCTCAYCGACG	~ 370	3mM MgCl, 96°C/15sec 58°C/10sec 72°C/30sec x35 cycles	unpublished record
<i>MAPKK1</i>	mapkk1-F: TGTAAGTCCCAACAAATGTGTC mapkk1-R: TGTTCGCCATAAATGGGTT	~ 500	3mM MgCl, 94°C/1min 48°C/30sec 72°C/8min x30 cycles	(CURTO <i>et al.</i> 2012)
<i>psbA-trnH</i>	intpsbA-F: CGCGCATGGTGGATTACAAATCC intrnH-R: GTTATGCATGAACGTAATGCTC	~ 400	3mM MgCl, 94°C/1min, 52°C/30sec, 72°C/2min x30 cycles	(SHAW <i>et al.</i> 2005)
<i>psbK-psbI</i>	<i>psbK</i> -F: GAATAATAATATCCTAGAAAATGCA <i>psbI</i> -R: GATCTTCCATTTTTCTACCACA	~ 300	3mM MgCl, 96°C/15sec 56°C/10sec 72°C/30sec x35 cycles	(LUKAS & NOVAK 2013a)
<i>rps16</i>	rps16-F: GTGGTAGAAAGCAACGTGCGACT rps16-R: TCGGGATCGAATATCAATTGCAAC	~ 900	3mM MgCl, 94°C/1min, 52°C/30sec 72°C/2min x30 cycles	unpublished record
<i>trnL-F</i>	<i>trnL</i> -c: CGAAATCGGTAGACGCTAC	~ 450	3mM MgCl, 94°C/1min 52°C/30sec 72°C/2min x30 cycles	(TABERLET <i>et al.</i> 1991)
	<i>trnL</i> -d: GGGATAGAGGGACTTGAAC			
	<i>trnL</i> -e: GGTTC AAGTCCCTCTATCCC <i>trnF</i> -f: ATTTGA ACTGGTGACACGAG	~350		

Table S3. Morphological characters and coding for the TNT morphological analysis of the *Origanum* taxa

- 1. Stem indumentum:** lannate (0); tomentose (1); pillose (2); setose (3); pubescent (4); glabrous (5)
 - 2. Leaf indumentum:** tomentose (0); lannate (1); branched lannate (2); glandular pillose (3); strigose on veins (4); glabrous (5); villose (6)
 - 3. Shape of leaves:** ovate (0); broadly ovate (1); ovate to obovate (2); ovate to orbicular (3); ovate to oval (4); obovate (5); suborbicular (6); oval (7); cordate (8)
 - 4. Leaf texture:** thick (0); leathery (1); thin/papery (2)
 - 5. Spike shape:** cylindrical to pyramidal (0); subglobose to cylindrical (1); ovoid (2); ovoid to subglobose (3); subglobose (4); globose (5)
 - 6. Bract shape:** obovate (0); elliptical to ovate (1); broadly ovate (2); roundish (3); oval (4); suborbicular to obovate (5); cordate (6); oblong-ovate (7)
 - 7. Bract Top shape:** roundish (0); acute (1); acute to acuminate (2); obtuse (3)
 - 8. Bract length in mm:** 9 (0); 7 (1); 6.5 (2); 4 (3); 3.5 (4); 3 (5)
 - 9. Bract width in mm:** 7 (0); 4.5 (1); 4 (2); 3 (3); 2.5 (4); 2 (5)
 - 10. Bract colour:** green (0); greenish purple (1); whitish (2); purple (3)
 - 11. Bract indumentum:** glabrous (0); ciliate (1); pilosellous (2); pillose (3); tomentellous (4)
 - 12. Calyx shape:** ovate to obovate (0); oval (1); roundish (2); lanceolate to elliptical (3)
 - 13. Calyx Lip shape:** 1 lip (0); 2 lips (1)
 - 14. Calyx lower lip shape:** absent (0); present with 2 lobes (1); present entire (2)
 - 15. Calyx Teeth shape:** triangular or deltoid (0); deltoid (1); acuminate (2); entire to denticulate (3); absent (4); 5-acuminate equal (5)
 - 16. Calyx throat indumentum:** pillose (0); pilosellous (1); glabrous (2)
 - 17. Corolla shape:** saccate (0); slightly saccate (1); not saccate (2)
 - 18. Corolla indumentum:** glabrous (0); pilosellous (1)
 - 19. Corolla colour:** pink (0); purple (1); white (2); white-purple (3)
 - 20. Corolla size:** 5 (0); 7 (1); 9 (2); 11 (3); 13 (4); 15 (5)
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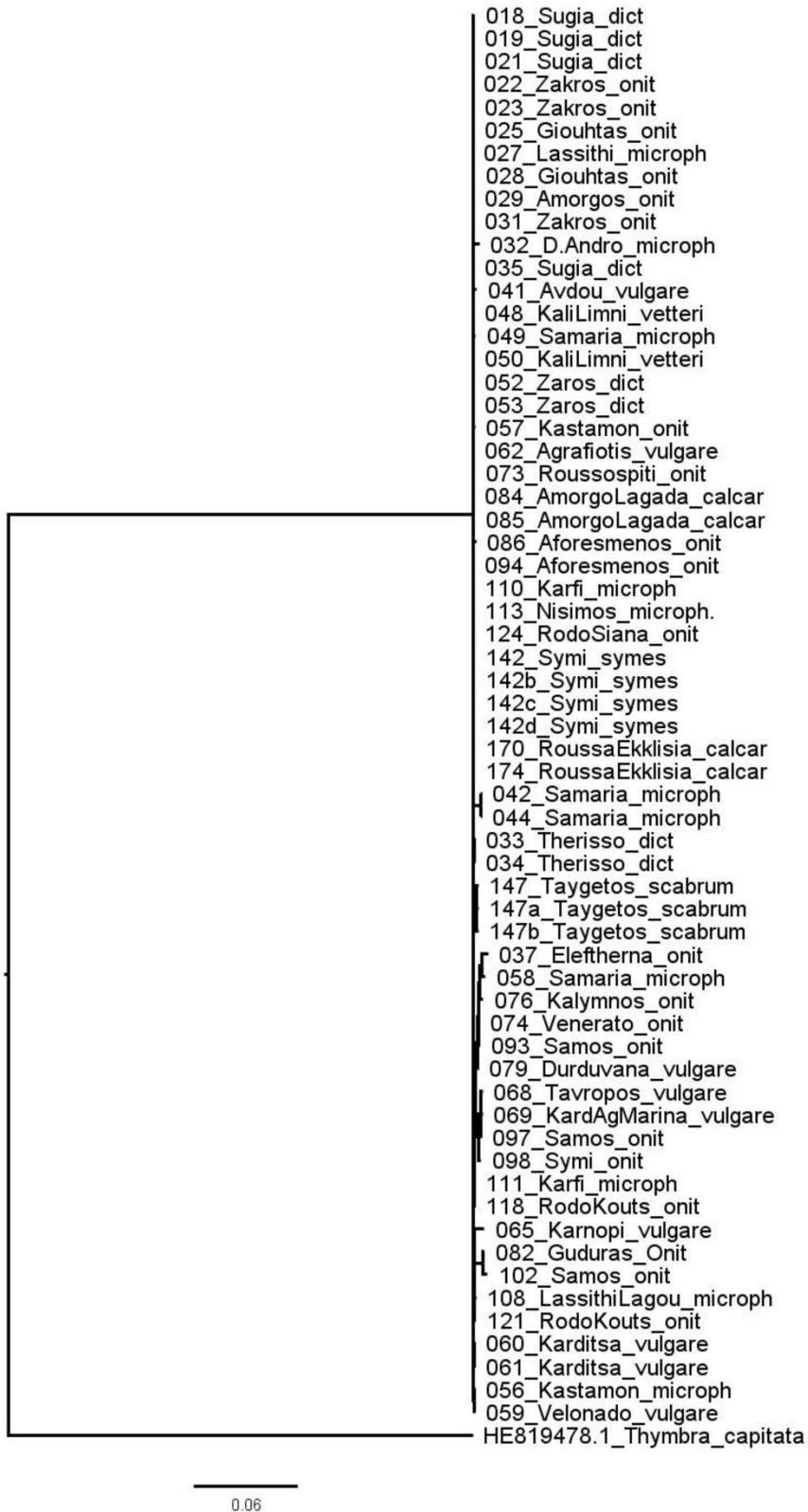


Fig. S1. Bayesian inference tree based on the five chloroplast loci (psbK-psbI, psbA-trnH, trnL intron, trnL-F intergenic spacer, and rps16).

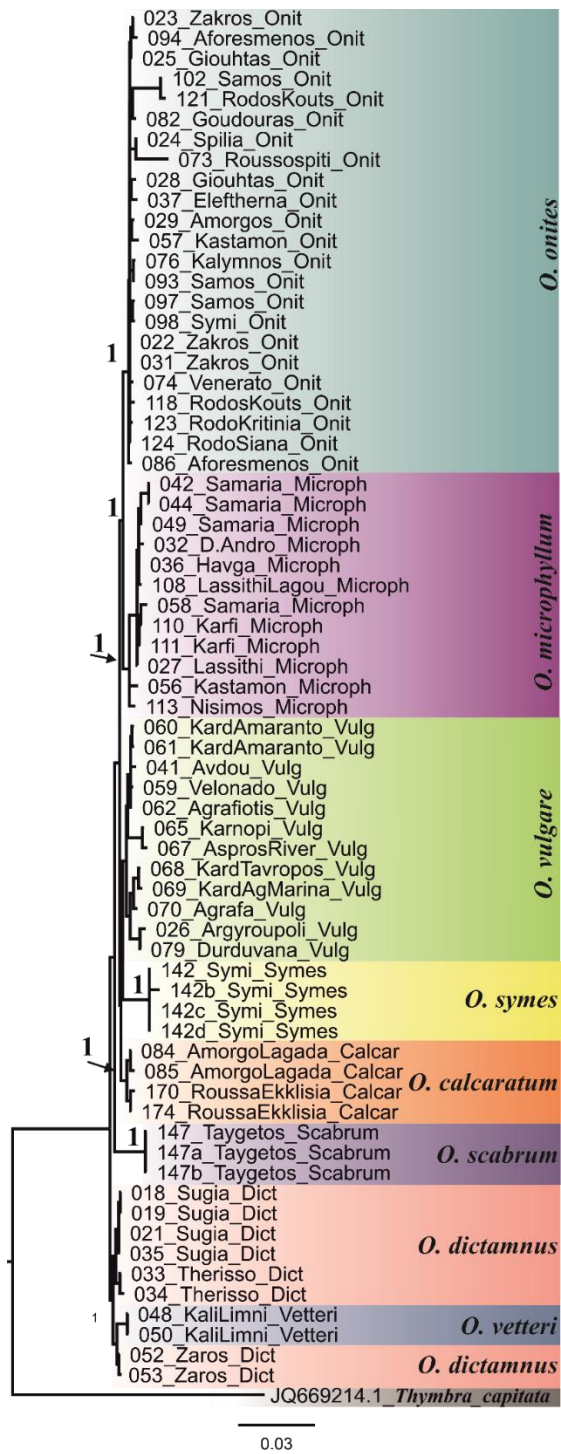


Fig. S2. Bayesian inference tree based on concatenated nuclear and chloroplast loci. The posterior probability value (PP) is given on the top of the branches. No values indicate low statistical support.

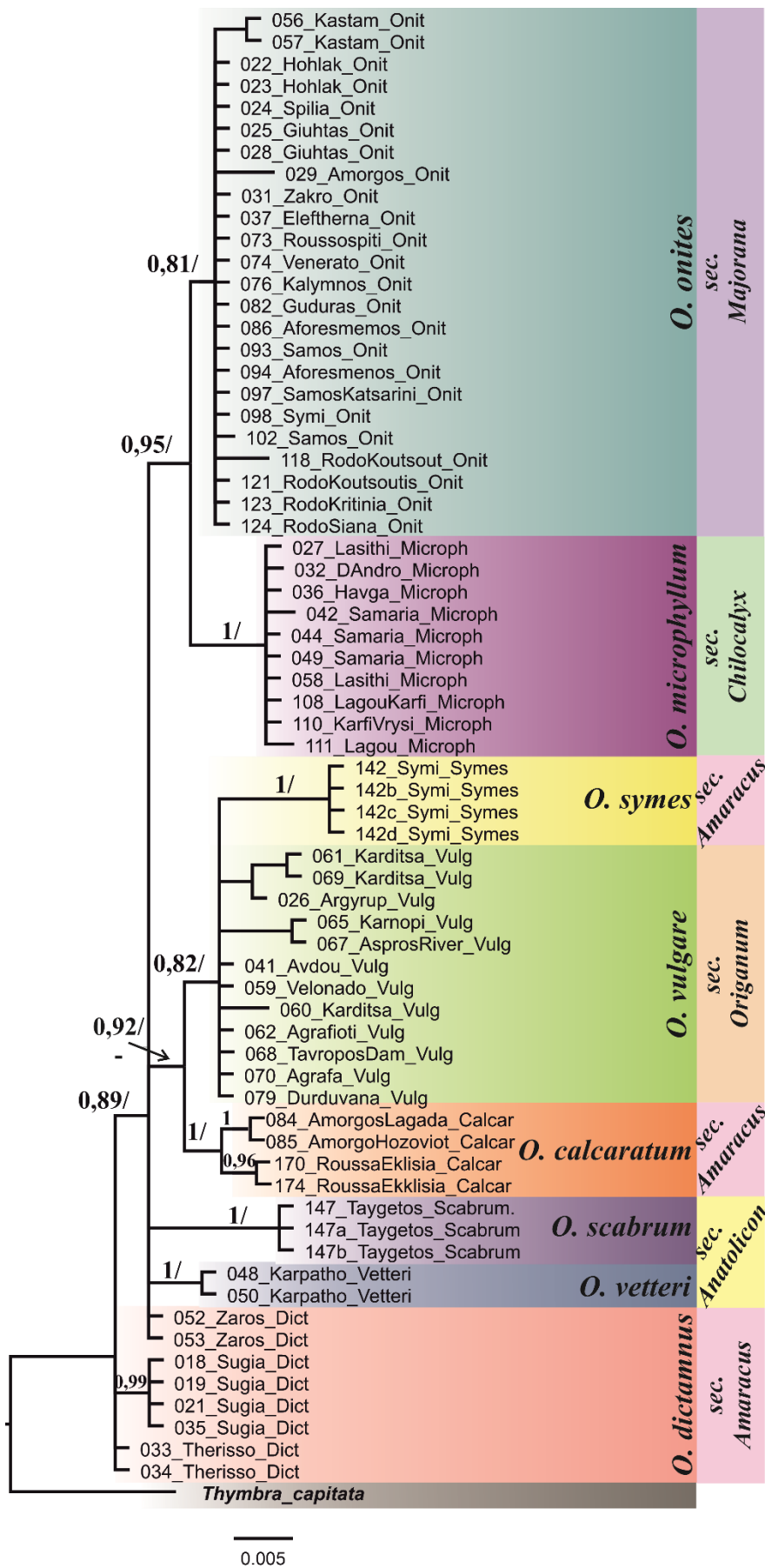


Fig. S3. Bayesian inference tree based on the ITS1-ITS2 nuclear locus. The posterior probability value (PP) and bootstrap support (bs) are given on the top of the branches. No values indicate low statistical support.