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## Research article

## Contributions to the Bryophyte Flora of Altındere Valley (Trabzon, Turkey)

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**Abstract:** In this study, the bryophyte flora of Altındere Valley were investigated. As a result of identification of the bryophyte specimens collected from the Altındere Valley in 2020, a total 170 taxa (138 are mosses, 32 are liverworts) were determined, belonging to 55 families and 106 genera. The present study adds 71 new mosses and 12 new liverworts to bryophyte flora of Altındere Valley. And also 6 taxa (3 liverworts, 3 mosses) are new to A4 grid-square. Brachytheciaceae (21 taxa) and Pottiaceae (16 taxa) two richest families in the study area. While the largest genus is *Plagiothecium* with 7 species, *Mnium*, *Hypnum* and *Plagiomnium* are second largest genera with six taxa each in the Altındere Valley.

**Keywords:** Altındere Valley, Bryophytes, Liverworts, Mosses, Trabzon.

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## Introduction

Altındere Valley is located in the Colchis sector of the Euro-Siberian Phytogeographic Region of the Holarctic Flora Regnum (Palabaş Uzun & Anşın, 2006). Altındere Valley, which is within the borders of Trabzon province in the Eastern Black Sea Region, was declared a national park in 1987 (Fig. 1). The study area, which has approximately 4800 hectares, is located in A4 grid-square according to Henderson (1961)'s Turkey bryophytes grid-square system (Fig. 2). The valley, which extends to a distance of approximately 20 km in the southeast direction from the Maçka (Trabzon) district center, has the character of narrow and deep canyon geographically. As a geological structure; the study area consists of three layers belonging to Mesozoic Era, Eocene and Oligocene Epochs. The bedrock is trachea andesite and basalt (OGM, 2015).

Forest vegetation and alpine vegetation constitute two main vegetation types in Altındere Valley. While the forest vegetation in the area reaches a height of 1900-2000 meters, the alpine vegetation, comprising of subalpine

bushes and alpine meadows, above the forest border is seen above 2000 meters.

Forest vegetation consists of pure spruce forests, mixed forests consisting of spruce-leafy species and mixed forests formed by leafy species such as *Alnus glutinosa* (L.), *Carpinus betulus* L., *Tilia tomentosa* Moench., *Ulmus minor* Mill., *Castanea sativa* Miller. (Batan et al., 2021).

On the other hand, alpine vegetation in the study area is dominated by Asteraceae, Rosaceae and Poaceae (Spermatophyta) members (Palabaş Uzun & Anşın, 2006).

The annual average rainfall is 771 mm and the average temperature is 13 °C in the area. The climate type of the area is very humid (URL, 1; Çepel, 1995).

The soil structure of the study area, in the Podzolic soil group, changes depending on elevation. While gray-brown podzolic soils in the study area are seen between 1600 and 1750 meters, high mountain meadow soils are seen between 1750 and 2000 meters (Palabaş Uzun & Anşın, 2006).

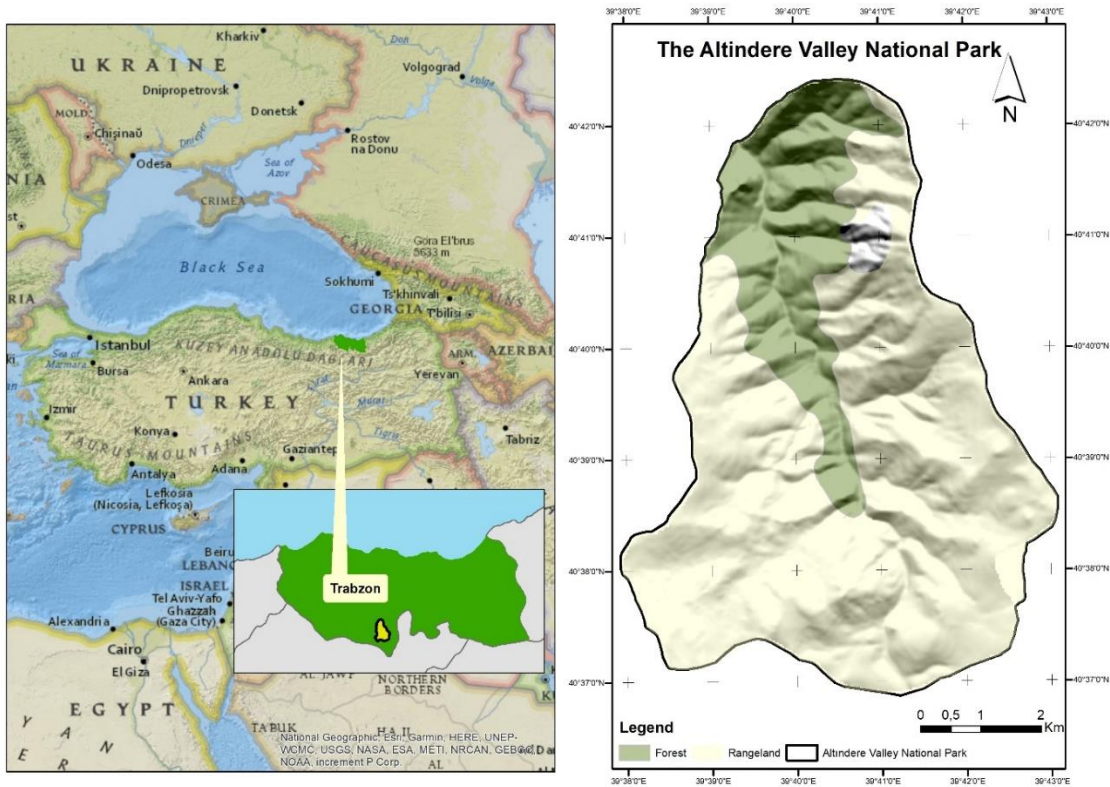


Figure 1. Location of the study area.

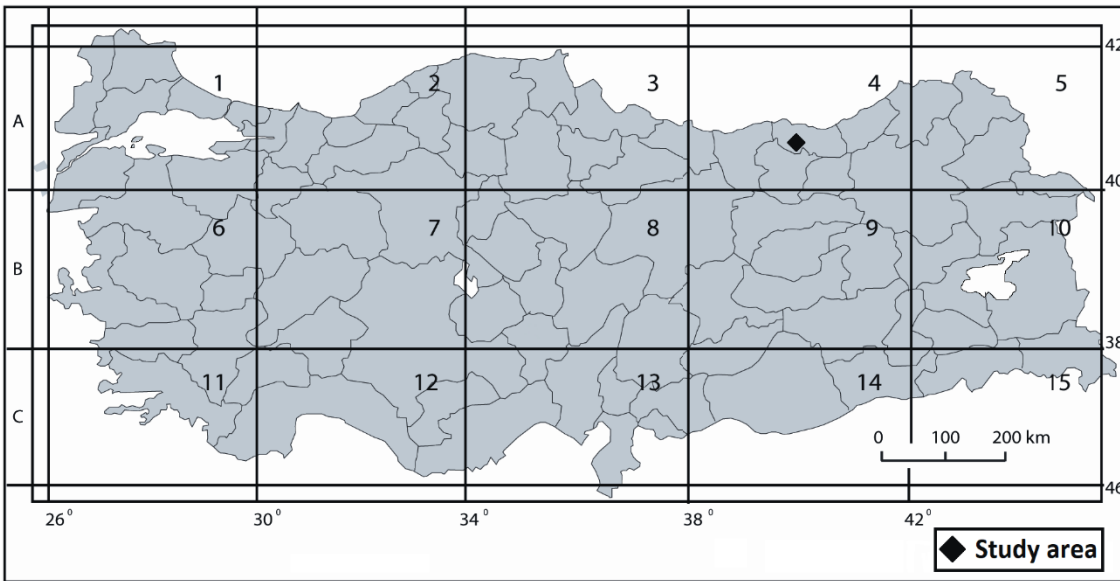


Figure 2. The location of the Altındere Valley according to the grid system of Turkey (Henderson, 1961).

The first bryofloristic studies in the Altındere Valley National Park was carried out by Baydar & Özdemir (1996). In this study, mosses of the area were investigated and 40 taxa belonging to 31 genera and 15 families were determined as a result of the study. In another bryofloristic study carried out in the area, the liverworts of the Altındere Valley National Park was investigated by

Gökler (1998). Results of the study, 33 species belonging to 18 genera and 6 families were determined. Moreover, some studies were carried out by Özdemir & Çetin (1999) and Papp (2004) in which some bryophyte records were given from Altındere Valley. And also, the epiphytic bryophytes and ecological characteristics of Altındere Valley (Maçka-Trabzon) were investigated by Batan et al.

(2021) and, a total of 55 epiphytic bryophyte taxa were determined, 36 of which are new for the Altındere Valley. As a results of these studies, in a total 149 bryophyte taxa were determined in the Altındere Valley.

Although these studies have been done on the bryophytes of Altındere Valley National Park (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Gökler, 1998; Özdemir & Çetin, 1999; Papp, 2004; Batan et al., 2021), the Altındere Valley has not been studied in detail in terms of bryofloristics. Therefore, the present study aimed to revise and to reveal the bryophyte flora of Altındere Valley in detail and to contribute to the Turkish bryoflora.

## Materials and Methods

The bryophyte specimens, materials of the present study, were collected from various habitats and substrates in 12 different localities of the research area in 2020 (Table). The collected specimens were identified using relevant literatures (Zander, 1993; Greven, 1995; 2003; Munoz, 1999; Paton, 1999; Cortini Pedrotti, 2001, 2006; Heyn & Herrstadt, 2004; Smith, 2004; Guerra et al., 2006, Brugués et al., 2007). Voucher specimens are deposited in the Herbarium of Karadeniz Technical University.

**Table.** Locality details (L. N. – locality number).

L. N.	Localities	GPS Coordinates	Altitude (m)	Date
1	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Altındere Valley National Park-1	(37T) 0555515 E, 450527 N,	1020	22.06.2020
2	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Altındere Valley National Park-2, picnic area	(37T) 0555524 E, 4505280 N,	1042	22.06.2020
3	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Altındere Valley National Park-3	(37T) 0555584 E, 4505416 N,	1083 m	22.06.2020
4	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Exit of National Park, pathway-1	(37T) 0556046 E, 4503902 N,	1317-1330	23.06.2020
5	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Monastery entrance, Ayavarvara church and its surroundings	(37T) 0555704 E, 4504382 N,	1250-1290	23.06.2020
6	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Behind the social facilities of National Park	(37T) 0555640 E, 450396 N,	1120	23.06.2020
7	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Taşköprü Plateau-1, above the Altındere Valley	(37T) 0558062 E, 4499985 N,	1602	23.06.2020
8	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Taşköprü Plateau-2, above the Altındere Valley	(37T) 0557045 E, 450964 N,	1644	23.06.2020
9	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Sumela Monastery entrance	(37T) 0555668 E, 4504580 N,	1304	23.06.2020
10	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Karadağ Waterfall	(37T) 0555926 E, 4504548 N,	1330	23.06.2020
11	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> above the Samandıra road	(37T) 0554514 E, 4506129 N,	1270	24.06.2020
12	<b>Altındere Valley:</b> Samandıra road-2	(37T) 0554845 E, 4505175 N,	1134	24.06.2020

The latest taxonomic and distributional status of the bryophyte taxa in Turkey were determined according to the recent literature (Erdağ & Kürschner, 2017; Kürschner & Frey, 2020; Hodgetts et al., 2020). Nomenclature of the floristic list was arranged according to Hodgetts et al. (2020). In the floristic list, the new records for A4 grid-square are indicated with (▲) and, the new records for Altındere Valley are indicated with (\*). The taxa, recorded in previous studies but not detected in the present study are also given in the floristic list.

## Results and Discussion

As a results of the identification of bryophyte specimens collected from various habitats and substrats in the different localities of Altındere Valley, in a total 170 taxa were determined, belonging to 55 families and 106 genera. Of these, 32 taxa belonging to 18 families and 25 genera are liverworts, 138 taxa belonging to 37 families and 82 genera are mosses. With the present paper, the total

bryophyte flora of Altındere Valley has reached 62 families, 128 genera and 232 taxa.

## Bryofloristic list (with together previously records)

### Marchantiophyta (Liverworts)

#### Anastrophyllaceae L.Söderstr., De Roo & Hedd.

#### *Barbilophozia* Loeske

\**Barbilophozia barbata* (Schmidel ex Schreb.) Loeske – Loc.: 1, 5, 7, 8, 10; on rock, on soil.

#### *Sphenolobus* (Lindb.) Berggr.

▲\**Sphenolobus minutus* (Schreb.) Berggr. (Syn: *Anastrophyllum minutum* (Schreb.) Schust.) – Loc.: 9; on soil.

#### Cephalozieaceae Mig.

#### *Obtusifolium* S.W.Arnell

▲\**Obtusifolium obtusum* (Lindb.) S.W.Arnell (*Lophozia obtusa* (Lindb.) A.Evans) – Loc.: 8; on soil.

#### *Tritomaria* Loeske

*\*Tritomaria exsecta* Schmidel ex. Schrad.) Loeske. – Loc.: 1; on dead tree trunk.

**Scapaniaceae** Mig.

*Diplophyllum* (Dumort.) Dumort.

*Diplophyllum albicans* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 1, 3, 7, 9; on wet soil.

*Scapania* (Dumort.) Dumort.

*Scapania aequiloba* (Schwägr.) Dumort. (Papp, 2004).

*\*S. aspera* M.Bernet & Bernet. – Loc.: 5, 9, 10; on wet soil.

*S. nemorea* (L.) Grolle – Loc.: 3, 11; on wet soil.

▲ *\*S. obscura* (Arnell & C.E.O.Jensen) Schiffn. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

*S. undulata* (L.) Dumort. (Gökler, 1998).

**Calyptogeiaceae** Arnell

*Calyptogea* Raddi

*Calyptogea arguta* Nees & Mont. (Gökler, 1998).

*C. azurea* Stotler & Crotz (Gökler, 1998).

*\*C. fissa* (L.) Raddi. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Solenostomataceae** Stotler & Crand.-Stotl.

*Solenostoma* Mitt. emend. Zerov

*\*Solenostoma sphaerocarpum* (Hook.) Steph. Sp. Hepat (Syn: *Jungermannia sphaerocarpa* Kanca.) – Loc.: 12; on wet soil,

**Blepharostomataceae** W.Frey & M.Stech

*Blepharostoma* (Dumort. Emend. Lindb.) Dumort.

*\*Blepharostoma trichophyllum* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 1, 7, 12; on dead tree trunk.

**Lepidoziaceae** Limpr.

*Bazzania* Gray

*\*Bazzania flaccida* (Dumort.) Grolle – Loc.: 1, 5, 10; on rock.

*B. tricrenata* (Wahlenb.) Lindb. (Gökler, 1998).

*B. trilobata* (L.) Gray (Gökler, 1998).

*Lepidozia* (Dumort.) Dumort.

*\*Lepidozia reptans* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 3, 9; on rock, on soil.

**Lophocoleaceae** Vanden Berghen

*Chiloscyphus* Corda

*Chiloscyphus pallescens* (Ehrh. ex Hoffm.) Dumort. – Loc.: 2, 12; on wet soil.

*C. polyanthos* (L.) Corda – Loc.: 8; on wet soil.

*Lophocolea* (Dumort.) Dumort.

*Lophocolea bidentata* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 8; on wet soil.

*L. heterophylla* (Schrad.) Dumort. (Gökler, 1998; Batan et al., 2021).

**Plagiochilaceae** Müll. Frib.

*Pedinophyllum* (Lindb.) Lindb.

*Pedinophyllum interruptum* (Nees) Kaal. – Loc.: 3, 11, 12; on wet soil, on wet rock.

*Plagiochila* (Dumort.) Dumort.

*Plagiochila asplenioides* (L. emend. Taylor) Dumort. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10; on soil, on rock.

*P. porelloides* (Torrey ex Nees) Lindenb. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12; on soil, on rock.

**Frullaniaceae** Lorch

*Frullania* Raddi

*Frullania dilatata* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 5, 8, 9, 10, 11; on rock, on tree trunk.

*F. jackii* Gottsche (Papp, 2004).

*F. tamarisci* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 1, 2, 4, 5; on rock, on tree trunk.

**Jubulaceae** H.Klinggr.

*Jubula* Dumort.

*\*Jubula hutchinsiae* (Hook.) Dumort. subsp. *caucasica* Konstant. & Vilnet – Loc.: 1, 11; on rock

**Lejeuneaceae** Cavers

*Cololejeunea* (Spruce) Steph.

*Cololejeunea rossettiana* (C.Massal.) Schiffn. (Papp, 2004).

*Lejeunea* Lib.

*Lejeunea cavifolia* (Ehrh.) Lindb. – Loc: 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12; on rock.

*L. lamacerina* (Steph.) Schiffn. (Gökler, 1998).

**Porellaceae** Cavers

*Porella* L.

*Porella arboris-vitae* (With.) Grolle – Loc.: 2, 10; on tree trunk.

*P. cordaeana* (Huebener) Moore (Gökler, 1998).

*P. obtusata* (Taylor) Trevis. (Gökler, 1998).

*P. platyphylla* (L.) Pfeiff. – Loc.: 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

**Radulaceae** Müll. Frib.

*Radula* Dumort.

*Radula complanata* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 4, 5; on rock, on tree trunk.

*R. lindenbergiana* Gottsche ex C. Hartm. – Loc.: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

**Metzgeriaceae** H. Klinggr.

*Metzgeria* Raddi

*Metzgeria conjugata* Lindb. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; on rock.

*M. furcata* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10; on rock.

*M. pubescens* (Schrank) Raddi (Papp, 2004).

**Fossombroniaceae** Hazsl.

**Fossombronia** Raddi

*Fossombronia pusilla* (L.) Nees (Gökler, 1998).

**Pelliaceae** H. Klinggr

**Apopellia** (Grolle) Nebel & D.Quandt

*Apopellia endiviifolia* (Dicks.) Nebel & D.Quandt. (Syn: *Pellia endiviifolia* (Dicks.) Dumort) – Loc.: 1, 11; on wet soil.

**Pellia** Raddi

*Pellia epiphylla* (L.) Corda (Gökler, 1998).

**Lunulariaceae** H.Klinggr.

**Lunularia** Adans.

*Lunularia cruciata* (L.) Dumort. ex Lindb. (Gökler, 1998).

**Aytoniaceae** Cavers

**Reboulia** Raddi

*Reboulia hemisphaerica* (L.) Raddi (Gökler, 1998).

**Conocephaleaceae** Müll. Frib. Ex Grolle

**Conocephalum** Hill

*Conocephalum conicum* (L.) Dumort. – Loc.: 3, 10, 11; on wet soil.

**Marchantiaceae** Lindl.

**Marchantia** L.

*Marchantia paleacea* Bertol. (Gökler, 1998).

*M. polymorpha* L. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Bryophyta (Mosses)**

**Polytrichaceae** Schwagr.

**Atrichum** P.Beauv.

▲\**Atrichum tenellum* (Röhling) Bruch & Schimper. – Loc.: 8; on soil.

*A. undulatum* (Hedw.) P. Beauv. – Loc.: 3, 6, 7, 9; on soil.

**Pogonatum** P.Beauv.

*Pogonatum aloides* (Hedw.) P.Beauv. (Özdemir & Çetin, 1999).

*P. urnigerum* (Hedw.) P.Beauv. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Özdemir & Çetin, 1999; Papp, 2004).

**Polytrichastrum** Hedw.

\**Polytrichastrum alpinum* (Hedw.) G.L.Sm. – Loc.: 1, 6, 7, 9, 10; on soil, on rock.

**Polytrichum** Hedw.

*Polytrichum commune* Hedw. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Özdemir & Çetin, 1999).

\**P. formosum* Hedw. – Loc.: 2, 7, 8, 10, 12; on soil.

*P. juniperinum* Hedw. – Loc.: 8; on soil.

**Tetraphidaceae** Schimp.

**Tetraphis** Hedw.

\**Tetraphis pellucida* Hedw. – Loc.: 12; on dead tree trunk.

**Encalyptaceae** Schimp.

**Encalypta** Dixon

\**Encalypta ciliata* Hedw. – Loc.: 7; on rock.

\**E. streptocarpa* Hedw. – Loc.: 10; on rock.

\**E. vulgaris* Hedw. – Loc.: 9; on rock.

**Leucobryaceae** Schimp.

**Campylopus** Brid.

\**Campylopus brevipilus* Bruch & Schimp. – Loc.: 5, 10; on rock.

**Dicranodontium** Bruch & Schimp.

\**Dicranodontium denudatum* (Brid.) E. Britton. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12; on dead tree trunk.

**Leucobryum** Hampe

*Leucobryum glaucum* (Hedw.) Ångstr. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10; on rock, on soil.

**Amphidiaceae** M.Stech

**Amphidium** Schimp.

*Amphidium mougeotii* (Schimp.) Schimp. (Papp, 2004).

**Aongstroemiaceae** De Not.

**Dichodontium** Schimp.

*Dichodontium pellucidum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 11; on soil.

**Dicranellaceae** M.Stech

**Dicranella** (Müll.Hal.) Schimp.

\**Dicranella heteromalla* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 8, 12; on soil.

\**D. varia* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 7; on soil.

**Fissidentaceae** Schimp.

**Fissidens** Hedw.

\**Fissidens adianthoides* Hedw. – Loc.: 4, 5; on soil, on rock crack.

*F. dubius* P. Beauv. – Loc.: 1, 6, 9, 10; on soil, on rock crack.

*F. taxifolius* Hedw. (Batan et al., 2021).

**Dicranaceae** Schimp.

**Dicranum** Hedw.

*Dicranum fuscescens* Sm. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Özdemir & Çetin, 1999).

*D. majus* Turner. – Loc.: 9; on soil.

*D. scoparium* Hedw. – Loc.: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; on rock, on soil.

*D. tauricum* Sapjegin (Batan et al., 2021).

**Ditrichaceae** Limpr.

**Ditrichum** Timm ex Hampe

*Ditrichum heteromallum* (Hedw.) E.Britton (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

**Pottiaceae** Schimp.

**Anoetangium** Schwägr.

\**Anoetangium aestivum* (Hedw.) Mitt. – Loc.: 7, 9, 10, 11; on rock.

**Chionoloma** Dixon

*Chionoloma tenuirostre* (Hook. & Taylor) M.Alonso, MJCano & JAJiménez (Syn: *Oxystegus tenuirostris* (Hook. & Taylor) A.J.E.Sm.) – Loc.: 1, 5, 7, 11; on rock.

**Crossidium** Jur.

*Crossidium squamiferum* (Viv.) Jur. (Papp, 2004).

**Didymodon** Hedw.

*Didymodon ferrugineus* (Schimp. ex Besch.) M.O.Hill. – Loc.: 2; on rock.

*D. luridus* Hornsch. (Papp, 2004).

*D. rigidulus* Hedw. (Papp, 2004).

**Tortula** Hedw.

*Tortula atrovirens* (Sm.) Lindb. (Papp, 2004).

*T. muralis* Hedw. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Papp, 2004).

**Gymnostomum** Nees & Hornsch.

\**Gymnostomum aeruginosum* Sm – Loc.: 5; on rock.

\**G. calcareum* Nees & Hornsch. – Loc.: 2; on rock.

**Gyroweisia** Schimp.

*Gyroweisia tenuis* (Hedw.) Schimp. (Papp, 2004).

**Streblotrichum** P.Beauv.

\**Streblotrichum convolutum* (Hedw.) P.Beauv. (Syn: *Barbula convoluta* Hedw.) – Loc.: 5; on rock.

**Tortella** (Müll.Hal.) Limpr.

*Tortella fragilis* (Drumm.) Limpr. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

*T. squarrosa* (Brid.) Limpr. [*Pleurochaete squarrosa* (Brid.) Lindb.] (Papp, 2004).

*T. tortuosa* (Hedw.) Limpr. – Loc.: 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11; on rock, on soil.

**Weissia** Hedw.

*Weissia controversa* Hedw. – Loc.: 4; on rock.

**Saelaniaceae** Ignatov & Fedosov

**Saelania** Lindb.

\**Saelania glaucescens* (Hedw.) Broth. – Loc.: 7; on rock crack.

**Grimmiaceae** Arn.

**Grimmia** Hedw.

\**Grimmia elatior* Bruch ex Bals.-Criv. & De Not. – Loc.: 4, 9, 10; on rock.

▲\**G. funalis* (Schwaegr.) Bruch & Schimp. – Loc.: 8; on rock.

\**G. hartmannii* Schimp. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12; on rock.

\**G. longirostris* Hook. – Loc.: 7; on rock.

*G. trichophylla* Grev. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

**Racomitrium** Brid.

\**Racomitrium aquaticum* (Brid. ex Schrad.) Brid. – Loc.: 2, 3, 5, 9, 10; on rock.

*R. canescens* (Hedw.) Brid. – Loc.: 7, 8; on rock.

\**R. sudeticum* (Funck) Bruch & Schimp. – Loc.: 2; on rock.

**Schistidium** Bruch & Schimp.

*Schistidium apocarpum* (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp. – Loc.: 6; on rock.

\**S. elegantulum* H.H.Blom – Loc.: 6; on rock.

\**S. helveticum* (Schkuhr) Deguchi – Loc.: 5; on rock.

\**S. papillosum* Culm. – Loc.: 2, 4, 7, 8, 10; on rock.

*S. trichodon* (Brid.) Poelt. (Batan et al., 2021).

**Hedwigiaceae** Schimp.

**Hedwigia** P.Beauv.

\**Hedwigia ciliata* (Hedw.) P.Beauv.– Loc.: 5; on rock.

**Bartramiaceae** Schwagr.

**Bartramia** Hedw.

*Bartramia halleriana* Hedw. – Loc.: 2, 5, 9, 10, 11; on rock, on rock crack.

*B. pomiformis* Hedw. (Özdemir & Çetin, 1999).

**Philonotis** Brid.

*Philonotis fontana* (Hedw.) Brid. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Bryaceae** Schwagr.

**Bryum** Hedw.

\**Bryum argenteum* Hedw. – Loc.: 7; on soil.

**Imbribryum** Pedersen

\**Imbribryum alpinum* (Huds. ex With.) N.Pedersen (Syn: *Bryum alpinum* Huds. ex With.) – Loc.: 9; on wet soil.

**Ptychostomum** Hornsch.

*Ptychostomum capillare* (Hedw.) Holyoak & N. Pedersen. – Loc.: 8; on soil.

*P. elegans* (Nees.) D.Bell & Holyoak (Papp, 2004).

*P. moravicum* (Podp.) Ros & Mazimpaka. – Loc.: 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11; on soil, on tree trunk.

*P. pallens* (Sw. ex anon.) J.R.Spence [*Bryum pallens* Sw. ex anon., *Bryum sibiricum* Lindb. & Arnell] (Papp, 2004).

\**P. pseudotriquetrum* (Hedw.) J.R. Spence & H.P. Ramsay – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Rhodobryum** (Schimp.) Limpr.

\**Rhodobryum ontariense* (Kindb.) Kindb. – Loc.: 2, 3, 4, 7; on soil.

*R. roseum* (Hedw.) Limpr. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

**Mniaceae** Schwagr.

**Mnium** Hedw.

\**Mnium hornum* Hedw. – Loc.: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11; on wet soil.

*M. lycopodioides* Schwägr. (Papp, 2004).

*M. spinosum* (Voit) Schwägr. – Loc.: 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12; on wet soil.

\**M. spinulosum* Bruch & Schimp. – Loc.: 4, 5, 6; on wet soil.

\**M. stellare* Hedw. – Loc.: 11; on wet soil.

\**M. thomsonii* Schimp. – Loc.: 9; on wet soil.

**Plagiomnium** T.J.Kop.

*Plagiomnium affine* (Blandow ex Funck) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3; on soil, on wet soil.

*P. cuspidatum* (Hedw.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 2, 3, 6, 10, 12; on soil.

*P. elatum* (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J. Kop. – Loc.: 1, 4, 9; on soil.

*P. ellipticum* (Brid.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11; on soil.

*P. medium* (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 3; on soil.

*P. undulatum* (Hedw.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12; on soil.

**Pohlia** Hedw.

\**Pohlia nutans* (Hedw.) Lindb. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Rhizomnium** (Broth.) T.J.Kop.

*Rhizomnium punctatum* (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 2, 7, 10, 11, 12; on wet soil.

**Orthotrichaceae** Arn.

**Lewinskya** F.Lara, Garilleti & Goffinet

\**Lewinskya rupestris* (Schleich. Ex Schwägr.) F.Lara, Garilleti & Goffinet. – Loc.: 7; on rock.

\**L. striata* (Hedw.) F.Lara, Garilleti & Goffinet – Loc.: 11; on tree trunk.

**Orthotrichum** Hedw.

*Orthotrichum anomalum* Hedw. (Papp, 2004).

*O. pallens* Bruch ex Brid. (Batan et al., 2021).

*O. pumilum* Sw. ex anon. (Batan et al., 2021).

**Ulota** D.Mohr

*Ulota crispa* Bruch. – Loc.: 2, 8, 11; on tree trunk.

**Zygodon** Hook. & Taylor

*Zygodon rupestris* Schimp. ex Lorentz – Loc.: 8; on tree trunk.

**Hookeriaceae** Schimp.

**Hookeria** J.E.Sm.

*Hookeria lucens* (Hedw.) Sm. – Loc.: on wet soil.

**Fontinalaceae** Schimp.

**Fontinalis** Hedw.

\**Fontinalis antipyretica* Hedw. – Loc.: 8; submerged.

**Plagiotheciaceae** (Broth.) M.Fleisch.

**Herzogiella** Broth.

\**Herzogiella seligeri* (Brid.) Z.Iwats. – Loc.: 5, 12; on dead tree trunk.

**Isopterygiopsis** Z.Iwats.

*Isopterygiopsis pulchella* (Hedw.) Z.Iwats. – Loc.: 2, 3, 12; on soil.

**Plagiothecium** Schimp.

\**Plagiothecium cavifolium* (Brid.) Z. Iwats. – Loc.: 2, 3; on soil.

*P. curvifolium* Schlieph. ex Limpr. (Batan et al., 2021).

*P. denticulatum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 3, 9, 12; on soil.

*P. laetum* Schimp. (Papp, 2004).

\**P. latebricola* Schimp. – Loc.: 3, 4, 5, 9, 11; on soil, on tree trunk.

*P. nemorale* (Mitt.) A.Jaeger – Loc.: 1, 2, 4, 8; on soil.

*P. succulentum* (Wilson) Lindb. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10; on soil.

**Pterigynandraceae** Schimp.

**Pterigynandrum** Hedw.

*Pterigynandrum filiforme* Hedw. (Papp, 2004; Batan et al., 2021).

**Climaciaceae** Kindb.

**Climacium** F. Weber & D. Mohr.

\**Climacium dendroides* (Hedw.) F. Weber & D. Mohr. – Loc.: 8; on wet soil.

**Amblystegiaceae** Kindb.

**Amblystegium** Schimp.

*Amblystegium serpens* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 2; on soil.

**Campylium** (Sull.) Mitt.

\**Campylium stellatum* (Hedw.) Lange & C.E.O.Jensen – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

\**C. protensum* (Brid.) Kindb. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

**Campylophyllopsis** W.R.Buck

*Campylophyllopsis calcarea* (Crundw. & Nyholm) Ochyra [*Campylidium calcareum* (Crundw. & Nyholm) Ochyra, *Campylophyllum calcareum* (Crundw. & Nyholm) Hedenäs] (Papp, 2004).

**Drepanium** (Schimp.) C.E.O.Jensen

\**Drepanium fastigiatum* (Hampe) C.E.O.Jensen (*Syn: Hypnum recurvatum* (Lindb. & Arnell) Kindb. – Loc.: 1, 6, 8, 9, 10; on rock, on soil.

**Hygrohypnum** Lindb.

\**Hygrohypnum luridum* (Hedw.) Jenn. – Loc.: 8; near stream, on wet soil.

**Pseudoamblystegium** Vanderp. & Hedenäs

*Pseudoamblystegium subtile* (Hedw.) Vanderp. & Hedenäs [*Amblystegium subtile* (Hedw.) Schimp. (Batan et al., 2021).

**Calliergonaceae** Vanderp., Hedenäs, C.J.Cox & A.J.Shaw

**Sarmentypnum** Tuom. & T.J.Kop.



*Sarmentypnum exannulatum* (Schimp.) Hedenäs  
[*Warnstorffia exannulata* (Schimp.) Loeske (Özdemir & Çetin, 1999).

**Scorpidiaceae** Ignatov & Ignatova

***Sanionia*** Loeske

\**Sanionia uncinata* (Hedw.) Loeske. – Loc.: 7; on soil.

***Scorpidium*** (Schimp.) Limpr.

*Scorpidium revolvens* (Sw. ex anon.) Rubers (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

***Serpoleskea*** (Limpr.) Loeske

\**Serpoleskea confervoides* (Brid.) Schimp. (Syn: *Amblystegium confervoides* (Brid.) Schimp.) – Loc.: 3, 6; on tree trunk, on dead tree trunk.

**Pseudoleskeellaceae** Ignatov & Ignatova

***Pseudoleskeella*** Kindb.

*Pseudoleskeella catenulata* (Brid. ex Schrad.) Kindb. (Batan et al., 2021).

*P. nervosa* (Brid.) Nyholm. – Loc.: 16, 11, 12; on tree trunk.

**Thuidiaceae** Schimp.

***Abietinella*** Müll.Hal.

*Abietinella abietina* (Hedw.) M.Fleisch. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Papp, 2004).

\**Abietinella abietina* (Hedw.) M.Fleisch. var. *hystricosa* (Mitt.) Sakurai. – Loc.: 7, 9; on soil.

***Thuidium*** Schimp.

\**Thuidium assimile* (Mitt.) A.Jaeger. – Loc.: 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12; on soil, on rock.

*T. delicatulum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 6; on soil.

\**T. recognitum* (Hedw.) Lindb. – Loc.: 1, 3, 5; on soil.

*T. tamariscinum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3; on soil, on rock.

**Brachytheciaceae** Schimp.

***Brachythecium*** Schimp.

*Brachythecium albicans* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 7; on soil.

*B. glareosum* (Bruch ex Spruce) Schimp. – Loc.: 2; on soil.

*B. rivulare* Schimp. – Loc.: 7, 12 near stream, on wet soil.

*B. rutabulum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 2, 9, 10, 11, 12; near stream, on wet soil.

***Eurhynchium*** Schimp.

*Eurhynchium angustirete* (Broth.) T.J.Kop. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11; on soil.

***Eurhynchiastrum*** Ignatov & Huttunen

*Eurhynchiastrum pulchellum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

***Homalothecium*** Schimp.

*Homalothecium lutescens* (Hedw.) H.Rob. – Loc.: 5; on rock

\**H. philippeanum* (Spruce) Schimp. – Loc.: 3, 5, 6; on soil, on rock.

*H. sericeum* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 9; on rock.

***Kindbergia*** Ochyra

\**Kindbergia praelonga* (Hedw.) Ochyra – Loc.: 1, 2, 8, 9; on soil.

***Oxyrrhynchium*** (Schimp.) Warnst.

\**Oxyrrhynchium hians* (Hedw.) Loeske. – Loc.: 1; on soil.

\**O. schleicheri* (R.Hedw.) Röhl – Loc.: 10, 12; on soil.

\**O. speciosum* (Brid.) Warnst. – Loc.: 3; on soil.

***Brachytheciastrum*** Ignatov & Huttunen

*Brachytheciastrum velutinum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen (Papp, 2004).

***Palamocladium*** M.Fleisch.

*Palamocladium euchloron* (Müll.Hal.) Wijk & Margad. – Loc.: 4, 5, 9; on rock.

***Plasteurhynchium*** M.Fleisch.

*Plasteurhynchium striatulum* (Spruce) M.Fleisch. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996; Batan et al., 2021).

***Pseudoscleropodium*** (Limpr.) M.Fleisch.

*Pseudoscleropodium purum* (Hedw.) M.Fleisch. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

***Rhynchostegium*** Schimp.

*Rhynchostegium riparioides* (Hedw.) Cardot – Loc.: 11, 12; on soil.

\**R. megapolitanum* (Blandow ex F.Weber & D.Mohr) Schimp. – Loc.: 2; on soil.

\**R. murale* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 2.

*R. rotundifolium* (Scop. ex Brid.) Schimp. (Papp, 2004).

***Sciuro-hypnum*** Hampe

*Sciuro-hypnum flotowianum* (Sendtn.) Ignatov & Huttunen – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12; on soil.

\**S. plumosum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen – Loc.: 2, 10; on rock.

*S. populeum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen – Loc.: 2, 3, 6, 11; on rock.

**Hypnaceae** Schimp.

***Hypnum*** Hedw.

*Hypnum andoi* A.J.E.Sm. – Loc.: 2, 12; on rock.

*H. cupressiforme* var. *cupressiforme* Hedw. – Loc.: 2, 3, 4, 11, 12; on soil, on rock, on dead tree trunk.

*H. cupressiforme* var. *filiforme* Brid. – Loc.: 1, 3, 8, 12; on soil, on tree trunk.



\**H. cupressiforme* var. *lacunosum* Brid. – Loc.: 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; on soil, on rock.

\**H. jutlandicum* Holmen & E.Warnecke. – Loc.: 10, 12; on soil.

*H. resupinatum* Taylor (Syn: *Hypnum cupressiforme* var. *resupinatum* (Taylor) Schimp. – Loc.: 4, 7, 11; on soil, on rock.

**Taxiphyllaceae** Ignatov

***Taxiphyllum*** M.Fleisch.

*Taxiphyllum densifolium* (Lindb. ex Broth.) Reimers (Papp, 2004).

*T. wissgrillii* (Garov.) Wijk & Margad – Loc.: 9; on rock.

**Pylaisiadelphaceae** Goffinet & W.R.Buck

***Platygyrium*** Schimp.

*Platygyrium repens* (Brid.) Schimp. – Loc.: 12; on soil.

**Pylaisiaceae** Schimp.

***Calliergonella*** Loeske

*Calliergonella cuspidata* (Hedw.) Loeske – Loc.: 8, 10; near stream, on wet soil.

\**C. lindbergii* (Mitt.) Hedenäs. – Loc.: 7; on wet soil.

***Pseudohygrohypnum*** Kanda

\**Pseudohygrohypnum eugyrium* (Schimp.) Kanda (Syn: *Hygrohypnum eugyrium* (Schimp.) Broth.) – Loc.: 2; near stream, on wet soil.

***Roaldia*** P.E.A.S.Câmara & Carv.-Silva

\**Roaldia revoluta* (Mitt.) P.E.A.S.Câmara & M.Carvalho-Silva (Syn: *Hypnum revolutum* (Mitt.) Lindb. – Loc.: 1; on soil.

**Hylocomiaceae** M. Fleisch.

***Hylocomiadelphus*** Ochyra & Stebel

*Hylocomiadelphus triquetrus* (Hedw.) Ochyra & Stebel (Syn: *Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus* (Hedw.) Warnst.) – Loc.: 5, 7, 8, 10; on soil.

***Hylocomium*** Schimp.

\**Hylocomium splendens* (Hedw.) Schimp. – Loc.: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10; on soil, on rock.

***Loeskeobryum*** Broth.

\**Loeskeobryum brevirostre* (Brid.) M.Fleisch. – Loc.: 2, 3, 10; on soil, on rock.

***Pleurozium*** Mitt.

*Pleurozium schreberi* (Willd. ex Brid.) Mitt. (Baydar & Özdemir, 1996).

***Rhytidiadelphus*** (Limpr.) Warnst.

*Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (Hedw.) Warnst. – Loc.: 8, 10; on soil.

**Rhytidiaceae** Broth.

***Rhytidium*** (Sull.) Kindb.

\**Rhytidium rugosum* (Ehrh. ex Hedw.) Kindb. – Loc.: 4, 7, 9, 10; on soil, on rock.

**Entodontaceae** Kindb.

***Entodon*** Müll. Hal.

\**Entodon concinnus* (De Not.) Paris. – Loc.: 2, 9; on soil.

\**E. schleicheri* (Schimp.) Demet. – Loc.: 2, 3, 6, 9, 12; on soil.

**Leucodontaceae** Schimp.

***Leucodon*** Schwägr.

*Leucodon immersus* Lindb. (Papp, 2004; Batan et al., 2021).

*L. sciuroides* (Hedw.) Schwägr. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11; on rock, on tree trunk.

**Neckeraceae** Schimp.

***Alleniella*** S.Olsson, Enroth & D.Quandt

*Alleniella besseri* (Lobarz.) S.Olsson, Enroth & D.Quandt (Syn: *Neckera besseri* (Lobarz.) Jur.) – Loc.: 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

*A. complanata* (Hedw.) S.Olsson, Enroth & D.Quandt. – Loc.: 1, 2, 4, 8, 12 on tree trunk.

***Exsertotheca*** S.Olsson, Enroth & D.Quandt

*Exsertotheca crispa* (Hedw.) S.Olsson, Enroth & D.Quandt (Syn: *Neckera crispa* Hedw.) – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

***Homalia*** (Brid.) Bruch & Schimp

*Homalia trichomanoides* (Hedw.) Brid. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

***Thamnobryum*** Nieuwl.

*Thamnobryum alopecurum* (Hedw.) Gangulee. – Loc.: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12; on wet soil, on wet rock.

***Pseudanomodon*** (Limpr.) Ignatov & Fedosov

*Pseudanomodon attenuatus* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Fedosov (Syn: *Anomodon attenuatus* (Hedw.) Huebener) – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12; on rock, on tree trunk.

**Lembophyllaceae** Broth.

***Heterocladium*** Bruch & Schimp.

▲\**Heterocladium heteropterum* (Brid.) Schimp. – Loc.: 1; on soil.

***Isothecium*** Brid.

*Isothecium alopecuroides* (Lam. ex Dubois) Isov. – Loc.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

*I. mysuroides* Brid. – Loc.: 1; on soil, on rock.

**Myuriaceae** M.Fleisch

***Ctenidium*** (Schimp.) Mitt.

*Ctenidium molluscum* (Hedw.) Mitt. – Loc.: 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12; on soil, on rock.

**Anomodontaceae** Kindb.

*Anomodon* Hook. & Taylor

*Anomodon rugelii* (Müll.Hal.) Keissl. (Papp, 2004).

*A. viticulosus* (Hedw.) Hook. & Taylor – Loc.: 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11; on soil, on rock.

Brachytheciaceae with 21 taxa in 12 genera and Pottiaceae with 16 taxa in 10 genera are the most species-rich families in the total bryoflora of Altındere Valley. Brachytheciaceae which includes pleurocarpous mosses constitutes one of the largest families of mosses. Its members grow in almost all substrates such as on soil, on rock, on tree bases and tree trunks, on decaying wood and also submerged in running water (Ignatov, 1998). In addition, pleurocarpous mosses are more sensitive to drought than acrocarpous mosses (Schofield, 2001). It is not surprising that the Brachytheciaceae is the largest family in the study area which has a very humid climate type. Because, forests floor where have more humid habitats provided shelters for colonisation of the hygrophytic Brachytheciaceae members in the study area.

The second large family in the bryoflora of Altındere Valley is Pottiaceae. This result is not surprising. Because, the acrocarpous moss family, comprising more than 1400 species, is characteristic of variable or harsh environments and is a dominant in several ecosystems such as mountain, alpine or arctic regions from moist to arid areas of the earth (Zander, 1993).

While *Plagiothecium* is the most species-rich genera with 7 species, *Mnium*, *Hypnum* and *Plagiomnium* are second largest genera in the Altındere Valley with six taxa each. Scapaniaceae with 6 species that all of them grow on wet soil are the most species-rich liverwort family in the study area.

The present study adds 71 new mosses and 12 new liverworts to bryoflora of Altındere Valley. And also 6 taxa (3 liverworts, 3 mosses) are new to A4 grid-square. Thus, the number of taxa in the bryoflora of Altındere Valley reached 232 with the present paper. However, 44 mosses and 18 liverworts which are recorded in previous studies from the study area were not detected in this study.

Altındere Valley has quite a variety of habitats such as mixed or pure forests of coniferous and broad-leaved trees, wet sites along rivers and streams. Habitat diversity and the variety of microhabitats in the study area has brought bryofloristic richness. These habitats in the study area could be damaged by human activities, which will result in decreasing of biodiversity. The most important

human activities observed are road, touristic facility and housing construction, tourism and recreation activities in the study area where Sumela Monastery is located. Every year, thousands of visitors come to the Sumela Monastery, and it is constantly increasing. While approximately one hundred thousand visitors came to Sumela Monastery a year before 2000, this number has increased to approximately seven hundred thousand recently (DKMG, 2019). Therefore, 44 mosses and 18 liverworts which are previously recorded the study area, which were not detected in the present study, may have overlooked during field studies or disappeared.

Eventually, richness the bryoflora of Altındere Valley which is a protected area reflected the typical very humid climate conditions and typical vegetation of the Black Sea Region in Turkey.

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The authors declare that no need to ethical approval.

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