

**Table S1.** Determining the pyrosequencing error rate using known *Panax quinquefolius* sequences as internal controls.

<i>Panax</i> <i>Quinquefolius</i> Sample Number	Length of Sample (bp)	Number of Reads	Base-Level Error Rate	Sequence-Level Error Rate
1	187	5263	1.30E-04	1.18E-02
2	350	124	9.22E-05	1.61E-02
3	174	2633	1.64E-04	2.58E-02
Average	237	2673	1.29E-04	1.79E-02