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Abstract: Allium dumanii Koyuncu & Koçyiğit, a new species in A. sect. Codonoprasum (Rchb.) Endl. from Kahramanmaraş and Malatya, Anatolia, is described and illustrated. It is compared with the possibly related A. armenum Boiss. & Kotschy. The karyomorphology of A. dumanii and A. armenum is also presented and discussed. The chromosome number of the new species is 2n = 16.

Key words: Allium, Allium sect. Codonoprasum, Amaryllidaceae, new species, taxonomy, chromosome number, Anatolia, Turkey

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Introduction

The genus Allium L. is the largest genus in Turkey, comprising about 220 taxa grouped into 14 sections; 86 taxa are endemic to the country (endemism rate 39.1%) (Kaya 2014; Özhatay & al. 2014). Allium has been treated in the family Liliaceae (s.l.) by Kollmann (1984). However, it is included in the family Amaryllidaceae according to The Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (2009). Allium sect. Codonoprasum (Rchb.) Endl., the second largest and the most taxonomically complicated section in Turkey, includes 55 taxa, of which 25 are endemic to the country (Koyuncu 2012; Koçyiğit & al. 2014). Recent taxonomic research in the genus has been mainly focused in the Mediterranean area, SW Asia and parts of C Asia and has resulted in the description of several new species and subspecies, increasing the number of Allium taxa to more than 900 worldwide (Brullo & Tzanoudakis 1994; Brullo & al. 2001; Brullo & al. 2008; Friesen 2008; Khashanov & al. 2011; Koçyiğit & Özhatay 2012; Khashanov & al. 2013; Tojibaev & al. 2014; Galo & al. 2015; Seregin 2015; Tzanoudakis & Trigas 2015). The above mentioned areas have been considered as the gene centre of the genus (Friesen 2008).

The new species was first collected in 1986 from Kahramanmaraş Province by Prof. H. Duman and was already mentioned by M. Koyuncu in an unpublished report of the project “Endemic Allium in Turkey” in 1994 (Koyuncu & Güvenç 1994). Later, in the Ph.D. thesis project by M. Koçyiğit “Taxonomic studies on the genus Allium (sect. Codonoprasum) in Turkey” performed in 2007–2010 under the supervision of Prof. N. Özhatay, some specimens were collected from Malatya Province and they were compared with the Kahramanmaraş specimens and other herbarium material. They were examined

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in detail morphologically and karyologically. Because of the simple filaments and absence of conspicuous nectaries on the ovary, they were determined as belonging to A. sect. *Codonoprasum*. The new species shows similarities with the Turkish endemic *A. armenum* Boiss. & Kotschy because it has persistent spathe valves shorter than or equalling the umbel, lax and globose inflorescence, campanulate perigon, and ovoid-globose ovary. A careful examination of herbarium specimens, however, revealed that the populations in fact differ from *A. armenum* in several morphological characters, particularly in the capsule and flower features. The material is described in the present paper as a species new to science, *Allium dumanii* Koyuncu & Koçyiğit.

**Material and methods**

The comparison of *Allium dumanii* with *A. armenum* was based on living material, herbarium specimens kept at AEF, E, G, ISTE and K (herbarium codes according to Thiers [continuously updated]) and on data derived from the available literature. Ten different bulbs of each species were investigated karyologically and 10–15 metaphase plates were studied. Chromosome counts were obtained from somatic metaphases using a standard squash technique (Koçyiğit & Bona 2013; Demirci & al. 2013). The karyomorphology of the new species was described and compared with that of *A. armenum*. The classification of chromosomes follows Levan & al. (1964).

**Results and Discussion**

*Allium dumanii* Koyuncu & Koçyiğit, **sp. nov.** – Fig. 1 & 2.


**Description** — Bulb ovoid, 1–1.5 × 0.4–0.8 cm; outer tunic greyish brown, papyraceous, without collar; inner tunic yellowish to dirty white, membranous; bulblets absent. Leaves 1 or 2(or 3), semicylindric, fistulose, canaliculate, 5–8 cm × 1–1.5 mm, longer than scape, glabrous. Leaf sheaths yellow, glabrous. Scape cylindrical, curved in upper part, 3–5(–10) cm × 0.8–1 mm, glabrous, not pruinose, covered for ½–¾ its length by leaf sheaths. Spathe valves 2, persistent, acuminate from a broader and connected base, slightly unequal, shorter than or equalling umbel, longer valve 6–10 mm long, shorter valve 5–8 mm long, both valves 3- or 4-nerved, margin entire. Inflorescence lax, globose, 1–1.5 cm in diam., 14–20-flowered; pedicels slender, filiform, almost equal, 3–6 mm long in flower, 8–10 mm long in fruit, pruinose. Perigon shortly campanulate; tepals

![Fig. 1. Allium dumanii – A: habit; B: inflorescence. – Turkey, B6 Malatya, Akçadağ, Kürecik, Harunuşağı Köyü, Kavurma Yaylası altı, 2200 m, 2 Aug 2008, photographed by Y. Yeşil (ISTE 87025).](https://bioone.org/journals/Willdenowia on 01 Aug 2019 Terms of Use: https://bioone.org/terms-of-use)
Fig. 2. Flower details of *Allium dumanii* (A) and *A. armenum* (B) – a: tepals and filaments; b: ovary; c: capsule; d: capsule valve; e: seed; f: spathe valves; g: anther. – Drawn by M. Koçyiğit: A from Y. Yeşil (ISTE 87025); B from M. Koçyiğit 108 (ISTE 87033).

Fig. 3. Distribution of *Allium dumanii* (*) and *A. armenum* (■) in Turkey.
purple-mauve, elliptic, equal, 2.5–3 × 0.8–1 mm, apex obtuse. Stamens exserted; filaments white, subulate, 3–3.5 mm long, c. 1.25 × perigon, connate with tepals at base in an annulus 0.4–0.5 mm high; anthers purple, ovate, 0.7–0.8 × 0.3–0.4 mm, apex rounded. Ovary ovoid-globose, shortly stipitate, 0.9–1 × 0.5–0.6 mm; style white, 3–3.2 mm long, c. 1.25 × stamens, c. 2 × perigon; stigma globose. Capsule globose-oblong, 2–2.5 × 1.5–2 mm. Seeds black, narrowly obovate, 1.9–2.4 × 0.4–0.6 mm, wrinkled.

**Phenology** — Flowering in August and September.

**Distribution and ecology** — Allium dumanii is endemic to Turkey and distributed in the Irano-Turanian phyto-geographical region. It grows on rocky slopes at altitudes of 1545–2300 m and is known from Kahramanmaraş (the type locality) and Malatya (Fig. 3).

**Etymology** — The new species is named after Hayri Duman, collector of the new species and Professor of Botany in the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Gazi University.

**Karyology** — The members of Allium sect. Codonoprasum are generally characterized by a uniform haploid chromosome complement consisting of eight ± median and submedian chromosomes (Özhatay 1984; Tzanoudakis 1986; Koçyiğit & Özhatay 2012). The results of the present study are more or less in agreement with the above statement: the diploid chromosome number was found to be the same (2n = 16) and only small morphological differences were observed on the karyotypes (Table 2). Allium dumanii resulted diploid with 2n = 16 chromosomes, showing a karyotype similar to that of A. armenum, as follows:

- **Allium dumanii**: karyotype formula 2n = 2x = 16 = 14m+2mSAT. Metaphase chromosome length 40.151–27.904 μm; total haploid chromosome length 134.856 μm ±0.92 (Fig. 4).
- **Allium armenum**: karyotype formula 2n = 2x = 16 = 14m+2sm. Metaphase chromosome length 35.972–26.272 μm; total haploid chromosome length 118.836 μm ±0.90 (Fig. 4).

**Taxonomic remarks** — Allium dumanii clearly belongs to A. sect. Codonoprasum because it has simple filaments, absence of conspicuous nectaries on the ovary, and two
opposite spathe valves, which are unequal with at least one shorter than the umbel or at most as long as the umbel. In some morphological features and in karyotype the new species is well differentiated from other similar taxa of this section. On the basis of the morphology of the spathe valves, perigon and ovary Allium dumanii shows similarities with Allium armenum, but differs in having yellowish to dirty-white inner bulb tunics, glabrous leaves, yellow and glabrous leaf sheaths, shorter scape, and purple-mauve and equal tepals. Also the flowering time of Allium dumanii (August-September) is later than that of Allium armenum (July-August). Despite both examined species sharing the same diploid chromosome number, Allium dumanii differs from Allium armenum in having 16 metacentric (m), one of which has a SAT chromosome. The morphological and karyological differences between the new species and Allium armenum are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.


Table 1. Comparison of the morphological characteristics of Allium dumanii and A. armenum.

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<th>Character</th>
<th>Allium dumanii</th>
<th>Allium armenum</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bulb</td>
<td>1–1.5 × 0.4–0.8 cm</td>
<td>1–1.2 × 0.8–1 cm</td>
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<td>Tunics</td>
<td>outer tunics greyish-brown, without collar; inner tunics yellowish to dirty white</td>
<td>outer tunics greyish black, prolonged into a collar 1.5–2 cm long; inner tunics white</td>
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<td>Leaves</td>
<td>1 or 2(or 3), 5–8 cm × 1–1.5 mm, longer than scape, glabrous</td>
<td>2 or 3(or 4), 6–10(–15) cm × 0.8–1 mm, longer than or sometimes equaling scape, scabrid</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leaf sheaths</td>
<td>yellow, glabrous</td>
<td>greenish purple, pruinose</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scape</td>
<td>curved in upper part, 3–5(–10) cm × 0.8–1 mm, not pruinose, covered for ½–⅔ its length by leaf sheaths</td>
<td>curved, (6–)8–25 cm × 0.8–1(–1.5) mm, pruinose, covered for c. ⅔ its length by leaf sheaths</td>
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<td>Spathe valves</td>
<td>longer valve 6–10 mm long; shorter valve 5–8 mm long</td>
<td>longer valve 10–20 mm long; shorter valve 5–15 mm long</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inflorescence</td>
<td>globose, 1–1.5 cm in diam., 14–20-flowered</td>
<td>almost globose, 2–3 cm in diam., 5–20-flowered</td>
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<td>Pedicels</td>
<td>almost equal, 3–6 mm long in flower</td>
<td>equal, 10–20 mm long in flower</td>
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<td>Perigon</td>
<td>shortly campanulate; tepals purple-mauve, equal, 2.5–3 × 0.8–1 mm</td>
<td>campanulate; tepals pinkish purple, unequal; inner ones 4–4.5 × 0.8–1 mm, outer ones 4–4.5 × 1.7–2 mm</td>
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<td>Stamens</td>
<td>filaments 3–3.5 mm long, connate with tepals at base in an annulus 0.4–0.5 mm high; anthers purple, 0.7–0.8 × 0.3–0.4 mm, apex rounded</td>
<td>filaments 4–4.5 mm long, connate with tepals at base in an annulus 0.8–1 mm high; anthers yellow when young, purple when mature, 0.9–1 × 0.4–0.6 mm, apex obtuse</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ovary and style</td>
<td>ovary ovoid-globose, 0.9–1 × 0.5–0.6 mm; style 3–3.2 mm long</td>
<td>ovary almost globose, 2.4–2.6 × 2–2.5 mm; style 4–4.5 mm long</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capsule</td>
<td>globose-oblong, 2–2.5 × 1.5–2 mm</td>
<td>almost globose, 3.8–4.5 × 3.5–4 mm</td>
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<td>Seeds</td>
<td>narrowly obovate, 1.9–2.4 × 0.4–0.6 mm</td>
<td>oblong, 1.7–2 × 0.7–0.9 mm</td>
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Table 2. Measurements of somatic chromosomes of Allium dumanii and A. armenum.

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<th>A1</th>
<th>A2</th>
<th>CVCI</th>
<th>CVCL</th>
<th>AI</th>
<th>Range of SC–LC [μm]</th>
<th>Ratio of SC/LC</th>
<th>Short arm length [μm]</th>
<th>Long arm length [μm]</th>
<th>CI</th>
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<tr>
<td>A. dumanii</td>
<td>0.186</td>
<td>0.123</td>
<td>5.393</td>
<td>12.272</td>
<td>0.662</td>
<td>13.95–20.08</td>
<td>1.439</td>
<td>7.51 (± 0.83)</td>
<td>9.35 (± 1.37)</td>
<td>0.45 (± 0.02)</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. armenum</td>
<td>0.308</td>
<td>0.108</td>
<td>8.725</td>
<td>10.849</td>
<td>0.947</td>
<td>12.66–17.99</td>
<td>1.421</td>
<td>6.02 (± 0.95)</td>
<td>8.84 (± 0.90)</td>
<td>0.40 (± 0.04)</td>
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A1 = intrachromosomal asymmetry index; A2 = interchromosomal asymmetry index; CVCI = coefficient of variation of centromeric index; CVCL = coefficient of variation of chromosome lengths; AI = karyotype asymmetry index; SC = shortest chromosome length; LC = longest chromosome length; CI = mean centromeric index; ± = standard deviation (for definitions see Paszko 2006).
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