

1 **Monoallelic methylation and allele specific expression in a social**
2 **insect**

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10 Abstract

11 **Background:** The social hymenoptera are emerging as models for epigenetics. In mammals and
12 flowering plants' epigenetics, methylation affects allele specific expression. There is contradictory
13 evidence for the role of methylation on allele specific expression and monoallelic methylation in
14 social insects. The aim of this paper is to investigate allele specific expression and monoallelic
15 methylation in the bumblebee, *Bombus terrestris*.

16 **Results:** We found nineteen genes that were both monoallelically methylated and monoalleli-
17 cally expressed. A number of these genes are involved in reproduction. Fourteen of these genes
18 express the hypermethylated allele, while the other five express the hypomethylated allele.

19 We also searched for allele specific expression in twenty-nine published RNA-seq libraries.
20 We found 555 loci with allele-specific expression.

21 **Conclusions:** Genomic imprinting in mammals often involves monoallelic methylation and
22 expression. It is tempting to associate our results with genomic imprinting, especially as a
23 number of the genes discovered are exactly the type predicted by theory to be imprinted. Caution
24 however should be applied due to the lack of understanding of the functional role of methylation
25 in gene expression in insects and in the as yet unquantified role of genetic cis effects in insect
26 allele specific methylation and expression.

27 **Keywords:** methylation, allele specific expression, hymenoptera, genomic imprinting

28 Background

29 Epigenetics is the study of heritable changes in gene expression that do not involve changes to
30 the underlying DNA sequence [1]. Social hymenoptera (ants, bees, and wasps) are important
31 emerging models for epigenetics [2, 3, 4, 5]. This is due to theoretical predictions for a role for an
32 epigenetic phenomenon, genomic imprinting, in their social organisation [6], the recent discovery
33 of parent-of-origin allele specific expression in honeybees [7], and data showing a fundamental
34 role in social insect biology for DNA methylation, an epigenetic marker [8]. Genomic imprinting
35 is allele specific expression in diploid individuals, where expression is dependent on the sex of
36 the parent from which an allele was inherited [9]. In mammals and flowering plants, genomic
37 imprinting is often associated with methylation marks passed from parents to offspring [10].

38 However the presence of allele specific expression and methylation does not necessarily mean
39 an epigenetic process is involved. Allele specific expression, and DNA methylation, can be due
40 to processes other than genomic imprinting. Allele specific expression is known to be caused by
41 a number of genetic as well as epigenetic processes [11]. The genetic process usually involves cis
42 effects such as transcription factor binding sites, or less often, untranslated regions which alter
43 RNA stability or microRNA binding [12]. As well as genomic imprinting, DNA methylation is
44 also involved in cellular differentiation [13]. Allele specific methylation can also be affected by
45 the allele's genotype as well as epigenetics [14].

46 There is contradictory evidence for the role of methylation on allele specific expression and
47 monoallelic methylation in social insects. Methylation is associated with allele specific expression
48 in a number of loci in the ants *Camponotus floridanus* and *Harpegnathos saltator* [15]. Recently,
49 we found evidence for allele specific expression in bumblebee worker reproduction genes [16]
50 and that methylation is important in bumblebee worker reproduction [17]. However, other work
51 on the honeybee *Apis mellifera* found no link between potentially imprinted loci and known
52 methylation sites in that species [18].

53 The aim of this paper is to investigate allele specific expression and monoallelic methylation
54 in the bumblebee, *Bombus terrestris*. The recently sequenced genome of the bumblebee, *Bom-*

55 *bus terrestris* displays a full complement of genes involved in the methylation system [19]. An
56 extreme form of imprinting involves monoallelic expression (one allele is completely silenced).
57 In the canonical mammal and flowering plant systems, this is often associated with monoal-
58 lelic methylation. In this paper, we examined the link between monoallelic methylation and
59 monoallelic expression in the bumblebee, *Bombus terrestris*, by examining two whole methy-
60 lome libraries and an RNA-seq library from the same bee. MeDIP-seq is an immunoprecipitation
61 technique that creates libraries enriched for methylated cytosines [20]. Methyl-sensitive restric-
62 tion enzymes can create libraries that are enriched for non-methylated cytosines (MRE-seq)
63 [20]. Genes found in both libraries are monoallelically methylated, with the hypermethylated
64 allele being in the MeDIP-seq data and the hypomethylated allele in the MRE-seq data [20].
65 Monoallelic expression was identified in these loci from the RNA-seq library. If only one allele
66 was expressed then we knew that these loci were both monoallelically methylated and monoal-
67 lelically expressed in this bee. We confirmed this monoallelic expression in one locus using
68 qPCR.

69 We then more generally searched for allele specific expression by analysing twenty nine
70 published RNA-seq libraries from worker bumblebees [21, 22]. We identified heterozygotes in
71 the RNA-seq libraries and measured the expression of each allele. We then identified loci that
72 showed significant expression differences between their two alleles.

73 Results

74 In total, we found nineteen genes that were both monoallelically methylated (present in both
75 Me-DIP and MRE-seq libraries) and monoallelically expressed (only one allele present in the
76 RNA-seq library), for an example see *Bicaudal-D* in Figure 1. Of the nineteen genes, fourteen
77 had the hypermethylated (MeDIP) allele expressed, while five had the hypomethylated (MRE-
78 seq) allele expressed (see supplementary table 1).

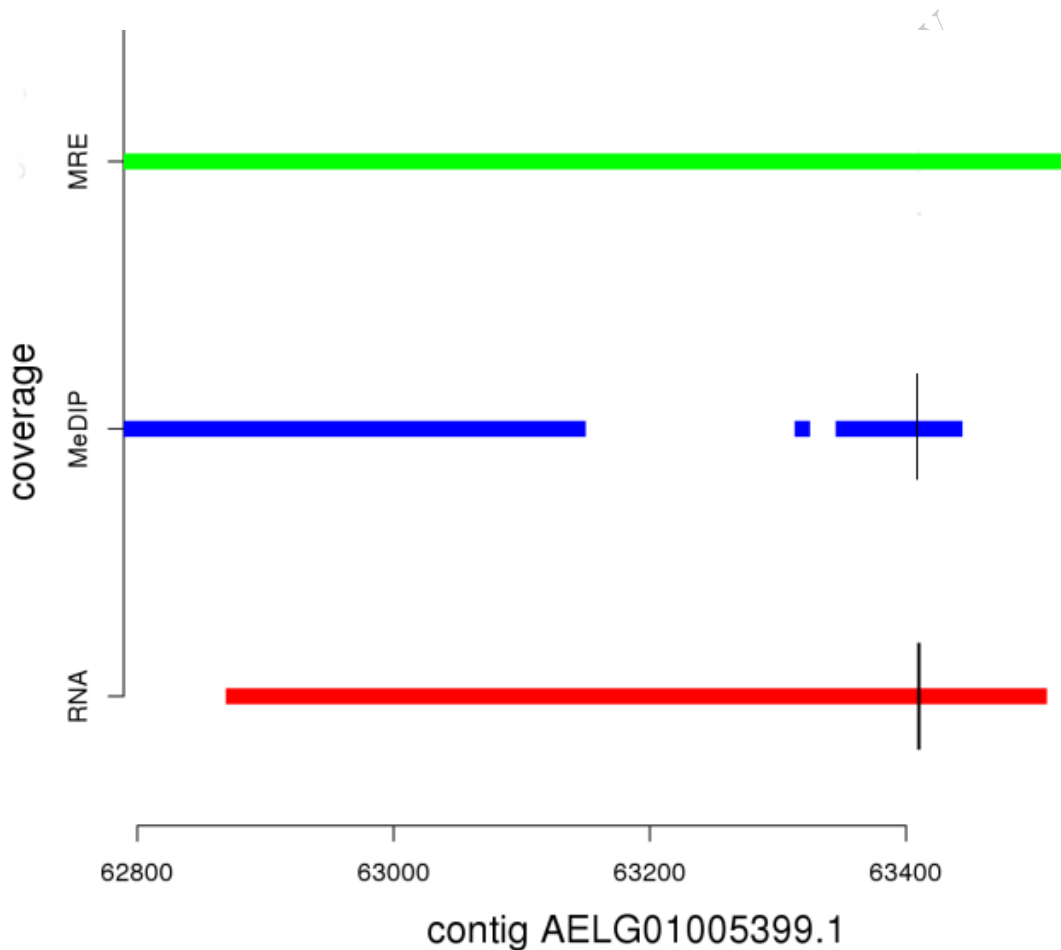


Figure 1: **Coverage of three libraries for bicaudal d.** Horizontal lines represent available reads for each library over this genomic range (x-axis). The vertical line shows the position of the snp and which genomic library shares the same allele.

79 Monoallelic expression was confirmed in one of these nineteen (*slit homolog 2 protein-like*

80 (AELG01000623.1)) by allele specific qPCR [16]. The allele with a guanine at the snp position
81 had a mean expression of 6.04 ± 8.28 (standard deviation) in four bees from three different
82 colonies. The thymine allele was not expressed at all in these bees. This was not due to the
83 efficiency of the primers as the DNA controls of both alleles showed similar amplification (G
84 mean = 422.70 ± 507.36 , T mean = 1575.17 ± 503.02). In the three other loci tested (*Ras*
85 *GTPase-activating protein 1*, *Ecdysone receptor*, *methionine aminopeptidase 1-like*) we found
86 apparent monoallelic expression, but could not dismiss primer efficiency as the cause.

87 The nineteen genes were blasted against the nr/nt database (blastn). Four returned no hits
88 and a further four returned noninformative hits. A number of these genes had homologs known
89 to be methylated in other animals (Table 1). Six of the eleven genes with informative hits have
90 functions to do with social organisation in the social insects (Table 1).

91 We then looked at these nineteen genes in twenty-nine previously published RNA-seq li-
92 braries. Fifteen of these nineteen genes expressed a single allele in all twenty nine RNA-seq li-
93 braries, see supplementary table 2. The remaining four genes (AELG01000620.1, AELG01001021.1,
94 AELG01002224.1a, AELG01002224.1b) were inconsistent; they showed expression of one allele
95 in some *B. terrestris* workers, and expression of two alleles in other workers.

96 We then searched more generally for allele specific expression in the twenty-nine RNA-seq
97 libraries. 555 loci showed allele-specific expression in ≥ 3 of the 29 RNA-seq libraries (supple-
98 mentary table 3). Blasting (Blastn) these loci against *Bombus terrestris* returned 211 hits. To
99 search for gene ontology terms, we blasted (blastx) against *Drosophila melanogaster*, which re-
100 turned 329 hits. One hundred and fifty-one Gene Ontology(GO) terms were enriched in the
101 555 regions showing allele specific expression (Fishers exact test $p > 0.05$), however none were
102 significant at the more stringent FDR > 0.05 . Figure 2 shows the large number of biological
103 functions associated with these 555 genes.

Gene	Accession	Expressed allele	Function
<i>yippee-like 1</i>	AELG01001021.1	MeDIP	Yippee is an intracellular protein with a zinc-finger like domain. DNA methylation of a CpG island near the <i>yippee-like 3</i> promoter in humans represents a possible epigenetic mechanism leading to decreased gene expression in tumours [23].
<i>slit homolog 2</i>	AELG01000623.1	MeDIP	Slit is produced by midline glia in insects and is involved in cell projection during development [24]. All three human Slits were found to be hypermethylated in hepatocellular carcinoma cell lines [25].
<i>protein-like methionine aminopeptidase 1-like</i>	AELG01000544.1	MeDIP	Methionine aminopeptidases catalyse N-terminal methionine removal [26]. MAP1D in humans was found to be potentially oncogenic [26].
<i>calmodulin-lysine N-methyltransferase-like</i>	AELG01003672.1	MRE	Calmodulin-lysine N-methyltransferase catalyses the trimethylation of a lysine residue of calmodulin. Calmodulin is a ubiquitous, calcium-dependent, eukaryotic signalling protein with a large number of interactors. The methylation state of calmodulin causes phenotypic changes in growth and developmental processes [27].
<i>Ecdysone receptor</i>	AELG01000543.1	MRE	In <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> , ecdysone receptor interacts with ecdysone to activate a series of ecdysteroid genes [28]. In honeybees, <i>Ecdysone receptor</i> is expressed in the brain mushroom bodies of both workers and queens and ovaries of queens [28].
<i>Shaker</i>	AELG01001021.1	MeDIP	Shaker is involved in the operation of potassium ion channel. <i>Shaker</i> expression was upregulated in sterile versus reproductive honeybee workers [29].
<i>excitatory amino acid transporter 4-like</i>	AELG01000969.1	MRE	Excitatory amino acid transporters are neurotransmitter transporters. <i>Excitatory amino acid transporter 3</i> expression was upregulated in sterile honeybee workers [29]. <i>Excitatory amino acid transporter 1</i> expression differences were also associated with worker - queen differentiation in the paper wasp <i>Polistes metricus</i> [30].
<i>elongation of very long chain fatty acids protein 6-like</i>	AELG01004467.1	MeDIP	The timing of the upregulation of fatty acid metabolism was found to be different in queen and worker honeybees [31].
<i>ras GTPase-activating protein nGAP-like</i>	AELG01004618.1	MeDIP	<i>Ras GTPase-activating protein 1</i> was found to be upregulated in reproductive honeybee workers [29]. It is involved in oocyte meiosis.
<i>bicaudal D-related protein homolog</i>	AELG01005399.1	MeDIP	Bicaudal is involved in embryonic pattern formation in <i>Drosophila</i> [32]. It is thought to be involved in the differentiation between soldiers and workers in the termite <i>Reticulitermes flavipes</i> [33]. <i>Bicaudal protein D</i> has been shown to be methylated more in eggs than sperm in honeybees [34].

Table 1: The eleven of the nineteen monoallelically methylated and expressed genes that returned informative blast hits.

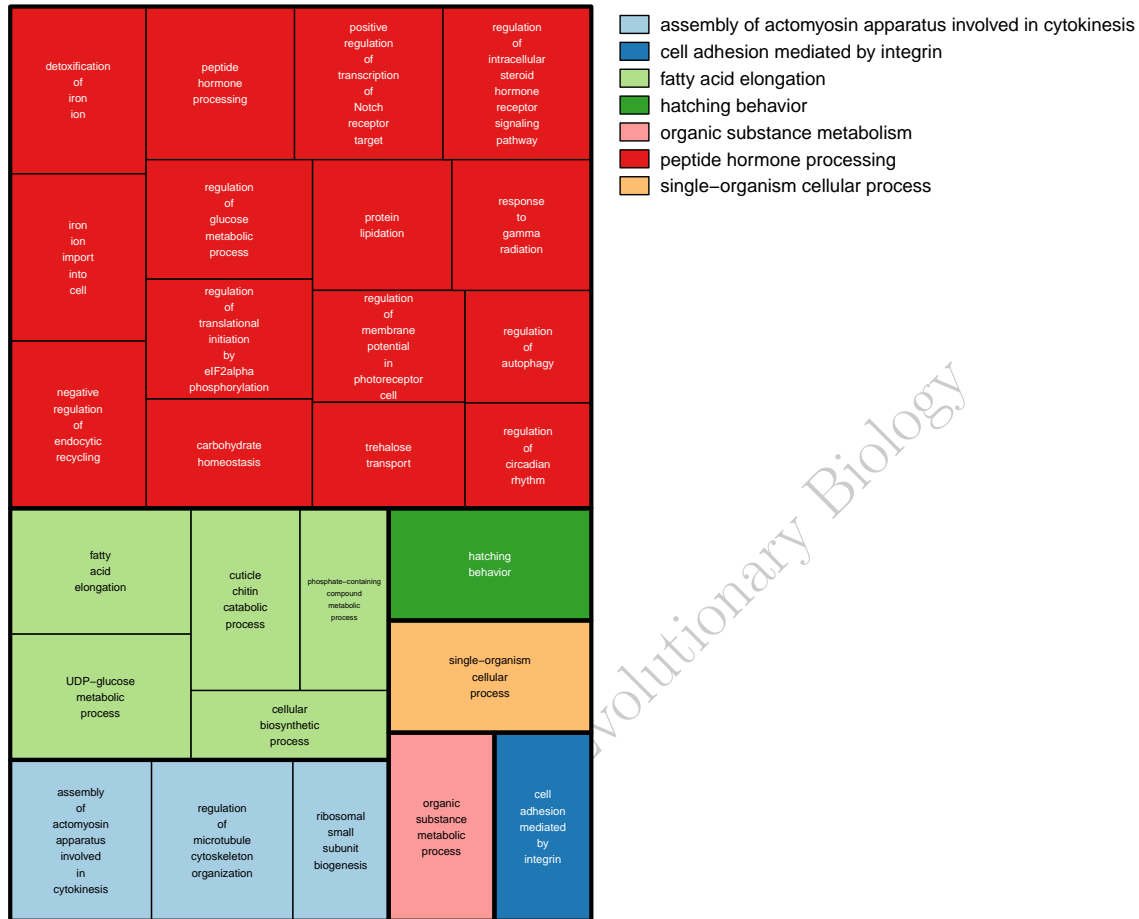


Figure 2: **GO terms associated with allele specific expression.** A summary of the enriched GO terms ($p < 0.05$, based on Blast2Go annotation) found for genes displaying allele specific expression. This figure was produced using Revigo

104 Discussion

105 Of the nineteen genes displaying monoallelic methylation and monoallelic expression, fourteen
 106 had the hypermethylated (MeDIP) allele expressed, while five had the hypomethylated (MRE-
 107 seq) allele expressed (see supplementary table 1). In ant genes with allele specific methylation,
 108 the hypermethylated allele showed more expression than the hypomethylated allele [15]. This fits
 109 with genome wide analysis that shows exonic methylation in insects associated with increased
 110 gene expression [35, 36]. Our fourteen genes with the hypermethylated allele expressed agree

111 with this pattern. But how to explain the five genes where the hypomethylated allele was
112 expressed? Firstly, the role of methylation in insect gene expression is not clear cut, with the
113 relationship between exonic methylation and expression often disappearing at the gene level [36].
114 Secondly, even in the canonical mammalian methylation system, the "wrong" allele has been
115 shown to be expressed occasionally due to lineage specific effects [37, 38, 39, 40, 41].

116 We then looked at the expression of these nineteen genes in all twenty-nine RNA-seq libraries.
117 If they are monoallelically expressed in these bees, we would find only one allele in a given
118 RNA-seq library. Fifteen of these nineteen genes were confirmed to show a single allele in all
119 twenty-nine RNA-seq libraries. We would also find only one allele if that bee was homozygous.
120 We can not rule out that these fifteen genes just happen to be homozygous in all twenty-nine
121 bees from five different colonies from multiple sources, although this seems unlikely. This result
122 suggests that the finding in the monoallelic analysis can be generalized.

123 The remaining four genes showed inconsistent expression with one allele being expressed in
124 some *B. terrestris* workers, and expression of two alleles in other workers. Natural intraspecific
125 variation in imprinting has been found in other species [42]. Another explanation is that these
126 loci are not imprinted but rather their allele specific expression is derived from genetic effects
127 [43].

128 There are three main genetic, as opposed to epigenetic, effectors of allele specific expression
129 [44]. Allele specific expression can be caused by differences in the alleles' sequence within the
130 translated part resulting in a modified protein. A change at the alleles' cis regulatory sites, could
131 cause differential binding of transcription factors. Transcript processing can be affected by a
132 change in the alleles' sequence a splice site or untranslated region. This large number of possible
133 causes of allele specific expression could explain why we see so many functions associated with
134 the 555 genes showing allele specific expression (Figure 2).

135 But it is not just allele specific expression that may have genetic as well as epigenetic effects.
136 It has been shown in humans that some allele specific methylation is determined by DNA
137 sequence in cis and therefore shows Mendelian inheritance patterns [14]. An extreme example

138 of genetically controlled allele specific methylation is found in *Nasonia* wasps, where there is no
139 evidence for methylation driven genomic imprinting, but inheritable cis-mediated allele specific
140 methylation has been found [45]. This cis-mediated methylation has recently been suggested as
141 being important in social insect biology [43, 46].

142 We have found that allele specific expression is widespread in the bumblebee. We have also
143 found that the extreme version of allele specific expression, monoallelic expression is associated
144 with monoallelic methylation. Genomic imprinting in mammals usually involves monoallelic
145 methylation and expression. It is tempting to associate our results with genomic imprinting,
146 especially as a number of the genes discovered are exactly the type predicted by theory to
147 be imprinted [6]. Caution however should be applied due to the lack of understanding of the
148 functional role of methylation in gene expression in insects and in the as yet unquantified role
149 of genetic cis effects in insect allele specific methylation and expression.

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150 Materials and Methods

151 Samples

152 Data from twenty-nine RNA-seq libraries were used for the allele specific expression analysis
153 (six from Harrison *et al.* [21], and twenty-three from Riddell *et al.* [22]. The Riddell bees
154 came from two colonies, one commercially reared bumblebee colony from Koppert Biological
155 Systems U.K. and one colony from a wild caught queen from the botanic gardens, Leicester.
156 The Harrison bees were from three commercially reared colonies obtained from Agralan Ltd.
157 A Koppert colony worker bee was used for the MeDIP-seq / MRE-seq / RNA-seq experiment,
158 and was from a separate Koppert colony to the bees used for the qPCR analysis. Samples are
159 outlined in Table 2. Colonies were fed *ad libitum* with pollen (Percie du sert, France) and 50 %
160 diluted glucose/fructose mix (Meliose Roquette, France). Before and during the experiments
161 colonies were kept at 26°C and 60% humidity in constant red light.

Table 2: **Bees used in each experiment.** K refers to Koppert, A to Agralan and Q to the wild caught Leicester queen.

Experiment	Number	Colony
Allele specific expression RNA-seq	1	A1
	2	A2
	2	A3
	1	K1
	14	K2
	9	Q1
MeDip/MRE/RNA-seq	1	K1
qPCR	2	K3
	1	K4
	1	K5

162 **Next generation sequencing**

163 **MeDIP-seq, MRE-seq and RNA-seq**

164 RNA and DNA was extracted from a single five day old whole bee (Colony K2). DNA was
165 extracted using an ethanol precipitation method. Total RNA was extracted using Tri-reagent
166 (Sigma-Aldrich, UK).

167 Three libraries were prepared from this bee by Eurofins genomics. These were MeDIP-seq
168 and MRE-seq libraries on the DNA sample and one amplified short insert cDNA library with
169 size of 150-400 bp using RNA. Both the MeDIP-seq and MRE-seq library preparations are
170 based on previously published protocols [20]. MeDIP-seq uses monoclonal antibodies against 5-
171 methylcytosine to enrich for methylated DNA independent of DNA sequence. MRE-seq enriches
172 for unmethylated cytosines by using methylation-sensitive enzymes that cut only restriction sites
173 with unmethylated CpGs. Each library was individually indexed. Sequencing was performed on
174 an Illumina HiSeq2000 instrument (Illumina, Inc.) by the manufacturers protocol. Multiplexed
175 100 base paired-read runs were carried out yielding 9390 Mbp for the MeDIP-seq library, 11597
176 Mbp for the MRE-seq library and 8638 Mbp for the RNA-seq library.

177 **Previously published RNA-seq**

178 Full details of the RNA-seq protocols used have been published previously [21, 22]. Briefly, for
179 the Riddell bees, total RNA was extracted from twenty three individual homogenised abdomens
180 using Tri-reagent (Sigma-Aldrich, UK). TruSeq RNA-seq libraries were made from the 23 sam-
181 ples at NBAF Edinburgh. Multiplexed 50 base single-read runs was performed on an Illumina
182 HiSeq2000 instrument (Illumina, Inc.) by the manufacturers protocol. For the Harrison bees,
183 total RNA was extracted from whole bodies using a GenElute Mammalian Total RNA Miniprep
184 kit (Sigma-Aldrich) following the manufacturers' protocol. The six libraries were sequenced as
185 multiplexed 50 base single-read runs on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 system in rapid mode at the
186 Edinburgh Genomics facility of the University of Edinburgh.

187 **Monoallelic methylation and expression - Bioinformatic analysis**

188 We searched for genes that were monoallelically methylated (present in both methylation li-
189 braries), heterozygous and monoallelically expressed (only one allele present in the RNA-seq
190 library).

191 **Alignment and bam refinement**

192 mRNA reads were aligned to the *Bombus terrestris* genome assembly (AELG00000000) using
193 Tophat [47] and converted to bam files with Samtools [48]. Reads were labelled with the AddOr-
194 ReplaceReadGroups.jar utility in Picard (<http://picard.sourceforge.net/>). The MRE-seq
195 and MeDIP-seq reads were aligned to the genome using BWA mapper [49]. The resultant sam
196 alignments were soft-clipped with the CleanSam.jar utility in Picard and converted to bam for-
197 mat with Samtools. The Picard utility AddOrReplaceReadGroups.jar was used to label the
198 MRE and MeDIP reads which were then locally re-aligned with GATK [50, 51]. PCR duplicates
199 for all bams (mRNA, MeDIP and MRE) were marked with the Picard utility Markduplicates.jar.

200 **Identifying regions of interest and integrating data**

201 Coverage of each data type was calculated using GATK DepthofCoverage [51]. Only regions
202 with a read depth of at least six in each of the libraries (RNA-seq, MeDIP-seq and MRE-seq)
203 was used. Heterozygotes were identified using Samtools mpileup and bcftools on each data set
204 separately [49] and results were merged with vcf tools [52]. CpG islands were identified using
205 CpG island searcher [53]. Regions of mRNA with overlaps of MeDIP, MRE, CpG islands and
206 monoallelic snps were identified with custom perl scripts.

207 **Allele specific expression - Bioinformatic analysis**

208 We created a pipeline to search for heterozygous loci that show allele specific expression and
209 identify the associated enriched gene ontology (GO) terms in twenty-nine previously published
210 RNA-seq libraries [21, 22].

211 Each RNA library was mapped to the *Bombus terrestris* reference genome (Bter 1.0, accession
212 AELG00000000.1) [19] using the BWA mapper [49]. The mean GC content of the 29 libraries
213 was 42.34%, with individual libraries having a similar GC content ranging from 40-46%. GC
214 content differed with run (Nested ANOVA: $F = 20.302$, $df = 1$, $p < 0.001$), but not by colony
215 (Nested ANOVA: $F = 1.763$, $df = 4$, $p = 0.171$). The mean coverage of the 29 libraries was
216 13.29, with mean library coverage ranging from 9.84 to 17.61. Run had an effect on coverage
217 (Nested ANOVA: $F = 7.554$, $df = 1$, $p = 0.011$), as did colony (Nested ANOVA: $F = 6.962$, df
218 $= 4$, $p < 0.001$).

219 Therefore, the combat method in the R package SVA (version 3.20.0) was used to remove
220 any batch effects and control for original differences in coverage [54, 55]. The success of this
221 control was confirmed by the R package edgeR (version 3.14.0) [56, 57]. The SVA adjustment
222 reduced the edgeR dispersion value from 3.9994 (BCV=2) to 0 (BCV=0.0003) (supplementary
223 figure 1).

224 Bcftools (version 0.1.19-44428cd), bedtools (version 2.17.0), and samtools (version 0.1.19-
225 44428cd) were used to prepare the RNA libraries and call the SNPs, before the SNPs were
226 filtered based on mapping quality score [49, 58]. Only SNPs with a mapping quality score of p
227 < 0.05 and a read depth of ≥ 6 were included in the analyses. The R package, QuASAR, was then
228 used to identify genotypes (according to the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium) and locate any allele
229 specific expression at heterozygous sites [59]. QuASAR removes snps with extreme differential
230 allele expression from the analyses, thus controlling for any base-calling errors. The loci (the
231 snp position +/- 2900bp) identified as showing ASE in at least three of the thirty libraries, were
232 blasted (Blastx) against *Drosophila melanogaster* proteins (non-redundant (nr) database) [60].
233 The blast results were annotated using Blast2Go [61]. Fisher's exact test was implemented to
234 identify enriched GO terms, which were then visualised using REVIGO [62]. To identify which
235 bumblebee genes the snps were located in, the snp position +/- 25 bp was blasted (Blastn)
236 against the *Bombus terrestris* genome [19].

237 Candidate gene allele specific qPCR

238 DNA was extracted from four bees from three Koppert colonies using the Qiagen DNA Micro kit
239 according to manufacturer's instructions. RNA was extracted from samples of the heads of the
240 same worker bees with the QIAGEN RNeasy Mini Kit according to manufacturer's instructions.
241 cDNA was synthesized from a 8µl sample of RNA using the Tetro cDNA synthesis Kit (Bioline)
242 as per manufacturer's instructions.

243 We amplified numerous fragments of the 19 candidate genes. Sanger sequencing results
244 were analyzed using the heterozygote analysis module in Geneious version 7.3.0 to identify
245 heterozygotic nucleotide positions. It was difficult to identify snps in exonic regions of the 19
246 loci, which could be amplified with primers of suitable efficiency. We managed to identify a
247 suitable region in *slit homolog 2 protein-like* (AELG01000623.1 exonic region 1838-2420).

248 The locus was run for 3 different reactions; T allele, G allele and reference. Reference primers
249 were designed according to [63]. A common reverse primer (CTGGTCCCGTCCAATCTAA)
250 was used for all three reactions. A reference forward primer (CGTGTCCAGAATCGACAATG)
251 was designed to the same target heterozygote sequence, upstream of the heterozygote nucleotide
252 position. The reference primers measure the total expression of the gene, whereas the allele
253 specific primers (T allele: CCAGAATCGACAATGACTCGT, G allele: CAGAATCGACAAT-
254 GACTCGG) measure the amount of expression due to the allele. Thus the ratio between the
255 allele specific expression and reference locus expression would be the relative expression due to
256 the allele.

257 Three replicate samples were run for each reaction. All reactions were prepared by the
258 Corbett robotics machine, in 96 well qPCR plates (Thermo Scientific, UK). The qPCR reaction
259 mix (20µl) was composed of 1µl of diluted cDNA (50ng/µl), 1µl of forward and reverse primer
260 (5µM/µl each), 10µl 2X SYBR Green JumpStart Taq ReadyMix (Sigma Aldrich, UK) and 7µl
261 ddH₂O. Samples were run in a PTC-200 MJ thermocycler. The qPCR profile was; 4 minutes at
262 95°C denaturation followed by 40 cycles of 30s at 95°C, 30s at 59°C and 30s at 72°C and a final
263 extension of 5 minutes at 72°C.

264 Forward primers are different, both in their terminal base (to match the snp) and in their
265 length. It is entirely possible that they may amplify more or less efficiently even if there was
266 no difference in amount of template [64]. To test for this we repeated all qPCRs with genomic
267 DNA (1µl of diluted DNA (20ng/µl) from the same bees as the template. We would expect
268 equal amounts of each allele in the genomic DNA. We also measured efficiency of each reaction
269 as per [65].

270 Median C_t was calculated for each set of three technical replicates. A measure of relative
271 expression (ratio) was calculated for each allele in each worker bee as follows:

$$ratio_{allele} = \frac{E_{allele}^{-C_{t_{allele}}}}{E_{reference}^{-C_{t_{reference}}}} \quad (1)$$

272 E is the median efficiency of each primer set [64, 65]. All statistical analysis was carried out
273 using R (3.1.0) [66].

274 **Ethical declaration**

275 The protocol reported here conforms to the regulatory requirements for animal experimentation
276 in the United Kingdom.

277 **Data accessibility**

278 All sequence data for this study are archived at European Nucleotide Archive (ENA); Accession
279 no. PRJEB9366 (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/PRJEB9366>), x, x. GO-analysis results
280 and lists of differentially expressed transcripts are available as Supporting Information.

281 **Competing interests**

282 The authors declare they have no competing interests.

283 **Author contributions**

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516 **Figure and table legends**

517 **Table 1. The eleven of the nineteen monoallelically methylated and expressed**
518 **genes that returned informative blast hits.**

519 **Figure 1. Coverage of three libraries for bicaudal d.** Horizontal lines represent available
520 reads for each library over this genomic range (x-axis). The vertical line shows the position
521 of the snp and which genomic library shares the same allele.

522 **Figure 2. GO terms associated with allele specific expression.** A summary of the
523 enriched GO terms (p <0.05, based on Blast2Go annotation) found for genes displaying
524 allele specific expression. This figure was produced using Revigo

525 **Table 2. Bees used in each experiment.** K refers to Koppert, A to Agralan and Q to the
526 wild caught Leicester queen.

527 **Supporting information legends**

528 **Table S1. Nineteen genes showing both monoallelic methylation and monoallelic**
529 **expression.** Blast results and genomic coordinates of the reads from the RNA-seq, MRE-
530 seq and MeDip-seq libraries.

531 **Table S2. Confirmation of single allele expression of nineteen monoallelically ex-**
532 **pressed genes in twenty-nine previously published transcriptomes.** For each of
533 the 19 contigs are the previously published RNA-seq libraries with associated read counts.

534 **Table S3. 555 genes showing allele specific expression in at least three of the**
535 **29 previously published RNA-seq libraries.** This table details the blast results
536 from both the bumblebee and drosophila genomes and the GO terms associated with the
537 drosophila hits.

538 **Figure S1. Biological coefficient of variation (BCV) of a) raw data, and b) SVA-**
539 **adjusted data for the 29 RNA-seq *Bombus terrestris* libraries**

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