2 Comparison of village dog and wolf genomes highlights
3 the pivotal role of the neural crest in dog domestication

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Abstract

Background: Dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) were domesticated from gray wolves between 10-40 kya in Eurasia, yet details surrounding the process of domestication remain unclear. The vast array of phenotypes exhibited by dogs mirror other domesticated animal species, a phenomenon known as the Domestication Syndrome. Here, we use signatures persisting in the dog genome to identify genes and pathways altered by the intensive selective pressures of domestication.

Results: We identified 246 candidate domestication regions containing 10.8Mb of genome sequence and 178 genes through whole-genome SNP analysis of 43 globally distributed village dogs and 10 wolves. Comparisons with ancient dog genomes suggest that these regions reflect signatures of domestication rather than breed formation. The strongest hit is located in the *Retinoic Acid-Induced 1* (*RAI1*) gene, mutations of which cause Smith-Magenis syndrome. The identified regions contain a significant enrichment of genes linked to neural crest cell migration, differentiation and development. Read depth analysis suggests that copy number variation played a minor role in dog domestication.

Conclusion: Our results indicate that phenotypes distinguishing domesticated dogs from wolves, such as tameness, smaller jaws, floppy ears, and diminished craniofacial development, are determined by genes which act early in embryogenesis. These differences are all phenotypes of the Domestication Syndrome, which can be explained by decreases in neural crest cells at these sites. We propose that initial selection during early dog domestication was for behavior, a trait also influenced by genes which act in the neural crest, which secondarily gave rise to the phenotypes of modern dogs.

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Background

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The process of animal domestication by humans was complex and multi-staged,

resulting in the disparate appearances and behaviors of domesticates relative to their

wild ancestors [1–3]. In 1868, Darwin noted that numerous traits are shared among

domesticated animal species, an observation that has since been classified as the

"Domestication Syndrome" (DS) [4]. DS is a phenomenon where diverse phenotypes

are shared among phylogenetically distinct domesticated species but absent in their

wild ancestors. Such traits include increased tameness, shorter muzzles/snouts, smaller

teeth, more frequent estrous cycles, floppy ears, reduced brain size, depigmentation of

skin or fur, and loss of hair.

During the domestication process, the most desired traits are subject to selection. This

selection process may result in detectable genetic signatures such as alterations in

allele frequencies [5–11], amino acid substitution patterns [12–14], and linkage

disequilibrium patterns [15,16]. Though numerous genome selection scans have been

performed within a variety of domesticated animal taxa [5–11,17], no single

"domestication gene" shared across domesticates has been identified [18,19]. However,

in the context of DS, this is not unexpected given more than a dozen diverse behavioral

and complex physical traits fall under the syndrome. Based on the specific range of

traits associated with DS, it is likely that numerous genes with pleiotropic effects likely

contribute through mechanisms which act early in organismal development [18,19]. For

this reason, the putative role of the neural crest in domestication has gained traction.

While embryonic neural crest cells are the progenitors of most of the adult vertebrate

body, these cells also influence behavior. Functions of the adrenal and pituitary

systems, also derived from neural crest cells, influence aggression and the "fight or

flight" behavioral reactions, and have found to be differentially affected in domesticates

[20].

No domestic animal has shared more of its evolutionary history in direct contact with

humans than the dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*), living alongside humans for tens of

thousands of years since domestication from its ancestor the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*).

Despite numerous studies, vigorous debate still persist regarding the location, timing,

and number of dog domestication events [21–25]. Several studies using related

approaches have attempted to identify genomic regions which are highly differentiated

between dogs and wolves, with the goal of identifying candidate targets of selection

during domestications (candidate domestication regions, CDRs). In these studies breed

dogs either fully or partially represented dog genetic diversity [24,26–29]. Most modern

breeds arose ~300 years ago [30] and thus contain only a small portion of the genetic

diversity found among the vast majority of extant dogs. Instead, semi-feral village dogs

are the most abundant and genetically diverse modern dog populations, and have

undergone limited targeted selection by humans since initial domestication [22,31].

These two dog groups represent products of two severe bottlenecks in the evolution of

the domestic dog, the first resulting from the initial domestication of gray wolves, and

the second from modern breed formation [32,33]. Studies based on breed dogs may

therefore confound signatures associated with these two events. Indeed, we recently

reported [34] that neither ancient nor modern village dogs could be genetically

distinguished from wolves at 18 of 30 previously identified CDRs [26,27]. Furthermore,

most of these studies employed empirical outlier approaches wherein the extreme tail of

differentiated loci are assumed to differ due to the action of selection [35]. Freedman et

al. [29], extended these studies through the use of a simulated demographic history to

identify loci whose variability is unlikely to result from a neutral population history of

bottlenecks and migration.

In this study, we reassess candidate domestication regions in dogs using genome

sequence data from a globally diverse collection of village dogs and wolves. First, using

methods previously applied to breed dog samples, we show that the use of semi-feral

village dogs better captures dog genetic diversity and identifies loci more likely to be

truly associated with domestication. Next, we perform a scan for CDRs in village dogs

utilizing the XP-CLR statistic, refine our results by including haplotypes from ancient

dogs, and present a revised set of pathways altered during dog domestication. Finally,

we perform a scan for copy-number differences between village dogs and wolves, and

identify additional copy-number variation at the starch-metabolizing gene *amylase-2b*

(*AMY2b*) that is independent of the *AMY2b* tandem expansion previously found in dogs

[26,36–38].

Results

Use of village dogs eliminates bias in domestication scans associated with breed

formation

Comparison using F_{ST} outlier approaches

We adapted methods from previous selection scan studies in dogs to determine the

impact of sample choice (i.e. breed versus village dogs) on the detection of selective

sweeps associated with early domestication pressures. We employed sliding window

selection scan methodologies similar to those implemented in [26,27] to localize

genomic intervals with unusual levels of allele frequency differentiation between the

village dog and wolf populations. First, through ADMIXTURE [39] and identity-by-state

(IBS) analyses, we identified a collection of 43 village dog and 10 gray wolf unrelated

samples (Figure 1a) that have less than 5% dog-wolf admixed ancestry (see Methods).

Principal component analysis illustrates the genetic separation between village dogs

and wolves, and largely reflects the geographic distribution of these populations (Figure

1b and 1c). Next, we calculated average F_{ST} values in overlapping 200 kb sliding

windows with a step-size of 50 kb across the genome. As in [26,27], we performed a Z-

transformation to normalize the resulting values and identified windows with a ZF_{ST}

score greater than 5 (autosomes) or 3 (X chromosome) as candidate domestication

regions. Following merging, this outlier procedure identified 31 CDRs encompassing

12.3 Mb of sequence (Additional File 1: Table S1). As in previously studies, a 550 kb

region on chromosome 6 (46.80-47.35 Mb) that contains the *pancreatic amylase 2B*

(*AMY2B*) and *RNA Binding Region Containing 3* (*RNPC3*) genes had the highest

observed average ZF_{ST} score ($ZF_{ST} = 7.67$).

Only 15 of these 31 regions intersect with those reported in [26] and [27] (Figure 2a). To

further explore this discrepancy, we visually assessed whether the dog or wolf

haplotype is present at the loci reported in these earlier studies in 46 additional canine

samples, including three ancient European dogs ranging in age from 5,000-7000 years

old (see Methods; [21,34]). Likely due to the absence of village dogs in their study,

some Axelsson loci appear to contain selective sweeps associated with breed

formation, as evidenced by the presence of the wild haplotype in ancient and village

dogs (example in Figure 2b). Although all autosomal sweeps identified by [8] intersected

with CDRs from our study, seven X chromosome Cagan and Blass windows did not

meet the thresholds of significance from our SNP sets (example in Additional File 2:

Figure S1). We performed F_{ST} scans and Z transformations for windows on autosomes

and X chromosome together, which may falsely inflate F_{ST} signals on the X due to

smaller effective population sizes and correspondingly higher expected levels of genetic

drift on the X chromosome. More detailed analysis of the loci highlighted in these two

studies will be elaborated in the following section.

Refined identification of differentiated loci using demographic models and ancient

genomes

Our results indicate that the use of village dogs in selection scans identifies novel

candidate domestication loci. However, we further refined these F_{ST}-based

domestication scans to account for several shortcomings. First, rather than setting an

empirical threshold at a ZF_{ST} score of 5, we created a neutral null model that captures

key aspects of dog and wolf demographic history (Additional File 2: Figure S2;

Additional File 3: Table S2; [34,40]). We identified 443 autosomal sliding windows with

F_{ST} values that exceed the 99th percentile of the neutral simulations ($F_{ST} = 0.308$;

Additional File 2: Figure S3a; Additional File 2: Figure S4a). Second, reasoning that a

true domestication sweep will be largely fixed among extant dogs with no recent wolf

admixture, we calculated pooled heterozygosity (H_P) in village dogs within the same

window boundaries, and retained windows with a H_P lower than the 0.1[th] percentile

observed in our simulations (Additional File 2: Figure S4b). This heterozygosity filter

removed 199 of the 443 windows (Additional File 2: Figure S3b). Finally, we excluded

regions where the putatively selected haplotype is not found in ancient dog samples. To

do this, we calculated the difference in dog H_P (ΔH_P) with and without the inclusion of

two ancient dog samples HXH, a 7ky old dog from Herxheim, Germany ([34]) and NGD,

a 5ky old dog from Newgrange, Ireland ([21,34]); see Methods). Windows with ΔH_P

greater than the 5th percentile of all windows genome-wide (ΔH_P = -0.0036) were

removed (Additional File 2: Figure S3c; Additional File 2: Figure S4c and d). Remaining

overlapping windows were merged, resulting in 58 autosomal CDRs that encompass

18.65 Mbp of the genome and are within 50kb of 248 Ensembl gene models (Additional

File 4: Table S3; Figure 3b).

Assessment of previously identified CDRs

We applied the same filtration parameters to putative dog domestication sweeps

identified on autosomes in Axelsson et al. (N = 30; [26]) and Cagan and Blass (N = 5;

[27]) (Additional File 2: Figure S5a and b). Since window coordinates of these studies

may not precisely match our own, we selected the maximum F_{ST} value per locus from

our village dog and wolf data. We then removed any locus with F_{ST}, H_P, and ΔH_P levels

not passing our thresholds. Following these three filtration steps only 14 Axelsson, and

4 Cagan and Blass loci remained. Though few autosomal loci were reported in Cagan

and Blass, 4 of the 5 loci passed and all have a corresponding sweep in either Axelsson

or this study. These comparisons reinforce that sampling only or mostly breed dogs

identifies many candidate sweeps that may have arisen post-domestication or as a

result of breed formation. We also assessed the 349 loci identified by [29] by various

statistics, and found that only 41 loci remained after similar filtrations (Additional File 2:

Figure S5c)

Increased resolution for domestication scans using the XP-CLR statistic

We further refined our search for domestication sweeps in village dogs using XP-CLR, a

statistic developed to identify loci under selection based on patterns of correlated allele

frequency differences between two populations [41]. Since we are searching for regions

under selection in the dog genome, wolves were set as our reference population and

XP-CLR was run on both simulated and real SNP datasets with a spacing of 2 kb, and a

window size of 50 kb. Average XP-CLR values were calculated within 25 kb sliding

windows (10 kb step size) for both datasets, and we retained 889 windows with scores

greater than the 99th percentile from simulations (XP-CLR = 19.78; Additional File 2:

Figure S6a). Using methods similar to those employed for F_{ST} scans, windows with

village dog H_P values less than the 0.1^{st} simulation percentile (H_P = 0.0598) or where the

ancient dog samples carried a different haplotype (ΔH_P filtration threshold at 5th

percentile = -0.0066) were eliminated (Additional File 2: Figure S6b-d; Additional File 2:

Figure S3c). This resulted in 598 autosomal windows which we merged into 246

candidate loci, encompassing 10.81 Mb of genomic sequence (Figure 3a; Additional

File 5: Table S4). These windows are located within 50 kb of 178 Ensembl gene

models, and no SNPs with high F_{ST} within the intervals had deleterious effects on

coding sequence, based on Variant Effect Predictor (Additional File 6: Table S5; [42]).

Finally, the vast majority of the filtered XP-CLR sweeps (204/246) are novel to this

study, 21 of which intersect F_{ST} loci from the non-outlier approach.

Gene enrichment among 246 refined candidate domestication regions

We sought to identify gene sets and pathways enriched within our candidate

domestication loci. Because of the increased resolution provided by XP-CLR (*i.e.*

smaller window size), we focused the following gene analyses on the autosomal XP-

CLR loci. Of these regions, 78% were within 50 kb of at least one gene. Based on 1,000

randomized permutations (see Methods), we found that the XP-CLR sweeps are not

more likely to localize near genes than expected (p = 0.07), though the loci are near a

greater total number of genes than random permutations (p = 0.003; Additional File 2:

Figure S7a and b). Finally, gene set or pathway enrichment results can be influenced by

gene size, as small genes are less likely to intersect with a sweep, potentially biasing

toward enrichment of pathways that contain long genes. We observed that our sweeps

contain genes of the similar average length as found in the randomized set (p > 0.05;

Additional File 2: Figure S7c).

Gene ontologies were assigned to each dog Ensembl gene model using the

BLAST2GO pipeline (see Methods). Enrichment tests were performed by the topGO R

package [43] using the intersecting gene models as the test set, and the autosomal dog

genes as the reference. In total, 292 significantly enriched GO categories were

identified (p < 0.05) using the Parent-Child model of Fisher's Exact Test [44]. To

eliminate false positives, we also performed GO assignments and topGO enrichment

tests for genes intersecting the randomized permutations and eliminated any XP-CLR

GO category that was observed in more than 50 permuted enrichments (rate > 0.05)

was excluded. After this filtration, 243 GO categories remained (Additional File 7: Table

S6), 17 consisting of twenty or more XP-CLR loci. Lessening bias from singletons, we

focused on the 174 GO terms represented by more than one XP-CLR locus. The top

categories include GO categories associated with DNA replication (post-replication

repair), transcriptional activity (STAT cascade, transcriptionally active chromatin),

cellular localization, signaling, insulin secretion, and organismal development (midbody,

post-embryonic animal organ morphogenesis). Additional biological pathways are

highlighted below.

Candidate Genes Influencing Retinoic Acid Signaling

Retinoic acid (RA) is a signaling molecule that has numerous critical roles in

development at the embryonic level, continuing into adult stages with roles including

maintaining stem cell proliferation, tissue regeneration, and regulation of circadian

rhythm [45,46]. The highest scoring XP-CLR locus centers upon *RAI1* (*Retinoic Acid-*

Induced 1; Figure 4), a gene with numerous developmental functions in the RA pathway

and the gene responsible for Smith-Magenis and Potocki-Lupski Syndromes in humans

([47,48]). Emphasizing the possible role of altered retinoic acid signaling in dog

domestication, regulation of RA receptors were significantly enriched (GO:0048385; p =

0.0496). This category includes *NR2C1* (*Nuclear Receptor Subfamily 2 Group C*

Member 1), essential for the development of early retina cells through regulation of early

transcription factors that govern retinal progenitor cells such as RA receptors [49]. The

second gene encodes Calreticulin, a protein involved in inhibition of both androgen and

RA transcriptional activities [49,50]. Additionally, *Ncor2* (*Nuclear Receptor Corepressor*

2), found in In XP-CLR_209, increases cell sensitivity to RA when knocked out in mice

[51].

Candidate Genes Regulating Brain Development and Behavior

An abundance of genes and ontologies associated with neurological function,

neurotransmission, and behavior were observed in our XP-CLR loci. GO categories

such as neurotrophin binding, regulation of neurotransmitter levels, presynapse, as well

as spines of both the neuron and dendrite were significantly enriched. Additionally,

twelve genes, each from distinct XP-CLR loci, are linked to presynapse function

(GO:0098793; p = 0.0143). Within these and additional loci, we observe numerous

genes associated with neurotransmission. Representing two behavior-associated

neurotransmitter pathways, the serotonin transporter *SLC6A4* and dopamine signaling

members *GNAQ* and *ADCY6* (GO:0007212; p = 0.044) are also present. Genes

associated with glutamate, the excitatory neurotransmitter, include *DGKI* (*Diacylglycerol*

kinase iota; ranked 6th by XP-CLR), which regulates presynaptic release in glutamate

receptors [52], and *GRIK3* (*Glutamate receptor, ionotropic, kainate 3*), a glutamate

receptor [53]. Finally, *UNC13B* (*Unc-13 Homolog B*) is essential for competence of

glutamatergic synaptic vesicles [54], and *CACNA1A* (*Calcium Voltage-Gated Channel*

Subunit Alpha1 A) influences glutamatergic synaptic transmission [55].

In contrast to glutamate, GABA is the nervous system's inhibitory neurotransmitter, and

has been linked to the response to and memory of fear [53,56,57]. Genes in our XP-

CLR loci relating to GABA include one of the two mammalian GABA biosynthetic

enzymes *GAD2* (or *GAD65*; ranked 20th), the GABA receptor *GABRA4*, auxiliary

subunit of GABA-B receptors *KCTD12* ([52,58]), and the GABA inhibitor osteocalcin (or

BGLAP; [59]). Lastly, *T-Cell Leukemia Homeobox 3* (*TLX3*) is a key switch between

glutamatergic and GABAergic cell fates [60].

Candidate Genes with Core DNA and RNA Functions

Pathways involved in core DNA and RNA processes are also well represented within

the XP-CLR regions. Highly significant GO categories relate to the STAT (signal

transducers and activators of transcription) cascade and its regulation (3rd, 6th, and 7th

top categories), represented by ten genes from nine unique XP-CLR loci including

Interleukins (*IL22*, *IL26*), an Interleukin receptor (*IL31RA*), *SOCS3* (*Suppressor Of*

Cytokine Signaling 3), and *CYP1B1* (*Cytochrome P450 1B1*). In addition to the STAT

transcriptional activation pathway, genes involved in maintaining transcriptionally active

chromatin, positively regulating transcription from RNA polymerase III promoter, and

cryptic unstable transcript catabolism (CUT) are also enriched in our GO terms.

The GO category of RNA binding contains 59 genes from 52 unique loci and is highly

enriched (p=0.014). This category contains genes involved in splicing of transcripts by

both the major and minor splicing pathways. The eighth highest XP-CLR region harbors

the gene *RNPC3* (*RNA Binding Region (RNP1, RRM) Containing 3*), the 65 KDa

subunit of the U12 minor spliceosome, which is located ~55 kb downstream of *AMY2B*

(Figure 5). Another core subunit, *SF3B1* (*Splicing Factor 3b Subunit 1*), belongs to both

the minor and major (U2) spliceosome. Additional XP-CLR genes related to splicing

and/or spliceosome function include *FRG1* [61], *DDX23* (alias *PRP28*; [62]), *CELF1*

[63], *NSRP1* (alias *NSrp70*; [64,65]), and *SRSF11* (alias *P54*; [66]).

Candidate Genes Involved In Cell Cycle Control

Nine genes involved in the regulation of cell cycle progression were located in XP-CLR

loci (GO:1901990; p = 0.039), including *BIRC5* (or *survivin*) which is an apoptosis

inhibitor [67,68]. Other enriched categories included postreplication repair

(GO:0006301; p=0.013) and cell maturation (GO:0048469; p = 0.01299). Perturbations

in any of these pathways could influence numerous biological functions such as cell

proliferation, cell fate/death, and repair.

Survey of copy-number variation between dogs and wolves

Copy-number variants have also been associated with population-specific selection and

domestication in a number of species [5,69,70]. Since regions showing extensive copy-

number variation may not be uniquely localized in the genome reference and may have

a deficit of SNPs passing our coverage thresholds, we directly estimated copy number

along the reference assembly and searched for regions of extreme copy number

differences (see Methods). Using $V_{ST,}$ a statistic analogous to F_{ST} [69], we identified 67

regions of extreme copy number difference between village dogs and wolves which are

within 50 kb of 89 unique genes ("Variant Candidate Domestication Regions" or VCDRs;

Additional File 8: Table S7; see Additional File 9: Note 3). There was no overlap of

VCDRs with regions identified through F_{ST} or XP-CLR.

Relative to randomly permuted intervals, the 67 VCDRs are more likely to be near

genes (p < 0.01; Additional File 2: Figure S8a) but do not encompass more total genes

than expected (p > 0.05; Additional File 2: Figure S8b). With methods implemented for

XP-CLR loci, gene ontology enrichments and permutations were performed for genes

within 50 kb of the VCDRs. GO enrichment analysis identified 111 significantly enriched

categories (p < 0.05 using Parent-Child statistics; [43]). However, only 104 categories

remained after filtration of GO categories found in >5% of random permutations

(Additional File 10: Table S8). Five enriched terms were supported by more than two

VCDRs including regulation of circadian rhythm (N=2 VCDRs), lipid droplet (N=3),

calcium and calmodulin responsive adenylate (N=2), cyclase activity (N=2), steroid

binding (N=2) and beta-catenin binding (N=2).

Refined analysis of a large-scale structural variant located at the *AMY2B* locus

The top VCDR encompasses the *AMY2B* gene, which at increased copy number

confers greater starch metabolism efficiency due to higher pancreatic amylase enzyme

levels [5,38]. Quantitative PCR results have suggested an ancient origin for the *AMY2B*

copy number expansion, as 7ky old Romanian dogs exhibit elevated *AMY2B* copy

number [26,37]. However, read-depth analysis shows that the *AMY2B* tandem

expansion is absent in 5-7ky old ancient European dogs [34]. However, read-depth

profiles identified two large duplications, one of 1.9 Mb and the other of 2.0 Mb, that

encompass *AMY2B* (Additional File 2: Figure S9). We quantified copy number at

AMY2B itself and regions which discriminate the two segmental duplications in 90 dogs

using digital droplet PCR (ddPCR). Copy number estimated through read depth strongly

correlated with estimates from ddPCR (Additional File 2: Figure S10) confirming the

presence of standing copy number variation of *AMY2B* in dogs (range of $2n_{AMY2B}$ = 2-18)

and distinguishing the two large-scale duplications (Additional File 2: Figure S11). The

extreme *AMY2B* copy number expansion appears to be independent of the large-scale

duplications, as ddPCR results show that some dogs without the large duplications still
have very high *AMY2B* copy number (Additional File 2: Figure S11). Read-depth
patterns at the duplication breakpoints indicated that NGD, the ancient Irish dog,
harbored the 2.0 Mb duplication resulting in increased *AMY2B* copy number.

Discussion

Genetic and archaeological data indicate that the dog was first domesticated from
Eurasian gray wolves well over 10 kya [25,34,40,71]. Evidence suggests that the
domestication process was complex and may have spanned thousands of years [3,71].
Through multiple analyses, we have identified regions that are strongly differentiated
between modern village dogs and wolves and which may represent targets of selection
during domestication. Our approach differs from previous studies in several ways
including the use of village dogs rather than breed dogs, using neutral simulations to set
statistical cutoffs, and filtering candidate loci based on ancient dog DNA data. Most
(83%) of the 246 candidate domestication regions we identified are novel to our study,
which we largely attribute to reduced signals associated with post-domestication breed
formation. We argue that swept haplotypes identified in modern village dogs and also
present in Neolithic dogs more likely represent signals of ancient selection events.
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While the use of neutral simulations accounts for genetic diversity in both wild and
domestic sampled populations, and better controls false positive rates than arbitrary
empirical thresholds [29,72], several limitations are still apparent in our approach. The
demographic model we used does not capture all aspects of dog history, does not
include the X chromosome, and does not fit all aspects of the observed data equally
well. This likely represents unaccounted for features of the data, such as unmodeled
population structure, as well as technical issues such as reduced ascertainment of low
frequency alleles due to sequencing depth. Although the inclusion of ancient samples
allows for the removal of candidate sweeps that are unique to modern dogs, this
approach is limited by the narrow temporal (5-7 kya) and geographic (restricted to
Europe) sampling offered by the available data. Even though most selected alleles likely
preexisted in the ancestral wolf population, our approach identifies regions where

modern dogs all share the same haplotype. However, even when selection acts on

preexisting mutation a single haplotype often reaches fixation [73], consistent with the

variation patterns we identify across village dog populations.

Analysis of genes near the 246 loci identified using XP-CLR identified numerous

overrepresented ontologies including developmental, metabolic, signaling, and

neurological pathways (Additional File 7: Table S6). Importantly, our gene annotations

were obtained directly through established BLAST2GO pipelines [74], rather than

assignment of function via homologous human genes, as has been employed in earlier

dog domestication studies [26,28,29]. We additionally performed permutations to

remove functional categories likely to be observed by chance. Importantly, the genomic

positions of the genes in most enriched categories are not co-localized, implying that

the observed enrichment is not an artifact of the clustering of genes with similar

functions.

The role of the neural crest in dog domestication

Our CDRs include 52 genes also identified in analysis of other domesticated or self-

domesticated animals [9,11,17,75–79], including four genes (*RNPC3*, *CUEDC1*, *GBA2*,

NPR2) in our top 20 XP-CLR loci. No gene was found in more than three species,

consistent with the hypothesis that no single domestication gene exists [18]. Although

the overlap of specific genes across species is modest, there are many enriched gene

pathways and ontologies shared in domesticates including neurological and nervous

system development, behavior, reproduction, metabolism, and pigmentation

[10,11,17,75,80,81]. We attribute these patterns to the domestication syndrome (DS), a

phenomenon where diverse traits, manifested in vastly different anatomical zones,

appear seemingly disconnected, yet are maintained across domesticates. Two possible

modes of action could generate the DS phenotypes while still displaying the genome-

wide distribution of sweeps. The first would require independent selection events for

distinct traits at numerous loci. Alternatively, selection could have acted on considerably

fewer genes that are members of early-acting developmental pathways with broad

phenotypic effects.

For these reasons, the role of the neural crest in animal domestication has gained

support from researchers over recent years [18,82]. In 2014, Wilkins et al.

[18]established that the vast array of phenotypes displayed in the animal DS mirror

those exhibited in mild human neurocristopathies, whose pathology stems from aberrant

differentiation, division, survival, and altered migration of neural crest cells (NCCs).

These cells are multipotent, transient, embryonic stem cells that are initially located at

the crest (or dorsal border) of the neural tube. The initiation and regulation of neural

crest development is a multi-stage process requiring the actions of many early-

expressed genes including the Fibroblast Growth Factor (*Fgf*), Bone Morphogenic

Protein (*Bmp*), Wingless (*Wnt*), and *Zic* gene families [83]. Several of the genes

identified in our analysis are involved in this transition including members of the Fgf

(*Fgf1*) family as well as a transcription factor (*TCF4*; [84]), inhibitors (RRM2; *NPHP3*;

[85,86]) and regulators (*LGR5; [87]*) of the Wnt signaling pathways.

Following induction, NCCs migrate along defined pathways to various sites in the

developing embryo. Assignment of identity and the determination of migration routes

relies on positional information provided by external signaling cues [88,89]. *KCTD12*,

CLIC4, *PAK1*, *NCOR2*, *DOCK2*, and *EXOC7* are examples of such genes that are

linked to the determination of symmetry, polarity, and/or axis specification [90–94].

Together, our results suggest that early selection may have acted on genes essential to

the initiation of the neural crest and the definition of migration routes for NCCs.

NCC-Derived Tissues Linked to Domestication Syndrome Phenotypes

Once in their final destinations, NCC further differentiate as the precursors to many

tissues in the developing embryo. Most of the head, for example, arises from NCCs

including craniofacial bones, cartilage, and teeth [95,96]. Ancient dog remains indicate

that body size, snout lengths, and cranial proportions of dogs considerably decreased

compared to the wolf ancestral state following early domestication [97]. Further, these

remains indicate jaw size reduction also occurred, as evidenced by tooth crowding [97].

Such alterations are consistent with the DS and implicate aberrant NCC migration since

decreases in the number of NCCs in facial primordia are directly correlated with

reductions in mid-face and jaw sizes [18,98]. Genes associated with both craniofacial

and tooth development in vertebrates are found in our candidate loci including *SCUBE1*,

which is essential in craniofacial development of mice, and *SATB2,* which has roles in

patterning of the developing branchial arches, palate fusion, and regulation of *HOXa2* in

the developing neural crest [99–101]. Lastly, when knocked out in mice, *Bicoid*-related

homeodomain factor *PITX1* not only affected hindlimb growth, but also displayed

craniofacial abnormalities such as cleft palate and branchial arch defects [102] and

influences vertebrate tooth development [103].

Insufficient cartilage, a NCC-derived tissue [96] that consists of chondrocytes and

collagen, in the outer ear of humans results in a drooping ear phenotype [104] linked to

numerous NC-associated neurocristopathies (e.g. Treacher Collins, Mowat-Wilson,

etc.). Analogously, compared to the pricked ears of wolves, dogs predominantly have

"floppy" ears [105], a hallmark feature of domesticates [18]. *SERPINH1*, a collagen-

binding protein, is embryonically lethal when ablated in mice [106], and appears to be

required for chrondrocyte maturation [107]. Alterations of activity by genes such as

SERPINH1 and those regulating NCC migration may have reduced the numbers of

NCCs in dog ears, contributing to the floppy phenotype [18].

Mis-regulation of gene expression may contribute to DS phenotypes

Similar to other domestication scans [6,9,19], we did not find SNPs deleteriously altering

protein sequence in our predicted sweeps, indicating that gene loss did not have a

significant role in dog domestication. Instead, we hypothesize that alterations in gene

regulatory pathways or the regulation of transcriptional activity could contribute to broad

DS phenotypes. In addition to over-representations of genes influencing transcriptional

control (STAT cascade) and maintenance of transcriptionally active chromatin, we

identified two components of the minor spliceosome; *RNPC3* and *Sf3b1*. *RNPC3*, which

affects early development and is linked to dwarfism (Isolated Growth Hormone

Deficiency; [108]), is also under selection in cats and humans [17,77]. Absence of *Sf3b1*

disrupts proper NCC specification, survival and migration [109]. A further example of the

role of splicing in NC development is that mutations in *U4atac,* a U12 snRNA subunit

gene missing in the current dog annotation*,* causes Taybi-Lindner syndrome (TALS) in

humans. Phenotypes of this syndrome resemble those of the DS including craniofacial,

brain, and skeletal abnormalities [110]. Thus, proper splicing, particularly for transcripts

processed by the minor spliceosome, is required for proper NC function and

development.

Genes associated with neurological signaling, circadian rhythms, and behavior

Tameness or reduced fear toward humans was likely the earliest trait selected for by

humans during domestication [3,111,112]. Recapitulating such selection, numerous

physiological and morphological characteristics, including DS phenotypes (*i.e.* floppy

ears, altered craniofacial proportions, and unseasonal timing for mating), appeared

within twenty generations when researchers selected only for tameness in a silver fox

breeding population [1,113]. As the progenitors for the adrenal medulla, which produces

hormones associated with the "fight-or-flight" response, hypofunction of NCCs can lead

to changes in the tameness of animals [18]. The link between tameness and the NC

suggests that changes in neural crest development could have arisen first, either

through direct selection by humans for desired behaviors or via the "self-domestication"

[114,115] of wolves that were more docile around humans.

Numerous candidate genes influencing neurological function and behavioral responses

were enriched in XP-CLR loci including genes in the dopamine, serotonin, glutamate,

and GABA neurotransmission pathways. These, coupled with enriched GO categories

relating to neuronal projections (*e.g.* neuron and dendrite spines), suggest that neuronal

signaling may have been differentially impacted in dogs through domestication, in

agreement with Li et al. [116].

Our top XP-CLR locus was located within *RAI1*, the gene for Smith-Magenis syndrome

(SMS; [117]), a disorder that is associated with craniofacial and skeletal deformations,

aggression, developmental delays, altered circadian rhythms, and intellectual disabilities

[118]. A recent study of breed dogs and wolves by vonHoldt et al. [119] linked structural

variants near the *WBSCR17* gene to behavioral changes in dogs. *WBSCR17* is

associated with another neurodevelopmental disorder, Williams-Beuren syndrome, that

displays hypersociability in humans [120]. Williams-Beuren and Smith-Magenis

syndromes each display multiple features associated with improper NCC development

[118,121]. In *Xenopus,* disruption of the transcription factors *RAI1* and *WSTF* (*Williams-*

Beuren Syndrome Transcription Factor, a gene also disrupted in Williams-Beuren

syndrome) negatively impacts proper NCC migration, recapitulating the craniofacial

defects associated with the syndromes [122,123]. Furthermore, both syndromes involve

perturbations in sleep patterns [124–127], and *RAI1* has been shown to regulate the

circadian rhythm pathway [126]. Alterations of sleep patterns occurred in dogs as they

shifted from the ancestral nocturnal state of wolves, to that of the diurnal lifestyle also

exhibited by humans. In domesticated silver foxes selected for tameness, levels of

circadian rhythm determinants (*e.g.* melatonin and serotonin) were significantly altered

compared to wild foxes [128–130]. This suggests possible overlap between genes

influencing behavior, circadian rhythms, and the Domestication Syndrome.

Conclusions

By comparing village dogs and wolves, we identified 246 candidate domestication

regions in the dog genome. Analysis of gene annotations in these regions suggests that

perturbation of crucial neural crest signaling pathways results in the broad phenotypes

associated with the Domestication Syndrome. Additionally, these findings link

transcriptional regulation and splicing to alterations in cell differentiation, migration, and

neural crest development. Altogether, we conclude that while primary selection during

domestication likely targeted tameness, genes that contribute to determination of this

behavioral change are also involved in critical, far-reaching pathways that conferred

drastic phenotypic changes in dogs relative to their wild counterparts.

Methods

Sample Processing and Population Structure Analysis

Genomes of canids (Additional File 11: Table S9) were processed using the pipeline

outlined in [34] to produce a data set of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) using

GATK [131]. Thirty-seven breed dogs, 45 village dogs, and 12 wolves were selected

from the samples described in Botigue et al. [34], and ADMIXTURE [132] was utilized to

estimate the levels of wolf-dog admixture within this subset. To account for LD, the data

was thinned with PLINK v1.07 (--indep-pairwise 50 10 0.1; [133]), where SNPs with an

R^2 value over 0.1 were removed in 50kb windows, sliding 10 sites at a time. The

remaining 1,030,234 SNPs were used in five independent ADMIXTURE runs using

different seeds, for up to five ancestral populations (K = 1-5). K = 3 had the lowest

average cross validation error (0.0373) from the five runs, and was therefore the best fit

for the data. To eliminate noise in subsequent analyses, we removed all village dogs

with greater than 5% wolf ancestry and wolves with greater than 5% dog ancestry. Fifty-

four samples remained following this filtration.

Following elimination of admixed samples, we called SNPs in 43 village dogs and 11

gray wolves using GATK (v. 3.4-46; [131]). Using the GATK VQSR procedure, we

identified a high quality variant set such that 99% of positions on the Illumina canine HD

array were retained. VQSR filtration was performed separately for the autosomes +

chrX pseudoautosomal region (PAR) and the non-PAR region. SNPs within 5 bp of an

indel identified by GATK were also removed. We further excluded sites with missing

genotype calls in any sample, triallelic sites, and X-nonPAR positions where any male

sample was called as heterozygous. The final SNP set contained 7,657,272 sites.

Using these SNPs, we removed samples that exhibited over 30% relatedness following

identity by state (IBS) analysis with PLINK v1.90 (--min 0.05; [133]). Only one sample

(*mxb*), was removed from the sample set, a sample known to be related to another

mexican wolf in the dataset. Principal component analyses were completed on the

remaining 53 samples (43 dogs and 10 wolves) using smartpca, a component of

Eigensoft package version 3.0 [134] after randomly thinning the total SNP set to

500,000 sites using PLINK v.1.90 [135]. Once PCA confirmed clear genetic distinctions

between these dogs and wolves, this final sample set was used for subsequent

analyses. The SNP set was further filtered for the selection scans to remove rare alleles

(minor allele frequencies < 3 out of possible 106 alleles, or 0.028). Finally, village dog

and wolf allele frequencies were calculated separately using VCFtools ([136].

Demographic Model and Simulations

Simulations of dog and wolf demographic history were performed using msprime v.0.4.0

[137]. For each autosome, 75 independent simulations were performed using

independent random seeds and a pedigree based genetic map [138]. A mutation rate of

4×10^{-9} per site per generation with a generation time of 3 years was assumed. The 53

samples were modeled as coming from 10 lineages with population histories adapted

from [34,40] (Additional File 2: Figure S2; Additional File 3: Table S2). The simulation is

designed to capture key aspects impacting dog and wolf diversity, rather than a

definitive depiction of their demography. Resulting simulated SNP sets were filtered for

minor allele frequency and randomly thinned to have the same number of SNPs per

chromosome as the real SNP datasets used in F_{ST}, XP-CLR, and H_P calculations.

F_{ST} Selection Scans

Dog and wolf allele counts generated above were used to calculate the fixation index

(F_{ST}) using the Hudson estimator derived in [139]with the formula: $F_{ST} = ((\square_1 - \square_2) -$

$(\square_1(1 - \square_1) / \square_1 - 1) - (\square_2(1 - \square_2) / \square_2 - 1)) / (\square_1(1 - \square_2) + \square_2(1 - \square_1))$ where $\square_\square$ is the

allele frequency in population x, and $\square_\square$ is the number of individuals in population x.

With this equation, the X chromosome could be included in F_{ST} calculations. A custom

script calculated the per site F_{ST} across the genome for both the real and 75 simulated

SNP sets. Due to differences in effective population size and corresponding expected

levels of genetic drift, analyses were performed separately for the X-non-PAR. Ratio of

averages for the resulting F_{ST} values were calculated in 200kb sliding windows with

50kb step sizes, and we required each window to contain at least 10 SNPs. Additionally,

we calculated per site F_{ST} for each SNP that did not have missing data in any sample.

F_{ST} loci filtration was completed differently for the outlier and non-outlier approach. For

the outlier F_{ST} approach, the windows were Z-transformed and only windows with Z-

scores ≥ 5 standard deviations were deemed significant for autosomal and X-PAR loci,

and ≥ 3 for the X-NonPAR. Significance thresholds for the non-outlier approach were

determined as the 99th percentile from F_{ST} score distributions from the simulated

genomes. Overlapping windows passing these thresholds were merged.

Pooled Heterozygosity (H_P) and ΔH_P Calculations

Per window, dog allele frequencies were used to calculate pooled heterozygosity (H_P)

using the following formula from [6]: $2\Sigma n_{MAJ}\Sigma n_{MIN}/(\Sigma n_{MAJ}+\Sigma n_{MIN})^2$, where Σn_{MAJ} is the

sum of major and Σn_{MIN} minor dog alleles, respectively, for all sites in the window.

Significance thresholds for window filtration was set as the 0.1^{th} percentile of the H_P

distribution from the simulated genomes. The change in H_P (or ΔH_P) was calculated as

the difference in ΔH_P with and without the inclusion of the two ancient dog samples

(HXH and NGD). The 5 ky old German dog (CTC) was not included in this analysis due

to known wolf admixture [34]. Windows with ΔH_P greater than the 5th percentile

observed genome wide were removed.

XP-CLR Selection Scans

XP-CLR was calculated using dog and wolf allele frequencies at sites described above

[41]. This analysis requires separate genotype files for each population, and a single

SNP file with positions of each SNP and their genetic distance (in Morgans), which were

determined through linear extrapolation from the pedigree-based recombination map

from [138]. Wolves were set as the reference population, and XP-CLR was run on both

the simulated and real SNP sets with a grid size of 2 kb, and a window sizes of 50 kb.

Windows that did not return a value (failed) or did not have at least five grids were

removed. Average XP-CLR scores were calculated in 25 kb windows (step size = 10kb).

Filtration of real windows with averages less than the 99th percentile of averaged

simulation scores was performed. All remaining adjacent windows were merged if they

were within 50 kb distance (*i.e.* one sliding window apart).

Visualization of sweeps

Forty-six additional canines (e.g. dog breeds, jackals, coyotes; Additional File 11: Table

S9) were genotyped at candidate loci identified in this study, as well as those from

[26,27], [27], and [29] using autosomal SNPs previously called in [34]. SNPs within

CDRs of interest were extracted from the SNP dataset using the PLINK make-bed tool

with no missing data filter. Per sample, each SNP was classified as 0/0, 0/1, or 1/1 at all

loci (1 representing the non-reference allele), and this genotype data was stored in

Eigenstrat genotype files, which were generated per window using convertf

(EIGENSOFT package; [140]). Custom scripts then converted the Eigenstrat genotype

files into matrices for visualization using matrix2png [141].

Gene Enrichment and Variant Annotation

Coordinates and annotations of dog gene models were obtained from the Ensembl

release 81 (ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-81/ and

http://useast.ensembl.org/Canis_familiaris/Info/Index, respectively), and a non-

redundant annotation set was determined. The sequence of each Ensembl protein was

BLASTed against the NCBI non-redundant database (blastp -outfmt 5 -evalue 1e-3 -

word_size 3 -show_gis -max_hsps_per_subject 20 -num_threads 5 -max_target_seqs

20) and all blastp outputs were processed through BLAST2GO [142] with the following

parameters: minimum annotation cut-off of 55, GO weight equal to 5, BLASTp cut-off

equal to $1e^{-6}$, HSP-hit cut-off of 0, and a hit filter equal to 55. Positions of all predicted

domestication loci (from this and previous studies) were intersected with the coordinates

of the annotated Ensembl canine gene set to isolate genes within the putatively swept

regions. Gene enrichment analyses were performed on these gene sets using topGO

[43], and we utilized p-values produced by the parent-child test [44]. The predicted

effects of SNP variants were obtained by the processing of the total variant VCF file of

all canine samples by Variant Effect Predictor (VEP; [42]).

Copy Number Estimation Using QuicK-mer and fastCN

We implemented two CN estimation pipelines to assess copy-number in village dogs

and wolves using the depth of sequencing reads. The first, fastCN, is a modified version

of existing pipelines that considers multi-mapping reads to calculate CN within 3kb

windows (Additional File 9: Note 1). By considering multi-mapping reads, copy-number

profiles will be shared among related gene paralogs, making it difficult to identify

specific sequences that are potentially variable. The second pipeline we employed,

QuicK-mer, a map-free approach based on k-mer counting which can accurately assess

CN in a paralog-sensitive manner (Additional File 9: Note 2). Both pipelines analyze

sequencing read-depth within predefined windows, apply GC-correction and other

normalizations, and are able to convert read depth to a copy-number estimate for each

window. The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), defined as the mean depth in autosomal

control windows divided by the standard deviation, was calculated for each sample. The

CN states called by both the QuicK-mer and fastCN pipelines were validated through

comparison with aCGH data from [143]. Regions with copy number variation between

samples in the aCGH or WGS data were selected for correlation analysis (Additional

File 9: Note 3).

V_{ST} Selection Scans

V_{ST} values [69] were calculated for genomic windows with evidence of copy number

variation. VST values were Z-transformed and we identified outlier regions as windows

exhibiting at least a 1.5 copy number range across all samples, and ZV_{ST} scores greater

than 5 on the autosomes and the X-PAR, or greater than 3 in the X-nonPAR. Prior to

analysis, estimated copy numbers for male samples on the non-PAR region of the X

were doubled. Outlier regions spanning more than one window were then classified as

variant candidate domestication regions (VCDRs) (Additional File 8: Table S7). A similar

analysis was performed for the unplaced chromosomal contigs in the CanFam3.1

assembly (Additional File 12: Table S10). See Additional File 9: Note 3 for additional

methods and details.

Amylase Structural Variant Analysis

We estimated copy-number using short-read sequencing data from each canine listed in

Additional File 11: Table S9. Copy number estimates for the *AMY2B* gene using fastCN

were based on a single window located at chrUn_AAEX03020568: 4873-8379. See

Supplementary Methods: Note 3.5.1 for further methods and results. Digital droplet PCR

(ddPCR) primers were designed targeting overlapping 1.9Mb and 2.0Mb duplications,

the *AMY2B* gene, and a copy number control region (chr18: 27,529,623-27,535,395)

found to have a copy number of 2 in all sampled canines by QuicK-mer and fastCN.

Copy number for each target was determined from ddPCR results from a single

replication for 30 village dogs, 3 New Guinea singing dogs, and 5 breed dogs

(Additional File 13: Table S11) and averaged from two replicates for 48 breed dogs

(Additional File 14: Table S12). For more details on primer design, methods and results

for the characterization of the *AMY2B* locus, see Additional File 9: Note 3.

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Availability of data and materials

The datasets supporting the conclusions of this article are available in the article and its

additional files, as well as a custom UCSC track hub

(https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KiddLab/Pendleton_2018_Selection_Scan/master/S

election_track_hub.txt). Software (fastCN and QuicK-mer) implemented in this article

are available for download in a GitHub repository (https://github.com/KiddLab/). Pre-

computed 30-mers from the dog, human, mouse, and chimpanzee genomes can be

downloaded from http://kiddlabshare.umms.med.umich.edu/public-data/QuicK-mer/Ref/

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Abbreviations

aCGH: array comparative genomic hybridization; CDR: candidate domestication region;
chrUn: chromosome unknown; CN: copy number; CNV: copy number variation; ddPCR:
droplet digital polymerase chain reaction; DS: Domestication Syndrome; GO: gene
ontology; H_P: pooled heterozygosity; NC: neural crest; NCC: neural crest cell; qPCR:
quantitative polymerase chain reaction; SNP: single-nucleotide polymorphism; SNR:
signal to noise ratio; VCDR: V_{ST} candidate domestication region; XP-CLR: cross-
population composite likelihood ratio.

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Figure Legends

Figure 1 Origin and diversity of sampled village dogs and wolves

(A) The approximate geographic origin of the village dog (circles) and gray wolf

(triangles) genome samples included in our analysis. Results of a Principal Component

Analysis of the filtered village dog (N=43) and gray wolf set (N=11) are shown. Results

are projected on (B) PC1 and PC2 and (C) PC3 and PC4. Colors in all figures

correspond to sample origins and are explained in the PCA legends.

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Figure 2 Comparison with previously published candidate domestication regions

(A) Venn diagram of intersecting village dog, Axelsson et al. 2013 (AX), and Cagan and

Blass 2016 (CB) CDRs. (B) Genotype matrix for 130 SNPs within chr7: 24,632,211-

25,033,464 in AX_14 for 99 canine samples. Sites homozygous for the reference (0/0;

blue) and alternate alleles (1/1; orange) are indicated along with heterozygous sites

(0/1; white). Each column represents a single SNP (position indicated along top), while

each row is a sample. Canid groupings are on the right of the matrix.

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Figure 3 Circos plot of genome-wide selection statistics

Statistics from multiple selection scans are provided across the autosomes

(chromosomes identifiers are indicated in the inner circle). (A) Averaged XP-CLR scores

in 25kb windows across the genome. Windows with significant scores (greater than 99th

percentile from simulations) are in red, and those that passed filtration are in blue.

Genes within significant windows are listed above each region. (B) F_{ST} values calculated

in 100kb windows. Values greater than the 99th percentile of simulations are in red.

Windows that passed filtration are in green. (C) Averaged pooled heterozygosity (H_P)

scores in 25kb windows are indicated. Significant values (less than the 0.1th simulation

percentile) are in red.

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Figure 4 Selection scan statistics at the *RAI1* Locus

Selection scan statistics surrounding the *Retinoic Acid-Induced 1* (*RAI1*) locus (chr5:

~41.6-41.2 Mb) (A) Per site F_{ST} scores for all SNPs are indicated along with the F_{ST}

significance threshold determined by the 99th percentile of simulations (red dashed line).

(B) Bars represent average XP-CLR scores in 25kb windows, those filled in red are less

than the 0.1th percentile from simulations. The black line indicates the average pooled

heterozygosity (H$_P$) values for the same window boundaries. (C) The significant XP-

CLR locus (gray box) is presented relative to Ensembl gene models (black). Direction of

each gene is indicated with blue arrows.

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Figure 5 Selection scan statistics at the *RNPC3* Locus

Selection scan statistics surrounding the *RNA Binding Region (RNP1, RRM) Containing*

3 (*RNPC3*) locus (chr5: ~46.9-47.3 Mb) (A) Per site F$_{ST}$ scores for all SNPs are

indicated along with the F$_{ST}$ significance threshold determined by the 99th percentile of

simulations (red dashed line). (B) Bars represent average XP-CLR scores in 25kb

windows, those filled in red are less than the 0.1th percentile from simulations. The black

line indicates the average pooled heterozygosity (H$_P$) values for the same window

boundaries. (C) The significant XP-CLR locus (gray box) is presented relative to

Ensembl gene models (black). Direction of each gene is indicated with blue arrows.

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Supplementary Material

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Additional File 1: Table S1 - Coordinates and annotations of F_{ST} loci identified through

outlier approach

Additional File 2: Supplemental figures S1-S11

Additional File 3: Table S2 - Parameters incorporated into demographic model for

neutral evolution in village dog and wolf populations

Additional File 4: Table S3 - Coordinates and annotations of outlier F_{ST} loci identified

through simulation approach

Additional File 5: Table S4 - Coordinates and annotations of XP-CLR candidate

domestication regions identified through simulation approach

Additional File 6: Table S5 - Predicted SNP effects (per Variant Effect Predictor) for

sites in XP-CLR candidate domestication regions

Additional File 7: Table S6 - Gene enrichment results for XP-CLR candidate

domestication regions

Additional File 8: Table S7 - Coordinates of V_{ST} candidate domestication regions

(VCDRs)

Additional File 9: Notes 1-3 providing supplementary methods and results of copy

number analysis

Additional File 10: Table S8 - Gene enrichment results for V_{ST} candidate domestication

regions (VCDRs)

Additional File 11: Table S9 - Description and accession numbers for canine genomes

processed in this study

Additional File 12: Table S10 - Coordinates of V_{ST} candidate domestication regions on

chromosome unknown

Additional File 13: Table S11 - ddPCR results from 30 village, 3 New Guinea singing,

and 5 breed dog samples of AMY2B segmental duplications

Additional File 14: Table S12 - ddPCR results from 48 breed dog samples of AMY2B

segmental duplications

Additional File 15: Plots displaying aCGH probe intensity correlations with in silico

copy number estimates.

Additional File 16: Supplemental QuicK-mer validation figures.

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1 - Z transformed F_{ST} scores for Cagan and Blass locus.

Figure S2 - Demographic model for village dog and wolf populations used in neutral simulations

Figure S3 - Filtration pipeline implemented for F_{ST} and XP-CLR windows

Figure S4 - Distribution of selection scan statistics for real and simulated F_{ST} windows

Figure S5 - Filtration pipeline implemented for Axelsson, Cagan and Blass, and Freedman CDRs

Figure S6 Distribution of selection scan statistics for real and simulated XP-CLR windows

Figure S7 - Gene intersect statistics from randomized permutations of XP-CLR gene positions

Figure S8 - Gene intersect statistics from randomized permutations of V_{ST} gene positions

Figure S9 - Read-depth profiles at the AMY2B locus highlights large-scale structural variant

Figure S10 - Correlations between the ddPCR and read-depth estimated copy-number for AMY2B and associated segmental duplications

Figure S11 - ddPCR results for the AMY2B gene, 1.9 Mb duplication, and the 2.0 Mb duplication

A

Per Site FST

B

XP-CLR Score

Pooled Heterozygosity (Hp)

XP-CLR 57

C

Ensembl Gene Models

RNPC3

AMY2B

Chromosome 6 (bp)