Genome comparisons indicate recent transfer of *w*Ri-like *Wolbachia* between sister species *Drosophila suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*

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Abstract

Wolbachia endosymbionts may be acquired by horizontal transfer, by introgression through hybridization between closely related species, or by cladogenic retention during speciation. All three modes of acquisition have been demonstrated, but their relative frequency is largely unknown. *Drosophila suzukii* and its sister species *D. subpulchrella* harbor *Wolbachia*, denoted *w*Suz and *w*Spc, very closely related to *w*Ri, identified in California populations of *D. simulans*. However, these variants differ in their induced phenotypes: *w*Ri causes significant cytoplasmic incompatibility (CI) in *D. simulans*, but CI has not been detected in *D. suzukii* or *D. subpulchrella*. Our draft genomes of *w*Suz and *w*Spc contain full-length copies of 703 of the 734 single-copy genes found in *w*Ri. Over these coding sequences, *w*Suz and *w*Spc differ by only 0.004% (*i.e.*, 28 of 704,883 bp); they are sisters relative to *w*Ri, from which each differs by 0.014-0.015%. Using published data from *D. melanogaster*, *Nasonia* wasps and *Nomada* bees to calibrate relative rates of *Wolbachia* versus host nuclear divergence, we conclude that *w*Suz and *w*Spc are too similar – by at least a factor of 100 – to be plausible candidates for cladogenic transmission. These three *w*Ri-like *Wolbachia*, which differ in CI phenotype in their native hosts, have different numbers of orthologs of genes postulated to contribute to CI; and the CI loci differ at several nucleotides that may account for the CI difference. We discuss the general problem of distinguishing alternative modes of *Wolbachia* acquisition, focusing on the difficulties posed by limited knowledge of variation in absolute and relative rates of molecular evolution for host nuclear genomes, mitochondria and *Wolbachia*.

1   Introduction

Drosophila suzukii Matsumura (Diptera Drosophilidae) is an invasive and destructive fruit fly

native to South East Asia that has recently invaded North America, South America and Europe

(Hauser 2011; Cini *et al.* 2012; Rota-Stabelli *et al.* 2013). While most *Drosophila* species

oviposit in fermenting fruits, *D. suzukii* and its close relative *D. subpulchrella* Takamori and

Watabe use their atypical serrated ovipositors to pierce the skin of ripening soft fruits and lay

eggs in them (Fig. 1, McEvey 2017a,.b; Atallah *et al.* 2014). Leveraging the genetic resources of

D. melanogaster, *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* (both members of the *D. melanogaster* species

group) are becoming model species for fundamental and applied studies.

Wolbachia are obligately intracellular, maternally inherited alpha-proteobacteria found in

about half of all insect species and many other terrestrial arthropods and nematodes (Weinert *et*

al. 2015). *Wolbachia* are often associated with reproductive manipulations, including

cytoplasmic incompatibility (CI) (Hoffmann & Turelli 1997), male killing (Hurst & Jiggins

2000), feminization (Rousset *et al*. 1992) and parthenogenesis induction (Stouthamer *et al*. 1993),

all of which enhance the relative fitness of infected females. But many *Wolbachia* infections,

including those in *D. suzukii* and its sister species *D. subpulchrella*, cause no detectable

reproductive manipulation and presumably persist by enhancing host fitness (Kriesner *et al*.

2013; Hamm *et al*. 2014; Mazzetto *et al*. 2015; Kriesner *et al*. 2016; Cattel *et al*. 2016). Indeed, it

seems increasingly plausible that even infections that cause reproductive manipulations become

established in new hosts because they enhance fitness, and hence tend to increase in frequency

even when very rare (Kriesner *et al*. 2013). For example, the most common *Wolbachia*

reproductive manipulation is CI, in which embryos produced by uninfected females mated with

infected males suffer increased mortality. Because CI is essentially irrelevant to the frequency

dynamics of rare infections, initial spread of both CI-causing infections and infections that do not

manipulate reproduction is likely to be driven by mutualistic effects such as fecundity

enhancement (Weeks *et al*. 2007; Fast *et al*. 2011), protection from viruses (Teixeira *et al*. 2008)

or metabolic provisioning (Brownlie *et al*. 2009).

To understand why *Wolbachia* are found in so many species, it is critical to know how

Wolbachia infections are acquired and how long *Wolbachia*-host associations persist. As noted

by Raychoudhury *et al*. (2008), although *Wolbachia* are maternally transmitted, host lineages can

acquire *Wolbachia* in three ways: by cladogenic transmission, in which an infection persists

through speciation; by introgression, in which hybridization of closely related species leads to

maternal cytoplasm transfer; or by horizontal transmission, in ways that remain indeterminate, in

which *Wolbachia* are transferred between closely or distantly related species through non-sexual

mechanisms (such as predation or parasitism).

To complement an analysis of *Wolbachia* population biology and effects in *Drosophila*

suzukii and its sister species *D. subpulchrella*, Hamm *et al*. (2014) presented a meta-analysis of

Wolbachia infections in *Drosophila* species that addressed the frequency of both reproductive

manipulation and alternative modes of acquisition. However, we show that their informal

methodology underestimated the relative frequencies of horizontal and introgressive

transmission. Horizontal transmission of *Wolbachia* was first demonstrated by extreme

discordance of the phylogenies of distantly related hosts and their infecting *Wolbachia* (O'Neill

et al. 1992). In contrast, horizontal transmission seems negligible within the two species that

have been examined most intensively, *D. simulans* (Turelli & Hoffmann 1995) and *D.*

melanogaster (Richardson *et al*. 2012). Hamm *et al*. (2014) implicitly assumed that if two

closely related host species share closely related *Wolbachia*, the infections are likely to have

been acquired by either cladogenic transmission or introgression. In particular, Hamm *et al*.

(2014) postulated that because *D. suzukii* and its sister *D. subpulchrella* have concordant

mitochondrial and nuclear phylogenies and harbor very similar *Wolbachia*, as indicated by

identity at the Multi Locus Sequence Typing (MLST) loci used to classify *Wolbachia* (Baldo *et*

al. 2006), cladogenic *Wolbachia* acquisition was likely. Here we use comparative analyses of

draft *Wolbachia* genomes, and extensive nuclear data from *Drosophila* and other insect hosts, to

refute this hypothesis.

The three alternative modes of *Wolbachia* acquisition would be trivial to distinguish if

reliable chronograms (dated phylogenies) were available for the nuclear, mitochondrial and

Wolbachia genomes. Under cladogenic transmission, without subsequent introgression or

horizontal transmission, roughly concordant chronograms for all three genomes are expected.

From the arguments of Gillespie & Langley (1979), we expect a slightly longer divergence time

for nuclear than mitochondrial or *Wolbachia* given the greater intraspecific variation observed in

nuclear DNA. However, for typical pairs of *Drosophila* species that diverged on the order of 10^6

years ago (Coyne & Orr 1989, 1997), this discordance under cladogenic acquisition is unlikely to

be as large as a factor of two. Under introgression without subsequent horizontal transmission,

the mitochondrial and *Wolbachia* chronograms should be concordant (because they are

simultaneously maternally transmitted) and show more recent divergence than the bulk of the

nuclear genome. Finally, under horizontal transmission, more recent divergence is expected

between infecting *Wolbachia* than between either the host mitochondrial or nuclear genomes.

These simple criteria are difficult to apply because of uncertainty concerning the relative rates of

nuclear, mitochondrial and *Wolbachia* divergence. Here, using all available comparative data for

Wolbachia and host divergence, we conclude that the *Wolbachia* in *D. suzukii* and *D.*

subpulchrella are far too similar to make cladogenic transmission plausible. Our conclusion does

not exclude the possibility that *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* retained a *Wolbachia* infection

from their common ancestor. Our data indicate only that their current *Wolbachia* are too similar

to have been diverging since the speciation of their hosts. In principle, one could establish

cladogenic transmission followed by introgression or horizontal transmission if traces of

historical infections could be found in host genomes (Hotopp *et al.* 2007). Unfortunately, as

shown below, no such traces were found in our *D. suzukii* or *D. subpulchrella* genomes.

In addition to assessing *Wolbachia* acquisition, we examine patterns of molecular evolution

by comparing the draft genomes for *w*Suz (Siozos *et al.* 2013) and *w*Spc (this paper) to the *w*Ri

reference genome (Klasson *et al.* 2009). We consider both a general pattern, namely the relative

frequencies of non-synonymous and synonymous substitutions, and sequence divergence for

candidate loci associated with two *Wolbachia*-induced phenotypes, life shortening and CI. The

"Octomom" duplication, which distinguishes *w*MelPop (Min & Benzer 1997) from *w*Mel (Wu *et*

al. 2004), contains the genes *WD0507-WD0514* and is associated with extremely high *Wolbachia*

titer and life shortening in *D. melanogaster* (Chrostek & Teixeira 2015, but see Rohrscheib *et al.*

2016 for a critique and LePage *et al*. 2017 and Chrostek & Teixeira 2017 for support of the

hypothesis connecting these loci to life shortening or *Wolbachia* titer). Beckmann & Fallon

(2013) used proteomics to identify the locus wPip_0282 in *w*Pip, the *Wolbachia* found in *Culex*

pipiens, as a candidate for producing CI. They found at least one homolog of this WO prophage

locus in several CI-causing *Wolbachia*, including *w*Mel and *w*Ri. Within *w*Pip and other

Wolbachia genomes, *wPip_0282* and each homolog seemed to be part of two-gene operons, with

wPip_0282 adjacent to *wPip_0283*. This pair is orthologous to *WD0631* and *WD0632* in *w*Mel,

and there are three homologous/paralogous pairs in *w*Ri. Beckmann *et al.* (2017) and LePage *et*

al. (2017) provide experimental and bioinformatic evidence that *WD0631* and *WD0632*

contribute to CI (but LePage *et al*. [2017] argue against the operon hypothesis). We examine

differences in homologs and paralogs of these loci among *w*Suz, *w*Spc and *w*Ri.

Materials and methods

Sequence data

Genome data for *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* were generated by Edinburgh Genomics. The *D. suzukii* genome data were generated from an inbred Italian line (the Trento strain) as presented in Ometto *et al*. (2013), with the *Wolbachia*, *w*Suz, presented in Siozos *et al*. (2013). Illumina HiSeq2000 120-base, paired-end sequence data were generated from two libraries of 180 and 300 base pair (bp) inserts. The *D. subpulchrella* genome data were generated from a stock maintained at the Fondazione Edmund Mach lab that was established from San Diego Drosophila Species Stock center strain 14023-0401.00, originally from Japan. Illumina HiSeq2000 125-base, paired-end sequence data were generated from two libraries of 350 and 550 bp inserts.

Assembly of Wolbachia *in* D. subpulchrella

To assemble *w*Spc, we initially cleaned, trimmed and assembled reads for the *Wolbachia*-infected *D. subpulchrella* using Sickle (https://github.com/najoshi/sickle) and SOAPdenovo v. 2.04 (Luo *et al.* 2012). For the assembly, *K* values of 31, 41, ... and 101 were tried, and the best assembly (fewest contigs and largest N50) was kept. This preliminary assembly had over 100,000 contigs with a total length of 243 megabases (Mbp). Details of the *D. subpulchrella* assembly will be published elsewhere, together with a comparison to the *D. suzukii* genome. Most of the contigs were identified through BLAST search as deriving from *Drosophila*. Minor contamination from microbiota (such as *Acetobacter* spp.) was identified. Contigs with best nucleotide BLAST matches (with E-values less than 10^{-10}) to known *Wolbachia* sequences were extracted as the draft assembly for *w*Spc. We also attempted filtering the reads by alignment to *w*Ri and assembling with SPAdes 3.0 (Bankevich *et al*. 2012). The assembly of *w*Spc is available from GenBank under accession number XXXXX [to be advised].

To assess the quality of our draft *w*Spc and *w*Suz assemblies, we used BUSCO v. 3.0.0

(Simão *et al*. 2015) to search for orthologs of the near-universal, single-copy genes in the

BUSCO proteobacteria database. As a control, we performed the same search using the complete

reference genomes for *w*Ri (Klasson *et al*. 2009), *w*Au (Sutton *et al*. 2014), *w*Mel (Wu *et al*.

2009), *w*Ha and *w*No (Ellegaard *et al*. 2013).

Phylogeny and estimates of divergence of w*Spc and* w*Suz*

The *Wolbachia* MLST loci *gatB, hcpA, coxA, fbpA, and ftsZ* (Baldo *et al*. 2006) were identified

in the assemblies using BLAST. As reported in Hamm *et al*. (2014), the MLST sequences from

*w*Spc and *w*Suz were identical both to each other and to those of the *w*Ri reference genome from

D. simulans (Klasson *et al.* 2009).

To distinguish these *Wolbachia* and determine their relationships, we extracted additional

orthologous loci from the draft genomes. We annotated the genomes of *w*Suz and *w*Spc with

Prokka v 1.11 (Seemann 2014), which identifies orthologs to reference bacterial genes. To

normalize our comparisons, we also annotated the genomes of *w*Ri (Klasson *et al.* 2009), *w*Au

(Sutton *et al.* 2014) and *w*Mel (Wu *et al.* 2004; Richardson *et al.* 2012). We selected 512 genes

present in full length and single copy in all five genomes, avoiding incomplete or pseudogenes

and loci with paralogs. Genes were treated as single copy if no other gene in the genome was

matched to the same reference bacterial gene by Prokka, and as full length if the orthologs in the

other *Wolbachia* genomes all had the same length. The nucleotide sequences of the genes were

aligned with MAFFT v. 7 (Katoh 2013) and concatenated, giving an alignment of 480,831 bp.

The strain phylogeny was estimated with a phylogram constructed with MrBayes v. 3.2

(Ronquist & Huelsenbeck 2003) using the GTR+Γ model, partitioned by codon position. All

model parameters for each partition were allowed to vary independently, except topology and

branch length. We ran two independent chains, each with four incrementally heated subchains,

for 1,000,000 generations. Trace files for each analysis were visualized in Tracer v. 1.6

(Rambaut *et al.* 2014) to ensure convergence of all continuous parameters. The first 25% of the

generations were discarded as burn-in. Only one topology had posterior probability > 0.001.

To estimate the divergence between *w*Suz and *w*Spc, 703 genes present in full length and

single copy in *w*Suz, *w*Spc, and *w*Ri (spanning a total of 704,883 bp) were extracted and aligned

with MAFFT v. 7. As an additional assessment of the completeness of the *w*Suz and *w*Spc

assemblies, we calculated the number of single-copy genes in the *w*Ri reference and found 734.

The resulting alignments were concatenated. To estimate a chronogram, we assumed for

simplicity that each partition evolved at a constant rate across the tree (allowing the rates to

differ among codon positions). The constant-rate chronogram was estimated with MrBayes v. 3.2,

using the same procedure as our five-sequence *Wolbachia* phylogram (which included *w*Mel and

*w*Au). The age of the *w*Suz-*w*Spc node was set at 1, as an arbitrary scaling of relative ages.

Nuclear divergence between D. subpulchrella *and* D. suzukii

Hamm *et al.* (2014) used *Drosophila* nuclear data extracted from Yang *et al.* (2012) to assess the

relationships of *D. suzukii*, *D. subpulchrella* and *D. biarmipes*, but these data have subsequently

been shown to be unreliable (Catullo & Oakeshott 2014). We reassessed these relationships and

compared the *Wolbachia* and nuclear chronograms for *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*. We

identified in FlyBase complete coding regions for *D. melanogaster* for the ten nuclear loci used

by Hamm *et al.* (2014) (*H2A*, *Adh*, *amylase*, *amyrel*, *cdc6*, *ddc*, *esc*, *hb*, *nucl*, and *ptc*), plus ten

additional nuclear loci (*aconitase, enolase, glyp, glys, pepck, pgi, pgm, tpi, white,* and *wg*). We

used BLAST to identify orthologs in the *D. suzukii* assembly of Ometto *et al.* (2013), the

unpublished draft *D. subpulchrella* assembly described above, a *D. biarmipes* assembly (Chen *et*

al. 2014), and a second-generation *D. simulans* assembly (Hu *et al.* 2012). Data for *H2A* and

amylase were eliminated because *H2A* had multiple non-identical paralogs in each species and

homologs of *D. melanogaster amylase* could not be found in the assemblies. The coding

sequences for the remaining 18 loci were aligned with MAFFT v. 7 and concatenated. (Our

nuclear data from *D. subpulchrella* are available from GenBank under accession numbers

MF908506-MF909523.) The alignment was analyzed with MrBayes v. 3.2 using the same model

and procedures used for our *Wolbachia* analyses, except that we partitioned the data by both

gene and codon position. We estimated both a phylogram and a constant-rate chronogram. The

latter assumed that each partition evolved at a constant rate over the tree. The age of the most

recent common ancestor (MRCA) of *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* was set at 1, as an arbitrary

scaling of relative ages. To test the robustness of our relative divergence-time estimates for the

host species, we also estimated the chronogram using a relaxed-clock model in RevBayes

(Hoehna *et al*. 2016). This analysis also partitioned the data by gene and codon position and used

the GTR+Γ model, but it assumed uncorrelated lognormal rate variation across branches.

Following the RevBayes tutorial

(https://github.com/revbayes/revbayes_tutorial/blob/master/RB_BayesFactor_Tutorial/scripts/ma

rginal_likelihood_GTR_Gamma_inv.Rev), we used a lognormal prior with mean and standard-

deviation parameters ($-X^2/2$, X) and a lognormal hyperprior on X with parameters (ln(2)/4,

Sqrt[ln(2)/2]). To estimate k_s and k_a between *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, we used DNAsp v.

5.10 (Rozas 2009).

Following Hotopp *et al.* (2007), we looked for evidence of genetic transfer from *w*Suz and

*w*Spc (or other *Wolbachia*) to these hosts. The *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* assemblies

(including the *Wolbachia* contigs) were BLASTed against both all known *melanogaster* group

nuclear sequences and all known *Wolbachia* sequences. We sought contigs for which part

mapped to a *Drosophila* nuclear sequence and not to any *Wolbachia* sequence while another part

mapped to a *Wolbachia* sequence and not to any *Drosophila* nuclear sequence.

Analysis of divergence between w*Spc,* w*Suz and* w*Ri*

The trimmed Illumina reads from *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* were aligned to the *w*Ri

reference (Klasson *et al.* 2009) with bwa v. 0.7.12 (Li & Durbin 2009). As a control, we also

aligned Illumina reads from Riv84 (Iturbe-Ormaetxe *et al.* 2010), the *D. simulans* line used to

make the *w*Ri reference. Normalized read-depth for each alignment was calculated over sliding

1000 bp windows by dividing the average depth in the window by the average depth over the

entire genome. Putative copy number variant (CNV) locations were identified with

ControlFREEC v. 8.0 (Boeva *et al.* 2012), using 500 bp windows and the Riv84 alignment as a

control. For the bulk of the genomes, we used an expected ploidy of one, but for variants

involving sequences duplicated in *w*Ri, we used a ploidy of two. We calculated *P*-values for each

putative CNV using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test implemented in ControlFREEC.

Sequences for the "Octomom" genes *WD0507-WD0514* (Chrostek & Teixeira 2015, *cf.*

Rohrscheib *et al.* 2016; Chrostek & Teixeira 2017) were extracted from the *w*Mel reference (Wu

et al. 2004; Richardson *et al.* 2012). Using BLAST, we identified orthologs in the *w*Ri reference

(Klasson *et al.* 2009) and the draft assemblies for *w*Suz and *w*Spc.

Sequences homologous to loci putatively involved in CI in other *Wolbachia* strains

(Beckmann & Fallon 2013; LePage *et al.* 2017; Beckmann *et al.* 2017) were extracted from *w*Ri

(Klasson *et al.* 2009) and the draft assemblies for *w*Suz and *w*Spc. Differences among these three

genomes at these loci were assessed by aligning the *w*Suz and *w*Spc reads to the *w*Ri reference

and calculating the percentage of reads with the non-*w*Ri base.

To identify a specific insertion of the transposable element ISWpi7, which occurs in 21

identical copies in *w*Ri, and whose position differentiates *w*Spc and *w*Suz from *w*Ri, an

additional assembly step was required. The novel insertion occurs in the *w*Spc and *w*Suz

orthologs of *WRi_006720,* one of the CI-associated loci discussed below. The *D. suzukii* and *D.*

subpulchrella reads were aligned to the *w*Spc assembly with bwa 0.7.12 (Li & Durbin 2009). For

both contigs that contain part of the *WRi_006720* gene, reads mapping to the ISWpi7

transposable element plus the neighboring 500 bp were extracted and assembled with

SOAPdenovo v. 2.04 (Luo *et al*. 2012), using a *K* value of 55. Both the *D. suzukii* and *D.*

subpulchrella reads assembled into a single contig containing the two pieces of *WRi_006720*

interrupted by a single copy of ISWpi7. To test this bioinformatic result, we designed two pairs

of PCR primers that spanned the hypothesized junctions between the ortholog of *WRi_006720*

and ISWpi7. For the first set of primers (forward: ATGGTCACATTGAACAGAGGAT, reverse:

GTTGGTGCTGCAATGCGTAA), the forward primer attaches at 728945-728966, part of

WRi_006720. For the second set of primers (forward: AGCGTTGTGGAGGAACTCAG,

reverse: CGTCATGCTGCAGTGCTTAG), the reverse primer attaches at 729570-729589, part

of *WRi_006720*. No detectable product is expected with either primer set in *w*Ri, which does not

contain the insert in *WRi_006720*; whereas each primer set is expected to produce a unique band

with *w*Spc and *w*Suz.

Results

Draft genome assembly for wSpc, *the* Wolbachia *from* D. subpulchrella

We generated a draft assembly of *w*Spc by filtering contigs from a joint *Wolbachia-D.*

subpulchrella assembly. The draft *w*Spc assembly was in 100 contigs with N50 length of 31,871

bp and total length of 1.42 Mbp. This length is close to the 1.45 Mbp *w*Ri reference (Klasson *et*

al. 2009), suggesting that it may represent a nearly complete genome. In contrast, the assembly

produced by SPAdes 3.0 had N50 of 8,360 bp and total length of 1.20 Mbp.

Out of 221 near-universal, single-copy orthologs in proteobacteria, BUSCO 3.0.0 (Simão *et*

al. 2015) found effectively the same number in all of the tested genomes (*w*Ri, *w*Au, *w*Mel, *w*Ha,

*w*No, and the drafts of *w*Suz and *w*Spc). Our draft assemblies for *w*Spc and *w*Suz contain two

BUSCO-annotated genes not found in *w*Ri and *w*Mel. See Table S1 for detailed information.

Wolbachia divergence

We aligned and compared *w*Spc and *w*Suz at 703 protein-coding loci (704,883 bp) and identified

only 28 single-nucleotide variants (SNV), an overall divergence of 0.004%. *w*Suz had 103 SNV

compared to *w*Ri (0.015% divergence) and *w*Spc had 99 SNV (0.014% divergence) (Table S2).

Most (87) of these SNV are shared. There were too few differences to definitively determine

whether these genomes are recombinant (Ellegaard *et al*. 2013), but the data were fully

consistent with no recombination (*i.e.*, with so few differences, we have no power to detect

recombination). Bayesian phylogenetic analysis placed *w*Suz and *w*Spc as sisters relative to *w*Ri

(Fig. 2A). For *w*Suz and *w*Spc, we derived point estimates and 95% confidence intervals for

divergence at each codon position, calculated as the rate multiplier for that position times the

branch length (fixed to 1) (Table 1). The rate multipliers express the relative rate of evolution for

each codon position. Hence, the expected number of substitutions for each codon position along

each branch of the phylogram is the branch length times the rate multiplier for that position. The

estimated chronogram (Fig. 2B) shows that the divergence time of *w*Ri from its MRCA with

*w*Spc and *w*Suz is 3.51 times the divergence time of *w*Spc and *w*Suz, with a 95% confidence

interval of (2.41, 4.87). We found no difference in the rates of divergence for first, second and

third codon positions, as also observed in the co-divergence of *Wolbachia* and mtDNA

haplotypes in *D. melanogaster* (Richardson *et al*. 2012). Following from this, estimates of

synonymous, k_s, and non-synonymous, k_a, substitution rates were very similar (Table 1).

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Host divergence

The host phylogram (not shown) and chronogram (Fig. 2C) demonstrate that *D. subpulchrella*

and *D. suzukii* are sisters relative to *D. biarmipes*, as reported by Hamm *et al*. (2014). The

divergence time of *D. biarmipes* from its MRCA with *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* was

estimated to be 1.96 times the divergence time for *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii*, with 95%

confidence interval (1.84, 2.08). The *D. melanogaster* and *D. simulans* divergence time estimate

is 0.72 times as large as the estimated divergence time for *D. subpulchrella-D. suzukii*, with a

95% confidence interval of (0.65, 0.78). Point estimates and 95% confidence intervals for

divergence at each codon position between *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* were calculated as

the rate multiplier for that position times the branch length (fixed to 1) (Table 2). Our estimate of

the third-codon-position substitutions per site, which we use to date *D. subpulchrella-D. suzukii*

divergence, is 9.20×10^{-2} and a 95% confidence interval of $(8.6 \times 10^{-2}, 9.80 \times 10^{-2})$.

Our RevBayes (2016) relaxed-clock chronogram (not shown) was very similar to Fig 2C.

The divergence time of *D. biarmipes* from its MRCA with *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* was

estimated to be 1.84 times the divergence time for *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* (instead of

1.96). Similarly, the *D. melanogaster* and *D. simulans* divergence time estimate is 0.76 times as

large as the estimated divergence time for *D. subpulchrella-D. suzukii* (instead of 0.72). We note

that the model underlying this analysis assumes for computational convenience that each

partition undergoes proportional rate variation across each branch, *i.e.*, each partition speeds up

or slows down by the same amount along each branch (but see Langley & Fitch 1974).

We found no evidence for partial integration of any *Wolbachia* sequence into the nuclear

genomes of either *D. subpulchrella* or *D. suzukii*.

Calibrations for Wolbachia versus host genome divergence and interpretation

We used estimates of relative divergence of the *Wolbachia* and *Drosophila* genomes to

assess cladogenic versus lateral transmission of *w*Spc and *w*Suz. Our strategy was to compare

our estimates of relative *Wolbachia*/host divergence to ratios obtained from published examples

of cladogenic *Wolbachia* transmission. Table 3 summarizes our data and the data from two

Nasonia wasp species (Raychoudhury *et al.* 2008, *w*NlonB1 versus *w*NgirB) and four *Nomada*

bee species (Gerth & Bleidorn 2016, plus unpublished data kindly provided by the authors). Our

ratio of *Wolbachia* to host silent-site divergence estimates is two or three orders of magnitude

lower than found for *Nasonia* or *Nomada*. This strongly supports relatively recent *Wolbachia*

transfer between *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, being inconsistent with ratios observed under

cladogenic *Wolbachia* acquisition. Given that we are looking at only single *w*Spc and *w*Suz

sequences, their divergence time provides an upper bound for the time of interspecific transfer

(Gillespie & Langley 1979). Additional support for non-cladogenic transmission comes from the

analyses of Richardson *et al.* (2012), who inferred that *Wolbachia* substitution rates were

roughly ten-fold lower than the non-coding nuclear mutation rate for *D. melanogaster*, which is

often considered a reasonable approximation for the rate of third-position substitutions (at least

for four-fold degenerate sites, Obbard *et al.* (2012)). This is clearly inconsistent with the three-

order-of-magnitude difference we estimate (Table 3).

Comparing *w*Suz and *w*Spc, we found no difference in k_s and k_a (Table 1). This is also true

for *w*Mel variation in *D. melanogaster* (Richardson *et al.* 2012). Gerth & Bleidorn (2016, pers.

comm.) find essentially identical estimates of k_s and k_a for all pairwise comparisons of the

Wolbachia in the clade ((*N. leucophthalma*, *N. flava*), *N. panzeri*). In contrast, comparing *w*Ri

and *w*Au using the 429,765 bp dataset of single-copy, full-length genes (Table S3), we estimate

k_s of 4.34%; whereas the estimated k_a is only 0.65% (or $k_s/k_a = 6.7$). Similarly, when comparing

the *Wolbachia* of the outgroup host, *N. ferruginata*, to the *Wolbachia* of the three ingroup species,

Gerth & Bleidorn (2016, pers. comm.) observed k_s/k_a values of 2.8, 2.8 and 2.5. In their

comparisons of wNlonB1 and wNgirB from *N. longicornis* and *N. giraulti*, Raychoudhury *et al.*

(2008) estimated k_s/k_a = 0.0037/0.0022 = 1.7. Our data and those from other very recently

diverged *Wolbachia* are consistent with either accelerated adaptive *Wolbachia* evolution in a new

host or a relaxation of constraints on non-synonymous substitutions.

Estimating absolute divergence times (*i.e.,* times to the MRCA) for wSuz and wSpc and

their hosts is more difficult. Assuming 10 generations per year in *Drosophila* and using the

wMel-derived estimate of (2.88×10^{-10}, 1.29×10^{-9}) changes/site/host-generation as the 95%

confidence interval for the third-position substitution rate of *Wolbachia* (Richardson *et al.* 2012),

wSuz and wSpc diverged about 1,600 to 7,000 years ago. Using the 95% confidence interval for

first- and second-position substitution rates from Richardson *et al.* (2012) yields wSuz-wSpc

divergence dates of 1,200 to 9,100 years. Given that *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* seem to be

temperate species (Takamori *et al.* 2006; Ometto *et al.* 2013), the number of generations per year

may be overestimated by a factor of two, which would inflate the *Wolbachia* divergence time by

a factor of two. This does not affect our conclusions. Raychoudhury *et al.* (2008) estimated a

Wolbachia k_s of 4.7×10^{-9} changes/synonymous site/year in *Nasonia*. Using our k_s from Table 1

with the *Nasonia* calibration, the estimated divergence for wSuz and wSpc is 6,400 years, which

is consistent with our *Drosophila* calibration. These analyses suggest that wSuz and wSpc

diverged on the order of 1,000-10,000 years ago, orders of magnitude shorter than typical time

scales for *Drosophila* speciation (10^5-10^6 years, Coyne & Orr 2004, p. 75; Obbard *et al.* 2012).

Molecular estimates of *Drosophila* divergence times generally depend on speculative inferences

from the phylogeography of the Hawaiian *Drosophila* radiation (Obbard *et al.* 2012). Using the

Obbard *et al.* (2012) summary of available estimates for *D. melanogaster* and *D. simulans*

divergence and our relative chronogram for *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* (Fig. 2C), we infer

divergence times for *D. subpulchrella* and *D. suzukii* ranging from about one to nine million

years, two orders of magnitude larger than our estimates for *w*Suz versus *w*Spc. Hence, despite

great uncertainties, our data clearly preclude cladogenic transmission of *w*Suz and *w*Spc. This

conclusion is further supported in the Discussion by a review of variation in rates of bacterial

molecular evolution.

Genome differences between w*Spc,* w*Suz and* w*Ri: structural variation and candidate genes*

We identified copy-number variants (CNV) in *w*Suz and *w*Spc relative to the *w*Ri reference

sequence by plotting read depth along each genome (Fig. 3; Table 4). *w*Spc and *w*Suz share a

deletion relative to *w*Ri of 23,000 bp, between positions 733,000-756,000. *w*Suz has duplications

22,500 bp long from about 570,000 to 592,500 and 1,077,500 to 1,100,000. Both regions are part

of the WO-B prophage. In *w*Ri, there are two nearly identical copies (99.4%) of WO-B, from

about 565,000 to 636,000 and from about 1,071,000 to 1,142,000 (Klasson *et al*. 2009). *w*Suz

had an additional duplication between 1,345,000 and 1,347,500, outside of the WO prophage

regions (Table 4).

We identified homologs in our target *Wolbachia* genomes of loci implicated in producing

phenotypic effects. The Octomom phenotype of *w*Mel (shortened life, high *Wolbachia* titer) has

been associated with eight loci (*WD0507-WD0514*, Chrostek & Teixeira 2015, but see also

Rohrscheib *et al*. 2016; Chrostek & Teixeira 2017). In the *w*Ri reference, we found homologs of

only *WD0508* and *WD0509*. There were two *WD0508*-like genes, at 632,500-633,385 and

1,138,959-1,139,844, within the *w*Ri WO-B prophages. A single *WD0509*-like gene was present,

from 1,419,589-1,421,396, not associated with WO-B prophage. These two genes are not

neighbors in *w*Ri, *w*Spc or *w*Suz, and they are not within regions that differentiate *w*Spc and

*w*Suz from *w*Ri.

Table 5 lists the orthologs and paralogs in *w*Mel, *w*Ri, *w*Suz and *w*Spc of *wPip_0282* and

wPip_0283, the loci originally identified as CI-causing by Beckmann & Fallon (2013) in *w*Pip,

the *Wolbachia* in *Culex pipiens*. These loci occur in pairs; and the "type I" pairs, orthologs of

wPip_0282 and *wPip_0283*, may be a toxin-antidote operon (compare Beckmann *et al.* 2017

with LePage *et al.* 2017). The orthologs in *w*Mel are *WD0631* and *WD0632*. As shown in Table

5, there are two copies of the type I pair in *w*Ri, one copy in each of the two complete copies of

the WO-B prophage. As noted by Beckmann & Fallon (2013), in *w*Ri, there is also a paralogous

pair (*wRi_006720* and *wRi_006710*), termed "type II" by LePage *et al.* (2017), that exists within

what they term a "WO-like island."

Table S5 lists genes included in the CNV regions of *w*Suz and *w*Spc relative to *w*Ri.

Notably, the orthologs of *WD0631* and *WD0632*, implicated in causing CI (Beckmann & Fallon

2013; LePage *et al.* 2017; Beckmann *et al.* 2017), are in a partial third copy of prophage WO-B

found in *w*Suz. Hence, *w*Suz contains three copies of these two loci, whereas *w*Spc has only two

(see Table 5). The copy-number variants in *w*Suz or *w*Spc do not affect the type II loci.

Table 6 reports differences among *w*Ri, *w*Suz and *w*Spc at orthologs of the CI-associated

loci *WD0631*, *WD0632*, *WRi_006710*, and *WRi_006720*. The duplicate orthologs of *WD0631* in

*w*Ri are *WRi_005370* and *WRi_010030*. As noted by Beckmann & Fallon (2013), the (duplicate)

orthologs of *WD0632* in *w*Ri have been annotated as pseudogenes, *WRi_p005380* and

WRi_p010040, because of premature stop codons; but they retain large, intact coding regions and

may be functional (LePage *et al.* 2017 and Beckmann *et al.* 2017 provide evidence supporting

function). Even with multiple orthologs of *WD0631* and *WD0632* in each genome (two in *w*Ri,

two in *w*Spc, three in *w*Suz), all copies within each genome are identical and all interspecific

comparisons consistently show the single-nucleotide differences reported in Table 6. *w*Suz and

*w*Spc share two missense substitutions in *WD0631* and one in *WD0632*. As shown in Table 6,

*w*Suz and *w*Spc also share one missense substitution in *wRi_006710*. This indicates that the

duplications unique to *w*Suz occurred after the split of (*w*Suz, *w*Spc) from *w*Ri. *w*Spc has a

nonsense mutation at position 3,353 of *WD0632*, which results in a protein lacking the last 56

amino acids produced in *w*Ri. These differences may account for the fact that while *w*Ri causes

appreciable CI in *D. simulans* and detectable CI in *D. melanogaster*, neither *w*Suz nor *w*Spc

causes detectable CI in its native host (Hamm *et al*. 2014).

Our bioinformatic and PCR data show that in both *w*Spc and *w*Suz (but not *w*Ri), an IS

element, identical to ISWpi7 of *w*Ri (Klasson *et al*. 2009, Table S5), has inserted before base 323

of the ortholog to *WRi_006720*. There are 21 identical copies of the ISWpi7 transposon in *w*Ri,

each 1480 bp long with the transposase gene flanked on each side by about 200 bp. Clearly, this

ISWpi7 insertion predates the divergence of *w*Spc and *w*Suz.

Discussion

Genomic data indicate non-cladogenic acquisition of w*Suz and* w*Spc*

Despite considerable uncertainly in divergence-time estimates for both *w*Suz and *w*Spc and their

hosts, *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, genomic data on relative rates of *Wolbachia* and host

divergence contradict the conjecture by Hamm *et al*. (2014) that these species share similar

Wolbachia because of cladogenic transmission. Based on this result, we must also revisit the

Hamm *et al*. (2014) conclusion that cladogenic transmission of *Wolbachia* may be relatively

common among *Drosophila*. That conclusion was based on the erroneous assumption that

cladogenic transmission was the most plausible explanation for sister species sharing very

similar *Wolbachia*. Given that on the order of half of *Drosophila* speciation events show

evidence for reinforcement (*i.e.*, accelerated rates of evolution for premating isolation associated

with overlapping ranges) (Coyne & Orr 1989, 1997; Turelli *et al*. 2014), hybridization is

apparently common among sister species of *Drosophila*. Introgression has been invoked to

explain the closely related *Wolbachia* found within the *simulans* and *yakuba* clades in the *D.*

melanogaster subgroup (Rousset and Solignac 1995; Lachaise *et al*. 2000). In both cases, the

introgression hypothesis is favored over horizontal transmission because the hosts also share

essentially identical mitochondrial DNA. *Wolbachia* transmission within the *yakuba* clade is

currently being reanalyzed using complete *Wolbachia*, mitochondrial and nuclear genomes

(Turelli, Conner, Turissini, Matute and Cooper, in prep.).

Understanding the frequency of alternative modes of *Wolbachia* transmission is clearly

related to determining how long *Wolbachia* infections typically persist in host lineages. Bailly-

Bechet *et al.* (2017) provide a meta-analysis of more than 1000 arthropod species from Tahiti

that suggests average durations on the order of seven million years. However, their molecular

data, which involve only two *Wolbachia* loci and the CO1 mtDNA locus, do not have sufficient

power to resolve the issue. Moreover, as they note, their analysis conflates imperfect maternal

transmission with the gain and loss of *Wolbachia* infections within lineages. As our analyses

indicate, nearly complete *Wolbachia* and mitochondrial genomes will often be needed to unravel

the acquisition and retention of closely related *Wolbachia* within host clades.

Extremely variable rates of Wolbachia *molecular evolution seem an implausible alternative*

Gerth & Bleidorn (2016) proposed a time scale for *Wolbachia* evolution based on the apparent

co-divergence of *Wolbachia* and nuclear genomes in a clade of four *Nomada* bee species. Our

discussion of their data emphasized comparisons between the outgroup host *N. ferruginata* and

the three ingroup hosts, noting that the co-divergence of these hosts and their *Wolbachia*

produced relative rates of molecular divergence comparable to those inferred for a pair of

Nasonia (Raychoudhury *et al*. 2008) and for *D. melanogaster* (Richardson *et al*. 2012). However,

if we consider instead the sister species *N. leucophthalma* and *N. flava* from Gerth & Bleidorn

(2016), we would infer much slower divergence of their *Wolbachia* (which recently acquired a

biotin synthesis operon). For *N. leucophthalma* and *N. flava*, Gerth & Bleidorn (2016, pers.

comm.) estimated synonymous nuclear substitution divergence of 6.8×10^{-3}, with a corresponding

Wolbachia synonymous substitution divergence of only 1.0×10^{-4} (Table 3). Under cladogenic

transmission, this implies *Wolbachia* divergence that is roughly an order of magnitude slower

than inferred from the three outgroup comparisons, with *Wolbachia* divergence at 1/68th the rate

of the host nuclear genomes rather than 1/8. This indicates either 8.5-fold rate variation for

Wolbachia molecular evolution or that cladogenic transmission does not apply to this sister pair.

To explain our *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* data with cladogenic transmission and

relative rate heterogeneity, we require that *Wolbachia* divergence is more than 1000-fold slower

than third-position nuclear divergence. This relative rate is 100-fold slower than inferred for *D.*

melanogaster and 30-fold slower than the slow rate implied by cladogenic transmission between

N. leucophthalma and *N. flava*. Such extreme heterogeneity seems implausible, but more

examples of cladogenic *Wolbachia* transmission are needed to definitively rule this out.

Although there are relatively few taxa for which we can quantify the relative rates of nuclear

versus *Wolbachia* molecular evolution, there are extensive data assessing the relative constancy

of bacterial molecular evolution. Kuo & Ochman (2009) provide an overview, emphasizing that

variation across taxa is too great for any locus or group of loci to provide a broadly applicable

"molecular clock" for bacteria. Nevertheless, their analyses indicate that variation across

lineages is typically much less than 10-fold. Yet, if *w*Suz and *w*Spc were cladogenically inherited

and we assume the implausibly short host divergence time of 500,000 years (half of our lowest

plausible estimate, see Fig. 2), the inferred upper bound on the rate of *Wolbachia* silent site

substitutions is about 1.0×10^{-11} per site per year. In contrast, the inferred rates of silent site

substitutions from the *Nasonia* and *Nomada* data (Table 3) are at least two orders of magnitude

faster. Such variation in *Wolbachia* substitution rates over many loci would be unprecedented

among bacteria.

Comparative genomics and cytoplasmic incompatibility

Recent experiments strongly suggest that the *w*Mel loci *WD0631* and *WD0632*, contained within

the WO-B prophage, cause CI (Beckmann & Fallon 2013; LePage et al. 2017; Beckmann *et al.*

2017). Despite having orthologs of both loci that are fairly similar to those in *w*Ri, *D. suzukii* and

D. subpulchrella show no apparent CI. There are two copies of these CI-associated loci in *w*Ri,

two in *w*Spc, and three in *w*Suz. As argued above, the additional copy in *w*Suz was acquired after

*w*Suz and *w*Spc diverged. The differences we document in Table 6 between *w*Ri, *w*Suz and *w*Spc

at the CI-associated loci may be informative about the portions of those loci essential to CI.

Unpublished data (L. Mouton, pers. comm.) show that *w*Ri causes detectable, but slight, CI when

introduced into *D. suzukii*. Given the high level of CI that *w*Ri causes in *D. simulans*, these data

suggest that *D. suzukii* may suppress CI, perhaps indicating a relatively old association with CI-

causing *Wolbachia* (Turelli 1994; Hoffmann & Turelli 1997). We may be able to determine

whether *D. suzukii* or *D. subpulchrella* was the donor of their closely related *Wolbachia* from

population genomic analyses of their mtDNA and *Wolbachia*. Genomes from a geographically

diverse sample of *D. suzukii* are currently being analyzed and may resolve the direction of

Wolbachia transfer (J. C. Chiu, pers. comm.).

The published crossing studies in *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, which found no

statistically significant CI caused by *w*Suz or *w*Spc, are relatively small (Hamm *et al.* 2014;

Cattel *et al.* 2016). They are comparable to the experiments that inferred no CI associated with

the native *Wolbachia* infections in *D. yakuba*, *D. teissieri* and *D. santomea* (Charlat *et al.* 2004;

Zabalou *et al.* 2004). However, larger experiments by Cooper *et al.* (2017) revealed consistent,

albeit weak, CI in all three *yakuba*-clade species – and interspecific CI between these species.

More replicated assays for CI in *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, as well as investigation of

whether CI is produced when *w*Spc and *w*Suz are transinfected into CI-expressing hosts such as

D. simulans, will indicate whether the differences described in Table 6 are candidates for

disrupting the molecular processes underlying CI (Beckmann *et al.* 2017, LePage *et al.* 2017).

Conclusions and open questions

Understanding how host species acquire *Wolbachia* requires comparing divergence-time

estimates for closely related *Wolbachia* in host sister species to divergence-time estimates for

both their hosts' nuclear genes and mtDNA. To make confident inferences, we need better

estimates of both the mean and variance of relative divergence rates for these three genomes. The

variance for mtDNA divergence can be obtained from extant data, such as the many available

Drosophila genomes. Estimates for nuclear, mitochondrial and *Wolbachia* genomes can be

obtained from groups like the filarial nematodes for which co-divergence of the hosts and their

obligate *Wolbachia* is well established (Bandi *et al*. 1998). Our ability to infer processes of

Wolbachia acquisition will be greatly enhanced by additional examples of cladogenic

transmission among insects, besides *Nasonia* wasps (Raychoudhury *et al*. 2008) and *Nomada*

bees (Gerth & Bleidorn 2016). For *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella*, distinguishing between

introgression and horizontal transmission requires mtDNA sequences, which will be analyzed in

our forthcoming *D. subpulchrella* genome paper.

It is a challenge to understand the pattern of molecular evolution between closely related

Wolbachia whereby all three nucleotide positions evolve at similar rates, producing comparable

rates of synonymous versus non-synonymous substitutions. This is consistent with the pattern of

variation seen for *w*Mel within *D. melanogaster* (Richardson *et al*. 2012). In contrast, k_s/k_a

increases to 2-3 for the cladogenically transmitted *Wolbachia* in *Nasonia* and *Nomada*; then

increases to about 7 for the more distantly related *w*Au and *w*Ri infecting *D. simulans*. Does

Wolbachia "invasion" of a new host represent a relaxation of selective constraint or an

opportunity for adaptation? The reigning paradigm for molecular evolution of endosymbionts

involves the fixation of slightly deleterious mutations (Moran 1996; Kuo & Ochman 2009),

consistent with relaxed constraints and reduced effective population size. However, we can test

for rapid adaptation of *Wolbachia* to hosts by moving near-identical *Wolbachia* between closely

related hosts and comparing fitness (and reproductive) effects in native versus novel hosts.

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FIGURE 3 We compare normalized read-density relative to the *w*Ri reference sequence of

Klasson *et al*. (2009) for: A) the Illumina reads from the Riv84 version of *w*Ri reported by

Iturbe-Ormaetxe *et al*. (2010), B) the *w*Suz reads from Ometto *et al*. (2014), and C) the

*w*Spc reads from this study.

Table 1 Estimated number of substitutions per site by codon position between wSuz and wSpc, plus estimates of synonymous (k_s) and non-synonymous (k_a) substitution rates, see the text for details.

Position	Point Estimates	95% Confidence Interval
1st	5.0×10^{-5}	$(3.0 \times 10^{-5}, 7.0 \times 10^{-5})$
2nd	3.2×10^{-5}	$(1.6 \times 10^{-5}, 4.6 \times 10^{-5})$
3rd	4.0×10^{-5}	$(2.4 \times 10^{-5}, 5.6 \times 10^{-5})$
Overall (k_s, k_a)	$(3 \times 10^{-5}, 4 \times 10^{-5})$	

Table 2 Estimated number of substitutions per site by codon position between *D. suzukii* and *D. subpulchrella* for 18 nuclear loci, plus estimates of synonymous (k_s) and non-synonymous (k_a) substitution rates, see the text for details.

Position	Point Estimates	95% Confidence Interval
1st	1.10×10^{-2}	$(9.91\times10^{-3}, 1.21\times10^{-2})$
2nd	4.73×10^{-3}	$(4.12\times10^{-3}, 5.28\times10^{-3})$
3rd	9.20×10^{-2}	$(8.64\times10^{-2}, 9.80\times10^{-2})$
Overall (k_s, k_a)	$(1.2\times10^{-1}, 5.3\times10^{-3})$	

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Table 3 Estimated frequencies of synonymous (k_s) versus non-synonymous (k_a) substitutions per site for *Wolbachia* in various hosts.

Data source	Species 1	Species 2	Host		*Wolbachia*		k_s ratio
			k_s	k_a	k_s	k_a	
this work	*Drosophila suzukii*	*Drosophila subpulchrella*	1.2×10^{-1}	6.8×10^{-3}	3×10^{-5}	4×10^{-5}	0.00025
Raychoudhury et al.	*Nasonia giraulti*	*Nasonia longicornis*	1.22×10^{-2}	5.4×10^{-3}	3.7×10^{-3}	2.2×10^{-3}	0.30
Gerth & Bleidorn	*Nomada ferruginata*	*Nomada leucophthalma*	1.95×10^{-2}	2.6×10^{-3}	2.5×10^{-3}	9×10^{-4}	0.13
ibid.	*N. ferrug.*	*N. flava*	1.92×10^{-2}	2.7×10^{-3}	2.5×10^{-3}	9×10^{-4}	0.13
ibid.	*N. ferrug.*	*N. panzeri*	1.84×10^{-2}	3.1×10^{-3}	2.7×10^{-3}	1.1×10^{-3}	0.15
ibid.	*N. leuco.*	*N. flava*	6.8×10^{-3}	4×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}	0.015
ibid.	*N. leuco.*	*N. panzeri*	5.8×10^{-3}	8×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}	2×10^{-4}	0.052
ibid.	*N. flava*	*N. panzeri*	5.5×10^{-3}	9×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}	0.055

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Table 4 Copy-number variants in *w*Suz and *w*Spc relative to *w*Ri. All positions are given relative to the *w*Ri reference of Klasson *et al.* (2009).

Start position	End position	Copy number change	Kolmogorov-Smirnov *P*-value	Affected genomes
570000	592500	2 → 3*	<0.0001	*w*Suz
733000	756000	1 → 0	<0.0001	*w*Suz, *w*Spc
1077500	1100000	2 → 3*	<0.0001	*w*Suz
1345000	1347500	1 → 2	0.016	*w*Suz

2   *This sequence is duplicated in the *w*Ri genome, so it was treated as diploid in our

3   ControlFREEC v. 8.0 analysis.

1   **Table 5** Homologs of CI-associated loci in *w*Mel, *w*Ri, *w*Suz and *w*Spc. The gene designations

2   in *w*Spc and *w*Suz reflect homology to loci identified in *w*Mel and *w*Ri.

Wolbachia	gene pair[*]	Gene 1	Gene 2	WO prophage association[†]
*w*Mel	I	*WD0631* (*cifA*/*cidA*)[‡] (antidote?)	*WD0632* (*cifB*/*cidB*)[‡] (toxin?)	yes
*w*Ri	I.1	*wRi_005370*	*wRi-p005380*[§]	yes
	I.2	*wRi_010030*	*wRi_p010040*[§]	yes
	II	*wRi_006720*	*wRi_006710*	no
*w*Spc	I.1	*wSpc_0631.I.1*	*wSpc_0632.I.1*	yes
	I.2	*wSpc_0631.I.2*	*wSpc_0632.II.2*	yes
	II	wSpc_6720 (disrupted)	wSpc_6710	no
*w*Suz	I.1	*wSuz_0631.I.1*	*wSuz_0632.I.1*	yes
	I.2	*wSuz_0631.I.2*	*wSuz_0632.II.2*	yes
	I.3	*wSuz_0631.I.3*	*wSuz_0632.II.3*	partial[¶]
	II	*wSuz_6720* (disrupted)	*wSuz_6710*	no

[*]Roman numerals follow the "type" designations in LePage *et al*. (2017).

[†]This refers to location within an intact WO prophage, as opposed to a "WO-like island" (*cf.*
LePage *et al*. 2017).

[‡]Alternative designations (*cif* versus *cin*) from LePage *et al*. (2017) and Beckmann *et al*. (2017),
respectively. Beckmann *et al*. (2017) proposes that *WD0631* produces an antidote to the toxin
produced by *WD0632*.

[§]Annotated as pseudogenes, but see text.

[¶]This third copy in *w*Suz exists in the 1077500-1100000 CNV, noted in Table 4, which is a
partial copy of the WO-B prophage.

Table 6 Comparisons between *w*Ri, *w*Spc and *w*Suz at the CI-associated loci (type I, possible antidote, toxin), *WD0631* and *WD0632*, from *w*Mel, and the paralogous loci (type II), *WRi_006710* and *WRi_006720* from *w*Ri. All reads from *w*Spc and *w*Suz are consistent with the differences shown.

Location (gene, amino acid)	*w*Ri codon (codon, translation)	*w*Spc codon (codon, translation)	*w*Suz codon (codon, translation)
WD0631 [*] (antidote?)			
363	AAA, Lys	GAA, Glu	GAA, Glu
473	AAA, Lys	AGA, Arg	AGA, Arg
WD0632 [†] (toxin?)			
91	GGA, Gly	GGG, Gly	GGG, Gly
176	TAT, Tyr	GAT, Asp	GAT, Asp
213	TAT, Tyr	TAC, Tyr	TAC, Tyr
1118	TTA, Leu	TGA, STOP	TTA, Leu
WRi_006710			
663	TAT, Tyr	CAT, His	CAT, His
WRi_006720			
1 to 108	Present	Disrupted, see text	Disrupted, see text

2   [*]The duplicate orthologs in *w*Ri are *WRi_005370* and *WRi_010030*.

3   [†]The duplicate orthologs in *w*Ri are *WRi_p005380* and *WRi_p010040*.

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Genome	Complete, single copy	Fragment	Not found
*w*Ri	180	2	39
*w*Mel	180	2	39
*w*Au	181	2	38
*w*Ha	179	3	39
*w*No	181	4	36
*w*Suz	182[*]	2[†]	37
*w*Spc	182[*]	2[†]	37

[*]Ribonuclease H-like domain is complete in *w*Suz and *w*Spc, but was not found in *w*Ri, *w*Mel,

*w*Au, *w*Ha or *w*No. Dihydropteroate synthase is complete in *w*Suz, *w*Spc, *w*Au and *w*No, but

was not found in *w*Ha, *w*Mel or *w*Ri.

[†]Peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase is complete in *w*Suz, *w*Spc, and *w*No, but is fragmented in *w*Ri, *w*Au,

*w*Ha and *w*Mel. Phospho-N-acetylmuramoyl-pentapeptide-transferase is fragmented in *w*Suz,

*w*Spc and *w*Ha, but is complete in *w*Au, *w*Mel and *w*No.

Table S2 Observed pairwise genomic differences between *Wolbachia* strains, given as percentage of polymorphic sites in single-copy, full-length genes present in all strains.

wSpc-wSuz-wRi dataset (704,883 base pairs, 703 genes)		
Genomes	**Number of differences**	**Percent difference**
wSpc v. wSuz	28	0.004%
wRi v. wSuz	103	0.014%
wRi v. wSpc	99	0.015%
wSpc-wSuz-wRi-wMel-wAu dataset (480,831 base pairs, 512 genes)		
Genomes	**Number of differences**	**Percent difference**
wSpc v. wSuz	21	0.005%
wSuz v. wRi	62	0.014%
wSpc v. wRi	59	0.014%

Table S3 Matrix of k_a (below diagonal) and k_s (above diagonal) estimates for wSuz, wSpc, wRi, wAu and wMel (using the 480,831 bp data set from Table S2).

	wSuz	**wSpc**	**wRi**	**wAu**	**wMel**
wSuz		0.002%	0.017%	4.58%	4.58%
wSpc	0.005%		0.019%	4.57%	4.58%
wRi	0.013%	0.014%		4.57%	4.58%
wAu	0.78%	0.77%	0.77%		0.20%
wMel	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.10%	

Table S4 The 28 substitutions differentiating *w*Spc and *w*Suz.

Gene	Amino Acid	*w*Spc codon	*w*Suz codon	Gene Description
WRi_000230	228	GTT(Val)	ATT(Ile)	DNA-directed RNA polymerase beta subunit
WRi_000410	67	GCT(Ala)	GCC(Ala)	hypothetical protein
WRi_000410	118	TCG(Ser)	TTG(Leu)	hypothetical protein
WRi_000780	310	TGC(Cys)	TGT(Cys)	GTP/ATP binding protein putative
WRi_001670	103	GAC(Asp)	GAT(Asp)	enoyl-(acyl-carrier-protein) reductase
WRi_002520	228	GAT(Asp)	CAT(His)	GTP-binding protein
WRi_002650	6	GAA(Glu)	AAA(Lys)	hypothetical protein
WRi_003080	374	ACA(Thr)	ACG(Thr)	succinate dehydrogenase flavoprotein subunit
WRi_003240	59	TCT(Ser)	CCT(Pro)	hypothetical protein
WRi_003580	722	TTA(Leu)	CTA(Leu)	hypothetical protein
WRi_004080	303	CGG(Arg)	TGG(Trp)	bicyclomycin resistance protein
WRi_004790	793	CCT(Pro)	TCT(Ser)	hypothetical protein
WRi_004810	31	AAT(Asn)	ACT(Thr)	protoheme IX farnesyltransferase
WRi_006490	372	AAC(Asn)	GAC(Asp)	deoxyguanosinetriphosphate triphosphohydrolase
WRi_006610	26	CAA(Gly)	CCA(Pro)	polysaccharide deacetylase putative
WRi_007380	335	AAT(Asn)	AGT(Ser)	peptidase M16 family
WRi_007510	47	GGG(Gly)	GCG(Ala)	hypothetical protein
WRi_008460	296	TAT(Tyr)	CAT(His)	iron compound ABC transporter periplasmic iron compound-binding protein
WRi_008830	45	ACT(Thr)	GCT(Ala)	hypothetical protein
WRi_008830	29	GCA(Ala)	GTA(Val)	hypothetical protein
WRi_010700	179	ATT(Ile)	ATG(Met)	permease putative
WRi_010800	415	TTG(Leu)	TTT(Phe)	sodium/alanine symporter family protein
WRi_010800	226	ATG(Met)	ATT(Ile)	sodium/alanine symporter family protein
WRi_011150	29	GAA(Glu)	GCA(Ala)	putative monovalent cation/H+ antiporter subunit D
WRi_011880	231	GAT(Asp)	AAT(Asn)	Succinyl-CoA synthetase beta subunit
WRi_012790	260	GGG(Gly)	GAG(Glu)	Type IV secretion system protein VirB9 putative
WRi_012830	128	ATT(Ile)	ATG(Met)	rod shape-determining protein RodA
WRi_012980	22	TGT(Cys)	TTT(Phe)	HIT family protein

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Table S5 Genes present in CNV regions of *w*Suz or *w*Spc relative to *w*Ri. All locations are relative to the *w*Ri reference sequence of Klasson *et al*. (2009).

CNV LOCATION	COPY NUMBER CHANGE	AFFECTED GENOMES	KOLMOGOROV-SMIRNOV P-VALUE
570000-592500, 1077500-1100000	2 → 3	*w*Suz only	<0.0001

GENE START	GENE END	GENE ID	GENE DESCRIPTION
571723	573147	*WRi_005370*	Hypothetical protein: ortholog to *WD0631*, one of the tandem putative CI loci in wMel.
573202	576723	*WRi_p005380*	Putative pseudogene, a truncated ortholog of *WD0632* (and *wPip_0283*)
577843	580743	*WRi_005390*	Ankyrin repeat domain protein
581150	582643	*WRi_005400*	site-specific recombinase resolvase family
582831	583663	*WRi_005420*	transposase
584009	584467	*WRi_005440*	ankyrin repeat domain protein
584493	585227	*WRi_005450*	ankyrin repeat domain protein
585395	586555	*WRi_005460*	hypothetical protein
586555	587346	*WRi_005470*	baseplate assembly protein J putative
587349	587684	*WRi_005480*	baseplate assembly protein W putative
587687	587941	*WRi_005490*	hypothetical protein
587949	588413	*WRi_005500*	baseplate assembly protein V
588400	588876	*WRi_005510*	hypothetical protein
588873	589394	*WRi_005520*	minor tail protein Z putative
589396	589701	*WRi_005530*	hypothetical protein
589799	590803	*WRi_005540*	hypothetical protein
590841	591212	*WRi_005550*	hypothetical protein
591287	592348	*WRi_005560*	minor capsid protein C putative
1078182	1079606	*WRi_010030*	Hypothetical protein: ortholog to *WD0631*, one of the tandem putative CI loci in wMel.
1079661	1083182	*WRi_p010040*	Putative pseudogene, a truncated ortholog of *WD0632* (and *wPip_0283*)
1084302	1087202	*WRi_010050*	Ankyrin repeat domain protein
1087609	1089102	*WRi_010060*	site-specific recombinase resolvase family
1089290	1090122	*WRi_010080*	transposase
1090468	1090926	*WRi_010100*	ankyrin repeat domain protein
1090952	1091686	*WRi_010110*	ankyrin repeat domain protein
1091854	1093014	*WRi_010120*	hypothetical protein
1093014	1093805	*WRi_010130*	baseplate assembly protein J putative
1093808	1094143	*WRi_010140*	baseplate assembly protein W putative
1094146	1094400	*WRi_010150*	hypothetical protein
1094408	1094872	*WRi_010160*	baseplate assembly protein V

1094859	1095335	*WRi_010170*	hypothetical protein
1095332	1095853	*WRi_010180*	minor tail protein Z putative
1095855	1096160	*WRi_010190*	hypothetical protein
1096258	1097262	*WRi_010200*	hypothetical protein
1097300	1097671	*WRi_010210*	hypothetical protein
1097746	1098807	*WRi_010220*	minor capsid protein C putative

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733000-756000	1 → 0		*w*Suz and *w*Spc	<0.0001
GENE START	GENE END	GENE ID	GENE DESCRIPTION	
733007	734389	*WRi_006770*	transposase	
735447	736526	*WRi_006790*	hypothetical protein	
736739	737194	*WRi_006800*	Small heat shock protein	
737637	738647	*WRi_006810*	ankyrin repeat domain protein	
738683	739515	*WRi_006820*	transposase IS5 family	
741777	749201	*WRi_006850*	ankyrin repeat domain protein	
749574	750653	*WRi_006860*	ankyrin repeat domain protein	
750749	753349	*WRi_006870*	ankyrin repeat domain protein	
754223	755143	*WRi_006880*	patatin family protein	
755153	755371	*WRi_006890*	hypothetical protein	
755496	756032	*WRi_006900*	ankyrin repeat domain protein	
755998	756978	*WRi_006910*	tail protein D putative	

CNV LOCATION	COPY NUMBER CHANGE		AFFECTED GENOMES	KOLMOGOROV-SMIRNOV *P*-VALUE
1345000-1347500	1 → 2		*w*Suz only	0.016
GENE START	GENE END	GENE ID	GENE DESCRIPTION	
1345028	1345492	*WRi_012540*	baseplate assembly protein V	
1345769	1347103	*WRi_012560*	transposase	

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Drosophila suzukii and D. subpulchrella, with males on the left. The photos are from McEvey (2017a,b), the composite image is courtesy of Shane McEvey.

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FIGURE 2 Phylogram and chronograms for the Wolbachia and hosts discussed. Clade posterior probabilities are shown. A) Wolbachia phylogram. B) Wolbachia chronogram with an estimate of the divergence time for wSuz and wSpc. Branch lengths relative to the wSpc-wSuz divergence are shown. All clade posterior probabilities are 1.0. C) Host chronogram with an estimate of divergence time for D. suzukii and D. subpulchrella. Branch lengths relative to the D. suzukii-D. subpulchrella divergence are shown. All clade posterior probabilities are 1.0.

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