

1 **High-Resolution Maps of Mouse Reference Populations**

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1 **Abstract**

2 Genetic reference panels are widely used to map complex, quantitative traits in
3 model organisms. We have generated new high-resolution genetic maps of 259
4 mouse inbred strains from recombinant inbred strain panels (C57BL/6J x DBA/2J,
5 ILS/lbgTejJ x ISS/lbgTejJ, C57BL/6J x A/J) and chromosome substitution strain
6 panels (C57BL/6J-Chr#<A/J>, C57BL/6J-Chr#<PWD/Ph>, C57BL/6J-
7 Chr#<MSM/Ms>). We genotyped all samples using the Affymetrix Mouse Diversity
8 Array with an average inter-marker spacing of 4.3kb. The new genetic maps provide
9 increased precision in the localization of recombination breakpoints compared to the
10 previous maps. Although the strains were presumed to be fully inbred, we found
11 residual heterozygosity in 40% of individual mice from five of the six panels. We also
12 identified *de novo* deletions and duplications, in homozygous or heterozygous state,
13 ranging in size from 21kb to 8.4Mb. Almost two-thirds (46 out of 76) of these
14 deletions overlap exons of protein coding genes and may have phenotypic
15 consequences. Twenty-nine putative gene conversions were identified in the
16 chromosome substitution strains. We find that gene conversions are more likely to
17 occur in regions where the homologous chromosomes are more similar. The raw
18 genotyping data and genetic maps of these strain panels are available at
19 <http://churchill-lab.jax.org/website/MDA>.

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1 Introduction

2 The laboratory mouse is the most widely used mammalian model organism for
3 biomedical research. Among the key advantages of mice are a well-annotated
4 reference genome (CHINWALLA *et al.* 2002), over one hundred strain-specific genome
5 sequences (KEANE *et al.* 2011), (MORGAN *et al.* 2016), (CC Genomes, Genetics
6 2017), and many genetic reference populations, including multi-parent strain panels
7 (CONSORTIUM 2012) and outbred stocks (CHURCHILL *et al.* 2012), and strains carrying
8 null alleles at most protein coding genes. There are dozens of readily available
9 inbred strains that capture a wealth of genetic variants and display unique phenotypic
10 characters (BECK *et al.* 2000), (YANG *et al.* 2011).

11 Genetic reference populations of mice include collections of strains that reassort a
12 fixed set of genetic variants such as *chromosome substitution strain* (CSS) and
13 *recombinant inbred strain* (RIS) panels. Chromosome substitution strains, also known
14 as consomic strains, combine genomes of two founder inbred strains by substituting
15 one chromosome pair from the *donor strain* into the genetic background of the *host*
16 *strain* (NADEAU *et al.* 2012). The mouse genome is composed of 19 pairs of
17 autosomal chromosomes, X and Y sex chromosomes, and a mitochondrial genome,
18 thus a minimum of 22 strains could constitute a complete CSS panel. In some cases
19 it has proven difficult to introgress a specific entire donor strain chromosome into the
20 host background and the complete CSS panel may include partial chromosome
21 substitutions and consists of more than 22 strains. RIS also combine genomes of two
22 founder strains; they are derived from one or more generations of outcrossing
23 followed by sibling mating to produce new inbred strains whose genomes are
24 mosaics of the founder genomes (WILLIAMS *et al.* 2001). Both RIS and CSS panels

1 have been successfully applied to the mapping of complex traits (BUCHNER and
2 NADEAU 2015).

3 We have carried out high-density genotyping of three RIS panels C57BL/6J x DBA/2J
4 (BXD), ILS/lbgTejJ x ISS/lbgTejJ (LXS), C57BL/6J x A/J (AXB/BXA) and three CSS
5 panels C57BL/6J-Chr#<A/J> (B6.A), C57BL/6J-Chr#<PWD/Ph> (B6.PWD),
6 C57BL/6J-Chr#<MSM/Ms> (B6.MSM) using the Affymetrix Mouse Diversity Array
7 (MDA). The MDA includes approximately 623,000 probe sets that assay single
8 nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) plus an additional 916,000 invariant genomic
9 probes targeted to genetic deletions or duplications (YANG *et al.* 2009). These data
10 add value to the strain panels by more precisely localizing the recombination
11 breakpoints between founder strains. In addition they reveal some unexpected
12 features in the genomes of individual strains.

13 **Materials and Methods**

14 ***Animals***

15 We generated high-density genotype data for six mouse strain panels (Table 1):
16 three panels of RIS and three panels of CSS. Mice for genotyping from five panels
17 were available at the Jackson Laboratory (Bar Harbor, ME, USA) or from BXD colony
18 at University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC); DNA samples from the
19 sixth panel, B6.MSM CSS, were provided by T. Shiroishi (National Institute of
20 Genetics, Japan). Unless stated otherwise, we genotyped one mouse per strain.
21 Most strains are represented by a single male animal (255 males) but for four strains
22 we genotyped an individual female (BXD14, BXD54, BXD59, BXD76). Samples were
23 mainly from cases bred in 2008.

1 The AXB/BXA RIS panel (NESBITT and SKAMENE 1984) was derived from intercrosses
2 of the C57BL/6J (B or B6) and A/J (A) strains. Note that hereafter the dam is denoted
3 first and the sire last. Thus the difference between AXB and BXA strains is the
4 direction of the intercross mating that generated (AxB)F1s or (BxA)F1s, respectively.
5 We genotyped 25 strains: AXB strains 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 23, 24; and
6 BXA strains 1, 2, 4, 11-14, 16, 17, 24-26.

7 The LXS RIS panel (WILLIAMS *et al.* 2004) was generated at the Institute for
8 Behavioral Genetics, Bolder, CO from founder strains, Inbred Long-Sleep (L or ILS)
9 and Inbred Short-Sleep (S or ISS). These founder strains were in turn derived as
10 selection lines from a cross population with eight founder strains (A, AKR, BALB/c,
11 C3H/Crgl/2, C57BL/Crgl, DBA/2, IS/Bi and RIII). We genotyped 64 strains: LXS 3, 5,
12 7-9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 22-26, 28, 32, 34-36, 39, 41-43, 46, 48-52, 56, 60, 62, 64, 66, 70,
13 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80, 84, 86, 87, 89, 90, 92-94, 96-103, 107, 110, 112, 114, 115,
14 122, 123.

15 The BXD RIS panel was derived from founder strains C57BL/6J (B or B6) and
16 DBA/2J (D or D2) inbred mice in three epochs: epoch I, strains 1-32 (TAYLOR *et al.*
17 1975); epoch II, 33-42 (TAYLOR *et al.* 1999), and the epoch III advanced RIS 43-102
18 (PEIRCE *et al.* 2004b). The latter were outcrossed for multiple generations before
19 inbreeding. We genotyped 91 strains: BXD 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-16, 18-25, 27-36, 38-
20 40, 42-45, 47-56, 59-71, 73-102 (note that the designation of several BXD strains
21 have been modified as a result of the genotyping results described in the present
22 study, and BXD103 is now known as BXD73b).

23 The B6.A CSS panel (NADEAU *et al.* 2000) consists of 22 strains derived from
24 C57BL/6J (host) and A/J (donor) by J. Nadeau at Case Western Reserve University.

1 The panel includes 19 autosomes, X and Y chromosomes, and the mitochondrial
2 genome.

3 The B6.PWD CSS panel (GREGOROVA *et al.* 2008) consists of 28 strains derived from
4 C57BL/6J (host) and PWD/Ph (donor) by J. Forejt at the Institute of Molecular
5 Genetics AS CR in Prague, Czech Republic, covering all chromosomes and the
6 mitochondrial genome. To improve reproductive fitness, chromosomes 10, 11 and X
7 were split between three strains each carrying either the proximal (p), middle (m), or
8 distal (d) portion of the respective chromosome.

9 The B6.MSM CSS panel (TAKADA *et al.* 2008) consists of 29 strains derived from
10 C57BL/6J (host) and MSM/Ms (donor) by T. Shiroishi at National Institute of Genetics
11 in Mishima, Japan covering all chromosomes. Chromosomes 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, and X
12 were split between two strains each carrying either the centromeric (C) or telomeric
13 (T) portion of the respective chromosome.

14 **Genotyping**

15 DNA samples were prepared at the University of North Carolina according to the
16 standard Affymetrix protocol and were hybridized on the Affymetrix Mouse Diversity
17 Array (MDA) at the Jackson Laboratory as described previously in (YANG *et al.* 2009),
18 (DIDION *et al.* 2012). The MDA probes (NCBI37/mm9) were mapped to genomic
19 positions in GRCM38/mm10 assembly. CEL files and updated mapping information
20 are available at ftp://ftp.jax.org/petrs/MDA/raw_data/. We used the R software
21 package MouseDivGeno (DIDION *et al.* 2012) to extract intensities from CEL files, but
22 for purposes of this study we developed a genotyping method that is based on the
23 direct comparison of SNP probeset intensities between the sample and the founder
24 strains of the corresponding panel. We selected the informative SNPs with intensity

1 differences between founder strains for each panel (101,397 SNPs for AXB/BXA,
2 79,808 for LXS, 103,340 for BXD). Both selection of informative SNPs and SNP calls
3 were probeset intensity based. For each strain and each SNP, the call can be either
4 A (if the signal is close to the first founder), B (if the signal is close to the second
5 founder), or N to represent “notA/notB”. We note that the N category includes both
6 no-call and heterozygous genotypes and simply indicates that the intensity signal of
7 the sample is far from both founder strains.

8 *Founder Haplotype Blocks*

9 In order to define the haplotype blocks of founder genotypes with allowance for errors
10 in individual SNP level genotype calls, we applied the Viterbi algorithm to smooth the
11 genotyping. We used software implemented in the Hidden Markov Model (HMM) R
12 package (HIMMELMANN 2010). We call the Viterbi algorithm iteratively: at each
13 iteration we re-estimated the HMM transition probabilities based on the Viterbi
14 reconstruction of haplotype blocks. The iterations are repeated until we reach the
15 convergence (JUANG and RABINER 1990).

16 Genetic maps computed from RIS panels consist of intervals assigned to one of the
17 founders and gaps that delimit the interval within which the inferred recombination
18 event(s) have occurred. We refer to the latter as “recombination intervals”.

19 For RIS panels we compared our maps to those available at
20 <http://www.genenetwork.org>. GeneNetwork.org provides two genotype files for the
21 BXDs—a “classic” set (pre-2017) of genotypes that have been used in most mapping
22 studies since 2005 (SHIFMAN *et al.* 2006), and new consensus genotypes (2017) that
23 include updated data for BXD43 through BXD220 that were collected November
24 2015 and processed using the GigaMUGA array (MORGAN *et al.* 2016). In the current

1 study we have compared MDA genotypes to the classic genotypes used through the
2 end of 2016.

3 ***Strain contamination***

4 An RIS or CSS is considered to be contaminated if it carries a segment of genome
5 that did not originate from one of the two founder strains. We developed an HMM to
6 search for contamination. In contrast to our previous HMM analysis, here we select
7 SNPs that were not informative (both founders have the same signal). In a
8 contaminated region the signal of a given strain is expected to contain a higher
9 proportion of SNPs that differ from both founder strains. To avoid only intervals
10 covering three or more non-informative SNPs were reported.

11 ***Copy number variants***

12 To determine if any of the RIS or CSS strains carried copy number variations (CNVs)
13 that differed from the copy number in the founder strains, we applied the *simpleCNV*
14 function of the MouseDivGeno package (DIDION *et al.* 2012). We accepted only those
15 candidate CNV detections that had length >20kb and covered at least 10 IGP probes
16 with *t*-statistic above 5 ($p < 1E-6$).

17 ***Gene conversions***

18 Gene conversions are short tracts (<1kb) of nonreciprocal transfer of genetic
19 information between two homologs that occurs during meiosis. In the case of RIS, it
20 is difficult to distinguish gene conversion events from short haplotype blocks that are
21 due to closely spaced recombination events that occurred in different meiosis.
22 Therefore we restricted our attention to the CSS panels. We searched for single or
23 small groups of adjacent SNPs that derive from the host genotype but occur on the
24 donor chromosomes. We examined individual SNP intensities to identify those that

1 are clearly derived from the host strain and are present in a region of donor strain
2 haplotype.

3 **Sister strains**

4 In a typical RIS panel the lineages that give rise to each RIS are independent and
5 thus there should be no sharing of recombination events between strains. BXD
6 strains from epoch III are an exception because they may share recombinations that
7 arose in the outbreeding generations (PEIRCE *et al.* 2004a). Therefore, we excluded
8 these strains from this analysis. We detected excess sharing of recombination
9 junctions (Z-score>5.0) as an indicator that two strains are more similar than
10 expected by chance.

11 **Results**

12 **Global genotyping error** - defined as a percentage of informative SNPs discordant
13 with the haplotype assignment - is typically below 1%, but it is higher for haplotype
14 blocks of *M. m. musculus* (PWD) and *M. m. molossinus* (MSM) origin than for *M. m.*
15 *domesticus* blocks (B6, A, D2) (Suppl. Figure 1). This is likely to be caused by
16 polymorphisms in or near the oligonucleotide probe sequence or its flanking
17 restriction sites (DIDION *et al.* 2012). There are a few outlying strains with a higher
18 error rate than other strains from the same panel (AXB1, BXD15, BXD25, BXD85,
19 BXD65a (formerly known as BXD92), BXD93, B6.A#Chr7, B6.A#Chr10) likely due to
20 low DNA quality or to processing of arrays.

21 **Residual heterozygosity** is present in some strains from each panel except for the
22 AXB/BXA strains that appear to be fully inbred (Table 2). The detected heterozygous
23 regions are an underestimate of percentage of segregating variation that is present in
24 each strain because only a single animal per strain was genotyped. The presence of

1 heterozygous strains in large RIS panels is not surprising. We estimated that in the
2 absence of selection a RIS strain needs on average 24 generations of sib-mating to
3 reach a heterozygosity rate below 1% and 36 generations to reach complete fixation.
4 However, there is a significant variation in the number of generations required to
5 achieve these landmarks (BROMAN 2005). For a panel of 22 strains (the size of a full
6 CSS panel), 53 generations are required on average to achieve complete fixation for
7 all its strains in the absence of selection.

8 ***De novo* deletions and duplications:** We detected 64 *de novo* deletions and 14 *de*
9 *novo* duplications, with lengths ranging from 21kb to 8.4Mb affecting 111 Ensembl
10 genes (Suppl. Table 1). Table 2 summarizes frequency of strains with heterozygosity,
11 deletions and duplications. We observe that longer time of inbreeding is associated
12 with lower heterozygosity but more structural changes. This is seen most clearly by
13 comparing different epochs of the BXD panel.

14 **High-density genotyping identifies unexpected haplotype blocks in CSS panels**

15 We observe 27 haplotype blocks from the host strain in the proximal or distal regions
16 of the donor chromosome across the three CSS panels. These events are
17 undesirable but not unexpected due to the distribution of markers used for CSS
18 development (NADEAU *et al.* 2000). We also observe strains in which a host
19 haplotype block occurs in the middle of an introgressed donor chromosome or a
20 donor haplotype block occurs in a host chromosome. We observed seven such
21 events distributed across all three CSS panels. See Table 3 for details.

22 **High-density genotyping improves map accuracy in RIS panels**

23 To validate our haplotype assignment and to estimate the level of improvement we
24 compared our maps to the versions available at www.genenetwork.org (LXS, BXD) or

1 provided by Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (AXB/BXA). There was a
2 high concordance (99.8% LXS, 98.1% BXD, 99.5 ABX/BXA) between new and old
3 maps for intervals that were in assigned to one of the founder in both maps. The new
4 maps decreased the level of uncertainty measured as the sum of length of
5 recombination intervals by 66% in the AXB/BXA panel, 41% in the BXD panel and
6 5% in the LXS panel. This improvement mirrors the increase in the number of
7 informative markers: from 792 to 101,397 (AXB/BXA), from 3,796 to 103,341 (BXD),
8 from 2,649 to 79,808 (LXS), respectively.

9 **Strain contamination in the AXB/BXA panel**

10 An unexpected observation in AXB/BXA RIS panel, was the presence of six intervals
11 that are not derived from either A or B6 inbred strains. Three chromosomes of AXB1
12 (x, y and z), two chromosomes of AXB2 and one chromosome of BXA1 (x and y) are
13 affected. Based on comparison to genotypes from a large panel of inbred strains
14 (YANG *et al.* 2011) we conclude that the contamination derived from a strain that is
15 closely related to DBA/2J.

16 **Recombination rate**

17 The distribution of the number of recombination events is similar across all panels
18 (see Figure 1, Suppl. Table 2) with the exception of the advanced RIS BXD (epoch
19 III) that has more recombination events per chromosome due to additional
20 generations of outbreeding. The number of recombination events per strain ranges
21 from 32 (BXD32) to 84 (BXA17) among the classical RIS and from 60 (BXD53) to
22 127 (BXD47) among the advanced BXD panel. These numbers of recombination
23 events fall within the 95% prediction interval from simulations (using Python code
24 from (WELSH and McMILLAN 2012)).

1 Most recombination events in the RIS panels are unique but some recombination
2 intervals overlap and could result from independent recurrent events or from shared
3 ancestry between RIS during the inbreeding process. The most frequently shared
4 recombination event occurs in 8 out of 25 samples of the AXB RIS panel (Chr10:
5 66,730,215-67,348,211). Moreover, in 7 out of 8 cases ($p=0.07$) the polarity of the
6 event is in the same direction: from B6 segment (proximal - 66730214 bp) to A/J
7 segment (67348212 bp - distal). Additional shared recombination intervals are listed
8 in Suppl. Table 3 and the recombination frequency is visualized in Suppl. Figure 3.
9 Higher recombination rates observed in the distal region of chromosomes are
10 expected (LIU *et al.* 2014).

11 **Sister strains**

12 Sister strains are strains related by descent from incompletely inbred ancestors
13 during the breeding process. They can be identified because they share a large
14 number of recombination intervals with the same proximal to distal polarity of founder
15 haplotypes. Not surprisingly, most of the sister strains are detected for the advanced
16 BXD panel (6 pairs + 6 larger groups, totally comprising of 40 strains). However, two
17 pairs of strains are present in the AXB and LXS panels, AXB6 - AXB12 and LXS94 -
18 LXS107. These strains share more recombination intervals with the same founder
19 strain polarity than expected by a chance (Figure 2).

20 **The MDA array detects short gene conversions in CSS panels**

21 We searched for putative gene conversions in the introgressed donor chromosomes
22 of CSS panels. We identified small regions typically spanning just one informative
23 SNP, that have genotypes consistent with the host strain instead of the donor strain

1 (Figure 3). In total, we identified 28 putative gene conversions: 17 in the B6.A CSS
2 panel, 7 in the B6.PWD CSS panel and 4 in the B6.MSM CSS panel (Table 4).

3 **Online access to genetics maps and MDA genotypes**

4 For easy access, we provide a compilation of Mouse Diversity Array data, annotation
5 and supporting software at <http://churchill-lab.jax.org/website/MDA>. Resources to
6 support our analysis of RIS and CSS strains include an online viewer where maps
7 can be viewed and downloaded either as a list of intervals or as CSV files ready to be
8 imported to the R/qtl package (BROMAN and SEN 2009). Source code for the viewer is
9 also available on Github, <https://github.com/simecek/RIS-map-viewer>. Researchers
10 interested in comparing those reference populations to genotypes of other mouse
11 strains processed on MDA arrays can use the MDA viewer. The entire database
12 consisting of 1,902 MDA arrays is available for download as SQLite database or as
13 individual CEL files <ftp://ftp.jax.org/petrs/MDA/>.

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15 **Discussion**

16 We have characterized 180 RIS and 79 CSS strains from six popular and valuable
17 resources and provided online access to these data. These panels were developed
18 at different times and genotyped with lower density sets of markers. High-density
19 genotyping with the number of informative SNPs, ranging between 79,000 and
20 257,000, provide maps with higher resolution. In this study we achieved a median
21 spacing between informative markers 5.7 kb (AXB), 5.4 kb (BXD), 5.6 kb (LXS), 4.6
22 kb (B6.PWD) and 5.2 kb (B6.MSM), respectively. This enabled us to identify unusual
23 features such as regions of residual heterozygosity, contamination by a non-founder
24 strain and *de novo* structural variants. These genotyping arrays are part of 1902

1 samples processed on MDA platform that can be accessed from [http://churchill-](http://churchill-lab.jax.org/website/MDA)
2 [lab.jax.org/website/MDA](http://churchill-lab.jax.org/website/MDA).

3 Genetic reference panels are valuable, in part, because of the ability of generate
4 animals with identical genomes in the number and timespan dictated by the
5 researcher. Replication increases the accuracy of phenotype measurements
6 (BELKNAP 1998) and allows for integration of data over space, time and environment.
7 While it is convenient to think of all mice from an inbred strain as identical, we provide
8 evidence that this view is not always warranted. Residual heterozygosity may be due
9 to stochasticity in the inbreeding process or it may reflect biological constraints that
10 prevent full inbreeding of a strain. Genetic drift operates in each of these populations
11 and low-density genotyping in selected regions of the genome leaves room for
12 undesired or unexpected surprises. In a typical CSS strain the average proportion of
13 the donor genome present in other chromosomes is expected to be 0.2% (Nadeau
14 2000). Over our three CSS panels, the average length of unexpected genotype was
15 1.5 Mb. The length of intervals ranges (Table3) from less than 1 Mb (1 gene) to 20
16 Mb (138 genes).

17 For gene conversions, whole genome sequencing of CSS panels (and RIS) will likely
18 reveal more examples and provide better estimates of converted regions and their
19 length. However, our results suggest that gene conversions are more probable in
20 regions where founders' genomes are very similar. We observe significantly more
21 conversions on the B6.A panel than in the other two CSS panels (17 vs. 7 and 4,
22 Fisher exact test, $p=0.046$) despite the fact that the number of informative markers is
23 lower and therefore our ability to detect gene conversions reduced. Based on this
24 result we hypothesize that gene conversions occur preferably in regions of low

1 sequence diversity between homologous chromosomes. If that is true then they will
2 have fewer genetic consequences due to lower chance to cause distinguishing
3 polymorphism. Roughly, we estimate that 0.005% of the genome is affected by gene
4 conversion (avg. # gene conversions / # informative SNPs = 28 / 3 / 200,000). The
5 real number of gene conversions is likely to be higher because we were only able to
6 identify gene conversions that overlap informative SNP probes in the array.

7 We found no evidence of allelic imbalance that has been observed in other species
8 (TAUDT *et al.* 2016). Nor did we detect any epistatic selection between founder strains
9 or alleles with different subspecies origin. This is in sharp contrast with mouse
10 multiparent populations such as the Collaborative Cross and Diversity Outbred
11 (CHESLER *et al.* 2016); (CC genomes 2017) and (SHORTER 2017). Due to limited
12 number of strains in mouse RI panels, we may have missed small distortions.

13 We observed an inverse relationship between residual heterozygosity and drift (Table
14 2). For a given panel, even 20 generations of inbreeding is not enough to fix all
15 heterozygous regions. On the other hand, populations kept for many generations will
16 accumulate SNPs, small indels, and structural variants in their genomes (SIMECEK *et*
17 *al.* 2015) (CC genomes 2017). Strategies to reduce drift in breeding colonies have
18 been developed, including the embryo cryopreservation program at The Jackson
19 Laboratory (TAFT *et al.* 2006). However, genetic drift can be also harnessed by
20 geneticists to simplify and accelerate the identification of causal variants responsible
21 for phenotypic differences between substrains (CC genomes 2017). These so call
22 reduced complexity crosses are excellent examples of the potential benefits of
23 genetic drift (KUMAR *et al.* 2013).

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13 **Tables and Figures:**

14 **Figure 1: Number of founder haplotype blocks in RIS panels.** The number of
15 founder blocks for each strain is indicated as a point, with jitter for clarity. The boxplot
16 indicates median and quartiles of each panel. Results for the BXD panel are broken
17 down by three breeding epochs (I, II and III); the increased number of recombination
18 event in epoch III refelects additional generation of outbreeding used in the derivation
19 of these strains.

20 **Figure 2: Sister strains in RIS panels.** Side-by-side comparison of sister strains
21 AXB6 vs AXB12 (red = B6, blue = A) (A) and LXS94 vs LXS107 (red = L, blue = S)
22 (B) illustrates the extent of shared haplotype blocks.

23 **Figure 3: Gene conversion in a CSS strain.** Strain B6.PWD13 has an unexpected
24 founder genotype at marker JAX00357227 marker (Chr 13: 47,505,217 bp). Average

1 and contrast signal intensities are plotted for all B6.PWD strains. Numbers indicate
 2 the CSS strains by substituted chromosome with B6.PWD13 is highlighted by the red
 3 circle. Also indicated on the plot are founder strains B6, and PWD and their F1
 4 hybrids. The B.PWD13 data should be similar to PWD but it is actually close to B6
 5 indicating a putative gene conversion. Grey letters indicate genotype calls for 1902
 6 additional samples in the MDA database (A = first parent / B = second parent / H =
 7 heterozygous / V = vino / N = no call).

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9 **Table 1:** Overview of the six panels: a type, founder strains and a number of strains.

Panel	Type	Founder strains		# strains
AXB/BXA	RIS	C57BL/6J	A/J	25
LXS	RIS	ILS	ISS	64
BXD	RIS	C57BL/6J	DBA/2J	91
B6.A	CSS	C57BL/6J	A/J	22
B6.PWD	CSS	C57BL/6J	PWD/Ph	28
B6.MSM	CSS	C57BL/6J	MSM/Ms	29

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11 **Table 2:** Residual heterozygosity and CNV (deletion / extra copy) in the six panels.

panel	number of strains	# strains with heterozygous segment		# strains with deletion		# strains with extra copy	
AXB	25	0	0%	5	20%	1	4%
LXS	64	35	55%	12	19%	1	2%
BXD, Epoch I	26	0	0%	15	58%	6	23%
BXD, Epoch II	8	3	38%	1	13%	1	13%
BXD, Epoch III	57	34	60%	7	12%	2	4%
B6.A	22	3	14%	2	9%	2	9%
B6.PWD	28	9	32%	0	0%	0	0%
B6.MSM	29	2	7%	12	41%	1	3%

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1 **Table 3:** Unexpected haplotype blocks in all CSS panels.

Panel	Strain	Chr	Start	End	Length	shoud be	actually is	# Ensembl genes	
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr1A/J/NaJ	1	3211051	22830804	1961975	4	A	B6	117
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr1A/J/NaJ	1	19244207	19536569	5	1	A	B6	25
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr4A/J/NaJ	4	15479971	15616674	5	7	A or B6	Het	63
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr5A/J/NaJ	5	14941090	15056704	6	9	A or B6	Het	16
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr8A/J/NaJ	11	36650633	42751289	6100657	B6	A	28	
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr10A/J/NaJ	10	12764577	12961525	8	8	A or B6	Het	102
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr16A/J/NaJ	16	93670025	98040454	4370430	A	B6	47	
A.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr17A/J/NaJ	17	3071428	6154773	3083346	A	B6	25	
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr1PWD/ForeJ	3	12327591	14357520	2029928	4	B6	Het	138
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr3PWD/ForeJ	3	24121111	24179212	58102	9	PWD	B6	1
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr4PWD/ForeJ	5	14895608	15172528	8	2769204	B6	Het	33
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr9PWD/ForeJ	9	12394465	12408788	9	0	PWD	B6	3
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr10.1PWD/ForeJ	10	57607018	60613285	3006268	0	PWD or B6	Het	37
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr10.2PWD/ForeJ	10	45150578	51959138	6808561	10163808	B6	Het	21
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr10.2PWD/ForeJ	10	95379265	4	6258820	4	PWD or B6	Het	32
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr10.3PWD/ForeJ	10	73546548	74465198	918651	9	B6	Het	1
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr11.1PWD/ForeJ	11	3105931	3877120	771190	9	PWD or B6	Het	29
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr11.1PWD/ForeJ	11	79051423	79574667	523245	9	B6	Het	10
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr11.2PWD/ForeJ	11	35418368	43961733	8543366	12058864	B6	Het	53
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr11.3PWD/ForeJ	11	12196784	9	1379201	9	PWD	B6	60
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr12PWD/ForeJ	12	11683119	12001476	3	5	PWD	B6	16
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr19PWD/ForeJ	19	60070470	61261300	1190831	16741656	PWD	B6	20
PWD.B6	C57BL/6J-ChrX.3PWD/ForeJ	X	8	0	2176453	0	PWD	B6	16
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr4-MSM	4	24485868	24671707	185840	MSM	B6	3	
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr6C-MSM	6	3180317	3410126	229810	14716065	MSM	B6	2
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr6T-MSM	6	12116007	12196784	1	9	MSM	B6	39
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr11-MSM	11	9	9	807771	MSM	B6	21	
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr12C-MSM	1	19515154	19528576	6	134224	B6	Het	2
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr13T-MSM	18	23532046	26528643	2996598	12254540	B6	Het	24
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr14-MSM	14	12475101	1	9	2205619	MSM	B6	10
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr15-MSM	15	10241546	10362802	1212566	MSM	B6	46	

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MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr16-MSM	16	95378122	98069653	2691532	MSM	B6	28
MSM.B6	C57BL/6J-Chr19-MSM	19	57068415	60681568	3613154	MSM	B6	27

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2 **Table 4:** Short gene conversions in CSS panels.

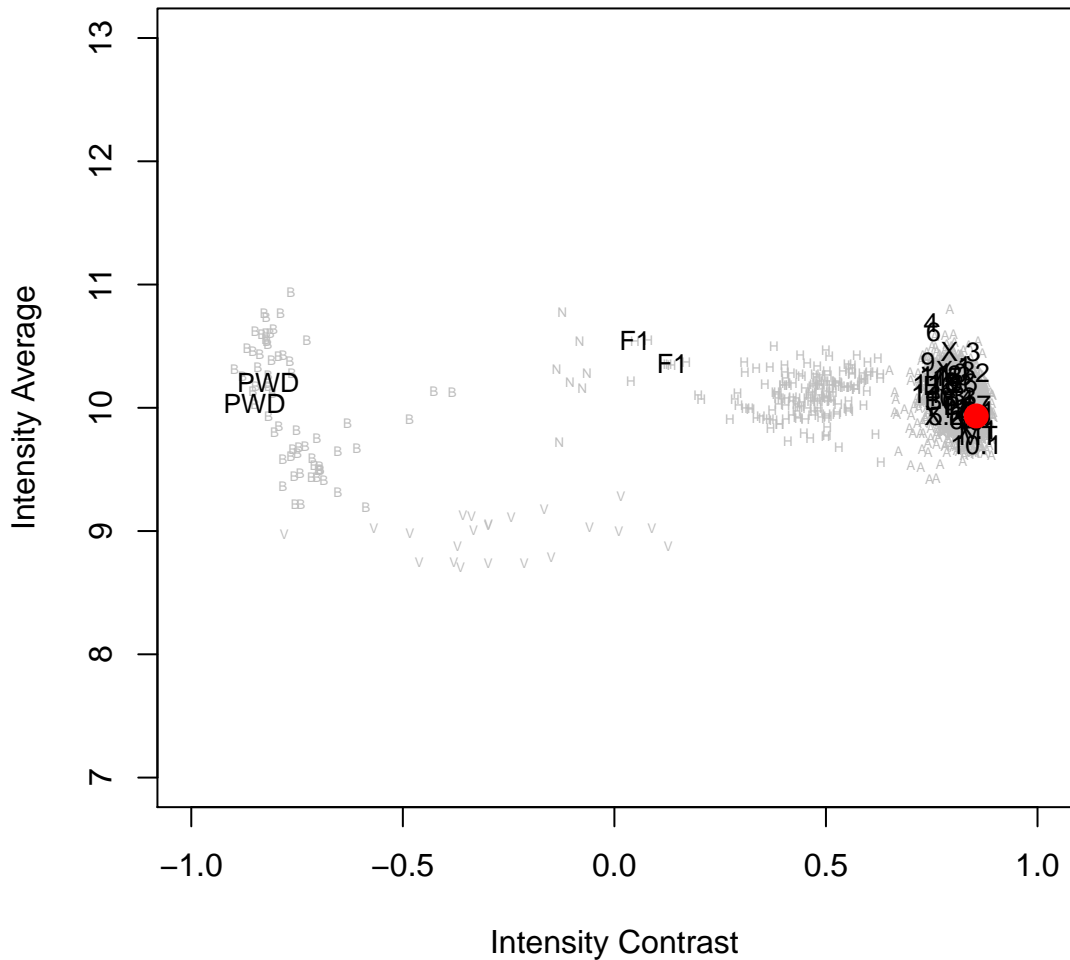
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B6.A	JAX00439159	17	44034125	A	G	rs33551899	Rcan2	Intron
B6.PWD	JAX00486683	2	#####	A	C	rs28259595	5830434P21Rik	Intron
B6.PWD	JAX00507172	2	#####	C	T	rs27373039	2310001A20Rik	Intron
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B6.MSM	JAX00526581	3	72819995	G	A	rs37284921	N/A	Intergenic
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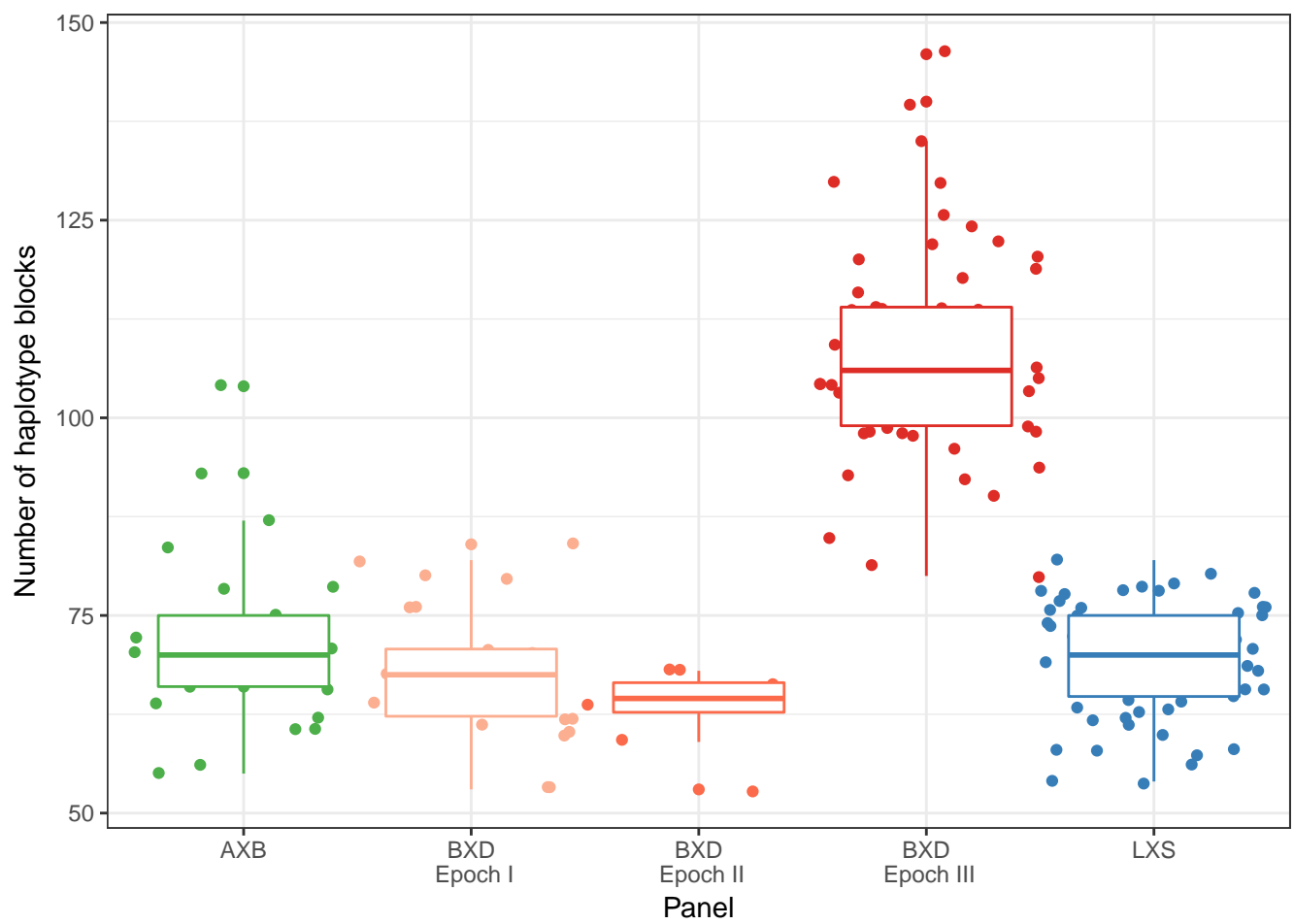
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4 **Supplemental Figure 1:** Error rate. Each strain is plotted by two dots of different
5 colors (one dot = one founder strain). A dot represents a percentage of markers
6 contradicting the estimated founder strain.

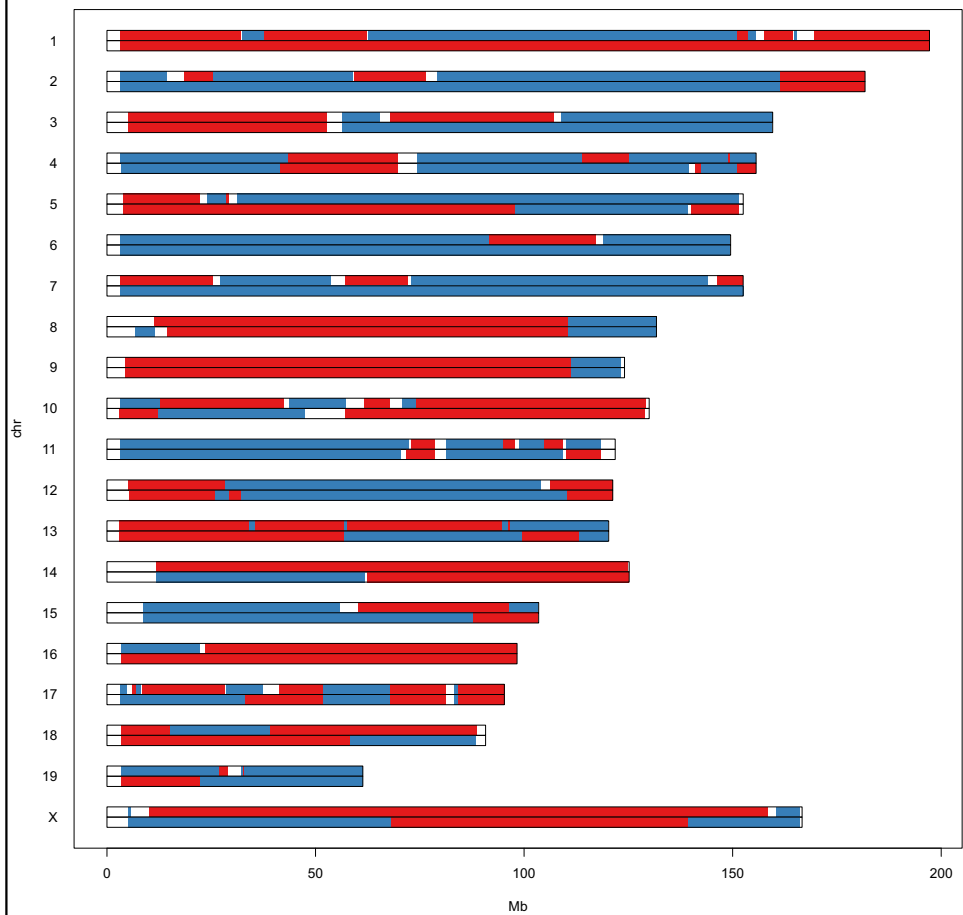
- 1 **Supplemental Figure 2:** Percentage of genome attributed to the first or the second
- 2 RIS founder strain (red = B6 or ILS, blue = A/J or D2 or ISS, green = heterozygous)
- 3 **Supplemental Figure 3:** Number of recombinations (smoothed by 10Mb window).
- 4 **Supplemental Table 1:** The list of RIS CNVs (deletion / extra copy).
- 5 **Supplemental Table 2:** Number of haplotype blocks (first founder / second founder /
- 6 heterozygous) and the total number of recombinations.
- 7 **Supplemental Table 3:** The list of all recombination intervals (and the frequency of
- 8 recombination).
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AXB12, AXB6 (11 shared recombination events)



LXS107, LXS94 (35 shared recombination events)

