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Abstract (250 words)

In the summer of 2013, *Aedes aegypti* Linnaeus was first detected in three cities in central California

(Clovis, Madera and Menlo Park). It has now been detected in multiple locations in central and southern

CA as far south as San Diego and Imperial Counties. Here we analyzed 26 *Ae. aegypti* genomes from

multiple locations throughout California to determine if these populations originated from a single or

multiple introductions. We also compared *Ae. aegypti* populations in Clovis at two time points, 2013 and

2016, to describe changes at the genome level that might suggest adaptation to its new environment.

We identified 3 distinct genetic clusters loosely corresponding to different regions within California.

Populations at all five southern California sites are grouped into a single genetic cluster. However, all

three clusters occur in parapatry in the Central Valley. We also found two major mitochondrial lineages

with an estimated divergence time of 55,700 - 557,000 years ago. Genome-wide comparisons indicate

extensive differentiation between genetic clusters. A potential selective sweep within the Clovis

population was also detected. We believe these observations support recent multiple introductions of

Ae. aegypti into California.

Author Summary

The mosquito species *Aedes aegypti*, introduced in 2013, has now been detected in multiple locations

throughout California. Our genome analyses identified 3 distinct population groups loosely

corresponding to different regions within California. Genome-wide comparisons indicate extensive

differentiation between genetic clusters. Samples collected from Clovis in two different years (2013 and

2016) reveal genomic signatures of potential selection. Here, we also first describe mitochondrial

lineages of *Ae. aegypti* that diverged around 55,700 – 557,000 years ago. Our analysis suggests that

founding populations were polymorphic for two mitochondrial lineages with one or the other lost in the

various extant populations. These observations support recent multiple introductions of *Ae. aegypti* into

California.

Introduction

Aedes aegypti Linnaeus (Diptera: Culicidae) transmits multiple human viral pathogens including Yellow

Fever, Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika viruses. There are no cures for the diseases caused by these

pathogens and there is a vaccine for only one: the Yellow Fever virus. At this time, with the exception of

Yellow Fever, protecting the public depends exclusively on vector control.

California (CA) had no known established local populations of *Ae. aegypti* prior to the summer of 2013

when it was first detected in three cities in central California: Clovis, Madera and Menlo Park [1, 2]. In

the spring and summer of the following year, this mosquito was again found in the same three California

locations and for the first time in additional communities in central California and further south in San

Diego County (Figure 1). These observations provided the first indication that *Ae. aegypti* is capable of

overwintering in California and had become established in multiple locations. Towards the end of 2016,

Ae. aegypti were collected from a number of additional locations in both central and southern CA,

indicating that *Ae. aegypti* has now spread throughout the state (Figure 1).

Figure 1. History of *Ae. aegypti* invasion in California (data from CalSurv Maps [3]). USGS National Land

Cover Database (NLCD) 2011 Land Cover product available at https://www.mrlc.gov/nlcd2011.php was

used as background . QGIS version 2.18 was used to create this map.

There is only a single previous study on population genetics/genomics of CA *Aedes aegypti* [1]. Gloria-

Soria et al. [1] analyzed three CA *Ae. aegypti* populations and concluded that the likely source of

introduction was New Orleans or Houston area. Its genetic similarity indicated by the Structure

assignment profile based on microsatellite genotypes, however, cannot rule out other regions such as

Florida and Amacuzac in southern Mexico. This stresses the importance of having a good representative

reference populations for source identification [1].

Aedes aegypti has a short flight range; mostly within 200m from their breeding source [4], but it is

exquisitely adapted to hitchhiking in transport vehicles [5]. Since its introduction into California, we

hypothesize that *Ae. aegypti* currently exists as a group of genetically distinct subpopulations with

limited gene flow between them. If true this hypothesis suggests that elimination of individual

subpopulations is feasible and that sustainable "*Ae. aegypti*-free zones" may be established and

maintained. For example, Exeter and Menlo Park subpopulations were successfully eliminated in 2014

and 2016 respectively (personal communications from mosquito control district managers). To test our

hypothesis, we used whole genome sequence data for 26 individuals collected from 11 locations

throughout CA, plus 2 from Florida.

Materials and Methods

<u>Mosquito Collection</u>

Adult female *Ae. aegypti* were collected by personnel from Mosquito Abatement Districts in Fresno, San

Diego, and Orange Counties from 13 towns or cities (Figure 2A and Table 1). All collections in private

properties were conducted after obtaining permission from residents and/or owner. Mosquito samples

were individually stored in 80% ethanol prior to DNA extraction.

Table 1. Sample used for genome analysis. Raw reads indicate the number of reads obtained per

sample. Mapped reads indicate the number of reads mapped to the AaegL4 reference genome. Mean

coverage indicate the average depth of reads of a given base pair in the AaegL4 reference genome.

Mean mt coverage indicate the average depth of reads in the mitochondrial genome. Median insert size

is the median length of insert sequences (length of library fragment minus sequencing adapters).

Sample	Collection Location	Collection Period	latitude	longitude	raw reads (million)	mapped reads (million)	mean coverage (X)	Mean mt coverage (X)	Median insert size (bp)
Ae15SAND001	San Diego	Aug. 2015	32.56	-117.05	107.5	105.4	9.4	1139.2	381
Ae15SAND002	San Diego	Aug. 2015	32.56	-117.05	138.0	135.2	11.9	1168.1	356
Ae15SAND015	San Diego	Aug. 2015	32.56	-117.05	97.7	95.6	8.2	864.4	339
Ae15IMPE002	Brawley	2015	32.97	-115.53	97.9	95.8	8.4	1722.8	379
Ae15GARG021	Garden Grove	Oct. 2015	33.76	-117.92	155.4	150.6	13.3	1961.3	389
Ae15GARG026	Garden Grove	Oct. 2015	33.76	-117.92	79.5	77.6	6.9	347.9	349
Ae15MISV029	Mission Viejo	Oct. 2015	33.61	-117.67	146.7	143.2	12.5	1196.0	389
Ae15MISV036	Mission Viejo	Oct. 2015	33.61	-117.67	74.6	72.8	6.5	1266.4	420
Ae15COMF3.001	Commerce	Sep. 2015	34.01	-118.16	96.8	94.3	8.0	839.2	371
Ae14EXET135	Exeter	Sep. 2014	36.30	-119.16	74.1	72.4	6.2	1420.1	394
Ae14EXET165	Exeter	Sep. 2014	36.30	-119.16	94.4	92.3	7.9	3201.5	368
Ae15SANG073	Sanger	Sep. 2015	36.73	-119.51	56.8	55.2	4.7	412.5	400
Ae13CLOV028	Clovis	Jul. 2013	36.81	-119.67	101.9	100.2	8.6	1500.0	256
Ae13CLOV030	Clovis	Jul. 2013	36.81	-119.67	107.5	105.5	8.9	1511.1	272
Ae13CLOV032	Clovis	Jul. 2013	36.81	-119.67	99.0	97.5	8.5	2488.1	249
Ae16CLOV002	Clovis	Apr. 2016	36.49	-119.40	183.6	179.3	15.6	5051.4	408
Ae16CLOV003	Clovis	Apr. 2016	36.49	-119.40	79.9	77.9	6.9	2593.6	418
Ae16CLOV007	Clovis	Apr. 2016	36.48	-119.40	222.5	219.3	18.8	753.3	366
Ae16CLOV008	Clovis	Apr. 2016	36.48	-119.40	98.9	96.5	8.2	217.2	371
Ae15FRES008.05	Fresno	Aug. 2015	36.83	-119.86	28.5	27.9	2.3	782.5	348
Ae15FRES017	Fresno	Oct. 2015	36.83	-119.86	91.0	88.9	7.6	434.9	358
Ae15MADE001	Madera	Jul. 2015	36.94	-120.08	67.1	65.6	5.5	967.6	383
Ae15MADE015	Madera	Aug.2015	36.94	-120.08	85.8	83.4	7.1	1369.0	370
Ae14SAMC001	Menlo Park	2014	37.44	-122.20	58.6	57.1	4.9	1104.1	416
Ae15SAMC001	Menlo Park	Apr. 2015	37.44	-122.20	44.2	28.5	2.3	3208.5	236
Ae15SAMC004	Menlo Park	May. 2015	37.44	-122.20	92.1	90.0	7.6	215.0	293
Ae16KEYW001	Key West, FL	2016	24.56	-81.78	93.1	91.0	7.9	936.4	361
Ae16VERO001	Vero Beach, FL	2016	29.65	-80.38	40.5	39.5	3.2	1256.2	372

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Figure 2. A: Geographic origin of *Ae. aegypti* used in this study. Different colors were used to denote

four regions: (1) blue for central coast area (Menlo Park), (2) green for central valley area (Madera,

Fresno, Clovis, Sanger and Exeter), (3) yellow for greater Los Angeles area (Commerce, Garden Grove,

and Mission Viejo) and (4) red for San Diego and Imperial County area (San Diego, Brawley). B: Principal

Component Analysis based on 28,057 strict-filtered (=no missing data) biallelic SNPs. Three genetic

clusters (GC) are evident, labeled as GC1, GC2 and GC3. Reference, indicated in grey, refers to genotype

inferred from *AaegL4* reference sequence [6]. QGIS version 2.18 was used to create this map.

<u>Whole genome sequencing</u>

Genomic DNA was extracted using the protocol described in [7] and [8]. DNA concentrations for each

sample were measured using a high sensitivity DNA kit on the Qubit instrument (Life Technologies). A

genomic DNA library was constructed for each individual mosquito using 25ng DNA, Qiaseq FX 96

(Qiagen, Valencia, CA), and Ampure SPRI beads (Beckman) according to the library construction protocol

described in [8]. Library concentrations were measured using Qubit (Life Technologies). Libraries were

sequenced using HiSeq 4000 at the UC Davis DNA Technologies Core.

Sequencing Analysis

Demultiplexed raw reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic [9] version 0.36 and mapped to the *Aaeg*L4

reference genome [6] using BWA-MEM [10] version 0.7.15. Chromosome 2 of AaegL4 was too large for

some bioinformatics tools. To resolve this issue, we subdivided the chromosome 2 sequence in half at a

position where a stretch of uncalled bases are located (around 240Mbp position) and labeled as the

chromosome segments 2a and 2b. Freebayes [11] version 1.0.1 was used for variant calling without

population prior. Following the recommendation by Crawford and Lazarro [12], we used minimum depth

of 8 to call variant for each individual. The neighbor-joining algorithm implemented in PHYLIP [13]

version 3.696 was used for constructing a phylogenetic trees. F_{ST} and Principal Component Analysis

(PCA) analyses was done in Python version 3.4.3 using the scikit-allel module version 0.21.1 [14].

Mitochondrial genome sequences were mapped to the reference sequence of *Ae. aegypti* (Genbank

accession number = NC_010241 [15]), an inbred sub-strain (LVPib12) of the Liverpool strain used for

reference genome assembly. Freebayes version 1.0.1 was used for mitochondrial variant calling

assuming single ploidy. Mitochondrial coverage was on average 221 times of nuclear genome coverage

(Table 1). Thus forcing a single ploidy in variant calls will minimize the impact of variants introduced by

nuclear copies of the mitochondrial genome. The Vcf2fasta program [16] was used to extract

mitogenome sequences from the vcf file to fasta format. Geneious version 10.1.3 was used for

mitogenome alignments. Mitogenome reference sequences of *Culex quinquefasciatus* (Genbank

accession number = HQ724617), *Aedes notoscriptus* (KM676219), *Aedes vigilax* (KP995260), and *Aedes*

albopictus (NC_006817) were obtained from GenBank. Sequences for the thirteen mitochondrial

protein-coding genes in *Ae. aegypti* were obtained from GenBank [17]. The corresponding genes in the

28 *A. aegypti* mitochondrial genomes included in this study were identified with BLAST, extracted, and

concatenated. The resulting sequence was partitioned by codon position and used to generate a

chronogram with a Bayesian phylogenetic inference program, RevBayes version 1.0.3 [18]. We

attempted to partition by gene and codon positions, but many of the resulting partitions lacked

sufficient information to estimate the model parameters. For divergence time estimation, we used a

strict clock model. Two independent runs were performed. The parameter point estimates for the

second run were all within the 95% confidence interval for the first, demonstrating that results of the

two analyses are consistent. Continuous parameters were checked for convergence and adequate

mixing with Tracer 1.6 [19]. Roughly 100 million years of divergence time between *Cx. quinquefasciatus*

and *Ae. aegypti* [20] were used to calculate divergence time from relative node ages obtained from

RevBayes analysis.

Results

We sequenced 26 individual *Ae. aegypti* genomes from California and two from Florida with median

genome coverage of 8.5X per sample (Table 1). Sequence data is available through NCBI Sequence Read

Archive (Study accession number: SRP106694). Data is also available through UC Davis PopI

OpenProjects page: https://popi.ucdavis.edu/PopulationData/OpenProjects/AedesGenomes/.

Principal Components Analysis revealed 3 distinct genetic clusters (GC1, GC2 and GC3), denoted in

different colors in Figure 2B. The genetic cluster designated GC1 included the northernmost site near

the coast in Menlo Park, San Mateo County and extends south including populations at Madera and

Fresno. Populations in Clovis and Sanger in central California form the GC2 cluster. The GC3 cluster

includes all five sites in southern California and extends north to include Exeter in Tulare County. The

samples from Florida also fall into this cluster. Overall the distribution of the three *Ae. aegypti* genetic

clusters have a parapatric distribution with the three groups converging in the center of the Central

Valley. We did not observe evidence that any of the groups occur in sympatry, but given our relatively

small sample size we cannot rule this out. Other Principal components indicates additional population

subdivisions further dividing Mission Viejo, Garden Grove, Exeter and Florida samples from the rest

groups (Figure S1).

Figure S1. Principal Component Analysis based on 28,057 strict-filtered (=no missing data) biallelic SNPs.

Reference, indicated in grey, refers to genotype inferred from *AaegL4* reference sequence [6]. QGIS

version 2.18 was used to create this map.

Examination of our sequence data indicates genome-wide differentiation among the three clusters

(Figure 3A -C). GC1 and GC2 were the most diverged (genome-wide average F_{ST} = 0.164). Genetic

distance between GC3 and the other clusters was intermediate (Figure 3C & Figure 3D). Reduction in F_{ST}

in the middle of Chromosome 1 and 2 were evident especially in the GC1 vs. GC3 comparison (Figure

3C). Whether this region corresponds to specific chromosomal features, such as centromeres, remains

to be determined. Overall SNP density was lowest in Chromosome 1, which contains the sex

determining locus in *Ae. aegypti*.

Figure 3. Genome-wide comparison of *Ae. aegypti* populations revealing broad highly differentiated

(F_{ST}>0.1) genomic regions. Hudson F_{ST} [21] is marked in blue dots. Relative nucleotide diversity change is

marked in red. The SNP density is marked in gray. A: Clovis 2013 (N=3) vs 2016 (N=4). Regions of

potential selective sweep are highlighted in yellow. B: GC1 vs GC2. C: GC1 vs GC3. D: GC2 vs GC3. The

gray bar around the 250 Mbp region of Chromosome 2 is an artificial break.

Overall differentiation between Clovis 2013 and 2016 samples (all in GC1) was relatively small (F_{ST} = -

0.0311). However, a whole genome scan of Hudson F_{ST} [21] values with 500 kbp windows indicates that

there were a fair number of specific regions with high F_{ST} values (>0.1) (Figure 3A) between samples

from 2013 and 2016. Relative Difference in nucleotide diversity ($\Delta D = (Tajima's\ D_{2013} - Tajima's$

$D_{2016}))/Tajima's\ D_{2013}$) between 2013 and 2016 samples showed a substantial reduction in nucleotide

diversity over time (highlighted in yellow shades in Figure 3A). These highly differentiated regions with

reduced nucleotide diversity may indicate genomic regions under selection presumably as the founding

population adapts to local environmental conditions [22].

Geographic distances were not correlated with genetic distance (Linear model p-value = 0.728, Mantel

test p-value = 0.38; Figure 4). For instance, the genetic distance measured using F_{ST} between Fresno and

Clovis (17 km apart) was as high as that between Clovis and Mission Viejo (over 400 km apart) (Figure 2).

Figure 4. A: Relationship between geographic distance and genetic distance (Hudson F_{ST} [21]). No

significant correlation between geographic and genetic distances (linear model slope indicated in black

line; p value = 0.728). B: Mantel test result with 10,000 replicates (p value = 0.38). Black line indicates

the average correlation value between geographic and genetic distances (=0.0437).

Differentiation among populations within GC1 (F_{ST}=-0.063 ~ -0.031) and GC3 (F_{ST}=-0.054 ~ -0.007) was

minimal (Table 2). However, differentiation within GC2 was high (F_{ST}=0.074 ~ 0.274) suggesting potential

substructure within GC2 (Figure 5).

Table 2. Pairwise F_{ST} values based on nuclear genome SNP data. Colors match genetic clusters described

in Figure 2B.

F_{ST}	Clovis 2013	Clovis 2016	Sanger	Fresno	Madera	Menlo Park	Exeter	Commerce	Brawley	Garden Grove	Mission Viejo	San Diego	Florida
Clovis 2013	-												
Clovis 2016	-0.031	-											
Sanger	-0.063	-0.050	-										
Fresno	0.059	0.072	0.005	-									
Madera	0.132	0.129	0.100	-0.054	-								
Menlo Park	0.111	0.108	0.058	-0.007	-0.025	-							
Exeter	0.214	0.218	0.187	0.147	0.194	0.164	-						
Commerce	0.181	0.196	0.138	0.115	0.181	0.132	0.229	-					
Brawley	0.113	0.127	0.091	0.057	0.116	0.073	0.194	0.157	-				
Garden Grove	0.245	0.243	0.214	0.175	0.215	0.182	0.274	0.244	0.199	-			
Mission Viejo	0.189	0.199	0.165	0.125	0.178	0.148	0.236	0.226	0.149	0.264	-		
San Diego	0.166	0.172	0.142	0.119	0.156	0.130	0.219	0.193	0.122	0.221	0.182	-	
Florida	0.115	0.122	0.077	0.051	0.099	0.070	0.098	0.117	0.074	0.187	0.142	0.121	-

Figure 5. Neighbor-joining tree based on pairwise nuclear genome-wide F_{ST}. Populations within GC1

designated in green, GC2 in red and GC3 in blue.

Mitogenome sequence analysis revealed two major mitochondrial lineages within *Ae. aegypti* (Figure 6).

Lineage B includes the *Ae. aegypti* reference sequence. The mitochondrial lineages did not correspond

well with nuclear genome clusters as shown in Figure 2. Locations where mixed lineages were found

include Menlo Park and Madera. One sample from Vero Beach, Florida corresponded to lineage A and

the sample from Key West, Florida corresponded to lineage B, also indicating the possibility of mixed

mitochondrial lineages occurring in Florida.

Figure 6. Tree based on mitochondrial genome sequence generated from the RevBayes program. *Ae.*

aegypti sequences produced from this study are noted in capital letters. Green letters indicate samples

belonging to the GC1 cluster from Figure 2B; red for GC2; blue for GC3. Two major *Ae. aegypti*

mitochondrial lineages were labeled as A (yellow box) and B (gray box). The two mitochondrial lineages

do not correspond to the nuclear genome clusters. All major branches are 100% supported in our

simulation (node posterior probability = 1.00). Divergence time estimates were based on 28 individual

Ae. aegypti mitochondrial genome data under the assumption of 1-10 times nuclear genome mutation

rate and 5 generations per year.

Our RevBayes estimate of the substitution rate was 0.144 substitutions per site. If we assume 100 Myr

of divergence time between *Cx. quinquefasciatus* and *Ae. aegypti* [20] and 5 generations per year, this

equates to a mutation rate of 2.88×10^{-10} substitutions/site/generation. This value is 10 times slower

than the nuclear genome mutation rates reported from *Drosophila melanogaster* (2.8×10^{-9}

substitutions/site/generation [23]) or *Heliconius melpomene* (2.9×10^{-9} substitutions/site/generation,

[24]). Even with the lower estimates of 50 Myr between *Cx. quinquefasciatus* and *Ae. aegypti* [25], the

mutation rate (5.77×10^{-10}) is lower than the nuclear genome substitution rate. This directly contradicts

the notion that mitochondrial genomes have a higher (1-10 times) substitution rate than nuclear

genomes [26, 27]. Dating using *Cx. quinquefasciatus* is likely inadequate due to saturation of

substitutions. In other words, multiple substitutions occurred at a single site resulting in

underestimation of mutation rates. Existing models cannot adequately handle cases with multiple

substitutions per site. Therefore, the divergence time estimates for the two lineages of *Ae. aegypti* (~5.6

Myr) may not be accurate (Supplement Figure S2). The substitution rate estimates only using our *Ae.*

aegypti data was an average of 0.0079 substitutions/site. If we assume the mitochondrial mutation rate

is 1-10 times higher than the nuclear genome mutation rate as indicated in Keightley et al. (2015) (mean

= 2.85×10^{-9}) and 5 generations per year, then the divergence time of the two *Ae. aegypti* mitochondrial

lineages would fall between 55,700 ~ 557,000 years. Because gene annotation data for *AaegL4* is not

available, we did not calculate the nuclear genome mutation rate.

Figure S1. Tree based on mitochondrial genome sequence generated from RevBayes program. Relative

age of nodes were translated into absolute divergence time using the *Cx. quinquefasciatus* and *Ae.*

aegypti divergence time estimates of ~100 million years [20]. *Ae. aegypti* sequences produced from this

study are noted in capital letters. Green letters indicate samples belongs to the GC1 cluster from Figure

2; red for GC2; blue for GC3. Two major *Ae. aegypti* lineages were labeled as A (yellow box) and B (gray

box). At face value, *Culex* v. *Aedes aegypti* had 0.144 subs/site averaged across all three positions.

Assuming the 100 million years divergence time between the two species and 5 generations per year, it

gives 2.88 x 10-10 subs/site/gen. For comparison, the nuclear genome mutation rate from two insect

species (*Drosophila melanogaster* and *Heliconius melpomene*) were estimated to be 2.8 ~ 2.9 x 10-9

subs/site/generation [23, 24]. If we assume the *Ae. aegypti* nuclear genome is similar to other insects,

this observation contradicts many previous reports showing mitochondrial substitution rates are higher

than nuclear genome substitution rates [26-28]. It is likely that multiple substitutions occurred at a

single site resulting in underestimation of mutation rates.

Discussion

We identified three major nuclear genome clusters within California *Ae. aegypti* roughly corresponding

to their geographic origin (Figure 2). However, geographic proximity did not correlate with genetic

similarity (Figure 4) corroborating the conventional wisdom that this mosquito species is limited in its

ability to disperse, relying on hitchhiking on human transport to move through the environment [5, 29].

Mitochondrial data also suggested two major lineages within California populations of *Ae. aegypti.*

However, their genealogy differs from the nuclear genome genealogy (Figures 5 and 6). This suggests

that the three founding populations (GC1-3) were polymorphic for the two mitochondrial lineages, but

one or the other lineage was lost due to founder effects in each CA population. For example, GC1 only

includes Lineage B (Figure 6). The incongruence between nuclear and mitochondrial gene genealogies

could also be due to different evolutionary rates between different loci producing differing topologies

[26-28]. It is possible that mitochondrial lineages capture historic divergence events, while nuclear

genome divergence reflects relatively recent divergence. Linkage disequilibrium decays rapidly in

mosquito genome as seen in *Anopheles arabiensis* [30]. Thus any contact between two distinct *Ae.*

aegypti populations may have resulted in relatively recent gene flow homogenizing populations within a

locality. It is possible that mitochondrial pseudogenes in the nuclear genome may influence the

mitochondrial variant [31, 32]. We used the option to call single ploidy genome to call mitochondrial

variants of each individual knowing that mitochondrial genome coverages are 10-100 times greater than

nuclear genome coverage and used and thus variant call will largely influenced by the abundant

mitochondrial copies.

The two insect species - *Drosophila melanogaster* and *Heliconius melpomene* - have similar estimated

nuclear genome mutation rates (2.8 ~ 2.9 x 10^{-9} substitution/generation). Whether *Ae. aegypti* has a

mutation rate similar to them remains to be determined. If we assume that *Culex quinquefasciatus* and

Ae. aegypti diverged 50-100 million years ago [20, 33], our mitochondrial mutation rate estimation is 5-

10 times slower than known insect nuclear genome mutation rates [23, 24](Figure S1). This contradicts

the general notion that mitochondrial genomes evolve faster than nuclear genomes [26-28]. Therefore,

it is more likely that multiple mutations occurred at a single mitochondrial locus, resulting in

underestimation of our mutation rate when we used *Culex quinquefasciatus* as an outgroup.

Consequently we rejected the divergence time estimate of 5.6 million years between two *Ae. aegypti*

mitochondrial lineages as shown in Figure S1. Further study of mutation rates in *Ae. aegypti* and/or

divergence time between more closely related taxa would illuminate a more accurate evolutionary

history.

Our data support the hypothesis that *Ae. aegypti* in CA currently exists as multiple, isolated populations.

High (> 0.1) genetic distance measured by F_{ST} as well as genome-wide differentiation patterns (Figure 3)

support multiple introductions into California from genetically distinct source populations as the most

plausible history of this invasion. We are investigating highly informative SNPs for the identification of

different genetic clusters (Figure 2B) in order to develop an affordable (<$10/sample) multiplex SNP

genotyping assay which can be used for a population-level analysis of *Ae. aegypti* in California. Examples

of informative SNPs distinguishing three genetic clusters are presented in Table 3. Successful

development of a genetic cluster identification assay will be useful in future comparative virus vector

competence studies [34] and examination of traits critical to environmental suitability such as drought

tolerance, egg overwintering and insecticide resistance.

Table 3. Example of informative SNPs distinguishing genetic clusters GC1, GC2 and GC3 (Figure 2). SNP id

is the genomic coordinates in reference to the AaegL3 genome as presented in VectorBase [35]. The first

decimal number before the colon (:) indicates supercontig number, the 2nd number between colons

indicates coordinate within supercontig, and the third and last number after the 2nd colon indicates the

strand (1 for positive strand and -1 for negative strand). The reference and variant nucleotide is based

on the positive strand of the AaegL4 genome. NC stands for no call. Reference (AaegL3) homozygotes

are marked in light blue, heterozygotes in yellow and variant homozygotes are marked in dark blue cells.

* indicates SNPs located with an intron. Remaining SNPs are located within intergenic regions.

	reference	A	T	A	T	T	T	G	A	C	G	A	G
	variant	T	G	T	A	A	C	A	T	T	T	T	A
		GC1 vs GC2				GC1 vs GC3				GC2 vs GC3			
	sample	1.93:173 5550:-1	1.151:15 32211:1	1.185:10 5919:1*	1.301:13 07877:-1	1.404:22 9495:1*	1.482:65 0583:1	1.14:102 6176:-1*	1.240:14 96129:1*	1.508:77 1166:-1	1.32:115 1270:-1	1.43:294 1963:1	1.240:14 96129:1
GC1	Ae13CLOV028	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	CT	TT	AA	GG
GC1	Ae13CLOV030	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	CT	GT	AA	GA
GC1	Ae13CLOV032	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	TT	GG	AA	GG
GC1	Ae15SANG073	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	CC	NC	AA	GG
GC1	Ae16CLOV002	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	TT	GG	AA	GG
GC1	Ae16CLOV003	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	CT	GG	AA	GG
GC1	Ae16CLOV007	NC	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	TT	GG	AA	GG
GC1	Ae16CLOV008	TT	GG	TT	AA	AA	CC	AA	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae14EXET135	AA	TT	AA	TT	TT	TC	GG	AT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae14EXET165	AA	TT	AA	TT	TT	TC	GG	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15GARG021	AA	TT	AA	TT	TT	TT	GG	AT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15GARG026	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	TT	NC	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15IMPE002	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	TT	GG	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15MISV029	AA	TT	AA	TT	TT	TT	GG	AA	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15MISV036	AA	TT	AA	TT	TT	TT	GA	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15SAND001	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	CC	GG	AA	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15SAND002	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	CC	GG	AA	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC2	Ae15SAND015	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	CC	AA	AT	CC	TT	AT	GG
GC2	Ae16COMF3.001	AA	TT	AA	TT	TA	TT	AA	TT	CC	TT	AA	GG
GC3	Ae14SAMC001	NC	NC	AA	TT	TT	TT	GG	AA	NC	GG	TT	AA
GC3	Ae15FRES008.05	NC	NC	NC	TT	NC	NC	GG	AA	TT	GG	NC	AA
GC3	Ae15FRES017	NC	TG	AA	TA	TT	TT	GG	AA	TT	GG	TT	AA
GC3	Ae15MADE001	NC	NC	AT	TT	TT	TT	GG	AA	TT	GG	TT	AA
GC3	Ae15MADE015	NC	TG	AT	TA	TT	TT	GG	AA	TT	GG	TT	AA
GC3	Ae15SAMC001	NC	NC	AA	NC	TT	TT	GG	AA	TT	GG	TT	AA
GC3	Ae15SAMC004	NC	TG	AA	TT	TT	TT	GG	AA	TT	GG	TT	AA

We are also investigating the option of generating SNP genotypes that are compatible with the *Ae.*

aegypti SNP chip dataset [36]. The SNP positions provided in [36] were based on the *AaegL1* genome

assembly [15], and efforts to convert those *Aaeg* L1 genomic coordinates to the positions in the latest

reference genome *AaegL4* [6] are currently underway.

Microsatellite data from [1] indicated that San Mateo (=Menlo Park), Madera and Fresno samples were

genetically similar to samples from the southeastern USA which includes samples from Vaca Key and

Miami, Florida. Our results are inconsistent with this relationship. Our analysis placed the three central

California populations (Menlo Park, Madera and Fresno) in a group (GC3) distinct from the group

containing the Florida samples which also included populations from southern California (GC2, Figure 2).

Investigating a larger number of samples may provide a more complete picture of the genetics of *Ae.*

aegypti populations in California; a clearer description of its invasion history and spread in the state; and

provide information useful to its control. Annotation of the *AaegL4* assembly, when available, will also

open the door for investigations using our genome data.

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