

Title: Global change adaptation reduces plasticity and limits future resilience

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Abstract: Species may persist through the unprecedented changes in global conditions using genetic adaptation or physiological plasticity. However, few empirical studies have revealed the relationship between adaptation and plasticity or addressed the long-standing debate on whether plasticity impedes or facilitates adaptive evolution. Here, we used experimental evolution and reciprocal transplantation of the marine coastal copepod, *Acartia tonsa*, to present-day and future greenhouse conditions (high temperature, high CO₂). Despite the presence of plasticity in ambient conditions, twenty generations of selection resulted in highly parallel genetic adaptation to greenhouse conditions where genes related to stress response, actin regulation, developmental processes, and energy production diverged between conditions. Genetic adaptation, however, reduced fecundity and population growth when greenhouse animals were returned to ambient conditions or reared in low food conditions. Concurrently, adaptation reduced gene expression plasticity by 12.7 fold. Despite the loss of plasticity, across three successive transplant generations, greenhouse-adapted animals were able to match the ambient-adaptive transcriptional

profile through genetic adaptation, which in turn eroded nucleotide diversity in greenhouse-adaptive genes. These results demonstrate the power of experimental evolution from natural populations to reveal the mechanisms, timescales of responses, consequences, and reversibility of complex, physiological adaptation. While plasticity facilitated initial survival in global change conditions, it eroded after 20 generations as populations genetically adapted, limiting resilience to new stressors and previously benign environments.

Main Text: Though global conditions are changing at a geologically unprecedented rate and the frequency of extreme events is increasing ¹, species can use genetic adaptation or physiological plasticity to persist ²⁻⁴. Genetic adaptation, defined as heritable genetic change that improves population fitness in an environment ⁵, enables resilience by shifting population phenotypes to tolerate different conditions. Selection for adaptive phenotypes can shift population genetic variation over short time scales, as few as one to four generations ⁶⁻⁹. Conversely, plasticity allows a single genotype to generate different phenotypes in response to the environment within a generation ¹⁰. Considering rapid changes in environmental conditions, adaptive plasticity enables organisms to maintain fitness across environments ¹¹ through underlying phenotypic, physiological, or gene expression changes ¹². However, the interaction and relative contributions of genetic adaptation and plasticity to population persistence in rapid environmental change is not well understood ¹³⁻¹⁶. Plasticity may inhibit adaptation by shielding genetic variation from natural selection, but more recent work has indicated that plasticity can precede and facilitate adaptation to novel environments ¹⁷⁻²⁰. Thus, while adaptation and plasticity are not always antagonistic, there is limited empirical support and the consequence of this process on the resilience of populations is unclear ²¹.

Some species may be more equipped to survive environmental changes using either or both genetic adaptation or plasticity². Organisms that live in dynamic environments, have distributions that span a wide range of environmental conditions, and are highly dispersing are predicted to have the greatest capacity to respond to rapid environmental change^{22,23}. These characteristics support the maintenance of both standing genetic variation, which enables adaptation, and physiological plasticity^{24,25}. Many marine species live in environments that vary across time and space and have life histories that promote dispersal^{26,27}. This is true of copepods, the most abundant marine metazoan²⁸ which have been shown to have plasticity and genetic variation for adaptation to global change conditions^{29–31}. Despite their ecological importance, there is limited empirical evidence of adaptive capacity to global change conditions over longer timescales in natural populations of copepods, or any metazoan^{32,33}, and the relationship between plasticity and genetic adaptation is not well understood in these systems³⁴.

Experimental evolution is a particularly powerful approach to understand resilience as organisms can be exposed to specific selective pressures over multiple generations³⁵. From this, one can identify both the adaptive potential and the mechanisms of adaptation of a population, directly providing insight into how a population may cope with changing climates³⁶. Here, we use 20 generations of experimental evolution to greenhouse (high CO₂, temperature) and present-day ambient conditions followed by three generations of reciprocal transplantation. Experimental evolution and reciprocal transplantation allow us to mimic both chronic environmental changes and extreme events, respectively, to understand the interplay of rapid adaptation and plasticity

and to explore associated costs of adaptation, particularly those relating to reductions of genetic diversity and plasticity.

We experimentally evolved the globally distributed, foundational copepod species, *Acartia tonsa*, to ambient and global change conditions. As a dominant prey item for forage fish, *A. tonsa* serves as a critical link in the marine food web, supporting economically important fisheries³⁷ and as major phytoplankton grazers, copepods substantially contribute to the storage of atmospheric CO₂ and thus mediate marine biogeochemical cycles³⁸. Replicate cultures (4 replicates per condition, ~4,000 individuals per replicate) of *A. tonsa* were subjected to 20 generations of selection in ambient (AM: 400 ppm pCO₂ and 18°C) and combined high CO₂ × temperature (greenhouse, GH: 2000 ppm pCO₂ and 22°C) conditions followed by three generations of reciprocal transplantation of both lines to opposite conditions (Fig. 1). These treatments were chosen as they represent present-day and a worst case, yet realistic scenario^{39,40}; in the coming century, global mean ocean surface temperatures will increase by 2-4 °C⁴¹ and oceanic CO₂ concentrations will potentially reach 2000 ppm by the year 2300⁴². Reciprocal transplant represents rapid responses to environmental change and extreme events. We denote evolved lines with their abbreviation and the treatment condition during transplant as a subscript (i.e., AM_{GH} = ambient line transplanted to greenhouse conditions). Fecundity and survival were measured immediately following transplant for all cultures. Because costs may only be evident in the face of additional stressors, we also measured fecundity and survival under limited food availability, which is a potential consequence of climate change for marine environments⁴³. RNA was collected from pools of 20 adults from each of four replicate cultures at the first, second, and third generation after transplant for both experimentally evolved and transplanted lines (Fig. 1).

We estimated allele frequencies at 322,595 variant sites with at least 50× coverage across all samples and quantified transcript abundance for an average 24,112 genes. We test for evidence of adaptation, identify underlying mechanisms and potential costs associated with adaptation at the organismal, physiological, and genetic levels of organization, and use reciprocal transplants to test how plasticity and genetic adaptation interact during short- and longer-term responses to global change conditions.

Results and discussion

Organismal, transcriptomic, and genomic evidence indicate that selection shaped the phenotypes and genotypes in the replicate lines after 20 generations in greenhouse conditions (Figs. 2 & 3). Whole organism performance showed that fecundity was equally high for both lines in their home environments but declined for GH lines after transplant to AM conditions (48% reduction in egg production relative to GH_{GH}; $P < 0.02$; Fig. 2A). In contrast, transplanted AM_{GH} demonstrated sufficient plasticity to alter their physiology to maintain similarly high egg production as the non-transplanted lines (Fig. 2A). Considering that AM individuals represent the non-selected, control populations, the reduced fecundity of GH populations transplanted to previously benign AM conditions represents a loss of ancestral plasticity.

In contrast to egg production, survivorship from *nauplii* to reproductive maturity was 60% lower for greenhouse compared to ambient lineages regardless of the environment or food regime ($P < 0.001$; Fig. 2B). However, fitness (the net reproductive rates), estimated by using fecundity, development rates, reproductive timing, and survival⁴⁴, were stable for food replete GH_{GH} and AM lines in both conditions (Fig. 2C). The high fitness for AM lines across environments again

demonstrates sufficient plasticity to alter underlying physiology. In contrast, GH_{AM} transplant populations exhibited decreased net reproductive rates relative to GH_{GH} animals ($P = 0.01$, Fig. 2C), indicating adaptation to GH conditions. In addition, population growth depended on condition (marginally significant line x treatment interaction, $P = 0.056$ Fig. 2C), suggesting a loss of the ability in GH lines to maintain high fitness across environments and a loss of physiological plasticity to tolerate the different conditions. The steady-state growth rate when food is non-limiting of GH_{GH} populations despite decreased survival relative to AM lines (Fig. 2B) was due to compensation via higher egg production relative to GH_{AM} populations (Fig. 2A), faster development, and earlier reproductive timing in GH conditions. Taken together, the constant population growth in GH conditions and the reduction in egg production following transplant to AM conditions suggest that there was strong directional selection in greenhouse conditions that resulted in adaptation and the maintenance of high egg production that came at the cost of maintaining plasticity to tolerate previously benign, ambient conditions.

We also explored the ability of lines to tolerate an additional stressor, low food availability, to determine resilience to tolerate environmental fluctuations. GH animals performed poorly under low food availability regardless of environment (Fig. 2). Under low food, relative to AM lines, GH lines experienced a 67% reduction in egg production rates ($P < 0.001$; Fig. 2A), 70% reduction in survival ($P < 0.001$; Fig. 2B), and a 40% reduction in fitness ($P < 0.001$; Fig. 2C). Thus, selection in greenhouse conditions may result in animals less resilient to further nutritional limitations⁴⁵, which is likely driven by increased energetic costs leading to increased stress⁴⁶.

To understand the genetic and physiological mechanisms driving the observed decreases in plasticity and performance in GH animals, we tested for changes in allele frequencies (322,595 loci) and gene expression (24,927 genes) among AM and GH lines in their home environments. We found consistent, directional divergence in allele frequencies between replicate GH and AM lines, indicating that selection resulted in adaptation to GH conditions (Fig. 3 A, B, S1, S2). 17,720 loci (5.5% of all loci with >50X coverage) showed consistent allele frequency divergence, suggesting that adaptation to global change condition is highly polygenic (GH_{GH} versus AM_{AM}; Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test FDR corrected significance threshold: 5.17e-08)^{47–49}. 1,876 genes (7% of genes surveyed) showed differential expression between control and experimentally evolved replicate lines in their home environment (GH_{GH} versus AM_{AM}; $P < 0.05$). Of potential candidate genes driving adaptation (Fig. S2), one gene, NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase 49 kDa subunit (NDUFS2), was an extreme outlier for divergence in allele frequencies, 77%, which is 72% greater than the global average (5%; Fig. S3). NDUFS2 is a nuclear-encoded, core subunit of Complex 1 of the mitochondrial electron transport chain (ETC) that has been shown to be inhibited by heat stress^{50,51}. The three substitutions identified here were all non-synonymous, including a non-polar Isoleucine to polar Asparagine, in linkage disequilibrium (Fig. S2), and in a single alpha helix of the ETC subunit. This alternative NDUFS2 haplotype targeted by selection could improve energy production under heat stress for global change-adapted copepods, a hypothesis worth future functional investigation.

We found substantial overlap in the functional classes of genes that had evolved allelic and expression differences; shared categories included response and detection of stress and stimuli, developmental processes, actin organization and regulation, and proteolytic processes (Fig. 3C,

D; Tables S1, S2). These functions likely relate to increased survival in warmer and more acidic conditions. For example, proteolysis is integral to the stress response⁵² while actin modifications have been repeatedly identified as targets of pH adaptation and resilience^{9,53} and are linked to cytoskeleton maintenance that is responsive to low pH stress in copepods⁵⁴. Despite shared functions, there was little overlap in the specific genes that evolved allelic and adaptive expression differences (16%; Fisher's exact test; $P > 0.05$), suggesting that adaptive divergence in protein function and gene expression targeted different, but functionally related genes. Similarly, we found no correlation between the degree of expression and allelic responses (Fig. S4; $R^2 = 0.002$), suggesting no impact of potential allele-biased expression on estimates of allele frequencies from pools of sequenced RNA. However, we found strong allele frequency divergence in regulators of expression, predominantly in genes relating to RNA processing (Fig. 3C) and also ribosomal S6 kinase, a gene involved in the regulation of numerous transcription factors and translation (Fig. S2)⁵⁵. Taken together, these results suggest that regulators of gene expression were under selection and responsible for the adaptive changes in gene expression.

We next quantified gene expression plasticity to understand if rapid adaptation has resulted in a loss of physiological plasticity. We identify plastic changes in gene expression for GH and AM lines by comparing expression in the home environment after 20 generations to short-term gene expression responses after transplantation (GH_{GH} vs. GH_{AM}; AM_{AM} vs. AM_{GH}; Fig. 4A). At the first generation of transplant, AM_{GH} was plastic in expression for 4,719 genes ($P_{adj} < 0.05$; 20% of genes), a 12.7 fold greater response than GH_{AM} (372 genes; 1.6 % of genes). However, by the second and third generations' transplant, this difference diminished due to the relative increase of GH gene expression changes (F2: 4.5%; F3: 4.1%) and decrease of AM changes (F2: 1.7%; F3:

6.3%). While expression changes at F1 were likely due to plasticity, differential gene expression at F2 and F3 could be due to plasticity or evolution, a question we address below.

In accord with the lower overall plasticity for GH animals at F1, AM animals showed a significantly greater match to the adaptive expression profile than GH (Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC); $P = 0.03$; Fig. 4B). Discriminant function space was generated from AM_{AM} and GH_{GH} , representing the adaptive expression differences after 20 generations in each environment. Transplanted lines were fit to this discriminant function space to determine if and how expression changed to match the adaptive expression profile where the adaptive plasticity is summarized by the length of each line in Fig. 4. Despite lower plasticity in adaptive gene expression for GH animals at F1, AM and GH lines demonstrated similar shifts at F2 and F3 where lines converge on the adaptive expression profile by the F3 generation (Fig. 4B). Alternative methods based on DeSeq2 differential expression recapitulate these adaptive expression shifts (Fig. S5). This increase in adaptive gene expression across generations indicates that copepods, even after 20 generations of experimental evolution in ambient or greenhouse conditions and despite differences in initial levels of plasticity, were able to match adaptive gene expression profiles increasingly with each successive generation.

We used a similar DAPC approach to test if allele frequencies changed to match adaptive allele frequencies following transplant and to explore whether gene expression changes at F2 and F3 were due to plasticity or evolution (Fig. 4C). Allele frequencies of non-transplanted lines were used to generate discriminant function space and the shifts of transplanted lines indicated the degree of adaptive evolution following transplant. This quantified the degree to which

transplanted lines evolved using the same alleles that adaptively evolved over the initial 20 generations. At generations F1 and F2, allele frequency changes were similar between AM and GH lines (Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) generalized linear mixed model; $P_{MCMC} > 0.05$; Fig. 4C). However, by F3 GH animals showed significantly greater adaptive evolution than AM ($P_{MCMC} = 0.02$). These findings were again mirrored by an independent analysis based on Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel tests (Fig. S5). Together with the gene expression analysis, these results indicate that AM_{GH} animals were able to match the greenhouse adaptive transcriptional profiles without changes in allele frequencies but rather through physiological and/or transgenerational plasticity. Conversely, the GH_{AM} animals had lost the plasticity necessary to transcriptionally respond and matched the adaptive transcriptional profile through evolution, i.e., selection drove changes in allele frequencies across the three generations of transplant.

Rapid adaptation can result in a selective bottleneck which could drive a loss of genetic diversity during long-term selection or short-term transplant. To test this hypothesis, we quantified nucleotide diversity (π) for each treatment following 20 generations of selection and after transplant. Remarkably, we found no significant loss of genetic diversity after long-term adaptation to greenhouse conditions (GH_{GH}, Fig. 5A, $P_{Tukey} > 0.05$). Similarly, ambient lines, both transplanted and not, maintained high levels of genetic diversity ($P_{Tukey} > 0.05$). However, when transplanted back to ambient conditions, GH_{AM} showed a significant drop in diversity by F3 ($P_{Tukey} < 0.05$; Fig. 5A), indicating a global loss of genetic diversity. This suggests that the successive shifts in allele frequency after transplant of GH to AM (GH_{AM}; Fig. 4C) resulted in a loss of genetic diversity (Fig. 5A). To test if this loss of genetic diversity in transplant from GH to AM was concentrated in specific regions of the genome, we compared changes in nucleotide

diversity in regions identified as adaptively diverged between greenhouse and ambient lines (i.e., regions containing 17,720 consistently divergent loci) versus all other loci (“non-adaptive”). For GH_{AM} lines, the loss of nucleotide diversity was concentrated in genomic regions containing adaptive loci (Fig. 5B; Wilcoxon test $P = 0.005$), while there was no loss of diversity in AM_{GH} lines as a control contrast (Fig. 5B; $P = 0.11$). In addition, the loss of nucleotide diversity for GH_{AM} lines was concentrated in genes with functions related to sequestration of actin monomers, cytokinesis, and response to stress (Fig. 5C; Table S3), similar to those underlying adaptive genetic divergence between AM_{AM} and GH_{GH} lines (Table S1). The lack of nucleotide diversity loss for AM_{GH} lines and the absence of functional enrichment indicates that selection did not act on these transplanted lines; this is consistent with the sustained ability for a plastic response. These results also suggest that the loss of genetic diversity for GH_{AM} was due to selection following their loss of physiological plasticity after long-term adaptation to greenhouse conditions.

Conclusion

Whether plasticity promotes or constrains adaptation has been a long-standing debate¹³, and only a few recent studies have provided empirical evidence that plasticity can promote adaptation^{17–20}. We reveal a complex interaction between plasticity and adaptation in response to global change conditions. In the short-term, three generations, plasticity buffered populations from environmental change allowing AM lines to tolerate greenhouse conditions through plasticity. Over the longer-term, 20 generations, plasticity to acclimate was lost as adaptation to greenhouse conditions proceeded, indicating costs to maintain plasticity⁵⁶. Our results provide

evidence that plasticity does not constrain genetic adaptation but, over time, genetic adaptation erodes plasticity.

This interplay between plasticity and adaptation has important implications for our understanding of mechanisms of species persistence to global change conditions. We demonstrate that copepods have the capacity to adapt over 20 generations, approximately one year, using the standing genetic variation that exists in natural populations. However, reciprocal transplant and food challenges revealed significant costs of this adaptation; populations lost physiological plasticity, the ability to tolerate food limitation, and ultimately adaptive genetic variation for greenhouse conditions. Given the increasing frequency of extreme environmental conditions, rapid adaptation of *A. tonsa* to a temporary extreme may result in a population that is maladapted when conditions return to the previous state. Thus, while plasticity may enable persistence initially, adaptation can drive a loss of plasticity that can lead to reduced resiliency when environmental conditions fluctuate further. These results demonstrate the utility of experimental evolution in understanding complex adaptation in natural systems and to reveal the mechanisms, time-scales of responses, consequences, and reversibility of this process. As we begin to incorporate adaptive potential and plasticity into species persistence models^{57–60}, these results caution that, even for species predicted to be resilient to rapid global change, there may be costs to adaptive evolution.

Methods

Experimental set-up

273 Copepods (n=1,000) were collected in June of 2016 from Esker Point Beach in Groton, CT, USA
 274 (decimal degrees: 41.320725, -72.001643) and raised for at least three generations prior to the
 275 start of transgenerational adaptation to limit maternal effects⁶¹. Parental individuals were
 276 acclimated to one of two experimental conditions: 1) AM – Ambient temperature (18 °C),
 277 Ambient CO₂ (~400 ppmv CO₂, pH ~8.2) or 2) GH – High temperature (22 °C), high CO₂
 278 (~2000 ppmv CO₂, pH ~7.5). Cultures were fed every 48-72 hours at food-replete concentrations
 279 of carbon (>800 µg C/L) split equally between three species of prey phytoplankton. Prey
 280 phytoplankton included *Tetraselmis* spp., *Rhodomonas* spp., and *Thalassiosira weissflogii*,
 281 which is a common diet combination used for rearing copepods⁶². About 400 females and 200
 282 males were used to seed each treatment, yielding an estimated 15,000 eggs and newly hatched
 283 *nauplii* for the initial F0 generation. Four replicate cultures per treatment were maintained in
 284 individual 3L culture containers with two treatments per environment (eight cultures per
 285 environment). Each environment was housed in one of two identical incubators. Elevated CO₂
 286 levels were achieved with two-gas proportioners (Cole-Parmer, Vernon Hills, IL, USA)
 287 combining air with 100% bone dry CO₂ that was delivered continuously to the bottom of each
 288 replicate culture. Actual measurements of experimental CO₂ were determined based on
 289 measurements of salinity, temperature, pH, and total alkalinity using CO₂Sys. Total alkalinity
 290 was measured before and after the course of the experiment. Seawater was filtered to 30 µm and
 291 measured immediately using an endpoint titration as described previously⁶³. Target pH values
 292 were monitored daily using a handheld pH probe (Orion Ross Ultra pH/ATC Triode with Orion
 293 Star A121 pH Portable Meter (Thermo FisherScientific®, Waltham, MA, USA). Continuous
 294 bubbling maintained higher than necessary dissolved oxygen levels (>8 mg/L). To assess
 295 functional life-history traits, smaller volume experiments were housed in the same temperature-

controlled incubators in custom plexiglass enclosures with the atmosphere continuously flooded with CO₂ infused air at the appropriate concentration, which allows for passive diffusion of CO₂ into the experiments. Copepods were raised in the respective two experimental treatments for 20 generations before the reciprocal transplant.

Reciprocal transplant

At the 21st generation, we performed a reciprocal transplant between copepods from AM and GH. Each of the four replicates from each treatment was split to yield four additional replicates for each of two new transplant treatments: AM_{GH} and GH_{AM} (as well as sham transfers: AM_{AM} and GH_{GH}). Copepods were raised for three subsequent generations and were fed every 48-72 hours as described above. This design lead to 48 total cultures: 2 treatments × 2 transplant/non-transplant × 4 replicates × 3 generations.

Life-history traits

Day-specific survivorship was measured every 48-72 hours, with food media replaced on monitoring days. Food media was provided at the appropriate food concentration (>800 µg C/L for food-replete and 250 µg C/L for food-limited) divided in equal carbon proportions between the three afore-mentioned prey species in 0.2 µm filtered seawater collected from Long Island Sound. Food media was acclimated to the appropriate temperature and CO₂ concentration prior to replacement. Survivorship was assessed among twelve 250-mL beakers per treatment (3 food concentrations × 4 replicates = 12 beakers per treatment) containing 25 individual N1 *nauplii* and monitored until sexual maturity (adulthood) Log rank analysis of survivorship was assessed using the survival^{64,65} and survminer⁶⁶ packages in R.

Egg production rate (EPR) and hatching frequency (HF) were assessed with 36 individual mate pairs of newly matured adults per treatment (12 pairs per food concentration \times 3 food concentrations = 36 pairs per treatment) divided evenly between four replicates within a treatment. Adults were incubated in 25 mL petri dishes (FisherScientific, Waltham, MA, USA) over three days in the same temperature-controlled incubators and plexiglass enclosures described above. After the initial three-day incubation, adults were assessed for survival and removed to avoid cannibalization of eggs. Eggs were allowed to hatch over a subsequent three-day incubation. Food media was prepared as described for survivorship and replaced daily during egg laying to ensure accurate food concentrations were near saturation and not reduced due to daily grazing⁶⁷. Lids of petri dishes were left off-center to allow for full contact with the atmosphere and diffusion of CO₂. Plates with dead males were still evaluated for EPR, but not HF. Plates with dead females were not evaluated. After the hatching period, plates were preserved with non-acid Lugol's solution and quantified. Per capita EPR was calculated as $(E_u + E_h)/t$ where E_u represents unhatched eggs, E_h represents hatched eggs (*nauplii*), and t represents egg laying time. Hatching frequency was calculated as $E_h/(E_u + E_h)$.

The population net reproductive rate, λ , was calculated as the dominant eigenvalue of an assembled projected age-structured Leslie Matrix constructed from survivorship and fecundity data⁴⁴. Briefly, day-specific probabilities of survivorship are calculated from day-specific survivorship as $P_x = \frac{l_x}{l_{x-1}}$ where l_x represents the individuals on day x and l_{x-1} represents the number of individuals on day $x-1$. Probabilities of survivorship on day 1 are assumed to be 100% or a proportion of 1. Per capita EPR and HF are calculated as described above, with fecundity

rates equaling the product of EPR and HF. Because only females produce offspring, total fecundity rates must be scaled to the sex ratio (ratio of females:males) observed in survivorship experiments. To account for differences in individual development time for each treatment, fecundity rates are assigned to all days after the first matured adult is observed. We assume that survivorship in each beaker is equally as likely to experience the fecundity values observed in EPR experiments. Therefore, each mate-pair fecundity rate was paired with each survivorship beaker to construct a matrix. This yields a maximum of 48 matrices per treatment per food concentration (4 beakers \times 12 mate pairs).

We constructed linear mixed models with line, environment, and food concentration as fixed effects with all interactions, and culture replicate as a random effect. Two post-hoc tests were conducted. First, to quantify differences in plasticity between the lines, we evaluated genotype \times environment interactions on life-history traits separately for each food concentration. Second, post-hoc t-test comparisons were used to conduct pairwise comparisons of the interactions for each life history trait.

Genomics

RNA from pools of 20 individuals was extracted using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) and purified with Qiagen RNeasy spin columns (Qiagen, Germantown, MD, USA). RNAseq libraries were prepared by Novogene (Sacramento, CA, USA) and sequenced with 150 bp paired end reads on an Illumina NovaSeq 600, generating 1.29 billion reads. Raw reads were trimmed for quality and adapter contamination using Trimmomatic V0.36⁶⁸ where leading and

trailing quality was set at 2, sliding window length was 4 with a quality of 2, and minimum length was 31.

To quantify genetic variation, SuperTranscripts were generated from the reference transcriptome⁶⁹ using the Trinity_gene_splice_modeler.py command in the Trinity pipeline⁷⁰.

SuperTranscripts act as a reference by collapsing isoforms into a single transcript, which enables variant detection without a reference genome⁷¹. Trimmed reads were aligned to the SuperTranscripts using bwa mem⁷². After filtering, we identify 322,595 variant sites among all replicates.

Variants were called using VarScan v2.3⁷³ (2 alternate reads to call a variant, p-value of 0.1, minimum coverage of 30x, minimum variant allele frequency of 0.01). Following this, variants were stringently filtered to include no missing data, only sites where at least 4 samples were called as variable and each with a minor allele frequency of at least 0.025 (minimum of 1 heterozygous individual), any sites with depth greater than 3x the median (median=132x), and sites with a minimum coverage of 50x per sample (2 reads/diploid individual). This reduced called variants from an initial 5,547,802 to 322,595.

Gene expression was quantified at the gene level as recommended⁷⁴ using Salmon v0.10.2⁷⁵ and transcript abundances were converted to gene-level counts using the tximport package in R⁷⁶. The reference transcriptome was indexed using quasi mapping with a k-mer length of 31 and transcripts were quantified while correcting for sequence specific bias and GC bias. We were interested in assessing expression patterns between treatments with each generation and how

these patterns changed through time and, therefore, analyzed each generation separately. Genes with low expression (fewer than 10 counts in more than 90% of the samples) were removed from the dataset. This left 23 324, 24 882, and 24 132 genes for F1, F2, and F3, respectively. Counts were normalized and log transformed using the rlog command in DESeq2 ⁷⁷.

Gene expression plasticity

DESeq2 was used to identify the number of plastic genes for each line defined as the genes changing expression between environments within a line (GH_{GH} vs. GH_{AM}; AM_{AM} vs. AM_{GH}). For each generation, we required at least 10 counts in 90% of samples. Differentially expressed genes were identified using the model ~Line + Treatment + Line:Treatment and any contrasts were considered significant when adjusted p-values were < 0.05.

Discriminant analysis of principal components

Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) was used to quantify the degree to which gene expression and allele frequencies converged on the adaptive state within each environment. Here, we assume that each line has reached the adaptive optimum after 20 generations. Using the filtered, normalized, and transformed expression data from DESeq2, shifts in gene expression in transplanted lines across generations were quantified using DAPC in the adegenet package in R ⁷⁸. Discriminant functions for each generation were first generated using the non-transplanted lines to identify genes consistently differentially expressed. Transplanted lines were fit to this discriminant function space and used MCMCglmm models in R ⁷⁹ to model the effect of line origin and transplant on movement in discriminant function space. 2500 posterior estimates were generated and the difference in the transplant effect for each line was quantified by calculating

the absolute difference between these estimates. This can be viewed as the difference between the lengths of the lines representing average shifts in Fig. 4. These differences were used to generate a 95% credible interval and the proportion of positive or negative values were considered a p-value for the difference in magnitude of the effect of transplant on each line in discriminant function space.

DAPC was also used to identify divergence in allele frequency between the AM and GH lines. The same approach as for gene expression (above) was taken where we generated the DAPC with lines in their home environment and then fit transplanted lines to discriminant function space.

Adaptive allele frequency and gene expression divergence

To identify loci consistently shifting in response to selection, Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel (CMH) tests were used to identify specific SNPs that were consistently diverged between the AM and GH lines and represent the most likely targets of adaptation. This approach looks for consistent changes in allele frequencies across all replicates and is a common and powerful technique in experimental evolution^{35,80}. We calculated CMH p-values for AM_{AM} versus GH_{GH} lines (n = 4, each) for each of the three sampled generations. Significance thresholds ($P < 5.17\text{e-}08$) were defined with Bonferroni corrections using the total number of SNPs (322,595) multiplied by three, representing the total number of tests conducted. The SNPs that were identified in all three generations were considered adaptive (Fig. S6). This approach assumes that AM and GH lines have reached their phenotypic optimum and any additional evolution in the F2 or F3 generations

is a product of drift, an assumption that is reasonable given the preceding 20 generations of selection.

DESeq2 was used to identify the specific genes that were adaptive differentially expressed between non-transplanted AM and GH lines at each generation. Using the same geneset and model from DeSeq2, above, we identified differentially expressed genes between AM and GH in their home environment with an adjusted significance threshold of p-values < 0.05.

Quantifying genetic diversity

We estimate genetic diversity (π) for each replicate using Popoolation⁸¹ with 100 bp non-overlapping sliding windows. To quantify if π was differentially lost in any treatment, median π values were compared using an Anova with a Tukey post-hoc test. We next tested if regions containing adaptively divergent loci between non-transplanted GH and AM lines lost π at a different rate than regions containing only neutral variants. The change in π was calculated for each replicate and the change in π for GH_{AM} and AM_{GH} were compared using Wilcoxon Rank Sum tests with bonferroni corrections. Gene ontology enrichment was performed with GO Mann-Whitney U⁸², which requires no significance threshold, but takes the change in π for each group and asks if any functional category falls towards the tails of this distribution (in our case, one-sided to identify disproportionately low values). We use this same approach for gene expression and allele frequencies divergence between lines in their home environments. For allele frequencies, the minimum p-value was chosen for each gene.

Finally, we tested for overlap between the allelic and gene expression results to determine if the genes in each were significantly correlated. We correlated the relationship between the $-\log_{10}$ of the CMH p-values for the allele frequencies and the differential gene expression p-values between GH_{GH} and AM_{AM} . This analysis showed the two sets were distinct and the variation explained by each was less than 1% at each generation, indicating that there was minimal bias in estimating allele frequencies due to differentially expressed genes.

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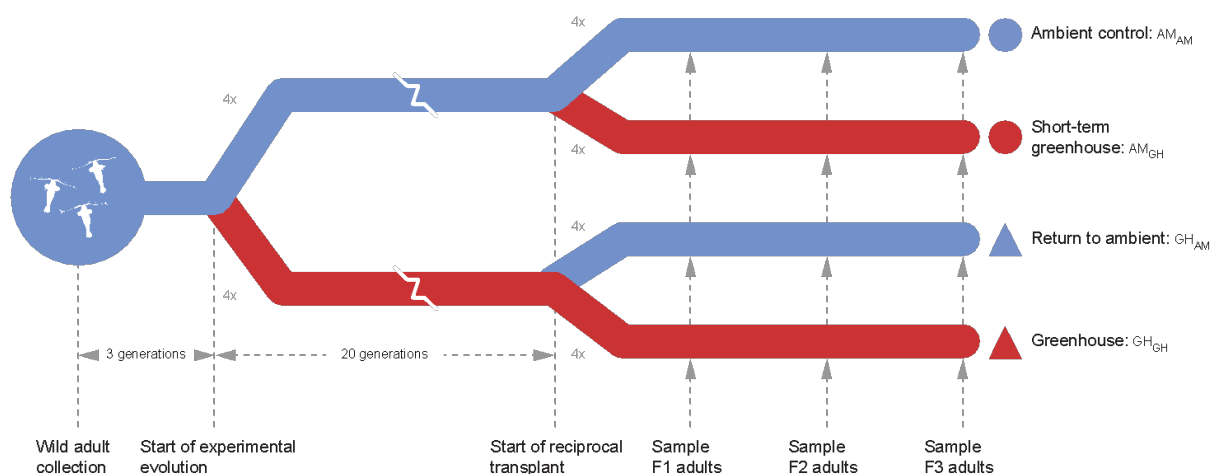


Figure 1: Schematic of the experimental design. Blue lines are ambient (AM) pH and temperature that represent current conditions ($p\text{CO}_2$: 400 ppm; temperature: 18°C). Red lines are simulated future greenhouse (GH) conditions ($p\text{CO}_2$: 2000 ppm; 22°C). Adults *Acartia tonsa* were collected from the wild and reared in the lab for three generations. 600 laboratory-acclimated adults seeded each of four replicates at AM and GH conditions where they were reared for 20 generations. At generation 20, each replicate was split into two, where one half was transplanted into the same conditions as the previous 20 generations (AM_{AM}, GH_{GH}) and the other was reciprocally transplanted to the opposite condition (AM_{GH}, GH_{AM}). These transplanted lines were reared for 3 additional generations and sampled for genomics and life-history traits at each generation.

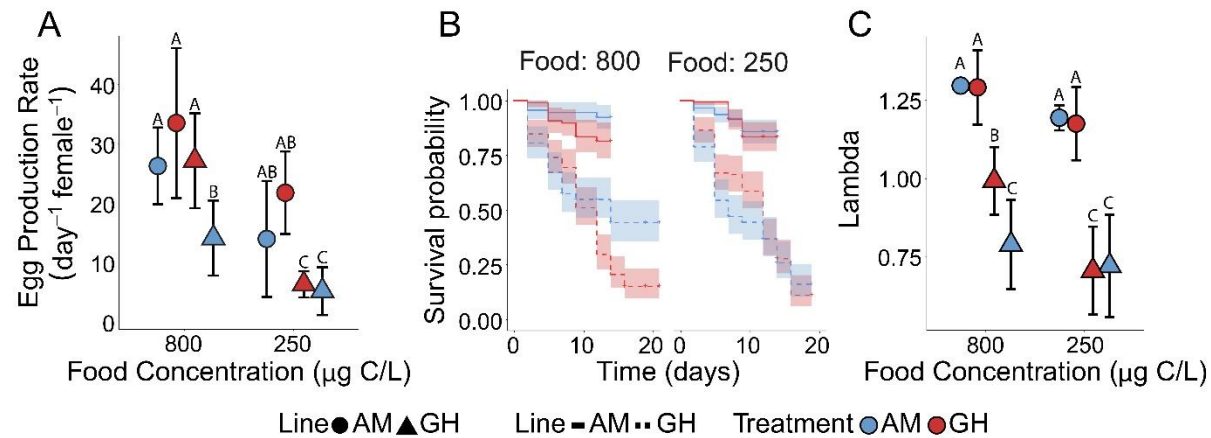


Figure 2. Responses to selection after 20 generations of selection for ambient (AM) and greenhouse (GH) conditions. For all panels, shape indicates selection line, color indicates environmental condition at that generation, and error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. A) Egg production under ad-libitum and lowered food. B) Survivorship under ad-libitum and lowered food. C) Lambda (net reproductive rate) calculated from combined fecundity, development rate, and survivorship data. Capital letters in A and C represent statistical similar groups.

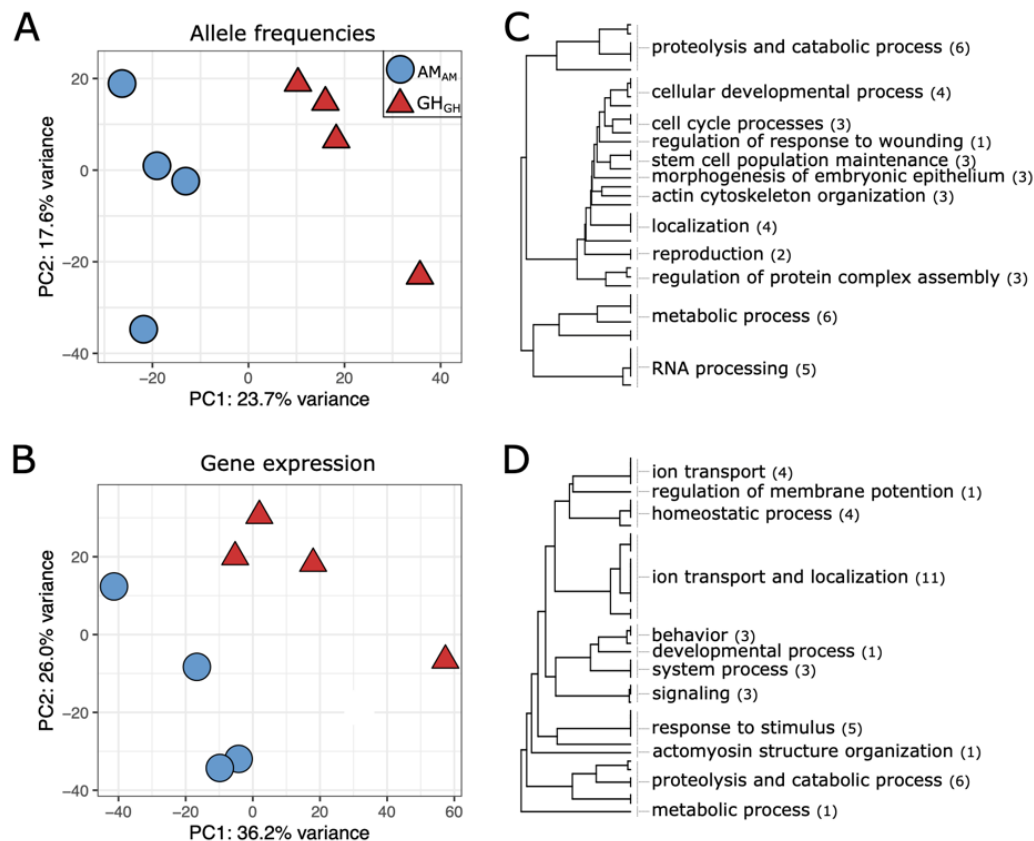


Figure 3. Allele frequency and gene expression divergence after 20 generations of selection. Principle component analysis of (A) genome-wide variation in allele frequencies and (B) gene expression at the F1 generation. (C, D) Gene ontology enrichment results from GO Mann-Whitney U based on p-values from Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel tests (allele frequencies, C) and DeSeq2 (gene expression, D). Gene categories are collapsed for visualization purposes with the number of categories indicated in parentheses. See tables S1-2 and figs. S7-8 for full results.

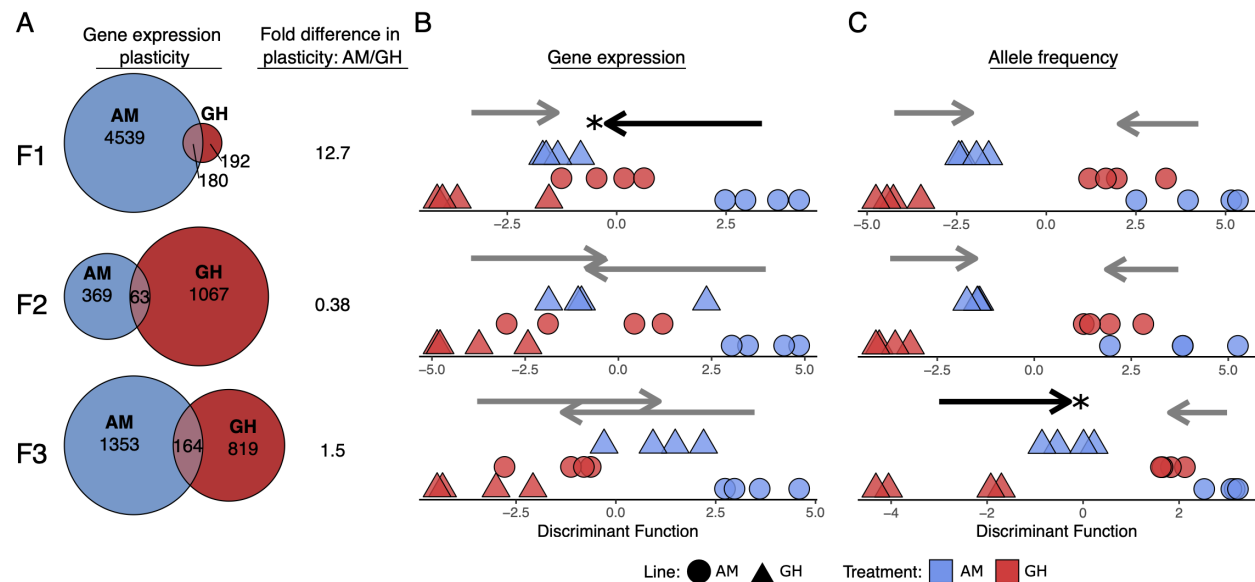


Figure 4. Plastic responses to reciprocal transplant. (A) Gene expression plasticity for AM and GH transplanted lines as defined by differentially expressed genes within a line following transplant (GH_{GH} vs. GH_{AM}; AM_{AM} vs. AM_{GH}). Genome-wide variation in (A) gene expression and (B) allele frequencies across generations. The x-axis shows the discriminant function space that maximizes differences between lines in their home environments. Shape indicates selection line, color indicates treatment condition. The arrows above the points show the mean change for each line after transplant where significantly different shifts are represented by black lines and asterisks. Gene expression profiles match the environment to a greater extent for AM as compared to GH lines at F1 ($P_{MCMC} = 0.03$) but lines show similar movement at F2 and F3 ($P_{MCMC} > 0.05$). Conversely, allele frequencies change to a greater degree in the GH line than the AM line by generation F3, indicative of adaptive evolution ($P_{MCMC} = 0.02$).

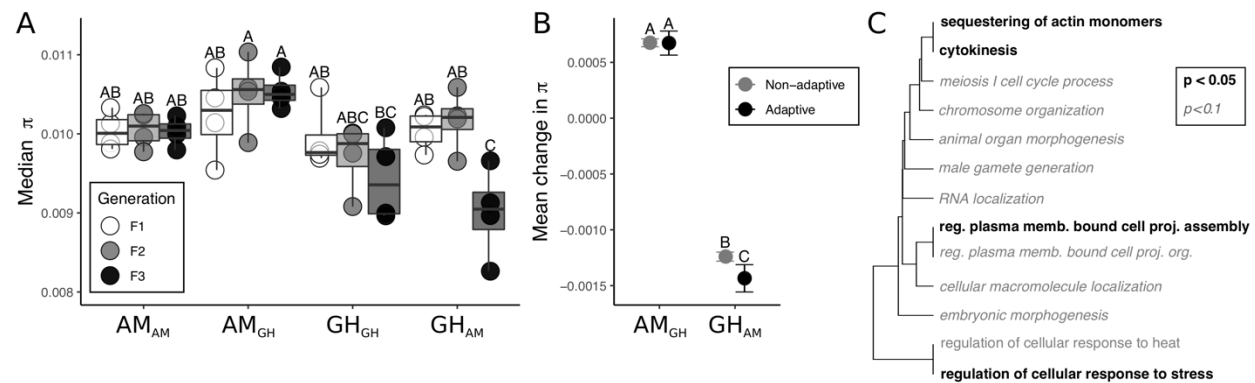


Figure 5. Costs of adaptation. (A) Median nucleotide diversity (π) for all treatments and generations following transplant. (B) Mean change in π from F1 to F3 after transplant for adaptive and non-adaptive SNPs. Letters above each point (for A and B) show significance; points sharing letters are not significantly different. (C) Gene ontology enrichment for the loss of genetic diversity of GH_{AM} at transplant F3; AM_{GH} showed no enrichment.

Supplemental Information

Additional analyses were run to validate the results observed in Fig. 4, where gene expression converged on the adaptive profile across generations, but allele frequencies shifted only in GH_{AM}. We considered expression patterns in the home environment as the adaptive transcriptomic profile for that environment, achieved either through plastic or evolutionary mechanisms (x-axes of Fig. S5A). These adaptive transcriptional profiles were compared to the change in gene expression of a line in transplanted versus long-term selected conditions (y-axes of Fig. S5A). This comparison of long- versus short-term responses across three successive generations allowed us to test if copepods transplanted to the opposite environment can match expression patterns to the long-term, adapted profile. A correlation between long-term, adapted expression (x-axis) and transplant expression change (y-axis) indicates the degree to which transplanted lines can match their expression to the optimal profile for the environmental condition, where a positive correlation represents adaptive changes in expression¹. After one generation in transplant conditions, gene expression was positively correlated with the adaptive expression for both lines, AM transplanted to GH and GH transplanted to AM (Fig. S5A top panel; $\rho_{AM} = 0.57$, $\rho_{GH} = 0.64$, $P < 0.001$) and this correlation increased each successive generation. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) showed the same convergence on the adaptive transcriptomic profile (Fig. S5). In accord, the proportion of positively correlated, adaptively expressed genes (dark points; Fig.S5A) increased across generations for both ambient and greenhouse lines ($P < 0.05$; Proportions: $F1_{AM} = 0.85$, $F2_{AM} = 0.87$, $F3_{AM} = 0.90$, $F1_{GH} = 0.66$, $F2_{GH} = 0.94$, $F3_{GH} = 0.95$) with the greatest response in greenhouse relative to ambient lines, 29% versus 5% increase in the proportion adaptive. arriving at 90-95% adaptive gene expression profiles.

We assessed the degree of adaptive evolution for each transplanted line across the generations by quantifying the change in allele frequencies of adaptive loci in transplanted lines. We consider the adaptive difference in allele frequencies as the difference between mean frequencies of AM and GH lines (for the significant loci identified with the CMH test across all generations) and assess the convergence of transplanted lines on this adaptive difference (i.e., do AM in GH frequencies converge on the GH allele frequency?). Spearman's correlation was used to

determine the extent to which these frequencies were correlated. We compared the mean difference in allele frequency between GH_{GH} and AM_{AM} for 17,720 loci that had evolved consistent divergence in allele frequency (x-axes of Fig. S5B) to the mean difference in allele frequency in response to transplant conditions (GH_{am} AM_{GH} ; GH_{AM} AM_{GH} ; y-axes of Fig. S5B). GH_{AM} copepods evolved to match allele frequencies of the ambient adaptive alleles with increasing changes in frequencies across each successive generation (Fig. S5B). In contrast, AM_{GH} lines did not undergo the same rapid adaptation but maintained allele frequencies (Fig. S5B), even though their transcriptional profiles shifted to match greenhouse adaptive expression (Fig. 3A). Likewise, the proportion of adaptive alleles (dark points) increased across transplant generations for the greenhouse lines, but not the ambient lines (Fig. 3B; proportions test: $P < 0.001$; Proportions: $F1_{AM} = 0.68$, $F2_{AM} = 0.64$, $F3_{AM} = 0.65$; $F1_{GH} = 0.68$, $F2_{GH} = 0.75$, $F3_{GH} = 0.76$).

We realize that criticism has been leveraged against past work that has used similar analyses as in Fig. S5 where the x and y axes share a denominator are not independent^{2,3}. This should lead to a positive correlation between the variables, as we observe here. Despite this, there is no reason to expect a consistent change in this correlation across generations as we observe for both the gene expression and allele frequency analysis. Therefore, while some proportion of the positive correlations we observe is due to statistical bias, the increase indicates that lines are shifting gene expression and allele frequency (in AM only) to match their transplanted environment, in agreement with the DAPC in the main text (Fig. 4).

We also acknowledge the presence of a degree of pseudoreplication in the design where each environmental condition is housed in a single incubator⁴. That is, some degree of the responses observed here may be due to specific incubator effects rather than experimental conditions. However, there has been criticism of the idea that shared spatial arrangements between treatments, such as a room or an incubator, necessarily result in statistical dependencies^{5,6}. In our case, both CO₂ and temperature were held constant throughout the experiment, continuously monitored, and verified by independent measures (Table S7). We also know that 22 °C is 4 degrees beyond the optimum of 18 °C and results in significant mortality⁷. Finally, the transcriptomic and genomic effects we observe are consistent with both high temperature and

low pH stress. Therefore, while we cannot completely rule out incubator specific effects, it is likely that the majority of the responses observed are due to the experimental treatments.

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Table S1: Gene ontology enrichment results for gene expression.

Table S2: Gene ontology enrichment results allele frequency data

Table S3: Gene ontology enrichment for the change in genetic diversity following transplant of GH to AM conditions.

Table S4: Summary table of differential gene expression. AAAA = ambient line in ambient conditions; HHHH = greenhouse in greenhouse conditions; HHAA = ambient in greenhouse conditions; AAHH = greenhouse in ambient conditions. DAPC results are the contribution score for each gene for the DAPC loading. P-values and fold change were calculated with DESeq2.

Table S5: Raw survivorship data from figure 2.

Table S6: Raw fecundity data from figure 2.

Table S7: Environmental variables. Each temperature and CO₂ level used in this experiment was evaluated to ensure that environmental conditions were accurate. SD = standard deviation, N = number of observations, SE = standard error of the mean.

Treatment	Variable	Target value	Mean measured value	SD	N	SE
Ambient	Temperature	18	18.04	0.361	101	0.036
Greenhouse	Temperature	22	21.93	0.339	101	0.034
Ambient	pH	8.2	8.23	0.059	101	0.006
Greenhouse	pH	7.5	7.57	0.070	101	0.007
Ambient	pCO ₂	400	387.9	49.85	9	16.62
Greenhouse	pCO ₂	2000	2356.2	119.78	9	39.93

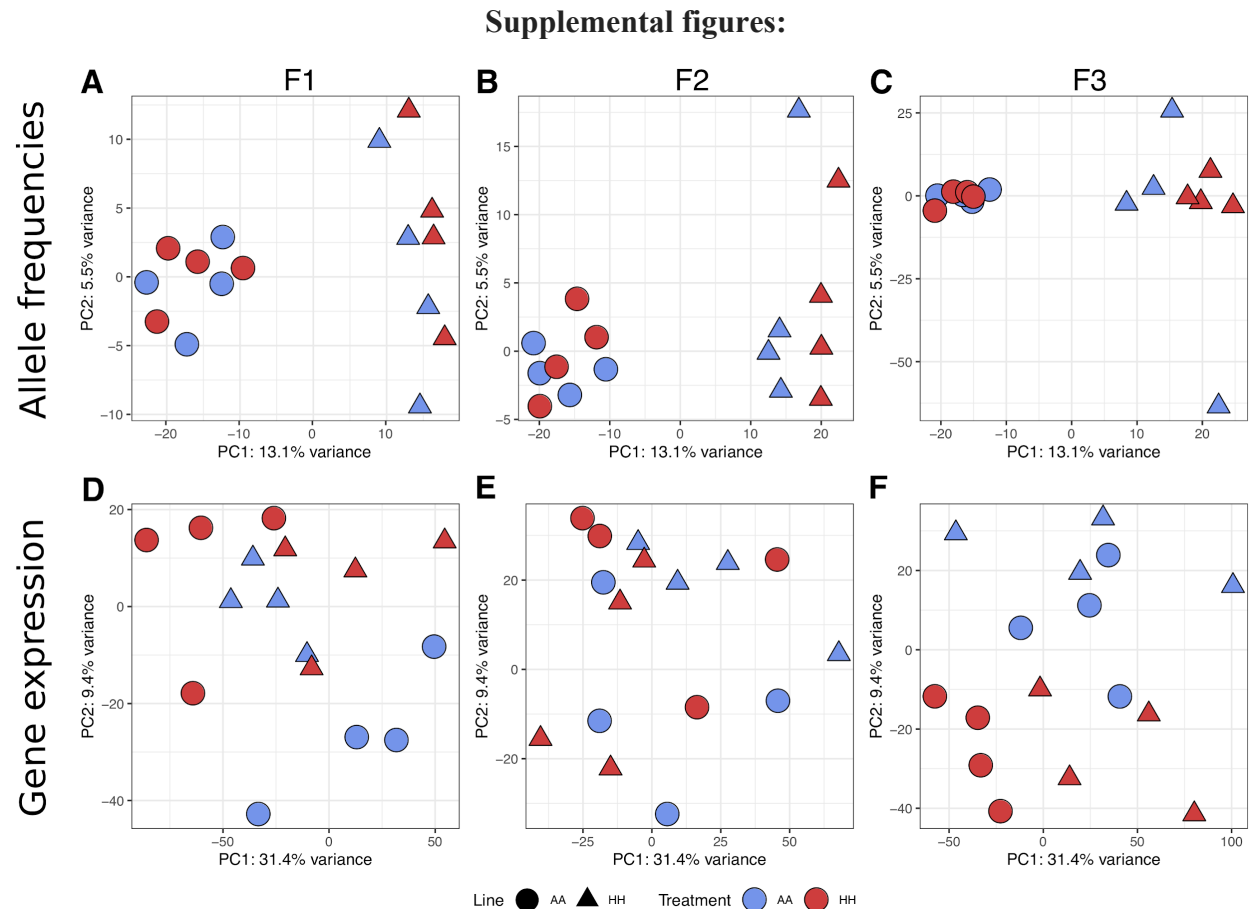


Figure S1: Principal component analysis of genome-wide genetic variation (panels A-C) and gene expression patterns (panels D-F) during three generations of reciprocal transplant following 20 generations of selection for ambient (AM) and greenhouse (GH) conditions. Shape indicates selection line and color indicates environmental condition at that generation. Both gene expression and genetic variation clustered by line, rather than condition at F1. By F3, a line effect was evident for both lines' gene expression.

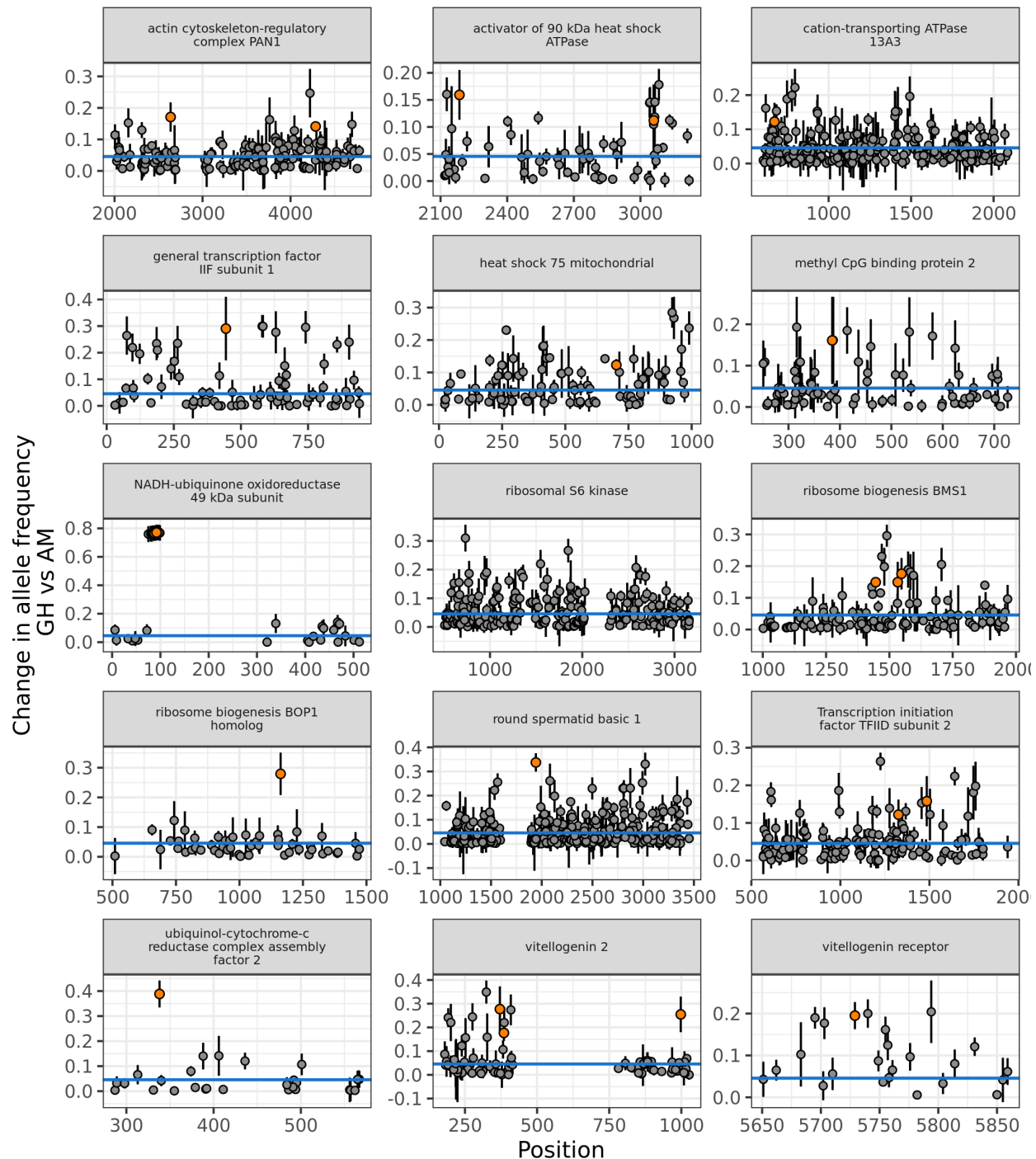
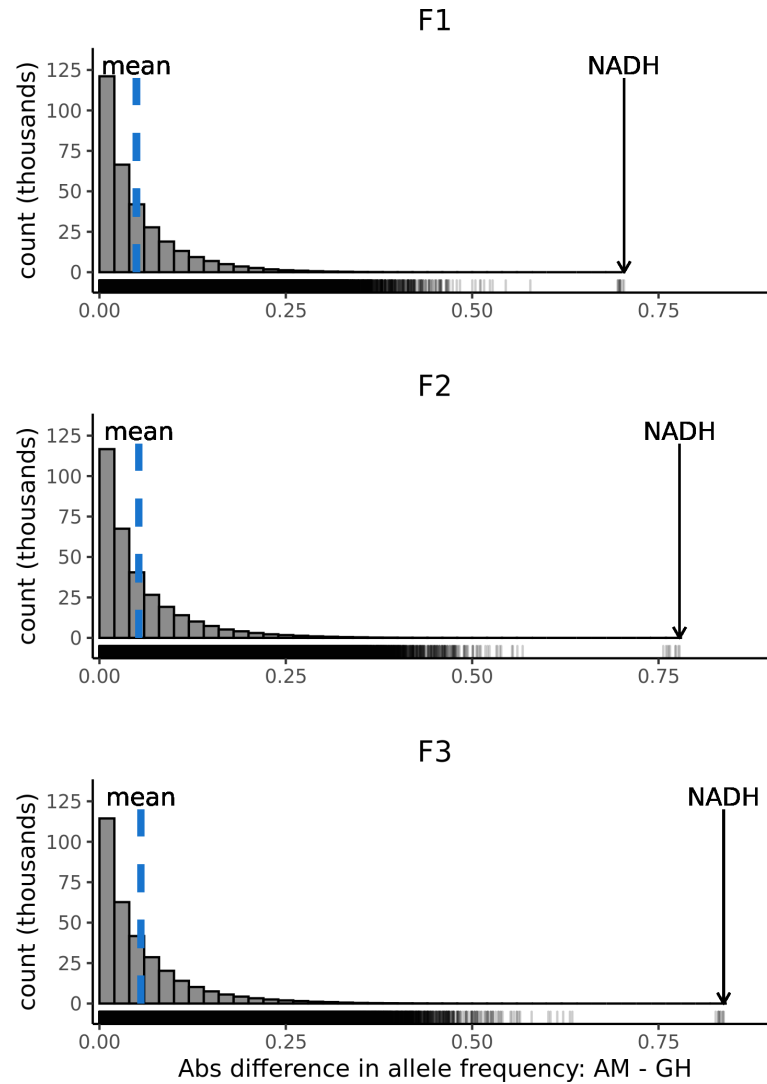


Figure S2: Candidate genes underlying adaptation to GH environments. Points represent the average absolute change in allele frequency between AM_{AM} and GH_{GH} for F1, F2, and F3. Orange points are non-synonymous polymorphisms in the top 10% of allele frequency change distribution. Error bars show standard error between replicates. Note that y-axes are different between plots.



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115 **Figure S3:** Change in allele frequencies between AM_{AM} and GH_{GH} for all three generations. The
116 blue dashed line indicates the mean frequency change across all loci and the arrow show the
117 extreme frequency change of NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase 49 kDa subunit (NDUFS2) at
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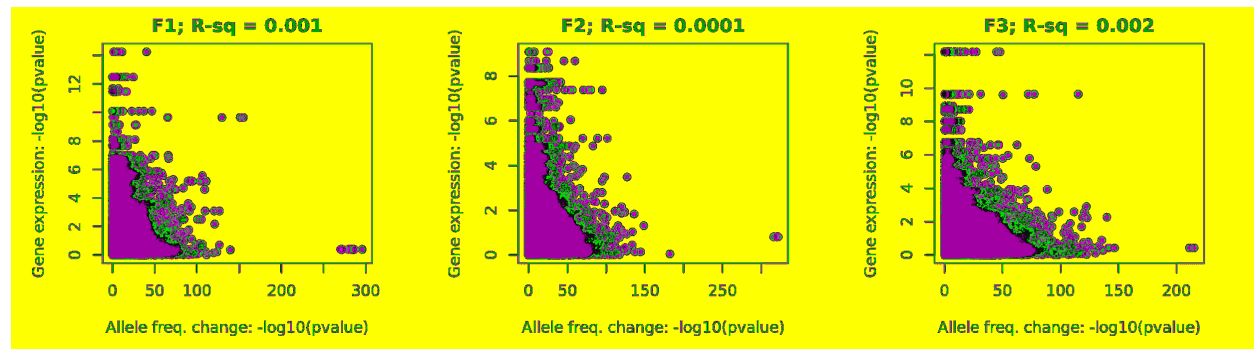


Figure S4: Relationship between gene expression and allele frequency divergence. X-axis is the $-\log_{10}$ of p-values from the CMH between AM and GH in their home conditions. Y-axis corresponds to the $-\log_{10}$ of p-values of expression differences between AM and GH in home conditions. For all generations, the variance explained is low, indicating that gene expression and allele frequency divergence is largely distinct.

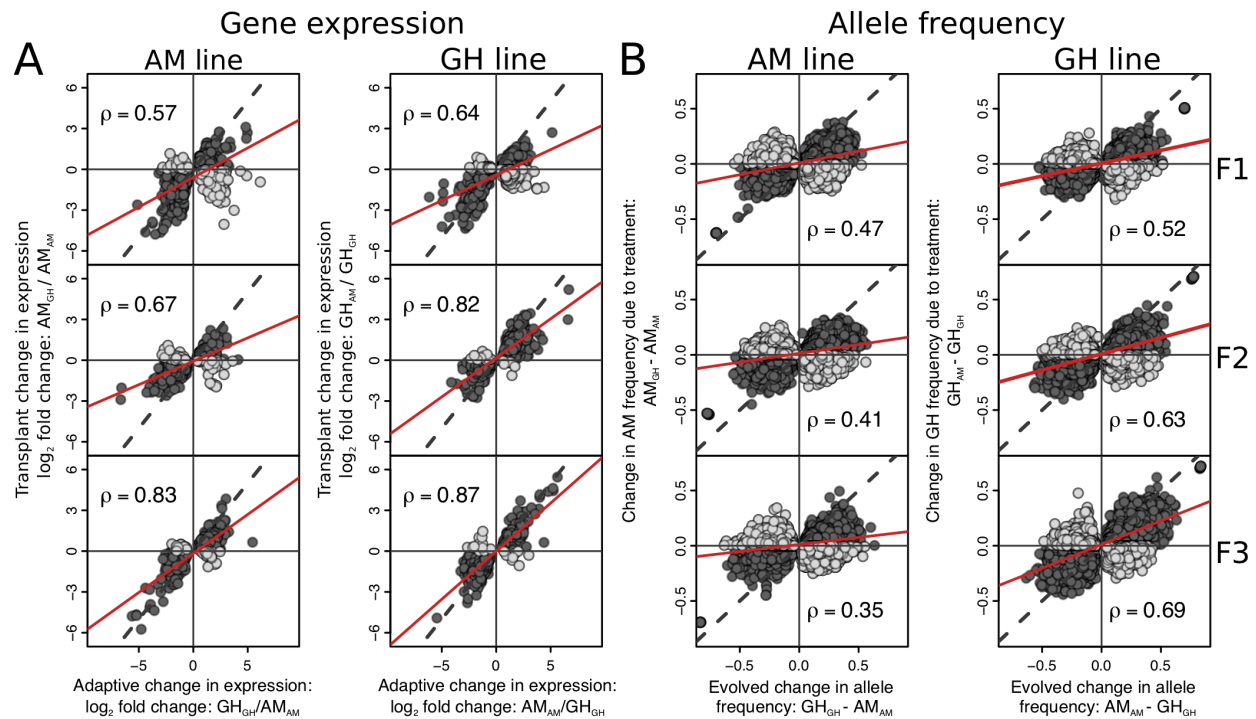


Figure S5: Convergence on evolved differences following transplant. For all plots, the dashed black line is a 1:1 relationship, the solid red line is the observed relationship between the x and y axes. The x-axis is the evolved and adaptive differences between the lines in their home environment. The y-axis compares each line in its transplanted environment to its home environment. Plots illustrate whether transplanted lines converge on the adaptive pattern for a given treatment condition. Dark points show the same pattern as the adaptive difference, light points are in the opposite direction. Pearson's correlation (ρ) is presented for each plot at each generation; generations organized F1 to F3, top to bottom. (A) Evolved changes in gene expression between GH and AM in their home environments (GH_{GH} and AM_{AM} ; x-axis) versus the transplant changes in expression (GH_{AM} and AM_{GH} ; y-axis) for the same genes. (B) Evolved differences in allele frequency between GH and AM in their home environment (x-axis) versus the change in allele frequency after transplant (y-axis) for the same genes.

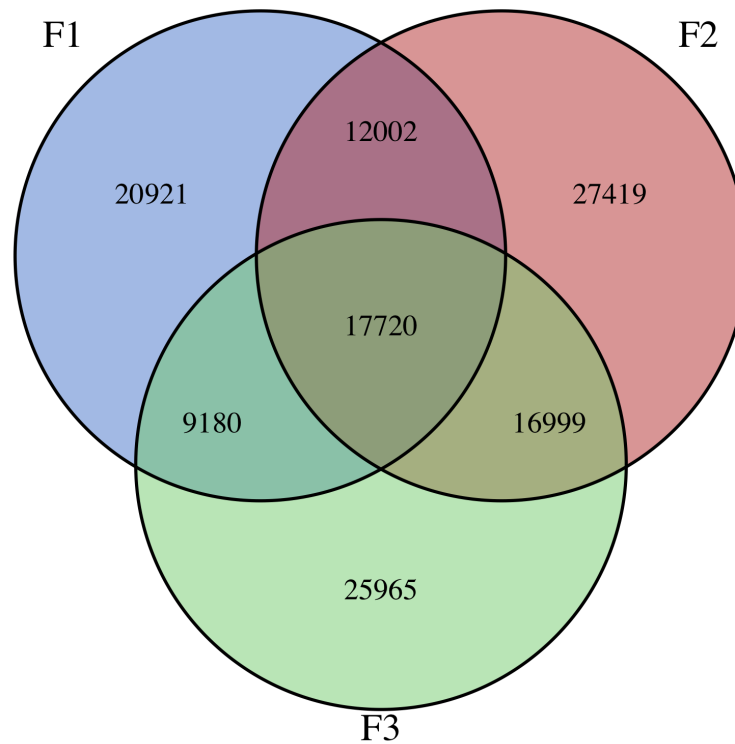


Figure S6: Significant loci ($P < 5.17e-08$) from CMH tests for each generation between GH_{GH} and AM_{AM} . Loci significant in all three generations were considered targets of selection and adaptive.

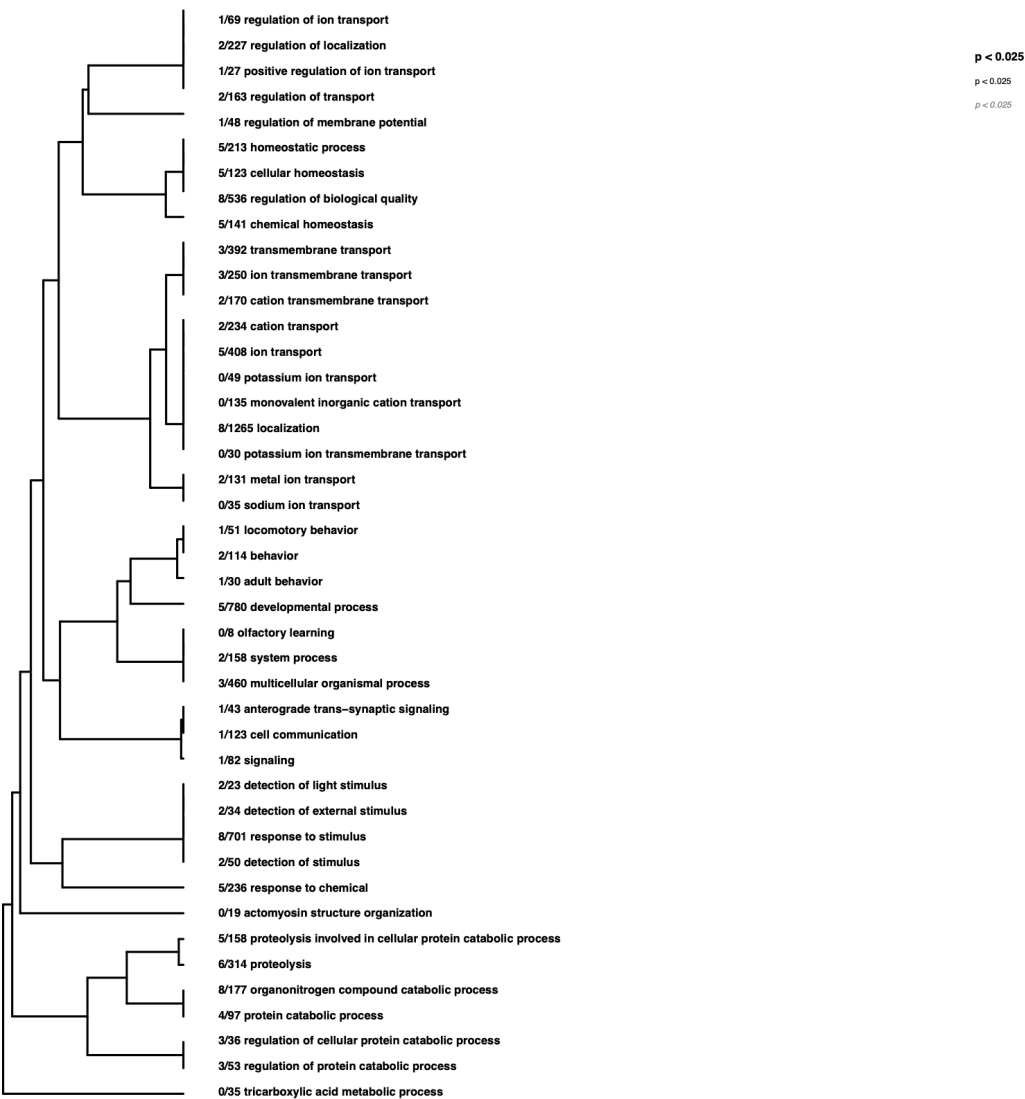


Figure S7: Gene ontology enrichment for allele frequency divergence between AM and GH after 20 generations of selection. This tree represents the full enrichment set in figure 3C.

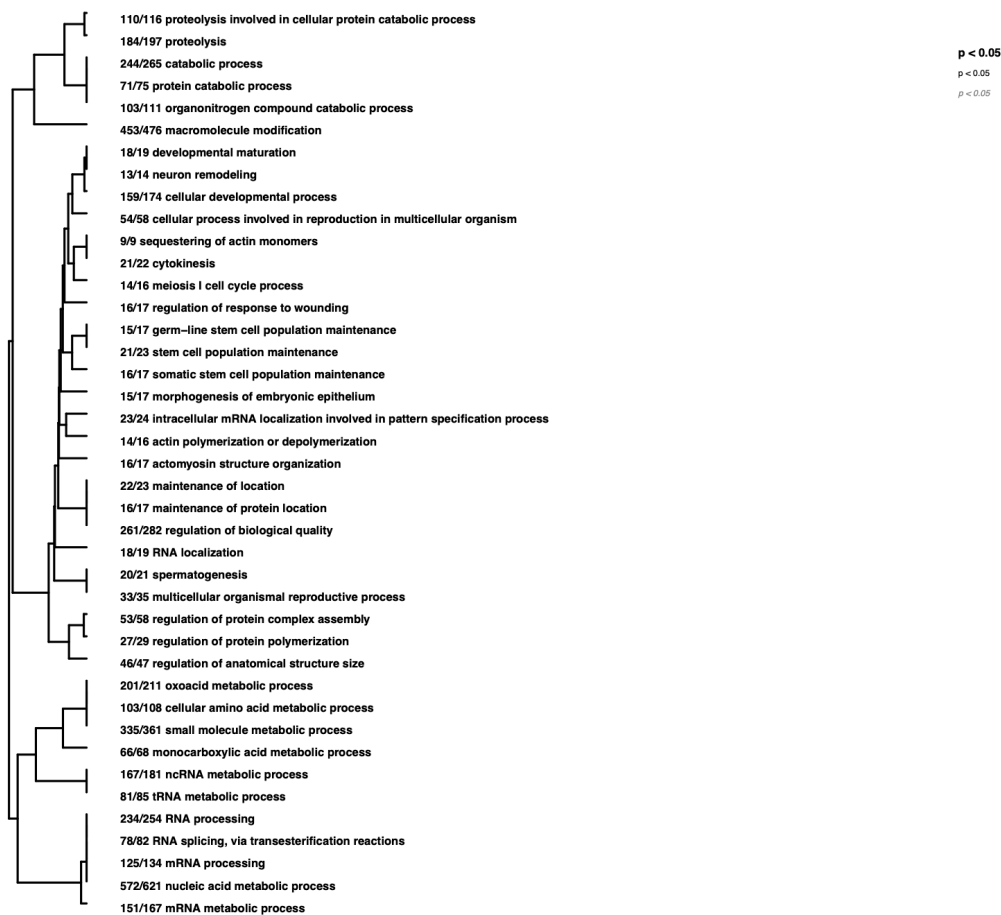


Figure S8: Gene ontology enrichment for gene expression divergence between AM and GH after 20 generations of selection. This tree represents the full enrichment set in figure 3D.