1 Genome-wide locus sequence typing (GLST) of eukaryotic pathogens

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20 Abstract

Analysis of genetic polymorphism is a powerful tool for epidemiological surveillance and research. Powerful 21 inference from pathogen genetic variation, however, is often restrained by limited access to representative 22 target DNA, especially in the study of obligate parasitic species for which *ex vivo* culture is resource-intensive 23 or bias-prone. Modern sequence capture methods enable pathogen genetic variation to be analyzed directly 24 from vector/host material but are often too complex and expensive for resource-poor settings where infectious 25 diseases prevail. This study proposes a simple, cost-effective 'genome-wide locus sequence typing' (GLST) 26 tool based on massive parallel amplification of information hotspots throughout the target pathogen genome. 27 The multiplexed polymerase chain reaction amplifies hundreds of different, user-defined genetic targets in a 28 single reaction tube, and subsequent agarose gel-based clean-up and barcoding completes library preparation 29 at under 4 USD per sample. Approximately 100 libraries can be sequenced together in one Illumina MiSeq 30 31 run. Our study generates a flexible GLST primer panel design workflow for *Trypanosoma cruzi*, the parasitic agent of Chagas disease. We successfully apply our 203-target GLST panel to direct, culture-free 32 metagenomic extracts from triatomine vectors containing a minimum of 3.69 pg/ul T. cruzi DNA and further 33 elaborate on method performance by sequencing GLST libraries from T. cruzi reference clones representing 34 discrete typing units (DTUs) TcI, TcIII, TcIV, and TcVI. The 780 SNP sites we identify in the sample set 35 repeatably distinguish parasites infecting sympatric vectors and detect correlations between genetic and 36 geographic distances at regional (< 150 km) as well as continental scales. The markers also clearly separate 37 DTUs. We discuss the advantages, limitations and prospects of our method across a spectrum of 38 epidemiological research. 39

40 Introduction

Genome-wide single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) analysis is a powerful and increasingly common 41 approach in the study and surveillance of infectious disease. Understanding patterns of SNP diversity within 42 pathogen genomes and across pathogen populations can resolve fundamental biological questions (e.g., 43 reproductive mechanisms in T. $cruzi^1$, reconstruct past² and present transmission networks (e.g., 44 *Staphylococcus* infections within hospitals)³ or identify the genetic bases of virulence^{4,5} and resistance to drugs 45 (see examples from *Plasmodium* spp.^{6,7}). A number of obstacles, however, complicate access to 46 representative, genome-wide SNP information using modern sequencing tools. Micro-pathogens are often 47 sampled in low quantities and together with large amounts of host/vector tissue, microbiota, or environmental 48 DNA. Sequencing is rarely viable directly from the infection source and studies have often found it necessary 49 to isolate and culture the target organism to higher densities before extracting DNA. These additional steps, 50 however, are resource-intensive and bias-prone. Pathogen isolation is less often attempted on asymptomatic 51 52 infections and is less likely to succeed when levels of parasitaemia in a sample are low. Genomic sequencing data on the protozoan parasite Leishmania infantum, for example, has for such reasons come to exhibit major 53 selection bias towards aggressive strains isolated by invasive sampling from canine hosts. A short look into 54 the limited number of whole-genome sequencing (WGS) datasets available for L. infantum at the European 55 56 Nucleotide Archive (ENA) quickly confirms this statement. Vector-isolated genomes have yet to be reported from the Americas and only a single study claims to have sequenced *L. infantum* from asymptomatic hosts⁸. 57 58 Selection bias also often occurs due to competition among isolated strains. Studies on the kinetoplastid Trypanosoma cruzi, for example, are time and again confounded by growth and survival rate differences 59 among genotypes in culture⁹⁻¹¹, and gradual reductions to genetic diversity are often observed over time¹². 60 Karyotypic changes are also known to arise during *T. cruzi* micromanipulation and axenic growth^{13,14}. 61

A variety of approaches therefore aim to obtain genome-wide SNP information without first performing 62 pathogen isolation and culturing steps. Some studies separate target sequences from total DNA or RNA by 63 exploiting base modifications or transcriptional properties specific to the pathogen¹⁵, vector¹⁶ or host^{17,18}. 64 Others describe the use of biotinylated hybridization probes^{19–22} or selective whole-genome amplification, 65 e.g., based on the strand displacement function of phi29 DNA polymerase²³. Such techniques are costly and 66 often excessive when a study's primary objective is to evaluate genetic distances and diversity among samples 67 rather than to reconstruct complete haplotypes or investigate structural genetic traits. Epidemiological tracking 68 and source attribution studies, for example, often benefit little from measuring invariant sequence areas or 69 defining the complete architecture of sample genomes. Also pathogen typing or population assignment 70 71 objectives primarily require information on polymorphic sites. It is nevertheless quite common to see such studies to undertake expensive WGS procedures only for final analyses to take place 'post-VCF'²⁴, i.e., using 72 73 a list of diagnostic markers compiled from a small fraction of polymorphic reads.

Highly multiplexed polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplicon sequencing offers a much more efficient
 option when obtaining genome-wide SNP information is the primary goal. First marketed under the name Ion

AmpliSeq by Thermo Fisher Scientific²⁵, the method consists in the simultaneous amplification of dozens to 76 hundreds of DNA targets known or hypothesized to contain sequence polymorphism in the sample set. Each 77 sample's resultant amplicon pool is then prepared for sequencing by index/adaptor ligation or in a subsequent 78 'barcoding' PCR. Panel construction is highly flexible, requiring only that the primers exhibit similar 79 melting/annealing temperatures and a low propensity to cross-react. As such, target selection can be tailored 80 to specific research goals, for example, to profile resistance markers²⁶ or to genotype neutral SNP variation 81 for landscape genetic techniques²⁷. The potential to isolate and genotype pathogen DNA at high-resolution 82 directly from uncultured sample types by multiplexed amplicon sequencing has however received little 83 attention thus far. Simultaneous PCR-based detection of multiple pathogen species or genotypes is certainly 84 $common^{28}$, but multiplexable primer panels are rarely designed for subsequent sequencing and polymorphism 85 analysis. The Ion AmpliSeq brand currently offers pre-designed panels for studies on ebola²⁹ and 86 tuberculosis³⁰ but the use of custom panels for other pathogen species (e.g., *Bifidobacterium*³¹ or human 87 papilloma virus 32) remains surprisingly rare in the literature. 88

In this study we describe the design and implementation of a large multiplexable primer panel for T. cruzi, 89 parasitic agent of Chagas disease. In contrast to past multi-locus sequence typing (MLST) methods involving 90 at most 32 (individually amplified) gene fragments, our 'genome-wide locus typing' (GLST) tool 91 simultaneously amplifies 203 sequence targets across 33 (of 47) T. cruzi chromosomes. We apply GLST to 92 metagenomic DNA extracts from triatomine vectors collected in Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador and 93 94 further describe method sensitivity/specificity by sequencing GLST libraries from T. cruzi clones representing discrete typing units (DTUs) TcI, TcIII, TcIV, and TcVI. The 780 SNP sites identified from GLST amplicon 95 sequencing repeatably distinguish parasites infecting sympatric vectors and detect correlations between 96 genetic and geographic distances at regional (< 150 km) and continental scales. The markers also clearly 97 separate DTUs. We discuss the advantages and limitations of our method for epidemiological studies in 98 resource-poor settings where Chagas and other 'neglected tropical diseases' prevail. 99

100 Methods

101 Triatomine samples and *T. cruzi* reference clones

T. cruzi-infected intestinal tract and/or faeces samples of Rhodnius ecuadoriensis and Panstrongylus chinai 102 were collected by the Centro de Investigación para la Salud en América Latina (CISeAL) in Loja Province, 103 Ecuador, following protocols described in Grijalva et al. 2012³³. DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen) was 104 used to extract metagenomic DNA. Infected intestinal material of *Panstrongylus geniculatus*, *R. pallescens* 105 and *R. prolixus* from northern Colombia was also collected in previous projects³⁴⁻³⁶, likewise using DNeasy 106 Blood and Tissue Kit to extract metagenomic DNA. Panstrongylus geniculatus specimens from Caracas, 107 Venezuela were collected by the citizen science triatomine collection 108 program (http://www.chipo.chagas.ucv.ve/vista/index.php) at Universidad Central de Venezuela. This program has 109 supported various epidemiological studies in the capital district^{37–39}. DNA was extracted from the insect faeces 110

- by isopropanol precipitation. Geographic coordinates and ecotypes (domestic, peri-domestic, or sylvatic) ofthe sequenced samples are provided in Supplementary Tbl. 1.
- 113 T. cruzi epimastigote DNA from reference clones Chile c22 (TcI) Arma18 cl. 1 (TcIII), Saimiri3 cl. 8 (TcIV),
- 114 Para7 cl. 3 (TcVI), Chaco9 col. 15 (TcVI) and CL Brener (TcVI) was obtained from the London School of
- 115 Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). DNA extractions at LSHTM followed Messenger et al. 2015⁴⁰.

Uninfected *Rhodnius prolixus* gut tissue samples used for mock infections (see 'Method development and library preparation') were also provided by LSHTM. Special thanks to C. Whitehorn and M. Yeo for supervising dissections. Insects were euthanized with CO₂ and hindguts drawn into 5 volumes of RNAlater (Sigma-Aldrich) by pulling the abdominal apex toward the posterior with sterile watchmaker's forceps.

- *T. cruzi* TcI X10/1 Sylvio reference clone ('TcI-Sylvio') epimastigotes used for mock infections and various
 other stages of method development were obtained from CISeAL. Cryo-preserved cells were returned to log phase growth in liver infusion tryptose (LIT) and quantified by hemocytometer before pelleting at 25,000 g.
 Pellets were washed twice in PBS and parasites killed by resuspension in 10 volumes of RNAlater. DNA from
 these *T. cruzi* cells (and their dilutions with preserved *T. prolixus* intestinal tissue) was extracted by
 isopropanol precipitation.
- 126 Isopropanol precipitation was also used to extract DNA from *T. cruzi* plate clone TBM_2795_CL2. This 127 sample was previously analyzed by WGS¹ and served as a control for GLST method development in this 128 study.

129 GLST target and primer selection

- We began our GLST sequence target selection process by screening single-nucleotide variants previously 130 identified in T. cruzi populations from southern Ecuador¹. Briefly, Schwabl et al. sequenced genomic DNA 131 from 45 cloned and 14 non-cloned T. cruzi field isolates on the Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform and mapped 132 resultant 125 nt reads to the TcI-Sylvio reference assembly using default settings in BWA-mem v0.7.3⁴¹. 133 Single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were summarized by population-based genotype and likelihood 134 assignment in Genome Analysis Toolkit v3.7.042, excluding sites with low cumulative call confidence (QUAL 135 < 1.500) and/or aberrant read-depth (< 10 or > 100) as well as those belonging to clusters of three or more 136 SNPs. A 'virtual mappability' mask⁴³ was also applied to avoid SNP inference in areas of high sequence 137 redundancy in the T. cruzi genome. Read-mapping and variant exclusion criteria were verified by subjecting 138 TcI-Sylvio Illumina reads from Franzen et al. 2012⁴⁴ to the same pipelines as the Ecuadorian dataset. An 139 additional mask was set around small insertion-deletions suggested to occur in these reads based on the 140 assumption that the reference sample should not present alternate genotypes in high-quality contigs of the 141 assembled genome. 142
- We extracted 160 nt segments from the *T. cruzi* reference genome (.fasta file) whose internal sequence (positions 41 to 120) contained between one and ten of 75,038 SNPs identified in the above WGS dataset.

These 56,428 segments were further filtered for synteny between *T. cruzi* and *Leishmania major* genomes as defined by the OrthoMCL algorithm at TriTrypDB⁴⁵. Such conserved segments may be least prone to repeatdriven nucleotide diversity and as such most amenable to PCR⁴⁶. The 6,259 synteny segments found by OrthoMCL therefore proceeded to primer search with the high-throughput primer design engine BatchPrimer3⁴⁷. As target SNPs did not occur in the outer 40 nt of each synteny segment, these flanking regions provided additional flexibility to identify primers matching the following criteria:

- 151 min. size = 24 nt
- 152 max. size = 35 nt
- 153 optimal size = 24 nt
- 154 min. product size = 120 nt
- 155 max. product size = 160 nt
- optimal product size = 120 nt
- 157 min. melting temperature = $63 \,^{\circ}C$,
- 158 max. melting temperature = $65 \,^{\circ}C$,
- 159 optimal melting temperature = $63 \,^{\circ}C$,
- 160 max. self-complementarity: 4 nt
- 161 max. 3' self-complementarity: 2 nt
- 162 max. length of mononucleotide repeats = 3 nt
- 163 min. GC content = 40%
- 164 max. GC content = 60%

Each of 286 forward primer candidates output by BatchPrimer3 received the additional 5' tag sequence 5'-165 ACACTGACGACATGGTTCTACA-3' and reverse primer candidates received the 5' tag sequence 5'-166 TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGTCT-3'. These tag sequences enable single-end barcode and Illumina P5/P7 167 adaptor attachment in second-round PCR. Next, we determined binding energies (ΔG) for all possible primer-168 pairs using the primer compatibility software MultiPLX v2.1.4. We discarded primers with inter-quartile 169 ranges crossing a threshold of $\Delta G = -12.0$ kcal/mol. Primers with 20 or more interactions showing $\Delta G < -12.0$ 170 kcal/mol were also disallowed. The remaining 248 primer-pairs (median $\Delta G = -9.0$) underwent a last filtering 171 step by screening for perfect matches in raw WGS sequence files (.fastq). Low match frequency led to the 172 elimination of 45 additional primer pairs. WGS alignments corresponding to the 203 sequence regions targeted 173 by this final primer set were visualized in Belvu v12.4.3⁴⁸. The 403 SNPs occurring within these sequence 174 regions distributed evenly across individuals in Loja Province. Using the 'nj' function from the 'ape' package 175 v5.0 in R v3.4.149, the 403 SNPs also reproduced neighbor-joining relationships observed based on total 176 polymorphism identified by WGS (Supplementary Fig. 1). These observations lent further support to the 177 suitability of the GLST marker panel for the analysis of genetic differentiation at the landscape-scale. The 178 GLST sequence target selection process described above is summarized in Fig. 1. 179

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Figure 1 GLST sequence target selection from preliminary genomic data. Nine steps of primer panel construction and validation run clockwise from top left. Various methods and criteria can be applied to complete many of these steps.
 Those specific to this study are asterisked, e.g., we used BWA in step 1 and GATK in step 2. Abbreviations: SRA
 (Sequence Read Archive at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra); ENA (European Nucleotide Database at www.ebi.ac.uk/ena;
 WGS (whole-genome sequencing); SNP (single-nucleotide polymorphism); MAF (minor allele frequency); PCR
 (polymerase chain reaction); VCF (variant call format); NJ (neighbor-joining).

212 Wet lab method development and library preparation

The 203 primers pairs designed above (Supplementary Tbl. 2) were purchased from Eurofins Genomics 213 (Ebersberg, Germany) at 200 µM concentration in salt-free, 96-well plate format. Primer pairs were first tested 214 individually to establish cycling conditions for PCR (Supplementary Fig. 2). Optimal target amplification 215 occurred with an initial incubation step at 98 °C (2 min); 30 amplification cycles at 98 °C (10 s), 60 °C (30 s), 216 and 72 °C (45 s); and a final extension step at 72 °C (2 min). The 10 µl reactions contained 5 µl O5 High-217 Fidelity Master Mix (New England Biolabs), 1 µl forward primer [10 µM], 1 µl reverse primer [10 µM], and 218 3 ul TcI-Svlvio epimastigote DNA. The multiplexed, first-round 'GLST' PCR reaction was prepared by 219 combining all 406 primers in equal proportions and diluting the combined mix to 50.75 µM, resulting in 220 individual primer concentrations of $50.75 \,\mu$ M / 406 = 125 nM. GLST reactions incorporated 2 μ l of this primer 221 mix rather than two separate 1 ul forward/reverse primer inputs as above. 222

We first tested GLST PCR on DNA extracts from mock infections, each consisting of 10^4 , 10^5 or 10^6 TcI-Sylvio epimastigote cells and one uninfected *R. prolixus* intestinal tract (Supplementary Fig. 3). Amplicons from lower concentration epimastigote dilutions gave weaker signals in gel electrophoresis, suggesting lower infection load thresholds at which vector gut DNA becomes unsuitable for GLST. Most vector gut DNA extracts obtained for this study represented donated material of limited quality and infection load, some samples were also without signal in PCR spot tests for the presence of high frequency 'TcZ'⁵⁰ satellite DNA (commonly targeted to diagnose human *T. cruzi* infections).

We therefore first used qPCR to identify vector gut samples containing T. cruzi DNA quantities within ranges 230 successfully visualized from GLST reactions on epimastigote DNA quantified by Oubit fluorometry 231 (Invitrogen) and serially diluted from 1.35 ng/µl to 2.50 pg/µl in dH₂O (Supplementary Fig. 4). Each 20 µl 232 gPCR reaction consisted of 10 µl SensiMix SYBR Low-ROX reagent (Bioline), 1 µl TcZ forward primer 233 (5'-GCTCTTGCCCACAMGGGTGC-3')⁵⁰ [10 μl 234 μM]. TcZ primer 1 reverse (5'-CCAAGCAGCGGATAGTTCAGG-3')⁵⁰ [10 µM], 7 µl dH₂O, and 1 µl vector gut DNA. Samples were 235 amplified together with a 15-step standard curve containing between 0.30 pg and 4.82 ng T. cruzi epimastigote 236 DNA. Reaction conditions consisted of an initial incubation step at 95 °C (10 min) and 40 amplification cycles 237 at 95 °C (15 s), 55 °C (15 s), and 72 °C (15 s). Fluorescence acquisition occurred at the end of each cycle and 238 final product dissociation was measured in 0.5 °C increments between 55 and 95 °C. 239

Vector gut samples suggested to contain at least 1.0 pg/µl *T. cruzi* concentrations based on qPCR proceeded to final library construction (Supplementary. Tbl. 1) alongside DNA from *T. cruzi* clones TBM_2795_cl2 (TcI), Chile c22 (TcI) Arma18 cl. 1 (TcIII), Saimiri3 cl. 8 (TcIV), Para7 cl. 3 (TcV), Chaco9 col. 15 (TcVI) and CL Brener (TcVI). Several samples were processed in 2 - 4 replicates beginning with the first-round GLST PCR reaction step. First-round PCR products were electrophoresed in 0.8% agarose gel to separate target bands (mode =164 nt) from primer polymers quantified with the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 System (see 78 nt primer peak in Supplementary Fig. 5). Excised target bands were resolubilized with the PureLink Quick

247 Gel Extraction Kit (Invitrogen) to create input for subsequent barcoding PCR. This second PCR reaction consisted of an initial incubation step at 98 °C (2 min); 7 amplification cycles at 98 °C (30 s), 60 °C (30 s), 248 and 72 °C (1 min); and a final extension step at 72 °C (3 min). Only 7 amplification cycles were used given 249 polymer 'daisy-chaining' observed when cycling at 13 and 18x (Supplementary Fig. 6). The barcoding 250 reaction adds Illumina flow cell and sequencing primer binding sites to each first-round PCR product. A 251 different reverse primer is used for each sample. The reverse primer 252 (5'-CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGAT*X*TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGTCT-3') contains a 10 nt 253 barcode (*X*) to distinguish reads from different samples during pooled sequencing. It also contains CS2 254 forward (sequencing primer binding А sites). single primer 255 (5'-AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTGACGACATGGTTCTA-3') containing CS1 is used 256 for all samples. Each 20 µl barcoding reaction contained 10 µl Q5 High-Fidelity Master Mix (New England 257 Biolabs), 0.8 µl forward (universal) primer [10 µM], 0.8 µl (barcoded) reverse primer [10 µM], 5.4 µl dH₂O 258 and 3 µl (gel-purified) first-round PCR product. Barcoding primers were purchased from Eurofins Genomics 259 at 100 uM concentration in HPLC-purified, 96-well plate format. Barcoded amplicons (e.g., Supplementary 260 Fig. 7) were quantified by Qubit fluorometry (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and pooled at equimolar 261 concentrations, gel-excised, re-solubilized, and verified by microfluidic electrophoresis (Supplementary Fig. 262 8) as above. 263

264 GLST amplicon sequencing and variant discovery

The GLST pool was sequenced twice on an Illumina MiSeq instrument. We first used the pool to 'spike' additional base diversity into a collaborator's 16S amplicon sequencing run. 16S samples were loaded to achieve 80% sequence output whereas GLST and PhiX DNA⁵¹ were each loaded at 10%. This first run occurred in 500-cycle format using MiSeq Reagent Kit v2. The second run occurred in 300-cycle format using MiSeq Reagent Micro Kit v2 and was dedicated solely to GLST (also no PhiX). Both runs were performed at Glasgow Polyomics using Fluidigm Custom Access Array sequencing primers FL1 (CS1 + CS2) and CS2rc⁵².

Demultiplexed sequence reads were trimmed to 120 nt and mapped to the TcI-Sylvio reference assembly using 271 default settings in BWA-mem v0.7.3. Mapped reads with poor alignment scores (AS < 100) were discarded 272 to decontaminate samples of non-T.cruzi sequences sharing barcodes with the GLST dataset. Identical results 273 were achieved using BWA-sw in DeconSeq v $0.4.3^{53}$ to decontaminate reads. After merging alignment (.bam) 274 files from sequencing runs 1 and 2 with Picard Tools v1.11⁵⁴, single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were 275 identified in each sample using the 'HaplotypeCaller' algorithm in GATK v3.7.0⁴². Population-based 276 genotype and likelihood assignment followed using 'GenotypeGVCFs'. We excluded SNP sites with QUAL 277 < 80, D < 10, Mapping Quality (MQ) < 80 and or Fisher Strand Bias (FS) > 10. Individual genotypes were set 278 to missing (./.) if they contained < 10 reads and set to reference (0/0) if they contained only a single alternate 279 read (i.e., if they were classified as heterozygotes based on minor allele frequencies $\leq 10\%$). These filtering 280 thresholds were cleared by all expected SNPs (i.e., SNPs also found in prior WGS sequencing) but not by all 281 new SNPs found using GLST (e.g., see comparison of QUAL density curves in Supplementary Fig. 9). SNP 282

calling with GATK was also performed separately for sequencing runs 1 and 2 in order to exclude SNP sites
uncommon to both analyses from the merged dataset described above.

285 GLST repeatability, population genetic and spatial analyses

We used PopART v1.7 to plot genetic differences between samples and sample replicates as a median-joining 286 network, i.e., a minimum spanning tree composed of observed sequences and unobserved (reconstructed) 287 sequence nodes⁵⁵. Genetic differences were measured by applying the 'vcf-to-tab' script from VCFtools 288 v0.1.13 to the filtered SNP dataset, concatenating each sample's output fields and counting the number of 289 mismatching alleles (0, 1 or 2) per site and sample pair. A phylogenetic tree was built by counting the number 290 of non-reference alleles in each genotype with the VCFtools function '--012', summing pairwise Euclidean 291 distances at biallelic sites and plotting neighbor-joining relationships with the 'nj' function from the 'ape' 292 package v5.0 in R v3.4.149. 293

294 Considering only the first replicate of multiply sequenced samples, linkage and neutrality statistics were 295 calculated using VCFtools functions '--geno-r2' (calculates correlation coefficients between genotypes 296 following Purcell et al.⁵⁶), '--het' (calculates inbreeding coefficients using a method of moments⁵⁷) and '--297 hwe' (filters sites by deviation from Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium following Wigginton et al.⁵⁸). F_{ST} 298 differentiation was calculated using ARLSUMSTAT v3.5.2^{59,60}.

Correlations between geographic and genetic differences were also calculated from non-reference allele 299 counts in R v3.4.1⁴⁹. The 'mantel' function from the 'vegan' package v2.4.4⁶¹ was used to test significance of 300 the Mantel statistic by permuting geographic distances and re-measuring correlations to genetic distances 999 301 times. Again, we used only the first replicate for samples with replicate sets. DTU reference clones were also 302 excluded from analysis. Geographic distances were measured by projecting sample latitude/longitude (WGS 303 84) coordinates into a common xy plane (EPSG code 3786) selected following Šavrič et al. 2016⁶² 304 (Supplementary Tbl. 1). EPSG 3786 projection was also used to map samples with the Natural Earth quick 305 306 start kit in QGIS v2.18.4.

Given that missing information in sequence alignment can confound inference on genetic distances between 307 samples⁶³, above repeatability and phylogenetic analyses excluded SNP sites in which genotypes were missing 308 for any individual, and mantel analyses excluded SNP sites in which genotypes were missing in > 10%309 individuals. These exclusion criteria initially led to significant information loss due to the presence of two 310 outlier samples, ARMA18 CL1 rep2 and COL253, libraries of which had been sequenced despite poor target 311 visibility in gel electrophoresis (i.e., final PCR product banding appeared similar to that of ECU2 in 312 Supplementary Fig. 7). Read-depths for the two samples ended up averaging 1.2 interquartile ranges below 313 the sample set median and precluded genotype assignment at > 25% SNP sites. We therefore decided to 314 exclude them from all analyses. 315

317 **Results**

318 SNP polymorphism and repeatability

GLST amplicons contained a total of 780 SNP sites, 387 polymorphic among TcI samples and 393 private to
non-TcI reference clones (Fig. 2). Median read-depth was 266x across all sites. Of 403 loci targeted from the
WGS dataset¹, 97% (391) were recovered by GLST and 82 contained polymorphism outside of Ecuador.
GLST recovered 80 of 87 SNPs previously identified in TBM_2795_CL2 using WGS. Minimum parasite
DNA concentration successfully genotyped from metagenomic DNA was 3.69 pg/µl (sample ECU36 – see
Supplementary Fig. 10).



Figure 2 Variant loci detected in *T. cruzi* I samples and reference clones of other sub-lineages. The genome-wide distribution of SNP variants is shown relative to the Tcl-Sylvio reference assembly. Each column represents one of 47 putative chromosomes. Pink diamonds comprise 393 variants that occur only in non-Tcl samples. The remaining 387 variants are private to (blue) or shared by Tcl and other sub-lineages (black). Diamonds representing nearby SNPs (e.g., those occurring on the same GLST target segment) overlap at this scale.

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The TBM_2795_CL2 control sample underwent GLST in four replicates. These replicates were identical at all 561 SNP sites for which genotypes were called in all samples of the dataset. Median number of allelic differences (AD = 0, 1 or 2 per site) at non-missing sites between other replicate pairs was 3 (Tbl. 1). Pairwise AD did not correlate to minimum, maximum or difference in mean read-depth between the two replicates (p < 0.80).

- 351 Read-mapping coverage was inconsistent among replicates but strongly correlated between sequencing runs
- (Pearson's r = 0.93, p < 0.001) (Supplementary Figs. 11 12). Variant calling was also highly consistent: prior
- to variant filtration, only 10 SNP sites were called from run1 that were not also called from run 2 (these were
- accluded from analysis see Methods).

355 Differentiation among *T. cruzi* individuals, sampling areas and sub-lineages

Sampling sites in Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador are plotted in Fig. 3, and a median-joining network of allelic differences among GLST genotypes is shown in Fig. 4. GLST clearly distinguished TcI individuals at common collection sites in Soata (COL466 vs. COL468, AD = 37), Paz de Ariporo (COL133 vs. COL135, AD = 33), Tamara (COL154 vs. COL155 AD = 107) and Lebrija (COL77 vs. COL78, AD = 43) municipalities of Colombia but not in the community of Bramaderos (ECU3 vs. ECU8 vs. ECU10, AD = 0) in Loja Province, Ecuador. Samples from nearby sites within Caracas, Venezuela were also clearly distinguished by GLST (e.g., VZ16816 vs. VZ17114, AD = 43).



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Figure 3 Map of vector sampling sites. a Sampling in Colombia involved a larger spatial area than that in Venezuela and Ecuador. *T. cruzi*-infected intestinal material was collected from *Panstrongylus* and *Rhodnius* vectors in Arauca, Casanare, Santander and Boyacá. We asterisk COL253 because low read-depth led to sample exclusion. b *P. geniculatus* material from Venezuela was collected within the Metropolitan District of Caracas. c *R. ecuadoriensis* and *P. chinai* material from Ecuador was collected in Loja Province. Supplementary Tbl. 1 lists coordinates and other details.

- Nucleotide diversity (π = mean pairwise AD) was higher in samples from Caracas (π = 29.0) than in those from Loja Province (π = 22.8) but not in those from Colombia (π = 43.2) (Tbl. 2). Hardy-Weinberg ratios,
- linkage and inbreeding coefficients are also listed in Tbl. 2.
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Figure 4 Allelic differences among *T. cruzi* I samples and reference clones of other sub-lineages as a median-joining network. A single SNP locus can differ by 0, 1 or 2 between two individuals (i.e., the individuals match at both, one, or neither allele). The AD measurement indicated on each edge of the network represents the total number of differences across all loci for which genotypes were called in all individuals of the dataset (n = 561). Red edges indicate differences of 30 and above. Technical replicates are represented by circles of the same fill color. Larger circles represent the occurrence of identical GLST genotypes. Edge length is not directly proportional to AD.

Table 1 Allelic differences between GLST replicates. Eighteen samples were processed in 2 - 4 replicates after DNA extraction. A single SNP locus can differ by 0, 1 or 2 between two replicates (i.e., replicates can match at both, one, or neither allele). The AD measurement represents the total number of pairwise differences across all loci for which genotypes are called in all individuals (n = 561). The discrepancy between VZ35814 replicates likely represents barcode contamination with VZ16816 (see close similarity in Fig. 3).

Replicate comparison	AD
COL319_rep1 vs. COL319_rep2	0
ECU10_rep1 vs. ECU10_rep2	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep1 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep2	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep1 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep3	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep1 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep4	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep2 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep3	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep2 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep4	0
TBM_2795_CL2_rep3 vs. TBM_2795_CL2_rep4	0
VZ13516_rep1 vs. VZ13516_rep2	0
COL154_rep1 vs. COL154_rep2	1
COL466_rep1 vs. COL466_rep2	1
ECU3_rep1 vs. ECU3_rep2	1
COL135_rep1 vs. COL135_rep2	2
COL468_rep1 vs. COL468_rep2	2
ECU4_rep1 vs. ECU4_rep2	2
COL155_rep1 vs. COL155_rep2	3
COL466_rep1 vs. COL466_rep3	3
COL468_rep1 vs. COL468_rep3	3
COL468_rep2 vs. COL468_rep3	3
VZ6616_rep1 vs. VZ6616_rep2	3
COL466_rep2 vs. COL466_rep3	4
VZ1016B_rep1 vs. VZ1016B_rep2	4
CL_Brener_rep1 vs. CL_Brener_rep2	7
COL133_rep1 vs. COL133_rep2	9
ECU9_rep1 vs. ECU9_rep2	10
COL78_rep1 vs. COL78_rep2	12
VZ35814_rep1 vs. VZ35814_rep2	49

Table 2 Basic diversity statistics for T. cruzi I samples from Colombia (COL), Venezuela (VZ) and Ecuador (ECU). Abbreviations: n (sample size); PS (polymorphic sites); HWE (Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium); F_{IS} (inbreeding coefficient), r² (linkage coefficient), π (nucleotide diversity), Q (quartile); M (median); Fst (between-group fixation index).

PS	PS in HWE	F _{IS} (Q1, M, Q3)	r² (Q1, M, Q3)	π	F _{S⊺} to COL	F _{ST} to VZ	F _{S⊺} to ECU
175	169	-0.19, 0.13, 0.24	0.03, 0.07, 0.19	43.2	0.000	0.136	0.595
147	143	-0.35, -0.19, 0.11	0.02, 0.09, 0.27	29.0	0.136	0.000	0.632
148	142	-0.20, -0.09, 0.18	0.04, 0.17, 0.36	22.8	0.595	0.632	0.000
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Genetic distances increased with spatial distances among samples (Mantel's r = 0.89, p = 0.001), but the correlation coefficient was largely driven by high F_{ST} between sample sets from Colombia/Venezuela and Ecuador (Tbl. 2 and Fig. 5a): Mantel's r decreased to 0.30 (p = 0.001) after restricting analysis to sample pairs separated by < 250 km (Fig. 5b). Within-country IBD appeared to grow stronger for samples separated by < 150 km (Mantel's r = 0.48, p = 0.002) given a lack of correlation observed at higher distance classes within the Colombian dataset (Fig. 5b).

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Finally, GLST also clearly separated sub-lineages TcI, TcIII, TcIV, and TcVI in network (Fig. 3) and
neighbor-joining tree construction (Fig. 6). AD between reference clones of different sub-lineages ranged
from 153 (Arma18 cl1 (TcIV) vs. Para7 cl.3 (TcV)) to 472 (Chile c22 (TcI) vs. Saimiri3 cl. 8 (TcIV)).



Figure 6 Neighbor-joining relationships among *T. cruzi* I samples and reference clones of other sub-lineages. Genetic distances are based on 556 biallelic SNP sites for which genotypes are called in all individuals. Results indicate high repeatability among most technical replicates (see 'rep1 – 4' suffices) and clearly separate Tcl, TclII, TclV and TcVI.
 The tree also contains TBM_2795_CL2_wgs (see asterisk). This control sample was genotyped at the same 556 GLST loci using whole-genome sequencing (Illumina HiSeq) data from Schwabl et al. 2019¹.

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518 Discussion

519 **Principle results**

The GLST primer panel design and amplicon sequencing workflow outlined in this study aimed to profile T. 520 *cruzi* genotypes at high resolution directly from infected triatomine intestinal content by simultaneous 521 amplification of 203 genetic target regions that display sequence polymorphism in publicly available WGS 522 reads. Mapped GLST amplicon sequences generated from T. cruzi reference clones and from metagenomic 523 intestinal DNA extracts containing a minimum of 3.69 pg/µl T. cruzi DNA achieved high target specificity (< 524 1% off-target mapping) and yield (391 of 403 target SNP sites mapped). Mapping depth variation across target 525 loci was highly repeatable between sequencing runs. 387 SNP sites were identified among T. cruzi DTU I 526 samples and 393 SNP sites were identified in non-TcI reference clones. These markers showed low linkage 527 and clearly separated T. cruzi individuals within and across DTUs, for the most part also individuals collected 528 at the same or closely separated localities in Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. An increase in pairwise 529 genetic differentiation was observed with increasing geographic distance in analyses within and beyond 150 530 km. 531

532 Cost-effective spatio-genetic analysis

GLST achieved an important resolution benchmark in recovering isolation-by-distance (IBD)⁶⁴ at less than 533 150 km. These correlations indicate the potential of GLST in spatially explicit epidemiological studies which, 534 for example, aim to identify environmental variables or landscape features that modify IBD²⁷. High spatial 535 sampling effort is typically required by such studies and often limits budget for genotyping tools. GLST 536 appears promising in this context as library preparation costs < 4.00 USD per sample (see cost summary in 537 Supplementary Tbl. 3) and can be completed comfortably in two days. The first-round PCR reaction requires 538 very low primer concentrations (0.125 µM) such that a single GLST panel purchase (0.01 µmol production 539 scale) enables > 100,000 reactions and can be shared by several research groups. Sequencing represents a 540 substantial cost but is highly efficient due to short fragment sizes and few off-target reads. High library 541 complexity also promotes the use of GLST in the role of PhiX, i.e., as a spike-in to enhance read quality in a 542 543 different sequencing run. Our study easily decontaminated reads from a spiked amplicon pool sharing barcodes with GLST (run 1). Alternatively, i.e, when GLST is sequenced alone (run 2), one Illumina MiSeq 544 run is expected to generate > 70x median genotype depth for 100 samples using Reagent Micro Kit v2 (ca. 545 1,000 – 1,500 USD, depending on provider; Supplementary Tbl. 3). 546

547 GLST in relation to multi-locus microsatellite typing

We consider multi-locus microsatellite typing (MLMT) as the primary alternative for high-resolution *T. cruzi* genotyping directly from metagenomic DNA. MLMT has revolutionized theory on *T. cruzi* ecology and microevolution, for example, on the role of disparate transmission cycles^{65,66}, ecological host-fitting⁶⁷ and 'cryptic sexuality'⁶⁸ in shaping population genetic structure in TcI. In some cases^{69,70} (but others not^{66,67,71}), the hypervariable, multiallelic nature of microsatellites allows every sample in a dataset to be distinguished

with a different multi-locus genotype (MLG). This depends on panel size and spatial scale but also on local 553 reproductive modes – e.g., sampling from clonal sylvatic vs. non-clonal domestic transmission cycles has 554 correlated with the presence or absence of repeated MLGs⁶⁶. In this study, we found two identical GLST 555 genotypes shared among five samples from southern Ecuador. All other samples appeared unique, including 556 those from Venezuela, where triatomine collection occurred at seven domestic localities within the city of 557 Caracas. The small subset of repeated genotypes found in this study may reflect patchy, transmission cycle-558 dependent clonal/sexual population structure in southern Ecuador (see Schwabl et al. 2019¹ and Ocaña-559 Mayorga et al. 2010⁶⁶) but may also represent a weakness in GLST compared to MLMT in tracking individual 560 parasite strains. The use of large MLMT panels, however, is significantly more resource-intensive because 561 each microsatellite marker requires a separate PCR reaction and capillary electrophoresis cannot be highly 562 multiplexed. MLMT data are poorly archivable across studies and may also be less suitable for inter-lineage 563 phylogenetic analyses due to unclear mutational models and artefactual similarity from saturation effects⁷². 564 Although our GLST panel was designed for TcI, its focus on syntenous sequence regions enabled efficient co-565 amplification of non-TcI DNA. GLST clearly separated TcI samples from all non-TcI reference clones, with 566 highest divergence observed in Saimiri3 cl. 8. Interestingly, large MLMT panels have shown comparatively 567 little differentiation between this sample and TcI, also more generally suggesting that TcIV and TcI represent 568 monophyletic sister clades⁷². 569

570 Adjustment and transferability

Considering the great variety of sample types to which studies have successfully applied PCR^{73-77} , we expect 571 that GLST can be applied to metagenomic DNA from many host/vector tissue types, not only from triatomine 572 intestine as shown here. Further tests are required to determine whether low T. cruzi DNA concentrations in 573 chronic infections or sparsely infected organs (e.g., liver and heart⁷⁸) are also amenable to GLST. We focused 574 analysis on T. cruzi DNA concentrations of at least one picogram per microliter metagenomic DNA (this 575 equates to ca. 30 parasites per microliter in the case of TcI⁷⁹) without heavily investigating options to enhance 576 sensitivity or sensitivity measurement, for example, by additional removal of PCR inhibitors, improved primer 577 purification (e.g., HPLC vs. salt-free), post-PCR probe-hybridization⁸⁰ or barcoding/sequencing of samples 578 with unclear first-round PCR amplicon bands. Even relatively aggressive processing methods may be tolerable 579 given that DNA fragmentation is unlikely to compromise the 120 - 160 nt size range targeted by GLST. 580 Increasing sensitivity by increasing PCR amplification cycles, however, is less advised. PCR error appeared 581 relevant with as little as 30x (+7x barcoding) amplification in this study as we observed noise among replicates 582 despite high read-depth and SNP-call overlap between sequencing runs. Rates or error were, however, well 583 within margins expected for methods involving PCR^{81} . We also note that the exceptional discrepancy between 584 VZ35814 replicates unlikely represents systematic error but barcode contamination with VZ16816. Such error 585 is perhaps less likely if primers are kept in separate vials instead of in the plate format which we have used 586 here. 587

Wet lab aside, the main objective of this study was to provide a transparent bioinformatic workflow for highly 588 multiplexable primer panel design using freely available softwares and publicly archived WGS reads (e.g., 589 see www.ebi.ac.uk/ena or www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra). Importantly, we show that knowledge of polymorphic 590 genetic regions in parasite genomes from one small study area (Loja Province, Ecuador) can suffice to guide 591 variant discovery at distant, unassociated sampling sites. Our demonstration using T. cruzi should be easily 592 593 transferable to any other pathogenic species with a published reference genome. Target selection can also be tailored to a variety of objectives. For example, while landscape genetic studies on dispersal often focus on 594 neutral or non-coding sequence variation⁸², experimental (e.g., drug testing) studies may seek to detect single-595 nucleotide changes in coding regions, perhaps in genes belonging to specific ontology groups or associated 596 with results of high-throughput proteomic screens⁸³. The candidate SNP pool can easily be filtered for such 597 criteria during GLST panel design, e.g., using SnpEff⁸⁴ or BEDTools⁸⁵ and data mining strategies at 598 EuPathDB⁸⁶. Candidate SNP filtering by minor allele frequency (MAF) may also be useful when the target 599 population is closely related to that of the WGS dataset guiding panel design. Placing a minimum threshold 600 on MAF (using VCFtools⁸⁷, etc.), for example, may improve analyses of population structure and genealogy 601 whereas a focus on low-frequency variants may help in tracking individuals or recent gene flow at the 602 landscape scale⁸⁸. It may also be possible to refine panel design towards markers that meet model assumptions 603 in later analysis. Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE), for example, is a common requirement in demographic 604 modelling^{89–91}, Bayesian clustering⁹², admixture/migration^{93,94} and hybridization tests⁹⁵. Deviation from HWE 605 may occur more frequently in specific genetic regions (e.g., near centromeres⁹⁶), and SNPs in these could be 606 excluded from the target pool. Numerous other filtering options -e.g., based on allele count (to enhance 607 resolution per SNP), distance to insertion-deletions (to improve target alignment), or percent missing 608 information (to avoid poorly mapping regions) – are easily implemented with common analysis tools⁹⁷. 609

GLST is also highly scalable because increasing panel size does not lead to more laboratory effort or processing time. Sequencing depth requirements and thermodynamic compatibilities among primers are more relevant in limiting panel size. However, it is also possible to divide large GLST panels into two or more PCR multiplexes based on Δ G-based partitioning in MultiPLX⁹⁸. Unintended primer affinities (i.e., polymer formations) can also be removed by gel excision, e.g., as we have done using the PureLink Quick Gel Extraction Kit.

616 **Prospects**

This study sought to provide a framework for various epidemiological research but was restricted in its own ability to make important inferences on *T. cruzi* ecology because only few samples (remainders from different projects) were analyzed. Samples were also aggregated either to domestic or to sylvatic ecotopes (see Supplementary Tbl. 1). More extensive, purposeful sampling could have, for example, helped us explore whether COL468's position deep within the Cordillera Oriental contributes to its strong divergence to samples such as COL135 or COL319, these perhaps more closely related due to lower 'cost-distances'⁹⁹ along the basin range. Fuelling landscape genetic simulators such as CDMetaPOP⁹¹ with high GLST sample sizes is an

especially exciting direction for future research. It would also be interesting, for example, to extend this 624 study's sampling to cover gradients along the perimeter of Caracas and adjacent El Ávila National Park (see 625 Fig. 4b). Sylvatic P. geniculatus vector populations appear to be rapidly adapting to habitats within 626 Caracas^{39,100} but parallel changes in the distribution of *T. cruzi* genetic diversity have yet to be tracked. The 627 low cost of GLST also makes it more feasible for studies to simultaneously assess genetic polymorphism in 628 each vector individual from which parasite markers were amplified. Such coupled genotyping would enhance 629 resolution of parasite-vector genetic co-structure and thus, for example, help quantify rates of parasite 630 transmission from domiciliating vectors or determine whether parasite gene flow proxies for (or improves 631 understanding of) dispersal patterns in more slowly evolving vectors or hosts. It would also be interesting to 632 test in how far deep-sequenced GLST libraries could help in detecting (and reconstructing distinct MLGs 633 from) multiclonal T. cruzi infections without the use of cloning tools¹⁰¹, e.g., using bioinformatic strategies 634 developed for malaria research^{102–105}. Multiclonality has important implications for public health^{106,107} but its 635 potential prevalence in T. cruzi vectors and hosts^{108,101,109} is difficult to describe from cultured cells^{108,110}. 636 Countless other applications are conceivable for GLST. Some research fields, however, will surely be less 637 amenable to the PCR-based approach. Relative amplicon concentrations, for example, appeared to be too 638 stochastic in this study to allow inference of copy number variation or other structural rearrangements based 639 on read-mapping depths. Unintended primer alignment is also likely to occur if PCR targets are located within 640 highly repetitive sequences such as those encoding surface protein families in sub-telomeric regions of the T. 641 *cruzi* genome⁴⁶. 642

We look forward to seeing GLST approaches in a wide variety of research for which such limitations do not apply. Regarding population and landscape genetic studies, prudent spatial and genetic sampling design is often key to meaningful inference and we hope that the low cost and high flexibility of our pipeline helps researchers achieve all criteria required.

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Supplementary Figure 1 Phylogenetic resolution at GLST loci *in silico*. The green tree shows neighbor-joining (NJ) relationships calculated from 106,007 SNP sites identified from whole-genome sequencing (WGS) of 45 Tcl clones in southern Ecuador¹. Sites missing genotypes in $\ge 10\%$ individuals are excluded. Less than 45 km separate the most distant sampling sites within the study region. Several pairs of clones also represent the same host/vector individual (see first seven characters of IDs). NJ was repeated after abridging the WGS dataset to contain only SNPs within the 203 sequence targets proposed by GLST (also excluding sites missing $\ge 10\%$ genotypes). This resultant tree (blue, at right) uses 391 SNP sites and recreates clusters A-K observed in WGS.

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Supplementary Figure 2 Individual primer pair validation. Primer pairs were first applied individually to pure Tcl epimastigote DNA to confirm product amplification within the expected size range (164 – 204 bp). The figure shows the electrophoresed products of 17 different primer pairs in 0.8% agarose gel as well as DNA ladder (L) and no-template control (NTC). All other primer pairs achieved similar results using an initial incubation step at 98 °C (2 min); 30 amplification cycles at 98 °C (10 s), 60 °C (30 s), and 72 °C (45 s); and a final extension step at 72 °C (2 min).



718 Supplementary Figure 3 Preliminary GLST (multiplex) trials on T. cruzi I mock infections. We created mock infections by mixing 10⁴, 10⁵ and 10⁶ RNAlater-preserved TcI-Sylvio epimastigote (epi) cells with uninfected Rhodnius prolixus 719 720 vector gut (UVG). DNA extracted from these mock infections was subjected to the multiplexed, 203-target GLST reaction (using the same cycling conditions as for single-target reactions - see Methods or Supplementary Fig. 2 legend) and 721 products were electrophoresed in 0.8% agarose gel. Fainter banding of GLST products from lower concentration mock 722 infections encouraged follow-up on sensitivity thresholds using additional dilution curves and qPCR. Next to DNA ladder 723 (L) and no-template control (NTC), the gel also contains TcZ primer product from pure Tcl epimastigote DNA. TcZ 724 primers provide a highly sensitive positive control (PC) as they target 195 bp satellite DNA repeats that make up ca. 5% 725 of the T. cruzi genome. 726



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Supplementary Figure 4 *T. cruzi* I DNA dilutions and GLST product visibility in 0.8% agarose gel. The left side shows electrophoresed GLST amplicons generated from 3 μ l pure Tcl epimastigote (epi) DNA with concentrations between 1.35 ng/ μ l and 2.50 pg/ μ l (see cycling conditions in Methods or Supplementary Fig. 2 legend). Lanes on the right contain amplicons from seven random metagenomic samples that tested positive for *T. cruzi* satellite DNA (not shown). DNA ladders (L) and no-template control (NTC) are indicated left and right. Poor amplicon visibility occurs at \leq 60 pg epimastigote DNA input. Gut DNA amplicon visibility is also limited but whether this relates to low *T. cruzi* content or amplification interference is unclear without qPCR.



Supplementary Figure 5 First-round (unbarcoded) PCR product size composition measurement using microfluidic electrophoresis. The figure plots fragment sizes (calculated based on migration times relative to those of standards) and fluorescence intensity (FU) of first-round PCR products (see cycling conditions in Methods or Supplementary Fig. 2 legend) measured with the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 System. The first peak represents primer polymerization that is removed in subsequent gel excision/re-solubilization steps. The second peak matches expectations for the multi-target GLST product (164 – 204 bp). Special thanks to Craig Lapsley at the Wellcome Centre for Molecular Parasitology in Glasgow for generating this data.



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Supplementary Figure 6 Large polymer formation from excessive amplicon barcoding. The second (barcoding) PCR 787 788 reaction uses an initial incubation step at 98 °C (2 min); 7 amplification cycles at 98 °C (30 s), 60 °C (30 s), and 72 °C (1 min); and a final extension step at 72 °C (3 min). Seven amplification cycles were chosen because unwanted polymers 789 790 formed at 13 and 18x. The center lanes in the 0.8% agarose gel at left (red border) show electrophoresed GLST products 791 from reference clones after eighteen cycles of barcoding PCR. Large, non-target banding occurs at \geq 300 bp. 792 Unbarcoded products from Tcl epimastigote (epi) DNA are also shown at left. No template controls from barcoding 793 (NTC) and first-round + barcoding PCR (NTC*) occur next to the DNA ladder (L) on the right side of the gel. The smaller 794 image (green border) to the right shows how unwanted banding becomes less pronounced at 13x and largely disappears 795 at 7x. This 0.8% agarose gel also contains NTC* samples, i.e., negative controls carried through both first and second-796 round PCR.



Supplementary Figure 8 Final (barcoded) GLST pool size composition measurement using microfluidic electrophoresis. The figure plots fragment sizes (calculated based on migration times relative to those of standards) and fluorescence intensity (FU) of the final GLST pool measured with the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 System. The large peak matches expectations for the multi-target GLST product pool (224 – 264 bp). Left and right peaks labelled in green and purple represent standards of known size. A small non-target peak remaining near 151 bp encourages improvement of prior size selection steps. Special thanks to Julie Galbraith at Glasgow Polyomics for generating this data.

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Supplementary Figure 9 Quality scores at previously identified vs. unidentified variant sites. The GLST primer panel 854 855 was designed based on single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in Ecuadorian Tcl clones. It was applied, however, to 856 samples from distant geographic locations as well as to non-Tcl clones. Additional, previously unidentified SNP sites (PU) were thus expected to be found but we needed to distinguish true PU from PCR and sequencing error. We 857 reasoned that quality statistics (e.g., mapping quality, strand bias, minor allele frequency, etc. - see Methods) at 858 previously identified SNP sites (PI) could help calibrate quality filters applied to the wider dataset. This strategy finds 859 860 support in the above density plot of QUAL scores computed by Genome Analysis Toolkit⁴². The plot suggests that, prior to variant filtration, lower QUAL scores occur more often at PU (red) than at PI (black). We thus imposed the most 861 862 stringent filtering criteria possible without losing PI.

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879 Supplementary Figure 10 GLST sample selection and sensitivity estimation via gPCR. We used T. cruzi satellite DNA gPCR to identify vector gut samples with T. cruzi DNA quantities within ranges successfully visualized in GLST reactions 880 881 using epimastigote DNA (Supplementary Fig. 4). The gPCR reaction used an initial incubation step at 95 °C (10 min) and 40 amplification cycles at 95 °C (15 s), 55 °C (15 s), and 72 °C (15 s). The plot shows baseline-corrected 882 fluorescence (dR) for seven sample duplicates. Following the regression equation from the standard curve (see inset), 883 884 the three samples with highest cycle thresholds (Ct values) in this example represent gut extracts with 0.05 to 0.14 ng/µl T. cruzi DNA. Such samples with T. cruzi DNA concentrations above 0.01 ng/µl were prioritized for GLST and none 885 886 failed in library construction. ECU36, with a mean Ct value of 18.68 in the plot, was also successfully sequenced. A Ct value of 18.68 represents 3.69 pg/µl T. cruzi DNA. Not all samples with concentrations at single-digit picogram levels 887 888 (per µl) were successful and we did not troubleshoot those with substantially lower concentrations based on gPCR.



906 Supplementary Figure 11 Target coverage in control replicates confirms expectations that the GLST panel applied in this study is unreliable for copy number estimation. We adapted methods from Schwabl et al. 2019¹ to derive somy estimates for each base position within GLST amplicons. Briefly, we calculated median-read-depth of all target 907 bases for each chromosome. We let the median of these chromosomal medians (the 'inter-chromosomal median') represent expectations for the disomic state, estimating copy 908 number per base position by dividing each position's read-depth by the inter-chromosomal median and multiplying by two. Boxplots show median and interguartile ranges of 909 these site-wise somy estimates for each chromosome in TBM 2975 CL2 control replicates. TBM 2795 CL2 did not show chromosomal amplifications in whole-genome 910 analysis¹. Not unexpectedly for a PCR-based method, somy values estimated from GLST read-depths differ substantially among replicates and are unrealistically high/low on 911 many chromosomes. Estimates on chromosomes with few GLST targets appear especially unreliable - e.g., see chromosomes 8, 28, 33, 39 and 43. These chromosomes 912 913 contain ≤ 2 GLST targets each. The horizontal lines cyan lines mark y = 1.5 and y = 2.5.

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library, whereby GLST reads were subsequently decontaminated from (barcode-sharing) 16S reads by alignment to the Tcl-Sylvio reference genome. Run 2 was dedicated solely to GLST, i.e., no non-GLST libraries were simultaneously sequenced on the flow cell. The plot shows that run 1 and run 2 read-depths at each GLST base position (purple points) are highly correlated (Pearson's r = 0.93, p < 0.001), and that run 1 had higher sequencing output than run 2. Readdepth values are square-root transformed and represent control sample TBM 2975 CL2 rep1. **Supplementary Table 1** Details on *T. cruzi*-infected metagenomic triatomine gut samples from Colombia (COL), Venezuela (VZ) and Ecuador (ECU). Abbreviations: Dep. (Department); Met. Caracas (Metropolitan District of Caracas); EPSG (European Petroleum Survey Group coordinate system); reps. (technical replicates).

ID	Vector species	Region	Municipality / community	x (EPSG 3786)	y (EPSG 3786)	Ecotope	Year	Reps.
COL77	Rhodnius pallescens	Santander Dep.	Lebrija	-8141577.9370	790936.6092	Sylvatic	2015	1
COL78	Rhodnius sp.	Santander Dep.	Lebrija	-8141577.9370	790936.6092	Sylvatic	2015	2
COL133	Rhodnius prolixus	Casanare Dep.	Paz de Ariporo	-7993997.4220	653950.4247	Domestic	2016	2
COL135	Rhodnius prolixus	Casanare Dep.	Paz de Ariporo	-7993997.4220	653950.4247	Domestic	2016	2
COL154	Rhodnius prolixus	Casanare Dep.	Tamara	-8024081.7980	648298.0468	Domestic	2016	2
COL155	Rhodnius prolixus	Casanare Dep.	Tamara	-8024081.7980	648298.0468	Domestic	2016	2
COL169	Rhodnius prolixus	Casanare Dep.	Pore	-8005271.3760	636869.6421	Domestic	2016	1
COL253	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Casanare Dep.	Paz de Ariporo	-7993997.4220	653950.4247	Domestic	2016	1
COL319	Rhodnius prolixus	Arauca Dep.	Fortul	-7980623.1040	755354.1935	Domestic	2016	2
COL466	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Boyacá Dep.	Soata	-8083880.0490	704231.6027	Unknown	2017	3
COL468	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Boyacá Dep.	Soata	-8083880.0490	704231.6027	Unknown	2017	3
ECU3	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Bramaderos	-8875849.2150	-453603.4112	Sylvatic	2009	2
ECU4	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Bramaderos	-8875849.2150	-453603.4112	Sylvatic	2009	2
ECU8	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Bramaderos	-8875849.2150	-453603.4112	Sylvatic	2009	1
ECU9	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Bramaderos	-8875849.2150	-453603.4112	Sylvatic	2009	2
ECU10	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Bramaderos	-8875849.2150	-453603.4112	Sylvatic	2009	2
ECU36	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Galápagos	-8832711.9860	-483957.8804	Sylvatic	2009	1
ECU41	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Guineo	-8899431.9060	-466731.6546	Sylvatic	2009	1
ECU77	Rhodnius ecuadoriensis	Loja Province	Jacapo	-8830688.2360	-485500.9341	Sylvatic	2008	1
TBM_2795_CL2	Panstrongylus chinai	Loja Province	Bella Maria	-8852271.1950	-466705.6350	Domestic	2009	4
VZ1016B	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Libertador	-7447967.9080	1167084.6630	Domestic	2016	2
VZ13516	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Libertador	-7441110.8420	1169154.1140	Domestic	2016	2
VZ35814	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Libertador	-7450655.1580	1165756.5490	Domestic	2014	2
VZ6616	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Sucre	-7426686.3980	1163934.1740	Domestic	2016	2
VZ1214D	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Sucre	-7427396.8230	1166961.1250	Domestic	2014	1
VZ16816	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Sucre	-7427026.2100	1162328.0720	Domestic	2016	1
VZ17114	Panstrongylus geniculatus	Met. Caracas	Sucre	-7426501.1470	1162853.1350	Domestic	2014	1

Supplementary Table 2 GLST primer sequences. The 3' end of each first-round PCR primer is target-specific. The 5' end of each forward primer contains CS1. The 5' end of each reverse primer contains CS2. These sequencing primer binding sites are shown in pink. In subsequent barcoding PCR, the reverse primer consists of 5'-CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGAT*X*TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGTCT-3', where *X* is a unique 10 nt barcode used to label each sample's sequence reads. The reverse barcoding primer also contains CS2. The forward barcoding primer (5'-AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTGACGACATGGTTCTA-3') contains CS1 and is the same for all samples.

Target region	Forward primer sequence	(5'-3')
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Supplementary Table 3 Summary of GLST library preparation and sequencing costs. Green dots indicate items/costs related to first-round PCR and clean-up. Blue dots indicate items/costs related to barcoding PCR and clean-up. The cost summary does not consider qPCR materials because we applied qPCR only for purposes of method development. It is not essential for GLST. Abbreviations: EUG Eurofins Genomics); NEB (New England Biolabs); MGRD (median genotype read-depth).

Item	Availability (quantity / price)	Quantity for 100 samples	Cost for 100 samples	Comment
200 GLST primer primer pairs (EUG) •	60.90 ml / 1508.88 £	25 pmol	1.26 £	18,861 bases purchased salt-free at 0.08 £ / base; primers delivered at 200 μM in 150 μI
Q5 High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix (NEB) •	2.5 ml / 106.75 £	500 µl	21.35 £	
UltraPure Agarose (Invitrogen) •	100 g / 124.00 £	15.6 g	19.34 £	13 agarose gels (0.8%) to visualize 100 samples, separated by empty lanes
100 bp DNA Ladder* (NEB) •	50 ug / 34.50 £	13 ug	8.97 £	0.5 ug ladder at left and right margins of each gel
6X Gel Loading Dye (NEB) •	1 ml comes free with ladder*	226 µl	0.00 £	2 µl dye for each sample/ladder lane
PureLink Quick Gel Extraction Kit (Invitrogen) •	3 x 50 units / 143.64 £	100 units	95.76 £	
SYBR Safe (Invitrogen) •	400 µl / 62.78 £	60 µl	9.42 £	
Miscellaneous •	n/a	n/a	50.00 £	Pipette tips, vials, blades, etc.
Barcoded reverse primer (EUG) •	0.02 µmol / 49.95 £	0.8 nmol	2.00 £	Primers purified by manufacturer using high performance liquid chromatography
Universal forward primer (EUG) •	0.02 µmol / 49.95 £	0.8 nmol	2.00 £	Primers purified by manufacturer using high performance liquid chromatography
Q5 High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix (NEB) •	(see above)	1 ml	42.70 £	
Nuclease-free dH ₂ O (Qiagen) •	1000 ml / 35.68 £	540 µl	19.27 £	
Qubit assay tubes (Invitrogen) •	500 tubes / 51.50 £	102 tubes	10.51 £	
Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Invitrogen) •	100 assay kit / 66.25 £	100 assays	66.25 £	
UltraPure Agarose (Invitrogen) •	(see above)	1.2 g	1.49 £	Only one agarose gel (0.8%) is needed because samples have been pooled
100 bp DNA Ladder (NEB) •	(see above)	1 ug	0.69 £	0.5 ug ladder at left and right margins of the gel
6X Gel Loading Dye (NEB) •	(see above)	9 µl	0.00 £	7 µl dye for sample (pool) lane, 2 µl for each ladder lane
PureLink Quick Gel Extraction Kit (Invitrogen) •	(see above)	1 unit	0.96 £	Only one unit is needed because samples have been pooled
SYBR Safe (Invitrogen) •	(see above)	10 µl	1.57 £	
Miscellaneous •	n/a	n/a	50.00 £	Pipette tips, vials, blades, etc.
Total library preparation cost for 100 samples: 256.41 £				~ 3.15 \$ per sample

Item	Availability (quantity / price)	Quantity for 100 samples	Cost for 100 samples	Comment
Illumina Reagent Kit v2 Micro	1 cartridge / 390.00 £	1 cartridge	390.00 £	As listed at https://emea.illumina.com (March 2020)
300-cycle Illumina MiSeq	1 run / 40.00 £	1 run	400.00 £	Costs for quality control, data storage, etc. vary considerably among providers
	Total sequencir	~ 9.72 \$ per sample; 70x MGRD expected based on 125x MGRD for 56 samples in run 2		

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