Putative condition-dependent viability selection in wild type stocks of *Drosophila pseudoobscura*

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Abstract

Meiotic recombination rates vary in response to intrinsic and extrinsic factors.

Recently, heat stress has been shown to reveal plasticity in recombination rates in

Drosophila pseudoobscura. Here, a combination of molecular genotyping and X-linked

recessive phenotypic markers were used to investigate differences in recombination

rates due to either heat stress or advanced maternal age. However, haplotype

frequencies deviated from equal proportions for crosses using phenotypic markers,

indicating viability selection. Interestingly, skews in haplotype frequency were condition-

dependent, consistent with the fixation of alleles in the wild type stocks used that are

unfit at high temperature. Evidence of viability selection due to heat stress in the wild

type haplotypes was most apparent on days 7-9 when more mutant non-crossover

haplotypes were recovered in comparison to wild type (p=2.2e-4). Despite the condition-

dependent mutational load in both wild type and mutant stocks, an analysis of

recombination rate plasticity revealed days 7-9 (p=0.0085) and day 9 (p=0.037) to be

significantly higher due to heat stress and days 1-3 as significantly higher due to

maternal age (p=0.025). Still, to confirm these findings, SNP genotyping markers were

used to further investigate recombination rate. This analysis supported days 9-10 as

significantly different due to heat stress in two pairs of consecutive SNP markers

(p=0.018; p=0.015), suggesting this time period as when recombination rate is most

sensitive to heat stress. This peak timing for recombination plasticity is consistent with

D. melanogaster based on comparison of similarly timed key meiotic events, enabling

future mechanistic work of temperature stress on recombination rate.

Introduction

Meiosis is fundamental for sexually reproducing organisms to generate haploid

gametes. This process helps to maintain the correct number of chromosomes in the

next generation, critical for gamete viability. Additionally, crossing over during meiosis

creates novel genetic variation by recombining parental haplotypes, which can have

important consequences for adaptation of species (Charlesworth & Barton, 1996; Page

& Hawley, 2003).

Early studies in *Drosophila melanogaster* have shown that crossover rates vary

as a result of various factors including maternal age, starvation, as well as external

humidity and temperature (Plough 1917, 1921; Bridges 1927; Kohl and Singh 2018;

Singh 2019). In more recent studies, it is shown that infection also alters recombination

rate frequencies (Singh *et al.* 2015; Singh 2019). Over the last century, other model

systems have replicated these results (reviewed in Parsons 1988; Agrawal *et al.* 2005;

Bomblies *et al.* 2015; Modliszewski and Copenhaver 2017). For example, results from

more recent studies indicate that desiccation is a recombinogenic factor and that

desiccation-induced changes in both recombination rate and crossover interference are

fitness-dependent, with a tendency of less fit individuals producing more variable

progeny. Such dependence may play an important role in the regulation of genetic

variation in populations experiencing environmental challenges (Aggarwal *et al.* 2019).

While these factors have consequences on events throughout meiosis such as

in synaptonemal complex and double strand break (DSB) formation, early meiosis

appears to be most sensitive to perturbation by a number of factors leading to apoptosis

in these stages (reviewed in Stevison *et al.* 2017; Singh 2019). Experimental evidence

points to temperature sensitive, pre-meiotic interphase as the stage when plasticity in

recombination rate is the highest. This coincides with the relationship between meiotic

recombination and DNA replication at S-phase (a component of interphase) (Grell 1973,

1978b).

While there has been a century of work on recombination rate plasticity in *D.*

melanogaster, there have been no efforts to document this phenomenon in other

Drosophila species. *Drosophila* is an extremely diverse genus made up of over 2000

species that diverged over 50 million years ago (Hales *et al.* 2015). Moreover, Parsons

(1988) argued that *Drosophila* species can serve as indicators of global climate change

due to their environmental sensitivity (Parsons 1988). However, one concern with

focusing on *D. melanogaster* in the study of how environmental stress impacts

recombination is that it is a cosmopolitan species, and thus may not have the same

environmental sensitivity as other species within the *Drosophila* species group. Our

team has recently worked to expand research on this ubiquitous phenomenon into

Drosophila pseudoobscura (Stevison *et al.* 2017).

While traditionally studied for their inversion polymorphisms, *D. pseudoobscura* is

native to western North America and a small region in Bogota, Colombia. It is therefore

alpine over parts of its range, which means it has the potential to be more sensitive to

environmental changes (Kuntz and Eisen 2014). This species of *Drosophila*, which is

~30 million years diverged from the classic model, *D. melanogaster* (Throckmorton

1975), was the second *Drosophila* species to have its genome completely sequenced

and is commonly used for chromosomal studies, which makes it a good model for

recombination studies (Hales *et al.* 2015). Additionally, *D. pseudoobscura* females

exhibit synchronization of oogenesis across egg chambers (Donald and Lamy 1938),

which is key to studying the timing of events in meiosis because time is an indicator of

progression through oocyte development. More recently, there has been a boost of

interest in studying recombination rates in this species (Kulathinal *et al.* 2008, 2009;

Stevison and Noor 2010; McGaugh *et al.* 2012; Samuk *et al.* 2020).

Our lab recently reported a preliminary analysis of recombination rate plasticity

due to heat treatment during development in *D. pseudoobscura* (Stevison *et al.* 2017).

In that study, significant plasticity was found in eight regions across the 2nd

chromosome, with 5/8 regions showing higher recombination in the high temperature

treatment (see Table S1 in Stevison et al 2017). These results parallel both classic and

recent work done in *D. melanogaster* (Grell 1966, 1973, 1984; Singh *et al.* 2015; Ritz *et*

al. 2017; Kohl and Singh 2018).

Here, this work was continued to establish *D. pseudoobscura* as a model for

studying recombination rate plasticity. First, a series of experiments were conducted

with the goal of pinpointing the timing of peak differences in recombination rate between

control and temperature stress crosses. Temperature was used as treatment throughout

development similar to work of Plough and others (Plough 1917, 1921; see figure 2 in

Stevison *et al.* 2017), as well as maternal age. Phenotypic mutants were used and the

experimental parameters were adjusted with each successive experiment, altering

treatment between temperature and age, duration of progeny collection, progeny

transfer frequencies, and sample sizes. Although the cross design primarily

backcrossed to wild type flies to mitigate potential viability effects of the mutant markers,

a thorough investigation into the haplotype frequencies from the mutant marker crosses

was conducted to test for segregation bias. This analysis revealed these crosses to

have significant deviations from the expectation of equal proportions based on Mendel's

first law. Interestingly, these results seemed to change between treatment and control

as well as time points, suggesting condition-dependent variability in viability of the wild

type alleles. Finally, SNP genotyping markers were used to confirm the recombination

results from the phenotypic mutants due to their evidence for viability selection.

Combining strategies used in earlier studies, the work presented here provides

important information for future mechanistic work to understand recombination rate

plasticity and enable it to be studied in more depth in *D. pseudoobscura*.

Materials and Methods

Stocks

Genetic crosses using mutant markers were conducted using two X-linked

recessive mutant *D. pseudoobscura* stocks. First, a double mutant stock was produced

by crossing two lines obtained from the U.C. San Diego stock center (which has

relocated to Cornell University): *yellow* (*y*; 1-74.5) found on the first chromosome (or

chromosome X) at genetic map position 74.5 (stock 14044-0121.09, Dpse\y[1]) and

scarlet (*st*) (stock 14011-0121.06, Dpse\v[1]). Mutations of the *scarlet* gene induce a

bright red-eye phenotype (Beers 1937), and mutations within the *yellow* gene induce a

yellow-hued body and wings (Sturtevant and Tan 1937). Second, a triple mutant stock

(courtesy of Nitin Phadnis) was used that had three mutations - *yellow* (*y*; 1–74.5),

scalloped (*sd*; 1–43.0), and *sepia* (*se*; 1–156.5) (Phadnis 2011). Mutations of the

scalloped gene induce changes to the wing phenotype, whereas mutations in the *sepia*

gene result in brown eyes (Crew and Lamy 1935). Genetic locations of all mutant

markers are shown in Figure 1A. A fourth mutant in the triple mutant stock (*cut*; 1-22.5)

produced inconsistent results likely due to a variation in penetrance of the mutation

(Dworkin *et al.* 2009). Therefore, the *ct* marker was excluded from the remainder of the

analysis.

Three wild-type *D. pseudoobscura* stocks were also used for genetic crosses.

First, MV2-25 was used in crosses to the double mutant stock since it represents the

reference genome strain (Richards 2005), and both are in an Arrowhead 3rd

chromosome background. Second, to match the 3rd chromosome inversion

arrangement of the multiple marker line, a second stock bearing the arrangement called

"Treeline" was obtained from the National *Drosophila* species Stock Center at Cornell

University (stock 14011-0121.265, Dpse\wild-type "TL", SCI_12.2). This strain is also

fully sequenced (NCBI Accession: SRX204785). Finally, AFC-57 (see Ritz *et al.* 2017))

was used for indel genotyping because it was a readily available wild type strain at the

time.

Husbandry & Cross Design

All stocks were maintained at 21°C with a 12 hour light-dark cycle in an

incubator. Flies were reared on standard cornmeal–sugar–yeast–agar media in

polypropylene vials.

For indel genotyping, all crosses were performed at 20°C in glass vials

containing 6mL of corn syrup food. Virgin mutant female flies (5-7 days old) were

crossed with male AFC-57. Virgin F_1 females (5-7 days old) were collected and crossed

with mutant male flies (Figure 2A). Resulting backcross progeny were phenotyped.

Cross design for the SNP genotyping markers was described elsewhere (Stevison *et al.*

2017).

For genetic crosses, double and triple homozygous recessive mutant stock

virgins were collected and aged 7 days to full sexual maturity. These flies were crossed

to wild-type, age-matched males in control conditions to produce heterozygous F_1

progeny (Table 1). Virgin heterozygous F_1 females were collected within 8 hours of

eclosion and stored at 21°C to maintain a common developmental timeline for treatment

and control. There, they were aged to 7 days and backcrossed to wild-type males

reared at 21°C. This cross design using wild-type males also provided a built-in 'fail

safe' because female progeny could not be homozygous for the recessive mutant

markers, and thus any mutant females would be an indicator of contamination.

However, for Experiment 1, the backcross was done to the mutant stock (see below).

Crossing schemes are diagrammed in Figure 2 with details on each experimental

design outlined in Table 1, Figure 3, and below. Before backcrosses, wild-type males

were individually isolated 24 hours prior to crosses to avoid crowding-induced courtship

inhibition (Noor 1997). To backcross, a single wild-type male and single F_1 female were

placed in a fresh food vial. To increase sample sizes, multiple backcrosses were

conducted from each replicate F_1 cross using sibling female progeny.

To promote mating, a cotton ball was placed inside to restrict available space

and the vial was placed under a 100 Watt CFL light for an hour. After crosses, vials

were assigned to identical incubators with a 12 hour light-dark cycle with the

temperature varying according to Table 1 resulting in thermal stress throughout

development. After 24 hours, the cotton was removed and the wild-type males were

discarded to prevent additional stress from male harassment (Priest 2007). The female

continued to be transferred to a fresh food vial according to the transfer frequency of

each experiment (Table 1, Figure 3, and Table S1). Additionally, the vials where virgins

were held prior to genetic crosses were kept for 14 days to ensure there were no larvae.

If larvae were found, the cross was discarded.

Experimental Design

A series of four experiments were conducted using double (Experiments 1) and

triple (Experiments 2-4) mutant stocks (summarized in Figure 3). First, an experiment

was set up to investigate the impact of heat stress. The cross design for the first

experiment was altered from the pilots to maximize sample size. Specifically,

backcrosses were conducted to the X-linked recessive mutant stock rather than the

wild-type stock as in the pilot experiments, allowing for the inclusion of female progeny

in recombination calculations. Additionally, transfers were selected based on the

aggregation of pilot experiment 1 data to hone in on the earlier time points with 48 hour

transfers for the first 6 days and 72 hour transfers for the remaining 9 days, for 15 days

total.

Next, to validate the findings in Experiment 1 using the triple mutant stock,

Experiment 2 closely matched Experiment 1 modifying the transfer frequency to 72

hours for simplicity. Additionally, because there was no effect of temperature on

fecundity in experiments at 25°C, the temperature treatment was increased to 26°C to

increase the temperature stress. In Experiment 3, the 7-9 day post-mating time period

was honed in with 24 hour transfers. However, to maximize the sample sizes in the later

time points, both the number of replicates and crosses were increased relative to

Experiment 1 and 2. Additionally, the vials where females were held for the first five

days were discarded to keep the total sample size manageable.

Finally, to investigate the impact of maternal age, a fourth experiment was

conducted closely matching the transfer frequency and duration of Experiment 2 (Figure

S7). The heterozygous F_1 females were aged to 7 days (control) and 35 days (maternal

age treatment) and backcrossed to wild-type males. The collection, crossing, and F_1

collection of the control flies were timed so they would be backcrossed at the same time

as the 35-day old maternal age treatment flies. As shown in Figure S7B, the F_1 females

for the maternal age treatment were transferred into new vials every 7 days until they

were 35 days old. When the maternal age treatment females were 35 days old and the

control females were 7 days old, they were backcrossed to wild-type males.

SNP genotyping experimental design was described in (Stevison *et al.* 2017) and

is summarized in Table 1 and Figure 3. The SNP marker design is described below.

Recombination Analysis Using Phenotypic Markers

Resultant progeny were screened for presence or absence of the mutant

markers (Table 1). Except for Experiment 1, only male progeny were scored and if any

female progeny were found to be mutant, the entire vial was discarded and the data

removed. Visual scoring of mutant markers recorded each of the mutant traits

independently in a single-blind manner. For Experiments 2-4, mutant scoring was

delayed at least 5 days for the *sepia* eye color to become more pronounced.

Phenotyping ended 2 weeks after eclosion started to prevent the next generation from

being included in the data. Data were entered in triplicate and compared until 100%

concordant.

Sequenom SNP Genotyping

As part of a preliminary characterization of plasticity in *D. pseudoobscura*,

Sequenom SNP genotyping markers were designed to genotype crosses between FS14

and FS16 wild-type flies (methods previously described in Stevison *et al.* 2017; Sefick *et*

al. 2018). Previously described results captured chromosome 2. In addition, for this

study, six additional SNP markers were designed on the left arm of the X chromosome

(chrXL) to span the region containing the mutant markers *yellow* and *vermillion* (Figure

1B). Together, the five intervals span 5Mb of the XL and are located on scaffold

chrXL_group1e of the *D. pseudoobscura* reference genome.

Molecular genotyping to investigate high recombination rate in double

mutant

Molecular genotyping was used to confirm association between phenotypic

mutants and their respective genes for the *yellow* and *vermillion* genes. For this

analysis, two indel markers were designed based on the *D. pseudoobscura* assembly

v3.1, each within 25kb from the *vermilion* and *yellow* genes. Markers selected resulted

in differing PCR product length between the mutant stocks and the wild-type AFC-57

stock (Table S2). DNA was isolated (Gloor and Engels, 1992) from a minimum of 88

flies for each parent stock and backcross progeny for PCR amplification (Figure 2A).

Length differences for markers were assayed via acrylamide gel. To confirm linkage

between the *vermilion* and *yellow* genes and the red eye and yellow body phenotypes,

backcross progeny of known phenotype were genotyped for the *vermilion*-linked and

yellow-linked indel markers.

Survivorship Analysis

In order to determine longevity of *D. pseudoobscura*, F_1 females were generated

using the same crossing scheme described for the recombination rate estimates.

Eighteen replicate crosses of 10 mutant females with 5 wild-type males were

conducted, and the F_1 female progeny were collected. Progeny were kept in vials with

an average of 6.5 females (ranging from 1-13) based on when they were collected. To

ensure the females had fresh food supply throughout the experiment, they were

transferred to fresh food every 7 days. At each transfer, the number of females

remaining in the vial was counted and recorded until no flies were left. For each

replicate and time point, the percentage remaining as compared to the initial count was

computed. The median across each time point was then computed to identify the time

point at which less than 50% females remained. This analysis was used to justify the

choice of age selected.

Mutant Phenotype Segregation Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using R v4.0.1 (R Core Team, 2020). For each

experiment, haplotypes were grouped within crossover classes in order to investigate

viability differences. The data from the backcross progeny were summed over up to 8

different types of haplotypes (Table 2). Additionally, the progeny were split based on both

time point and treatment in Table 3. Because of the expectation of equal segregation of

haplotypes during meiosis, a binomial test was performed in order to test for statistical

deviations from 50-50 for each haplotype combination. Significant skews from expectation

are indicated in bold with stars used to denote statistical significance (Tables 2-3).

Additionally, the deviation from 50-50 was calculated across replicates for each CO class

and treatment (Figure 4).

Statistical Analysis of Fecundity

Additionally, fecundity was tracked to measure the impact of stress due to

temperature treatment and was calculated by dividing the number of backcross progeny

to the number of F_1 mothers. A quasipossion regression analysis was conducted

following a similar basic model equation:

Equation 1: $F = V + D + T + D*T$

'F' indicates the continuous response variable of total number of progeny, or

fecundity, for each time point. 'V' indicates the replicate vial ID and corresponds to F_1

crosses. 'D' indicates the transfer period, or days post-mating, of the F_1 female. Finally,

'T' indicates the temperature in which the F_1 female was reared. For each replicate

cross, fecundity was summed over all crosses and divided by the number of crosses per

replicate to get an average number of progeny per time point for each replicate.

Additionally, a *post hoc* lsmeans contrast was conducted to compute the significance of

treatment versus control for each time point in each experiment (see Tables S7 and

S8).

Statistical Analysis of Recombination Frequency

Recombination rate frequencies were calculated for the chromosomal interval

between each phenotypic marker (Figure 1A). Recombination frequencies (RF)

correlating mapping distance between linked alleles were calculated by dividing the

number of recombinant flies for regions *y-st*, *sd-y*, or *y-se* to the total number of

progeny.

Glmer function was used to generate a fitted model using logistic regression per

interval with replicate vial IDs as random effects and all other parameters as fixed

effects. For each interval within each experiment, a logistic regression analysis with a

mixed model was conducted in R. The basic model equation was:

Equation 2: $R = V + D + T + D*T$

Here, all variables are the same as Eq. 1, except the response variable, 'R', in

this model is the binary response variable of whether an individual offspring was

recombinant or not based on the pair of mutant phenotypes over the screened region,

for each time point. Progeny from backcrosses of F_1 female siblings were summed per

replicate cross per day and any replicate with fewer than 10 progeny were removed to

avoid stochasticity in recombination rate estimates.

The results of both models are summarized in Table 1 and S1, and the full model

tables can be found in Tables S3 and S4. Individual odds ratios were extracted for each

time point using a *post hoc* means contrast between temperature and control to

estimate biological relevance (Figures 5, S4 and S6). For logistic regression,

exponentiating the coefficients of GLMM generates the odds of crossover formation

between experimental and control conditions. A *post hoc* lsmeans contrast was done to

calculate significance for each timepoint between treatment and control within the

overall model for each experiment (see Tables S5 and S6).

Data Availability

Data files and scripts to complete the analysis are available on github at

https://github.com/StevisonLab/Peak-Plasticity-Project. Zenodo was used to generate a

DOI associated with a release of the code prior to publication:

10.5281/zenodo.XXXXXXX. This repository includes the raw survivorship data, raw

mutant phenotype records for males, and female count data from the recombination

analysis as csv files along with the R code. A separate csv file with treatment

information includes dates and other metadata that would be needed to validate the

analysis and conclusions herein. Additionally, a processed data file that includes sums

of males and females, as well as crossover counts across each interval per time point,

per replicate cross is also included. Also, a walk through tutorial for the analysis of data

in Experiment 1 in Rmarkdown has been included. Sanger sequence data for 179bp of

the *scarlet* gene, capturing the 2bp deletion, in the bright red eyed flies (originally

ordered *vermilion* stock) is available on NCBI (GenBank accession number MT438819).

Results

Experiments 1-4 used mutant markers which are known to have bias in

haplotype frequency due to potential viability effects, therefore, we examined how this

viability selection varied by treatment and time. We conducted a binomial test to

determine if the differences in haplotype frequencies were significantly different from a

50-50 expectation (significant values bolded and starred Tables 2, 3, and S9). The four

experiments showed condition-dependent variation in the overall skew from a 50-50

expectation (Figure 4).

Double mutant cross reveals less overall viability selection

Experiments conducted using a double mutant stock crossed to the wild-type

genome line MV2-25 (Figures 2A and S1) varied in transfer frequency and duration of

progeny collection (Table 1 and S1). While the stock was labeled as *vermillion*, it was

later discovered that the red eye mutant was associated with the *scarlet* gene rather

than the *vermillion* gene (see Methods and Supplement), which explained differences in

expected recombination frequencies in these experiments (see below).

Two smaller pilot experiments had smaller sample sizes than Experiment 1

(N=9,755, likely due to switching the cross design (Figure 2A vs. Figure S1). For the

double mutant stock, the overall haplotype frequencies were not significantly different

from equal proportions (Table 2). Unlike the overall data, there were some significant

haplotype frequency skews that were most apparent at later time points and evident in

both the control and high temperature crosses (Table 3). Specifically, there was a

bigger skew in the two recombinant haplotypes, with the *y*-+ haplotype being more

frequent when frequencies were significantly different (Table 3). The most skewed

proportions were found in the last time point on days 13-15 which had the fewest

progeny. The next most skewed time point was the 7-9 day time period. The pilot

crosses using this stock did not have nearly as much skew, which could be due to the

difference in cross design (Figure 2A vs Figure S1). The majority of significant

frequency differences in the pilot experiments were restricted to early time points and

the control crosses (Table 2). In addition, because both males and females were

phenotyped, haplotype frequencies were further examined for both sexes (Table 4 and

S10). Unlike the non-significant variation between total progeny in Experiment 1,

investigation based on sexes led to noticeable variation for both mutant and wildtype

haplotype groups, but more skewed in female progeny (Table S10).

Triple mutant stock reveals strong condition-dependent viability selection

In Experiments 2-4, phenotypes at three mutant X-linked markers were recorded.

For the triple mutant stock, the overall skew was much higher than in crosses with the

double mutant stock (Table 2). Experiment 3 was most affected as a whole with a 2.47x

difference in the proportion of NCO haplotypes (Table 2; p=0.0001) and 60% of

haplotype pairs significantly different from equal proportions (Table 3). For

recombinants, haplotypes with two mutant markers were typically lower in frequency

than the alternative haplotype, with the exception being the +-*y-se* haplotype which is on

average 1.41x higher than the +-+-*sd* haplotype (Table 2). This observation holds for all

time points and treatments, with the exception being a 1.3x increase in the *sd*-+-+

haplotype in days 1-3 for Experiment 4 (Table 3). This result suggests that the *scalloped*

phenotype may contribute more to the bias in haplotype frequencies than the other

mutant markers (but see below).

For Experiments 2-3, more than double the time points were significantly skewed

in the control temperature as compared to the high temperature crosses, whereas for

Experiments 1 and 4 both treatments had a similar number of skewed frequencies

across time points (Table 3). Additionally, for Experiment 2 the 7-9 day time period had

the most skewed haplotype frequencies. For Experiment 3, the 7 day time point had the

most skewed proportions between haplotypes and the 9 day time point had the fewest

skewed haplotype proportions. Finally, for Experiment 4, the 1-3 time point had the most

skewed haplotype frequencies, predominantly in the control crosses; whereas the skew

in haplotype frequencies in the day 10-12 time point are exclusively in the maternal age

crosses (Table 3).

Fecundity differences support stress of selected treatments

In Experiments 2 and 4, the selected treatment had a significant effect on

fecundity (Table 1; Figure S2; Table S8), with a decrease in the treatment group

indicating the stress response from the higher temperature of 26°C and the maternal

age of 35 days. Similarly, fecundity declined steadily throughout progeny collection,

consistent with a single mating event for these experiments. For Experiment 2, there

was a 51% decrease in mean fecundity due to temperature ($p < 0.0001$, see Table 1 and

S8) that was significant for all time points (Figure S2). For Experiment 4, average

fecundity for females aged 7 days used for the control crosses (70.36) differed from

females aged to 35 days (54.29). A *post hoc* mean contrast found that fecundity was

significantly different between treatments for the 1-3-day time point ($p = 1.46E\text{-}4$) and the

7-9-day post-mating time point ($p = 0.013$).

In Experiment 3, average sample size from days 6-10 in the control and

experimental conditions were 20.9 and 15.0, respectively ($p < 0.019$). Because the eggs

laid by females on days 1-5 were discarded (Figure 3), this sample size does not

represent lifetime fecundity. Still, the sample sizes were significantly different on days 6,

8, and 9 (Figure S2).

Condition-dependent variation suggests viability selection of mutant and wild type alleles

When comparing the haplotype skew across time points and treatments, an interesting pattern emerges that sheds novel light on condition-dependent viability selection. For example, in Experiments 2-3, which had a significant overall reduction in sample size due to heat stress, the apparent skew is higher in control crosses as compared to high temperature crosses. One possible explanation is that the wild type stocks, being inbred laboratory strains held in a constant environment over many generations, have had fixation of alleles that are unfit at higher temperatures. This hypothesis is supported by the excess of mutant NCO class progeny in Experiments 2 and 4 seen in the 7-9 day time point (shown in red in Table 3). Assuming all mutant markers are equally unfit, the NCO class should show the largest skew against wild type as it has either three mutants or none. This switch in haplotype skew suggests that the wild type is also experiencing viability effects in addition to the visible mutant phenotypes for this treatment and time point. To further support this hypothesis, the skew is greater in control crosses for the NCO haplotypes than the heat stress crosses (Figure 4B). This is further supported by the above-mentioned skew in the SCO class where the *sd*-+-+ haplotype has fewer progeny than the alternate haplotype which contains two mutant markers (*y* and *se*; SCO1 in Figure 4B). This skew is also significant for control crosses but not high temperature crosses in Experiment 2 for days 1-3 and 7-9 and Experiment 3 on day 6 (Table 3). A loss of wild type haplotypes at the higher temperature (due to homozygous wild type alleles that are temperature sensitive) could result in a reduced apparent skew in haplotype frequencies overall, leading to

lower or no detectable bias in the high temperature treatment (Table 3; Figure 4). For

Experiment 4, the bias in the crosses with increased maternal age do not see this

reversal in the 35-day flies, suggesting it is specific to temperature stress. Therefore,

the results suggests that the wild type stocks experience selection most at 26°C and 7-9

days post-mating. In Experiment 3, with 24 hour transfers, the NCO skew is significant

for all time points except day 9 in both control and high temperature crosses, and day

10 for 26°C (Table 3). Similarly, the difference in NCO haplotype bias between

temperatures is less apparent (Figure 4C), likely because it hones in on the time period

7-9 that is most skewed in Experiment 2. Together, these results suggest that

mutational load of both mutant and wild type stocks are interacting to generate a

condition-dependent pattern of haplotype bias.

To further investigate, the male-to-female ratios were evaluated (Tables 4 and

S10). Based on the cross design which backcrossed to wild type males in Experiments

2-4, there is an expectation that the female progeny would exceed the male progeny if

viability selection of the mutant markers were the reason for the haplotype skew. For

Experiment 2 control, this is always true - males are significantly reduced as compared

to females for all time points (Table 4). However, for 26°C, only time points 4-6 and 10-

12 see significant female bias. Whereas time points 1-3 and 7-9 do not see any such

bias. Similarly, for Experiment 3, there is a lack of female bias on days 8 and 10 at

26°C. For day 7, there is a significant excess of male progeny (p=0.025) at 26°C. This

reduction of females as compared to males in 26°C crosses supports a viability effect of

wild type alleles, consistent with the excess of mutant NCO progeny as compared to

wild type NCO progeny on day 7-9 in 26°C reported above. This result supports the

presence of alleles that are unfit at 26°C in the wild type stock. This phenomenon is

largely absent from Experiment 4, where maternal age was varied instead of

temperature. Specifically, time points 1-3 and 10-12 were lacking a female bias, but this

was true for both the control and maternal age treatment, with no significant male bias.

Assuming this pattern is unique to the wild type stock used in Experiments 2-4, a

similar analysis was conducted on the Experiment 1 data, where male and female

progeny were analyzed separately. Interestingly, among female progeny, the 25°C

crosses had more mutant than wild type NCO haplotypes on days 5-6 post-mating

(shown in red in Table S10). For males, both treatment and control crosses had

significantly reduced wild type NCO progeny on days 7-9 and 10-12; whereas for 25°C,

the time point 3-4 is also significantly skewed against wild type progeny. This suggests

the MV2-25 stock has similar fixation of alleles that are temperature sensitive, but at

different time points and severity than the stock used in Experiments 2-4. Together,

these findings suggest that the homogenous environment experienced by lab stocks

fosters fixation of alleles that have lower viability across stressful environments (see

Discussion).

Recombination analysis of mutant markers inconclusive due to viability

effects

Despite the condition-dependent viability found here, these experiments were

further investigated for differences in recombination frequency over time and due to

treatment. Of course, this was done with the understanding that when haplotype

frequencies are skewed, an investigation of recombination frequency is flawed due to

unrecovered haplotypes. Therefore, a genotyping experiment using SNP markers was

used to confirm the differences in recombination rate along a similar region of the X-

chromosome that the mutant phenotypic markers spanned (Figure 1B; see below).

For the double mutant stock, the recombination fraction calculated between the

red eye and yellow body phenotypes were 46%, which prompted an investigation into

the gene responsible for the red eye phenotype and ultimate discovery that it was due

to a mutation in the *scarlet* gene (see Methods and Supplement). For Experiment 1,

there was a significant interaction term between treatment and time point on

recombination rate (see Eq. 2; p=0.0012, Table 1 and S4). Additionally, in a *post hoc*

means contrast between treatment and control, days 7-9 post-mating had statistically

significant higher odds of observing a crossover at high temperature (p=8.5e-2;

N_{20}=466; N_{25}=424) with RF_{25}=54.654% and RF_{20}=50.54% (Figure 6A; Table S6).

Additionally, days 13-15 were significantly different, but with a large standard error (see

Table S6; Figure S6A) and small sample size with fewer replicates (N_{20}=377; N_{25}=97).

For the triple mutant stock, results for the *sd-y* region (32.1%) closely matched

the expected rate (32.5%). Similar to *y-st*, the *y-se* region had a large recombination

rate (46.0%) consistent with the genetic map distance (82cM), since markers over 50cM

apart have a 50% recombination frequency. Kosambi corrections indicate lower

recombination rates across both intervals (*sd-y*$_{kosambi}$=20.1%; *y-se*$_{kosambi}$=40%), perhaps

due to the lack of recovery of all progeny as evidenced by the skewed haplotype

analysis above.

For Experiments 2-4, the treatment did not significantly explain recombination

rate in either interval for the overall model (Eq. 2; Table 1 and S4). A *post hoc* means

contrast between treatment and control for Experiment 2 revealed that none of these

results were statistically significant (Table S6; Figure S6B). In Experiment 3, the highest

odds ratio was observed on day 9 (1.41) in the *sd-y* region (Figure S6C, p=0.034, $N_{21}=$

630 and $N_{26}=296$). Similarly, the median RF across replicates for this time point was

32.1% at 21°C and 40.4% at 26°C (Figure 6B). When the data for both intervals are

combined, there was a 10.97% difference in total recombination on day 9.

In Experiment 4, although treatment was not significant in the overall model, the

interaction between time points and treatment was significant (p=0.02; Table S4) for the

sd-y interval. A *post hoc* mean contrast analysis revealed a significant difference in

recombination rate (p=0.025; OR=1.16) in the first 72-hour time point for the *sd-y*

interval (starred in Figure S6D; Table S6). Although heat stress and maternal age

indicate different time points as sensitive to recombination plasticity, these results are

inconclusive due to the extreme skews in recovered haplotypes noted above.

Recombination rates for days 7-9 is reproducible between experiments

Above, recombination frequencies were inconclusive due to a lack of full

recovery of progeny from viability selection of both mutant and wild type alleles.

Therefore, it is worth determining how repeatable the measures are across

experiments. However, due to the variation in experimental parameters (Table 1 and

Figure 3), a direct comparison is not possible between all experiments. Still, the same

time points from the same regions can be compared for a subset of experiments.

Specifically, the 7-9 day post-mating time point can be compared between Experiments

2 and 3 *(sd-y; y-se)*. The raw crossover count data from days 7-9 post-mating were

aggregated from the 24-hour transfers in Experiment 3 into the same post-mating

timeline of 72 hours in Experiment 2 for comparison. Odds ratios and standard errors

were calculated and compared between individual experiment pairs (Figure S5 and S6).

The results are highly similar with overlapping confidence intervals for both marker

intervals (Figure S5).

SNP genotyping markers confirm recombination plasticity of temperature

sensitive time points

In an earlier molecular analysis, results were described for markers on the 2nd

chromosome (Stevison *et al.* 2017). That analysis also included six X-chromosome SNP

genotyping markers in the region spanning the genes *yellow* and *vermillion* on the X-

chromosome (Figure 1B). In analyzing crossover data for intervals 1-3, the results show

that control crosses had a 12.2% recombination rate, similar to the documented

recombination fraction of 14.6 (Anderson 1993). The high temperature crosses had a

16% recombination rate across the same three intervals, which was significantly higher

than the control (p=0.019).

Across the five intervals, a significant difference due to temperature was

observed for interval 3, between markers m_3 and m_4, and interval 4, between markers

m_4 and m_5 (Table S3). Additionally, a *post hoc* means contrast between treatment and

control revealed a significant difference in recombination frequency (RF) in intervals 3

and 4 (Table S5). Specifically, interval 3 differed on days 5-6, and interval 4 differed on

days 3-4. Both intervals 3-4 had a significant peak difference on days 9-10 (Figures 5

and 6C-D). Because intervals 3-4 overlap the *y-st* and *y-sd* regions, these SNP

genotyping results are consistent with the sensitivity of recombination rate for similar

time points (days 7-9 and day 9) and chromosomal regions as Experiments 1 and 3,

respectively, described above that used mutant phenotypic markers. It is also worth

noting that the magnitude of the difference due to temperature was higher for the SNP

genotyping experiment than the experiments using phenotypic mutants (Figure 5 vs

Figure S6).

Discussion

Meiosis is taught in introductory genetics classes to be highly predictable and

reliable, and yet for years scientists have been puzzled by deviations from the

expectations set out by Mendel regarding the segregation of alleles. While many studies

investigate haplotype skew, or transmission distortion, for evidence of unfit alleles

(Meyer *et al.* 2012; Fu *et al.* 2020), the role of the environment to alter this skew is often

ignored (but see Shoben and Noor 2020; Finnegan *et al.* 2021). Environmental

heterogeneity is a known source of fitness differences and yet, the adherence to

Mendel's first law under various conditions has not been explicitly tested (Finnegan *et*

al. 2021; Zwick *et al.*). Several studies have posited scenarios where competition

among tetrads is variable across conditions suggesting recombination rate plasticity as

a form of meiotic drive (Haig 2010; Stevison *et al.* 2017; Zwick *et al.*).

Biased haplotypes are a common observation when using mutant phenotypic

markers, as certain genotypes are selected against due to viability effects, and are

therefore not recovered in the progeny (Hurst 2019). Still, they offer an inexpensive

alternative to test a variety of conditions and time points, which is why they were used

here. While our investigation into haplotype frequencies complicated the initial purpose

of our investigation, our data provided a unique opportunity to explore how different

temperatures impact haplotype frequency and point to increased mutational load in wild

type stocks. In this study, the segregation of the triple mutant gametes show the

greatest skewed haplotype frequencies in the progeny, seemingly driven by the

scalloped locus. However, a more thorough investigation into these results led to the

conclusion that the wild type haplotype was being recovered with reduced frequency

under high temperature stress across a select number of time points. Interestingly, this

points to a mutational load in the wild type stock that is only revealed when reared at

high temperatures. While the specific time points were not the same for the other wild

type stock, similar results suggest this could be a more common phenomenon among

laboratory stocks of Drosophila.

While it is certainly not unexpected for wild type stocks to harbor deleterious

recessive alleles due to long term inbreeding, these are infrequently tested for such

prior to their use in experiments. Moreover, for those that do investigate for the potential

of viability selection in mutant or wild type stocks, this is likely only done in control

conditions. Our results suggest that fecundity assays of wild type stocks should be

conducted across a range of conditions before use in experiments. This is especially

true for experiments that aim to investigate stress, meiotic drive, or recombination

frequencies. In fact, our cross design is ideal for uncovering such condition-dependent

viability selection in wild type stocks. For example, our design could be repeated with

other wild type stocks to examine the variation in this phenomenon across stocks.

Further, our results suggest that fitness of lab stocks could be improved if they were

reared under environmental heterogeneity to allow strains to purge unfit alleles that are

sensitive across environments. This strategy should also be taken into consideration

when establishing new lab stocks.

Experiments point to days 9-10 as sensitive period for recombination rate

plasticity

Similar to previous work (Stevison *et al.* 2017), we found a significant difference

in recombination rate between flies reared at high temperatures as compared to control

crosses for SNP markers on the X-chromosomes. However, only the model tables for

SNP genotyping intervals 3-4 were significant for treatment, whereas the other

experiments using mutant markers did not show a significant treatment effect. Further,

post hoc analyses revealed various time points were significantly different between

treatment and control with the most overlap between experiments on day 9 (9-10 in

intervals 3-4 and 7-9 in Experiment 1; Tables S5-S6). The results from the experiments

using phenotypic mutants were complicated by apparent viability selection in both wild

type and mutant stocks, therefore, we focus our conclusions on the results from the

SNP genotyping markers and heat stress. It is worth noting that the wild type stocks

used for SNP genotyping were different than the ones used for the crosses with the

phenotypic mutants.

A sensitive period of 9 days closely corresponds to work in *D. melanogaster*

which suggests a similar sensitivity around day 6 due to heat stress. In *D.*

melanogaster, development from oogenesis to egg maturation takes 10 days. Oocyte

selection and development during oogenesis occurs in stages 1-14 in the last 79 hours

(Koch and King 1966). Although, *D. pseudoobscura* oogenesis remains understudied,

Drosophila species respond to temperature in a distinct manner. Still, a major benefit of

D. pseudoobscura is the synchronicity of oogenesis among females that seems to alter

with maternal age and indirectly affect fecundity (see Introduction). In *D.*

pseudoobscura, eggs ripen as batches, with the immature eggs divided into groups of

differing stages of development, ready to be deposited in large amounts at a time

(Donald and Lamy 1938). Therefore, the number of eggs laid indicates a periodicity as

compared to *D. melanogaster* that continuously lays their eggs in the 12 hours day/night

cycles.

In a series of experiments, Grell was able to synchronize *D. melanogaster* eggs

in age at the time of treatment, similar to the synchronicity observed in *D.*

pseudoobscura. Her work identified variable expression of the gene *recombination*

defect (rec) in temperature sensitive mutants of *D. melanogaster.* The protein encoded

by the *rec* gene, MCM8, is involved in generating meiotic crossovers and DNA double

strand break (DSB) formation has been shown to be evolutionarily conserved (Grell

1978a, 1984). MCM8 contributes to the stability of DNA strands during DSB and

synaptonemal complex formation, and is transcribed early in developmental stages

(Hunter 2015). In *Drosophila,* these events take place concurrently and affect regulation

of crossovers (Carpenter 1975). The protein complexes common in these processes

show a temporal pattern that can be tracked by developmental stages. Grell's work in *D.*

melanogaster showed that identifiable markers of DNA replication were present in 16-

cell cyst in the adult flies by 6 days, pinpointing the peak plasticity at the same time. To

identify the peak timing of recombination due to temperature stress in *D. melanogaster*,

6 hour transfers were conducted following perturbation (Grell 1973). While the

experimental design in this study is quite different from Grell's work, it is worth noting

that in *D. pseudoobscura*, late replication domains indicated with markers of repressive

histone marks and SUUR protein are present in the early stages of oogenesis,

indicating the pre-meiotic S-phase occurs after day 8 post-mating coinciding with the

observed peak in recombination rate plasticity in this study (Grell 1973; Higgins *et al.*

2012; Andreyenkova *et al.* 2013). In actuality, because females were held for 7 days to

sexually mature, the peak corresponds to 15-16 days post eclosion.

These similarities between species suggests that the physiological processes

influencing recombination rate need to be further explored in a comparative context.

Although there has been a lot of work done in *D. melanogaster*, there are other

Drosophila species that may be more sensitive to environmental perturbations for

studying this important phenomenon. Here, we have examined plasticity in the alpine

species, *D. pseudoobscura*. Additionally, cactophilic (Markow 2019) and mushroom

feeding (Scott Chialvo *et al.* 2019) *Drosophila* represent recent adaptive radiations with

growing potential for ecological genomics. Finally, the *montium* species group has

recently become genome-enabled and is well suited for testing various evolutionary

hypotheses (Bronski *et al.* 2020).

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100 word article summary

Meiotic recombination contributes to genetic variation by creating different allelic

combinations and is often deemed beneficial for eukaryotic organisms. Factors such as

temperature and age induce recombination rate plasticity. Even though plasticity in

Drosophila has been studied extensively, this work has been primarily done in *D.*

melanogaster. Mutant phenotypic markers present rapid and inexpensive options for

studying this phenomenon, yet are subject to viability selection. Here, condition-

dependent viability selection results suggest wild type *D. pseudoobscura* stocks

similarly experience viability selection under stress. Still, SNP genotyping markers

revealed the peak timing of recombination rate plasticity to occur around 9-10 days

post-mating.

Figures

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Figure 1. Physical and genetic location of markers used to measure recombination
frequency in *D. pseudoobscura*. (A) Genetic map of X chromosome with location of
mutant X-linked markers *scalloped* (*sd*), *yellow* (y), *scarlet* (st), and *sepia* (*se*) used to
measure viability and recombination in Experiments 1-4. (B) Physical locations of SNP
genotyping markers along 12.5 Mb scaffold "XL_group1e" located on the left arm of the
X chromosome (XL). This scaffold (shown in reverse orientation) covers 62% of XL (only
half shown here), including the mutant markers *vermillion* (*v*) and *yellow* (*y*).

Figure 2. Crossing scheme for experiments using mutant phenotypes. Females homozygous for mutant markers of two stocks were used to cross to wild-type flies (indicated by plus sign). This F_1 cross was the unit of replication, as indicated by the stacked boxes, and the resulting female progeny experienced the treatments as indicated in Table 1. The ID of these crosses were tracked in the resulting backcrosses. In Experiment 1, the *y-st* mutant stock and the MV2-25 wild-type stock were used (A). For Experiments 2-4, the triple mutant stock *sd-y-se* and the SCI_12.2 wild-type stock were used (B). Virgin F_1 females were collected and stored in a common control temperature prior to the backcrosses. Based on initial screening of male backcross progeny, the marker *ct* was removed from consideration as it gave unreliable results due to incomplete penetrance. Male backcross progeny were screened for recombination analysis (Eq. 2) and female progeny were included for fecundity analysis (Eq. 1).

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Figure 3. Experimental Design. Visual schematic of the experimental design for the series of experiments described. These parameters are also summarized in Table 1. For heat stress, F_1 females experienced a developmental difference in rearing temperatures. For maternal age, females were either 7-days (control) or 35-days (treatment) at mating. For each experiment, mated F_1 females were transferred with varying duration and frequency to partition the eggs laid into separate vials. All progeny from each vial as indicated by the blue boxes were collected for no more than a two-week period of time to avoid overlapping generations of progeny.

Figure 4. Condition-dependent viability results. Each panel features overall viability differences due to condition for each crossover class. Here haplotype bias was calculated by taking the ratio between the two haplotypes in the same CO class. For comparison, ratios were set up to always be below 1. Raw results are presented in Tables 2-3. Here, variability among F_1 replicate crosses are shown. (A) For Experiment 1, due to having only two mutants, the NCO class has the largest difference in number of mutations per haplotype and the SCO class has an equal number of mutants between haplotypes. (B-C) For Experiments 2-3, which used a triple mutant stock, the SCO and DCO classes are both comparisons between one and two mutants. Whereas the NCO classes compare between three mutations and none. (D) Same as panels B-C, but for maternal age instead of heat stress.

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Figure 5. Recombination results for SNP genotyping recombination rate analysis.
Recombination frequencies between control and treatment were compared using a fitted
model using logistic regression. SNP genotyping markers span five intervals that overlap
the *y-st* and *sd-y* intervals (Figure 1). In the overall model (Eq. 2) treatment was significant
for intervals 3 (green) and 4 (orange) (Table S3). Exponentiating the coefficients
generated the odds ratio. Odd ratios were plotted against days post-mating and indicate
the odds of having a crossover in high temperature compared to control. A *post hoc* test
was done to calculate significance for each timepoint between treatment and control with
significance indicated via asterisks* (see Table S5). See Table 1 and Figure 3 for
additional details regarding experimental design.

Figure 6. Recombination rate differences due to heat stress in mutant and SNP genotyping crosses. Each panel shows individual boxplots of the variation in the Kosambi corrected recombination rate among the individual F_1 replicates per treatment. Significance between treatment and control for each time point in each plot are based on *post hoc* means contrasts and indicated by asterisks* (see Tables S5-S6). (A) As in Figure S6A, days 7-9 and 13-15 show significant difference in recombination rate between the control (blue) and high temperature (red) for the interval between *yellow-scarlet* from Experiment 1. (B) Similarly, the results from Figure S6C for the *scalloped-yellow* interval are shown from Experiment 3, where day 9 showed a significant difference in recombination rate. (C-D) Results from the SNP genotyping experiment for interval 3 (m_3-m_4) and interval 4 (m_4-m_5), which both show significant differences in recombination rate between control and high temperature treatment on days 9-10.

Tables

Table 1. Summary of experimental design and results for genotyping experiments to measure the impact of temperature and age on recombination frequency. For each experiment, a different set of temperatures or ages, transfer frequencies and duration as well as sample sizes were used. *Note: Sample size is based only on the number of individuals targeted for recombination frequency. (e.g. only males were phenotyped for Exp 2-4). For fecundity, values are based on all progeny of both sexes for the duration of the experiment but not over the lifetime of each replicate female. For transfer frequency and duration, H denotes hours and D denotes days. ♀P-value from Eq. 1 for Treatment on Fecundity. †P-value from Eq. 2 for Treatment on Recombination Rate. Full anova tables for both analyses and *post hoc* tests are in Tables S2-S7. [a]Crossing scheme matches Figure 2A. [b]Crossing scheme matches Figure 2B. ‡Slashes in columns two through five indicate values split by treatment and control as indicated in the treatments column.

	Treatments‡	Transfer frequency/ duration	# replicate crosses/t reatment	Median # crosses /rep	Sample Size*	Fecundity♀	Recombin ation†
Experiment 1[a]	20°C/25°C	48H/6D; 72H/7-15D	8/9	10/10	5187/4568	0.24	0.05
Experiment 2[b]	21°C/26°C	72H/12D	5/5	5/5	4140/2071	**5.54E-11**	0.76(*sd-y*),0.91(*y-se*)
Experiment 3[b]	21°C/26°C	24H/6-10D	6/6	12/12	3425/2084	**4.49E-04**	0.09(*sd-y*), 0.59(*y-se*)
Experiment 4[b]	7-day/35-day	72H/12D	6/6	8/8	6219/4508	**5.3E-3**	0.93 (*sd-y*) 0.92 (*y-se*)
SNP Genotyping	18°C/23°C	48H/10D	4/4	4/4	677/611	n/a	0.29

Table 2: Haplotype frequencies for Experiments 1-4. Haplotype frequencies for each
crossover class from each experiment using phenotypic mutant markers were analyzed
to investigate possible segregation bias due to potential viability effects of visual
markers for measuring recombination rate. A binomial test was performed to test for
unequal proportions for each crossover class pair (bold values indicate significance;
***p-value<0.001, **p-value<0.01, *p-value<0.05). Bias ratio was calculated as the
minimum divided by the maximum to keep values below 1 for better comparison.
Additional breakdown of haplotypes by time point and treatment are shown in Table 3.
Variation of bias ratio across F_1 replicates and treatment are shown in Figure 4.

Experiment 1							
CO Class	NCO		SCO				
Haplotype	*y-+*	*+-st*	*+-+*	*y-st*			
# offspring	2388	2220	2674	2473			
Bias ratio	0.93		0.92				
Experiment 2							
CO Class	NCO		SCO1		SCO2		DCO
Haplotype	*sd-y-se*	*+-+-+*	*+-y-se*	*sd-+-+*	*sd-y-+*	*+-+-se*	*+-y-+*	*sd-+-se*
# offspring	2191	4177	1585	1026	1842	3305	1238	665
Bias ratio	**0.52****		**0.65****		**0.56****		**0.54****	
Experiment 3							
CO Class	NCO		SCO1		SCO2		DCO
Haplotype	*sd-y-se*	*+-+-+*	*+-y-se*	*sd-+-+*	*sd-y-+*	*+-+-se*	*+-y-+*	*sd-+-se*
# offspring	1697	4197	1309	863	1653	2877	949	450
Bias ratio	**0.40*****		**0.66***		**0.57***		**0.47****	
Experiment 4							
CO Class	NCO		SCO1		SCO2		DCO
Haplotype	*sd-y-se*	*+-+-+*	*+-y-se*	*sd-+-+*	*sd-y-+*	*+-+-se*	*+-y-+*	*sd-+-se*
# offspring	2721	3951	1610	1392	2543	2554	1408	716
Bias Ratio	**0.69***		**0.86***		1.00		**0.51***	

Table 3. Haplotype frequencies for each experiment are provided as in Table 2, but here broken down further by treatment and time point. Binomial test was performed to test for the deviations between paired haplotype groups in the same experimental treatment/time point that should be in equal proportions (bold values indicate significance; ***p-value<0.001, **p-value<0.01, *p-value<0.05). Shown in red are NCO class crossovers where there is a significant excess of mutant progeny as compared to wild type.

Experiment 1							
haplotype	treatment	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-15
y+	20	374	318	206	**138**	**114***	**102**
+st	20	383	354	210	**76**	**78***	45
++	20	441	378	204	**163***	**152**	**163**
yst	20	451	343	238	**90**	**99****	**67****
y+	25	401	372	72	**164**	79	**48****
+st	25	440	428	64	**68**	59	**15****
++	25	414	464	**47***	102	**116***	**30***
yst	25	461	475	**85***	91	**61***	**12***

Experiment 2					
haplotypes	treatment	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12
sdyse	21	**212****	**160****	**145****	**92***
+++	21	**309****	**282****	**36****	**123***
+yse	21	**149****	116	**142****	76
sd++	21	**96****	94	**68****	66
sdy+	21	185	**154***	**119****	**95****
++se	21	217	**196***	**204****	**159****
+y+	21	**129****	92	**88***	**75***
sd+se	21	**79****	74	**61***	**47***
sdyse	26	**119****	93	**58****	43
+++	26	**174****	117	**24****	49
+yse	26	73	65	53	37
sd++	26	73	47	50	24
sdy+	26	96	75	**66****	**39****
++se	26	117	94	**102****	**73****

| +y+ | 26 | 60 | **48**** | 47 | 29 |
| sd+se | 26 | 48 | **24**** | 33 | 21 |

Experiment 3

haplotype	treatment	6	7	8	9	10
sdyse	21	**125*****	**46****	**84***	105	**86***
+++	21	**234*****	**106****	**190***	102	**142***
+yse	21	**109*****	**51****	74	64	54
sd++	21	**67*****	**20****	63	53	63
sdy+	21	143	**61***	**90***	100	98
++se	21	179	**93***	**129***	117	118
+y+	21	**71****	**50****	**74***	55	48
sd+se	21	**38****	**14****	**45***	34	30
sdyse	26	**78*****	**32****	**64***	41	98
+++	26	**126*****	**75****	**90***	32	128
+yse	26	37	**35***	**62****	35	48
sd++	26	32	**18***	**28****	37	50
sdy+	26	**52***	**31***	51	**39***	78
++se	26	**98***	**65***	67	**64***	83
+y+	26	34	**31****	45	29	**52****
sd+se	26	30	**9****	35	19	**26****

Experiment 4

Haplotypes	Treatment	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12
sdyse	7-day	**427***	**297***	**215***	89
+++	7-day	**543***	**366***	**171***	110
+yse	7-day	**217****	188	131	73
sd++	7-day	**283****	169	111	62
sdy+	7-day	**408****	293	171	82
++se	7-day	**330****	251	201	91
+y+	7-day	**219***	**187****	**123****	55
sd+se	7-day	**163***	**74****	**78****	41
sdyse	35-day	**199****	**231***	128	**101***
+++	35-day	**332****	**314***	165	**142***
+yse	35-day	141	140	71	**97***
sd++	35-day	136	143	81	**63***
sdy+	35-day	183	221	123	**108***
++se	35-day	197	198	140	**152***
+y+	35-day	**155***	**138****	70	**77****
sd+se	35-day	**116***	**58****	52	**36****

Table 4. Male and female count data from mutant marker Experiments 2-4. Below, the number of male and female progeny per treatment and time period are shown. For Experiment 1, backcross was done to mutant stock (Figure 2A), so those results are split further by CO type in Table S10. However, for the other three experimental crosses, the backcross stock was wild type. Therefore, female progeny were never homozygous for the X-linked recessive markers and thus have no CO type information. Similar to the haplotype skew analysis in Tables 2-3, a binomial test was used to test for a significant deviation from 50:50 ratio (indicated in bold). Shown in red is the only case of a significant male bias in progeny.

Experiment 2									
	1-3		4-6		7-9		10-12		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
21	**1376*****	**1605*****	**1168*****	**1567*****	**863*****	**1101*****	**733*****	**887*****	
26	760	793	**563*****	**725*****	433	458	**315*****	**455*****	
Experiment 3									
	6		7		8		9		10
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
21	966	1048	441	397	**749***	**837***	**630*****	**785*****	**639*****	**785*****
26	**487*****	**667*****	**296***	**243***	442	472	**296*****	**384*****	563	628
Experiment 4									
	1-3		4-6		7-9		10-12		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
7-day	2590	2614	**1825*****	**2121*****	**1201*****	**1882*****	603	673	
35-day	1459	1535	**1443*****	**2094*****	**830*****	**1111*****	776	802	