Evolution of genes involved in the unusual genitals of the bear macaque, *Macaca arctoides*

Abstract

Genital divergence is thought to contribute to reproductive barriers by establishing a "lock-

and-key" mechanism for reproductive compatibility. One such example, *Macaca arctoides*, the bear

macaque, has compensatory changes in both male and female genital morphology as compared to

close relatives. *Macaca arctoides* also has a complex evolutionary history, having extensive

introgression between the *fascicularis* and *sinica* macaque species groups. Here, phylogenetic

relationships were analyzed via whole genome sequences from five species, including *M. arctoides*,

and two species each from the putative parental species groups. This analysis revealed ~3x more

genomic regions supported placement in the *sinica* species group as compared to the *fascicularis*

species group. Additionally, introgression analysis of the *M. arctoides* genome revealed it is a mosaic

of recent polymorphisms shared with both species groups. To examine the evolution of their unique

genital morphology further, the prevalence of candidate genes involved in genital morphology were

compared against genome-wide outliers in various population genetic metrics, while accounting for

background variation in recombination rate. This analysis identified 66 outlier genes, including

several genes that influence baculum morphology in mice, which were of interest since the bear

macaque has the longest primate baculum. The mean of several metrics was statistically different in

the candidate genes as compared to the rest of the genome, suggesting that genes involved in

genital morphology have increased divergence and decreased diversity beyond expectations. These

results highlight how extensive introgression may have contributed to reproductive isolation and

shaped the unique genital morphology in the bear macaque.

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Introduction

In species with internal fertilization, genital morphology may have complex and rapid evolution. This has been extensively demonstrated in males (Eberhard, 1993; Klaczko *et al.*, 2015; Langerhans *et al.*, 2016) and females (Greenway *et al.*, 2019; Simmons & Fitzpatrick, 2019; Sloan & Simmons, 2019). There have been multiple proposed explanations for this including: (1) species isolation via a "lock-and-key" mechanism, (2) sexual conflict, and (3) cryptic female choice (Eberhard, 1985; Sloan & Simmons, 2019). The first explanation suggests that male and female genitalia uniquely coevolve to prevent heterospecific mating. It has historically been dismissed as a general explanation for genital evolution but acknowledged to play a role in particular cases (Eberhard, 1985, 2010). One reason for this dismissal is a presumed lack of variability in female genitalia between species, which suggests the "lock" (female genitalia) is rarely a unique match for the "key" (male genitalia) (Eberhard, 1985; Sloan & Simmons, 2019). However, studies in beetles (Sota & Kubota, 1998), flies (Kamimura & Mitsumoto, 2012), and damselflies (Barnard *et al.*, 2017) have demonstrated reproductive incompatibility between closely related species caused by mechanical mismatch in heterospecific crosses, suggestive of a "lock-and-key" mechanism (Sloan and Simmons, 2019). Sexual conflict may entail either conflict between males trying to obtain mates or conflict between males and females in levels of investment in offspring (Eberhard, 1985). Cryptic female choice happens when male reproductive output may be affected by the female after copulation (Eberhard, 1985, 1996). These processes both involve competition that may also result in species-specific genitalia. For example, a prediction of cryptic female choice is that female genitalia may evolve more rapidly than male genitalia. This can result in compensatory coevolution of male genitalia that causes reproductive isolation between species (Langerhans *et al.*, 2016; Greenway *et al.*, 2019; Sloan & Simmons, 2019). In support of this it has been found that male and female genitalia coevolve in internal fertilizing poecilid fishes (Greenway *et al.*, 2019) and in dung beetles female genitalia diverge more quickly than male genitalia (Simmons & Fitzpatrick, 2019).

Additionally, it has been found that females in populations of dung flies exhibiting sexual conflict

have greater preference for conspecific males than females in monogamous populations (Martin &

Hosken, 2003).

The bear macaque, *Macaca arctoides*, is unique amongst macaques (and primates generally)

for its genital morphology, with distinctive genital characteristics in both sexes (Figure 1). In males,

it has the longest baculum of all primates (4-6 cm; Fooden, 1990), even when corrected for body

weight (Dixson, 1987; Fooden, 1990). In addition to its elongation, the urethral opening is located

on the ventral side of the penis, altering the overall morphology relative to other macaque species

(Fooden, 1990). In females, *M. arctoides* female genitalia appear uniquely coadapted to their male

counterparts in both length and morphology (Fooden, 1967). Given these compensatory changes, it

has been hypothesized that genital evolution in this species followed a "lock-and-key" mechanism,

which is likely to be rare amongst primates (Dixson, 1998).

Beyond genital morphology, the mating behavior of the bear macaque has been highlighted

in the literature as being atypical amongst macaques. In most other macaques, males and females

mount multiply, but perhaps due to the altered male genital morphology, bear macaques engage in

a single-mount ejaculatory mating strategy with a prolonged sitting where the males deposit an

ejaculatory plug in females (Fooden, 1990). However, most studies have excluded species from the

sinica species group, except *M. arctoides* (Dixson, 1987; Dixson & Anderson, 2004). In studies

looking at *M. radiata,* another member of the *sinica* species group, they also favor a single mount

mating style differing from *M. fascicularis* and *M. mulatta* (Shively *et al.*, 1982). Similarly, to

M. arctoides, M. radiata also exhibits a post-ejaculatory sit. Since both species have larger bacula

than species in the *fascicularis* group, the hypothesis that increased baculum aide in prolonged

intromission is supported. Therefore, the novelty of mating behavior in the bear macaque may be

based on studies that did not include the behavior of representatives from its closest relatives.

Additional distinguishing characteristics not related to genital morphology include whitish

pelage in newborns, and a bald forehead and cheeks (the latter evident in Figure 2A) (Fooden,

1990). Further, the evolutionary history of this species has been noted as extremely complex with

early molecular work revealing phylogenetic incongruence between mitochondrial and Y-

chromosomal genealogies for *M. arctoides* (Tosi *et al.*, 2000, 2003). Mitochondrial markers place

M. arctoides as sister to the *fascicularis* species group (includes *M. cyclopis*, *M. fascicularis*,

M. fuscata, and *M. mulatta*), whereas autosomal markers place it as sister to the *sinica* species group

(includes *M. assamensis*, *M. radiata*, *M. sinica*, and *M. thibetana*) (Li *et al.*, 2009b; Jiang *et al.*, 2016; Li

et al., 2018; Fan *et al.*, 2018). Similarly, both morphological and Y-chromosomal trees support

placement in the *sinica* group (Tosi *et al.*, 2000; Jiang *et al.*, 2016; Fan *et al.*, 2018) (see Table S1 in

Fan *et al.*, 2018 for review). This phylogenetic incongruence was hypothesized to be consistent with

ancient hybridization between the ancestor of the *fascicularis* species group and a *sinica* species

group member (an ancestor of either *M. assamensis* or *M. thibetana*) contributing to hybrid

speciation of *M. arctoides* (Tosi *et al.*, 2003).

In contrast to allopolyploid speciation, homoploid hybrid speciation (HHS) conserves

chromosome number and is postulated to occur with similar frequencies in plants and animals

(Mallet, 2007; Mavárez & Linares, 2008). Though expected to be a rare speciation mechanism

relative to bifurcating speciation, diverse taxa such as birds (*Passer italiae*; (Elgvin *et al.*, 2017)),

sunflowers (Helianthus anomalus; (Rieseberg, 2003)) and yeast (*Saccharomyces paradoxus*;

(Leducq *et al.*, 2016)) are thought to have evolved via HHS. Recent analysis of macaque genomes

support introgression between *M. arctoides* and members of the *fascicularis* and *sinica* species

groups (Fan *et al.*, 2018), both of whom it overlaps with geographically (Figure 2B). These species

groups are estimated to have split ~3 million years ago. Recent mitochondrial phylogenetics have

shown that *M. arctoides* is more closely related to *M. mulatta* as compared to *M. fascicularis* (Fan *et*

al., 2018; Roos *et al.*, 2019), indicating introgression may have occurred after the split of these two

species, which is estimated to be 1.68 mya (Stevison & Kohn, 2009; Jiang *et al.*, 2016; Fan *et al.*,

2018). This timing overlaps glacial periods of the Pleistocene which is associated with reduced

expanse of Southeast Asian forests into multiple refugia. Ecological isolation is a common feature to

other scenarios of HHS (Gompert *et al.*, 2006). In the case of *M. arctoides*, isolation is hypothesized

to have contributed to the extensive interspecific hybridization forcing interbreeding of species that

otherwise might have had alternative options for mating (Tosi *et al.*, 2003). Available evidence

suggests that this interbreeding subsided ~1.5 mya (Fooden, 1990; Tosi *et al.*, 2003). This

hypothesized hybrid origin is diagrammed in Figure S1A, with a range of possible split times

indicated by the thick purple line. Regardless of whether the bear macaque is indeed a hybrid

species, the evidence for historical hybridization suggests that the dramatic, derived genital

morphology may have been influenced by, or evolved despite extensive genetic exchange with

other macaque species (Tosi *et al.*, 2000, 2003).

Here, we investigated the potential role of hybridization in shaping the unusual genital

morphology of *M. arctoides*. We hypothesized that if the unique genital morphology contributes to

reproductive isolation, then genes involved in genital morphology would show extreme population

genetic signatures for *M. arctoides*. To test this hypothesis, we compiled a list of 2,284 candidate

genes associated with genital morphology in other organisms, with a specific focus on mammals.

We used an existing recombination rate map for *M. mulatta* to identify outliers in several

population genetic metrics, such as introgression, nucleotide diversity, and divergence.

Phylogenomic and population genetic approaches were used on several extant macaque species

(*M. arctoides;* the *sinica* group species *M. thibetana* and *M. assamensis*; and the *fascicularis* group

species *M. fascicularis* and *M. mulatta*). We found 66 of the candidate genes were significant genome

outliers in at least one of seven population genetic metrics. Further, the mean across 4/7

population genetic metrics was significantly different in the candidate genes as compared to all

other genes in the genome. Interestingly, three dN/dS outliers were associated with putative

baculum morphology in mice. Overall, our results suggest that genital evolution in the bear

macaque has been extensive and involved a large number of genes associated with various

phenotypic changes in both males and females.

<div align="center">**Methods**</div>

Samples and Genome Sequencing

One female each from *M. arctoides* (Malaya) and *M. assamensis* (A20) were sequenced. The

M. arctoides sample was from the Malaka Zoo in Malaysia (previously described in Tosi *et al.*, 2000).

Due to their now vulnerable conservation status, and restricted international trade, availability of

these species is severely restricted, severely limiting sample sizes (see Discussion). These two

samples were multiplexed and sequenced on one lane of sequencing for initial quality assessment.

They were then subsequently run on one additional lane of sequencing each for a final 1.5 lanes per

sample. Sequencing was done at UCSF Medical Center Sequencing Facility on an Illumina HiSeq

2000 machine. Each run was assigned as different read groups to be treated as independent in the

variant calling workflow. The raw read data have been deposited in the NCBI sequence read archive

and are available via the accession PRJNA622565 (see Table 1).

Publicly available sequences

Raw FASTQ files were downloaded from 8 public genome samples for this project (Table 1).

Genome samples were selected to be representative of the taxa relevant for *M. arctoides* evolution.

For the *fascicularis* group, many more public sequences were available than used here, however we

selected two sequencing projects and included all samples from both projects, including those with

lower coverage (<10X, see Table 1). This sample size was chosen to allow for equal representation

across the various species groups. Additional sample details can be found in the corresponding

publications (Yan *et al.*, 2011; Fan *et al.*, 2014, 2018). These were downloaded from NCBI SRA using

sratoolkit version 2.8.1 with options to split data into read pairs and in the original format

(*ncbi/sra-tools*, 2008). Because *M. thibetana* was sequenced on an older platform, we used seqtk (Li,

2019) to convert from Q64 to Q33. Additionally, SRA files from multiple lanes as indicated in the

FASTQ header were split for independent alignment to the reference genome facilitating the

definition of separate read groups to be treated as independent in the variant calling workflow.

Alignment, genome analysis, and variant calling

Raw FASTQ files from all samples were aligned to the reference genome rheMac8 (NCBI

Accession: PRJNA214746). The masked reference genome was downloaded from UCSC. The

reference genome for rheMac8 includes 20 autosomes, a pair of sex chromosomes, a mitochondrial

genome, and 284,705 unnamed scaffolds of varying length. The total length of all scaffolds is 3.2Gb.

The total length of all named chromosomes is 2.8 Gb. GATK best practices were followed to obtain

high quality variant sites (see Supplementary Methods and Tables S1-S2). Briefly, reads were

aligned to the reference genome, duplicates were marked, indels were realigned, base quality

scores were recalibrated, variants were called, and variant quality scores were recalibrated.

Samples from each species were processed independently and merged into a final callset (see Data

Availability). The baboon reference genome was added to the variant files via two-way genome

alignment and custom scripts that are available via GitHub. These final filtered files for each

chromosome with the baboon information are freely available and were used for all subsequent

analyses. A more detailed workflow is described in both the supplement as well as the GitHub page

for the project, which includes command prompts and custom scripts (see Data Availability).

Four-taxon test for introgression

To analyze patterns of introgression in sliding windows, a modified four-taxon test was

used (Figure S2). Rather than separately analyzing gene flow between *M. arctoides* and each

parental species group, as has been done previously (Fan *et al.*, 2018), we relied on the modified

statistic f_{dM} (Malinsky *et al.*, 2015), which is suggested to perform better than other related statistics

based on simulation results (Martin *et al.*, 2015). Specifically, hybridization between the three

samples of *M. arctoides* (P3) was tested with samples from the *sinica* species group (P1) and the

fascicularis species group (P2), using the baboon reference genome as an outgroup (papAnu4; see

Supplement for details). Our approach differed from the typical way these tests are setup where

one may only be interested in shared ancestry between two pairs of taxa, (P1:P3 and P2:P3), and

the P1 and P2 taxa are more closely related to each other than either are to P3 (see Figure 2 in

Kulathinal *et al.*, 2009). However, this modification allowed for the quantification of shared

ancestry from both putative parents together. It is worth noting that previous work had similar

results when using the more traditional four taxon test setup for these taxa (Fan *et al.*, 2018).

Calculations of f_{dM} were done using scripts available on GitHub (Martin, 2019) and using

several differently sized genomic windows. f_{dM} was computed for overlapping windows of size 5kb,

25kb, 50kb, 100kb, 500kb and 1000kb, with a step size of 20% of each window size. The minimum

number of sites per window size was based on the distribution of sites available in the callset at

each bin size. Specifically, a minimum number of sites of 10, 50, 100, 200, 1000, and 2000,

respectively, per window size were used. Because it is recommended to have at least 100 sites per

window (Martin, 2019), the 50kb window size was selected and the results are presented in Figure

2 as a heatmap across the genome. Results from the additional bin sizes are shown in Figure S3.

This analysis was repeated with individual taxa from each species group (Table S3).

Topology weighting

To analyze the weights of different phylogenetic topologies across the genome, the software

Twisst was used to compare the weights of different species topologies throughout the genome

(Martin & Belleghem, 2017; Martin *et al.*, 2019). First, data used for the introgression analysis were

pruned to make sure that each group had at least one member represented in the genotype data.

Next, neighbor joining trees were constructed in sliding windows of 50 SNPs each across the

genome using Phyml from scripts available on GitHub (Martin, 2019). This generated newick

formatted tree files that were used as input for Twisst. The resulting weight distributions among

the three possible topologies were summed across the genome (Figure 2D).

The topology weighted outputs were further explored by collapsing adjacent intervals with

the same majority topology supported. Since there were three possible topologies, the majority

topology was defined as any one topology that had at least two-thirds of the total weight values.

Any intervals without a majority topology were labeled as "unresolved". If adjacent intervals

supported the same majority topology, they were collapsed. The data were subsequently split into

the three major topologies. These were intersected with gene regions from the Ensembl

annotations for rheMac8 downloaded from UCSC.

Bootstrap confidence intervals for topo1, topo2, topo3, and unresolved proportions were

computed by resampling 2,792 1 Mbp intervals along the genome (149 when considering only

chromosome X) for each of 10,000 replicates and taking the 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles.

Divergence Analysis

Based on the three possible topologies, nucleotide divergence was calculated as D_{xy} using

scripts available on GitHub (Martin, 2019). First, stringency in defining the majority topology was

increased to require 100% of the weights be on only one of the three topologies. Next, divergence

was calculated between M. *arctoides and members of the fascicularis species group (M.*

fascicularis and M. mulatta) for regions with regions with topo3 ((arc,fas),sin). *As well, divergence*

was calculated between M. arctoides and members of the sinica species group (M. assamensis

and M. thibetana) for genomic regions with topo2 (fas,(arc,sin)). For the regions with topo1

(arc,(fas,sin)), the relative divergences were unchanged when divergence was calculated between

M. arctoides and members of the *sinica* species group as compared to divergence calculated

between *M. arctoides* and members of the *fascicularis* species group, therefore only the latter is

reported.

Candidate Gene Selection

A major criterion of homoploid hybrid speciation is evidence that RI evolved as a by-

product of hybridization (Schumer *et al.*, 2014). This coupled with the unique genital morphology of

both males and females in the bear macaque (Figure 1) led us to focus our study on candidate genes

that have been identified in other studies to be associated with genital morphology. We conducted a

literature search for terms associated with genital morphology such as "disorder of sex

development", "DSD", "baubellum", and "baculum", the latter two terms included due to the

extremely large baculum of the bear macaque, and the female equivalent structure. We filtered to

remove genes that solely associated with either fertility or adult hormonal disorders/shifts as these

conditions are unlikely to affect the development of genitalia. Included in our initial list of 141

genes (Table S4) were genes associated with gonad dysgenesis (Bamshad *et al.*, 1997; Ekici *et al.*,

2013; Witchel, 2018; Lavi *et al.*, 2020), female masculinization (Wang *et al.*, 2020), genital tubercle

formation (Haraguchi *et al.*, 2000), baculum morphology (Schultz *et al.*, 2016a), hypogonadism

(Délot *et al.*, 2017), gonad differentiation (Witchel, 2018), gonad development (Witchel, 2018), sex

determination (Délot *et al.*, 2017), and sex differentiation (Délot *et al.*, 2017).

In addition to our literature search, we used the Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO)

(Robinson *et al.*, 2008) database to target search terms associated with genital abnormalities,

specifically targeting those that would likely be developmental. We therefore targeted the HPO

category "Abnormal Reproductive System Morphology", but removing categories that were

unrelated, such as "Genital Ulcers". A list of the HPO terms can be found in Table 2. In total, this

added 1230 genes to our 141 set of literature candidate genes. It is worth noting that 88 genes

overlapped between these lists, with the remainder being unique to our literature search.

Additionally, because certain phenotypes are lacking in humans, such as the baculum, we

did a similar search of the Mammalian Phenotype (MP) Browser

(http://www.informatics.jax.org/vocab/mp_ontology) available through the Mouse Genome

Database. We used largely overlapping search terms to the HPO terms, totaling a set of 1554 genes.

As expected, there were several genes that overlapped across each set, but also many genes unique

to each query. In sum, our final candidate gene list comprised of 2,284 genes from the literature, as

well as the HPO and MP databases that had orthologs in the rheMac8 reference genome (Table 2).

Of these 2,284 genes, only a subset was used in the calculations of each population genetic metric

based on constraints of these subsequent analyses. The major limiting factor was the data for

recombination rate, which was used to identify genomic outliers. The total number of genes

analyzed for each statistic is reported in Table S6 and summarized in Table 2. For most statistics,

1,055 candidate genes were included in the population genetic analysis for outliers.

Outlier Analysis

With the candidate gene list, we sought to identify if any genes on our list had extreme

values for diversity, differentiation, or introgression within the bear macaque. To do this, we took a

gene centered approach. Instead of the pre-defined windows used earlier, we used the Ensembl

Gene Annotations for rheMac8 to define window coordinates. First, the smallest region containing

all transcripts from the annotation file was computed. Then, 5kb upstream and downstream was

added to include potential regulatory regions for each gene. These windows were used to re-

calculate f_{dM}, and to calculate nucleotide diversity, pi. We also chose to look at two metrics for

nucleotide divergence – F_{ST} and D_{XY} – calculated to compare _M. arctoides_ to members of the both the

fascicularis and _sinica_ species groups separately. All metrics were calculated using scripts available

on GitHub (Martin, 2019). Finally, we estimated dN/dS for each gene. This methodology was

previously described in (Bailey & Stevison, 2021). Briefly, we used the three possible gene tree

topologies to estimate a branch specific dN/dS for the *M. arctoides* branch for every gene in the

genome. Estimates where dS was 0 and dN/dS was greater than 10 were excluded as these genes

had insufficient divergence to obtain valid estimates (Villaneuva-Canas et al. 2013). Then, the

topology weights for each gene window from our Twisst analysis were used to weight the dN/dS

estimates for each gene across the three gene trees.

To further identify extreme values of each metric, we took into consideration that many of

these statistics have been shown to be correlated with recombination rate, which can impede the

detection of outliers, specifically enriching for outliers in regions of low recombination rate

(Stevison & McGaugh, 2020). Therefore, we also computed an average recombination rate for each

gene. For this, we download the UCSC track for recombination rate associated with rheMac8

(ftp://ftp.hgsc.bcm.edu/ucscHub/rhesusSNVs/rheMac8/all.rate.bw) (Xue *et al.*, 2016) and

converted it from bigwig to bedGraph format using UCSC utilities. Bedtools (Quinlan & Hall, 2010)

was then used to calculate the average recombination rate (cM/Mb) in each gene interval.

Finally, the Cook's distance (*cooksd*) (Cook & Weisberg, 1982) was calculated from a linear

regression between each statistic and recombination rate per gene. Cook's distance provides a

measure of the leverage and residual values of a particular data point, which indicates how much it

influences the overall regression. Thus, it reveals how much the regression changes when that

observation is removed, making it useful for identifying outliers in a regression analysis. Here,

extreme values were determined based on genes that were 3*mean(*cooksd*) above or below the

fitted value in the regression model, depending on the particular statistic. The resulting outlier

genes were genes where the statistic being evaluated (e.g. F_{ST}, D_{XY}) was much higher/lower than

expected when considering the relationship between the statistic and recombination rate. For f_{dM},

because it is a two-tailed distribution, outliers from both the upper and lower end of the

distribution were computed. For dN/dS, we did not find a statistically significant relationship with

recombination rate, consistent with prior findings in humans (Coop & Przeworski, 2007).

Therefore, we used a 5% cutoff for extreme values of this statistic instead of the Cook's distance

approach. This percentage produced fewer genome-wide outliers than the average of all other

metrics, suggesting it as an appropriate cutoff (Table S6).

Genes identified as genome-wide outliers were then compared against our set of *a priori*

candidate genes to identify outliers that were putatively involved in genital morphology. A chi-

square test was conducted to determine if the number of outliers that were in our candidate gene

set were more than expected due to random chance. A summary of the regression results and chi-

square tests can be found in Table S6, and the resulting **66** outlier genes that overlapped our

candidate gene set can be found in Table S7. BCFtools (version 1.11) (Li *et al.*, 2009a) view was

used to extract VCFs for the 66 outlier genes and these 66 VCFs were combined and annotated

using SnpEff (version 4.3p) (Cingolani *et al.*, 2012) to examine the putative impacts of variants

identified within this system. The Mmul_8.0.1.86 annotation was downloaded through SnpEff to

conduct this analysis as this corresponds to the reference genome used for samples in this study.

These annotations include exons, introns, UTRs and regions 5kb upstream and downstream of start

and end sites for genes to account for possible regulatory factors. These annotations are provided

in tabular format in Table S7.

Permutation Analyses

Permutation tests were used to identify differences in various summary statistics (F_{ST}, D_{XY},

f_{dM}, dN/dS, and pi) between candidate genital genes and all other genes. For calculations of pi this

was a one-tailed test where genital genes were expected to have reduced pi in *M. arctoide*s

compared to other genes. For calculations of dN/dS this was a one-tailed test where genital genes

were expected to have increased dN/dS in *M. arctoides* compared to other genes. All other

comparisons (F_{ST}, D_{XY}, and f_{dM}) were two-tailed tests. In all of these tests the test statistic used was

the difference of the mean summary statistic for the candidate genital genes and the mean for the

same summary statistic for all other genes. These analyses were conducted using modified perl

scripts from Evans et al. (2021) and the results are reported in Table S6.

In addition to this, we conducted permutation analyses on genes categorized as being

involved in either male or female genital development or abnormalities according to the HPO and

MP databases. Specifically, the categories used were HP:0010461, HP:0010460, MP:0009198 and

MP:0009208 (see Table S5). This was done to examine the possibility of male and female genital

morphology evolving at different rates (see Introduction). These analyses parallel the above in

examining the same summary statistics, though all tests were two-tailed as there was not a specific

expectation for the direction of evolution.

324   **Results**

Genomic analysis of five macaque species revealed a mosaic of evolutionary ancestry with

respect to two major species groups. These analyses used newly sequenced whole genome samples

from *M. arctoides* (20X coverage) and *M. assamensis* (13X), and 8 publicly available genomes

ranging in coverage from 4-49X (median 32X; Table 1). Most variable positions were heterozygous

in only one species (Figure 2C). For shared variants, *M. arctoides* shares the most variants with the

sinica species group, *M. assamensis* and *M. thibetana*, consistent with taxonomic placement in this

species group (Fooden, 1980). However, the two-way intersection between *M. arctoides* and *M.*

thibetana had the fewest shared heterozygous sites, which is likely due to the low overall

heterozygosity in the *M. thibetana* sample (Figure 2C; Table 1). *M. assamensis* had the largest

number of heterozygous sites (~4.7 million; Table 1; Figure 2C).

Extensive Mosaicism of the M. arctoides Genome

The four-taxon test (Kulathinal *et al.*, 2009; Green *et al.*, 2010; Martin *et al.*, 2015) results

which used all three *M. arctoides* samples, supported that the *M. arctoides* genome has a mosaic of

shared ancestry with both the *sinica* and *fascicularis* species groups (Figure 3), which is consistent

with extensive introgression from both species groups, though some of these windows with shared

ancestry could also be due to incomplete lineage sorting between these taxa (Stevison & Kohn,

2009) (See Supplementary Materials). The genome-wide average f_{dM} (Malinsky *et al.*, 2015; Martin,

2019) value was -0.113, ranging from -0.69 (with negative values supporting shared ancestry with

the *sinica* group) and 0.55 (with positive values supporting shared ancestry with the *fascicularis*

group) in 50kb sliding windows. This sliding window analysis was repeated with several window

sizes (Figure S3), and all had a similar genome-wide mean f_{dM}. In a previous study, estimates of

Patterson's *D* (Green *et al.*, 2010) were similar to the f_{dM} estimates here (see Table S8 in (Fan *et al.*,

2018)).

Phylogenetic relationships among the species groups were evaluated via the software

Twisst (Martin & Belleghem, 2017) (topology weighting by iterative sampling of subtrees). This

method quantifies phylogenetic relationships across the genome and returns weights in sliding

windows (Figure 2D). The topology weights were used to define a "majority topology" as having

two-thirds or more of the sum of weights in any region. Windows that did not meet this criterion

were re-classified as "unresolved". This analysis showed the proportion of the genome that

supported "topo2" (fas,(arc,sin)), which groups *M. arctoides* with the *sinica* group, as 52.64% (95%

bootstrap CI [52.02%, 53.28%]). However, a significant portion, 15.70% (95% bootstrap CI

[15.40%, 16.01%]), of the genome supported "topo3" ((arc,fas),sin), which groups *M. arctoides* with

the *fascicularis* species group. Interestingly, 11.07% (95% bootstrap CI [10.84%, 11.31%]) of the

genome supported *M. arctoides* clustering in a group by itself outside of the *sinica* and *fascicularis*

groups ("topo1"; (arc,(fas,sin))). The remaining 20.59% (95% bootstrap CI [20.18%, 21.01%]) of

the genome was categorized as unresolved because none of the three topologies had >2/3^{rds} weight.

That the 95% confidence intervals of topo3 do not overlap with those of topo1 is consistent with

the putative hybrid origin of *M. arctoides*, as opposed to topo1 and topo3 both stemming from

ancestral polymorphism.

However, a subsequent investigation of nucleotide divergence of these genomic regions

revealed that D_{XY} between sister taxa in regions supporting topo2 (fas,(arc,sin)) were significantly

lower than regions supporting topo3 ((arc,fas),sin) (Figure S5). This result is consistent with either

M. arctoides being sister to the *fascicularis* group with subsequent hybridization with the *sinica*

species group (Figure S1B), or that *M. arctoides* split from macaques prior to the split of the *sinica*

and *fascicularis* species groups with subsequent hybridization from each group at different times

(Figure S1C). This latter scenario is consistent with the deepest nucleotide divergence being in

regions supporting topo1 (arc(sin,fas)). However, it is worth pointing out that this analysis does not

include additional members of the *sinica* species group (e.g. *M. sinica* and *M. radiata*) that would be

crucial to resolving this complex evolutionary history (see Supplementary Materials).

Investigation of outlier genes associated with genital morphology

Our gene centered approach led to the calculation of seven major population genetic

statistics across all genes in the rheMac8 annotation. In total, our analysis focused primarily on

10,543 genes for which we were able to get reliable estimates for each metric, including

recombination rate (Table S6). However, for the dN/dS calculations, this baseline number of genes

was far fewer with only 1903 due to the limitation of our approach (see Methods). Of the 2,284

genes that were included on our candidate gene list (Table 2 and S4) and also had orthologs in

rheMac8, only 1,055 were included in our most analyses (Table 2 and S6). Of the genome-wide

outliers across these metrics, 66 of these 1,055 genes were statistically elevated as potential

outliers for further investigation (Table S7).

A chi-square test was used to compare the proportion of outlier candidate genes (OCGs)

against those analyzed to the expected number of outliers based on the remainder of the genes in

the genome (Table S6). This analysis revealed that there were no more outliers than expected by

chance, suggesting that the 66 outliers is not more than would be expected of any other set of

candidate genes. However, a permutation test was used to compare the difference between means

across the seven population genetic metrics found that for four metrics, the mean of the candidate

genes was significantly different than expected based on the value across the remainder of the

genes in the genome (Figure 4). These metrics showed that the nucleotide diversity, pi, across the

candidate genes was significantly lower than expected (Figure 4A). Additionally, both measures of

F_{ST} between *M. arctoides* and the two species groups revealed higher than expected nucleotide

divergence (Figure 4C-D). Similarly, D_{XY} between *M. arctoides* and the *fascicularis* species group was

much higher than expected based on 100 permutations of a similar number of genes that were not

part of the candidate gene set.

An investigation into the 66 genes found that three genes were OCGs across four statistics

(CEP19, GATA3, and PTPN23). Three more genes were OCGs across three statistics (AIRE, CSPP1,

and SNAI2). Finally, 11 genes were OCGs across two of the seven statistics (CAMKV, DND1, HMGA1,

HSPA4, KDM3B, PIK3CA, PSMB8, SIN3A, TDRKH, TMED10, and ZCWPW1). It is worth noting that

although the genes on the HPO and MP database lists were under the specific search terms, each of

these genes were associated with many unrelated phenotypes, thus it is difficult to interpret their

overall significance in this analysis. For OCGs from the HPO database, each gene had an average of

70 phenotypic terms with a range from 4 to 302. For the OCGs in the mammalian phenotype

database, the average number of phenotypic terms was smaller at 22.6, and the range was from 1 to

96. This suggests the mammalian database may be slightly better curated to avoid genes that are

overly pleiotropic. Interestingly, of these 17 OCGs that were outliers across more than one statistic,

only two have putative high impact variants (CEP19 and CSPP1), with the latter also having 15

missense mutations of putative moderate impact. CSPP1 is associated with 151 HPO terms, being

presumably involved in a lot of different phenotypes (Table S7).

Despite the uncertainty of hits in the larger databases, seven of the OCGs were on the

original literature survey for candidate genes (Table 2 and S4), which were more carefully selected

based on their role in genital morphology. Of these, GATA3 was an outlier across multiple statistics,

which was initially included due to its known associated with urogenital anomalies (Délot *et al.*,

2017), with over 20 years of research on this gene (Lemos & Thakker, 2020), including knockout

studies (Grote *et al.*, 2008). Another of these seven is HFE, which is associated with hereditary

hemochromatosis (HH) and subsequent hypogonadism (Délot *et al.*, 2017) due to decreased iron

circulation (Bezwoda *et al.*, 1977; McDermott & Walsh, 2005), with symptoms such as decreased

libido and testicular atrophy in humans (Kelly *et al.*, 1984). In our SNP effect analysis, GATA3 had 1

predicted moderate impact variant and 8 low impact variants (Table S7).

Additionally, two of the seven OCGs from the literature survey gene list were CYP proteins

(CYP17A1 and CYP21A2). Both CYP17A1 and CYP21A2 are associated with congenital adrenal

hyperplasia (CAH aka 17OHD), a disorder which leads to abnormal sexual development (Délot *et al.*,

2017), with CYP21A2 mutations being the most common cause of CAH (Koppens *et al.*, 1992).

CYP21A2 mutations in humans have been associated with simple virilization, in which female

genitalia are masculinized during development (Koppens *et al.*, 1992). Several cohort studies have

found genotype-to-phenotype associations linking CYP21A2 mutations to a variety of CAH

phenotypes (Torres *et al.*, 2003; Soardi *et al.*, 2008; de Carvalho *et al.*, 2016). Additionally, protein

structure analysis has been done to examine the impact of specific mutants on a form of CAH known

as salt-water wasting disease, which if left undiagnosed leads to low sodium levels and death

(Haider *et al.*, 2013). CYP17A1 is heavily involved in steroidogenesis, with deletion mutations

leading to hormone production inhibition and sex development abnormalities (Keskin *et al.*, 2015;

Turkkahraman *et al.*, 2015; Zhang *et al.*, 2015; Papi *et al.*, 2018; Xia *et al.*, 2021). Recent genome

studies of 17OHD patients revealed 46,XY karyotype in physically presenting females which co-

occur with multiple mutations in the CYP17A1 gene (Zhang *et al.*, 2015; Xia *et al.*, 2021). CYP21A1

had two high, 21 moderate, and 32 low impact variants, whereas CYP17A1 had two moderate and

eleven low impact variants (Table S7). Additionally, CYP21A1 had the highest proportion of silent

and nonsense variants, as well as the 2nd highest proportion of missense variants (Figure 5).

Three more OCGs on the original literature candidate gene list that were outliers for dN/dS

were identified in a study as major candidates for baculum morphology in mice (Schultz *et al.*,

2016a) (DACT1, PTPRC, and ASPM; Figure 4). This is particularly intriguing when one considers the

unique baculum morphology of the *os penis* in the bear macaque relative to all other primates (see

Discussion). Because these were outliers for dN/dS, which is targeted to the protein coding regions

of the gene, we further investigated the protein sequence of each gene to look at coding mutations.

PTPRC had the highest proportion of missense mutation among the seven literature outliers (Figure

5). Specifically, there were seven amino acid changes in multiple individuals, two of which

overlapped the fibronectin domain and had significant changes in the amino acid properties. Two of

these changes were completely fixed in *M. arctoides* (p.K449E and p.R424R), two were nearly fixed,

shared only with a single *M. assamensis* sample (p.E314G and p.Y359S), and three amino acid

changes were shared between *M. arctoides* and members of the *fascicularis* species group (p.D363G,

p.K384N, and p.D385N). DACT1 had the 2nd highest proportion of silent variants among the seven

literature OCGs (Figure 5). Additionally, we found 3 major amino acid changes clustered together,

two that were nearly fixed in *M. arctoides* as compared to all other macaques (p.C439Y and

p.G493D). Additionally, there was a p.Q498R mutation that was shared between *M. arctoides* and

members of the *fascicularis* species group. This similarity is of particular interest due to the shared

baculum morphology of these species (see Discussion). Finally, for ASPM, there was only one fixed

amino acid change (p.H352P), which overlapped a region of the protein that interacts with another

enzyme called katanin. Additionally, there was a p.H1870R mutation that was shared with *sinica*

species, and several other amino acid changes that were unique to *M. arctoides*, but polymorphic

rather than fixed (p.V269F, p.T357I, and p.R1164H). While all of these amino acid changes are likely

to have an impact on the protein, the specific changes to the gene function and its overall

implications for the baculum phenotype are unknown. Still, these residues would be of particular

interest in mouse mutant studies on the genetics of baculum morphology.

Permutation analysis of male versus female genital development genes showed no

significant difference in all statistics except f_{dM} (p = 0.02), where male genital genes exhibited higher

introgression between *M. arctoides* and *sinica* species than female genes (Table S5).

467   **Discussion**

Genital morphology genes have higher divergence and lower diversity than expected

Although the number of outliers from our genital candidate genes was not more than

expected by chance, the average divergence was higher than expected and the diversity was lower

than expected (Figure 4). In fact, none of the permutations overlapped the observed mean

difference between the actual candidate gene set for four of the seven population genetic metrics.

Specifically, the candidate genes had lower nucleotide diversity (pi) which is consistent with recent

positive selection on these genes that would have reduced local genetic variation. Similarly, F_{ST}

between *M. arctoides* and both species groups was higher than expected, which is also consistent

with positive selection on this subset of genes as compared to the remainder of the genome.

Additionally, D_{XY} between *M. arctoides* and *fascicularis* species was elevated, but not D_{XY} between

M. arctoides and *sinica* species. These results suggest that the evolution of these genes have been

increased relative to the rest of the genes in the genome, confirming the importance of genital

morphology in the evolution of this species. A possible explanation for the difference in the two

measures of nucleotide divergence is that F_{ST} is a relative measure of divergence, whereas D_{XY} is an

absolute measure (Noor & Bennett, 2009). Here, the majority of the genome clusters with *sinica*

species, which could explain why D_{XY} between *M. arctoides* and the *sinica* species group does not

have more outliers than expected.

Of 66 candidate genes identified as outliers, many are involved in a variety of phenotypes.

Of course, because these are developmental phenotypes, it is not surprising that the impact of these

genes would be highly pleiotropic. However, their specific role in contributing to the divergent

genital morphology and subsequent reproductive isolation in this species is unclear. One

interesting thing worth noting is that the number of genes in both phenotype onotology databases

associated with male genital abnormalities is nearly 2x the number of genes associated with female

genital abnormalities (Table 2). This is not likely due to underlying differences in the genetics of

these traits, but instead more likely reflects a bias towards research into male reproductive

morphology as compared to female reproductive abnormalities. Still, for the most part, the mean

values across our various metrics were not significantly different between these sets of male vs.

female genes (Table S5). While the result for f_{dM} was statistically significant, both values were lower

than the genome-wide mean, and thus do not likely reflect differences in the direction of

introgression. In contrast, the difference in means of dN/dS, though not statistically significant, had

twice the difference of f_{dM}. Specifically, the mean dN/dS across male genes (0.141) matches the

mean of the genome background (0.143), whereas the mean across female genes was much lower

(0.101). Though speculative, this difference is perhaps consistent with the idea that many genes of

large effect on female genital morphology have yet to be described, supported by the disparity in

the gene set sizes. Together these findings suggests that future work should aim to identify

additional potentially undiscovered genes that play a role in female genital morphology.

Divergent baculum morphology putatively explained by dN/dS outliers

Regardless of the inconclusiveness of the genes that were found based on phenotype

ontology methods, 3/21 outliers for dN/dS were genes previously identified in mice as candidate

genes for morphological variation in the baculum (DACT1, PTPRC, and ASPM). The baculum, or

penis bone, is a novel male genital structure in placental mammals that evolved ~145 million years

ago (Brindle & Opie, 2016), with the bear macaque, having the longest primate baculum. Since that

time, it has been gained or lost multiple times, including recent loss in Homo sapiens (Schultz et al.,

2016b; Carosi & Scalici, 2017). Despite its remarkable interspecific variation, the penis bone

generally does not vary extensively within species (Ramm et al., 2009), and may be the only

physical trait that differs consistently between closely related species, making it a key

morphological character for species identification (Carosi & Scalici, 2017). However, the genetics of

morphological variation in this trait are only beginning to be understood. In 2016, a morphometric

analysis using micro-CT scans of bacula in mice identified three major quantitative trait loci (QTLs),

two that together explained 50.6% of the variation in baculum size, and one that explained 23.4%

of the variation in baculum shape (Schultz *et al.*, 2016a). These regions were further narrowed by

both differential gene expression in early development of male mice, and potential involvement in

bone or genital morphogenesis, revealing 16 major candidate loci with potential effects on baculum

development and morphology (see Table S3 in (Schultz *et al.*, 2016a)), that were included on our

candidate gene list (Table S4).

The baculum in *M. arctoides* is more than double the average length of *sinica* species group

taxa and nearly four times as long as *fascicularis* species group taxa (Fooden, 1971; Dixson, 1987).

In addition to its elongation, the morphology of the *M. arctoides* baculum also has a unique arced

crescent shape, with an absent distal region that is present in most other macaque species (See

comparison in Figure 8 of Fooden *et al.*, 1985; Fooden, 1990). Among macaques, these two features

– a gentle dorsoventral curvature and the lack of a well-defined distal process – are shared only by

members of the *fascicularis* species group. This latter point perhaps explains why 4/5 amino acid

changes across these three genes that were shared between *M. arctoides* and another group, were

shared between *M. arctoides* and the *fascicularis* species members. This is in stark contrast to the

rest of the genome which has a much higher proportion of shared variation with *sinica* species

group members.

Future Directions

This study has focused on genes with phenotypic associations with genital morphology, but

an outlier analysis can only present hypotheses of the specific genes involved in the divergent

reproductive traits of the bear macaque. Therefore, the 66 outlier genes are candidates that may

have contributed to speciation. The target of future functional work should be to identify their

specific role (if any) in contributing to either divergent male genital morphology or compensatory

changes in female reproductive morphology. They should also be the target of functional studies in

model systems, such as mice, on genital morphology of both males and females. For example, the

seven fixed amino acid changes in the bear macaque across the three dN/dS outlier genes

associated with mouse baculum morphology should be prioritized in future work on the genetics of

this trait. Still, why this remarkable trait is divergent in the bear macaque is unknown. Perhaps

more detailed functional connections between specific genes/variants and the baculum would

allow for future work to examine the selective processes that shaped this unique genital phenotype.

Additionally, as the genetic basis of other genital traits, such as baubellum morphology

become known, the candidate gene list can be extended. Similarly, as the genome annotation

improves with subsequent reference genomes, more genes can be considered that have clear

orthologs in macaques.

In addition to this study, there has been extensive interest in the evolution of this species.

However, due to the limited number of publicly available whole genome samples (now three with

the present study), the conservation status of this species, and the ethical and logistical barriers to

experimental research with primates, it is challenging to make functional insights into its evolution.

Additional WGS data from more individuals of this species would allow for a better characterization

of selection/adaptation within this lineage. Additionally, more WGS samples would be useful in

examining the distribution of introgression haplotype lengths to pinpoint the timing of events in

this system that would better clarify when hybridization from each parent took place.

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                                            Figures

Figure 1. Diverged genital morphology in male and female bear macaques. *M. arctoides* has
divergent male and female genital morphology (top), relative to *M. mulatta* (bottom) representing
mechanical isolation between these species. *M. mulatta* morphology is representative of other
species in macaques. Male external genitalia for each species are shown on the left (from Fig 3 of
Dixson, 1987) and female reproductive tracts are shown on the right (from Fig 4 of Fooden, 1967).
Reproduced with permission. Divergent traits for male genitalia include size and shape. Divergent
traits for female reproductive tracts include depth of the uterine cavity, width of the vagina,
opening size, and urethra location. Scales on the left are in 1 cm divisions.

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Figure 2. Summary of focal species, *Macaca arctoides*, its evolutionary relationships, and the
data used. (a) *M. arctoides* has unique genital morphology and is a putative homoploid hybrid
species. Image "Stumptail Monkeys" from (Waal, 2004) by Frans de Waal licensed under CC. (B)
Geographic range of *M. arctoides* and other focal species in this study. *M. arctoides* has present day
geographic overlap with members of both species groups (redrawn from (Fooden, 1980)).
Background image "Topographic map of East Asia" by Ksiom is licensed under CC BY-SA 3.0. This
study included WGS from *M. arctoides* and representative members of each species group (Table 1).
Baboon was used as an outgroup species. (C) Intersection of heterozygous sites between the five
species. The output of vcf-compare from vcftools (Danecek *et al.*, 2011) was input into the UpSetR
package (Conway & Gehlenborg, 2019) to plot the intersection of sites. Values in the left plot match
count of heterozygous sites per sample in Table 1. (D) Topology weight distribution of three rooted
topologies of species relationships in sliding windows along the genome. bab - *P. anubis*.

Figure 3. Introgression analysis. Results from analysis of introgression (f_{dM}) between *M. arctoides*
samples and the parent taxa in 50kb sliding windows. Regions where *M. arctoides* has most recent
ancestry with the *sinica* group are displayed as negative values and regions where *M. arctoides*
shares most recent common ancestry with the *fascicularis* group are displayed as positive values.
Other window size results are in Figure S3 and plots using individual *M. arctoides* samples are in
Figure S4.

Figure 4. Permutation test results. For each panel, the red line is the difference of the mean of genital genes and all other genes for a given summary statistic. Additionally, a histogram of the results from 100 permutations where the mean difference was recalculated using the same number of randomly selected genes as the candidate genital genes is shown. The various summary statistics plotted here are A) pi in *M. arctoides*, B) D_{XY} between *M. arctoides* and *fascicularis* group species, C) F_{ST} between *M. arctoides* and *fascicularis* group species, and D) F_{ST} between *M. arctoides* and *sinica* group species. The computed p-values for all tests shown here were zero. The remaining statistics were not significantly different and are reported in Table S6 and Figure SX.

822 **Figure 5. Functional Impact of Variants in Outlier Candidate Genes.** Results from SNPeff are
823 shown broken down by functional impact to the protein sequence of the seven outlier candidate
824 genes based on the literature list. Functional classes are missense variants which change the amino
825 acid, nonsense, which result in a premature stop codon, and silent variants, which alter the
826 nucleotide sequence, but result in a synonymous amino acid.

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Tables

 Table 1. Sample information. A list of samples used in this study with a summary of genome
 information. Two samples were sequenced as part of this study (in bold) and the remainder were
 downloaded from NCBI.

ID	species	Species Group	Coverage	No. sites VQSR Passed	No. sites heterozygous	NCBI Accession	SAMN_ID	Sex
Malaya	*M. arctoides*	**arctoides**	**20**	**6,849,957**	**3,252,204**	**SRS6488501**	**14521207**	**F**
SM1	*M. arctoides*	arctoides	32	6,848,826	3,251,892	SRR2981139	04316319	F
SM2	*M. arctoides*	arctoides	19	6,833,185	3,246,931	SRR2981140	04316320	F
BGI-CE-4	*M. fascicularis*	fascicularis	43	4,547,767	2,486,762	SRS114988	00116341	F
CR-5	*M. mulatta*	fascicularis	44	4,561,581	3,693,024	SRS115022	00113489	F
BGI	*M. mulatta*	fascicularis	10	4,531,187	3,678,452	SRS212016	00627571	M
BGI-96346	*M. mulatta*	fascicularis	4	4,334,465	3,533,580	SRS114988	00113455	M
A20	*M. assamensis*	**sinica**	**13**	**7,567,951**	**4,680,934**	**SRS6491954**	**14521608**	**F**
XH1	*M. assamensis*	sinica	49	7,669,854	4,702,055	SRR2981114	04316321	M
Tibetan-macaque-NO.3	*M. thibetana*	sinica	27	4,844,002	713,449	SRR1024051	02390221	F

Table 2. Summary of candidate gene lists. In addition to a manually curated list from the
literature, several phenotype terms were mined from the Human Phenotype Onotology (HPO) and
the Mammalian Phenotype (MP) Databases. Here the number of genes associated with each term is
listed along with the number of orthologs in rheMac8. Further, the number of genes used in our
analysis where we calculated seven population genetics metrics are listed along with the final
number of outliers per candidate gene set.
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Unique ID	Subontology	Database	# of Genes	# rheMac8 orthologs	# genes analyzed dN/dS	# genes analyzed other stats	# outliers
n/a	**Manually curated set**	Literature	**141**	**110**	**17**	**64**	**7**
HP:0000811	Abnormal external genitalia	HPO	1061	920	140	425	33
HP:0010461	Abnormality of the male genitalia	HPO	1053	907	142	424	34
HP:0010460	Abnormality of the female genitalia	HPO	512	447	72	223	15
HP:0000812	Abnormal internal genitalia	HPO	468	427	62	196	14
HP:0001827	Genital tract atresia	HPO	16	15	3	10	1
HP:0012244	Abnormal sex determination	HPO	20	17	2	8	1
HP:0003252	Anteriorly displaced genitalia	HPO	1	1	1	2	0
MP:0009198	abnormal male genitalia morphology	MP	1145	959	130	478	24
MP:0009208	abnormal female genitalia morphology	MP	696	587	89	304	18
MP:0002210	abnormal sex determination	MP	782	644	90	315	19
MP:0003936	abnormal reproductive system development	MP	99	91	12	46	1
		Grand total		**2284**	**313**	**1055**	**66**