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Herkogamy but not reciprocity is a better predictor of legitimate pollen transfer and

fruit set in *Jasminum malabaricum,* a self-compatible species with stigma-height

dimorphism.

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Abstract

Premise: Reciprocity and herkogamy, morphological traits that define style length

polymorphisms, are thought to be critical in determining legitimate inter-morph pollen

transfer in plants with style length polymorphism. However, the consequences of individual-

level variation in these traits for pollen transfer and reproductive success have rarely been

examined, and the relationship between these two fundamental traits remains unexplored.

Methods: We quantified individual-level estimates of herkogamy and reciprocity and tested

the assumption that higher herkogamy and reciprocity result in higher legitimate pollen

transfer and reproductive success in natural populations of *Jasminum malabaricum*, a species

that exhibits stigma-height dimorphism. Additionally, we examined the relationship between

herkogamy and reciprocity to understand potential consequences for avoiding self-pollination

and encouraging legitimate pollen deposition.

Results: Surprisingly, reciprocity was not related to pollen load, legitimate pollen fraction or

reproductive success. In contrast, herkogamy was positively associated with legitimate pollen

fraction and fruit set in the long-styled morph. Interestingly, we observed a negative

relationship between herkogamy and reciprocity in the long-styled morph.

Conclusions: Herkogamy was more important than reciprocity in increasing legitimate

pollen transfer and reproductive success in *J. malabaricum*. Herkogamy might be particularly

important in stabilising species with stigma-height dimorphism and other such polymorphic

intermediates with low reciprocity, and this may allow the evolution of reciprocal

arrangement of sex organs at a later stage in the pathway towards distyly. The negative

relationship between herkogamy and reciprocity suggests a trade-off between avoidance of

self-pollen deposition and promotion of legitimate pollen deposition.

Keywords: Stigma-height dimorphism; self-pollination, legitimate pollen deposition; fruit set

Introduction

Reciprocity and herkogamy are the two defining morphological features in flowers of species with style length polymorphisms. Reciprocity is the physical match between complementary sex organ heights (Armbruster et al., 2017), while herkogamy is the separation of the male and female sex organs within a flower (Webb and Lloyd, 1986; Opedal, 2018). However, while reciprocity and herkogamy are widely assumed to play a critical role in the promotion of legitimate pollen transfer that is required to maintain style length polymorphisms, few studies have examined how variation in these traits is related to inter-morph pollen transfer and reproductive success in plants with style length polymorphisms (Cesaro et al., 2004; Thompson et al., 2012; Keller et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2016; Jacquemyn et al., 2018; Brys and Jacquemyn, 2020).

The reciprocal arrangement of sex organs in species with style length polymorphism enables pollinators to pick up pollen from anthers on specific locations on their body from where it can be accurately deposited on stigmas of the complementary morphs (Lloyd and Webb, 1992). Empirical studies in heterostylous species have focused on population-level estimates of reciprocity, and these have shown that higher reciprocity is related to greater legitimate pollen transfer (Lau and Bosque, 2003; Baena-Díaz et al., 2012), and reproductive success (Valois-Cuesta et al., 2011; Brys and Jacquemyn, 2014; Keller et al., 2014; Zhou et al., 2015; Ferrero et al., 2017). While limited, studies in species with stigma-height dimorphism have also shown that population-level estimates of reciprocity are positively related to reproductive success (Thompson et al., 2003, 2012; Stehlik et al., 2006). However, there are no studies that have examined individual level reciprocity in species with stigma-height dimorphism, and only two in species with heterostyly (Jacquemyn et al., 2018; Brys and

Jacquemyn, 2020) that show that individuals with higher reciprocity have higher proportions

of legitimate pollen.

The presence of self and heteromorphic incompatibility in most species with style length

polymorphism makes it difficult to tease apart the contribution of reciprocity alone to

legitimate pollination and maintenance of the polymorphism. Additionally, even in the

presence of physiological incompatibility, reduced male and female fitness due to pollen

discounting and stigma clogging, and associated reductions in reproductive success, have

been observed (Shore and Barrett, 1984; Barrett and Glover, 1985; Martén-Rodríguez et al.,

2013; Keller et al., 2014). In self-compatible species, higher legitimate pollen fractions do not

guarantee a greater number of legitimate offspring. Substantial numbers of illegitimate

offspring can result despite a higher legitimate fraction of pollen (Zhou et al., 2015). In such

cases, the role of herkogamy in ensuring more legitimate offspring becomes crucial.

The function of herkogamy is to increase the fraction of legitimate pollen deposition on the

stigma by reducing interference between male and female organs and reducing self and intra-

morph pollen deposition (Webb and Lloyd, 1986; Barrett, 2002). Herkogamy has been

studied extensively in monomorphic species that do not exhibit style length polymorphisms,

and results from these have shown that greater stigma-anther separation between sex organs

within flowers results in higher outcrossing rates (Ennos, 1981; Brunet and Eckert, 1998;

Takebayashi et al., 2006; Larrinaga et al., 2009; de Vos et al., 2012, 2018; Li et al., 2013).

However, empirical studies in species with style length polymorphisms are few, and these

show that herkogamy is related to decreased self-pollination (Nishihiro and Washitani, 1998),

as well as increased legitimate pollen transfer and reproductive success in heterostylous

species (Liu et al. 2016). As with reciprocity, these studies focused on population-level

estimates of herkogamy while ignoring intra-population variation in herkogamy (but see

Hernandez and Ornelas 2007, Keller et al. 2014). Population-level estimates of herkogamy

were also observed to be associated with decreased self-pollination in species with stigma-

height dimorphism (Cesaro et al., 2004). Again, as with reciprocity, studies on consequences

of intra-population variation in herkogamy lack in species with stigma-height dimorphism.

It is widely acknowledged that there can be a large variation in sex organ positions among

individuals in populations with style length polymorphism, and this variation can have

important consequences for reciprocity, herkogamy, pollen flow, and reproductive success

for these individuals (Eckert and Barrett, 1994; Nishihiro et al., 2000; Sanchez et al., 2008;

Sampson and Krebs, 2012; Costa et al., 2017). Population-level estimates of reciprocity and

herkogamy can hide biologically important variation among individuals, and understanding

intra-population variation in these traits is important as selection ultimately acts at the level of

the individuals. Additionally, changes in organ positions in an individual flower have obvious

implications for stigma-anther separation but are likely to also alter the match of these organs

with counterparts in the complementary morph and affect reciprocity for that individual. The

lack of an individual-level measure of reciprocity (Jacquemyn et al., 2018; Brys and

Jacquemyn, 2020) and the focus on population-level estimates for both reciprocity and

herkogamy have precluded such studies. Thus, the relationship between these two

fundamental traits remain unexplored, and the consequences for the two distinct functions in

avoiding self-pollen deposition and encouraging legitimate pollen deposition remain

unknown.

In this study, we examined the variation in reciprocity and herkogamy among individuals of

four naturally occurring isoplethic populations of *J. malabaricum* (Ganguly and Barua, 2020)

with stigma-height dimorphism. We estimated reciprocity for an individual as the average

mismatch between the stigma of that individual and the anthers of all other individuals of the

complementary morph. We tested the assumption that an increase in reciprocity and

herkogamy leads to a rise in legitimate pollen transfer and reproductive success, by

examining the relationship of individual-level reciprocity and herkogamy with stigmatic

pollen load and fruit set. Morph specific differences in stigmatic pollen load and reproductive

success were also quantified to aid in the interpretation of the results as they can influence the

above-mentioned relationships. We expected reciprocity to play an important role in

legitimate pollen transfer and fruit set. However, given that our study species exhibits stigma-

height dimorphism with low reciprocity and self-compatibility, we also expected herkogamy

to significantly influence legitimate pollen transfer. Additionally, we examined the

relationship between reciprocity and herkogamy across individuals to understand potential

consequences for avoiding self-pollen deposition and encouraging legitimate pollen

deposition.

Methods

Study sites and species: *Jasminum malabaricum* Wight. is a woody liana endemic to the

Western Ghats of India, and Sri Lanka (Singh & Karthikeyan 2000) that exhibits stigma-

height dimorphism (Ganguly, 2019). This study was conducted between 2015 and 2017 on

four populations of *J. malabaricum*: namely, Trimbak (19.94° N, 73.54° E), Bhimashankar

(19.07° N, 73.55° E), Mulshi (18.50° N, 73.51° E) and Kaas (17.72° N, 73.81° E).

Spatiotemporal mating opportunities are similar for both morphs (Ganguly and Barua, 2020),

and therefore, unlikely to be a confounding factor in our investigations.

<u>Quantification of herkogamy and reciprocity</u>: One flower from 30 individuals of each morph

was collected from Bhimashankar, Mulshi and Kaas, between March and April of 2015 and

2017, and preserved in formalin acetic alcohol (FAA; 2.5%:2.5%:95%) (Ganguly and Barua,

2020). In Trimbak, one flower was collected from 20 long-, and 19 short-styled individuals

because of the small population size and limited availability of individuals. Herkogamy and

reciprocity were also quantified for an additional 70 individuals for a total of 100 individuals

of each morph in the Bhimashankar population. Anther and stigma heights were quantified

using ImageJ (ver. 1.52a) from scanned images of dissected flowers. Since anthers were

attached to the corolla tube, the distance from the base of the corolla tube to the mid-point of

the anthers was measured as anther height. The distance from the base of the ovary to the

mid-point of the stigma was measured as stigma height. Herkogamy was quantified for one

flower per individual as the difference in anther and stigma height of a flower (Opedal,

2018). As we examined the relationship of reciprocity with measures of female fitness like

pollen load and fruit set, reciprocity was calculated for one flower per individual as the mean

of mismatches between stigma height for that individual and anther height of every other

individual of the complementary morph. These pair-wise mismatches were averaged to give

an estimate of reciprocity for that individual. We calculate mismatch, which is the inverse of

reciprocity and hence higher values denote lower reciprocity. The relationship between

herkogamy and reciprocity was examined using Pearson's correlation coefficient. We use the

term "mismatch" to refer to the spatial correspondence between anther and stigma heights of

reciprocal morphs to describe our results. However, we use the term "reciprocity" to discuss

the results to increase ease of interpretation.

<u>Quantification of stigma pollen load:</u> We quantified stigma pollen load for the same

individuals from the Bhimashankar (March 2016) and Kaas (April 2017) populations for

which floral morphometry was quantified. Flowers of *J. malabaricum* open between 7 p.m. to

9 p.m. and last for approximately 33 h (Ganguly and Barua, 2020). Post 3 p.m. on the day

after anthesis, the flowers wilt and no pollinator activity is seen on these flowers (Ganguly

and Barua, 2020). Hence, to allow for maximal pollen deposition, flowers were collected

between 2 and 3 p.m. the day after anthesis and preserved in formalin acetic alcohol (FAA;

2.5%:2.5%:95%). The quantification was done for 29 individuals of each morph for

Bhimashankar, and 32 long-, and 31 short-styled individuals for Kaas. Stigmas were washed

in 70% ethanol and softened in 4N NaOH for 12 h (Kearns and Inouye 1993). Subsequently,

they were washed in distilled water and passed through serial concentrations of ethanol from

10% to 100% in steps of 15% to wash the oil from the pollen surface. The stigmas were then

resuspended in a series of ethanol dilutions of glycerol with increasing concentration of

glycerol from 10% to 90% in steps of 20%, squashed with a coverslip, and washed and

mounted in 100% glycerol.

To quantify the total number of pollen deposited on a stigma, images of stigma squashes for

two flowers per individual were taken at 40x magnification. An exhaustive pollen count was

performed for all the stigmas. Legitimate pollen fraction was estimated for one stigma for

each individual. Ten images were taken at 400x magnification for each stigma, and this

accounted for greater than 15% of the total pollen on that stigma. Both the pollen count and

measurement of pollen size were performed using ImageJ. As the equatorial and polar

diameters were strongly correlated, only the equatorial diameter of the pollen was used as a

measure of pollen size. The pollen were discriminated based on differences in diameter

between the morphs using the estimates of pollen size obtained previously(Ganguly and

Barua, 2020). The short-styled morph produced larger pollen, but pollen production was not

significantly different between morphs. The diameter of the long-styled pollen ranged

between 34 µm to 55 µm and the short-styled pollen between 47 µm to 73 µm (Ganguly and

Barua, 2020). Approximately 35% of the pollen were in the range from 47 µm to 55 µm,

which was common to both morphs. The ratio of the frequency of pollen grains extracted

from anthers of the long- and short-styled morph in each size class of 1 µm was used to

estimate the probability of occurrence of pollen from each morph in this overlapping size

range. The pollen from the stigma which belonged to these size classes were distributed

among the morphs based on this probability of occurrence. The legitimate pollen fraction was

calculated as the percentage of the number of legitimate pollen identified in the total number

of pollen sampled. Differences between morphs in natural total stigma pollen load and the

legitimate pollen fraction were examined using a non-parametric Mann-Whitney U test as the

values were not normally distributed.

<u>Autogamous pollen deposition:</u> To investigate the function of herkogamy in decreasing self-

pollination, three mature buds were tagged and emasculated for five individuals of each

morph to quantify autogamous self-pollination in March 2017 in individuals from the

Bhimashankar population. Another three buds on the same individuals were tagged as

controls to account for individual differences in pollen deposition. Flowers were collected

between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the day after anthesis. The total pollen load and the legitimate

fraction of pollen were quantified as described above. Wilcoxon's signed-rank test was used

to examine differences in total pollen load and the legitimate fraction between the control and

the emasculated flowers from the same individual. This non-parametric test was chosen as the

variables contained extreme values and so that control and treatment comparisons within the

same individual could be made.

Quantification of fruit set: Given the time-, and labour-intensive nature of this work, fruit set

was quantified in March 2015 and 2016 in only one of the four study populations

(Bhimashankar). This was done for the same 29 individuals of each morph for which we had

quantified herkogamy and reciprocity and estimated stigma pollen load. For both morphs, 20

mature buds were tagged per individual in the peak flowering season and followed till the

fruits matured. The percentage of total mature fruits formed from the 20 buds was taken as

the final fruit set. Differences in natural fruit set between the two morphs were examined

using a non-parametric Mann-Whitney U test as the values obtained were not normally

distributed. The relationships of herkogamy and reciprocity with the natural total pollen load,

the legitimate fraction of stigmatic pollen load and the fruit set were examined using

Spearman's rank correlation coefficient as most of the examined variables were counts and

percentages, and had extreme values and skewed distributions.

Results

There was substantial intra-population variation in estimates of mismatch and herkogamy

between individuals in the populations (Fig. 1, Table 1). The long-styled morph exhibited a

much larger range and higher coefficient of variation in mismatch as compared to the short-

styled morph in all four study populations (Table 1). Similarly, the long-styled morph

exhibited a larger range and higher coefficient of variation in herkogamy as compared to the

short-styled morph (Table 1).

There was high variation between individuals in natural total stigma pollen load, with counts

ranging from 13 to 5015 in the long-styled, and 38 to 1394 in the short-styled morph in the

Bhimashankar population, and from 6 to 1542 in the long-styled and 1 to 1350 in the short-

styled morph (Fig. 2 a, c) in the Kaas population. Although long-styled morphs had higher

mean stigma pollen load, no significant differences were detected between the two morphs in

either of the two populations examined (Fig. 2 a, c; Mann-Whitney U test: Bhimashankar $p =$

0.41 and Kaas $p = 0.11$; $n = 29$ and 29 individuals for Bhimashankar, and 32 and 31

individuals for Kaas for the long- and short-styled morphs). The legitimate pollen fraction

was significantly higher in the short- than in the long-styled morph for both populations (Fig

2 b, d; Mann-Whitney U test: Bhimashankar $p < 0.001$ and Kaas $p < 0.001$; n for long-styled

and short-styled morph was 29 and 29 individuals for Bhimashankar, and 32 and 31

individuals for Kaas).

In both morphs, emasculation resulted in a decrease in the total pollen deposition (Fig. 3 a;

Wilcoxon signed-rank test: long-styled $p = 0.04$ and short-styled $p = 0.04$; 3 flowers per

treatment for 5 individuals of each morph). In the short-styled morphs emasculation did not

affect the legitimate pollen fraction (Fig. 3 b; Wilcoxon signed-rank test: $p = 0.34$). In

contrast, in the long-styled morphs emasculation resulted in an increase in the legitimate

pollen fraction (Wilcoxon signed-rank test: $p = 0.04$). Fruit set was not significantly different

between the long-, and short-styled morphs and this was consistent across the two years in

which we examined this in individuals from the Bhimashankar population (Fig. 4; Mann-

Whitney U test: 2015 $p = 0.41$; 2016 $p = 0.80$; $n = 29$ individuals each morph in both years).

Mismatch was not related to total pollen deposition or the legitimate pollen fraction. Counter-

intuitively, mismatch was positively related to fruit set in the short-styled morph in

Bhimashankar (Table 2 a). Herkogamy, on the other hand, was positively related to

disassortative pollen load and fruit set in the long-styled morph, but not in the short-styled

morph in Bhimashankar (Table 2 a). Herkogamy was negatively related to total pollen load in

the long-styled morph, but not related to pollen deposition in the short-styled morph in Kaas

(Table 2 b).

Herkogamy and mismatch showed a significant positive correlation in the long-styled morph

in all study populations (Fig. 5 a-d). However, such a positive relationship between

herkogamy and mismatch was seen in only one of the four study populations in the short-

styled morph (Fig. 5 e-h). Similar results were observed when examining this relationship in

a larger number of individuals from the Bhimashankar population with a significant positive

relationship between herkogamy and mismatch in the long-, but not the short-styled morph

(Supplementary Information Fig. A1 a, b).

Discussion

Surprisingly, individual-level variation in reciprocity was not related to legitimate pollen

fraction or fruit set. In contrast, individuals of the long-styled morph with higher herkogamy

had a higher fraction of legitimate pollen and greater fruit set. Thus, herkogamy may be

relatively more important than reciprocity in increasing legitimate pollen deposition and

reproductive success in *Jasminum malabaricum*, a species with stigma-height dimorphism

that lacks self-, and heteromorphic incompatibility. Additionally, we report here for the first

time a negative relationship between reciprocity and herkogamy, the two defining traits of

style length polymorphism. This suggests a potential trade-off between increasing legitimate

pollen deposition and avoidance of self-pollen deposition.

Intra-population variation in anther and stigma heights is expected to reduce reciprocity and

hence legitimate pollen transfer and reproductive success in species with style length

polymorphism (Sanchez et al., 2008; Armbruster et al., 2017). We observed large variation in

anther and stigma positions, and in the resultant reciprocity in individuals of all populations

of our study species. However, this observed variation in reciprocity was not associated with

any negative consequences and was unrelated to the legitimate fraction of pollen load or fruit

set. Previous studies have shown that higher herkogamy but not reciprocity was related to

higher legitimate pollen transfer and reproductive success (Keller et al., 2014). Additionally,

legitimate pollen transfer in some species with style length polymorphism is likely to be

primarily governed by effective long-tongued pollinators rather than sex organ positions

(Simón-Porcar et al., 2014).

The higher fraction of legitimate pollen received by the short-styled morph is likely due to

reduced self-pollen deposition as a consequence of higher herkogamy in this morph (Liu et

al., 2016). High legitimate pollen transfer has also been associated with efficient long-

tongued pollinators (Haddadchi, 2013; Simón-Porcar et al., 2014) that are capable of reaching

the short-styled stigma. However, the higher legitimate pollen fractions observed in the short-

styled morph did not translate into higher fruit set. As both morphs lack physiological

incompatibility, similar total pollen loads resulted in equal fruit set between morphs. This is

congruent with an observation from a previous study, where despite much higher legitimate

pollen deposition, a considerable number of illegitimate offspring are formed due to the

absence of self- and heteromorphic incompatibility (Zhou et al., 2015).

In the long-styled morph, emasculation resulted in a decrease in total pollen load and an

increase in the legitimate pollen fraction. Thus, reduced self pollen deposition with increasing

herkogamy is likely to result in the negative relationship between herkogamy and total pollen

load, and the positive relationship between herkogamy and the legitimate pollen fraction

that was observed in the long-styled morph. The higher fruit set associated with higher

herkogamy in the same morph could be attributed to lower mechanical interference between

the male and female sex organs. The lack of any change in the legitimate pollen fraction with

emasculation in the short-styled morph implies that the higher herkogamy observed in this

morph was sufficient to avoid self-pollen deposition. This was also reported in *Persicaria*

japonica where emasculation had no effect on the deposition of incompatible pollen

(Nishihiro and Washitani, 1998). This likely explains the absence of a relationship between

herkogamy and reproductive success in the short-styled morph, where due to the higher

herkogamy observed in this morph minor changes in herkogamy did not influence self-pollen

deposition or fruit set. Similar results were reported in *Primula* spp., where the legitimate

pollen fraction increased with herkogamy in the long-, but not the short-styled morph, and the

"threshold" effect as mentioned above was offered as a possible explanation (Keller et al.,

2014).

Reciprocity was negatively related to herkogamy in individuals of the long-styled morph.

This relationship suggests a potential trade-off between maximising legitimate pollen transfer

and avoiding self-pollination and will be useful in providing insights into the response of

these species under different ecological scenarios. For example, in situations of pollen

limitation due to the scarcity of mate and pollinators, and an absence of intra-morph

incompatibility or inbreeding depression (Baker et al., 2000), reproductive assurance is

important. If the relationship between reciprocity and herkogamy is negative, the individuals

with high reciprocity and low herkogamy will be selected for as they would have the highest

reproductive assurance in the population. A positive relationship can be maladaptive in such a

situation. Hence, such relationships can help us understand the change in the distribution of

anther and stigma heights in a population under different ecological scenarios. There was no

relationship between reciprocity and herkogamy in individuals of the short-styled morph with

the exception of the Mulshi population where, similar to the long-styled individuals, a

negative relationship was observed. The difference in the relationship between reciprocity

and herkogamy between morphs and among populations indicates the effect of morph

specific selection pressures and differences in local environmental factors among populations

(Santos-Gally et al., 2013). The short-styled morph does not show a relationship even at

higher sample size, implying that the lack of a relationship is unlikely due to insufficient

sample sizes.

Several studies have highlighted the functional significance of sex organ positions in species

with style length polymorphism (Faivre and McDade, 2001; Sosenski et al., 2010; Ferrero,

Castro, et al., 2011; Ferrero, Chapela, et al., 2011; Keller et al., 2012; Yuan et al., 2017), but

the emphasis of these has primarily been on reciprocity at the level of populations while

herkogamy has been relatively understudied (but see Nishihiro and Washitani 1998, Keller et

al. 2014, Liu et al. 2016, Faife-Cabrera et al. 2016, Barranco et al. 2019). Moreover, although

it has been acknowledged that intra-population variation in sex organ positions affects

legitimate pollen transfer and reproductive success (Eckert and Barrett, 1994; Lau and

Bosque, 2003; Sanchez et al., 2008; Armbruster et al., 2017), studies examining this are rare.

This study reveals that herkogamy can be more important than reciprocity in promoting

legitimate pollen transfer and fruit set. The result highlights the functional role of herkogamy

and has especially important implications for the maintenance of imperfectly reciprocal

intermediates in the pathway towards heterostyly. The results also suggest that intra-

population variation in herkogamy and reciprocity might not affect legitimate pollen transfer

and reproductive success across individuals and is perhaps the reason why species with style

length polymorphisms display high variation in sex organ positions. Examination of the intra-

population variation in reciprocity and herkogamy also allowed us to investigate the

relationship between the two, which revealed a trade-off between self-pollination and

legitimate pollination. Further studies on the causes and consequences of intra-population

variation in reciprocity and herkogamy can substantially increase our understanding of the

coevolution of the dimensions of floral parts with pollinators.

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Tables

Table 1: Range (Min-Max) and coefficient of variation (CV) of individual mismatch and

herkogamy observed in the four study populations a) Trimbak, b) Bhimashankar, c) Mulshi

and d) Kaas. L and S stand for long- and short-styled morph, respectively. The number of

individuals sampled for the long- and the short-styled morph are 20 and 19 for Trimbak; 30

and 30 for Bhimashankar, Mulshi, and Kaas.

Population	Morph	Mismatch		Herkogamy	
		Min-Max (mm)	CV %	Min-Max (mm)	CV %
a) Trimbak	L	1.25, 9.27	38.70	2.47, 9.49	23.90
	S	4.39, 6.47	10.80	5.91, 11.30	17.70
b) Bhimashankar	L	1.74, 7.80	36.70	2.70, 11.40	25.20
	S	4.22, 7.02	12.30	2.61, 12.50	22.90
c) Mulshi	L	1.27, 8.80	41.10	3.53, 11.40	22.20
	S	4.24, 6.92	12.00	5.56, 11.50	16.80
d) Kaas	L	2.10, 9.34	38.50	2.00, 11.30	29.60
	S	4.93, 7.42	10.50	6.51, 13.10	15.80

Table 2: Relationship of herkogamy and reciprocity to total stigma pollen load, legitimate

pollen fraction and fruit set in the Long-styled (L) and short-styled (S) morph in a)

Bhimashankar, and b) Kaas. Fruit set was estimated only for the Bhimashankar population. P

< 0.05 and $P < 0.1$ are denoted by * and Ψ, respectively, next to the Spearman's rank-order

correlation coefficients presented. The number of individuals sampled for the long- and short-

styled morph for the two populations is 29 and 29 for Bhimashankar, and 32 and 31for Kaas.

Population	Trait	Morph	Total pollen load	Legitimate fraction	Fruit set
a) Bhimashankar	Mismatch	L	0.08	0.23	0.28
		S	0.03	-0.22	0.33Ψ
	Herkogamy	L	0.11	0.43*	0.42*
		S	-0.11	-0.17	0.01
b) Kaas	Mismatch	L	-0.18	0.04	
		S	0.19	-0.18	
	Herkogamy	L	-0.34Ψ	0.14	
		S	-0.27	-0.04	

Figures

Figure 1: (a) Mismatch and (b) herkogamy in the long-styled (dark grey boxes) and short-

styled (open boxes) morphs of the four study populations. The number of individuals sampled

for the long- and the short-styled morph for the populations are 20 and 19 for Trimbak; 30

and 30 for Bhimashankar, Mulshi, and Kaas. Outliers are denoted by +. The bold line in the

boxplots represents the median, the ends of the box represent the first and the third quartiles

and the whiskers represent 1.5 times the interquartile range.

Figure 2: The total stigma pollen load (a, c) and the legitimate pollen fraction (b, d) in the

Bhimashankar and Kaas populations. The number of individuals sampled for the long- and

short-styled morph is 29 and 29 for Bhimashankar, and 32 and 31 for Kaas. One extreme

outlier value of greater than 5000 for total pollen load in a long-styled individual from the

Bhimashankar population has been removed from the plot for better visualisation of the

differences between the morphs. The bold line in the boxplots represents the median, the

ends of the box represent the first and the third quartiles and the whiskers represent 1.5 times

the interquartile range.

Figure 3: (a) The total pollen load, and (b) the legitimate pollen fraction in control (non-

emasculated, grey boxes) and emasculated flowers (open boxes) to determine autogamous

pollen deposition. One point from the legitimate pollen fraction for the emasculated group of

long-styled morph (80%) has been removed from this plot for better visualisation of the

differences between the control and emasculation treatments. Data are from three flowers

from five individuals (represented by the different symbols). The bold line in the boxplots

represents the median, the ends of the box represent the first and the third quartiles and the

whiskers represent 1.5 times the interquartile range.

Figure 4: Natural fruit set in long- (grey boxes) and short-styled (open boxes) individuals

from the Bhimashankar population measured as the percentage fruit formed per flower in

2015 and 2016. The number of individuals sampled for the long- and the short-styled morph

are 29 and 29 respectively. The plus sign represents outliers. The bold line in the boxplots

represents the median, the ends of the box represent the first and the third quartiles and the

whiskers represent 1.5 times the interquartile range.

Figure 5: Relationship between herkogamy and mismatch in the two morphs (long-styled

morph: a,b,c,d; short-styled morph: e,f,g,h) in the four study populations. Pearson's

correlation coefficient (r), and the corresponding P-value are shown where $P < 0.05$, and 'ns'

denotes not significant. The number of individuals sampled for the long- and the short-styled

morph for the populations are 20 and 19 for Trimbak; 30 and 30 for Bhimashankar, Mulshi,

and Kaas.