Short Title: Common Blue Diversity

Multiple colonisations and *Wolbachia* infections influence the fine-scale

population structure of the widespread Common Blue butterfly (*Polyomattus*

***icarus*) in the British Isles**

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Abstract

Deeply divergent mitochondrial genomes can reveal hidden diversity within species, however robust assessments of diversity require corroborative divergence in the nuclear genome. Previous phylogeographic analysis of the Common Blue butterfly (*Polyommatus icarus)* revealed a deeply divergent mitotype in Europe. Here, we reconstruct the phylogeography of this butterfly in the British Isles using both mitochondrial and nuclear DNA. We found strong geographical structuring of three distinct *CO*1 mitotypes with an ancient lineage restricted to the Outer Hebrides. The short time (*c*. 20,000 years) available for colonization of the British Isles and an expanded CO1 phylogeography from the species' entire range supports a hypothesis of at least 3 colonization events with sequential replacement of mtDNA. Analysis of ddRADSeq genomic markers from 184 individuals across the British Isles indicates that genetic clustering is similar but divergence weaker at the nuclear level, consistent with a biogeographic scenario of multiple colonisations. We were also able to use the ddRADSeq to infer the infection status of all individuals sequenced. Interestingly, we found evidence for high frequency (>70%) infections by two different *Wolbachia* strains, with strong mitotype associations, in the Northern populations of the British Isles. *Wolbachia*-induced cytoplasmic incompatibility may be sufficient to explain the mito-nuclear discordance observed across an admixture zone on the mainland and the complete dominance of a deeply divergent mitotype on the Outer Hebrides. Moreover, the strain (*w*Ica1), largely restricted to the Outer Hebrides potentially causes phenotypic feminisation of genetic males, a known but rare phenotypic effect of *Wolbachia* in Lepidoptera. Therefore, the impact of *Wolbachia* on the biology and genetic diversity of this butterfly merits further attention.

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Introduction

Understanding within and between species diversity is fundamental to assessing and maintaining biodiversity and prioritising conservation effort. Advances in the application of molecular genetics for species identification and biodiversity monitoring (e.g. DNA barcoding projects) have revealed substantial genetic divisions within species that had previously been considered a single taxonomic species (historically based on phenotype, geographical isolation or some combination of both) giving rise to studies of cryptic biodiversity (Adams, Raadik, Burridge, & Georges, 2014; Bickford et al., 2007; Struck et al., 2018). Studies of intraspecific genetic diversity enhance estimates of species richness (Larsen, Miller, Rhodes, & Wiens, 2017), can help mitigate inadvertent loss of biodiversity (Bálint et al., 2011; Trontelj & Fišer, 2009) and potentially contribute to understanding of species' responses to climate change (Gotelli & Stanton-Geddes, 2015; Ikeda et al., 2017), especially when human activities are already impinging upon intraspecific diversity (Mimura et al., 2017). However, comprehensive and robust assessment of genetic diversity remains an exhausting and challenging task.

Many recent broad-scale taxonomic assessments of intraspecific genetic diversity have been based on mitochondrial DNA barcoding techniques, usually with a 650 base pair (bp) fragment of the mitochondrial *CO1* gene (e.g. Dincă et al., 2015; Hebert, Penton, Burns, Janzen, & Hallwachs, 2004; Lohman et al., 2010; Mendoza et al., 2016; Smith, Woodley, Janzen, Hallwachs, & Hebert, 2006). However, mtDNA markers can follow an evolutionary trajectory independent of the true demographic history. Due to the haploid nature and largely uniparental inheritance of the mitochondria (mtDNA), it has a fourfold lower effective population size compared to the nuclear genome. This lower effective population size means mtDNA loses genetic diversity via genetic drift at a faster rate than the nuclear genome (Charlesworth, 2009). Hence, mtDNA will differentiate faster than the nuclear genome during periods of isolation and will complete the process of lineage sorting more rapidly than the nuclear counterpart (Funk & Omland, 2003). During range expansions (e.g. during interglacial periods) differentiated mtDNA lineages can meet, and in the absence of reproductive isolation, nuclear genomes can recombine and homogenize (e.g. Hinojosa et al., 2019). Biogeographic inconsistencies between mtDNA and nuclear genomic variation can also result from adaptive introgression of mtDNA or sex-biased asymmetries, such as sex-biased dispersal (reviewed in Toews & Brelsford, 2012). Insects in particular are also prone to infections by reproduction manipulating endosymbionts (e.g.

Wolbachia) that can lead to cytoplasmic incompatibilities allowing mtDNA haplotypes to hitchhike to

fixation without concomitant nuclear differentiation (Hurst & Jiggins, 2005). Whilst mtDNA divergence

within taxa is informative, the additional use of neutral nuclear genetic markers can more precisely

describe evolutionary events, facilitate phylogeographic interpretations and delineate independent

evolutionary lineages (Galtier, Nabholz, Glémin, & Hurst, 2009). Obtaining a set of comprehensive

and informative nuclear genetic markers has been made easier with the advent of next generation

sequencing and reduced representation genome libraries (e,g RADseq, double digest RADseq) has

greatly alleviated this obstacle (Andrews, Good, Miller, Luikart, & Hohenlohe, 2016).

There has been rapid and extensive application of DNA barcoding to understand the diversity and

biogeography of butterflies (Ashfaq, Akhtar, Khan, Adamowicz, & Hebert, 2013; Dincă et al., 2015;

Hebert et al., 2004; Lavinia et al., 2017) which are popularly considered as environmental indicators

for environmental change (van Swaay, Nowicki, Settele, & van Strien, 2008). Using *CO1* barcodes

Dinca *et al.* (2015) showed that more than a quarter of the European butterfly species have deeply

divergent mitochondrial haplotypes that could potentially represent cryptic lineages. Evaluating the

hypothesis of cryptic species needs to be tested using nuclear genomic data on a case-by-case basis.

For two species, with multiple deeply divergent mitochondrial lineages, the use of genomic data has

largely revealed mito-nuclear discordance resulting from introgression and *Wolbachia* infections

(Dincă, Lee, Vila, & Mutanen, 2019) or demographic disparities arsing from multiple lineage

splitting/fusions through the Pleistocene glacial-interglacial cycles (Hinojosa et al., 2019). However,

the status of potential cryptic diversity of many other species with divergent mitochondrial lineages still

remains to be addressed, particularly in common species that are not conservation priorities.

The Palearctic butterfly *Polyommatus icarus* is common and widespread, occupying a range of open

biotopes including grasslands, sand dune systems and waste sites over a range of elevational

gradients but is a hostplant specialist, with larvae feeding on low growing Fabaceae (chiefly *Lotus*

corniculatus). Phylogeogrpahic analysis of this species across continental Europe and Asia led to the

discovery of strongly divergent *CO1* lineages in small pockets across Iberia and in Crete, presumably

from multiple expansion/contraction cycles during the Pleistocene (Dincă, Dapporto, & Vila, 2011).

The phylogeography of this species in the UK remains unknown but an allozyme analysis suggested

UK populations may have undergone a bottleneck (de Keyser, Shreeve, Breuker, Hails, & Schmitt,

2012), probably during the Younger Dryas period following colonisation in the early Holocene. It has

also been suggested that the colonization of the British Isles by *P. icarus* could have involved more

than one period of establishment following the Last Glacial Maximum (Dennis, 1977). Physiological

differences (Howe, Bryant, & Shreeve, 2007) have been identified between populations in different

parts of the British Isles, with northern populations differing from those in the south and those on the

isles of the Outer Hebrides being the most different, flying with lower thoracic temperatures than

elsewhere. Additionally, modelling flight activity responses under climate change scenarios reveal

profound differences between Outer Hebridian and mainland populations (Howe et al., 2007).

Differences in life-history strategies also exist, with northern populations being (potentially obligate)

univoltine whilst southern ones are facultative polyvotine (de Keyser, 2012; Matechou, Dennis,

Freeman, & Brereton, 2014).

Here we construct a phylogeography of *P. icarus* using *CO1* data with a special emphasis on the

British Isles. We then use genome-wide ddRADseq markers to determine if geographic variation in

nuclear DNA is concordant with mitochondrial variation in the British Isles. We also investigated the

influence of *Wolbachia* infection on the concordance between mitochondrial and genomic divergence

across the British Isles. We use this information to propose a possible invasion sequence and to

determine if there are distinct evolutionary lineages within the British Isles.

Materials and Methods

Phylogenetic reconstruction of CO1 lineages

To determine the phylogenetic relationships of British *P. icarus* with those elsewhere in Europe (Dincă

et al., 2011) we used all available *P. icarus cytochrome c oxidase subunit 1* (*CO1*) DNA sequences

archived in the Barcode of Life Data Systems (http://www.boldsystems.org/) database (Ratnasingham

& Herbert, 2007). Sequences were aligned using AliView (Larsson, 2014) and truncated or potential

contaminant sequences were removed, resulting in a final alignment of 187 specimens (Table S1)

with a length of 654 bp composed of protein coding sequence. The best-fit substitution model for each

codon position was determined using modeltest-NG (Darriba et al., 2019) and the *CO1* phylogeny

was reconstructed using BEAST v2.5.2 (Bouckaert et al., 2019) using a constant coalescent

population size tree prior. To estimate divergence times between lineages we applied a strict clock

model with a log normal prior distribution centred on the average of two previously published

substitution rates for invertebrates: 1.5% and 2.3% uncorrected pairwise distance per million years

(Brower, 1994; Quek, Davies, Itino, & Pierce, 2004). We executed two independent runs with an

MCMC chain length of 200 million and convergence was assessed with a 10% burning using

TRACER v1.7 (Rambaut, Drummond, Xie, Baele, & Suchard, 2018). The final time-calibrated

consensus tree was visualized and annotated using the package ggtree v.1.17.4 (Yu, Smith, Zhu,

Guan, & Lam, 2017)in R v.3.6.2 (R Core Team, 2019). Additionally, we constructed mitochondrial

haplotype networks using the *CO1* alignments and TCS networks as implemented in PopART v1.7

(Leigh & Bryant, 2015). An additional 10 individuals were filtered from this analysis due to ambiguous

bases or missing data.

Sample Collection for ddRAD sequencing of Genomic DNA

We sampled 190 butterflies from 14 sites spread across the British Isles (Figure 1, Table S2) together

with a single site in central-southern France (Table S2). Numbers of individuals collected per site

varied between 6-15, with an average of 13 per locality. We aimed to collect similar numbers of males

and females from each site, but our samples are male biased, due to cryptic female behaviour.

Butterflies were sexed based on wing colouring dimorphism and abdominal tip morphology. We

removed heads and legs of individuals anesthetized on ice, and stored these in 95% ethanol for DNA

extraction. Wings and bodies were dried and stored separately as specimen vouchers.

ddRADseq Library Construction, Sequencing and SNP Filtering

DNA was extracted from head and legs using a salt extraction protocol (Miller, Dykes, & Polesky,

1988) and eluted in 60 µl of dH_2O. DNA was quantified using a Qubit 2.0 flourometer (Life

Technologies) using a Qubit dsDNA high sensitivity assay kit (Life Technologies) and individual DNA

samples for ddRADseq libraries were normalized to10 ng/µl. Library preparation was performed at

Floragenex (Portland, Oregon) following a protocol similar to Han et al. (2018) using a digestion with

PstI/MseI along with a SBG 100-Kit v2.0 (Keygene N.V., Wageningen, the Netherlands). Barcoded

samples were sequenced over two lanes at the University of Oregon Genomics and Cell

Characterization Facility (Eugene, Oregon) on a HiSeq4000 with single-end 100bp chemistry.

We used Stacks 2.4 (Catchen, Hohenlohe, Bassham, Amores, & Cresko, 2013) to assemble RAD loci

and call SNP genotypes from the raw ddRADseq data. Raw reads were demultiplexed using the

process_radtags.pl script while discarding low quality reads (< 10 average Phred score) and removing

any restriction site tags. After demultiplexing and discarding low quality reads, three individuals were

removed from the final assembly due to low number of reads (<500,000; Table S3). We initially used

a subset of 24 individuals to determine optimal combinations of the major parameters (m :minimum

number of raw reads required to call a stack, M: number of mismatches allowed between stacks, n:

number of mismatches of allowed between loci of different individuals) involved in assembling RAD

loci with Stacks following guidelines in Paris, Stevens, and Catchen (2017) and Rochette and

Catchen (2017). We varied values of m from 2-12, while holding M and n constant at 2, and evaluated

how the number of RAD loci and number of polymorphic loci present in 80% of the samples (r80 rule;

Paris et al., 2017) stabilized as a function of m. After, obtaining a suitable value for m, we varied M

and n from 1-8, with the constraint that $M=n$ (Rochette & Catchen, 2017), and used the r80 rule and

checked for stability of the proportion of loci with 1-5 SNPs to determine suitable values for M and n.

This procedure revealed that the number of total and polymorphic RAD loci begin to stabilize around a

value for 4 for all three major parameters (m, M, and n; Figure S1). The value of $M=n=4$ at $m=4$ was

sufficient to stabilize the distribution of loci with 1-5 SNPS (Figure S2). This combination of m:4-M:4-

n:4 was used to assemble RAD loci for the entire dataset of 187 individuals. The average number of

reads per individual was 2.95 million (standard deviation (sd): 1.09 million; Table S3). The average

coverage per locus after assembling stacks was 45.8x (sd: 14.57x). SNP markers with minimum allele

frequencies of < 0.05 and a maximum observed heterozygosity > 0.65 (to exclude potential

paralogues) were further excluded. To obtain a set of widely available loci for downstream population

genomic analysis, we only retained SNPs that were present in at least 50% (r-50) of the individuals

within the 15 sampled localities (p-15; Figure 1) which yielded 4852 loci, 1915 of which were

monomorphic.

Next, to remove any contamination of our ddRADseq markers with mitochondrial DNA we used

Centrifuge v.1.0.4 (Kim, Song, Breitwieser, & Salzberg, 2016) to search all RAD loci against NCBI's

database of mitochondrial RefSeq Genomes (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/organelle/), which

includes complete mitogenomes of several Lepidopteran species. We also excluded contamination

from *Wolbachia* using Centrifuge to search RAD loci against the Archaeal and Bacterial RefSeq

Genomes in the NCBI database

(ftp://ftp.ccb.jhu.edu/pub/infphilo/centrifuge/data/p_compressed_2018_4_15.tar.gz).

Finally, we used vcftools v0.1.17 (Danecek et al., 2011) to further exclude any loci with greater than 5

SNPs (potentially erroneous loci) and then generated two SNP data sets filtered on levels of missing

data per individual: one that excluded individuals with > 50% missing data ($p15r50$miss50) and

another excluding individuals with > 25% missing data ($p15r50$miss25). This resulted in two biallelic

SNP datasets with 2,824 loci and 5,592 SNPs. The dataset $p15r50$miss50 consisted of 176

individuals and the dataset $p15r50$miss25 had 148 individuals. We generated two additional marker

datasets, using the exact same procedure as above, but with a more stringent requirement to only

retain SNPS that were present in at least 60% ($p15r60$miss25) or 70 % ($p15r70$miss25) of the

individuals within each locality.

Population Structure based on ddRADseq data

To examine genomic level population structure we conducted Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on

the Stacks derived and filtered SNP datasets using the package ade4 v.1.7-13 (Dray & Dufour, 2007)

in R v3.6.2 (R Core Team, 2019). To assess the impact of missing data in reconstructing population

structure we performed PCAs on the two datasets filtered for individuals with different thresholds of

missing data ($p15r50$miss50 or $p15r50$miss25). As linked SNPs can influence population clustering

techniques like PCA we performed a further PCA on the $p15r50$miss25 dataset but retaining only a

single SNP per RAD locus. Additionally, to assess the influence of varying number of RAD markers

on population structure, we also conducted PCA on SNP datasets generated by applying more

stringent inclusion criteria on the availability of loci (datasets $p15r60$miss25 or $p15r70$miss25). We

calculated pairwise Weir and Cockerham F_{st} between all 15 populations using the R package dartR

1.1.11 (Gruber, Unmack, Berry, & Georges, 2018) on the $p15r50$miss25 dataset. Statistical

significance between each pairwise F_{st} was determined using 10000 bootstrap replicates. We used

fineRadstructure and RADpainter (Malinsky, Trucchi, Lawson, & Falush, 2018) to assess fine-scale

population structure based on shared genetic co-ancestry also using the $p15r50$miss25 SNP dataset.

Predicting Wolbachia Infection in Individuals

To predict *Wolbachia* infection in each individual, we searched each read from demultiplexed

individual fastq files (generated in the initial stages of the Stacks 2.4 pipeline using process_radtags)

against the index of NCBI's database of Archaeal and Bacterial RefSeq Genomes

(ftp://ftp.ccb.jhu.edu/pub/infphilo/centrifuge/data/p_compressed_2018_4_15.tar.gz) using Centrifuge

v.1.0.4 (Kim et al., 2016). We used Pavian (Breitwieser & Salzberg, 2019) to summarize results from

Centrifuge. To quantify *Wolbachia* infection level in a given individual we calculated the number of

reads mapping to a single (most common) *Wolbachia* sp. as a fraction of the total reads mapped to

any bacterial or archaeal genome. Previous predictions of *Wolbachia* infection status based on short

read data from whole genome shotgun libraries have been highly successful (Richardson et al., 2012;

98.8% concordant with PCR-based results). Additionally, Illumina read depth have been shown to be

a reliable proxy for *Wolbachia* titre*,* showing strong correlation with copy number estimated from

quantiative PCR (Early & Clark, 2013) . Differences in proportions of infected individuals between

localities were determined using a Fisher's Exact test with Bonferroni adjustment for multiple

comparisons in R v3.6.2.

Generating ddRADseq SNPs for Wolbachia

In order to generate *Wolbachia* genotypes for the subset of infected individuals we used seqtk 1.3-

r106 (https://github.com/lh3/seqtk) to retain only reads tagged by Centrifuge as mapping to the most

common *Wolbachia* taxon. This set of filtered reads for the infected individuals were processed

through the same final Stacks 2.4 pipeline as above (except the initial run of process_tags.pl) with

parameters m:4-M:4-n:4 and excluding genotypes with allele frequencies of < 0.05 and a maximum

observed heterozygosity > 0.65. The assembled RAD loci were used as BLAST queries against all

available *Wolbachia* assemblies on NCBI to confirm their taxonomic identity and to determine

Wolbachia supergroup affiliation. Further, all loci were queried using BLAST against a database

containing all proteins from complete *Wolbachia* RefSeq assemblies.

To obtain a set of loci for assessing genetic variation in the *Wolbachia* genotypes, we retained SNPs

that were present in at least 50% (*r*-50) of the individuals in at least 3 of the populations (*p*-3). From

this we generated two SNP marker datasets, one in which loci with greater than 5 SNPs were

excluded and individuals with >50% missing data were removed and another included all individuals.

We performed PCA on the *Wolbachia* SNP dataset with the missing data individual exclusion criteria

to determine clustering of *Wolbachia* genotypes.

Testing association between Wolbachia strains and mitotypes

To assess the congruence between *Wolbachia* genotypes and *P. icarus* mitochondrial haplotypes, we

further sequenced an additional 655 bp fragment of CO1 for a subset of 31 individuals. The fragment

was amplified by PCR using primers piLepF1 (5`-TCTACAAATCATAAAGATATTGGAAC-3`) and

LepR1 (5`-TAAACTTCTGGATGTCCAAAAAAATCA-3`) (Hebert et al., 2004) using OneTaq

Mastermix with standard buffer (New England Biolabs) under standard cycling conditions. The

resulting sequences were trimmed for primers and aligned using AliView (Larsson, 2014). These

CO1sequences and concatenated SNPs from *Wolbachia* genotypes derived from the Stacks pipeline

(the dataset with >50% missing data individual exclusion criteria and without) were clustered

independently using bitwise distance (or Hamming's distance) with the unweighted pair group mean

averaging (UPGMA) algorithm and 1000 bootstrap replicates for support using the R package poppr

v.2.8.3 (Kamvar, Tabima, & Grünwald, 2014) and clustering dendograms were visualized and

annotated using the R package ggtree v.1.17.4

Identifying Sex-Linked loci to Investigate Wolbachia Induced Feminization

In order to investigate potential feminization in *Wolbachia* infected females we sought to identify sex-

linked SNPs to establish genetic sex for each individual. Butterflies generally posses a chromosomal

ZW/ZZ sex determination mechanism where females are the heterogametic (ZW or ZO) sex (Traut,

Sahara, & Marec, 2007). Hence, female-specific sex marker (loci polymorphic in females but

homozygous in males), assuming partial homology between Z and W chromosomes, should help to

determine the genetic sex of an individual butterfly: discordance between genetic and morphological

sex of infected females would be consistent with physiological feminization. To identify female-specific

sex markers we first fitted a baseline generalized linear model (using a logit link function) with

morphological sex as the dependent variable and PC1 and PC2 from the PCA of SNPs as the

independent variables. We then fitted an additional model by adding a single SNP marker as an

additional independent variable, and iterated this for all SNPS in the dataset. A significant association

between a SNP marker and morphological sex was determined by performing a likelihood ratio test of

the baseline model and the baseline model with the added SNP term and using a strict Bonferroni

corrected 5% type I error rate. Significant markers were further excluded if they had more than 2

genotypic classes, were not homozygous for males or happened to be a single SNP from a RAD

locus harbouring multiple SNPS. Generalized linear models and likelihood ratio tests were performed

using the base *glm() and anova()* functions in R v3.6.2.

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Results

Mitochondrial phylogeography of P. icarus

The Bayesian phylogenetic reconstruction of 187 CO1 sequences (Figure 2A, Figure S3) was

largely congruent with one published earlier for European continental and Eurasian CO1 haplotypes

by Dincă et al. (2011) identified five main monophyletic lineages. TCS haplotype networks

corroborated the genealogy for *CO1,* revealing three major splits (Figure S4) with the Iberian

lineages (Alicante-Provence and Sierra Nevada) consisting of the most divergent haplotypes.

Nineteen individuals from Spain, Italy and other Palaearctic regions could not be reliably assigned to

any clades (bottom left Figure 2A, Unclassified samples in Figure S4).

Estimates of node ages (Figure 2A) are also consistent with those from Dincă et al. (2011).   The

estimated node age for the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) for the Cretean/Sierra

Nevada/Alicante Provence and Iberian-Italy/Palaearctic lineages was 1.81 million years ago (mya)

with a 95% Bayesian credible interval (BCI) of 0.93-2.99 mya. The Cretean lineage (here represented

by a single sequence) and Alicante-Provence/Sierra Nevada lineages emerged the earliest, around

1.11 mya (95%BCI: 0.53-1.90 mya), while the split between Alicante-Provence and Sierra Nevada

lineages is estimated at 0.7 mya (95% BCI: 0.29-1.23 mya). The Palaearctic and Iberia-Italy lineages

emerged around 0.73 mya (95% BCI: 0.35-1.25 mya).

Samples from the British Isles did not form a single lineage (Figure 2A), but exhibited strong

geographic clustering (Figure 2B). Those from the Outer Hebrides together with some from the

adjacent Scottish mainland were part of the Alicante-Provence lineage (also occurring in Kazakhstan,

Norway and Germany). Those from southwestern parts of the British mainland and Wales were part

of the main Palaearctic group, whilst those from central and northern parts of mainland Britain were

part of the Iberian-Italian lineage.

Population structure of British Isles P. icarus using Genome-wide ddRADseq SNPs

PCA analyses of the ddRADseq SNP data filtered for individuals with either >25%

(*p*15*r*50miss25) or >50% (*p*15*r*50miss50) missing data and with the dataset filtered for 25% missing

data (*p*15*r*50miss25) but using unlinked SNPs produced virtually identical results (Figure 3 and Figure

S5A-B). Datasets with smaller number of markers based on more stringent inclusion criteria (datasets

(*p*15*r*60miss25 and (*p*15*r*70miss25) also yield similar results but the signal decays with decreasing

number of markers (Figure S5C-D).

The first component, accounting for 6.8% of the variation, separates the northern Scottish samples

(BER, TUL, MLG, DGC, and OBN) from all the southern and southwestern and Welsh samples

(Figure 3). The six individuals from southern France (FRN), RHD (northern England) and RVS

(southern Scotland) samples fell between these extremes along the first PC. The second component,

accounting for 1.7% of the variation, distinguishes the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) from the northern

Scottish mainland locations (MLG, DGC, OBN) (Figure 3). Pairwise F_{st} values between northern

Scottish and all southern populations suggest moderate levels of differentiation (0.083-.128; Figure

S6), while those between Outer Hebrides and the northern Scottish mainland locations suggest small

levels of differentiation (0.05-0.066, Figure S6). Analysis of shared genetic co-ancestry using

fineRADstructure presents qualitatively similar clustering of individuals (Figure S7). The resulting

clustered coancestry matrix (Figure S7) revealed three major populations consisting of the (i) northern

Scottish samples, (ii) southern and central Great British samples, and (iii) the 6 individuals from

southern France. There was evidence of further substructure in the northern Scottish population with

the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) samples forming their own distinct sub-cluster within the northern

Scottish cluster (Figure S7). Individuals from RVS and RHD clustered together with the French

population but did not display any distinct structure, sharing genetic ancestry with both the northern

mainland Scottish and southern British populations.

Prediction of *Wolbachia* infection

We used Centrifuge to match all demultiplexed reads, for all 190 individuals, to NCBI's RefSeq genomes of archaeal and bacterial genomes. On average 5.07 % (sd: ±1.96%) of the total reads per individual were classified as matching against an archaeal or bacterial genome (Table S4) with most matches being to bacterial genomes (5.05 ± 1.96 %; Table S4). The most frequently encountered *Wolbachia* genome was identified as endosymbiont of *Drosophila simulans, w*No (NCBI txid: 77038). The total percentage of classified reads with matches to this genome varied by several orders of magnitude across individuals (min= 0.00036%, max=53.56%, Table S4). There was no relationship between the total number of raw reads and the percentage of classified reads mapping to this taxon (*Spearman's rank correlation* = 0.131, *P*= 0.07544; Figure S8A). There was a natural discontinuity in the percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* across all individuals (Figure S8B) and this metric clearly had a bimodal distribution. Using a threshold of $\log_2$ (percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia*) > 0 to classify an individual as infected or not, only individuals from BER, TUL, DGC, MLG, OBN and one individual from RHD were classified as infected with infection percentages ranging from 87.5% (14/16 individuals), in TUL in the Outer Hebrides, to 8% (1/13) in RHD near Durham (Figure 4A). The proportion of infected populations differed significantly between RHD and all other localities; however, all other pairwise comparisons were insignificant (Table S5). All females from the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) were infected with a high percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* (min=15.6%, max=53.56%; Figure 4B). However, no such dimorphism in number infected or percentage mapped reads was apparent in the mainland populations (DGC, MLG, OBN; Figure 4B).

Clustering of *Wolbachia* ddRADseq genotypes

For all individuals classified as infected, we selected only raw reads classified as matching the most frequently encountered *Wolbachia* genome (NCBI txid: 77038). We then processed these selected reads using the same Stacks pipeline as for *P. icarus* genotypes. Blast searches revealed that 117 out of 124 loci were 100% identical to at least one *Wolbachia* genome assembly from NCBI, and a further 5 were >=98.5% identical to *Wolbachia* sequences in NCBI Genbank. BLAST searches against NCBI Genbank further showed that the remaining 2 loci best matched *Wolbachia* sequences,

however, identities were low (94.7% and 92.6%); however, these loci haboured no variants and hence

were not used in any downstream analsyes. The closest matching *Wolbachia* genomes for all loci

were from supergroup B strains and 115 out of 124 loci could be assigned to a *Wolbachia* protein with

sequence identities of >=95% (Table S6). Matching loci were mostly housekeeping genes, and

showed an enrichment for hypothetical proteins . These loci were further filtered to remove any loci

with >5 SNPs and any individuals with >50% missing data were removed. This final set of genotypes

included 37 loci with 68 SNPs across all 6 locations with infected individuals (Figure 4B). The first two

PCs of the *Wolbachia* SNP dataset explained 88.7% of the variation in the dataset (Figure S9), with

PC1 along accounting for 85% of the total variation. PC1 clearly distinguishes between *Wolbachia*

genotypes found in individuals from the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL; hereafter referred to as *w*lca1)

and the mainland locations with infected individuals (DGC, MLG, OBN, RHD; hereafter referred to as

*w*lca2) apart from two individuals from the western coast of Scotland (MLGm002 &OBNm110; Figure

S9), which harboured *w*lca1 (see below).

Congruence between *CO1* haplotypes and *Wolbachia* strains

In order to assess association of *Wolbachia* genotypes with CO1 haplotypes, we sequenced a

655 bp fragment of the CO1 gene from a subset of 31 infected individuals (Table S6). UPGMA

clustering of Hamming's distance between CO1 sequences recovered two clusters, with strong

support corresponding to the Alicante-Sierra Nevada and Iberia-Italy CO1 lineages (Figure 5). The

Alicante-Sierra Nevada cluster was composed entirely of individuals from Outer Hebrides except for

three individuals from the western coast of Scotland (MLGm002, MLGf010, & OBNm110; Figure 5).

UPGMA clustering of Hamming's distance between concatenated SNPs derived from the *Wolbachia*

genotypes dataset with and without the >50% missing data exclusion criteria were near identical, and

only the latter is shown (Figure 5). Clustering of *Wolbachia* SNPs also recovered two clusters, with

strong support, corresponding to strain *w*lca1 (Outer Hebrides) and *w*lca2 (mainland). The three

individuals from the mainland (MLGm002, MLGf010, & OBNm110; Figure 5) possessing the Alicante-

Sierra Nevada haplotype also carried the *w*lca1 strains. Overall there is perfect association between

individuals bearing *Wolbachia* strain *w*lca1 and the Alicante-Sierra Nevada CO1 haplotype and

Wolbachia strain *w*lca2 and the Italy-Iberia CO1 haplotype (although not all individuals with this

haplotype are infected by *Wolbachia*) regardless of geographical locality (Figure 5).

 Sex-specific markers and feminization in Outer Hebrides

Wolbachia dosage can influence phenotypic outcomes in the host (Arai, Lin, Nakai, Kunimi, &

Inoue, 2020; Breeuwer & Werren, 1993), thus the high levels of *w*Ica1 levels observed in females of

the Outer Hebrides population could be indicative of *Wolbachia* induced feminization. In this

scenario, morphological males should all be homozygous and morphological females should be

heterozygous for female-specific markers (homozygous for Z but a novel allele for W chromosome).

Discordance between the latter would suggest potential feminization of males. We used a

combination of association analysis and filtering to identify such a set of 10 putatively female-specific

SNPs (Table S7) across 7 RAD loci. Quite strikingly 5 out of 10 SNPs (across 3 RAD loci) show

perfect concordance of morphological sex with genetic sex except for females carrying the *w*Ica1

strain (Figure 6), The additional 5 SNPs also show complete discordance for morphological and

genetic sex for *w*Ica1 infected females but also includes a small number of homozygote of females

from uninfected or *w*Ica2 carrying individuals (Table S7).

Discussion

Using both mitochondrial (*CO1*) (British Isles and European scales) and our putative nuclear

genetic markers (British Isles) (our ddRADseq data) we have identified regionalisation of genetic

lineages of the widespread *Polyommatus icarus*. Genetic structuring based on either sets of markers

are largely consistent in inferences of the number of genetic clusters but the magnitude of genomic

divergence is clearly not equivalent to mtDNA divergence with evidence for genomic introgression

and the existence of an admixture zone between two of the three lineages in the British Isles. This

pattern of admixture is consistent with the distribution of *CO1* lineages at the European scale. We

have also identified two strains of *Wolbachia* within the butterfly in the British Isles, with distinct

geographic occurrences and strict mitotype associations, one of which may be potentially feminizing

strain**.**

The butterfly is described as relatively mobile (Asher et al., 2001; Cowley et al., 2001) and early work

at the European scale using allozymes revealed little genetic differentiation over mainland Europe,

and thus no geographic regionalisation, although samples from the British Isles have lower allelic

diversity than in mainland Europe (de Keyser et al., 2012). Our data contrasts with this broad finding,

demonstrating a pattern of geographic variation over a smaller spatial scale: the British Isles. Studies

using mitochondrial *CO1* and the nuclear gene *ITS-1* In mainland Europe (Dinca et al. 2011) have

identified five lineages with geographic structuring within mainland Europe, Using a larger number

and geographical spread of samples, we recovered a similar topology and estimates of node ages to

those reported in Dinca et al. (2011) suggesting that splits within mtDNA lineages occurred within the

Pleistocene glacial-interglacial cycles. Within the British Isles, there is concordance between mtDNA

and ddRADseq data in the inference of genetic clusters. The Outer Hebredian genomic cluster is

entirely comprised of the Alicante-Provence mitotype; the Northern Scottish genomic cluster is largely

comprised of the Ibierian-Italian mitotype; and the southern English and Welsh populations are largely

composed of the Palearctic mitotype. However, the magnitude of divergence between mtDNA and

genomic markers is clearly not equivalent, and there is only weak divergence at the genomic level.

Hence, the observed concordance between mtDNA and genomic data does not represent the

existence of deeply divergence lineages. Instead we suggest that the degree of genomic divergence

between these mtDNA lineages reflects the order of colonization, founder effects and subsequent

time available for genomic homogenization.

The earliest time period that *P.icarus* could have occurred within the British Isles is *c.* 20,000 years

B.P, following rapid warming at the end of the Last Glacial Maximum. It is also likely that colonization

of the islands will only have occurred prior to the permanent opening of the Channel sea-straight*, c.*

9,800 years B.P. Whilst our data does not cover the whole of the British Isles, and sampling of *P.*

icarus for *CO1* in northern parts of mainland Europe is less intense than in the Mediterranean zone,

our *CO1* data point to colonization of the British Isles by three lineages which are geographically

structured with little evidence of widespread co-existence in this island region. The work of Dinca et

al. (2011) corroborated by our analysis of the occurrence of these lineages within mainland Europe

indicates that the main Palearctic lineage is spatially mixed with the other lineages in most of

mainland Europe, north of Mediterranean zone glacial refugia. Based on the occurrence of the

Alicante-Provence lineage on the Outer Hebrides, with a few individuals on the adjacent Scottish

mainland (where the Iberian-Italian lineage occurs), we suggest that the Alicante-Provence lineage

was an early colonizer that was replaced by the Iberian-Italian lineage on mainland Britain. There is

very weak genomic divergence between the Outer Hebrides and the adjacent mainland which could

reflect the longer time available for gene-flow between these lineages. That the Iberian-Italian

haplotype is not present on the Outer Hebrides also indicates that these islands are isolated. We also

suggest that the distribution of the Palearctic lineage in the southwest and southern parts of the

British mainland, might represent, more recent, sequential replacement of the Iberian-Italian lineage.

Where this has occurred it is the replaced *CO1* haplotype that is very infrequent in the areas where

we are suggesting replacement (Figure 2B: south-west England). The genomic divergence between

the southern and northern population is stronger (compared to that between the Outer Hebrides and

northern mainland), which may result from lesser time available for gene-flow. Genomic data also

provides evidence for the existence of an admixture zone between the northern Scottish populations

(largely Iberia-Italy haplotype) and southern English and Welsh populations (largely Palearctic)

consistent with more recent contact between lineages. In summary we see some concordance

between mtDNA and genomic data and this weak concordance might arise from the shorter duration

for genomic mixing. Longer mixing timings would allow for complete homogenization and starker mito-

nuclear discordance as has been observed in continental European Lepidoptera (Dincă et al., 2019;

Hinojosa et al., 2019). Importantly, both mtDNA and genomic data are consistent with a

phylogeographic scenario comprising multiple colonizations of the British Isles followed by historical

and on-going genomic mixing.   This is consistent with a colonization scenario (based on *CO1*) for the

whole of Europe and its islands, from possible refugial areas occupied at the Last Glacial

Maximum,with the most ancient lineages being found on ecological and physical islands (Sierra

Nevada and Crete), with the Alicante-Provence lineage possibly spreading from Mediterranean

refugia occupied at the Last Glacial Maximum throughout Europe and now persisting on the Outer

Hebrides, northern Ireland and northern Scandinavia, and Belle Isle (France) and isolated (scarce)

elsewhere. This is then replaced by the Iberian-Italian lineage, now currently persisting in Iberia and

Italy and also in Ireland, northern/central England and mainland Scotland and later replaced over

most of Europe (including southern England) by the current main European haplotype, representing a

possible eastwards expansion from the Balkan region.

However, the persistence and geographic structuring of divergent mitotypes in the British Isles still

requires some further explanation. The replacement of the Alicante-Provence lineage by the Iberian-

Italian lineage in the north and of the Iberian-Italian lineage by the Palearctic mitotype in the south has

involved genomic homogenization, with the eventual loss of the *CO1* mitotype of the replaced lineage

This loss would involve either female biased dispersal of the invading lineage, greater fitness of the

mitotypes of the invading lineage or *Wolbachia*-mediated CI. Female biased dispersal is unlikely in

this species as females display cryptic behaviour and are rarely observed while sampling as opposed

to males which are frequently encountered on the wing (pers. obs.). There is some support for

directional selection on mitochondria in the case of northwestern Scotland. Individuals from the Outer

Hebrides fly with lower body temperatures than those from further south (Howe et al., 2007). This

increases the chance of flight in the generally cooler and cloudier and windier conditions in the Outer

Hebrides than elsewhere, Whether this confers a disadvantage in warmer conditions on mainland

Scotland is not known, but flight activity involves respiratory enzymes encoded by mitochondria,

There is the possibility that in mainland conditions the mitotype in the Outer Hebrides are at a

disadvantage to others. Associations of mitotypes with particular climates, against on-going gene

flow, has been identified in vertebrates (Morales et al., 2018; Pavlova et al., 2013). It is worth noting

that divergence between *CO1* barcodes of the Alicante-Provence lineage found on the Outer

Hebrides and the Iberian-Italy lineage found on adjacent mainland the includes 2 non-synonymous

substitutions.

However, a more general explanation for the persistence of divergent mitotypes, consistent with our

data, is a recent *Wolbachia* sweep (CI; Hurst & Jiggins, 2005). Our predictions of *Wolbachia* infection

status mirrored genomic differentiation based on ddRADseq SNPs. Populations in the north

harboured a substantial proportion (>50% in all cases) of infected individuals, whereas no predictions

of infection were made for individuals in the south (Figure 4A) suggesting that individuals in the south

are not infected or not infected to the same extent. We found evidence for two distinct *Wolbachia*

strains, *w*lca1 and *w*lca2, that show perfect association with the Alicante-Provence and Italy-Iberia

mitotypes, respectively. Such genetic structuring of *Wolbachia* could potentially explain the

persistence of older mitotypes of the host butterfly under male-biased dispersal and CI between

infected males and uninfected females (and between males and females infected with different

strains). This could account for the observation that the entire admixture zone between Iberian-Italian

and Palearctic lineages is dominated by the Iberia-Italian mitotype. Furthermore, bidirectional CI

between *w*lca1 and *w*lca2 individuals coupled with imperfect vertical transmission can promote stable

coexistence of both strains (Telschow, Yamamura, & Werren, 2005), which could account for the

persistence of the mitotype in the Outer Hebrides. We did not detect any double-infected individuals

(i.e. those carrying both strains) which would be consistent with bidirectional CI. However, it remains

plausible that are our sequencing data is not sensitive enough to detect double infections. A more systematic analysis, involving laboratory crosses between individuals with different infection status, is required to determine the extent of CI between infected and uninfected individuals (and between strains). Accurate dating of infection events and exploration on infections on continental Europe, could offer more conclusive insight into the impact of *Wolbachia* on genetic structuring in the Common Blue butterfly. To conclude, although, we cannot currently exclude the role of direct selection in explaining the persistence of mitotypes in the north, our data cannot exclude the current mitotype structure in the British Isles resulting from *Wolbachia*-mediated CI.

We currently have no evidence for the capability of either *w*Ica1 or *w*Ica2 to induce CI, two observations do indicate a potential phenotypic effect of the *w*Ica1 strain. Firstly, all females from Outer Hebrides were predicted as infected with *w*Ica but not all males, whereas infection status on the mainland exhibited no such dimorphism. Second, Outer Hebridean females carried a *Wolbachia* load, based on our proxy metric for copy number, an order of magnitude higher than in females. *Wolbachia* density can be indicative of its phenotypic effect on the host (Arai et al., 2020; Breeuwer & Werren, 1993). Our observations here are consistent with *Wolbachia*-induced feminization of genetic males (Stouthamer, Breeuwer, & Hurst, 1999). Such feminization would predict that female-specific markers in a species with a ZW sex determination system, with the caveat of partial homology between Z and W chromosomes would yield male (homozygous) genotypes in "feminized" males. As expected all morphological females carrying the *w*Ica1 had male genotypes.

Feminization is a well-known reproductive manipulation strategy deployed by *Wolbachia* (Werren, Baldo, & Clark, 2008), however, it has not been encountered frequently within Lepidoptera (Duplouy & Hornett, 2018). The best documented instance of feminization in butterflies has been initiated by the discovery of sex-biased female lines in two species of pierid *Eurema* butterflies in Japan (Kato, 2000). *w*Fem occurs at low frequencies in natural populations of *Eurema* and has not been detected in males. A causative role of *w*Fem in feminization has been suggested by antibiotic treatment of infected larva which results in intersex individuals (Narita, Kageyama, Nomura, & Fukatsu, 2007) and antibiotic treatment of adult females leads to all male progeny (Kern, Cook, Kageyama, & Riegler, 2015). The *w*Fem pattern of infection contrasts with that of *w*Ica1, where both females and males can be infected, but females carry higher bacterial dose. If *Wolbachia*-induced feminization indeed occurs in Outer Hebridean *P. icarus,* it will add to the small number of potential model system to study the

molecular basis underlying this poorly understood process in Lepidoptera. However, more direct

evidence for wIca1- induced feminization is required (Hiroki et al., 2002; Kageyama et al., 2017).

Conclusions

In conclusion, we have identified three distinct mitochondrial haplotypes in the British Isles.

We found partial concordance in nuclear genomic divergence using ddRADSeq makers. Both mtDNA

and genomic data are consistent with a biogeographical scenario involving at least three independent

colonizations of the British Isles and are consistent with a possible colonization history of most of

mainland Europe from refugia occupied at the Last Glacial Maximum. We observe mito-nuclear

discordance on the mainland with staggered clines of mtDNA and genomic introgression between two

mitochondrial lineages. *Wolbachia* infection status on the mainland suggests this discordance likely

results from *Wolbachia*-induced CI coupled with male-biased dispersal. In contrast, the Outer

Hebrides are divergent with respect to mtDNA and genomic markers, and the former may be

associated with climatic adaptation on the islands. However, bidirectional CI between the Outer

Hebrides and the mainland could also account for the persistence of parapatric mtDNA halplotypes.

Furthermore, the potential existence of feminizing *Wolbachia* indicates the distinctiveness of the

populations on the Outer Hebrides. Because of the current isolation we strongly suggest that the

populations on the Outer Hebrides represent a distinct genetic and ecological evolutionary unit, that

warrants consideration as being of conservation interest and monitoring in its own right. Finally, the

eco-evolutionary dynamics of this *Wolbachia*-host system and their impact on past and future biology

of these butterflies warrants further investigaion.

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Data Availability Statement

CO1 sequences are deposited in NCBI Genbank with accession numbers listed in Table S6. Raw ddRADSeq reads can be found on the NCBI SRA under accessions SRRXXXXX and SRRXXXXX. Barcodes for de-multliplexing, processed data files and Bash and R scripts for the analyses can be found on github.

844   **Figure 1.** A map of the British Isles with geographical locations of *Polyommatus icarus* sampled for
845   this study. An additional 6 individuals collected from southern France are not shown (see Table S2 for
846   full details). Size of circles is proportional to the number of samples acquired at each locality.

Figure 2 (A) Bayesian ultrametric tree inferred from 187 CO1 *Polyommatus icarus* sequences. Numbers above
nodes represent Bayesian posterior support (only where probabilities were > 0.75). The bars on each node
represent the 95% Bayesian credible interval for estimates of node age. The scale is in millions of years. Clades
with > 0.75 posterior support have been collapsed (see figure S3 for uncollapsed tree) and coloured based on
correspondence to the CO1 lineage classification from Dincă et al. (2011). **(B)** Bubble plot of the geographical
distribution of the 51 Great British samples in the dataset. Colours are based on their correspondence to the
lineage classification from Dincă et al. (2011). Size of the bubble represents the total number of CO1 lineages at
a particular sitee

858 **Figure 3** Population structure based on principal component analysis (PCA) of 5592 SNPs (2824
859 RAD loci) of 148 *Polyomattus icarus* individuals across the British Isles. Ninety-% Confidence Interval
860 (CI) ellipses for PC1 and PC2 for each locality are also shown. Each locality is represented by a
861 distinct colour and inset provides a labeled map of the sampled localities for quick geographical
862 reference.

Figure 4 (A) Proportion of individuals classified as infected based on a threshold of $\log_2$(percentage of classified reads mapping to Wolbachia) > 0. Only populations with at least one infected individual are shown. Error bars are the standard errors of the estimated proportions. Inset map spans the geographical range of locations habouring infected individuals. **(B)** Distributions of the percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* for locations with individuals classified as infected. RHD with a single infected male is not shown. Larger circles represent the average for each sex within locations.

Figure 5 UPGMA clustering of mitochondrial CO1 fragments from 31 *Polyommatus icarus* individuals based on bitwise distance (left). UPGMA clustering of 74 concatenated SNPs from ddRADseq *Wolbachia* genotypes derived from reads mapping to *Wolbachia* from 55 infected individuals (right). Numbers on nodes represent bootstrap branch support values based on 1000 bootstrap replicates, values < 70% are not shown. Large circles represent individuals from mainland populations (DGC, MLG, OBN, RHD) and smaller circles represent individuals from the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL). Lines between dendograms connect the *CO1* haplotype and *Wolbachia* strain for the same individual. Scale bar reflects the proportion of loci that are different.

Figure 6 Feminization of *w*Ica1infected females as suggested by discordance between morphological
sex, based on abdominal tip morphology and dimorphic wing patterning, and genetic sex based on
female-specific markers. Discordance is exemplified by data on a single marker here (11011_27), see
Table S7 for all sex-linked loci. All *w*Ica1 infected morphological females (all females in the Outer
Hebrides and one from the mainland (MLGf010) are homozygous for female-specific markers
(heterozygous ZW), consistent with feminization of males.