

1 **Admixture mapping reveals loci for carcass mass in red deer x sika hybrids in**
2 **Kintyre, Scotland**

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11 **Abstract (200 words or fewer):**

12 We deployed admixture mapping on a sample of 386 deer from a hybrid swarm
13 between native red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) and introduced Japanese sika (*Cervus nippon*)
14 sampled in Kintyre, Scotland to search for Quantitative Trait Loci (QTL) underpinning
15 phenotypic differences between the species. These two species are highly diverged
16 genetically (F_{st} between pure species, based on 50K SNPs, = 0.532) and phenotypically:
17 pure red have on average twice the carcass mass of pure sika in our sample (38.7kg vs
18 19.1 kg). After controlling for sex, age and population genetic structure we found ten
19 autosomal genomic locations with QTL for carcass mass. Effect sizes ranged from 0.191
20 to 1.839 Kg and as expected, in all cases the allele derived from sika conferred lower
21 carcass mass. The sika population was fixed for all small carcass mass alleles, whereas
22 the red deer population was typically polymorphic. GO term analysis of genes lying in
23 the QTL regions are associated with oxygen transport. Although body mass is a likely
24 target of selection, none of the SNPs marking QTL are introgressing faster or slower
25 than expected in either direction.

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27 **Introduction:**

28 To understand the relationship between genetic variation and phenotypic variation, and
29 eventually the link between genetic variants and fitness, is a goal of evolutionary
30 genetics. By understanding the genetic architecture of phenotypic traits, we can then
31 ask how selection could act on a trait, make predictions of how a trait might change
32 over time, or how the trait could respond to environmental change (Barton and
33 Keightley 2002). In the context of hybridization, it is informative to understand the
34 genetic architecture of the phenotypic traits that differ between hybridizing species.
35 This is particularly relevant when human influences lead to increased hybridization
36 (Grabenstein and Taylor 2018) and there is the potential for extinction via
37 hybridization to decrease biodiversity (Rhymer and Simberloff 1996; Brennan et al.
38 2015; Todesco et al. 2016).

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40 Genetic mapping in hybrid zones is particularly powerful because of the
41 opportunity to use admixture mapping on recombinant individuals (Rieseberg and
42 Buerkle 2002). The assumption of admixture mapping is that hybrid individuals have
43 mosaic genomes that have been formed as the result of introgression, selection, and
44 genetic drift (Buerkle and Lexer 2008; Winkler et al. 2010; Seldin et al. 2011). Coupled
45 with divergent phenotypes, this allows for quantitative trait locus (QTL) mapping using
46 fewer markers than are needed for typical genome wide association studies (Rieseberg
47 and Buerkle 2002). Natural hybrid zones can be extremely powerful for detecting QTLs
48 because the phenotypes of hybrids are often intermediate, (Buerkle and Lexer 2008).
49 Admixture mapping is most powerful when both the phenotype and genotypes are
50 divergent between the two parental populations and when there individuals are
51 sampled across the ancestry and phenotype spectrum (Buerkle and Lexer 2008).

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53 Admixture mapping has been used in human populations, wild plants and in
54 some wild animals, but less so in wild mammals. Specifically, admixture mapping has
55 been used extensively to find genes for disorders in human populations (Patterson et al.
56 2004; Smith et al. 2004; Shriner 2013), to search for genes related to reproductive
57 isolation in *Populus* hybrid zones (Lexer et al. 2007; Lexer et al. 2010), and for
58 morphological and phytochemical traits in these hybrid zones (Bresadola et al. 2019)
59 and for traits such as plumage colour, migration behaviour and beak size in birds
60 (Chaves et al. 2016; Delmore et al. 2016; Brelsford et al. 2017), melanoma and tail fin
61 morphology in swordtail fish (*Xiphophorus malinche* and *X. birchmanni*) (Powell et al.
62 2020; Powell et al. 2021), and wing pattern variation in butterflies (Lucas et al. 2018).
63 In wild mammal systems, admixture mapping has been used to discover 10 genomic
64 regions for craniofacial shape variation and 23 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)
65 associated with leg bone length in mice (*Mus musculus musculus* x *M. m. domesticus*;
66 (Pallares et al. 2014; Škrabar et al. 2018), and to associate introgressed genomic regions
67 with body size and skeletal growth in coyotes and wolves (*Canus latrans* and *C. lupus*;
68 (vonHoldt et al. 2016)). While admixture mapping is suitable for gene mapping in wild
69 mammals, the best systems would be hybrid swarms with substantial variation in focal
70 phenotypes.

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72 Anthropogenic hybridization between red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) and sika (*C.*
73 *nippon*) in Scotland (Senn et al. 2009, McFarlane et al. 2020), offers an opportunity to
74 use admixture mapping to identify the genetic architecture of an extremely variable
75 phenotype, in this case, carcass mass. Briefly, sika were introduced to Scotland in the
76 19th century, and hybrid individuals in Kintyre are common (McFarlane et al. 2020).
77 Carcass mass of red deer males in Argyll ranges between 55 and 106 kg, while carcass
78 mass of red deer females ranges from 51-61 kg; by comparison sika in Scotland have an
79 average carcass mass of 30 kg (males) and 24 kg (females; (Harris and Yalden 2008)
80 indicating substantial divergence in this trait between the two species. Hybrid
81 individuals have intermediate phenotypes correlated with their admixture proportion
82 (Senn et al. 2010). Carcass mass is the weight in kilograms of the animal at death,
83 following the removal of the head, internal organs, lower legs and blood. Thus, carcass
84 mass is approximately 60-70% of live mass (Mitchell and Crisp 1981). Red deer and
85 sika in Scotland are quite genetically diverged, with a genome wide F_{st} of 0.532 (95%
86 confidence interval: 0.529 – 0.534 McFarlane et al. 2020a), although it should be noted
87 that there is substantial variation in divergence across the genome (McFarlane et al.
88 2021). If there is a SNP for carcass mass that is in a causal region, or in linkage
89 disequilibrium with a causal region, we should have high power to detect it, based on
90 the F_{st} between red deer, the large phenotypic divergence and the estimated number of
91 generations since admixture began (approximately 6-7; (Crawford and Nielsen 2013;
92 McFarlane et al. 2020).

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94 The goals of this study are to use the red-sika hybrid system to 1) identify any
95 large effect QTL for carcass mass, 2) Inspect the direction of effect of any QTL found,

96 with the prediction that the sika-specific allele will confer lower mass and 3) search for
97 nearby genes and analyze their putative functions. In general we expect carcass mass in
98 deer to have a polygenic architecture, as is the case in morphological traits in several
99 wild systems (e.g. Soay sheep (Bérénos et al. 2015), collared flycatchers and house
100 sparrows (Silva et al. 2017), and great tits (Santure et al. 2013; Santure et al. 2015).
101 However, there could also be some large effect QTL, as have been found for human
102 height (Yang et al. 2010), cattle (Bhuiyan et al. 2018; Roberts 2018; Pegolo et al. 2020),
103 and such QTL are particularly likely in an admixed population.

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105 **Methods:**

106 We analyzed 513 deer samples collected from 15 forestry sites in the Kintyre region of
107 Scotland between 2006 and 2011. The Forestry Commission Scotland (now Forestry
108 and Land Scotland) culled the deer as part of normal deer control measures, in which
109 animals were shot as encountered, regardless of phenotype or suspected species (Smith
110 et al. 2018). Ear tissue samples were stored in 95% ethanol, and animals were sexed,
111 aged (from tooth eruption and wear) and weighed to the nearest kg within 24 hours of
112 harvest (Senn and Pemberton 2009). Of the 513 deer sampled and genotyped, carcass
113 mass was available for 386 animals.

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115 *DNA extraction and SNP Genotyping*

116 The deer were genotyped on the Cervine Illumina iSelect HD Custom BeadChip, which
117 has 53,000 attempted SNP assays, using an iScan instrument (Huisman et al. 2016).
118 When this SNP chip was developed, SNPs were selected to be spaced evenly throughout
119 the genome based on the bovine genome with which the deer genome has high
120 homology, although we use the deer linkage map in the present study (Johnston et al.
121 2017). The majority of SNPs were selected because they were polymorphic in red deer,
122 specifically those red deer that are part of a long term monitoring project on the Isle of
123 Rum, but 4500 SNPs were also selected to be diagnostic between either red deer and
124 sika or red deer and wapiti (*Cervus canadensis*) (Brauning et al. 2015).

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126 We used the DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's
127 instructions to extract DNA for SNP analysis, with the exception that we eluted twice in
128 50µl buffer TE to obtain DNA at a sufficiently high concentration. We assayed the
129 concentration of extractions using the Qubit™ dsDNA BR Assay Kit (Invitrogen). If an
130 extraction was below 50 ng/µl, it was vacuum-concentrated, re-extracted or omitted
131 from SNP analysis. Each 96 well plate had a positive control, and genotypes were scored
132 using the clusters from a previous study (Huisman et al. 2016; McFarlane et al. 2020).

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134 We followed the same protocol as McFarlane et al. (2020) for quality control, and to
135 estimate the proportion of red deer ancestry for each individual (Q score). We used
136 PLINK for all quality control (Purcell et al. 2007). Specifically, we excluded individual
137 samples with a call rate of less than 0.90, deleted loci with a minor allele frequency of
138 less than 0.001 and/or a call rate of less than 0.90 (McFarlane et al. 2020), but we did

139 not exclude SNPs based on Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE) as admixed samples are
140 not expected to be in HWE. To assign a Q score to each individual we used ADMIXTURE
141 (Alexander et al. 2009). If the credible interval around the Q score overlapped 0, an
142 individual was considered pure sika, if the CI overlapped 1 then it was pure red deer
143 and the individual was considered a hybrid if the CIs overlapped neither 0 or 1
144 (McFarlane et al. 2020).

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146 *Admixture mapping*

147 We used Bayesian sparse linear mixed models (BSLMMs) in *gemma* for admixture
148 mapping (Zhou et al. 2013). BSLMMs model the genetic architecture of traits while
149 controlling for relatedness, thus giving an estimate of the proportion of phenotypic
150 variance explained by combined effects of polygenic and large effect SNPs. SNP effects
151 are drawn from two distributions, one distribution where it is assumed that all SNPs
152 have a small to negligible effect, and a second distribution where some SNPs are
153 assumed to have a larger effect drawn from a different distribution (i.e. the sparse
154 effects; Zhou et al. 2013). BSLMMs include a kinship matrix to account for phenotypic
155 similarity based on overall relatedness or genetic similarity. Inclusion of this kinship
156 matrix removes the effect of population structure when determining whether individual
157 SNPs have a significant effect on the trait (Zhou et al. 2013). From the BSLMM models,
158 we can extract estimates of the proportion of variance in the phenotype explained (PVE)
159 by the sparse effects and the random effects, as well as the proportion of the genetic
160 variance explained (PGE) by the sparse effects. The product of PVE and PGE is the
161 proportion of phenotypic variance explained by the sparse effects, known as the narrow
162 sense heritability (h^2).

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164 A BSLMM cannot be run with a covariate matrix, although covariates can be included
165 as additional SNP effects using the command '--not-snp'. We added covariates to the
166 input file, specifically a 'bimbam dosage' file output using plink (Purcell et al. 2007;
167 Bresadola et al. 2019). Because body mass in deer is known to be strongly influenced by
168 age and sex (Clutton-Brock et al. 1982), we ran the BSLMM including these as additional
169 covariates. We also included the point estimate of Q score from ADMIXTURE (see
170 above) as an additional covariate to account for background species differences
171 (Pallares et al. 2014). We report the results of BSLMMs run both with and without the
172 covariates. The BSLMM was run for 25 million iterations, with a burnin of 10 million
173 iterations, and sampled every 1000 iterations after the burnin. Convergence was
174 confirmed using plots of the MCMC distributions of PVE, PGE, and gamma (i.e. the
175 number of SNPs included in the sparse distribution), following (Soria-Carrasco 2019).
176 The model was run three times to ensure that a global peak was found. To determine
177 significance, we quantified the Posterior Inclusion Probability (PIP), and with a
178 threshold of 0.1; those SNPs with a PIP higher than 0.1 are considered significantly
179 associated with the phenotype (Chaves et al. 2016). We report in the main text all SNPs
180 that we found to be significant in any of the all three runs of the model, and report the
181 different effect sizes and PIPs from each run in Supplementary Table 1. We report exact

182 estimates of PVE, PGE, and PIPs from the first run of the model (A in Supplementary
183 Table 1), as all estimates were highly consistent.

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185 To understand how genotypes for each highlighted SNP were associated with
186 carcass mass, we used ADMIXTURE to determine the posterior population allele
187 frequency in the parental red deer and sika populations, and to assign a 'sika' and a 'red
188 deer' allele(s) (Alexander et al. 2009). We then plotted SNP genotypes for each sex
189 against carcass mass after accounting for age (Wickham 2011).

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192 *Gene Enrichment Analysis*

193 To identify possible genes associated with carcass mass in red deer and sika, we first
194 quantified the average linkage disequilibrium (LD) across each linkage group in each of
195 red deer, sika and hybrids (as defined in McFarlane et al. 2020), using PLINK (Purcell et
196 al. 2007). We used biomaRt (Durinck et al. 2005; Durinck et al. 2009) and ensembl
197 (Yates et al. 2020) to identify genes 500kb up or downstream of the SNPs of interest,
198 based on the high LD we expect at this range. We also used biomaRt and ensembl to
199 infer putative function of these genes in other organisms, specifically cattle and humans.
200 Finally, we used g:Profiler for functional gene enrichment analysis, searching for
201 relationships between gene in predefined gene sets, where genes are categorized
202 together based on biochemical pathways, or consistent co-expression (Subramanian et
203 al. 2005; Raudvere et al. 2019). We compared the identified genes and associated GO
204 terms to the databases of each cattle and humans. To account for multiple testing we
205 used a Benjamini-Hochberg FDR, and examined each biological process (BP), molecular
206 function (MF) and cellular component (CC) GO terms.

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208 All data and scripts for this project can be found at
209 [https://figshare.com/projects/Admixture_mapping_reveals_loci_for_carcass_mass_in_re
210 d_deer_x_sika_hybrids_in_Kintyre_Scotland/112743](https://figshare.com/projects/Admixture_mapping_reveals_loci_for_carcass_mass_in_red_deer_x_sika_hybrids_in_Kintyre_Scotland/112743).

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212 **Results:**

213 The red deer that we sampled had an average carcass mass of 37.2kg (± 17.9 , females,
214 39.5kg ± 24.2 , males) while the sika weighed 19.4kg ± 4.3 (females, 19.3kg ± 9.3 males),
215 and hybrid individuals were intermediate at 22.7kg ± 16.8 (females, 27.1kg ± 21.5 males).
216 The substantial variation within each sex-species is due to variation in age (Figure 1).

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218 We estimated PVE, which includes sex, age, admixture proportion (Q) and the SNP
219 effects (including the alpha matrix that included all SNP effects and the sparse matrix
220 with the additional, large SNP effects) to explain 0.912 (0.87 – 0.95 (credible interval,
221 CI)) of the phenotypic variance in carcass mass, while PGE, the genetic variance due to
222 the sparse effects was 0.656 (0.22 -0.99) of . This means that 0.598 (0.19 – 0.94) of the
223 phenotypic variance was explained by the sparse effects (i.e. those effects due to SNPs
224 with large effects, PGE/(PVE+PGE+residual)). The sparse effects included sex and age,

225 which both had extremely high PIP (PIPs of 1.00, 0.99 respectively) but not Q, which
226 had a low PIP (0.0015).

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228 The mean number of SNPs included in the sparse effects was 58.1 (6-179), but only 10
229 (11 in run C, Supplementary Table 1) SNPs had a PIP above the threshold of 0.1 (i.e.
230 these SNPs were included in the sparse effect distribution at least 10% of the time).
231 These SNPs were on linkage groups 6, 9, 11, 19, 21, 25, 28 and the X chromosome. All
232 SNPs with a PIP higher than 0.1 were also in the 99.9th percentile of effect sizes (Table 1;
233 Figures 2 & 3), and some are clustered, for example, those on linkage group 19. One SNP
234 on the X chromosome initially appeared to be associated with carcass mass.
235 *cela1_red_x_128791597* appeared to have a large effect size, particularly in males, but
236 this was the result of an extremely low frequency of the minor allele associated with
237 large carcass mass, since only one male had the relevant allele. For this reason, we
238 believe that the effect of this SNPs is a sampling artefact, and we do not consider it any
239 further. All other outlier SNPs had a minor allele frequency (MAF) greater than 0.15
240 (Table 1).

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242 To examine whether those alleles associated with small size were more prevalent in
243 sika, we categorized alleles as sika or red deer alleles, based on posterior estimates of
244 parental population allele frequencies from ADMIXTURE. For all SNPs significantly
245 associated with carcass mass, the allele for small carcass mass was fixed or nearly fixed
246 in sika, and the large carcass mass allele had a high population allele frequency in red
247 deer (Figure 4, Table 1).

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249 We found an average, within linkage group, LD of 0.425+/-0.26 in red deer, 0.435 +/-
250 0.22 in hybrid deer and 0.781+/-0.26 in sika, which varied across linkage groups
251 (Supplementary Figure 1). From this high LD, we conservatively inferred that genes
252 within 500Kbp of each of the significant SNPs could be related to carcass mass. We
253 found 45 unique genes that have been named in the cattle genome (Supplementary
254 Table 2), and 297 unique GO terms (Supplementary Table 3). We found 15 GO terms
255 that were significantly associated via gene set analysis based on the genes that we
256 identified (Table 3; Supplementary Table 4). We found qualitatively similar interactions
257 when we assessed the GO terms and interactions in humans, although without any
258 significant GO:BP interactions, and without any three-gene interactions (Supplementary
259 Table 4).

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261 **Discussion:**

262 Red deer and sika have a substantial phenotypic size difference, while hybrid deer are
263 intermediate in size (Senn et al. 2010). We have identified 10 autosomal SNPs that are
264 related to carcass mass, which are associated with seven chromosomes, 45 genes, and
265 297 GO terms. Our use of an anthropogenic hybrid swarm for admixture mapping has
266 illuminated potential candidate regions in red deer and sika, which could explain
267 variation in mass in other deer species, or even other mammalian systems.

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269 We have identified a number of candidate regions that are associated with carcass mass
270 in red deer, sika and their hybrids. The 10 autosomal SNPs that we have identified are
271 all extremely invariant in sika (sika allele frequency > 0.99), but polymorphic in red deer,
272 as determined by ADMIXTURE (Alexander et al. 2009; McFarlane et al. 2020). In every
273 case, the allele that was fixed in sika was associated with smaller size (Figure 4).
274 Additionally, based on substantial LD across each linkage group (Table 2), we identified
275 40 genes that could be functionally associated with carcass mass in deer (Table S1).
276 While none of these genes have been associated with carcass mass in white-tailed deer
277 (Anderson et al. 2020) or cattle (cow QTL database)(Bouwman et al. 2018; Hu et al.
278 2019), four of them are associated with height in humans (Locke et al. 2015) and 12 are
279 associated with body mass index (BMI) or obesity in humans (Comuzzie et al. 2012;
280 Danjou et al. 2015; Winkler et al. 2015; Wojcik et al. 2019). Perhaps the strongest
281 evidence we have for carcass mass QTL is where multiple adjacent SNPs indicate an
282 effect. We found multiple SNPs on linkage groups 19 and 25, and in both cases these
283 SNPs have large effect sizes as well as significant PIPs (Figure 2). We found 25 genes
284 within 500000bp of the two SNPs identified on linkage group 25, and 6 of these genes
285 were part of pre-determined gene sets, with associated GO terms (Table 2). Specifically,
286 HBM, HBA and HBQ1 are all found on linkage group 25 and are associated with oxygen
287 binding and transport (Table 2). Future functional work could explore if oxygen binding
288 and transport influence growth in deer.

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290 It would be interesting to quantify selection on the specific SNPs that we have found
291 here, to determine the potential for these genomic regions to respond to selection on
292 body size. We have previously identified SNPs that are introgressing faster than
293 expected from red deer into sika in our sample (McFarlane et al. 2021), but none of the
294 SNPs associated with carcass mass are introgressing faster than the genome-wide
295 expectation, although this doesn't eliminate the possibility of selection for carcass mass
296 alleles within each population. Ideally, we would measure selection on the phenotypes
297 of hybrid individuals with a variety of genotypes to make firm statements about
298 selection on the carcass mass loci we have identified here, and then to make predictions
299 about the potential for adaptive introgression (Taylor and Larson 2019). However, in
300 lieu of directly measuring fitness, admixture mapping is one piece of evidence to
301 identify regions of the genome that are potentially contributing to introgression in
302 hybrid systems, particularly for traits such as carcass mass which can be assumed to be
303 under selection. It is because admixture mapping is so inherently powerful that we
304 were able to identify SNPs explaining a substantial proportion of phenotypic and
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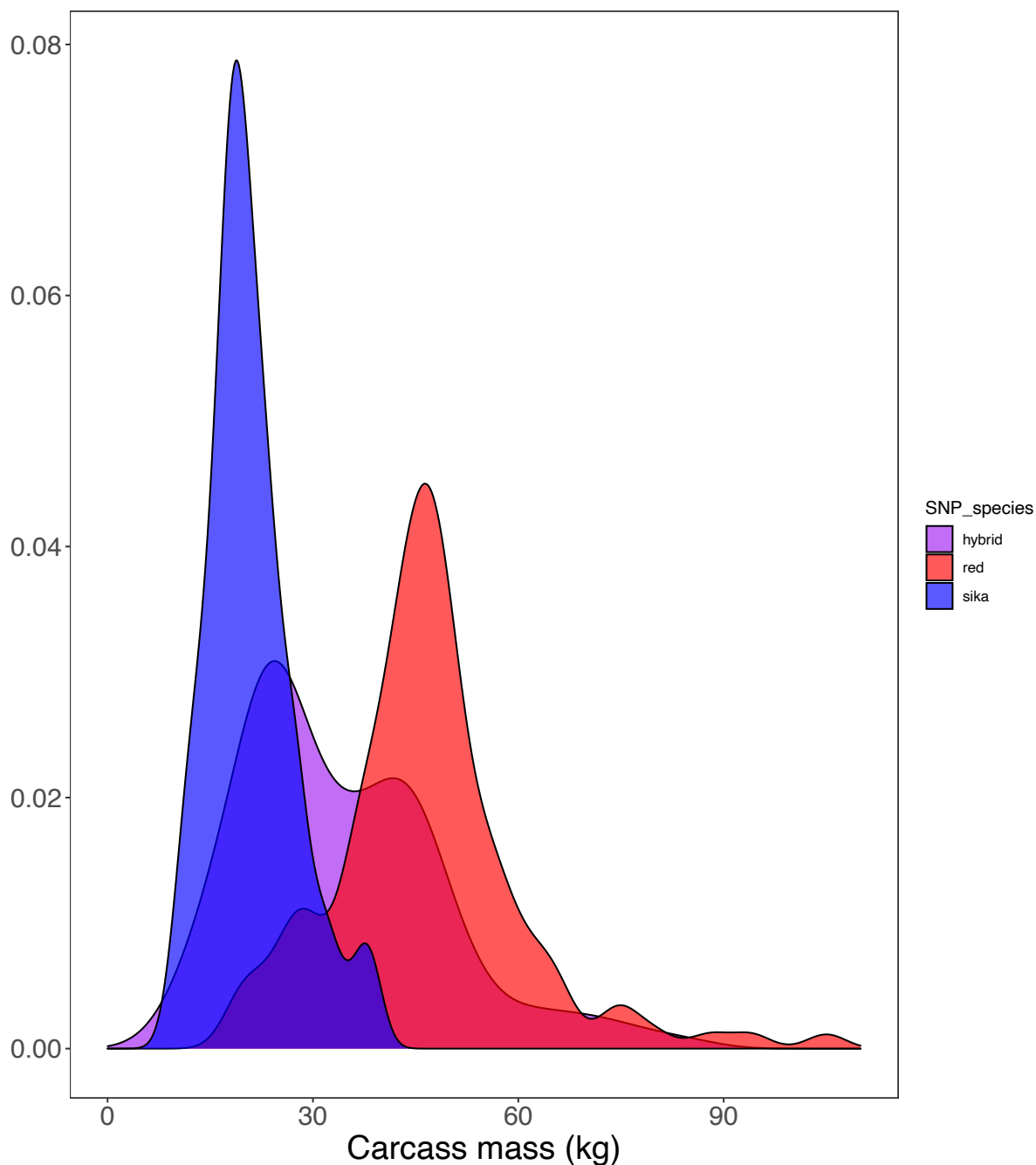
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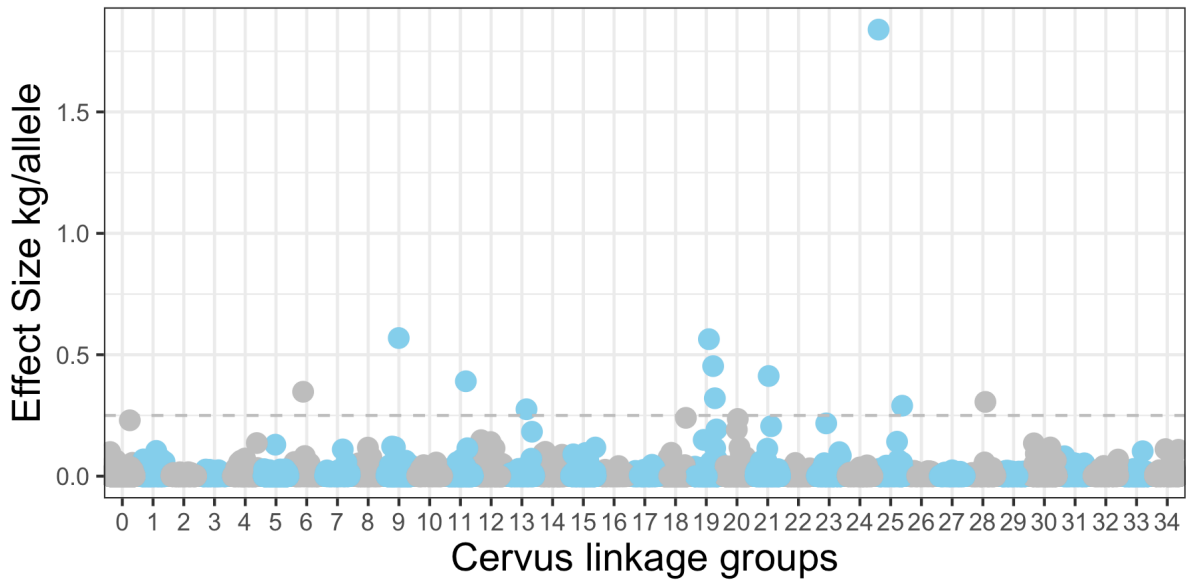
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522 **Figures and Tables:**



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524 Figure 1: Kernel smoothed density plot of red deer (in red), sika (in blue) and hybrids
525 (in purple) at different carcass mass in kg. Carcass mass is between 60 and 70% of live
526 mass.
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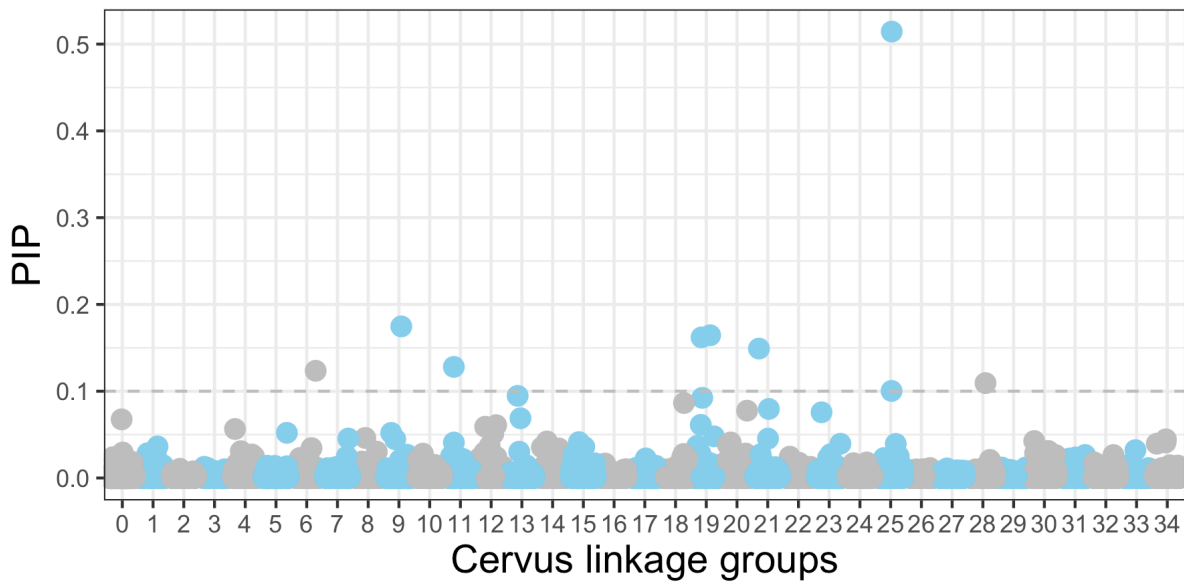
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529 Figure 2: Effect size for each SNP in the sparse distribution across 34 *Cervus* linkage
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531 34 is the X chromosome. Age, sex and Q score were included in this analysis.

532 There is one SNP on the X (chromosome 34, *cela1_red_x_128791597*) that is not on the
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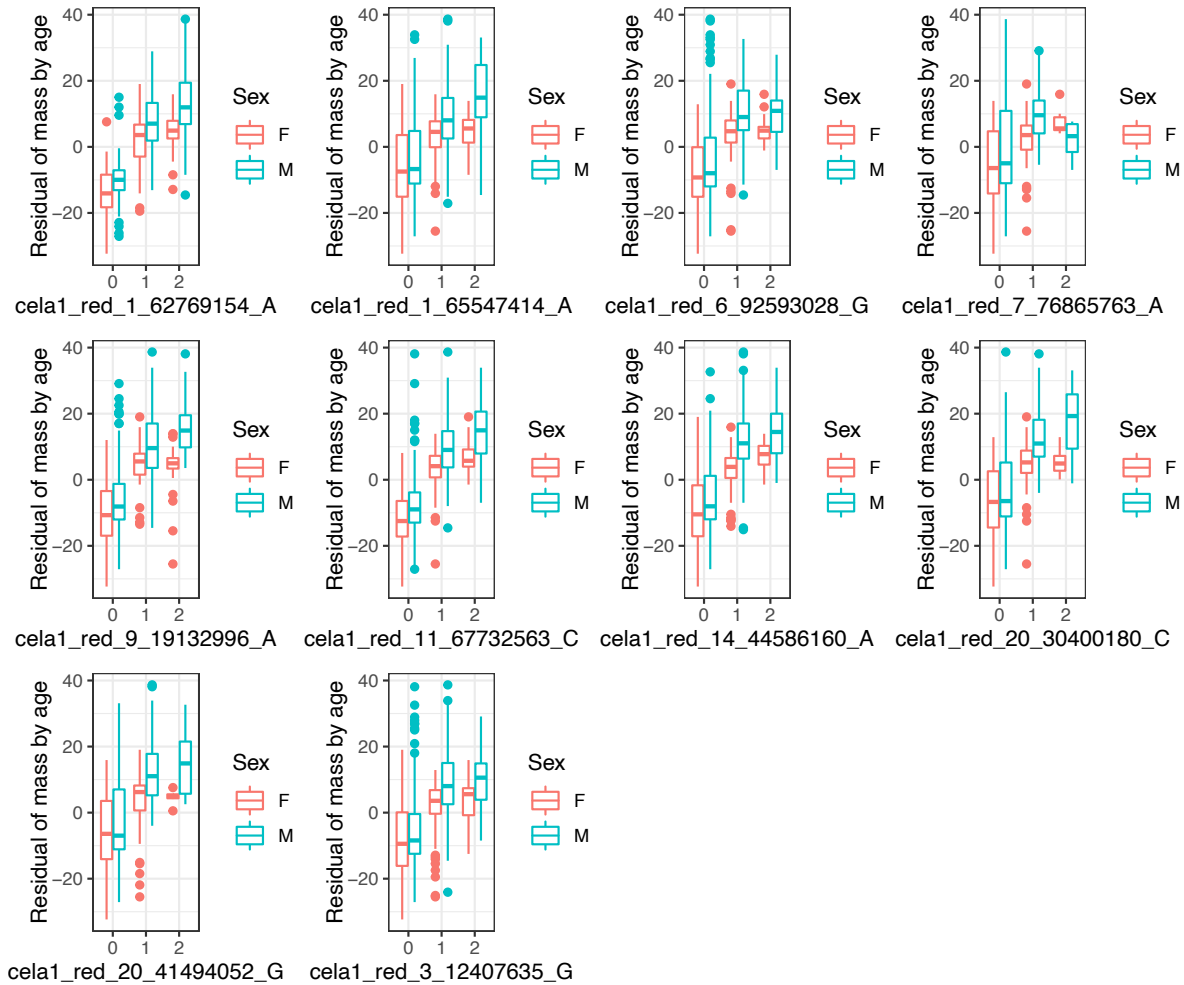
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Figure 3: Posterior Inclusion Probability (PIP) in the sparse distribution for each SNP across 34 *Cervus* linkage groups in an analysis of carcass mass, where group 0 are SNPs that are unmapped and 34 is the X chromosome. Age, sex and Q score were included in this analysis. SNPs that were included in the sparse distribution at least 10% of the time (those above the grey dashed line) are considered significant. There is one SNP on the X (chromosome 34, *cela1_red_x_128791597*) that is not on the plot. This SNP has an extremely PIP, likely due to the few individuals with the minor allele (see Table 1).



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548 Figure 4: Box and whisker (central line = median, boxes 25%-75%, lines 5% - 95%)
549 plots illustrating the relationship between the genotypes of each SNP that was included
550 in the sparse distribution at least 10% of the time and carcass mass of each male and
551 female deer. The x axis label notes the SNP name. '0' indicates homozygotes for the sika
552 allele, 1 heterozygotes for the sika allele and a red allele, and 2 homozygotes for the
553 same red allele. Carcass weights have been regressed against age, and then plotted in
554 each sex separately. A similar plot of the raw mass (instead of the residual mass) can be
555 found in the Supplementary material (Supplementary Figure 2).

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557 Table 1: SNPs that were included in the sparse distribution at least 10% of the time (i.e.
 558 PIP equal or more than 0.10). One SNP (cela1_red_3_12407635) only had a PIP above
 559 0.1 in one of the three replicate runs of GEMMA (Supplementary Table 1). We report
 560 here the effect size (in kgs) and the posterior inclusion probability (PIP). We also note
 561 the major allele in sika and in red deer, and the allele frequency of these alleles in the
 562 parental species. While the sika alleles are nearly fixed in sika for these SNPs, red deer
 563 are polymorphic for nearly all SNPs. Finally, we report the amount (alpha estimate) and
 564 rate of (beta estimate) introgression (bgc category) for each SNP, as estimated in
 565 McFarlane et al. 2021.
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Red deer linkage group	SNP name	Effect Size	PIP	Sika Allele	Sika allele Frequency (in sika)	Red deer Allele	Red allele frequency (in red deer)	bgc category
6	cela1_red_6_92593028	0.348	0.124	G	1.000	A	0.532	not significant not significant
9	cela1_red_7_76865763	0.569	0.175	A	1.000	G	0.774	not significant not significant
11	cela1_red_11_67732563	0.391	0.128	C	0.995	C	0.613	not significant not significant
19	cela1_red_1_65547414	0.453	0.165	A	0.990	G	0.597	not significant not significant
19	cela1_red_1_62769154	0.564	0.162	A	0.990	A	0.843	not significant not significant
20	cela1_red_3_12407635	0.191	0.078*	G	0.995	G	0.504	not significant not significant
21	cela1_red_14_44586160	0.412	0.149	A	0.990	A	0.516	not significant not significant
25	cela1_red_20_30400180	1.839	0.515	C	1.000	A	0.686	not significant not significant
25	cela1_red_20_41494052	0.290	0.101	G	1.000	A	0.673	not significant not significant
28	cela1_red_9_19132996	0.306	0.110	A	1.000	A	0.508	not significant not significant
X	cela1_red_x_128791597	3.504	0.655	G	1.000	A	0.943	not significant not significant

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569 Table 2: Identified, significant gene ontology terms that are enriched across genes near
 570 the SNPs associated with carcass mass in red deer and sika when compared to the cattle
 571 genome. Possible gene ontology sources are GO:Molecular Function (GO:MF),
 572 GO:Biological Processes (GO:BP), and GO:Cellular Components (GO:CC). The association
 573 between the identified genes noted in Gene Interactions and the identified SNPs in this
 574 study can be found in Supplementary Table 2.

source	GO Term name	GO term_id	Adjusted p_value	-Log10 Pvalue	Intersection size	Gene interactions
GO:MF	oxygen carrier activity	GO:0005344	0.000	3.520	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:MF	oxygen binding	GO:0019825	0.000	3.514	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:MF	molecular carrier activity	GO:0140104	0.004	2.368	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:MF	alkylbase DNA N-glycosylase activity	GO:0003905	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	DNA-3-methyladenine glycosylase activity	GO:0008725	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	heme binding	GO:0020037	0.022	1.652	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:MF	DNA-3-methylbase glycosylase activity	GO:0043733	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	DNA-7-methylguanine glycosylase activity	GO:0043916	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	tetrapyrrole binding	GO:0046906	0.022	1.652	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:MF	DNA-7-methyladenine glycosylase activity	GO:0052821	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	DNA-3-methylguanine glycosylase activity	GO:0052822	0.022	1.652	1	MPG
GO:MF	2,4-dienoyl-CoA reductase (NADPH) activity	GO:0008670	0.041	1.389	1	DECR2
GO:BP	gas transport	GO:0015669	0.001	3.008	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:BP	oxygen transport	GO:0015671	0.001	3.008	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1
GO:CC	hemoglobin complex	GO:0005833	0.000	3.753	3	HBM,HBA,HBQ1

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