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4   Meiotic, genomic and evolutionary properties of crossover distribution in *Drosophila yakuba*

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ABSTRACT

The number of crossovers and their location across genomes are highly regulated during meiosis, yet the key components controlling them are fast evolving, hindering our understanding of the mechanistic causes and evolutionary consequences of changes in crossover rates. *Drosophila melanogaster* has been a model species to study meiosis for more than a century, with an available high-resolution crossover map that is, nonetheless, missing for closely related species, thus preventing evolutionary context. Here, we applied a novel and highly efficient approach to generate whole-genome high-resolution crossover maps in *D. yakuba* and tackle multiple questions that benefit from being addressed collectively within an appropriate phylogenetic framework, in our case the *D. melanogaster* species subgroup. The genotyping of more than 1,600 individual meiotic events allowed us to identify several key distinct properties relative to *D. melanogaster*. We show that together with higher crossover rates than *D. melanogaster*, *D. yakuba* has a stronger centromere effect and stronger crossover assurance than any *Drosophila* species analyzed to date. We also report the presence of an active crossover-associated meiotic drive mechanism for the *X* chromosome that results in the preferential inclusion in oocytes of chromatids with crossovers. Our evolutionary and genomic analyses suggest that the genome-wide landscape of crossover rates in *D. yakuba* has been fairly stable and captures a significant signal of the ancestral crossover landscape for the whole *D. melanogaster* subgroup, even informative for the *D. melanogaster* lineage. Contemporary crossover rates in *D. melanogaster*, on the other hand, do not recapitulate ancestral crossovers landscapes. As a result, the temporal stability of crossover landscapes observed in *D. yakuba* makes this species an ideal system for applying population genetic models of selection and linkage, given that these models assume temporal constancy in linkage effects. Our studies emphasize the importance of generating multiple high-resolution crossover rate maps within a coherent phylogenetic context to broaden our understanding of crossover control during meiosis and to improve studies on the evolutionary consequences of variable crossover rates across genomes and time.

AUTHOR SUMMARY

Meiotic recombination is a fundamental cellular process required for the formation of gametes in most

eukaryotic organisms. Recombination also plays a fundamental role in evolution, increasing rates of

adaptation. Paradoxically for such an essential process, key components evolve fast, and model

organisms differ vastly in number of recombination events and distribution across chromosomes. This

variation has limited our understanding of how recombination is controlled or why it can vary according

to environmental cues. *D. melanogaster* has been a model species to study meiosis and recombination

for more than a century and, in this study, we applied a new and highly efficient whole-genome

genotyping scheme to identify recombination properties for a closely species, *D. yakuba*, thus providing

an informative counterpoint and needed phylogenetic context. Our results describe important

differences relative to *D. melanogaster,* including the first description of a mechanism favoring the

segregation of recombinant chromatids to the functional egg pole under benign conditions. We argue

that such a mechanism may also be active in other species. Moreover, our studies suggest that *D.*

yakuba has maintained its recombination landscape for a longer time than *D. melanogaster,* indicating

that the former species may be more adequate for evolutionary analyses. Combined, we show the

importance of tackling the current siloed approach that focuses on model species with a more

comprehensive analysis that requires the inclusion of closely related species when studying the causes

and consequences of recombination variation.

INTRODUCTION

Meiotic recombination is an essential cellular and evolutionary process. During meiosis, double strand breaks (DSBs) are typically repaired by reciprocal exchange between homologous chromosomes that result in either crossovers or non-crossover gene conversion events [1-6]. Crossovers and the cross-connections they form between non-sister chromatids (chiasmata) are essential to signal proper chromosome segregation during the first meiotic division in many species [7, 8]. Meiotic recombination and crossovers also play critical roles in evolution, directly generating new combinations of alleles and, indirectly, increasing the level of genetic variation within species and the rate of adaptations [9-15]. Given the important dual role of meiotic recombination and crossing-over, it is not surprising that both processes are present in the vast majority of eukaryotic organisms.

Crossover number and distribution are critically regulated, with three phenomena playing key and likely interrelated roles: *centromere effect*, *crossover interference* and *crossover assurance*. The centromere effect and crossover interference influence crossover patterning along chromosomes while crossover assurance plays a role in the distribution of crossovers among tetrads or bivalents (reviewed in [16, 17]). The centromere effect describes the classic observation in *Drosophila* that crossovers do not form in regions near the centromeres [18-24], a phenomenon that has also been observed in many other organisms such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, and humans [25-29]. Although the causes of the centromere effect are not yet fully understood, it seems to be influenced by the distance from the centromere and highly repetitive heterochromatin [17, 20, 23, 24, 30]. A similar but weaker pattern is also observed near the telomeres in *D. melanogaster* [17, 18, 24]. The extent of the centromere effect varies between species, even among *Drosophila*. For instance, it is weaker in *D. simulans* than in *D. melanogaster*, and even weaker—if at all present—in *D. mauritiana* based on crossover data using P-elements as markers [31]. Studies in the sister species *D. pseudoobscura* and *D. persimilis* also show a tendency towards detectable but weaker centromere

effect than in *D. melanogaster* [32-34]. Notably, all these *Drosophila* species with weaker centromere

effect than *D. melanogaster* have higher crossover rates and longer genetic maps.

Crossover interference occurs when one crossover inhibits the formation of a second crossover

in neighboring regions and therefore results in fewer and more distant double crossovers than

expected if the formation of each crossover along a chromosome arm was independent [35, 36]. This

phenomenon was first identified in *D. melanogaster* [35-41] and has been now observed in many

other, but not all, organisms [28, 42-49]. Interestingly, two species with no apparent crossover

interference (fission yeast and *Aspergillus nidulans*) also lack a synaptonemal complex [50-52]. In

support for a direct role of the synaptonemal complex in crossover interference, mutants for the

synaptonemal complex protein ZIP1 in *S. cerevisiae* lack interference [53]. On the other hand, the

complete synaptonemal complex is not required for interference in *D. melanogaster* [40]. Worth

noting, the centromere effect and crossover interference could not be detected in *D. melanogaster*

Blm (Bloom syndrome helicase) mutants, suggesting a likely unifying pathway for crossover patterning

across chromosomes [37].

Crossover assurance or "obligate chiasma" is the observation that each tetrad or pair of

homologous chromosomes undergoes at least one crossover, irrespective of chromosome length or

total number of crossovers genome-wide [16, 40, 54]. Because crossover formation is important for

proper chromosome segregation at meiosis I, crossover assurance is expected to be under critical and

tight regulatory control. As expected, most species with limited number of crossovers per meiosis show

some degree of crossover assurance thus reducing the chance of tetrads with zero crossovers. *C.*

elegans is an extreme case of absolute crossover assurance, with a percentage of tetrads with no

crossovers (E_0 tetrads) representing less than 1% [55]. Nevertheless, crossover formation is not always

required for faithful segregation of homologs. In *Drosophila*, as in most diptera, males show faithful

chromosome segregation despite no crossing over during meiosis [56-58]. Females also show proper

achiasmate chromosome segregation of the small (dot) chromosome (also known as Muller F element

and chromosome 4 in the *D. melanogaster* subgroup) through alternative mechanisms now known to

involve centromeres and heterochromatic DNA [59-63]. A deep understanding of the different

mechanisms controlling meiosis, therefore, benefits from quantifying E_0 and more generally the full

series of E_r tetrad classes (where *r* indicates the number of crossovers in a tetrad).

The direct quantification of E_0 tetrads is, however, only possible in systems where the four

products of meiosis are recovered. In species where only one of the four chromatids resulting from

meiosis can be analyzed (as in most species including *Drosophila*), E_r can be estimated based on the

fraction of products with different number of crossovers under specific meiotic models. The first and

most frequently used model to estimate E_r was proposed by Weinstein (1936) under the assumptions

of no crossover interference, no chromatid interference, random segregation of chromatids into

haploid gametes and equal viability among all possible meiotic products ([64, 65]; see Methods for

details).

In *D. melanogaster*, estimates of E_0 (based on Weinsten's model unless noted) vary between

studies, genotypes and conditions but the general trend suggests that crossover assurance in female

meiosis is incomplete ($E_0 > 0$; see [17] and references therein). Using Whole-Genome Sequencing

(WGS)*,* Miller *et al*. (2016) [41] calculated an overall E_0 of 0.112, with similar values for the *X*

chromosome and autosomes whereas studies of visible markers (observed fly phenotypes) and much

larger sample sizes often show smaller estimates of E_0 for the *X* chromosome than for autosomes [16,

30, 41, 66]. In all, complete or absolute crossover assurance has not been reported for any

chromosome of *D. melanogaster* wild-type flies. Interestingly, studies in *D. virilis* show smaller E_0

compared to *D. melanogaster* [67, 68], a result that has been proposed to be consequence of the

higher rate of recombination and longer genetic map [67].

Insights into the distribution of crossover rates across genomes also provides an excellent

opportunity for testing hypotheses concerning evolutionary processes. A variety of models of selection

predict that variation in recombination rates has consequences on rates of evolution and levels of

variation within species (diversity). These models rely on the notion that selection acting at a locus or

nucleotide site causes population dynamics at neighboring genomic regions that can be understood as

a reduction in local N_e relative to a case without selection [69-77]. Notably, this phenomenon results

from either positive or negative selection [69, 70, 74, 77-83]. Although the precise effects of selection

and linkage on N_e depend on numerous factors, all these models predict a positive association between

intragenomic variation in crossover rates and both the efficacy of selection (which is influenced by the

population-scaled selection coefficient; $N_e \times s$) and the level of neutral intraspecific variation or

diversity (which is influenced by the population-scaled mutation rate; $N_e \times \mu$) (reviewed in [72, 73, 84]).

Whereas the predicted effect of variation in crossover rates on neutral diversity has been observed in

many species ([72, 73, 84, 85]; although see [86]), studies in humans, *Drosophila* or yeast have

provided mixed support for the prediction that variation in crossover rates across genomes modulates

the efficacy of selection as estimated from either codon usage bias or rates of protein evolution (see

[87, 88] and references therein).

In many species, synonymous codons are not used in equal frequencies. This observation has

been proposed to be the result—at least partially—of weak selection favoring a subset of codons that

increase translational speed and accuracy, particularly in highly expressed genes (see [89-92] and

references therein). This model directly predicts a positive association between crossover rates

(through increased efficacy of selection) and the degree of bias towards preferred codons (CUB) across

genomes. In *D. melanogaster,* initial studies of variation in crossover rates and CUB provided some

support for models of weak selection and linkage [93, 94] but later studies using larger data sets

reported different trends for the *X* chromosome and autosomes, and instances of a negative

association between recombination rates and CUB [95-98]. These unexpected results for CUB in *D.*

melanogaster are difficult to reconcile with models of selection and linkage, given that either

demographic effects or the inclusion of a fraction of mutations under strong selection [99, 100] would

predict a weakly positive or no association between crossover rates and CUB, but not a significantly

negative one. At the same time, analyses of the rate of protein evolution that include data from the *D.*

melanogaster lineage show rates that are not (or only very weakly negatively) associated with crosover

rates after excluding genes putatively under positive selection. Analyses focusing on genes likely under

positive selection for amino acid changes show either no significant or a weakly significant positive

association between crossover rates and rates of protein evolution [98, 101-105]. Studies in the *D.*

pseudoobscura subgroup show no correlation between variation in crossover rates and rates of protein

evolution [32].

The causes for the apparent weak support for models of selection and linkage when applied to

the efficacy of selection can be multiple, including limitations when capturing potential demographic

events [73, 106-108]. Most of these previous studies have also used low-resolution crossover maps,

which is significant because the effect of variation in crossover rates on N_e across genomes has been

shown to be best captured when using fine-scale crossover data [32, 34, 80, 83, 109]. Additionally,

there are potential biases associated with maps based on visible markers or P-elements with reporter

genes, resulting from combinations of markers with different viability or from the presence of TEs, such

as P-elements, that can directly affect recombination frequencies near insertion sites [110-112]. The

use of WGS-based high-resolution crossover maps, however, eliminates such limitations [113-119].

Another caveat to most of these previous studies is the frequent assumption that crossover

maps observed today capture, to a significant degree, ancestral crossover rates despite evidence that

the rate and genomic distribution of crossovers are fast-evolving, with differences between distant as

well as closely related species [32, 113, 120-130].Temporal changes in recombination landscapes

would decouple our contemporary measures of recombination rates (and contemporary N_e) from the

long-term N_e influencing efficacy of selection, thus reducing the genomic correlations predicted by

models ([73, 86, 107] and refs therein). These temporal changes in recombination landscapes and local

N_e can be understood as similar to those proposed after demographic events but with the additional

challenge that different genomic regions will follow different non-equilibrium conditions and dynamics

whereas demographic changes act genome-wide.

In this study, we apply a novel, highly-efficient, WGS approach to generate a high-resolution

crossover map in *D. yakuba* and tackle multiple questions that benefit from being addressed

collectively and within a phylogenetic framework. These questions range from the patterns of

crossover distribution across genomes and between chromatids, to the relationship between crossover

rates and repetitive elements and short motifs, and the evolutionary consequences of crossover rate

variation across genomes and time. Our data in *D. yakuba* can be directly compared with those of the

related species *D. melanogaster*, a model system to study crossover and meiosis for a century for

which high-resolution crossover maps already exist [41, 113]. Importantly, our new crossover

landscape in *D. yakuba* also allows an initial study of the evolutionary effects of variation in

recombination landscapes within the framework of the *D. melanogaster* subgroup, and specifically test

the hypothesis that the lack of general support for models of selection and linkage in the *D.*

melanogaster lineage may be the consequence of recent changes in the distribution of crossover rates

across the *D. melanogaster* genome [98, 131].

RESULTS

A high resolution crossover map in *D. yakuba* using dual SNP-barcode genotyping

To generate a whole-genome high-resolution crossover map and genotype a high number of F_2 flies with

Illumina WGS, we used a new highy efficient dual-barcoding genotyping scheme (**Figure 1**). This method

involves the analysis of multiple crosses between different parental lines and allows combining multiple

F_2 individuals (one per cross) per individual library barcode-sequence to later 'demultiplex' them

bioinformatically based on genetic barcodes (diagnostic SNPs). These diagnostic SNPs are singletons,

variants unique to a single line used in the study, and every Illumina read containing one can be assigned

to a single parental genome and cross. Furthermore, before genotyping F_2 individuals we improved the

D. yakuba reference genome using PacBio long-read sequencing and then obtained high-quality

sequences of all parental lines used in the crosses, with an average coverage across all chromosomes of

125× (see Materials and Methods and Supplemental Materials and Methods). Each parental line had

more than 90,000 diagnostic SNPs, about one every 1.3 kb across the genome, and were used for the

dual-barcoding method as well as to identify the genomic location of crossovers.

More than 1,600 F_2 individuals from three crosses of wild-type lines were genotyped to generate

this first high-resolution genetic map in *D. yakuba* **(Table 1).** One cross (*Sn20* x *Sn17*) showed a

heterozygous chromosomal inversion on *2R* (see Supplemental Materials and Methods) and, therefore,

no crosover data from that chromosome arm were used in the analyses. In all, we recovered a total of

5,273 crossover events distributed across all chromosome arms except the dot chromosome(**Figure 2A,**

Table 1 and **Supplemental Table 1**). The absence of crossovers on this small chromosome 4 despite the

presence of diagnostic SNPs is consistent with results in other *Drosophila* species [37, 41, 113, 132, 133].

There are fewer non-crossovers (NCOs), more single crossovers (1COs) and, especially, more

double crossovers (2COs) in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster* (**Figure 2A**). This trend is observed across

all chromosomes examined, with the *X* chromosome of *D. yakuba* showing the largest increase (64%) in

crossovers relative to *D. melanogaster*. Notably, we observed multiple chromatids with triple crossovers

(3CO) and 0.05% (three) cases with four crossovers (4CO).

We observe some variation in the average number of crossovers per gamete among the three

crosses analyzed (from 3.25 to 3.76). Nevertheless, there is a much larger degree of variability in the

distribution of crossovers per gamete, and an ANOVA test indictes that cross plays a minor role in the

number of crossovers per gamete (ANOVA test, partial η^2 = 0.015; **Supplemental Figure 1**). Additionally,

there is no evidence of an interchromosomal effect [39, 134, 135] caused by the presence of a

heterozygous inversion on chromosome *2R* in the *Sn20* x *Sn17* cross given that the number of crossovers

in freely recombining chromosome arms for this cross is not higher than in the other two crosses

(**Supplemental Table 1).** In agreement, an ANOVA test shows that the presence of the heterozygous *2R*

inversion has no detectable effect on the number of crossovers per gamete on freely recombining

chromosome arms (partial η^2 = 0.001; *P* > 0.05).

We, therefore, performed all analyses combining the results of the three crosses unless noted.

In *D. yakuba*, the average number of crossovers per chromosome arm is 0.94, 0.57, 0.55, 0.73 and 0.67,

for the *X* chromosome and chromosome arms *2L*, *2R*, *3L* and *3R*, respectively. Overall, our study shows

an average of 3.46 crossovers per viable meiotic product relative to 2.76 in *D. melanogaster*. The total

genetic map length for *D. yakuba* obtained in our crosses is 339.31 cM, about 25% longer than that for

D. melanogaster [41, 113, 136]. Average crossover rates are highest for chromosome *X* (4.07 cM/Mb)

and range between 2.00 and 2.76 cM/Mb for autosomal arms (2.00, 2.47, 2.51 and 2.76 cM/Mb for

chromosome arms *3R*, 2*L*, *2R* and *3L*, respectively). Although recombination maps generated for the

different crosses show some differences, the main trends of intrachromosomal variation are consistent

among crosses for all chromosome arms (**Figure 3**).

Centromere and telomere effects

Similar to other *Drosophila* species, *D. yakuba* shows a noticeable centromere effect (**Figure 2B** and

Figure 3). Using the standard approach of comparing observed and expected crossover numbers within

a centromere-proximal region of a predetermined size (e.g., one-third of the chromosome arm [41]), we

identified significant centromere effects on the autosomes but not on the *X* chromosome (**Figure 3** and

Supplemental Table 2).

To compare the magnitude of centromere effects among chromosome arms and species, we

used a more quantitative method that allows estimating the actual size of centromere-proximal regions

with a significant deficit in crossovers relative to expectations (see Material and Methods). Using this

method, we identified a centromere effect in all chromosomes of *D. yakuba* (**Figure 4** and **Supplemental**

Table 3). On autosomes, the proportion of the chromosome that experiences the centromere effect is

much larger in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*, with chromosome arms *2L* and *3R* in *D. yakuba*

showing an almost two-fold increase in the size of the affected genomic region relative to *D.*

melanogaster. Chromosome arm *3R* in *D. yakuba*, in particular, stands out with 47% and 52% of the arm

showing a detectable centromere effect at *P* = $1×10^{-6}$ and *P* = 0.01 significance levels, respectively. On

the other hand, the centromere effect is weakest on the *X* chromosome of *D. yakuba*, as it was also

reported for *D. melanogaster* [21, 41, 113, 137], and both species show a similar proportion of the

chromosome influenced by the centromere effect (12% and 13% of the chromosome arm at *P* = $1×10^{-6}$

and *P* = 0.01 significance levels, respectively).

To examine the telomere effect, we first used the standard methodology applied to the

telomere-proximal one-third of the chromosome arm, and identified a significant deficit of crossovers

on the *D. yakuba X* chromosome but not on any of the autosomal arms, reversing the observation for

the centromere effect (**Supplemental Table 2**). The use of the quantitative method to identify the

proportion of the chromosome affected by the telomere effect in *D. yakuba* confirms a much smaller

effect in all chromosome arms compared to the centromere effect (**Figure 4** and **Supplemental Table 3)**,

a trend that is also observed in *D. melanogaster* [21, 31, 41, 113]. Our results for *D. yakuba* are also

consistent with the observation in *D. melanogaster* that the *X* chromosome has the strongest telomere

effect (12% and 11% of the chromosome for *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*, respectively, at $P = 1\times10^{-6}$

significance level). Chromosome arm *3L*, on the other hand, shows the weakest telomere effect in *D.*

yakuba (as it is also the case in *D. melanogaster*), with <3% and 4% of the chromosome arm affected at

$P = 1\times10^{-6}$ and $P = 0.01$ significance levels, respectively.

Satellite repeats and the centromere effect: Although the mechanisms controlling the magnitude of the

centromere effect are not fully understood, analyses in *D. melanogaster* suggest that the distance to the

centromere plays a role, with increasing suppression of crossovers in peri-centromeric regions when

centromeric heterochromatin is removed [137, 138]. At the same time, centromeres are heavily enriched

in satellite DNA sequences [137, 139-141]. We, therefore, investigated whether the greater centromere

effect in *D. yakuba* relative to *D. melanogaster* could be related to reduced centromeric heterochromtin

and centromere size (see Supplemental Materials and Methods). The complete sequence of

centromeres in *D. yakuba* is yet unknown and we, therefore, estimated the amount of satellite DNA in

heterochromatic regions as an indirect measure of centromere size. We used PacBio reads that do and

do not align to our updated euchromatic *D. yakuba* assembly as proxy for euchromatic and

heterochromatic sequences, respectively, and characterized satellite DNA for simple repeats (k-mers)

using k-Seek [142]. For *D. melanogaster*, PacBio reads were aligned to both the r5.3 and r6 releases

[143], with similar conclusions and, therefore, only the r6 results will be discussed here. In agreement

with previous studies indicating a high turnover rate in satellite repeats between closely related

Drosophila species [139-141], we find that satellites that are most enriched in the centromeres of *D.*

melanogaster are mostly absent in the heterochromatic reads of *D. yakuba* (**Supplemental Table 4**).

Overall, heterochromatic reads in *D. yakuba* show a lower abundance (more than 20-fold) of satellite

repeats than those in *D. melanogaster* and this tendency remains when considering the difference

observed in euchromatic reads, which is only 4-fold (**Supplemental Table 5**). Tentatively, these results

support the notion that centromeres in *D. yakuba* are likely shorter than those in *D. melanogaster*, and

shorter centromeres in *D. yakuba* may play a role in the stronger centromere effect relative to *D.*

melanogaster.

Crossover interference in *D. yakuba*

In this study we recovered a total of 673 chromatids with 2 crossovers from a single meiosis event, thus

allowing for a detailed study of crossover interference. Genome-wide, the average inter-crossover

distance (ICD) in 2CO chromatids is shorter than that expected if crossovers were randomly distributed

across the genome (7.5 vs 8.4Mb, respectively), with a minimum ICD of 820 Kb. The average ICD in 3CO

chromatids is also shorter than random expectations (5.9 vs 6.3 Mb, respectively). Indeed, the standard

approach of studying crossover interference by randomly positioning crossover events across the

genome would suggest that crossover interference is completely absent in *D. yakuba*.

However, given the strong centromere/telomere effects, we quantified crossover interference

based on expectations from the distribution of crossovers in 1CO chromatids (see Material and Methods

for details). The ratio of observed to expected ICD using this approach is 1.36 genome-wide, with the

highest values observed for chromosome arms *2L* and *3R* (1.54 and 1.51, respectively) and the lowest

values observed for the *X* chromosome and chromosome arm *2R* (1.17 and 1.08, respectively). **(Table 2)**.

These analyses reveal a highly significant tendency for crossovers in 2CO chromatids to be more distant

than expected (positive interference) for all chromosome arms except *2R,* with a weak, albeit significant,

departure from genome-wide expectations (P = 0.046) that becomes highly significant when removing

2R ($P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$).

We also studied crossover interference based on the full distribution of ICD in 2CO chromatids

and estimated the shape parameter (ν) of a gamma distribution (see **Table 2** and Materials and

Methods). Estimates of ν greater than those expected under no crossover interference (which is ν = 1

under ideal conditions; see Materials and Methods) are an indication of positive interference. In *D.*

melanogaster, a large-scale study of visible markers along the *X* chromosome indicates v ∼ 5 [144]. In *D.*

yakuba, estimates of v range between 3.85 and 9.5 (for the *X* chromosome and chromosome arm *3R*,

respectively) and provide additional support for a significant degree of positive crossover interference in

this species.

Tetrad analysis shows stronger crossover assurance in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*

Tetrad analysis suggests that there are fewer tetrads with zero crossovers (E_0) in *D. yakuba* than in *D.*

melanogaster (**Figure 5A** and **Supplemental Table 6**). The direct application of Weinstein's equations

[64] generates a *D. yakuba* genome-wide estimate of E_0 very close to zero (E_0 = -0.005), which is

compatible with absolute crossover assurance (P[E_0 = 0] = 0.99; see Materials and Methods for details).

Autosomes show a weak but positive estimate of E_0 (E_0 = 0.059) suggesting a stronger degree of

crossover assurance than that reported for *D. melanogaster* autosomes. The *D. yakuba X* chromosome

data, however, produces a negative estimate of E_0 (E_0 = -0.202).

340   Negative E_0 can be caused by sampling errors and small sample sizes. Whereas limited sampling

is hardly a limitation when using visible markers, it can become a serious drawback in studies based on

WGS that are often limited to a few hundred meiotic products. For instance, a typical distribution of

crossover events for *D. melanogaster* of 50% NCO, 45% 1CO and 5% 2CO chromatids predicts E_0 = 0.10

but random sampling could generate negative E_0 in 10 and 22% of the studies when the number of

analyzed chromosomes is 250 and 100, respectively. Given our very large sample size of 1,622

chromatids analyzed for the *D. yakuba X* chromosome, the likelihood of obtaining our negative E_0 given

a true E_0 = 0 is remarkably small ($P < 1 \times 10^{-14}$). We used a ML approach that allows adding diverse sets of

rules (see Materials and Methods and [66, 145]), and explored a model that constrains all tetrad classes

to biologically relevant frequencies ($E_r \geq 0$) (**Figure 5B**). Although the best model for the *D. yakuba X*

chromosome under these conditions is $E_0 = 0$, we can, nonetheless, rule out $E_0 \geq 0$ (P[$E_0 \geq 0$] < 1.2×10^{-14}).

Analysis of viability effects: Besides statistical considerations, estimates of E_0 under Weinstein's model

can generate negative values if at least one of the assumptions is violated. The most commonly argued

violation is viability effects associated with specific combinations of alleles. This is often an issue when

using visible markers to characterize crossovers, and has been shown to play a significant role in tetrad

analyses in *D. melanogaster* [66]. Moreover, fitness effects associated with visible mutations can also

alter recombination frequencies in other chromosome arms [39, 41, 134, 135, 146]. WGS genotyping

methods such as ours and the use of wild type flies, on the other hand, can ameliorate such potential

biases but viability effects should be still considered especially if inbred lines are being used in the

crossing schemes. This is because inbreeding could cause the fixation of recessive deleterious alleles, as

evidenced by the fitness decline in inbred lines documented in many species, including *Drosophila* [147-

151]. In such cases, the crossing of two inbred lines has the potential to bias (either upward or

downward) the relative frequency of recombinant haplotypes observed in adults (e.g., non-epistatic

deleterious alleles in repulsion phase would bias upward the frequency of recombinant haplotypes

whereas the fixation of compensatory mutations along a chromosome could generate opposite effects).

Our crossing and genotyping schemes are designed to reduce the likelihood of viability effects.

In our crossing scheme, heterozygous F_1 females are crossed to males from a 'third' (tester) line and we

genotyped F_2 females (**Figure 1**). Thus, potential deleterious alleles with egg-to-adult viability effects

that became fixed due to inbreeding will likely be heterozygous in F_2 females, limiting viability defects

across the whole genome. Moreover, the inbred lines used in our study were generated by in mass

brother-sister mating, which exposes mutations to both drift and selection and increases the likelihood

of purging severely deleterious and non-recessive alleles relative to more extreme inbreeding methods

[152, 153]. Finally, we used three different crosses involving a total of six inbred parental lines from

different natural populations, making unlikely that multiple lines share similar combinations of

deleterious alleles. All three crosses show the same trend of a negative unconstrained estimate of E_0 for

the X chromosome [E_0 of -0.163, -0.185 and -0.263]. Combined, our results and crossing schemes would

predict limited viability effects altering haplotype frequencies.

To rule out viability effects as a cause of the unsual E_0 values for the X chromosome more

directly,we estimated the frequency of the four possible haplotypes (pairwise combinations of the two

parental genotypes) recovered in F_2 individuals as a function of the genetic distance across the entire

chromosome. Viability effects would generate one parental haplotype to be more frequent than the

other and/or one recombinant haplotype to be more frequent than the other. Our study (**Supplemental**

Figure 2) shows that the two parental haplotypes are observed at equal frequencies and that the two

recombinant haplotypes are also observed at equal frequencies for any given genetic distance.

Moreover, the frequency of recombinant haplotypes increases with genetic distance, as predicted if all

(or the great majority) of recombinants are observed in adult females (note that the frequency of the

two recombinant haplotypes stays lower than 25% for $\sim$ 50 cM due to the presence of multiple COs in a

fraction of gametes). Additionally, we obtain equivalent results for each of the three crosses analyzed.

These results allow us to rule out viability effects in our recombination data and strongly hint at the

presence of mechanisms that alter the segregation or transmission of chromatids for the *D. yakuba X*

chromosome.

Crossover-associated meiotic drive in *D. yakuba X* chromosome

A biological explanation for an observed deficit in chromatids with zero crossovers would be a form of

meiotic drive [154] during meiosis II. Specifically, our data could be explained by meiotic drive if the

sister chromatid that experienced a crossover was preferentially segregated into the oocyte nucleus

relative to its nonrecombinant sister chromatid, which would be preferentially extruded to the second

polar body (**Figure 6A**). As a consequence of this form of crossover-associated meiotic drive (MD$_{CO}$), the

number of crossovers detected in the offspring would be above that expected under Mendelian

segregation for any given number of crossovers during meiosis I. Note that MD$_{CO}$ differs from the

standard concept of meiotic drive because only the latter is associated with allelic genetic variants in

heterozygotes [154-164].

We explored a ML model including the possibility of a bias in meiosis II favoring the recovery

(oocyte) of chromatids with crossovers when the sister chromatid has no crossovers. This modelling

shows that allowing MD$_{CO}$ not only improves the fit to the *X* chromosome crossover data significantly

relative to a model without segregation bias (Likelihood-ratio test, LRT, $P < 1 \times 10^{-13}$) but also explains the

overall distribution of crossovers accurately (P = 0.997) (**Figure 6B,C**). Specifically, point estimates for

our *D. yakuba X* chromosome data suggest a model with E_0 = 0.10 and a probability of chromatids with

crossovers to ultimately be present in oocyte nuclei of b = 0.86 instead of 0.5 when paired with sister

chromatids with no crossovers. More generally, however, a MD$_{CO}$ model fits the *D. yakuba X*

chromosome data with $P > 0.99$ for a wide range of E_0 and b values, from E_0=0 (with b=0.73) to E_0=0.22

(with b=1) (**Figure 6D, left**). Given these results for *D. yakuba*, we investigated the possibility of MD$_{CO}$ for

the *D. melanogaster X* chromosome for comparison (**Figure 6D, right**). This study shows that although a

significant effect of MD$_{CO}$ is not necessary to explain crossover information in this species, it is

nonetheless compatible with it ($P > 0.99$) for a wide range of plausible E_0 values (from 0.10 to 0.46).

We also examined the possibility of *chromatid interference* [64, 145]. Unlike MD$_{CO}$, the average

number of crossovers per offspring chromatid does not change under chromatid interference, only the

distribution of crossovers among chromatids when $E_{\geq 2}$. In this regard, *positive chromatid interference* or

PCI (making the nonsister pair of chromatids involved in one crossover less likely to be involved in

additional crossovers) would cause a reduction in the fraction of chromatids with extreme values of

crossovers, including those with zero crossovers. For instance, an extreme case of PCI for E_2 would

generate only chromatids with 1 crossover instead of the expected 25, 50 and 25% of chromatids with 0,

1 and 2 crossovers, respectively. Thus, although chromatid interference is rare in diploids [165], PCI

could—in principle—generate the observed deficit of chromatids with zero crossovers for the *D. yakuba*

X chromosome. To evaluate this possibility, we incorporated PCI into our ML model with constrained

tetrad frequencies ($E_r \geq 0$), now allowing for a biased distribution of crossovers (*b*) favoring the use of

the sister chromatid with the fewest number of previous crossovers ($b \geq 0.5$ between sister chromatids

instead of $b = 0.5$ for the random case). When applied to the *D. yakuba X* chromosome data, a PCI model

is better than a model without PCI but, nonetheless, incompatible with our observations (best fit when *b*

$= 0.59$, $P = 1.1 \times 10^{-9}$) and worse than the MD_{CO} model described above (LRT = 41.2, $P = 1.4 \times 10^{-10}$).

Transposable elements (TEs) and crossover rates

Given the frequent deleterious effects of TE insertions, models concerning crossover rates and efficacy

of selection predict that TEs would passively accumulate in regions with reduced crossover rates

(reviewed in [166, 167]). In agreement, TEs tend to be more frequent in genomic regions with limited

or absent crossovers in many species, including *D. melanogaster* [67, 110-112, 166, 168-170]. There is,

however, an alternative explanation to this same observation which does not rely on an association

between contemporary crossover rates and long-term efficacy of selection; TEs can actively reduce

crossover rates via epigenetic mechanisms related to TE silencing around insertions thus creating a

similar negative intra-genomic association between crossover rates and TE presence—even if crossover

landscapes have changed very recently [171-177].

Consistent with previous studies [178, 179], our analysis shows that there are more TE copies

(about 30% more) in the *D. yakuba* genome assembly than in *D. melanogaster* (see Supplemental

Materials and Methods). Our study also shows that the overall difference in TE presence is driven by

differences in copy number of INE-1 (*Drosophila* INterspersed Element), with a 1.7-fold increase relative

to *D. melanogaster* (P_{adj} = 1.26×10^{-78}; **Supplemental Table 7**; see also [180-184]). The survey of TE

distribution across the genome of *D. yakuba* reveals an accumulation in regions with reduced crossover

rates, clustered near the centromeres and, to a lesser degree, telomeres (**Figure 3**). Across the *D.*

yakuba genome, TE presence is negatively correlated with crossover rates (Spearman's ρ = -0.543, *P* =

5.2×10^{-41}) (**Supplemental Table 8**). Although TEs in *D. melanogaster* also show a significantly negative

association with crossover rates (ρ = -0.354, *P* = 1.6×10^{-15}), the correlation is significantly more negative

in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster* (Fisher's Z transformation, *P* < 8×10^{-15}), a difference that is not

expected if epigenetic factors were the only cause of the negative association. A similar pattern is

observed when only INE-1 elements are analyzed (**Supplemental Table 8**). More generally, the study of

TE classes (**Supplemental Table 9**) or each TE independently indicates that the distribution of SINE

elements and Class I retrotransposons, which includes INE-1, show stronger correlations between

abundance and crossover rates in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*. Combined, these results suggest

that *D. yakuba* shows a distribution of TEs and crossover rates across the genome that fits better

population genetic expectations rather than direct epigenetic effects of TE presence on crossover

distribution, and is a first indication that *D. yakuba* may have a more stable landscape of crossover rates

than *D. melanogaster*.

To gain insight into the temporal dynamics of TE accumulation, we focused on the large regions

showing a clear difference in crossover rates between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*. Regions with

centromere effect in *D. yakuba* but not in *D. melanogaster* show significantly more TEs in *D. yakuba*

than in *D. melanogaster* (Mann–Whitney U test, *z* = 6.04, *P* < 1 × 10^{-6}). On the other hand, regions

affected by the centromere effect in both *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster* show similar TE presence in

both species (*z* = - 0.01297, *n.s.*). These results are in agreement with predictions of models of selection

and linkage if the stronger centromere effect has been fairly stable in *D. yakuba*.

Short DNA Motifs and crossover localization

We investigated whether short DNA motifs associated with intragenomic variation in crossover rates in

D. melanogaster [185] and *D. simulans* [186] are also significantly enriched near crossovers in *D. yakuba*

(see Supplemental Materials and Methods). These motifs contain $[A]_n$, $[CA]_n$, $[TA]_n$, $[GCA]_n$ and a more

variable $[CYCYYY]_n$ (**Supplemental Figure 3**). All nine individual motifs identified in *D. melanogaster* are

significantly enriched near crossovers also in *D. yakuba* when studying crossovers flanked by diagnostic

SNPs separated by a maximum of 3 kb (or 5kb). All except a variable form of $[CA]_n$ are also significantly

enriched near crossovers with a resolution of 1-kb (see **Table 3** and **Supplemental Table 10**). Because

several of the motifs have overlapping characteristics within the $[A]_n$ and $[CA]_n$ classes, we combined

them and observed that both $[A]_n$ and $[CA]_n$ classes of motifs are very significantly enriched near

crossovers in *D. yakuba* at all resolutions analyzed (**Table 3**).

Evolutionary consequences and dynamics of intragenomic variation in crossover rates

Crossover rates and the efficacy of selection on synonymous codons: In good agreement with

predictions of population models of linkage and selection, estimates of the strength of CUB (-ENC) in *D.*

yakuba genes show a very significant and positive correlation with our *D. yakuba* high-resolution

crossover rates (Rec_{yak}): R = +0.228 (P = $6.0x10^{-13}$) for *X*-linked genes and R = +0.133 (P = $1.3x10^{-22}$) for

autosomal genes. We also re-analyzed CUB in *D. melanogaster* for the same set of genes now with high-

resolution crossover rates (Rec_{mel}) and confirmed the previous results: CUB increases with crossover

rates along the *X* chromosome (R = +0.170, P = $8.9x10^{-8}$) whereas autosomal genes show a significant

and negative correlation (R = -0.075, P = $3.8x10^{-8}$). These results suggest that previous incongruent

results in *D. melanogaster* were not caused by the use of inadequate selection models (given that these

models fit remarkably well *D. yakuba* data) but rather by departures from model assumptions when

using *D. melanogaster* data. More specifically, the fit of *D. yakuba* data to models that assume

constancy in linkage effects suggests that the landscape of crossover rates might have been fairly stable

along the *D. yakuba* lineage whereas a change in the recent past of *D. melanogaster* may have likely

occurred, as previously proposed by [98, 131].

To explore this possibility, we first investigated how well Rec_{yak} would predict CUB in *D.*

melanogaster and how well Rec_{mel} would predict CUB in *D. yakuba*. We show that crossover rates in *D.*

yakuba are better predictors of intragenomic variation in CUB across the *D. melanogaster* genome than

contemporary crossover rates from *D. melanogaster*, and that the results fit models of selection and

linkage along both the *X* chromosome and autosomes (**Figure 7**). *D. melanogaster* CUB in *X*-linked genes

shows a stronger positive association with crossover rates in *D. yakuba* (Rec_{yak}; $R = +0.201$, $P = 2.2x10^{-10}$)

than with crossover rates in *D. melanogaster* (Rec_{mel}; $R = +0.170$; $P = 8.9x10^{-8}$). CUB in autosomal genes

in *D. melanogaster* also shows a significantly positive correlation with Rec_{yak} ($R = +0.063$, $P = 4.1x10^{-6}$),

even though the use of Rec_{mel} instead generated a negative association (see above). At the same time,

Rec_{mel} is a poor predictor of CUB along the *X* chromosome of *D. yakuba* ($R = +0.115$, $P = 0.0003$) and

shows a negative association with CUB in *D. yakuba* autosomes ($R = - 0.076$, $P = 2.7x10^{-8}$), again contrary

to predictions. These results, therefore, open the possibility that contemporary crossover maps in *D.*

yakuba may recapitulate to some extent the ancestral recombination environment of the *D.*

melanogaster subgroup.

To delve into the prospect that Rec_{yak} may capture ancestral crossover patterns of the whole *D.*

melanogaster subgroup, we obtained regression estimates between Rec_{yak} and CUB for three other

species of the subgroup (*D. simulans*, *D. sechellia* and *D. erecta;* see **Figure 7**). For the *X* chromosome,

we observe that Rec_{yak} predicts almost equally well CUB in *D. yakuba* as CUB in *D. erecta* ($R = +0.222$, $P =$

$2.5x10^{-12}$), a species that separated from *D. yakuba* ~10.4 Mya [187], and only slightly less well (R

ranging between 0.191 and 0.201; $P < 3.0\text{x}10^{-10}$) for *D. simulans* and *D. sechellia,* which separated from

D. yakuba ~12.7 Mya [187]. Combined, these results strengthen the notion that Rec_{yak} for the *X*

chromosome captures to a significant degree the ancestral crossover rates of the whole subgroup and

that Rec_{yak} has been remarkably constant for more than 40 My of evolution. For autosomes, our results

suggest a faster evolution of crossover landscapes relative to the *X* chromosome within the *D.*

melanogaster subgroup. Nonetheless, Rec_{yak} keeps being a good predictor of CUB across the entire

phylogeny analyzed while Rec_{mel} shows a negative association with CUB for all species, indicating that

significant changes in crossover landscapes in the *D. melanogaster* lineage had to occur not only after

the split from its common ancestor with *D. simulans/D. sechellia* 5.4 Mya [187] but also very recently in

order to severely limit the linkage effects of the new crossover landscape on CUB.

Note that the conclusions about temporal stability of crossover rates based on the analysis of

CUB would be also valid if the cause of biased codon frequency was GC-biased gene conversion (gcGBC)

insted of, or in combination with, translational selection [188, 189]. This is because the resolution of

heteroduplex DNA that arises during recombination is GC-biased and preferred synonymous codons are

often G- and C-ending. gcBGC, therefore, directly predicts a positive relationship between crossover

rates across genomes and the degree of GC-ending codons (and hence CUB) that mimics the predictions

of weak selection [190].

Crossover rates and the efficacy of selection on protein evolution: To identify variation in the efficacy

of selection at protein level, we estimated rates of nonsynonymous (d_N) and synonymous (d_S) evolution,

and the d_N/d_S ratio (ω) across the *D. melanogaster* subgroup using the branch-model in the *codeml*

program as implemented in PAML [191, 192]. Moreover, to capture fine-scale intragenomic effects of

variation in crossover rates, we analyzed rates of evolution using single-gene data, without grouping

genes into crossover-groups. Additionally, we took into account gene-specific properties possibly

influencing ω and used residuals as a measure of variable efficacy of selection on amino acid changes

(ω_R) for each gene and phylogenetic branch (see Materials and Methods).

We first investigated changes in efficacy of selection on weakly deleterious amino acid

mutations by focusing on genes with no signal of rapid evolution (see Materials and Methods and [104]).

Variation in contemporary crossover rate across the *D. yakuba* genome is negatively associated with

gene-specific rates of protein evolution along the *D. yakuba* ($\omega_{R\text{-yak}}$) lineage genome-wide (r = -0.047, P =

0.0002), as well as for the *X* chromosome (r = -0.078, P = 0.02) and autosomes (r = -0.043, P = 0.002)

(**Figure 8A**). Along the *D. melanogaster* lineage, $\omega_{R\text{-mel}}$ shows a weak negative association with Rec_{mel}

genome-wide (r = -0.026, P = 0.044) that is also observed for the *X* chromosome (r = -0.100, P = 0.002)

but not for autosomes (r = -0.012, P > 0.05). Equivalent to our results with CUB, we observe that Rec_{yak} is

a better predictor of rates of evolution along the *D. melanogaster* lineage than Rec_{mel}; Rec_{yak} shows a

significantly negative association with $\omega_{R\text{-mel}}$ genome-wide (r = -0.053, P = 0.00004). In fact,

contemporary crossover rates in *D. yakuba* show a weak but significantly negative association with rates

of protein evolution across the whole phylogeny ($\omega_{R\text{-total}}$) (r = -0.036, P = 0.0044) while Rec_{mel} shows no

significantly association with $\omega_{R\text{-total}}$ (**Figure 8A**).

When studying the relationship between Rec_{yak} and ω_R for different branches of the phylogeny,

we confirm a consistently significant and negative association for the *X* chromosome for most branches

(except for the *D. erecta* lineage), and a less conserved trend for autosomes (**Figure 8A**). Rec_{mel}, on the

other hand, shows no signal of being negatively associated with ω_R along any lineage outside *D.*

melanogaster; it even shows a positive association (contrary to predictions) with rate of protein

evolution along the *D. simulans* lineage. In agreement with the results based on CUB, these analyses

support a very recent change in crossover landscape in *D. melanogaster* and, additionally, identify a

likely change in crossover patterns in *D. simulans*/*D. sechellia* after the split from their common ancestor

with *D. melanogaster*. Therefore, our studies of protein evolution also support the conclusions that

contemporary crossover rates across the *D. yakuba* genome capture ancestral properties of crossover

landscapes, with the *X* chromosome showing a stronger degree of conservation.

We also investigated whether variation in crossover rates is associated with the probability of

adaptive protein evolution (based on PAML analyses; see Materials and Methods). To this end, we

applied a logistic regression test (or logit) that allows the study of binary variables (a gene showing or

not signals of positive selection along a lineage) as a response to a continuous variable (crossover rates),

without grouping genes into arbitrary crossover classes. We observe that contemporary Rec_{yak} is a good

predictor of adaptive protein evolution along the *D. yakuba* lineage [Odds Ratio (OR) = 1.33, *P* = 0.0017].

Outside the *D. yakuba* lineage, Rec_{yak} shows a similar association with adaptive protein evolution along

the *D. erecta* lineage and along the lineages ancestral to both *D. yakuba*/*D. erecta* and *D. melanogaster*/

D. simulans/*D. sechellia* (**Figure 8B**), again suggesting that Rec_{yak} captures some of the ancestral

crossover landscape of the *D. melanogaster* subgroup. Contemporary Rec_{mel} shows no significant

association with the likelihood of adaptive amino acid changes along any of the lineages analyzed

(including the *D. melanogaster* lineage), in agreement with previous studies [104] and with the proposal

of a recent change in the distribution of crossover rates across the genome of *D. melanogaster* [98, 131].

Crossover rates and variation in levels of neutral diversity: We estimated neutral diversity at four-fold

synonymous sites (π_{4f}) across the *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster* genomes as a proxy for recent N_e (see

Materials and Methods) and compared these estimates with our high-resolution crossover landscapes

for non-overlapping 100 kb regions. In *D. yakuba,* we observe that variation in crossover rates is a very

strong predictor of π_{4f} for both autosomes [r = 0.74, *P* = 7.6×10^{-169}] and the *X* chromosome (r = 0.63, *P* =

5.6×10^{-25}), as expected based on models (**Figure 9A**). In *D. melanogaster,* we estimate equivalent trends

when using similar methodologies and crossover map resolutions: r = 0.64 (*P* = 5.4×10^{-110}) and r = 0.568

(*P* = 3.3×10^{-20}) for autosomes and the *X* chromosomes, respectively (**Figure 9B**). These results show that

contemporary Rec_{mel} does a good job capturing heterogeneity in recent N_e across the *D. melanogaster*

genome, and emphasizes the disparity between long- and short-tem N_e along the *D. melanogaster*

lineage when combined with the results from CUB and protein evolution. At the same time, we observe

that the *D. yakuba* lineage may conform better than *D. melanogaster* to models of selection and linkage

when applying methodologies that assume consistency between long-term and short-term N_e.

DISCUSSION

Here we report a genome-wide crossover map for *D. yakuba* using WGS and a new dual-barcoding

methodology. Our method reduces library and sequencing costs significantly, allowing for the

genotyping of a large number of individuals and, ultimately, the generation of genetic maps at very high

resolution. The dual-barcoding approach involves crosses between multiple wild-type parental

genotypes and, in turn, provides the opportunity to capture species-wide genetic maps that are more

informative for genomic and evolutionary analyses than those generated using a single cross. Our

crossing and genotyping schemes also reduce the potential effects of using inbred lines when studying

meiotic outcomes. Nevertheless, the study of the frequency of genotypes in the chromatids analyzed is

an important—if not required—step to asses directly the potential role of egg-to-adult viability deffects.

In our case, the study of the frequency of parental and recombining genotypes allowed us to rule out

detectable viability effects biasing the meiotic products genotyped.

We analyzed a large number of individual meiotic events (more than 1,600) and identified the

precise localization of more than 5,300 crossover events. Amongst *Drosophila* species, *D. yakuba* shows

an intermediate total map length (339 cM), longer than *D. melanogaster* (287 cM [41, 113, 136]) and

shorter than *D. mauritiana* (about 500cM; [31]), *D. pseuddobscura* (>450 cM; [193, 194]) or *D. virilis* (732

cm [117]). This high degree of variation is consistent with the proposal that crossover rates and

distribution have the potential to evolve very fast and, in particular, with recent studies suggesting that

these changes can be the result of adaptive processes ([118, 126] see also [127, 129, 195]). Although our

study in *D. yakuba* provides confirmatory evidence to some information garnered from the model

species *D. melanogaster,* most of our analyses in *D. yakuba* reveal clear differences and a contrasting

view of crossover distribution, control and evolution in *Drosophila*. As such, this study adds to the

expanding notion that a deep understating of the causes and consequences of crossover rate variation

across genomes benefits from the analysis of multiple species within an appropriate phylogenetic

context.

Before this study, a general trend among *Drosophila* species appeared to support a link between

the length of genetic maps and the magnitude of the centromere effect; *D. simulans*, *D. mauritiana*, *D.*

pseudoobscura and *D. persimilis* all show higher number of crossovers per meiosis and weaker

centromere effect than *D. melanogaster* [31-34, 126]. Such a trend suggested that the centromere

effect is either a direct cause or a consequence of lower genome-wide crossover rates, or that the two

processes coevolve. *D. yakuba* shows, however, a significantly higher crossover rate and overall longer

genetic map than *D. melanogaster* while also showing a greater centromere effect, thus decoupling the

two observations for the first time in *Drosophila*. Our results in *D. yakuba*, the species with the greatest

centromere effect in the *Drosophila* genus to date, uncover a more complex relationship between

crossover distribution and the centromere effect.

A strong centromere effect also limits substantially the genomic region naturally available for

multiple crossover events along a chromosome arm, begging the question of whether this impacts

crossover interference*. D. yakuba* shows significant crossover interference, as observed in all other

Drosophila species analyzed. Notably, the chromosome arms with stronger centromere effect (*2L*, *3L*

and *3R*) also show a higher degree of crossover interference than chromosome arms with weaker

centromere effects (*2R* and *X*) (see **Table 2** and **Supplemental Table 3**). Combined, these results would

support the concept of interconnected molecular mechanisms controlling the overall number of

crossovers, centromere effects and crossover interference with outcomes that may vary among

chromosome arms.

Our study in *D. yakuba* also differs from multiple reports in other *Drosophila* species showing

that the suppression of crossovers in inversion heterozygotes increases the number of crossovers on

freely recombining chromosome arms (the interchromosomal effect [39, 134, 135]). The presence of a

heterozygous inversion on chromosome arm *2R* in *D. yakuba* plays no detectable role in increasing the

number of crossovers in any of the freely recombining chromosome arms. A key difference between *D.*

yakuba and most *Drosophila* species where the interchromosomal effect has been studied is the higher

number of crossovers per female meiosis in the former species. Therefore, although it is not possible to

fully disentangle the effects of the genetic backgrounds carrying inversions, the results of our *D. yakuba*

study open the possibility that the higher number of crossovers per chromosome arm in this species

limits the potential increase in crossovers and the overall magnitude of the interchromosomal effect.

Crossover assurance and crossover-associated meiotic drive in *D. yakuba*

D. yakuba shows a large fraction of recovered chromatids with multiple crossovers, particularly for the *X*

chromosome. As a consequence, and contrary to studies in *D. melanogaster*, tetrad analysis in *D.*

yakuba requires the inclusion of $E_{\geq 3}$ tetrads to capture the full observed distribution of meiotic products.

Our tetrad analysis shows that *D. yakuba* has a stronger degree of crossover assurance than *D.*

melanogaster, compatible with absolute crossover assurance under benign conditions for wild-type

genotypes. We also show results that strongly support the presence of an active crossover-associated

meiotic drive mechanism (MD_{CO}) in *D. yakuba* that acts in addition to strong crossover assurance for the

X chromosome and results in the preferential inclusion in oocytes of chromatids with crossovers (**Figure**

6A).

More specifically, we show that models without bias in transmission or with biases in

distribution of crossovers between sister chromatids are incompatible with observed data for the *X*

chromosome. A model allowing MD_{CO} not only fits the data far better than any of the other models

investigated but also fits the data well. Moreover, our WGS approach together with the observation that

this phenomenon is identified in all three crosses of wild-type strains make unlikely that the results are

caused by viability effects. We, therefore, propose that *D. yakuba* has evolved increased effective

crossover rates on the *X*, at least partly, by meiotic drive rather than by increasing the number of tetrads

with two or more crossovers. In all, our analyses predict a total of 5.98 – 6.33 crossover events per

female meiosis that would result in 3.46 detectable crossovers per viable meiotic product. The same

quantitative study suggests that this MD_{CO} mechanism would be equivalent to a 15 to 34% increase in *X*

chromosome homologous recombination events in offspring relative to a case with no drive but the

same number of meiotic crossover events in prophase of meiosis I.

Our proposal of an active MD_{CO} mechanism is not completely new. Meiotic drive for

recombinant chromatids at meiosis II has been proposed to be active in the human female germline

based on one study that genotyped oocytes and polar bodies of women with average age of 37.3 years

[196]. In *D. melanogaster*, Singh *et al*. (2015) [197] showed an increase in recombinant offspring (rather

than a direct increase in crossovers in Meiosis I) as a plastic response to parasite pressures, suggesting

an epigenetic activation of transmission distortion and assymetries during meiosis II, equivalent to the

MD_{CO} mechanism. Our results suggest that an equivalent mechanism may be active under benign

conditions for the *X* chromosome in *D. yakuba*. This said, and given the standard observation that E_0 is

smaller on the *X* chromosome than on autosomes also in *D. melanogaster*, it is possible that MD_{CO} is

active under benign conditions in the *D. melanogaster X* chromosome as well, but it has not yet been

identified due to the smaller number of crossovers. In fact, we show that MD_{CO} is compatible with *D.

melanogaster X* chromosome data (**Figure 6D**). In this regard, the detailed genetic and cellular study of

other species of the *D. melanogaster* subgroup can provide additional support to the possibility of a

more widespread MD$_{CO}$, at least for the *X* chromosome, that may be enhanced under stress conditions.

687   This leaves open the question of what might be the selective advantage, if any, to an active

MD$_{CO}$ mechanism on the *X* chromosome. Modifers of crossover rates are known to segregate in natural

populations of many species [118, 120, 128, 198-201] and models of selection and recombination

predict an overall benefit to increasing rates when finite populations are considered (see [202] and

references therein). Increased crossover rates could be particularly frequent on the *X* chromosome

because this chromosome would be more likely to take advantage of recesive beneficial modifiers that

increase rates relative to autosomes, a possibility that would fit with *Drosophila* studies showing

stronger positive selection acting on the *X* at both protein and gene expression levels [103, 203-211]. At

the same time, there is a direct limitation to increasing the number of crossovers in meiosis I given the

known increased probability of missegregation and higher rates of ectopic exchange and chromosomal

aberrations in multi-chiasma tetrads [212, 213]. The proposed meiotic drive in meiosis II would allow

taking advantage of the evolutionary benefits of higher recombination rates while limiting the number

of crossovers per tetrad. The advantages of such mechanism, moreover, are predicted to be particularly

relevant in species with high likelihood of ectopic recombination due to the abundance of TEs, as in the

case of *D. yakuba*.

Transposable elements, satellite repeats and crossover distribution in *D. yakuba*

The study of TE abundance across the genome of *D. yakuba* confirms trends observed in other

Drosophila species including *D. melanogaster,* with TEs being more frequently observed in genomic

regions with significantly reduced crossover rates. Notably, *D. yakuba* shows a stronger negative

correlation between TE abundance and crossover rate across the genome than *D. melanogaster*. These

results suggest that the proposed epigenetic effects of TEs reducing local crossover rates play a minor

role in the observed crossover landscapes and, in turn, are more consistent with models of selection and

linkage. Because these models assume long-term equilibrium, our results also suggest a more stable

landscape of crossover rates in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*.

The study of satellite DNA in *D. yakuba*, combined with previous results from *D. simulans,*

confirms that *D. melanogaster* shows a highly evolved composition relative to other related species and

provides outgroup information strengthening the idea that the changes in satellite composition in *D.*

melanogaster arose after split from *D. simulans* [139, 214]. Our analysis of satellite DNA also suggests,

albeit indirectly, shorter centromeres in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*. Given the reports linking

shorter centromeres to stronger centromere effects in *Drosophila* [138], this result is also congruent

with the observed greater centromere effect in *D. yakuba* than in *D. melanogaster*.

Short DNA motifs and crossover distribution

Short DNA repeat motifs enriched near crossover events in *D. melanogaster* [185] are also

overrepresented in genomic regions with high crossover rates in the closely related species *D. simulans*

[186]. Here, we showed that these same motifs are also enriched near crossover events in *D. yakuba*

despite the greater evolutionary distance. Notably, many of these motifs share properties associated

with high degree of open chromatin and DNA accessibility [185], and there is the additional observation

that in *Drosophila*, as in other organisms, crossovers are enriched at or near transcriptionally active

regions [215, 216]. In this regard, it is important to consider DNA:RNA hybrids (R-loops) during

transcription and the proposed induction of DNA damage, instability and, ultimately, double-strand

breaks [217-220]. Interestingly, poly A/T tracts, which is one of the crossover-associated motifs in

Drosophila and in yeast [119, 221, 222], play a causal role in R-loop formation [223]. In all, therefore,

crossover rate variation at the scale of several megabases seems best explained by centromere and

telomere effects whereas variation at a finer or local scale would be associated with open chromatin,

active transcription and specific DNA motifs. The inclusion of R-loops into the paradigm to describe

crossover localization across *Drosophila* genomes is particularly appealing because it would provide a

testable mechanistic explanation for the known influence on crossover rates and distribution of

epigenetic changes due to environmental conditions and stress.

Evolutionary consequences and dynamics of intragenomic variation in crossover rates

Because crossover rates vary across genomes, models of selection and linkage predict that N_e will vary

across genomes as well, as a function of crossover rates and gene distribution. Therefore, multi-locus

analyses of diversity and selection are difficult and mostly unadvisable. To deal with this intragenomic

variation in N_e, the standard approach is to combine inter- (divergence) and intra-specific (diversity) data

and assume that contemporary N_e for a given locus is representative of past, long-term N_e influencing

efficacy of selection and rates of evolution [73, 80, 83, 84, 86, 88, 95, 106, 107, 224-231]. However,

genomic landscapes of crossover rate vary between species evidencing that N_e at a given locus changes

with time (additional to demographic events) and, therefore, contemporary N_e may differ from long-

term N_e in many species and genes. The reasons for not fully embracing temporal changes in crossover

rates and N_e are mostly practical ones. Population genomic data can be easily obtained today, providing

detailed views of nucleotide variation within and between species. In contrast, genome-wide high-

resolution crossover maps are much less common because they need both very high marker density

(ideally WGS or equivalent) and many individuals genotyped; high marker density or high number of

genotyped individuals alone is not sufficient to generate accurate high-resolution maps. In all, the

assumption of temporally stable genomic landscapes of N_e can produce inaccurate parameterization of

linkage effects and selection, and thus hinders our understanding of the causes of variation within and

between species.

Among *Drosophila* species, detailed, experimentally generated, crossover maps exist for *D.*

melanogaster [41, 113] and *D. pseudoobscura* [32, 118] but equivalent data is still infrequent for closely

related species. Within the *D. melanogaster* subgroup, sparse crossover rate maps for the sister species

D. simulans and *D. mauritiana* showed higher crossover rates and a different crossover landscape than

D. melanogaster [31]. Limited data for the *X* chromosome of *D. yakuba* also suggested higher crossover

rates than *D. melanogaster* [232, 233]. Recent studies of meiosis genes comparing *D. melanogaster* and

D. mauritiana further suggest that the change in crossover rates likely occurred in the *D. melanogaster*

lineage [126], but there was no outgroup data to strengthen that conclusion. More generally, the lack of

multispecies high-resolution crossover landscapes in the *D. melanogaster* subgroup has limited attempts

to quantify the effects of linkage on the efficacy of selection in this species complex. Here, we used the

new high-resolution contemporary crossover rate map for *D. yakuba* to add phylogenetic context for

crossover landscapes within the *D. melanogaster* subgroup, and investigate the evolutionary influence

of variation in crossover rates across the genome and time.

Our studies show that the weak support for an effect of crossover rate variation on the efficacy

of selection when using *D. melanogaster* as focal species is, to a large degree, due to a widespread

change in crossover rates in the very recent history of *D. melanogaster,* after the split from its common

ancestor with *D. simulans.* Indeed, contemporary crossover rates in *D. melanogaster* (Rec$_{mel}$) are a good

predictor of diversity and contemporary N_e within this species, but they are very poorly associated with

estimates of long-term efficacy of selection (CUB, efficacy of selection against deleterious amino acid

changes and the incidence of adaptive amino acid changes). As a consequence, analyses in *D.*

melanogaster that assume temporally stable crossover landscapes will be inaccurate.

In contrast, the *D. yakuba* lineage seems to have had a more stable crossover landscape that is

well captured by our new contemporary crossover maps. Studies of neutral diversity across the genome

of *D. yakuba* fit well patterns predicted by models of selection and linkage. That is, contemporary Rec$_{yak}$

captures well recent intragenomic contemporary N_e as well as long-term N_e. The conclusion of high

stability in crossover rates along the *D. yakuba* lineage is confirmed when considering the whole *D.*

melanogaster subgroup, with the contemporary crossover landscape of *D. yakuba* capturing information

of ancestral linkage effects across the whole *D. melanogaster* subgroup, even for the *D. melanogaster*

lineage. These results suggesting a fairly stable crossover landscape in *D. yakuba* are also congruent with

the study of TE distribution, which indicates long-term co-evolutionary dynamics of TE abundance and

crossover rates. Combined, these results strongly support the idea that *D. yakuba* may be an adequate

species to study population genetics predictions influenced by crossover rates.

Our study represents only one step towards a better understanding of temporal variation in

crossover rates and their consequences in *Drosophila*. More generally, our analyses underscore the

importance of generating high-resolution crossover rate maps from closely-related species, as a

necessary counterpart for every species with population genomic data and within a coherent

phylogenetic context. Minimally, this information will allow testing assumptions of temporal stability of

crossover landscapes. Moving forward, the additional information that these crossover maps provide

will refine our understanding of crossover control during meiosis and activate research towards

theoretical and modelling frameworks to study and parameterize evolutionary parameters amid

changes in crossover rates.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Dual-barcoding genotyping method

We used a genotyping approach with two layers of barcoding to reduce sequencing and labor costs (see

Figure 1). In typical Illumina sequencing, each sample receives one adapter (one library sequence

barcode), which allows assigning reads to different samples when sequenced together. In our method,

we use multiple parental lines (line 1, line 2, line 3, line 4, etc.), and each line is involved in a different

cross (cross 1: line 1 x line 2; cross 2: line 3 x line 4, etc.). F_1 virgin females are crossed to males of a

'tester' line to generate F_2 individuals and we combine multiple F_2 individuals, one from each cross, per

library (per sequence barcode). After sequencing, reads are separated based on sequence barcode and,

for each set of reads sharing a sequence barcode, SNPs specific to a single parental line (singleton SNPs)

are used as diagnostic SNPs or genetic barcodes. Reads containing diagnostic SNPs can be then assigned

to a specific parental genome and cross without ambiguity, and sequence reads not containing any

diagnostic SNP or with diagnostic SNPs for the tester line are discarded.

Crossing scheme and sequencing of the parental genomes

Each of the seven *D. yakuba* lines used in this study was derived from the offspring of a single female

(isofemale lines). Lines *TZ043* and *TZ020* were established from females collected on July 2001 in the

Upanga District of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania; kindly provided by Bill Ballard), lines *SN20* and *SN17*, from

females collected on January 2004 in the São Nicolau waterfall (São Tomé Island; collected by Ana

Llopart), lines *Cost* 1235.2 and *Obat* 1200.5, from females collected on March 2001 in the Obo Natural

Reserve (São Tomé Island; collected by Daniel Lachaise), and line *Rain* 5 from a female collected on July

2009 in the Obo Natural Reserve (São Tomé Island; collected by Ana Llopart). The three crosses we used

to obtain recombination maps were: *TZ043 × TZ020, Sn20 × Sn17* and *Rain 5 × Cost* 1235.2*.* One-day old

F_1 female offspring from these crosses were crossed with males from the tester line *Obat* 1200.5. This

last cross to the tester line was important to allow the generation of haploid sequences from the

parental lines bioinformatically when sequencing F_2 individuals (see [113]).

We generated an improved *D. yakuba* genome reference sequence of Tai18E2 using PacBio and

Illumina sequencing (Supplemental Materials and Methods) that was then used to generate high-quality

genome sequences for all the parental lines used in the crosses, including the tester line (see

Supplemental Materials and Methods). In short, to generate genome sequences of parental lines (and to

correct PacBio sequences) we used two rounds of mapping, each one including Bowtie2 [234] and

Stampy [235] mapping. Variants were called using samtools mpileup version 0.1.18 with minimum base

quality of 30 and minimum mapping quality of 35 followed by BCFtools view to filter variants with a

minimum read depth 3 and a fraction of reads supporting the variant greater than 0.8. After filtering,

vcfutlis vcf2fq was used to convert the VCF files to fastq format followed by seqtk fq2fa to convert to

fasta format [236]. Our approach generated final sequences for parental lines that only show non-N

positions when high quality information is present.

Diagnostic SNPs

Diagnostic SNPs were defined as sites where all parental (including the tester) genomes contain a high

quality nucleotide call and only one genome had a different nucleotide variant (singleton SNP). Sites

with low quality or ambiguity in one or more genomes, or with 3 or 4 nucleotide variants were removed

from further consideration. Because the *D. yakuba* lines used in the crosses were inbred over several

generations, they each contain few heterozygous sites and not used unless including a high quality and

unambiguously informative variant.

Sequencing of F_2 flies

We combined one F_2 female from each of the three crosses to prepare Illumina libraries with a given

custom-designed barcode, following the same experimental protocols described in 'Illumina library

preparation' (Supplemental Materials and Methods). We multiplexed our libraries (112 libraries/lane)

based on custom-designed adapters with ≥8-nucleotides that are at least 4 nucleotide changes away

from any other barcode, and sequenced them in an Illumina HiSeq 4000 instrument housed at the IIHG

(University of Iowa).

Fastx_barcode_splitter and fastx_trimmer from FASTX-Toolkit version 0.014

(http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/) were used to split sequence reads and to remove barcode

sequences, respectively. Sequence reads were also filtered with Trimmomatic and parameters as

described in 'Illumina alignment pipeline' (Supplemental Materials and Methods). A total of six Illumina

HiSeq 4000 lanes were used in this project, allowing us to genotype up to 1,701 F_2 individuals.

Mapping to diagnostic SNPs

To identify reads mapping to a diagnostic SNP of a specific parental line, we first, conservatively,

mapped reads to all other parental lines using Bowtie2 [234] with parameters that ensure perfect

alignment for the whole read. Reads that did not align to any of these genomes were then mapped to

the sequence of the parental genome of interest with the same restrictive parameters. After mapping,

samtools mpileup was used to obtain all nucleotides with mapped reads followed by BCFtools view to

generate VCF files [236]. Sites not previously assigned as a diagnostic SNP and sites assigned as as

diagnostic SNPs for the tester line were filtered out. This process was repeated for every parental line

used in the crosses, meaning that every F_2 individual we sequenced had only one (if all diagnostic SNPs

corresponded to a single parental genome) or two (if one or more crossovers occured) VCF files with

mapped diagnostic SNPs per chromosome arm, identifying the original cross. Note that the filtering

process removed a higher number of chromatids sequenced for chromosome arm *2R* relative to other

chromosome arms (Supplemental Table 1) due to a lower fraction of diagnostic (singeton) SNPs. As a

consequence, analyses for *2R* are based on fewer chromatids. For each F_2 individual, we used the

ordered distribution of diagnostic SNPs along chromosomes in the VCF files (after merging when needed

using BCFtools merge) for the purpose of downstream analysis and crossover localization.

Identification of crossovers

We used diagnostic SNPs as a method for dual multiplex sequencing but also to identify crossovers and

their genomic location. After aligning reads from each F_2 individual to parental genomes of a specific

cross based on diagnostic SNPs, several filters were applied before determining crossover events. First,

any F_2 chromosome arm that contained less than 100 diagnostic SNPs was filtered out. Second, given

that our diagnostic SNPs were not evenly distributed across the chromosomes, we removed regions with

a significant bias of mapping to one parental genome over the other. We applied a sliding window

approach with regions of 100kb and increments of 25kb, and removed from further consideration

regions with a ratio of mapped reads to the parental genomes less than 0.1 or greater than 10. Our next

filters aimed at decreasing events that could potentially be gene conversions without crossover. A block

was defined as a region of continuous mapping to diagnostic SNPs from only one parental genome.

Blocks shorter than 100 kb were removed from analysis and flanking blocks were combined. Crossovers

were identified as consecutive diagnostic SNPs of one parental genome switching to diagnostic SNPs

from the other parental genome (boundaries between blocks). Crossovers were then assigned a random

position between the two diagnostic SNPs defining the region between blocks of diagnostic SNPs. A final

filter was applied to require crossover events to be separated by at least 250kb. Analyses using 500kb as

threshold produced the same results, in agreement with the observation that the two closest crossovers

we identified in our study were 771kb apart. To study crossovers in the dot chromosome, the filters

used were relaxed to capture the paucity of SNPs among lines. In this case, the minimum number of

diagnostic markers was set to 10, and the minimum number of diagnostic markers per block flanking

potential crossovers was set to 4. Even with these more permissive filters, we did not detect any

crossovers along the dot chromosome.

Crossover rates were studied as cM/Mb per female meiosis, for each cross separately and after

combining the results from the three crosses. Unless noted, the distribution of crossover rates along

chromosome arms in *D. yakuba* was based on non-overlapping 200 kb windows. For *D. melanogaster*,

we analyzed equivalent genomic sizes based on high-resolution crossover maps for *r5.3* and r*6* genome

releases [113, 237]. In all cases, we used $\log_{10}$ of crossover rates in analyses to estimate association

between crossover rates and N_e or efficacy of selection (CUB, protein evolution and neutral diversity).

Analyses of viability effects

Differential egg-to-adult viability of parental and/or recombinant genotypes could bias the set of

chromatids genotyped in adults. We, therefore, quantified the frequency of the four possible pairwise

combinations of the parental genotypes for all possible genomic distances along the *X* chromosome. In

particular, for each cross and chromatid analyzed, we identified the genotype at 1-kb resolution along

the chromosome and obtained all pairwise 1-kb vs 1-kb (two-marker) haplotypes as a function of the

genomic distance. For recombinant haplotypes, we followed the convention of ordering 'left' and 'right'

genotypes from telomere-proximal to centromere-proximal. We then combined the results from all

chromatids for each cross sepparately, obtaining the frequency of the four possible haplotypes as a

function of genomic distance. Finally, we transformed genomic distances into genetic distances (cM)

based on the genetic map generated for each cross.

The centromere effect

Two different methods were used to examine the centromere effect. The first method was performed

following previous studies where the number of crossovers observed near the centromere (i.e., the

centromere-proximal region) is compared to the expected number of crossovers for a region of

equivalent size under the assumption that crossovers are randomly distributed along a chromosome

arm [18, 20, 21, 41]. This approach requires a predetermined, arbitrary, size for the centromere-

proximal genomic region, and in this study we defined it as one third of the chromosome arm, as in

Miller *et al*. (2016) [41]. For each chromosome arm we obtained the probability of detecting centromere

effect after comparing the observed and expected number of crossovers within the centromere-

proximal region for that chromosome arm based on 10 million random replicates. To obtain a random

distribution of crossover locations on a chromosome arm, we took into account the genomic locations

were the detection of a crossover would have been possible near centromeres based on our genotyping

method.

To study the centromere effect quantitively and identify the genomic region influenced by it, we

applied a second method that estimates the proportion of the chromosome showing a significant

reduction in crossovers. Starting at the most centromere-proximal region, we calculated the likelihood

of a 1 Mb genomic region (window) showing a significantly reduced number of crossovers relative to the

rest of the chromosome. This process was repeated after moving the window into the chromosome arm

with 100 kb increments. For each window, we used a binomial distribution to determine if the number

of crossovers was significantly reduced relative to expectations under the assumption that crossovers

are randomly distributed along a chromosome arm. We obtained probability values for each 1 Mb

window based on *n* trials of the binomial distribution, where *n* is the total number of crossovers in a

chromosome arm with a probability equal to the fraction that this 1 Mb region represents of the total

length of the chromosome arm where crossovers could be detected. Using these parameters, we

obtained *P* values for each 1-Mb window moving from the centromere towards the center of the

chromosomes, and identified the threshold of the genomic regions affected by the centromere effect

when five consecutive windows showed a non-significant reduction in crossovers. Two levels of

significance were examined, $P < 1\times10^{-6}$ and $P < 1\times 10^{-2}$. In both models, the total number of crossovers

from the three crosses analyzed were used to investigate centromere effects. Equivalent analyses were

used to detect the telomere effect.

To enable a direct comparison between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*, we also examined the

centromere and telomere effect in *D. melanogaster* with the same methodologies as in our study of *D.*

yakuba. Furthermore, we analyzed the *D. melanogaster* genome assemblies *r5.3* and *r6* to capture

different levels of inclusion of peri-centromeric (or telomeric) sequences and heterochromatin. Unless

noted, the *D. melanogaster r6* release is used by default in the main text, and results comparing *D.*

yakuba to both *D. melanogaster r5.3* and *r6* are shown in Figures and Tables.

Crossover interference

Crossovers tend to avoid peri-centromeric and peri-telomeric regions, and even within the 'central'

region of chromosomes (outside the influence of centromere and telomere effects), crossovers are not

randomly distributed. Therefore, the direct comparison of observed inter-crossover distance (ICD) in

chromatids with two crossovers (2CO) and the expected distance based on a random distribution of

crossovers along a chromosome arm can produce biased conclusions on interference. Another approach

to measure interference is to assume that the distance between two independent crossovers in 2CO

chromatids (no interference) is exponentially distributed and, as such, follows a gamma distribution with

shape parameter (v) of 1 [45]. Fitting the observed series of ICD in 2CO chromatids to a gamma

distribution, therefore, would provide information about the existence of crossover interference when v

is greater than 1, evidencing crossovers more evenly spaced (positive interference) than expected under

a Poisson process [45, 144, 238]. This model, however, also assumes that all genomic sites along a

chromosome are equally likely to become a crossover, which is not correct in many species and may

cause expectations for v to be different than 1 under no interference.

To study crossover interference in *D. yakuba*, we considered that crossovers are not randomly

distributed along chromosome arms. Expectations of ICD for 2CO chromatids under no interference can

be obtained by using data from single crossover chromatids (1CO), randomly choosing two crossover

locations along a chromosome and estimating the distance [39]. Our large number of genotyped

meioses and 1CO chromatids (a total of 3,531) allows us to use this approach to obtain ICD expectations

for 2CO chromatids after 1 million independent replicates per chromosome arm. Genome-wide analyses

of crossover interference were generated by considering the differences between chromosome arms

(observed number of 1CO and 2CO chromatids, and the distribution of crossovers along each arm in 1CO

chromatids).

For the sake of allowing comparisons with other studies, we also show the estimated v for each

chromosome and expectations of v under assumption of no interference based on distance between

two randomly chosen 1COs. Note that the random generation of ICDs based on the location of 1COs

shows a best fit to gamma distributions with v greater than 1 (as discussed above). Estimates of v for ICD

of 2CO chromatids from our *D. yakuba* datasets are consistently greater than 1 and, more relevant, also

consistently greater than our expectations, also supporting the presence of positive interference.

Chromatid and tetrad analysis

Crossover events were divided into classes depending on the number of observed crossovers per

chromatid: zero or non-crossover (NCOs), single crossover (1COs), double crossovers (2COs), triple

crossovers (3COs), and quadruple crossovers (4COs). This information was also used to estimate the

frequency of bivalent (or tetrad) exchange classes, initially based on Weinstein's algebraic method [64,

65]. The frequency of tetrad classes is estimated as E_r, denoting tetrads with r crossovers (E_0 tetrads

indicate the frequency of homologous chromosome pairs with no crossovers; E_1 tetrads with a single

crossover, E_2 tetrads with two crossovers, etc.) Note that Weinstein's method is based on a meiotic

model that assumes random distribution of crossovers along chromatids with no crossover interference,

random selection of pairs of nonsister chromatids (no chromatid interference), random distribution of

chromatids into gametes, and equal viability among all possible meitotic products. Under this model, the

frequency of tetrad classes can be estimated using the observed frequency of crossover classes (NCO,

1CO, 2CO, 3CO and 4CO) and by solving E_r,

995
$$4CO = \frac{1}{16} E_4 \,,$$

996
$$3CO = \frac{1}{8} E_3 + \frac{4}{16} E_4 \,,$$

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$$2CO = \frac{1}{4} E_2 + \frac{3}{8} E_3 + \frac{6}{16} E_4,$$

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$$1CO = \frac{1}{2} E_1 + \frac{1}{2} E_2 + \frac{3}{8} E_3 + \frac{4}{16} E_4,$$

999
$$NCO = E_0 + \frac{1}{2} E_1 + \frac{1}{4} E_2 + \frac{1}{8} E_3 + \frac{1}{16} E_4.$$

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To obtain confidence intervals and compare models, a maximum likelihood (ML) approach was

applied to identify by simulation the combination of tetrad frequencies (E_r) that fits best to observed

data (number of NCO, 1CO, 2CO, 3CO and 4CO chromatids) under several models. This allowed us to

obtain point estimates for E_r, confidence intervals and overall fit of a model to data. To compare models,

we calculated the likelihood test statistic for each model and performed a likelihood-ratio test (LRT).

Given our detection of rare but non zero chromosomes with 4 crossovers and a nonnegligible fraction of

chromosomes with three crossovers, we modeled E_0, E_1, E_2, E_3 and E_4. Models limiting $E_{\leq 2}$ perform much

worse than $E_{\leq 4}$, at least for *D. yakuba*, and therefore are not used. Our simplest model assumed no

restrictions in terms E_r values, crossover distribution across chromatids, segregation or viability; it is

equivalent to Weinstein's expectations for a given maximum *r* (in our case $E_{\leq 4}$).

We also used ML models to add a diverse set of rules [66, 145] to initially restrict expectations

to biologically feasible values ($E_r \geq 0$). We then expanded the rules of $E_r \geq 0$ to study models including

meiotic drive or *chromatid interference*. The model with *meiotic drive* assumes a non-random

segregation of sister chromatids in meiosis II depending on whether sister chromatids had or not

crossovers. We explicitly explored meiotic drive with a bias (*b*) favoring chromatids with crossovers

preferentially segregating into the oocyte nucleus when the sister chromatid has no crossovers (MD_{CO}

model). Under this model (see **Figure 6A**), chromatids with crossovers have a probability of being

segregated into the oocyte nucleus of $0.5 \leq b \leq 1$, instead of no bias (*b* = 0.5), which causes

nonrecombinant sister chromatids to be preferentially extruded to the second polar body.

The model with *chromatid interference*, on the other hand, assumes that chromatids used for

multiple exchanges in a tetrad with $E_{\geq 2}$ are not chosen independently and at random [64, 145]. This

model allows for a biased distribution of crossovers (*b*) among chromatids when $E_{\geq 2}$. In particular, we

studied a model of *positive chromatid interference* (PCI) favoring ($0.5 \leq b \leq 1$) the sister chromatid with

the fewest number of previous crossovers for each additional crossover, thus reducing the number of

chromatids with no crossovers relative to a random case of *b* = 0.5.

To compare the observed frequency of different crossover and tetrad classes in *D. yakuba* (this

study) and *D. melanogaster*, we used *D. melanogaster* data based on WGS [41] and visible markers [37,

239, 240]. We included results from visible markers in *D. melanogaster* because these studies are based

on much larger sample sizes than that based on WGS for this species. On the other hand, it is worth

noting that studies using visible markers are more likely to generate egg-to-adult viability defects than

WGS and, because reduced density of markers along chromosomes, underestimate crossover events

(hence overesting NCO chromatids and E_0).

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Rates of protein evolution in the *D. melanogaster* subgroup.

To identify variation in the efficacy of selection at protein level, we estimated d_N (the number of

nonsynonymous substitutions per nonsynonymous site), d_S (the number of synonymous substitutions

per synonymous site) and ω (the d_N/d_S ratio) for each gene and across the entire phylogeny of the *D.*

melanogaster subgroup (*D. melanogaster, D. simulans, D. sechellia, D. yakuba* and *D. erecta;* **Figure 7**

and **Figure 8**). To this end, we applied the branch-model in the *codeml* program as implemented in

PAML (v4.9j, February 2020) that allows different ω in all internal and external branches of the five-

species tree [191, 192]. Furthermore, we took into account gene-specific properties influencing ω (CDS

and transcript length, number of introns, gene expression, and CUB as an estimate of the degree of

weak selection on synonymous mutations and therefore d_S) and used residuals generated by

Generalized Additive Models (GAM) as a measure of variable efficacy of selection on amino acid changes

(ω_R) for each gene and phylogenetic branch. We estimated rates of evolution for a curated set of 7,062

aligned orthologous CDS from flyDIVaS [241].

To identify genes under positive selection for amino acid changes in one or more branches, we

compared Model M1a (nearly neutral evolution) against a model that allows the additional presence of

positive selection at a fraction of sites (model M2a). For each branch, we compared maximum likelihood

estimates (MLEs) under these two models and applied likelihood ratio tests (LRTs) to identify evidence

of positive selection after correcting for multiple tests (FDR = 0.05) [242]. To study the efficacy of

selection against deleterious amino acid changes, we followed Larracuente *et al*. (2008) [104] and

generated a set of genes with no evidence of positive selection for each branch. This set of genes was

obtained by removing genes with the highest 10% ω_R as well as all those that showed significant signal

of positive selection based on the LRT approach.

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Synonymous codon usage

We estimated the degree of bias in the use of different synonymous codons (Codon Usage Bias, CUB) by

calculating ENC (Effective Number of Codons) [243] in genes with more than 200 codons aligned across

species. ENC measures departures from random use among synonymous codons for each amino acid

and has been shown to be minimally influenced by differences in CDS length and amino acid

composition [244]. The values for ENC range between 20 (extreme CUB, with only one synonymous

codon used per amino acid) and 59 (random use of synonymous codons) and, therefore, we used -ENC

to evaluate the expected positive correlation between CUB and efficacy of selection.

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Neutral diversity in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*.

We obtained estimates of neutral diversity based on pairwise sequence comparisons at four-fold

synonymous sites (π_{4f}). For *D. yakuba*, we analyzed the CY population (Cameroon; West Africa), which

shows a high degree of long-term stability with median estimates of Tajima's *D* [245] very close to

equilibrium expectations (-0.08). For *D. melanogaster*, we analyzed the sub-Saharan African RG

population from Rwanda (*Drosophila* Genome Nexus; http://johnpool.net/genomes.html [246, 247]),

which combines a relatively large sample size (n = 27), minimal signals of non-equilibrium dynamics, and

low and well characterized levels of admixture [83, 247].

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Table 1. Observed number of meiotic events in *D. yakuba*.

			Chromosome			
CO Class[1]	*X*	*2L*	*2R*[2]	*3L*	*3R*	Total
NCO	447	835	463	694	683	3122
1CO	901	708	312	781	829	3531
2CO	200	116	50	209	107	682
3CO	74	2	14	17	15	122
4CO	0	0	2	0	1	3
Chromatids	1622	1661	841	1701	1635	7460

[1]NCO: zero crossover, 1CO: single crossover, 2CO: double crossover, 3CO: triple crossover, 4CO: 4 crossovers in a single chromatid. [2]The Sn20 x Sn17 cross is heterozygous for an inversion on *2R* (Supplemental Materials and Methods) and, therefore, no crossovers were analyzed for this chromosome arm. For comparison, meiotic events in *D. melanogaster* analyzed in this study are shown in Supplemental Table 11.

Table 2. Crossover interference in *D. yakuba*

	X	2L	2R	3L	3R	All
Number of chromatids with 2 COs	200	116	50	209	107	682
Av. inter-crossover distance (ICD[1]; in kb)	7,068.3	7,039.1	6,379.9	8,437.6	7,480.4	7,497.1
Min ICD	1,486.9	1,163.0	1,880.1	819.9	3,286.4	819.9
Expected ICD[2]	6,059.3	4,585.1	5,923.6	5,594.7	5,336.5	5,499.9
Ratio Observed/Expected ICD	1.17	1.54	1.08	1.51	1.40	1.36
Prob (Observed ≤ Expected ICD)	0.0003	$<1\times10^{-6}$	*n.s.*	$<1\times10^{-6}$	$<1\times10^{-6}$	0.0464
Expected v (gamma) for ICD	1.97	2.03	1.64	1.87	1.99	1.91
Observed v (gamma) for ICD	3.87	5.57	5.14	5.18	9.5	4.90

[1] Observed average inter-crossover distance (ICD; in kb) in 2CO chromatids.

[2] Expected ICD based on two randomly chosen crossovers from 1CO chromatids (see text for details).

Table 3. Enrichment analysis of motifs near crossover events in *D. yakuba*[1].

Motif	P-value		
	5kb	3kb	1kb
$[A]_N$	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	1.7×10^{-71}	3.2×10^{-36}
$[CA]_N$	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	1.4×10^{-65}	1.4×10^{-5}
$[TA]_N$	5.2×10^{-92}	5.1×10^{-45}	1.6×10^{-4}
$[GCA]_N$	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	$1.0E\times10^{-199}$	4.4×10^{-3}
$[CYCYYY]_N$	1.5×10^{-60}	2.3×10^{-40}	9.6×10^{-5}

[1] Probabilities obtained by comparing the number of times this motif is identified in sequences containing a crossover event and expectations based on sequences of equivalent length randomly chosen across the genome. Three sequence datasets were analyzed based on the distance between diagnostics SNPs around a crossover event (5-kb or less, 3-kb or less, and 1-kb or less). See

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Meiotic, genomic and evolutionary properties of crossover distribution in *Drosophila yakuba*

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Supplemental Table 1. Observed number of meiotic events and crossovers for each of the three crosses of *D. yakuba* analyzed in this study*.*

	TZ043 x *TZ020*				
	X	*2L*	*2R*	*3L*	*3R*
NCO[1]	117	244	207	199	202
1CO	290	232	147	237	273
2CO	68	46	31	79	38
3CO	27	1	11	7	5
4CO	0	0	1	0	1
Average CO / chromatid	1.01	0.63	0.62	0.80	0.71

	Sn20 x *Sn17*				
	X	*2L*	*2R*	*3L*	*3R*
NCO[1]	168	264		211	202
1CO	281	220		278	278
2CO	47	34		72	39
3CO	18	0		3	3
4CO	0	0		0	0
Average CO / chromatid	0.83	0.56		0.76	0.70

	Rain5 x *Cost1235.2*				
	X	*2L*	*2R*	*3L*	*3R*
NCO[1]	162	327	256	284	279
1CO	330	256	165	266	278
2CO	85	36	19	58	30
3CO	29	1	3	7	7
4CO	0	0	1	0	0
Average CO / chromatid	0.97	0.53	0.49	0.66	0.60

[1] NCO: no crossovers, 1CO: single crossover, 2CO: double crossover, 3CO: triple crossover, 4CO: 4 crossovers in a single chromatid.

Supplemental Table 2. Centromere and telomere effect in *D. yakuba*[1].

	X	2L	2R	3L	3R
Centromere	0.127	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$
Telomere	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	1	1	1	0.999

[1] For each chromosome arm, centromere and telomere effects estimated for the most centromere- and telomere-proximal 1/3 region of each chromosome arm. Values indicate the proportion of trials with less crossovers than those observed based on random distribution of crossovers along the entire chromosome arm (see Materials and Methods).

Supplemental Table 3. Centromere and telomere effect in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster.*

		Centromere Effect				
		Proportion of Chromosome[1]				
Organism	Significance level	X	2L	2R	3L	3R
D. yakuba	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.12	0.43	0.12	0.35	0.47
	$P < 0.01$	0.13	0.50	0.15	0.39	0.52
D. melanogaster r6	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.12	0.08	0.22	0.24	0.25
	$P < 0.01$	0.13	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.27
D. melanogaster r5.3	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.09	0.27	0.18	0.21	0.16
	$P < 0.01$	0.13	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.27

		Telomere Effect				
		Proportion of Chromosome				
Organism	Significance level	X	2L	2R	3L	3R
D. yakuba	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.12	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.04
	$P < 0.01$	0.15	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
D. melanogaster r6	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.11	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01
	$P < 0.01$	0.12	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.02
D. melanogaster r5.3	$P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.12	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01
	$P < 0.01$	0.13	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.03

[1] Proportion of the chromosome with significant reduction in crossovers based on a sliding window study of a 1Mb with increments of 100kb (see Materials and Methods). For *D. melanogaster,* genome annotations r5.3 and r6 were analyzed. Two levels of significance are shown.

Supplemental Table 4. Satellite repeats in euchromatic and heterochromatic regions of *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*[1].

Satellite	*D. yakuba*		*D. melanogaster*		*P*	Direction
	Euchrom.	Heterochrom.	Euchrom.	Heterochrom.		
AATAT	68091	8090	393911	92612	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAGAG	19	0	723191	108712	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AACATAGAAT	0	0	44637	81886	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAGAT	0	0	95522	88427	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
ACCAGTACGGG	0	0	395	734	1.64×10^{-247}	M
AATAG	0	0	52896	39507	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
C	451494	20434	297575	25090	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AAACAAT	51037	5625	6849	58902	8.83×10^{-149}	M
AAAATAT	14189	1919	6868	6794	1.28×10^{-45}	Y
AG	5055	217	18402	7976	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAT	103831	7963	75269	2380	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AT	15149	509	56724	6425	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AGAT	4717	61	81494	10024	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AC	7824	29	5829	305	7.28×10^{-48}	Y
AATATAT	2983	0	75396	6956	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAATTAT	1791	55	7068	1254	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AATAATAT	2076	0	25147	2323	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
CG	190	28	0	35	1.24×10^{-30}	Y
AGAGGG	154	0	39	59	4.19×10^{-04}	Y
AAAACAATAAACAAT	110	8	9	60	3.39×10^{-04}	Y
AAAACAAT	119	14	9	60	6.70×10^{-06}	Y
AAATAT	1541	47	1766	256	5.07×10^{-13}	M
AAG	695	55	4715	1209	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AACAAT	124	39	0	29	4.02×10^{-22}	Y
AAATATAT	704	0	4098	342	1.22×10^{-187}	M
AAATAAT	239	0	6620	1384	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAAAG	155	0	6649	1100	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	M
AAC	599	127	642	53	1.90×10^{-17}	Y
AAAAATAT	123	0	14	7	7.99×10^{-25}	Y
AAAAAT	1034	12	60	10	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AATACC	37398	64157	9	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AATATATAT	101	0	202	19	2.27×10^{-11}	M
AATAGAATAT	37279	4786	0	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AAAGAAAT	14740	7212	0	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
AATACAT	13673	6907	0	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
ACTCTAT	2087	0	0	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y

Supplemental Table 4. – continued

Satellite	*D. yakuba*		*D. melanogaster*		*P*	Direction
	Euchrom.	Heterochrom.	Euchrom.	Heterochrom.		
ACTGCT	1961	0	0	0	$<1.8\times10^{-322}$	Y
ACATAT	1403	0	0	0	4.68×10^{-307}	Y
AATAGC	1274	0	0	0	5.05×10^{-279}	Y
ACCCAT	1226	0	0	0	1.36×10^{-268}	Y
AAAATAAAT	1011	14	0	0	6.61×10^{-225}	Y
AAGTAC	773	0	0	0	4.00×10^{-170}	Y
ACAGACGG	680	0	0	0	6.68×10^{-150}	Y
AAATAAATT	617	34	0	0	1.35×10^{-143}	Y
AAAAT	245	304	0	0	2.08×10^{-121}	Y
AACTAC	547	0	0	0	5.66×10^{-121}	Y
AAAAATT	446	17	0	0	1.07×10^{-102}	Y
AAATATG	463	0	0	0	1.07×10^{-102}	Y
AACAT	385	0	0	0	1.01×10^{-85}	Y
AACCT	252	0	0	0	9.52×10^{-57}	Y
AAACAG	227	0	0	0	2.69×10^{-51}	Y
ATCC	229	0	0	0	9.85×10^{-52}	Y
AAACATAC	215	0	0	0	1.11×10^{-48}	Y
AAGTAG	196	0	0	0	1.56×10^{-44}	Y
AAAAAAT	54	141	0	0	2.58×10^{-44}	Y
ACATCC	192	0	0	0	1.16×10^{-43}	Y
ACCACT	182	0	0	0	1.77×10^{-41}	Y
ACCTCC	173	0	0	0	1.64×10^{-39}	Y
ATATC	158	0	0	0	3.09×10^{-36}	Y

[1] Number of repeats for euchromatic and heterochromatic regions in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*

based on the study of PacBio reads that do and do not map to the corresponding reference genomes,

respectively Satellites in bold are centromeric and centromere-proximal satellite repeats in *D.*

melanogaster [1]. *P,* values of a χ^2 test for the difference in the ratios of euchromatic and

heterochromatic satellite presence between the two species. Direction indicates which species has

more satellites: M, *D. melanogaster*; Y, *D. yakuba*.

Supplemental Table 5. Number of satellite repeats per Mb in heterochromatic and euchromatic PacBio

reads of *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*.

	D. yakuba	*D. melanogaster*	Ratio D. yak./D. mel.
Heterochromatin	601.4	14867.9	24.7
Euchromatin	185.2	756.6	4.1
Ratio Het./Eu.	3.2	19.7	

Supplemental Table 6. Tetrad analysis and estimates of E values[1] for *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*.

	D. yakuba (this study)				
	E_0	E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4
All	-0.005	0.687	0.190	0.126	0.002
Autosomes	0.059	0.621	0.269	0.048	0.003
X	-0.202	0.812	0.166	0.126	0.098

	D. melanogaster (WGS) [2]				
	E_0	E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4
All	0.112	0.680	0.200	0.008	0.000
Autosomes	0.110	0.697	0.183	0.010	0.000
X	0.122	0.614	0.264	0.000	0.000

	D. melanogaster (visible markers) [3]				
	E_0	E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4
All	0.161	0.746	0.092	0.001	0.000
Autosomes	0.186	0.724	0.090	0.000	0.000
X	0.146	0.759	0.094	0.001	0.000

[1] Estimates of E for *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster* following Weinstein (1936) [2] with unrestricted values for E_r. E_0: tetrads that do not undergo crossing over, E_1: tetrads experiencing 1 CO, E_2: tetrads experiencing 2 COs, E_3: tetrads experiencing 3 COs, and E_4: tetrads experiencing 4 COs. Values for *D. yakuba* are for X, 2L, 3L, and 3R. [2] *D. melanogaster* data from whole genome sequencing/genotyping (WGS) datasets from Miller *et al*. (2016) [3] not including *2R* in order to allow a direct comparison with *D. yakuba*. [3] *D. melanogaster* data, not including *2R,* from the study of visible markers [4-6].

Supplemental Table 7. Transposable Elements (TEs) showing a significant difference in copy number between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*.

TE name	*D. yakuba*	*D. melanogaster*	P_{adj} [1]	Direction[2]
INE-1	3154	1812	1.26×10^{-78}	Y
1360	95	269	1.27×10^{-17}	M
Osvaldo	91	28	1.29×10^{-6}	Y
Dsub\SGM	95	33	7.10×10^{-6}	Y
diver2	119	52	4.98×10^{-5}	Y
HMS-Beagle2	12	43	0.005	M
HMS-Beagle	10	38	0.009	M
Baggins	11	39	0.012	M
297	34	73	0.026	M
Max-element	99	53	0.031	Y
Hobo	64	29	0.045	Y

[1] P_{adj} is the result of a X^2 test for a difference in abundance between the two species after applying the Benjamini-Hochberg correction. Only TEs with a significant difference between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster* are shown. [2] Direction indicates which species has more TE copies. M, *D. melanogaster*; Y, *D. yakuba*.

Supplemental Table 8. Spearman's ρ correlation between TE abundance and crossover rate (cM/Mb) in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*[1].

	D. yakuba				*D. melanogaster*			Fisher's z[2]
	n	ρ	*P* value		n	ρ	*P* value	*P* value
all TEs	6210	-0.5431	5.2×10^{-41}		4765	-0.3543	1.6×10^{-15}	$<8\times10^{-15}$
only INE-1	3154	-0.5847	9.8×10^{-49}		1812	-0.3777	1.4×10^{-17}	$<8\times10^{-15}$

[1] Study based on non-overlapping 200kb regions. [2] Fisher's *z*-transformed analysis to tests the similarity of ρ in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*.

Supplemental Table 9. Spearman's ρ correlation between abundance of TE classes and crossover rate (cM/Mb) in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*[1].

	All Chromosomes						
	D. yakuba			*D. melanogaster*			Fisher's z
TE Class	N	P	*P*	N	ρ	*P*	*P*
LTR	1677	-0.285	4.4×10^{-11}	1781	-0.277	$7.67E^{-10}$	n.s.
TIR	309	-0.190	1.4×10^{-05}	177	-0.329	$1.66E^{-13}$	n.s.
Line-like	587	-0.188	1.7×10^{-05}	538	-0.263	$5.59E^{-09}$	n.s.
SINE	3154	-0.585	9.8×10^{-49}	1812	-0.378	$1.37E^{-17}$	$<8\times10^{-15}$
non-LTR	261	-0.298	5.0×10^{-12}	295	-0.276	$8.76E^{-10}$	n.s.
Foldback	43	-0.186	2.2×10^{-5}	69	-0.124	0.0070	n.s.
IR element	82	-0.311	4.4×10^{-13}	56	-0.285	$2.57E^{-10}$	n.s.
MITE	96	-0.303	2.0×10^{-12}	30	-0.323	$5.01E^{-13}$	n.s.
DNA	1217	-0.289	2.0×10^{-11}	178	-0.326	$3.13E^{-13}$	n.s.
RNA	4933	-0.577	2.9×10^{-47}	4581	-0.356	$1.20E^{-15}$	$<8\times10^{-15}$

	Autosomes						
	D. yakuba			*D. melanogaster*			Fisher's z
TE Class	N	P	*P*	N	ρ	*P*	*P*
LTR	1301	-0.313	1.4×10^{-10}	1391	-0.325	1.4×10^{-10}	n.s.
TIR	256	-0.223	6.3×10^{-06}	157	-0.347	6.4×10^{-12}	n.s.
Line-like	458	-0.231	2.9×10^{-06}	489	-0.324	1.6×10^{-10}	n.s.
SINE	2813	-0.612	1.7×10^{-42}	1328	-0.468	2.3×10^{-21}	9.4×10^{-10}
non-LTR	227	-0.325	2.5×10^{-11}	204	-0.282	3.1×10^{-08}	n.s.
Foldback	38	-0.174	4.7×10^{-04}	40	-0.138	0.0078	n.s.
IR element	77	-0.309	2.5×10^{-10}	42	-0.354	2.1×10^{-12}	n.s.
MITE	84	-0.295	1.8×10^{-09}	15	-0.342	1.3×10^{-11}	n.s.
DNA	998	-0.330	1.3×10^{-11}	198	-0.382	2.5×10^{-14}	n.s.
RNA	4257	-0.613	1.2×10^{-42}	3469	-0.429	4.7×10^{-18}	$<8\times10^{-15}$

Supplemental Table 9. – continued

TE Class	Chromosome X						Fisher's z
	D. yakuba			*D. melanogaster*			
	N	P	*P*	n	ρ	*P*	*P*
LTR	376	-0.136	n.s.	390	-0.136	n.s.	n.s.
TIR	53	-0.125	n.s.	20	-0.325	0.0009	n.s.
Line-like	129	-0.231	0.0125	49	-0.085	n.s.	n.s.
SINE	341	-0.379	2.7×10^{-05}	484	-0.297	0.0021	n.s.
non-LTR	34	-0.152	n.s.	91	-0.301	0.0018	n.s.
Foldback	12	-0.228	0.0147	15	-0.130	n.s.	n.s.
IR element	219	-0.246	0.0078	49	-0.225	0.0210	n.s.
MITE	736	-0.337	0.0002	1112	-0.260	0.0073	n.s.
DNA	376	-0.136	n.s.	390	-0.136	n.s.	n.s.
RNA	53	-0.125	n.s.	20	-0.325	0.0009	n.s.

[1] TE classes except DNA and RNA are non-overlapping. Classes with less than 10 alignments in at least one species are not shown.

Supplemental Table 10. Enrichment analysis of individual motifs near crossover events in *D. yakuba*[1].

Motif (M^2)	*P*-value		
	5kb	3kb	1kb
$[A]_N$	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	1.7×10^{-71}	3.19×10^{-36}
A (M3)	1.5×10^{-123}	2.9×10^{-08}	3.19×10^{-03}
B (M5)	3.4×10^{-130}	1.07×10^{-32}	3.89×10^{-27}
C (M10)	1.07×10^{-92}	1.01×10^{-44}	5.16×10^{-70}
D (M12)	1.1×10^{-107}	2.22×10^{-09}	1.69×10^{-03}
$[CA]_N$	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	1.42×10^{-65}	1.41×10^{-05}
E (M1)	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	9.75×10^{-36}	n.s.
F (M4)	4.94×10^{-59}	6.07×10^{-32}	4.98×10^{-08}
$[TA]_N^*$ (M7)	5.17×10^{-92}	5.07×10^{-45}	1.57×10^{-04}
$[GCA]_N$ (M2)	$<3.3\times10^{-308}$	1×10^{-199}	4.41×10^{-03}
$[CYCYYY]_N$ (M6)	1.47×10^{-60}	2.26×10^{-40}	9.62×10^{-05}

[1] Probabilities were obtained by comparing the number of times a motif is identified by FIMO in sequences containing a crossover event and expectations based on sequences of equivalent length randomly chosen across the genome (see Supplemental Materials and Methods). Three sequence datasets were analyzed based on the distance between diagnostic SNPs around a crossover event (5-kb or less, 3-kb or less, and 1-kb or less). Bolded rows represent the analysis of the combination of motifs within the $[A]_N$ and $[CA]_N$ class. [2] M indicates the motif notation in Adrian *et al*. (2016) [7]. See **Supplemental Figure 1** for details.

Supplemental Table 11. Data used to study tetrad frequencies in *D. melanogaster*.

CO Class				Chromosome					
	X^1	$2L^1$	$2R^1$	$3L^1$	$3R^1$	X^2	$2L^3$	$2L^2$	$2R^4$
NCO	97	99	101	97	99	1,015	6,308	2,376	1,698
1CO	86	88	90	84	86	964	4,909	1,758	1,150
2CO	13	9	5	15	10	197	276	88	73
3CO	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0
Total	196	196	196	196	196	2,179	11,495	4,222	2,921

[1] Miller *et al.* (2016) [3],[2] Hatkevich *et al.* (2017) [4], [3] Baker and Carpenter (1972) [5], [4] Parry (1973) [6]. NCO, noncrossover; 1CO, single crossover; 2CO, double crossover; 3CO, triple crossover.

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Supplemental Figure 1. Frequency distribution of number of crossovers per gamete. A) Crossovers observed when not including data from chromosome arm *2R*, and B) crossovers for all chromosome arms for the two crosses not showing *2R* inversion heterozygosity (*TZ043* x *TZ020* and *Rain5* x *Cost1235.2*).

Supplemental Figure 2. Frequency of parental and recombinant haplotypes as a function of genetic distance (cM) along the *X* chromosome. Frequencies shown as average within overlapping 1-cM windows with increments of 0.1 cM. For recombinant haplotypes, the order of the two parental genotypes is shown from telomere to centromere.

[A]_N

A (M3)

B (M5)

C (M10)

D (M12)

[CA]_N

E (M1)

F (M4)

[TA]_N

G (M7)

Other

[GCA]_N (M2)

[CYCYYY]_N (M6)

Supplemental Figure 3. Motif logos for each of the short DNA motifs associated with crossovers in *D. yakuba*. Logos are presented with positions (y-axes) weighted by information content (x-axes) per site. Logos and notation in parenthesis are from Adrian *et al.* (2016).

Supplemental Figure 4. A) Description of gaps in the *D. yakuba* reference genome 2.0 that have been completely solved or improved in this study. **B)** Genomic locations of completely solved (dark red lines) or improved (light red lines) gaps. TE presence in added sequences are indicated as blue lines.

Supplemental Materials and Methods

Meiotic, genomic and evolutionary properties of crossover distribution in *Drosophila yakuba*

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Generation of an updated *D. yakuba* genome sequence

The *D. yakuba* reference genome release 2.0 [1] contains ~5,400 gaps, 2,178 of them along the euchromatic genomic regions assigned to *2L*, *2R*, *3L* and *3R* chromosome arms, and the *X* and the dot chromosomes. This reference genome is based on the *D. yakuba* Tai18E2 line, which was established after multiple rounds of single pair (brother/sister) matings. In order to generate a more accurate genetic map for *D. yakuba,* and focusing on the euchromatic regions of the genome, we pursued filling gaps by PacBio (Pacific Biosciences) sequencing of the same Tai18E2 line maintained in our laboratory. High-molecular-weight DNA was extracted from adult females using standard protocols [2] and sent to the University of Washington PacBio Sequencing Services for library preparation and subsequent sequencing (https://pacbio.gs.washington.edu/). The sequences of PacBio reads used to fill gaps were corrected using illumina sequencing (see below).

PacBio contigs and gap filling

Raw PacBio reads from two PacBio SMRT cells (4 lanes) were filtered using bash5tools version 0.8.0 with a minimum read length of 500 and a minimum read score of 0.75, generating approximately 10x coverage of the *D. yakuba* reference genome. Contigs were assembled using canu v.1.8 [3], and PBJelly2 version 15.8.24 [4] was used for gap filling. All stages in the PBJelly2 pipeline were done using the defaults, with the exception of the setup and assembly stages. In the setup stage, two different values were used for the minimum size of gap to take into account that gaps in the reference sequence can either represent unknown sequences between supercontigs or otherwise between contigs (which can

be much smaller). In this regard, we also treated these two categories of gaps differently for the

maximum number of nucleotides allowed to be added or subtracted, set to 5,000 or 1,000 for large and

small gaps, respectively. Additionally, two different percent identity parameters were used for both gap

categories, 70 (the program default) and 65 percent, resulting in four outputs from PBJelly2. A python

program was written to merge outputs, sequentially checking for gaps filled or improved with 70

percent identity and, if not, considering whether the gap was filled or improved with the 65 percent

identity parameter. If a gap was not addressed at either percent identity, the gap sequence in the *D.*

yakuba Release 2.0 was mantained.

Sample and Illumina library preparation

DNA was extracted from adult flies of Tai18E2 using a Tissue Lyser LT and the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit

(Qiagen). After assessing concentration and quality on a NanoDrop One spectrophotometer (Thermo

Scientific), the DNA was sheared using the Bioruptor UCD-200 (Diagenode) on the 'High' setting with 15

second pulse followed by 45 seconds of rest. This was repeated for a total of 24 cycles for each sample,

and sheared samples were recovered using MinElute columns (Qiagen). Illumina libraries were prepared

using the NEBNext DNA Library Prep Master Mix Set for Illumina (New England Biolabs). Samples were

run on a 2% agarose gel for size selection (400-450 bp) and, after PCR enrichment, were purified with

AMPure XP beads (Beckman-Coulter Life Sciences). Sequencing was carried out in an Illumina HiSeq

4000 at the Iowa Institute of Human Genetics (IIHG; University of Iowa)

(https://medicine.uiowa.edu/humangenetics/genomics-division).

Illumina alignment pipeline

After sequencing, reads were filtered using Trimmomatic-0.36 [5] with average quality 20, trailing

quality 12 and minimum length 30. Filtered reads were mapped to the updated *D. yakuba* reference

created with the PacBio reads using Bowtie2 version 2.1.0 [6], and unaligned reads were mapped again to the same reference using Stampy version 1.0.31 [7]. The aligned reads of both Bowtie2 and Stampy were then sorted and indexed using Samtools version 1.3.1 [8]. A Genome Analysis Toolkit pipeline (GATK version 3.5-0-g36282e4) was used to identify SNPs, indels and regions that needed realignment [9]. These regions were first identified by the RealignerTargetCreator and realigned with the IndelRealigner with the maximum number of reads allowed for alignment of 200,000 and all other default parameters. Finally, SNPs and indels were then called with the UnifiedGenotyper [9] with a minimum base quality score of 31; for indels we also required a minimum number of reads of 3 and a minimum fraction of reads supporting the indel of 0.51. Heterozygous sites and SNPs with allele frequency less than 0.75 and with a normalized Phred Score probability of heterozygote (het PL) < 50 were not considered at this time. FastaAlternateReferenceMaker [9] was used to create an intermediate reference genome that updated only PacBio sequences. BCFtools consensus version 1.3.1 [10] created a chain file that was used by CrossMap version 0.2.6 [11] to obtain a lift table with the new genome coordinates.

Following Lack *et al*. (2015) [12], we performed an additional round of mapping using the intermediate reference genome, which contained indels and SNPs. This second round was performed as described above using again Bowtie2 [6] and Stampy [7]. The output of CrossMap was used to filter out variants that were not located in PacBio sequences, and BCFtools consensus [10] was used to create the final chain file, which converted the coordinates of the intermediate reference to the coordinates of the new updated reference for *D. yakuba*. FastaAlternateReferenceMaker from GATK was used to create the final reference. As expected, sequence improvement with deep Illumina sequencing after two rounds of mapping allowed correcting more nucleotides of PacBio sequences (twice as many) than after one round of mapping, exemplifying the advantages of adding indels before a second mapping [12]. In all, more than 7,000 bases of the added PacBio sequences were corrected after both rounds of mapping.

A final lift table utilizing pyliftover version 0.3 was constructed to allow direct comparison between the

D. yakuba reference genome Release 2.0 and our updated (improved) *D. yakuba* genome sequence.

Improved *D. yakuba* reference genome

Out of the original 2,178 existing gaps in the *D. yakuba* reference genome release 2.0 for *2L*, *2R*, *3L* and

3R chromosome arms, and *X* and dot chromosomes, our PacBio and Illumina sequencing completely

solved 1,483 gaps (approximately 68% of all gaps) and improved 517 (24%) additional gaps, for a total of

more than 90% of gaps addressed (**Supplemental Figure 2A**). Most of the added sequence was in the

centromere-proximal regions of chromosomes *2* and *3*, whereas the distribution of added sequences

was more uniform in chromosomes *X* and *4* (**Supplemental Figure 2B**). We used this improved *D. yakuba*

reference genome for all of our analyses.

We also explored the presence of transposable elements (TEs) in the sequences added to the

reference using known *Drosophila* TEs [13] (see 'TE presence across the *D. yakuba* genome' for details).

As expected, we identified an enrichment in TEs along the added sequences relative to the reference

genome release 2.0 [1] sequence ($P < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$).

Identification of chromosomal inversions

The presence of polymorphic inversions within *D. yakuba* is known [14, 15] and we first recognized

inversions relative to the reference *D. yakuba* assembly visually as sharp peaks of crossover rates,

representing inversion break points. We identified inversions relative to the reference assembly on both

arms of chromosome *2* in our parental lines. The inversion on *2L* was present in all of our six parental

genomes and therefore is homozygous in F_1 females. A complex inversion within an inversion was

identified on *2R*, consistent with the *2Rjk* inversion [15]. This complex *2R* inversion was homozygous in

two of our crosses but heterozygous in F_1 females for the cross *Sn20* x *Sn17*. Consistent with previous

studies that show that heterozygous inversions suppress crossing over [16, 17], we did not detect

crossovers within this complex inversion and data for chromosome arm *2R* from the cross *Sn20* x *Sn17*

was not used in any of the analyses. For homozygous inversions we identified crossover events after

inverting the location of diagnostic SNPs within the inversion, but show crossover locations and rates

(**Figure 2** and **Figure 3**) based on the *D. yakuba* reference assembly order for simplicity.

TE presence across the *D. yakuba* genome

To determine the distribution of TEs across the genome of *D. yakuba*, we used the sequences of known

TEs from the Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project (BDGP; https://www.fruitfly.org/) [13] and aligned

them to our improved *D. yakuba* reference using dc-megablast with default settings [18, 19]. The output

from dc-megablast was then filtered to consider instances of different TEs aligned to the same genomic

location due to sequence similarity, and the TE with the lowest Expected Value (*E*) was used. The BDGP

TE database contains TEs mostly from *D. melanogaster* but also from other *Drosophila* species, including

instances with the same TE characterized in different species. In these cases, we merged information to

obtain a single identification per TE. Given previous studies indicating a significant presence of INE-1-like

TEs in *D. yakuba* [20-24], we obtained a *D. yakuba* specific INE-1 sequence following Yang *et al*. (2006)

[24]. Using the INE-1 sequences from the TE BDGP database, we identified the target sequences in the

D. yakuba genome, aligned these target sequences to create a contig and obtained a consensus INE-1

sequence for *D. yakuba*.

To allow for a direct comparison between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster,* we obtained data for

TE presence in *D. melanogaster r5.3* and r*6* genome releases applying the same methodology as in *D.*

yakuba. To identify differences in TE presence between *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster,* we applied a χ^2

test to all TEs with more than 10 copies in at least one species. Unless noted, non-overlapping 200kb

windows were used to obtain a distribution of TE presence across genomes.

Lack of evidence of P-elements in *D. yakuba*: Within the *D. melanogaster* subgroup, P-elements have been identified in *D. melanogaster* and more recently in *D. simulans,* but not in the sister species *D. sechellia* or *D. mauritiana* [25-29]. Initial analyses of TE distribution across the *D. yakuba* genome recovered a few alignments to P-elements, possibly suggesting a recent invasion of P-elements in *D. yakuba*. We expanded this study by using Illumina reads from multiple lines of *D. yakuba* and Bowtie2 to recover alignments to the *D. melanogaster* P-element. The alignments to the P element were consistently limited to only small regions of exons 1 and 3. The absence of alignments to exons 0 and 2 suggests that there is no active P-element in *D. yakuba* because all four exons are required for transposition (reviewed in [30]). Furthermore, alignments to exon 1 cluster in an approximately 202bp portion in the center of the exon and all alignments to exon 3 cluster in a narrow region of ~114 bp. Notably, this same small region shows high sequence similarity with INE-1, and alignments of Illumina reads from an experimental profiling of *Drosophila* microRNAs [31-33] also show mapping to the regions of similarlity between INE-1 and P-elements. Combined, our analyses do not support the presence of P-elements in *D. yakuba*, either active or in recent past. Instead, the results indicate that recovered partial alignments are the consequence of sequence similarity with other TEs, including INE-1.

Satellite repeats and TE presence in heterochromatic regions

The *D. yakuba* reference genome does not include heterochromatin and the sequences of centromere and telomere regions are unknown. Therefore, we used PacBio reads and assumed that reads that do not align to the updated *D. yakuba* reference genome (nuclear and mitochondrial) are mostly heterochromatic. To determine if satellite repeats enriched near centromeres in *D. melanogaster* were enriched also in *D. yakuba*, we investigated the presence of k-mers in PacBio reads of *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*. Raw PacBio reads for *D. melanogaster* were obtained from Kim *et al.* (2014) [34] and

analyzed and filtered using the same approach as that in *D. yakuba*. PacBio reads were aligned with

BLASR [35] to our *D. yakuba* reference and to *D. melanogaster* r5.3 and r6 references. After alignment,

mapped and unmapped reads were considered euchromatic and heterochromatic, respectively, and cut

into 125bp sequences to find kmers with k-seek [36, 37]. For each repeat, a χ^2 test was performed to

compare the ratio of kmers aligned to heterochromatic PacBio reads in *D. yakuba* and *D. melanogaster*

and the Benjamini-Hochberg method was applied to correct for multiple tests [38].

To examine the degree of TE enrichment in heterochromatic or euchromatic regions of *D.*

yakuba and *D. melanogaster*, PacBio reads were used to create blast databases. The BDGP TE database

was then aligned to these databases using dc-megablast. A goodness of fit test was performed to

compare the number of alignments in the heterochromatic and euchromatic reads of each species, and

the Benjamini-Hochberg correction was applied.

Short DNA motifs and crossover localization

We investigated the presence of short DNA motifs previously reported to be predictive of changes in

crossover rates across the *D. melanogaster* genome [39-41]. For each of these motifs, we used FIMO

[42] and the position probability matrix (PPM) reported in [39] to annotate motif distribution across the

D. yakuba genome. To investigate whether motif presence was enriched near crossover events, we took

into account the variable distance between diagnostic SNPs flanking crossover events and the unknown

precise location of crossovers. We, therefore, created three datasets of sequences containing crossovers

defined by the different distance between diagnostic flanking SNPs (1kb or less, 3kb or less, and 5kb or

less) and, unless noted, used the dataset of 1kb (or less) by default. For this analysis, chromosome arm

2R was not included due to the smaller sample size relative to the other chromosome arms. To quantify

enrichment, we applied FIMO to a set of randomly chosen genomic sequences of identical length to

each of the sequences with crossovers, and this random selection was repeated 1,000 times to create a

null expectation.

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