Inference of Selective Force on House Mouse Genomes during Secondary Contact in East

Asia

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Abstract

The house mouse (*Mus musculus*), commensal to humans, has spread globally via human

activities, leading to secondary contact between genetically divergent subspecies. This pattern of

genetic admixture can provide insights into the selective forces at play in this well-studied model

organism. Our analysis of 163 house mouse genomes, with a particular focus on East Asia,

revealed substantial admixture between the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus*, particularly in

Japan and southern China. We revealed, despite the admixture, all Y chromosomes in the East

Asian samples belonged to the *musculus*-type haplogroup, potentially explained by genomic

conflict under sex ratio distortion due to varying copy numbers of ampliconic genes on sex

chromosomes. We also investigated the influence of selection on the post-hybridization of the

subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* in Japan. Even though the genetic background of most

Japanese samples closely resembles the subspecies *musculus*, certain genomic regions

overrepresented the *castaneus*-like genetic components, particularly in immune-related genes.

Furthermore, a large genomic block containing a vomeronasal/olfactory receptor gene cluster

predominantly harbored *castaneus*-type haplotypes in the Japanese samples, highlighting the

crucial role of olfaction-based recognition in shaping hybrid genomes.

Introduction

The house mouse (*Mus musculus*) is a pivotal laboratory animal, which is commensal to humans and has spread worldwide due to human activities such as colonization, agricultural expansion, and trade (GÜndüz et al. 2001; Geraldes et al. 2008; Searle et al. 2009a; Searle et al. 2009b; Gabriel et al. 2011; Macholán et al. 2012; Jones et al. 2013; Li et al. 2020). The house mouse exhibits high morphological and genetic diversity, with three main subspecies, recognized: *M. musculus castaneus*, *M. m. musculus*, and *M. m. domesticus* (Boursot et al. 1996; Salcedo et al. 2007; Phifer-Rixey et al. 2020; Fujiwara et al. 2022a). These subspecies diverged around 180–500 kya and underwent secondary contact after dispersing from their native habitat around South Asia (Boursot et al. 1993; Din et al. 1996) with asymmetric hybrid incompatibility; the subspecies *domesticus* shows relatively strong hybrid incompatibility with the other two subspecies (White et al. 2011; White et al. 2012). Despite partial reproductive isolation between subspecies, genetic studies have revealed a non-negligible amount of gene flow, and occasional identification of hybrid genotypes (Orth et al. 1998; Ďureje et al. 2012; Fujiwara et al. 2022a). Studying the genetic differentiation and hybridization patterns in *M. musculus* thus provides a unique opportunity to gain insights into human history and the genetic architecture of hybridization among genetically distinct subspecies of a well-studied model organism.

In East Asia, two major subspecies have been widely observed; the subspecies *castaneus* is distributed in southern China and Taiwan, and the subspecies *musculus* distributed in northern China, the Korean Peninsula, and the Russian Far East (Din et al. 1996; Jing et al. 2014; Fujiwara et al. 2022a). Another subspecies, *M. m. molossinus*, has been recognized in the Japanese archipelago, where researchers have shown through genetic analysis that it is derived from a hybrid between the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* (Yonekawa et al. 1980; Yonekawa et al. 1982; Yonekawa et al. 1988; Sakai et al. 2005; Takada et al. 2013), while most of wild Japanese house mice have major genetic background of the subspecies *musculus* (Fujiwara et al. 2022a).

Interestingly, mitochondrial haplogroups representing the subspecies *castaneus* are mainly

distributed in northern Japan, while mitochondrial haplogroups representing the subspecies

musculus are observed in southern Japan (Terashima et al. 2006; Kuwayama et al. 2017; Li et al.

2020), leading the hypothesis that the subspecies *castaneus* was introduced from southern China

to the Japanese archipelago and *musculus* was introduced from the Korean Peninsula with wet-

rice field cultivation system (Terashima et al. 2006; Kuwayama et al. 2017). This hypothesis

would be similar to the well-known model of the origin of modern Japanese, called the dual

structure model by Hanihara (1991). The dual structure model assumes that the genetic makeup

of modern Japanese has been composed of both indigenous Jomon hunter-gatherers and newly

migrated Yayoi rice farmers (Hanihara 1991). While recent genetic analyses of modern and

ancient human genome studies have revealed that the Jomon originated from one of the basal East

Asian populations (McColl et al. 2018; Kanzawa-Kiriyama et al. 2019; Gakuhari et al. 2020;

Osada and Kawai 2021), it is largely unknown when and from where the subspecies *castaneus*

arrived in the Japanese archipelago.

Although the genetic diversity of maternally-inherited mitochondrial haplotypes in wild house

mice has been well studied, natural variation in the paternally-inherited Y chromosome was

largely unknown except for a few examples (Morgan and Pardo-Manuel de Villena 2017). Recent

experimental studies have discovered X- and Y-linked loci that are crucial for hybrid

incompatibility, where copy number variation (CNV) plays a significant role in determining

hybrid incompatibility and sex-ratio distortion (SD). Previous studies have demonstrated that Y-

linked *Sly* suppresses post-meiotic expression of X- and Y-linked genes in sperms (Ellis et al.

2011). Copy number increase in *Sly* results in male-biased progenies, while copy number increase

in X-linked *Slx1* are known to counteract it (Scavetta and Tautz 2010; Cocquet et al.). Morgan et

al. (2017) showed that the subspecies *musculus* tended to have higher *Sly*/*Slx* copy numbers than

other subspecies, but their analyzed samples are biased toward wild-derived inbred lines [31].

Therefore, the analysis for CNVs of *Sly*/*Slx* and their natural distribution range in wild samples

would provide how the sex-ratio distortion alleles affect the genetic differentiation of mouse

subspecies.

The selective forces on the formation of hybrid genomes are also an important issue in

evolutionary biology research. With the advancement of genome sequencing technology, many

genome-scale studies have been conducted to examine the effects of natural selection under

interspecific or intersubspecific gene flow. In particular, adaptive gene introgression, in which

beneficial alleles cross the boundary of populations and spread rapidly to another population, has

attracted the interest of many researchers (Song et al. 2011; Pardo-Diaz et al. 2012; Huerta-

Sánchez et al. 2014; Enard and Petrov 2018). The distinctive genetic characteristic of wild

Japanese house mice would provide a great opportunity to investigate the effects of selection

during hybridization. Having the major genetic background of the subspecies *musculus*, the

preference for the genomic region of the *castaneus*-ancestry in the Japanese population leaves a

similar signature to that of adaptive introgression and is a robust signal of natural selection during

hybrid genome formation.

In this study, we analyze 163 high-coverage whole genome sequences of *M. musculus*,

including newly sequenced samples primarily from Japan, to quantify the pattern of genetic

admixture among the samples. By contrasting the population differentiation patterns of autosomal

and sex-linked genomic regions, we infer the evolutionary history of the two East Asian

subspecies populations. We also analyze Japanese samples to identify specific regions of the

genome where genetic components from the subspecies *castaneus* are more prevalent, even

though the majority of the Japanese samples have a genetic background from the subspecies

musculus. Focusing on the evolutionary history of the *M. musculus* in East Asia, this study

provides new insights into how the commensal animal has shaped its genetic traits through

secondary contact mediated by human activities.

Result

Genome-wide pattern of differentiation in East Asia

In this study, we sequenced the genome of 37 wild house mice mainly collected from Japan,

with an average coverage of 26.3 (Supplementary Table 1). Those data were merged with a

previously published dataset that included *M. spretus*, yielding the genotypes 170 samples. After

filtering, 133,886,237 autosomal biallelic SNVs were used for the initial population study.

Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed on all *M. musculus* samples

(Supplementary Figure 1). The results were in high agreement with those previously shown by

Fujiwara et al. (2022). Three major genetic components corresponding to subspecies *castaneus*,

domesticus, and *musculus*, were observed. Most of the East Asian samples aligned on the

castaneus-musculus cline, which means that the genetic characteristics of the East Asian samples

can be modeled by different degrees of admixture between the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus*.

Genetic clustering was performed using ADMIXTURE software assuming three ancestral

populations ($K = 3$). The results yielded three genetic components corresponding to the three main

subspecies, consistent with the PCA results (Supplementary Figure 2).

To quantify the degree of genetic admixture in each sample, the f_4-ratio value developed by

Patterson et al. (2012) was calculated for each sample (see Methods), assuming that the East Asian

samples were derived from admixture of two unknown lineages that shared ancestry with the

Korean *musculus* and Indian *castaneus* populations. The estimated percentage of *musculus*

ancestry, expressed as α, varied from 0.109 to 1 among the East Asian samples, as shown in Fig.

1. In the Japanese archipelago, all samples had α values greater than 0.564, and the mean value

of α was 0.878 (Fig. 1). Interestingly, the samples from the Sea of Japan side have lower α values

than those from the Pacific Ocean side. When the sample from Okinawa (a subtropical island)

was excluded and the other samples were divided into two classes according to the Central

Watershed of Japan, the Pacific-side samples had significantly higher α than the Sea of Japan-

side samples ($P = 0.0002$, MWU test). In China, α values were close to 1 in northern and western

China, but much lower in southern China (Fig. 1). In the southern Chinese samples, the averaged

α was 0.295.

Fig. 1: The estimated ratio of *musculus/castaneus* ancestry in East Asia.

The colors of circles indicate *musculus*/*castaneus* ancestry of samples at each collection site

(left pane: East Asian samples except Japanese archipelago, right pane: Japanese archipelago

samples). The *musculus* ancestry and *castaneus* ancestry of each sample are represented by a

range of colors from white to green, with the stronger green color indicating higher *castaneus*

ancestry. The range of ancestry ratio is indicated by the color bar in each panel. The pink line

in Panel B represents the Central Watershed in the Japanese archipelago.

Genetic differentiation at mitochondrial and sex-linked loci

We compared genetic differentiation patterns at autosomal, X-chromosomal, Y-chromosomal,

and mitochondrial loci. We observed generally less mixing of subspecies genomes on the X

chromosome; *i.e.*, there was less *castaneus*-ancestry in the Japanese population and less

musculus-ancestry in the southern Chinese population. The estimated α values on the X

chromosome ranged from 0.317 to 1 (average α: 0.860) for Japanese samples and from 0.034 to

0.952 (average α: 0.207) for southern Chinese samples, showing that the X chromosome has a

low level of introgression into the predominant genome. The difference in α between autosomes

and X chromosomes were significant in both Japanese ($P = 0.0008$) and southern Chinese ($P =$

0.0134) populations (Wilcoxon signed rank test).

Genealogies of the Y-chromosomal and mitochondrial loci inferred by the maximum likelihood

(ML) method are shown in Supplementary Figure 3 and 4. The Y-chromosomal locus formed

three distinct haplogroups corresponding to the three major subspecies, whereas the mitochondrial

locus showed five major haplogroups. In addition to the three mitochondrial haplogroups

representing the subspecies *castaneus*, *domesticus,* and *musculus*, samples from Madagascar and

Nepal formed distinct mitochondrial haplogroups, as previously shown (Fujiwara et al. 2022a;

Fujiwara et al. 2022b).

The geographic distribution of the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* haplotypes was

markedly different between mitochondrial and Y-chromosomal loci (Fig. 2). The distribution of

mitochondrial haplotypes was consistent with previous findings (Fig. 2a). In the Japanese

archipelago, *castaneus*- and *musculus*-type mitochondrial haplotypes are distributed in the

northern and southern regions of mainland Japan, respectively. In China, the distribution of

mitochondrial haplotypes was clearly divided around the Yangtze River basin (or divided at

Qinling Mountains), with *musculus*-type haplotypes in northern China and *castaneus*-type

haplotypes in southern China. However, all Y-chromosomal haplotypes in East Asia were

assigned exclusively to *musculus*-type haplotypes (Fig. 2b). The Y chromosome of the reference

genome (C57BL/6J) also had a *musculus*-type haplotype, and it was closely related to the

haplotype of Japanese samples from the Tohoku area (Supplementary Figure 4), supporting the

idea that the Y chromosome of classical inbred strains originated from Japanese house mice

(Japanese fancy mouse) (Bishop et al. 1985; Nagamine et al. 1992; Tucker et al. 1992; Takada et

al. 2013).

Fig. 2: The geographic distribution of the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* haplotypes of

mitochondrial and Y-chromosomal loci.

The upper panel (a) and lower panel (b) shows the mitochondrial and Y-chromosomal

haplotypes, respectively. The colors of circles indicate subspecies haplotypes based on

genotyping: *castaneus*-type (green), *domesticus*-type (blue), *musculus*-type (red), and

geographically confined group of Nepalese-type (purple).

We hypothesized that the dominance of the *musculus*-type Y chromosome in East Asia is due

to a distorted sex ratio caused by a dosage imbalance in the *Sly*/*Slx* genes; *Sly* and *Slx* are

gametologs under X-Y sexual conflict and are highly duplicated genes (>100 copies). Previous

studies have shown that *musculus*-type Y chromosomes encompass more *Sly* copies and the

subspecies *musculus* have more copies of *Slx* on the X chromosome (Morgan and Pardo-Manuel

de Villena 2017). Estimating the copy numbers of *Sly* and *Slx*, however, is challenging due to the

presence of highly similar but distinct classes of repetitive sequences in the genome. To tackle

this, we first aligned the paralogous sequences of the *Sly* and *Slx* loci present in the reference

genome and used these alignments to reconstruct a phylogenetic tree. The reconstructed tree

showed two clusters for *Slx*, which correspond to *Slx* (X1) and *Slxl1* (X2), and six clusters for *Sly*

(Y1–Y6), with one cluster (Y1) being the most abundant in the reference genome and including

the canonical *Sly* (Fig. 3a). We then estimated the copy numbers for each cluster based on the

short-read depth of cluster-specific SNP alleles (see Methods). We observed that different

subspecies-level Y haplotypes harbored different patterns of *Sly* clusters (Fig. 3b). The cluster Y5

was the major cluster in the *castaneus*-type haplotypes, while the cluster Y1 was the major cluster

in the *domesticus*-type, and *musculus*-type Y haplotypes, respectively. Particularly, *castaneus*-

and *domesticus*-type Y haplotypes had low *Sly* copy numbers, while *musculus*-type Y haplotypes

had high copy numbers among the three haplogroups. In contrast, the copy number ratios of *Slx*

and *Slxl1* were mostly consistent among samples. As shown in Fig. 3b and the previous study, *Sly*

and *Slx* copy numbers were highly correlated ($P < 10^{-22}$, Spearman's rank correlation test)

(Morgan and Pardo-Manuel de Villena 2017).

Fig. 3: Copy number evolution of *Sly* and *Slx*

The phylogenetic tree of *Sly*/*Slx* genes on the mouse reference genome, GRCm38 (a). Bootstrap

values are described at each node. Estimated copy numbers of *Sly* and *Slx* for each sample (b).

Different colors represent the copy numbers of different cluster. The samples were aligned

according to the Y chromosome haplotypes first and sorted ascendingly by the total copy

numbers of *Sly*.

In order to investigate selective forces shaping the sweep-like pattern of Y chromosome

haplotypes in southern China, we performed Wright-Fisher computer simulations mimicking the

introgression from the subspecies *musculus* population to subspecies *castaneus* populations in

southern China. The model assumes that a small fraction of the subspecies *musculus* individuals

with longer haplotypes of SD locus on the sex chromosomes (corresponding to *Sly* and *Slx*)

continuously migrate to the subspecies *castaneus* population. An F1 hybrid between a *musculus*-

type male and a *castaneus*-type female tends to have more male offspring than female offspring

owing to the segregation distortion of X/Y chromosomes in a male germline. We also modeled

loci responsible for partial hybrid incompatibility on the X chromosome (XHI loci). Detailed

methods and results are documented in the Supplementary Note 1, Supplementary Figure 5, and

Supplementary Table 2. Briefly, without assuming the mutations on copy numbers at the SD locus,

the simulations showed that the introgressed Y chromosomes with longer SD haplotypes

(corresponding to the *musculus*-type *Sly*/*Slx* haplotypes) quickly spread in the recipient

population. The X chromosomes with longer SD haplotypes also eventually fix in the recipient

population but the fixation of longer haplotypes was in general faster on the Y chromosomes than

on the X chromosomes, because we assumed that SD occurs on male germline. The difference of

fixation time between the Y and X chromosomes becomes longer when the effect of XHI is strong

and the recombination between XHI loci and SD locus on the X chromosome is rare. When the

effect of XHI is sufficiently strong, the introgression of X chromosomes with longer SD

haplotypes are completely suppressed.

Selection during the admixture in the Japanese population

To identify genomic regions affected by natural/sexual selection during intersubspecific

admixture, we focused on samples from the Japanese archipelago and searched for genomic

regions highly enriched in *castaneus*-ancestry haplotypes. Following the results presented in Fig.

1, we estimated the values of α, representing the proportion of *musculus*-like genomic components,

for each non-overlapping 20-kb-long window of the autosomal genome.

To discern the neutral distribution of *castaneus*-enriched genomic blocks within the Japanese

house mouse population, we employed the Fastsimcoal2 software. This aided in inferring

demographic parameters from our sample set, which were used in estimating α (See

Supplementary Note 2, Supplementary Figure 6, and Supplementary Table 3 for details). Using

these parameters, we executed 100,000 coalescent simulations to ascertain a distribution of α

under neutrality. From our results, we identified 4194 windows. These windows, which fell below

the 5% threshold of the neutral distribution, encompassed the protein-coding regions of 842

distinct genes. A comprehensive list of these genes can be found in Supplementary Table 4.

We performed a functional enrichment analysis on the 842 candidate genes using MetaScape

software (Zhou et al. 2019). A total of 20 gene categories were found to be enriched in the list (*p*

values < 0.01), with the complete list of significantly overrepresented functional categories

presented in Supplementary Figure 7. The enriched term list contained a variety of gene categories,

but notably, immune-related gene categories such as immunoglobulin production (GO:002377),

antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (GO:0001788), and Herpes simplex virus 1 infection

(mmu05168) were overrepresented. Indeed, our screening accurately identified the retroelement-

like *Fv1* (Friend virus susceptibility protein 1) gene, an antiviral factor (Best et al. 1996) as an

castaneus-ancestry enriched gene in Japan. Previous studies have demonstrated that the *Fv1^b*

allele, which lacks the 1.3-kb-length deletion commonly found in the subspecies *domesticus* and

musculus, is observed with high frequency in the subspecies *castaneus* and the Japanese samples

(Boso et al. 2021). We confirmed that the deletion started from chr4:147,870,288 (GRCm38) and

had 1.2 kb in length, resulting in the truncation of C-terminal region of *Fv1*. The allele frequencies

of deletion were 0.92, 0.64, and 0.16 in the subspecies *domesticus*, *musculus*, and *castaneus*,

respectively. The allele frequency in the Japanese samples was 0.02, showing that almost no

Japanese house mice harbor the deletion.

We also observed that 23 vomeronasal receptor genes (*Vmn1r* and *Vmn2r*), including one

pseudogene, were present in the gene list. In the enrichment analysis, a category, detection of

chemical stimulus involved in sensory perception (GO0050907) showed the strongest bias. These

castaneus-enriched vomeronasal receptor genes were scattered across different

olfactory/vomeronasal genomic clusters on the mouse genome, with most genes located in a large

cluster on chromosome 7: region chr7:84,853,553-87,037,968, containing 17 olfactory and 15

vomeronasal receptors. Of the 23 vomeronasal receptor genes identified in our genomic scan, 12

were located in the cluster. To confirm that the estimated low α in the region was not due to errors

in statistical inference, we computed F_{ST} between Japanese and subspecies *musculus* samples

($F_{ST-MUS/JPN}$) and F_{ST} between Japanese samples and subspecies *castaneus* samples ($F_{ST-CAS/JPN}$).

The subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* samples were assigned from the result of the

ADMIXTURE analysis. We plotted window-averaged $F_{ST-CAS/JPN}$ and $F_{ST-MUS/JPN}$ across the region

including chr7:84,853,553-87,037,968 (Fig. 4). As expected, outside of this region, $F_{ST-MUS/JPN}$

values were consistently smaller than $F_{ST-CAS/JPN}$, supporting the notion that Japanese samples

were generally *musculus*-like. However, the pattern was completely reversed within the

olfactory/vomeronasal clusters, indicating an unusual pattern of genetic admixture in this region.

We also estimated genealogies around the target nonsynonymous SNVs of *Vmn2r* genes using

RELATE software (Speidel et al. 2019). The genealogies encompassing the SNVs showed that

the *castaneus*-type Japanese alleles coalesced with the other *castaneus*-type alleles after the split

of the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus*, which was estimated to occur around 200 kya in our

data. The examples of nonsynonymous SNV segregation patterns and estimated genealogies are

shown in Fig. 5.

Fig. 4: Haplotype structure of nonsynonymous SNVs and genealogies of wild house mouse

Vmn2r65 and *Vmn2r70*.

The upper panels show the segregation pattern of nonsynonymous SNVs. The sites in the red

rectangles represent the focal sites that showed *castaneus*-ancestry enrichment in the Japanese

(JPN) samples. The lower panels show the inferred genealogies around the focal sites. The

branches with the derived mutations at the focal sites are colored in red. The labels of samples

are shown at the bottom of the tree.

295   Fig. 5: Distribution of F_{ST} in 20kb-length-windows on chromosome 7.

296   The yellow and green lines indicate F_{ST} between the Japanese and subspecies *musculus* samples

297   and F_{ST} between the Japanese and subspecies *castaneus* samples, respectively. The lower panel

298   shows the pattern in the olfactory/vomeronasal genes in this cluster (chr7:84,853,553-

299   87,037,968, GRCm38).

Discussion

Genetic differentiation and inferred history of M. musculus in East Asia

The widespread coexistence of the subspecies *castaneus* and *musculus* in East Asia suggests that they formed a broad hybrid zone following their initial migration from their homeland. Previous studies have inferred migration scenarios primarily based on phylogeographical patterns of mitochondrial loci (Jing et al. 2014; Li et al. 2020). We present a combined view from autosomal, mitochondrial, X-chromosome, and Y-chromosome loci results in Supplementary Note 3.

Spread of musculus-type Y chromosomes in East Asia

In this study we uncovered natural variation in Y chromosome of house mouse across Eurasia, identifying distinct clusters corresponding to major subspecies. Surprisingly, all Y chromosomes in East Asian samples were of the *musculus*-type, which could be explained by various mechanisms such as natural/sexual selection, male-biased migration, and genetic drift. Genomic conflict under the *Sly*/*Slx* system is likely a key factor, where increased *Sly* copy number promotes *musculus*-type Y chromosome spread in admixed populations like Japan and southern China. In Europe, hybridization reduces the selective advantage of *musculus*-type Y chromosomes due to male hybrid sterility, while *musculus*-type Y chromosomes have an advantage over *castaneus*-type Y chromosomes in interbreeding with subspecies *castaneus*. Our cluster-level analysis of *Sly* copy number variations revealed that *Sly* alleles, characterized by distinct amino acid sequences, expanded disparately across various Y chromosome lineages. These distinct sequences might confer unique functional attributes to each *Sly* allele. The question of whether these different amino acid sequences result in functional differentiation among *Sly* alleles remains a captivating question in future studies.

 Post-admixture natural selection in the Japanese archipelago

The Japanese samples showed high *castaneus*-ancestry in certain genomic regions despite their

predominantly *musculus*-like genetic background. As demonstrated in previous studies (Lawal et

al. 2021), genes involved in host defense mechanisms were significantly enriched in the outlier

loci. In the case of humans, several studies have shown evidence of adaptive introgression from

archaic to modern humans at immune-related loci (Racimo et al. 2015; Enard and Petrov 2018).

For example, we identified *Irgm1* and *Irgm2*, which are GTPases involved in the interferon

signaling pathway, in our candidate list. In particular, *Irgm2* has been shown to be responsible for

defense against Toxoplasma, and numerous *castaneus*-like tightly-linked nonsynonymous SNVs

were common in the Japanese samples (Supplementary Figure 8 and 9). In another example, the

castaneus-ancestry enriched regions contained six cathepsin genes on chromosome 13. Two of

them, *Ctsj* and *Ctsr*, are exclusive to adult placentas, and may be responsible for the process of

viral infection, such as SARS-CoV-2 (Zhao et al. 2021). Although the roles of *Ctsj* and *Ctsr* in

viral infection has to be demonstrated, maternal–fetal viral transmission might be a critical factor

during the process of hybrid formation.

In addition to those genes, vomeronasal receptors exhibited a strongly biased pattern of

segregation. These receptors are expressed in the vomeronasal organ and form a large receptor

family involved in vomeronasal chemosensation (Wynn et al. 2012). They recognize a wide

variety of chemical cues, such as pheromones from different sexes and predator odors (Dulac and

Torello 2003). In some vomeronasal receptor genes, most Japanese samples harbor *castaneus*-

type nonsynonymous alleles. Although certain vomeronasal receptor genes are highly

differentiated between house mouse subspecies and could serve as markers for discrimination

(Wynn et al. 2012), our genealogical analysis revealed that the target genes frequently crossed

subspecies boundaries (Fig. 4). It is thus possible that some vomeronasal alleles become adaptive

in other subspecies and quickly spread following introgression. Interestingly, frequent

introgression of olfactory and other chemosensory receptor genes, but not particularly

vomeronasal receptor genes, have been observed in the analysis between the subspecies

domesticus and *musculus* (Staubach et al. 2012; Janousek et al. 2015).

The identified vomeronasal receptors were primarily clustered in a region on mouse

chromosome 7, chr7:84,853,553-87,037,968. This entire ≈2Mb region displayed a strongly biased

pattern of *castaneus*-ancestry (Fig. 5). Interestingly, previous extensive studies revealed that

Vmn2r genes in this cluster respond to cues from conspecific mating partners (Isogai et al. 2011).

Detailed studies, such as gene replacement experiments, will elucidate how different vomeronasal

receptor alleles contribute to the formation of natural house mouse hybrids in the future.

Altogether, we have elucidated the genomic landscape of wild house mice in East Asia,

demonstrating a deep connection between human and mouse genetic histories. In East Asian

house mouse populations, which experienced secondary contact after the subspecies split, we

have inferred the effects of natural/sexual selection and genomic conflict from the observed

pattern of genetic structure at various genomic loci. These findings will pave the way for future

studies on genetic admixture between different house mouse subspecies and provide insights into

the genetic architecture of hybrid genomes.

Methods

Genomic samples

We have sequenced the whole genomes of 37 *M. musculus* samples, with mitochondrial DNA sequences published in previous studies (Moriwaki et al. 1986; Suzuki et al. 2004; Terashima et al. 2006; Nunome et al. 2010; Suzuki et al. 2013; Kodama et al. 2015; Kuwayama et al. 2017). We combined this data with the global sample dataset used in our prior research (Fujiwara et al. 2022a). A detailed list of these samples can be found in Supplementary Table 1. In total, our analysis included 163 *M. musculus* and 7 *M. spretus* samples.

Mapping and genotype calling

We sequenced the genomes of the 37 samples using the DNBSEQ platform (100- or 150-bp-length paired-end). These newly sequenced whole genome samples were the samples used primarily for mitochondrial analysis in previous studies. The methodology for quality checks, mapping reads, and genotype calling follows the same approach as in our previous study (Fujiwara et al. 2022a). We used the GRCm38 (mm10) assembly as the autosomal reference, and the RefSeq sequences NC_005089 and NC_205952 as the mitochondrial references for *M. musculus* and *M. spretus*, respectively. To determine the sexes of the 37 samples, we counted the number of mapped reads to sex chromosomes as described in our previous studies (Fujiwara et al. 2022a). The determined sexes for these samples can be found in Supplementary Table 1.

Autosome re-sequencing analysis

We conducted a principal component analysis on 163 *M. musculus* samples to investigate population structure. This analysis was performed using smartpca from the Eigensoft software with default parameters, except that outliers were not excluded (Patterson et al. 2006).

To further analyze population structure and admixture, we employed ADMIXTURE with the number of clusters $K = 3$ for the 163 *M. musculus* samples. Before admixture inference, we pruned

SNPs under linkage disequilibrium (LD) using PLINK with the option "--indep-pairwise 50 5

0.5". In downstream analyses, the majority of ancestral proportions determined by ADMIXTURE

analysis define the subspecies of each sample.

To quantify the fraction of genomes contributed by the subspecies *musculus* (α) in the East

Asian samples, we estimated f_4-ratio statistics (Patterson et al. 2012). The estimation of f_4 statistics

was carried out using the "patterson_d" function in the Scikit-allel Python package. Assuming the

source of *musculus* genomic components was more closely related to the Korean *musculus*

samples than to Kazakh *musculus* samples, we estimated the α value for sample X as equation

(1):

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$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{f_4(KAZ,SPR;X,IND)}{f_4(KAZ,SPR;KOR,IND)} \qquad (1)$$

, where KAZ, SPR, KOR, and IND represent the samples from Kazakhstan (5 samples), *M.*

spretus (7 samples), Korea (9 samples), and India (2 samples from Leh), respectively. The model

is also presented in Supplementary Figure 6. In principle, α is equal to or smaller than 1, but it

may slightly exceed 1 because of statistical fluctuation. When $\alpha >1$, we therefore set the α to 1.

Additionally, we estimated the values of α for each 20kb-length window for all Japanese samples.

To remove unreliably estimated values, we excluded windows with fewer than 100 SNVs. Both

the denominator and numerator of the right side of equation 1 are expected to be positive,

considering that the Japanese and Korean samples are genetically closer to the subspecies

musculus (KAZ samples) than to the subspecies *castaneus* (IND) samples. However, a very small

fraction of windows showed negative denominators and/or numerators due to statistical errors,

introgression, or ancestral polymorphisms. Such windows were filtered out from the following

analysis. F_{ST} was estimated using the "hudson_fst" function in Scikit-allel.

Mitochondrial genome assembly

Complete mitochondrial sequences of all 37 samples were *de novo* assembled using

GetOrganelle software (Jin et al. 2020) with maximum extension rounds set to 10 and *k*-mer

parameters set to "21, 45, 65, 85, 105, 127". The qualities of assembled mitochondrial genomes

were visually checked using Bandage software (Wick et al. 2015). All sample sequences were

aligned using Clustal Omega with the "--auto" option. All D-Loop regions and gapped sites were

removed from the alignments. A maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree was constructed using

IQ-TREE2 software (Nguyen et al. 2015) with the bootstrapping of 1000 replications. Before

constructing a phylogenetic tree, we performed ModelFinder software (Kalyaanamoorthy et al.

2017) implemented in IQ-TREE2 to determine the best substitution models. According to

ModelFinder, "TPM2+F+I+G4" was chosen as the best substitution model using the Bayesian

Information Criterion.

Y chromosome re-sequencing

We re-sequenced the Y chromosomes using raw read data obtained by whole genome

sequencing. The list of male samples that were used for the Y genotyping is shown in

Supplementary Table 1. The SNVs and Indels were called by GATK4 (McKenna et al. 2010)

HaplotypeCaller with "-ERC GVCF" option to obtain genomic variant calling files (gVCF). All

sample gVCF were then genotyped by GATK4 GenotypeGVCFs with "-all-sites" option. We

used GenMap software to calculate mappability scores with "-K 30" and "-E 2" options, and

filtered out the positions with mappability score <1.

For the phylogenetic analysis, we restricted our analysis to the short arm of this Y chromosome

(the first 3.4 Mb length), because the vast majority of the long arm of Y is composed of amplicon

sequences. We also excluded SNVs that were labeled as "LowQual" by the GATK4

HaplotypeCaller and those with read depths ≤3. The obtained VCF file of the Y chromosome was

converted to Fasta, and Nexus files. The maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of the Y

chromosome was constructed by IQ-TREE software (Nguyen et al. 2015) with the bootstrapping

of 1000 replications. According to ModelFinder, "TIM2+F+R2" was chosen as the best

substitution model using Bayesian Information Criterion.

Copy number estimation of Sly/Slx

We downloaded all the paralogous sequences of *Sly* (ENSMUSG00000101155) and *Slx*

(ENSMUSG00000095063) on the sex chromosomes, including introns, from Ensembl Release

102. The sequences were then aligned using MAFFT (Katoh et al. 2002; Katoh and Standley

2013). Following the alignment, we reconstructed a phylogenetic tree using MEGA X software

(Kumar et al. 2018), employing a maximum likelihood method with the GTR (General Time

Reversible) model. From this alignment, we identified tag-SNP sites with cluster-specific alleles.

We started by mapping the short reads from samples to either *Sly* or *Slx* genomic sequences,

incorporating 1000-bp-length flanking sequences for both ends. The copy numbers for each

cluster were then estimated by counting the depth of cluster-specific alleles at the tag-SNP sites,

using the pileup format files generated from samtools mpileup command. To filter out results

from repetitive sequences that might cloud our analysis, we focused solely on sites with a

mappability score of 1, calculated using autosomal sequences and either *Sly* or *Slx* sequences. To

ensure the accuracy and relevance of our results, a filter was applied to exclude sites that exhibited

a depth smaller than 1/3 or larger than three times the median. Finally, we estimated the copy

number for each sample from the mean depth, which was then divided by half the average depth

of the whole genome for the sample.

Deletion detection from sequence data

DELLY (v.1.1.6) was used for genotyping retroelement-like *Fv1* (Friend virus susceptibility

protein 1) gene deletion. Since location of *Fv1* gene positioned between chr4:147,868,979–

147,870,358 in chromosome 4, we restrict regions for detecting deletions between

chr4:145,000,000–150,000,000 to speed up calculations.

Construction of genome-wide genealogies using RELATE

We estimated the genome-wide genealogies using RELATE v.1.1.9 (Speidel et al. 2019). The

input files were converted from variant call format (.vcf) to haplotype format (.haps) using the

RelateFileFormats command with the "--mode ConvertFromVcf" option implemented in the

RELATE package. Non-biallelic SNVs were removed from the analysis, and the *M. spretus*

genome was used to assign derived mutations in *M. musculus*. A germline mutation rate of $5.7 \times$

10^{-9} per bp per generation (Milholland et al. 2017) and a generation time of 1 year, and an initial

effective population size parameter of 120,000 were used for estimation. We then used the

EstimatePopulationSize.sh script in the RELATE package to re-estimate the effective population

size changes over time. We set the threshold to remove uninformative trees at 0.5.

Data access

Supplementary material is available online. All raw short-read sequencing data generated in

this study have been submitted to the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ) DDBJ Sequence Read

Archive (DRA) database under accession number PRJDB16017. All complete mitochondrial

sequence generated in this study have been also submitted to the DDBJ with accession number

LC772928-LC772964. The data sets, parameterization files, and scripts required to reproduce the

analysis are deposited in the Dryad digital repository (https://datadryad.org/) under doi:

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Guangzhou   Taiwan

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Oshu

Yamagata   Sendai

Nonoichi   Aizuwakamatsu

Misasa   Fukui

Oda   Yamanashi   Tsukuba

Hiroshima

Yamaguchi   Ishii   Fujisawa

Fukuoka   Saga

Kumamoto

Kagoshima

Shuri

F_4 ratio (q) in Japan

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